# Global Freight Trends and Private Sector Responses

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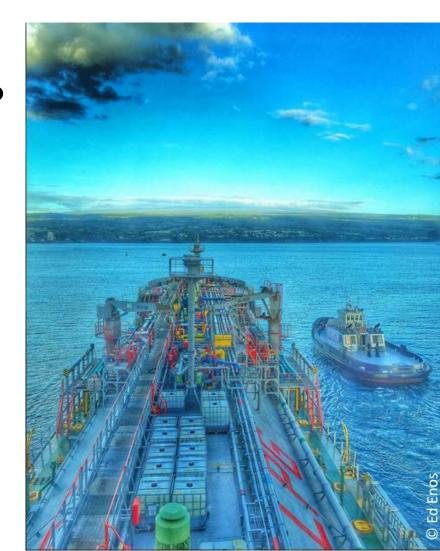
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## Global freight trends: "Doing freight right"

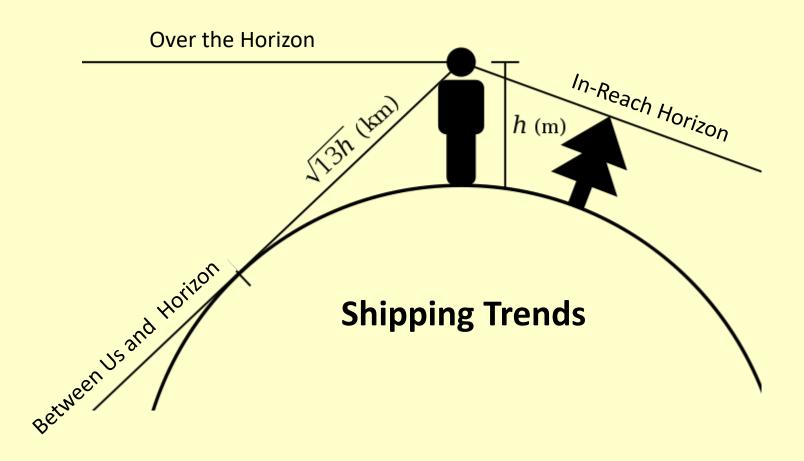
- Question 1: What is between here and horizon?
- Question 2: What might be over the horizon?

#### Three scales for perspective

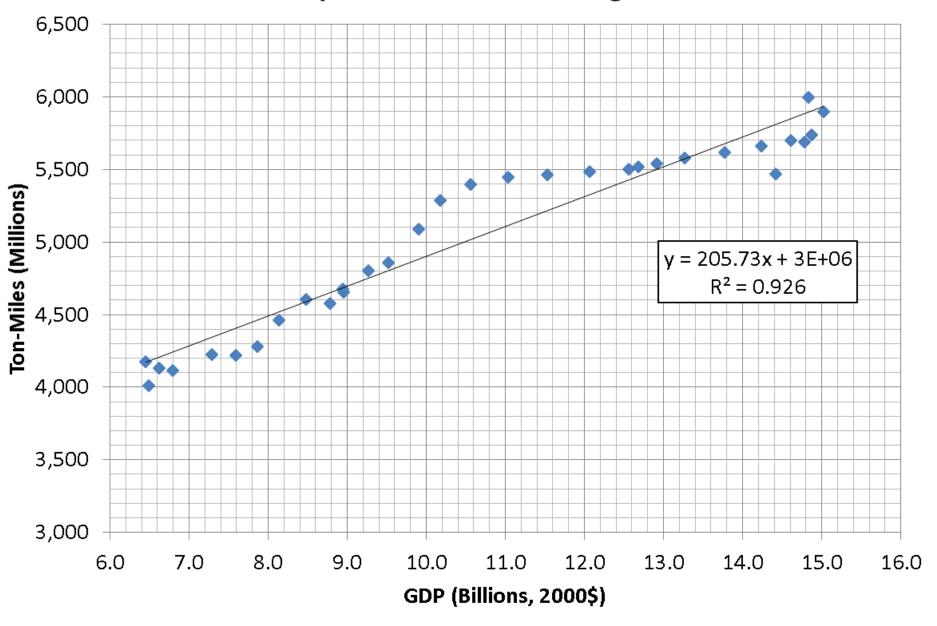
- Local
- National (State and multi-state levels)
- Global



## Don't confuse the next decade with the freight response horizon

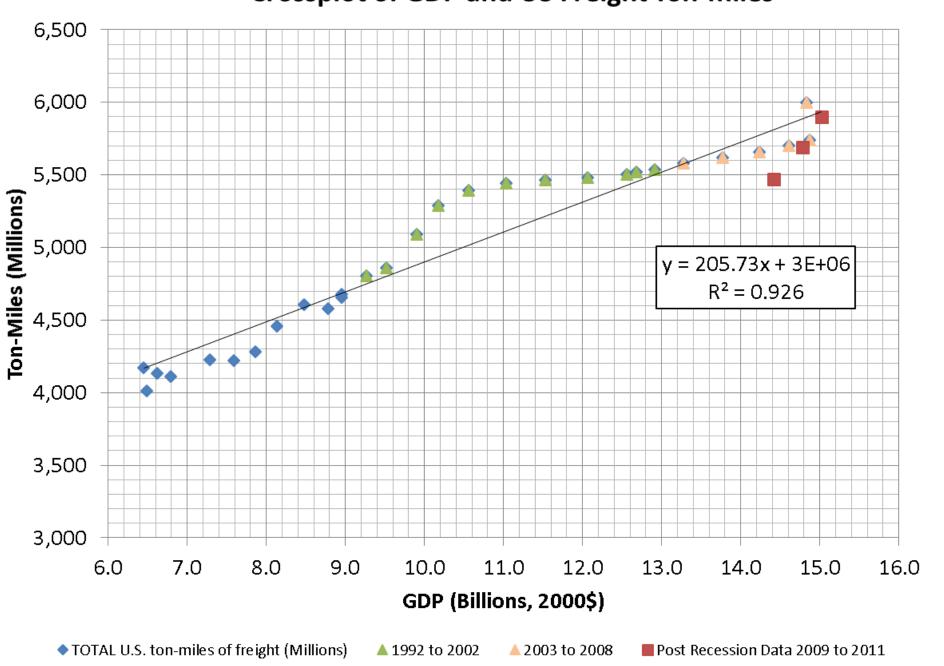


#### **Crossplot of GDP and US Freight Ton-miles**



◆ TOTAL U.S. ton-miles of freight (Millions)

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## What does it mean to be doing freight right?

Public and private attention on more than one lever at a time?

#### Examples

- Port gateways hubs of change?
- Energy, efficiency, economics invest for profits?
- First-hand vs. second-hand fleets green growth and brown bubbles
- Rules of the road policy signals as push or pull?











#### What is happening to supply chain now?

- Container shipments have grown by 290% since 2000
- Vessel overcapacity, "right-steaming"
- Supply chain is more intermodal
- Distribution Centers now twice the size from a decade ago
- Alternative ports are on the rise



## The IF-TOLD Mitigation Framework: A Context for New LOS Discussions

#### The IF-TOLD Six degrees of freedom

- <u>Intermodalism/mode-shifting</u> efficient modes
- <u>Fuels</u> advanced, low-emission, low-carbon fuels
- <u>Technology</u> efficient technologies
- Operations best practices in operator behavior
- <u>Logistics</u> supply chain management
- <u>Demand</u> how much STUFF we transport and consume

#### **Key trends changing this decade(s)**

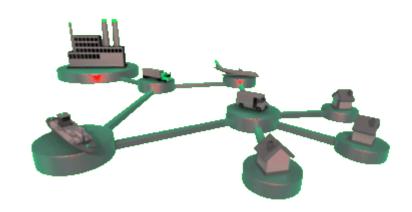
- Right-shoring
- Right-steaming
- Right-routing
- Right-timing
- Right-bundling
- Right-mode mixing



#### **Key trends changing this decade(s)**

Right-shoring

 Locate the best combinations of enterprise components for cost and efficiency



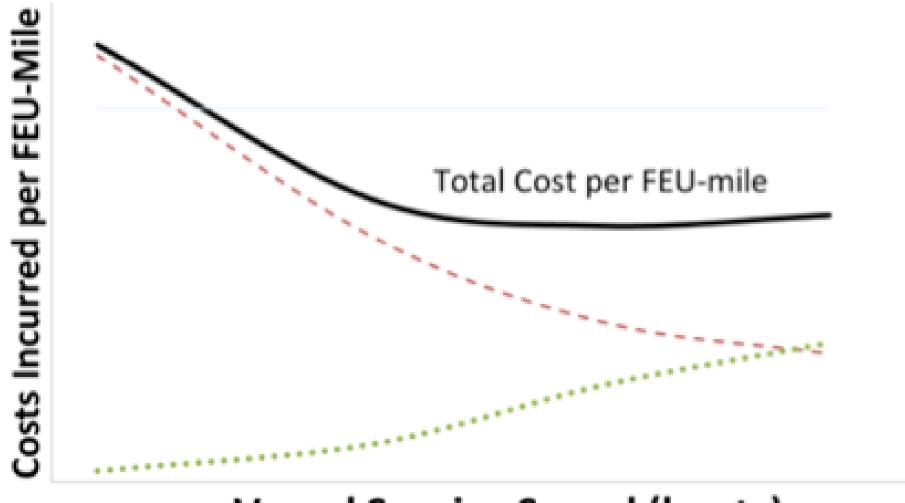
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Right-steaming

 Energy price shocks and recession slowed ships; supply chain flexibility emerged



## 2020 Optimistic: ~\$400/ton fuel



**Vessel Service Speed (knots)** 

-Total Cost -- Time Cost ··· Fuel Cost

**Key trends changing this decade(s)** 

Right-routing

 Routes are made not found; markets can result in circuits, pendulums, or empty backhauls



#### **Key trends changing this decade(s)**

Right-timing

- Liner (scheduled) transport
- Spot (unscheduled) transport
- Daily, weekly, biweekly flexibility







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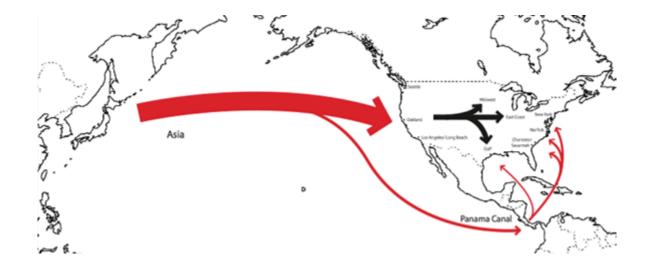
 Better bundling and backhauls reduce annual miles, moves more goods, saves \$ and energy, serves flexibly supply chain

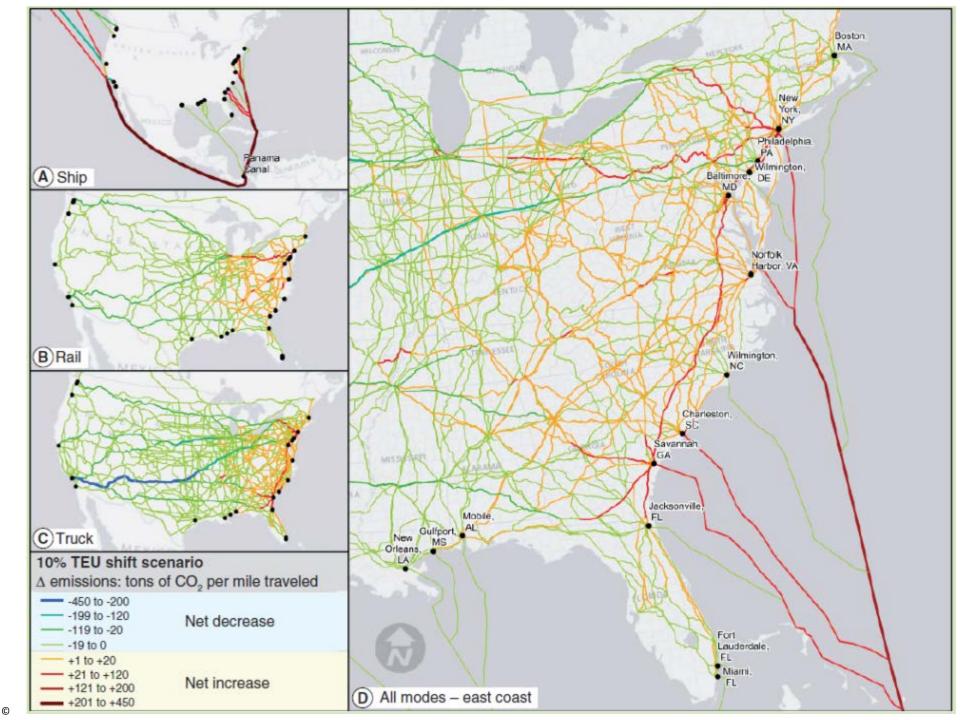
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 When some fleets modernize quickly, others benefit (?) from younger second-hand stock

Right-investing



- Containership Liner Majors
- Class I Rail
- Big Fleet Trucking
- Major Courier Services
- Airlines (freight)

Scheduled Market,
Owner operator

Scheduled Market,
Second
Hand

- Does not specify design
- May manage crews
- Holds assets until salvage

- Major Oil Brands
- Major Courier Services
  - Regional Bulk Trades
  - Airlines (pass-freight)

Spot Market, Owner operator

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- Does not specify design
- May not manage crews
- Service may exclude fuel price
  - Transfers assets frequently

