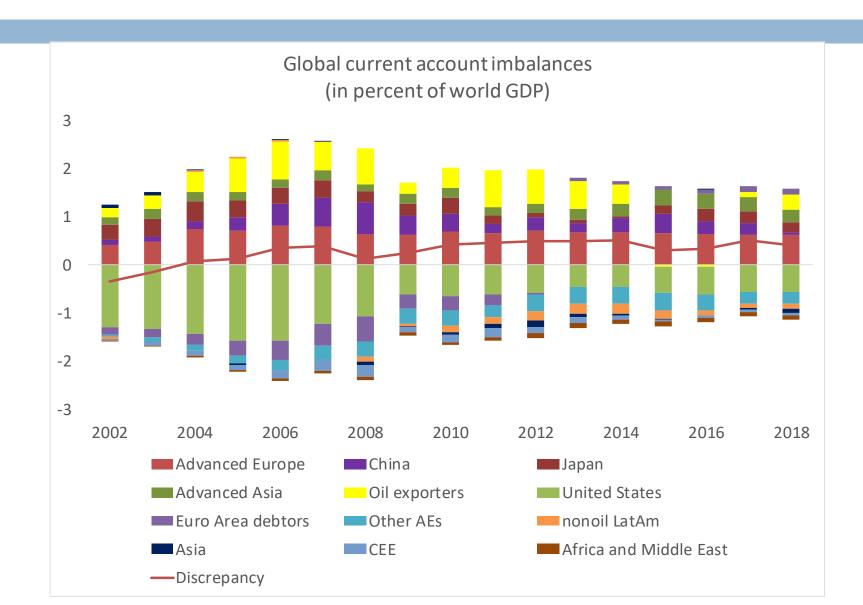
GLOBAL IMBALANCES PRE- AND POST-CRISIS

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Reduction in CA imbalances

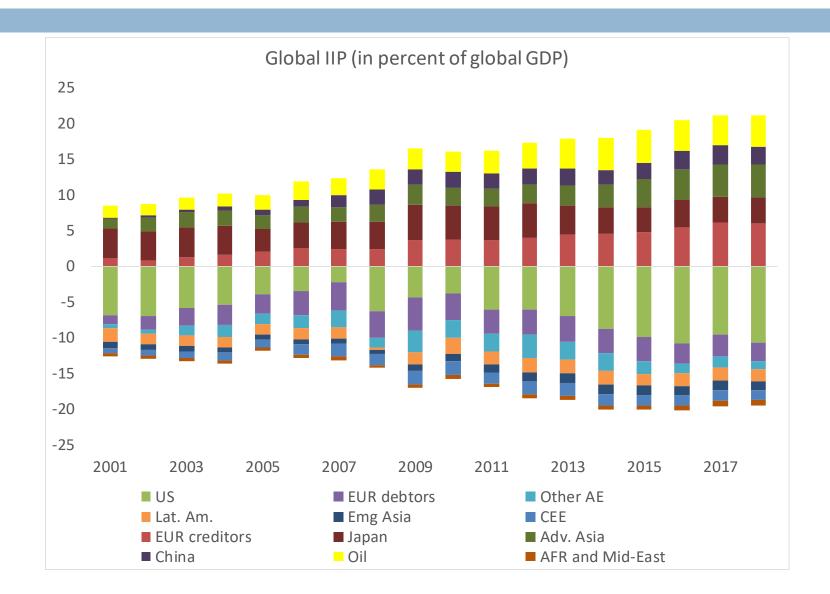


Post-crisis CA patterns

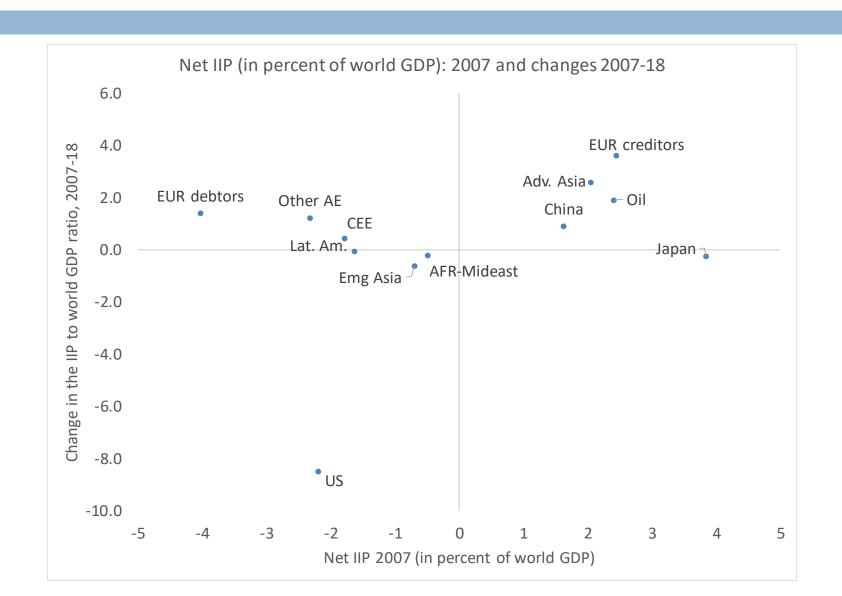
- □ Large CA surpluses in relation to domestic GDP in medium-sized countries
 - Advanced Europe (GER, NL, SWI, DEN, SWE...)
 - □ NIEs (KOR, HKG, SGP, TAI)

□ But generally contained CA deficits (and surpluses) in larger countries

...but expanding creditor and debtor positions



On the debtor side, US position shows large changes...



...despite a large reduction in net borrowing: strong dollar and high US asset prices

