

The Impact of Public e-Services

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Voter turnout

Mobilization

Political bias

Trust and vote verification

Usage and diffusion

Components of Estonia's e-governance ecosystem

National identification system
Unique identifier for all residents
Digital Population Register
Legislative framework

Digital identification

Digital ID card
Mobile ID
other forms of digital
identification

Unified and decentralized
middleware
for data exchange

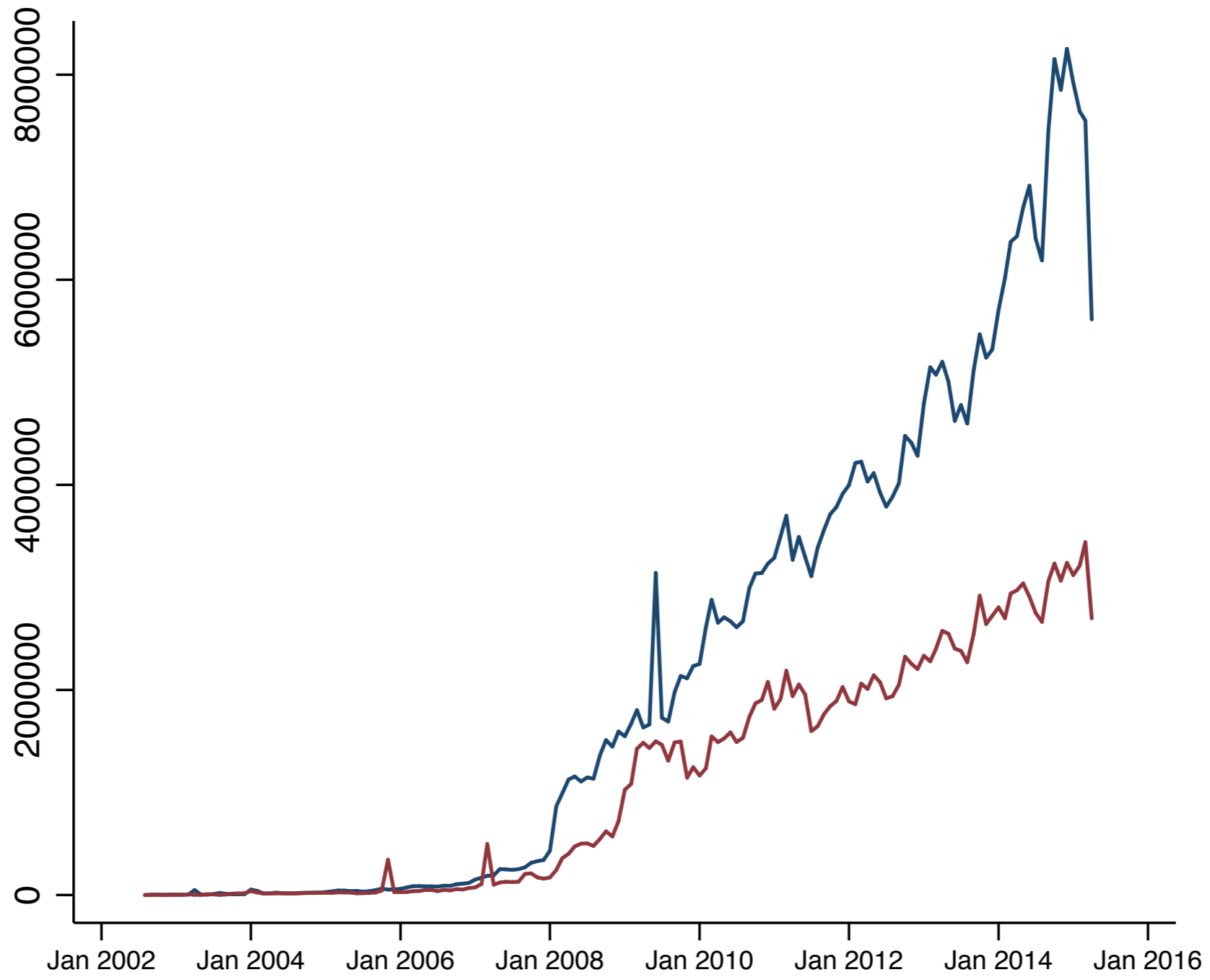
Data exchange layer

client authentication, registry services,
query design, data entry,
secure data exchange,
logging, query tracking,
visualization, monitoring

Integrated applications developed
independently by state institutions
following a unified set of principles
procedures

Application's layer

e-business register, e-police,
internet voting, e-prescription,
e-school, e-health, e-tax,
social welfare services, etc.

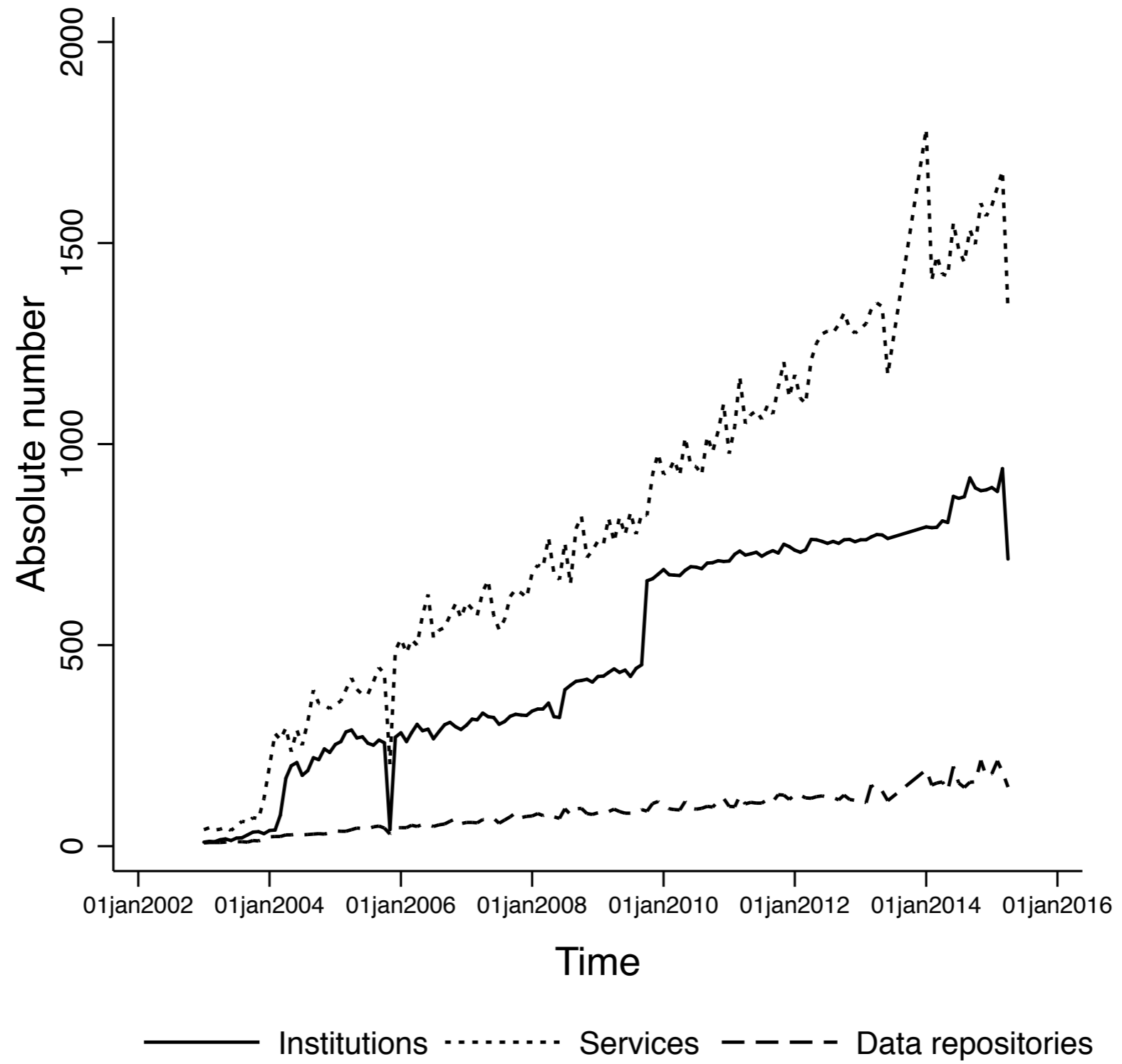


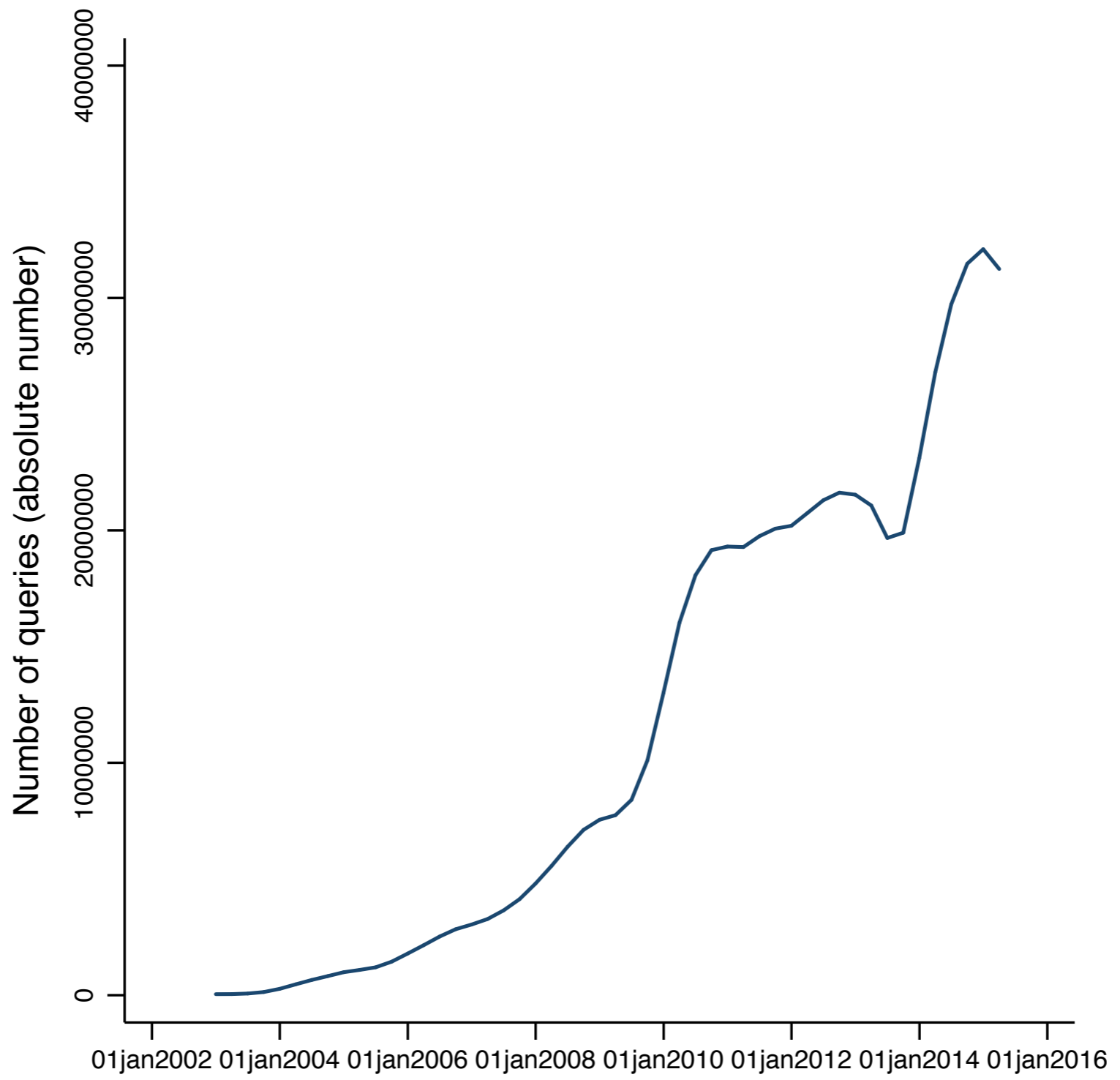
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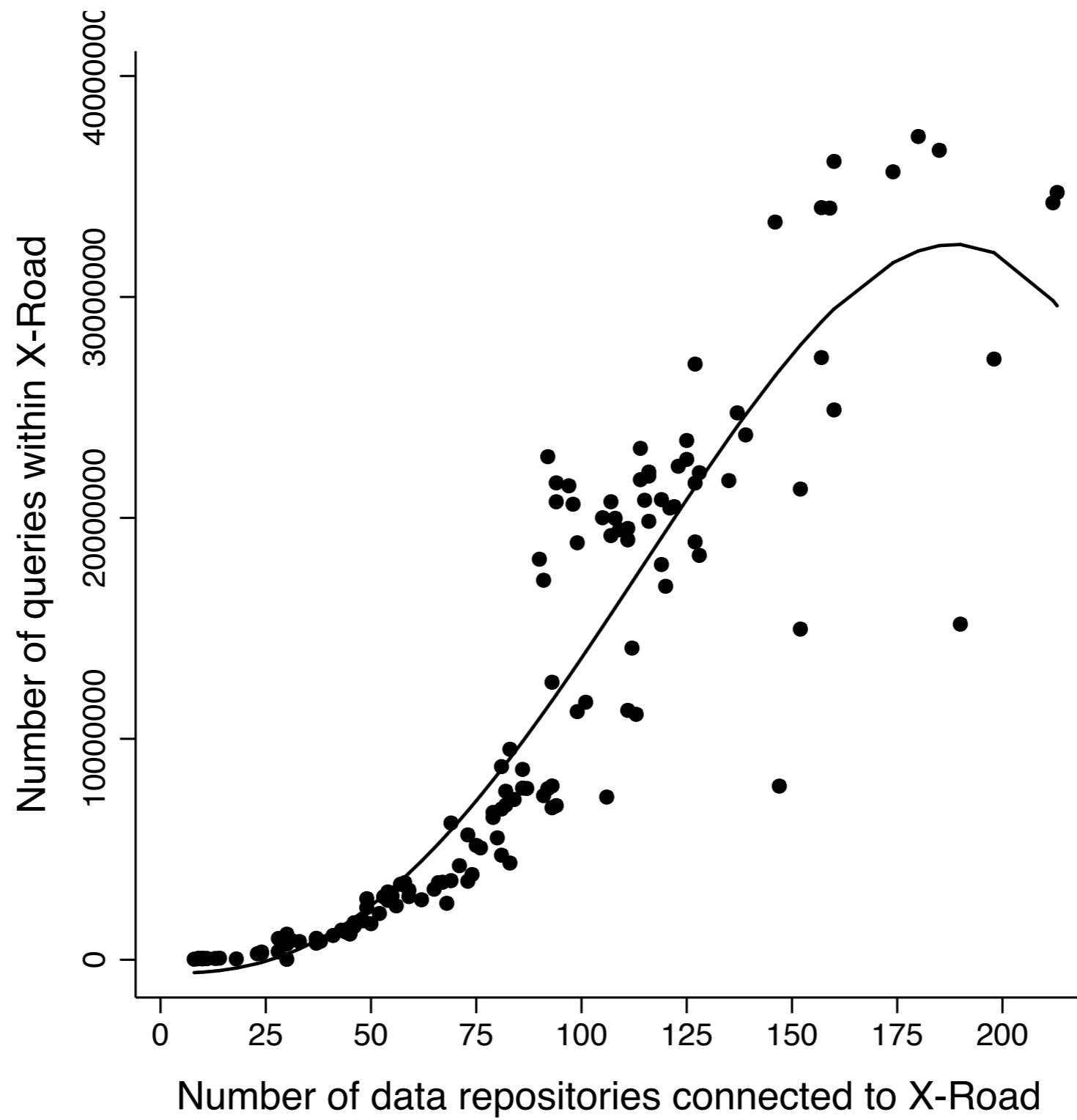
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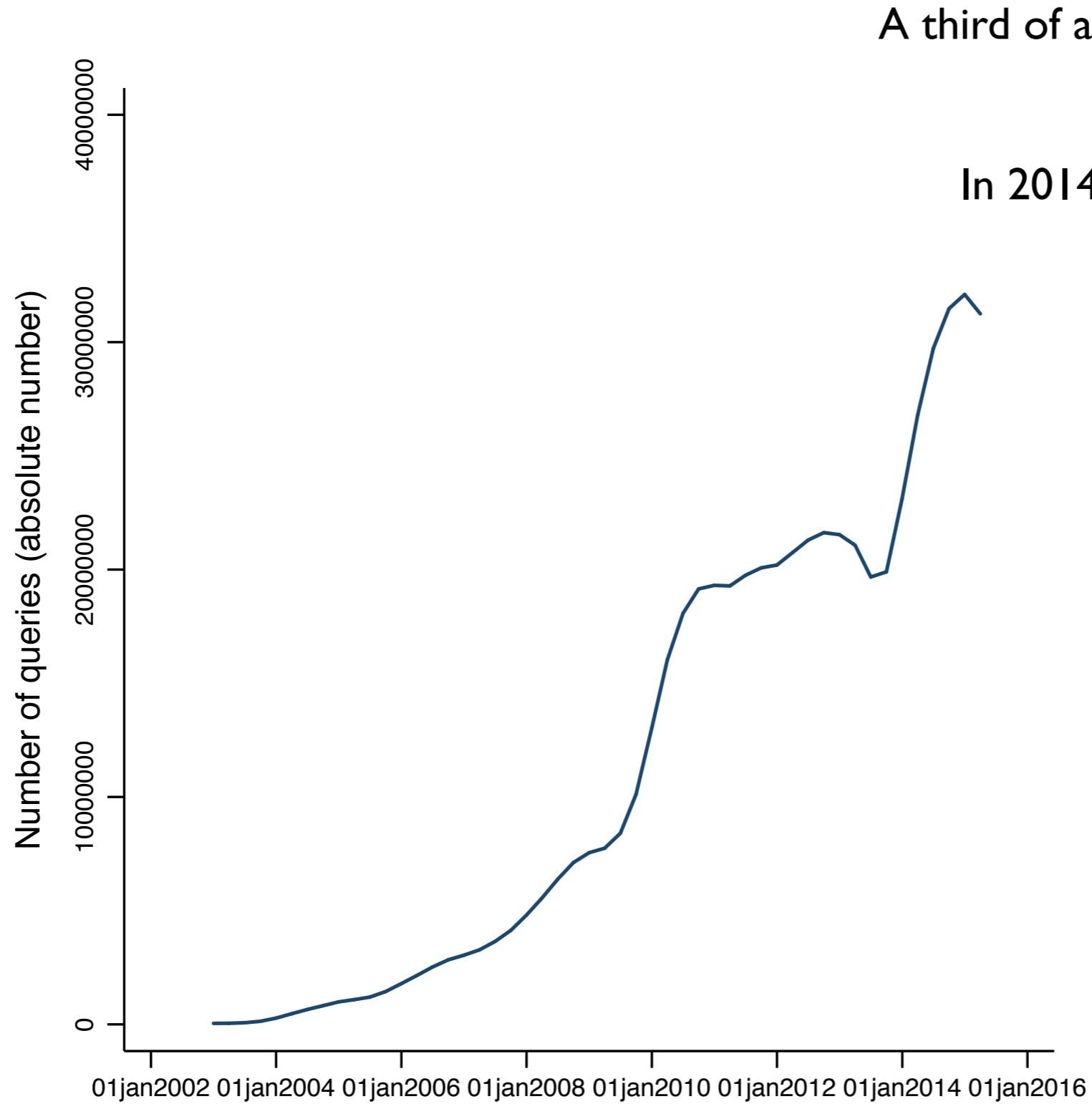
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X-Road

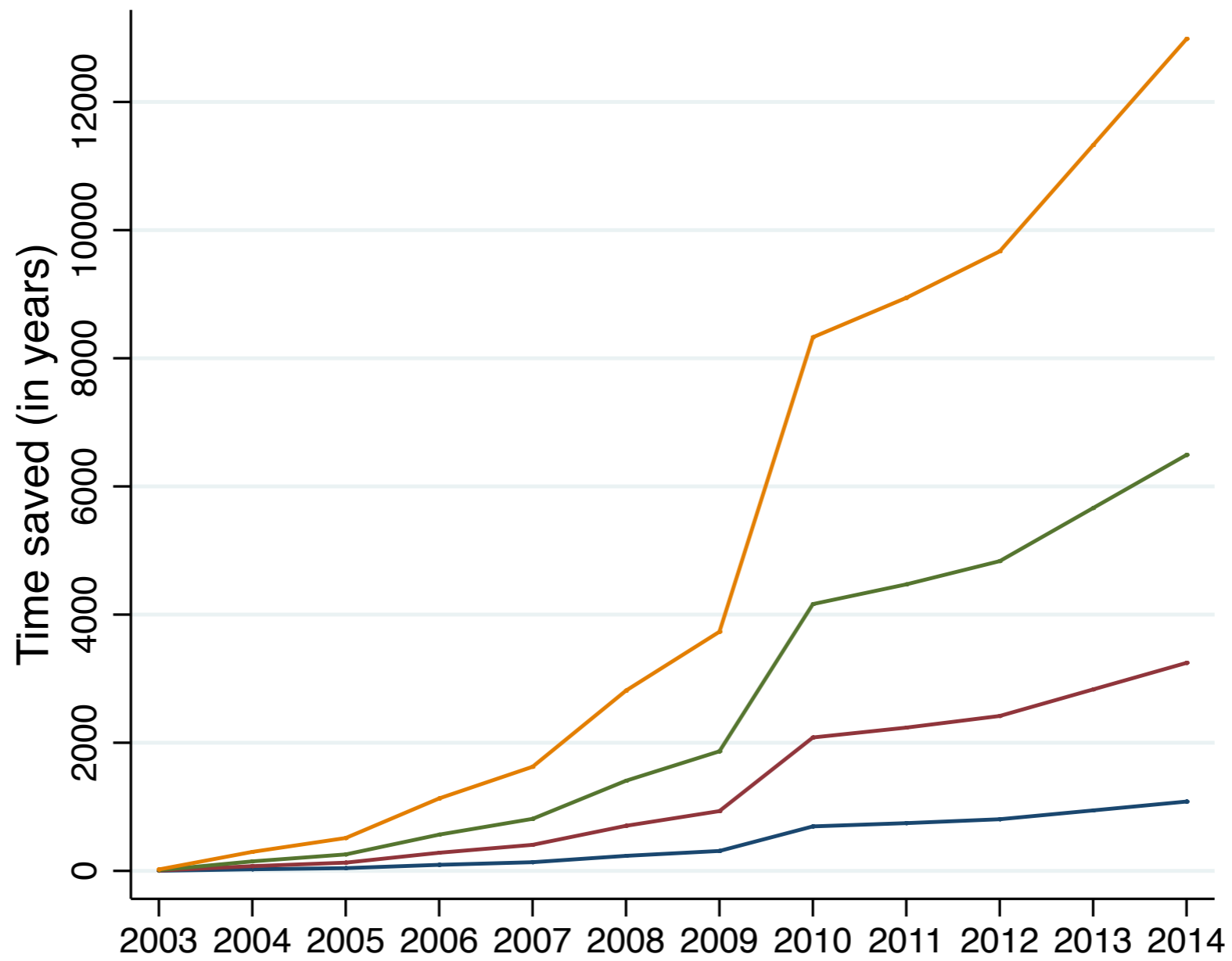








A third of all queries are human interaction
In 2014 113 mil queries
Every query saves 15 min
In 2014 a total of 2.8 mil hrs was saved
Which amounts to 3225 years

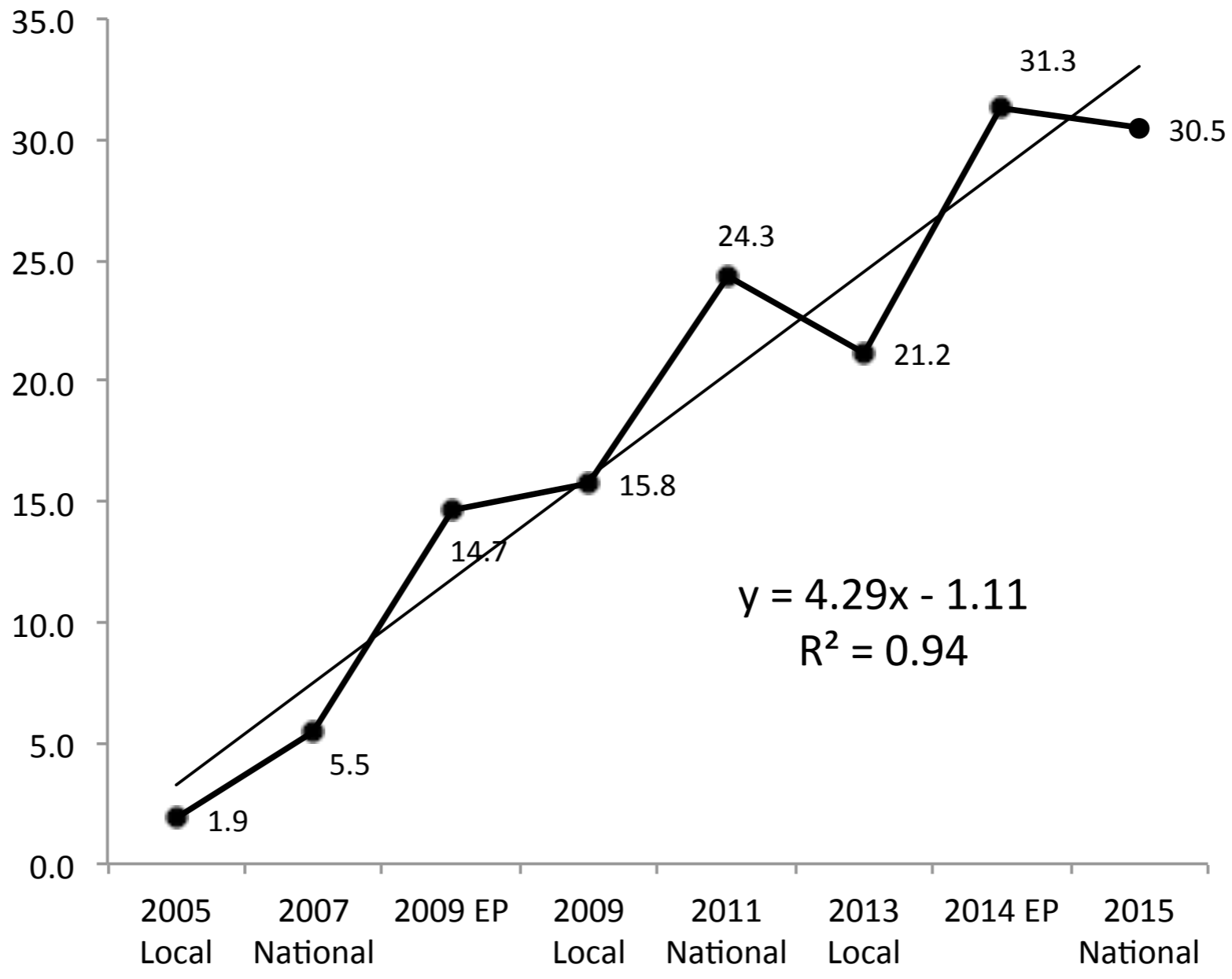


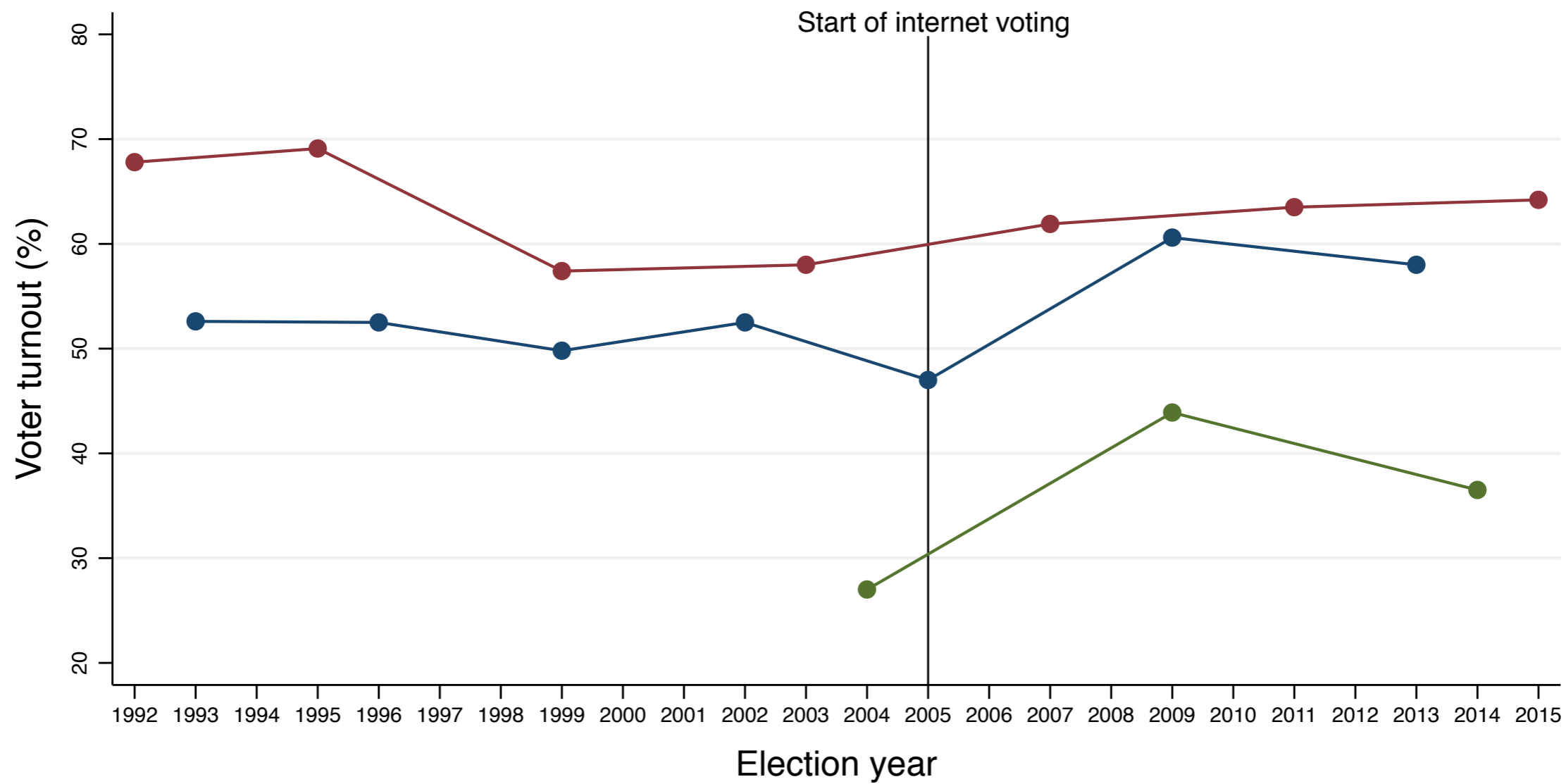
— 5 min saved per query — 15 min saved per query
— 30 min saved per query — 60 min saved per query

Internet voting

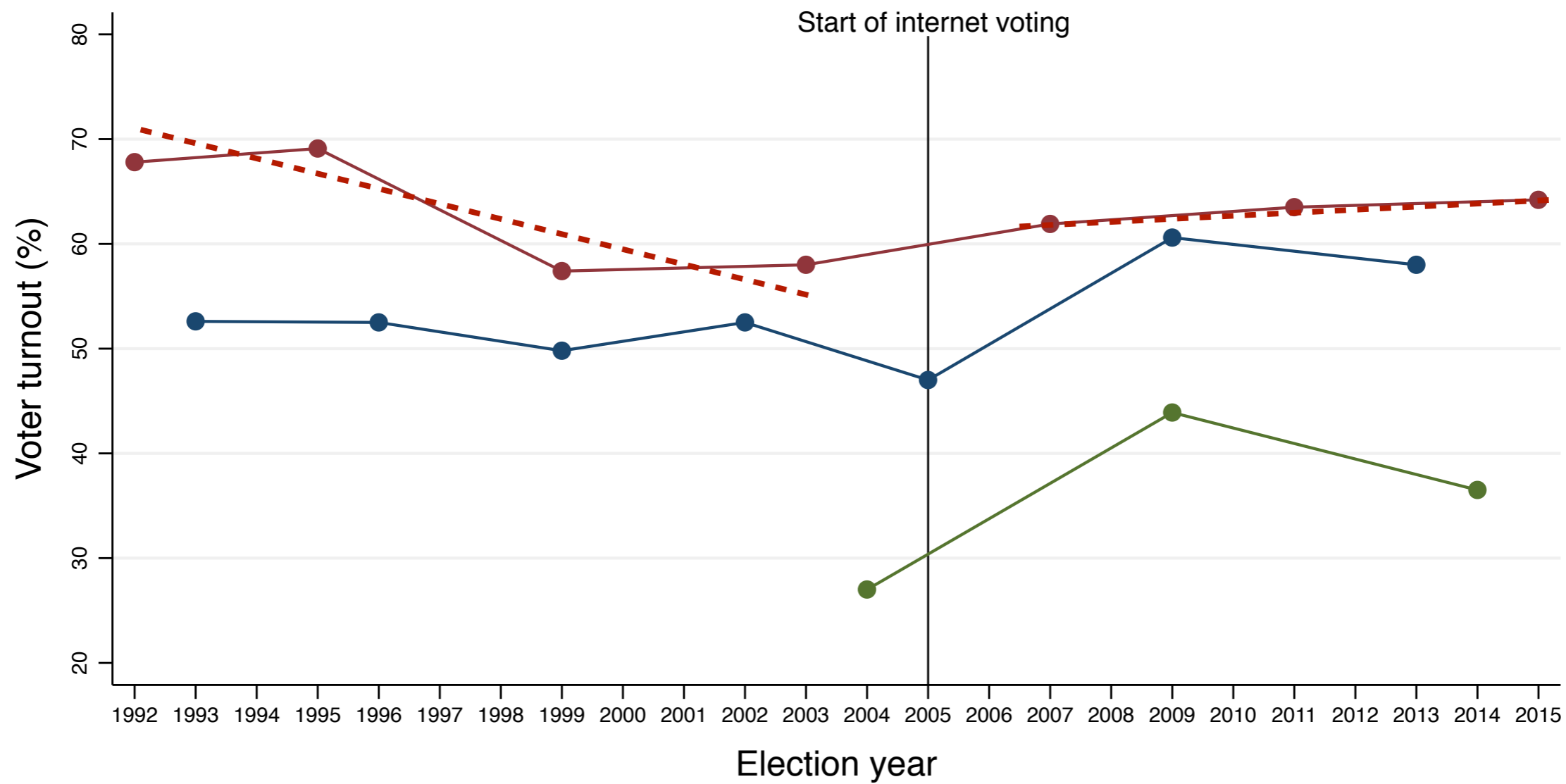
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Share of e-voters out of voters in %

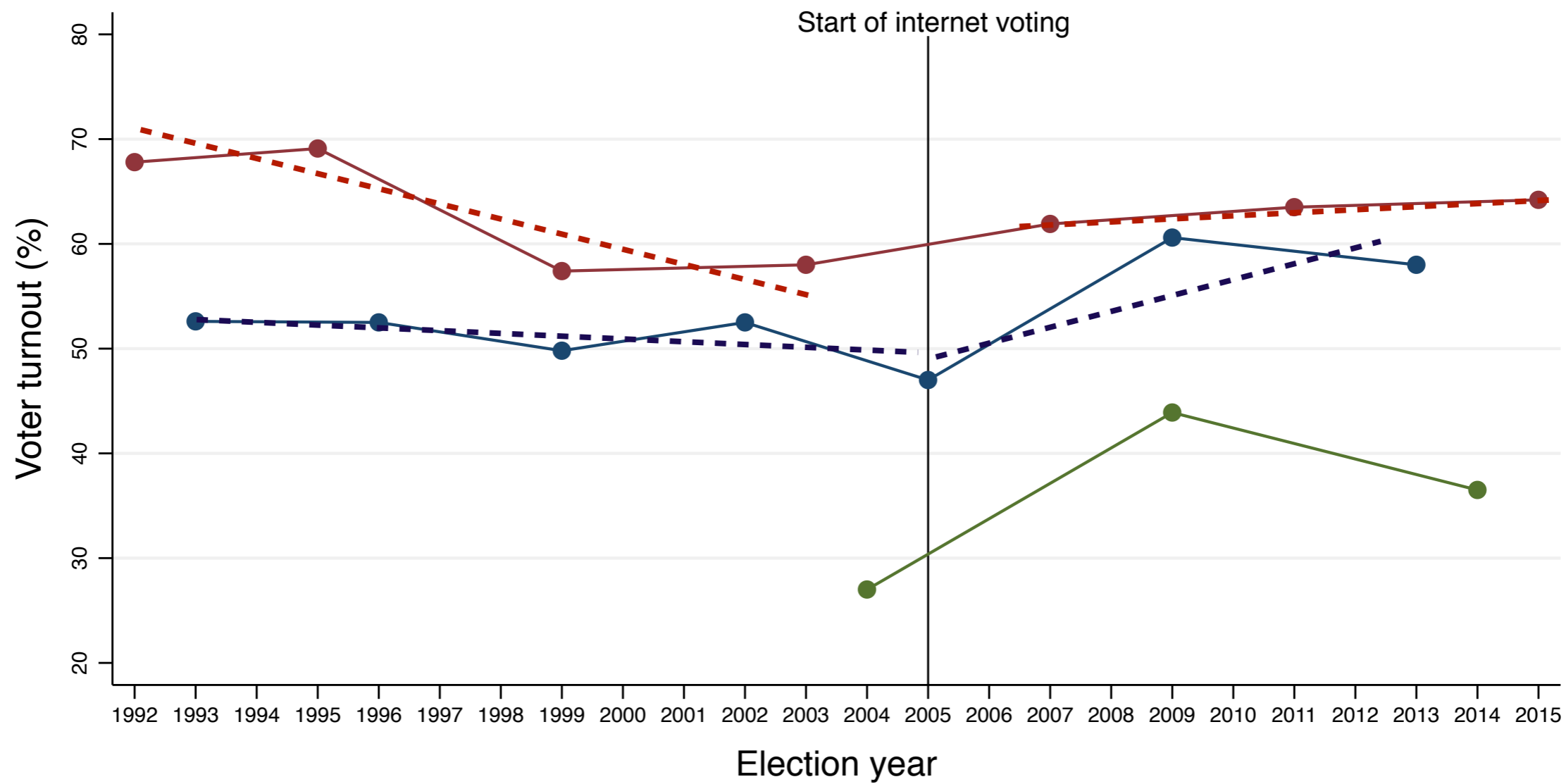




Local National European



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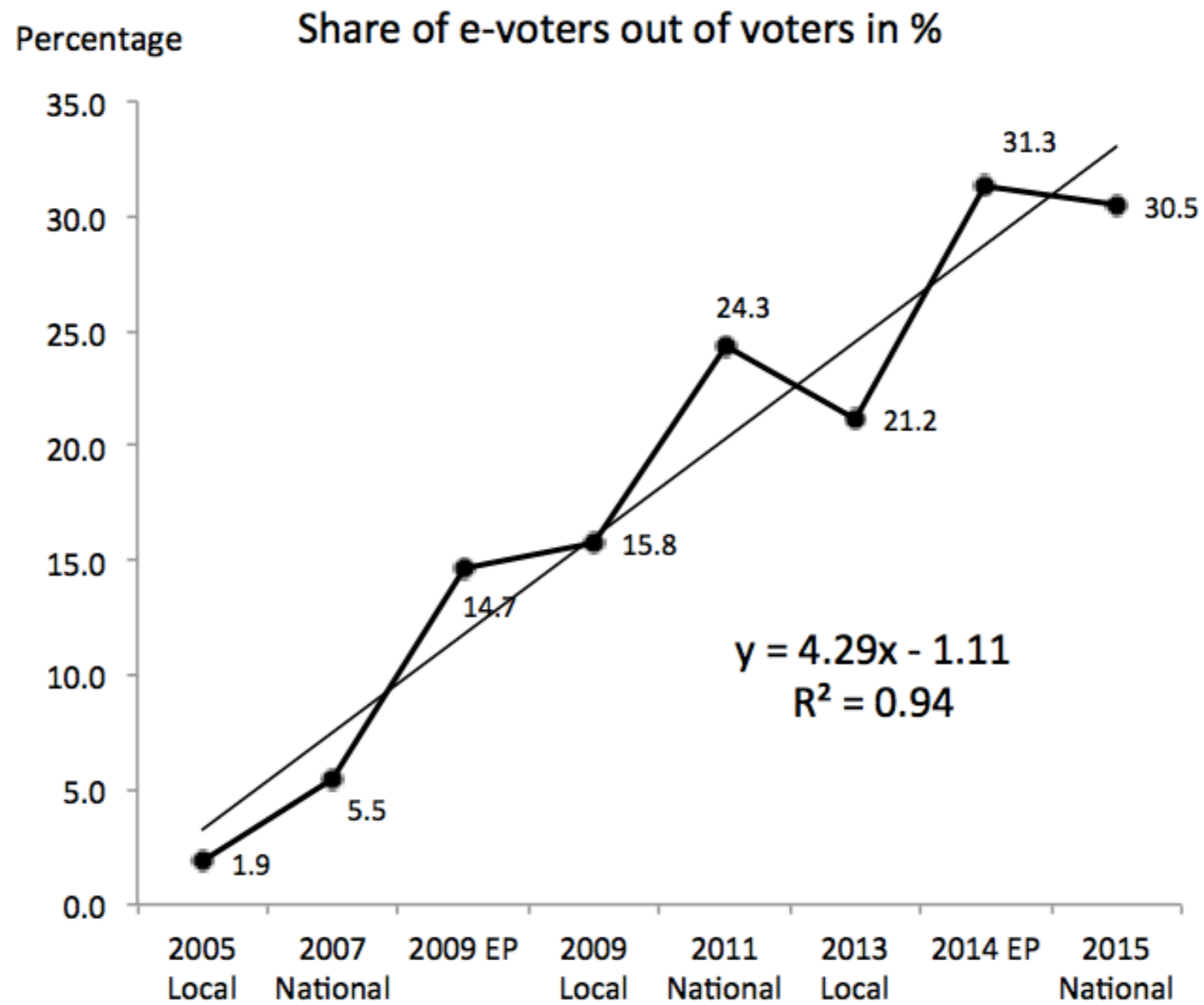
—●— Local —●— National —●— European

Diffusion of internet voting

Who votes online?

Does the profile of e-voters change?

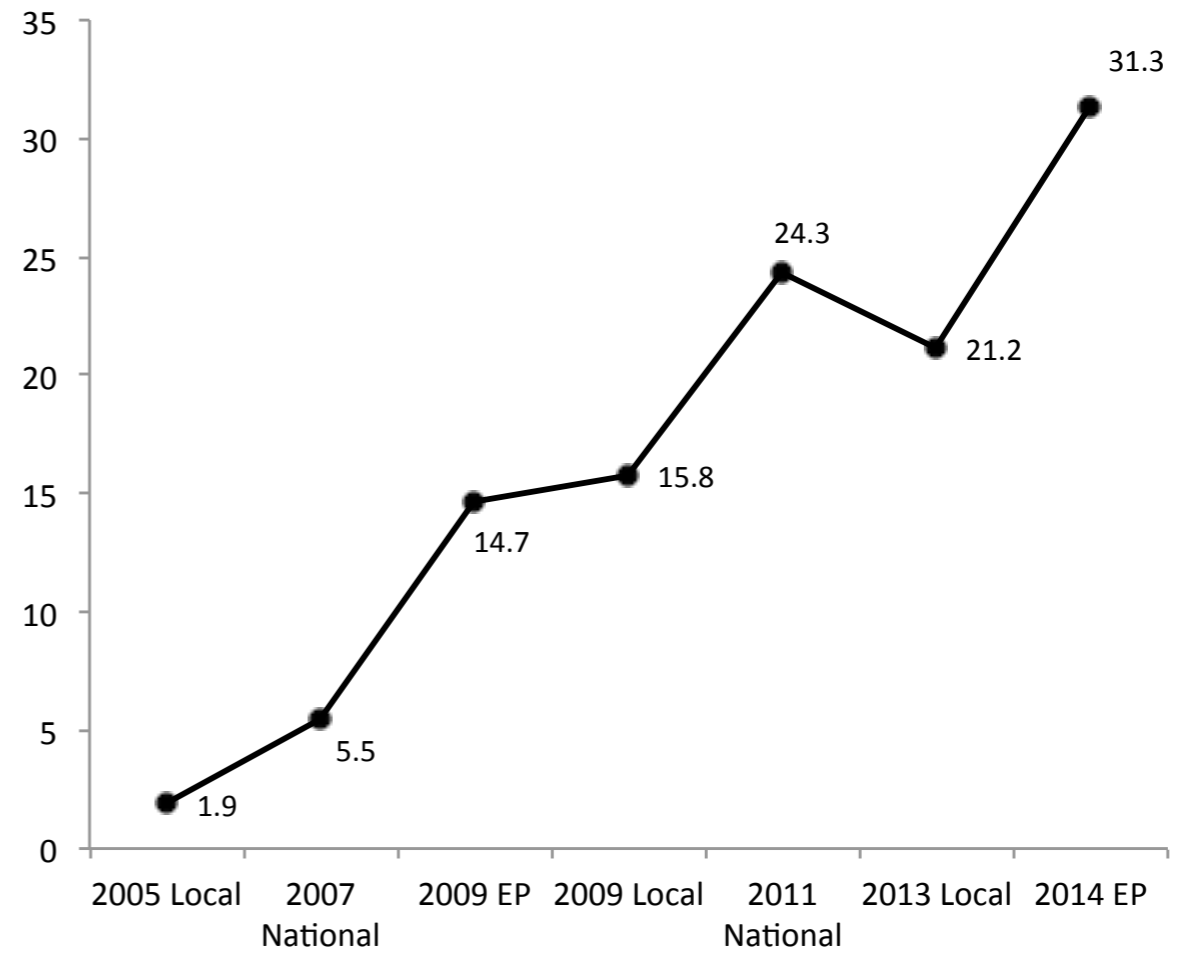
Has the usage of e-voting diffused?



Does internet voting diffuse among the electorate?

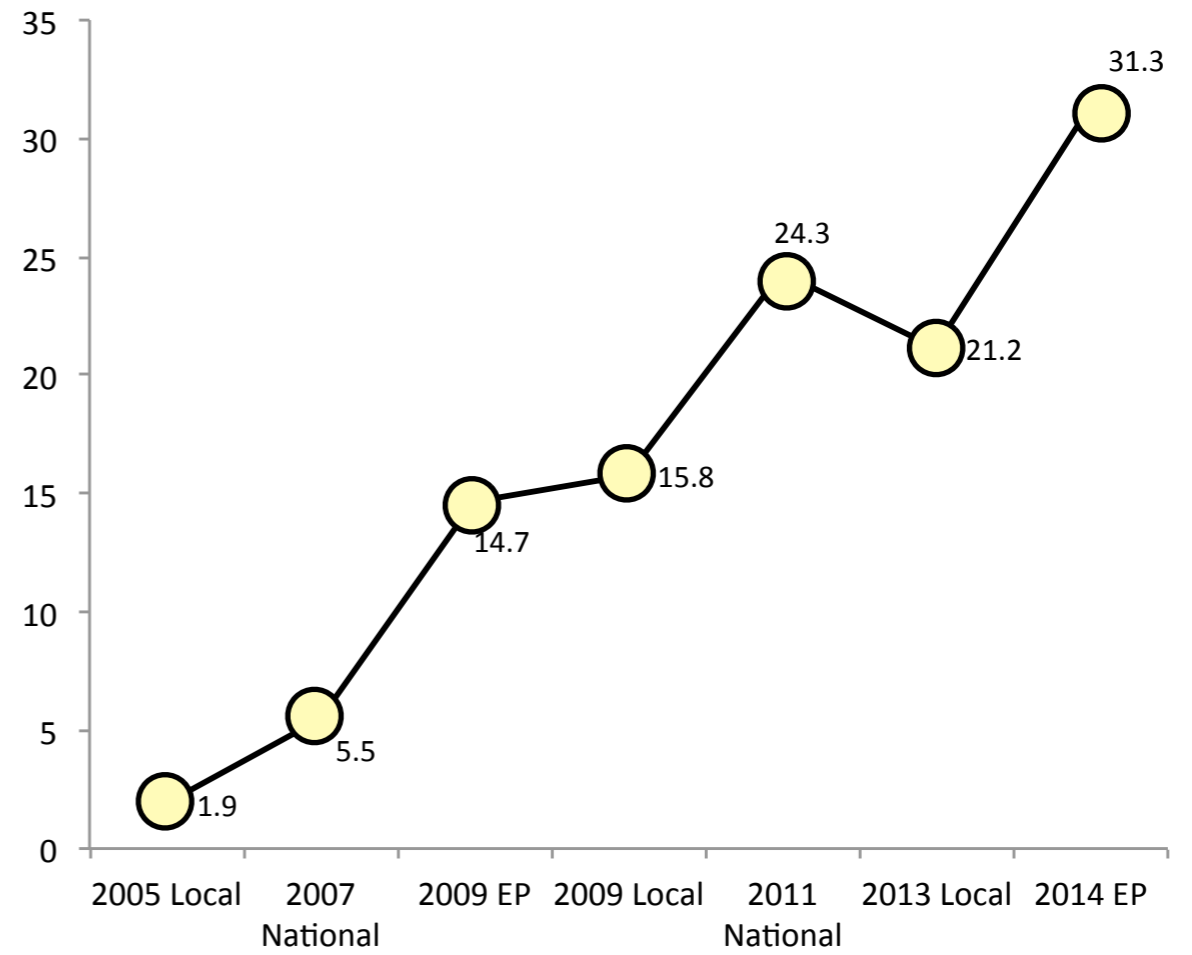
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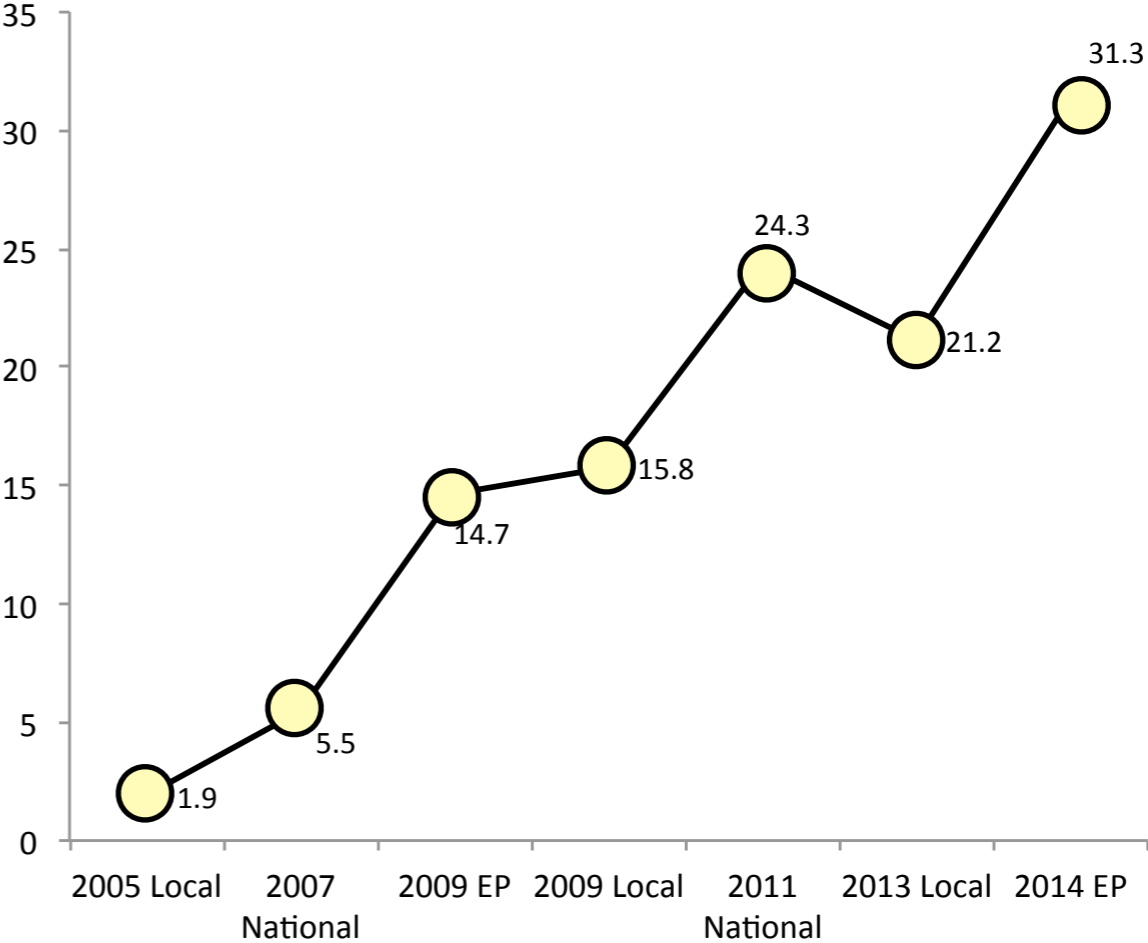
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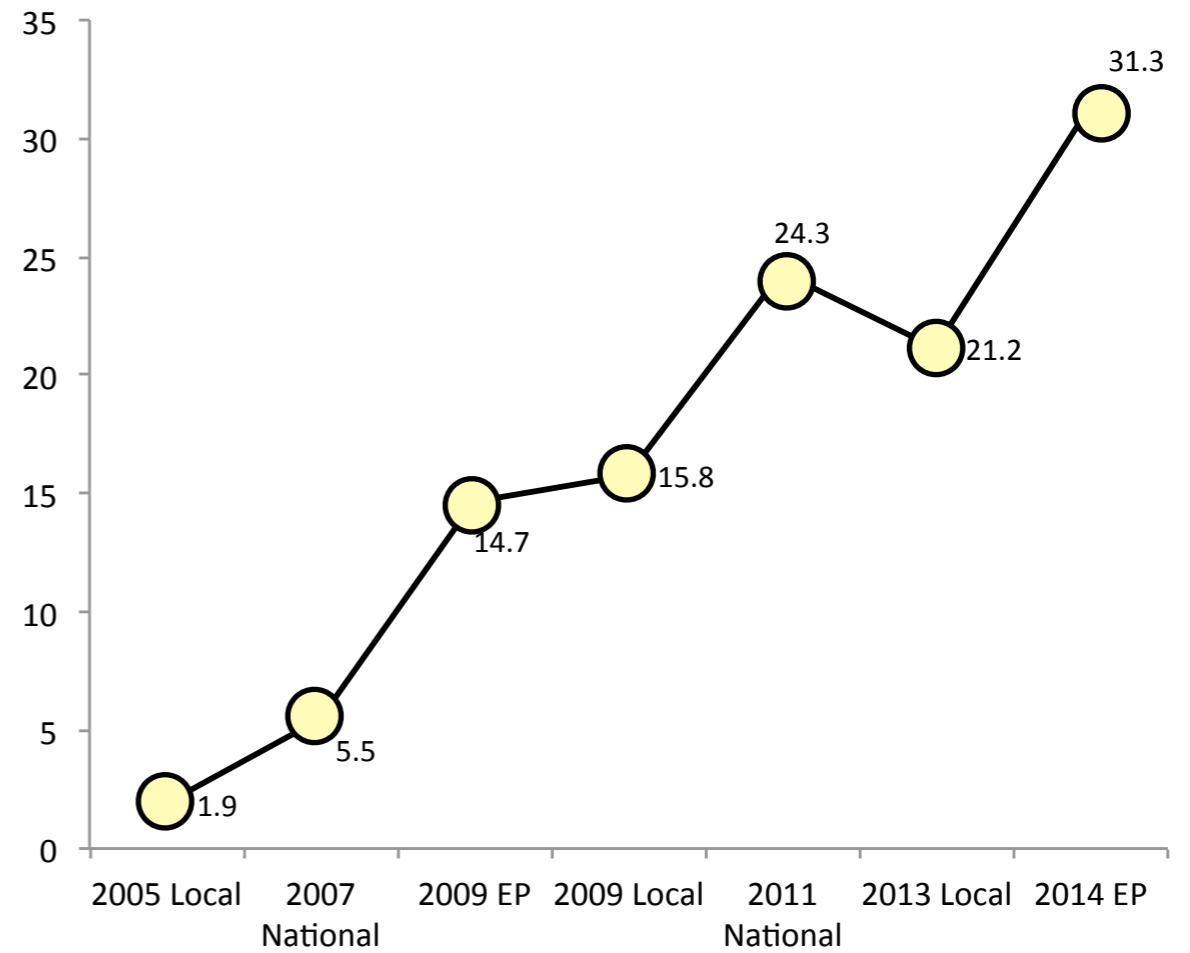


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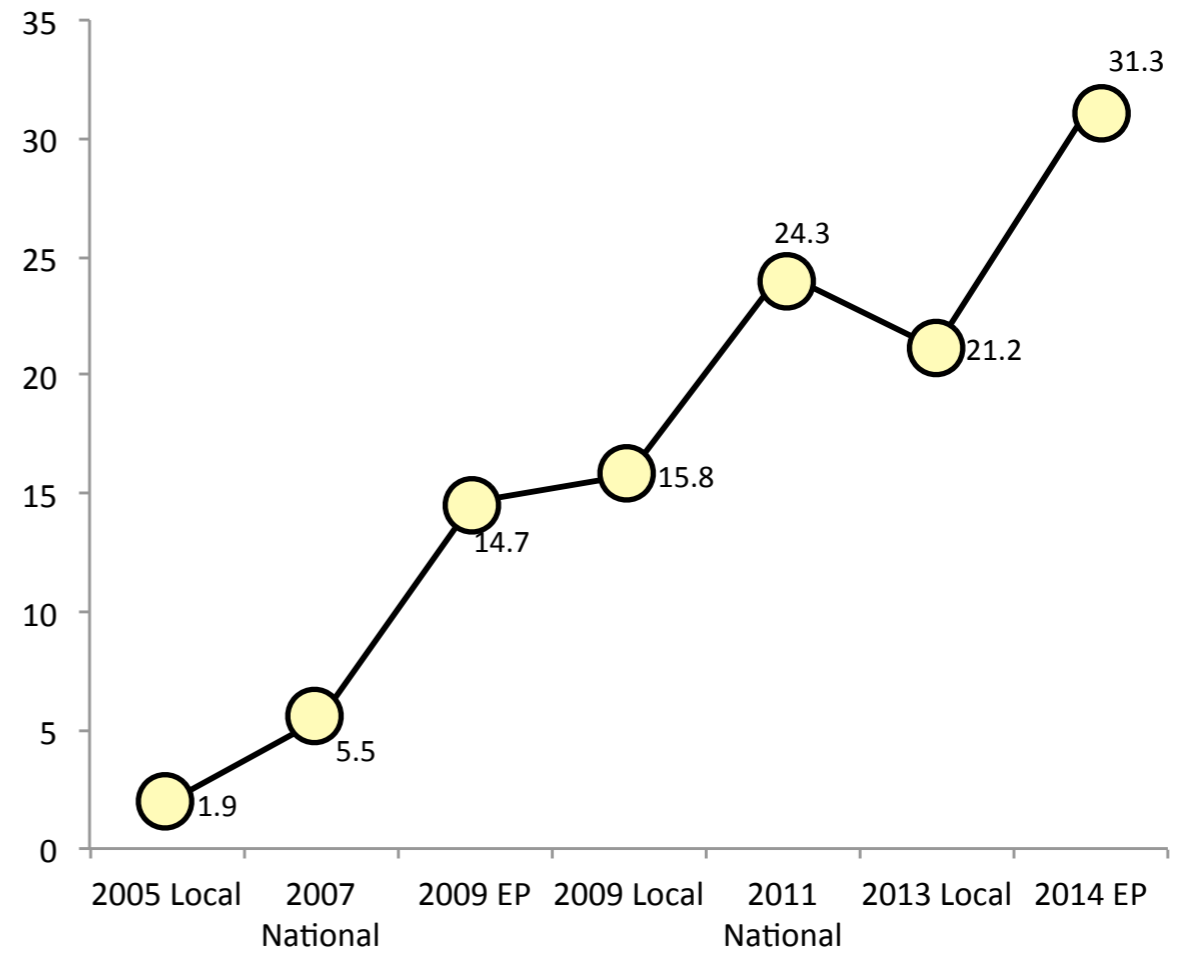
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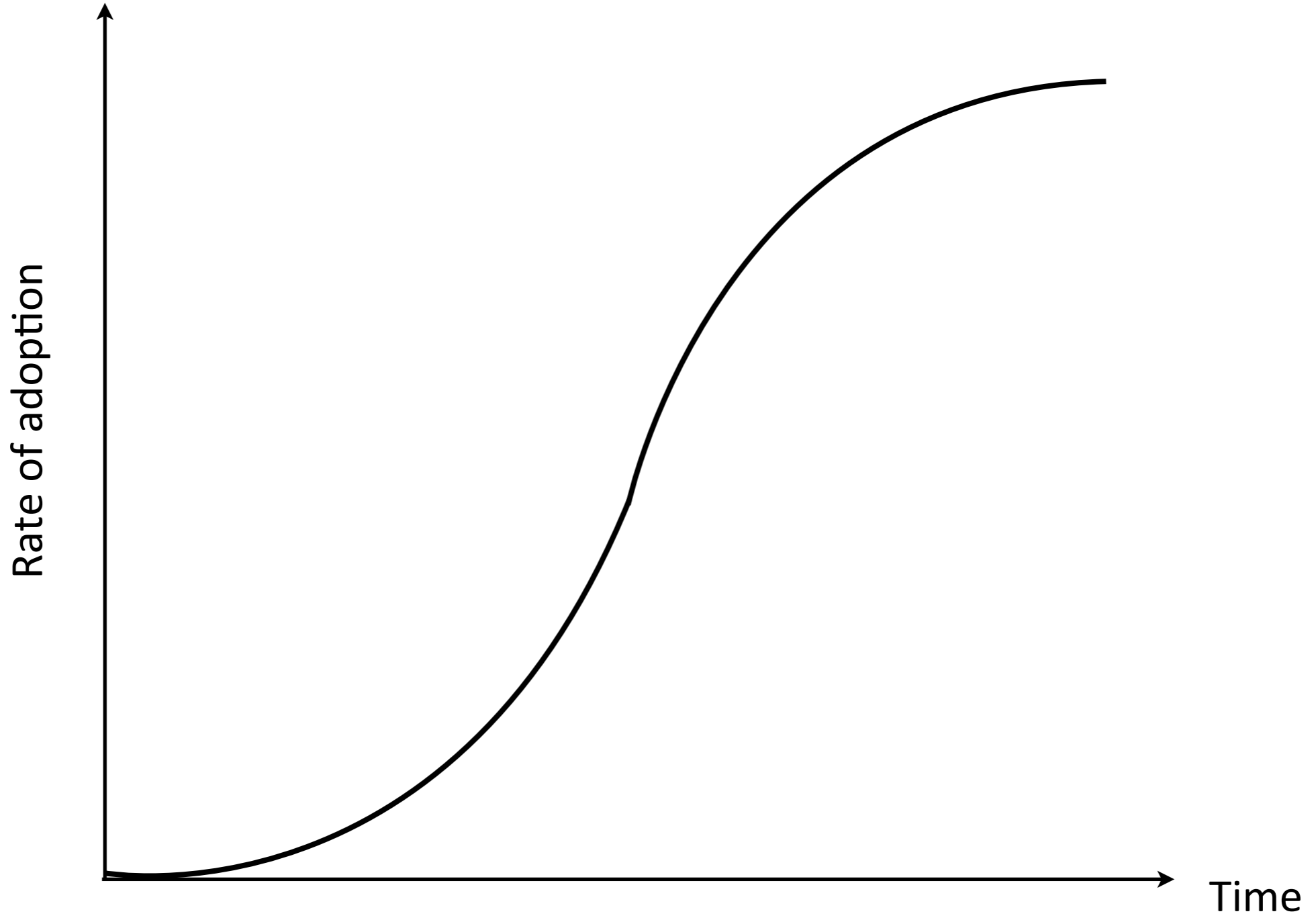
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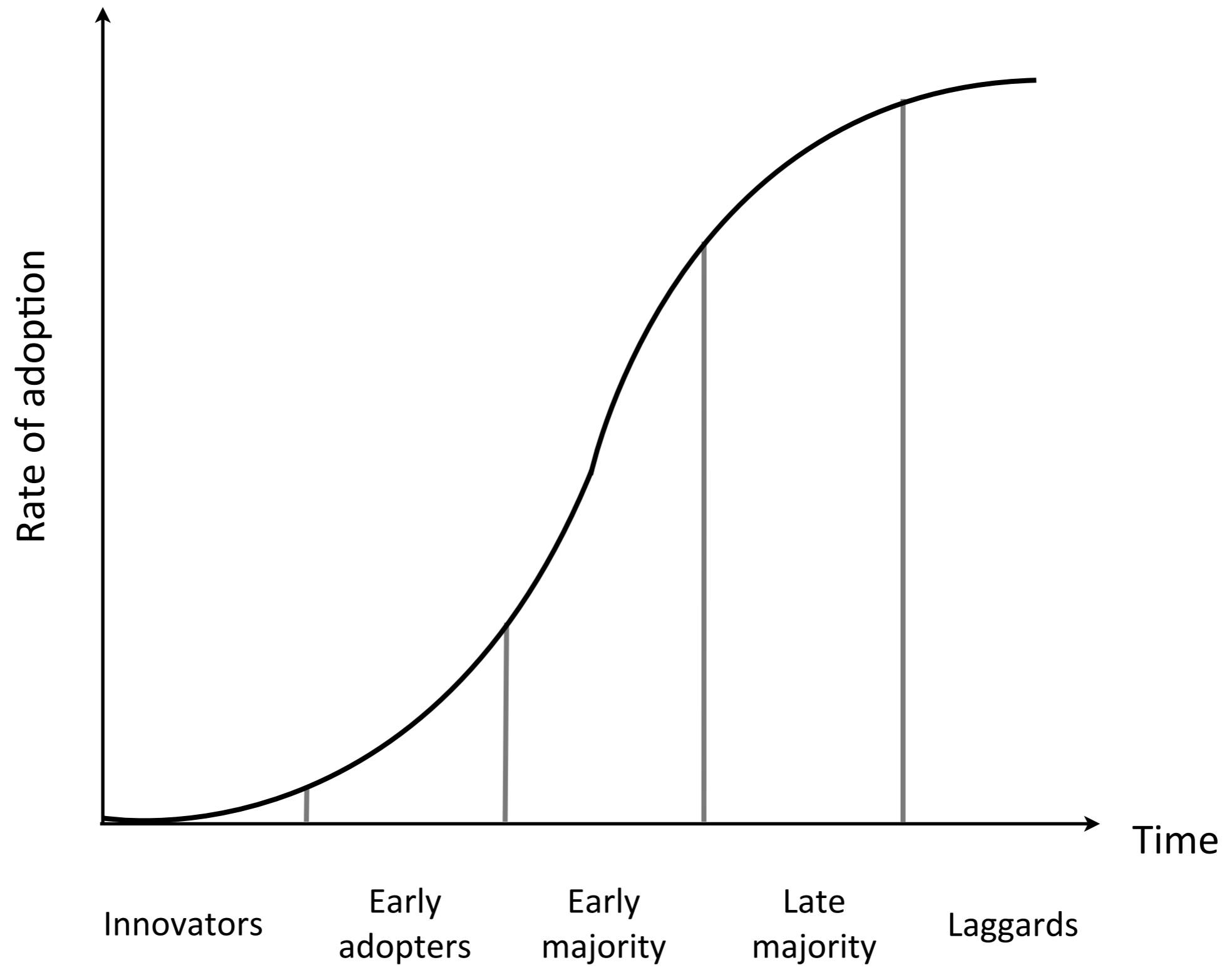
Random probability sample in
2013, 2014 and 2015

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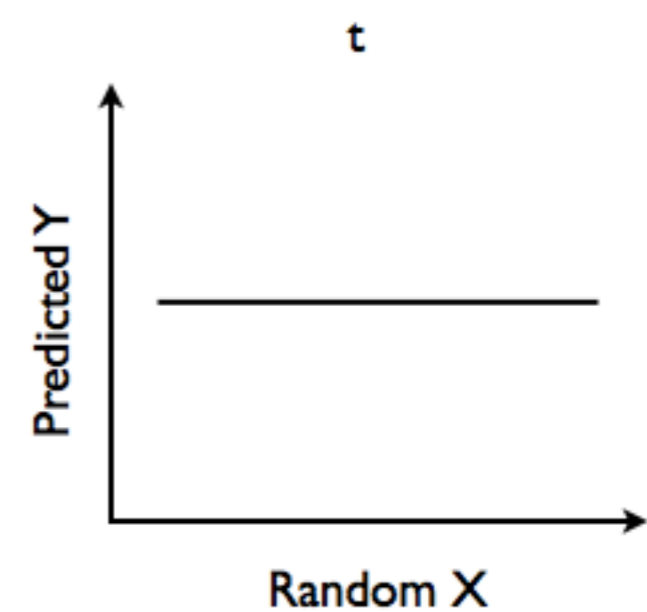
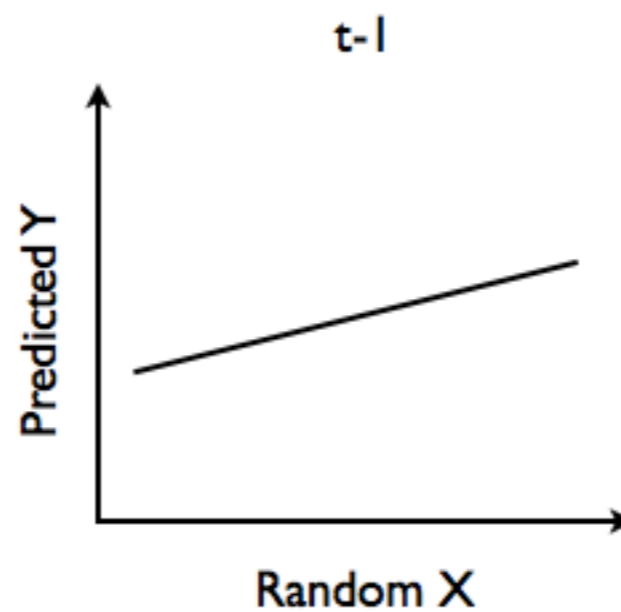
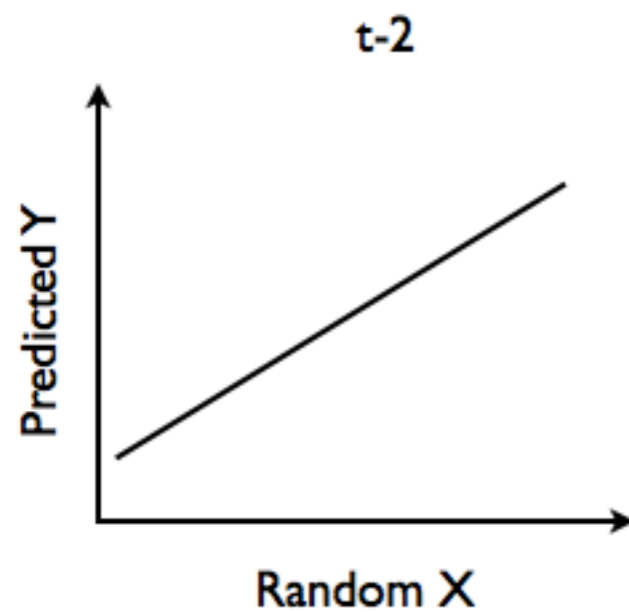






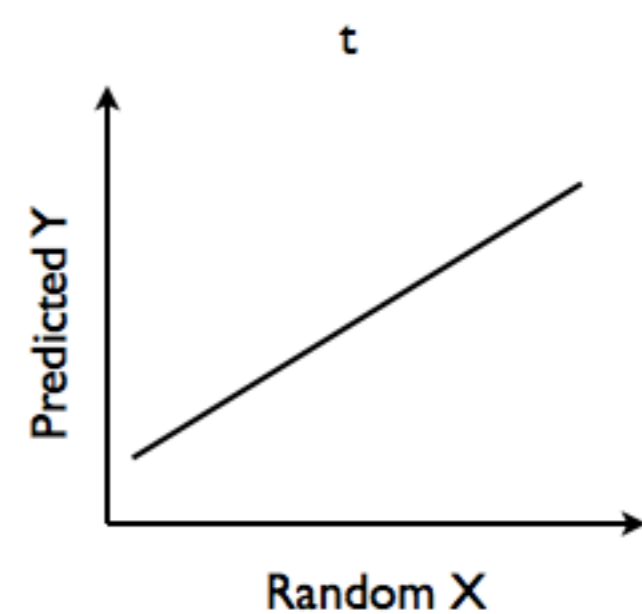
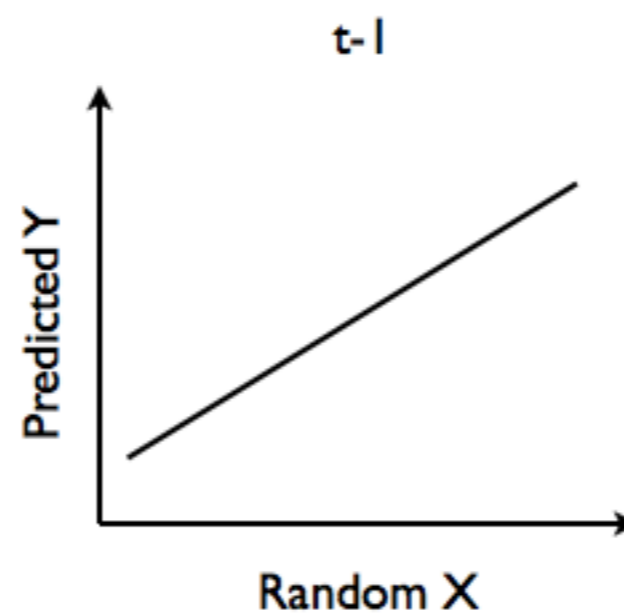
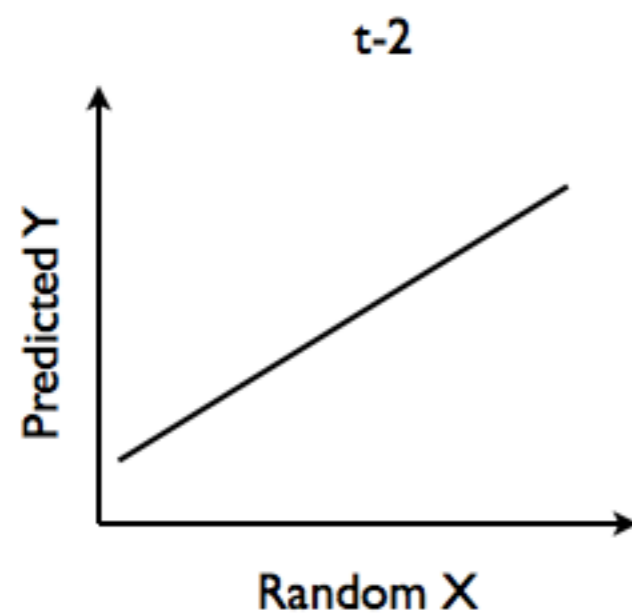
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Characteristics that explain e-voting during the first e-enabled elections *retain* their predictive power over time



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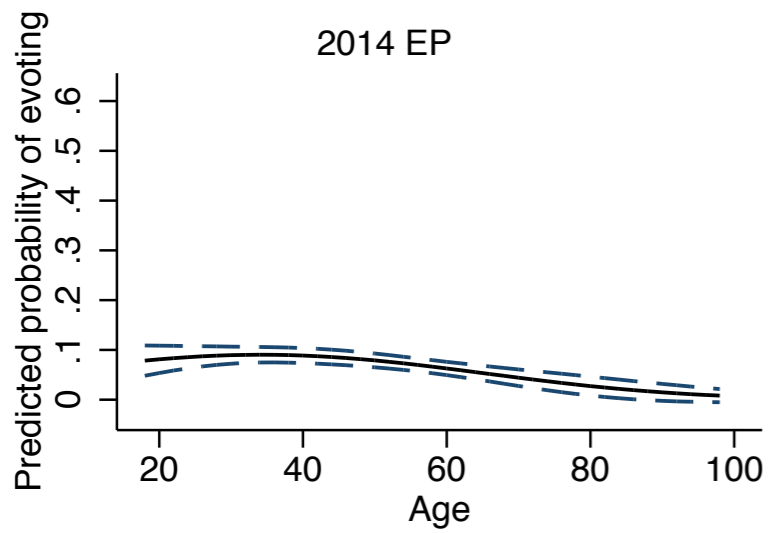
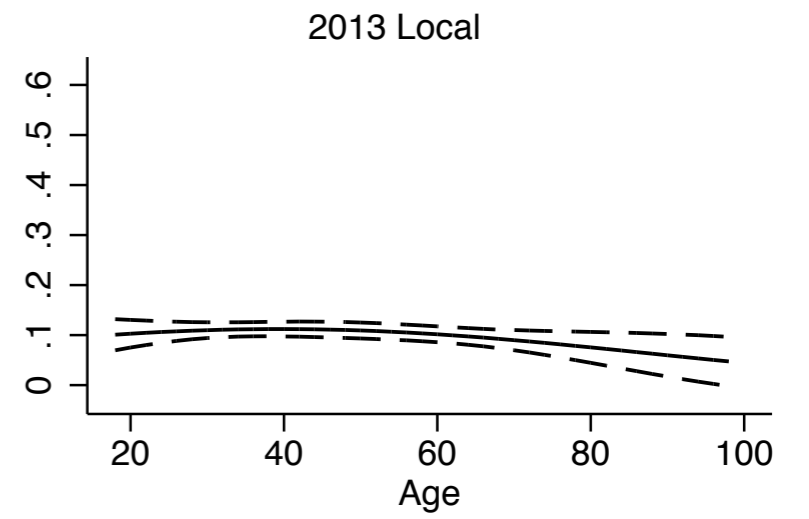
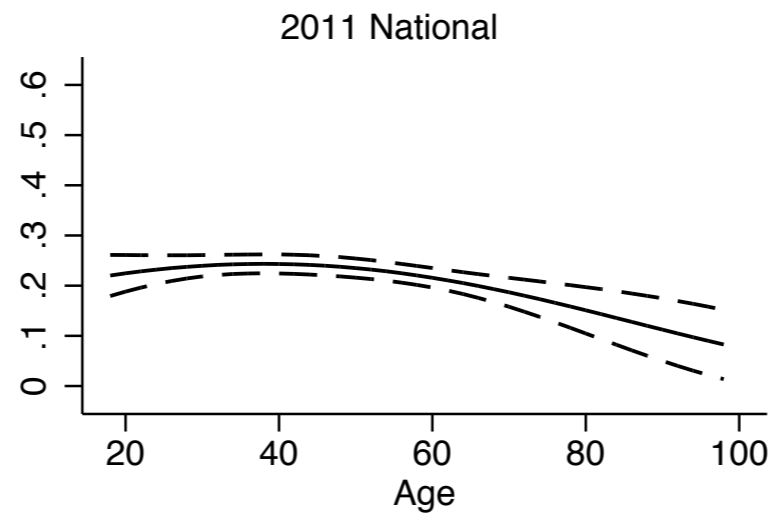
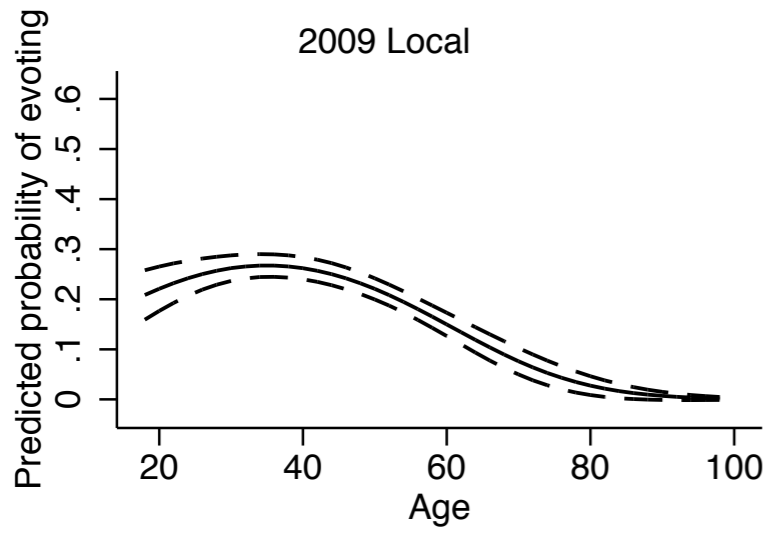
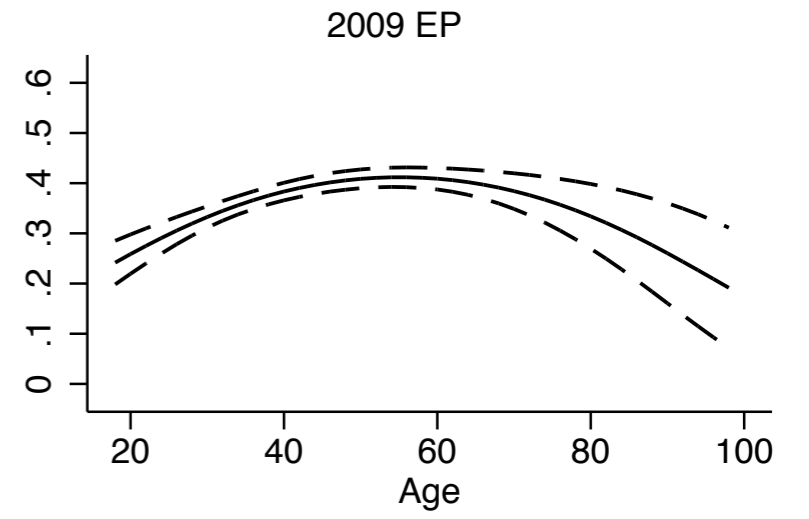
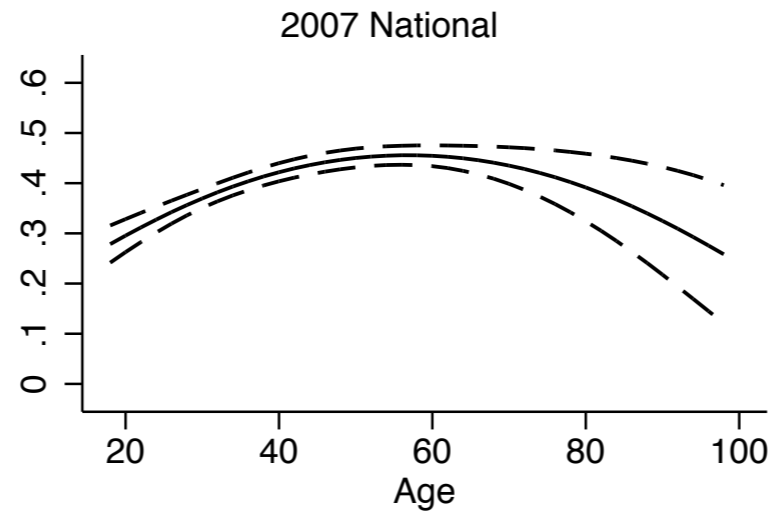
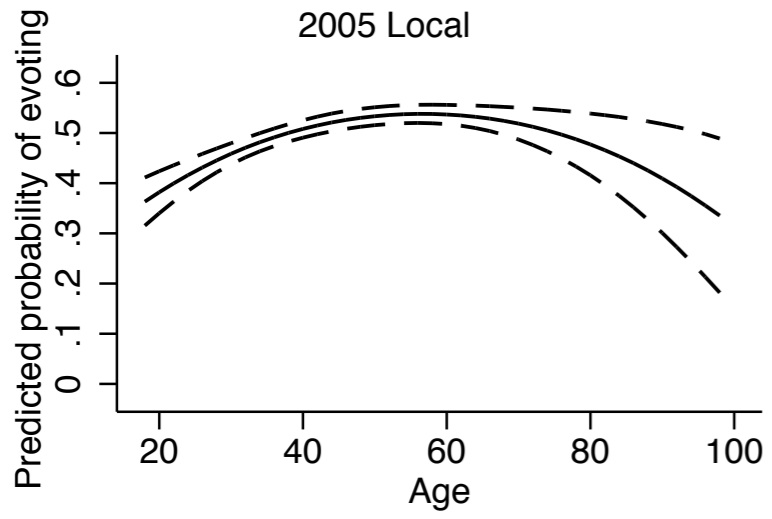
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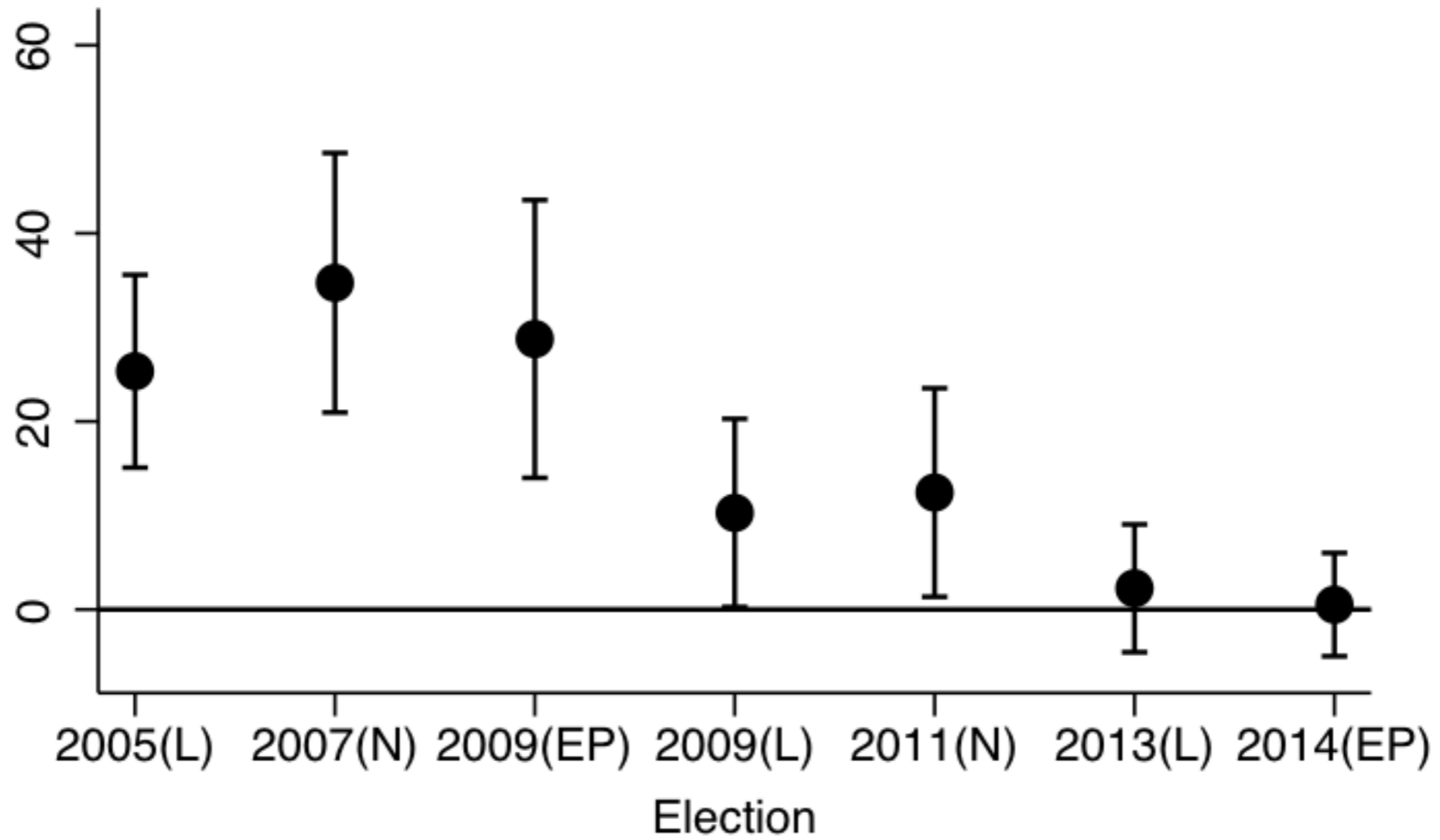
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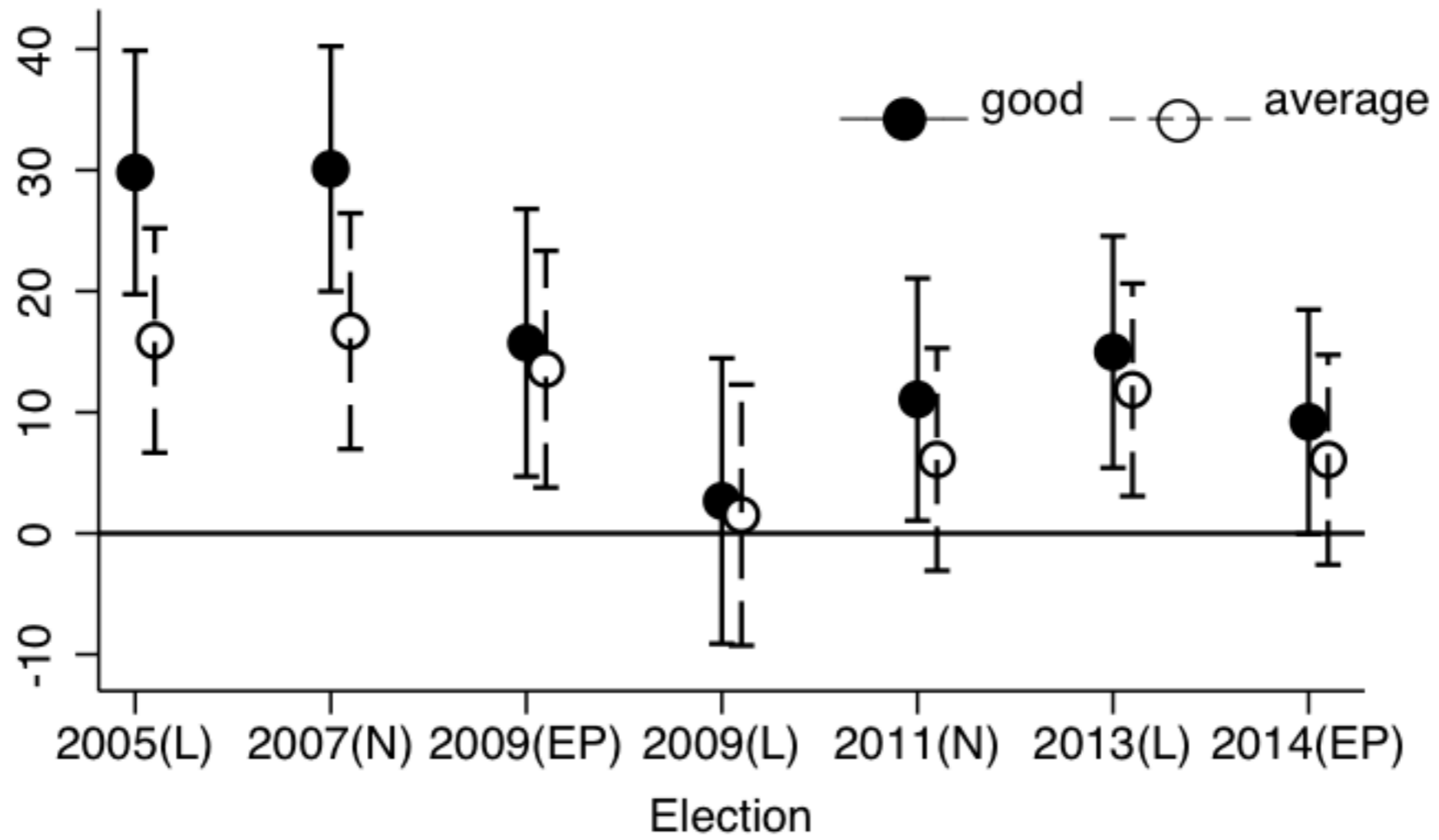
$$\ln \left\{ \frac{\Pr(\text{evote} = 1)}{1 - \Pr(\text{evote} = 1)} \right\} = \beta_0 + \beta_i X_i$$



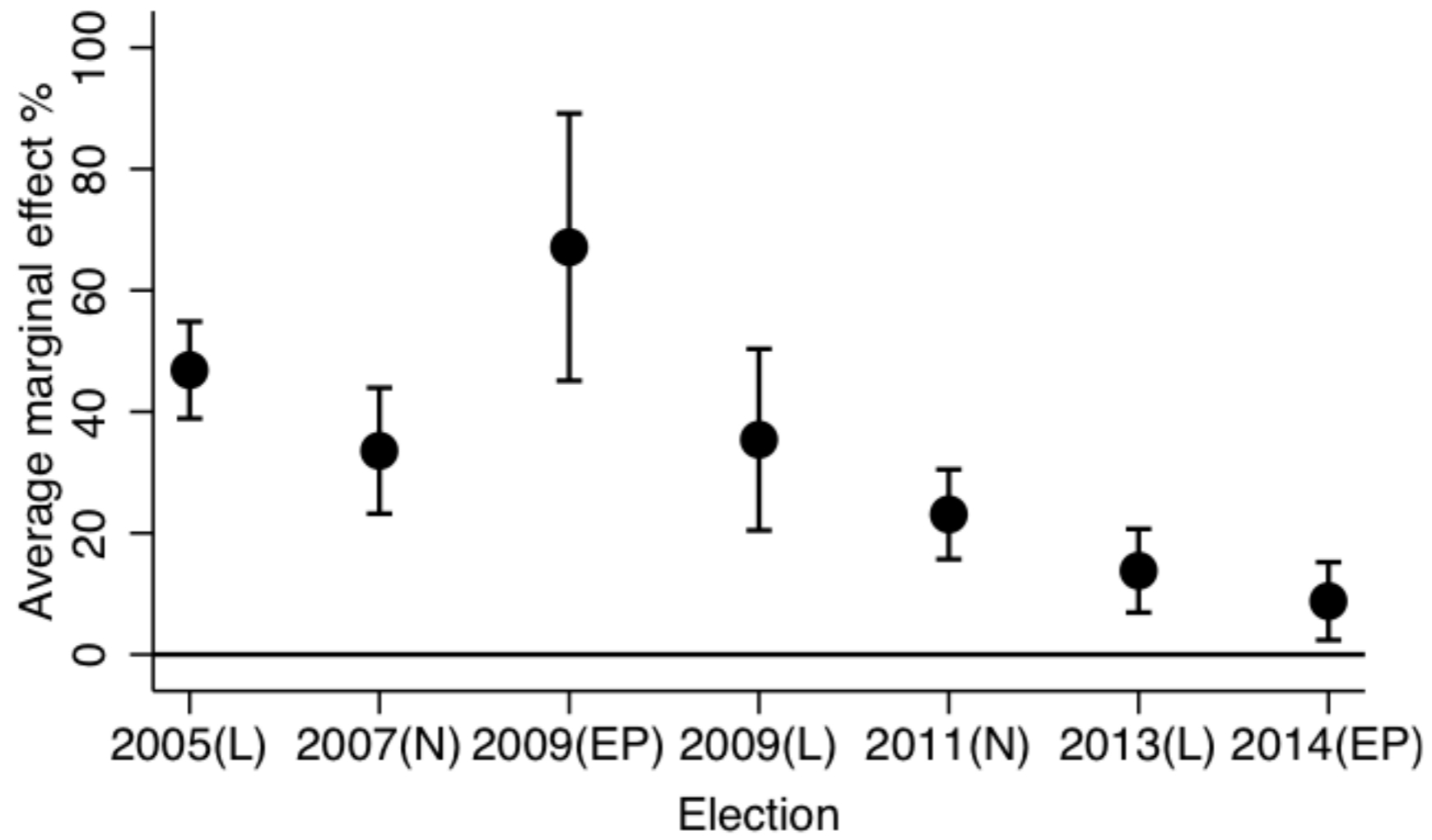
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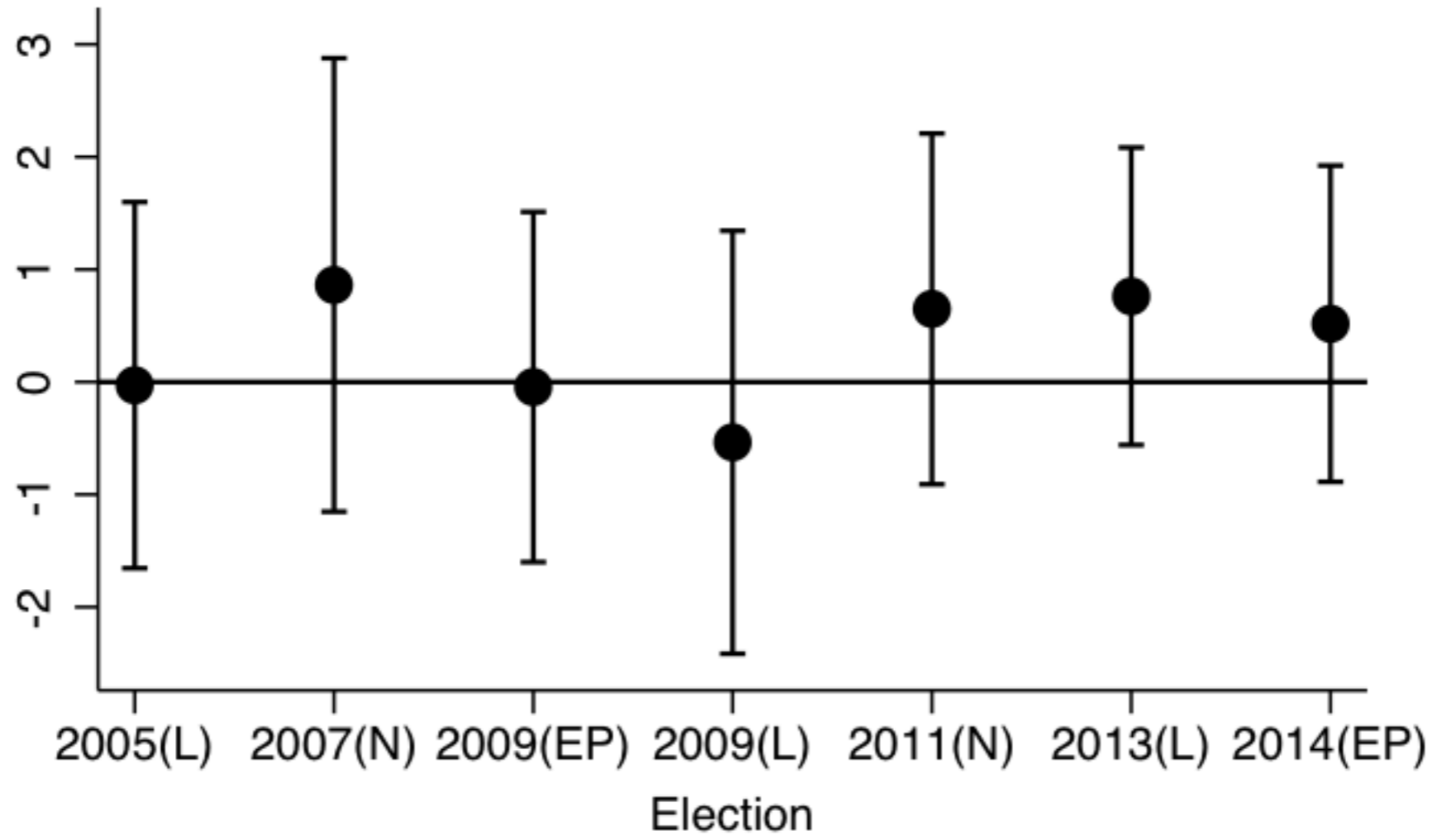
PC literacy (base: basic)

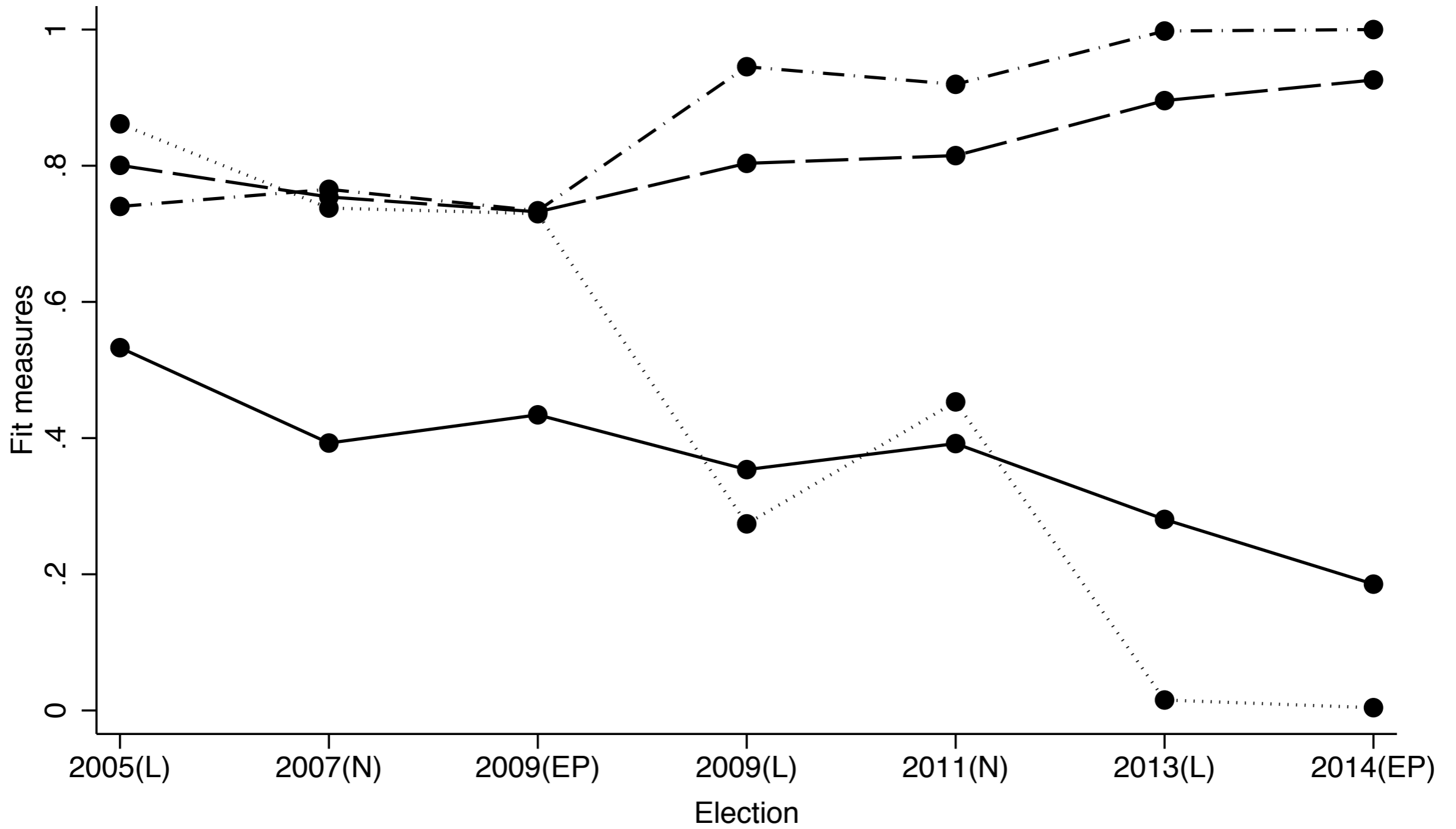


Trust e-voting

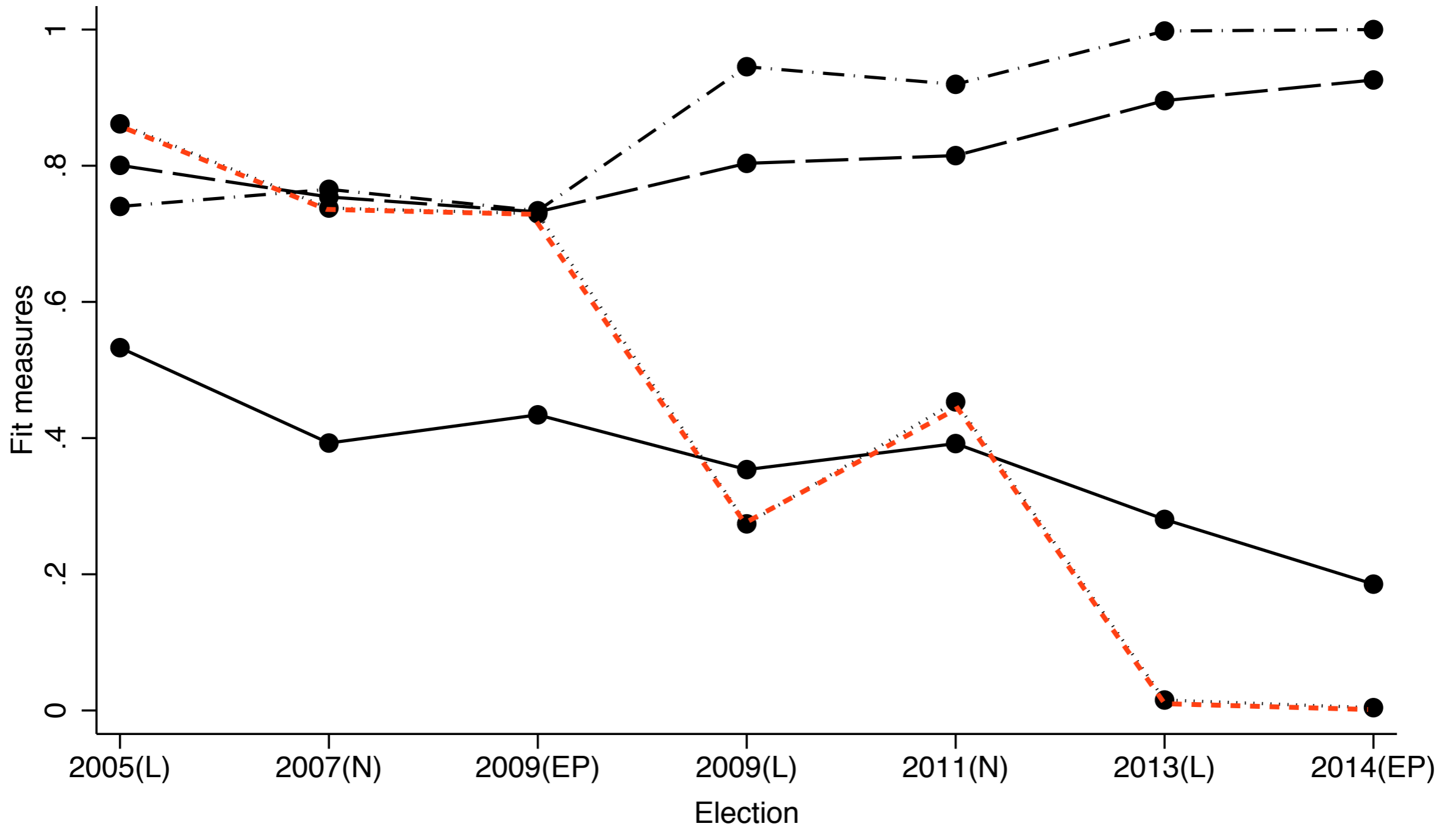


Left-right self-position

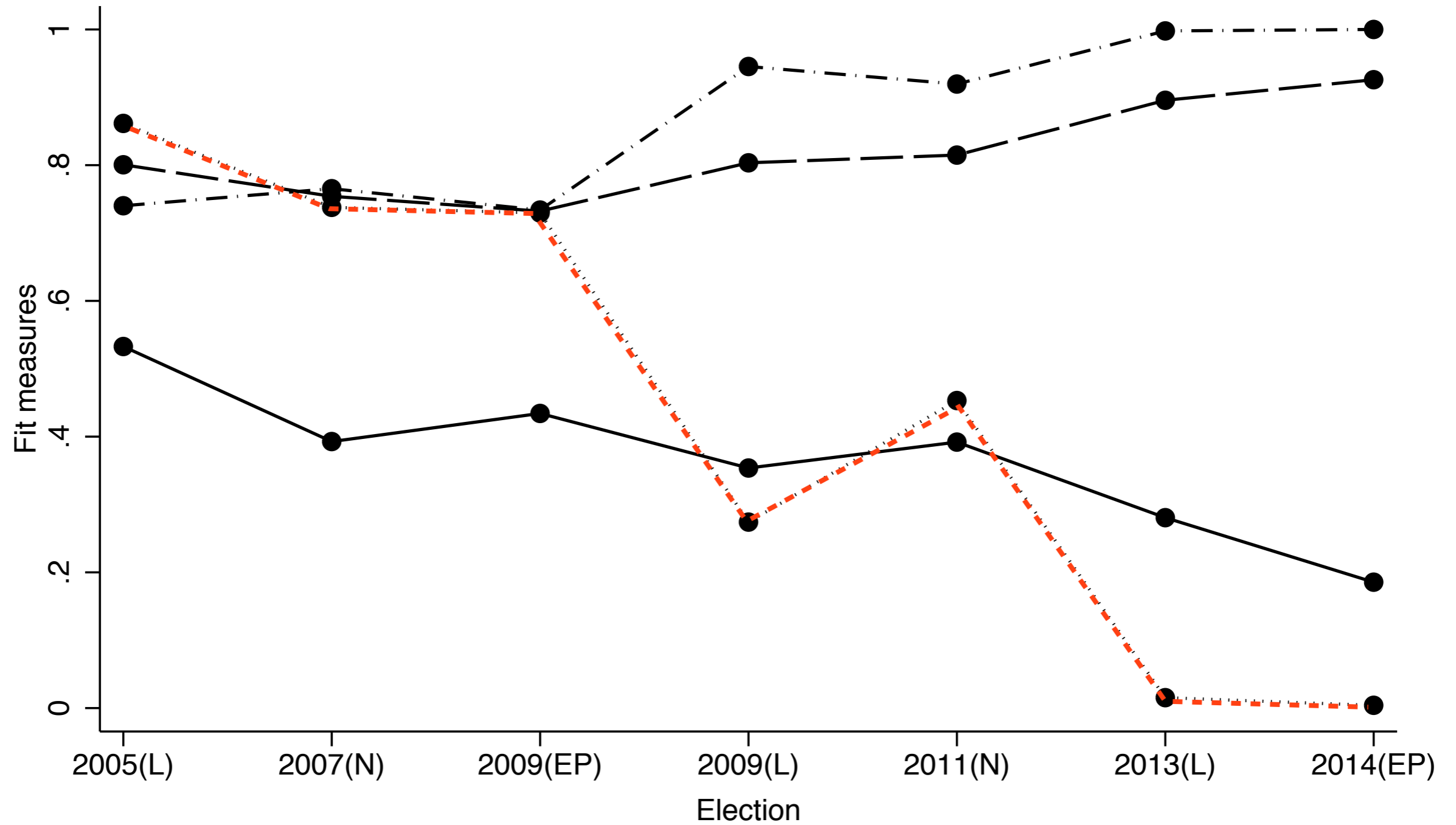




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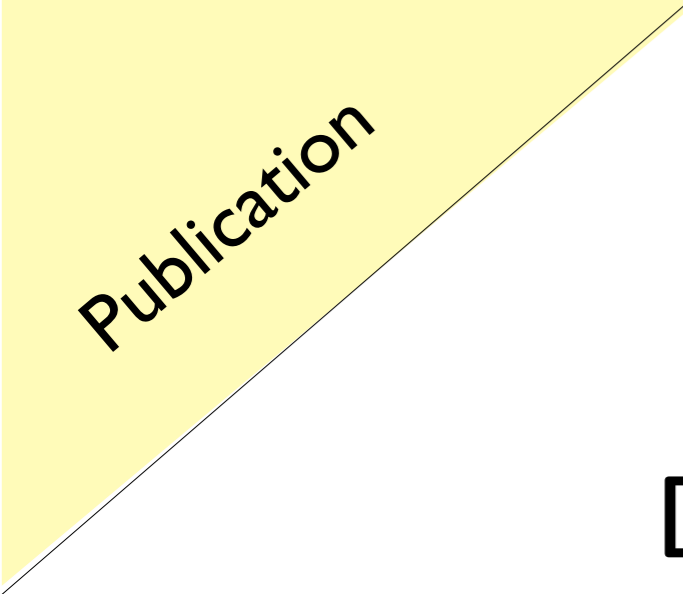
The model fails to correctly predict e-voters

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2 Three electoral cycles required for diffusion to begin



Publication

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Internet voting log-data

Data

Session level data

2013 Local Elections and 2014 EP elections

Automatically generated by e-voters

Logged by the system of e-voting

2013

1:47

Estonia

Windows

ID-card

age 43 years

8am-10pm

2014

1:29

Estonia

Windows

ID-card

age 45 years

8am-10pm

Times voted	KOV2013		EP2014	
	N	%	N	%
0	4,070	2.95	1,303	1.25
1	131,221	95.18	101,404	97.09
2	2,348	1.70	1,595	1.53
3	186	0.13	100	0.10
4 and more	41	0.04	42	0.03
Total	137,866	100.00	104,444	100.00

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Global index of non-normality

Available *ex ante*

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c₁

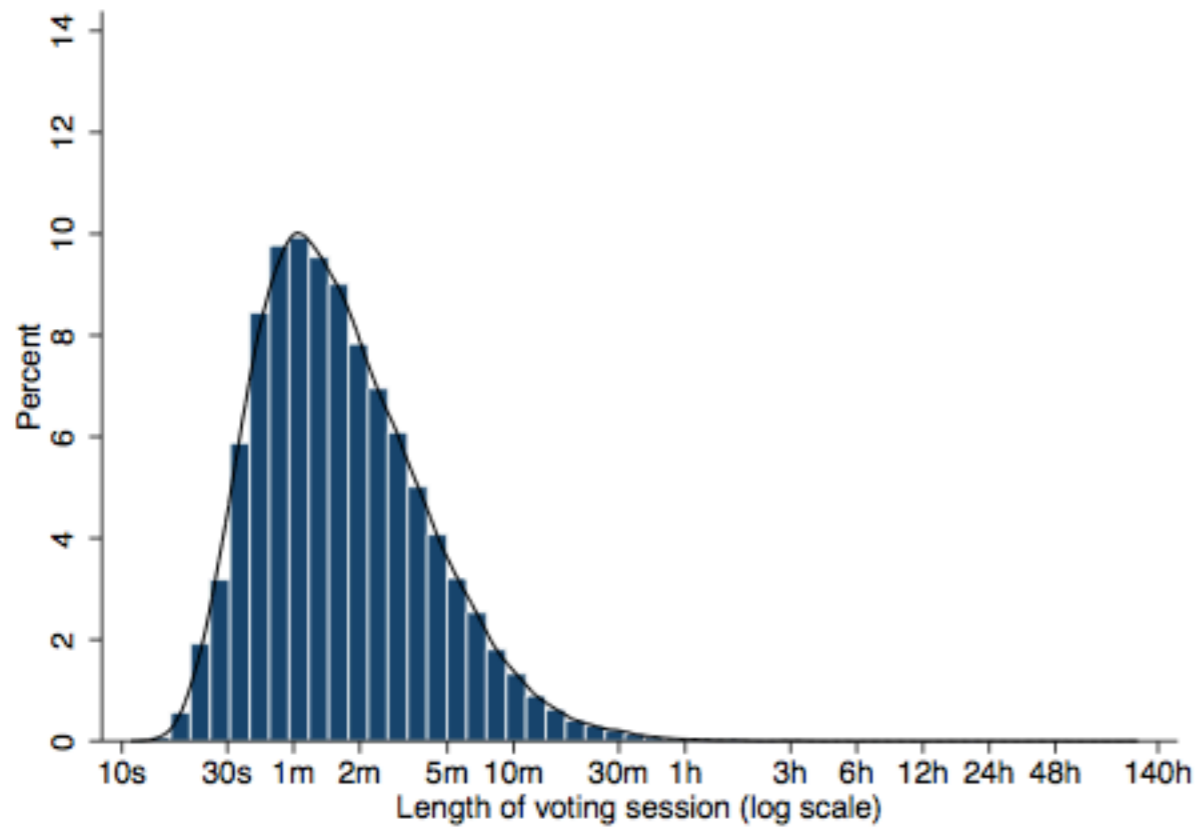
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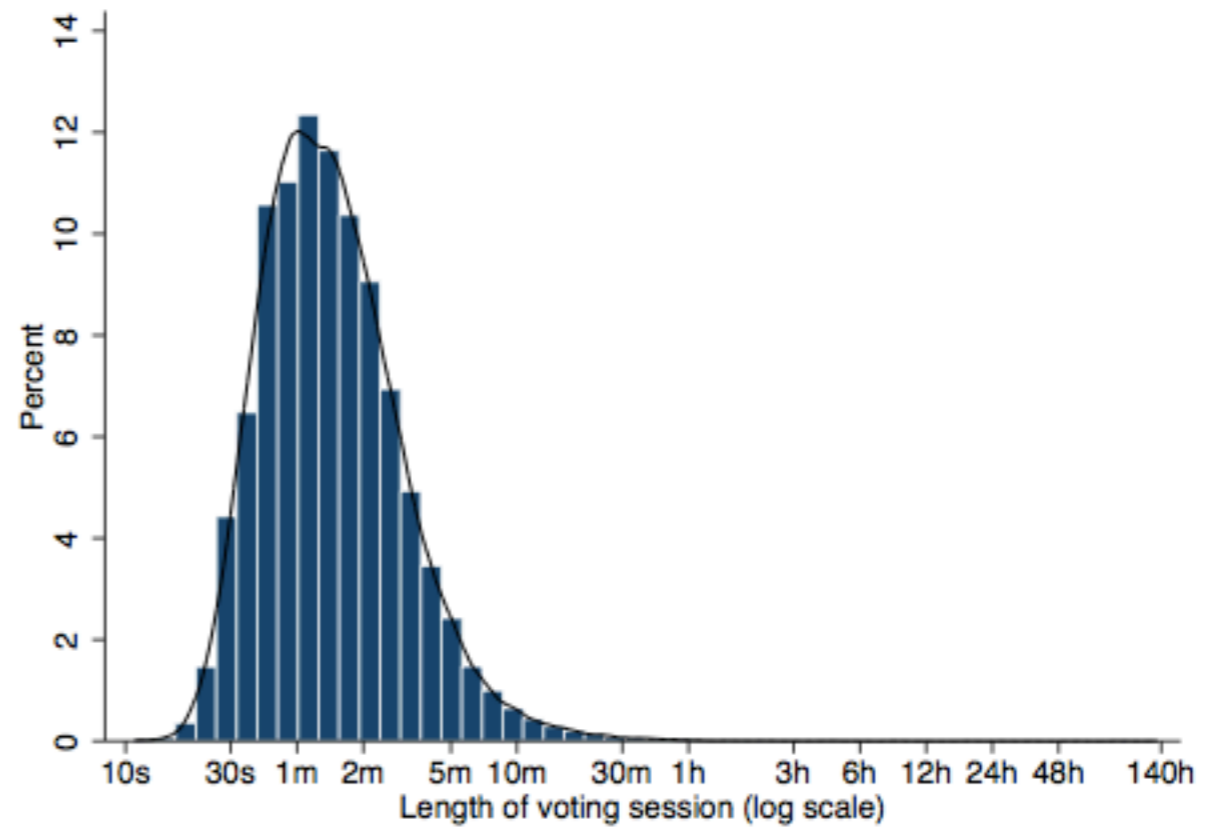
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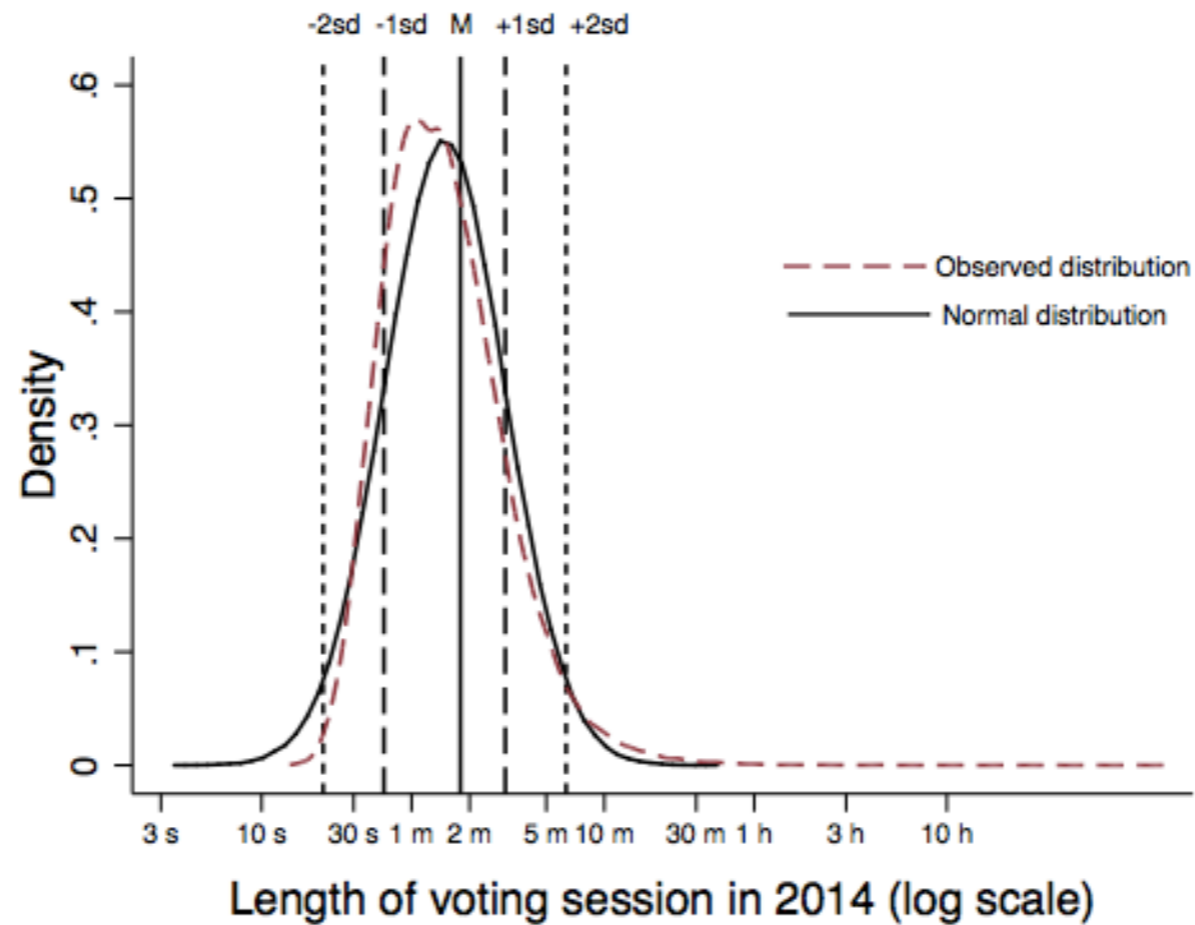
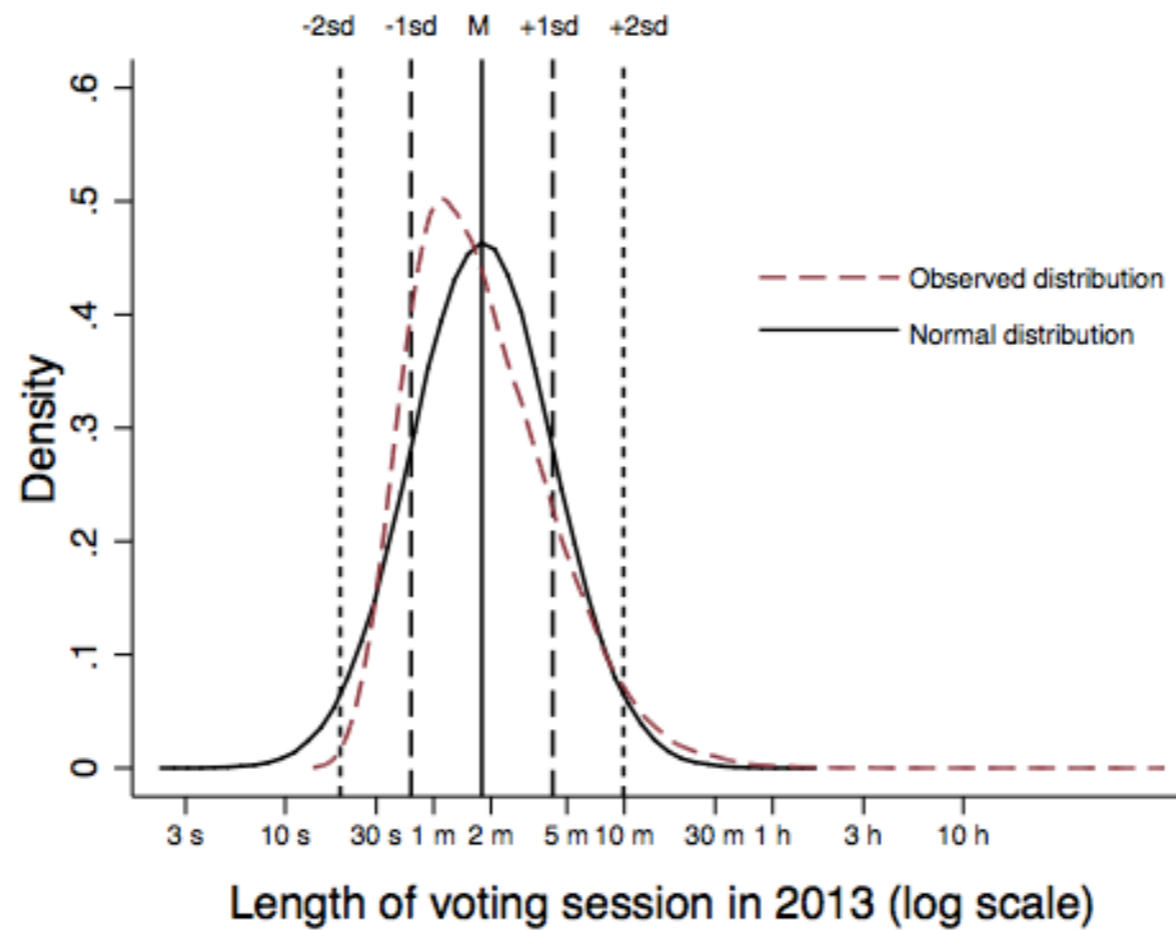


(a) 2013



(b) 2014

Figure 3.1: Voting session length distributions



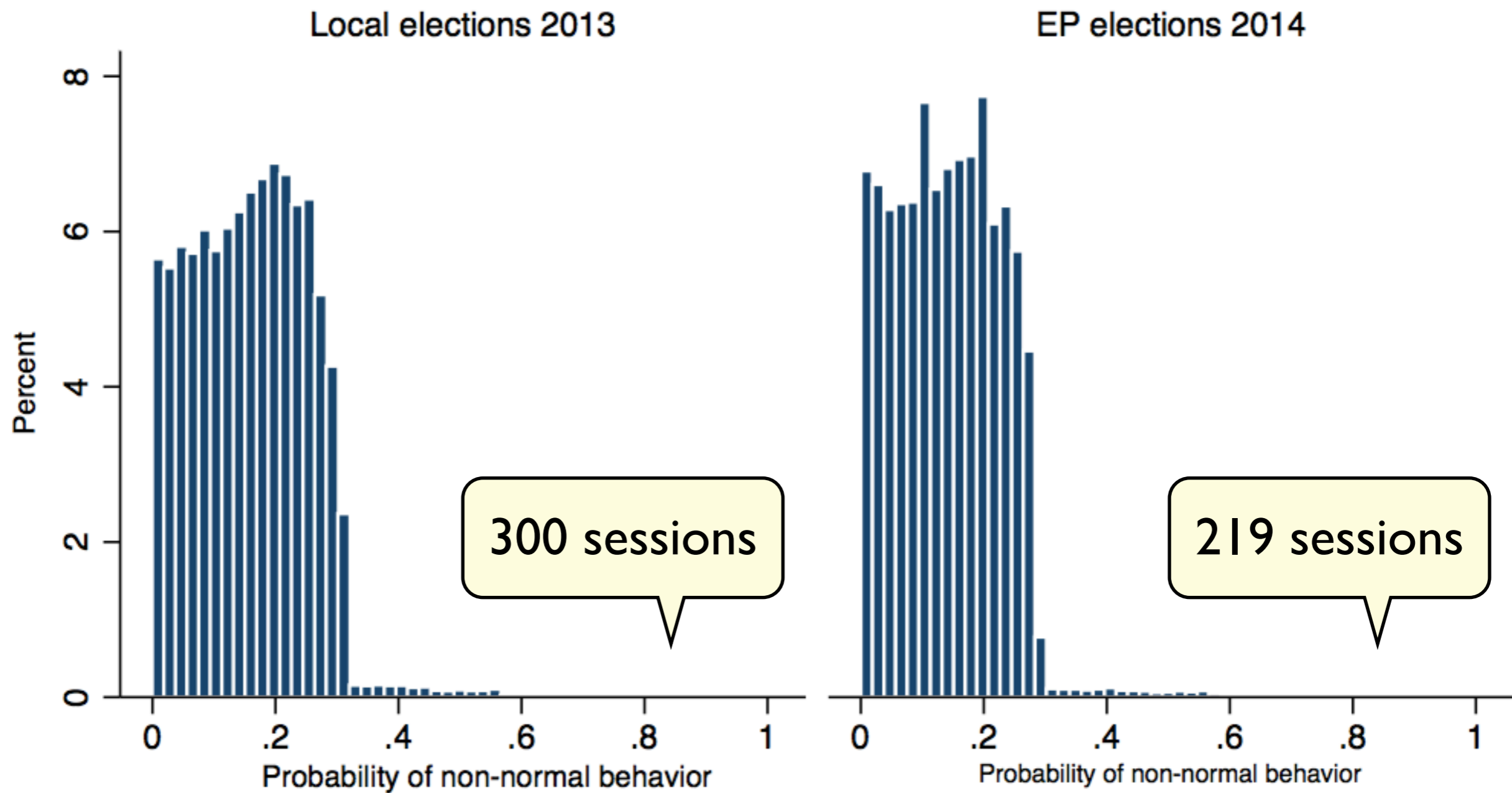
$$z = \frac{x - \bar{x}}{stdv(x)}$$

$$c_1 = 1 - Pr(z) = 1 - \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}z^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

$$c_2 = 1 - Pr(x) = 1 - \frac{\mu^x e^{-\mu}}{x!}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$c_3 = 1 - Pr(x|x > 0) = 1 - \frac{\mu^x}{(e^\mu - 1)x!} \quad x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$g = c_1 * c_2 * c_3$$



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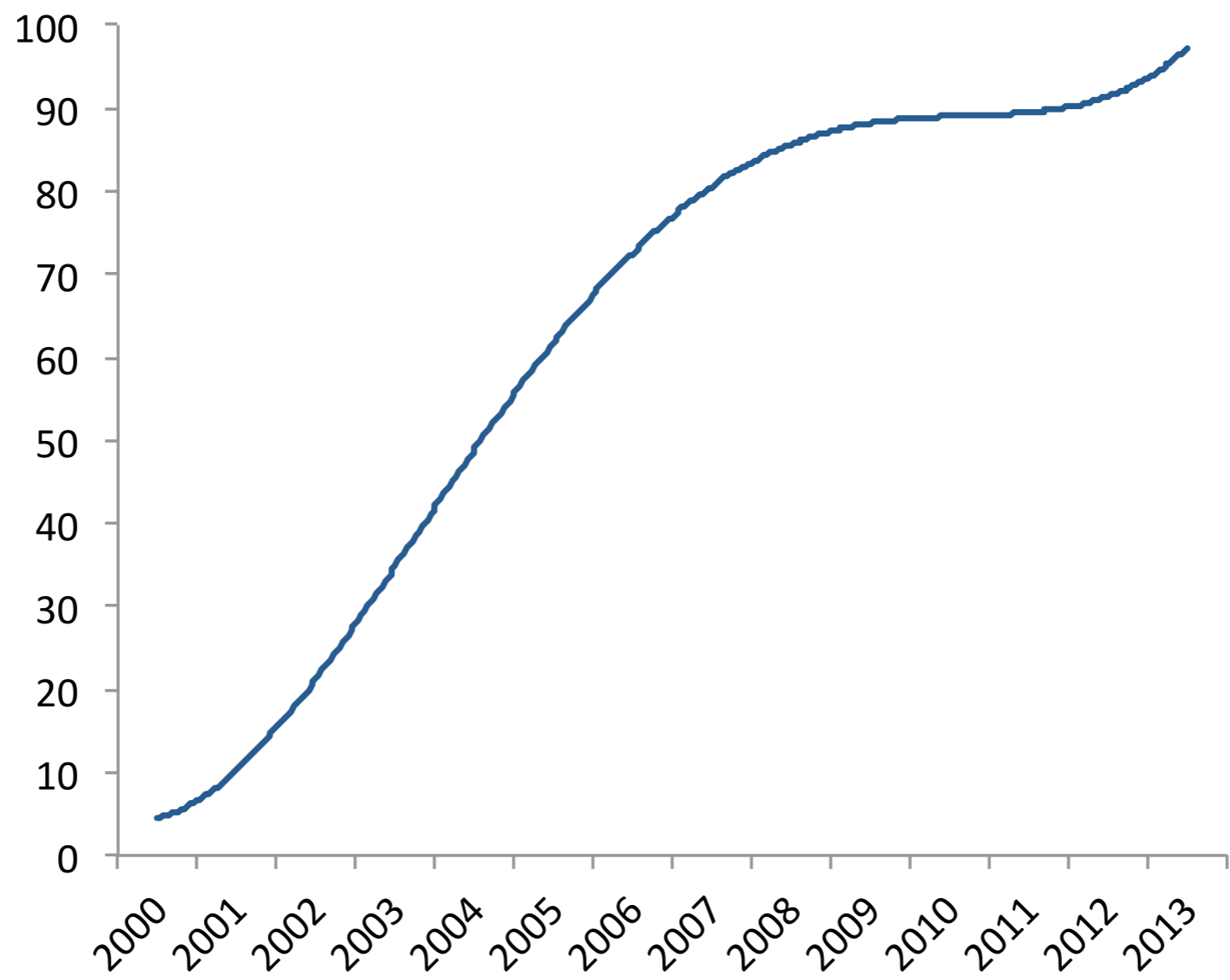
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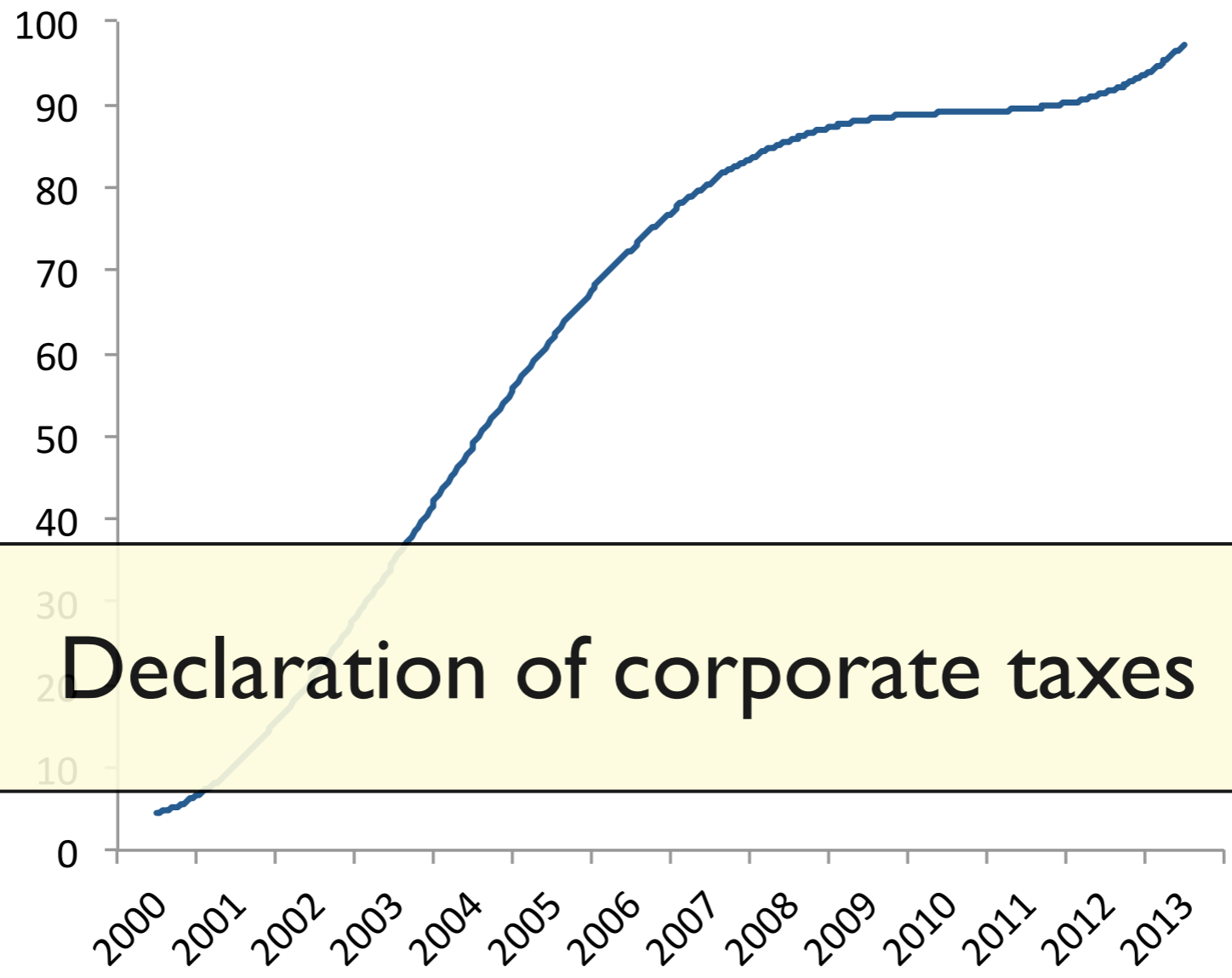
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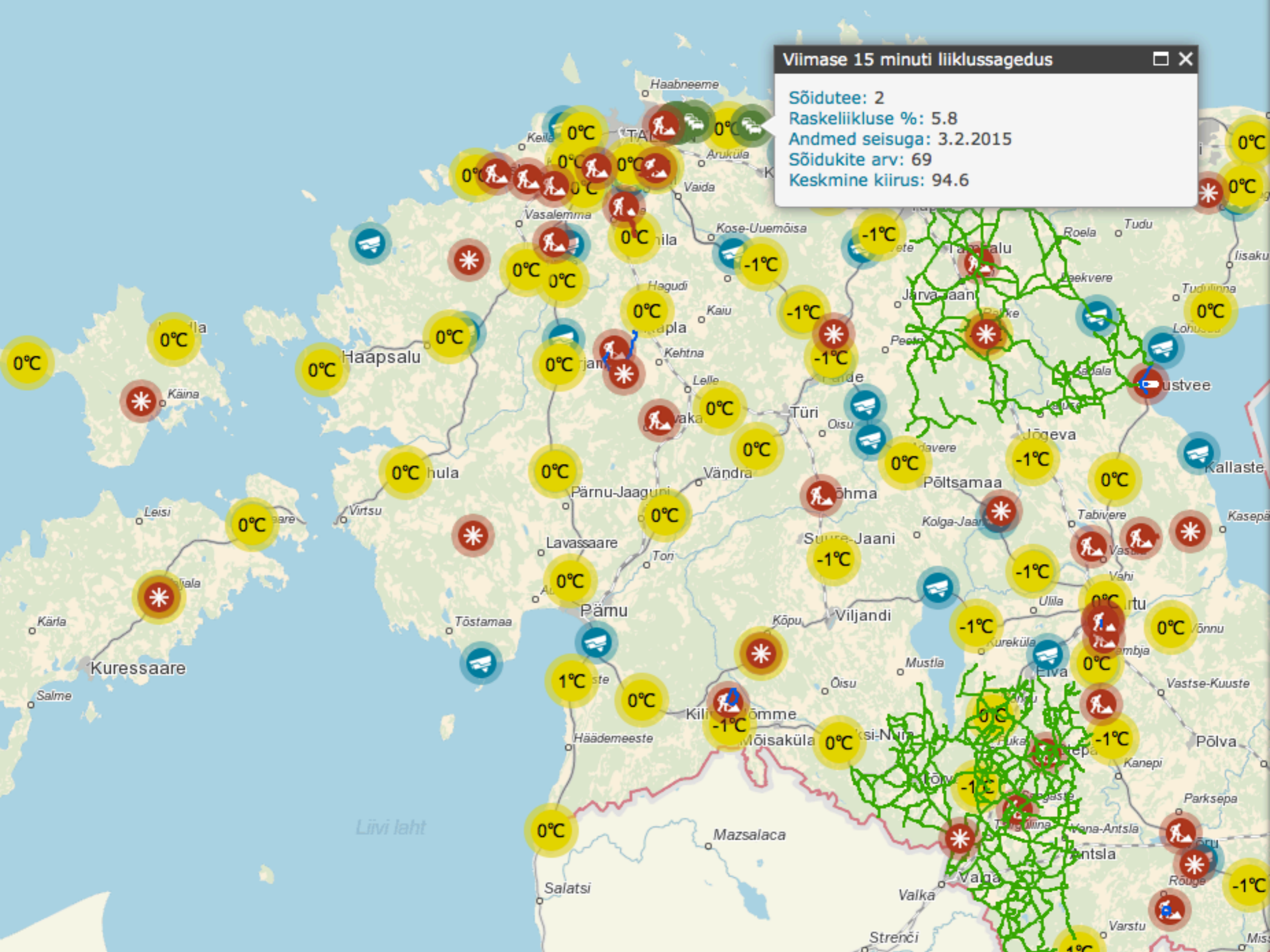
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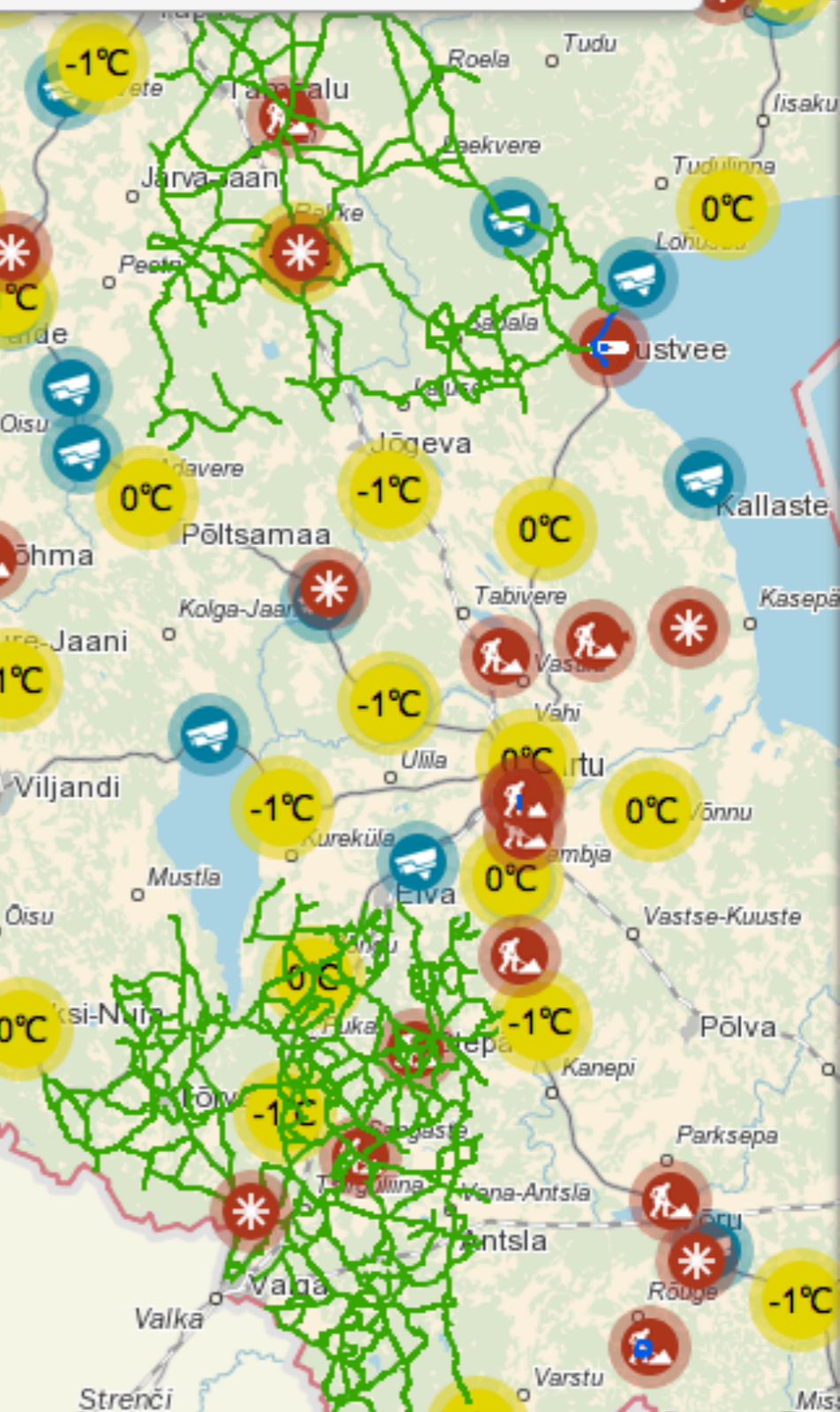
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