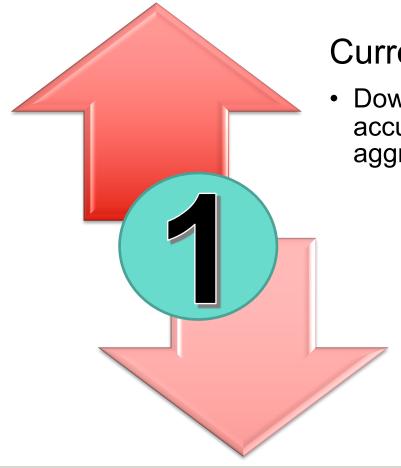
4 Mistakes companies make while designing Supply Chain



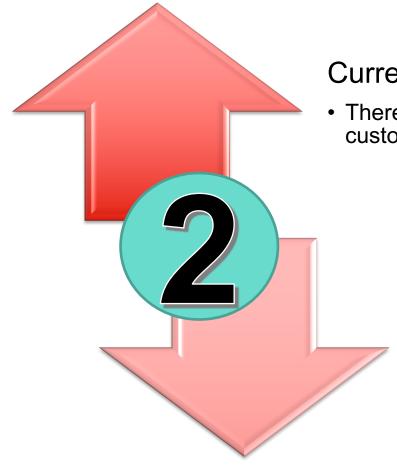


 Downstream demand is usually accumulated and presented as an aggregate total

Why it doesn't help

 When demand is rolled up, the accumulated safety stock calculations also get rolled up. There will be larger and larger redundant stock in place to cover non-existent demand variance.



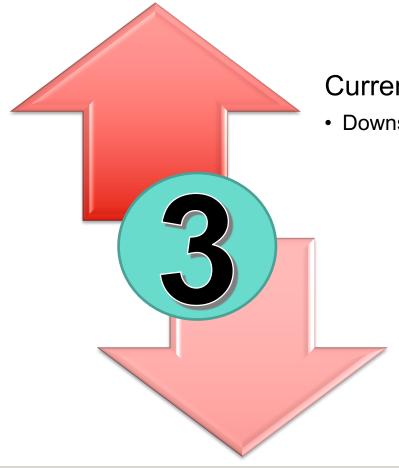


There is long delay in initial demand from real customer

Why it doesn't help

 If the demand used for the link in supply chain is not the initial customer demand, there is a delay to accumulate the demand at upstream location. This accumulation creates distortion of time so the forecasted demand is less and less accurate - and also late in arriving!



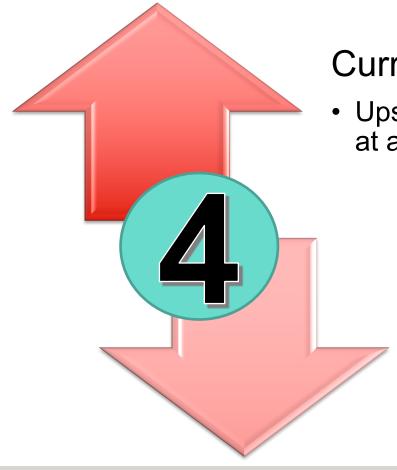


Downstream service level needs are an average

Why it doesn't help

 Each downstream link in the chain might have separate service level need, but there is little ability to differentiate differences between products and locations, so an average is used. Companies end up averaging to a small percent of actually correct service level and leave the rest to fend for themselves.





 Upstream supply is expected to be at a 100% service level

Why it doesn't help

 Late and incomplete shipments take up most of the time a buyer spends time on tactical activities. The natural reaction makes companies hold more stock.





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