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Decomposition and Advanced Sustainability Analysis (ASA)

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Decomposition analysis

- Target is to explain the changes in a variable as a sum or product of changes in drivers
- For instance the $I = PAT$ is a typical decomposition equation, where changes in impact (I) (environmental) are explained through changes in population (P), affluence (A) and technology (T)
- Different types of decompositions

Decomposition of drivers

IPAT equation

$$I = P \times A \times T$$

I = Impact (environmental)

P = Population

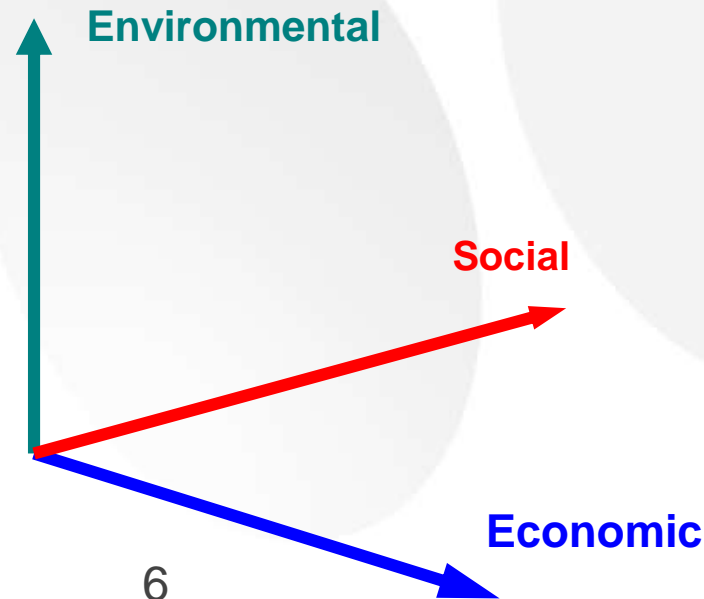
A = Affluence (GDP)

T = Technology

(Malaska 1971, Commoner 1972, Ehrlich & Holdren 1971)

What is Advanced Sustainability Analysis (ASA)

- The **ADVANCED SUSTAINABILITY ANALYSIS (ASA)** approach offers a tool for policy analyses and policy formulations regarding different dimensions of sustainable development



What is Advanced Sustainability Analysis (ASA)

- The **ASA** tool is a mathematical information system for analyzing macro- and micro-level data from different sustainability points of view
- ASA analysis **decomposes** the factors affecting changes e.g. in environmental impact into meaningful components

What is Advanced Sustainability Analysis (ASA)

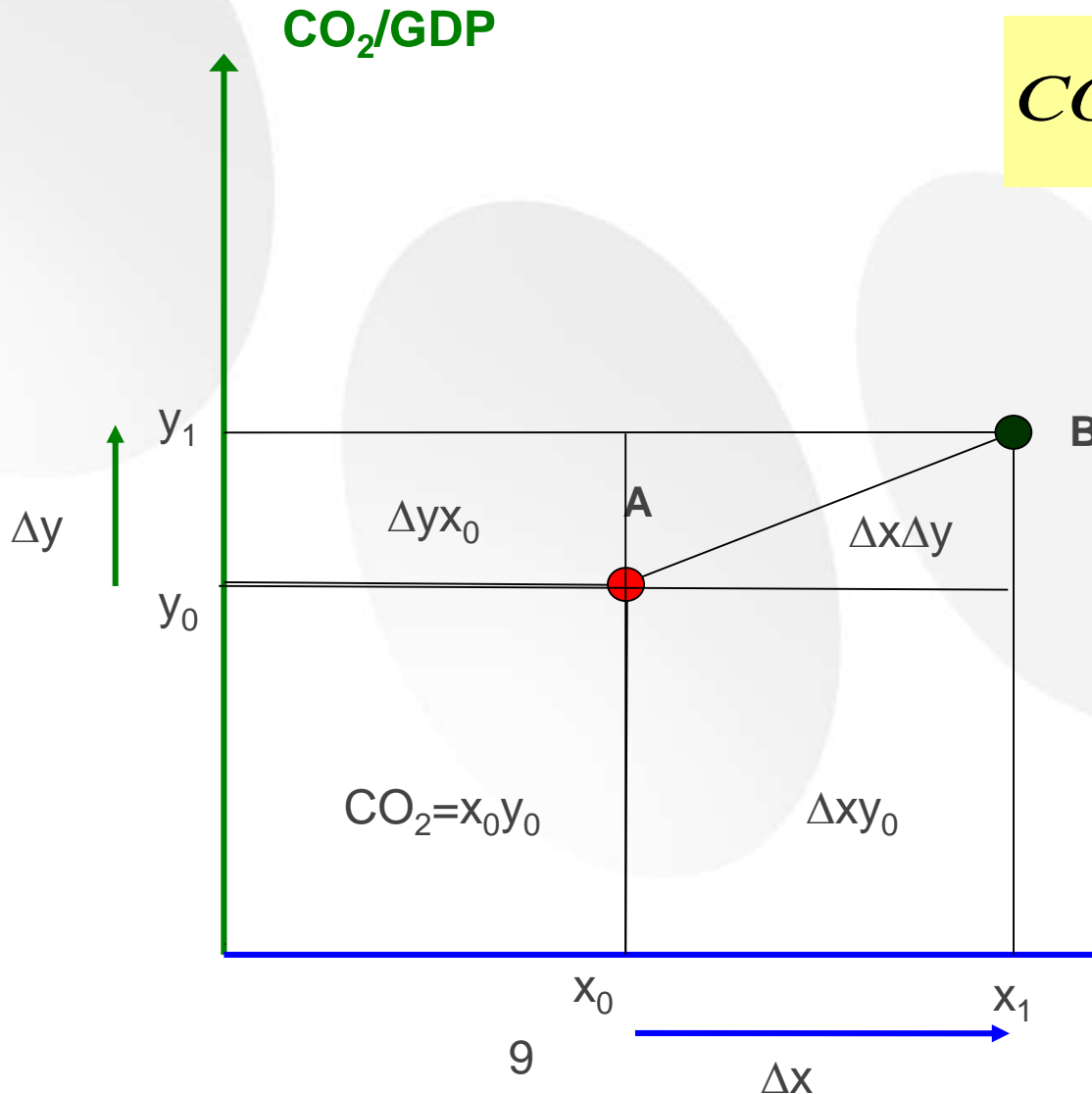
- Decomposition

$$CO_2 = \frac{CO_2}{GDP} GDP$$

- CO₂ emissions are determined by
 - CO₂ intensity of the economy (CO₂/GDP)
 - economic activity (GDP)

ASA decomposition of production

$$CO_2 = \frac{CO_2}{GDP} GDP$$

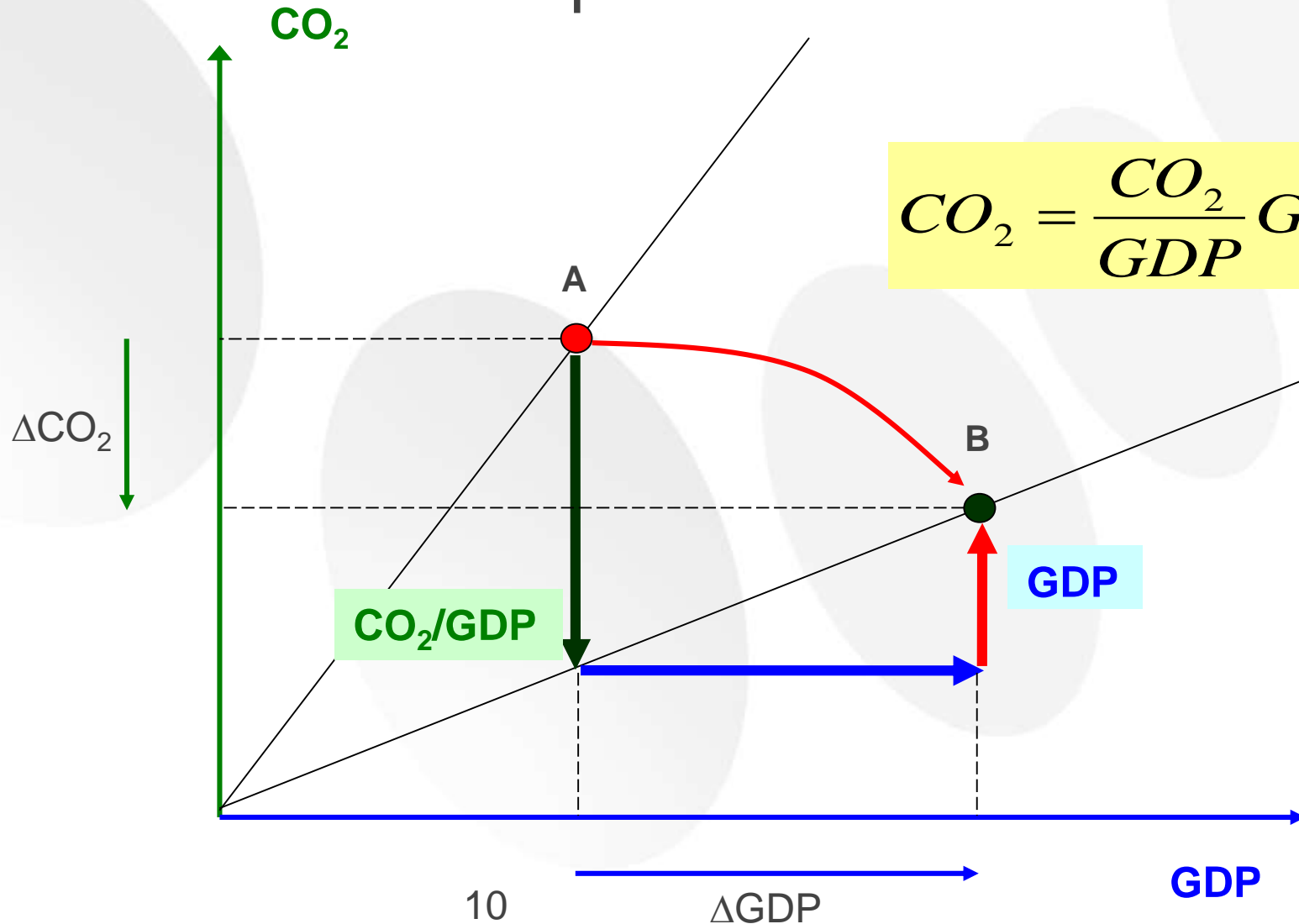


$$\begin{aligned} \Delta CO_2 &= \Delta xy_0 \\ &+ \Delta yx_0 + \Delta x\Delta y \\ &= \Delta xy_0 + 1/2\Delta x\Delta y \\ &+ \Delta yx_0 + 1/2\Delta x\Delta y \\ &= X_{imp} + Y_{imp} \end{aligned}$$

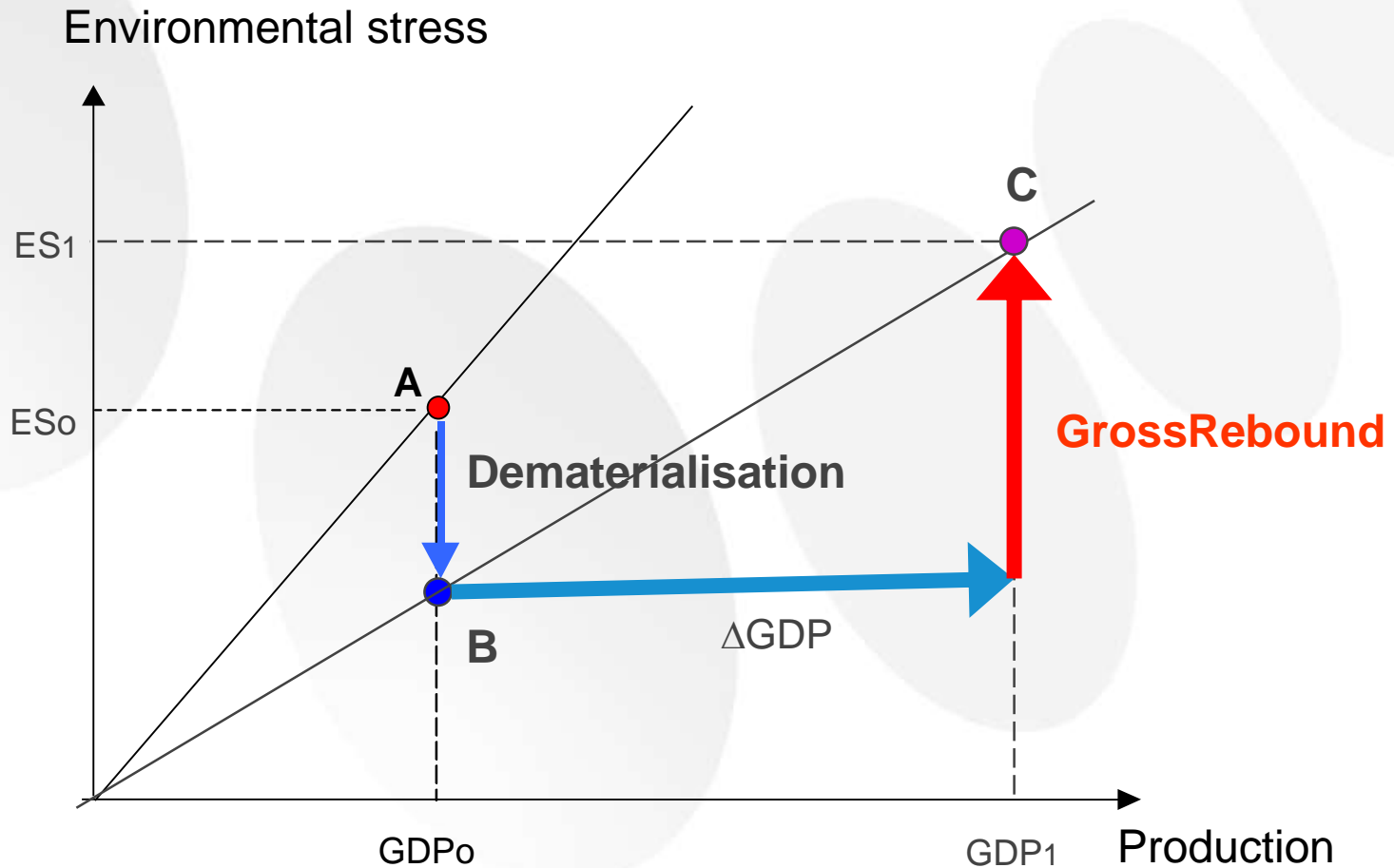


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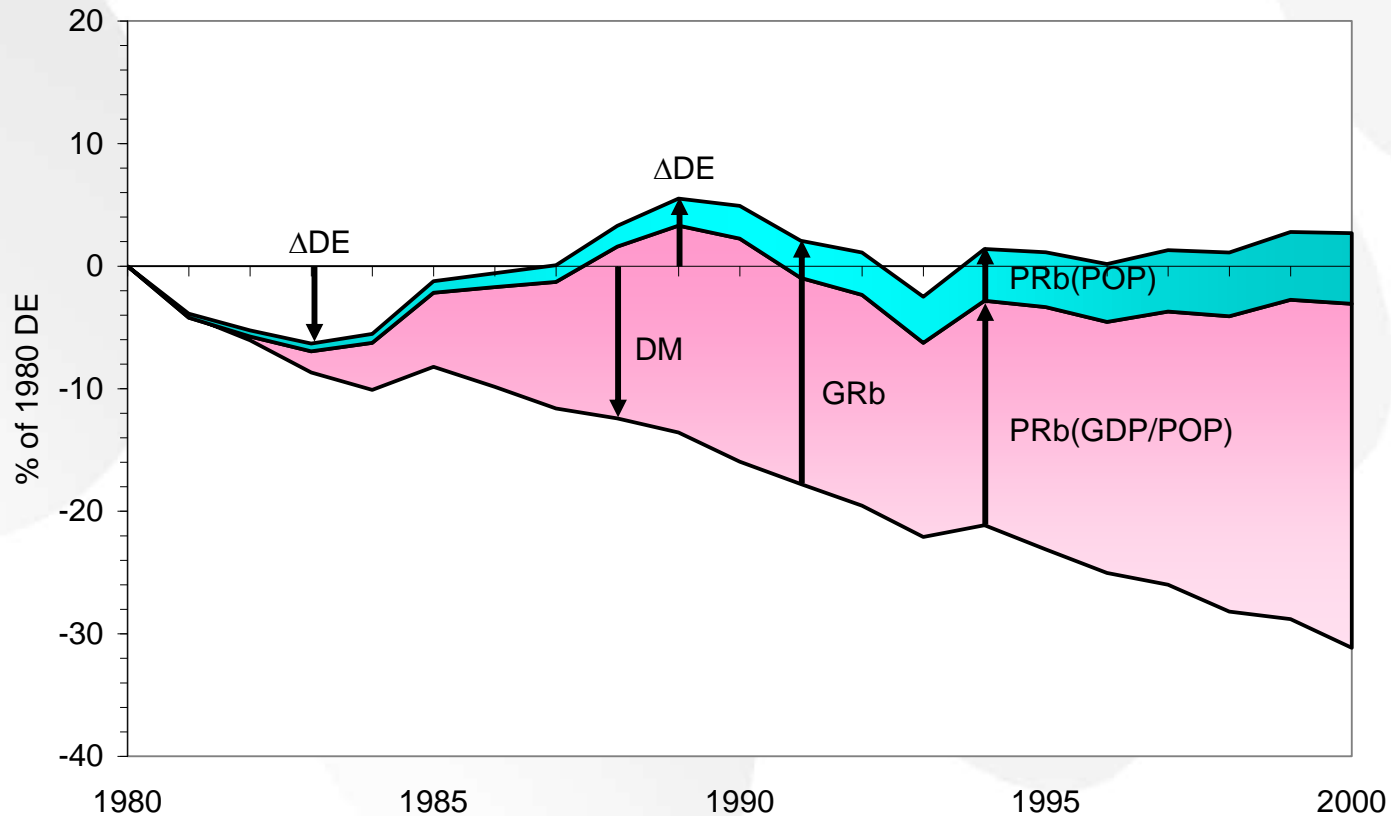
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Dematerialisation of production

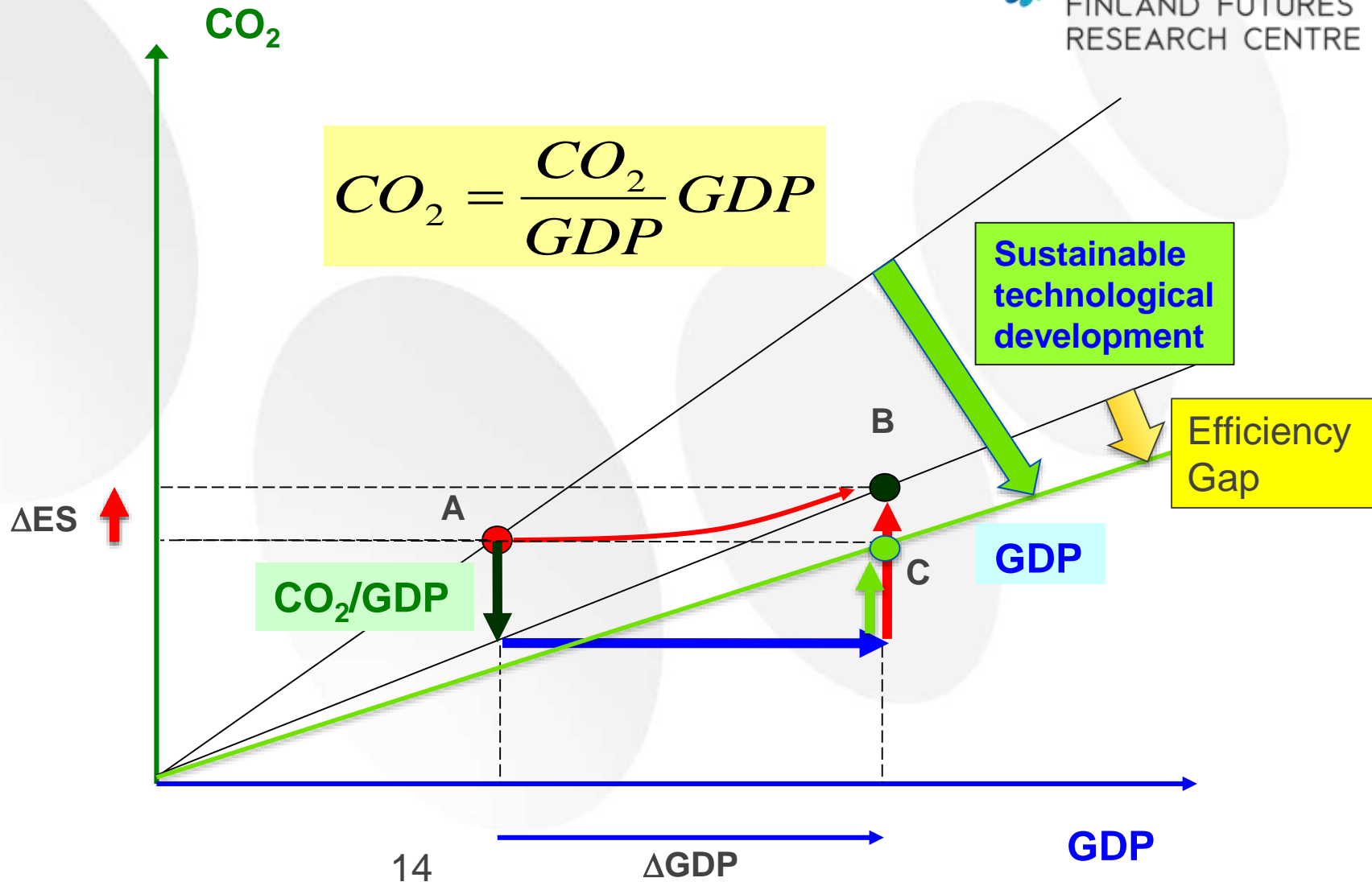


Dematerialisation and Rebound as ASA concepts

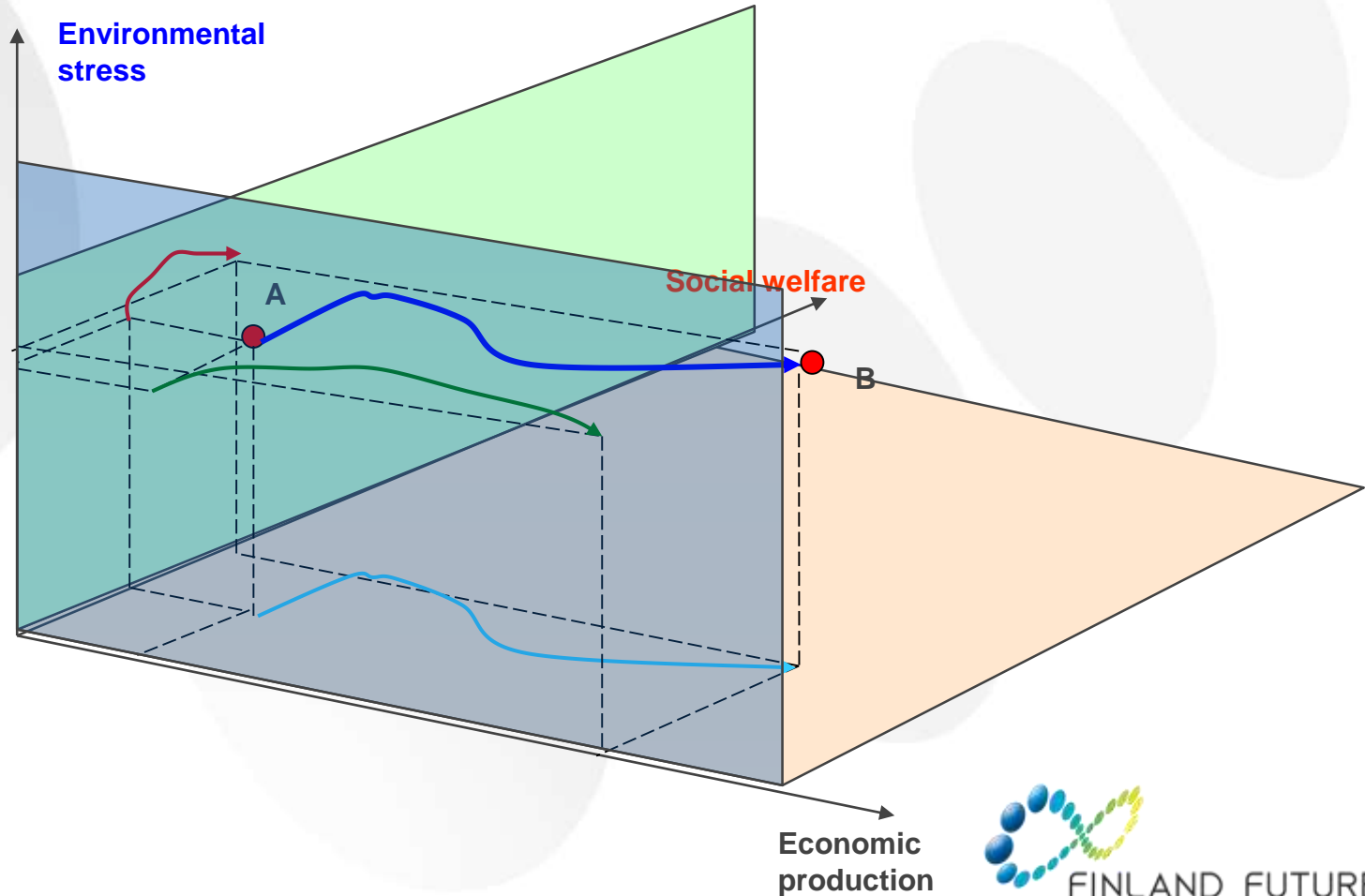


The dematerialization effect and rebound effects of material flows in the European Union, measured by domestic material extraction (DE).

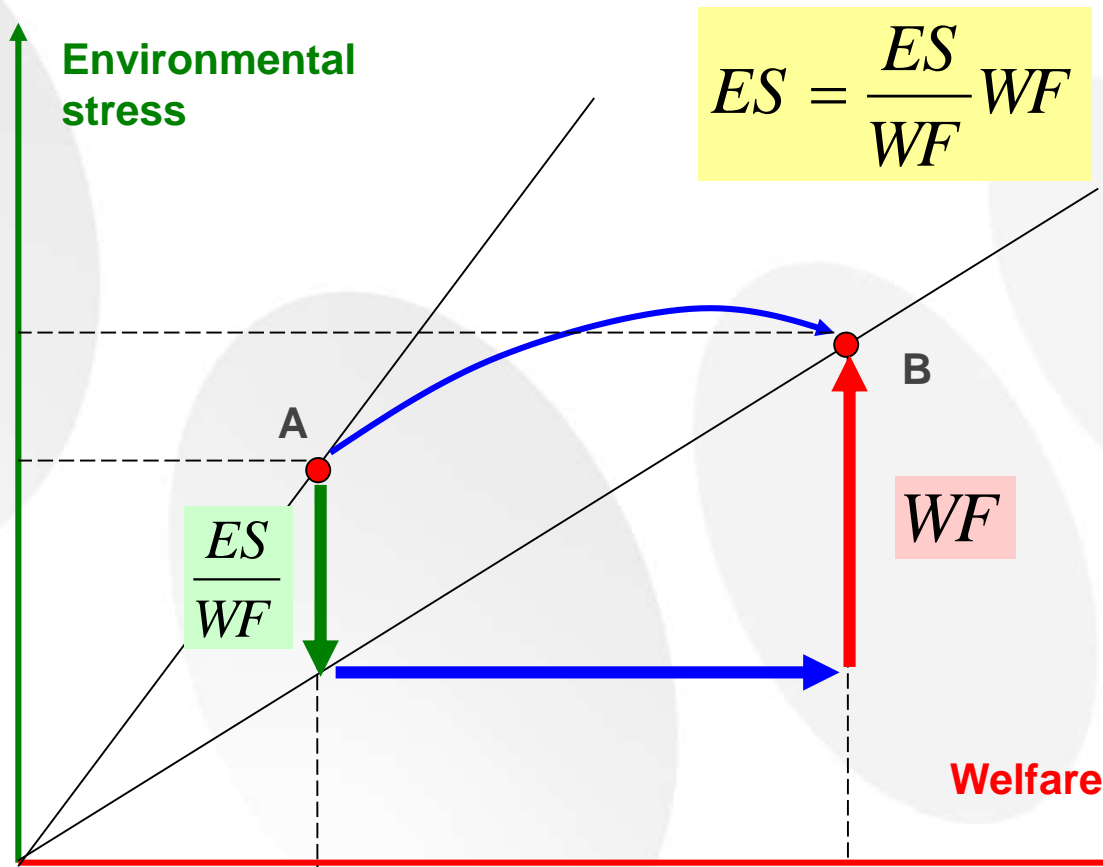
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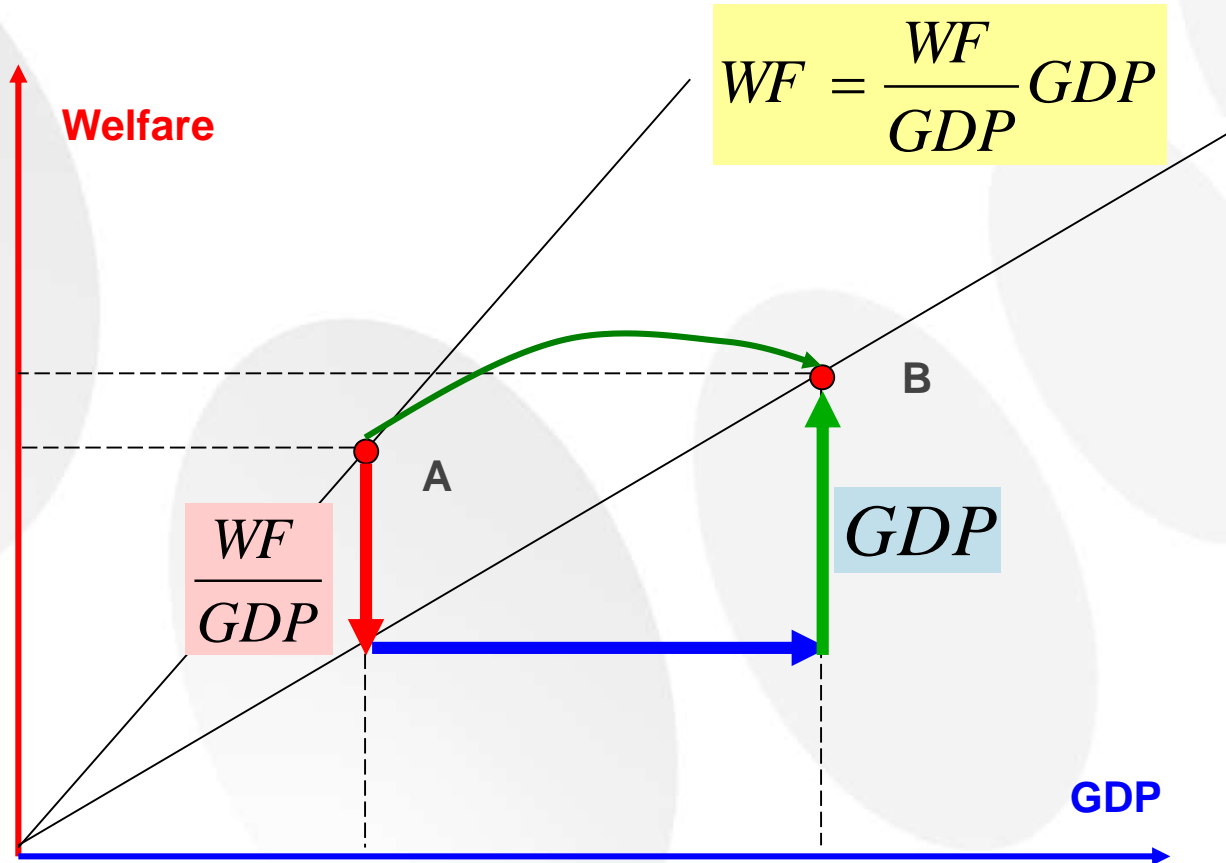
Environmental stress – Economic production – Social welfare decomposition



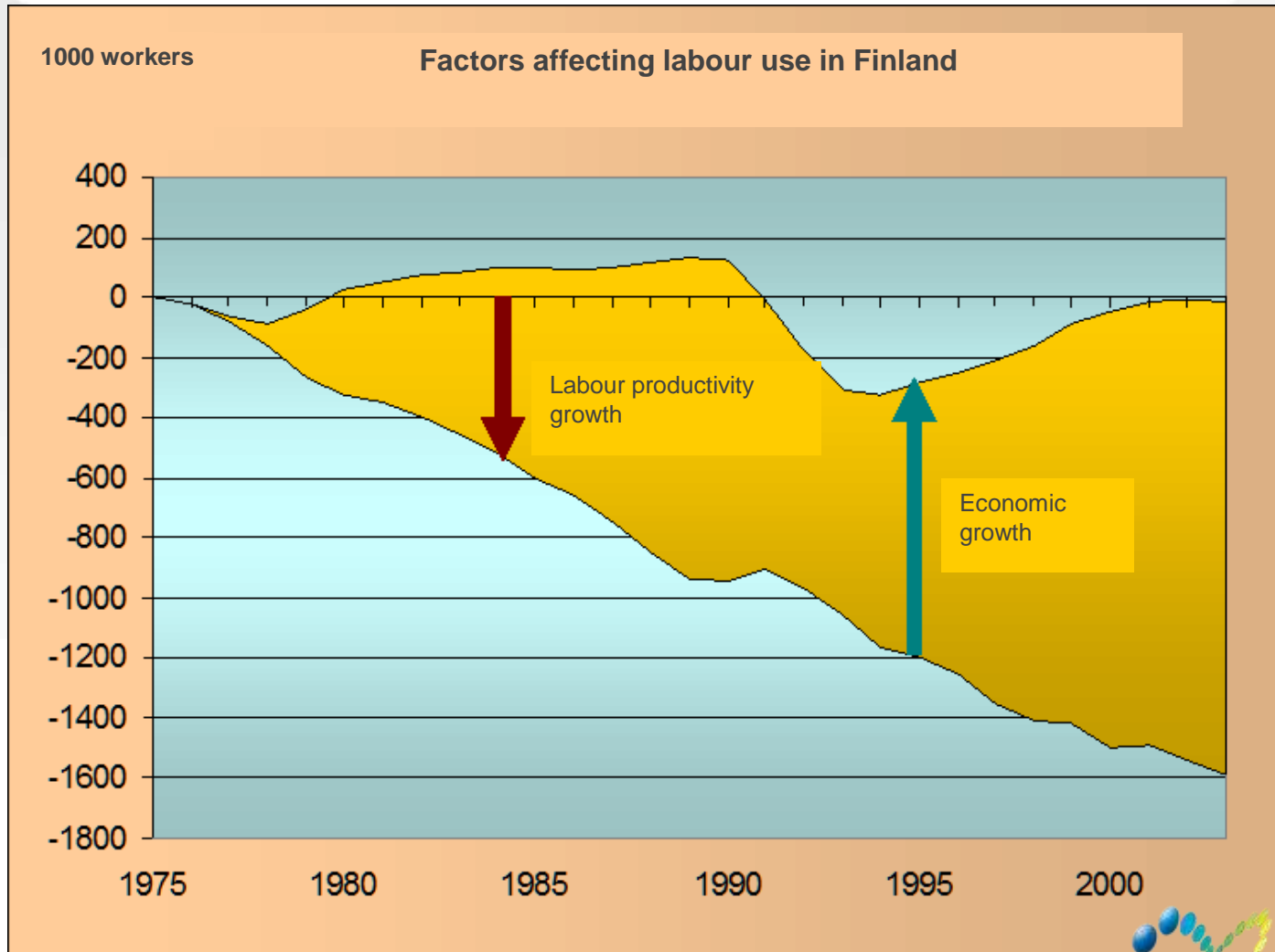
ASA analysis of environment and welfare



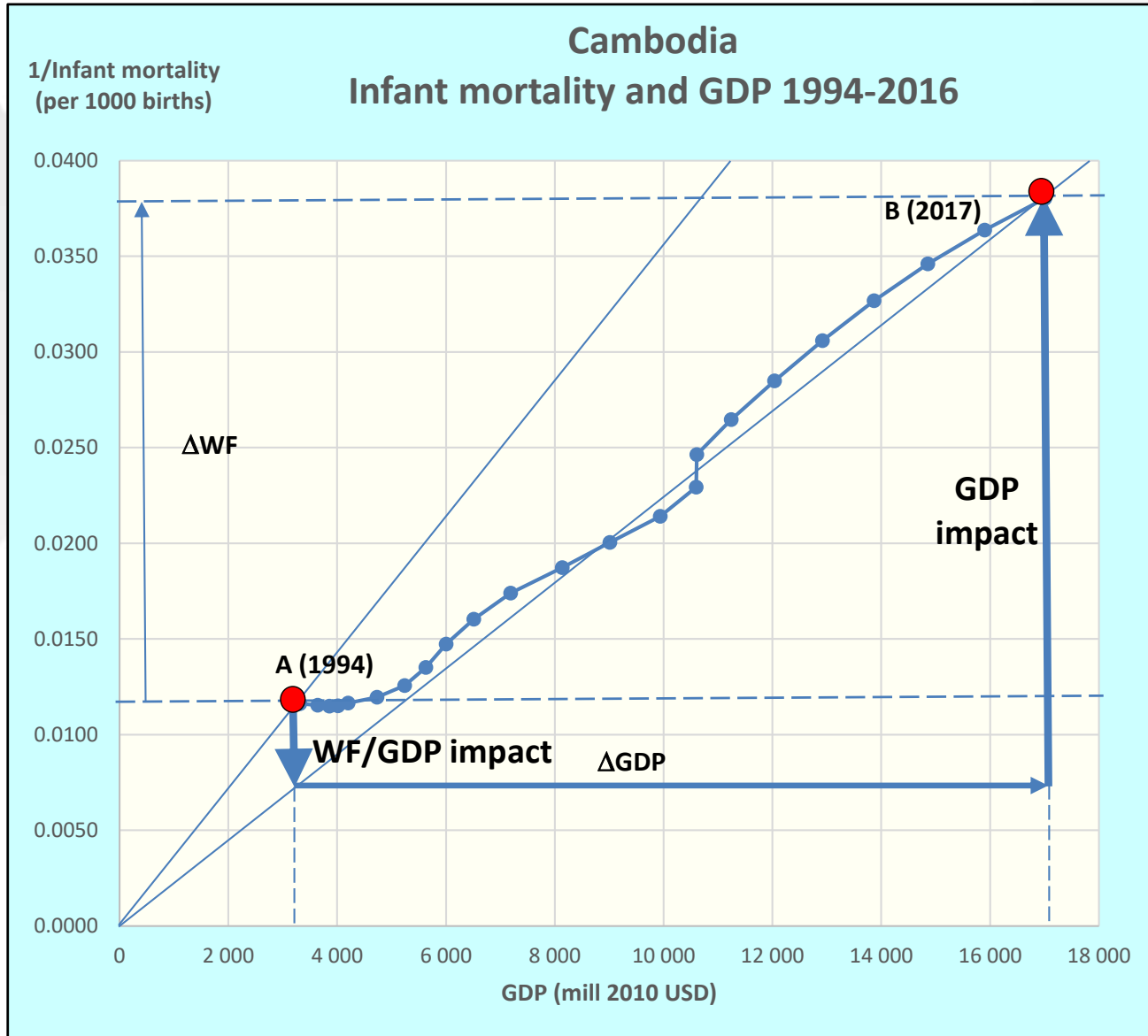
Welfare analysis with ASA



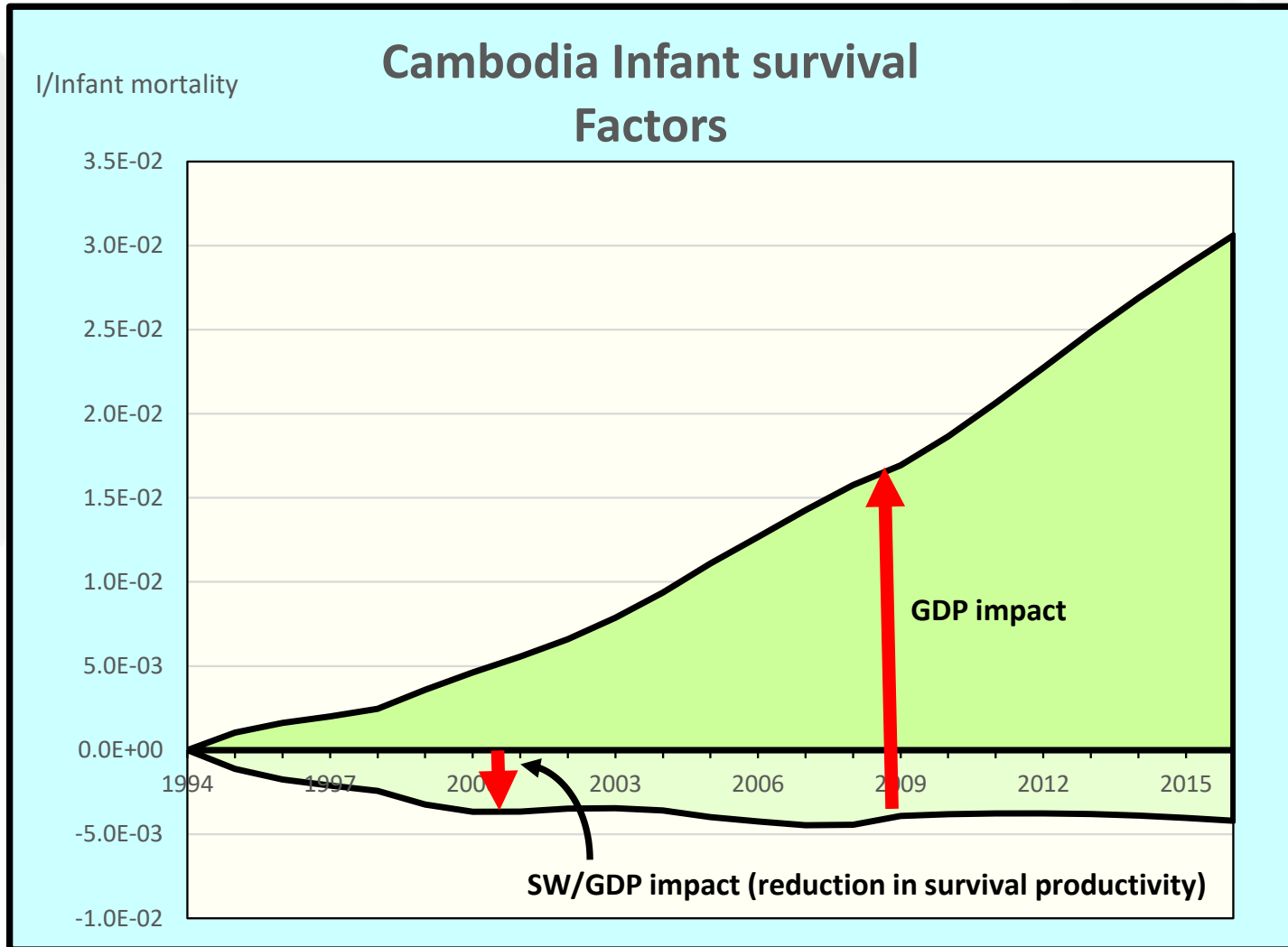
Labour force decomposition



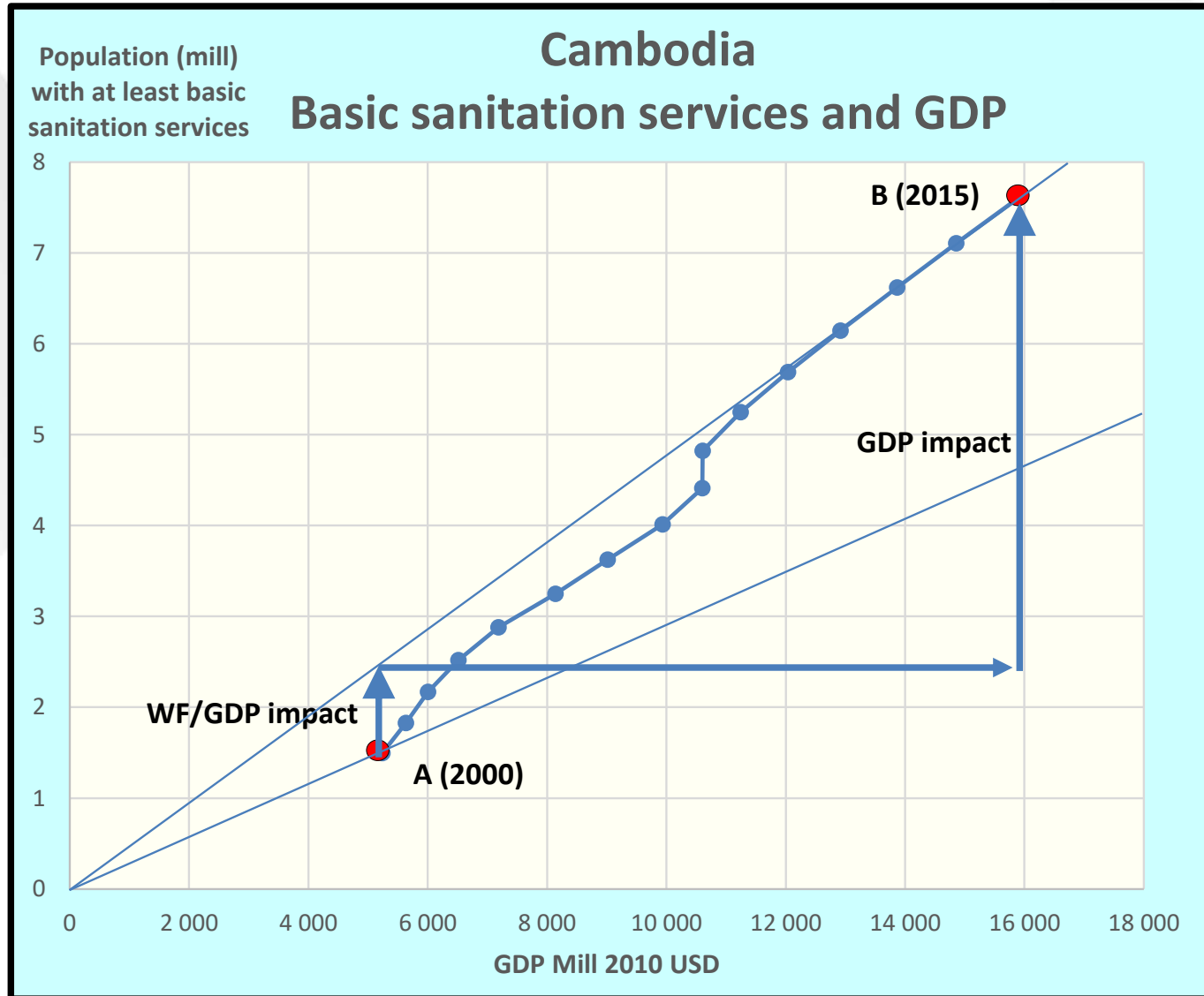
Infant Survival and GDP in Cambodia 1994-2017



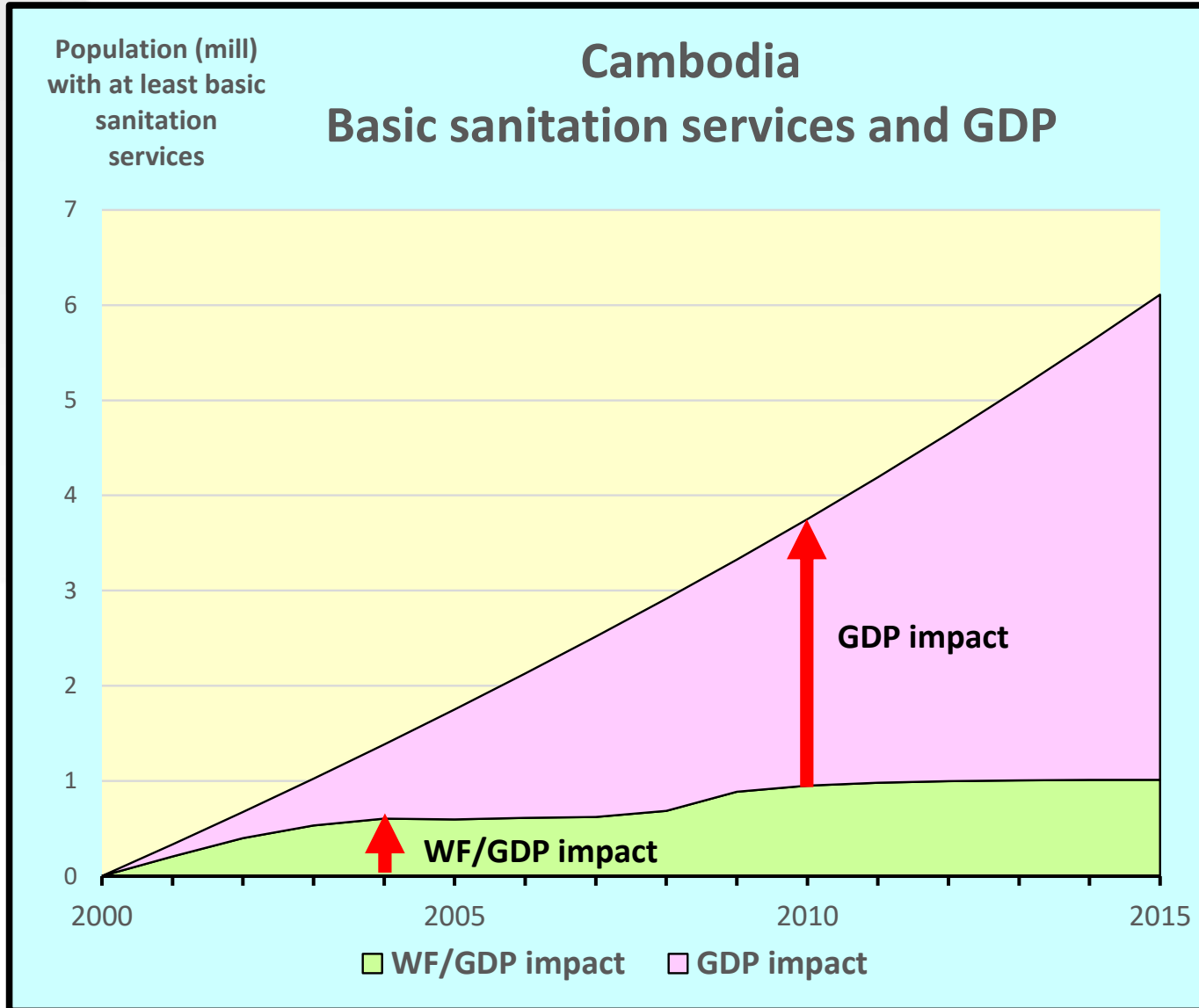
Factors affecting Infant Survival in Cambodia



Access to at least basic sanitation and GDP in Cambodia



Impacts on acces to at least basic sanitation in Cambodia



Structural change/ technological change and sustainability

- Role of technological change and the change of production structure in advancing sustainability
- Decomposition analysis of CO₂ emissions

ASA decomposition

$$CO_2 = \frac{CO_2}{GDP} GDP$$

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- ASA decomposition can be deepened
- TPES is primary energy supply
- FEC is final energy consumption
- $CO_2/TPES$ is CO_2 intensity of primary energy use
- $TPES/FEC$ is intensity of energy system
- FEC/GDP is energy intensity of production

Components of change

CO₂/TPES

TPES / FEC

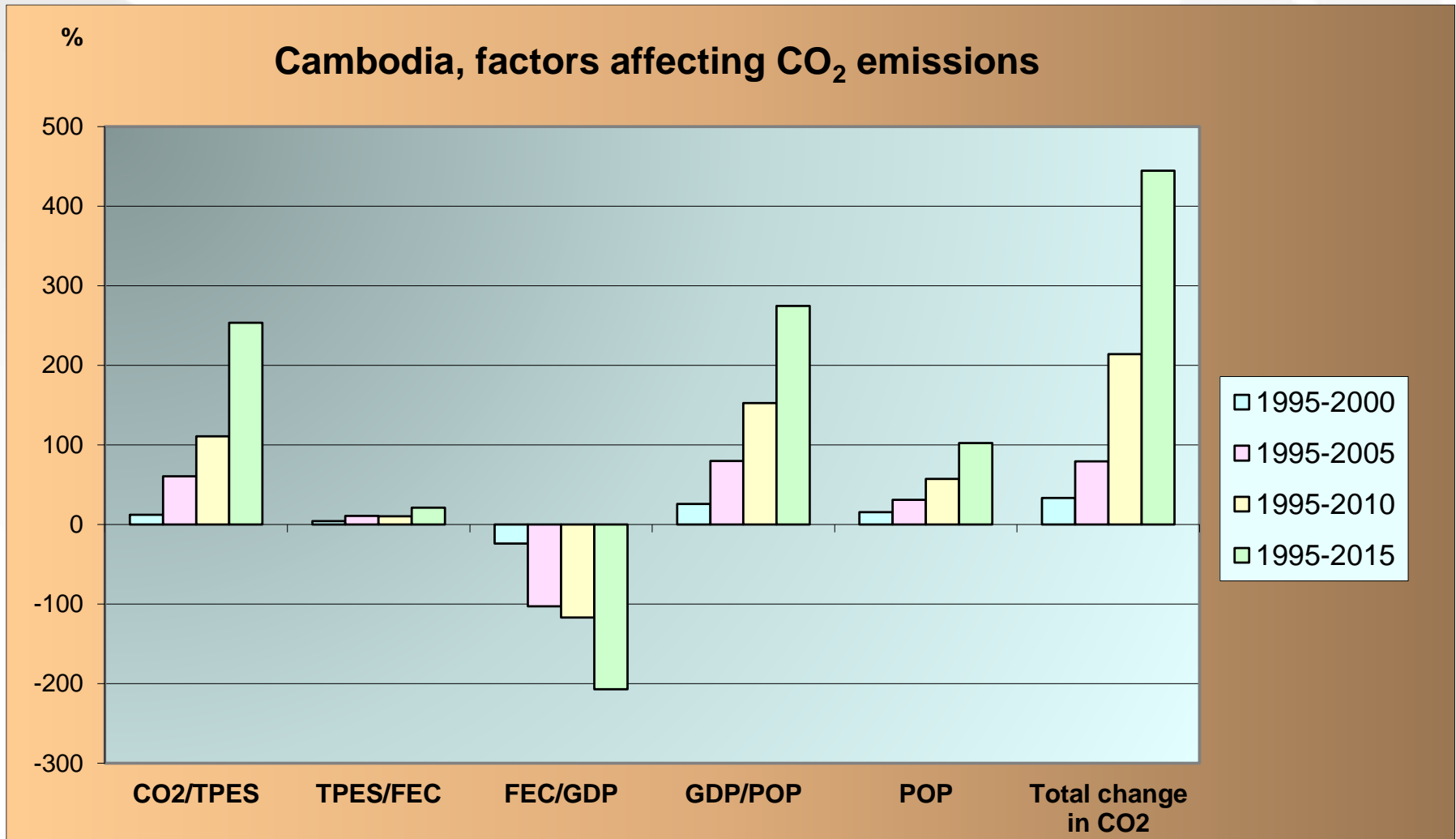
FEC / GDP

GDP / POP

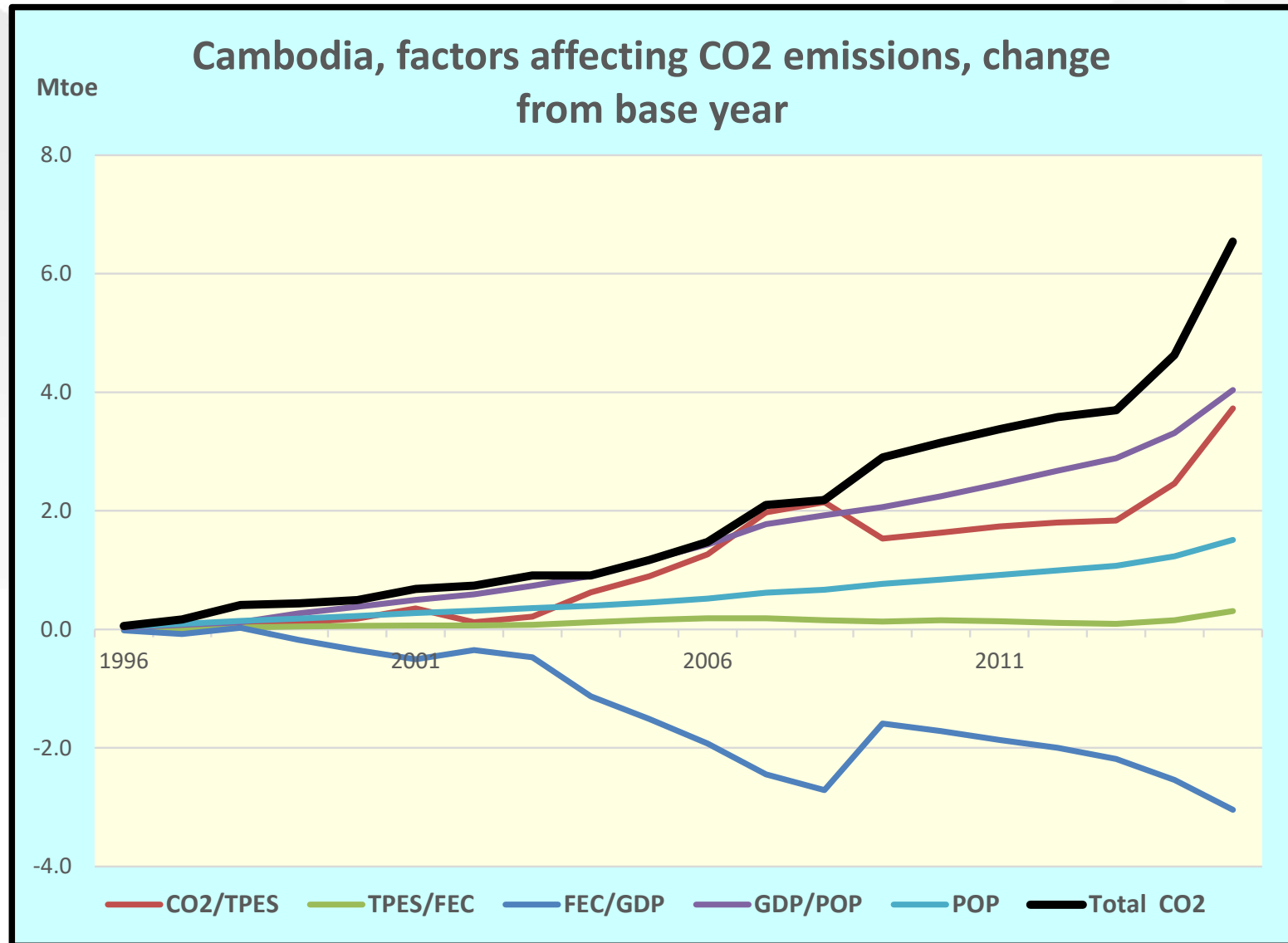
POP

- First two components indicate the effect of technological change
- Third component indicates structural change of production
- Fourth component indicates economic growth
- Last component indicates population growth

Factors affecting CO₂ emissions



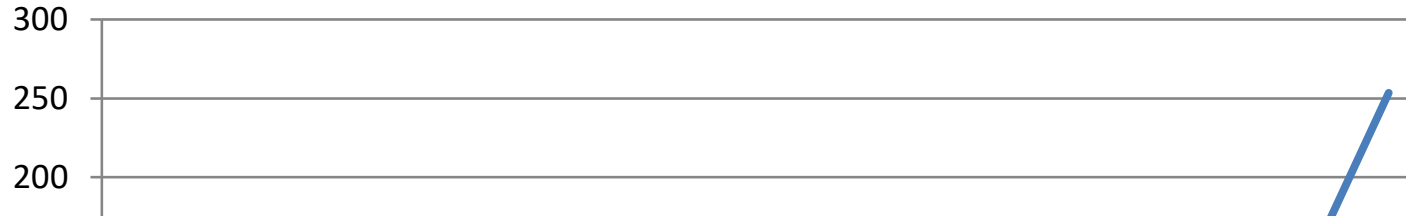
Factors affecting CO₂ emissions



Future trends of factors affecting CO₂ emissions in Cambodia

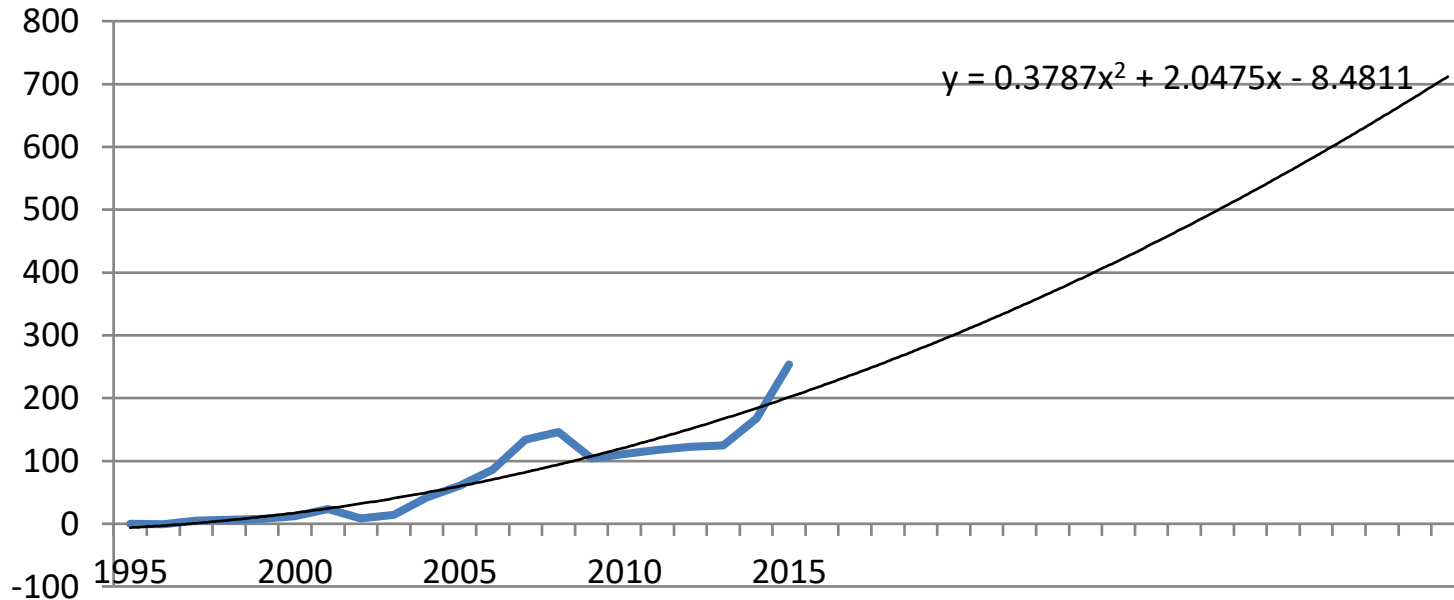
% change from
1990

CO₂/TPES

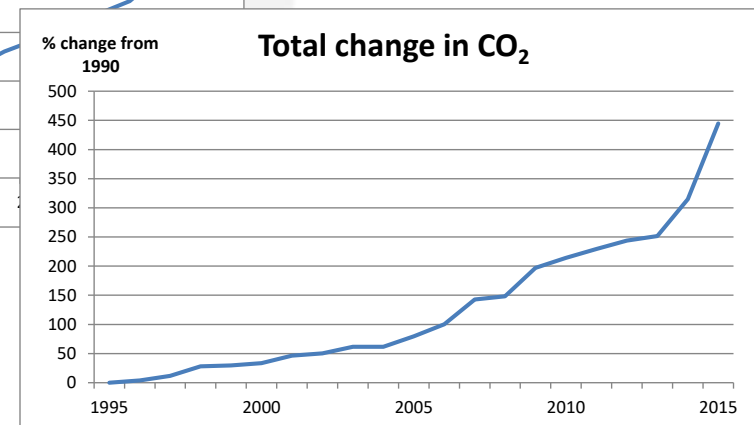
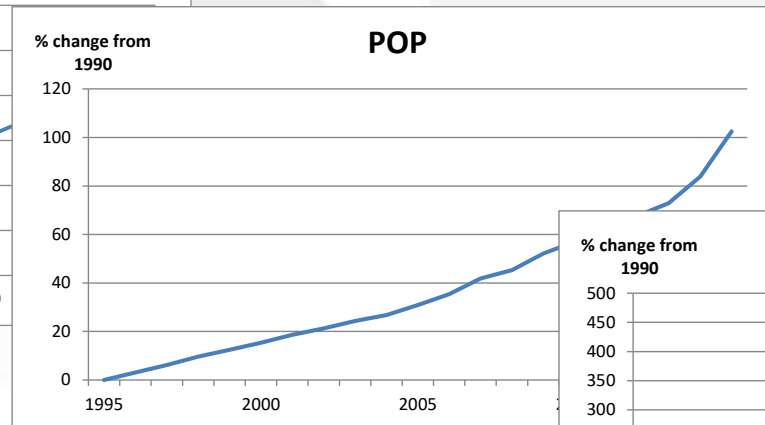
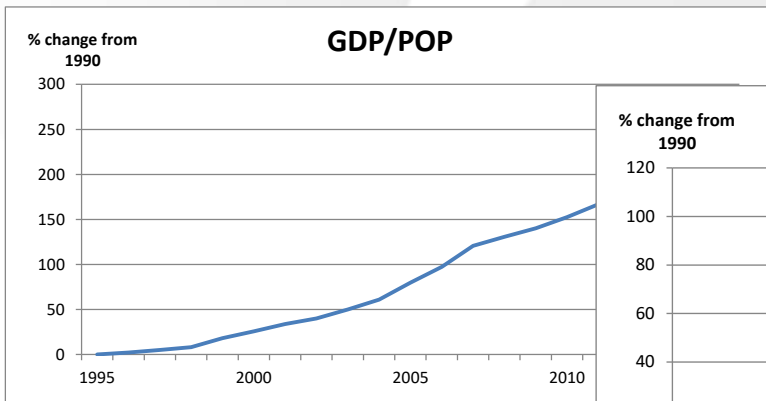
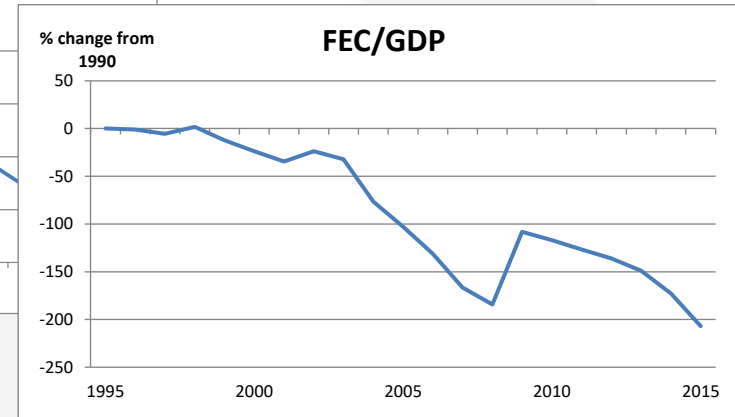
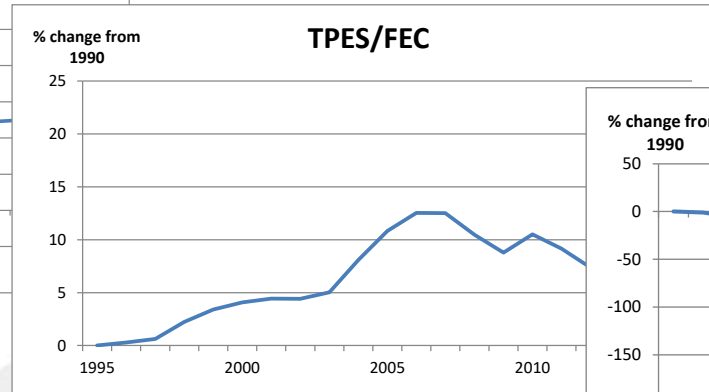
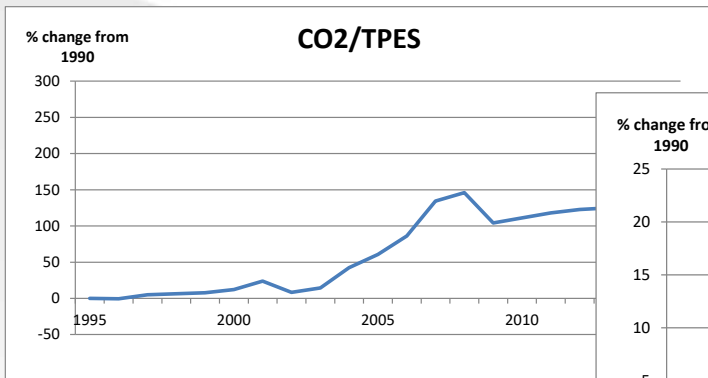


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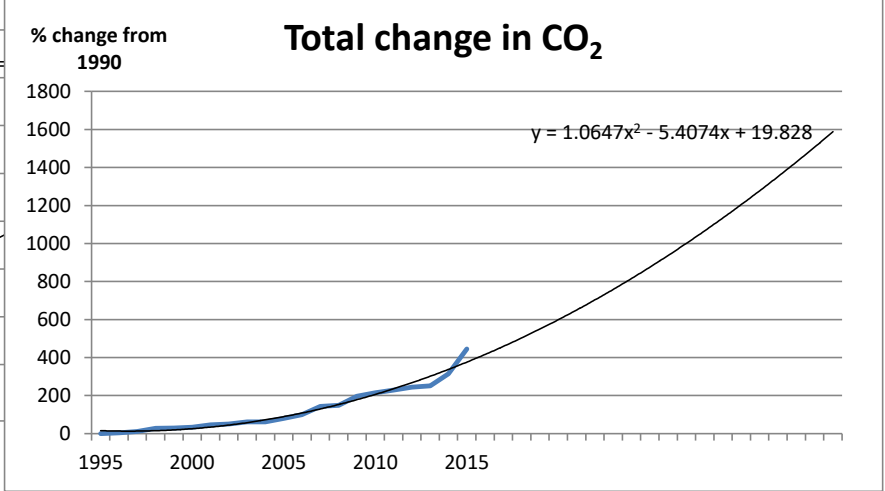
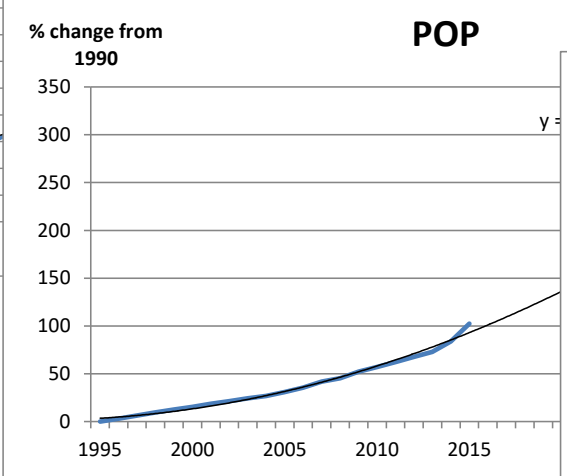
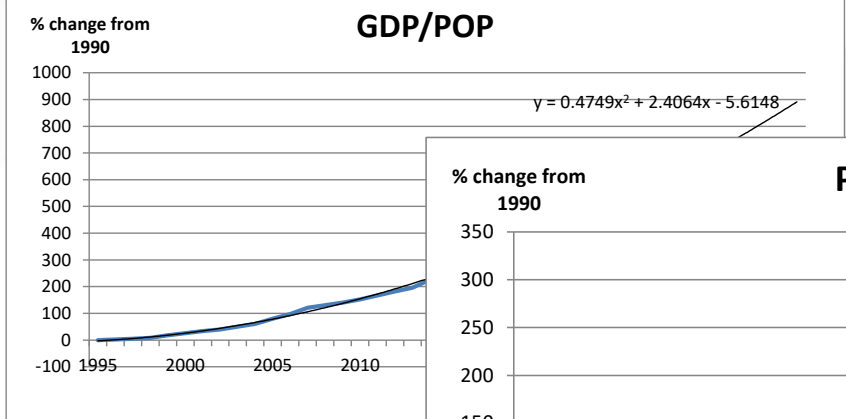
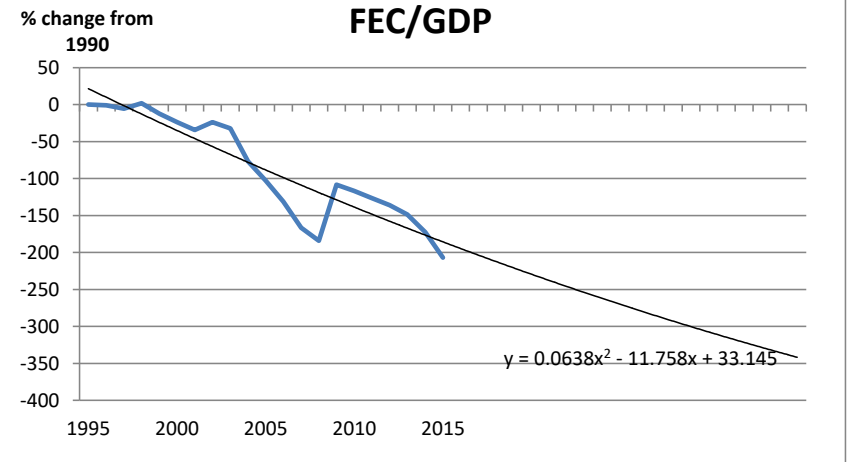
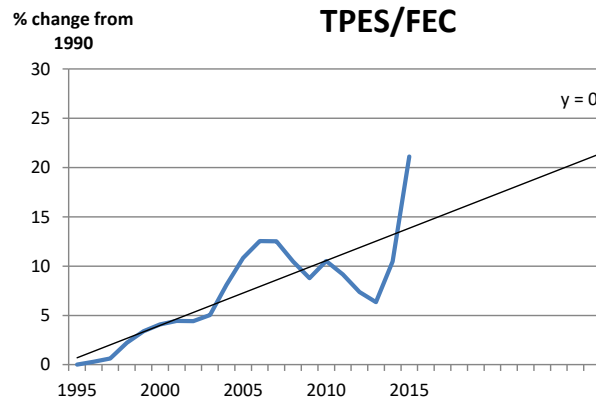
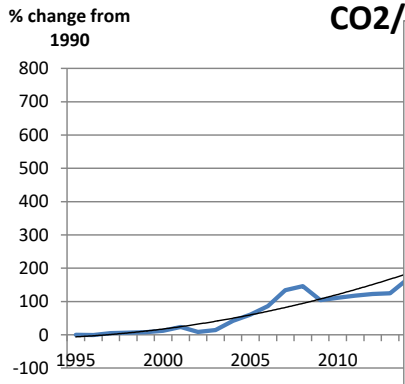
CO₂/TPES



Factors affecting CO₂ emissions in Cambodia

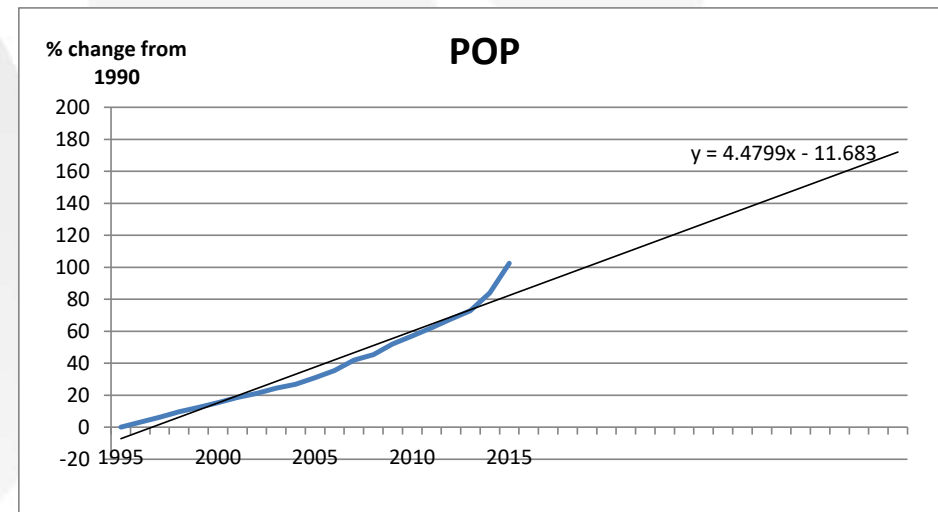
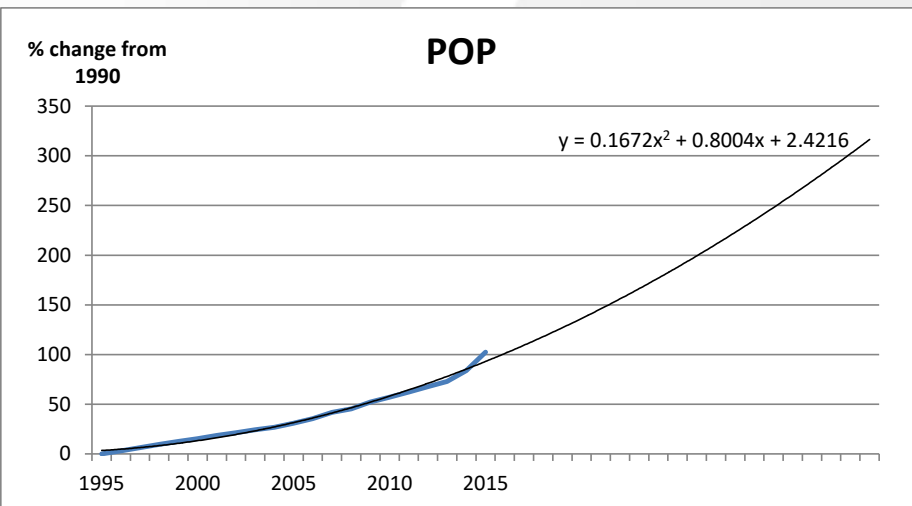


Future trends of factors affecting CO₂ emissions in Cambodia



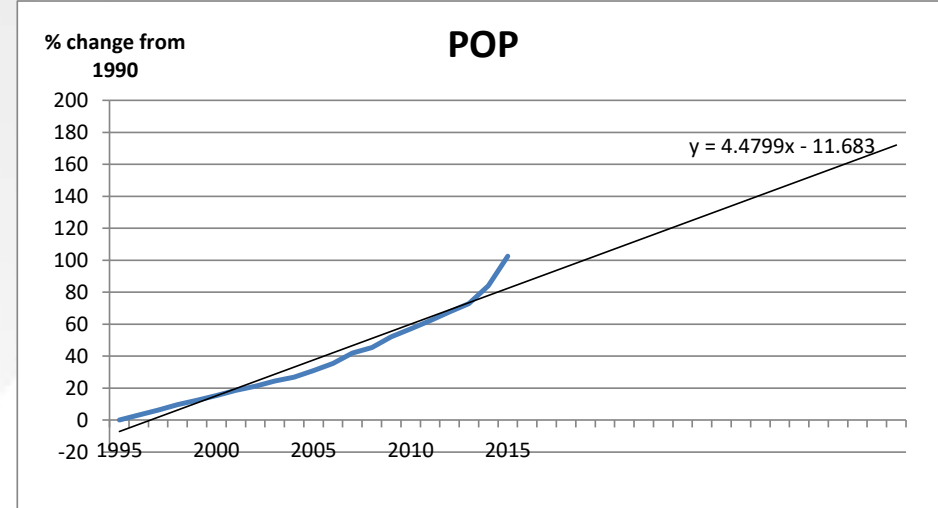
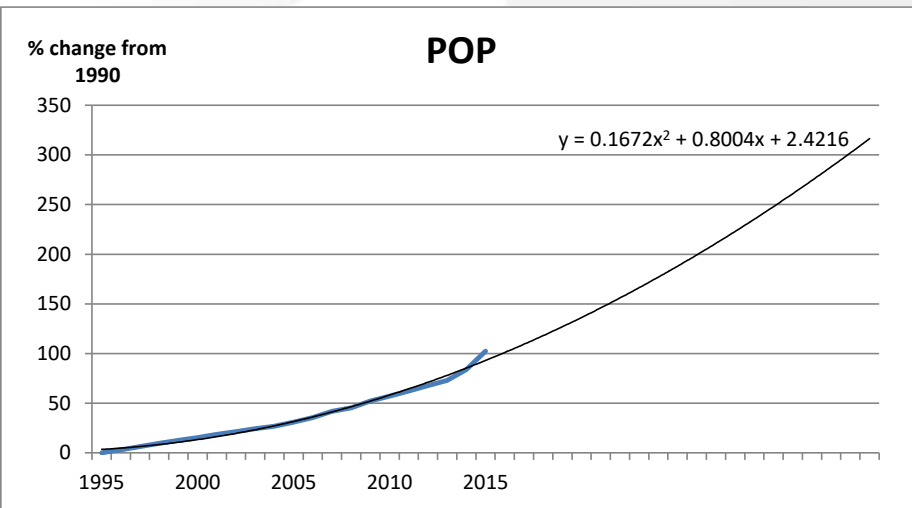
Future trends of factors affecting CO₂ emissions in Cambodia

- The total change of CO₂ emissions can be calculated as the sum of the trends of individual factors
- This gives a different result compared to the trend estimation of the total emissions
- The forecasts of the components have a distinctive impact of the results
- If the POP is estimated to grow, not linearly but exponentially, we get different result for the total CO₂ emissions

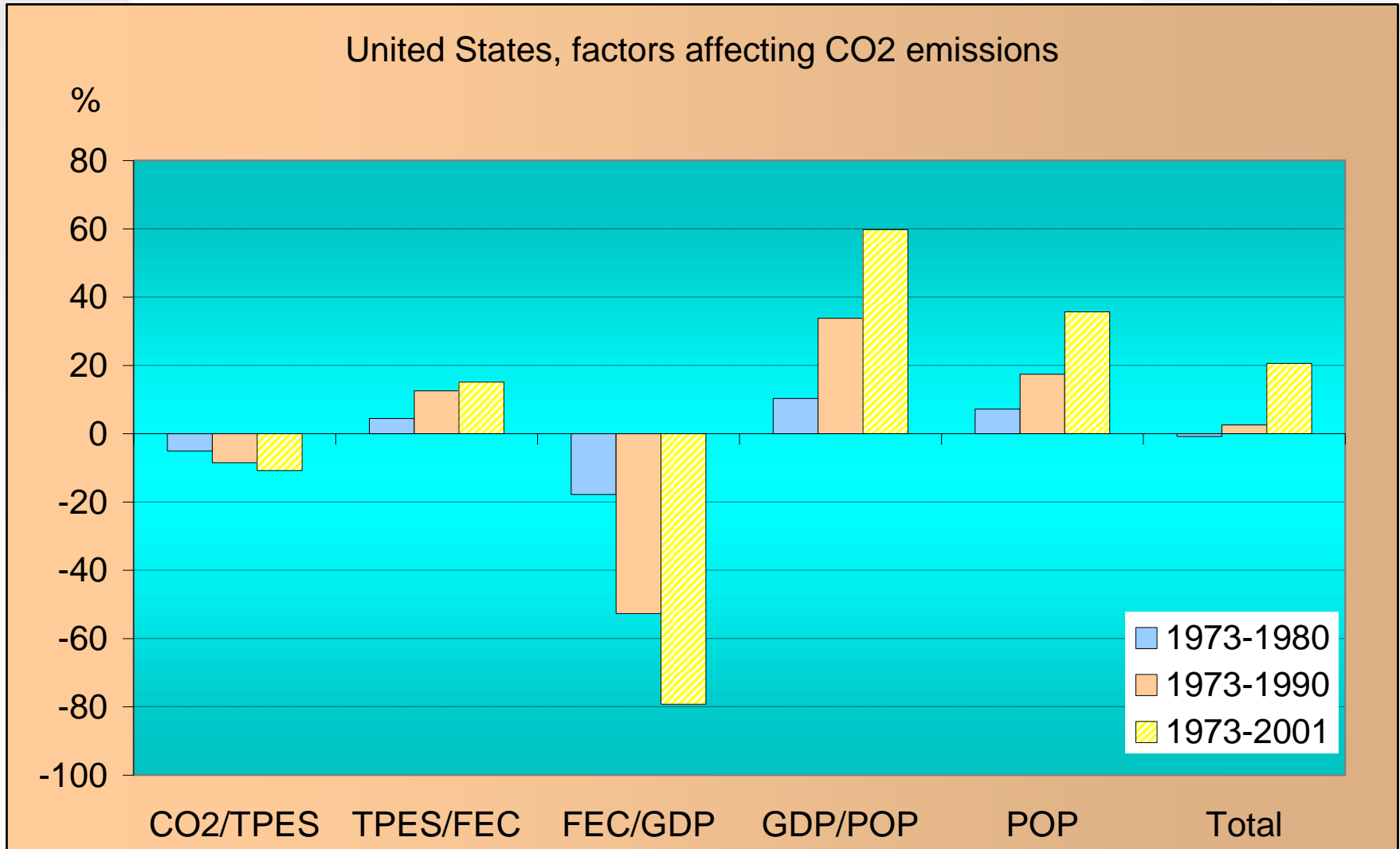


Future trends of factors affecting CO₂ emissions in Cambodia

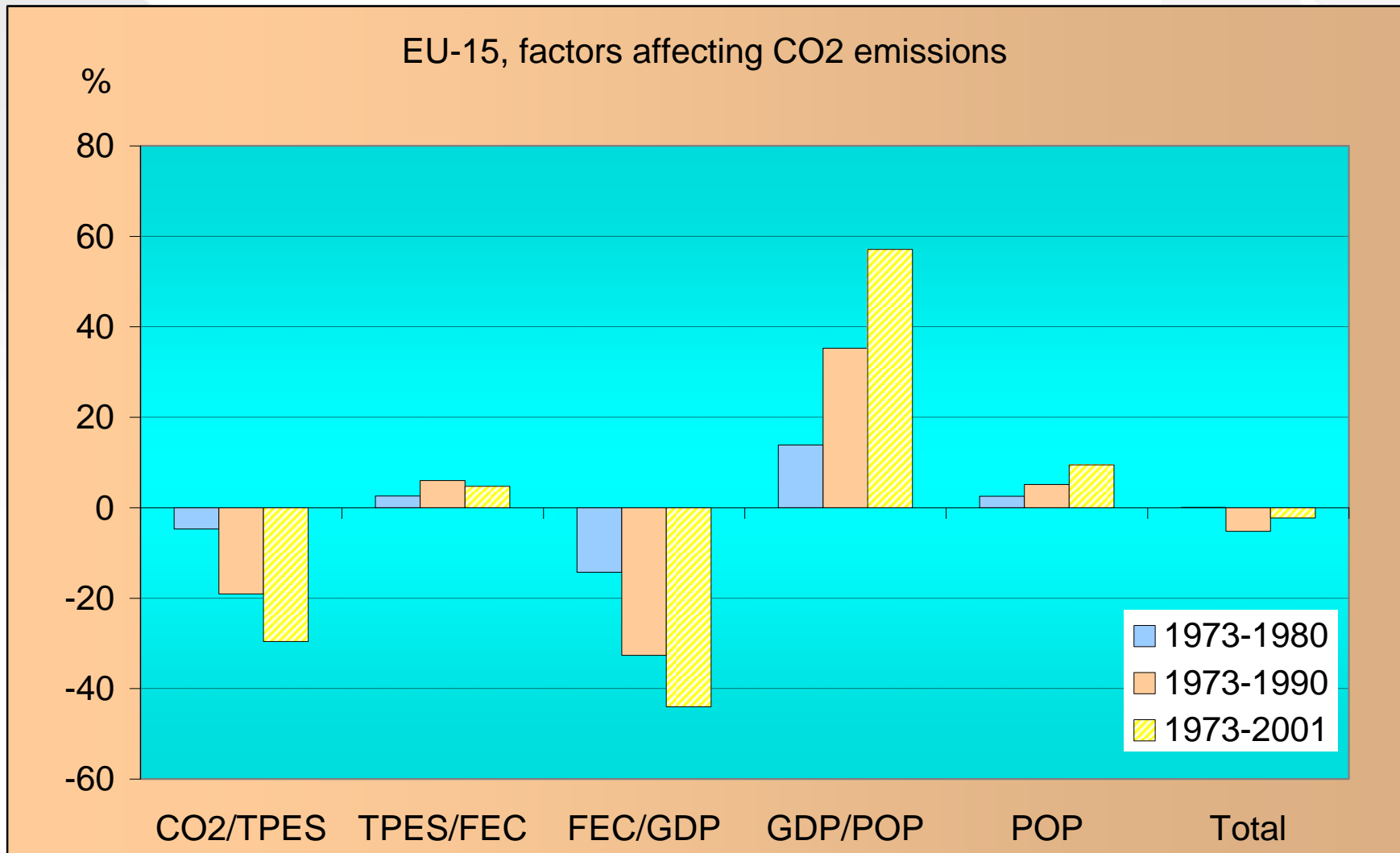
- **Homework - Groupwork**
- Calculate the total change of CO₂ emissions as the sum of the trends of individual factors using the trend equations
- Use different trend forecasts of the components such as linear, polynomial (different orders), logarithmic, exponential to analyse the impact on the results
- Write a small report of the results



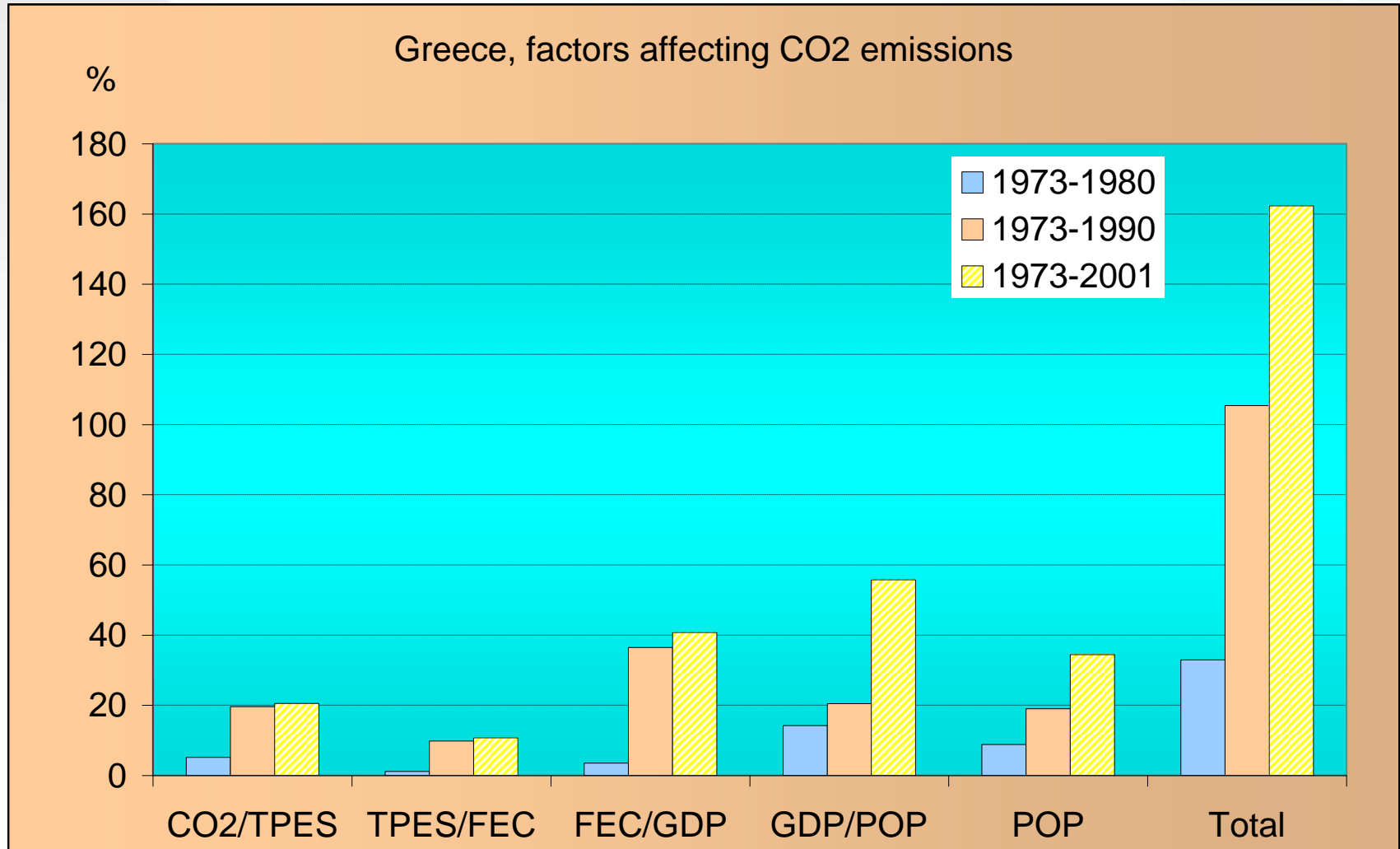
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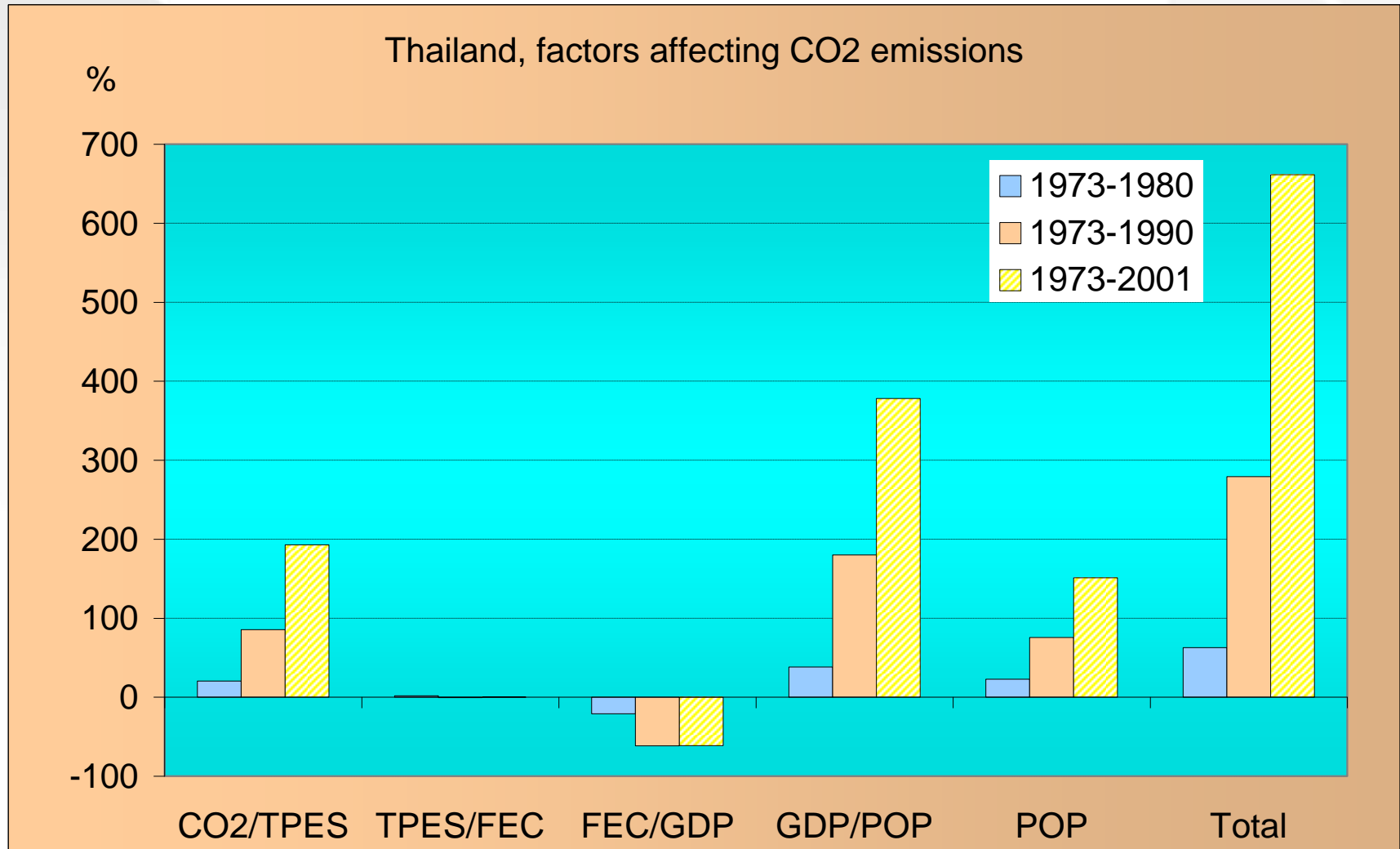
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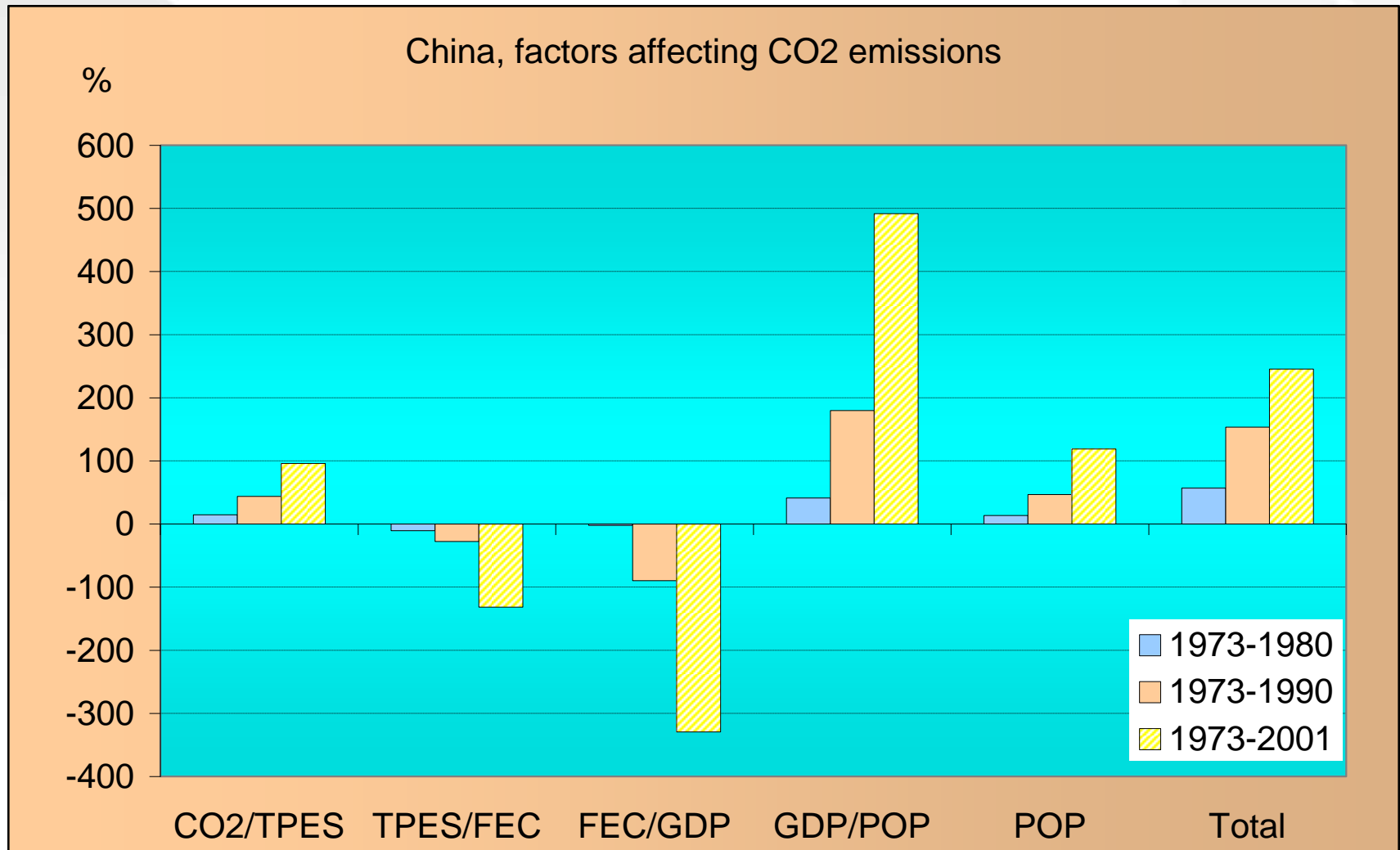
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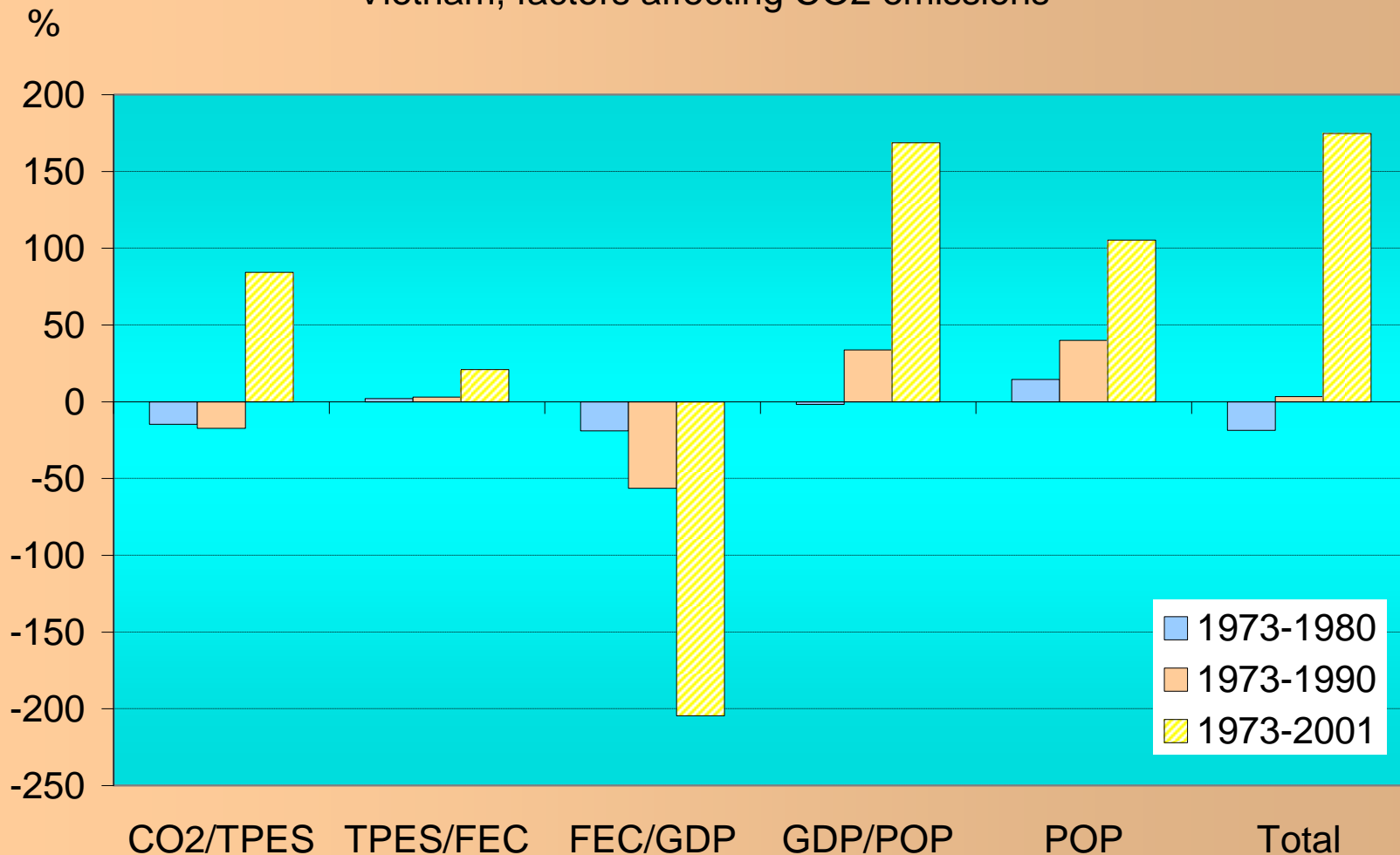


Factors affecting CO₂ emissions



Factors affecting CO₂ emissions

Vietnam, factors affecting CO₂ emissions



Decomposition vs. modelling

- Decomposition vs. modelling
 - Decomposition requires very little information
 - Information from two different years is enough
 - Decomposition calculation is quite easy
 - Modelling can provide much more detailed results
 - Modelling can capture dynamic features of the processes
 - Modelling is more sensitive to errors (in model structure and model parameters)

Other types of Decomposition analysis

- Decomposition analysis can be used to analysis drivers of e.g. sales data

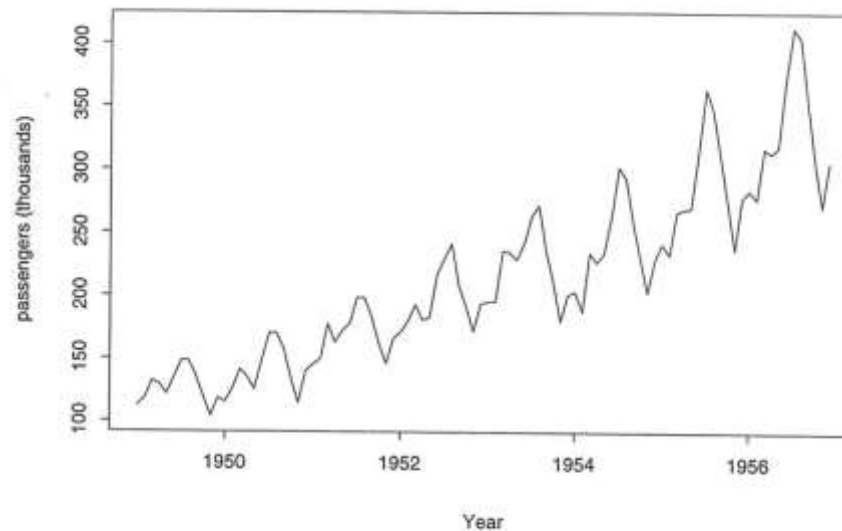


Figure 3-10: Time plot of monthly international airline passenger traffic (in thousands) from 1949–1956.

- This type of data contains trend and seasonal variations, which can be found by decomposition analysis

Decomposition analysis (cont.)

- Decomposition of a variable containing trend and seasonal component

- $Y_t = f(S_t, T_t, E_t)$

where

Y_t is the time series value (actual data)

S_t is the seasonal component (or index)

T_t is the trend-cycle component

E_t is the irregular (or remainder) component

- In additive decomposition

$$Y_t = S_t + T_t + E_t$$

- In multiplicative decomposition

$$Y_t = S_t * T_t * E_t \Rightarrow \log Y_t = \log S_t + \log T_t + \log E_t$$



Decomposition analysis (cont.)

- When we decompose the airlines passenger statistics into its components we get

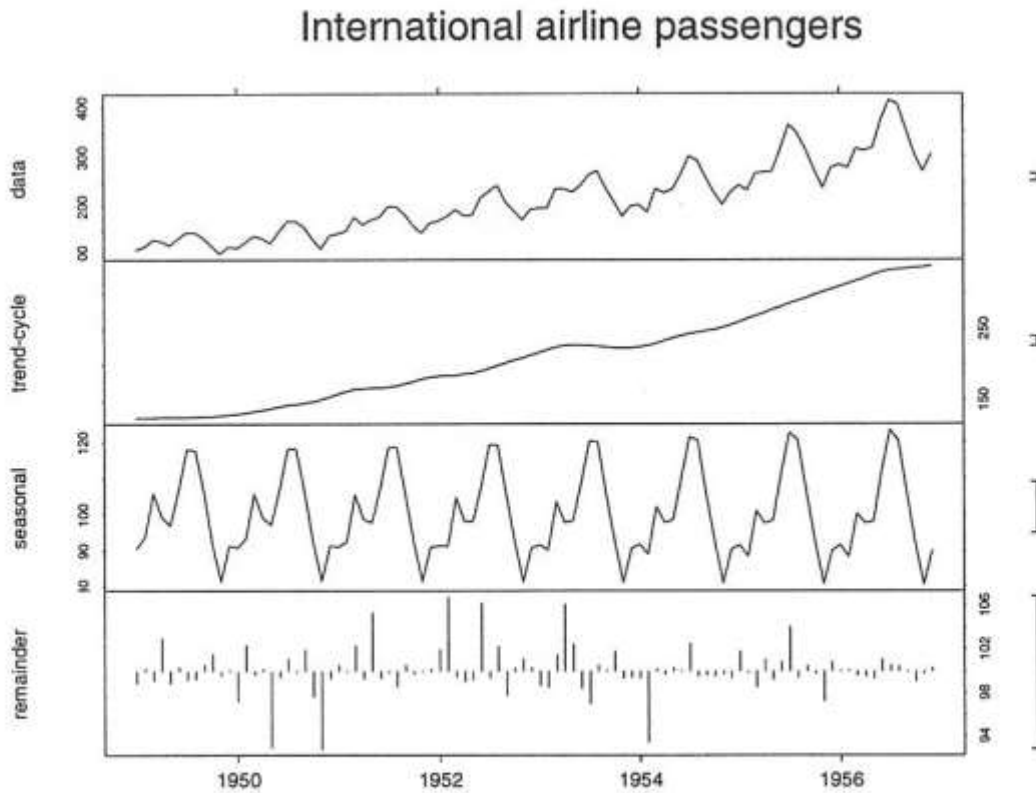


Figure 3-11: The X-12-ARIMA multiplicative decomposition of the airline passenger data.

Decomposition analysis (cont.)

- **Seasonal** adjustment

- In additive decomposition we can have

$Y_t - S_t = T_t + E_t$ which leaves only the trend and irregular component

- In multiplicative decomposition we can have

$$Y_t/S_t = T_t * E_t$$

- **Smoothing** is used to find out the trend data from data containing seasonal component and irregular component

- Moving average can be used for smoothing
- Simple moving average e.g. of order 3 or 3 MA

$$T_2 = \frac{1}{3} (Y_1 + Y_2 + Y_3)$$

- 5 MA smoother

$$T_t = \frac{1}{5} (Y_{t-2} + Y_{t-1} + Y_t + Y_{t+1} + Y_{t+2})$$



Smoothing

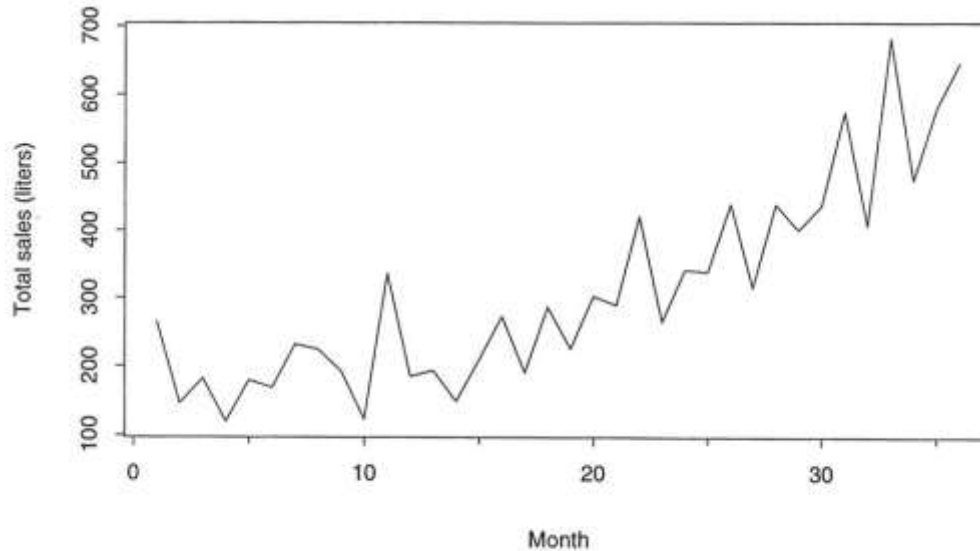


Figure 3-3: Sales of shampoo over a three-year period.

- Example: Sales of shampoo
- Number of points included in the moving average affects the smoothness of results

Smoothing

5 MA is smoother
than 3 MA

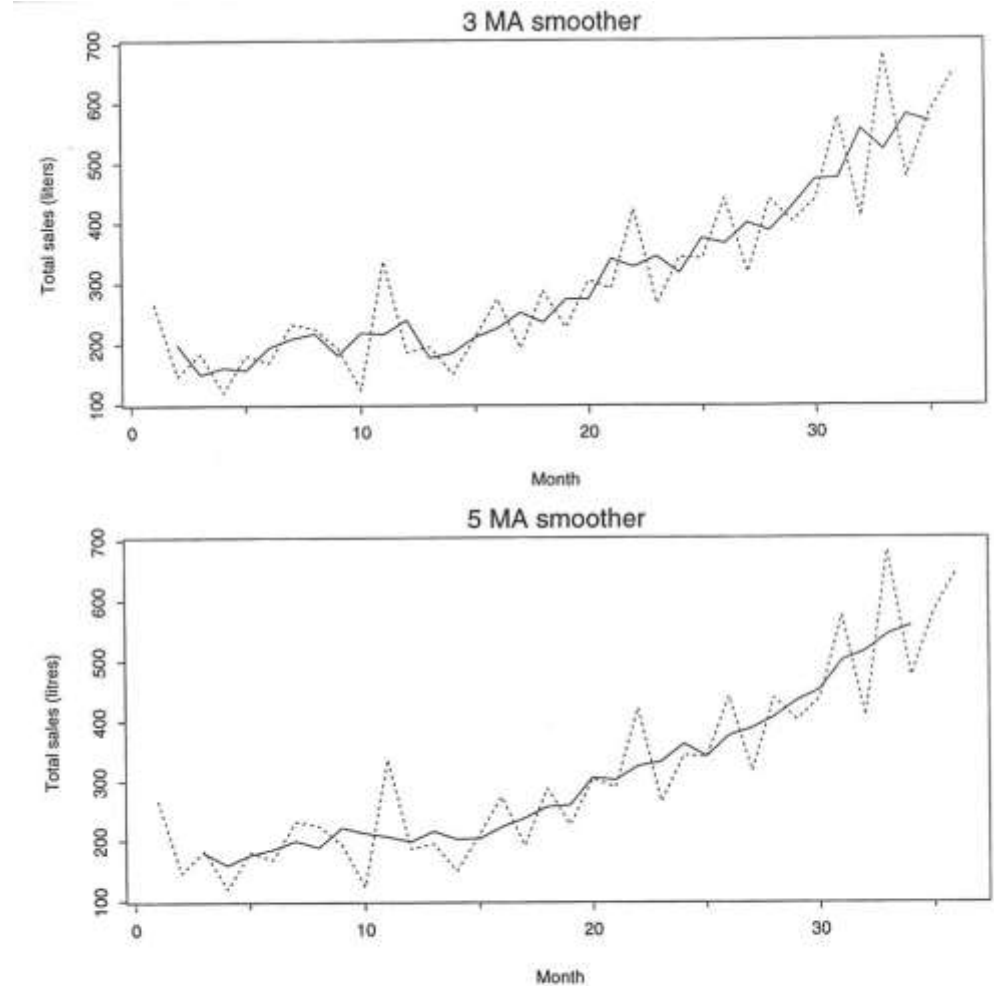


Figure 3-4: 3 MA and 5 MA smoothers for the shampoo data. The 3 MA smoother leaves too much randomness in the trend-cycle estimate. The 5 MA smoother is better, but the true trend-cycle is probably smoother still.

Centered moving average

- If we use e.g. 4 points to calculate moving average we can get

$$T_{2.5} = \frac{1}{4} (Y_1 + Y_2 + Y_3 + Y_4)$$

$$T_{3.5} = \frac{1}{4} (Y_2 + Y_3 + Y_4 + Y_5)$$

- Average of two 4 MA smoothers gives

$$T_{3'} = \frac{T_{2.5}}{2} + \frac{T_{3.5}}{2} = \frac{1}{8} (Y_1 + 2Y_2 + 2Y_3 + 2Y_4 + Y_5)$$

- This type of centered 2 x 4 MA smoother is very useful when you have quarterly data
- Generally a 2 x k MA smoother is equivalent to a weighted MA of order k+1 with weights 1/k for all observations except for the first and last, which have weights 1/2k



Smoothing

Smoothers to track
seasonal variations
and to filter them

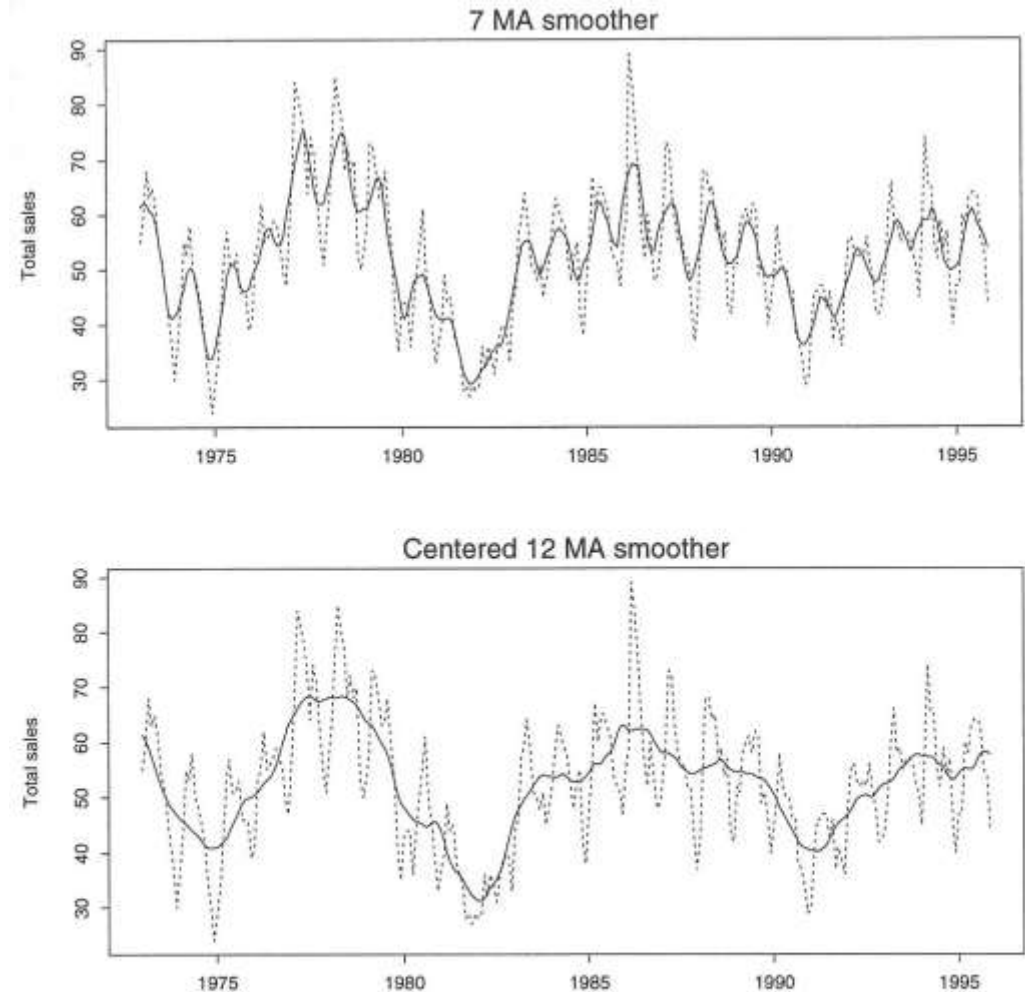


Figure 3-5: Moving averages applied to the housing sales data. The 7 MA tracks the seasonal variation whereas the 2×12 MA tracks the cycle without being contaminated by the seasonal variation.

Weighted MA smoother

Problems with
the last data
points

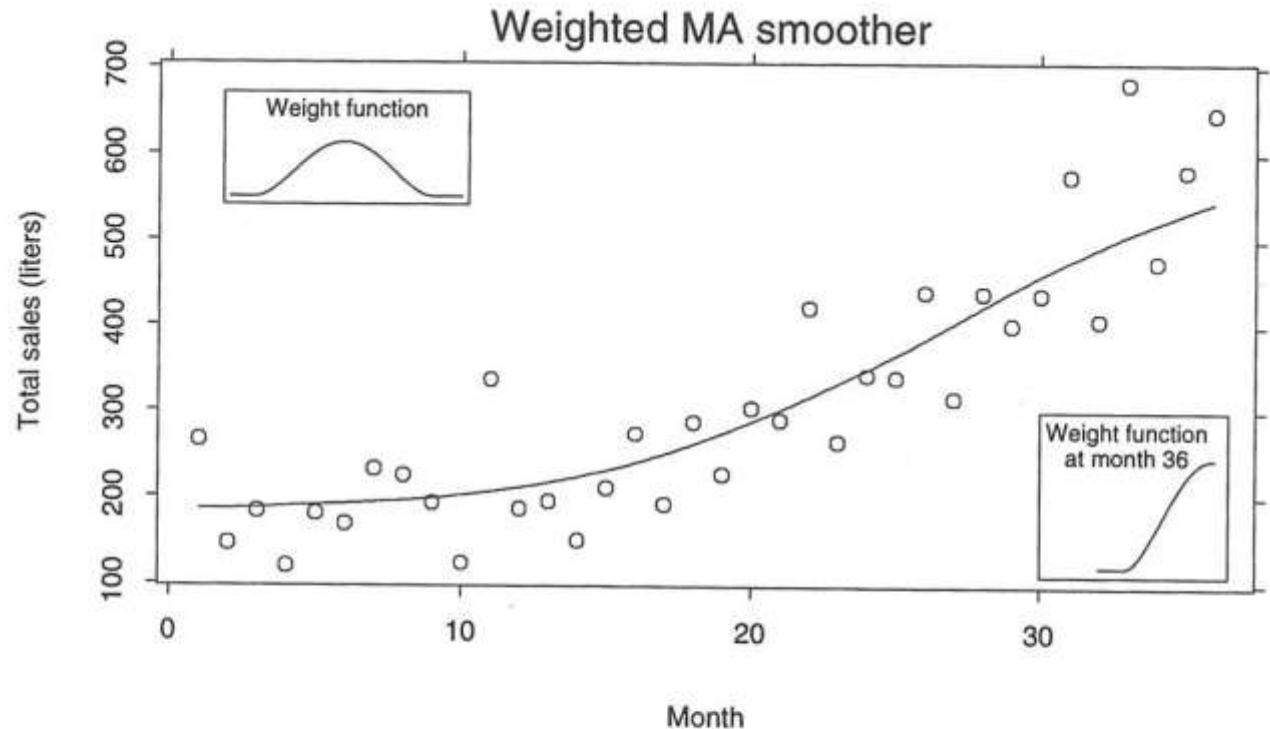


Figure 3-6: A weighted 19-point MA applied to the shampoo data. The weights were calculated from the weight function shown at upper left. At the ends of the data a smaller number of observations were used in calculating the weighted average. For example, the weight function for calculating the smoothed trend-cycle at month 36 is shown at lower right.

Local regression smoothing

We can use local regression to avoid problems with the last points

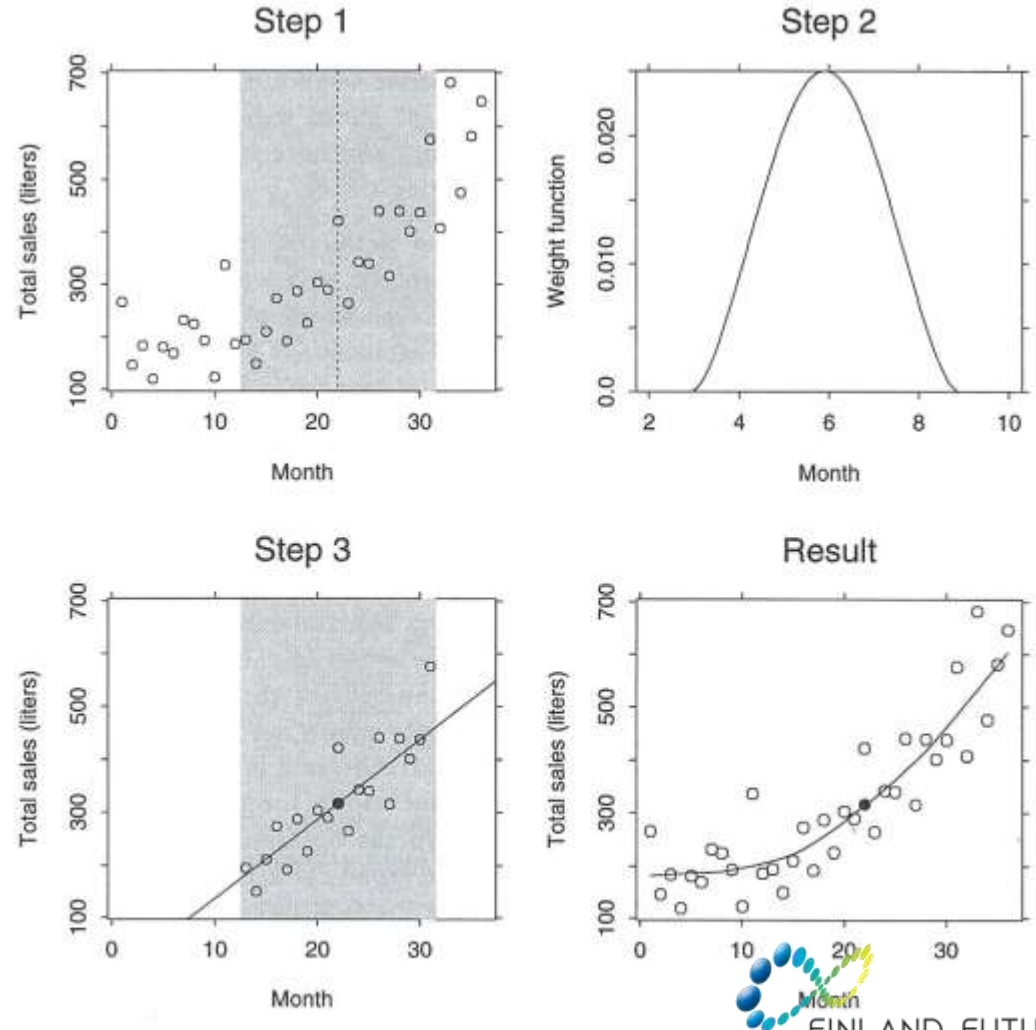


Figure 3-7: The steps involved in calculating a local linear regression at month 22.

Local regression smoothing

Larger smoothing parameter gives smoother results

In this case $k=19$ gives optimal smoothing

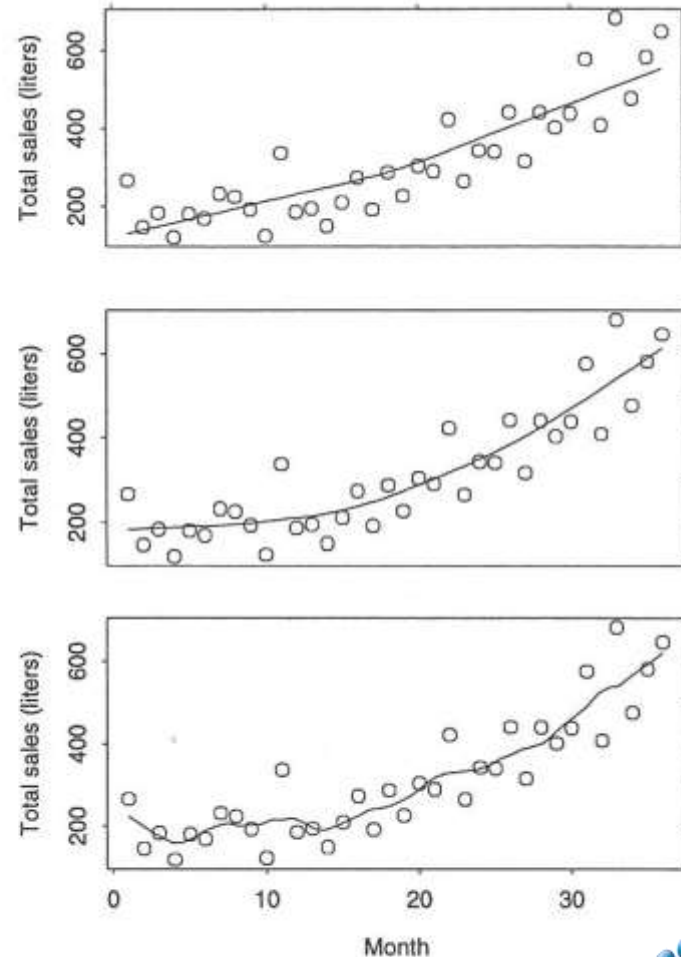
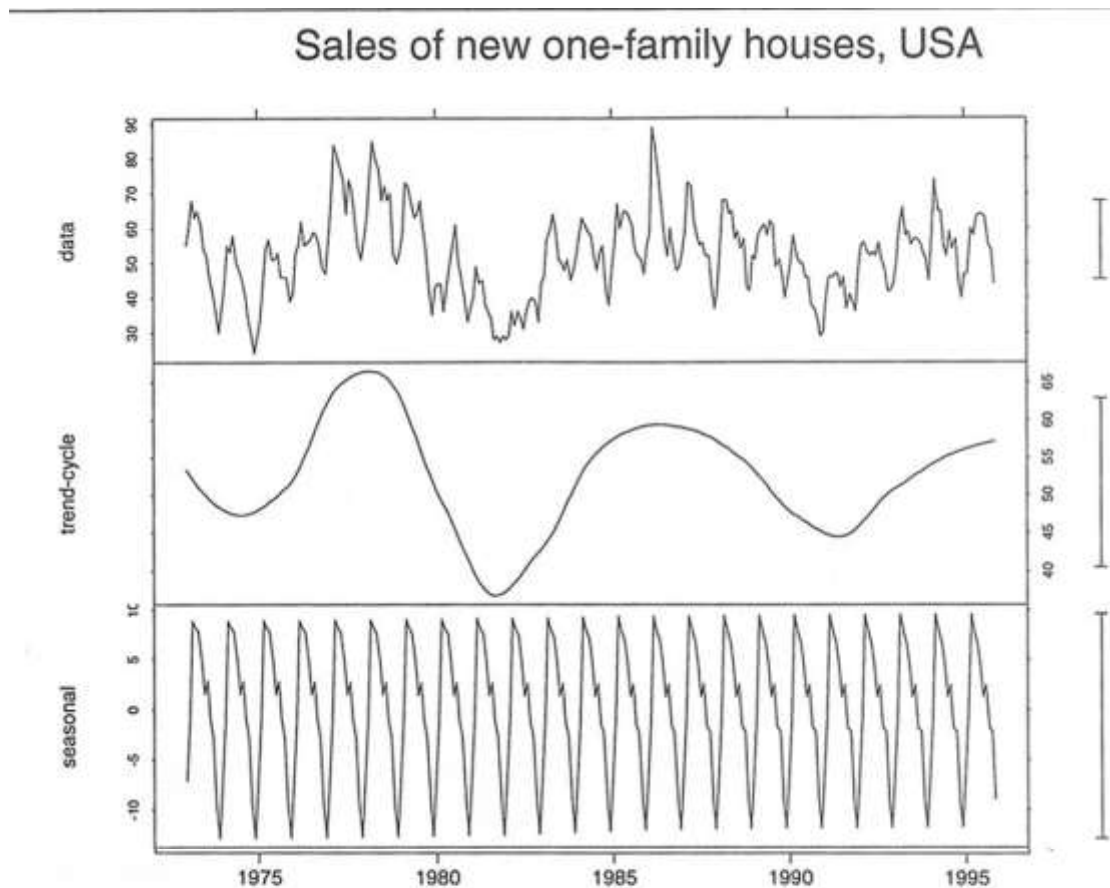


Figure 3-8: Three local regression curves with different values of the smoothing parameter. From the top panel, the values of k are 49, 19, and 7.

Decomposition analysis (cont.)

- If we have monthly data the seasonal and trend information obtained with decomposition is important



Conclusions

- **Decomposition** provides means for analysing different drivers of change
- Separating seasonal component and trend component
- Separating different driver components from each other
- **ASA approach:**
- Sustainability can be examined with ASA approach in the different dimensions
- ASA approach requires that the different dimensions can be quantified
- ASA approach provides new indicators and tools for analysis
- **Case studies**
- Structural change in the economy is essential for advancing sustainability
- Dematerialization is a key factor for sustainability
- Rebound effects can easily eat up the benefits achieved by dematerialization

Thank you



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