

Peaks and Troughs: Reserving through the Market Cycle

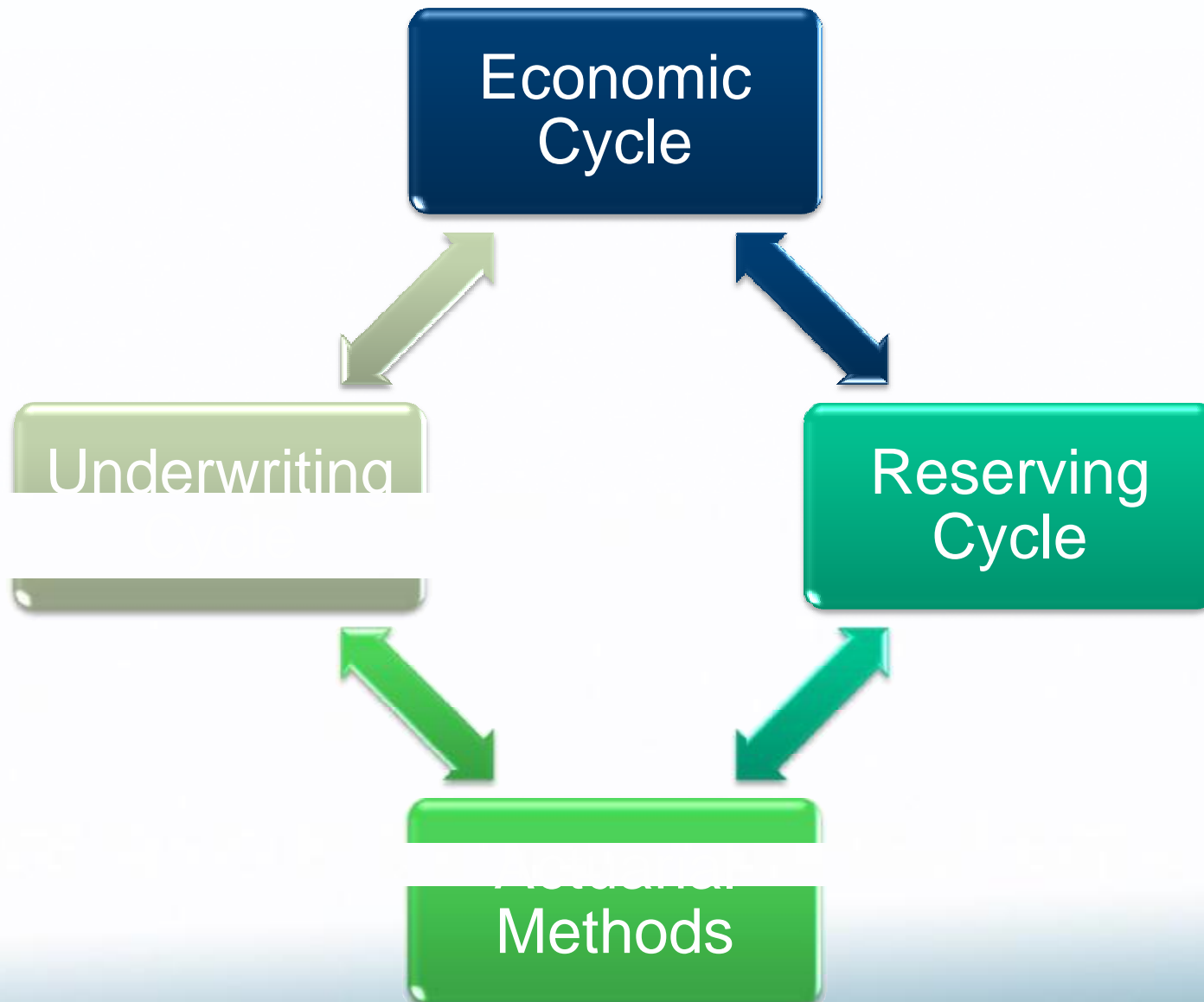
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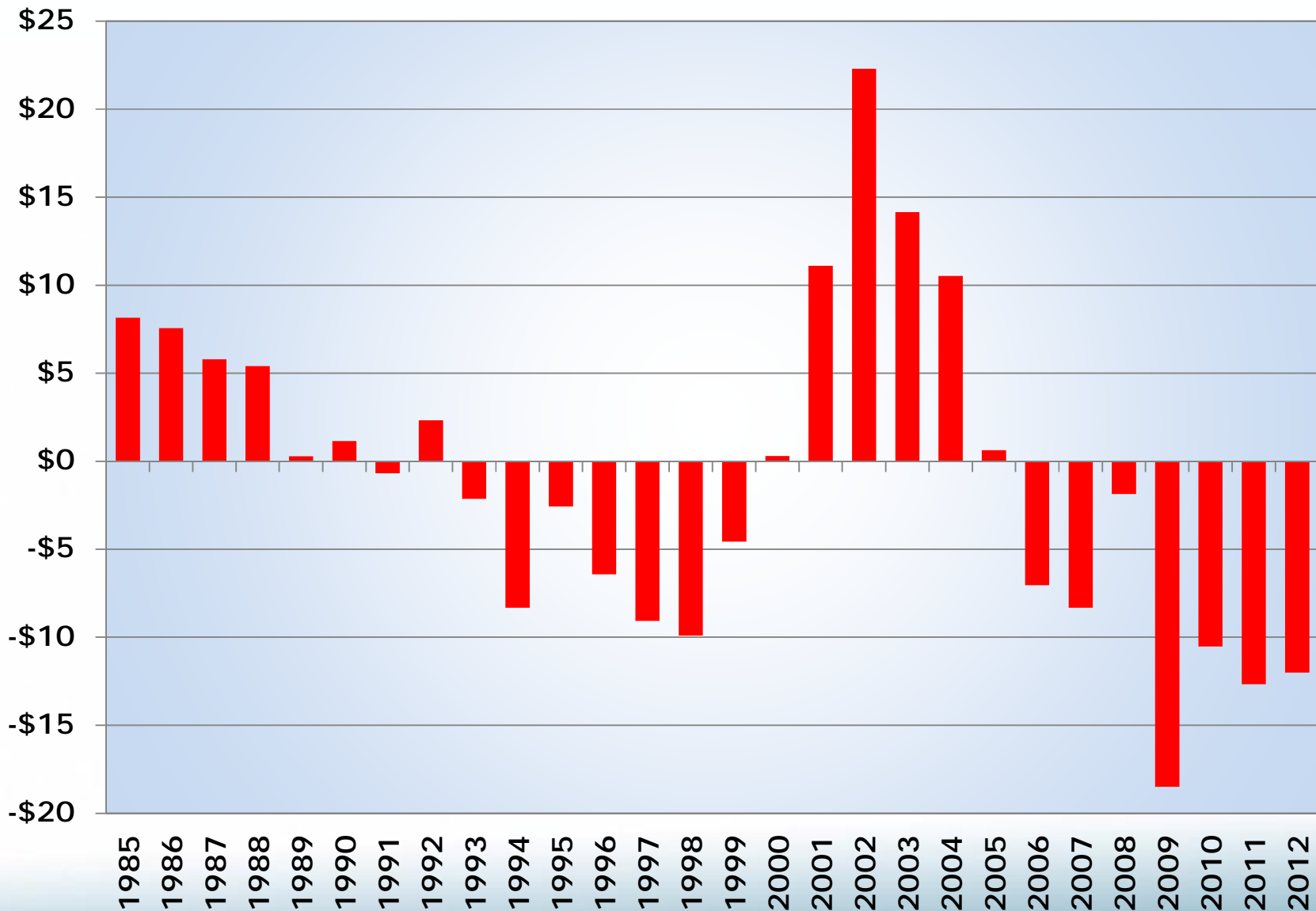
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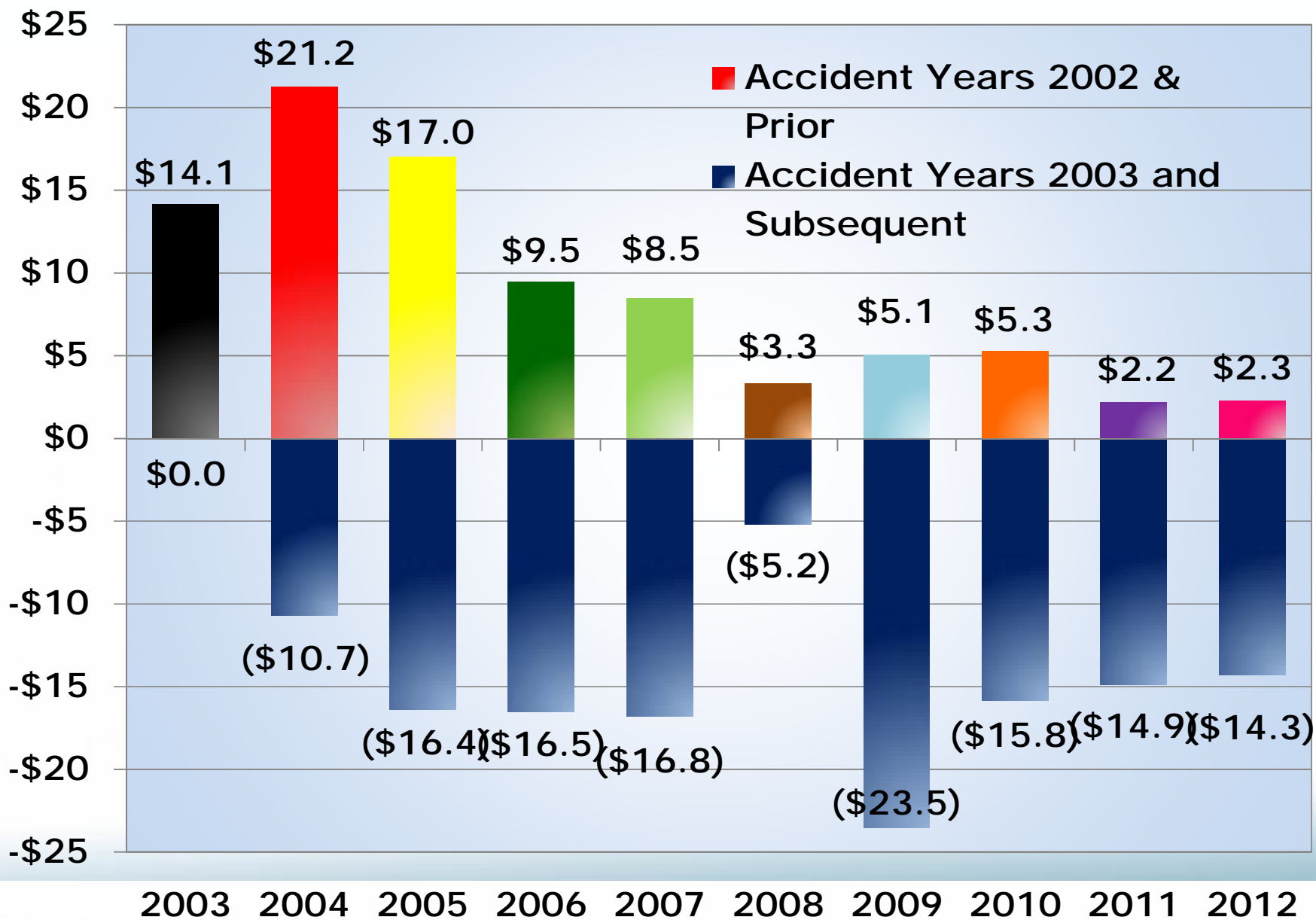
Discussion

THE RESERVING CYCLE

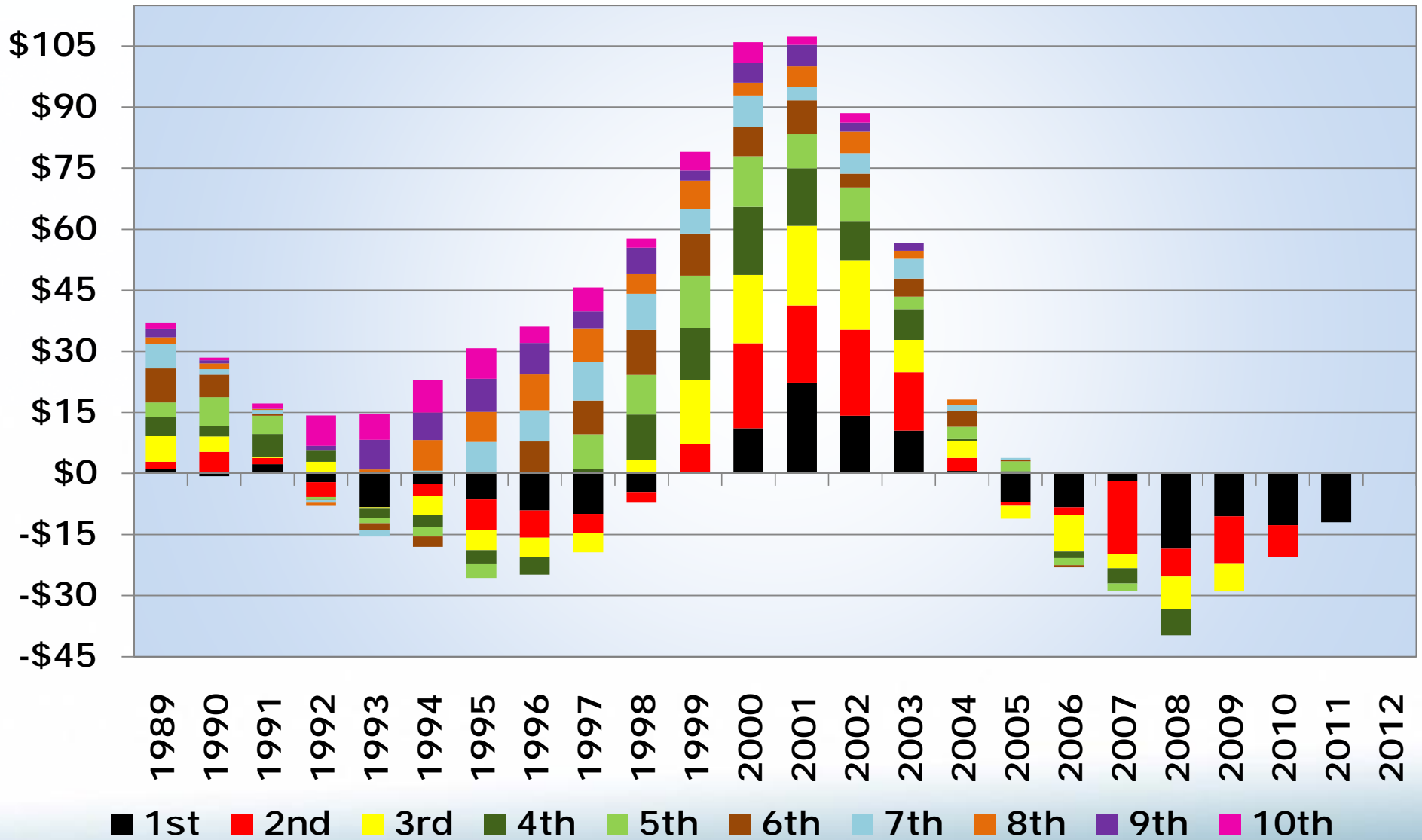
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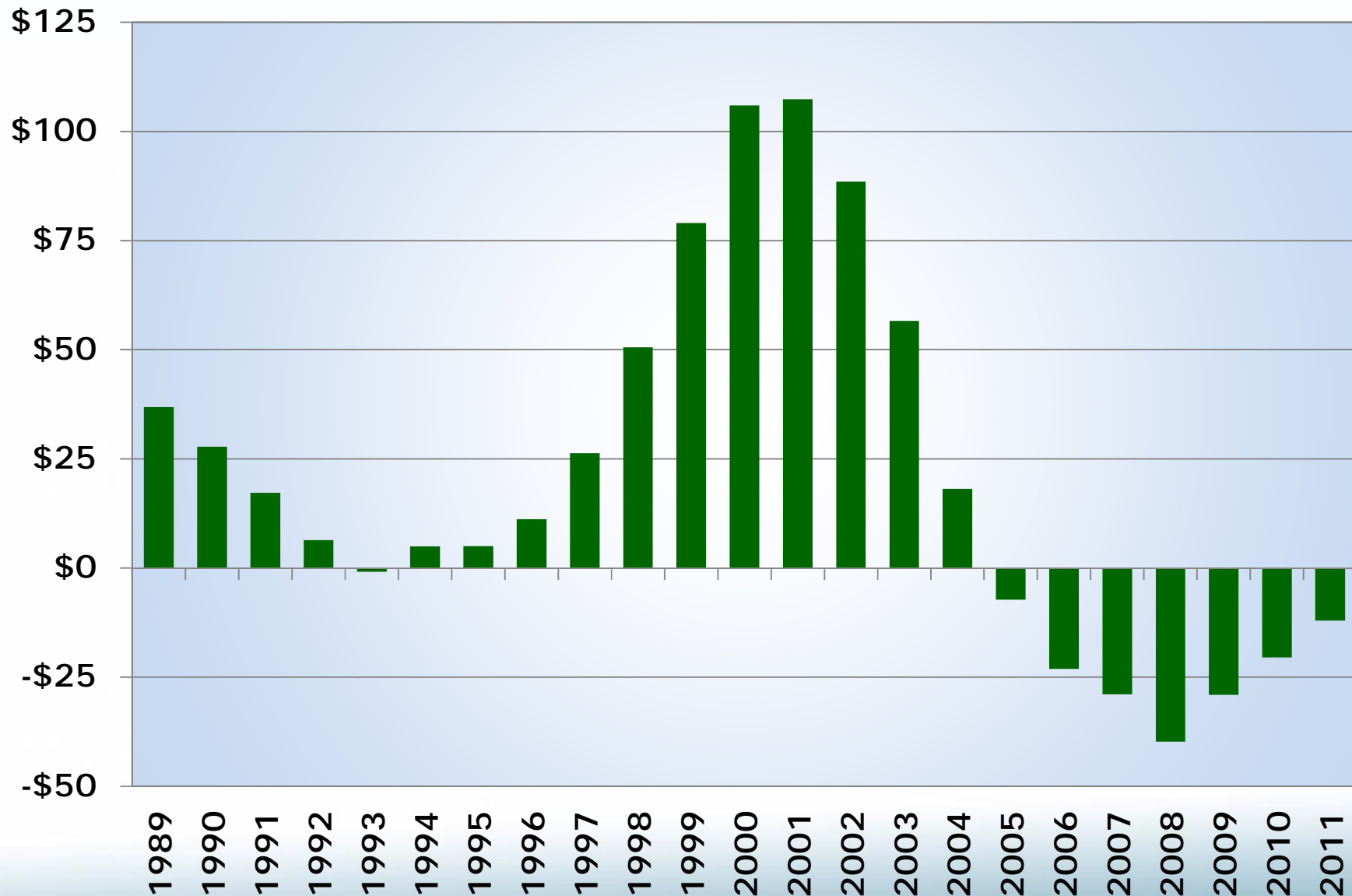
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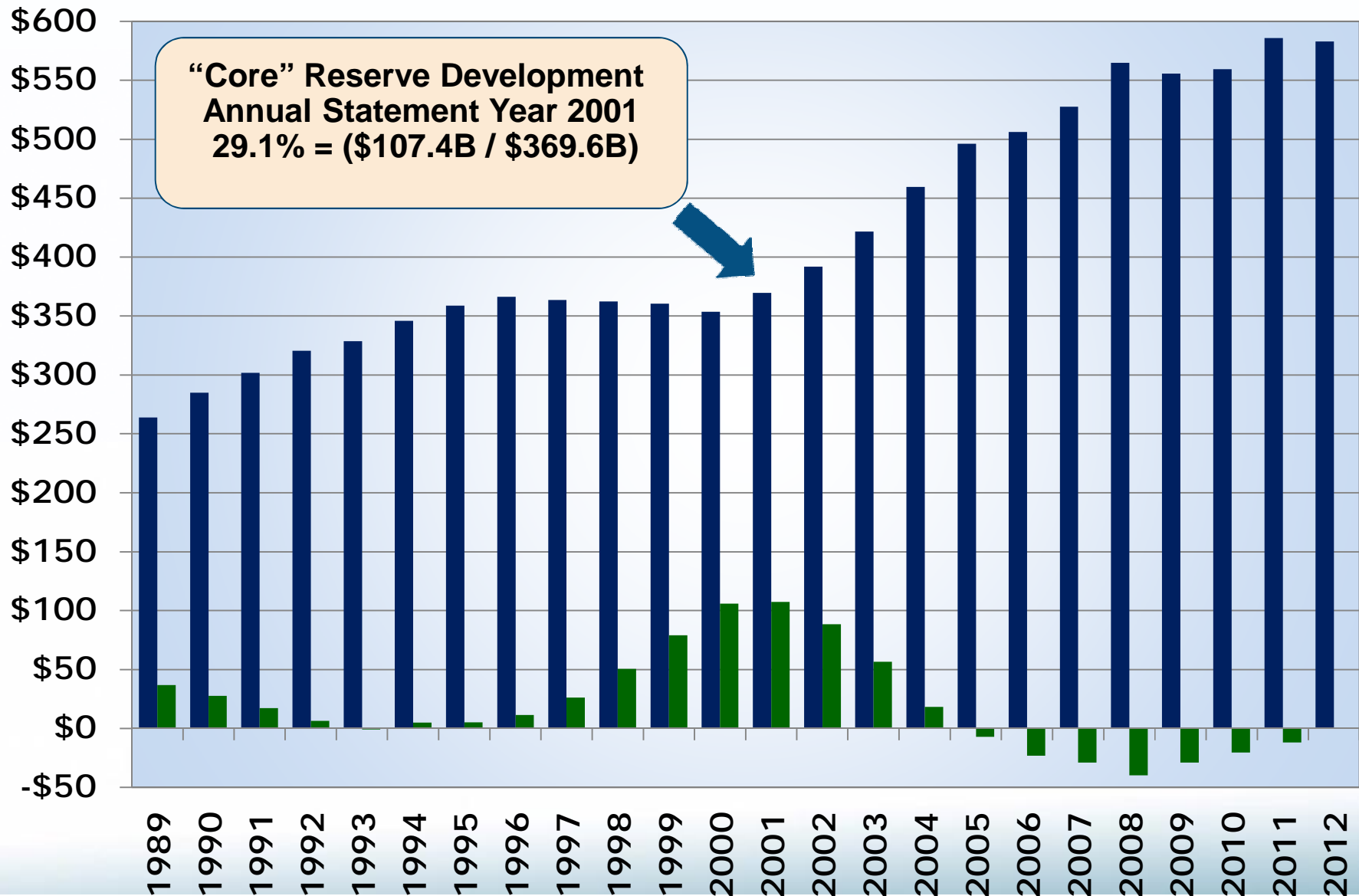
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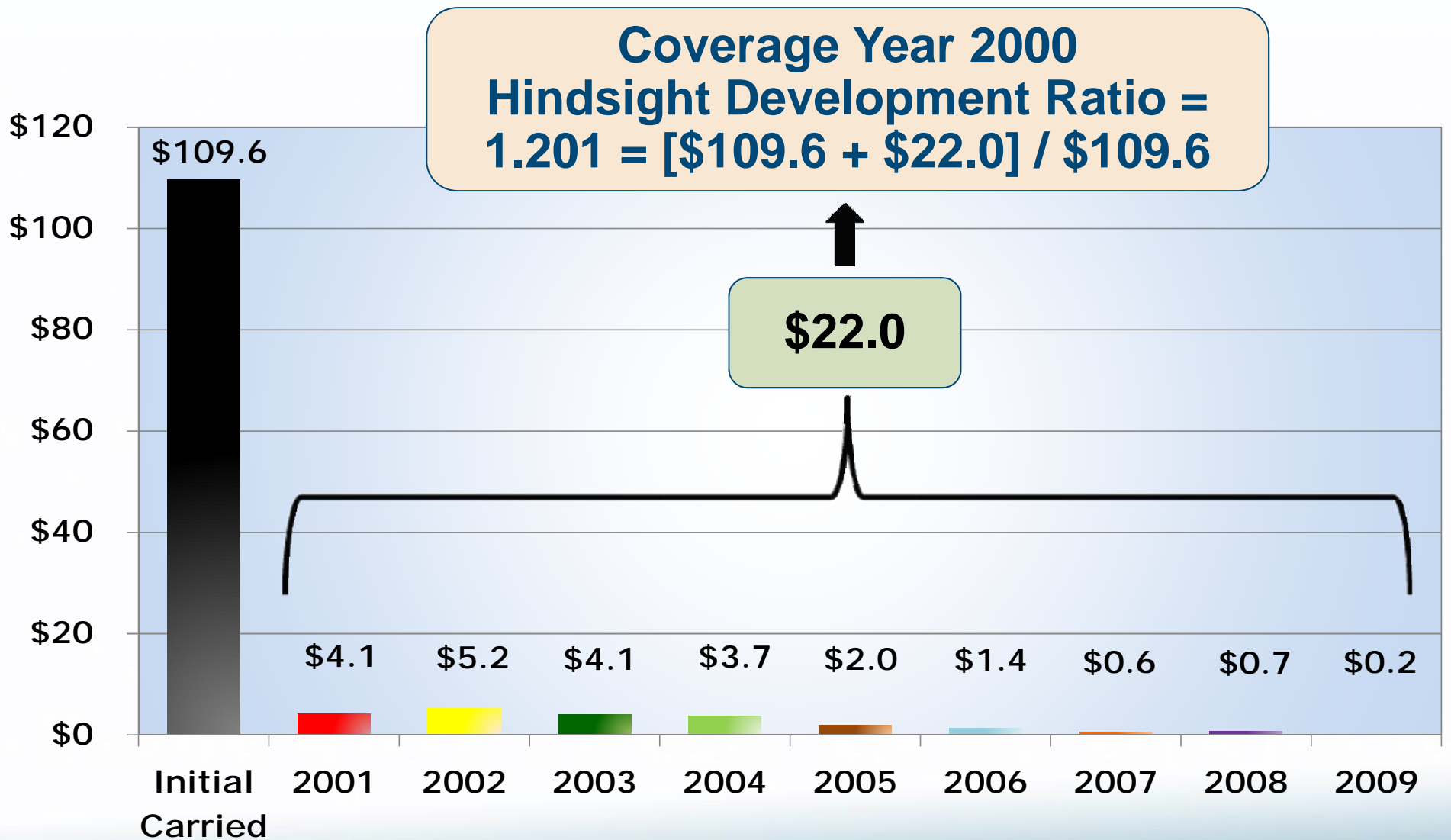
Carried Reserves and Subsequent Development (\$B)



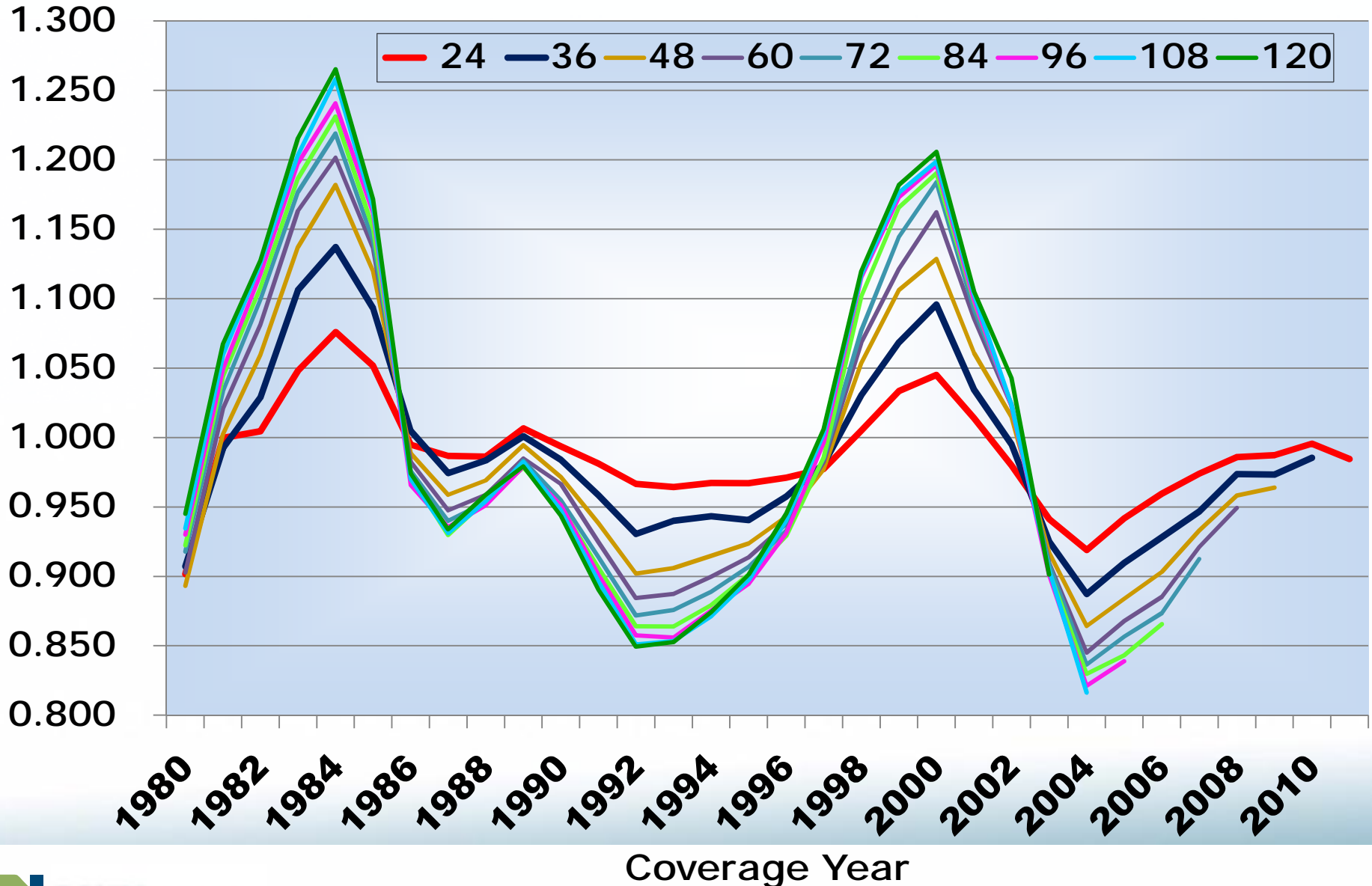
Hindsight Development Ratios

CARRIED RESERVES

Hindsight Development Ratio – Example (\$B)



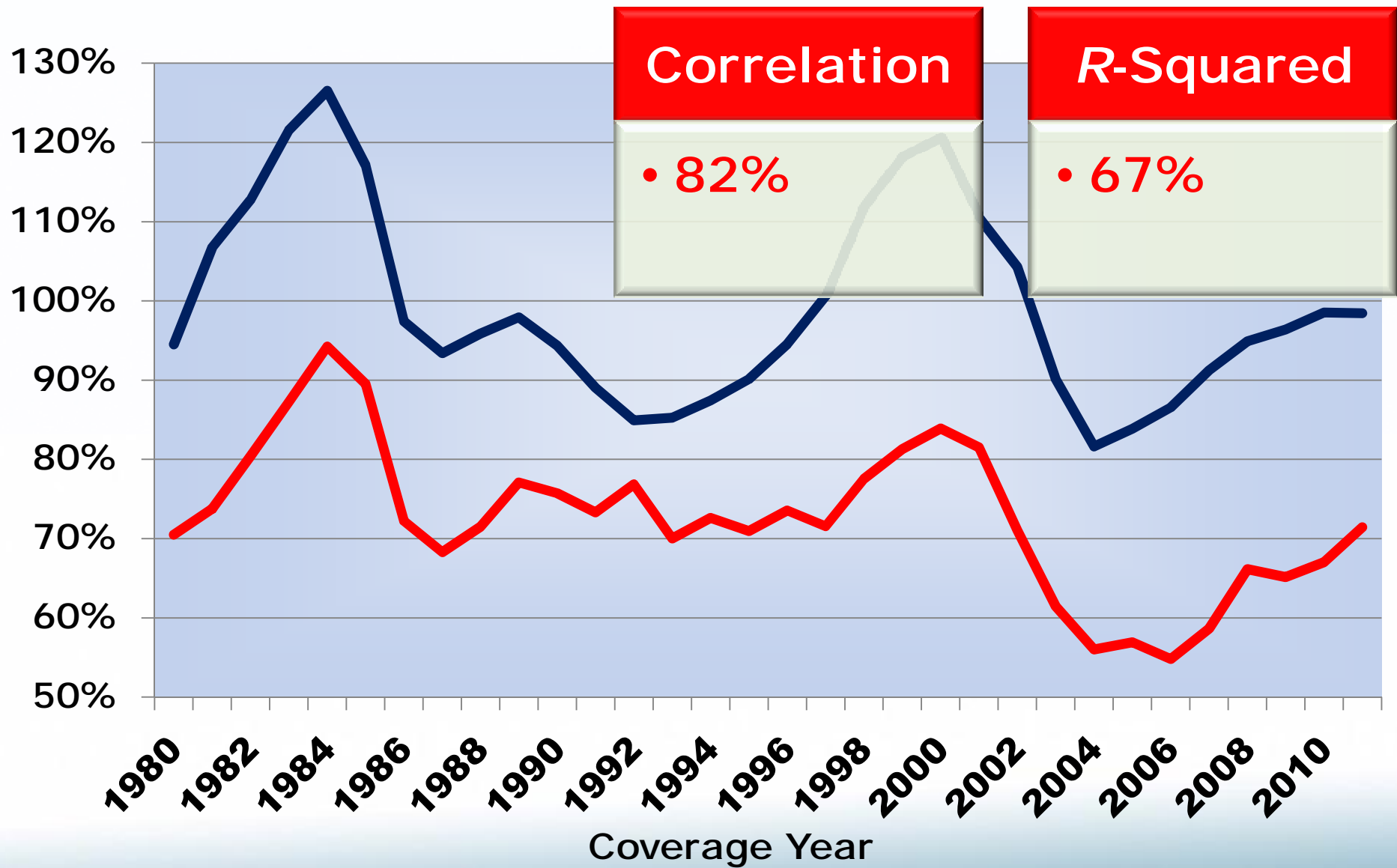
Hindsight Development by Evaluation Month



Analysis

THE UNDERWRITING CYCLE

The Underwriting and Reserving Cycles



The Pricing and Reserving Relationship

Ø Reserving as a Response to Pricing

§ Reinsurance Retentions

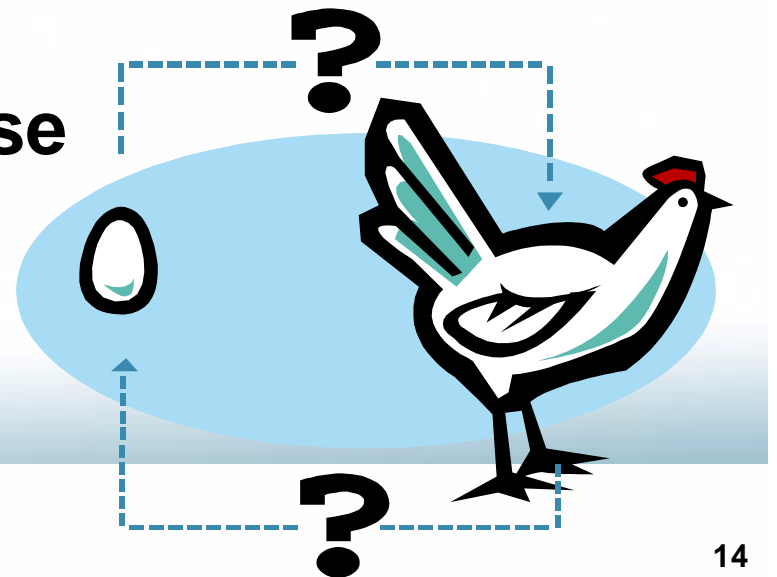
§ Policy Limits

§ Mix of Business, e.g., Self-Insured Exposure

Ø Pricing as a Response to Reserving

§ Price to Write More/Less

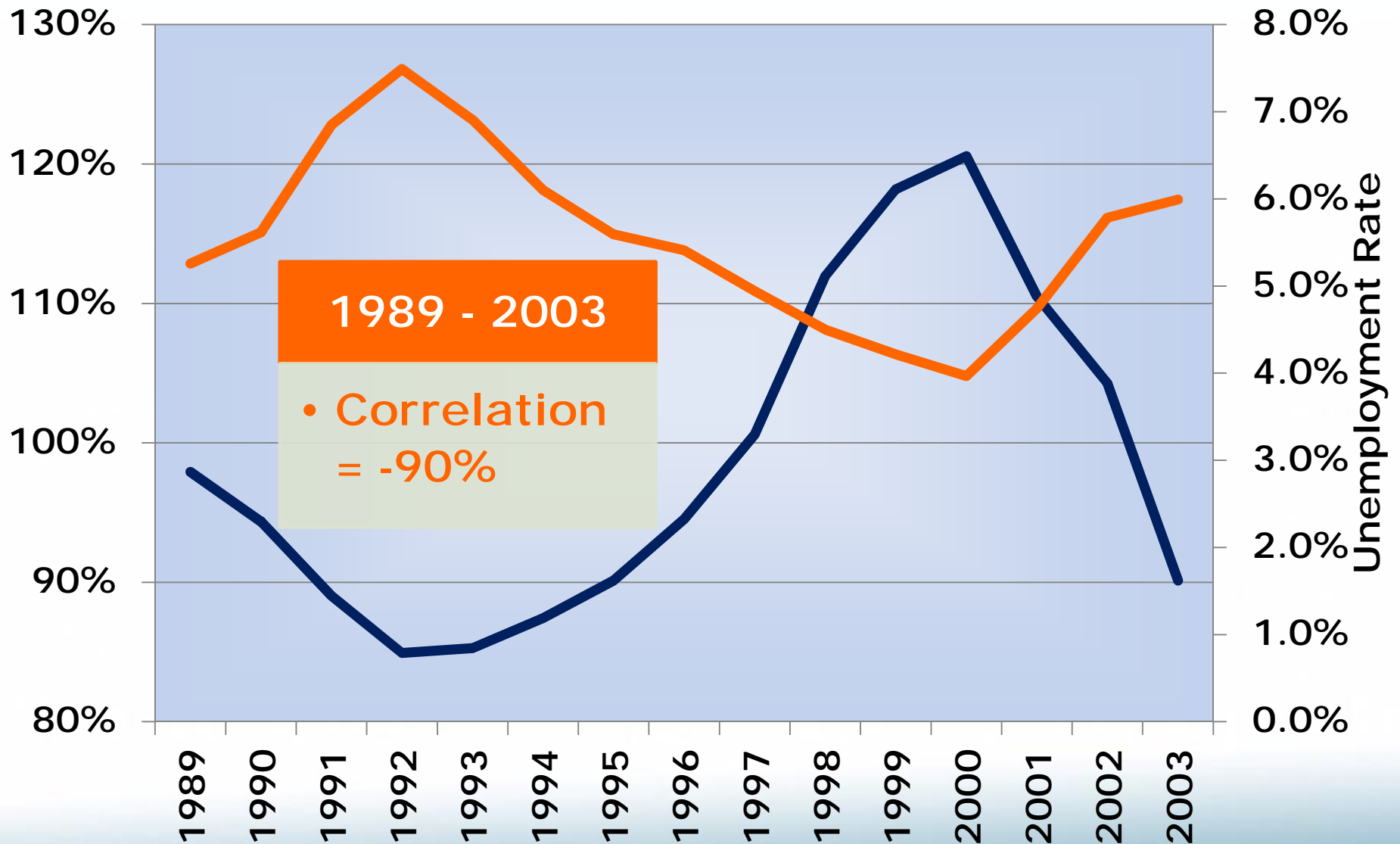
Ø Common Underlying Cause



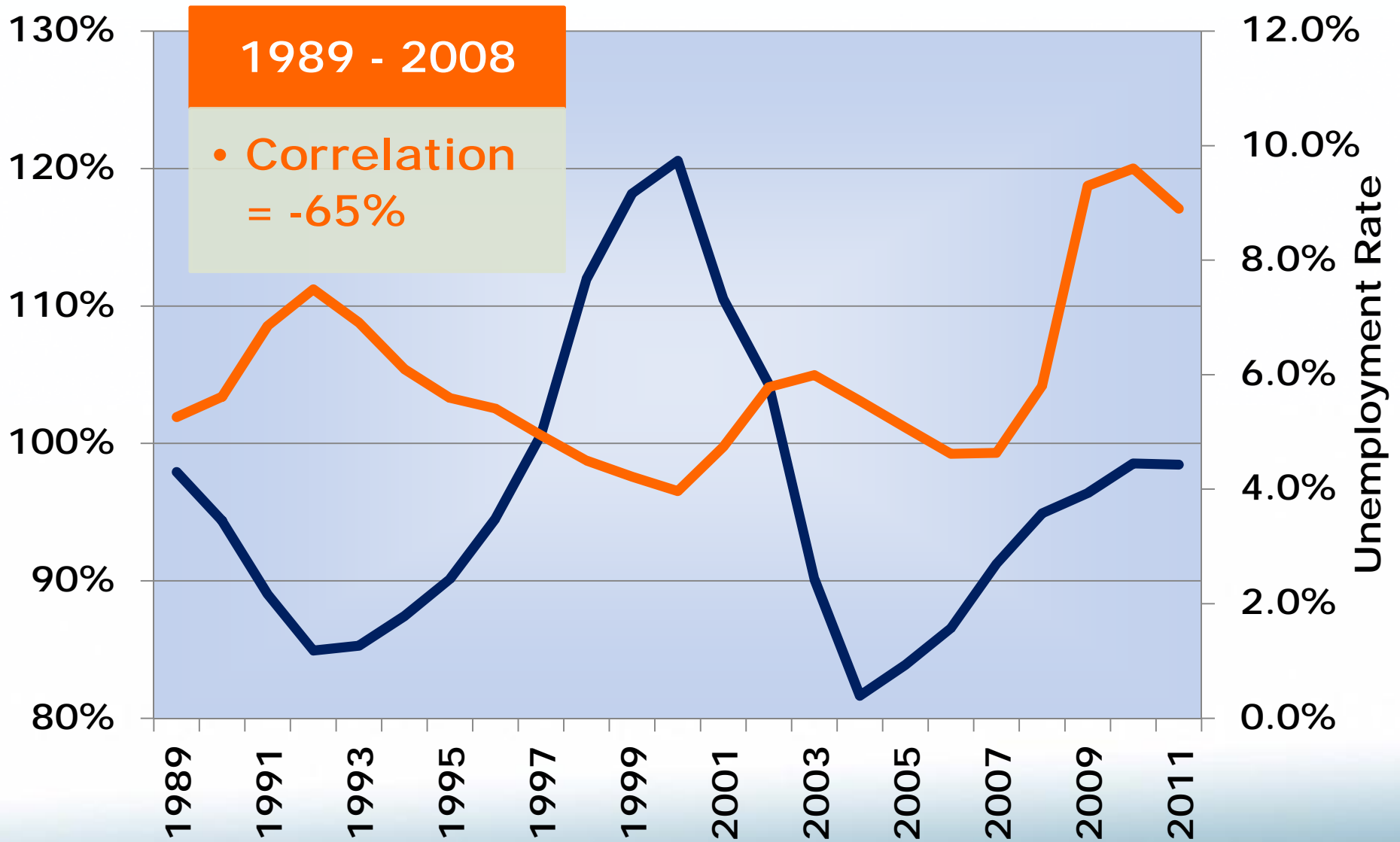
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THE ECONOMIC CYCLE

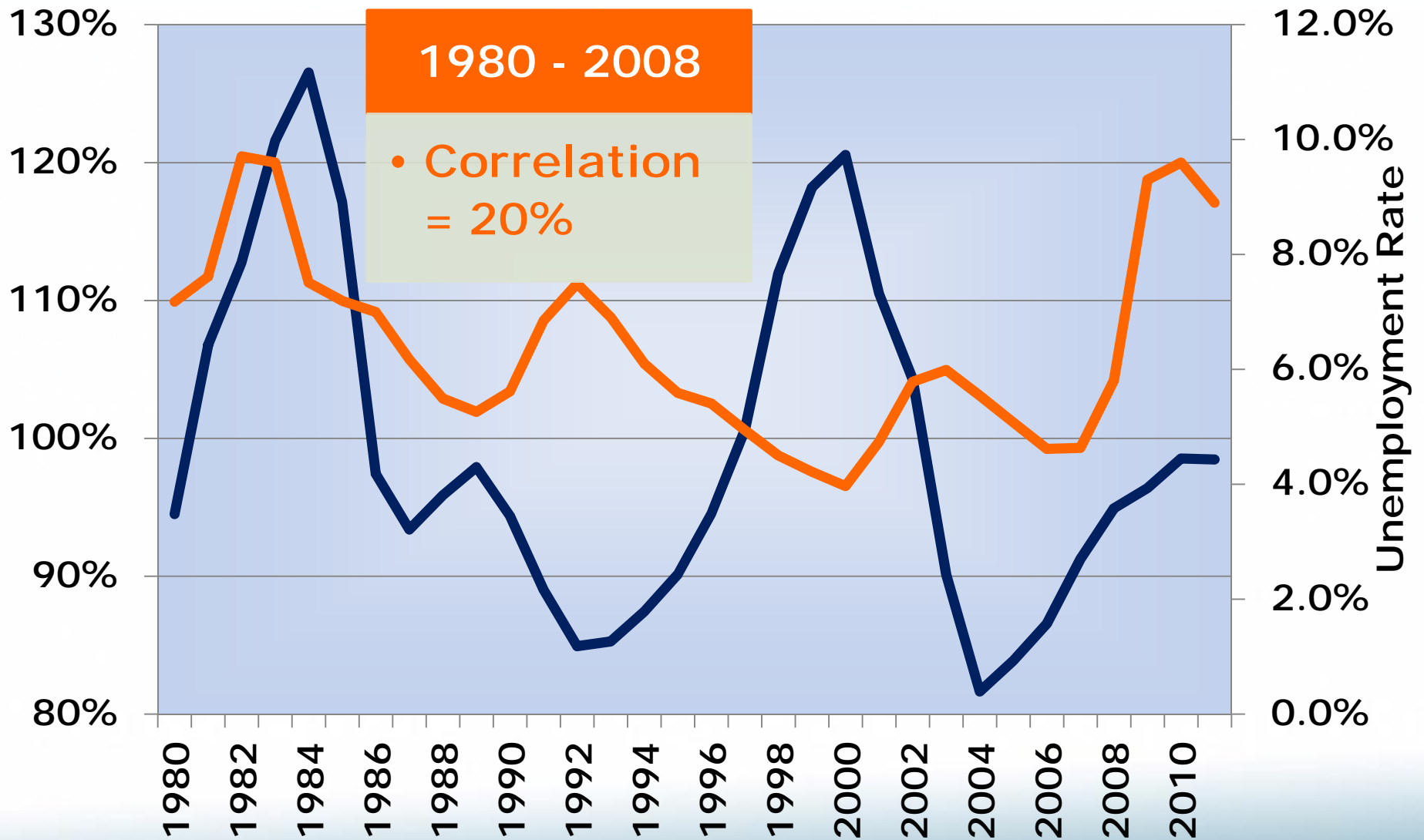
The Economic Cycle and the Reserving Cycle



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What Happens When the Economy Is Booming?

Ø “More to Lose”

§ More driving, producing, working, etc.

Ø Inflation – may be higher

Ø “Supply” is high

§ Supply = Capital

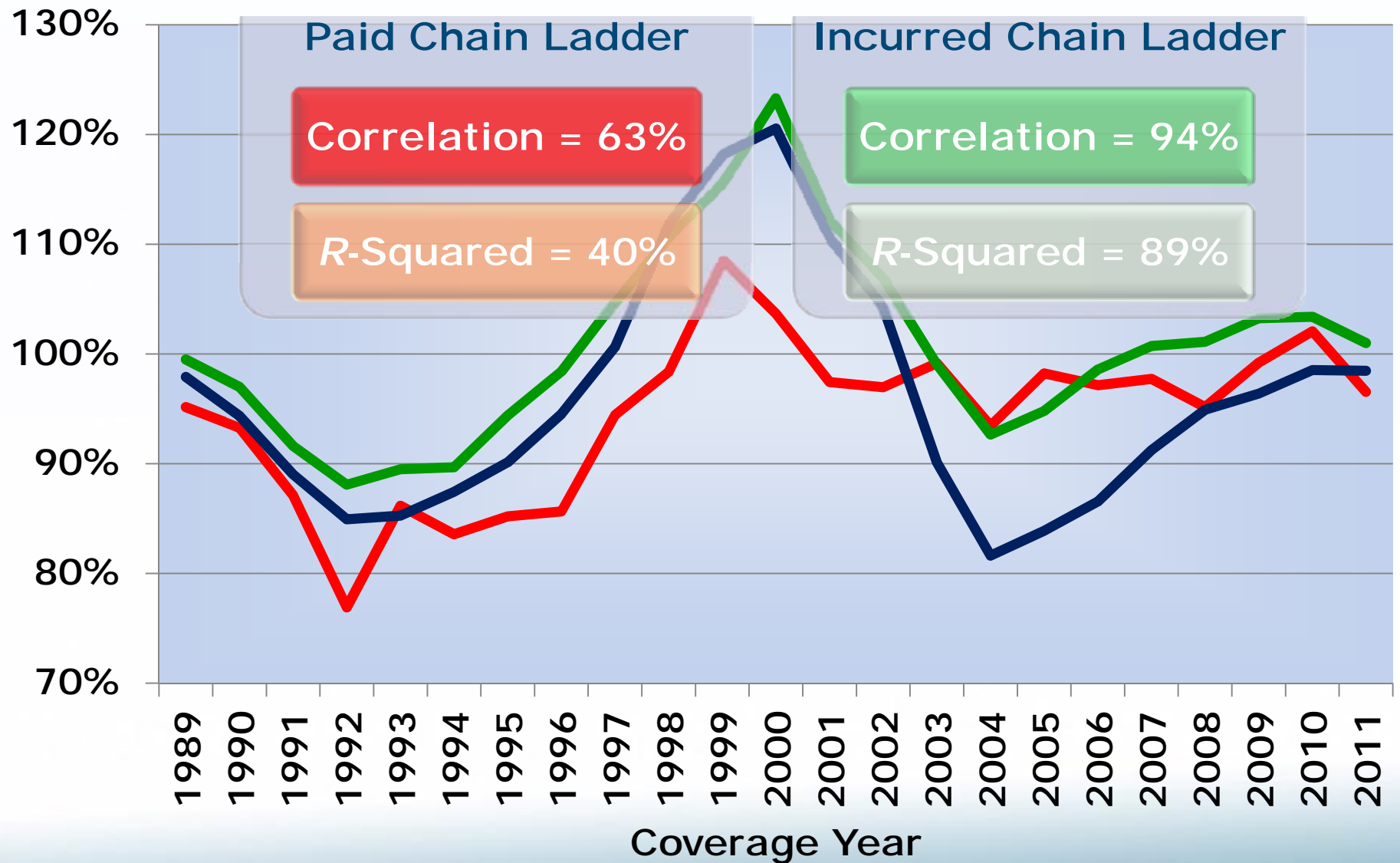
§ Drives Down Pricing

§ But This Takes A Long Time...

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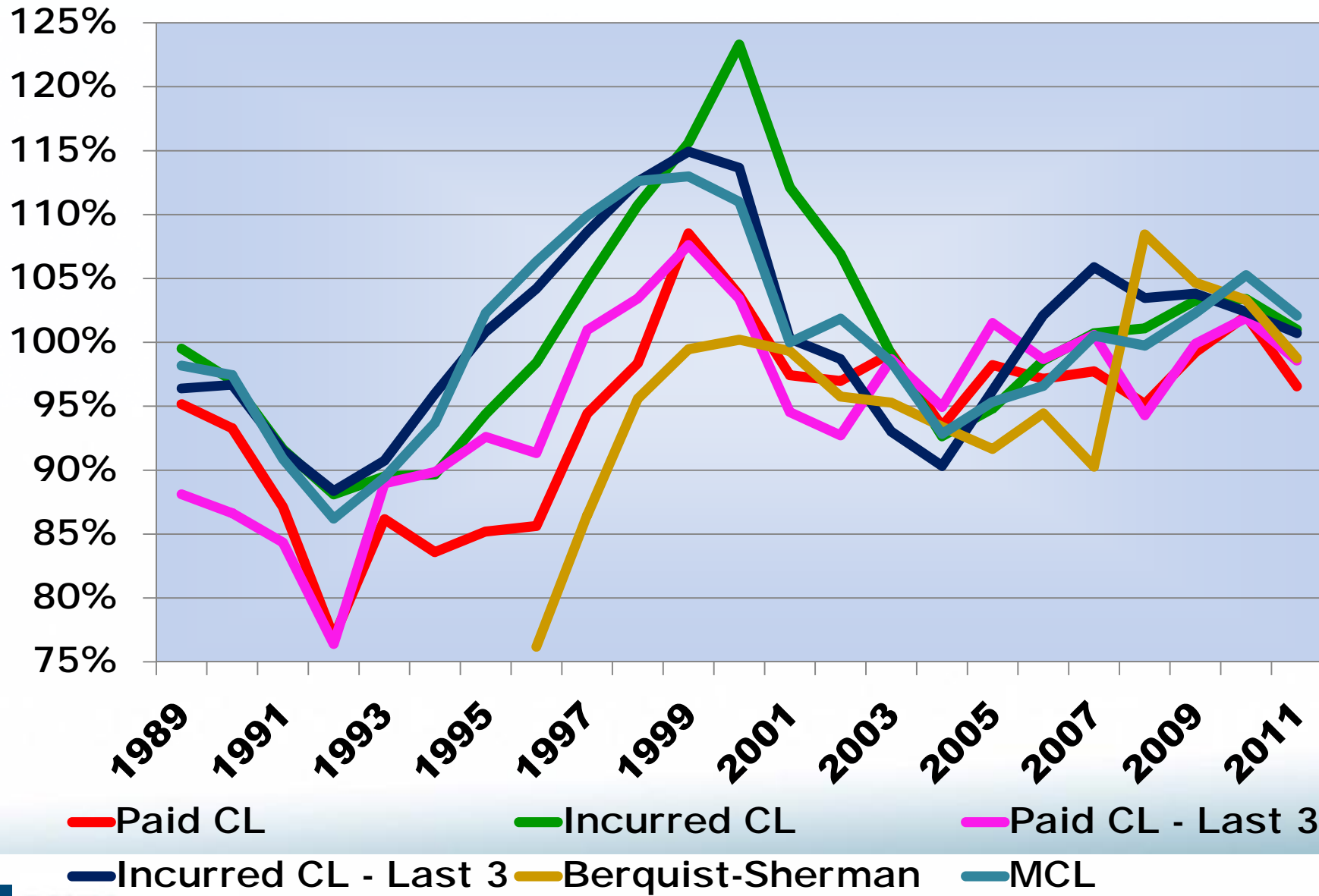
ACTUARIAL METHODS

Hindsight Development Ratios

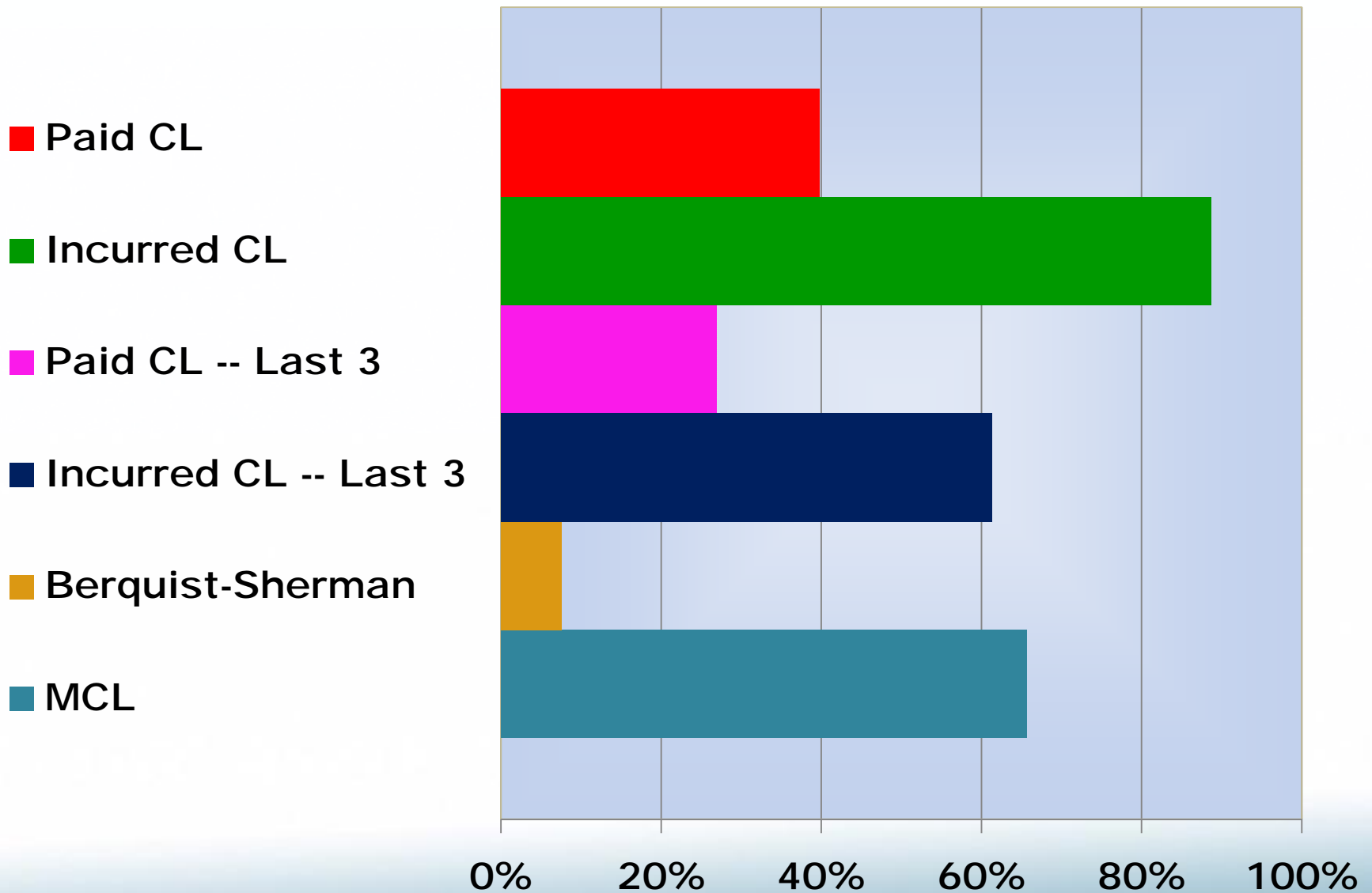


— Paid Chain Ladder — Incurred Chain Ladder — Carried

Other Actuarial Methods



R-Squareds of Method HDRs with Carried HDRs



Discussion of Analysis

CONCLUSIONS

Why Are Actuarial Methods Cyclical?

Ø Economic Reasons

§ **“More to Lose”**

§ **Inflation**

Ø Insurance Reasons

§ **Reinsurance Retentions**

§ **Policy Limits**

§ **More Cautious in Payments When Experience
is Worse?**

Reserve Cycle: Where Does The Rest Come From?

∅ Actuarial Methods

§ More Cyclical On Individual Books?

∅ “Anchoring” to Prior Years’ Loss Ratios

∅ Two Pricing Cycles:

§ Target Loss Ratio

§ Business Performance Above/Below Target

- Contributes to Loss Development**
- Does Loss Development Contribute to Performance?**

§ Implications for Loss Ratio & BF-Type Methods

QUESTIONS

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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