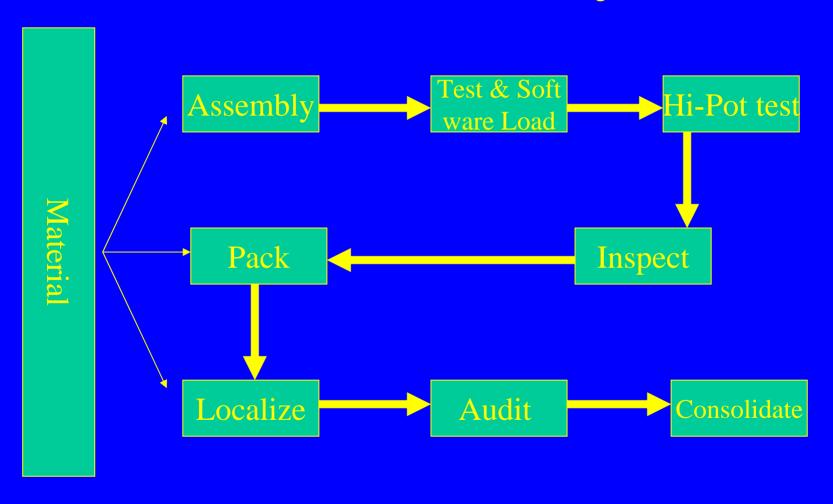
Design of Manufacturing System

- No general theory or frameworks:
 - factory designs are infrequent
 - factory designs seem to be context specific
- Case study for PC factory
 - design process
 - design issues
- Illustrative example: use of queuing concepts for design of medical tent

PC Factory



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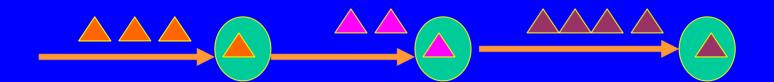
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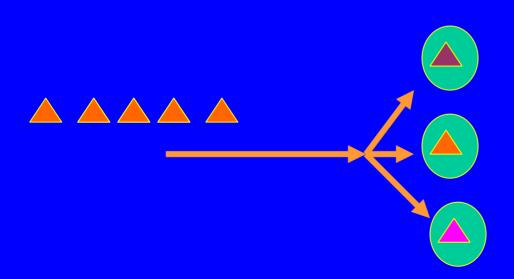
- Benchmarking and best practices
- Development of design concept
- Development of design guidelines
- Detailed design process
- Development of personnel and material requirements
- Installation and verification of processes and procedures

Design Issues

- Configuration for each stage: serial versus parallel stations
- Material positioning: kitting versus lineside stocking
- Capacity for each stage: where to locate the constraint

Serial vs. Parallel Stations





Serial vs. Parallel Stations

- Divisibility of process
- Unpredictable process variation
- Tooling and equipment
- Material positioning
- Task complexity
- Demand and mix variability
- Quality considerations

Kitting vs. Line-side stocking

- Cost of picking vs. stocking
- Security and control
- Inventory requirements and inventory costs
- Scheduling complexity

Capacity: where to locate the constraint?

- Cost of capacity
- Predictability of process
- Scheduling complexity
- Yield considerations