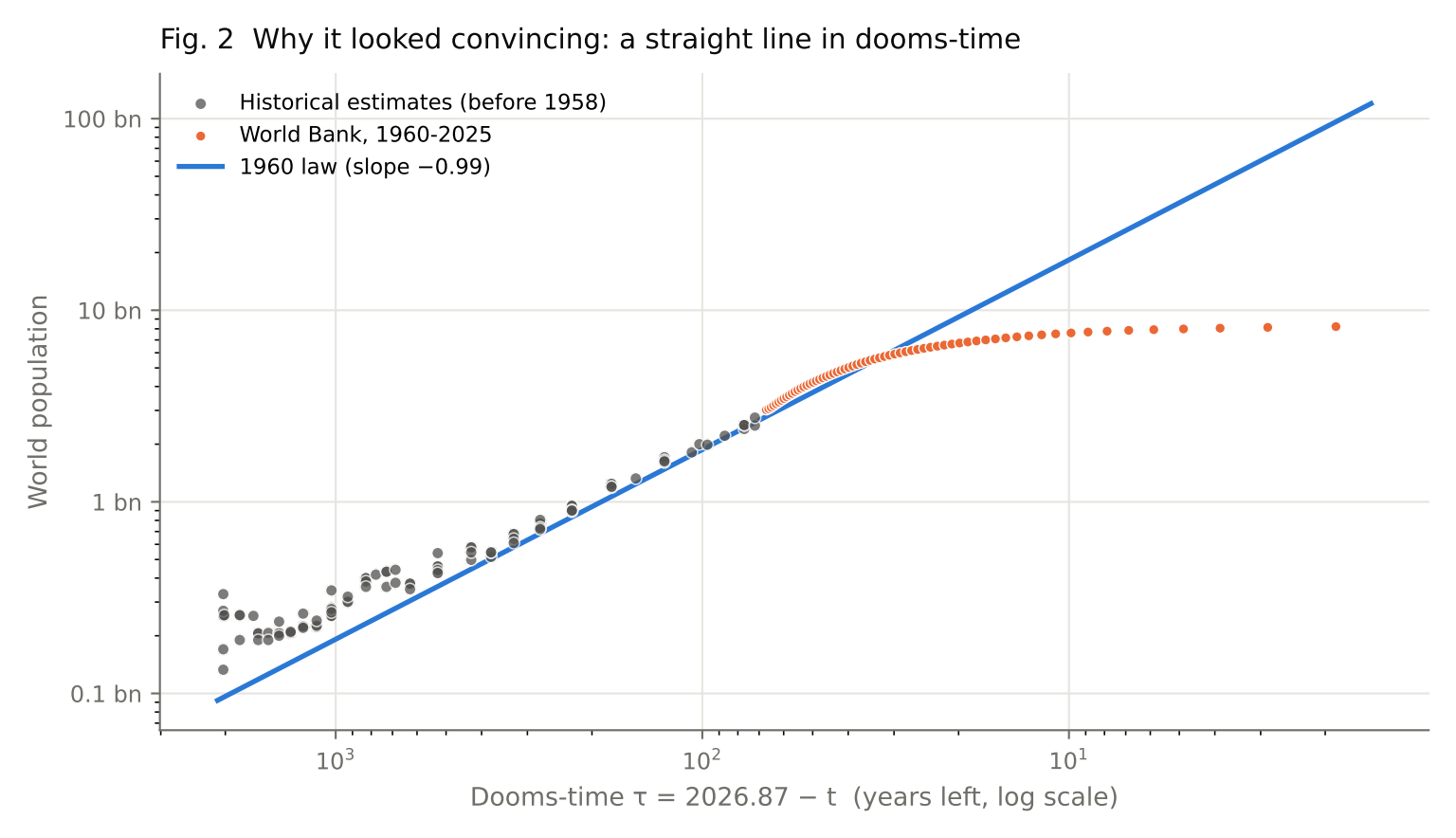

Fig. 2 Why it looked convincing: a straight line in dooms-time
Historical estimates (before 1958)
World Bank, 1960-2025
1960 law (slope −0.99)
100 bn
10 bn
1 bn
0.1 bn
World population
10^3
10^2
10^1
Dooms-time τ = 2026.87 − t (years left, log scale)