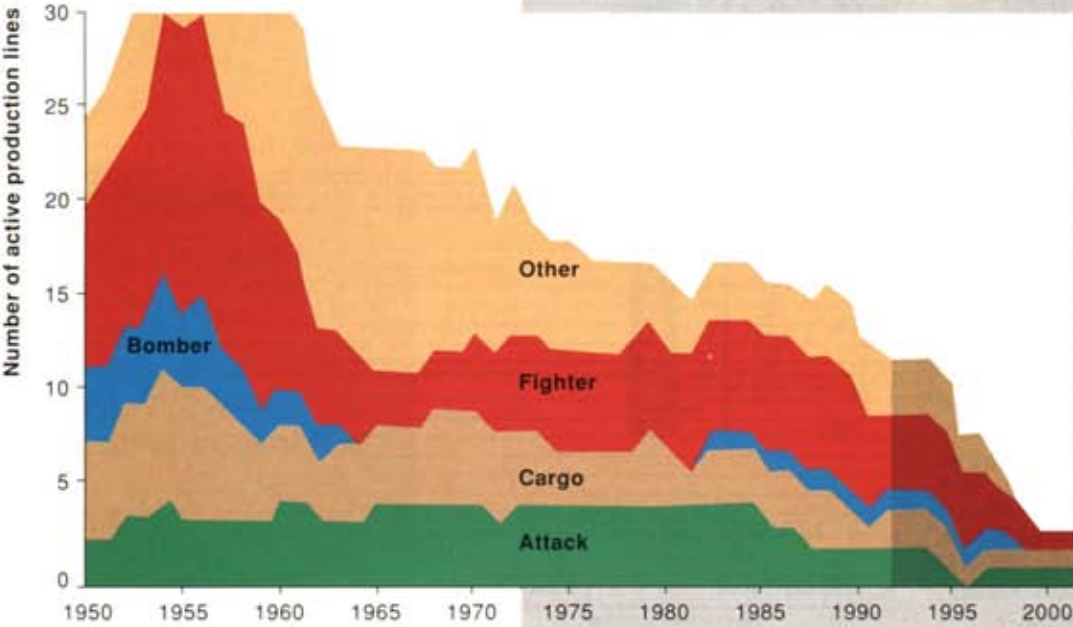
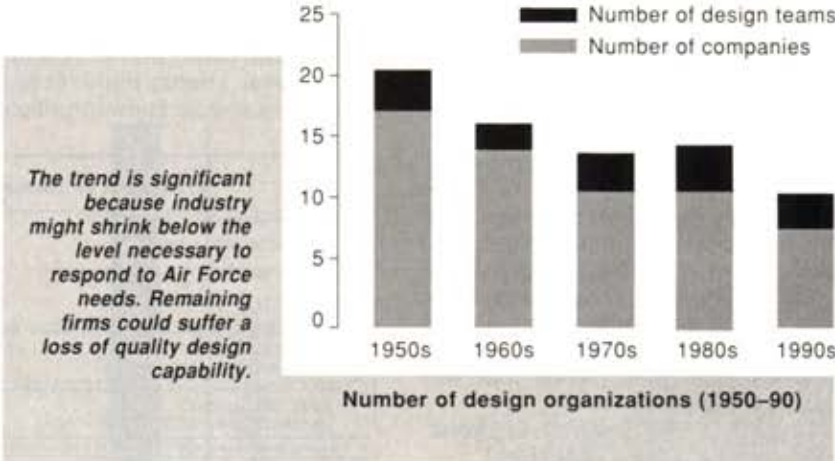


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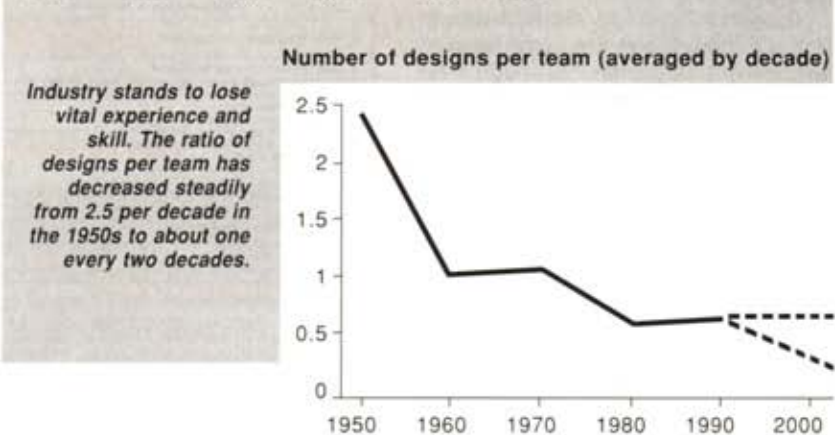
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The Decline in Military Aircraft Design

A recent RAND Corp. study warned that a continuing decrease in aircraft design and production will affect the industry's ability to meet the Air Force's needs in the next decade. Decreasing procurement budgets, cost growth, and longer aircraft lifetimes contribute to this decline.



The 1950s saw the production of forty-nine new fixed-wing aircraft. By contrast, four new designs have flown in the 1990s. Only one or two more are expected by 2000.



Source: RAND Corp., "Maintaining Future Military Aircraft Design Capability," 1992.