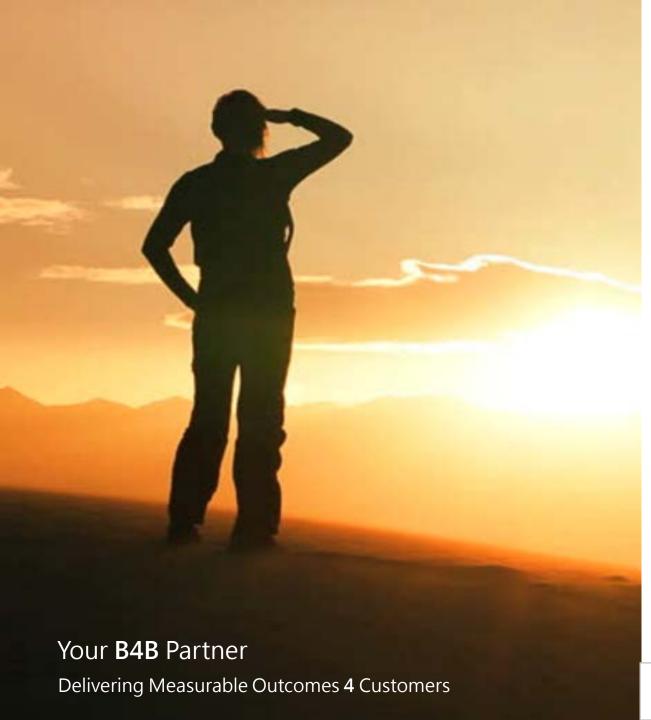
# M Tools Group

Trends, Myths and Reality in Supply Chain

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#### Global Vision

Accelerating Business Performance
By efficiently delivering service to the customers of our customers

#### Global E2E Approach

Leveraging Market Driven Demand Analytics and Supply Chain Optimization

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#### Agenda

- 1 Trends
- 2 Increasing uncertainty. New challenges of SC outcomes
- Functional approach to probabilistic SC planning and optimization
- 4 Questions and discussion

## 1. Trends

#### Outcome as a Service





#### Example of technological evolution to BPO: Communication

Help Desk BPO: Outcome as a Service Communication as a Service

Automated internal switch board

"In the basement"

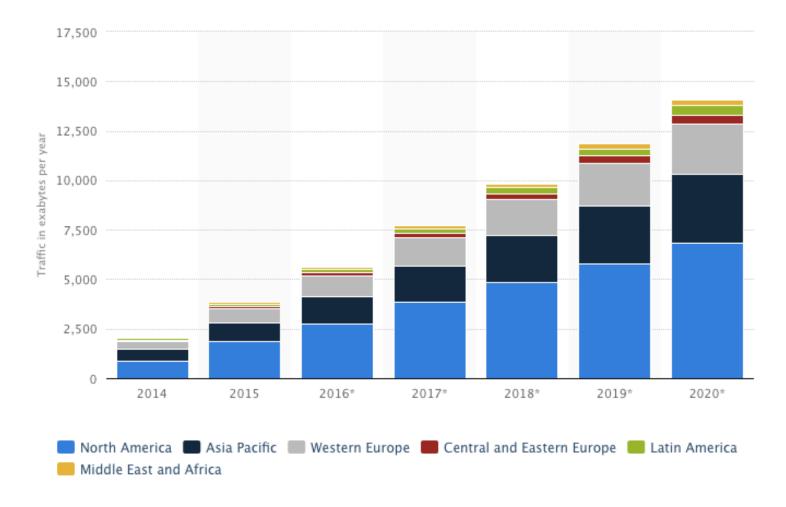




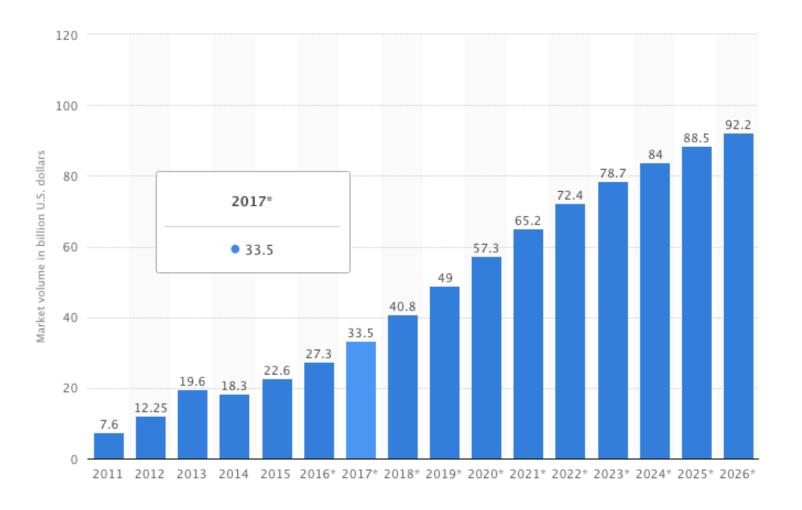




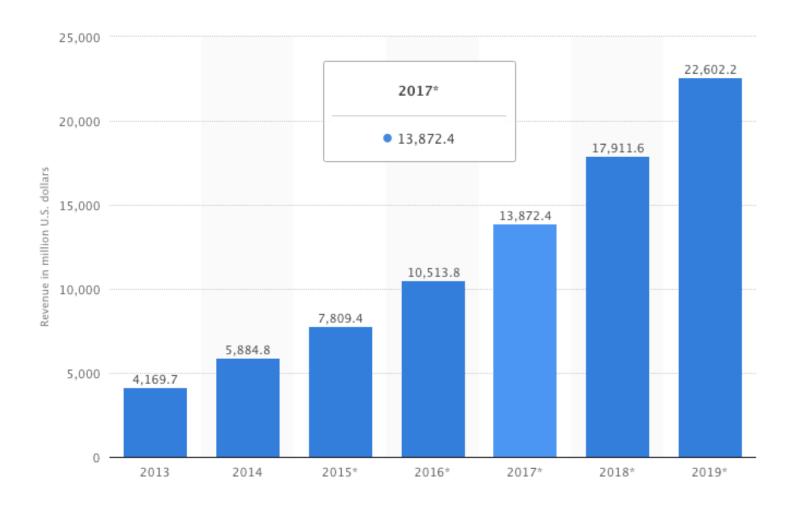
#### Global cloud traffic worldwide



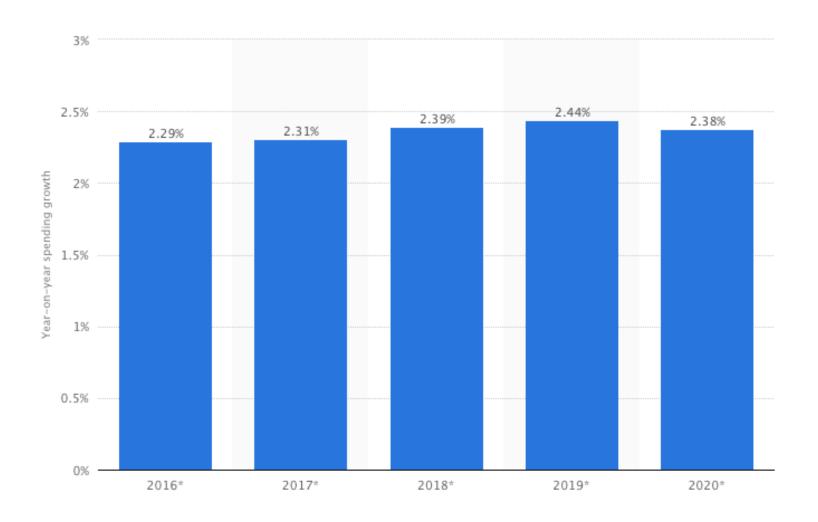
#### Forecast of Big Data market size



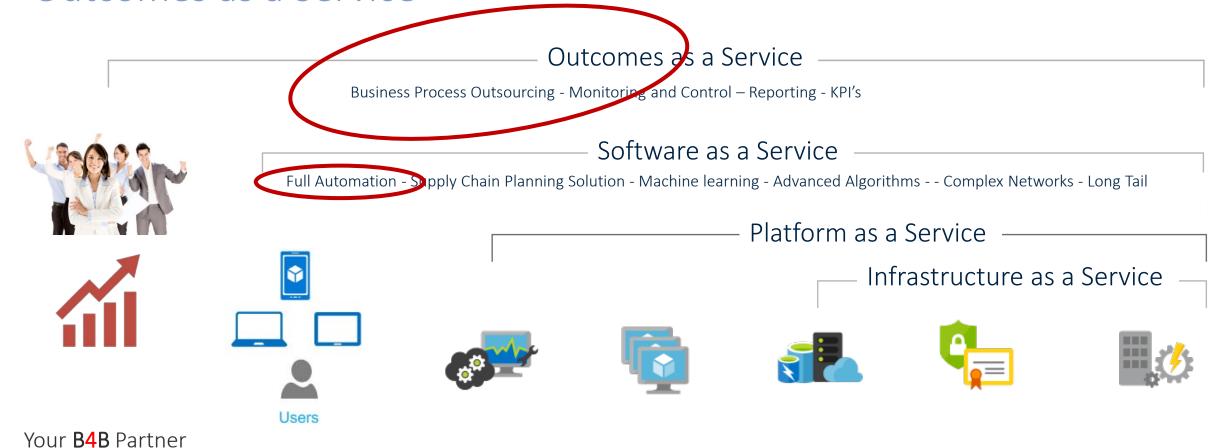
#### Competitive public cloud Platform as a Service (PaaS) revenue forecast



#### Growth forecast of information technology support services spending



#### Outcomes as a Service



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# 2. Increasing uncertainty

New challenges of Supply Chain outcomes



Amazon using economy of scale logistic efficiency to drive e-commerce customer service improvements through faster delivery

Remember when two day shipping was considered fast (and was expensive)?

Prime Now Service- customers in major cities can get up one hour same day delivery service and two hours free

## After Walmart introduced in the 90's Low-cost "Service-level" Amazon introduced Low-cost Customer "Service-Time"



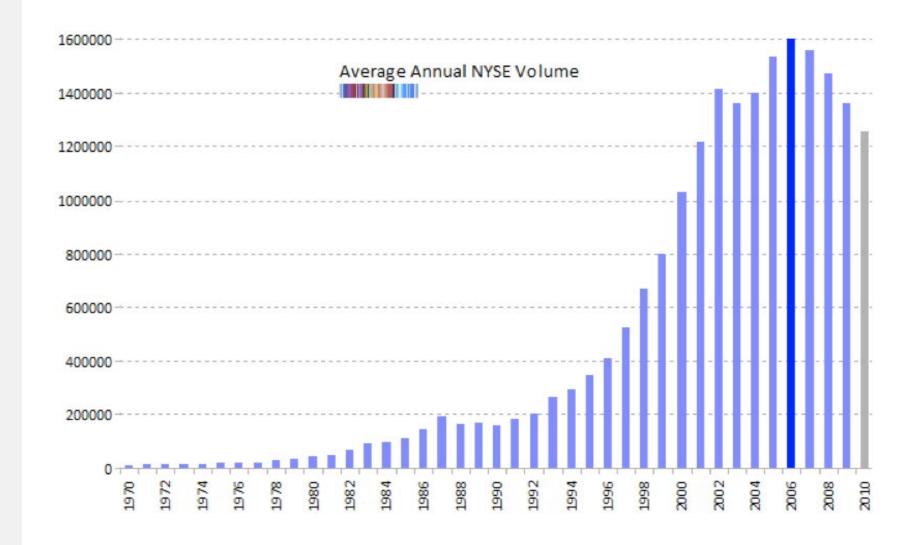
23 minute candy delivery in Manhattan





- Volume and number of transactions have risen
- Driven by rise of Online Brokerages in 1990s, together with surge in HFT (High Frequency Trading) in 2000s
- Hyper reactivity to news and signals affects stock prices more dramatically than in the past

#### Increased Activity in the Market



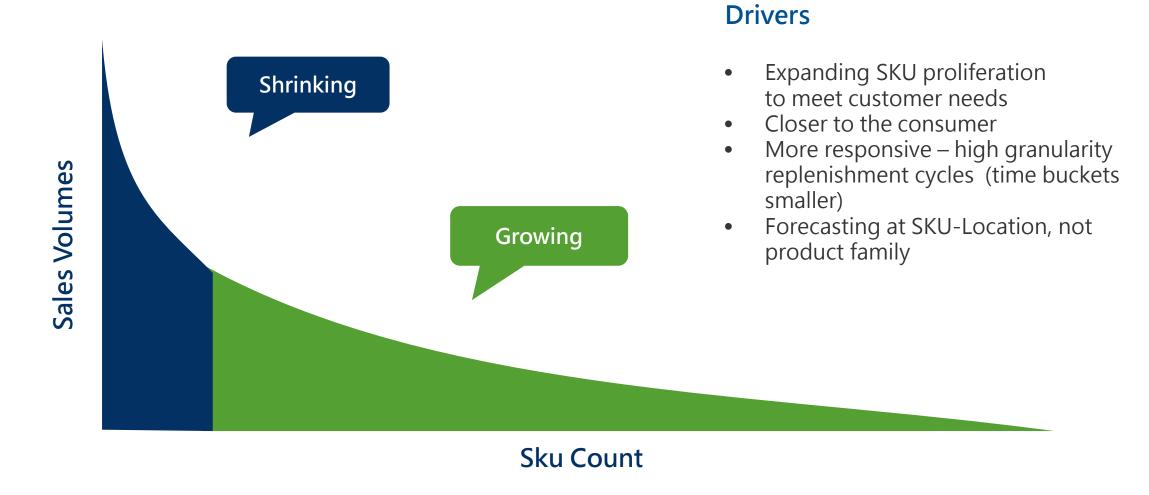
#### Stock Market Volatility: The time-period makes the difference



- Intermediate and long-run volatility have not increased
- Short-term volatility has risen



### Things have Changed – The "Long Tail" is Here



#### Why Automation and Outcome as a service is becoming important

- Increasing uncertainty
- Increasing control frequency
- Product-Line extensions
- Lack of talent in SCP



Increasing decision making by an order of magnitude

## Why management wants a better forecast when Forecast accuracy is bound to decrease in time?

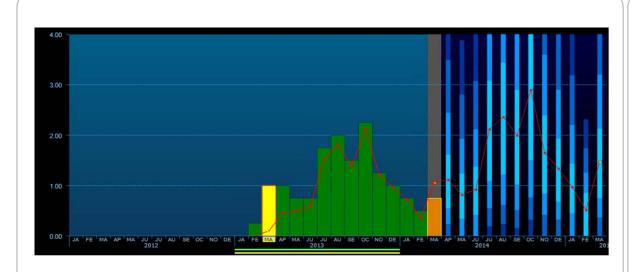
- On average by improving short term forecast error by 30% one can reduce inventory by 5%
- On average by applying inventory optimization one can reduce inventory by 20%

...In making decisions under uncertainty people replace the complex task of assessing probabilities with limited and simplified heuristic principles that can lead to severe systematic errors.

Judgement under Uncertainty: Heuristics and Biases (Science, 1974)

Amos tversky and Daniel Kahneman.

#### "Illusion of Validity": Over-fitting



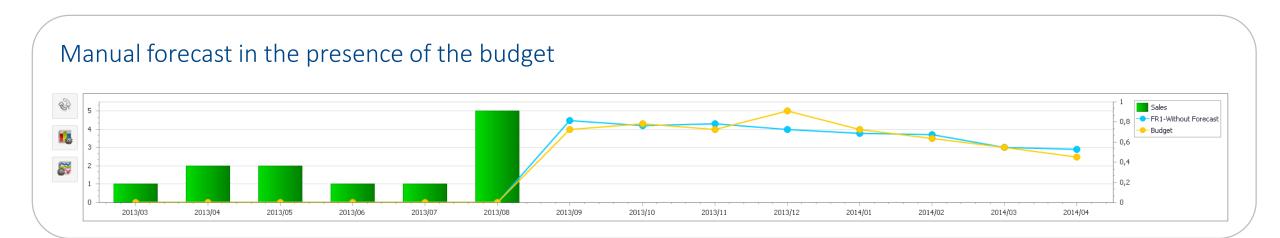
The peaks of August and October are random fluctuations or a seasonal variation.

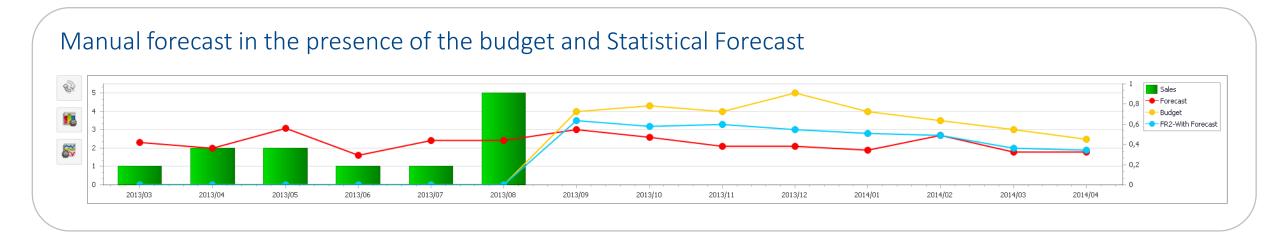
Over-fitting provides "high quality of the match between selected outcome and the input"; an illusion of consistency



Unfortunately, the accuracy of the March 2014 forecast for the rest of the year is poor as random fluctuations dominate the demand.

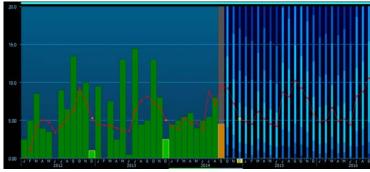
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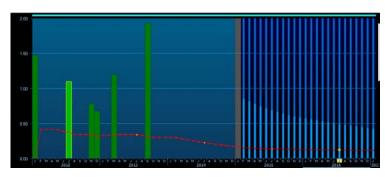


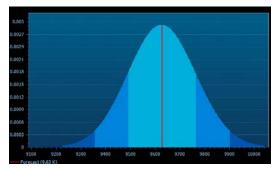


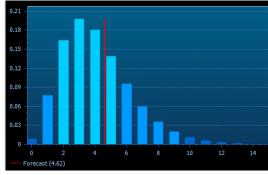
#### Availability Heuristics: Forecast Vs. Expectation











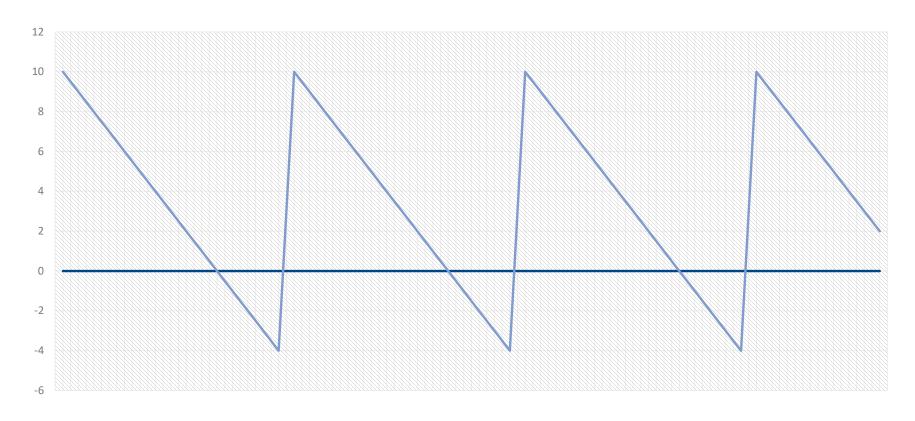


When demand is stable or "Normal", the expected value and most probable value are similar.

When demand is lumpier with skewed distribution, the mode is at the left of the expectation.

In "Tail" items with intermitted demand, the most probable value is zero! But the forecast is never zero. With zero forecast one keeps zero stock and provides no service.

#### Representativeness Heuristics: "misconception of chance"



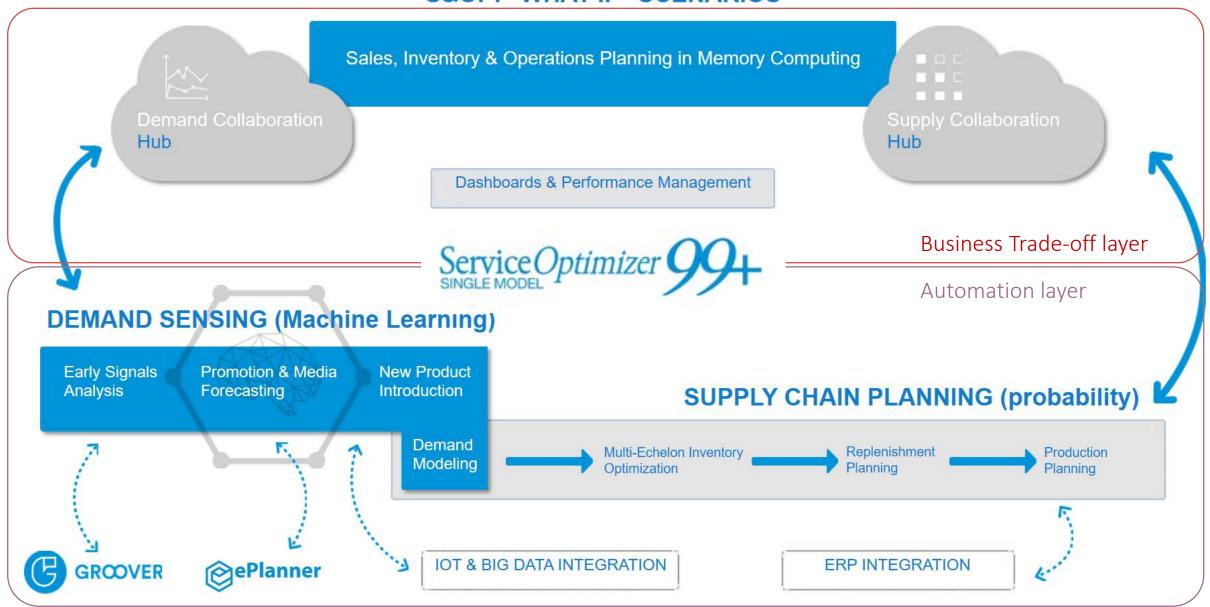
Representing a case of 72% service level with classical saw tooth, measurement during short periods of time can provide either 100% or zero service level with "hysteric" consequences.

3. Functional approach to probabilistic SC planning and optimization

#### Advanced Modeling of Demand reduces its Volatility



#### **S&OP: "WHAT-IF" SCENARIOS**



## 4. Myths and reality

#### Recent Myths in Supply Chain

- Machine Learning can model and drive the high compelexity of SC if provide with all relevant input parameters
- One can simplify the complex supply chain and manage it with few "lean-principles" (DDMRP)

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