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Optimal Inventory Policy for Two-echelon Remanufacturing

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Introduction

- OBJECTIVE: Identify the inventory policies that will fit a remanufacturing environment:
 - sequential disassembly and selection processes
 - random yield in each process
 - known demand
- ASSUMPTION: There is no shortage of used goods to feed the process:
 - plentiful stock of used goods
 - uncertainty is generated by the wear state

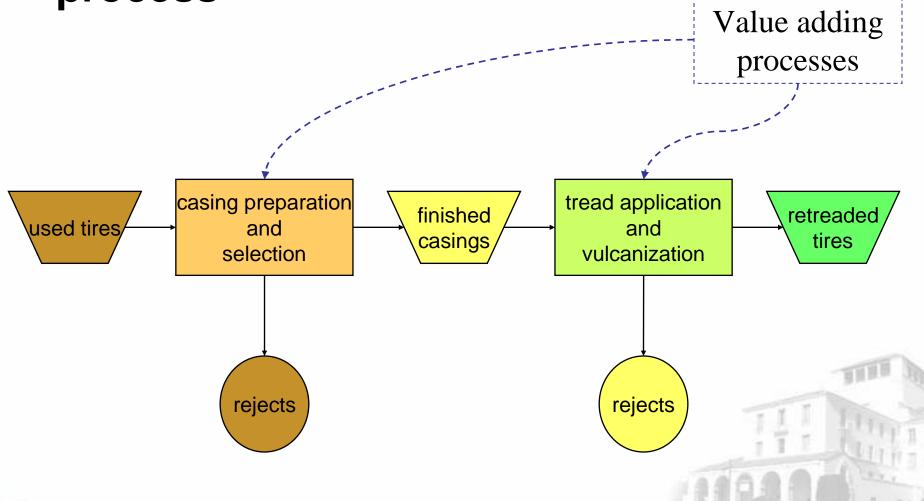


Some related literature

	Single Process		Multi Process	
	Constant Process Yield	Random Process Yield	Constant Process Yield	Random Process Yield
Constant Demand	Harris 1913	various	Clark, Scarf 1960	
Random Demand	various	various	DeBodt and Graves 1985	

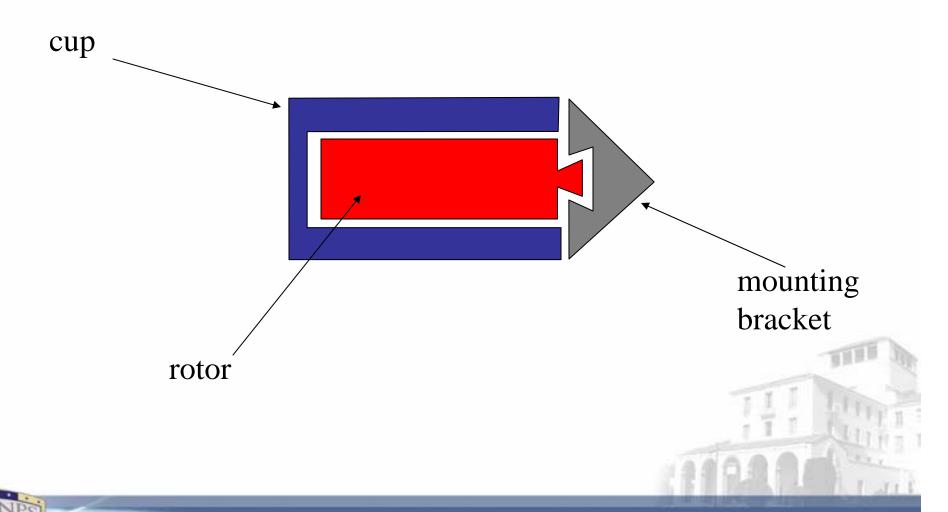


Used tires flow in the retreading process

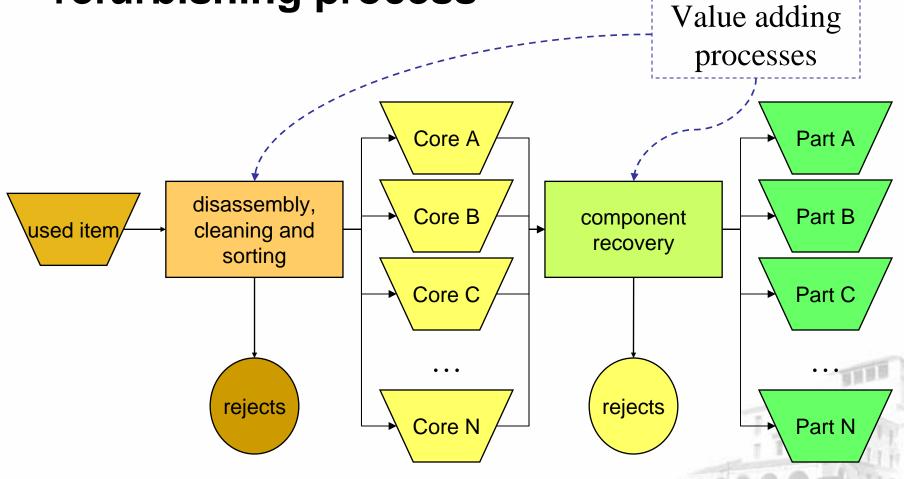




Electric Components

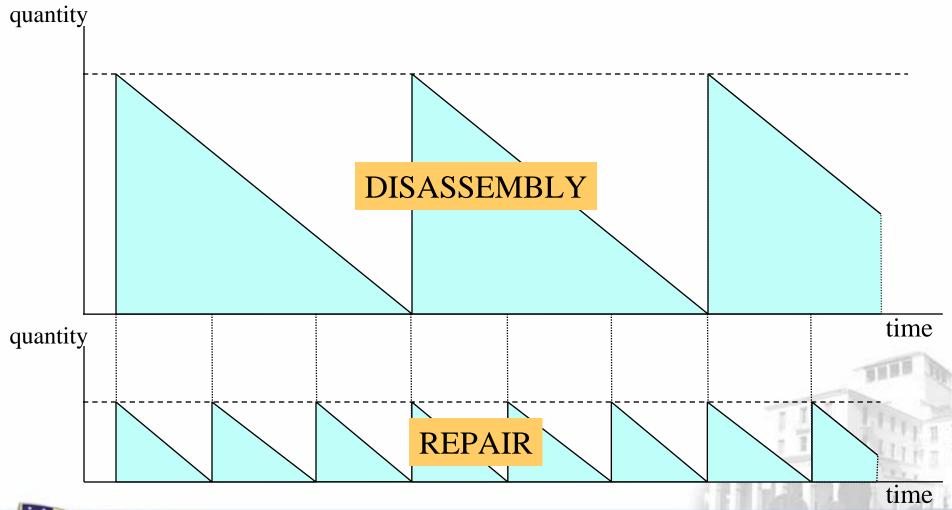


Material flow of complex equipment refurbishing process

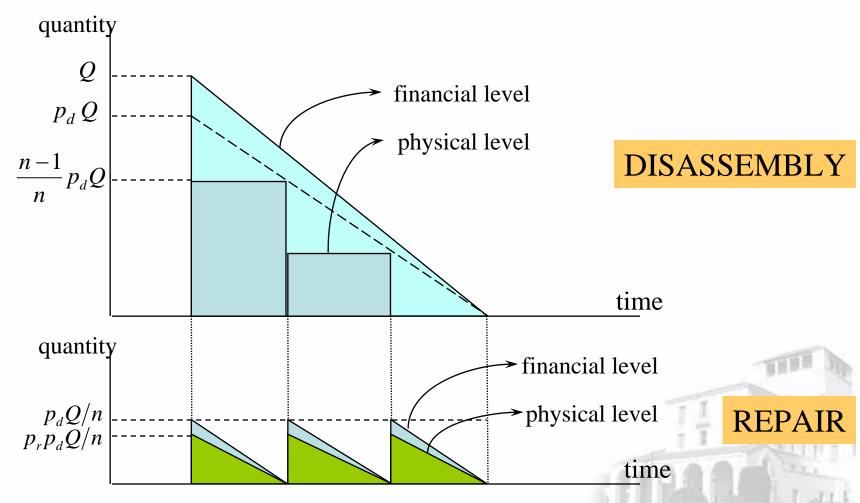




Multi-Echelon Inventory Process

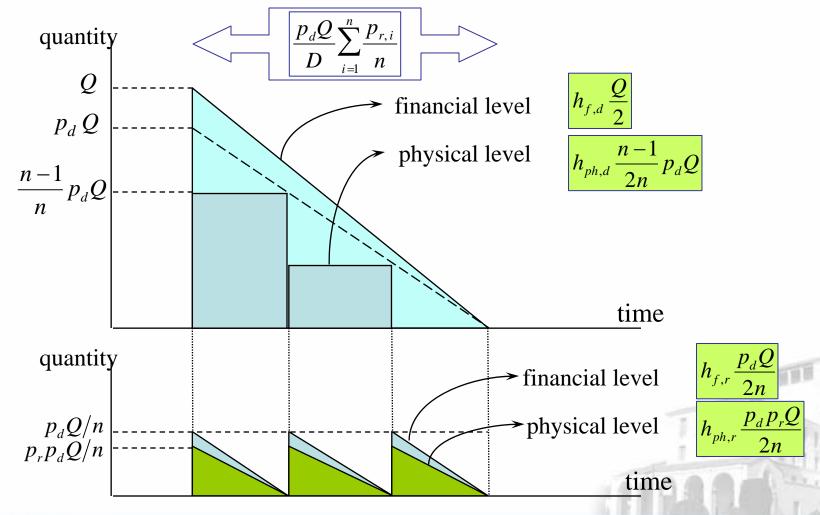


Financial and Physical Stock



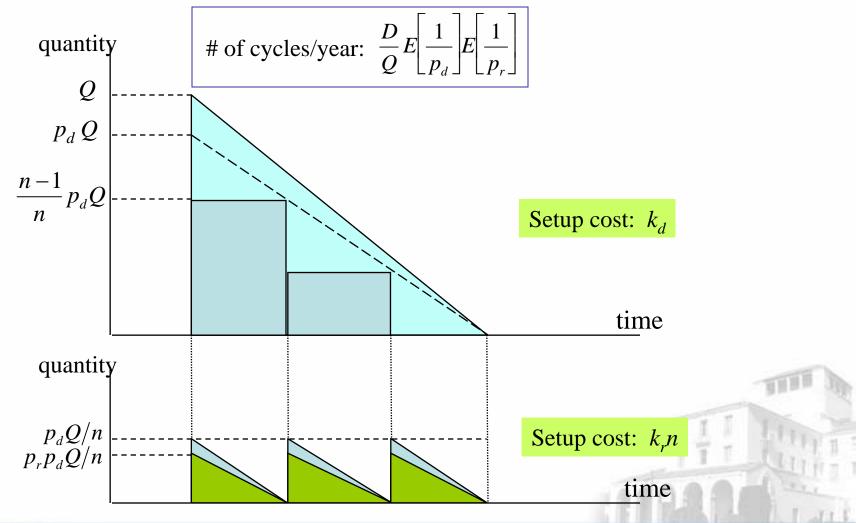


Financial and Physical Holding Cost





Financial and Physical Setup Cost



Optimal Inventory Policy

Considering:

$$n = \sqrt{\frac{E[p_d](h_{f,r} - h_{ph,d} + h_{ph,r}E[p_r])k_d}{h_{f,d} + h_{ph,d}E[p_d]}} \frac{k_d}{k_r}$$

$$H(n) = h_{f,d} + \frac{E[p_d]}{n}(h_{ph,d}(n-1) + h_{f,r} + h_{ph,r}E[p_r])$$

$$K(n) = (k_d + nk_r)E[1/p_d]E[1/p_r]$$

Optimal Inventory Policy
$$Q^*(n) = \sqrt{\frac{2DK(n)}{H(n)}}$$

Example

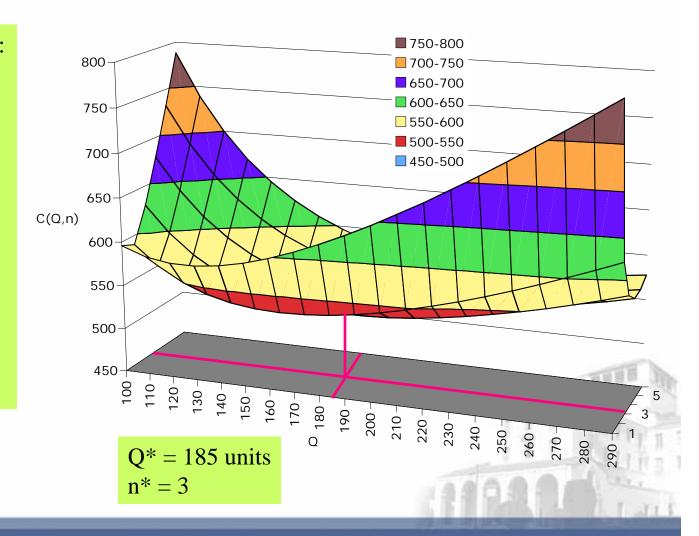
Disassembly Process:

 $k_d = $30/process$ $h_{f,d} = $0.5/unit-yr$ $h_{ph,d} = $2/unit-yr$ $p_d = U[0.5, 0.95]$

Repair Process:

 $k_r = \$6/process$ $h_{f,r} = \$4/unit-yr$ $h_{ph,r} = \$2/unit-yr$ $p_r = U[0.75, 0.95]$

D = 600 units/yr



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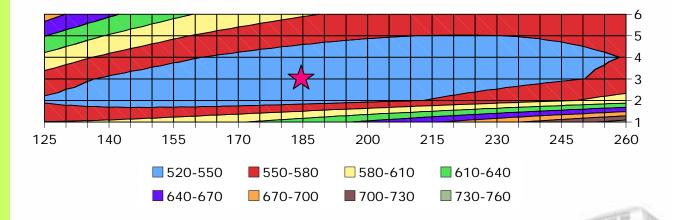
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 $Q^* = 185 \text{ units}$ $n^* = 3$