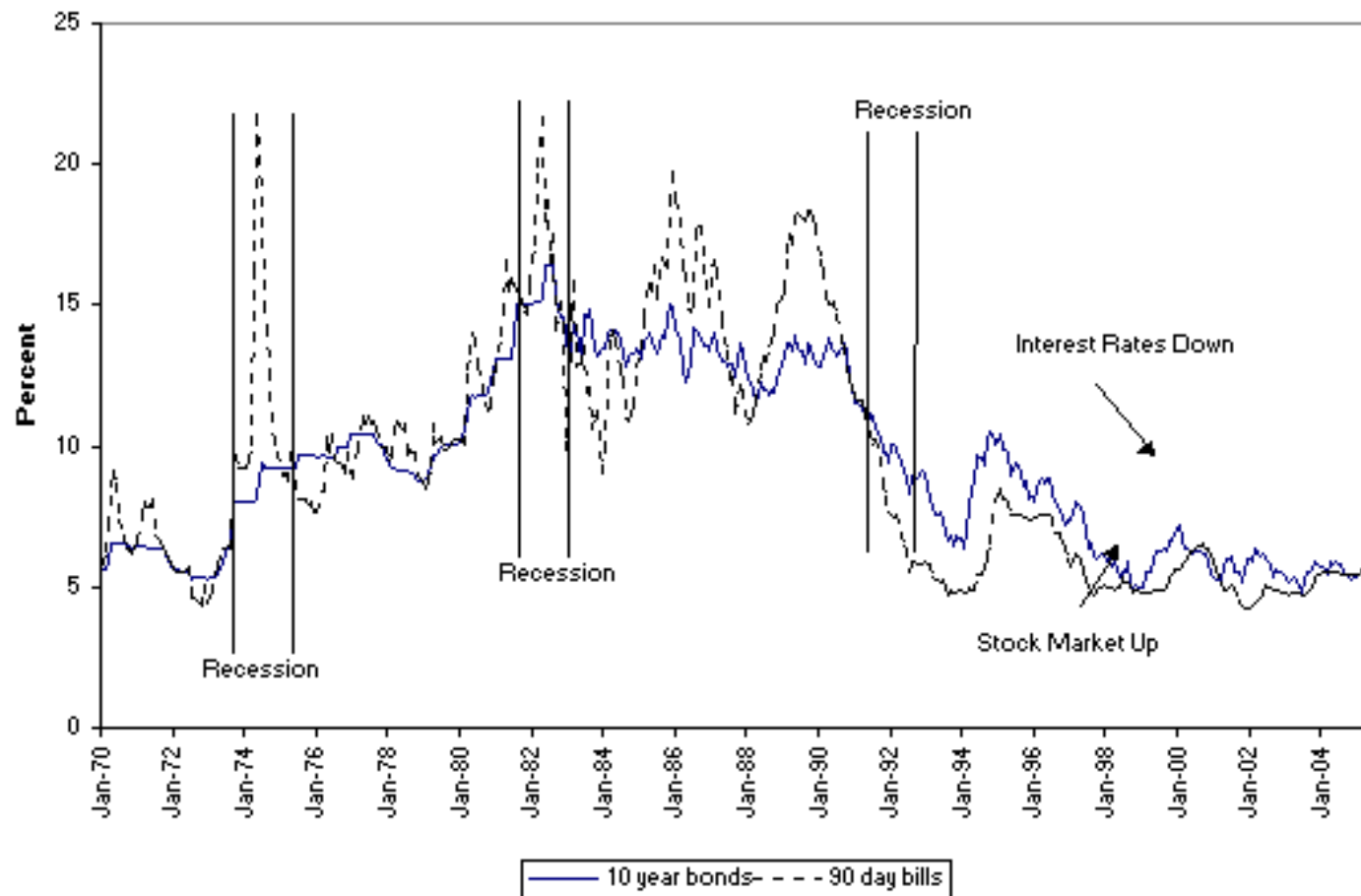


Now this is interesting. An inversion of the yield curve is the first sign of an impending slowdown, and is a reliable indicator, though not necessarily exact in its timing. See notes.

Yield Curves Barometer



The yield curve has inverted, which must always place us on alert to a potential economic slowdown. See notes above however.