



Supply Chain and Trade War Analysis

MSBA Capstone Project 2019

2019.6.14

HSBC 



HexaNet



01

Background and Data

02

Challenge 1

How To Identify Potential Customers?

03

Challenge 2

How To Discover Trade War Effect?

04

Summary

AGENDA

01

Background and Data



HSBC Is The Market Leader In Commercial Banking

Services:

Forfaiting
Credit and lending

Clearing and foreign
currency payments

Global payables and
receivables

Liquidity, liability and
investments

No.1 in global trade finance

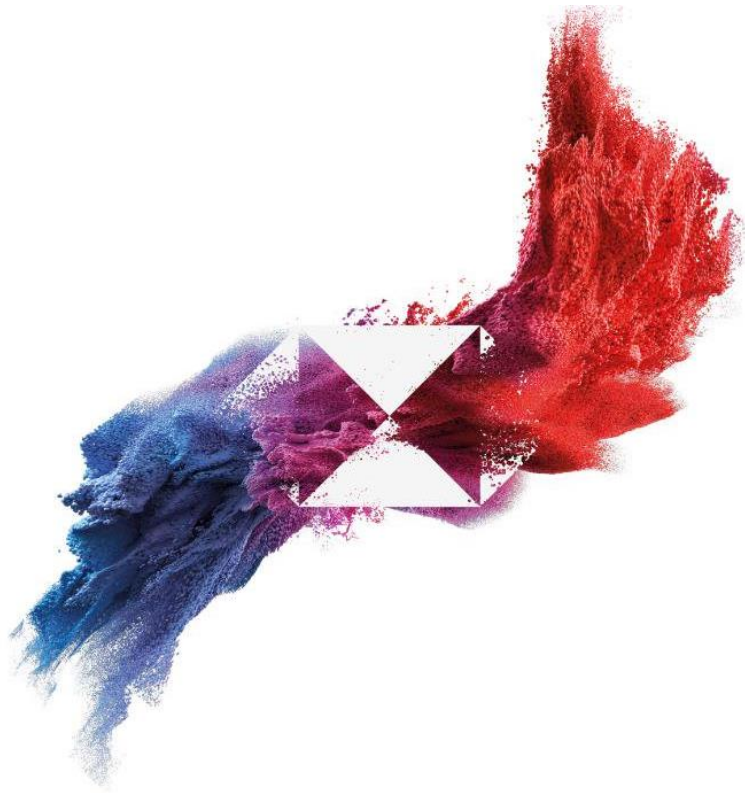
USD 333bn

of loans to businesses at the end of 2018

USD 740bn

of trade facilitated annually

Facing Two Challenges



01 Identify Potential Customers

02 Discover The Effect Of
US-China Trade War

Take Automobile Industry As Starting Point



Plenty of Suppliers
5,000+



High Proportion in GDP
3.5% - 10%



International Trade
40,000+ international
relationships

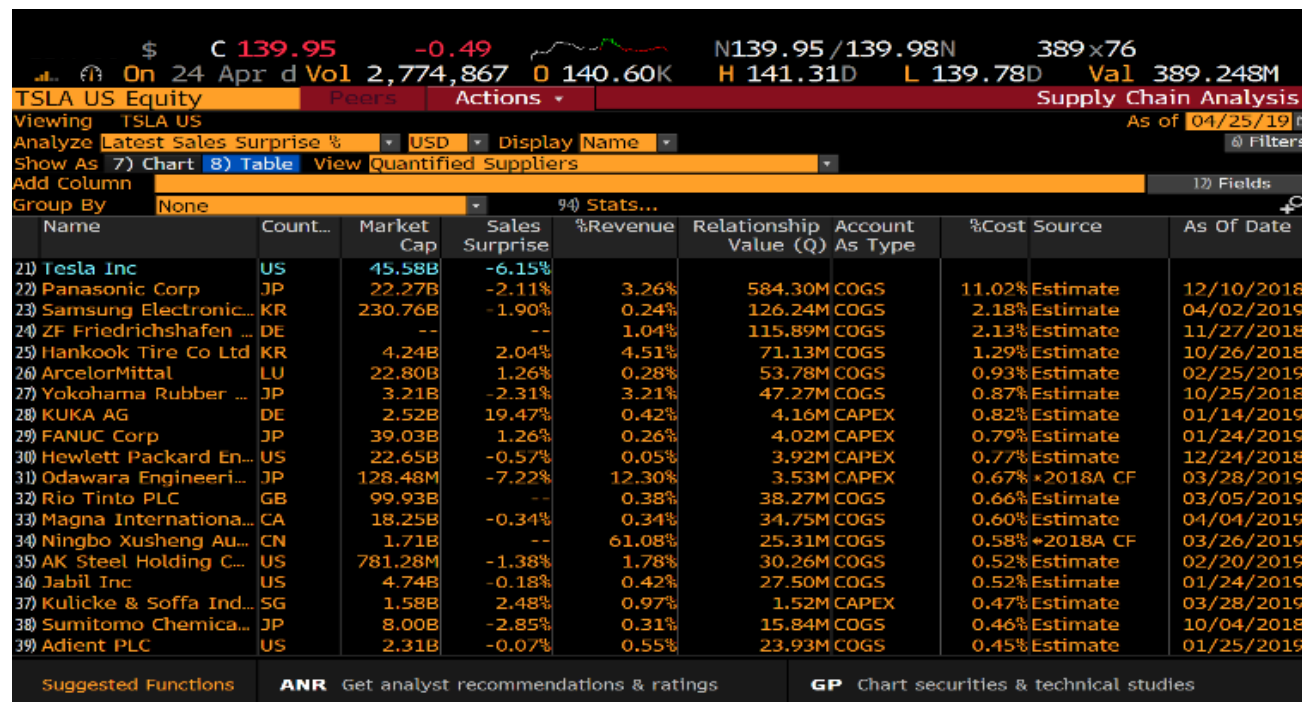
Reference:

1. Vernon, R. (1979). The product cycle hypothesis in a new international environment. *Oxford bulletin of economics and statistics*, 41(4), 255-267.
2. Hill, K., Menk, D., & Cooper, A. (2010). Contribution of the automotive industry to the economies of all fifty states and the United States. *Center for Automotive Research*, 42.

Use Bloomberg As Data Source

Bloomberg

- The most complete data (Supply chain data & Financial data)
- Provides quantified relationships



The screenshot shows the Bloomberg terminal interface for Tesla US Equity. At the top, it displays the stock price at \$139.95, a change of -0.49, and volume of 2,774,867. Below this, the 'Supply Chain Analysis' section is active, showing a table of suppliers. The table includes columns for Name, Count, Market Cap, Sales Surprise, %Revenue, Relationship Value (Q), Account As Type, %Cost Source, and As Of Date. The suppliers listed include Tesla Inc, Panasonic Corp, Samsung Electronics, ZF Friedrichshafen, Hankook Tire Co Ltd, ArcelorMittal, Yokohama Rubber, KUKA AG, FANUC Corp, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Odawara Engineering, Rio Tinto PLC, Magna International, Ningbo Xusheng, AK Steel Holding, Jabil Inc, Kulicke & Soffa Industries, Sumitomo Chemical, and Adient PLC.

Name	Count	Market Cap	Sales Surprise	%Revenue	Relationship Value (Q)	Account As Type	%Cost Source	As Of Date
21) Tesla Inc	US	45.58B	-6.15%					
22) Panasonic Corp	JP	22.27B	-2.11%	3.26%	584.30M COGS		11.02% Estimate	12/10/2018
23) Samsung Electronic...	KR	230.76B	-1.90%	0.24%	126.24M COGS		2.18% Estimate	04/02/2019
24) ZF Friedrichshafen ...	DE	--	--	1.04%	115.89M COGS		2.13% Estimate	11/27/2018
25) Hankook Tire Co Ltd	KR	4.24B	2.04%	4.51%	71.13M COGS		1.29% Estimate	10/26/2018
26) ArcelorMittal	LU	22.80B	1.26%	0.28%	53.78M COGS		0.93% Estimate	02/25/2019
27) Yokohama Rubber ...	JP	3.21B	-2.31%	3.21%	47.27M COGS		0.87% Estimate	10/25/2018
28) KUKA AG	DE	2.52B	19.47%	0.42%	4.16M CAPEX		0.82% Estimate	01/14/2019
29) FANUC Corp	JP	39.03B	1.26%	0.26%	4.02M CAPEX		0.79% Estimate	01/24/2019
30) Hewlett Packard En...	US	22.65B	-0.57%	0.05%	3.92M CAPEX		0.77% Estimate	12/24/2018
31) Odawara Engineeri...	JP	128.48M	-7.22%	12.30%	3.53M CAPEX		0.67% *2018A CF	03/28/2019
32) Rio Tinto PLC	GB	99.93B	--	0.38%	38.27M COGS		0.66% Estimate	03/05/2019
33) Magna Internationa...	CA	18.25B	-0.34%	0.34%	34.75M COGS		0.60% Estimate	04/04/2019
34) Ningbo Xusheng Au...	CN	1.71B	--	61.08%	25.31M COGS		0.58% *2018A CF	03/26/2019
35) AK Steel Holding C...	US	781.28M	-1.38%	1.78%	30.26M COGS		0.52% Estimate	02/20/2019
36) Jabil Inc	US	4.74B	-0.18%	0.42%	27.50M COGS		0.52% Estimate	01/24/2019
37) Kulicke & Soffa Ind...	SG	1.58B	2.48%	0.97%	1.52M CAPEX		0.47% Estimate	03/28/2019
38) Sumitomo Chemica...	JP	8.00B	-2.85%	0.31%	15.84M COGS		0.46% Estimate	10/04/2018
39) Adient PLC	US	2.31B	-0.07%	0.55%	23.93M COGS		0.45% Estimate	01/25/2019

Other Sources

Eikon

- Relationships are not quantified
- Data not complete

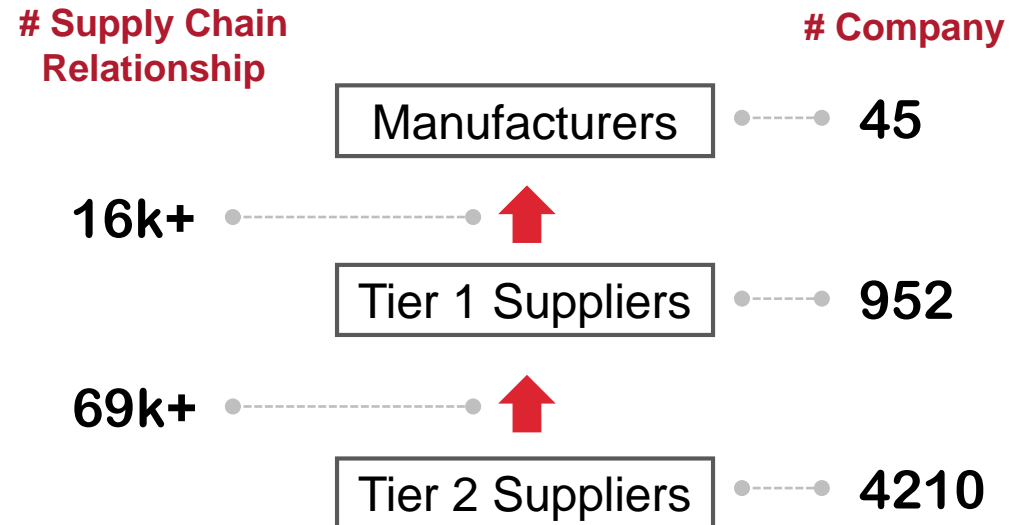
Cninfo/WRDS

- Only US/China data
- No supply chain information

Two Datasets From Bloomberg

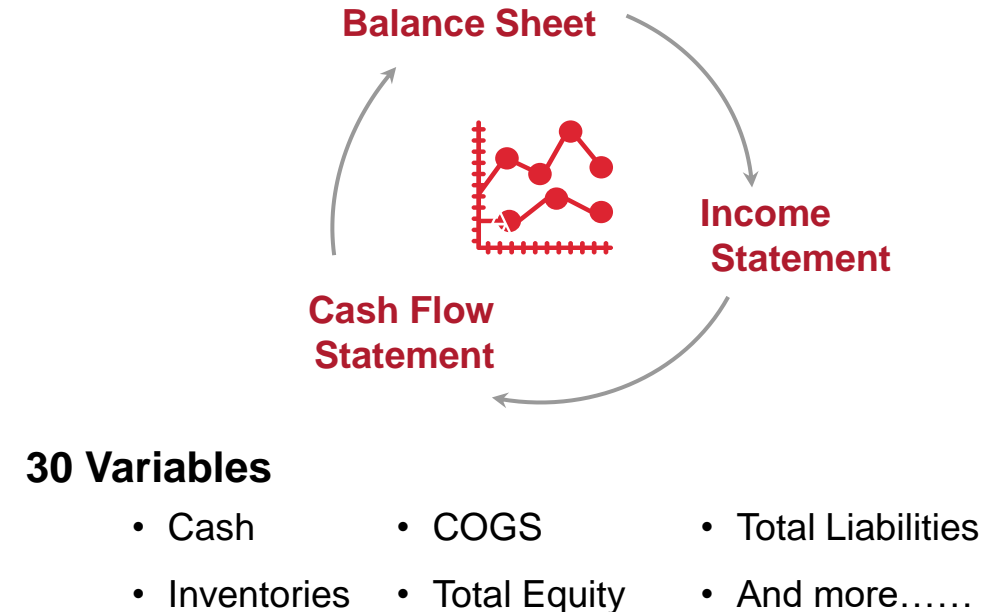
Supply Chain Data

2017 Q4 – 2019 Q1



Financial Data

2014 Q1 – 2019 Q1



Analysis



- ☐ Network Analysis
 - Centrality Ranking
 - HITS Algorithm
- ☐ Trade War Study
 - Three-factor Model
 - HexaNet Scoring System

Visualization



- ☐ D3.js JavaScript Lib
- ☐ Plotly.js JavaScript Lib
- ☐ Bootstrap Front-end Lib
- ☐ Tableau Public

02

How To Identify Potential Customers?



Challenge 1 - Identify Potential Customers

How to target the market?



How to know more about the companies?



How to measure the potential of a company?



How to search a specific company?



 <http://hexanet.live>

Solution 1 - Identify Potential Customers

+ 01. How to target the market?

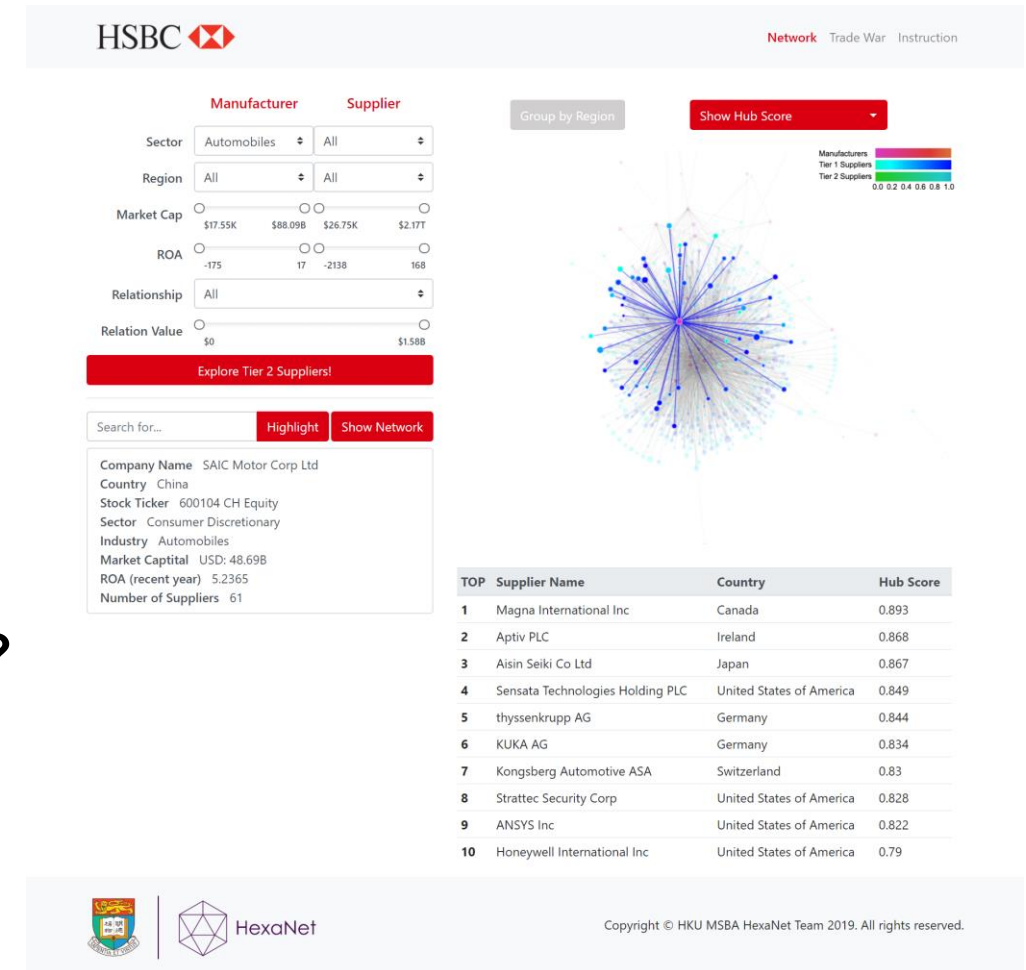
- Filter on the companies and relationships
- Group companies by region

+ 02. How to know more about the companies?

- Differentiate companies by color and size
- Zoom in/out on the network
- Choose a company on the network, or search it

+ 03. How to measure the potential of a company?

- Denote company importance by color
- Rank the companies by centrality scores



 <http://hexanet.live>

Centrality: The Importance of Vertices Within A Graph

Degree Centrality

defines the number of links incident upon a node.

Closeness Centrality

measures how short the shortest paths are from node i to all nodes.

Betweenness Centrality

defines the shortest path between one and another.

Hubs and Authorities

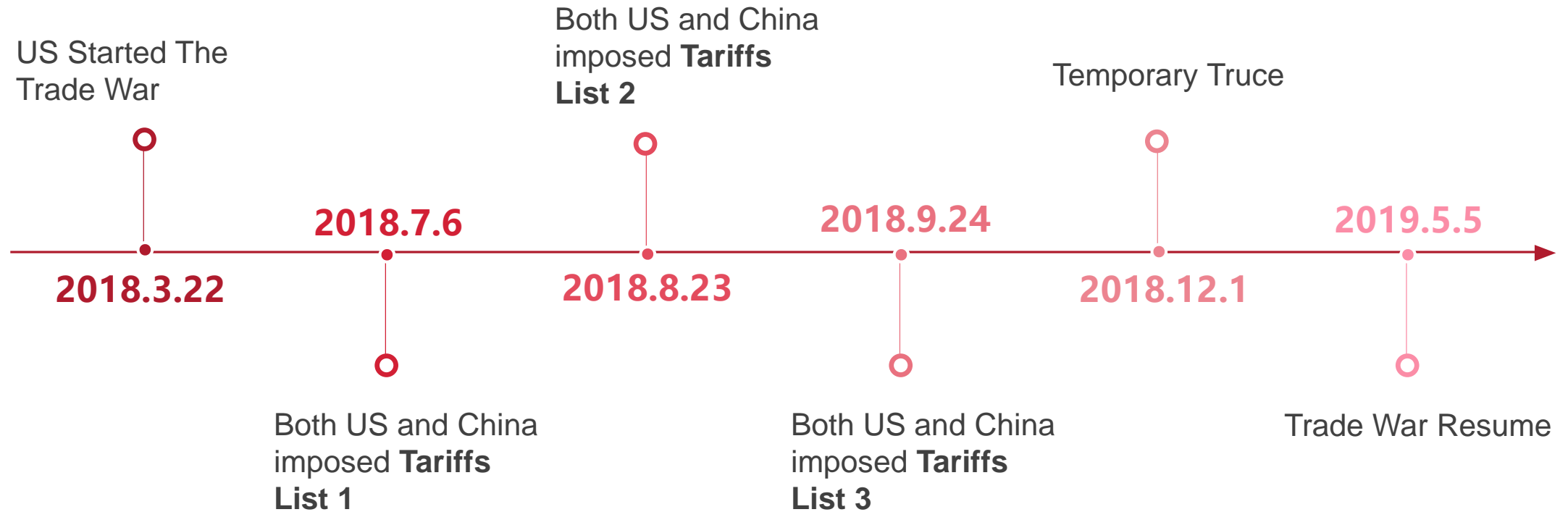
Hubs: importance of suppliers
Authorities: importance of manufacturers

03

How To Discover Trade War Effect?



Trade War Started At 2018 Q1

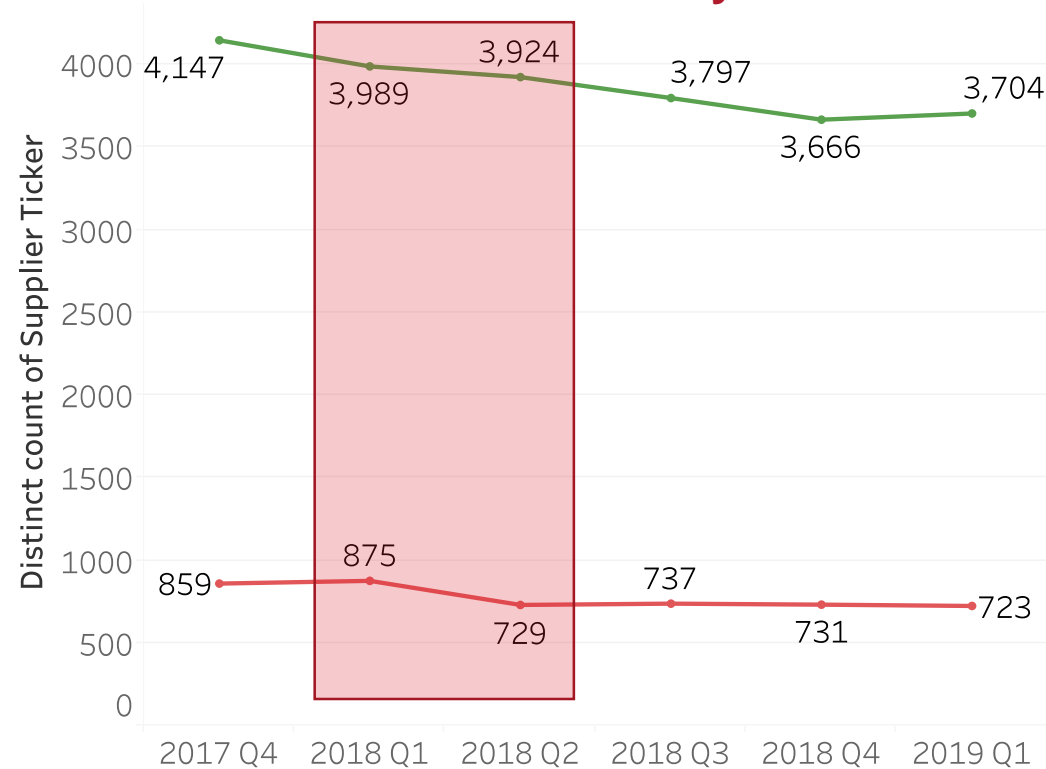


Reference:

- What's at stake in US-China trade war (July 19, 2018), from <https://ig.ft.com/us-china-tariffs>
- Trump said trade wars are 'easy to win.' A year later, here's a timeline of what's happened with China (March 2, 2019), from <https://www.cnbc.com/2019/03/01/the-timeline-of-trump-china-tariffs-and-trade-war.html>
- The US-China Trade War: A Timeline (April 12, 2019), from <https://www.china-briefing.com/news/the-us-china-trade-war-a-timeline/>

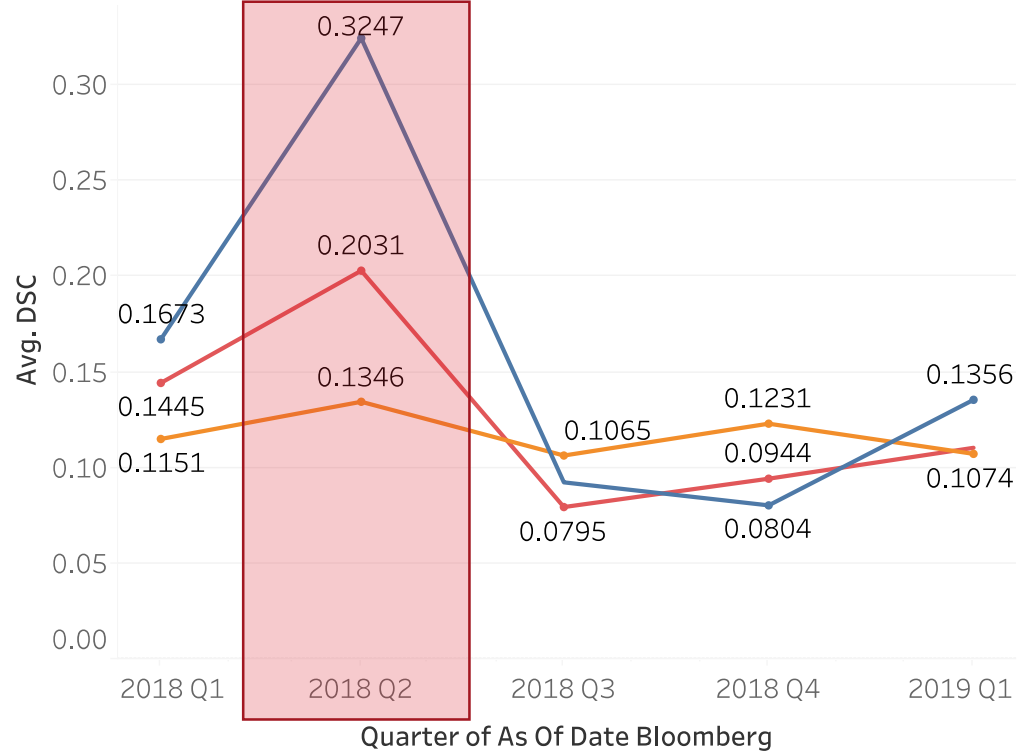
Choices of Supplier Network Changed In 2018Q2

Number of Suppliers drop in 2018Q2 in the overall industry



Type (group)
■ First Tier Supplier
■ Second Tier Supplier

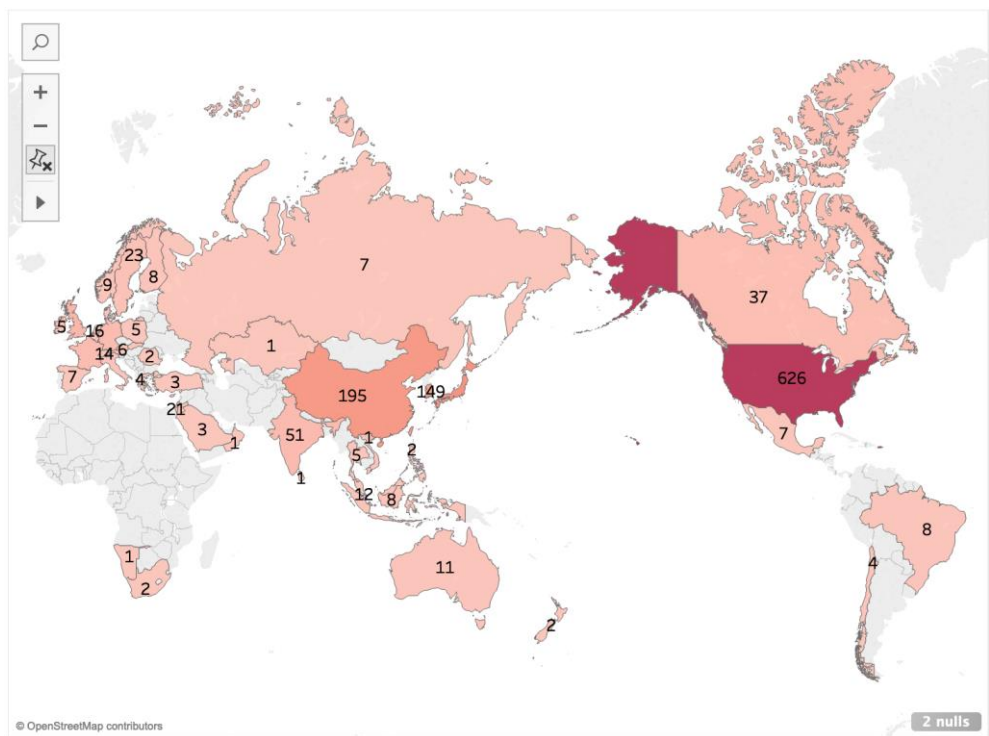
DSC reviewed that big changes of supplier network in 2018Q2



Country (group)
■ CN
■ Others
■ US

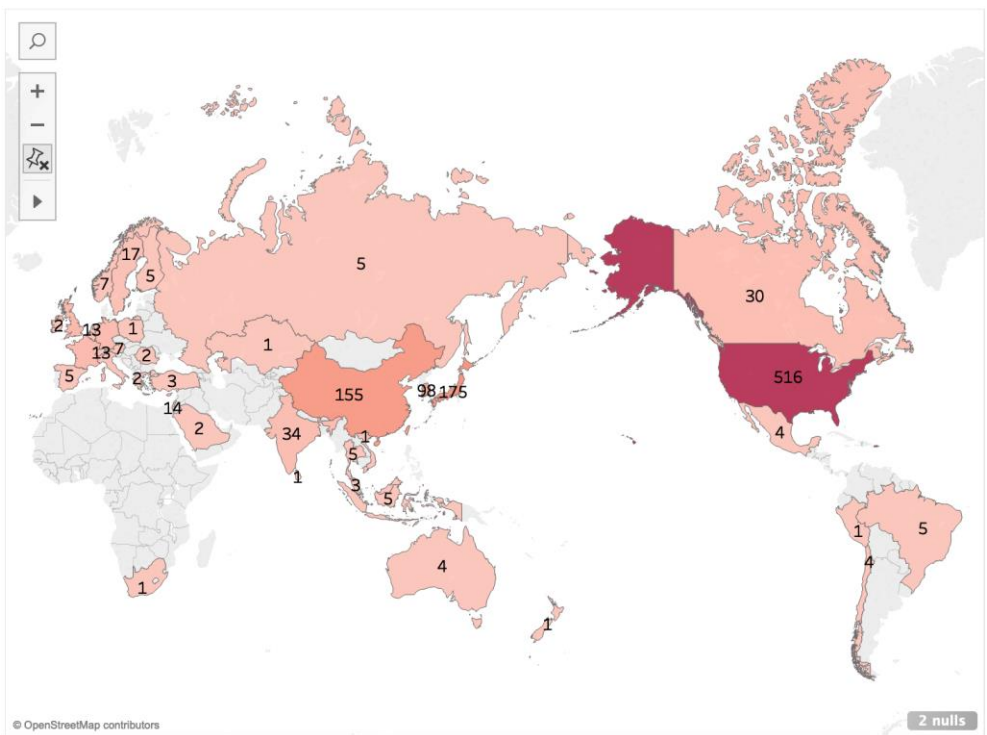
US Firms Decreasing Its Exposure In China And Number Of Suppliers

Suppliers COO as of
2017/12/31



US	626(34.26%)
JP	217(11.88%)
CN	195(10.67%)
TW	160(8.76%)
KR	149(8.16%)

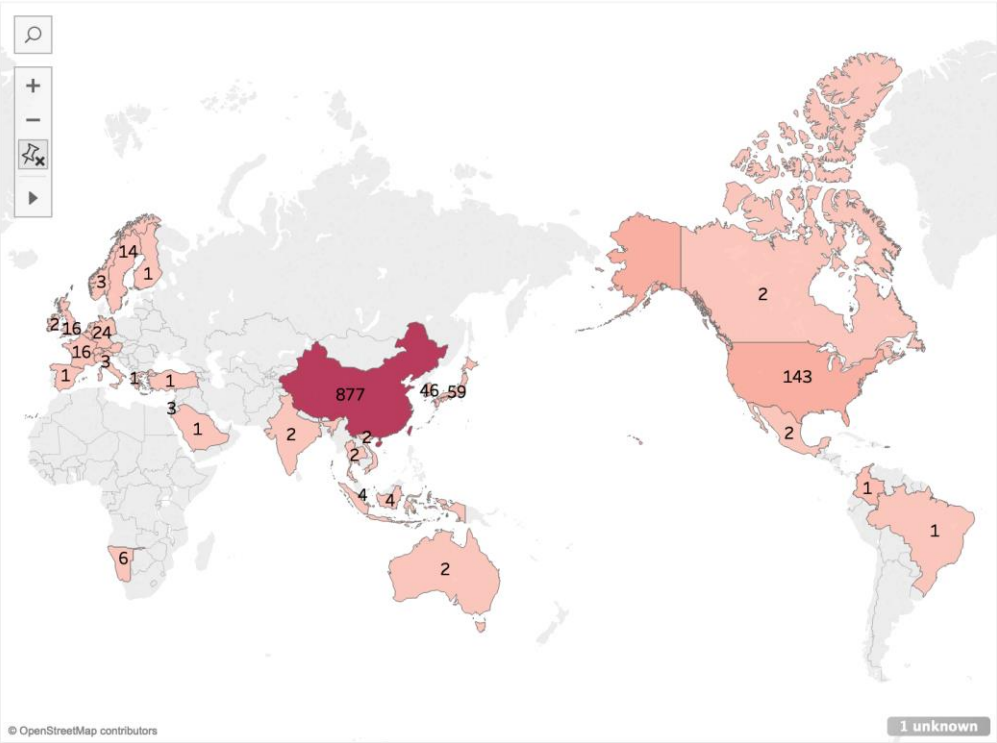
Suppliers COO as of
2019/03/31



US	516(36.03%)
JP	175(12.22%)
CN	155(10.82%)
TW	126(8.80%)
KR	98(6.84%)

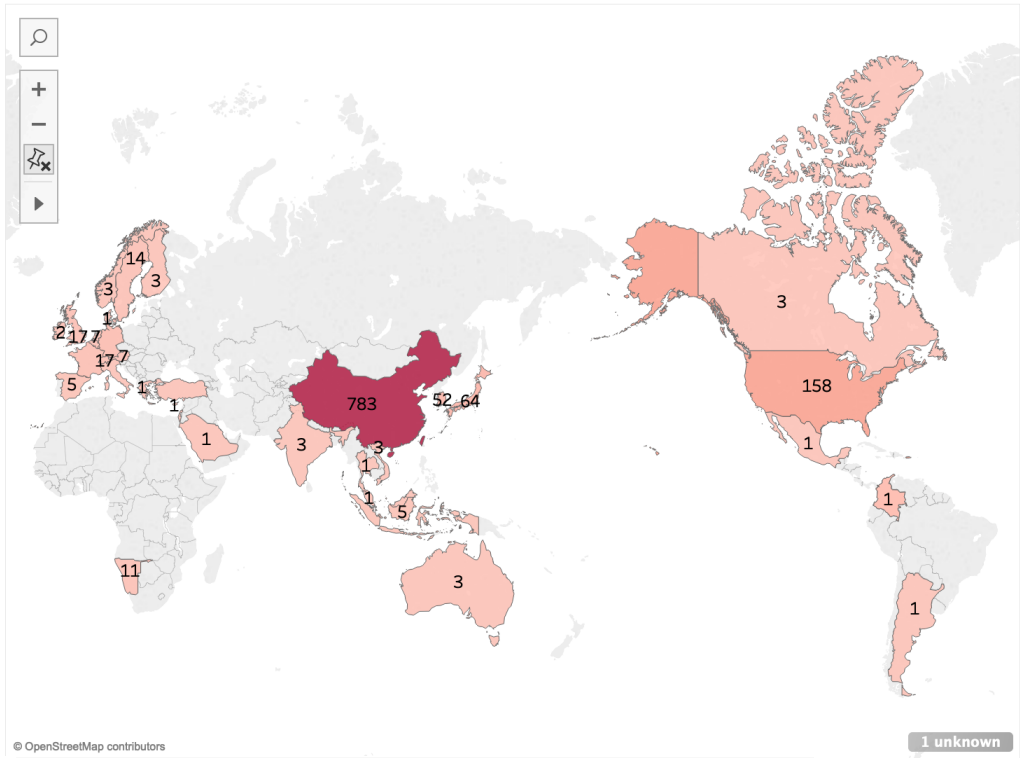
Chinese Firms Are Indifferent With Trade War

Suppliers COO as of
2017/12/31



CN	<div></div>	877(66.04%)
US	<div></div>	143(10.77%)
JP	<div></div>	59(4.44%)
KR	<div></div>	46(3.46%)
TW	<div></div>	44(3.31%)

Suppliers COO as of
2019/03/31

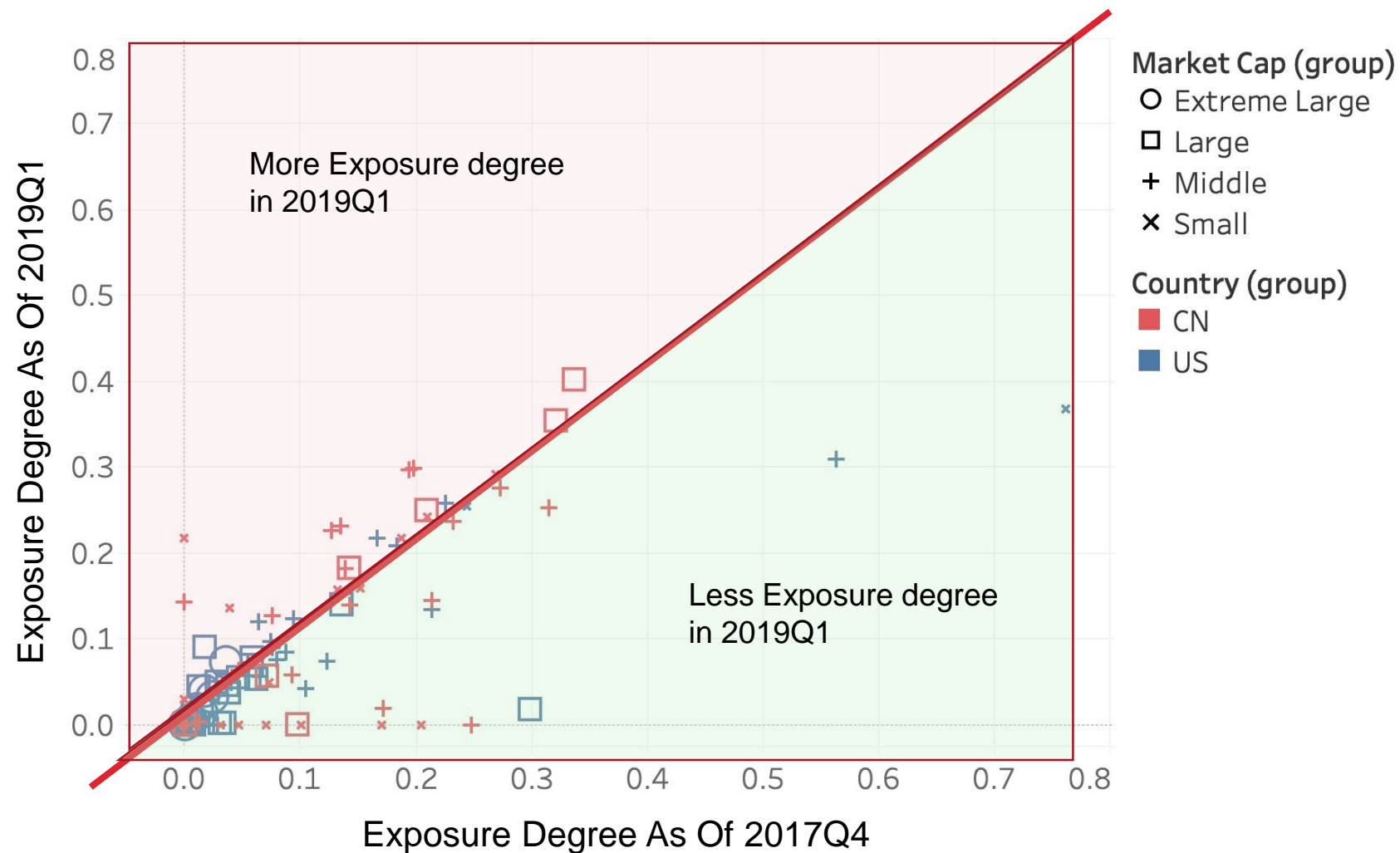


CN	<div></div>	783(59.45%)
US	<div></div>	158(12.00%)
JP	<div></div>	64(4.86%)
KR	<div></div>	52(3.95%)
TW	<div></div>	50(3.80%)

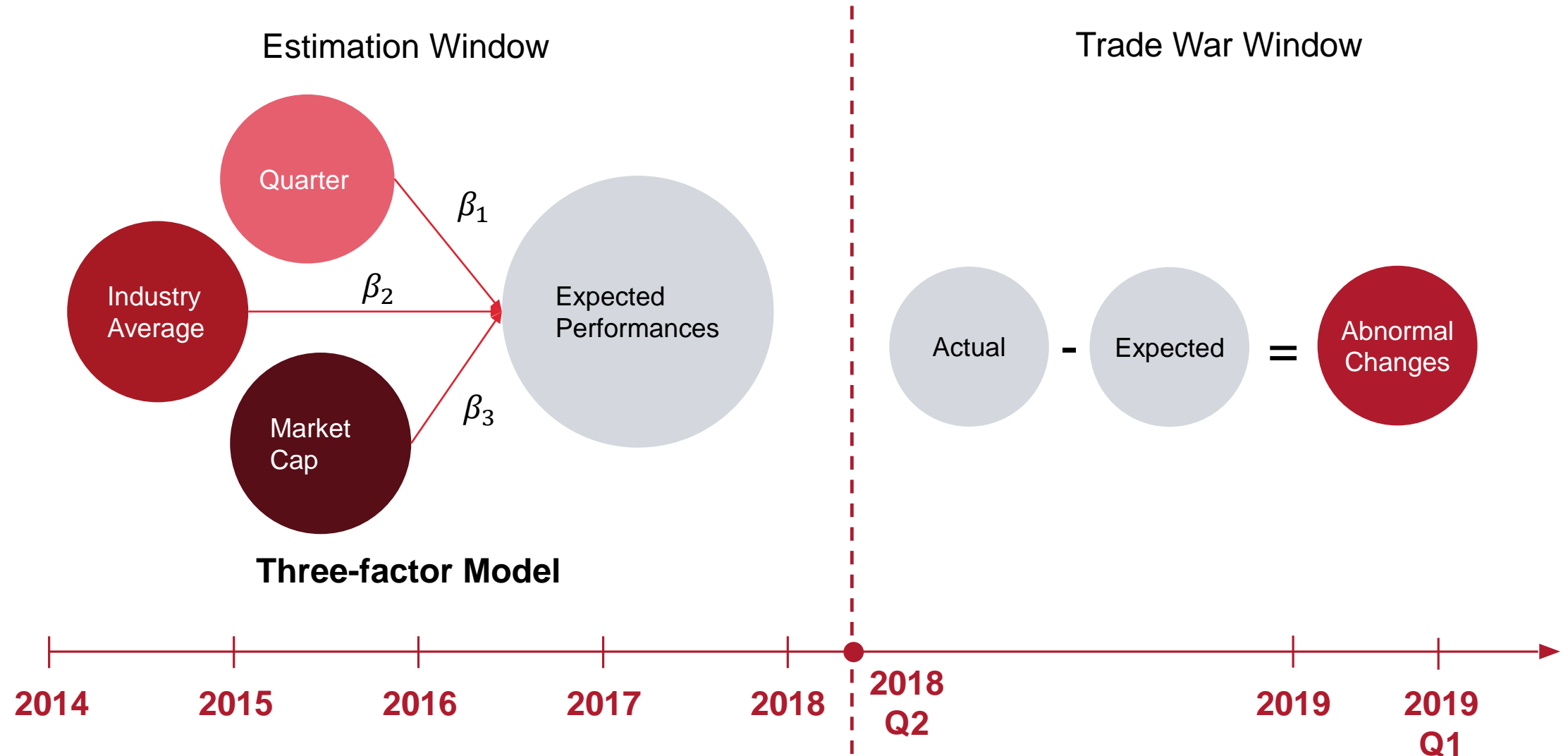
Large Companies Have Less Exposure To Trade War

Exposure Degree:
Measure the portion of
US/CN suppliers and
customers

Company Size	Exposure Degree
Extreme Large	0.03076
Large	0.081
Middle	0.1022
Small	0.074



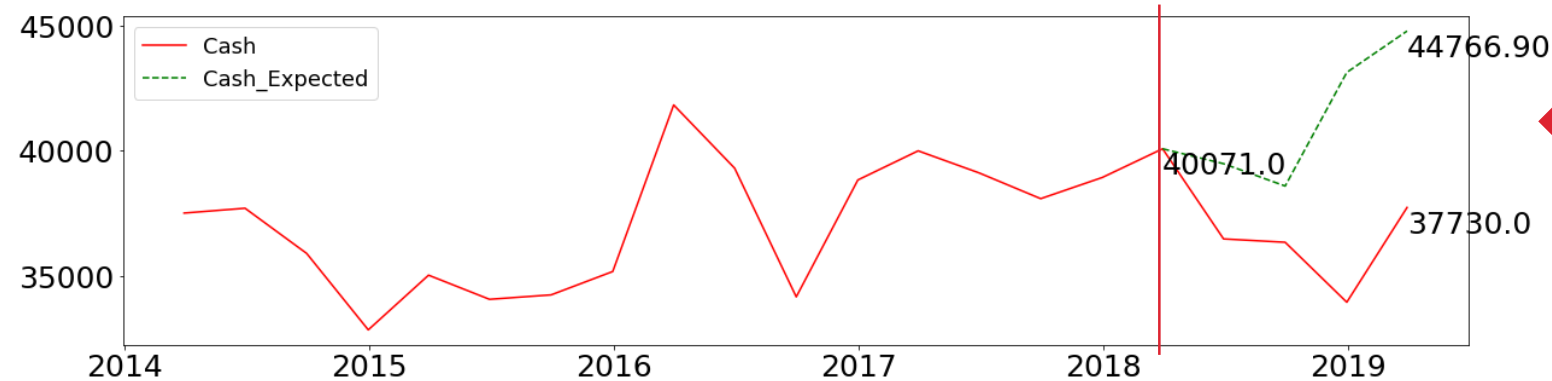
Study Abnormal Changes Of Financial Metrics Of Each Firm During Trade War



Take Ford Motor As A Numerical Example

Econometrics

Financial Metrics: Cash



Inspect the abnormal changes during the Trade War Period

Three-Factor Model

$$Expected = c + \beta_1 * Quarter + \beta_2 * Industry\ average + \beta_3 * Market\ cap$$

$$constant = 25960.98$$

$$\beta_{Q2} = -1505.99; \beta_{Q3} = -3979.66; \beta_{Q4} = -2663.73$$

$$\beta_{Industry_avg} = 3.27$$

$$\beta_{Market_Cap} = -0.127$$

Abnormal Changes

2019Q1: Industry average: 7110.36 Market Cap: 35028.213

$$Expected\ Cash = 44,766.9$$

$$Actual\ Cash = 37,730.0$$

$$Abnormal\ Changes = \frac{37,730}{44,766.9} - 1 = -15.72\%$$

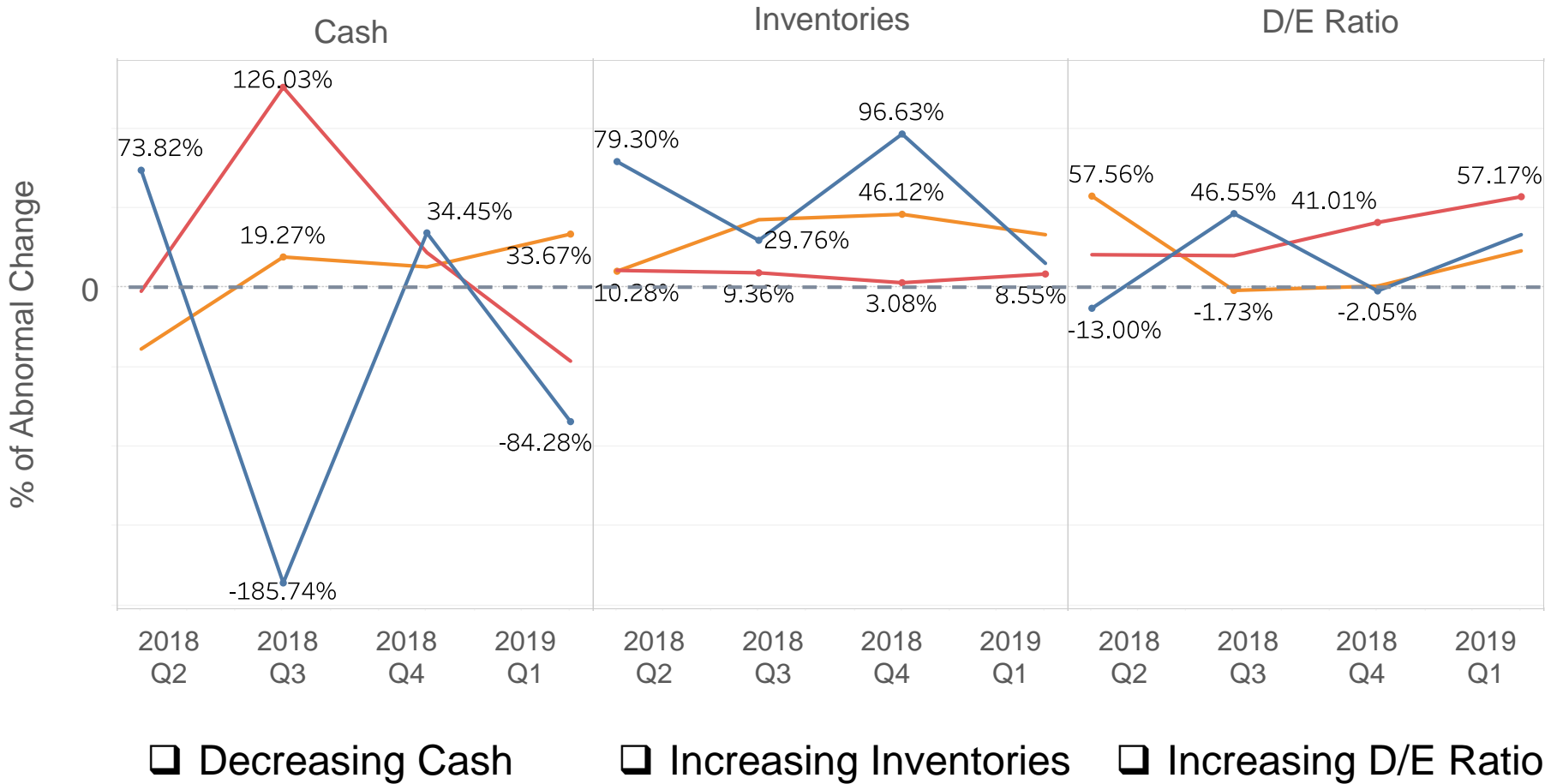
Abnormal Changes Of Financial Metrics During Trade War

Country Group

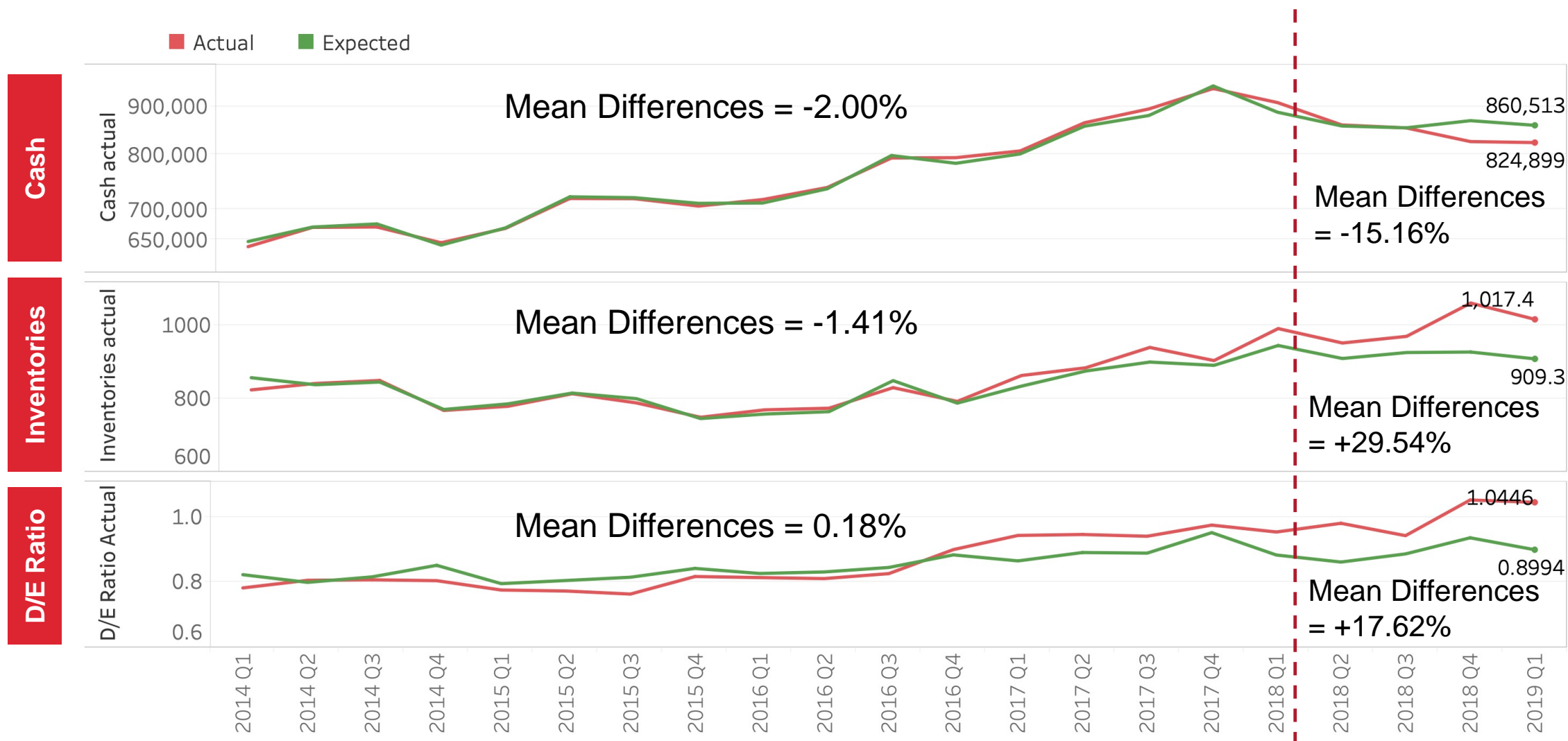
CN

US











Other



Cash, Inventory And D/E Varies From Expectations

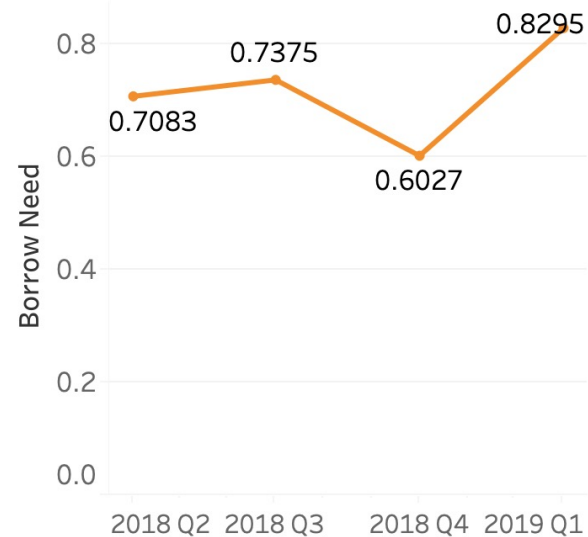


HexaNet Scoring System

Scores	Calculations	Rationales	
Borrow Need Score	abnormal change of Inventories – abnormal change of cash	Inventories  Cash 	 Operation Efficiency 
Risk Score	abnormal change of D/E ratio	D/E ratio 	 Financial Flexibility 
FX Need Score	number of foreign suppliers	Foreign Suppliers 	 FX Opportunities 
HexaNet Score	$\sqrt{(Borrow\ Need)^2 + (FX\ Need)^2 + (1 - Risk)^2}$	Aggregated score using Euclidean metric	

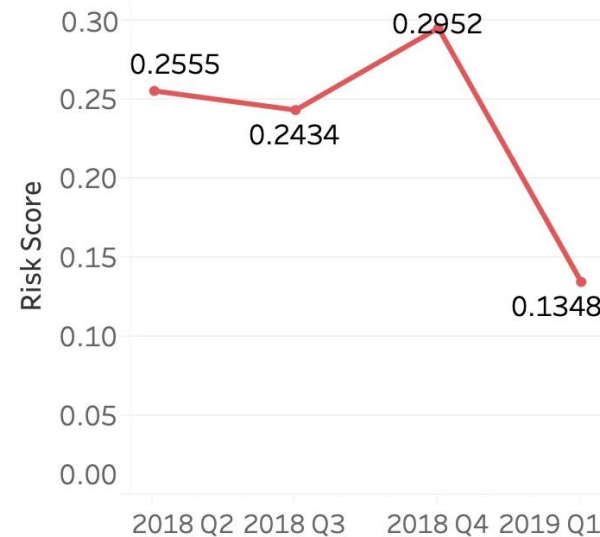
Take Tesla As An Example

Borrow Need Score



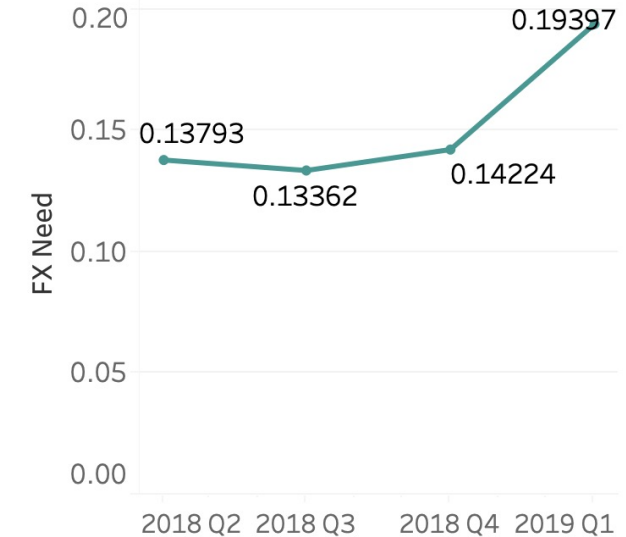
2019 February news - “Tesla reached an agreement with a group of Chinese banks to secure over \$500 million in loans”¹

Risk Score



Tesla bond price rose from \$95 in March 2018 to \$110 in January 2019²

FX Need Score



2019 February news - “Tesla plans to build its first overseas Gigafactory in Shanghai, China.”¹

Reference:

1. Business Insider, Tesla reached an agreement with a group of Chinese banks to secure over \$500 million in loans for its new Gigafactory in Shanghai <https://www.businessinsider.my/tesla-enters-loan-agreement-chinese-banks-to-fund-new-gigafactory-2019-3/>
2. Markets Insider, tesla inc bond 2021 Historical Price https://markets.businessinsider.com/bond/historical/tesla_inc-bond-2021-us88160rac51/ber/31.3.2018_1.4.2019

Challenge 2 - Discover Trade War Effect

How to visualize the trade war effect on individual company?



How to prioritize the companies to target under the trade war?



 <http://hexanet.live>

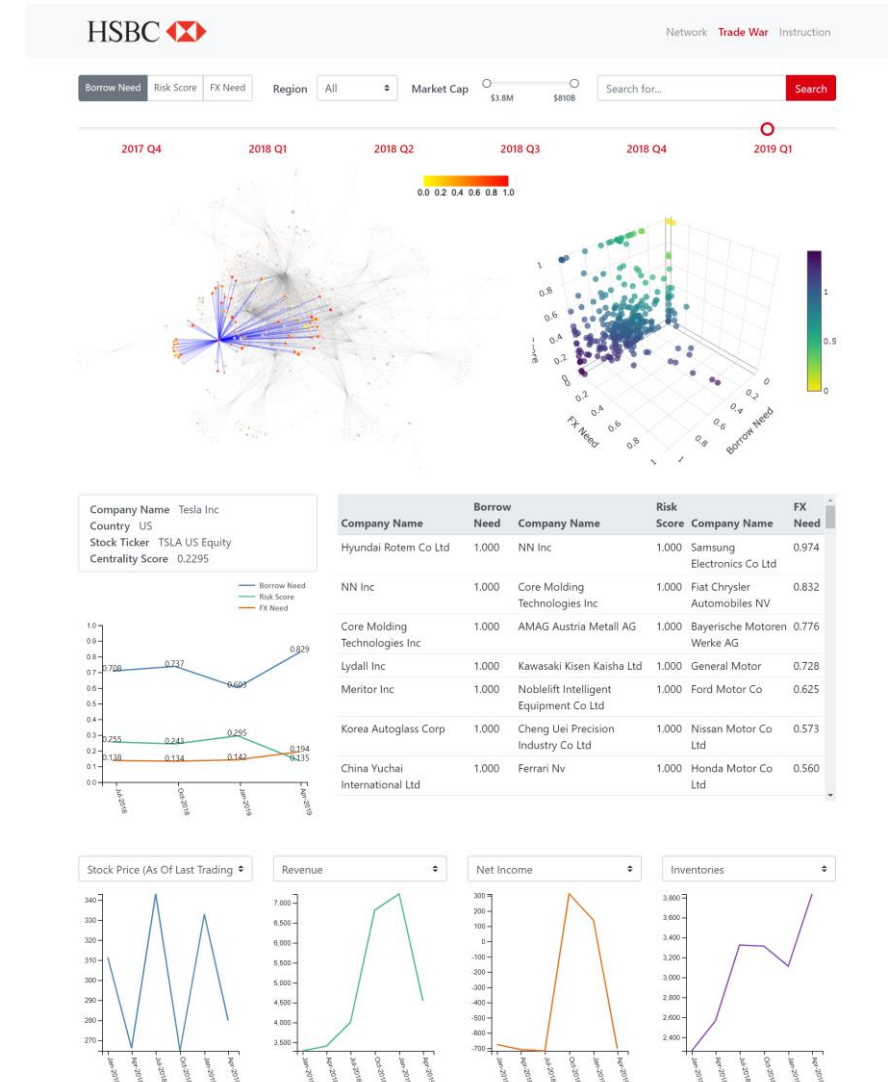
Solution 2 - Discover Trade War Effect

+ 01. How to visualize the trade war effect on individual company?

- Show network evolvement through timeline
- Plot HexaNet scores over time
- Plot company financial performance

+ 02. How to prioritize the companies to target under the trade war?

- Locate companies in HexaNet scoring system through 3D scatter plot
- Rank the companies by HexaNet scores



 <http://hexanet.live>

04

Summary



Challenges

01 Identify Potential Customers

02 Discover The Effect Of Trade War

Solutions

- ☐ Visualize The Supply Chain Network
- ☐ Rank Companies By Centrality Scores
- ☐ Three-factor Model
- ☐ HexaNet Scoring System
- ☐ Visualize The Changes Of Supply Chain
- ☐ Visualize The Financial Performance

Acknowledgement

Professors:  Dr. Hailiang Chen  Dr. Eric Park

Client:  HSBC ASP CMB Business Analytics team

Supporting:

 Ziyun W	 Dongyu Z	 Jane M	 Hoyin S
 Ethan W	 Happy L	 Mei W	 Anson M
 Horace L	 Charisse W		

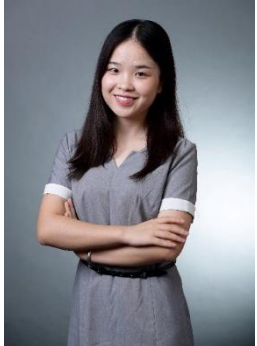
Thank you!



2019.6.14



Appendix I - HexaNet Team Members



Amber Luo

Information Systems
luosh@connect.hku.hk



Harry Se

Business Administration
harryse9696@gmail.com



Oscar Tong

Statistics
saik@connect.hku.hk



Fangyi Wang

Information Systems
fangyi.wang@outlook.com



Zheng Zhao

Computer Science
u3554419@connect.hku.hk



Tianqi Zhu

Business and Finance
ztqwin99@connect.hku.hk

Appendix II - 4 Ways to Identify Business Opportunity Using Centrality

Centrality: the most important vertices within a graph¹

Social Network
the most influential persons¹



Supply Chain Network
the most important companies



Method we recommend

Degree
Centrality

Closeness
Centrality

Betweenness
Centrality

Hub and
Authorities

Bonacich
(1987)

Bavelas
(1950)

Freeman
(1977)

Jon
(1999)

The use of the number of
connected nodes*

$$C_{deg}(v) = \frac{d_v}{|N| - 1}$$

Nodes have shortest distance to the
others are more important.*

$$C_{close}(v) = \frac{|N| - 1}{\sum_{u \in N \setminus \{v\}} d(v, u)}$$

of times of a node exists
in other shortest path.*

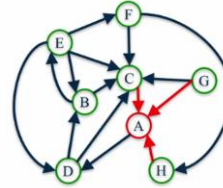
$$C_{btw}(v) = \sum_{s,t \in N} \frac{\sigma_{s,t}(v)}{\sigma_{s,t}}$$

Link analysis algorithm
that rates Web Page
originally.

Reference:

1. Wikipedia, 2019, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Centrality>
2. Coursera, 2019, Applied Social Network Analysis in Python. <https://www.coursera.org/learn/python-social-network-analysis/home/week/1>

Appendix III - HITS Algorithm, Or Hubs And Authorities



Step 1

Assign each node an authority and hub score of 1.

Nodes	Auth	Hub
A	1	1
B	1	1
C	1	1
D	1	1
E	1	1
F	1	1
G	1	1
H	1	1

Step 2

Apply the Authority Update Rule: each node's authority score is the sum of hub scores of each node that points to it.

Nodes	New Auth	New Hub
A	3	
B	2	
C	5	
D	2	
E	1	
F	1	
G	0	
H	1	

Step 3

Apply the Hub Update Rule: each node's hub score is the sum of authority scores of each node that it points to

Nodes	New Auth	New Hub
A	3	1
B	2	2
C	5	1
D	2	2
E	1	4
F	1	2
G	0	2
H	1	1

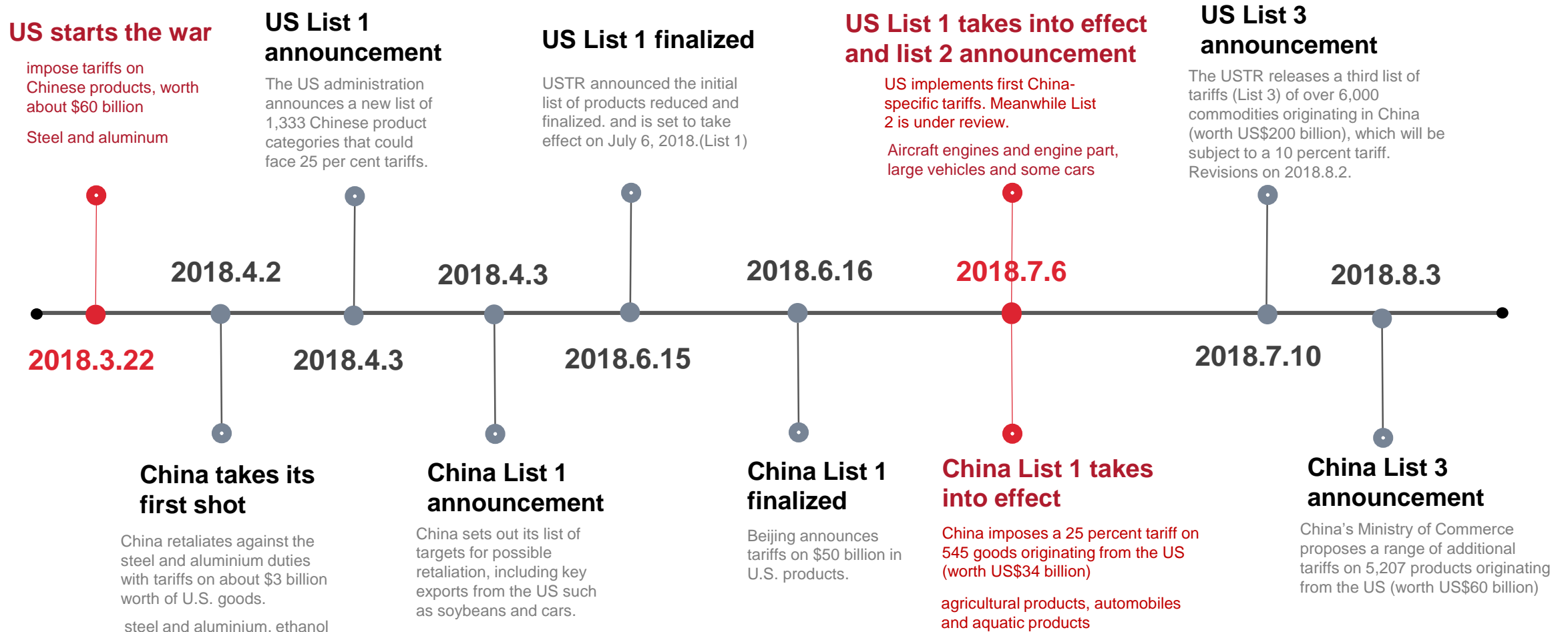
Step 4

Normalize Authority and Hub scores: $auth(j) = \frac{auth(j)}{\sum_{i \in N} auth(j)}$

Nodes	Auth	Hub
A	3/15	1/15
B	2/15	2/15
C	5/15	1/15
D	2/15	2/15
E	1/15	4/15
F	1/15	2/15
G	0/15	2/15
H	1/15	1/15

Computing k iterations of the HITS algorithm to achieve the optimal solutions.

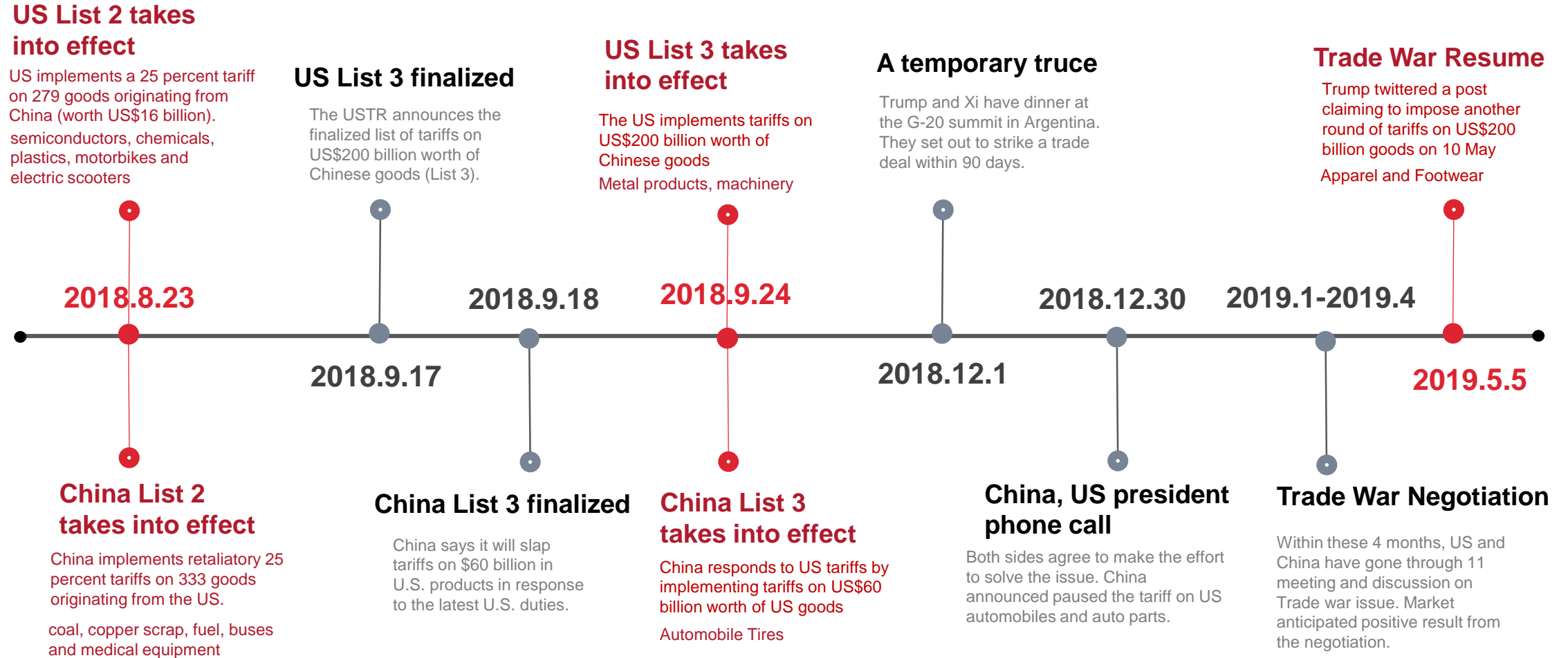
Appendix IV - Trade War Timeline (1/2)



Reference:

- What's at stake in US-China trade war (July 19, 2018), from <https://f.g.ft.com/us-china-tariffs>
- Trump said trade wars are 'easy to win.' A year later, here's a timeline of what's happened with China (March 2, 2019), from <https://www.cnbc.com/2019/03/01/the-timeline-of-trump-china-tariffs-and-trade-war.html>
- The US-China Trade War: A Timeline (April 12, 2019), from <https://www.china-briefing.com/news/the-us-china-trade-war-a-timeline/>

Appendix V - Trade War Timeline (2/2)



Reference:

- What's at stake in US-China trade war (July 19, 2018), from <https://ft.com/us-china-tariffs>
- Trump said trade wars are 'easy to win.' A year later, here's a timeline of what's happened with China (March 2, 2019), from <https://www.cnbc.com/2019/03/01/the-timeline-of-trump-china-tariffs-and-trade-war.html>
- The US-China Trade War: A Timeline (April 12, 2019), from <https://www.china-briefing.com/news/the-us-china-trade-war-a-timeline/>

Appendix VI - Definition of DSC (Degree of Supplier Change)

Degree of supplier changes (DSC) indicates how a company supplier relationship value changed.

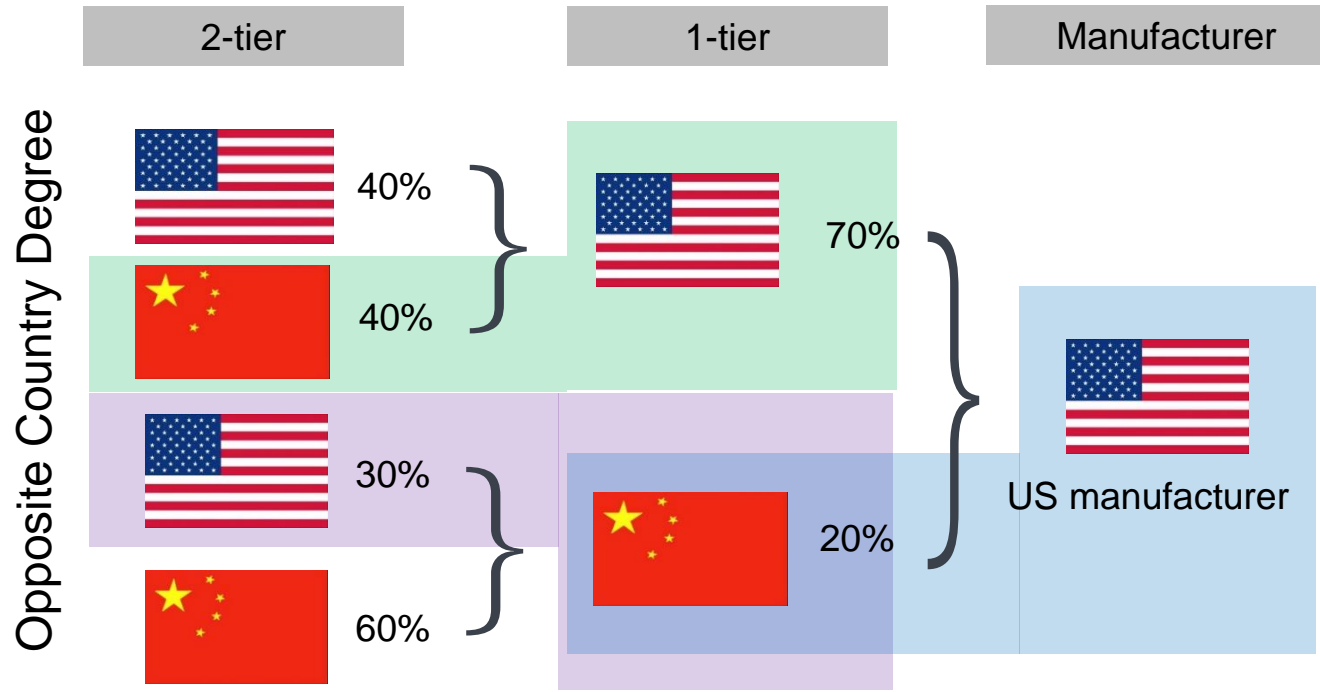
$$DSC = \frac{\sum Abs(Change\ of\ proportion\ count\ of\ supplier)}{Sum\ of\ Before\ Period\ and\ After\ Period\ proportion}$$

Example:

Company ABC's Suppliers	2017 Count of suppliers	2019 count of suppliers	Absolute Change
A	1 (0.5)	0	0.5
B	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)	0
C	0	1 (0.5)	0.5
Total	2 (1)	2 (1)	1

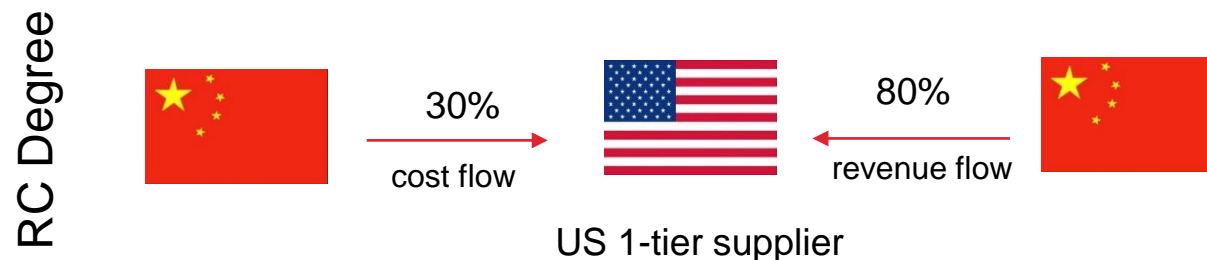
$$DSC = 0.5$$

Appendix VII - Trade War Exposure Score



Opposite country degree =

$$0.2 + 0.2 * 0.3 + 0.7 * 0.4 = 0.54$$



RC(Revenue-Cost) degree =

$$0.3 * \left(\frac{COGS}{revenue} \right) + 0.8 * \left(1 - \frac{COGS}{Revenue} \right)$$

Appendix VIII – Top 10 Automobile Companies By HexaNet Scores

Borrow Need Score Rank Top 10

Company name	Score
FAW CAR Co Ltd	1
Guangzhou Auto-H	0.987394797
Tesla Inc	0.829461388
Suzuki Motor Corp	0.665430078
Nissan Shatai Co Ltd	0.609984358
Volkswagen AG	0.574148521
Daimler AG	0.570870208
SAIC Motor	0.559980369
Ford Motor Co	0.550327562
Honda Motor Co Ltd	0.538442819

FX Need Score Rank Top 10

Company name	Score
Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV	0.8319
Bayerische Motoren Werke AG	0.77586
General Motor	0.72845
Ford Motor Co	0.625
Nissan Motor Co Ltd	0.57328
Honda Motor Co Ltd	0.56034
SAIC Motor	0.2069
Tesla Inc	0.19397
Great Wall Motor Co Ltd	0.15517
BYD Co Ltd	0.13793

Risk Score Rank Top 10

Company name	Score
Ferrari Nv	1
DongFeng Automobile Co Ltd	1
Haima Automobi-A	1
Zap Motors	1
Tianjin Faw Xiali Automobile Co Ltd	1
Beiqi Foton Motor Co Ltd	0.699637
Great Wall Motor Co Ltd	0.482817
General Motor	0.327498
SAIC Motor	0.312815
Nissan Shatai Co Ltd	0.296606