



Taiwan & 2 Superpowers

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The Strategic Parallel between Ma & Hu



It's Not MaMaHuHu

- Maintain strategic high altitude to ensure peace
 - Make efforts expressing good will
 - Pursue peaceful external environment
- Economic development/revitalization as priority
 - Express hope to end the state of hostility
 - Prefer negotiation instead of confrontation
 - Promote a form of framework relationship

My presentation at the Brookings Institution after last election 4 years ago.

President Ma's 1st-term Guideline

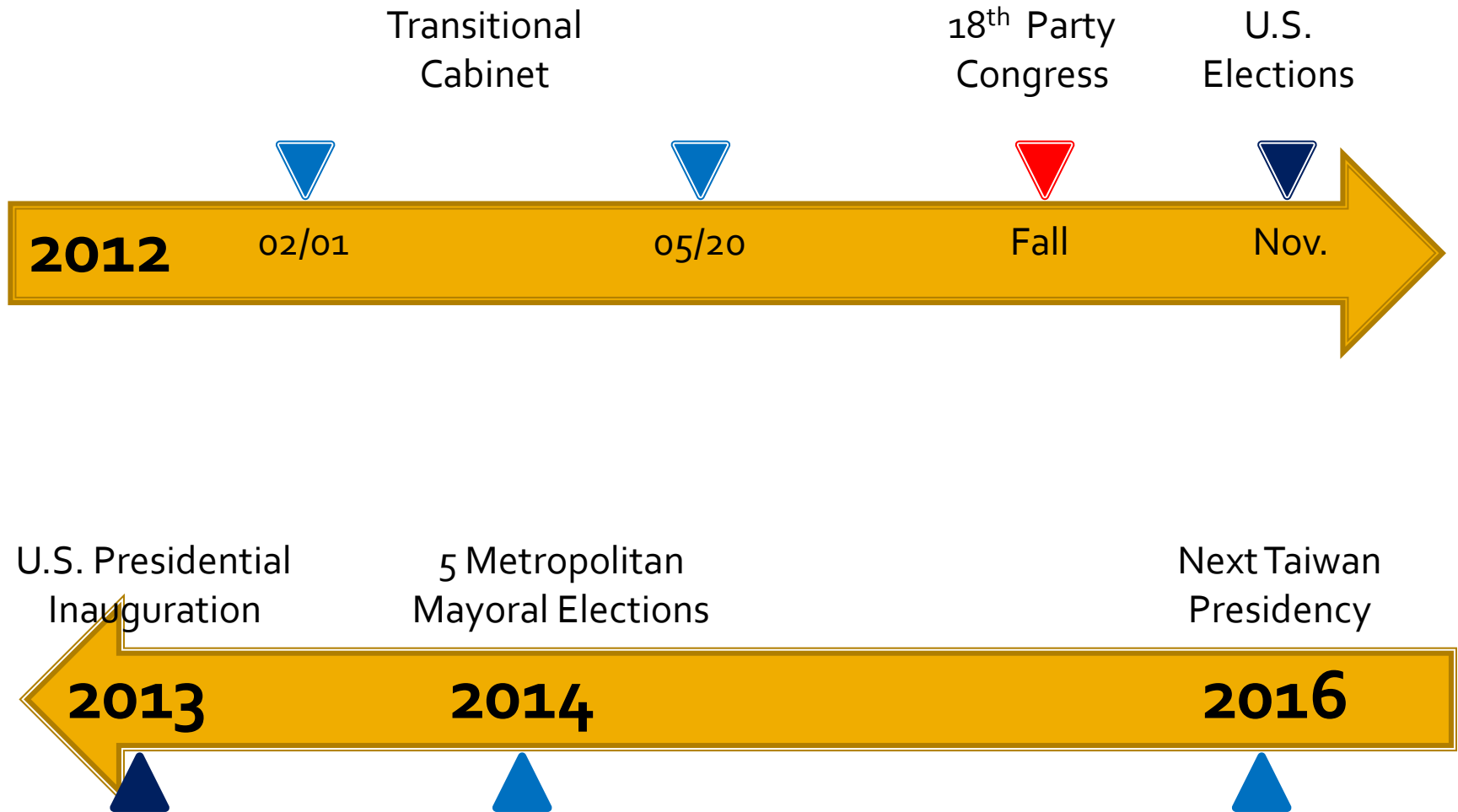
- Ally with the U.S.,
Rapprochement with China,
Be friend with Japan
(親美、和中、友日)
- Non-confrontational
approach to China
≠ sold out Taiwan
- Ma was too close to China?
Hu knows!



Ma's 2nd-term China Policy

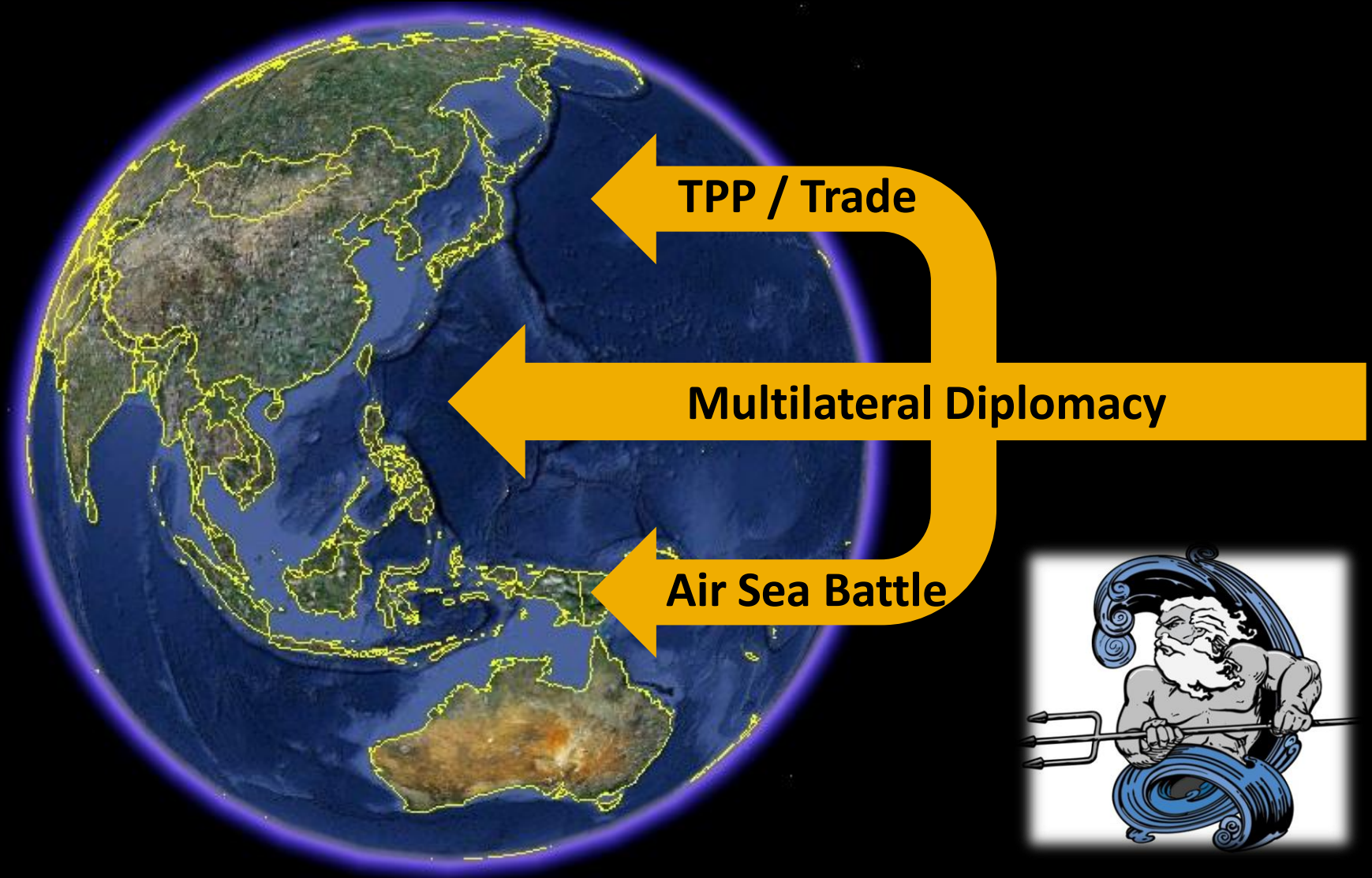
- **“1992 consensus” gained ground**
 - But, it's “one China, different interpretations”
 - Taiwan public: “don't rock the boat”
- **“Economy first, politics later” continues**
 - Post-ECFA negotiations
 - Stronger parliamentary oversight by oppositions
- **Political / Military negotiations - Unlikely**
 - After 18th Party Congress & U.S. elections
 - Mayoral elections 2014 / KMT candidate for 2016

Constraints in Political Calendar



The Strategic Trident

U.S. Reengaging Asia



Ma's 2nd-term U.S. Policy

- **More focus on bilateral relations**
 - To beef, or not to beef + visa waiver program + TIFA + arms sales . . .
- **Positioning in U.S. Asian Strategy**
 - ECFA for U.S. interests + Taiwan for TPP
 - Critical period in defense transformation
- **Mini-S&ED for mutual benefit**
 - Cross-agencies, cabinet-to-cabinet dialogues (at appropriate level) is warranted



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