How to Drive Successful Promotion Programs for Today's and Future's Shoppers
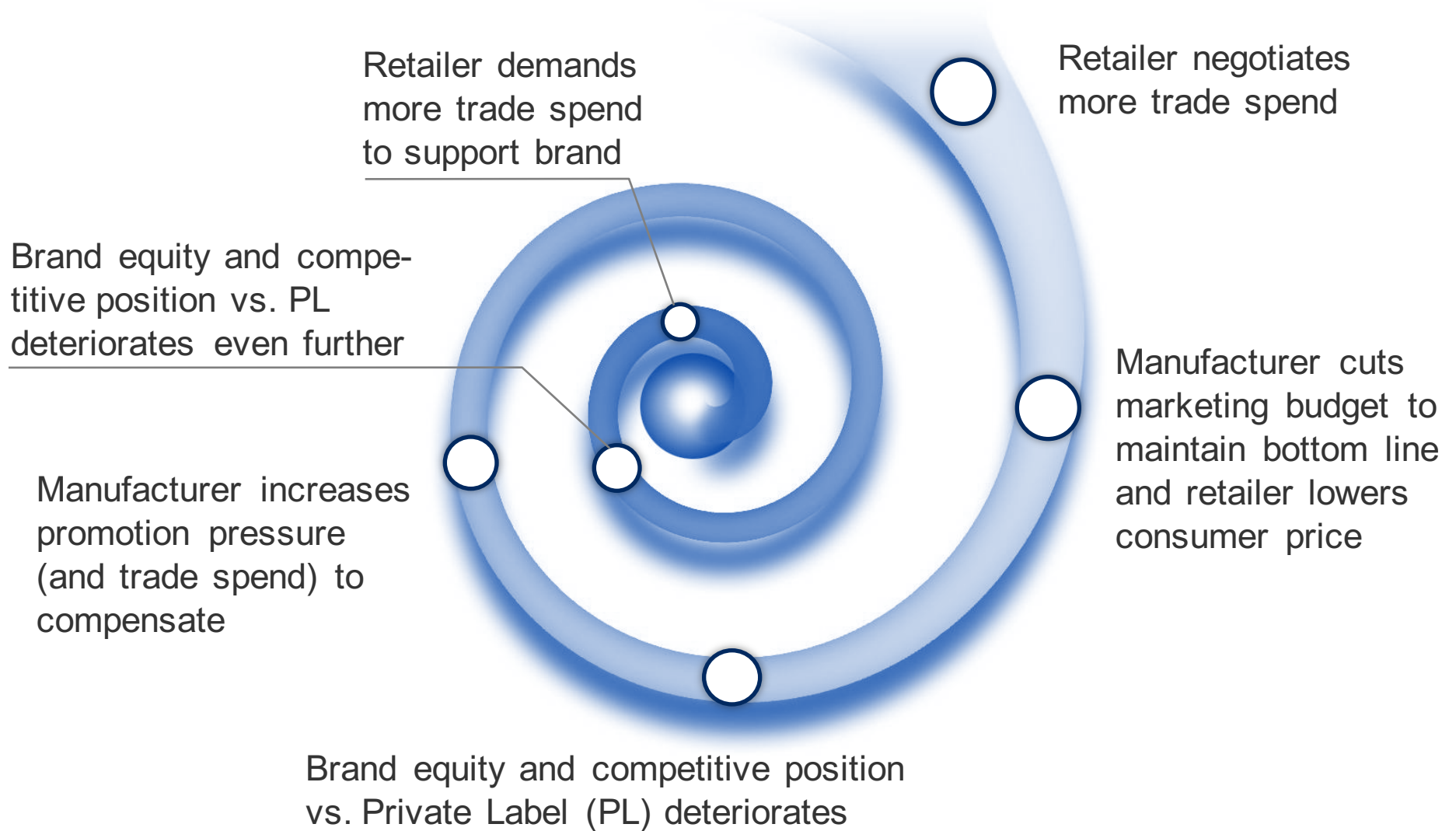
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Seen this before?

The trade investment downward spiral

Retailer demands more trade spend to support brand

Brand equity and competitive position vs. PL deteriorates even further

Manufacturer increases promotion pressure (and trade spend) to compensate

Retailer negotiates more trade spend

Manufacturer cuts marketing budget to maintain bottom line and retailer lowers consumer price

Brand equity and competitive position vs. Private Label (PL) deteriorates

Winning the promotion optimization game is getting increasingly harder

Retailers are demanding more for less
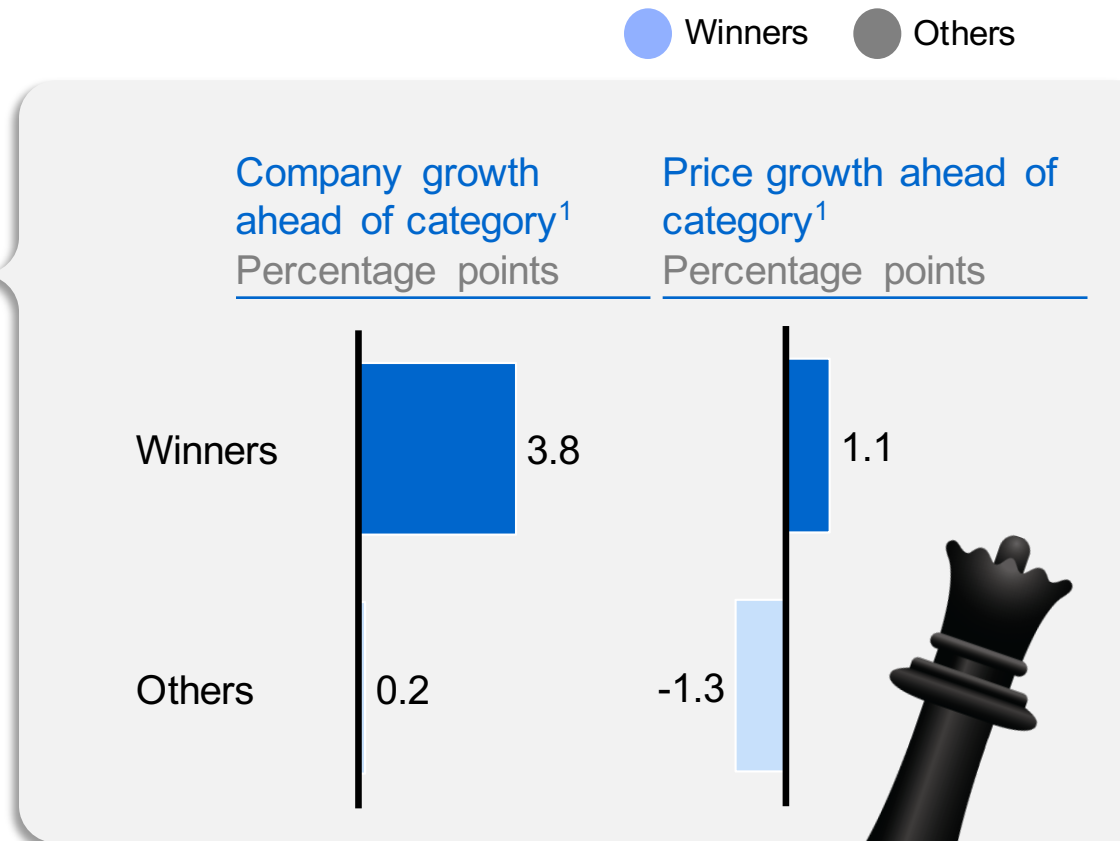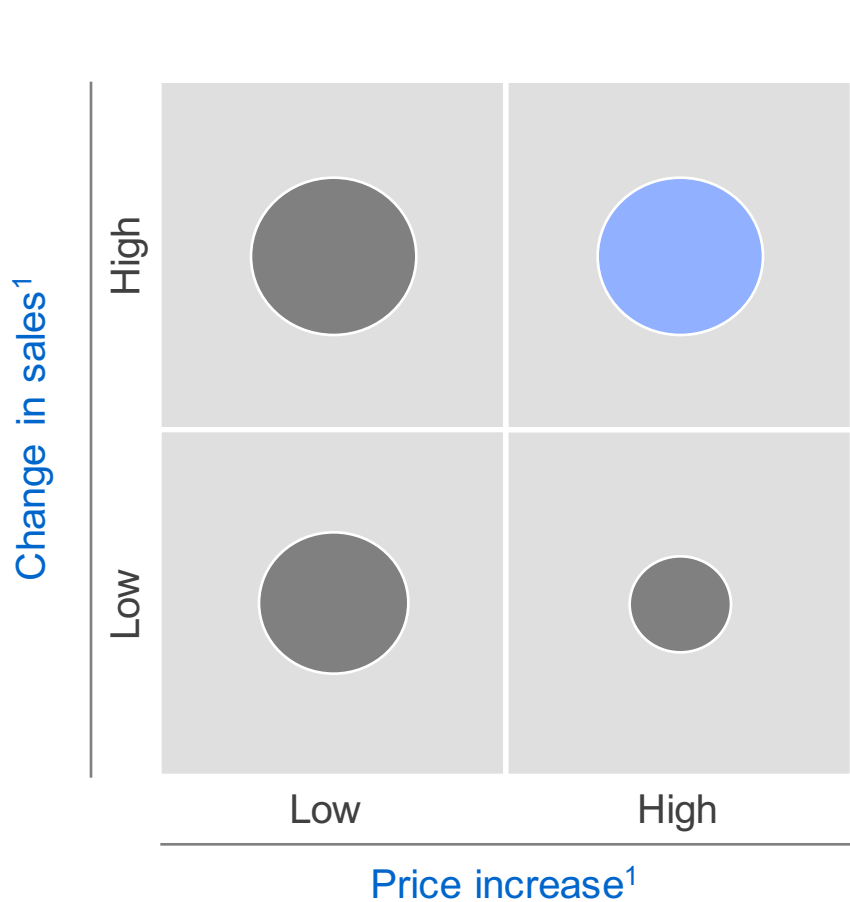
Analyses of historical event is yielding fewer insights…

…and where there is promotional variety, the events are very complicated to analyze

Responsibility for analyzing promotions is typically distributed across the organization

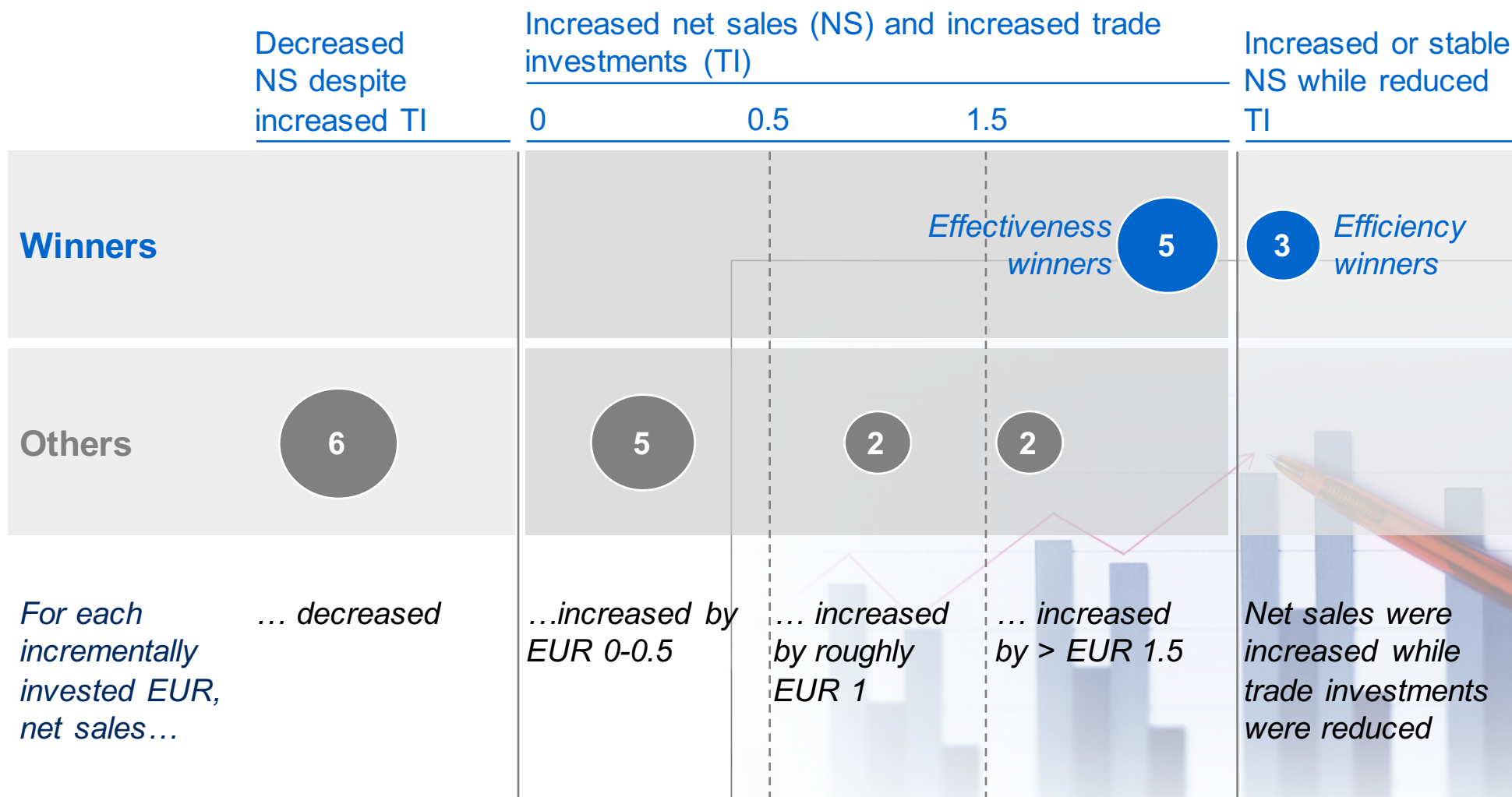Promotion tools have lagged users' needs, and lack integration

Recent survey: CPG winners manage to grow ahead of the category and at the same achieve average prices ahead of the category…

Winners · Others

Change in sales[1]
- High
- Low

Price increase[1]
- Low
- High

Company growth ahead of category[1]
Percentage points

Winners	3.8
Others	0.2

Price growth ahead of category[1]
Percentage points

Winners	1.1
Others	-1.3

1 Indexed to category; reflected in percentage points

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… they do so by taking the right trade investment decisions …

Distribution of trade ROI[1], n = 23[2]

	Decreased NS despite increased TI	Increased net sales (NS) and increased trade investments (TI)			Increased or stable NS while reduced TI
		0 0.5		1.5	
Winners				Effectiveness winners **(5)**	**(3)** Efficiency winners
Others	**(6)**	**(5)**	**(2)**	**(2)**	
For each incrementally invested EUR, net sales…	*… decreased*	*…increased by EUR 0-0.5*	*… increased by roughly EUR 1*	*… increased by > EUR 1.5*	*Net sales were increased while trade investments were reduced*

1 Δnet sales/Δ trade investments
2 Two additional participants did not change trade investment; thus excluded from ROI analysis

… and excelling in managing promotion investment strikes as one of the key differentiating factor distinguishing winners from others
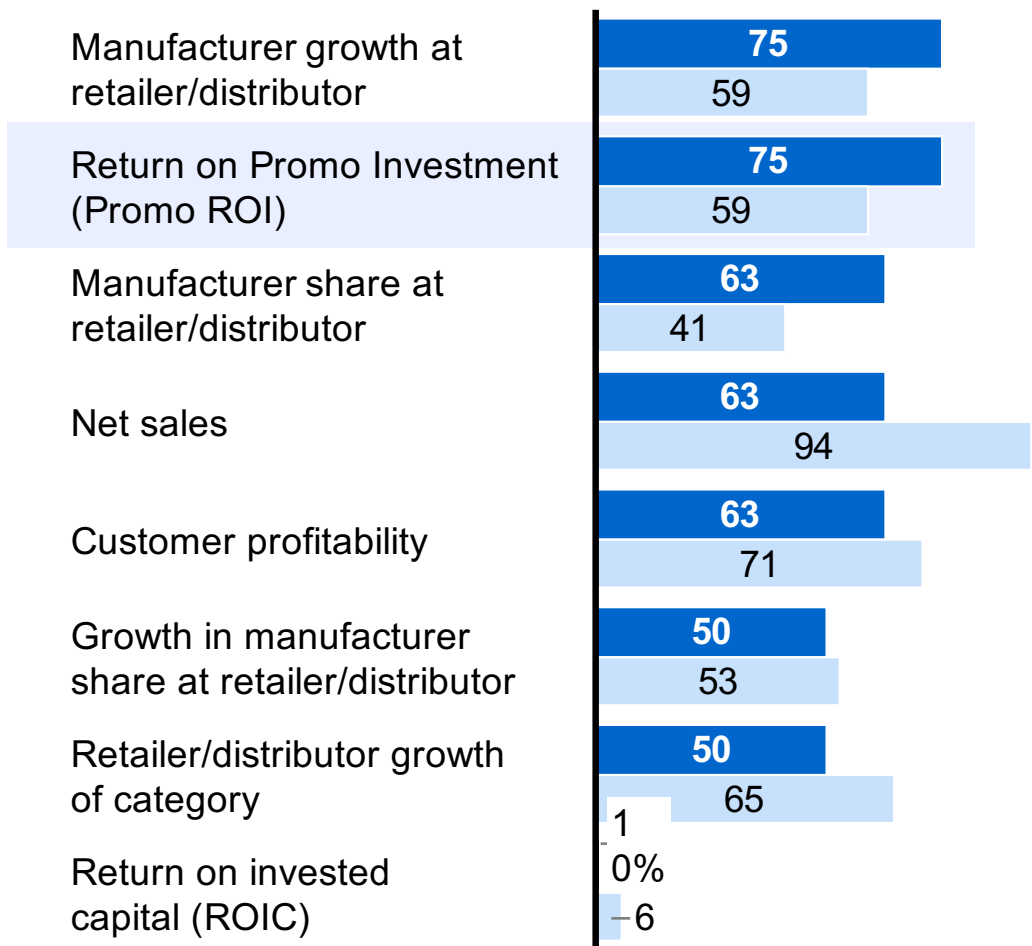
■ Winners ☐ Others

Winners more often focus on manufacturer growth/share and ROI…

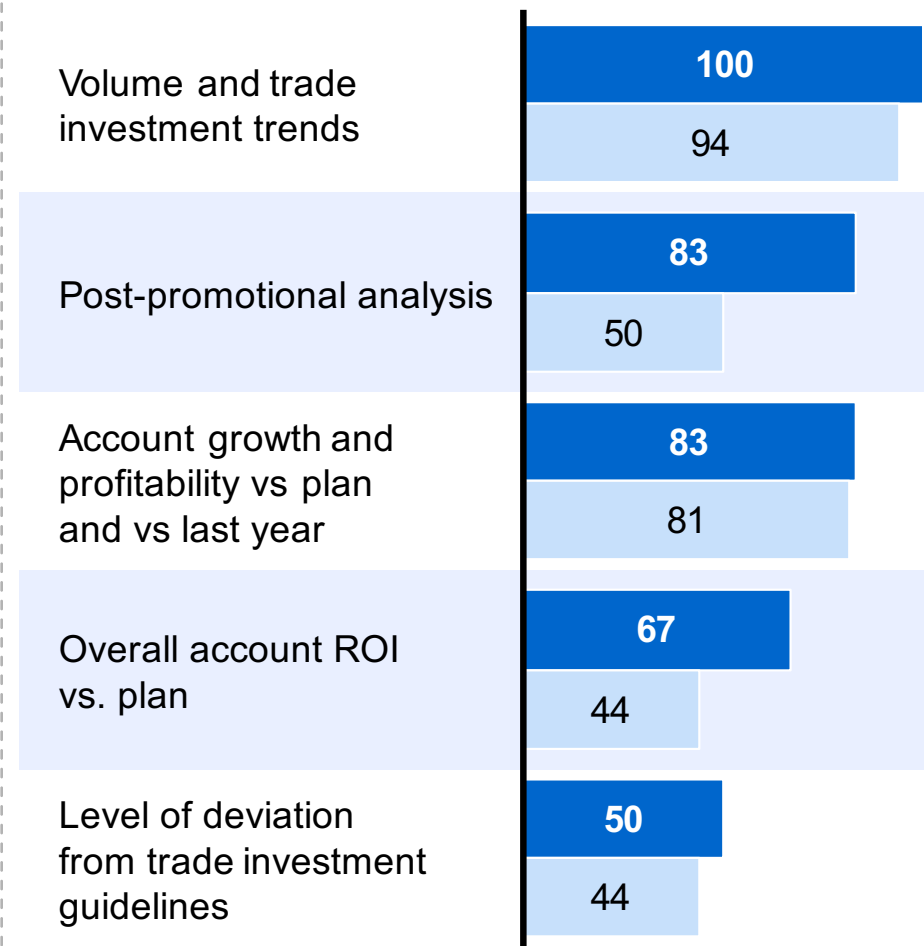**Winners review their trade performance broader including account ROI and promo analysis…**

Outcome-based factors for differentiating trade rates
% of respondents

Factor	Winners	Others
Manufacturer growth at retailer/distributor	75	59
Return on Promo Investment (Promo ROI)	75	59
Manufacturer share at retailer/distributor	63	41
Net sales	63	94
Customer profitability	63	71
Growth in manufacturer share at retailer/distributor	50	53
Retailer/distributor growth of category	50	65
Return on invested capital (ROIC)	1 0%	–6

Analytics used for formal reviews
% of respondents[1]

Analytic	Winners	Others
Volume and trade investment trends	100	94
Post-promotional analysis	83	50
Account growth and profitability vs plan and vs last year	83	81
Overall account ROI vs. plan	67	44
Level of deviation from trade investment guidelines	50	44

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Winners also invest more in TPM and TPO solutions…

Winners ■ **Others** □

… while ~2/3 also have or are building a TPO tool

All winners have or are building a TPM tool…

Trade Promotion Management
% of respondents

	Winners	Others
Have a TPM tool / solutions / software	**50**	29
Currently building / deploying	**38**	41
Do not have	13	29
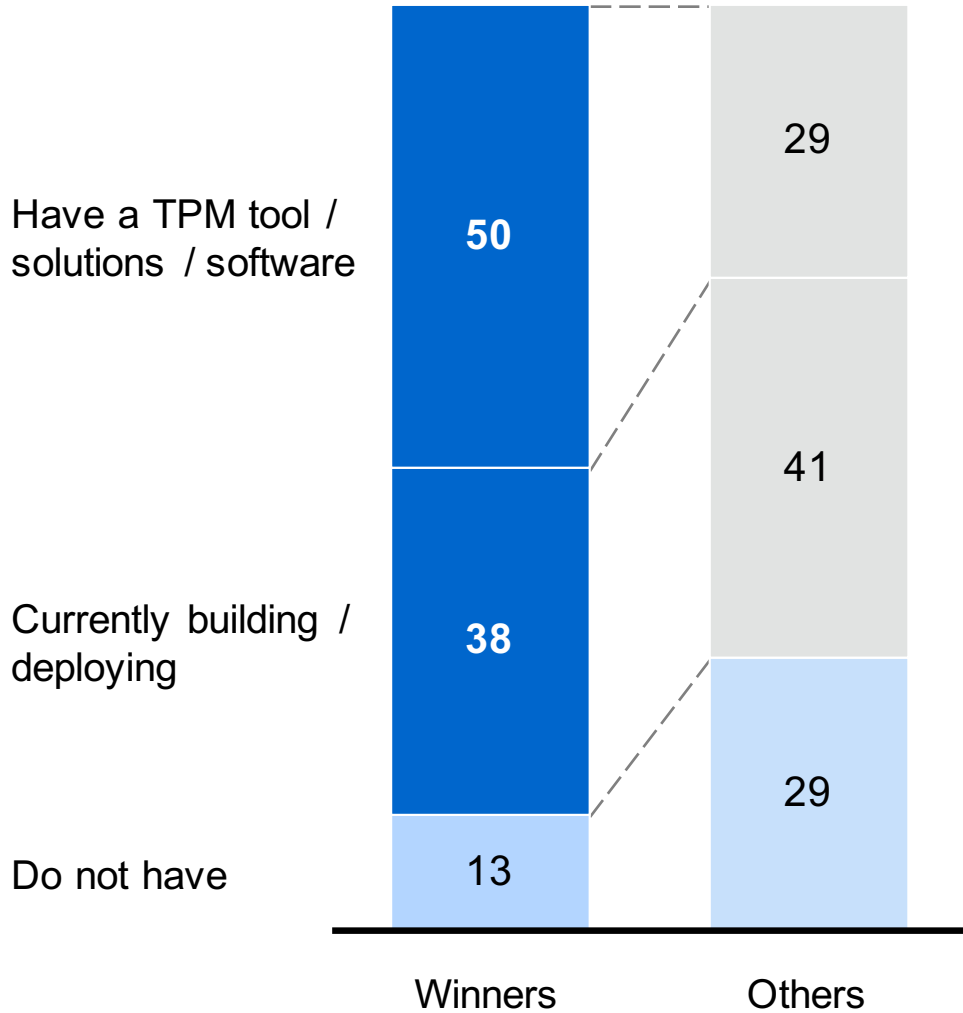
Trade Promotion Optimization
% of respondents

	Winners	Others
Have a TPO tool / solutions / software	**38**	18
Currently building / deploying	**25**	29
Do not have	38	53

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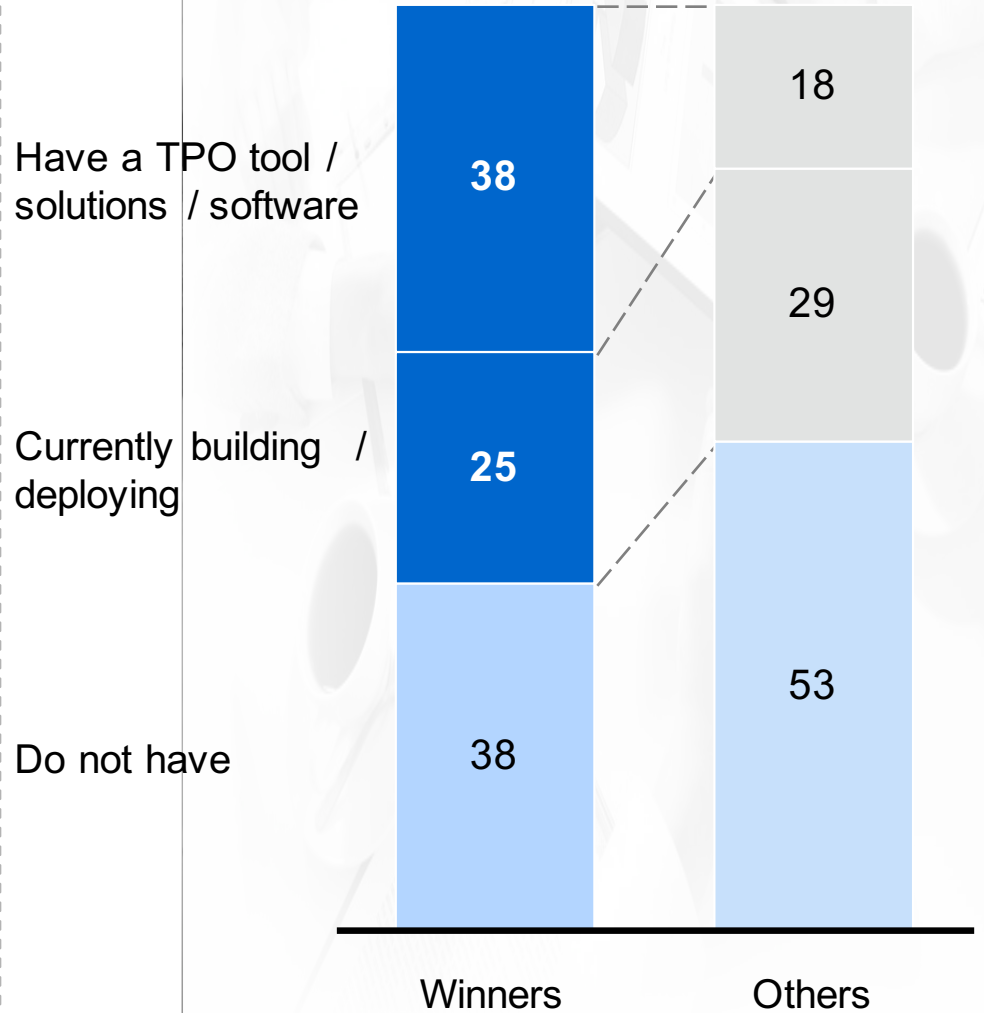
… as well as used by dedicated resources

Distribution of resources to manage promotion and trade investment
% of respondents

Dedicated
- Winners: 63
- Others: 29

Shared
- Winners: 38
- Others: 71
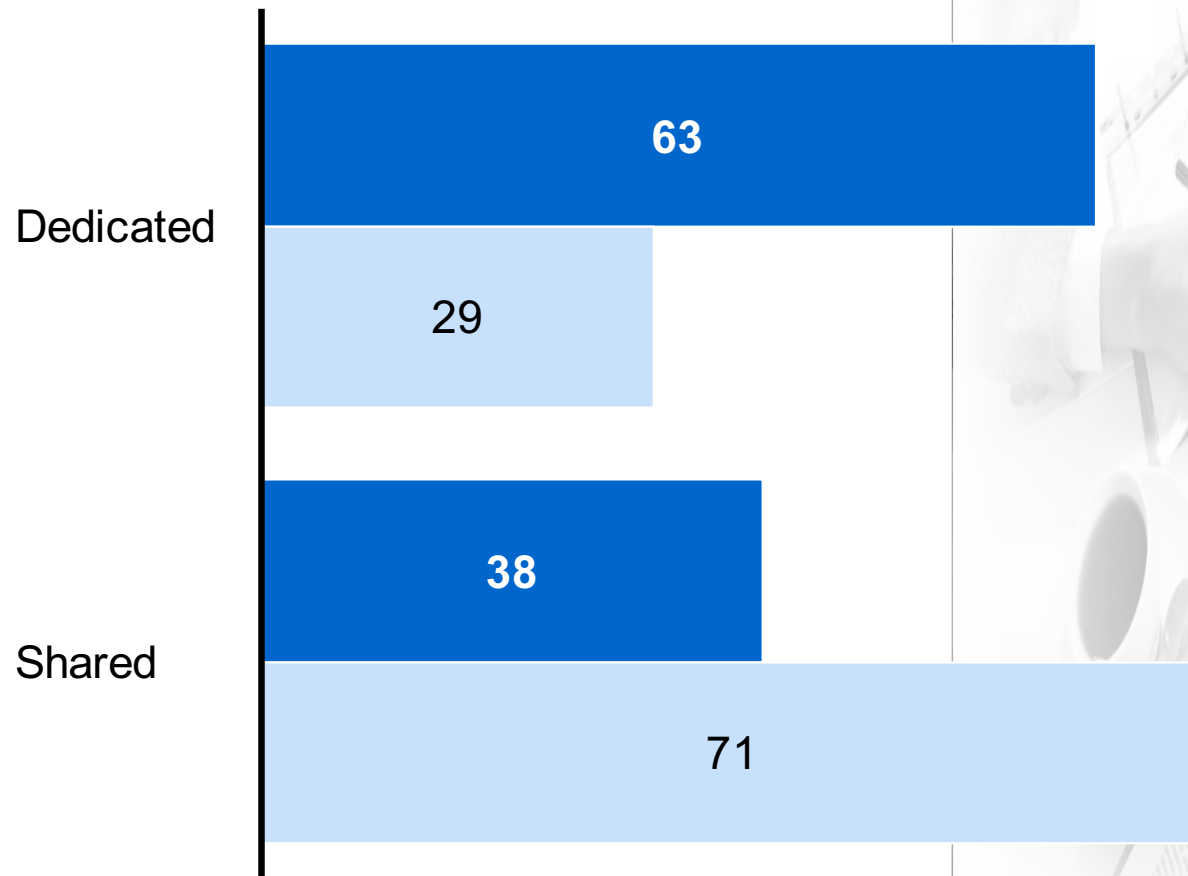
These promo "winners" have relied on some tried and true practices to outperform their peers

What differentiates the winners…

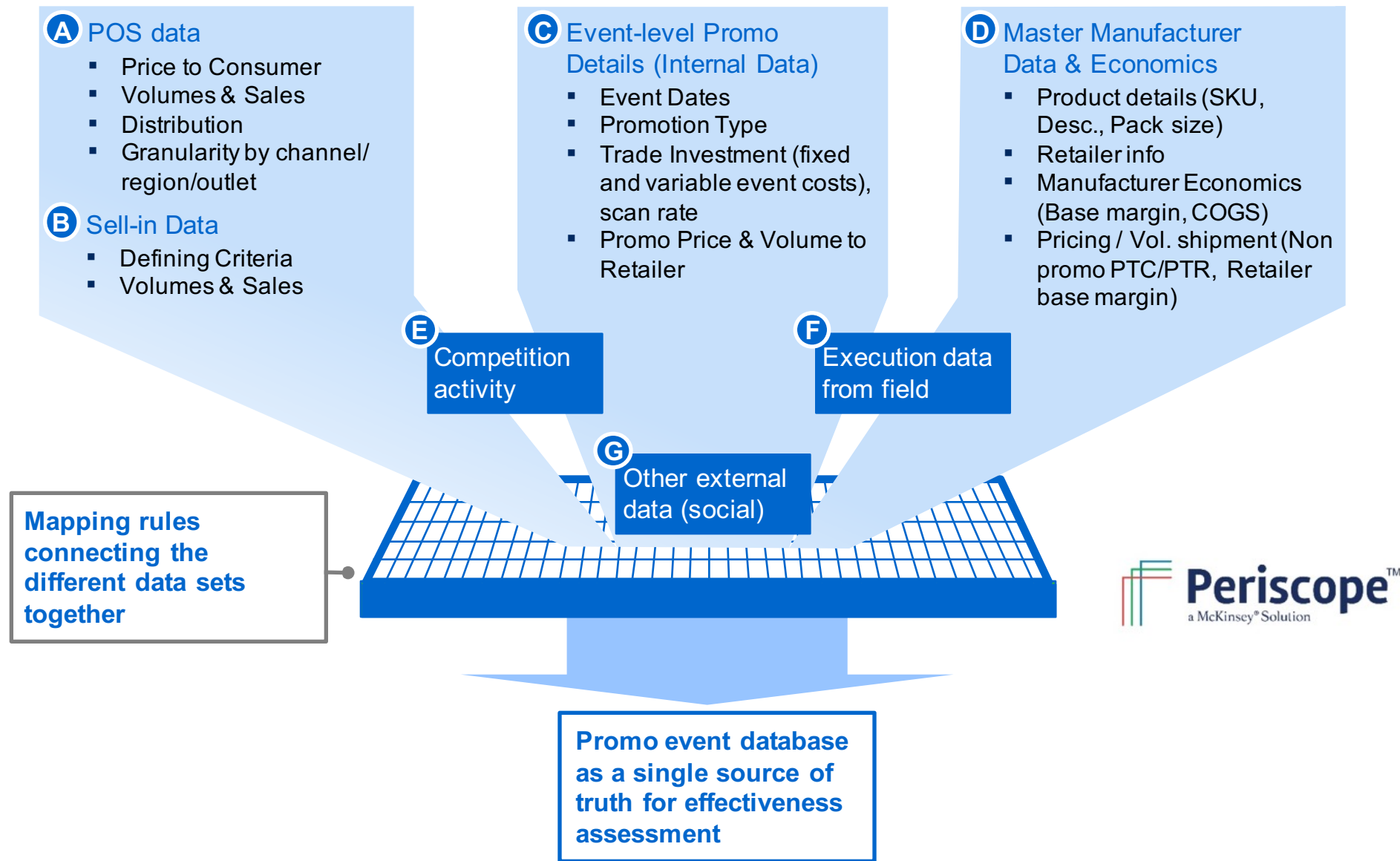|	How it benefits them…
Exceptional data granularity, mapping and consolidation ▶	▶ They know more than their customers in terms what drives the business, and who benefits
Automated data management and analytics allowing frequent refreshes ▶	▶ They know it sooner than their customers
Robust analysis that provides insights for each individual account ▶	▶ Ensures the sales team has clear, actionable guidance
Competitors' promotions analyzed with similar level of rigor ▶	▶ Provides early indications of changes in competitors strategies Ability to apply a full category lens, the way the retailer might look at it
Core group of dedicated promotions (and RGM) experts ▶	▶ Institutionalized learning and the engine for continuous improvement

However, the world is rapidly changing, making "winning" increasingly difficult

1 The tsunami of "big data" and "advanced analytics" has come to promotions, bringing deeper insight and greater precision

2 Learnings from the past lead to limited insights - new and easy to test ideas are required to identify innovative mechanics

3 Shoppers are looking for more and better deals, and are increasingly willing to look to non-traditional channels to find them

4 The online and offline worlds are blurring together and will continue doing so even further

5 Going forward, role of promotions will change significantly and manufacturers as well as retailers will have to adapt

Promotion analytics of today is already all about Big Data

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A POS data
- Price to Consumer
- Volumes & Sales
- Distribution
- Granularity by channel/ region/outlet

B Sell-in Data
- Defining Criteria
- Volumes & Sales

C Event-level Promo Details (Internal Data)
- Event Dates
- Promotion Type
- Trade Investment (fixed and variable event costs), scan rate
- Promo Price & Volume to Retailer

D Master Manufacturer Data & Economics
- Product details (SKU, Desc., Pack size)
- Retailer info
- Manufacturer Economics (Base margin, COGS)
- Pricing / Vol. shipment (Non promo PTC/PTR, Retailer base margin)

E Competition activity

F Execution data from field

G Other external data (social)

Mapping rules connecting the different data sets together

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Promo event database as a single source of truth for effectiveness assessment

Messy data	Washplant	Analytics lab	Event library	Impact examples

Assemble over a dozen data sources across the entire business…

…Transform, clean, and integrate all the to be clean, useable, and aligned across sources…
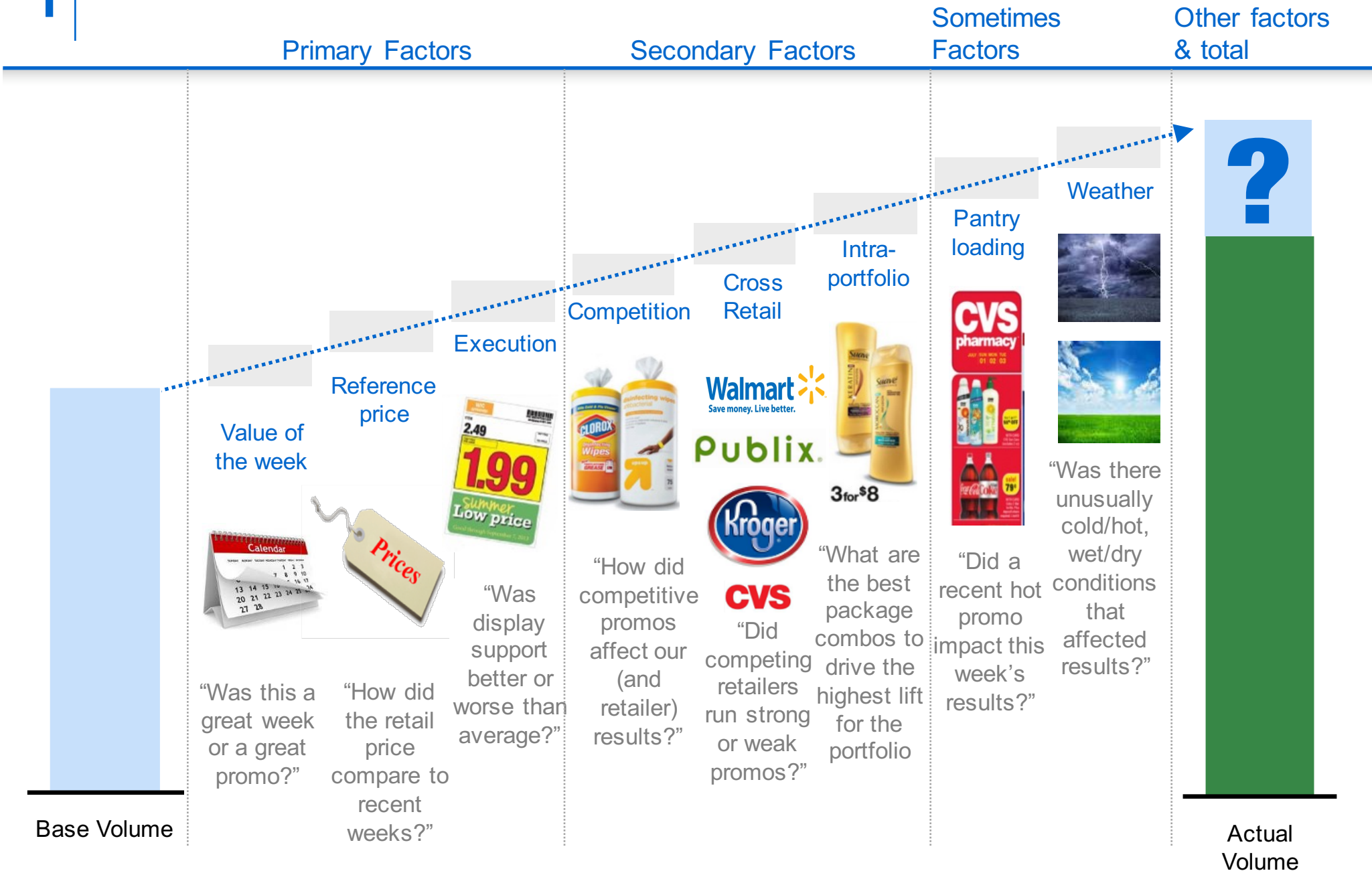
…Run advanced analytical processes to generate unique, impact-oriented insights

*…Create a central repository of data and analytics that drives value in making business decisions*

- Used Event Library insights to prove detriment of running 2 of 5 popular promotion types
- Basis for reintroduction of promotions that failed for extraneous reasons
- Showed how to better invest against key brands
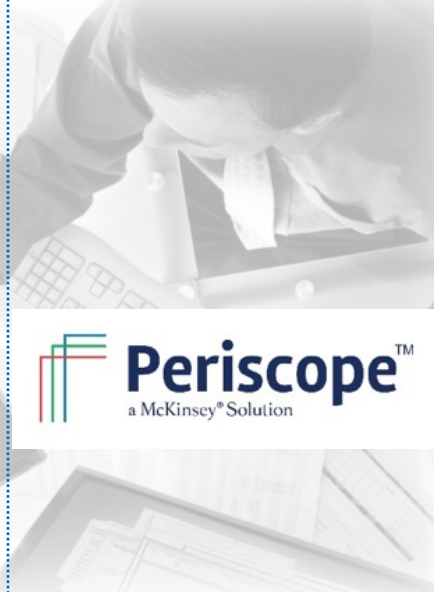
Example: DNA of an event

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Primary Factors | Secondary Factors | Sometimes Factors | Other factors & total

Base Volume

Value of the week
"Was this a great week or a great promo?"

Reference price
"How did the retail price compare to recent weeks?"

Execution
"Was display support better or worse than average?"

Competition
"How did competitive promos affect our (and retailer) results?"

Cross Retail
"Did competing retailers run strong or weak promos?"

Intra-portfolio
"What are the best package combos to drive the highest lift for the portfolio"

Pantry loading
"Did a recent hot promo impact this week's results?"

Weather
"Was there unusually cold/hot, wet/dry conditions that affected results?"

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Actual Volume

Post event pattern recognition engine – example of machine learning applied on the area of promotion analytics
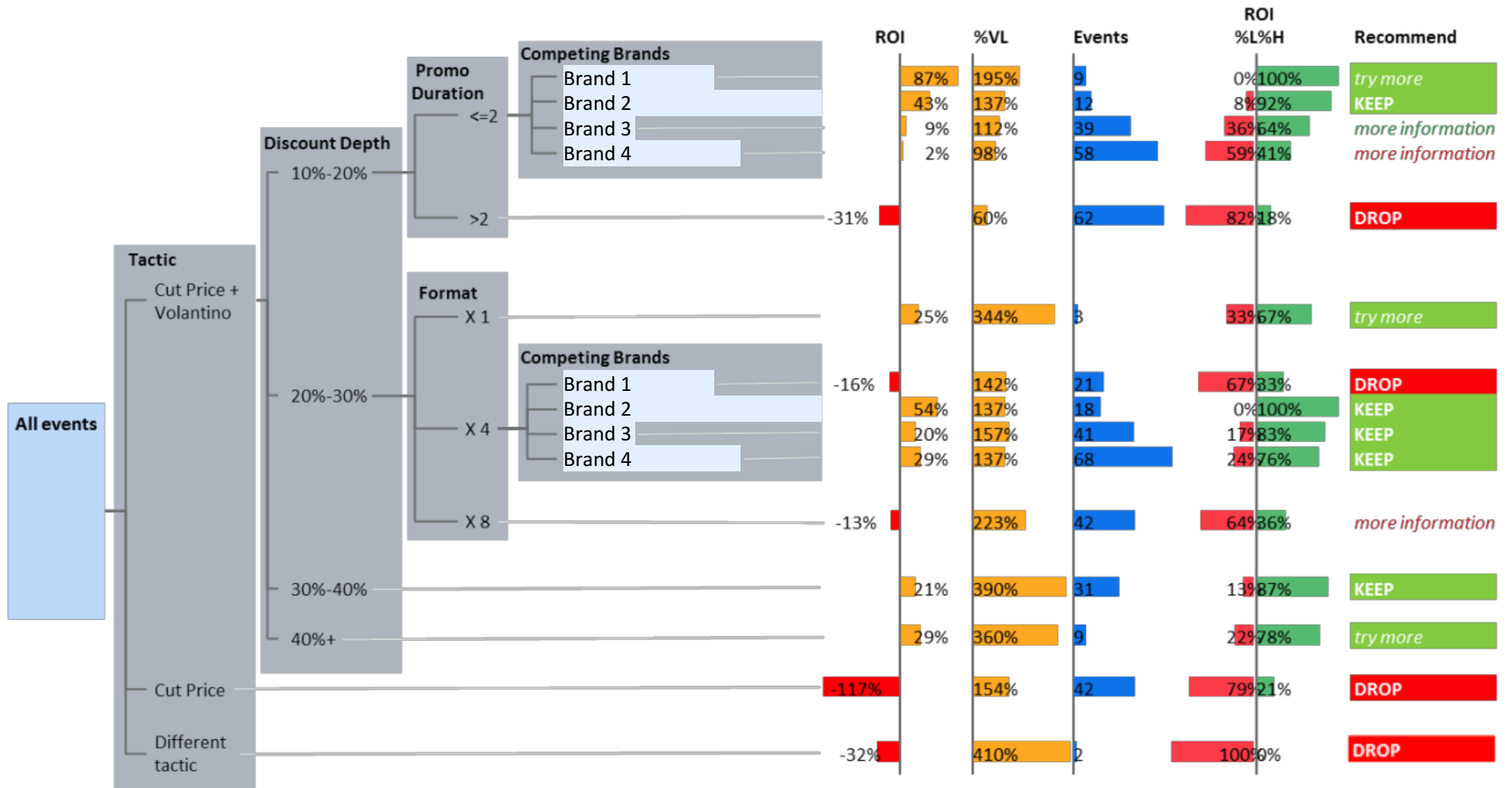
2 | **Offer innovation: way to explore new offer tactics and mechanics in light of lowering returns for traditional offer schemes**

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Offer generation	Micro-testing	Analytics & rollout

Generate hundreds of virtual test offers

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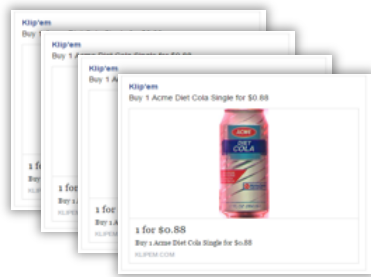
Example of offers characteristic

- Multibuy quantities
- Open vs. must buy
- Price points
- % off vs. $ off
- Artwork and claims language
- Cross-merchandising
- Consumer segment targeting
- Geographic targeting
- Timing, Seasonal, Holiday, etc.
- Consumer and retailer specific segmenting

Digitally micro-test with small groups of real shoppers in days
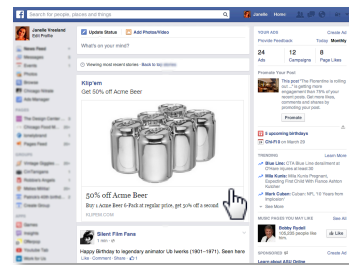
Test consumer engagement in a low risk environment:

- Facebook or other digital platforms to engage
- Reward App to redeem consumers based on proven purchase of a regular product
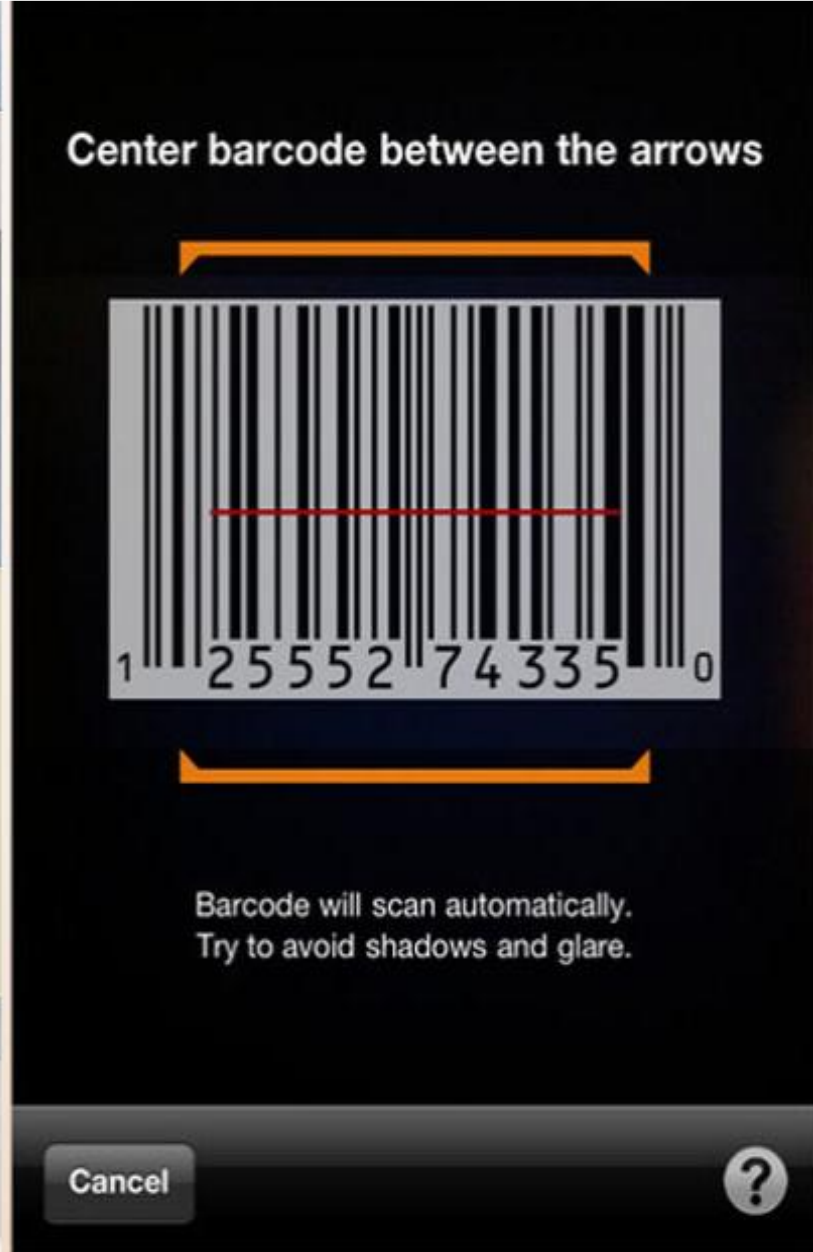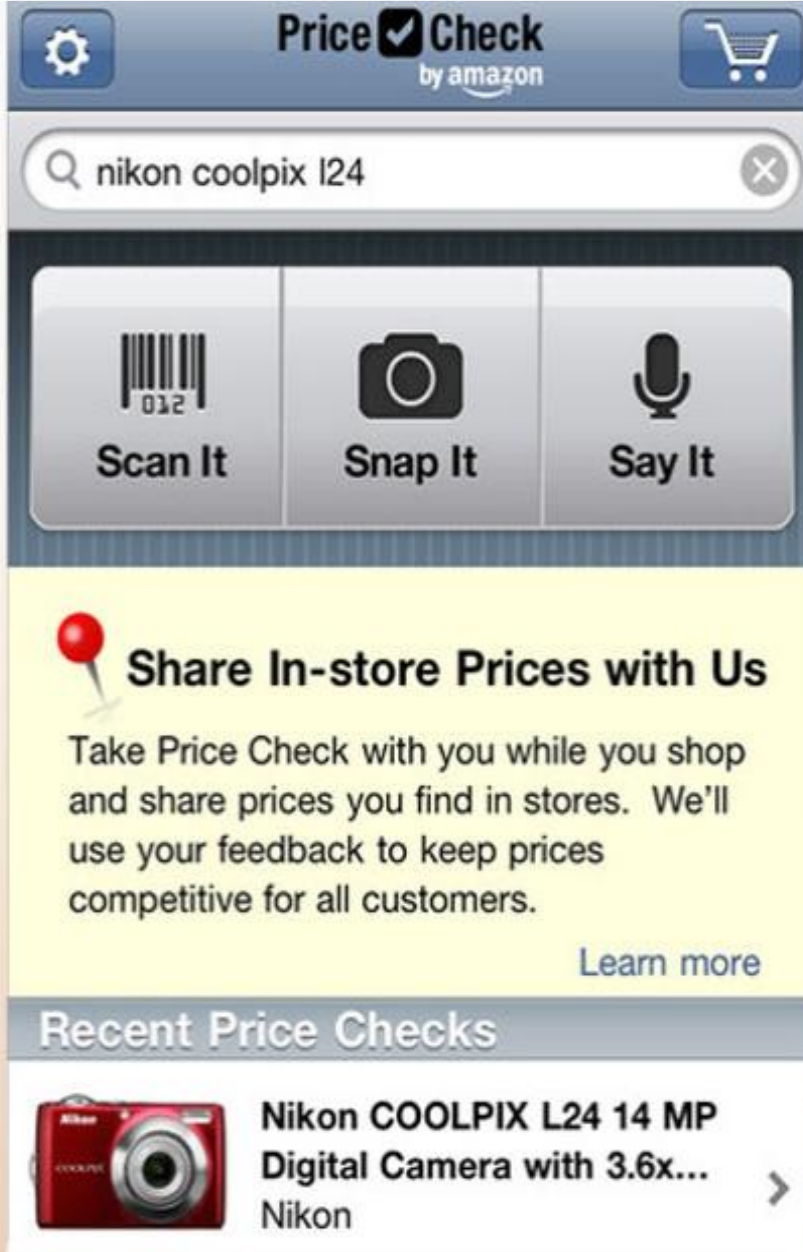
Identify the best promotions for roll-out
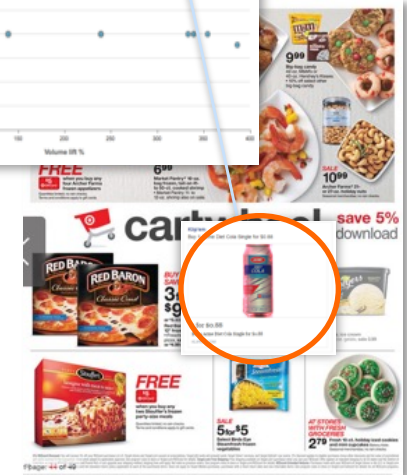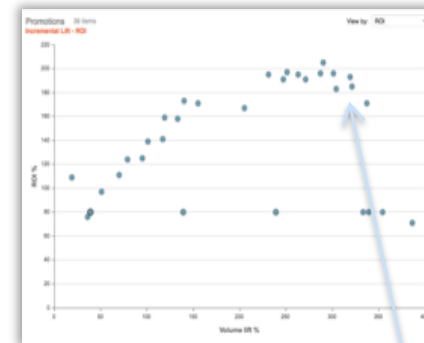
Shoppers have many apps to price compare and search for deals…

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App encourages competitive "showrooming" and enables consumers to view detailed price / product comparisons on millions of products sold on Amazon
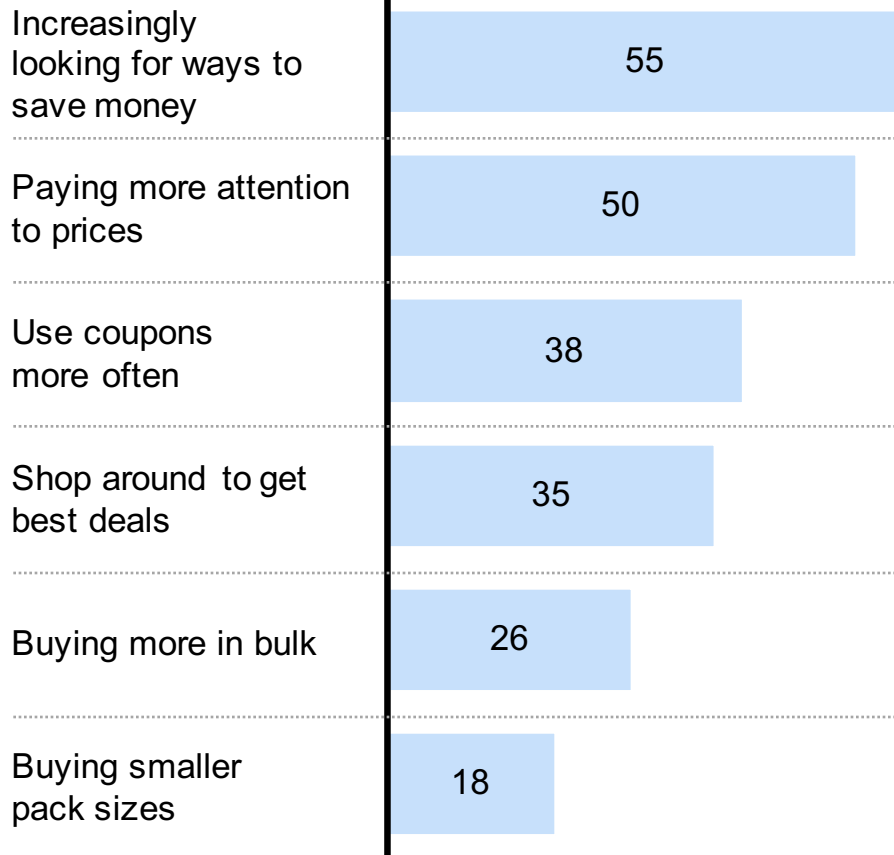
3 | … and their desire to look for more and better deals is increasingly taking them to new channels

Level of consumer agreement with changes in behavior regarding groceries and household goods over last 12 months

Channel shifting continues towards online, dollar, club, and mass

Percent "strongly agreeing" or "agreeing"
Sep 2014

Behavior	Percent
Increasingly looking for ways to save money	55
Paying more attention to prices	50
Use coupons more often	38
Shop around to get best deals	35
Buying more in bulk	26
Buying smaller pack sizes	18

Channel	Percent shopping less[1], Sep 2014	Percent shopping more, Sep 2014
Online	15	48
Dollar	20	34
Clubs	19	32
Mass/Supercenter	18	29
Convenience	26	25
Traditional Grocery stores	26	19
Drug	30	17

Retail environment is developing into a truly omnichannel mix – online gaining strong momentum

UK Grocery Example:

From "Big 4"

TESCO — Every little helps

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To multichannel, discounters and pure play

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What this means for all

- Pressure to provide compelling offer/ specific assortment across a broader range of retail competitors/ formats and promotion channels – and driven by more than just the traditional large retailers

- All large retailers expand their multichannel setup

- Everyday shelf prices will change by retailer more frequently leading to demands for more dynamic margin funding models (i.e., trade)
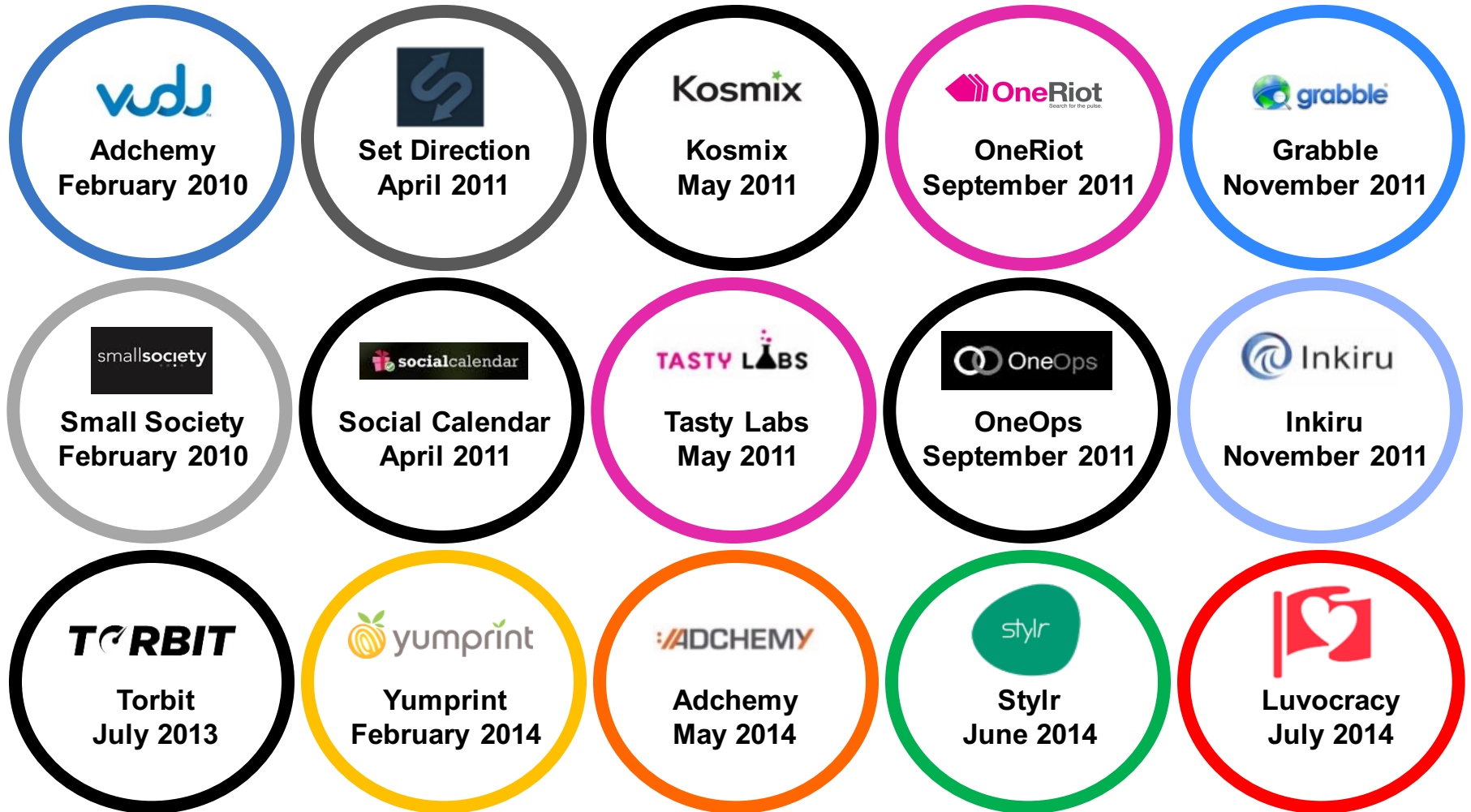
4 Manufactures are also going digital – example P&G everyday, portal for consumers to interact with brands, browse content and look for deals

Different 'departments' across P&G's wide product categories for users' easy browsing

Registration includes a short customer profile survey so the portal can provide more personalized content and promotions

Value seeking customers can directly access coupons and promotions here or look for product-specific ones via the categories

Shortcuts to P&G's different social media touchpoints

Options to join different interest groups

Popular content highlighted in a navigation bar on the left

Online purchases routed to P&G's direct to consumer channel (P&G Shop) or other e-retailer partners