

# Economic Integration in Asia: Progress and Challenges

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# Outline

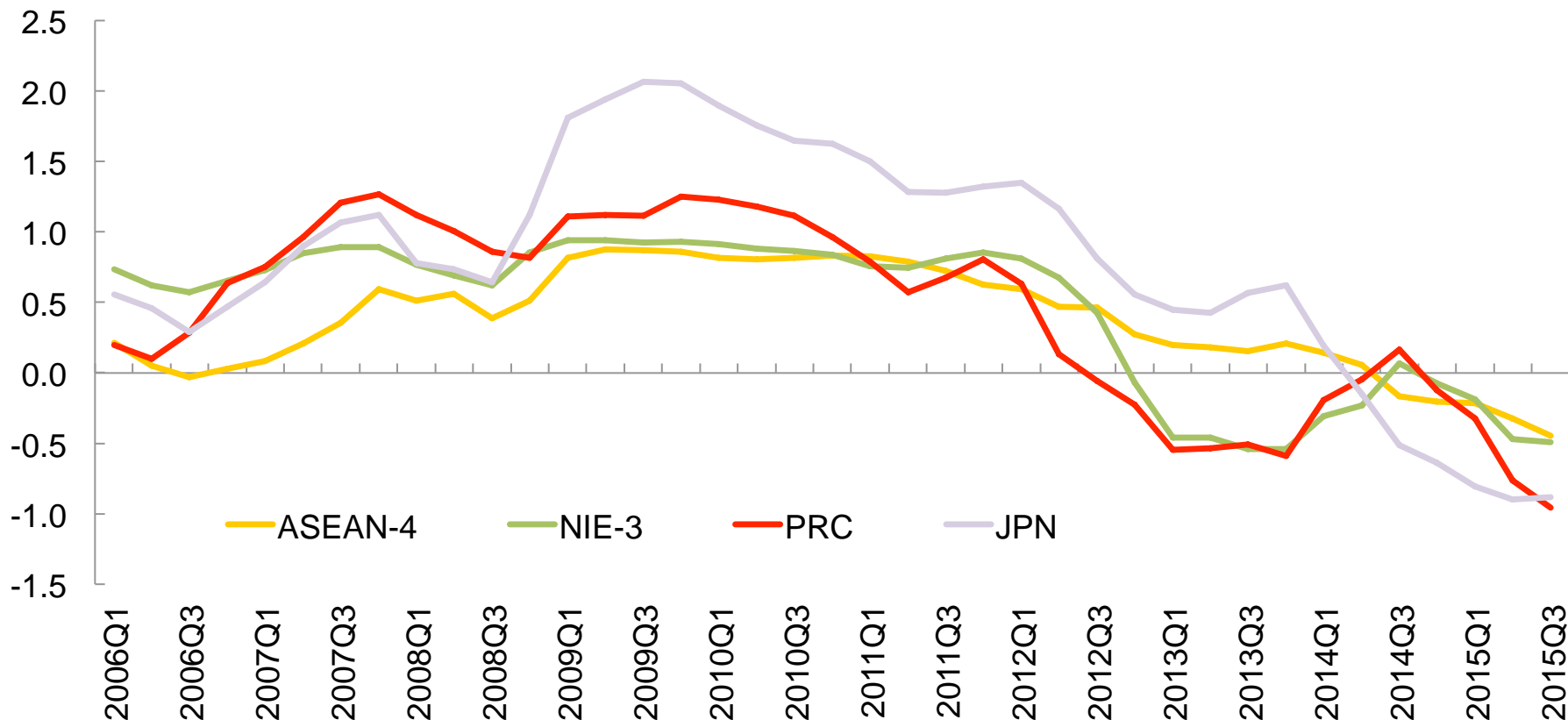
- Progress of Regional Economic Integration
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  - Structural transformation in PRC
- Financial integration and volatility
  - Structural patterns of capital flows to Asia
  - FDI vs. Portfolio and other investment

# **Progress of regional economic integration**



# Growth of ASEAN+3 less correlated with the US

## ASEAN+3 Business Cycle Correlation with US

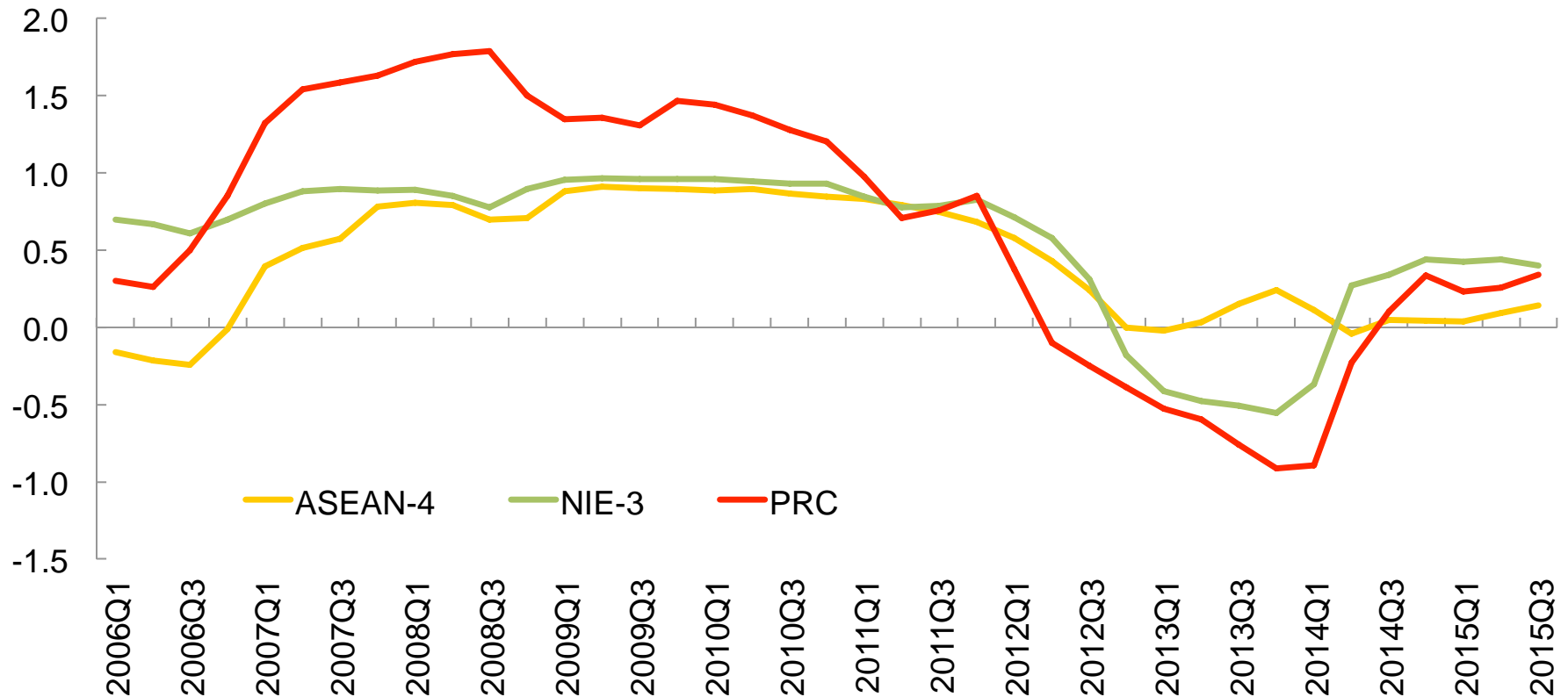


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# Growth of ASEAN+3 more correlated with Japan recently

## ASEAN+3 Business Cycle Correlation with Japan

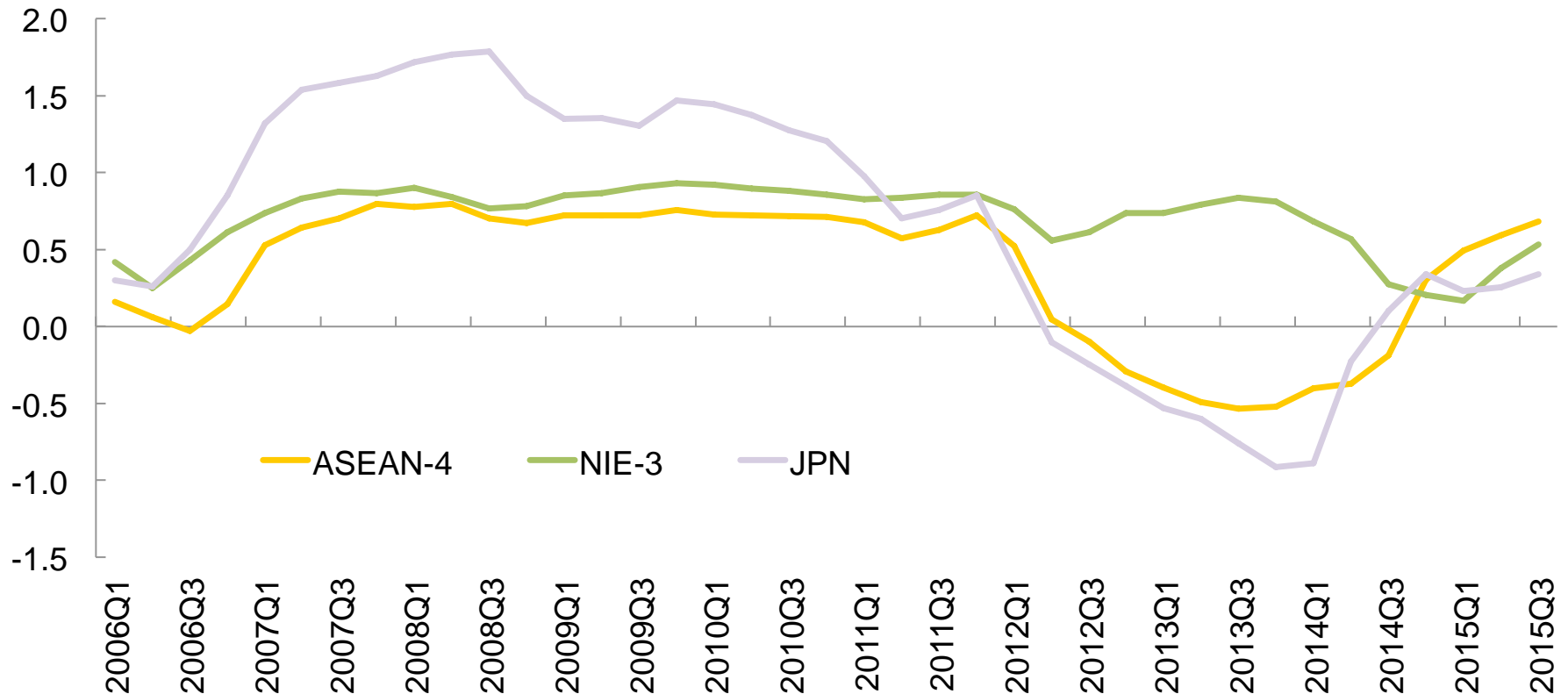


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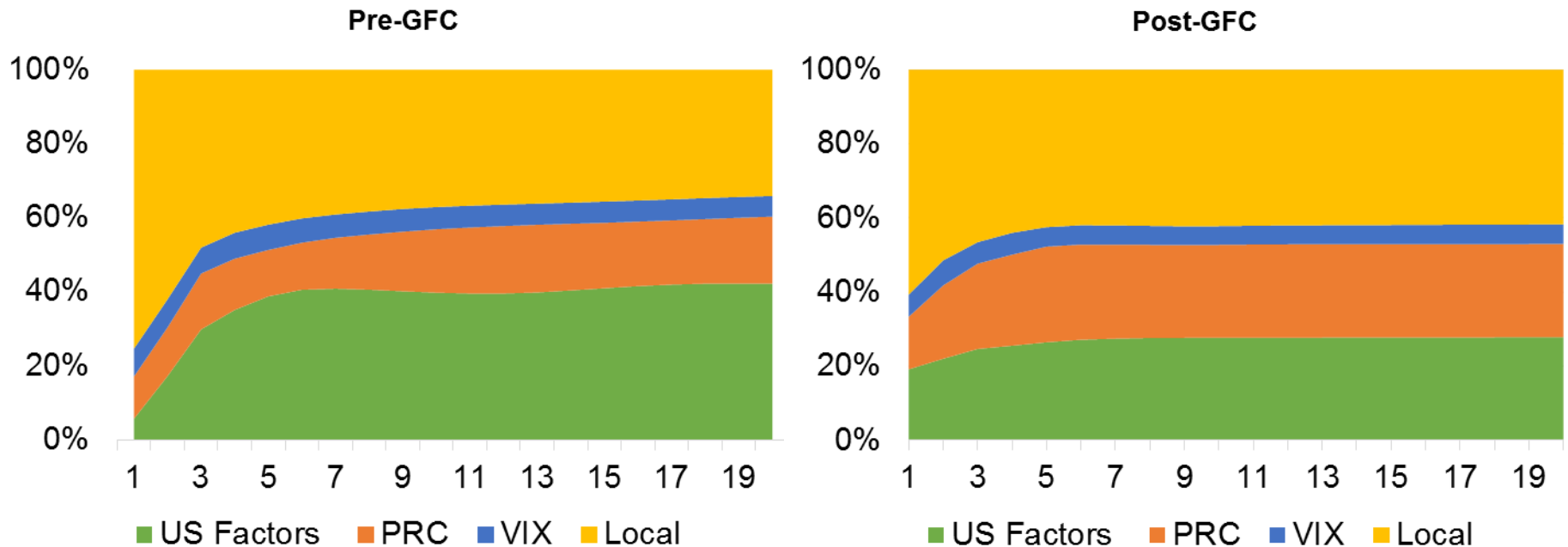


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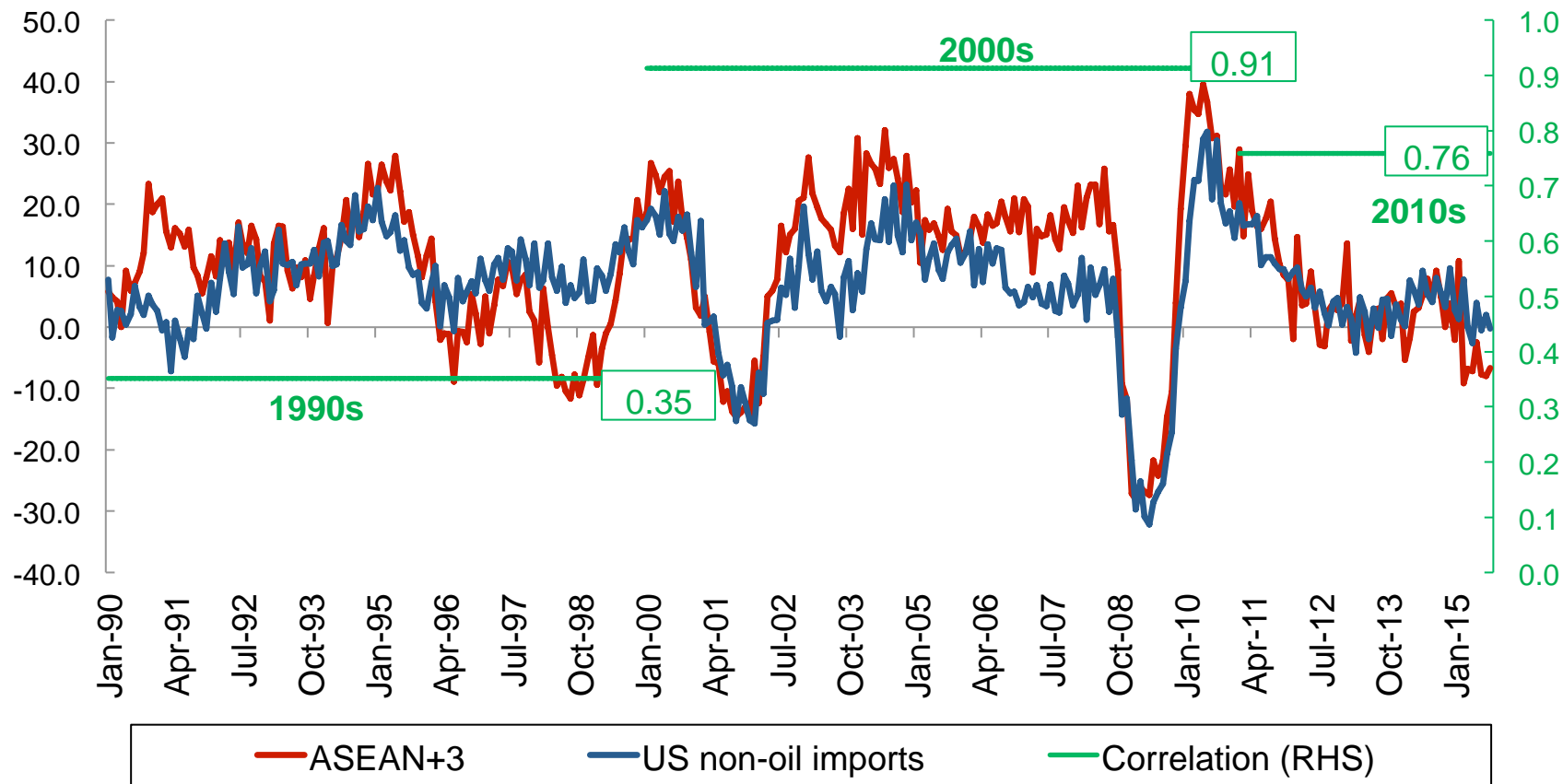
# Asian economies more vulnerable to growth shock from PRC and their own domestic shocks

Share of Asian output variance due to external and local factors (% , x-axis = # of quarters)



Pre-GFC = 2001Q1 to 2008Q1; Post-GFC = 2009Q1 to 2015Q2. Average for sample economies.  
Source: ADB calculations.

# Correlation between growth in ASEAN+3 exports and US non-oil imports

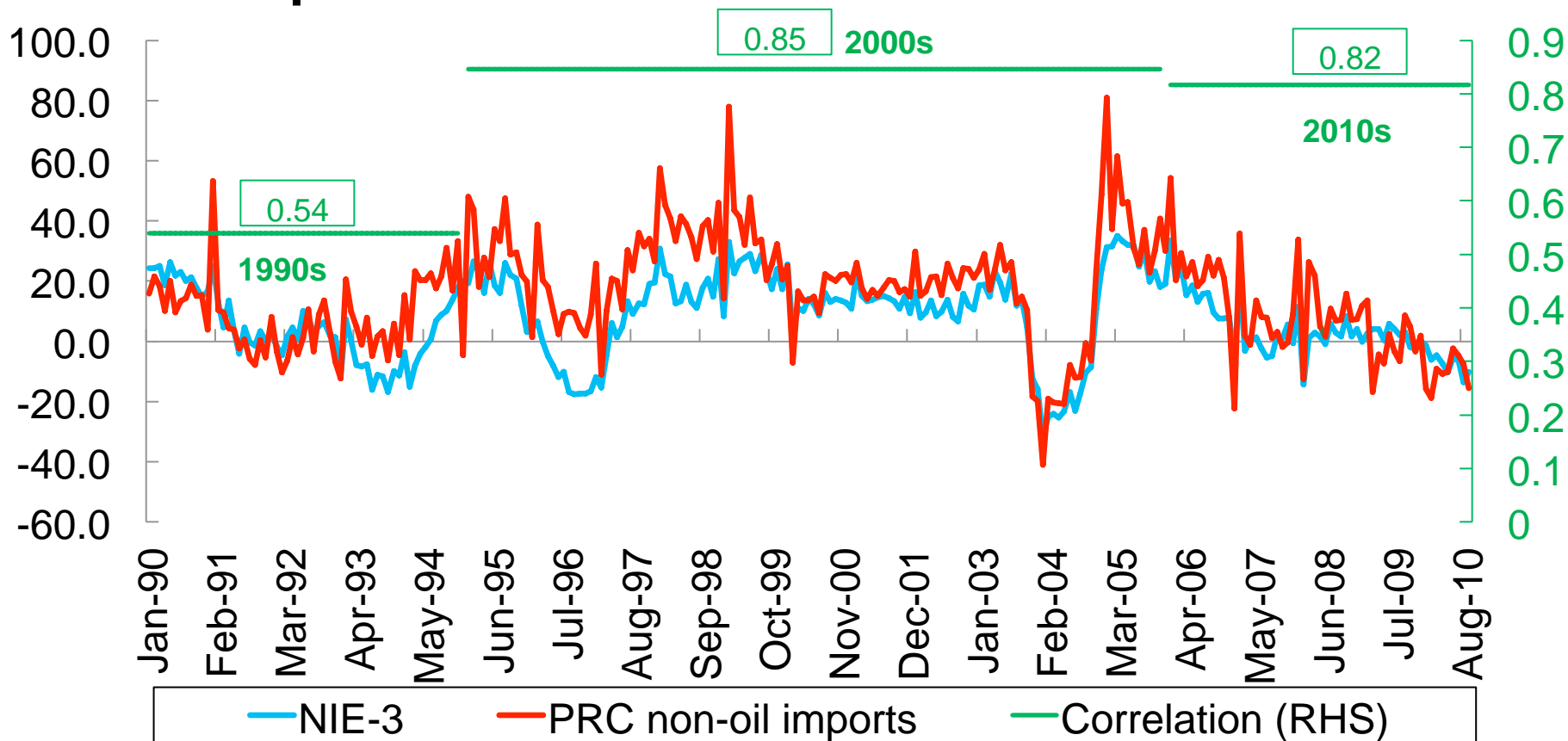


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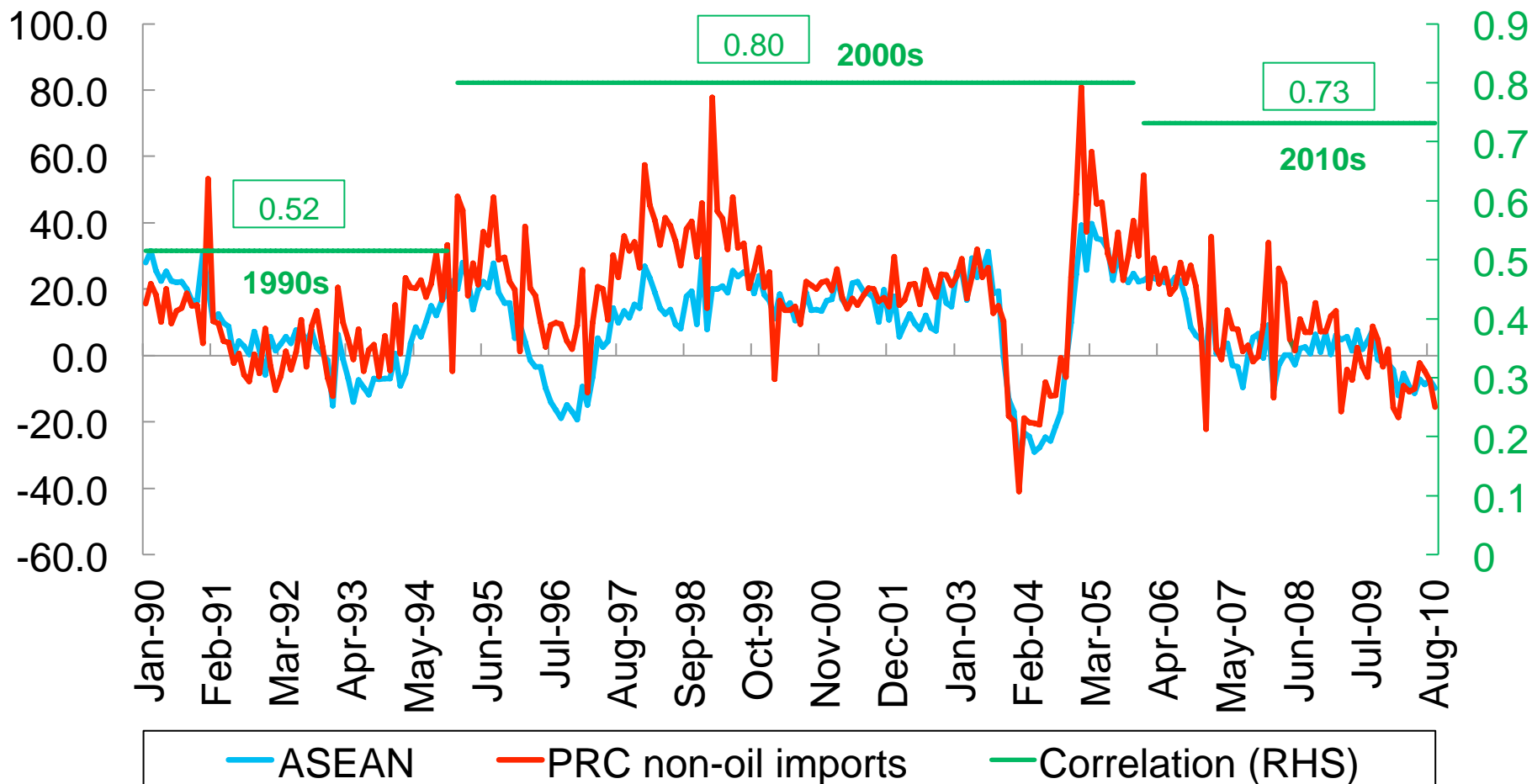


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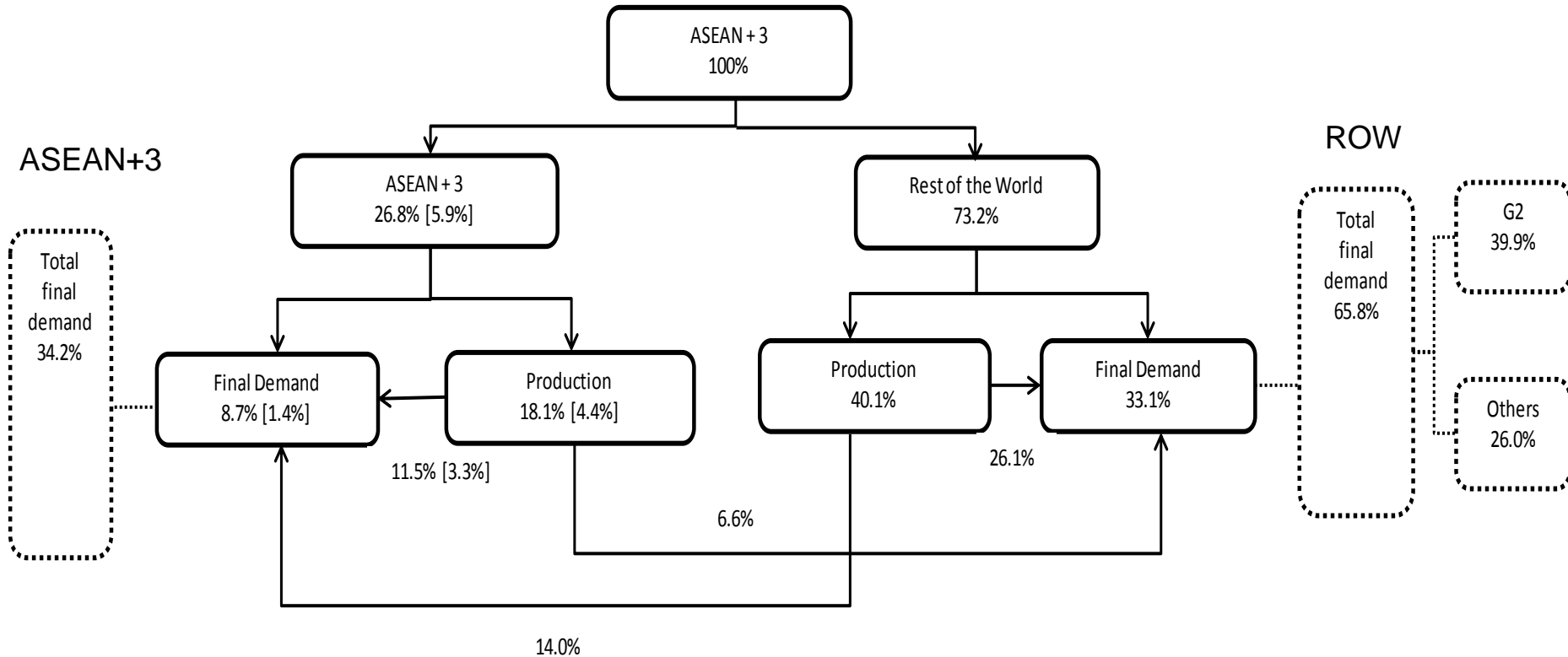
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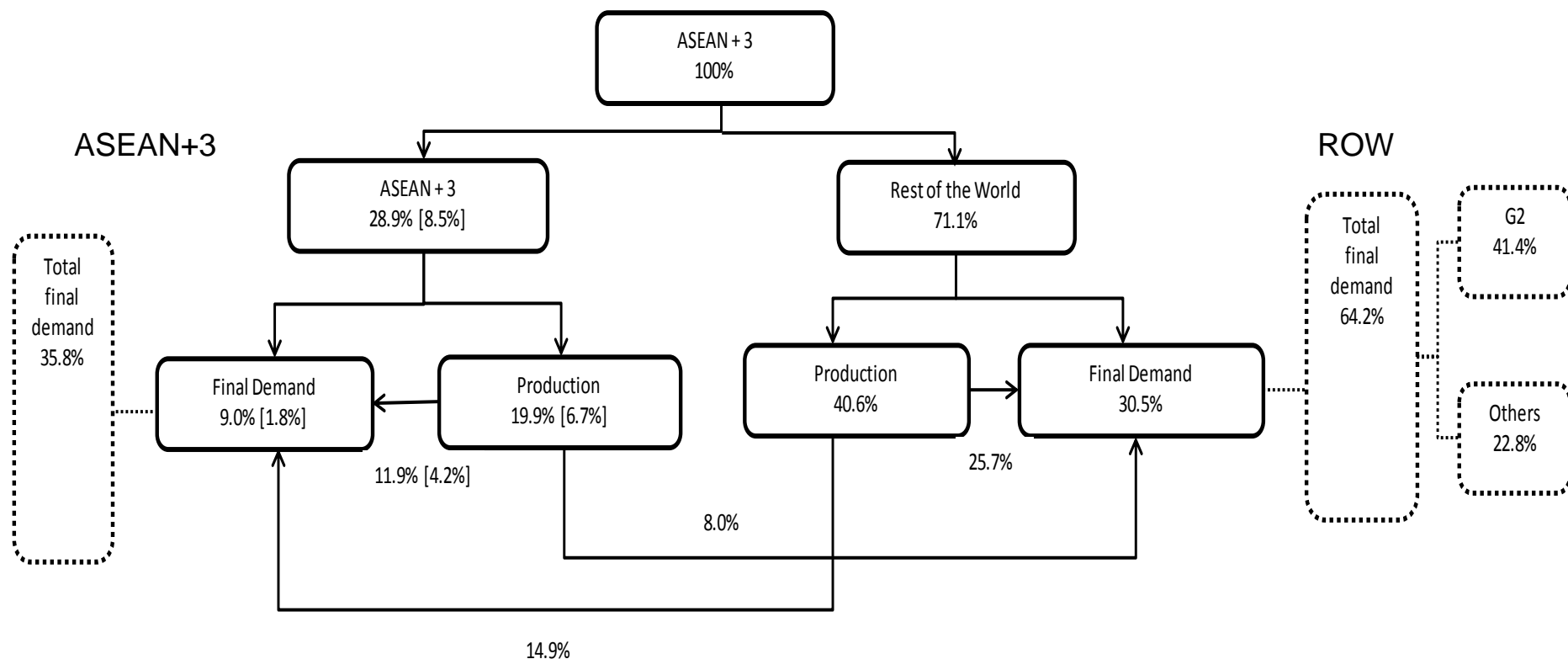


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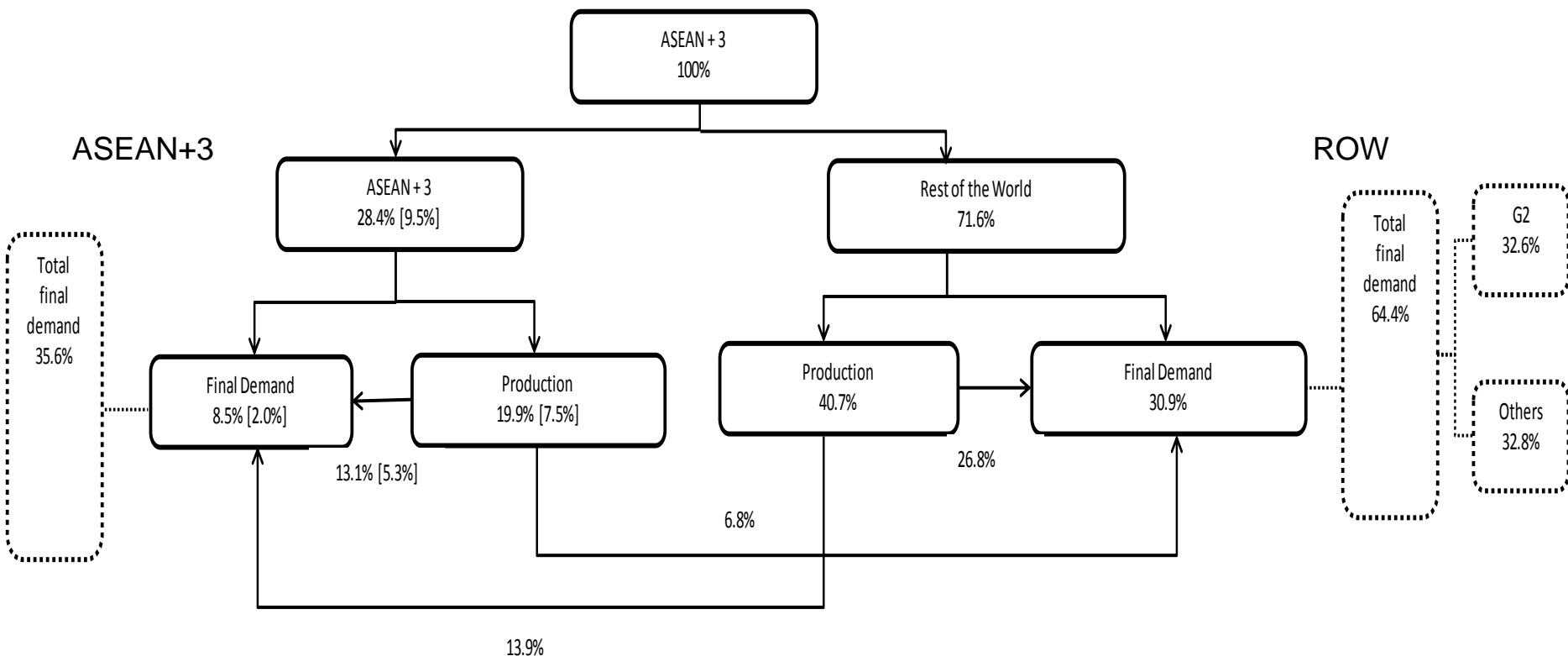


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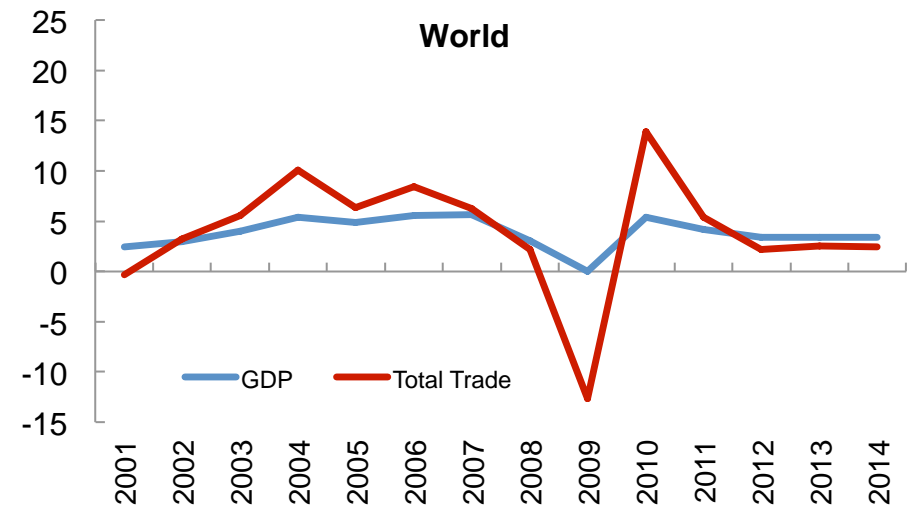
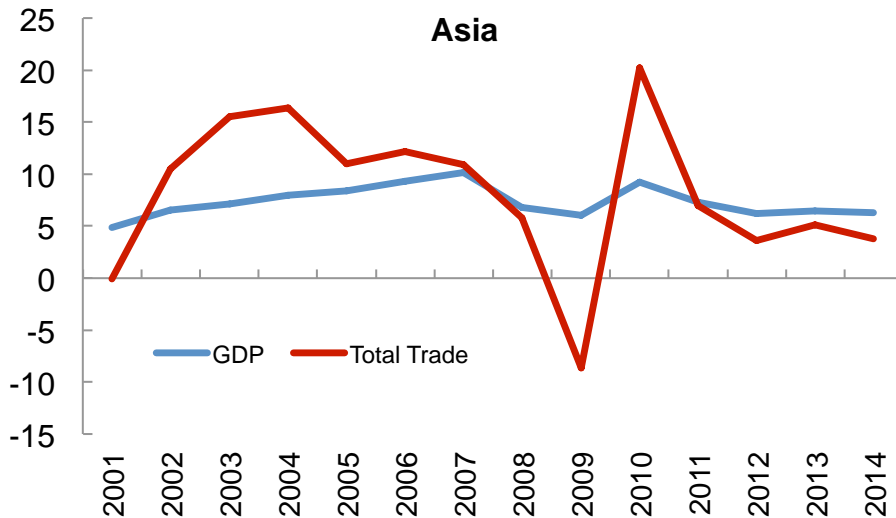
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# Trade slowdown and PRC factors



# Asia's overall trade growth slows

Trade and GDP Growth (%)

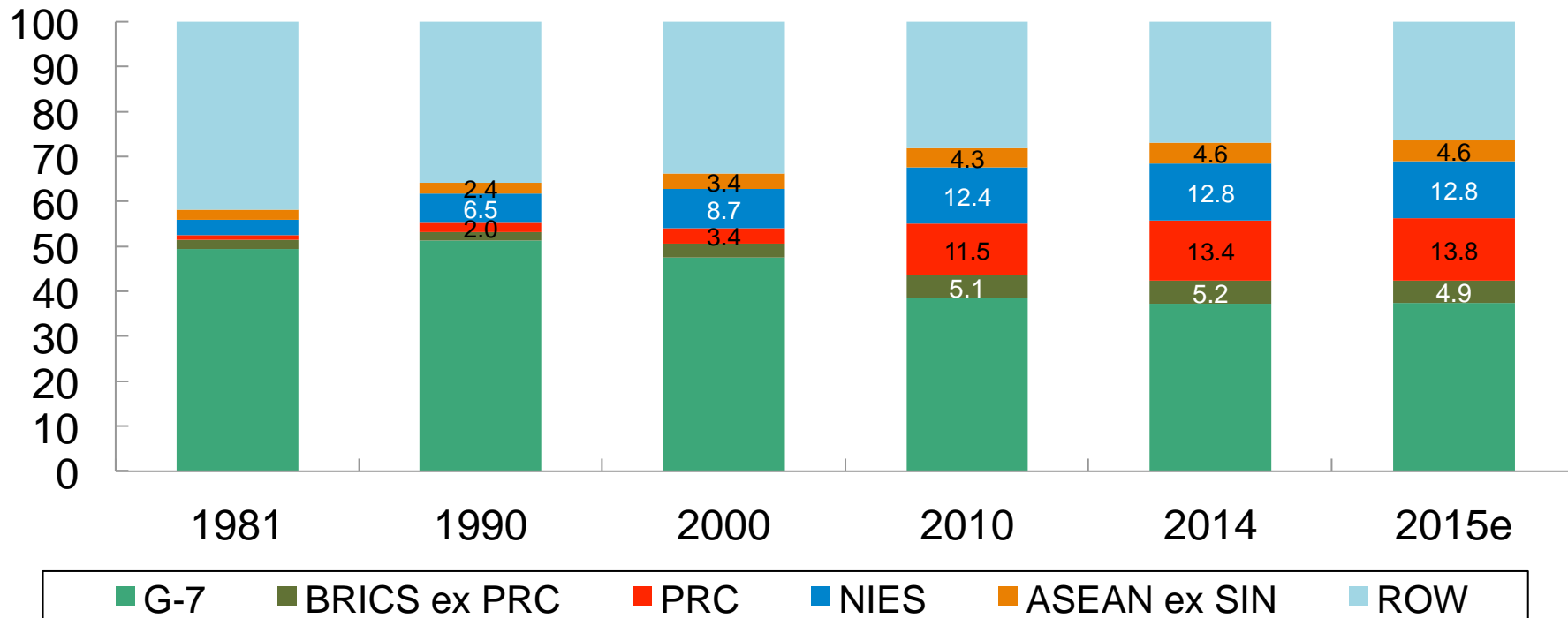


## Fall in trade growth due to:

- Sluggish demand recovery in advanced economies.
- Growth moderation in PRC.
- Slower pace of expansion in global and regional value chains.

# G-7 share is declining while PRC share rising

**Shares in world trade volume**  
(% of world trade volume)



G-7 = UK, US, France, Germany, Japan, Italy, and Canada.

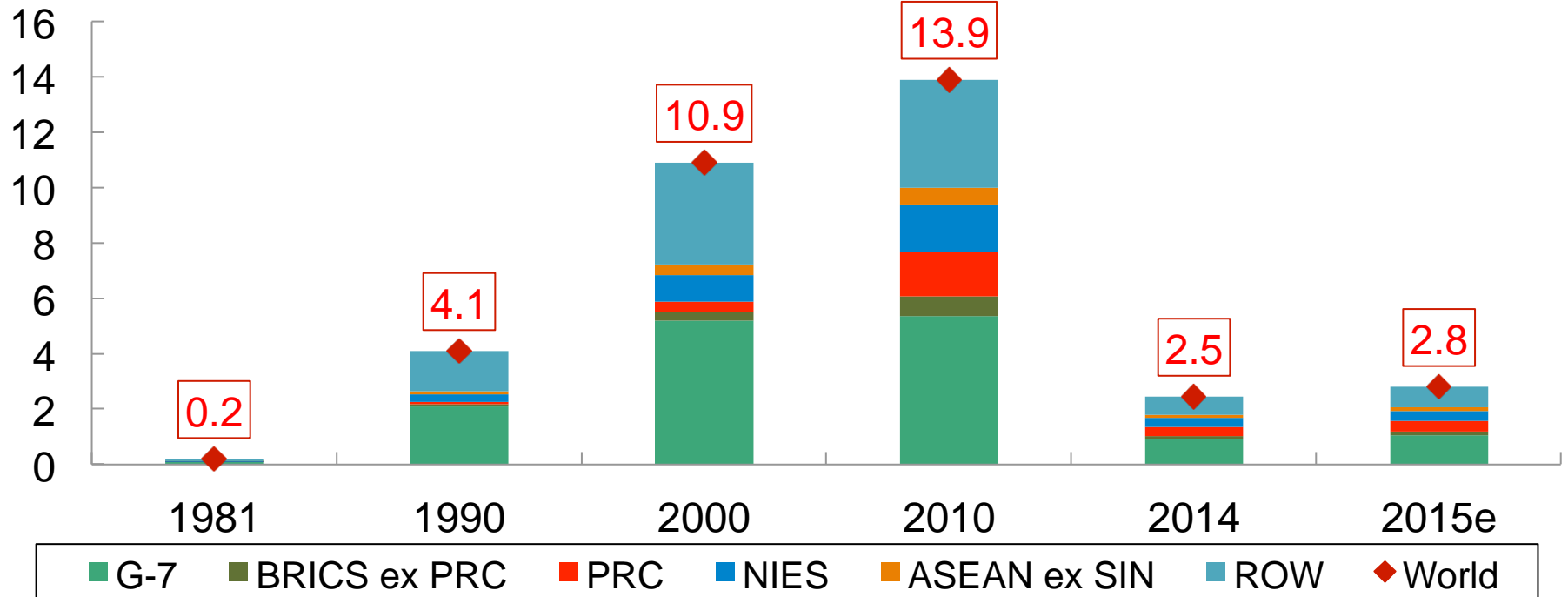
Note: Trade volume is estimated by using annual trade volume growth rates on 2001 trade values and extending the series in the specified years. 2015 trade estimates using 3-year compounded average growth rate.

Source: ADB calculations using data from World Trade Organization Trade Statistics.



# G-7 and PRC contribute around a half of world trade growth

**Contribution to world trade volume growth**  
(% of world trade volume growth)



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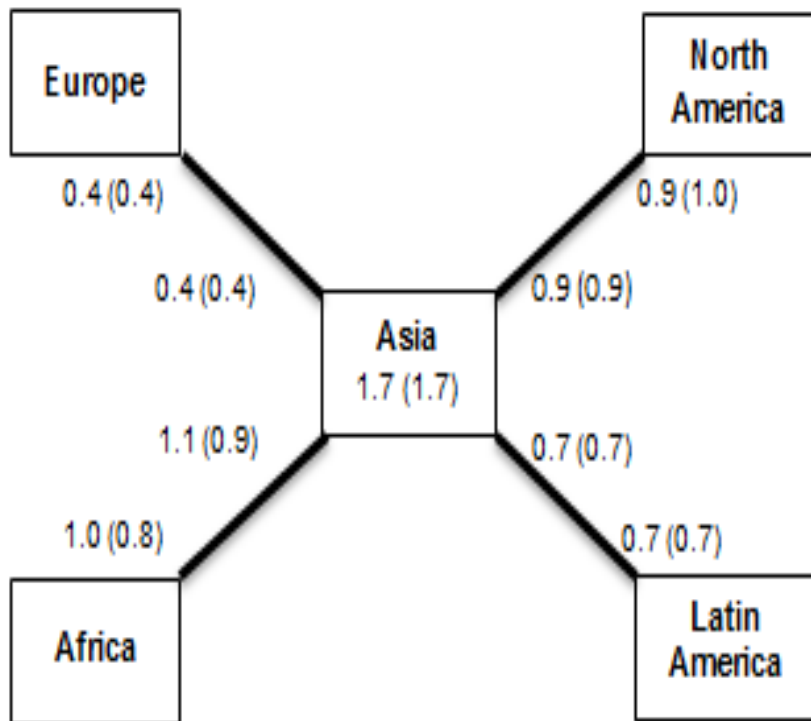
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# Significant trade links within and across subregions

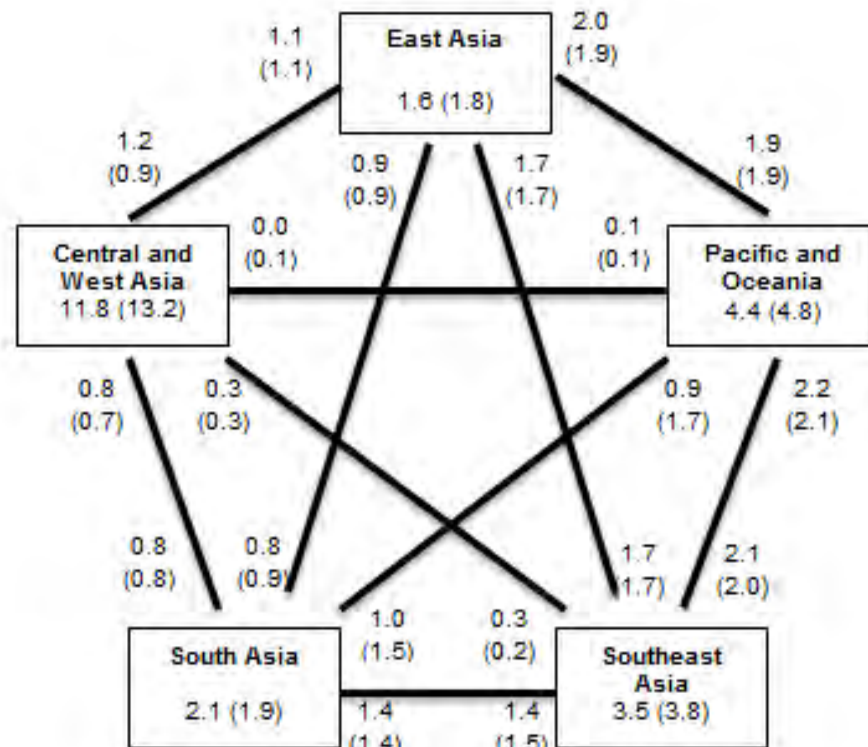
## Gravity Model Results

	Central Asia	East Asia	South Asia	Southeast Asia	The Pacific & Oceania
<b>Intrasubregional trade</b>					
All goods	4.3**	3.3**	0.9**	4.3**	0.7
Capital	3.7**	1.2**	1.7**	2.5**	0.2
Consumption	4.5**	2.5**	1.1**	3.6**	-0.5
Intermediate	3.4**	3.7**	0.6	5.0**	-0.2
<b>Intersubregional trade</b>					
All goods	0.7*	0.6*	3.8**	0.8**	1.7**
Capital	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.4	1.0**
Consumption	0.8*	0.8**	3.5**	0.7*	2.2**
Intermediate	-0.1	-0.1	3.8**	0.4	0.7*

## Asia's Trade Linkage, 2014 (Numbers in parentheses = 2010)



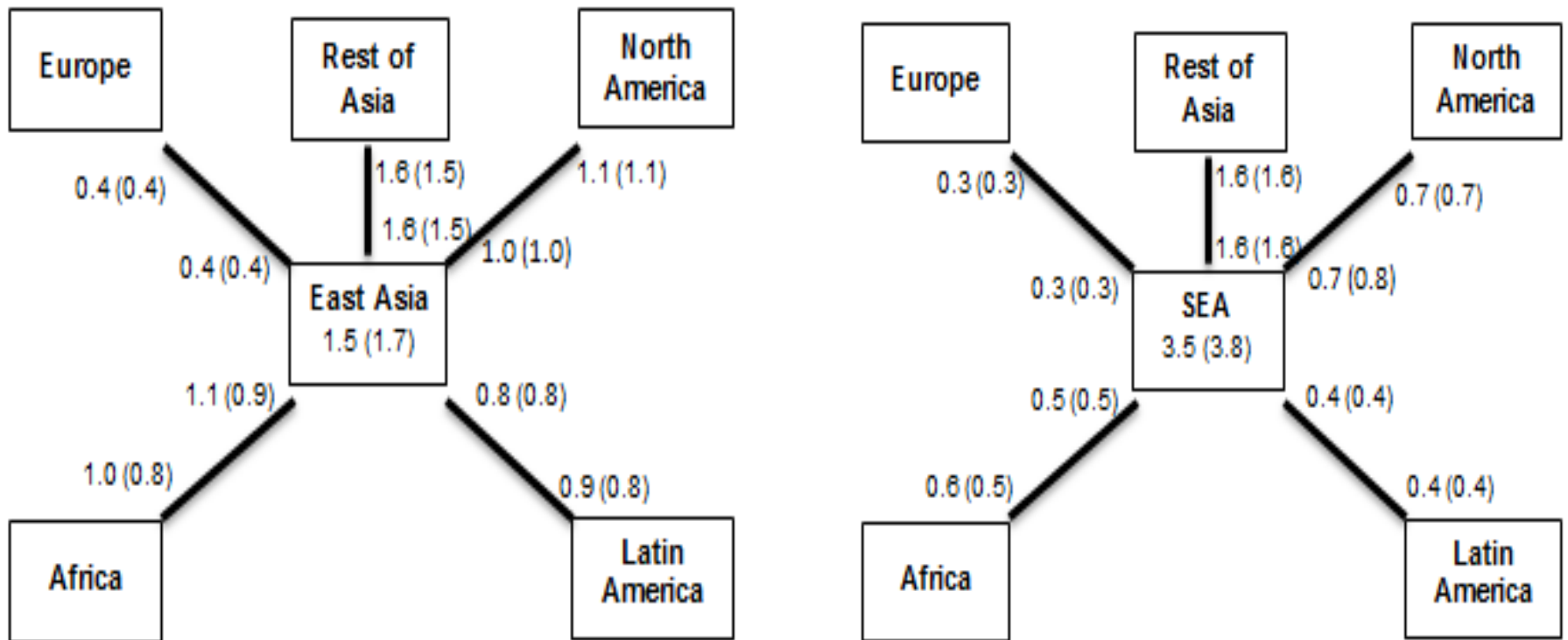
## Asian Subregional Trade Linkages, 2014 (Numbers in parentheses = 2010)



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## Trade Links with the rest of the World—East Asia and Southeast Asia, 2014 (Numbers in parentheses = 2010)

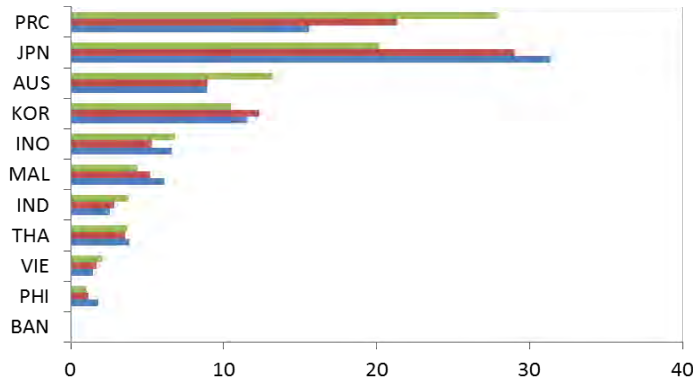


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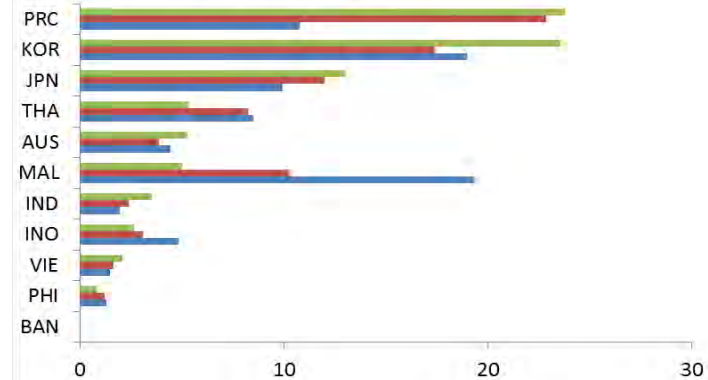
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# Regional value chains are deepening

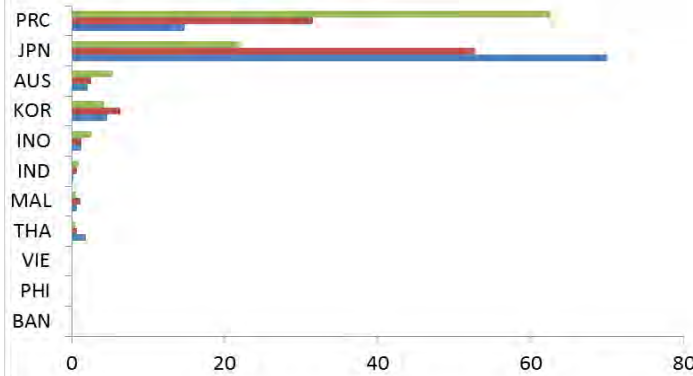
**Panel Figure a: DVA Exports to Asia**  
(% of Total Intraregional DVA)



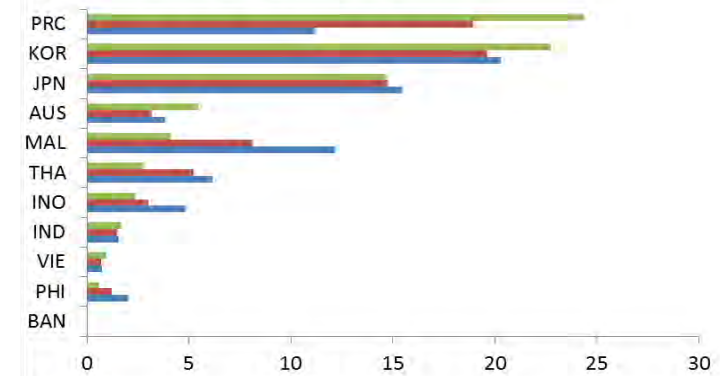
**Panel Figure b: FVA Exports to Asia**  
(% of Total Intraregional FVA)



**Panel Figure c: RDV Exports to Asia**  
(% of Total Intraregional RDV)



**Panel Figure d: PDC Exports to Asia**  
(% of Total Intraregional PDC)

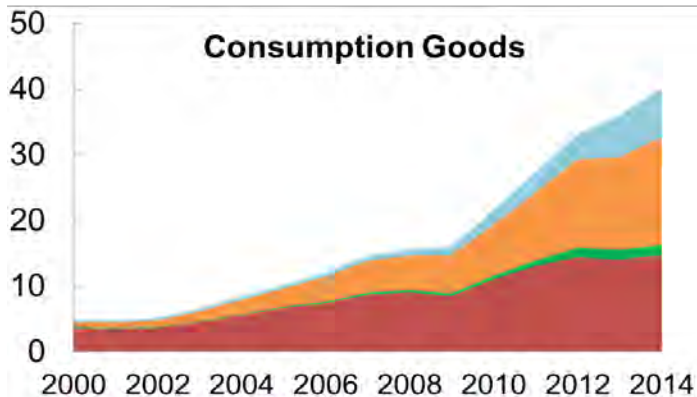
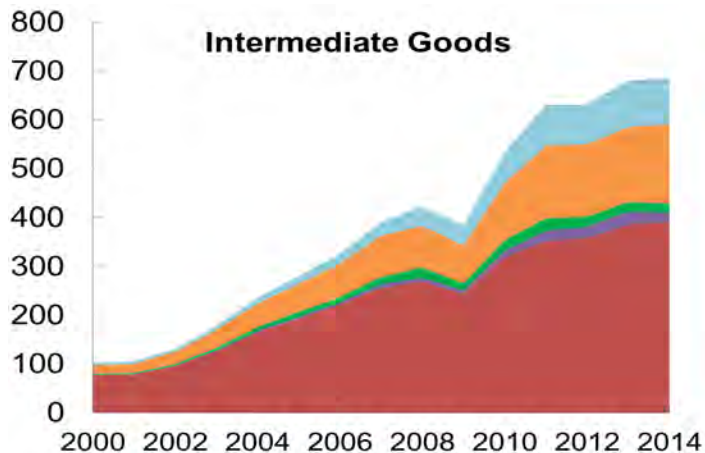


■ 2000 ■ 2005 ■ 2011

DVA = domestic value added, FVA = foreign value added, RDV = returned domestic value added, PDC = pure double counting component.

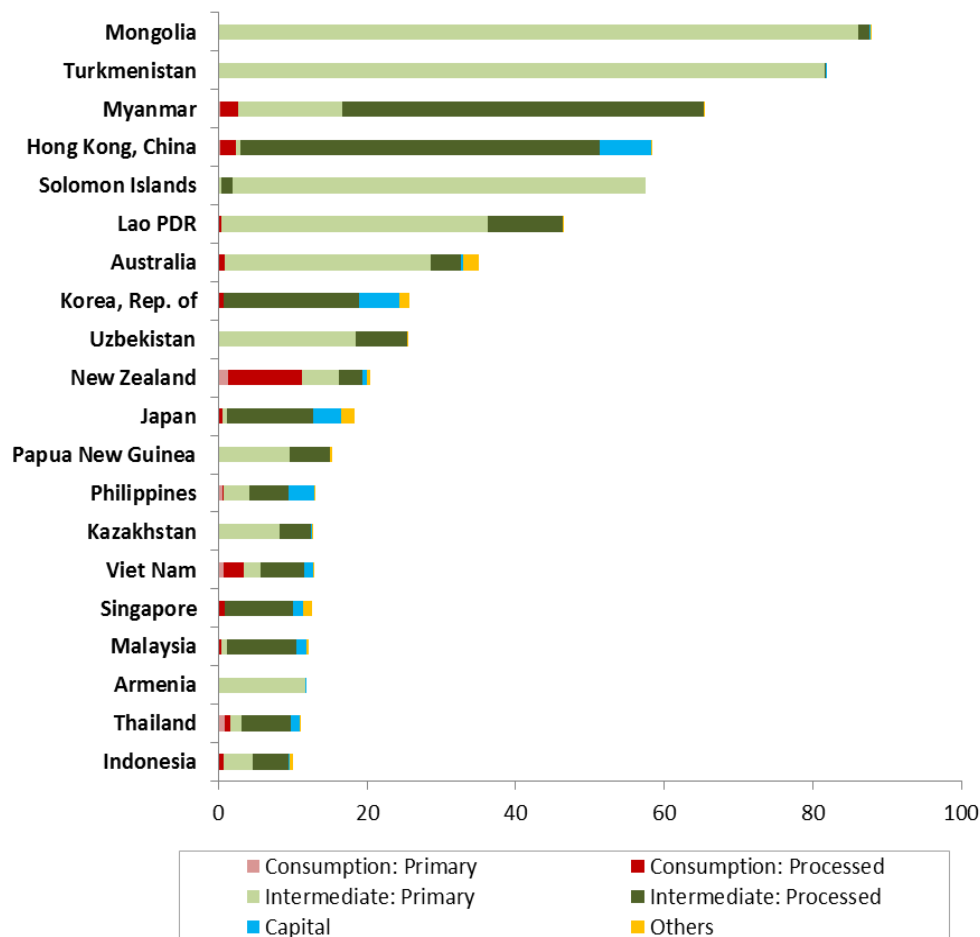
# PRC's structural transformation presents both challenges and opportunities

PRC's imports from Asia (\$ billion)



■ East Asia    ■ Central Asia    ■ South Asia  
■ Southeast Asia    ■ Oceania    ■ The Pacific

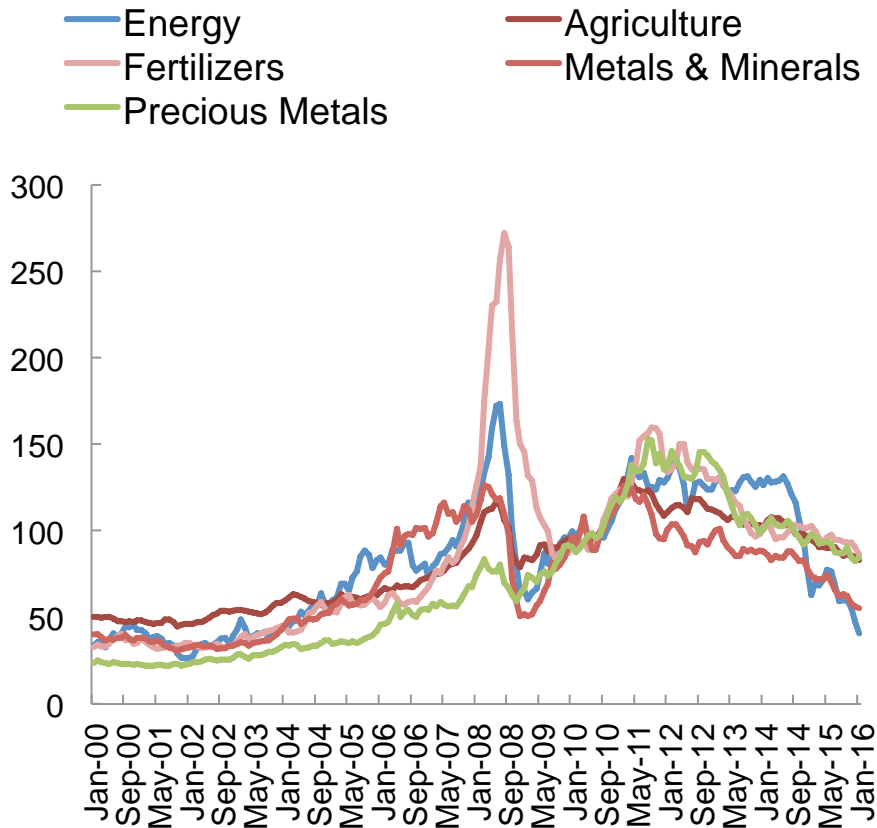
Top 20 Asian Exporters to the PRC  
(% of country's total exports, 2014)



# Commodity prices have declined (again) since 2012

## Commodity Prices

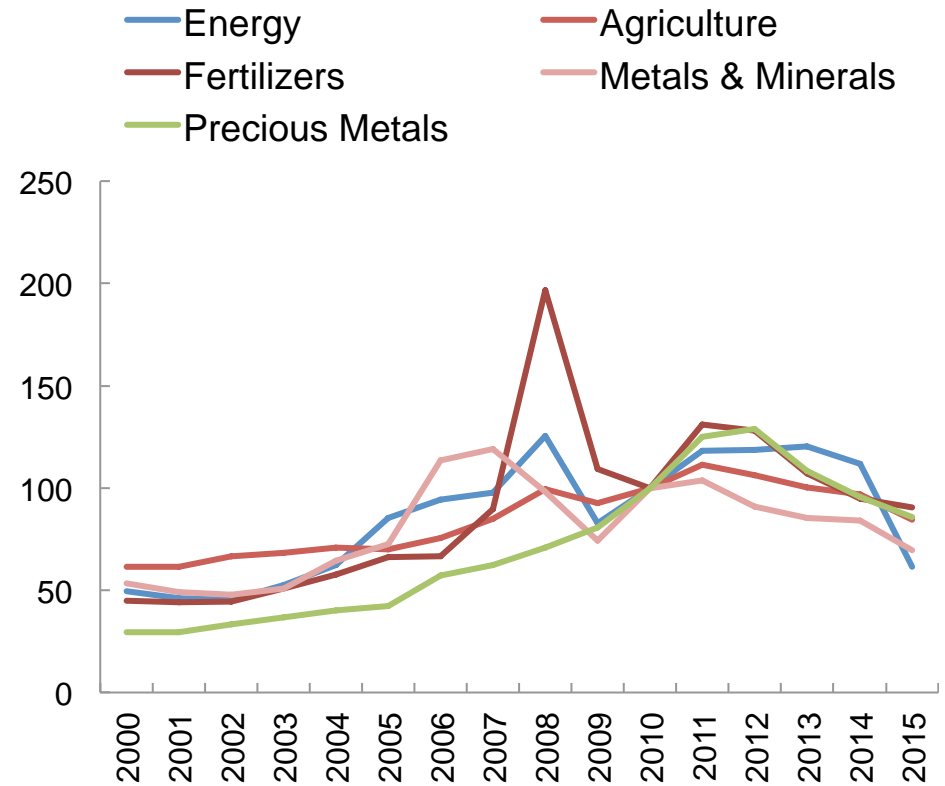
(nominal monthly, 2010=100)



Note: Monthly indexes based on nominal US dollars, 2010=100.  
 Source: World Bank Commodity Price Data (the Pink Sheet)

## Real Commodity Prices

(2010=100, annual, based on 2005 US\$)

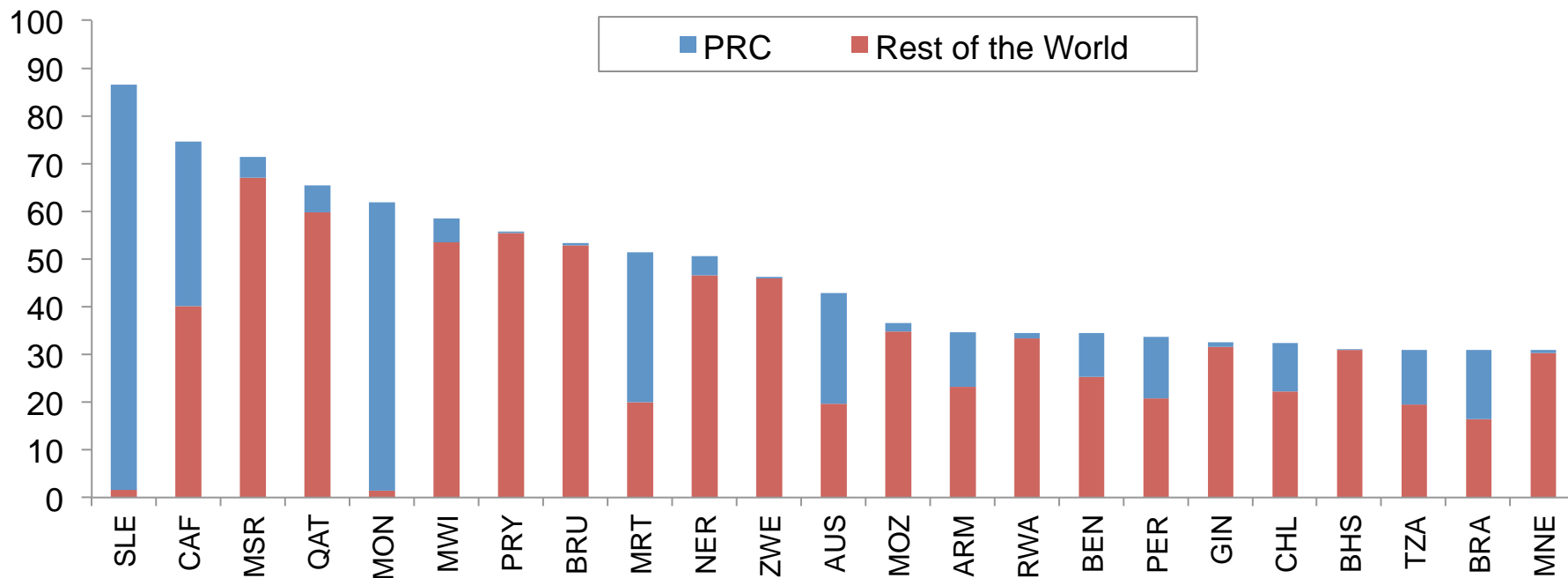


Note: Annual indexes, 2010=100, 1960 to present, real 2005 US dollars.  
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# Some countries heavily dependent on commodity exports are hit by “double whammies”

**Top Commodity Exporters' Commodity Export Share – 2014**  
(% of economy's total exports)



ARM=Armenia; AUS=Australia; BEN=Benin; BHS=Bahamas; BRA=Brazil; BRU=Brunei Darussalam; CAF=Central African Rep.; CHL=Chile; GIN=Guinea; MNE=Montenegro; MON=Mongolia; MOZ=Mozambique; MRT=Mauritania; MSR=Montserrat; MWI=Malawi; NER=Niger; PER=Peru; PRY=Paraguay; QAT=Qatar; RWA=Rwanda; SLE =Sierra Leone; TZA=United Rep. of Tanzania; ZWE=Zimbabwe.

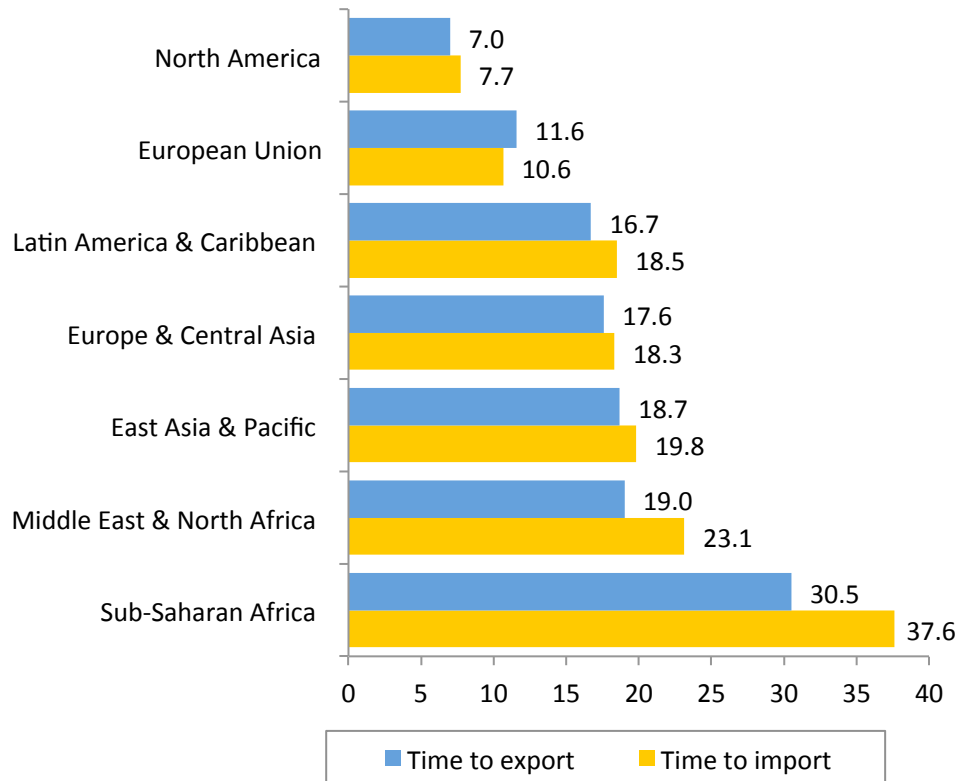
Note: Includes economies with commodity exports as % of total exports of more than 30%. Data based on SITC Rev 3. Commodity items include primary consumption goods (primary food and beverages for household consumption ) and selected intermediate goods (primary food and beverages for industry, primary industrial supplies, and primary and processed fuels and lubricants) as defined under Broad Economic Categories.

Source: ADB calculations using data from UN Commodity Trade Database.

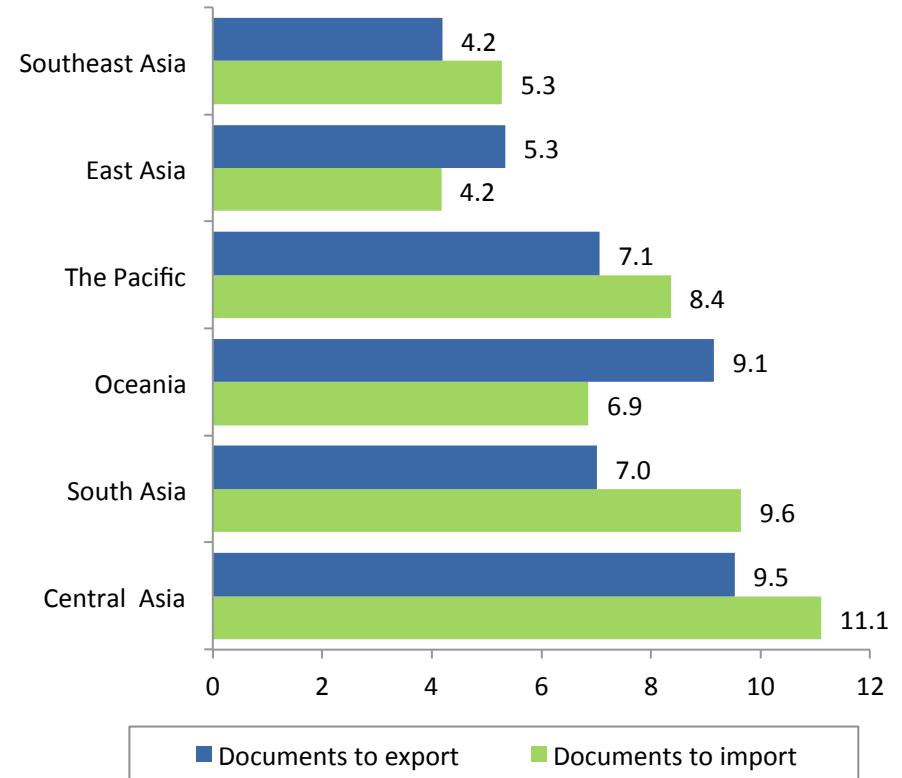


# Overall trade costs need to be lowered

Time to Export and Import by Region (2014, days)



Number of Documents to Export and Import in Asia and the Pacific by Subregion (2014)

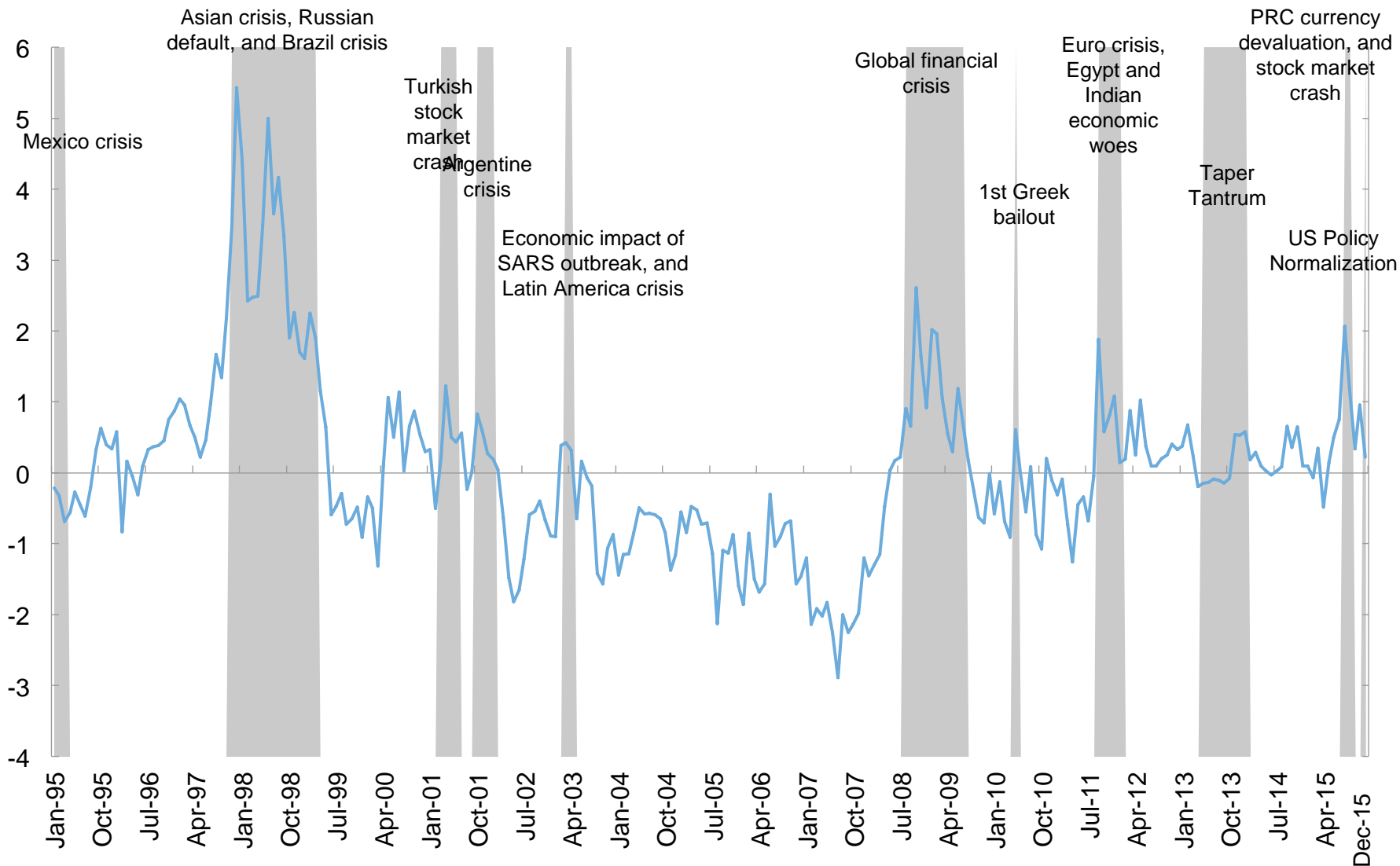


Source: World Development Indicators, World Bank.

# Financial integration and volatility

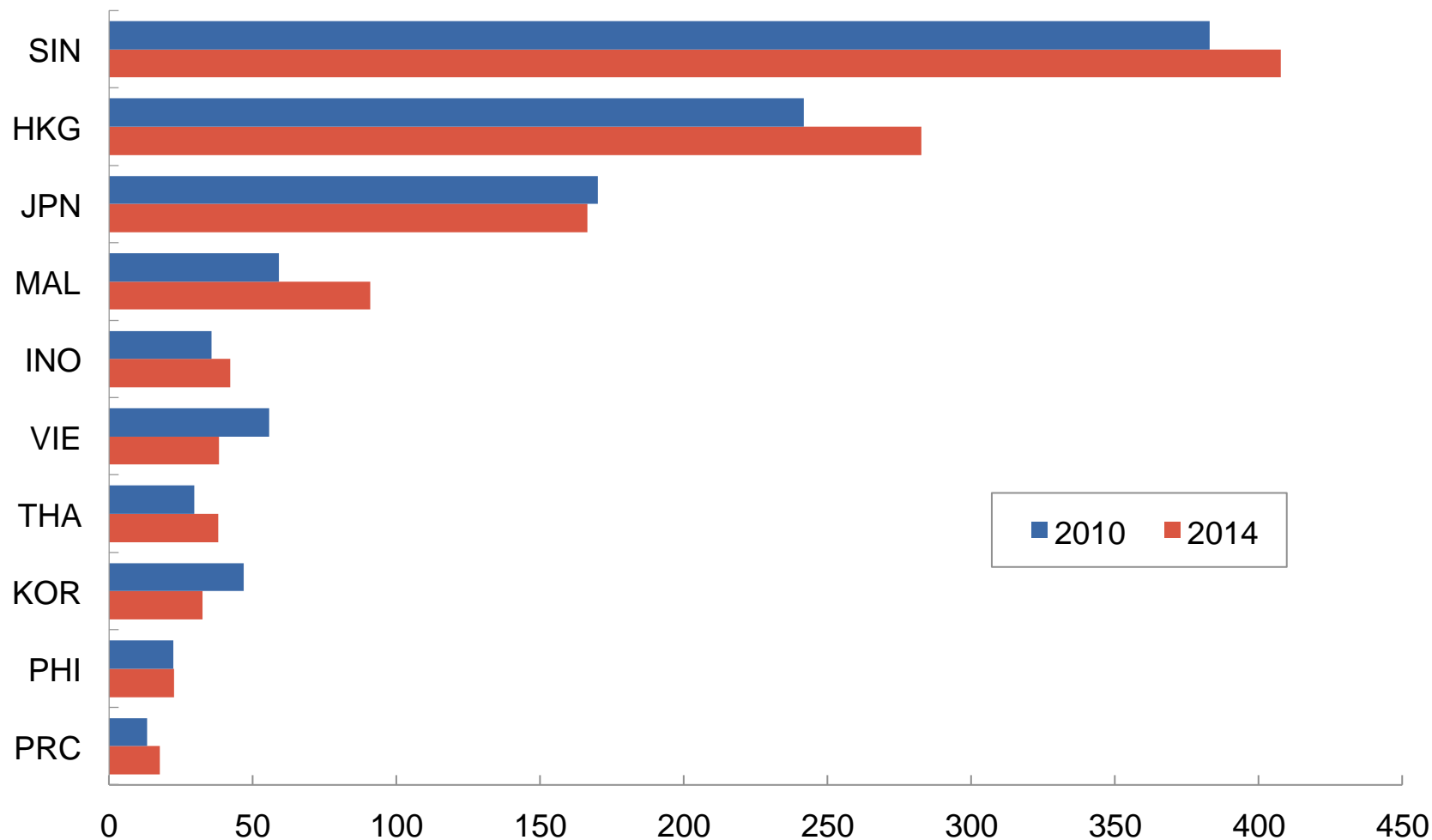


# Financial Stress Index—ASEAN+3



Note: Based on principal components analysis. Includes People's Republic of China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Rep. of Korea; Malaysia; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Viet Nam  
 Source: ADB staff calculation using Bloomberg, Yahoo! Finance and CEIC

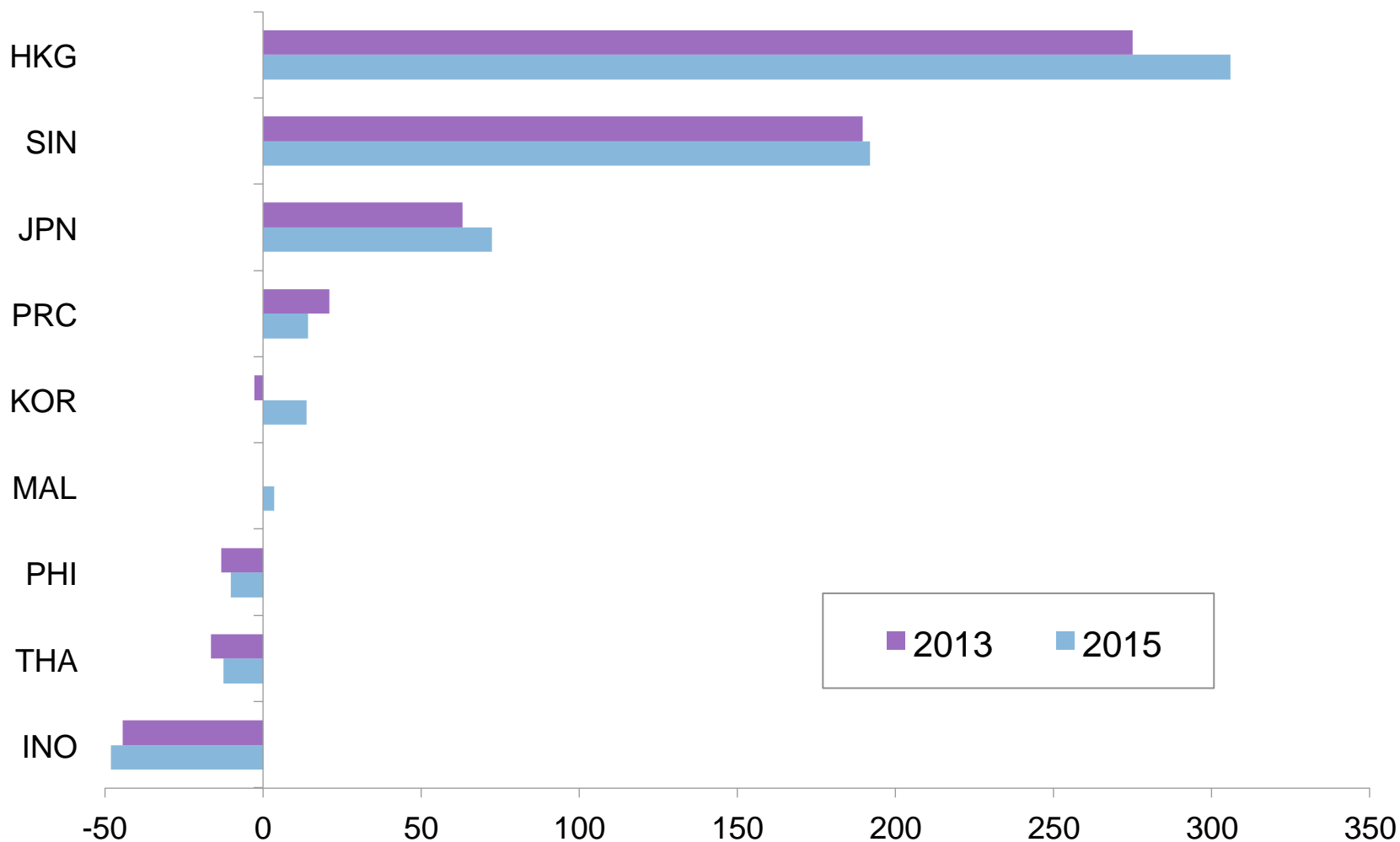
# Short-term external debt (% of reserves)



Note: Data used for 2010 for PHI is 2012 and 2011 for THA.

Source: ADB calculations using data from International Financial Statistics, IMF; and national sources.

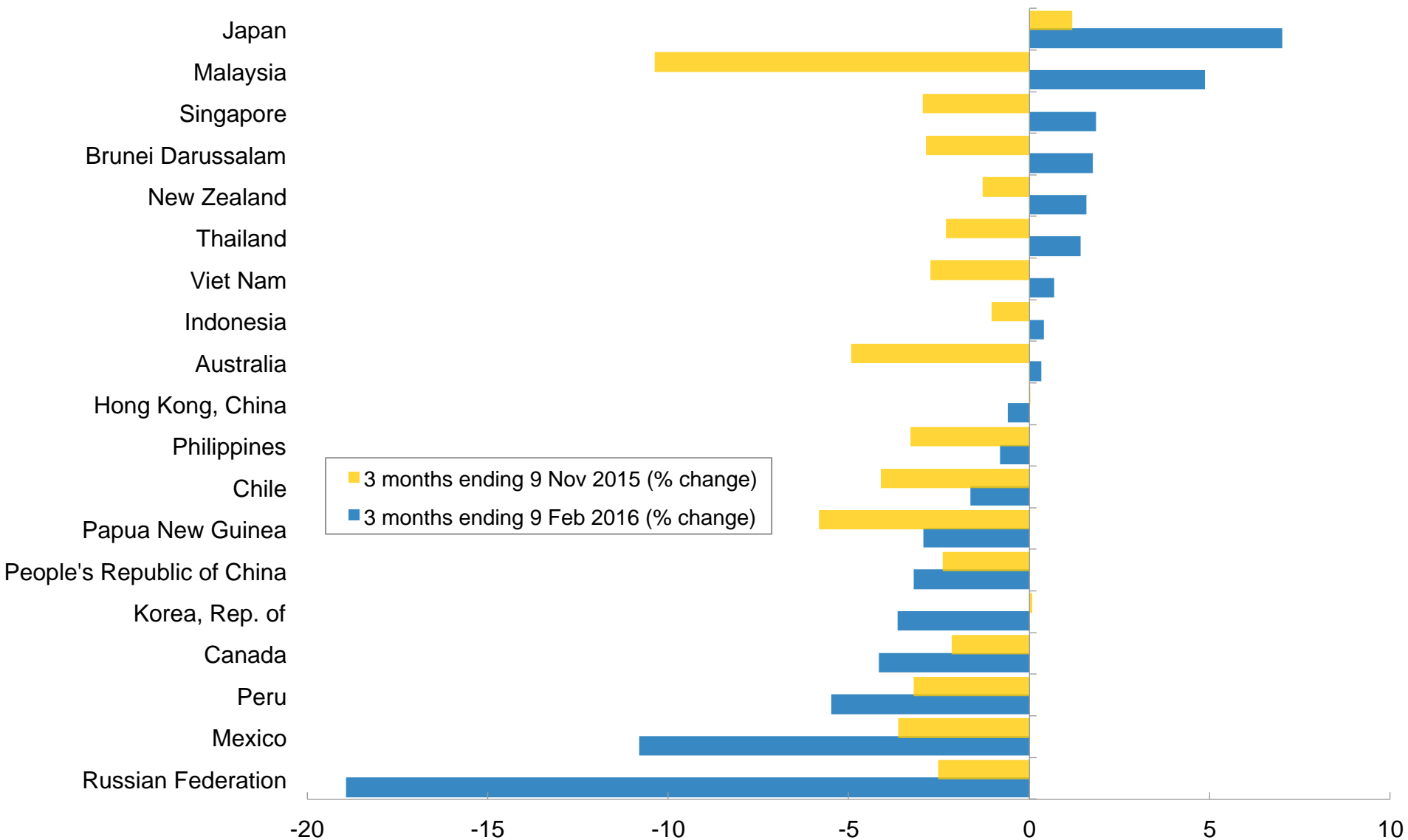
# Net International Investment Position (% of GDP)



Note: Based on BPM-6 data (assets less liabilities). Includes foreign direct investment, portfolio investment, other investment, and foreign reserves. 2015 refers to end Q3-2015 for all, except for INO (Q1-2015) and MAL (Q2-2015).

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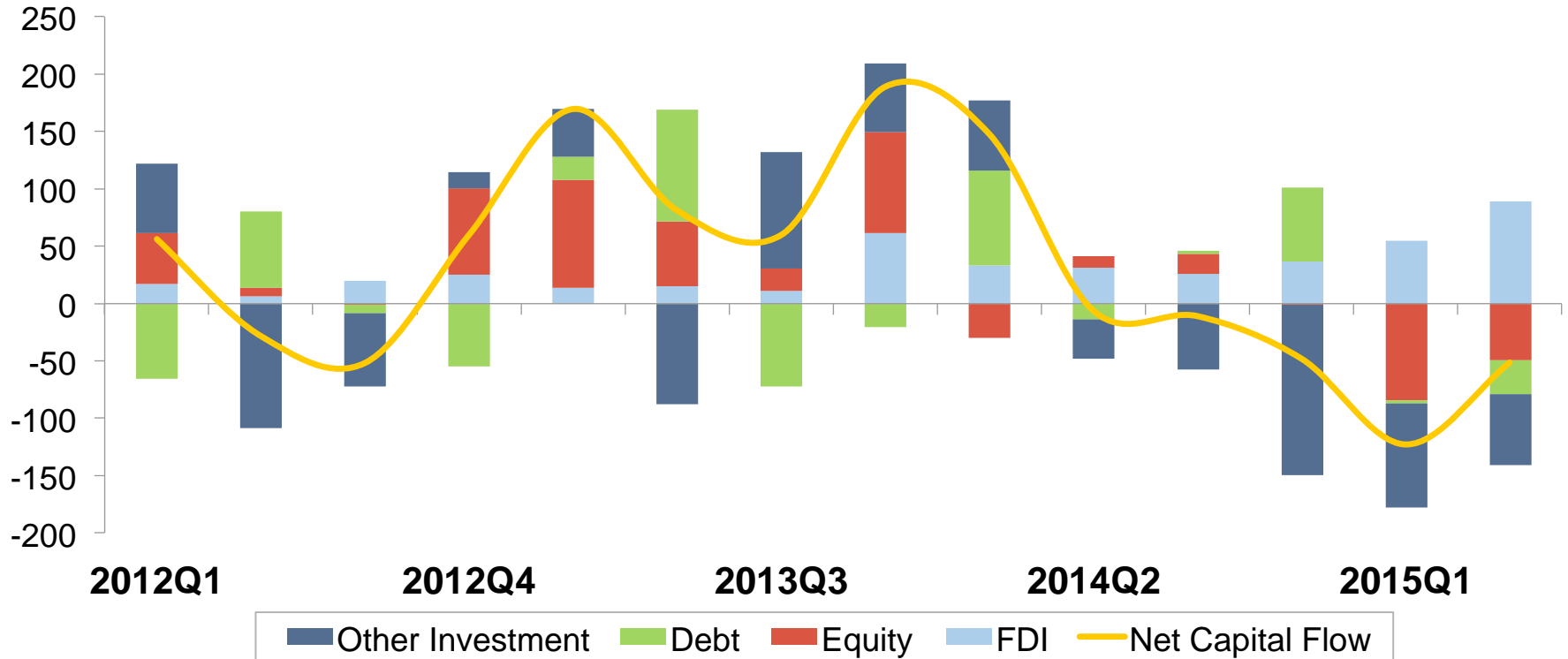
# Change in Foreign Exchange Rate (%)



Note: Based on US\$ value of local currency. An increase means appreciation, decrease means depreciation.  
 Source: ADB calculation using Bloomberg.

# Net capital flows turned negative in 2014 and 2015

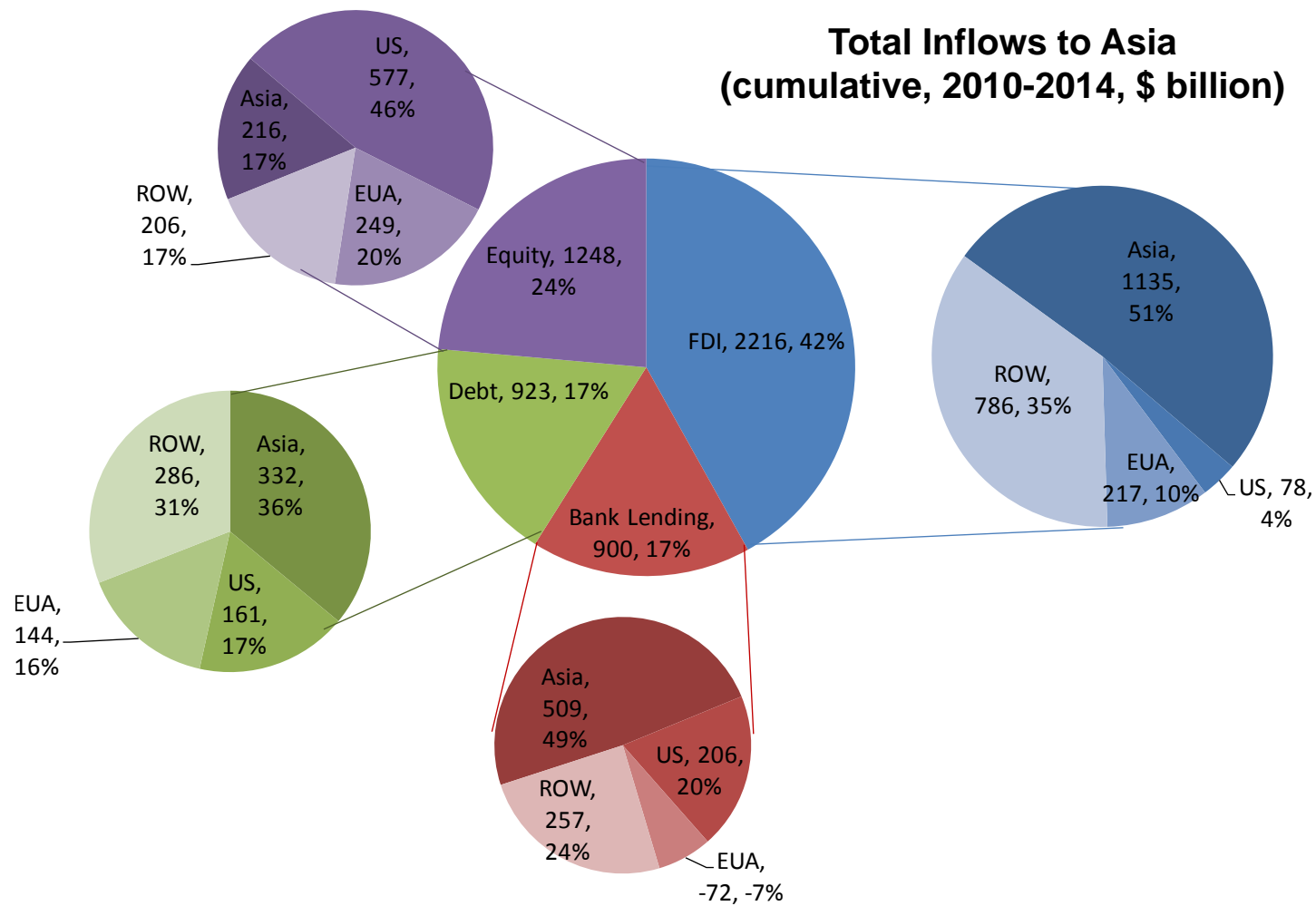
Net Capital Flows to Asia (\$ billion)



Note: Includes the People's Republic of China; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Japan; Republic of Korea; Philippines; and Thailand.

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# Sources of Financial Flows – Asia

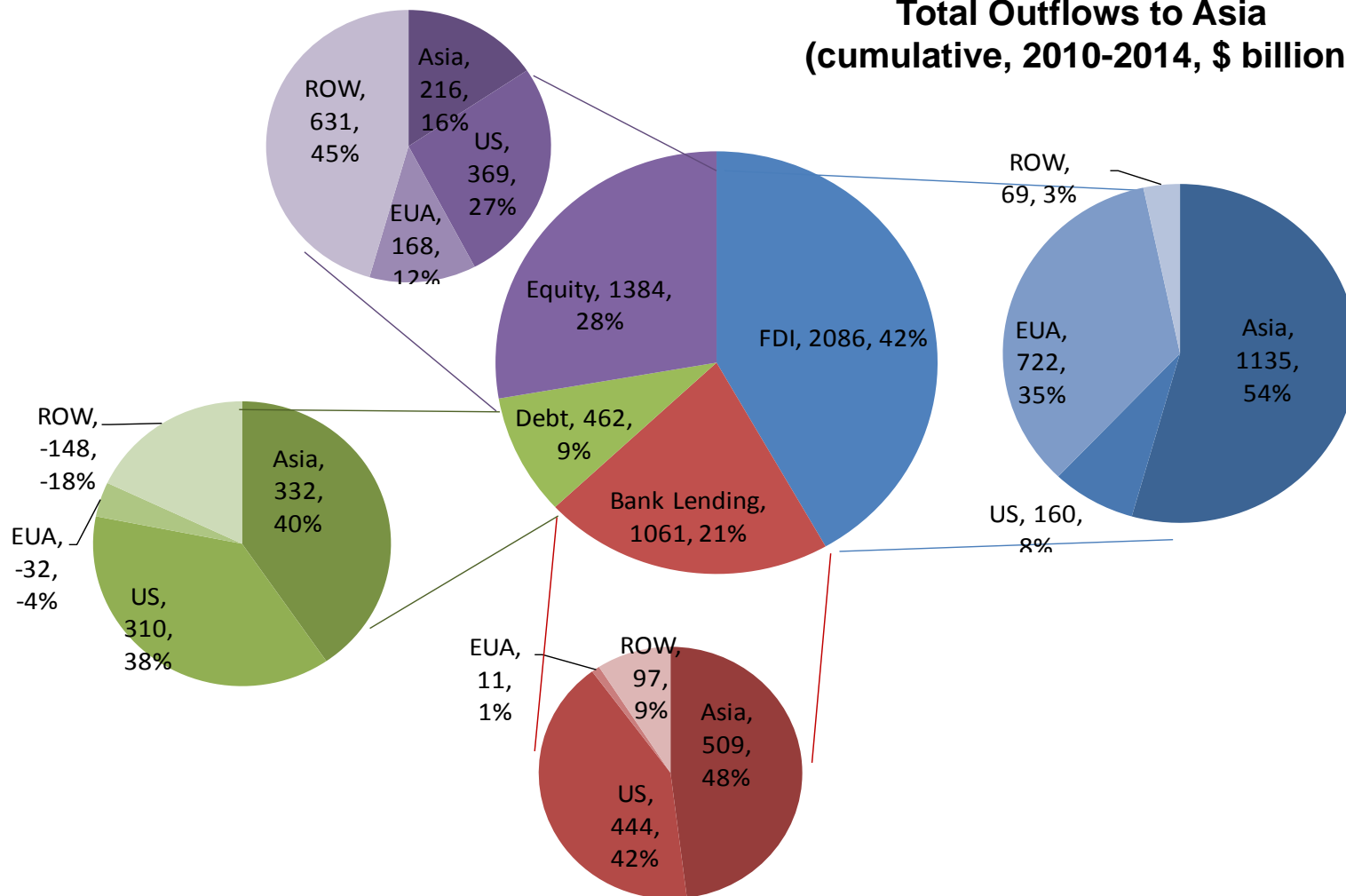


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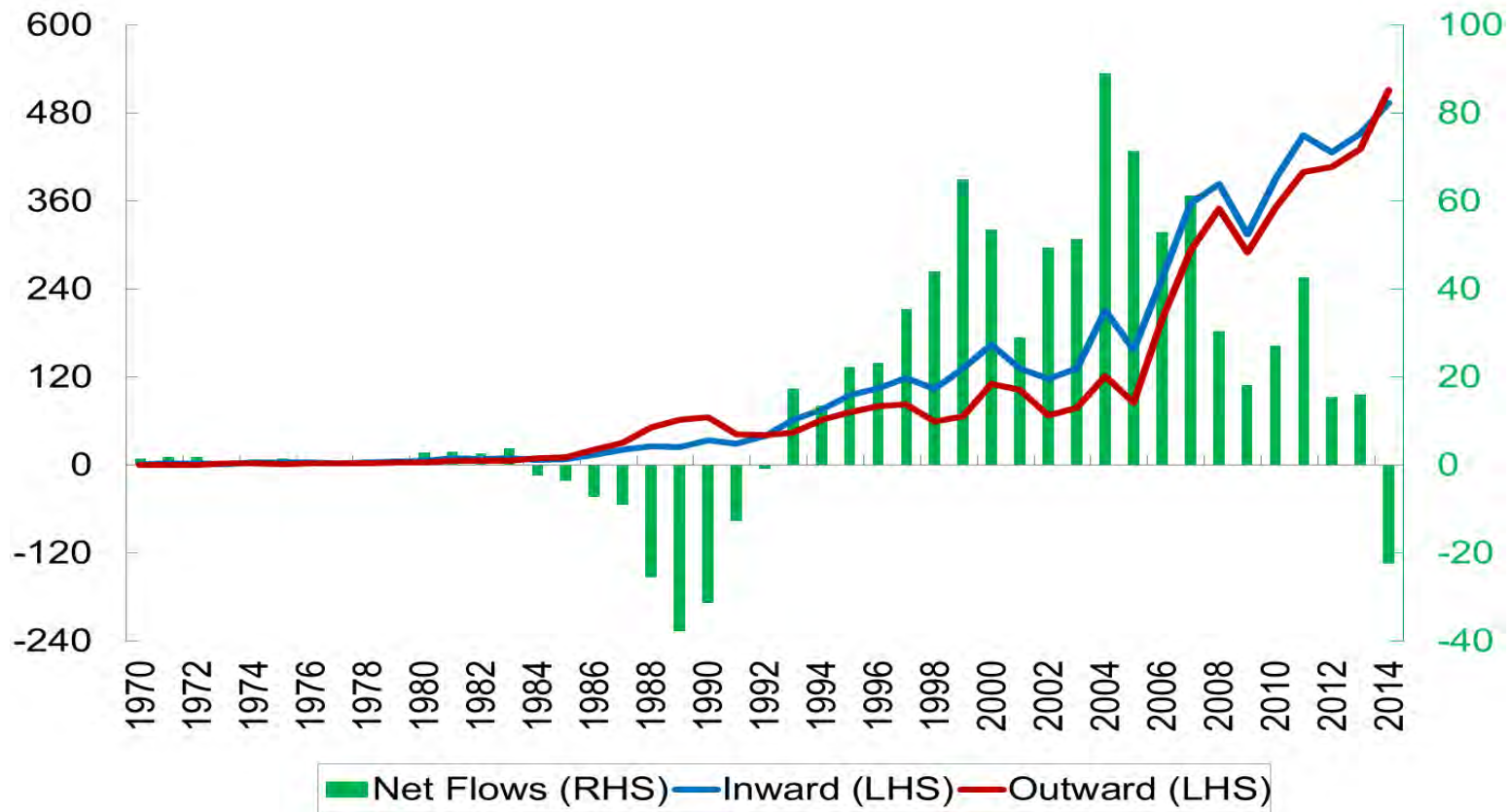
**Total Outflows to Asia  
(cumulative, 2010-2014, \$ billion)**



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# Asia has become an important source of FDI

Total FDI Flows—Asia (\$ billion)



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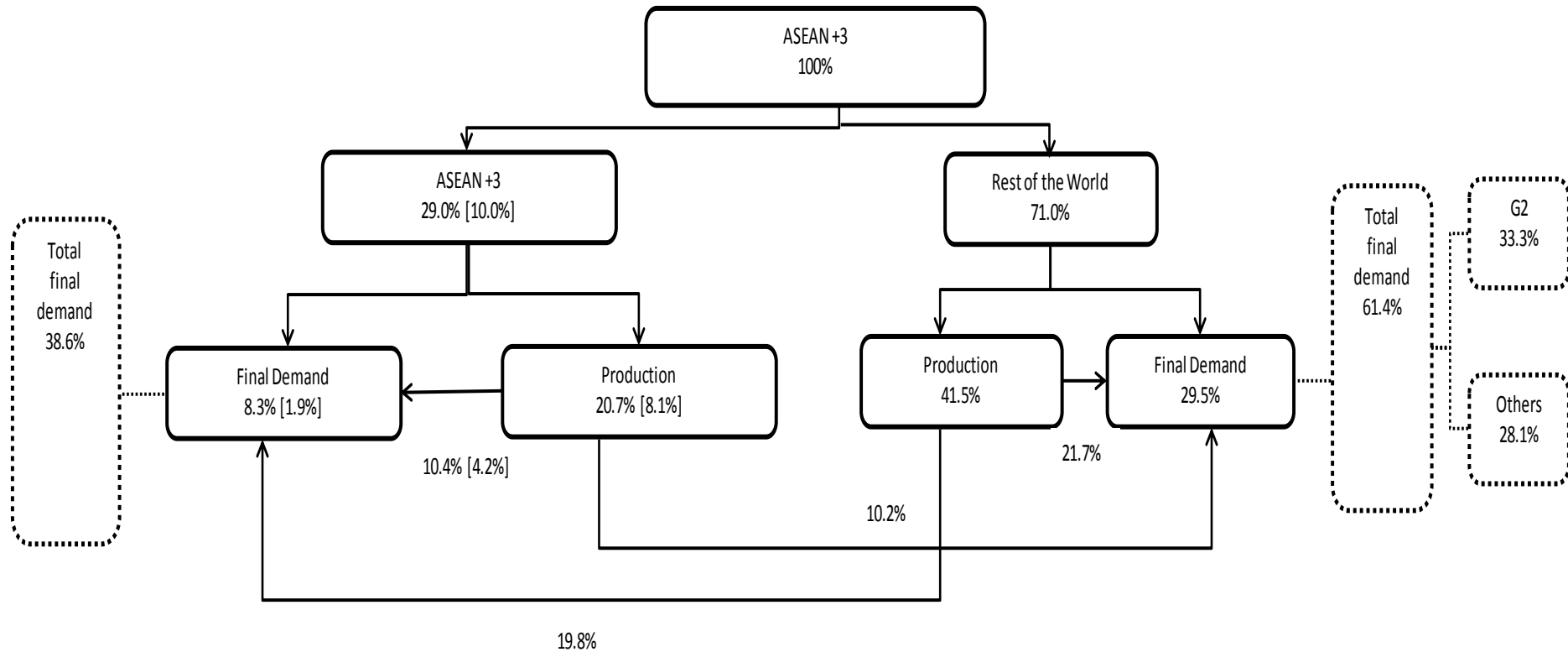
# Key Messages

- PRC slowdown, financial volatility, and weak commodity prices are key downside risks to the outlook
- PRC business cycle exerts increasingly large influence Asian business cycles
- Trade growth in Asia slows;
  - (a) Cyclical and structural factors
  - (b) Regional value chain reached its maturity
- PRC's structural transformation presents both opportunities & challenges for Asia:
- Renewed financial vulnerabilities underscored by the structural patterns of capital flows to the region:
  - FDI is mostly intra-regional
  - Portfolio and other investments are inter-regional

# Spare Slides



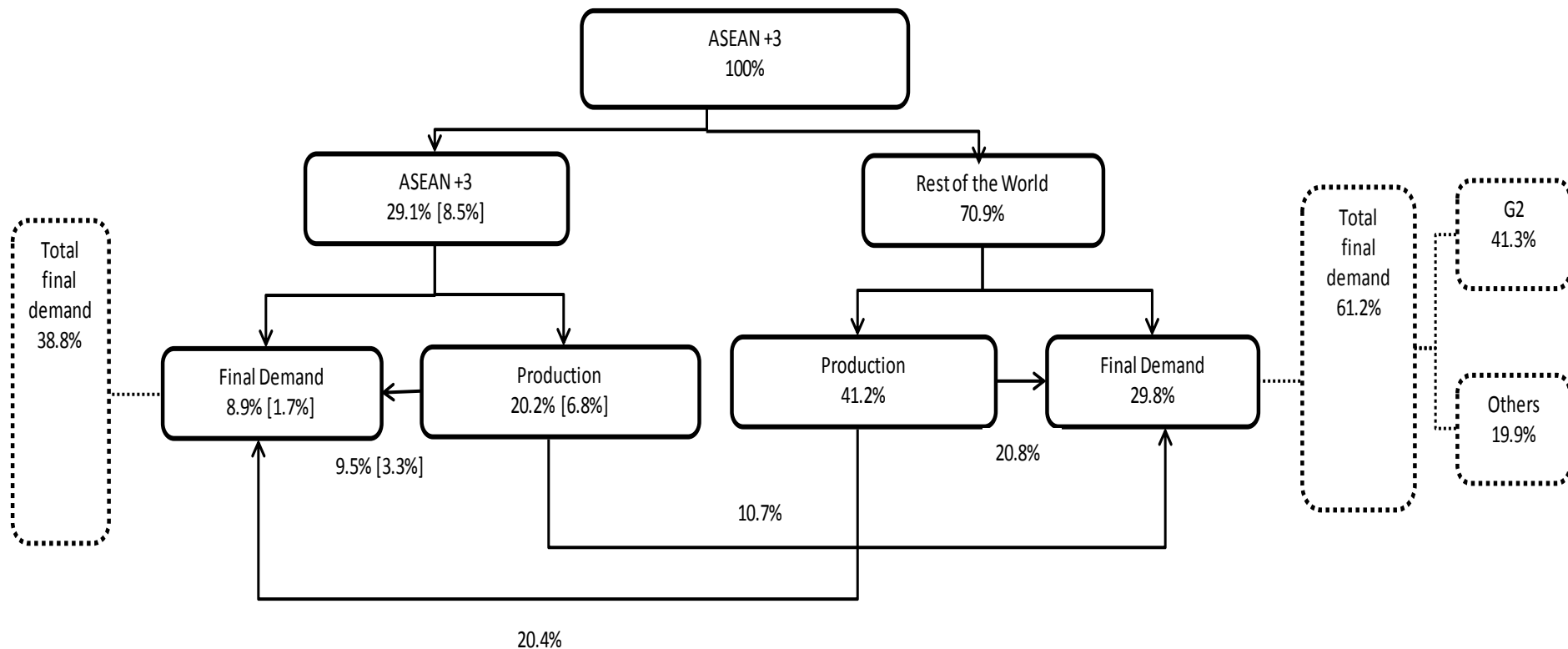
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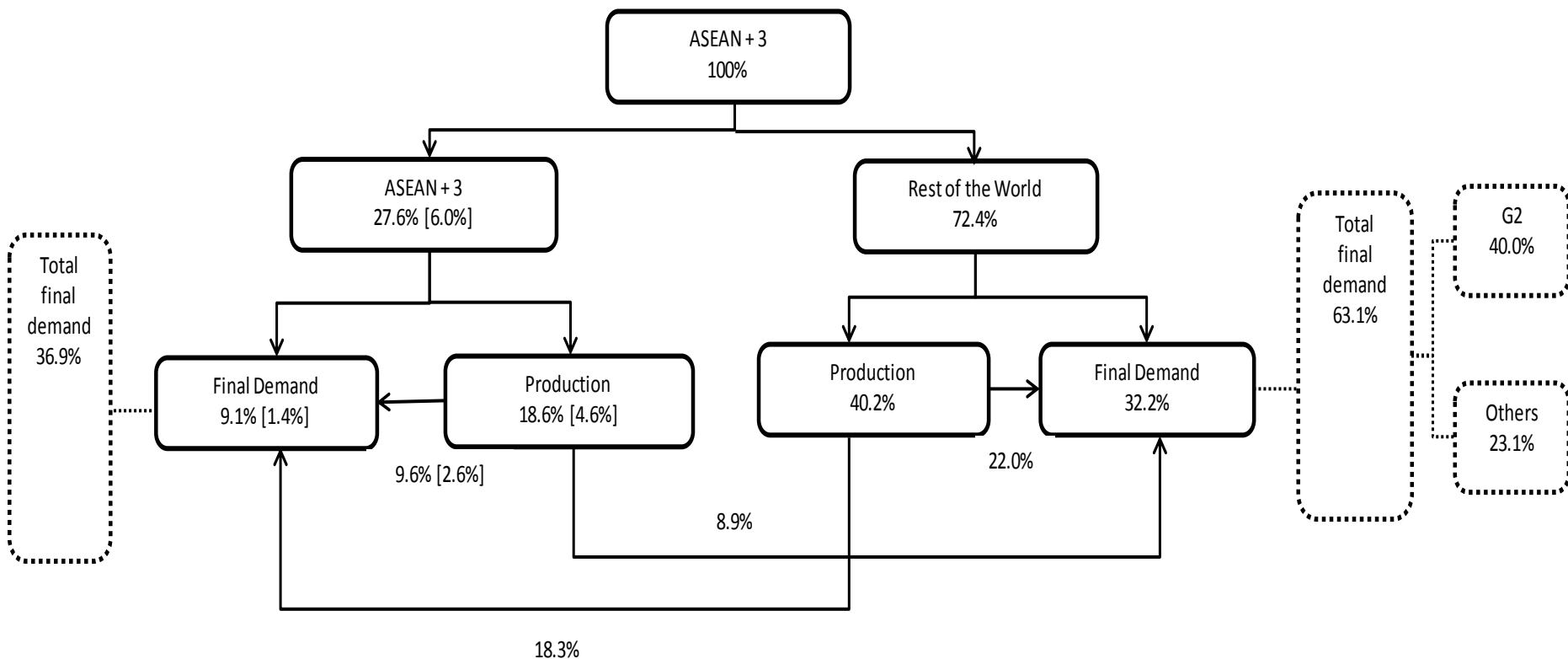
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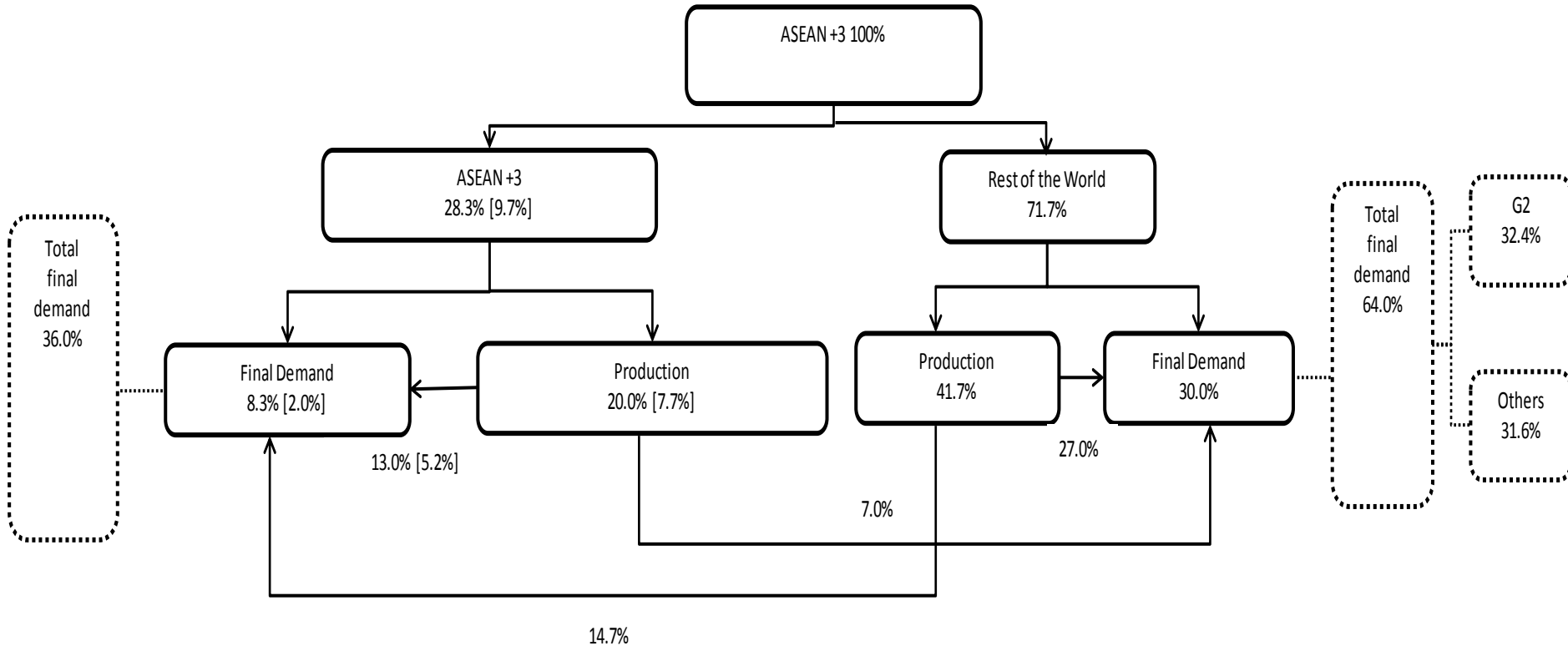
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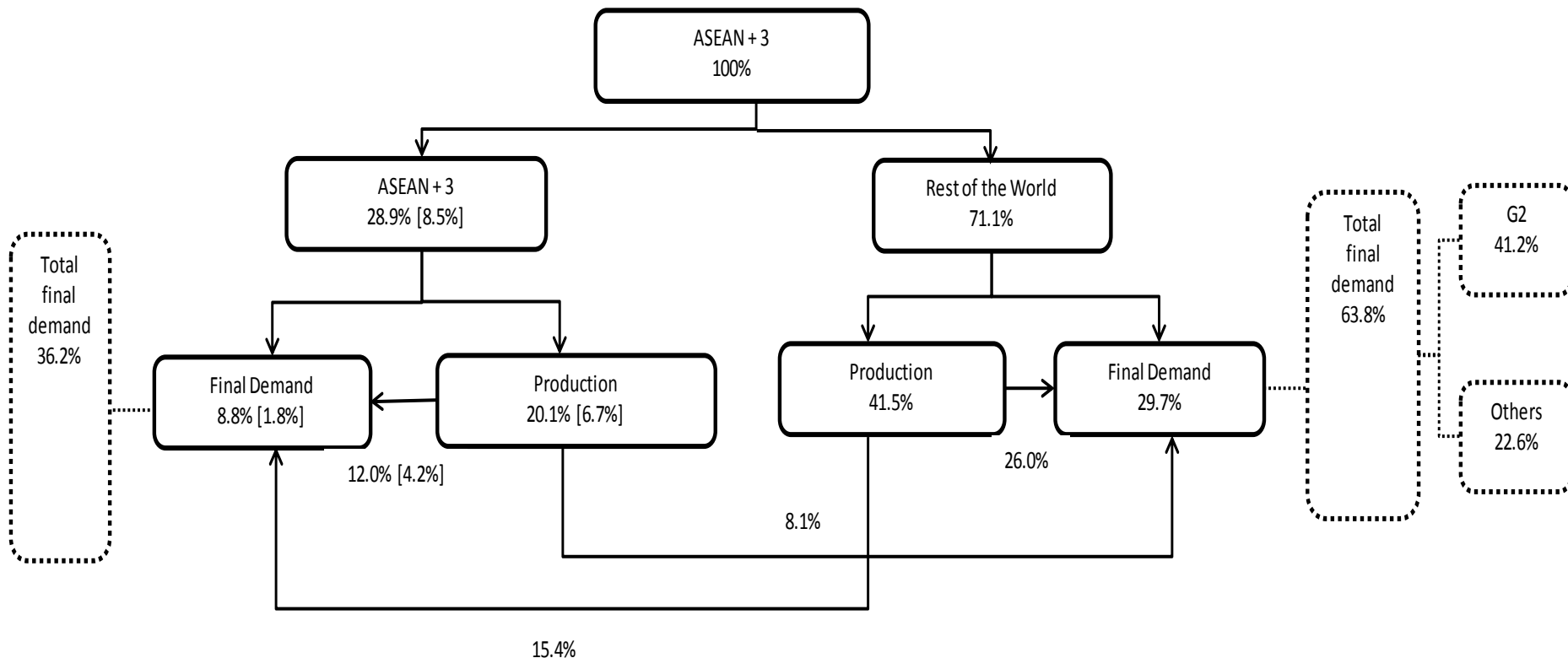
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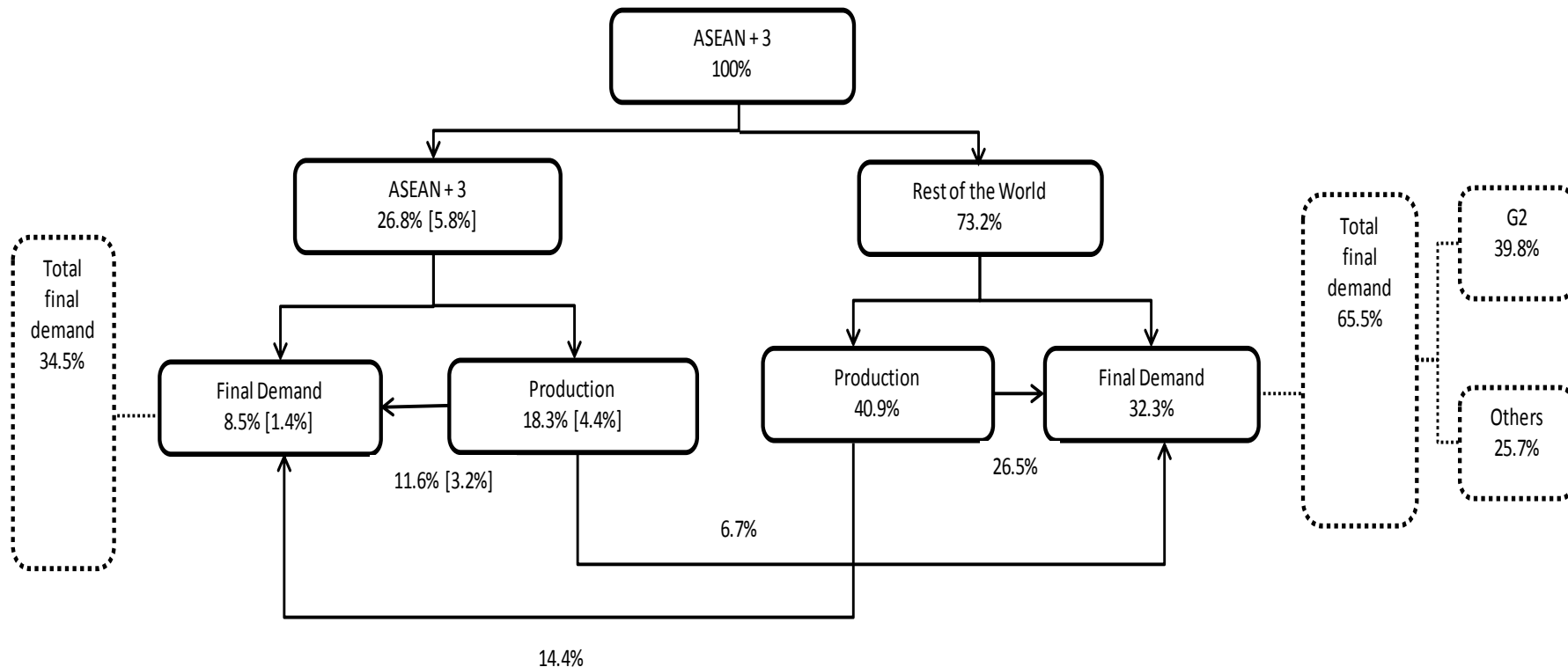


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