

# *How to Forecast in a Cyclical Industry*

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# What an aircraft manufacturer needs to forecast

**Long term : launch of new products**



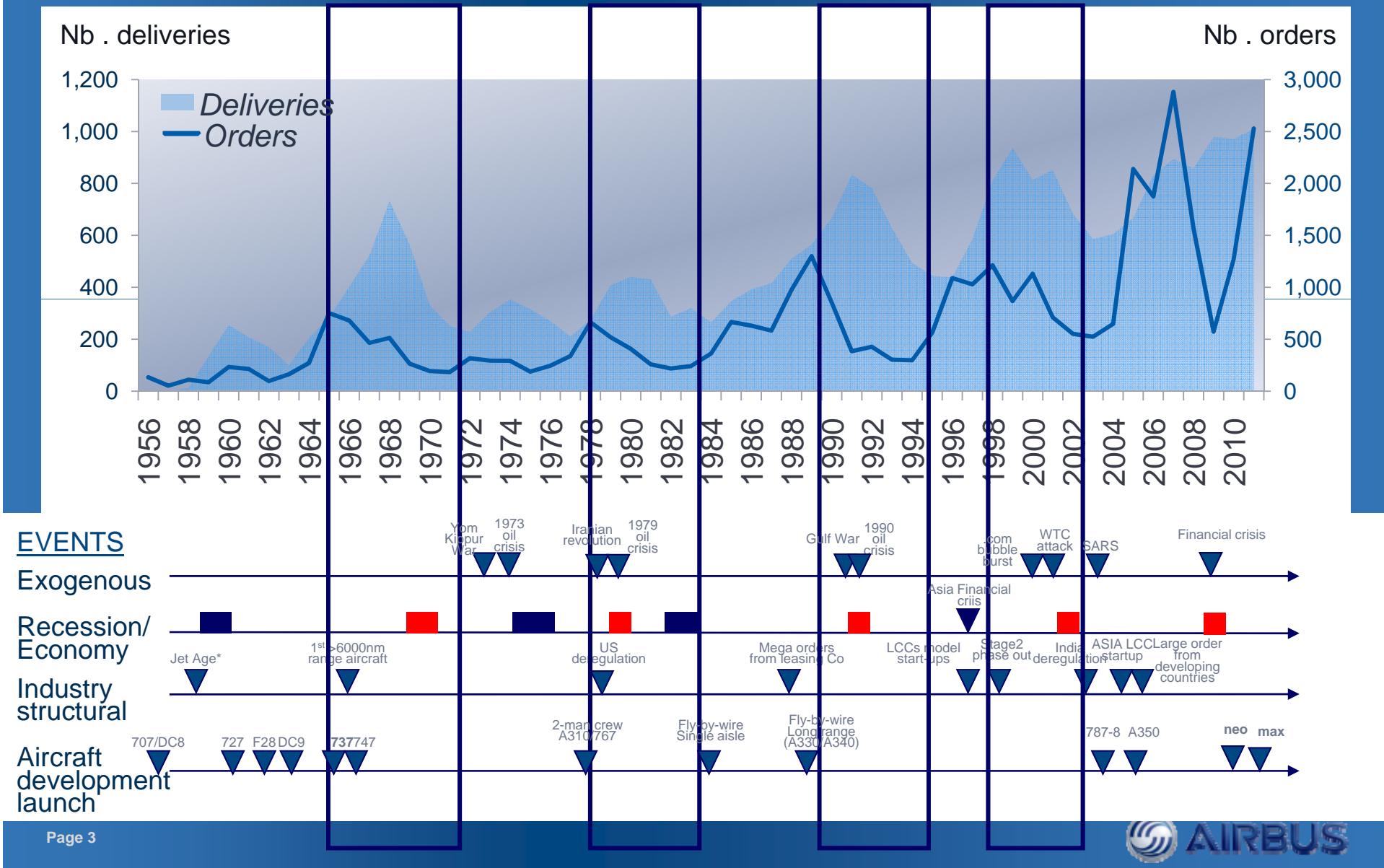
**Total volumes over 20 years  
Yearly split of deliveries**

**Short term : production rate increase / decrease**

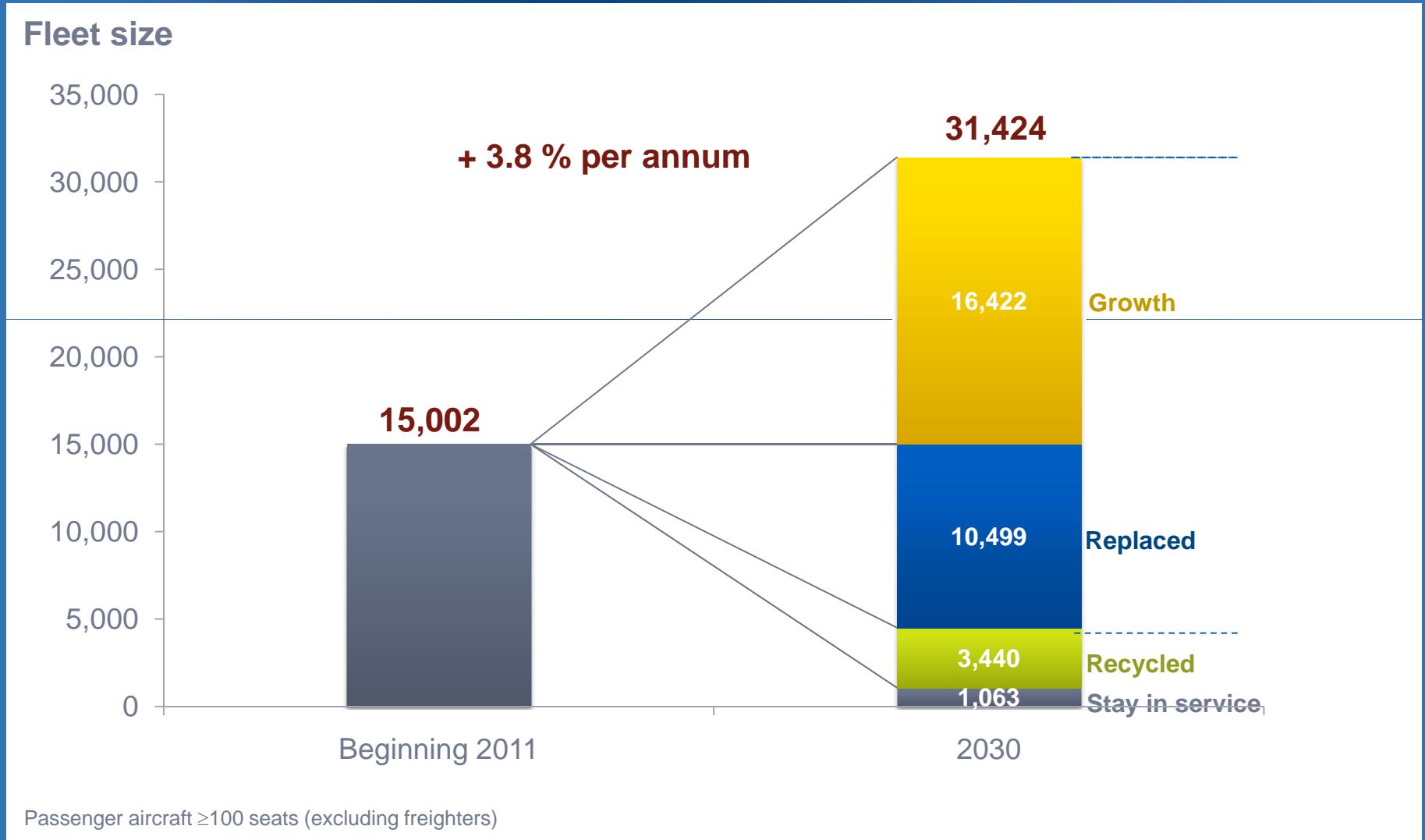


**Yearly precise split of deliveries**

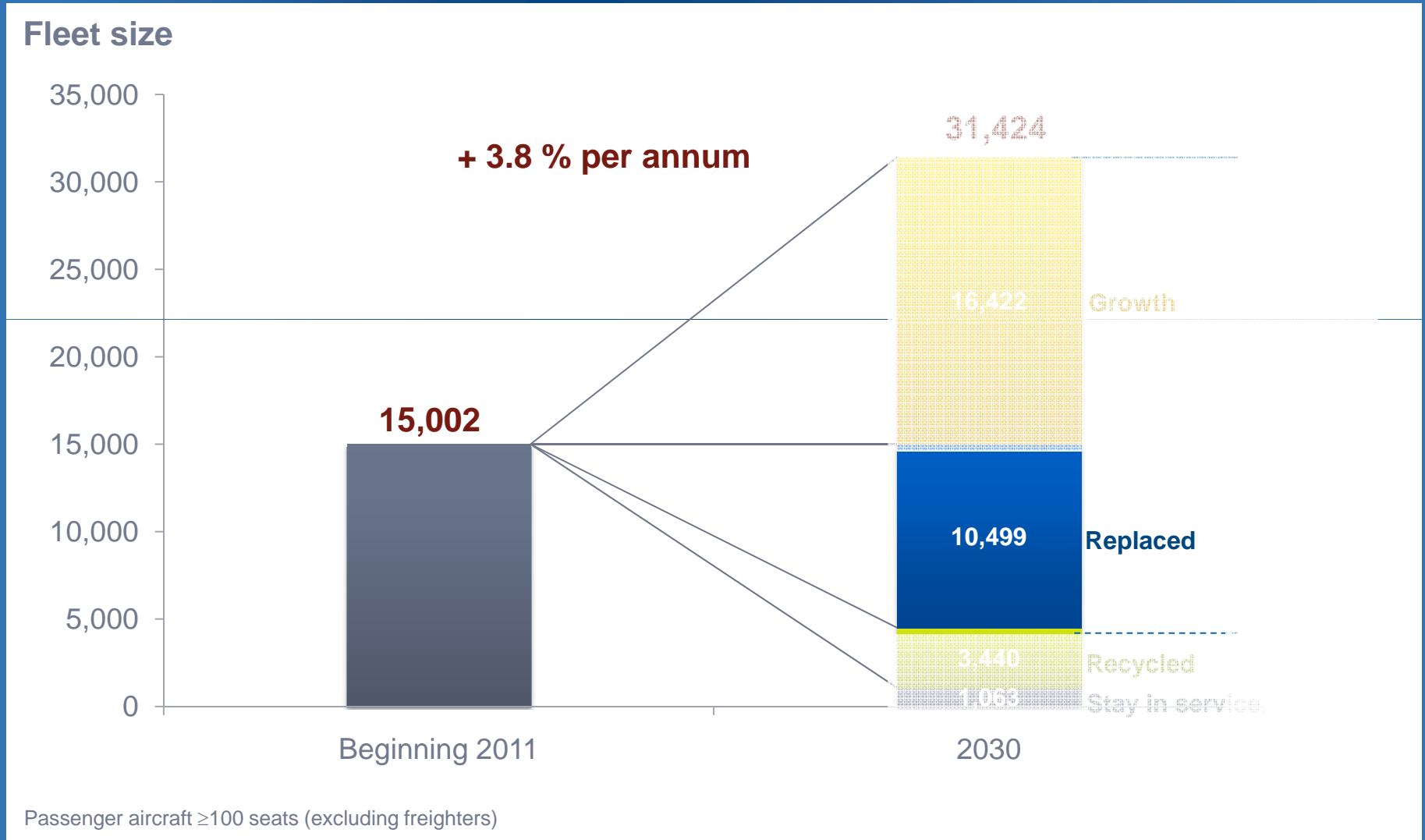
## 4 significant down cycles in the last 40 years



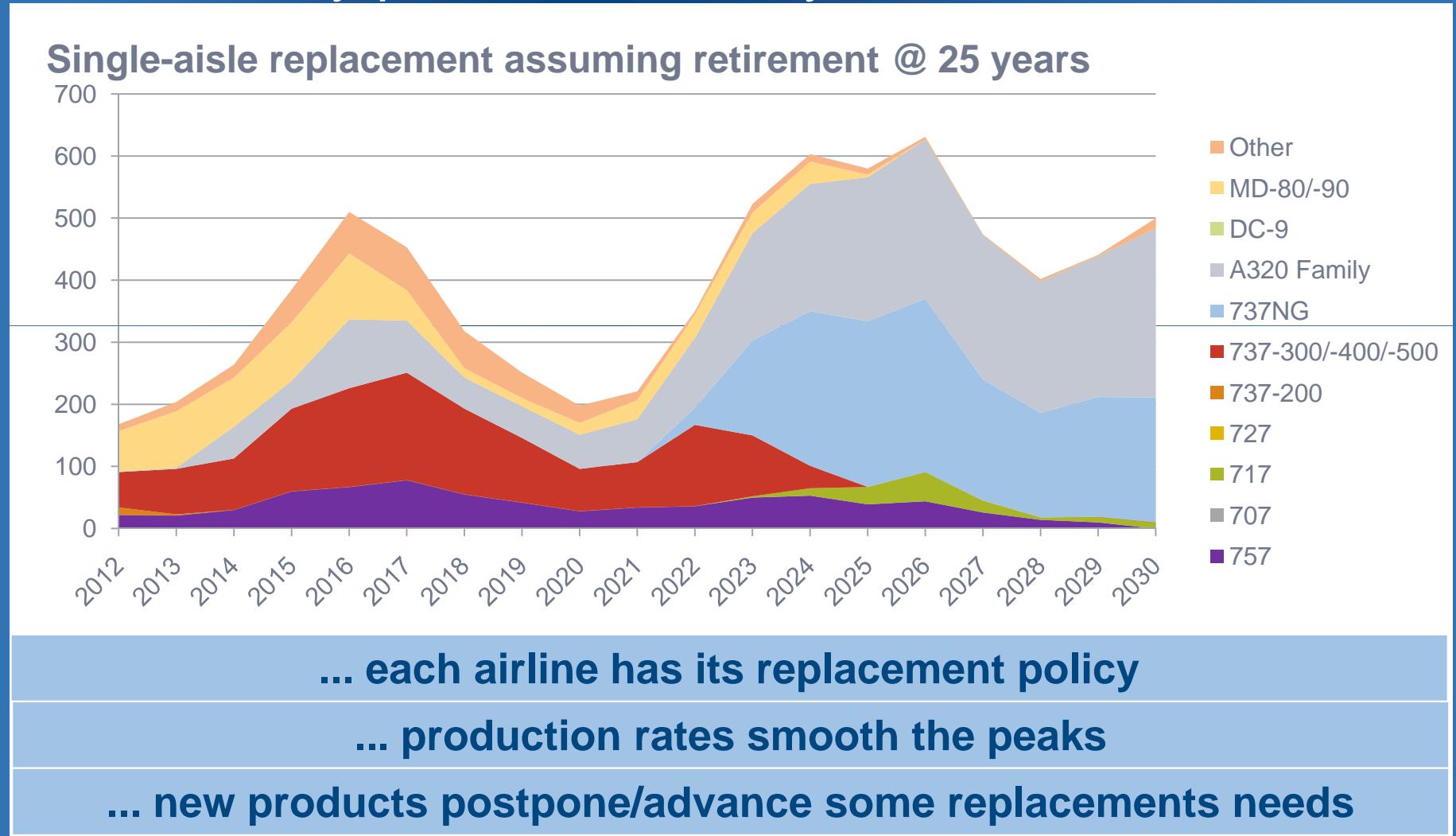
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# Single-aisle replacement waves: Replacements needs influenced by past deliveries cycles but ....



Long term

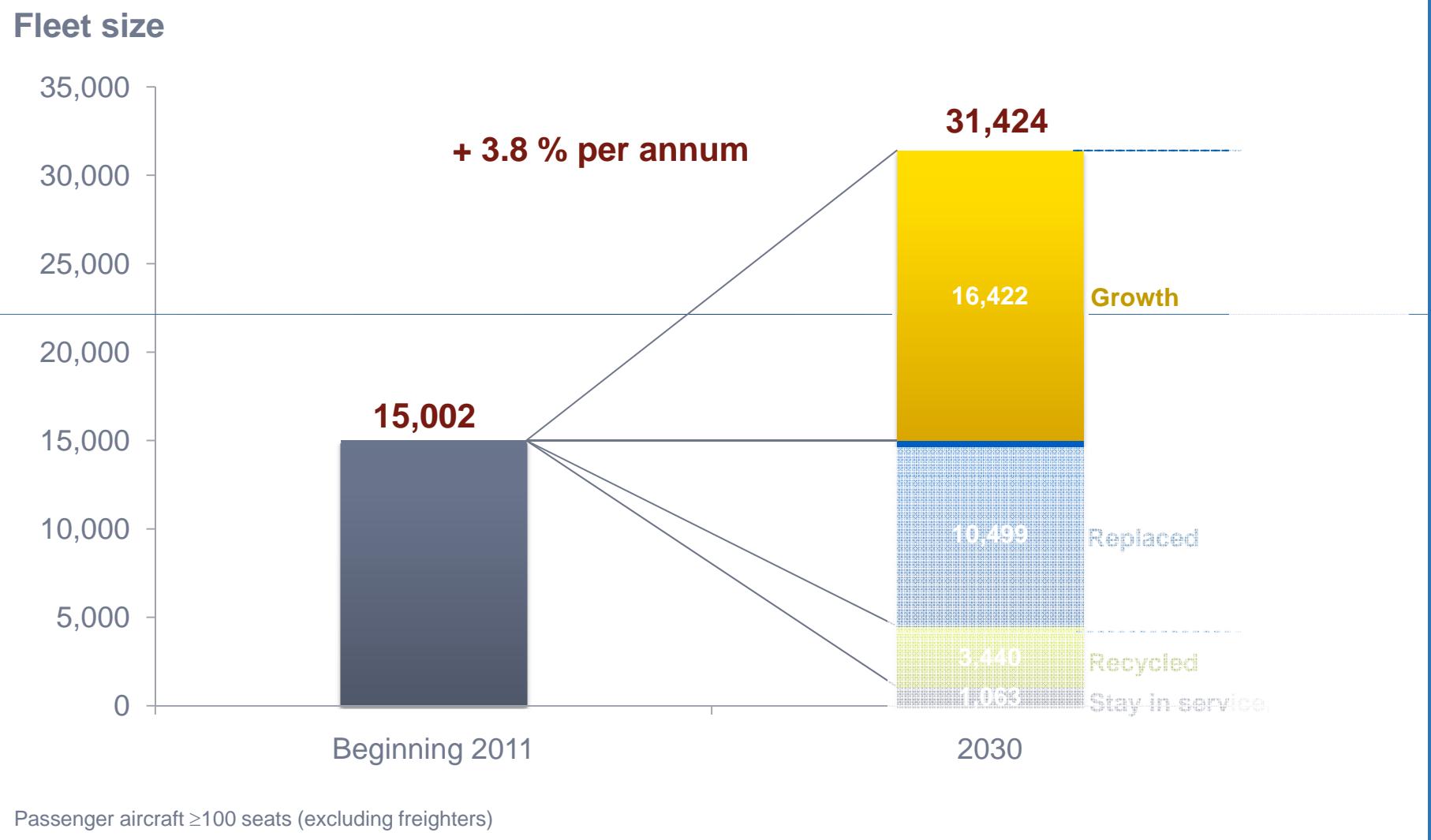
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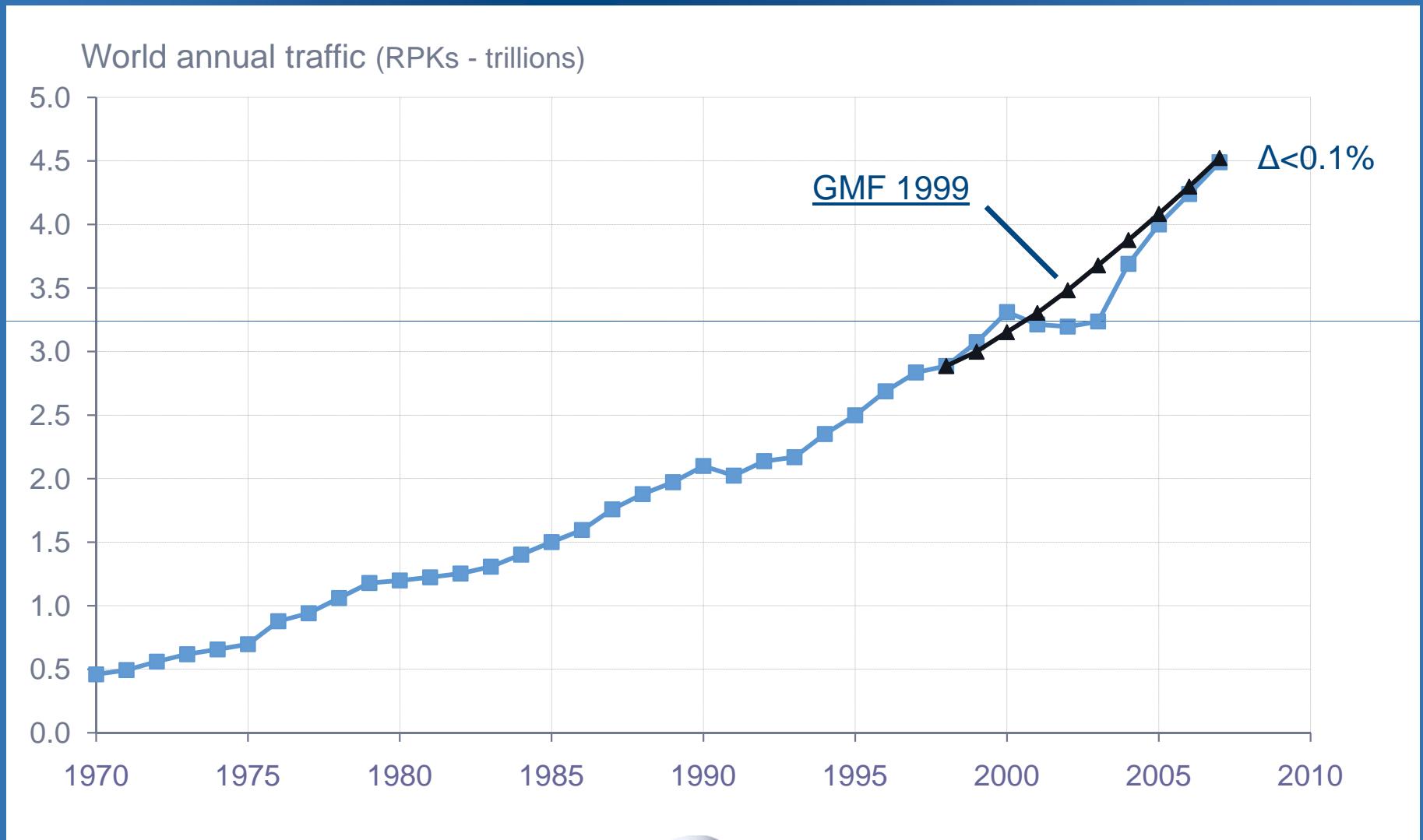
Short term



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Long term

# Monitoring

2007

Q4

2008

July

September

- High private consumption
- High demand for raw material
- Increased wages
- Increased inflation
- Start of subprime crisis

- (1) Economy overheating

- \$147/bbl oil price in July
- Acceleration of subprime crisis
- “Black September” (Lehman Brothers, ...)

- (2) Energy bubble  
- (3) Housing bubble  
- (4) Financial bubble

- Any of these 4 events could have led to a recession
- All 4 happened in 07/08 with (3) and (4) at the same time
- (3) and (4) burst led to a rapid deepening of recession

Short term

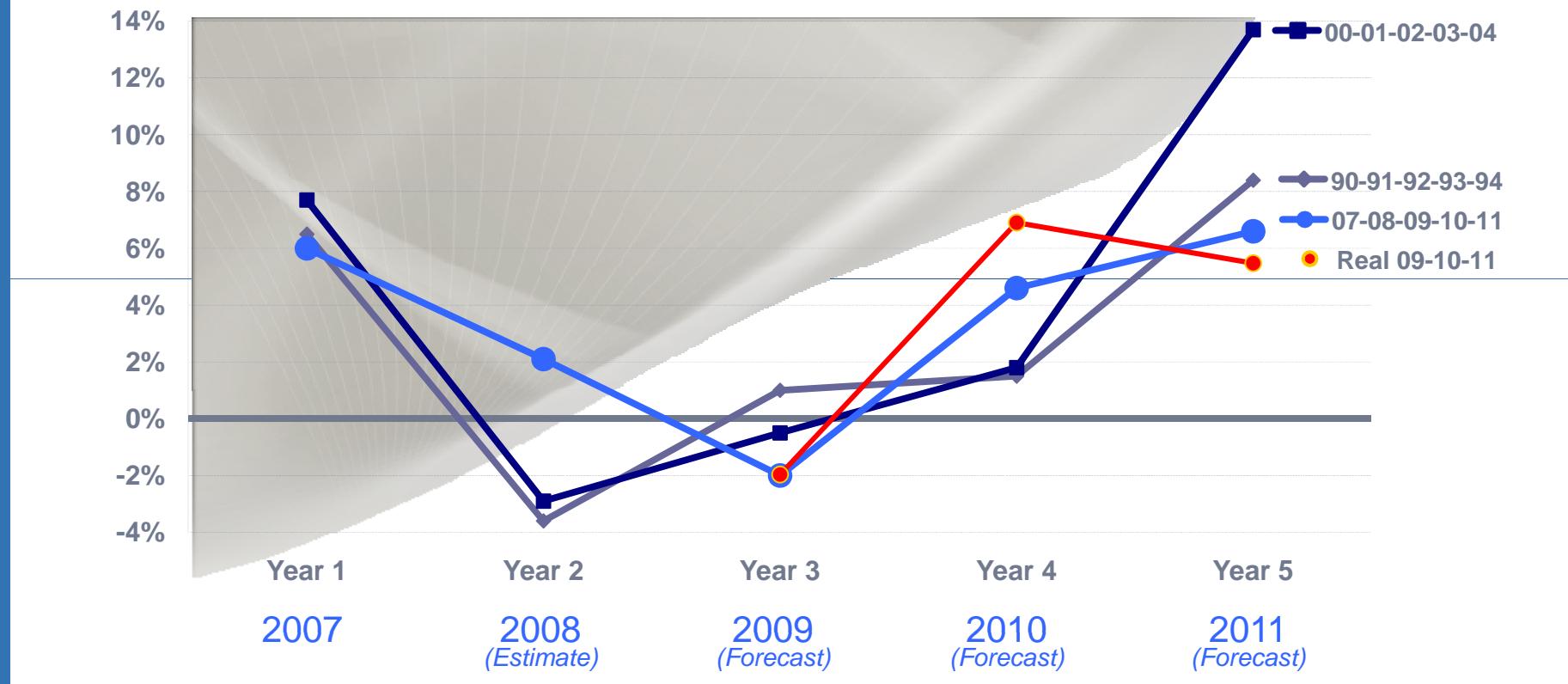


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# Example of short term forecast (*done in Jan 2009*)

## World air traffic growth (%RPKs)



**but the economical impact of the crisis was already known**

Short term

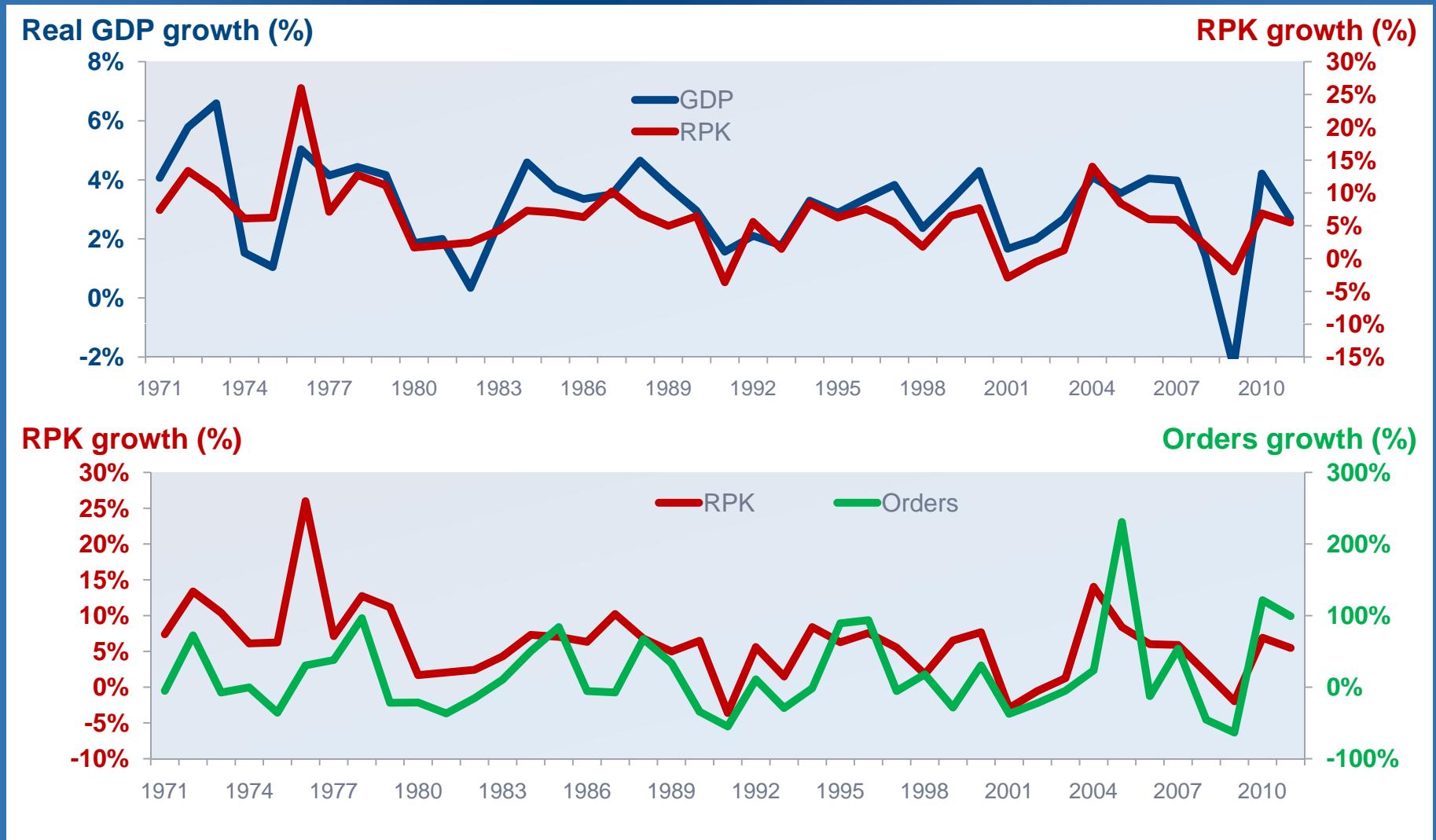


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# Economic, traffic and orders are correlated



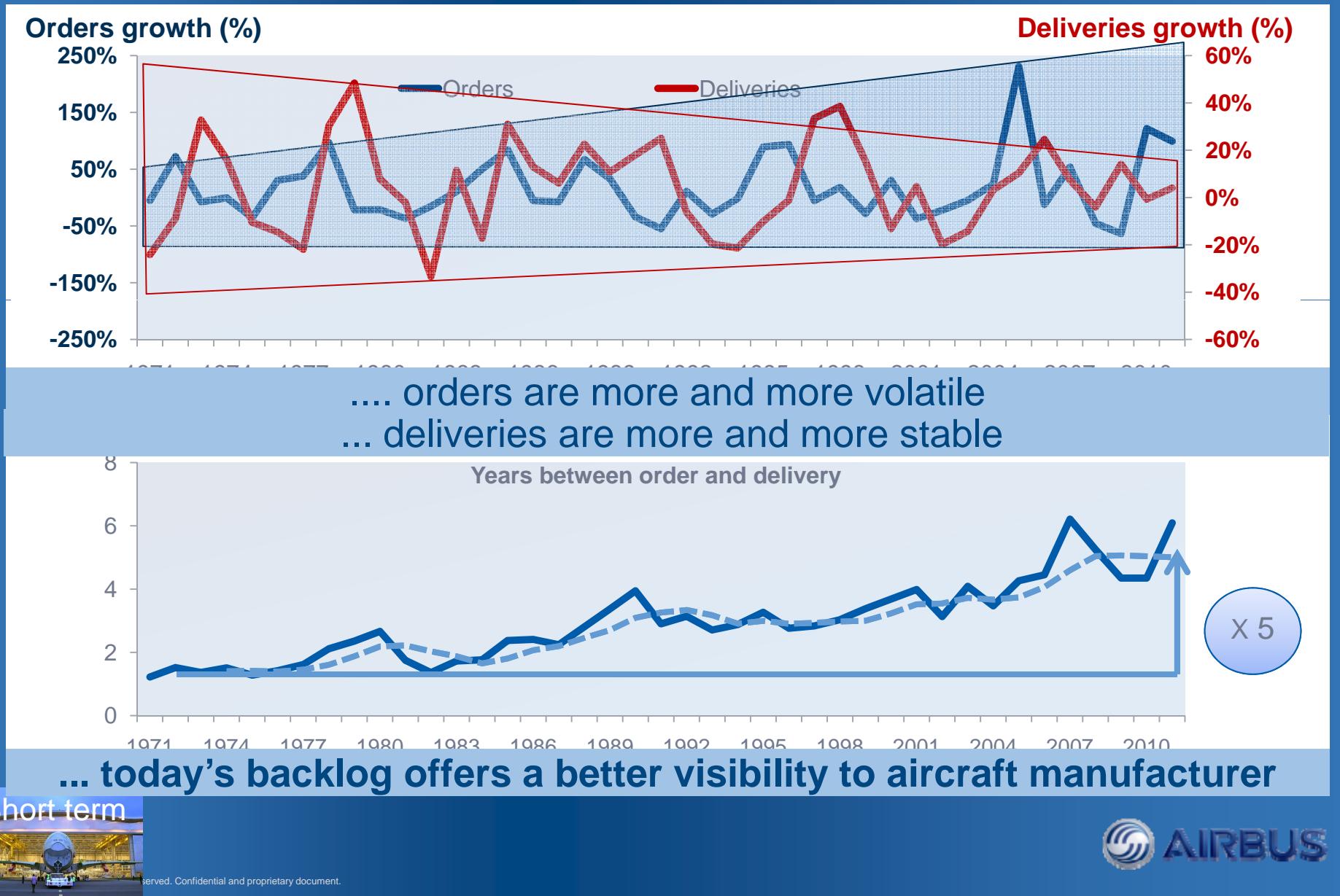
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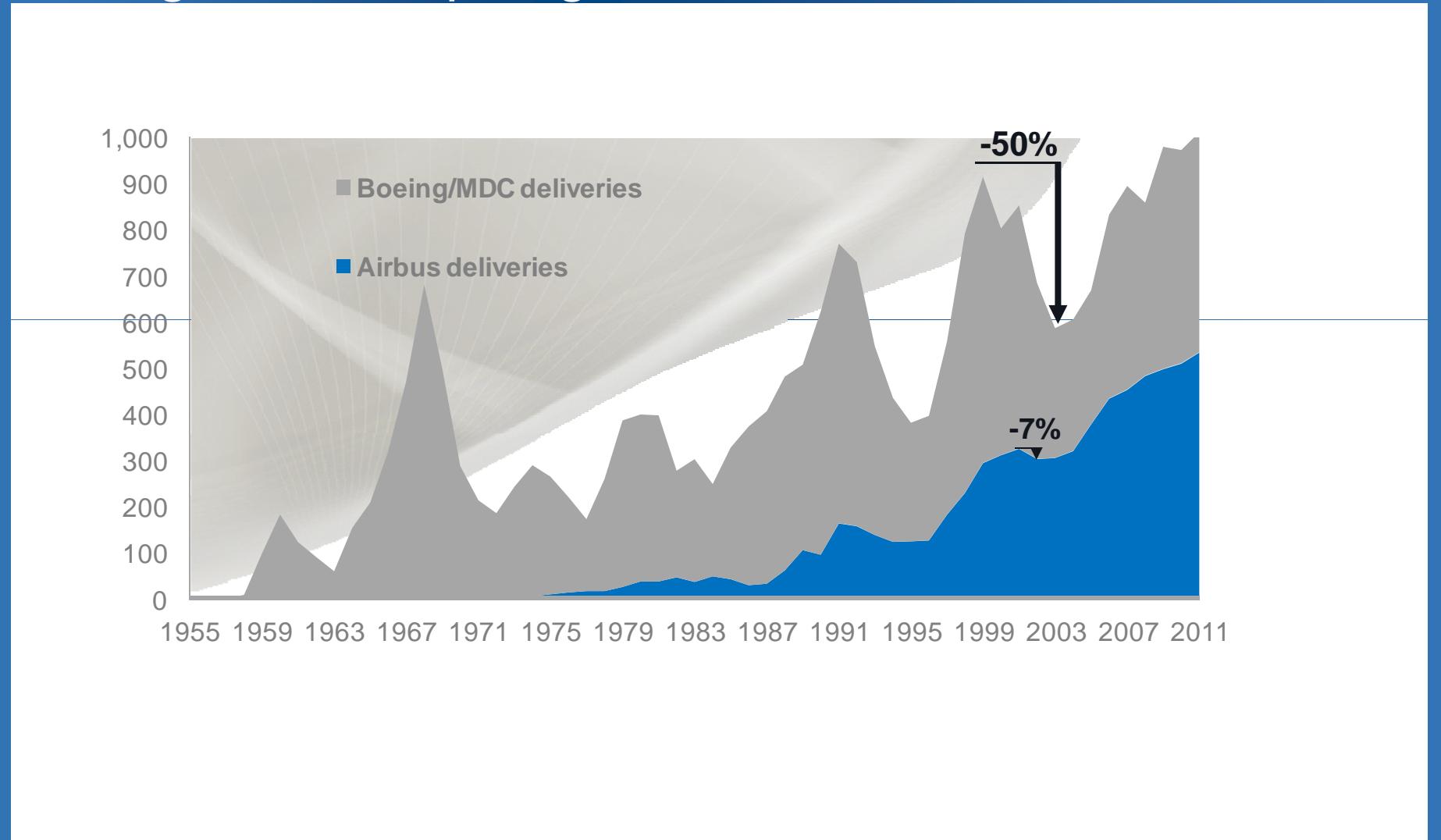
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# Order volatility vs production planning



# Conservative production planning & Backlog management helps against downturns



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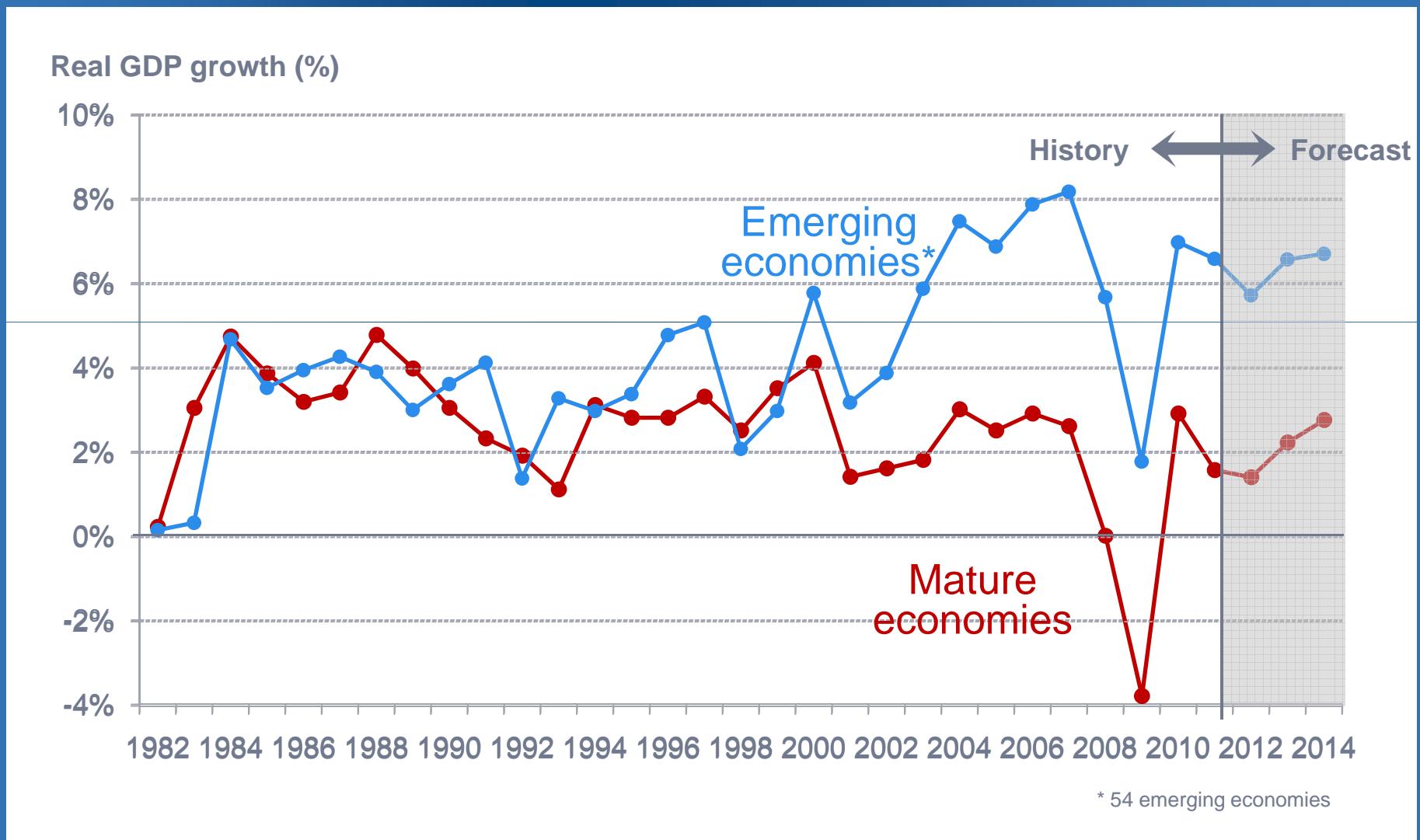


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# A two-speed world



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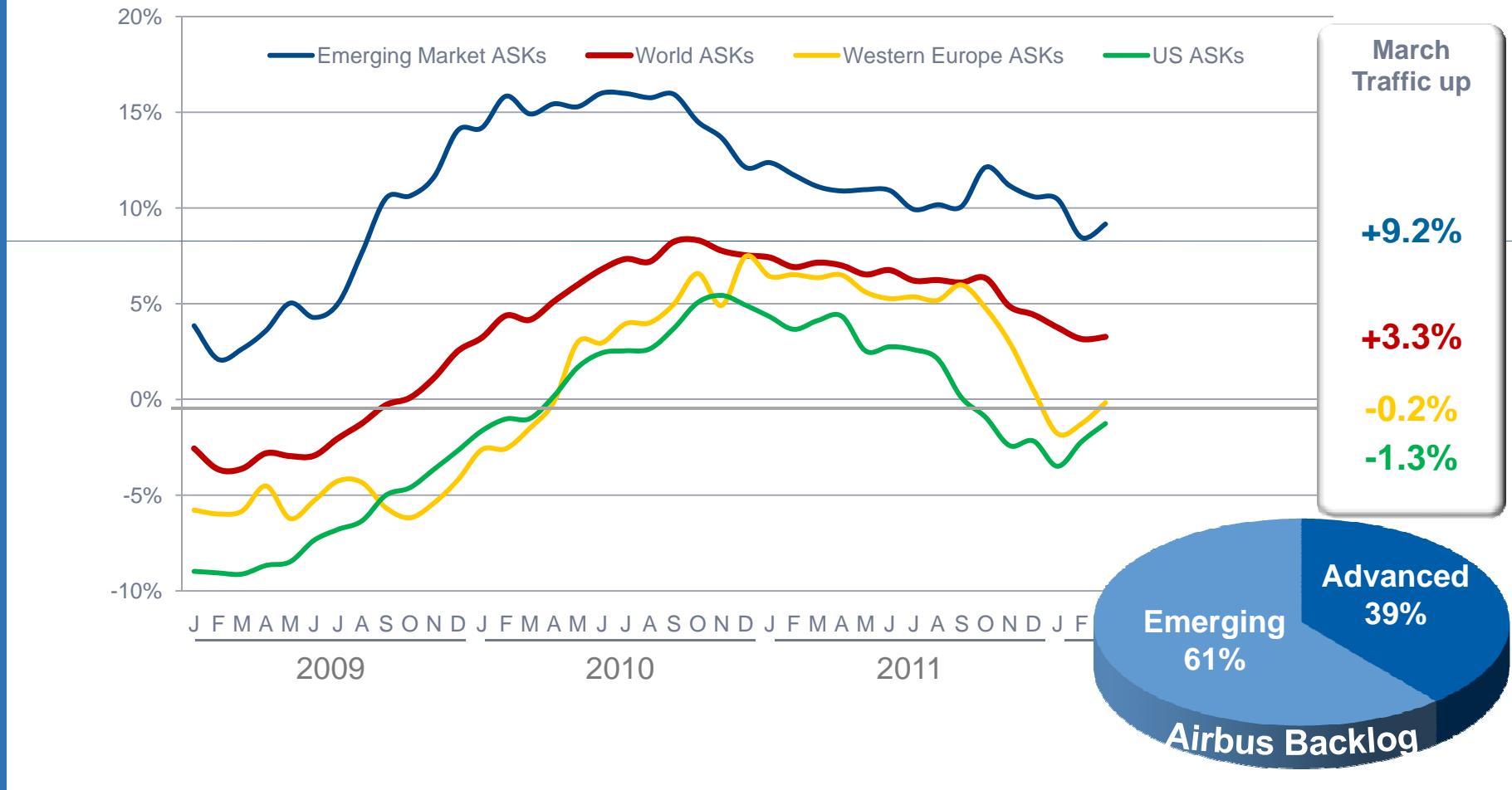
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Source: IHS Global Insight (March2012 data), OAG (ASKs data), Airbus

# Emerging markets are leading the way in terms of passenger traffic

Passenger traffic evolution (year-over-year)



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\*- Advanced economies include: North America, Western Europe, Japan and Australia  
Source : OAG, Ascend

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# Conclusion

## Long term : launch of new products

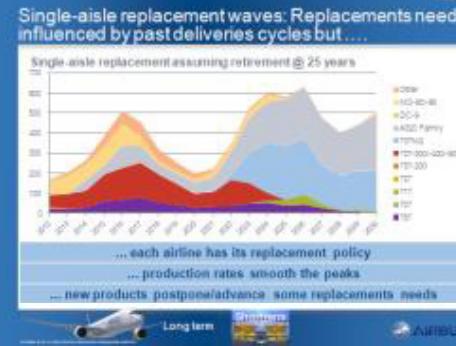


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Average effect included in growth potential

Replacements needs driven by past cycles



## Short term : production rate increase / decrease



Monitoring of first signs of recession



Production rates conservative approach & Backlog management

Cycles are here to stay but their impact can be managed

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