



# A Holistic Supply Chain Management Solution

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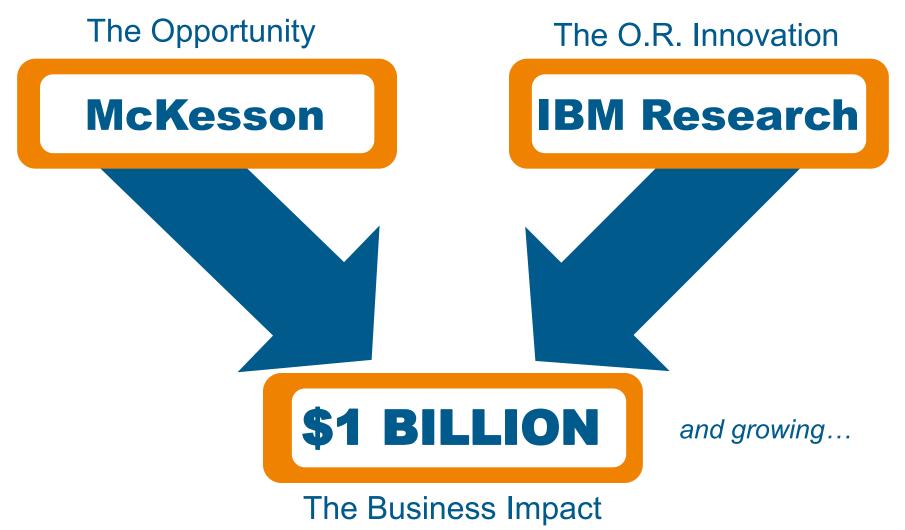
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# OR helped us save over \$1 Billion





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# McKesson: Oldest and Largest Healthcare Service Provider



#### McKesson At-A-Glance



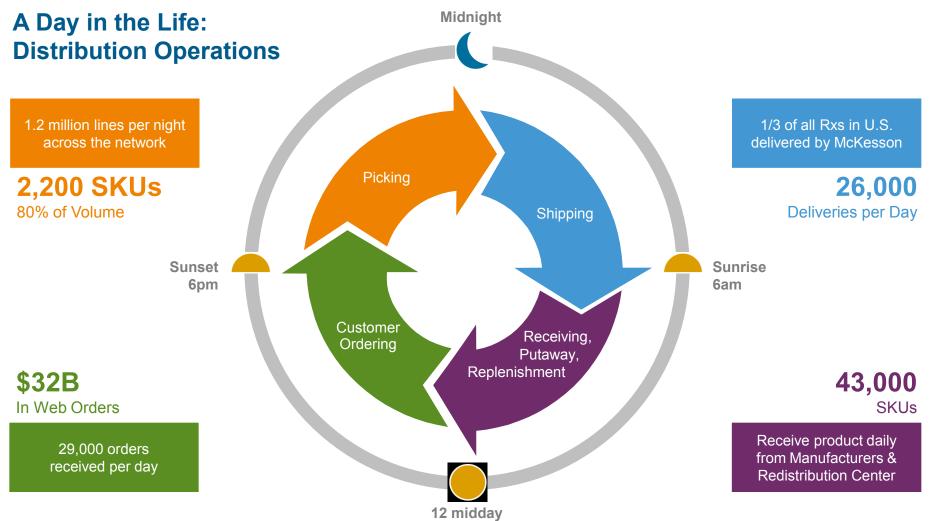
**Distribution Solutions** 

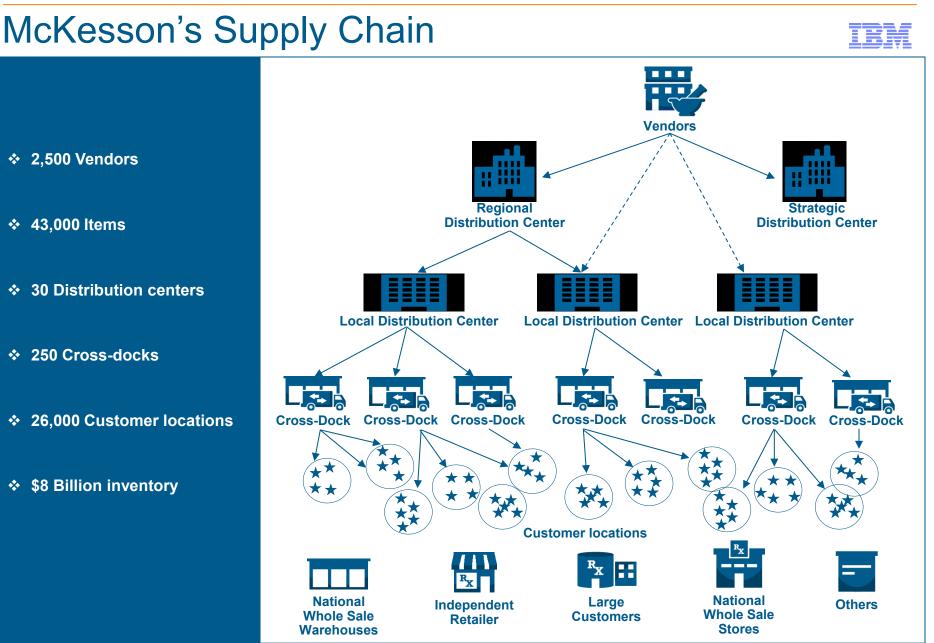
- America's oldest and largest healthcare services company
- Celebrating 180 years
- Ranked 14<sup>th</sup> on *Fortune's* list with \$122.7 billion in revenues
- Headquartered in San Francisco
- More than 37,000 employees
- Two segments: Distribution Solutions
   and Technology Solutions

- #1 pharmaceutical distributor in U.S. and Canada
- #1 generics distributor
- #2 in specialty distribution and services
- #1 in medical-surgical distribution to alternate care sites
- 2,900+ Health Mart<sup>®</sup> retail pharmacy franchisees
- Comprehensive retail information systems and automation offerings

# **A Look Inside McKesson Distribution**

# Distribution is McKesson's Core Business The right product to the right customer at the right time





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# McKesson and IBM Research:

The ingredients of our innovation partnership

#### **IBM Research had**

- The IBM First of A Kind (FOAK) program
- Detailed supply chain sustainability modeling
- Innovative supply chain models and research

#### **McKesson needed**

- A holistic, cross-functional supply chain model for analysis
- The ability to view results through a financial lens
- To explore ideas we could not explore without integrated modeling
- To identify opportunities for improved service and savings
- A repeatable process for analysis

# **Opening Remarks**

Mark Walchirk President, U.S. Pharmaceutical McKesson

# The O.R. Innovation



# A solution to optimize policies, connect all metrics and answer questions fast!



How do we impact each others' metrics?



# Challenges





## Develop end-to-end supply chain model



Integrate large & diverse data



Incorporate sustainability to the model



Optimize policies and calculate trade-offs

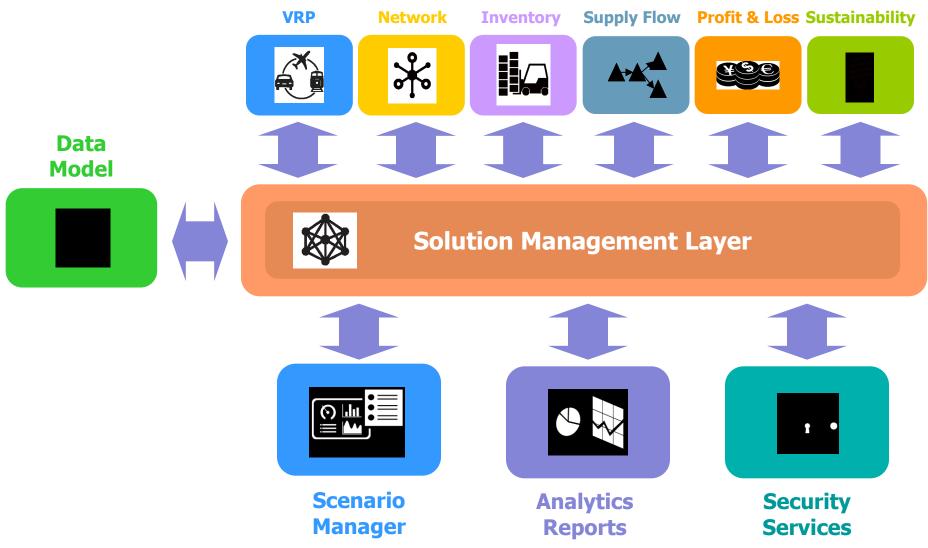


Maximize computational performance



Create a fast and interactive online solution

# We developed and integrated many components to build the solution



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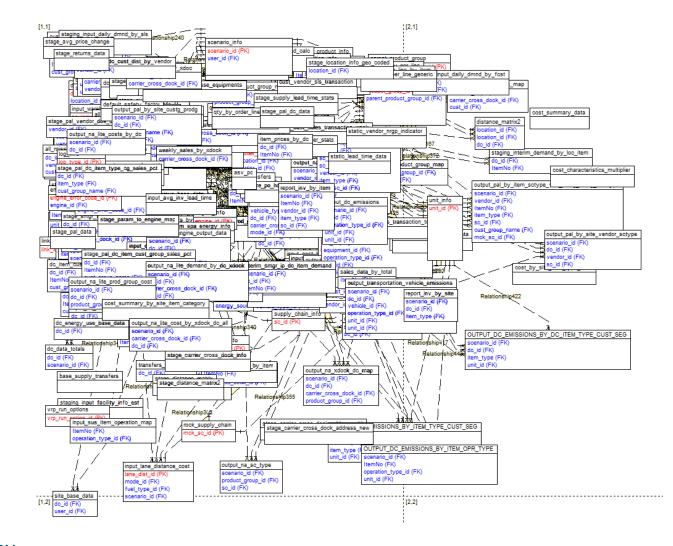
# The data model had to cover everything

#### Hundreds of millions of records

- Transaction level details
  - Supply transactions
  - Shipment transactions
  - Sales transactions

#### ► Many different elements

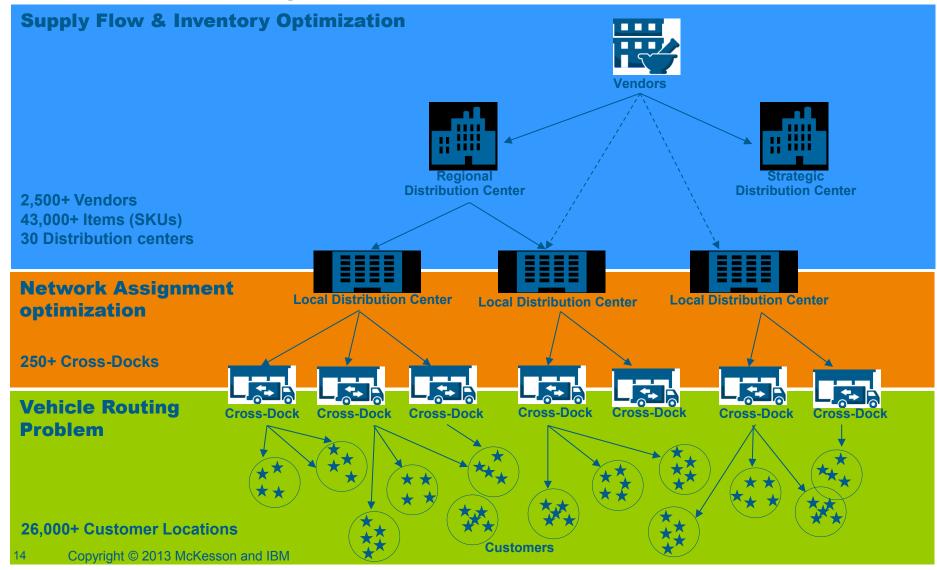
- Customers
- Vendors
- Products
- Network
- Sites
- Inventory
- Equipment
- Energy consumption



#### ►etc.

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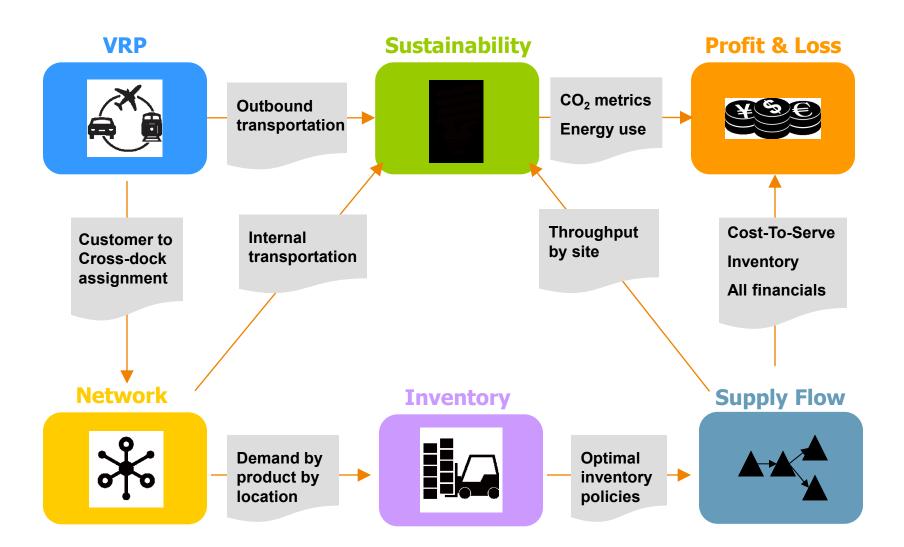
# Integrated OR models for a problem too complex **TRM** to solve as a single optimization



## How are the models connected?



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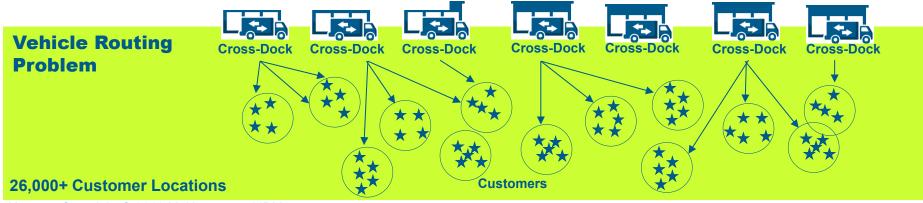
# Vehicle Routing Problem

#### Challenges

- ✓ 26,000 customer locations
- ✓ Over half a billion distance calculations
- ✓ Delivery time windows
- ✓ Need to compute in a few minutes

#### **Solution Approach**

- Assign customers to cross-docks by business rules
- Optimize routes separately for each cross-dock
- ✓ Develop a regression model to estimate VRP costs







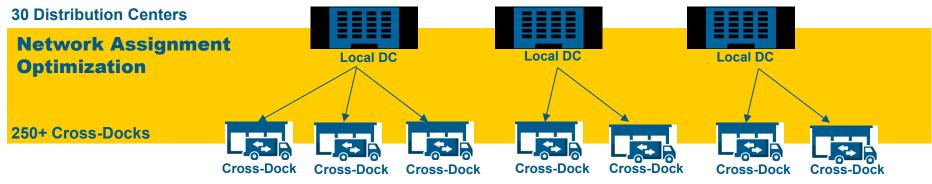
## **Network Assignment Optimization**

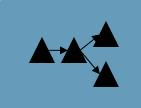
#### Challenges

- ✓ Potentially infeasible scenarios
- ✓ 43,000 SKUs
- ✓ Need to compute in a few minutes

#### **Solution Approach**

- ✓ Greedy algorithm
- ✓ Use "soft" constraints
- ✓ Use the regression model from VRP to estimate transportation costs





# Inventory & Supply Flow Optimization

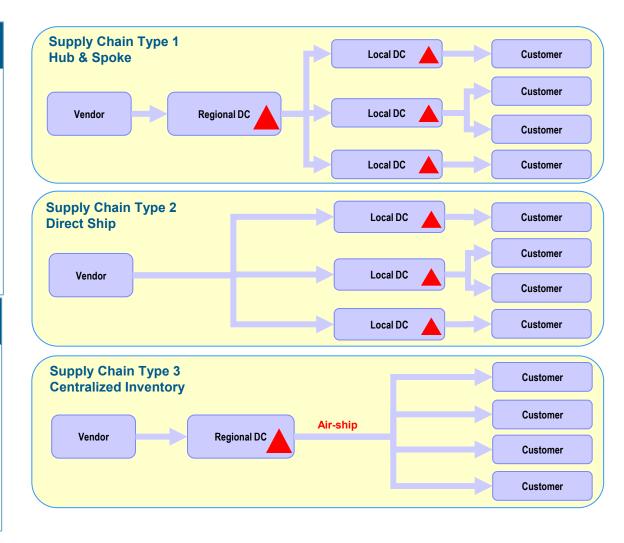


#### Challenges

- ✓ 43,000 SKUs
- ✓ 2-echelon
- ✓ Lost sales
- ✓ Service constraints
- Stochastic demand & lead times
- ✓ Need to solve in a few minutes

#### **Solution Approach**

- ✓ EOQ for lot-size
- ✓ Use regression to estimate reorder point at regional DC
- Approximate optimal re-order points at local DCs
- ✓ Independent items (SKUs)





# **Sustainability Model**

#### **Objectives**

Compute sustainability metrics

Evaluate sustainability actions

Quantify impacts of operational

#### Methodology

- ✓ Start at equipment level
  - ✓ Aggregate to operations and sites
  - ✓ Calibrate to match utility bills
  - ✓ Allocate to SKUs by their characteristics
  - ✓ Evaluate "what-if" scenarios

#### Inputs

- ✓ Equipment data
- ✓ Energy characteristics
- ✓ Throughput

changes

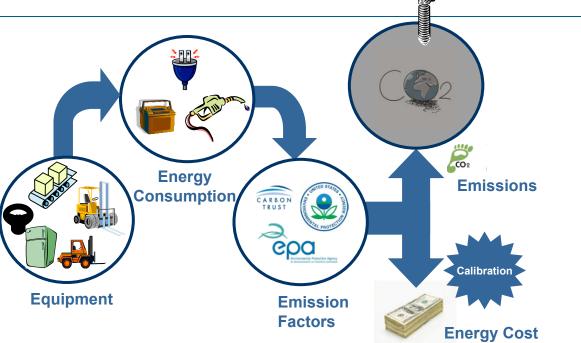
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✓ Emission factors, etc.

#### **Outputs**

- ✓ Energy Use/Cost/Efficiency
- ✓ CO2 Emissions/Cost/Efficiency
- ✓ By Site, By Operation, By SKU

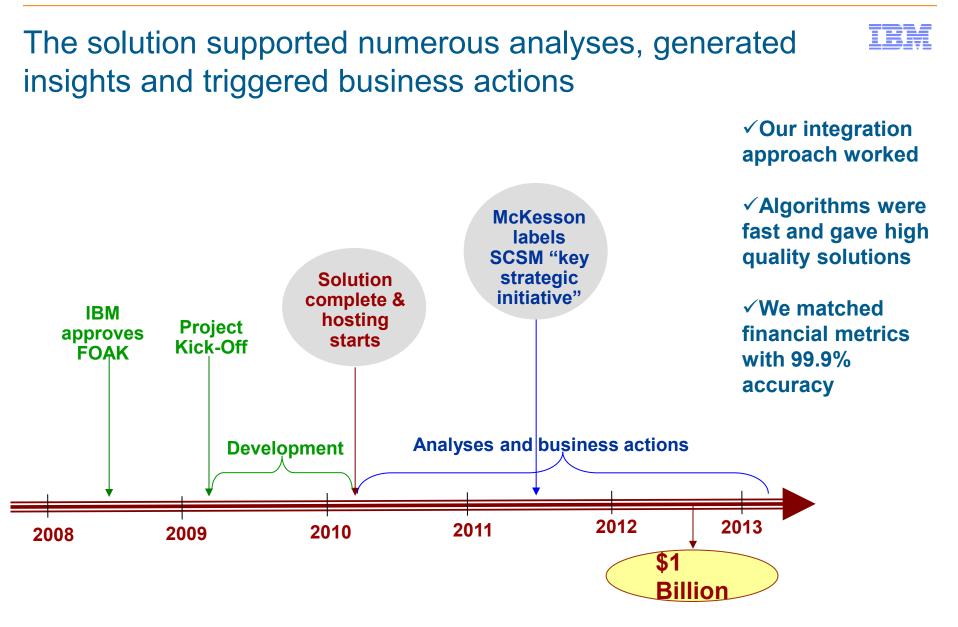




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# Profit & Loss Model

Objectives	Challenges	
<ul> <li>✓ Connect operational and financial metrics</li> <li>✓ Compare scenarios</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ 43,000 P&amp;Ls</li> <li>✓ Need all metrics at SKU level</li> <li>✓ Match the official P&amp;L</li> </ul>	
Inputs		
<ul> <li>✓ Equipment data</li> <li>✓ Outputs of OR models</li> <li>✓ Transactions</li> <li>✓ Sales &amp; supply terms</li> <li>✓ Income sources</li> <li>✓ Cost sources</li> </ul>		
Outputs	Methodology	
<ul> <li>✓ Revenue</li> <li>✓ Cost of operations, SG&amp;A</li> <li>✓ Working capital</li> <li>✓ Cost of capital, PBT, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Use SKU characteristics to allocate metrics to SKUs</li> <li>✓ Calibrate to match P&amp;L</li> </ul>	
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# **Insider Perspectives**

# **Implementation & Business Impact**



### **Challenges and Acceptance**

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#### **Data Collection**

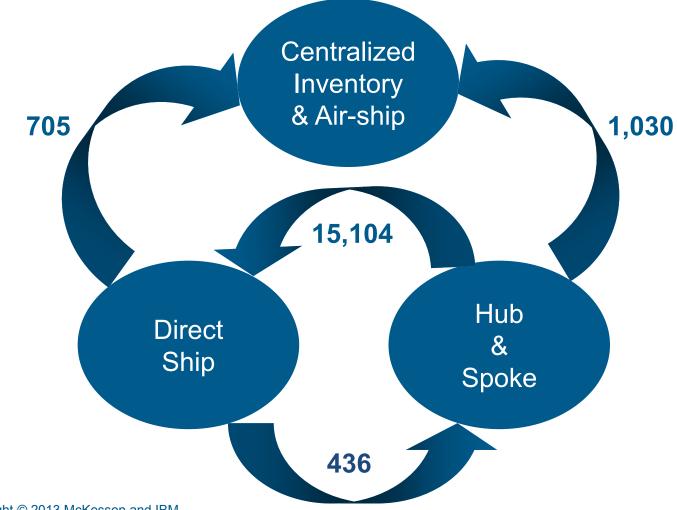
- Too much data Right balance between detail and summary
- Relate un-related data
- Original financial data

#### **Model Credibility**

- Baseline reports needed to match P&L at the detail level

#### **Managerial Considerations**

The model recommended shifting 35% of items to IBM a different supply chain



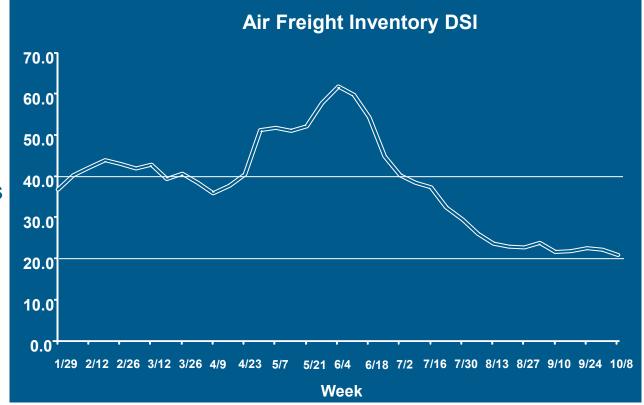
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# The model showed opportunity for air-freight, cut inventory by half and improved service to 99%

#### The SCSM solution:

- Provided the total financial impact of air-freight
- Recommended products for air-shipment





# Actions Taken from SCSM Opportunities

#### Vendor



- Updated national account bid and redistribution pricing models
- Negotiated lower days-on-hand inventory limits with vendors
- Changed supply order timings in a week

#### Customer



Created a new air freight supply chain

#### Internal



Increased frequency of deliveries from hub to Local DC



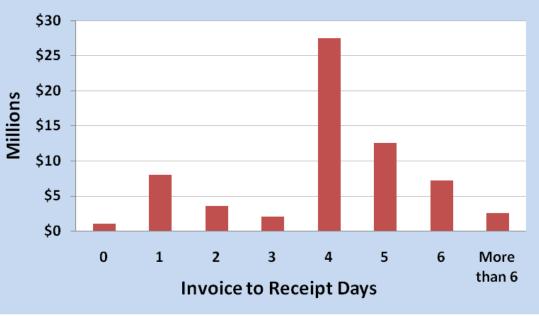
Added and removed distribution centers

# SCSM identified new in-transit working capital by individual vendor

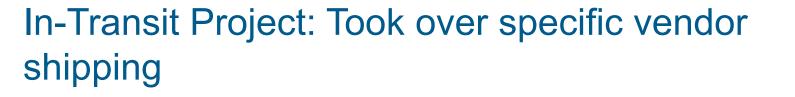
#### ACTIONS

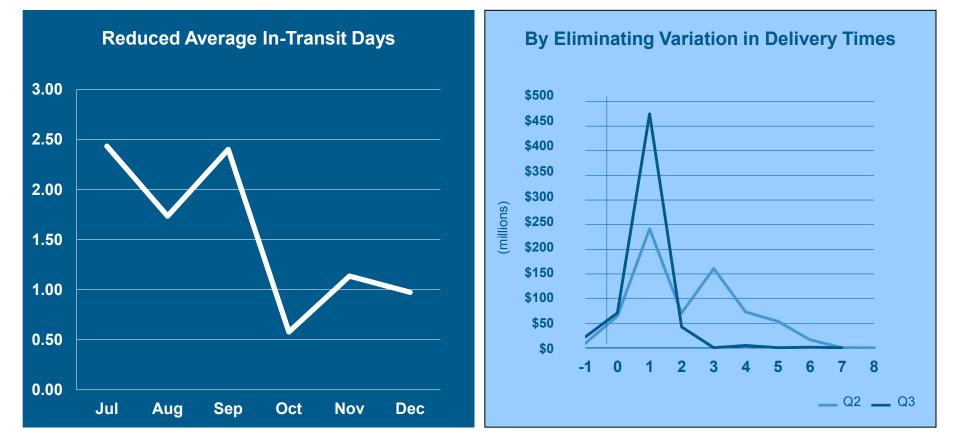
- created vendor in-transit database
- provided detailed reports to key vendors

**Product Value \$ by In-Transit Days** 



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#### **Overall Financial Impact**



# Output Total Committed Capital (inventory + receivables - payables)



# Branded Rx Capital Reduction (\$million)

Inventory Savings	723
Internal Transit	50
Vendor Transit	318
Total	1.091





# Made the Invisible ... Visible

- Profitability by Supply Chain
- Modeled new supply chain
- Total impact of cross functional tradeoffs
- Gap between our current operation and potential
- In Transit working capital by Vendor



Provided a roadmap to saving over \$1 billion

# **Closing Remarks**

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