# Online Freight Data Collection Effort in United States

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# Objectives



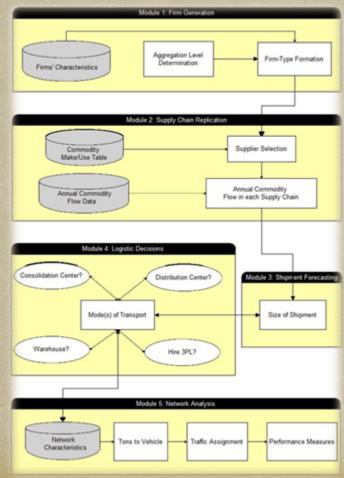
- To introduce a large-scale behavioral freight modeling framework with a focus on modal split.
- To utilize publicly available freight data in the U.S. for the framework.
- >To conduct a survey and satisfy the data needs.
- To introduce a behavioral freight mode choice model.
- To run a microsimulation freight model for the U.S.



### **FRAMEWORK**

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### **FAME**

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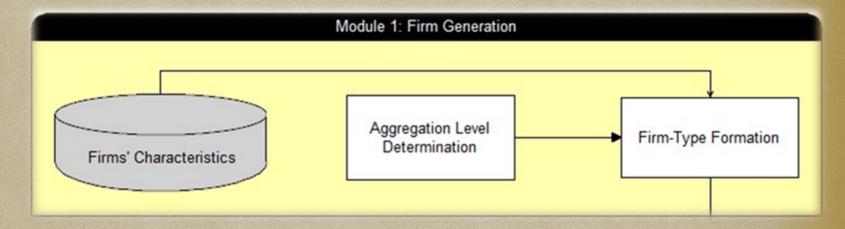
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### Firm Generation

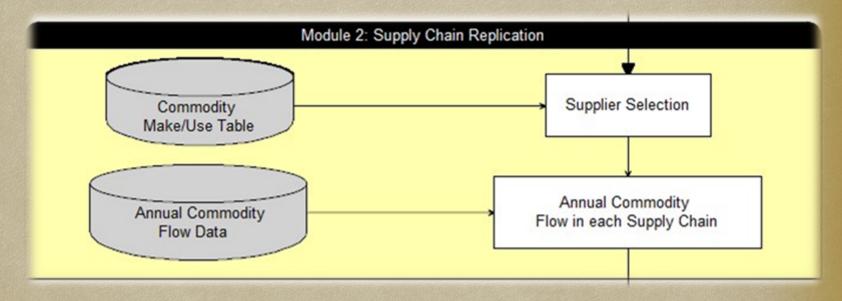
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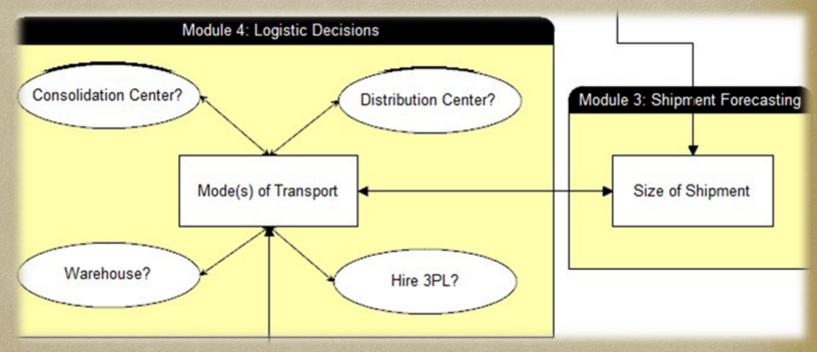
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# Supply Chain Replication



# Logistics Planning

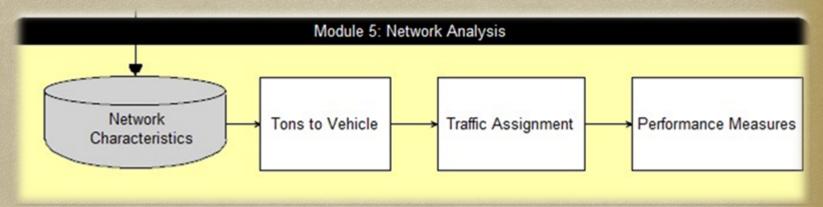
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# Network Analysis

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### DATA NEEDS



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### Four types of data are required for FAME:

- >Information on Business Establishments,
- > Aggregate Freight Movements,
- >Information on Individual Shipments,
- > Specifications of the Transportation Networks.



### **UIC SURVEY**



- ➤ A person with comprehensive knowledge of the firm's supply chain and transportation activities was asked for this online survey.
- Around 9.3% of those clicked on the survey link.
- ➤ 316 establishments participated in the survey providing information on 881 shipments across the country.
- > PART I: Establishment Information.
- > PART II: Shipment Information.
- > PART III: Contact Information.



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### PART I: Establishment Information:

- >Location,
- > Employee Size,
- Number of IN/OUT shipments,
- Number of suppliers,
- >Industry type,
- Potential use of each mode of transportation.
- >Access to truck-rail intermodal facility.



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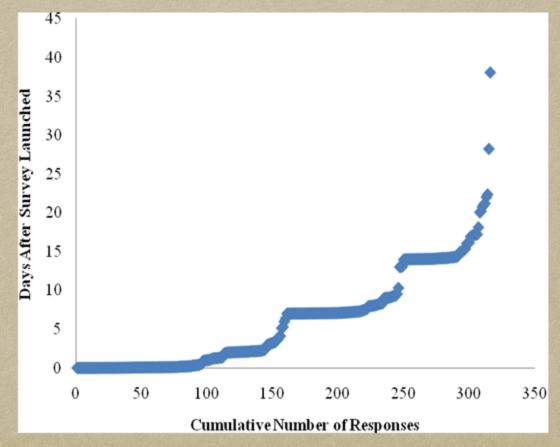
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### PART II: Shipment Information:

- ➤ Origin/Destination
- ➤ Commodity type
- >Transportation Mode
- ➤ Value, weight, and volume of shipment
- ➤ Shipping cost and time
- ➤ Import / Export / Containerized / Damaged / Not delivered on time
- > Expected delivery time window
- ➤ Unit of decision making (sender / receiver / 3PL)

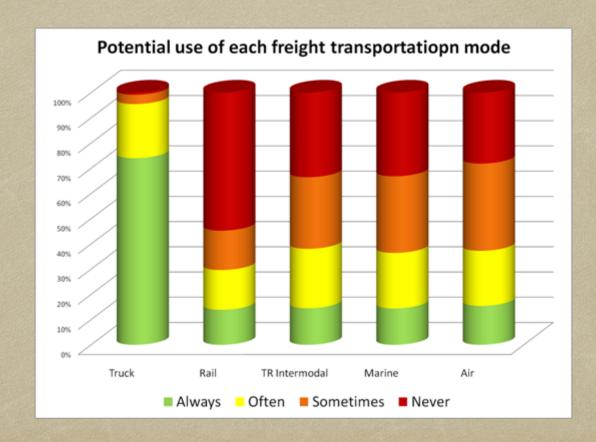
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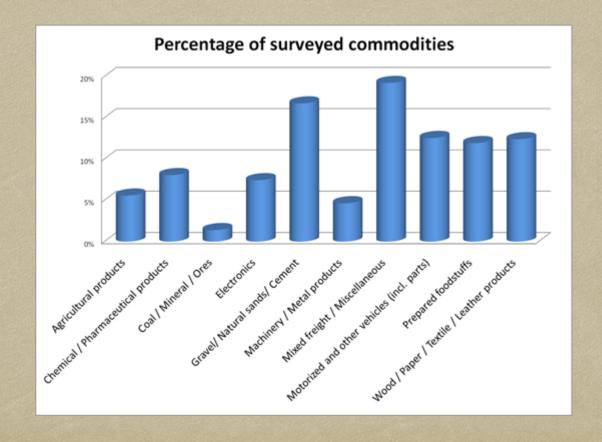
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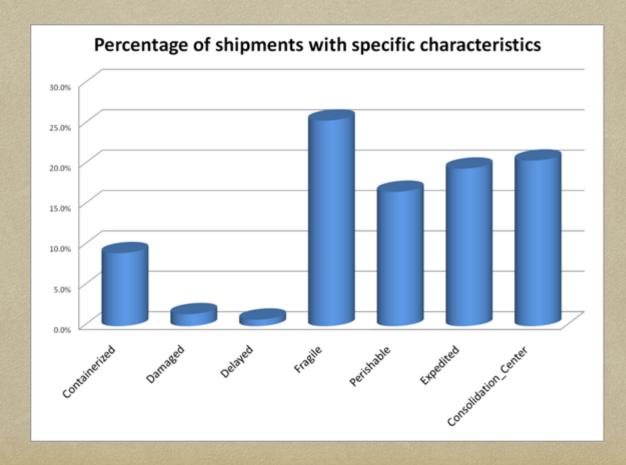
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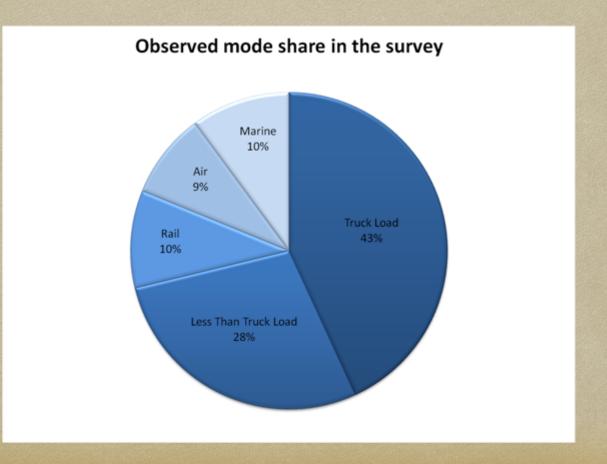
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### Value and weight share of each mode:

Mode	Dollar Value		Weight		Shipments
	CFS	UIC	CFS	UIC	UIC
Truck	68%	67%	60%	49%	69%
Rail	3%	4%	10%	12%	5%
Water	1%	8%	4%	8%	5%
Air, air & truck	5%	9%	0%	1%	11%
Intermodal	15%	12%	7%	30%	11%
Pipeline & unknown	9%	-	20%	-	-



### MODELS



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#### Models that are used in FAME:

- >Supplier selection,
- >Shipment size,
- > Mode Choice.



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#### **Research Contribution:**

- FAME is mainly based on public freight data and therefore data collection costs are substantially low.
- ➤ It is one of the early efforts in freight demand modeling with a separate component for supply chain configuration.
- Almost all the industry classes are covered in FAME.
- To the best of the author's knowledge, it is the first comprehensive nationwide freight microsimulation in the U.S.



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#### **Future Works:**

- ➤ Obtain more information on supplier selection preferences, and expand the second module,
- > Consider international shipments as well,
- Implement econometrics models or logistic cost minimization approaches for shipment size,
- Network analysis.





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