

Changing MSY over time

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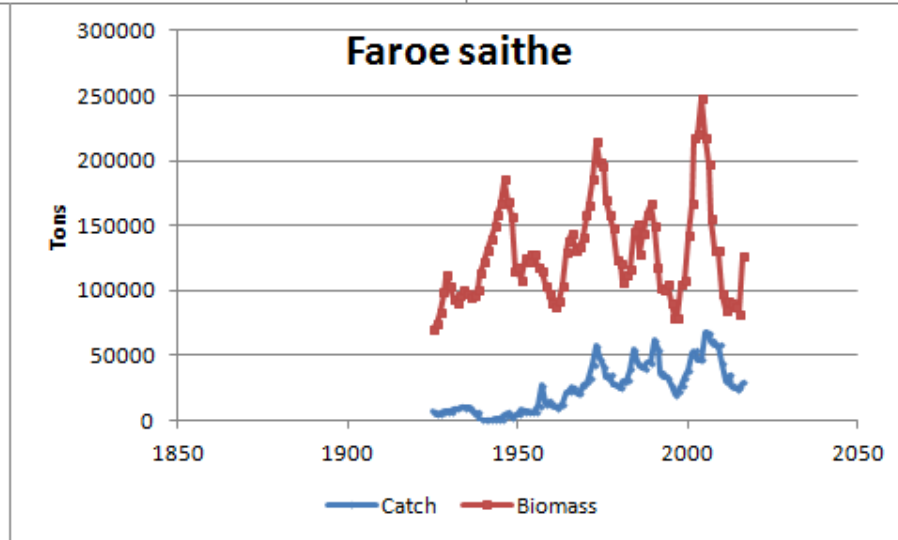
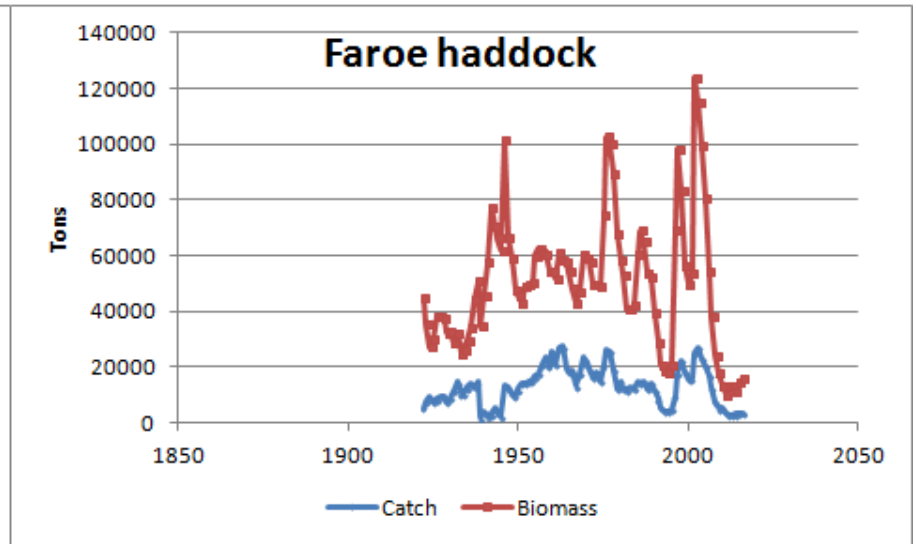
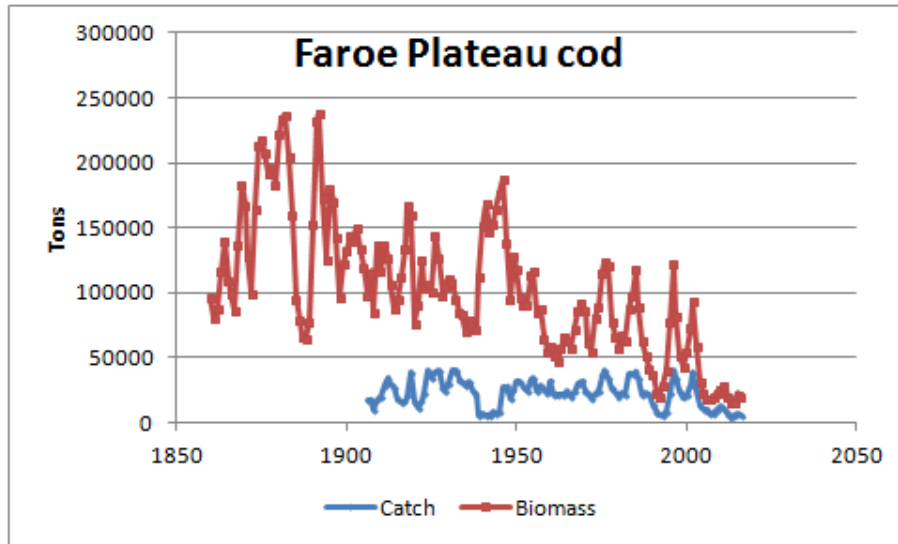
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Time series of demersal fish in Faroese waters

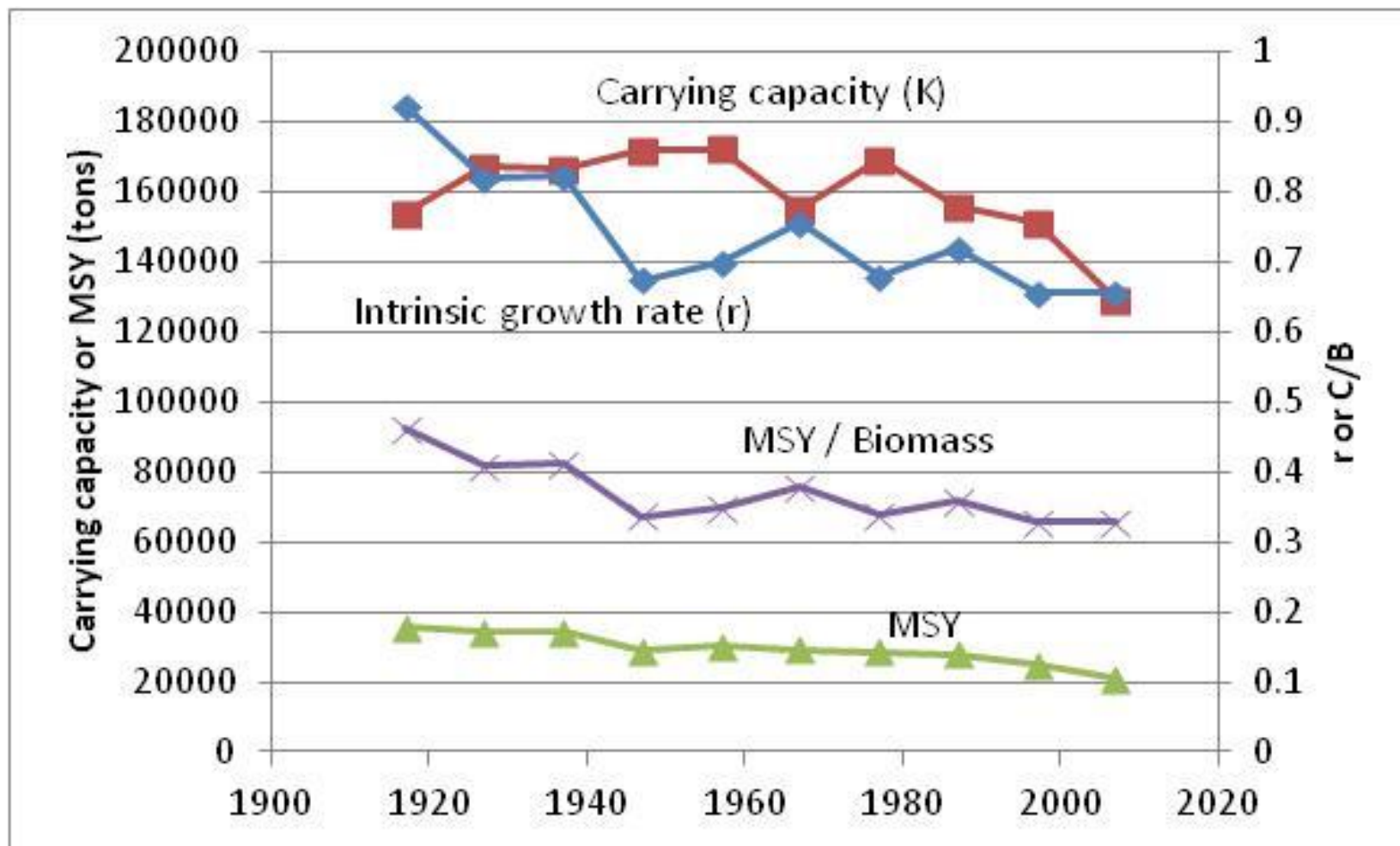
- Age-based assessments back to c. 1960.
- CPUEs back to 1906/1925 (British data) that overlap age-based assessments.
- Merging these data gives long time series of demersal fish biomass in Faroese waters.
- Catches available back to 1906.



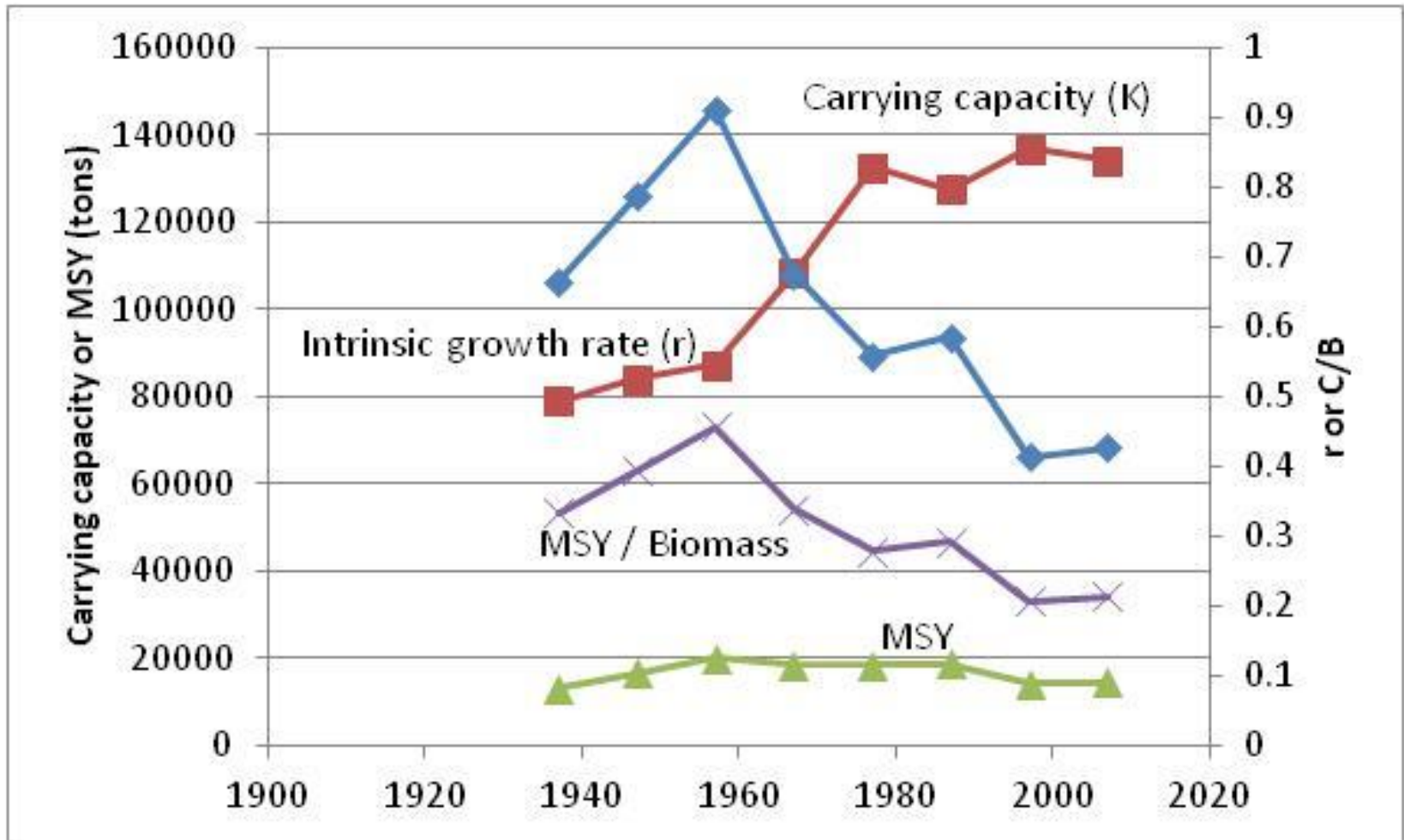
Method

- Use biomass and catch data to estimate K , r , MSY and $MSY/biomass$ (Schaefer).
- Use 39 year windows that move in steps of 10 years.

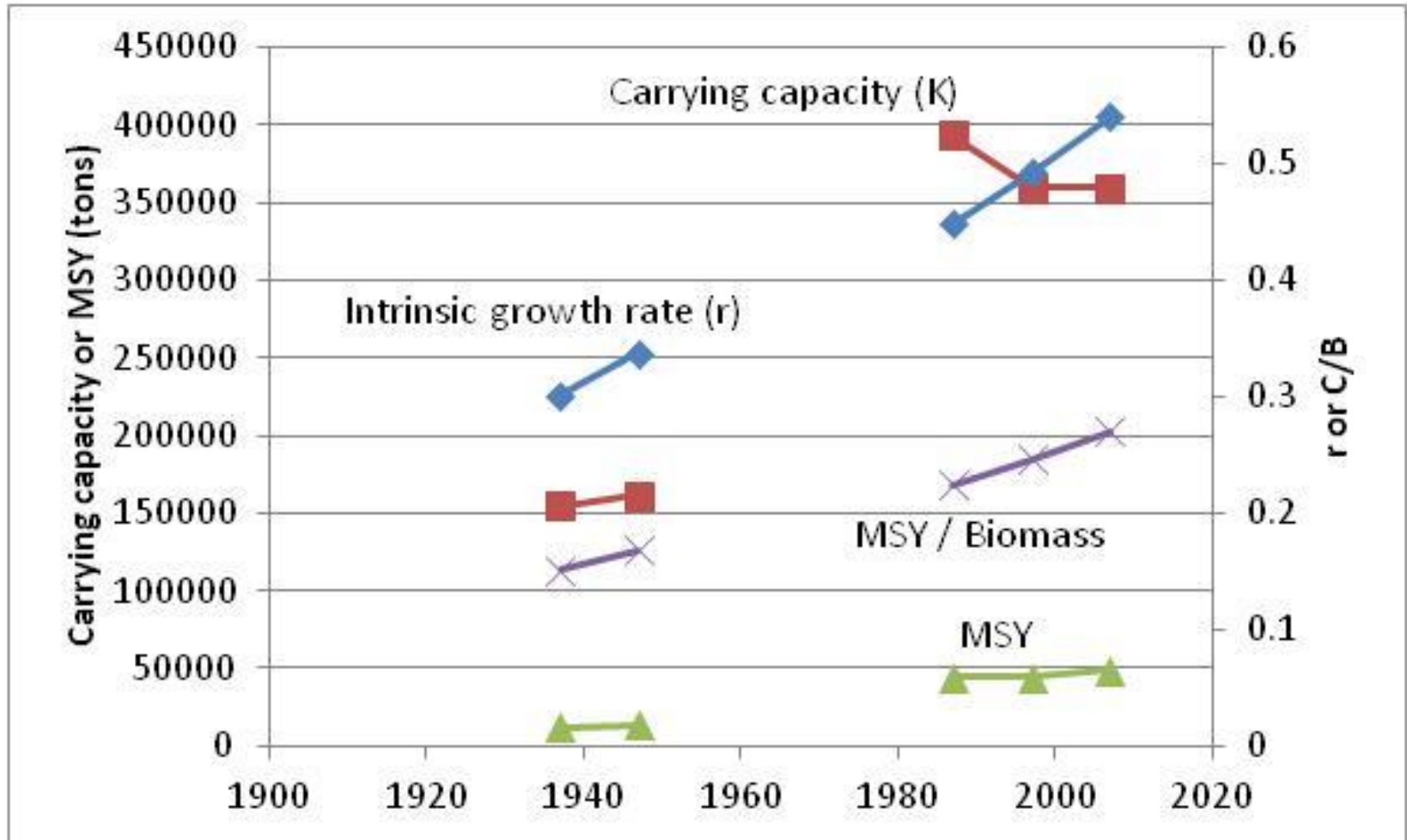
Faroe Plateau cod



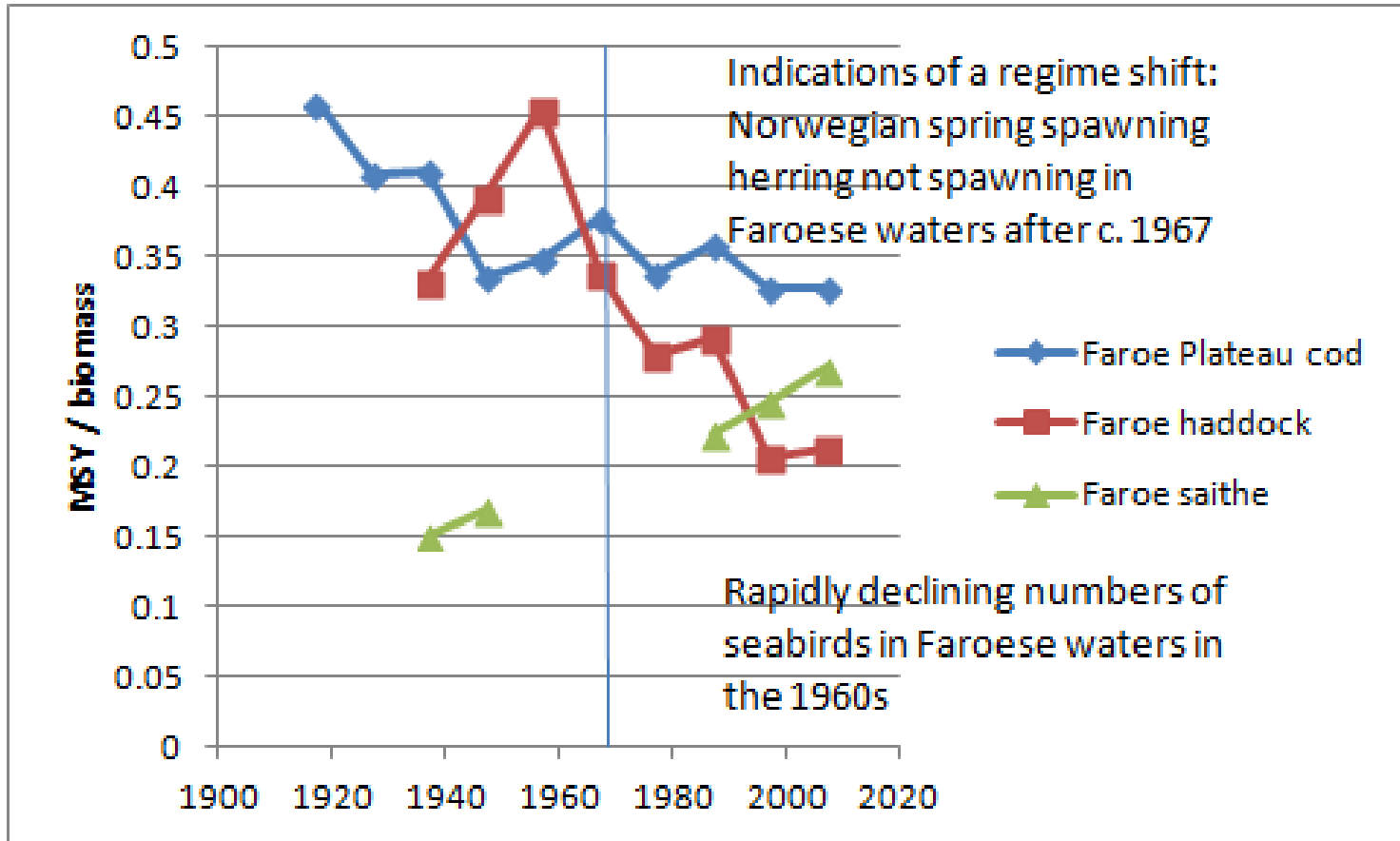
Faroe haddock



Faroe saithe



Regime shifts?



Take home message

- Long time series are needed to demonstrate changes in reference points.
- Reference points may change over time (decades).
- These changes may occur as a result of regime shifts, although this topic is difficult.

Thank you for your attention

