

Bioenergetic influence on the historical development and decline of industrial fisheries, and implications for a warming ocean

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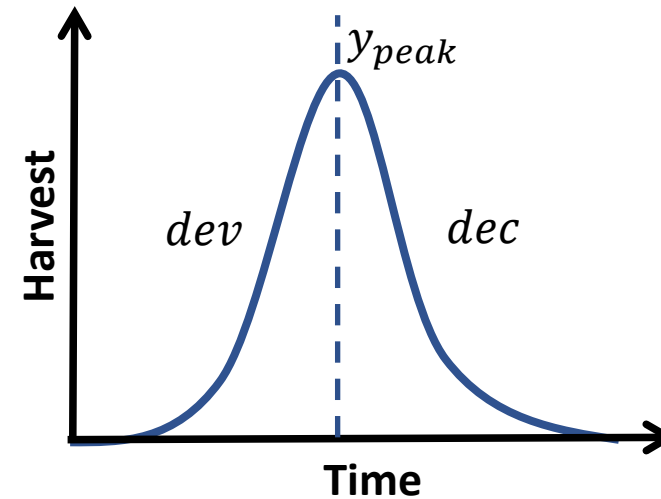
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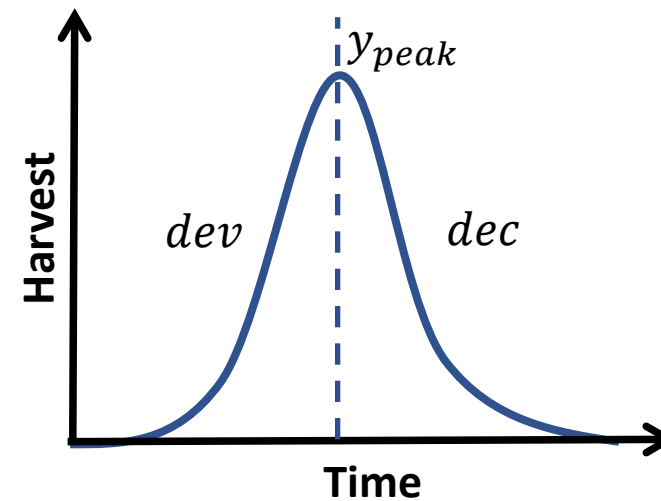
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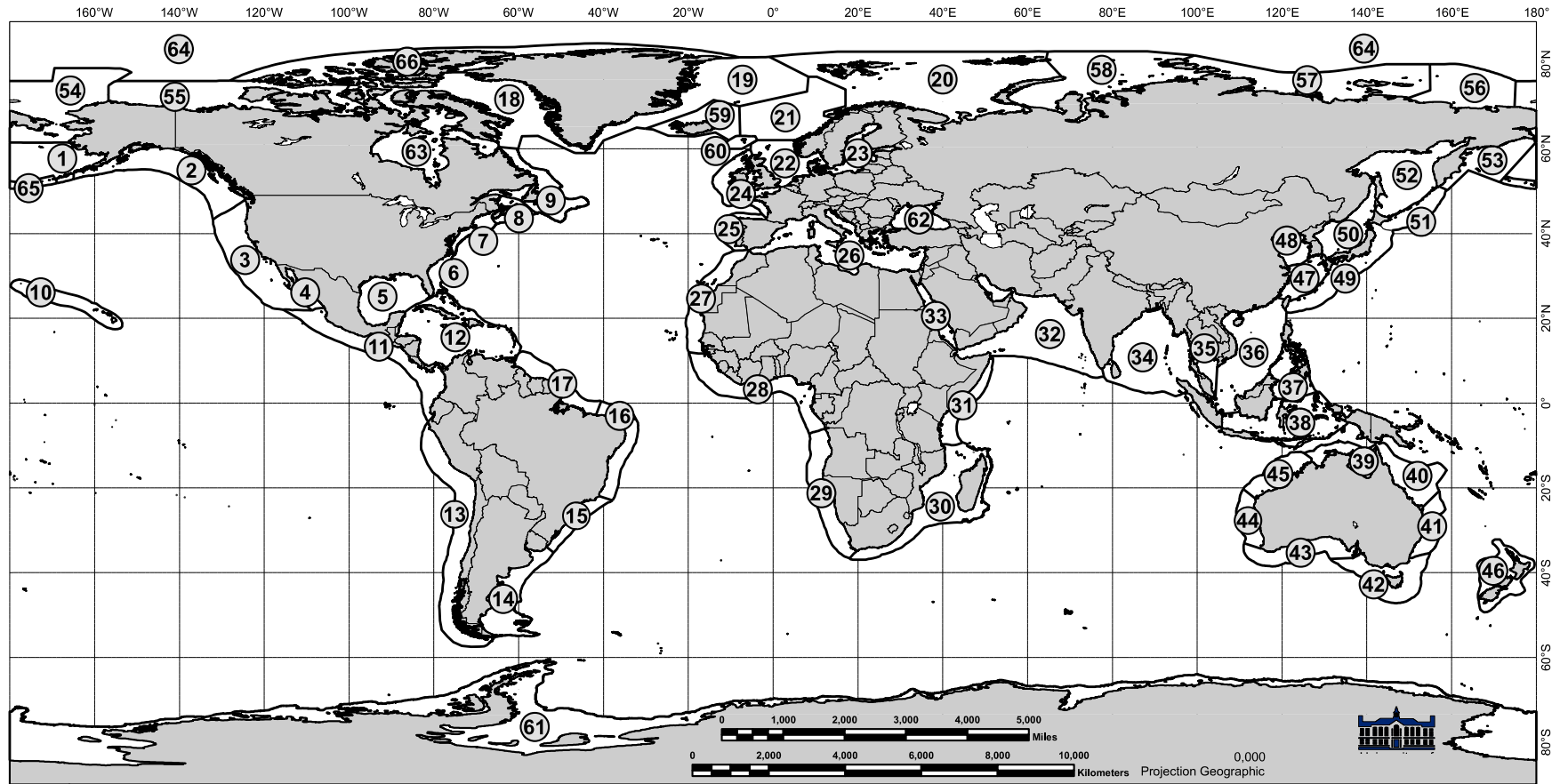
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The year of peak harvest (y_{peak}) is an indicator of the development of fisheries.

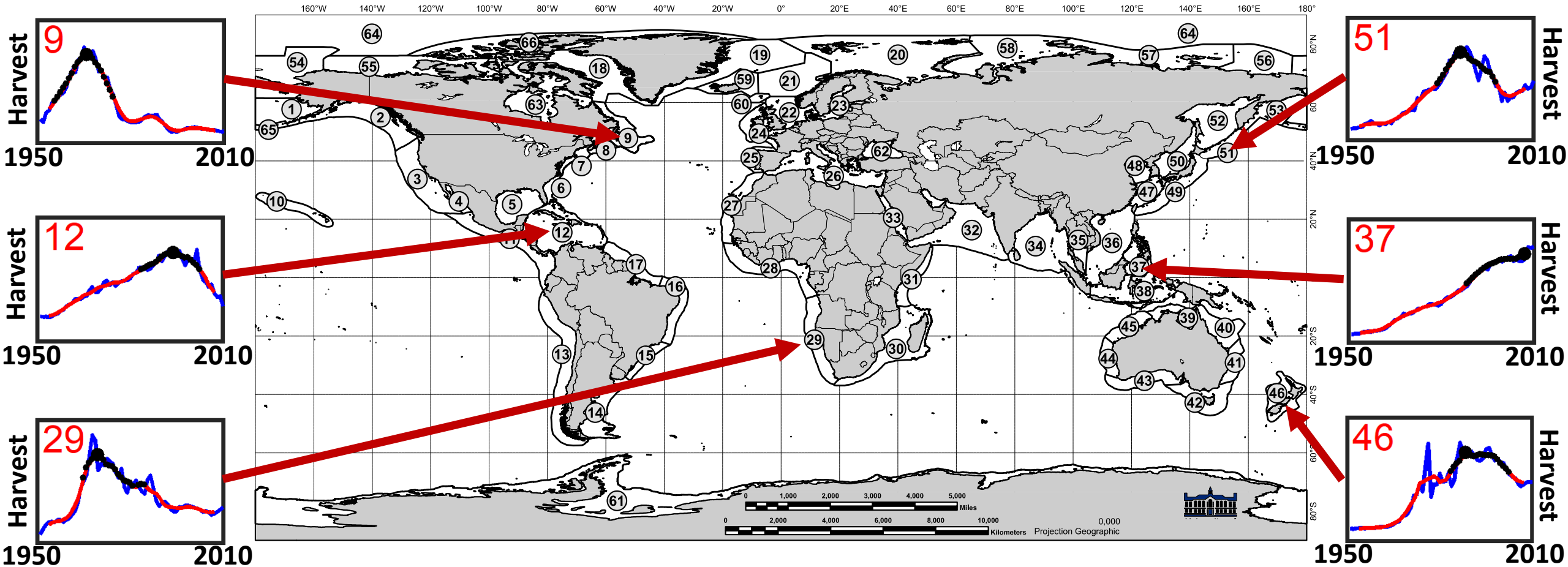
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Reconstructed time-series of harvest in LMEs (Sea Around Us Project) indicate a delayed year of peak harvest with decreasing latitude.

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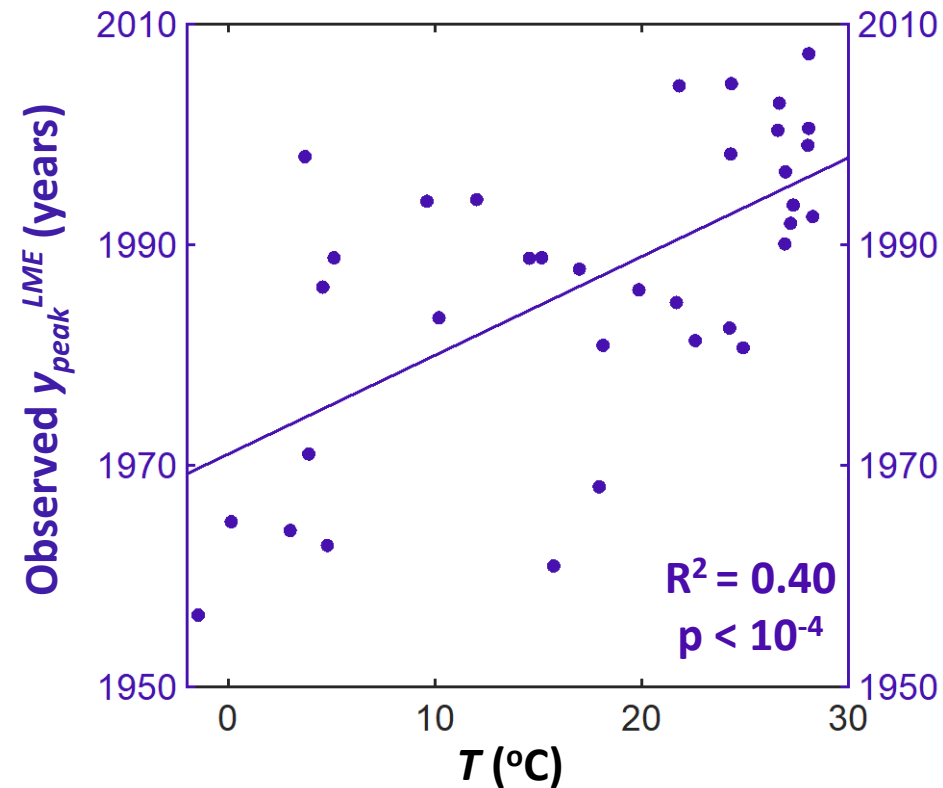
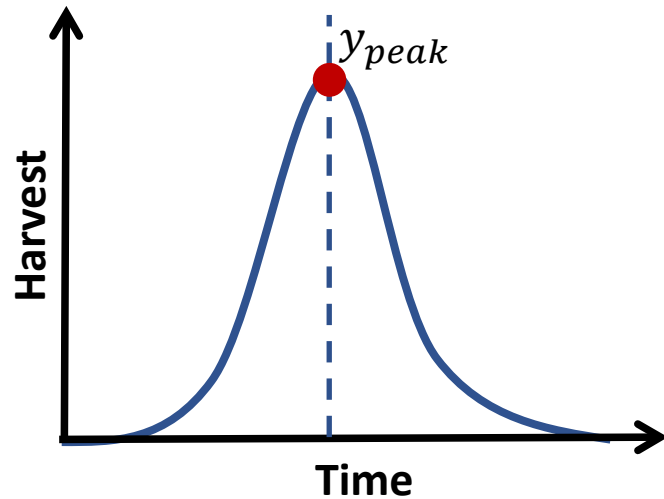
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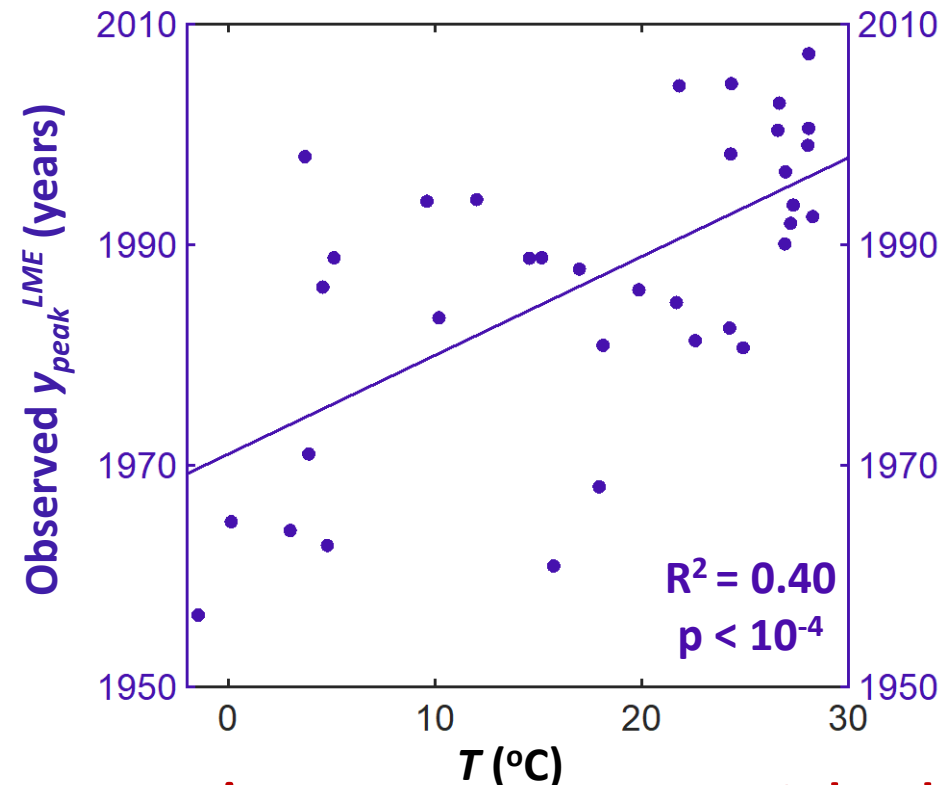
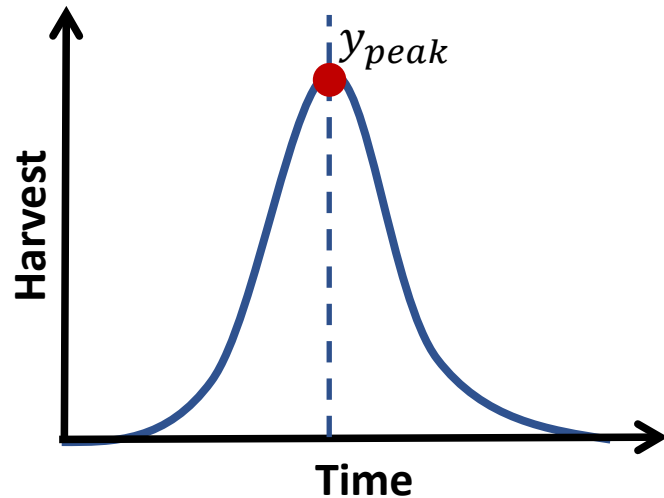
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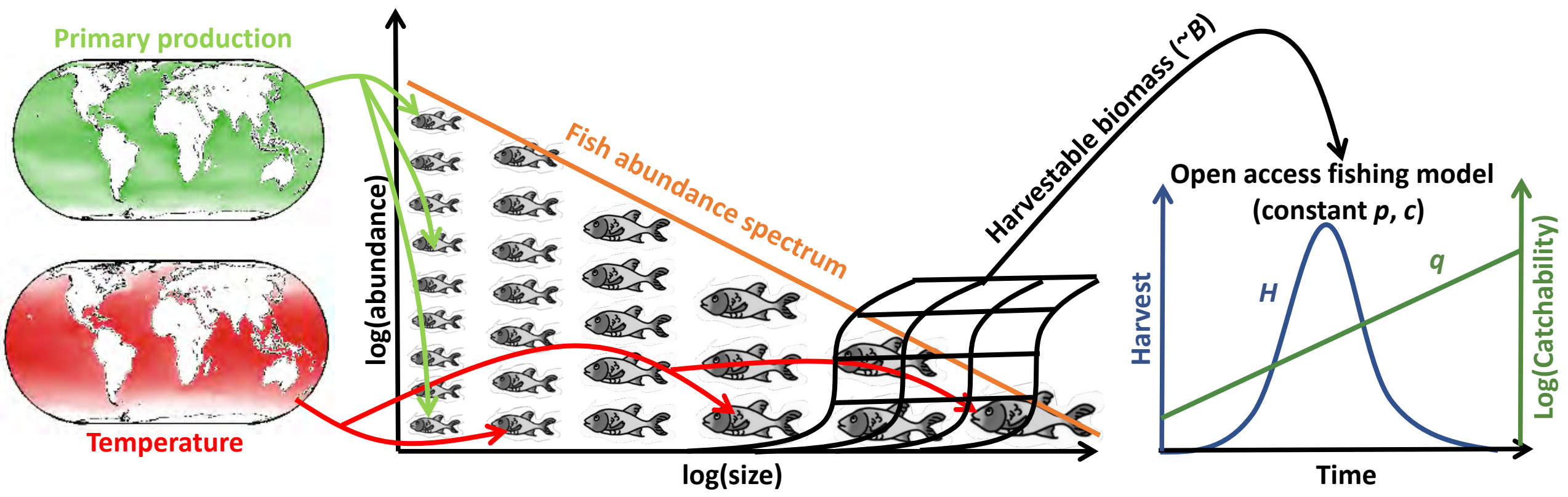
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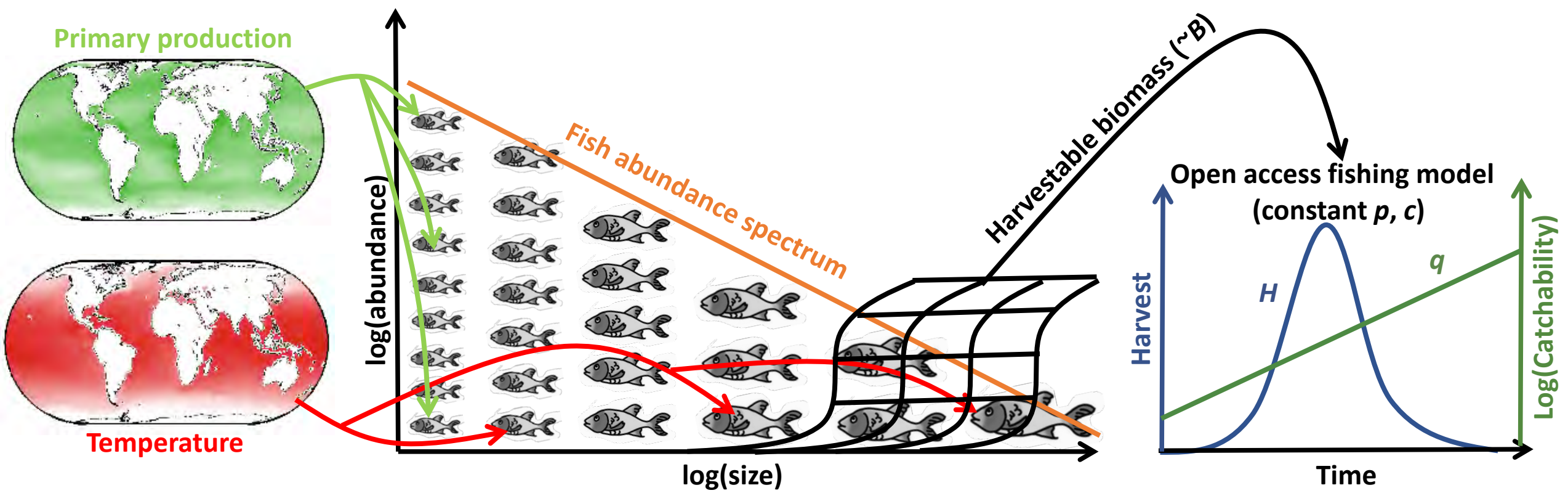
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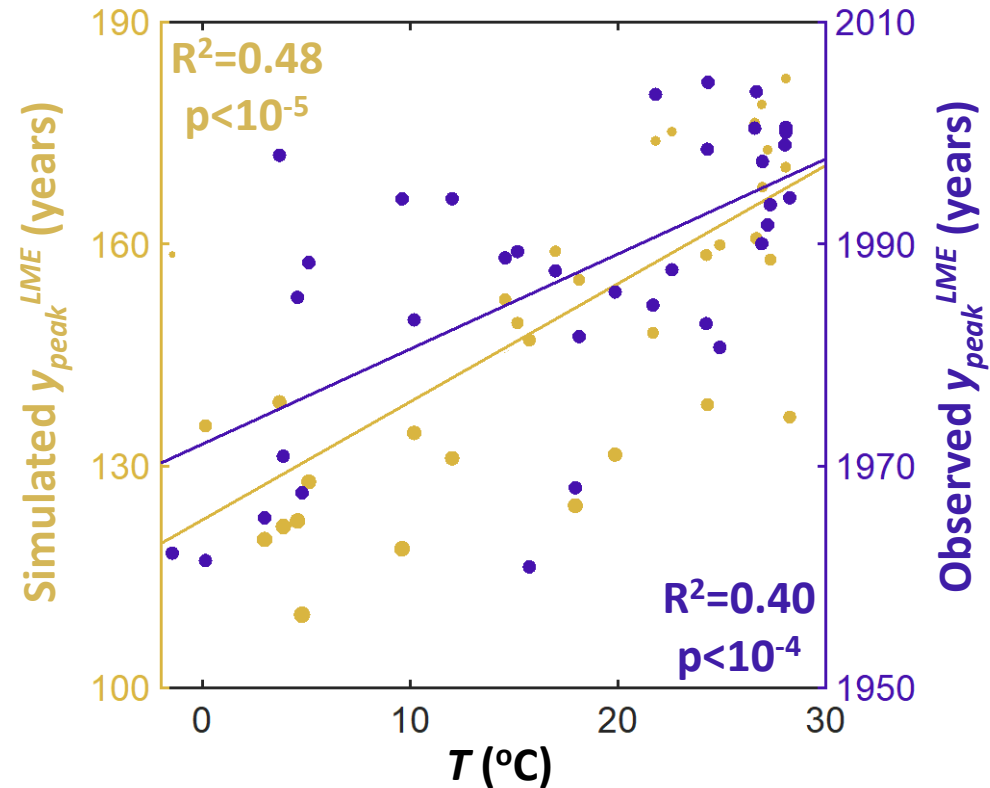
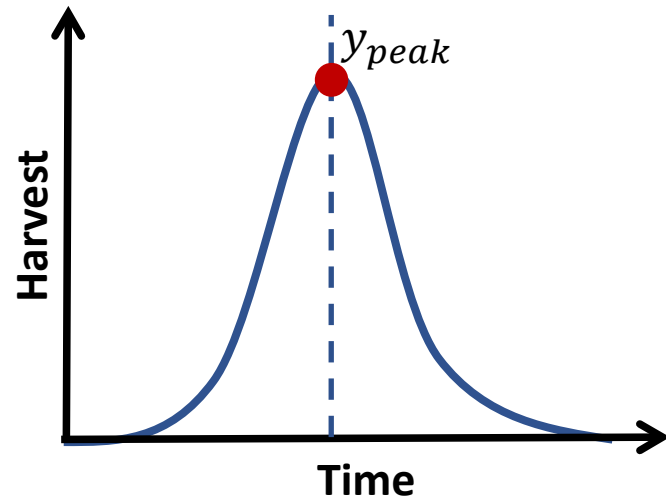
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Simulations produce harvest peaks for which spatial differences emerge from different environmental conditions.

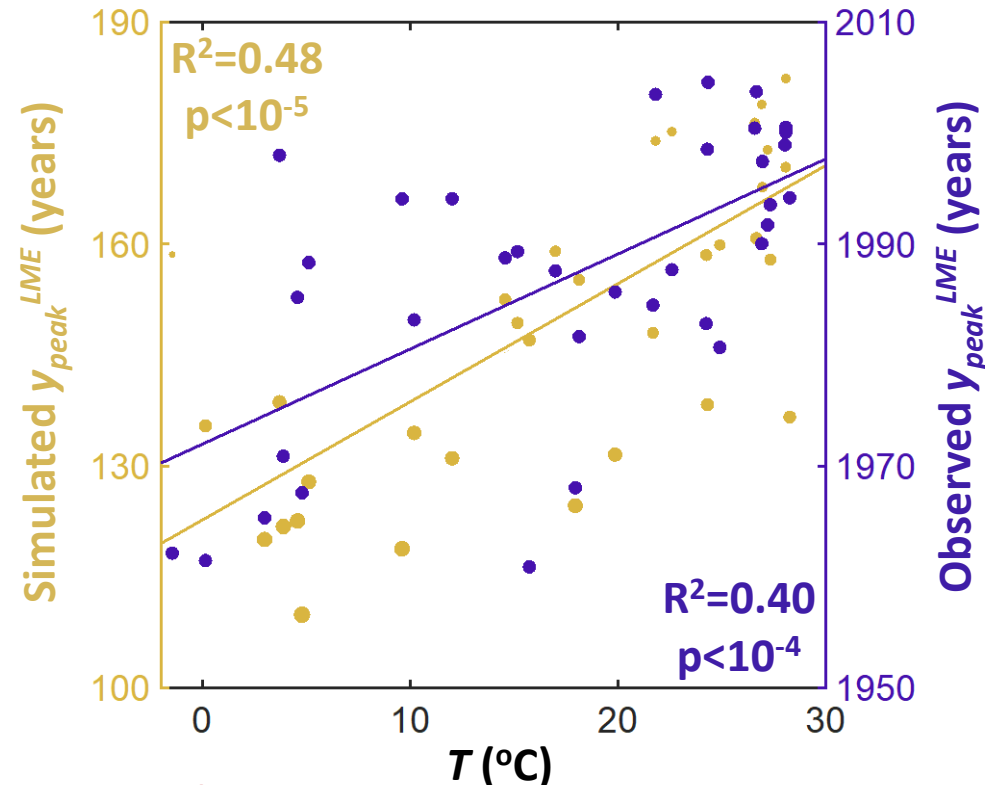
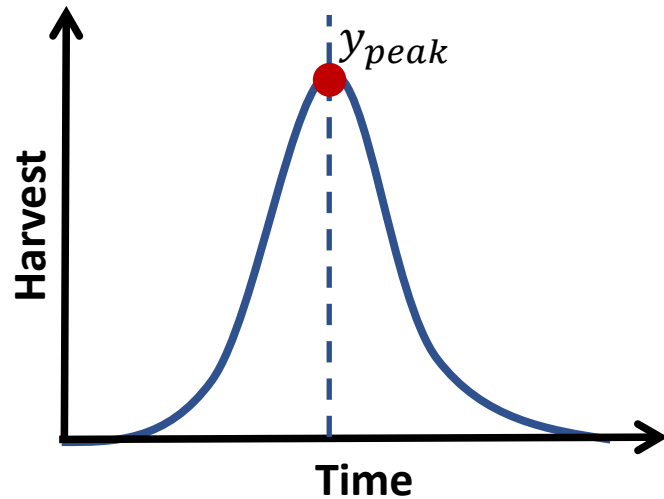
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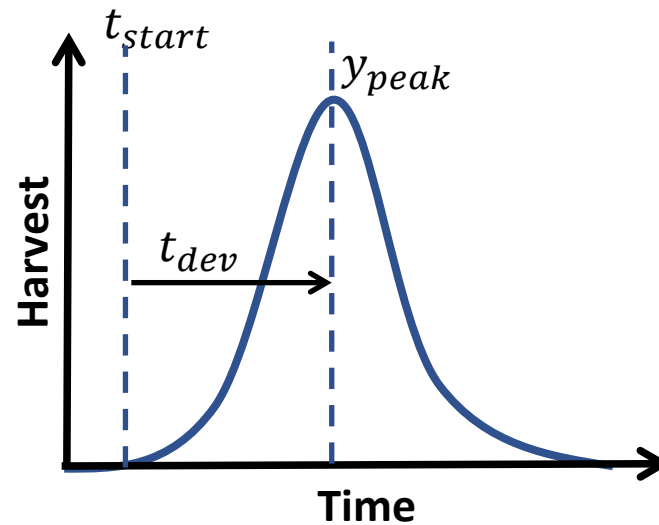
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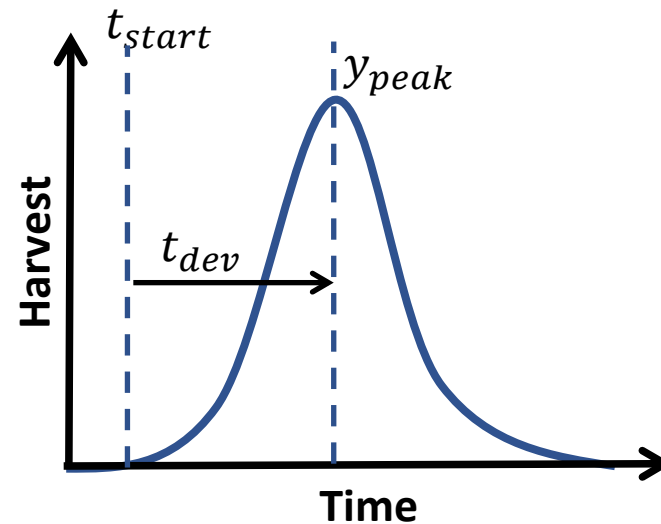
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The model allows the exploration of the processes influencing the times (t_{start}) and (t_{dev}).

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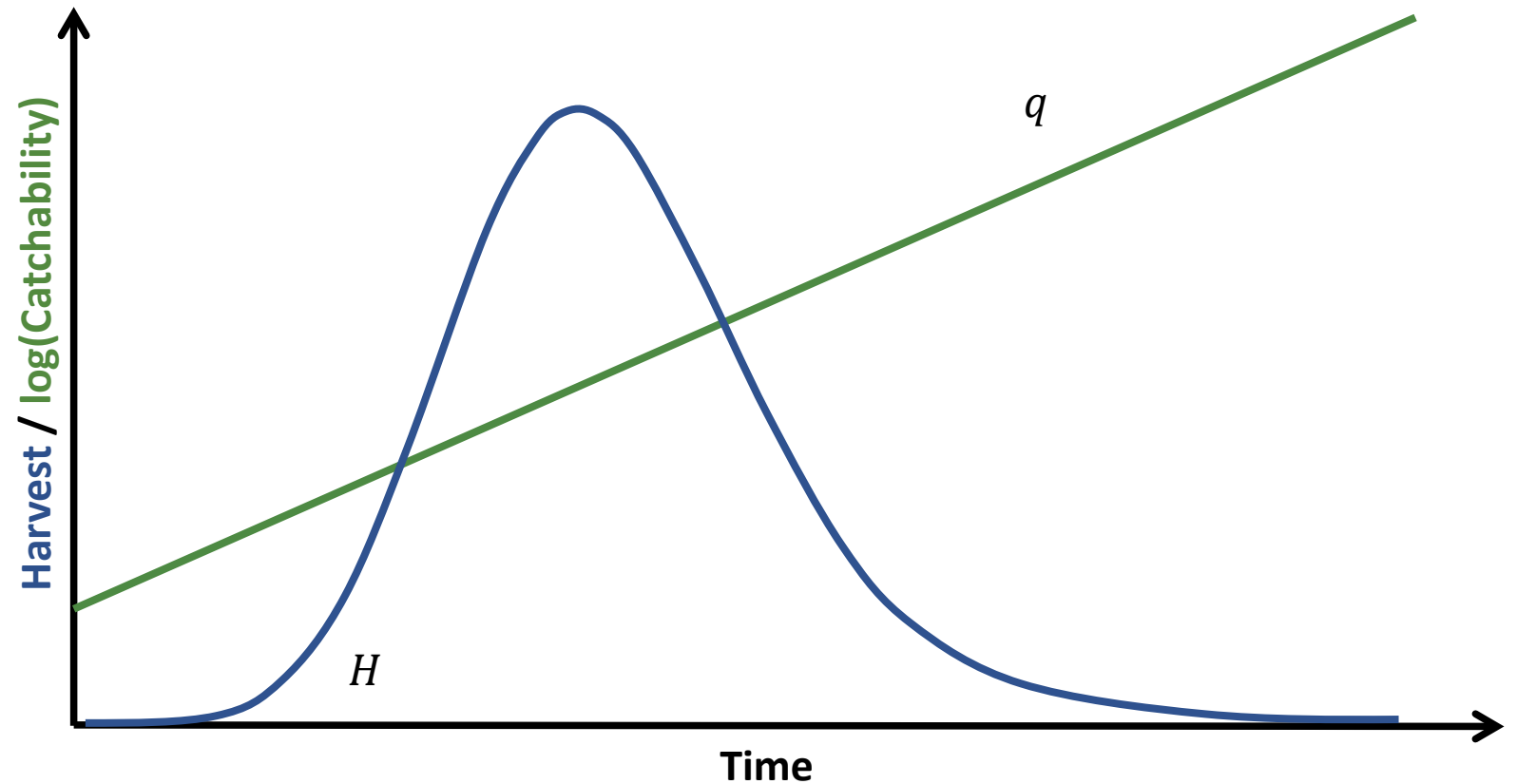
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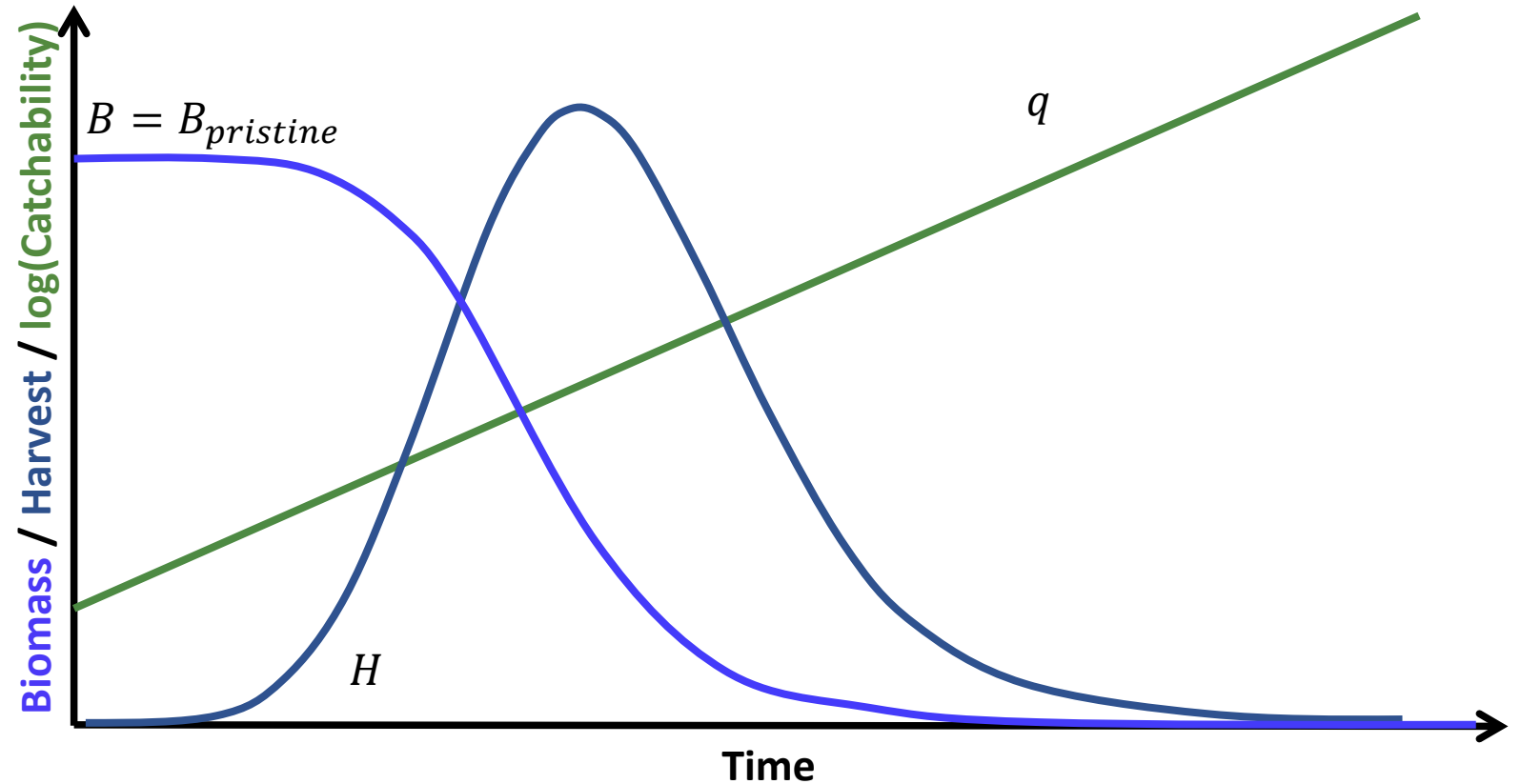
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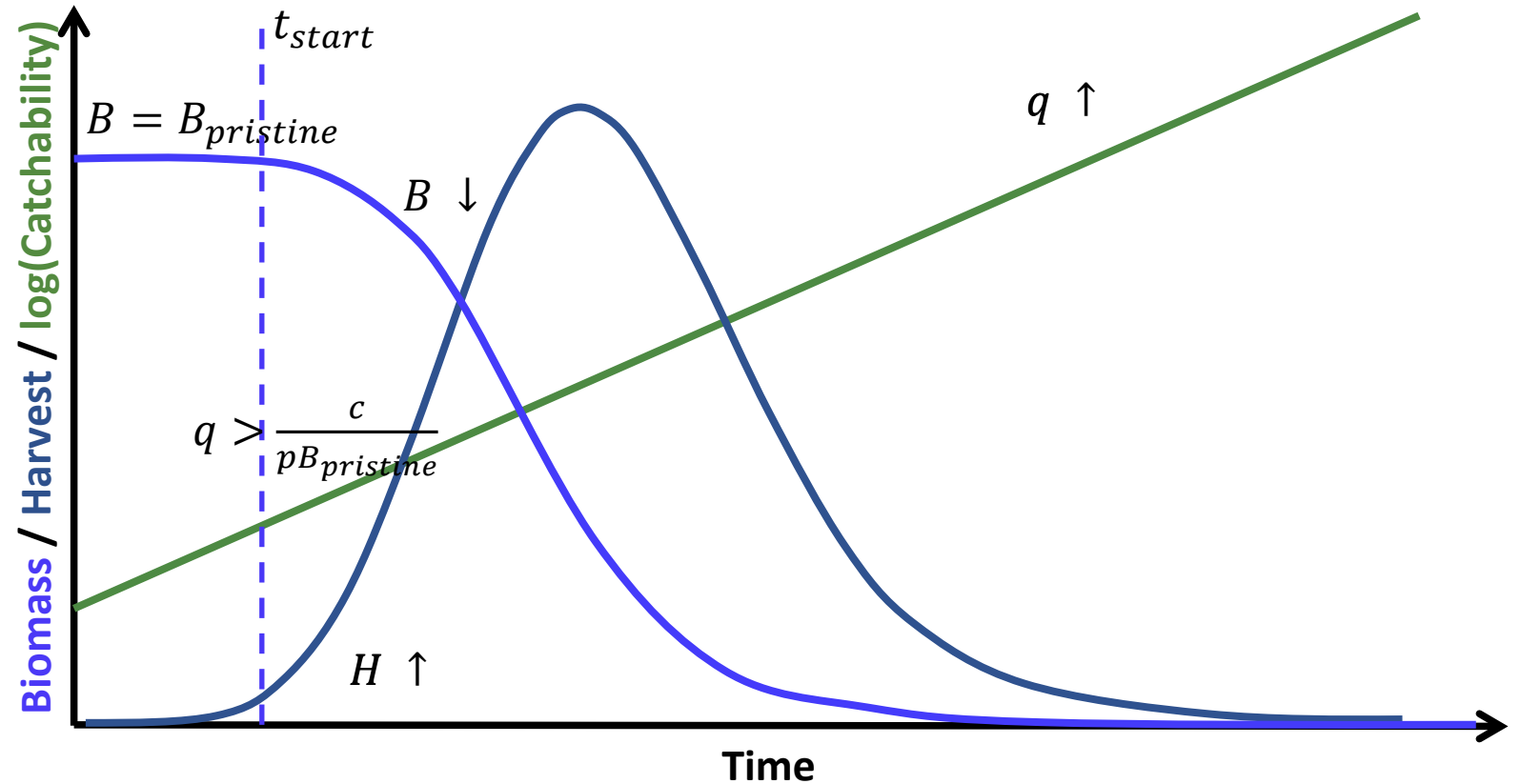
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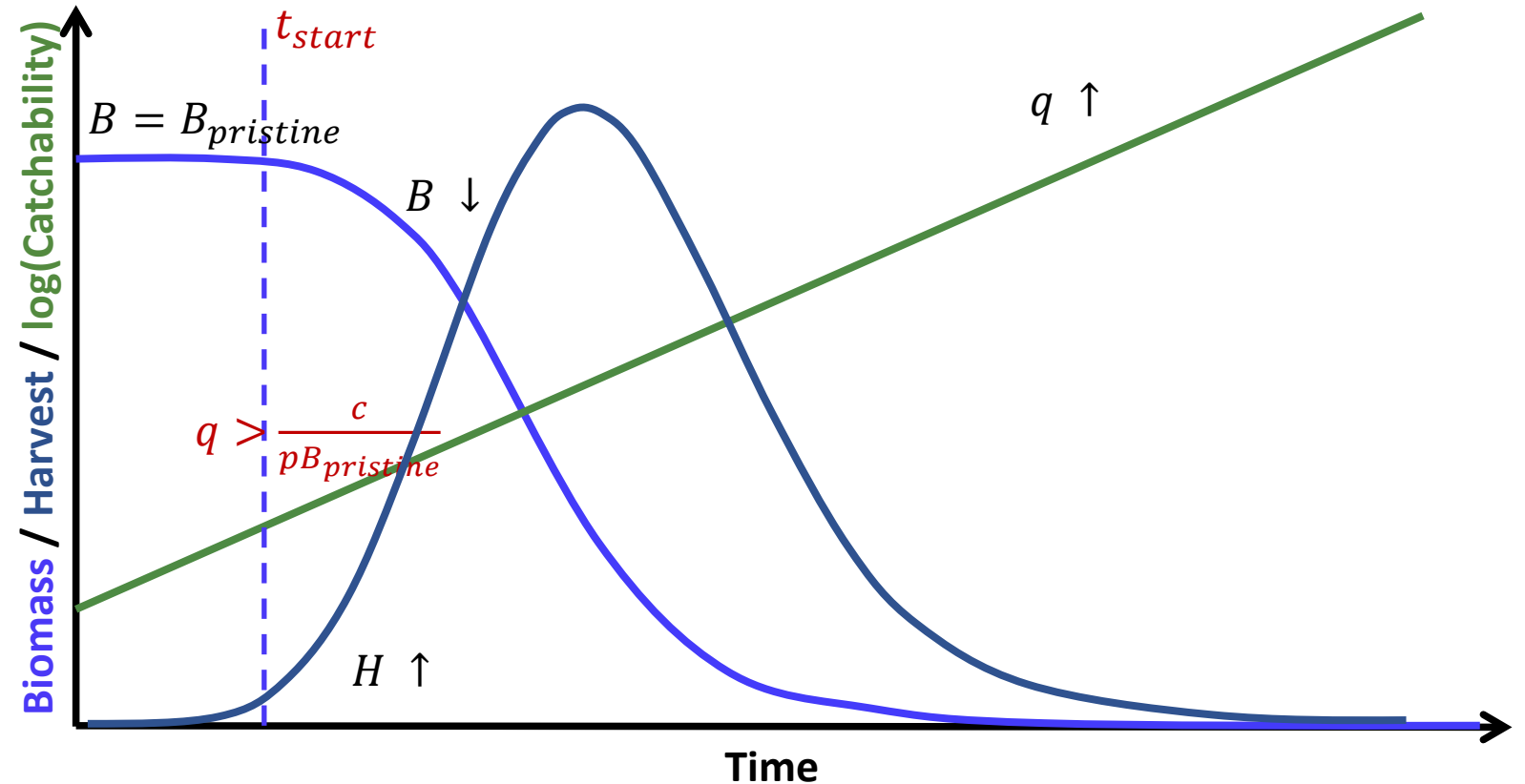
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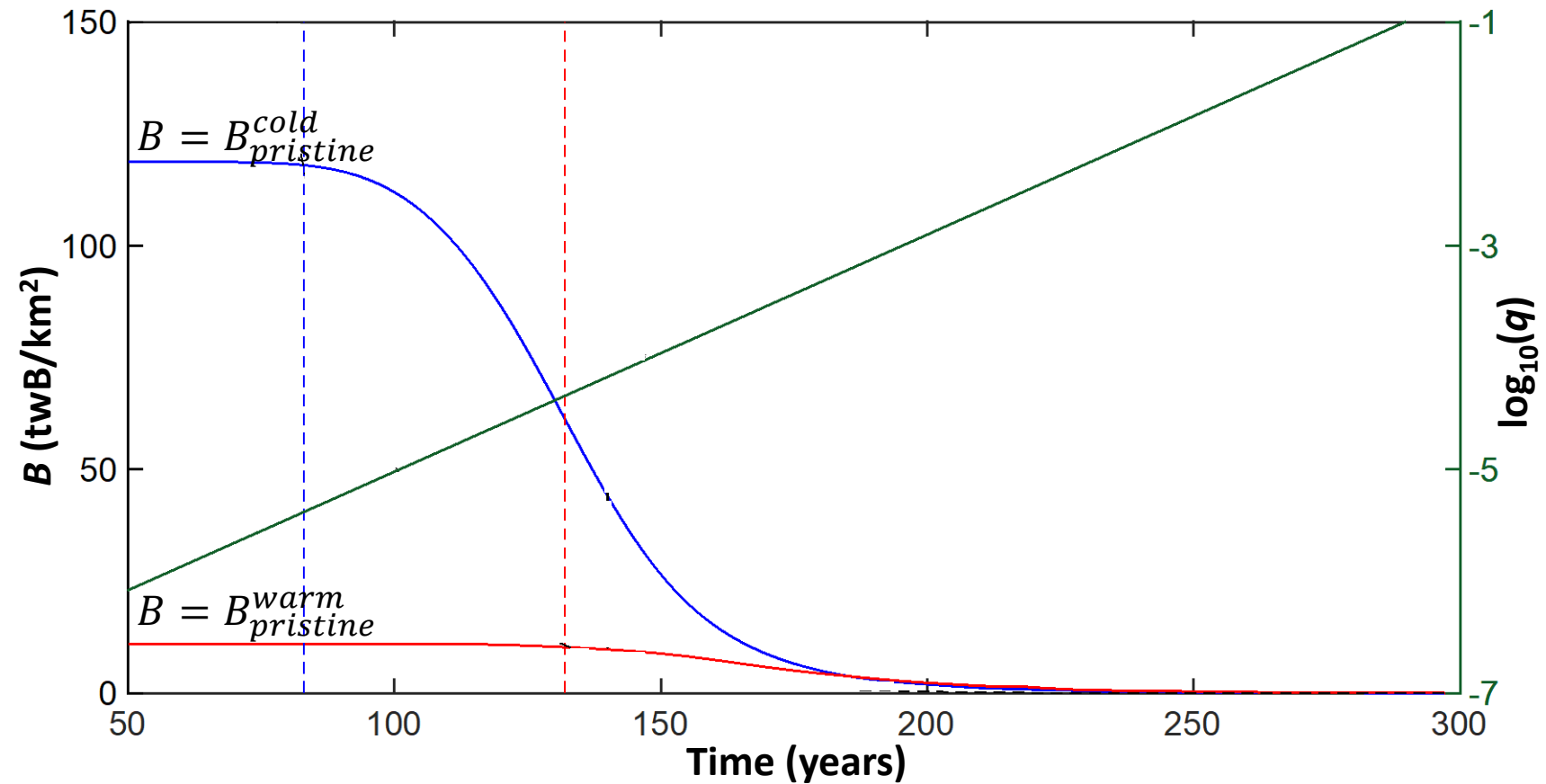
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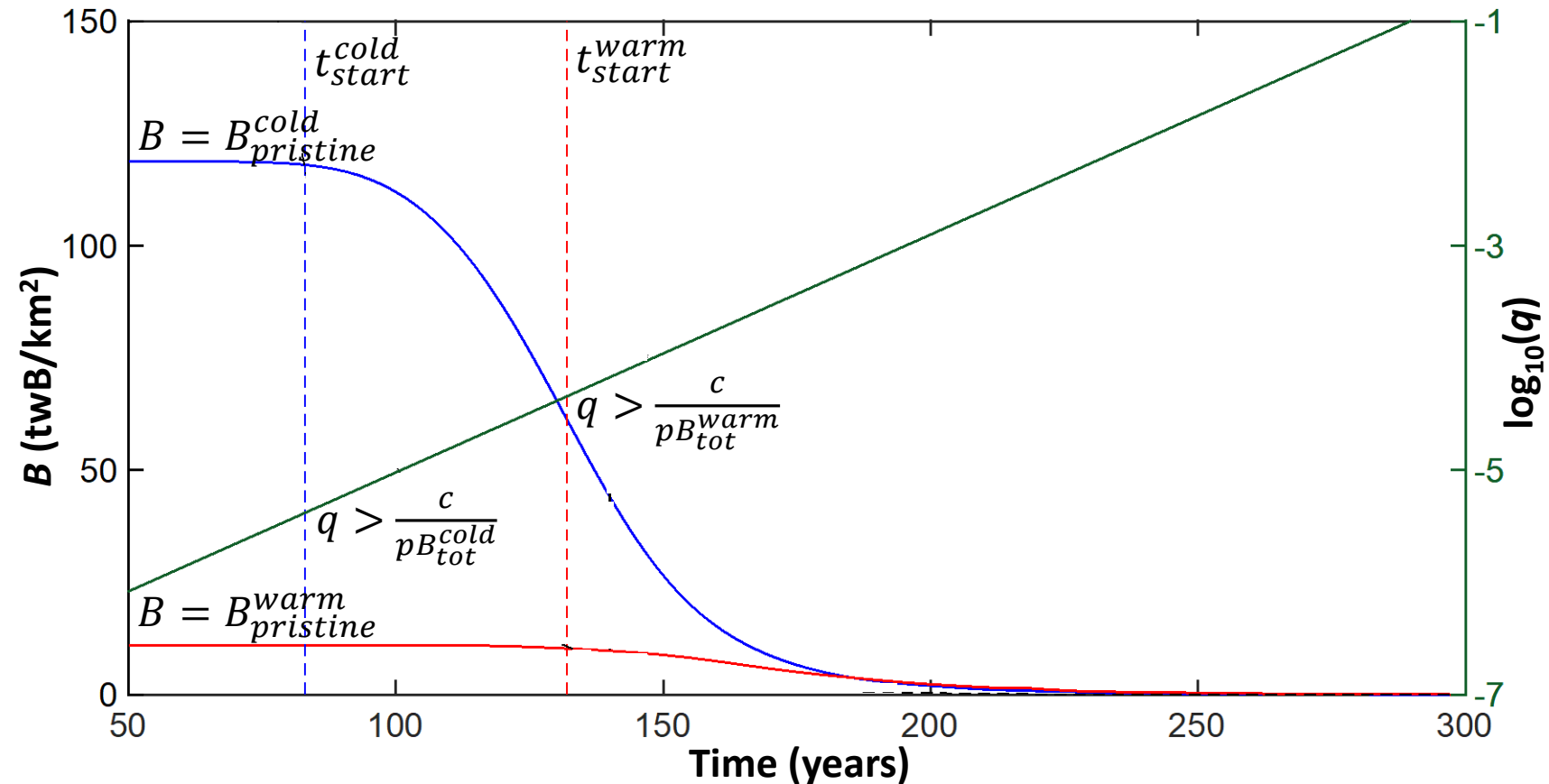


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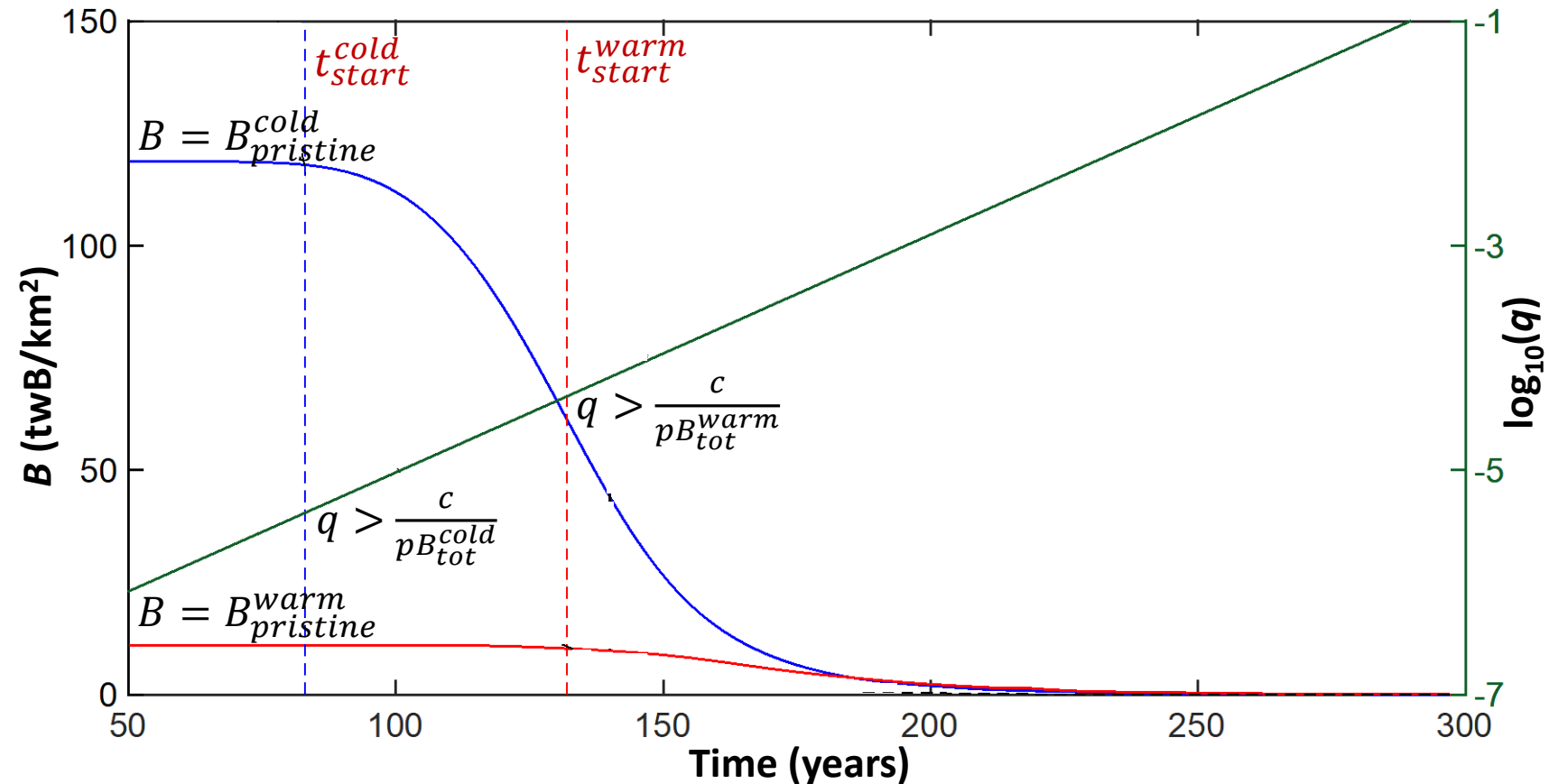


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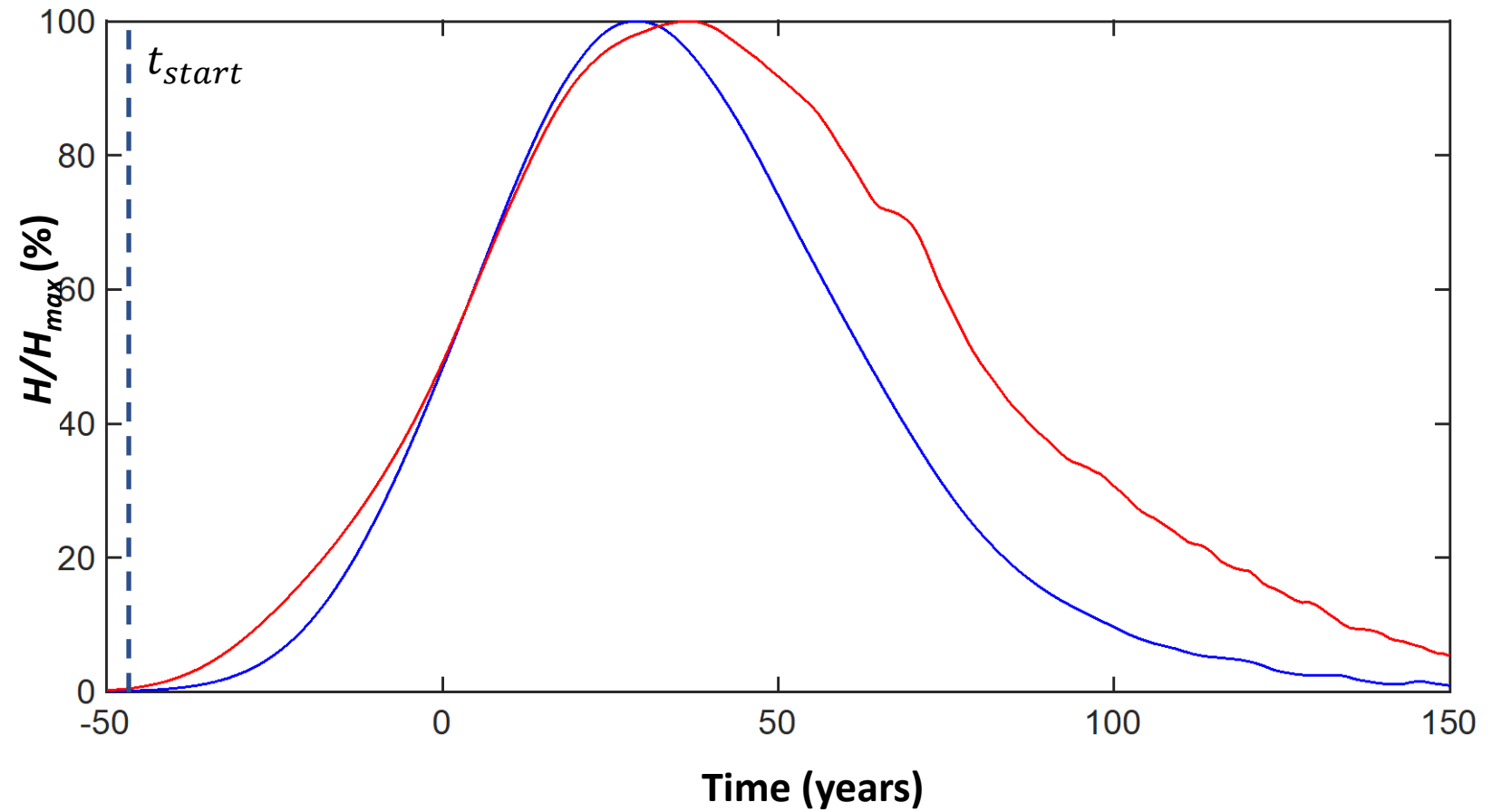
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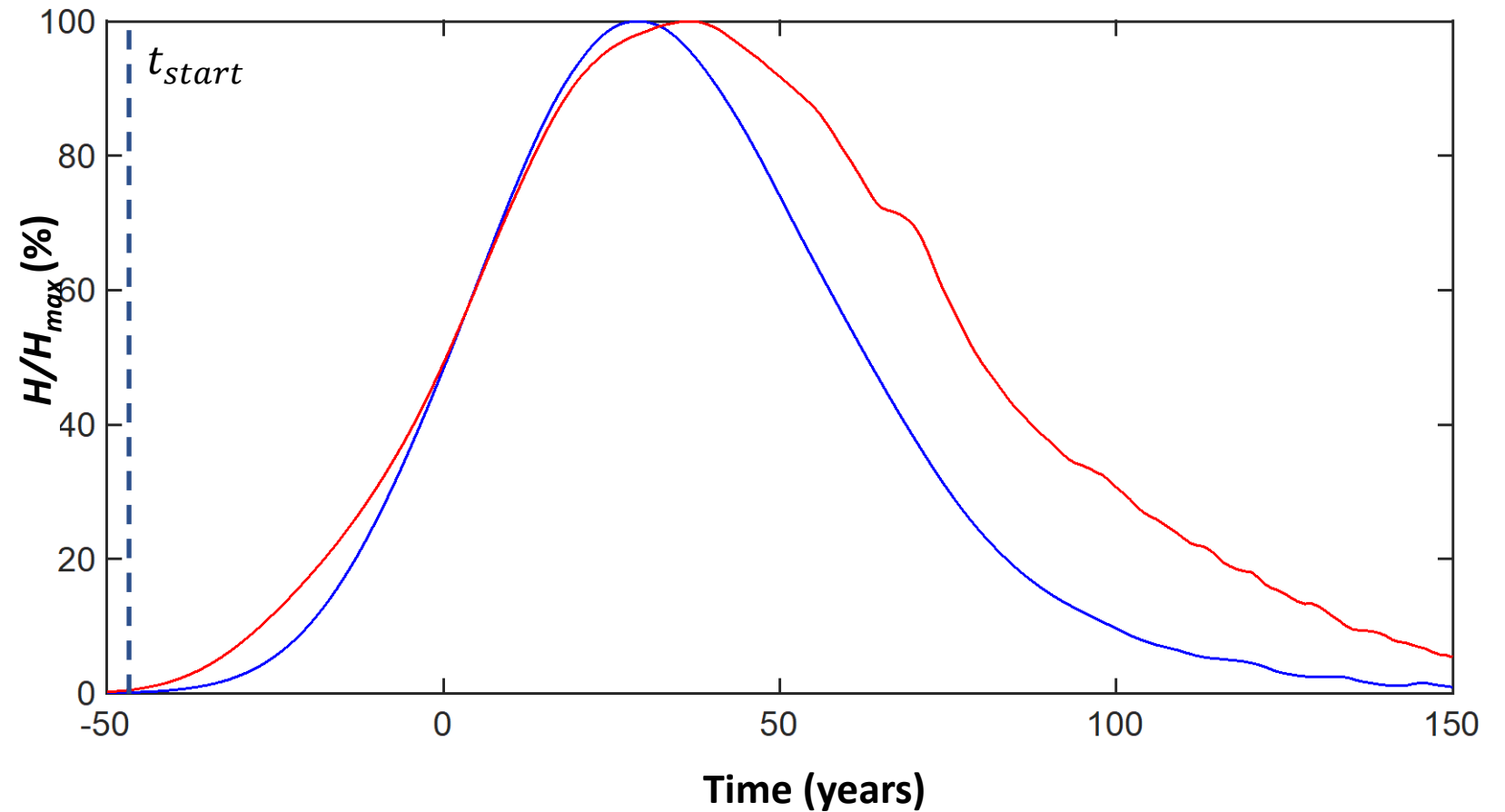
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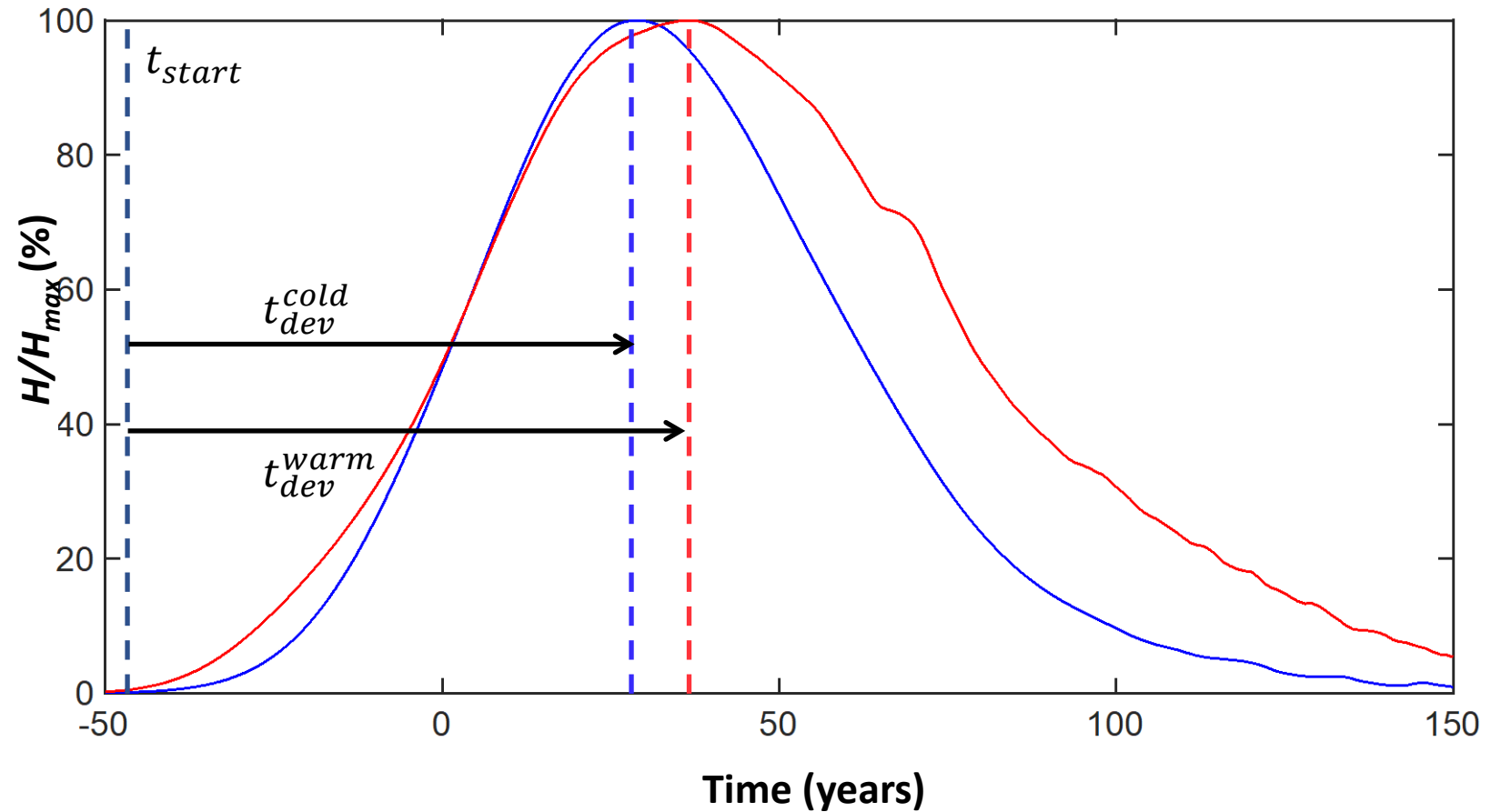
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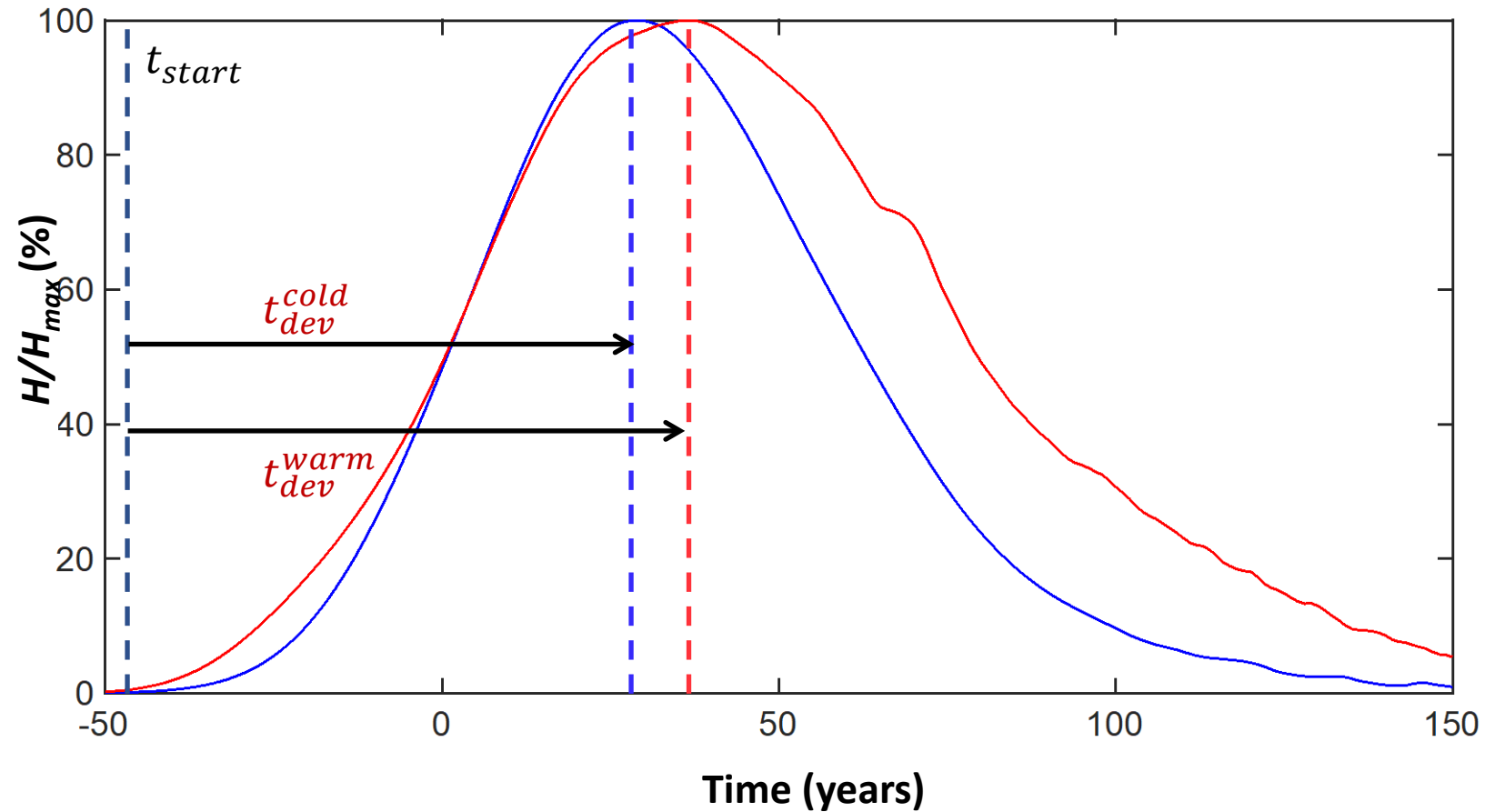
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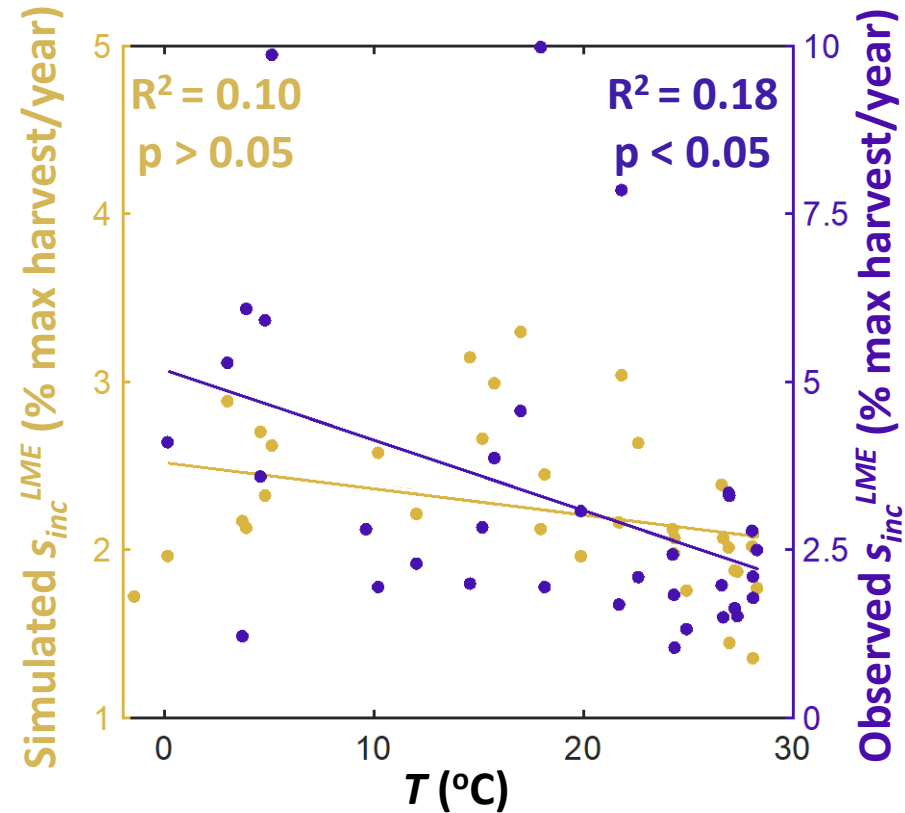
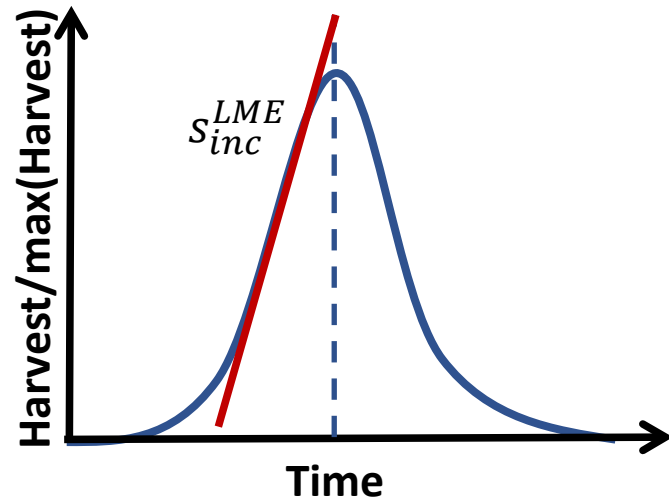
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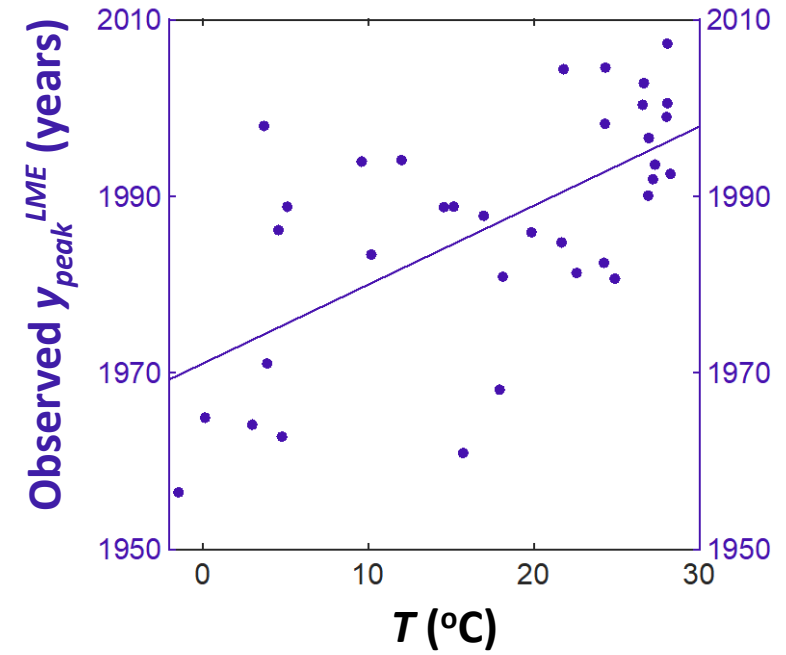
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Observation support the model prediction.

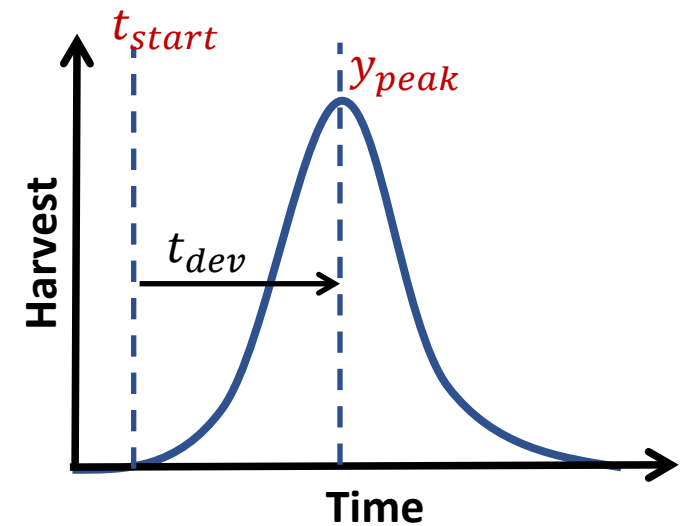
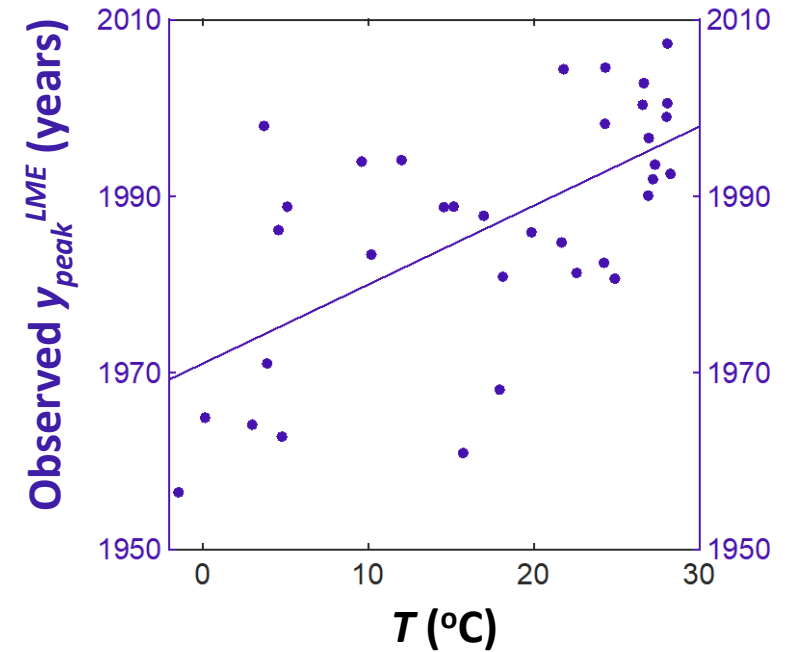
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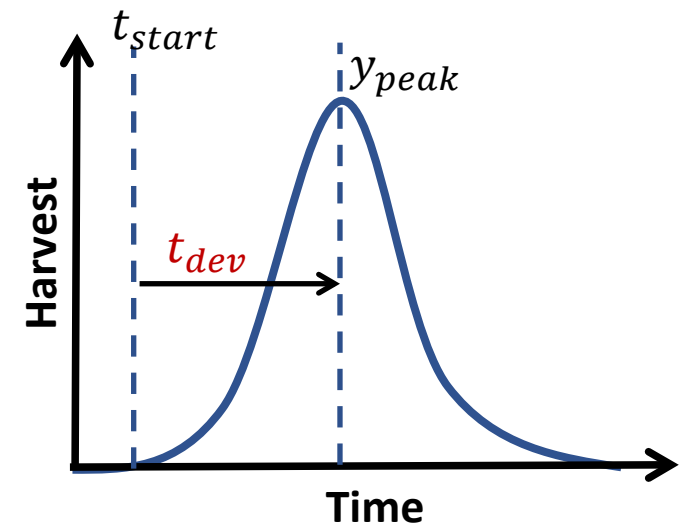
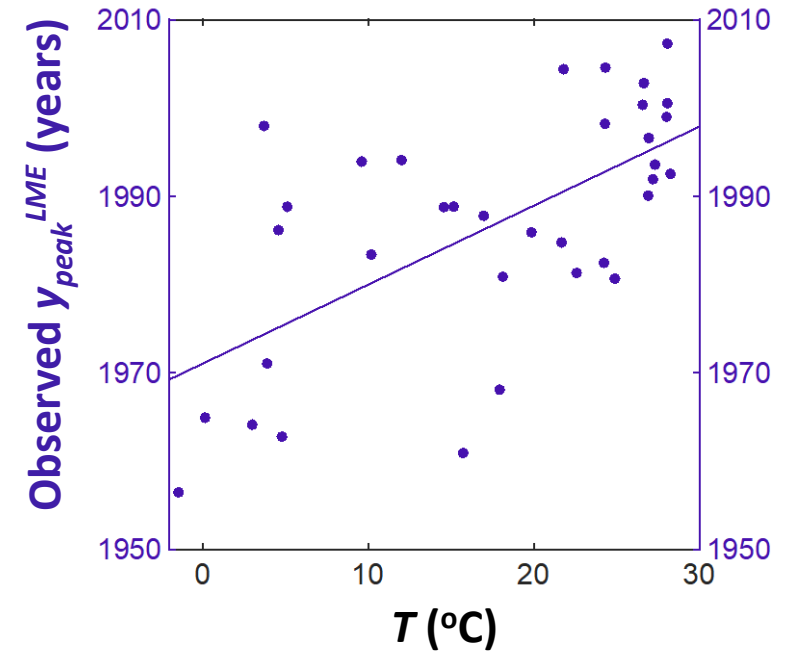


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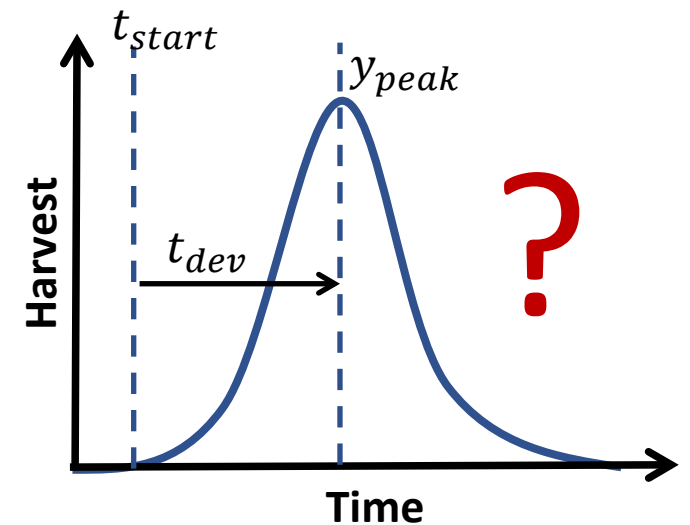
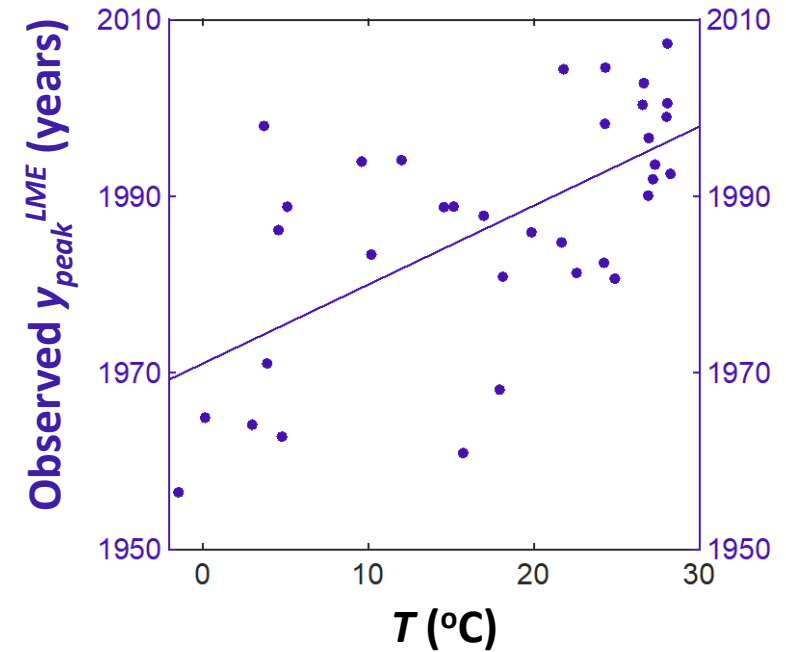


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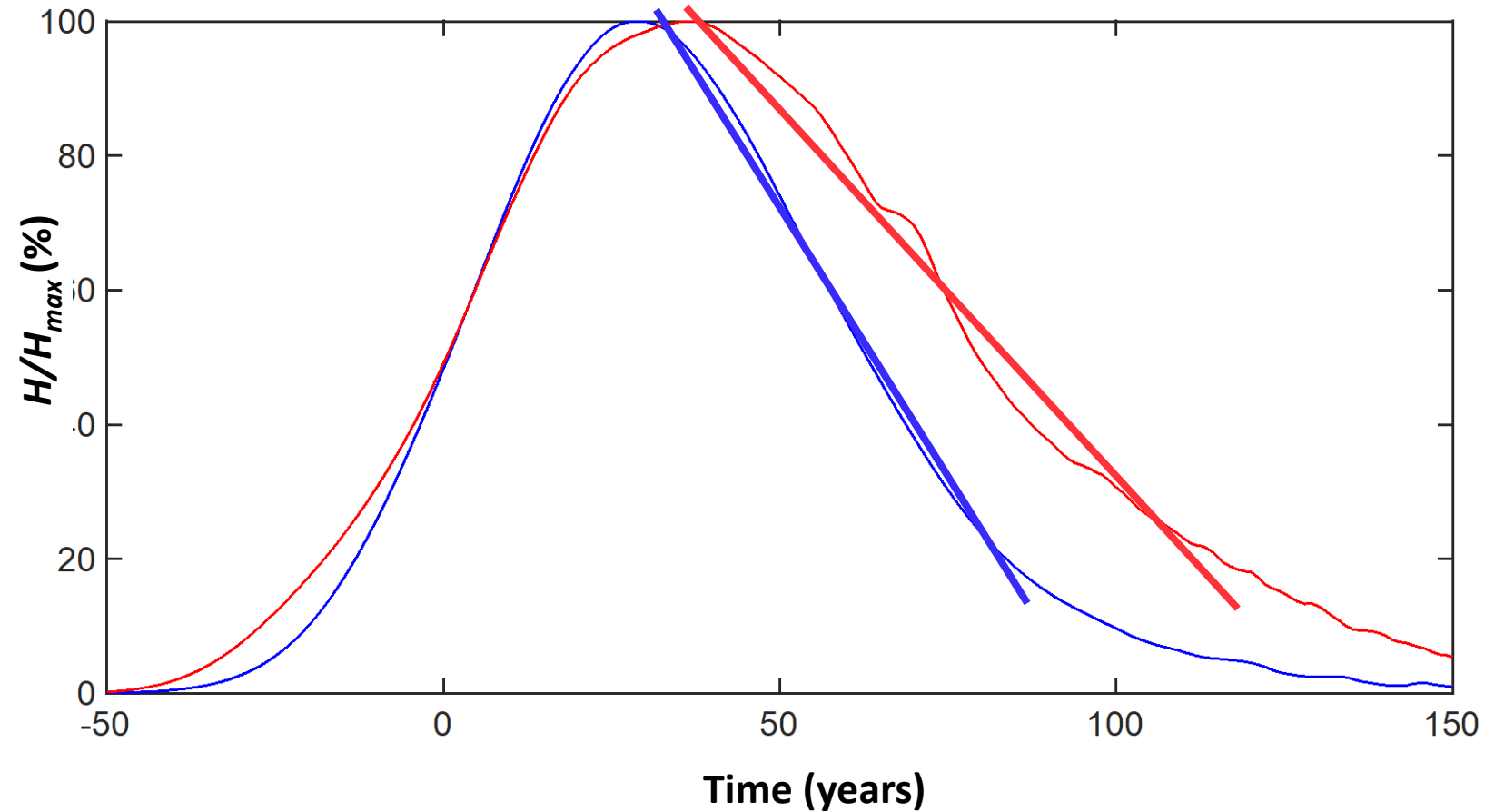
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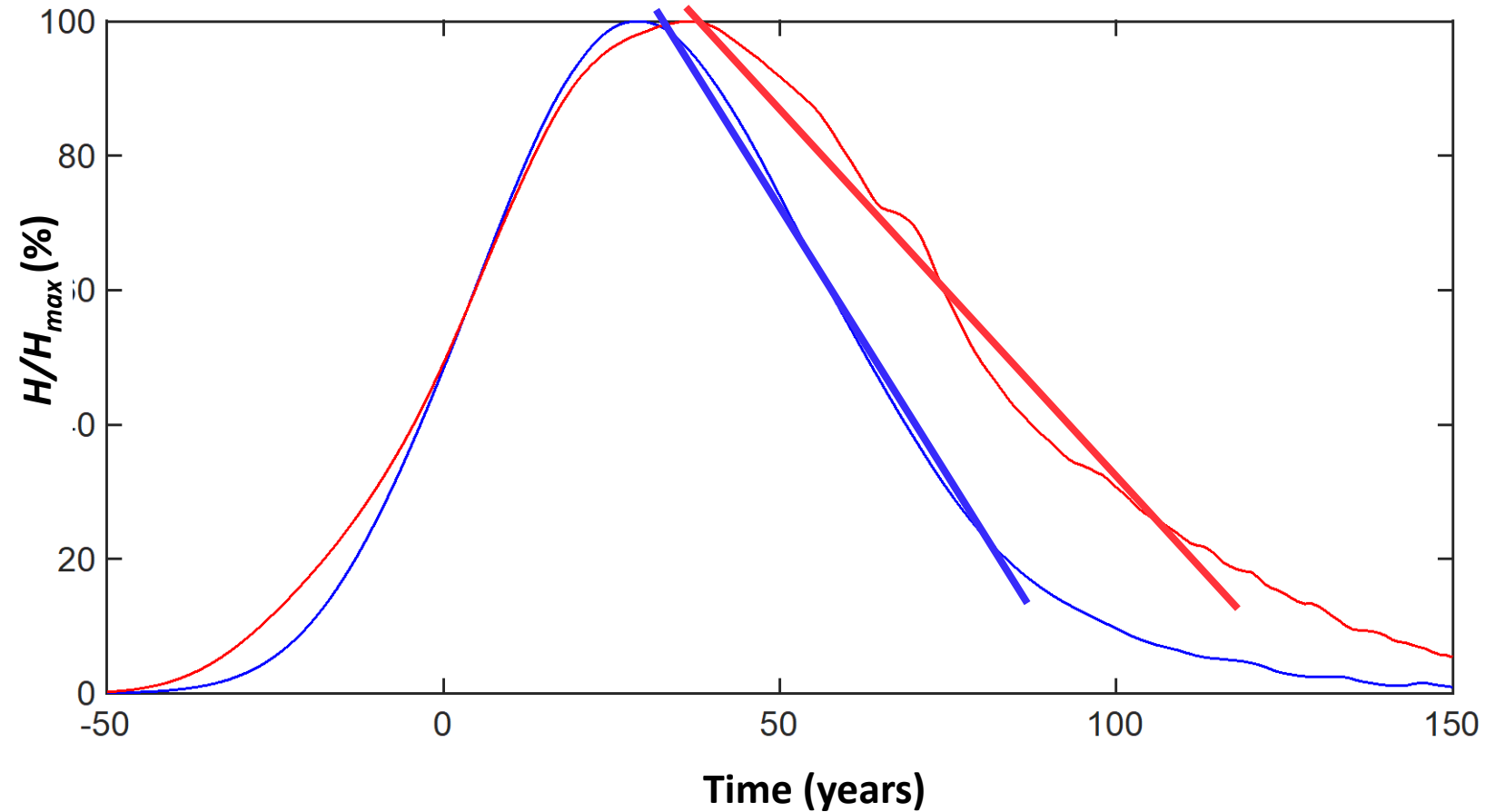
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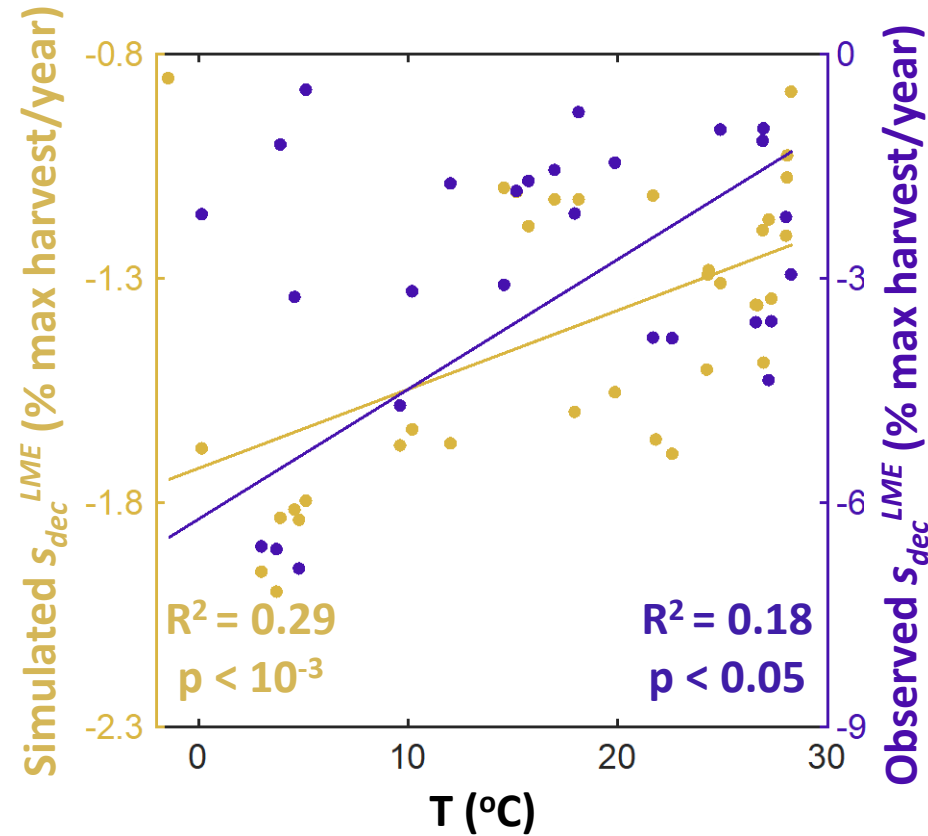
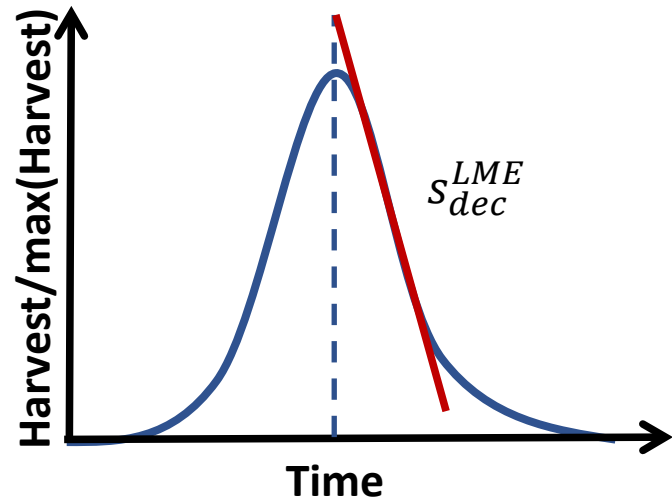
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The decline of harvest (or recovery) depends on temperature.

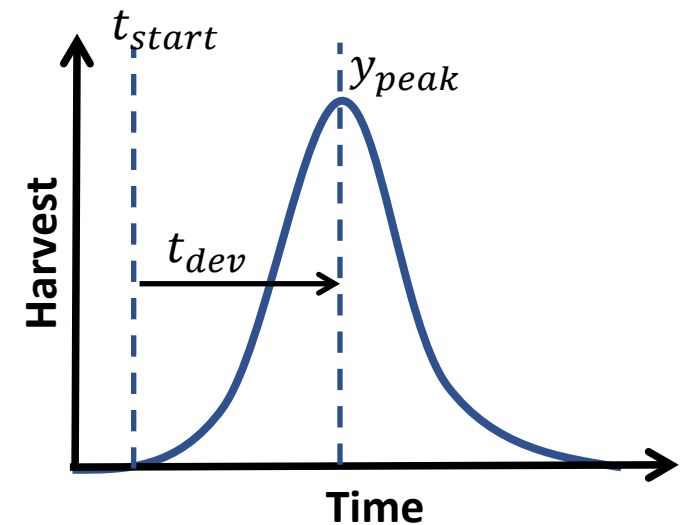
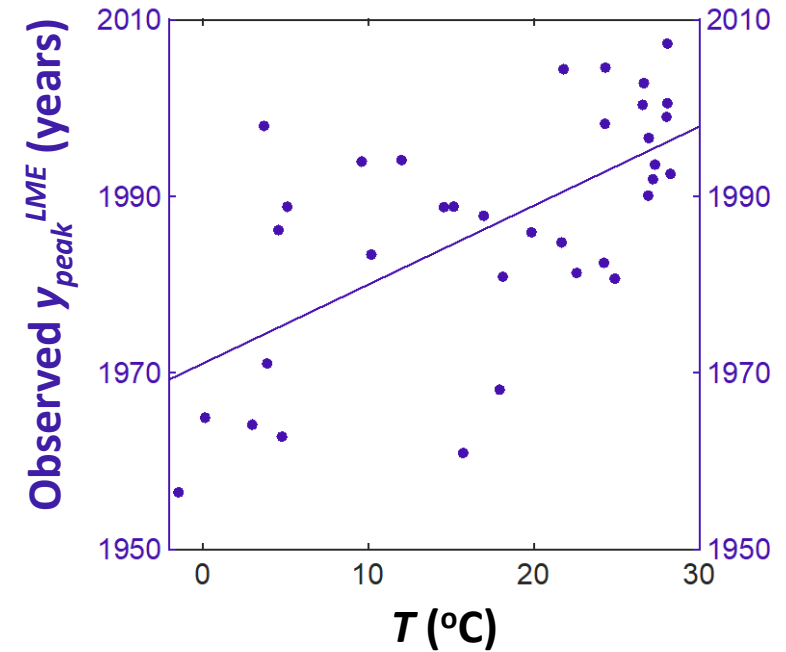
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