

Approaching Gutenberg–Richter through Damage and Defects

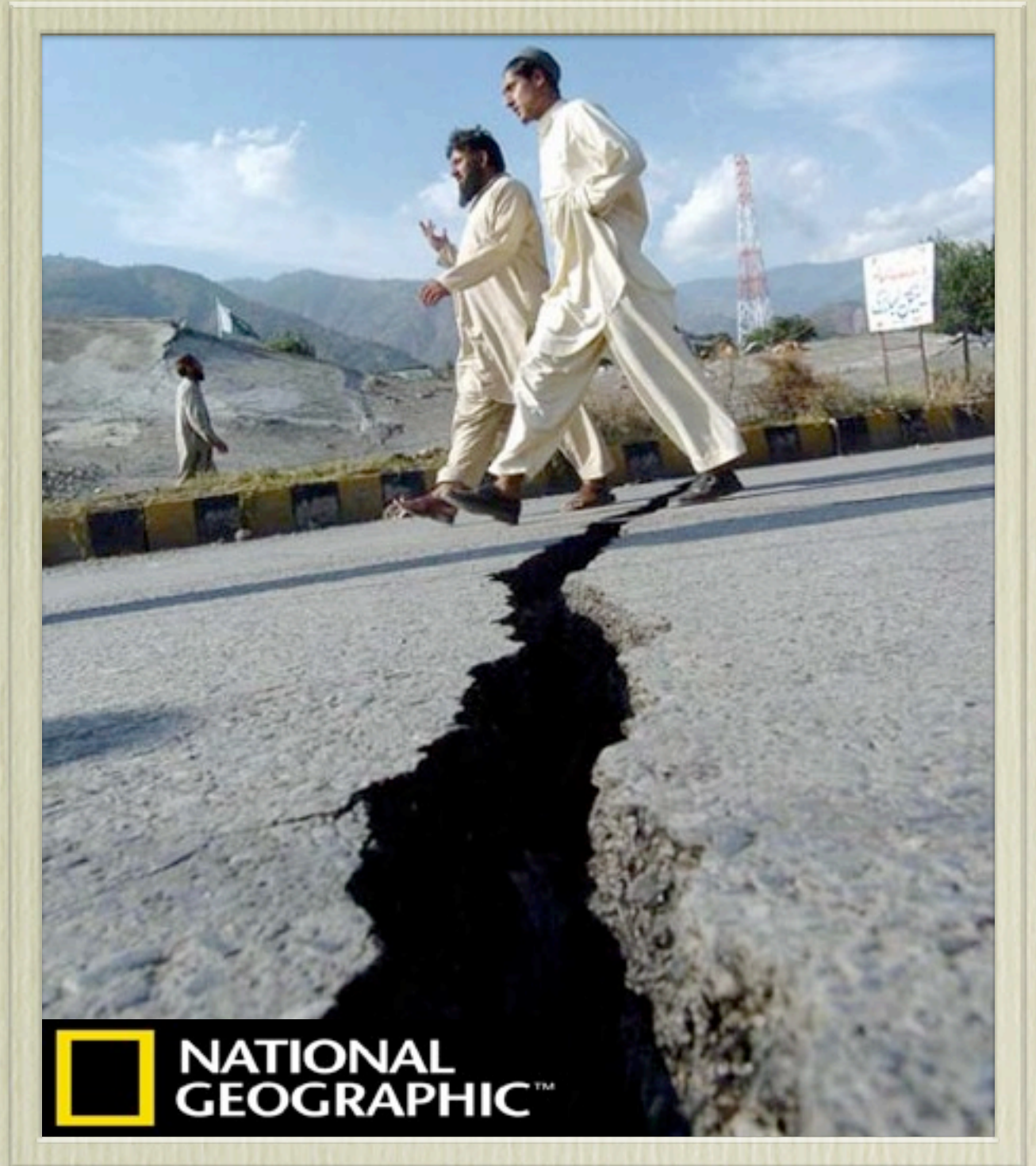
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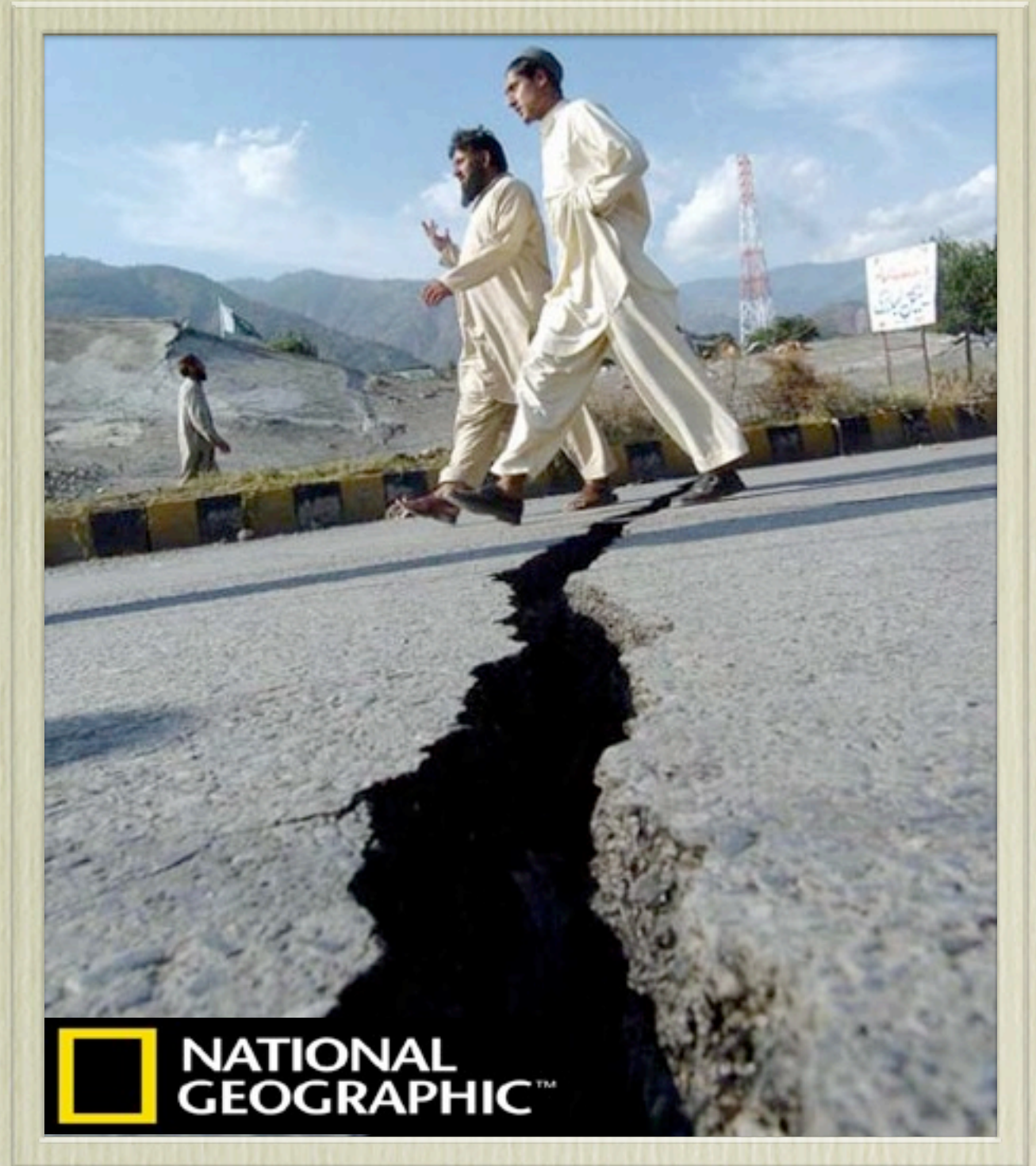
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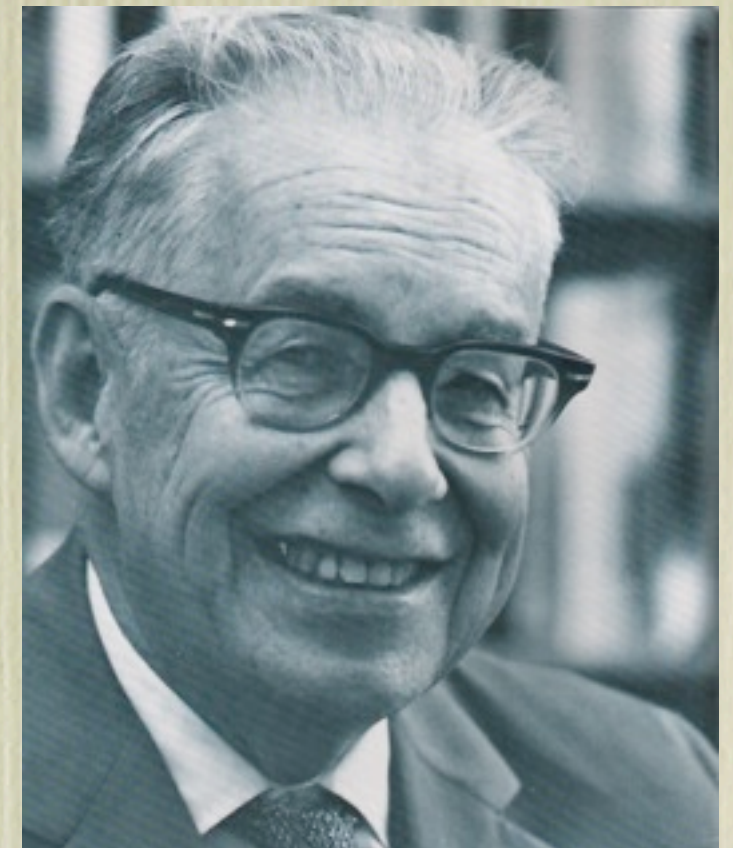
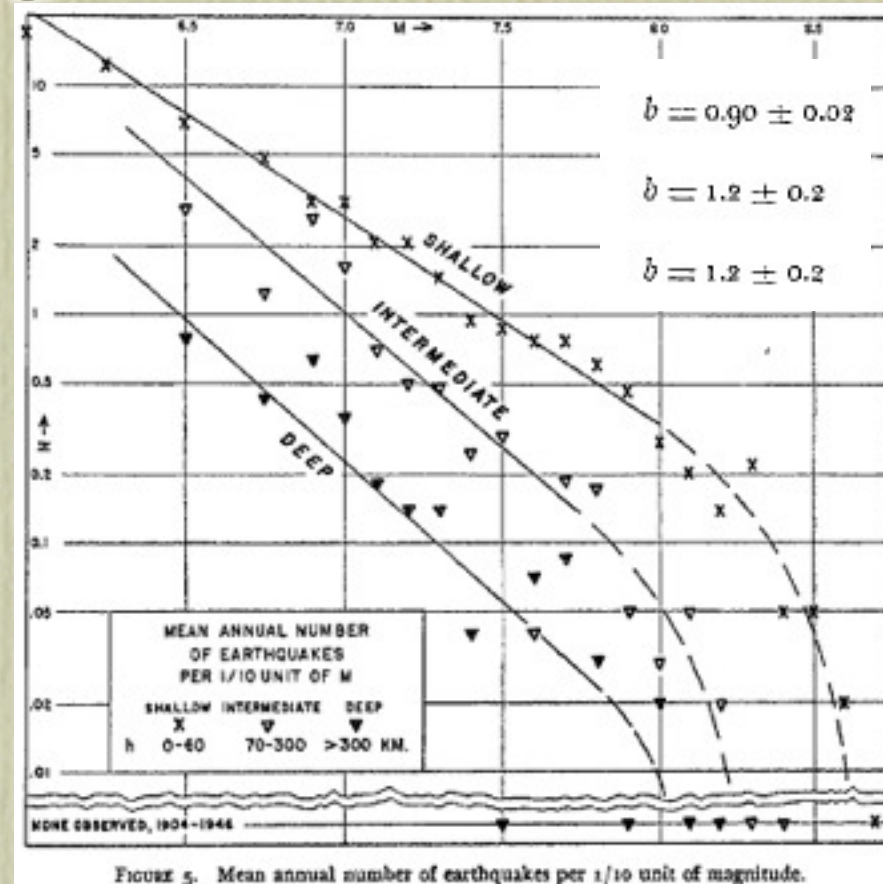


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Gutenberg–Richter Distribution



- B. Gutenberg and C.F. Richter, Seismicity of the Earth and Associated Phenomena, 2nd ed. (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1954), p. 17

$$N(M \geq m) \sim \exp[-b m], \quad b \approx 1$$

- G. Ekström and A. M. Dziewonski, *Nature* **332**, 319 (1988)

$$E(m) \sim \exp[d m], \quad d \approx 3/2$$

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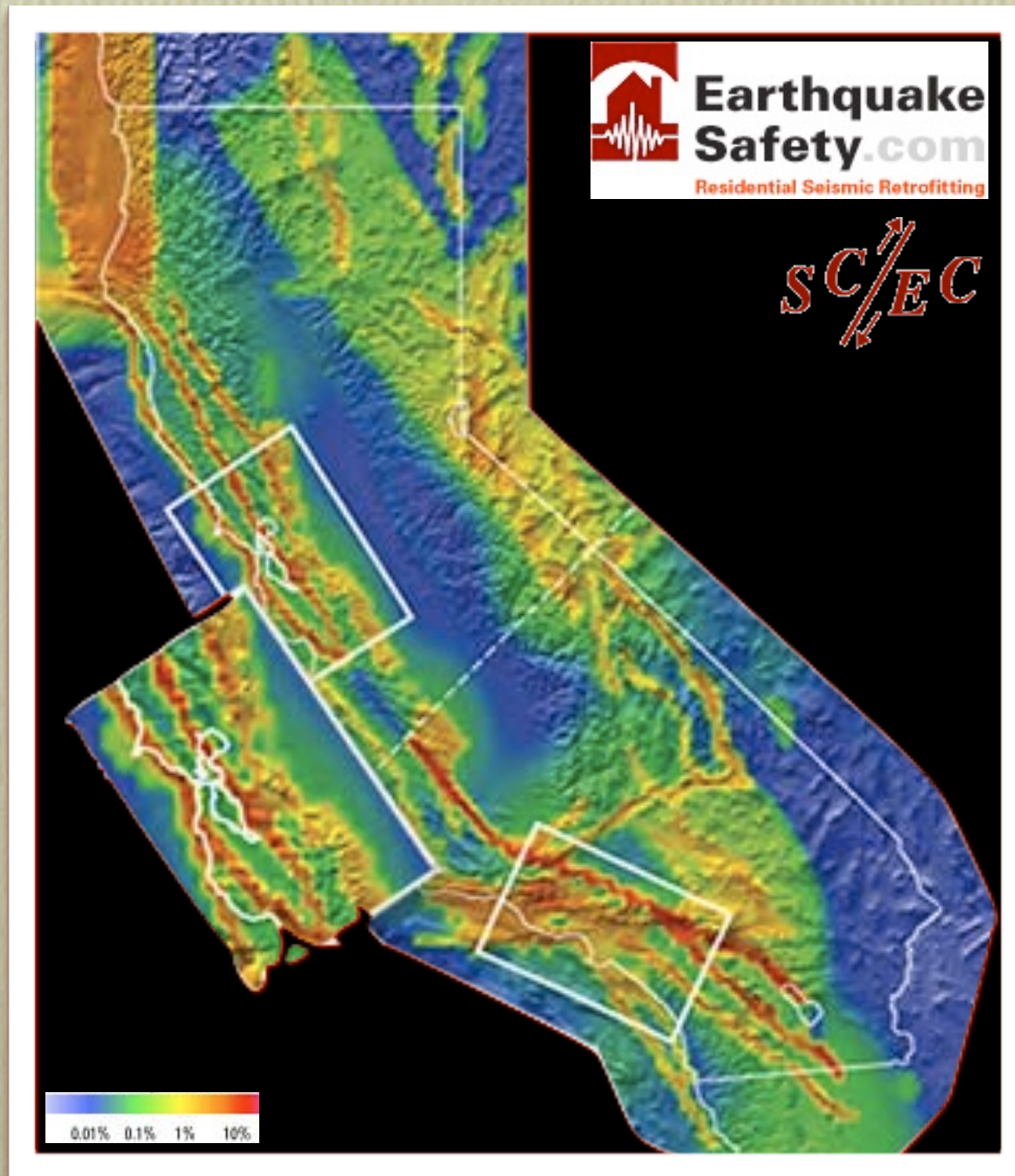
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What is the essential physics behind this distribution?



Prevention & Forecasting



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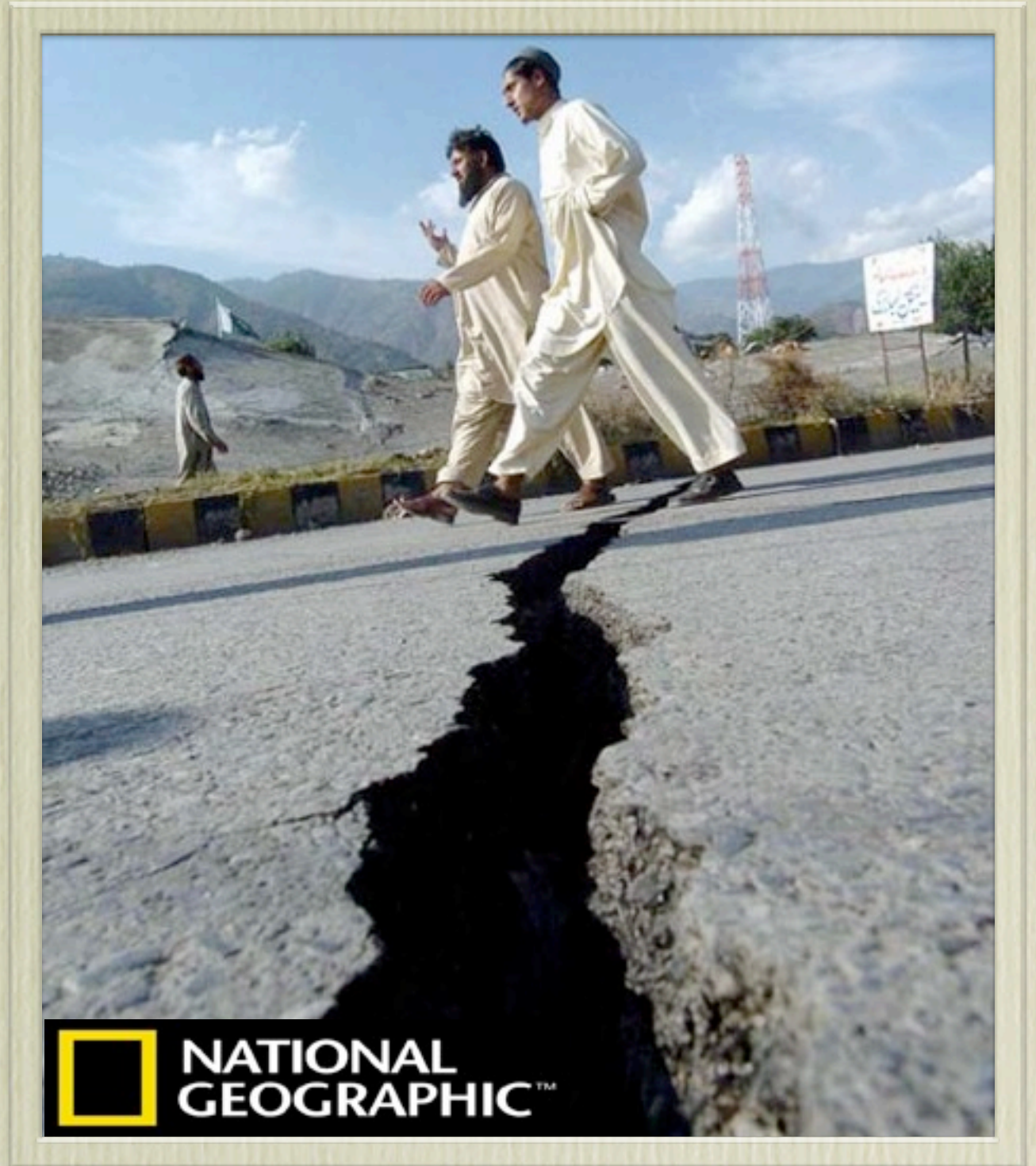
[Uniform California Earthquake Rupture Forecast (<http://www.scec.org/ucerf/>) SoCal Ethqk. Cntr. funded by NSF and USGS]

- **99%** can't do much better
 - **30 years** can do better
 - **6.7 M** compare w/ Haiti 7, so about 64% as destructive.
- Black Magic / Data Massaging

What is **essential**? What is **detail**?

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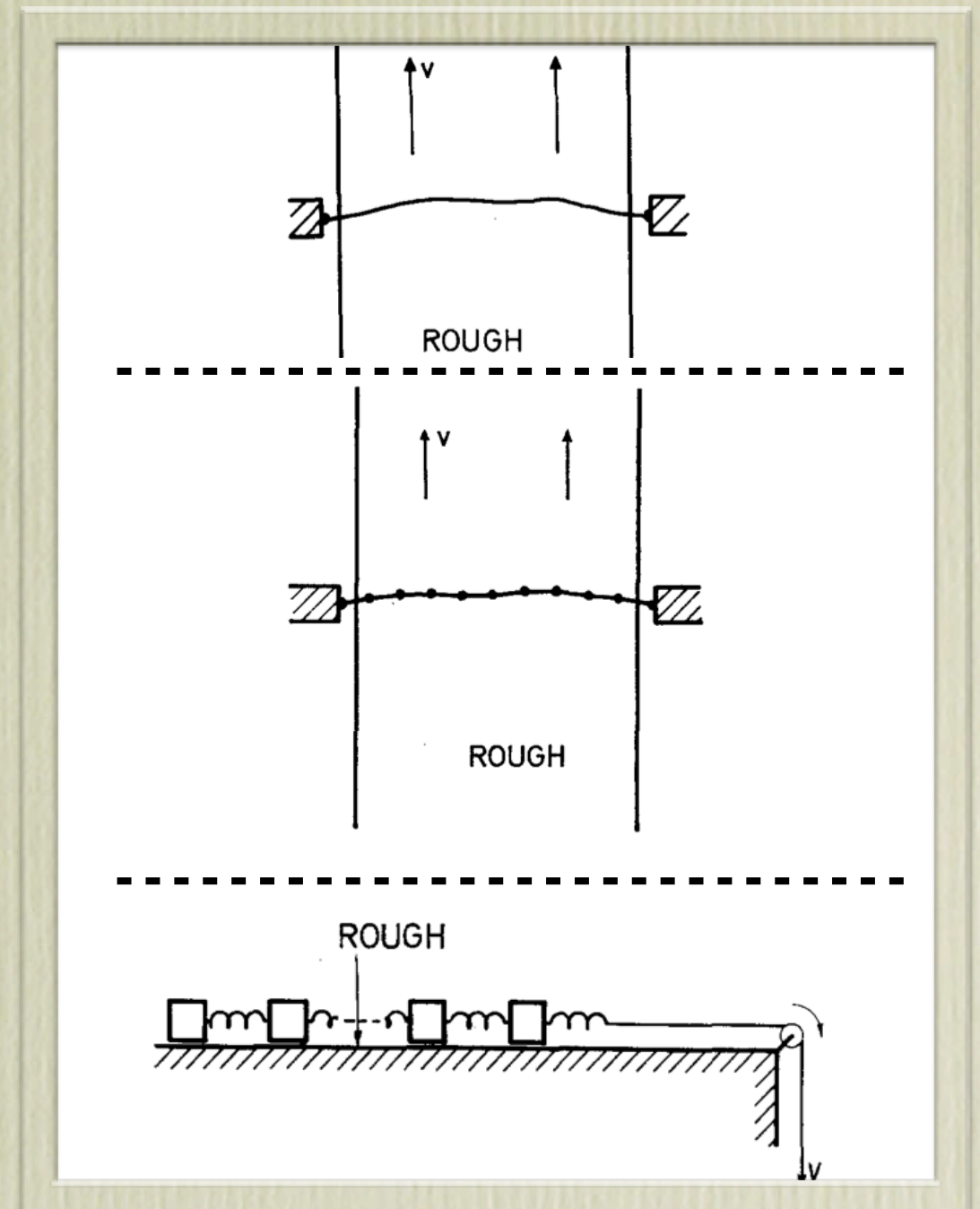


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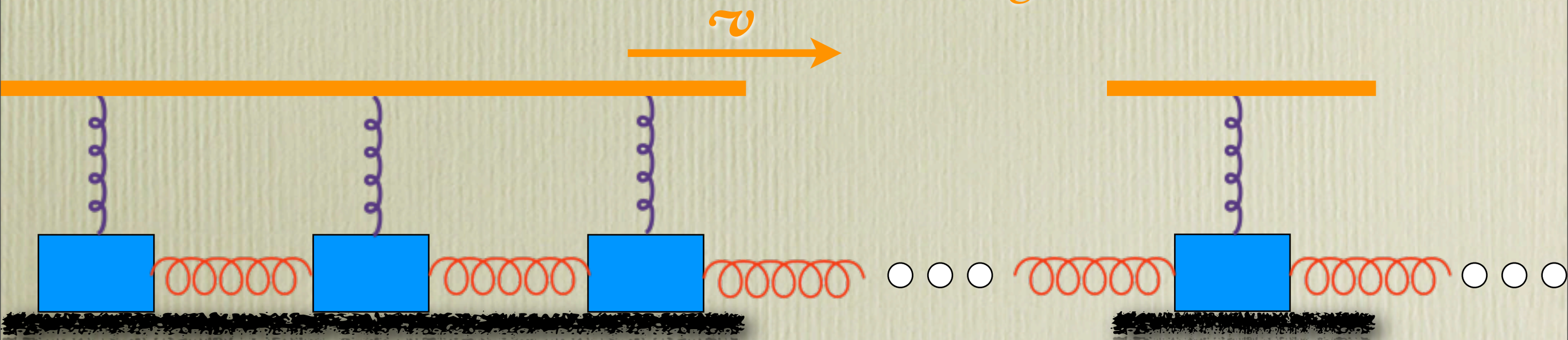


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- Ultimately, it is the 4th that bears their names
- Rough surface
- Linear (Hooke's Law) springs
- Linear “Leaf” Springs
- Moving Plate



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- Rather than solving Newton's Equations for the $2dN$ phase-space variables, we can track N variables with simple update rules

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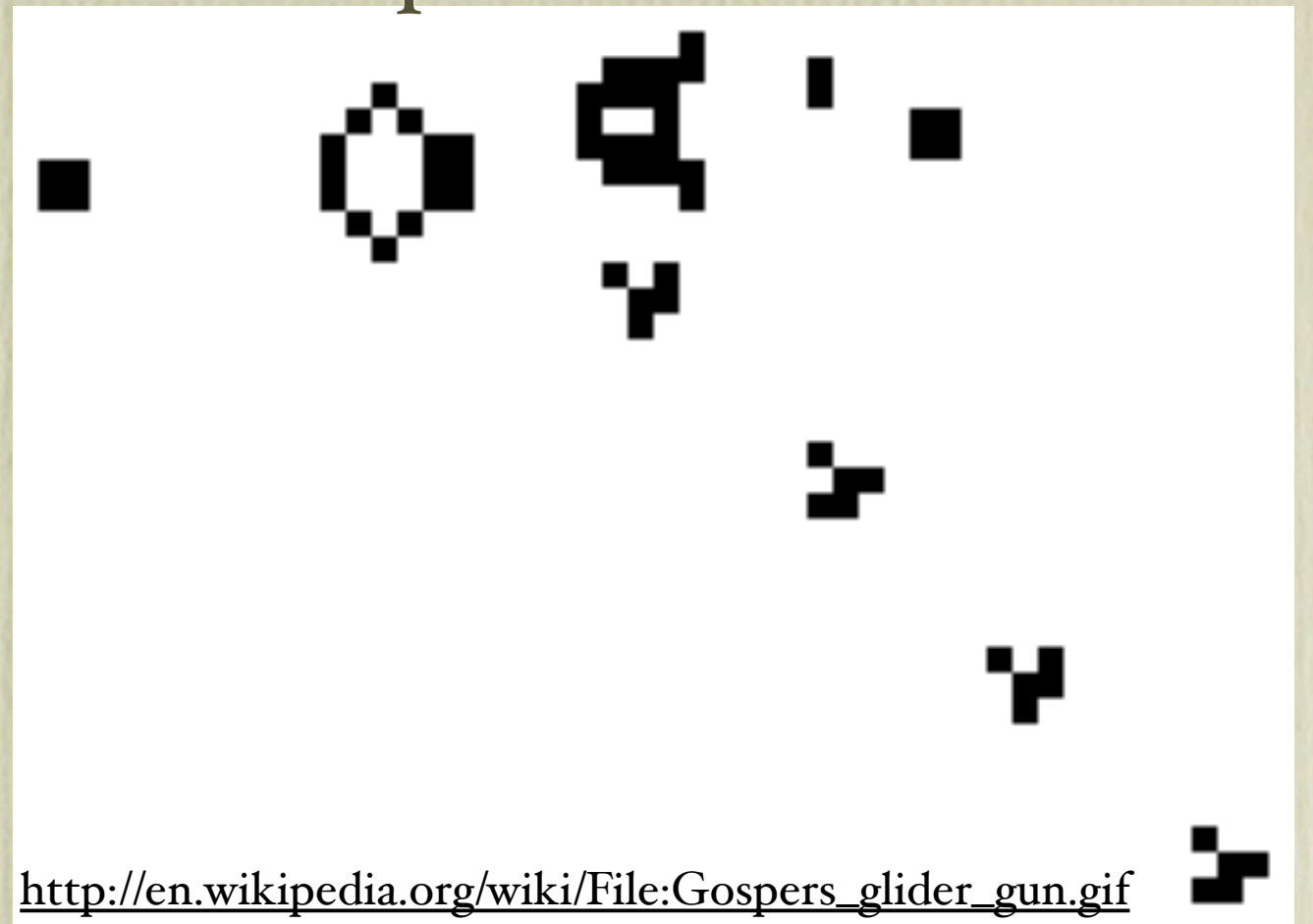
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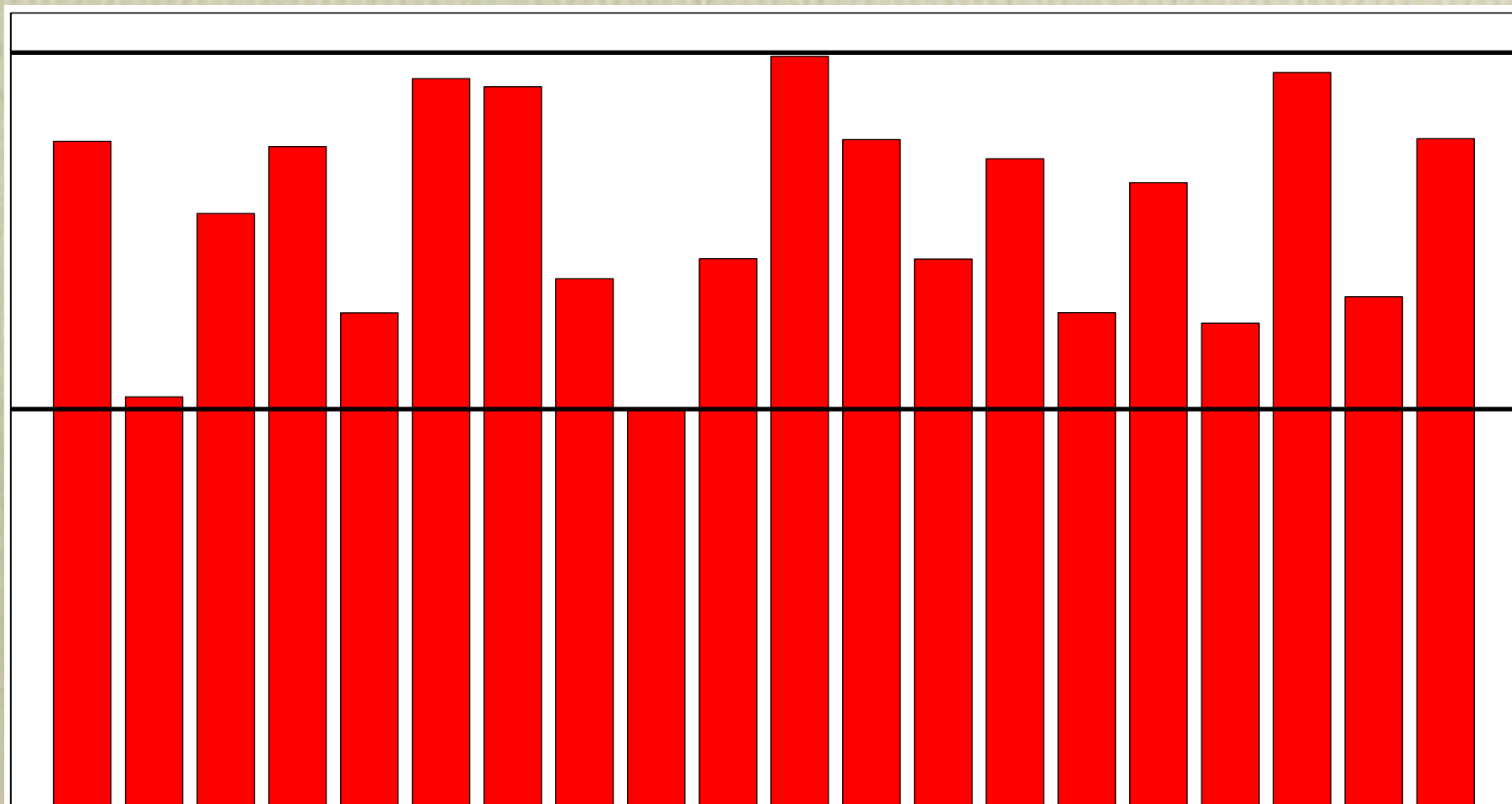
"Gosper's Glider Gun"



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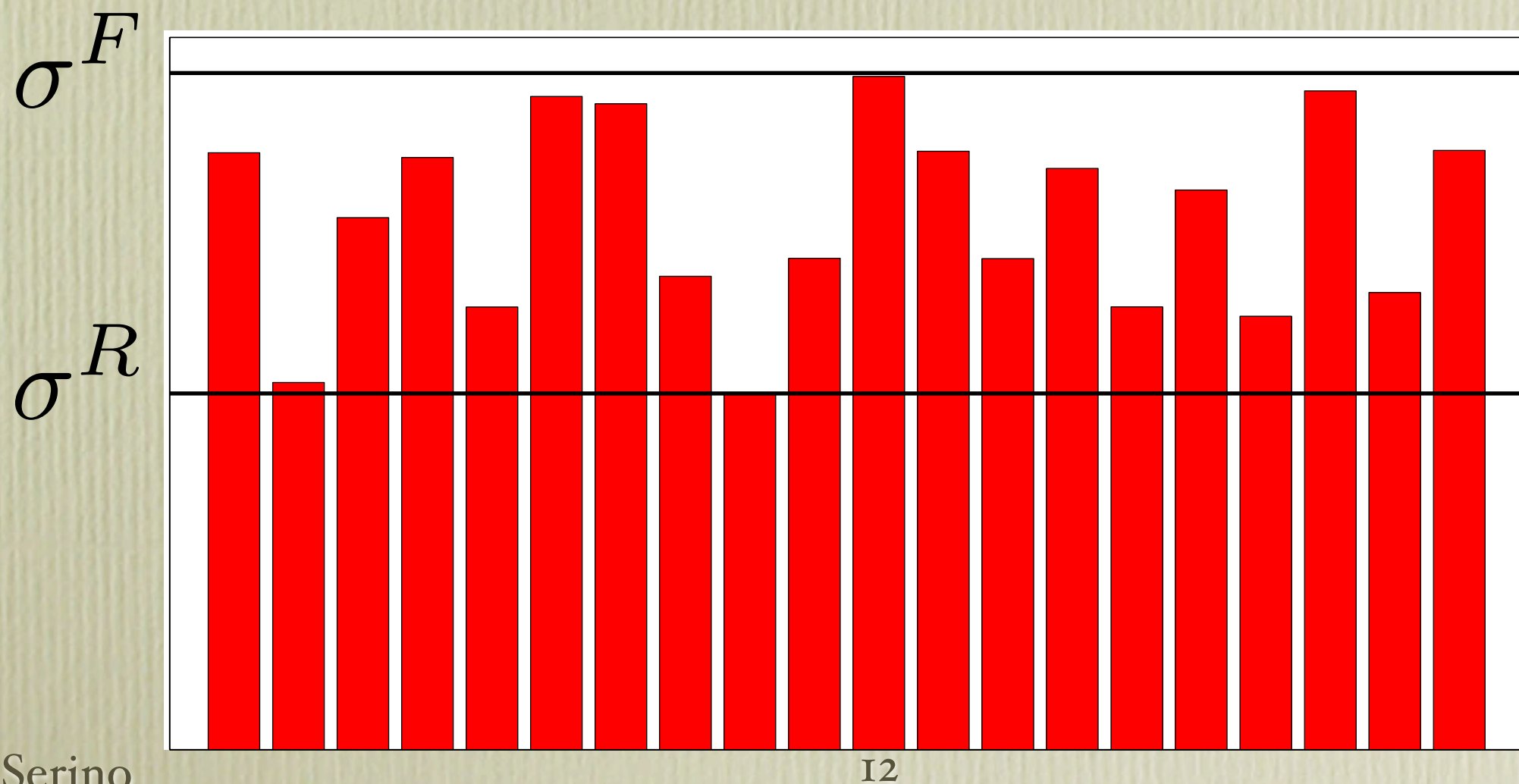
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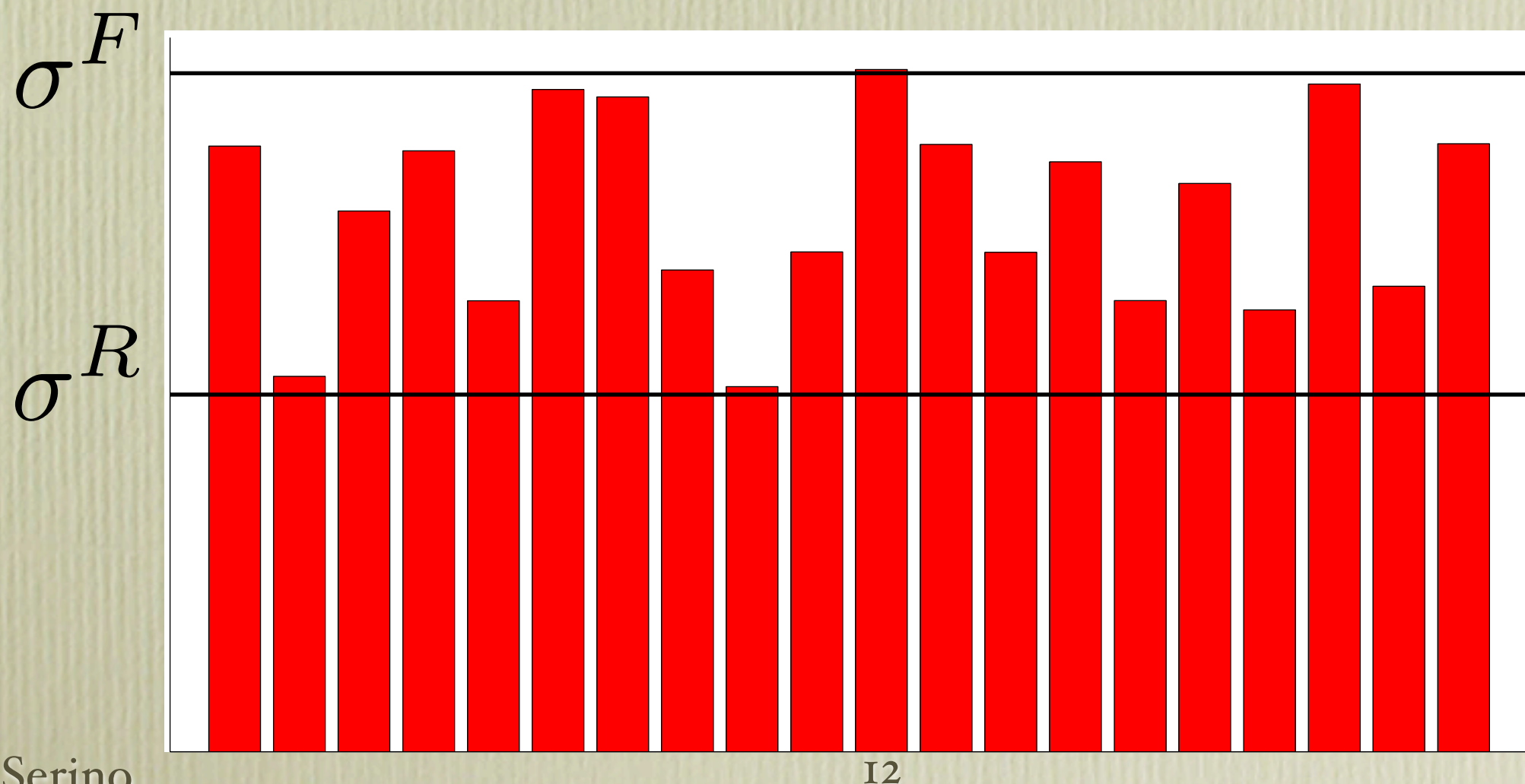
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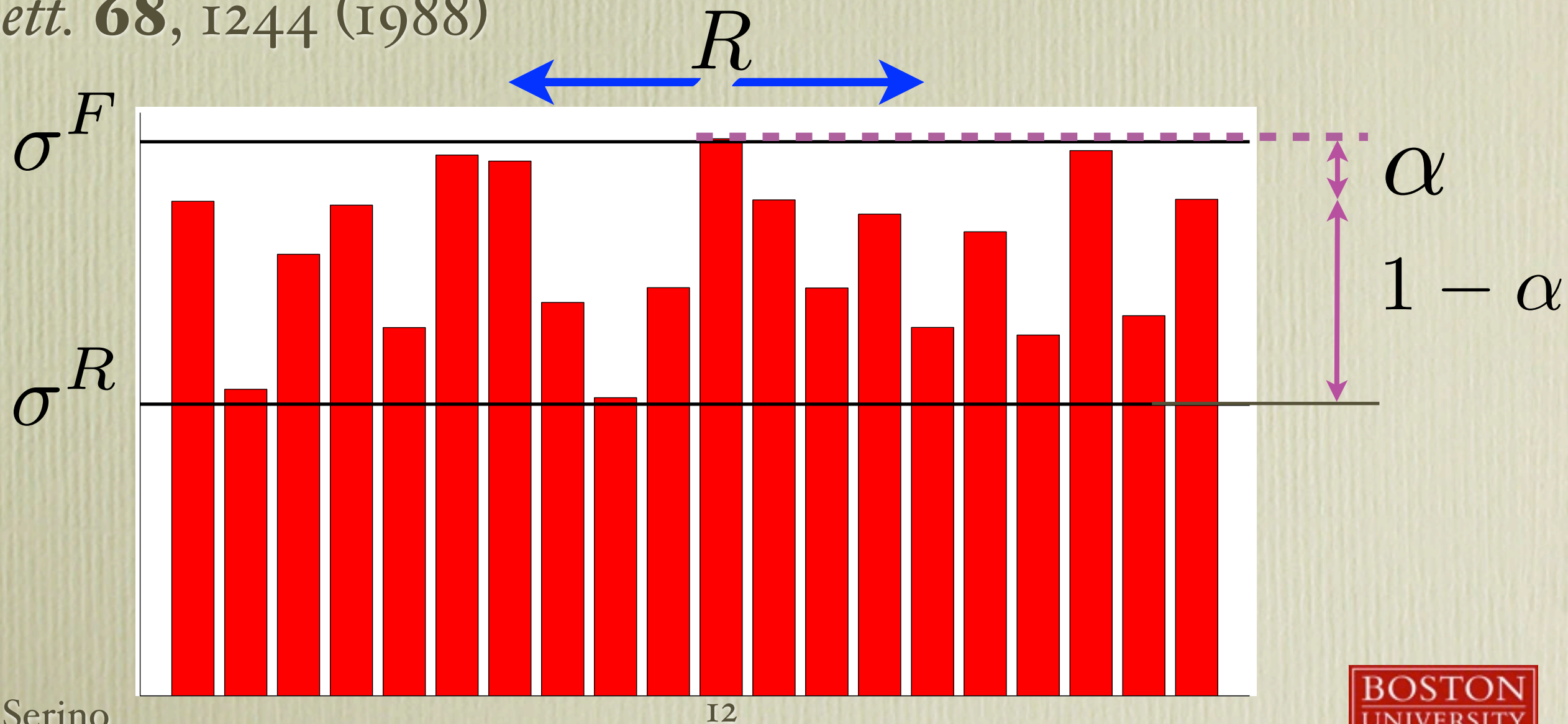
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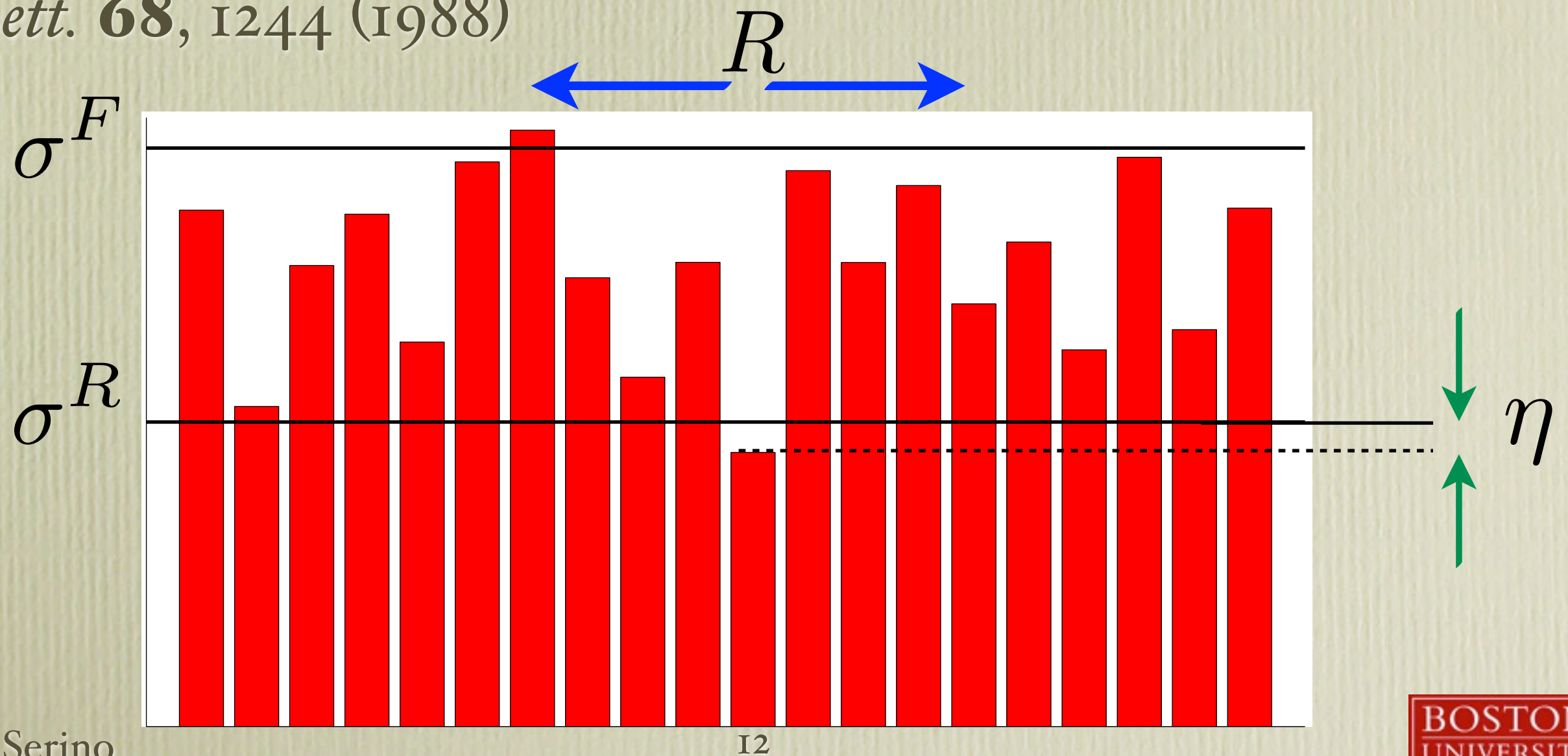
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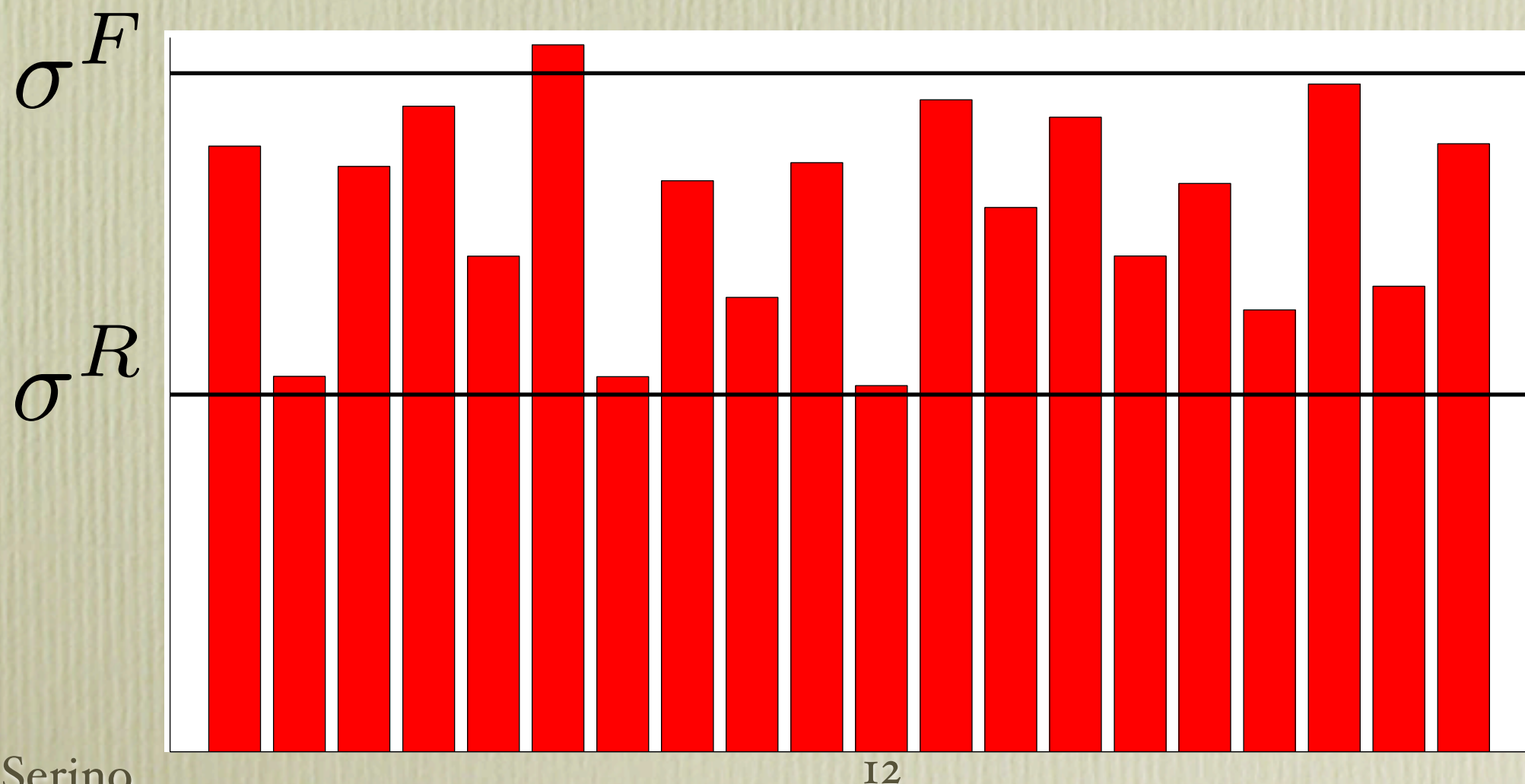
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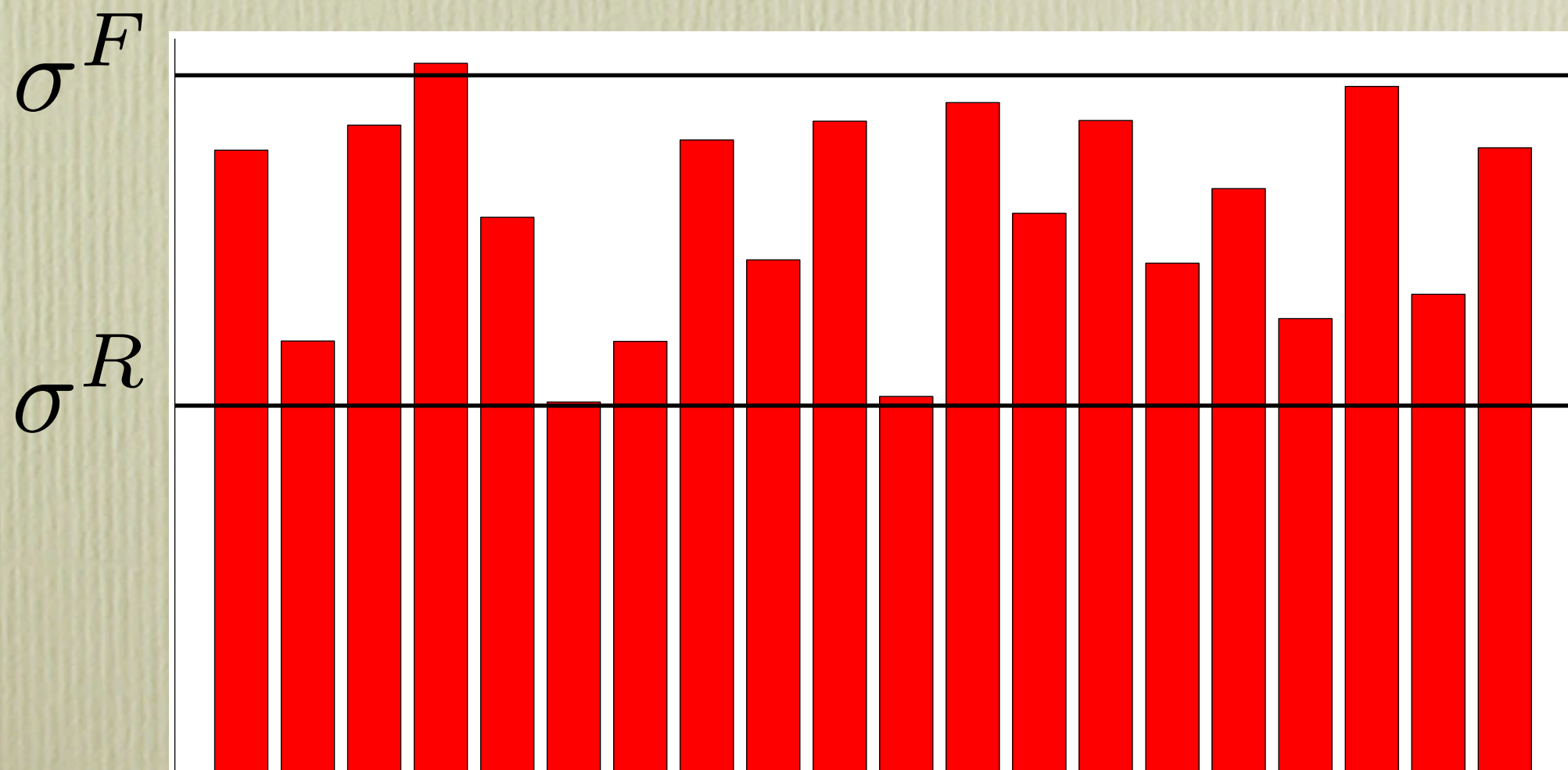
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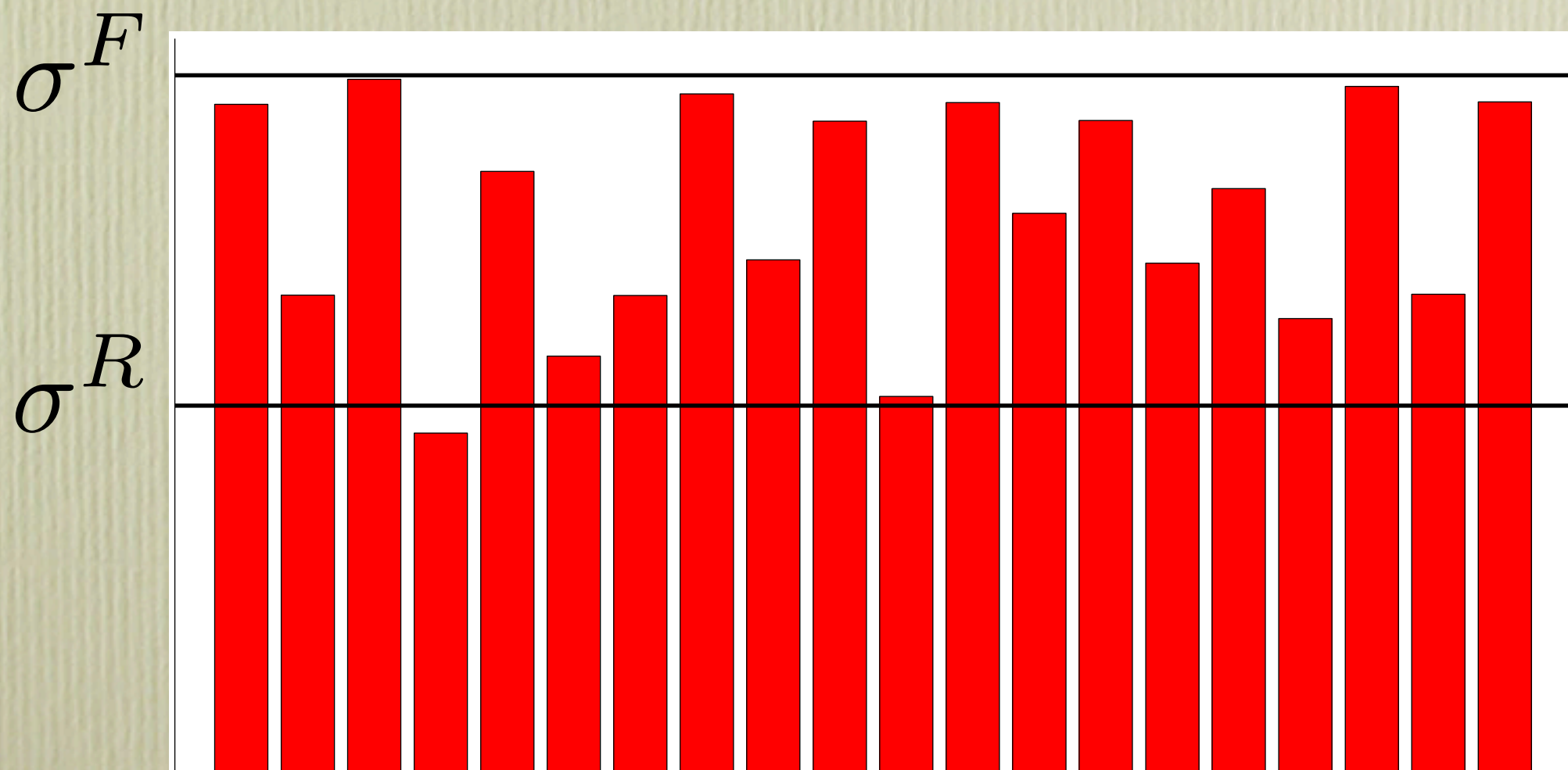
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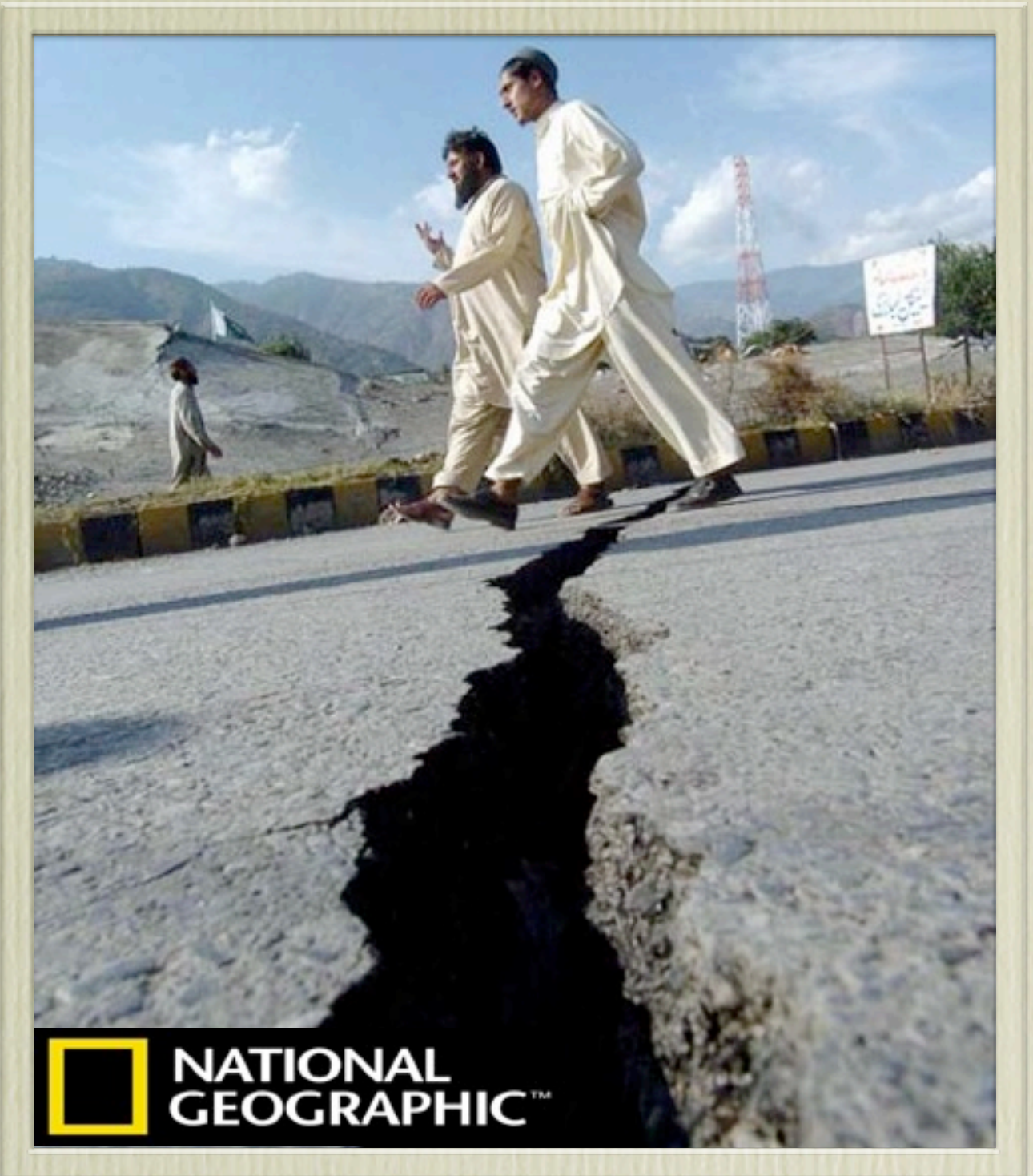
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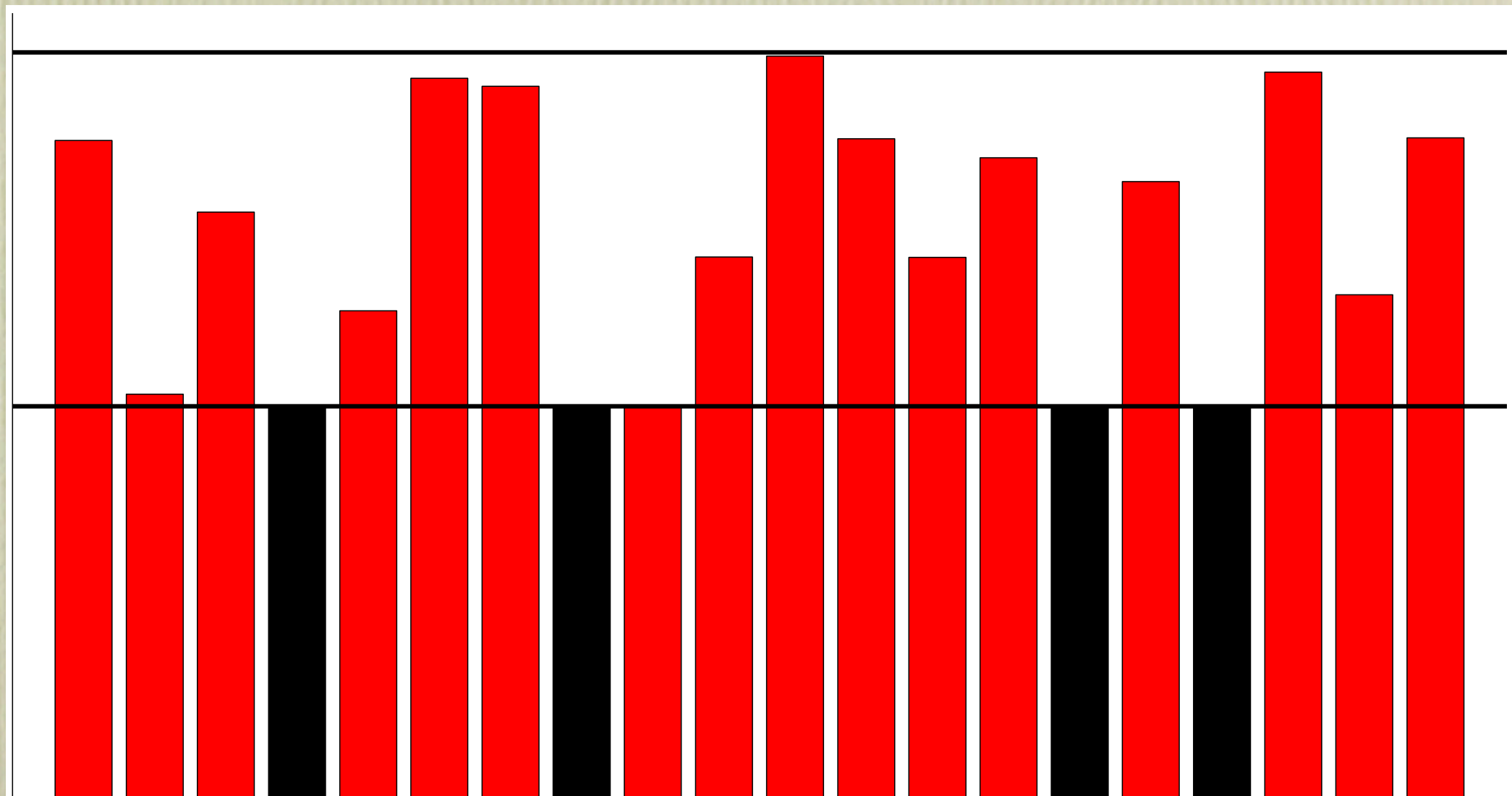
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“Sew” together these damaged or defected lattices (model faults) to create a fault system

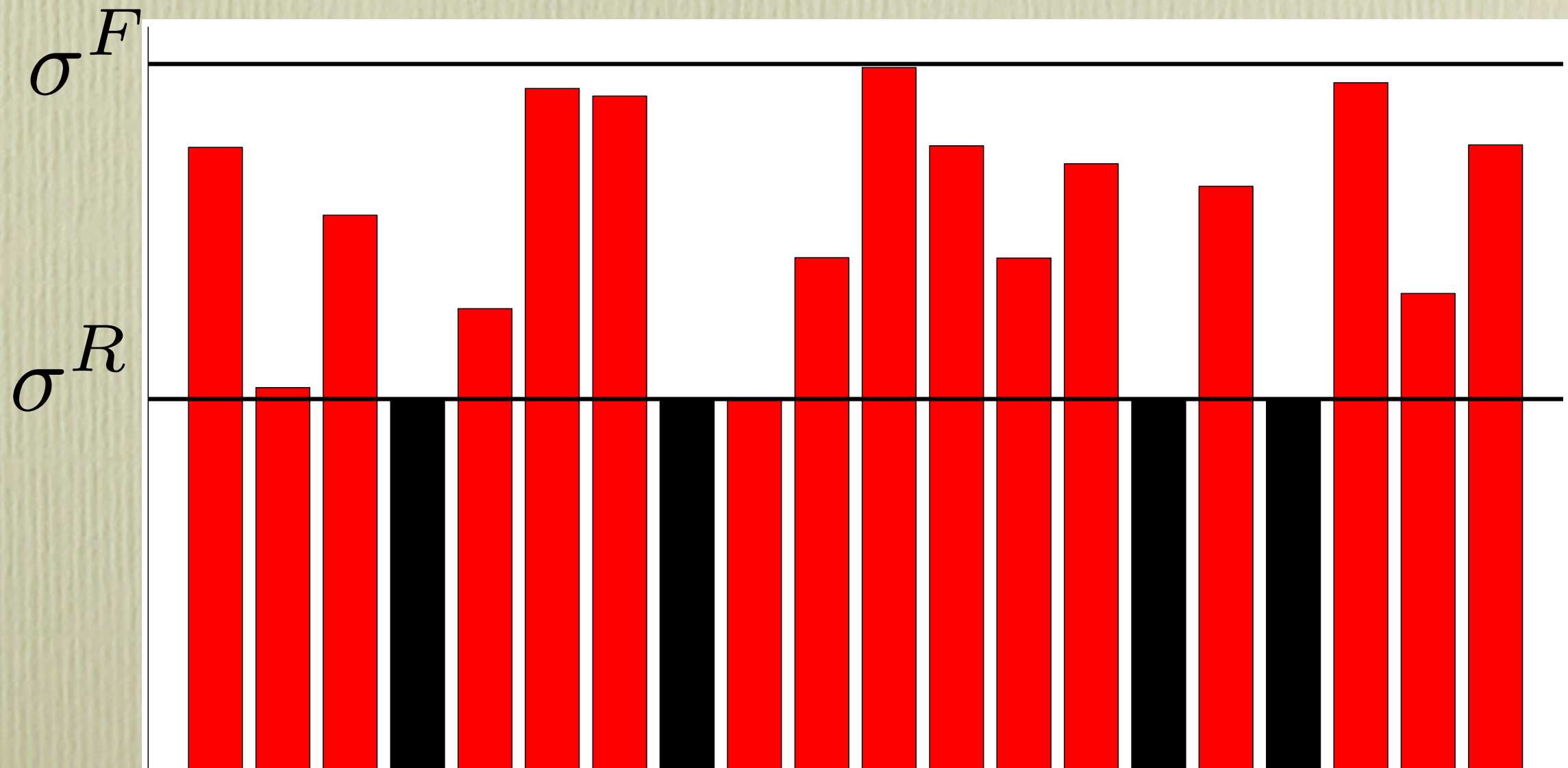
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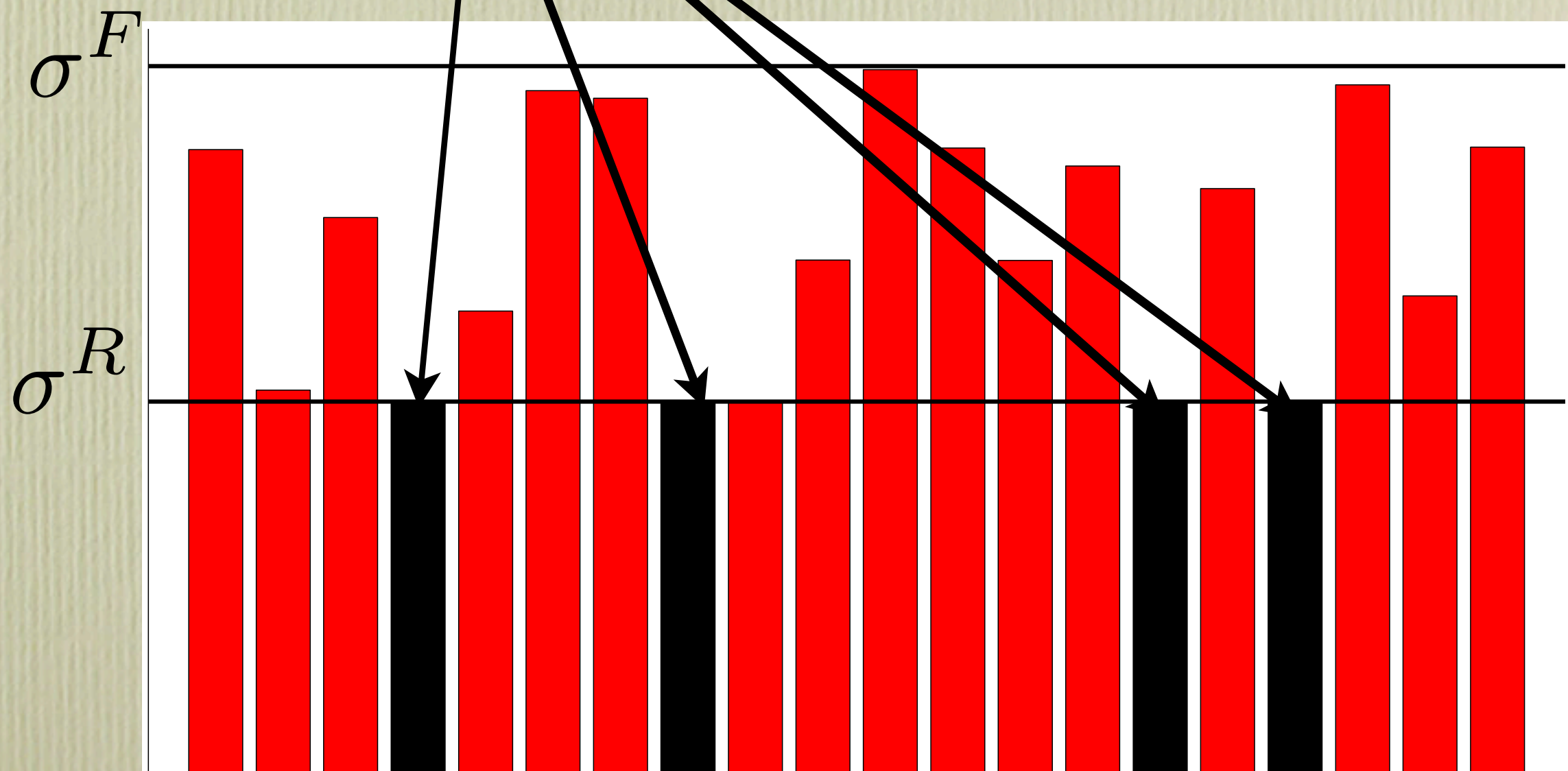
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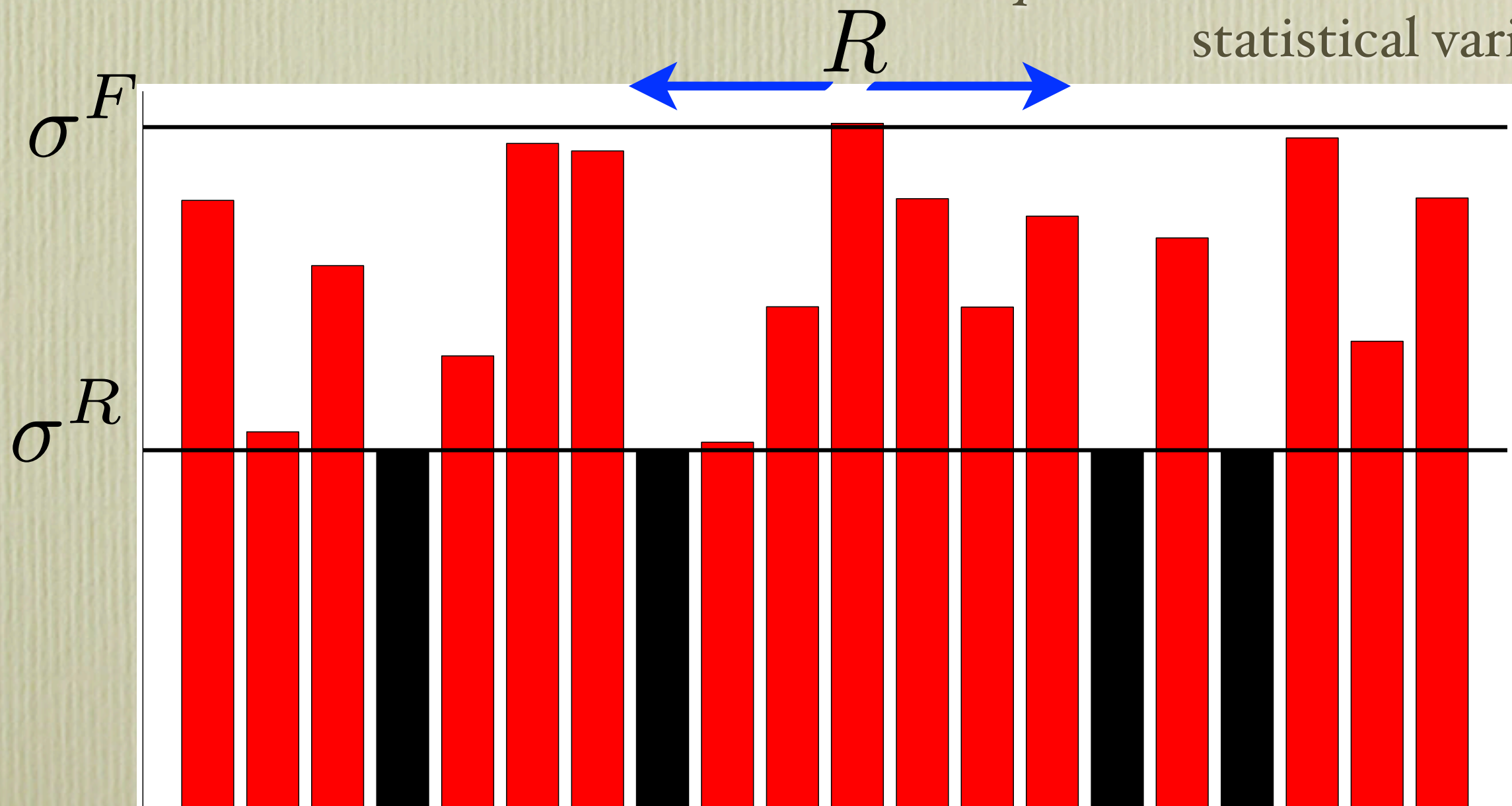
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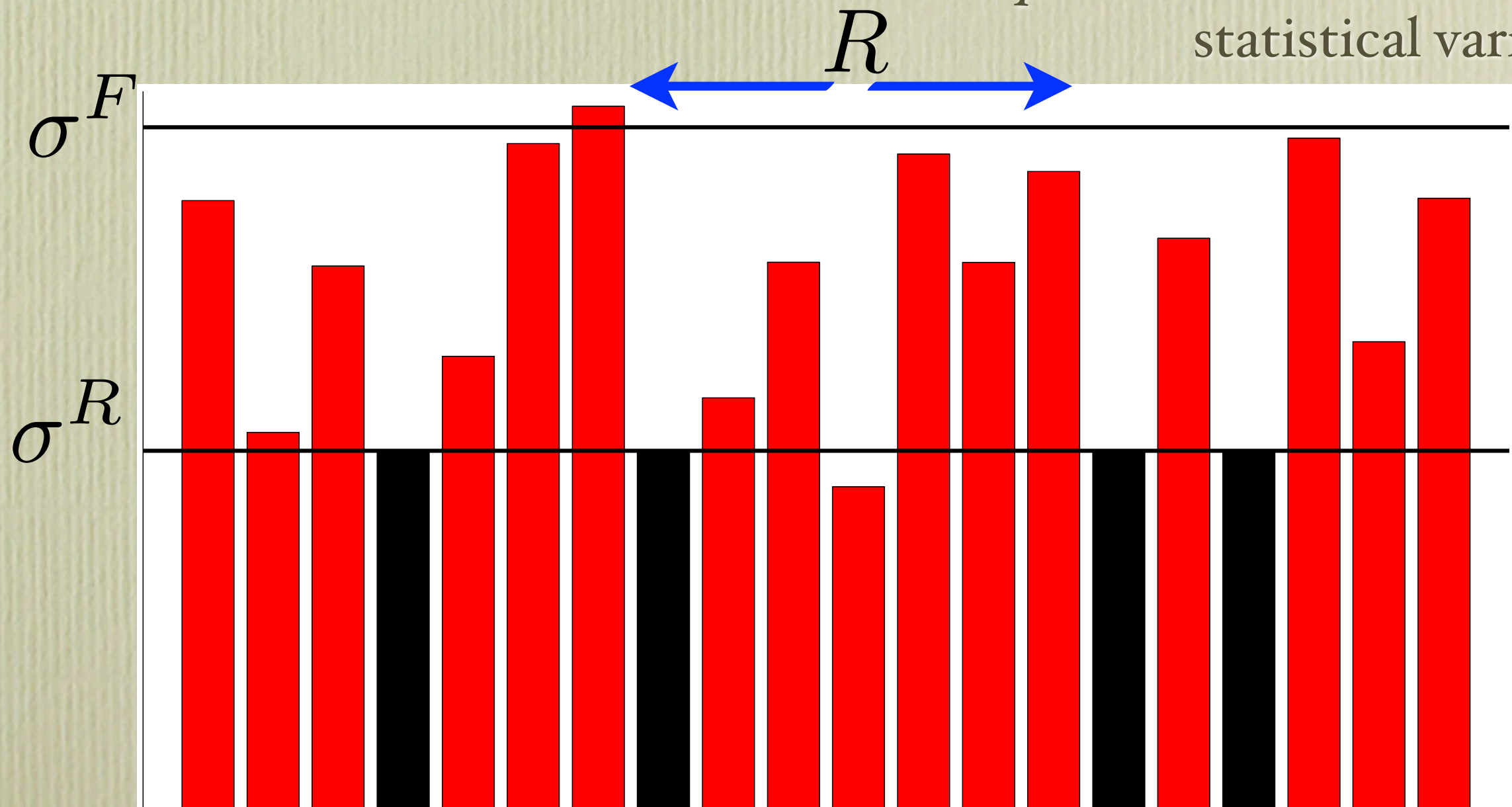
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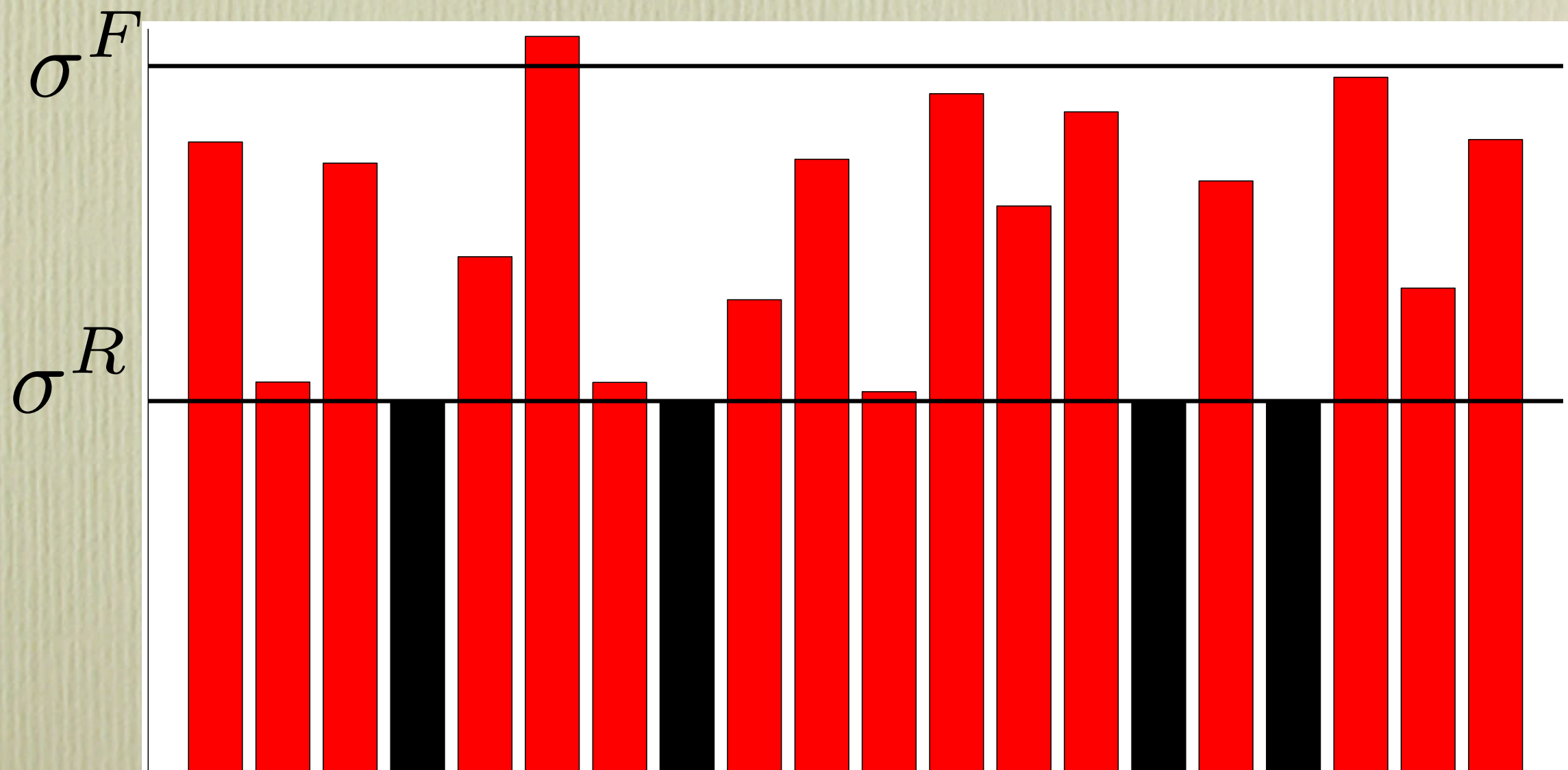
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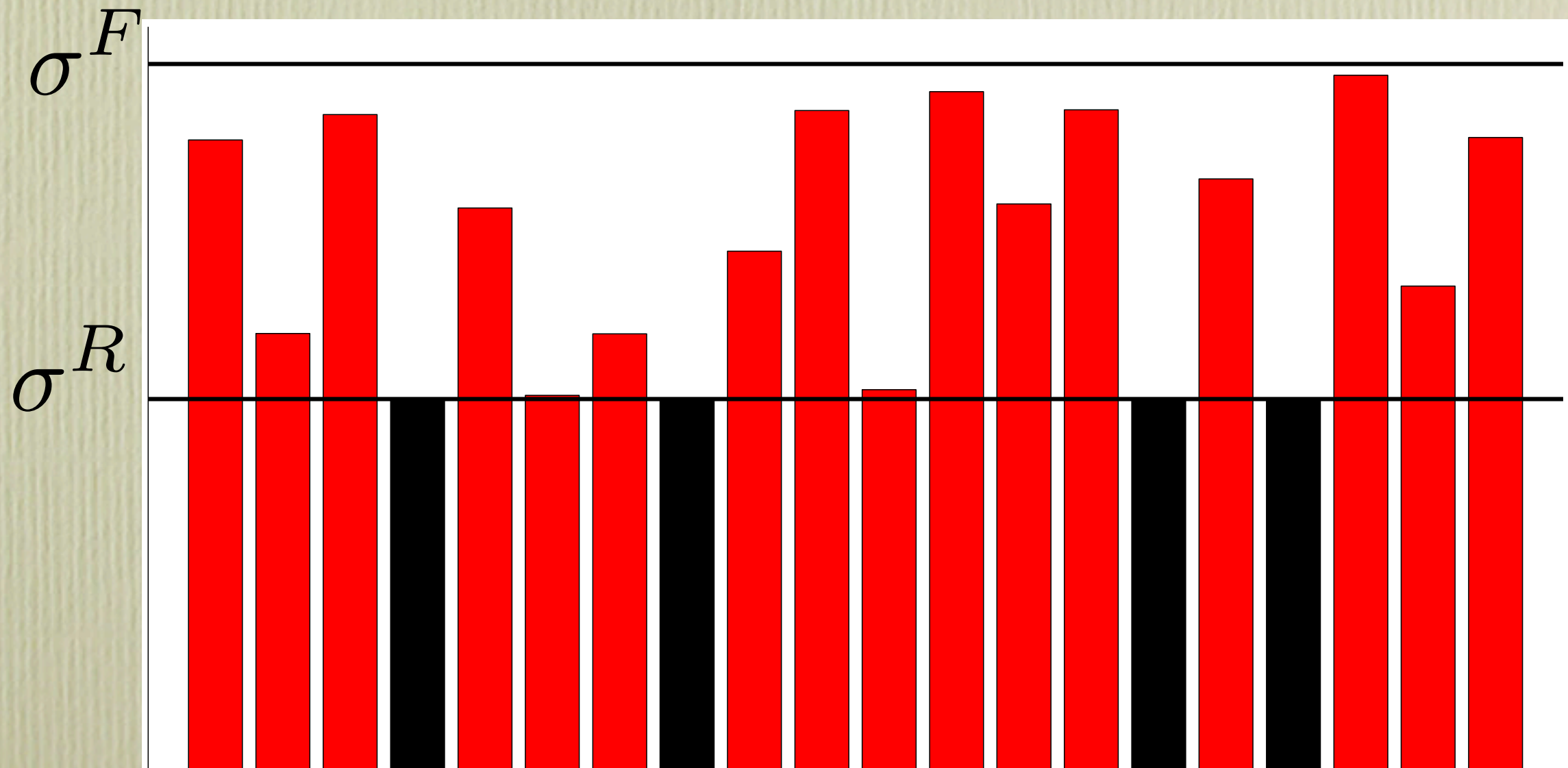
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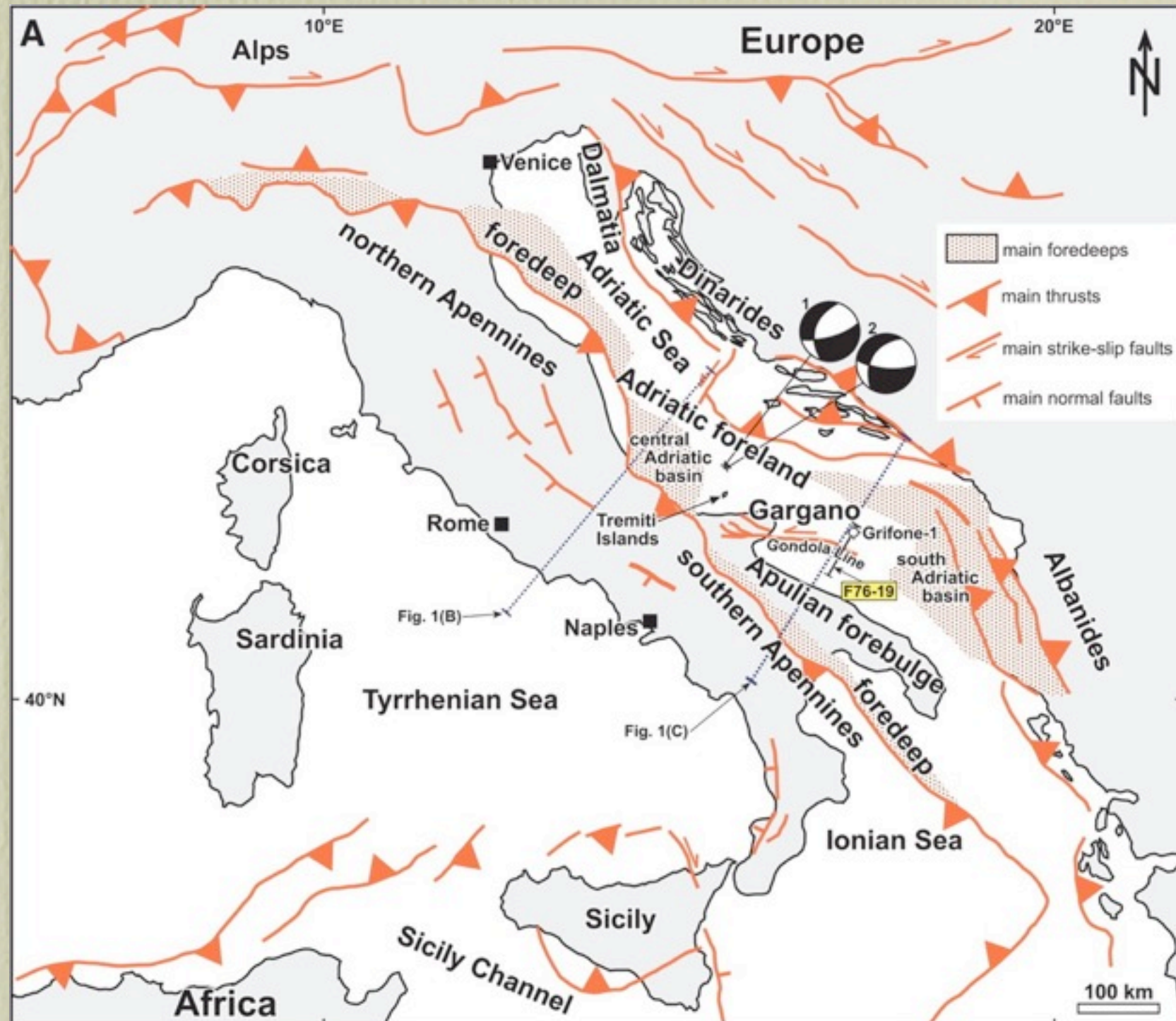
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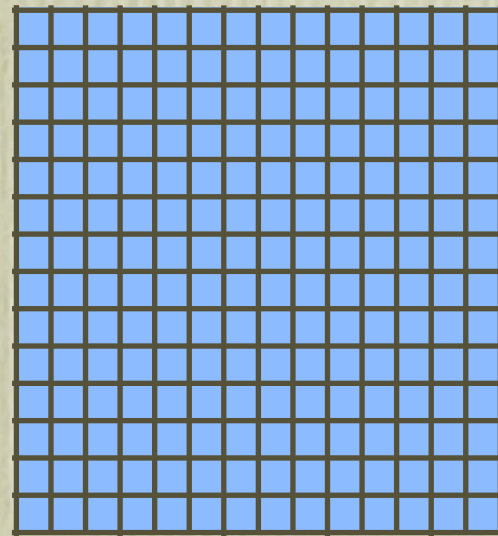
- Different elevation
- Different soils types
- Different geometries
- Irregular spacing
- In general, complicated

See, for example, Tiampo *et. al.*
Euro. Phys. Lett. **60**, 481 (2002) &
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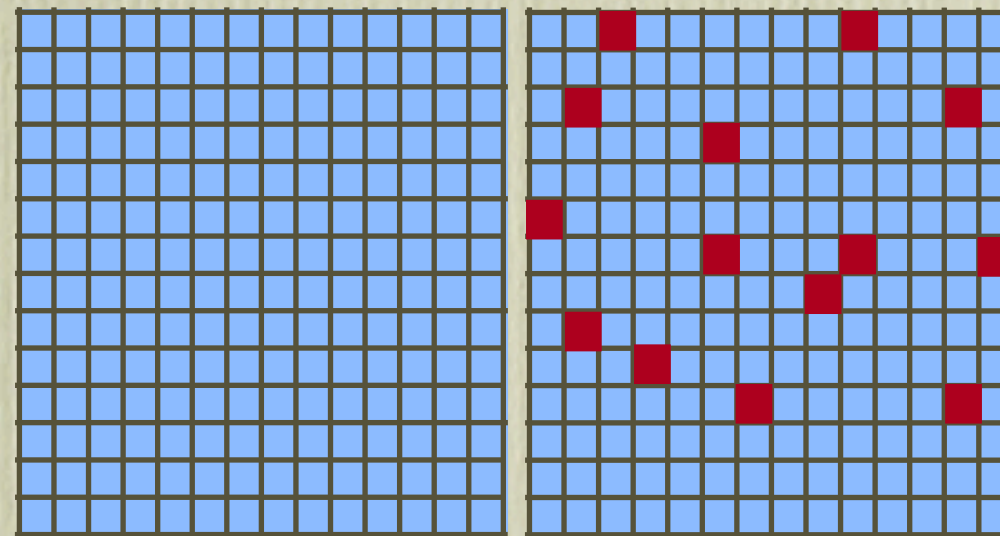


[A. Billi *et al.* *Geosphere* **3**, 1 (2007)]

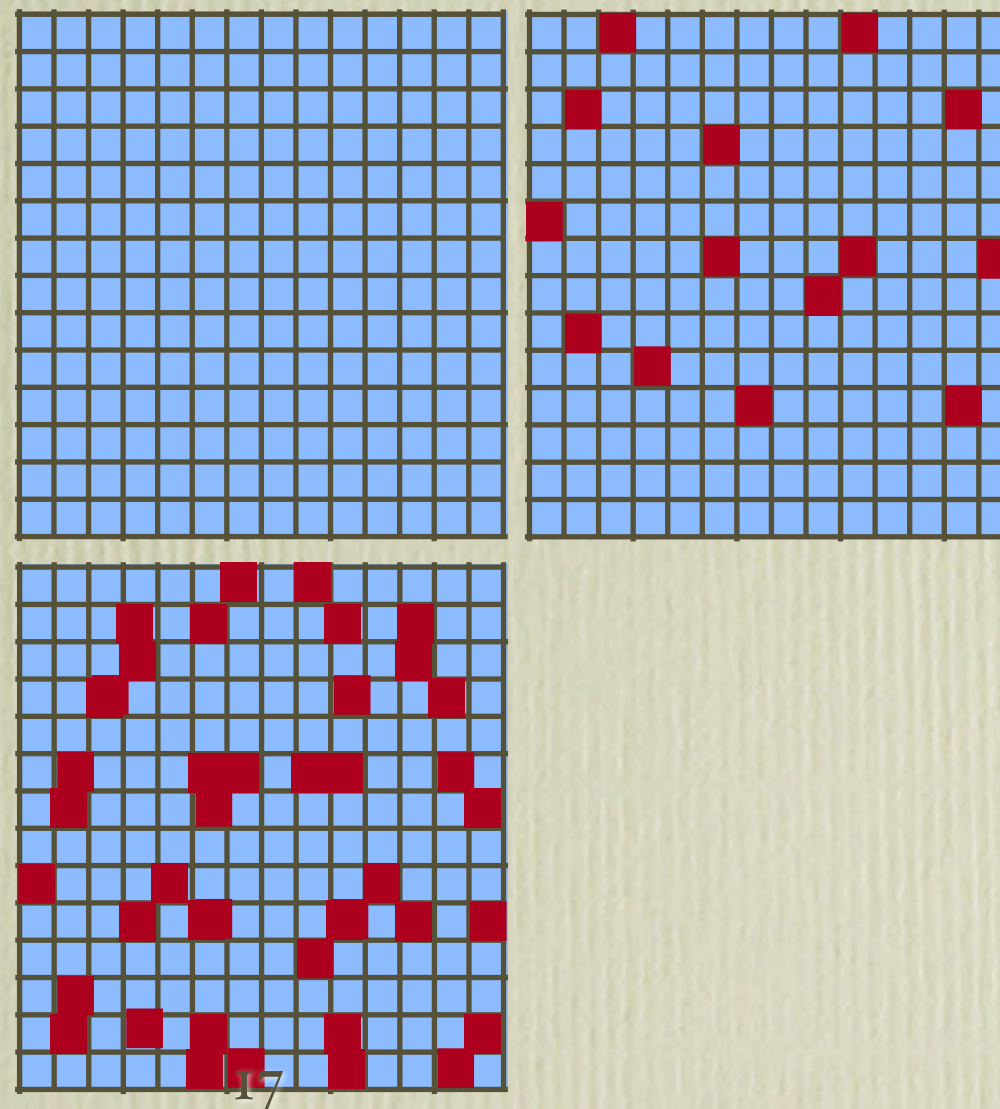
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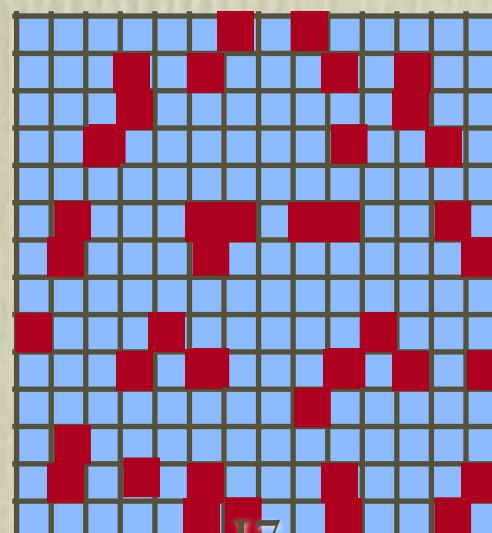
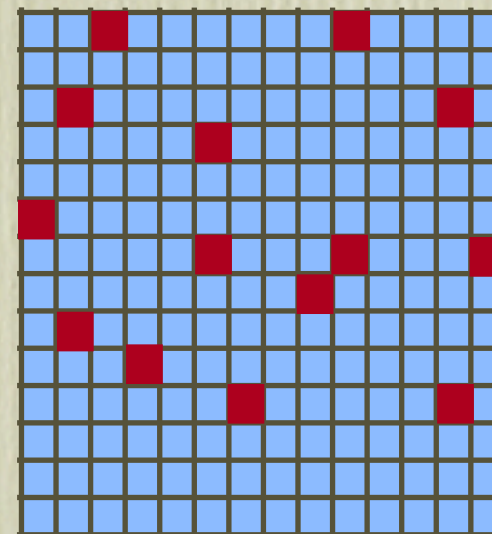
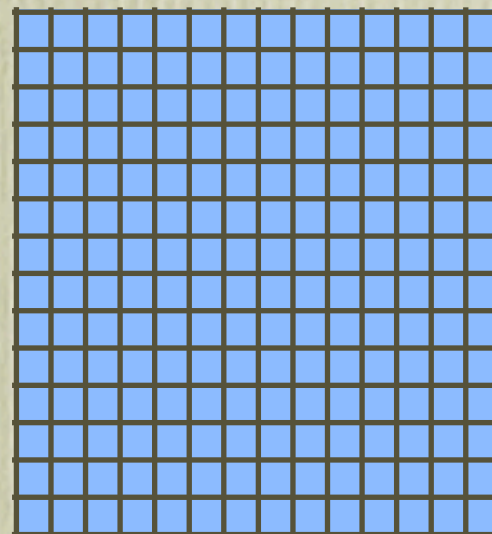
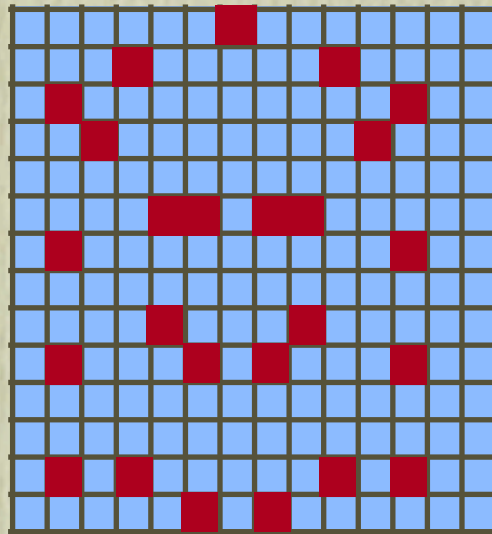
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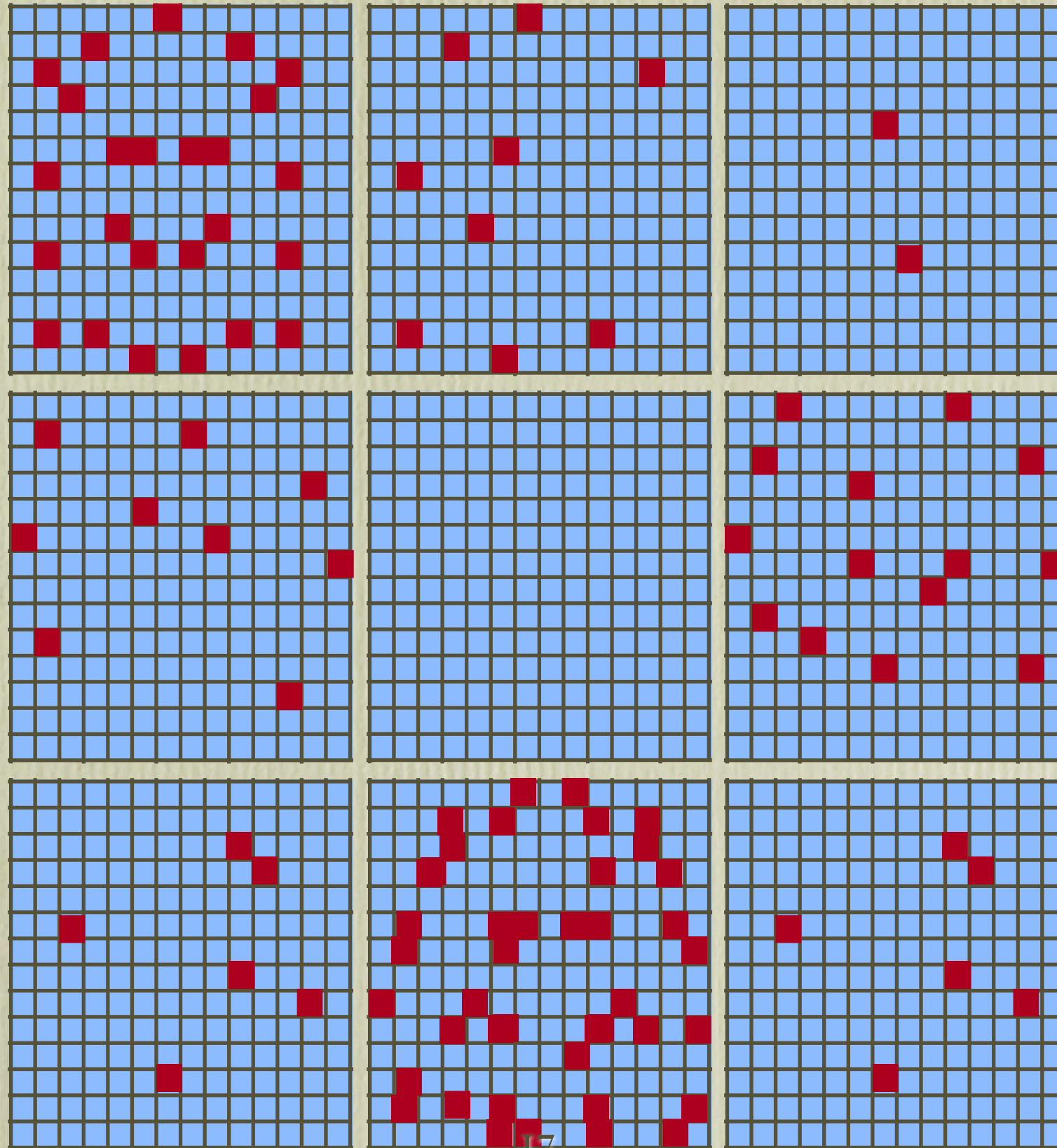
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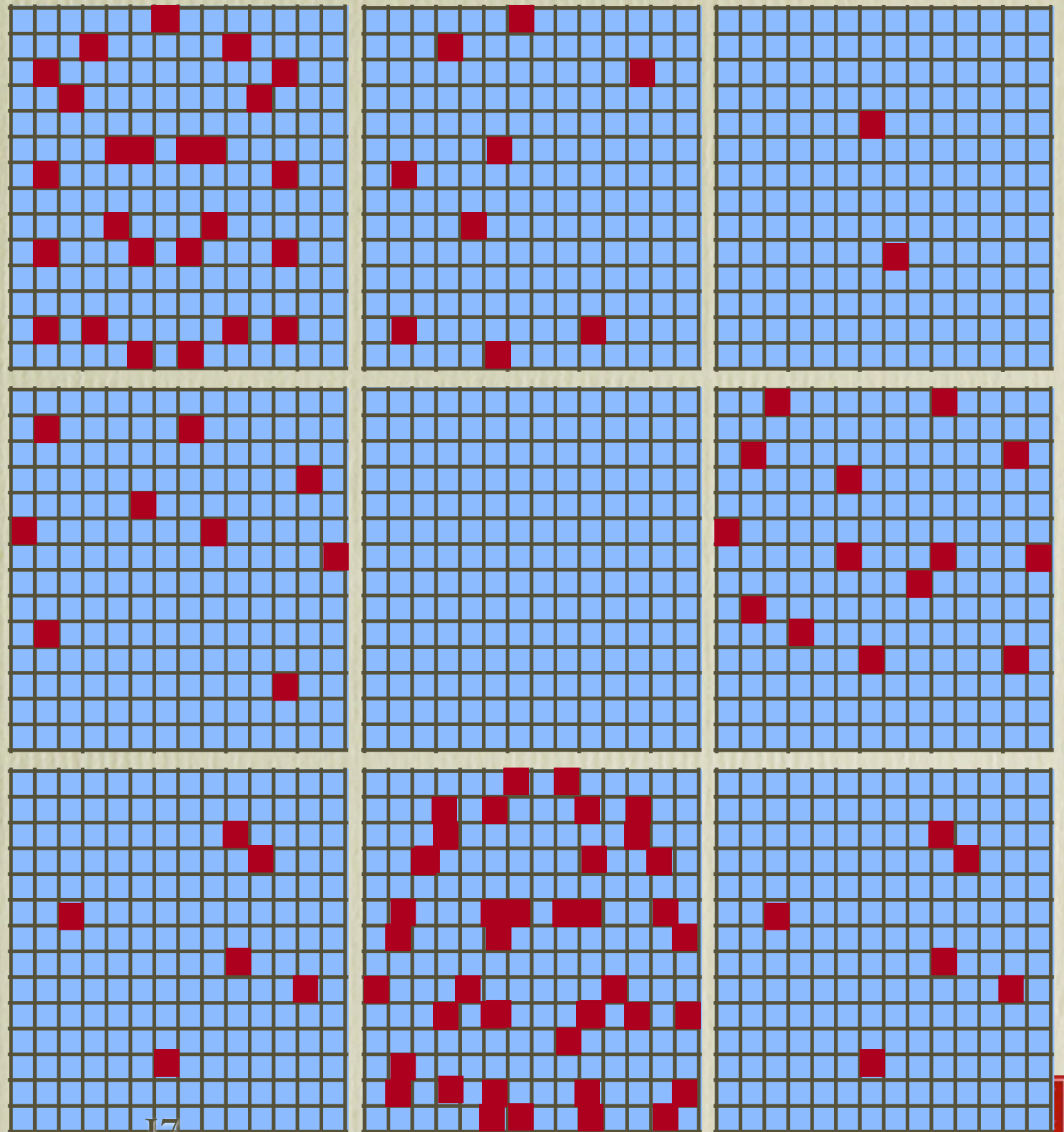


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- To simulate a fault system, we include *many* faults.
- This is not computationally feasible.
- Instead we work in the limit where the linear size of the fault diverges and, thus, fault-fault interactions can be neglected.
- We can now simulate a single fault and average the data post-simulation.

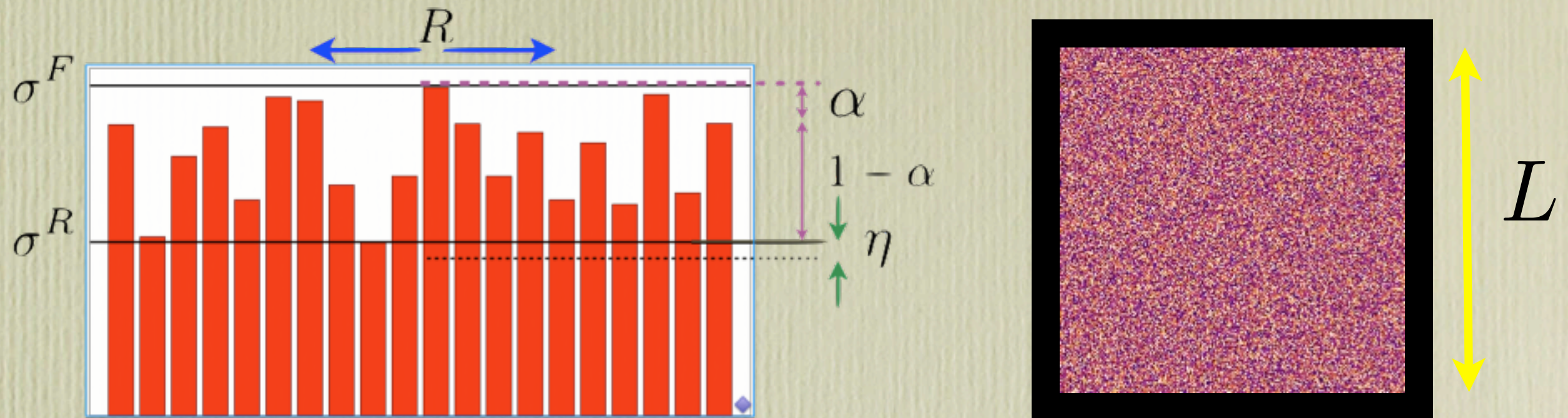


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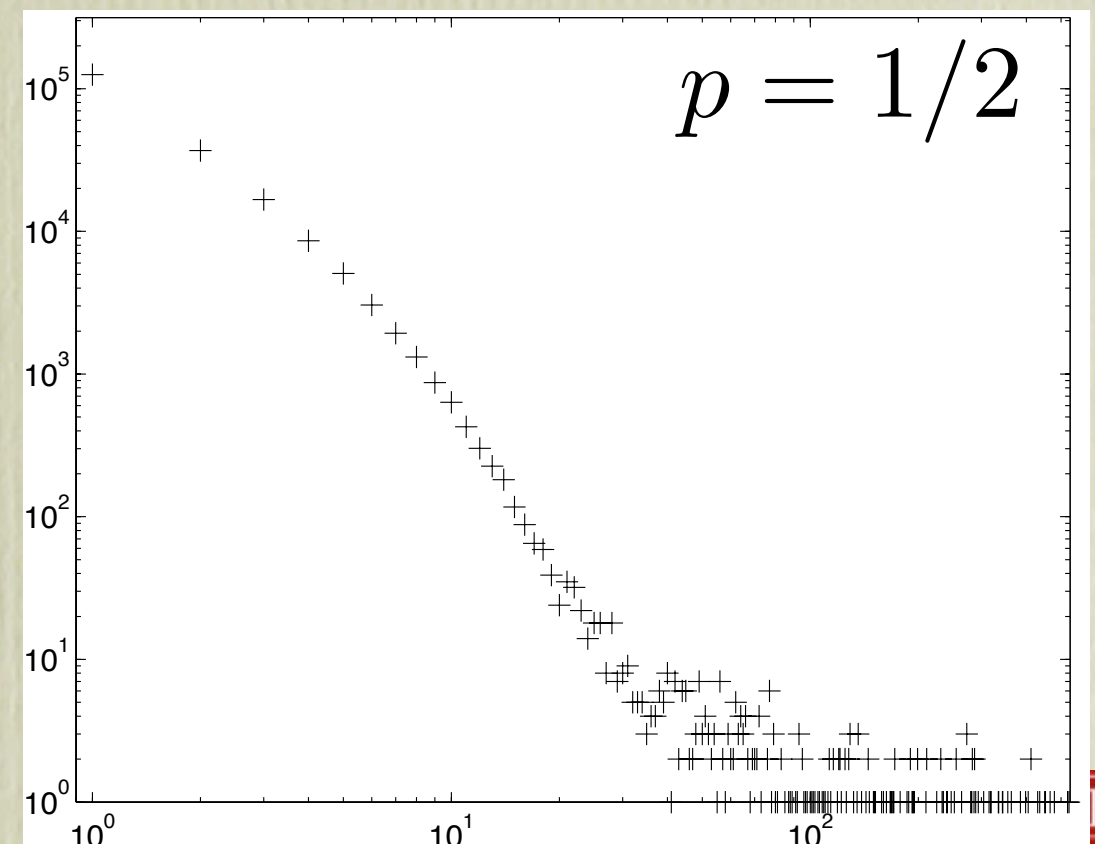
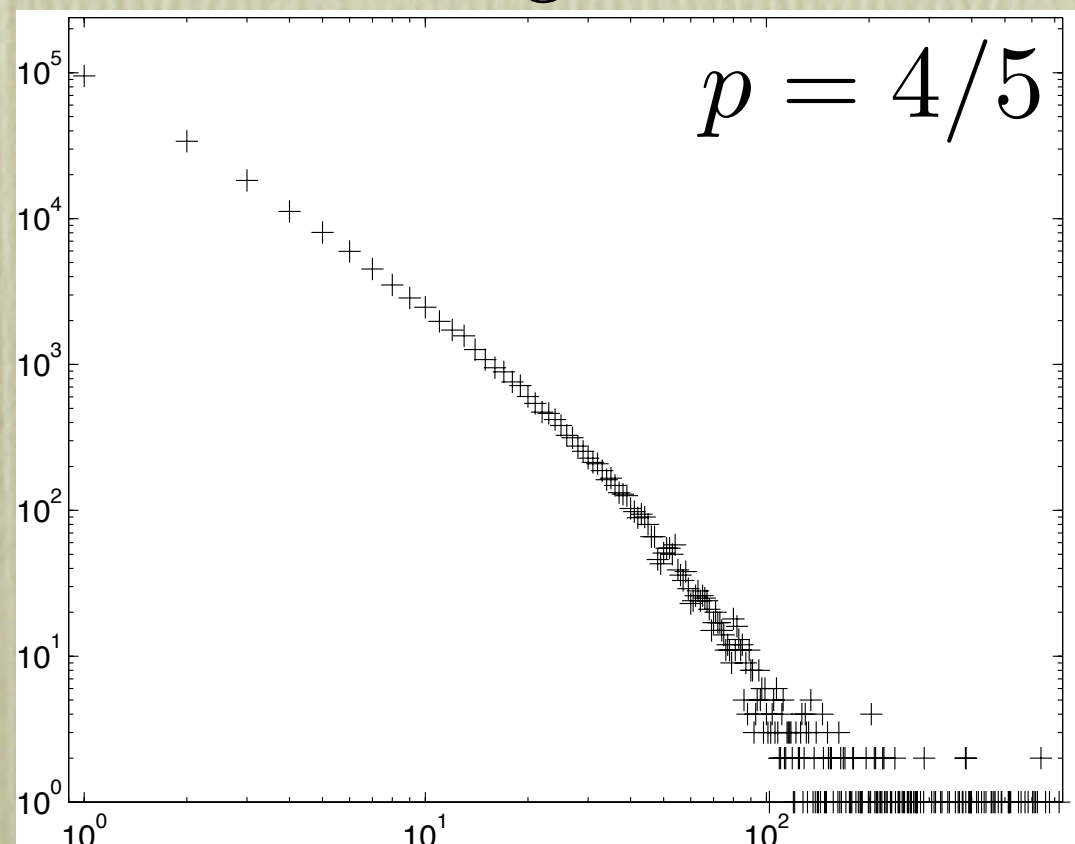
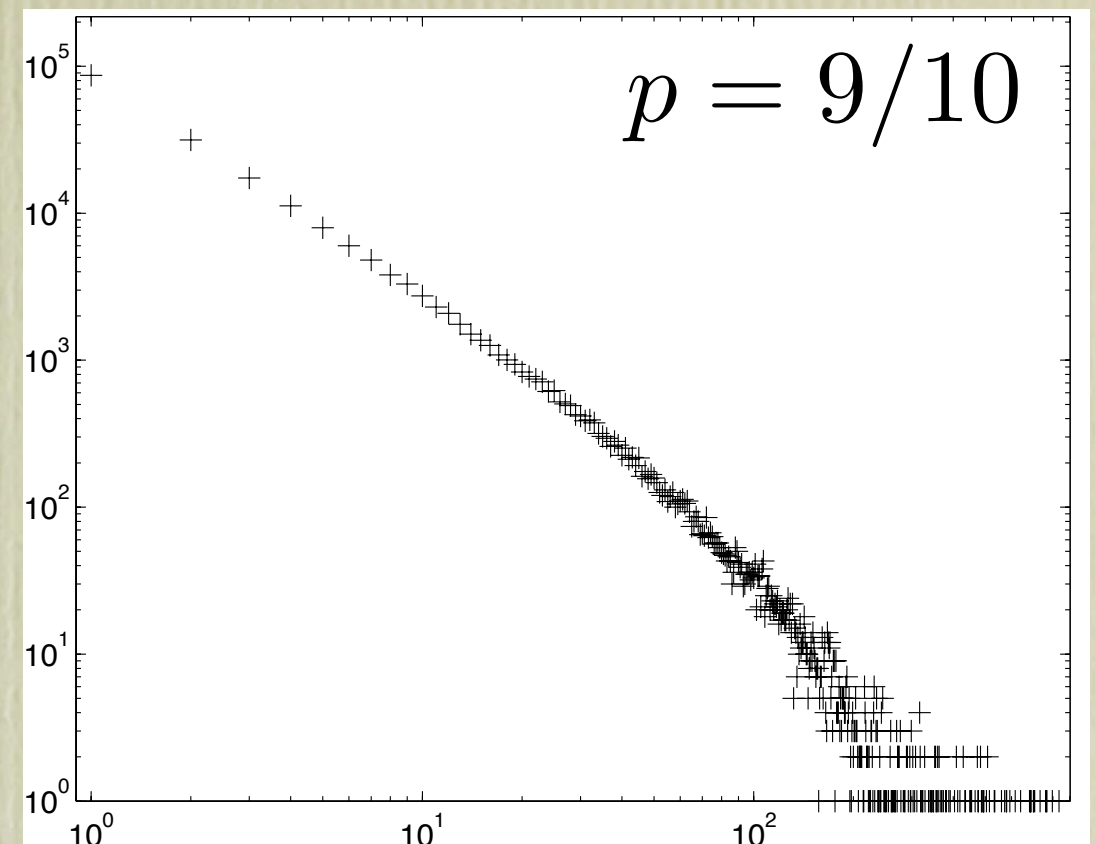
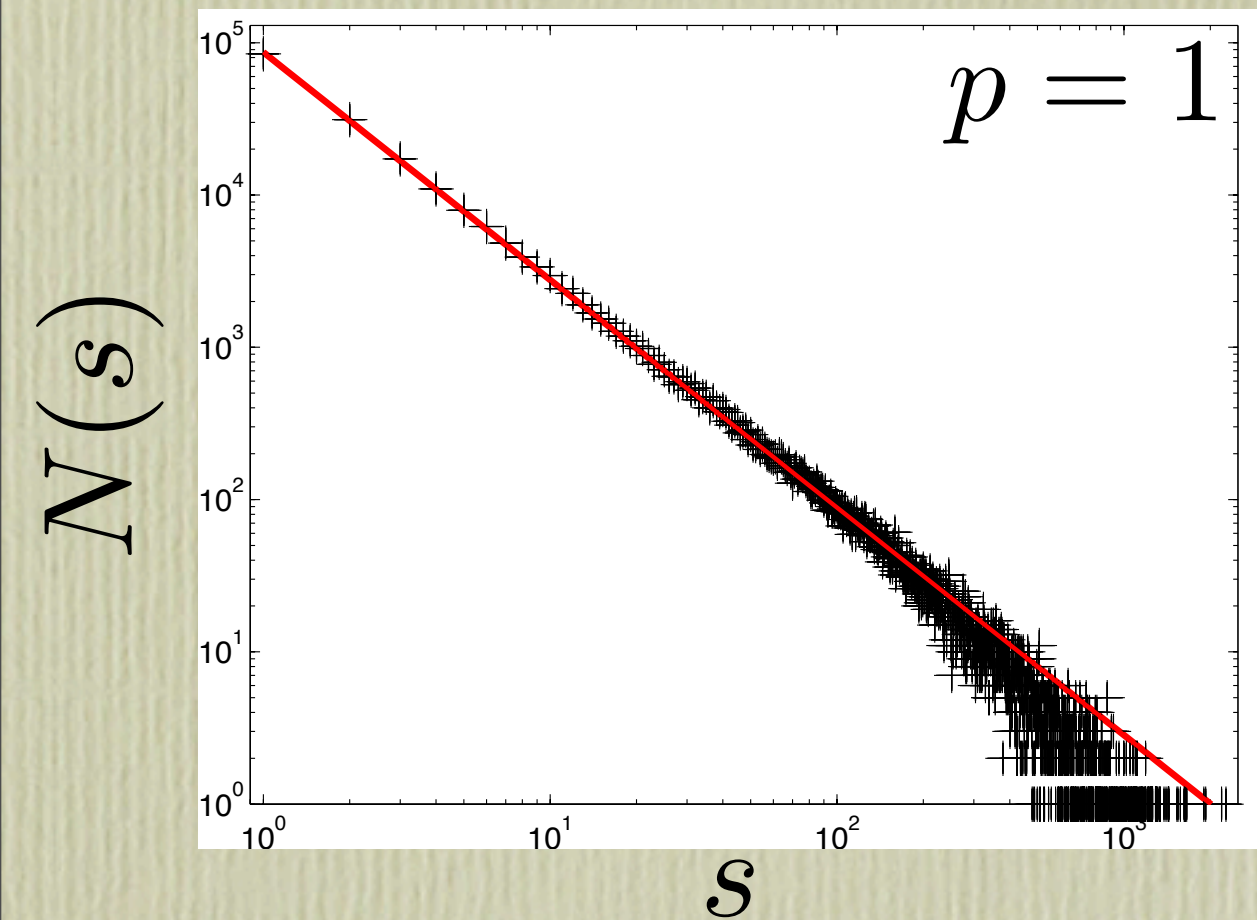
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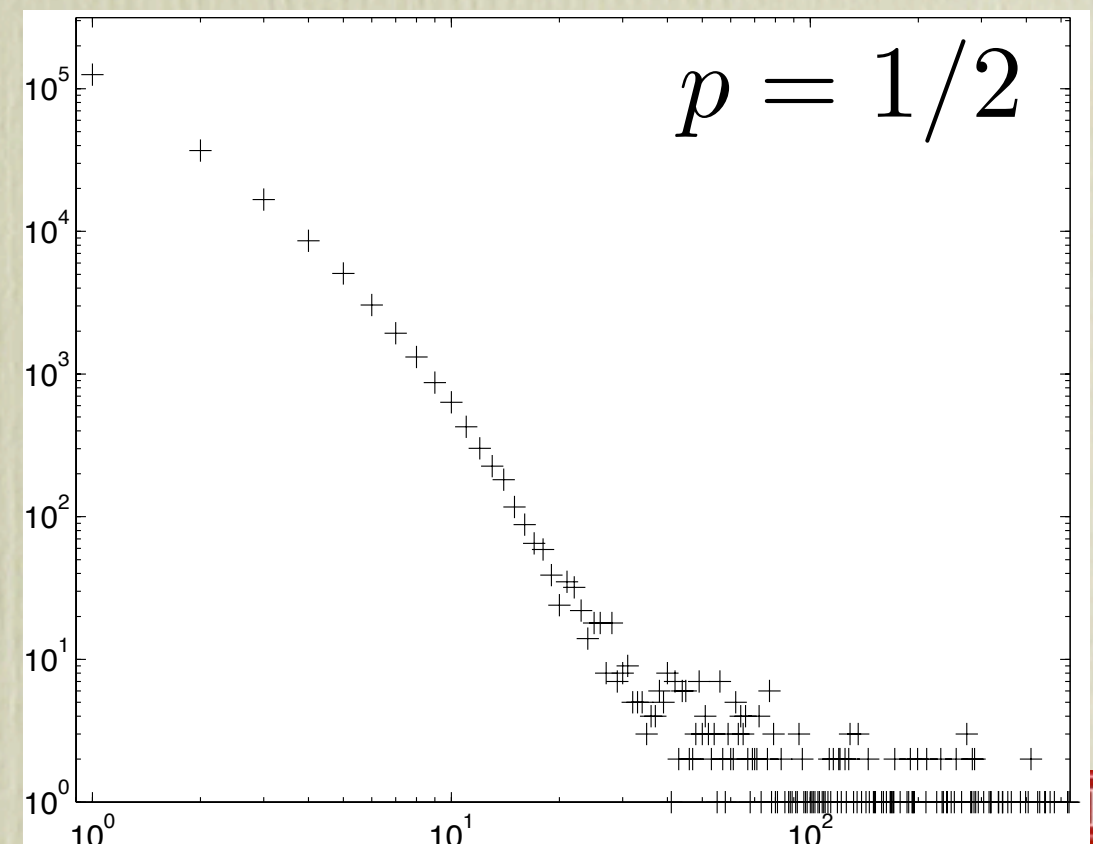
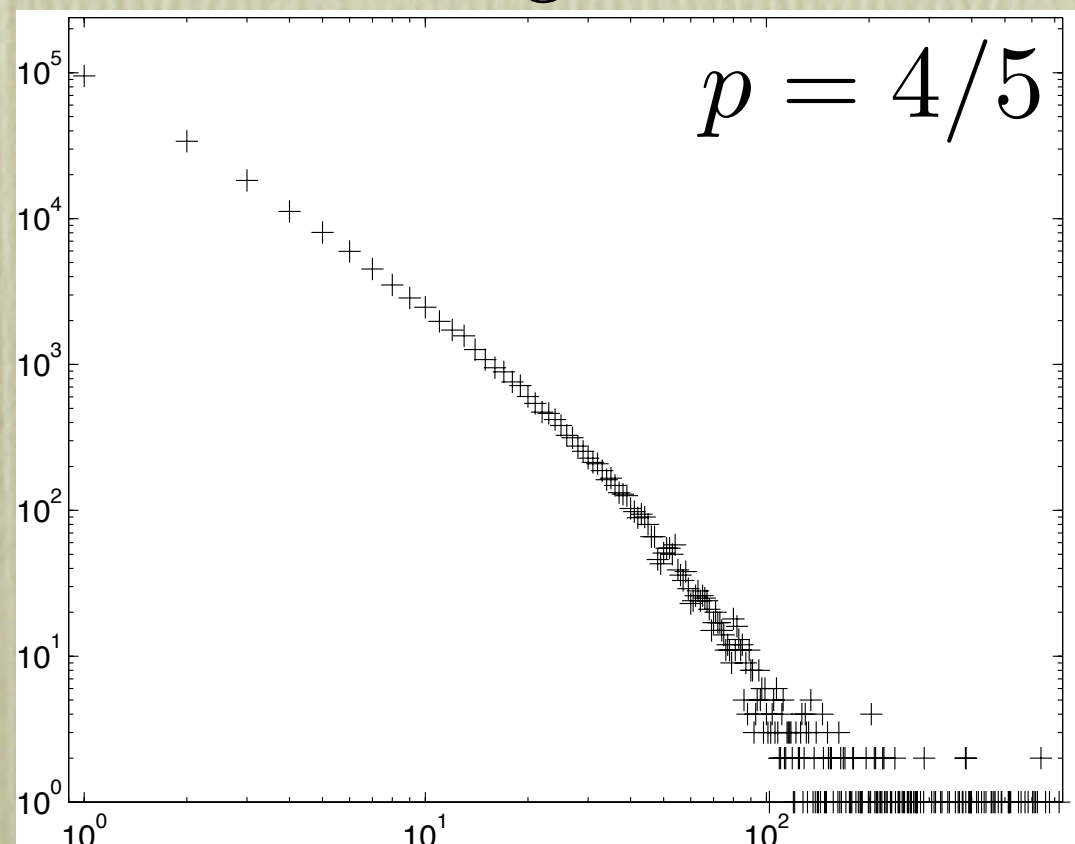
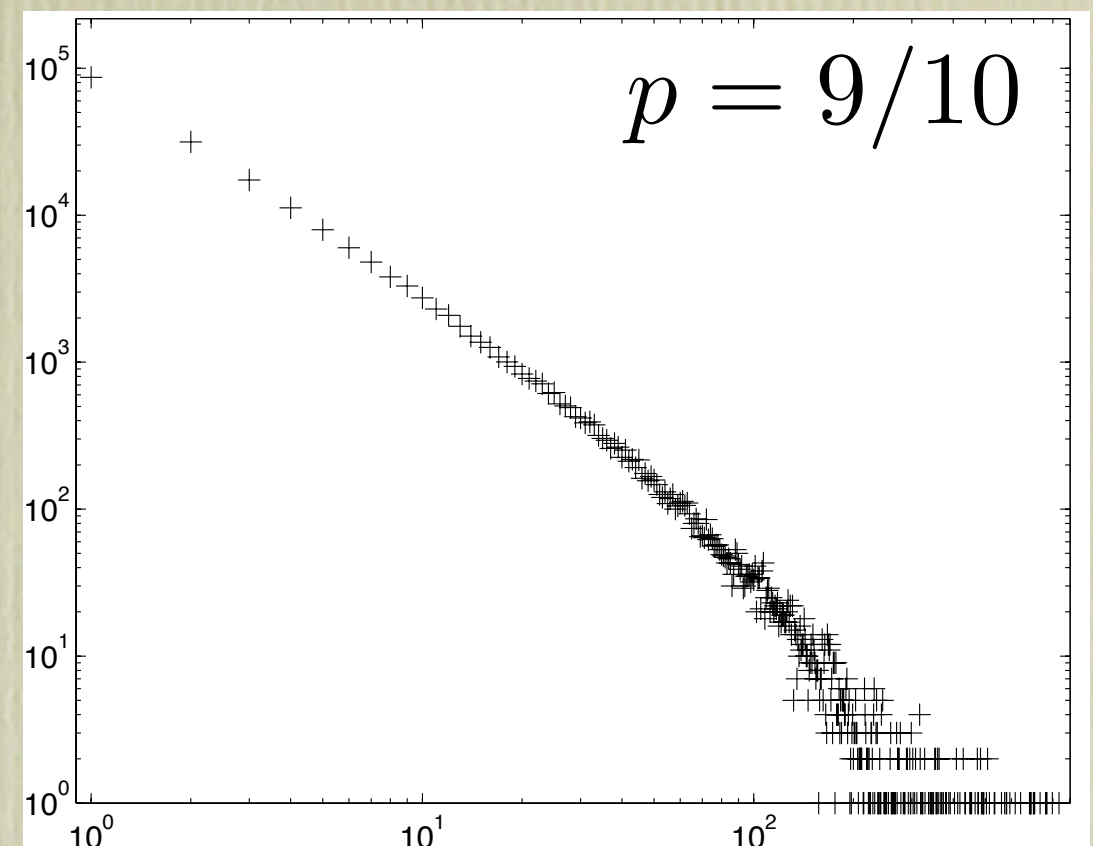
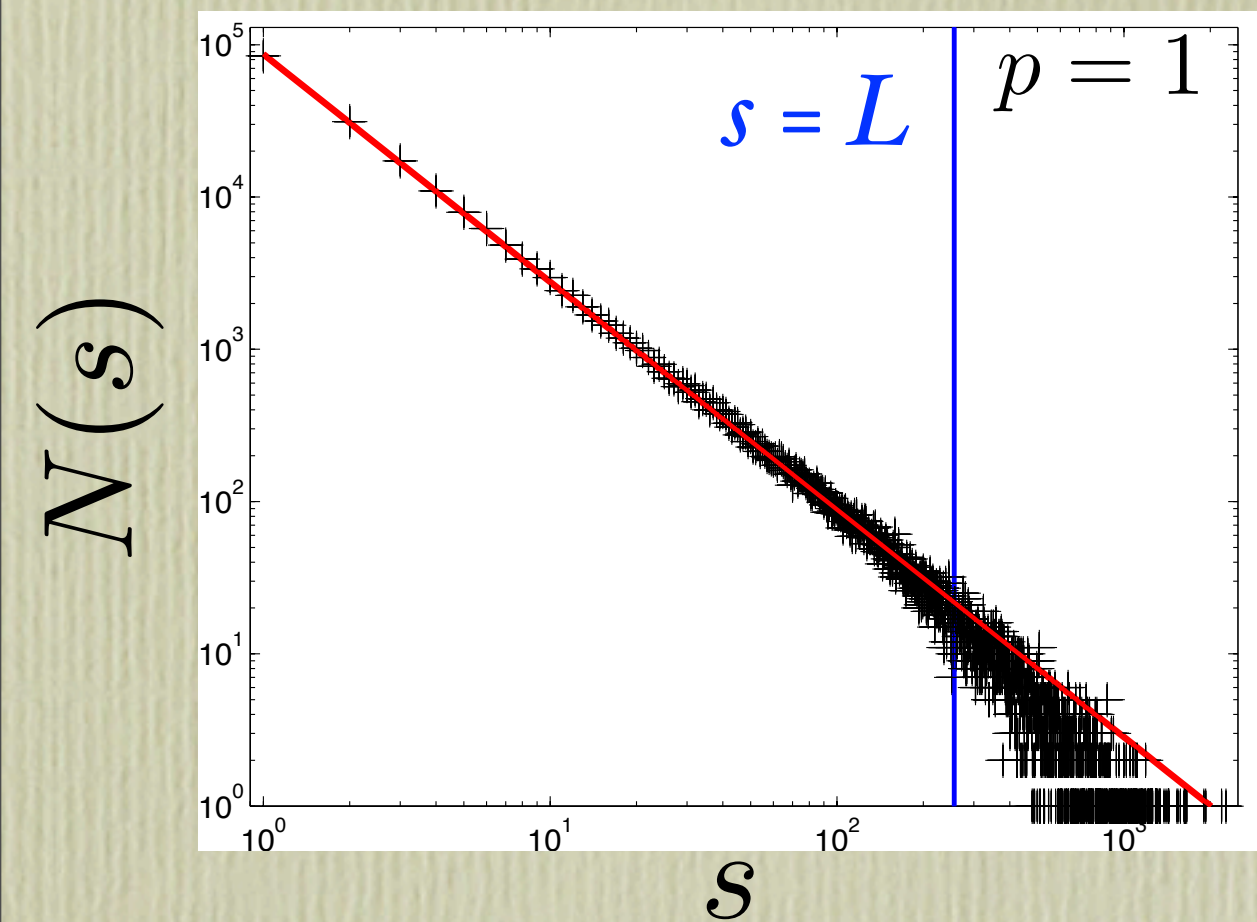
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(flat random on $[0.9, 1.1]$)

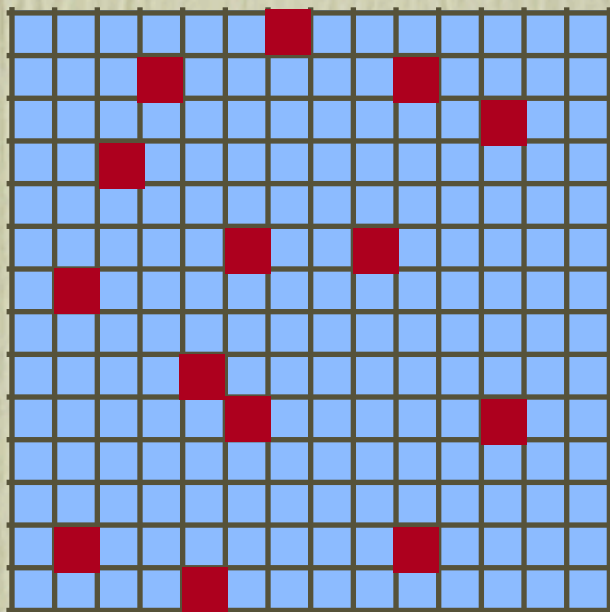
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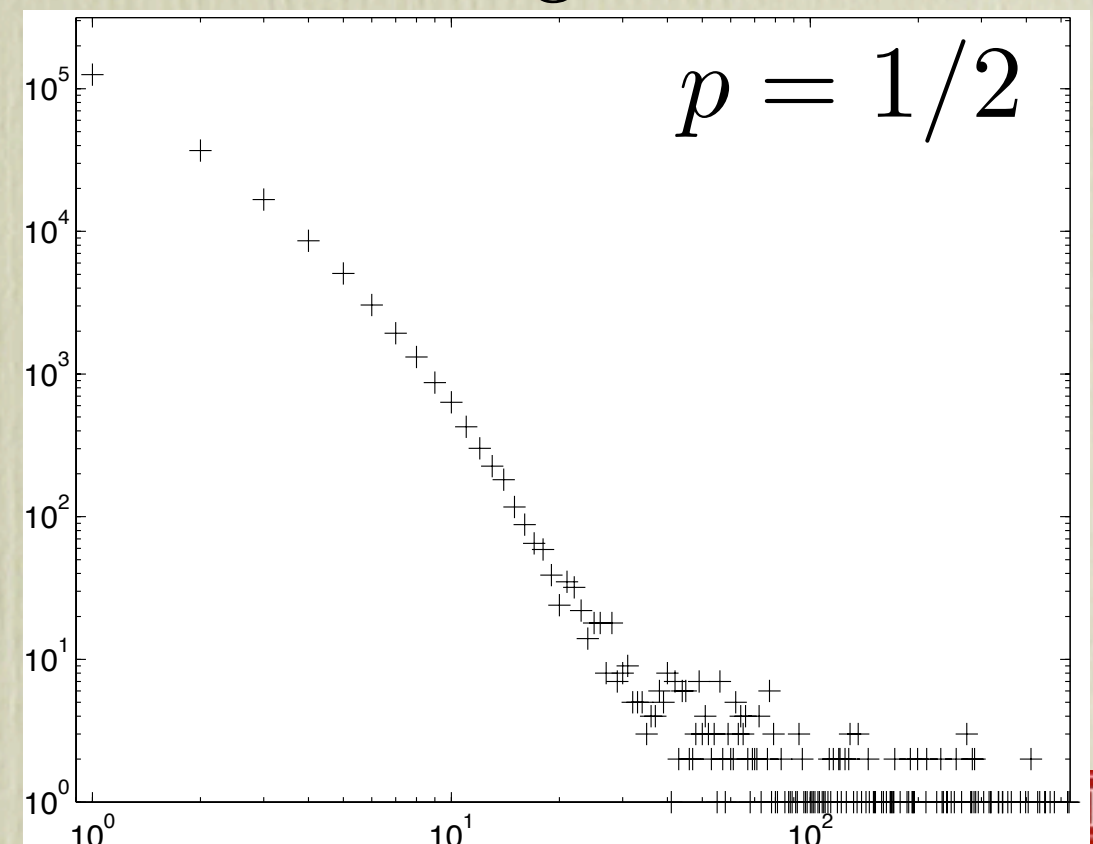
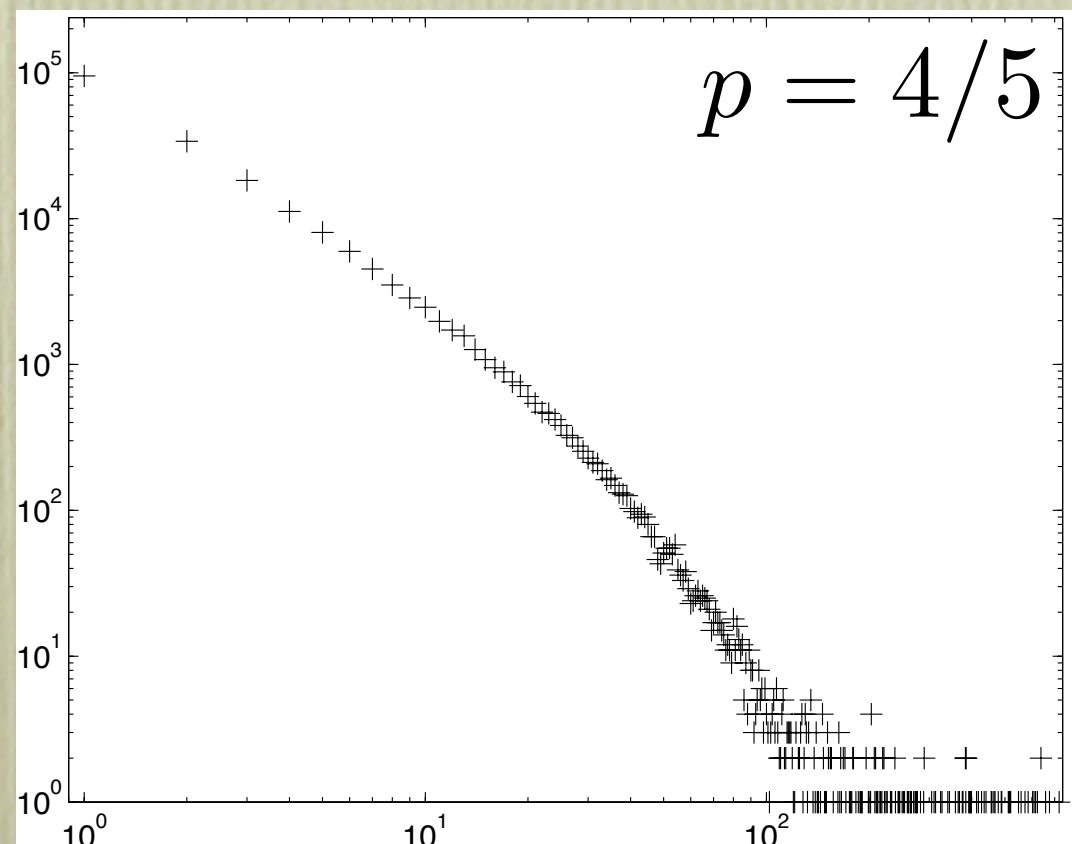
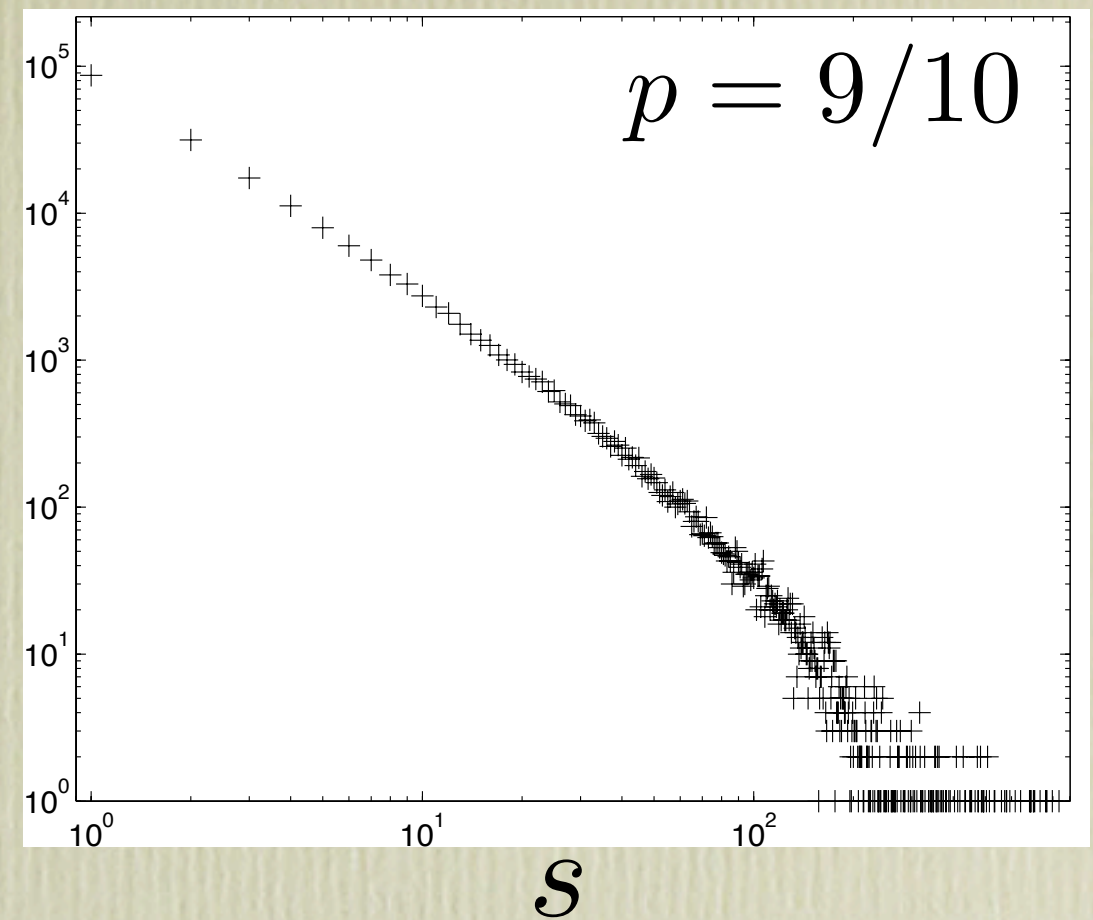
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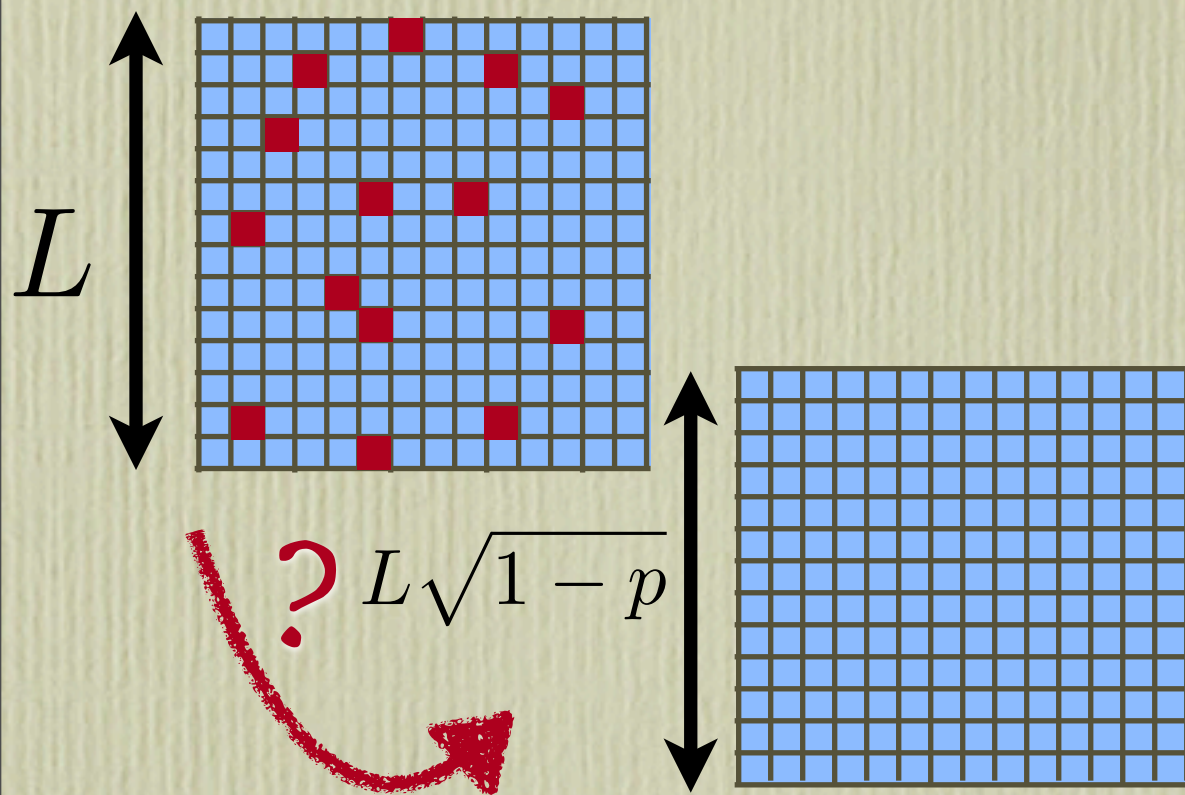
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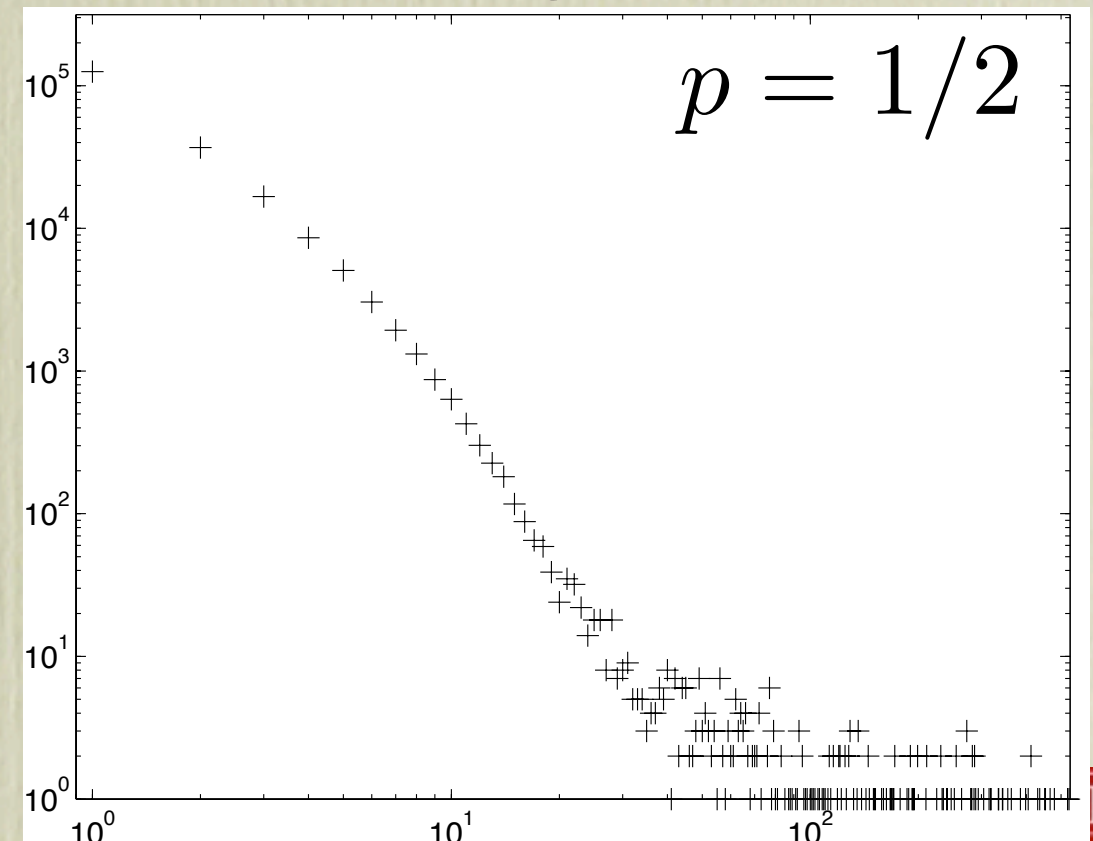
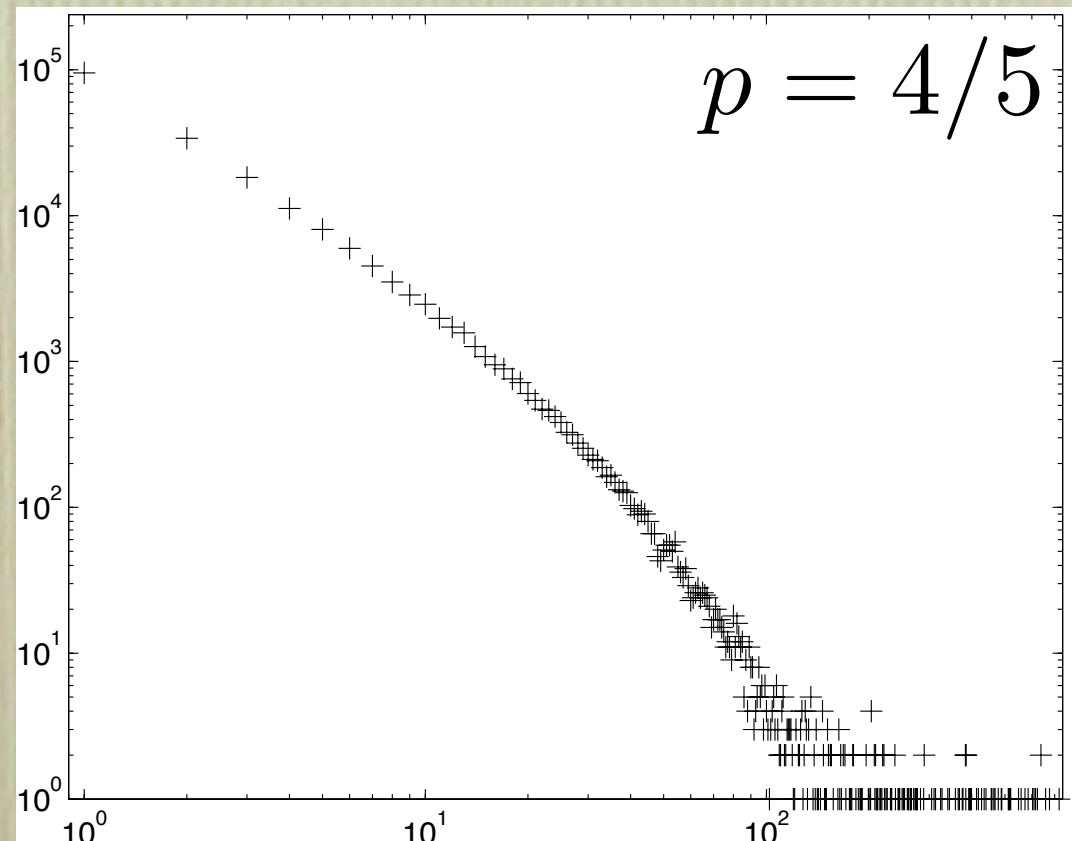
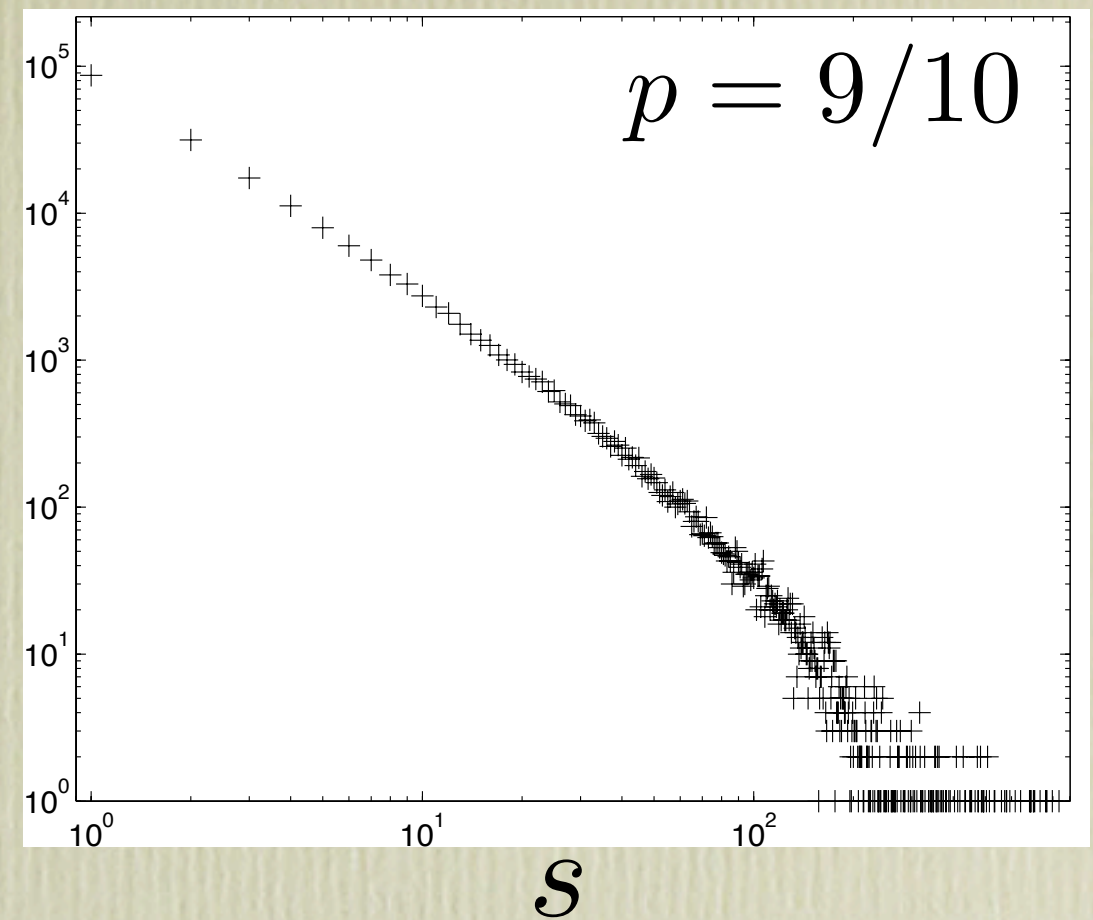
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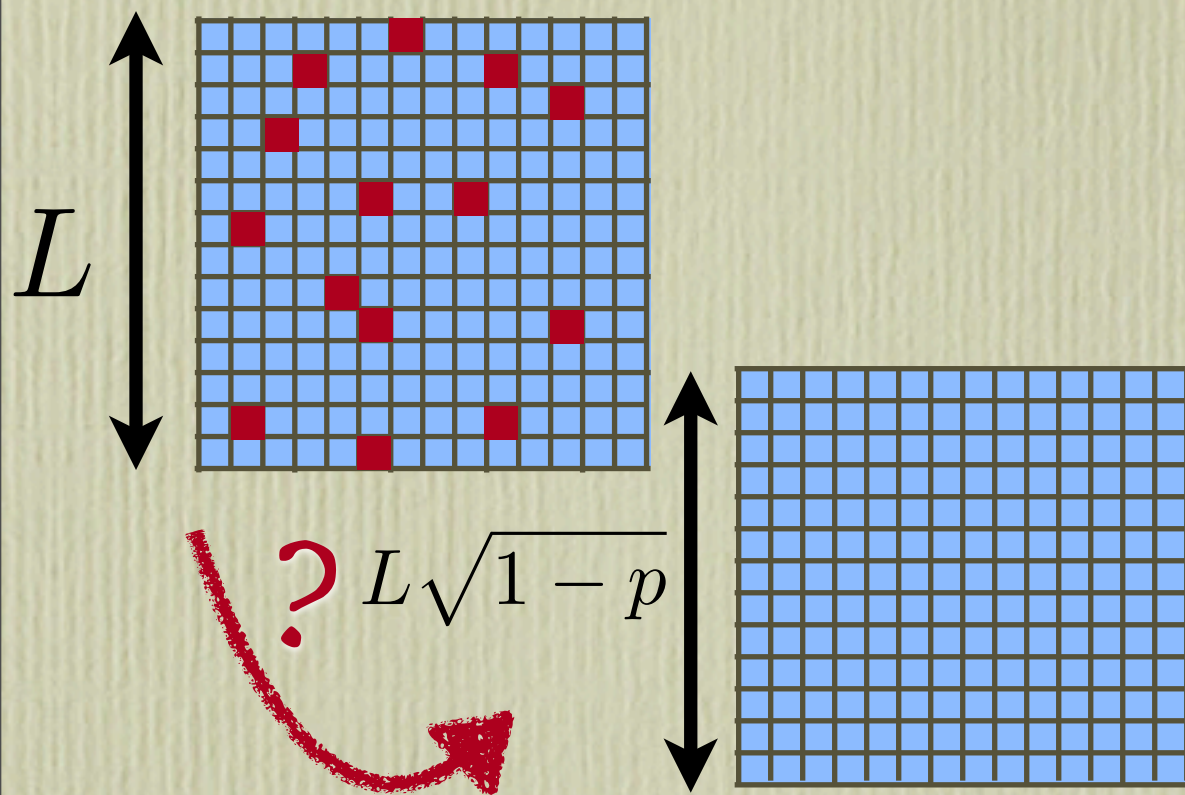
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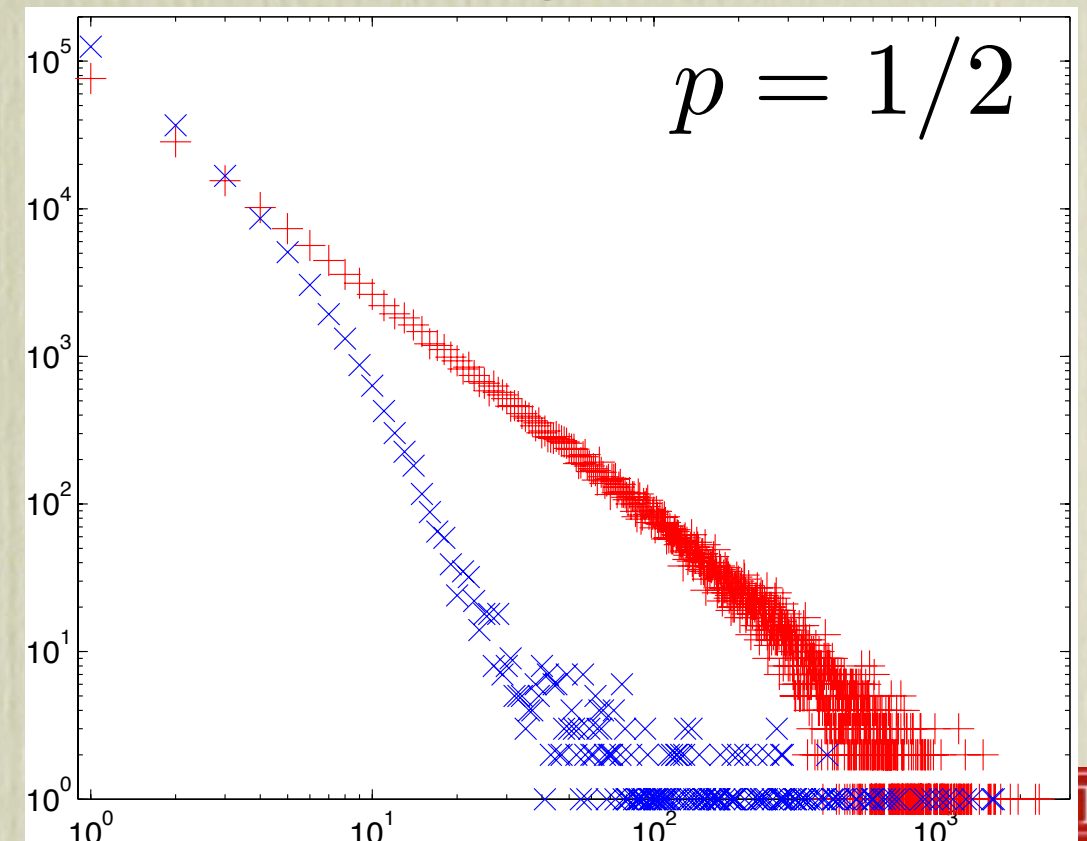
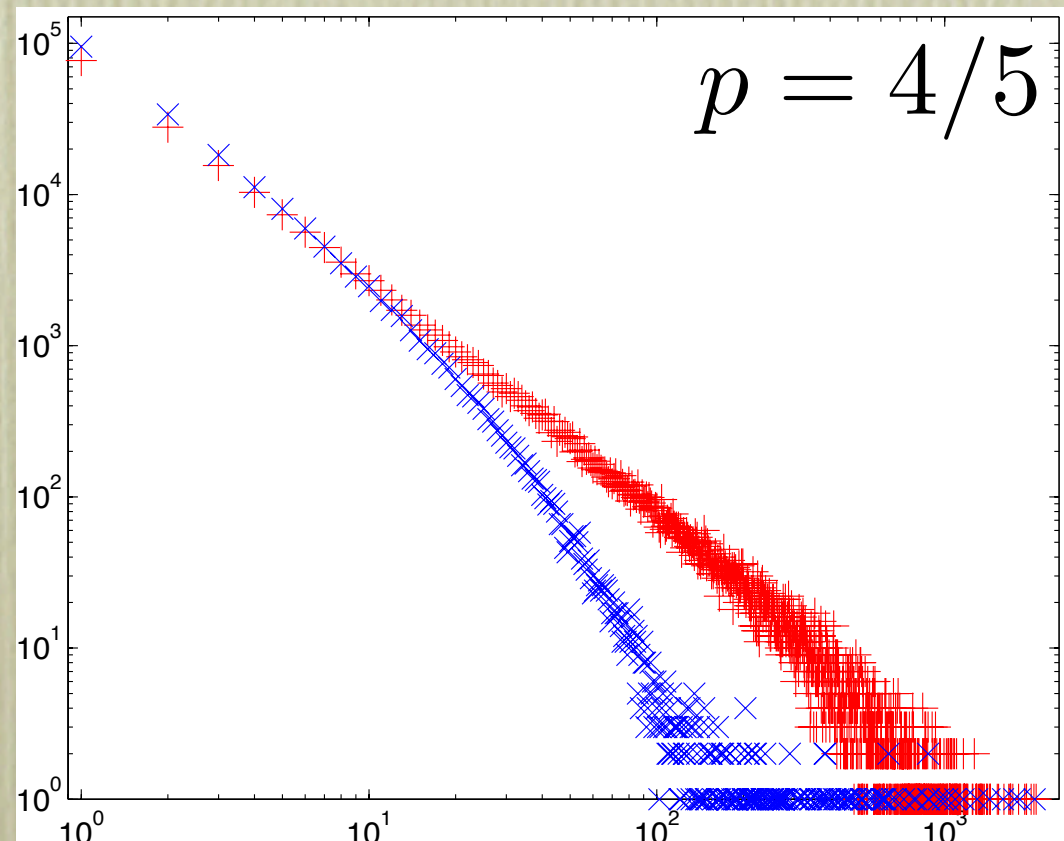
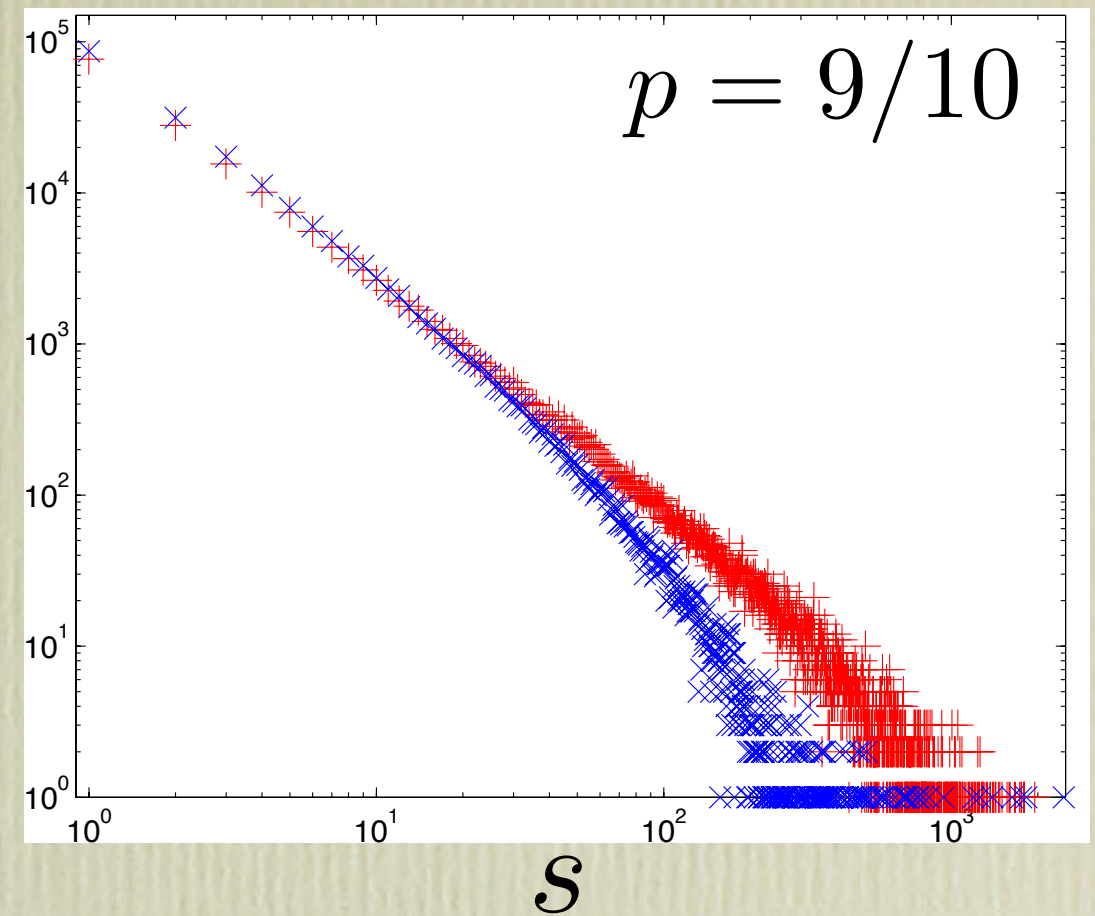
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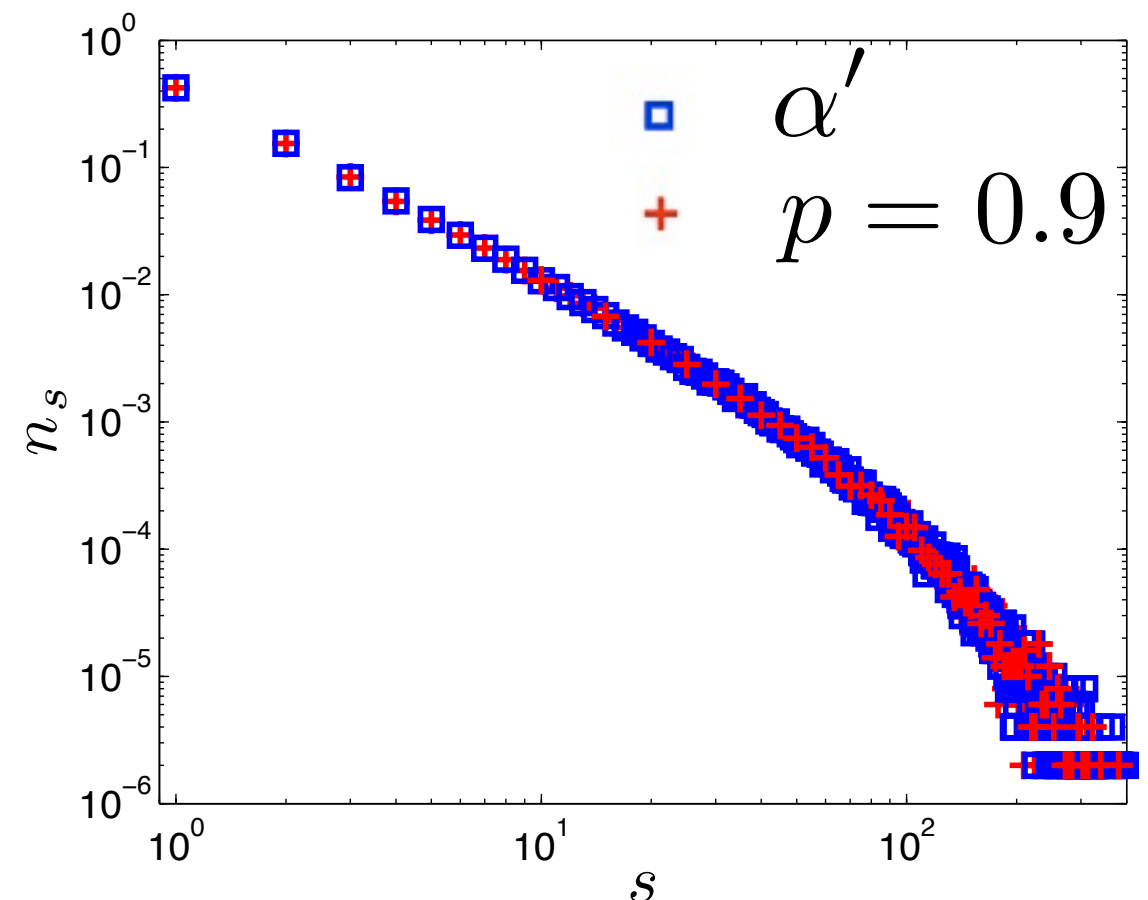
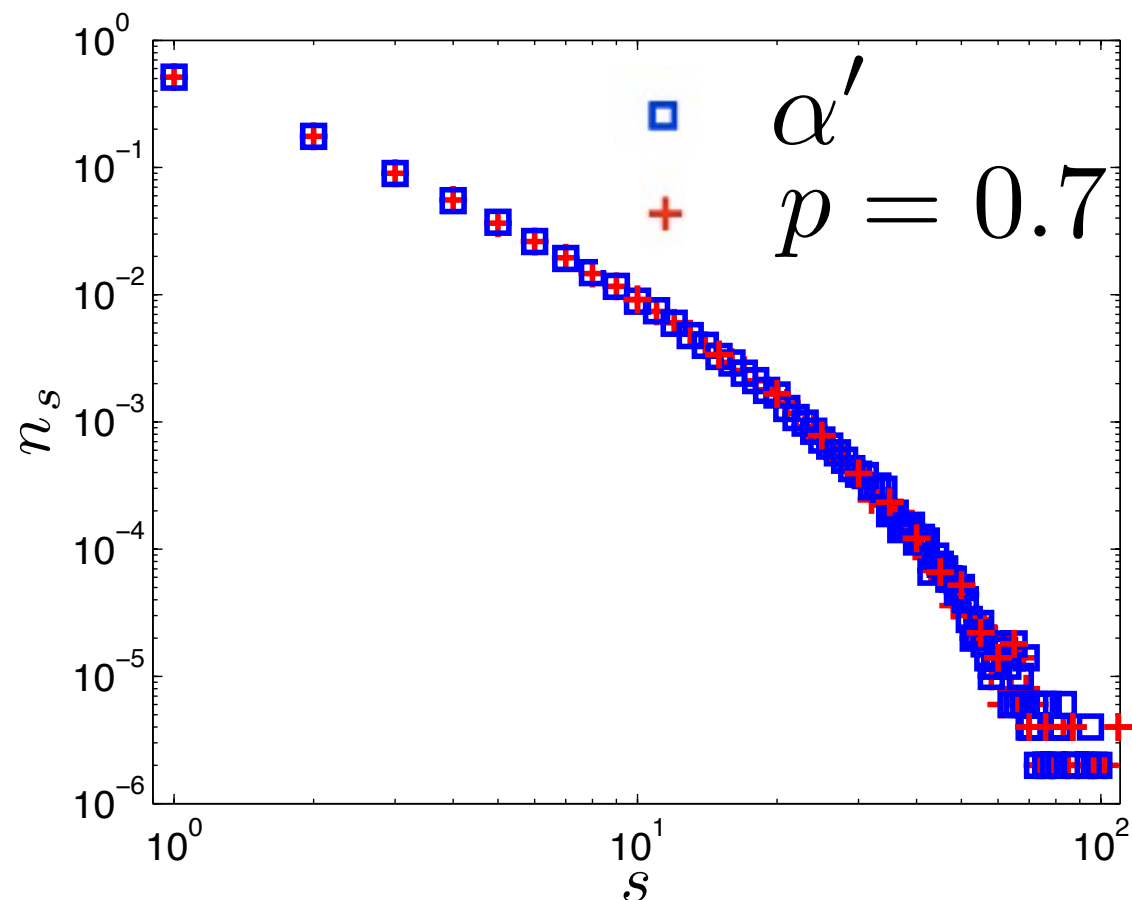


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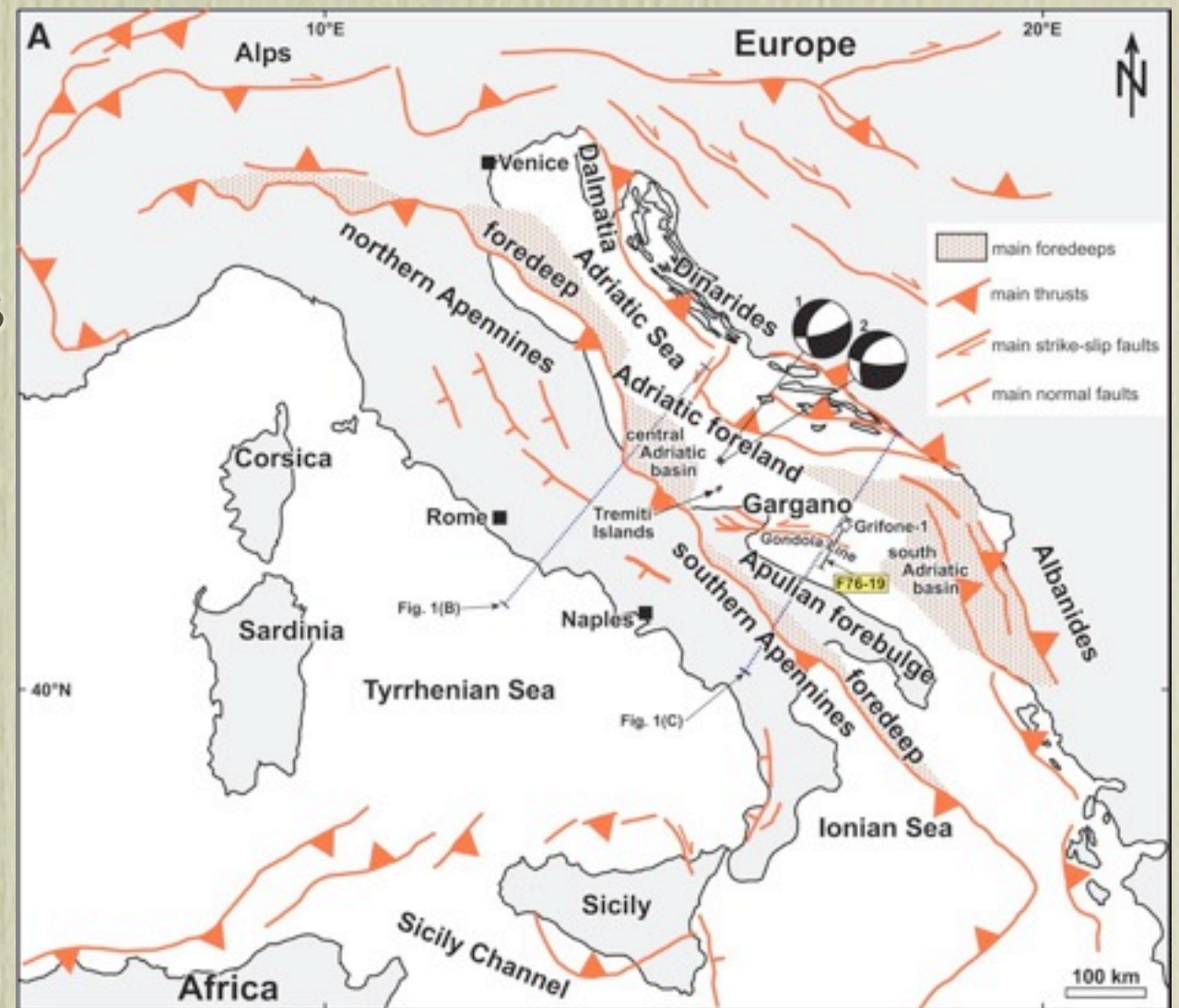
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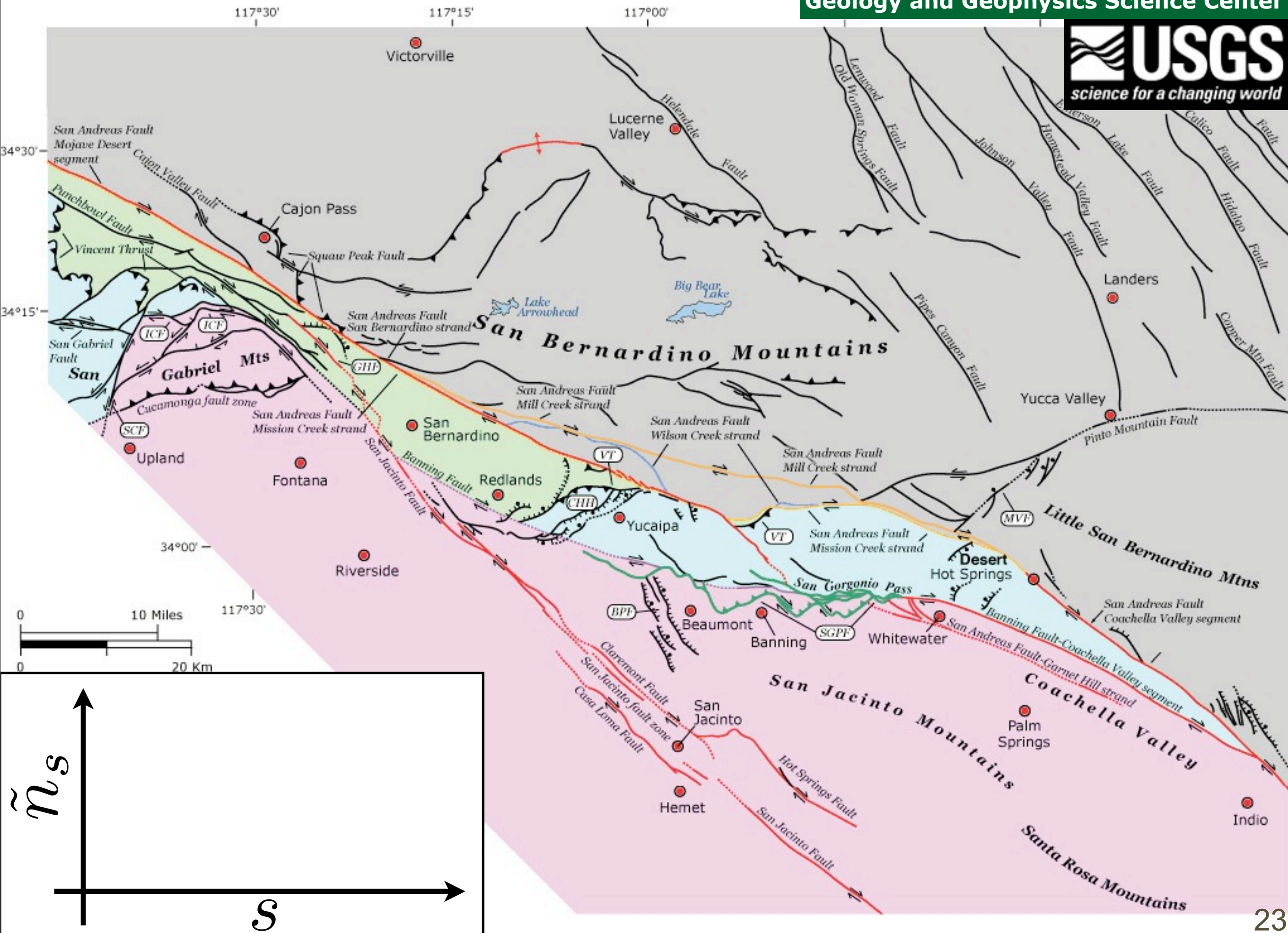
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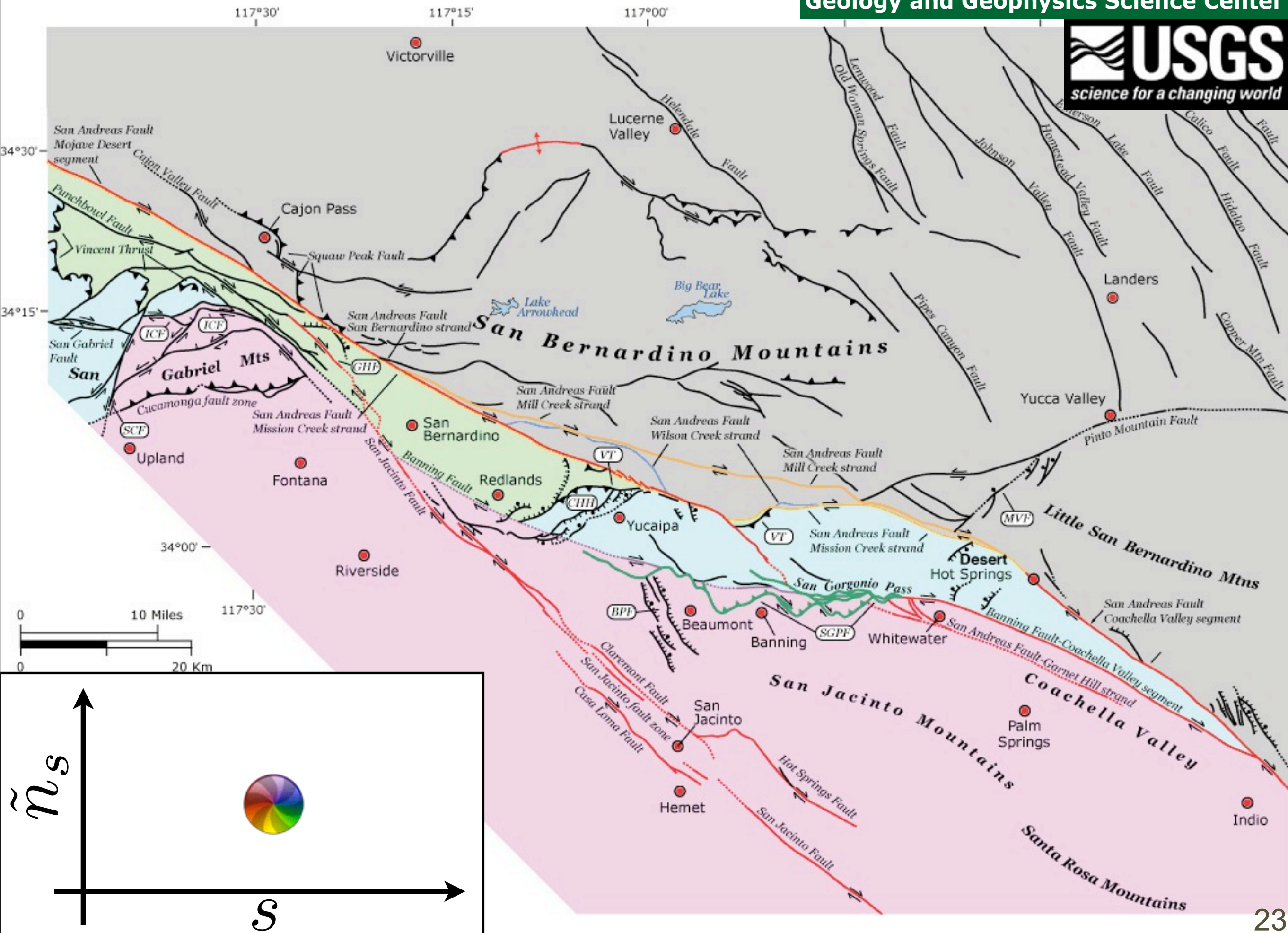
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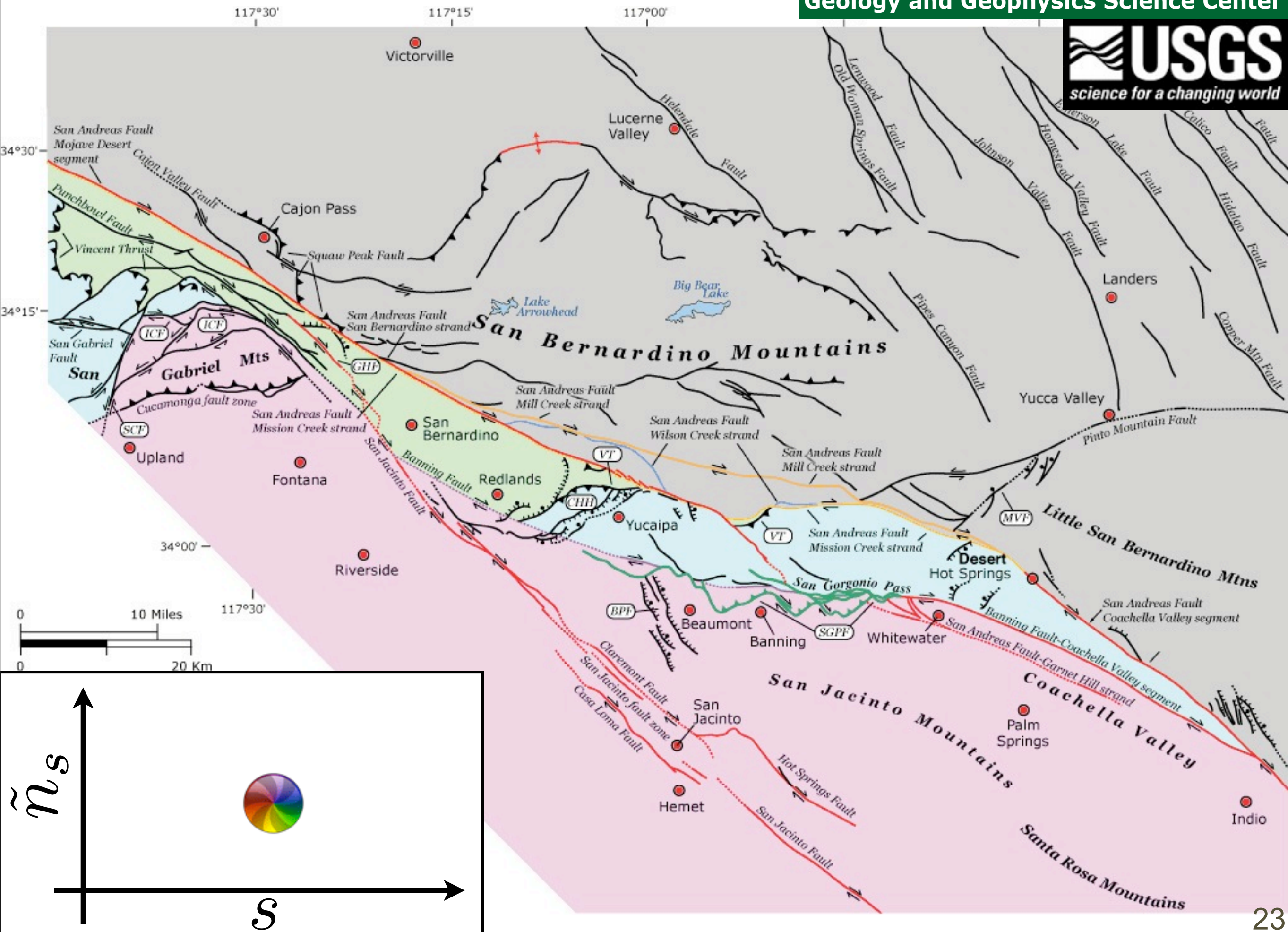
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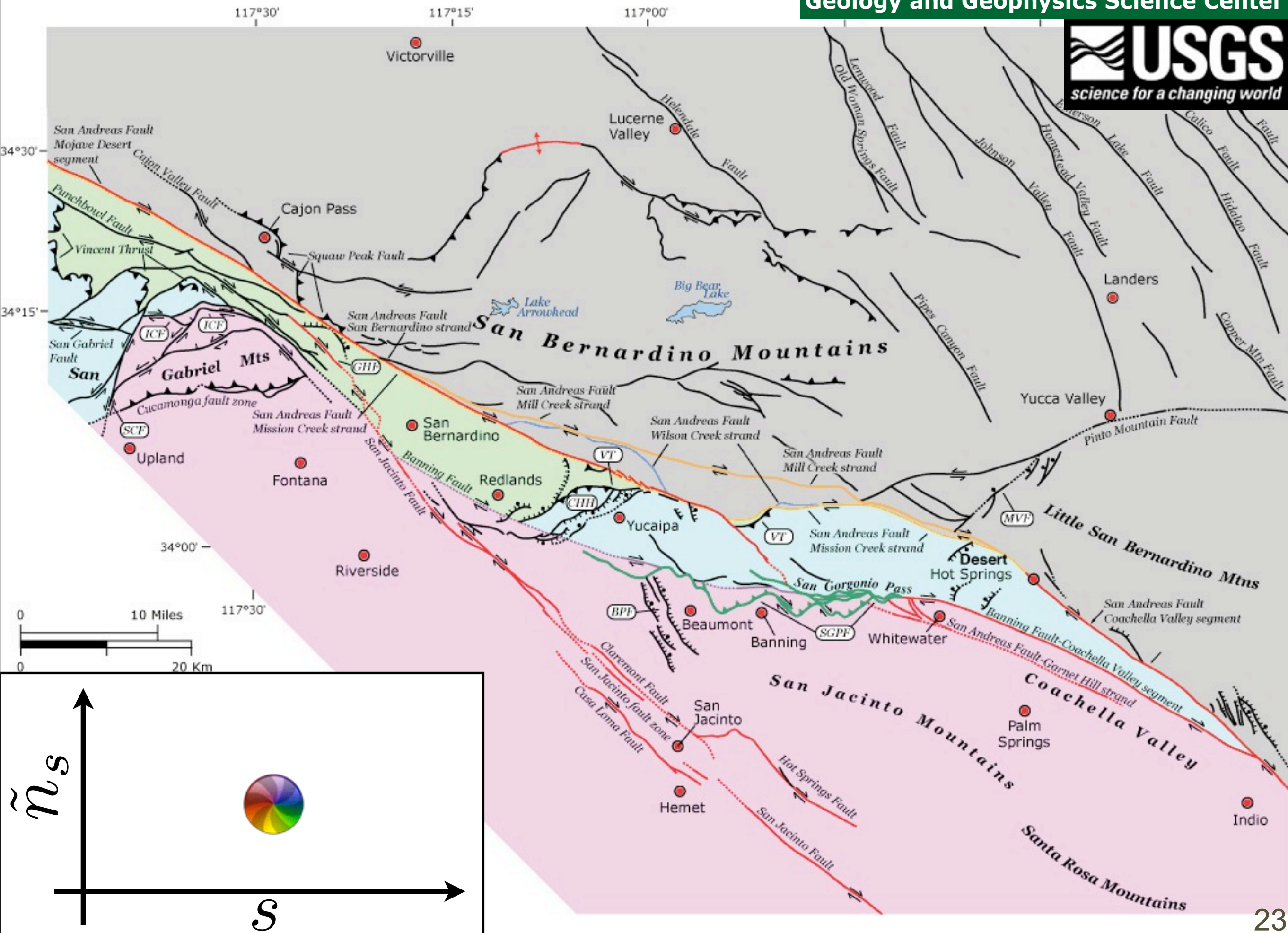


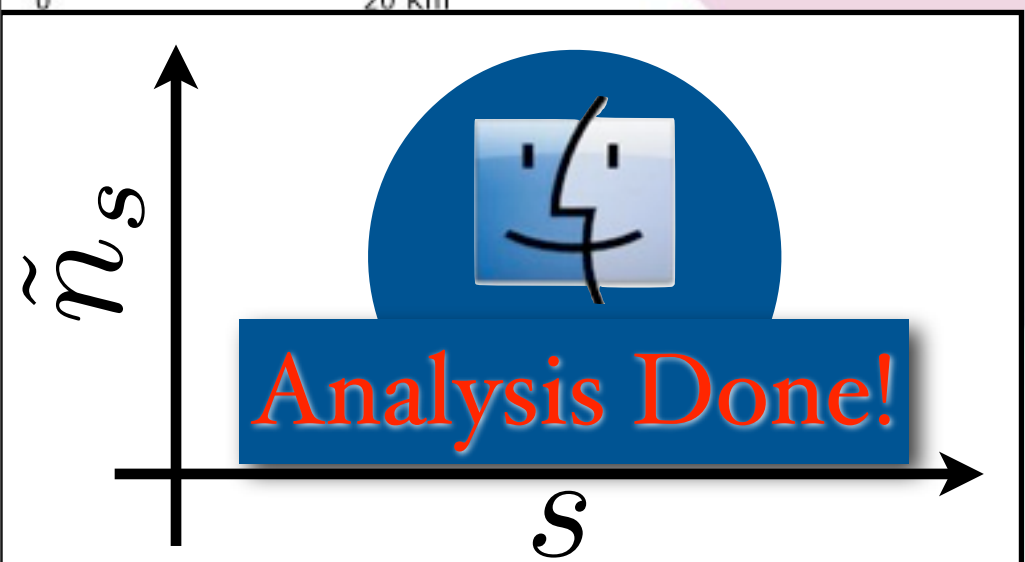
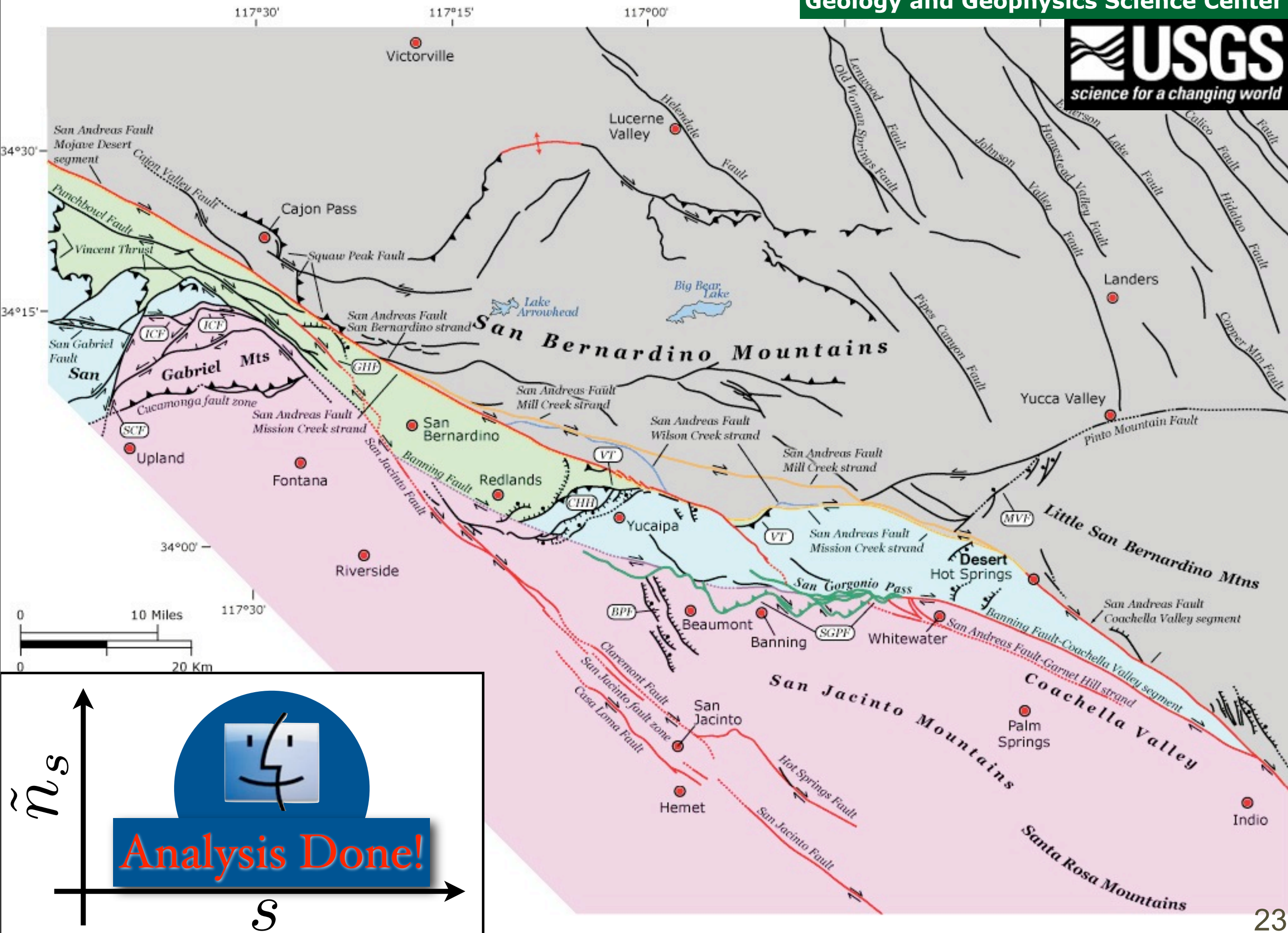
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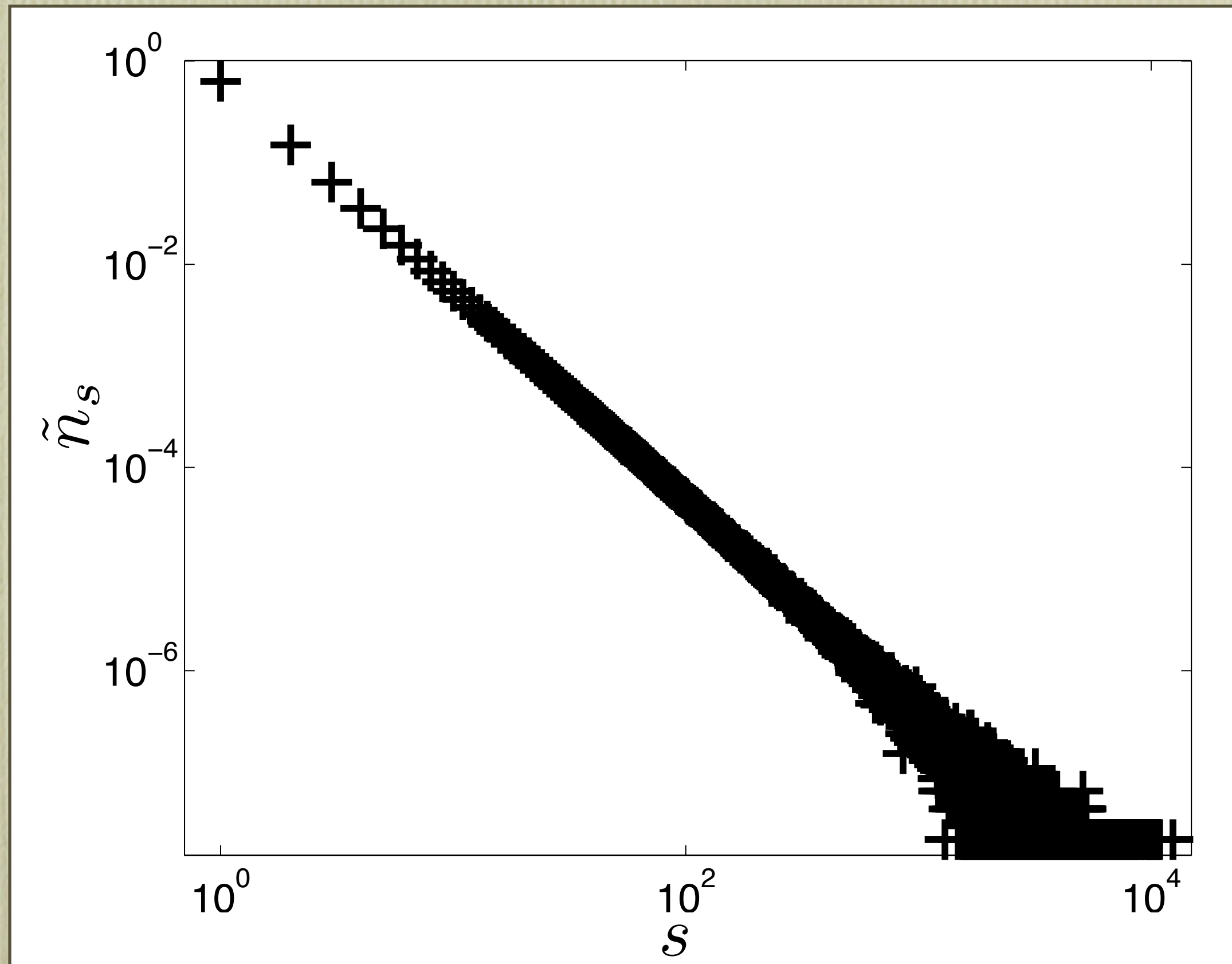




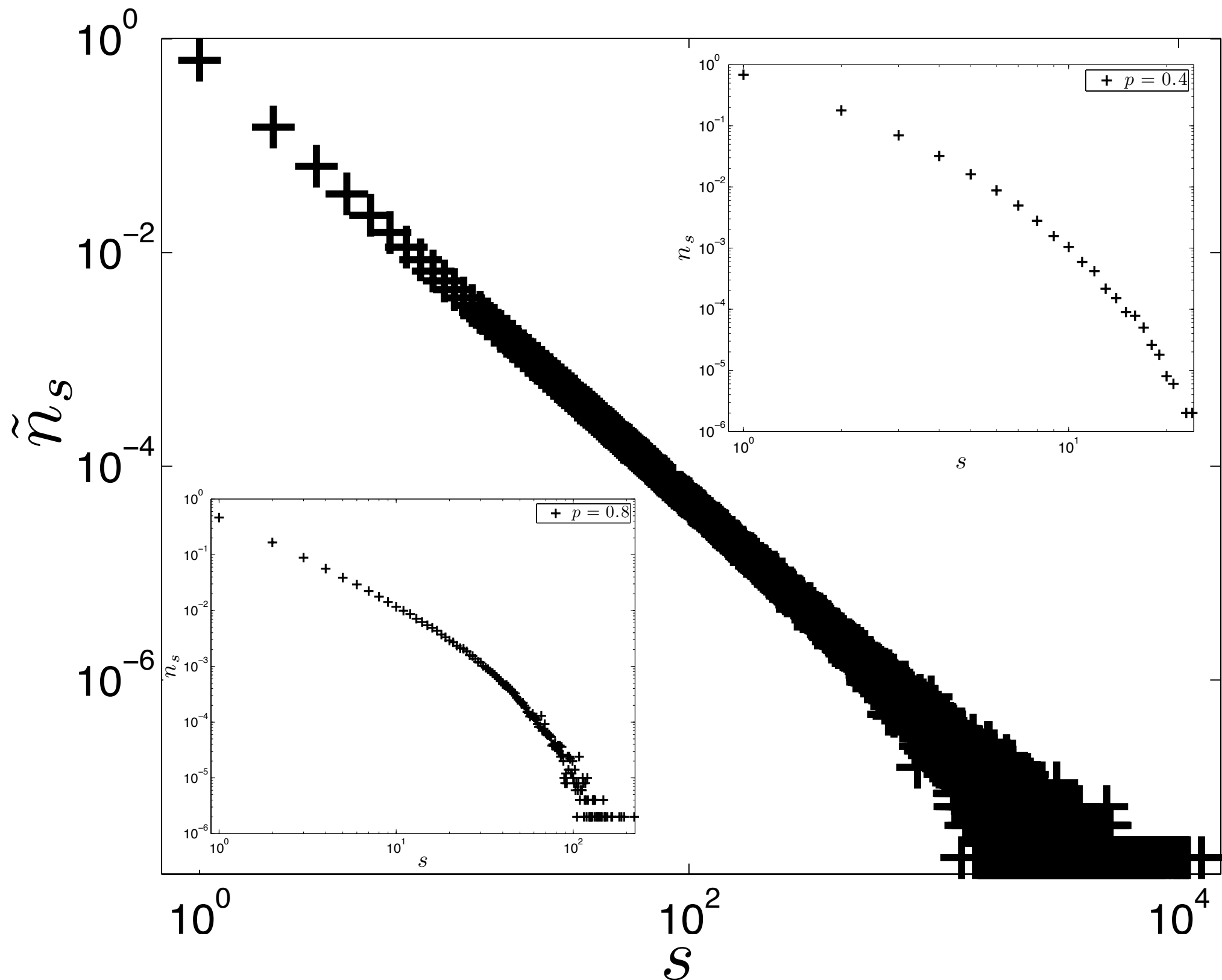




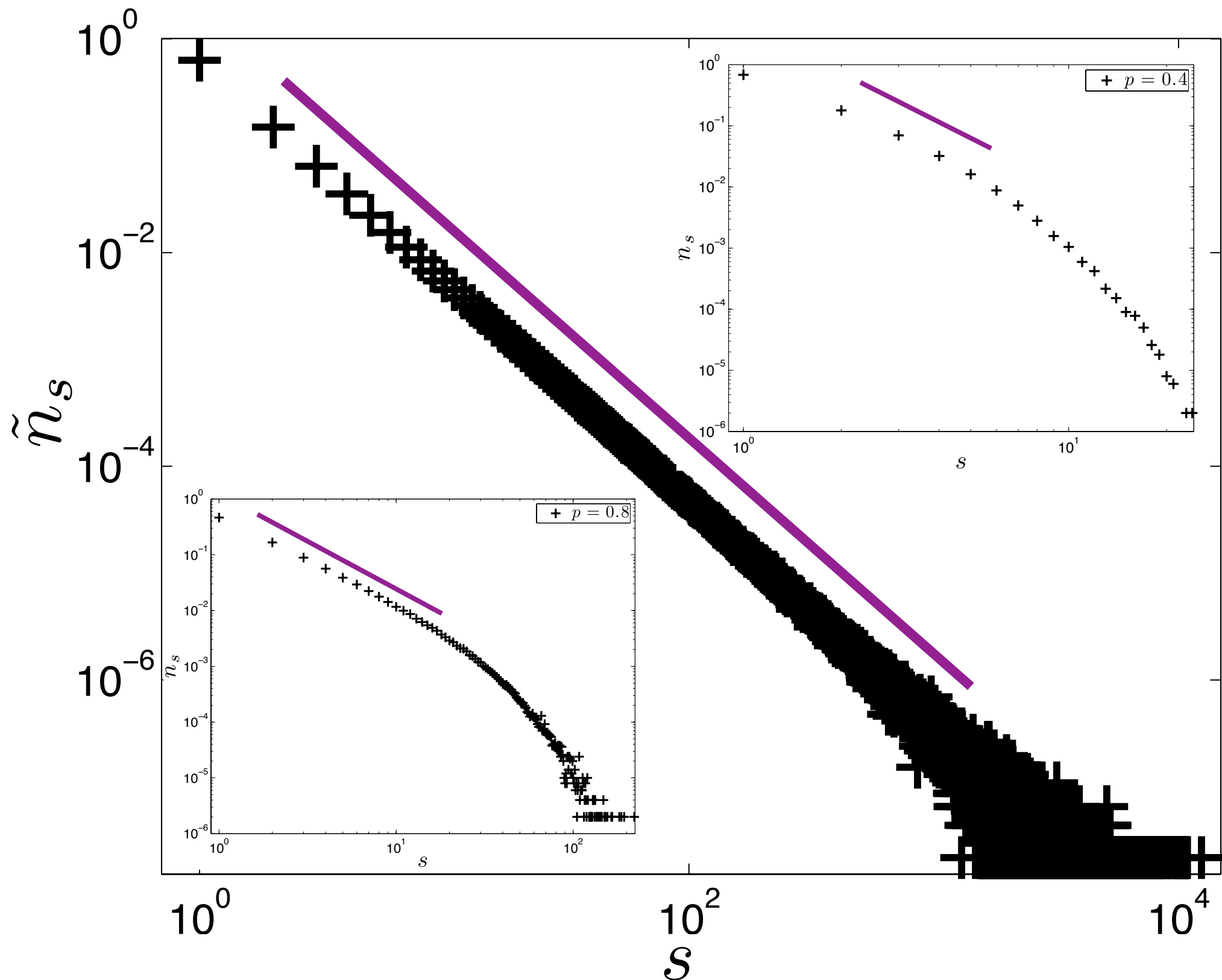
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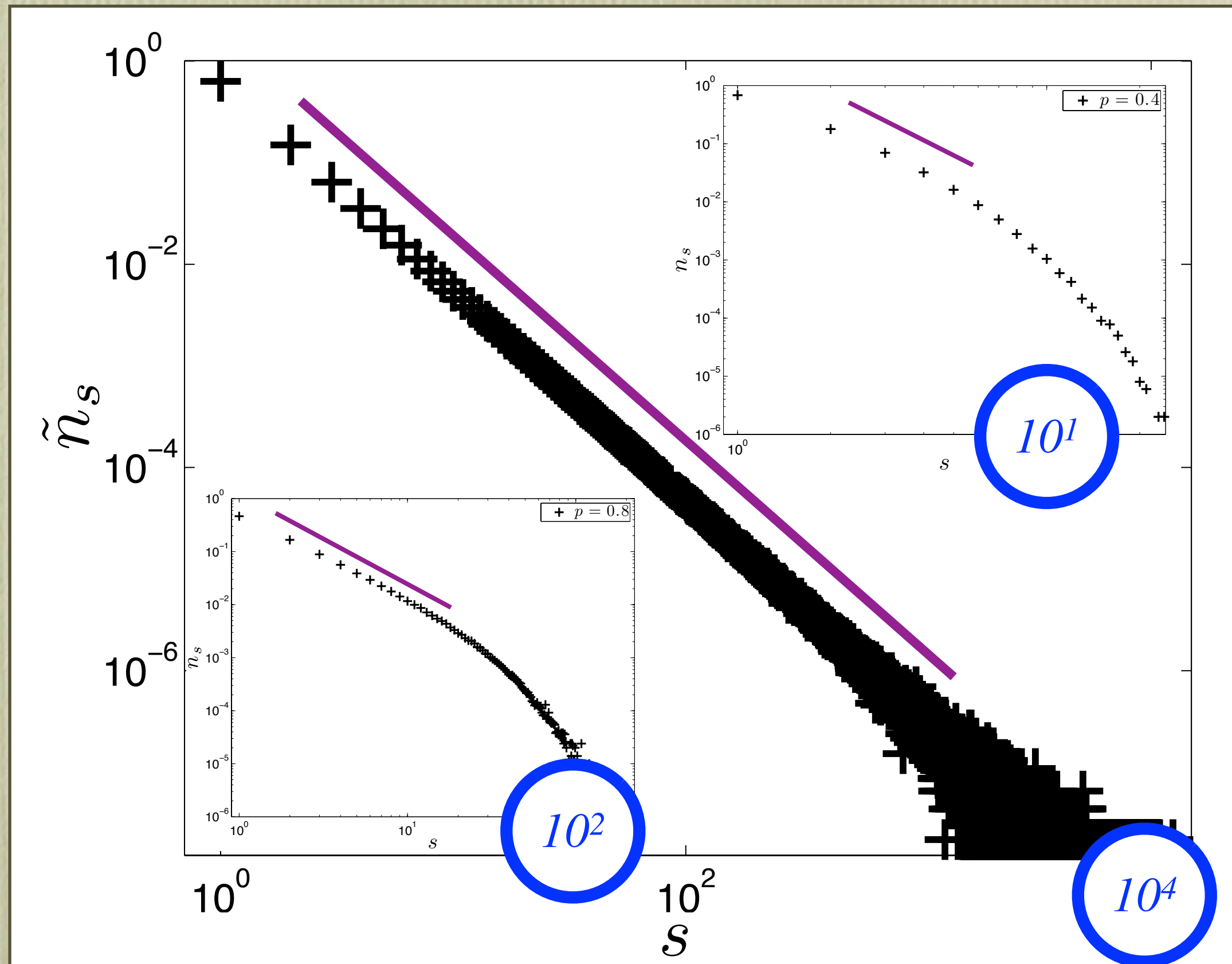
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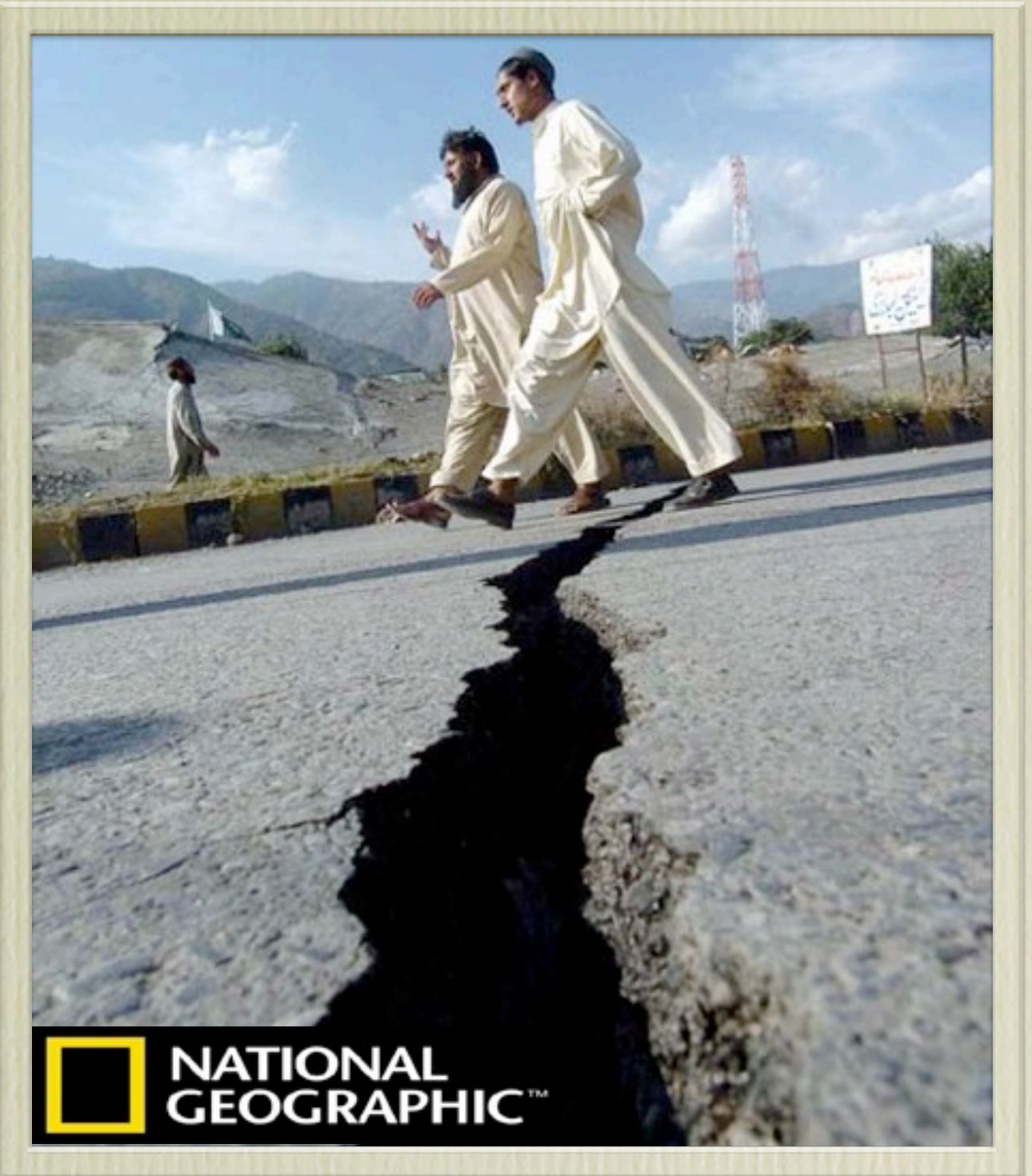


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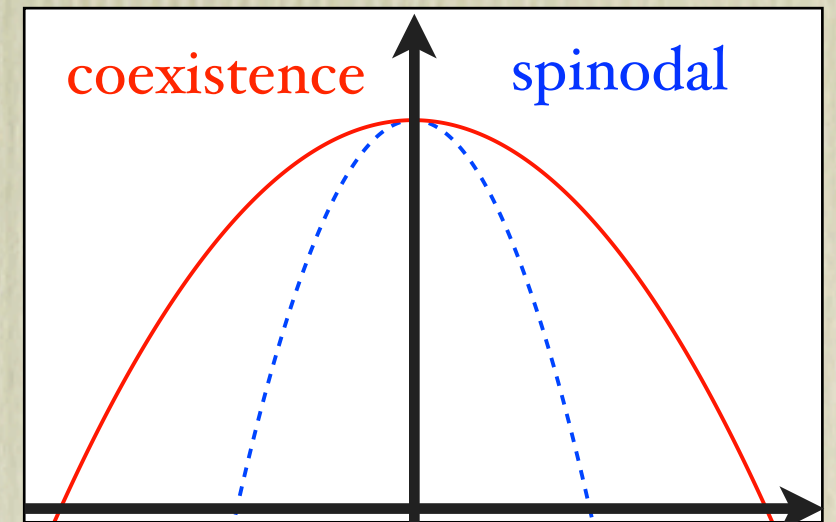
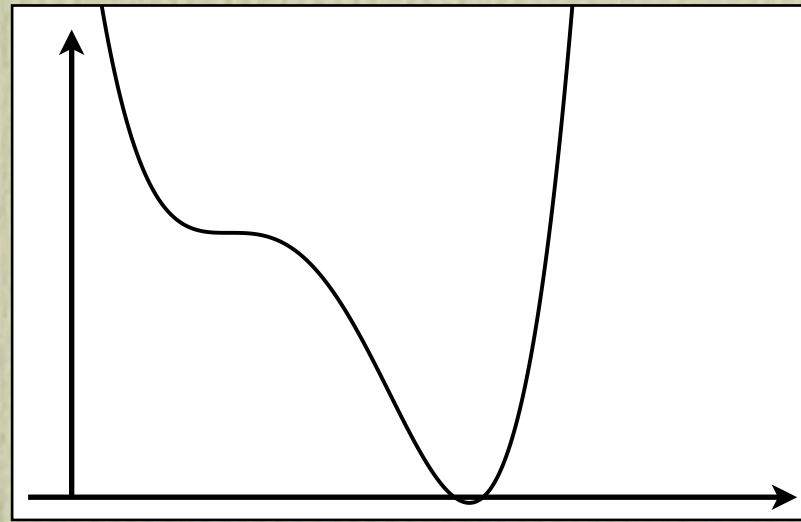
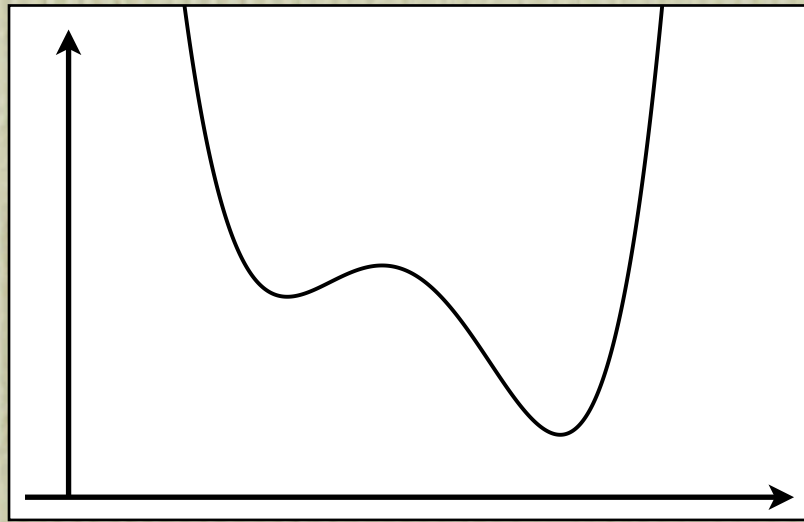
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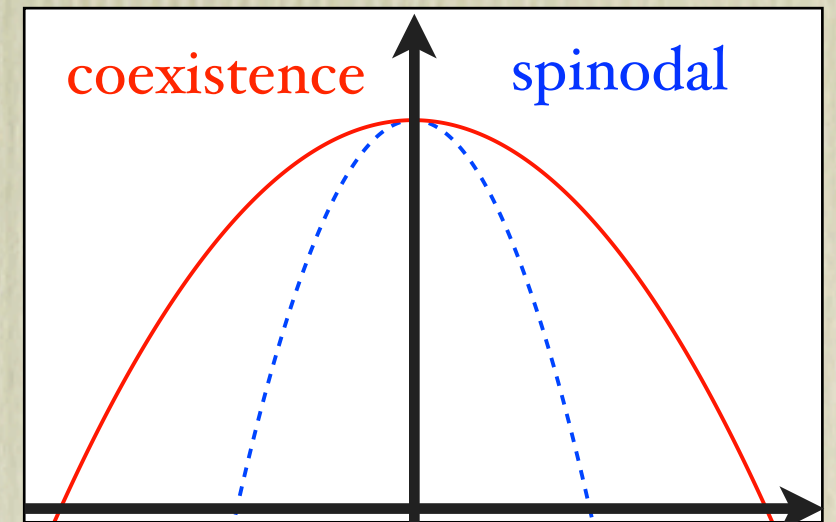
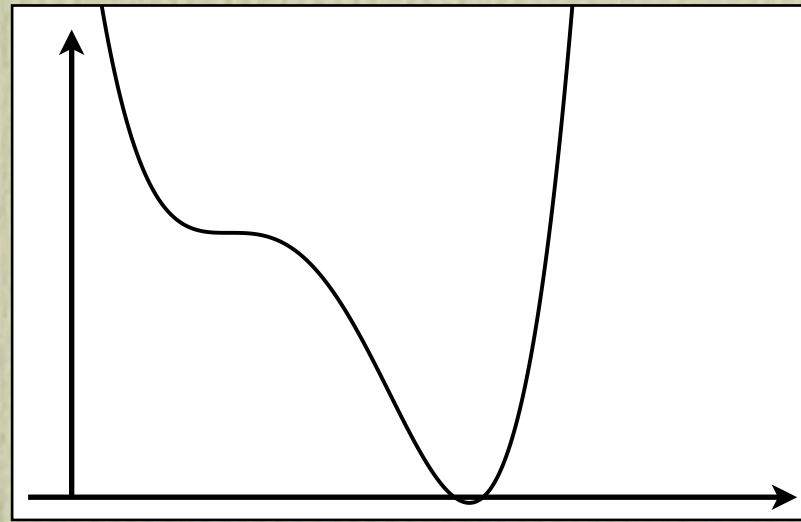
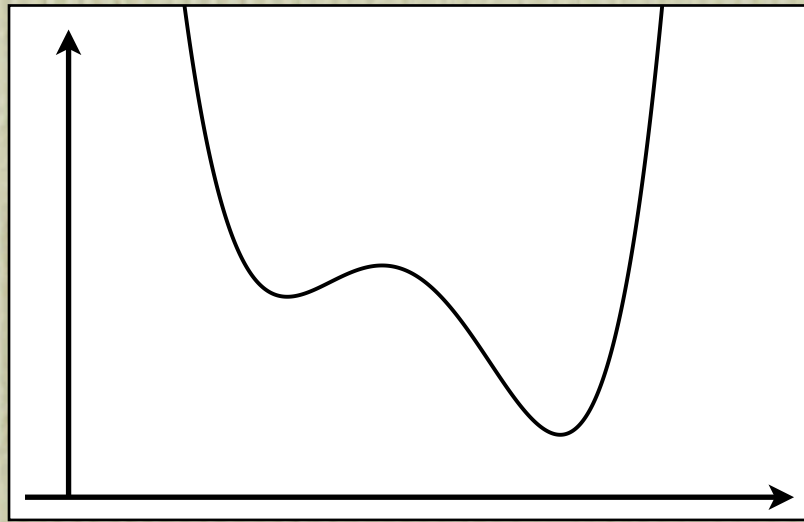
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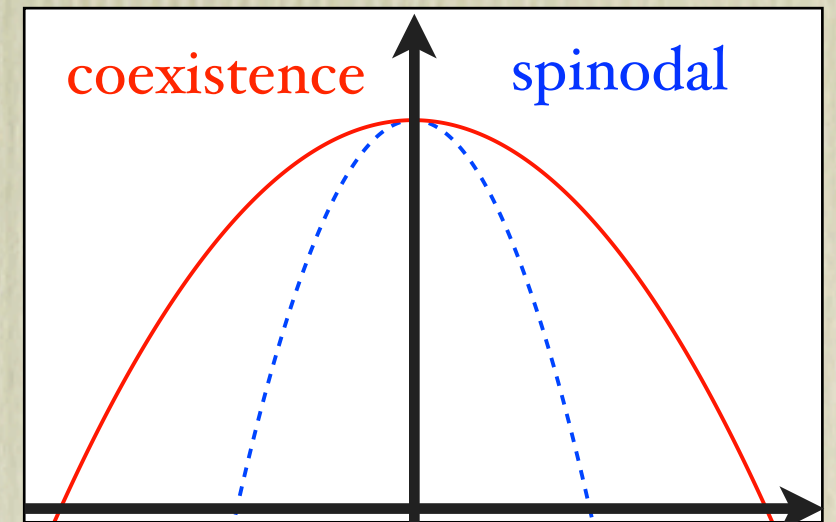
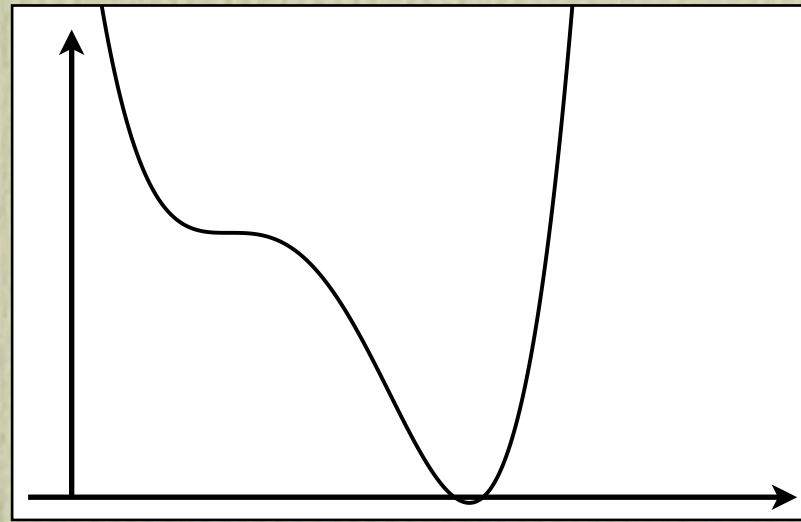
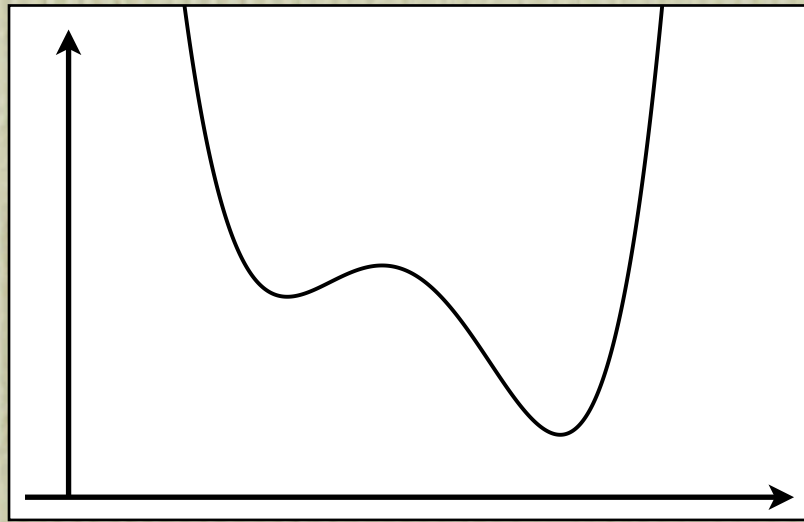


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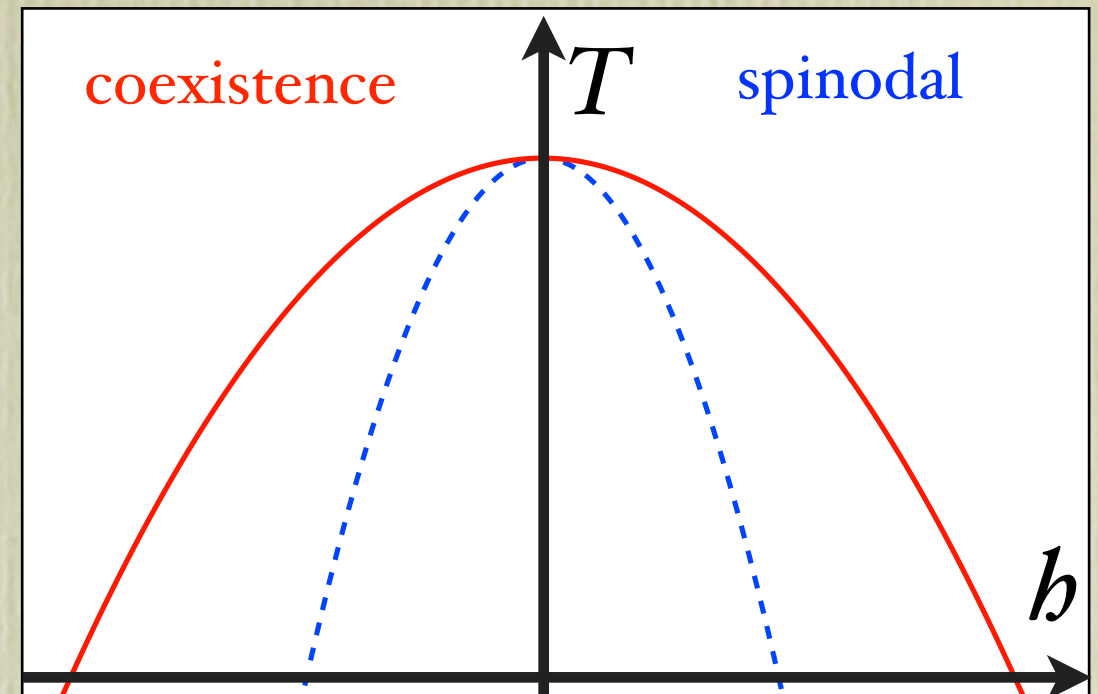


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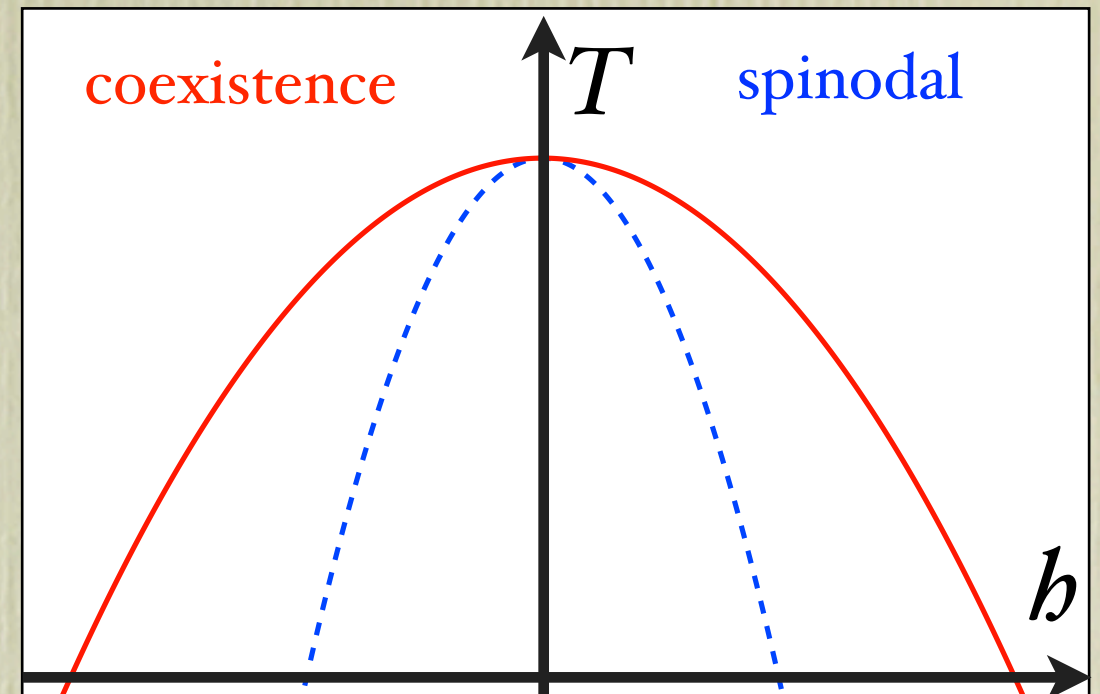
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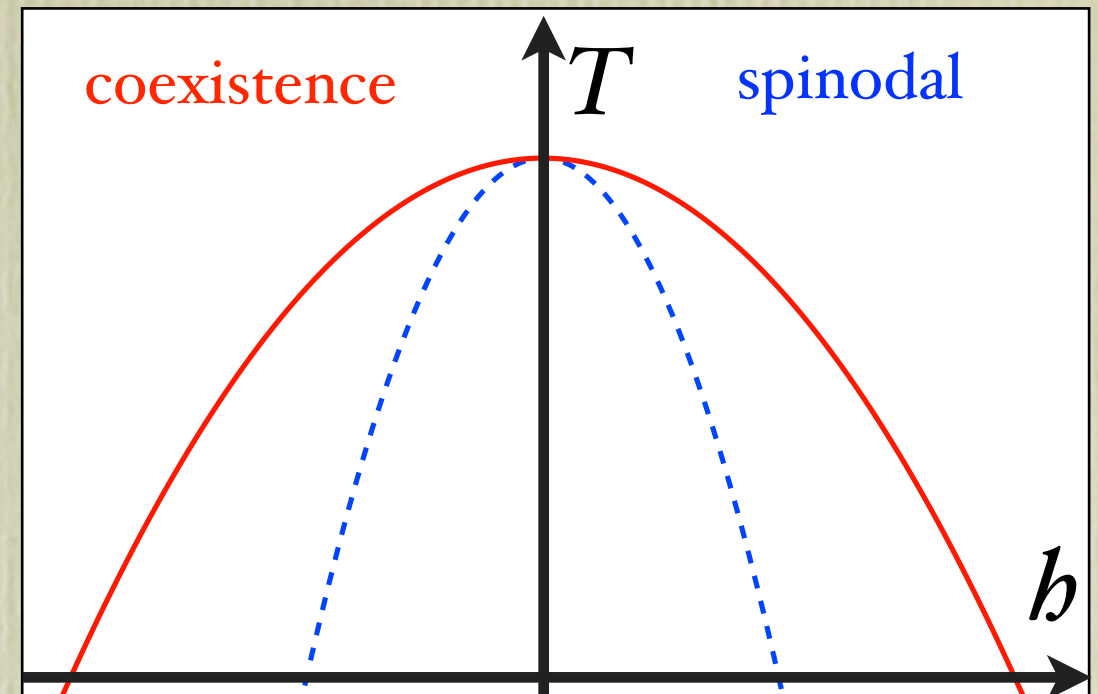


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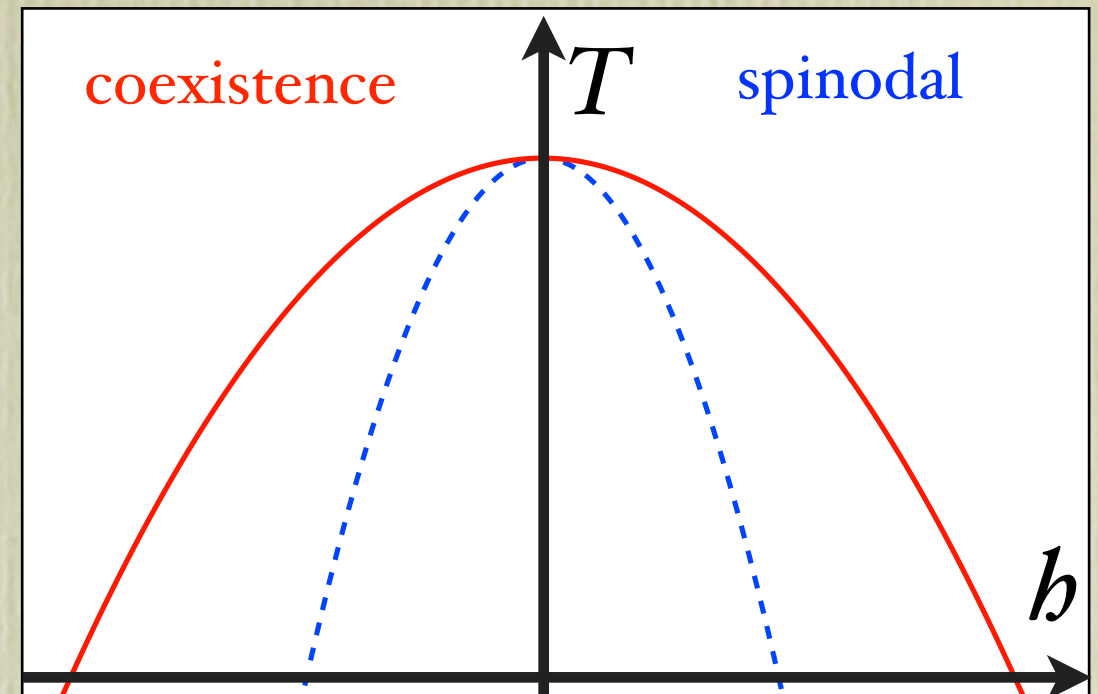


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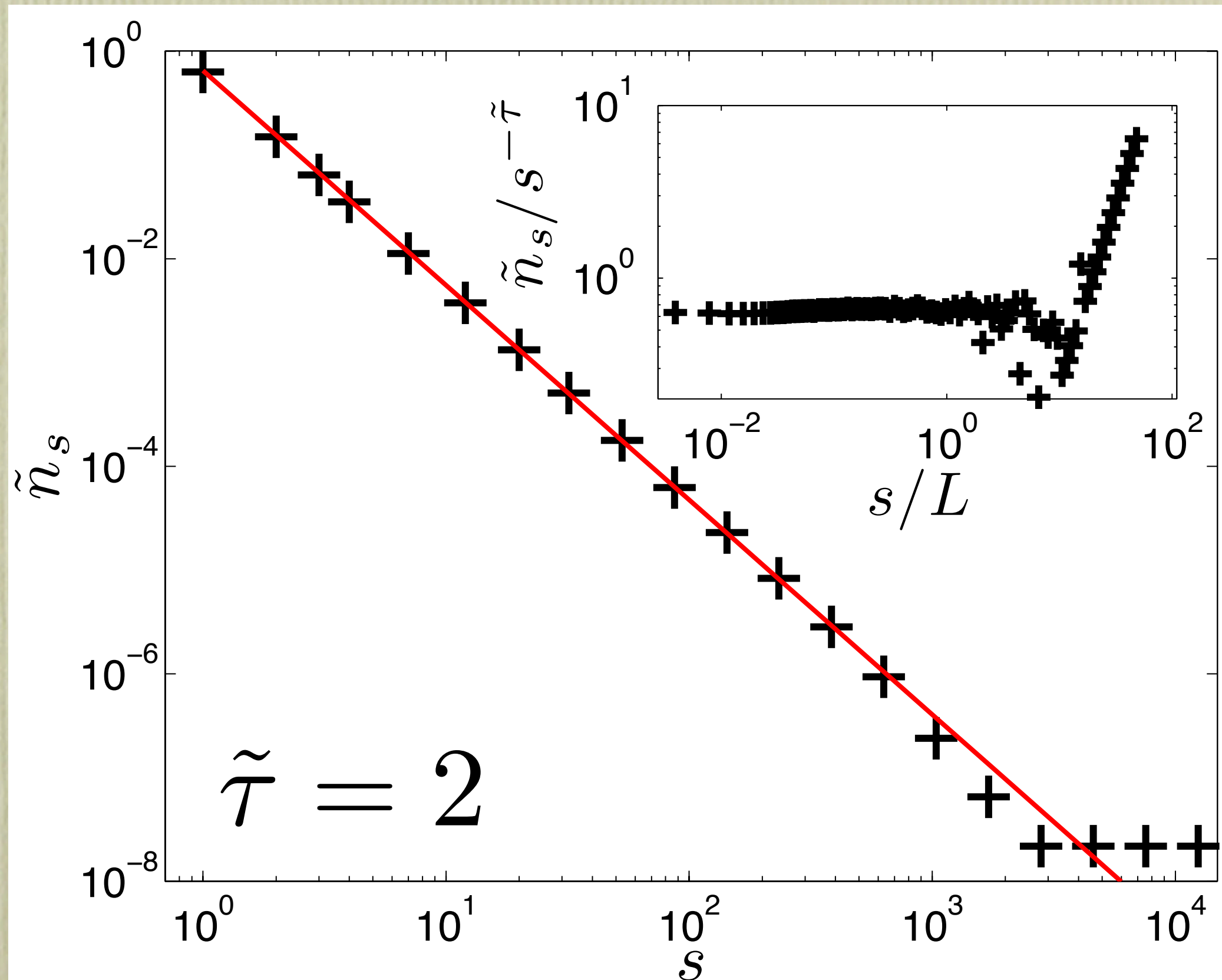
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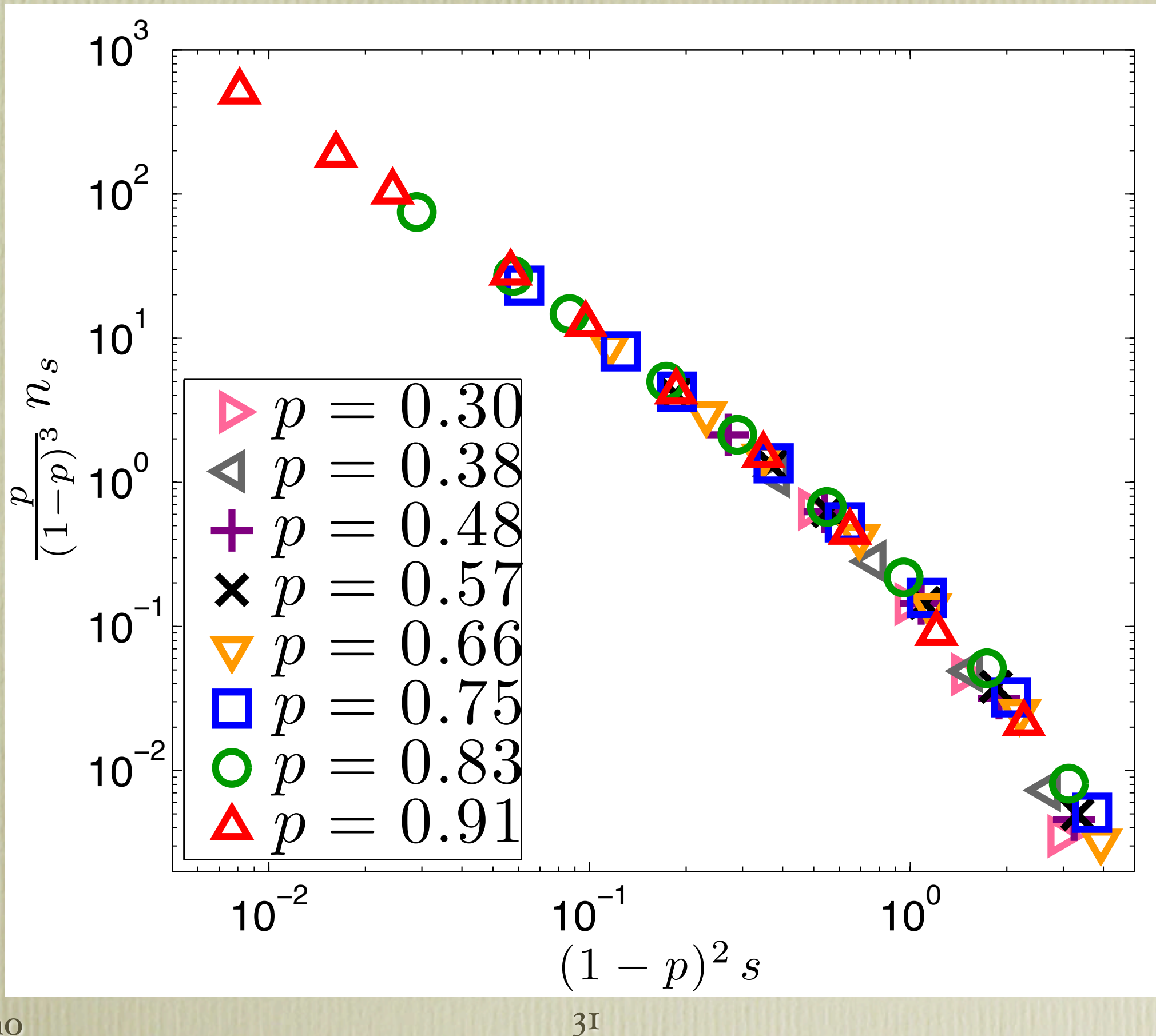
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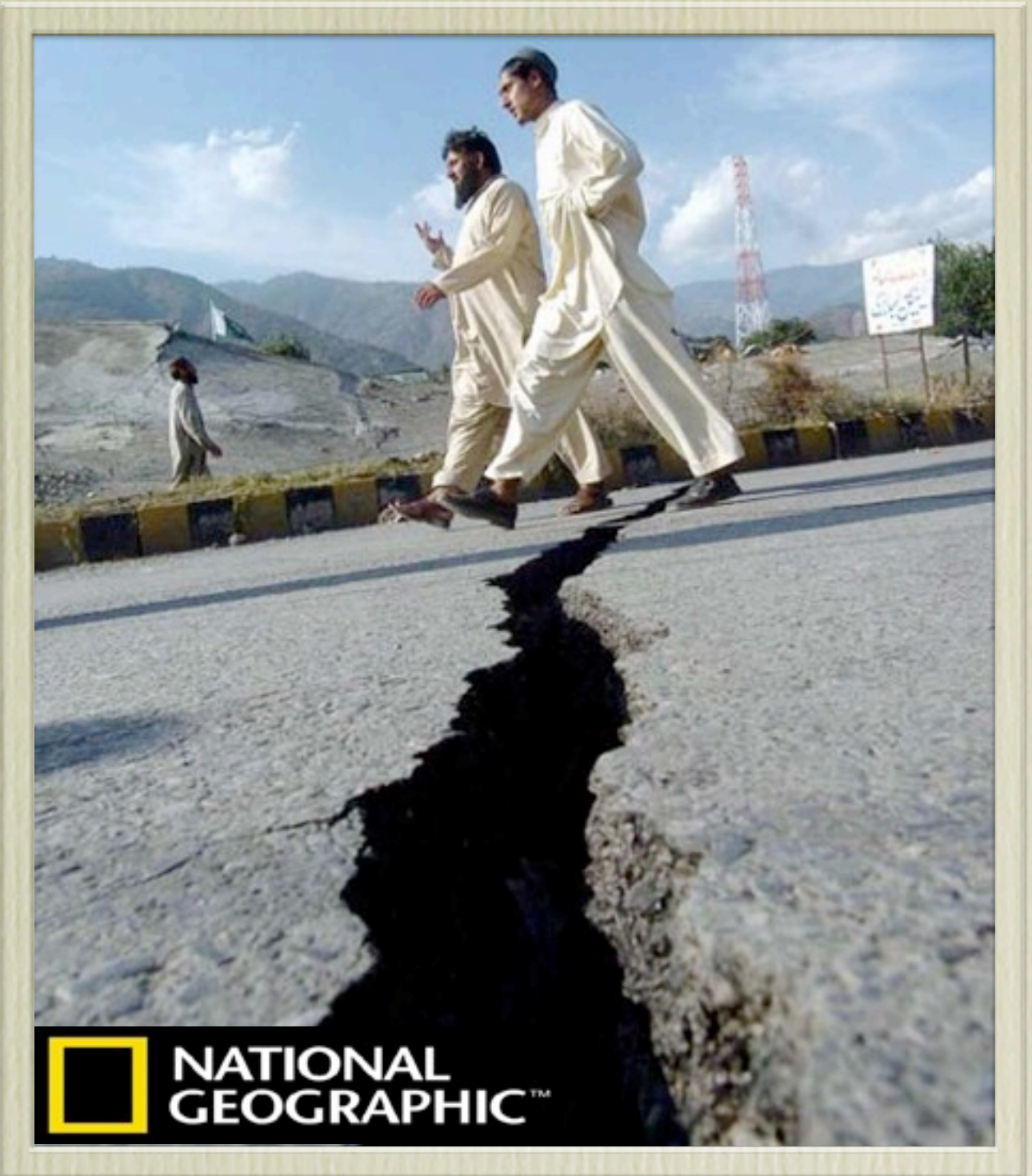


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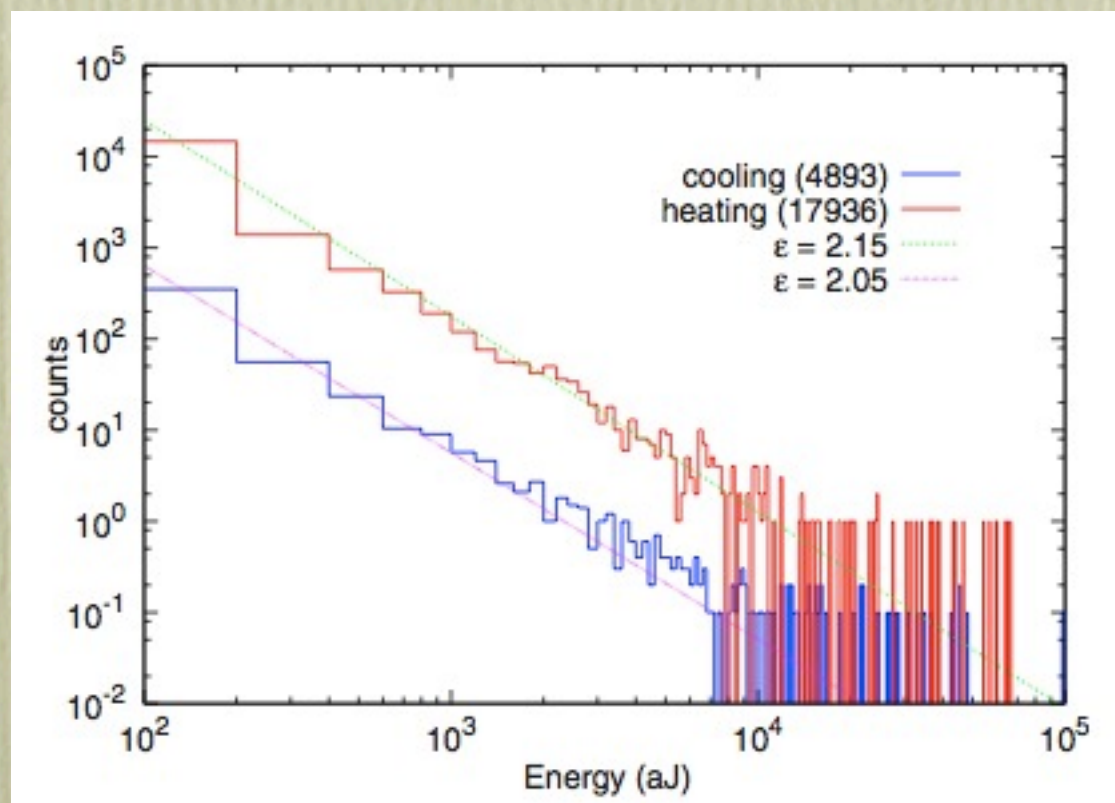
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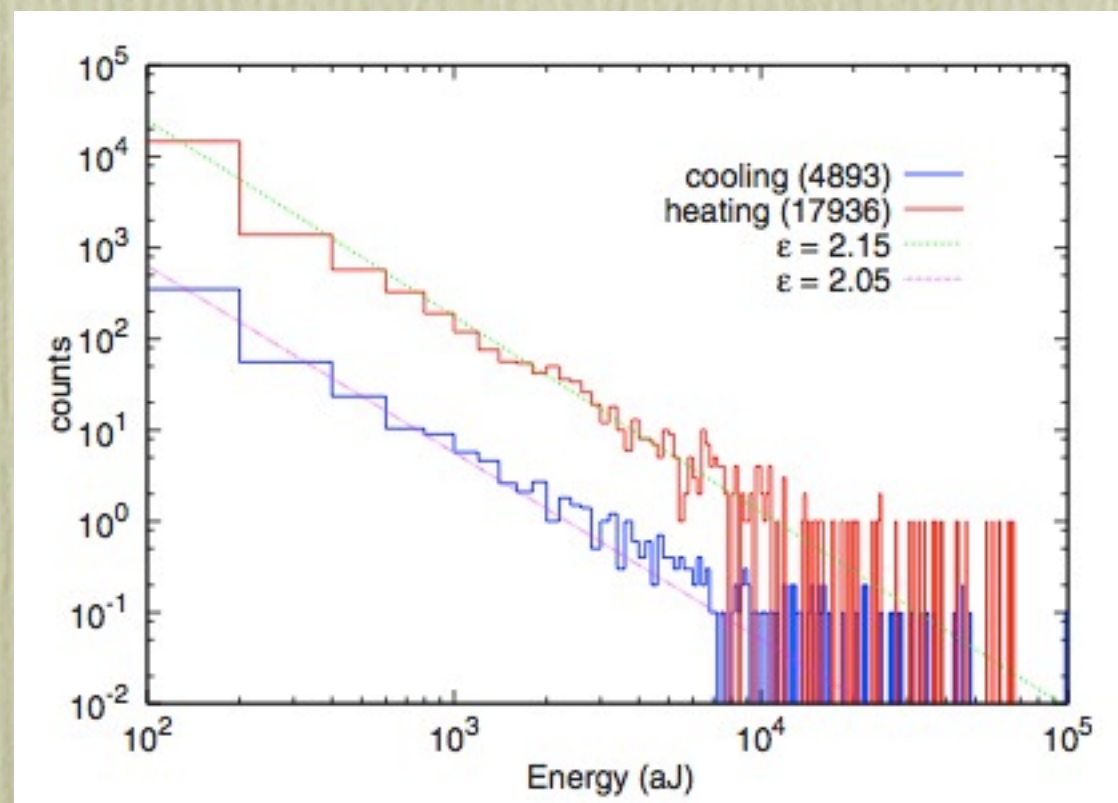
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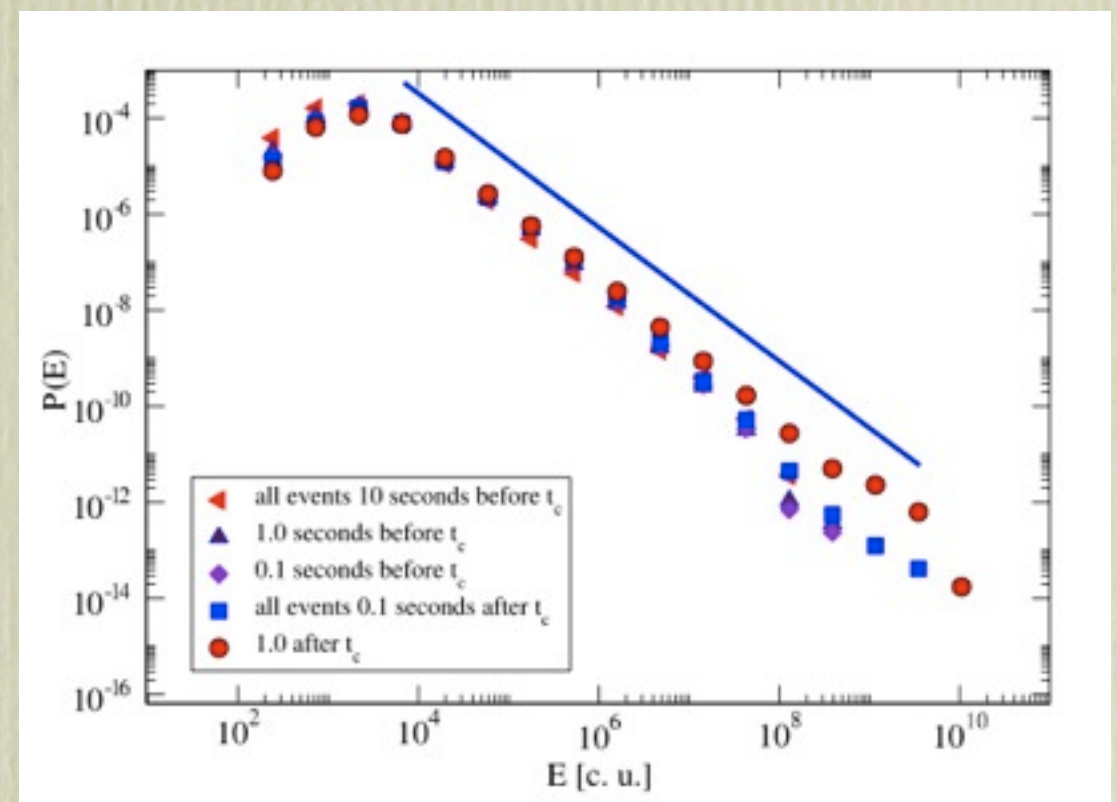
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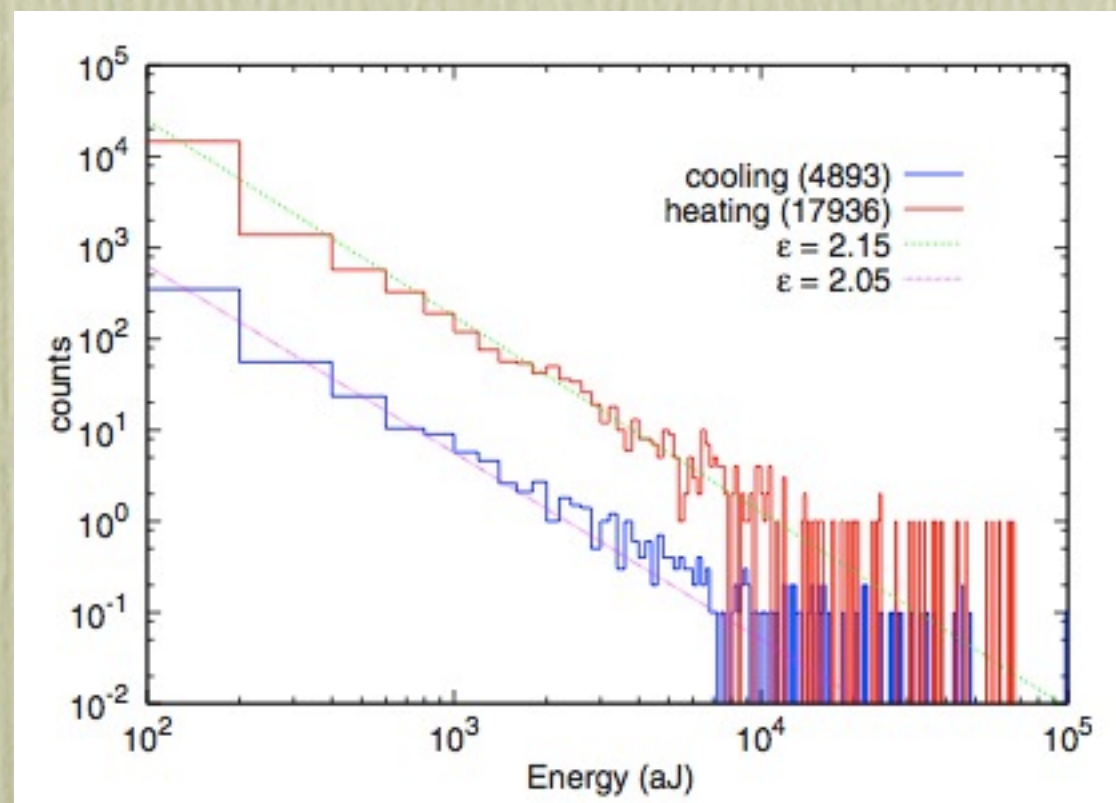
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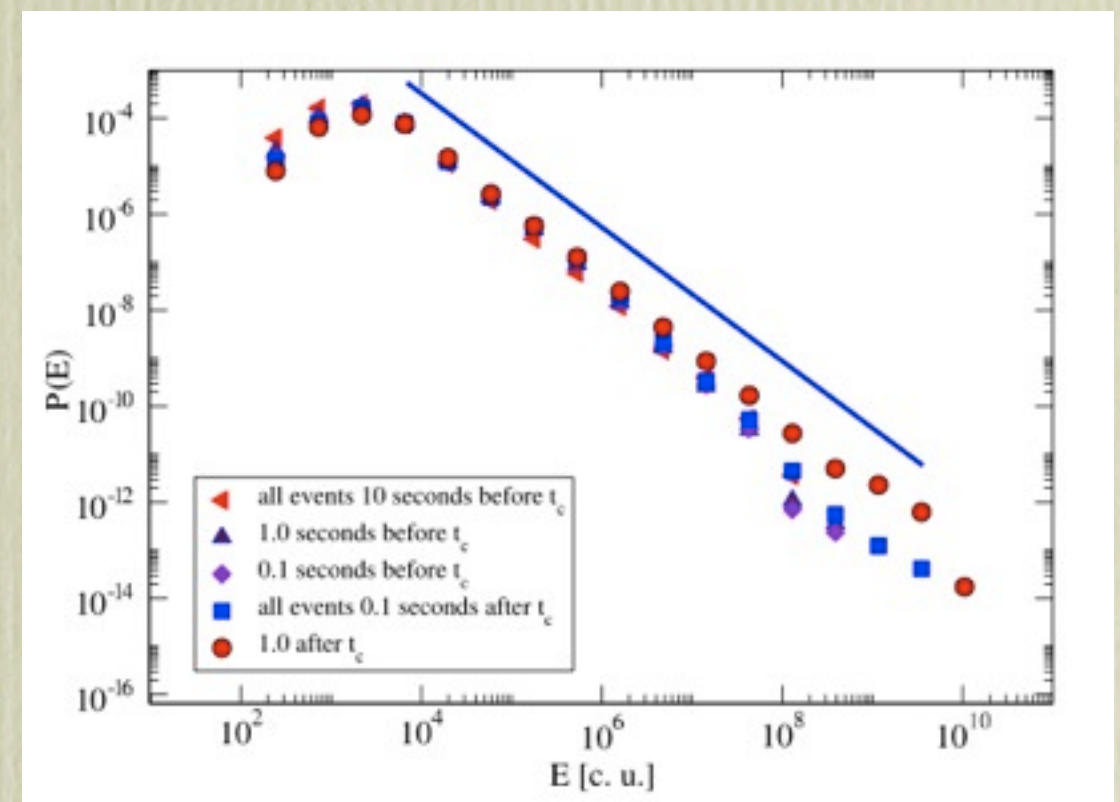
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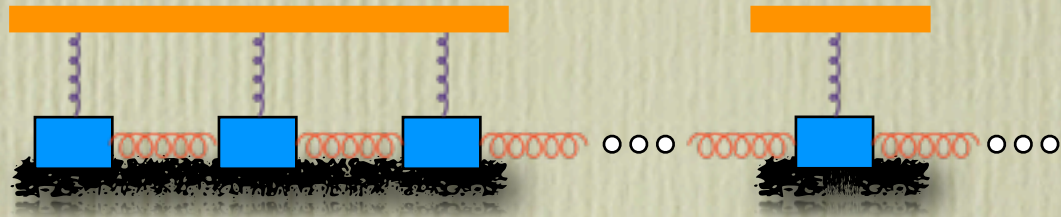
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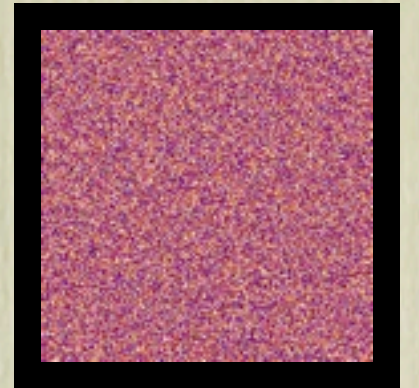
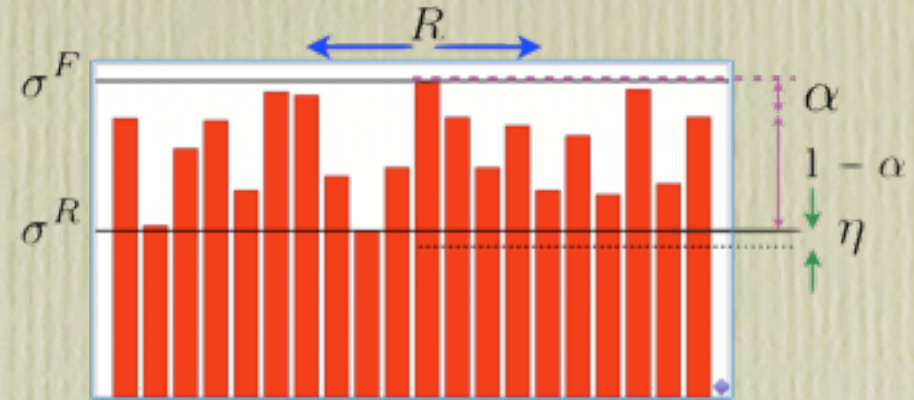
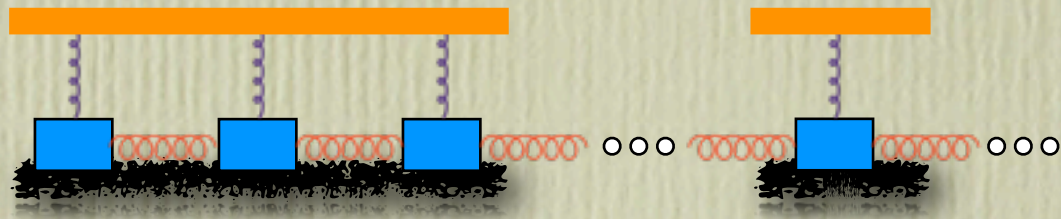
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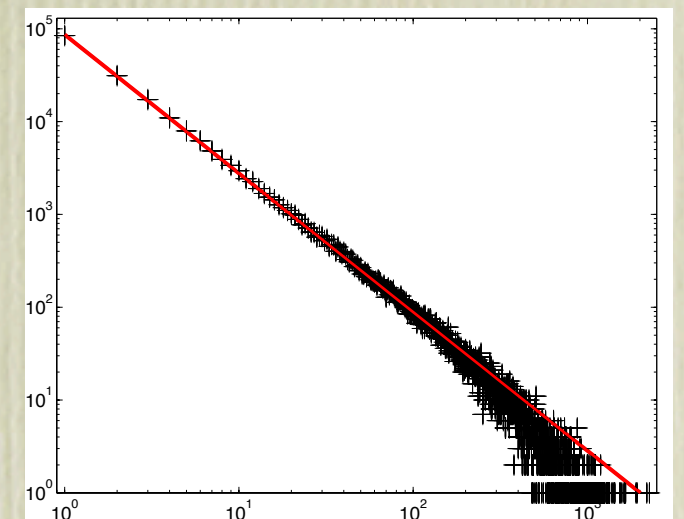
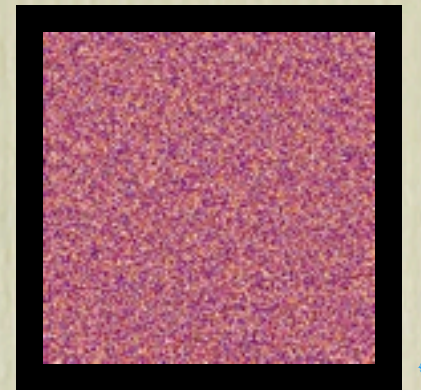
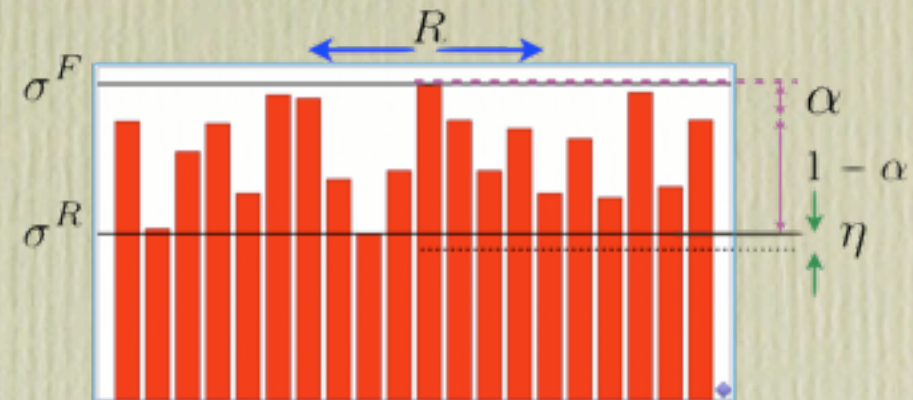
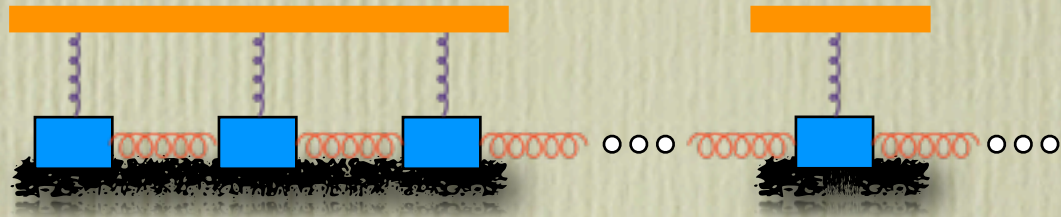
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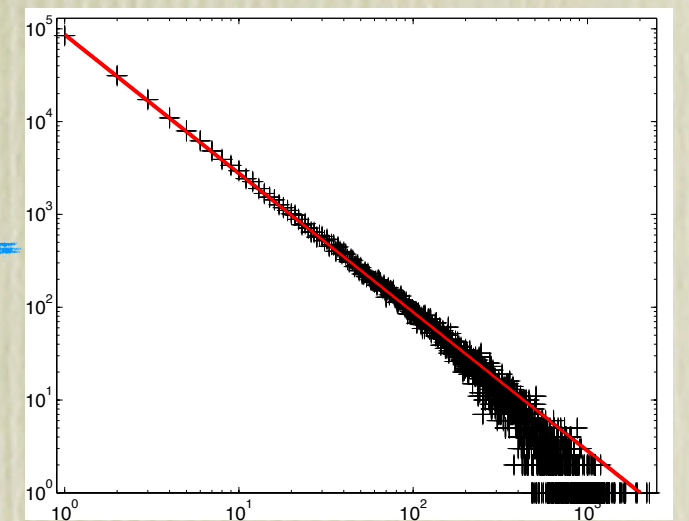
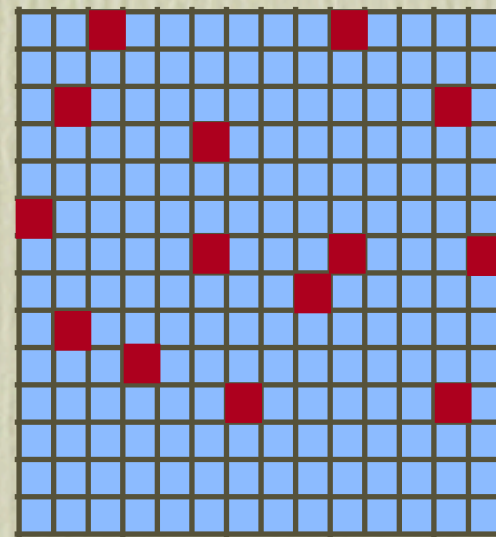
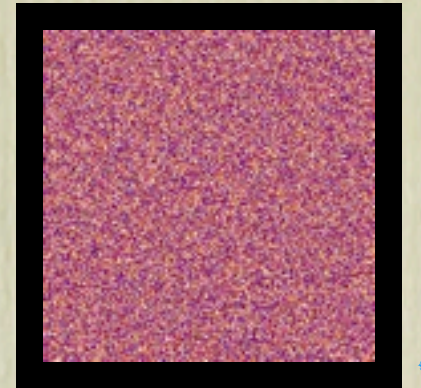
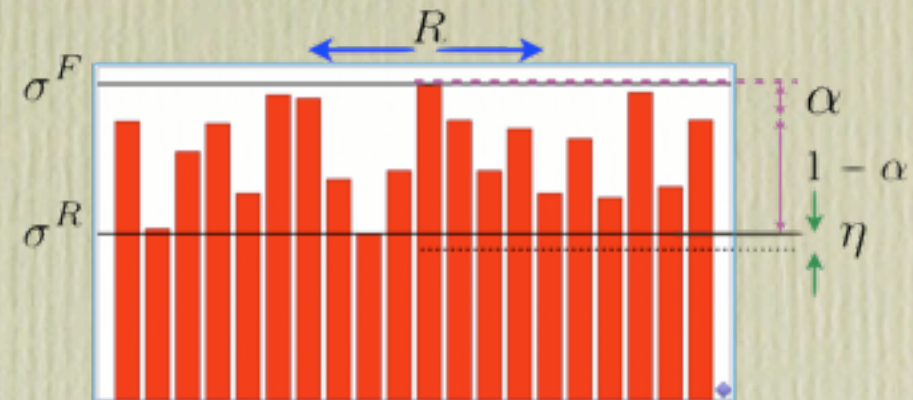
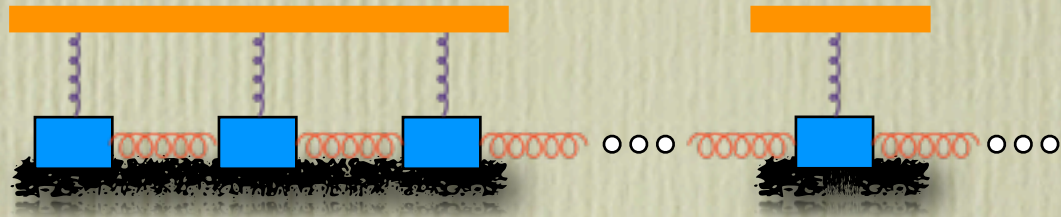
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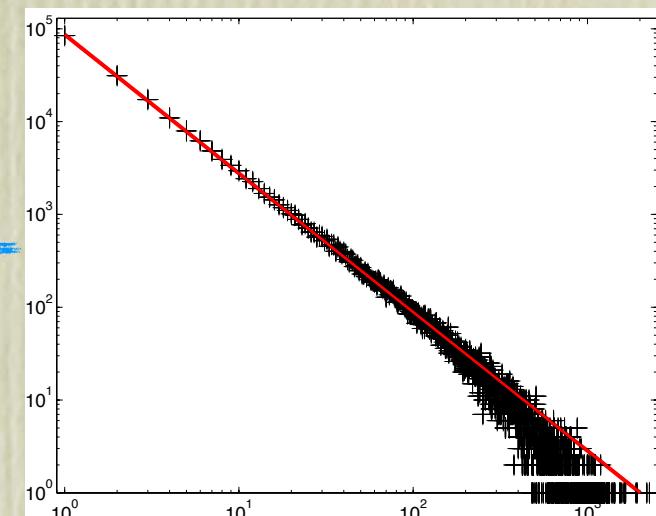
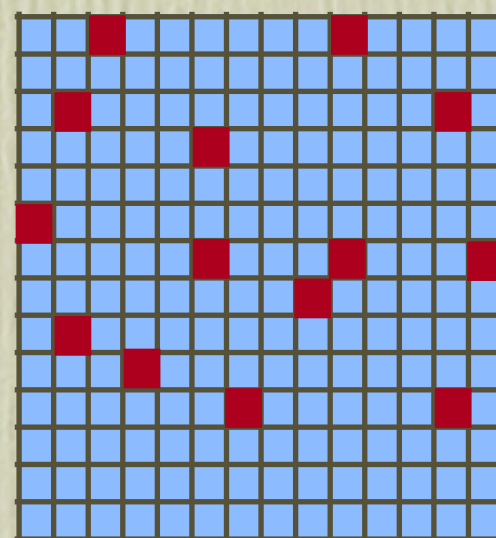
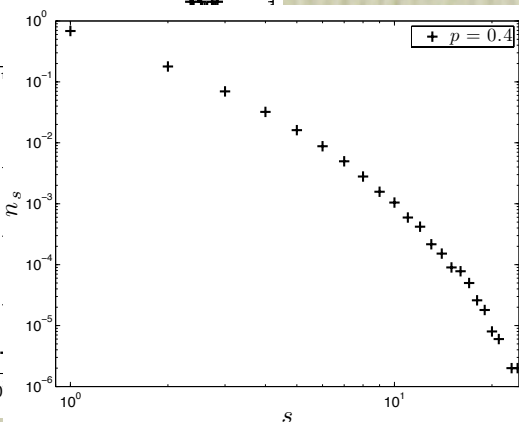
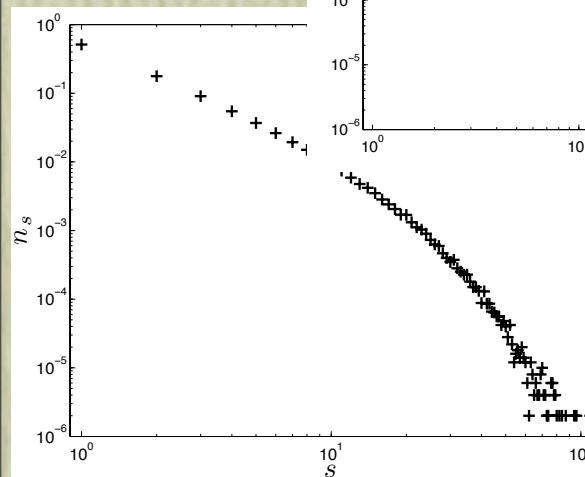
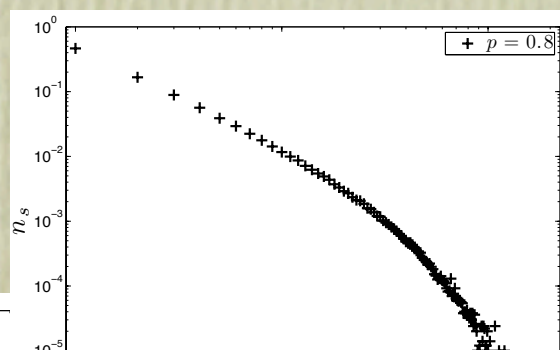
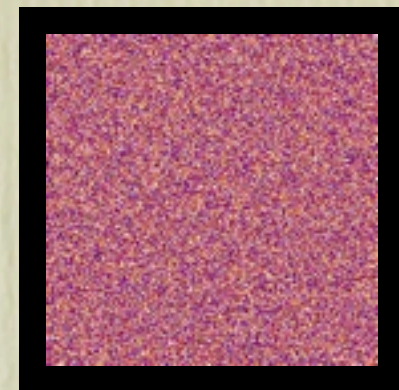
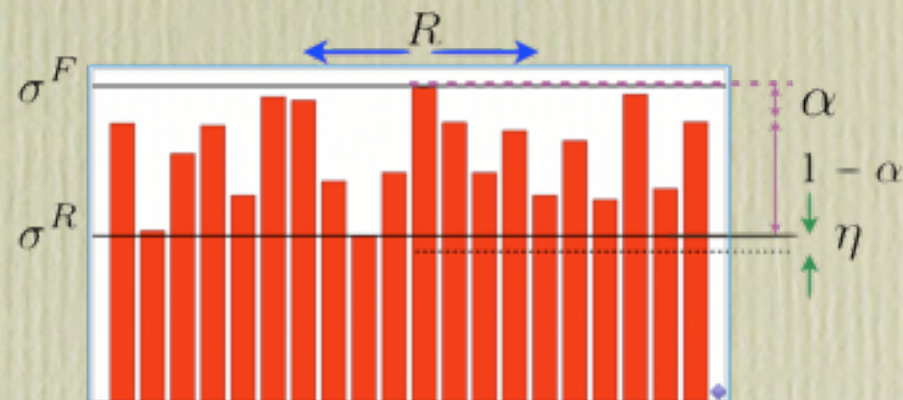
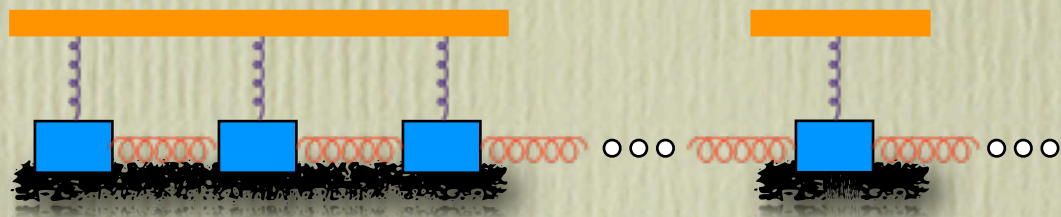
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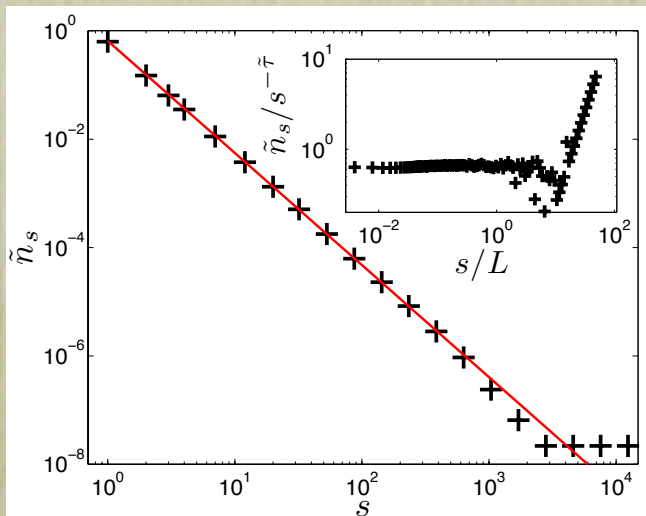
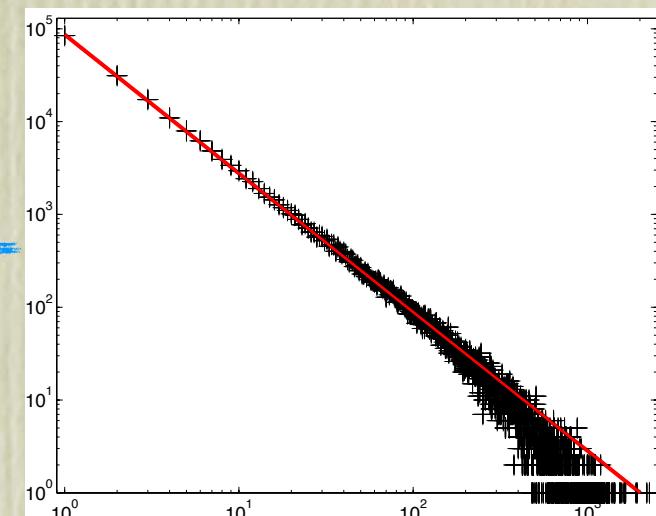
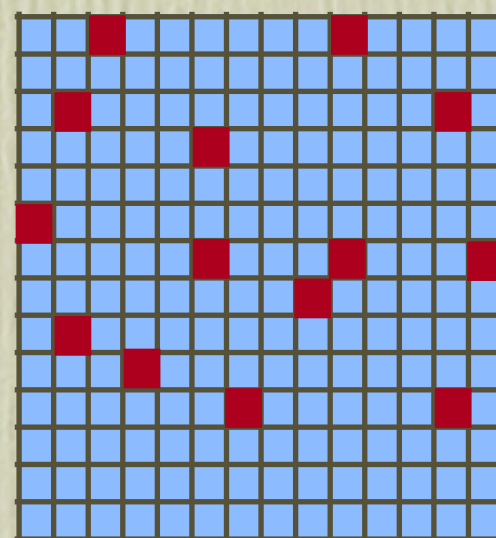
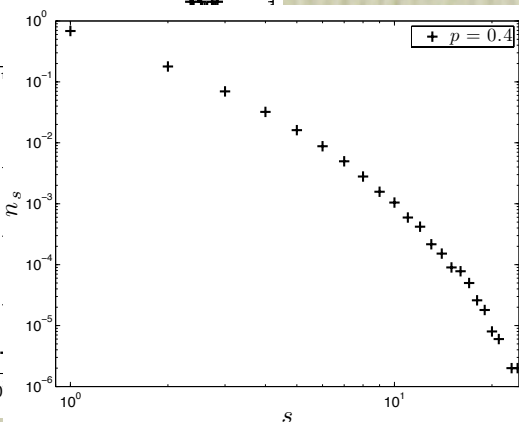
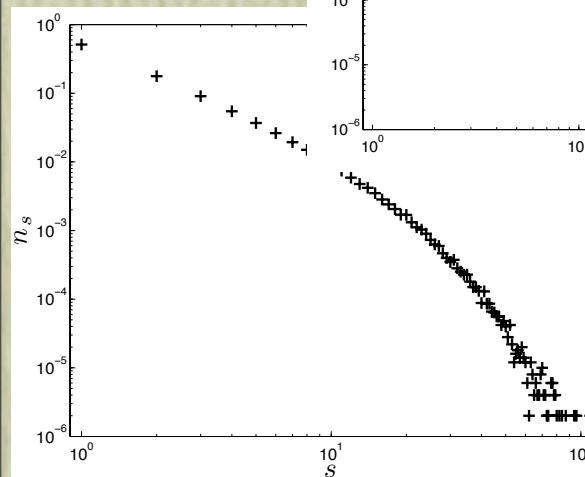
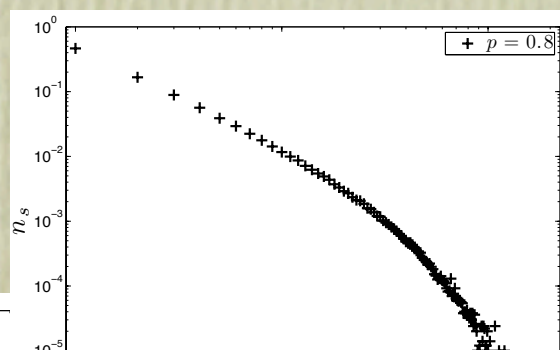
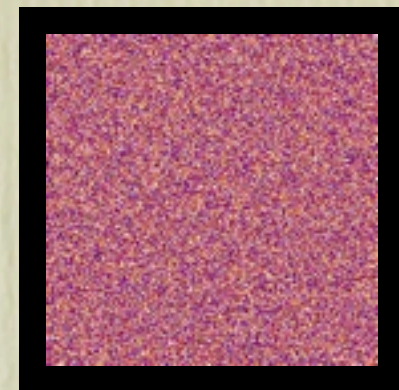
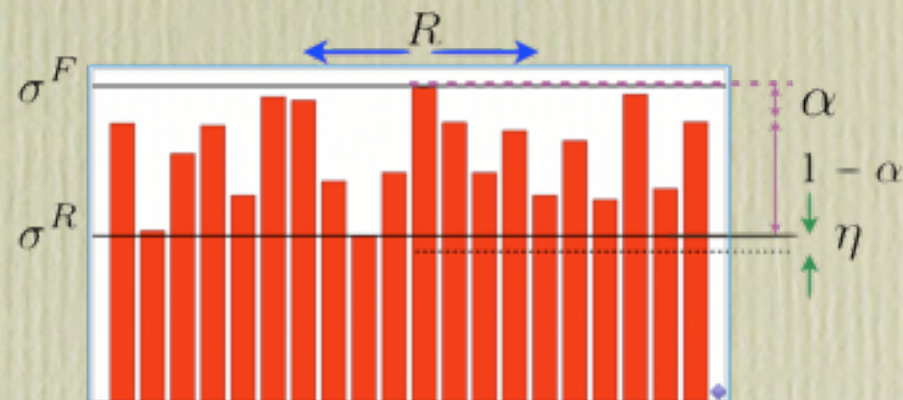
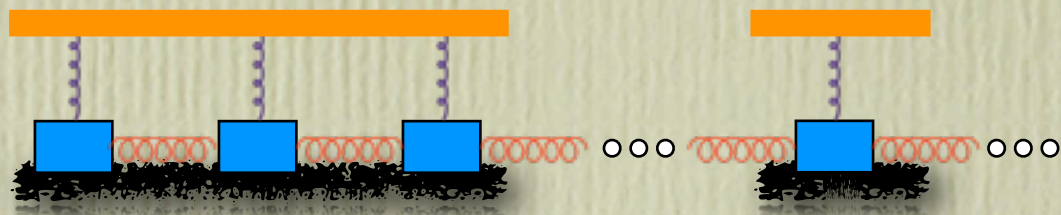
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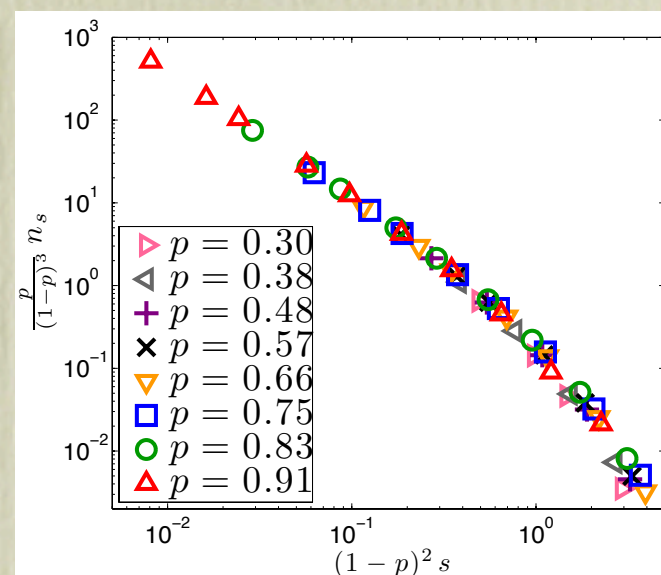
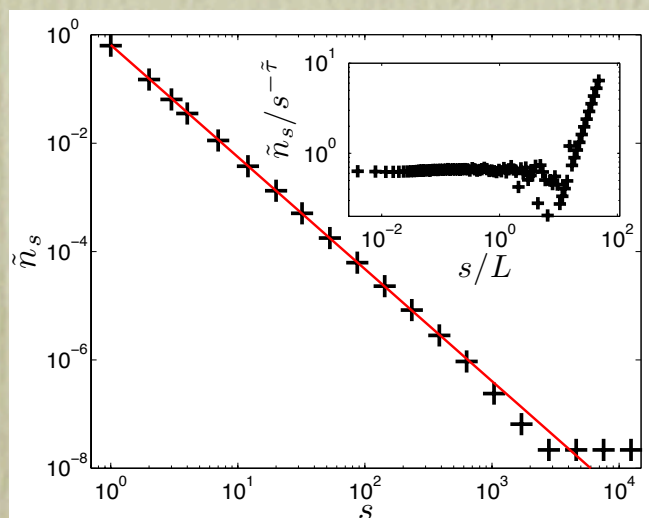
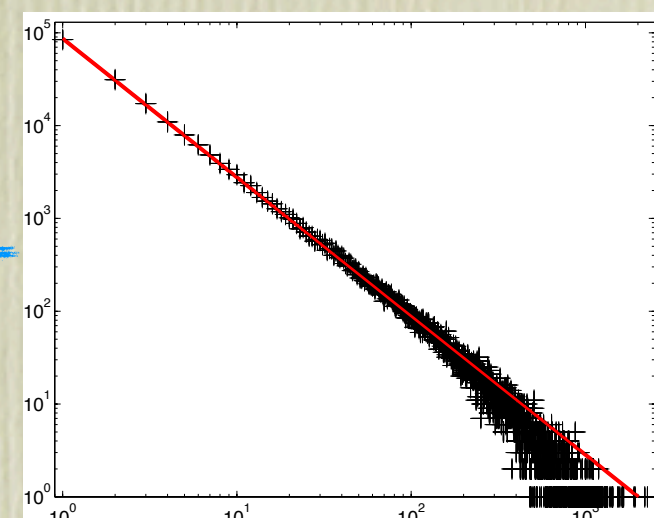
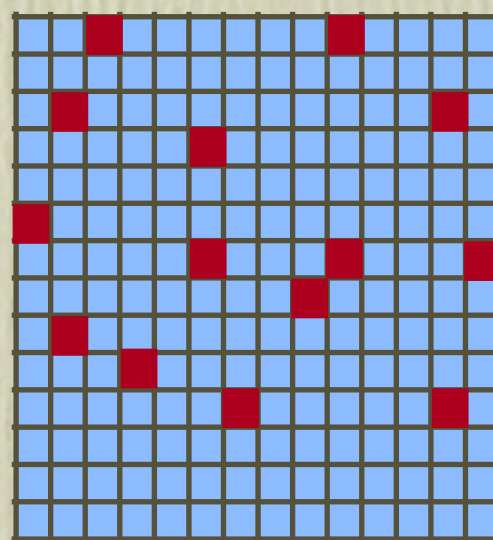
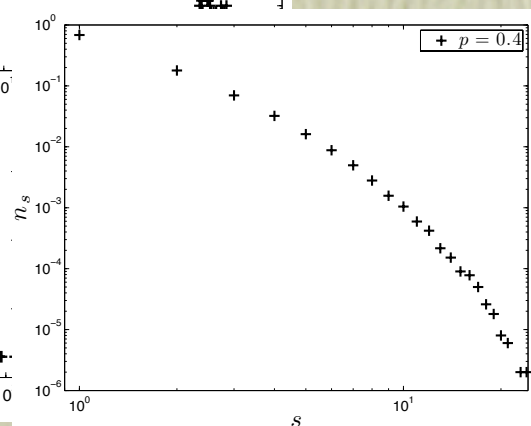
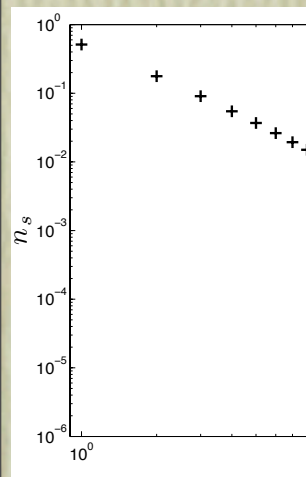
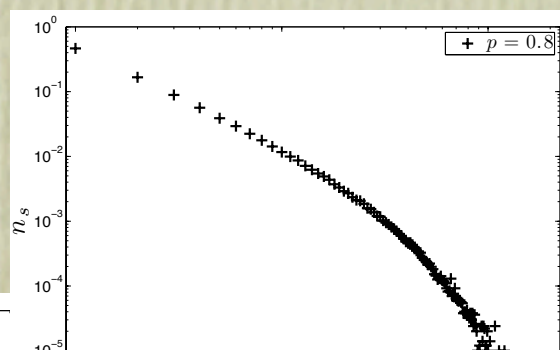
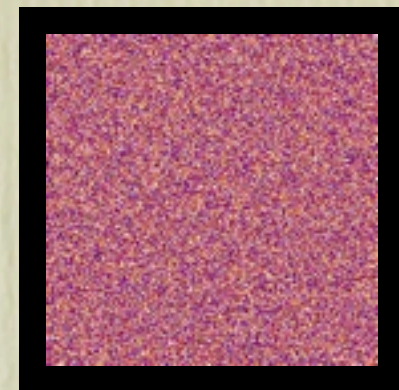
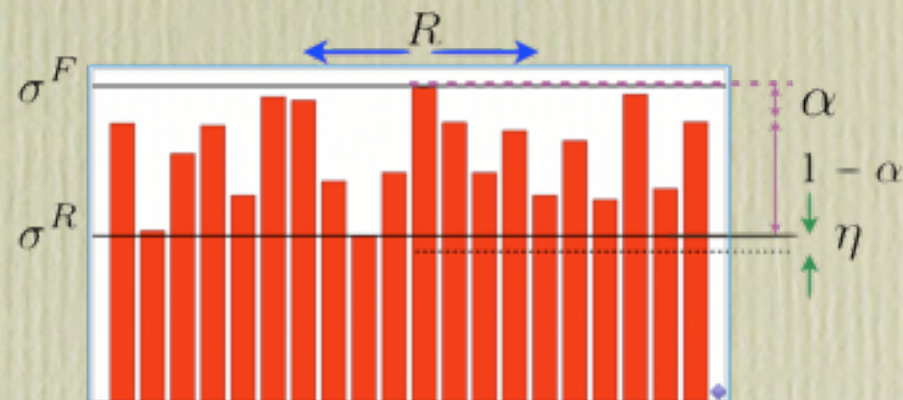
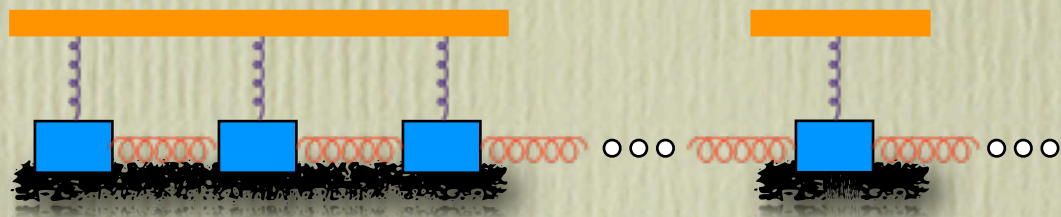
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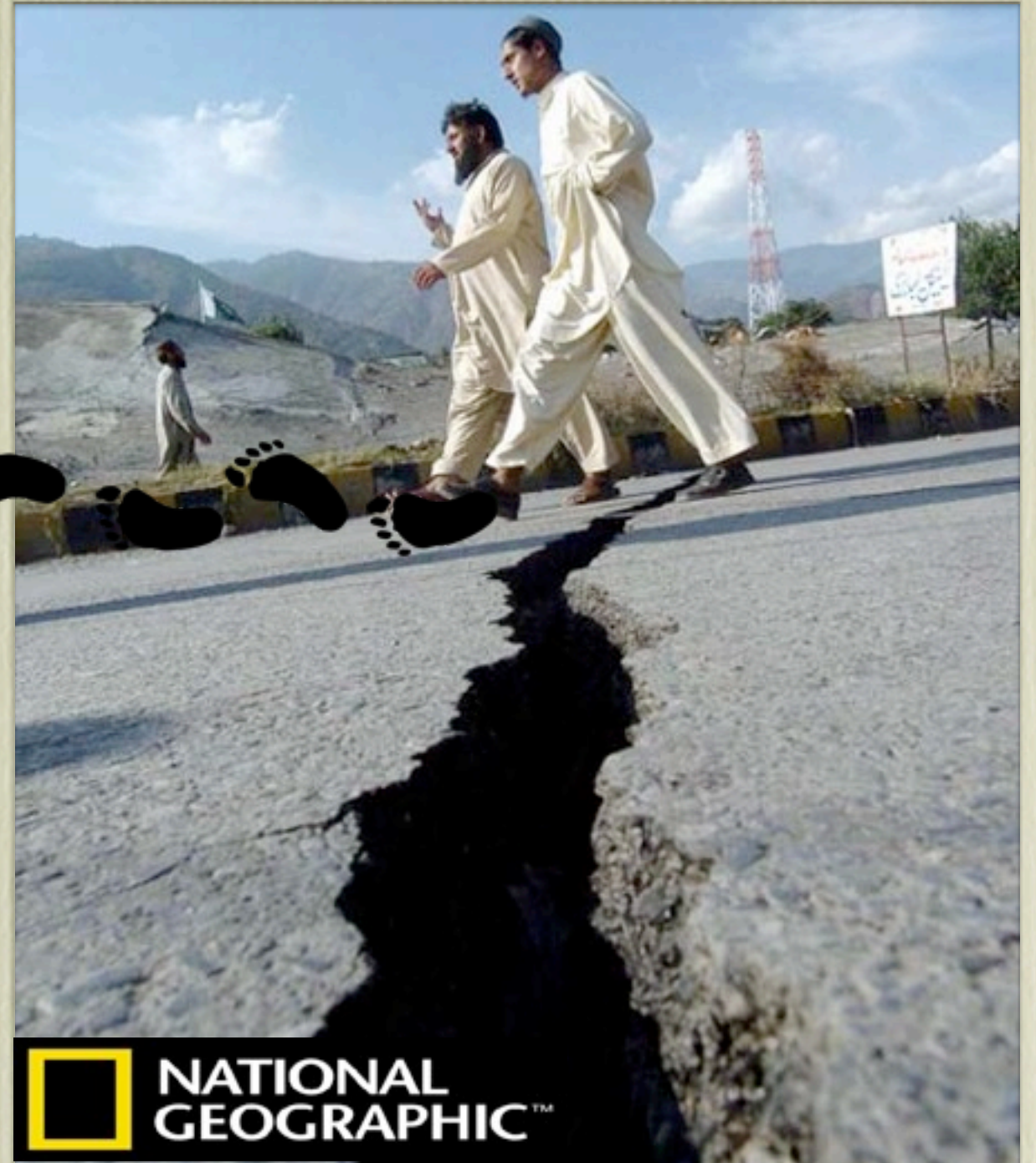
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