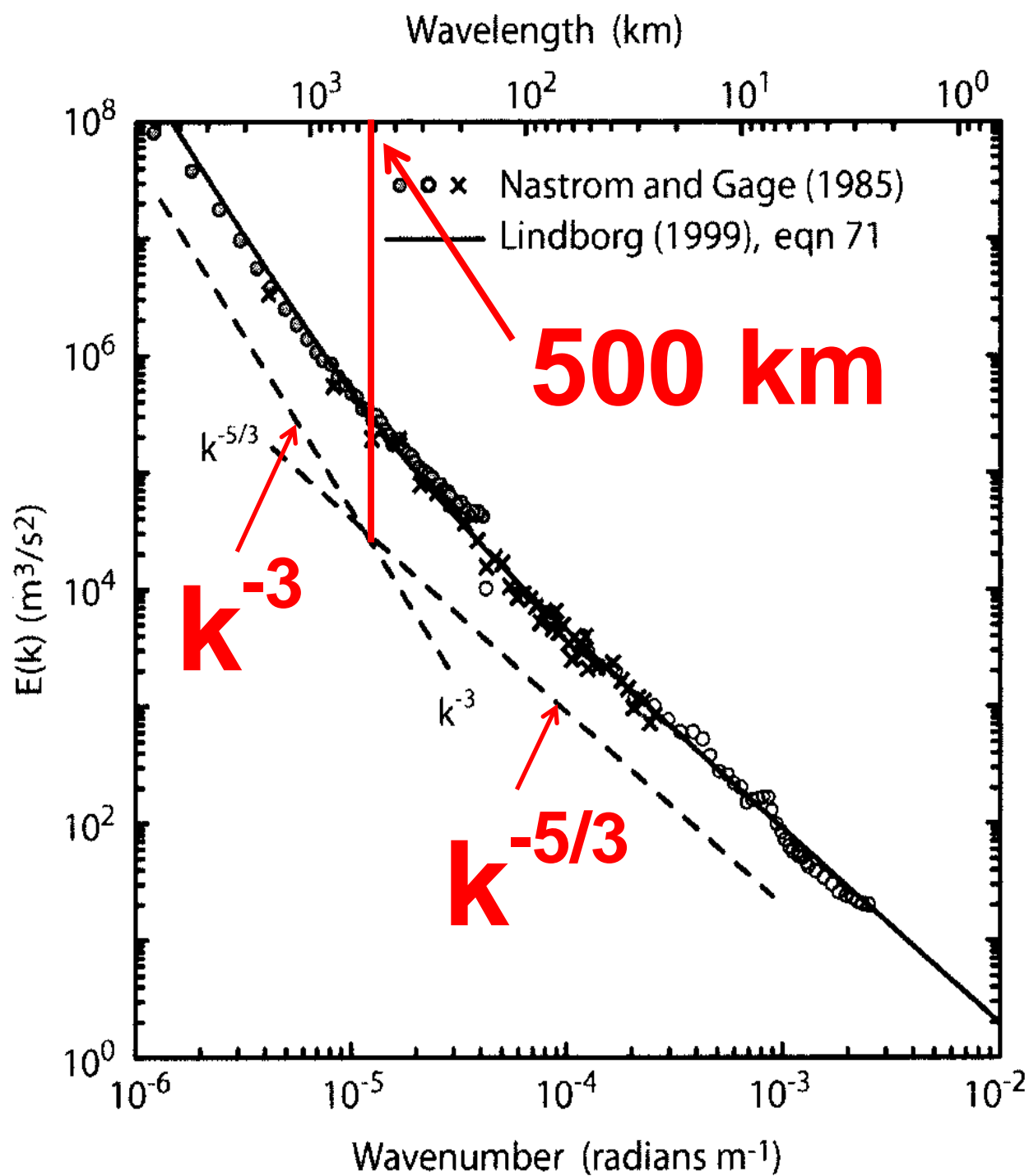


# **Betydelsen av sammanväxten av data-assimilation och ensemble-teknik för Nowcasting**

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# Prediktabilitet



# Allerstädes närvarande

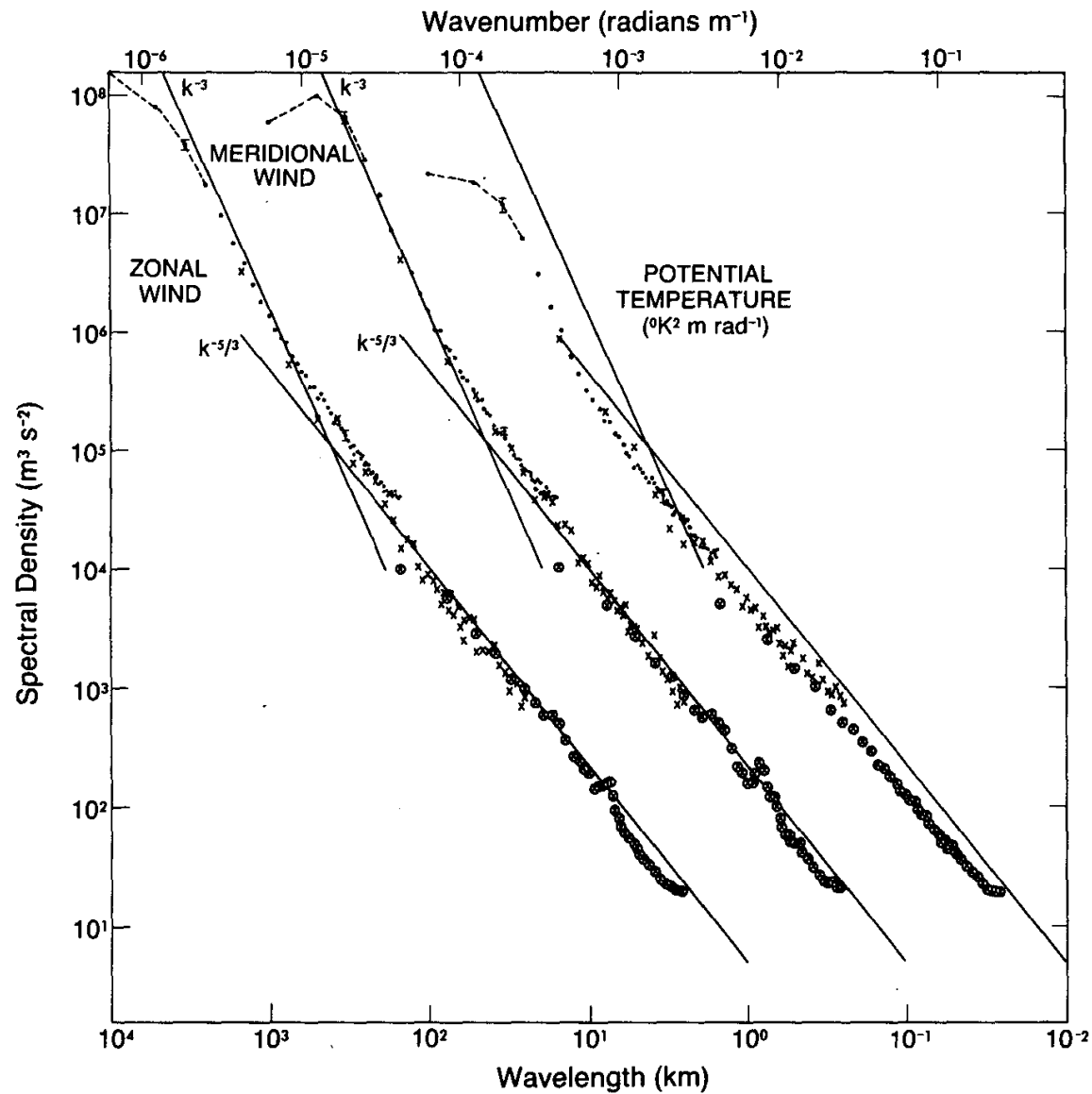
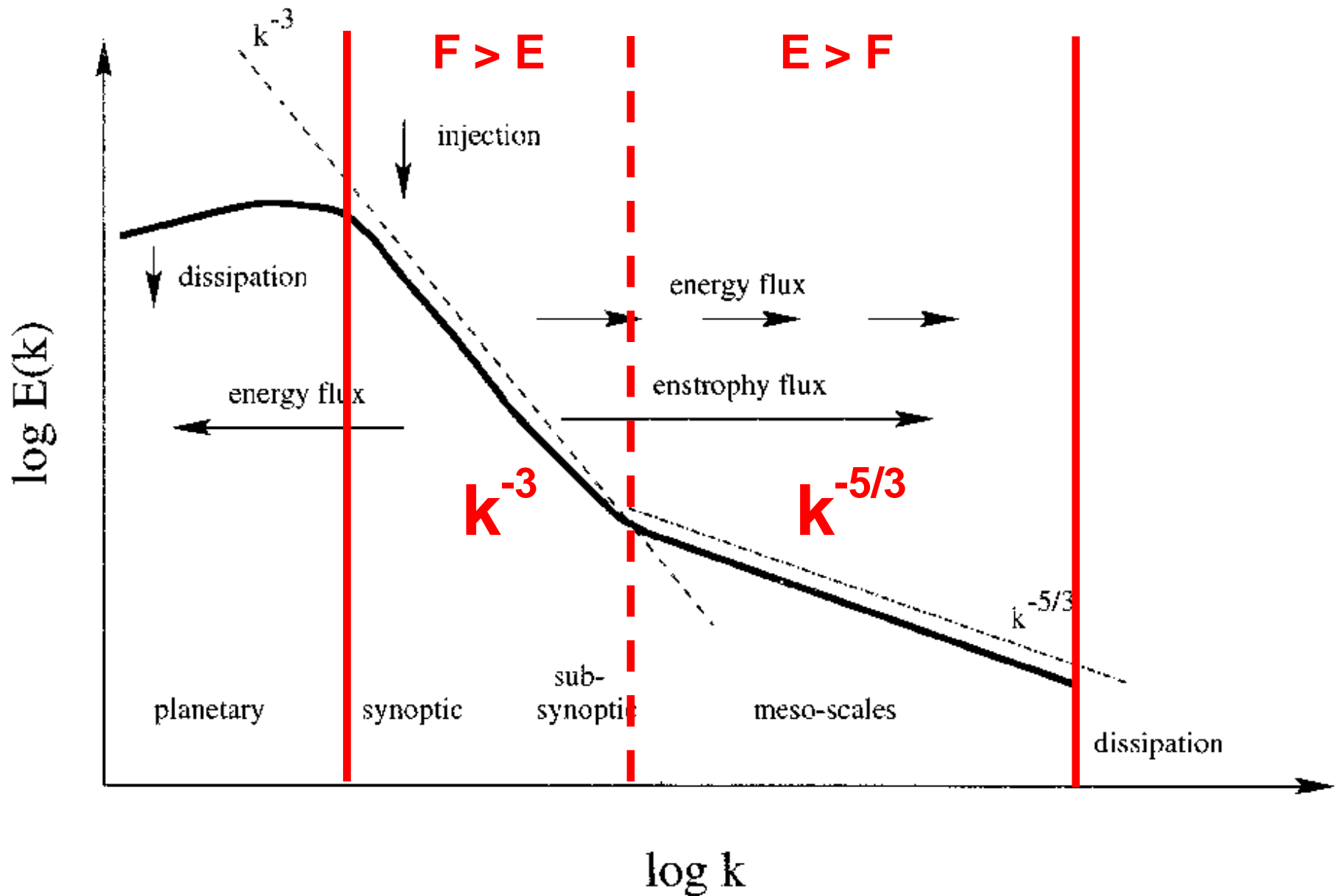


FIG. 3. Variance power spectra of wind and potential temperature near the tropopause from GASP aircraft data. The spectra for meridional wind and temperature are shifted one and two decades to the right, respectively; lines with slopes  $-3$  and  $-5/3$  are entered at the same relative coordinates for each variable for comparison.

## F and E invariant



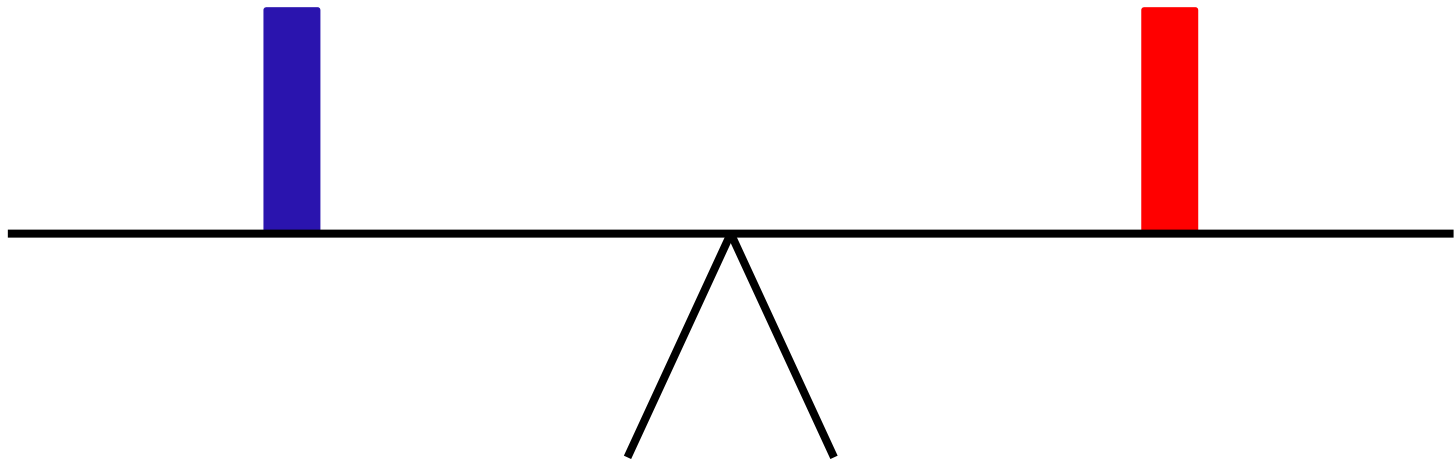
# Synoptic scale flow

## Conservation laws

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \overline{\mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{V}} \quad \text{Energy}$$

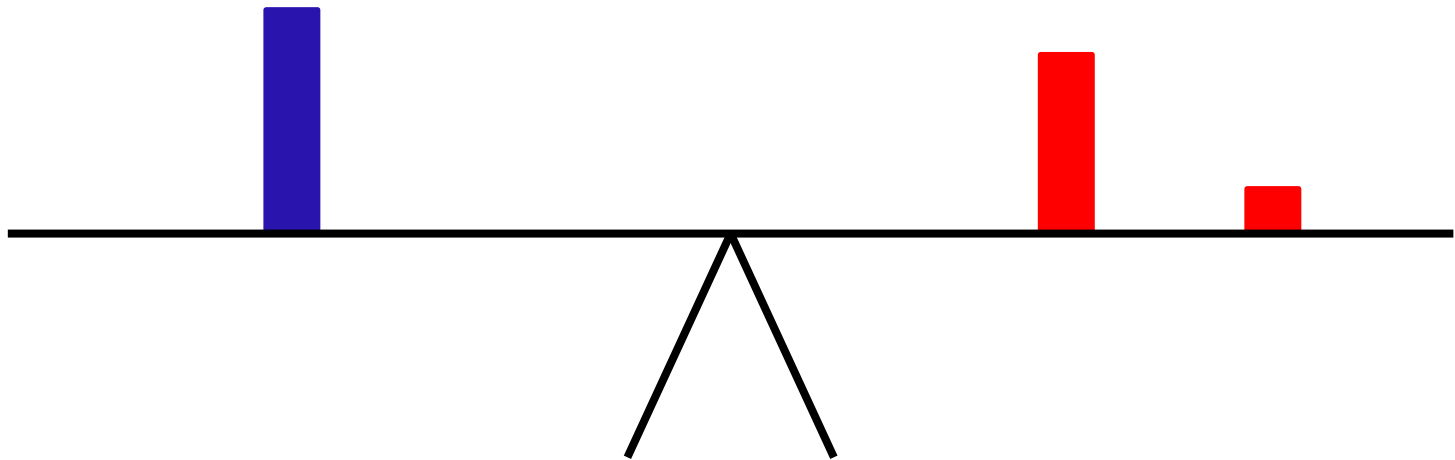
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**Mechanical analogy**

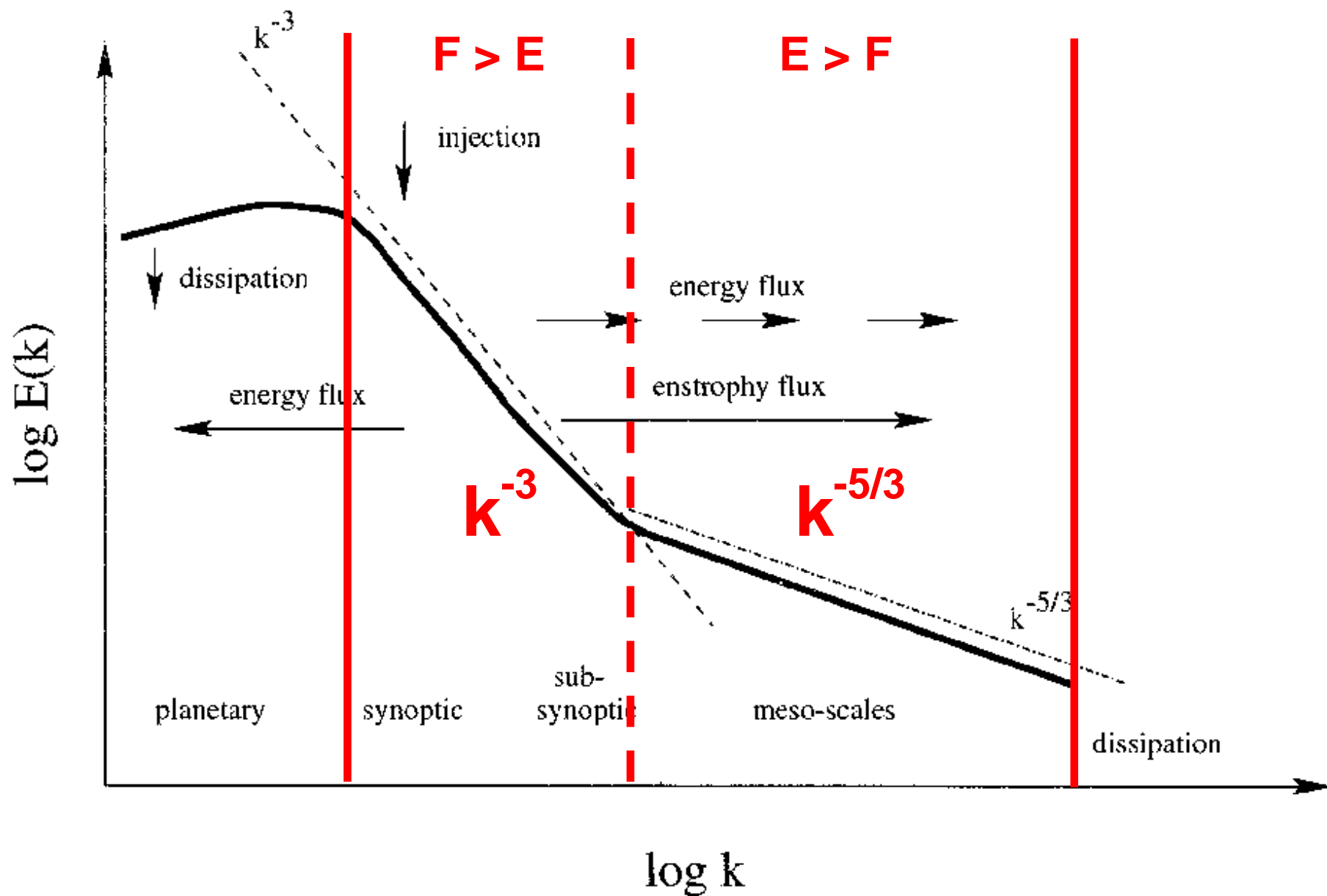
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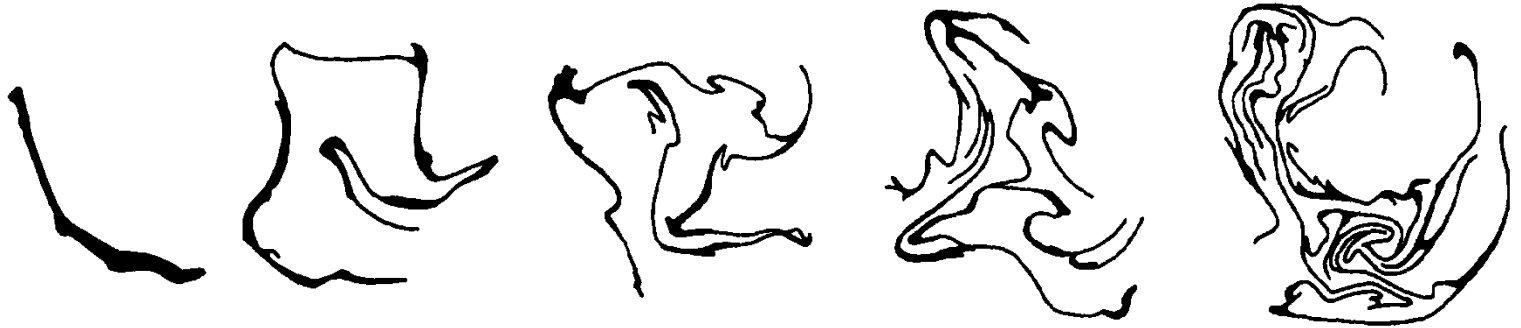
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# Enstrophy Cascade



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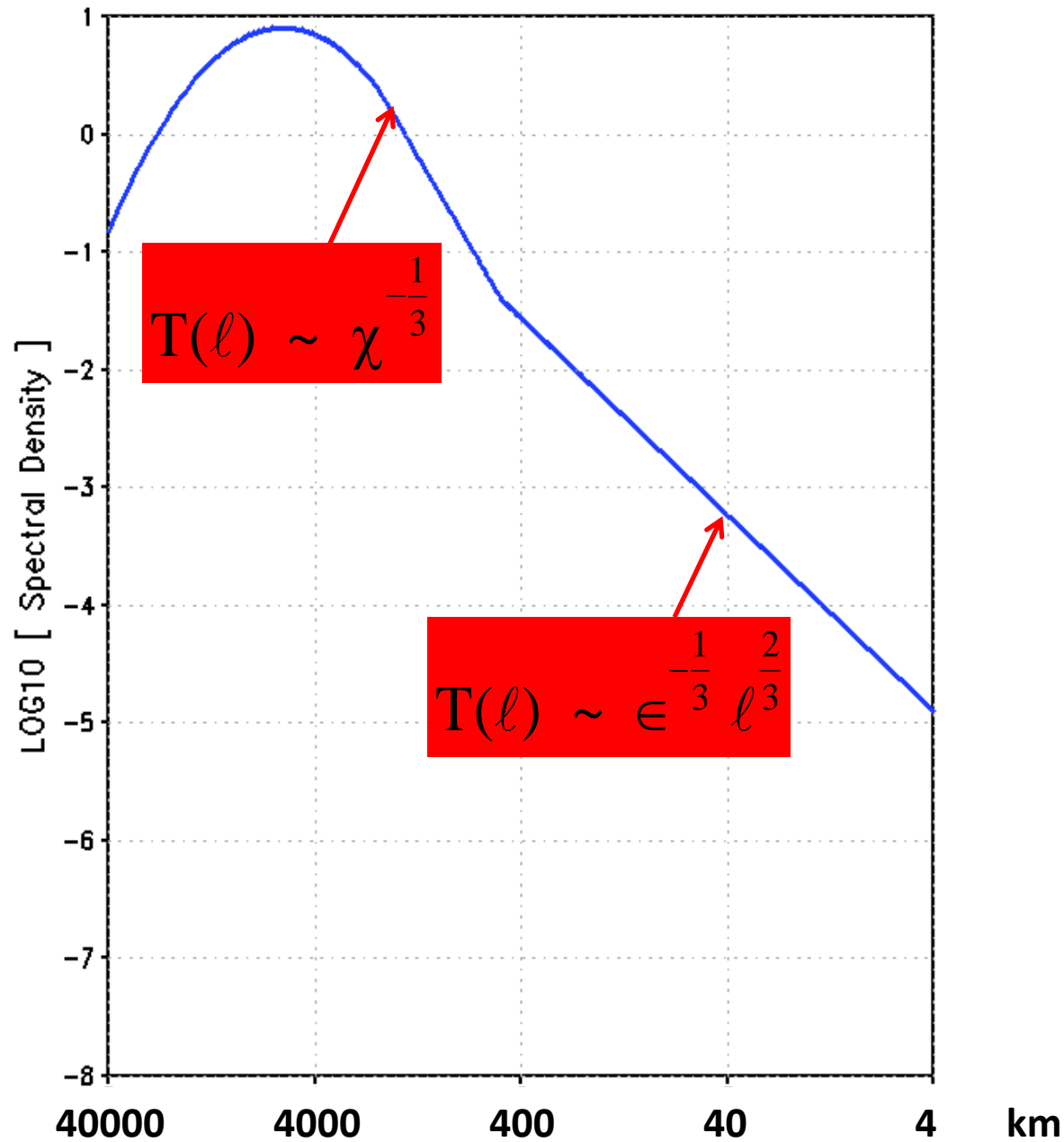
Big whirls have little whirls  
That feed on their velocity  
And little whirls have lesser whirls  
And so on to viscosity

Lewis Fry Richardson

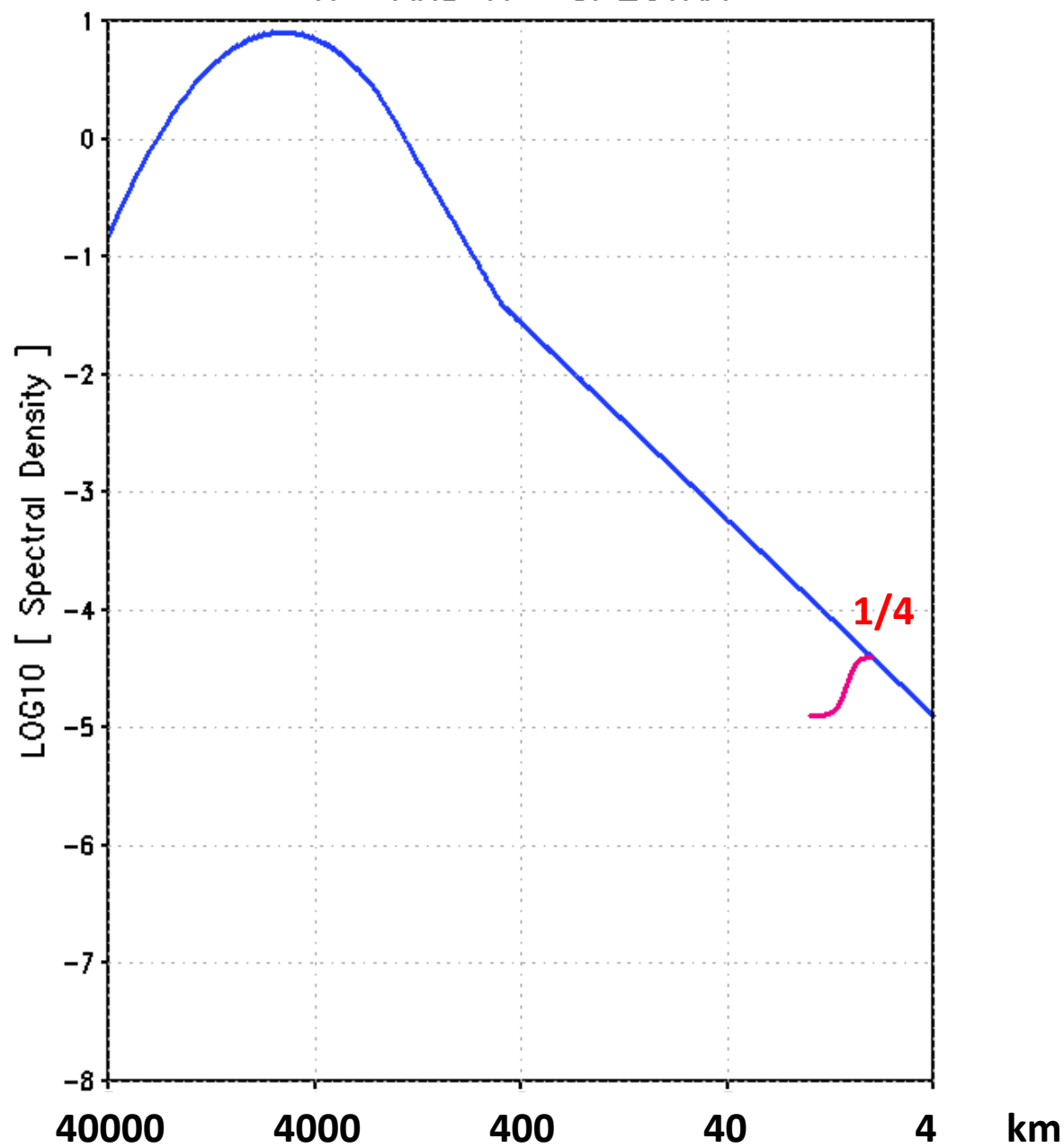
**Cascade rates are intimately connected with**

- (i) Eddy turnover times in a turbulent fluid**
- (ii) Spectral slope of the energy spectrum**

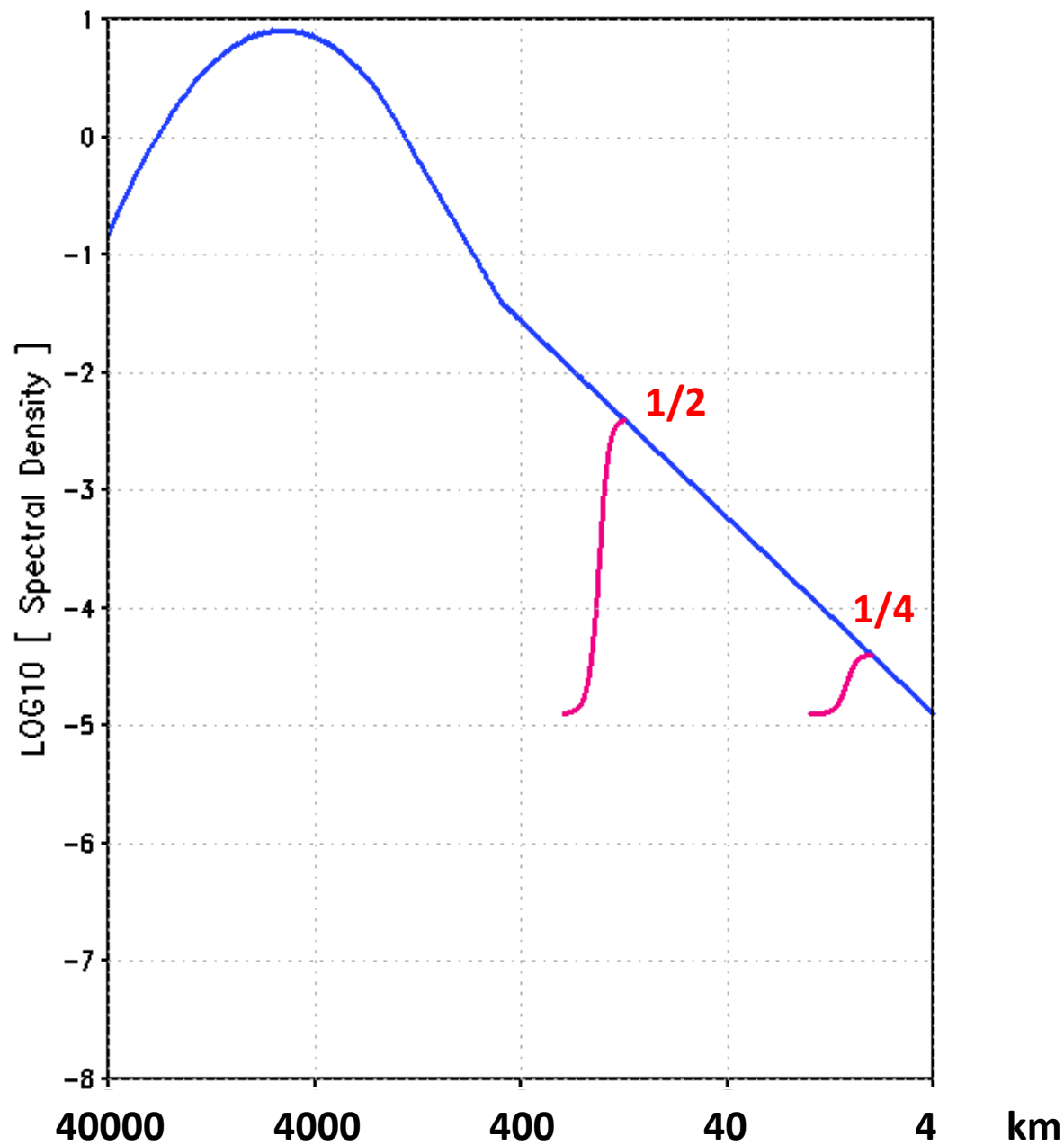
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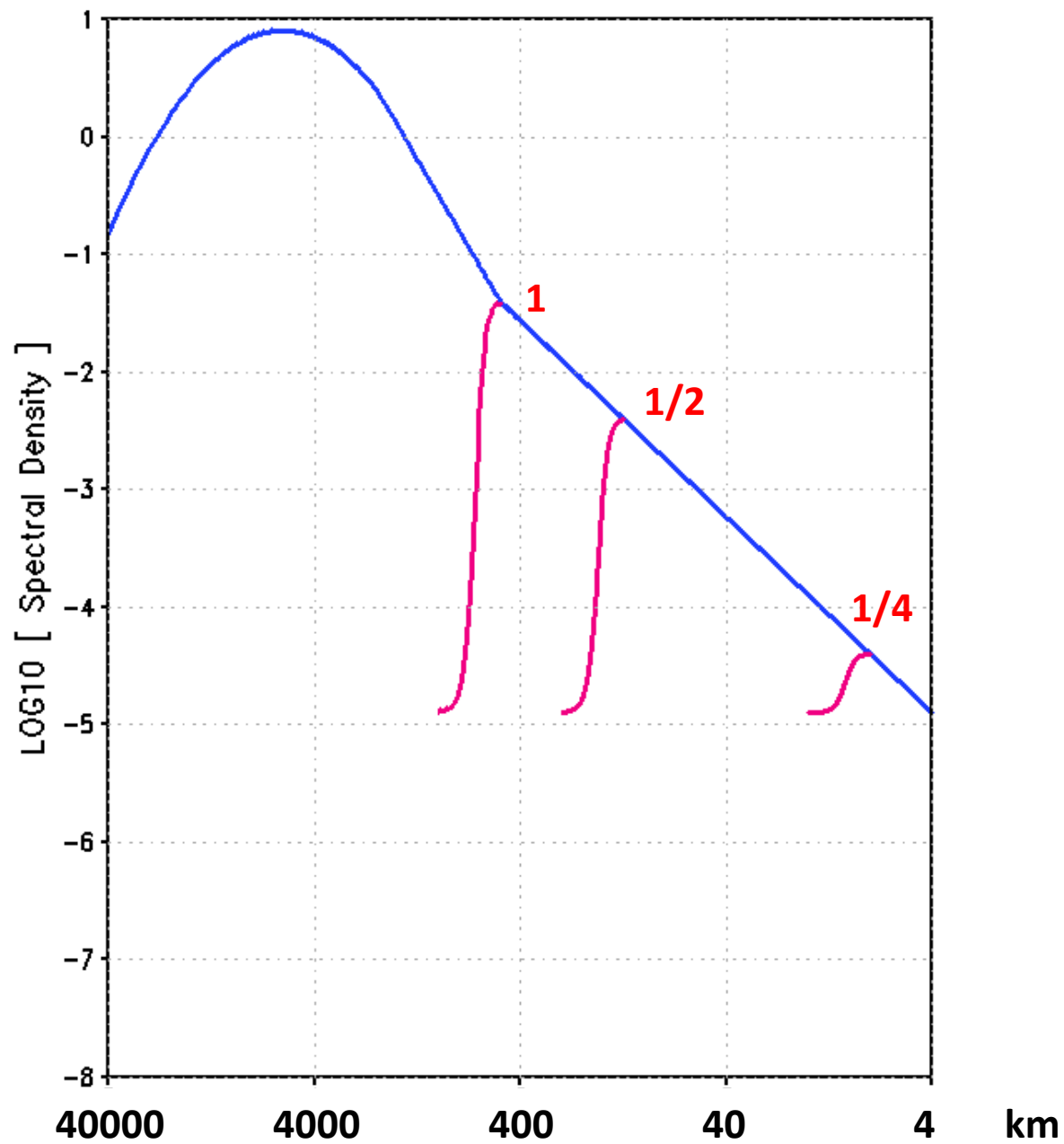


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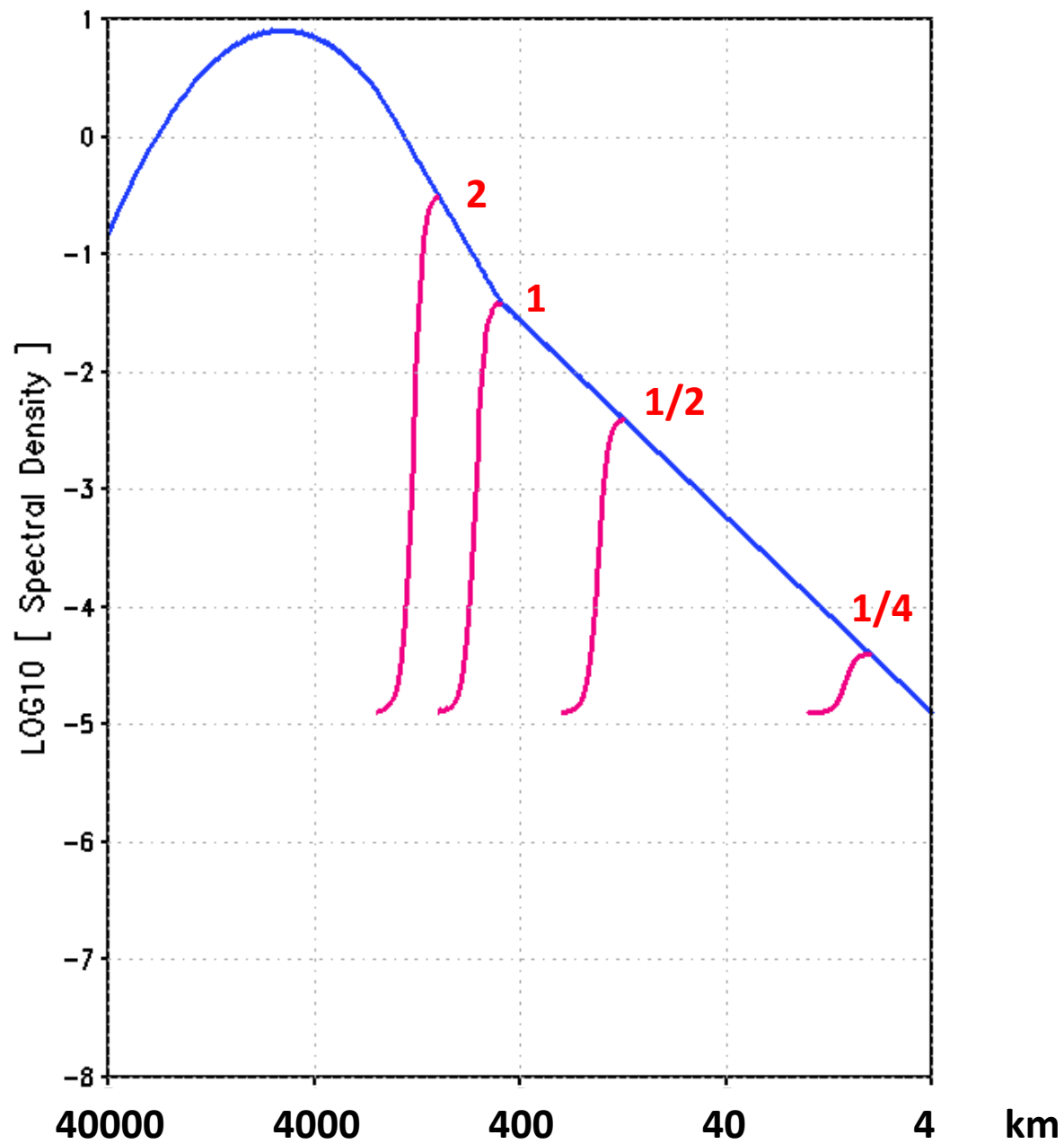




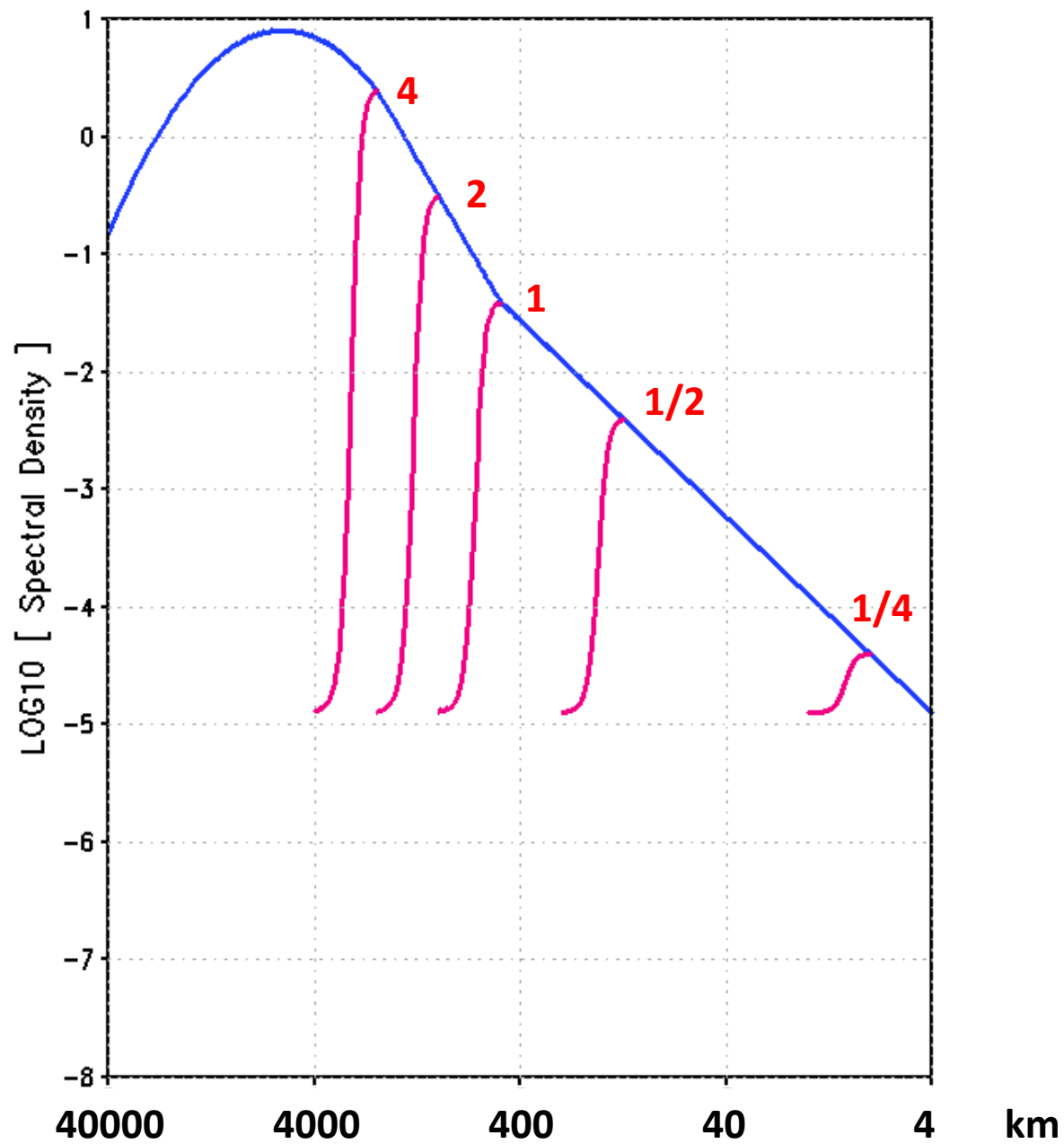
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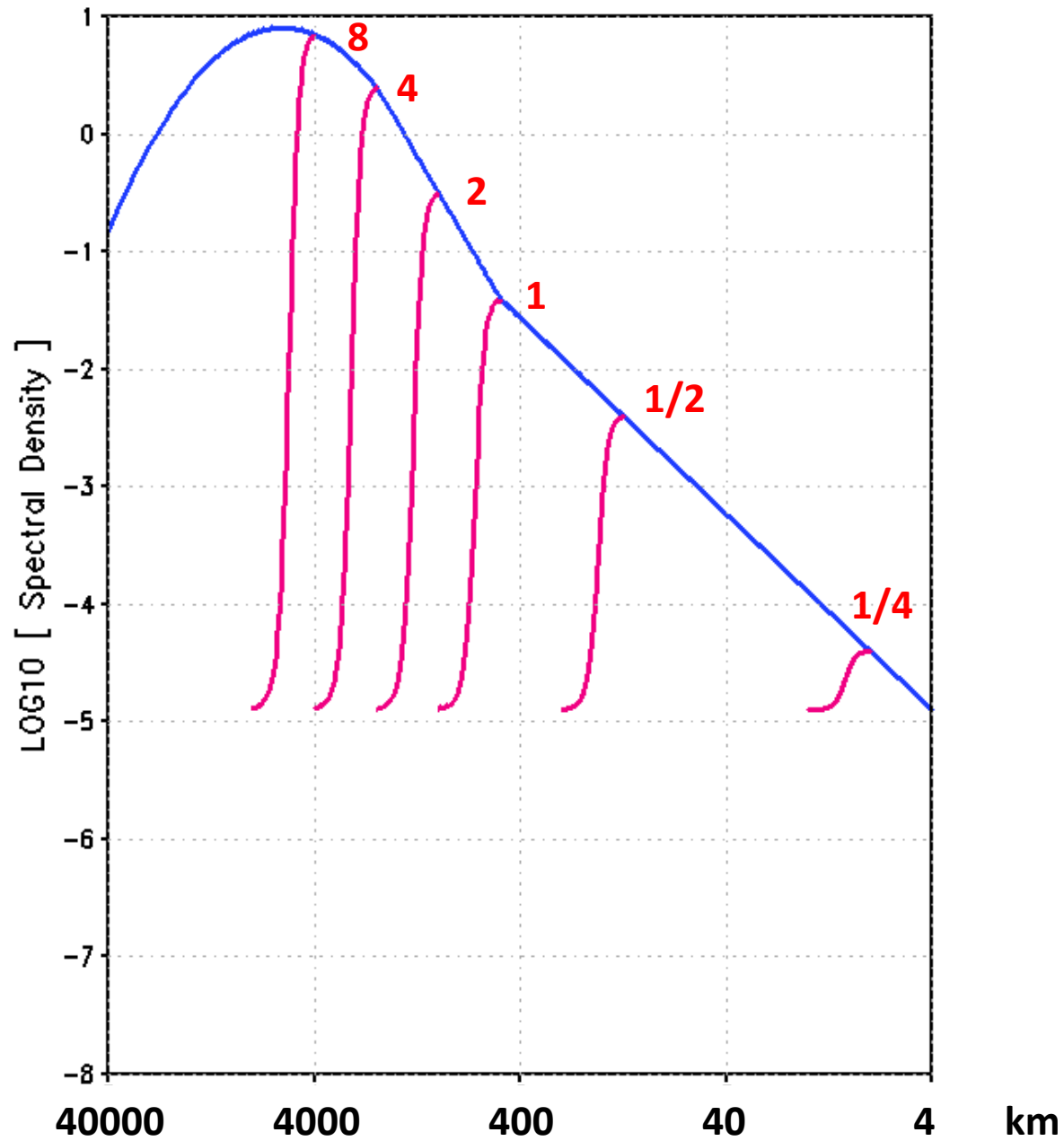
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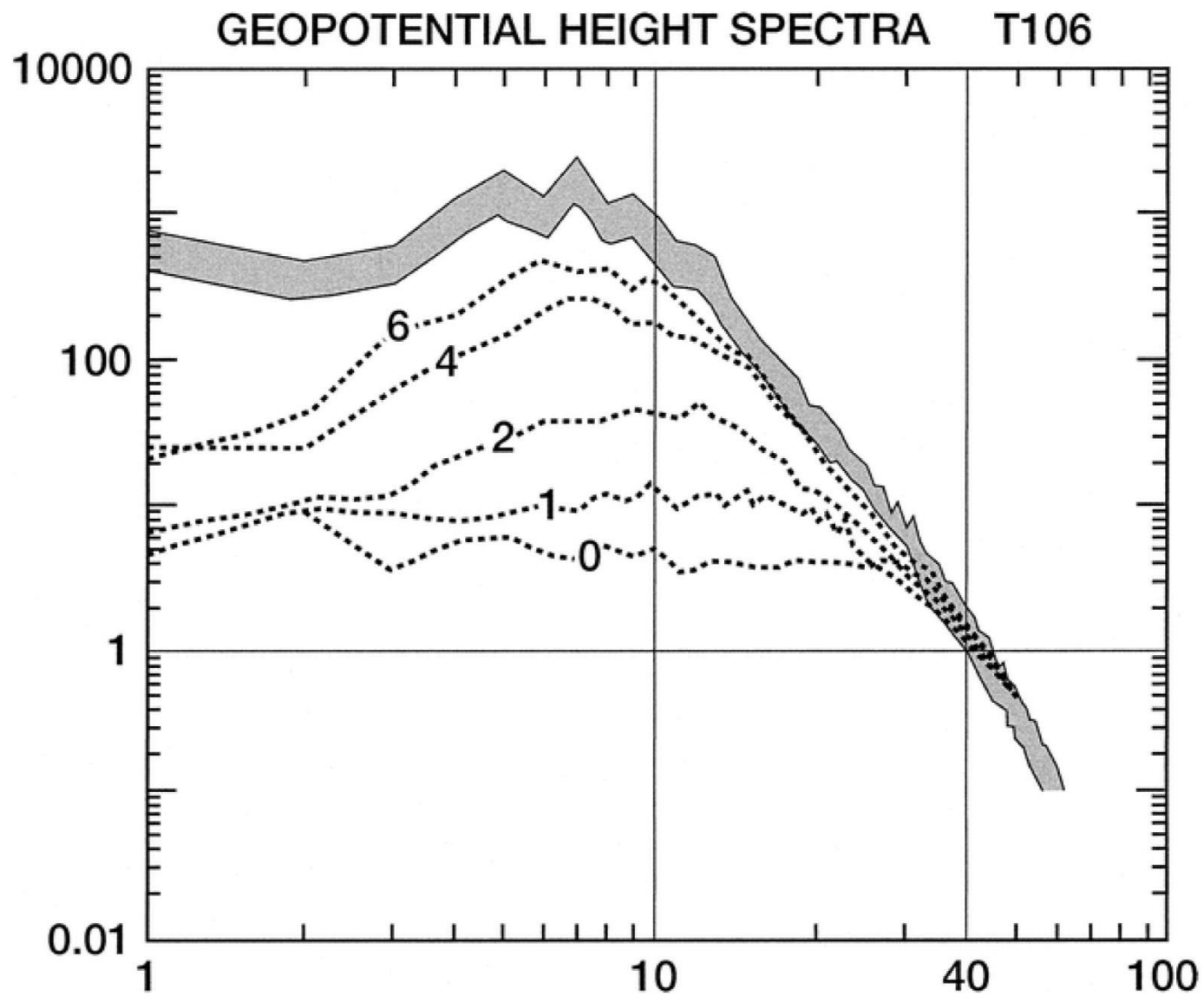
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# **Realistic Error Spectrum**



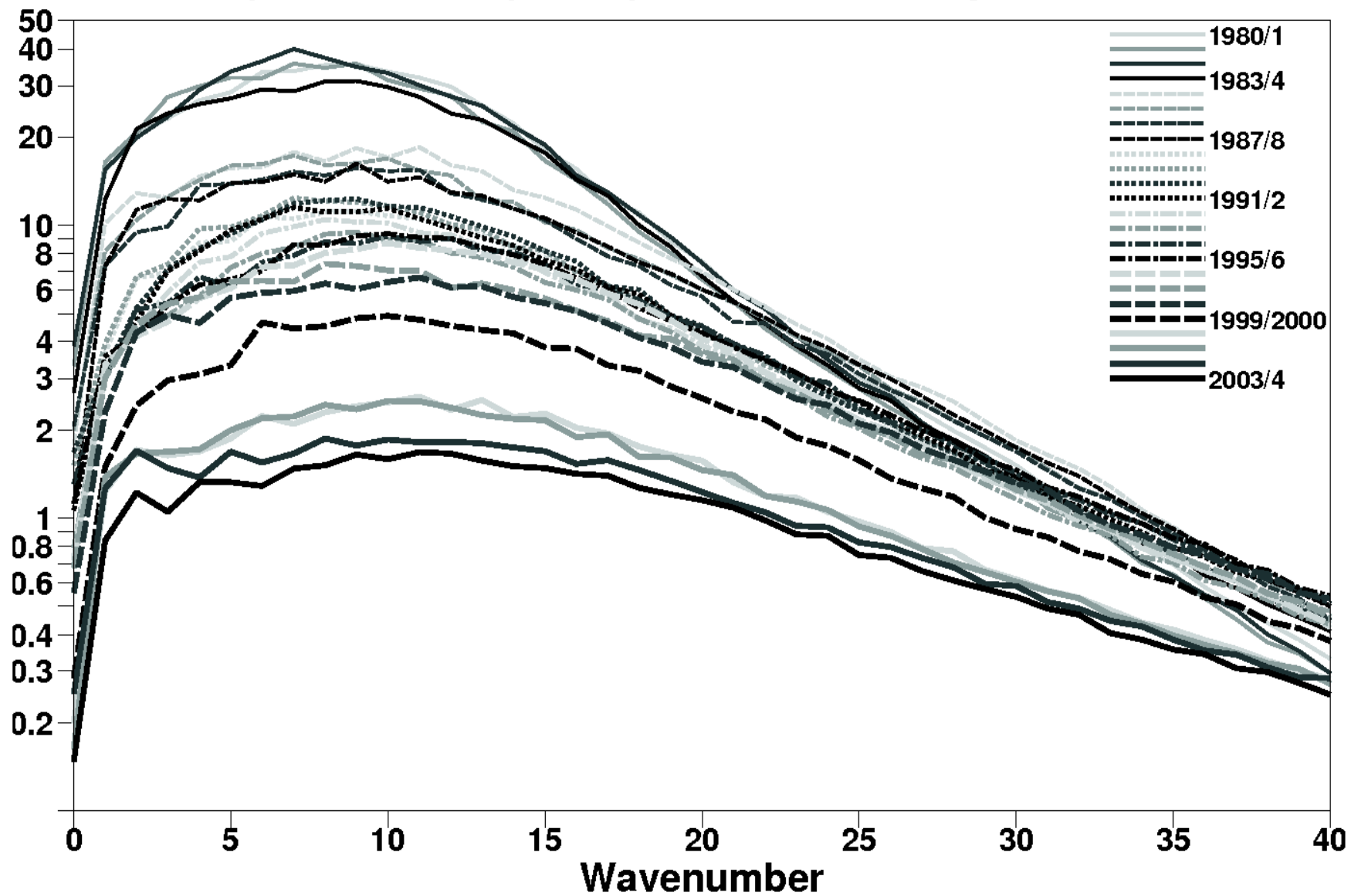
# Three types of Error Growth

1. Inverse cascade
2. Baroclinic instability
3. Advection

# **Observed Improvements in Initial Error**



Spectra of mean square day-1 error of 500hPa height forecasts

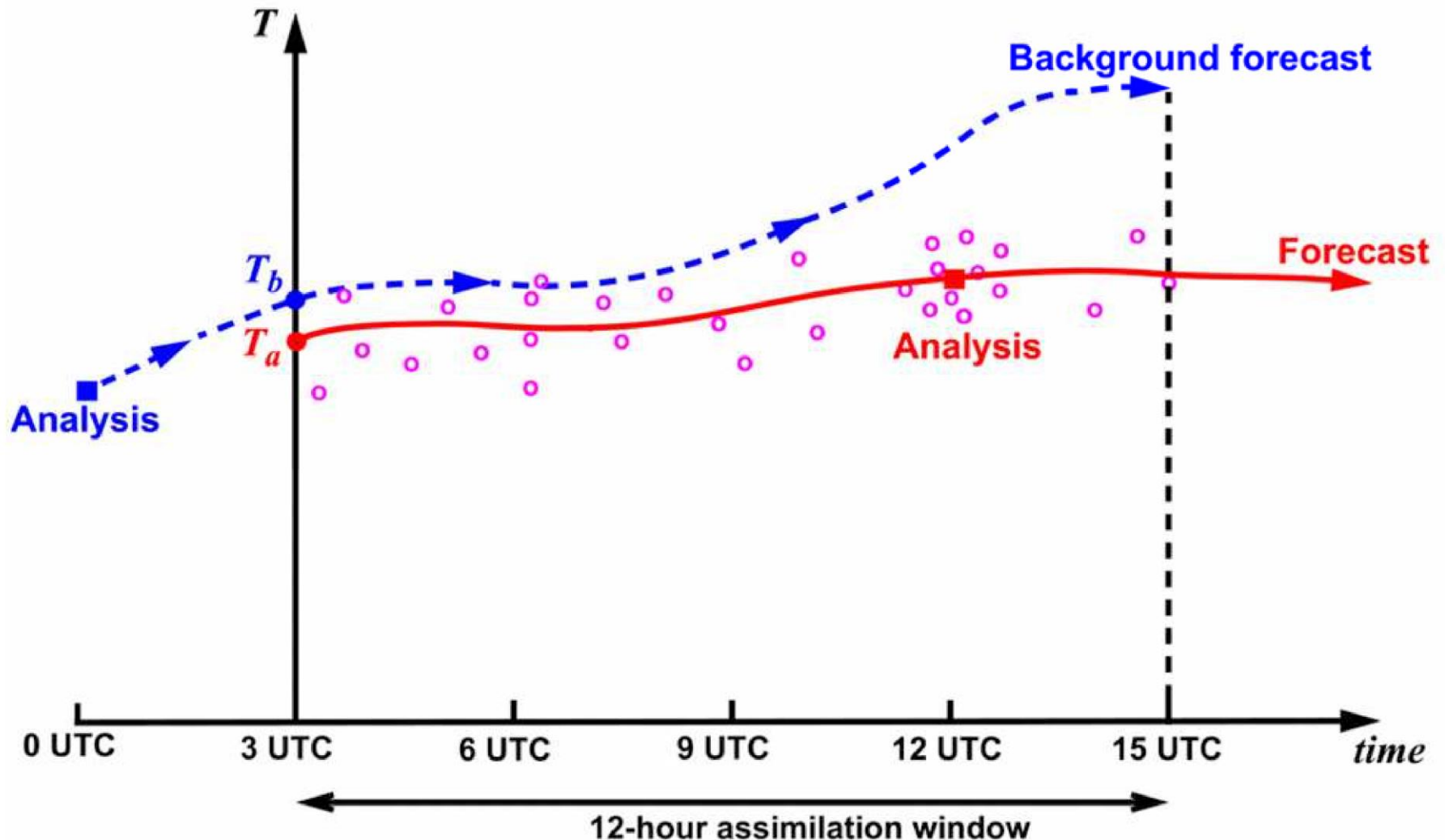


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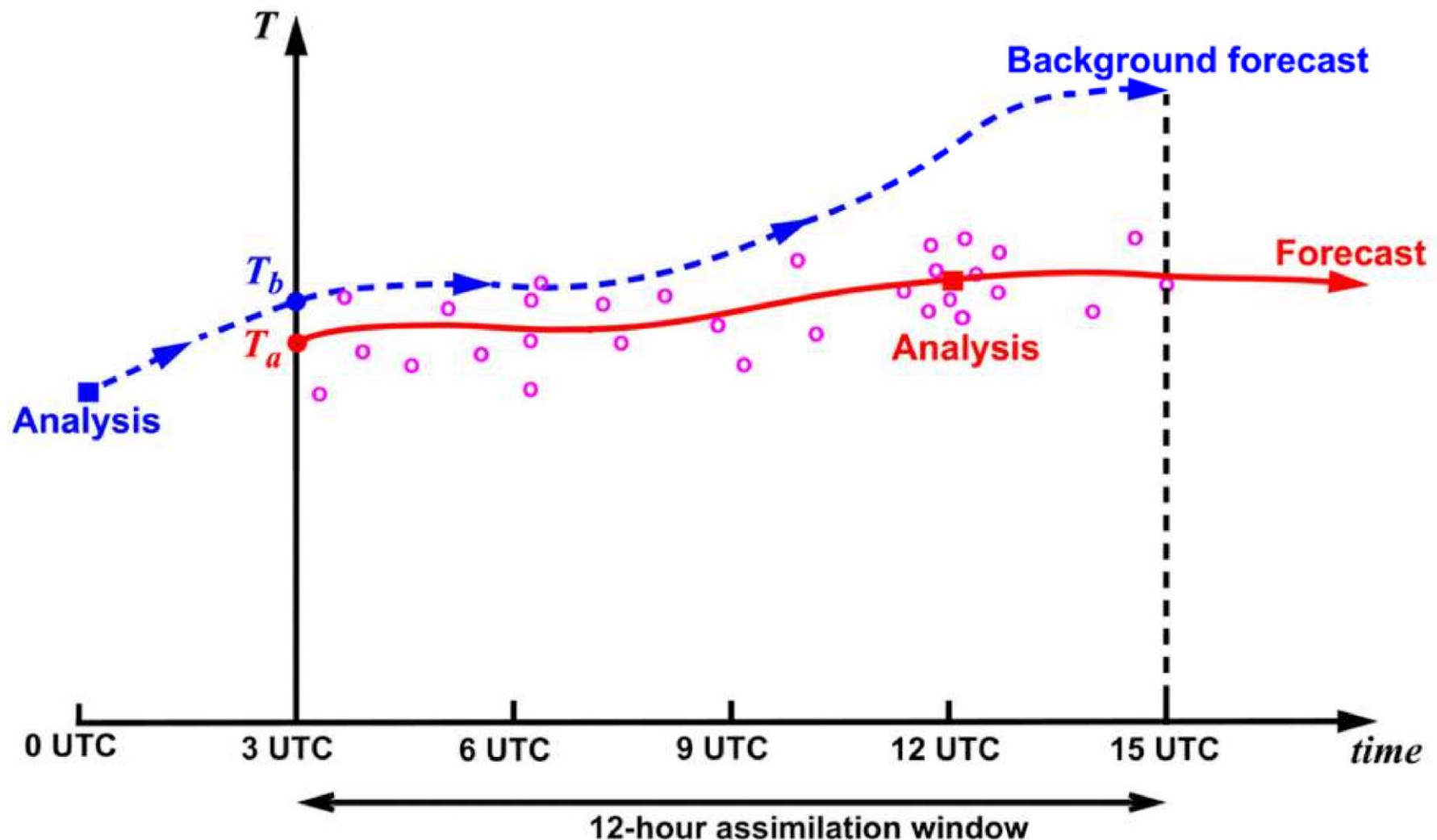
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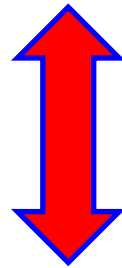
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$$M \ll N$$

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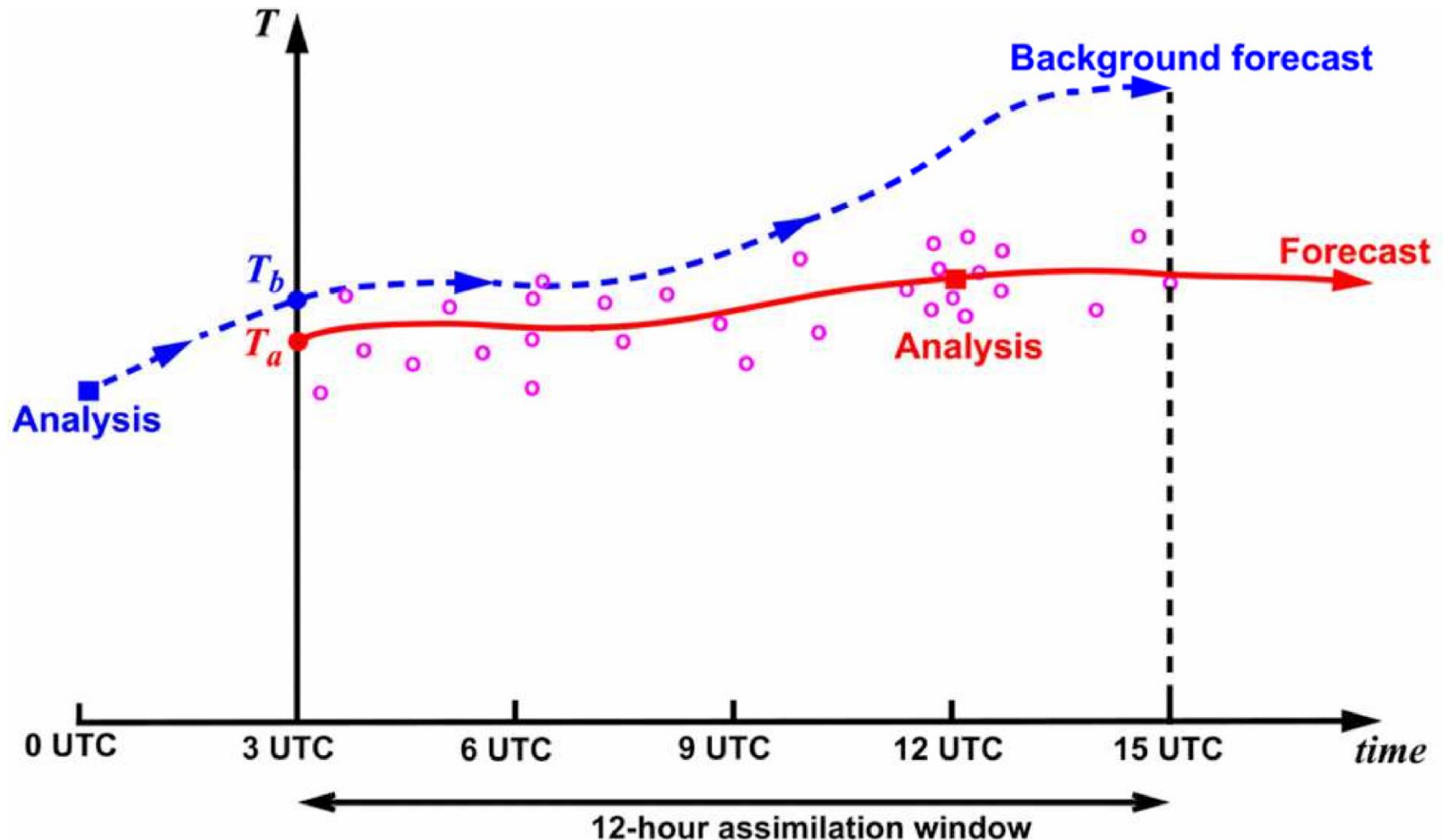
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**Only the largest scales are really  
defined by the available data**

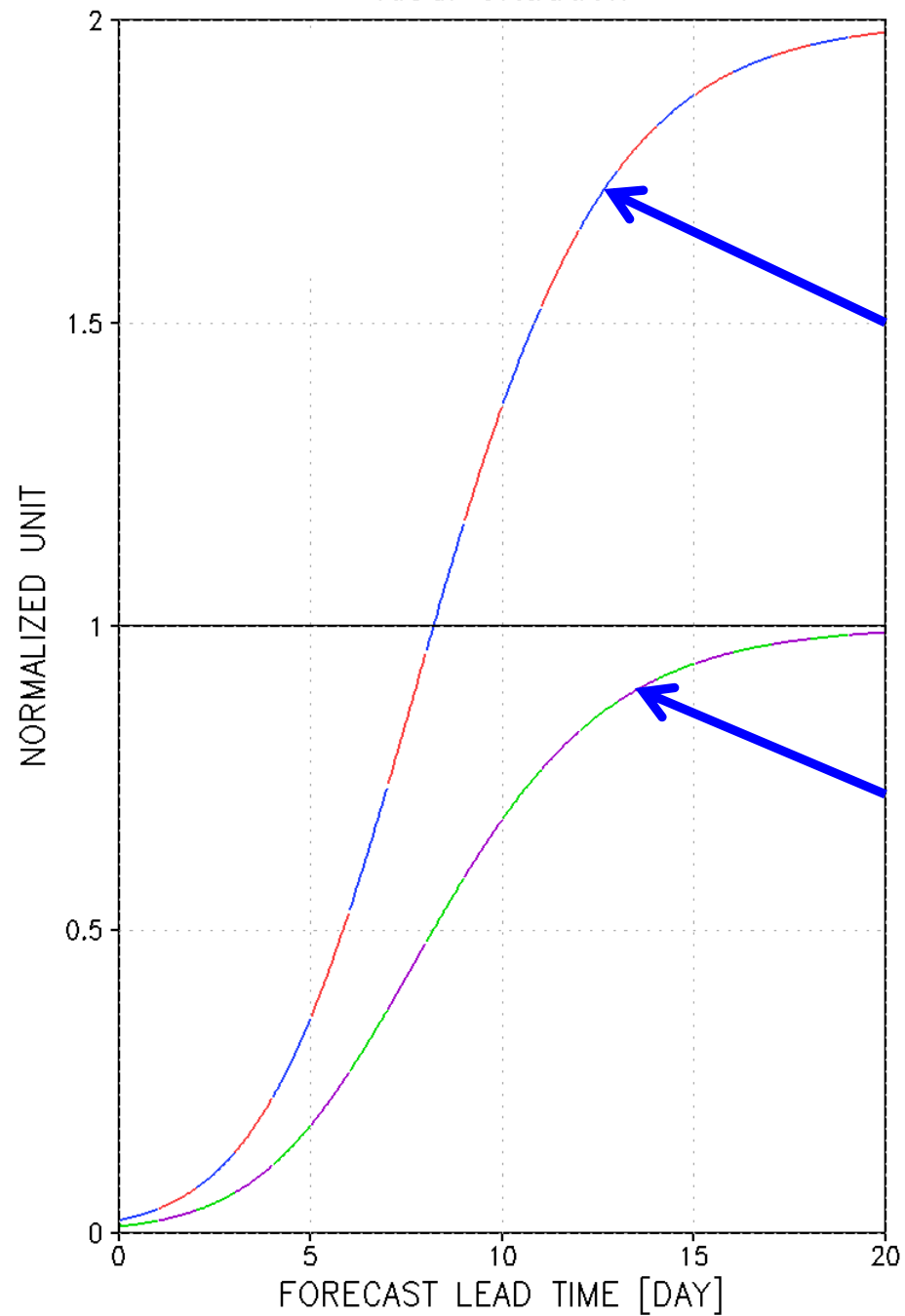
**Smaller scales are not**

**There should thus be  
an **infinite** amount  
of equally likely IC**



**Ensembles of IC**

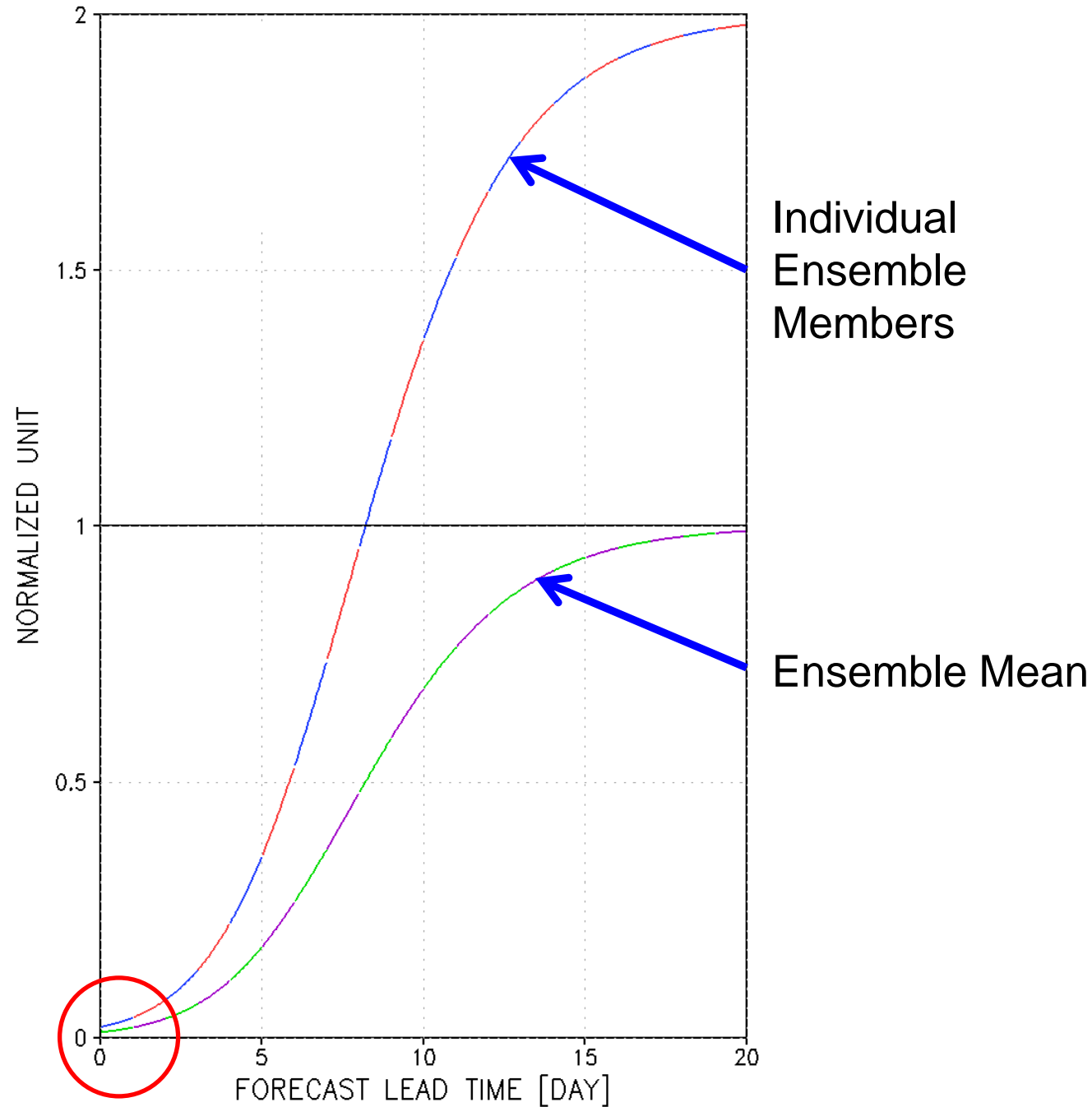
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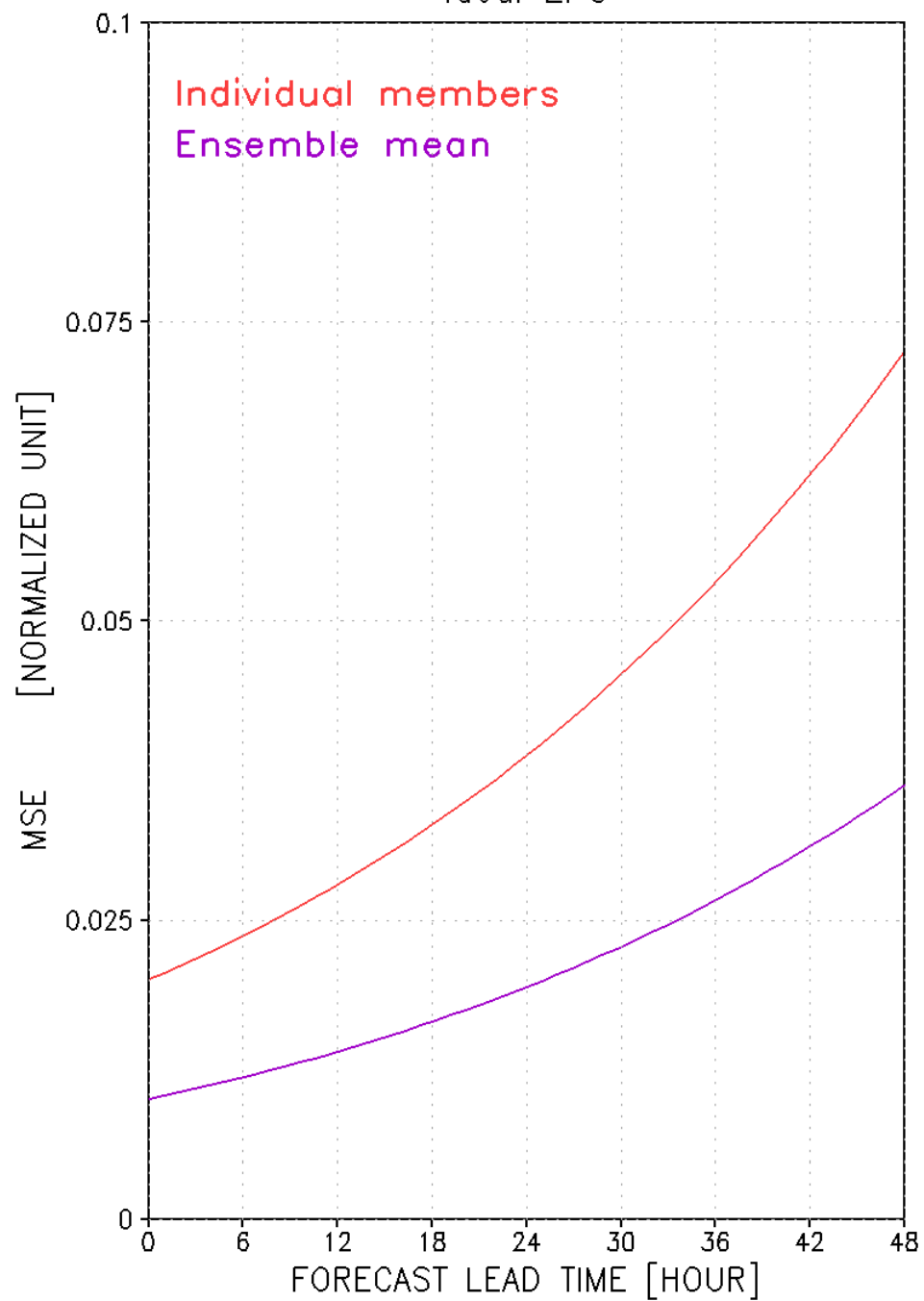
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Ensemble  
Members

Ensemble Mean

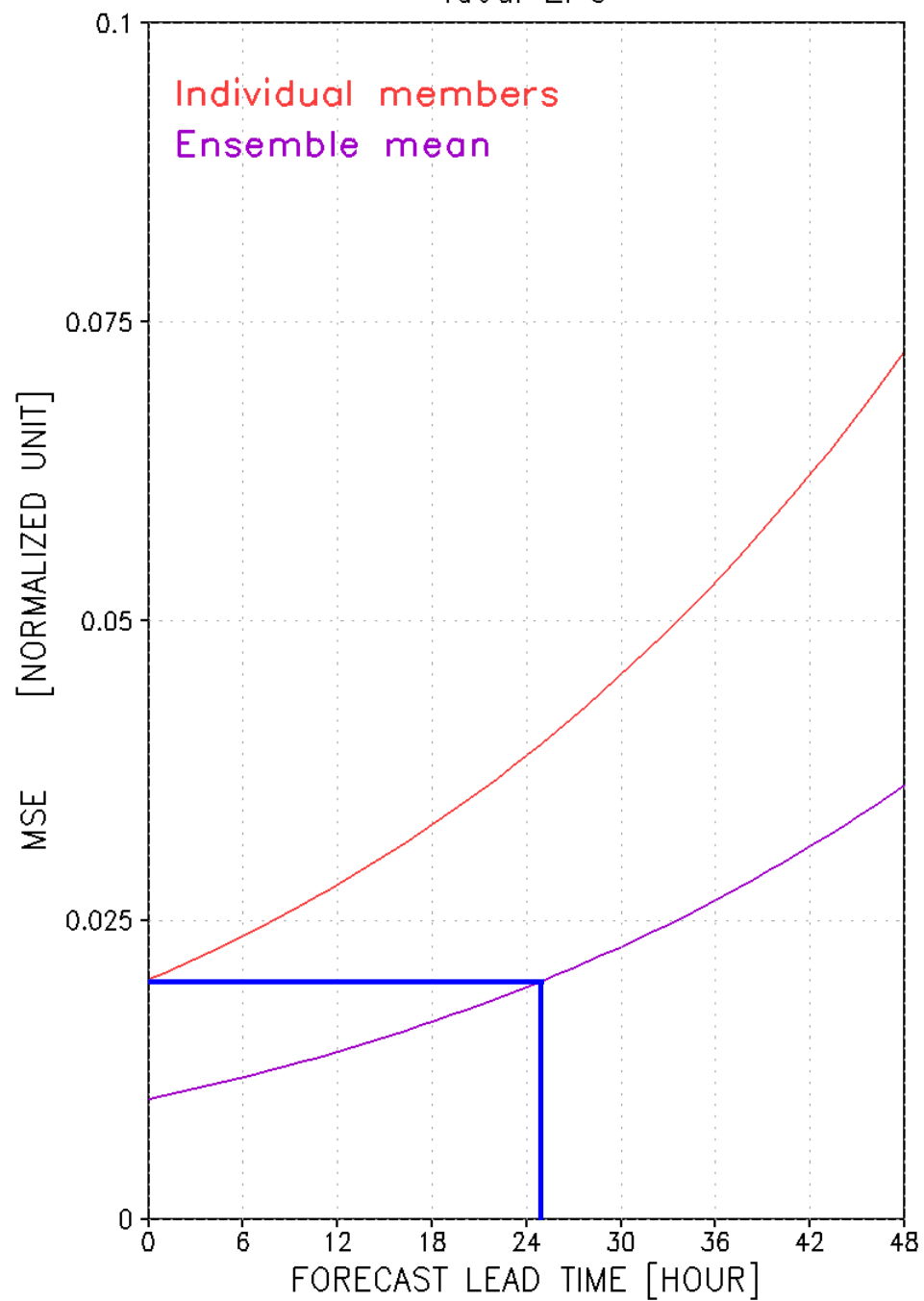
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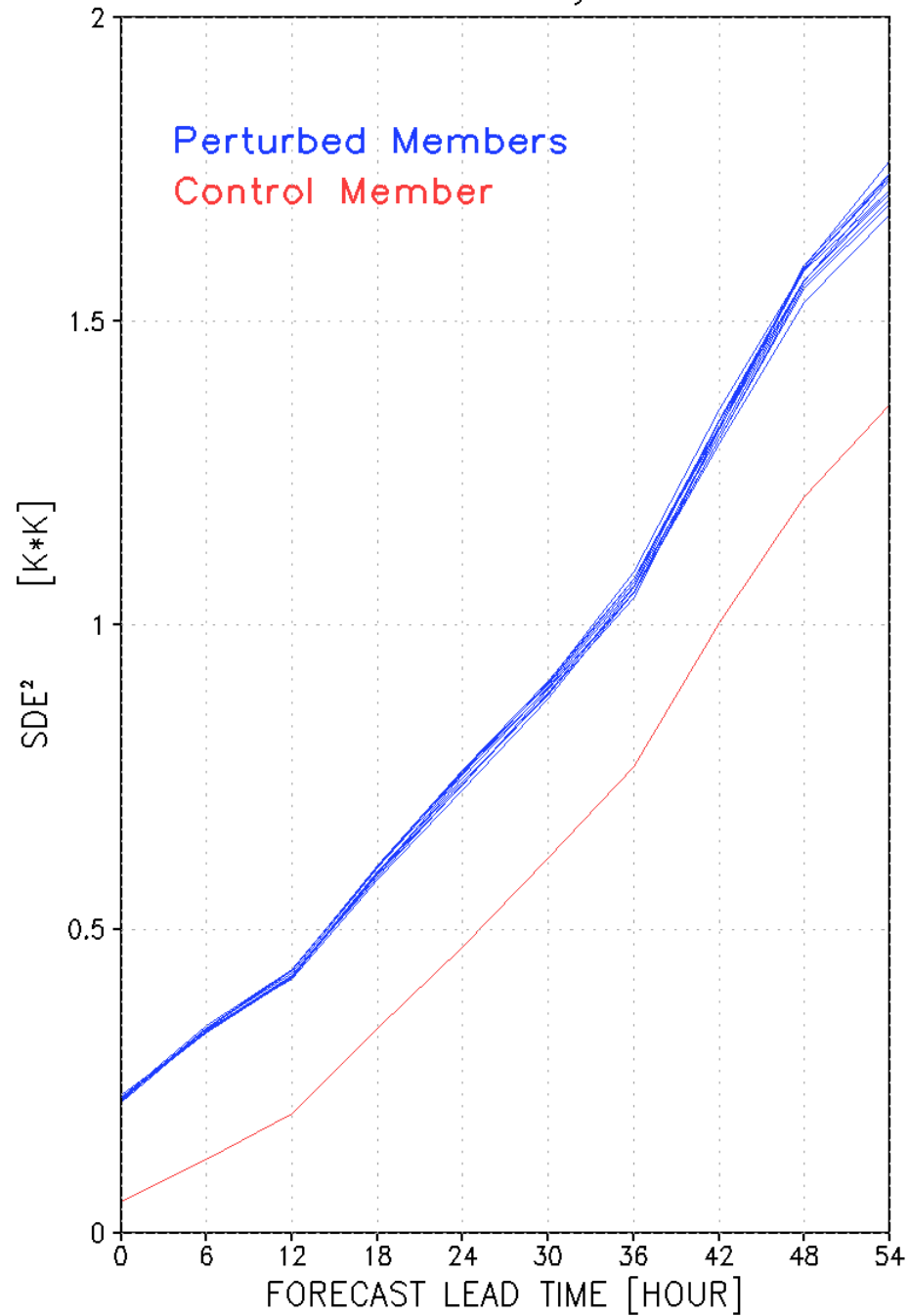
SKILL as measured by MSE  
Ideal EPS



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SKILL  
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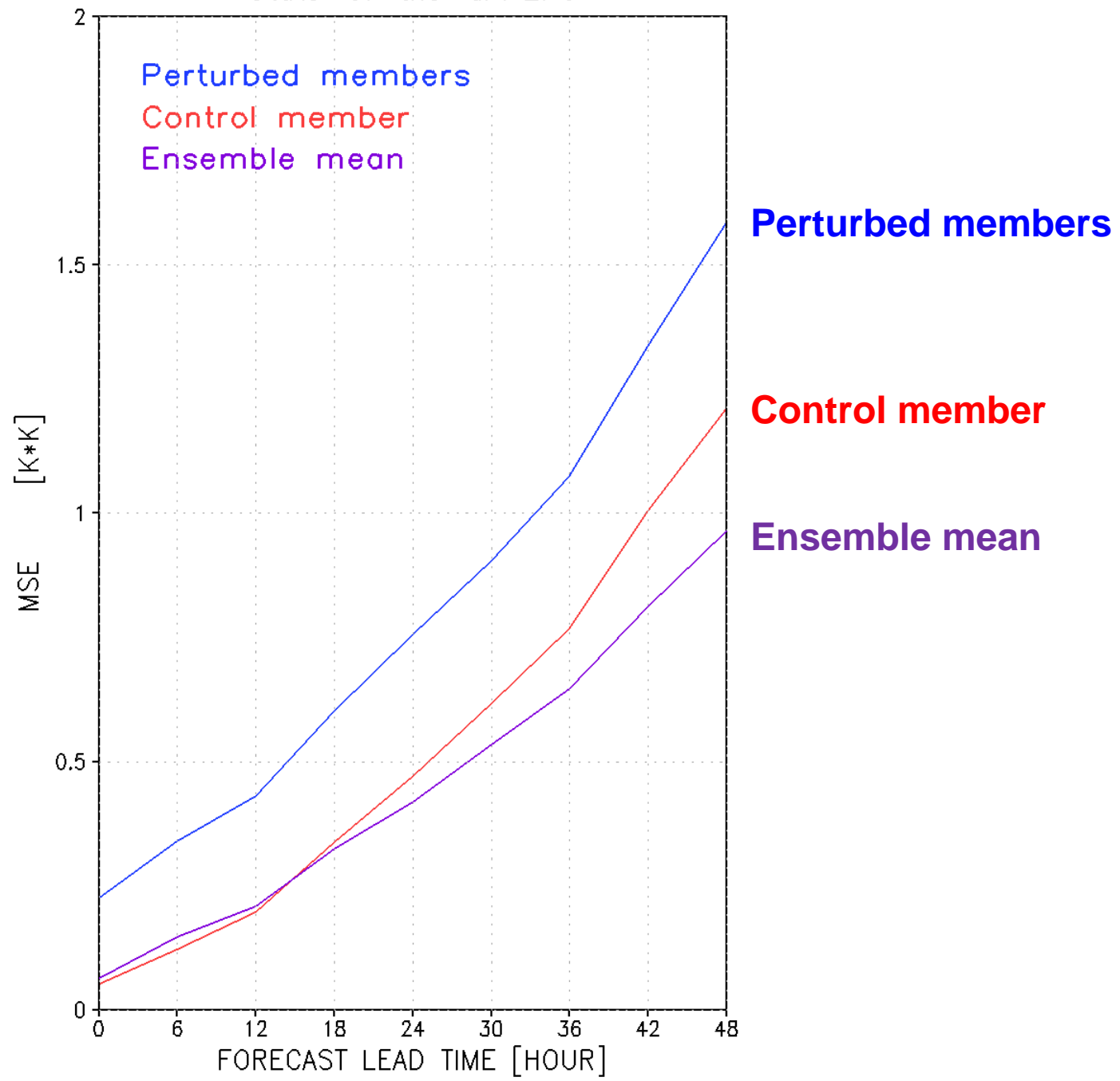


**Perturbed Members**

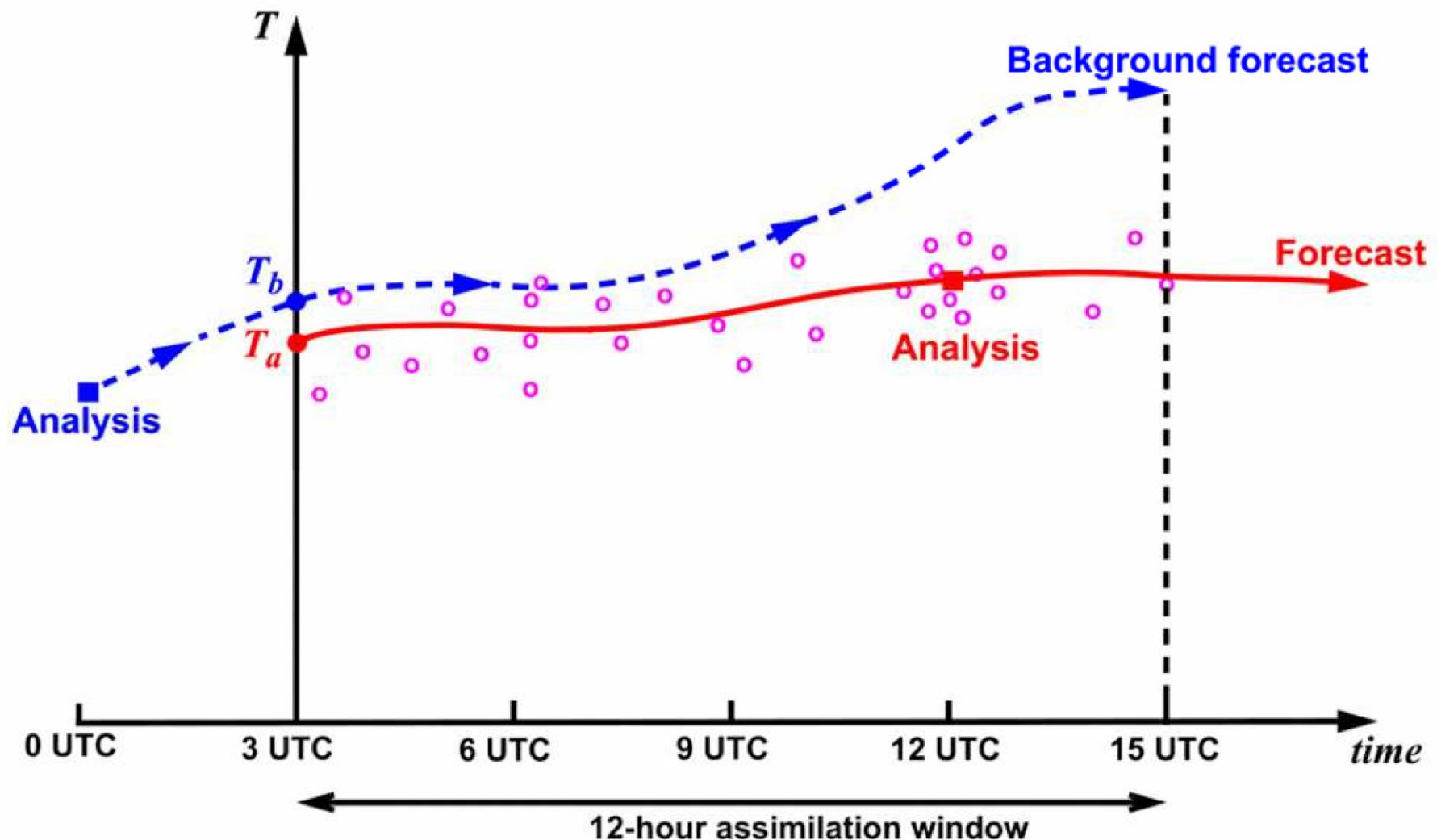
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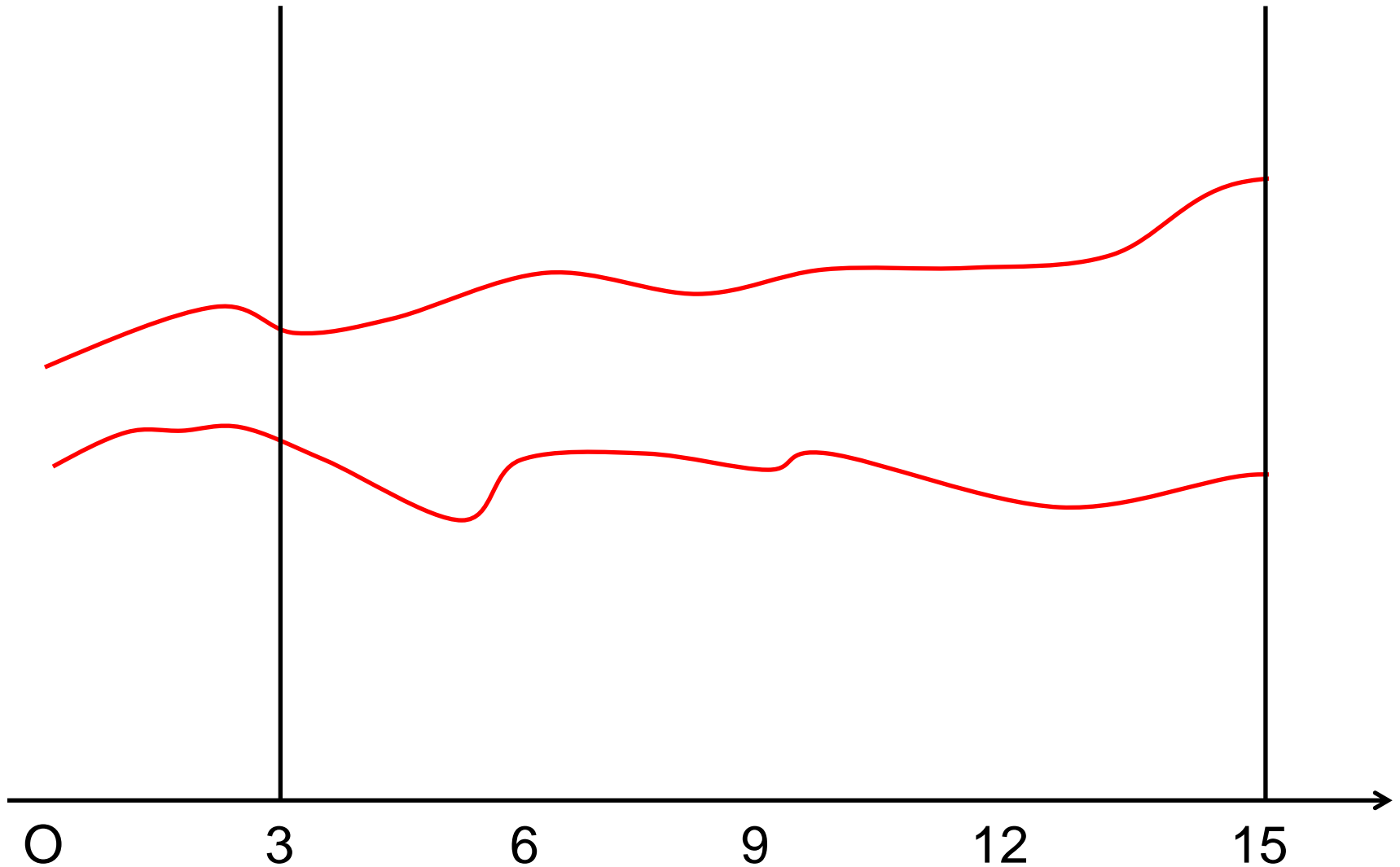
SKILL as measured by MSE  
State-of-the-art EPS



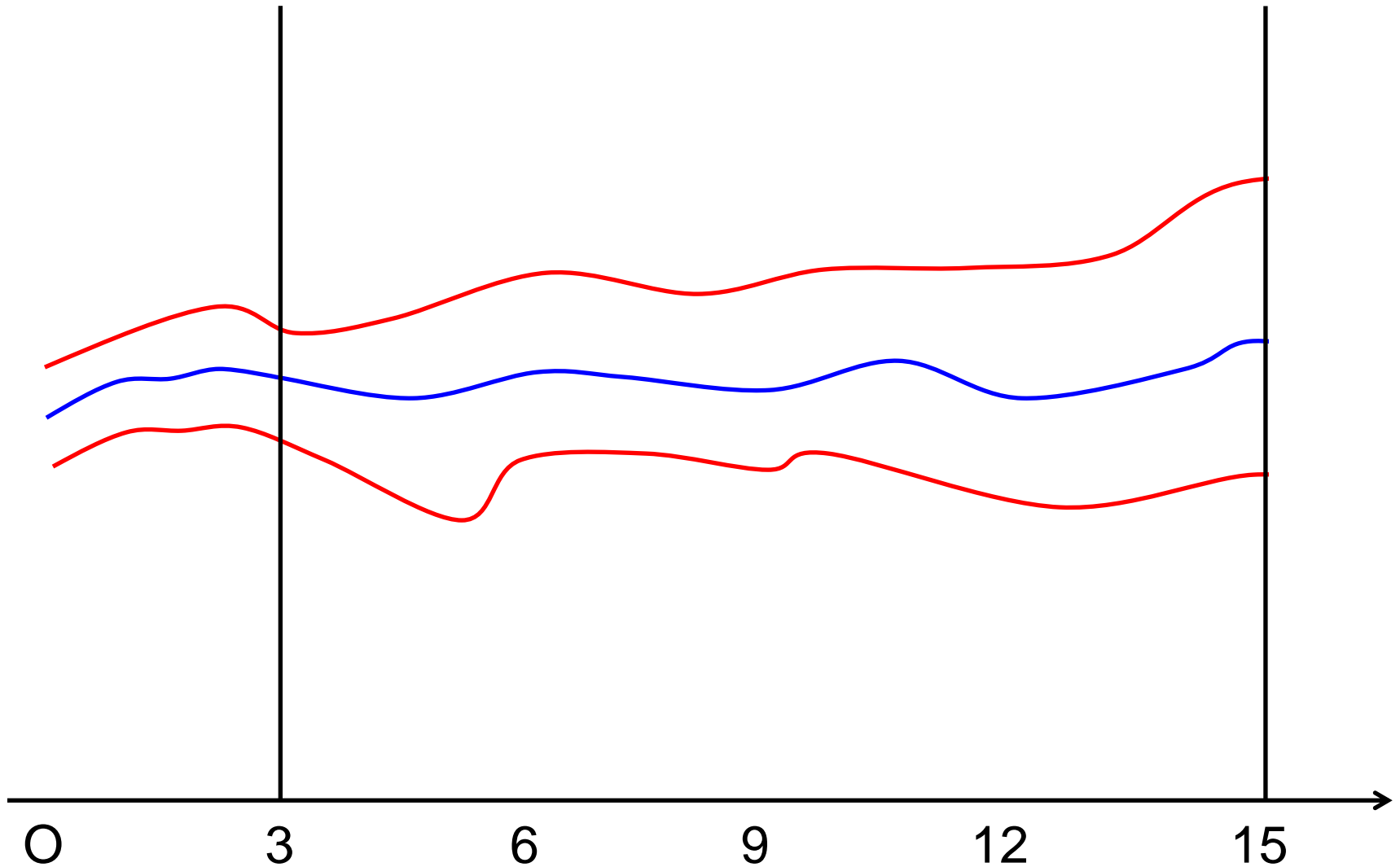
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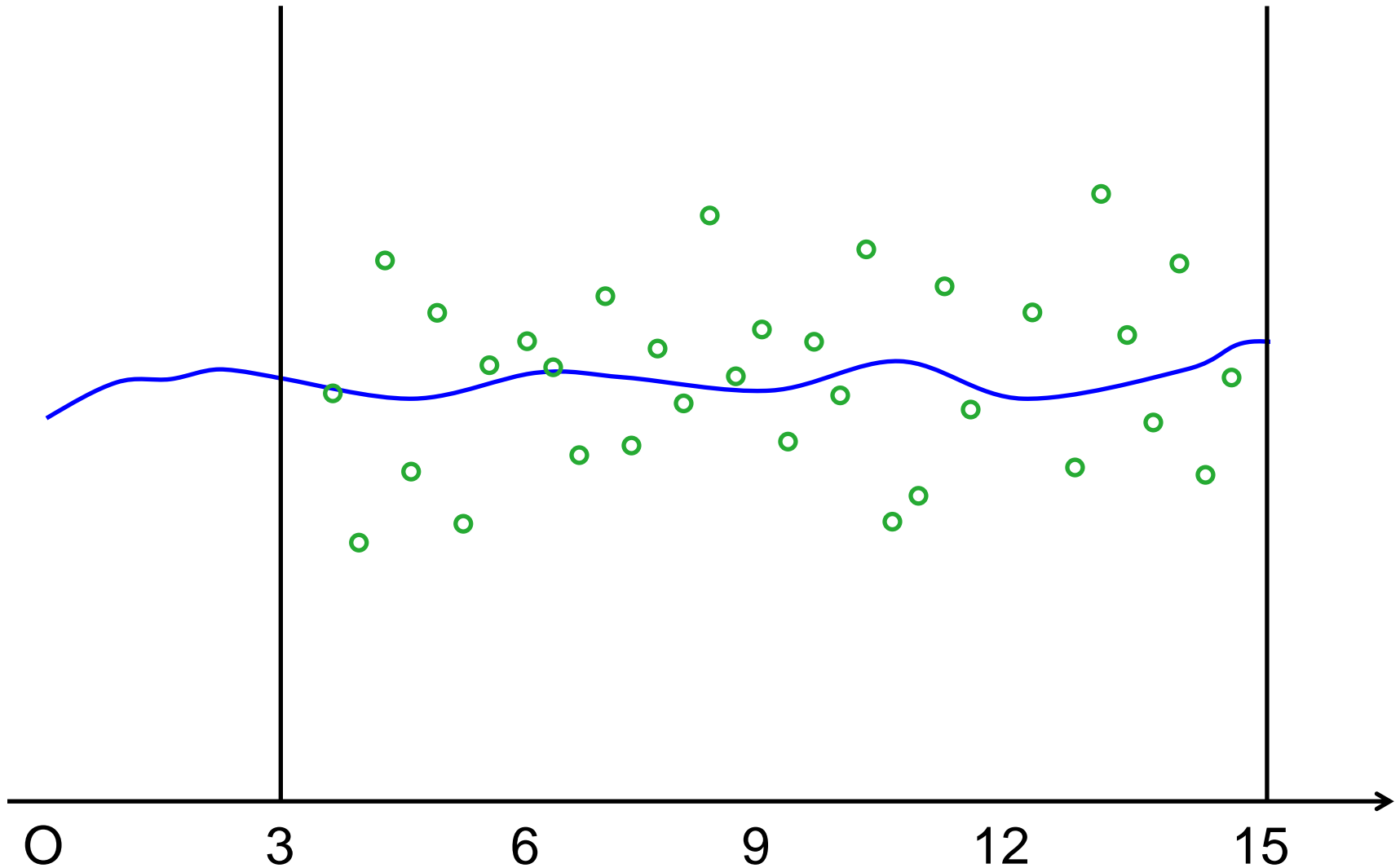
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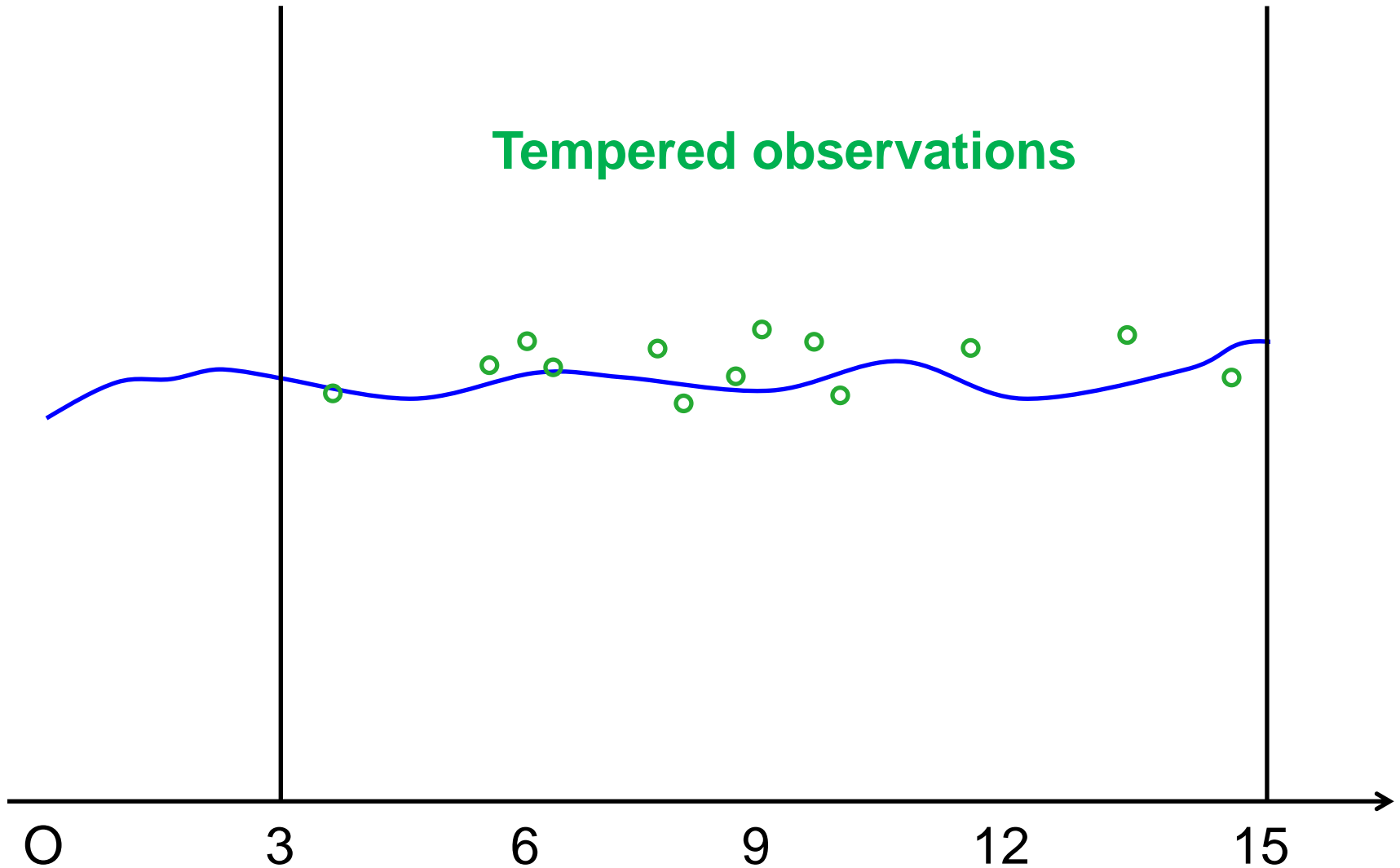
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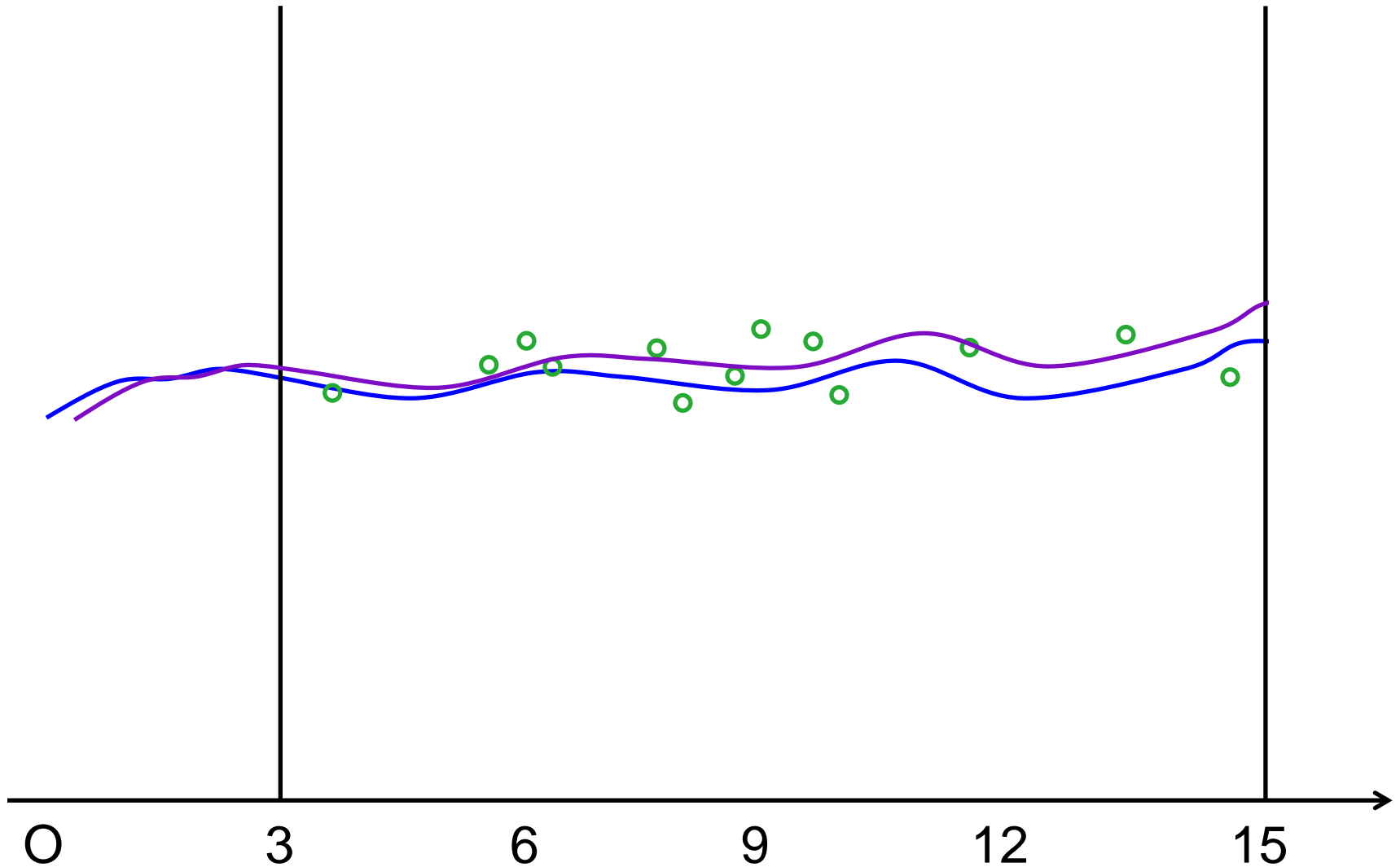
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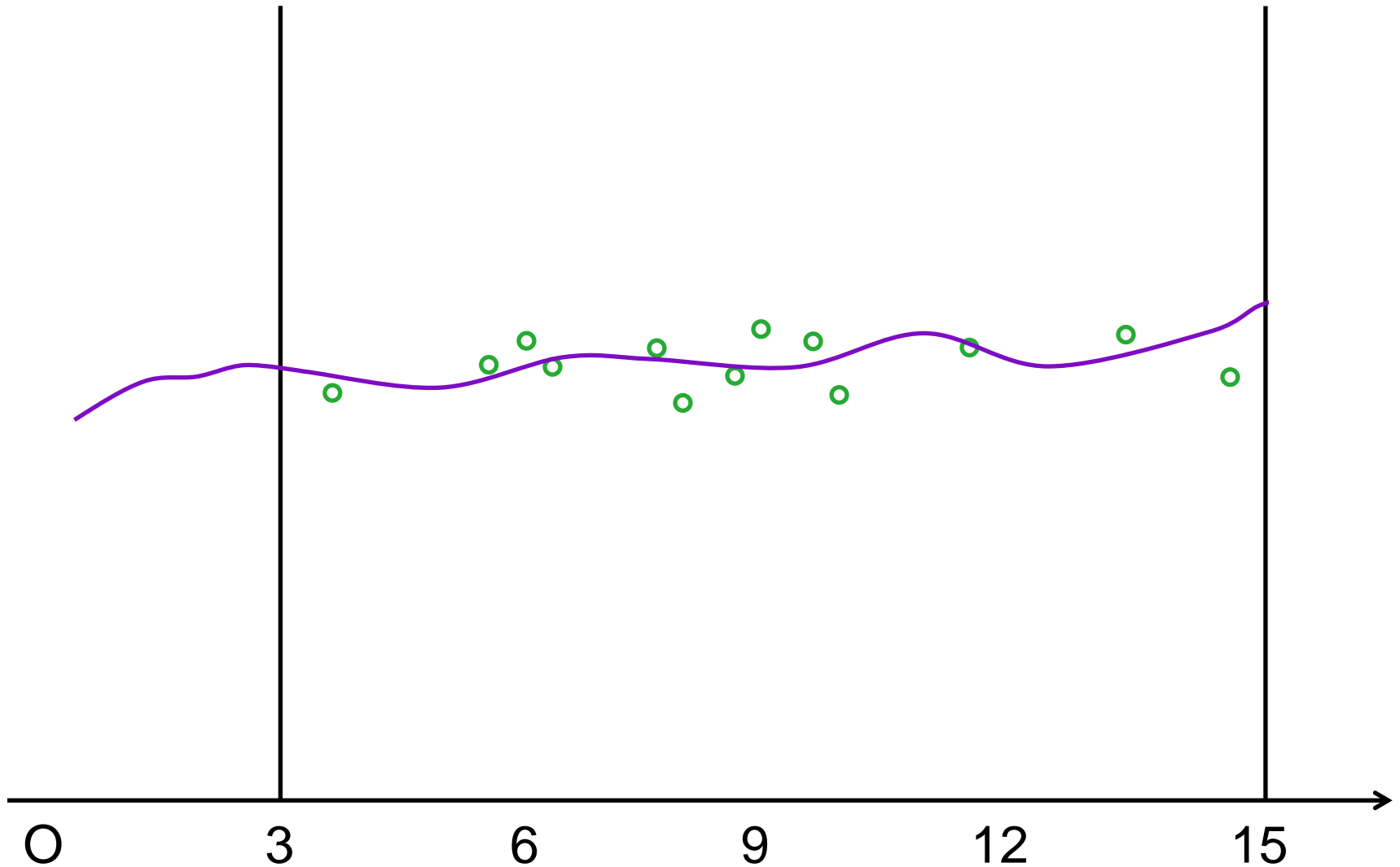
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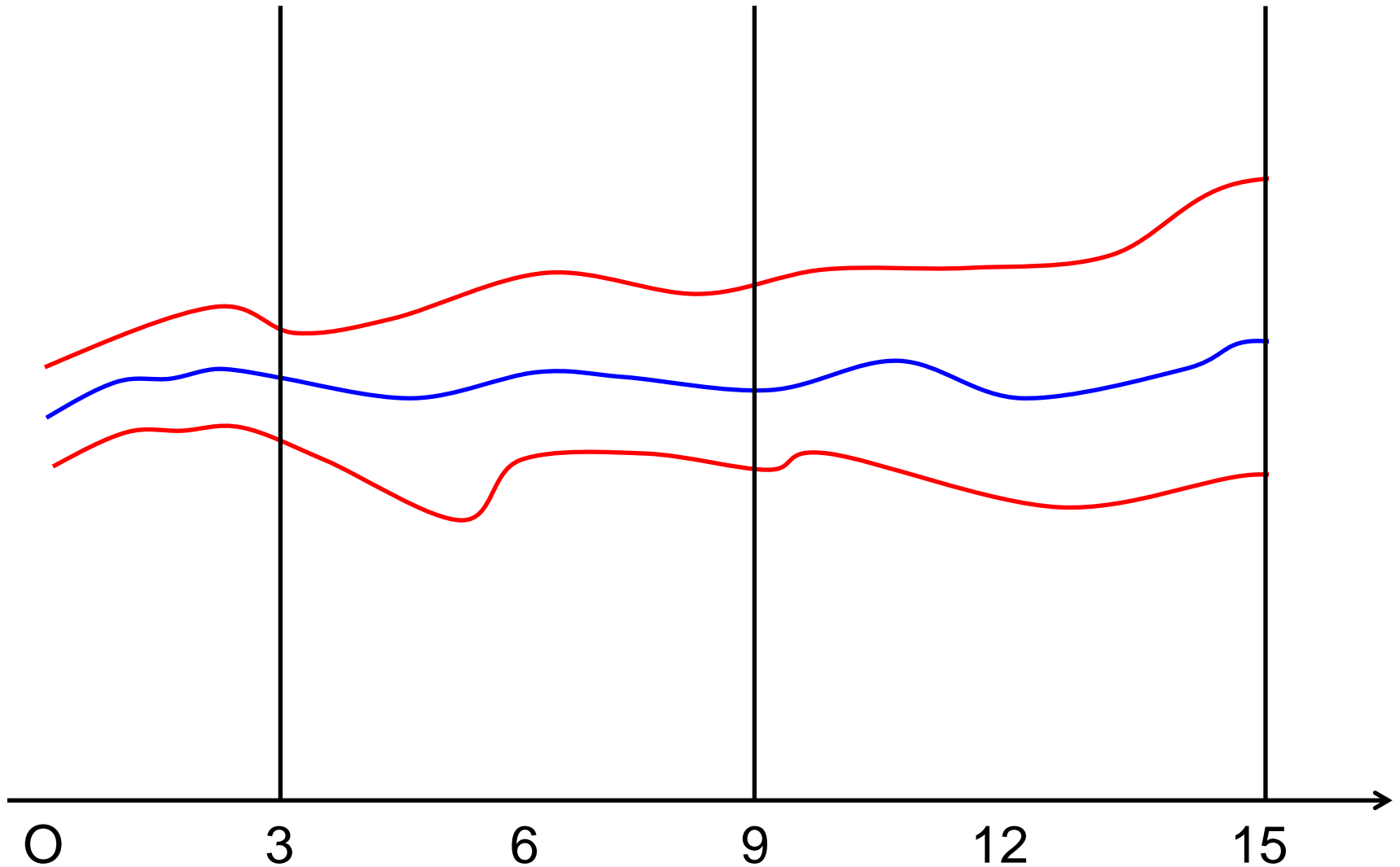


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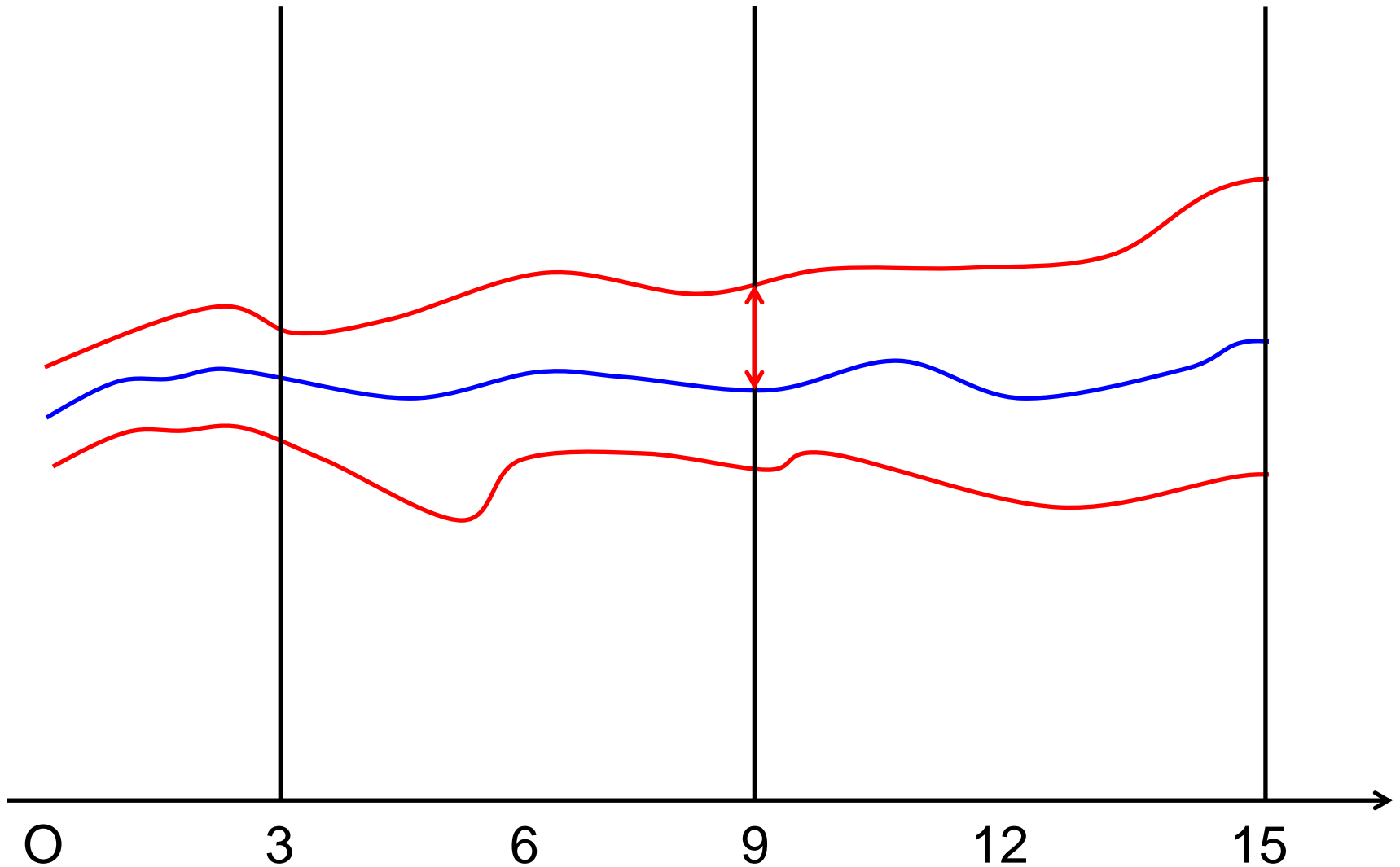




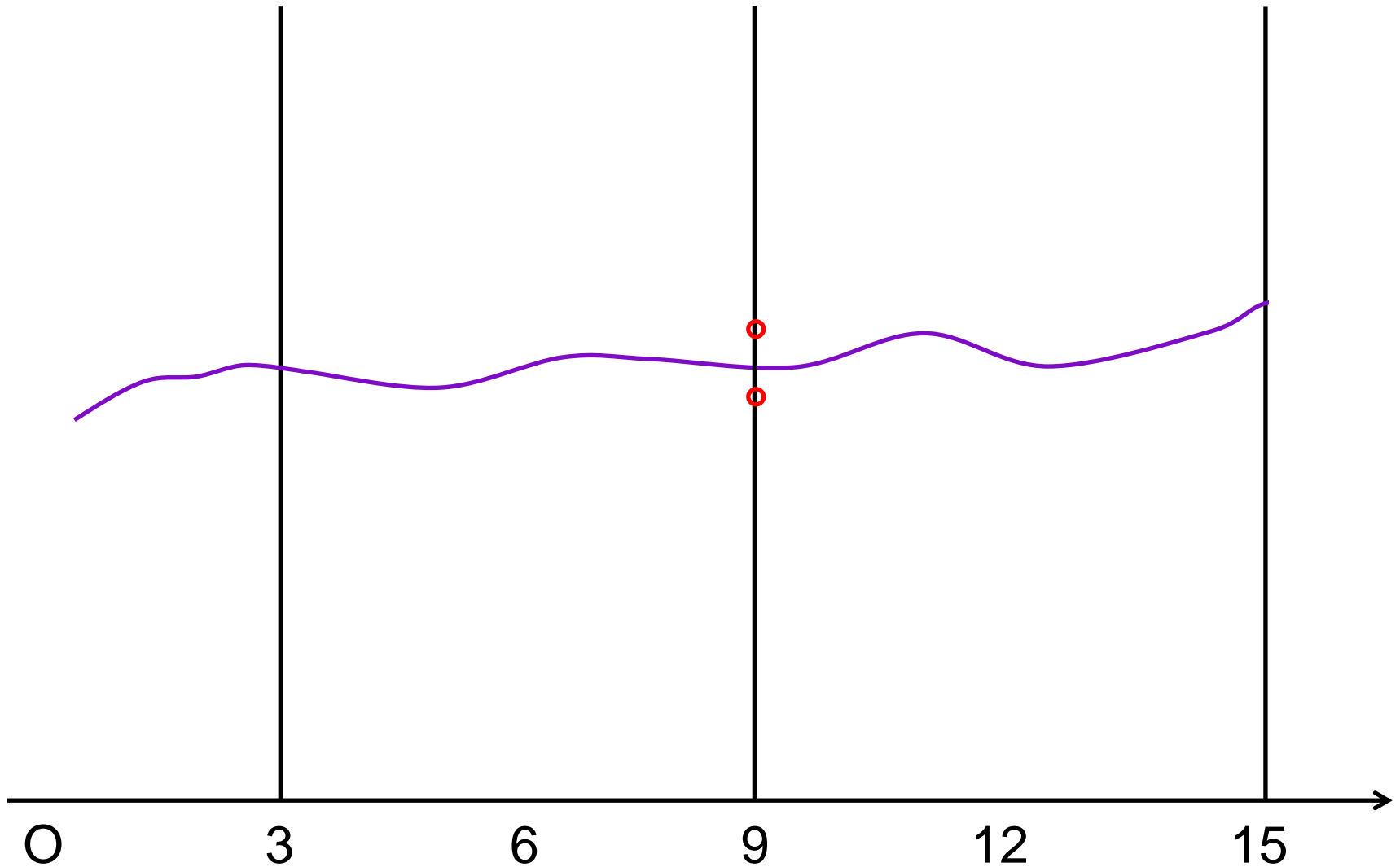
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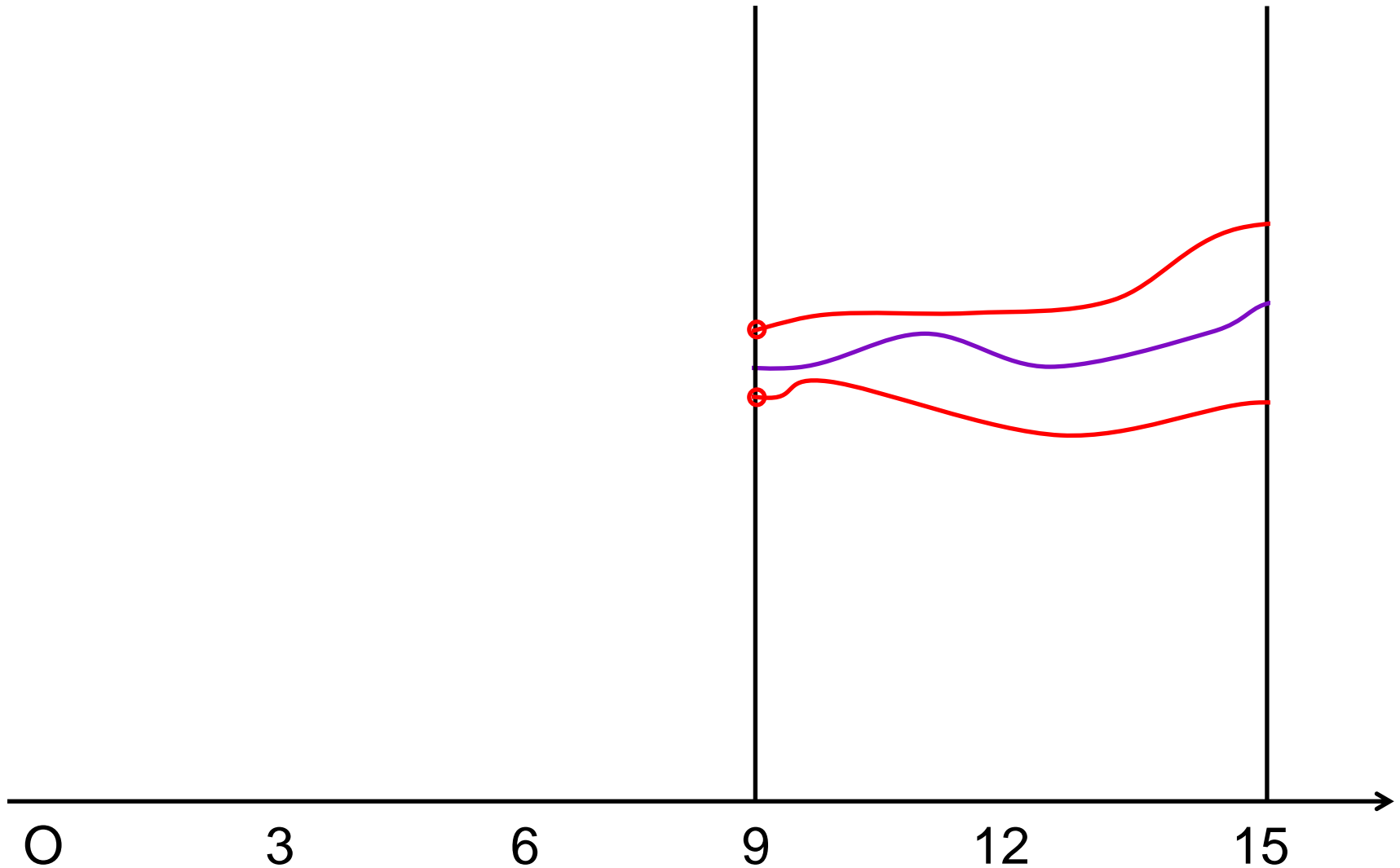
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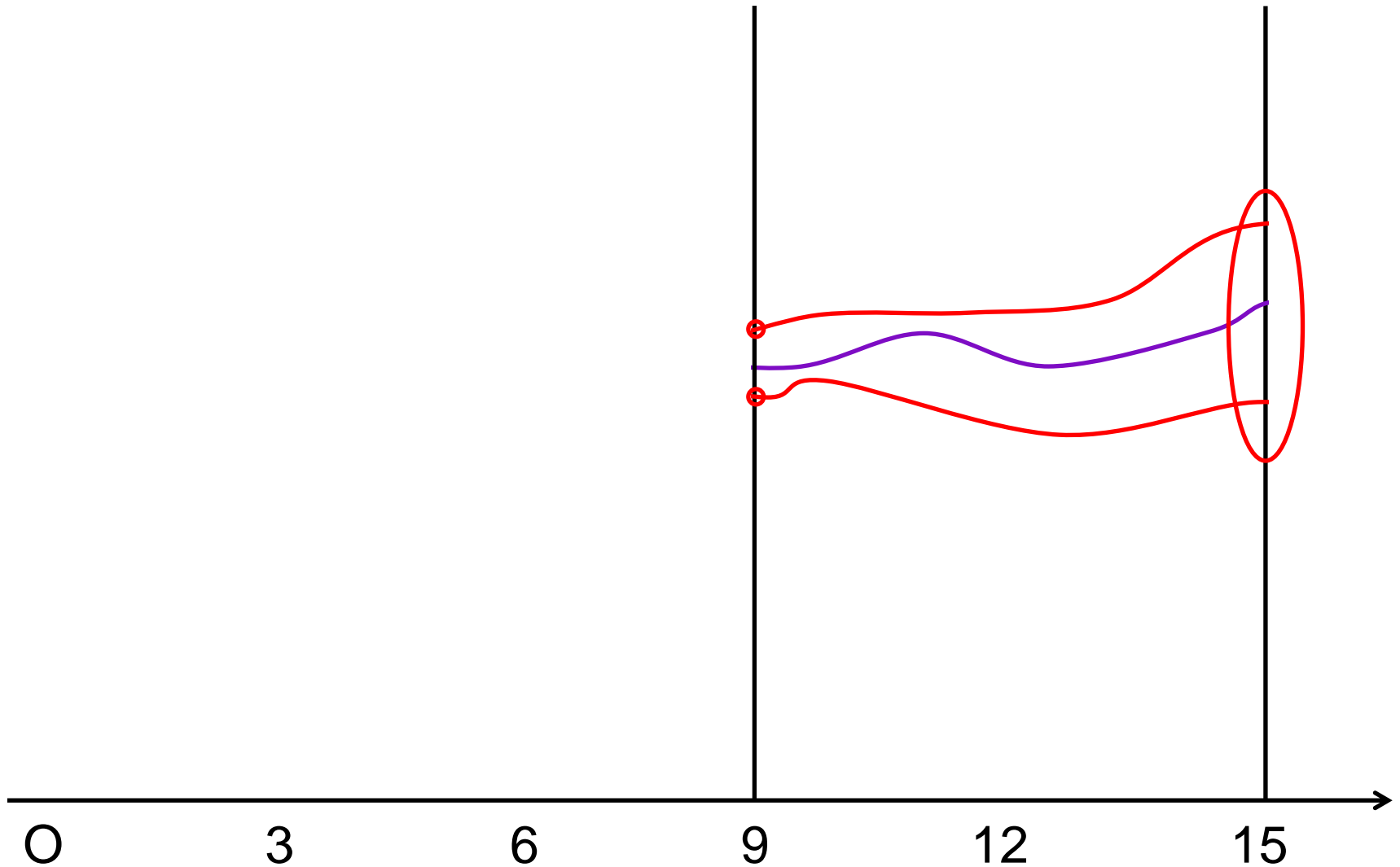
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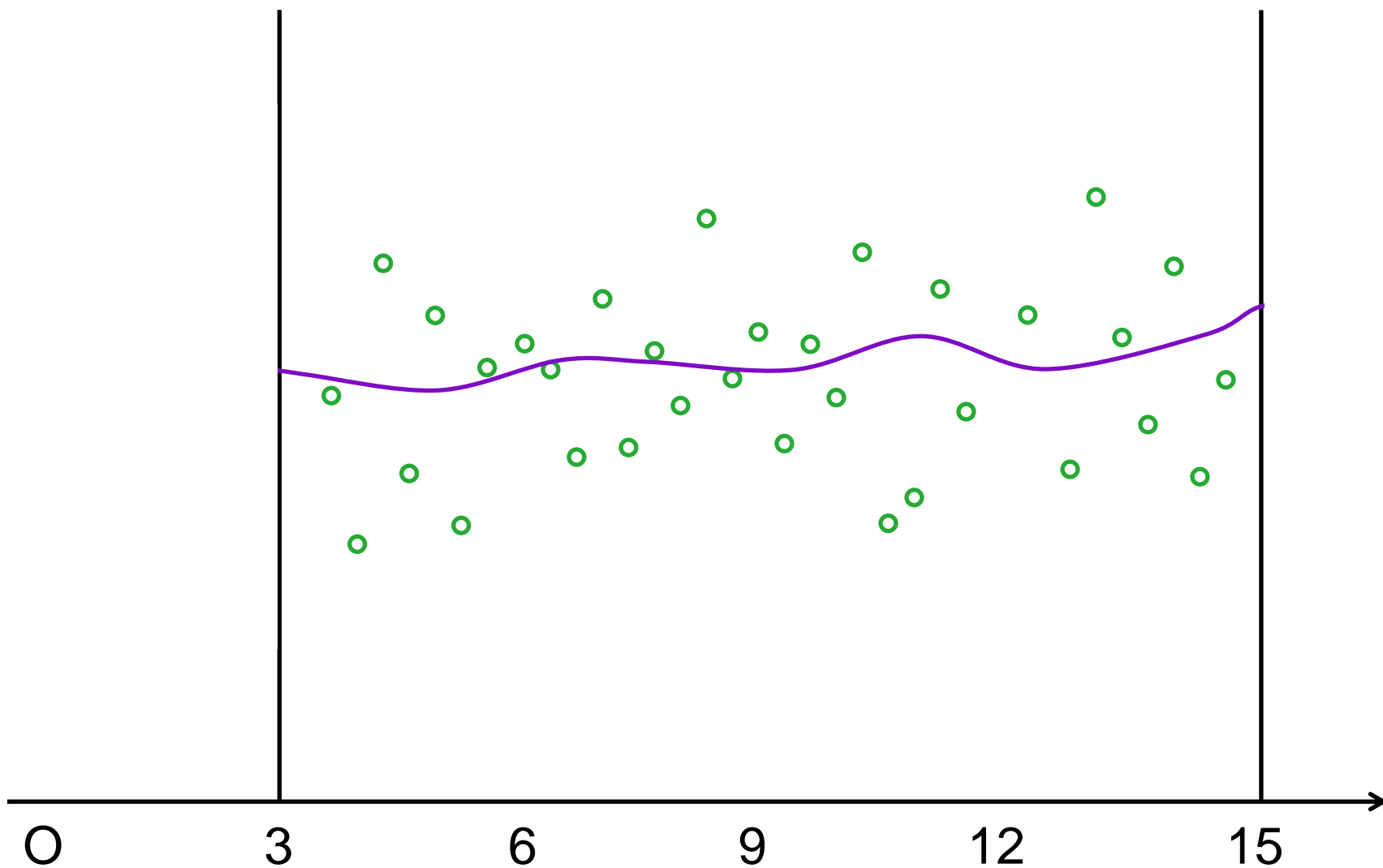
# Ensemble Members



# Spread



# Skill



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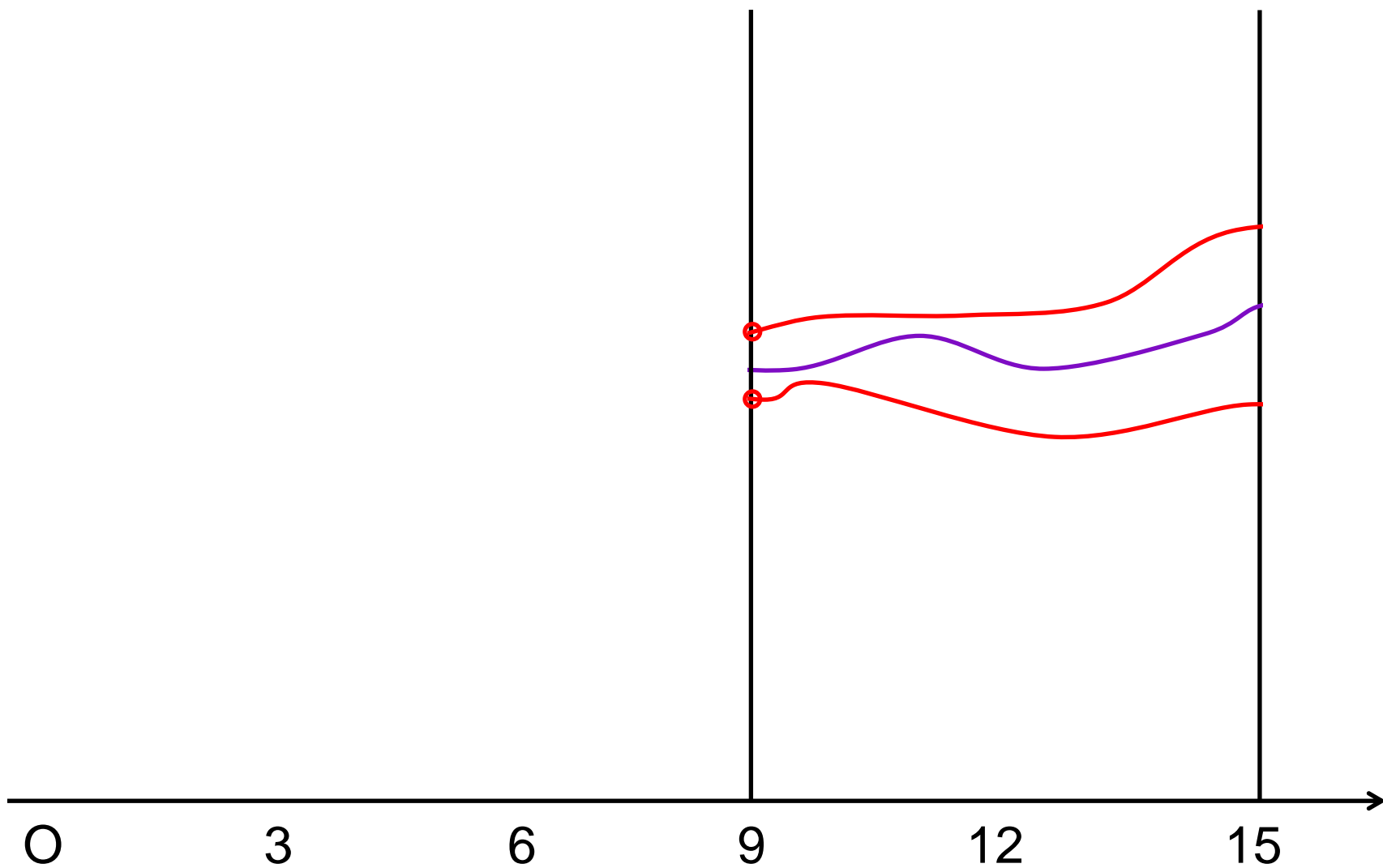
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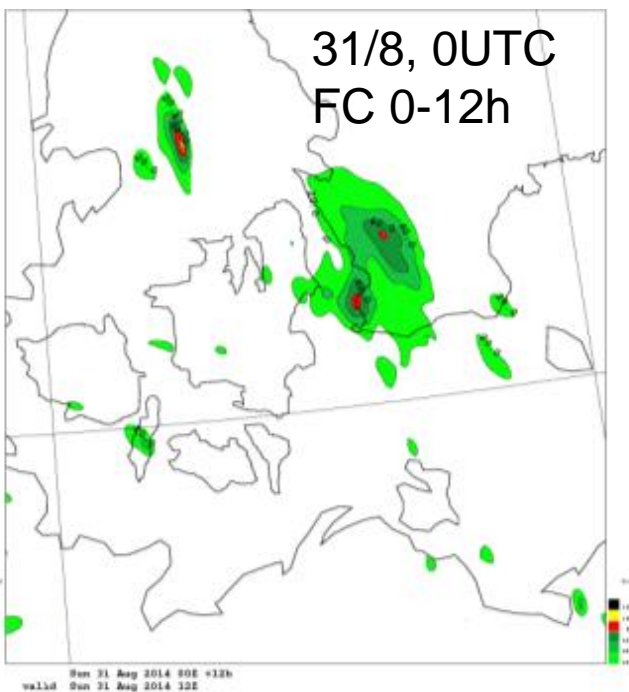
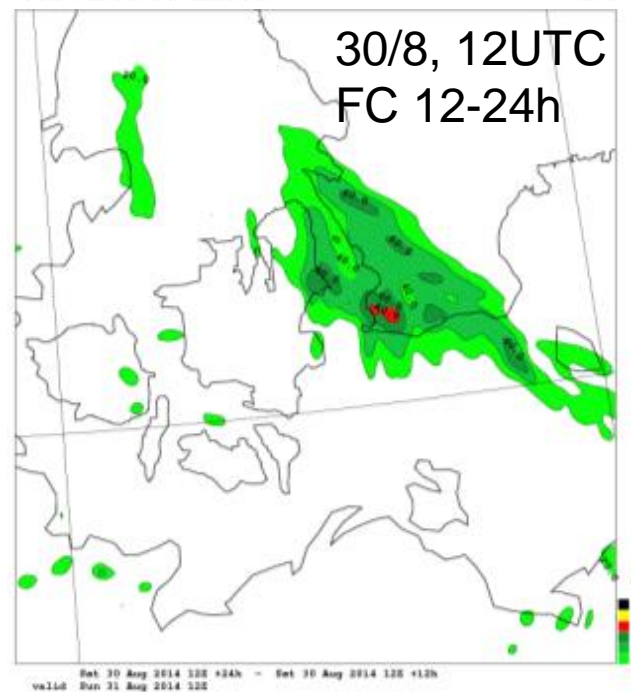
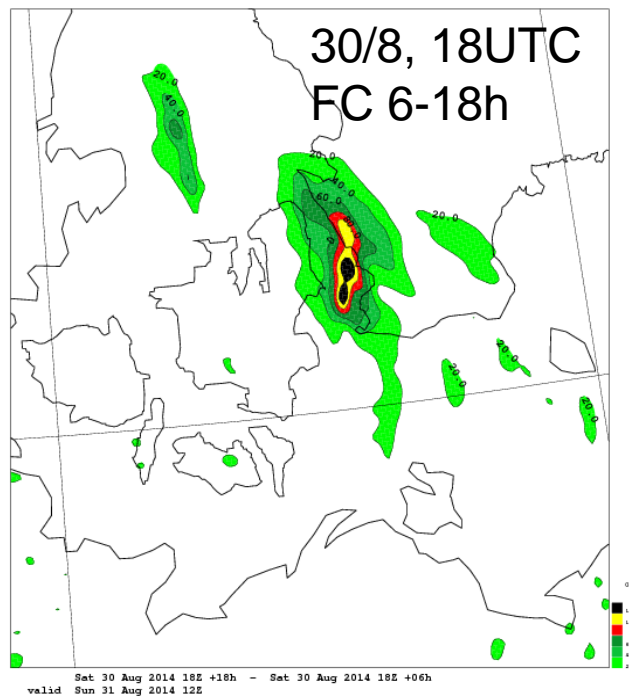
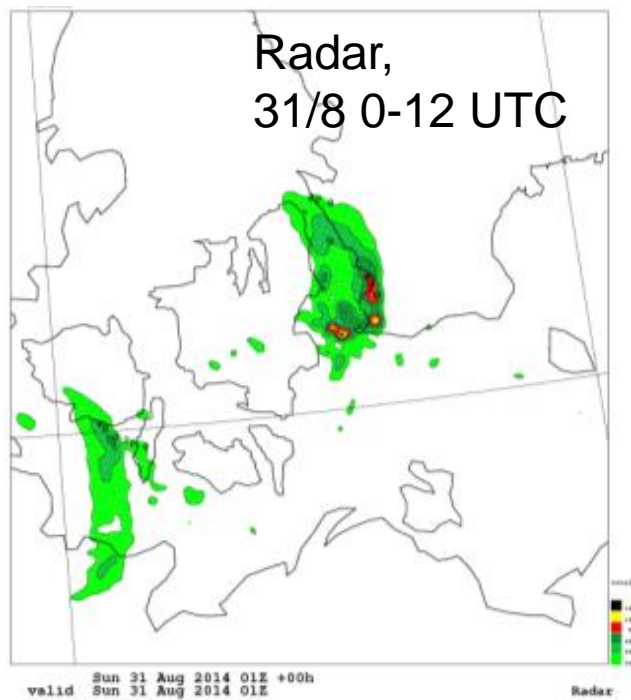
$$M \gg N$$

However

Only the largest scales are  
predictable at the end of the window







# Slutsatser

- **Synoptiska skalans stora betydelse**
- **Prediktabiliteten mycket begränsad hos mesoskalan**
- **Observationsunderlaget långt ifrån tillräckligt att beskriva mesoskalan**
- **Data assimilation och ensembler växer ihop → Många IC**