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7-Eleven, Inc / Bruegmann Cold-Vault Space Optimization

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Client Background



- Established 1927, headquartered in Irving, TX
- Expanded reach across the U.S. w/ over 13,000 convenience stores
- Unified management for merchandising, supply chain, and store layout



- Founded in 1970
- Provides FlexRoller and EvoRack systems to 7-Eleven
- Keeps items front-facing & optimize shelf space

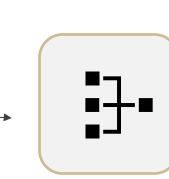
Problem Statement



Cold vaults at 7-Eleven's stores require frequent restocking due to limited shelf depth and disorganized backstock

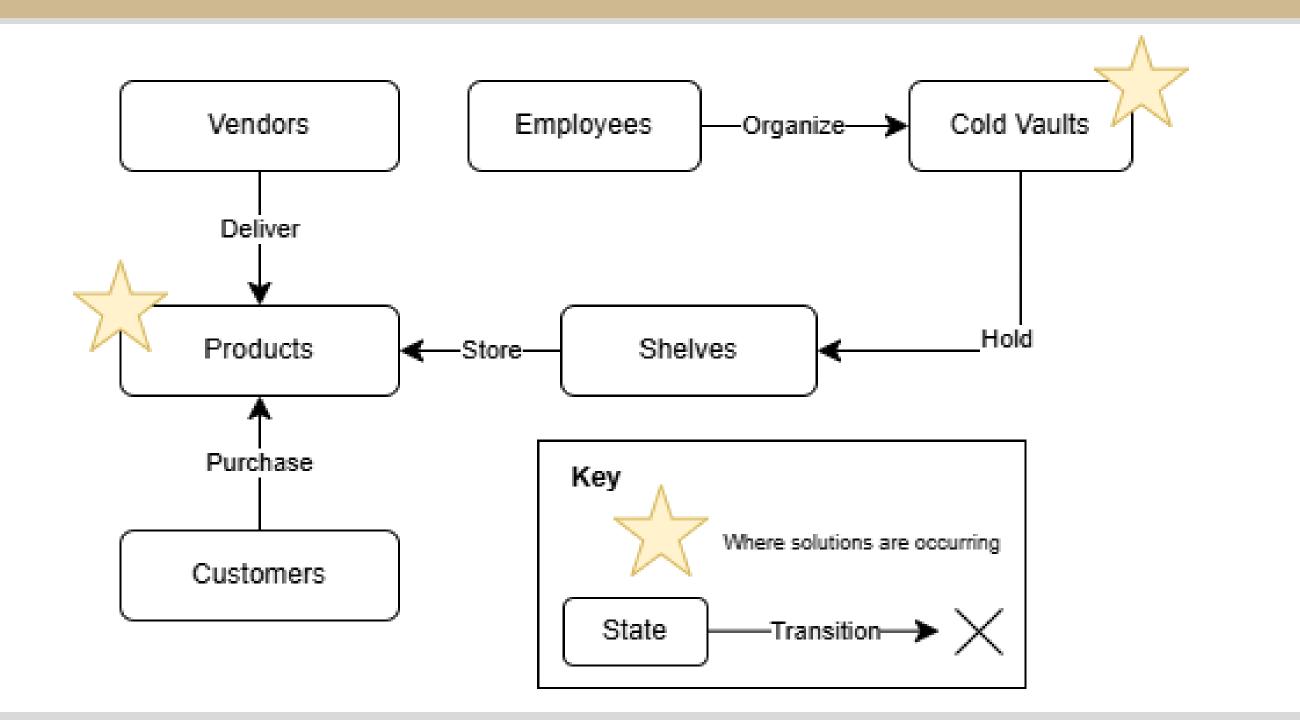


Client increased shelving depth from 36" to 48" seeking operational improvements

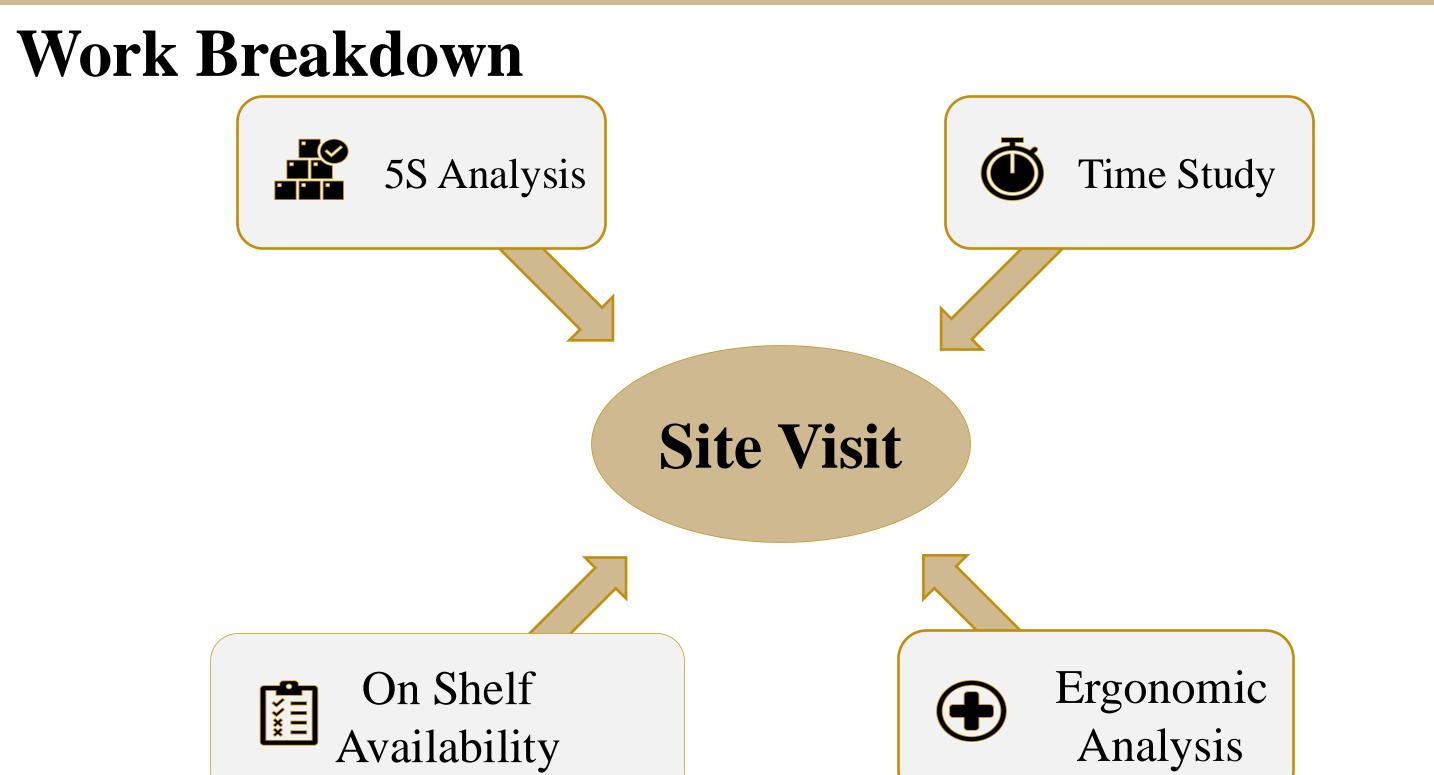


Granular components contributing to operational gains are yet to be understood

System Model







Data Analytics

Data

- Operations: Restocking, Backstock, and Receiving
- Task efficiency between test and control stores
- Observing tasks & filming each time study





ROI Model - Factors



N OSA-driven





Operational Savings

Sales

Discussion

Next Steps:

- Updated efficiency analysis incorporating sales data insights
- Simulate variability using different stocking scenarios and product types, potentially incorporating seasonal demand variations

Preliminary Results

Time Study Analysis Sample Output

Test Store

	#	Task	Time taken (s)	# of products loaded	Time taken (s)	# of products loaded	Time taken (s)	# of products loaded	χ̄
	1	Finding products & moving others if necessary	45	/	58	/	37	/	46.67
	2	Lifting products close to rack & loading	77	18	68	18	73	18	72.67 (4.04)
	3	Returning excess products to storage & disposing of trash	6	/	9	/	32 ANOMALY (OMITTED)	/	7.5

Flex Roller lets employees load products without reaching in items roll down automatically, saving time during restocking.

accumulation in worker's

paths (island).

Control Store

#	Task	Time taken (s)	# of products loaded	Time taken (s)	# of products loaded	Time taken (s)	# of products loaded	x
1	Finding products & moving others if necessary	43	/	52	/	40	/	45
2	Lifting products close to rack & loading	49	10	51	10	56	10	52 (5.2)
3	Returning excess products to storage & disposing of trash	11	/	7	/	9	/	9

Test Store Data							
Prod Num	Prod Name	Volume (oz.)	Distance 1(m)	Distance 2(m)	This is to quantify the		
1	Red Bull	12	8.54	0.88	impact of eliminating product island on loading		
2	Monster	16	1.82	6.55	distance.		
3	Coke	20	3.76	0.77			
4	Gatorade	24	5.3	1.23			
5	Water	16.9	6.05	1.27			
Control Store Data							
Prod_Num	Prod_Name Volume (oz.)		Distance 1(m)	Distance 2(m)	As we can tell, the		
1	Red Bull	12	9.38	0.2	Control store has a greater average distance traveled		
2	Monster	16	7.27	1.44	due to product		

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16.9

Coke

Gatorade

Water

On Shelf Availability (OSA) \$850-\$3500 **1% OSA** annual revenue improvement per store* **Control Stores: Test Store:** 98.1% OSA 97.2% OSA * Assuming OSA accounts for 20-80% of sales improvements

5.17

9.38

6.73

0.8

3.57

2.02