

黑死病与大分流

Black Death & the Great Divergence

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背景

黑死病是人类历史上最严重的瘟疫之一。起源于亚洲西南部喜马拉雅山区，一说起源于黑海城市卡法，约在14世纪40年代散布到整个欧洲，而“黑死病”之名是当时欧洲的称呼。这场瘟疫在欧洲成了大约2500万人死亡，根据估计，瘟疫爆发期间的中世纪欧洲约有占人口总数30%-60%的人死于黑死病。

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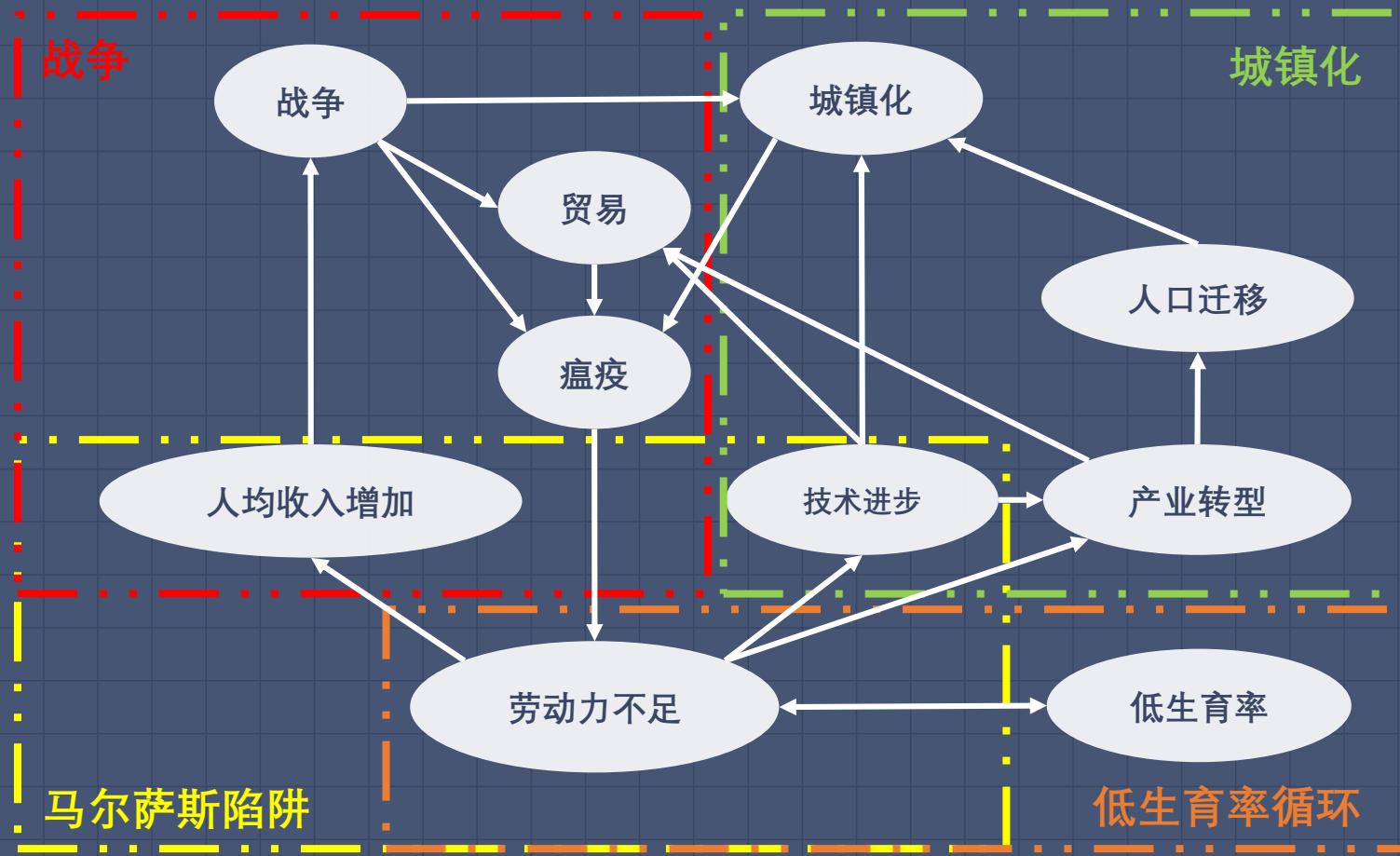
541-542 查士丁尼鼠疫，欧洲约2500万人死亡

第二次鼠疫：

1346-1350 欧洲黑死病，全球约5500万—7500万人死亡

第三次鼠疫：

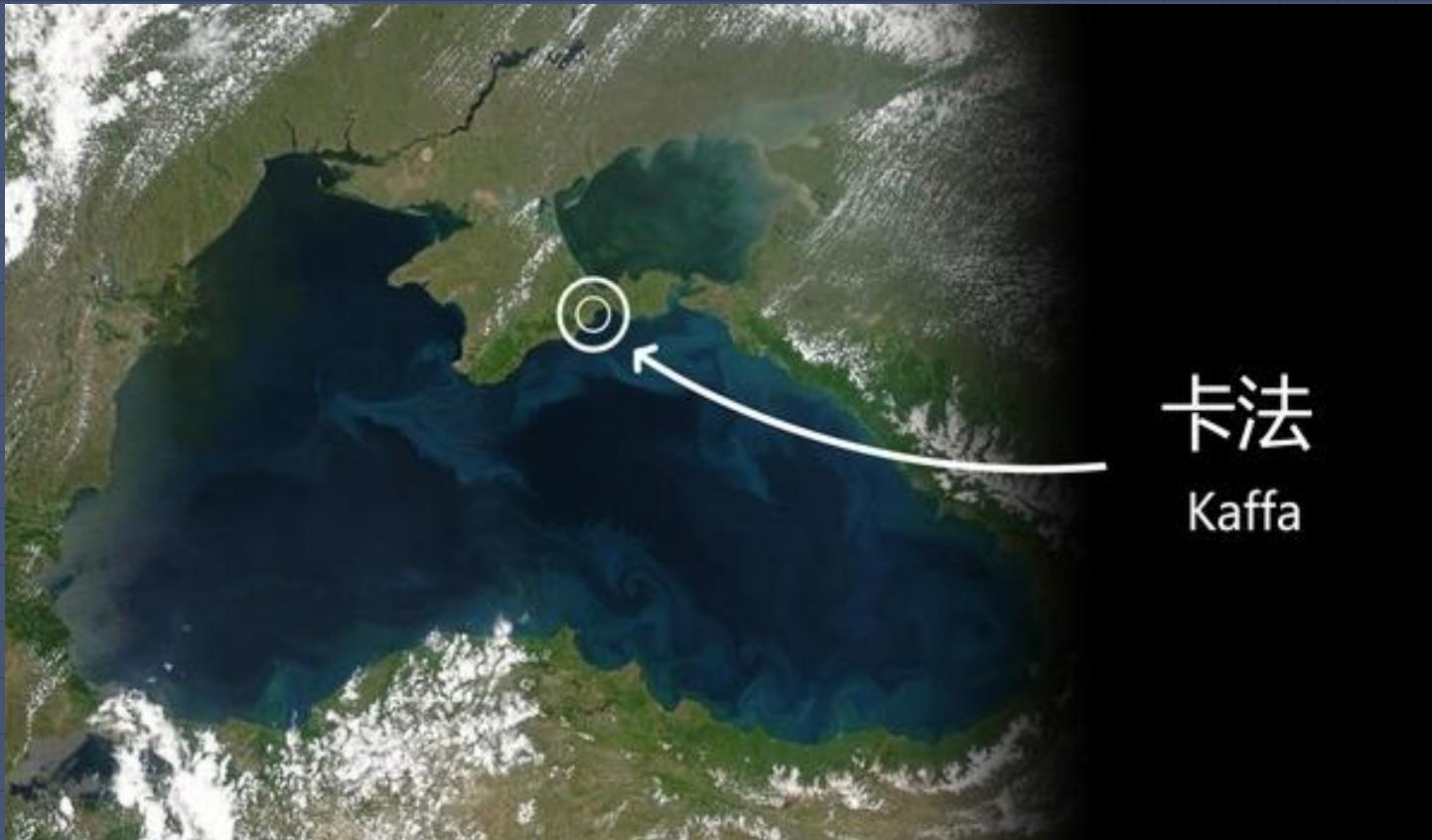
1855-1959 中国云南，全球约1200万人死亡



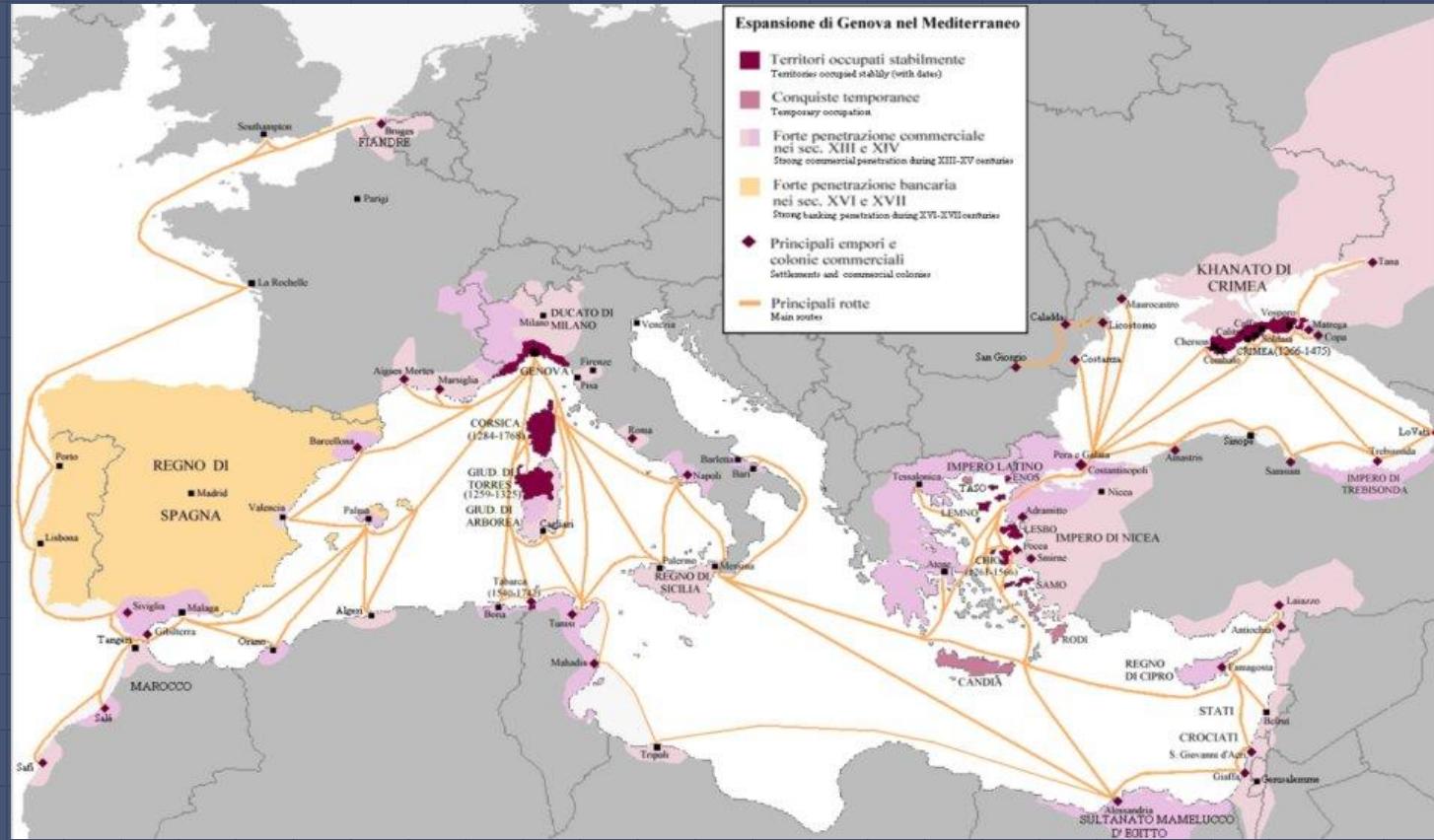
黑死病与战争



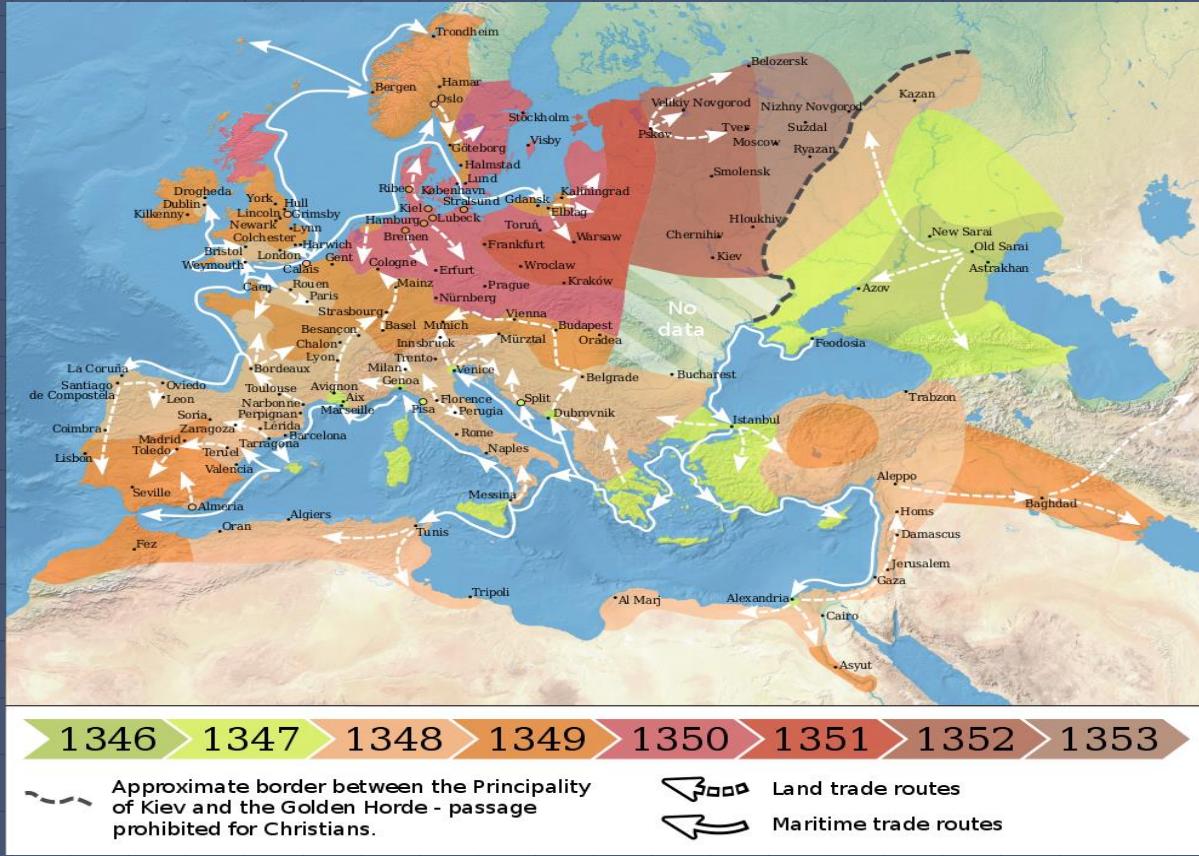
黑死病进入欧洲的起点

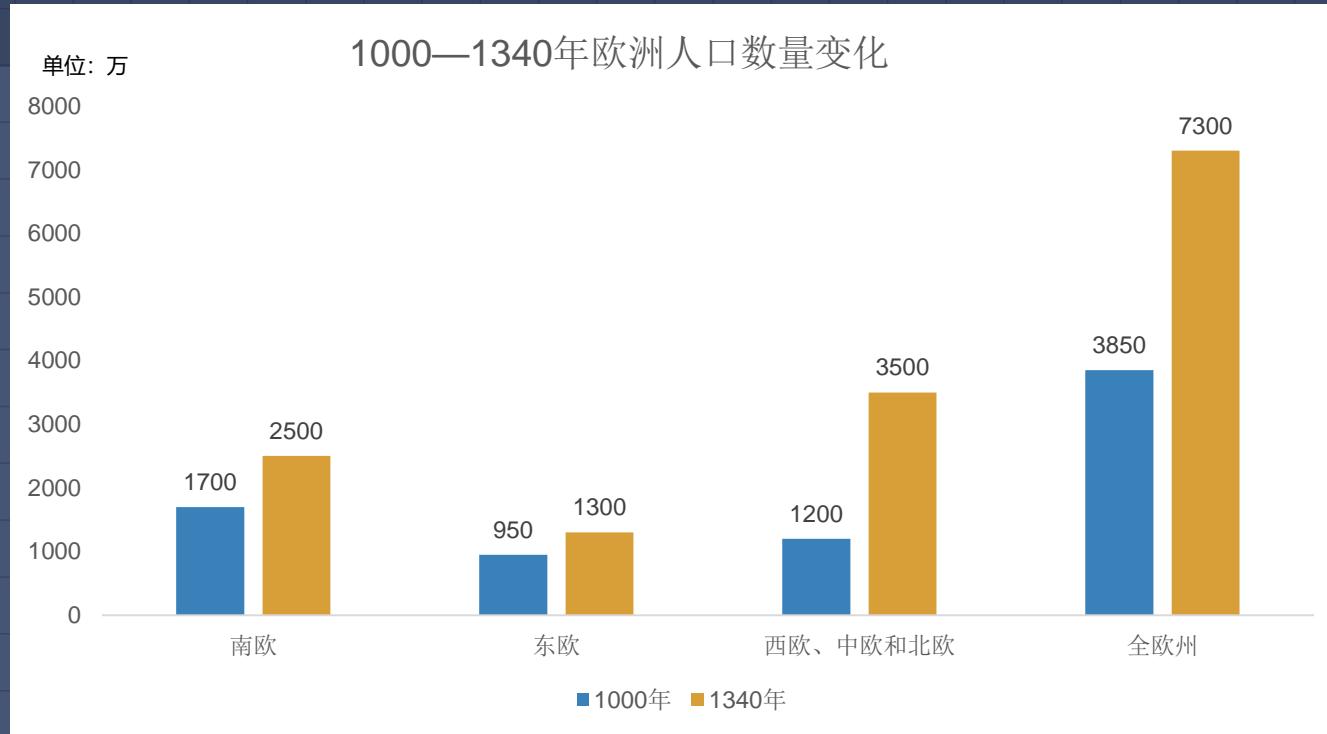


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黑死病的传播线路

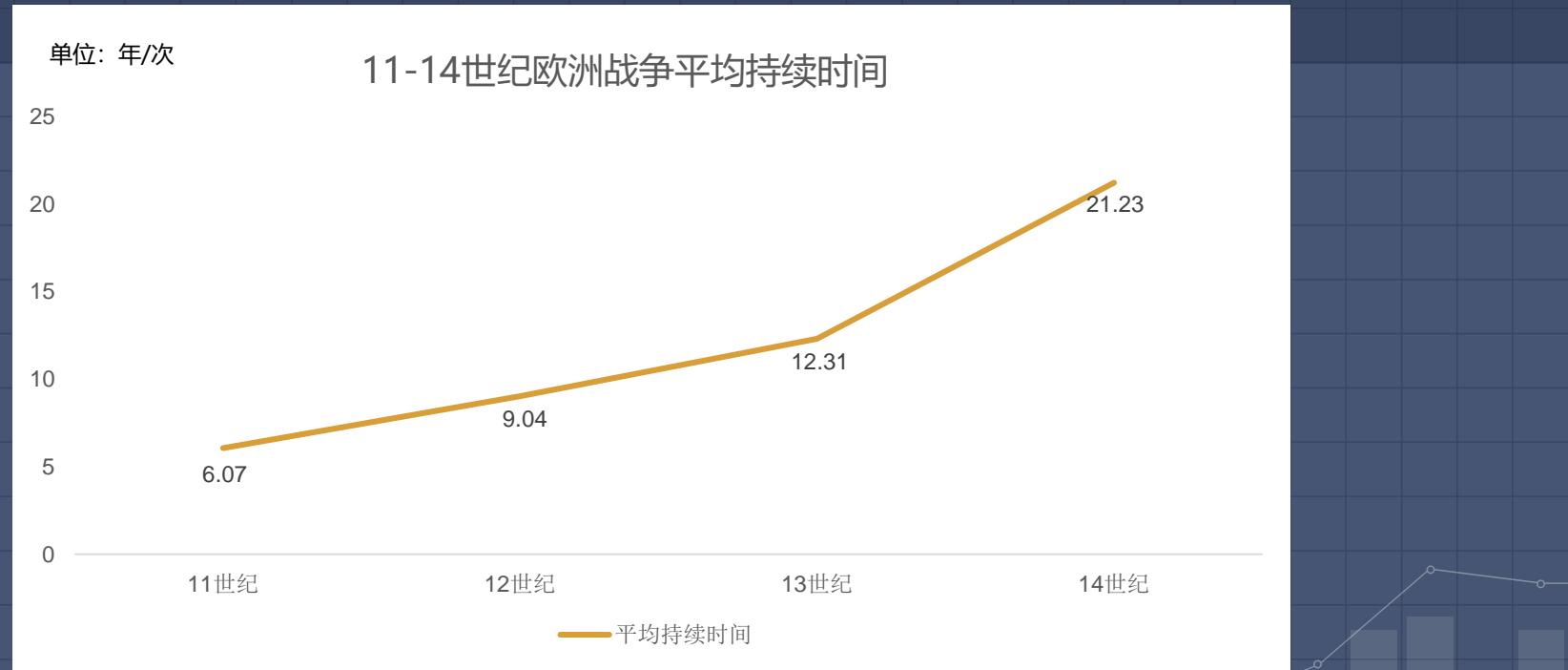




数据来源：契波拉《欧洲经济史：中古篇》



数据来源：乔治·C·科恩《世界战争大全》



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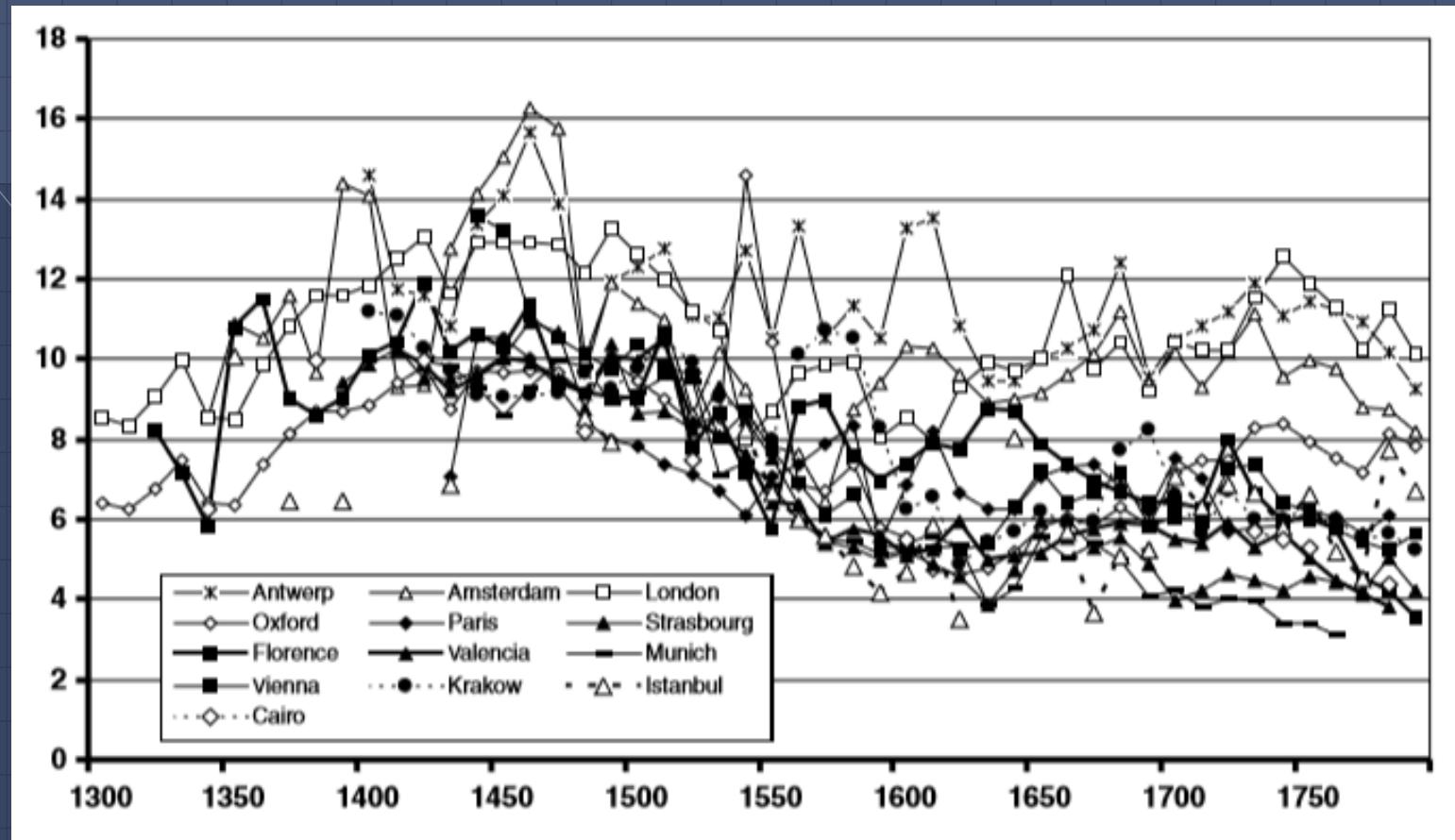
欧洲城市化进程

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*Table 1. Population of selected European countries, 1300–1800
(in thousands)*

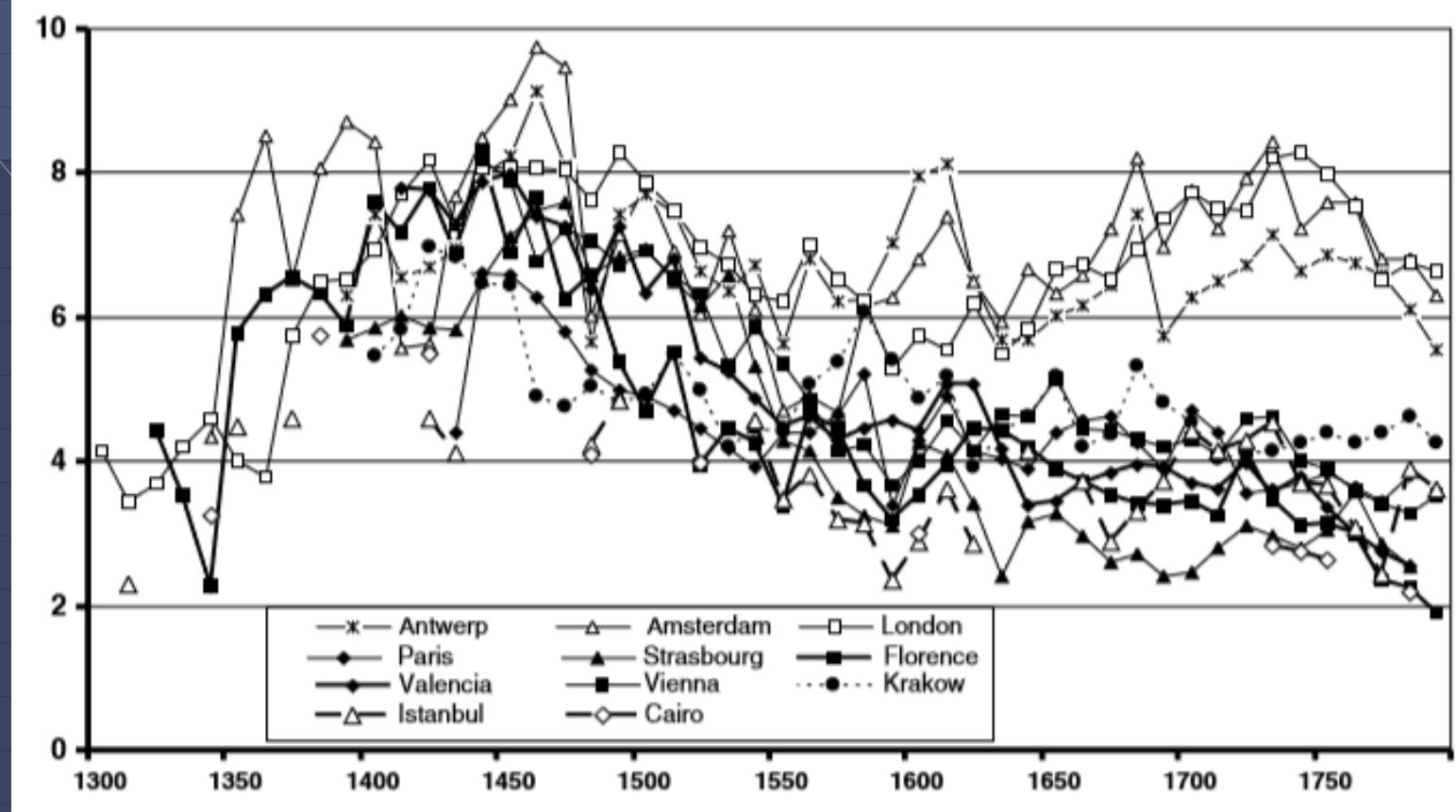
	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800
England and Wales	5,750	3,000	3,500	4,450	5,450	9,250
Netherlands	800	600	950	1,500	1,950	2,100
Belgium	1,250	1,000	1,400	1,600	2,000	2,900
Italy	12,500	8,000	9,000	13,300	13,500	18,100
Spain	5,500	4,500	5,000	6,800	7,400	11,000
Total Europe	94,200	67,950	82,950	107,350	114,950	192,230

Source: Paolo Malanima (unpublished manuscript).



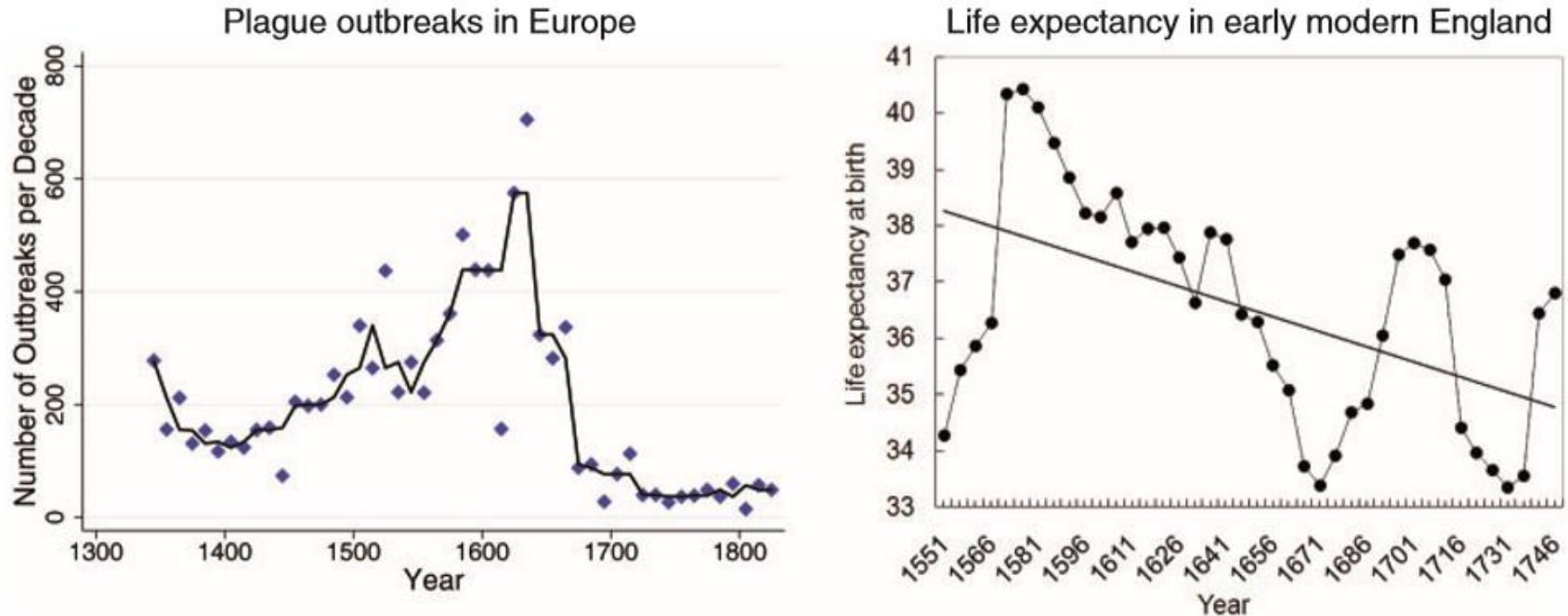
Real wages of skilled workers, 1300–1800

Sources: *The Black Death and the origins of the ‘Great Divergence’ across Europe, 1300–1600*



Real wages of unskilled workers, 1300–1800

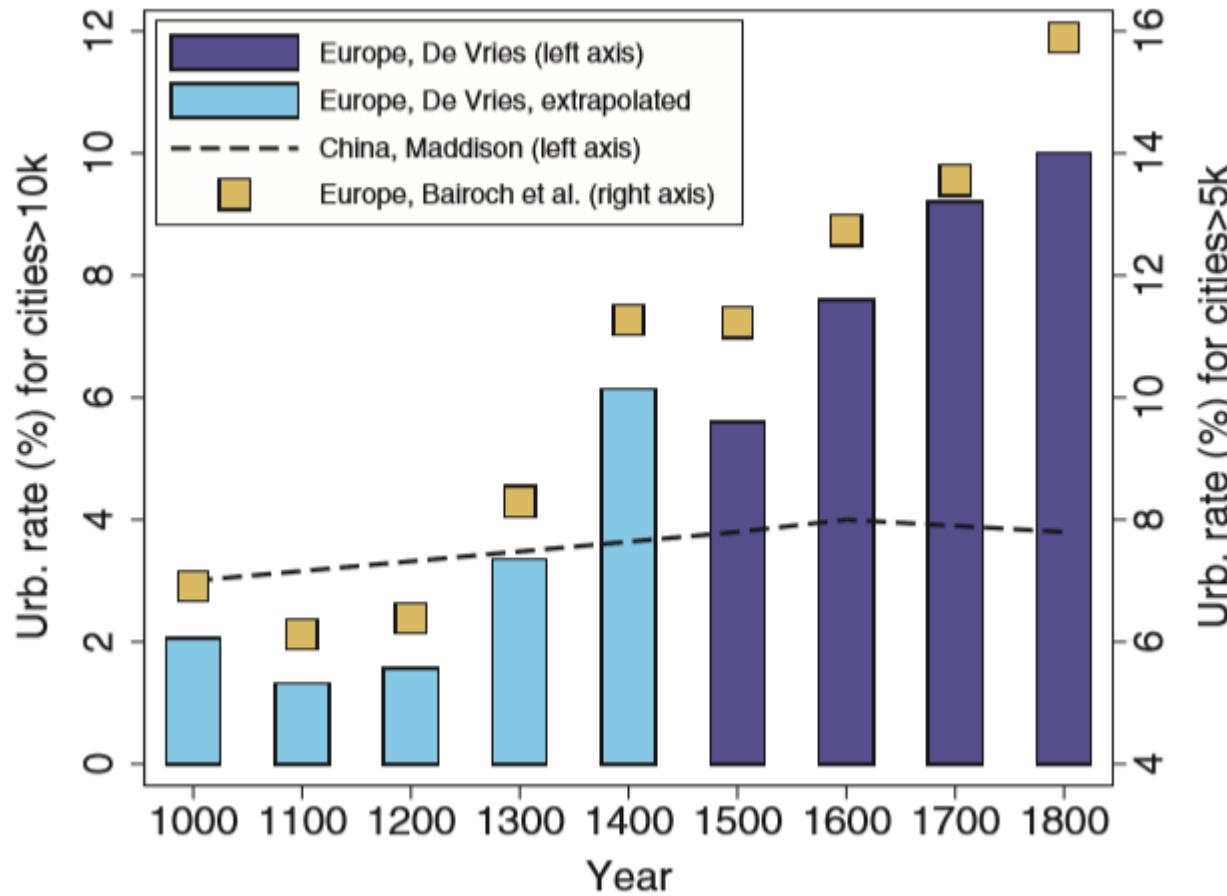
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Plague outbreaks in Europe and life expectancy in early modern England.

Sources: Left panel: Biraben (1975). Data points represent the number of outbreaks over 10-year periods. The solid line is the median of each data point and the two adjacent ones. Right panel: Wrigley and Schofield (1981); 20-year moving average.

Graph from: *The Three Horsemen of Riches: Plague, War, and Urbanization in Early Modern Europe*. P6(779)



Urbanization rates in Europe and China, 1000–1800.

Sources: De Vries (1984) for European urbanization rates 1500–1800, corresponding to cities with more than 10,000 inhabitants. Bairoch et al. (1988) for population in cities larger than 5000 inhabitants between 1000 and 1800, divided by country-level population from McEvedy and Jones (1978) to obtain urbanization rates; see Appendix A.1 for details. A regression-based technique in the spirit of Chow and Lin (1971) is used to extrapolate De Vries' figures based on Bairoch et al.'s numbers. China: Maddison (2001, tables 1–8c and B-14); the line interpolates in 1100–1400 and 1700

A Simple Two-Sector Malthusian Model

Consumption

$$w_A = w_M = w$$

$$C_A + p_M C_M \leq w$$

The relationship between income and urbanization is governed by the parameter α . Higher α implies more food expenditures and thus less urbanization at any given income level.

Stone–Geary utility function:

$$u(C_A, C_M) = \begin{cases} (C_A - C)^a C_M^{1-a}, & \text{if } C_A > \bar{C} \\ \phi(C_A - C), & \text{if } C_A \leq \bar{C} \end{cases}$$

While $w > \bar{C}$:

$$\frac{C_A}{w} = \alpha + (1 - \alpha) \left(\frac{\bar{C}}{w} \right)$$

$$\frac{p_M C_M}{w} = (1 - \alpha) - (1 - \alpha) \left(\frac{\bar{C}}{w} \right)$$

C_A : spent on agricultural goods (numeraire)

C_m : spent on manufactured goods

\bar{C} : minimum quantity of food (subsistence level)

$\phi > 0$, constant value

Production

Both agricultural and manufactured goods are homogenous and are produced under perfect competition.

Agricultural production function: $Y_A = A_A N_A^\beta \bar{L}^{1-\beta}$

[β : labour income share in agriculture; N_A : labour used in agriculture; L : land]

Agricultural wages:

$$w_A = A_A \left(\frac{\bar{L}}{N_A} \right)^{1-\beta} = A_A \left(\frac{l}{n_A} \right)^{1-\beta}$$

[$l = L/N$: land-labour ratio; $n_A = N_A/N$: labour share in agriculture]

Manufactural production function:

$$Y_M = A_M N_M$$

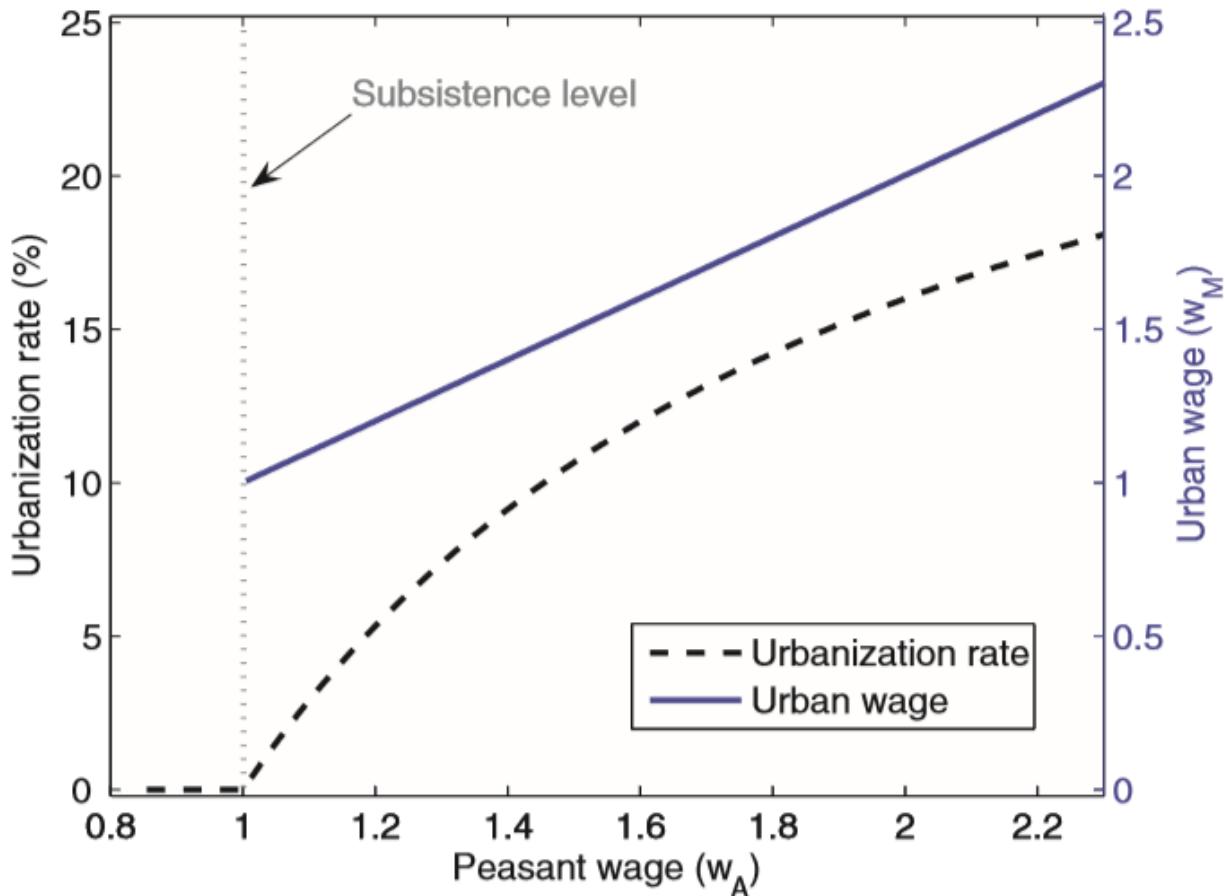
[N_M : labour used in manufacture]

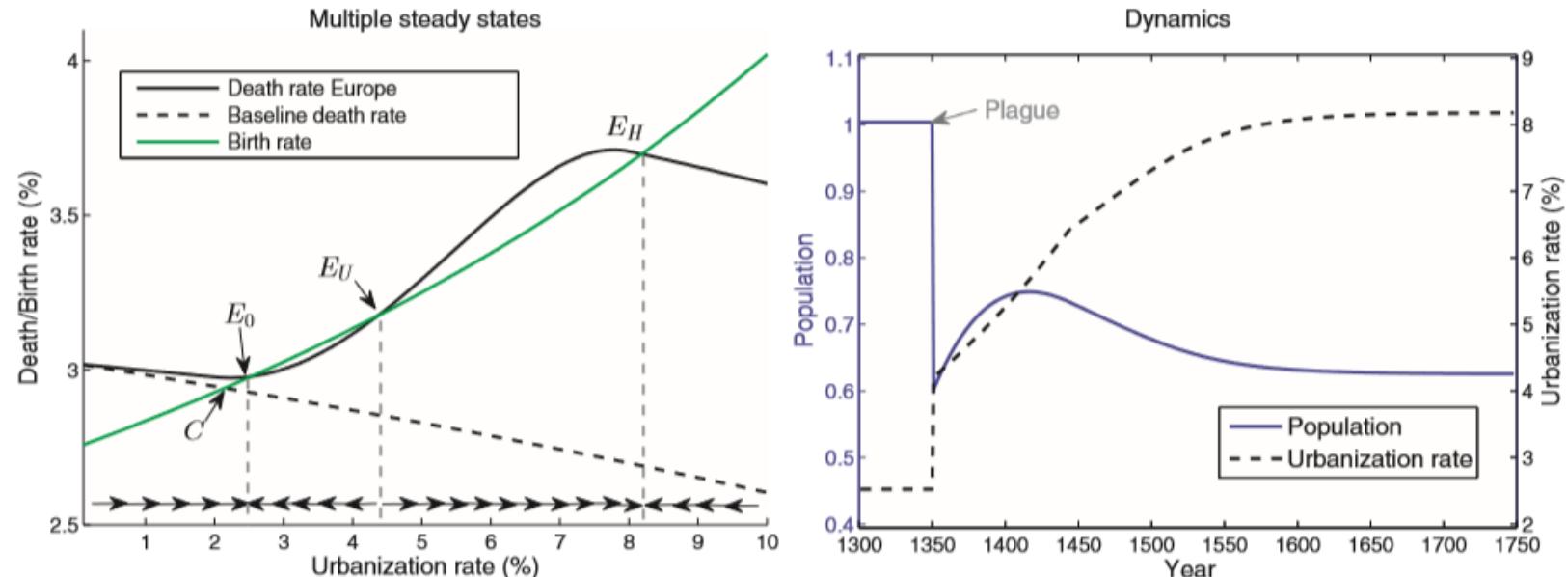
Manufacturing max profits:

$$w_M = p_M (1 - t) A_M$$

[t : tax]

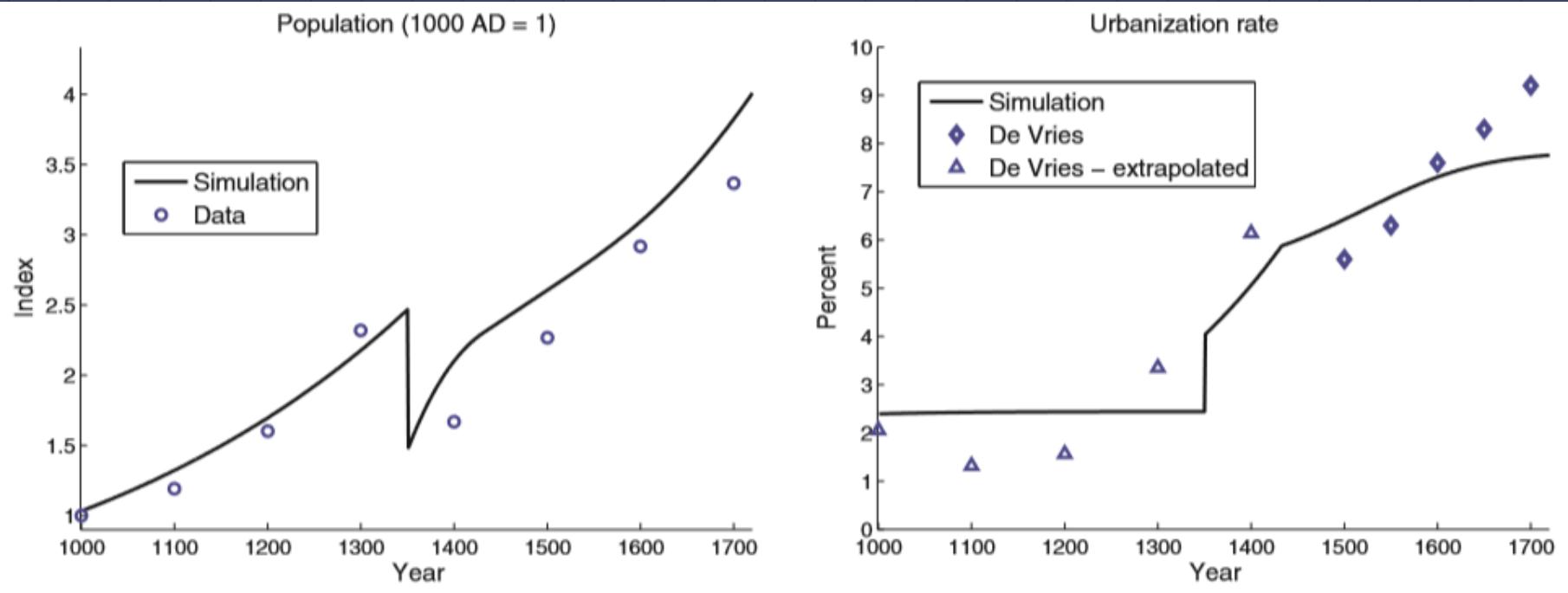
Wages and urbanization





The “Horsemen effect”

Nico Voigtländer, Hans-Joachim Voth; *The Three Horsemen of Riches: Plague, War, and Urbanization in Early Modern Europe*, *The Review of Economic Studies*, Volume 80, Issue 2, 1 April 2013, Pages 774–811,
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Europe: simulation results vs. data.

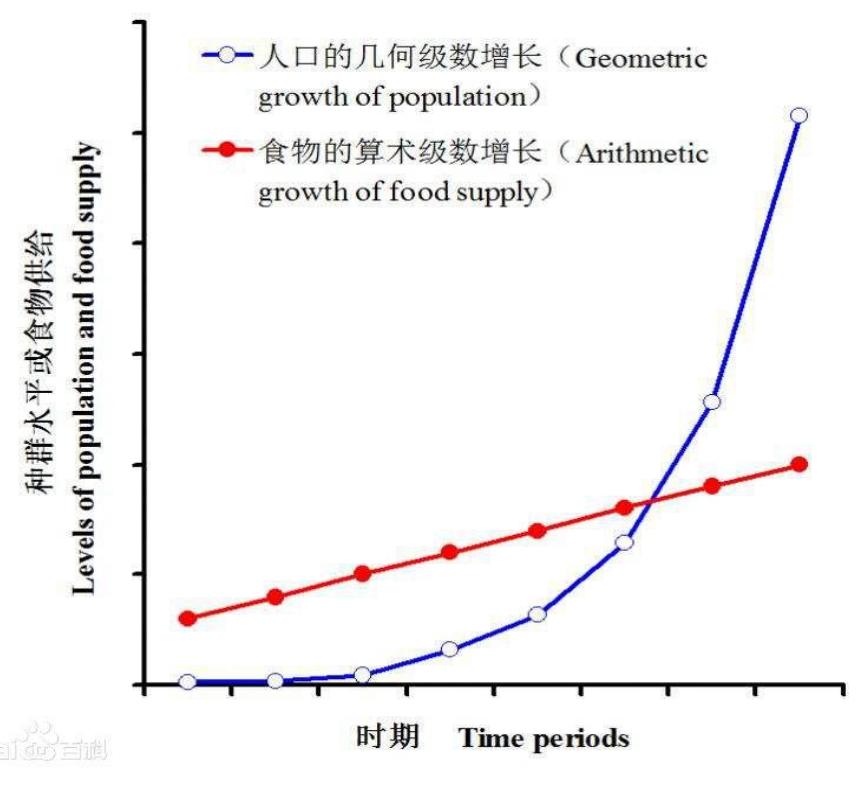
Sources: population for Europe (exclusive of the Balkans and Russia) from McEvedy and Jones (1978). Urbanization rates: For 1500–1700 from de Vries (1984); 1000–1400: De Vries (1984), extrapolated using data from Bairoch et al. (1988). See the notes below Figure 4 and Appendix A.1 for details

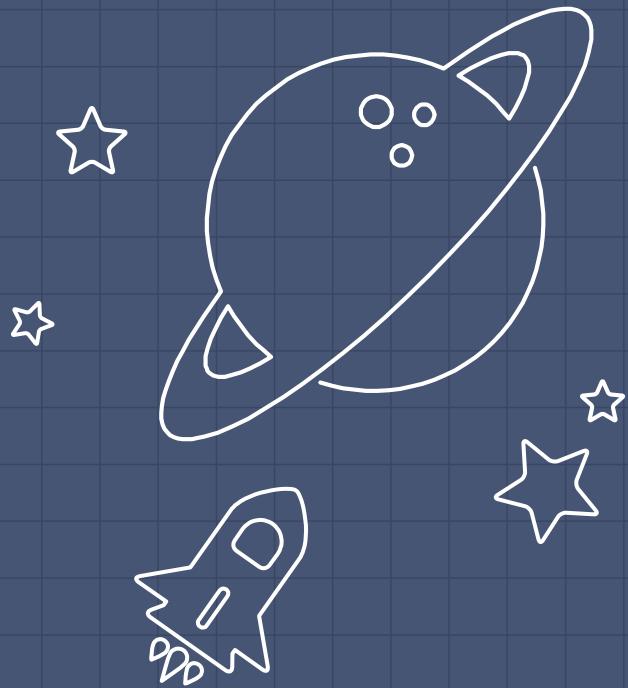
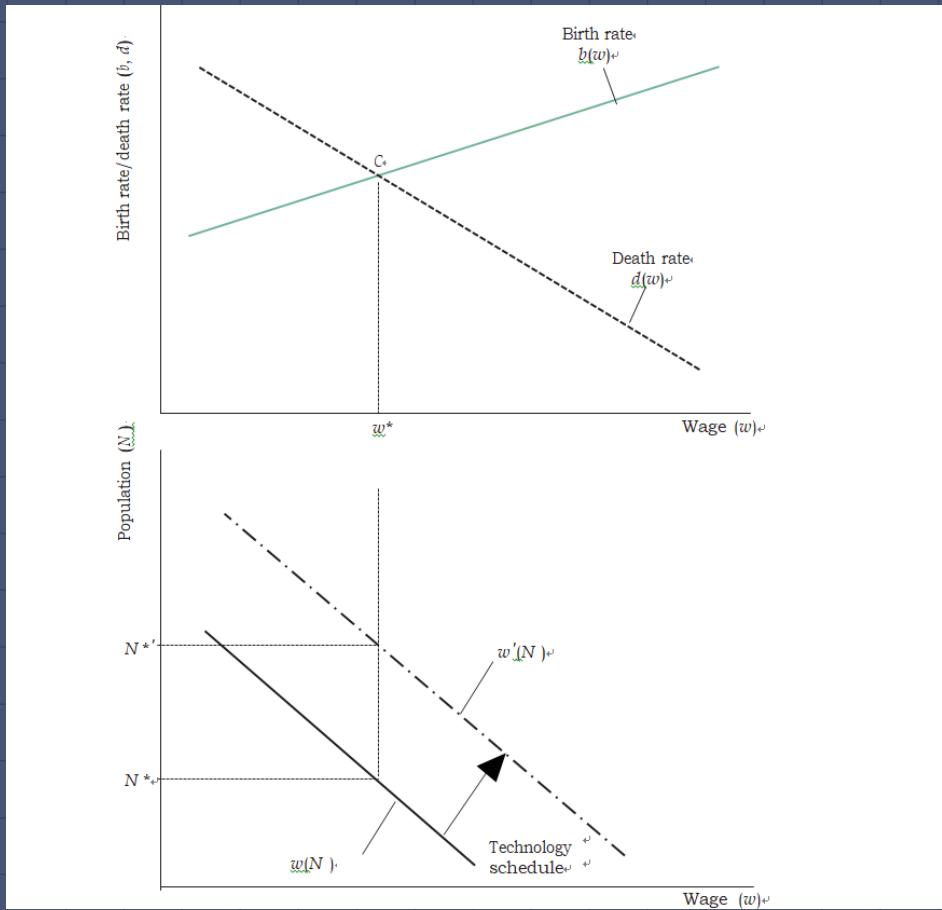
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$$\begin{cases} \frac{dN(t)}{dt} = rN(t) \\ N(t_0) = N_0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$N(t) = N_0 e^{r(t-t_0)} \quad (2)$$





农业发展与结构调整

1831年英国爆发农民大起义

- 庄园制、农奴制→农民自主租赁土地→积极性提高、技术进步
- 实物收入→货币租金→农民收入增加
- 土地荒废→经济作物、畜牧业



中产阶级的诞生

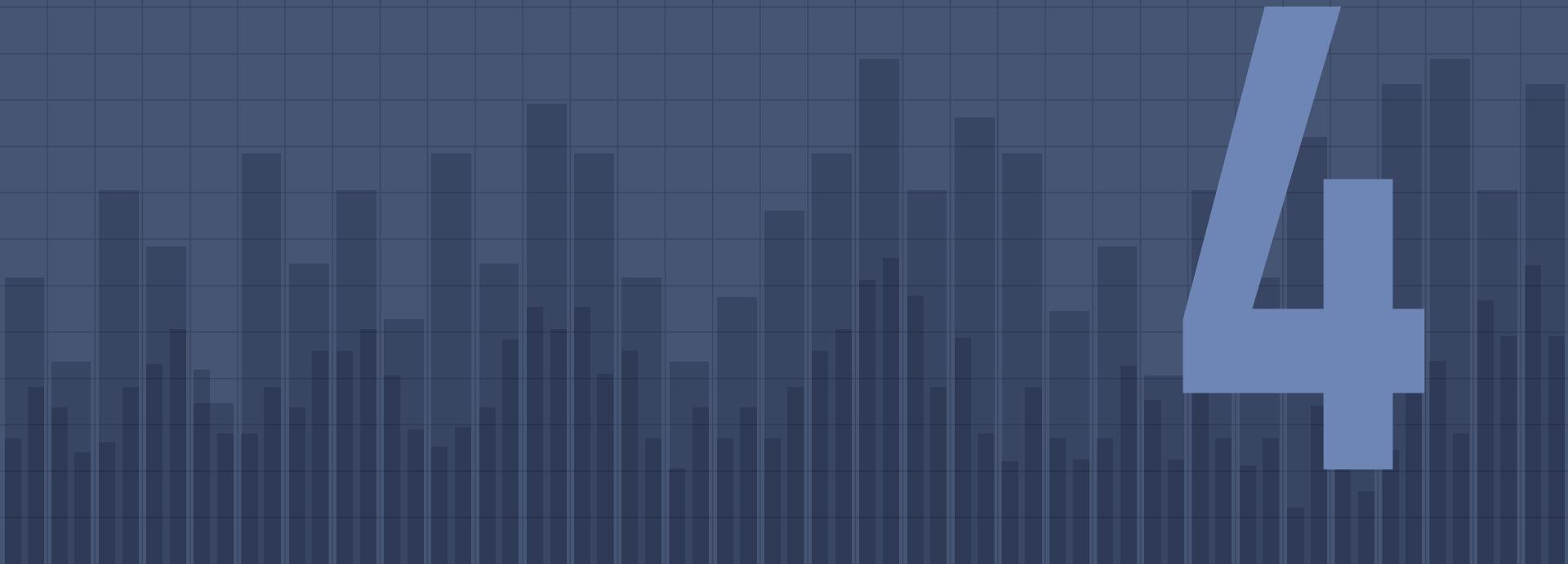
- 农奴制和庄园制瓦解→贵族地位下降→资产阶级、新贵族兴起
- 劳动力不足、粮食价格低→第一次圈地运动
- 土地密集型→劳动力、资本密集型产业

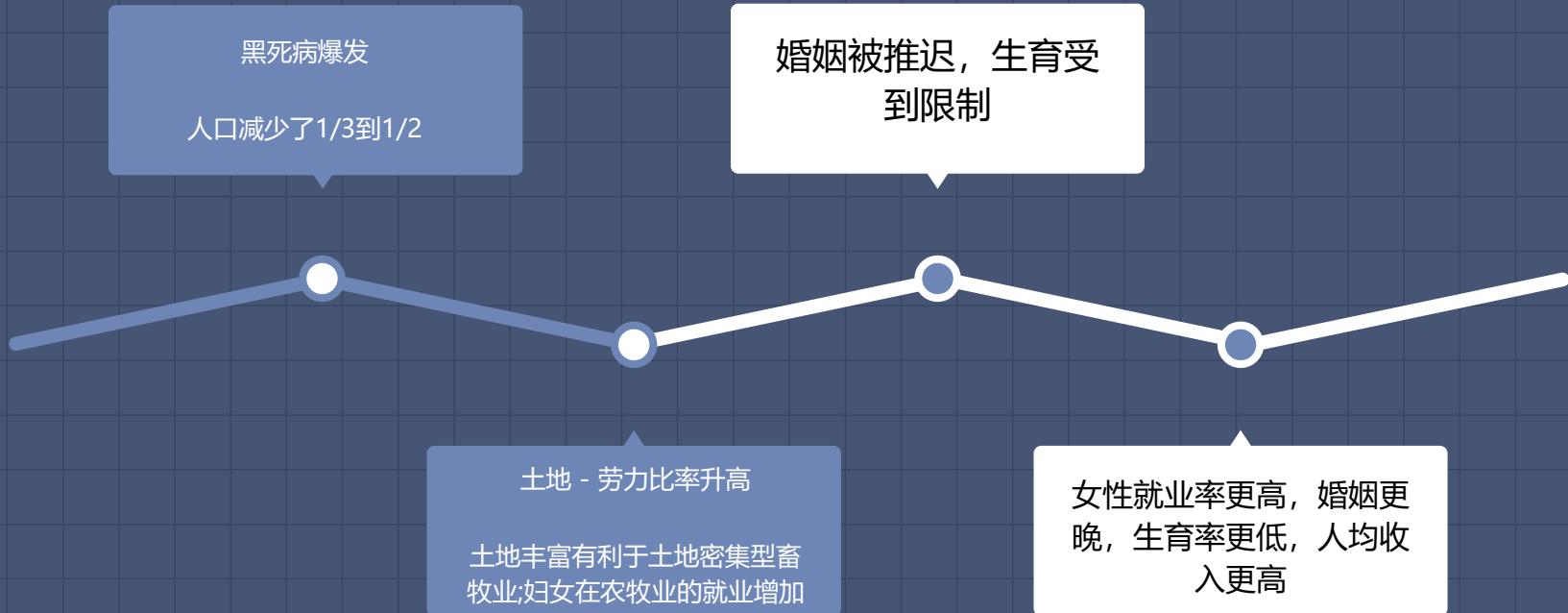


- 农业以及城市手工业者收入增加促进技术进步
- 收入增长远大于一两代人口增长可能侵蚀的收入，资本/劳动力比率极大提高，人均资本存量的提升降低了利率，促进资本密集型产业的发展，新的生产方式减少了对土地的依赖
- 黑死病间接降低了人口增长率，人口数量难以恢复

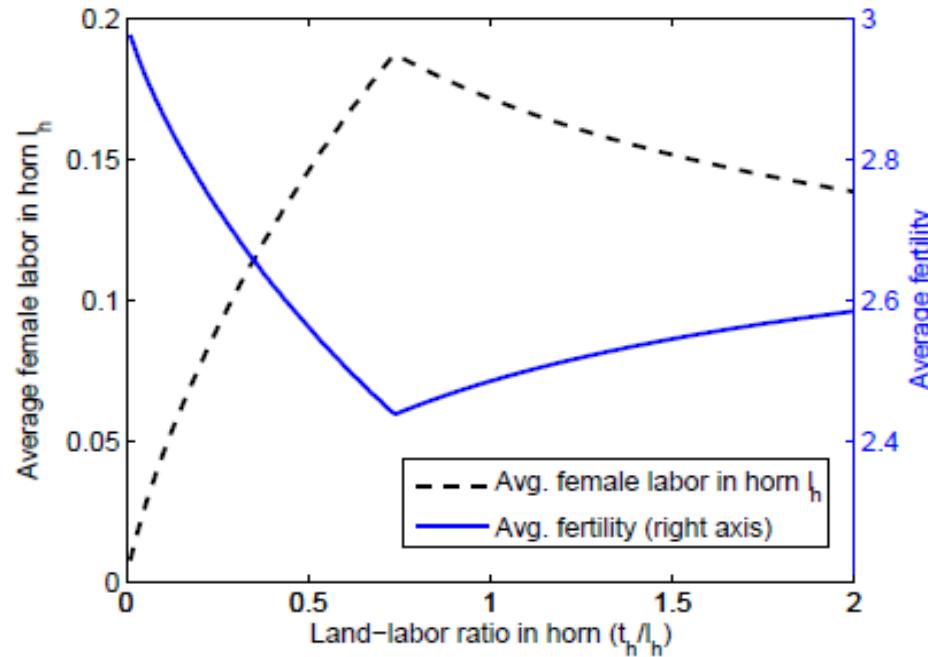


黑死病—西欧低生育率 (EMP)



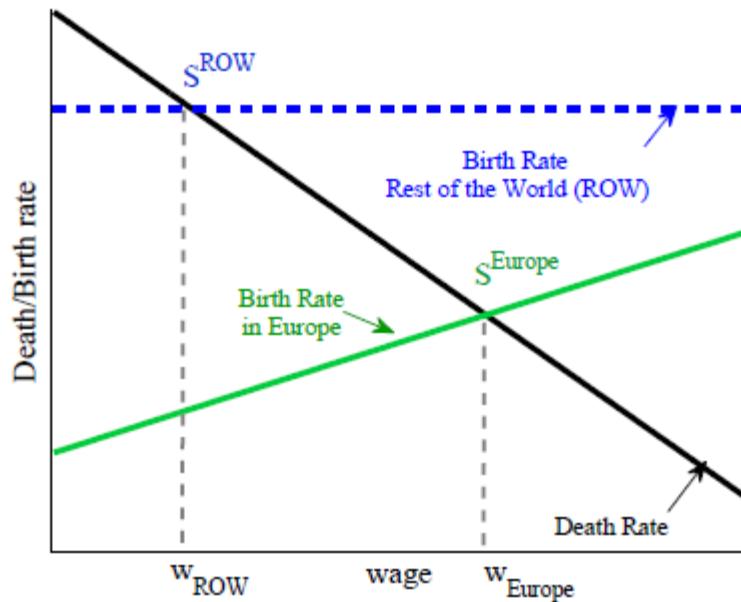


Aggregate horn labor supply and fertility



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Steady States with and without EMP (Europe vs. China)





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