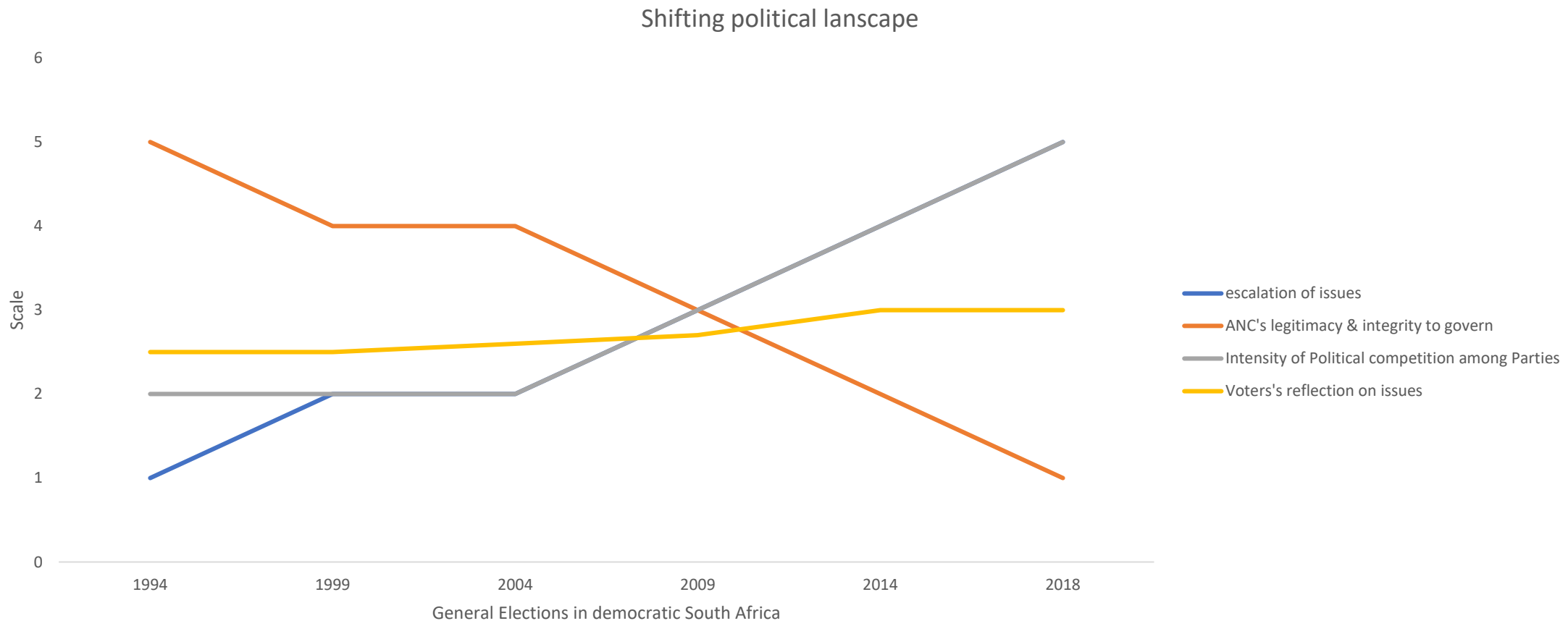


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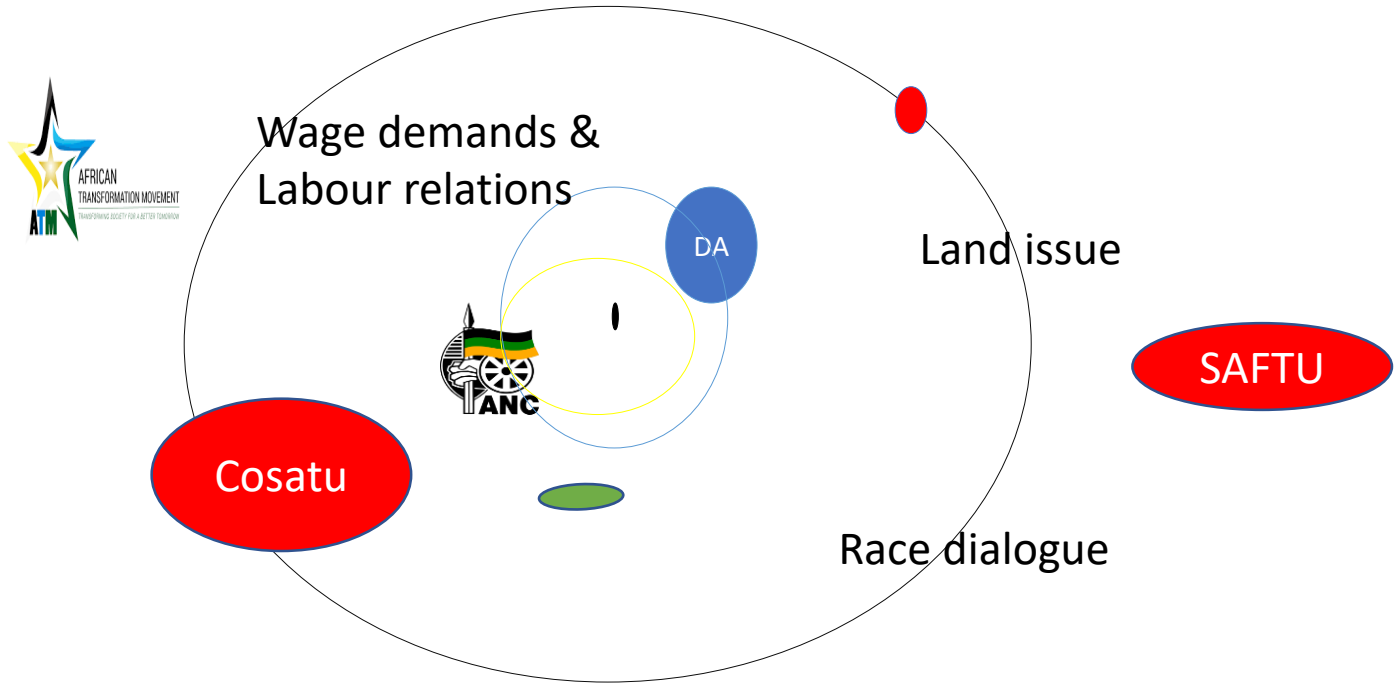
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Trends in the pulse of SA politics



The collapse of "Centre" Politics

Changing political ecosystem



Status Quo

- A highly contested policy terrain: lack of consensus
- Reform through *crisis management*
- Who owns the Reform Agenda?
- The ANC looming leadership contests: the NGC and the policy differences
- Stagnant economy, social and labour tensions
- Very Slow reforms due to lack of consensus

Opportunities for Rebuilding Centre Politics

- Coalescence of issues; e.g. inequality and economic prosperity
- Emergence of practical, capable, and moderate political projects
- Consequence and catalyst: Economic performance/inclusion
- Virtue in compromise-derived solution, as opposed to ultimatums based on majoritarianism. Towards rationality as grounds for justification of political choices.

Thank You!