

## A CTR SERVICE IN CHINA

# Project Phase II

## Market Research of New Product Launch for Lays Potato Chips

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# Who we are & What we offer

## Coverage & Sampling



- Total China
- **700 sample cities** in **20 provinces** + **4 municipalities**
- **1 to 6 tier cities/ 4 regions/ 8 sub-regions**

## Approach & Methodology

- **Approach**
  - Representative sample distribution
  - Record real-time purchase behavior
- **Data Collection**
  - Panelists record data via smartphone APP- Panel Smart (with meter installed that also tracks media usage)



## Omni-Channel



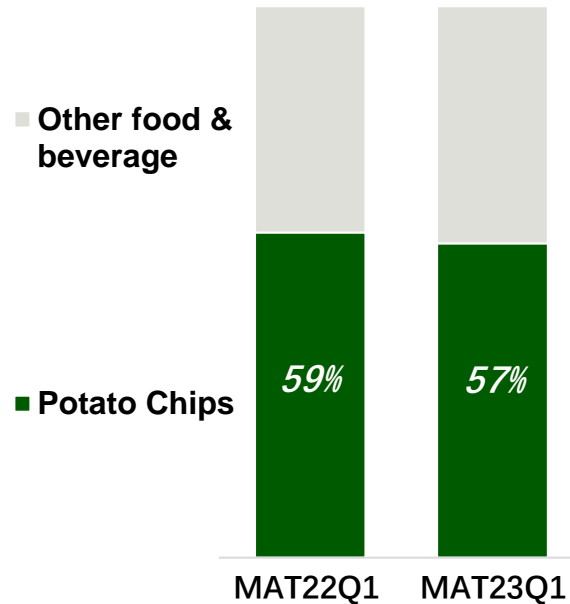


## Project background

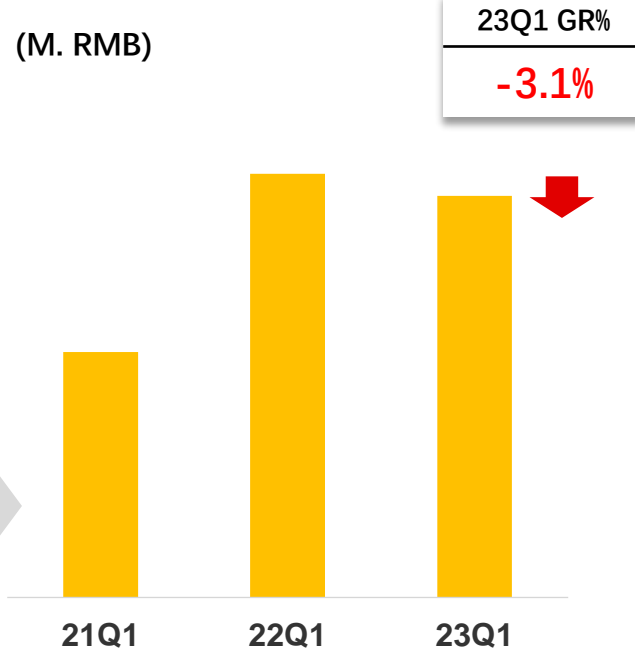
Potato Chips account for the major sales of LAYS, however, the market showed significant decline in Q1 after the promising growth.

Therefore, LAYS wanted to understand the reasons for the decline in the market, design and launch new products according to consumer needs

Sales contribution% in Lays

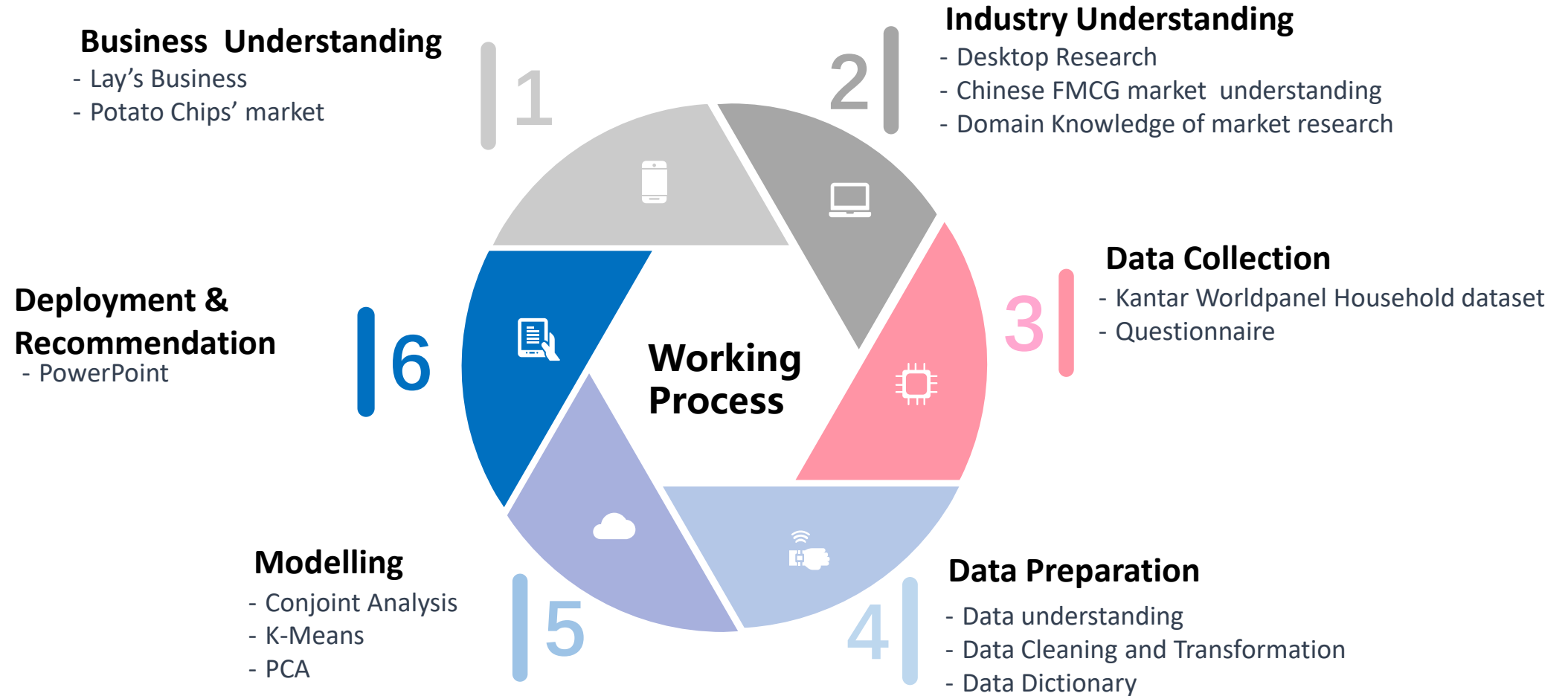


Potato Chips Sales Value Trend



## Key business question

1. Identify Potato Chips Market Landscape
  - Any potential trend?
  - Competition landscape
2. Identify key behaviors of Lays
  - Driving factors of sales drop
  - Any potential opportunities/risks?
3. New product launch suggestions
  - Which consumers should Lays focus on?
  - Customer Preference towards potato chips





# Data Set



Purchase data  
(Household panel)

R_VOL2	RESPONSE VOLUME (UNIT)	#	Code Desc
RCVL0001	Price per pack seg for WPOBI	1	NOT SPECIFIED
REPDATE	REAL PURCHASE DATE	2	TOTAL SNACK INGREDIEN
REPOSIZE	PACK SIZE (GRAM)	3	TOTAL SAVORY
REPOWEEK	WEEK DAY	4	SALTY SNACKS
REP30001	TOTAL SNACK	5	POTATO CHIPS
REP30002	RICE CRACKER BRANDS	6	FPC
REP30003	BY BRAND	7	NPC
REP30005	BY FLAVOR	8	EP
REP30006	BY PACK TYPE+SIZE	9	French Fries
REP30007	BY LOCATION	10	Total Yam
REP30008	BY SAVORY BISCUIT	11	Yam Chips
REP30009	Total Brand	12	Yam Others
T_DECH	CHILDREN AGE 4-14	13	Total Corn
T_DET1	DEMO FOR ALL	14	Corn Chips/Tortilla
T_DET9	DEMO FOR KEYAUSZJGDIFJ	15	Other Corn Snacks
T_DPPS	DEMO FOR PEPSI	16	EP OTHERS
T_PNE0	HH TYPE	17	POTATO CRACKER
TREP0001	Channel 2023	18	RICE CRACKER
TREP0002	KA 2023	19	VW ASSORTED
TREP0003	Promotion 2023	20	Other RC
TREP0005	Local & Imported	21	SAVORY BISCUITS
TREP0008	Platform 2021	22	SODA BISCUITS
TREP0012	Platform-Landing 2022 extra	23	CRACKER
U_REG	Temporary UserFid Spec	24	GLICO
U_TOPKA	YTD23P9 TOP 10 KA	25	LAYS BISCUITS
U_TOPKA2	YTD23P3 TOP10 KA	26	SAVORY OTHERS
U_VAN	KA Vanguard		
UL_QUAR	UL_W_QUARTER		
UNCORRBY	Uncorrected Buyers		
USER0002	PI Brand for shopper report		
V_PACKS	VOLUME (Pack)		
V_SPEND	Spend (RMB)		
V_VOL1	VOLUME (Kg/Litre)		
V_VOL2	VOLUME (UNIT)		



Comment data  
(E-Commerce platform)



Attitude data  
(Questionnaire)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1、您的性别？	2、您的年龄是？	3、您所居住的城市？	4、您所在的家庭单位？	5、您家庭的月可支配收入？	6、以下哪条语句符合最符合您？	7、您
2	3	1	1	4	5	3
1	3	2	1	5		3
1	4	2	3	6		3
1	4	1	3	5		3
1	1	2	3	4		3
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1	1	2	2	2		3
2	3	1	4	5		3
1	3	2	1	5		3
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## **Objective 1. Identify Potato Chips Market Landscape**

- What is the trend of Chinese Potato Chips Market?
- What is the Competitive Landscape?

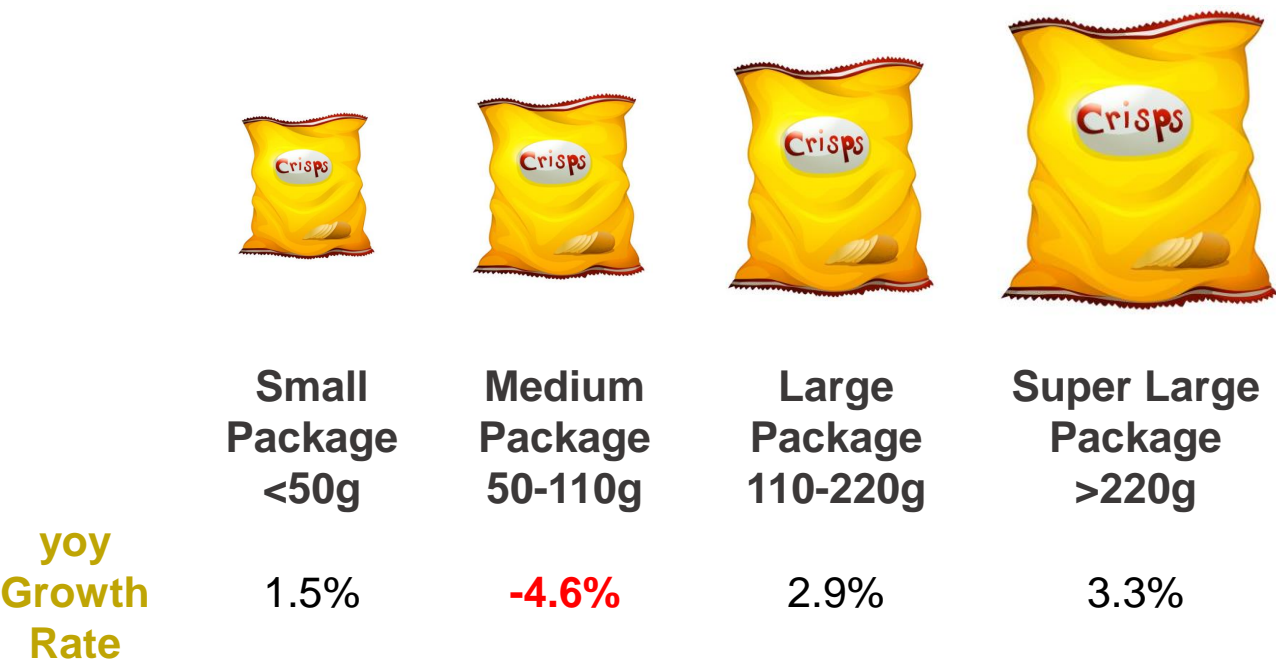
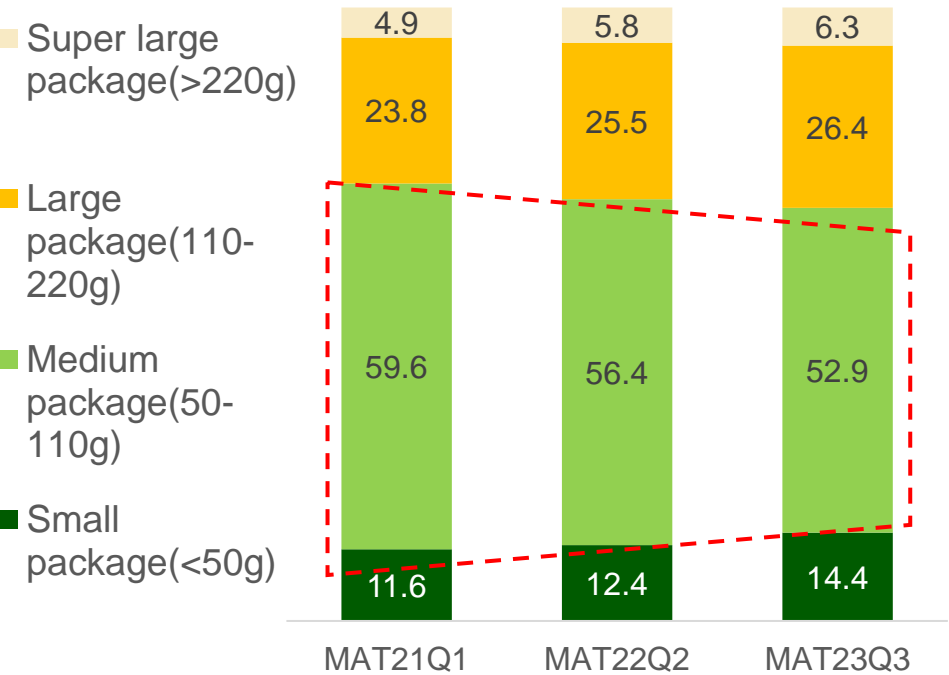
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- Market Trend
- Competition Landscape
- Conclusion

Consumer demand for potato chip package sizes started to polarize

Potato Chips | Val% by Package Size



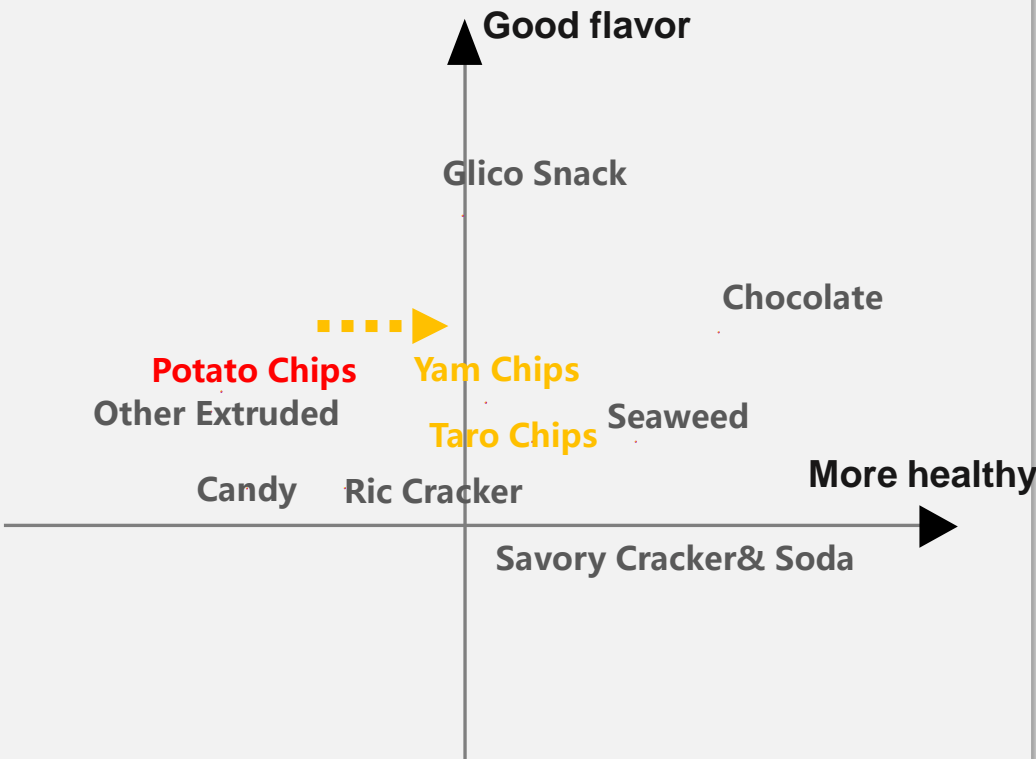
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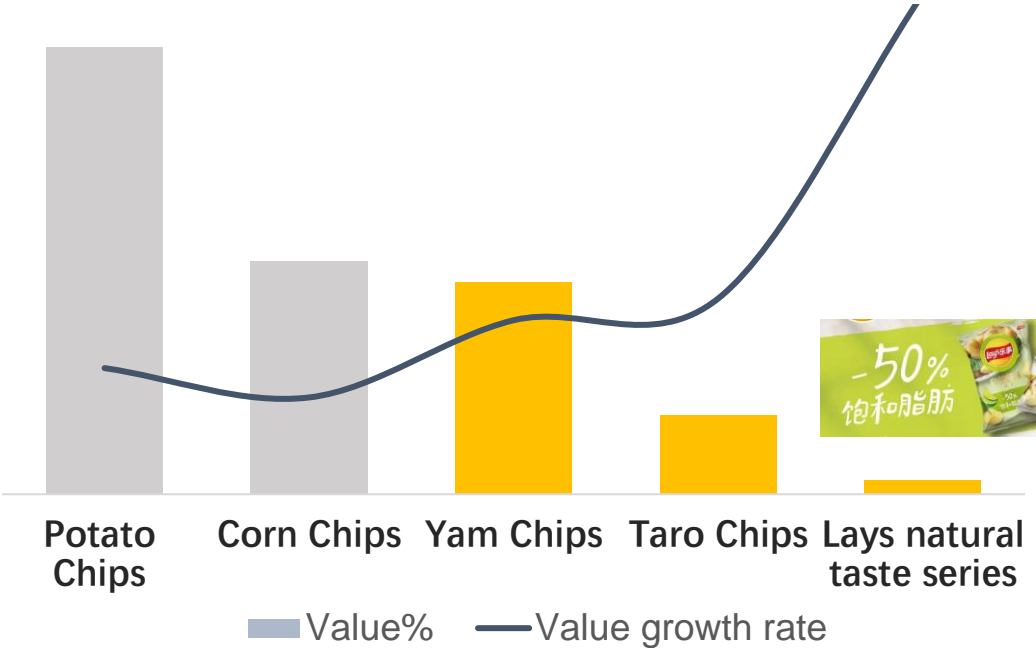
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Consumers perceive snack categories differently; Due to health concerns, Taro Chips and Yam Chips still have some room for growth

Preferences for purchasing different snacks



Chips, MAT23Q1



Data: Household panel, Kantar World panel



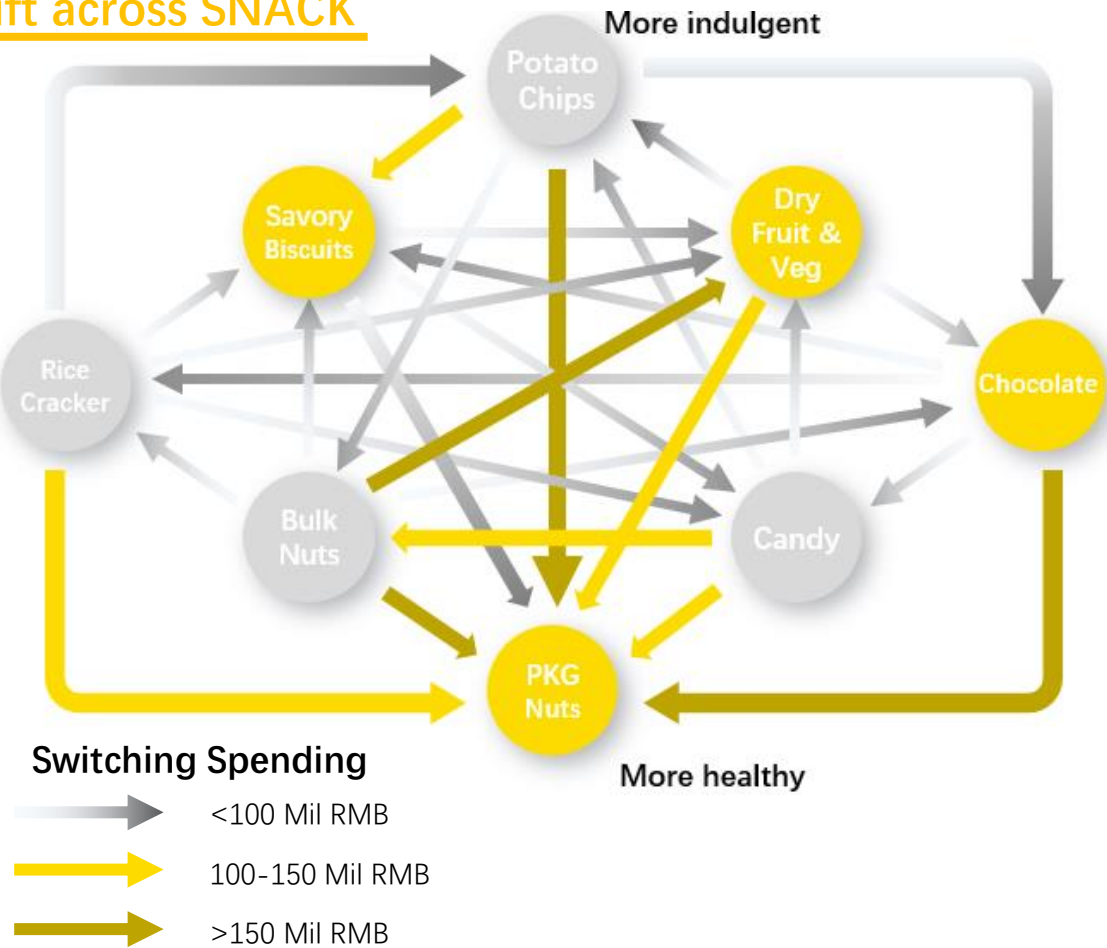
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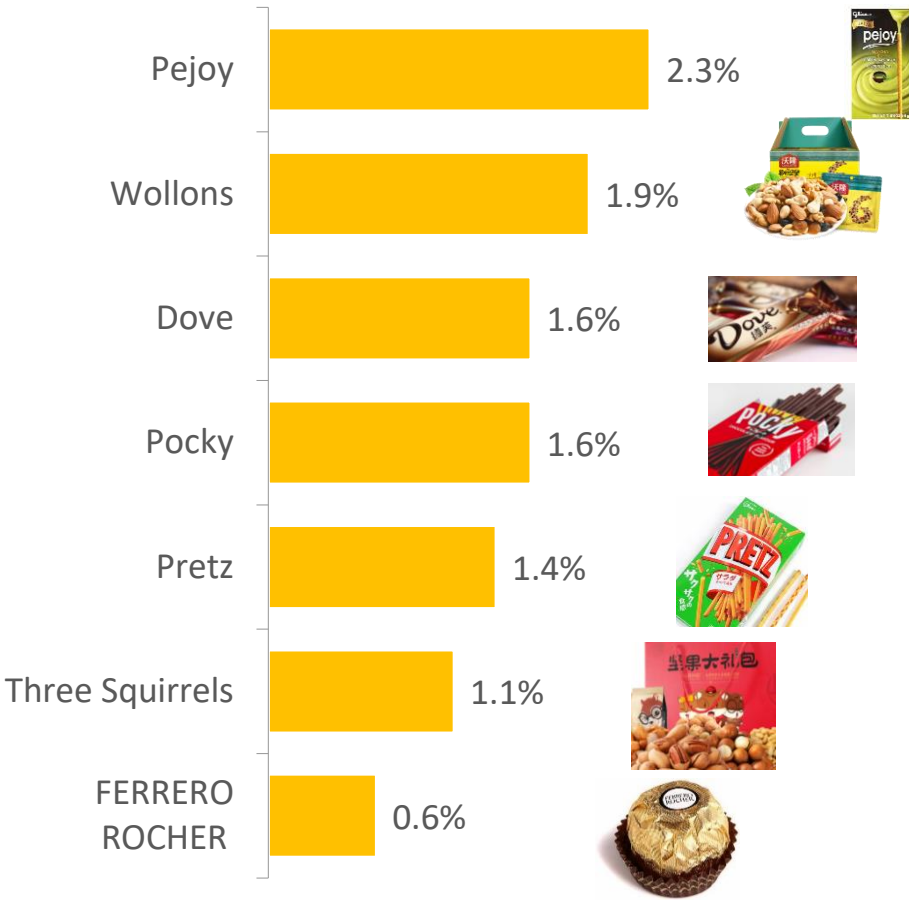
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Through the consumers' wallet sifting dynamics across snack adjacent categories , we can identify that Savory biscuits, nuts and chocolate are the main competing categories

Shift across SNACK



SOURCE OF VOLUME | Across Snacks | MAT23Q1 VS.LY



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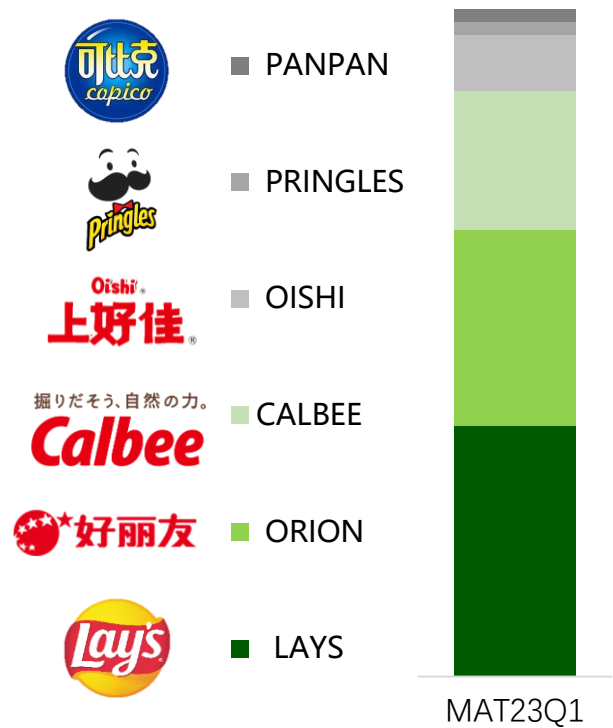
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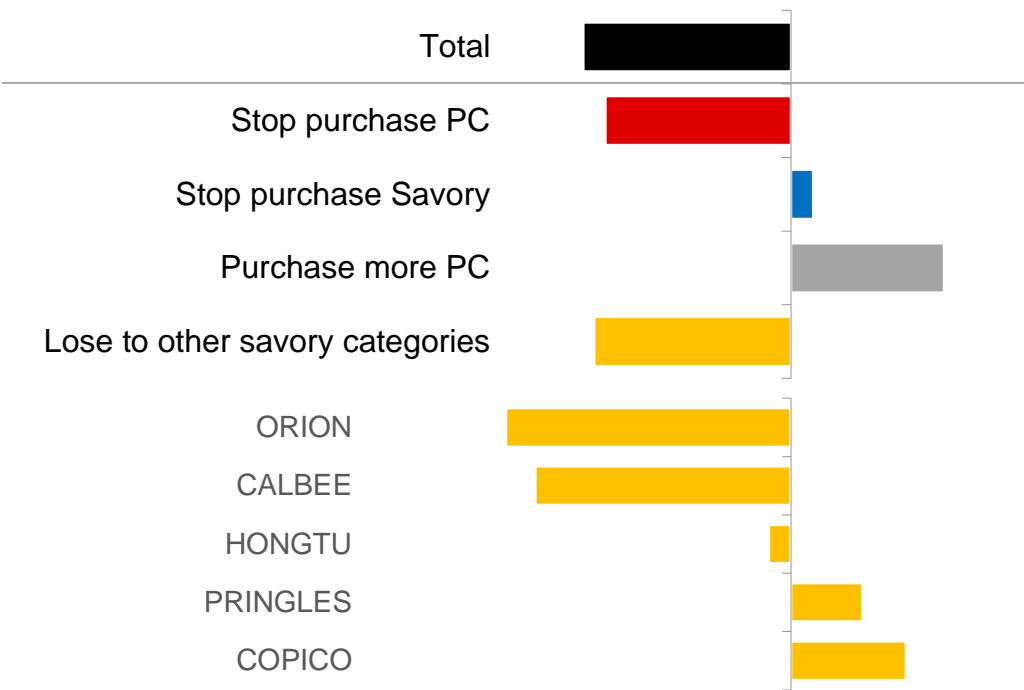
Conclusion

Lays, ORION, CALBEE and Oishi are top players in Chinese Potato Chips Market; In MAT2023Q1, Lays underperformed due to less category buyers and huge shift to ORION and CALBEE brands

VAL % | Potato Chips | Key to D Cities | MAT2023Q1



SOURCE OF VOLUME | Within Potato Chips| MAT23Q1 VS.LY



## Objective 1. Identify Potato Chips Market Landscape

Market Trend

Competition  
Landscape

Conclusion



- 1 Consumer demand for package sizes started to polarize to suit different scenarios
- 2 Healthy concept products like Taro Chips and Yam Chips still have some room for growth
- 3
  - Across categories, Lays should notice chocolate, savory biscuits and nuts
  - Within Potato Chips category, ORION and CALBEE are the main competitors

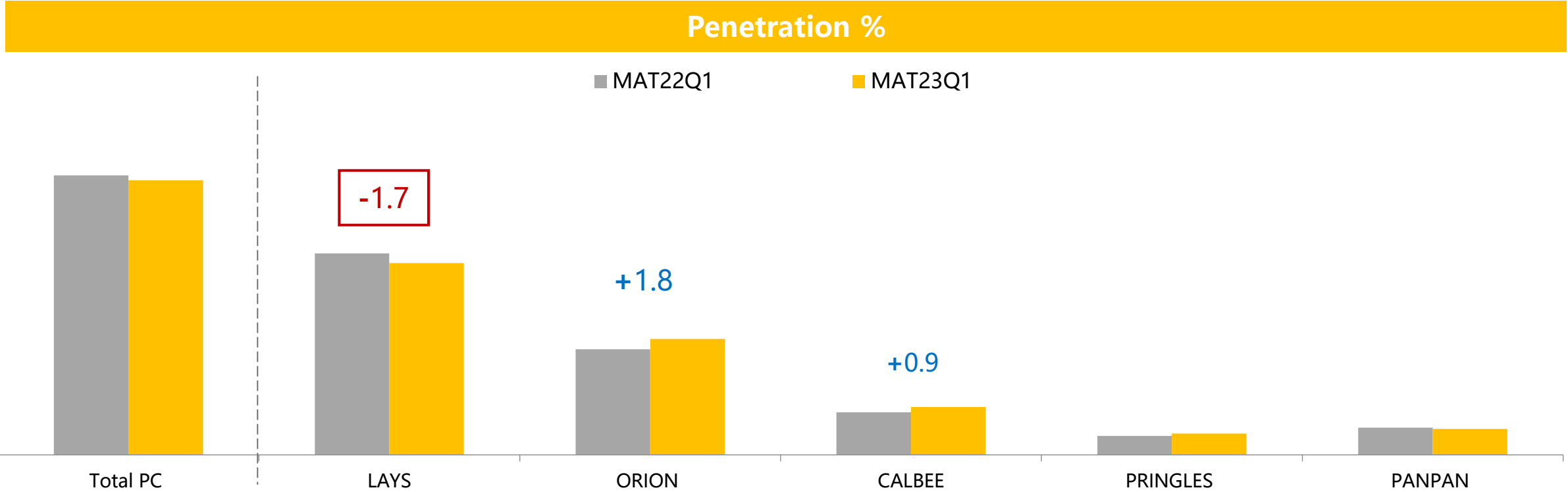
## **Objective 2. Key behaviors of LAYs**

- Driving factors of sales drop
- Any potential opportunities/risks?

Objective 2. Key behaviors of Lays



Lays needs to speed up new buyer recruitment as currently it's behind competitors. Thus, acquiring non buyers, retaining Brand's current buyers and reclaiming Brands' losing buyers are crucial.





Objective 2. Key behaviors of Lays

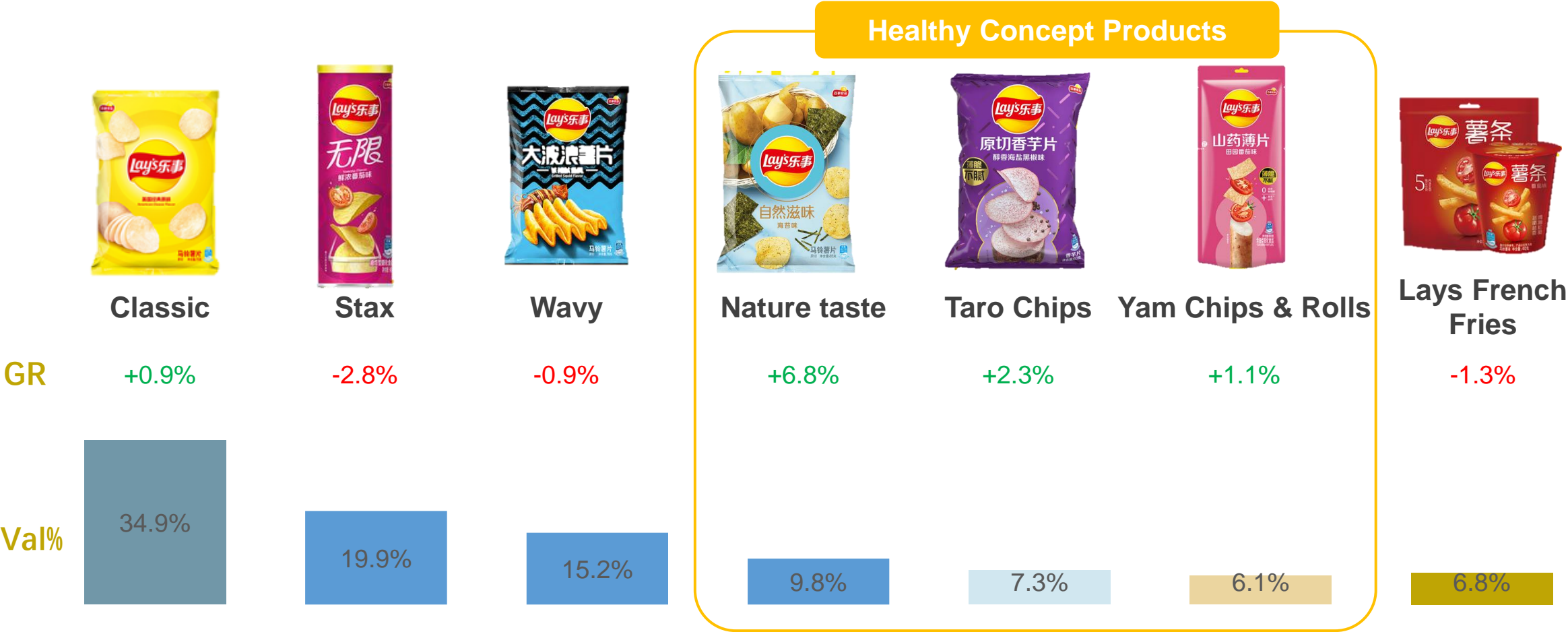
Driving Factors

Opportunities /Risks

Conclusions



Consistent with the industry trend, healthy concept product lines (Nature taste, Taro Chips and Yam Chips) continue to grow

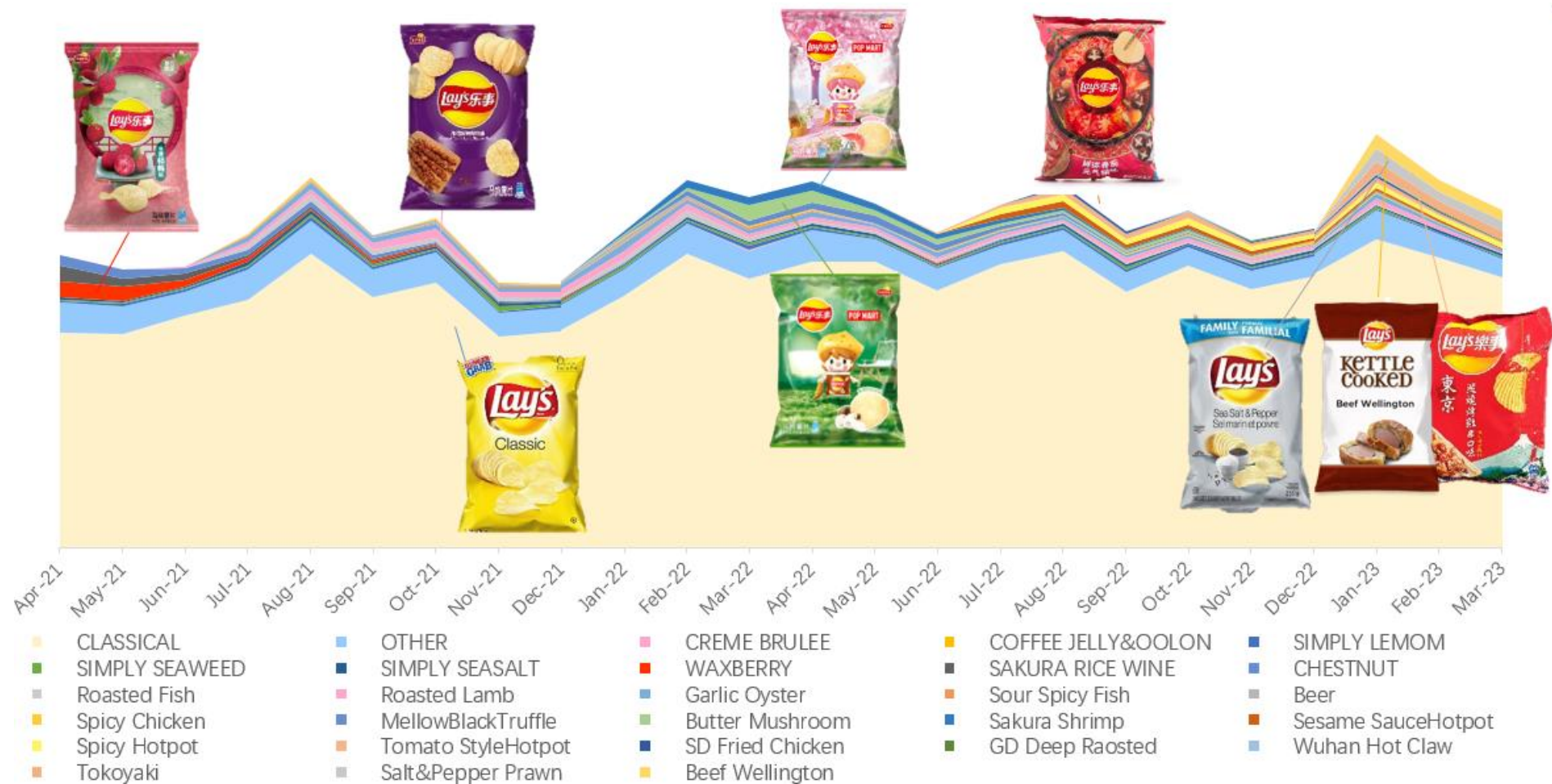


Data: Household panel, Kantar World panel

Objective 2. Key behaviors of Lays



Seasonal In & Outs SKUs are important to drive business by staying relevant to consumers



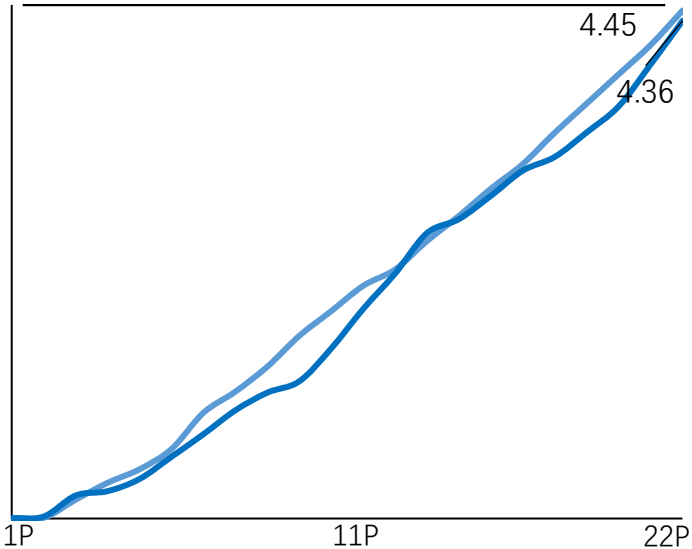
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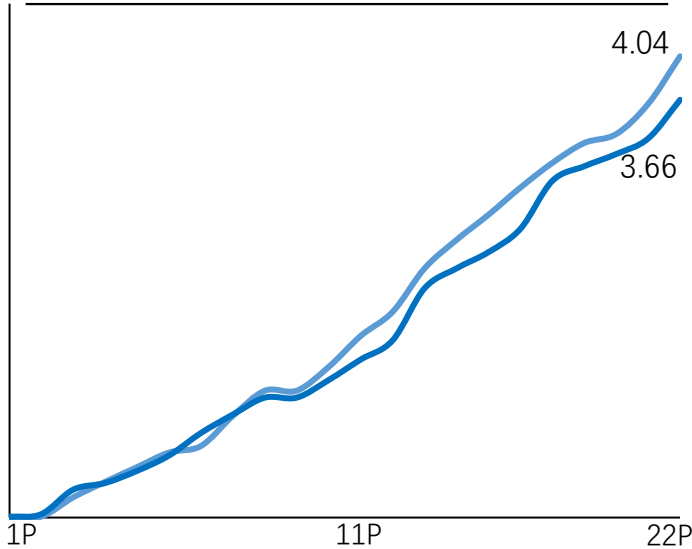
After launching for the same period, the penetration rates of Light & Baked flavor and Hotpot flavor are similar. However, Hotpot flavor accumulate higher penetration at the beginning.



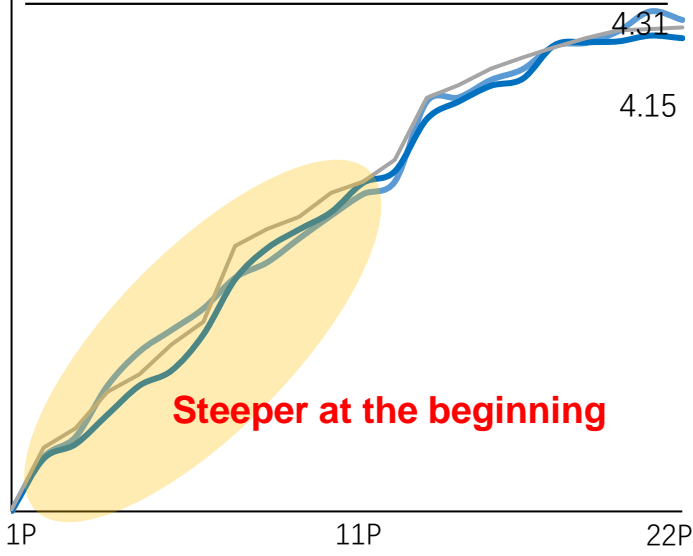
As representative of **Mild flavor**  
Cumulative Penetration% After Launch



As representative of **Sweet flavor**  
Cumulative Penetration% After Launch



As representative of **Strong flavor**  
Cumulative Penetration% After Launch





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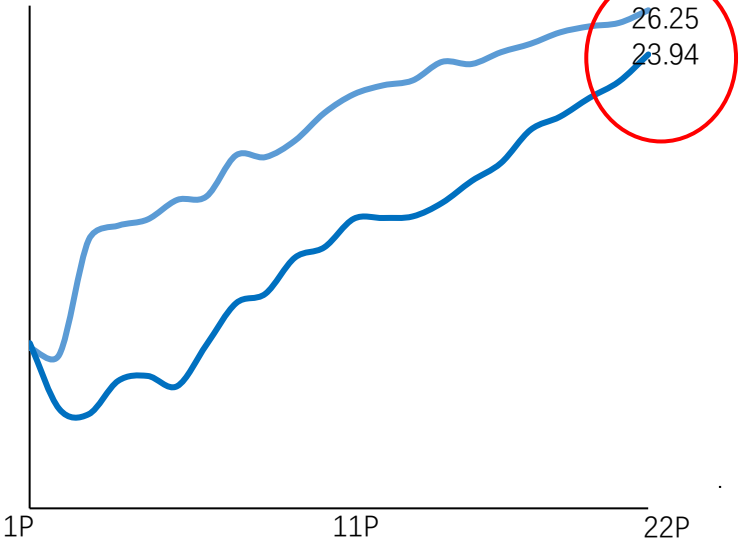


Light & Baked flavor has a higher repeat rate compared to Hotpot flavor.



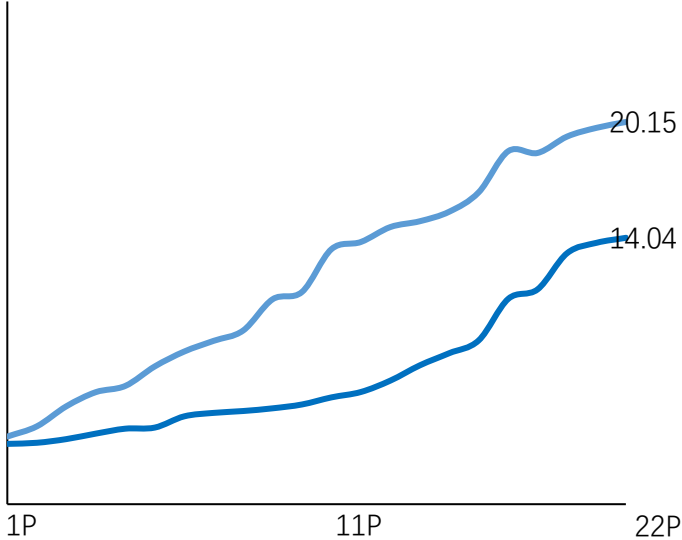
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Cumulative Repeat% After Launch



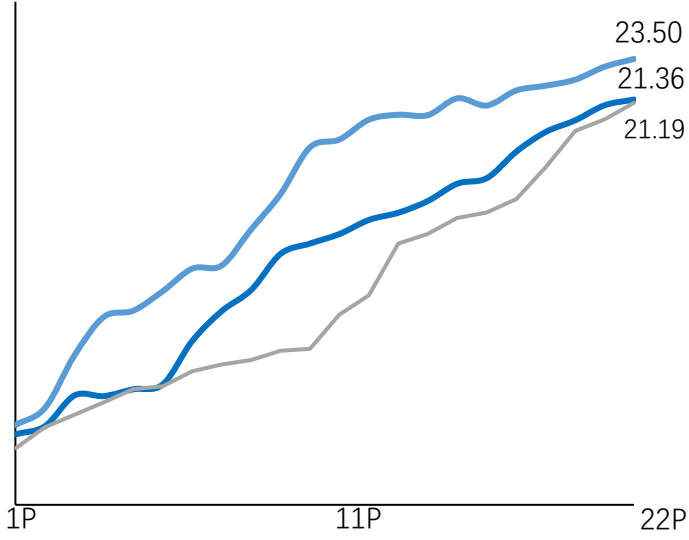
As representative of **Sweet flavor**

Cumulative Repeat% After Launch



As representative of **Strong flavor**

Cumulative Repeat% After Launch



## Objective 2. Key behaviors of Lays

Driving  
Factors

Opportunities  
/Risks

Conclusions



- 1 Due to huge decline in penetration this year, Lays needs to speed up new buyer recruitment as currently it's behind competitors.
- 2 New flavours can be developed based on the repeat rate and penetration of previous launches



## **Objective 3. New Product launch suggestions**

- Which consumers should LAYs focus on?
- Customer Preference towards potato chips



# Goal

**Acquire**

Non-PC Buyer  
*(as well as PC Demand Decrease Buyer)*

**Retain**

Lays PC Current Buyer

**Reclaim**

Non-Lays PC Buyer  
*(as well as Lays PC Demand Decrease Buyer;  
still in PC market)*



## Key questions

- What are the key barriers for non-buyers to try Potato Chips?
  - Why did lost Potato Chips buyers leave us?
  - What are the triggers for Lays Potato Chips existing buyers to buy our Brand?  
Compare to other Brands?
-

Objective 3. New Product Launch Suggestions

Questionnaire  
Design

Non-PC  
Buyers

PC Buyers

Summary &  
Recommendation

Questionnaire contents..

Variables	Type	Description
Gender	Categorical	1=Male, 0=Female
Age	Ordinal	1=15-24 y.o; 2=25-34 y.o; 3=35-44 y.o; 4=45-54 y.o; 5= more than 54 y.o;
City Tier	Categorical	1=Key&A Cities; 0=B-D Cities
Life Stage	Categorical	Young Singles&Couples, Mixed Families, Teenager Families, Adult Families, Empty Nest Families
Monthly Income	Ordinal	1= less than 5k RMB; 2= 5-7k RMB; 3= 7-9k RMB; 4= 9-12k RMB; 5=12-16k RMB; 6= more than 16k RMB
Frequency	Ordinal	1= once for a few months; 2= 1-2 times/months; 3= 3-6 times/months; 4= >6 times/months
Annual Spend	Ordinal	1= less than 50 RMB; 2= 50-100 RMB; 3= 100-150 RMB; 4= 150-200 RMB; 5= more than 200 RMB
Channel	Categorical	Hyper, Super, CVS, Accepting, EC, O2O
Occasion	Categorical	Festivals, Friends, Chatting, TV, Outdoor, Study&Work, Diet
Attitude towards PC	Nominal	
Attitude towards Brands	Nominal	
Preference for different portfolios	Ordinal	Rated from 0 to 10

Objective 3. New Product Launch Suggestions

- Questionnaire Design
- Non-PC Buyers
- PC Buyers
- Summary & Recommendation

For Conjoint Analysis..



Attributes

Levels

Package Size	Small Package (<=50g)	Medium Package (50-120g)	Large Package (110-220g)	Super Large Package (>220g)
Price	5 RMB	10 RMB	15 RMB	
Flavor	Mild	Strong	Sweet	Traditional Flavor
Texture	Thin	Thick		
Oil	Baked crisps(no oil added)	Deep-fried chips		



Objective 3. New Product Launch Suggestions

Collected samples..

Group	Number	Ratio
Non-PC buyers	187	20.7%
Non-Lays buyers/Lays lost buyers (but still in PC market)	201	22.3%
Lays current buyers	515	57%



**What are the barriers to  
purchase Potato Chips for Non-PC Buyers?**



## Objective 3. New Product Launch Suggestions



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	Total	Y&M	Adult	E. Nest	Teen	Y S&C
Main consumer	-	<15 y.o.	18-24, 35-44 y.o.	45-64 y.o.	<18 y.o.	25-34 y.o.
Key barriers (by demo only highlight differentiating barrier)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Not healthy</b></li> <li>• High Calories</li> <li>• Much additives</li> <li>• Fried snack</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less stock up needs after COVID (<i>less family time at home after Covid</i>)</li> <li>• Can't find package size I want (prefer Independent small pack, won't overeat)</li> </ul>	(Same barriers as total)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High health concern</li> <li>• Fried</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negative info online</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tired of eating (<i>segment lack of excitement</i>)</li> <li>• Can't find package size I want (prefer Independent small pack, convenient)</li> </ul>
Competing category (rank by importance)	Nuts, cheese, seafood snack	Seaweed, Glico biscuits Snacking Cheese,	Nuts, bean snack, savory biscuit	Nuts, Chinese pastry, Dry Vegetable & Fruits	Nuts, cheese, Rice Cracker	Nuts, Glico biscuits, seafood snack
Key Insight	Need to bridge our brand with <b>healthy image to reduce barriers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents are critical gate keeper to <b>avoid overweight</b></li> <li>• Need to communicate <b>consumption occasion</b> to encourage stock up</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Low calories &amp; natural ingredient</b> products are good to engage them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difficult for PC to fulfill their <b>functional healthy needs</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easily influenced by <b>online negative information</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Like to seek <b>taste enjoyment and excitement</b></li> <li>• <b>Convenient package</b> solution is value added</li> </ul>
Action for Lay's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More resources on existing healthy concept product: <b>Simply/TARO/Yam</b></li> <li>• Innovation on low calories snacks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate different <b>consumption occasion</b></li> <li>• <b>Provide Convenient package</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand penetration among <b>Simply/TARO</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some <b>occasion penetration</b> like CNY to promote the family reunion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive Word-of-Mouth</li> <li>• <b>Digital engagement</b> to remove the concern</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep bring <b>PC new news</b> to them</li> <li>• <b>Provide Convenient package</b></li> </ul>

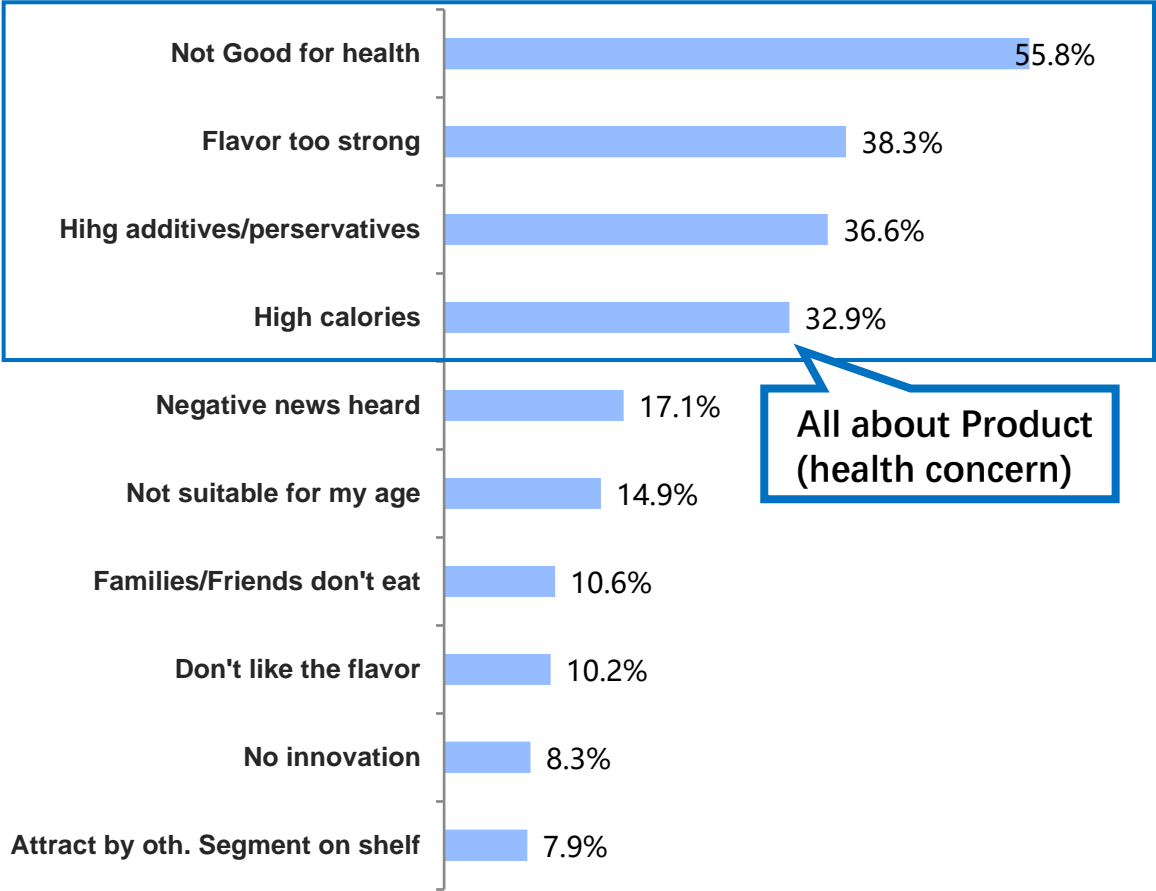


## What are the Barriers of Lays Lost Buyers?

Objective 3. New Product Launch Suggestions



Top 10 Potato Chips Category Claimed Barriers among Non-PC Buyers



Sample Size: Non-PC buyers (157)

Top 10 Claimed Barriers among Brand Lost Buyers



Sample Size: Lays PC Lost (129)





## What are the triggers to buy Lay's Potato Chips?

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- A number of Potato Chips brands  
(**observations**)
- Rated brands on attributes/comments such as “refresh myself”, “not expensive”, “attracting advertisement”, etc.  
(**dimensions**)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
brand	share_with_good_for_st	healthier_thre	fresh_mys	new_flavour	crispy	low_calor	lighter_not_exp	attracti	many_cam	co-brand	unique_pac			
Lays	4.2	4.1	2.2	3.7	4.7	4.1	2	2.8	3.1	3.8	4.1	4.2	3.6	
ORION	4	4.1	3.8	3.6	1.4	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.1	2.1	1.8	1.9	
COPICO	3.9	3.9	2.5	3.1	1.3	3.5	1.6	2.9	3.6	2.3	1.9	1.1	1.8	
HONGTU	4	4.2	4.7	3.6	2	3.9	4.2	3.9	3.2	2.1	1.7	1.1	2.1	
CALBEE	3.5	4.2	2.9	3.7	4.5	3.9	1.8	2.4	2.6	4	3.1	4	3.9	
OISHI	3.5	3.8	2.2	3.1	1	3.5	1.7	2.8	3.3	1.3	1.1	0.2	1.8	
PRINGLES	3.9	3.9	2	3.1	1.3	3.5	1.6	2.9	3.7	1	1.1	0.3	1.2	

Two components explain **84.5 percent** of the variance in the ratings

	eigenvalue	percentage of variance	cumulative percentage of variance
comp 1	7.38550517	56.8115782	56.81158
comp 2	3.60341956	27.7186120	84.53019
comp 3	1.27908463	9.8391125	94.36930
comp 4	0.54334920	4.1796093	98.54891
comp 5	0.10693829	0.8226023	99.37151
comp 6	0.08170314	0.6284857	100.00000



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Dim.1	Dim.2	variable	communality	uniqueness
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0.152	0.483	share_with_friends_and_families	0.257	0.743
0.813	0.511	good_for_stocking_up_at_home	0.923	0.0772
0.196	0.917	healthier_than_other_brands	0.880	0.120
0.904	0.391	refresh_myself	0.971	0.0289
0.948	-0.266	new_flavours_are_introduced_frequently	0.970	0.0300
0.784	-0.0975	crispy	0.625	0.375
0.128	0.979	low_calories	0.975	0.0247
-0.194	0.972	lighter_in_flavour	0.983	0.0171
-0.851	0.0748	not_expensive	0.731	0.269
0.926	-0.00112	attracting_advertisement	0.858	0.142
0.920	-0.161	many_campaigns_on_social_platforms	0.872	0.128
0.965	-0.178	co-branded_packaging	0.962	0.0378
0.957	-0.258	unique_packaging_designs	0.983	0.0168

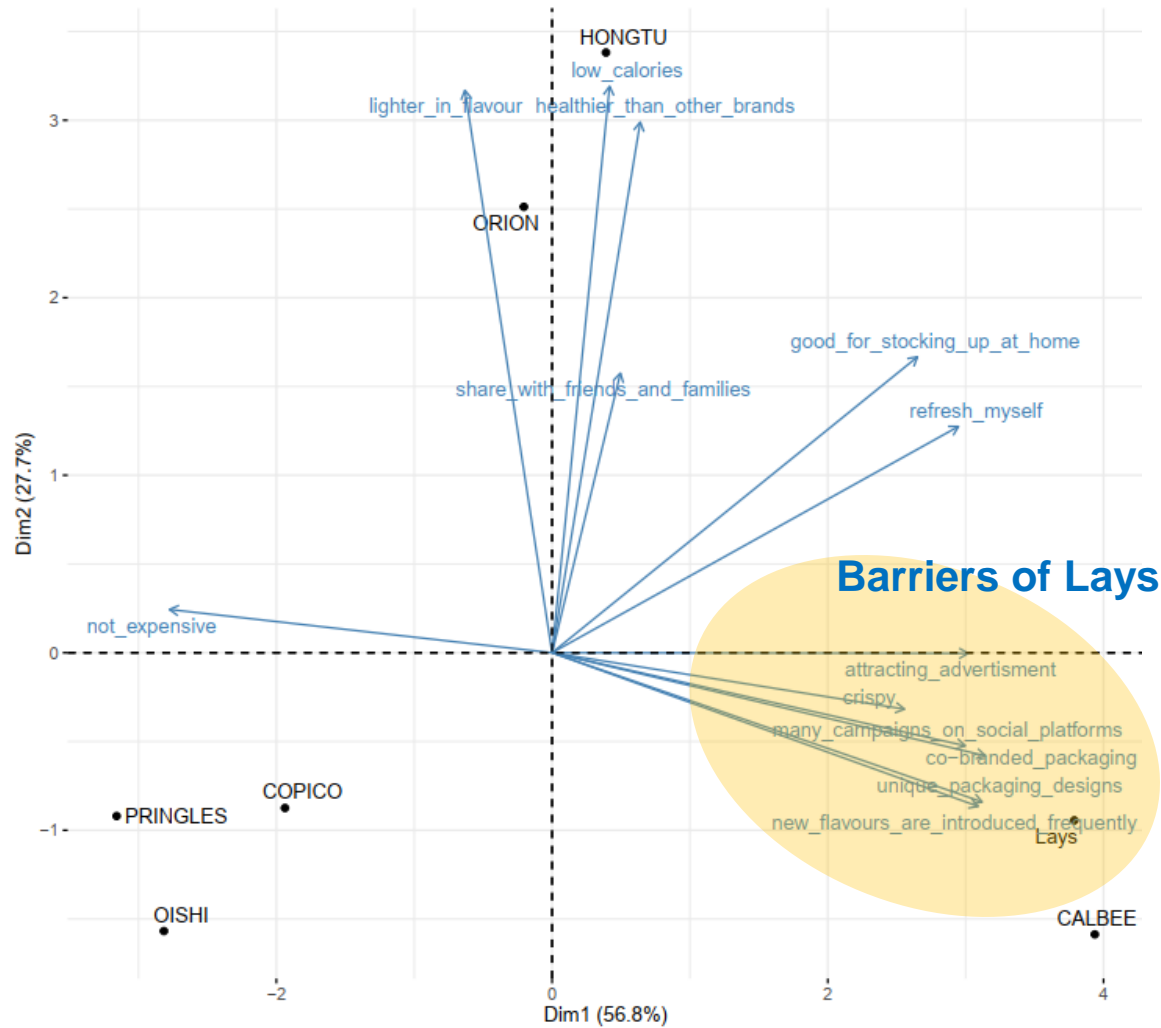
#### Dimension 1

✓ Leisure, entertainment and advertisement

#### Dimension 2

✓ Health

Objective 3. New Product Launch Suggestions



Lays scores highly on the first factor



## Who are the main customers of Potato Chips?

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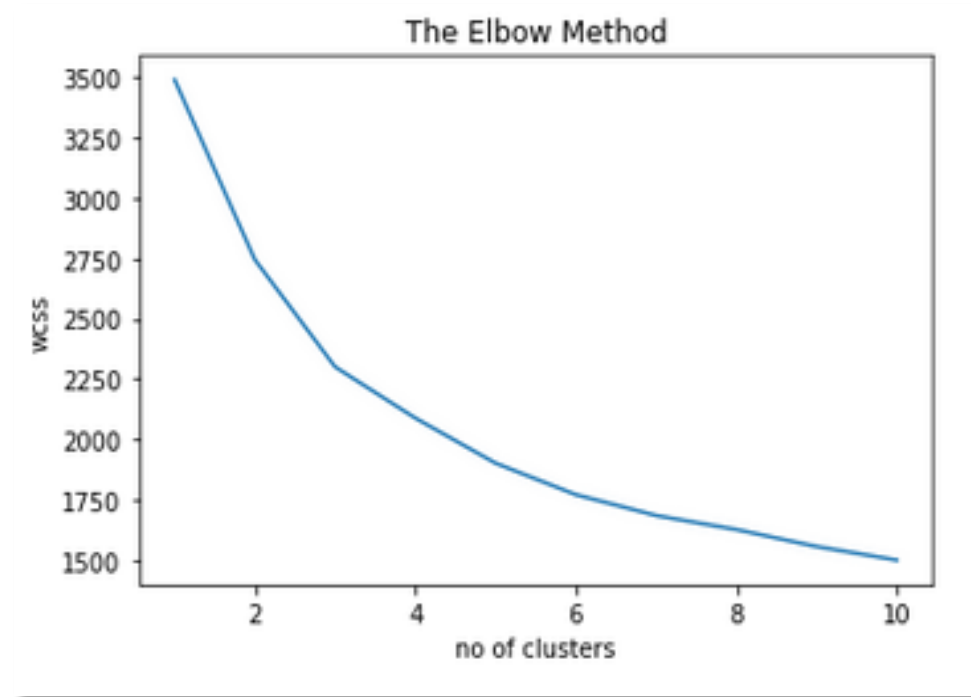
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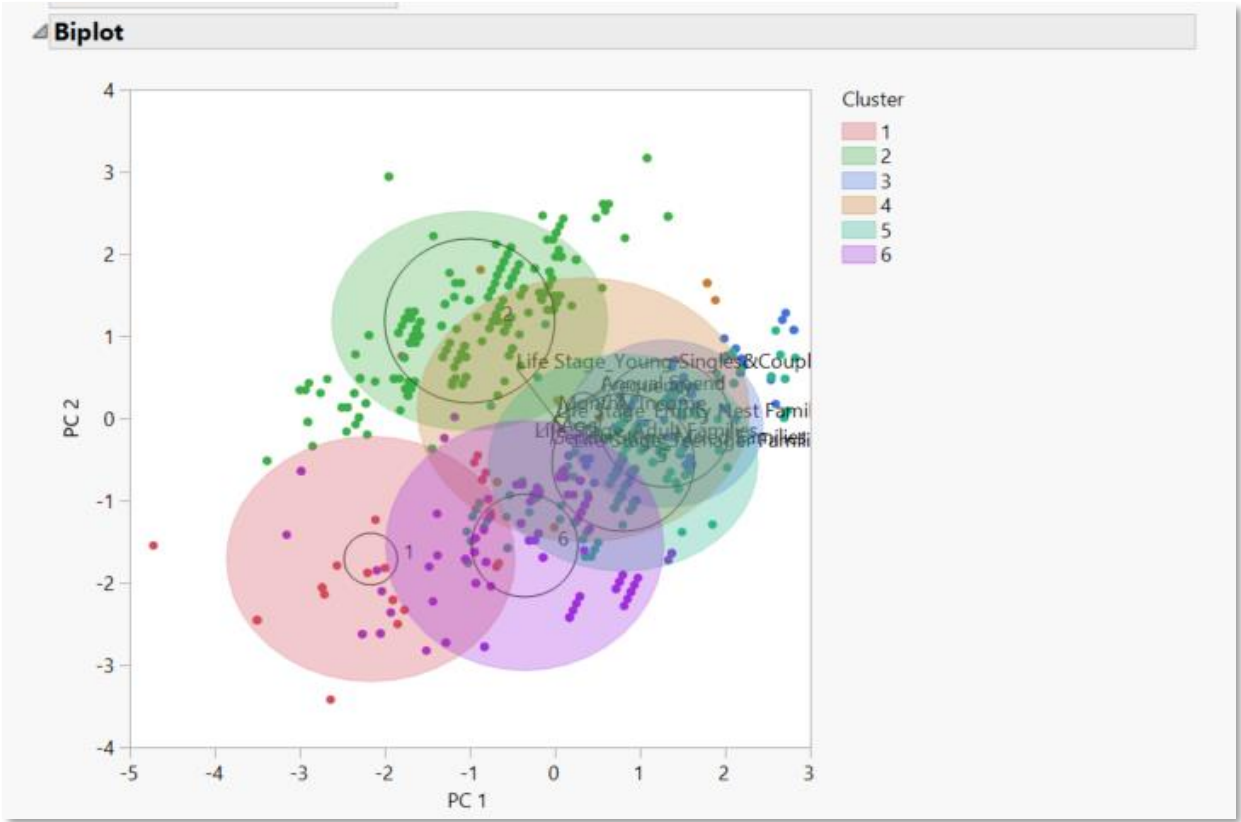
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For the K-means clustering, only Demographic & Purchase data were used. By using the elbow method, a cluster of number of 6 was chosen.



Objective 3. New Product Launch Suggestions



**Cluster Comparison**

Method	NCluster	CCC Best
K Means Cluster	3	6.72146
K Means Cluster	4	16.6194
K Means Cluster	5	36.5167
K Means Cluster	6	40.7047
K Means Cluster	7	35.9067
K Means Cluster	8	42.6255 Optimal CCC

Columns Scaled Individually

**K Means NCluster=6**

Columns Scaled Individually

**Cluster Summary**

Cluster	Count	Step	Criterion
1	25	7	0
2	253		
3	151		
4	11		
5	177		
6	99		



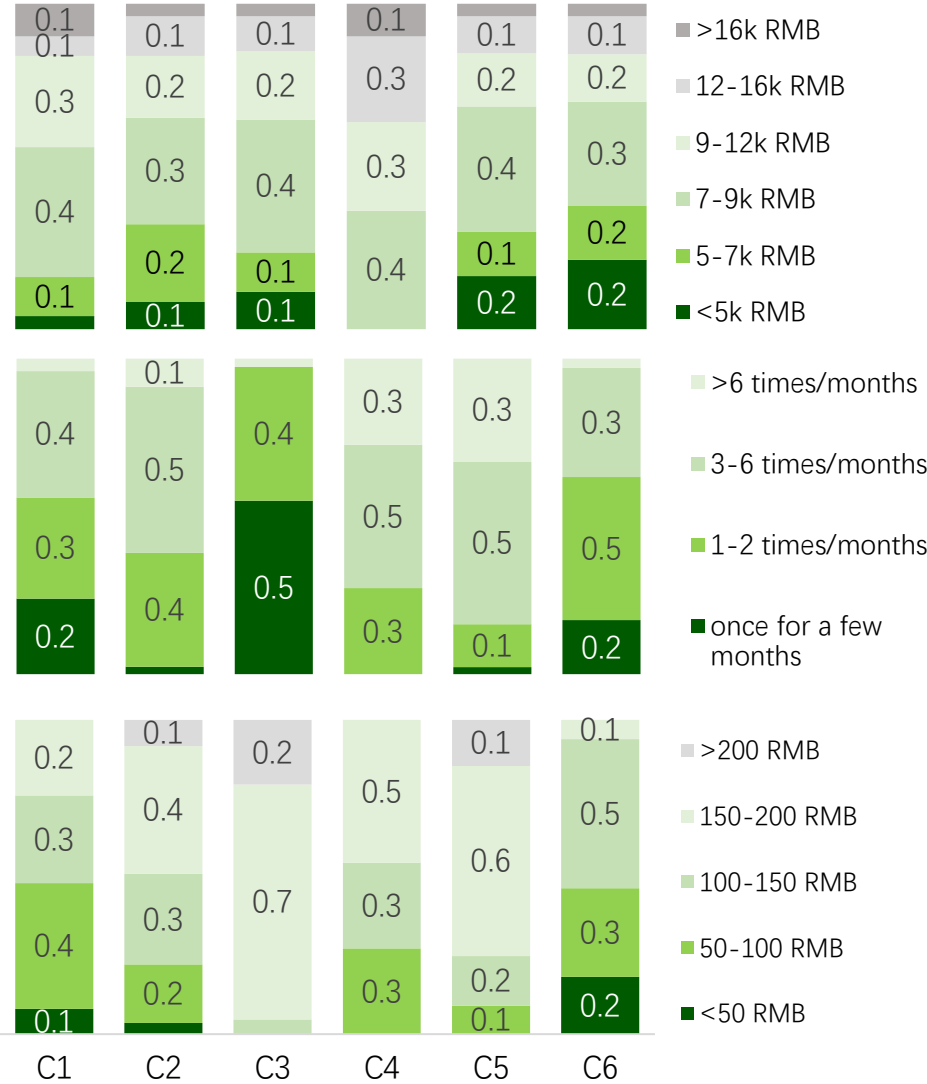
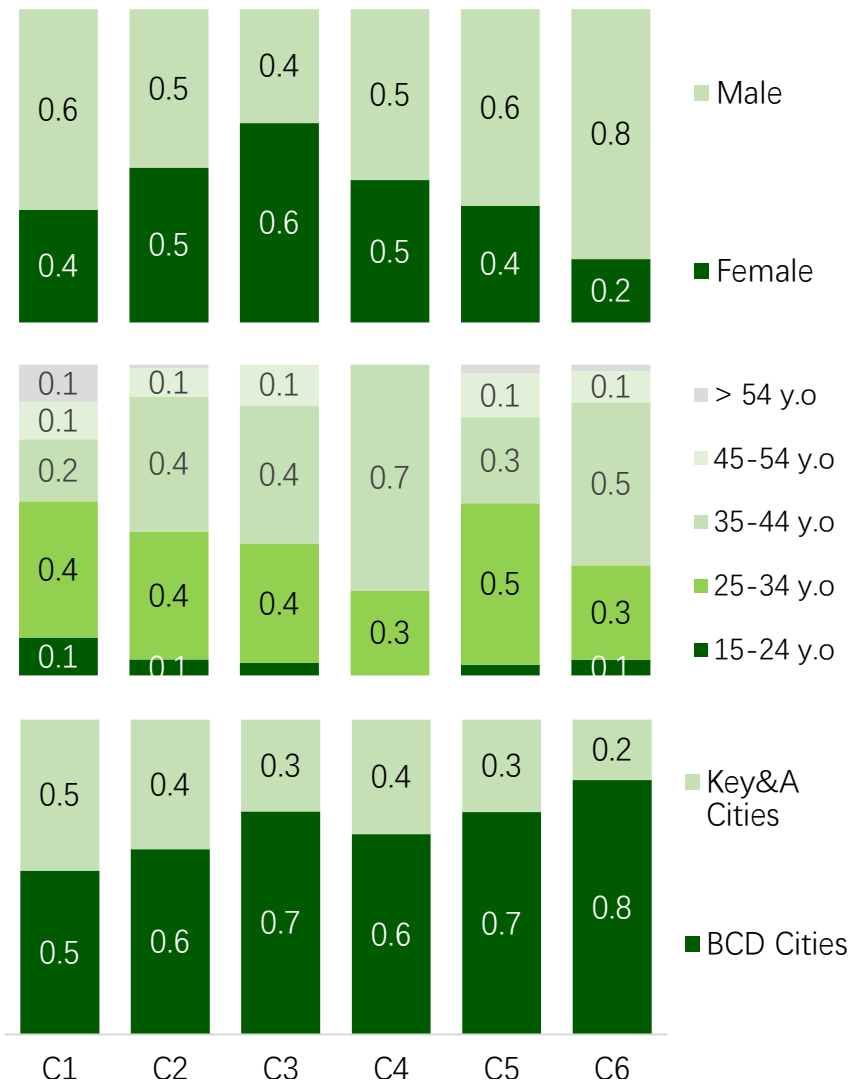
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### Profile 1 (N=253)



#### Occasions

- Festivals
- Stocking up at home

#### Demographic

- Predominantly 34-44 y.o
- High Income
- Teenager & Adult Families

#### Purchase Behavior

- Heavy buyers, mostly purchase PC 3-6 times/month

#### Channel Preference

- Hypermarket
- Supermarket
- E-commerce

### Profile 2 (N= 151)



#### Occasions

- Stocking up at home
- Chatting
- Outdoor
- Share with friends

#### Demographic

- Predominantly females, 25-44 y.o
- Single & Mixed Families

#### Purchase Behavior

- Low Frequency
- High value per purchase occasion

#### Channel Preference

- CVS
- O2O
- Hypermarket

### Profile 3 (N=177)



#### Occasions

- Study & Work
- Stocking up at home
- Share with friends

#### Demographic

- Young male, mostly 23-34 y.o

#### Purchase Behavior

- High frequency consumption, >3 times/month

#### Channel Preference

- CVS
- Supermarket
- Small Super

### Profile 4 (N=99)



#### Occasions

- Festivals
- Watch TV

#### Demographic

- Adult Families
- Predominantly >35 y.o

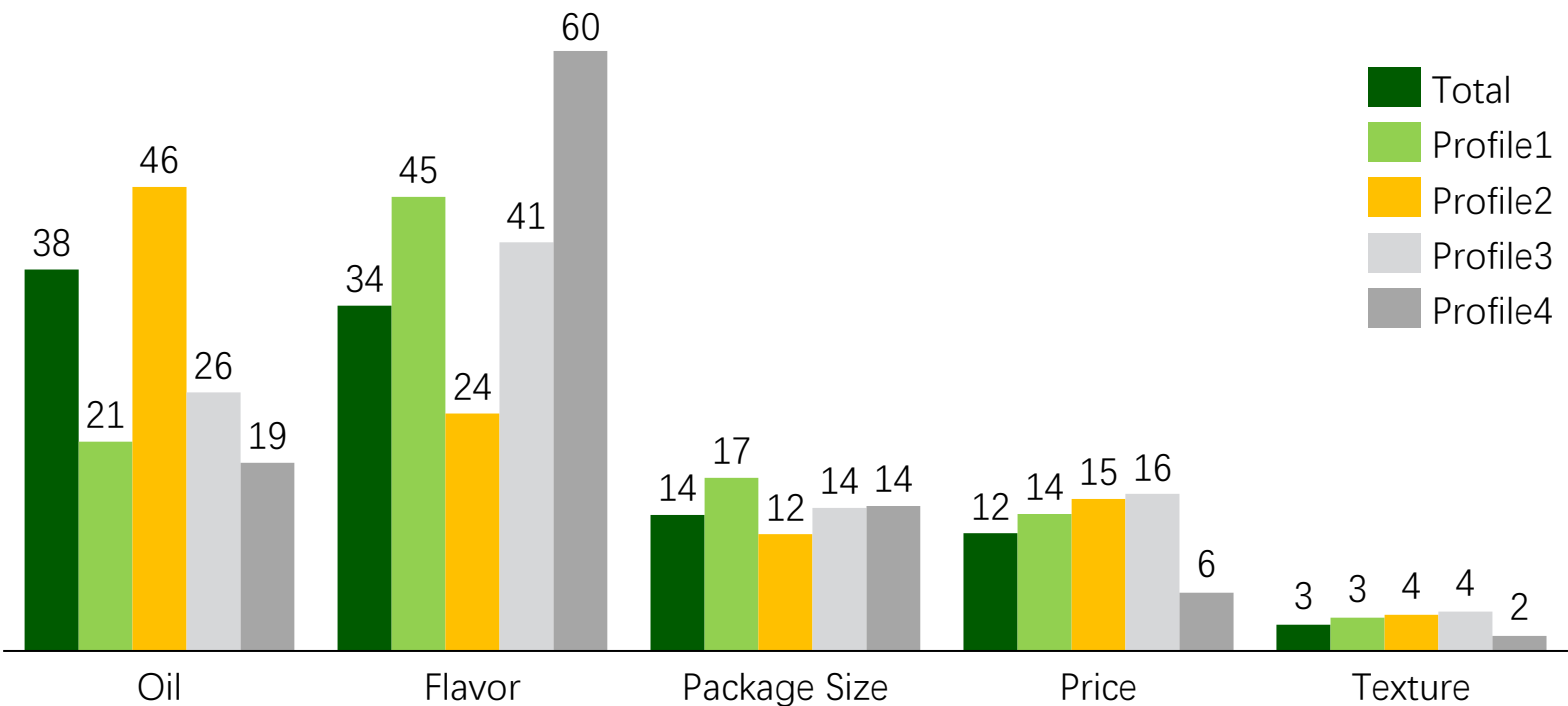
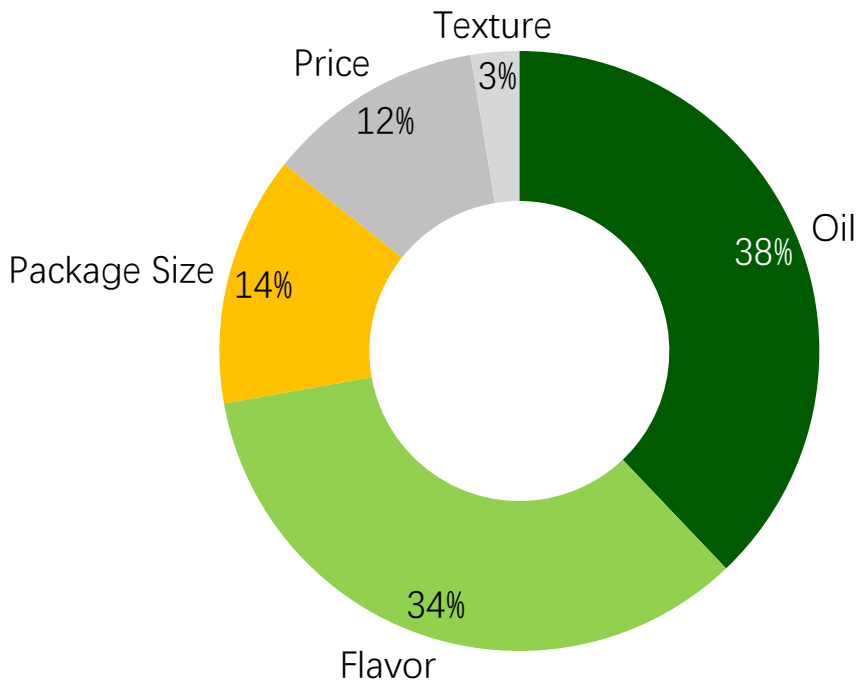
#### Purchase Behavior

- Purchase PC 3-6 times/ month, annual spend 150-200RMB

#### Channel Preference

- Small Super
- Supermarket
- CVS

Objective 3. New Product Launch Suggestions



Objective 3. New Product Launch Suggestions



**Teenager & Adult Families:** focus on middle-income families in A cities, high purchase frequency, prefer online channels; the main consumption scenes are festivals and family reunions.

Demographic

- Index:  
Teenager Family 113  
Adult Family 117
- Monthly Income 9-12K  
Index: 104
- A Cities  
Index: 106

Purchase Behavior

- 3 times/month Index: 126
- Annual Spend > 150 RMB  
Index: 128

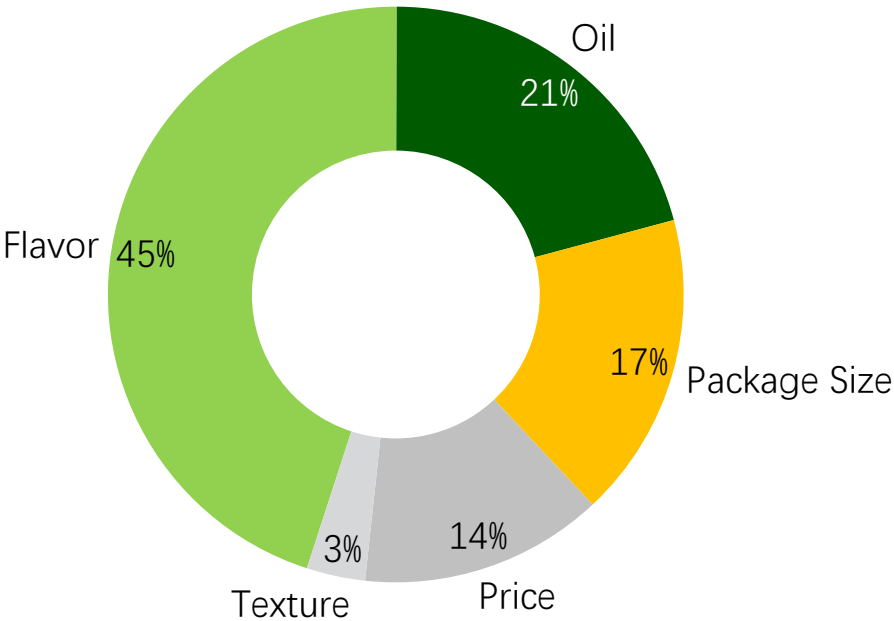
Channel Preference



Occasions



Relative Importance of Attributes



\*Index = Percentage of Consumer segmentation vs. Percentage of Overall PC Consumers \*100

Objective 3. New Product Launch Suggestions



Attribute	Level	Profile 1 Importance(%)	Utility
Oil	Baked crisps(no oil added)	20.8	-1.261
	Deep-fried crisps		1.261
Texture	thick	3.3	-0.201
	Thin		0.201
	Mild Flavor		-3.637
Flavor	Strong Flavor	45.1	1.843
	Sweet Flavor		1.272
	Traditional Flavor		0.522
Price	5 rmb	13.7	0.22
	10 rmb		0.719
	15 rmb		-0.94
Package Size	50g/pack, small	17.2	-0.75
	100g/pack, medium		-0.978
	150g/pack, large		0.621
	200g/pack, super large		1.107
Constant		4.984	
Pearson's R Value		0.778	
Pearson's R Sig		.000	
Kendall's tau		0.619	
Kendall's tau Sig		.000	

- ❑ Flavor & Oil are identified as the most important factors
- ❑ Within flavor, the most utility was obtained from **strong flavor**
- ❑ **Super Large package size** is preferred



Recommendations

- Incorporating regional flavors as well as festive features into new product
- Innovation on sweet flavor (e.g. Honey butter chips of CALBEE can be benchmarked )

Objective 3. New Product Launch Suggestions



- Questionnaire Design
- Non-PC Buyers
- PC Buyers
- Summary & Recommendation



Young women: mainly from Single & Mixed family in B-D cities, prefer O2O and CVS channels; Socializing(sharing with friends and outdoor) is the main purpose of consumption

Demographic



Index:  
Single & Mixed Family 115  
Female 139  
25-44 years old Frequency: 80%



Monthly Income 7-9K  
Frequency: 40%



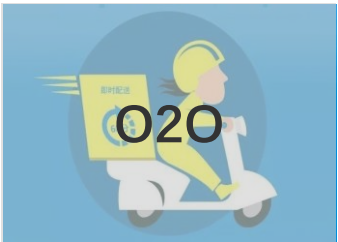
BCD Cities  
Frequency: 70%

Purchase Behavior

<2 times/month Index: 132

Annual Spend > 150 RMB  
Index: 128

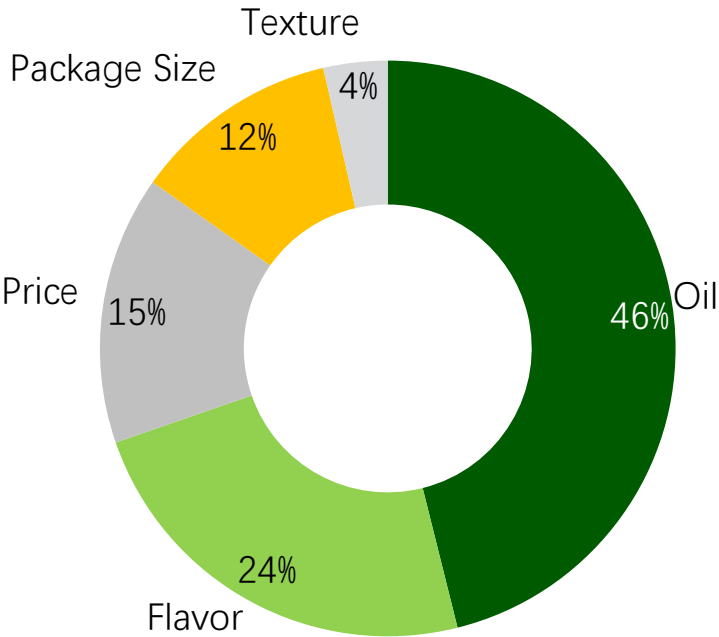
Channel Preference



Occasions



Relative Importance of Attributes



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## Objective 3. New Product Launch Suggestions



Questionnaire  
Design

Non-PC  
Buyers

PC Buyers

Summary &  
Recommendation



Attribute	Level	Profile 2	
		Importance(%)	Utility
Oil	Baked crisps(no oil added)	46.1	2.644
	Deep-fried crisps		-2.644
Texture	thick	3.6	0.208
	Thin		-0.208
Flavor	Mild Flavor	23.6	1.611
	Strong Flavor		-1.092
	Sweet Flavor		0.106
	Traditional Flavor		-0.625
Price	5 rmb	15.1	0.593
	10 rmb		0.54
	15 rmb		-1.133
Package Size	50g/pack, small	11.6	0.229
	100g/pack, medium		-0.815
	150g/pack, large		0.518
	200g/pack, super large		0.068
Constant		8.311	
Pearson's R Value		0.765	
Pearson's R Sig		.000	
Kendall's tau		0.655	
Kendall's tau Sig		.000	

- ☐ To be in shape and healthy, women are especially conscious of **Flavor & Oil**
- ☐ Within flavor, the most utility was obtained from **mild flavor**
- ☐ **Large and small packages** are suitable for different scenarios

### Recommendations

- Apply portable small packages and super large packages to current mild flavor products( e.g. nature taste and Taro Chips)



Objective 3. New Product Launch Suggestions



- Questionnaire Design
- Non-PC Buyers
- PC Buyers
- Summary & Recommendation



Young men: mainly from Single & Mixed family in B-D cities; heavy buyers of Potato chips; prefer Offline channels (Supermarket & CVS); the main consumption scenes are study & work as well as sharing with friends

Demographic



Index:  
Single & Mixed Family 111  
Male 119  
25-34 years old 108



Monthly Income 7-9K 106



BCD Cities  
Frequency: 70%

Purchase Behavior

>3 times/month Index: 110

Annual Spend > 150 RMB  
Index: 134

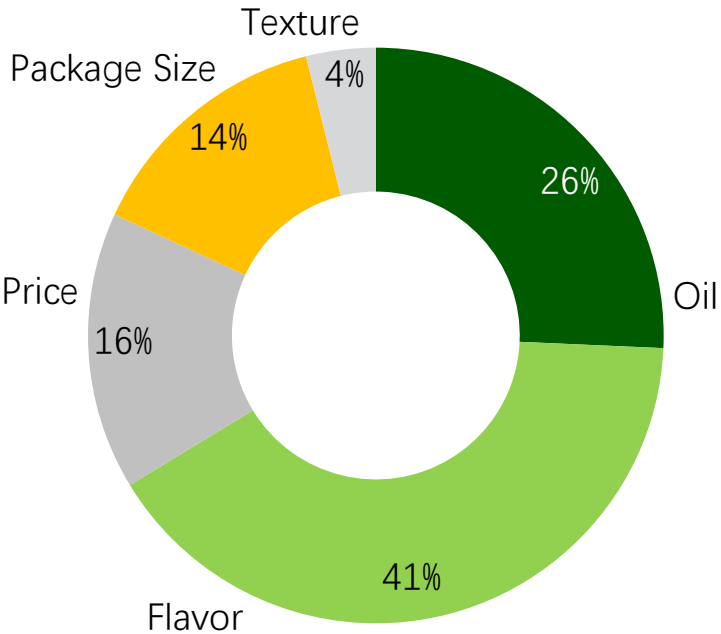
Channel Preference



Occasions



Relative Importance of Attributes



\*Tendency Index = Percentage of Consumer segmentation vs. Percentage of Overall PC Consumers \*100

## Objective 3. New Product Launch Suggestions



Questionnaire  
Design

Non-PC  
Buyers

PC Buyers

Summary &  
Recommendation



Attribute	Level	Profile 3 Importance(%)	Utility
Oil	Baked crisps(no oil added)	25.7	-1.571
	Deep-fried crisps		1.571
Texture	thick	3.9	-0.213
	Thin		0.213
Flavor	Mild Flavor	40.6	1.911
	Strong Flavor		5.932
	Sweet Flavor		-3.906
Price	Traditional Flavor	15.6	-3.937
	5 rmb		0.61
	10 rmb		0.413
	15 rmb		-1.023
Package Size	50g/pack, small	14.2	-1.322
	100g/pack, medium		0.129
	150g/pack, large		0.162
	200g/pack, super large		1.031
Constant		5.786	
Pearson's R Value		0.687	
Pearson's R Sig		.000	
Kendall's tau		0.583	
Kendall's tau Sig		.000	

- ☐ Less concern about the functionality and health of the product
- ☐ **deep-fried crisp with strong Flavor and thin texture** is preferred
- ☐ **Super large package size** is preferred

### Recommendations

- Introduce super large package size to current top-selling strong flavor products (e.g. Hotpot Series)
- Communicate sharing and relaxing image, combined with at-home scenarios

Objective 3. New Product Launch Suggestions



- Questionnaire Design
- Non-PC Buyers
- PC Buyers
- Summary & Recommendation



**Adult & Empty Nest Families:** mainly high-income families in B-D cities, prefer Ecommerce and CVS channels; the main consumption scenes are festivals.

Demographic

 **Adult Family** Index : 117  
**Male** 111

 **Monthly Income >12K**  
Index: 123

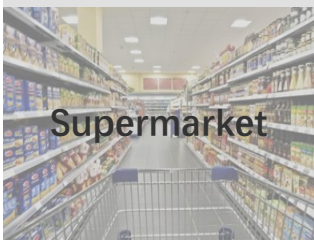
 **BCD Cities**  
Frequency: 80%

Purchase Behavior

**<3 times/month** Index: 113

**Annual Spend < 150 RMB**  
Index: 139

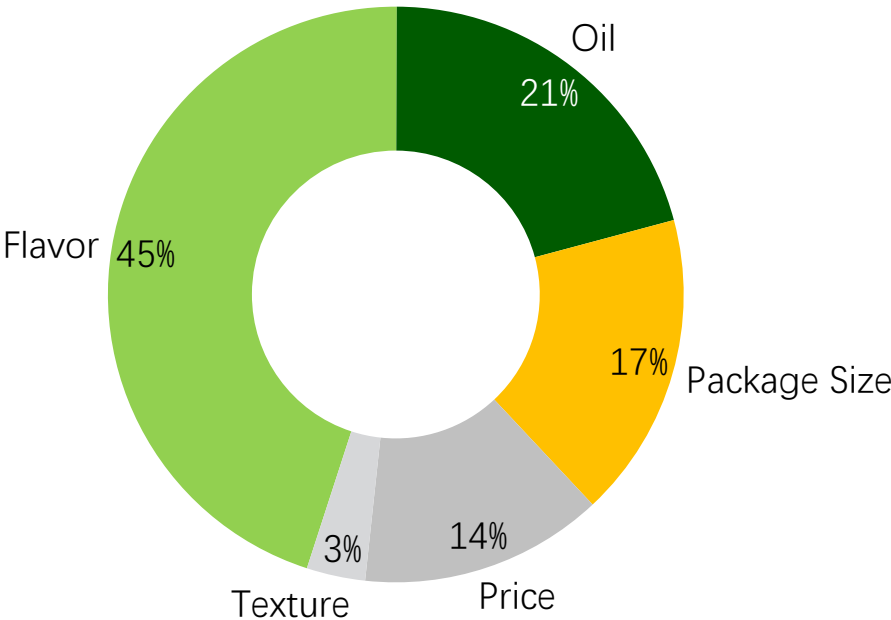
Channel Preference



Occasions



Relative Importance of Attributes



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Objective 3. New Product Launch Suggestions



Attribute	Level	Profile 4 Importance(%)	Utility
Oil	Baked crisps(no oil added)	18.7	2.166
	Deep-fried crisps		-2.166
Texture	thick	1.5	0.172
	Thin		-0.172
	Mild Flavor		9.029
Flavor	Strong Flavor	59.6	-2.988
	Sweet Flavor		-4.773
	Traditional Flavor		-1.267
	5 rmb		0.459
Price	10 rmb	5.8	-0.884
	15 rmb		0.424
	50g/pack, small		0.052
Package Size	100g/pack, medium	14.4	-1.599
	150g/pack, large		-0.186
	200g/pack, super large		1.733
	Constant		7.799
Pearson's R Value			0.799
Pearson's R Sig			.000
Kendall's tau			0.555
Kendall's tau Sig			.000

- ❑ Flavor is identified as the most important factor
- ❑ Within flavor, the most utility was obtained from **mild flavor**

Recommendations

Similar with Group 2

### Objective 3. New Product Launch Suggestions



Questionnaire  
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For PC non/Lost buyers...

#### Barriers

##### Health

- ☐ High Calories
- ☐ Much additives
- ☐ Fried

##### Taste

- ☐ Lack of excitement

Key findings

Recommendations

- More resources on existing healthy concept product: Simply/TARO/Yam
- Innovation on low calories snacks
- Communicate health image of specific product lines

For Lays non/Lost buyers...

#### Barriers

- ☐ Too fake flavor
- ☐ Not refreshing enough
- ☐ Not fun when eat

- Continue the multi-flavor strategy to expand penetration
- Further research among PC buyers for taste improvement  
(See the results of conjoint analysis)

For Lays buyers...

#### Triggers

##### Innovation

- ☐ New flavors introduced frequently

##### Communication

- ☐ Attracting advertisement
- ☐ Co-branded packaging

- Keep introducing new products every season
- Continue communicating sharing and happiness image



For Total PC buyers...

### Product Lines

- **Develop “Healthy + Portable” Concept Products----** apply portable small packages to current mild flavor products(e.g., nature taste and Taro Chips)
- **Develop Family Sharing Packs----** Incorporate regional flavors as well as festive features into new products, with super larger package
- **Innovation on sweet flavor (e.g., Honey butter chips)**
- **Apply super large package size to current top-selling strong flavor products and mild flavor products(e.g., Hotpot Series and Nature Series)**