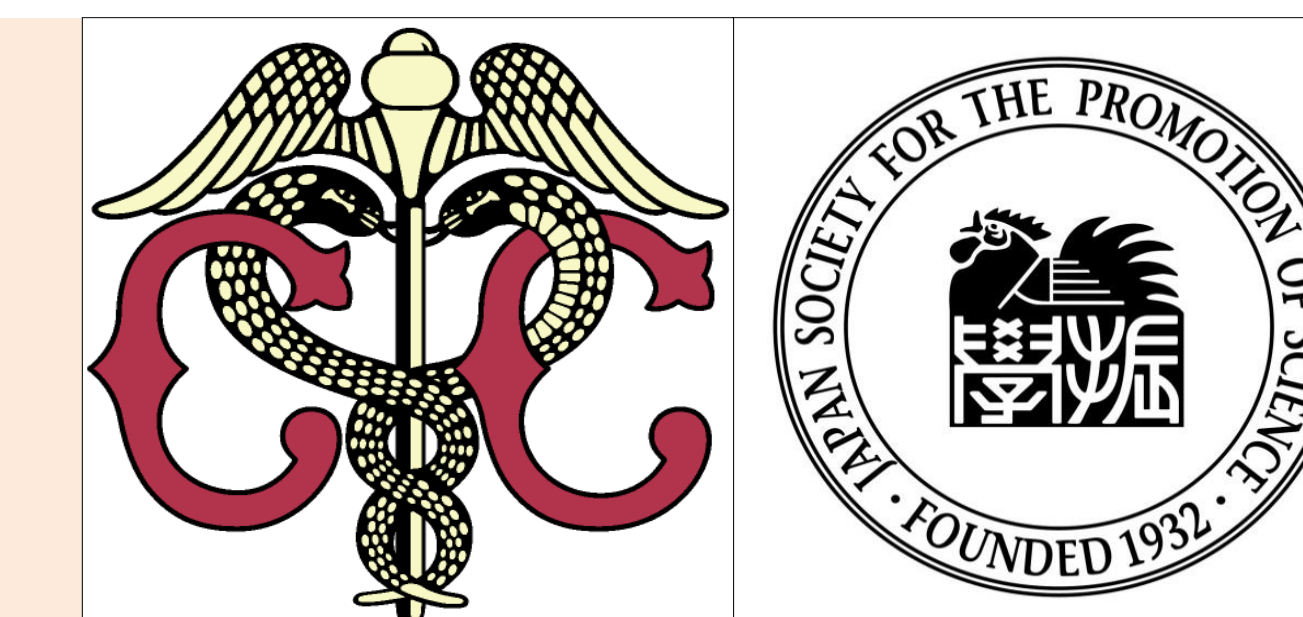


Regional Approaches to Nuclear Non-Proliferation



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Research Question: Can policymakers reorient existing regional instruments to strengthen the non-proliferation regime? Should they create new ones altogether?

Introduction

Struggles of the nuclear non-proliferation regime

- Resentment of nuclear haves re: NPT bargain
- Moving beyond traditional state proliferation
 - Limitations in dealing with non-state actors
 - Concerns with security and safety issues

Regional dimensions of nuclear challenges

- Weapons linked to regional rivalries & dynamics
- Different issues faced in different regions
 - Lack of prioritization in developing world

Potential of more regional-oriented approaches

- Success of nuclear-weapon-free zones (NWFZs)
- More focused in addressing particular concerns
- Trends in economic and political regionalism
- Prominence of regional organizations

Theory / Research Design

Literature on regionalism

- Emergence of regional security governance
- Link between economic and security cooperation

Literature on institutions (establishment & change)

- Modes: “displacement, layering, drift, conversion”
- Presence of “critical juncture” for action?

Qualitative case studies of regions and subregions

- Explore possibility for...
 1. Establishment of NWFZs (full or limited)
 2. Institutionalizing current nuclear cooperation
 3. Creation of specialized nuclear organizations
 4. Agenda expansion of existing arrangements

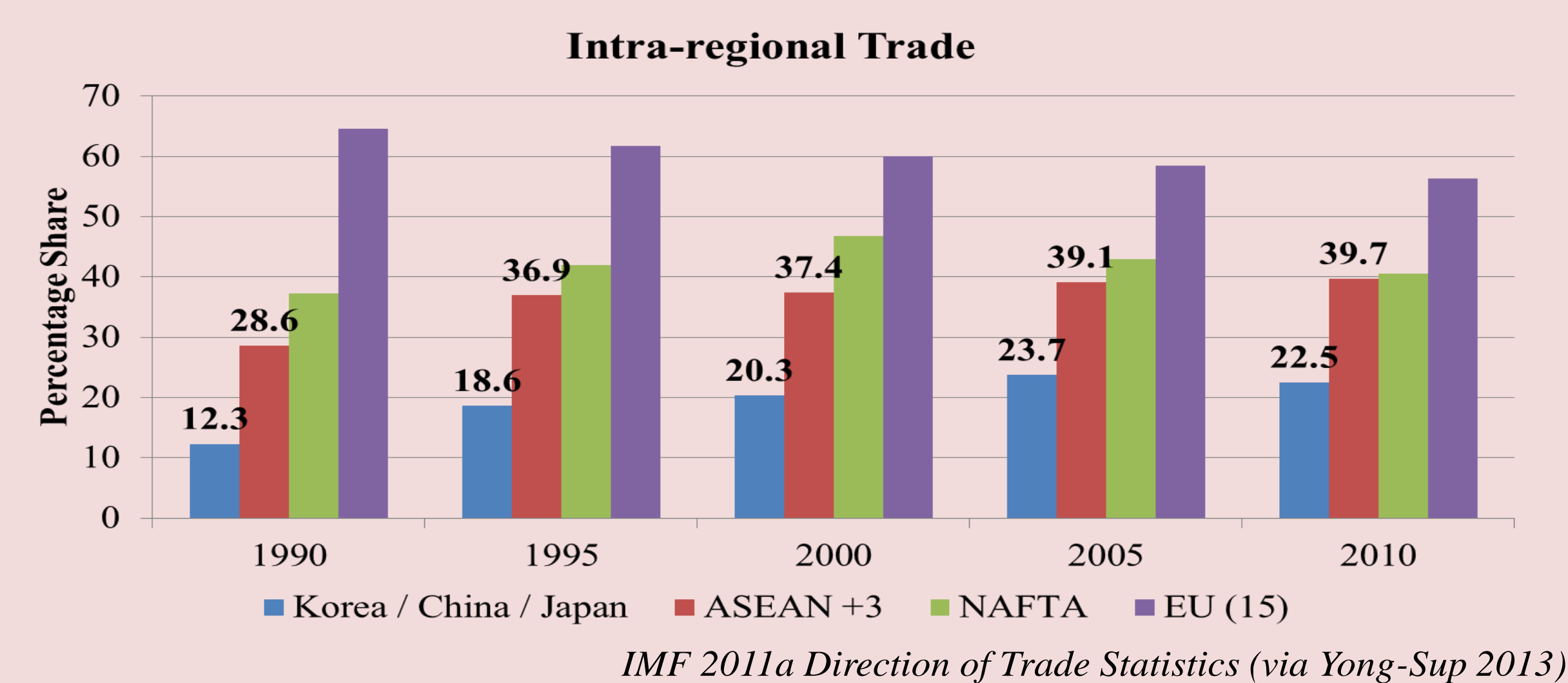
Northeast Asia

Proliferation-Related Concerns

- North Korean nuclear program
- Nuclear security shortcomings
- Expansion of nuclear energy

State of Regionalism

The Northeast Asian “troika”



- Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation Initiative

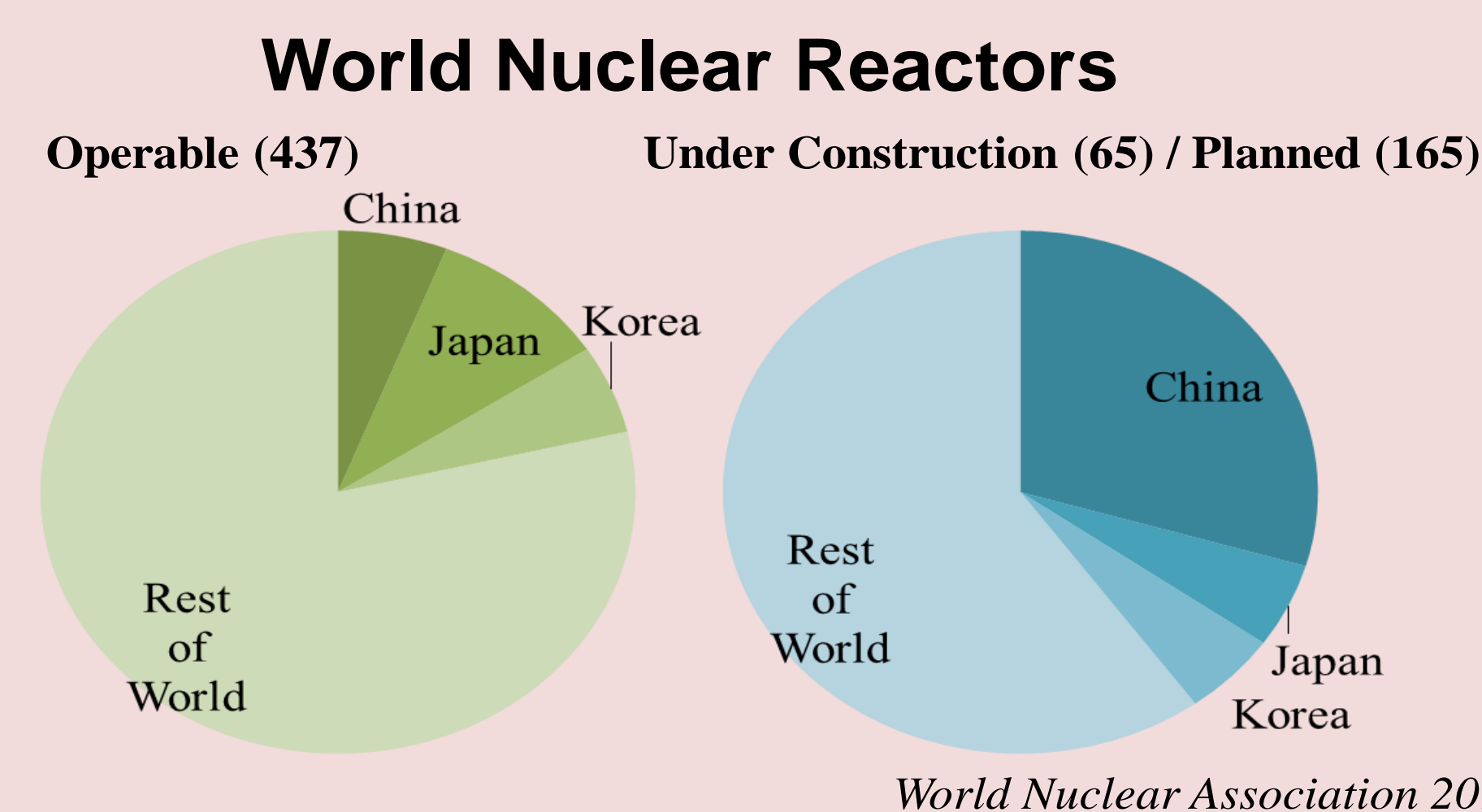
Nuclear Institutionalism

Reconstituting the Six-Party Talks

- Inclusive nature & support: “no other mechanism”
 - Possibility of conversion: beyond North Korea?
 - NEA Peace & Security Mechanism Working Group
- BUT need for DPRK involvement, other challenges

Other potential frameworks

- Possibility of NEA-NWFZ or Korea-Japan NWFZ?
- EURATOM as a model for China, Japan, ROK?
 - Top Regulators’ Meetings, centers of excellence



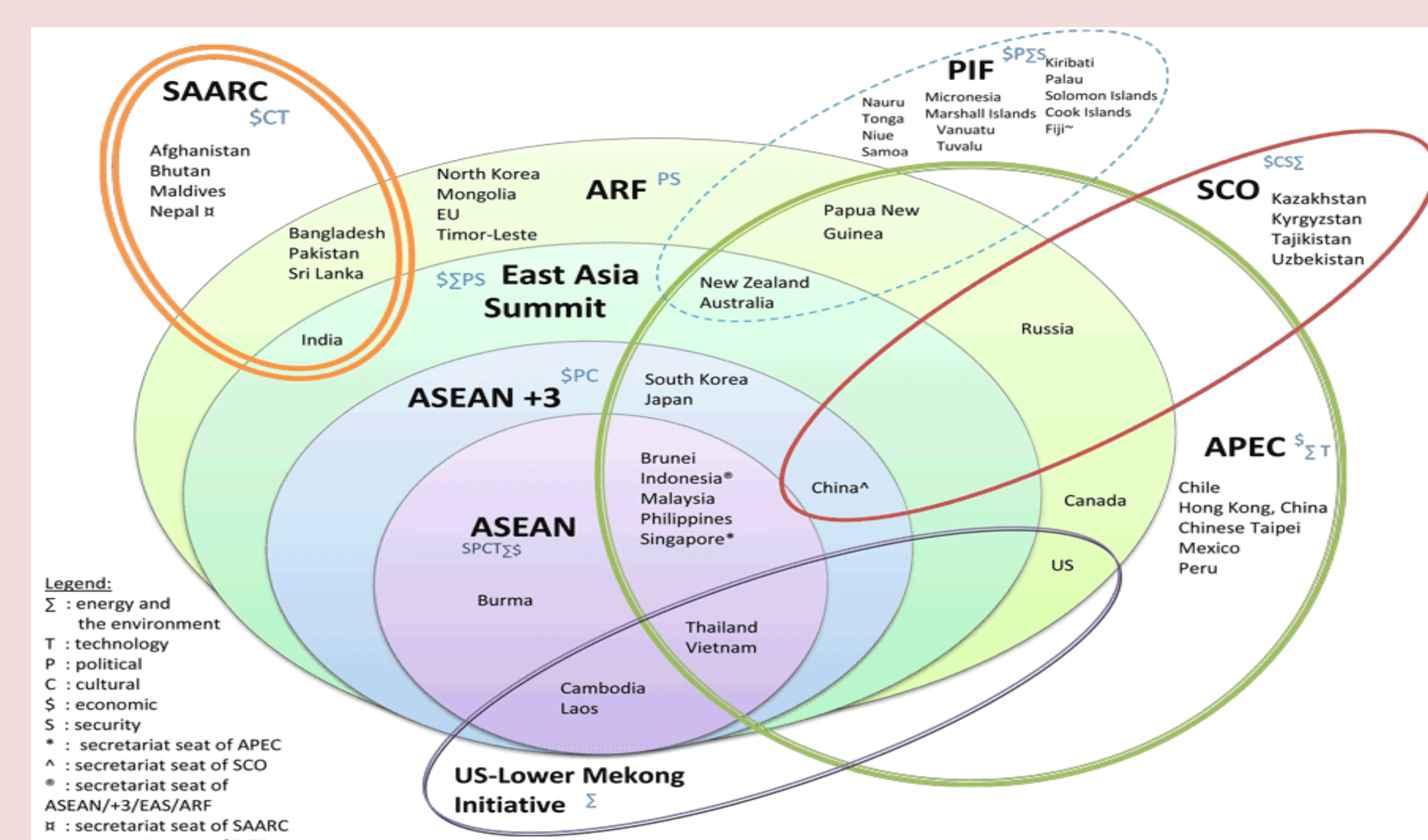
Southeast Asia

Proliferation-Related Concerns

- Emergence of energy sector
- Presence of trafficking, terrorism
- Tensions in South China Sea

State of Regionalism

Asia-Pacific architecture



Post-Cold War evolution of ASEAN

- Conversion: Vision 2020 and the Bali Concord II
 - “Strategic redefinition” after 1997 financial crisis
 - Towards the Political-Security Community
- ASEAN principles & impact on institutionalization
 - Fundamental contradictions? Success and limits
 - Cooperation in non-traditional security areas

Nuclear Institutionalism

Revisiting the 1995 Bangkok Treaty

- Content as manifestation of ASEAN way
 - Commission linked to Ministerial Meetings
 - Foreshadows ASEAN influence in future action
- Anachronistic? SEANWFZ shortcomings

Attention on safety issues: ASEANTOM

Preliminary Conclusions

Security governance of regional organizations still limited

- Non-interference and sovereignty principles
- Susceptibility to global forces / dynamics
- Nuclear and security as propelling each other

Primacy of “soft” issues especially relevant

- Technical cooperation as bottom-up avenue
- Expanding the concept of non-proliferation (3S)
- Need for regional outreach; leadership role of UN

Moving Forward

- Establish a broader framework for regional analysis
 - Incorporate more economic, sociocultural factors
- Empirical cases: looking at South Asia, Middle East
 - Interregional linkages (e.g. NWFZ Conference)
 - Role of private sector: esp. with security / safety

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