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Part 2: What Goes Up Must Come Down

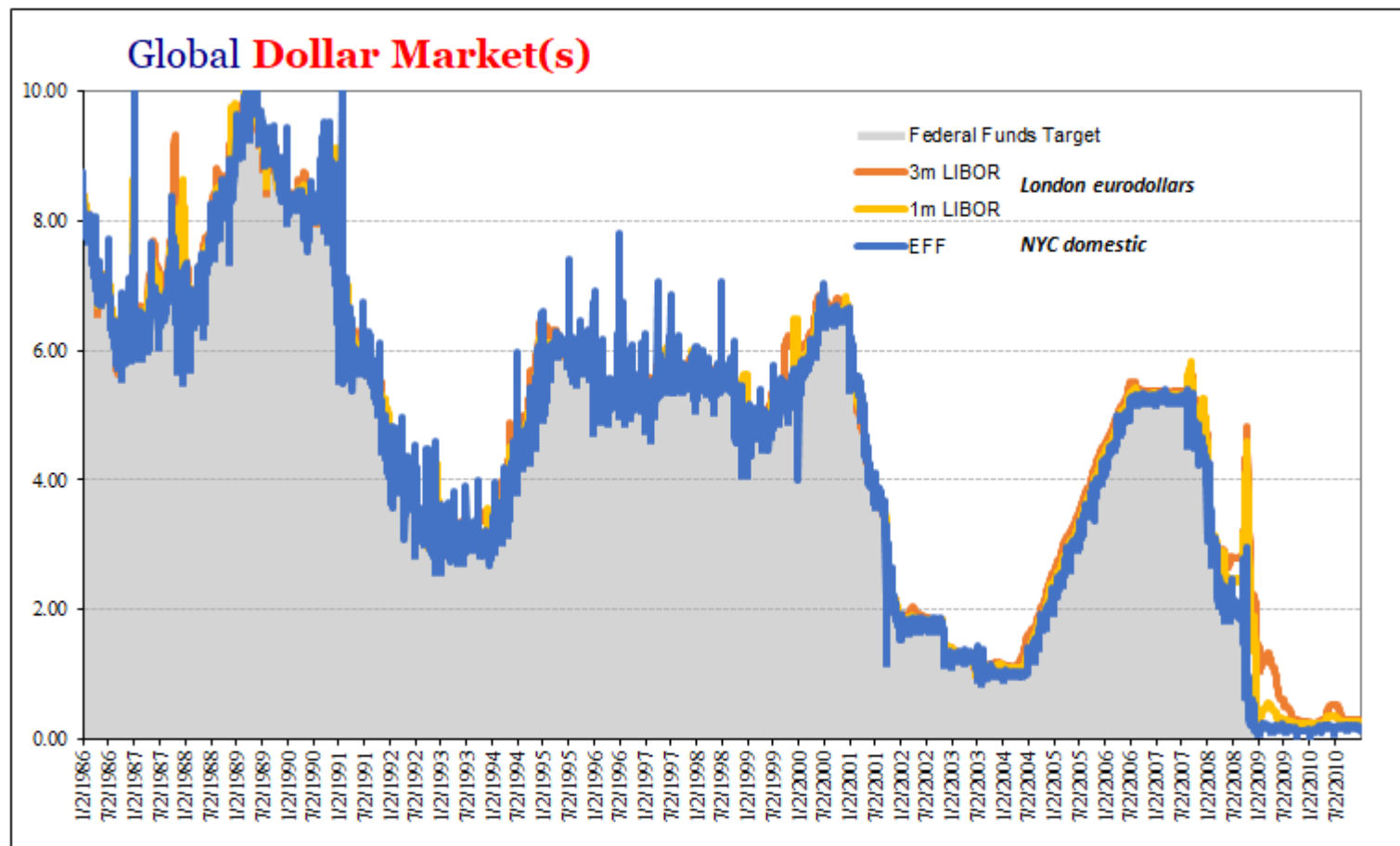


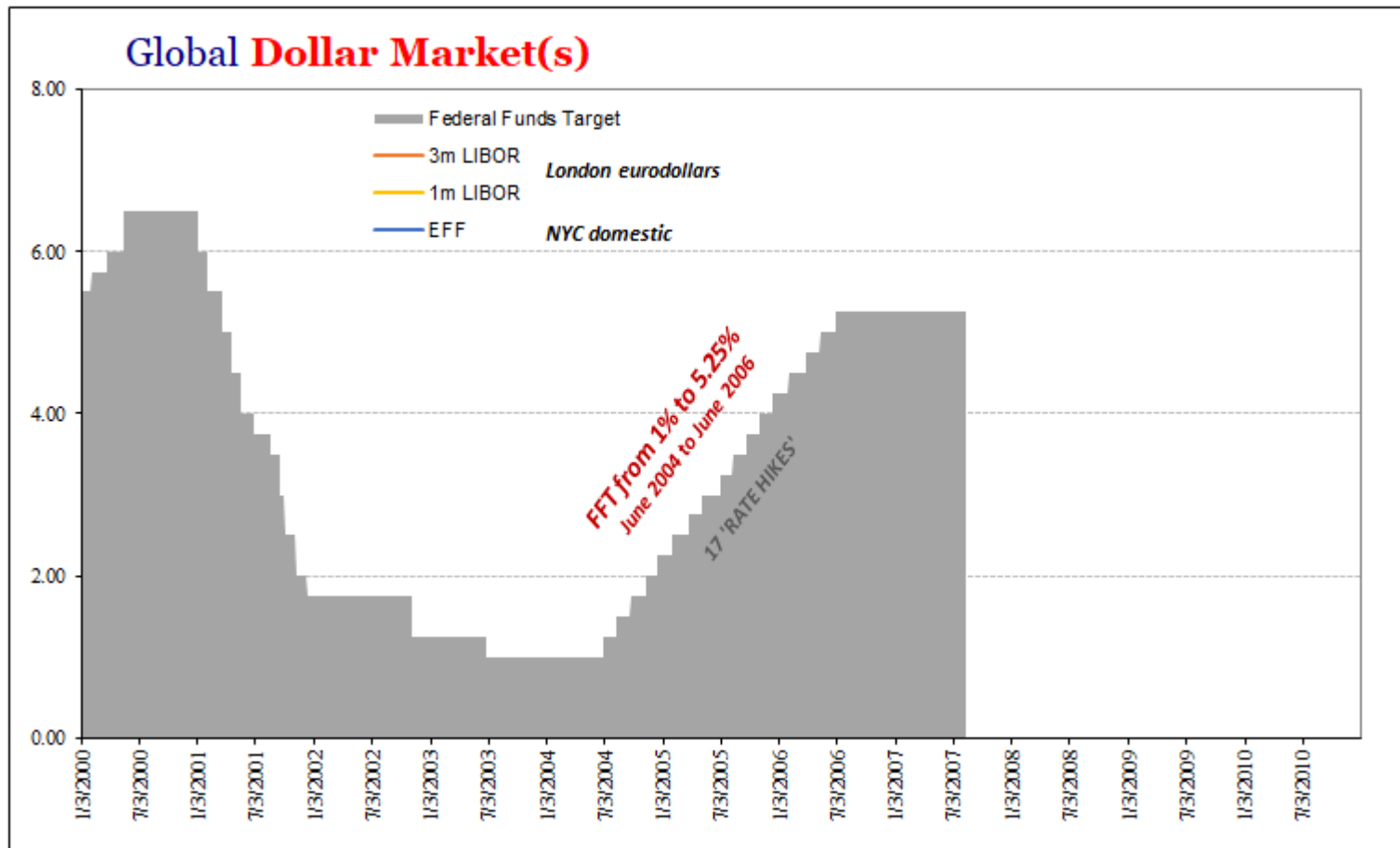
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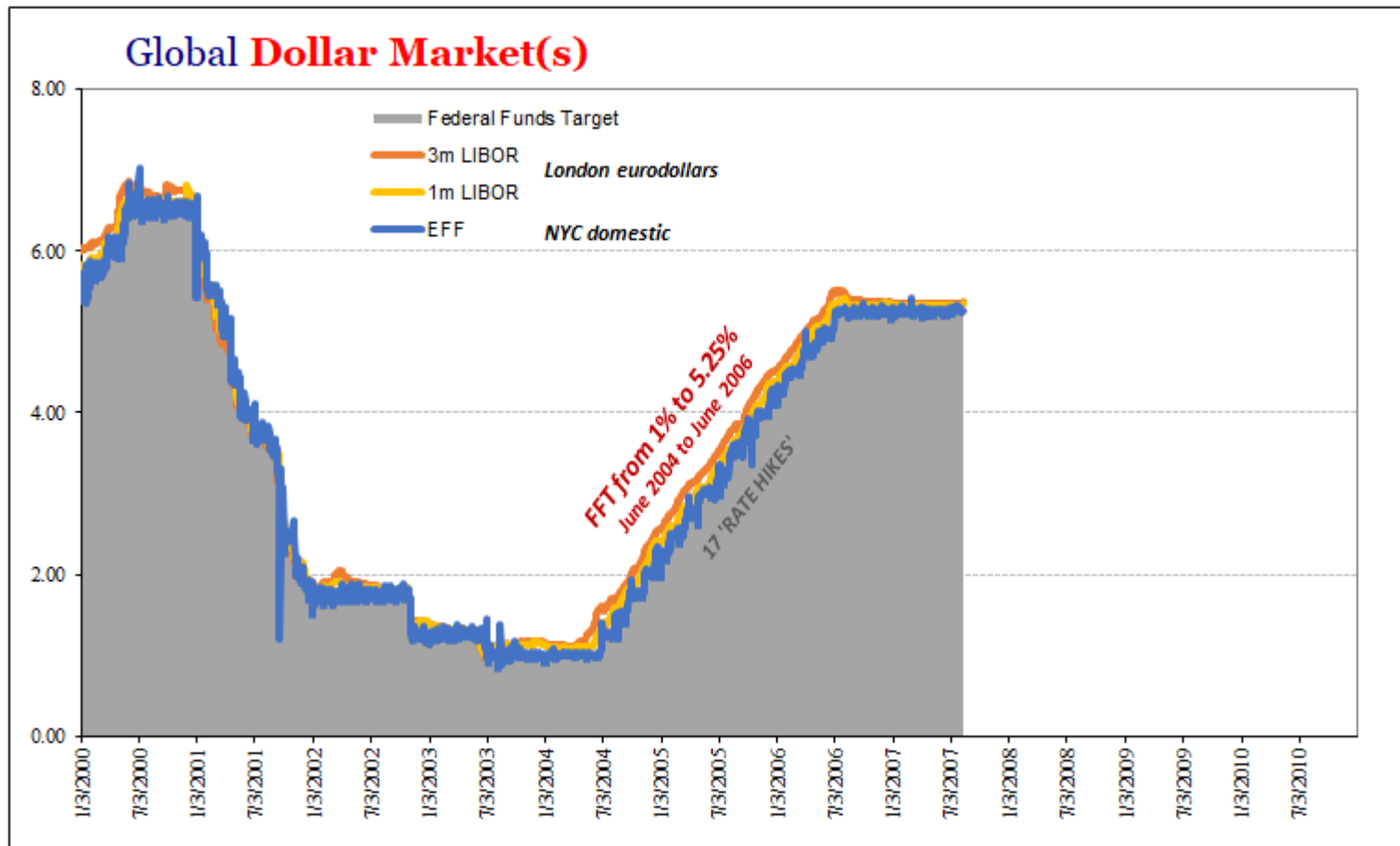
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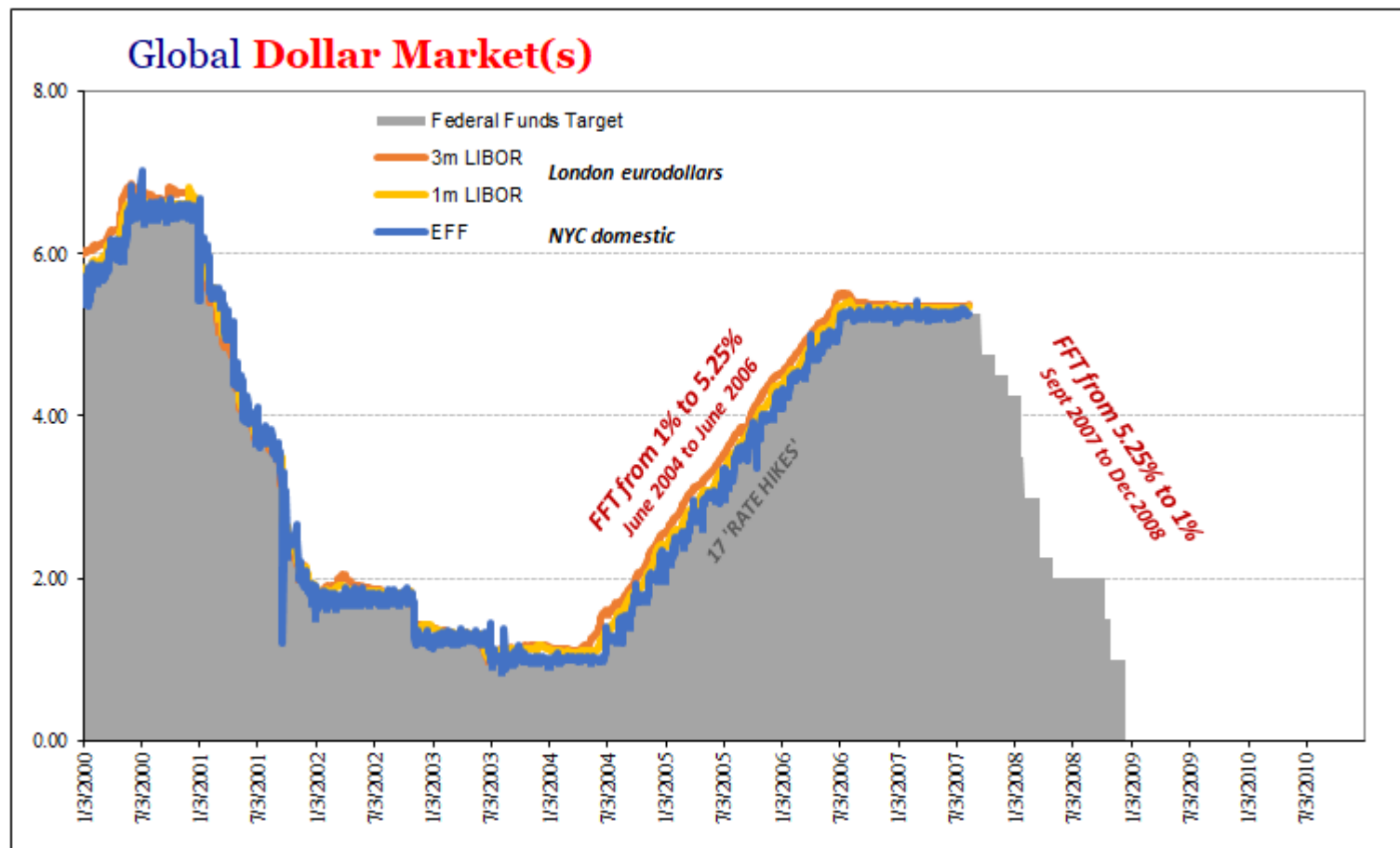


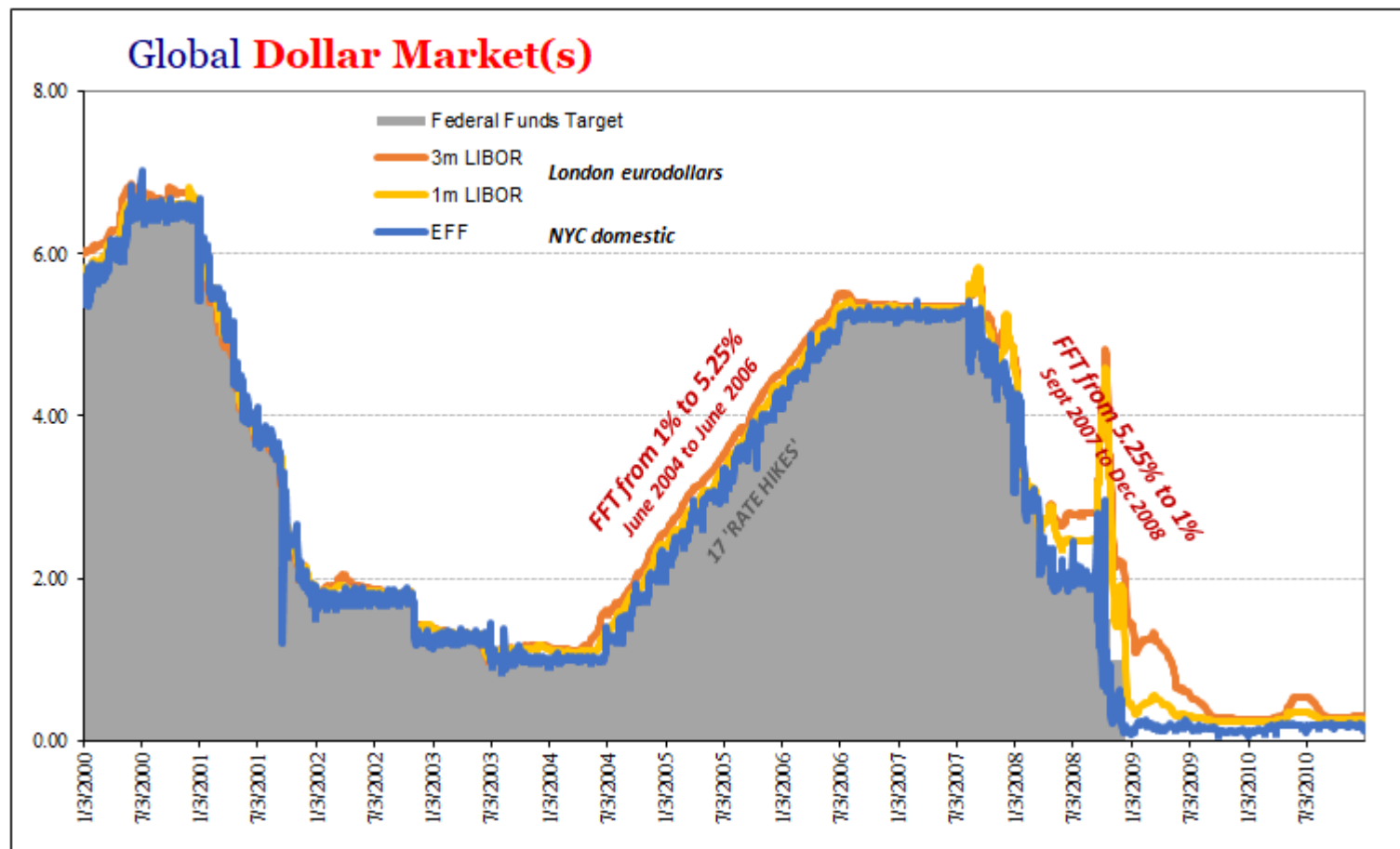
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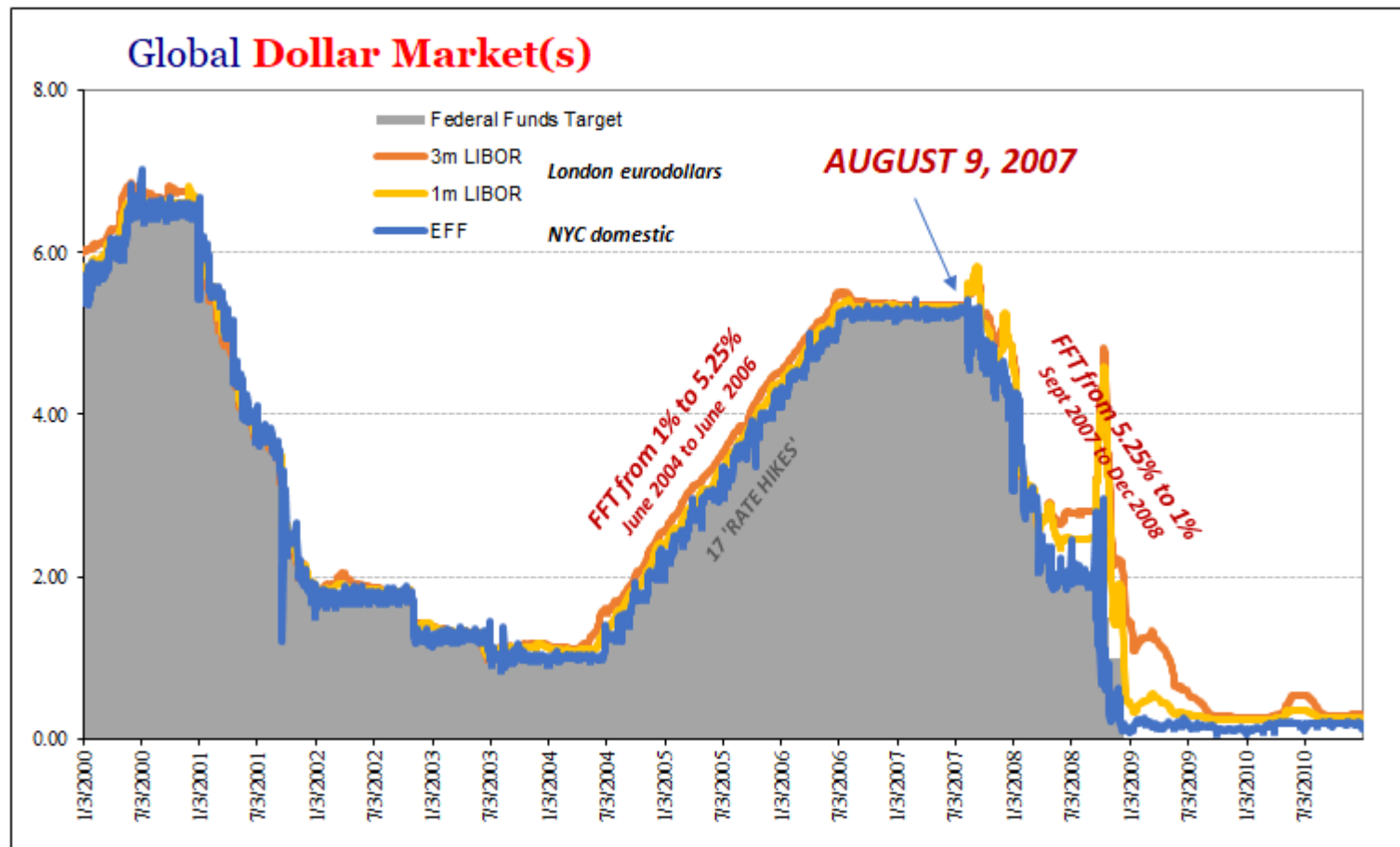


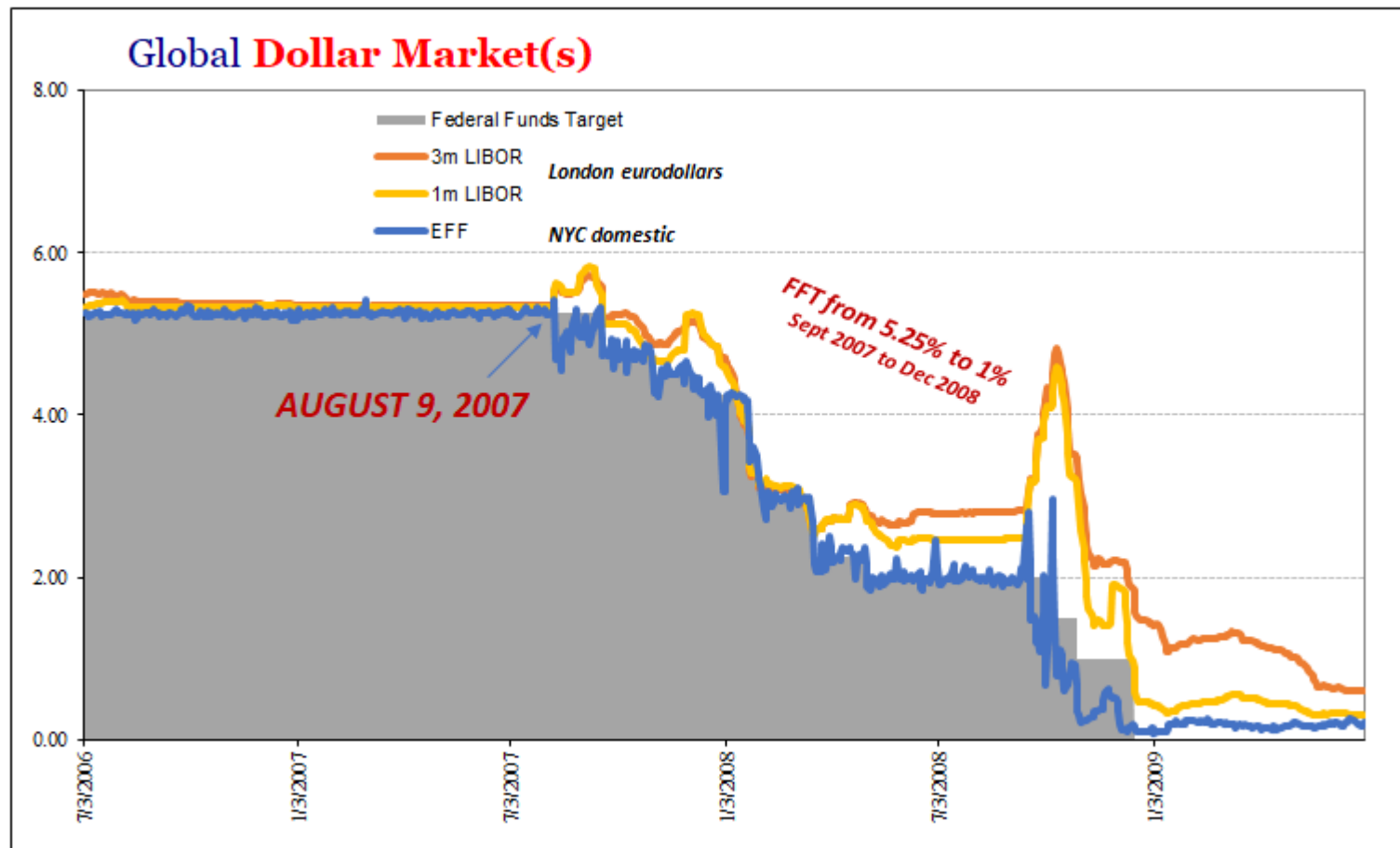


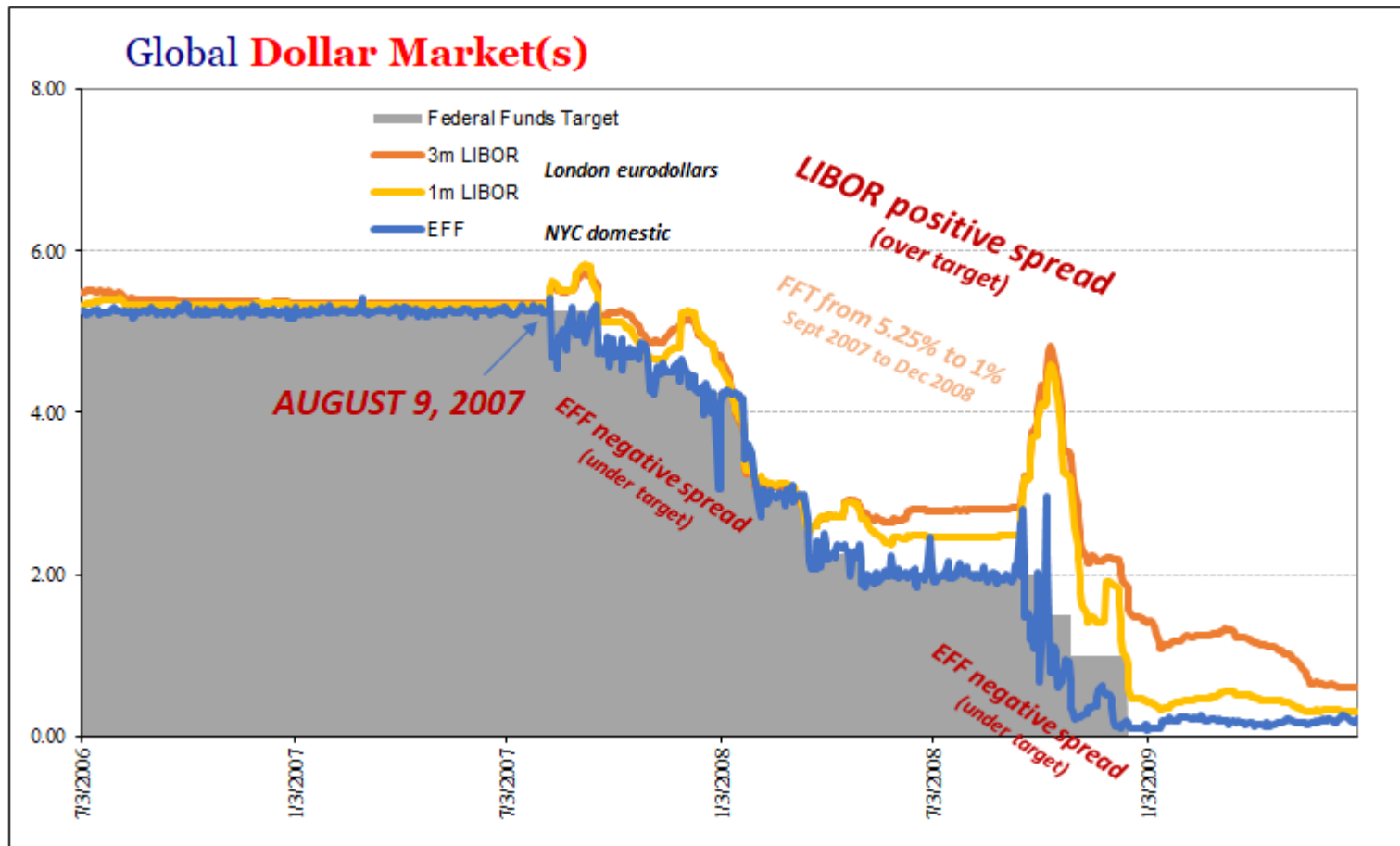












August 7, 2007

“ As far as the issue of material nonpublic information that shows worse problems than are in the newspapers, I’m not sure exactly how to characterize that because I guess I wouldn’t know how to characterize how bad the newspapers think these problems are. [Laughter] We’ve done quite a bit of work trying to identify some of the funding questions surrounding Bear Stearns, Countrywide, and some of the **commercial paper programs**. There is some strain, but so far **it looks as though nothing is really imminent in those areas**.

Bill Dudley

FRBNY Manager System Open Market Account

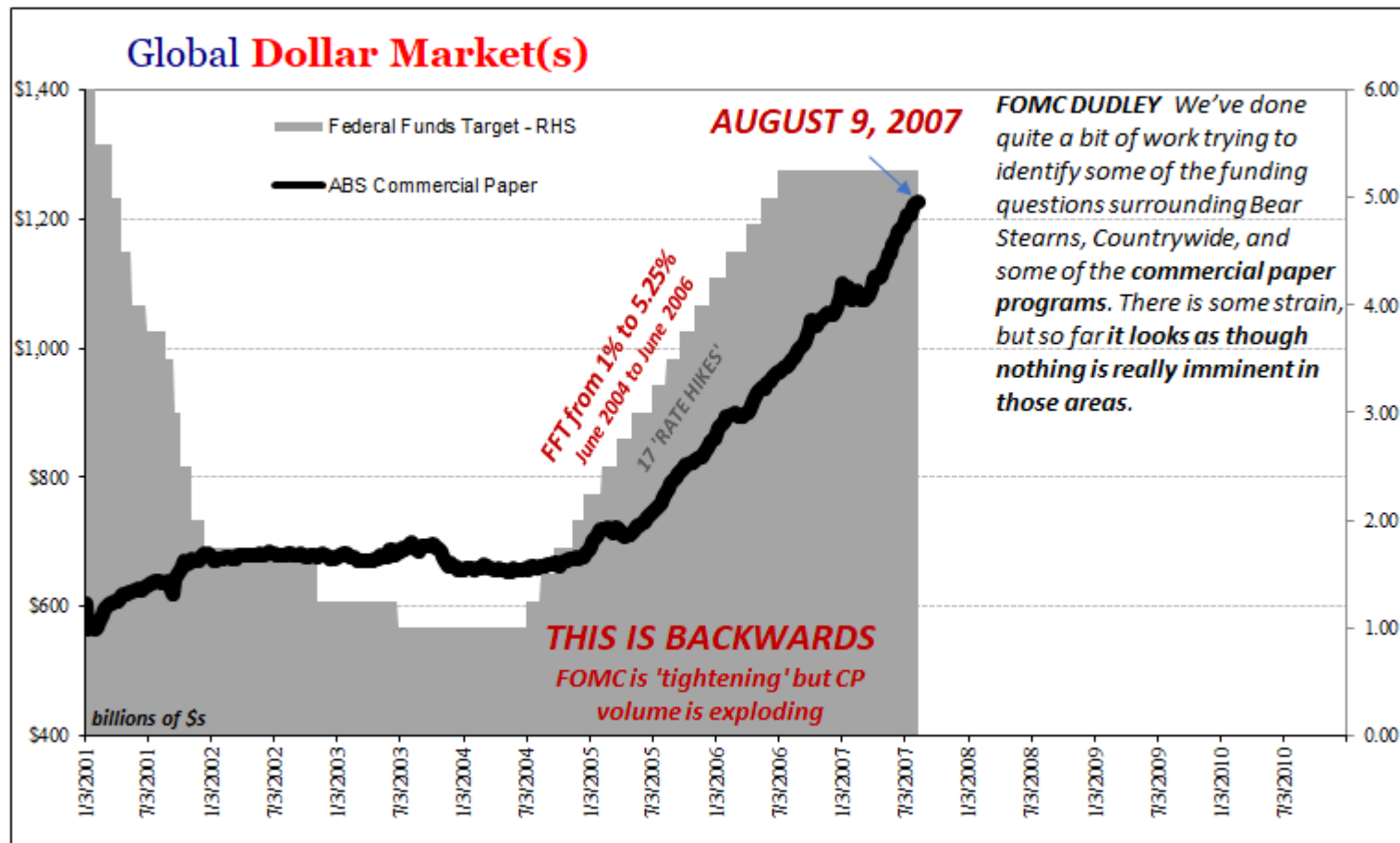
Policy Discussion at regular FOMC policy meeting

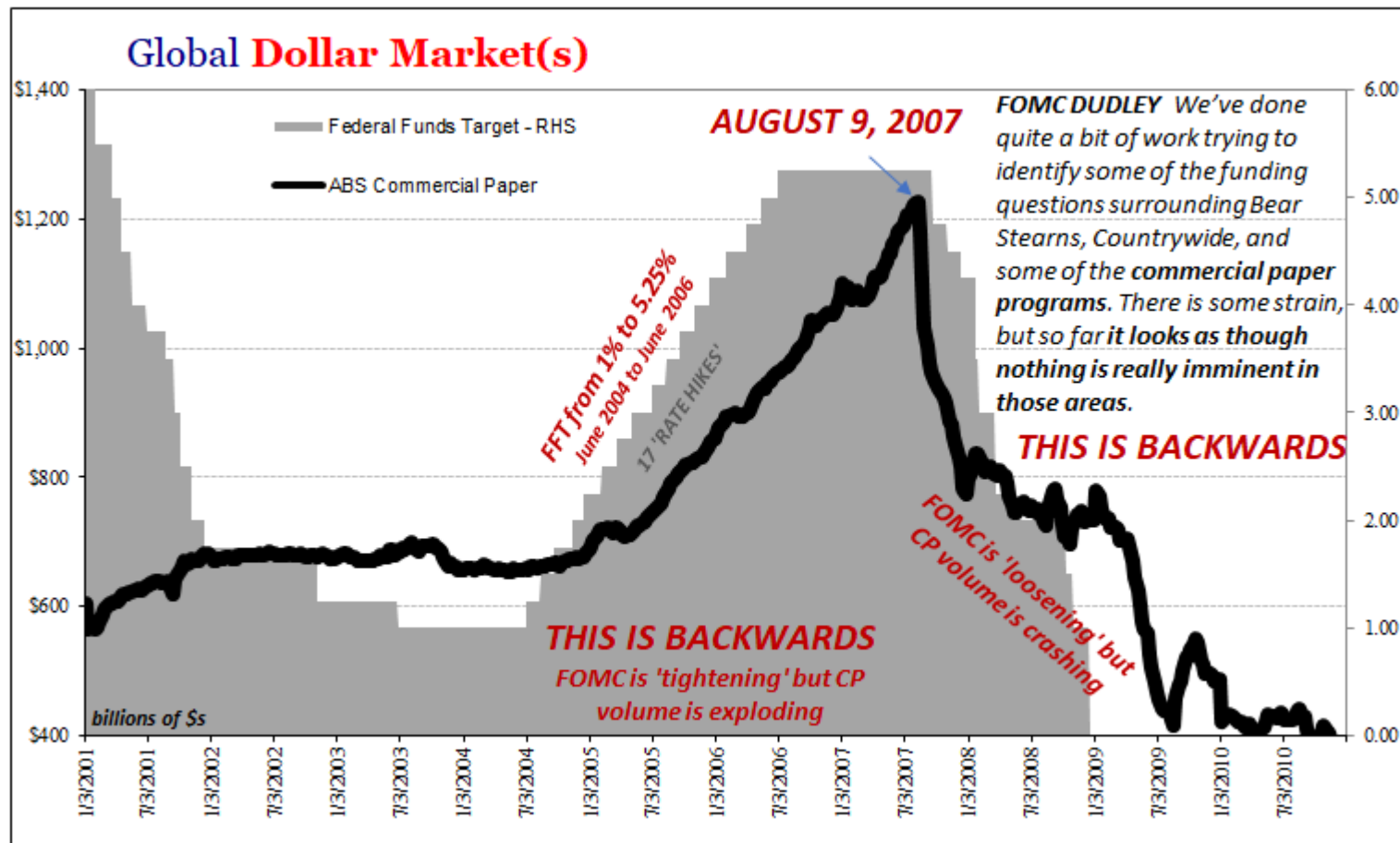


August 9, 2007

“ The world stopped on August 9. It's been astonishing, gobsmacking. Look across the full range of financial products, across the full geography of the world, the entire system has frozen.

Adam Applegarth
CEO of Northern Rock





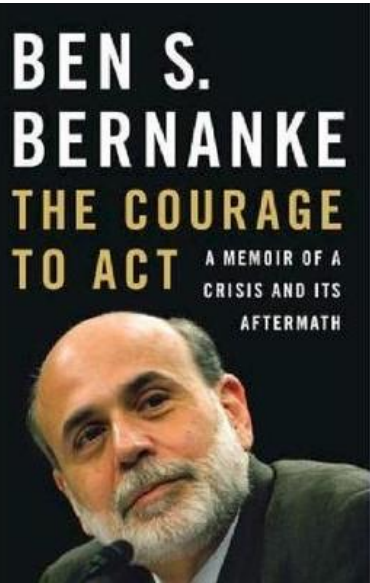
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Memoir, or post-crisis image rehabilitation, particularly in the monetary arena?

“ At this juncture, however, the impact on the broader economy and financial markets of the problems in the subprime market seems likely to be contained.

Chairman Ben Bernanke

Testimony to US Congress

March 28, 2007

“ I and others were mistaken early on in saying that the subprime crisis would be contained. The causal relationship between the housing problem and the broad financial system was very complex and difficult to predict.

Chairman Ben Bernanke

New Yorker Magazine Interview

December 1, 2008 Edition

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“ The principal conclusion of this paper has been stated several times. In brief, it is that flexible inflation-targeting provides an effective, unified framework for achieving both general macroeconomic stability and financial stability. Given a strong commitment to stabilizing expected inflation, it is neither necessary nor desirable for monetary policy to respond to changes in asset prices, except to the extent that they help forecast inflationary or deflationary pressures.

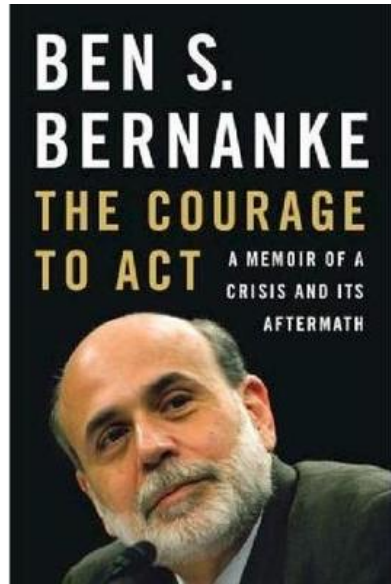
Ben Bernanke

co-author Mark Gertler

Paper presented at KC Fed Symposium (Jackson Hole)

August 26, 1999

FORUM TOPIC: NEW CHALLENGES FOR MONETARY POLICY



Memoir, or post-crisis image rehabilitation, particularly in the monetary arena?



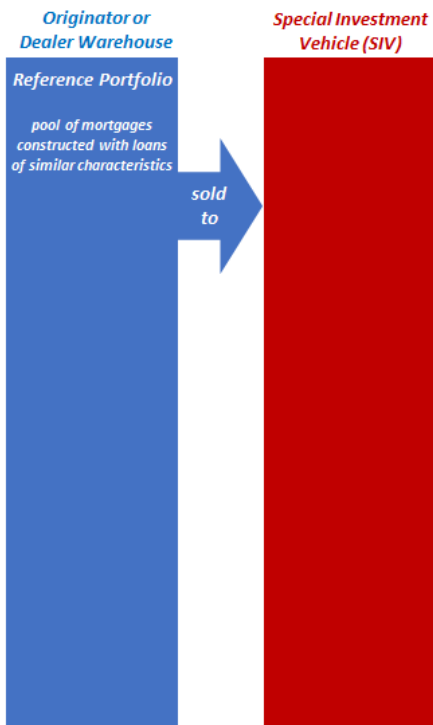
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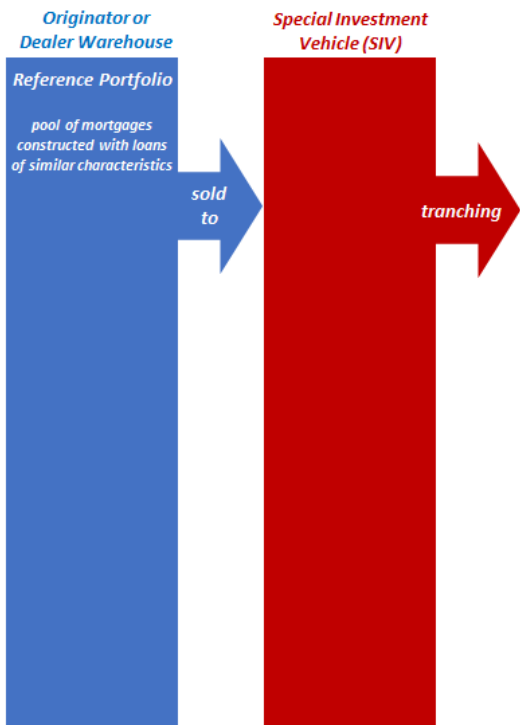
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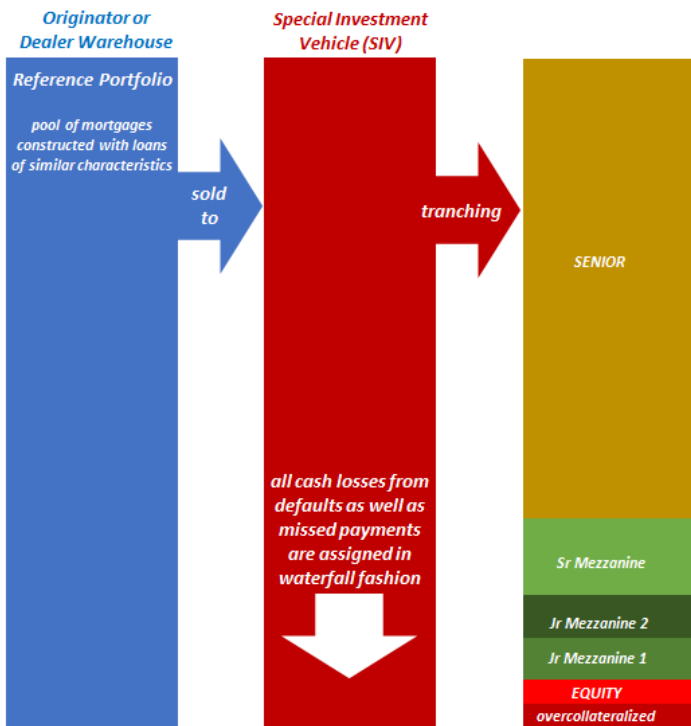
*Originator or
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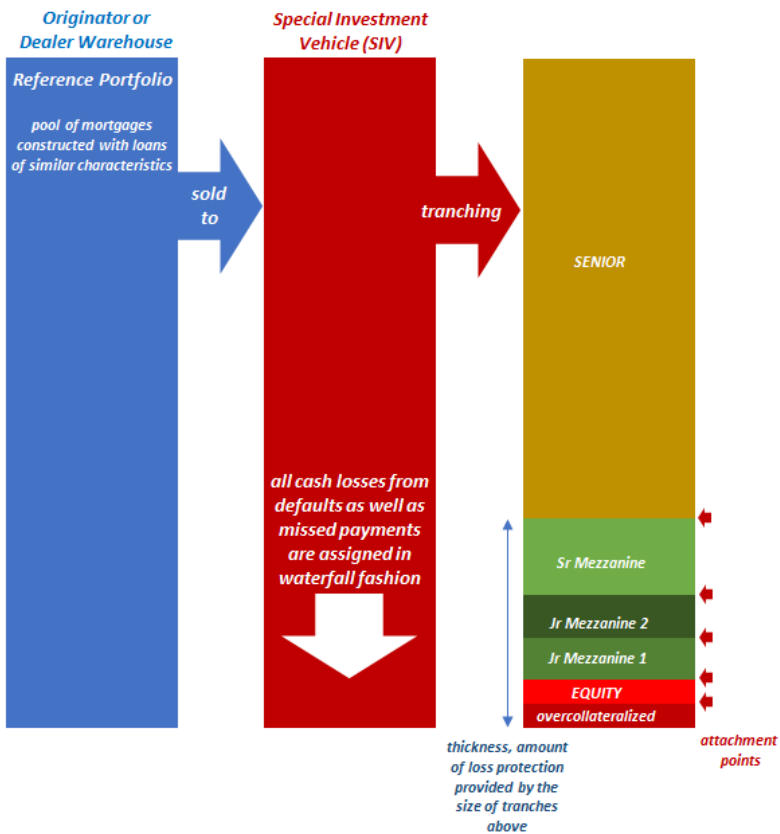
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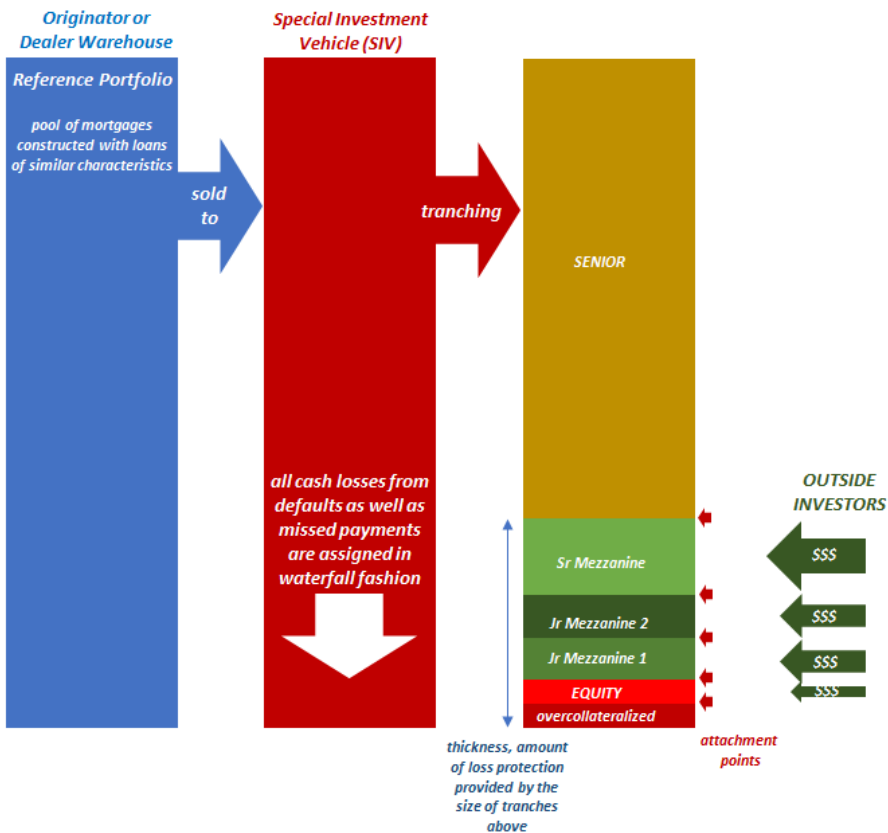
*pool of mortgages
constructed with loans
of similar characteristics*

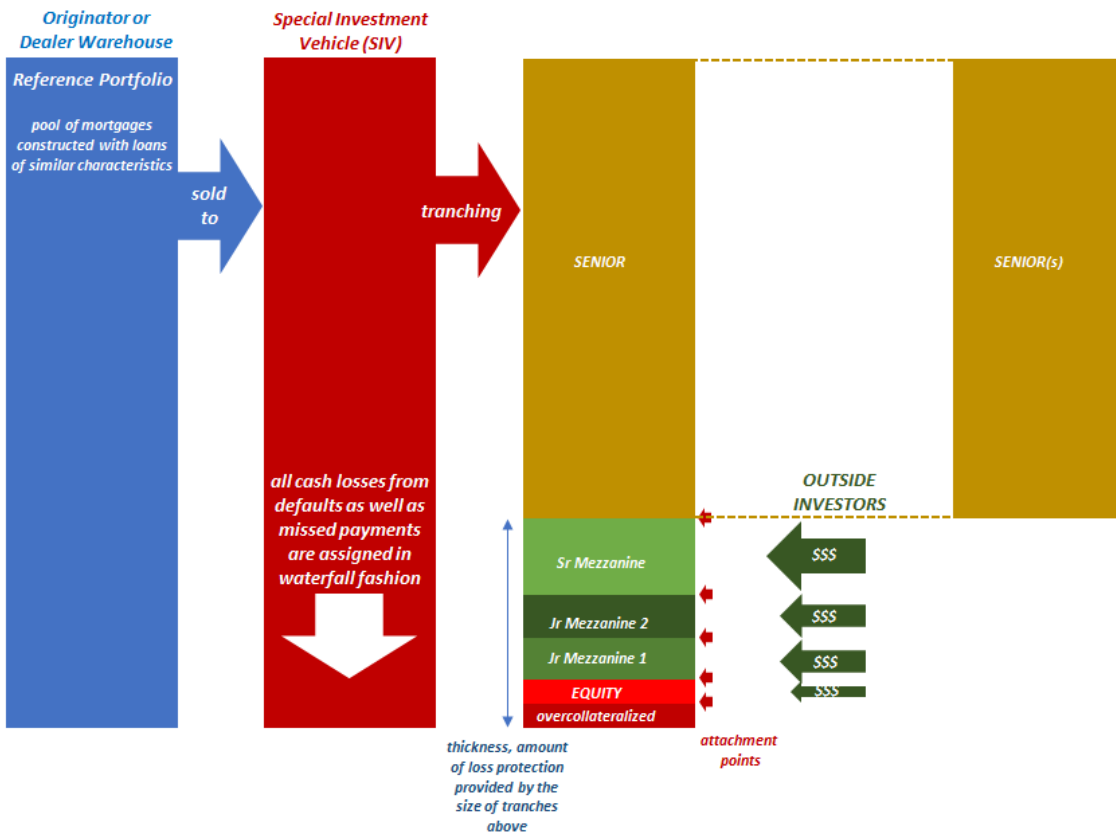


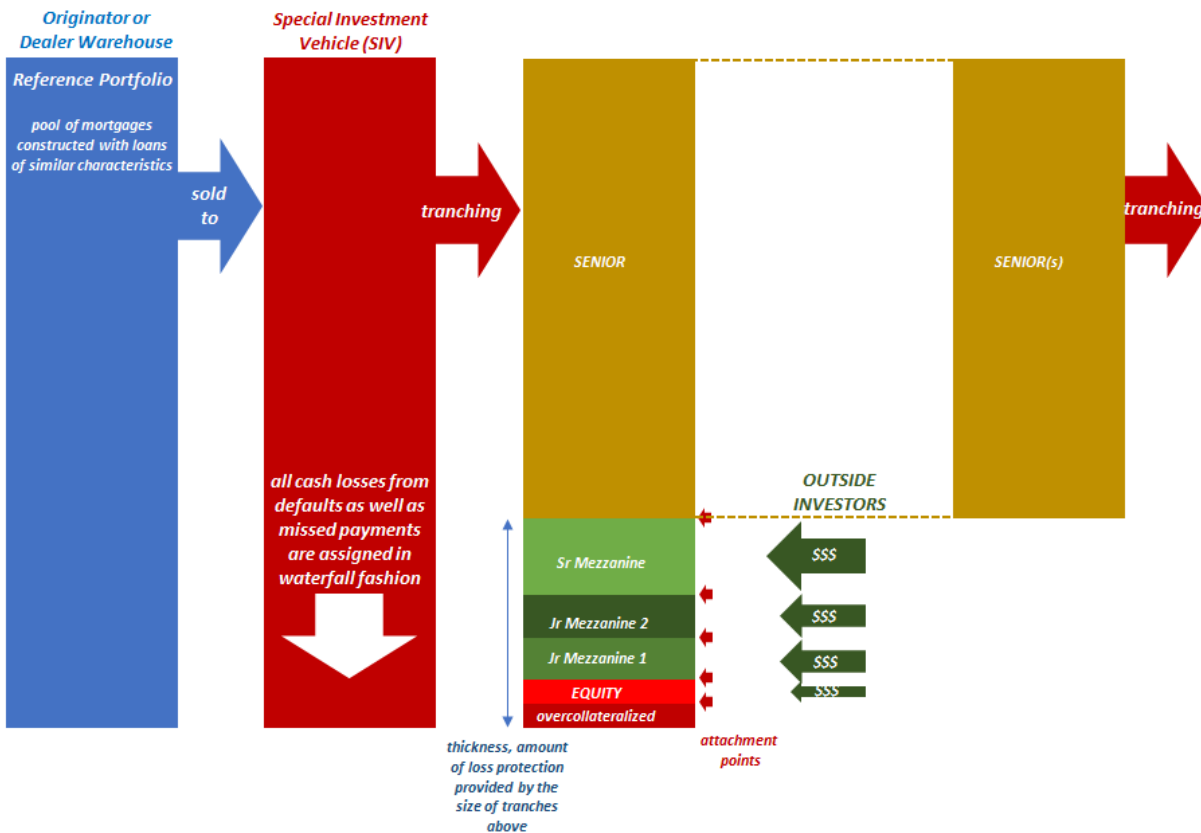


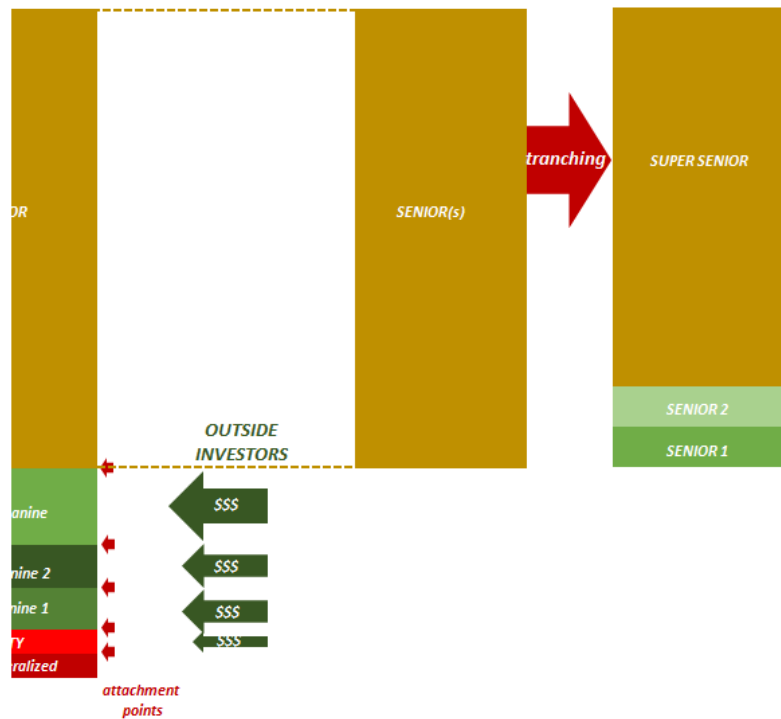


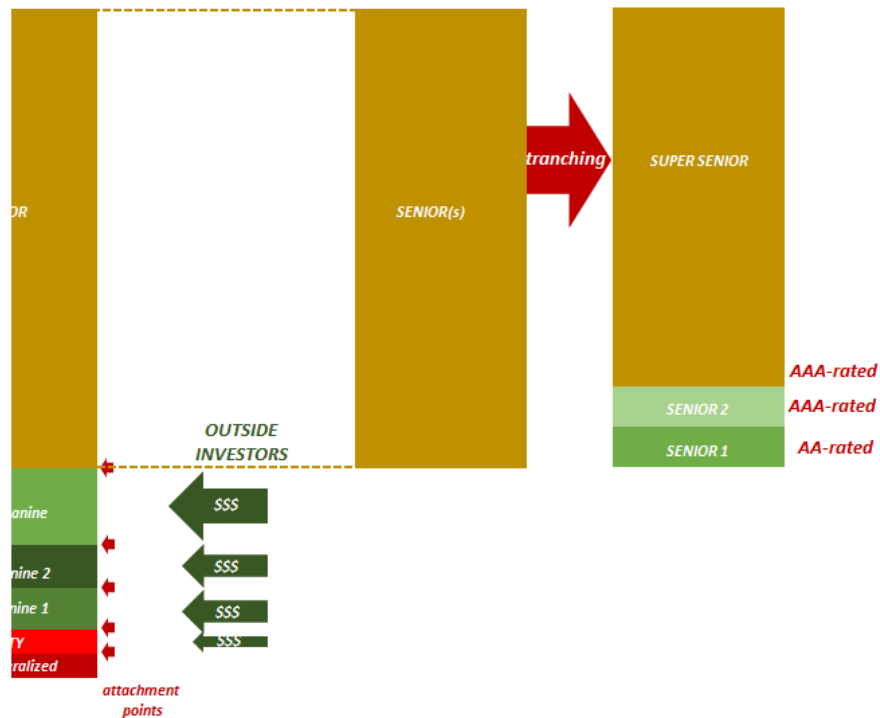


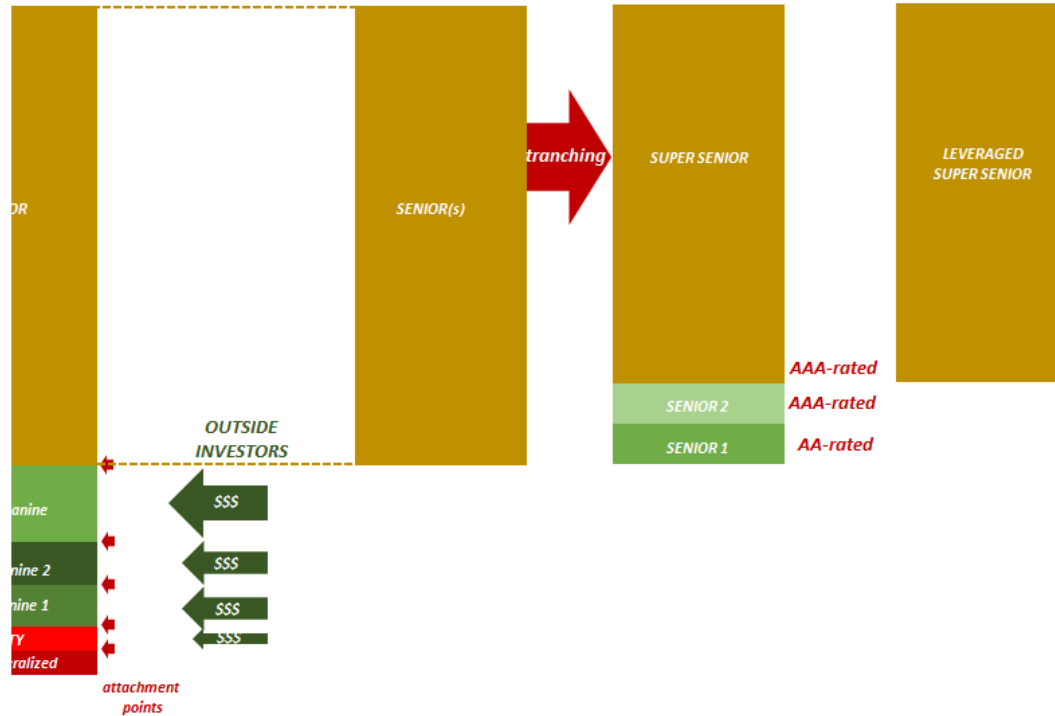


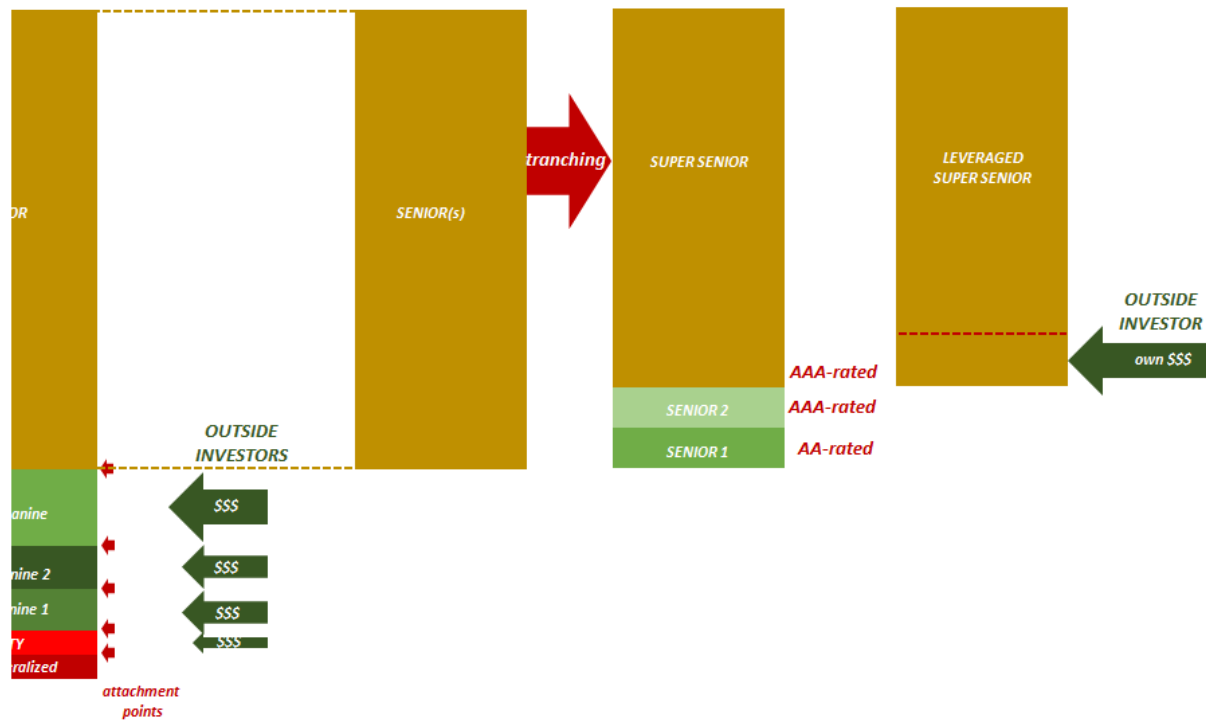


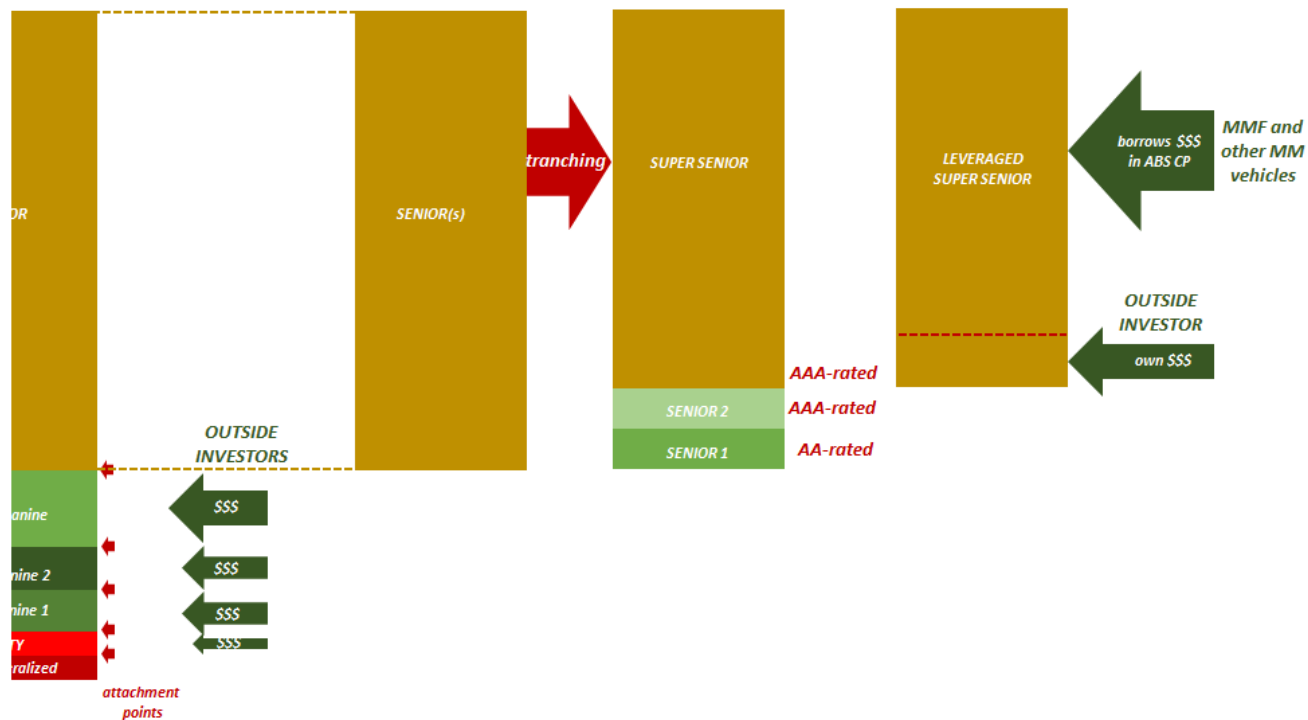


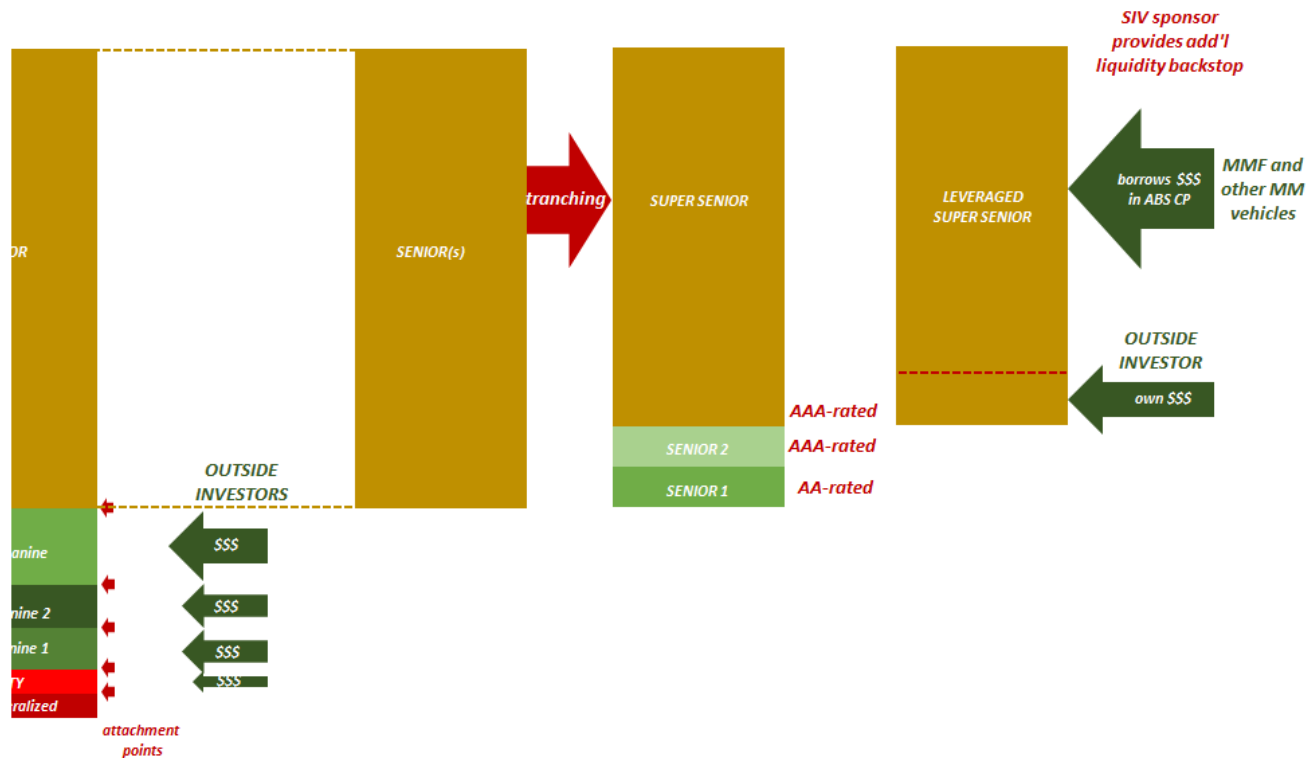


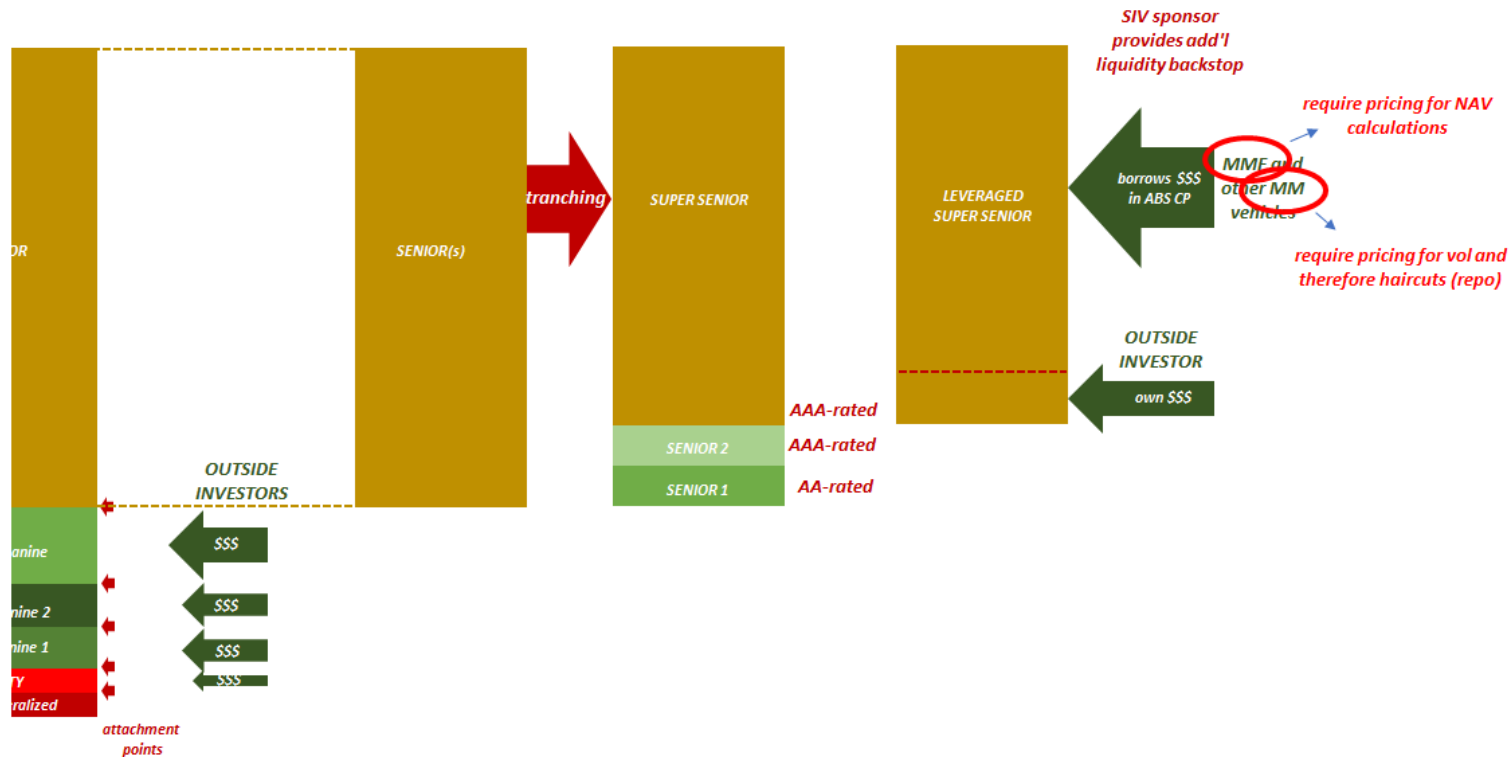


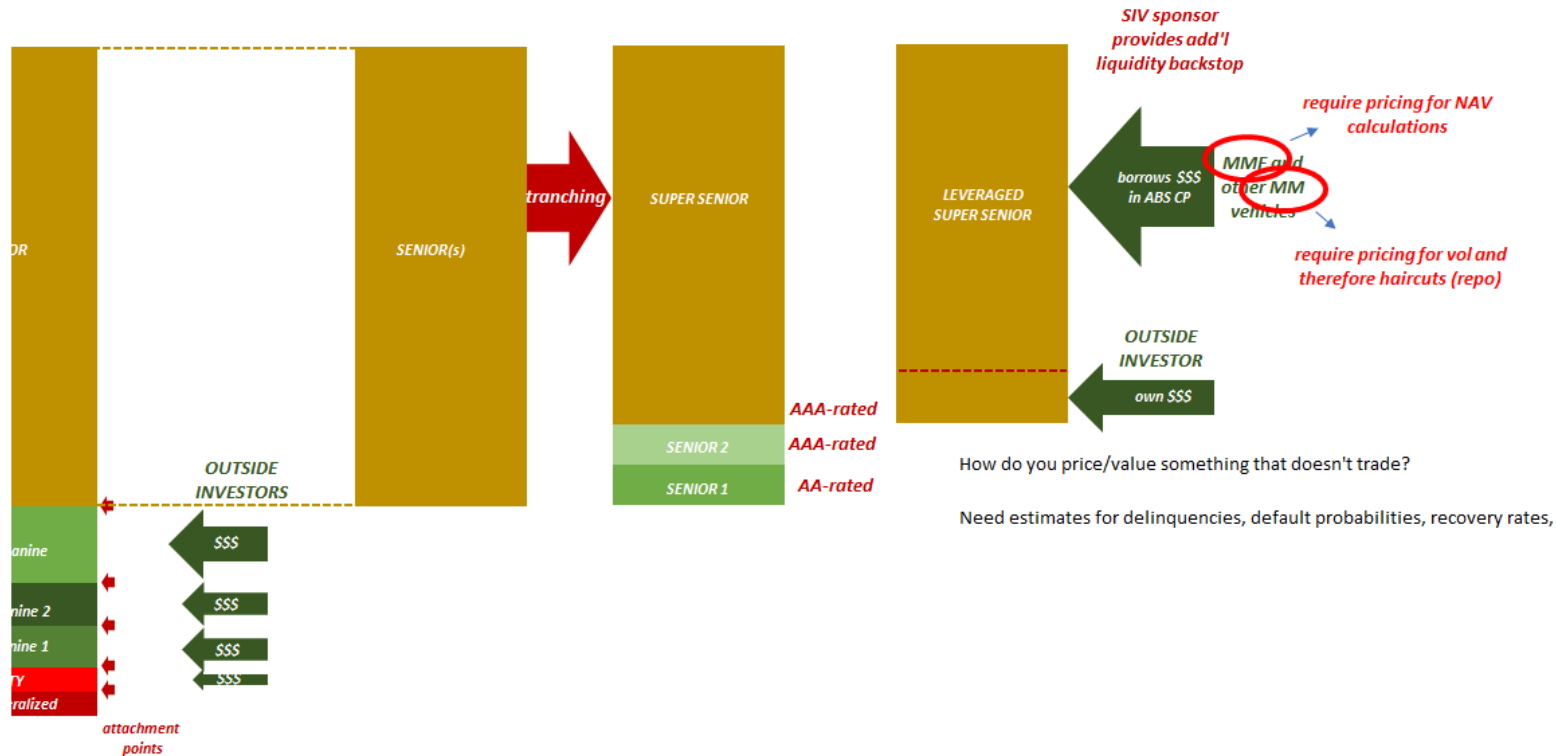


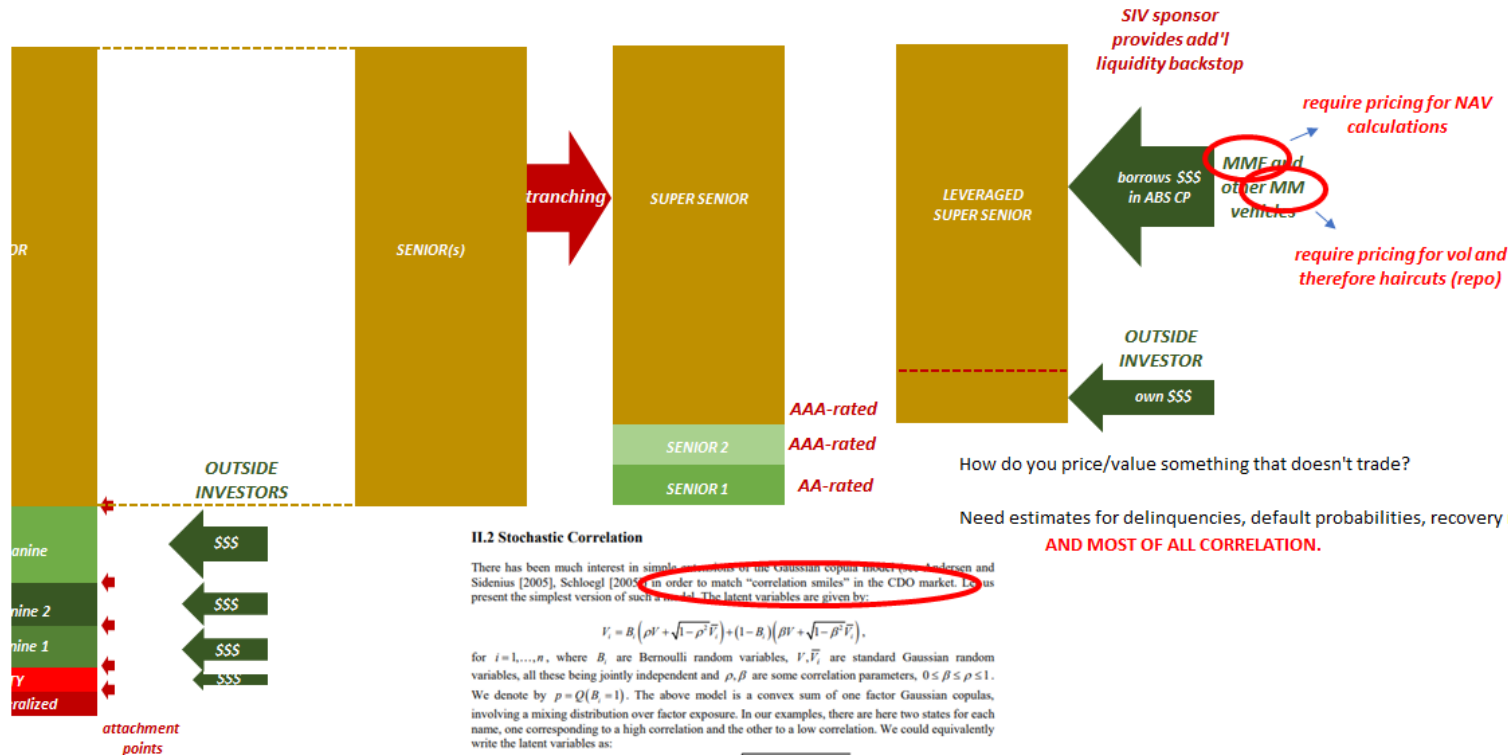












How do you price/value something that doesn't trade?

Need estimates for delinquencies, default probabilities, recovery rates,
AND MOST OF ALL CORRELATION.

II.2 Stochastic Correlation

There has been much interest in simple extensions of the Gaussian copula model (see Andersen and Sidenius [2005], Schloegl [2005]) in order to match "correlation smiles" in the CDO market. Let us present the simplest version of such a model. The latent variables are given by:

$$V_i = B_i \left(\rho V + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \tilde{V}_i \right) + (1 - B_i) \left(\beta V + \sqrt{1 - \beta^2} \tilde{V}_i \right),$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n$, where B_i are Bernoulli random variables, V, \tilde{V}_i are standard Gaussian random variables, all these being jointly independent and ρ, β are some correlation parameters, $0 \leq \rho \leq 1$. We denote by $p = Q(B_i = 1)$. The above model is a convex sum of one factor Gaussian copulas, involving a mixing distribution over factor exposure. In our examples, there are here two states for each name, one corresponding to a high correlation and the other to a low correlation. We could equivalently write the latent variables as:

$$V_i = (B_i \rho + (1 - B_i) \beta) V + \sqrt{1 - (B_i \rho + (1 - B_i) \beta)^2} \tilde{V}_i.$$

This makes clear that we deal with a stochastic correlation Gaussian model. We have a factor exposure ρ with probability p and β with correlation $1 - p$. It can be easily checked that the marginal distributions of the V_i 's are Gaussian. As above, we define the default dates as $\tau_i = F_i^{-1}(\Phi(V_i))$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

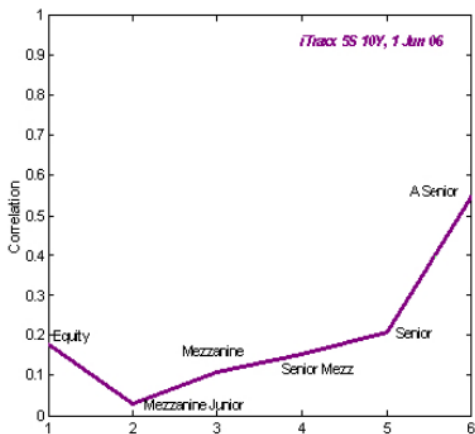
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Credit default swaps through the Gaussian copula had been used since 2000 to obtain (meaning infer from market prices) correlation, which had meant up to that point mass production of even subprime MBS. The idea of senior tranches, including super senior, was overcollateralization; a thickness of protection where waterfall losses should never be able to wipe out all the mezzanines and equity pieces above. Yet, it was the senior tranches that were throughout of the greatest concern.

This structure, however, didn't matter to correlation, or **implied correlation**. CDO's were known to exhibit a skew, or **correlation "smile."** This irregularity was how **pricing at the ends, the equity as well as the senior or any super seniors**, would almost always **imply greater correlation** than in the middle mezzanines. In other words, the market was pricing each piece differently, and the Gaussian copula meant to extract correlation from those prices was giving (often drastically) different correlations for what were parts of the same security.

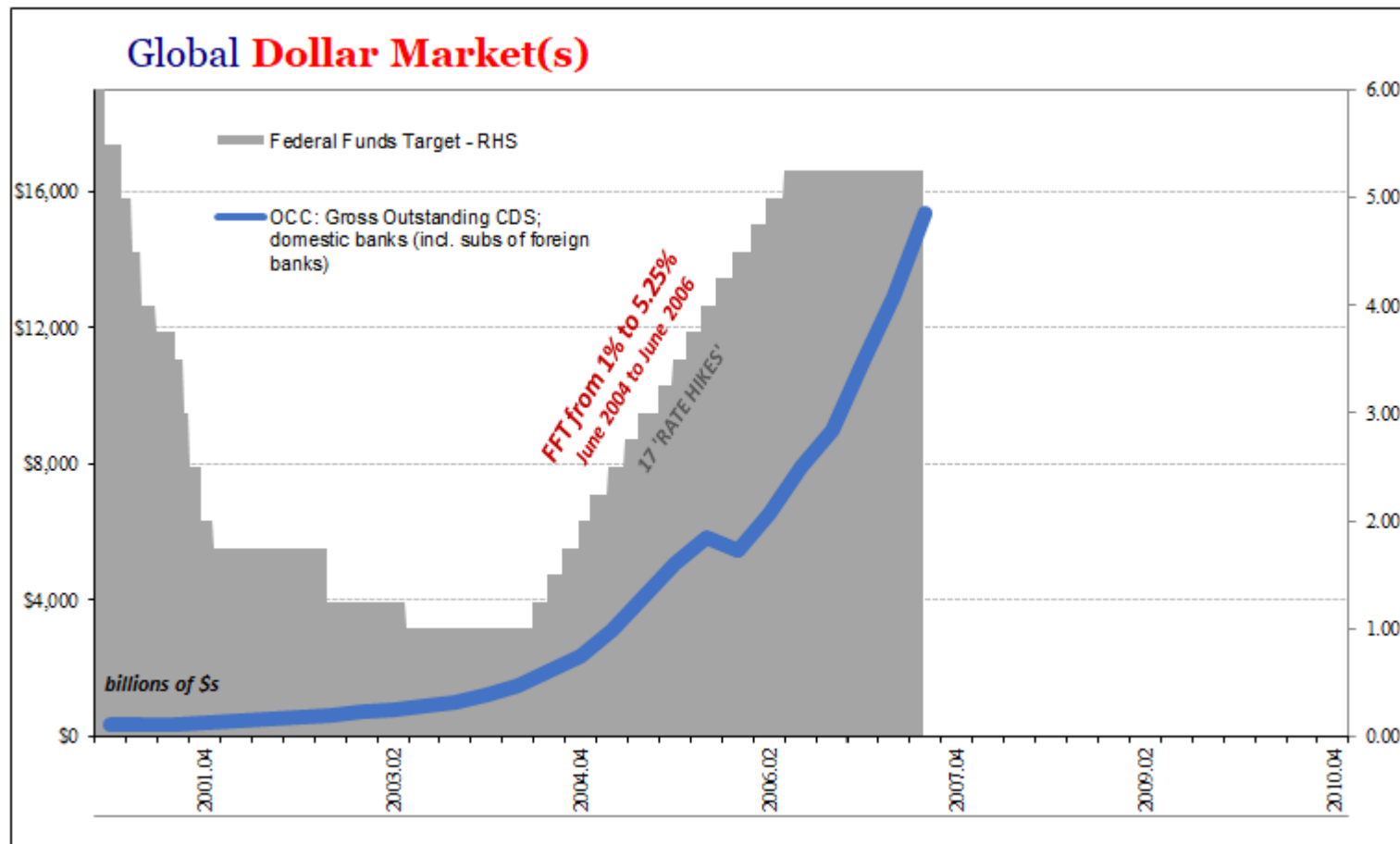
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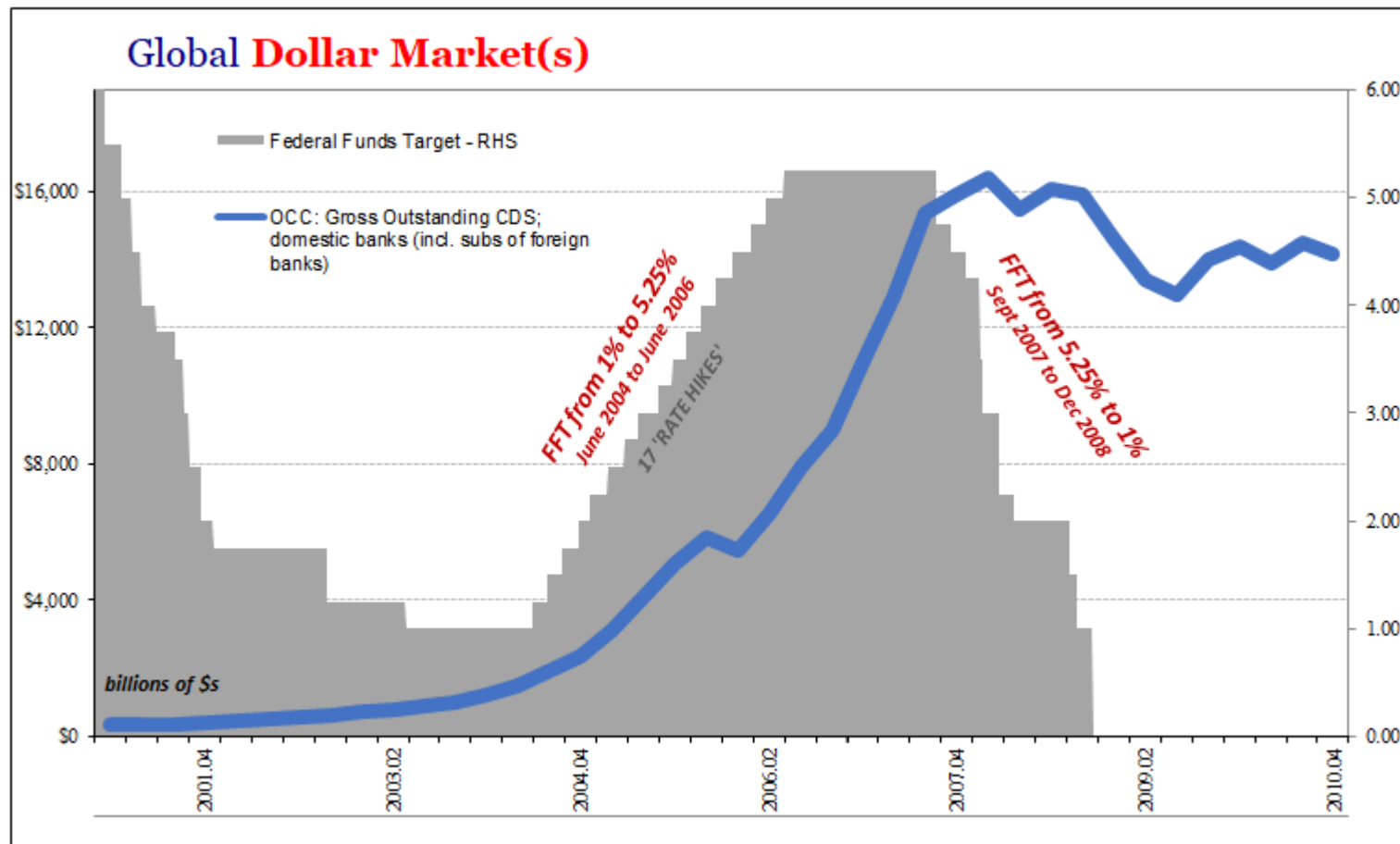


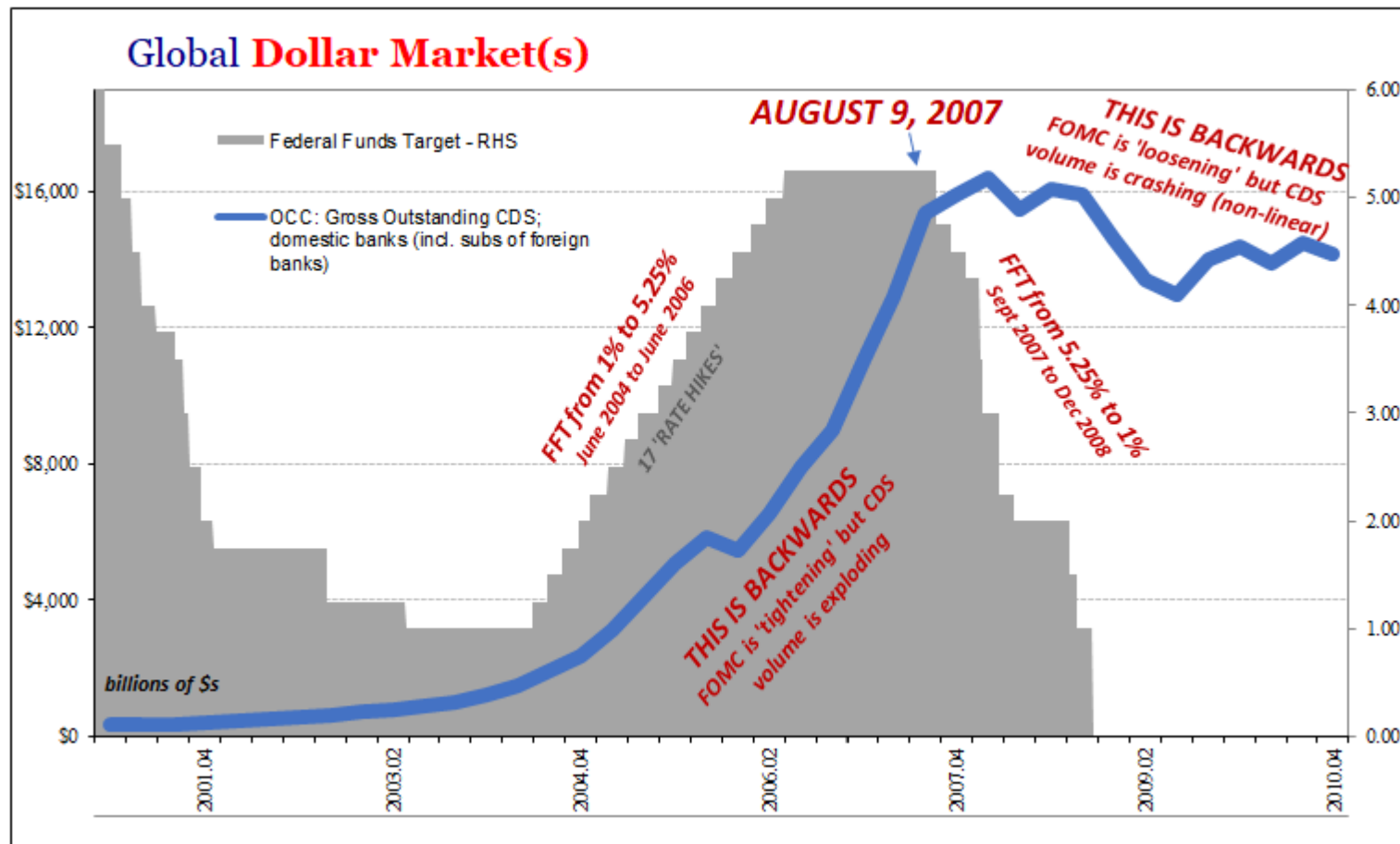
$$C^{\text{Gau}}(u, z) = \Phi_{\rho_{\text{Gau}}}(\Phi^{-1}(u), \Phi^{-1}(z))$$

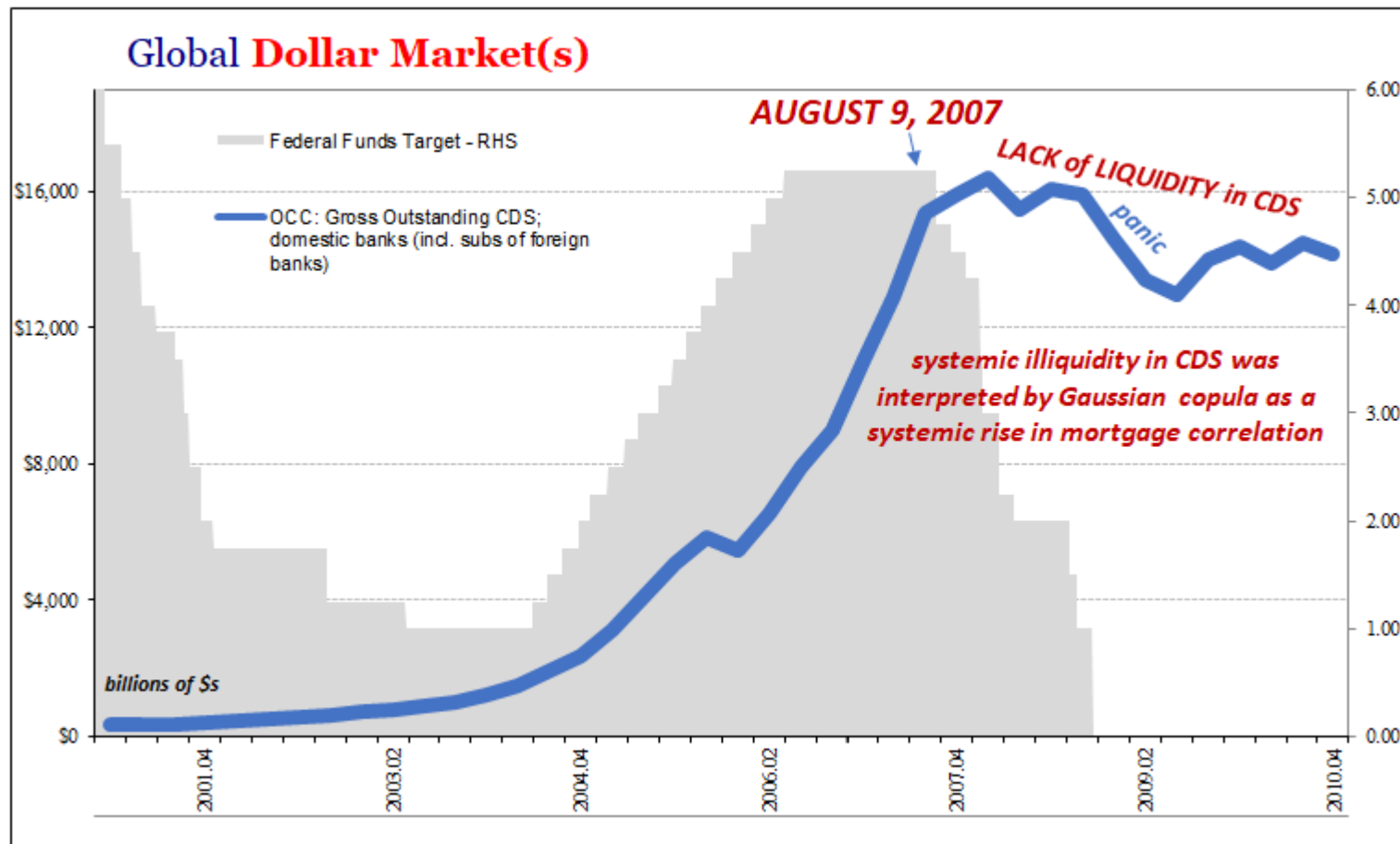
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\Phi^{-1}(u)} \int_{-\infty}^{\Phi^{-1}(z)} \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho_{\text{Gau}}^2}} \times \exp\left\{\frac{-(x^2 - 2\rho_{\text{Gau}}xy + y^2)}{2(1-\rho_{\text{Gau}}^2)}\right\} dx dy$$

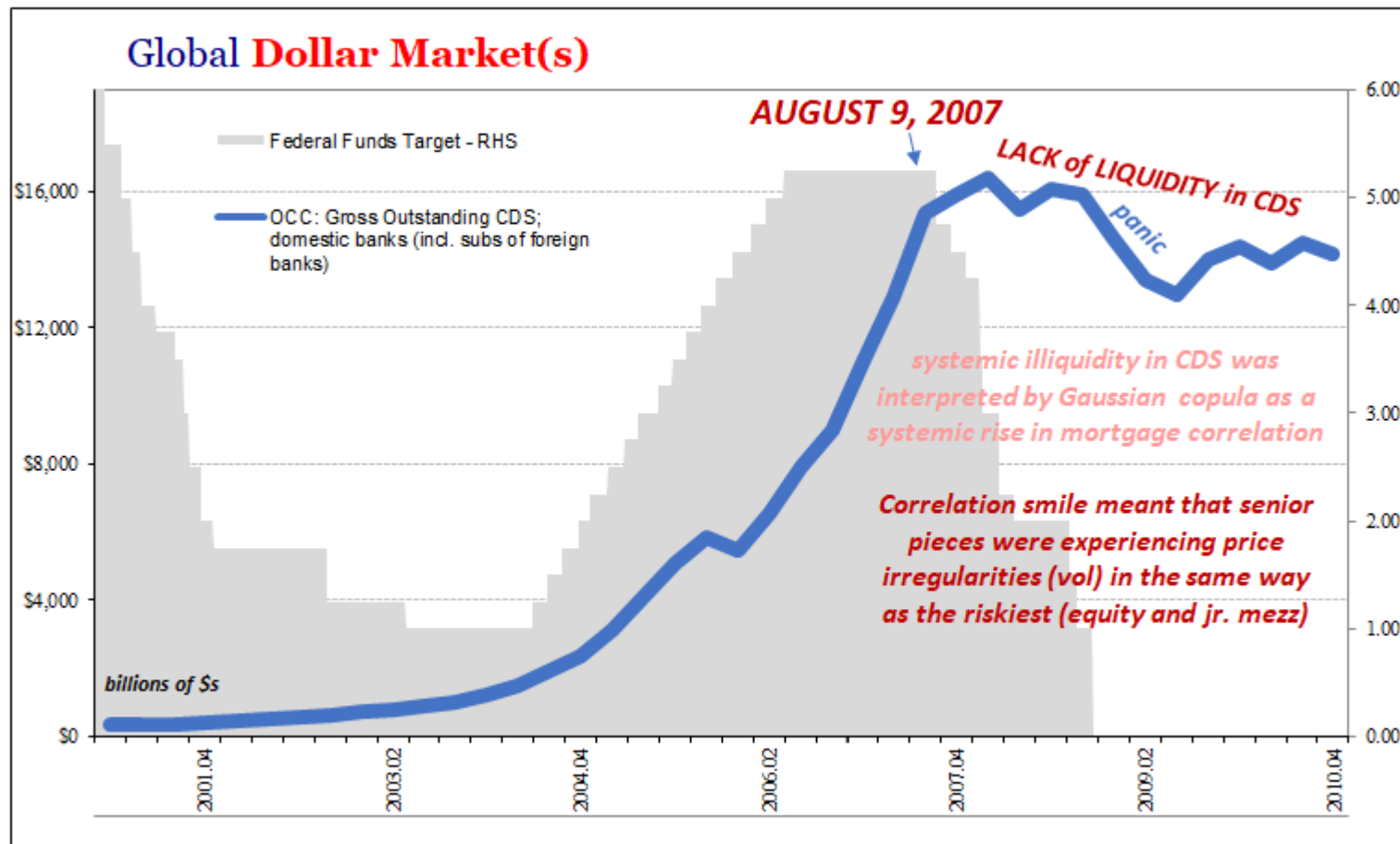
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August 9, 2007



Reuters News Release, 2:44am ET:

PARIS (Reuters) - France's biggest listed bank, BNP Paribas, froze 1.6 billion euros (\$2.2 billion) worth of funds on Thursday, citing the U.S. subprime mortgage sector woes that have rattled financial markets worldwide.



The complete evaporation of liquidity in certain market segments of the U.S. securitization market has made it impossible to value certain assets fairly, regardless of their quality or credit rating...BNP Paribas Investment Partners has decided to temporarily suspend the calculation of the net asset value as well as subscriptions/redemptions, in strict compliance with regulations, for these funds.



**BNP
PARIBAS**

BNP Paribas Statement



August 9, 2007



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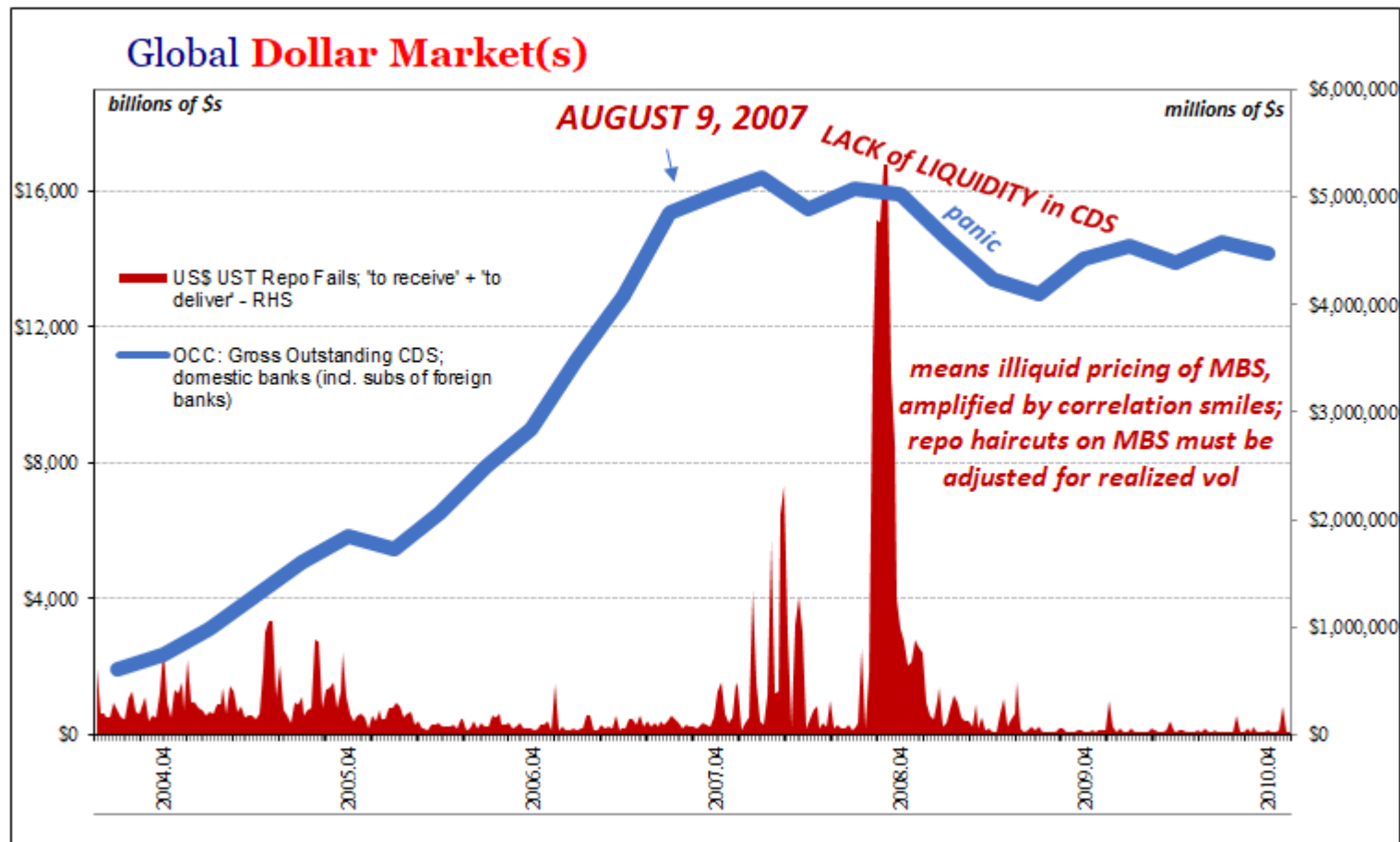
The chief executive of French insurer AXA said on Thursday that there was no systemic crisis at the moment while the finance chief of Germany's Commerzbank said the problems in the U.S. subprime market were not a "major issue".

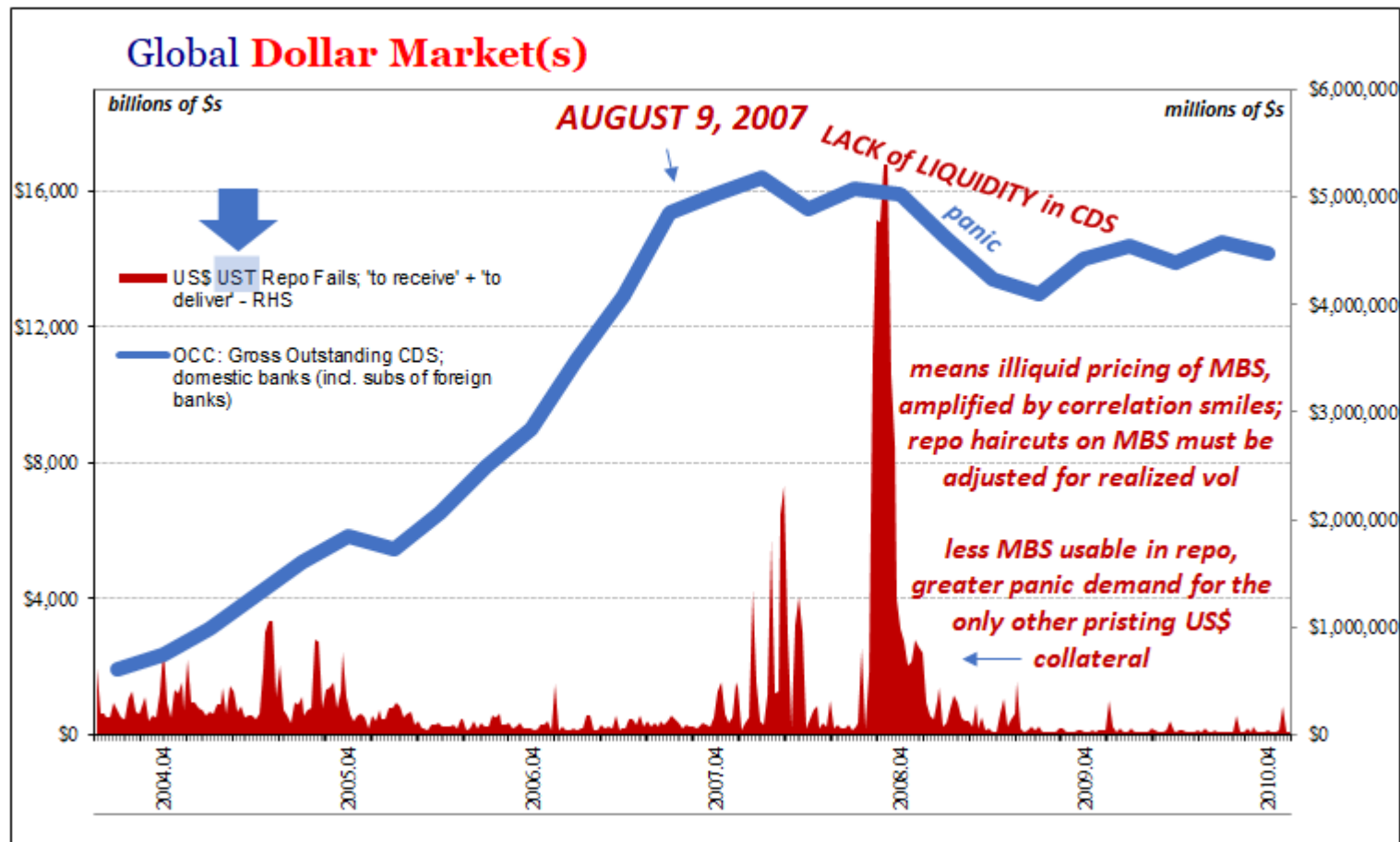
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From the outside, then, it is difficult to appreciate the role they played on August 9 in starting up what has been a total systemic break. The real clue comes to us not from “ABS” but references to Eonia and Euribor. Those were the benchmark interest rates used to compare performance. And they were money market rates in Europe, meaning that these [BNP] were *money market funds* rather than hedge funds.

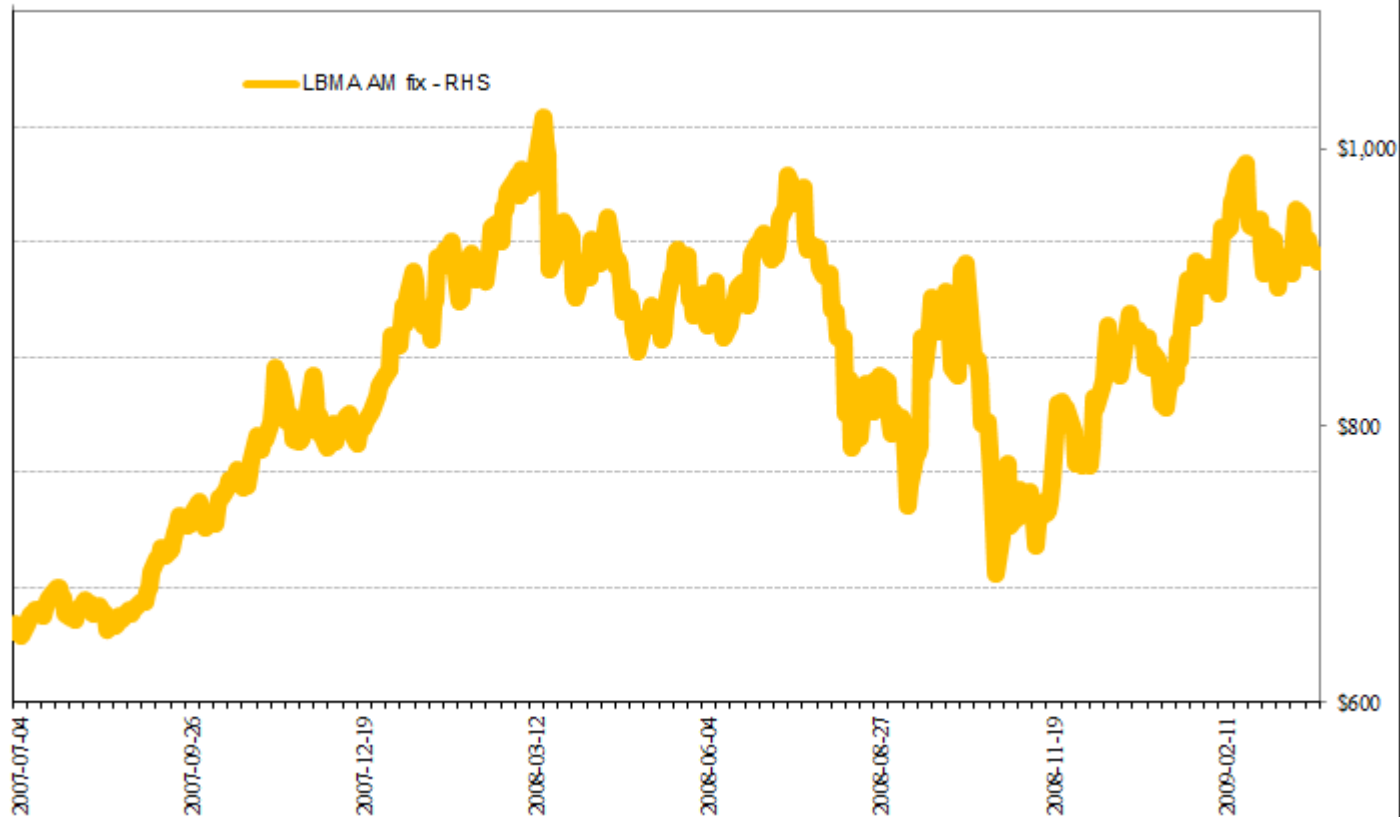
BNP’s MMF’s do more to express the utterly complicated (and often contradictory) nature of the mature eurodollar system in comprehensive fashion than perhaps anything else. **These were European money market funds domiciled in France and Liechtenstein sponsored by a French bank invested primarily in US\$ ABS to beat euro money market rates.** What matters about geography here?





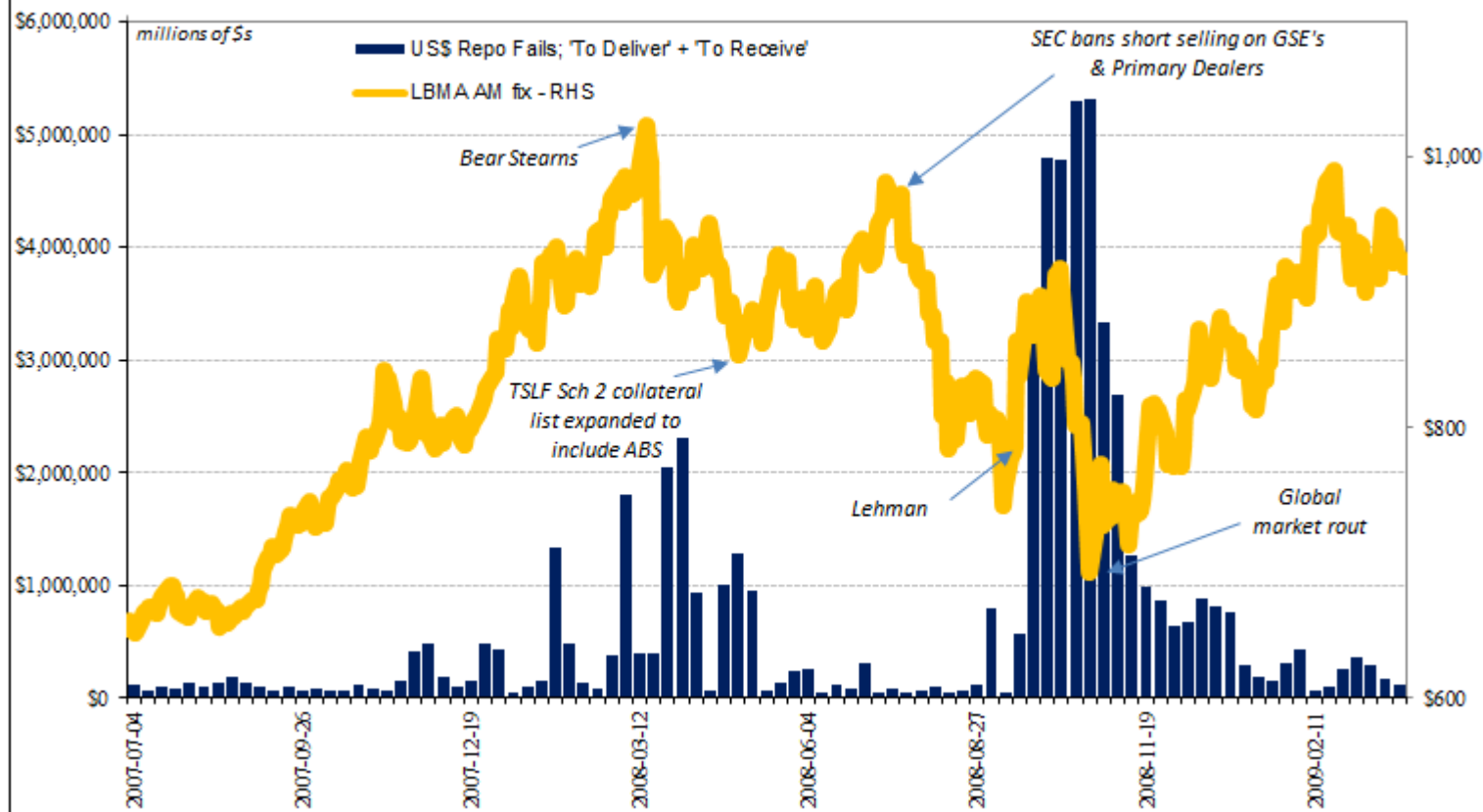


Gold in 2008: Collateral Problems





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“ The last few days have created a market environment where the **repo counterparties'** margin prices for our **AAA-rated** U.S. government agency floating-rate capped securities issued by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are **not representative of the underlying recoverable value** of these securities.

Carlyle Capital Corp

Press Release

March 6, 2008

“ The whole illiquidity of the market and pricing problems in the **high-rated** mortgage backed securities segment is a problem and not just for this one case but it is **fairly widespread**.

Jeroen Van Den Broek

Head of Credit Strategy, ING

March 6, 2008

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Haircut 100

Reduction in value applied by lender, %

	2007*	2009*
US Treasuries	2.0	3.0
US agencies	3.0	2.0
Corporate bonds	3.2	5.0
Structured finance	4.2	na
Equities	5.0	10.0

Source: Fitch

*First six months

Economist.com

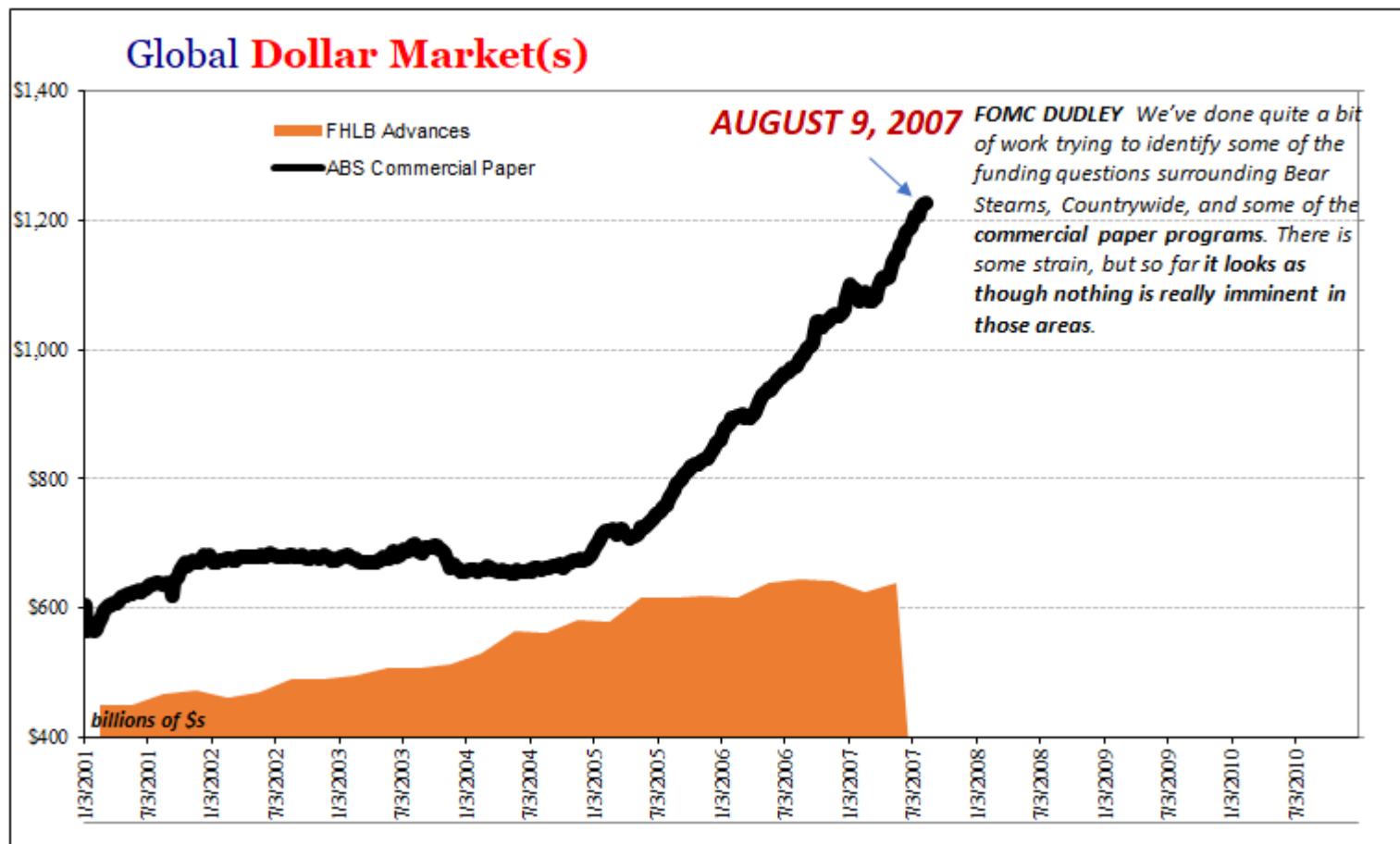


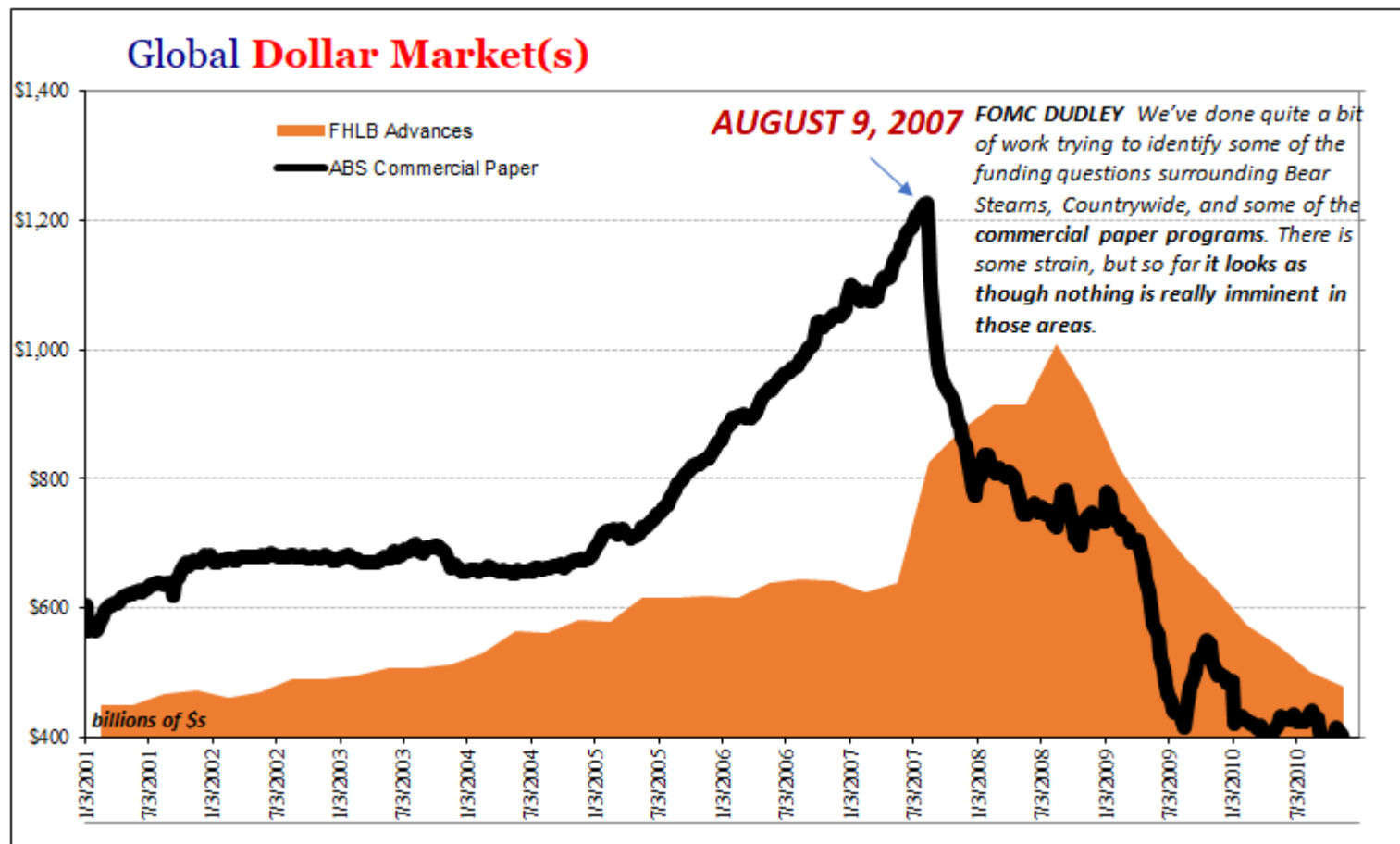
The danger of subprime in early 2007 wasn't truly default – it was volatility knock-on effects in markets far and wide. Once liquidity started to drop purely in subprime, that created more volatile pricing which downstream models started to perceive. It didn't matter that a particular MBS security had no subprime mortgages in the structure, what mattered is that 3-4% haircuts were now modeled as perhaps not enough safety in the overall MBS collateral segment. That is exactly what happened from 2007 through 2009.

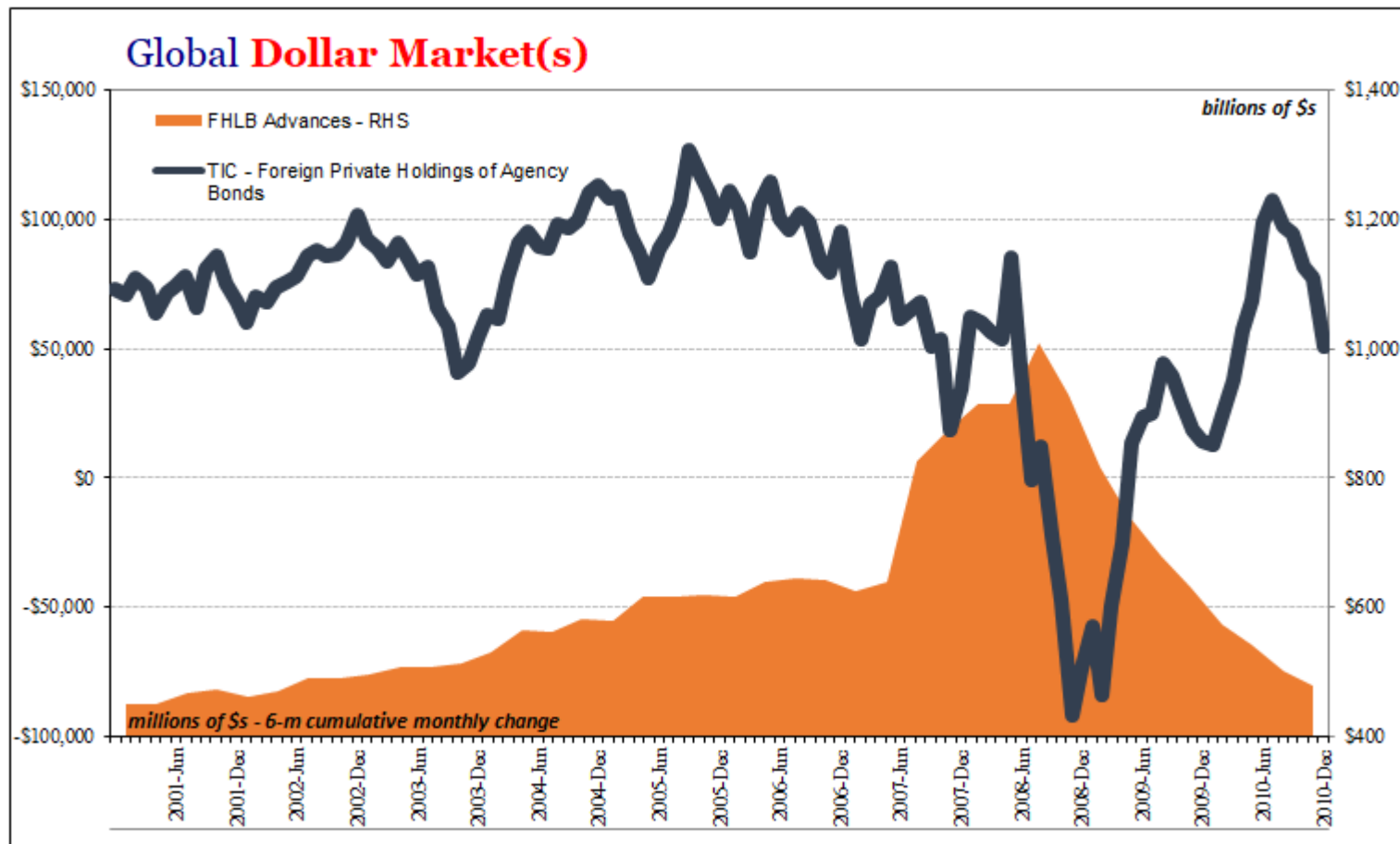
According to ICMA, a **prime, AAA-rated agency MBS** traded at a **4% repo haircut** in June 2007, just before the fatal shift in eurodollars. By June 2009, that same MBS would find **instead a 10% haircut**. That was a massive change, which caused selling to beget selling and so on and so on. For unrated agency MBS, again *prime*, the haircut that in June 2007 was 10% had moved to 30% or even 100% by 2009. And that was not the full extent of the collateral/liquidity problem, either, as **certain strains of even prime MBS collateral became non-negotiable on any haircut terms**.

Alhambra Research

January 20, 2016







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Liquidity Risk, not Credit



Subprime couldn't have been contained because it wasn't ever about subprime, nor mortgages and housing.

The issue was, and remains, 'dollar.'

BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Basel 'Conjuring'*

FIGURE 1-4

BANK A			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	50	Unrealized Loss CDS	0
Due from Bank B	80	Due to Bank C	40
Securities	10	Capital	14x1 10
Unrealized Gain CDS	2		

Off Balance Sheet

Gross Notional CDS	80
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BANK C			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits in ¥	39
Due from Bank A	40	Unreal... Loss Swap	1
		Capital	10

Where we left off from EDU Pt1

BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	-80 10	Deposits	100
Loans	90	Due to Bank A	80
Securities	+80 10	Capital	Leverage 18x1 10

Bucket	Add'l Face Amt.	Risk Weight	RWA
AA MBS	80	x 20%	16

BANK D			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	5	Due to Bank E	5
Unreal... Gain Swaps	1	Capital	1

Off Balance Sheet

Gross Notional Swap	40
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BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 2-1

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Off Balance Sheet

Gross Notional CDS 80

BANK C			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits in ¥	39
Due from Bank A	40	Unreal... Loss Swap	1
		Capital	10

BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80
Securities	170	Capital	10

Leverage
18x1

Bucket	Add'l Face Amt.	Risk Weight	RWA
AA MBS	80	x 20%	16

BANK D			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	5	Due to Bank E	5
Unreal... Gain Swaps	1	Capital	1

Off Balance Sheet

Gross Notional Swap 40

BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*
FIGURE 2-1a

BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80
Securities	170	Capital	10
		Leverage	
		18x1	

BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 2-2

BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80
Securities	170	Capital	10
		Leverage	
		18x1	

40 O/N MBS Repo
 20 ABS CP
 20 Unsecured Interbank

BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 2-3

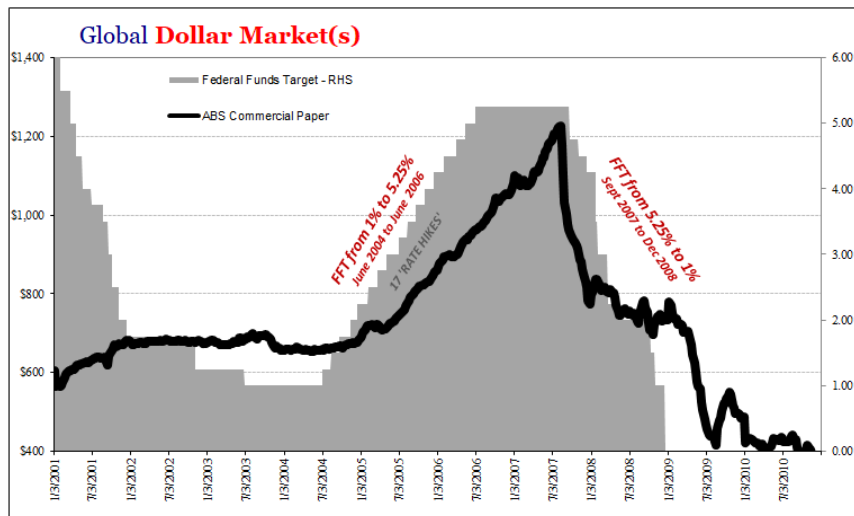
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Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80
Securities	170	Capital	10

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50 O/N MBS Repo

~~0 ABS CP~~

30 Unsecured Interbank



BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 2-4

BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80
Securities	170	Capital	10

Leverage
18x1

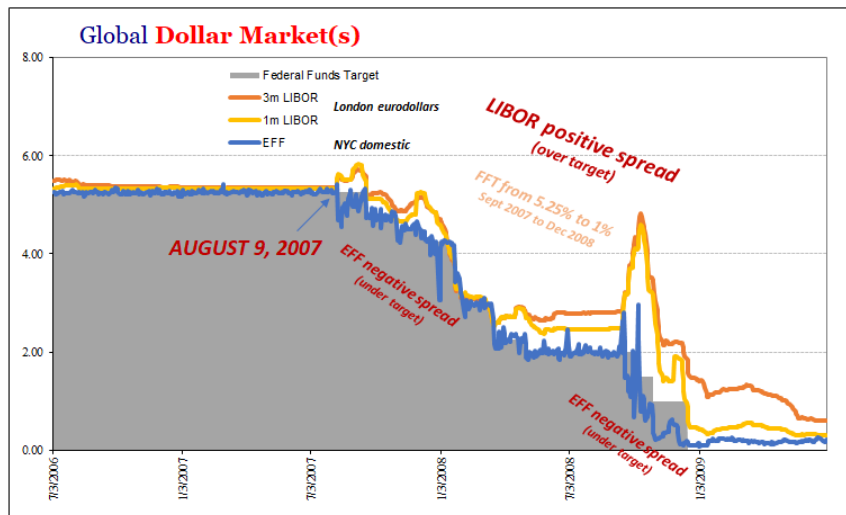
Later 2007

50 O/N MBS Repo

~~0 ABS CP~~

~~0 Unsecured Interbank~~

30 FHLB Advances



BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 2-4

BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80
Securities	170	Capital	10
		Leverage	18x1

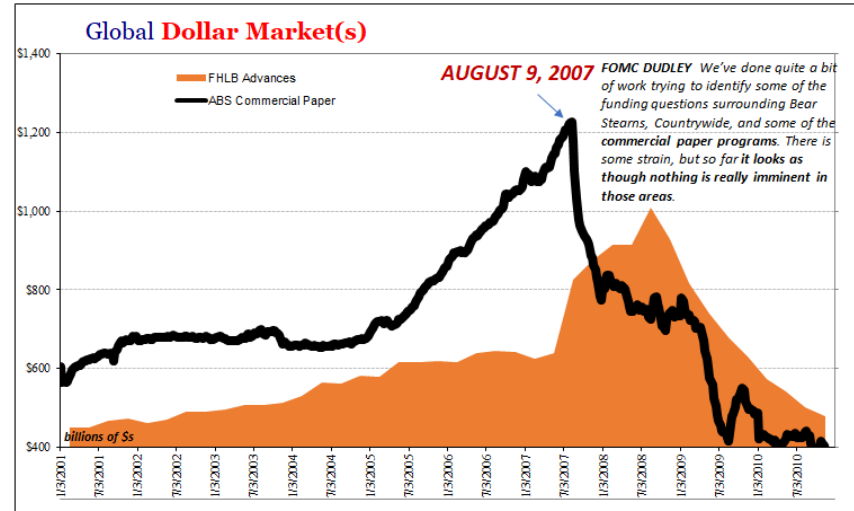
Later 2007

50 O/N MBS Repo

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BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 2-5

BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80
Securities	170	Capital	10
		Leverage	18x1

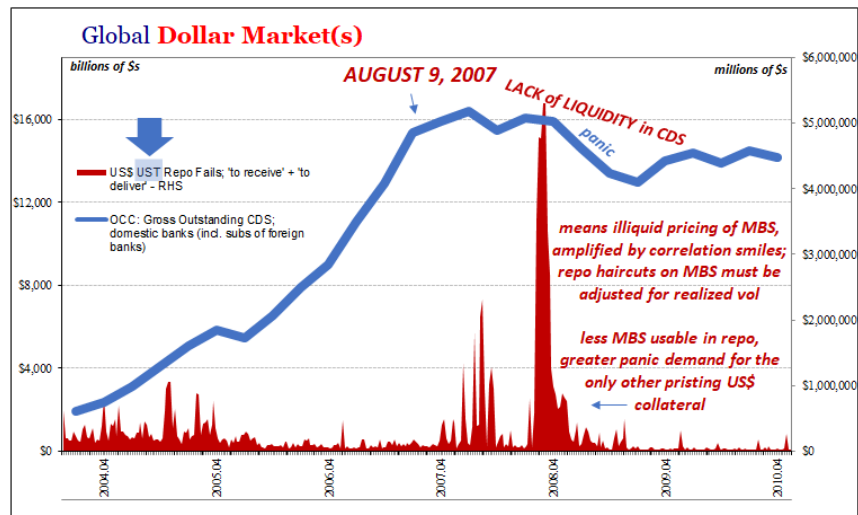
???? Early 2008

0 ~~O/N MBS Repo~~

0 ~~ABS CP~~

0 ~~Unsecured Interbank~~

30 FHLB Advances



BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 2-6

BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
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Securities	170	Capital	10

Leverage
18x1

???? Early 2008
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30 FHLB Advances

Official Response

Reduce FFT from 5.25% to 1% (eventually)
 TAF funding auctions (limited allotments)
 US\$ swaps w/for. central banks
 (limited allotments)

BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

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BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities	
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Leverage
18x1

????

Early 2008

0 ~~O/N MBS Repo~~
0 ~~ABS CP~~
0 ~~Unsecured Interbank~~
30 FHLB Advances

Official Response ~ May 2008

expanded Reduce FFT from 5.25% to 1% (eventually)
expanded TAF funding auctions (limited allotments)
expanded US\$ swaps w/for. central banks
(limited allotments)
TSLF expanded collateral eligibility
(primary dealers)

BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 3-1

BANK B					
Assets		Liabilities			
Reserves	10	Deposits	100	????	Early 2008
Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80	→	0 O/N MBS Repo
					0 ABS CP
Securities	170	Capital	Leverage 18x1	10	0 Unsecured Interbank
					30 FHLB Advances

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		Leverage	18x1

Early 2008
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 0 ~~ABS CP~~
 0 ~~Unsecured Interbank~~
 30 FHLB Advances

The monetary focus on the **liability side** is understandable but completely misses the larger issue of balance sheet capacity.

How a bank, or 'bank', constructs, manages, and ultimately maintains its **asset side** is just as crucial in terms of the modern eurodollar system. These deeper shadows feature the massive use of derivatives, monetarily as **dark leverage**.

BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 3-1

BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80
Securities	170	Capital	10
		Leverage	18x1

Early 2008

????

0 ~~O/N MBS Repo~~

0 ~~ABS CP~~

0 ~~Unsecured Interbank~~

30 FHLB Advances

Bucket	Add'l Face Amt.	Risk Weight	RWA
AA MBS	80	x 20%	16

8.62% Tier 1 Capital Ratio

BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 3-2

BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
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30 FHLB Advances

Bucket	Add'l Face Amt.	Risk Weight	RWA
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		x 50%	40

8.62%

7.14% Tier 1 Capital Ratio

BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 3-3

BANK B					
Assets			Liabilities		
Reserves	10		Deposits	100	
Loans	10		Due to Bank A	80	????
Securities	170		Capital	10	
			Leverage 18x1		
			Early 2008		
			0 O/N MBS Repo		
			0 ABS CP		
			0 Unsecured Interbank		
			30 FHLB Advances		

Bucket	Add'l Face Amt.	Risk Weight	RWA
AA MBS	80	x 20%	16
		x 50%	40
		x 100%	80

5.56% Tier 1 Capital Ratio

BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 3-4

BANK B					
Assets			Liabilities		
Reserves	10		Deposits	100	
Loans	10		Due to Bank A	80	????
Securities	170		Capital	10	
			Leverage	18x1	
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Bucket	Add'l Face Amt.	Risk Weight	RWA
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		x 50%	40
		x 100%	80

OTTI
Other-than-temporary impairment



8. An investor shall not combine separate contracts (a debt security and a guarantee or other credit enhancement) for purposes of determining whether a debt security is impaired or can contractually be prepaid or otherwise settled in such a way that the investor would not recover substantially all of its cost.

FASB Staff Position; No. FAS 115-1 and FAS 124-1

BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 3-5

BANK B					
Assets			Liabilities		
Reserves	10		Deposits	100	
Loans	10		Due to Bank A	80	????
Securities	170		Capital	10	
			Leverage	18x1	
Early 2008					
0 O/N MBS Repo					
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Other-than-temporary impairment

STEP 1

Determine whether the investment is impaired.
"An investment is impaired if the fair value of the investment is less than its cost"

STEP 2

Evaluate whether an impairment is OTTI
"However, an investor shall recognize an impairment loss when the impairment is deemed other than temporary even if a decision to sell has not been made."

STEP 3

If impairment is OTTI, recognize loss equal to the difference between cost and fair value.

BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 3-6

BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80
Securities	170	Capital	10



CDS problems



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Other-than-temporary impairment



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(a) Includes other-than-temporary impairment charges of \$6.8 billion and \$417 million for the three-month periods ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, and \$12.4 billion and \$884 million for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Also includes gains (losses) from hedging activities that did not qualify for hedge accounting treatment under FAS 133, including the related foreign exchange gains and losses. For the three-month periods ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, the effect was \$272 million and \$(430) million, respectively. For the six-month periods ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, the effect was \$(476) million and \$(882) million, respectively. These amounts result primarily from interest rate and foreign currency derivatives that are effective economic hedges of investments and borrowings.

(b) Includes other-than-temporary impairment charges of \$5.2 billion and \$324 million for the three-month periods ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, and \$9.6 billion and \$716 million for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

AIG 10-Q for 2nd Quarter 2008

Total Revenue (6mos thru end of Q2):

\$34.0 bln 2008 vs. \$61.8 bln 2007

Financial Services Segment (6mos thru end of Q2):

(\$10.2) bln 2008 vs. \$4.3 bln 2007

BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 3-6

BANK B			
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CDS problems



OTTI

Other-than-temporary impairment



2008 YTD vs. 2007 YTD

Revenues, net of interest expense, were negative in S&B due to substantial write-downs and losses related to the fixed income and credit markets. Included in this decrease are \$9.7 billion of write-downs on subprime-related direct exposure, \$4.8 billion of downward credit market value adjustments related to exposure to monoline insurers, \$4.3 billion of write-downs (net of underwriting fees) on funded and unfunded highly leveraged finance commitments, \$2.5 billion of write-downs on Alt-A mortgage securities, net of hedges, \$2.2 billion of write-downs of SIV assets, \$1.6 billion of write-downs on commercial real estate positions and \$1.4 billion of write-downs on auction rate securities inventory due to failed auctions, predominately in the first quarter of 2008, and deterioration in the credit markets. *Transaction Services* revenues grew 30% driven by new business wins and implementations, growth in customer liability balances and the impact of acquisitions.

Citigroup 10-Q for 3rd Quarter 2008

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Citigroup 10-Q for 3rd Quarter 2008

Net interest revenues (9mos thru end of Q3):
\$40.4 bln 2008 vs. \$33.1 bln 2007

the effect of lower monetary policy rates (FFT) as conventional stimulus



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Net interest revenues (9mos thru end of Q3):
\$40.4 bln 2008 vs. \$33.1 bln 2007

Non-interest revenues (9mos thru end of Q3):
\$6.8 bln 2008 vs. \$38.9 bln 2007

the effect of that 'stimulus' being completely overwhelmed by the shadows

BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 3-7

BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80
Securities	170	Capital	10
		Leverage	18x1



CDS problems

IRS problems



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Other-than-
temporary
impairment



LCH.Clearnet Unwinds Lehman Brothers Interest Rate Swap Default

LCH.Clearnet and OTCDerivnet have wound down Lehman Brothers \$9 trillion of OTC interest rate swap positions.

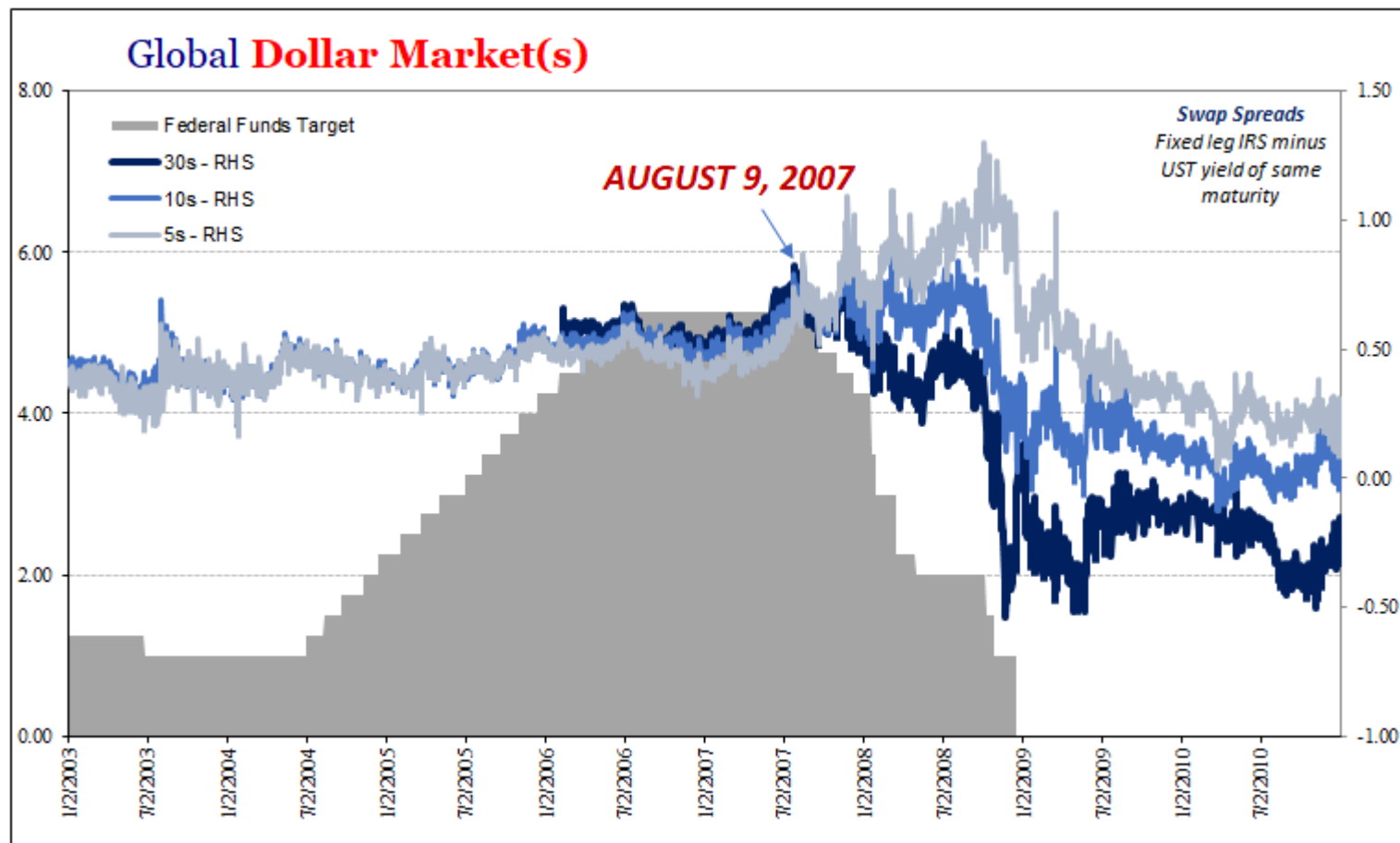
The central counterparty and interest rate derivatives forum had to deal with 66,390 trades across five major currencies.

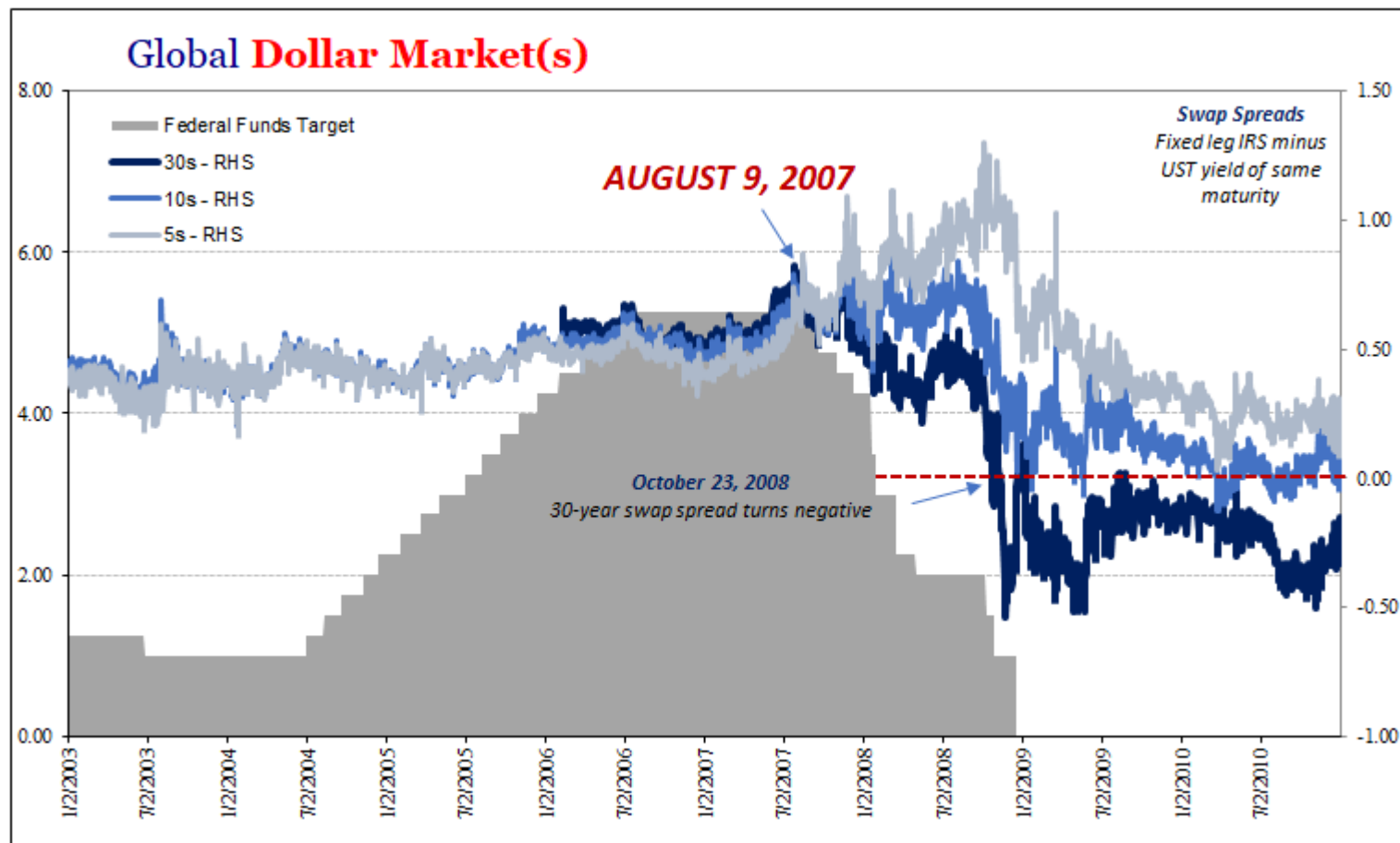
The companies announced that the management of the default involved:

At default (Monday, 15 September 2008) the default management group (member firms form part of this group on a rotating basis) seconded preassigned and experienced traders to work alongside LCH.Clearnets risk management team to apply hedges and neutralise the macro level market risk on the defaulter portfolio. All participants adhered to strict confidentiality rules throughout the process.

The risk positions were reviewed daily and further hedges were executed in response to changing market conditions.

From Wednesday, 24 September to Friday, 3 October, the competitive auctions of the five hedge currency portfolios were successfully completed.



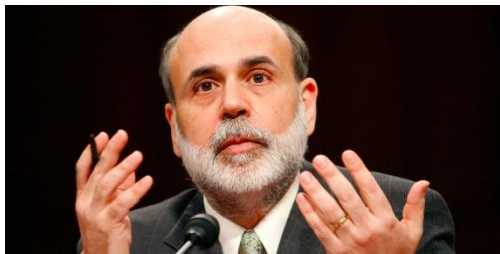




Into The Shadows



October 23, 2008, was an unusual day in credit markets even within a vast sea of unusual days. Credit and “exotics” desks at banks were left scrambling to figure out how it was possible that the 30-year swap rate could trade less than the 30-year treasury. It was thought one of those immutable laws of finance that no such might occur, to the point there were stories (apocryphal or not, the tale is about the scale of disbelief) that some trading machines were never programmed to accept a negative swap spread input. The surface tension about such things was decoded under the typical generalities that stand for analysis; if the 30-year swap spread was negative that might suggest the “market” thinking about a bankrupt US government.

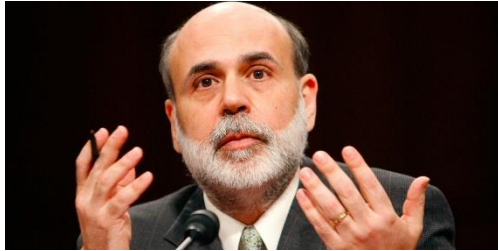


Jeff Snider, The ‘Dollar’ Is Dying in 2015 No Matter What the Fed Does
September 4, 2015

Into The Shadows



A negative swap spread...assaults conventional financial sense. To most, a negative spread is **nonsense** and leads to so much consternation about how to interpret the situation when it has arisen...While on the surface it would suggest that the “market” in swap derivatives is pricing more risk of UST’s than swap counterparties, the only real inference about such compression **is the nonsense itself**. In other words, the nonsense nature of negative swap spreads is precisely the point – for them to be negative in the first place, let alone highly so (like the 30s again), is a pretty unambiguous signal of malfunction if not full distress. **It is only great imbalance that can change the information content of a market price into meaninglessness**; therefore we can interpret that case as some great reduction in balance sheet capacity since it is dealer capacity that determines the nature of the spreads.



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FIGURE 4-1

BANK A			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	50	Unrealized Loss CDS	0
Due from Bank B	80	Due to Bank C	40
Securities	10	Capital	10
Unrealized Gain CDS	2		

Off Balance Sheet

Gross Notional CDS 80

BANK C			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits in ¥	39
Due from Bank A	40	Unreal... Loss Swap	1
		Capital	10

BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80
Securities	170	Capital	10

Leverage
18x1

Bucket	Add'l Face Amt.	Risk Weight	RWA
AA MBS	80	x 20%	16

BANK D			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	5	Due to Bank E	5
Unreal... Gain Swaps	1	Capital	1

Off Balance Sheet

Gross Notional Swap 40

BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

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BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80
pick up in vol			
Securities	170	Capital	10
		Leverage	18x1

Bucket	Add'l Face Amt.	Risk Weight	RWA
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BANK D			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	5	Due to Bank E	5
Unreal... Gain Swaps	1	Capital	1

Off Balance Sheet

Gross Notional Swap 40

BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 4-2

BANK A			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	50	Unrealized Loss CDS	0
Due from Bank B	80	Due to Bank C	40
Securities	10	Capital	10
Unrealized Gain CDS	2		

Off Balance Sheet

Gross Notional CDS	80
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BANK C			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits in ¥	39
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Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80
pick up in vol			
Securities	170	Capital	Leverage 18x1 10

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BANK D			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	5	Due to Bank E	5
Unreal... Gain Swaps	1	Capital	1

Off Balance Sheet

Gross Notional Swap	40
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BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 4-3

BANK A			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	50	Unrealized Loss CDS	0
Due from Bank B	80	Due to Bank C	40
Securities	10	Capital	10
Unrealized Gain CDS	2		

Off Balance Sheet

Gross Notional CDS	80
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BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80
pick up in vol			
Securities	170	Capital	Leverage 18x1 10

Bucket	Add'l Face Amt.	Risk Weight	RWA
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BANK C			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits in ¥	39
Due from Bank A	40	Unreal... Loss Swap	1
		Capital	10

BANK D			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	5	Due to Bank E	5
Unreal... Gain Swaps	1	Capital	1

Off Balance Sheet

Gross Notional Swap	40
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BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 4-4

BANK A			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	50	Unrealized Loss CDS	4
Due from Bank B	80	Due to Bank C	40
Securities	10	Capital	6
Unrealized Gain CDS	0		

Off Balance Sheet

Gross Notional CDS	80
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BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80
Securities	170	Capital	10

pick up in vol

Leverage **18x1**

Bucket	Add'l Face Amt.	Risk Weight	RWA
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BANK C			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits in ¥	39
Due from Bank A	40	Unreal... Loss Swap	1
		Capital	10

BANK D			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	5	Due to Bank E	5
Unreal... Gain Swaps	1	Capital	1

Off Balance Sheet

Gross Notional Swap	40
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BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 4-5

BANK A			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	50	Unrealized Loss CDS	4
Due from Bank B	80	Due to Bank C	40
Securities	10	Capital	6
Unrealized Gain CDS	0		

Off Balance Sheet

Gross Notional CDS	80
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BANK C			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits in ¥	39
Due from Bank A	40	Unreal... Loss Swap	1
		Capital	10

BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80
pick up in vol			
Securities	170	Capital	Leverage 18x1 10

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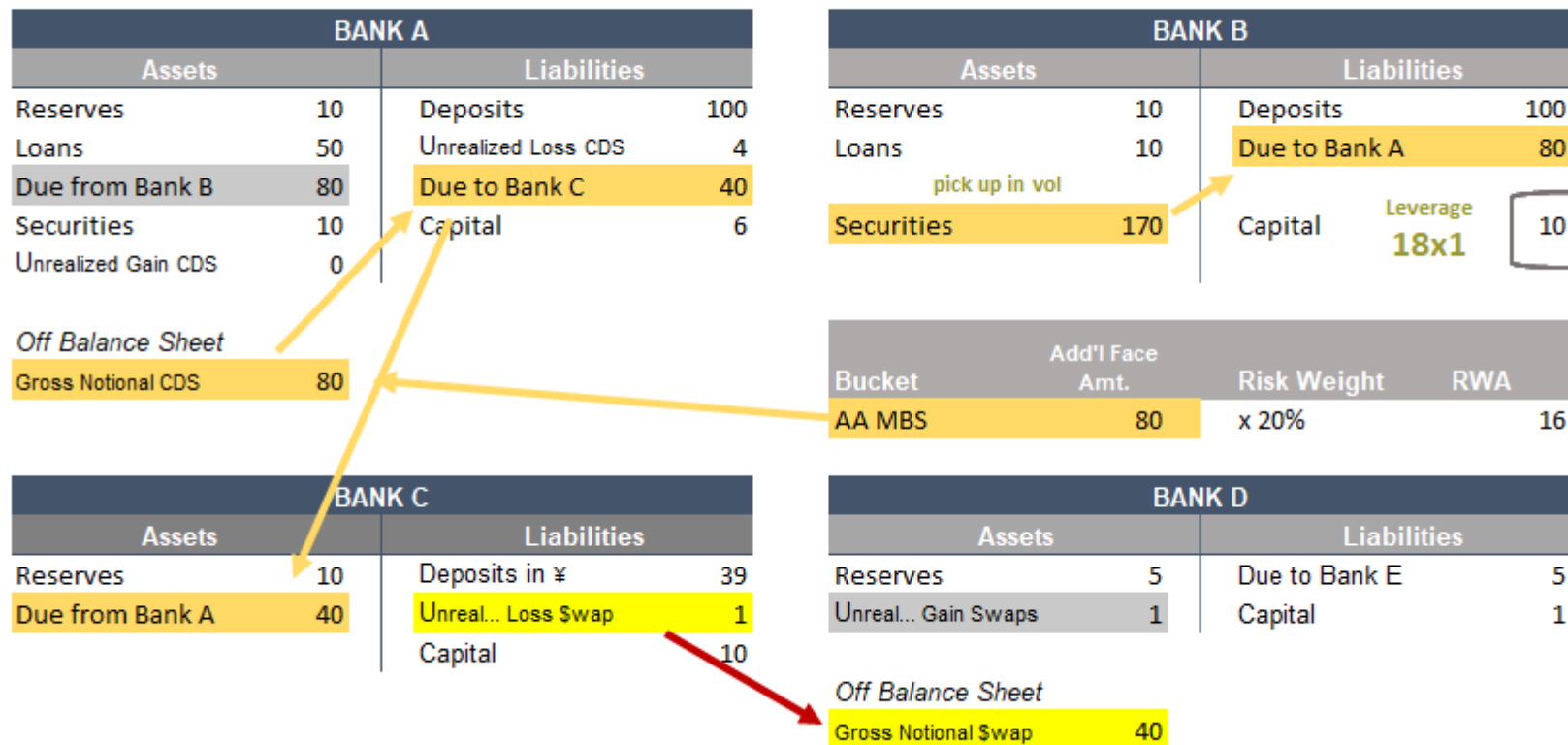
BANK D			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	5	Due to Bank E	5
Unreal... Gain Swaps	1	Capital	1

Off Balance Sheet

Gross Notional Swap	40
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BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 4-6



BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 4-7

BANK A			
Assets		Liabilities	
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Due from Bank B	80	Due to Bank C	40
Securities	10	Capital	6
Unrealized Gain CDS	0		

Off Balance Sheet

Gross Notional CDS	80
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Due from Bank A	40	Unreal... Loss Swap	1
		Capital	10

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Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80
Securities	170	Capital	10

pick up in vol

Leverage
18x1

Bucket	Add'l Face Amt.	Risk Weight	RWA
AA MBS	80	x 20%	16

BANK D			
Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	5	Due to Bank E	5
Unreal... Gain Swaps	1	Capital	1

Off Balance Sheet

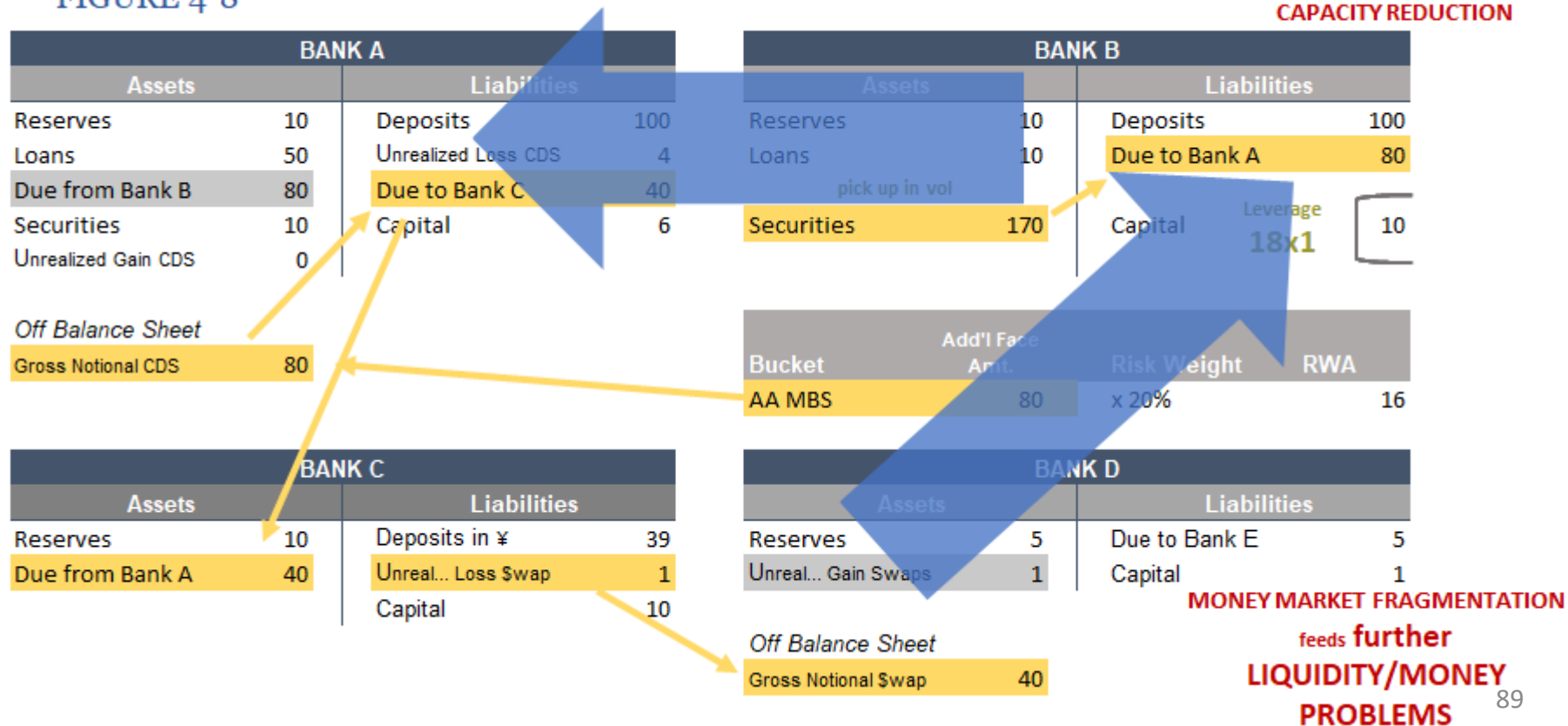
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MONEY MARKET FRAGMENTATION

feeds **further**
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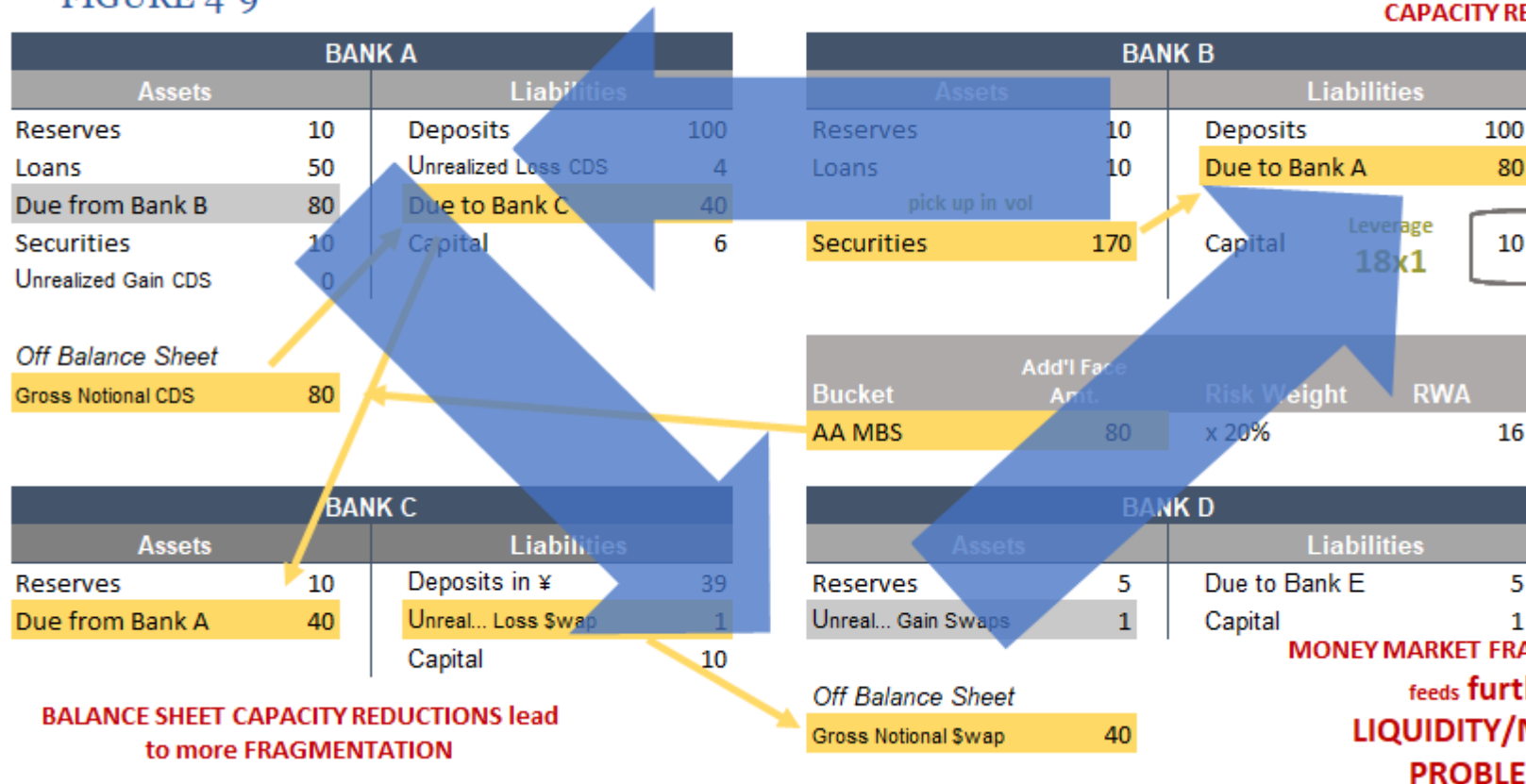
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FIGURE 4-8



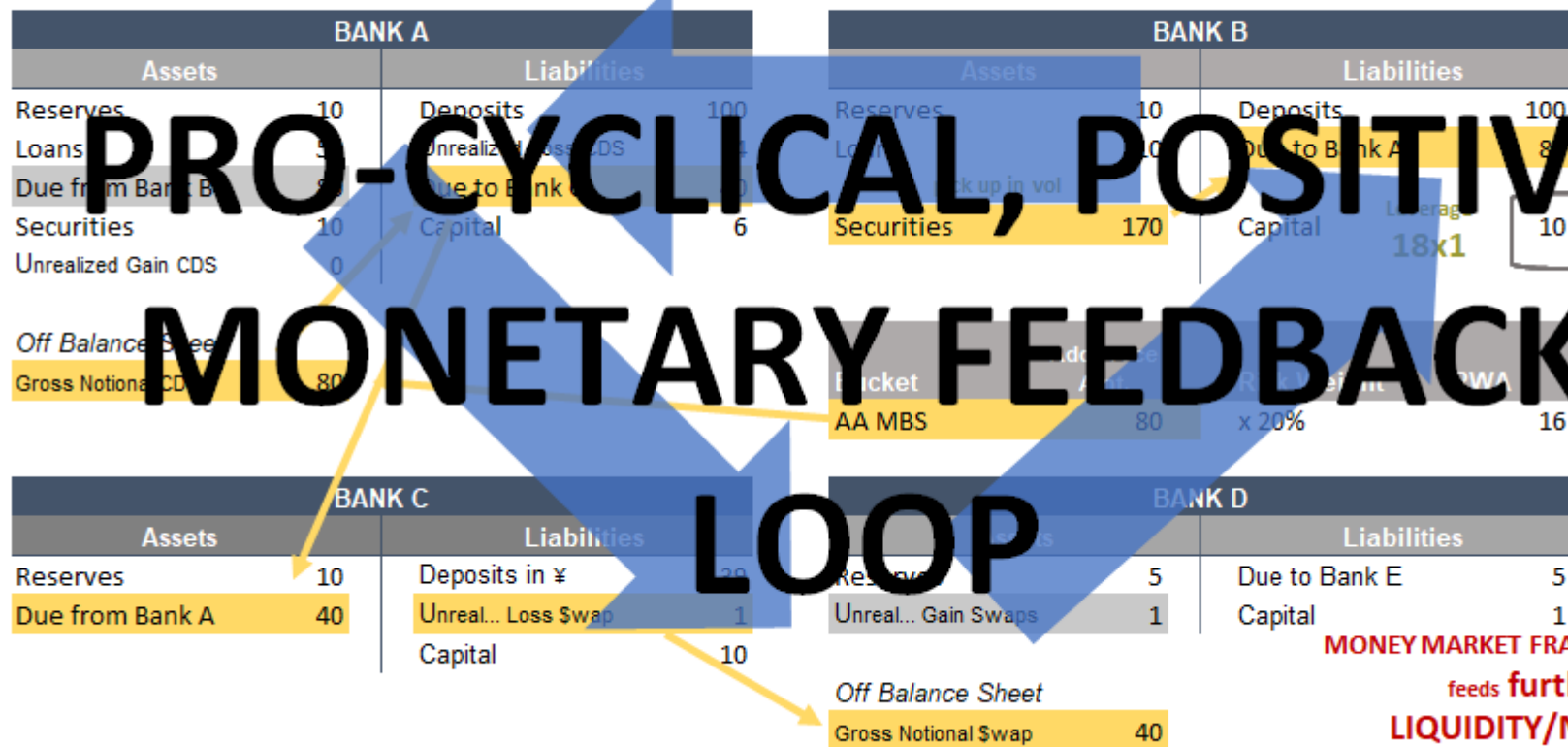
BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 4-9



BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 4-9



BANK A		BANK B	
Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Reserves: 10	Deposits: 100	Reserves: 10	Deposits: 100
Loans: 5	Unrealized Loss CDS: 4	Loans: 10	Due to Bank A: 8
Due from Bank B: 8	Due to Bank A: 10	Due to Bank B: 10	Capital: 10
Securities: 10	Capital: 6	Securities: 170	Leverage: 18x1
Unrealized Gain CDS: 0			
Off Balance Sheet			
Gross Notional CDS: 80		AA MBS: 80	16

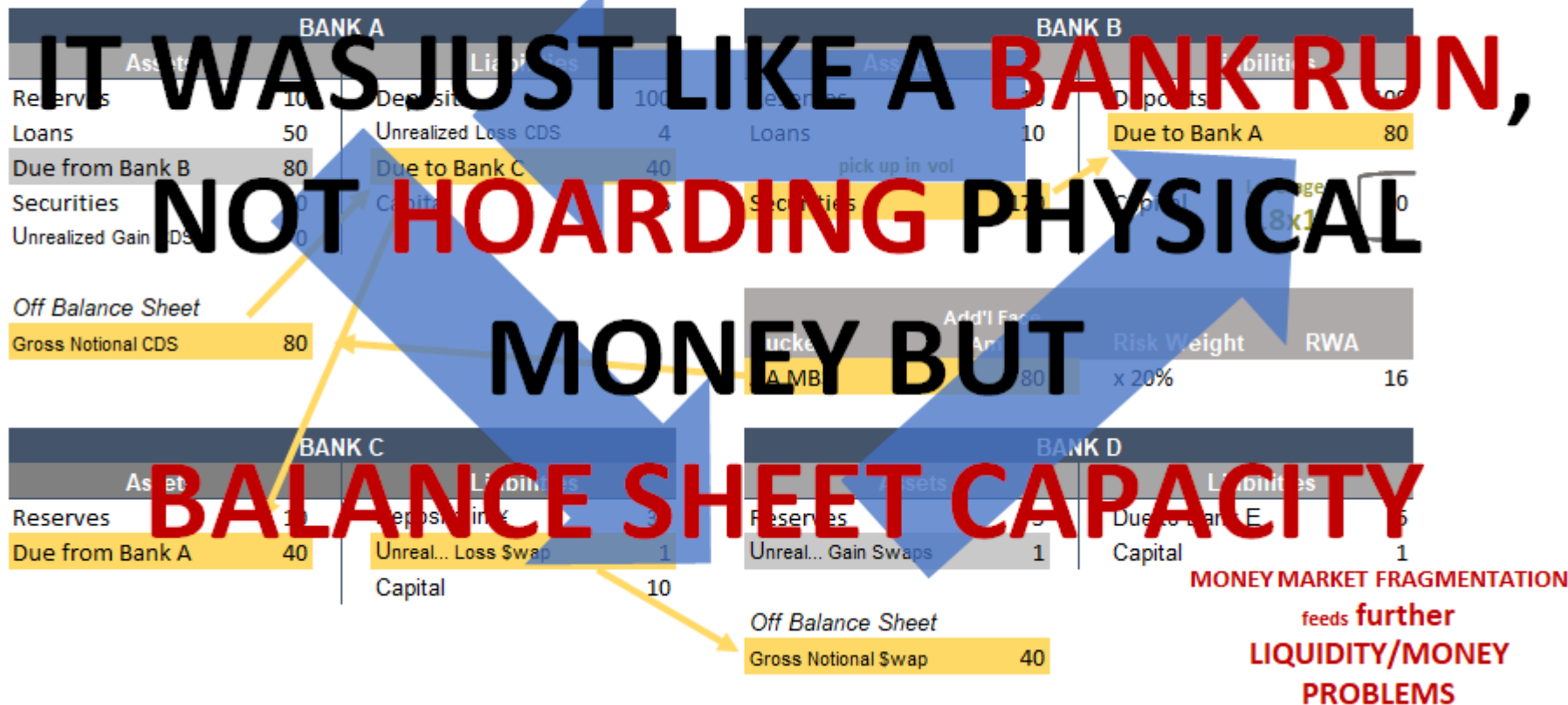
BANK C		BANK D	
Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Reserves: 10	Deposits in ¥: 20	Reserves: 5	Due to Bank E: 5
Due from Bank A: 40	Unrealized Loss Swap: 1	Unrealized Gain Swaps: 1	Capital: 1
	Capital: 10		
	Off Balance Sheet		
	Gross Notional Swap: 40		

LIQUIDITY PROBLEMS
feed further **BALANCE SHEET**
CAPACITY REDUCTION

MONEY MARKET FRAGMENTATION
feeds further
LIQUIDITY/MONEY
PROBLEMS

BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 4-9





BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*

FIGURE 4-9

WHERE DOES THE FEDERAL RESERVE TRY TO INTERVENE?

BANK A		BANK B	
Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Reserves: 10	Deposits: 100	Reserves: 10	Deposits: 100
Loans: 50	Unrealized Loss CDS: 4	Loans: 10	Due to Bank A: 80
Due from Bank B: 30	Due to Bank A: 30	Securities: 170	Capital: 10
Securities: 40	Capital: 10		Leverage: 18x1
Unrealized Gain CDS: 0			

BANK C		BANK D	
Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Reserves: 10	Deposits: 30	Reserves: 5	Due to Bank E: 5
Due from Bank A: 40	Unrealized Loss Swap: 1	Unrealized Gain Swaps: 1	Capital: 1
	Capital: 10		

Off Balance Sheet
Gross Notional Swap: 40

MONEY MARKET FRA
feeds **further**
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PROBLEM

BASIC INTERBANK FUNCTION - *Going in Reverse*
FIGURE 4-9

BANK A				BANK B			
Assets		Liabilities		Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	100	Reserves	10	Deposits	100
Loans	50	Unrealized Loss CDS	4	Loans	10	Due to Bank A	80
Due from Bank B	80	Due to Bank B	80	Securities	170	Capital	10
Securities	10			Unrealized Gain CDS	0		
Unrealized Gain CDS	0						
Off Balance Sheet							
Gross Notional Swap	50						
BANK C				BANK D			
Assets		Liabilities		Assets		Liabilities	
Reserves	10	Deposits	30	Reserves	5	Due to Bank E	5
Due from Bank A	40	Unreal... Loss Swap	1	Unreal... Gain Swaps	1	Capital	1
		Capital	10				
				Off Balance Sheet			
				Gross Notional Swap	40		

LIQUIDITY PROBLEMS
feed further BALANCE SHEET
CAPACITY REDUCTION

WHERE DOES THE
FEDERAL RESERVE
TRY TO INTERVENE?

ONLY HERE
(and even then with
nothing but
mistakes & half
measures driven by
1950's assumptions)

feeds further
LIQUIDITY
PROBLEMS

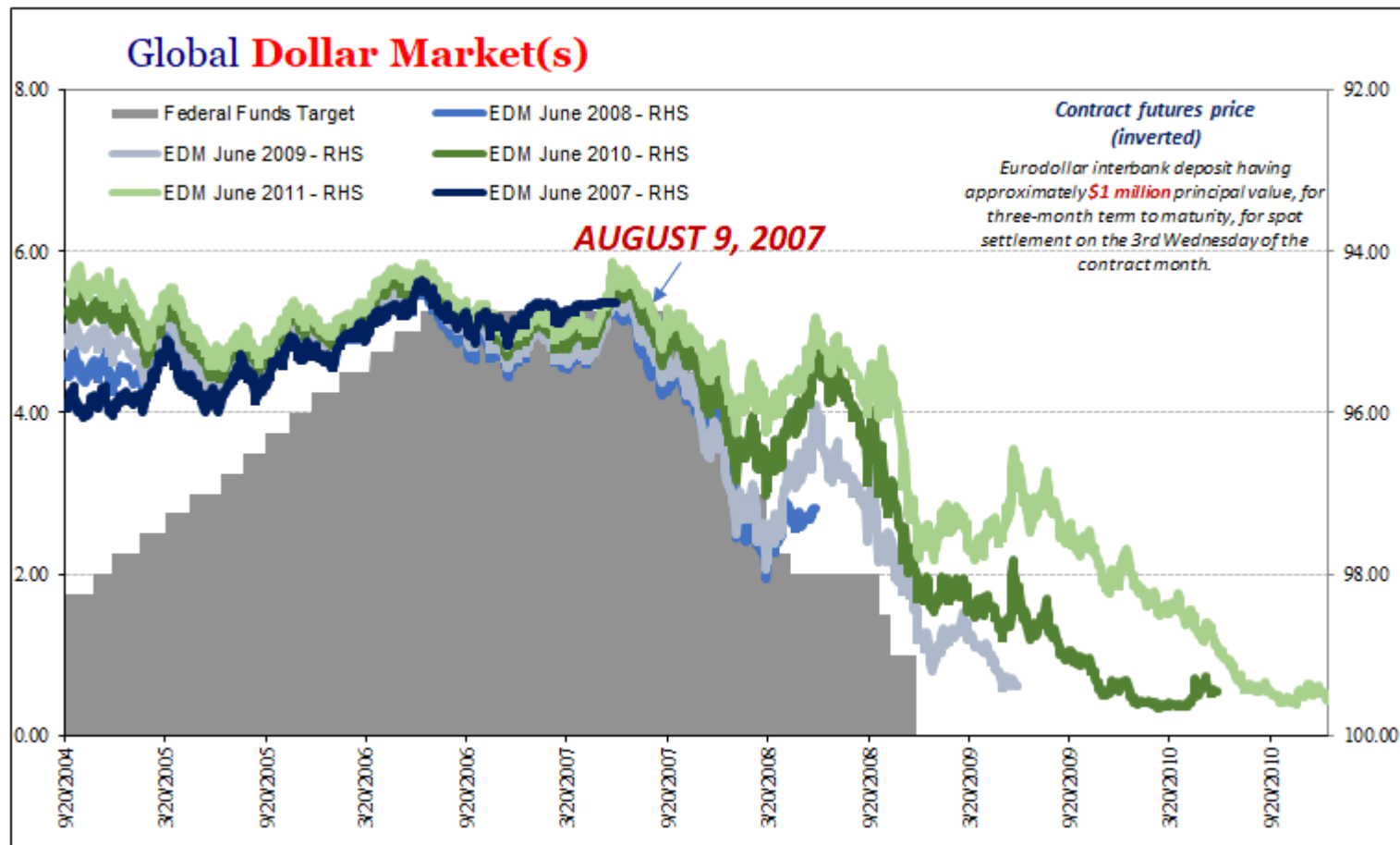
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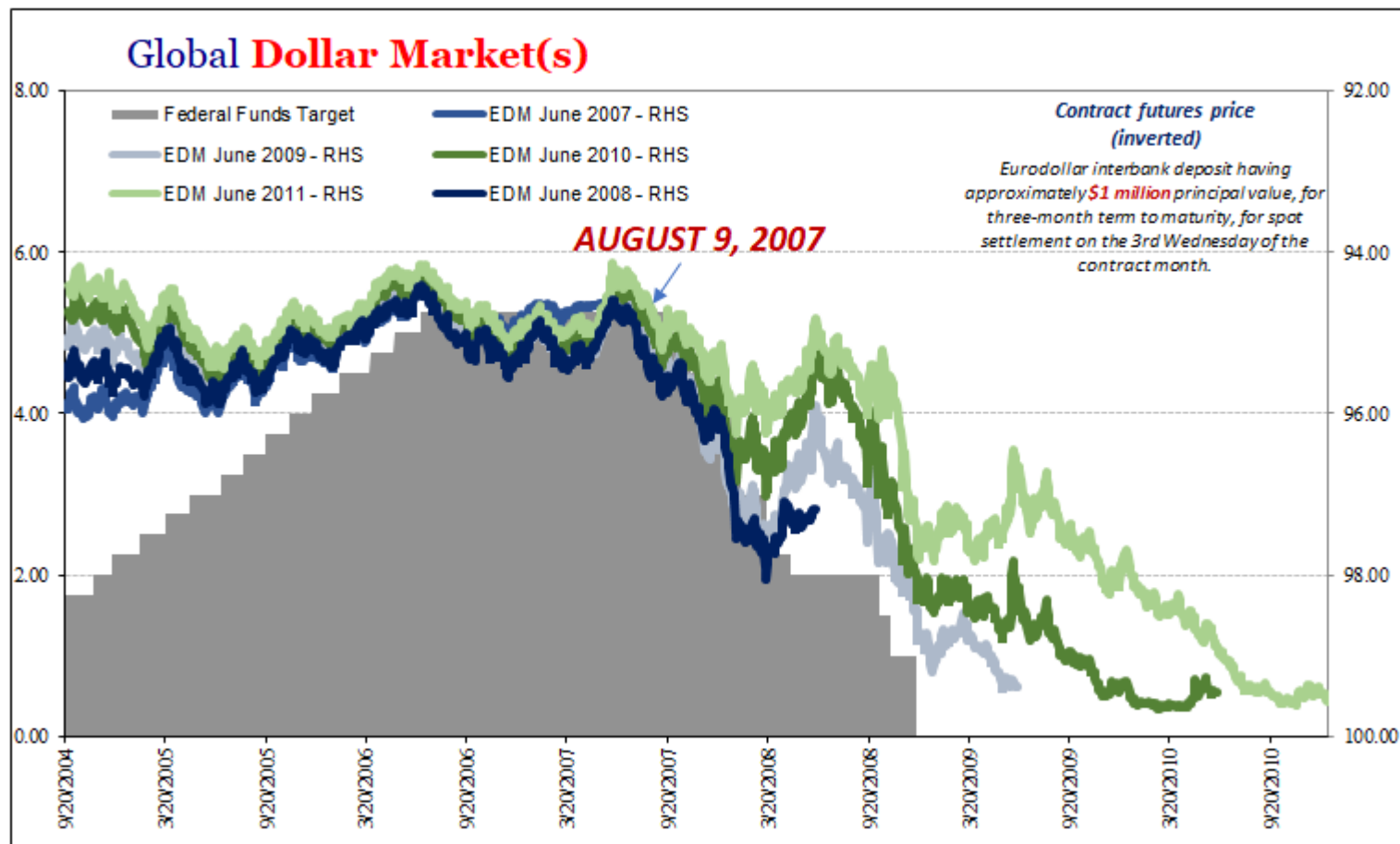
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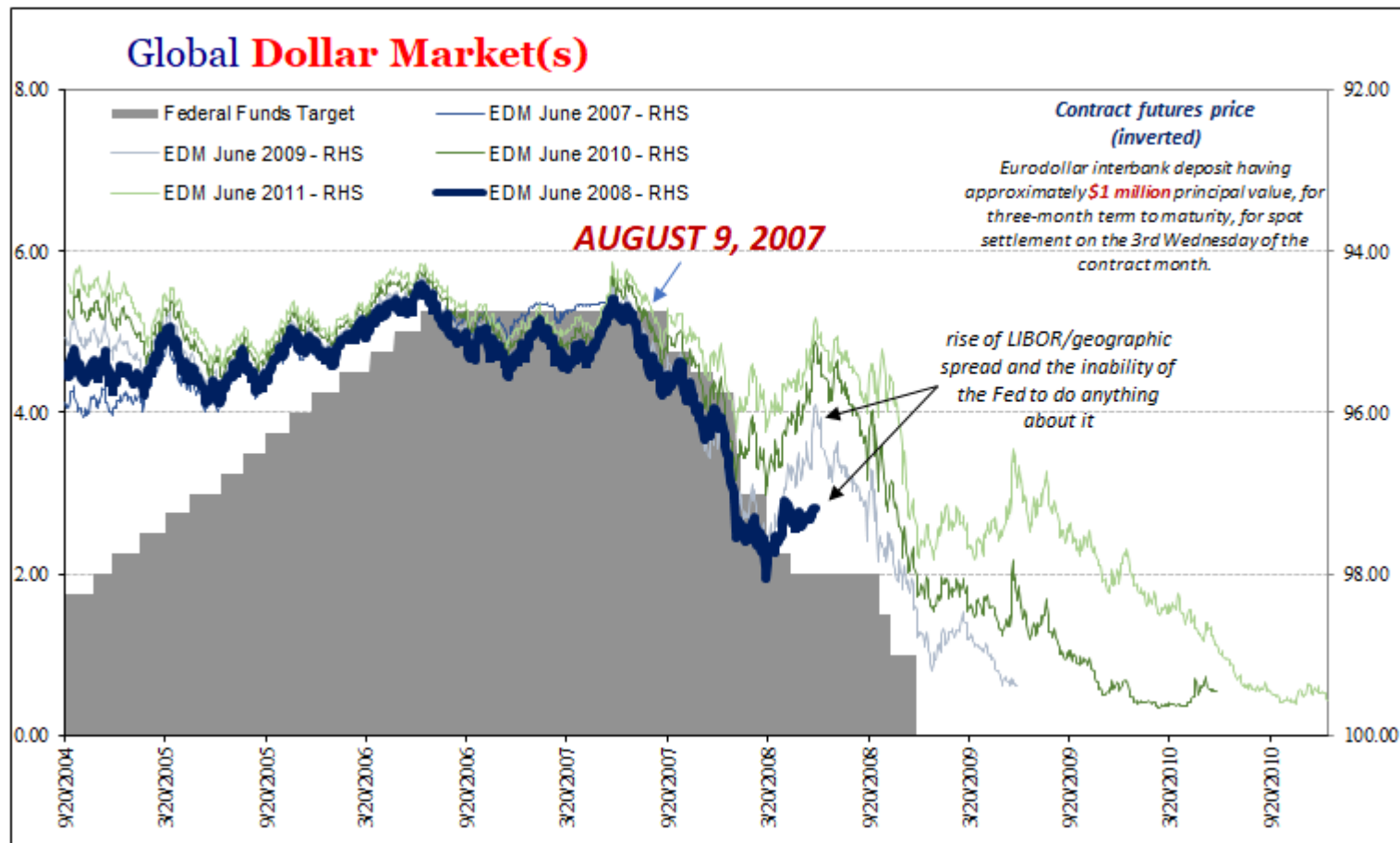


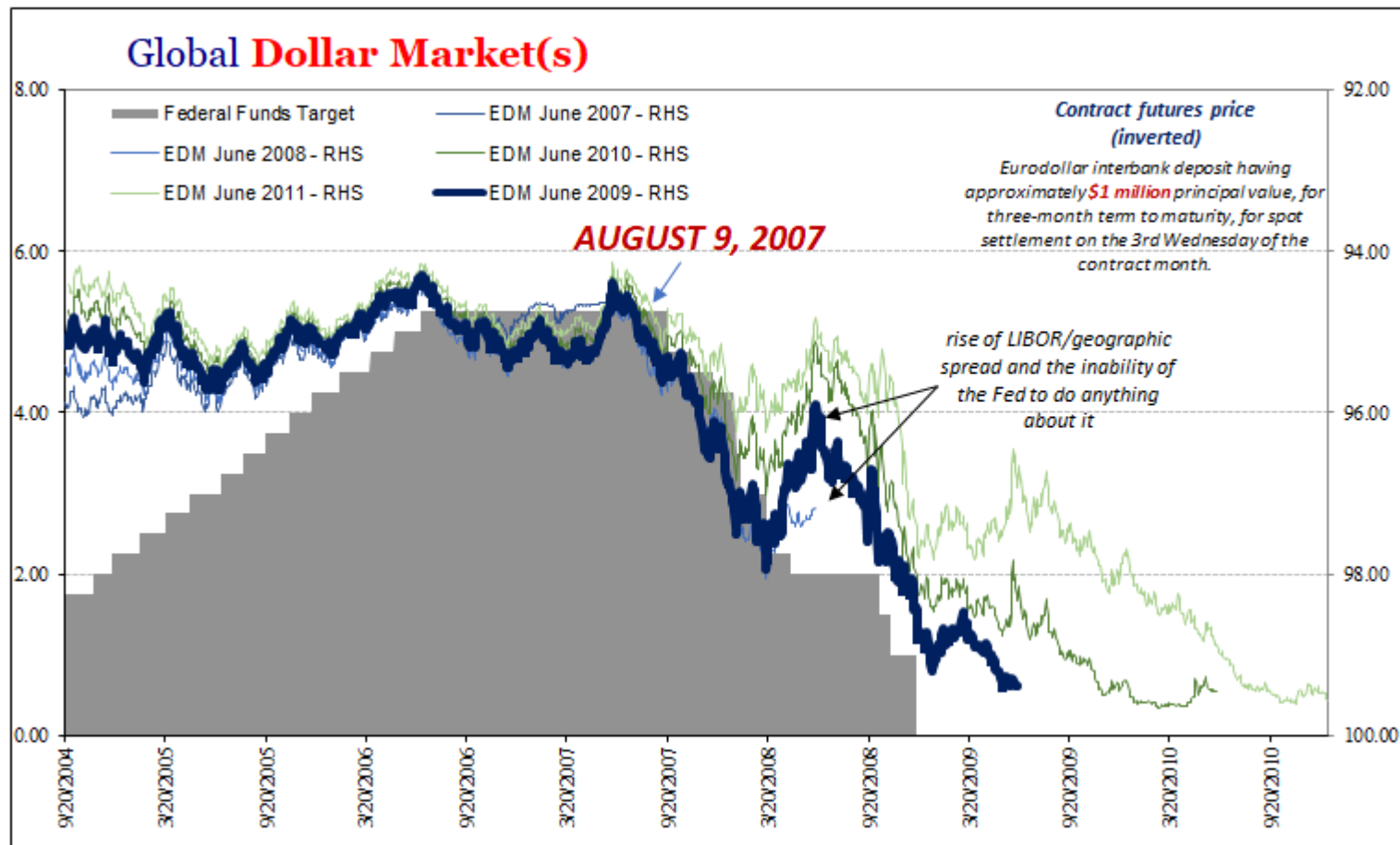
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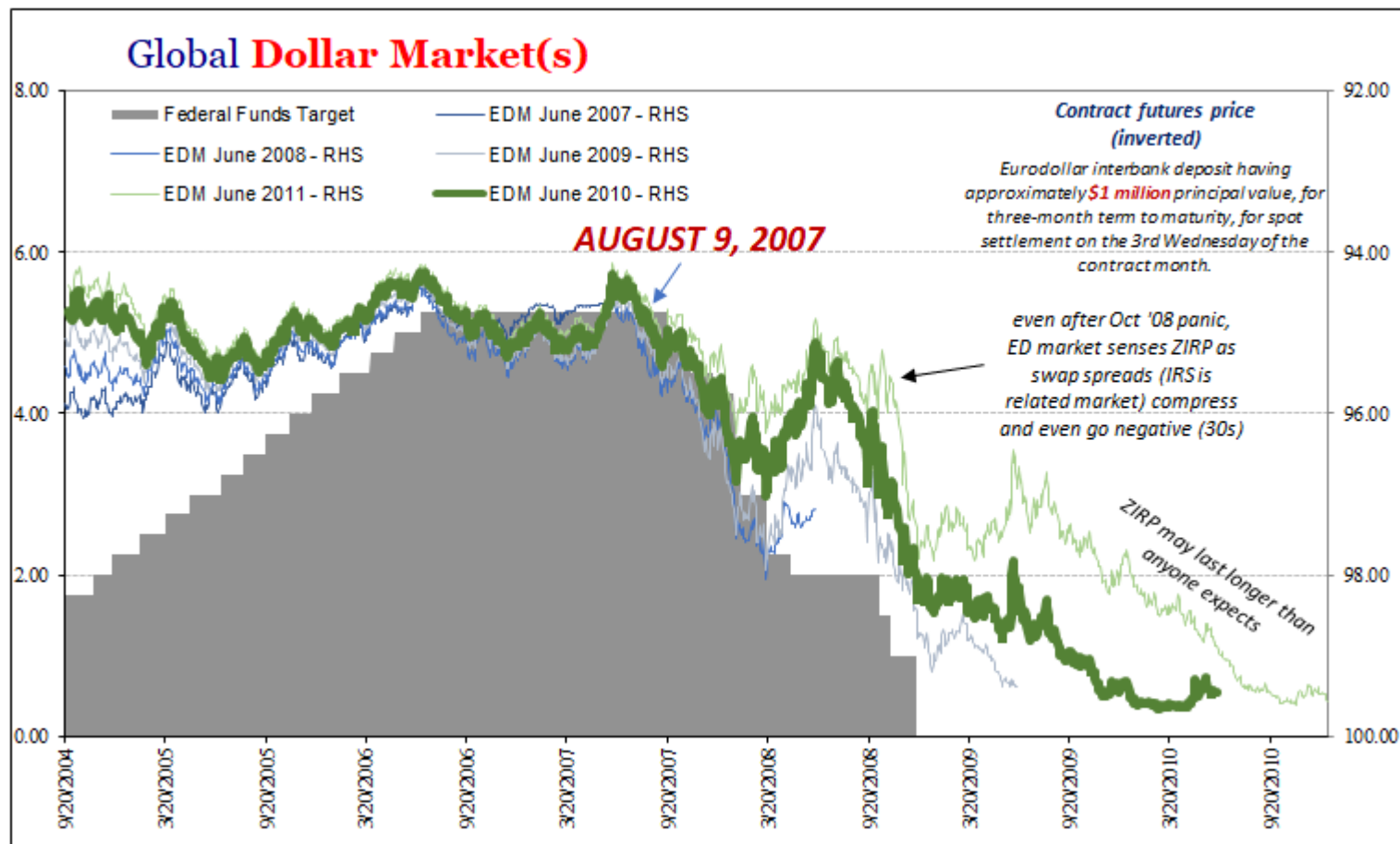
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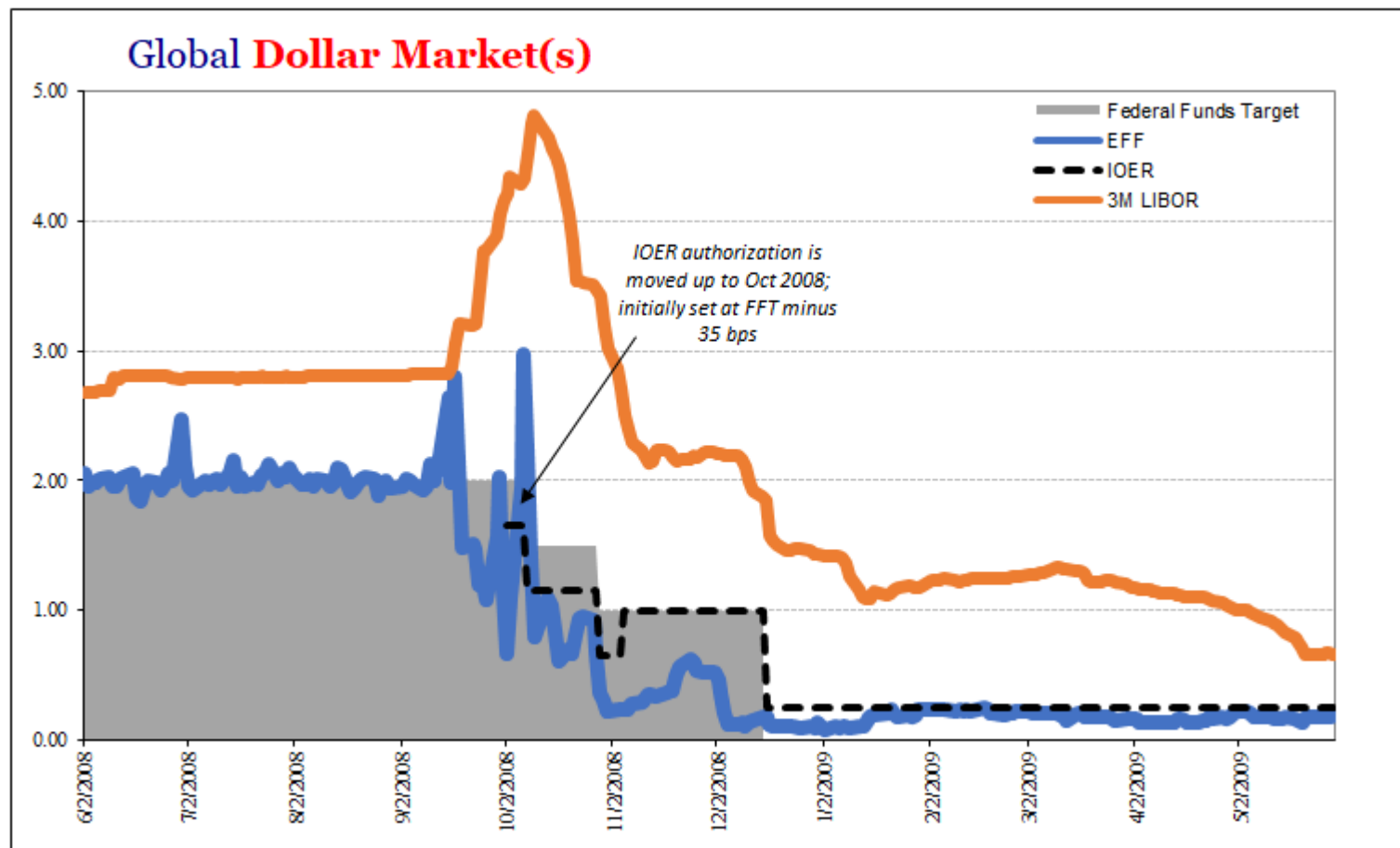


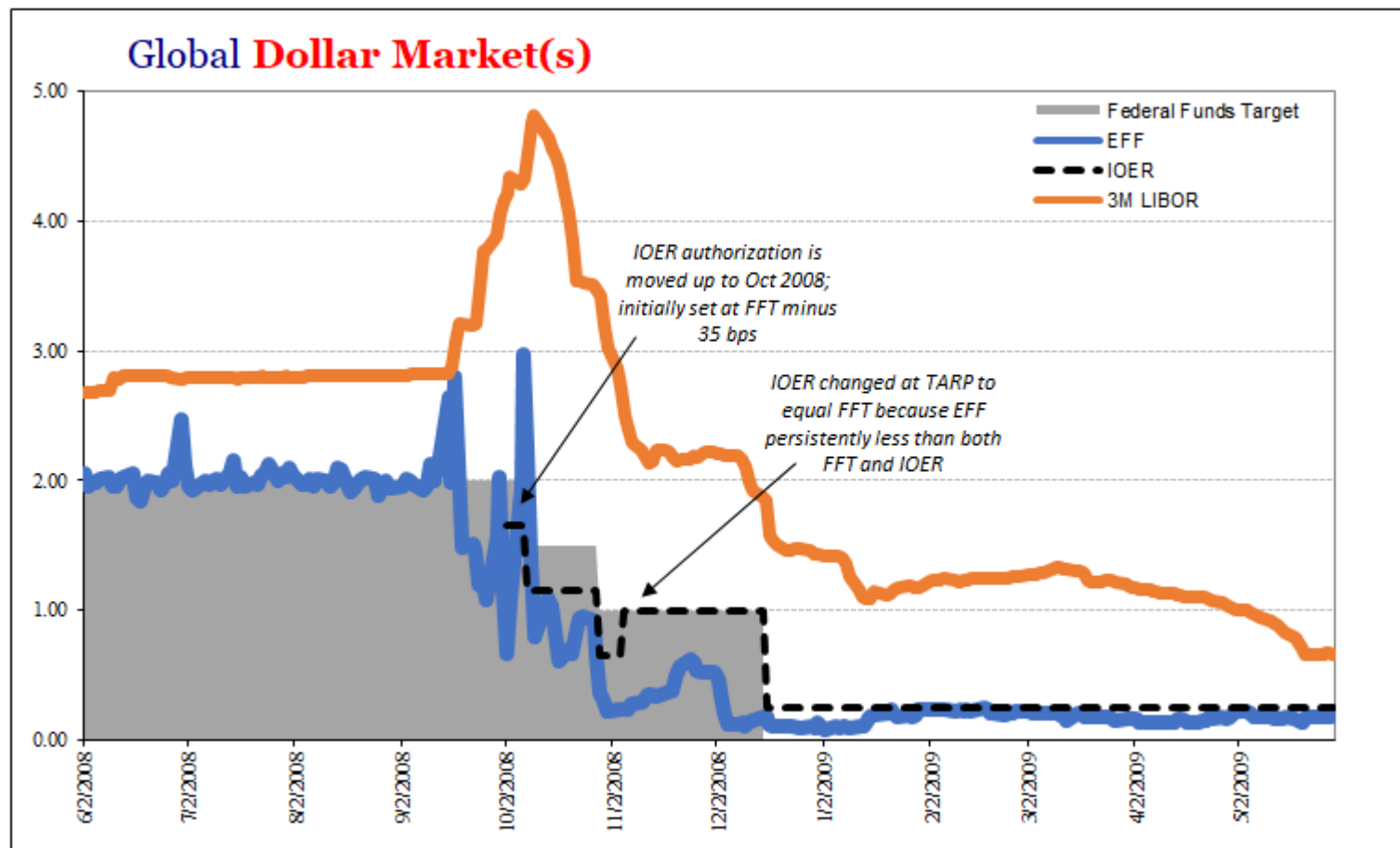


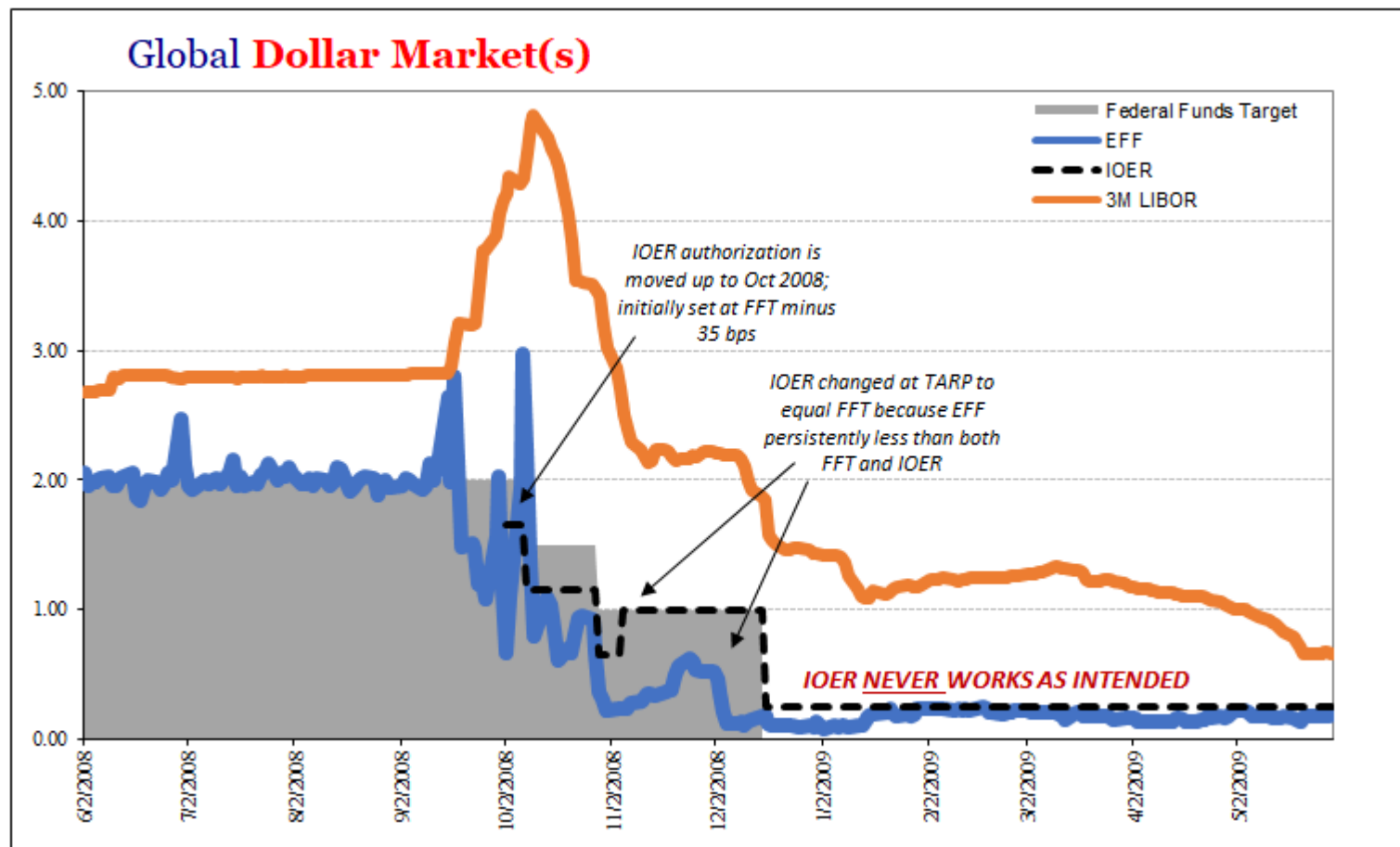


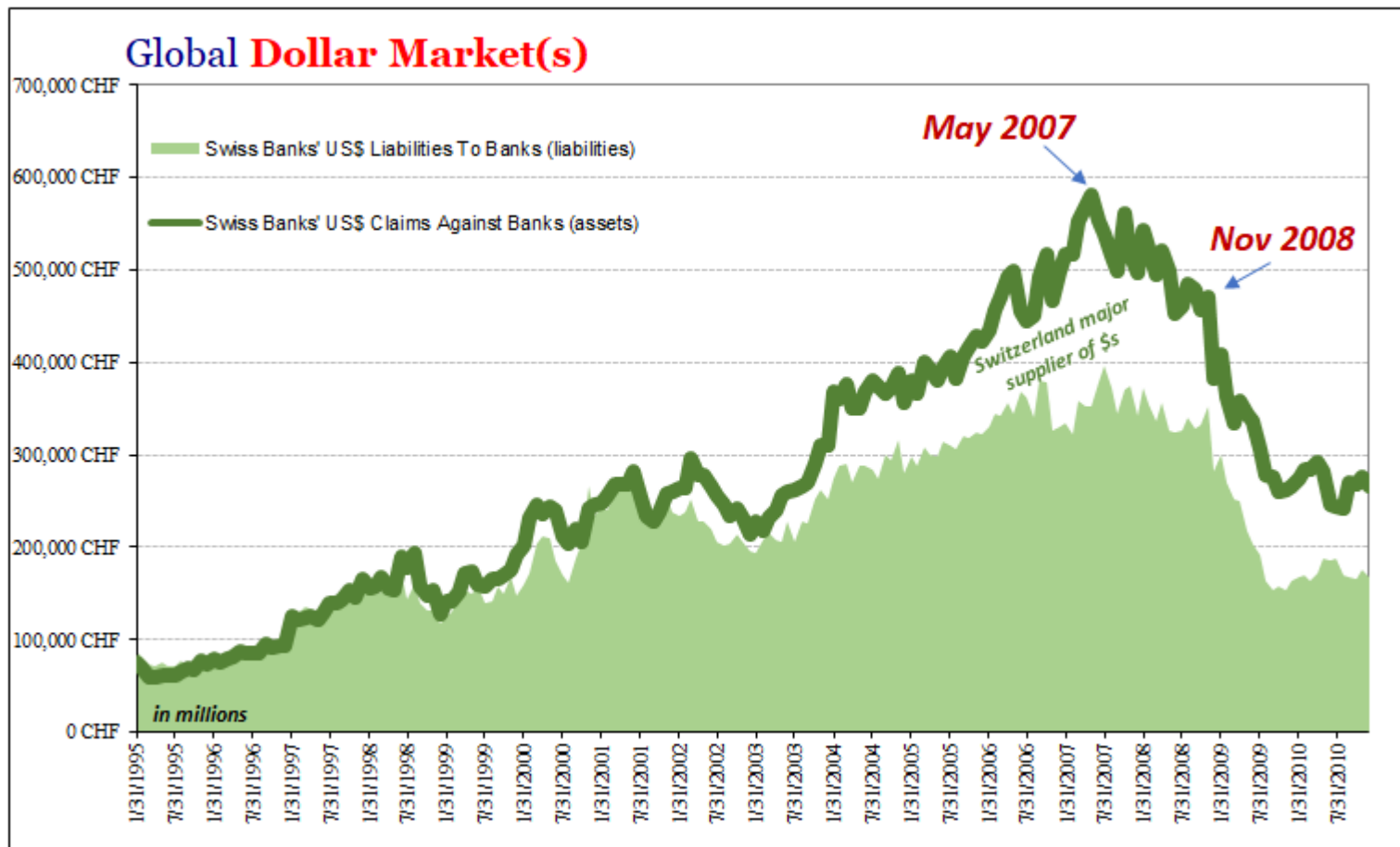


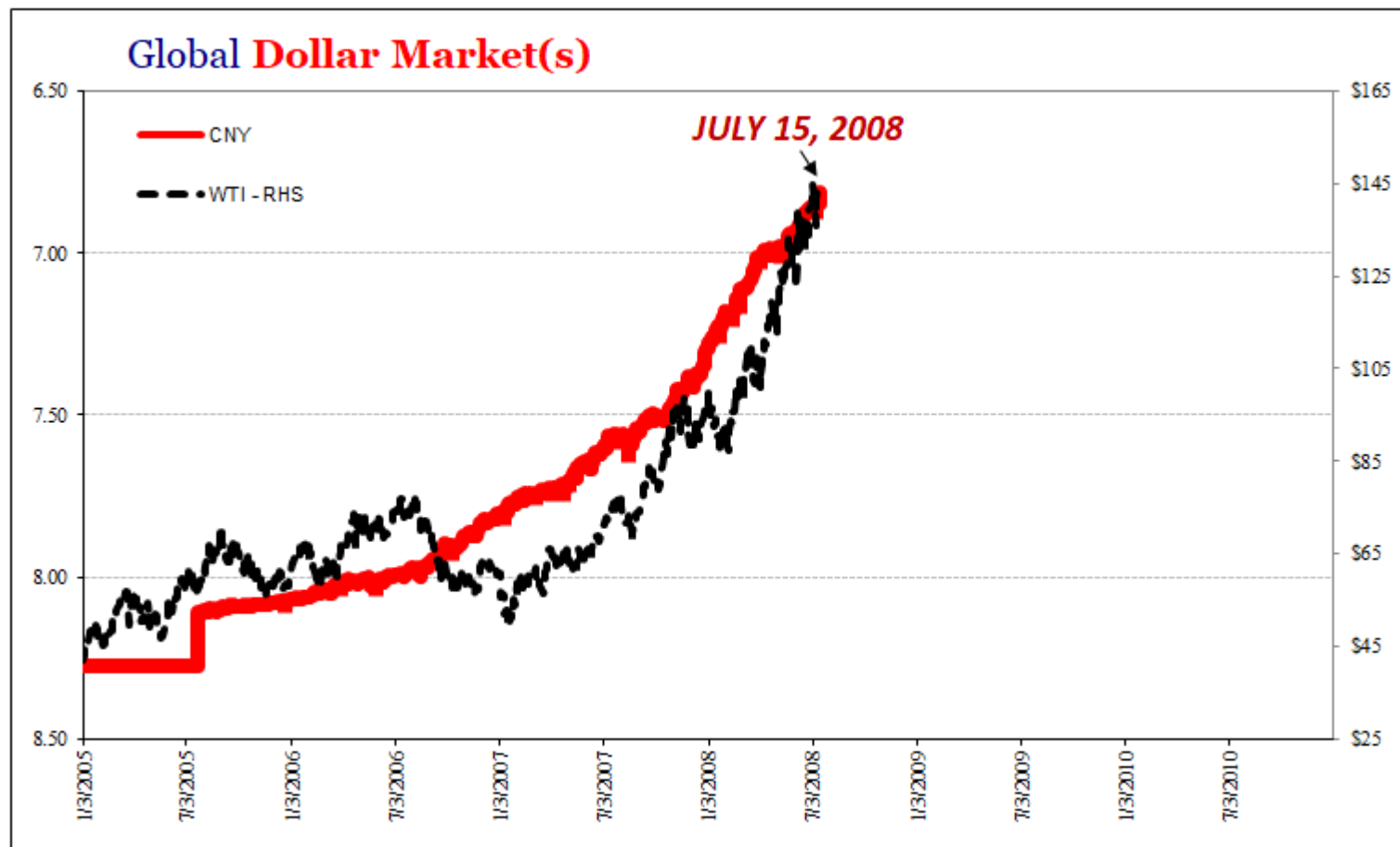


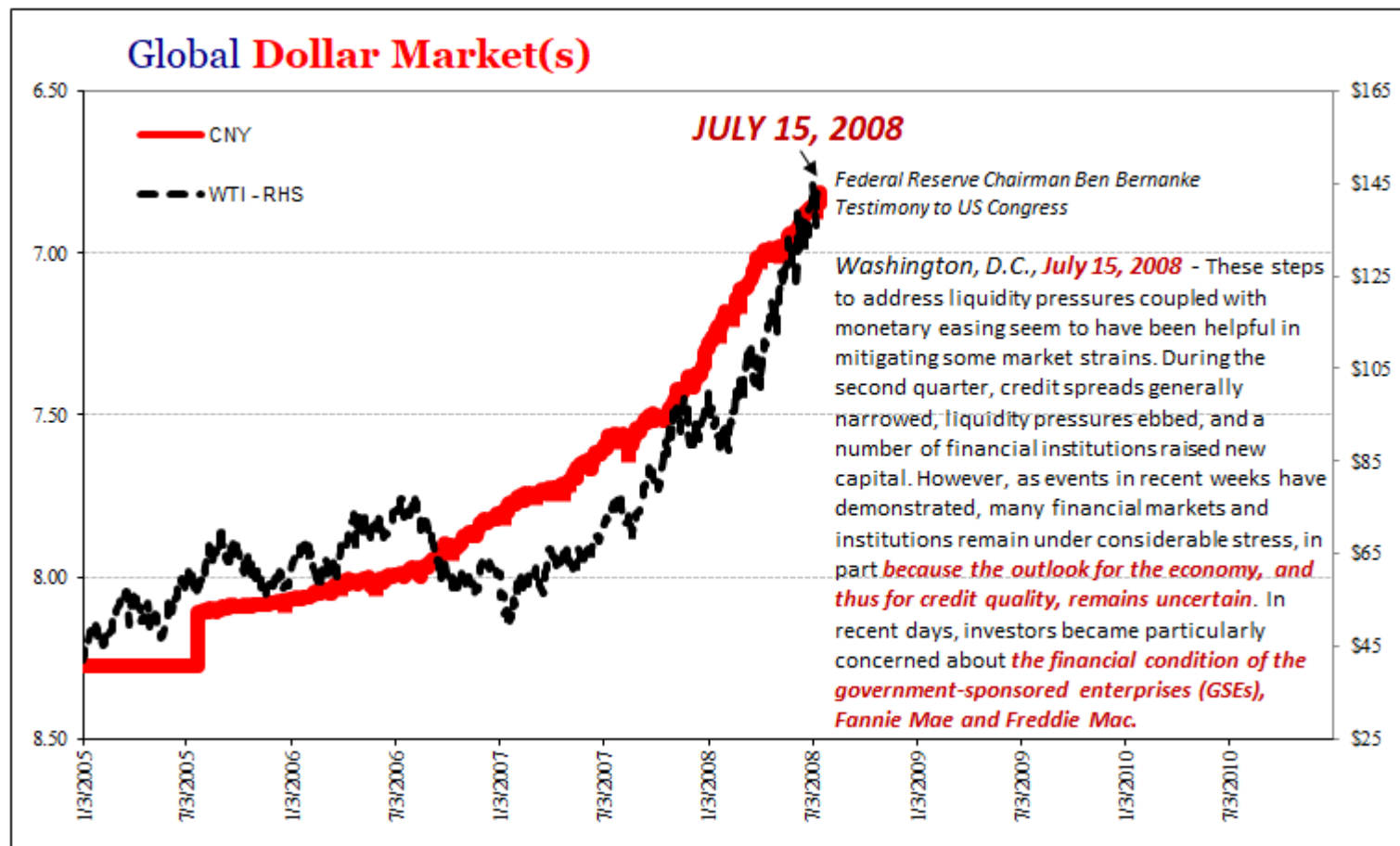


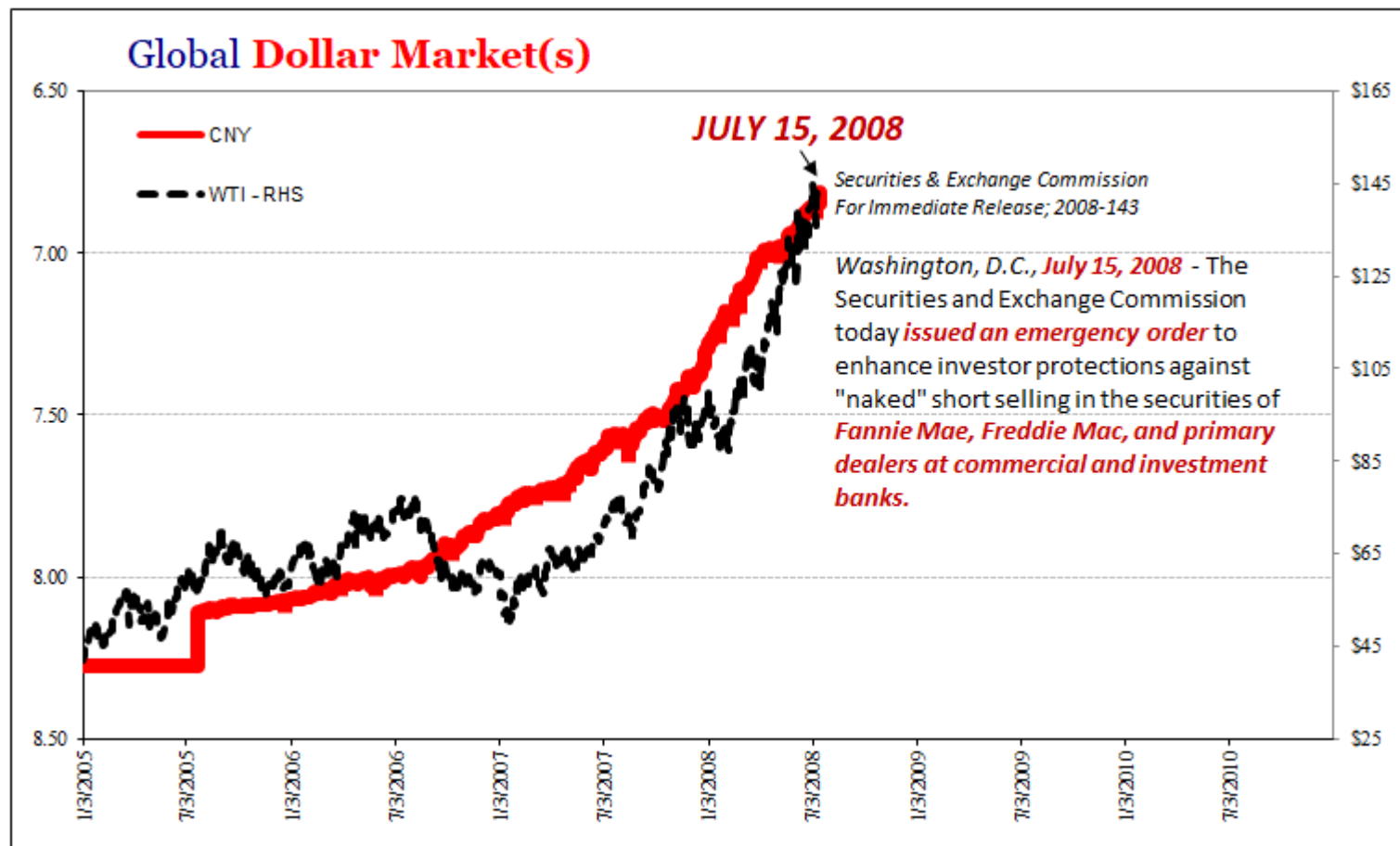


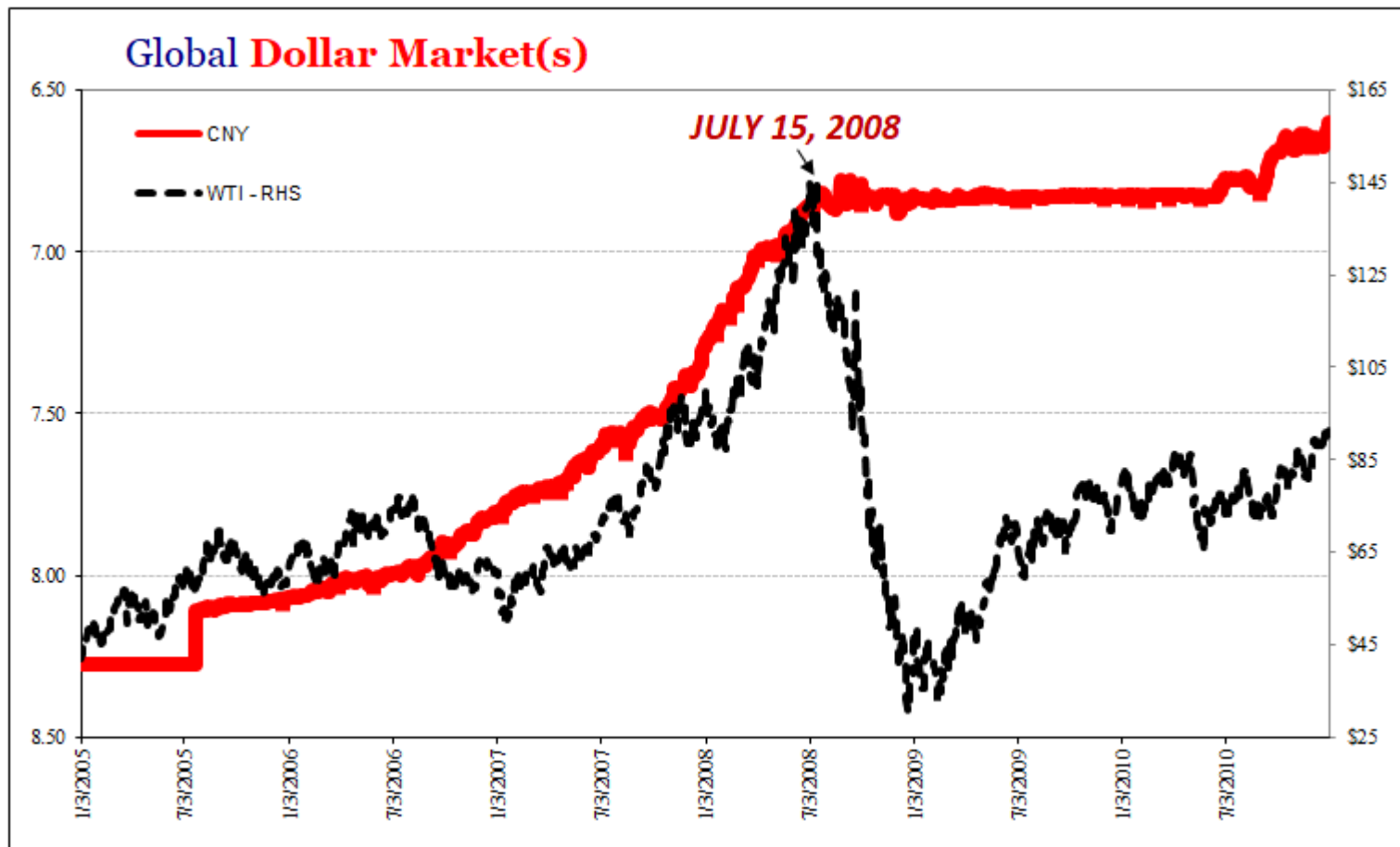


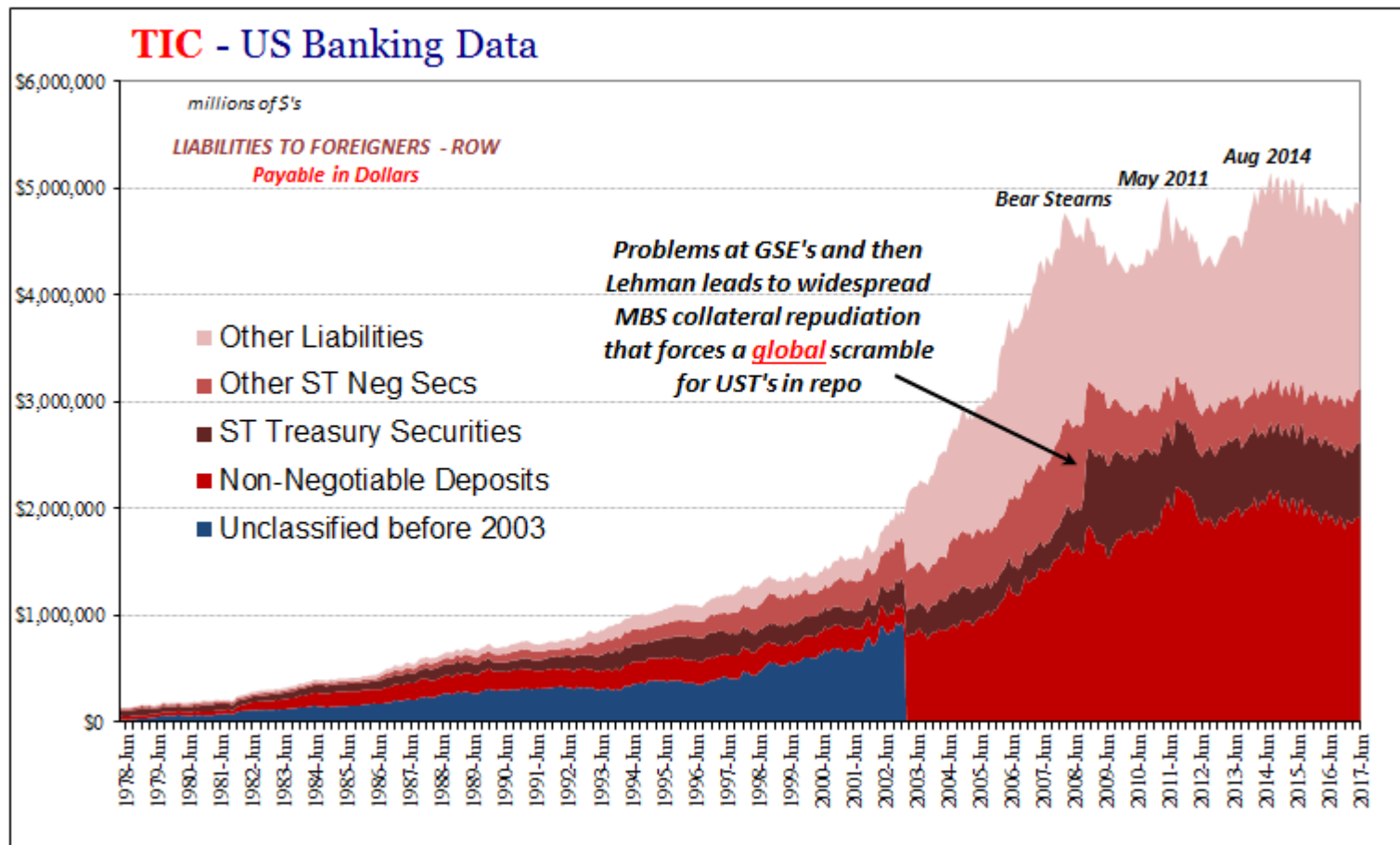


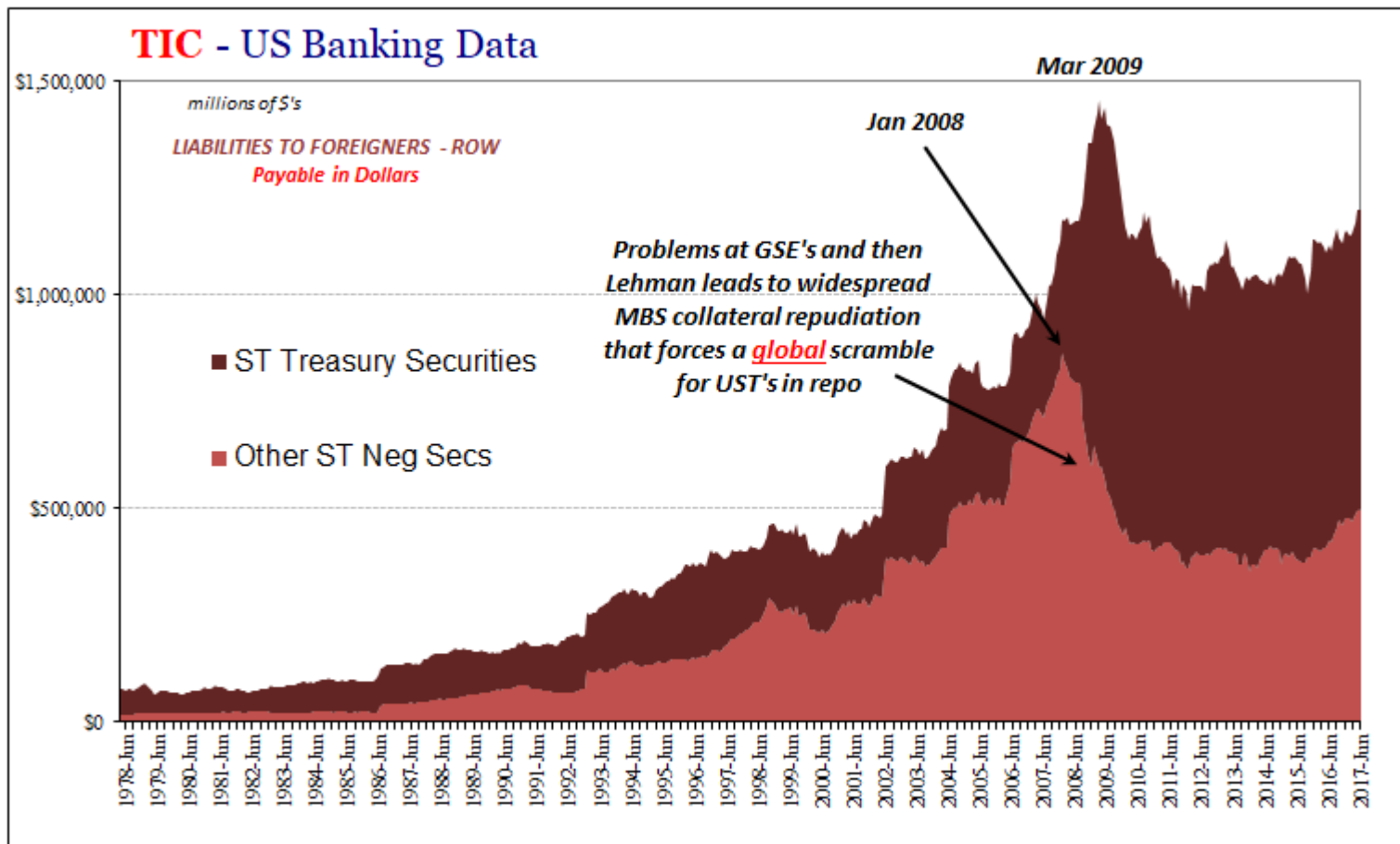


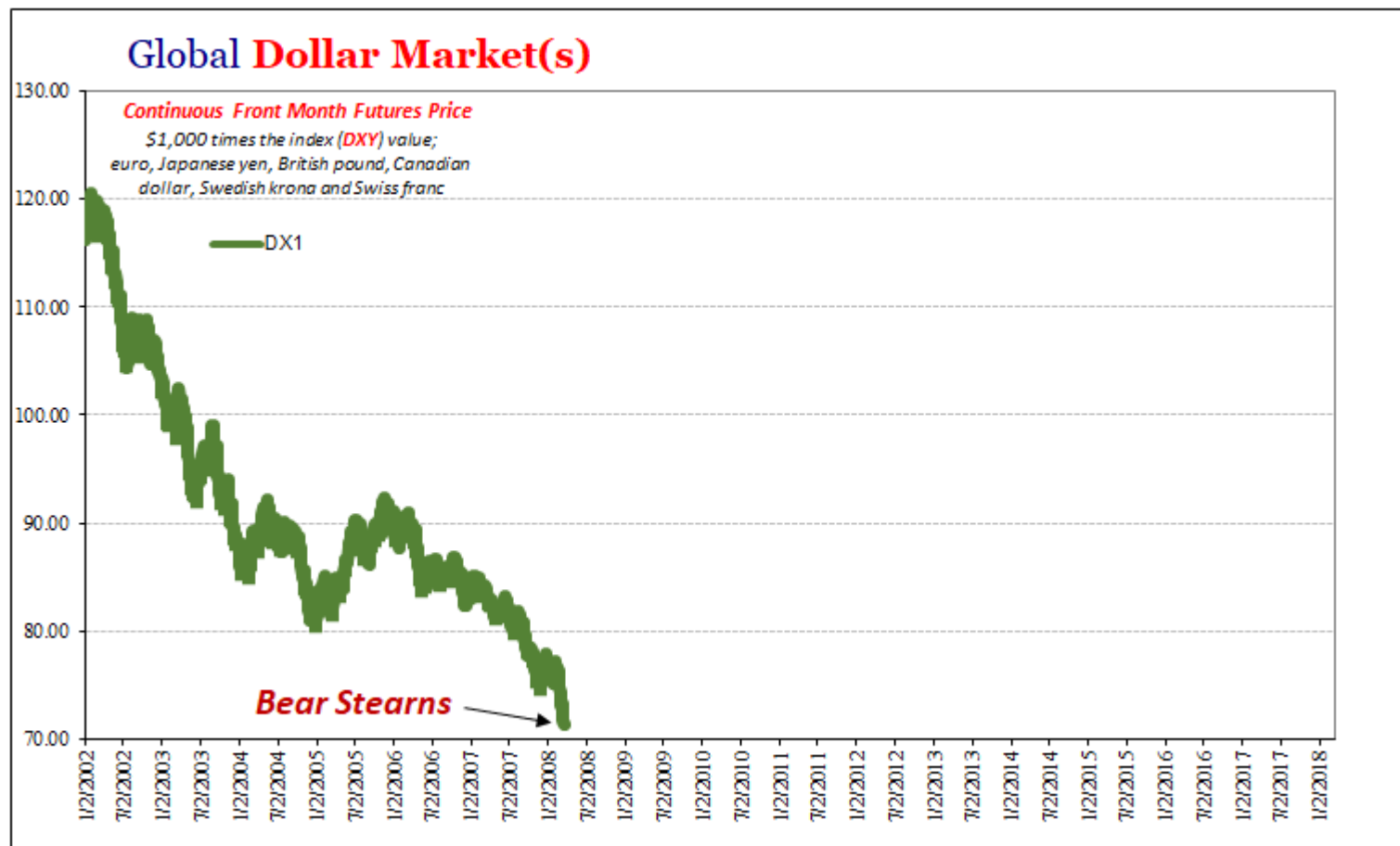


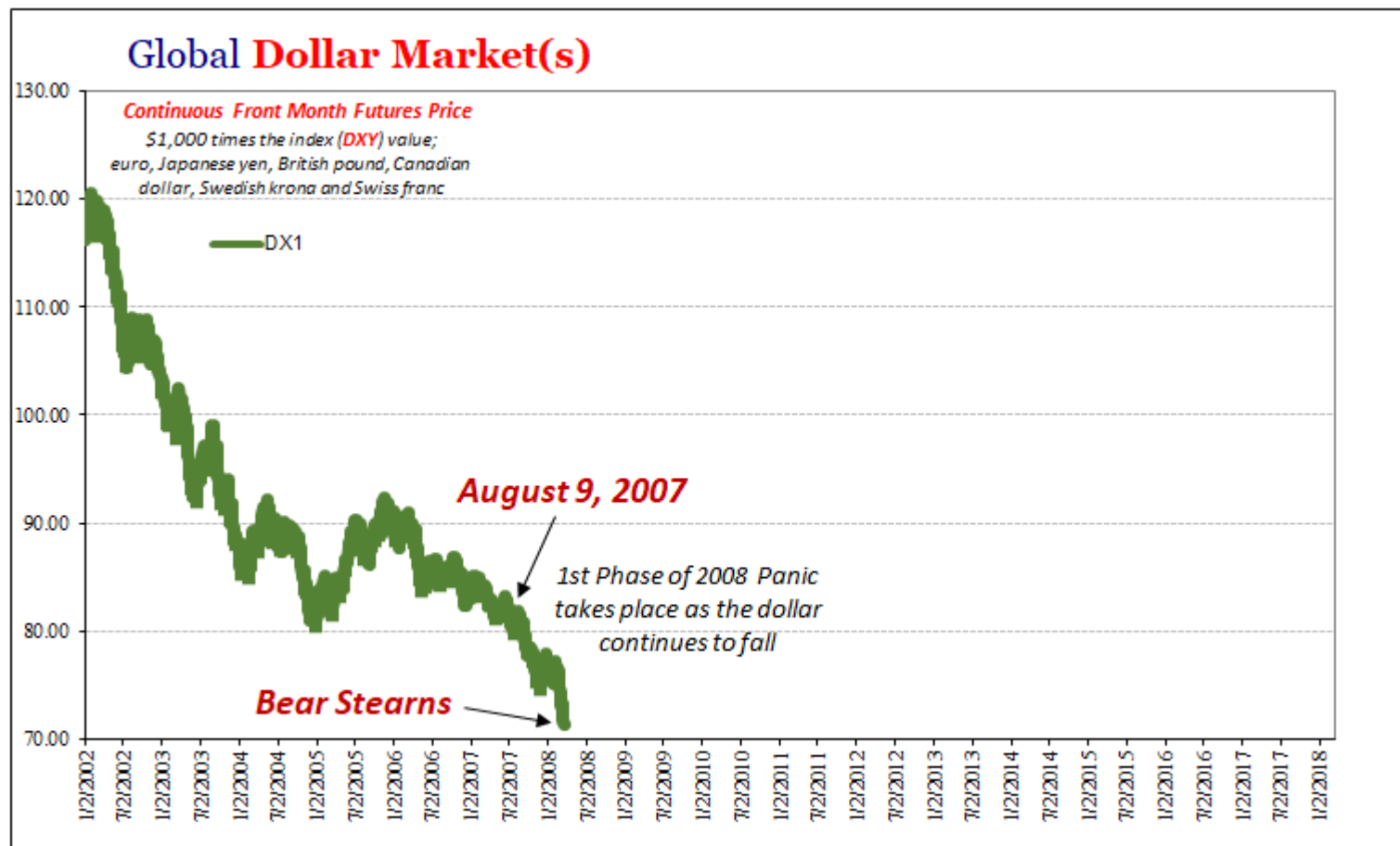


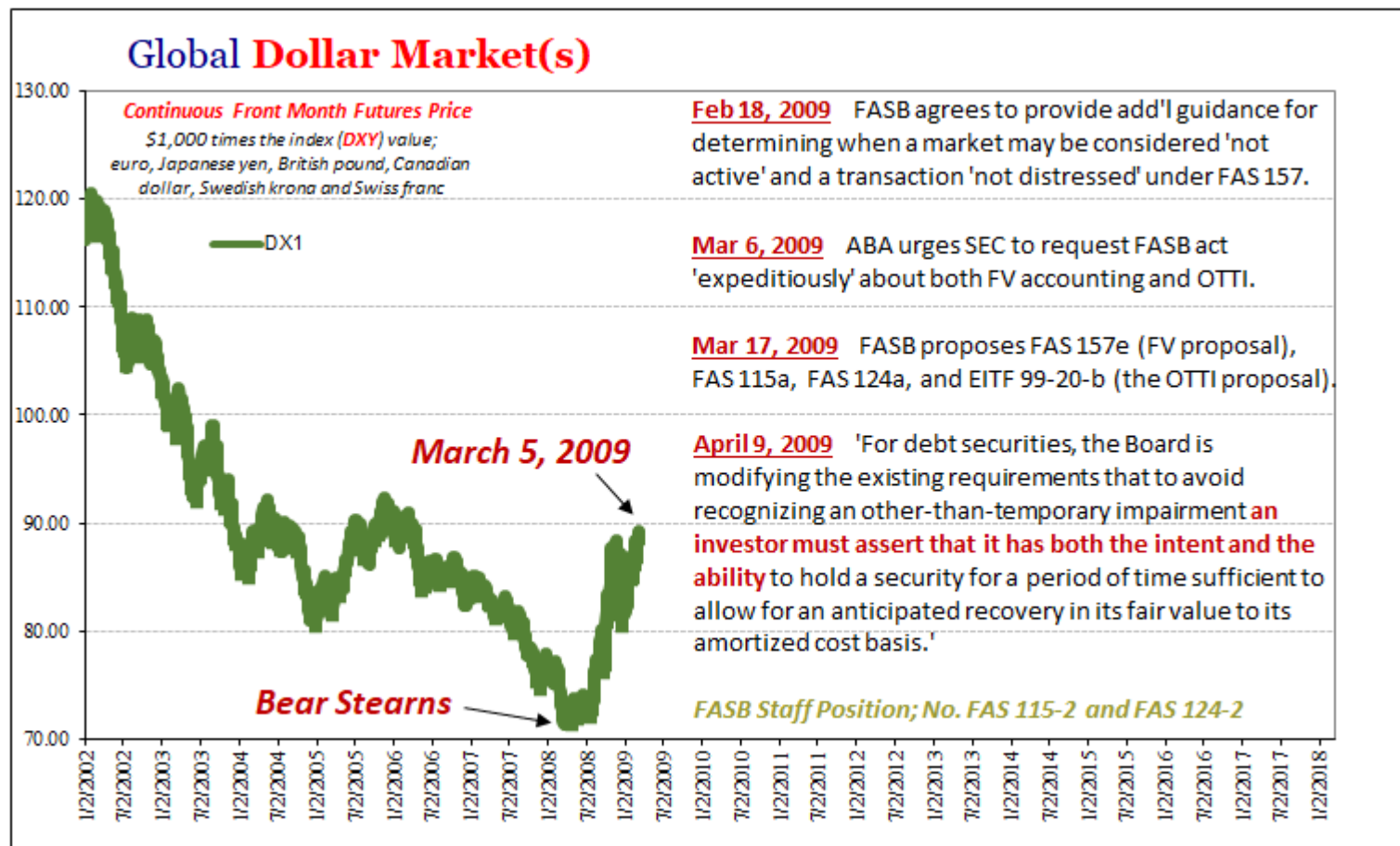


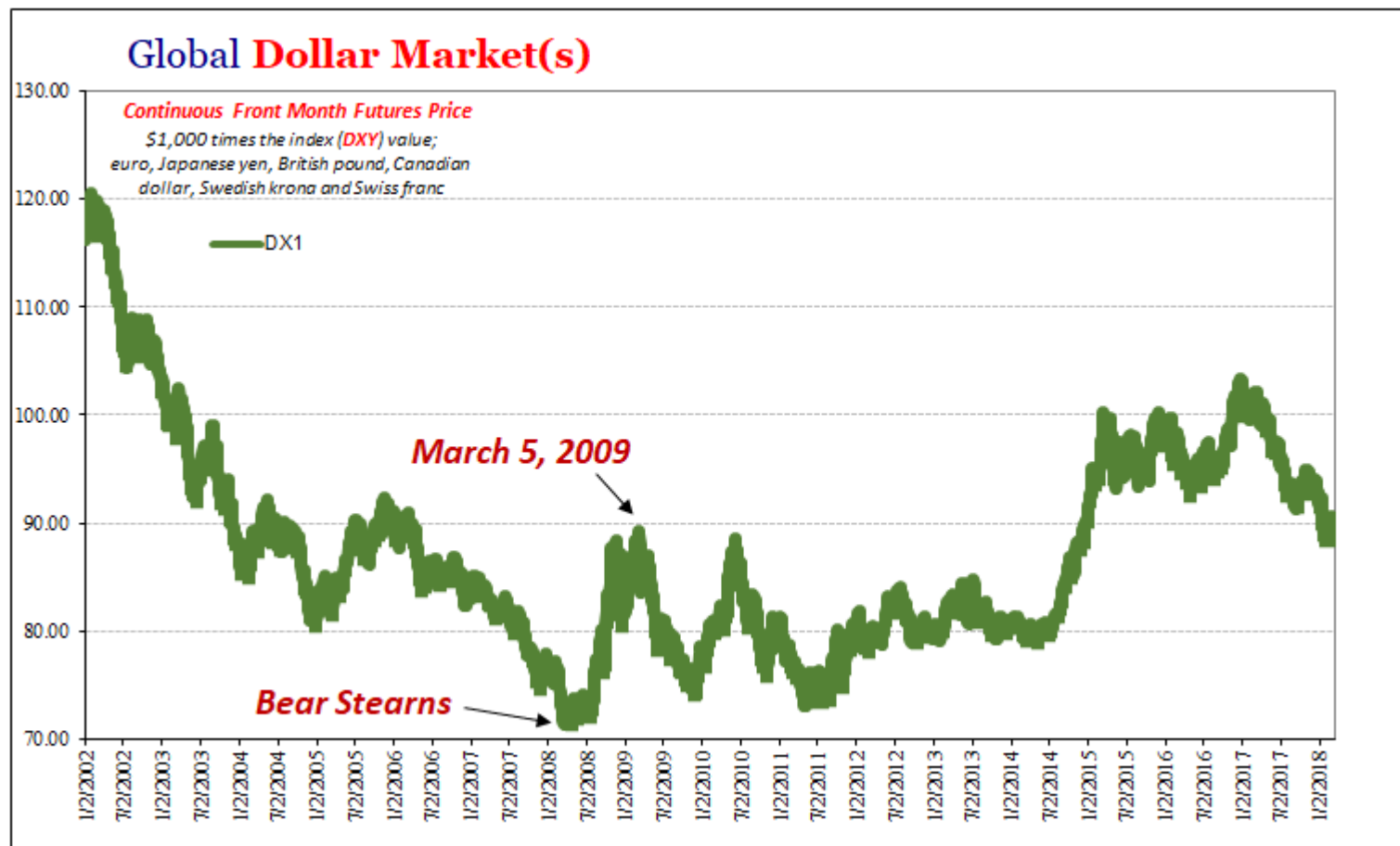












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Liquidity Risk, not Credit



1. Monetary framework previously thought robust with intricate safeguards and redundancies was instead proved pro-cyclical and fragile. Fragmentation destroyed all sense of seamless global interactions.

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1a. To that end, Federal Reserve proved worthless, clueless, and feckless. It had always been believed going back to the earliest days of the ‘maestro’ that the Fed would stand behind everything (liquidity) if necessary. No one bothered to ponder the question of whether it **could**.

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1a. Instead, the central bank demonstrated time and again that even if it did possess sufficient fortitude it still **couldn't** address all the major structural flaws that had turned decidedly pro-cyclical and self-reinforcing (interbank **run**).

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2. The system's prior apparently seamless monetary operation on a global basis was an illusion created by **exponential growth** alone rather than solid intrinsic features (such as common sense and logic). Like a spinning top, it was only stable so long as it was moving with great speed.

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2a. The slightest deviation from robust ‘rotation’ completely re-oriented monetary priorities (asymmetry).

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2b. What had been prior to August 2007 treated as overall **riskless return** (an absurdity in any place, let alone one where exponential growth predominates) suddenly became widely accepted as **returnless risk**.

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3. The whole thing being turned upside down starting in August 2007, and then with Bear Stearns, **banks simply don't want to do it anymore.** And without them (balance sheet capacity) the monetary system can only be a persistent economic drag.

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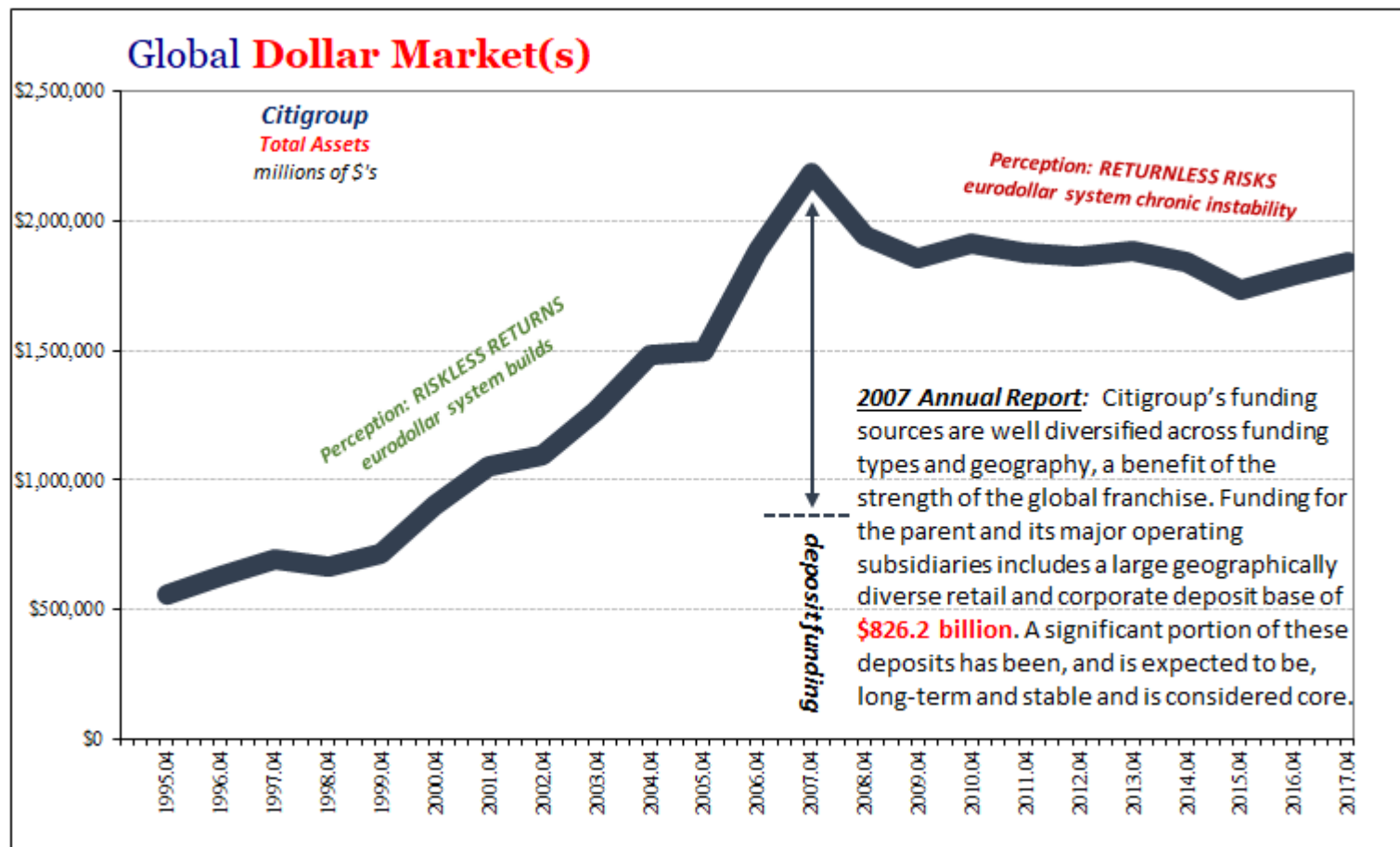
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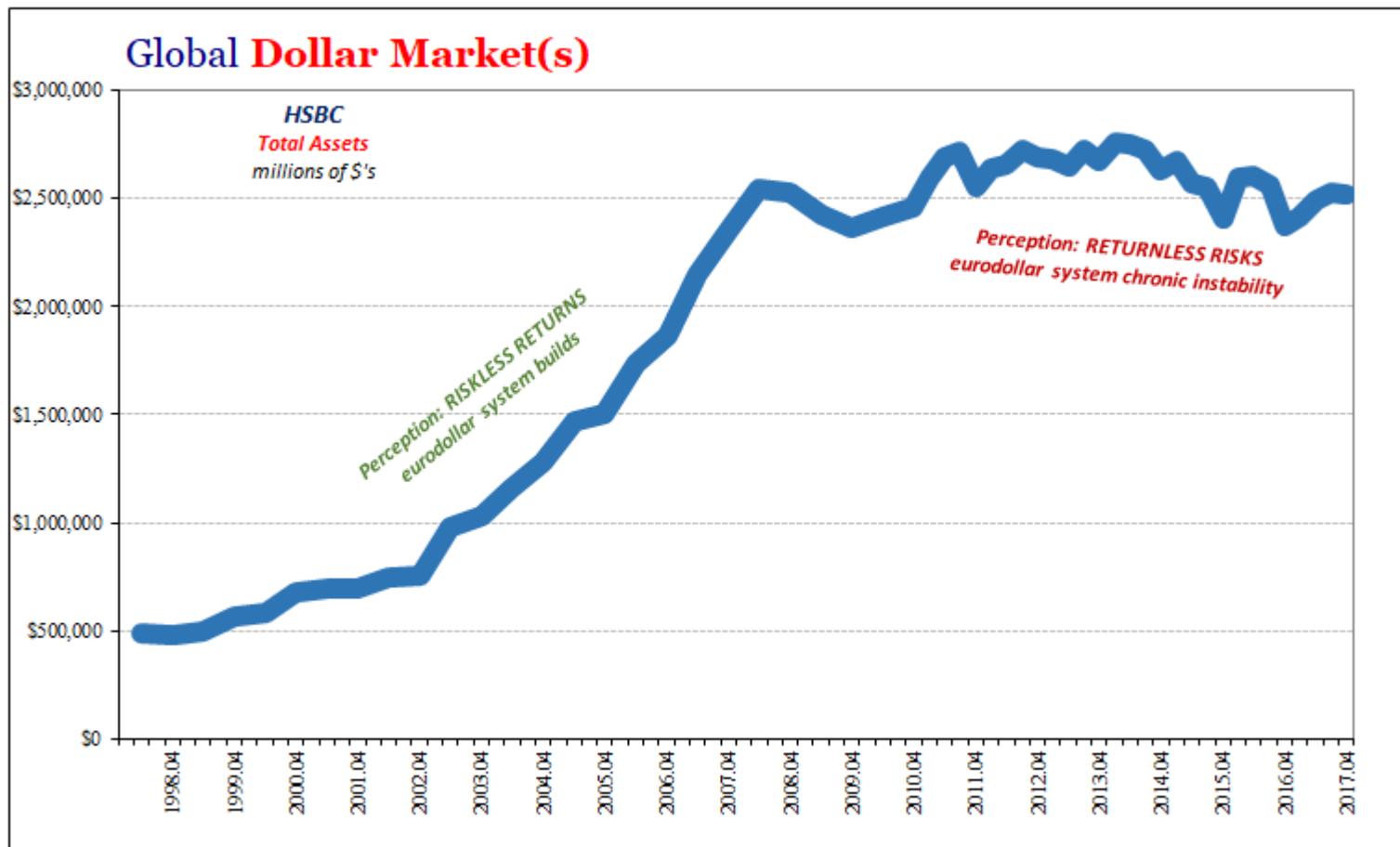
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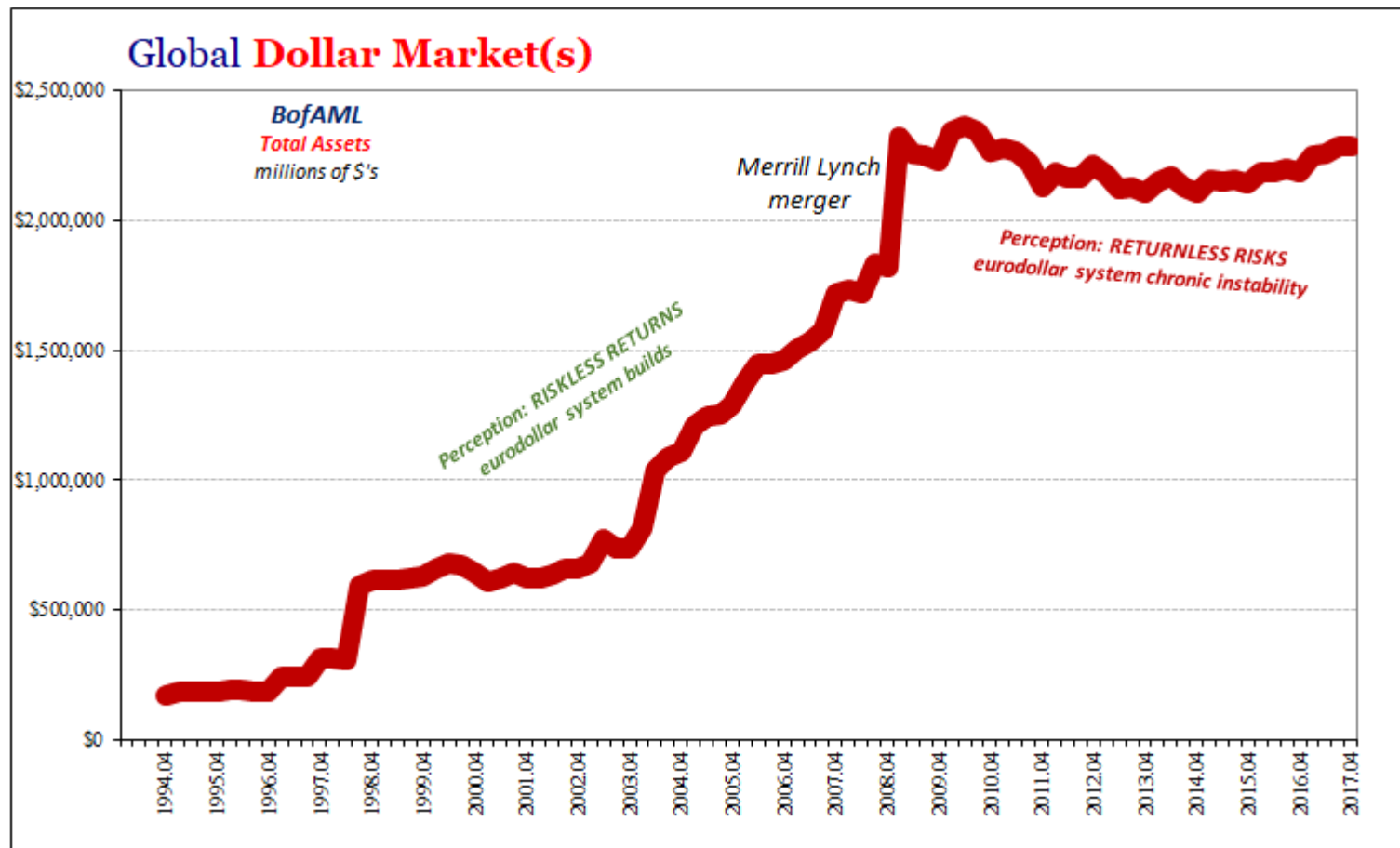


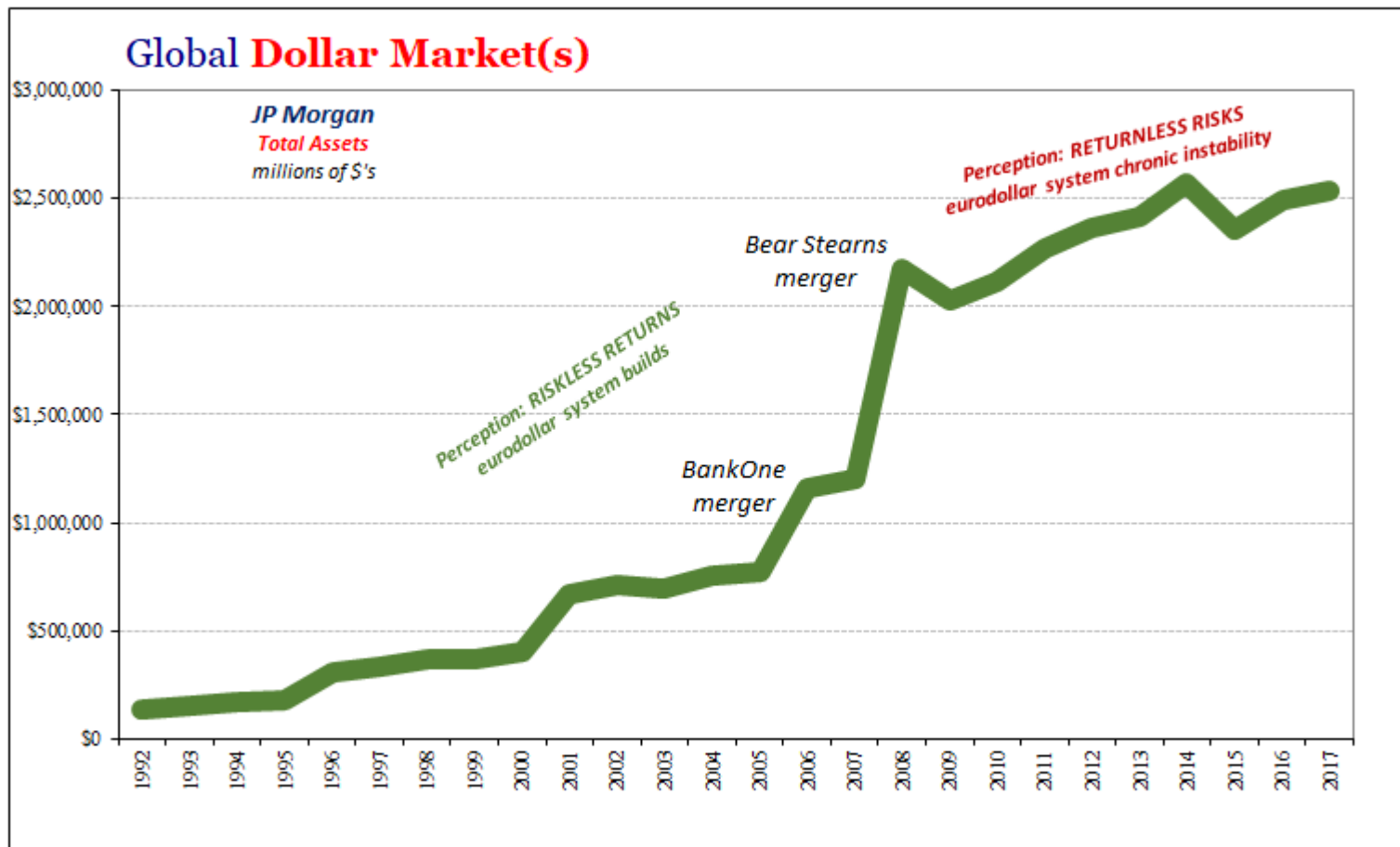
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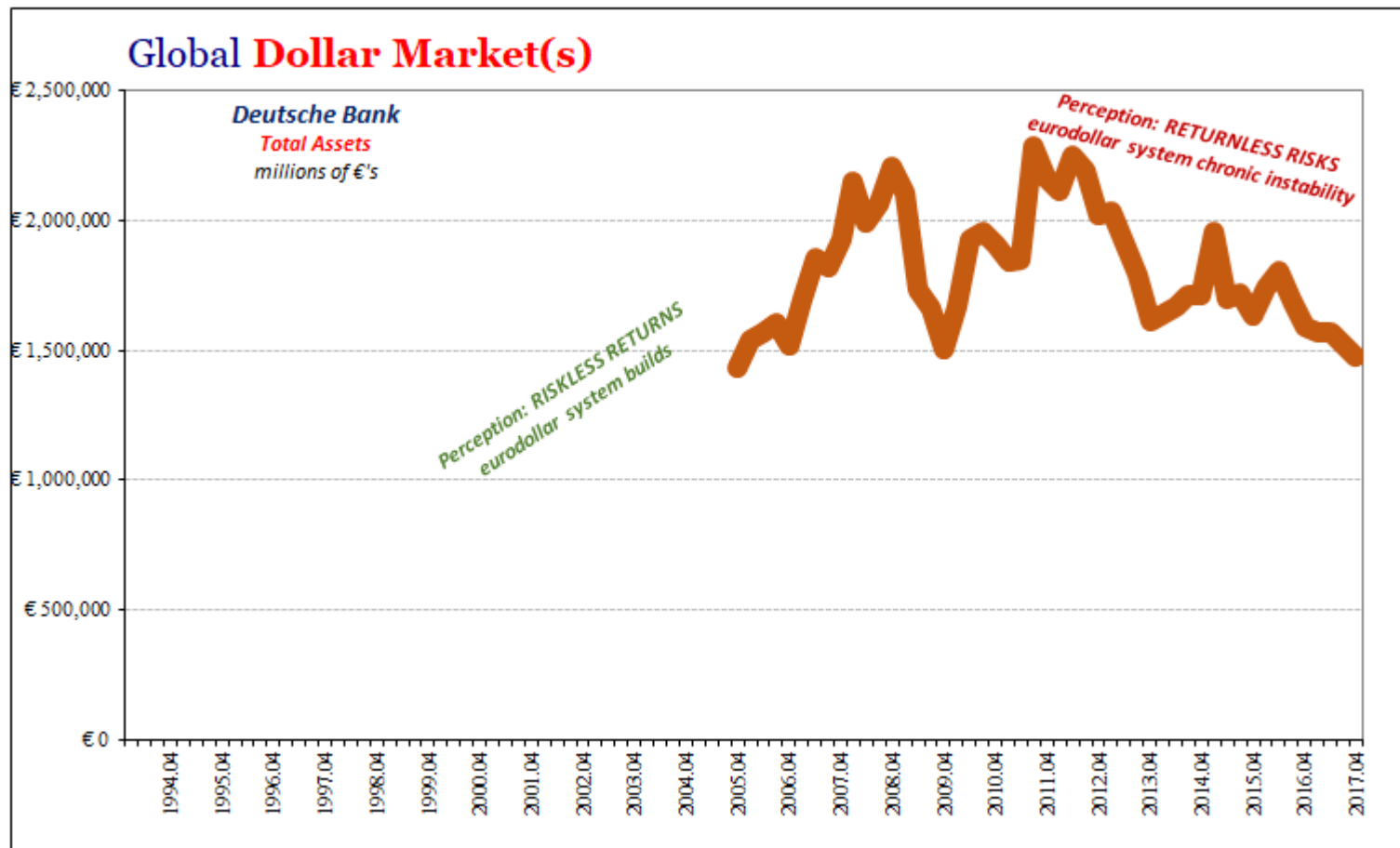
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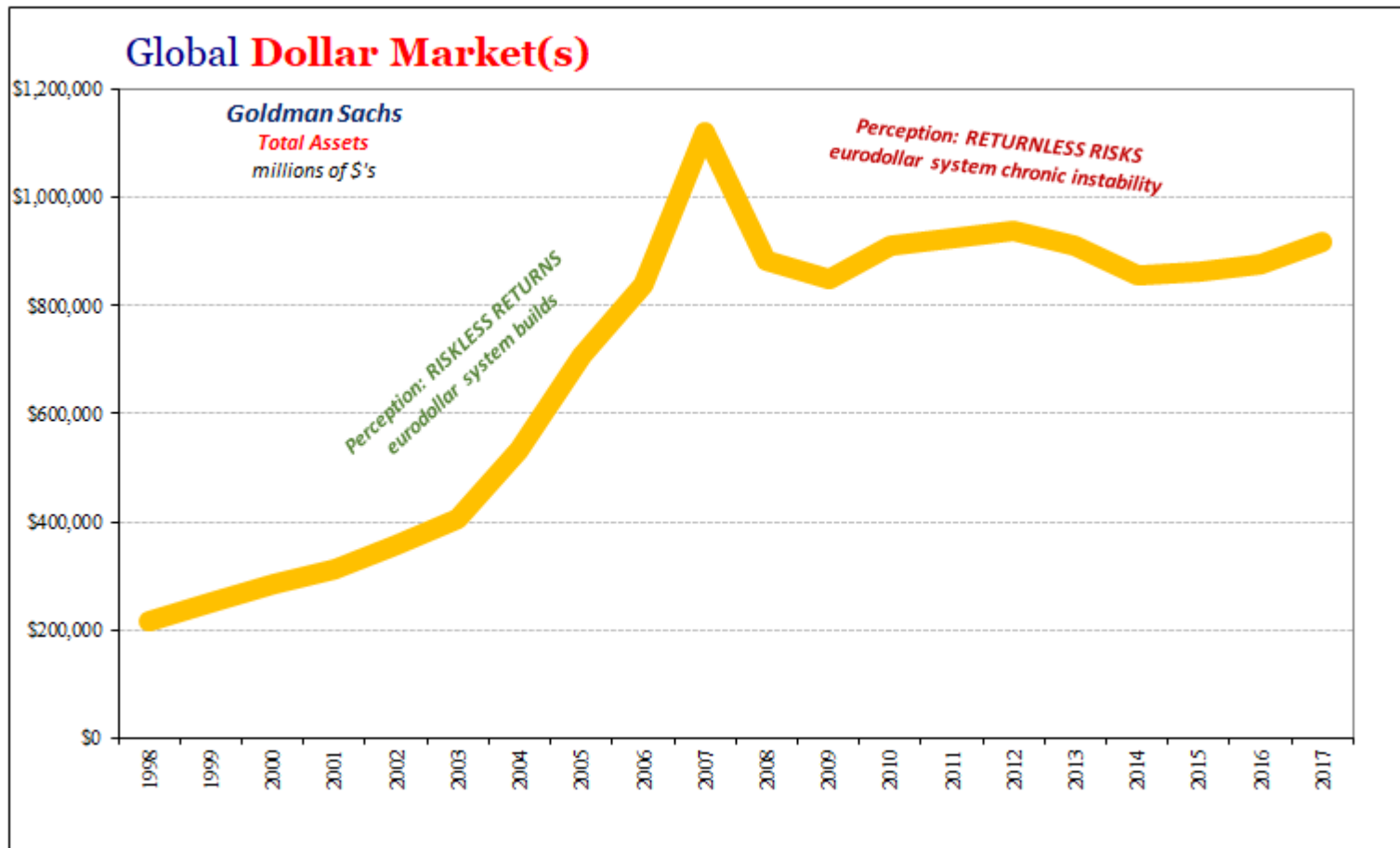


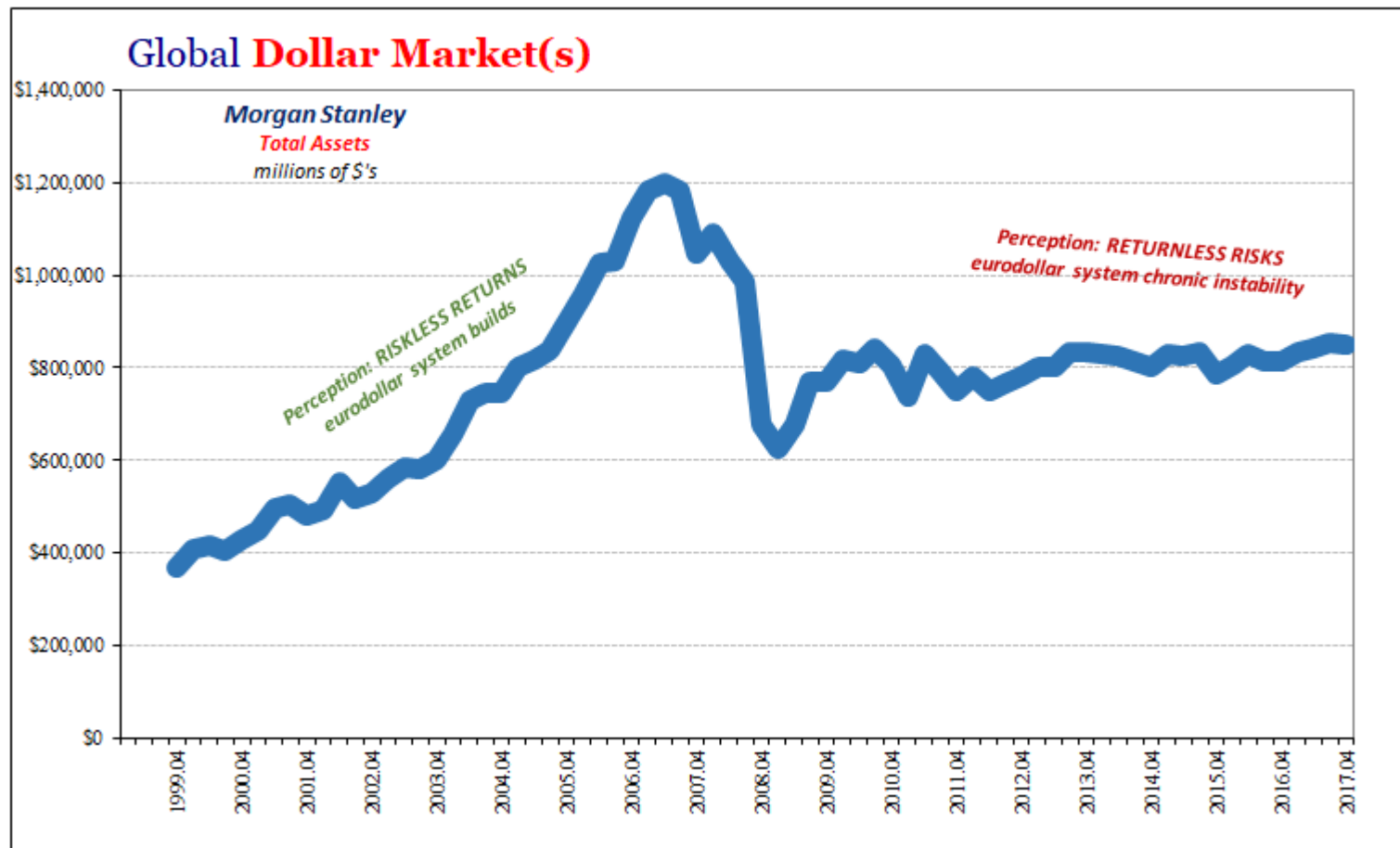


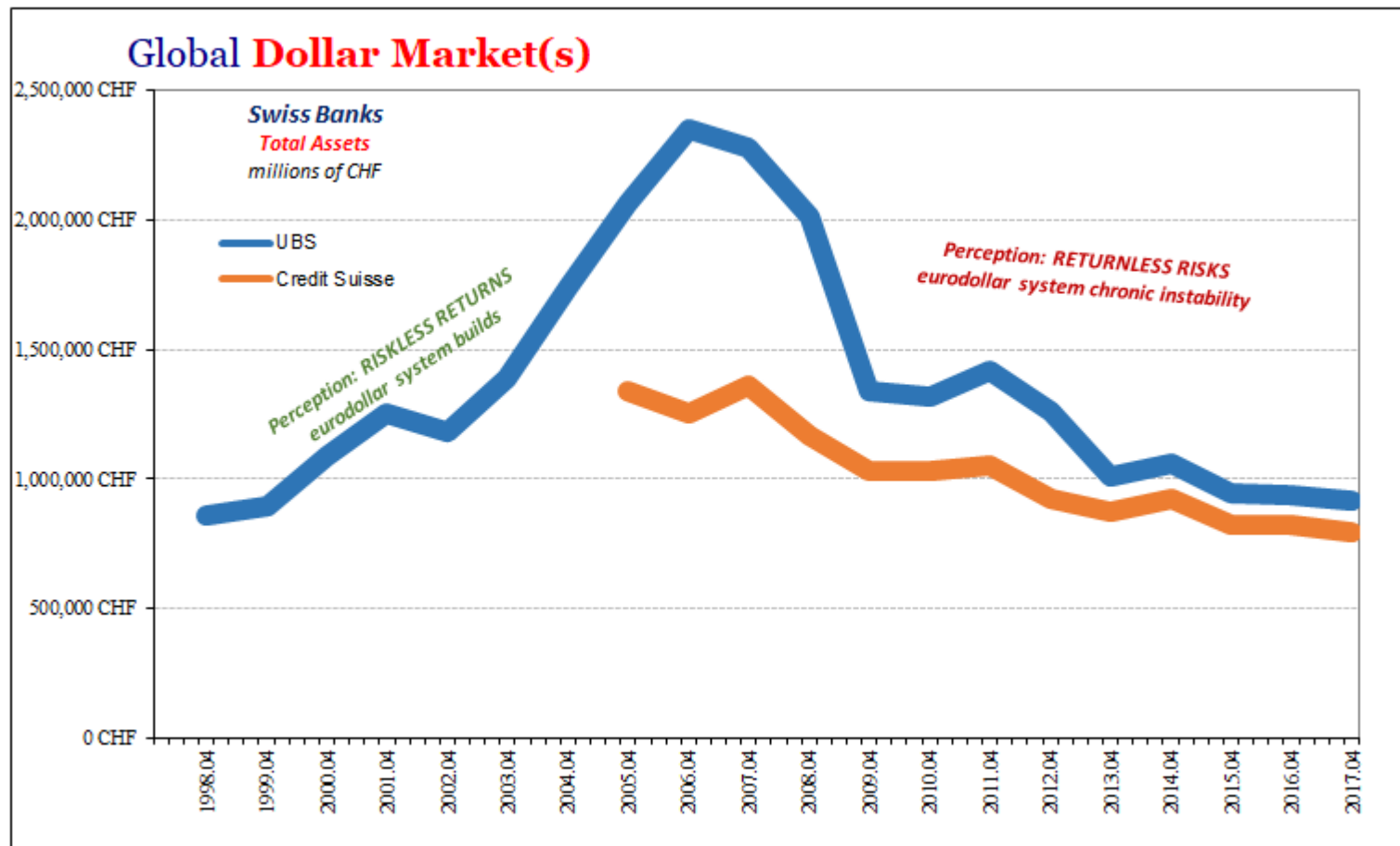


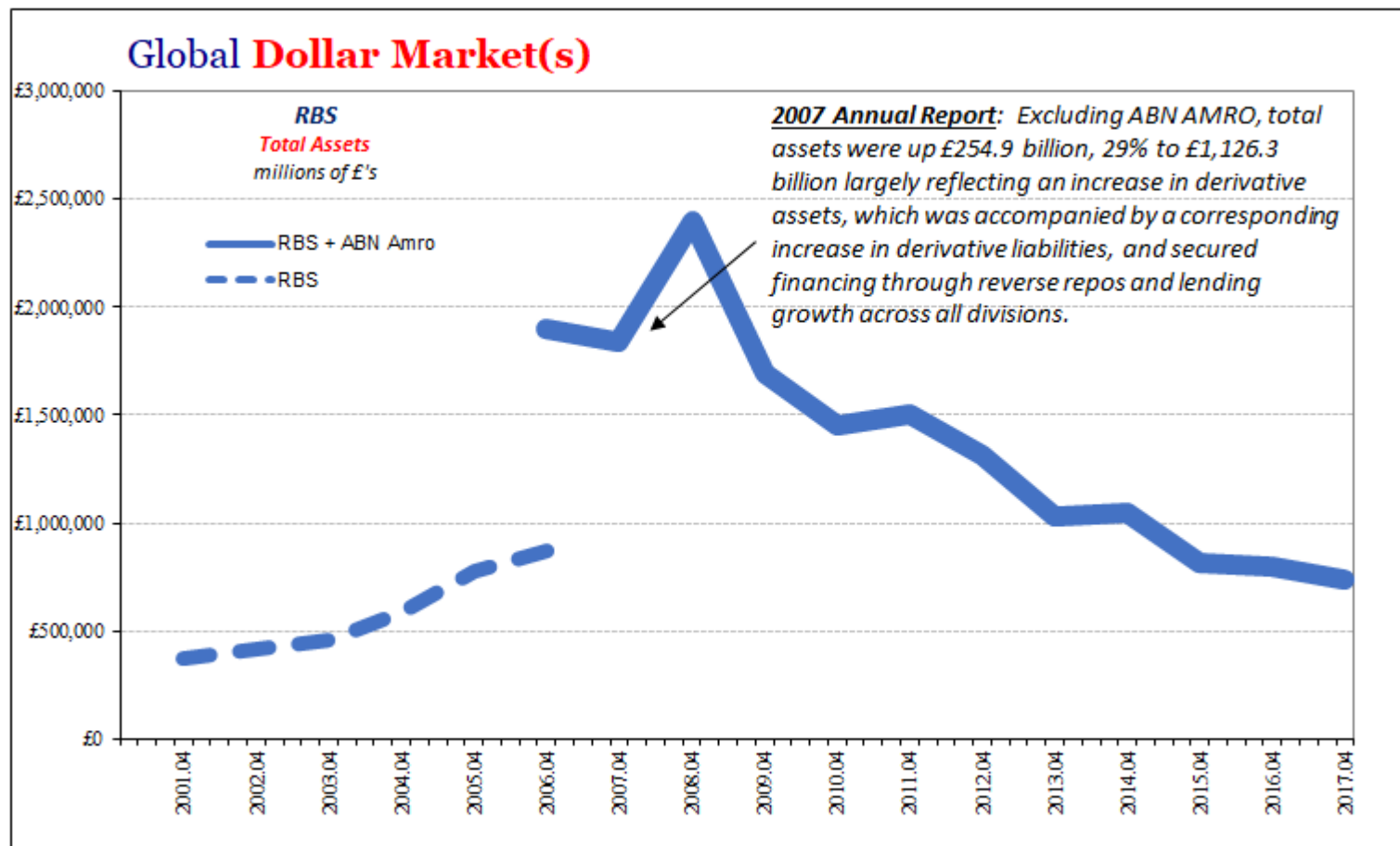












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4. In many ways, this is **nothing new**. We've seen throughout history the same general types of behavior if not expressed quite so exotically and with this level of complexity. Still, a run is a run.

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4a. What is different this time is that the same system **has been left in place**. The global money regime of the eurodollar remains operationally the global standard, even though banks have spent the last decade retreating from it. It therefore ‘keeps the lights on’ but no more. Sustained economic growth is impossible.

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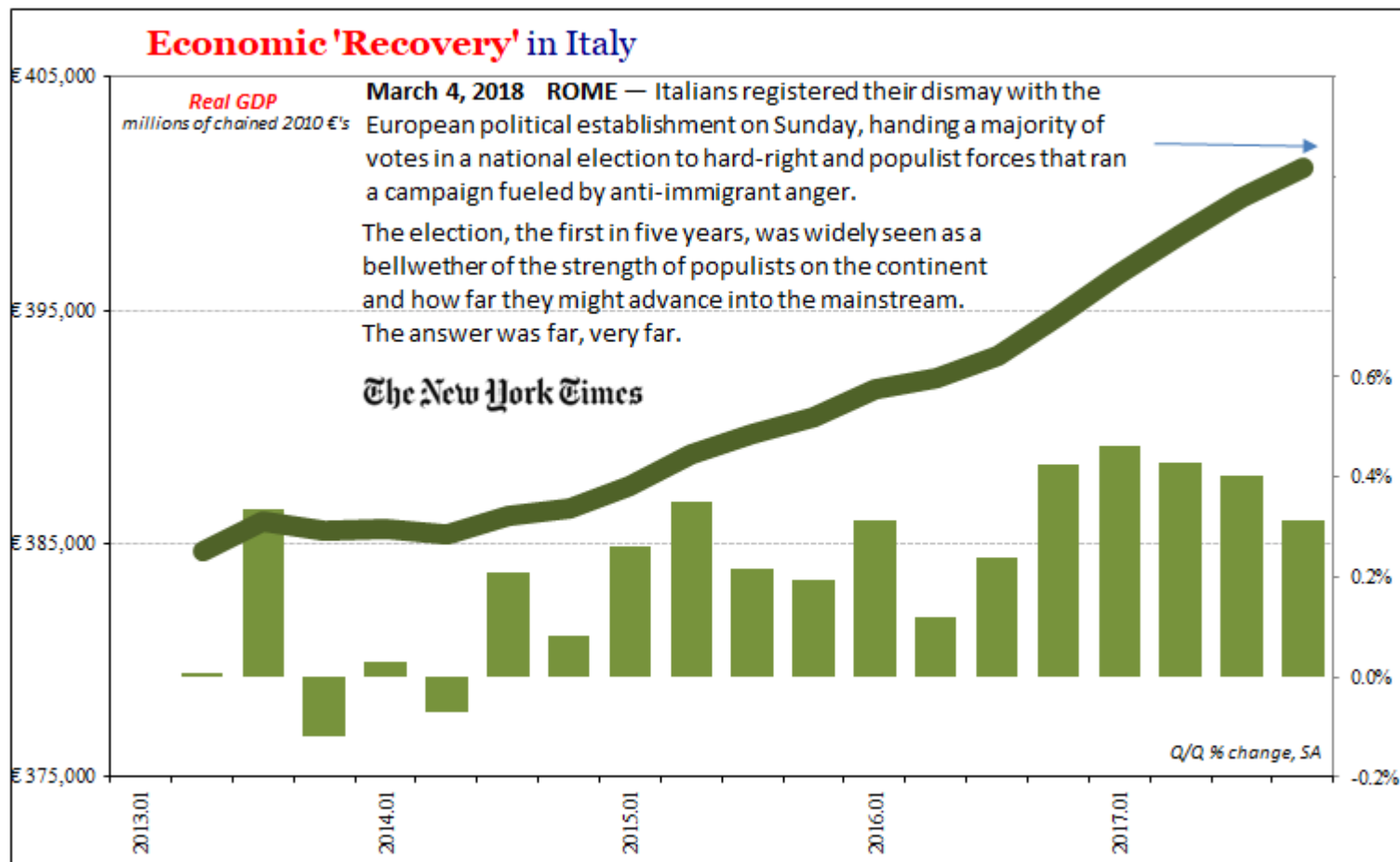
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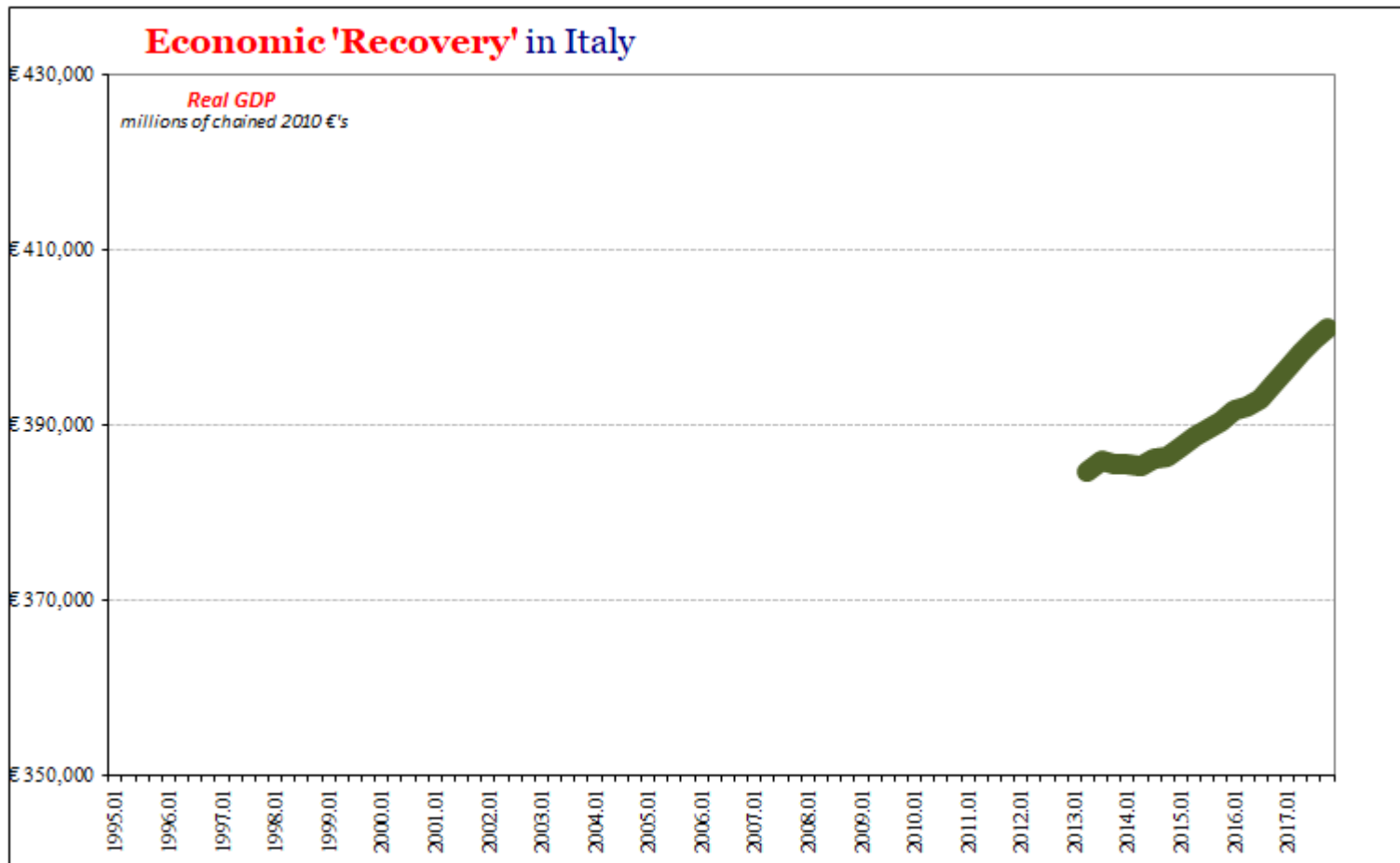
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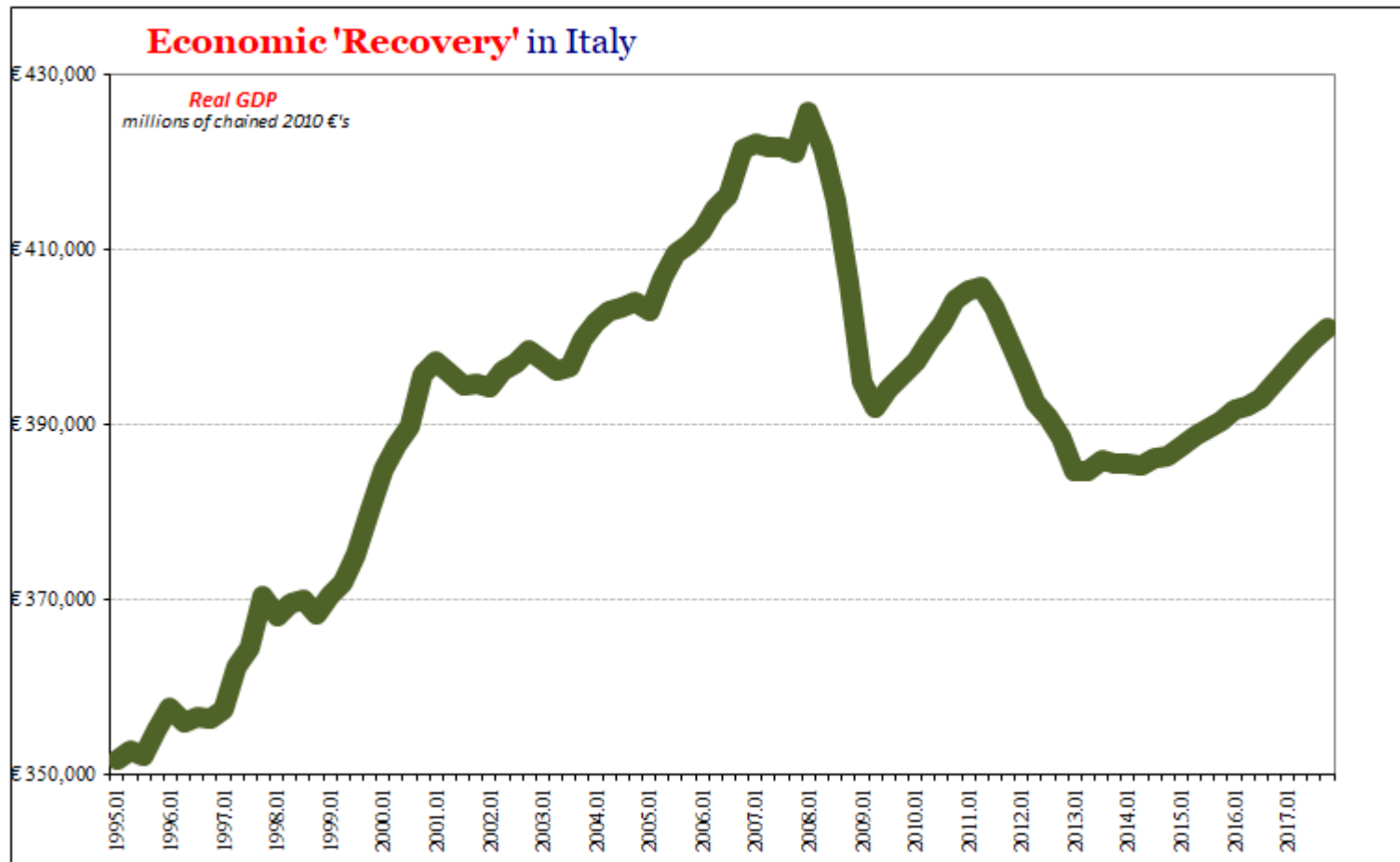


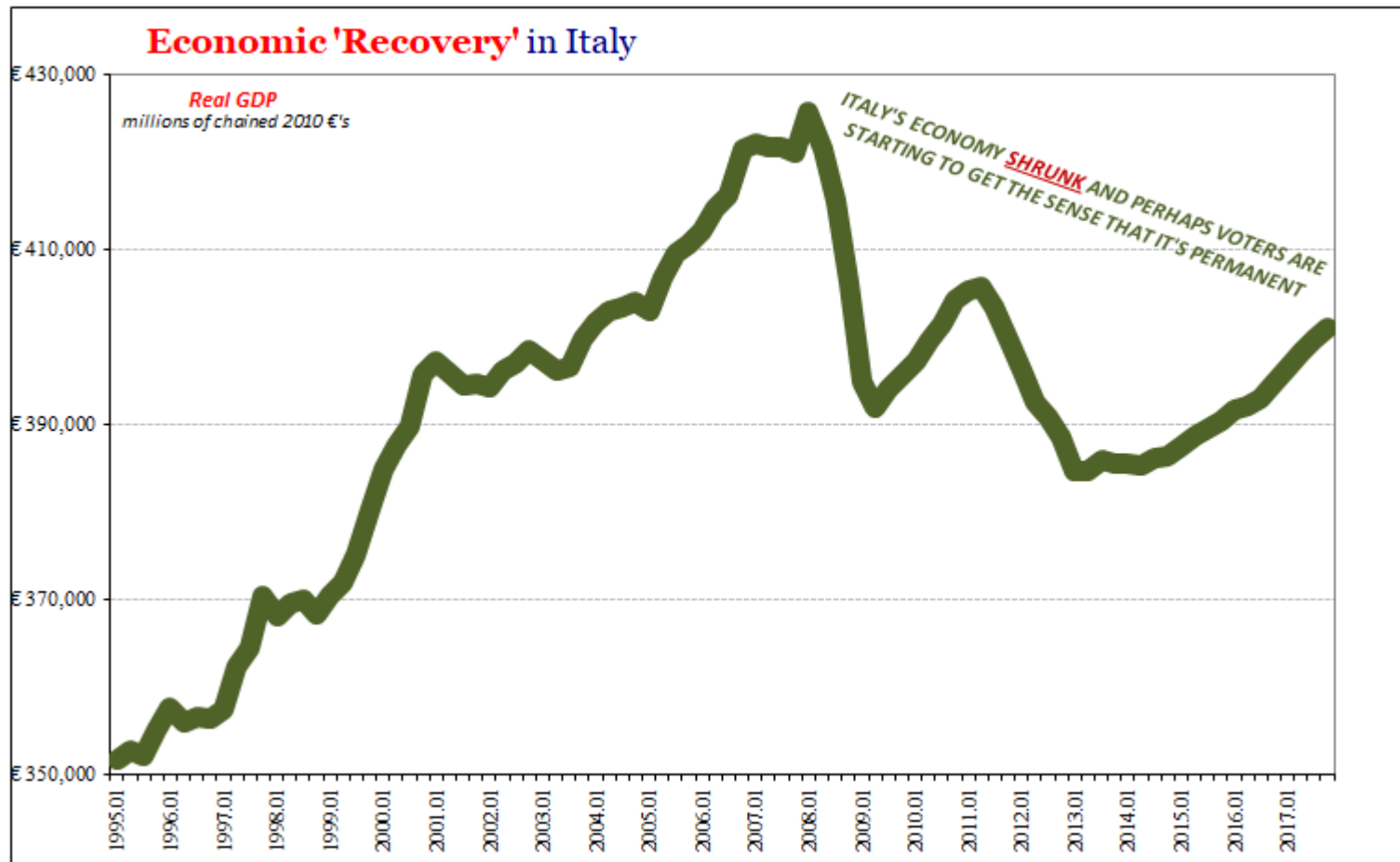
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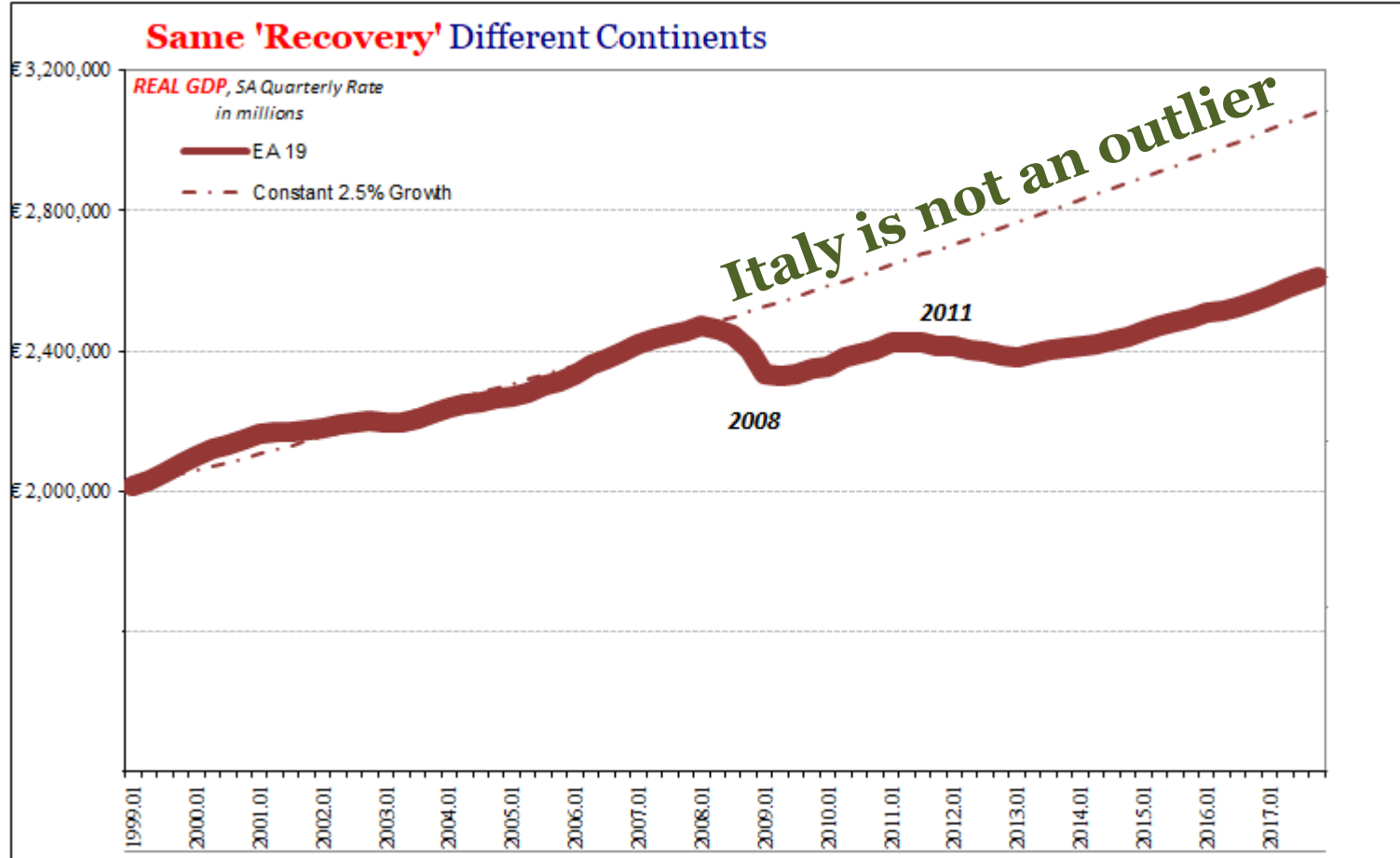
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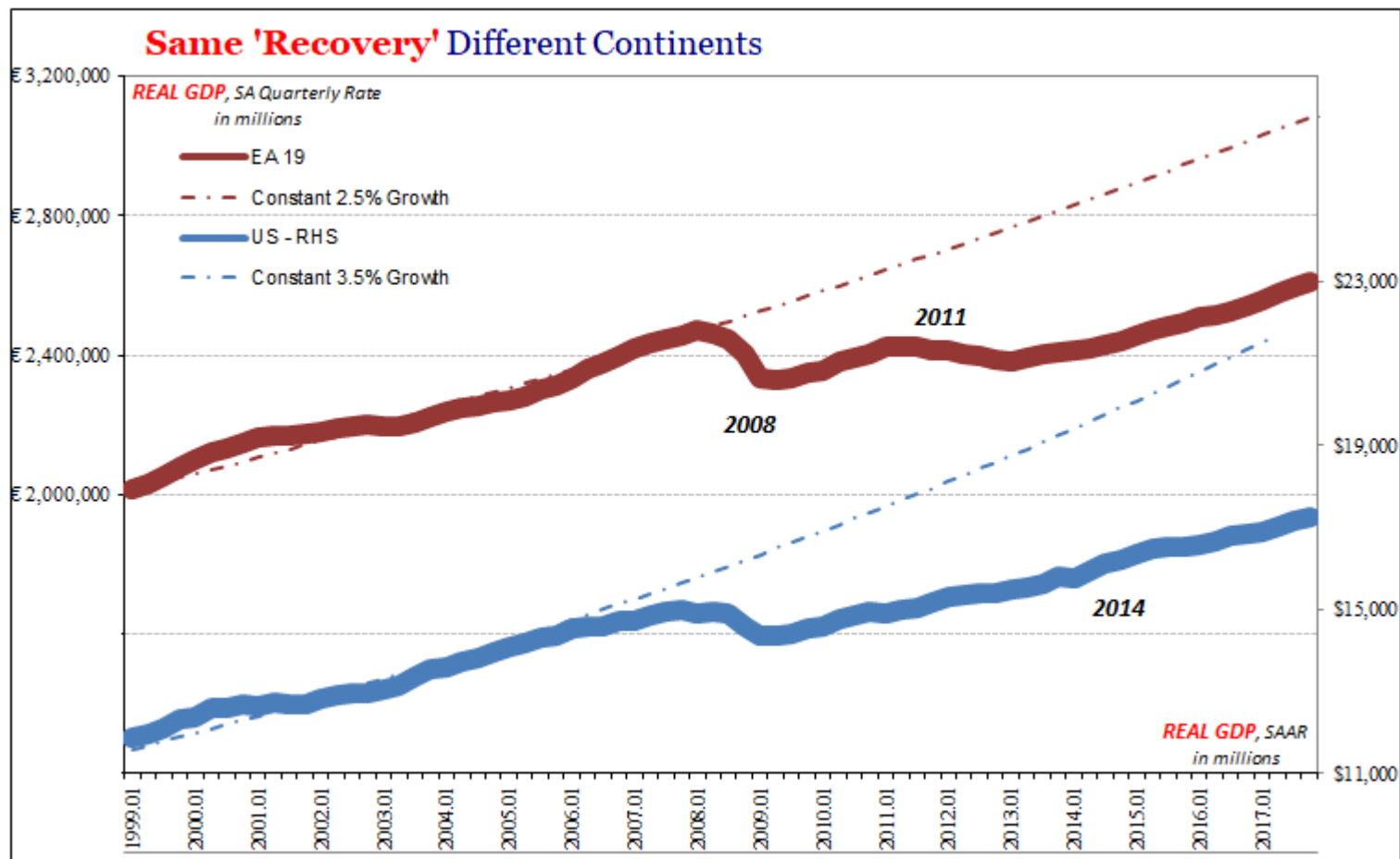


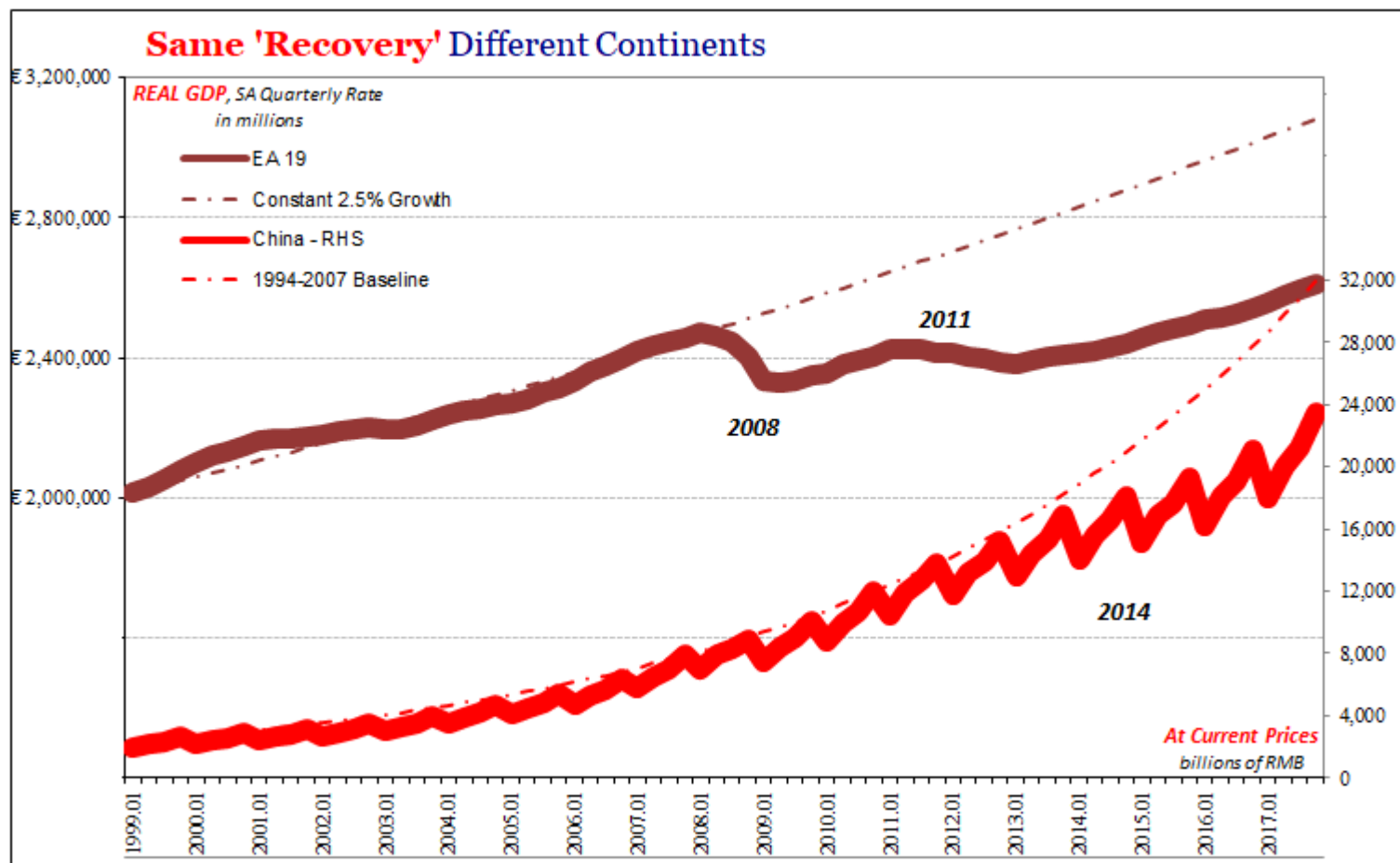


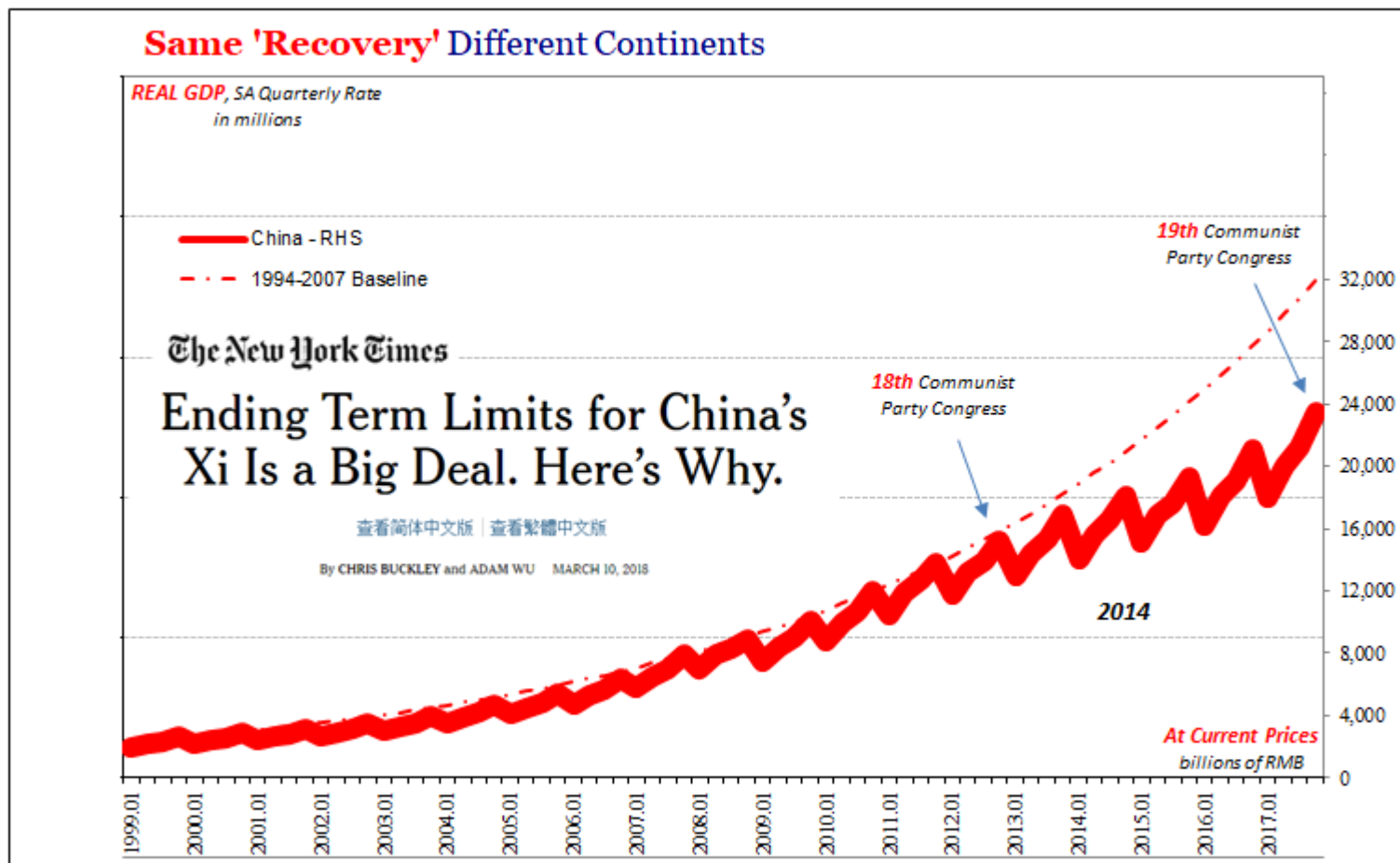


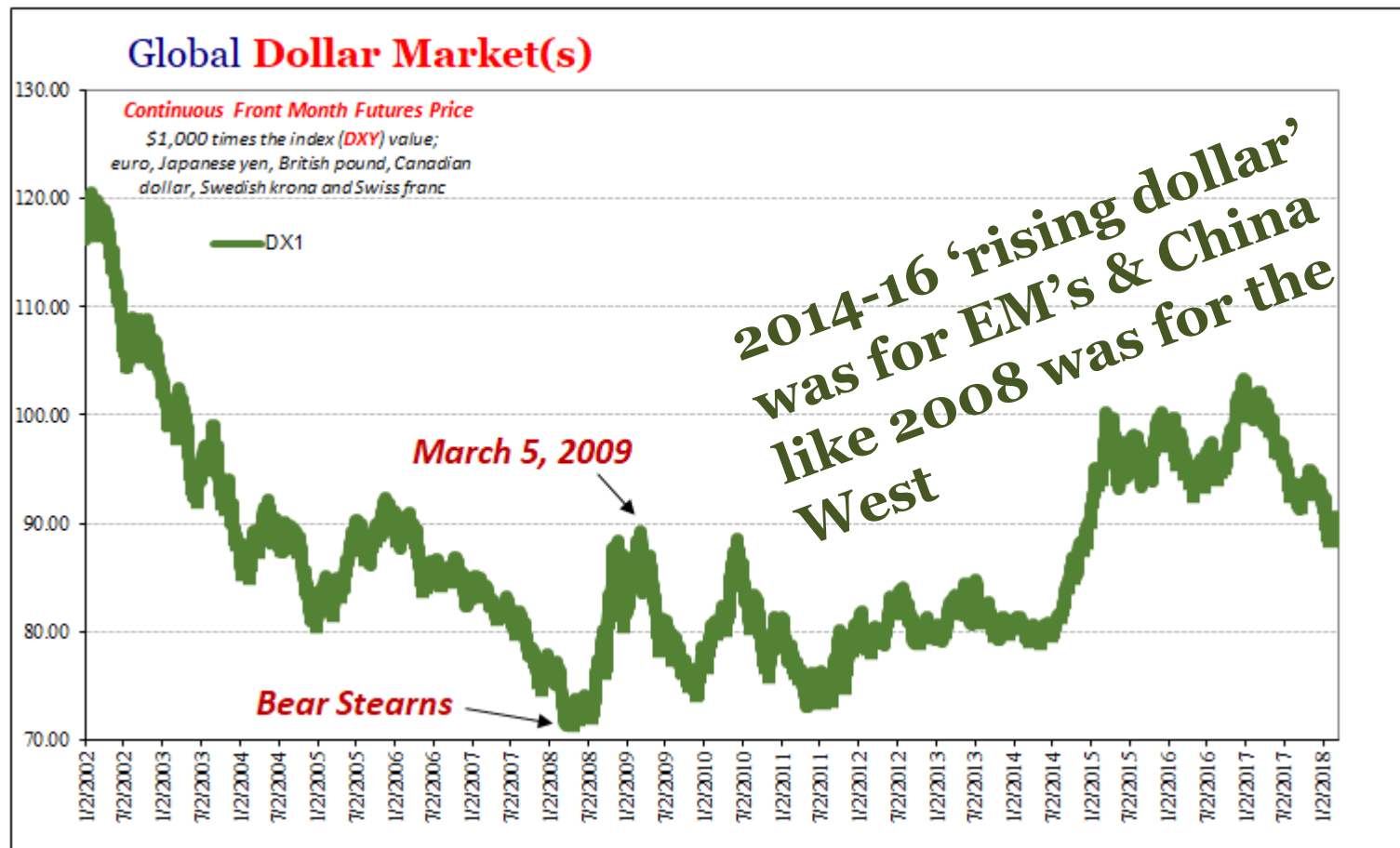












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