# **SUPPLY CHAIN COMPLEXITY: WHY IT MATTERS AND HOW TO SOLVE** Nikhil Arora

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# TODAY'S TALK

#### Intent

- Introduce Schneider and Engineering @ Schneider
- Demonstrate how Schneider Engineering solves supply chain complexity and you can too!



https://www.swtc.edu/academics/programs/business/supply-chain-management-td

### Supply Chain

A supply chain is a network between a company and its suppliers to produce and distribute a specific product, and the supply chain represents the steps it takes to get the product or service to the customer.

https://www.investopedia.com/terms/s/supplychain.asp#ixzz5A2qPaiV9

A supply chain is a system of organizations, people, technologies, activities, information and resources involved in moving materials, products and services all the way through the manufacturing process, from the original supplier of materials supplier to the end customer.

http://smallbusiness.chron.com/apics-basics-supply-chain-management-41462.html



### SCHNEIDER ENGINEERING DELIVERS CUSTOM, INNOVATIVE, IMPLEMENTABLE OPTIMIZATION SOLUTIONS



**DEEP TRANSPORTATION KNOWLEDGE WITH ACCESS TO ROBUST MARKET RATES** 





## WE HAVE A RICH HISTORY OF DECISION ENGINEERING AT SCHNEIDER





# SUPPLY CHAIN COMPLEXITY COSTS YOU MONEY

- AT Kearney (2007) estimates 3-5% point or \$32B EBIT impact due to supply chain complexity
- Gartner has identified supply chain complexity as top concern of CEOs and CSCO
  - 63% supply chain leaders (2016) report increasing supply chain complexity as highest risk to business continuity
  - SC Network complexity is # 4 in list of obstacles to achieving SC goals (2016)
  - Complexity is the top threat identified by high tech company CSCOs (2016)
  - Operational efficiency identified as top 3 priority in 2015 survey



# WHAT CAUSES SUPPLY CHAIN COMPLEXITY?

- Growth in new countries, regions, markets
  - Cross-border shipments, long lead time, storage & distribution
- Focus on customer needs and service
  - Single Channel → Multi Channel → Omni Channel retail;
    white glove delivery
  - Legacy systems competing with Amazon.com
- SKU proliferation: 20% SKUs cost 80% to manage
  - Smaller orders, higher inventory, reduced productivity
- Rapid growth: M&A, new product launches, etc.

### **Visualizing Complexity**







### WHAT DO COMPLEX SUPPLY CHAINS LOOK LIKE?



Ecommerce Foundation, https://www.ecommercewiki.org/Slide:20151019-Supply Chain omni channel



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Source: Sal Forest Report submitted to Oxfam (March 2014); CPF study

<u>https://www.undercurrentnews.com/2014/09/25/cp-foods-plans-to-expand-iffo-certified-tuna-meal-</u> model-with-kingfisher-to-other-plants/



## SYMPTOMS OF SUPPLY CHAIN COMPLEXITY AND HOW TO SOLVE





# SOLUTION CUSTOMIZED FOR EACH CUSTOMER

### **Descriptive Analytics**

### **Prescriptive Analytics**

### **Predictive Analytics**





- Insights & good practices
- Business case
- Optimization opportunities



Strategic supply chain design: 60-80% of supply chain cost impacted!



Tactical transportation design: 10-20% of supply chain cost impacted!



Forecasting



SKU

SKU Rationalization







# SUPPLY CHAIN BASELINE TO DISCOVER HOW TO SIMPLIFY A COMPLEX SUPPLY CHAIN

#### Background

- Complex inbound transportation network that had grown inefficient over time
- 1000s of SKUs, multiple cross docking, long transit times, inefficient use of fleet, and operational silos

#### Solution

- "As-is" view of network to identify quick win opportunities
- Recommended how to reduce double and triple handling of products by optimizing cross dock usage and supplier assignment
- Identified opportunities to improve supplier compliance

#### Value

- Over \$1M reduction in transportation cost
- Customer well positioned for growth





# CREATE REPLENISHMENT SCHEDULES AND ROUTES TO LEVEL LOAD DISTRIBUTION AND POSITION CUSTOMER FOR GROWTH

### Background

- Brewing company changed region footprint by mergers and organic growth
- Uneven shipment volumes across week
- 60% of wholesalers shipped less than 75% truckloads in freshness cycle
- Peak months responsible for 45% of annual volume

### Solution

- Create outbound shipping strategy to balance weekly volume and maximize consolidation opportunity
- Improve utilization by recommending holding freight to minimum of full truck utilization or met freshness cycle

### Value

- 4-7% reduction in transportation cost and 10% increase in truck utilization
- Operational efficiencies by better week over week balance



Baseline



Figure 1: Week over week shipping balance improvement



Figure 2: Distribution network shipping configuration



## **NEW NORMAL: WE ARE EXPERIENCING IT ALREADY.**



