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Transportation Modes (Part II)

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CHAPTER 5

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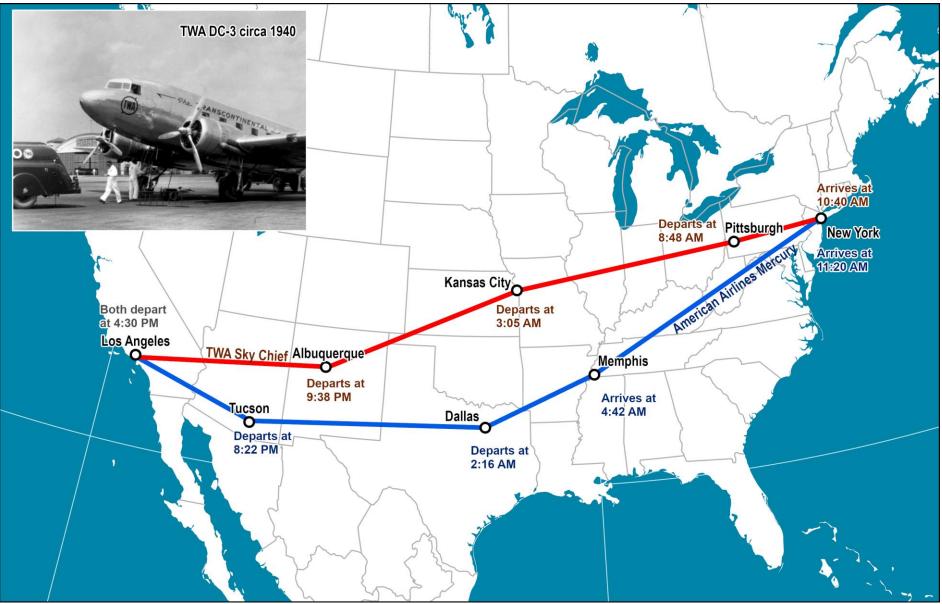
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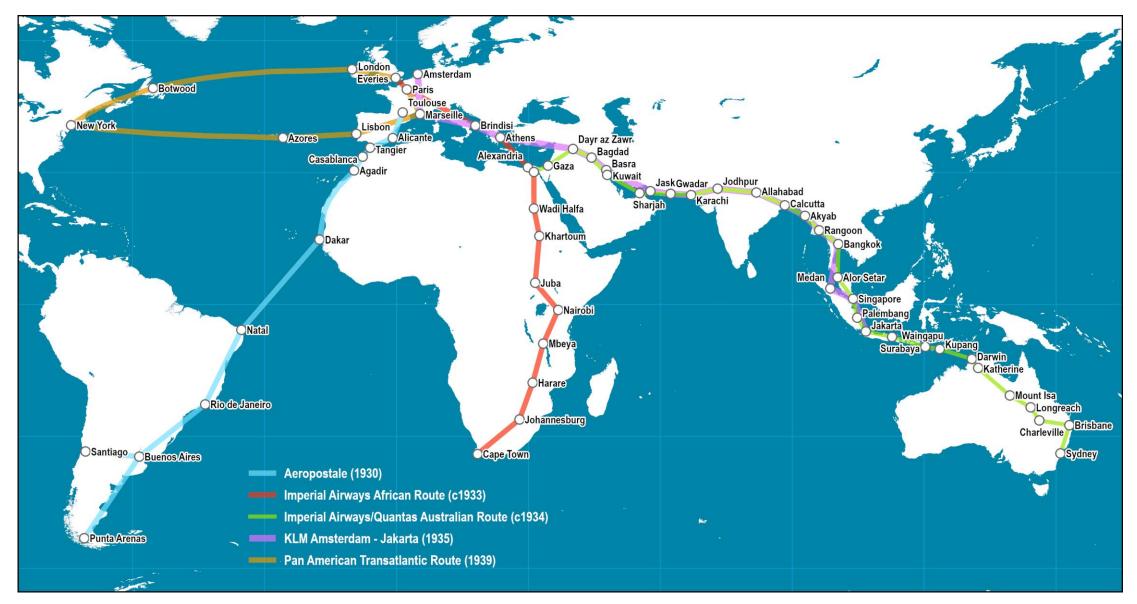


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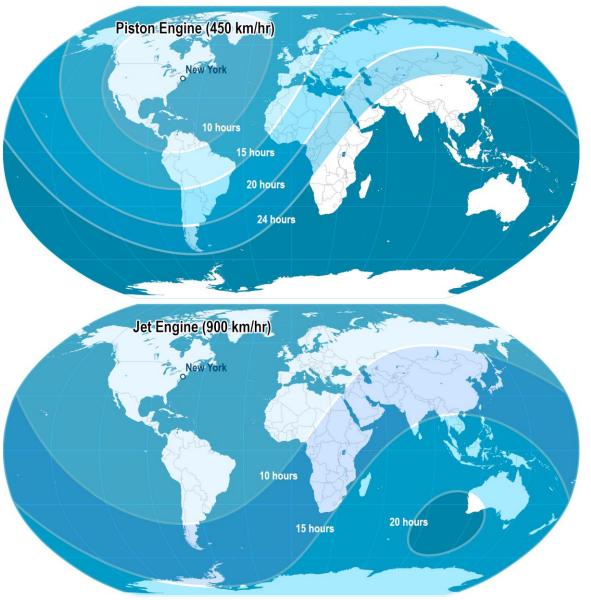


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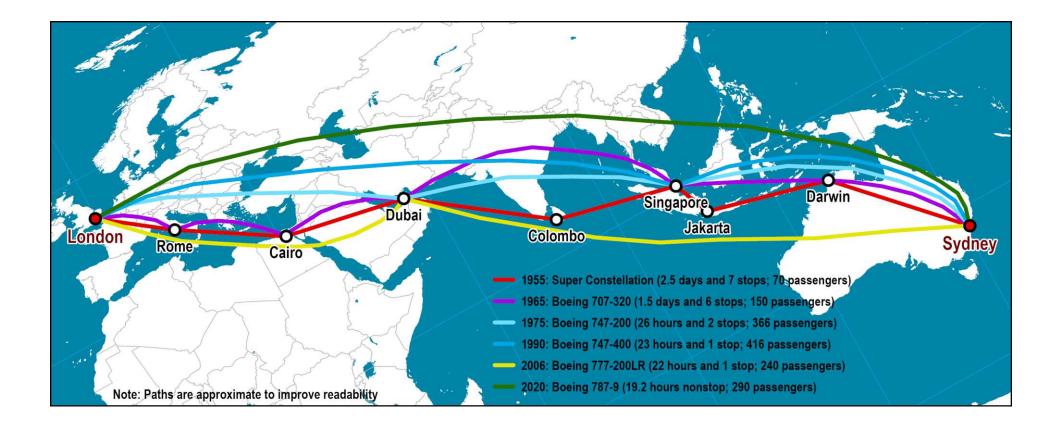
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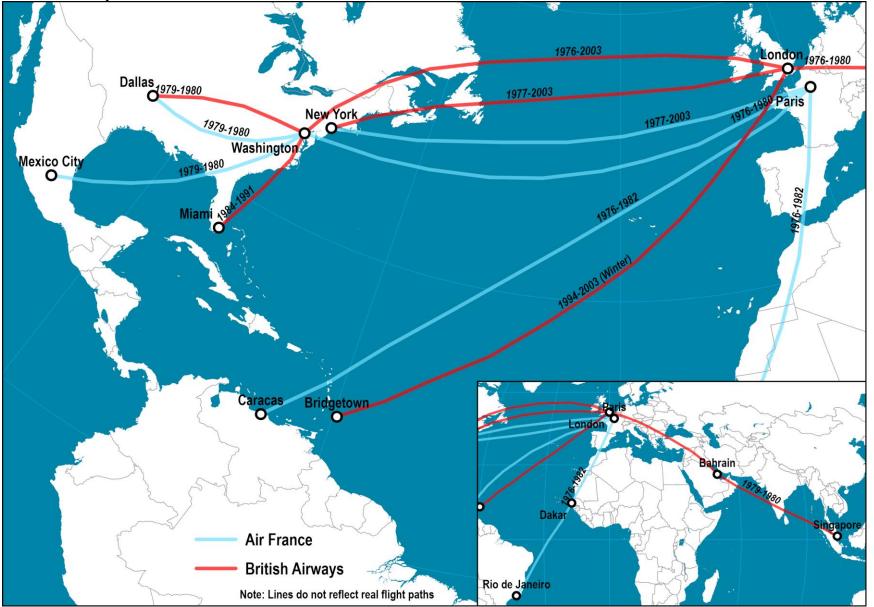
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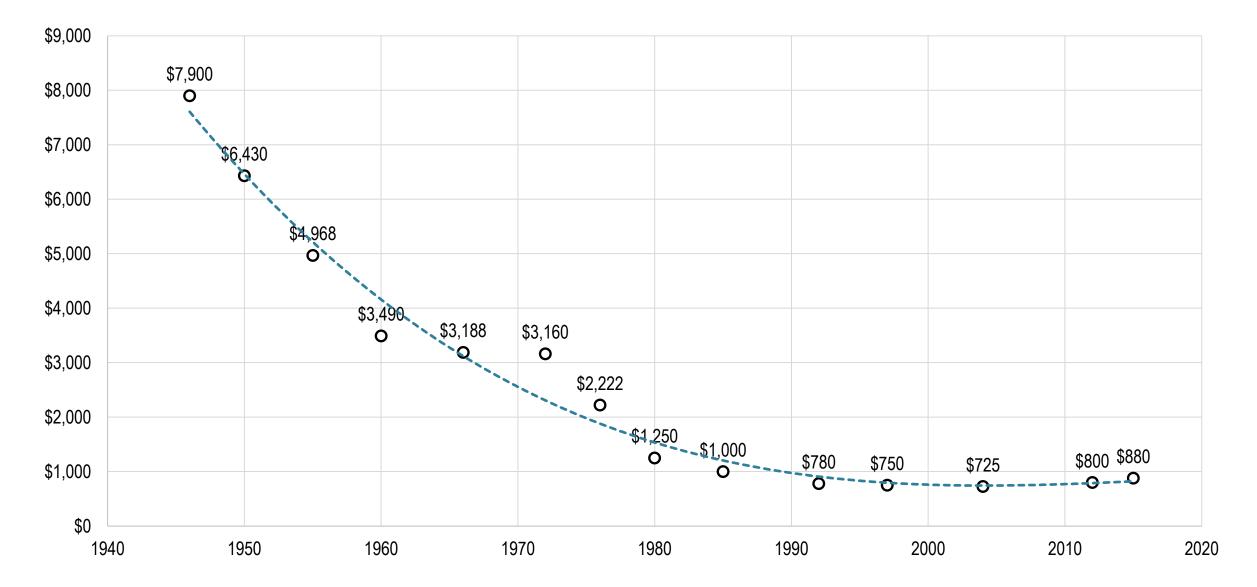


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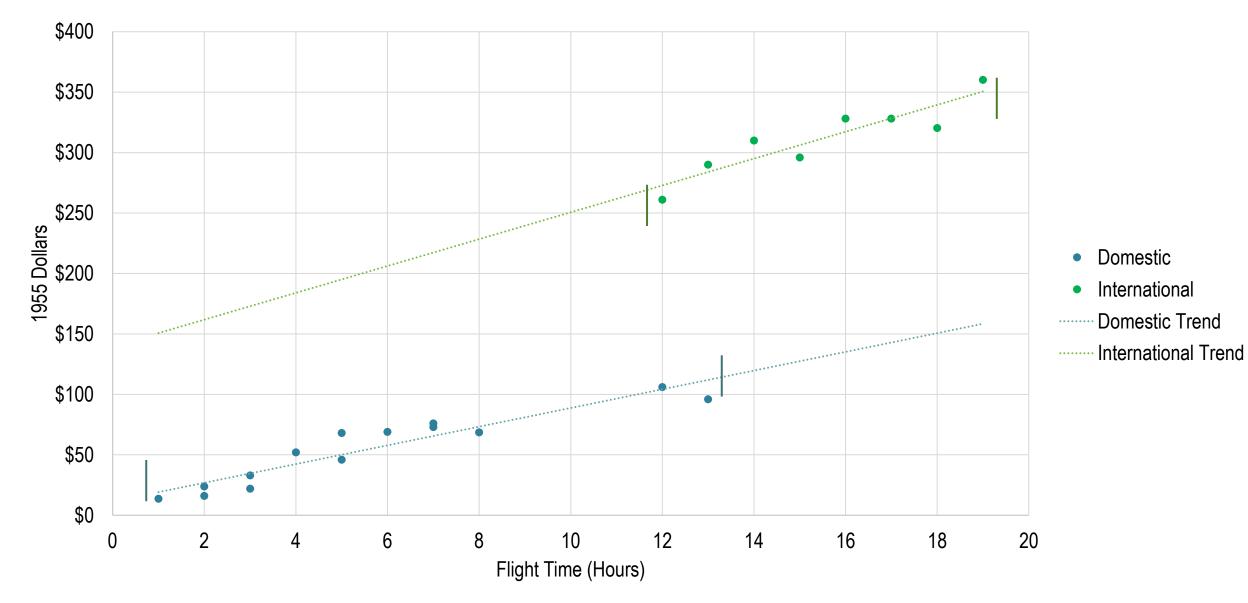


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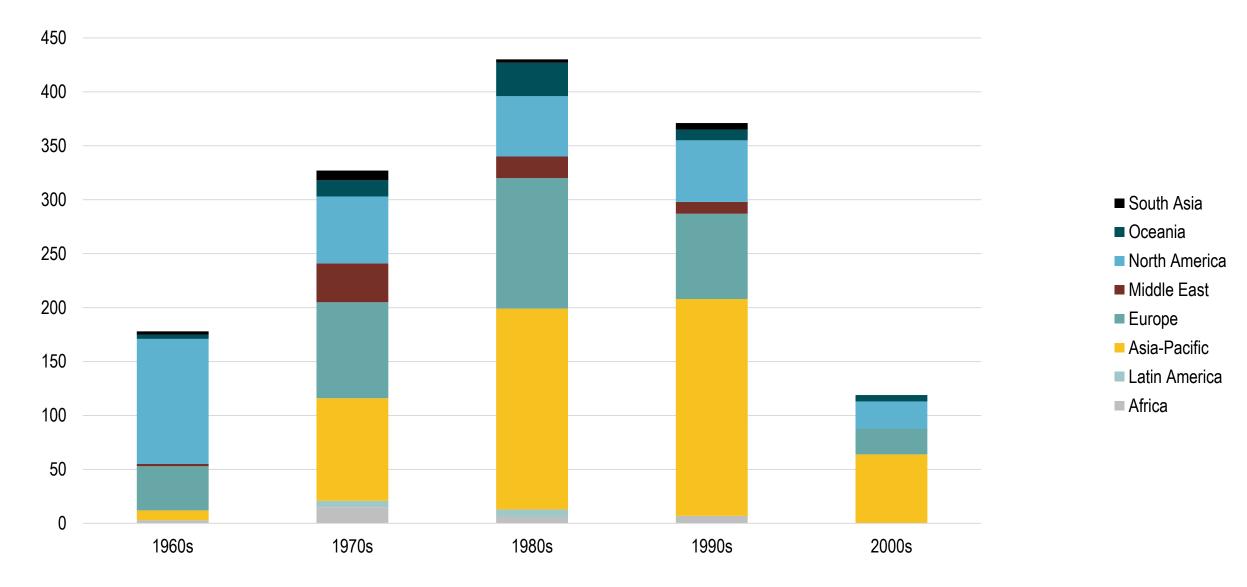
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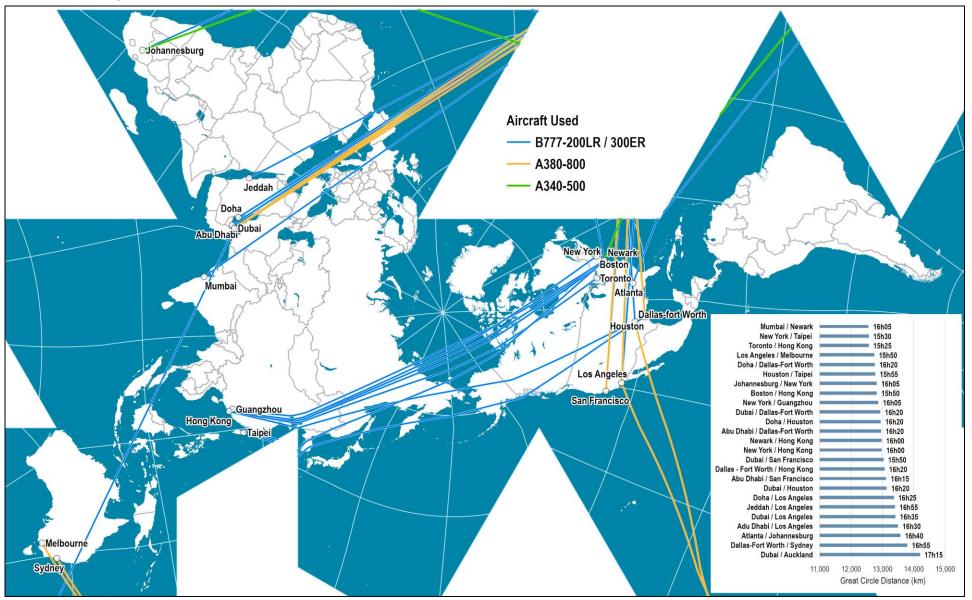
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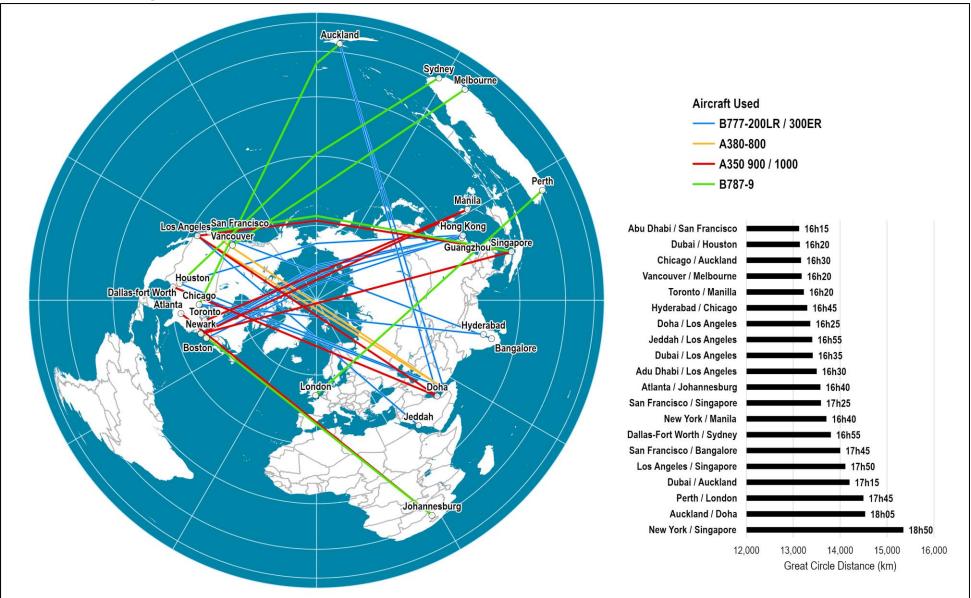
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Douglas DC-3	1935	346	563	30
Lockheed L-649 Constellation	1943	560	8,200	95
Douglas DC-7	1953	555	7,500	105
Boeing 707-100	1958	897	6,820	110
Boeing 727-100	1964	870	4,300	134
Boeing 737-200	1967	780	3,500	97
Boeing 747-100	1970	907	9,045	385
McDonnell Douglas DC-10	1971	908	7,415	260
Airbus A300	1974	847	3,420	269
Boeing 767-200	1982	954	5,855	216
Boeing 747-400	1989	939	13,444	416
Boeing 777-200ER	1995	1030	14,300	300
Airbus A340-500	2003	886	15,800	313
Airbus A380	2007	1050	14,800	544
Boeing 787-8	2012	902	15,700	250
Airbus A350	2015	902	15,200	280

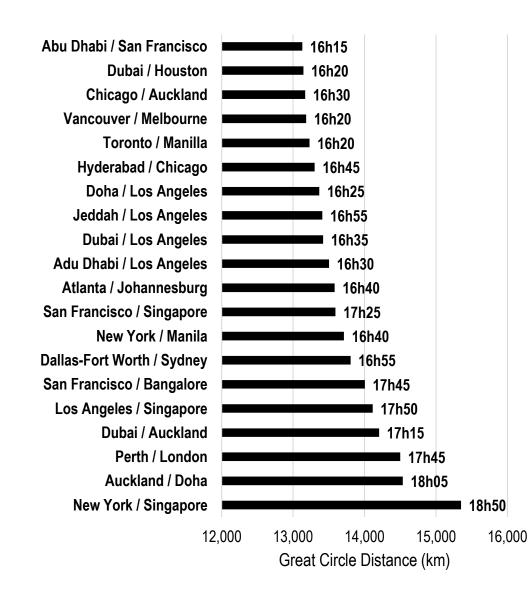
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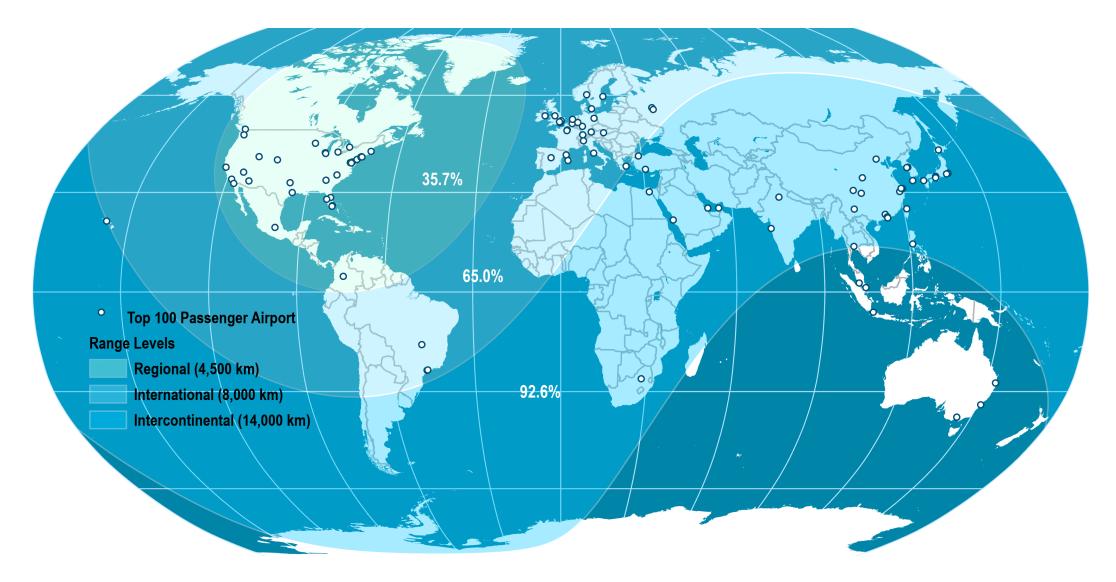
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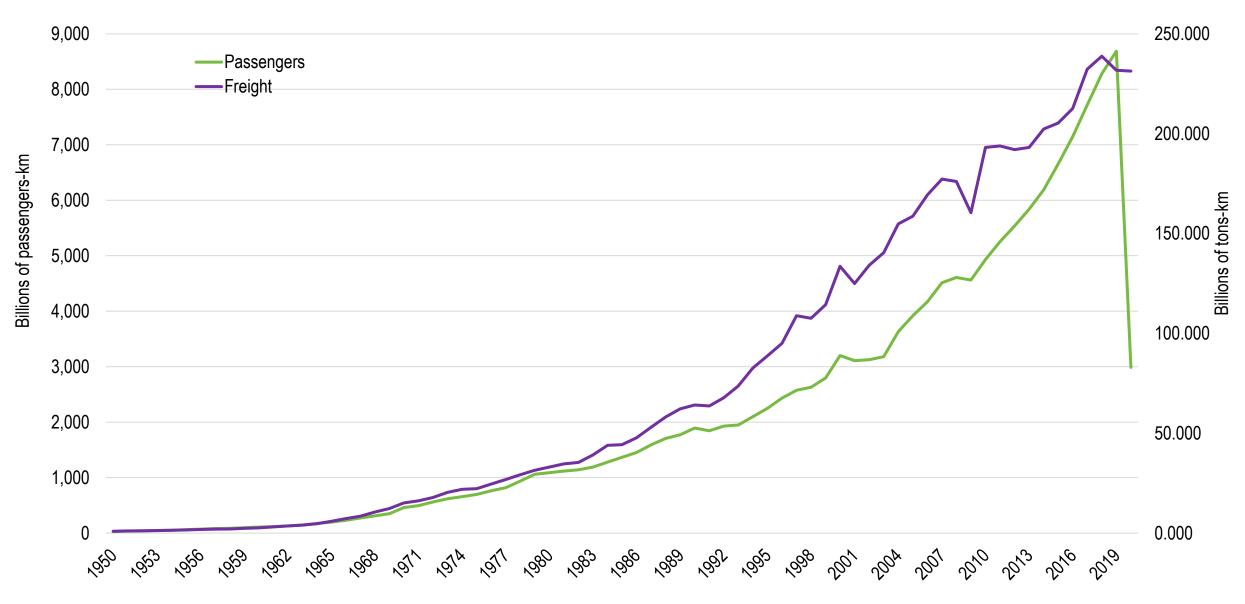
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Singapore	Newark	Singapore	Airbus A340-500	18:50	15,345
Singapore	Los Angeles	Singapore	Airbus A340-500	18:05	14,114
Sydney	Dallas	Qantas	Boeing 747-400ER	15:25	13,804
Johannesburg	Atlanta	Delta	Boeing 777-200LR	17:05	13,582
Dubai	Los Angeles	Emirates	Boeing 777-200LR	16:30	13,420
Dallas	Brisbane	Qantas	Boeing 747-400ER	16:00	13,363
Los Angeles	Bangkok	Thai Airways	Airbus A340-500	17:20	13,309
Dubai	Houston	Emirates	Boeing 777-200LR	16:20	13,144
Dubai	San Francisco	Emirates	Boeing 777-300ER	16:00	13,041
New York	Hong Kong	Cathay Pacific	Boeing 777-300ER	16:05	12,990
Newark	Hong Kong	United	Boeing 777-200ER	15:55	12,980
Doha	Houston	Qatar Airways	Boeing 777-200LR	16:20	12,951
Johannesburg	New York	South African Airways	Airbus A340-600	16:05	12,825
Melbourne	Los Angeles	Qantas	Airbus A380	15:50	12,748
Detroit	Hong Kong	Delta	Boeing 777-200LR	15:45	12,645
Chicago	Hong Kong	United	Boeing 747-400	15:55	12,517
Toronto	Hong Kong	Air Canada	Airbus A340-500	15:20	12,569

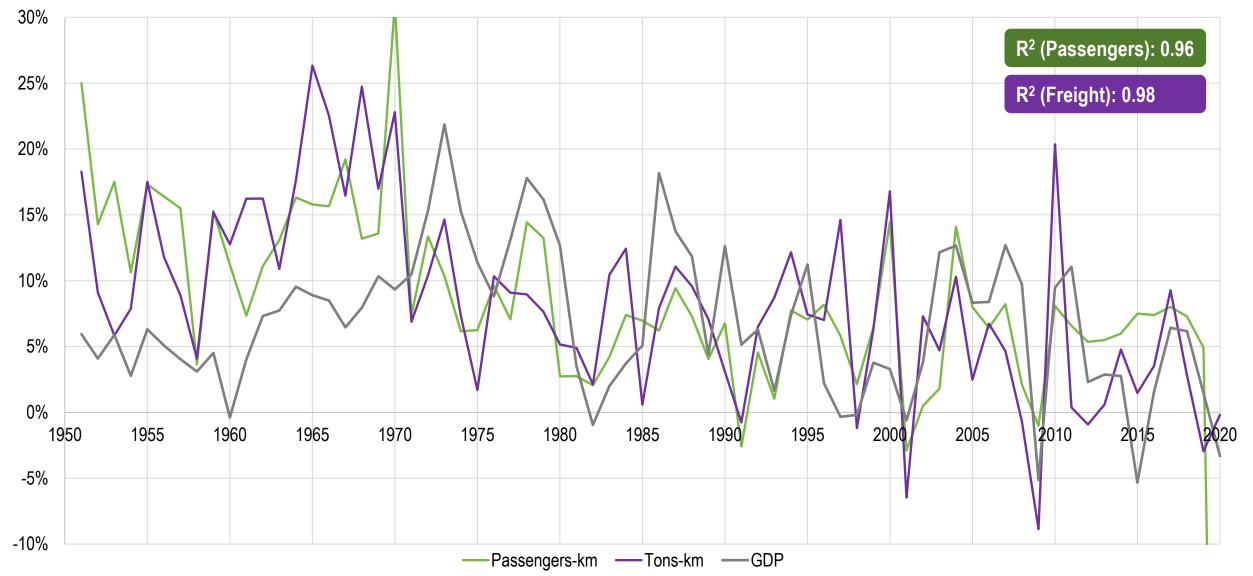
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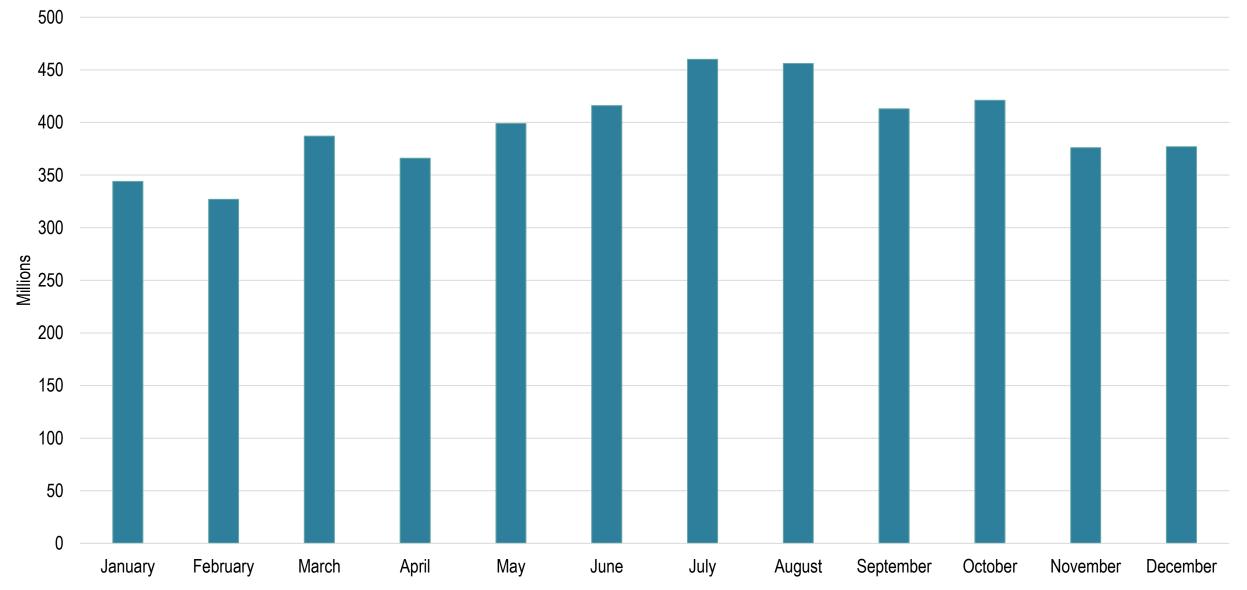
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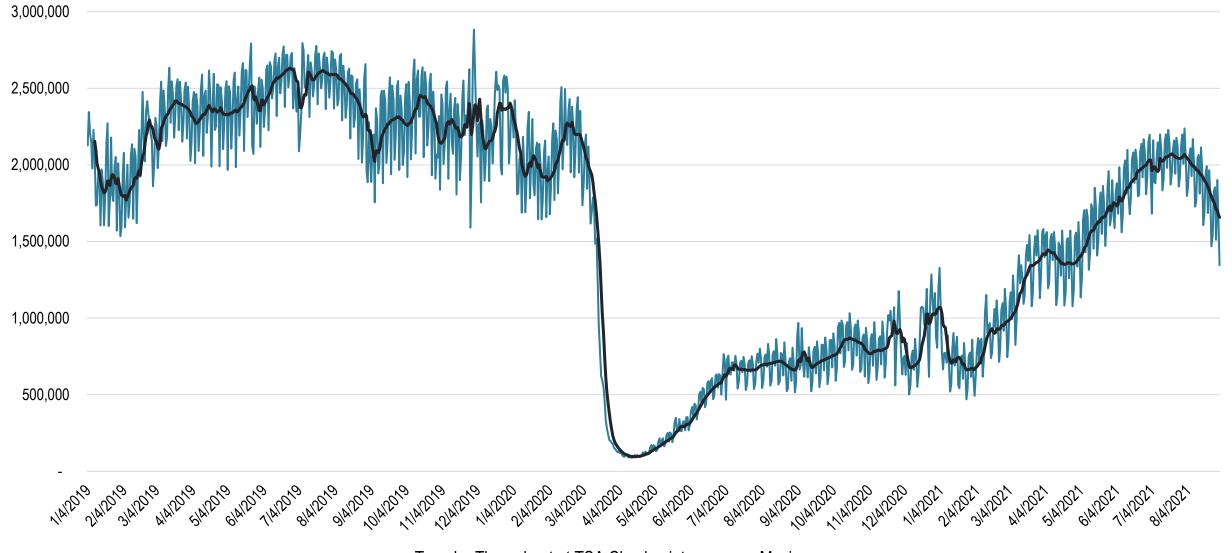
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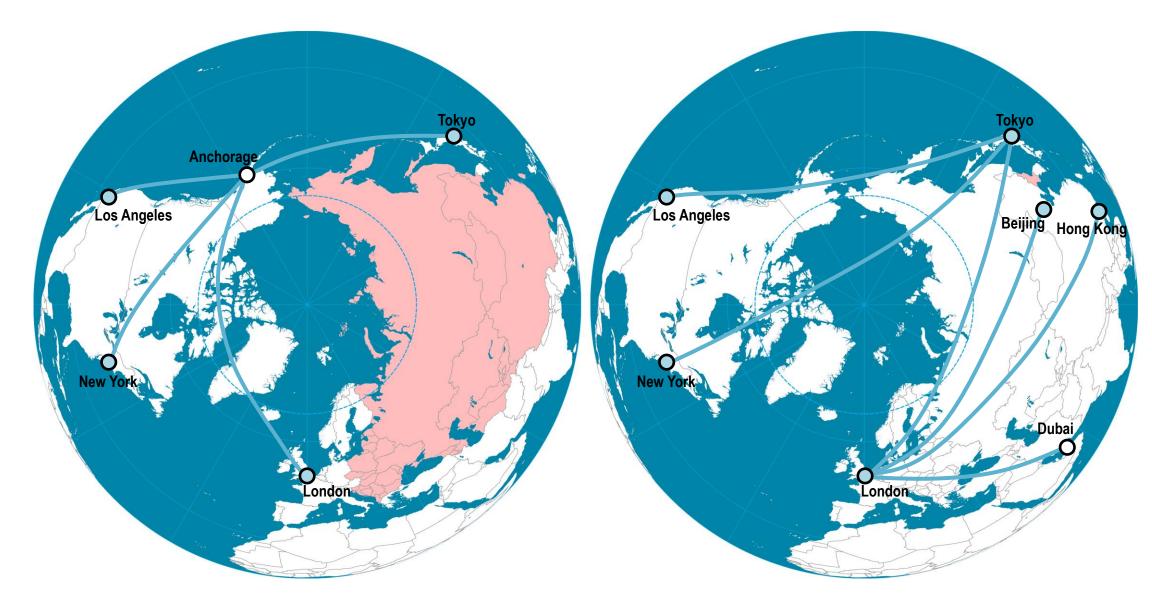
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SEATTLE BOSTON MINNEAPOLIS SALT LAKE NEW YORK CLEVELAND CHICAGO OAKLAND INDIANAPOLIS DENVER WASHINGTON KANSAS CITY Atlantic Ocean LOS ANGELES MEMPHIS ATLANTA ALBUQUERQUE FT. WORTH JACKSONVILLE HOUSTON MIAMI Pacific Ocean Gulf of Mexico

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONES

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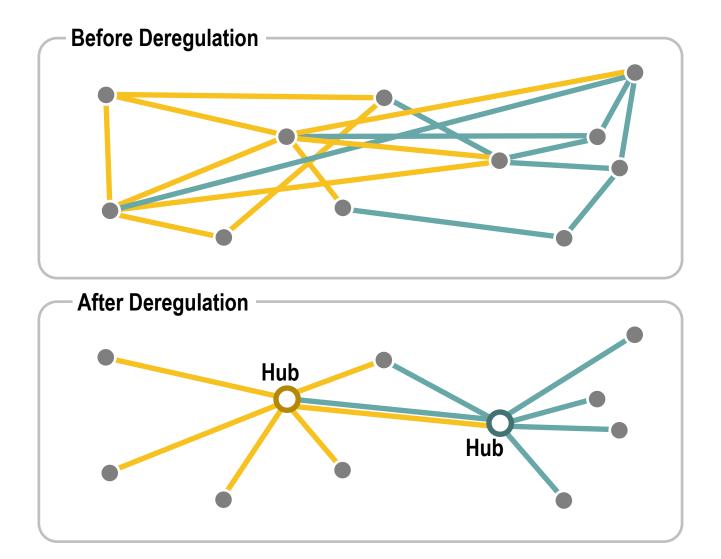
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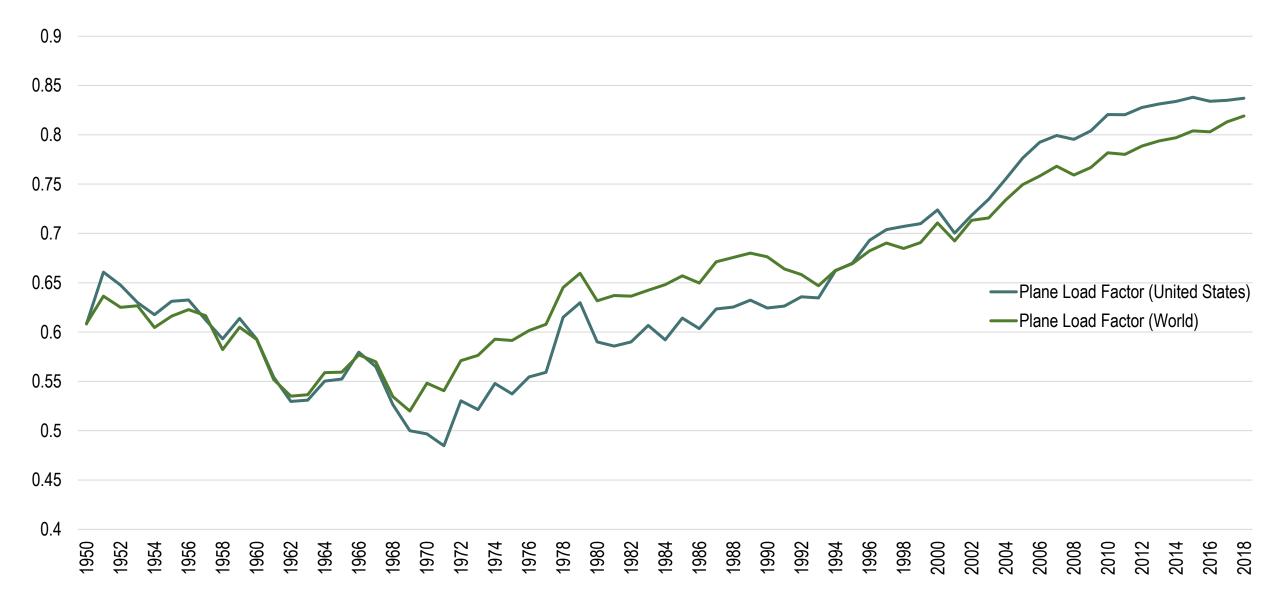
Characteristics of Major Air Travel Markets

United States	Europe	Pacific Asia
Deregulation started in 1978	Deregulation started in 1997	Regulated markets with government ownership
Low population density and dispersed urban centers	High population density and concentrated urban centers	Dispersion of urban centers but high regional concentrations
Relatively open air spaces and airports	Congested air spaces and airports	Congested gateway airports and underutilized regional airports
Rail minor competitor; Car compete for short distances	High speed rail is a direct competitor; Rail is a minor competitor; Car compete for short distances	Except for Japan, less competition from other transportation modes; In China HSR becoming a competitor
No loyalty to carriers (pricing and frequent flyers)	Some lingering loyalty to carriers	Strong "imposed" loyalty to carriers
Price transparency	Price becoming transparent	Price becoming transparent
Limited income growth and limited leisure	Limited income growth and more leisure time	Growing income levels and more leisure time

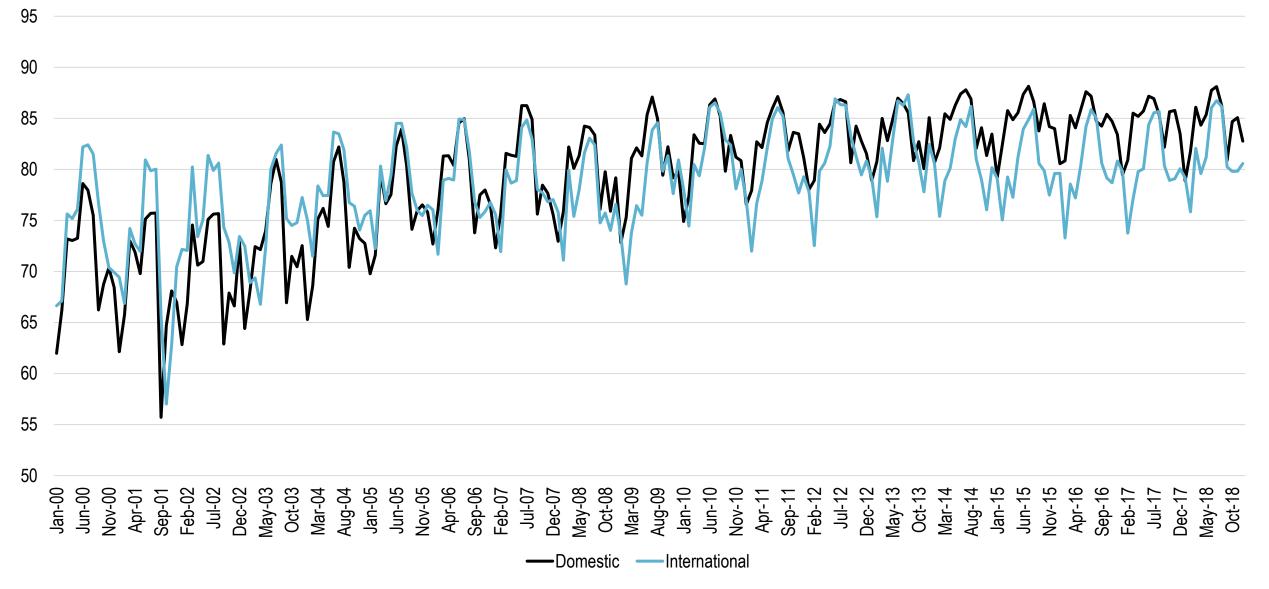
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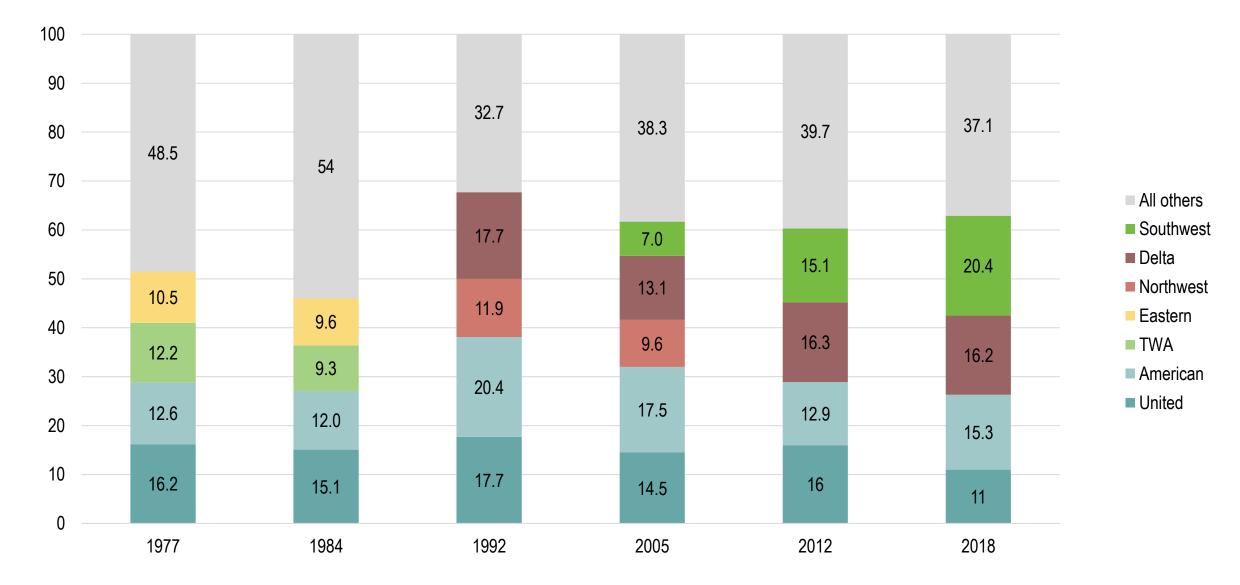
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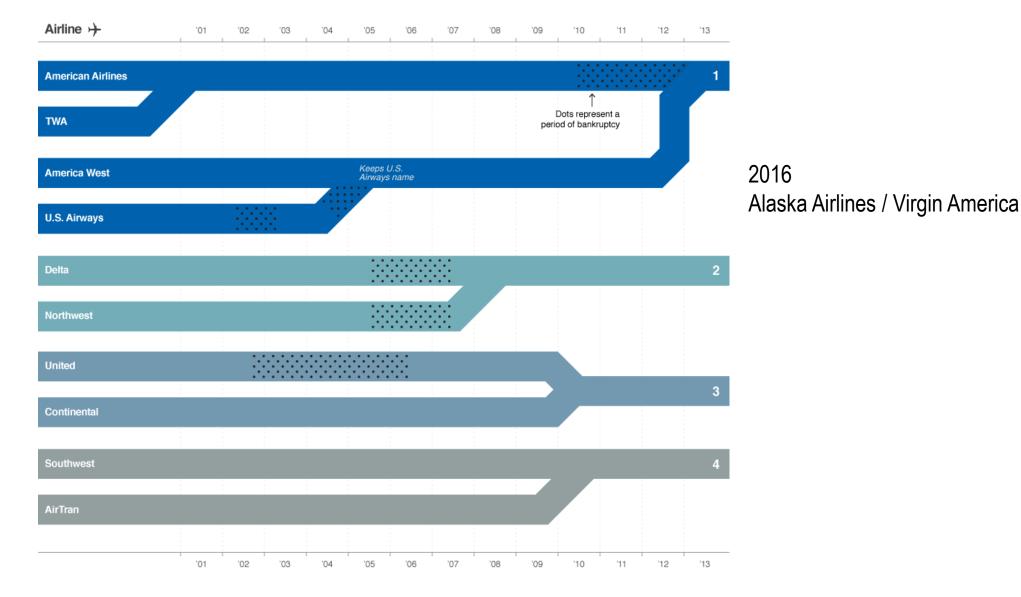
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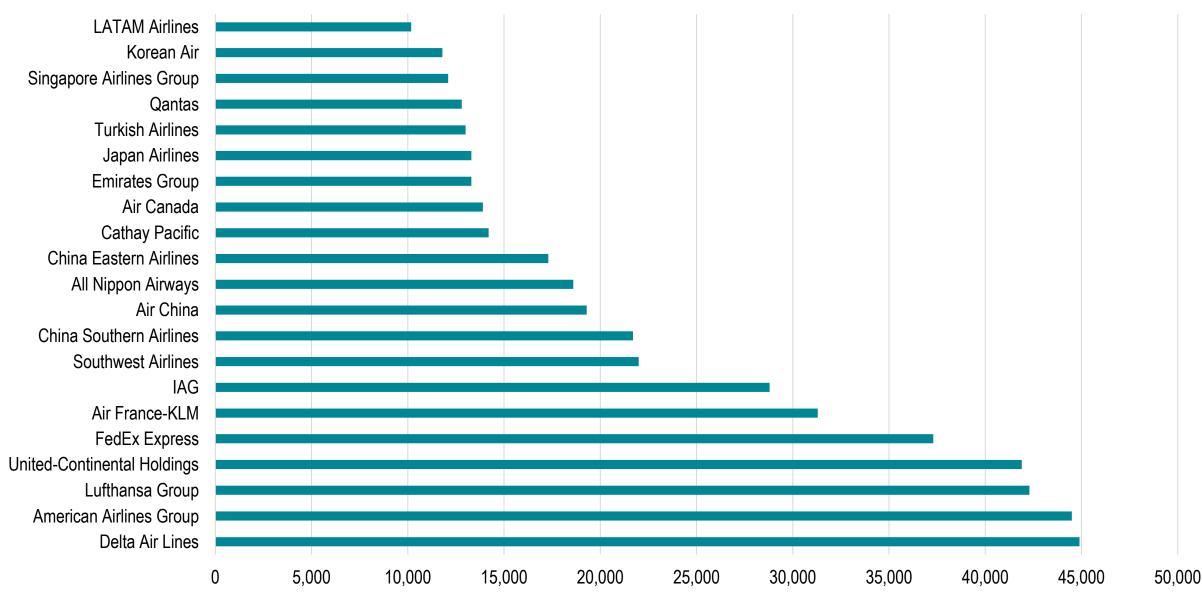
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Major Mergers in the American Air Industry since the 2000s



Largest Airlines by Revenue, 2019 (in \$millions)



Strategies of Low-Cost Carriers

On-board operations	Optimum use of seating space. Minimal crew. Limited and paying cabin service.
Aircraft operations	Few (often one) types of aircraft used to minimize maintenance costs. Stair boarding instead of air bridges. Maximal usage of runway length (take-off thrust and braking on landing). Fast turn around to maximize aircraft use. No freight carried in bellyhold.
Service network	Point-to-point services. Destinations commonly of less than two hours apart. Usage of secondary airports (lower gate rates).
Booking	Yield management. Online booking to minimize transaction costs (become the norm). No travel agent commissions.

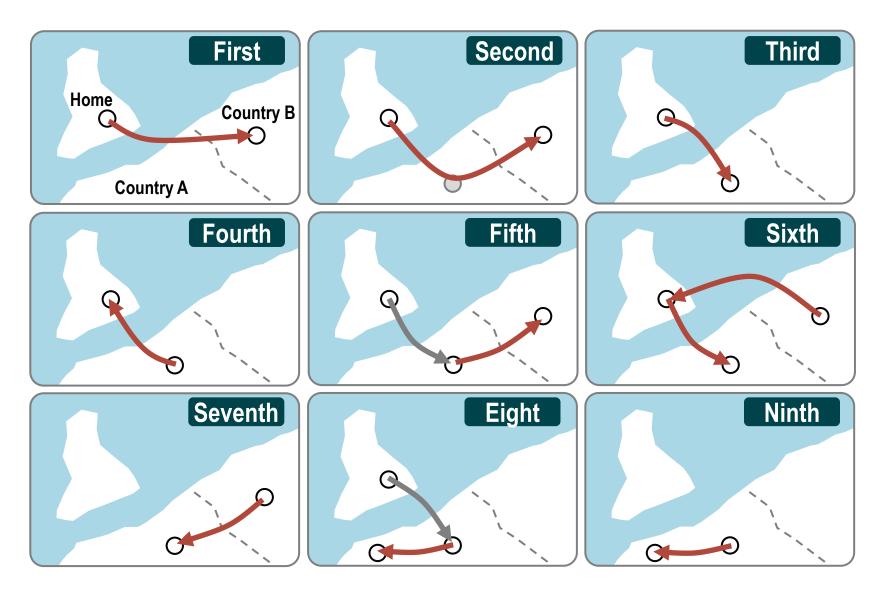
Strategies Used by Airlines to Save Fuel

Dimension	Strategy
Fleet	Retiring less fuel efficient aircrafts (e.g. DC-9, DC10, MD-80). Switching to more fuel efficient aircrafts (e.g. A330, A319).
Operations	Less engine idle at gates (electrical systems). Lower flying speed (-5%). More frequent plane and engine washing.
On board	Lighter seats. Removal of seat-pocket documents (e.g. magazines). Less water in bathrooms. Lighter service carts.
Passengers	Weight restrictions for luggage. Surcharges for first or second check-in luggage. Passengers weight surcharges (?)

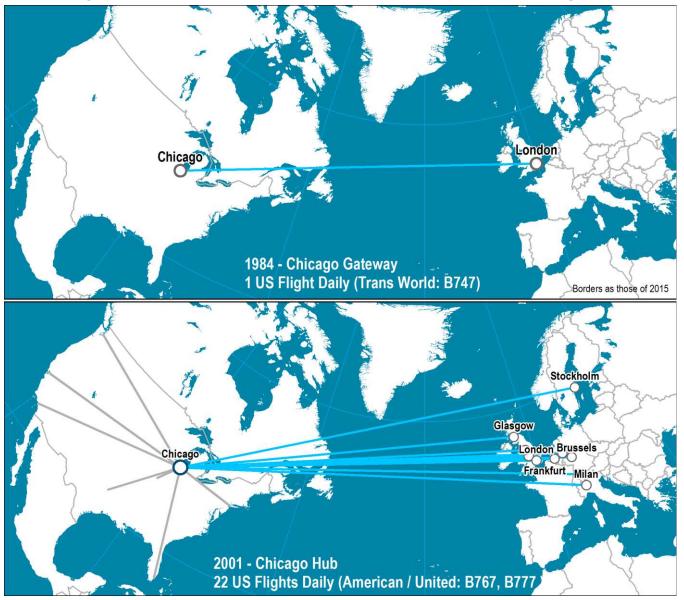
Selected Low-Cost Carriers

Airline	Country	2005 Fleet	2005 Revenue (USD Millions)
Southwest	USA	454 B737s	7,584
EasyJet	UK	62 A319s; 43 B737s	2,365
Ryanair	Ireland	107 B737s	2,044
jetBlue	USA	89 A320s; 19 ERJs	1,701
Air Berlin	Germany	8 A319s/A320; 40 737s; 3 Other	1,457
Virgin Blue	Australia	47 B737s	1,335
WestJet	Canada	56 B737s	1,197
Gol	Brazil	47 B737s	1,140
Frontier	USA	51 A318s/A319s/A320s	944
AirAsia	Malaysia	6 A320s; 21 B737s	174

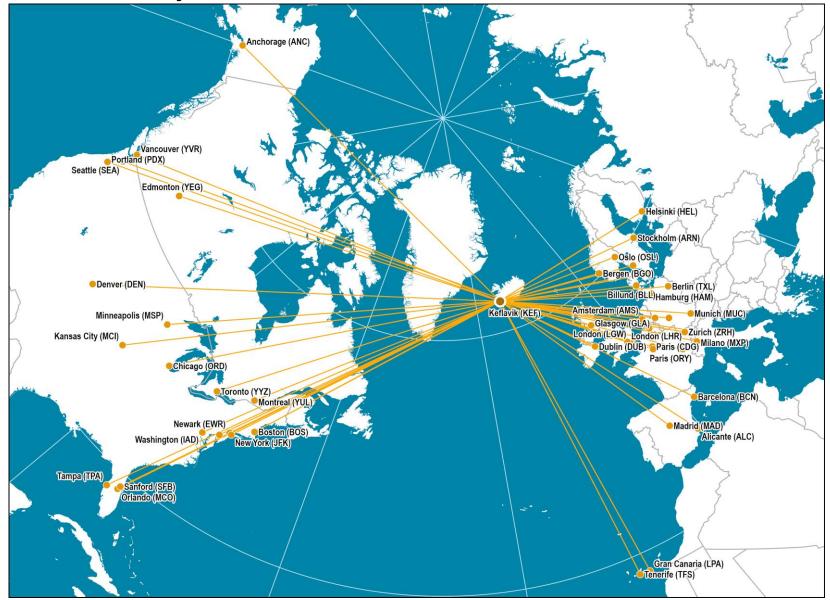
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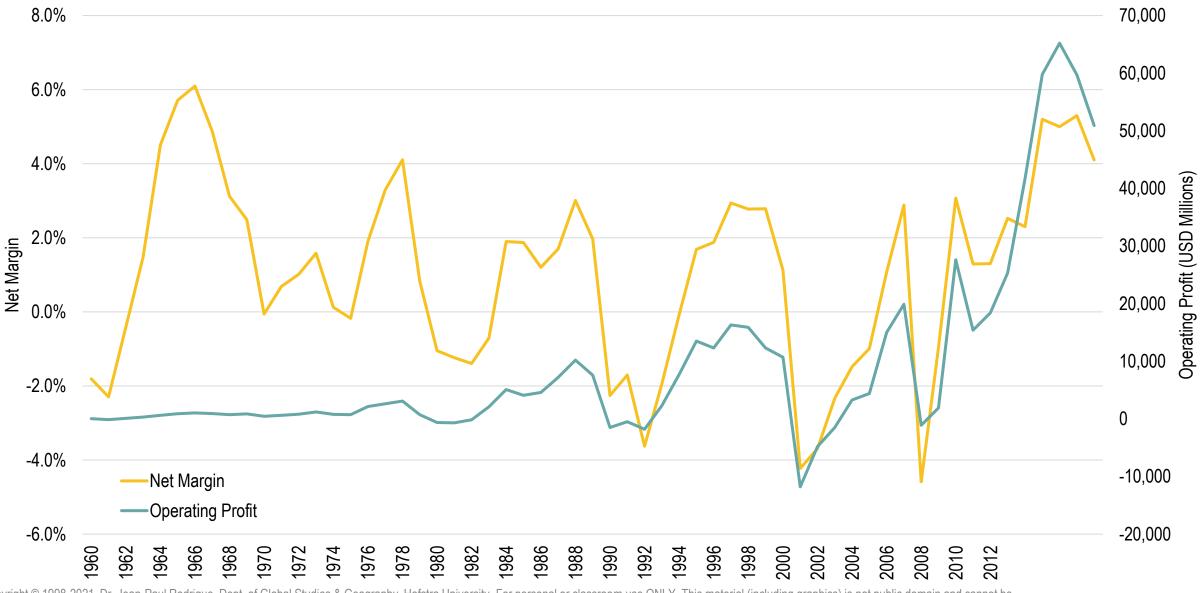
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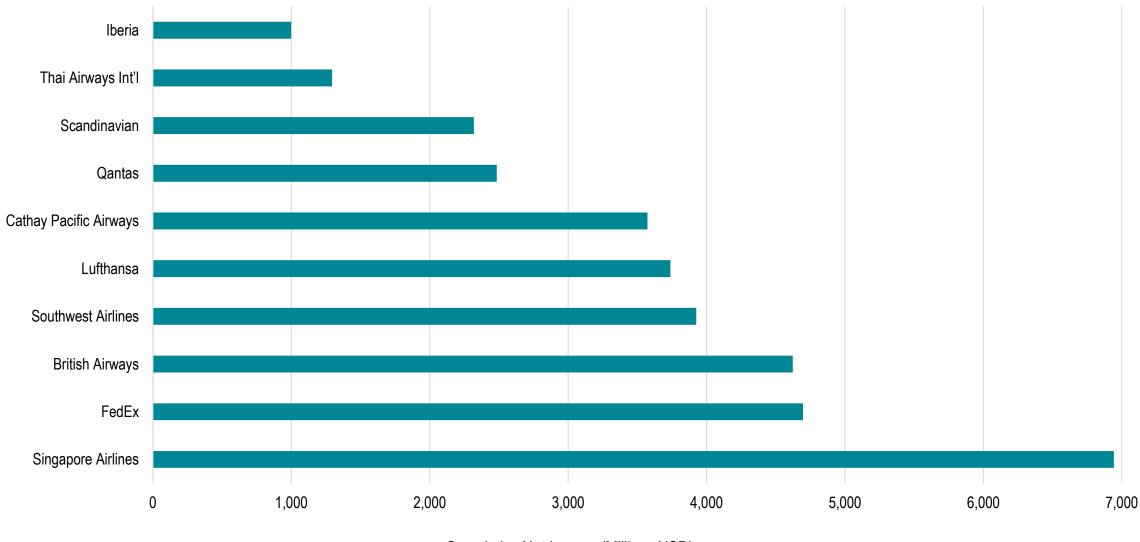
Development Costs for Selected Aircraft

Aircraft	Year of First Service	Development Costs (2004 Dollars)
Douglas DC-3	1936	4,300,000
Douglas DC-6	1946	144,000,000
Boeing 707	1958	1,300,000,000
Boeing 747	1970	3,700,000,000
Boeing 777	1995	7,000,000,000
Airbus A380	2007	14,400,000,000
Boeing 787	2012	13,400,000,000

Operating Profit in the Global Airline Industry, 1960-2018

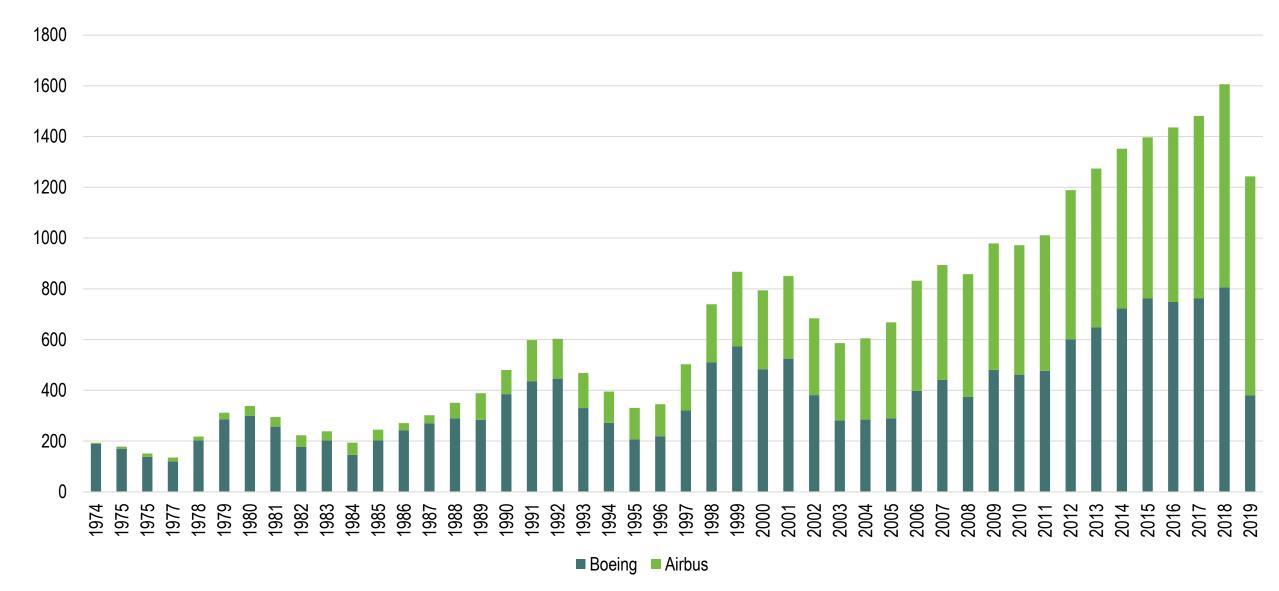


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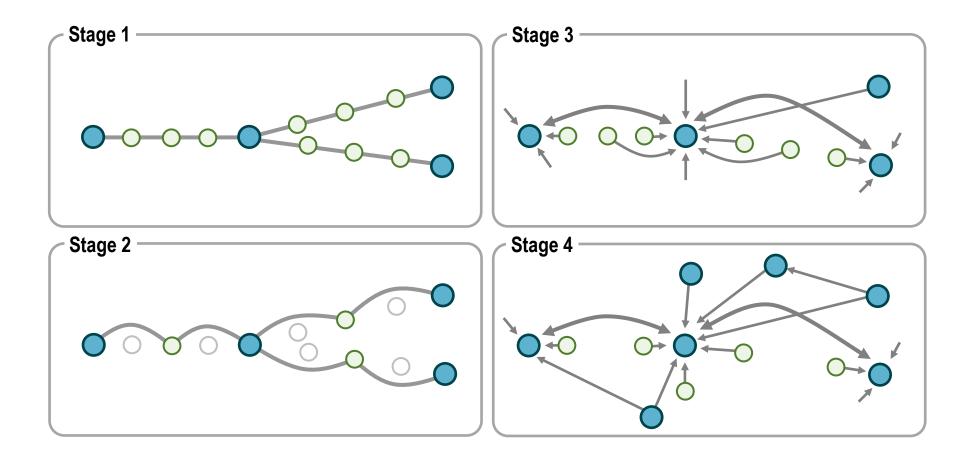


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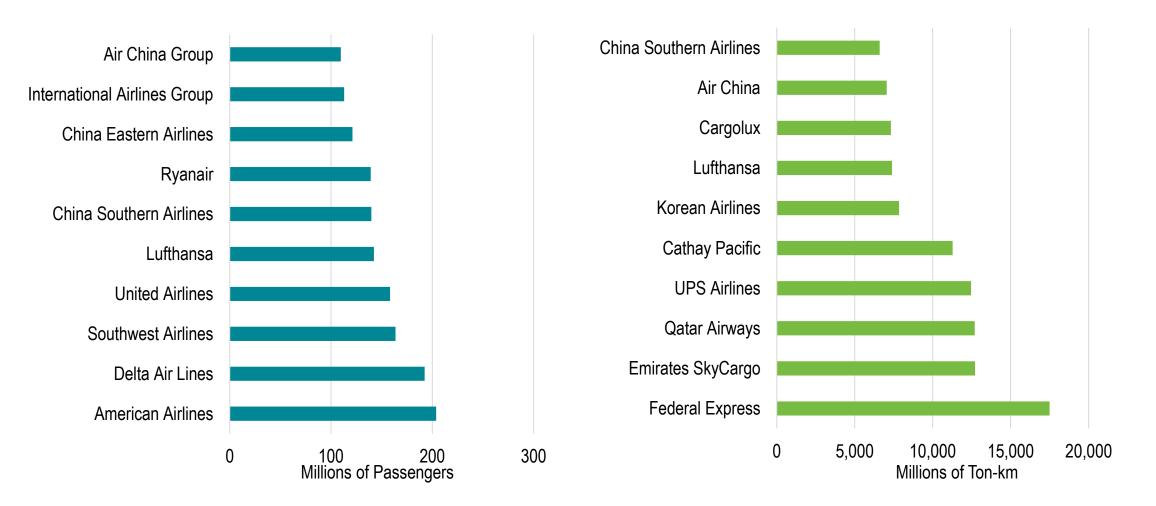
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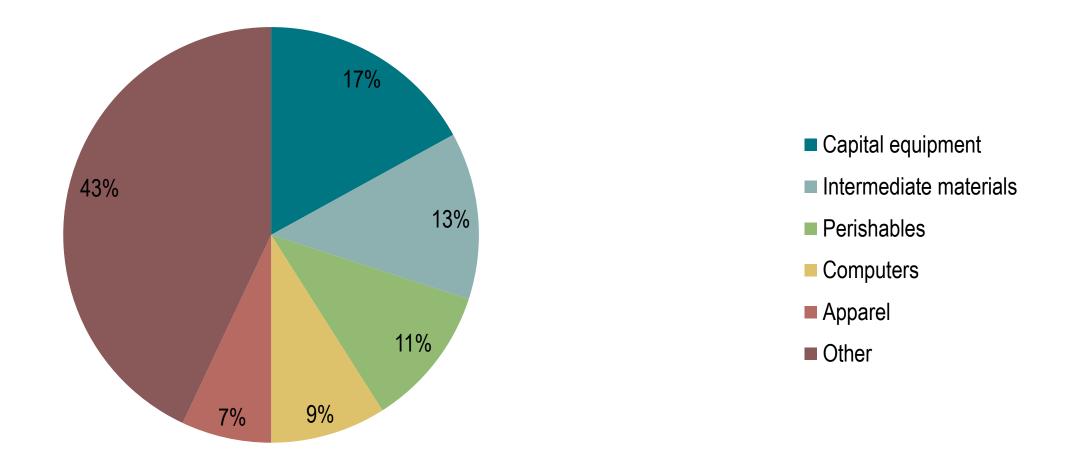


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Commodities Shipped by Air Freight, 2003

Total: 144 billion freight ton-kms

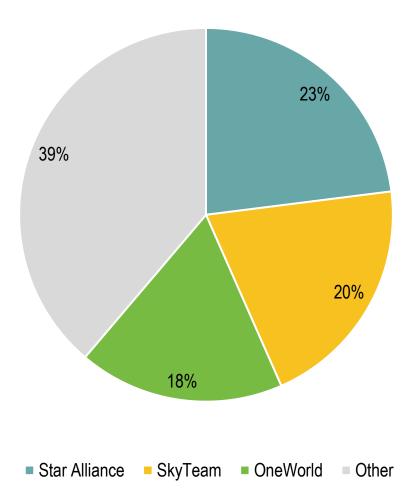


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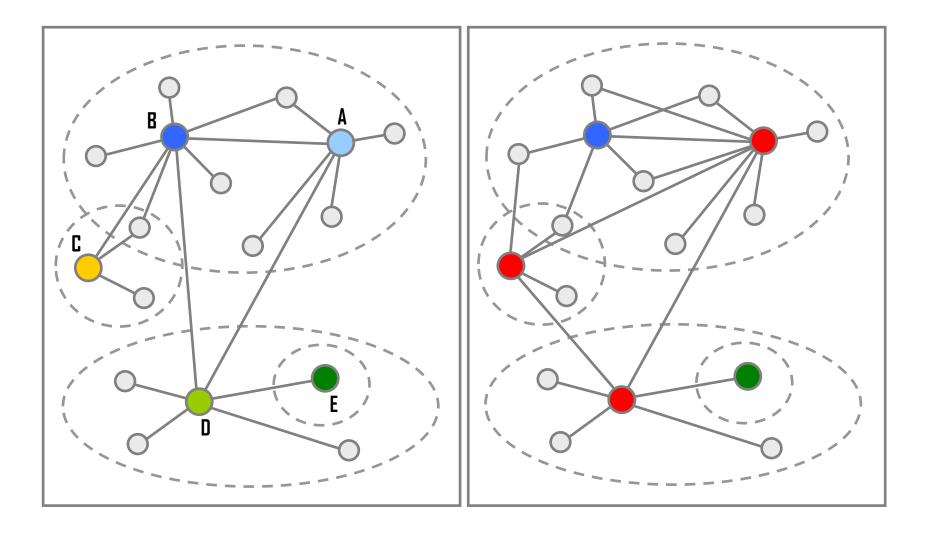
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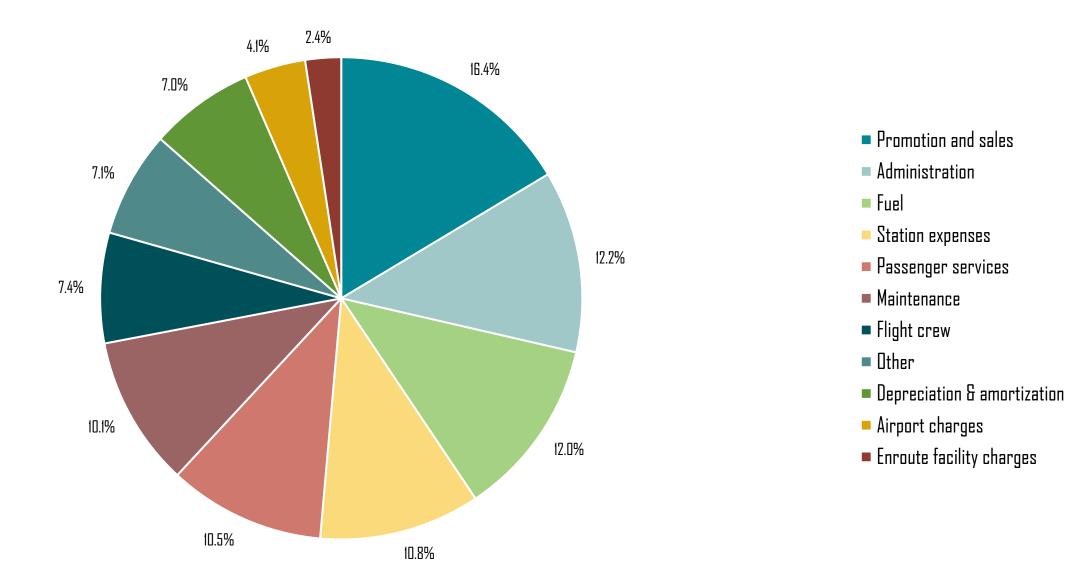
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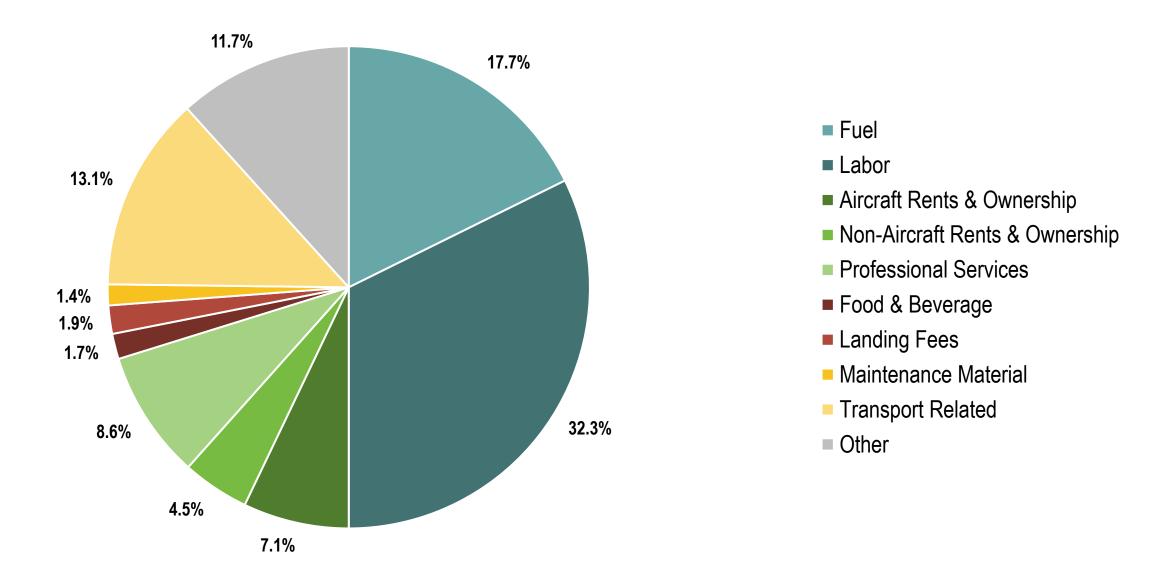
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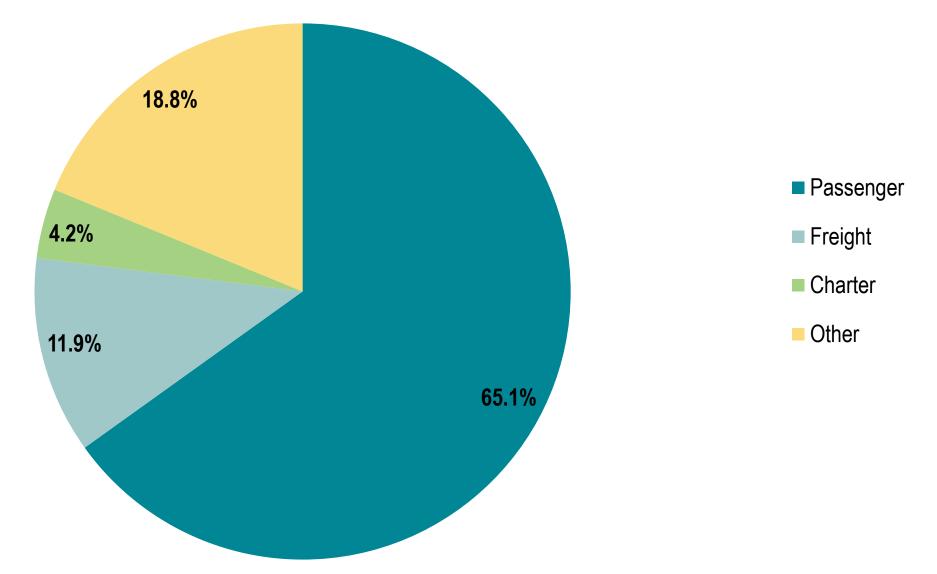


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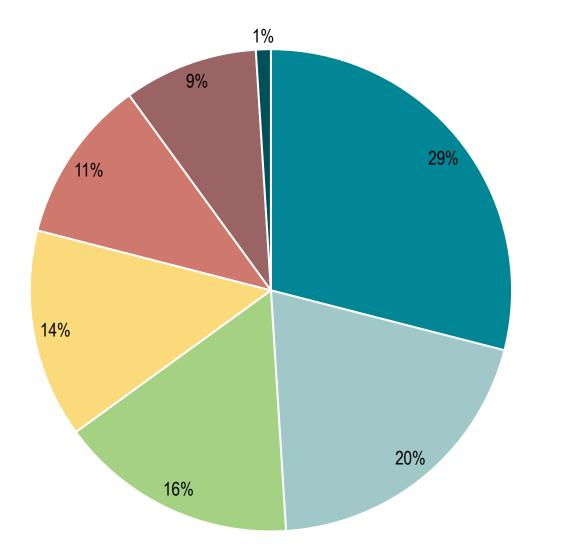


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Operating Revenues of the Airline Industry



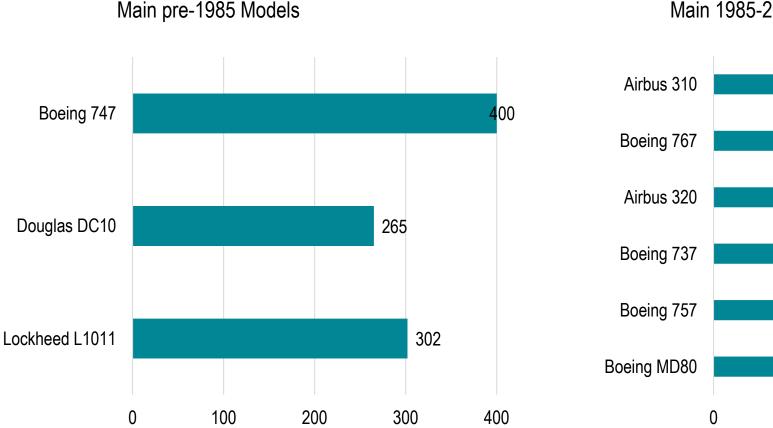
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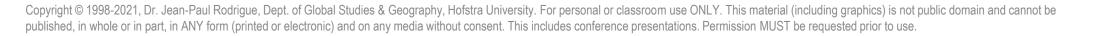


- Salaries
- Ownership costs
- Fees and taxes
- Maintenance
- Other
- Profit

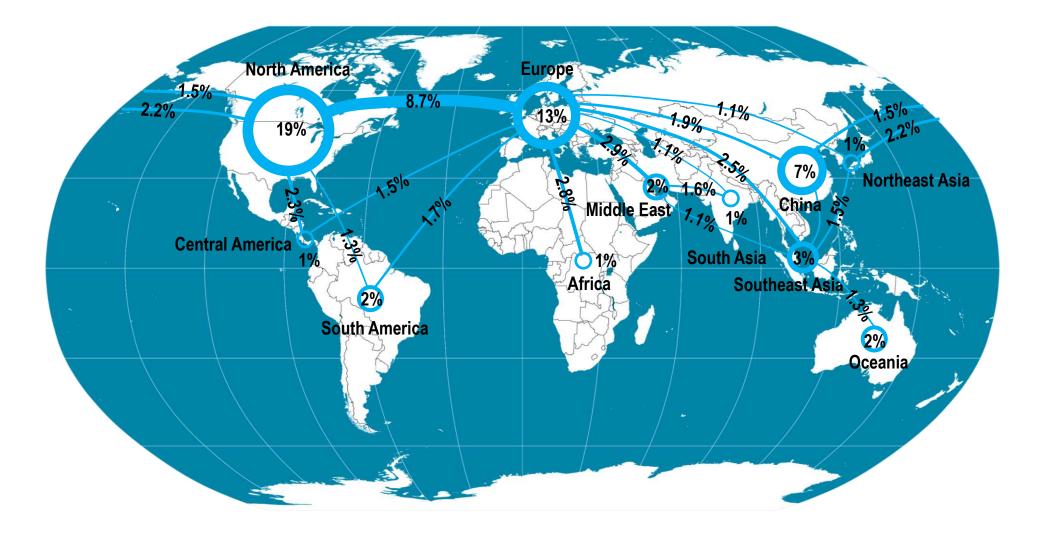
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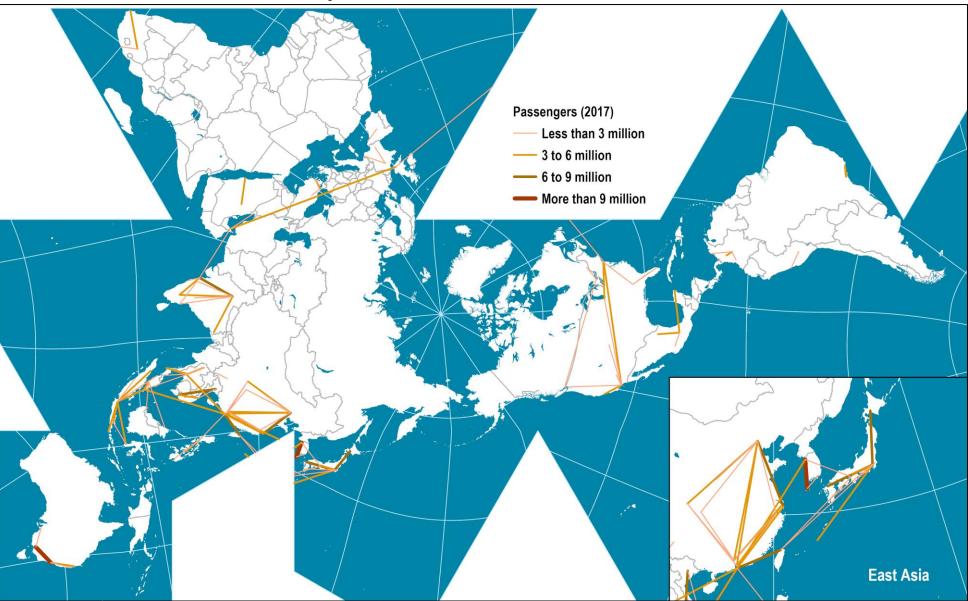
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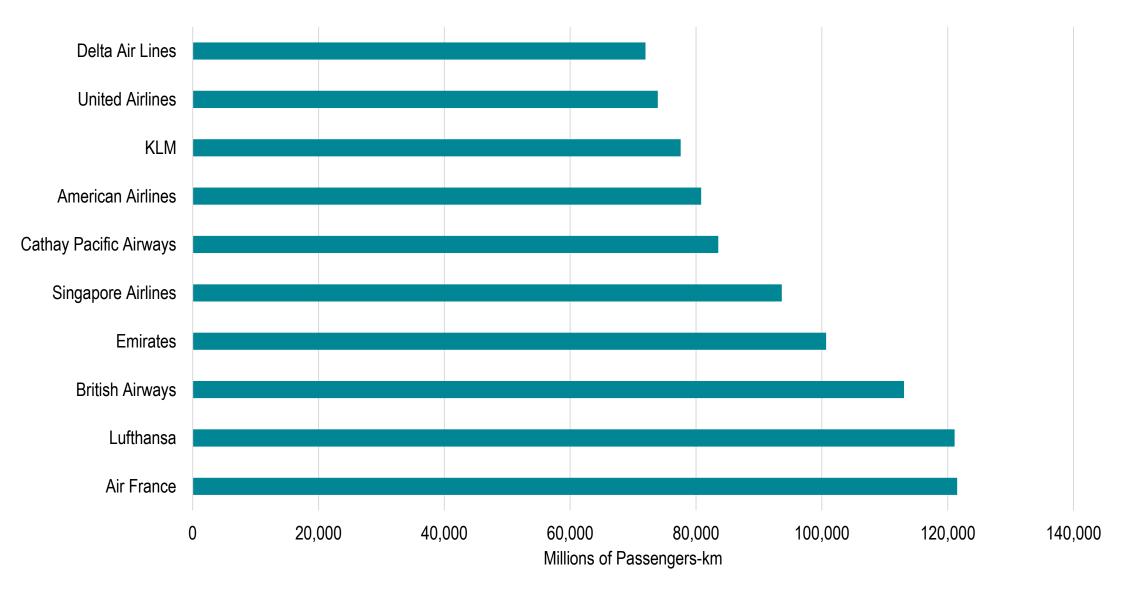
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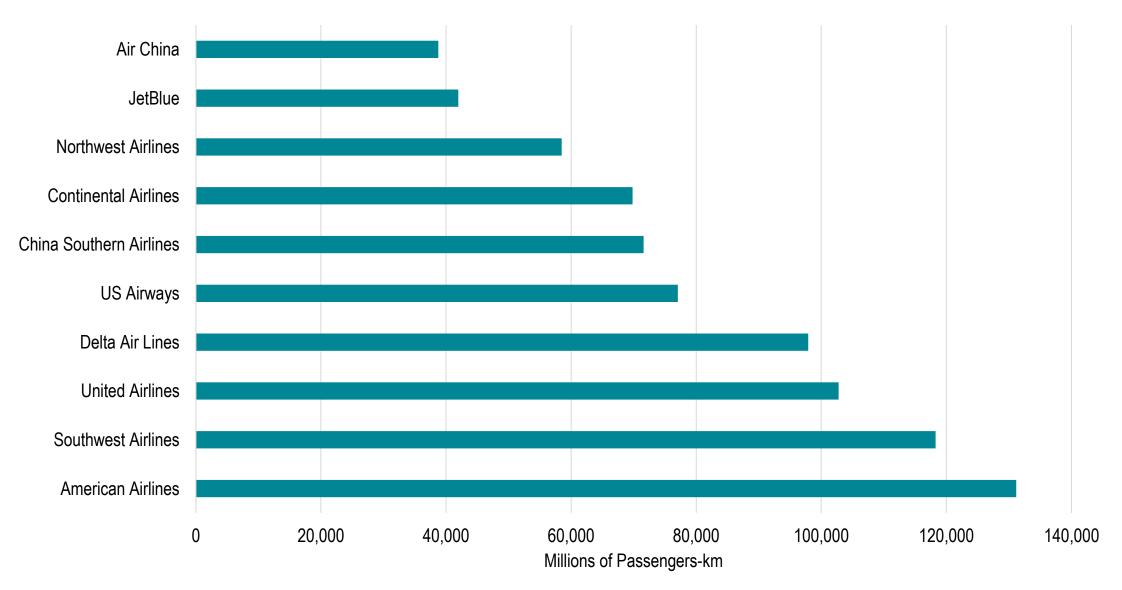
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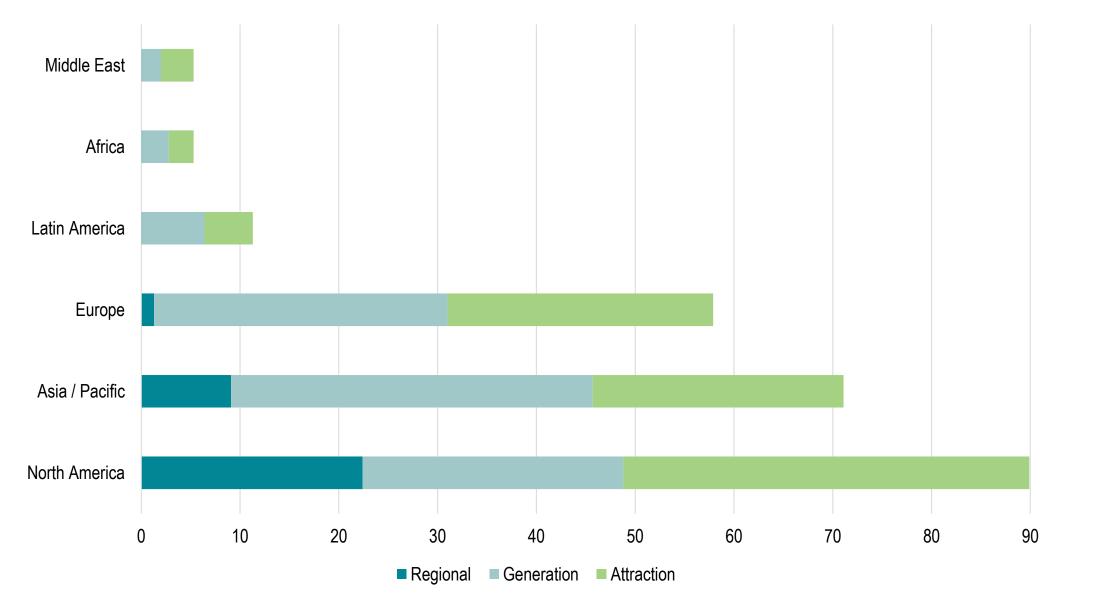
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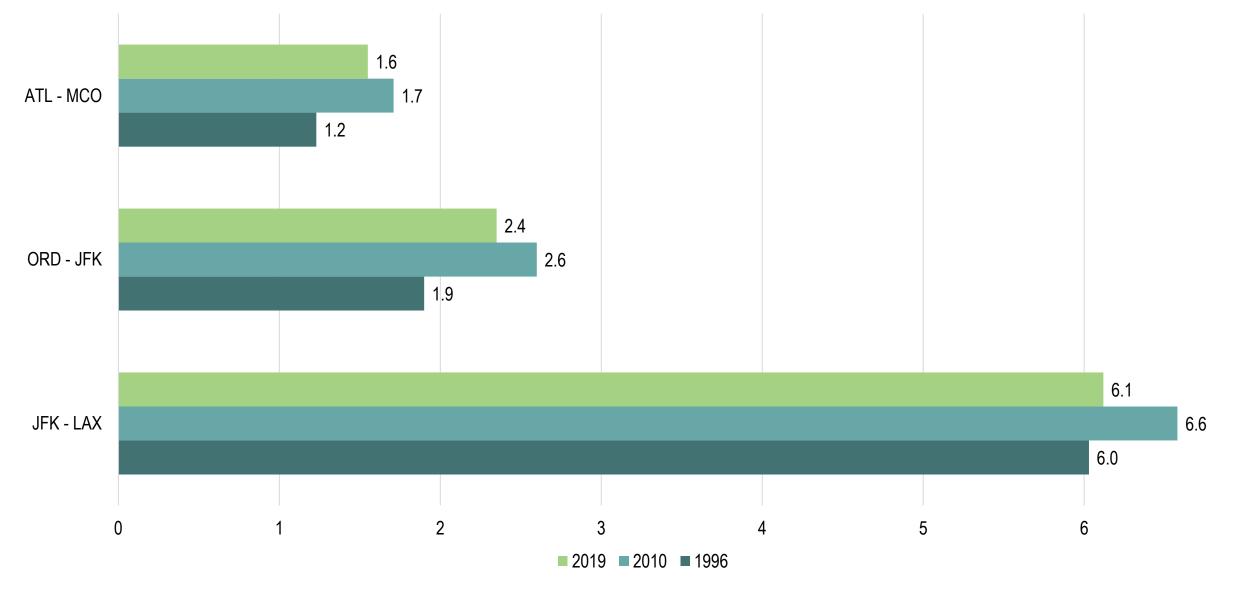
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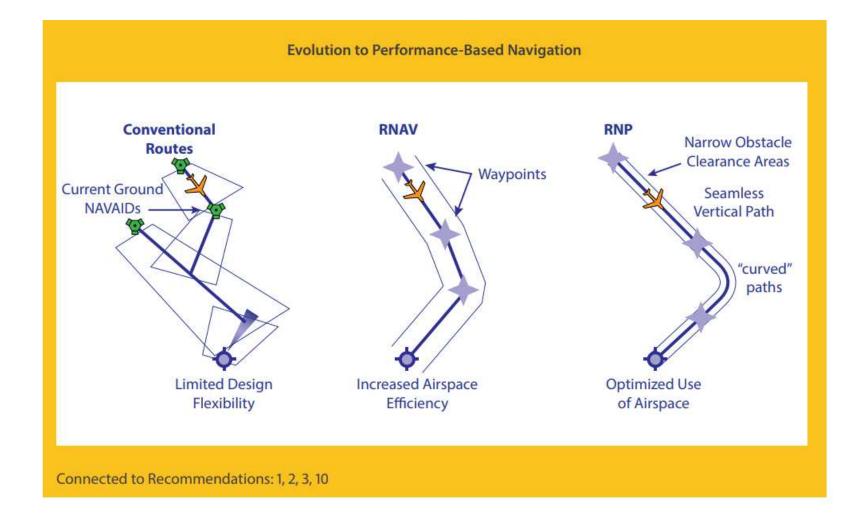


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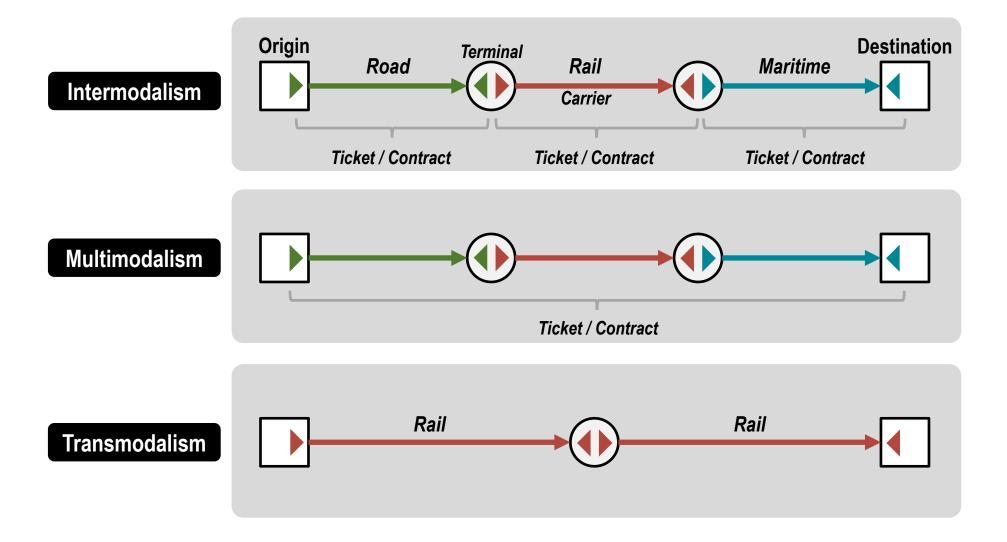
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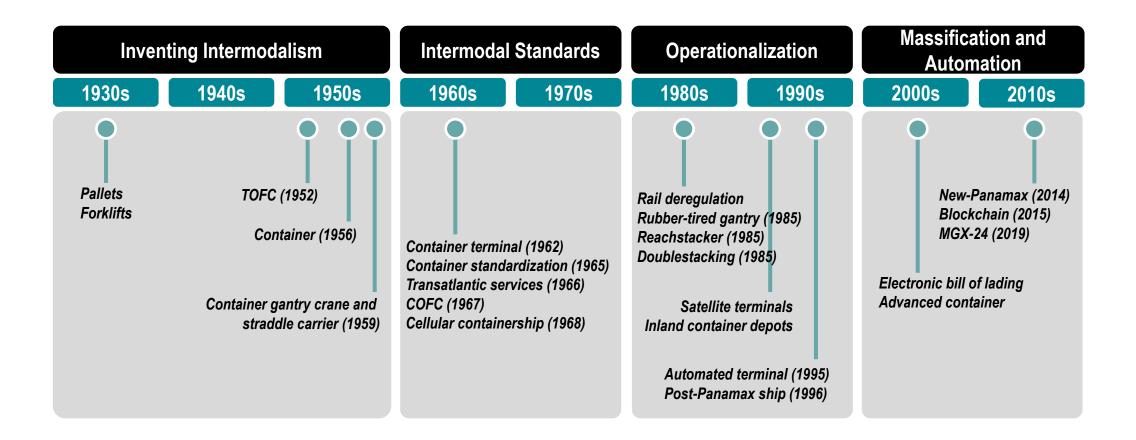


Intermodal Transportation

Intermodalism, Multimodalism and Transmodalism



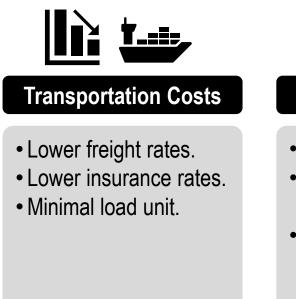
Major Steps in Intermodal Integration



Integrated Transport Systems: From Fragmentation to Coordination

	Cause	Consequence
Technology	Containerization & IT	Modal and intermodal innovations; Tracking shipments and managing fleets
Capital Investments	Returns on investments	High costs and long amortization; Improve utilization to lessen capital costs
Alliances and M&A	Deregulation	Easier contractual agreements; Joint ownership
Value Chains	Globalization	Coordination of transportation and production (integrated demand)
Networks	Consolidation and interconnection	Economies of scale, efficiency and control

The Benefits of Containerization





Inventory Costs

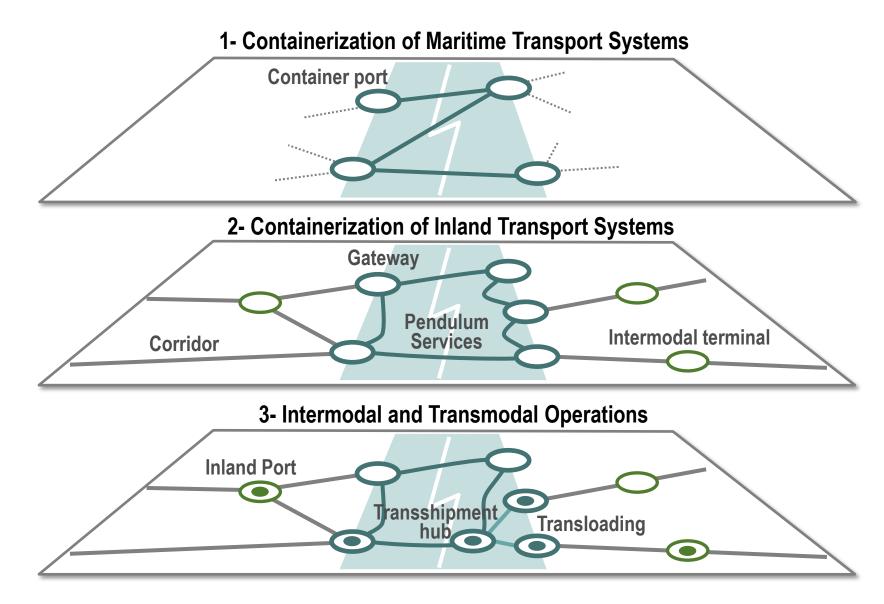
- Lower storage costs.
- Lower packing and packaging costs.
- Faster inventory turnover.



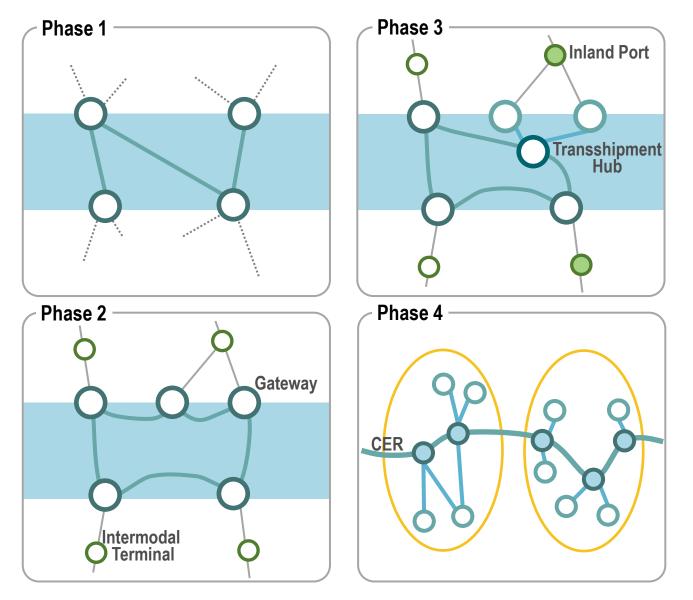
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- Time reliability.
- Higher frequency.

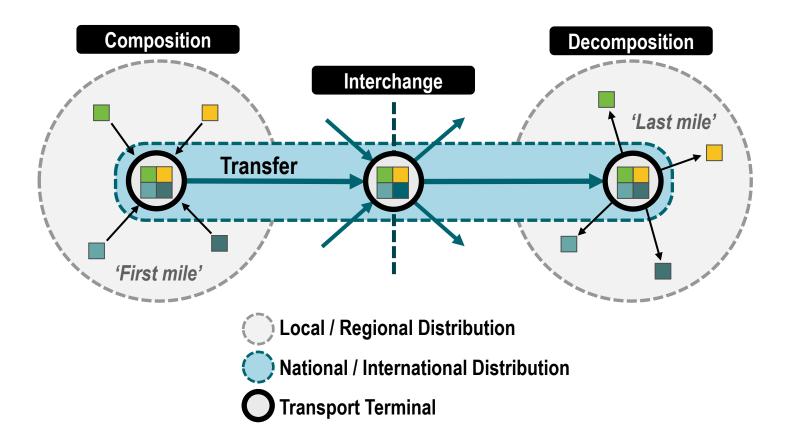
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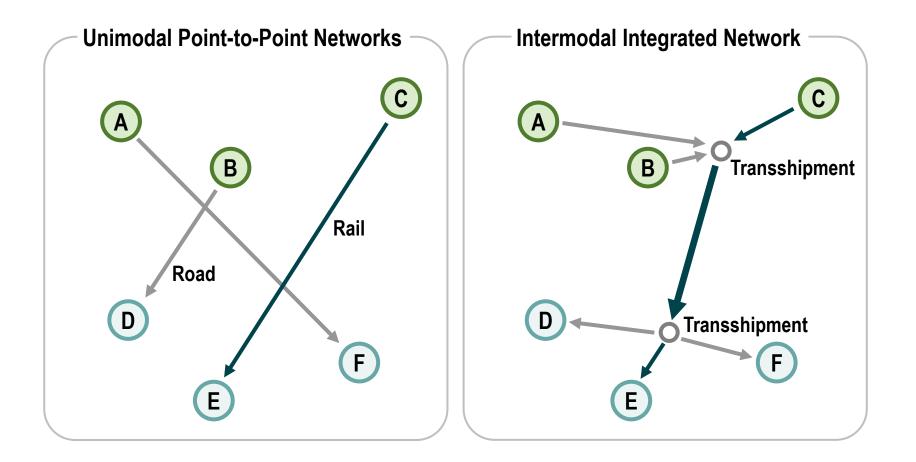
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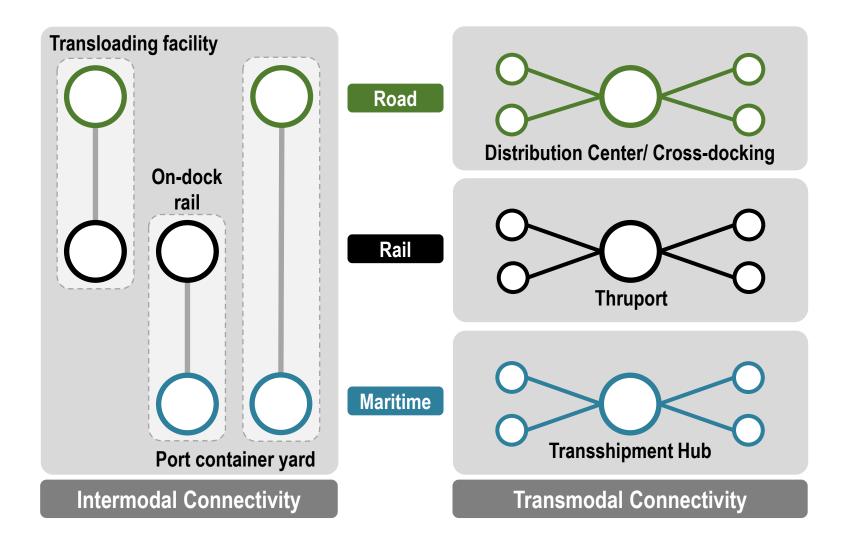
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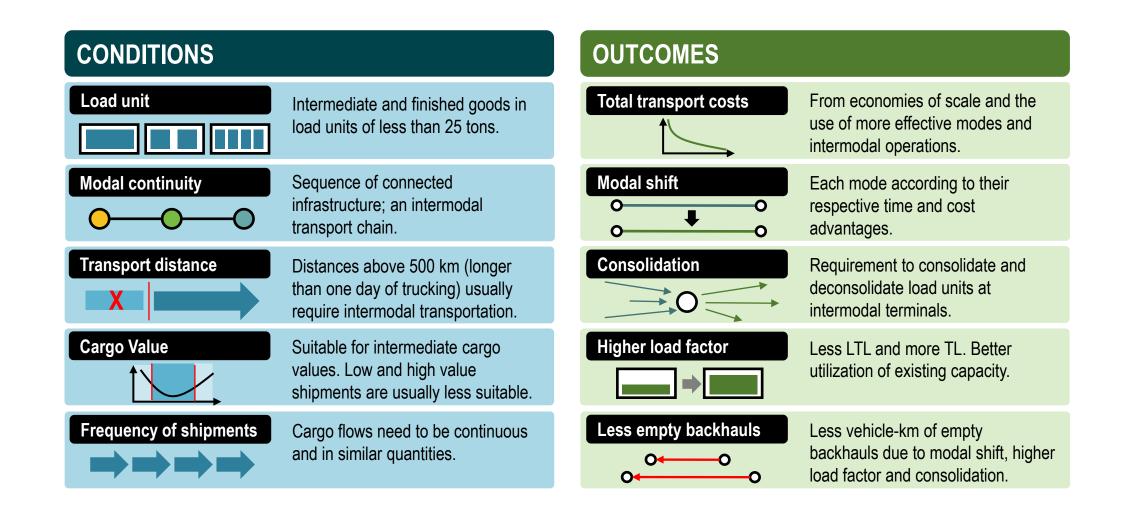
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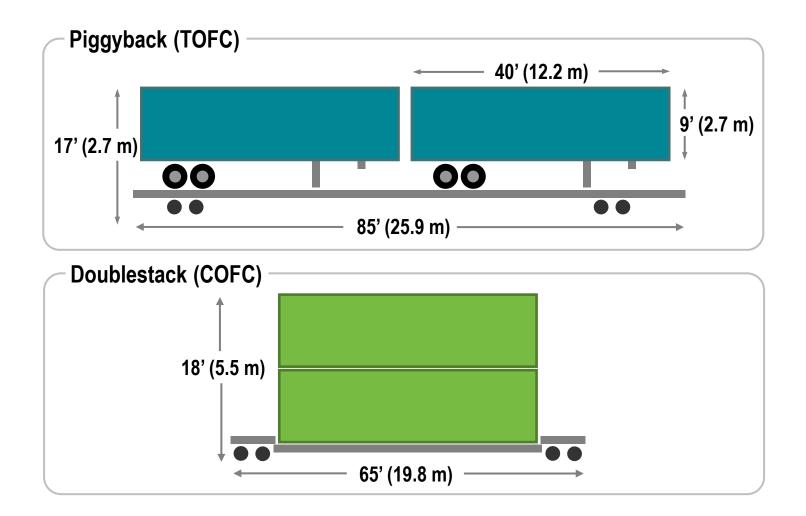
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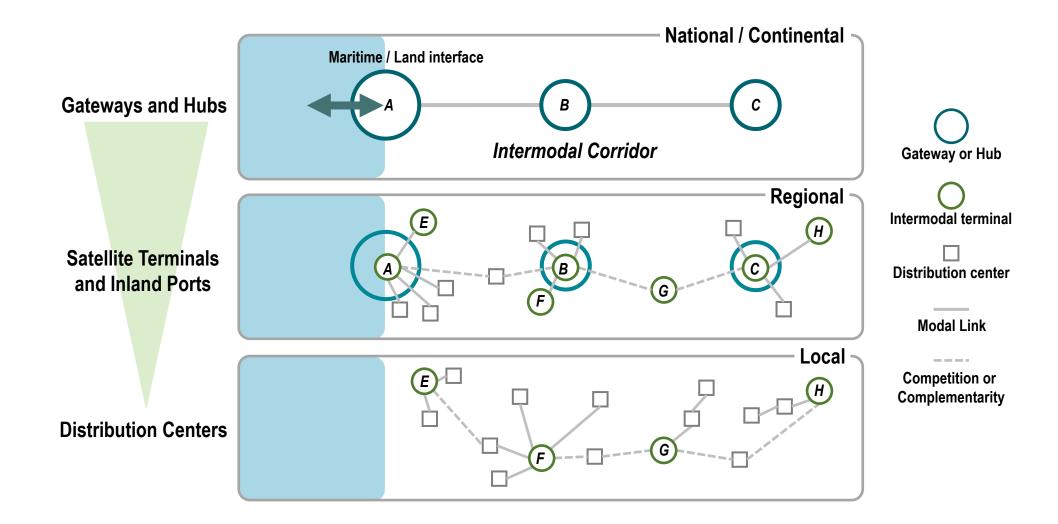
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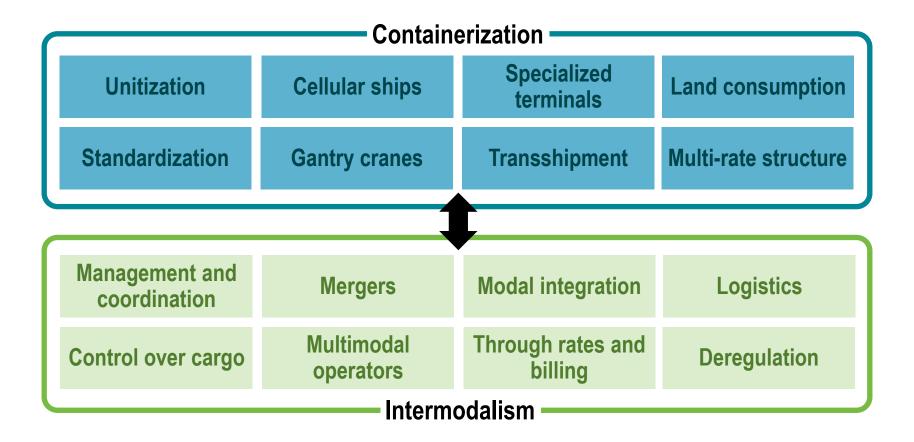
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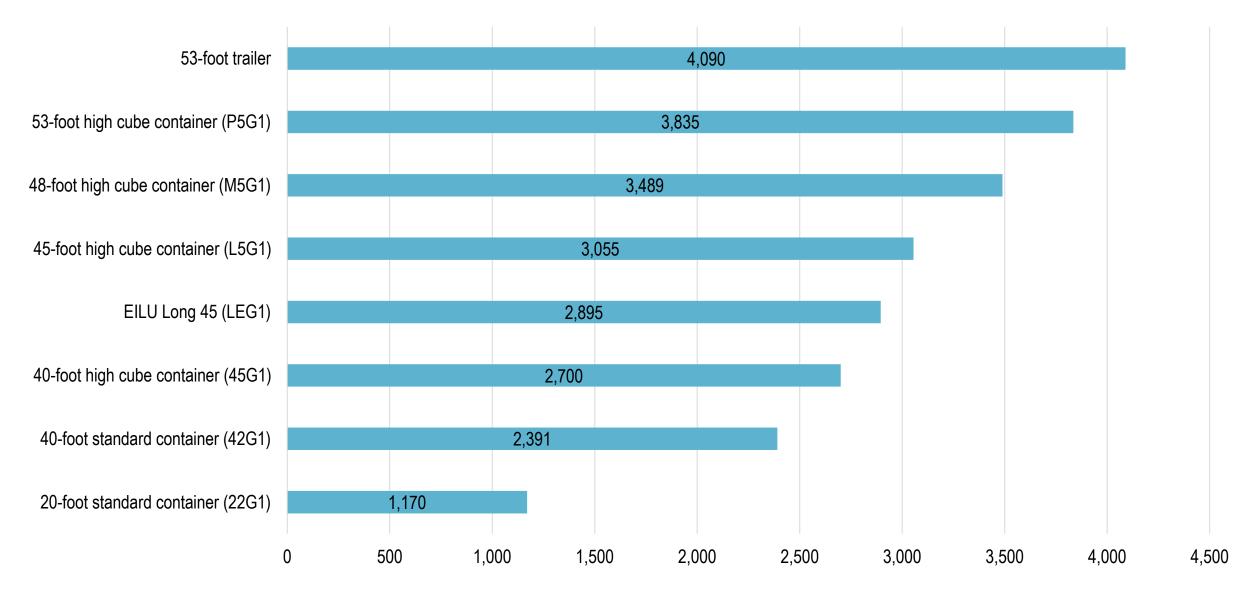
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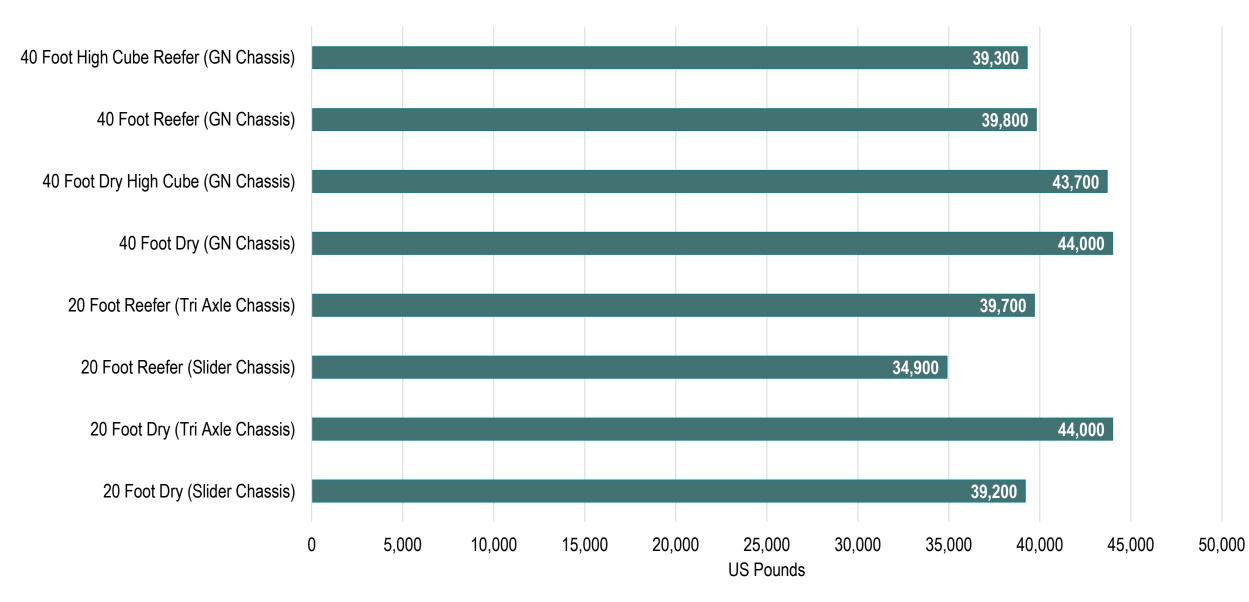
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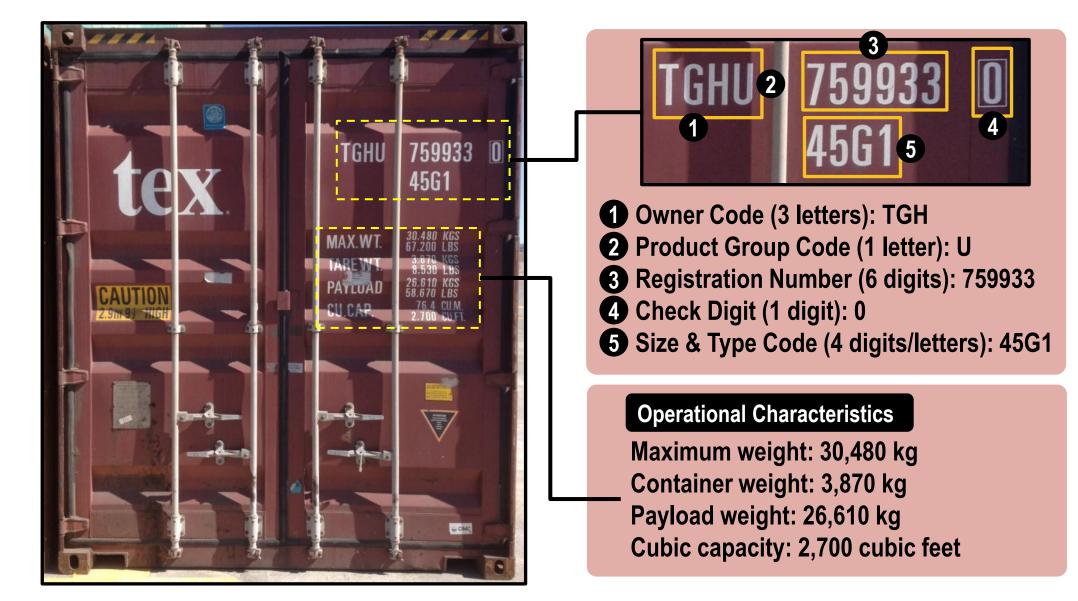
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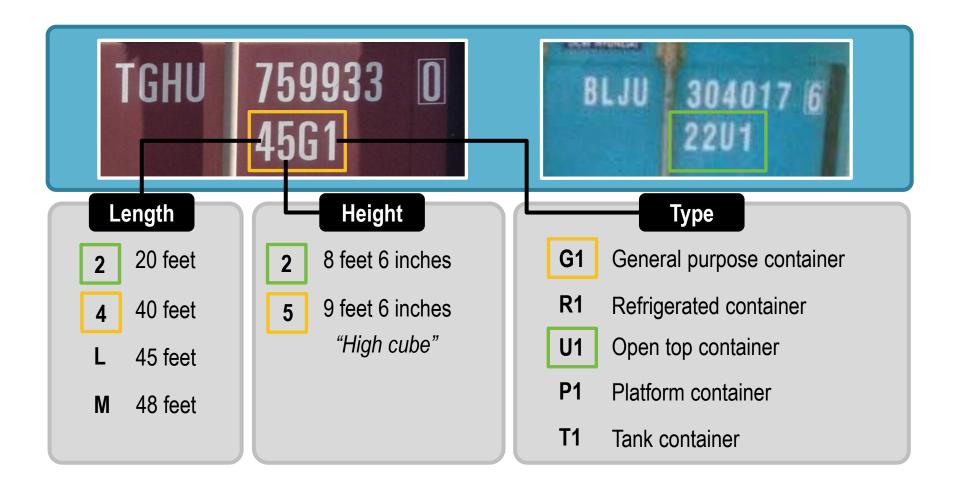
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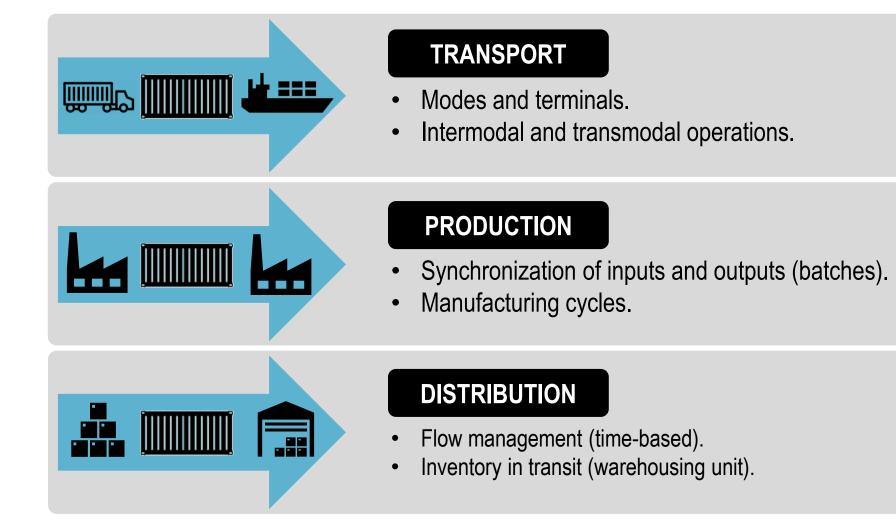
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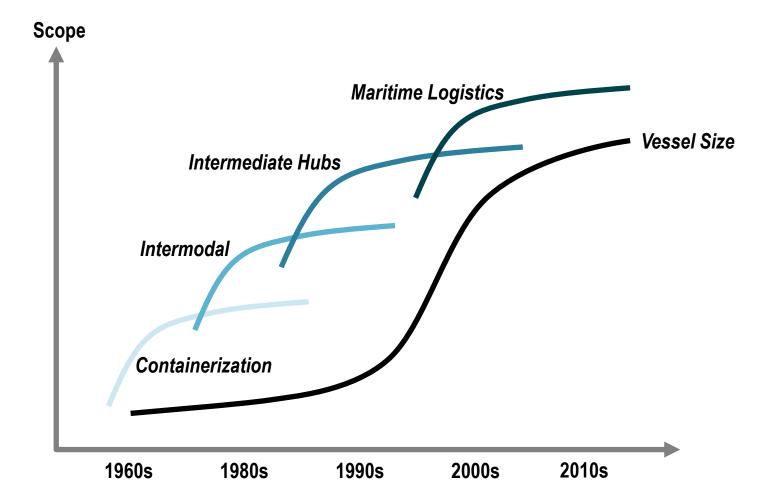
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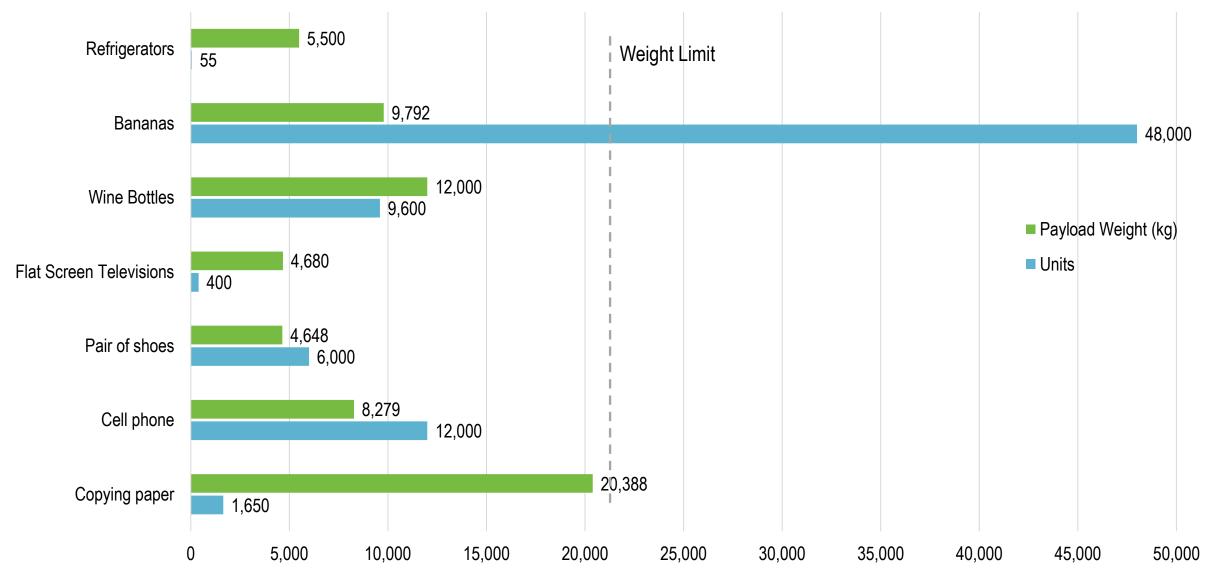
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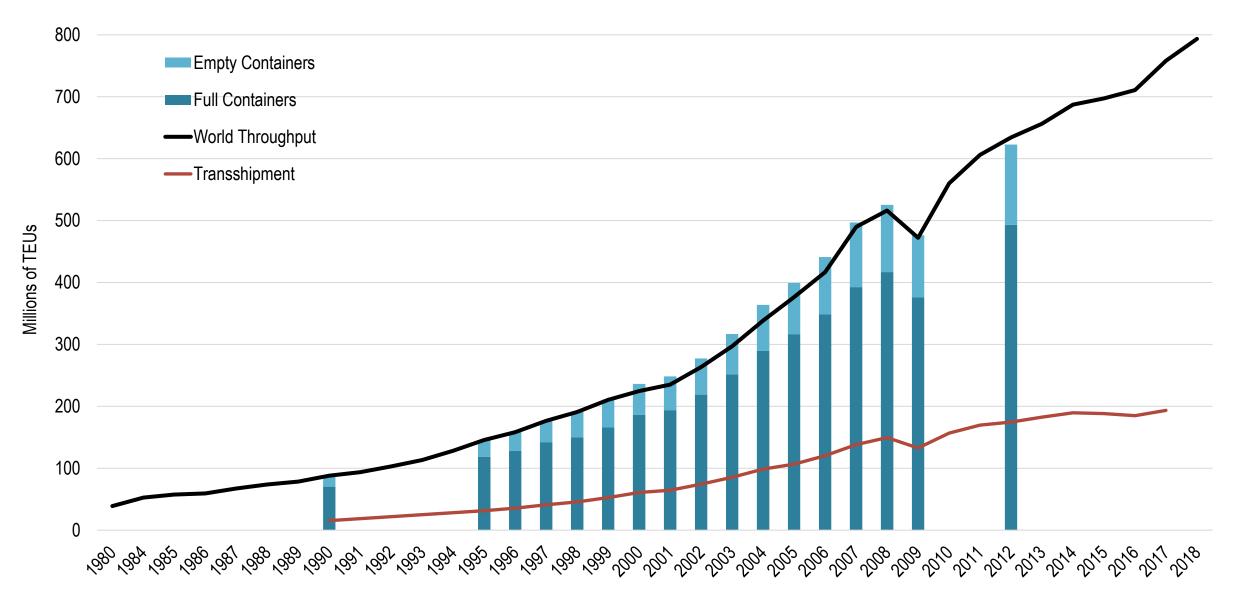
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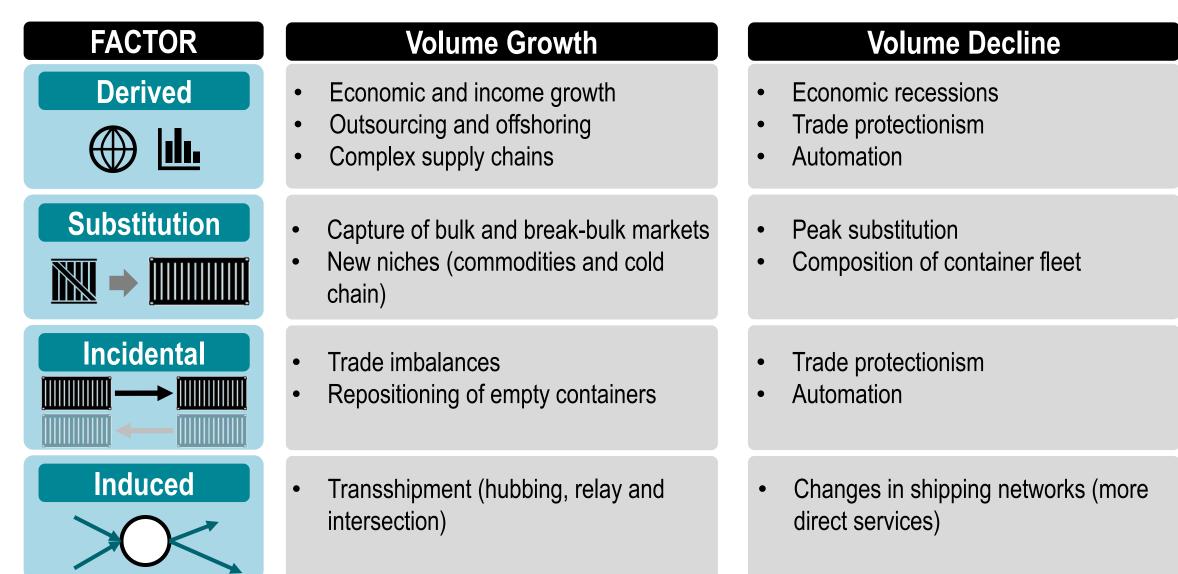
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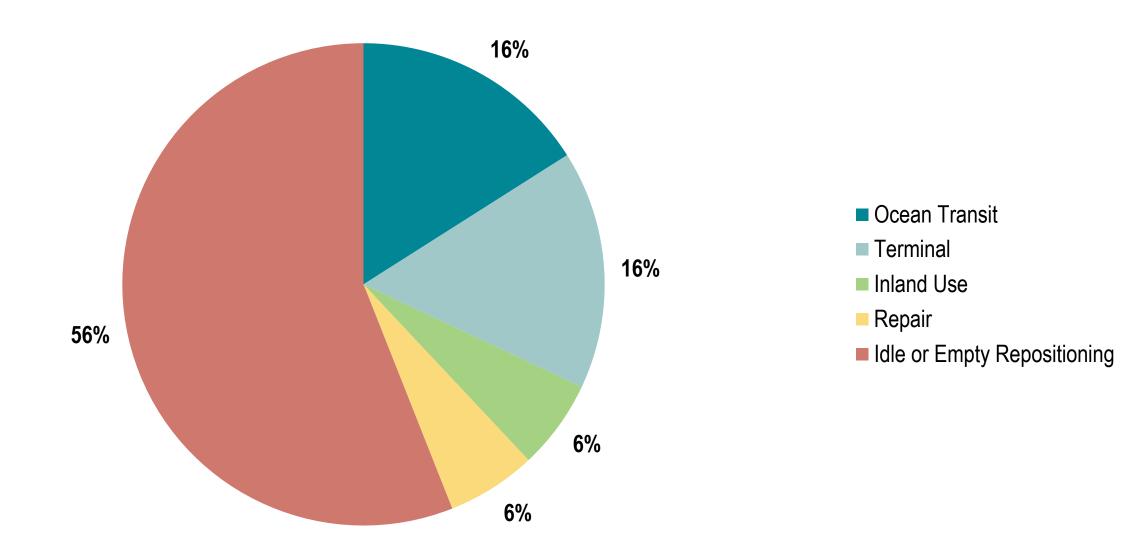
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Containerization Growth Factors



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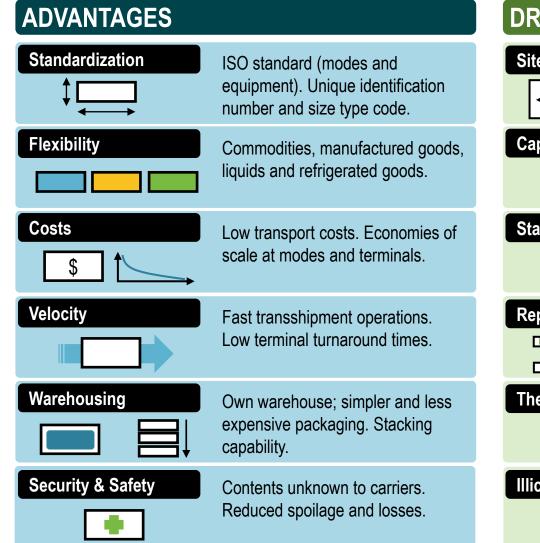
Advantages of Containerization

Factor	Advantage
Standard transport product	ISO standard. Specialized ships, trucks and wagons. Unique identification number and size type code.
Flexibility of usage	Commodities (coal, wheat), manufactured goods, cars, frozen products. Adapted containers for dry cargo, liquids (oil and chemical products) and refrigerated cargo. Reuse of discarded containers.
Costs	Low transport costs; 20 times less than bulk transport. Economies of scale at modes and terminals.
Velocity	Fast transshipment operations. Low terminal turnaround times (port time reduced from 3 weeks to about 24 hours).
Warehousing	Own warehouse; Simpler and less expensive packaging. Stacking capability on ships, trains (doublestacking) and on the ground.
Security and Safety	Contents of the container is unknown to carriers. Can only be opened at the origin, at customs and at the destination. Reduced spoilage and losses (theft).

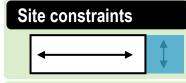
Challenges of Containerization

Factor	Challenge
Site constraints	Large consumption of terminal space (mostly for storage); move to urban periphery. Draft issues with larger containerships (more than 13 meters).
Infrastructure costs	Container handling infrastructures and equipment (giant cranes, warehousing facilities, inland road, rail access), are important investments.
Stacking	Complexity of arrangement of containers, both on the ground and on modes (containerships and double-stack trains). Restacking difficult to avoid.
Empty movements	Many containers are moved empty (20% of all flows). Either full or empty, a container takes the same amount of space. Divergence between production and consumption; repositioning.
Theft and losses	High value goods and a load unit that can opened or carried (on truck). Vulnerability between terminal and final destination. 10,000 containers are lost at sea each year (fall overboard).
Illicit trade	Common instrument used in the illicit trade of goods, drugs and weapons, as well as for illegal immigration. Concerns about the usage of containers for terrorism.

Advantages and Drawbacks of Containerization



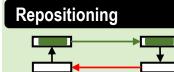
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Capital intensiveness

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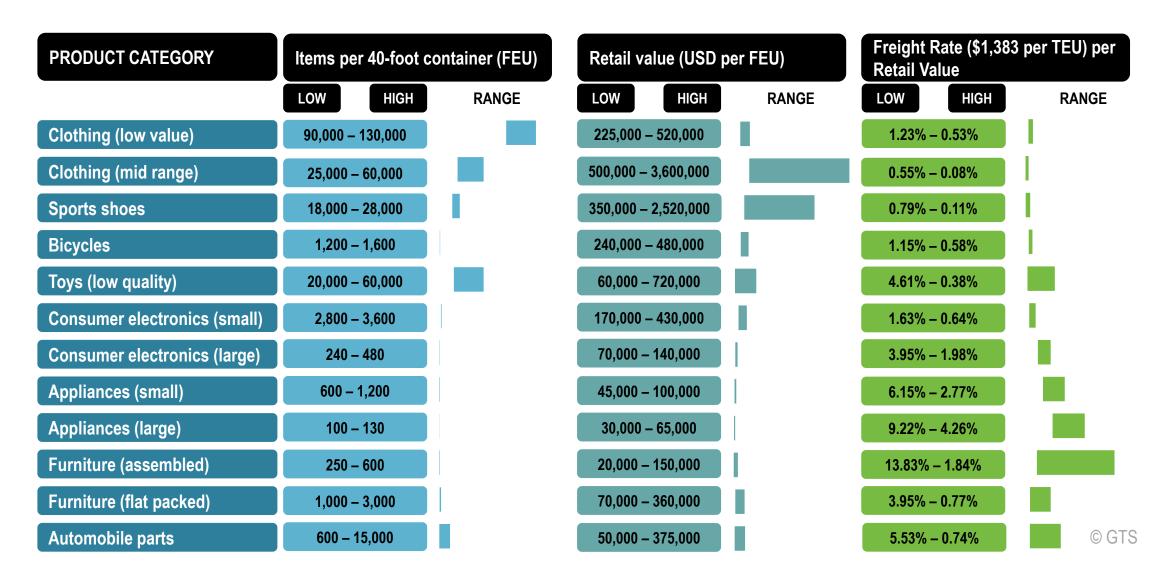
Container Shipping Costs and Cargo Value

Products	Items / 40 Foot Container		Retail Value (USD)		Freight / Value (%)	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
Clothing (low value)	90,000	130,000	225,000	520,000	0.56	1.91
Clothing (mid range)	25,000	60,000	500,000	3,600,000	0.08	0.86
Sports shoes	18,000	28,000	350,000	2,520,000	0.12	0.23
Bicycles	1,200	1,600	240,000	480,000	0.60	1.79
Toys (low quality)	20,000	60,000	60,000	720,000	0.40	7.17
Consumer electronics (small)	2,800	3,600	170,000	430,000	0.67	2.53
Consumer electronics (large)	240	480	70,000	140,000	2.07	6.14
Appliances (small)	600	1,200	45,000	100,000	2.90	9.56
Appliances (large)	100	130	30,000	65,000	4.16	14.33
Furniture (assembled)	250	600	20,000	150,000	1.93	21.50
Furniture (flat packed)	1,000	3,000	70,000	360,000	0.80	6.14
Automobile parts	600	15,000	50,000	375,000	0.77	8.60

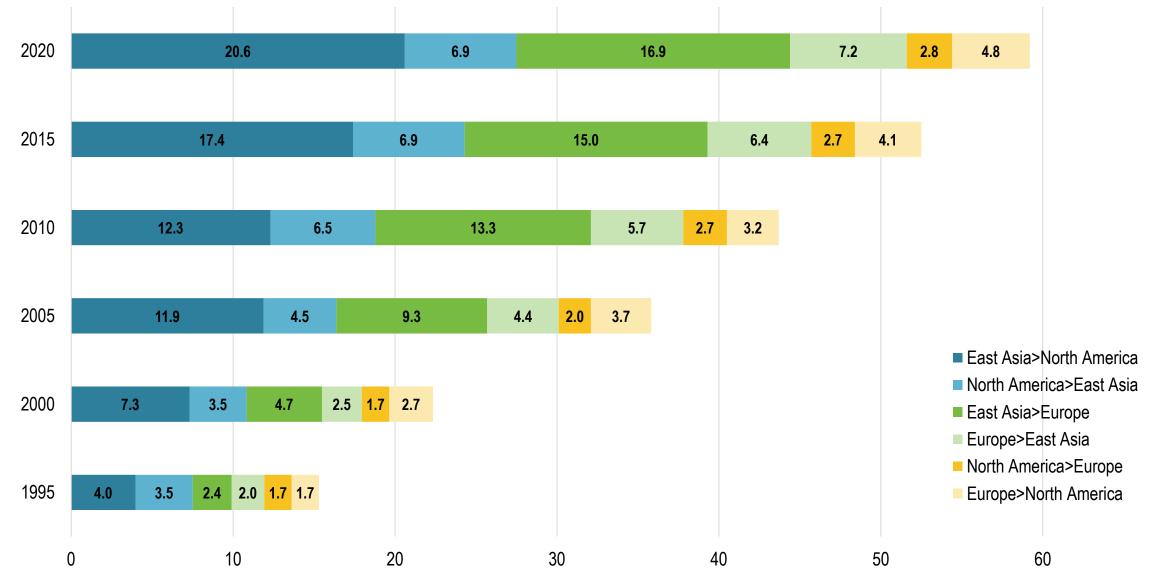
Container Shipping Costs and Cargo Value (updated)

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Bicycles	1,200	1,600	240,000	480,000	1.15	0.58
Toys (low quality)	20,000	60,000	60,000	720,000	4.61	0.38
Consumer electronics (small)	2,800	3,600	170,000	430,000	1.63	0.64
Consumer electronics (large)	240	480	70,000	140,000	3.95	1.98
Appliances (small)	600	1,200	45,000	100,000	6.15	2.77
Appliances (large)	100	130	30,000	65,000	9.22	4.26
Furniture (assembled)	250	600	20,000	150,000	13.83	1.84
Furniture (flat packed)	1,000	3,000	70,000	360,000	3.95	0.77
Automobile parts	600	15,000	50,000	375,000	5.53	0.74

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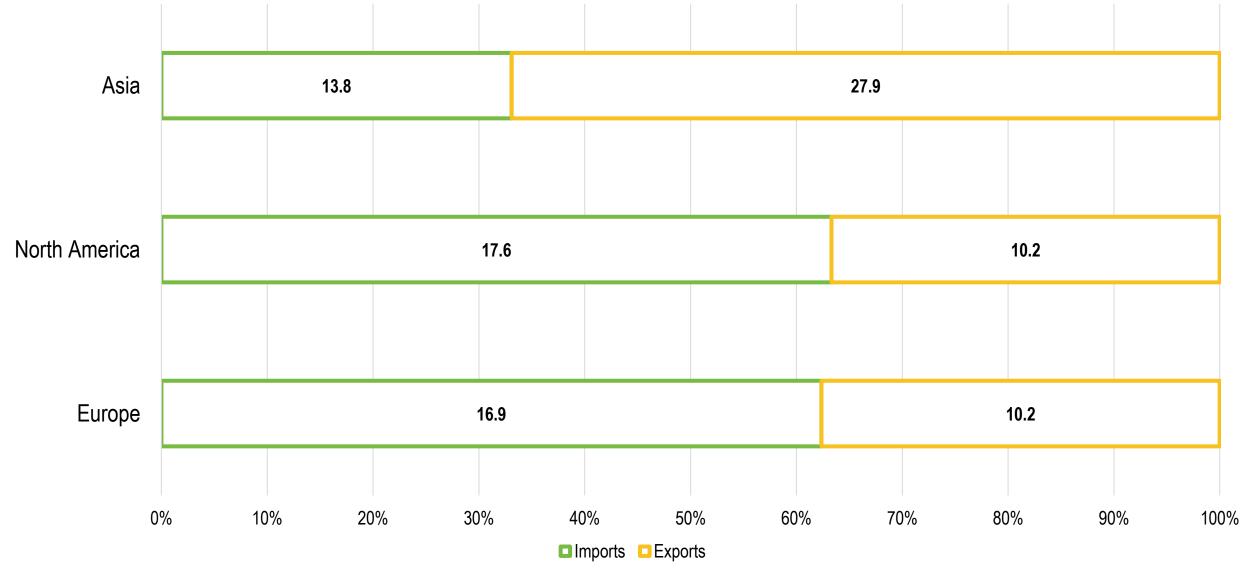


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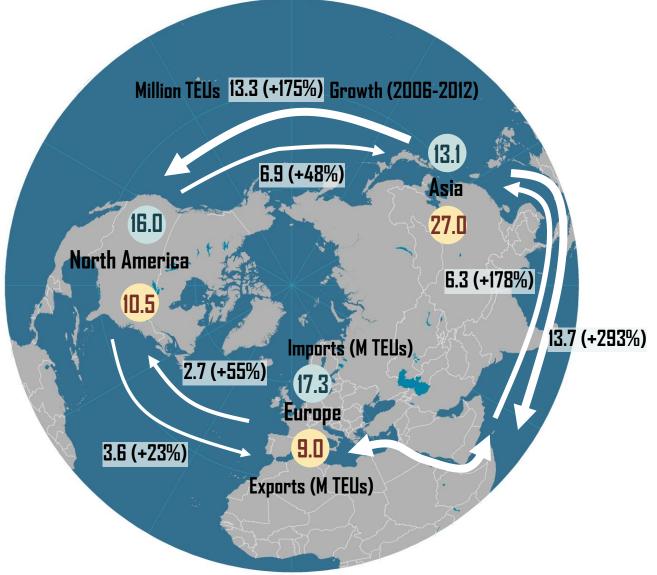


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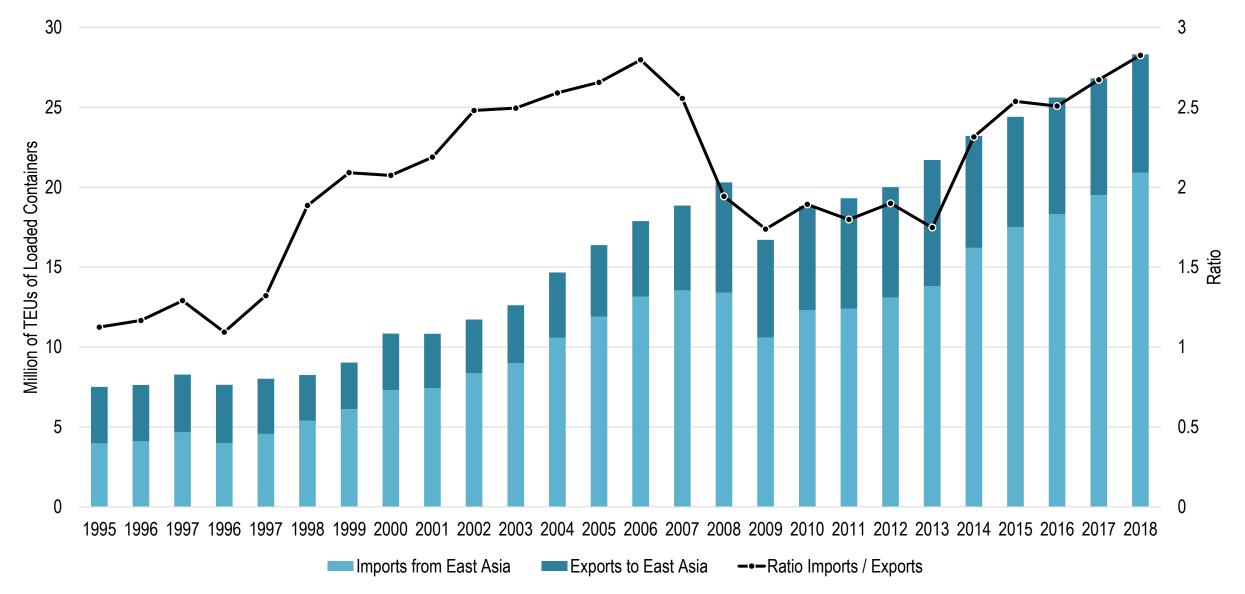
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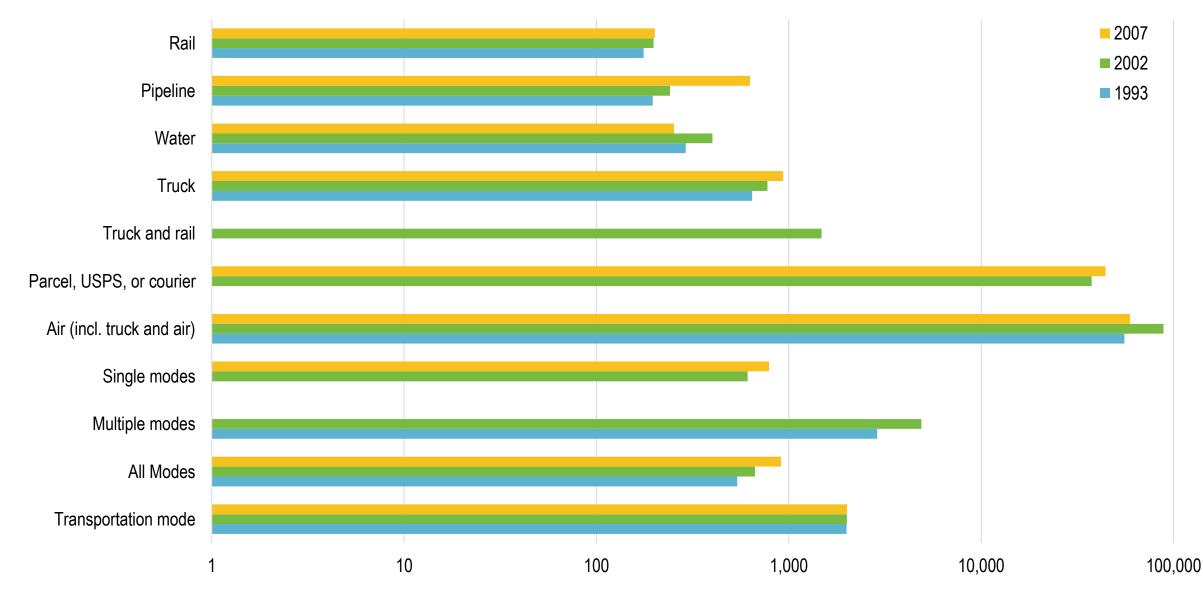
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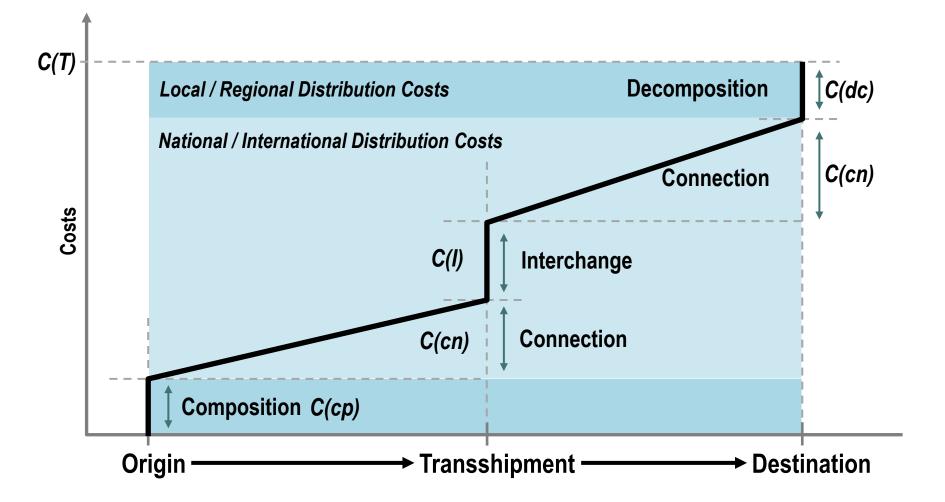
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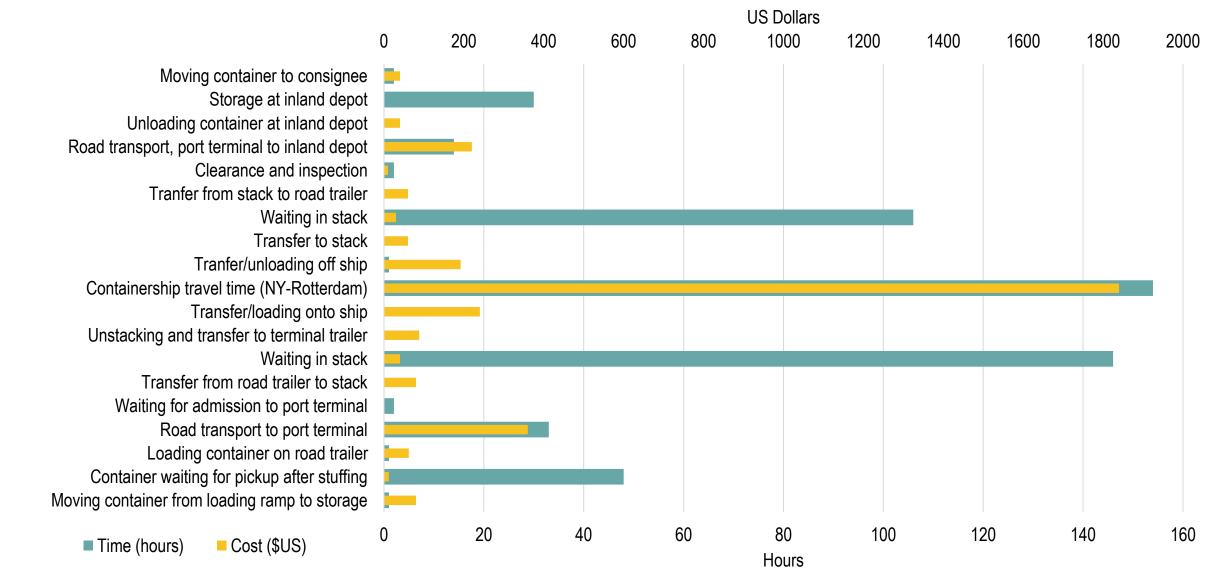
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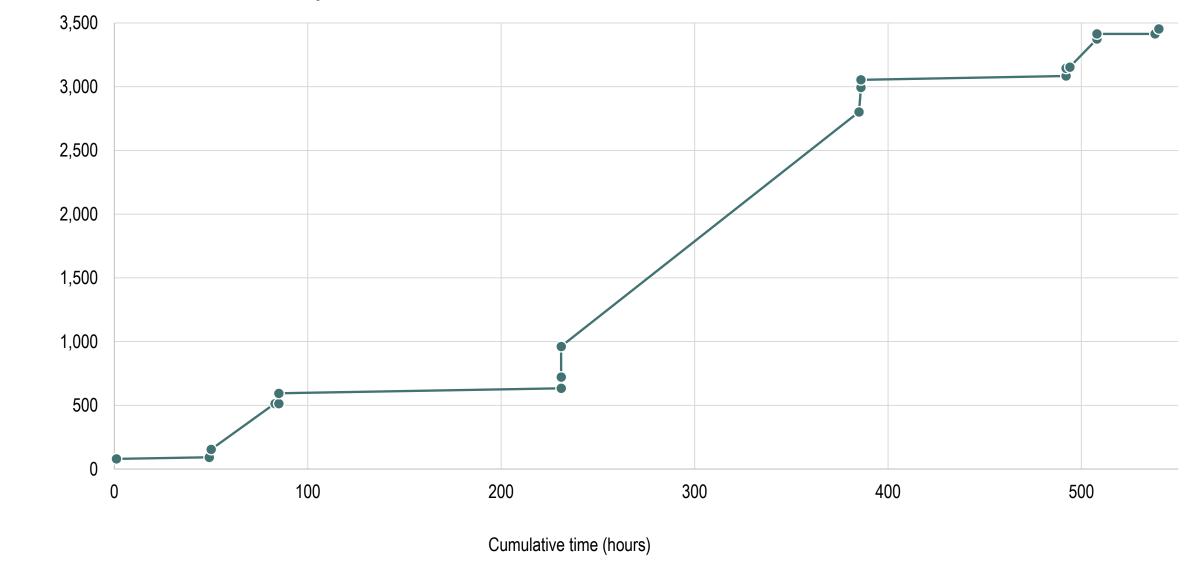
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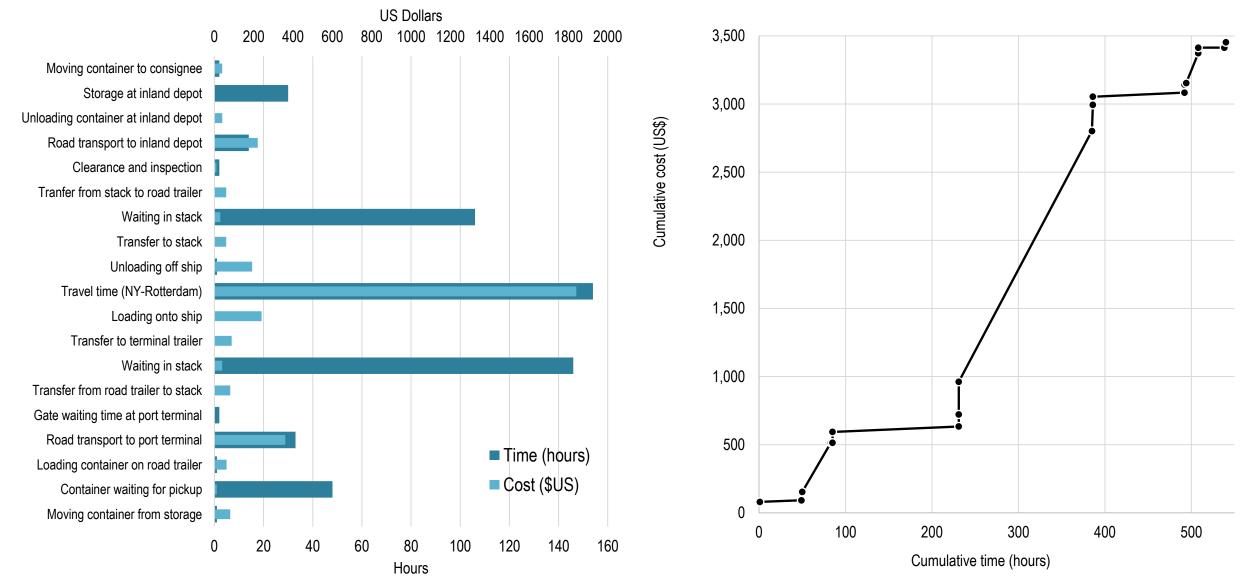
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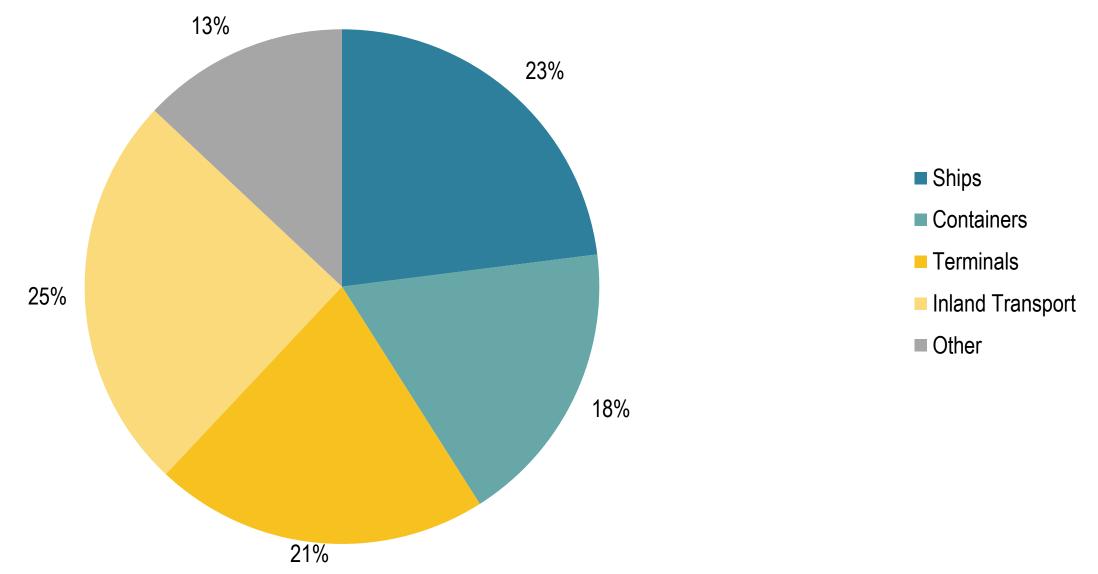
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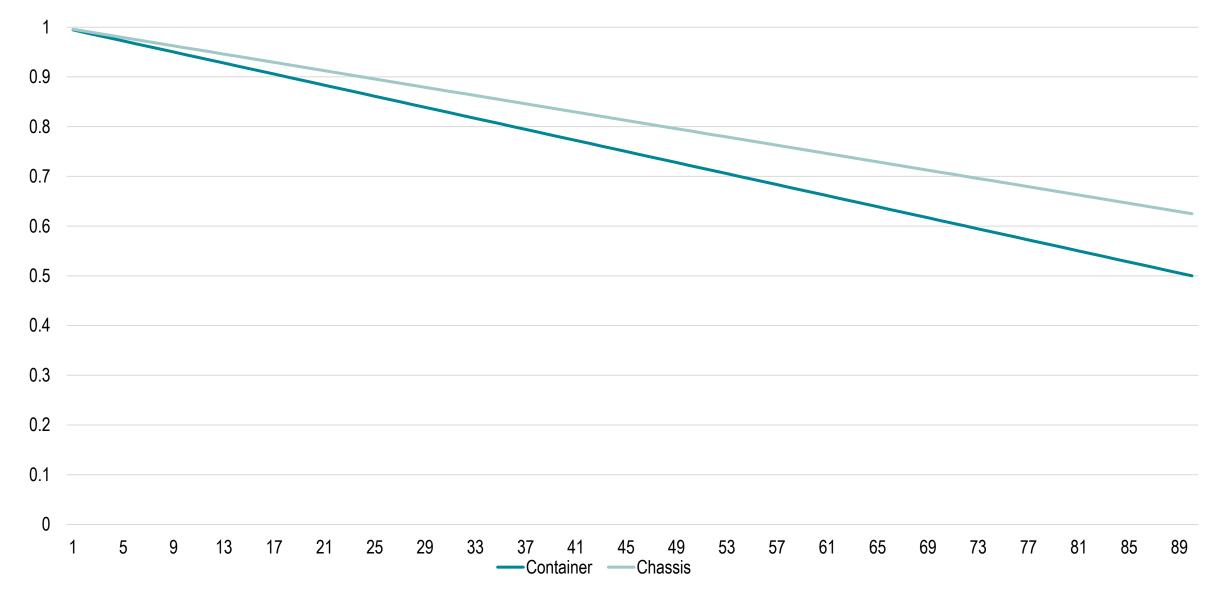
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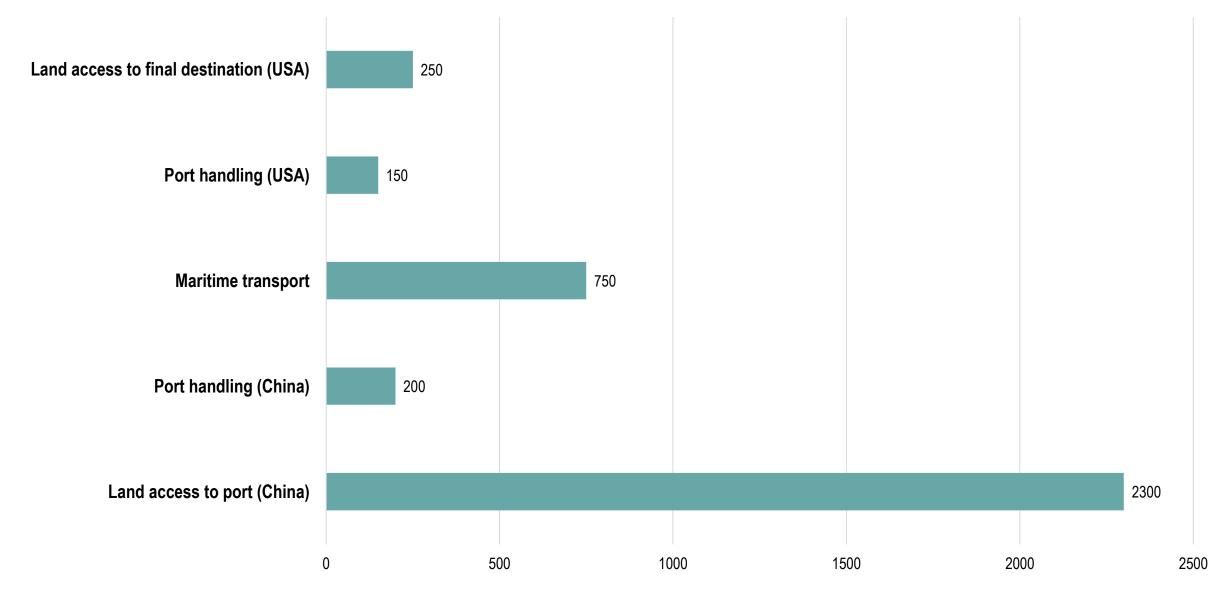
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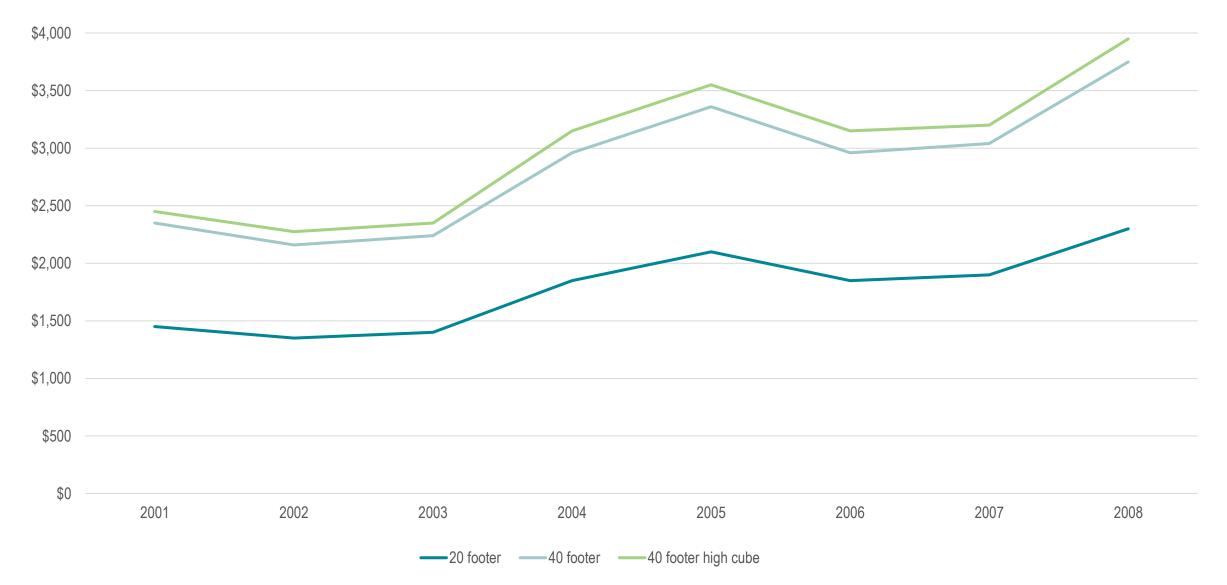
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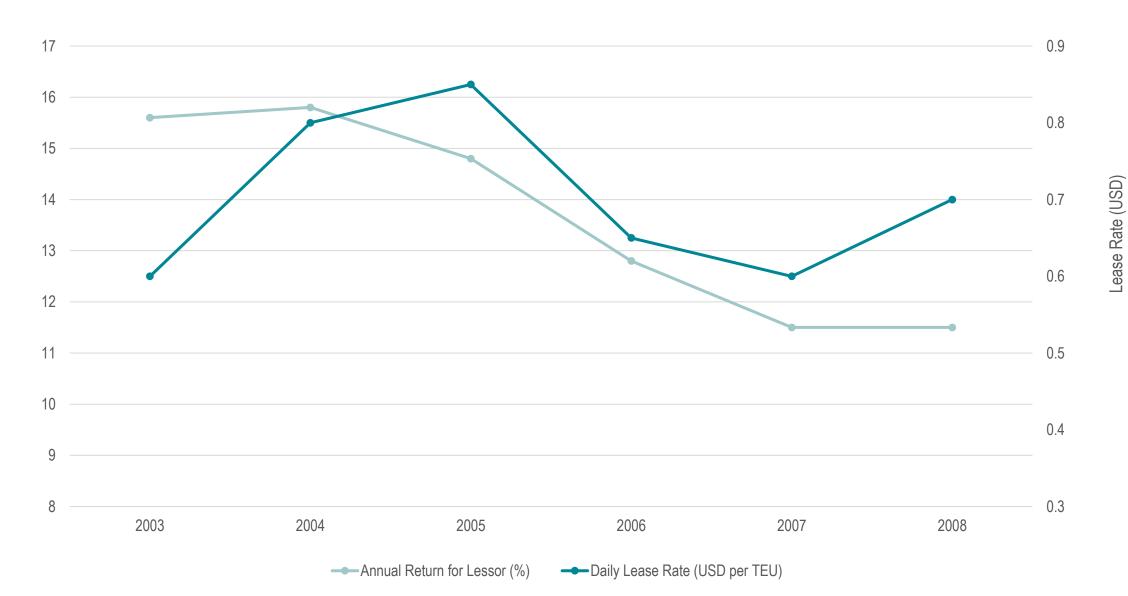
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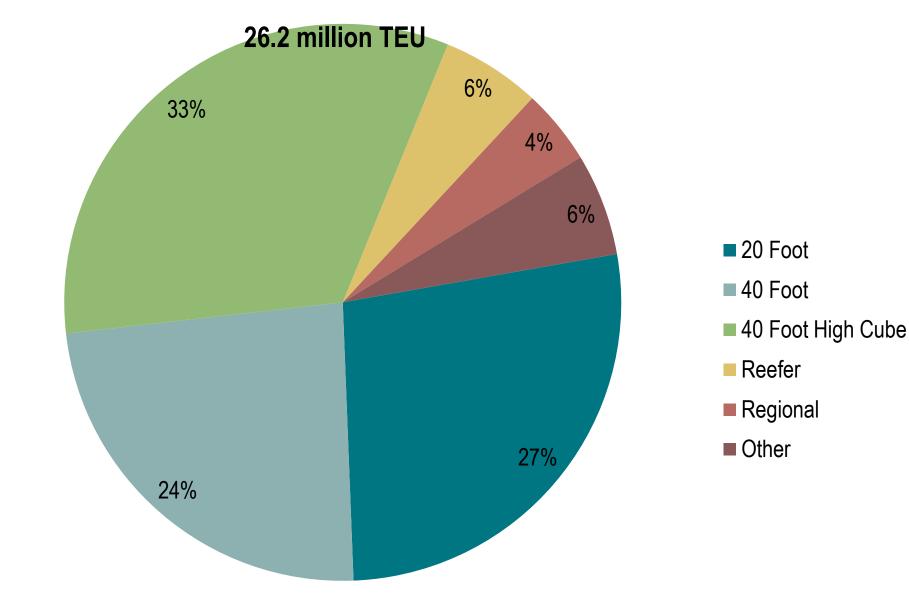
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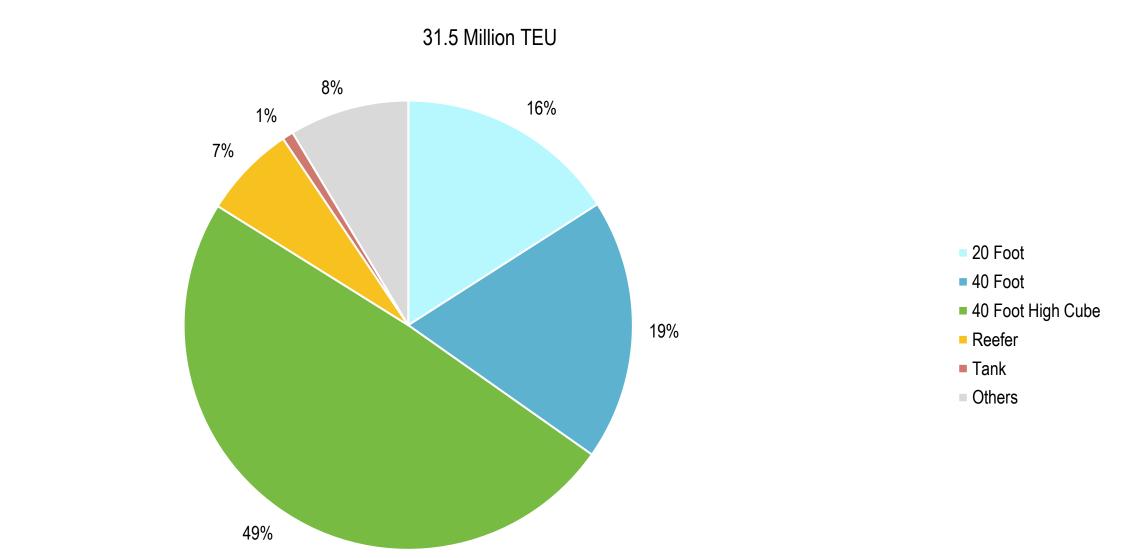
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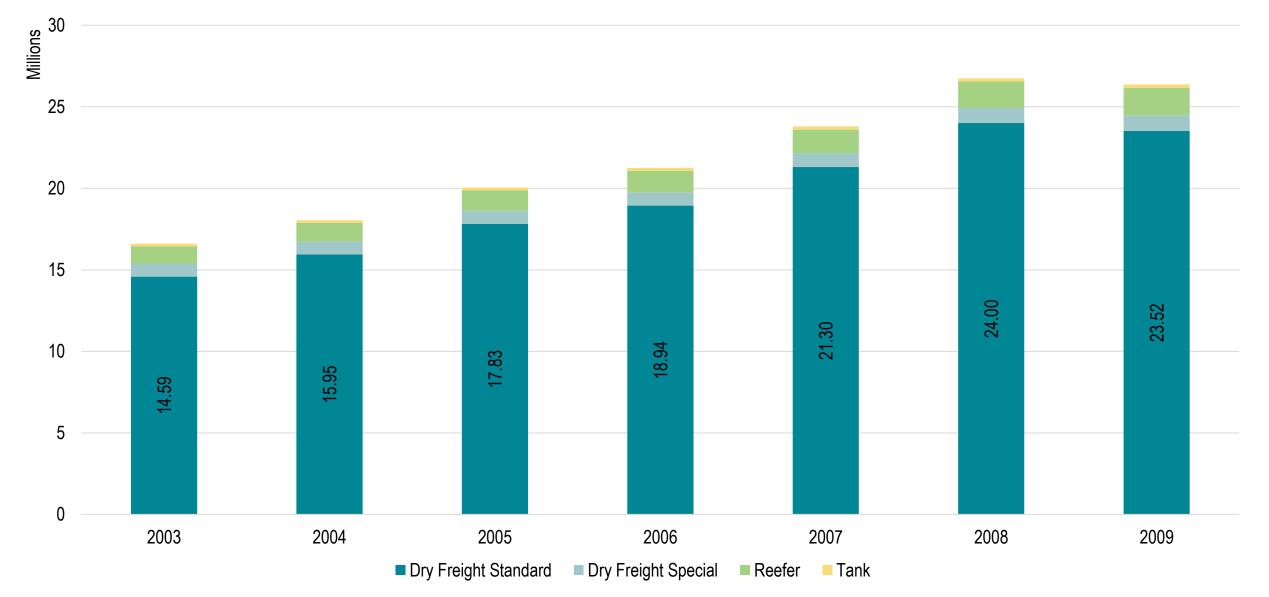
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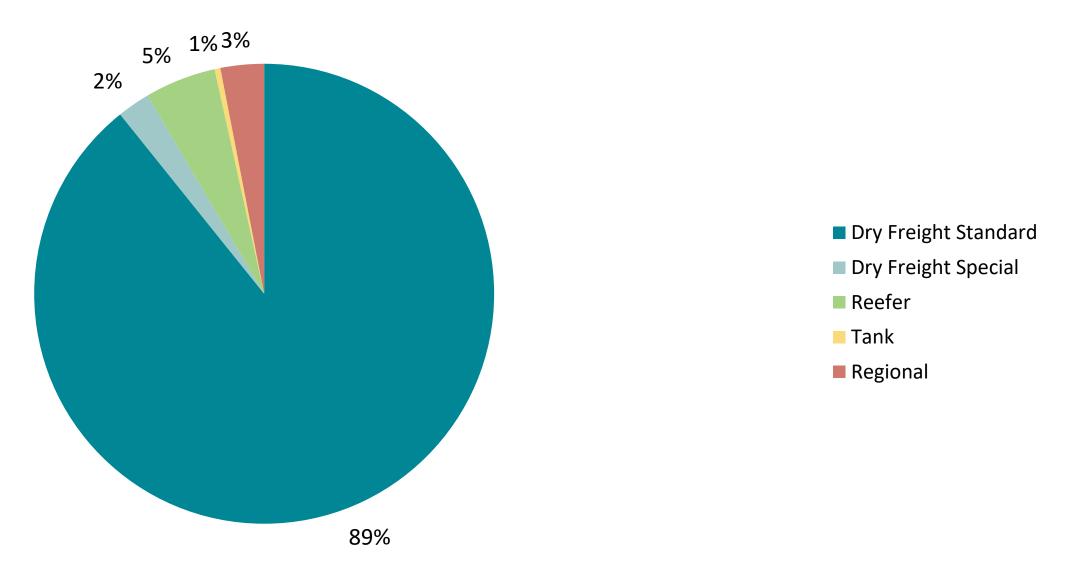
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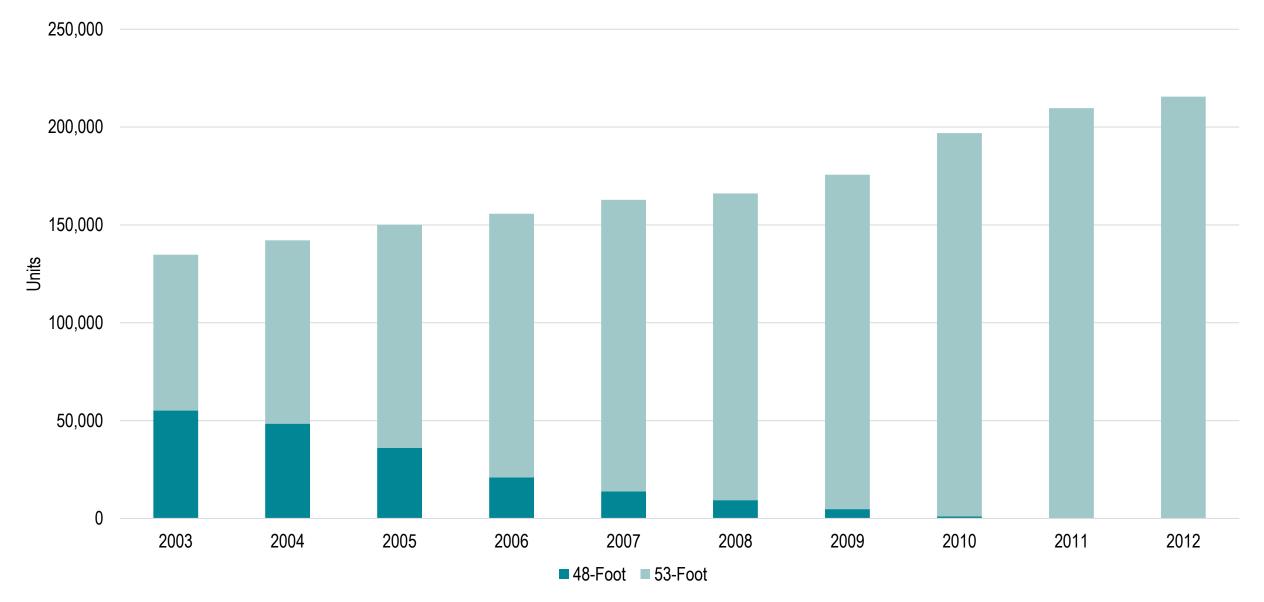
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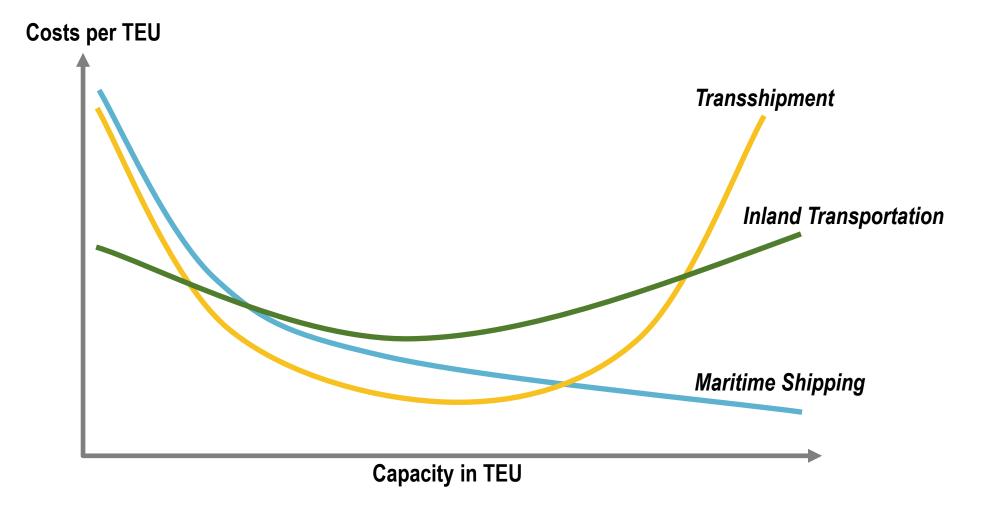
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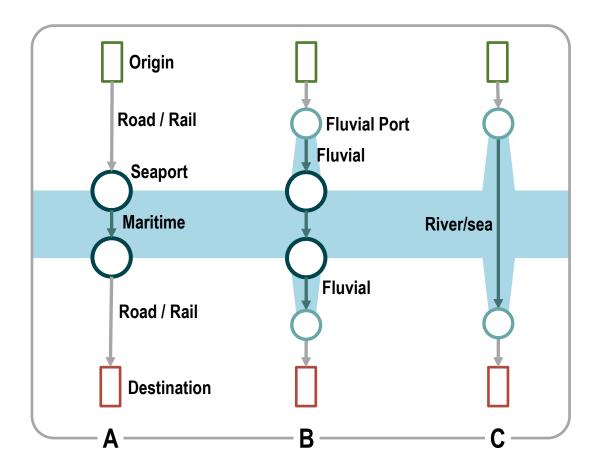
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