New Frontiers in Pricing Analytics

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• **Background**
  – *Currently EVP and Practice Leader, IRI Strategic Analytics*
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  – MBA (University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, India)
  – B.A. Honors Economics (University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, India)
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  - ScanKey Panel Data (1993)
  - IRI Liquid Data (2008)
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    - Athens, Greece
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- Global Panel coverage via partnership with Worldpanel
IRI operates within the Consumer Packaged Goods (CPG) industry

**What is CPG?**

Consumer Packaged Goods (CPG) are *every day products consumed by the average consumer* such as food and beverages, household products such as cleaning, health and beauty products etc.

**How does it work?**

Manufacturers produce goods…

Work with retailers & distributors to get products to retail stores…

Where consumers purchase products for consumption

As a manufacturer, there are so many strategic and tactical issues that need to be determined

For instance:
- What products should I sell?
- Where should I sell?
- Who should I target?
- How much price do I charge?
- How do I market & promote my products?

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1  The CPG Industry and Change Imperatives

2  The New Frontiers of Price-Promo Analytics

3  Discussion and Questions
The US CPG industry is entering a new phase in its evolution – multiple forces at play in reshaping industry dynamics

US Total Retail vs. CPG Sales Growth
Dollar sales, % chg. vs. YA

Drivers of decreasing share of spend

- **Shifting interests**: Greater emphasis on experiences, driving more spend on entertainment and food-away-from-home
- **Unequal income growth**: Greater income growth among the top 20%
- **Growth of online CPG**: Online sales are growing in share of CPG, causing depressed growth in B&M

Consumer demands on CPG retail are evolving amid changing household dynamics, increasing technology, and saturated retail

Household dynamics

- Millennials have overtaken Boomers as the largest generation of adults¹
- 57% of Women (16+) participate in the workforce, the highest ever²
- 1 and 2 person households are growing⁴.
- More Americans than ever (83%) live in Urban areas³
- African Americans, Asians and Hispanics continue to grow population share⁴

Environment

Increasing technology
- Greater transparency via online shopping for CPG
- Awareness via social and viral culture
- Increased mobile engagement

More choices
- Over-Saturation of retail stores
- Expanded Product Selection⁵
- More channels (e.g., online, meal kit, hard discount, etc.)

¹ Among voting-eligible Americans; CNNpolitics. ² BLS. ³ UN Data. ⁴ US Census Bureau. ⁵ Measured by items/store selling. Sources: 1. Secondary Research. IRI Consulting analysis.
The Retail Landscape and Competition are Evolving Rapidly

Smaller Formats, Value Formats

- Walmart
- Lidl
- Aldi
- Dollar General
- Kroger
- Express

ECommerce Gaining Traction

- Amazon
- Peapod
- Walmart
- Jet
- Blue Apron
- Instacart
- Prime Pantry
To drive growth, companies are increasingly investing in pricing and promotions.

Total Store Sales on Merchandising – MULO+C
Dollar Sales in $B

2011 $187.8
2012 $196.0
2013 $201.3
2014 $206.2
2015 $212.5
2016 $220.4
2017 $227.5

Est CAGR 3.1%

“Our company views Revenue Management as purely price and promotion”
- IRI Client – RM Executive

Source: IRI Total Store Advantage Total US MOC
However, the impact of price-promo actions is rapidly declining

**Total Store Average Sales Lift on Merchandising – MULO+C**

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CPG Manufactures need to think of Revenue Management as a holistic on-going program rather than simply tactical price-promo management.

**Monitor and Refine on an Ongoing Basis**
- Develop Investment Effectiveness Scorecards
- Leverage Technology/Tools To Drive Insights and Understand Outcomes and Root Causes
- Refine Strategy and Guidelines Periodically

**Create the Right Strategic Platform**
- Link Revenue Management Strategy to Marketing and Portfolio Strategy
- Develop Price-Pack Architecture
- Innovate into Key Demand Spaces Based Upon Consumer Willingness to Pay

**Develop Channel Activation Program**
- Focus on Category and Retailer Growth in Price-Promo Programs
- Develop Retailer-Specific Workflows and Activation Plan

**Develop Infrastructure and Capabilities**
- Design Trade Strategy and Structure
- Develop Price-Promo Analytics and Solutions
- Ensure Process and Organizational Alignment
- Set Price-Promo Brand & Investment Guidelines
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In CPG, Technology, Big Data and the Need for Speed is Changing the Game

Demand Identification
Products, Consumers, Need States

Product Development
Features and Benefits

Product Marketing
Communication, Targeting, Channels

In-Market Execution
Pricing, Assortment,

Highlights
- A typical grocery store puts 5,000 items on sale in a week and removes sale prices from another 5,000. With a price tag scanner, a worker would need about two hours to print and put the new price tags in a back room, with a chance of mismatches when workers don’t do the job twice.
- Altierre, a digital tag and sensor solution, asserts that outfitting a store with 20,000 to 25,000 tags, each costing about $5, would produce labor savings that would pay back the investment in two to two-and-a-half years.
- Nebraska Furniture Mart puts electronic price tags on products within price-sensitive categories. It checks competitors’ online prices and updates digital tags each day to meet its low price promise.

Electronic price tags create opportunities for not only cost savings, but revenue generation via dynamic pricing.

Speed to Insights
Manage Complexity
Scale Analytic Expertise
Current modeling platforms are evolving

Benefits of our Liquid Modelling™ Platform:

**Broad:** Delivery of all cross-products interactions; 360° category insight

**Fast:** Quick responses to market changes and tracking via regular updates

**Flexible:** Dynamic shaping & viewing of results at various geographical & product levels

**Scalable:** Consistent handling of large number of products, variables and interactions

**Universal:** One process for data prep, models, drivers and results across countries-categories
The new pricing paradigm

**Traditional Price-Promo Models**

- Based upon historical data and supervised learning
- Regression based elasticity models
- Predictive not Prescriptive

**Next Generation Price-Promo**

- AI/ML (PySpark, Hadoop) based deep learning algorithms
- Market trends trigger action
- Prescriptive tactics, real-time, scalable
Applications of AI/ML are changing life

Voice Recognition

Image Recognition

Cognition via Robotics
Key Aspects of Next-Gen Pricing

**Leveraging Machine Learning**

- Systems have the ability to learn from data *without being explicitly programed*…
- Integrated pricing analytics helps learning as system is exposed to more data…
- **Super-human performance** levels in executing regular “manual” tasks…

![Images of Disease Detection Systems, High Speed Algorithmic Trading, Fraud Detection]
Price Recommendation Engine:
Automatically Identifies Price-Driven Growth Opportunities

**Price Intelligence**
- **EXAMPLES**
  - Fix PPG1, PPG2 Price Gap to PL
    - Alert! PPG1 Price = $1.99
  - Brand B Gap to Competitive Brand C Kroger vs. WM
    - Alert! Kroger Price >20% higher than WM
  - PPG3 Nashville vs. SE
    - Alert! PPG not line-priced across regions

**Rules Engine Category and Elasticities**
- Mine Historical Trends
- Use Price & Promo Elasticity
- Simulate Scenarios

**Price Recommendations**

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<td>Raise Price of Brand A to $2.50</td>
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**WATCH-OUTS**
- Monitor Rising Price Gap to Private Label
- Monitor Price Cut of Competitor B

Automatically searches for thousands of price gaps
Trend Spotting: A Dynamic and Real Time Algorithm to Spot Trends and Anomalies

**PATTERN RECOGNITION**
Use Deep data mining techniques to identify sales patterns showing consistent long-term growth or short-term growth spurts.

**TREND DETECTION**
Separate pure trends from investment related growth by relating patterns in sales to changes in causal drivers.

**ATTRIBUTES THAT MATTER**
Apply Clustering algorithms on trending products using coded attributes – to identify the hottest trends driving growth.
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