Increase Demand Forecast Accuracy

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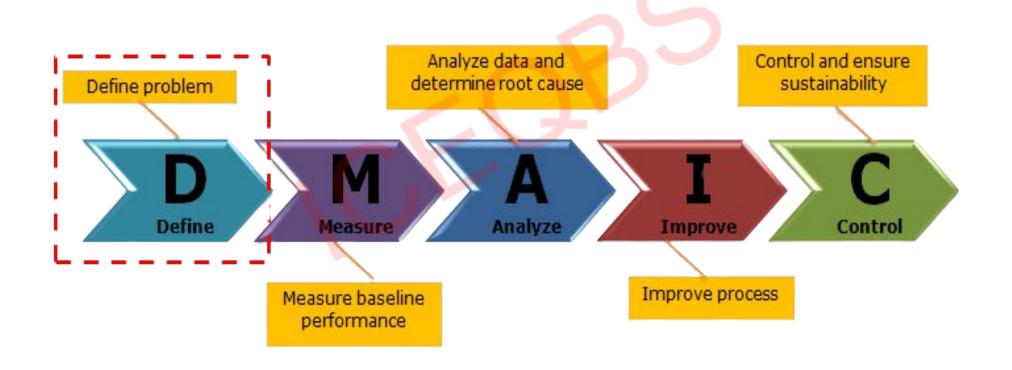




Background

The current Demand Forecast Accuracy averages 70%, with fluctuations between 66% and 82%, resulting in frequent inventory imbalances, stockouts, and disruptions in production and logistics planning. These inaccuracies are causing the organization to incur nearly ₹12 million per quarter in excess inventory and lost sales. The variability in forecasting reduces customer service levels, drives up carrying costs, and forces operations to rely on reactive planning rather than a stable, data-driven approach. Improving forecast accuracy to at least 90% will significantly reduce inventory costs by 15–20%, enhance product availability, and strengthen coordination between Sales, Operations, and Supply Chain. Overall, the project is expected to deliver annual savings of ₹30–40 million through improved efficiency and reduced operational waste.

DEFINE PHASE



VOC & CTQ

CTQ Tree:

Voice of customer	Critical to X	Primary Metric for improvement
Our operations depend on reliable demand predictions, so improving forecast accuracy is critical."	CTC - Forecast Accuracy	Primary Metric - Y = Forecast Accuracy (%) Secondary Metric - Inventory Turnover, Stockout Rate, Order Fill Rate

Baseline Performance of Primary Metric (9 months data as Line chart)





Inference:

•Last 9 months data shows a significant variation and hence ideal problem to be taken up as a Six Sigma Project.

SIPOC

Suppliers (S)	Inputs (I)	Process (P)	Outputs (O)	Customers (C)
Sales Department	Historical Sales Data	Collect historical sales and customer data	Forecast Report	Production Planning
Marketing Team	Promotion Plans, Campaign Calendars	Clean and validate data inputs	Demand Plan	Procurement Team
Finance Department	Budget and Cost Data	Generate baseline statistical forecast	Forecast Accuracy Report	Inventory Management
Supply Chain Planning	Inventory Levels, Lead Times	Review forecast with cross- functional team (S&OP meeting)	Inventory Optimization Report	Sales Department
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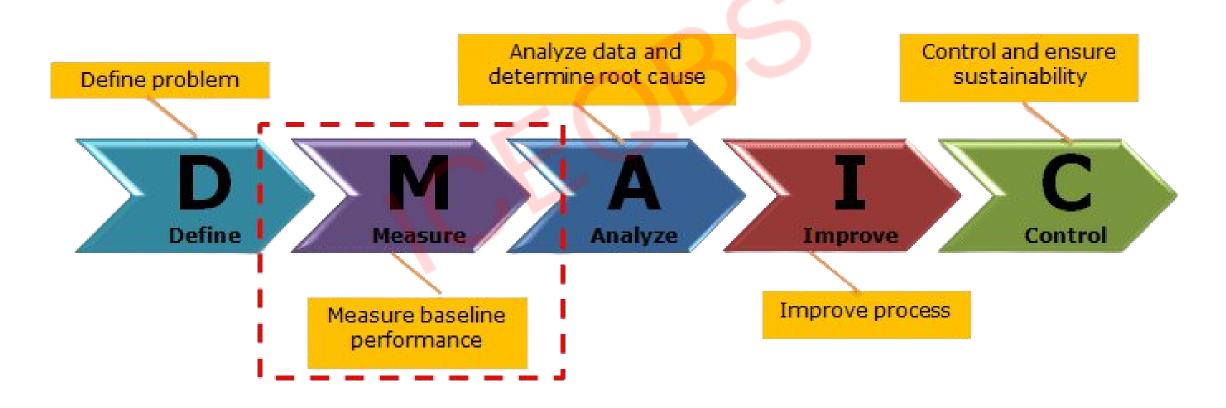
Project Charter

Project Title: Demand For	Forecast Accuracy Improvement Project				
Project Leader Project Leader	Project Team Members:				
Aravinthan Sundararajan	Ms. Priya Menon Ms. Shalini Rao Mr. Ajay Kumar Mr. Joseph D'Souza				
Champion/Sponsors:	Key Stake Holders				
	Procurement / Sourcing Team Production / Manufacturing Inventory Management / Warehouse				
Problem Statement:	Goal Statement:				
Over the past 9 months, the Demand Forecast Accuracy for finished goods has averaged 70%, with monthly variation ranging from 66% to 82%. This inconsistency has led to frequent inventory imbalances, stockouts, and increased carrying costs. The lack of forecasting precision impacts production planning, logistics scheduling, and overall customer satisfaction.	To increase the average Demand Forecast Accuracy from 70% to at leas 90% and reduce variability (standard deviation) by 40% within 6 months (Oct 2025 – Mar 2026), ensuring a more stable and data-driven forecasting process.				
Secondary Metric	Assumptions Made:				
Inventory Turnover, Stockout Rate, Order Fill Rate Productivity	No major market disruptions or abnormal demand spikes during the project timeline. Stakeholders (Sales, Supply Chain, Operations) will consistently participate				

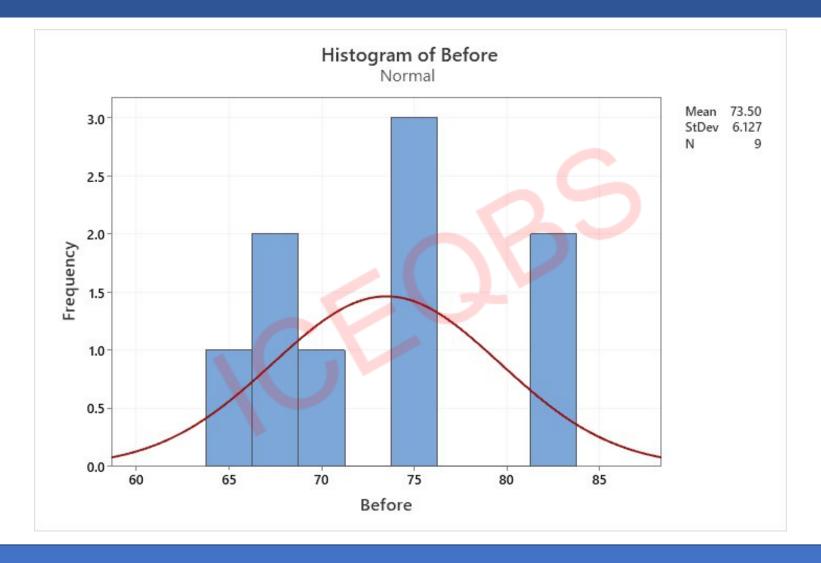
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Tangible and Intangible Benefits:		Risk to Success:		
₹30–40 million annual saving excess inventory and avoide 15–20% reduction in invento Improved production and proefficiency.	Limited or inconsistent data availability for demand forecasting. Low stakeholder engagement or resistance from Sales/Planning teams.			
In Scope:		Out of Scope:		
Forecasting process for finished goods only. Data analysis of the past 12–18 months of demand and forecast patterns. Collaboration with Sales, Operations, and Supply Chain teams.		Forecasting for newly launched SKUs (<3 months sales data). Distribution-level demand variability not linked to primary sales Changes to ERP system architecture		
Signatories:		Project Timeline:		
Mr. Ramesh Nair		6 Months		

MEASURE PHASE



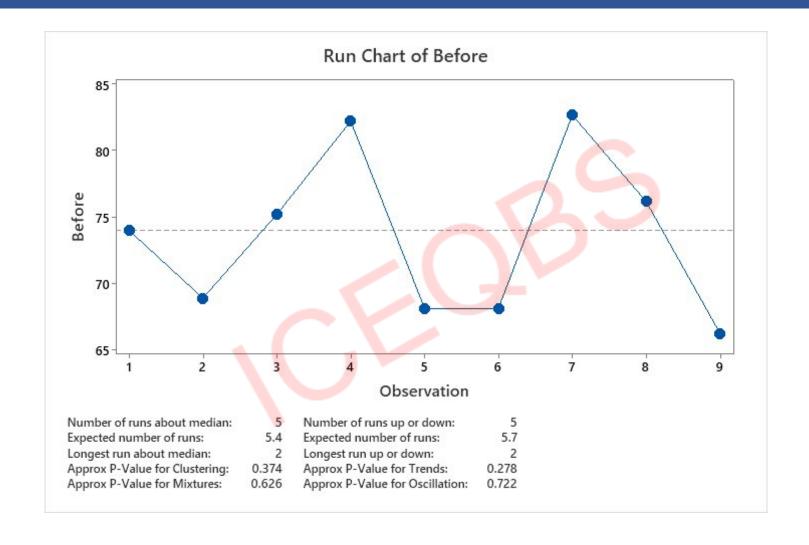
Data collection - Histogram (Before improvement)



Inference:

•Data is normally distributed over the mean

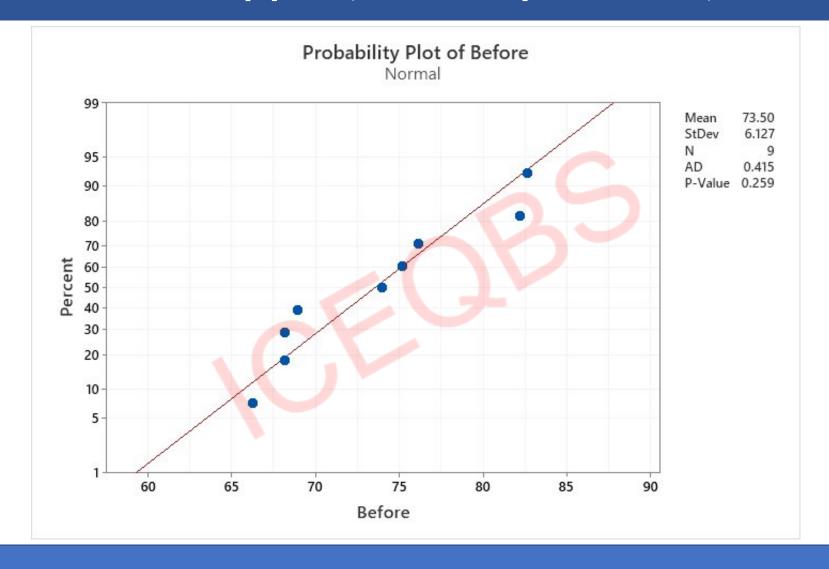
Data collection - Run Chart (Before improvement)



Inference:

P > 0.05 - No special causes in the process. Data can be used for further analysis

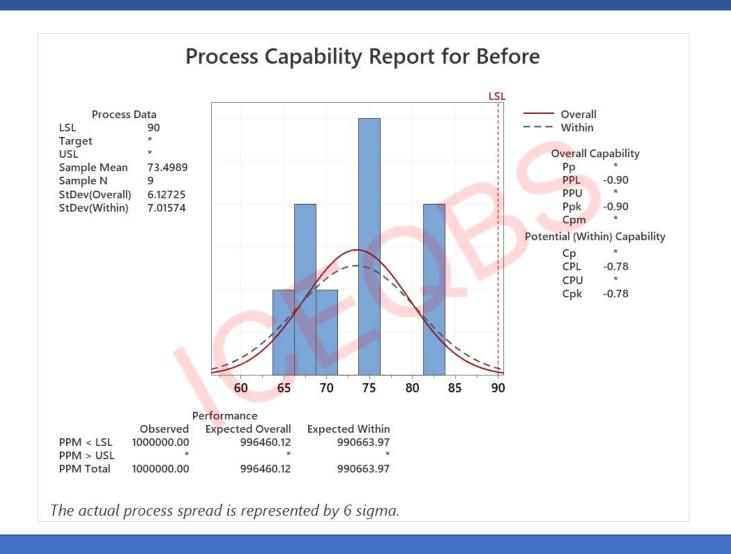
Data collection - Normality plot (Before improvement)



Inference:

•P > 0.05 in all scenarios, thus all the data is normally distributed

Data collection - Process capability (Before improvement)



Inference:

The process is completely incapable, with all outputs falling below the LSL and negative capability indices indicating severe misalignment and high variation.

Fish Bone Diagram

- 1. Sudden market shifts
- 2. Weather variations
- 3. Supply chain disruptions
- 4. Competitor promotions
- 5. Consumer behaviour changes

1. No standardized forecasting process

- 2. Lack of forecast review cycle
- 3. Ineffective S&OP process
- 4. Ignoring seasonality & promotions
- 5. Poor demand planning workflow METHOD

- 1. Inadequate forecasting training
- 2. Poor cross-functional communication
- 3. Manual data handling errors
- 4. Lack of accountability

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MEASUREMENT

ENVIRONMENT

MACHINE

- 1. No defined accuracy KPIs
- 2. Incorrect metric calculations
- 3. Lack of visibility on performance
- 4. No continuous monitoring
- 5. Weak feedback loop

- 1. Outdated forecasting software
- 2. Data integration issues
- 3. System downtime
- 4. Lack of automation
- 5. Limited analytics dashboard

MATERIAL

- 1. Inaccurate historical data
- 2. Delayed sales reports
- 3. Unreliable market intelligence
- 4. Inconsistent SKU hierarchy

3M Analysis for Waste

MUDA

Rework: Repeated manual adjustments to forecasts due to inaccurate initial data.

Waiting: Planners waiting for sales or marketing inputs before finalizing forecasts.

Overprocessing: Using multiple spreadsheets and duplicate reports for the same analysis

MURA

Inconsistent Data Updates: Forecasts updated irregularly across different product lines.

Irregular Communication: Uncoordinated timing of inputs from marketing, sales, and operations.

Fluctuating Forecast Accuracy: Some SKUs consistently show high variance, others remain stable

MURI

Excessive Manual Work: Planners handling too many SKUs without automation tools.

Tight Deadlines: Unrealistic timelines for forecast submission each cycle.

System Overload: Forecasting software crashes during high data processing loads.

common and special causes

Common Causes:

- Inaccurate historical data
- Poor demand planning tools
- •Lack of cross-functional communication
- Inconsistent data entry
- Supplier lead time variability
- Manual data processing errors
- Seasonal demand fluctuations
- Inadequate training for planners
- •Lack of standardized forecasting process
- •Inaccurate customer order history

Special Causes:

- •Sudden market trend changes
- Promotion or discount spikes
- Unexpected supply chain disruptions
- New product introductions
- Political or economic instability
- Natural disasters
- •System downtime or software failure
- Data corruption in forecasting system
- Supplier strike or shutdown
- •Sudden change in customer contracts

8 Wastes Analysis

Defects

Forecast errors due to incorrect formulas or data duplication.

Mismatch between sales actuals and forecast data because of wrong unit of measure.

Overproduction

Preparing multiple versions of forecasts that are never used.

Generating weekly forecasts for low-volume SKUs unnecessarily.

Waiting

Planners waiting for sales or marketing data updates before finalizing the forecast.

Delay in receiving system-generated reports from the ERP tool

Non-Utilized Talent

Planners not trained in advanced forecasting analytics or tools.

Insights from experienced salespeople not incorporated into forecast adjustments

Transportation

Transferring large Excel files of forecasts between departments instead of using shared systems.

Moving data manually from CRM to ERP rather than automated integration

Inventory

Maintaining excess safety stock due to inaccurate forecasts.

Keeping outdated or duplicate forecast files "just in case."

Motion

Forecasting staff switching between multiple systems and spreadsheets to retrieve data.

Overprocessing

Searching for missing sales or promotion inputs from different teams.

Reformatting data repeatedly to fit different templates.

Creating redundant presentations and summaries for the same forecast review.

Action Plan for Low Hanging Fruits

S	Summary of Quick Wins (Low Hanging Fruits)							
Lean Tool	Quick Action	Impact						
5S + Standard Work	Streamline templates, clean up redundant files	Reduced confusion and wasted effort						
Poka-Yoke (Error Proofing)	Data validation in forecasting forms	Fewer entry errors						
Visual Management	Dashboards for forecast accuracy tracking	Transparent performance monitoring						
Kanban / Workflow Standardization	Regular input and review schedule	Shorter cycle time						
Kaizen (Small Continuous Improvements)	Automate repetitive manual steps	Time saving, faster decision-making						
Value Stream Mapping (VSM)	Identify and remove process bottlenecks	Process flow optimization						

Lean Action Plan - Demand Forecasting Process (Gemba Walk Insights)

Area	Observed Issue (Gemba Finding)	Category	Action / Countermeasure	Lean Tool Used	Responsible	Expected Benefit
Data Entry Errors	Forecast data inconsistencies due to manual Excel input	Defect / Muda	Implement a single shared online forecasting template with validation checks	5S (Standardization), Poka-Yoke (Error Proofing)	Demand Planning	Reduce forecast errors by 20%
Multiple Forecast Versions	Several teams maintaining separate versions of forecasts	Overproduction / Mura	Establish version control through centralized ERP upload	V <mark>isu</mark> al Management, 5S	IT / Planning	Eliminate duplication and confusion
Waiting for Inputs	Sales team delays providing updated figures	Waiting / Muri	Set a fixed weekly data submission schedule and reminders	Standard Work, Kanban (Task Flow)	Sales Lead	Reduce forecast cycle time by 25%
Uncoordinated S&OP Meetings	Poor communication between Sales, Marketing & Supply Chain	Man / Method / Mura	Conduct structured S&OP meetings with shared dashboard	Daily Management Board, PDCA Cycle	SCM Head	Improve collaboration and accuracy
Manual Data Transfer	Forecasts moved manually between tools	Transportation / Overprocessing	Automate data integration between CRM and ERP	Automation (Lean IT), Kaizen	IT Department	Save planner time and reduce transfer errors

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Overload	ded Planners	Too many SKUs handled manually		Segment SKUs by ABC classification for focus-based planning	Workload Balancing, Value Stream Mapping (VSM)	Planning Manager	Improve productivity, reduce stress
Inaccura Inputs	te Data	Delayed or missing actuals	Material / Special Cause	Automate daily sales data update and verification	Ji <mark>d</mark> oka (Automation with quality)	Data Analyst	Improve real-time visibility of demand

Schedule updates during

server performance

low-traffic hours; upgrade

Establish monthly review

KPI dashboard (Forecast

dashboard reports (Power

Accuracy, MAPE, Bias)

Create automated

BI/Tableau)

TPM (Total Productive

Maintenance)

Visual KPI Board.

Automation / Visual

Management

Standard Work

IT Support

SCM Analyst

Analytics Team

Ensure continuous

system availability

Sustain forecast

performance tracking

Save 5+ hours/month

per planner

System Downtime ERP/forecast tool crashes during update Machine / Special Cause

Irregular Forecast

Overprocessing

Review

Reports

Forecast accuracy

Repeated manual

formatting for

presentation

Measurement / Mura

Overprocessing /

Waste

not monitored

monthly

Action Plan for Low Hanging Fruits

Waste	Lean Tool	Action Plan	Benefit
Overproduction	Kanban Scheduling	Produce only to customer demand	Lower WIP, reduced scrap risk
Transportation	Cellular Layout	Group machines closer by sequence	Faster flow, less handling damage
Motion	5S	Place gauges and tools near point of use	Reduced operator walking time
Inventory	Pull System	Limit WIP using Kanban bins	Lower storage cost, better flow
Overprocessing	Standard Work	Eliminate extra polishing or redundant machining	Saves time & cost
Defects	Poka-Yoke	Error-proof setups and in- process checks	Scrap reduced from 3% → 1%
Waiting	Andon / Visual Boards	Signal delays to supervisors immediately	Quick problem resolution
Unused Talent	Kaizen Events	Involve operators in daily improvements	Engaged workforce, continuous ideas

Top 12 Prioritized Root Causes (Based on Net Score)

Root Cause	Score
No accountability for forecast errors	250
Outdated forecasting software	246
No continuous monitoring of accuracy	210
Inaccurate historical data	200
System downtime during forecast updates	195
Inconsistent SKU codes	170
Manual data entry errors	168
No standardized forecasting process	162
Lack of forecasting training	156
Weak S&OP process	156
Data integration issues	153
Poor cross-functional communication	121

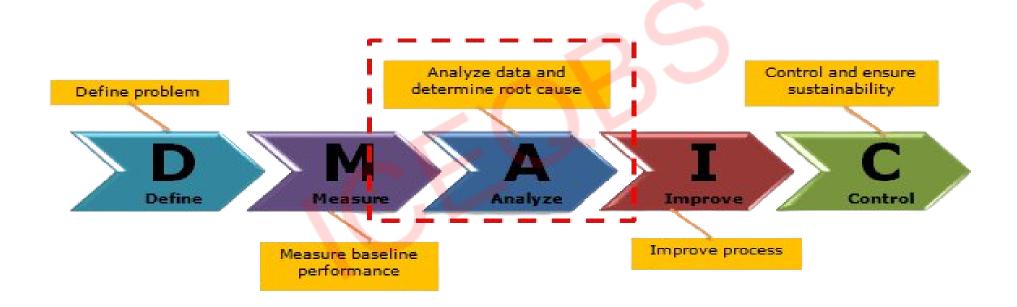
Data Collection Plan

Type of Data	Collection Method	Data Source	Frequency	Responsibility
Quantitative	,		Monthly	Demand Planning Lead
Qualitative / Quantitative	IT logs, user feedback	IT System Logs	One-time	IT Manager
Quantitative			Monthly	SCM Analyst
Quantitative	Data validation script	Sales & ERP	Weekly	Data Analyst
Quantitative			Monthly	IT Support
Quantitative	Attendance logs / survey	Meeting Minutes	Monthly	S&OP Coordinator
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Data Collection Plan

Data to Be Collected	Type of Data	Collection Method	Data Source	Frequency	Responsibility
Forecast deviation during promo months	Quantitative	Historical vs. actual demand comparison	Sales & Marketing	Monthly	Marketing Analyst
Days between sales closure and data upload	Quantitative	Timestamp analysis	Sales Reports	Weekly	Sales Admin
% of SKUs discussed vs. total SKUs	Quantitative	Meeting checklist review	S&OP Tracker	Monthly	SCM Lead
# of failed data sync transactions	Quantitative	IT system logs	ERP / CRM Sync Records	Weekly	IT Integration Team
# of corrections per forecast cycle	Quantitative	Audit of forecast files	Forecast Excel / ERP	Monthly	Demand Planner
% of trained vs. untrained staff	Quantitative	HR training records	HR / Training Dept.	Quarterly	HR Business Partner

ANALYSE PHASE



Analyse - Hypothesis testing

Regression Equation

Forecast_Accuracy_% = 92.03 + 1.472 Forecast_Accountability_Score - 2.054 Software_Age_Years - 1.367 Historical_Data_Error_% - 1.278 Manual_Data_Error_%

Coefficients

Term	Coef	SE Coef	T-Value	P-Value	VIF
Constant	92.03	2.08	44.30	0.000	
Forecast_Accountability_Score	1.472	0.179	8.24	0.000	1.13
Software_Age_Years	-2.054	0.224	-9.15	0.000	1.03
Historical_Data_Error_%	-1.367	0.110	-12.39	0.000	1.03
Manual_Data_Error_%	-1.278	0.156	-8.21	0.000	1.10

Model Summary

S	R-sq	R-sq(adj)	R-sq(pred)
2.42454	94.43%	93.54%	92.23%

Inference:

•Since p < 0.05, thus not all means are equal

Analyse - Hypothesis testing

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Source	DF	Adj SS	Adj MS	F-Value	P-Value
Regression		2492.7	623.183	106.01	0.000
Forecast_Accountability_Score	1	399.0	398.977	67.87	0.000
Software_Age_Years	1	492.0	492.035	83.70	0.000
Historical_Data_Error_%	1	901.8	901.760	153.40	0.000
Manual_Data_Error_%	1	395.8	395.768	67.33	0.000
Error	25	147.0	5.878		
Total	29	2639.7			

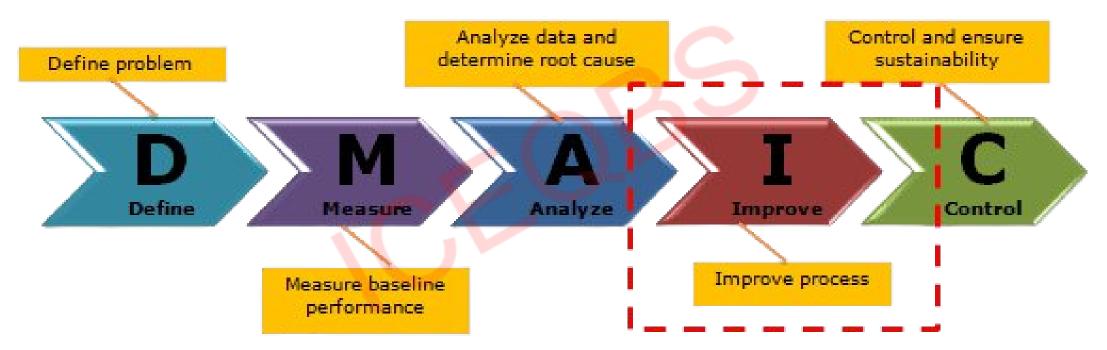
Inference:

•Forecast Accountability score, Software Age, Historical Data Error, and Manual Data Entry are validated as critical root causes

Summary of Statistically validated Root causes

•Forecast Accountability score, Software Age, Historical Data Error, and Manual Data Entry are validated as critical root causes

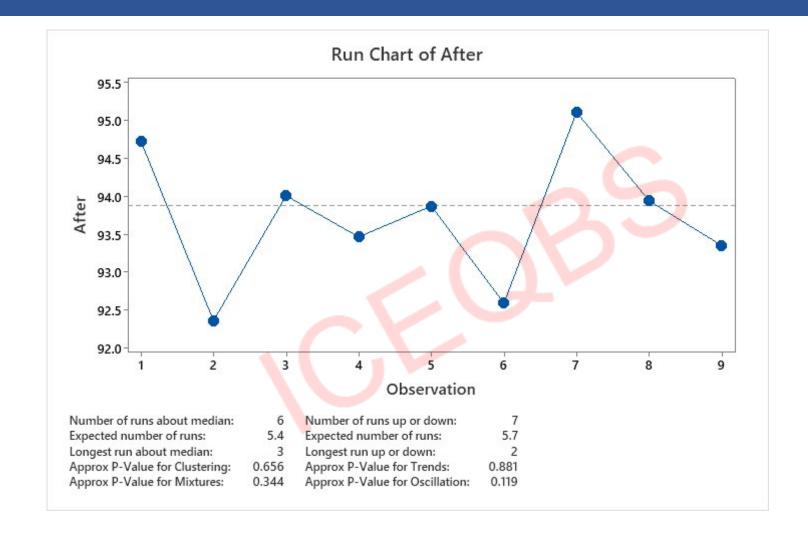
IMPROVE PHASE



Improve

Critical Root Cause	Proposed Solution / Action	Specific Activities to Implement	Responsibility
1. Low Forecast Accountability Score	Establish individual and team- level ownership for forecast accuracy		Demand Planning Head / Supply Chain Manager
2. Outdated Forecasting Software	Upgrade to AI / ML–based forecasting tool integrated with ERP	• Evaluate latest forecasting platforms (SAP IBP, Blue Yonder, Oracle Demantra, 09, etc.).	IT & Digital Transformation Team / SCM Manager
3. High Historical Data Error (%)	Implement a robust data validation and cleansing mechanism	entries.	Master Data Management (MDM) Team / IT
4. High Manual Data Entry Error (%)	through automation and	 Introduce double-entry verification for manual updates. 	Warehouse Operations Lead / IT Systems

Improve



Inference:

•Run chart - process is stable there is no special causes in the process (p value > 0.05)

Improve



Inference:

•Normality test - Data are normally distributed

Improve - Run chart and Normality Test (After Improvement)

Two-Sample T-Test and CI: Before, After

μ₁: population mean of Before

μ₂: population mean of After

Difference: $\mu_1 - \mu_2$

Equal variances are not assumed for this analysis.

Descriptive Statistics

Sample	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
Before	9	73.50	6.13	2.0
After	9	93.717	0.896	0.30

Estimation for Difference

	95% CI for
Difference	Difference
-20.22	(-24.98, -15.46)

Test

Null hypothesis $H_0: \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$ Alternative hypothesis $H_1: \mu_1 - \mu_2 \neq 0$

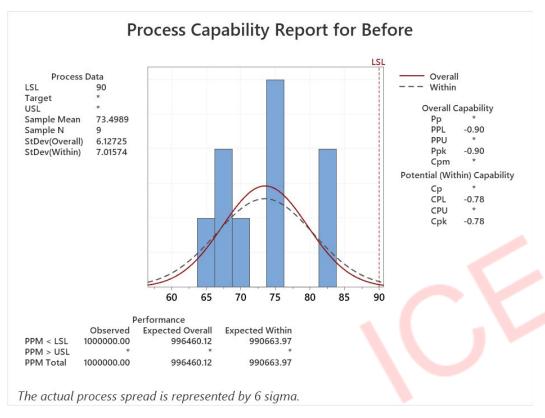
T-Value	DF	P-Value
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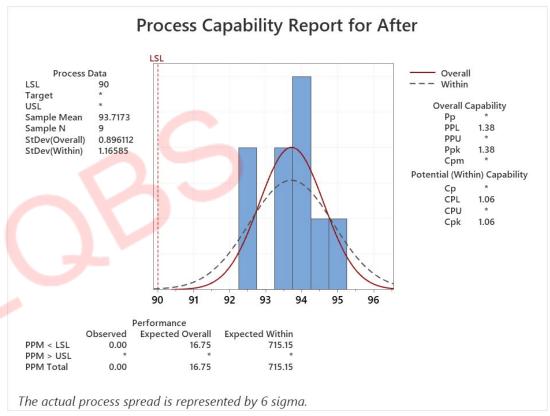
Inference:

Since P value is less than 0.05, there is enough evidence to reject the null hypothesis and we can conclude that the difference between the population means is statistically significant.

It is also visible from the individual value plot & box plot, there is clear difference in mean after improvement which is closer to required % scrap

Improve - Process capability - Before & After Improvement

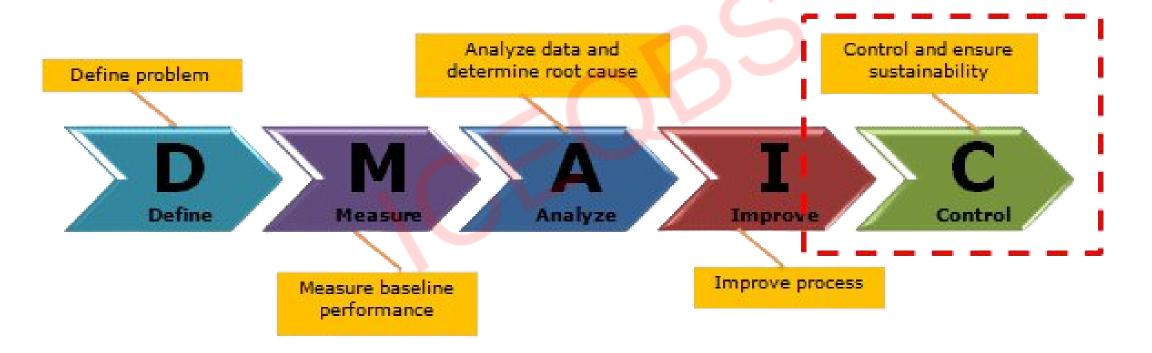




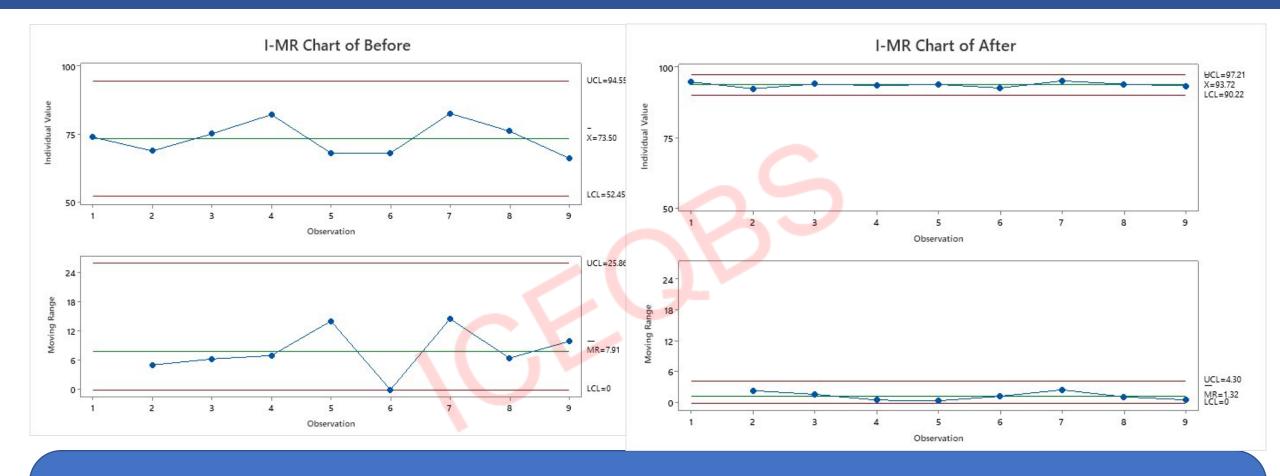
Inference:

- •Before Cpk < After Cpk, which shows process is much more capable after improvement
- •There is less variability in system since stdev reduced after improvement
- After improvement the data are normally distributed near the target within specified limit

CONTROL PHASE



Improve (Statistical validation for Improvement – I-MR Chart)



Inference:

•As seen in control chart, before improvement mean was high and there was high variability and after improvement, it has achieved the targe

5S Step	Implementation in Forecasting & SCM Context	Expected Benefit
1. Seiri – Sort	 Eliminate redundant SKU codes, outdated data files, and obsolete forecast templates. Archive past versions of forecasts systematically. 	Reduces confusion and ensures only valid SKUs and data are used for forecasting.
2. Seiton – Set in Order	 Create a structured digital folder hierarchy: /Forecast/Year/Month/SKU_Category. Define standard naming convention for SKU codes and data files. Maintain version control in ERP or shared drive. 	Enables quick access to the right data and version, reducing forecast errors.
3. Seiso – Shine	 Schedule weekly data cleansing and error log checks. Automate scripts to detect missing or duplicate entries. Visual dashboards highlight "data cleanliness" scores. 	Prevents propagation of data inaccuracies that affect forecasts.
4. Seiketsu – Standardize	 Create a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for forecast data entry, validation, and upload. Document approval flow for forecast updates. Define standard formats for demand review reports. 	Brings uniformity across planners and ensures consistency in inputs.
5. Shitsuke – Sustain	 Conduct monthly "Forecast 5S Audit" checklist reviews. Display performance charts showing adherence to SOPs. Introduce rewards or recognition for high forecast accuracy and compliance. 	Builds ownership and continuous improvement culture among forecasting teams.

Area	Potential Error	Error-Proofing Mechanism (Poka-Yoke)	Expected Outcome
Data Entry	Wrong SKU / quantity entered manually	Dropdown list or barcode scanning instead of free-text entry. Auto-validation for SKU code + category match.	Eliminates manual data entry errors.
Forecast Upload	Uploading wrong file version or format	 File naming rule with time stamp & version number. System alerts if incorrect template used. 	Ensures only latest, correct forecast is uploaded.
Historical Data Maintenance	Corrupted or incomplete past data	 Auto-backup system and data integrity validation before upload. Flag missing fields before forecast run. 	Maintains reliable baseline for future forecasts.
System Downtime	Forecast not updated due to outage	 Automated alert for downtime >10 mins. Redundant server or cloud mirror for continuity. 	Prevents loss of data and ensures uninterrupted updates.
	Planners not reviewing forecast accuracy	Auto-email report showing forecast vs actual variance by planner. Dashboard with red/yellow/green scorecards.	Reinforces accountability and continuous review.
Data Version Control	Overwriting previous forecasts	 Lock previous month's files and create auto- generated version IDs. 	Ensures auditability and prevents accidental overwrites.

Process Step /

Improvement Area	Potential Failure Mode	of Failure	Potential Cause	/ Detection Method	S	0	D	RPN (S×O×D)	Recommended Action
1. Assign Forecast Accountability		responsible for	Accountability not linked to KPI / unclear roles	Monthly review of forecast accuracy	8	6	5	240	Integrate accountability into individual KPIs and review dashboards monthly
Forecasting	Delay or rejection of software upgrade	Continued dependence on manual / outdated systems	Budget constraint or user resistance	_	9	5	4	180	Present ROI of software upgrade with pilot results; secure top management buy-in
	Incomplete or incorrect data cleanup	persists despite	Manual errors, missing standardization	Ran <mark>d</mark> om data audits	7	6	5	210	Automate data validation using scripts; conduct cross-departmental data audit before go-live
Manual Data	Barcode / automation system not adopted fully		Poor training, lack of devices	Pilot verification by IT	8	5	4	160	Provide end-user training; ensure system usability; verify scanning coverage before rollout
Process	Forecast accuracy not tracked post-implementation	Drift in performance after initial improvement	governance &	Weekly report check	7	7	6	294	Form Forecast Review Board; monthly review and variance reporting
Standardization	New process not followed consistently	deviations cause	Lack of refresher training / unclear documentation	Internal audits	6	6	5	180	Establish SOP version control and quarterly training refresh
7. System Downtime During Forecast Update	Forecast process interruption	Missed updates, outdated data in ERP	IT infrastructure issues	System uptime logs	8	4	5	160	Set up redundancy and downtime alert system; create manual backup protocol

Current Controls

Potential Effect

Process Step / Improvement Area	Control Characteristic / KPI	Specification / Target	Measurement Method /	Frequency	Responsible Person	Reaction Plan if Out of Control
1. Forecast Accountability	Forecast Accuracy % by Planner / SKU	≥ 90% overall accuracy; no planner < 85%	Forecast Accuracy Dashboard (Actual vs Forecast %)	Weekly	Demand Planner / SCM Manager	Investigate variance root cause, review forecast assumptions, corrective coaching for planner
2. Forecast Software Upgrade & Use	~	100% adoption within 3 months	System usage logs and dashboard analytics	Weekly	IT & SCM Head	Conduct refresher training; escalate low adoption cases to management
	% Error-free records in Master Data	≥ 98% data accuracy	Data validation script / audit report	Monthly	Master Data Management (MDM) Team	Identify error source; re-run data cleanup; initiate RCA for recurring issues
4. Manual Data Entry Reduction	% Automated vs Manual Entries	≥ 95% transactions automated	System data logs / Automation ratio report	Weekly	Warehouse Lead / IT Analyst	Review pending manual processes; fix integration or barcode scanning issues
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		100% of SKUs reviewed monthly	Monthly Forecast Review Meeting Minutes	Monthly	Forecast Review Board	Delay follow-ups or missed reviews trigger escalation to SCM Head
6. SOP Adherence & Training	SOP	100% of demand planning & warehouse staff	Training attendance records & audit checklist	Quarterly	HR & SCM Lead	Schedule make-up sessions; re-train non-compliant staff
7. System Uptime (Forecasting Tool)	Downtime (Hours / Month)	≤ 2 hours/month	System uptime monitoring tool	Monthly	IT Support	Switch to backup system; raise alert to vendor; initiate root cause analysis

Conclusion

Results after improvement



• By addressing key drivers such as data errors, system limitations, and accountability gaps, the project significantly improved forecast accuracy and stabilized the process, achieving the targeted performance levels.