

#020 : Supply Chain Planning

Part 02

With the advancement in IT infrastructure and computing power, supply chain planning might get rid of its discrete structure and adopt a more continuous (fluid) approach.



Continuous Planning

Plans can change continuously in response to new information as it materializes. It is not linked to a predefined and fixed planning calendar dictating that some planning (or configuration) activities are due every month, quarter or year.



Demand Driven Planning

Forecast is used to determine target stock levels and define capacities (e.g. shift models in factories). Operational decisions are taken when the actual demand arises. Supply chain planning is replaced by configuration, where the main (tactical) planning activity is to set up our supply system such that it adapts well to the actual demand.

