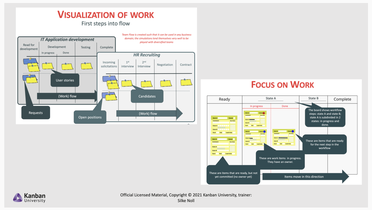

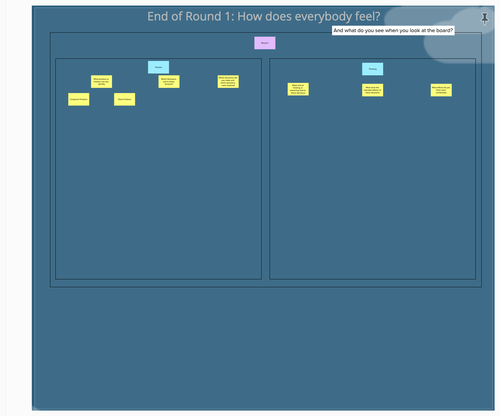

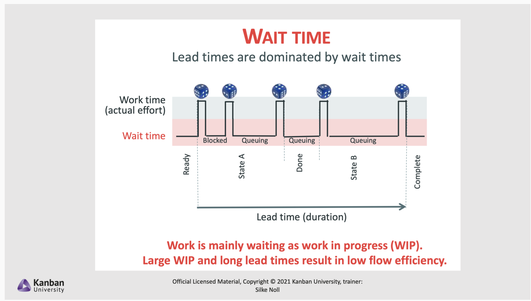

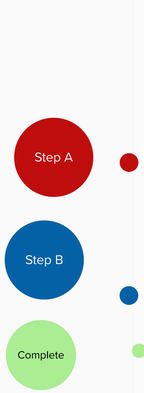

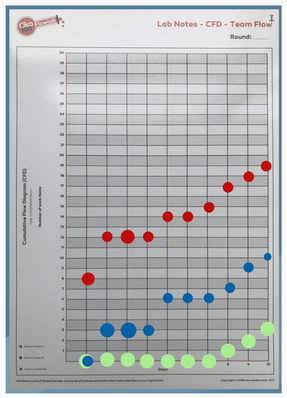

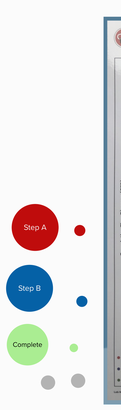

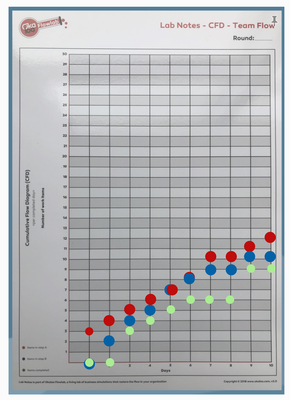

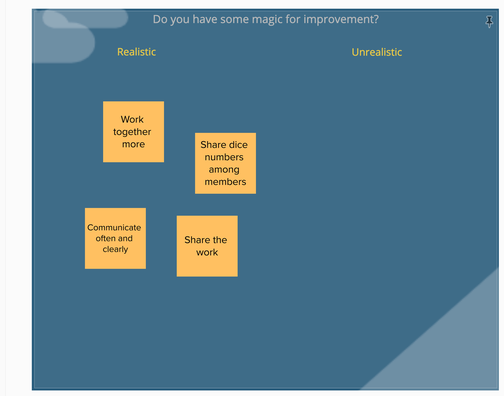

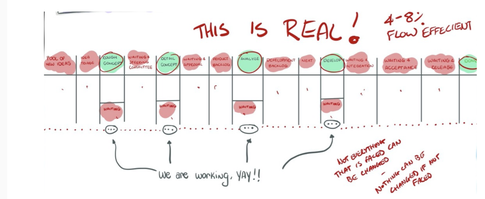

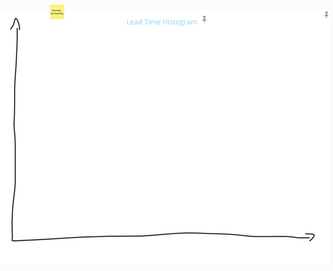

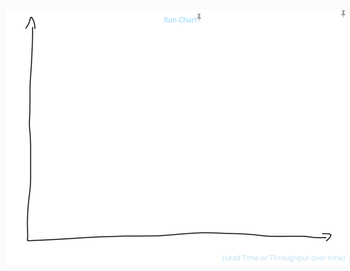

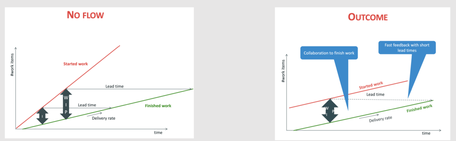

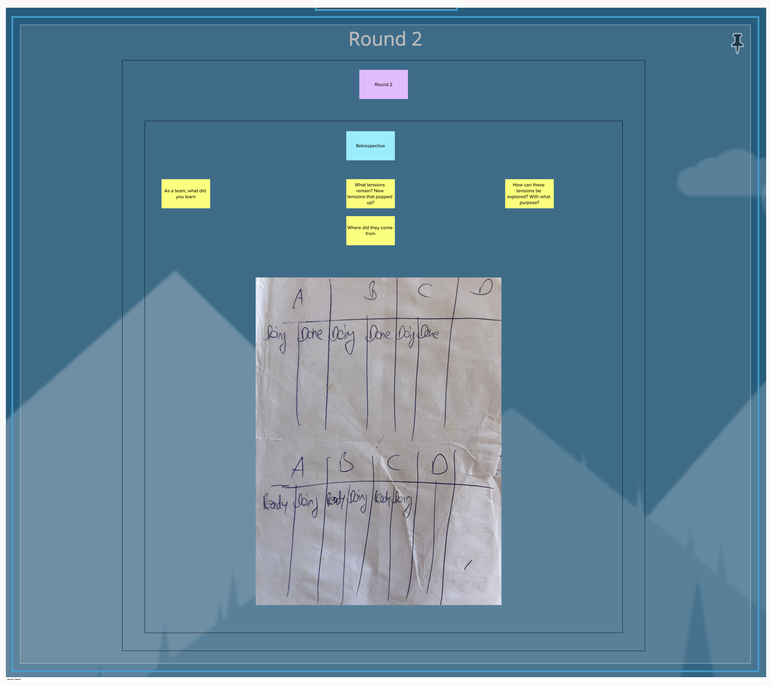

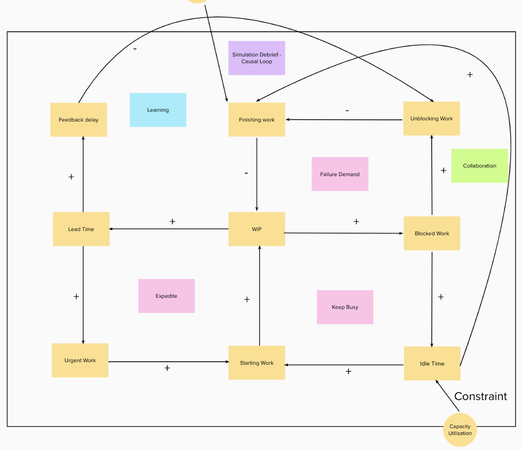

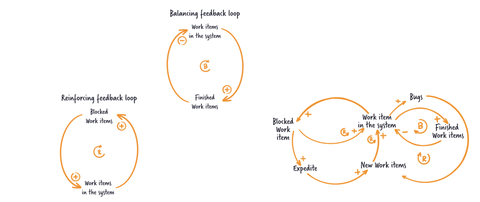

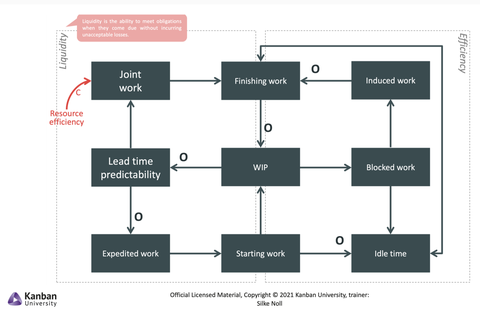

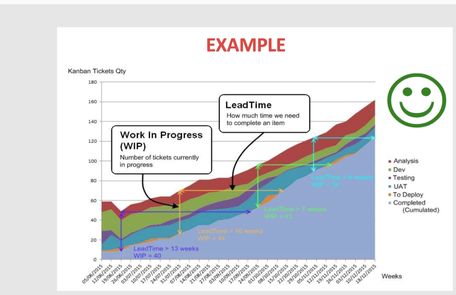

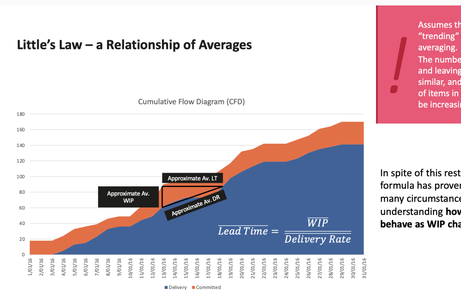

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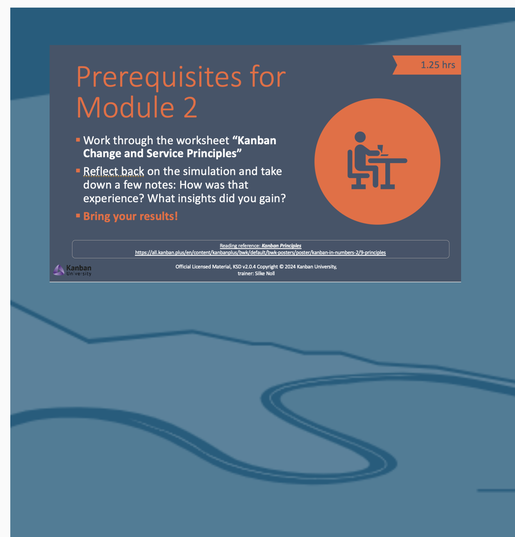
In spite of this restriction, the formula has proven its usefulness in many circumstances for understanding **how flow systems behave as WIP changes**.