

**DATA-DRIVEN APPROACHES FOR SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE: A REVIEW OF
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ABSTRACT

Supply chain resilience has become a central theme in the face of global disruptions, from pandemics, natural disasters, climate change, and geopolitical instability. This review explores data-driven approaches that enhance resilience by integrating predictive analytics, optimization, and risk modeling. Predictive analytics enables organizations to anticipate demand fluctuations, supplier risks, and external shocks through statistical, machine learning, and hybrid methods. Optimization techniques strengthen supply chain continuity by balancing cost efficiency, flexibility, sustainability, and redundancy. Risk modeling frameworks, including stochastic simulations, network-based approaches, and AI-driven systems, provide structured tools for quantifying vulnerabilities and stress-testing supply chain networks. Applications across sectors such as healthcare, retail, energy, and transportation demonstrate how these methods support adaptability and continuity in uncertain environments. Building on this synthesis, the paper proposes an integrated framework that connects predictive analytics, optimization, and risk modeling, offering a pathway toward robust, adaptive, and sustainable supply chains. The review concludes with a discussion of limitations, emerging trends, and future research opportunities to guide both academics and practitioners in advancing supply chain resilience.

Keywords:

Supply Chain Resilience, Predictive Analytics, Optimization, Risk Modeling, Data-Driven Supply Chains, Machine Learning, Sustainability, Digital Twins.

INTRODUCTION

The modern global economy is characterized by unprecedented levels of interconnection, complexity, and volatility. Supply chains today extend across continents, linking diverse actors ranging from raw material providers in emerging economies to advanced manufacturers, global logistics providers, and retailers serving end consumers. This interconnectedness has enabled efficiency, cost reduction, and market expansion, but it has also heightened vulnerability to disruption. Events such as the 2011 Japanese earthquake and tsunami, the COVID-19 pandemic, climate-induced extreme weather, and the Russia–Ukraine conflict have highlighted the fragility of these systems. The cumulative effect of such events has been to position resilience at the forefront of supply chain management discourse. No longer is efficiency the sole or even primary goal; instead, firms increasingly recognize that survival, adaptability, and long-term competitiveness depend on resilient supply chains. Christopher and Holweg [39] describe this shift as the transition to ‘Supply Chain 2.0,’ where managing turbulence and uncertainty becomes a central strategic priority, not just an operational adjustment.

Supply chain resilience can be broadly defined as the ability of a supply chain to anticipate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from unexpected disruptions while maintaining continuity of operations and safeguarding long-term viability [1]. Ponomarov and Holcomb [1] describe resilience as a multi-dimensional construct encompassing flexibility, adaptability, redundancy, and robustness. A resilient supply chain does not simply return to its prior state after a disruption but adapts and evolves in response to changing conditions. It is a system that treats disruption not as an anomaly but as an inherent feature of contemporary business environments. Such an understanding has become increasingly critical as supply chains face growing exposure to global risks, from climate change and cyber-attacks to pandemics and geopolitical instability.

The pursuit of resilience has coincided with the rise of data-driven approaches in supply chain management. Over the past two decades, advances in data collection technologies, analytics, and artificial intelligence have transformed the way organizations understand and manage their supply networks. From the integration of big data analytics into logistics planning [2] to the use of machine learning for disruption forecasting [5], data-driven methods are reshaping both the theory and practice of supply chain management. These approaches

enable managers to move beyond intuition or static modeling and instead rely on dynamic, evidence-based insights that can enhance decision-making under uncertainty. As Büyüközkan and Göçer [4] argue, the digitalization of supply chains has laid the foundation for new models of resilience by integrating real-time data, predictive algorithms, and optimization tools.

Within this context, three complementary streams of research and practice have emerged as particularly important for advancing resilience: predictive analytics, optimization, and risk modeling. Each addresses a different but interrelated dimension of the resilience challenge. Predictive analytics employs statistical and machine learning techniques to anticipate future events, such as demand fluctuations, supplier failures, or transportation delays [3], [7]. By providing early warnings and foresight, predictive methods allow firms to prepare proactive responses rather than relying solely on reactive measures. Optimization, in contrast, is concerned with prescriptive decision-making. It involves the design of supply chain networks, inventory policies, and sourcing strategies that minimize cost while maximizing robustness, often under uncertain or multi-objective conditions [12], [16]. Finally, risk modeling provides the conceptual and analytical tools to identify, quantify, and simulate potential disruptions and their cascading effects across the supply chain [20], [22], [37]. Risk modeling does not seek merely to forecast events but to understand their potential impact and to design strategies for mitigation and recovery.

The integration of these three approaches has become increasingly necessary. Predictive analytics can provide early signals of potential disruption, but without optimization, firms may lack the ability to allocate resources effectively to mitigate risk. Similarly, optimization models that do not incorporate robust risk modeling may result in supply chains that appear efficient but are brittle in the face of shocks. Risk modeling itself, though powerful, often requires predictive inputs and optimization outputs to translate scenarios into actionable decisions. Thus, resilience in modern supply chains is best achieved through the triadic integration of predictive analytics, optimization, and risk modeling, each reinforcing and extending the others.



Figure 1. Framework for Data-Driven Supply Chain Resilience

This review paper is motivated by the need to synthesize these three domains into a comprehensive understanding of data-driven resilience. While prior studies have examined them in isolation, focusing, for example, on the role of predictive analytics in forecasting [3], [7], or optimization in network design [12], [13], there remains a gap in integrating insights across these literatures. Joshi and Huynh [6] emphasize that resilience requires not only robust modeling techniques but also frameworks that bridge across methodological silos. Similarly, Yang et al. [5] note that while machine learning has advanced supply chain risk management, its integration into optimization and resilience modeling remains limited. This paper, therefore, seeks to provide an integrated review that positions predictive analytics, optimization, and risk modeling as mutually reinforcing pillars of data-driven resilience.

PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS IN SUPPLY CHAINS

Predictive analytics has become one of the most transformative forces in modern supply chain management. By drawing on historical data, statistical models, and machine learning algorithms, predictive analytics enables

managers to anticipate future states of the supply chain with greater accuracy than ever before. This capacity to foresee potential disruptions, forecast demand fluctuations, and detect emerging risks is crucial in an environment where volatility has become the norm. In resilient supply chains, predictive analytics functions not as a supplementary tool but as a foundational capability, providing the early-warning signals and foresight necessary to activate proactive decision-making. Recent studies reinforce this view, showing that artificial intelligence and machine learning are increasingly central to building resilient and sustainable logistics systems by enabling proactive disruption management [28].

The role of predictive analytics in resilience can be understood by contrasting it with traditional supply chain forecasting methods. Historically, firms relied heavily on deterministic forecasts generated from linear regression or simple time-series extrapolation. While useful in stable environments, these methods performed poorly in contexts marked by volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity. The advent of big data, the Internet of Things (IoT), and advanced computational techniques has enabled a transition from such static models to adaptive, data-driven systems capable of learning from vast and heterogeneous datasets. Seyedan and Mafakheri [7] emphasize that predictive big data analytics is particularly valuable in demand forecasting, where the integration of structured sales histories with external signals such as weather conditions, promotions, or economic indicators leads to more accurate predictions. Similarly, Oyewole et al. [3] argue that predictive analytics improves not only demand-side forecasting but also the detection of supply disruptions, making it indispensable for enhancing resilience.

At its core, predictive analytics in supply chains can be categorized into several methodological families, each with distinct strengths. Time-series models such as ARIMA (Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average) remain widely used for demand forecasting, particularly when rich historical data are available and seasonality is pronounced [45]. Neural networks and deep learning approaches extend this capacity by capturing nonlinear relationships that traditional models overlook, as demonstrated in studies such as Lau et al. [46] and Sun et al. [48]. Support vector machines and hybrid models that combine statistical and machine learning techniques have also been developed to improve accuracy, especially in contexts where datasets are noisy or incomplete [47]. In high-tech sectors such as semiconductors, Wang and Chen [44] showed that combining demand forecasting with financial estimation improves resilience by reducing volatility and supporting investment planning. More recently, the availability of censored and annotated demand datasets, such as Wang et al.'s FreshRetailNet-50K [52], has further accelerated innovation, allowing researchers to benchmark new algorithms for latent demand recovery in perishable product markets.

The applications of these methodologies extend across all major domains of supply chain management. In demand forecasting, predictive analytics has become indispensable, enabling firms to anticipate customer requirements with increasing granularity. Wu [47], for example, demonstrated how wavelet kernel support vector machines coupled with particle swarm optimization outperformed traditional statistical models in manufacturing demand forecasting. In retail, Sun et al. [48] applied extreme learning machines to fashion sales, showing that predictive models could adapt to rapidly changing consumer trends. Beyond forecasting, predictive analytics is also central to disruption management. Brintrup et al. [8] conducted a case study in complex asset manufacturing, where predictive data analytics was applied to detect early signs of supplier distress, thereby reducing the risk of cascading failures. Similarly, Chi et al. [49] demonstrated how integrating machine learning with genetic algorithms optimized vendor-managed replenishment systems, cutting inventory costs while enhancing responsiveness. Pawar [9] highlights how predictive analytics enhances supply chain optimization by integrating foresight into sourcing and routing decisions.

Predictive analytics also supports logistics and transportation resilience. Hopkins and Hawking [50] provide a case study where big data analytics and IoT were integrated into logistics systems, enabling real-time monitoring and predictive rerouting during disruptions. Such applications are particularly important in industries where delays translate into substantial financial and reputational costs. In healthcare, Fanoodi et al. [45] showed that predictive models combining artificial neural networks and ARIMA could reduce uncertainty in platelet supply chains, where stockouts may jeopardize patient outcomes. These applications illustrate that predictive analytics is not confined to improving efficiency but also directly strengthens resilience by mitigating risk exposure.

A further advantage of predictive analytics is its ability to integrate diverse data sources. Modern supply chains generate vast amounts of structured and unstructured data, including transactional records, machine sensor outputs, satellite imagery, and social media feeds. Predictive models capable of processing these heterogeneous data streams can detect weak signals of disruption long before they manifest fully. Yang et al. [5] note that

machine learning technologies enhance risk management by enabling supply chains to learn from past disruptions and adapt predictive rules accordingly. This capability is particularly useful in detecting black swan events, which, although difficult to anticipate in exact timing, often display leading indicators that can be captured through big data analytics.

Despite its advances, predictive analytics is not without limitations. One challenge lies in data quality. Supply chains often suffer from fragmented information across tiers, leading to incomplete or biased datasets. FreshRetailNet-50K [52] was explicitly designed to address this problem by providing high-resolution, stockout-annotated demand data; yet such datasets remain rare. Another limitation is interpretability. While neural networks may provide highly accurate forecasts, their “black box” nature limits their usability in managerial contexts where explainability is essential for decision support [24]. Finally, predictive analytics requires integration with prescriptive and risk-based approaches to deliver full resilience benefits. Forecasting a supplier’s potential failure, for example, is only useful if accompanied by optimization models that prescribe alternative sourcing strategies and risk models that evaluate cascading effects.

The comparative performance of predictive techniques in different supply chain contexts can be summarized. For instance, traditional ARIMA models excel in stationary demand forecasting, while neural networks and deep learning approaches outperform in contexts with nonlinear dynamics. Hybrid models, such as combinations of ARIMA with neural networks or support vector machines, often provide the best of both worlds by balancing interpretability and accuracy. These comparisons highlight that no single methodology is universally superior; rather, the choice depends on the nature of the data, the industry, and the specific resilience objectives.

Predictive analytics also provides a foundation for the integration of supply chains into broader digital ecosystems. The rise of digital twins, for instance, allows firms to create virtual replicas of their supply networks where predictive models simulate disruptions and test potential responses. Riad et al. [29] argue that integrating artificial intelligence into such frameworks enhances resilience by enabling firms to evaluate the outcomes of alternative strategies before implementing them. Similarly, Khan et al. [32] propose AI- and ML-enabled frameworks for proactive risk mitigation in global supply chains, showing how predictive models can be embedded into real-time decision systems during national emergencies.

The trajectory of predictive analytics research also points to several emerging frontiers. One is the integration of sustainability metrics into predictive models. Ajide [19] argues that optimization informed by predictive analytics can align resilience with environmental, social, and governance (ESG) objectives, ensuring that disruptions are not only managed effectively but also in a manner consistent with long-term sustainability goals. Another frontier is the use of reinforcement learning, a branch of machine learning where models improve by interacting with dynamic environments. Although still in its early stages in supply chain research, reinforcement learning has the potential to continuously refine predictions as disruptions unfold, bridging the gap between predictive and adaptive resilience.

Table 1. Predictive Analytics Techniques, Applications, and Outcomes in Supply Chains

Category of Method	Specific Techniques	Application Area	Outcomes
Statistical Models	ARIMA, regression, time-series decomposition	Demand forecasting (perishables, healthcare, semiconductors)	Improved short-term forecast accuracy; reduced demand uncertainty; seasonal pattern detection
Machine Learning Models	Neural networks (NN, DL, ELM), random forests, gradient boosting	Retail sales forecasting; demand volatility; logistics performance prediction	Captures nonlinear demand patterns; handles seasonality; improves anomaly detection and predictive maintenance
Hybrid & Advanced Models	Support Vector Machines + metaheuristics; Wavelet kernel SVM; Extreme Learning Machines; Hybrid ML + genetic algorithms	Manufacturing demand prediction; vendor-managed replenishment	Outperforms traditional models under nonlinear dynamics; reduced inventory costs; optimized replenishment cycles

Big Data & IoT Analytics	Real-time pipelines, streaming analytics, sensor fusion	Logistics and distribution	Real-time disruption prediction; enhanced delivery reliability; adaptive safety stock
Disruption Prediction Models	Supplier disruption analytics; censored demand datasets (e.g., FreshRetailNet-50K)	Risk detection in complex manufacturing; retail stockouts and latent demand	Early warning systems; corrected bias from censored sales data; improved supplier selection resilience
AI/ESG-Enhanced Forecasting	AI/ML-enabled emergency forecasting; ESG-driven ML models; scenario-based AI	Global crisis mitigation; sustainability forecasting	Strengthened resilience during national emergencies; waste reduction forecasting; carbon footprint estimation; sustainable procurement

Predictive analytics is not a standalone solution but a central enabler of data-driven resilience. By providing foresight across demand, supply, logistics, and risk domains, predictive analytics equips firms with the ability to anticipate disruptions before they materialize. However, its effectiveness depends on the availability of high-quality data, the interpretability of models, and their integration with optimization and risk modeling. As supply chains become increasingly digitalized, predictive analytics will continue to expand in scope, incorporating real-time data streams, sustainability considerations, and advanced AI methodologies. The resilience of future supply chains will thus depend heavily on the maturity of predictive analytics capabilities, and on the ability of organizations to translate predictive insights into actionable strategies for adaptation and transformation.

OPTIMIZATION TECHNIQUES FOR SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE

If predictive analytics provides foresight in the face of uncertainty, optimization represents the mechanism through which supply chains transform that foresight into structured action. The essence of optimization lies in prescribing the most effective allocation of resources, the most resilient design of networks, and the most adaptive configuration of inventory and logistics policies under conditions of risk and volatility. In the past, optimization in supply chain management was primarily associated with efficiency: firms deployed mathematical models to minimize transportation costs, streamline facility locations, or reduce inventory holding costs. However, as recent decades have shown, an exclusive focus on efficiency often results in fragile supply chains that falter in the face of disruption. The shocks of global pandemics, geopolitical instability, climate-induced events, and natural disasters have shifted the emphasis toward building systems that balance efficiency with resilience.

Optimization in resilient supply chains has evolved from linear cost-minimization exercises to multi-objective, uncertainty-aware frameworks that recognize trade-offs among cost, service, risk exposure, and sustainability. Sawik [11] demonstrates that supply chain design under disruption risks requires more than deterministic planning; instead, it must incorporate redundancies, alternative sourcing strategies, and adaptive inventories. Margolis et al. [12] similarly emphasize that resilient network optimization is not about eliminating costs entirely but about creating structures that can withstand shocks while maintaining acceptable service levels. Optimization thus serves as the prescriptive backbone of resilience, ensuring that when predictive models signal an impending disruption, the supply chain is equipped with robust and adaptable strategies to respond.

The field of optimization for resilience encompasses multiple methodological approaches. Deterministic models, which assume that all parameters such as demand, lead times, and transportation costs are known with certainty, represent the foundational layer of supply chain optimization. These models remain valuable for establishing baseline designs in relatively stable environments, as highlighted by Chopra and Meindl [17]. However, their inability to capture uncertainty renders them insufficient in volatile contexts. To address this limitation, researchers and practitioners have increasingly turned to stochastic programming, which incorporates uncertainty by representing key variables as probability distributions. Biuki et al. [14] developed a two-stage stochastic programming model for perishable product supply chains, enabling firms to balance responsiveness and resiliency by planning for multiple demand scenarios. Similarly, Kungwalsong et al. [15] applied stochastic

optimization to network design under facility disruptions, demonstrating that such models can capture the probabilistic nature of risk more effectively than deterministic frameworks.

An alternative to stochastic programming is robust optimization, which does not rely on explicit probability distributions but instead prepares the supply chain for worst-case scenarios. Aalaei and Davoudpour [33] illustrate the application of robust optimization in cellular manufacturing systems, showing how networks can be designed to perform satisfactorily even under highly uncertain demand. Sawik [11] provides a comprehensive review of robust approaches for facility allocation and supply network design, emphasizing their value in environments where data scarcity makes probabilistic modeling unreliable. Although robust optimization can sometimes be overly conservative, its contribution to resilience lies in ensuring that supply chains do not collapse under extreme disruptions.

Another significant development in resilient optimization is the rise of multi-objective models. Real-world supply chains rarely pursue a single objective; managers must balance cost minimization with service-level assurance, environmental sustainability, and disruption preparedness. Margolis et al. [12] designed a multi-objective optimization model that explicitly incorporated resilience as a decision variable, illustrating how trade-offs between efficiency and robustness can be systematically evaluated. Aldrighetti et al. [13] further advanced this approach by proposing a methodological framework for simultaneously improving efficiency and resilience in network design. The ability to quantify and balance competing priorities is particularly valuable in industries such as pharmaceuticals or aerospace, where the cost of disruption can far outweigh incremental increases in operational expenditures.

Dynamic and adaptive optimization models represent yet another frontier. Unlike static models, dynamic approaches account for time-varying conditions and the need for reconfiguration. Hinojosa et al. [36] developed models for dynamic supply chain design that integrate inventory considerations into evolving networks, demonstrating how adaptability can be incorporated into formal optimization processes. Iakovou et al. [38] similarly emphasized the importance of analytical frameworks for long-term resilience, highlighting the role of adaptive design in managing disruptions that unfold over time. E-commerce firms such as Amazon have become real-world exemplars of dynamic optimization, continuously recalibrating inventory placement and routing strategies to accommodate surges in demand during events like Black Friday or global supply shortages.

More recently, sustainability concerns have expanded the scope of optimization models to include environmental, social, and governance (ESG) dimensions. Sabouhi et al. [16] presented an optimization approach for sustainable and resilient supply chains that considered regional environmental factors alongside cost and service objectives. Ajide [19] similarly proposed AI-driven optimization methods that integrate ESG metrics with resilience considerations, illustrating how data science can help align short-term operational robustness with long-term sustainability. Battini et al. [51] emphasized that closed-loop supply chain optimization, through recycling and reverse logistics, contributes to both environmental goals and the long-term resilience of supply networks. Cheng et al. [27] further show how renewable energy supply chains must incorporate climate uncertainties and energy policies into optimization strategies. Complementing this perspective, Sun et al. [31] found that digitalization of distribution networks in China's natural resource sector enhanced supply chain resilience by improving visibility and adaptive capacity. These developments underscore that modern optimization is no longer limited to economic outcomes but is increasingly tasked with balancing resilience and sustainability.

The applications of optimization models to resilience span a wide variety of domains. In network design, Jabbarzadeh et al. [10] developed frameworks for designing networks that can withstand supply and demand interruptions, while Margolis et al. [12] showed how resilient networks, though more costly, provide superior long-term performance by preventing catastrophic service failures. In inventory and safety stock management, Sawik [11] highlighted the importance of allocating stock strategically to buffer against disruption, while Hinojosa et al. [36] demonstrated how inventories can be dynamically optimized across time and geography. Supplier selection and procurement processes have also benefited from optimization techniques. Abdulla and Baryannis [24] proposed a hybrid multi-criteria decision-making and machine learning approach that improves supplier resilience while maintaining transparency in decision-making. Kamalahmadi and Mellat-Parast [34] similarly argued that supplier diversification, when supported by optimization models, reduces vulnerability to single-point failures.

Logistics and transportation provide another fertile application area. Colon et al. [40] analyzed the resilience of Tanzanian transport networks to disaster-induced disruptions, demonstrating how optimization could improve recovery planning. Hopkins and Hawking [50] showed that the integration of IoT and big data analytics into

logistics allows for real-time optimization of routing and scheduling, enabling firms to reroute goods swiftly when disruptions occur. Facility planning and capacity management are also central to resilient optimization. Kungwalsong et al. [15] illustrated how stochastic optimization models account for facility-level risks, while Cheng et al. [27] connected capacity planning in renewable energy supply chains to broader policy and climate uncertainties. Together, these applications illustrate the diversity of contexts in which optimization models enhance resilience.

Table 2. Optimization Approaches, Applications, and Outcomes in Supply Chain Resilience

Optimization Approach	Application Area	Resilience / Performance Outcomes
Deterministic Models (LP, MIP)	Production and distribution planning	Baseline cost minimization; efficient resource allocation; limited adaptability under disruptions
Stochastic Programming	Perishable products, facility disruptions, uncertain demand/supply	Probabilistic disruption handling; improved continuity; scenario-based flexibility; risk-hedging strategies
Robust Optimization	Manufacturing, uncertain demand, high-risk environments	Feasible solutions under worst-case scenarios; redundancy against extreme disruptions; robust ESG integration
Multi-Objective Optimization	Network design, facility location, global supply chains	Balances cost, service level, and resilience; supports ESG integration; encourages diversification trade-offs
Simulation-Optimization	Transportation/logistics resilience; disruption stress-testing	Tests strategies under simulated disruptions; evaluates sustainability scenarios; supports highly flexible adaptation
Dynamic Optimization	Inventory management; adaptive supply chain design	Real-time reconfiguration of resources; reduced service disruptions; improved responsiveness
Sustainable / Regional Models	ESG-aligned planning; policy-driven optimization	Lower carbon footprint; improved regional resilience; sustainable capacity planning
AI-Enhanced Optimization (ML, RL)	Real-time logistics, adaptive sourcing, intelligent reallocation	Learns cost-minimizing patterns; supports real-time continuity; integrates ESG targets; enhances diversification and responsiveness

The insights derived from these studies reveal that optimization plays a multifaceted role in resilience-building. Stochastic programming is most effective in contexts where probability distributions of risks can be reasonably estimated, while robust optimization is preferable when such information is absent or unreliable. Multi-objective optimization is critical in capturing the trade-offs inherent in real-world supply chain management, where efficiency and resilience cannot be treated as mutually exclusive goals. Dynamic optimization, although computationally demanding, allows firms to adapt to evolving conditions, while sustainability-oriented optimization ensures that resilience efforts align with global imperatives for responsible business. These distinctions suggest that the choice of optimization method must be carefully matched to the type of disruption, the industry context, and the data environment.

Despite significant progress, several research gaps remain. One limitation is the integration gap between optimization models and predictive or risk-based approaches. While predictive analytics can provide real-time forecasts of disruptions, most optimization models remain static or scenario-based, limiting their responsiveness. Another challenge is scalability; many advanced optimization models, while elegant in theory, have not been tested at the scale of global supply chains with thousands of nodes and millions of transactions. The lack of real-time optimization engines capable of incorporating IoT data streams represents a further gap, as highlighted by Hopkins and Hawking [50]. Moreover, behavioral and organizational factors are often neglected. Son [18] stresses that resilience cannot be achieved by mathematical models alone, as managerial decision-making, risk perception, and organizational culture profoundly influence how optimization outputs are implemented in practice.

Comparative case studies further illuminate the practical implications of optimization. Following the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan, automotive firms employed robust and multi-objective optimization models to

diversify suppliers and restructure networks, demonstrating how resilience can be systematically embedded at the design level. In the perishable food sector, Biuki et al. [14] showed how stochastic optimization enhanced resilience while minimizing waste, a critical consideration for industries with short product lifecycles. Amazon's use of dynamic optimization for inventory placement illustrates the transformative impact of adaptive models in e-commerce, where resilience and responsiveness are prerequisites for customer satisfaction. These cases confirm that while optimization models differ in their assumptions and applications, they collectively provide a powerful toolkit for operationalizing resilience.

From a managerial perspective, optimization is not a one-time exercise but a continuous capability that must evolve with the risk landscape. Managers must recognize that resilience often entails cost-resilience trade-offs, where higher operating expenses are justified by reduced vulnerability to catastrophic losses. Investment in decision-support systems that link predictive insights with optimization engines is essential for ensuring timely and data-driven responses. Moreover, the adoption of digital twins, where optimization models are tested in simulated environments before implementation, provides managers with the ability to experiment with strategies in advance of disruptions. These implications highlight that optimization is both a technical and a strategic capability, requiring alignment between advanced analytical tools and organizational decision-making processes.

Optimization techniques have progressed from efficiency-driven deterministic models to a diverse array of stochastic, robust, multi-objective, dynamic, and sustainability-focused approaches. Each of these methods contributes uniquely to resilience, and together they represent a comprehensive toolkit for designing and managing supply chains in an era of uncertainty. Yet optimization does not operate in isolation. Its value is maximized when integrated with predictive analytics and risk modeling, enabling firms to translate foresight into prescriptive actions while accounting for cascading vulnerabilities.

RISK MODELING IN SUPPLY CHAINS

While predictive analytics and optimization provide foresight and prescriptive decision-making, risk modeling supplies the conceptual and analytical foundation for understanding the nature of disruptions themselves. Risk modeling examines what could go wrong, how likely such events are, and what the consequences might be for supply chain performance. In the context of resilience, it is not sufficient to simply forecast demand or minimize costs; organizations must also anticipate a wide range of risks, quantify their potential impacts, and design systems that can withstand or recover from shocks. This requires models that explicitly account for uncertainty, interdependencies, and cascading failures, making risk modeling indispensable in the resilience triad.

The role of risk modeling in supply chains is multifaceted. At a basic level, risk models provide structured processes for identifying and categorizing risks, whether they are operational, financial, environmental, or geopolitical. Frameworks such as the Supply Chain Risk Management Process (SCRMP) [43] or ISO 31010 techniques [23] have been widely adopted to institutionalize this activity. These methods help managers to map vulnerabilities systematically, assess their severity, and prioritize mitigation strategies. At a more advanced level, risk models attempt to quantify uncertainty using probabilistic methods, thereby transforming qualitative risk registers into decision-ready insights. By simulating possible disruption scenarios and their ripple effects, these models allow firms to prepare contingency plans, allocate resources, and evaluate insurance strategies.

A distinguishing characteristic of modern supply chain risk modeling is its recognition of systemic interdependencies. A disruption at a single supplier can cascade across tiers and geographies, creating knock-on effects that are often greater than the initial shock. Yang et al. [5] emphasize that risk modeling increasingly relies on network science and machine learning to capture these systemic vulnerabilities. Colon et al. [40], in their study of transport networks in Tanzania, showed that disruption to critical transportation nodes could immobilize entire supply chains. Such findings underscore that risk cannot be understood in isolation; it must be modeled as an emergent property of interconnected networks. Shahsavari et al. [21] reinforce this perspective, emphasizing that supply chain risk events often arise from multiple contributing and cascading factors, which must be modeled explicitly to capture their full impact.

Risk modeling methods can be grouped into several broad categories. Process-oriented frameworks provide structured approaches to risk management, offering systematic procedures for risk identification, assessment, and mitigation. While often qualitative, these frameworks are valuable for establishing organizational routines around resilience. Stochastic risk models extend this by introducing probability distributions to represent uncertain parameters. Jabbarzadeh et al. [10], for example, embedded stochastic disruption scenarios into supply chain design, while Kungwalsong et al. [15] used stochastic optimization to model facility-level risks. Such

models are particularly useful when disruption probabilities can be reasonably estimated. Robust optimization and simulation-based approaches, by contrast, do not require precise probabilities but instead prepare for worst-case scenarios. Arowosegbe et al. [25] highlight that vulnerabilities in global shipping and logistics represent critical areas where such models can provide actionable insights, particularly in managing disruptions across international trade routes.

Another important class of models includes network and systemic risk approaches, which capture the interdependencies among supply chain nodes. These models are able to identify critical nodes, simulate the spread of disruptions, and evaluate resilience strategies such as redundancy or diversification. Yang et al. [5] highlight the growing use of network-based modeling combined with machine learning, which enables simulation of cascading effects at a scale not previously possible. Hybrid multi-criteria decision-making (MCDM) frameworks further expand the modeling toolkit by combining quantitative and qualitative data. Junaid et al. [42] applied a Neutrosophic AHP-TOPSIS model in the automotive industry to evaluate supplier risks, while Abdulla and Baryannis [24] integrated MCDM with machine learning to develop explainable supplier selection models. These methods are particularly valuable in contexts where managerial judgment must be incorporated alongside quantitative measures.

The most recent developments in risk modeling are driven by artificial intelligence and machine learning. Adegboye et al. [26] applied AI-based risk prediction to green energy supply chains, showing how geopolitical and climate-related risks can be modeled proactively. Khan et al. [32] proposed AI-enabled frameworks for proactive risk mitigation during national emergencies, demonstrating how predictive risk models can be embedded into real-time decision systems. Although powerful, these models face challenges in explainability, as managers often struggle to interpret the results of black-box algorithms. Nonetheless, their capacity to process vast and heterogeneous datasets makes them indispensable for modern risk management.

Sustainability and ESG concerns have also become integral to risk modeling. Ajide [19] argues that aligning optimization with ESG risk metrics ensures that resilience strategies are not only operationally effective but also socially responsible. Cheng et al. [27] illustrate how climate uncertainties and energy price volatility create systemic risks that must be explicitly modeled in renewable energy supply chains. Ku et al. [30] highlight the grand challenges of anticipating supply risks for critical materials, linking resource dependency to broader sustainability transitions. These contributions demonstrate that risk modeling is increasingly tasked with bridging short-term disruption management and long-term sustainability goals.



Figure 2. Risk Modeling Landscape

The practical applications of risk modeling span a wide variety of contexts. Natural disaster resilience provides a vivid example. Colon et al. [40] used risk modeling to evaluate the impacts of disaster-induced transport disruptions in Tanzania, offering insights into how infrastructure vulnerabilities can paralyze entire economies. Kamalahmadi and Mellat-Parast [34] assessed disaster mitigation strategies, showing how resilience depends on both proactive investments and rapid recovery measures. In procurement and supplier risk, Brintrup et al. [8] integrated predictive analytics with risk modeling to detect supplier distress, while Abdulla and Baryannis [24] used hybrid methods to evaluate supplier reliability. These models provide a structured way to diversify suppliers and reduce dependence on vulnerable partners.

Healthcare and emergency supply chains illustrate another critical application area. Fanoodi et al. [45] combined predictive and risk-aware modeling to reduce uncertainty in platelet supply chains, where disruptions can have life-threatening consequences. Khan et al. [32] showed how AI-driven risk models supported national emergency responses during COVID-19, demonstrating the value of real-time risk modeling in crisis contexts. In the energy sector, Adegboye et al. [26] applied predictive risk models to green energy storage systems, accounting for geopolitical instability and climate shocks. Ku et al. [30] similarly highlighted risks in critical materials supply, stressing the importance of scenario modeling for long-term strategic planning. Together, these studies reveal that risk modeling is not confined to one sector but has universal applicability wherever supply chains are exposed to uncertainty.

Table 3. Risk Modeling Approaches, Applications, and Outcomes in Supply Chain Resilience

Risk Modeling Approach	Application Area	Resilience/Performance Outcomes
Process-Oriented (SCRMP, ISO 31010)	General supply chain risk identification	Structured risk assessment; improved standardization
Stochastic Risk Models	Supply/demand interruptions, facility risks	Quantified probabilistic impacts; hedging strategies
Network/Systemic Models	Interdependencies and cascading failures	Captured ripple effects; systemic resilience insights
Hybrid MCDM Models	Supplier selection, industry-specific risks	Balanced qualitative & quantitative judgments; improved decision transparency
Machine Learning-Based Models	Predictive risk modeling under uncertainty	Early detection of weak signals; proactive mitigation
ESG-Integrated Risk Models	Sustainable and green supply chains	Balanced resilience with sustainability; alignment with policy goals

The insights from these applications point to several important themes. As Heckmann et al. [35] argue, clarity in the definition, measurement, and modeling of risk is essential for translating these insights into consistent and actionable resilience strategies. First, risk modeling enables supply chains to confront low-probability but high-impact events that optimization alone cannot address. By explicitly quantifying uncertainty, risk models provide a bridge between predictive foresight and prescriptive decision-making. Second, network-based models highlight the systemic nature of risk, revealing vulnerabilities that are not apparent when analyzing nodes in isolation. Third, artificial intelligence has significantly enhanced the ability to detect weak signals of disruption, though challenges of transparency and interpretability remain. Finally, ESG integration demonstrates that resilience cannot be divorced from sustainability, as future supply chains must withstand both immediate disruptions and long-term environmental and social pressures.

Despite these advances, gaps remain. Data scarcity continues to limit the accuracy of many risk models, as historical data on extreme disruptions are often sparse or unavailable [52]. Integration across the resilience triad remains limited, with few models fully linking predictive analytics, optimization, and risk modeling into unified decision systems. The explainability of AI-driven models presents another challenge, as managers require interpretable outputs for decision support [24]. Finally, many network-based and systemic models remain confined to simulations, with limited testing in real-world industrial settings [5]. Addressing these gaps will be critical for advancing the state of practice.

Case studies illustrate the transformative potential of risk modeling when applied effectively. In the automotive industry, Junaid et al. [42] demonstrated how hybrid MCDM frameworks improved supplier risk evaluation in

Pakistan, reducing procurement vulnerabilities. In renewable energy supply chains, Adegbeye et al. [26] showed how predictive risk modeling enhanced preparedness for geopolitical and climate shocks. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Khan et al. [32] applied AI-enabled risk modeling to optimize national emergency supply chains, highlighting the importance of real-time, data-driven risk assessments. These examples underscore that while methodologies vary, the underlying principle remains consistent: risk modeling equips supply chains with the ability to anticipate, withstand, and recover from disruptions in ways that traditional efficiency-driven approaches cannot.

For managers, the implications of risk modeling are profound. Structured frameworks such as SCRMP and ISO 31010 provide a starting point, institutionalizing risk processes within organizations. The adoption of AI-driven early warning systems offers opportunities to move from reactive to proactive risk management. ESG integration ensures that resilience strategies align with broader stakeholder expectations and regulatory demands. Finally, the use of digital twins enables managers to simulate systemic ripple effects, test alternative strategies, and evaluate the effectiveness of resilience investments before disruptions occur. To fully realize these benefits, however, managers must view risk modeling not as a compliance exercise but as a strategic capability that is central to long-term competitiveness.

Risk modeling occupies a pivotal role in the architecture of data-driven supply chain resilience. By enabling firms to identify, quantify, and simulate risks, these models provide the analytical foundation for anticipating disruptions and designing robust responses. The diversity of approaches from process-oriented frameworks and stochastic models to AI-driven predictive systems reflects the complexity of modern supply chain risks. Yet the future of risk modeling lies not in isolation but in integration, as its full potential emerges when predictive analytics and optimization are woven together into unified frameworks.

INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK FOR DATA-DRIVEN SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE

The preceding sections have demonstrated that predictive analytics, optimization, and risk modeling each play indispensable roles in enhancing supply chain resilience. Yet, when examined in isolation, each has critical limitations. Predictive analytics generates foresight but cannot by itself prescribe the best response. Optimization provides prescriptive decision-making but often depends on deterministic or probabilistic assumptions that may not fully capture systemic vulnerabilities. Risk modeling, while essential for understanding uncertainty and cascading disruptions, remains insufficient without integration into operational decision systems. It is increasingly recognized that resilience requires not just excellence in each of these domains, but their integration into a unified framework that aligns foresight, prescription, and risk assessment.

The rationale for integration is straightforward. Modern supply chains operate in environments of radical uncertainty, where disruptions are not only frequent but also diverse in nature. A single disruption may arise from a local supplier bankruptcy, a geopolitical crisis, or an extreme weather event, and each may unfold differently across the network. No single methodological approach is capable of capturing this complexity in its entirety. Predictive analytics may signal early warnings but cannot guarantee accuracy; optimization may prescribe robust network configurations but may ignore low-probability catastrophic events; and risk modeling may simulate ripple effects but may not translate these into actionable decisions. By linking the three, organizations can build systems where predictive signals feed into optimization engines, which are themselves evaluated and stress-tested through risk models. Such integration represents the cutting edge of data-driven resilience.

The components of an integrated framework can be described in layered terms. At the foundation is the data and sensing layer, which collects and harmonizes information from enterprise systems, IoT sensors, satellite feeds, and external indicators such as climate data or social media. Predictive analytics functions at this layer to process the raw data into forecasts, anomaly detection signals, or disruption likelihood assessments. Above this sits the optimization layer, where these predictive insights are translated into prescriptive decisions regarding sourcing, routing, inventory allocation, and facility planning. Here, models may be deterministic, stochastic, robust, or multi-objective, depending on the resilience goals and the nature of the data. Finally, the risk modeling layer provides a cross-cutting capability that evaluates the vulnerability of the optimized system to a spectrum of risks, simulates cascading effects, and incorporates ESG metrics to ensure sustainability.

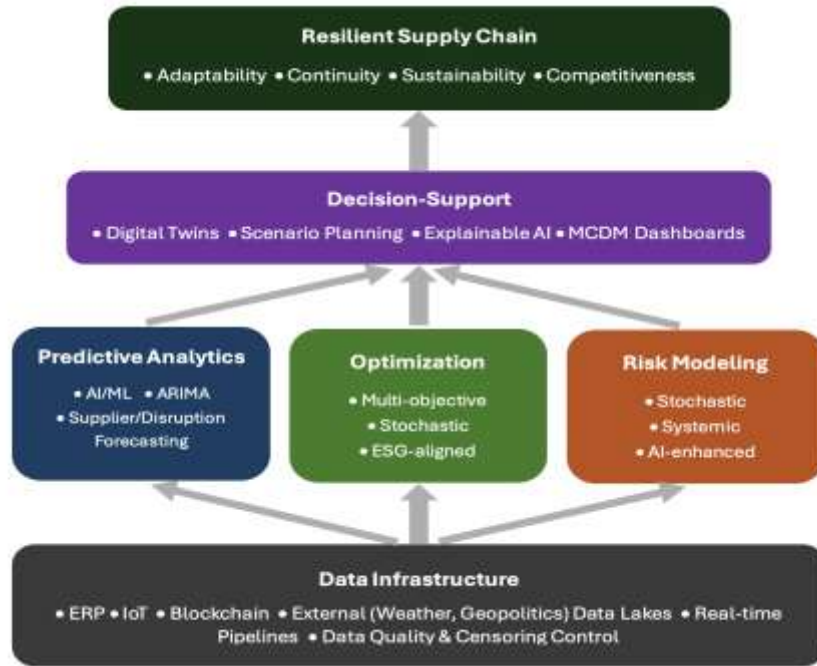


Figure 3. Integrated Framework for Predictive Analytics, Optimization, and Risk Modeling

An illustrative example demonstrates how this layered framework operates in practice. Consider a renewable energy supply chain for battery storage systems. Predictive analytics might process weather data, geopolitical news, and supplier performance histories to forecast potential supply disruptions in critical minerals such as cobalt or lithium. These forecasts feed into an optimization model that reallocates sourcing among diversified suppliers, adjusts inventory levels, and reroutes logistics to minimize exposure. At the same time, risk modeling simulates the cascading effects of a prolonged disruption in one supplier region, assessing not only immediate cost and service implications but also long-term risks to sustainability commitments and regulatory compliance. The integrated framework thus transforms raw data into actionable resilience strategies, ensuring that the supply chain can adapt dynamically to evolving conditions.

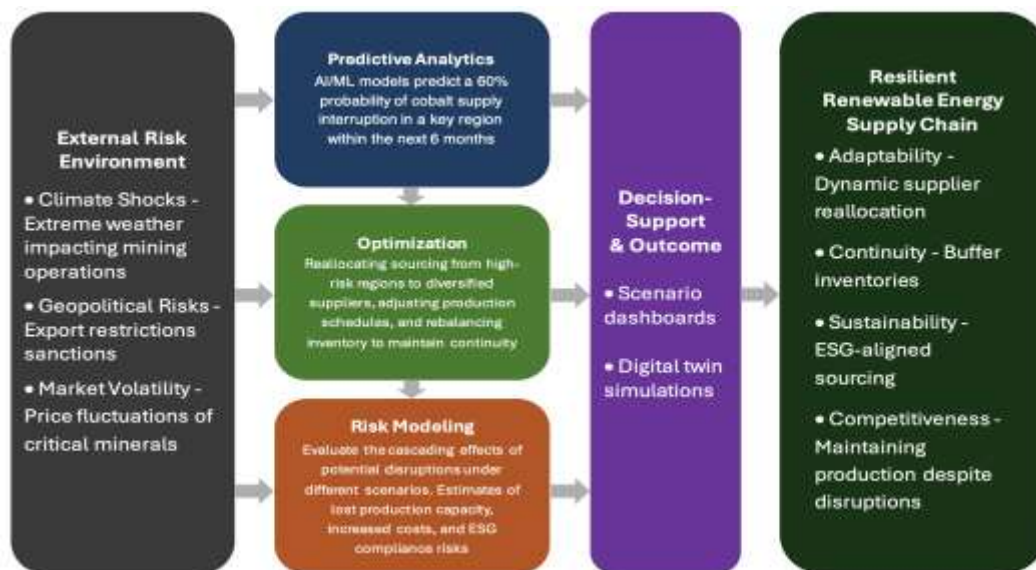


Figure 4. Illustrative Case Example of Renewable Energy Supply Chain Resilience

The benefits of such integration are manifold. First, integration enhances **timeliness** by ensuring that predictive signals are not trapped in analytical silos but are translated immediately into prescriptive actions. Second, it improves robustness, as optimization models informed by risk simulations are less likely to overlook systemic vulnerabilities. Third, it enhances adaptability, as real-time predictive data allow optimization engines to update recommendations dynamically, while risk models ensure that even unforeseen scenarios are stress-tested. Finally, integration ensures sustainability alignment, as ESG-oriented risk models can shape optimization objectives to include carbon reduction, social responsibility, and governance compliance alongside cost and service considerations.

Despite these benefits, the integration of predictive analytics, optimization, and risk modeling faces several barriers. One challenge is technological, as supply chains often rely on fragmented information systems that make data integration difficult. Another challenge is organizational, as predictive analytics, operations research, and risk management are often housed in separate departments with limited coordination. Cultural barriers also persist, with managers sometimes reluctant to rely on advanced algorithms whose outputs may appear opaque. Furthermore, computational challenges remain, as integrating predictive, optimization, and risk models into real-time decision systems requires significant processing power and algorithmic efficiency.

Research has begun to address these challenges by proposing integrated architectures. Riad et al. [29] developed a conceptual framework for artificial intelligence implementation in supply chains, emphasizing the role of AI in bridging predictive and optimization functions. Khan et al. [32] proposed a proactive risk mitigation framework in which AI-enabled predictive signals were directly linked to optimization models for emergency response. Ajide [19] illustrated how optimization informed by predictive data could be aligned with ESG-based risk metrics to create resilient and sustainable infrastructures. Collectively, these studies suggest that integration is not merely a theoretical ambition but an emerging practice in leading organizations.

The research gaps, however, remain significant. Most integrated frameworks exist at the conceptual level and have not been widely validated in large-scale industrial settings. Empirical evidence of fully operational systems that seamlessly connect predictive analytics, optimization, and risk modeling remains scarce. Furthermore, integration has not yet fully leveraged digital twin technologies, which would allow firms to create virtual replicas of their supply networks where predictive, prescriptive, and risk simulations could be tested in real time. Another gap lies in the incorporation of behavioral and organizational dimensions. As Son [18] argues, resilience cannot be achieved by models alone, as human decision-makers interpret, adopt, and sometimes resist analytical recommendations. The challenge of explainability in AI further complicates integration, as managers may be reluctant to act on models whose inner workings they do not understand.

Future research should therefore focus on three directions. First, there is a need for real-time integrated systems that combine predictive analytics with optimization engines and risk simulations in digital twin environments. Second, integration must incorporate sustainability metrics more deeply, ensuring that resilience strategies do not compromise ESG objectives but rather advance them. Third, there is a need to study the organizational dynamics of integration, including how firms can overcome silos, build trust in advanced analytics, and develop the skills necessary to interpret and act upon integrated insights.

The managerial implications of integration are equally significant. For practitioners, the promise of integrated frameworks lies not only in enhanced resilience but also in competitive differentiation. Firms that can detect disruptions earlier, optimize responses faster, and stress-test strategies more comprehensively will be better positioned to maintain continuity and customer trust. However, managers must recognize that integration requires investment not only in technology but also in organizational learning and change management. Building integrated capabilities means aligning IT infrastructure, analytics teams, and risk management functions under a common resilience agenda. It also requires engaging with stakeholders, including regulators, investors, and communities, to ensure that resilience strategies align with broader societal goals.

An integrated framework for data-driven supply chain resilience represents a paradigm shift from siloed analytical practices to holistic, system-wide approaches. By linking predictive analytics, optimization, and risk modeling, firms can create supply chains that are not only efficient but also robust, adaptive, and sustainable. Such integration is no longer optional in an era of escalating uncertainty; it is the foundation upon which future competitiveness will rest.

PRACTICAL MANAGERIAL INSIGHTS

Beyond theoretical advances, the findings of this review offer important lessons for managers seeking to strengthen supply chain resilience. A practical pathway can be conceptualized as a five-step cycle: Data, Predict,

Optimize, Stress-Test, Act. The first step, *Data*, emphasizes the establishment of reliable, real-time information flows across suppliers, logistics partners, and customers, as data quality underpins the effectiveness of all subsequent processes. The second step, *Predict*, highlights the role of predictive analytics in forecasting demand fluctuations, detecting supplier distress, and identifying early disruption signals. The third step, *Optimize*, entails translating foresight into prescriptive decisions through network design, inventory allocation, and multi-objective optimization models that balance cost, service, and sustainability. The fourth step, *Stress-Test*, draws on risk modeling and scenario analysis to evaluate vulnerabilities under extreme events and cascading failures, ensuring that the system can withstand both anticipated and unexpected shocks. Finally, the step *Act* focuses on implementation, where insights are operationalized through supplier diversification, dynamic inventory policies, and contingency planning.

Crucially, this cycle should not be seen as a linear checklist but as an iterative process in which each component informs and strengthens the others. For example, predictive insights feed into optimization routines, while stress-testing identifies data gaps that must be addressed in future iterations. Managers who embed this cycle into their supply chain strategies will be better positioned to anticipate disruptions, evaluate alternative responses, and adapt quickly in turbulent environments. In doing so, they not only safeguard operational continuity but also align resilience initiatives with long-term competitiveness and sustainability.

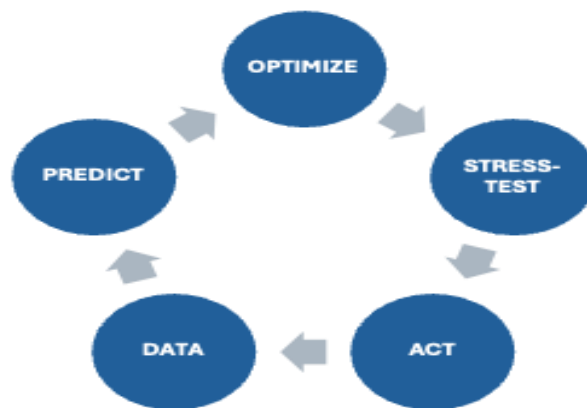


Figure 5. Steps to Build Data-Driven Resilience

LIMITATIONS

Despite the considerable progress in applying predictive analytics, optimization, and risk modeling to supply chain resilience, there are important limitations that constrain both research and practice. These limitations stem from methodological challenges, technological constraints, organizational barriers, and the broader uncertainty of the environments in which supply chains operate. Understanding these limitations is critical, because resilience strategies that overlook them risk creating a false sense of security. A resilient supply chain is not only one that integrates advanced models but one that recognizes the assumptions, weaknesses, and boundaries of those models.

One of the most pervasive limitations concerns the quality and availability of data. Predictive analytics, in particular, depends heavily on the richness and reliability of historical data. However, supply chains often operate in fragmented ecosystems where data are incomplete, inconsistent, or inaccessible across tiers. Small suppliers may lack the technological infrastructure to generate accurate data, while larger firms may be reluctant to share information for competitive reasons. Datasets such as FreshRetailNet-50K [52] are important steps forward in addressing these gaps, yet they remain exceptions rather than the rule. When predictive models are built on poor-quality data, their outputs may be misleading, generating inaccurate forecasts or false disruption alerts. This problem is compounded in global supply chains where data must be harmonized across multiple regions and formats, creating significant integration challenges.

A second limitation arises from the interpretability and usability of advanced models. Many of the most powerful predictive tools, such as deep learning algorithms, operate as “black boxes” whose internal logic is opaque to managers. While such models may achieve high levels of accuracy, their lack of transparency undermines trust and complicates implementation. Risk modeling faces a similar challenge when AI-driven systems are used to simulate disruptions without clear explanations of underlying assumptions. Abdulla and

Baryannis [24] highlight the importance of explainable AI in supplier selection, emphasizing that models must be not only accurate but also interpretable if they are to support managerial decision-making. Without interpretability, the risk is that analytical tools remain underutilized, confined to research prototypes rather than embedded in organizational practice.

Third, many optimization and risk modeling approaches suffer from scalability issues. While researchers have developed elegant stochastic or robust optimization frameworks, these models often prove computationally demanding when scaled to global supply chains comprising thousands of nodes and millions of transactions. Similarly, systemic risk models that simulate cascading failures may be highly effective in theoretical studies but struggle to deliver results in real time when applied to industrial-scale systems. This creates a gap between the conceptual sophistication of the academic literature and the practical needs of practitioners who require solutions that are computationally tractable in dynamic environments. Bridging this gap will require advances in algorithmic efficiency, cloud computing, and real-time analytics.

Another limitation is the integration gap among predictive analytics, optimization, and risk modeling. Although each of these domains has matured significantly, few frameworks fully combine them into a seamless decision-support system. Predictive analytics often operates in isolation, producing forecasts that are not directly linked to optimization engines. Optimization models, in turn, may be designed without incorporating the insights of risk simulations, resulting in networks that are efficient under expected conditions but fragile under extreme shocks. Risk models, meanwhile, may identify vulnerabilities without translating them into actionable optimization strategies. This lack of integration creates analytical silos, limiting the overall effectiveness of resilience efforts. While conceptual frameworks such as those proposed by Riad et al. [29] and Khan et al. [32] have begun to address this gap, empirical implementations remain rare.

The behavioral and organizational dimensions of resilience also represent a significant limitation. Models often assume rational decision-making and perfect implementation of prescribed strategies, yet in practice, human biases, political considerations, and organizational silos strongly influence outcomes. Son [18] notes that resilience depends not only on analytical tools but also on the organizational capacity to interpret and act upon them. Managers may resist adopting recommendations from optimization engines if they conflict with established routines or short-term financial targets. Similarly, risk modeling exercises may be perceived as compliance-driven checklists rather than strategic tools, limiting their impact on actual decision-making. These behavioral factors are often overlooked in quantitative research but play a decisive role in practice. For example, Imad et al. [41] show in the case of Boeing's 737 MAX crisis that failures in communication and organizational learning can exacerbate technical risks, underscoring the need to integrate crisis management insights into resilience frameworks."

A further limitation lies in the treatment of sustainability and long-term risks. While ESG integration is gaining momentum, many predictive, optimization, and risk models remain focused on short-term performance metrics such as cost, service, and immediate disruption recovery. Climate risks, social vulnerabilities, and governance failures are either excluded or treated superficially. Ajide [19] argues that AI-driven optimization can integrate ESG metrics into resilience strategies, but such approaches remain nascent. Without deeper integration of sustainability, resilience efforts may inadvertently reinforce unsustainable practices, creating vulnerabilities that manifest over longer time horizons. For instance, supply chains that rely on carbon-intensive logistics may appear resilient in the short term but become exposed as climate regulations tighten.

Finally, risk modeling is constrained by the inherent unpredictability of extreme events. While stochastic and robust models can approximate uncertainty, they cannot fully anticipate black swan events that fall outside historical patterns. The COVID-19 pandemic is a vivid reminder of the limits of predictive and probabilistic approaches. No model predicted the precise trajectory of the pandemic, nor the simultaneous collapse of global demand and supply. Similarly, geopolitical shocks, such as sudden sanctions or conflicts, can create nonlinear disruptions that defy conventional modeling. This limitation underscores the importance of humility in resilience planning: no framework can eliminate risk entirely, and overreliance on models may foster complacency. Instead, resilience requires a combination of analytical sophistication and organizational agility, recognizing that models can guide but not fully determine responses to uncertainty.

Taken together, these limitations reveal the dual challenge facing both researchers and practitioners. On the one hand, the academic literature must continue to advance methods that are more data-rich, interpretable, scalable, integrated, and sustainability-oriented. On the other hand, organizations must build the cultural and structural capacities to adopt and implement these methods effectively. Without such alignment, the promise of data-driven resilience will remain partially unrealized.

Predictive analytics, optimization, and risk modeling provide powerful tools for building resilient supply chains, but they are constrained by challenges of data quality, interpretability, scalability, integration, organizational behavior, sustainability, and unpredictability. Acknowledging these limitations is not a weakness but a necessary step in advancing the field. By confronting the boundaries of current approaches, researchers can identify priorities for future inquiry, and practitioners can adopt resilience strategies that are both ambitious and realistic.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The limitations discussed in the previous section highlight the significant challenges that remain in the pursuit of resilient supply chains. However, they also point to pathways for improvement. By drawing together insights from predictive analytics, optimization, and risk modeling, and by confronting issues of data, scalability, integration, and organizational behavior, both researchers and practitioners can advance toward stronger and more adaptive supply networks. The following recommendations synthesize these imperatives, offering guidance for future scholarship as well as practical application.

A first recommendation is to invest in high-quality, integrated data infrastructures. Predictive analytics, optimization, and risk modeling are only as strong as the data that support them, yet supply chains often suffer from fragmented information flows and limited visibility across tiers. Firms should prioritize the development of digital platforms that facilitate data sharing, not only with direct suppliers but also with upstream and downstream partners. Blockchain and distributed ledger technologies may offer promising mechanisms for ensuring trust and transparency, particularly in global supply chains with multiple actors. Research should continue to explore how novel datasets, such as FreshRetailNet-50K [52], can serve as benchmarks for methodological innovation. Practitioners, meanwhile, should build partnerships across their ecosystems to harmonize data standards, ensuring that predictive models are trained on reliable and comprehensive information.

Second, scholars and practitioners alike should emphasize explainability and interpretability in advanced analytics. The increasing reliance on artificial intelligence and machine learning has raised concerns about black-box models whose outputs are difficult to interpret. For managers to act upon model recommendations, they must understand the rationale behind them. Abdulla and Baryannis [24] have demonstrated the potential of explainable AI in supplier selection, but this principle should be extended more broadly across predictive, optimization, and risk modeling applications. Researchers should prioritize the development of interpretable algorithms that balance accuracy with transparency. Practitioners should complement these tools with training programs that build managers' confidence in interpreting and applying analytical insights.

A third recommendation concerns the scalability of optimization and risk models. Many of the most advanced frameworks remain confined to simulations or pilot studies due to computational limitations. Bridging this gap requires leveraging cloud computing, high-performance computing, and algorithmic advances that reduce computational complexity without sacrificing accuracy. Digital twin technologies are particularly promising in this regard, as they allow for the testing of large-scale models in virtual environments before deployment. Researchers should prioritize studies that assess the scalability of integrated frameworks in real-world industrial settings, while practitioners should experiment with digital twin platforms to evaluate their supply chains' resilience under diverse disruption scenarios.

The fourth recommendation is to close the integration gap between predictive analytics, optimization, and risk modeling. Too often, these domains operate in silos, with predictive forecasts not feeding directly into prescriptive models, and risk simulations not informing optimization decisions. Integration requires both technological and organizational innovation. Technologically, firms should adopt architectures where predictive signals automatically trigger optimization routines, and where risk models continuously stress-test the robustness of optimized strategies. Organizationally, firms must break down silos among analytics teams, operations managers, and risk officers, ensuring that resilience is treated as a cross-functional priority. Research should develop frameworks that demonstrate how integration can be operationalized at scale, providing empirical evidence of its benefits in practice.

A fifth recommendation is to embed sustainability and ESG metrics into resilience frameworks. While short-term disruption management is critical, long-term supply chain resilience cannot be divorced from environmental and social considerations. Ajide [19] and Cheng et al. [27] illustrate the value of integrating ESG metrics into optimization and risk models, aligning resilience strategies with broader societal expectations and regulatory requirements. Researchers should continue to develop methodologies that explicitly link resilience

with sustainability performance, while practitioners should ensure that resilience strategies are evaluated not only in terms of cost and service but also in terms of carbon emissions, labor practices, and governance standards. This alignment is especially urgent considering climate change, which is simultaneously a long-term systemic risk and a driver of regulatory transformation.

Another recommendation is to address the human and organizational dimensions of resilience. Models often assume rational and uniform adoption of recommendations, yet in practice, organizational culture, managerial biases, and political dynamics shape decision-making. Son [18] emphasizes that resilience must be understood not only as a technical property but also as a social process. Firms should therefore invest in resilience training, scenario planning exercises, and cross-functional teams that bring together analytics experts, operations managers, and risk officers. Researchers, for their part, should explore behavioral dimensions of resilience adoption, studying how managers perceive and respond to model outputs, and identifying strategies for overcoming resistance.

Finally, the field must embrace the limits of modeling and the inevitability of uncertainty. No predictive, optimization, or risk model can anticipate every disruption, particularly black swan events such as global pandemics or geopolitical shocks. Rather than striving for perfect foresight, firms should cultivate agility, ensuring that they can adapt quickly when unanticipated events occur. This requires building flexible networks, maintaining redundant capacity, and cultivating supplier relationships that allow for rapid reconfiguration. Models should be viewed as decision-support tools rather than infallible guides, providing a foundation for action but not a substitute for managerial judgment. Researchers can contribute by exploring how models can best complement human decision-making, while practitioners should embed agility and learning into their resilience strategies.

In conclusion, the pursuit of supply chain resilience requires a multi-pronged approach that addresses data infrastructures, interpretability, scalability, integration, sustainability, organizational dynamics, and the limits of foresight. By acting on these recommendations, researchers can push the boundaries of methodological innovation, while practitioners can build supply chains that are not only efficient but also robust, adaptive, and sustainable. The following conclusion will summarize the key contributions of this review and reflect on the broader significance of data-driven resilience in an era of global turbulence.

CONCLUSION

The turbulence of recent decades has transformed resilience from a desirable attribute into a fundamental necessity for modern supply chains. Disruptions such as global pandemics, natural disasters, climate shocks, and geopolitical conflicts have revealed the vulnerabilities inherent in highly interconnected networks. In response, scholars and practitioners have increasingly turned to data-driven approaches to not only mitigate these vulnerabilities but to reimagine supply chains as adaptive, robust, and sustainable systems. This review has argued that three analytical domains, predictive analytics, optimization, and risk modeling, constitute the pillars of such resilience, and that their integration is essential for navigating uncertainty in the global economy.

Predictive analytics equips supply chains with foresight by harnessing historical data, real-time signals, and advanced machine learning techniques to forecast demand fluctuations, detect supplier distress, and anticipate logistical disruptions. Optimization translates these insights into prescriptive actions, enabling firms to design networks, allocate resources, and configure logistics in ways that balance efficiency, flexibility, and robustness. Risk modeling complements these functions by quantifying uncertainty, simulating cascading disruptions, and aligning resilience strategies with long-term sustainability imperatives. When deployed in isolation, each of these approaches offers important capabilities but also suffers from limitations: predictive analytics may be undermined by poor data quality, optimization may ignore systemic vulnerabilities, and risk modeling may lack actionable prescriptive power. Only when combined into an integrated framework do these approaches realize their full potential.

The integrated framework proposed in this review highlights how predictive signals can feed into optimization engines, which in turn are evaluated through systemic risk simulations. In practice, this creates supply chains that are not only able to anticipate disruptions but also to respond adaptively and sustainably. Illustrative cases from sectors as diverse as automotive, healthcare, energy, and e-commerce demonstrate the value of this integration, showing how firms can maintain continuity, minimize losses, and even create competitive advantage by embedding resilience into their operations.

At the same time, this review has emphasized the limitations and challenges that remain. Issues of data quality and accessibility persist across global supply chains, especially among smaller suppliers. The opacity of

advanced algorithms complicates managerial adoption, while scalability challenges limit the real-time deployment of sophisticated models at industrial scale. Integration across predictive, optimization, and risk domains remains rare in practice, with most firms still operating in analytical silos. Organizational and behavioral factors further complicate adoption, as resilience strategies must contend with managerial biases, short-term incentives, and cultural inertia. Finally, resilience planning is constrained by the inherent unpredictability of extreme events, reminding us that models can inform but never fully eliminate uncertainty.

The recommendations offered in this paper point the way forward. Researchers must continue to develop explainable, scalable, and sustainability-oriented models, while practitioners must invest in integrated data infrastructures, digital twins, and organizational capabilities that support resilience adoption. Both communities must recognize that resilience is not only a technical property but also a strategic and cultural commitment. By embedding resilience into supply chains, firms are not simply managing risks but shaping their ability to survive and thrive in volatile markets.

In closing, supply chain resilience in the twenty-first century is inseparable from data-driven methods. The integration of predictive analytics, optimization, and risk modeling represents a paradigm shift in how supply chains are conceived and managed. It moves the field beyond narrow concerns with efficiency toward holistic strategies that value adaptability, robustness, and sustainability. While challenges remain, the trajectory is clear: firms that invest in integrated, data-driven resilience will be better equipped to withstand the shocks of today and to seize the opportunities of tomorrow. As global uncertainty intensifies, the imperative is not merely to build efficient supply chains but to build supply chains that endure.

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