



From tactical discounts

To an effective price promotion strategy



Discussion topics

- Why use price promotions?
- o What are the risks?
- o What type of promotion?
- o How deep to discount?
- o How to minimise cannibalising full-price sales?

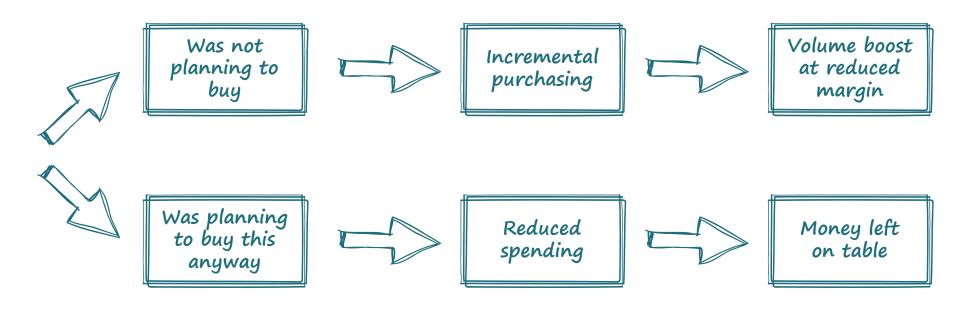




How do promotions impact shopper behavior?

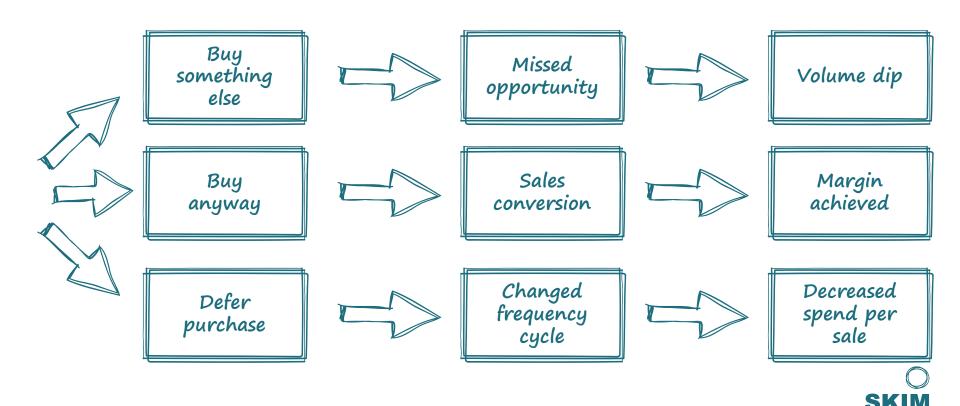


Shopper behavior when faced with a promotion...





... and when preferred product is *not* on promotion...

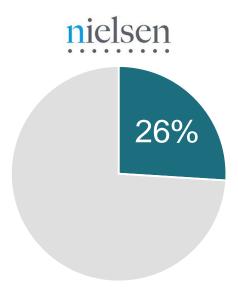




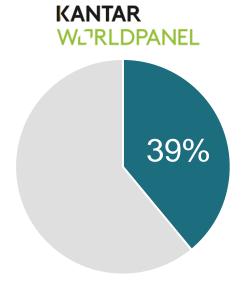
How much grocery volume is sold on promotion?



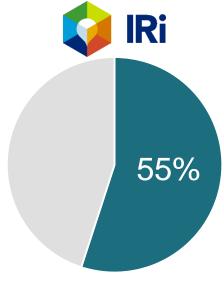
How much grocery volume is sold on promotion in the UK?



www.nielsen.com/uk/en/pressroom/2017/supermarket-promotions-at-lowestlevel-for-11-years.html



http://uk.kantar.com/consumer/shoppers/2016 /understanding-supermarket-promotions/

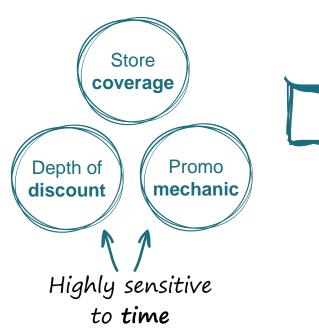


https://www.iriworldwide.com/en-GB/insights/Publications/Price-and-Promotion-in-Western-Europe-Encouraging



How can big data help?







Providing long-term summary of channel **dynamics & trends**



Making decisions about where, when, by how much to discount different products





How deep do you need to discount?



Understanding the impact of promotions at point of sale











Primary data capture of what consumers would choose in alternative shopping scenarios varying in which products are on deal, not limited to historical combinations of products, prices, and promotions

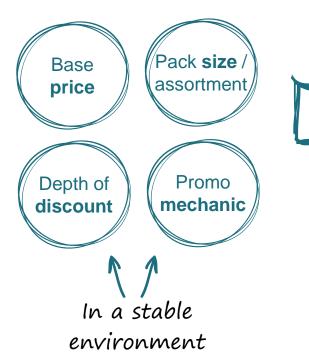
Advanced assessment of product preferences and sensitivities to price and promotion, building a predictive choice model of the market

Interrogation of the model to
anticipate the impact of
alternative pricing and promotion
strategies through comparison of
limitless alternative future in-store
scenarios

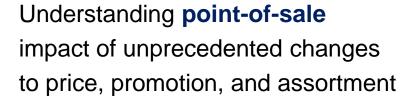


How can primary consumer insights help?

Simulate choice varying...









Appreciating the **longer-term** effect of bursts of promotional activity including the impact on consumer purchase cycles and frequency





Using big and primary data: Case study



Case study: SKIM and PepsiCo



With so much volume in high frequency categories being sold on deal, PepsiCo sought guidance on optimizing promotion strategies which work for short-term cash-flow and have a sustainable impact on the brand's financial health





Solution: Looking backwards and forwards at the same time





Solution: Looking backwards...





Multiple years' worth of detailed in-market data comprising the price, promotion, and sales volume over time used to create an econometric regression model capable of simulating time-based scenarios to understand:

- The **spike** in sales when a promotion is available
- The **dip** in sales which immediately follows a promotion
- How **long** it takes sales volumes to return to pre-promotion levels

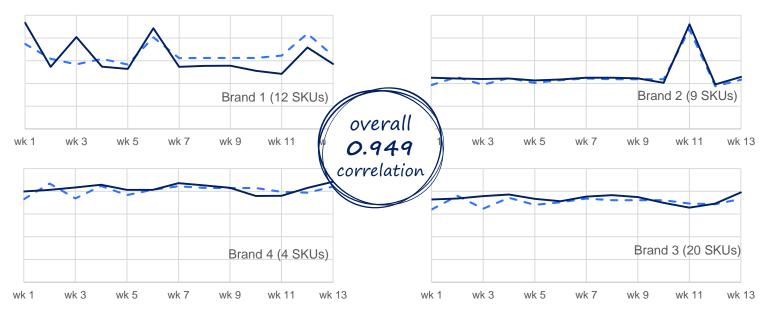


Validating the time-based econometric model



Some period were excluded in building the model, so they could be used instead to validate it

Model prediction Historical reality





Solution: ... and looking forwards



Predictive choice model designed to provide good representation of products in the market today and also from the past 3 years, exploring promotions including those not used before in this market, to provide:

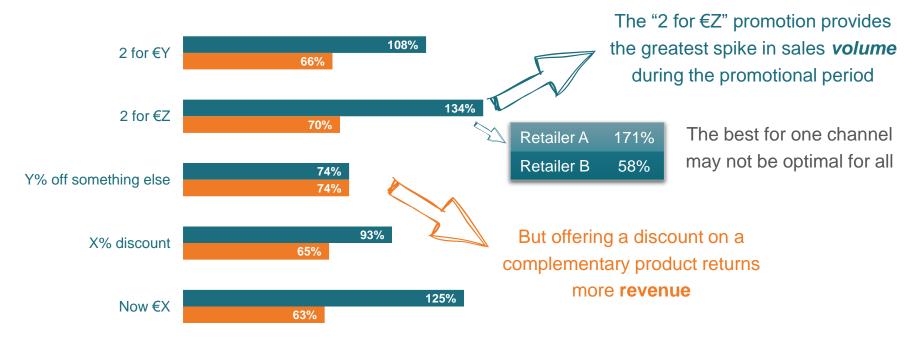
- Base for comparison with regression model
- Consumer sensitivity to different types of promotion
- The ability to simulate shares in new 'what-if?' scenarios including potential competitor activity





Analysis: Relative impact of different promotions





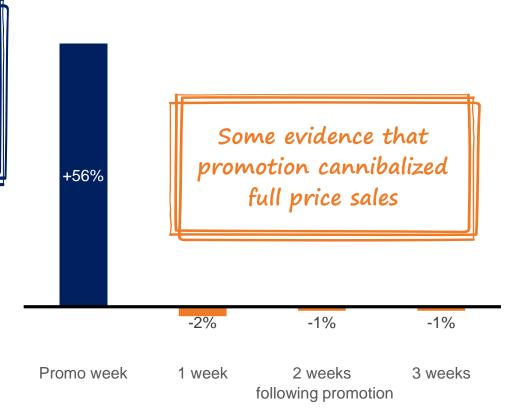
Revenue growth Volume growth



Actual impact during and following promo in market

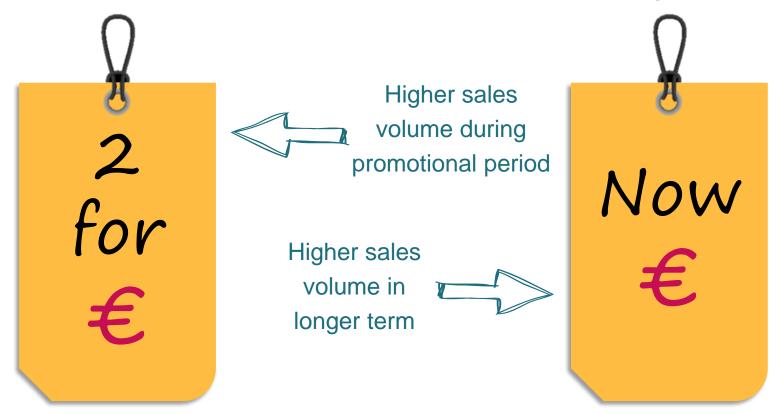


No evidence that promotion converted new buyers





Which promotion is best depends on what the goal is



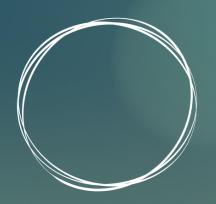


Outcomes

PepsiCo learned:

- Which promotions to use to drive volume
- Which promotions to use to drive revenue
- How this differs by retailers
- Not to promote too often





And finally...



Some rules of thumb...

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Promoting is on average 60% more effective than decreasing prices

Money off mechanics that cross thresholds encourage trade-up purchases

2

Frequent promotions can increase sensitivity to price changes and reduce promo effectiveness

Establish clear goals to be achieved by the promotion

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