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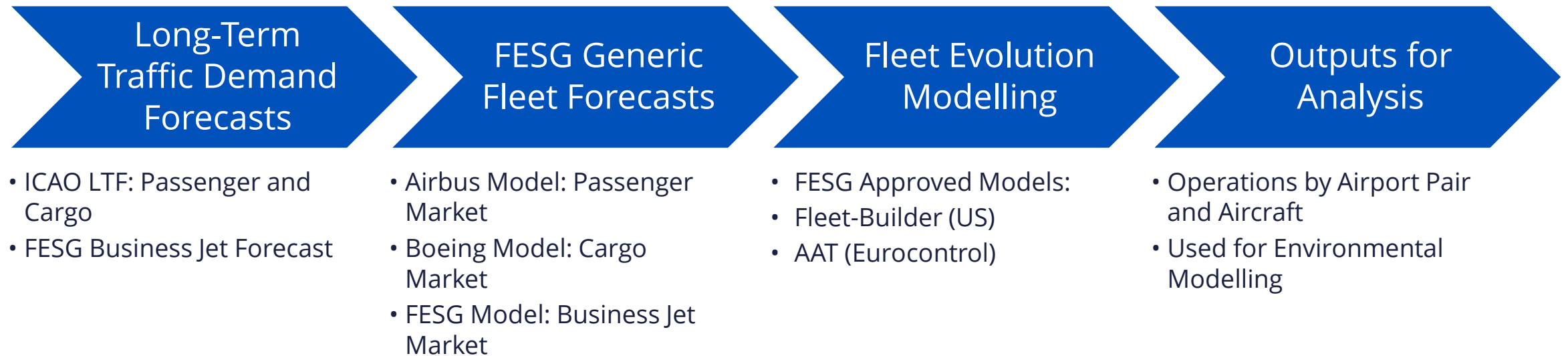
FESG Forecast Process

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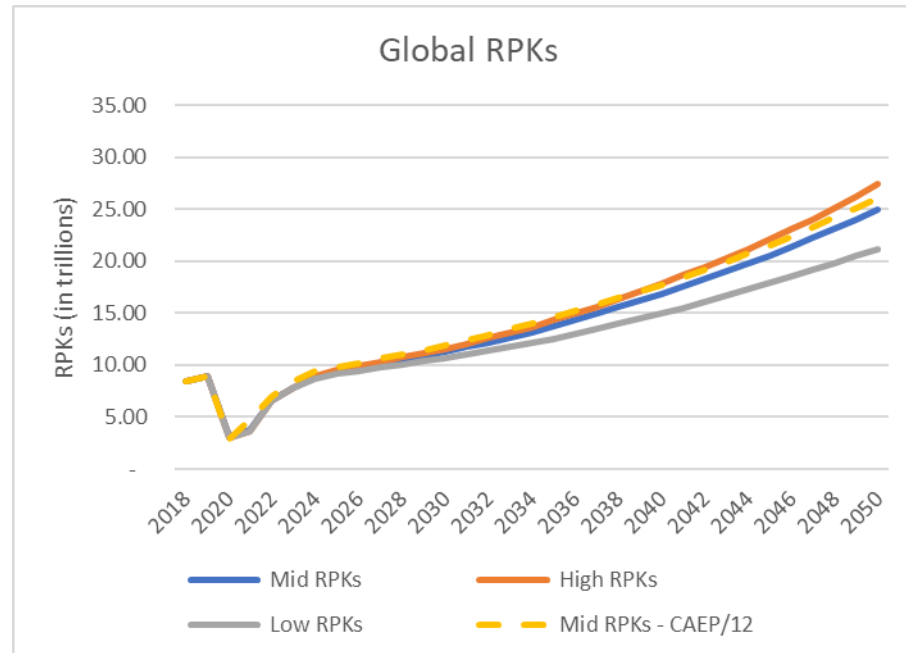
ICAO LTF

Inputs

- **ICAO Historical Traffic Data**
 - Passenger Market, RPKs, ASKs, Load Factors by ICAO Route Group (50)
 - Cargo Market, RTKs, ATKs, Load Factors by ICAO Region (6)
- **Economic Data**
 - Forecast (and History)
 - 30-year forecast horizon (extension to 2070)
 - Other data (e.g., BTS airfare CPI data)



CAEP/13 Passenger Forecast



Outputs

- **Passenger Market**
 - RPKs, ASKs and load factors by Route Group
- **Cargo Market**
 - RTKs, ATKs and load factors by Region
- **Forecast horizon**
 - 30 years for stringency analysis
 - 50 years for Trends

Modelling Process

- Econometric Models
- Capture influence of income and price on traffic demand

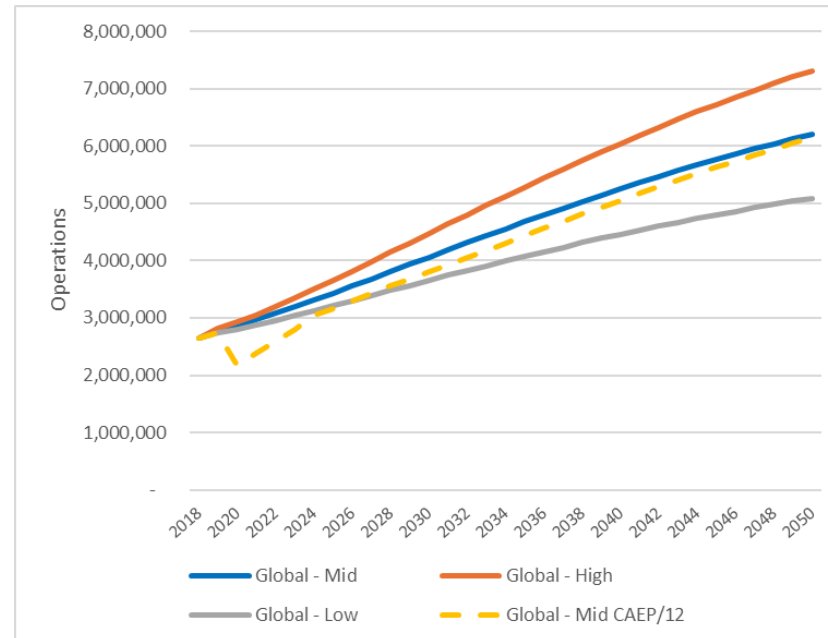
FESG Business Jet Forecast

Inputs

- 2024 Common Operations Database
- Utilization by aircraft type and age
- International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) delivery forecast (by aircraft type and IBAC region)
- FESG BJ retirement curve



CAEP/13 Business Jet Forecast



Outputs

- Operations by route group, distance band and competition bin (CBin)
- Aircraft in Service

Modelling Process

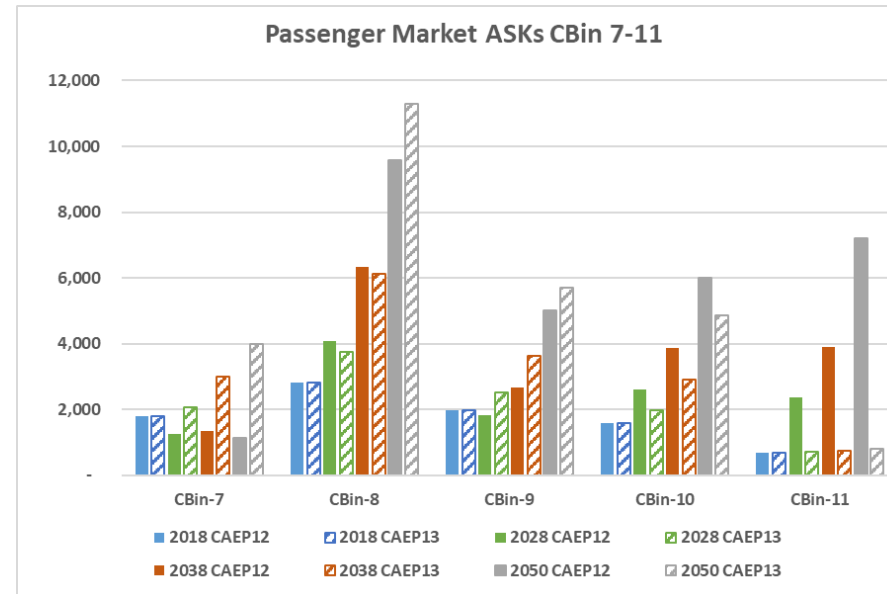
- FESG BJ forecast model
- Converts deliveries forecast to operations
- Maps IBAC regions to ICAO route groups

Generic Fleet Forecasts

CAEP/13 Generic Passenger Fleet Forecast Outputs by Competition Bin (CBin)

Inputs

- COD
- Passenger: RPKs, ASKs and Load Factors
- Cargo: RTKs, ATKs and Load Factors
- Forecast target years
- FESG retirement curves



Outputs

- Passenger: operations, RPKs, ASKs, aircraft in-service by RG/DB/CBin
- Cargo: operations, RTKs, ATKs, aircraft in-service by RG/DB/CBin
- Business Jet: operations and in-service fleet by RG/DB/CBin

Modelling Process

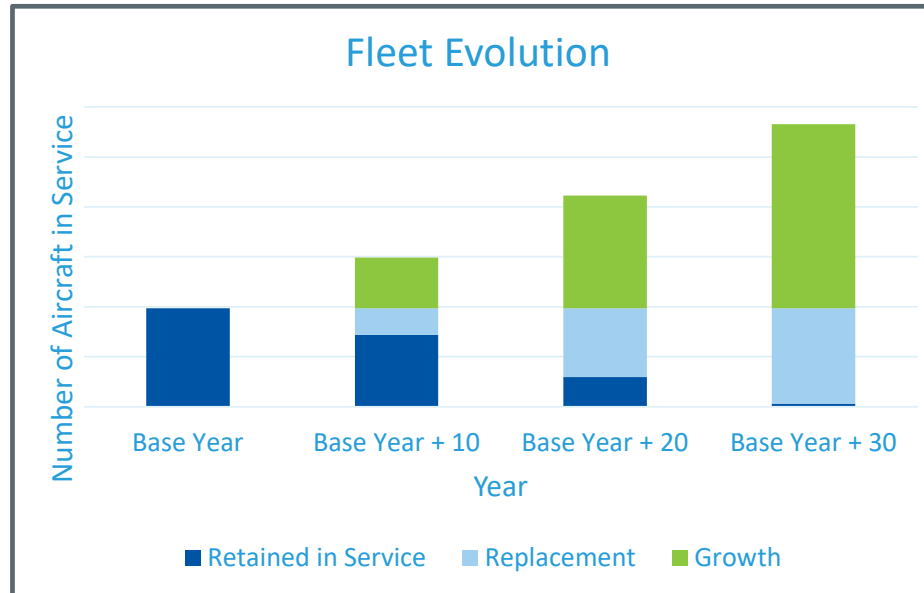
- Passenger: Airbus Model
- Cargo: Boeing Model
- Business Jets: FESG model

Fleet Evolution Modelling

Inputs

- Passenger Market: ASKs and In-Service Fleet by RG/DB/CBin
- Cargo Market: ATKs and In-Service Fleet by RG/DB/CBin
- Business Jet: Operations and In-service Fleet by RG/DB/CBin
- Inputs by target year (e.g., 2030, 2040)
- FESG retirement curves
- Cost Data
- Growth and Replacement database
 - Aircraft available to enter the fleet due to demand and aircraft retirements

Fleet Evolution Process



Outputs

- Primary FE Outputs
 - ASKs, ATKs, operations and aircraft in service by
 - Route group,
 - Distance band and
 - CBin
- Inputs for environmental modeling
 - Operations by airport pair (defined by the COD) and aircraft
- Inputs for stringency cost modelling
 - Cost data covering crew, maintenance, landing, route, finance and depreciation

Modelling Process

- Two CAEP approved FE models: Fleet-Builder (US)
 - AAT (Eurocontrol)
- Evolve the fleet based on retirement of existing fleet and new demand growth
- Calculate direct operating costs and emissions

Questions?

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