



# *Maritime Transportation and the Development of Transfer Ports in Latin America*


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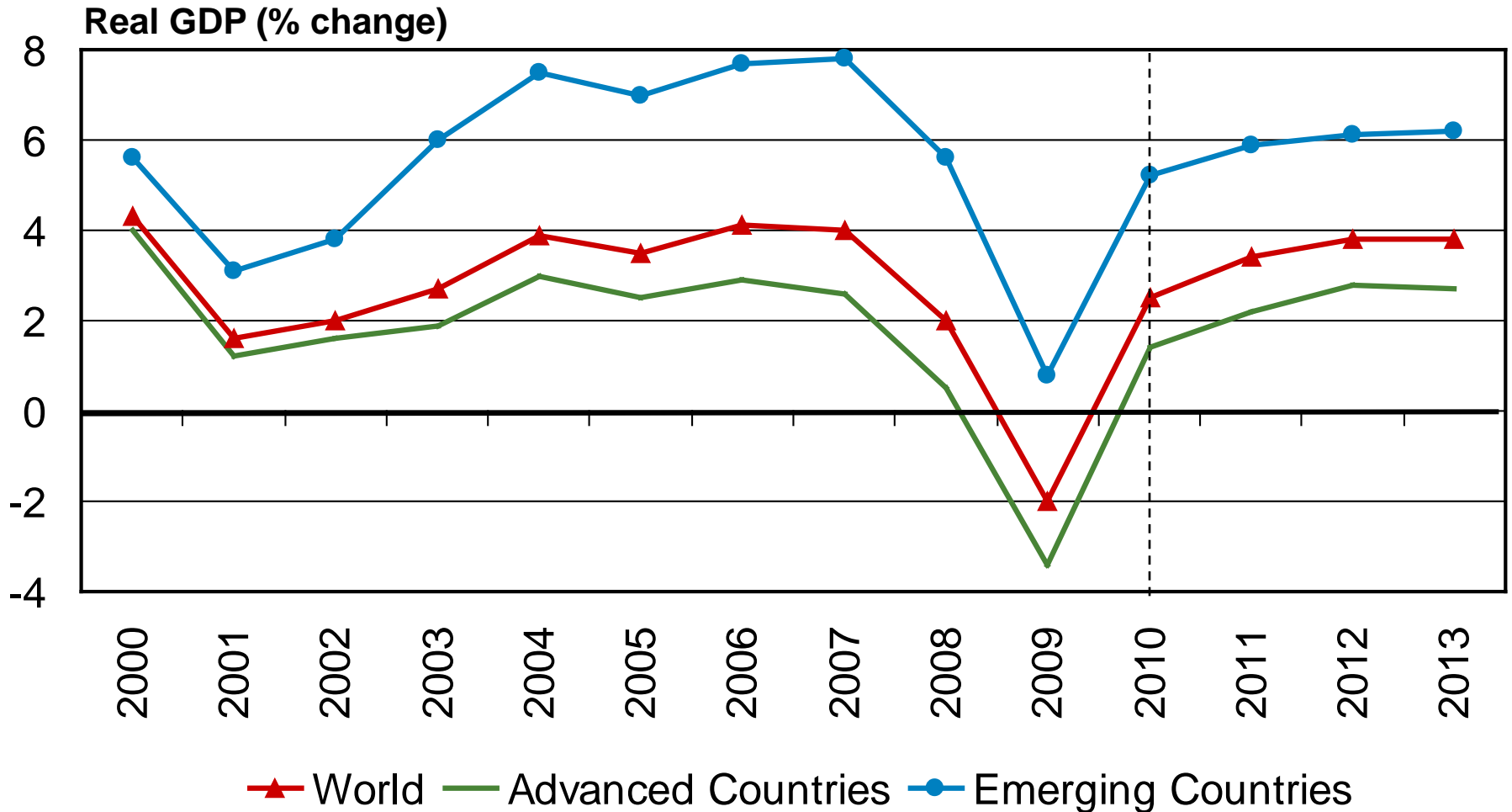
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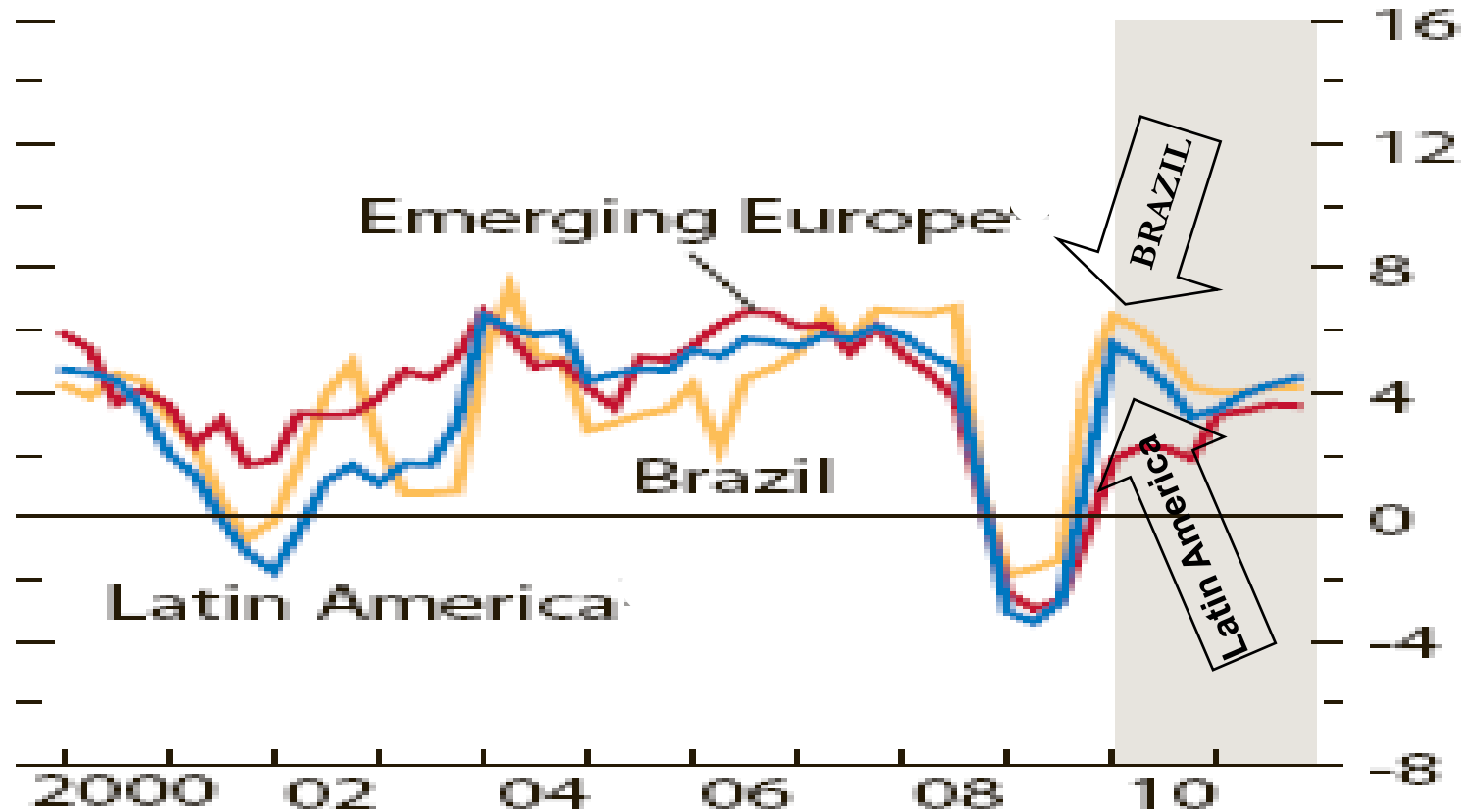
# The emerging markets have helped to keep the world from falling into an even deeper recession and are leading the recovery.



Source: Global Insight

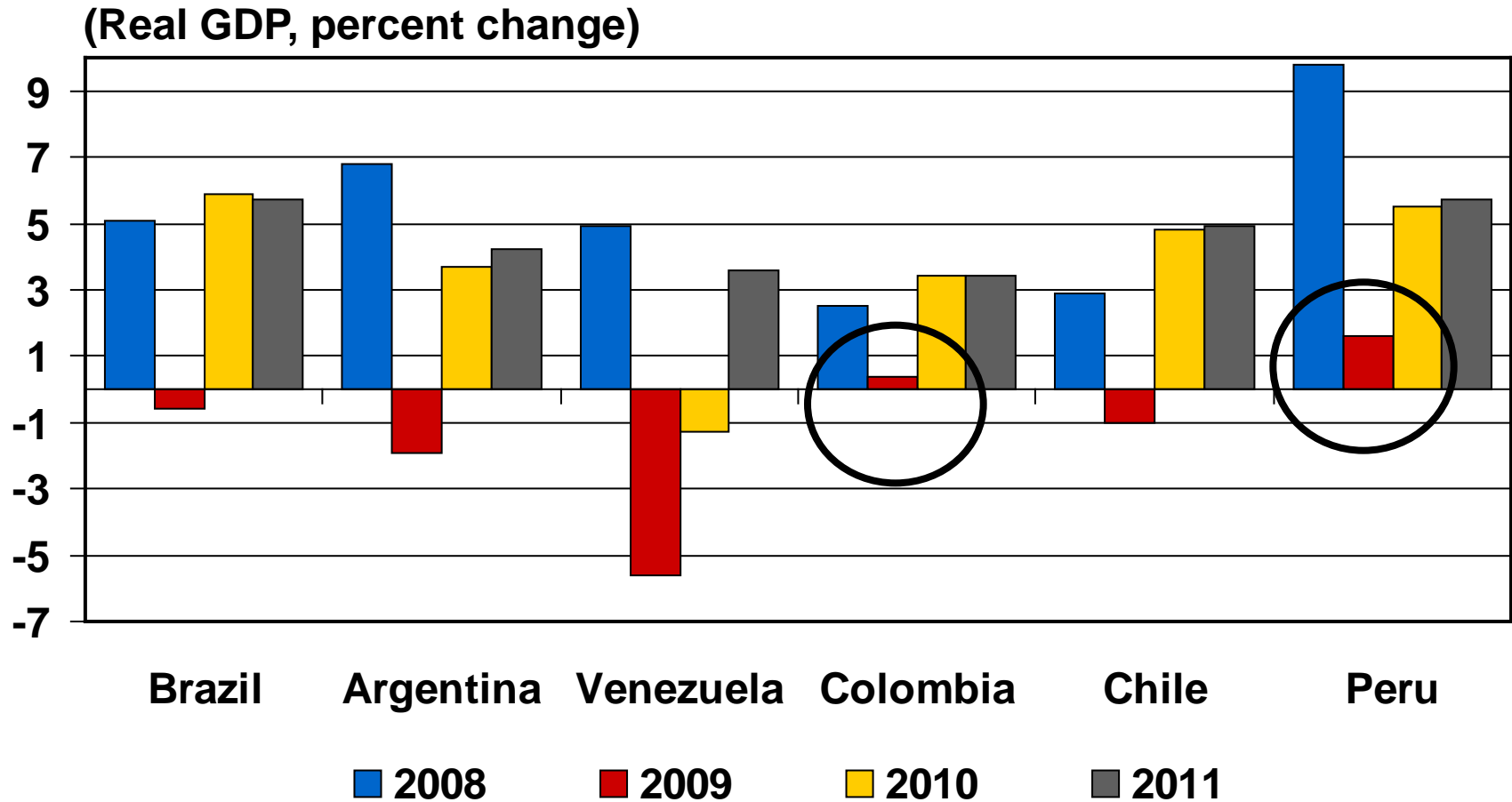
# The Emerging Markets as seen by the IMF: Latin America

## GDP Growth



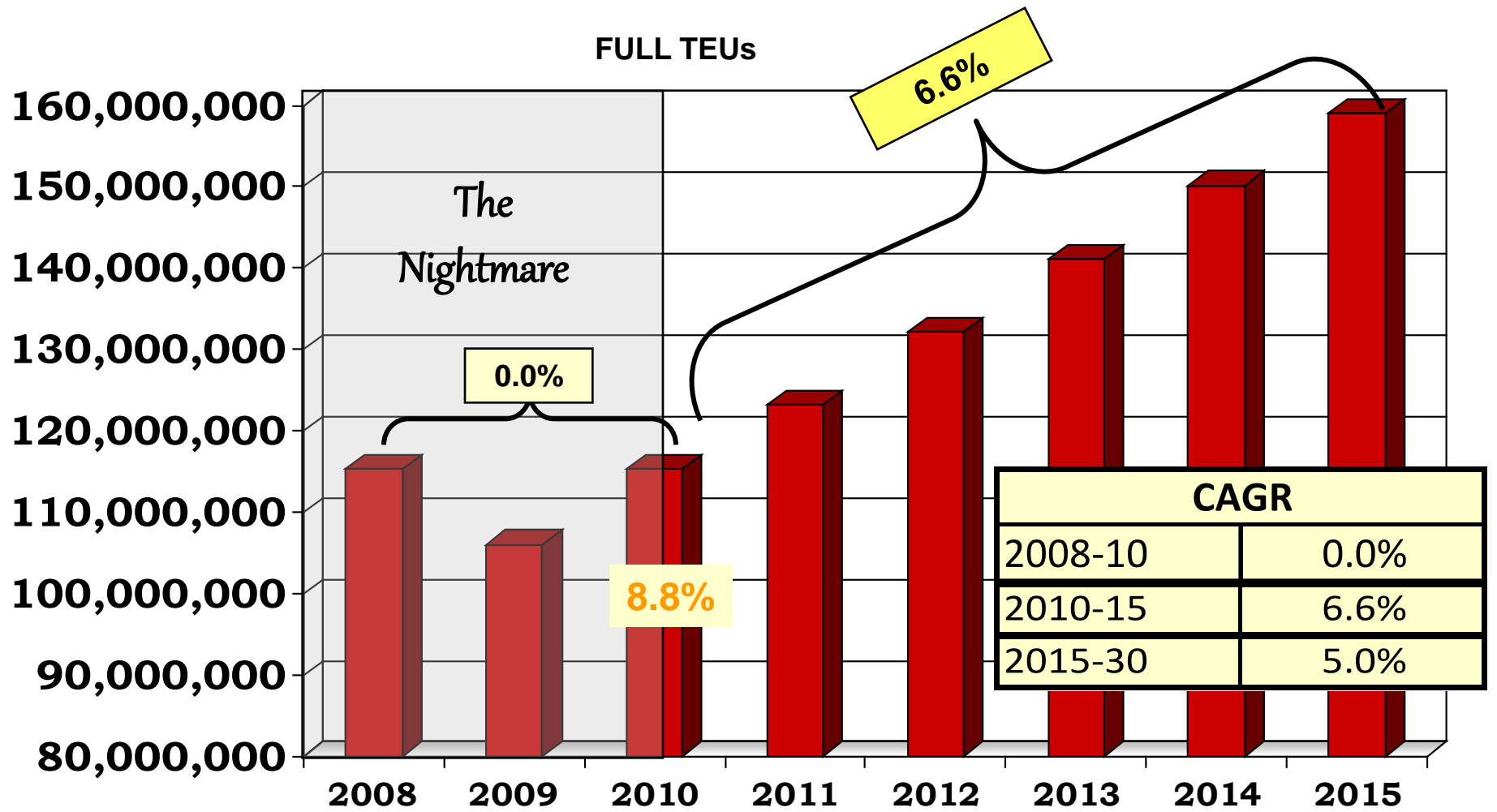
Source: IMF World Economic Outlook, April 2010

# In South America, most countries are expected to have solid economic growth in 2010 and 2011.



Source: Data and tables from IHS Global Insight and Halcrow local offices

**World TEUs will soon exceed the 2008 numbers. However, the years of double digit growth ('03, '04, '06) are not to be seen again.**

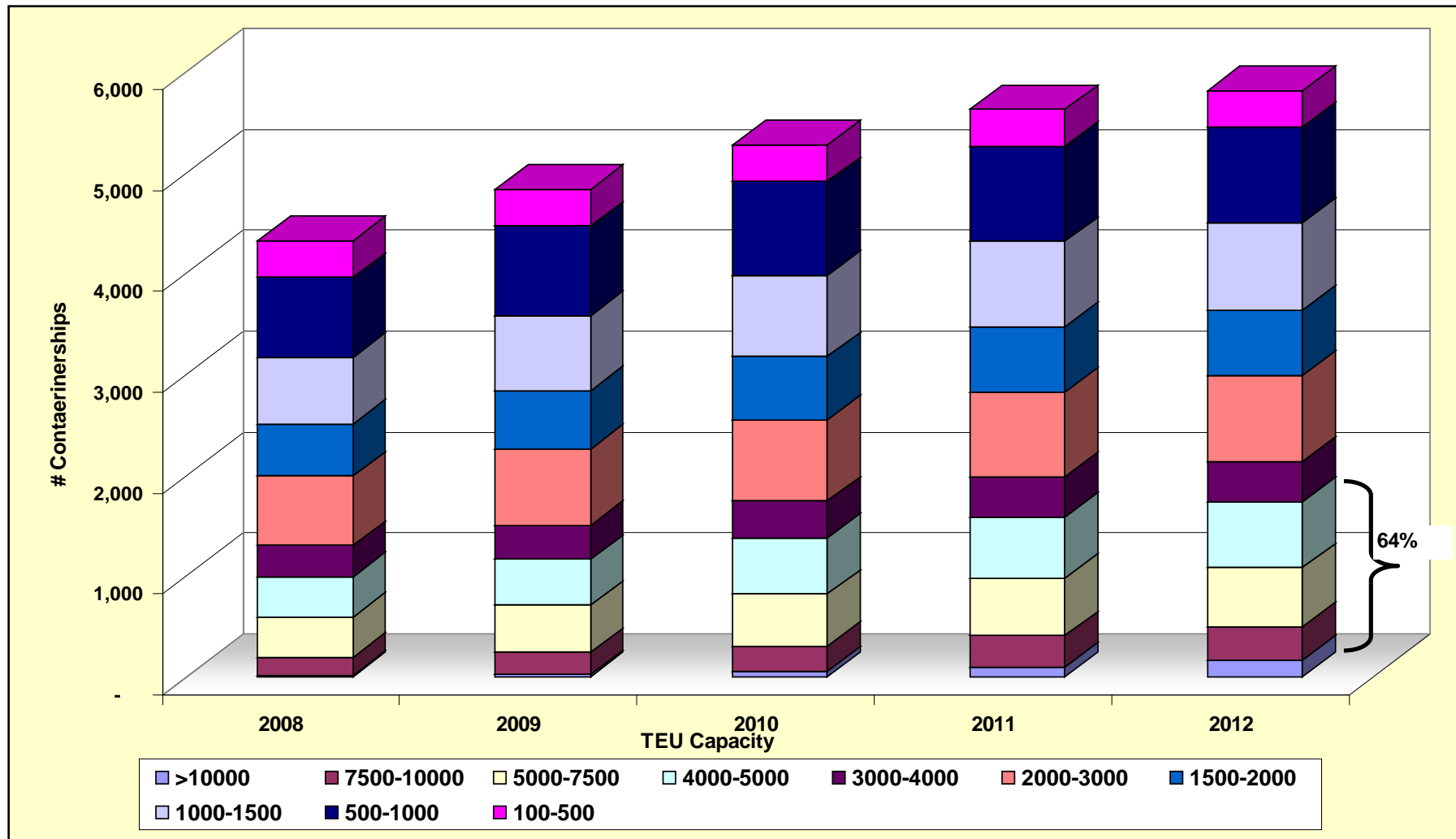


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# By 2012, 64% of containership capacity will be in Post-Panamax Vessels. Just 30% of the ships.



Source: Clarksons



# There are truths and myths when it comes to the economics of bigger containerships.

- ▶ The PPX ships bring new efficiencies (lower costs) per TEU
- ▶ The PPXs make money only when steaming
- ▶ The PPXs will call many ports on the USEC and in the Caribbean
- ▶ Many ports can quickly and efficiently handle 8000+ TEUs from one ship

TRUE




FALSE



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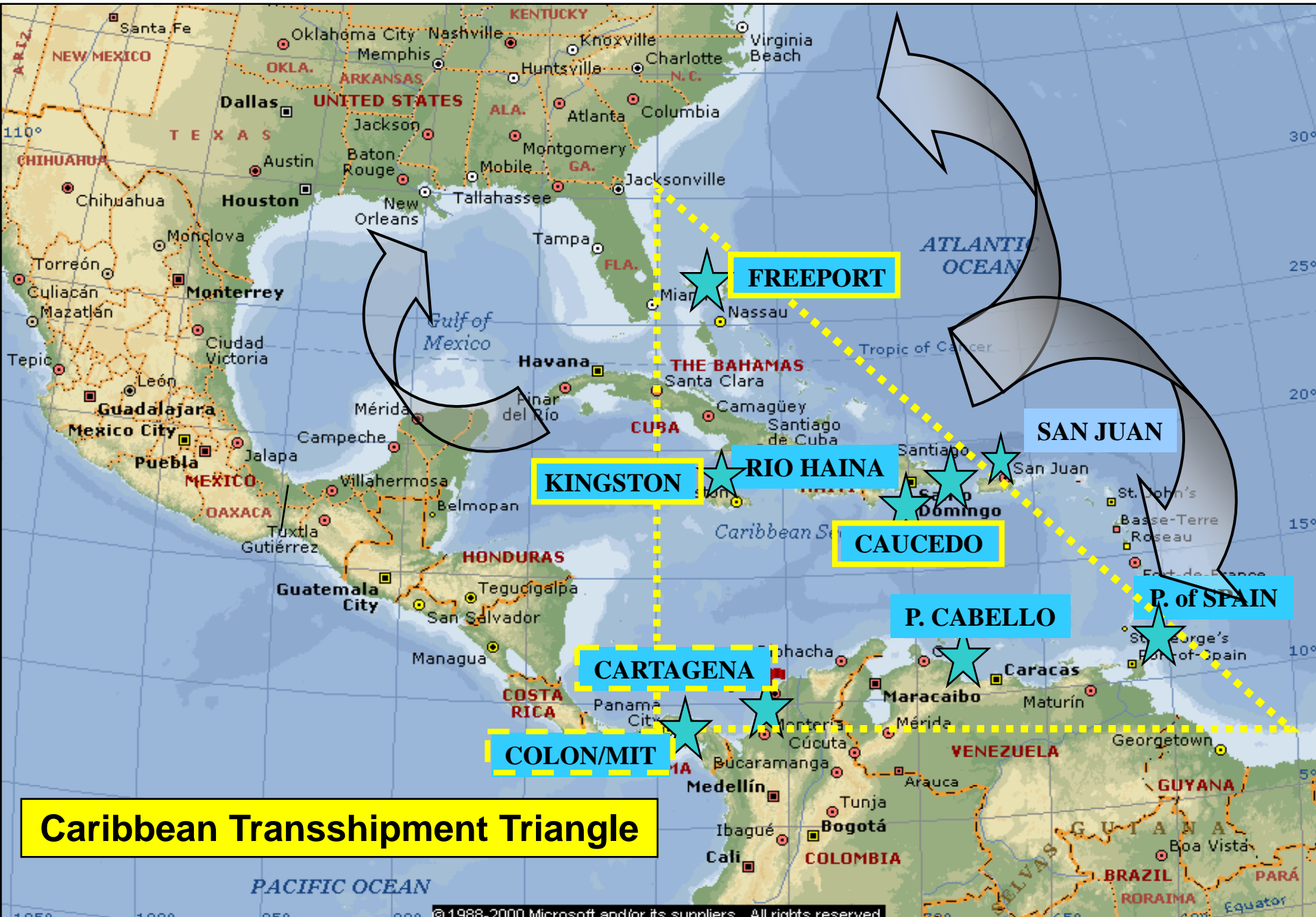
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# Transshipping makes sense for a number of reasons.

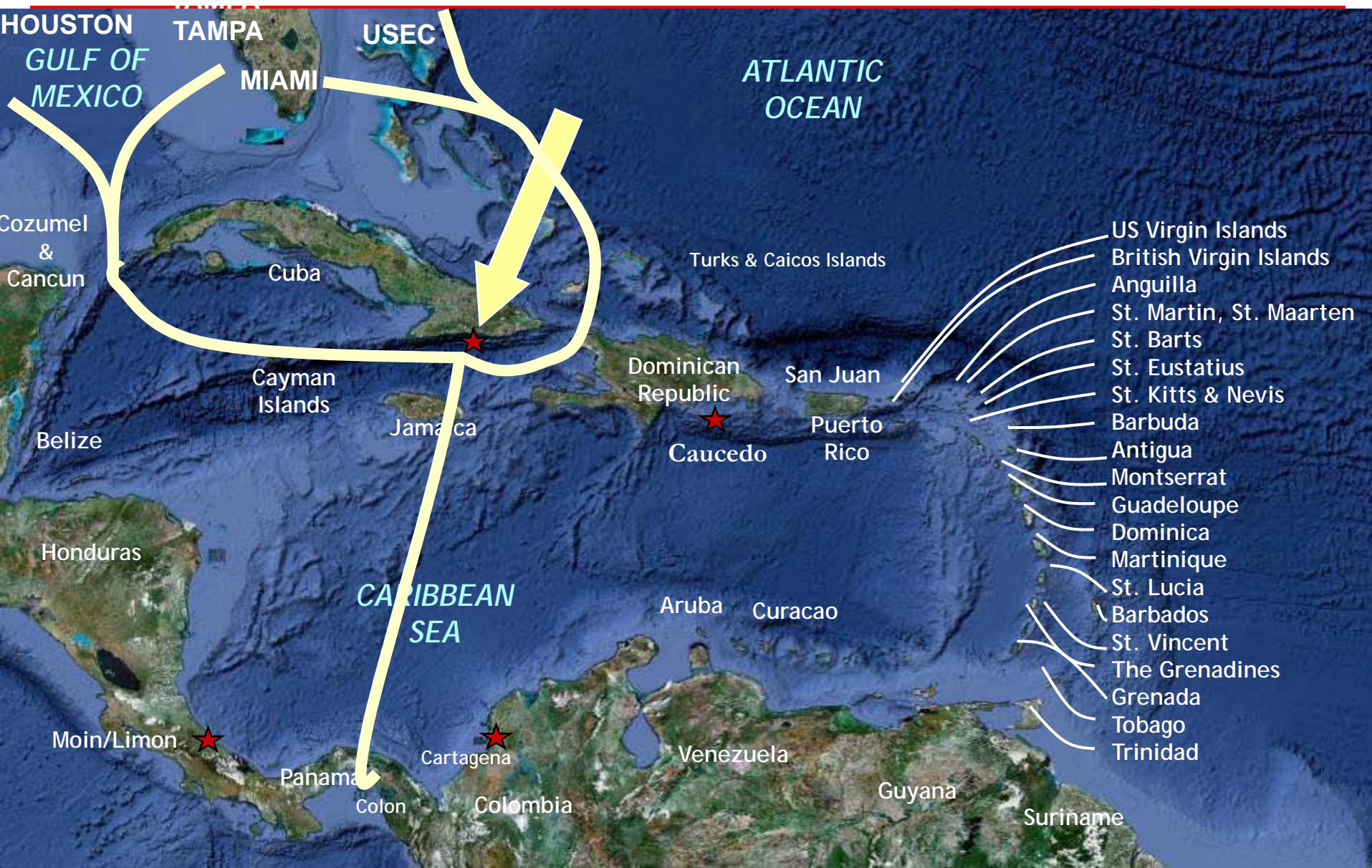
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1. Can load the ship in Asia with multi-destination cargo
2. Can attract cargo from USEC, Gulf, Central and South America, and the Caribbean for the backhaul
3. On Asia-USEC, the All-Water option is much cheaper than the landbridge option, even with a \$200/move transshipment charge
4. On WCSA-Asia, a Pacific transshipment in Panama provides a link to USEC and Europe

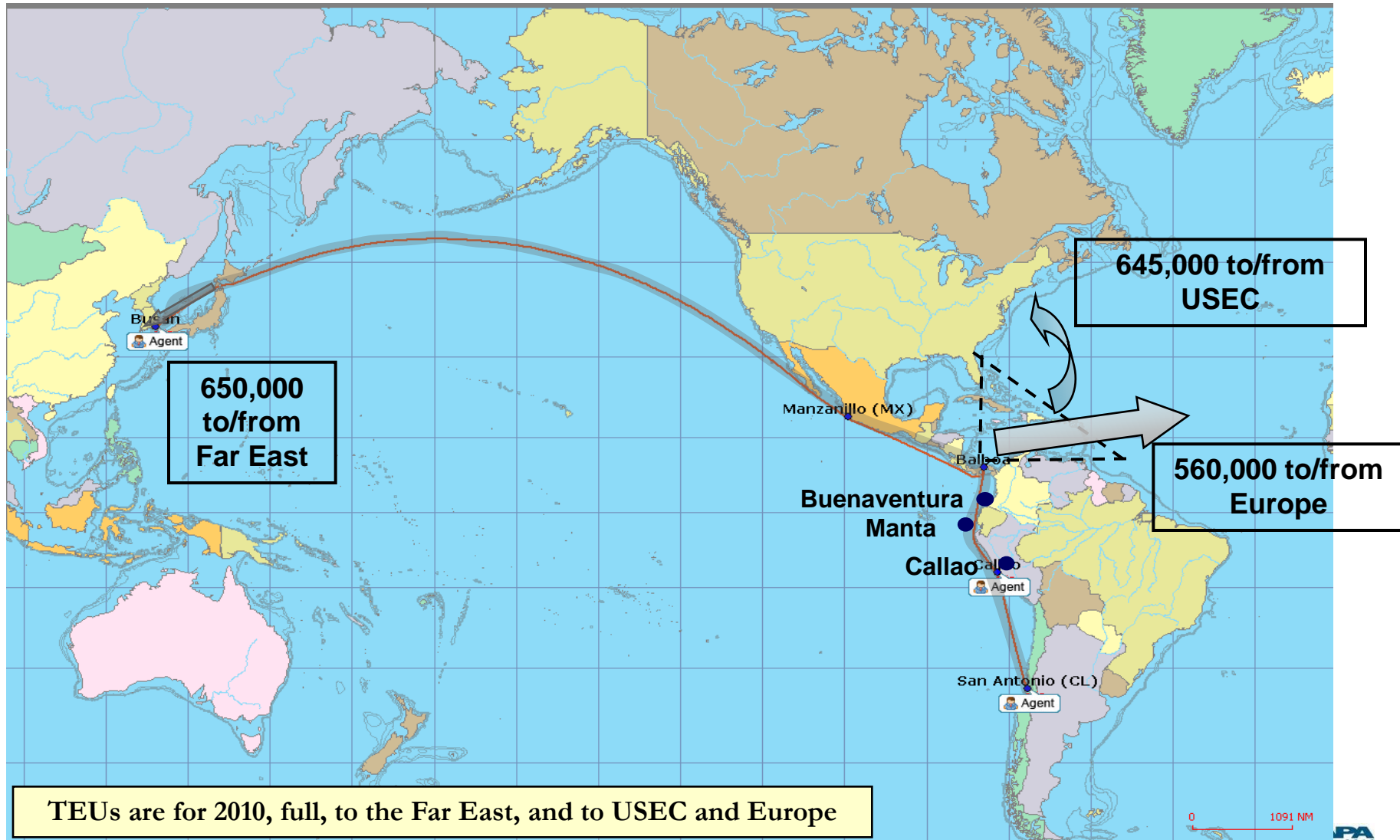
Now, the main Caribbean hubs are almost at full capacity.



# Cuba has potential as a manufacturing and transshipment hub. But has China already won the race?

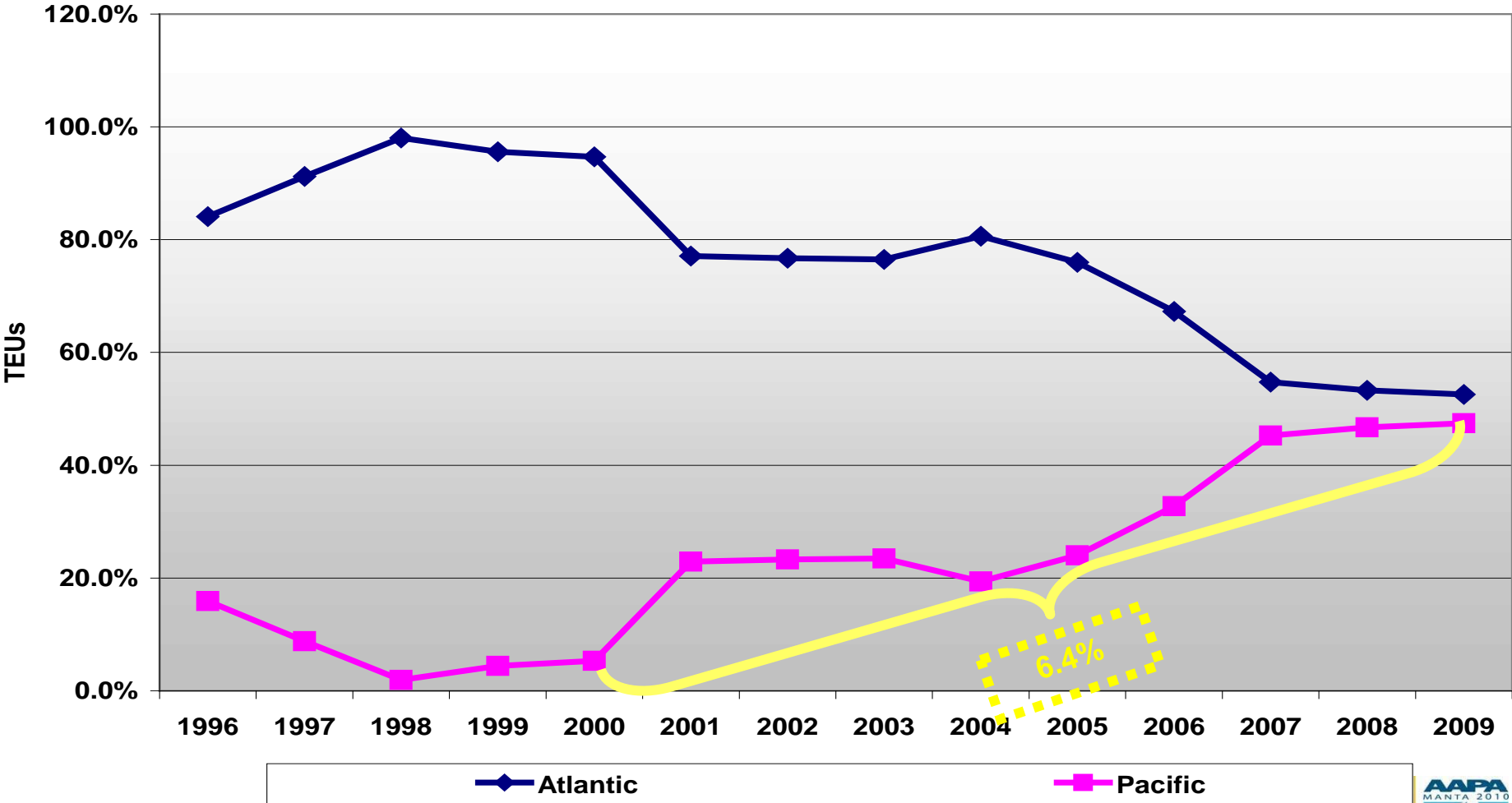


# The WCSA flows create the need for transfer ports.

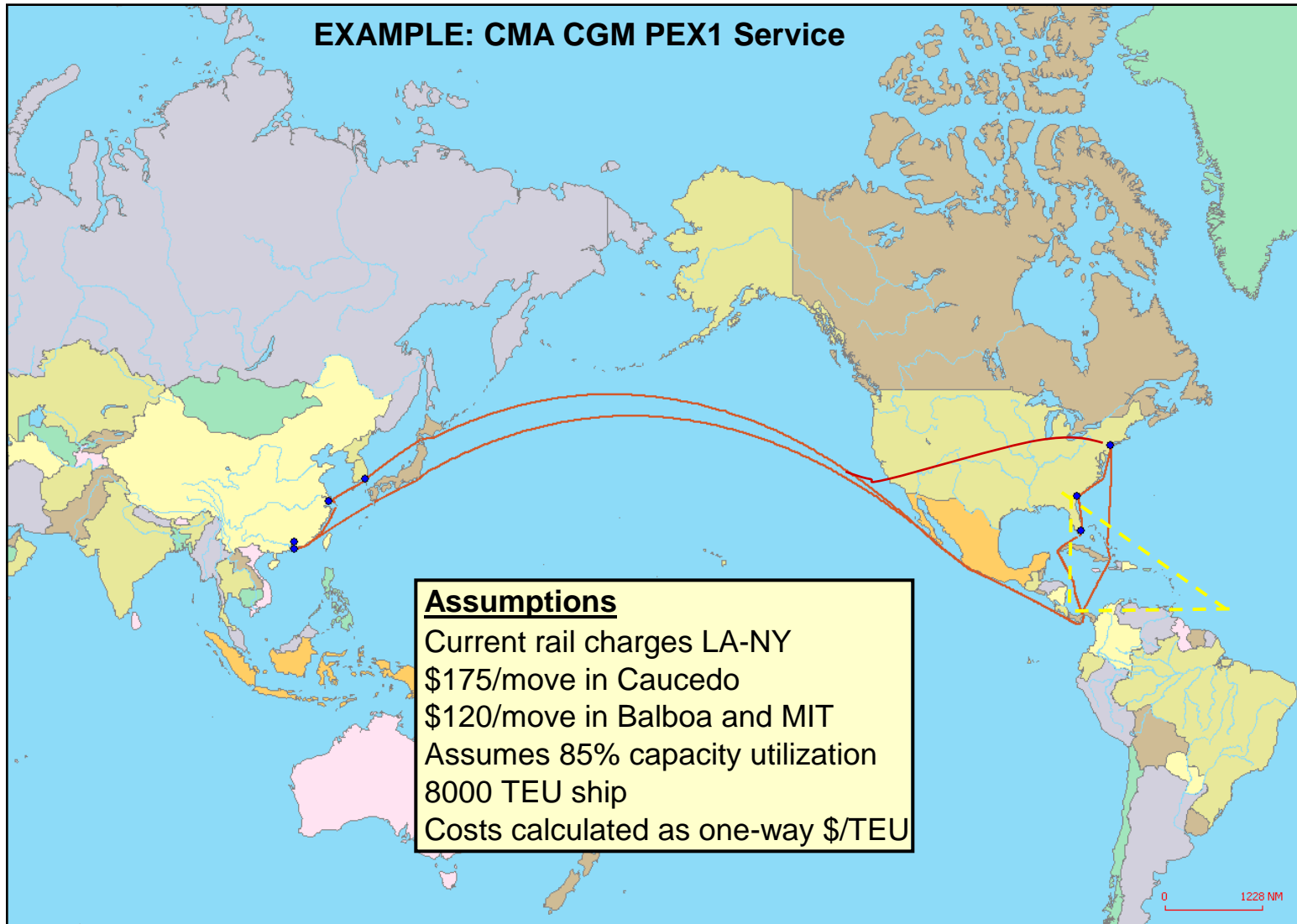


# Panama's Pacific Coast has experienced strong growth, especially when compared to the Atlantic coast

Atlantic & Pacific Shares - TEUs

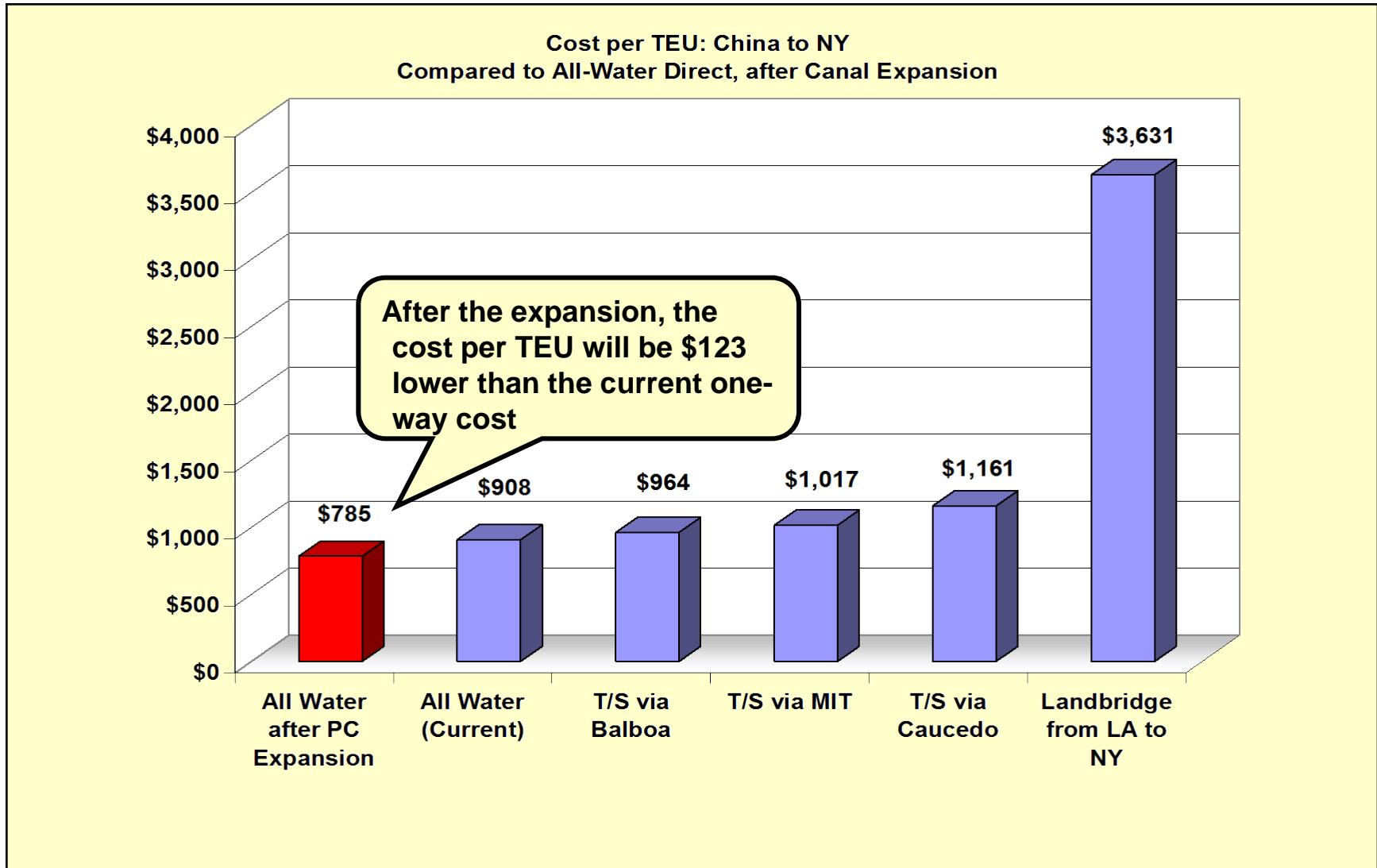


# On Asia-USEC, there is plenty of room for price flexibility at transshipment hubs.



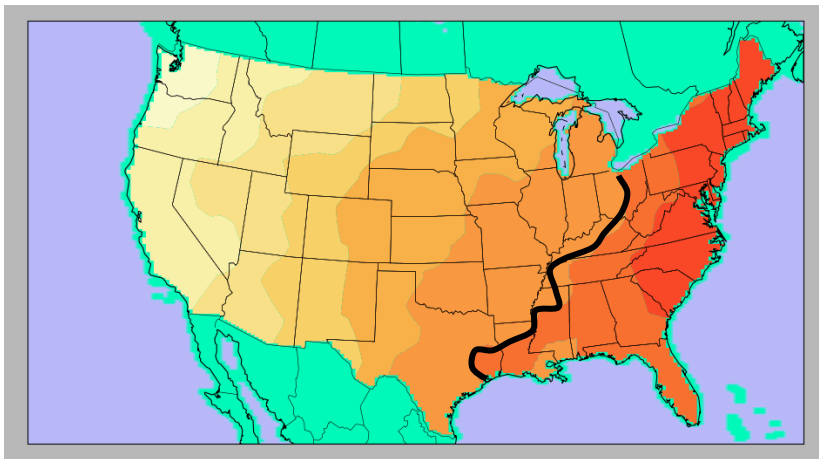


# For Asia-USEC, the All-Water route is still the cheapest; but transshipment is not that far behind in terms of cost.

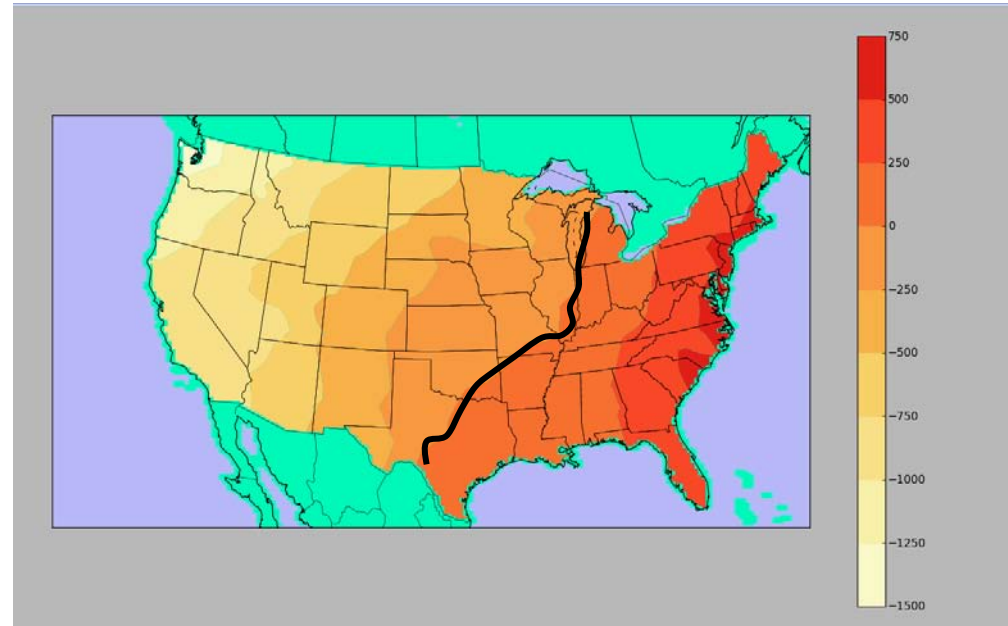


# Using an 8000 TEU ship dramatically expands the accessible market from USEC ports.

**4000 TEU ship**  
**51% of US market**



**8000 TEU ship**  
**66% of US market**



## Assumptions

**\$400/MT bunker**

**Canal tolls based on 2011 proposal**


**Current ship charter rates**

**Inland move by rail**

*Based on Halcrow, Princeton Consultants  
route cost model – June 2010*

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# Three Takeaways

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- 1. We are coming out of the recession and sea trade is growing again – but 2011 could be slower than 2010**
- 2. Transshipment in the Caribbean, Panama and WCSA could be on a high growth curve**  
**There is room for price flexibility**  
**After 2015 when the Canal opens . . .**
- 3. Just by opening for business, the Panama Canal route may provide access to a MUCH larger market in the US!**

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- ▶ On WCSA-Asia, a Pacific transshipment in Panama provides a link to USEC and Europe.



***Good Luck!!***

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