



A REVIEW OF MATHEMATICAL MODELS FOR SUPPLY CHAIN NETWORK DESIGN

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Abstract— Supply chain networks have emerged as the back bones of economic activities in the modern world. The growing number of papers and books on this topic is a further witness of this fact. To foster insight into issues intertwined with supply chain network design problems; this paper is devoted to an extensive review of mathematical programming models in this context. To achieve this, a systematic review approach is followed over the period 2002–2016. As a main goal, the gaps of literature are analyzed to recommend possible research directions. The analysis revealed that reversible supply chain network design and closed loop supply chain network design still require further attention from researchers.

Keywords— Supply chain networks, Supply chain network design, Mathematical programming models, Systematic review, literature

I. INTRODUCTION

With rapid advancements in manufacturing technology the needs of consumers have changed. Manufacturing industries must now think globally. Independent operations are no longer suitable for markets undergoing violent changes. For the survival of manufacturing industries, integration of industries and division of work has become the best solution. For an efficient global supply chain all factories must be tightly integrated. All manufacturing industries must respond to customer requirements, offer high quality products, reduce operating costs and increase customer satisfaction. The supply chain consists of suppliers, manufacturing plants, and distribution centers, warehouses, whose function is to acquire raw materials, convert them to finished products and distribute these products to customers.



The supply chain management can help industries to integrate resulting in various benefits like various reduced costs, production efficiency, marketing and customer service. The greatest advantage is to transmit the information and increase the efficiency. Supply chain networks have emerged as the most important factor of the supply chain in the modern world. Their importance in efficient and timely delivery of products has fuelled an immense interest on researchers and practitioners. Supply chain network design (SCND) involves supply chain networks, their formulation, analysis and solution. Four different aspects are involved in successful supply chains.

- 1. Supply Management**
- 2. Demand Management**
- 3. Product Management**
- 4. Information Management**

The SCND problem is associated with the first aspect.

Network design and network flow problems are among the most common problems in supply chain management. Most supply chain network design and network flow problems are undertaken to meet customer requirements and reduce supply chain related costs in organizations. Supply chain cost and customer responsiveness are directly proportional. SCND objectives range from low cost to high responsiveness.

A SCND is the configuration of supply, manufacturing and demand operations network that the cost efficient operation plan while meeting customer needs. This involves three levels of decisions:

1. Strategic decisions deal with supplier network selection, manufacturing networks production process selection and facility location, distribution networks channel selection, warehouses and distribution center locations.
2. Tactical decisions involve inventory of materials i.e. intermediate and finished product.
3. Operational demands involve customer demands.

As most SCND have multiple layers, members, periods and products, a comparative resource constraint exists between different layers. For example a manufacturing plant may have constraints on its productivity and a warehouse may have limited storage capacity. These problems typically increase as the number of supply chain layers increase. This causes the network search space and time required to obtain a solution to increase markedly. The SCND is a NP complete problem. Many studies adopt heuristics algorithm or mathematical programming to solve such problems.

II. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

A literature review is often aimed to enable the researcher to scan, map, and evaluate the existing intellectual territory. Based on that existing body of knowledge, the key gaps and opportunities of developments can be detected. The underlying principle is to improve and extend the existing body of knowledge further. Analogously, this research presents a systematic literature review on the applications of mathematical models. Given the above research goal, we investigated all articles published in the scientific publishing portals like Elsevier, Emerald and Springer these are selected due to their wide coverage of applied mathematics, management, and engineering journals. The following keyword searches were conducted" supply chain network design". Furthermore, the references of the studied papers and those works, which are cited in the studied papers, have served as a secondary source to search relevant literature. With a time frame of 14 years, a total of 75 references were collected from the mentioned scientific databases.

III. LITERATURE REVIEW

The SCND problem can be classified into three types namely: forward type of supply chain network, reverse type of supply chain network and closed loop type of supply chain network. We have used the following coding method to review the articles.

TABLE I - CODING OF SCND ARTICLES

Aspect	Type	Code
Objectives	Min cost/ max profit	C
	Min environmental impacts	EI
	Max social benefits	S

Modeling	Continuous approximation Stochastic mixed integer programming Fuzzy mixed integer programming Mixed integer non-linear programming Mixed integer linear programming	CA SMIP FMIP MINLP MILP
Network stages	Supply centers Production centers Distribution centers Cross-docks Warehouses Customer zones (retail outlets) Collection/inspection centers Dismantlers Disassembly centers Redistribution centers Recovering centers Remanufacturing centers Recycling centers Disposal / incineration centers	SC PC DC CD WH CZ CIC DSM DAC RDC RCC RMC RYC DPC
Solution method	Solvers Branch and bound Lagrangian relaxation based Genetic algorithm based Simulated annealing based Tabu search based Interactive fuzzy solution approach Other heuristics	E B&B LR GA SA TS F H

IV. FORWARD SCND

In forward type of SCND material flows from supplier to plant and then reaches the customer. There are many stages in this model which may include warehouse and distributors. A typical model of forward type SCND is shown in fig 1.

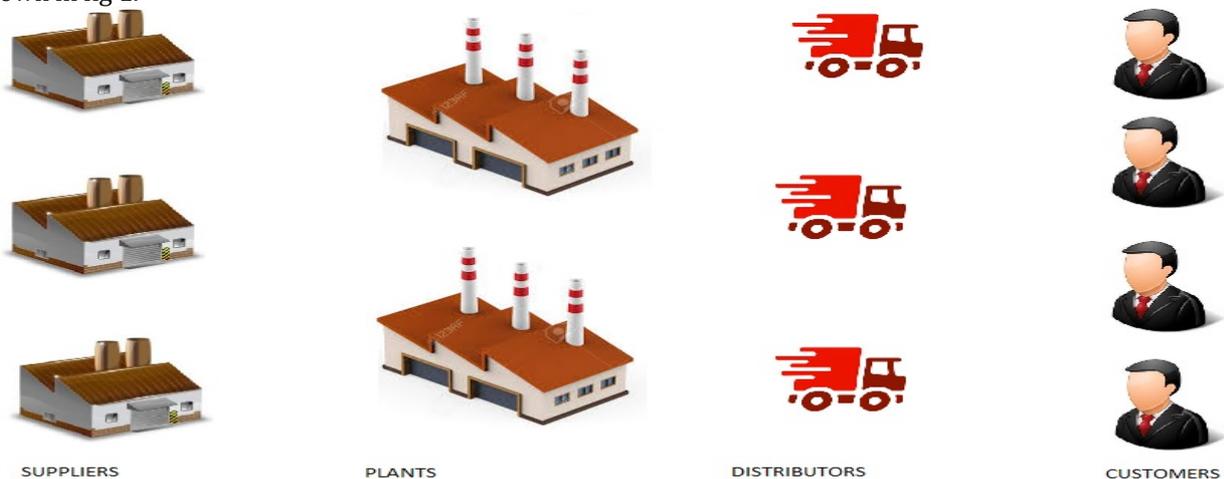


Fig. 1 Forward Supply Chain Network Design

A review of the articles of forward type of network is shown in table 2.

TABLE III - REVIEW OF PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED LITERATURE ON FORWARD TYPE OF NETWORK

Reference articles	Objectives	Network stages	Modeling	Solution method
(2)	C, EI	SC, PC, CZ	MILP	
(3)	C	SC, PC, CZ, WH	MILP	H
(4)	C	PC, DC, WH	MILP	LR

(5)	C	PC, DC, CZ	MILP	B&B
(6)	C, S	SC, PC, DC, CZ	MILP	H
(7)	C	SC, PC, DC, CZ	MILP	GA
(8)	C	SC, PC, DC, CZ	MILP	GA
(9)	C	SC, PC, DC, CZ	MILP	GA
(10)	C	PC, DC, CZ, WH	MILP	E
(11)	C	PC, DC, CZ	MILP	H
(12)	C	SC, PC, CZ, WH	MILP	H
(15)	C	SC, PC, DC, CZ, WH	MILP	H
(16)	C	PC, DC, CZ, WH	MILP	B&B
(18)	C	PC, DC, CZ	MILP	H
(19)	C	SC, PC, CZ, WH	MILP	E
(20)	C	PC, DC, CZ	MILP	E
(21)	C	SC, PC, CZ, WH	MILP	E
(22)	C	CZ, WH	MILP	E
(23)	C, S	PC, DC, CZ	FMIP	E
(25)	C	PC, DC, CZ	MILP	LR
(27)	C	SC, PC, DC, CZ, WH	MILP	LR
(28)	C	PC, DC, CZ, WH	MINLP	E
(30)	C	SC, PC, CZ, WH	MINLP	H
(32)	C	SC, PC, DC, CZ	FMIP	E
(34)	C	SC, PC, CZ, WH	FMIP	E
(37)	C	DC	MILP	H
(38)	C	SC, PC, DC, CZ	FMIP	E
(42)	C	PC, WH, CZ	MILP	H
(43)	C	SC, PC, WH, CZ	MILP	E
(44)	C	SC, PC	FMIP	E
(45)	C	PC, CZ	MILP	E
(46)	EI	PC, DC, CZ	MILP	H
(48)	C	SC, PC, WH, CZ	MINLP	E
(49)	C	SC, PC, WH, CZ	MILP	E
(50)	C	DC, CZ	MILP	E
(51)	C	SC, PC, WH, CZ	MILP	E
(58)	C	PC, DC, CZ	MILP	E
(59)	C	PC, DC, CZ	MILP	E
(62)	C	SC, PC, WH, CZ	MILP	E
(63)	C	PC, WH, CZ	MILP	E
(65)	C	SC, PC, DC, CZ	MILP	E
(67)	C	SC, PC, WH, CZ	SMIP	E
(68)	C	SC, PC, CZ	MILP	E
(73)	C, SL	PC, DC, CZ	FMIP	F
(74)	C	PC, DC, CZ	MILP	H

A. Hugo, E.N. Pistikopoulos (2) have presented a mathematical programming-based methodology using of life cycle assessment (LCA) for the design and planning of supply chain networks. Tjendera Santoso et al (3) proposed a stochastic programming model and solution algorithm for solving SCND problems. Sherif H. Lashine et al (4) used location, allocation, and routing decisions for the design of a supply chain network. Zuo-Jun Max Shen (5) presented a model in which a company has flexibility in determining which customers to serve. H.S. Wang (6) constructed the optimal model planning the multi-echelon DSC system and proposed the approach TAC based on ant colony algorithm to search the solution. Ming-Jong Yao, Hsin-Wei Hsu (7), proposed a Genetic Algorithm (GA) using determinant encoding for solving this problem. Chang Ying-Hua (8) also used a genetic algorithm to solve this problem. Antonio Costa et al (9) presented a genetic algorithm (GA) to minimize the total logistic cost resulting from the transportation of goods and the location and opening of the facilities in a single product three-stage supply chain network. Michael C. Georgiadis (10) proposed a quantitative model for the problem of SCND comprising multiproduct production facilities with distribution centers, shared production resources, retailers and warehouses and operating under time varying demand uncertainty. Anna Nagurney (11), proposed a framework for SCND and redesign that allows for the determination of the optimal levels of capacity and operational product flows associated with supply chain activities of storage, manufacturing, and distribution at minimal total cost and subject to the satisfaction of product demands.

Nagurney(12), modeled the SCND problem with oligopolistic firms who are involved in the competitive storage, production, and distribution of a homogeneous product to multiple demand markets. Cheng-Chang Lin, Tsai-Hsin Wang (15) studied the SCND under supply and demand uncertainty with embedded supply chain disruption mitigation strategies, postponement with downward substitution, supplier sourcing base and centralized stocking. Pantelis Longinidis, Michael C. Georgiadis (16), introduced a mathematical model that integrates financial considerations with SCND decisions under demand uncertainty. Mir Saman Pishvae, Masoud Rabbani (18), have used graph theoretic approach to study the structure of the SCND problems and it is proven they could be modeled by a bipartite graph. Raj Singh (19), presented a model of the multi-stage global SCND problem incorporating a set of risk factors (such as: quality problems, logistics, late shipment, exchange rates and transportation breakdown, and production risks), their expected values and probability of their occurrence, and associated additional cost. Reza Babazadeh (20), have proposed a MILP model that is able to consider the key characteristics of agile supply chain such as different transportation modes, discount, alliance (process and information integration) between opened facilities, outsourcing, direct shipments, and maximum waiting time of customers for deliveries. Hossein Badri (21), has presented a new mathematical model for multiple commodity, multiple echelon SCND and considers different time resolutions for tactical and strategic decisions. Stefan Nickel (22) has carried out a work on multi-period SCND. M.S. Pishvae (23) has researched on problem of socially responsible SCND under uncertain conditions. Jianmai Shi et al (25), has developed a Lagrangian based solution algorithm for the network design problem in a build-to order (BTO) supply chain.

B. Feng Pan, Rakesh Nagi (27) has carried out research on SCND problems in an agile manufacturing scenario with multiple echelons and multiple periods under a situation where multiple customers have heavy demands. Konstantinos Petridis (28), addressed the optimal design of a multiproduct, multi-echelon supply network under uncertainty of demand. A. R. Singh et al (30) proposed, a two stage stochastic programming model for a capacities based SCND for flexible demands while considering missed opportunity cost and inventory carrying cost. Babak H. Tabrizi, Jafar Razmi (32) has developed a MINLP mathematical model in which the uncertainties are represented by the fuzzy set theory. Guoqing Yang, Yankui Liu (34), developed a new mean-risk fuzzy optimization method for SCND problem, in which the standard semi variance is to gauge the risk resulted from fuzzy uncertainty. Nader Azad et al (37), studied the design problem of a reliable stochastic supply chain network in the presence of random disruptions in the location of distribution centers (DCs) and the transportation modes. Xuejie Bai, Yankui Liu (38), presents a new optimization method for SCND problem by employing variable possibility distributions. Evangelos Grigoroudis et al (42), researched a recursive DEA (RDEA) algorithm, which introduces a different way of designing a supply chain network. Armin Jabbarzadeh et al (43), presented a network design model for the supply of blood during and after disasters. Kaveh Khalili-Damghani et al (44), propose a fuzzy bi-objective mixed-integer linear programming (MILP) model to enhance the material flow in multi-item, dual-channel and multi-objective SCs with multiple echelons under both ambiguous and vague conditions, concurrently. AliReza Madadi et al (45) investigated a supply network design in supply chain with unreliable supply with application in the pharmaceutical industry. Petric'a C. Pop et al (46), deals with a sustainable supply chain network design problem (SSCNDP) arising in the public sector.

Ali Sabzevari Zadeh (48) studied on tactical and strategic design of steel supply chain (SSC) networks. Mohammad Mohajer TABRIZI, Behrooz KARIMI (49), reconsidered the role of contracts in uncertain environments. Kaike Zhang (50), studied a supply chain network design problem which consists of one external supplier, a set of potential distribution centers, and a set of retailers, each of which is faced with uncertain demands for multiple commodities. Shiva Zokaei et al (51), presented a optimization model for the design of a supply chain facing uncertainty in demand, and major cost data including shortage cost and transportation parameters. Ali Akbar Akbari, Behrooz Karimi (58), have researched a robust design and planning of a multi-echelon, multi-period, multi-product supply chain network considering process uncertainty. Semih Coskun et al (59), proposed a goal-programming model considering three consumer segments, i.e., green, inconsistent and red consumers. Mohammad Fattahi, Kannan Govindan (62), addressed a multi-period, multi-stage SCND problem in which multiple commodities should be produced through different continuous levels of manufacturing processes. Mohammad Fattahi et al (63), addressed a problem in designing and planning a multi-echelon and multi-product supply chain network over a multi-period horizon in which customer zones have price-sensitive demands. Chunxiang Guo et al (65), presented a the robust optimization method to study for constructing and designing the automotive supply chain network, for an integrated supply chain network design that consists of supplier selection problem and facility location– distribution problem. M. Kannegiesser et al (66), addressed the question, if and how fast these long-term sustainability targets can be reached and how the underlying transformation path develops. Ahmad Rezaee et al (67), presented a two-stage stochastic programming model to design a green supply chain in a carbon trading environment.

Mahdi Sharifzadeh et al (68), presented a mixed integer (piece-wise) linear program (MILP) to determine the optimal supply chain design and operation, under uncertainty. Juan Yu (73), studied the dual-channel (the traditional channel and the E-commerce channel) supply chain network design (SCND) for fresh agri product (FAP) under information uncertainty. Farnaz Barzinpour, Peyman Taki (74), proposed a mathematical model to identify locations of productions and shipment quantity by exploiting the trade-off between costs, and emissions for a dual channel supply chain network.

V. REVERSE TYPE OF SCND

In reverse type of SCND the material flows back from the customer to the plant. A typical reverse type of SCND is shown in fig 2.



Fig. 2 Reverse Supply Chain Network Design

TABLE IIIII - REVIEW OF PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED LITERATURE ON REVERSE TYPE OF NETWORK

Reference articles	Objectives	Network stages	Modeling	Solution method
(35)	C	CZ, CIC, RMC, RYC, DPC	MILP	E
(55)	C	CZ, CIC, RMC, DAC, RYC, DPC	MILP	E

Seval Ene, Nursel Öztürk (35), presented a mathematical model for multi stage and multi period reverse supply chain network, which maximizes total profit of the network. Sajan T John R Sridharan (55), has presented a mathematical model for designing a reverse supply chain in a multi-stage environment.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

In closed loop type of SCND the material flows in forward as well as reverse directions. A typical model is shown in fig 3.



Fig. 3 Closed Loop Supply Chain Network Design

A literature review of the articles of closed loop type is shown in table 4.

TABLE IV - REVIEW OF PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED LITERATURE ON CLOSED LOOP TYPE OF NETWORK

Reference articles	Objectives	Network stages	Modeling	Solution method
(13)	C, S	PC, DC, CZ, CIC, RCC, RYC	MILP	E
(17)	C	CZ, CIC, RCC, RDC, RYC	MILP	E
(24)	C	PC, CZ, CIC, DPC, RYC,	FMIP	E
(26)	C	PC, DC, CZ	MILP	PSO
(29)	C	SC, PC, DC, CZ, CIC, RMC, DPC	MILP	H
(31)	C	SC, PC, DC, CZ, WH, CIC, DPC, RMC	MILP	E
(40)	C	SC, PC, DC, CZ, CIC, RCC, RMC, RYC, DPC	MILP	H
(41)	C, EI	PC, WH, CZ, CIC	MILP	E
(47)	C	SC, PC, DC, CZ, CIC, RMC, DPC	MILP	E
(56)	C	SC, CIC, DAC, RMC	FMIP	E
(57)	C	PC, DC, CZ, CIC, DYP, RYC	MILP	E
(60)	C	PC, DC, CIC, CZ,	FMIP	GA
(61)	C	PC, DC, CZ, CIC, RYC	MILP	E
(64)	C	SC, PC, DC, CZ, CIC, RMC, DPC	MILP	E

M.S. Pishvae, S.A. Torabi (13) proposed model that integrates the network design decisions in both forward and reverse supply chain networks and also incorporates the strategic network design decisions along with tactical material flow ones to avoid the sub-optimality led from separated design in both parts. Mir Saman Pishvae et al (17), proposed a optimization model for handling the inherent uncertainty of input data in a closed-loop supply chain network design problem. Mir Saman Pishvae, Jafar Razmi (24), proposed a multi-objective fuzzy mathematical programming model for designing an environmental supply chain under inherent uncertainty of input data. ZHOU Xian-cheng et al (26), presented a remanufacture closed-loop supply chain network optimization model based on genetic particle swarm optimization, which can avoid unique and simplified population code mode, meanwhile improve the computation speed. Majid Ramezani et al (29), presented a robust design for a multi-echelon, multiproduct, closed-loop logistic network model in an uncertain environment. Soleimani et al (31), proposed a , multi-product, multi-period closed-loop supply chain network with stochastic demand and price in a MILP structure. K. Devika et al (40), proposed a mixed integer programming model for multi-objective closed-loop supply chain network problem. Nan Gao , Sarah M. Ryan (41), addressed a multi-period capacitated closed-loop supply chain network design problem subject to uncertainties in the demands and returns as well as the potential carbon emission regulations. Majid Ramezani et al (47), presented a financial approach to model a closed-loop supply chain design in which financial aspects are explicitly considered as exogenous variables. Anil Jindal et al (56), proposed a the network design and optimization of a multi-time, multi-product, multi-echelon capacitated closed-loop supply chain in an uncertain environment. M. Fareeduddin et al (57), presented an optimization model based on carbon regulatory policies for a closed-loop supply chain design and logistics operations are presented. Zhuo Dai, Xiaoting Zheng (60), proposed a multi-product, multi-period, multi-echelon closed-loop supply chain network design model under uncertainty. Rameshwar Dubey et al (61), attempted to develop a responsive sustainable supply chain network which can respond to a certain degree of uncertainty due to uncontrollable forces. Kiran Garg et al (64), attempted to deal with the environmental issues presented in the design of CLSC networks.

VII. CONCLUSIONS

Over the last decade supply chain network design has emerged. This paper presented an updated review of scientific literature examining the different dimensions of SCND. We observed that different configurations of supply chains have been studied in the literature: forward SCND, reverse SCND and closed loop SCND. The review revealed that forward SCND has been the most common to be studied by researchers. Closed loop SCND and reverse SCND is a flourishing area. Further research can be developed on this, maybe by adapting some models already developed for simpler structures. Little research is done in the direction of green SCND. The findings of the paper summarize the status of research on applying modeling techniques in SCND and offer insights into directions for future research.

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