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Summary: Supply chain are complex systems involving a set of entities located around the world and whose main objective is the supply of products to the final consumers at a minimum cost. The management of such systems is complex due to the large multiplicity of materials and information involved and the varied characteristics of the associated entities. In any organization supply chain play a crucial role as they dictate the availability of the products to the final consumer and consequently the financial success of the involved companies. Consequently, supply chain ought to be flexible, resilient and efficient while guaranteeing costumers demands at minimum costs. Additionally, as supply chains are often associated with a high level of natural resources consumption and may be linked to high environment and societal burdens a special care should be devoted to sustainability concerns when designing, planning and operating such systems. The emergence of the sustainable supply chain area is nowadays a reality in both academic and industry communities where several challenges are still to be resolved. To help answering some of these challenges the usage of operations research methods is as a path to follow as they allow the support of supply chain decisions while accounting for sustainability concerns. In this talk we explore the use of operations research methods, i.e. optimisation, to address the design, planning and operation of supply chain towards the management of sustainable supply chain.

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