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Panama vs. Non-Panama Transshipment

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Agenda

- Types and **Demand** for Transshipment
- **Location** of Transshipment Hubs
- Impact of Panama Expansion on **Service Pattern** and Transshipment Potentials
- Specialized Pure Transshipment Ports (**PTP**)
- Summary

Demand for Transshipment (T/S)

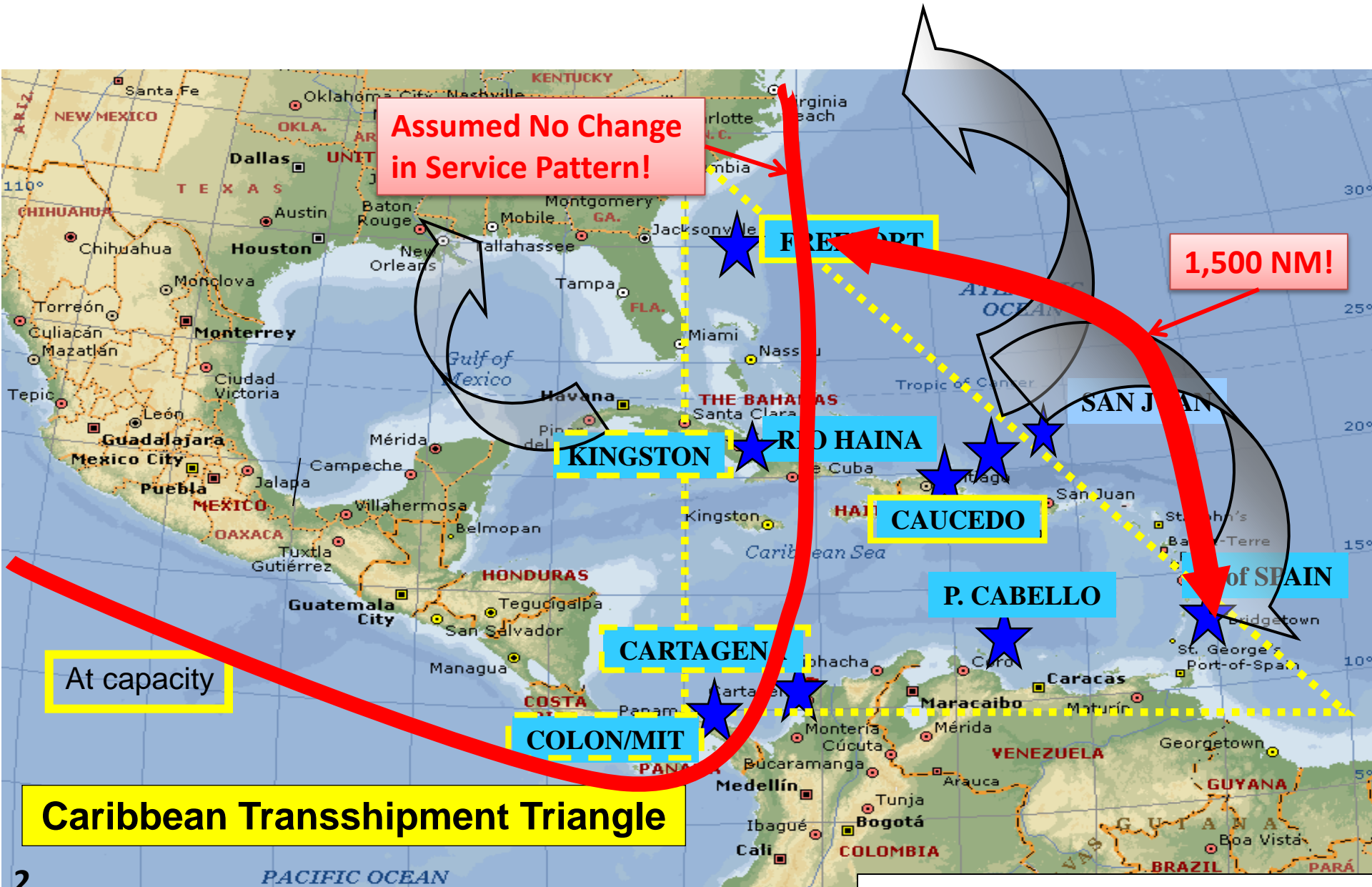
- Types of T/S:
 - Hub & Spoke
 - Interline: Intersection
 - Interline: End-to-End

Mixture
- $T/S = f(\text{Trade Growth})$
 - Bigger Ships \rightarrow Fewer calls \rightarrow **more t/s**
 - More Direct Calls \rightarrow **less t/s**
- Cost of T/S (too high...)
- **Default** T/S – Port Restrictions; Unutilized Ships
- Forecasting T/S as Percentage of Regional Trade is No Good! Scenario based.
- Feeder Ranges: **Intra-Caribbean** vs. **US East & Gulf**

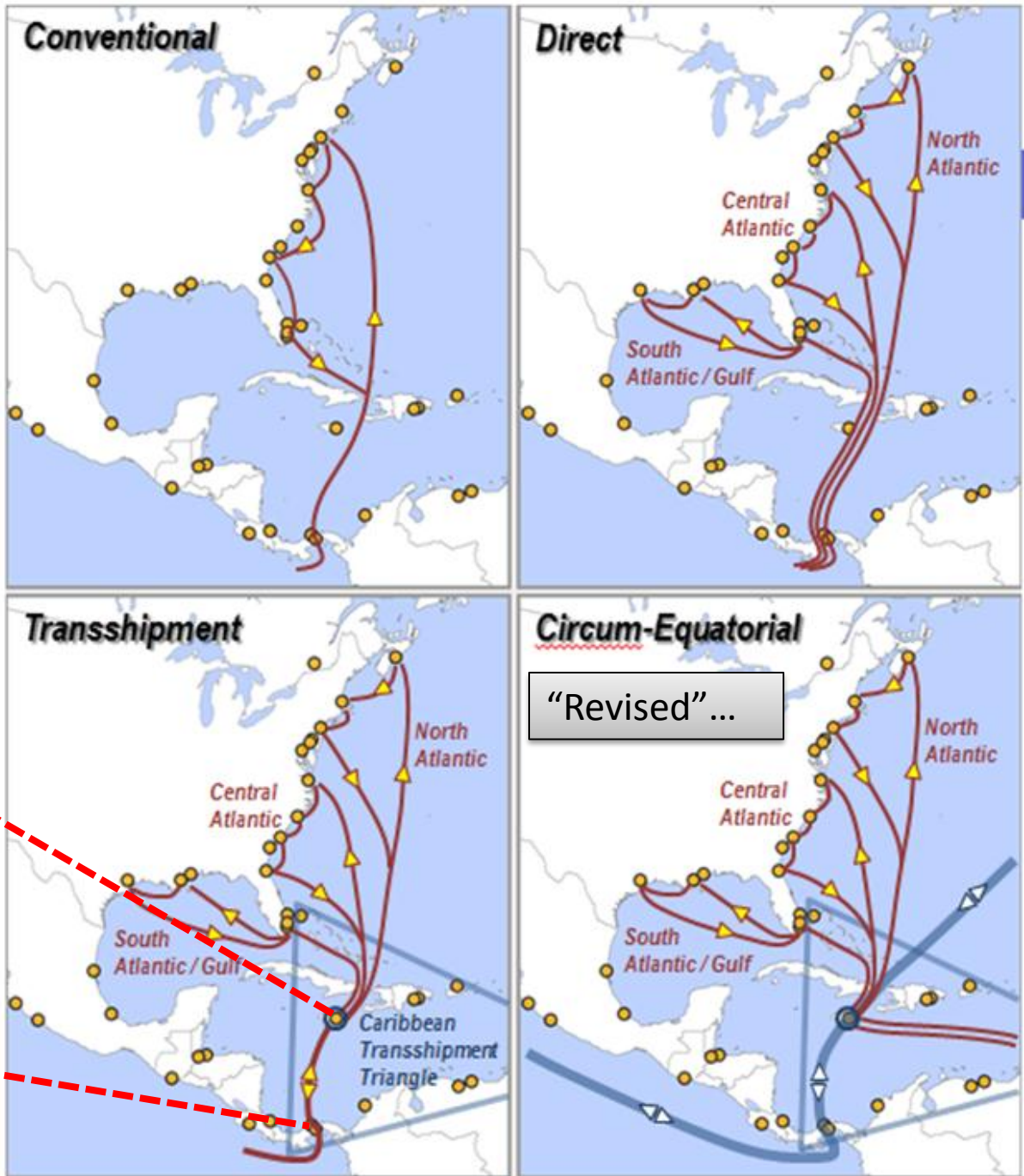
Hub Location

- Hub & Spoke
 - First In (*Minimize Mother Sailing*)
 - Asia/US: Prince Rupert / Melford
 - Asia/Europe: Algeciras, La Havre
 - Largest (*Minimize Double-Handling*)
 - Asia/West Coast S. America: Callao
 - Central (*Minimize Feeder Sailing*)
 - Asia/Med: Malta, Calgary
 - Special Considerations (*US Ports; Jones Act*)
- Intersection
 - “Funneling Point” (*Maximize Inter-Lining*)
 - Panama, Suez, Malacca & Gibraltar Straits

“Triangle”: All Ports Created Equal?



Impact of Panama Expansion on Service Pattern



750 NM

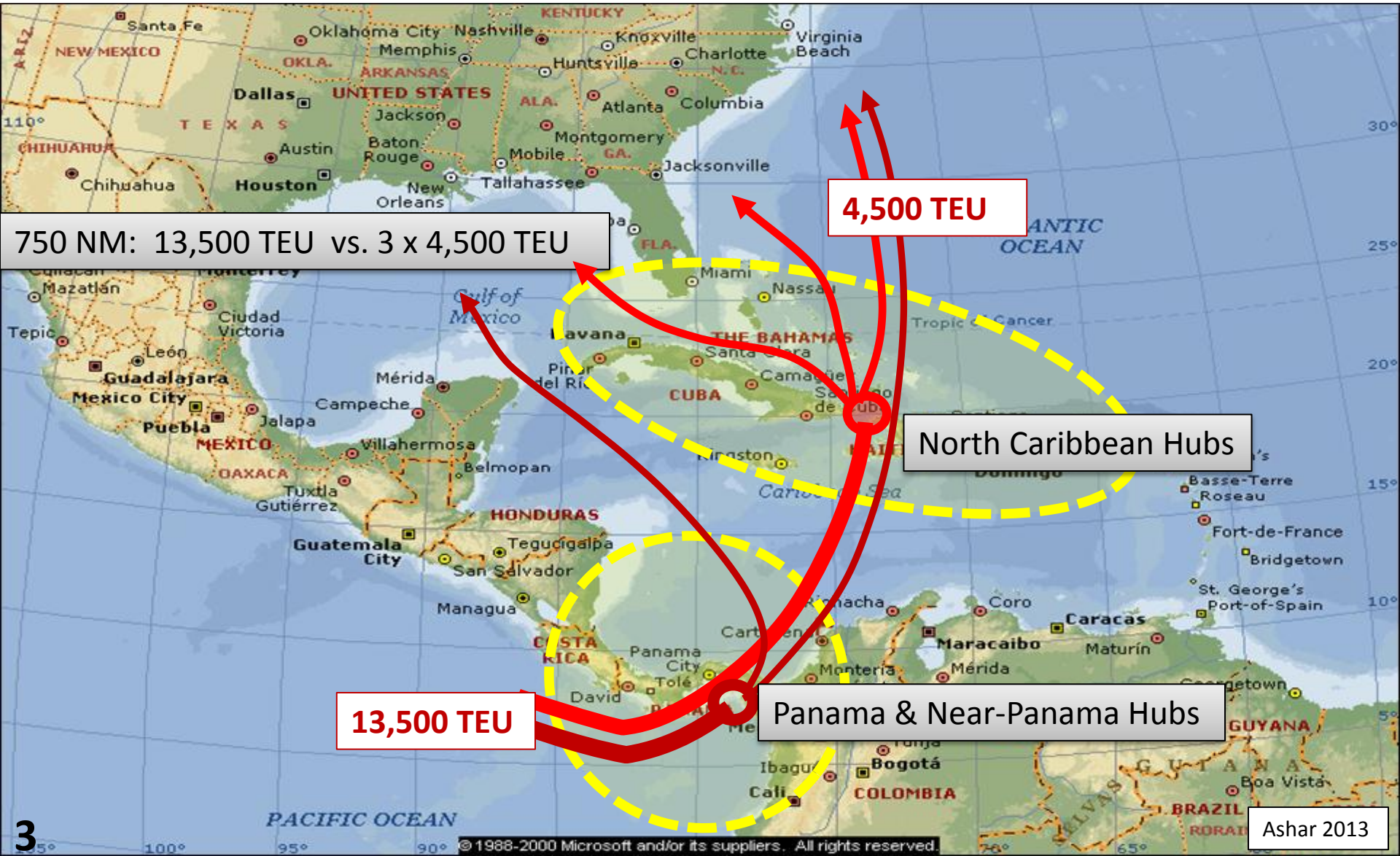
Feeding the USEC?

9,000 TEU already Direct Call at the US (Suez); Only if 13,500 TEU?

20 mil. TEU x 0.5 Asia x 0.5 T/S x 2 = **10 mil. TEU**



Panama vs. N Caribbean Hubs



Panama Atlantic vs. North Caribbean

- Cost Differential between 4,500-TEU and 13,500-TEU = \$0.052/FEU-NM
- 750 NM x \$0.052/FEU-NM = **\$33/FEU**
- 13,500 FEU x 52 x \$33/FEU = **\$23 million/year**

Panama Pacific vs. Callao

- 1,364 NM x 0.052/FEU-NM = **\$59/FEU**
- 13,500 FEU x 52 x \$59/FEU = **\$41 million/year**

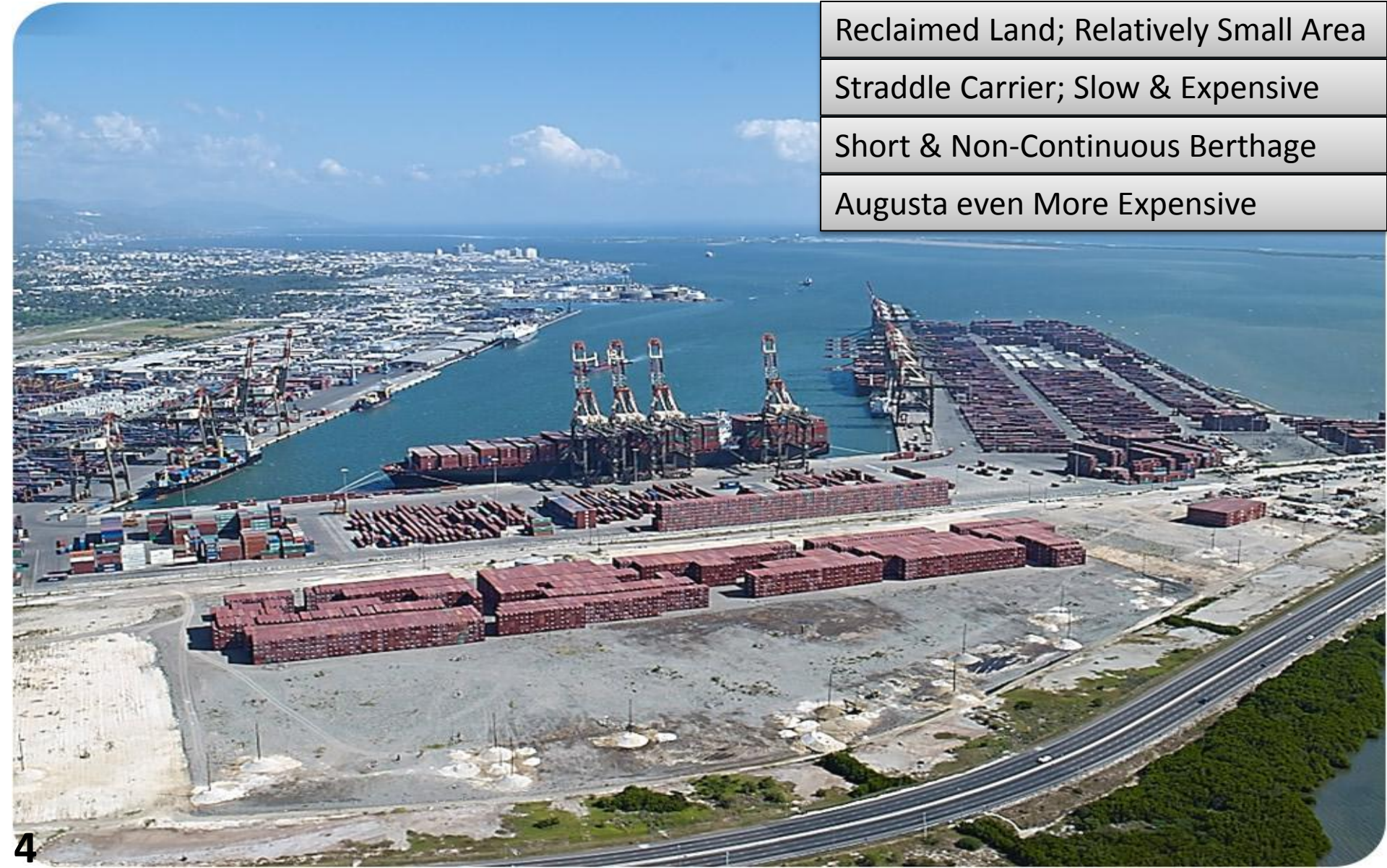
Present Hubs: Kingston

Reclaimed Land; Relatively Small Area

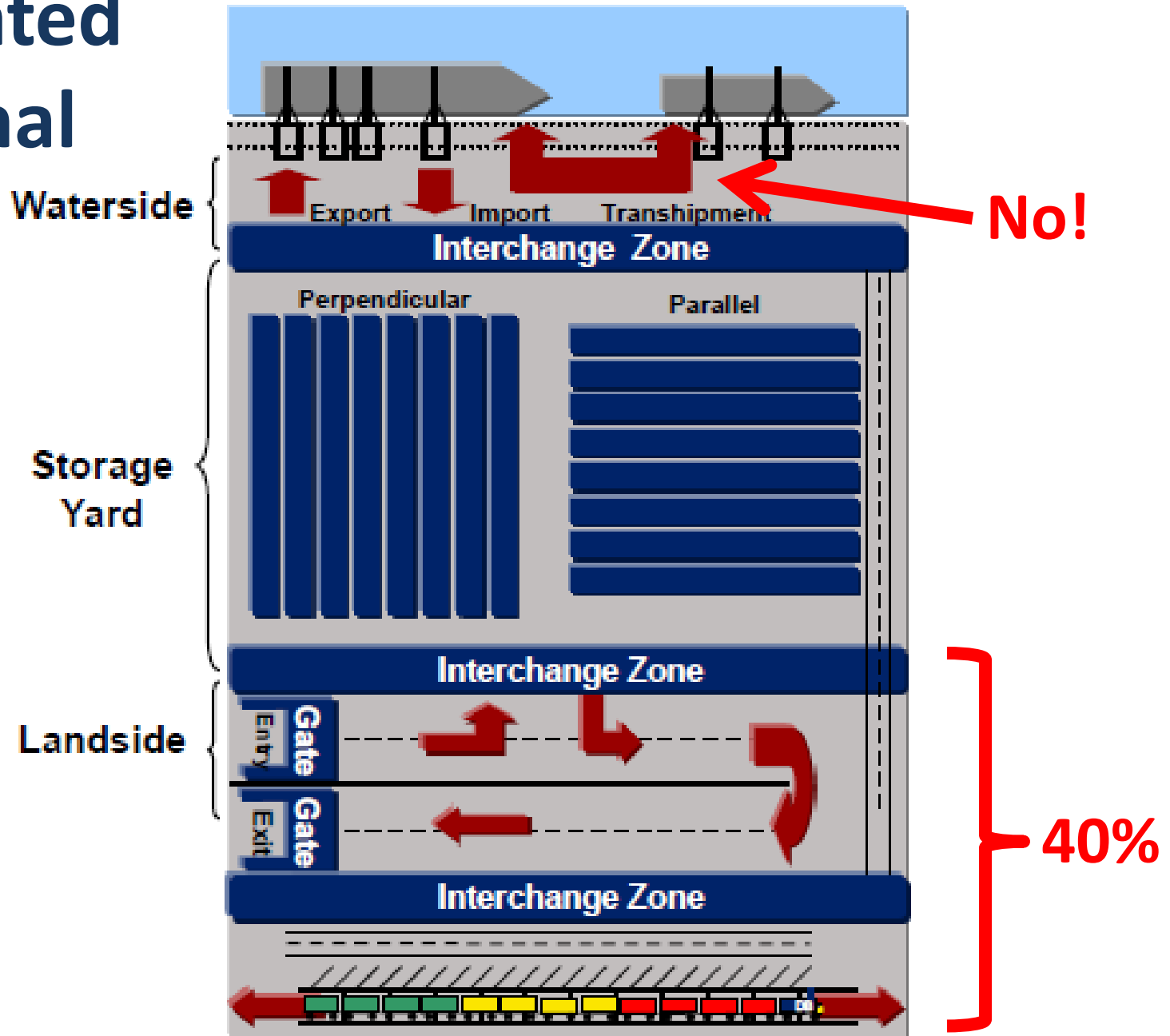
Straddle Carrier; Slow & Expensive

Short & Non-Continuous Berthage

Augusta even More Expensive



Automated Terminal



Pure Transshipment Ports (PTP)

- Present terminals' design is geared for handling gateway (domestic)
- Automation is “no good” for $t/s = \text{Gateway} \times 2$;
Too Expensive!
- Lowering t/s cost at PTPs either by:
 - Finding *locations* with natural deep water, low-cost land, limited reclamation, low-cost labor; and/or
 - Developing specialized technology for PTPs based on handling *groups of containers*

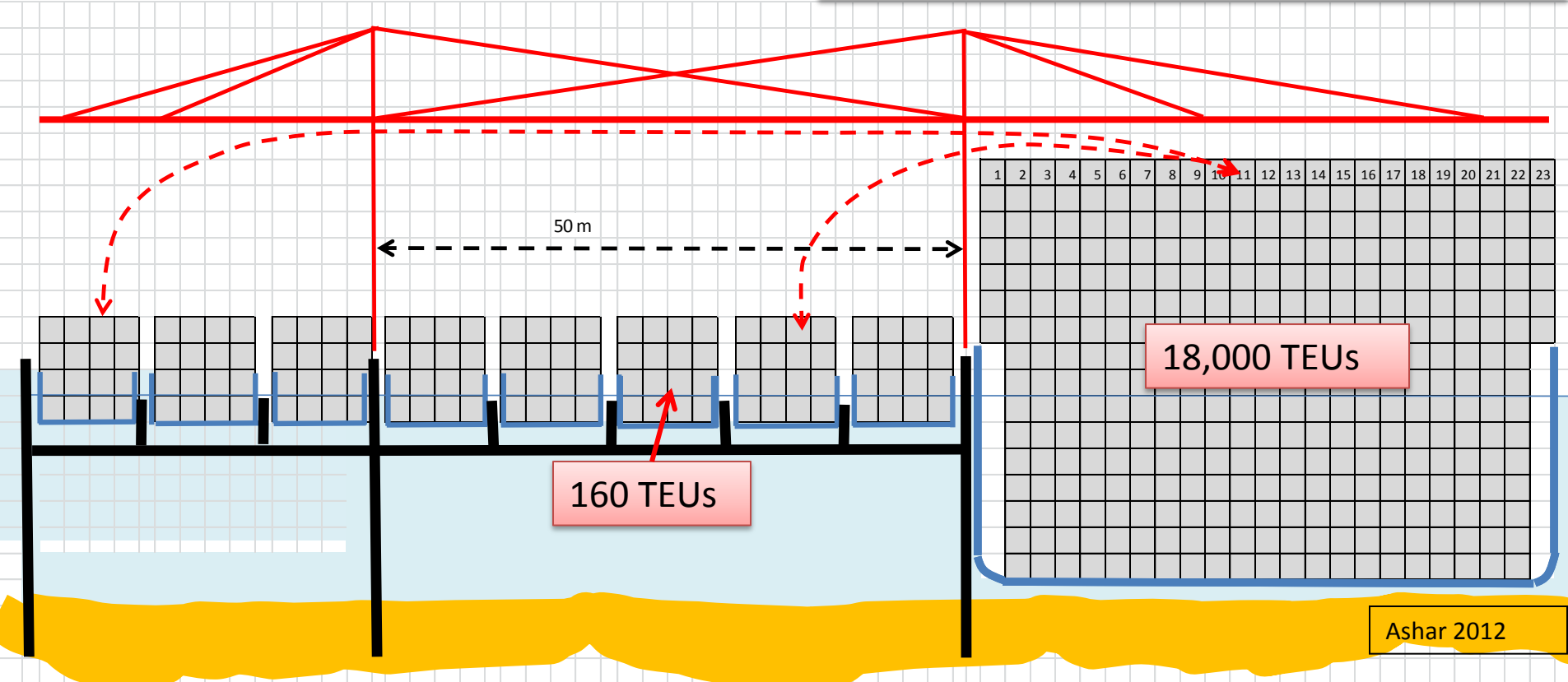
Floating Terminal: Ship-to-Barge

Land-Based STS; Floating Yard; Midstream

18,000 TEUs / 160 TEUs = 112 Barges (Miss.)

Dumping: 9 STS @ 30 moves/hr, Tandem Lift, 50% double-cycling = 800 moves/hr

< 24 hours



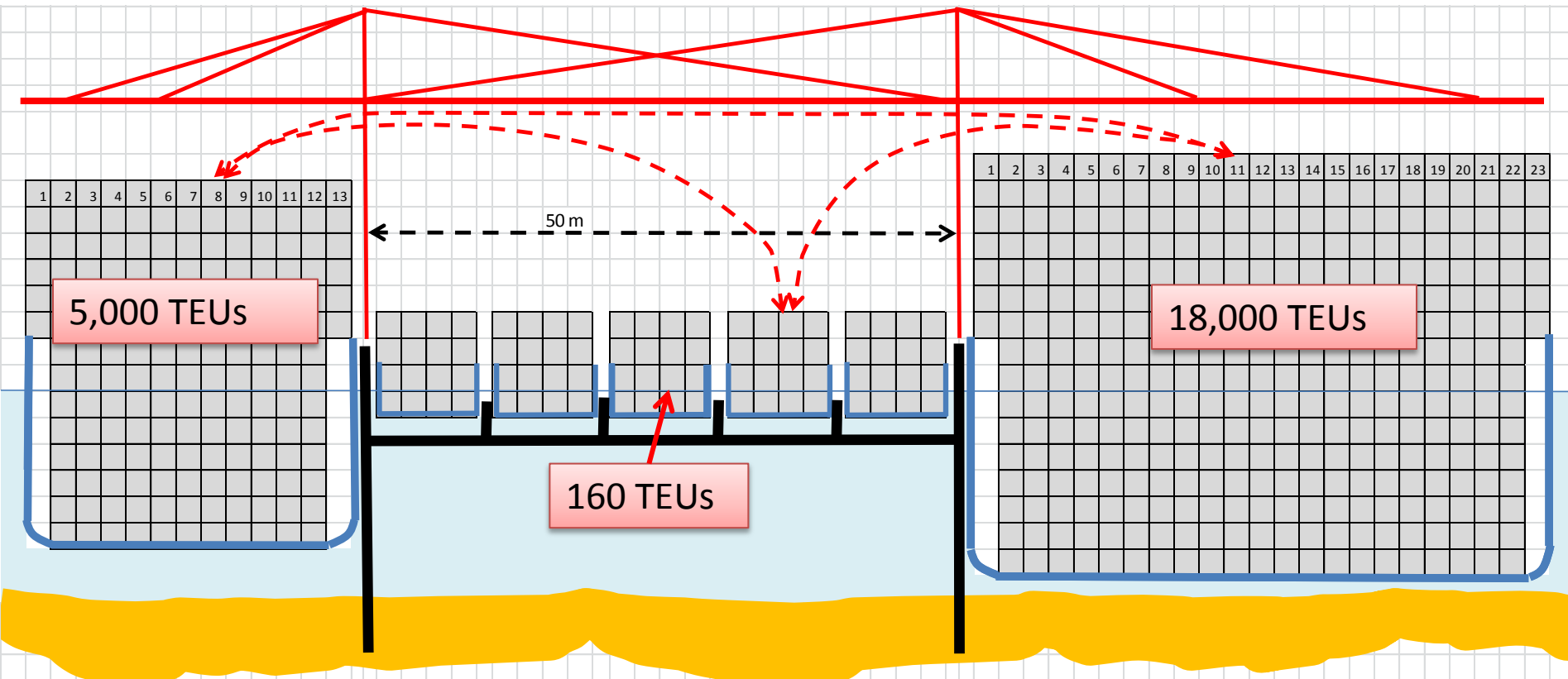
Mississippi River Barge Fleeting



Floating Terminal: Ship-to-Barge-to-Ship

Direct Ship-to-Ship, or Ship-to-Barge-to-Ship

Ideal for Panama Canal!

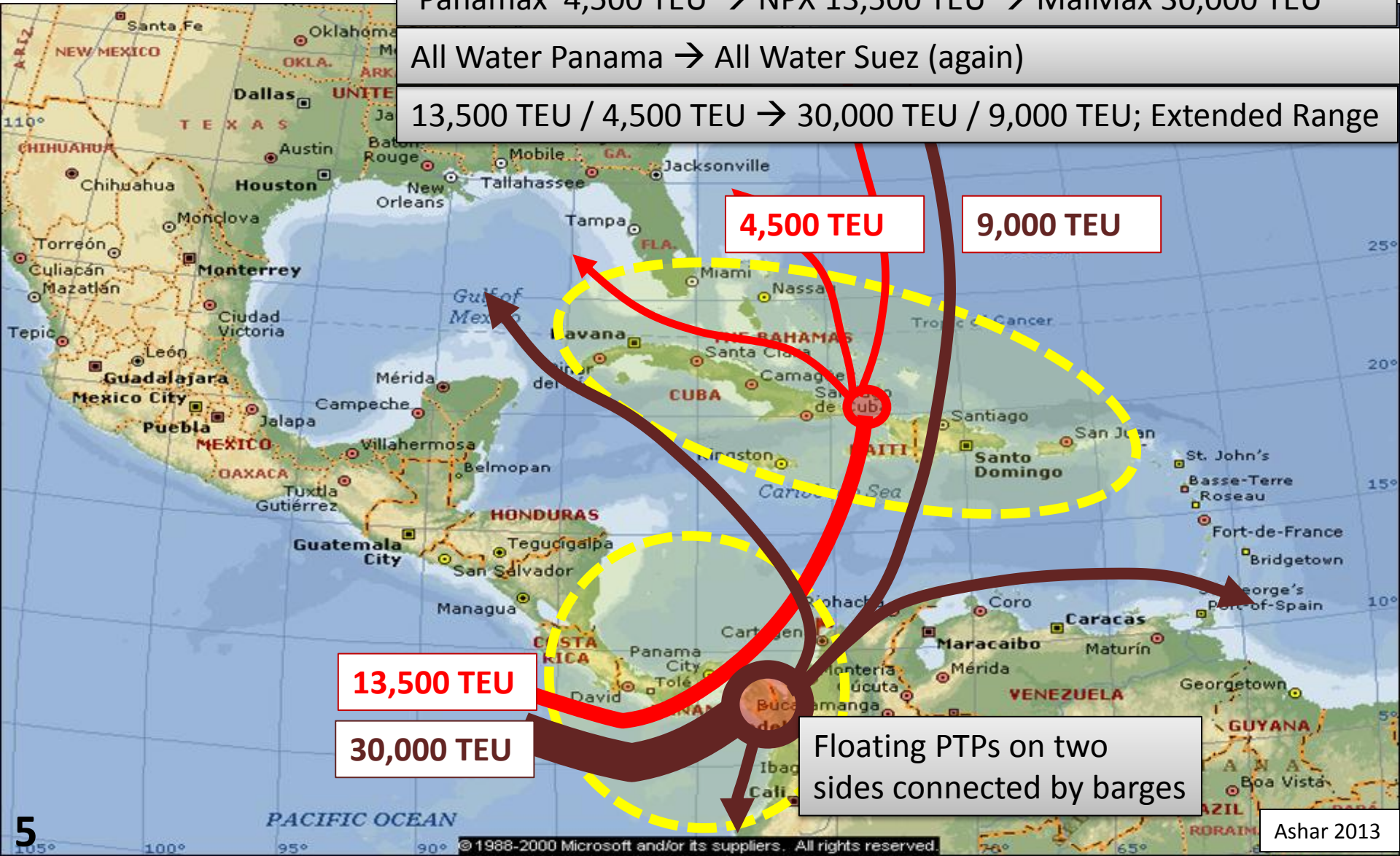


A Journey into the Long Future

Panamax 4,500 TEU → NPX 13,500 TEU → MaMax 30,000 TEU

All Water Panama → All Water Suez (again)

13,500 TEU / 4,500 TEU → 30,000 TEU / 9,000 TEU; Extended Range



Summary Observations (Near Future)

- Panama / Atlantic : ***Modest Opportunities***, mainly Interline t/s due to consolidation; Too far from US; Intra-Caribbean already exploited;
- N. Caribbean: ***Major Opportunities***, pending on NPX deployment and US East & Gulf Coast Port Situation
- Panama Pacific: ***Major Threats***; No Switch-Back (Maersk); Direct Calls; Regional WCSA Hubs

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Thank You!

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