

C3 AI Demand Forecasting

Transform Demand Planning with AI-Powered Forecasting

C3 AI® Demand Forecasting enables demand planners, and modelers with AI-generated demand forecasts that improve forecast accuracy and planner efficiency.



5-15%

Improvement in demand forecast accuracy



20-50%

Improvement in planner efficiency



Millions

of unique forecasting models



Thousands

of forecasts for any SKU, location, and customer level

C3 AI Demand Forecasting is an enterprise AI application that applies advanced artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) techniques more accurately and efficiently forecast demand to improve service levels and drive supply chain cost reduction for large, complex organizations.

Many companies today employ limited demand forecasting and demand sensing capabilities that are both inflexible and inaccurate. Existing capabilities utilize insufficient data (e.g., only historical sales), simple statistical and/or limited AI/ML techniques, and fail to provide the configurability required to scale across products, locations, and other segments that vary in demand profile and data availability. These shortcomings ultimately result in increased production & distribution costs, excess inventory, service level issues, and drawn-out Consensus Planning cycles in which significant manual forecast adjustment is required.

C3 AI Demand Forecasting unifies all relevant data to improve visibility across demand signals. Data include enterprise (e.g., historical sales, promotions, marketing/advertisement, customer information) and external data (e.g., macro-economic trends, market data, customer and competitor intel, weather, news, search trends) in a federated data image. As data change, the data image is automatically refreshed while maintaining a full version history in correlated time series designed specifically for AI/ML use.

Feature Summary

- **Data:** Leverage any and all available enterprise and external data to improve AI/ML model accuracy.
- **Feature Engineering:** Automatically generate model features; highlight patterns, transform variables, and isolate key information.
- **Interpretability:** Explain how the model arrived at its predictions, globally and locally, across time.
- **Models:** Choose from over twenty of best in class open-source and proprietary AI/ML models for forecasting, regression, anomaly detection, classification, change point detection, and clustering.
- **Tools:** Analyze time series signals with provided general-purpose toolkits for decomposition, correlation analysis, trend analysis, and transformations, and more.
- **Graphics:** Rapidly configure visualizations for advanced time series analysis, including histograms, scatterplots, seasonal decomposition plots, many more out-of-the-box graphics.
- **Diagnostics:** Continuously monitor model accuracy to further optimize performance with possible predictors and fitted values.

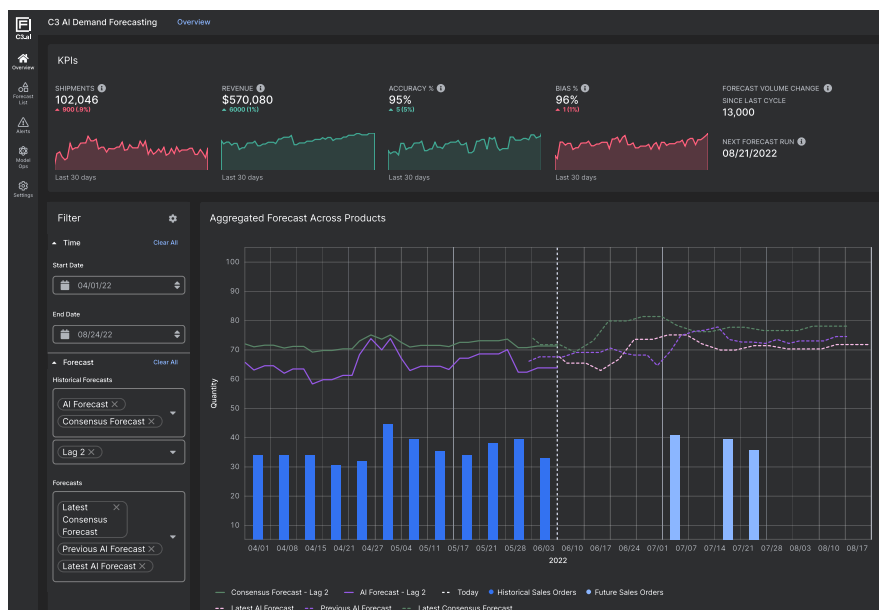


Figure 1. C3 AI Demand Forecasting utilizes all relevant internal and external data and advanced AI for granular forecasts across products, locations, and customers.

C3 AI Demand Forecasting provides demand modelers with a combination of rule and AI/ML-based segmentation capabilities, including unsupervised clustering, that enable both automated and dynamic segmentation based on demand profile, data availability, and other characteristics. Through configurable hierarchies, demand modelers are afforded the flexibility to tailor forecasting approaches to specific segments. This includes configurable demand forecast horizons and intervals (e.g., both long-term forecasting at a monthly interval and short-term demand sensing at a daily interval), as well as configurable demand forecast levels (e.g., product, product-location product-customer).

C3 AI Demand Forecasting supplies over twenty out-of-the-box AI models for both demand forecasting and demand sensing, including models for data cleaning (e.g., anomaly detection, imputation) and time series forecasting (e.g., deep learning, ML-based autoregression). Demand modelers compose these models into pipelines that can be published for demand planners to use in generating new forecasts. Demand modelers can also easily integrate their favorite open-source or proprietary model and run experiments to benchmark performance across any number of pipelines.

C3 AI Demand Forecasting provides comprehensive AI/ML model operations and monitoring capabilities, that allow for seamless swapping in and out of models (e.g., champion vs. challenger) and ensure high-accuracy demand forecasts generated by production pipelines. C3 AI Demand Forecasting boosts demand planner efficiency as new forecasts are reviewed on an exception basis and prioritized by configurable business rules (e.g., difference from last forecast). C3 AI Demand Forecasting presents each demand forecast with a rich evidence package, including feature contributions and other contextual data, that explain the “why?” behind the forecast.

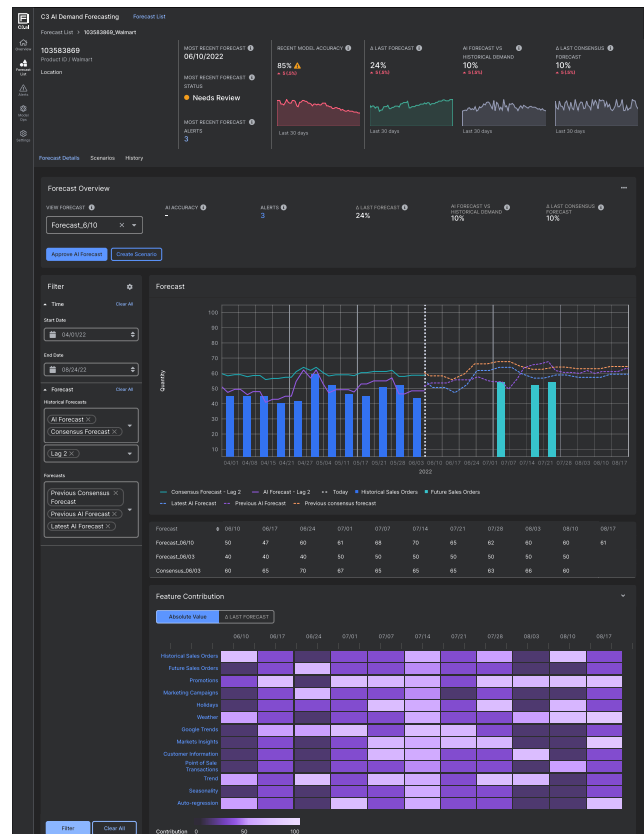
Planners can create ad-hoc forecast scenarios, modifying input data and/or AI model parameters to generate new forecasts.

After comparing forecasts across scenarios, demand planners can promote a selected forecast, which automatically pushes the forecast into the customer’s ERP or other integrated planning system via bi-directional integration.

Improve Forecast Accuracy and Drive Operational Efficiency with AI-Powered Forecasting

- **Improve operational efficiency and reduce supply-related costs** by providing more accurate demand forecasts to production and purchasing teams, ensuring capacity and scheduling align with customer demand
- **Improve order fill rate** and increase customer satisfaction through more accurate demand forecasting
- **Improve service levels** and increase customer satisfaction through more accurate demand forecasting
- **Improve planner productivity** and reduce the overall demand planning cycle time

Figure 2. C3 AI Demand Forecasting allows demand planners to efficiently review new forecasts in a prioritized fashion with configurable rules and alerts.



Proven Results in 8-12 Weeks

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