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## Segmented Regression Models

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## Are Global Temperatures Increasing

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Surface vs. Satellite Global Temperatures

Which source?  
Surface or satellite based?

Source: John R. Christy and Roy W. Spencer, University of Alabama in Huntsville.

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## Are Global Surface Temperatures Still Increasing

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Averaged over what time period? One-year or five?

Global Surface Temperatures (GISS):  
Averages: 1 year vs 5 year

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## Global Surface Temperatures: Are they Still Increasing?

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Mean 5 year Temperature (C) Anomaly  
Base: 1951-1990 Average

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## Using a Two-Segment Model

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GISS Mean 5 year Temperature (C) Anomaly  
Cut Point: 1998

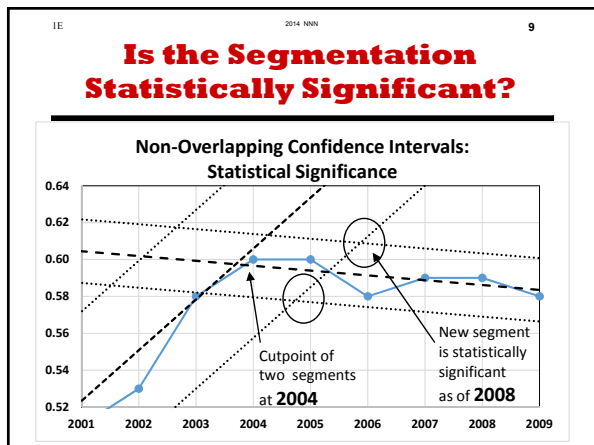
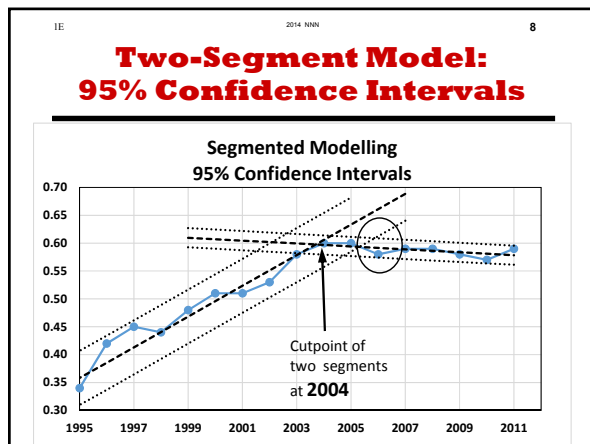
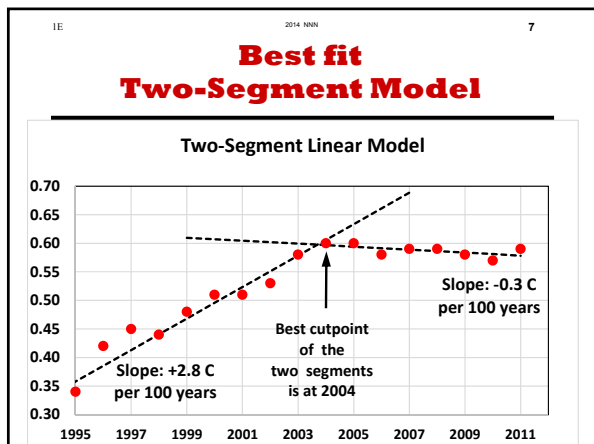
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## Minimize Total Error Relative to Predicted

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Joint Std. Error in Y given X (STEYX)



Conclusion

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2. Fit 5 year data from 1994 to current row.
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Out-of-control???

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1996	0.42	0.065	0.012
1997	0.45	0.056	0.014
1998	0.44	0.041	0.030
1999	0.48	0.037	0.028
2000	0.51	0.034	0.026
2001	0.51	0.030	0.028
2002	0.53	0.028	0.028
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2008	0.59	0.020	0.036
2009	0.58	0.019	0.040
2010	0.57	0.017	0.044
2011	0.59	0.015	0.045

Create Line 2 Series; Calculate Joint STEYX

Out of control?

Year	DATA Ave5Yr	LINE1 b1	LINE1 STEYX1	LINE2 b2	LINE2 STEYX2	Joint STEYX
1994	0.29			0.013	0.045	0.0452
1995	0.34	0.050		0.013	0.038	0.0371
1996	0.42	0.065	0.012	0.011	0.031	0.0299
1997	0.45	0.056	0.014	0.011	0.031	0.0288
1998	0.44	0.041	0.030	0.010	0.031	0.0310
1999	0.48	0.037	0.028	0.008	0.028	0.0277
2000	0.51	0.034	0.026	0.006	0.026	0.0258
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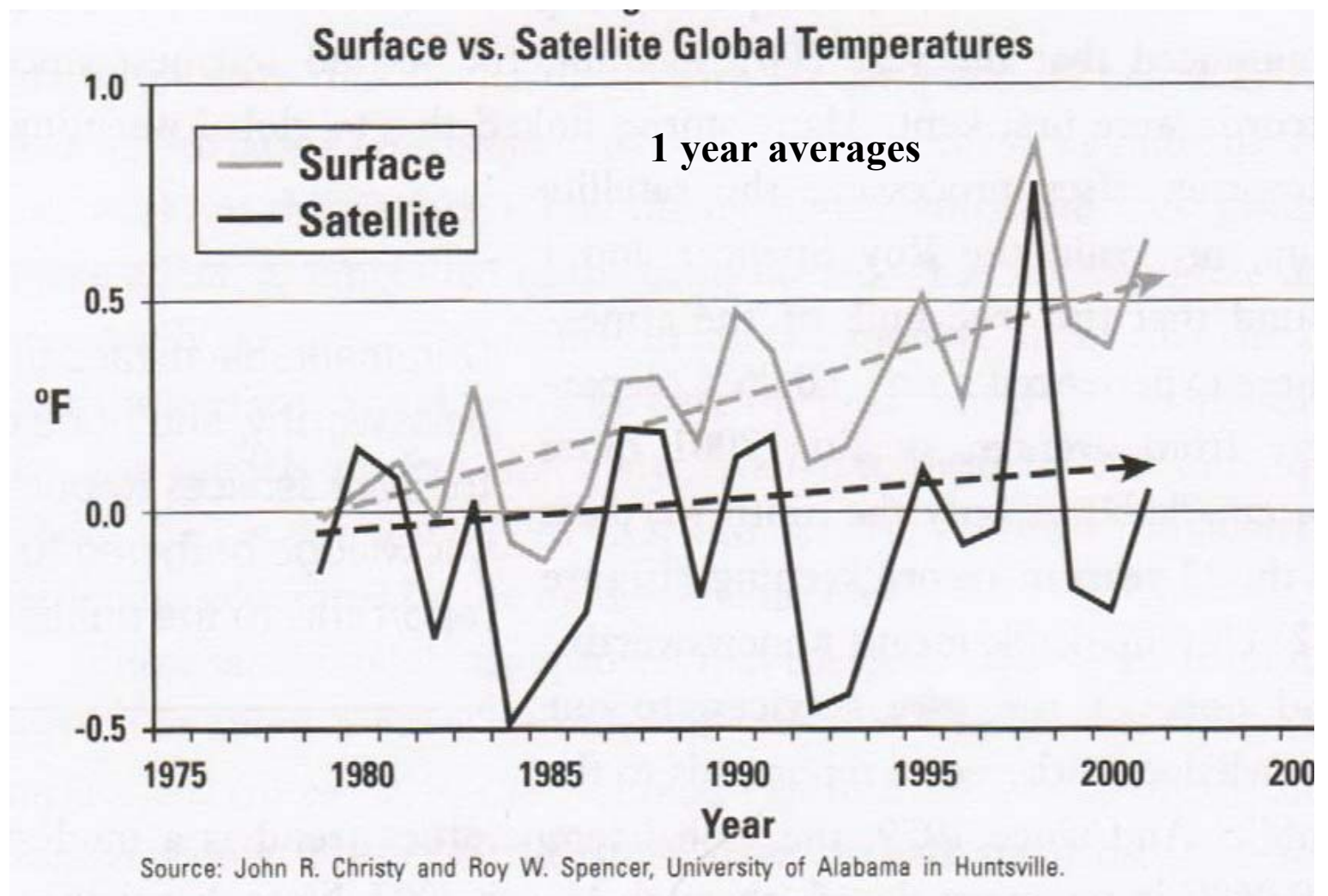
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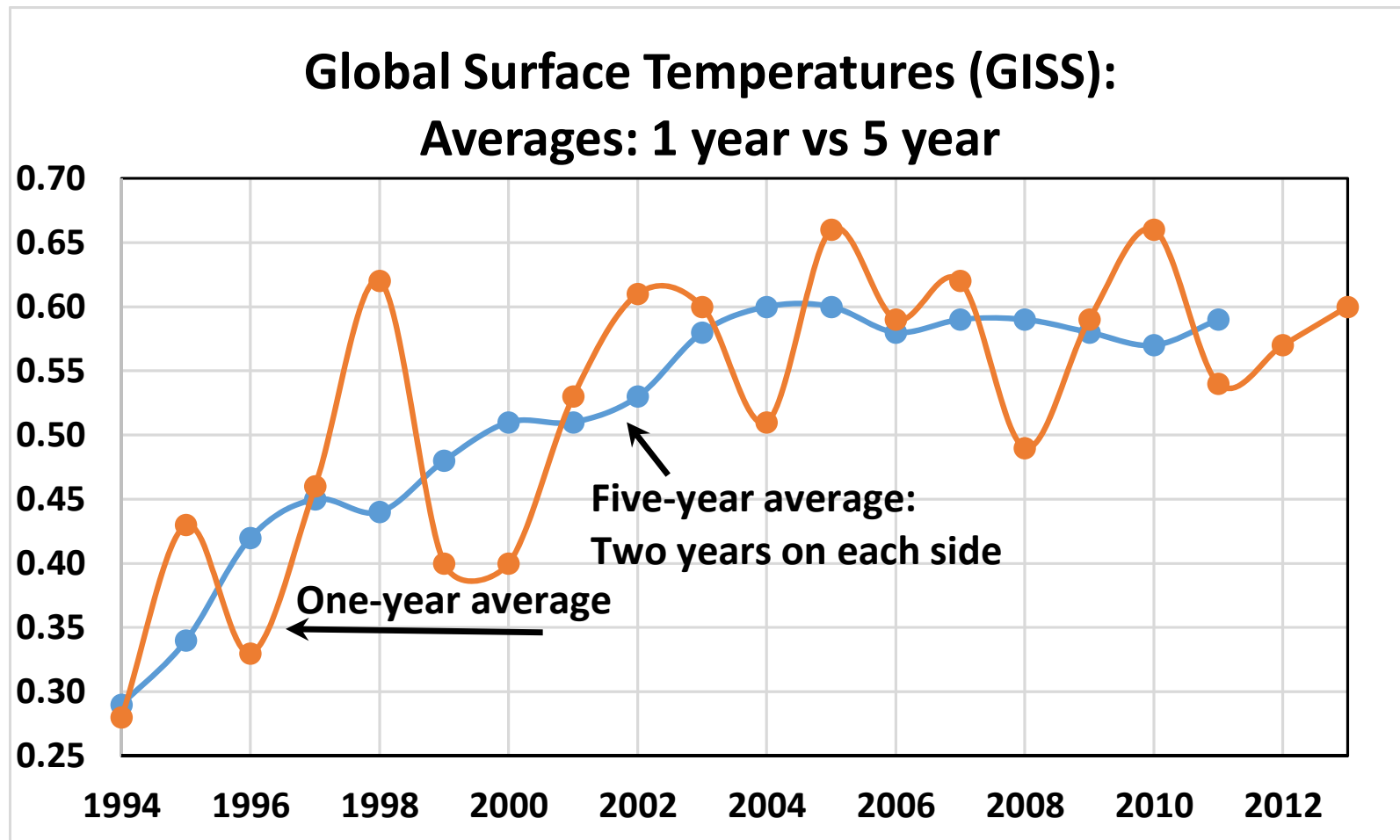
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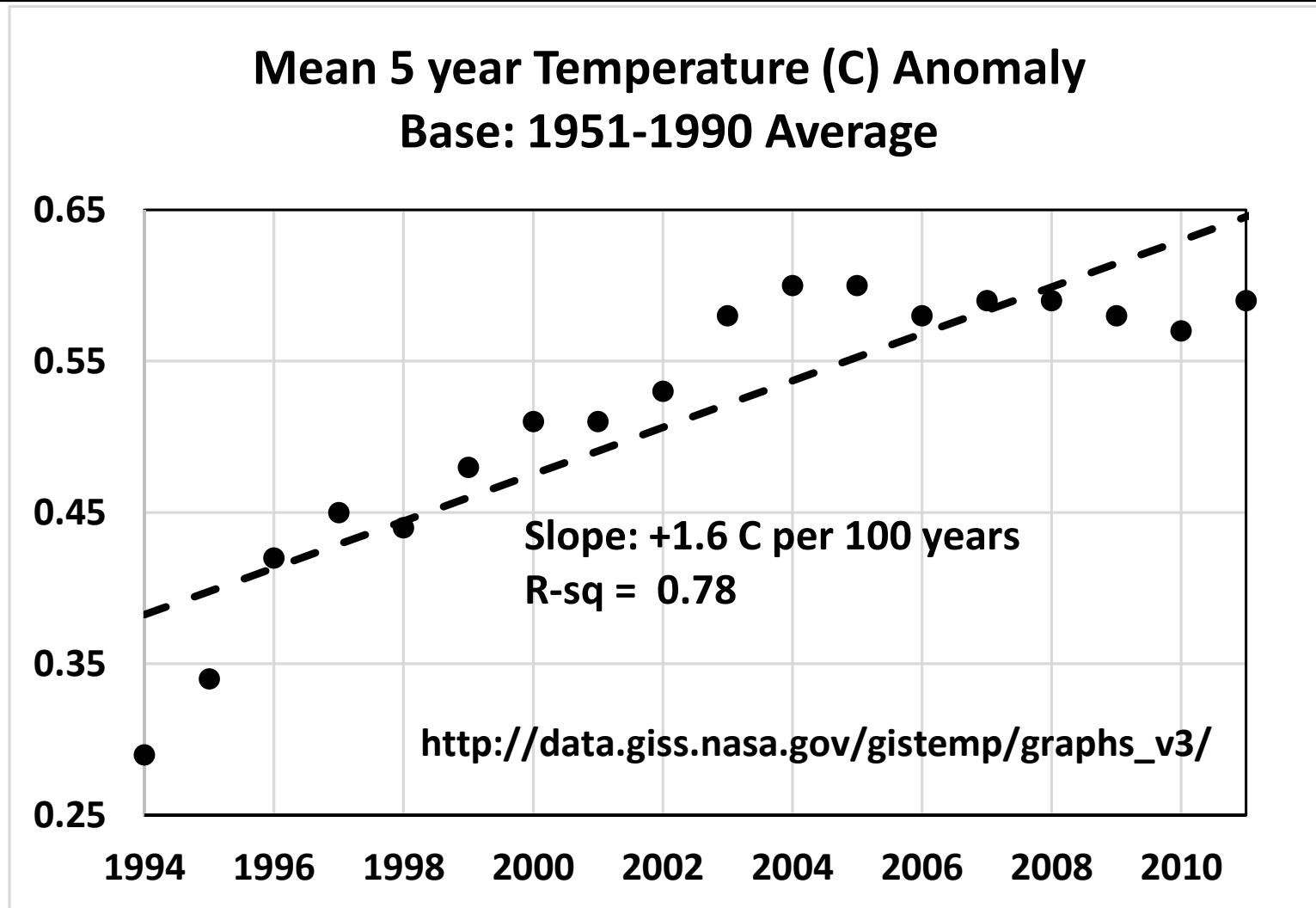


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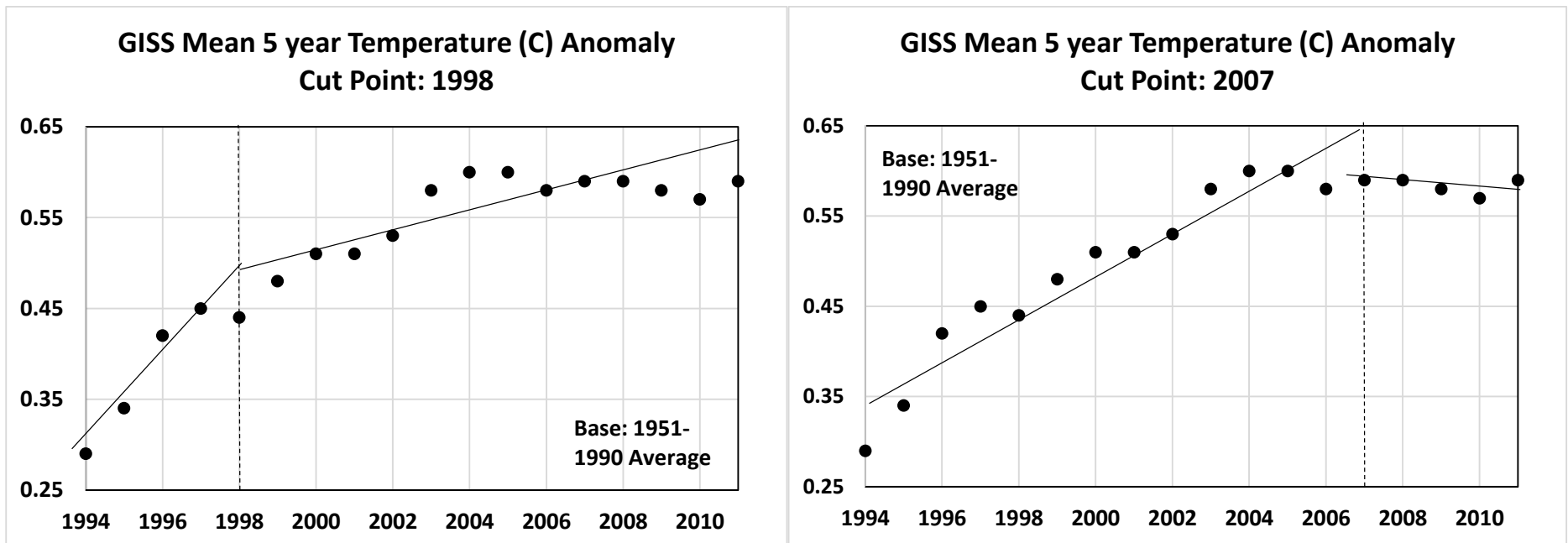


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# Using a Two-Segment Model

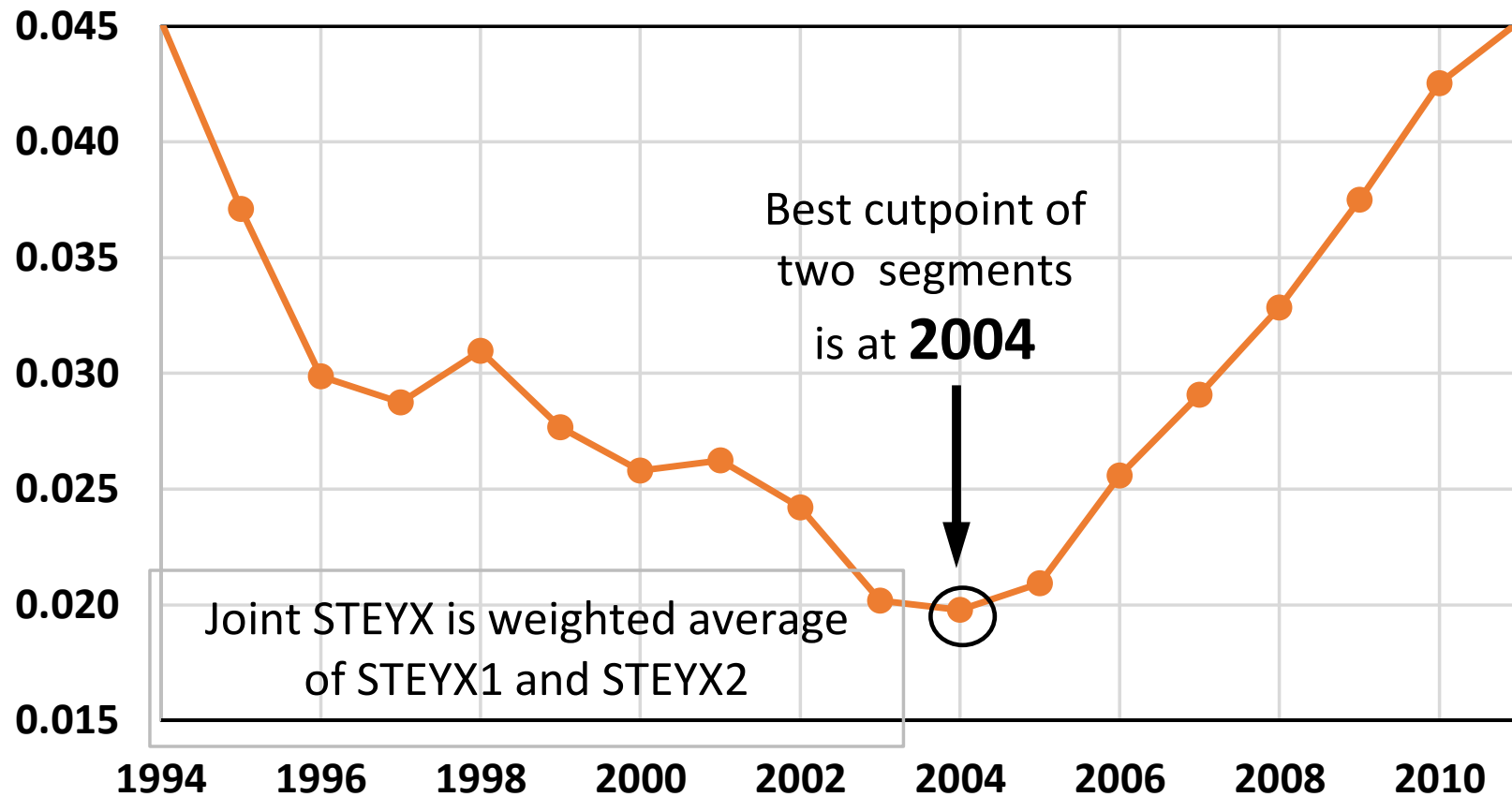
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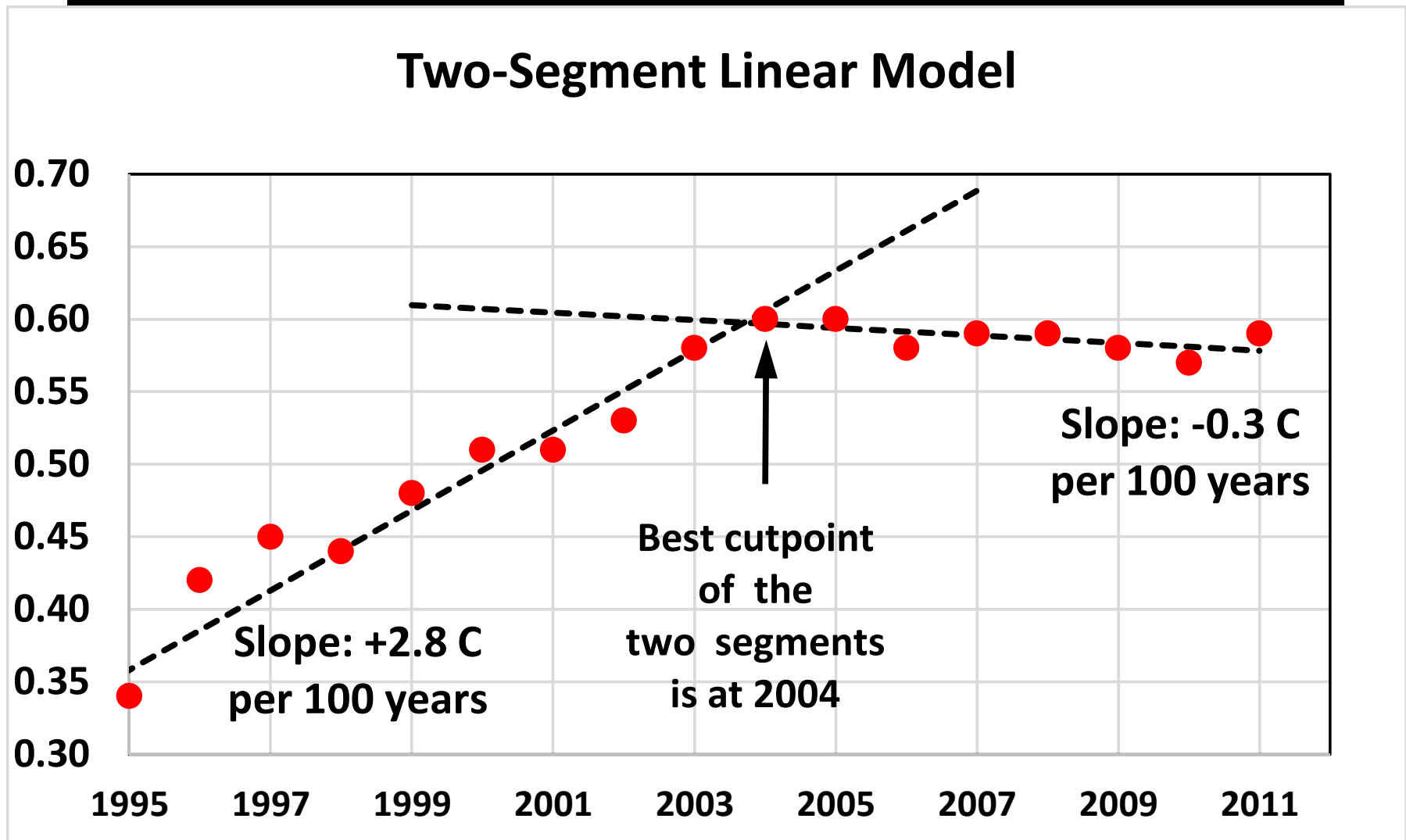


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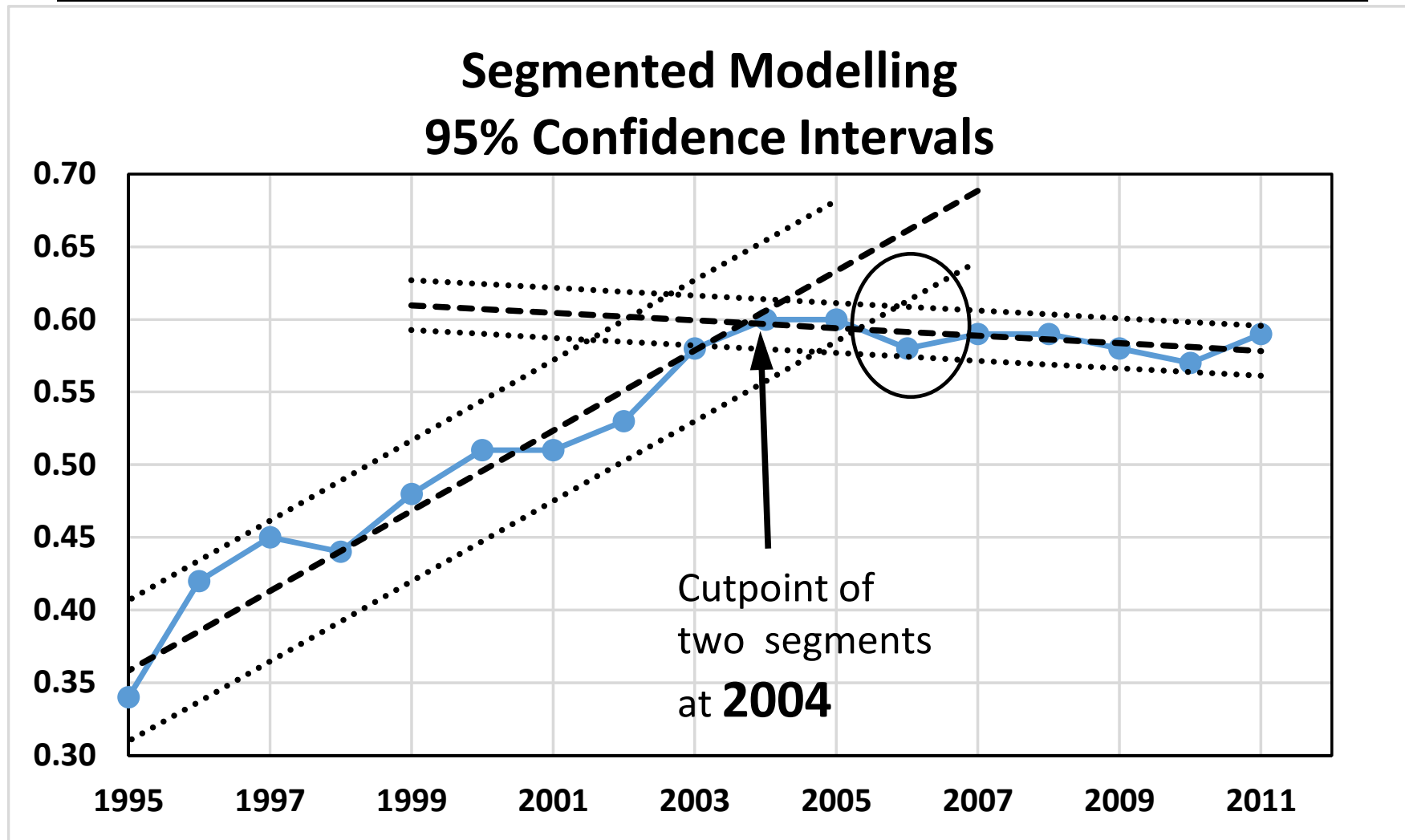
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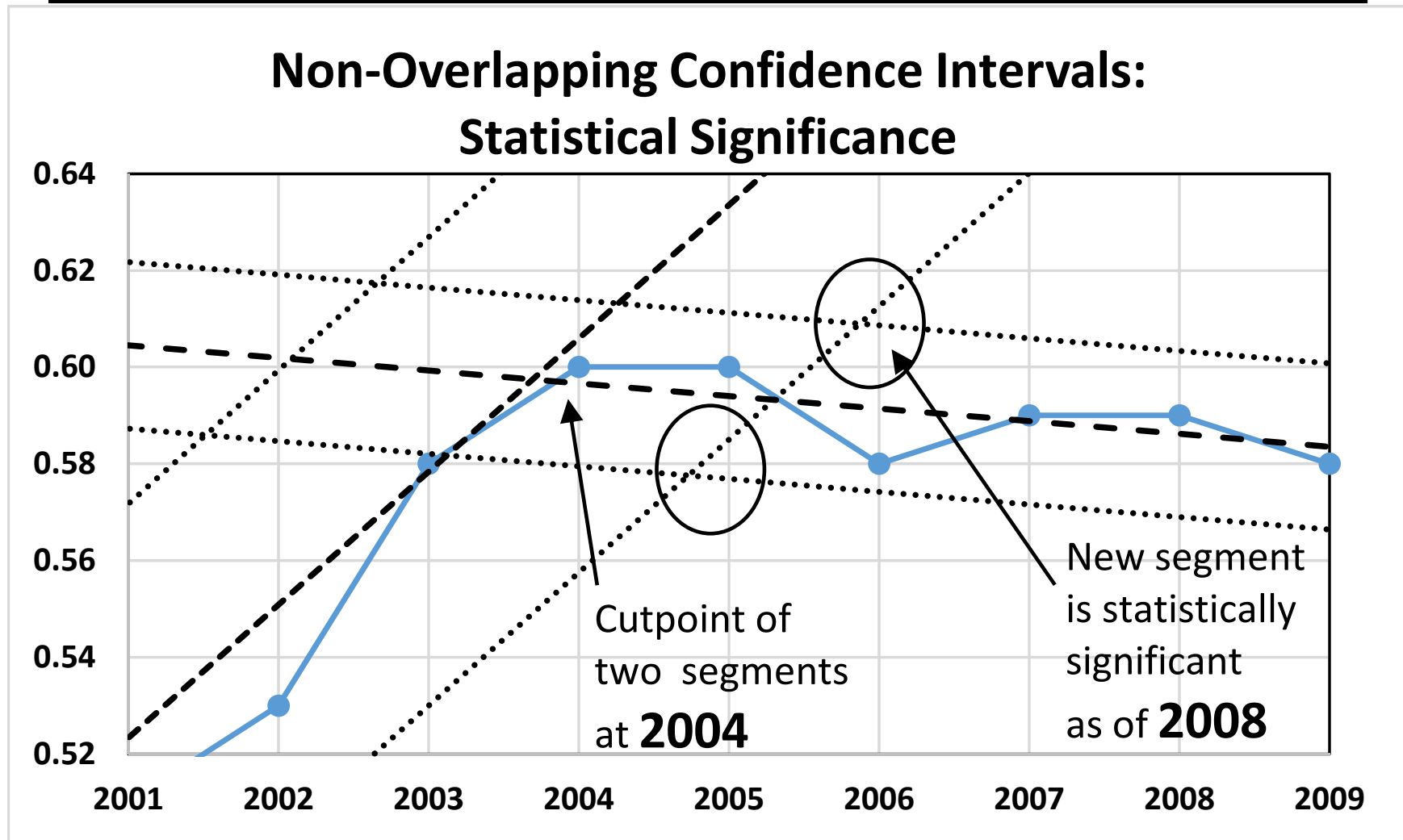
# Best fit Two-Segment Model



# Two-Segment Model: 95% Confidence Intervals



# Is the Segmentation Statistically Significant?



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