

# LA CROISSANCE, OÙ EN SOMMES-NOUS ?

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## **Structural characteristics of growth**

- regime shifts and bimodal patterns
- $1+1=2.5$  (superlinear productivity)
- the “social bubble” nature of great innovations

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- productivity and innovation

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# Multi-frequency business cycle analysis and bipolar growth rate of the real US GDP per capita

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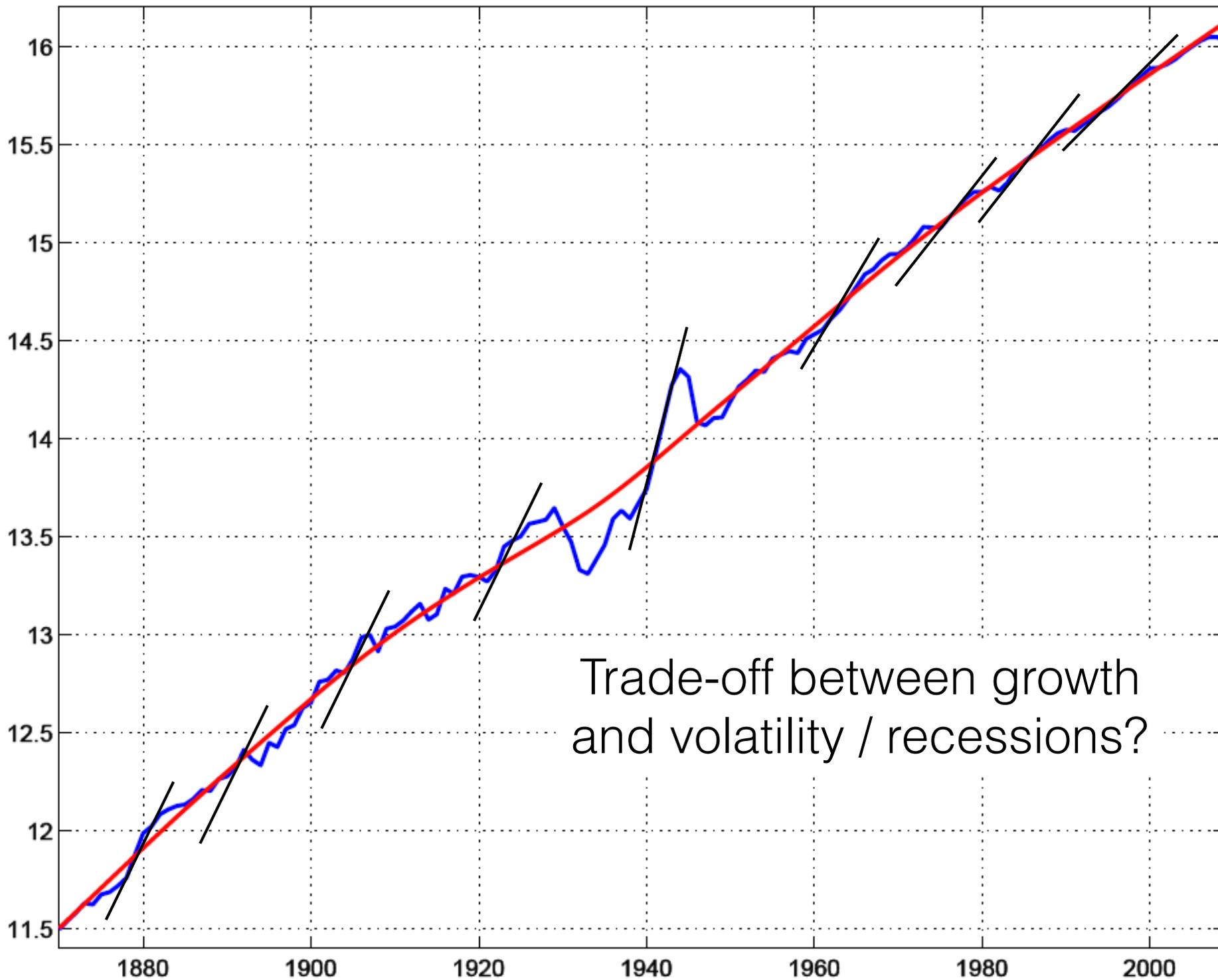
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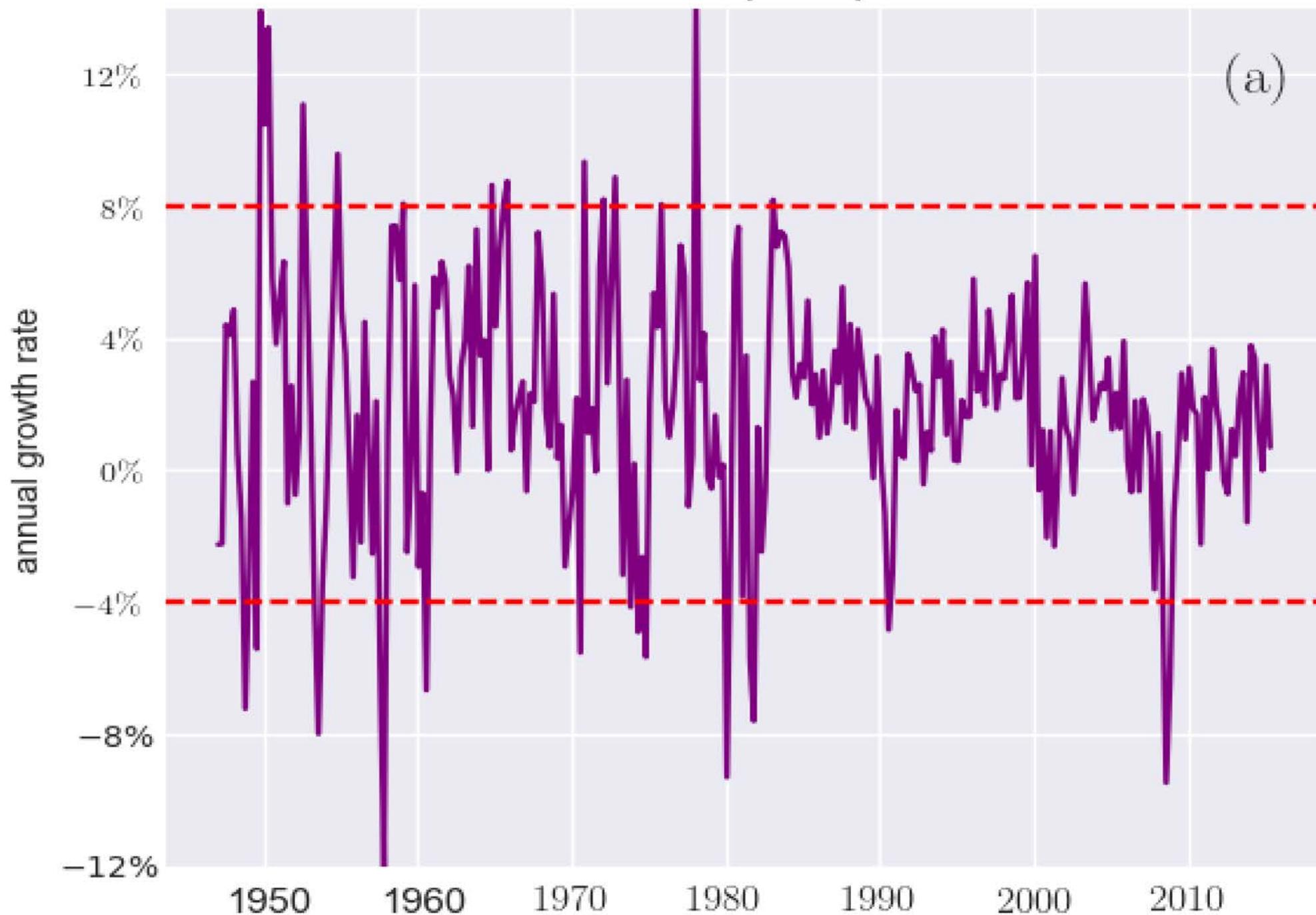
## What is the “natural” growth rate of an economy?

U.S. REAL GDP, 1870-2008, LOG SCALE



Trade-off between growth  
and volatility / recessions?

# real GDP per capita



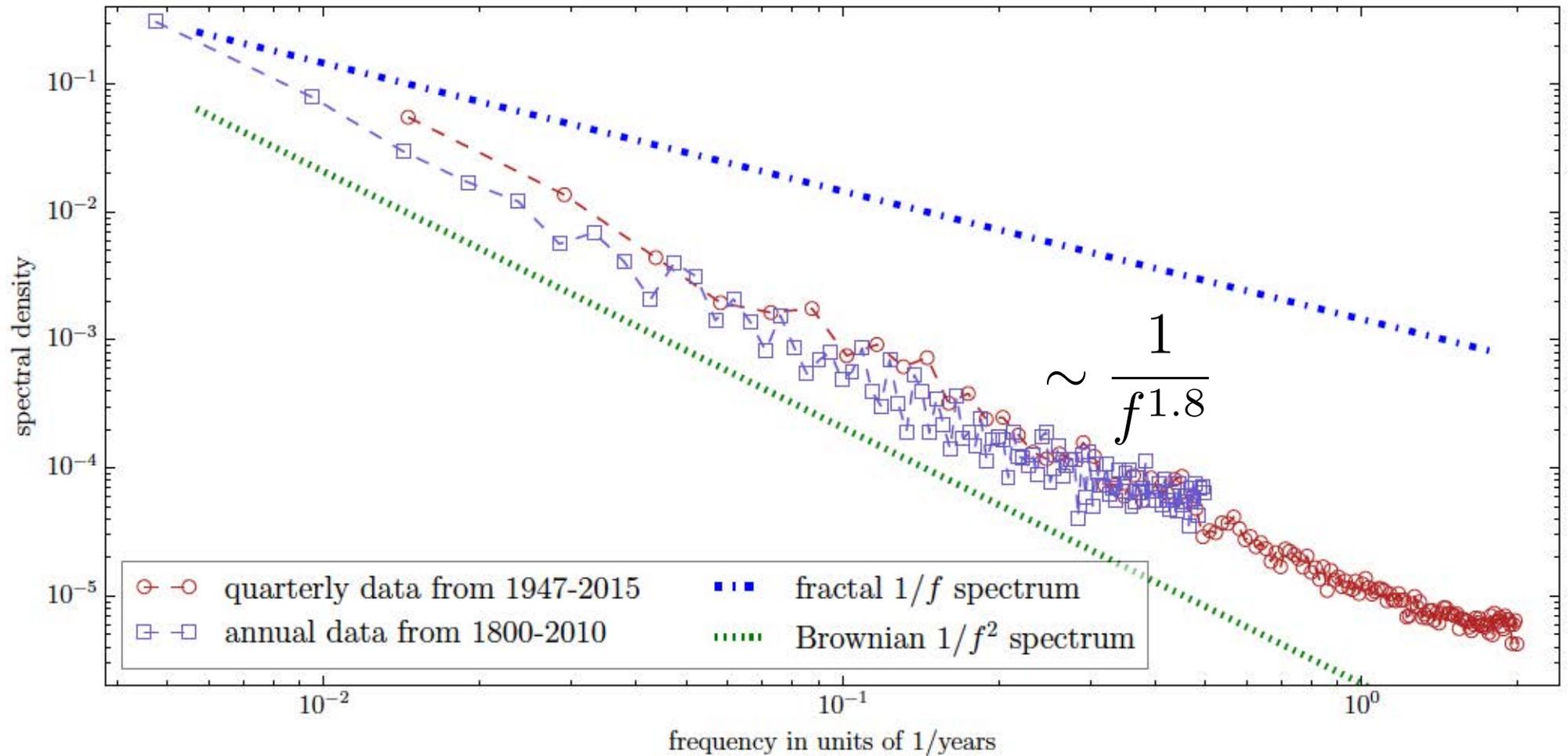
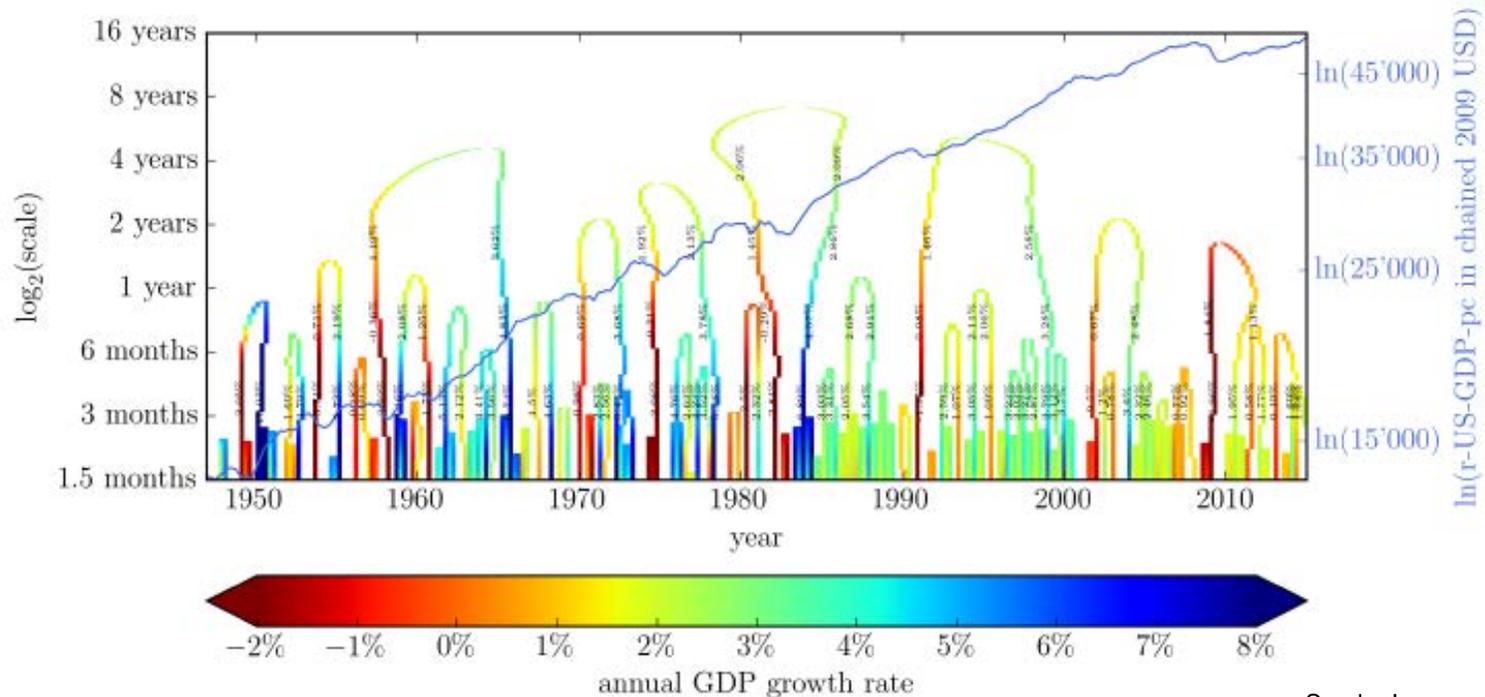
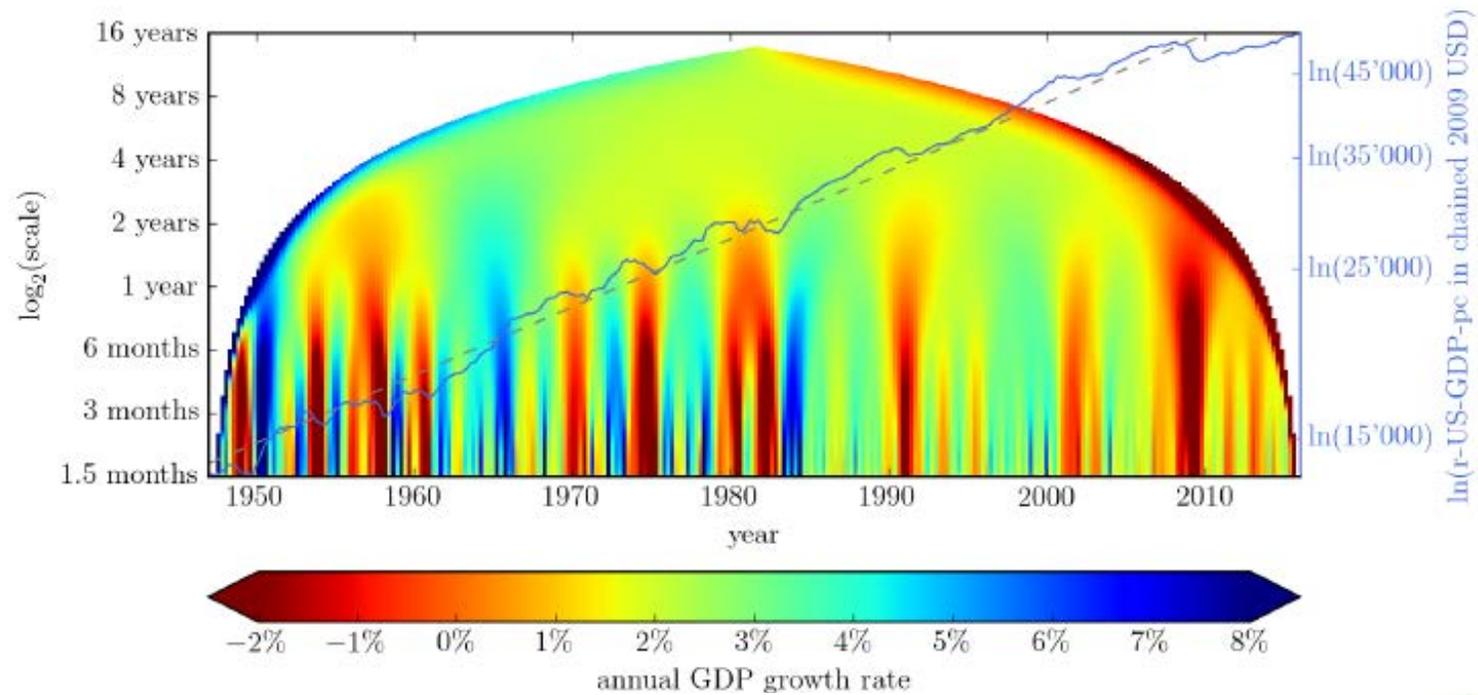


Figure 1: Spectral density of r-US-GDP-pc data. We observe a scale-free continuum of scales with no clear peaks. A least squares fit determines an exponent of  $\approx -1.80$  for both the quarterly and the annual data set, thus classifying the GDP as a long-memory process.

mother wavelet: 
$$\psi^{(1)}(t; s) = \frac{t}{\sqrt{2\pi}s^3} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^2\right)$$

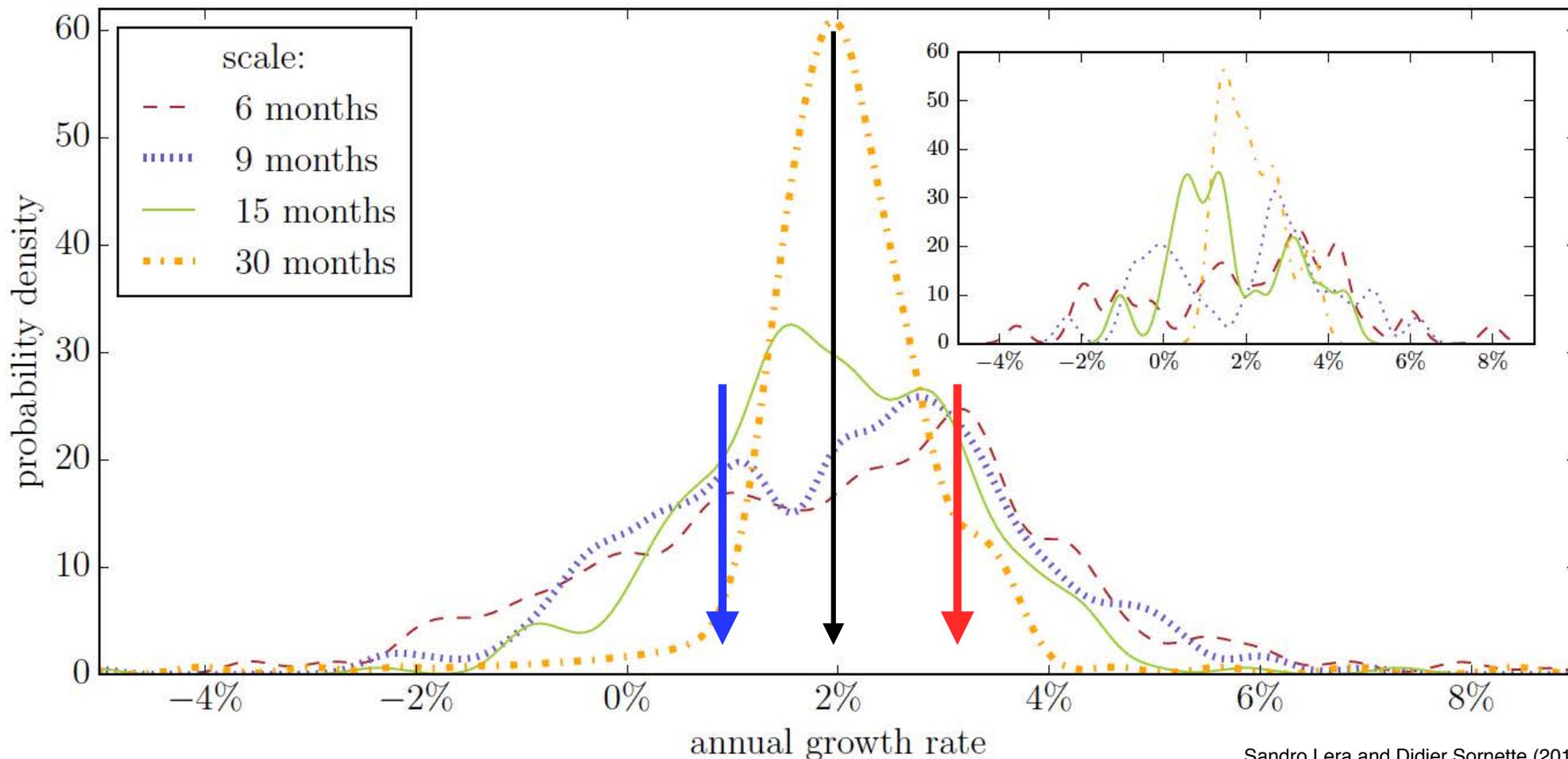


# Secular bipolar growth rate of the real US GDP per capita

A long term average growth rate of real GDP per capita of 2% per year is obtained by regime shifts between regimes of high growth ( $\sim 3\%$  per year) and regimes of low growth ( $<1\%$  per year).

$$\rho_{\text{low}}(6 \text{ months}) \approx 1\% \lesssim \rho_{\text{low}}(9 \text{ months}) \approx 1.1\% \lesssim \rho_{\text{low}}(15 \text{ months}) \approx 1.5\% \lesssim \rho_{\text{lt}} \approx 2\%$$

$$\rho_{\text{high}}(6 \text{ months}) \approx 3.1\% \gtrsim \rho_{\text{high}}(9 \text{ months}) \approx 2.8\% \approx \rho_{\text{high}}(15 \text{ months}) \approx 2.8\% \gtrsim \rho_{\text{lt}} \approx 2\%.$$



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**Lesson 1:** growth occurs in cycles and there is persistent hubris in extrapolating the high-growth regimes

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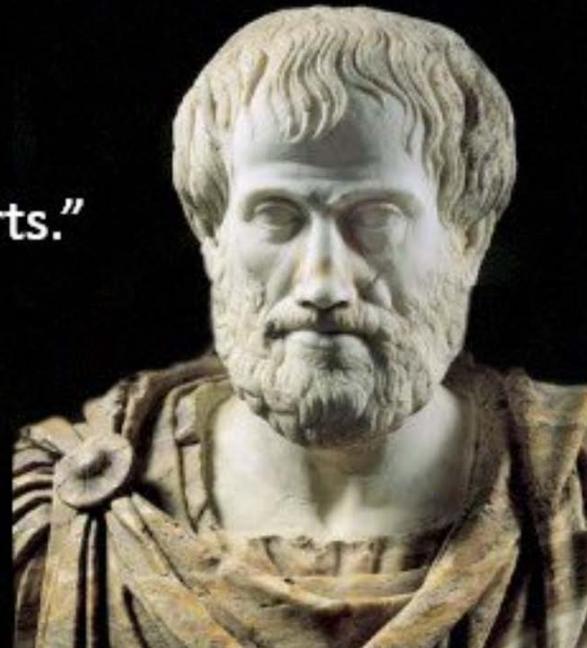
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**“The whole is greater  
than the sum of its parts.”**

**-Aristotle**



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# How Much Is the Whole Really More than the Sum of Its Parts? $1 \boxplus 1 = 2.5$ : Superlinear Productivity in Collective Group Actions

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$$R \sim c^\beta$$

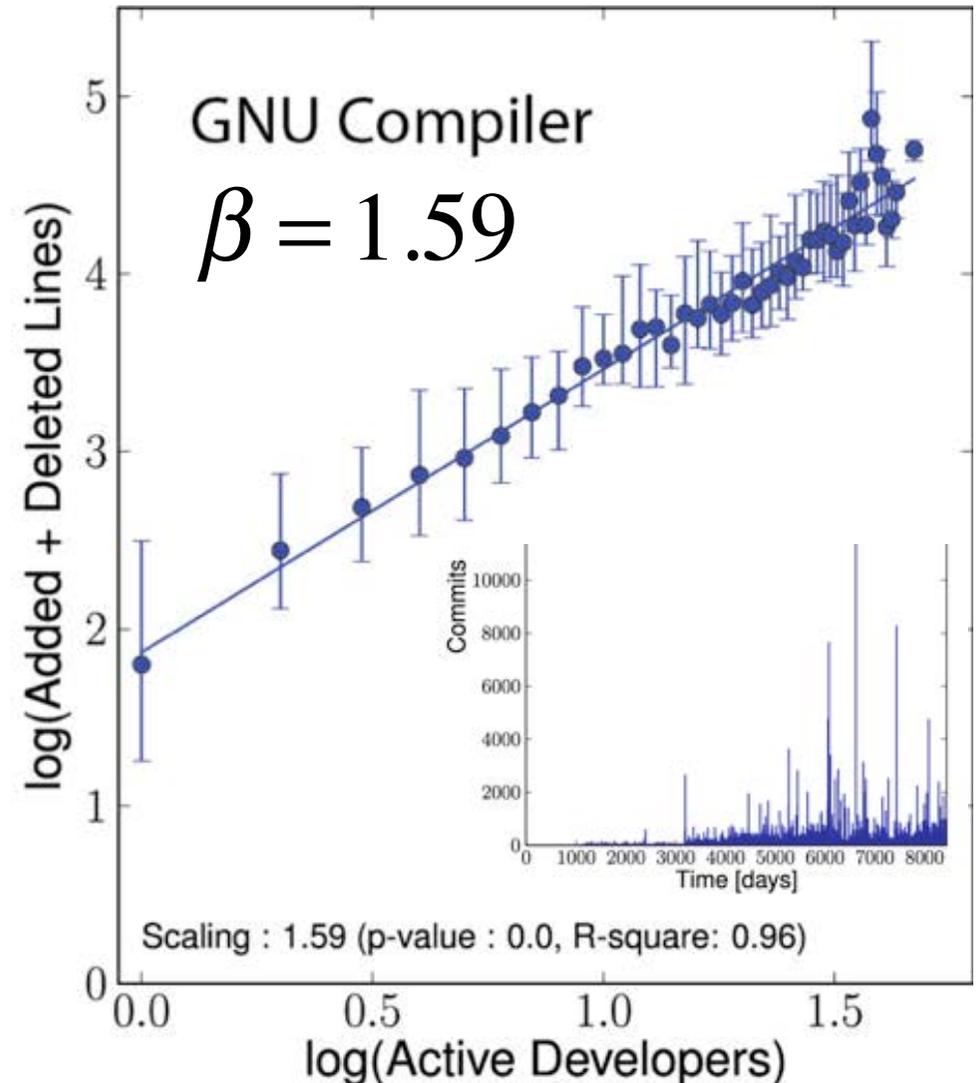
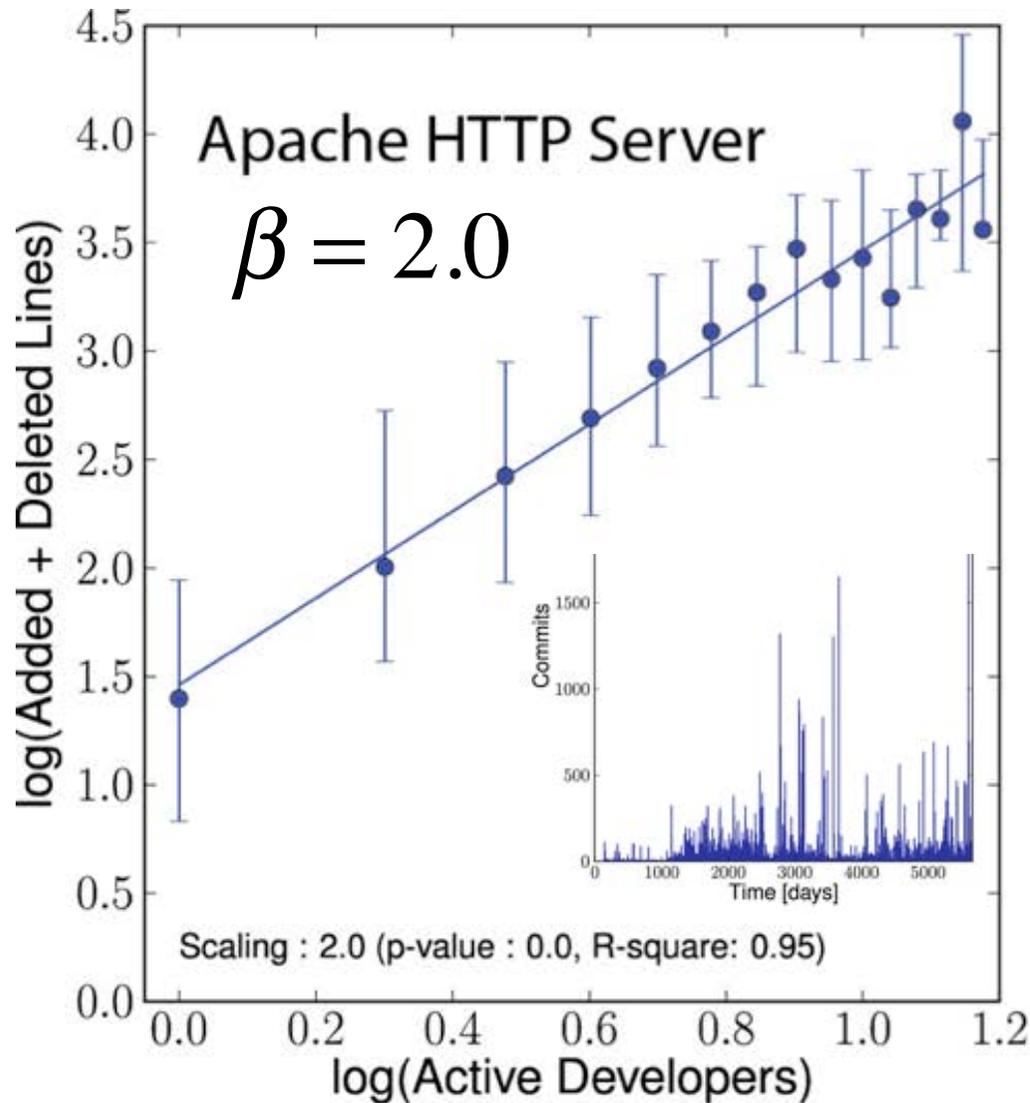
the production  $R$  is defined as the total number of commits measured per 5-day time windows for the Apache Web Server (<http://httpd.apache.org/>)

$c$  is the number of active contributors in the same 5-day time windows.

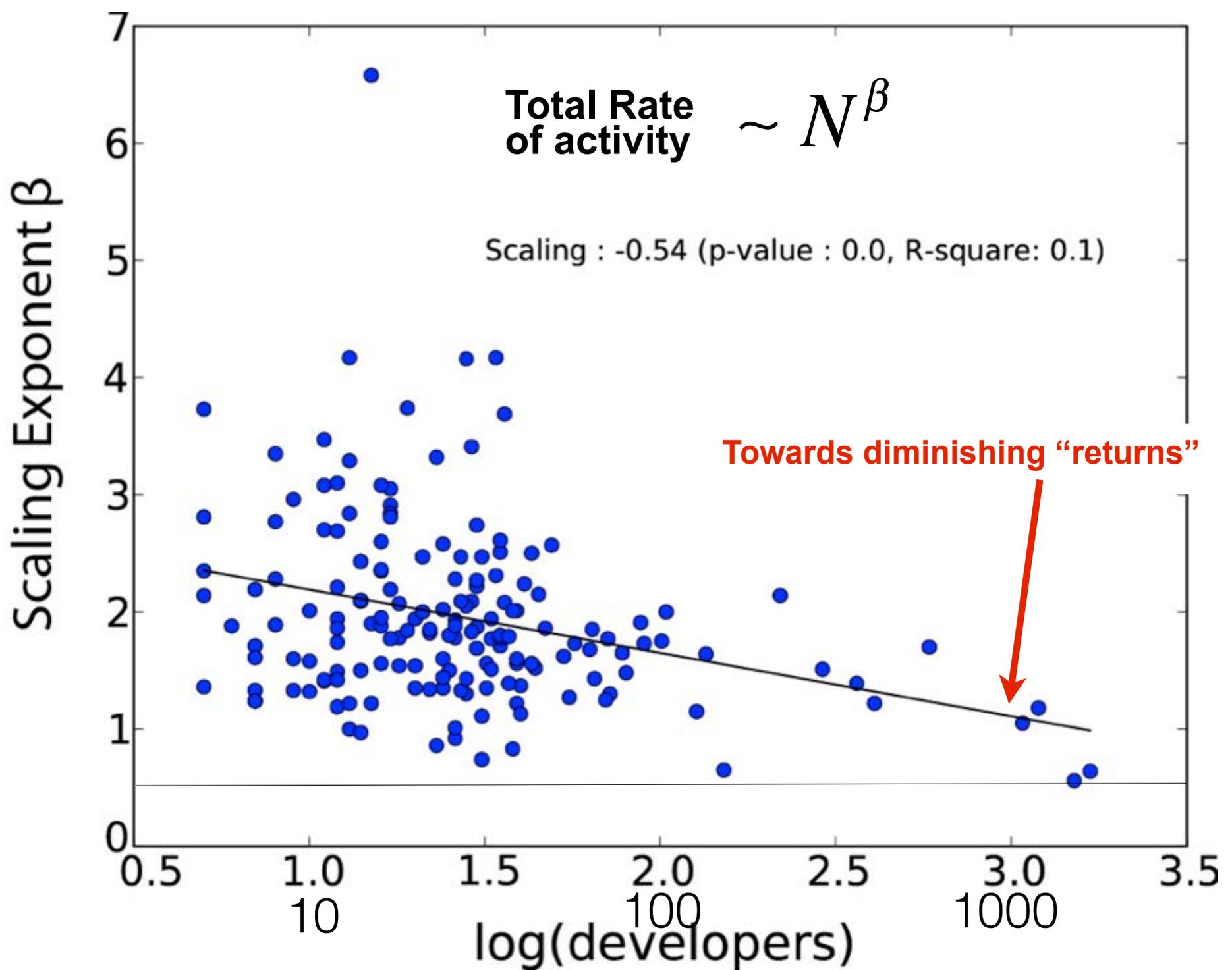
# 1+1=2.5-3.5 !

Total Rate of activity  $\sim c^\beta$

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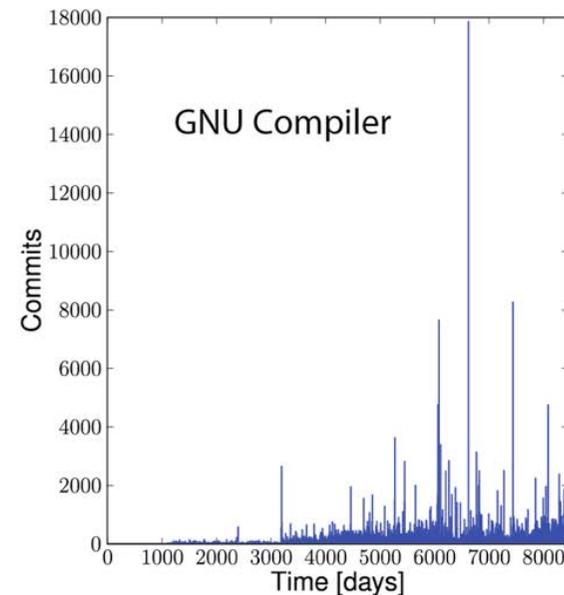
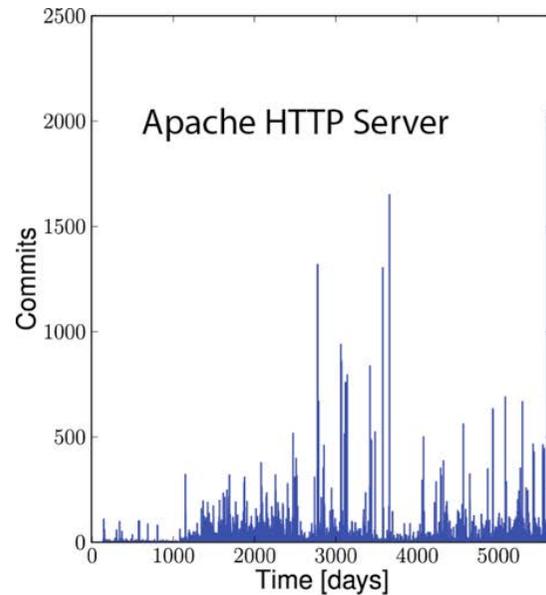


Total rate of activity (number of lines changed, added and/or deleted) as a function of the number N of active developers per three-day time bins for the projects



# Designing Organizations for Productive/Creative Bursts

Georg von Krogh, Thomas Maillart, Stefan Haefliger, Didier Sornette



**Six design principles to help managers deal with this challenge:**

- 1) transparency;
- 2) bottom-up incentives and self-censored clans;
- 3) emergent technology;
- 4) problem front-loading;
- 5) distributed screening;
- 6) modularity

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# The “Social Useful Bubble” Hypothesis

“Enthusiastic supporters of an idea / a project / an opportunity weave a network of reinforcing feedbacks based on exuberant anticipation that lead to widespread endorsement and extraordinary commitment beyond what would be rationalized by a standard cost-benefit analysis.”

## How to engineer “useful bubbles” for innovation !

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# The social Useful Bubble Hypothesis: “innovation accelerator”

DEFINITION: a social bubble developing during a technological project is defined when several of the following symptoms are simultaneously present:

(i) strong growth of presence in the media, newspapers, books, blogs, gossips, cocktails... ,

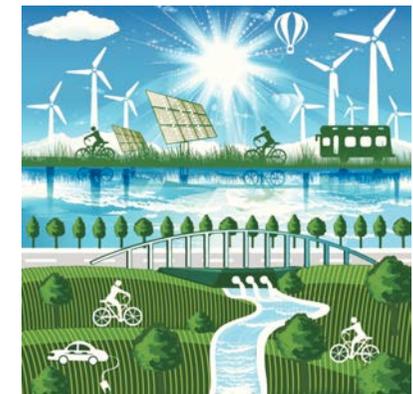
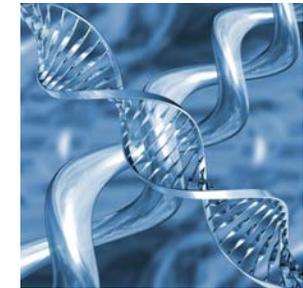
(ii) flow of venture capital and Wall Street investments,

(iii) accelerated price growth of corresponding firms trading on organized stock markets,

(iv) proliferation of ventures of all kinds (South Sea Bubble in 1720 and the ICT bubble crashing in 2000, Blockchain bubble since 2015...)

# Four Case Studies So Far

- The US Apollo Program (1960-1969)
- The Human Genome Project (1990-2003)
- The FuturICT Project (2010-2013)
- Green technologies (2003-2008)



# The Human Genome Project (1990–2003)

- In February 2001, Celera and HGP scientists published details of their drafts (in *Science* and *Nature* respectively), describing the methods used and offering analysis of the sequence
- Improved drafts were announced and presented to the public in 2003, filling the open gaps



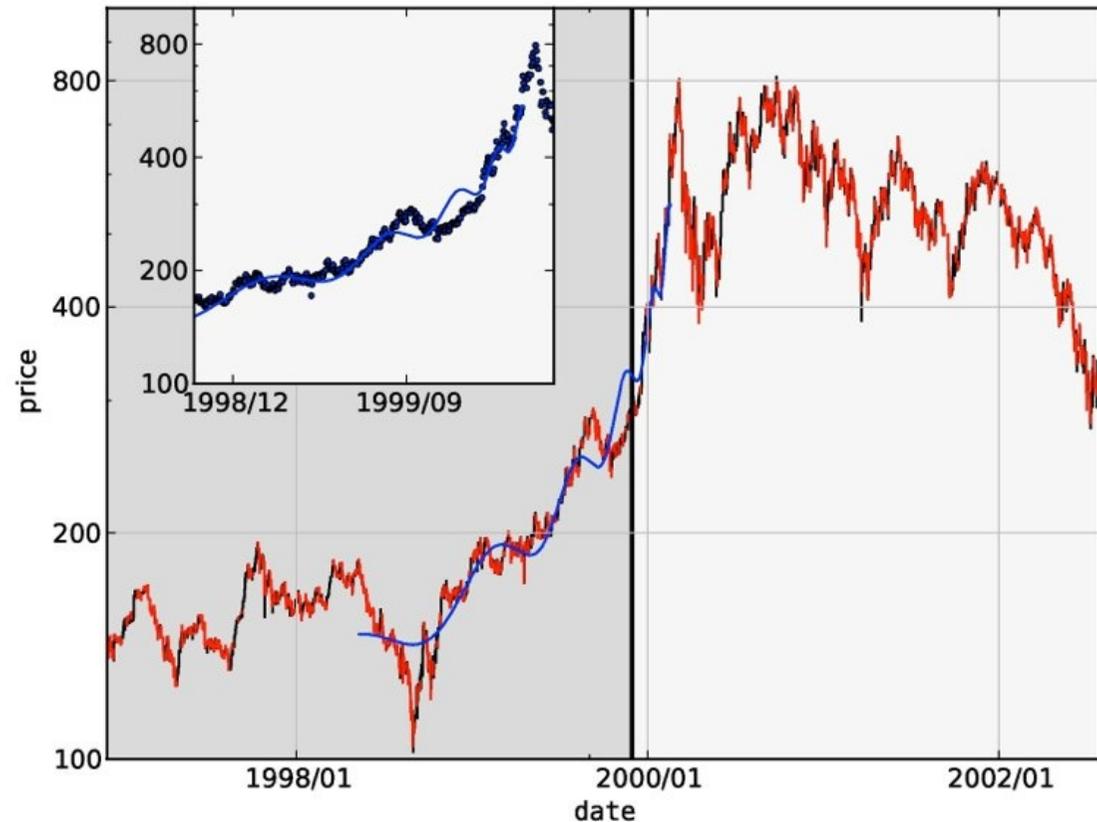
## THE HUMAN GENOME

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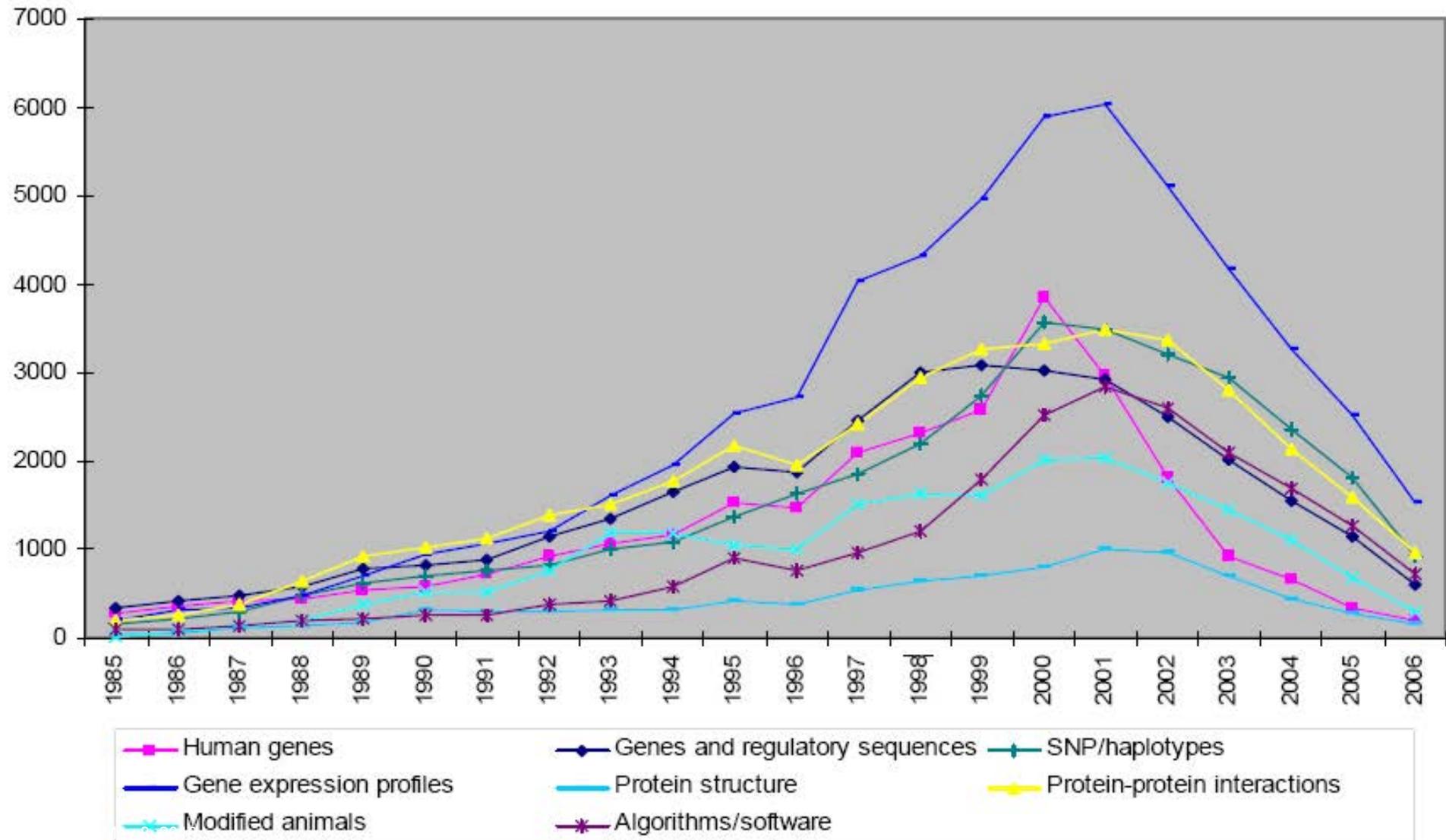
# Financial bubble in biotech

The Figure provides the Biotech index over the time interval from (January) 1997 to (June) 2002. Its inset shows the same data magnified from June 1998 to April 2000. One can observe a more than quadrupling of the index from 1998 to the peak occurring in early March 2000



# Genome patent applications

Patent applications p/y (1985-2006), peaking in late 2000/early 2001



# The Human Genome Project (1990–2003)

Anticipations of the commercial and medical applications of the HGP were highly inflated

Today, it is acknowledged that insight into the genetic mapping and sequencing effort is only seen as a starting point for future research in biology and medicine.

Contrary to claims during its development, the main fruits of the Human Genome Project have been **accruing to the research community, and almost nothing to medicine and the general public.**

But indirect technological gains values at >750 Billions USD by Obama's administration



The picture shows DNA Sequencing Machines at TIGR (downloaded from Independent Science News, May 8, 2013)

# Present and future useful Social Bubbles

- biotech and nanotech, genomics, proteomics, personalised medicine
- Apps revolution
- open and big data revolution (+3-5 Trillion\$ annually, McKinsey Oct. 2013)
- Blockchain v1.0 and v2.0 (“Internet of value”)
- Green tech revolution
- Gas and oil Fracking
- Space frontier (SpaceX, Orbital Science Corp., Virgin Galactic...)
- Ocean frontier
- Nuclear energy technology revolution

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# The four industrial revolutions

Progress in the last 250 years has been marked by a series of “industrial revolutions” (IR):

- **Industrial Revolution #1** (1750 to 1850): coal, steel, steam and railroads;
- **Industrial Revolution #2** (1870 to 1930): electricity, internal combustion engine, cars, running water, indoor toilets, telephone, wireless telegraphy and radio, movies, petroleum, chemical;
- **Industrial Revolution #3** (1960 to 2000): electronics, computers, the web, the Internet, mobile phones;
- **Industrial Revolution #4** (on-going, from 2000 to the uncharted future): the progressive fusion of the physical, digital and biological worlds with cloud computing, information storage, the Internet of things, the blockchain technology revolution, artificial intelligence, intelligent robots, self-driving cars, genomics and gene editing, neuro-technological developments, enhanced humans...



Watt = unit of power  
Joule = unit of work or energy

# Energy Slaves

1 average Man = 35 watt for 8 hours = 1.01 MJ

$$J = W * \text{sec}$$

1 average draft horse = 746 watts for 8 hours = 21.5 MJ

1 "average" tractor = 200 hp = 149,200 watts (for 8 hours) = 4,296MJ

1 tonne oil equivalent = 12,000,000 watt hours = 43,000 MJ

**23.5 grams of oil equivalent = 1 average man working for 8 hours**  $(1.01 / 43,000) * 10^6$



OECD uses 5.5 billion toe per annum

Population = 1.179 billion

Per capita energy use = 4.7 toe per annum

= 197 GJ per capita per annum

giga =  $10^9$ ; mega =  $10^6$

$$197 \text{ GJ} / 1.01 \text{ MJ} = 195,000$$



**195,000 slave days (8 hours) per person per annum**

**But we waste 2/3 of the energy we use**

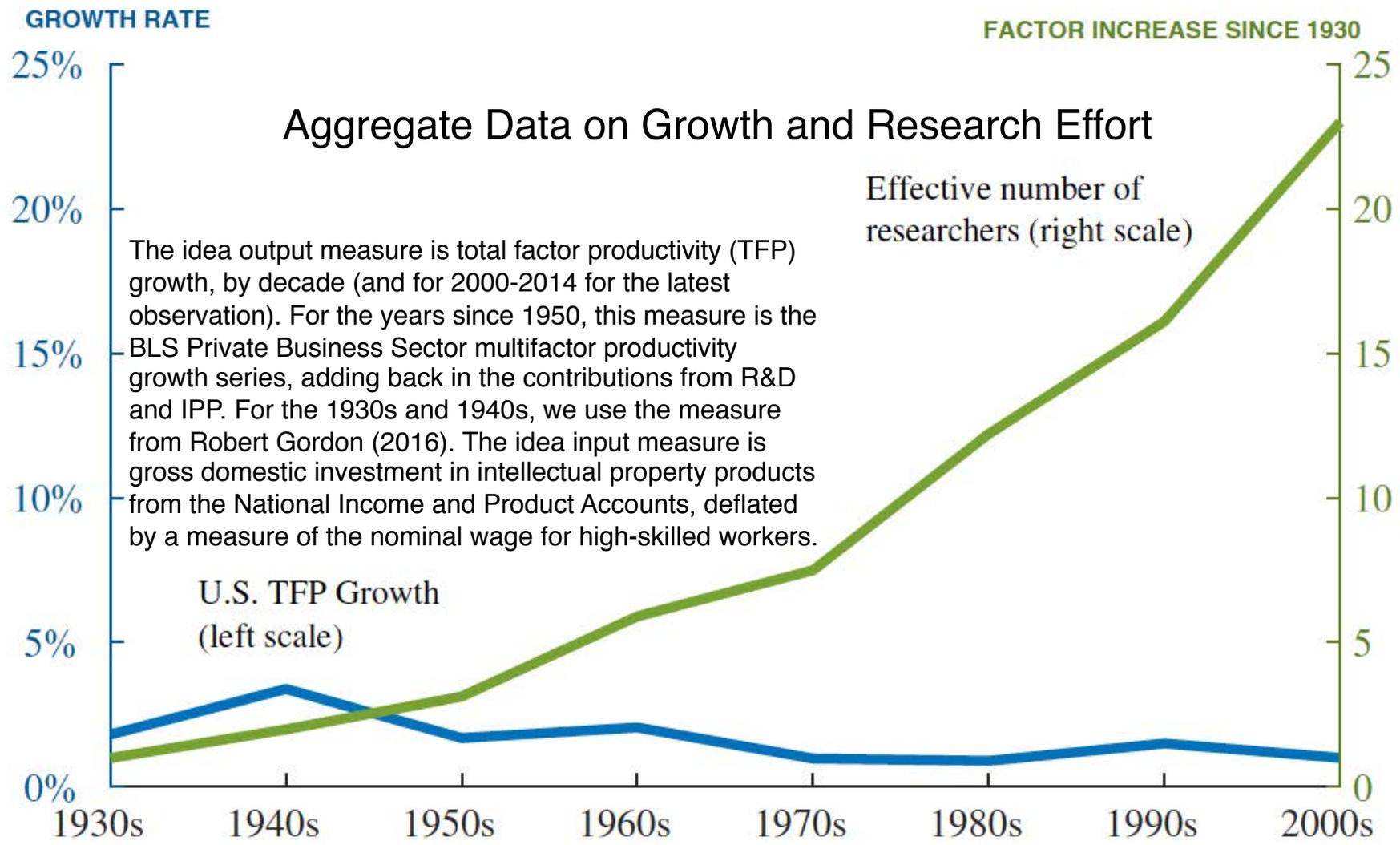
**= 65,000 slave days per annum**

**178 energy slaves working for every OECD citizen every day**

$$65,000 / 365 = 178$$

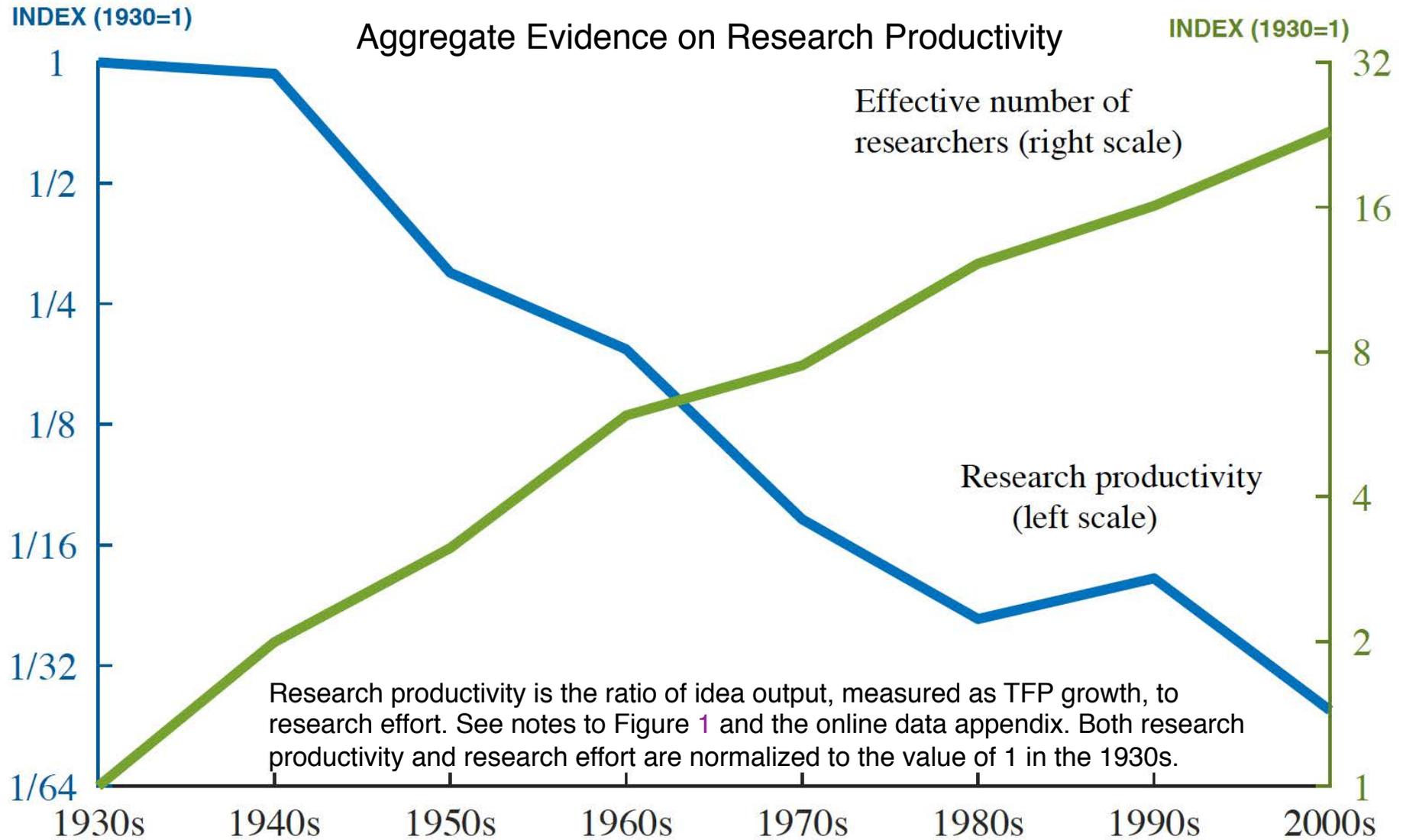
$$\text{Economic growth} = \text{Research productivity} \times \text{Number of researchers}$$

e.g. 2% or 5%                      ↓(falling)                      ↑(rising)

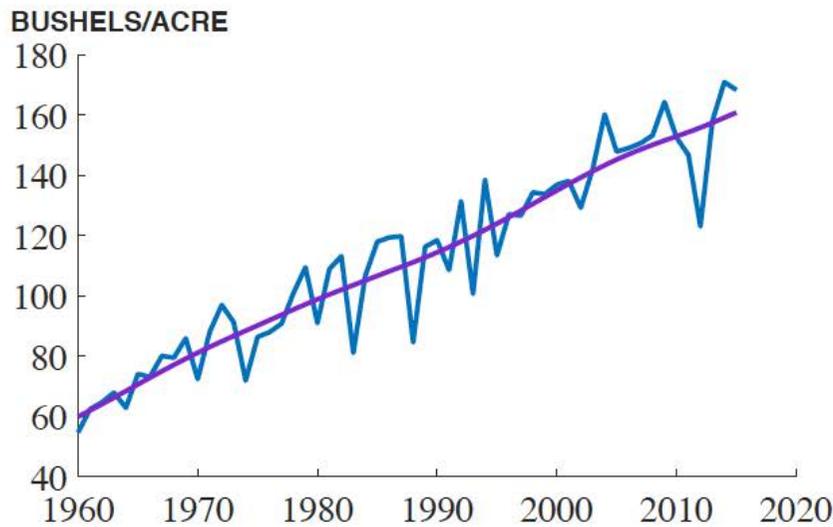


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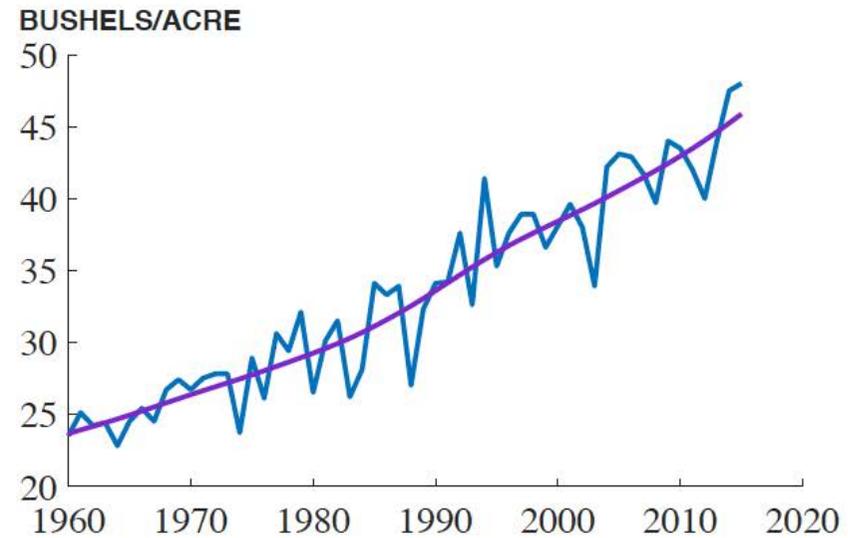
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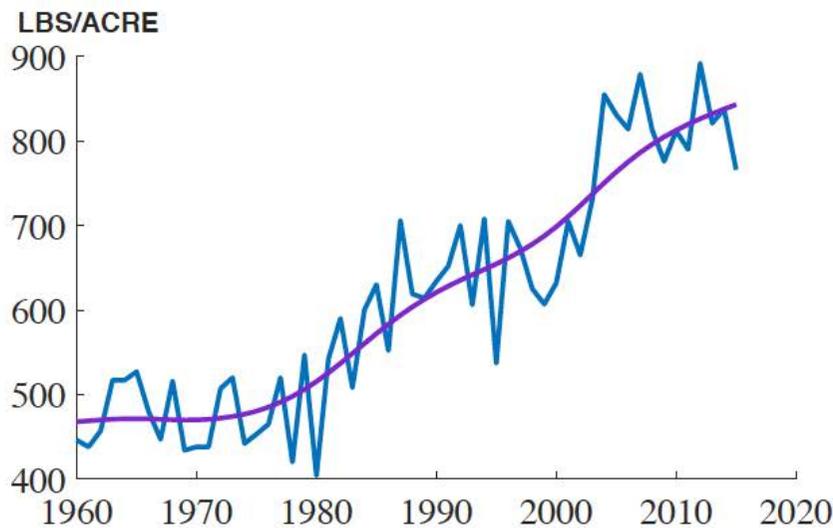
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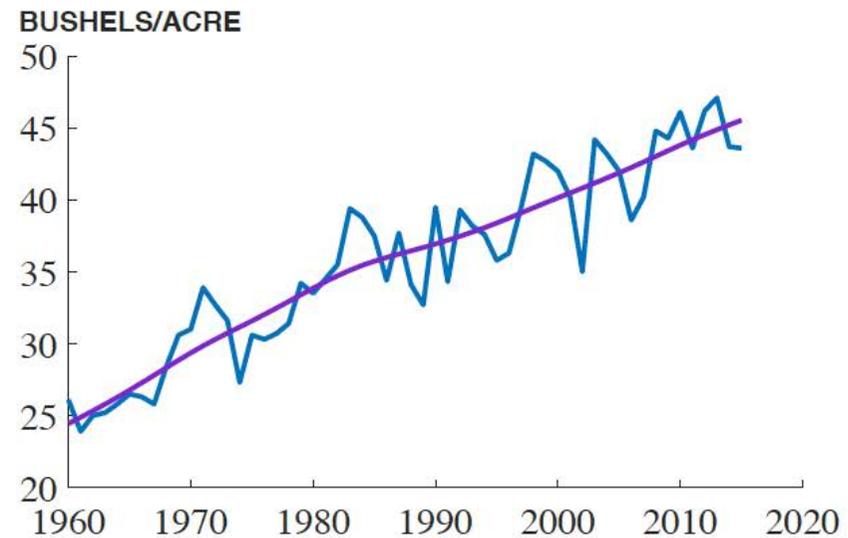
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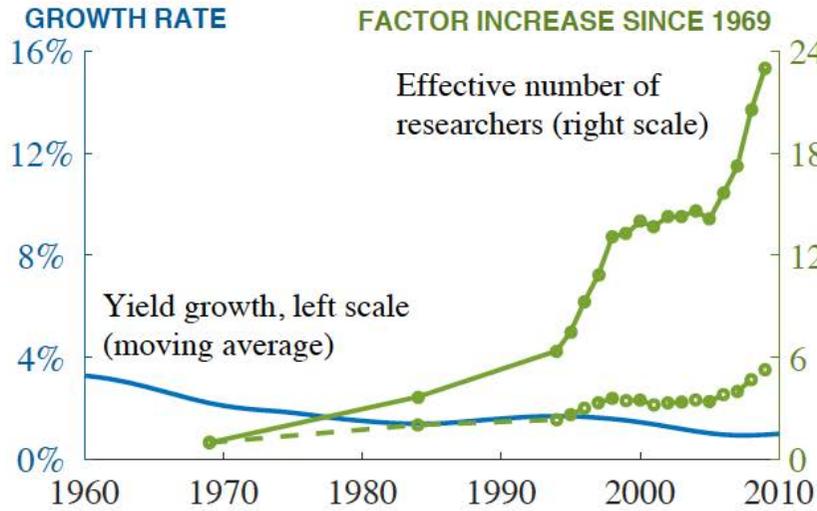
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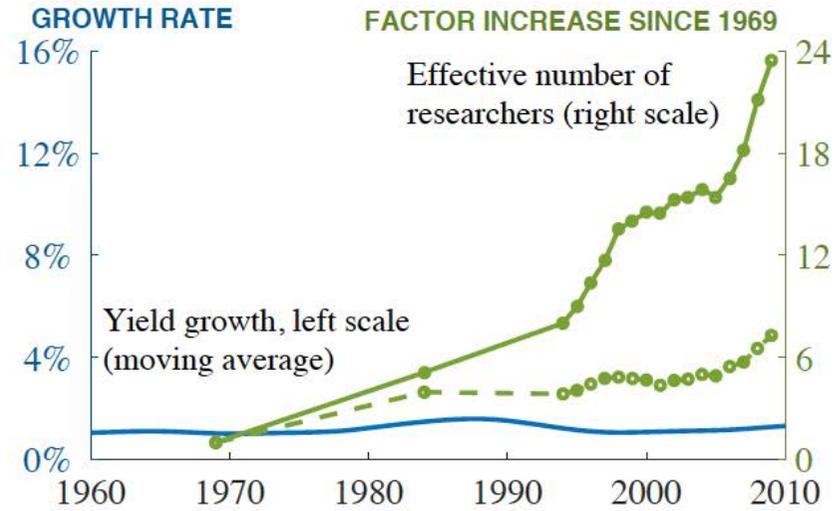
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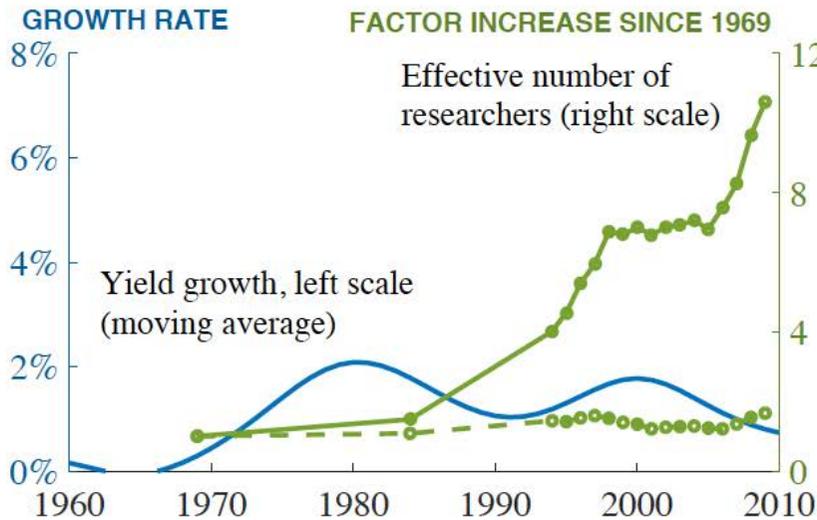
# Yield Growth and Research Effort by Crop



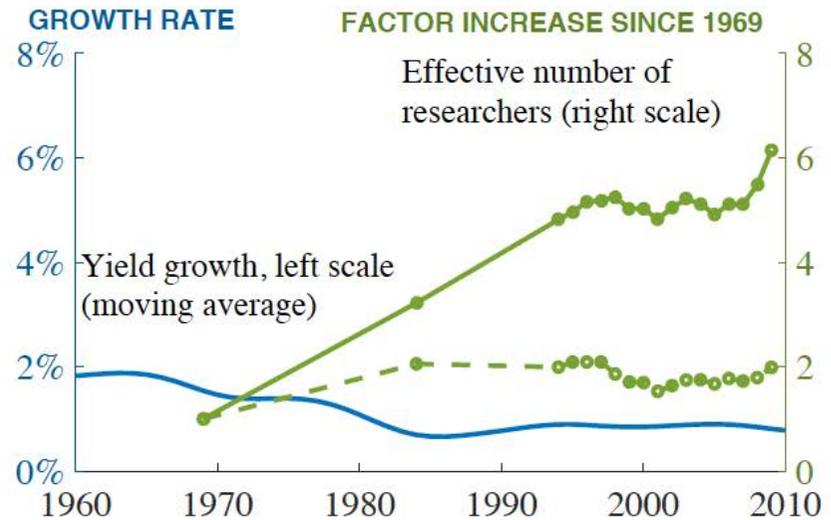
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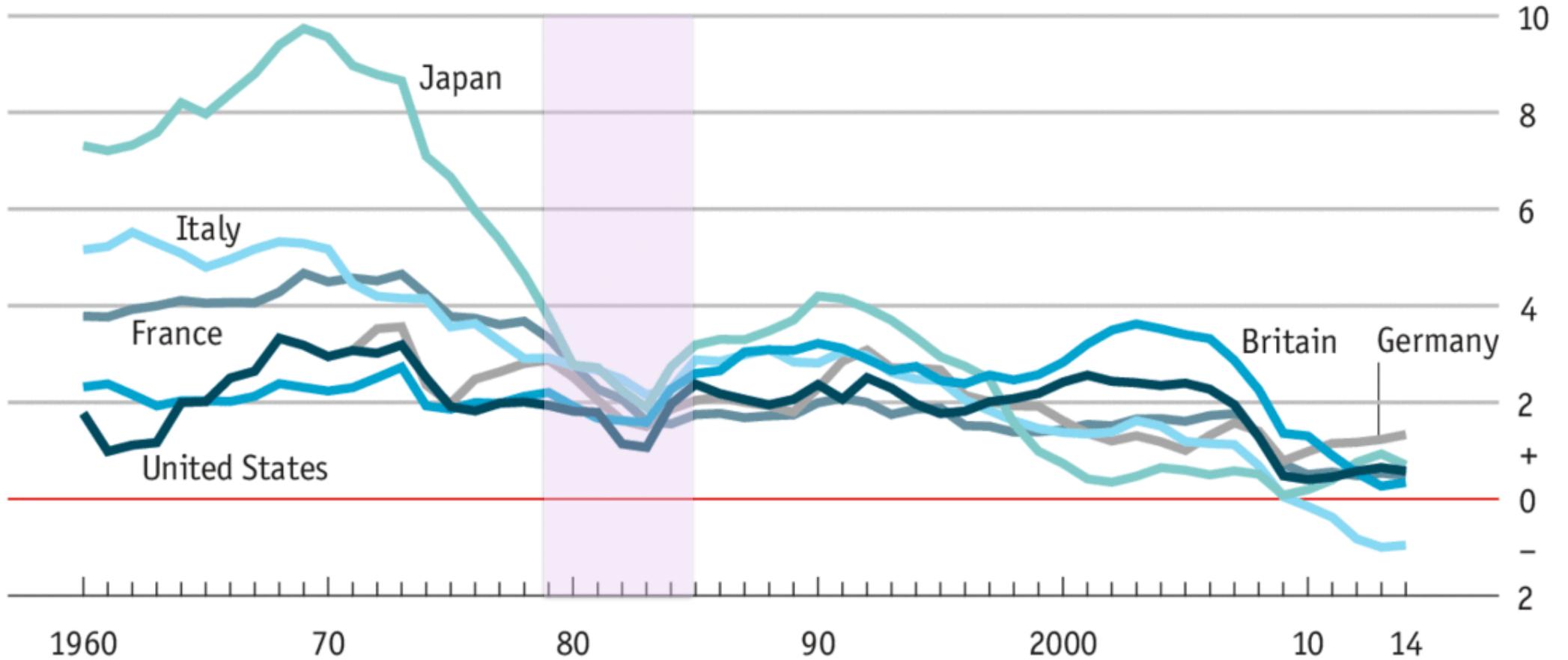
The blue line is the annual growth rate of the smoothed yields over the following 5 years, from the previous figure. The two green lines report “Effective Research”: the solid line is based on R&D targeting seed efficiency only; the dashed line additionally includes research on crop protection. Both are normalized to one in 1969. R&D expenditures are deflated by a measure of the nominal wage for high-skilled workers.

# decreasing productivity growth

## Real GDP

% change on a year earlier

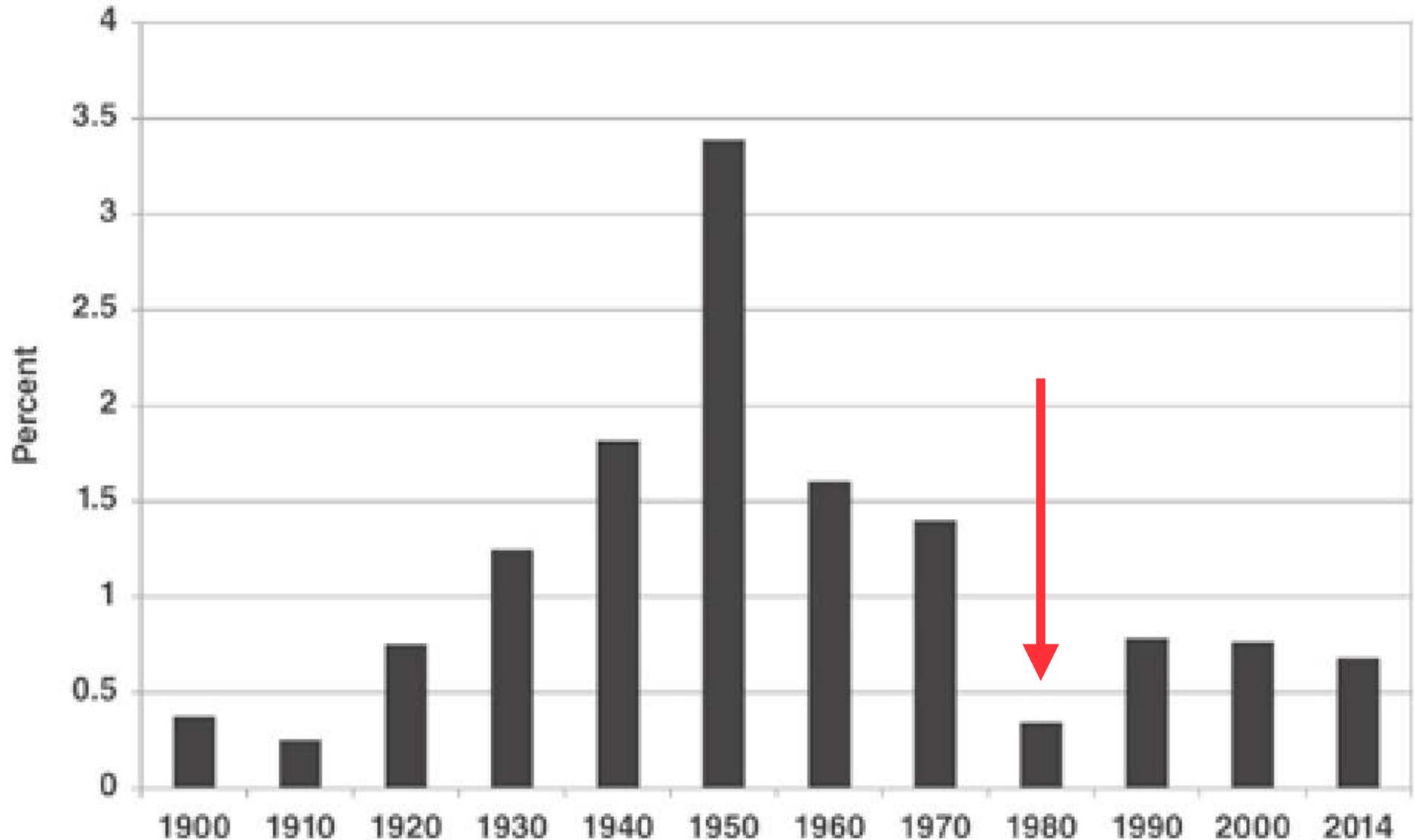
Ten-year moving average



Sources: Penn World Tables; *The Economist*

# 10-Year Average Annual Growth in Total Factor Productivity, US, 1900–2014

Note: The average annual growth rate is over the ten years prior to year shown. The bar labelled 2014 shows the average annual growth rate for 2001–14



(Robert J. Gordon, *The Rise and Fall of American Growth*, 2016)

## **Structural characteristics of growth**

- regime shifts and bimodal patterns
- $1+1=2.5$  (superlinear productivity)
- the “social bubble” nature of great innovations

## **Growth fundamentals**

- historical perspective: the four industrial revolutions
- productivity and innovation

## **Growth since WWII (1945 to present)**

- “Les trentes glorieuses” followed by “the illusion of the perpetual money machine”
- The post-2008 crisis and “new normal”
- Propositions to resume a healthy growth

# **Fundamental origins of the on-going economic crises**

**1945-1970: reconstruction boom and consumerism**

**1971-1980: Bretton Woods system termination and oil shocks /  
inflation shocks**

**1981-2007: Illusion of the “perpetual money machine” and  
virtual financial wealth**

**2008-2020s: New era of pseudo growth fueled by QEs and  
other Central Banks+Treasuries actions**

- very low interest rate for a very long time (decades)**
- net erosion even in the presence of apparent low (disguised)  
inflation**
- reassessment of expectation for the social and retirement liabilities**
- a turbulent future with many transient bubbles**
- need to capture value and be contrarian => exploit herding and fear**

**2020s-20xx: Interconnection of many systemic risks**

# Change from productivity-based growth to virtual-based growth around 1980

-direct evidence on productivity

-stock market is king

-financialisation

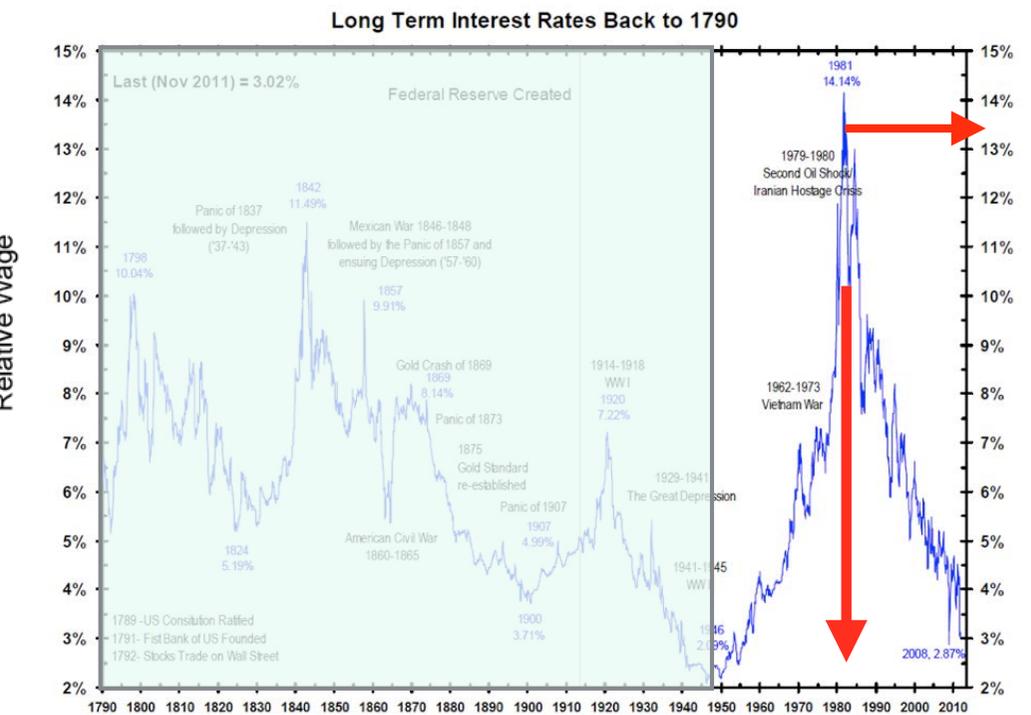
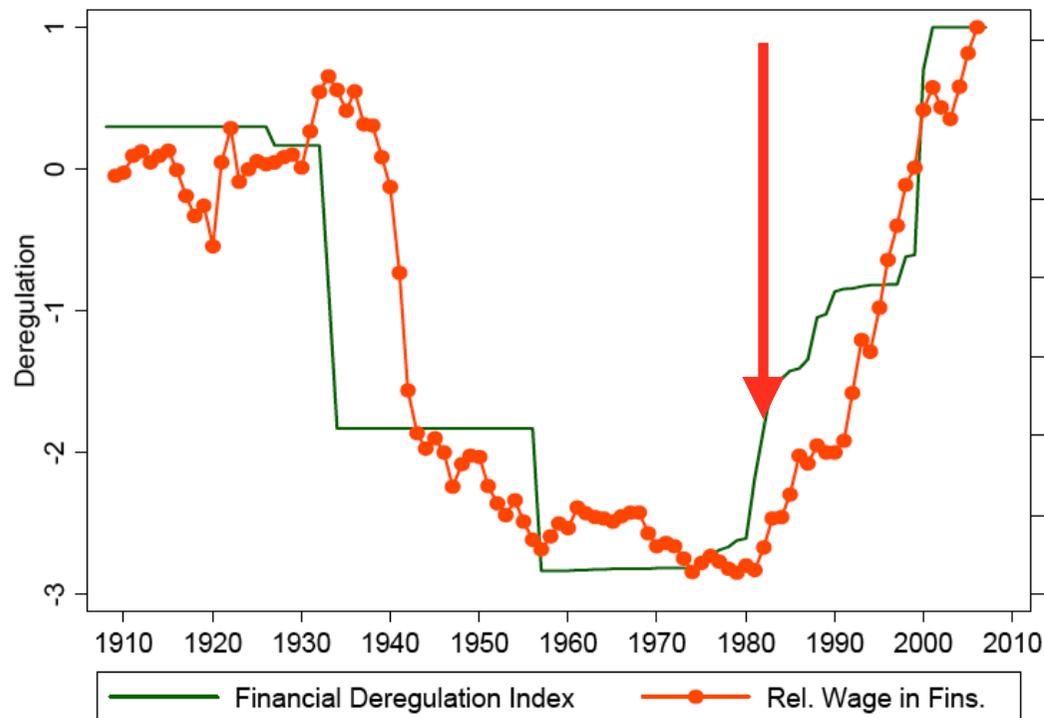
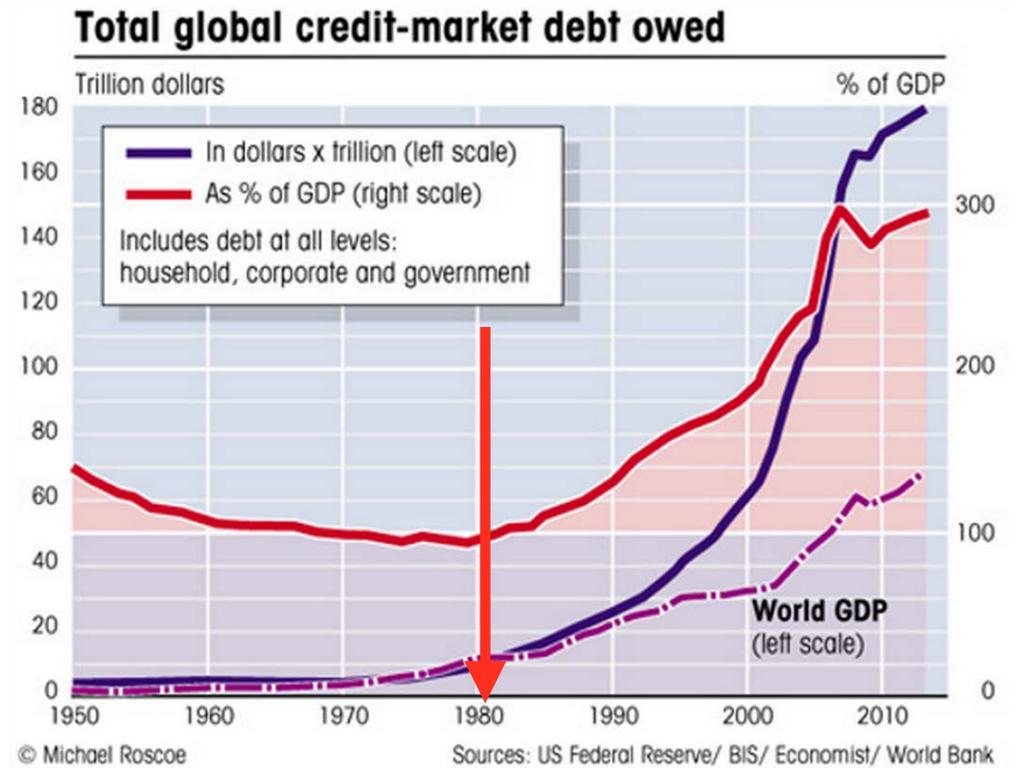
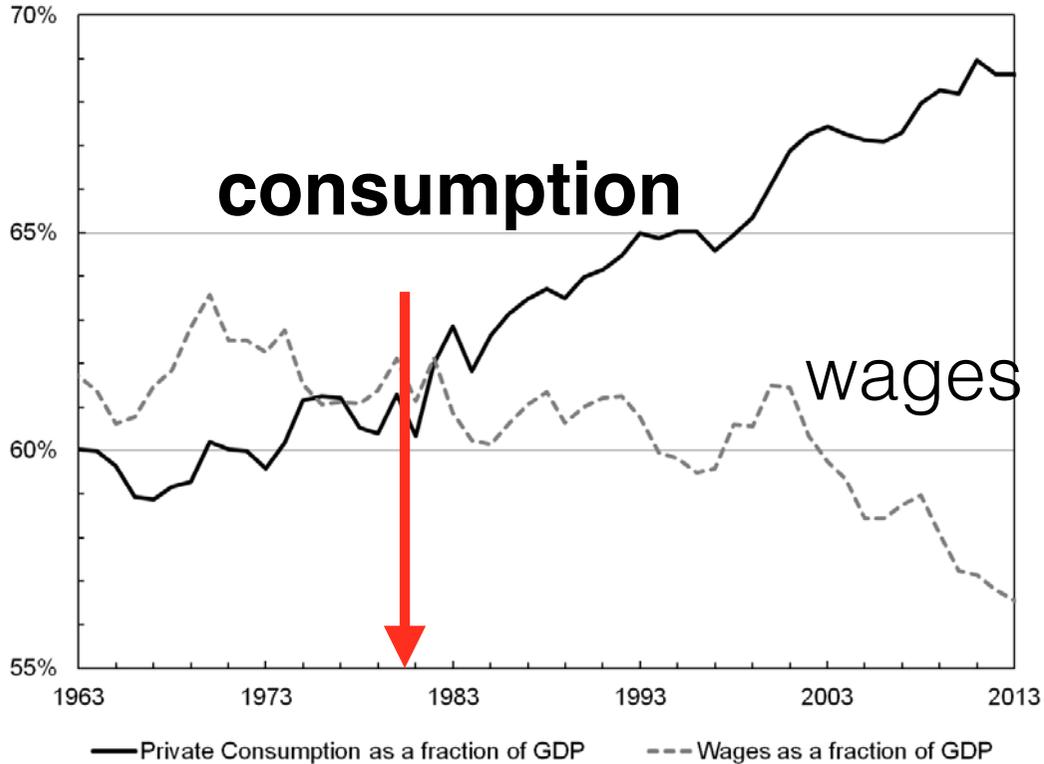
-debt

**all change around 1980 !**

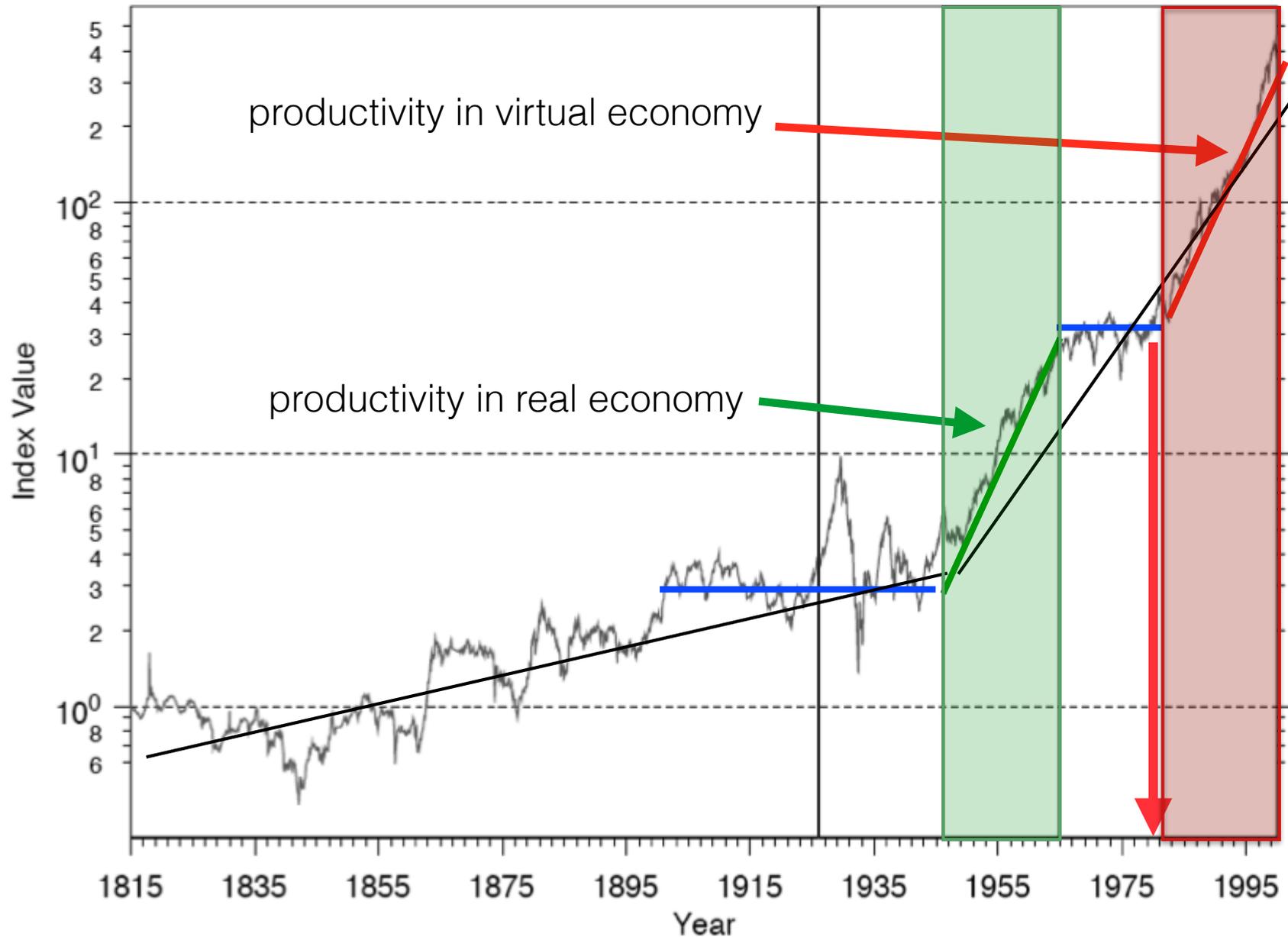
-monetary policies

-government and fiscal policies

-inequality



# Monthly capital appreciation index 1/1815-12/1999

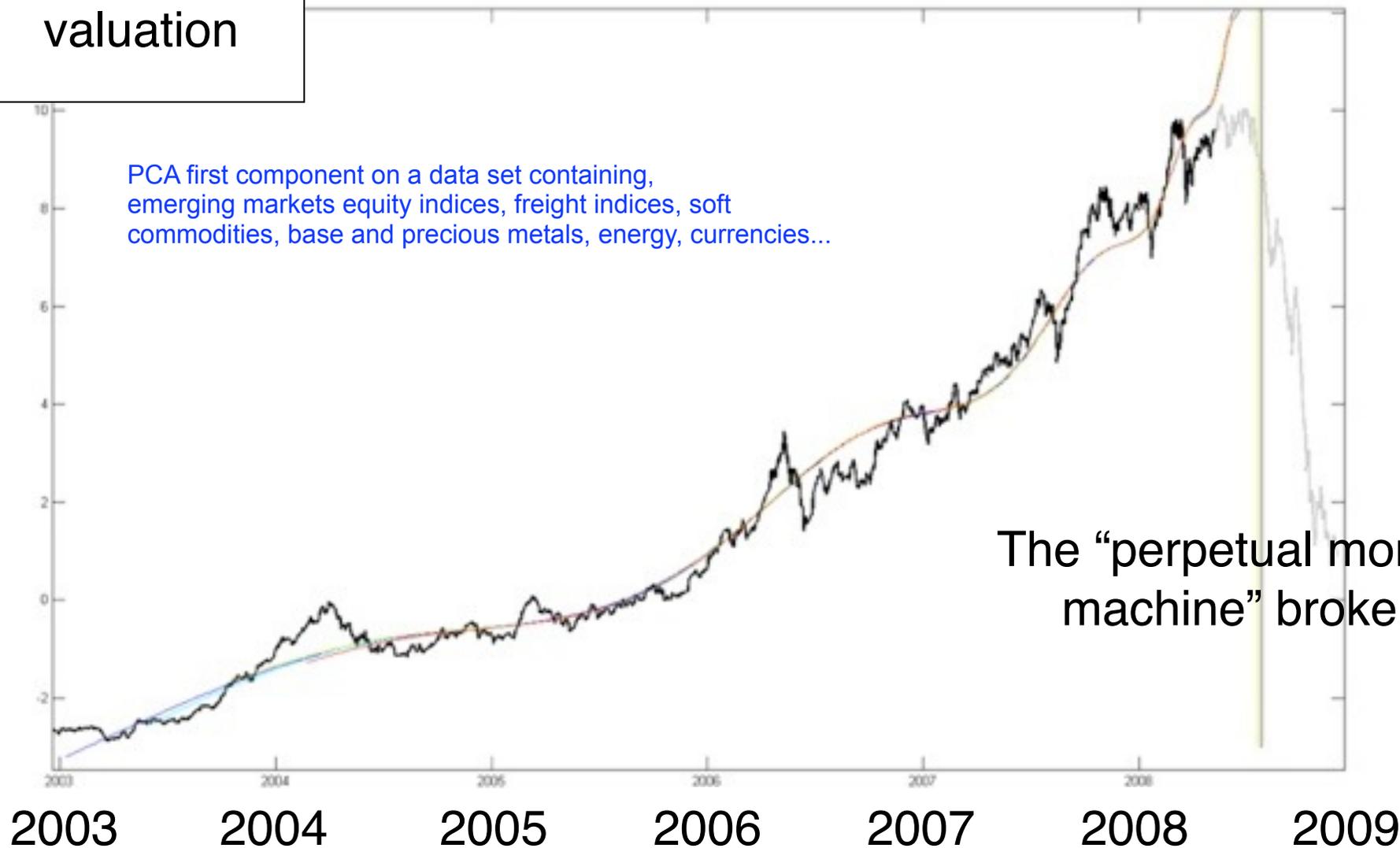


Price-weighted NYSE Index (1/1815-12/1925) with Ibbotson and Sinquefeld Index (1/1926-12/1999)

# The Global Bubble that burst in 2008

Index of over-valuation

PCA first component on a data set containing, emerging markets equity indices, freight indices, soft commodities, base and precious metals, energy, currencies...



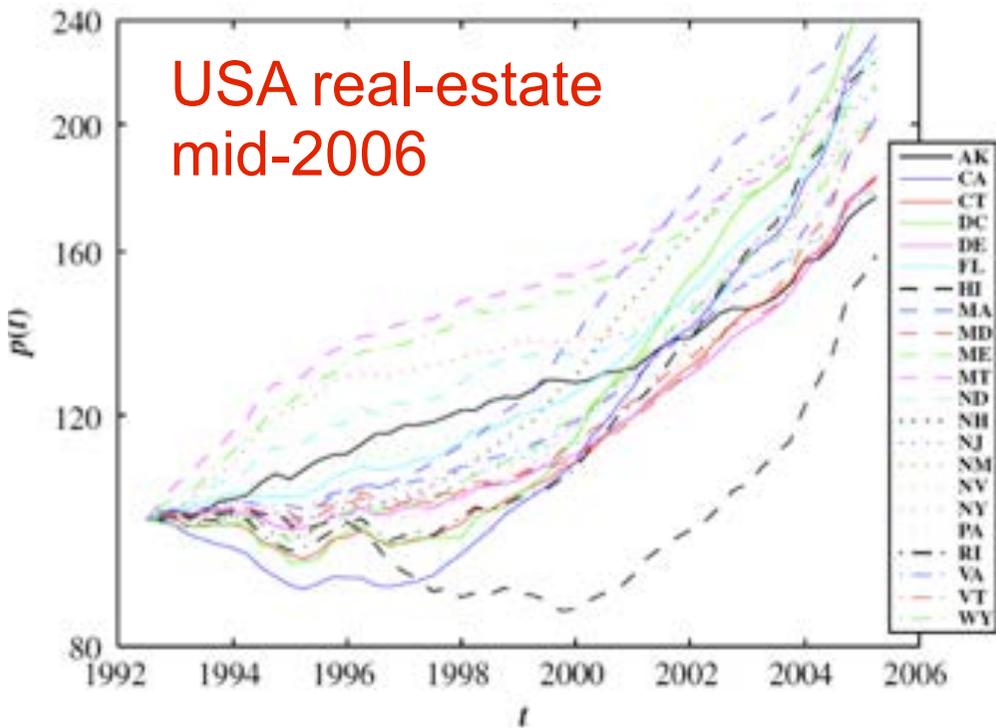
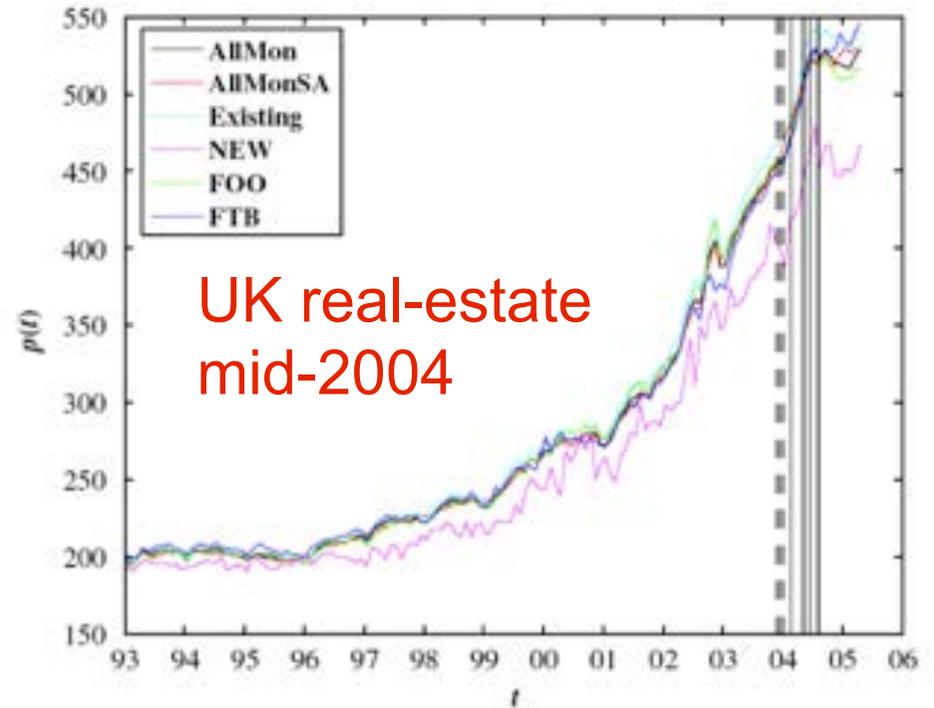
The “perpetual money machine” broke.

# Since 1980, growth is powered by finance and debt

- Worldwide bubble and crash (1980- Oct. 1987)
- The ITC (dotcom) “new economy” bubble (1995-2000)
- Slaving of the Fed monetary policy to the stock market descent (2000-2003)
- Real-estate bubbles (2003-2006)
- MBS, CDOs bubble (2004-2007)
- Stock market bubble (2004-2007)
- Commodities and Oil bubbles (2006-2008)
- Debt and credit bubbles

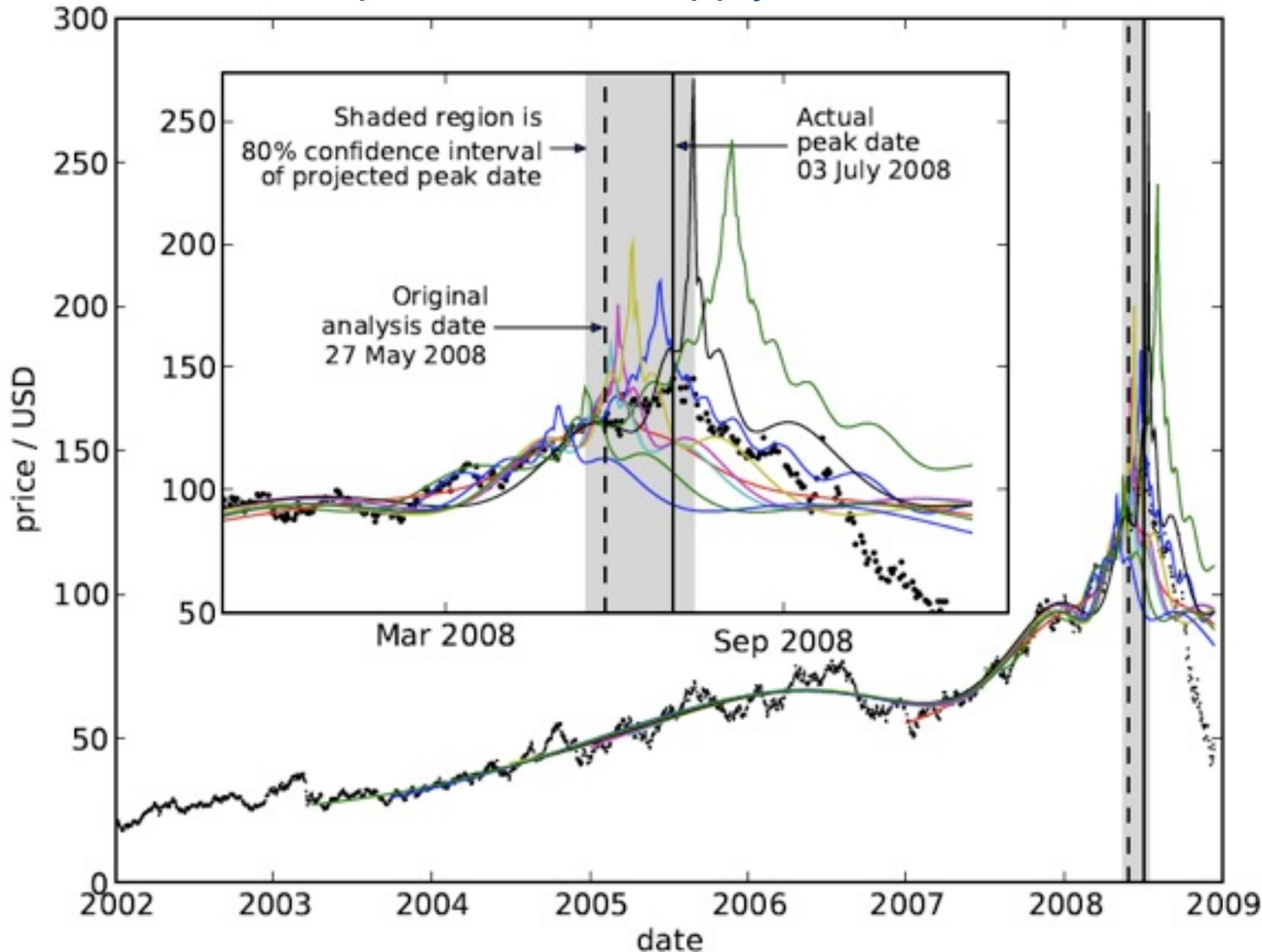
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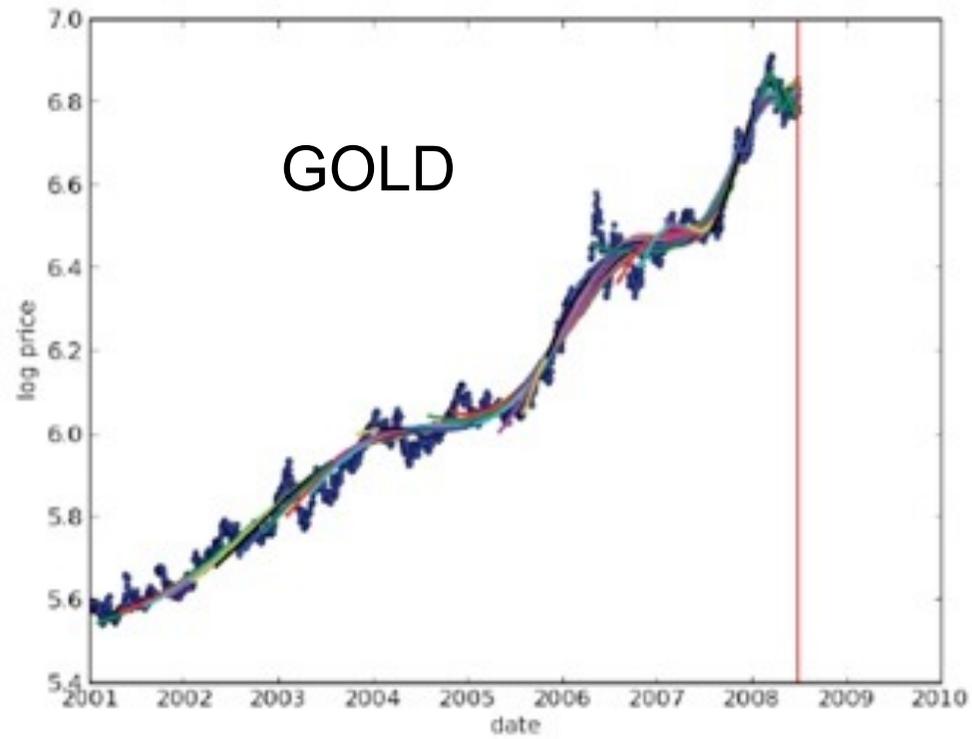
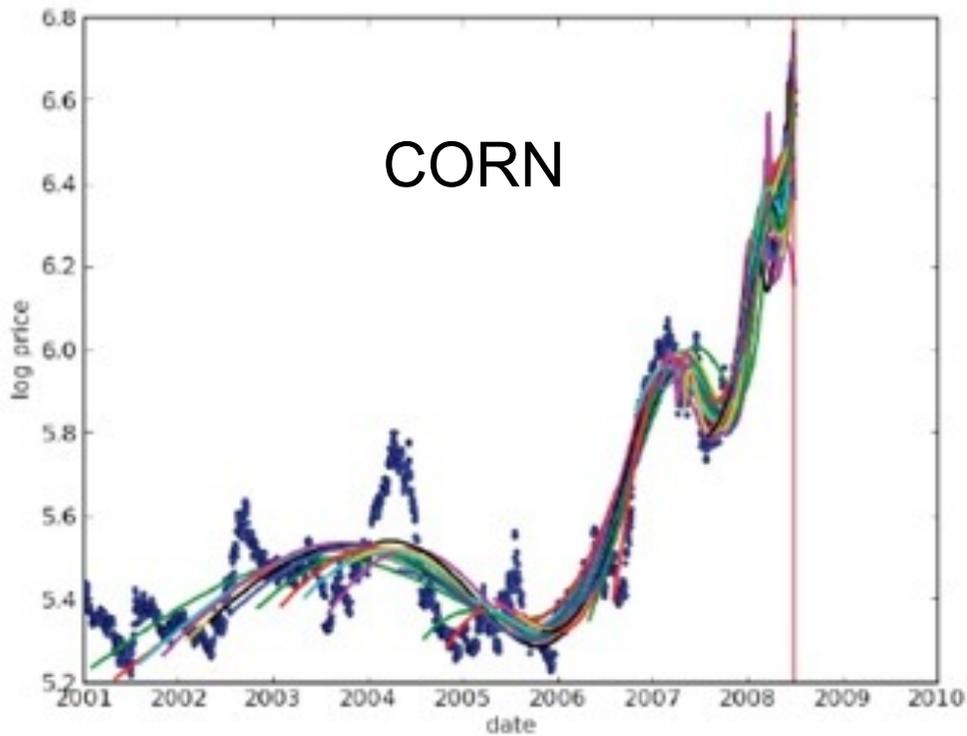
# 2006-2008 Oil bubble

## Speculation vs supply-demand

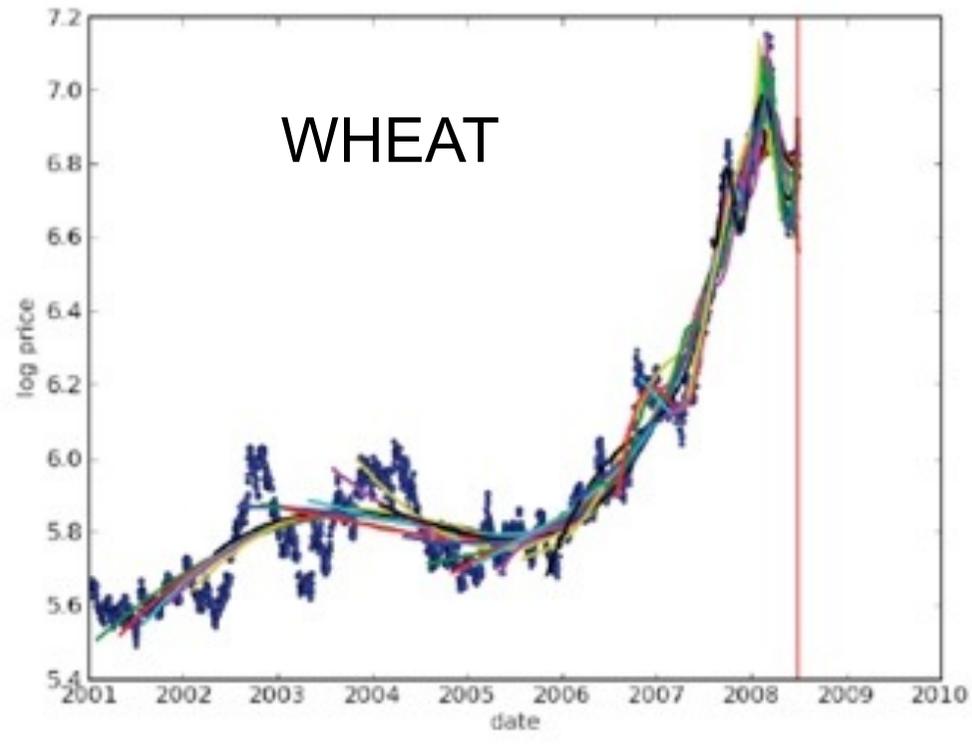
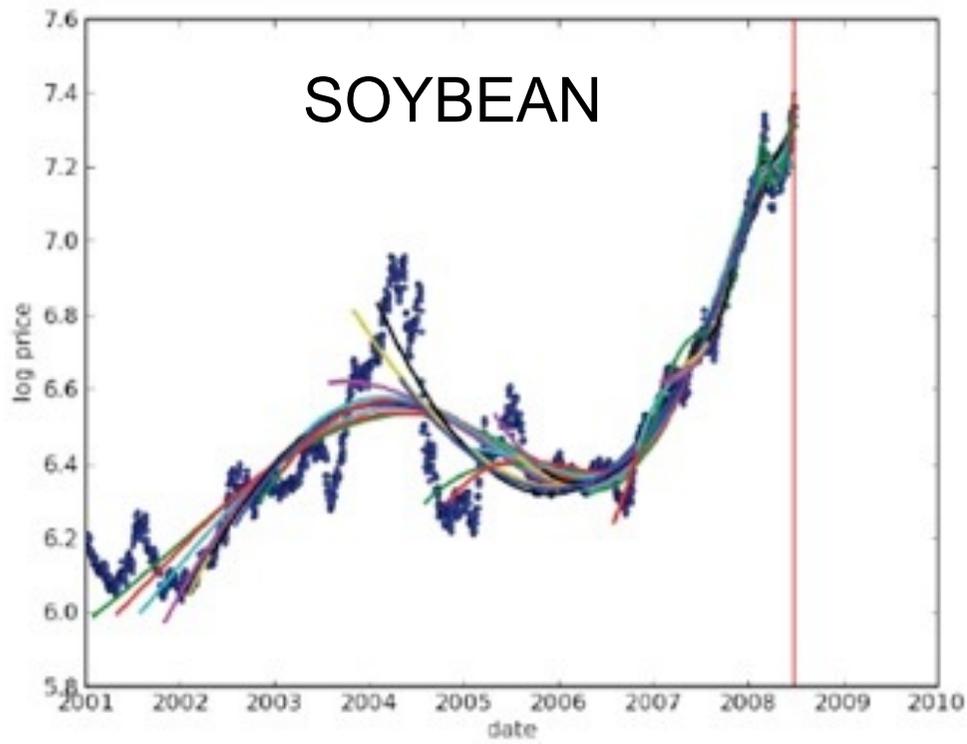


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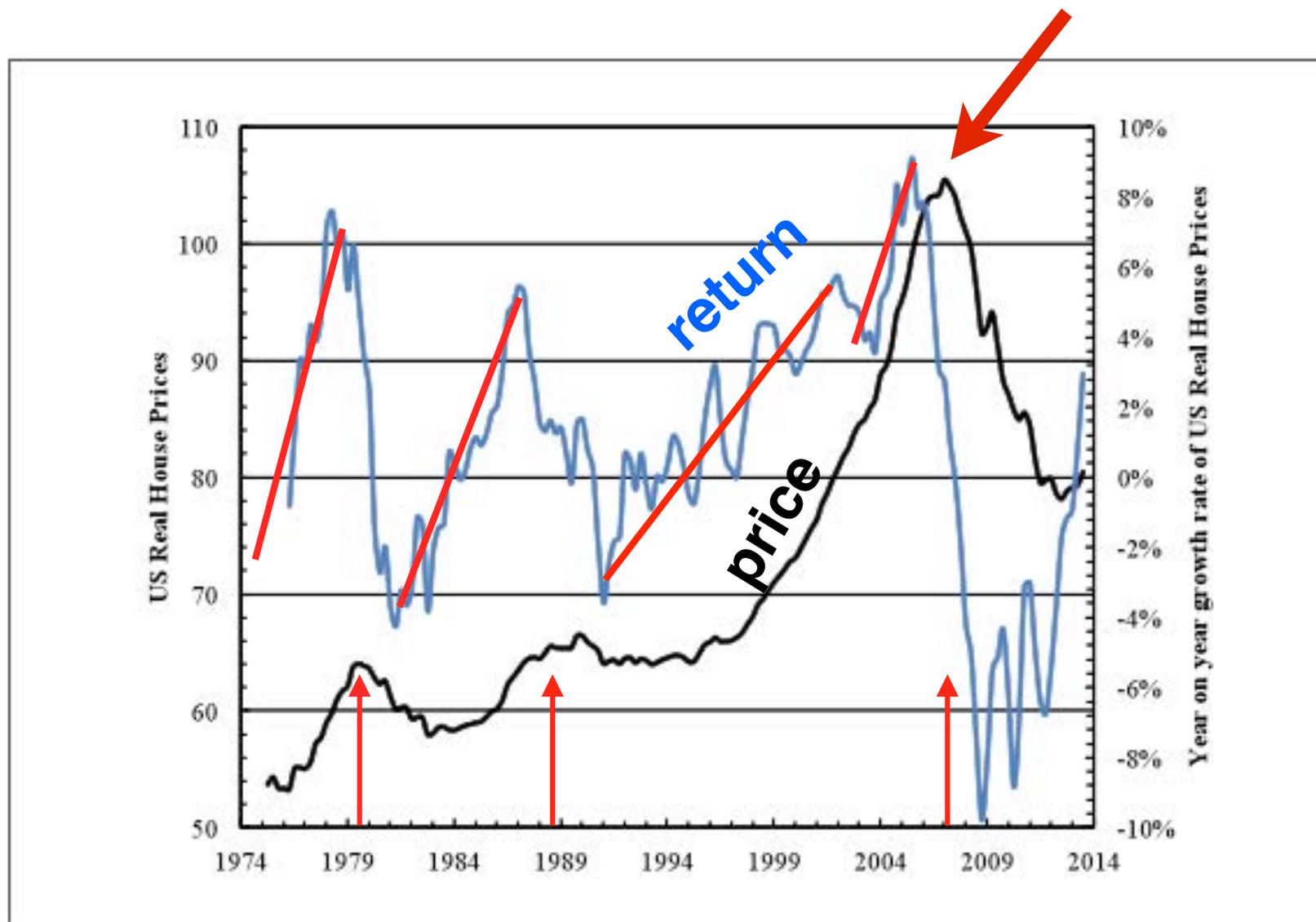
Typical result of the calibration of the simple LPPL model to the oil price in US\$ in shrinking windows with starting dates  $t_{start}$  moving up towards the common last date  $t_{last} = \text{May 27, 2008}$ .



R.Woodard and D.Sornette (2008)

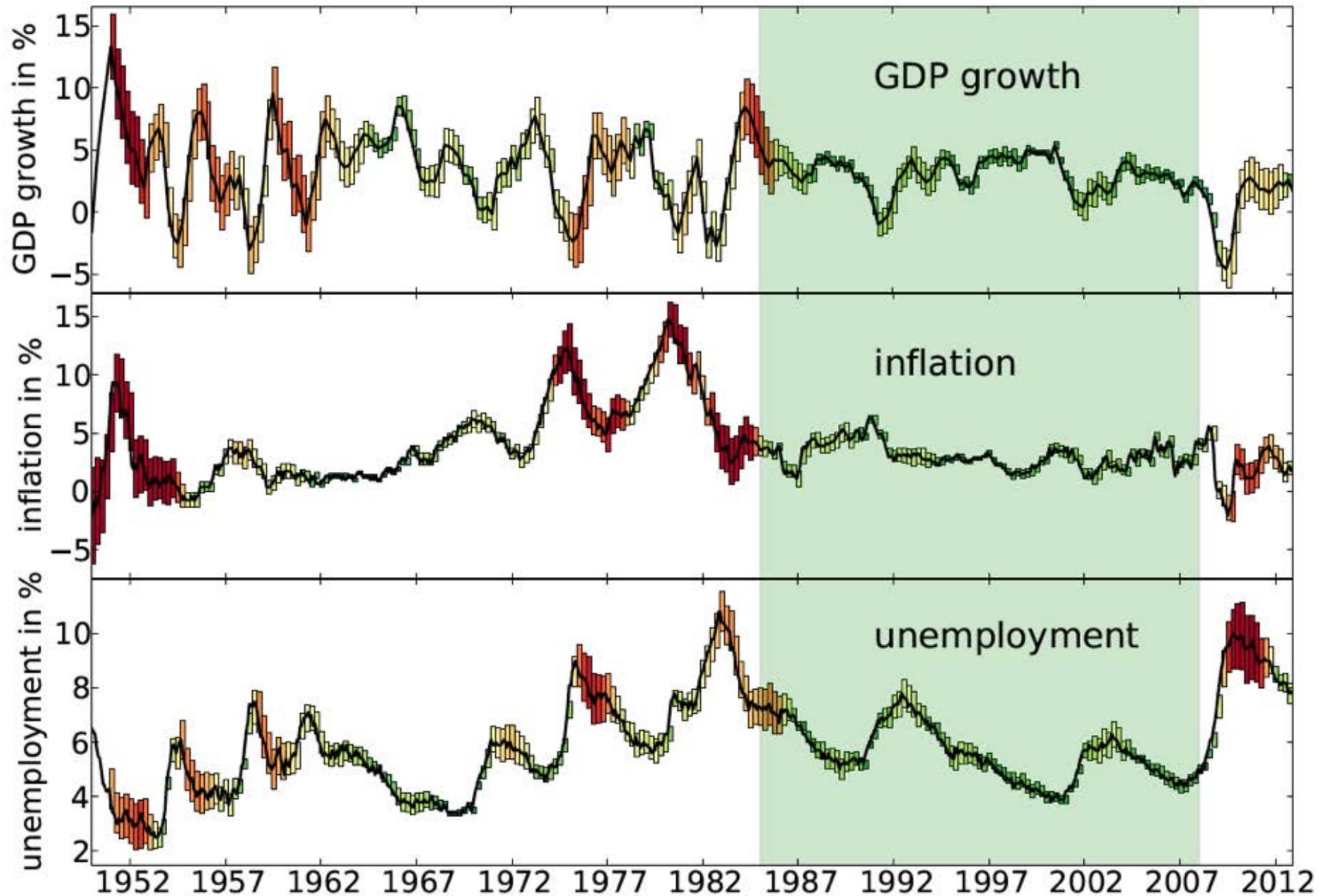


# U.S. real-estate bubble



Real U.S. House Prices between 1974 and 2014. Levels are shown in black and should be read on the left axis. Yearly growth rates are shown in blue and should be read on the right axis. Three peaks in the growth rate coincide with a correction in the levels. When the growth itself grows, the process becomes unstable and a correction follows (Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas international house price dataset, <http://www.dallasfed.org/institute/houseprice/>)

# 25 YEARS OF “GREAT MODERATION” BEFORE THE GREAT CRISIS



source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Zalan Forro (ETH Zurich).

## COMPARING QUANTITATIVE EASING PROGRAMS

Europe and Japan are the two remaining major central banks that are actively pursuing a program of quantitative easing.

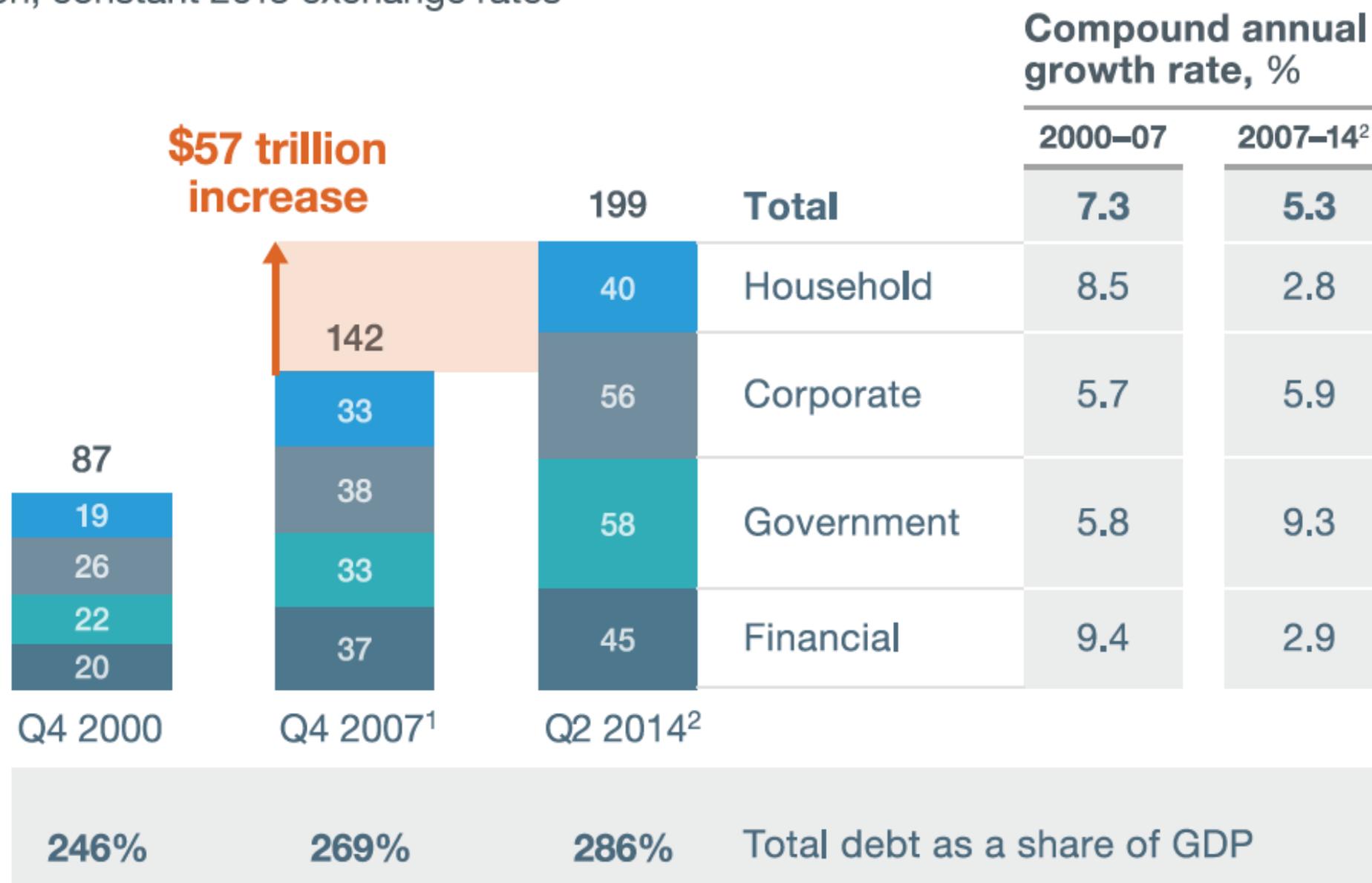
	U.K.*	JAPAN	U.S.	EUROZONE
Amount	£375 billion	¥125 trillion	\$2 trillion (\$4 trillion)**	€836 billion (€1140 billion)***
Percent of GDP	21%	26%	12% (25%)	9% (12%)
Percent of bond market	27%	16%	18%	14%
Percent of annual Gross issuance	91%	69%	26%	54%
Percent of annual net issuance	107%	347%	85%	262%

\* Amount refers to cash amount/market value rather than the nominal value of bonds bought  
 \*\* Including mortgage-backed securities purchases  
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Source: Bloomberg, BoE, BoJ, Federal Reserve, ECB, Morgan Stanley Research

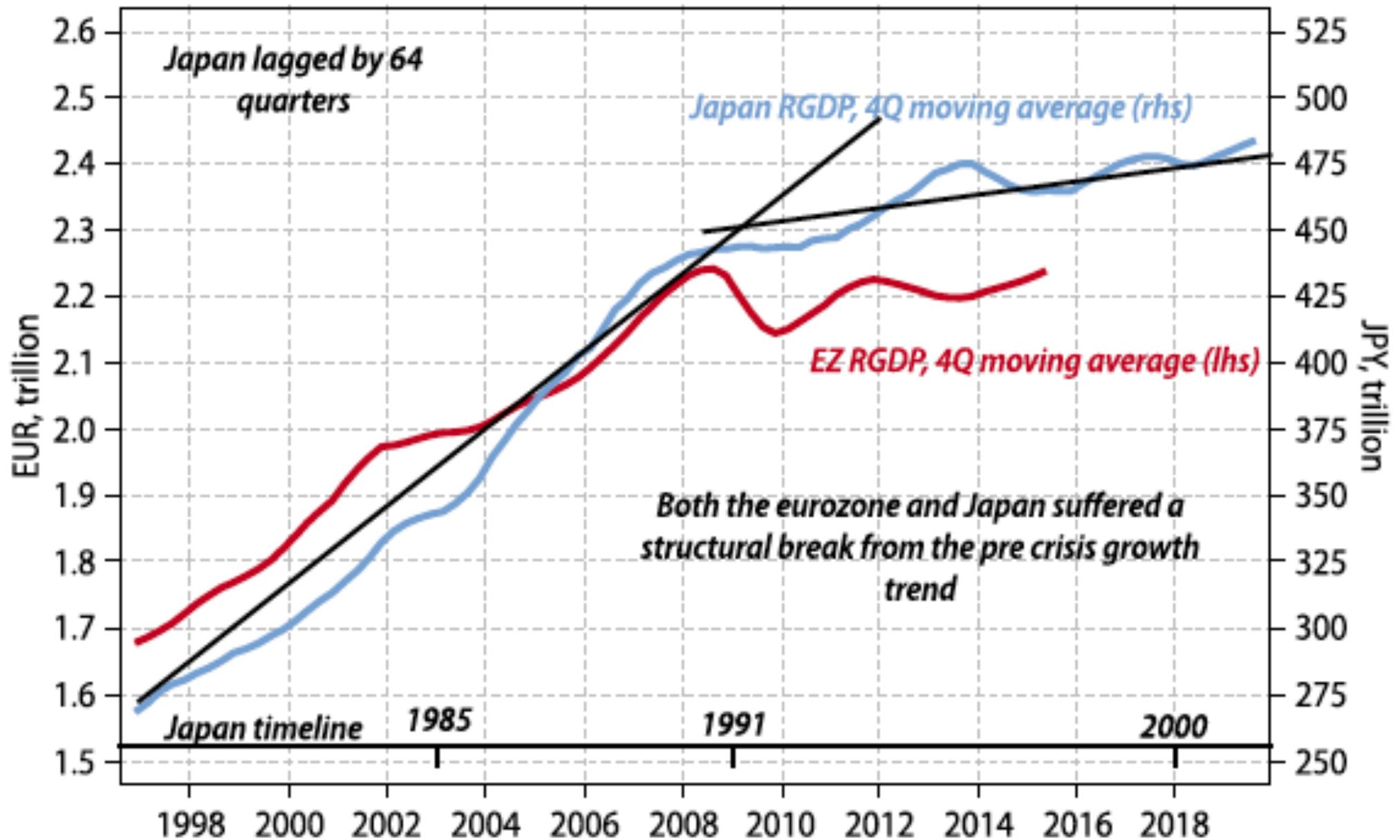
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# Global stock of debt outstanding, \$ trillion, constant 2013 exchange rates



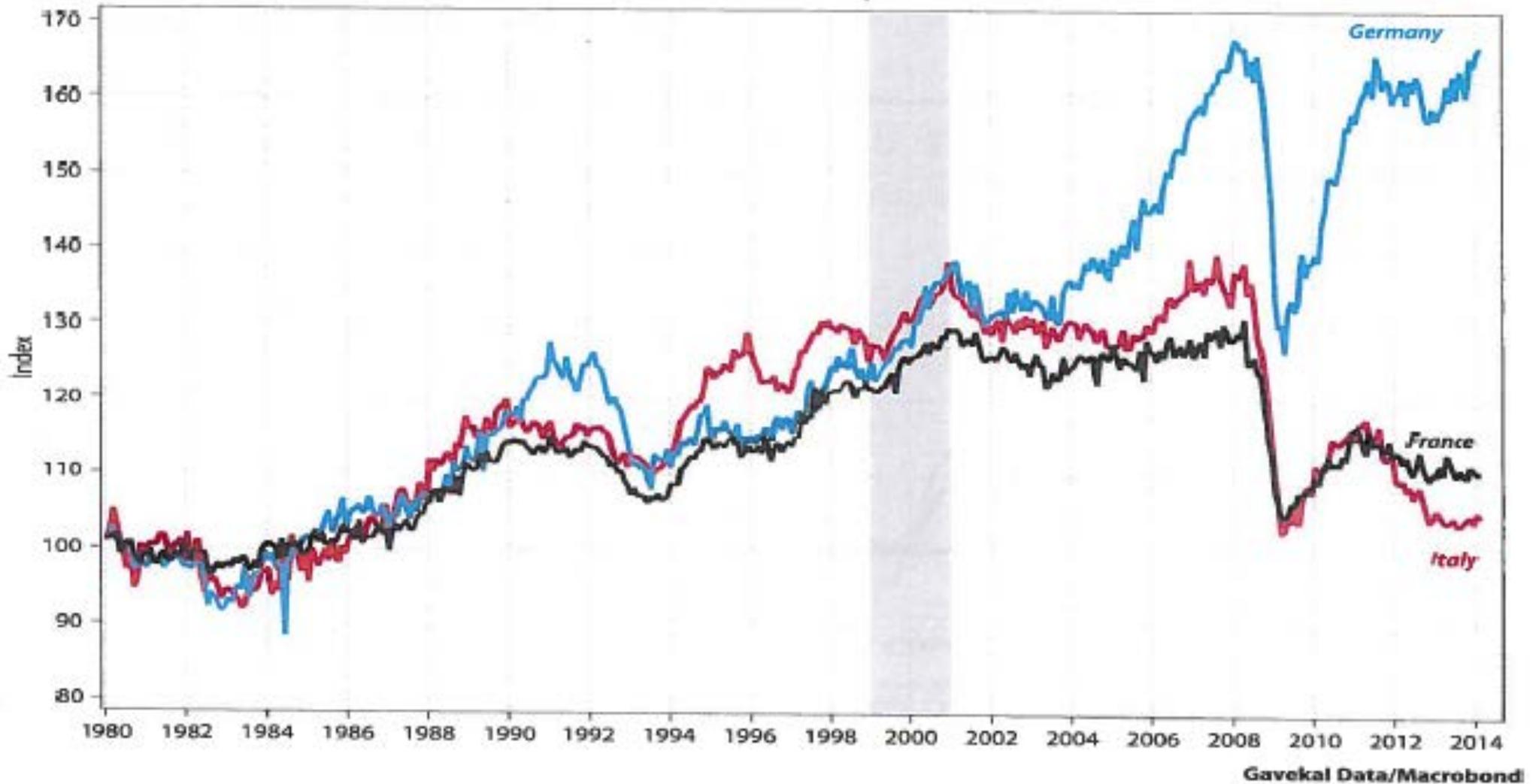
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# Will Europe Turn Japanese?



## Industrial Production in Germany, France & Italy Before and After the Euro

shaded area = Euro inception



The creation of the euro led to the **exact opposite (divergence)** of what the euro was supposed to achieve (convergence).

- Economic development exhibits **transitions** between phases of growth, exuberance and crises, which are the “norm” rather than the exception.
- Since 1990 in Japan and 2008 in the West, consequences of crises resulting from previous excesses are addressed by **monetary policy** and **fiscal policy**.
- need for extreme initiatives and risk taking in **INNOVATION policies**

The Great Depression ended only as a result of the extraordinary “programme de relance” known as WWII.

We need an Innovation and R&D effort on par with that of WWII ... without the war. Is this possible? Pb of risk taking, complacency, lack of political courage, rents...

Massive fostering of innovations (not just capital and credit, requires education and risk-sharing processes to encourage entrepreneurship and risk taking)

Super-Apollo-type projects (nuclear, batteries, water, de-desertification, health...)

Danger of social instabilities due to impoverishment of the bottom 90%  
=> Fight inequality while conserving equity incentives for creativity and innovations.

productivity —> wage growth AND wage growth —> productivity  
(if wages are too low, investments in labour-replacing capital will not pay off, see Robert C. Allen’s narrative of the British industrial revolution)

# Present and future useful Social Bubbles

- biotech and nanotech, genomics, proteomics, personalised medicine
- Apps revolution
- open and big data revolution (+3-5 Trillion\$ annually, McKinsey Oct. 2013)
- Blockchain v1.0 and v2.0 (“Internet of value”)
- Green tech revolution
- Gas and oil Fracking
- Space frontier (SpaceX, Orbital Science Corp., Virgin Galactic...)
- Ocean frontier
- Nuclear energy technology revolution