

The Global Supply Chain (GSC) and the Strategic Value Chain (SVC) Eco-Systems PRESENTATION PART 4

Global Optimisation of the principal Global Supply chains of NZ To restructure d realign the Global Supply Chain Assets and operations To be read in conjunction with ers, Gateway Ports, Dry Ports, Freight & Inland Hubs Part 1, 2A & 2B, 3 & 4a of New Zealand PART 4B of 4 THE AGILE SUPPLY CHAIN POST PANDEMIC GSC TRANSPORTING RESOURCES ON TIME IN FULL MANAGING CONGESTION AND CAPACITY UPGRADES

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The project was current during the timeline it was compiled and remains so for the most part. Whilst the data in some cases may be outdated, the underlying analytical methodology is current in many cases. Nevertheless, these methodologies need to be periodically peer-reviewed.

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Since this is a work targeted at busy C-SUITE senior managers it was essential to make the logic of the approach visible at first glance. Rather than use APA referencing the author has identified the authors by name and date with specific reference to their work to avoid clouding the issues in the short wordage available.



THE C-SUITE PRESENTATION PART 4





These FOUR presentations capture the Architecture and Construct of the LEAN AGILE GSCs in tandem with the efficient management of Sea Ports or Inland Ports or Freight Hubs on the GLOBAL TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS. Whilst they do delve into the asset management and operations processes of Sea and Inland Ports, the focus in this section is on the GSCs and their sea-land transportation rhythm and cadence

All four knowledge packs are densely packed as presentation cum data documents laid out in ways that combine the knowledge, data and findings from several investigative reports and presentations written and delivered over a long arc of several years by the author, with inputs from the port and supply chain analysts on the team. The nexus between the GSCs of the world and the Sea/Inland ports on the transportation corridors that interlink the global supply chains going outward or inward to and from New Zealand, and the conflict with the Strategic Value Chains of the individual GSC members have been drawn out by the author in some detail for the first time.

All four presentations cum data- documents answer the question

"What do Lean-agile **Global (or Local) Supply and Strategic Value Chains** need from the various nodes and hubs on the world's transportation corridors, so that they can manage the conflict between cost efficiency on the one hand and high agility (or High Fulfilment) on the other?"



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Opening Comment.

Note. The presentations may seem a bit crowded and dense. The colours used are loud to draw attention. They are designed to be so

A NUMBER OF SLIDES FROM THE EARLIER PRESENTATIONS IN THIS SERIES ARE REPEATED FOR EASE OF REFERENCE.

The original project papers including the reports and presentations continue to be commercially sensitive and have been redacted. Rather than rewrite a formal report compiling the various methodologies and findings and for the sake of convenience in dissemination, the original reports and slides created for various forums have been repurposed, but with explanatory notes included for the benefit of lay readers and non-supply chain specialists. The author has designed each of the presentations to be a full document and to be readable 'as-is' in pdf without added notes.

This series of four presentation packs have been compiled pro-bono to demonstrate the broad ideation funnel used by some of the global supply/value chains of the world, as a way of educating/training senior managers on the current work being done at the coal face of many of the modern supply and value chains of the world.

The author advises caution with their use. There is a need for peer review and constant updating. Many globalisation strategies have come under fire post 2016 and the pandemic. Nevertheless, the 'Global Optimisation' innovation developed by the many doyens in the field, are just as easily used locally in a single country, or geography ,as well as internationally.



There has been a market shift post 2016 creating a disequilibrium followed by a cataclysmic series of events from 2019 to 2021

COVID 2019 Pandemic Worldwide impact	UPSTREAM COVID hit China Ships lay idling at Chinese Ports Nov 19 – Feb 20DOWNST Ships left as they co 	REAM China but idled at EU and US ports ould not offload CTs as Covid then and US. EMPTY CTs were not he return trip for nearly six months.	UPSTREAM China began producing goods but could not load CTs as there were no EMPTY CTs in China. The ships finally headed back from EU/US, but massive back logs piled up.		
BREXIT EU –UK SCM 2020 – to date	UPSTREAM UK UK opted out of EU increasing S certification for goods in and out	Impacted on 38% of cargo in and out of the UK. Months of delays in GSCs			
UKRAINE WAR Feb 2022 to date	Grain shipments out of the UKRAINE have had a severe impact on grain supply in developing countries	Negative impact and increased risk to the world's food supply			
SUEZ CANAL Closure MAR 2023 grounding of MV EVERGIVEN & HOUTHI CRISIS 2024	ships were diverted around the Cape of Good Hope	f 14 days for 50% of affic several for a first	n Domino pected to last nonths		
PANAMA CANAL DROUGHT 2022 to 2024	Worst drought in 143 years due to the impact of climate change	eated an Increase by age time of 14 is for 50% of traffic rted Good Hope to ports	born China to the US board had to go from ards around the Cape of b reach the US East May 24 canal resumed normal traffic but remains at risk from climate change		
BIG SHIP > 20K TEU CREATED EXCESS CAPACITY	Big CT ships carrying > 20K TEU were designed to create scale economies. By 2020 they created excess capacity and idling as the ships could only enter large ports which were congested	The smaller 1K to 4 K TEU carrishould have been paid off. Many were climate negative and CO2 polluters. The congestion due to SUEZ and PANAMA crisis create back logs at the major ports	Shippers began using smaller ships to carry cargo to small ports to avoid congestion at the major shipping hubs. This created overcapacity for big CT ships recently built. The freight rates which should have dropped increased with the demand for smaller CT ships.		



The architecture of the GSC and SVC construct post pandemic and the Suez Panama crisis

There has been a concentrated effort to future proof the GSCs of the world. There is also recognition that whilst the GSCs were market efficient they also allowed the large Alpha Males to control the strategic value chains of almost all industries.

The consequence has seen some long awaited but also some knee-jerk reactions to future proof the GSCs by both regulators and market entities. THE POST PANDEMIC GSCs NOW SEEK TO BALANCE THE CONFLICT BETWEEN GEO_POLITICS and MARKET ECONOMICS. THE EMERGENCE OF BIG DATA & DIGITALISATION WILL PLAY A MAJOR ROLE.





Upheavals post 2019 have had a profound impact on the construct of the GSCs & SVCs creating the emergence of Alpha Males who dominate their segments and even the entire GSC

THE GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN END TO END FROM THE BIRTH TO THE FINAL DISPOSAL OF THE PRODUCT



enabled by Artificial Intelligence (AI) Machine Learning (ML) devices learn and align the ops sensors to communicate to all interfaces using Industry 4.0 and Industrial IOT (IIOT) to create Unified Name Space interfaces and Digital Twins technology to increase efficiency. (see following slide on Digital Factories)

and carbon miles were impacted. Freight rate went up with excess capacity not down. Shipping companies operating in alliances created large power bases on the Maritime corridor to negotiate freight rates with the shippers and with the major Private Terminal Operators at the Gateway ports.

human resources to deliver on time in full.

Managing time reduces uncertainty.

Creating the Lean Agile GSC Mapping the Supply Value Chain



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FZ The timeline to the 4th Industrial Revolution (INDUSTRY 4.0) Mining & turning information to data (IIOT - Digital Transformation)

The Digital Factories that lie upstream on the GSC are driven by the 4th Industrial Revolution (Industry 4.0), the Industrial Internet of Things protocols (IIOT) and Digital Transformation (DT). The evolution of Industry 4.0 is as shown below







Industry 4.0, IIOT & THE DIGITAL FACTORY Key elements

	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
AI	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE	A concept that refers to a computers ability to perform tasks to make decisions that would require human intelligence
BD	BIG DATA	Large sets of structured or unstructured data that can be compiled stored organised to reveal patterns trends opportunities and associations.
CPS	CYBER PHYSICAL SYSTEMS	To merge cyber and physical systems or cyber manufacturing using Industry 4.0 in a manufacturing environment with real time data collection and transparency between devices and systems
HMI	HUMAN MACHINE INTERFACE	A Human-Machine Interface (HMI) is a user interface or dashboard that connects a person to a machine, system, or device. HMIs are local machines unlike SCADA which are remote machines used to collect data.
IOT	INDUSTRIAL INTERNET OF THINGS	A System of computers, devices, objects & people designed to transmit data over a network with a focus on a production facility or an interconnected digital factory.
IIOT	INTERNET OF THINGS	A System of Computers, devices, Objects & People designed to transmit data over a network with a focus on a Consumer or customer. Typically refers to Smartwatches, connected cars, Fitbits, thermostats, refrigerators in smart homes, doorbells alarms.
MES	MANUFACTURING EXECUTION SYSTEMS	 A process turning raw materials into finished goods around a series of discrete steps. Each step generates unique data which is organised into 3 categories 1. Asset data or manufacturing data with real time sensors and measurement results 2. Manufacturing data with real time feed of manufacturing events for tracking and control 3. ERP system planning data for finance. The steps are tracked and documented in real time in MES systems MES helps Manufacturers optimise production by understanding the current conditions on the plant floor.
ML	MACHINE LEARNING	The ability of a computer to improve through AI without being explicitly programmed to do so.
PLC	PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC COMPUTERS	Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) are industrial computers, with various inputs and outputs, used to control and monitor industrial equipment
SCAD	4	SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION - software applications for controlling industrial processes, involving data gathering in Real Time from remote locations to control equipment and operations.



Industry 4.0 is not to be confused with the evolution of mobile communications from 1G to 5G

consumer's phone reduced latency, scalable bandwidth

> compatibility with the existing Global System for Mobile communication

capacity and backward

(GSM)







The Digital Factory driven by Industry 4.0 IIOT, Digital Transformation and The Digital Twin



Note: A manufacturing tech stack refers to a set of software, platforms, and technologies manufacturers use to support their operations.

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The Digital Factory and the Digital Twin

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- A digital factory is a paperless connected stack of Operations Technologies (OT) and Internet Technologies (IT) that collate and communicate real time metrics and big data analytics to the users of a network. There is no separate OT or IT domain. IT enables OT to solve problems on a single common platform. The 'extended stack' consists of a common infrastructure extending from the shop floor to the edges of the organisation through edges and cloud computing.
- The traditional system would have up to eight layers in the stack beginning with the shop floor sensors (PLCs) that interact directly with an HMI/SCADA system control system enabled by intelligent AI driven Machine Learning devices that then capture asset data, manufacturing data and ERP planning data for the MES and ERP systems. The discrete manufacturing steps used to make a product are tracked, controlled and documented in real time in the MES (Manufacturing Execution System to help managers optimise production based on the real time conditions on the shop floor.
- The traditional system using the ISA 95 standard information would normally be transmitted in a series of discrete steps from one level to the next beginning with the sensors in the OT domain moving upwards to IT. There would be data gaps which would limit the scope of the data. E.g. Information from a PLC sensor to the cloud would need to go through each level in the stack, often through incompatible data formats at each level, sometimes using different systems requiring the help of expensive external specialists to make them compatible.
- In the digital factory instead of a stack there is a Unified Name Space (UNS). Each layer in the stack communicates to the UNS directly in real time through an IIOT device which uses smart sensors, actuators, RFID tags networked together to provide enhanced data collection and analysis. Data is no longer in silos but collated in the same IIOT format using the same protocols to communicate to all entities and users not just locally, but through edge computing and the cloud, to the far corners of the network of a global enterprise.
- The single greatest advantage is the creation of a DIGITAL TWIN which is a virtual replication of the actual assets, process and devices



- THE DIGITAL TWIN uses real time data to help in learning and decision making. Management can make changes to the TWIN or replica of the actual process, or experiment with new processes, batch sizes, etc analyse what-ifs and select optimum outcomes without interfering with actual shop floor operations.
- New information from cloud-based AI or ML can be tested. Data is as close to real time as is possible. Testing of new ideas is performed in a safe virtual space.
- The Digital twin can also be used for training of new employees without damaging the system or impacting production runs. It avoids life threatening situations or major down time due to system failures.

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Concept of the Port Eco System (PES) and its alignment with the 'optimisation construct' and rhythm of 'Global' and 'Local ' Supply Chain connectivity end to end.

VAFS & VALS At each hub On the transport corridors

- PES = PORT ECO SYSTEM
- VMI = Vendor Managed Inventory
- CRL = Continuous
 Replacement Logistics
- 3PL = Third party logistics
- 4 PL fourth Party Logistics





Concept of the Port Hub Eco System (PHES) Focus on supply velocity, rhythm and cadence

EXPLANATORY NOTE (SEE PRESENTATION 2 FOR DETAILS

A typical PORT HUB ECO SYSTEM (PHES)

The mistake is to design systems that add value only to the shippers in the hinterland. Instead, the PES MUST ADD VALUE TO THE RHYTHM, VELOCITY CADENCE OF THE GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS END TO END.

Global supply chain build optimisation algorithms that manage delay in manufacturing particularly for high clock speed items.

Each PHES has a combination of Break-bulk value-added logistics for import GSCs that tend to collect around key Value-Added facilities. On the reverse export chain, they form the aggregation collection point Value Added Logistic. Delay Manufacturing driven by Information dense Algorithms cater to demand uncertainties.



THE HUB ECO SYSTEM THAT IS COMMERCIALLY ATTRACTIVE TO A GSC IS THE ONE WHERE THE PRODUCTION OR DISTRIBUTION SUB-CONTRACTORS CO-LOCATE AROUND THE HUB. THE SYSTEMS THEN BECOMES A ONE STOP SHOP WITH ALL THE ELEMENTS OF THE DELAY PRODUCTION CONSTRUCT IN EASY DRAYAGE DISTANCE FROM THE MAIN GATEWAY PORT PES = PORT ECO SYSTEM VMI = Vendor Managed Inventory CRL = Continuous Replacement Logistics 3PL = Third party logistics

4 PL fourth Party Logistics



Port KPIs

Berths, terminals, wharf gear

Adequate intermodal links

the Freight Forwarder (FF)

competition between carriers

Reduced cargo dwell times

Cranes, storage facility and stacking



Captive users of the port Distance and connectivity with the hinterland users

The > the frequency of ship visits the > choice to

Increased frequency of ship visits increases

Reliability and availability of port services

Reduced turnaround times by the terminal

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Smart pricing for value Adequate sharing of information

Quality and reliability of stevedoring and labour Low damage and shrinkage losses



Port Congestion

Port congestion occurs when ships face delays in loading or unloading cargo due to bottlenecks in the approaches to or at the ports itself. The reasons are varied and often depend on numerous factors from ownership models, the connectivity with the hinterland and with the association of the port with the shippers and even the GSCs.

Public ports that are owned by the state tend to operate as monopolies and are legacy assets that are often retained by the state for strategic reasons.

Most other ports are either fully privatised or are part privatised with models that range from Landlord Port models based on the councils owning the land and infrastructure but privatising the superstructure, assets and operations to PRIVATE TERMINAL OPERATORS (PTOs) who make long term investments in plant machinery and operations and pay concessions for the lease of these facilities. Many of these concessions have fairly complex structures and last for as long as 60years.

Port congestion has a major impact on the ability of a port to provide an ROI that is commensurate with the risk and reflected in the Cost of Capital. Shareholder expect a return that creates wealth effectively requiring an ROI that is greater that the WACC (Weighted average cost of capital).

Port Congestion Measures

Throughput volume: increases or decreases over time measure both efficiency but also to the adequacy of investments in capacity

furnaround time: increases or decreases, indicate the efficiency of port terminal operations.

Berth occupancy rate: high occupancy rates indicate that the port is operating at or beyond its capacity

Sessel wait time: the longer wait times indicate higher levels of congestion. Vessel wait times have a follow-on effect.

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Port Throughput versus Congestion





Pricing levers

The strategic objectives any Global Supply Chain asset (Production facility, Warehouse, Distribution Centre, or all along the Foreland, Maritime and Hinterland corridors are threefold

- □ To maximise throughput,
- □ To maximise value-add to the supply chains of the entire supply chain, and
- □ To maximise employment and productivity at the asset and across the .

Four levers are manipulated to change the impact of pricing (positively) on the profitability and Return on Capital Employed at a Supply Chain asset of a port:

- **Increasing Sales Revenues** obtained from increased marketing (and communication) of the GSC value proposition (and its increased value benefits), to its customers;
- **Decreasing Fixed Costs** with better productivity and asset efficiency, or with strategies that reduce the need for incremental Capex to support growth, or mitigate congestion;
- Reducing Variable Costs with better productivity (economies of scale for direct labour, stevedoring and or buying power for products and services); and
- Reducing price per unit over the long term, which not only has the largest impact on volume, but also the largest impact positively, on the ROC of the port.

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Smith's 'Economic Price Optimisation' (EPO) Model

EPO focuses on a profit sensitivity analysis calculation that measures the impact of a change in price on volume and on the profits of the firm. The aim is not just to offer discounts but to create Economies of Scale (volume economies) that make the unit cost lower for the buyer with increase volumes. The price point however must be profitable for seller.

Pricing causes two effects on the profitability of any firm operating in a reasonably competitive market

- (a) There is a direct effect or a linear relationship between price and profits, and
- (b) An **indirect effect** (particularly over the medium/long term), where pricing begins to **drive volume behaviour** and **customer demand**
- A key insight of the model is the recognition that it is critical that increased volumes must lead to economies of scale through commensurate reductions in variable costs that accrue from better purchasing power for labour and goods, and better economies all round.
- □ Without this key driver, increasing volume by itself, adds little in the way of value.
- On the supply chain the variable costs and fixed costs should be averaged on a per container basis



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Gain loss graphing diagram

Adapted by Allan Rodrigues for the Tongson Container throughput for a Sea Port in New Zealand from Smith's (2012:2024) Pricing Strategies.





Economic Pricing Optimisation Policy (EPO) done intelligently

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- Supply Velocity and the need to increase throughput results in many Supply chain facilities and Seaports offering volume discounts to large customers. The fundamental logic is to drive scale economies by spreading the costs of a product or service over a larger volume. It is critical that the lesser profit made by the discounted price offered does not reduce the overall profitability of the firm.
- The Price volume model and formulae design by Tim Smith (Pricing Strategy Series) demonstrate how losses or gains can be figuratively demonstrated. In this example a seaport container terminal has been used. The base price offered to handle a container at a seaport in New Zealand is e.g. \$ 221 for volumes less than 8000 CTs. From 8001 CTs up to 16,000 containers a discount price drop of \$ 150 has been used. (representative example only)
- The EPO is the price at which the volume discount creates an even balance between the loss of Revenue due to the Price of discount and the gain in revenue with the increase in Volume
- Any EPO model seeks to find the balance between the price-quantity-service quality trade-off. A price greater than EPO damages profits by losing customers. In addition, the long-term impact of capacity lying unused, destroys shareholder wealth. Conversely a price less than EPO, leaves money on the table, and therefore reduces profit margins needlessly.



Warning: Volume increases only provide scale economies up to a point. As volumes increases the Port reaches the limits of its capacity. Variable Costs begin to rise exponentially as the wear and tear of machinery, breakdowns, and labour & overtime costs begin to bite. The EPO MODEL MUST BE USED IN TANDEM WITH MARGINAL COST MODELS TO BE ABLE TO FIND THE POINT AT WHICH DISECONOMIES OF SCALE OCCUR.



Short run and Long run Marginal Costs

Adapted by Allan Rodrigues from the original lecture series by David Longstreet on Economic Pricing and Talley W (2017) Port Economics).

- The marginal price of a transportation unit e.g. (TEU) on the GSC is equal to the marginal cost of the last TEU produced serviced or transported.
- In a normal cost graph (FIG 1) cost is on the Y axis and Qty on the X axis. Short run Fixed costs (capex) SFC are the same across the capacity of the firm. SHORT RUN VARIABLE COSTS (SVC) and therefore SHORT RUN TOTAL COSTS (FC + VC) at any point increase with Qty. As the QTY increases costs drop as the firm gains economies by spreading its costs over larger volumes. The curve flattens but begins to rise exponentially as the increased volumes reach maximum capacity. At which point the SVC rapidly increases with increases in breakdowns and labour costs.
- FIG 2 plots the graph that measures the marginal increase in cost with each CT added on. The marginal difference in total cost (C2 –C1) is divided by the marginal increase in Quantity (Q2 – Q1). The points are plotted as SHORT RUN MARGINAL COSTS (SMC) per Container CT added.
- Comparing the marginal cost curve (SMC) with the standard SVC shows how the curves bifurcate. The SMC shows the cost savings from scale economies until point X is reached usually at full capacity.
 Adding on additional CTs creates diseconomies. The Port loses money. PORT CAPACITY NEEDS TO BE INCREASED FROM POINT X





The juxtaposition of demand versus marginal cost

Adapted by Allan Rodrigues for the GSC and Port industry from the original model by Talley W (2017) Port Economics).

- Price elasticity of demand plays a crucial role in the application of marginal cost recovery pricing models. Container ports however are constantly under threat. Whilst the threat may be lesser in the short run, it is worsened in the medium to long run
- Marginal cost recovery and marginal pricing, are a core pricing technique used to drive volume behaviour in CT terminal operations The impact of the demand line on the marginal cost curve is a key element in this dynamic.
- Figure 3 highlights a second key point of intersection. This intersection takes place at the point the marginal cost curve meets the demand line (Point Y) which is the point where the net benefits from the port service are at a maximum. For a port this means that the TEU throughput represented by quantity Qp in the graph is the point at which its quality of service for the price offered is at its maximum.
- The juxtaposition of Point X, where the marginal curve separates the areas between economies/diseconomies at Fig 4 should be plotted with reference to point Y, which is the point where the marginal cost curve meets the demand line and quality of service is maximised.
- Point X and Point Y therefore indicate the upper and lower bounds of each investment tranche, where technical efficiency and cost efficiency are maximised. This is a key insight that should inform all supply chain hubs and Ports.







Long run marginal costs designing the investment tranches

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In the long run all costs including fixed costs are variable. Pricing is treated as a series of short-run tranches of fixed cost investments. The objective is to gain scale economies with volume increases, and constantly reduce the total costs per unit TEU increase in volume, over the long run. This is captured by the long-run-total-costs (LATC) curve at Fig 5 above which constantly reduces with volume increases.

This happens only if the port is able to use its volume growth to create scale economies, a constant mantra in the pricequantity trade-off.



Talley's Model for designing investment tranches to efficiently increase capacity

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The long run costs of the port at fig 6 should guide the separation of investment tranches in the long-range development plan of the SCM asset or a port. Fig 6 shows two such investment tranches named A and B. Each tranche has its own points of intersection between the marginal costs, variable costs and the demand line (depicted as Xa and Ya) in the first tranche, and (Xb and Yb) in the second tranche of fixed cost investments. In the short run the fixed costs do not change. The average variable costs represent the short run total costs (shown as SATC) above.

Talley's diagram demonstrates how recovering the marginal costs in each major investment tranche, reduces the fixed cost per TEU as volumes increase. Over the long run, all costs including the major fixed costs are variable. At some stage, earlier or later, breakeven in each tranche is achieved based on how the price-quantity trade-off is manipulated.

It follows that Point X and point Y represents the TEU quantities that best capture the ports price-quantityversus- demand-quality of service trade-offs for a given tranche.



- When the TEU throughput QTY represented by Point X in each tranche, is less than that of Point Y, there is a shortage of capacity nearer point Y. Demands can be met, but with diseconomies of scale, as congestion impacts on quantities beyond X
- OTH if point Y is located before point X, the port has spare capacity. The demand can be easily met with capacity to spare ergo there are economies of scale yet to be utilised. The danger here is that overcapacity comes with the risk of capacity lying underutilised.



Talley's model for balancing out demand (TEU throughput velocity) versus congestion

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A marginal pricing policy is essentially based on the principle that there is <u>no</u> <u>'further' increase in fixed costs</u> in a particular capacity tranche; and that, the only costs that need to be considered in the short run, are the variable costs. So long as the demand is within the port's capacity, there is no congestion. But the fixed costs in a particular tranche will in any case need to be recovered at some point in time.

Marginal cost recovery takes the opposing view of fully allocated cost recovery methods. Prices are based on the marginal cost of each increase in unit volume. Early users of the firm's capacity are rewarded. Later users pay a higher price or a premium. This approach actual allows the service providers to leverage the economies of scale from marginal low-cost pricing at the very start. Conversely as capacity use begins to near congestion levels, a premium is charged for services.

A key requirement in marginal cost recovery is firstly for the marketplace for services to be reasonably competitive. Secondly, marginal cost recovery works best when there are early takers of capacity, when the marginal curve is in the volume zones where the maximum economies of scale occur, and well before diseconomies begin to kick in.



Several methods of marginal cost recovery are in use. Fiercely competitive industries like the airline industry, typically begin with a low marginal price based on (variable cost-plus pricing) to fill aircraft seats early. This strategy greatly mitigates the risk of having high -cost capacity (aircraft flights at scheduled times) lying unused. As time elapses, the demand for seats begins to rise, as does the price. The maximum price is paid just before the flight departs.

In this avatar of the yield model, the price offered to the customer increases, as capacity nears exhaustion through a process called 'dynamic nesting'. Hotels typically follow similar discount driven yield models. It is this model that can be efficiently used on the Global Supply Chains of the world end to end across all Freight Hubs, Inland and Sea ports from the Foreland to the Hinterland.



Roddy's Three tier Waterfall Model TIER1 Original design by Allan Rodrigues circa 2012

TIER 1

RODDY'S 3 x TIER WATERFALL YIELD is designed for Sea Ports and Supply Chain nodes to ensure that that volume price discounts offered to large customers use the Port capacity efficiently, profitably and without creating congestion.

The aim is to use an investment tranche of say 5 to 7 years efficiently using marginal pricing to use the economies of scale and find the point at which the next investment tranche in capacity is needed.

- The model uses the Marginal pricing model to offer steep discounts that exploit 'economies of scale'. Volumes that lie beyond and inside the diseconomies of scale curve are penalised with higher prices. This is the antitheses of the standard EPO model that offers higher discounts for higher volumes.
- STEP 1. Use data to design the VOLUME hurdles where the price point changes. Form hurdle groups e.g. 0-8000 TEU, 8000 to 16000 TEU. The actual group parameters depends on the volume numbers in that group and how they impact on efficiency and congestion Use a fully allocated cost (FAC) approach. The Port needs to extract a high starting price that is linked to a strong value proposition and a clear competitive advantage. Calculate a breakeven point per container. Set the minimum price at the break even. Find a weighted average median price.

 STEP 2 Offer the lowest price to the shippers providing guaranteed TEU throughput. This is the first hurdle price point. E.g. a large shipper usually shipping 500K containers a year can see great value and little risk in guaranteeing 20% say 100K CTs in this first hurdle group and so on. Offer all shippers guaranteeing throughput the lowest price. (Breakeven +). The longer the term guarantee the lower the price.





Roddy's Three tier Waterfall Model TIER 2 & 3

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- At TIER 2 each Price volume hurdle or group acts as the basic EPO model within the price-volume group. The EPO model seeks to find the balance between the price-quantityservice quality trade-off. A price greater than EPO damages profits by losing customers who do not see the value. Conversely a price less than EPO, leaves money on the table, and reduces profit margins,
- AT TIER 3 The model measures the wealth generation potential of the pricing strategy by measuring EVA per CT. It allows the price strategy to be tweaked until the best price value point in each hurdle group is reached.

RODDY'S 3 x TIER WATERFALL YIELD accordingly operates at three levels

- □ TIER 1 It creates groups that offer volume discounts at the lower capacity usage levels. Shippers who guarantee CT are offered the lowest price at precisely the moment when the volume economies to be gained are highest thereby avoiding the volume discounts that are the cause of congestion.
- TIER 2 & 3 use the EPO in tandem with Marginal Costs to find the exact volume where the Port or SCM node needs to invest in the next tranche of Capacity.
- Guarantees by shippers for a % of their CT traffic e.g. 30% to 40% reduces the risk of the port and makes it much easier for The Port to raise investment capital to increase capacity





Roddy's Three Tier Waterfall Model

Final thoughts



- The price hurdle groups must have attractive discounts between groups. Customers must see the benefit of DYNAMIC PRICING.
- Secondly, marginal cost recovery works best when there are early takers of capacity, when the marginal curve is in the volume zones where the maximum economies of scale occur, and well before diseconomies begin to kick in.





Use an overarching non-financial measure easily understood by all ranks in the firm



The Mission Statement and overarching Measure of SEATS PER KM who is originally designed by British Airways and is now the gold standard in airline and other industries on how mission statements can be both efficient, effective, and yet motivating.

□ TO FLY refers to the ability of the airline to be airborne, avoid defects requiring repair and loss of business.

TO SERVE captures the customer service/satisfaction. If customers are satisfied, they will return and fill up the seats. Unhappy customers avoid the airline, seats lie empty. SEATS PER KM can be universally applied on all routes and in all travel classes. Each seat provides a profit that can be measured.



Also Use an overarching financial measure EVA captures the ability for each asset to create wealth

Overcomplicating finance tends to disincentivise rank and file staff far removed from complex financial reporting. Stern Stewart designed A simple to use measure captures the wealth generation and if properly used can be used to generate bonuses and profit shares for employees at all levels.

ECONOMIC VALUE-ADDED uses three elements to measure value

- 1. Opening Capital invested in the firm i.e. the Debt and Equity invested at the start (e.g. \$ 300m+\$700m)= \$ 1 million
- The PERFORMANCE SPREAD which measures the difference between the NOPAT Net Profitability after Tax (%) e.g. 18% minus the Cost of Capital or (WACC) weighted average of the cost of Debt (Interest) and the equity return demanded by shareholders for the capital invested in the firm. Which in this example totals (12%) for both debt and equity.
- In this case the performance spread is positive and equals 18% 12% = 6%. The EVA or wealth generated is \$1 million x 6% = \$60,000.
- 4. If a company's EVA is negative, it means that the NOPAT or ROCE is less than the cost of investing. E.g. if the company produces a NOPAT of 4%. The performance spread is negative i.e. 4% minus 12% = 8% (minus 8%). The EVA is 1 million x (-8%) = \$ 80,000 (\$ minus 80,000).
- 5. In the former case the company has generated wealth of \$ 60,000 for its shareholders. In the latter case it has destroyed \$ 80,000 of the shareholders money. Obviously, bonuses would be given for the former and not for the latter.



Return on Capital Employed (ROCE) = NOPAT / DEBT + EQUITY

Estimate the WACC or Weighted Average Cost of capital or the average of what the cost of debt plus the cost of raising equity from shareholders.

Direct lever

to maximise profitability or asset efficiency Indirect lever Change customer behaviour to your advantage

Measure EVA PER CONTAINER (CT) The overarching financial measure												
Price (pr) per TEUMARGINAL COST PER TEU $EVA = [(Pr - Mc) * Q] - 1$ ECONOMIC VALUE ADDEDQUANTITY 					K =INV CA (C • WACC * WEIGHTED AVERAGE COST OF CAPITAL	K =INVESTMENT CAPACITY (CAPEX) VACC * K VEIGHTED AVERAGE COST OF CAPITAL			by Allan Rodrigues for the Sea Port from Stern Stewart's original EVA Smith, T (2012:2024) Pricing s, Talley, W (2017), Port Economics			
							CAPEX \$ NZD 200,000,000					
	SHIPPER/ CARRIER	TEU Volume	Price (Pr) Per TeU	Marg Cost (Mc)	Revenues (NZD)	P - Mc * Q	WACC	Allocated Share of Capex	% Share of CAPEX	EVA per shipper \$ NZD	AVG EVA Per CT \$ NZD	
	Х	150,000	\$ 200	\$ 110	30,000,000	13,500,000	12%	50,000,000	25%	7,500,000	50	
	Y	200,000	\$ 180	\$ 120	36,000,000	12,000,000	12%	66,666,667	33%	4,000,000	20	
	Z	250,000	\$ 160	\$ 140	40,000,000	5,000,000	12%	83,333,333	42%	(5,000,000)	(20)	
		600,000			106,000,000	30,500,000		200,000,000	100%		10.83	

Calculating the ECONOMIC VALUE ADDED PER CONTAINER as an average across the ports operations indicates whether the port is creating or destroying wealth for its shareholders. Calculating the average EVA PER CONTAINER for each carrier or shipper indicates which price value combination contributes the most to the port's objectives.

All supply chain assets can use the EVA per CT logic to improve profitability or drive customer behaviour. Using EVA makes operations visible to all stakeholders.



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EPO with changing Variable & Fixed costs (achieving economies of scope)



 $\% dQ = \frac{-dCm}{dCm + Cmi}$

Where

 $dCm \equiv (Pf - Vf) - (Pi - Vi)$

 $Cmi \equiv (Pi - Vi)$

Using the same profit equation but allowing for changes in variable costs The increase in volume required under changing variable costs is highly dependant on the contribution margin

Changes in variable costs V

$$\% dQ = \frac{-dFc}{Cm + Qi}$$

Where

dF = Ff - Fi

The increase in volume required equals the ratio of the increase in fixed costs to the existing marginal profits

Smith. T. (2012: 2024): Pricing Strategy, Impact Pricing Podcast



Competitive Pricing

Adapted for the Port Industry by Allan Rodrigues from the original model by Smith. T. (2012: 2024): Pricing Strategy, Impact Pricing Podcast

$$dq = \frac{dp - (1 - cm) * dc}{cm - dp + (1 - cm) * dc}$$

Reducing the marginal costs has the highest impact on incremental break even volumes needed to justify the price drop Where

- dq Break even sales % increase
- dp Magnitude of price cut %
- cm Initial Contribution margin %
- dc % reduction in marginal costs due to a price cut

No change in dc				dc reduced by 10%			Dc reduced by 20%	
	Initial	Future		Initial	Future		Initial	Future
Price	\$200.00	\$180.00		\$200.00	\$180.00		\$200.00	\$180.00
MC (Var costs)	\$80.00	\$80.00		\$80.00	\$72.00		\$80.00	\$64.00
СМ	\$120.00	\$100.00		\$120.00	\$108.00		\$120.00	\$116.00
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dp		10%		dp	10%		dp	10%
dc		0%		dc	10%		dc	20%
	INITIAL CM	60%			-			
			-					
B/Even sales incr needed 20%					11%			3%

The same mantra keeps repeating itself. While price reductions may increase volumes, unless POAL is able to translate these volume increases into economies of scale, the port will not emerge as a winner in any price competition.



Understanding risk and return The Sharp Lintner Model

