
Supply Chain Optimization

Case Study

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**Supply Chain
Network
Optimization
for a Glass
Manufacturer**

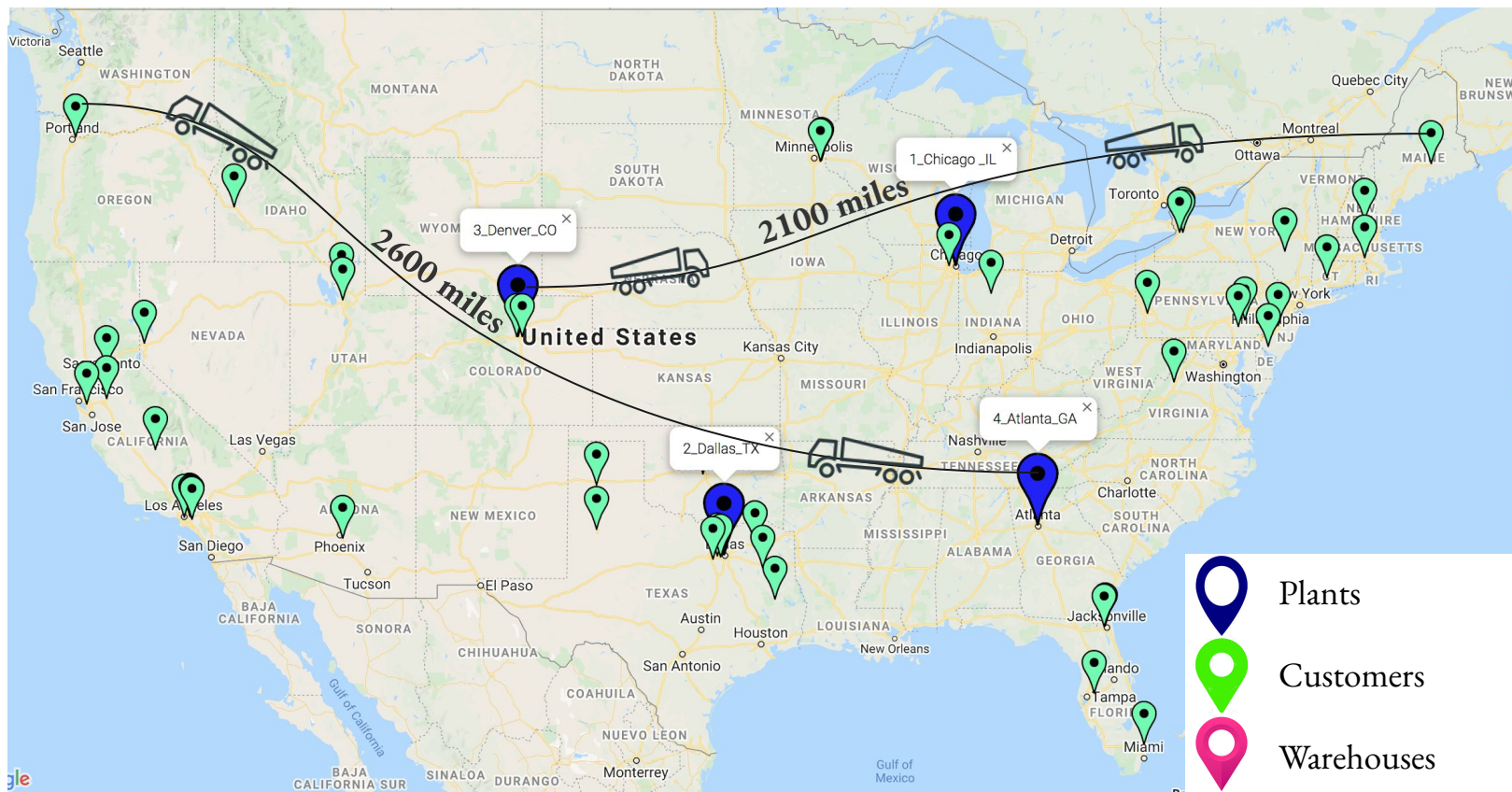


Outline

1. Current SC Network
2. Complaints
3. Potential Changes
4. New SC Networks; KPIs
5. Modeling
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1. Current Supply Chain Network

1. 4 plants - $P_{1,2,3,4}$
2. 5 Products - $Pr_{1,2,3,4,5}$
3. 50 customers
4. Mode of trans. : road (trucks)





2. Complaints

1. Unreliable service* to distant customers

**Service = % of total demand met by a facility within x miles of the customer*

2. \uparrow oil prices \Rightarrow
 \uparrow transportation cost

3. Potential Changes to resolve the complaints

1. Build Warehouses*

**a warehouse can be built at a
customer location only*

2. Upgrade Plants



4.1 Potential new SC Networks

1. **A:** Optimized Baseline
2. **B:** Build Warehouses only
3. **C:** Upgrade Plants only
4. **D:** Upgrade Plants + Build warehouses



5. Mathematical Modeling

1. High level notes and assumptions
2. Mathematical model



Demand and Production

1. **Demand is not seasonal**
2. Demand is constant throughout the year
3. Prod. cost of a product does not vary with plant

Costs/Profit

1. **Maintenance, labor & overhead costs do not ↑ with ↑ in prod.**
2. WH setup cost: high and unknown
3. Plant upgrade cost: \$10 M
4. Changeover cost is negligible

Modeling

1. **All analysis is quarterly**
2. Model written in Pulp library in Python; solved using the CBC solver

Decision Variables(DV)

1. Production DVs (Cont.)

Whether to upgrade Plant_j & whether to produce Product_i at Plant_j

2. Distribution DVs(Binary)

Whether to transfer Product_i from Node_i to Node_j

Plants → Warehouses (first mile)

Plants → Customers (last mile)

Warehouses → Customers (last mile)

Constraints

1. Flow Conservation

Node: Input Qty. = Output Qty.

2. Demand Satisfaction

Qty. produced \geq Demand

3. Capacity Constraints

Qty. produced \leq Capacity

Prod. time \leq Available time

4. Minimum Service Level

Objective Function

1. Primary

Minimize the no. of warehouses to be built

2. Secondary

Minimize transportation cost



Service Requirement

Profit/Cost Equation

$$\text{Service} = Q(P \rightarrow C) + Q(WH \rightarrow C) \geq 80\%$$

where Q = Quantity transferred

$$\text{Profit}(P) = \text{Revenue}(R) - \text{Cost}(C)$$

$$C = \text{Transportation}(T_c) + \text{Production}(P_c) + \text{Changeover}(Ch_c)$$

$$P = R^* - (T_c + P_c^* + Ch_c^{**})$$

For all 4 configurations:

$$R^* = \$430M \quad P_c^* = \$190M$$

Ch_c^{**} is negligible, hence, ignored.



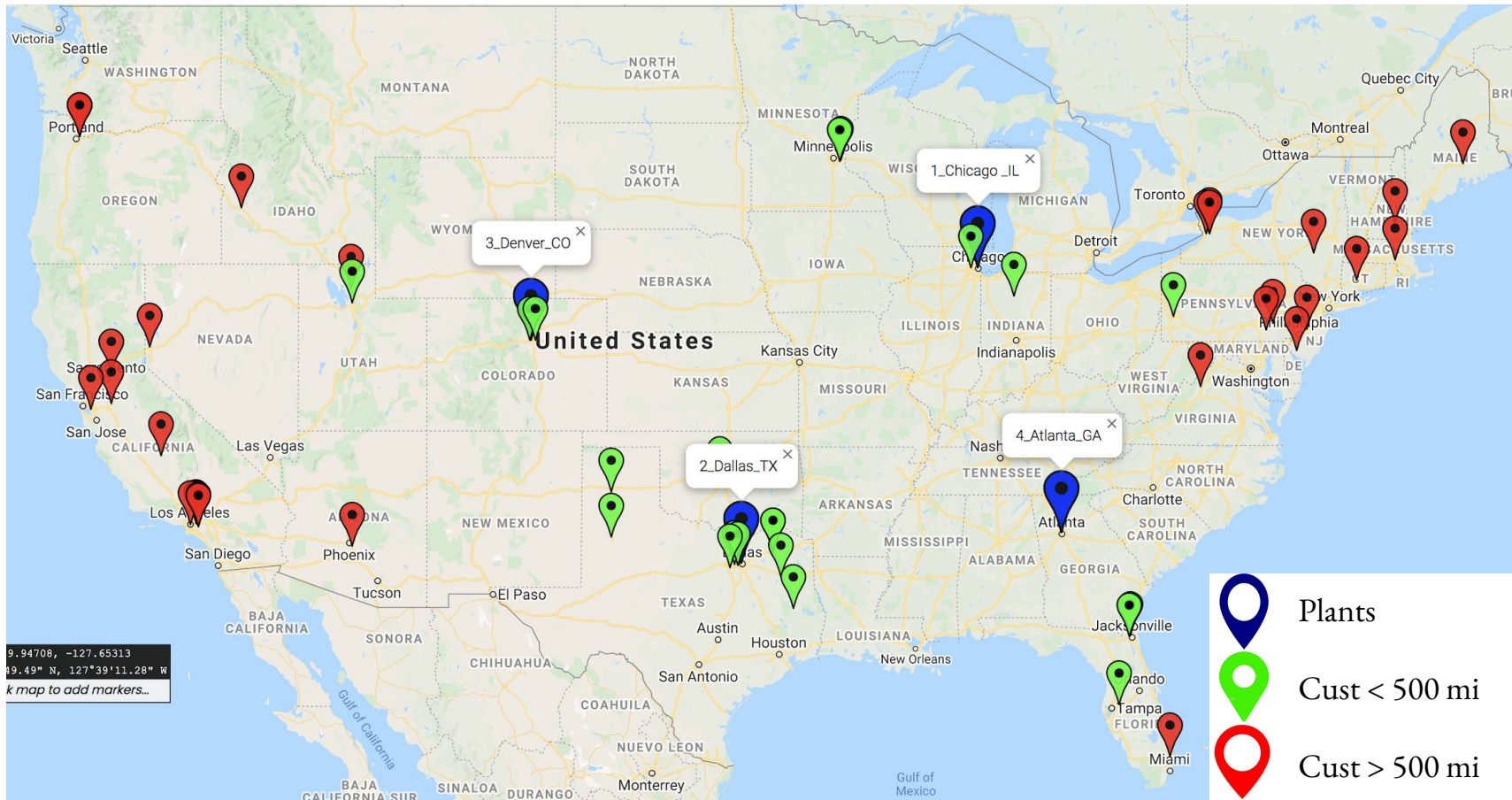
Configuration A

Optimized Baseline
(Existing SC)

1. **Service = 11%**

2. $T_c = \$98 \text{ M}$

3. Profit: \$143 M





Configuration B

Build Warehouses only

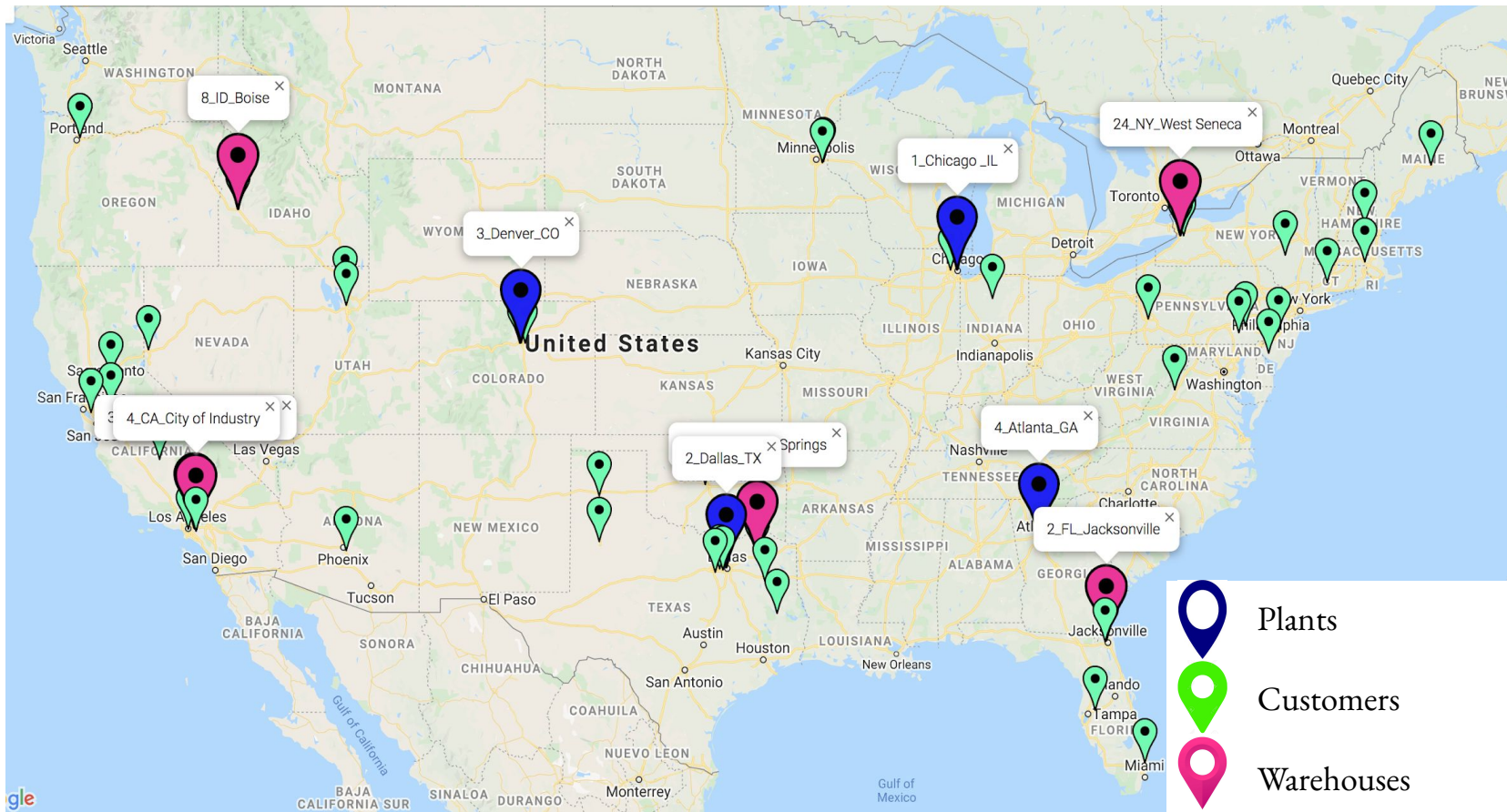
1. Warehouses built: 6

- Jacksonville, Florida
- City of Industry, California
- Boise, Idaho
- Sulphur Springs, Texas
- West Seneca, New York
- City of Industry, California

2. Service = 80%

3. $T_c = \$108 \text{ M}$

4. Profit = \$135 M

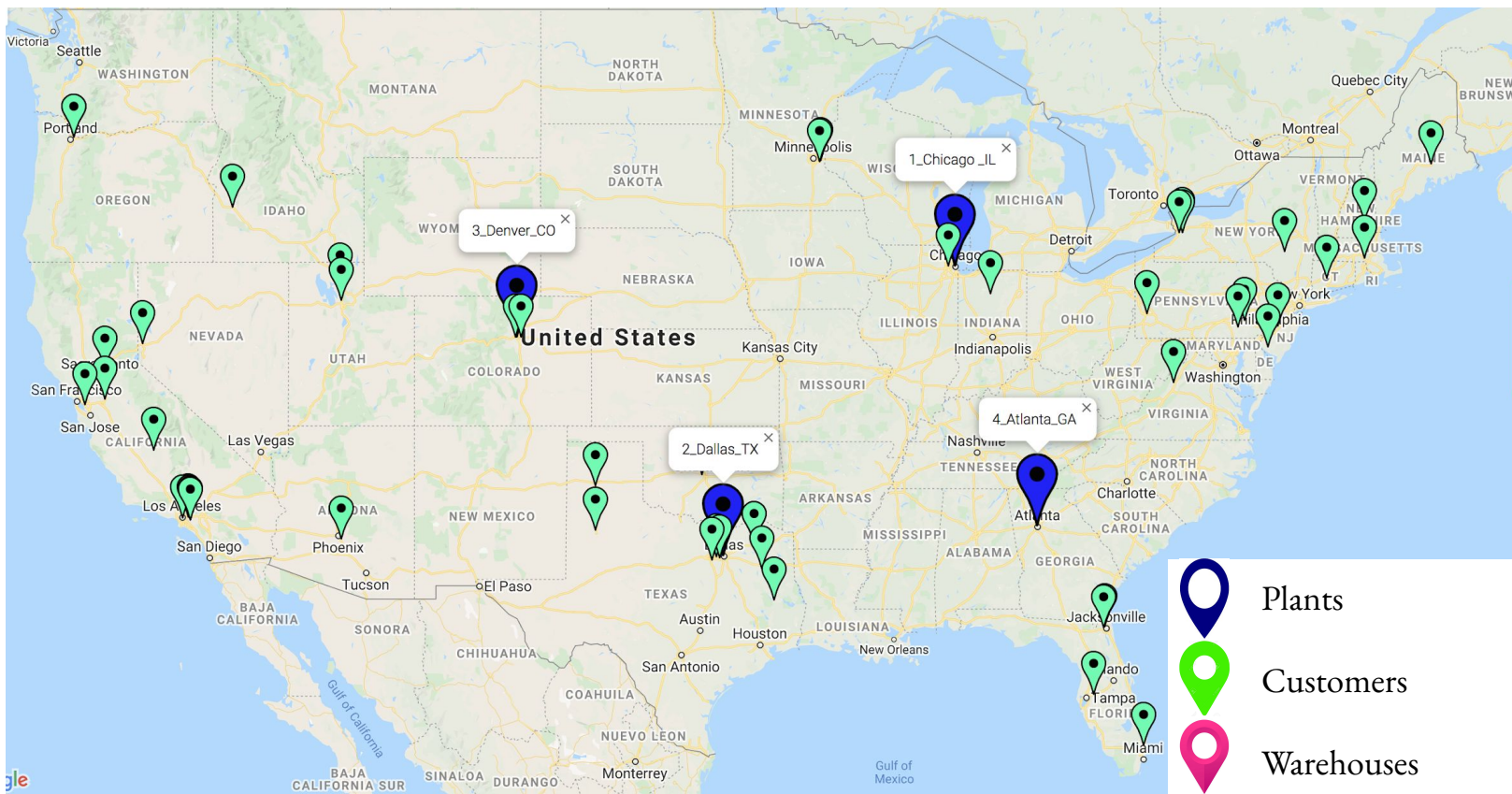




Configuration C

Upgrade Plants Only

1. All 4 plants upgraded
2. **Service = 43%**
3. $T_c = \$98 \text{ M}$
4. Profit = \$187 M

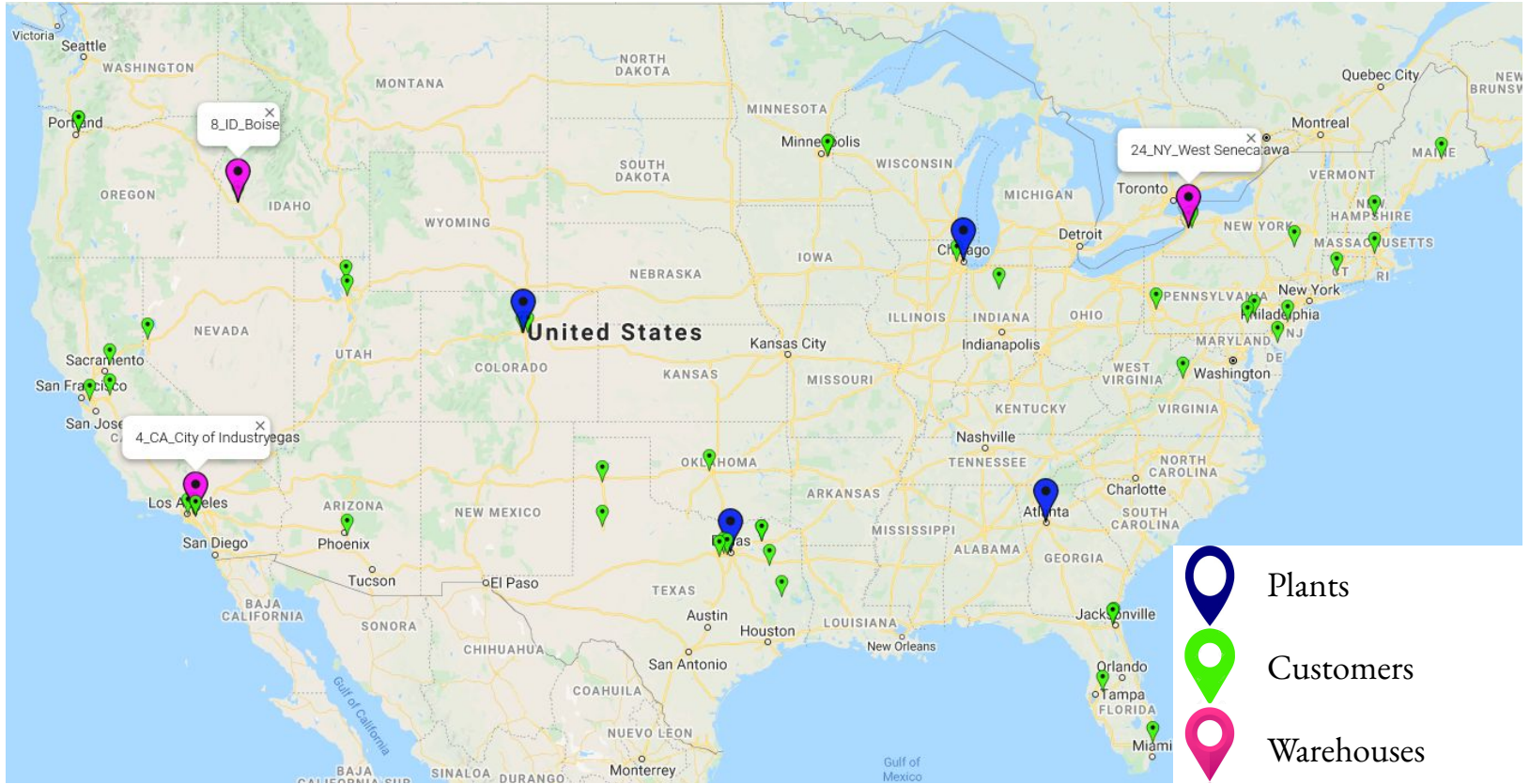




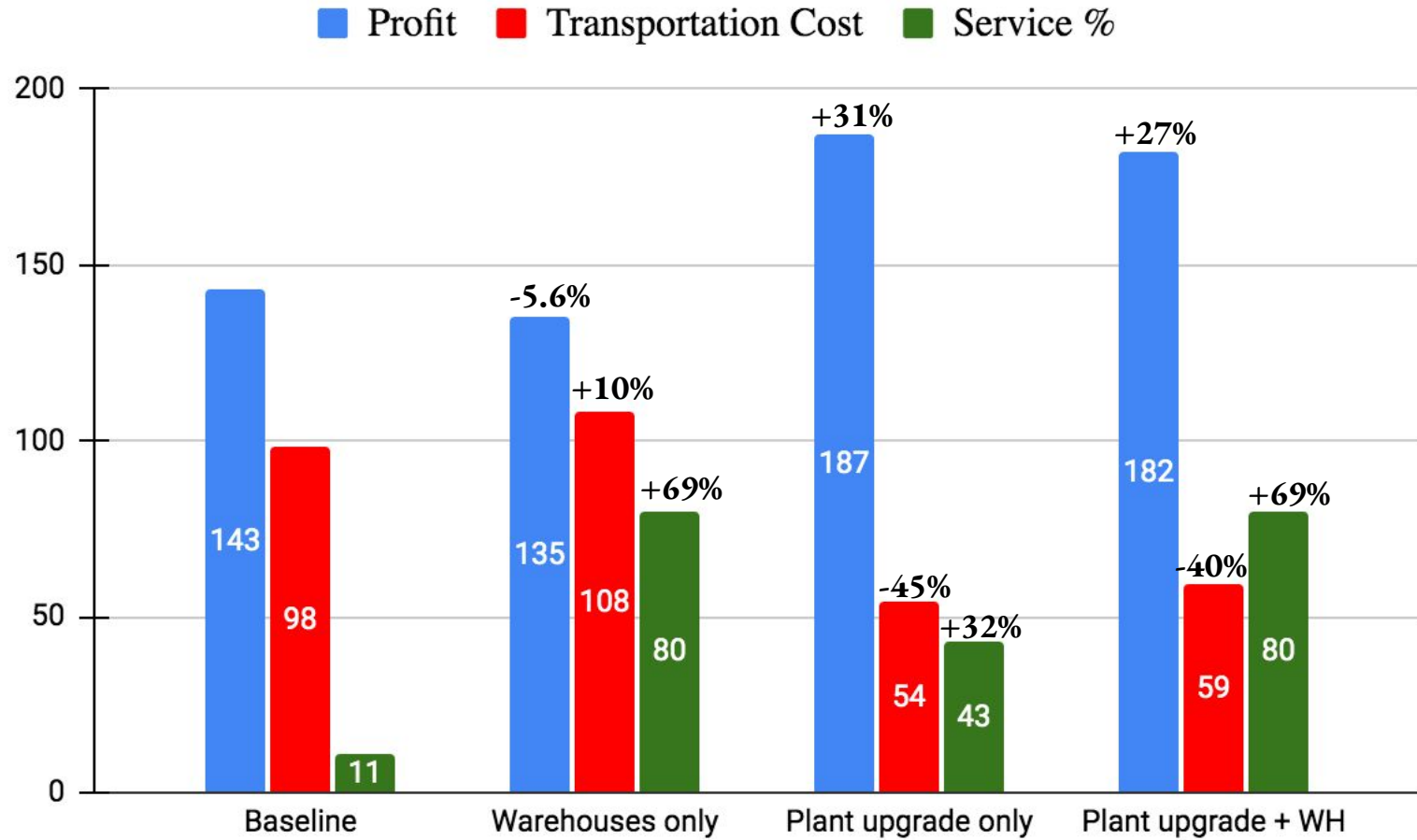
Configuration D

Build warehouses and
Upgrade Plants

1. All 4 plants upgraded
2. Warehouses built = 3
 - City of Industry, California
 - Boise, Idaho
 - West Seneca, New York
3. **Service = 80%**
4. $T_c = \$59 \text{ M}$
5. Profit = \$182 M



All % changes are w.r.t the baseline.





6.1 Primary Recommendations

1. Build 3 Warehouses
 - City of Industry, California
 - Boise, Idaho
 - West Seneca, New York
2. Upgrade all 4 Plants

Costs Incurred

1. Building 3 WH: \$30M

\$10M/ warehouse*

**assumption (exact cost not known)*

2. Upgrade 4 plants: \$40M

Total cost incurred

\$70M

Profit

Additional profit per year

$(182 - 143) \approx$ **\$40 M**

Recovery Period

Cost to recover \approx \$70 M

\Rightarrow

Recovery period $<$ **2 years**



6.1 Secondary Recommendations

1. Find more customers in & around **Illinois(P_1)** and **Georgia(P_4)**
2. Negotiate truck contracts to further decrease transportation cost
3. Minimize the fixed cost incurred in setting up of warehouses

Secondary Recommendations

→ Find more customers in and around
Illinois(P_1) and **Georgia(P_4)**

Capacity Utilizations

P_1 (IL): 33% **P_4 (GE): 36%**
 P_3 : 85% P_2 : 67%

Additional opportunity/year
(with 75% utilization at **P_1** & **P_4**)

~200k tonnes

~\$200M revenue

~80 M profits

Secondary Recommendations

→ Negotiate truck contracts to
further decrease transp. cost

No. of trucks

Initial: 42k → Final: 57k
+35%

Secondary Recommendations

Minimize the fixed cost
incurred in setting up of
warehouses



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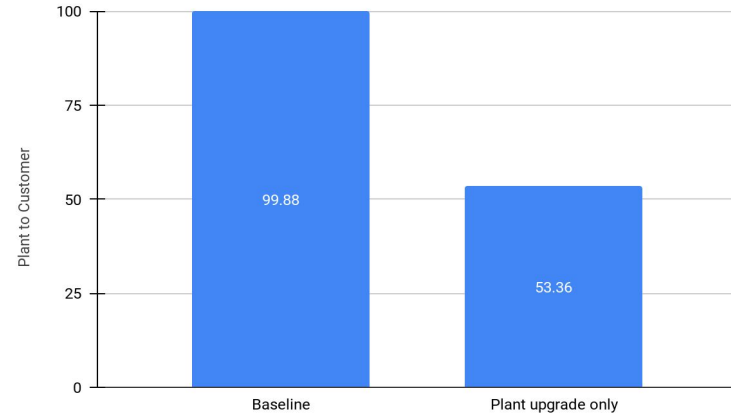
Components of Transportation cost

i) First mile: Plant to Warehouse

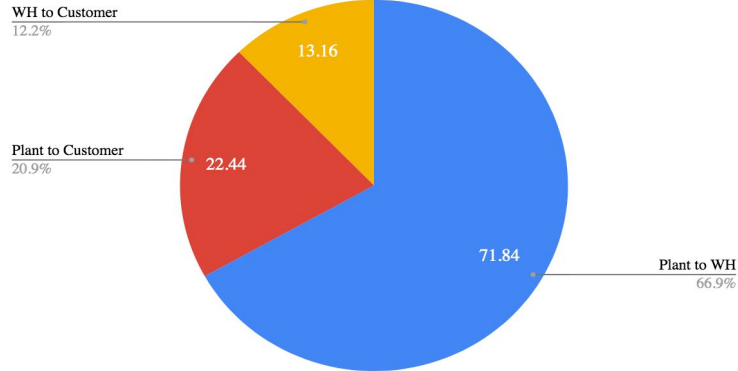
ii) Last mile

a) Plant to Customer

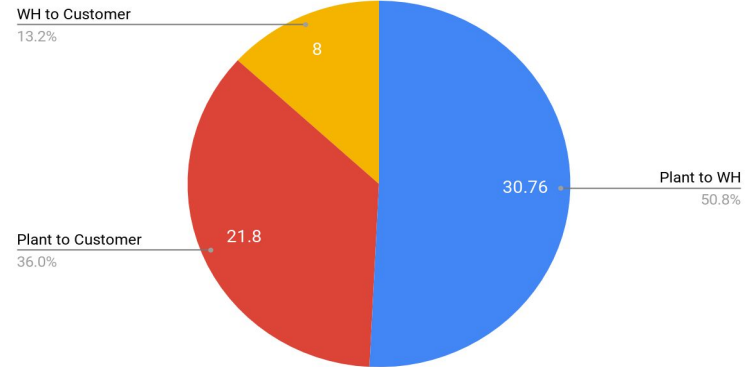
b) Warehouse to Customer



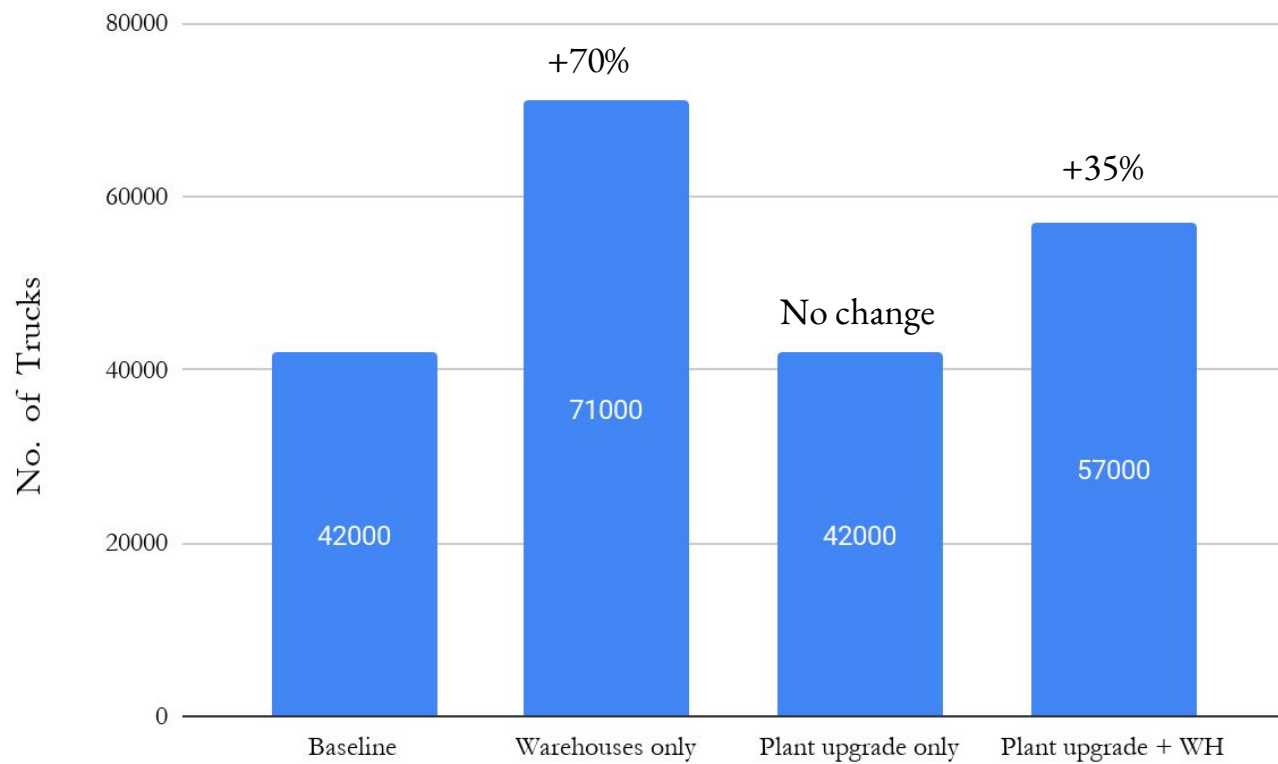
Warehouses only



Plant upgrade + WH



All costs are in millions of USD



Existing SC

