

# Satisfied with Physics: Glassy States in Satisfiability Problem

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I can't find an efficient algorithm, **because no such algorithm is possible!**

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I can't find an efficient algorithm, **but neither can all these famous people.**

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## NP - Completeness

 Travelling Salesman Problem

 Graph Colouring

 Planning and Scheduling

 Boolean Satisfiability Problem



# A Satisfying Hamiltonian

- K-SAT: find a satisfying assignment for CNF

$$\dots \wedge (A \vee B \vee C) \wedge (D \vee \bar{A} \vee E) \wedge \dots$$

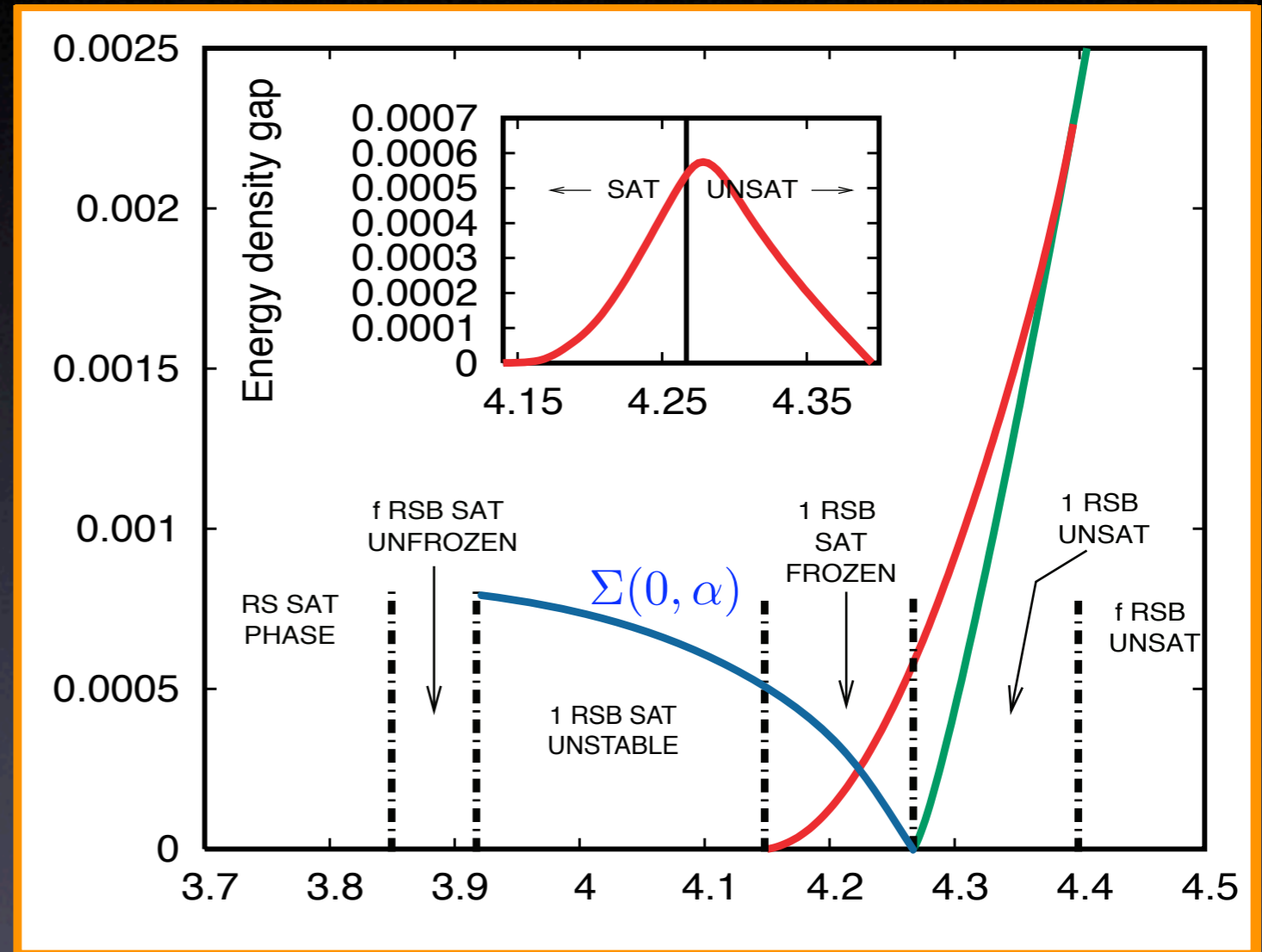
- Mapping to a spin model
  - $\uparrow \equiv \text{TRUE}, \downarrow \equiv \text{FALSE}$
  - Energy  $\equiv$  number of violated clauses

$$H = \sum_{c=1}^M \mathcal{E}_c = \sum_{c=1}^M \prod_{l=1}^K \frac{1 + J_{cl} \sigma_{(c,l)}}{2}$$

# SAT is satisfiable or not?

- Phase diagram
  - SAT / UNSAT
  - easy / hard
- Heuristics
  - Simulated Annealing
  - WalkSAT
  - Exotic approaches (QA, DNA computer)
- Belief Propagation, Survey Propagation

ratio of violated clauses



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# Factor Graph representation

● Variables

■ Clauses

— Literal

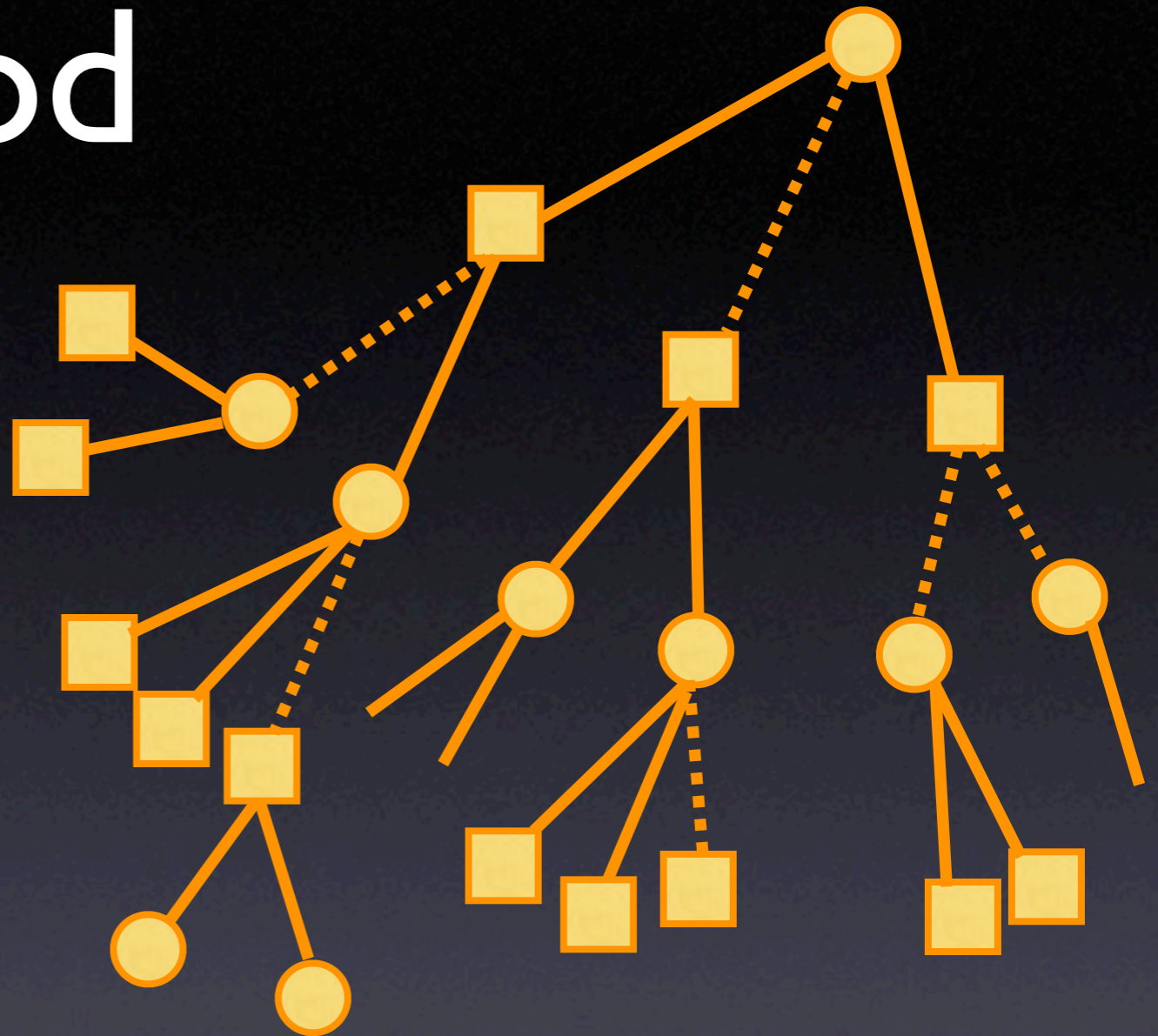
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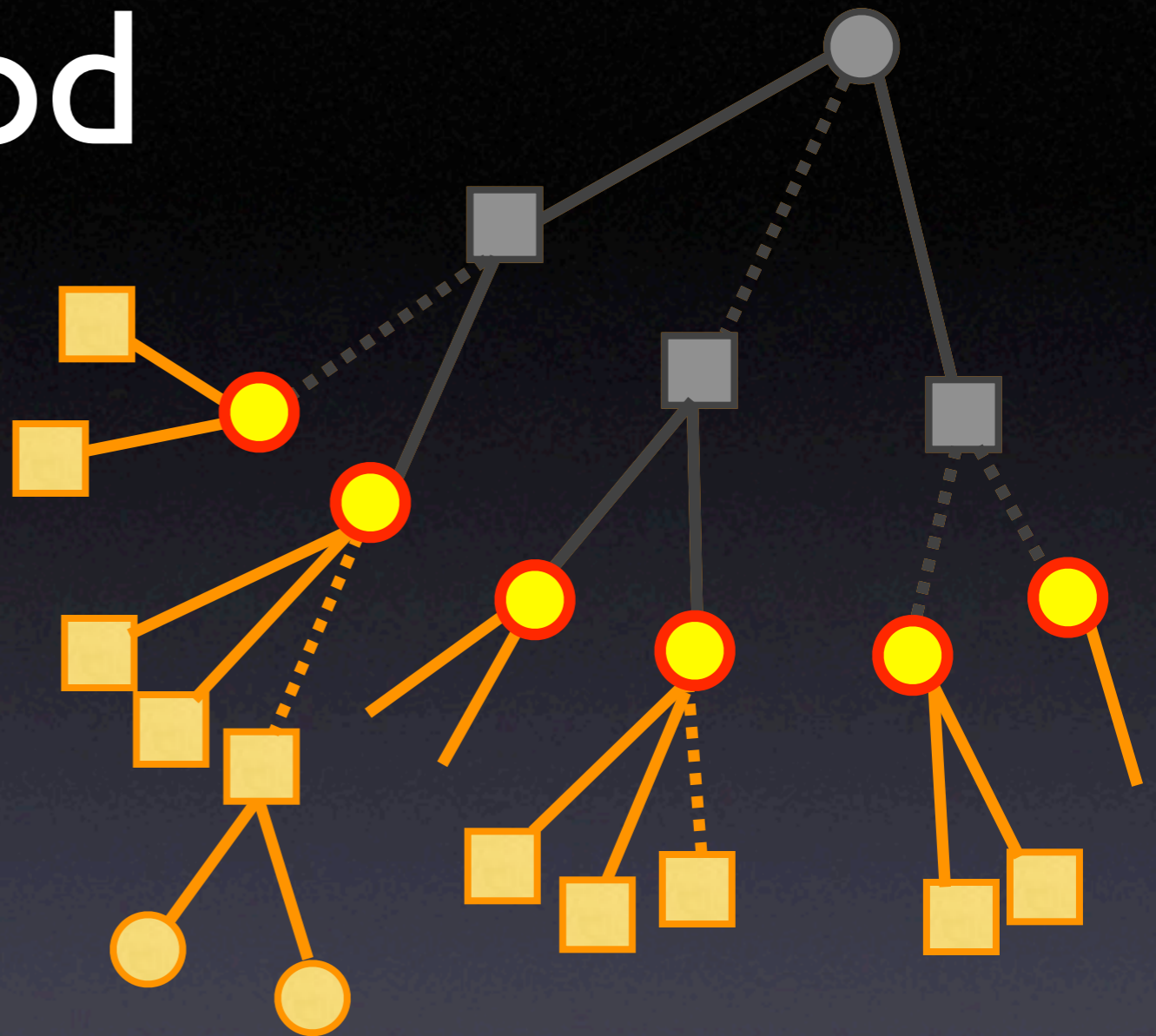
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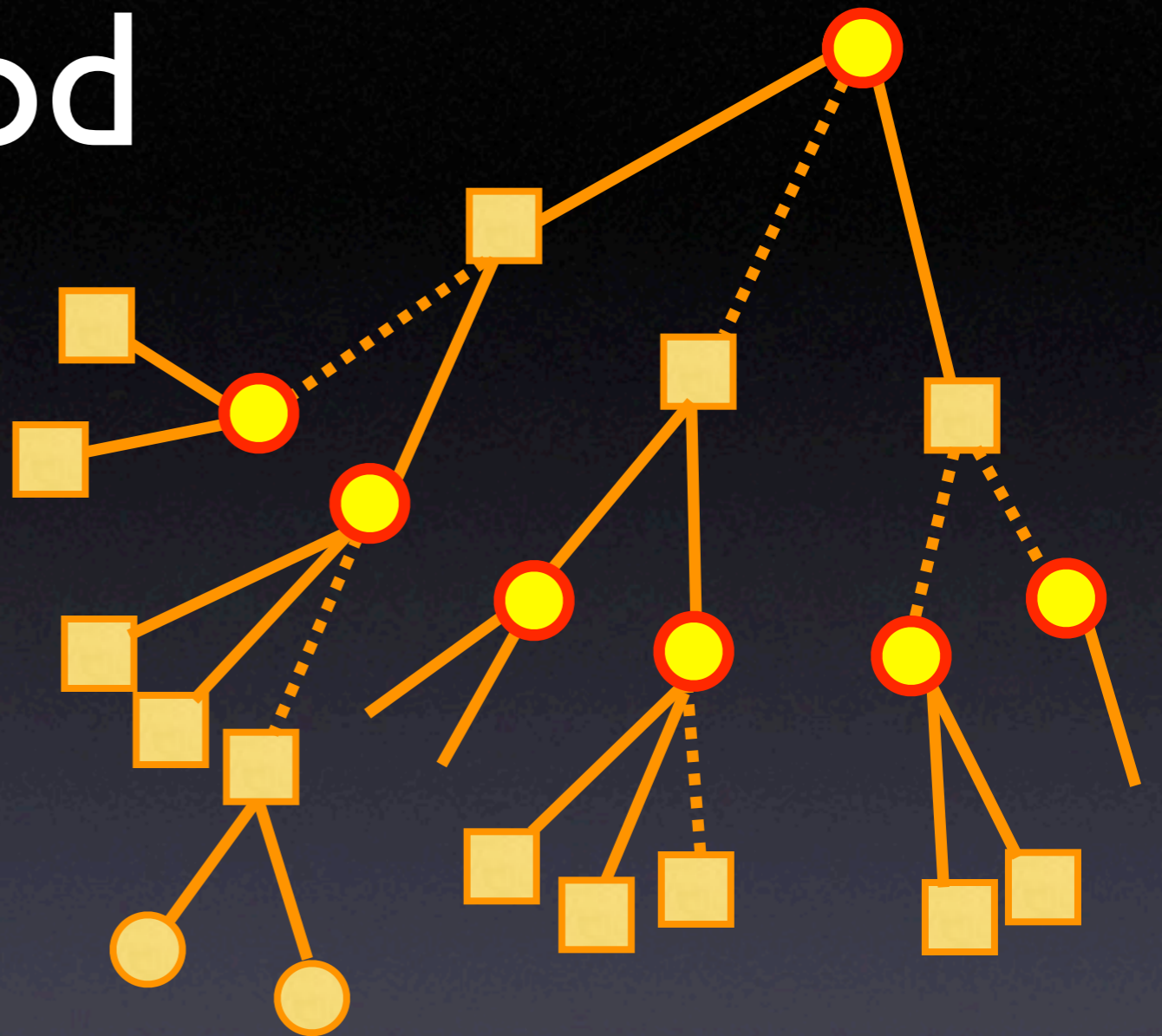
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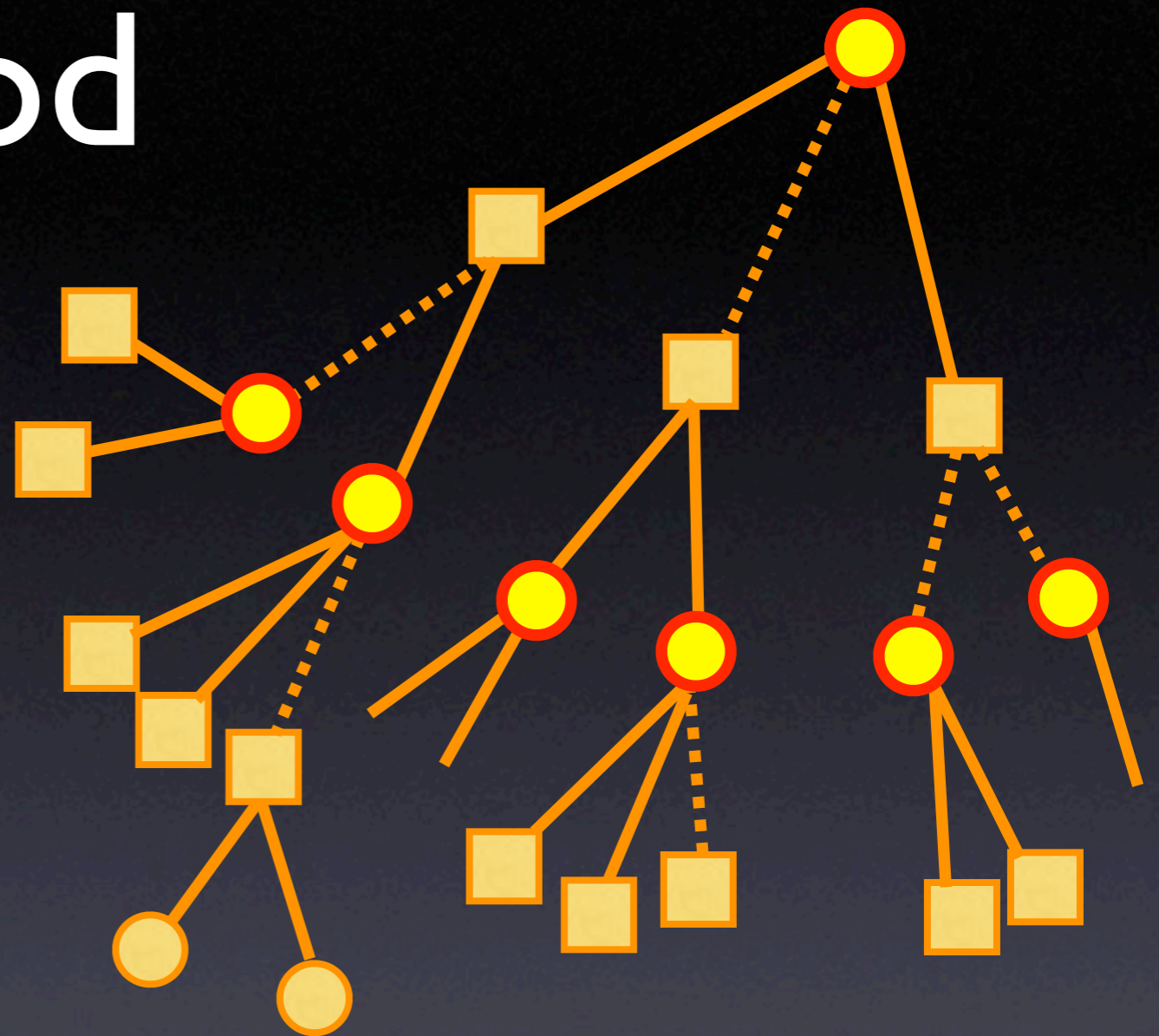
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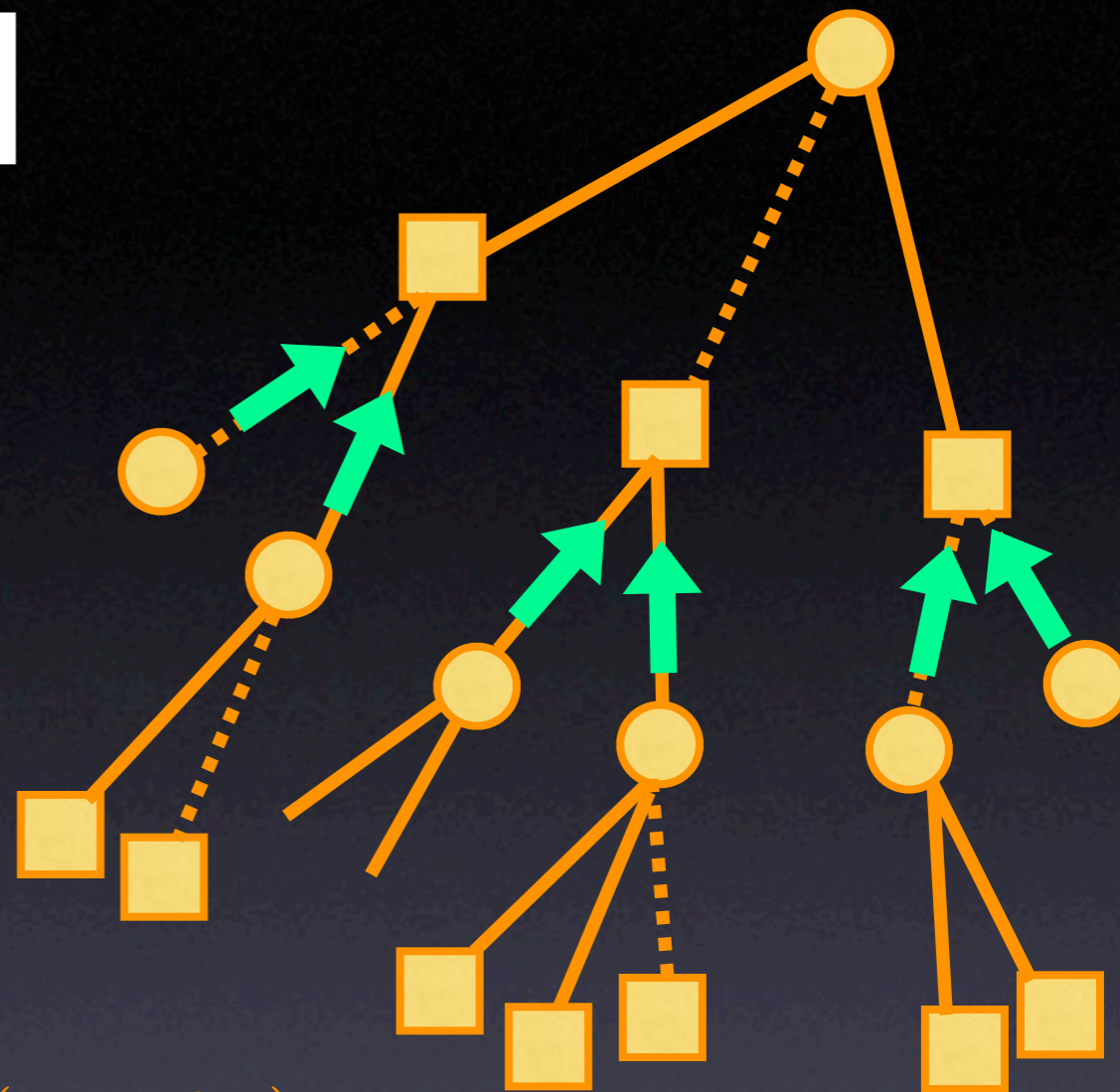
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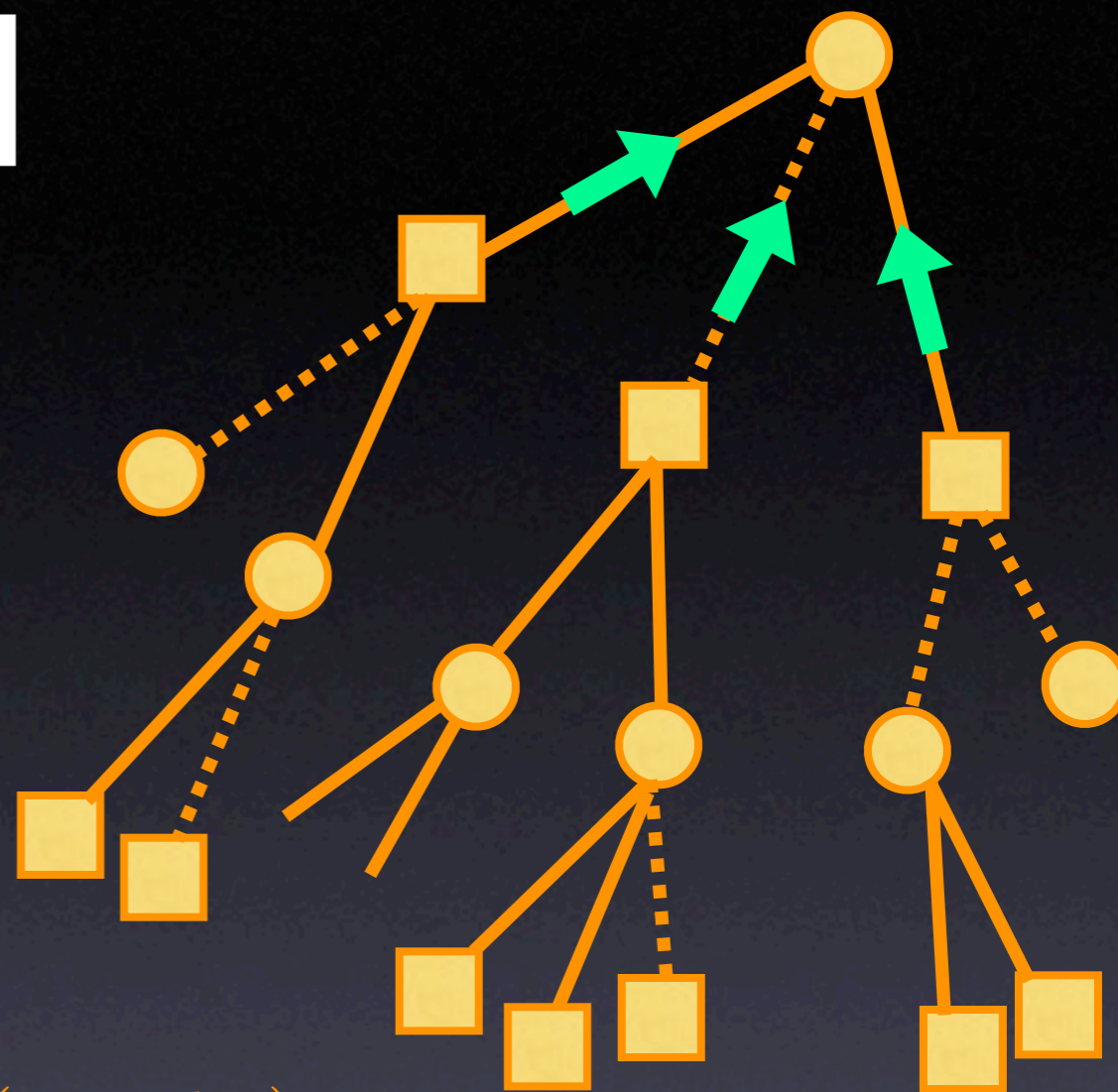
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“I can (or I can’t) satisfy you!”

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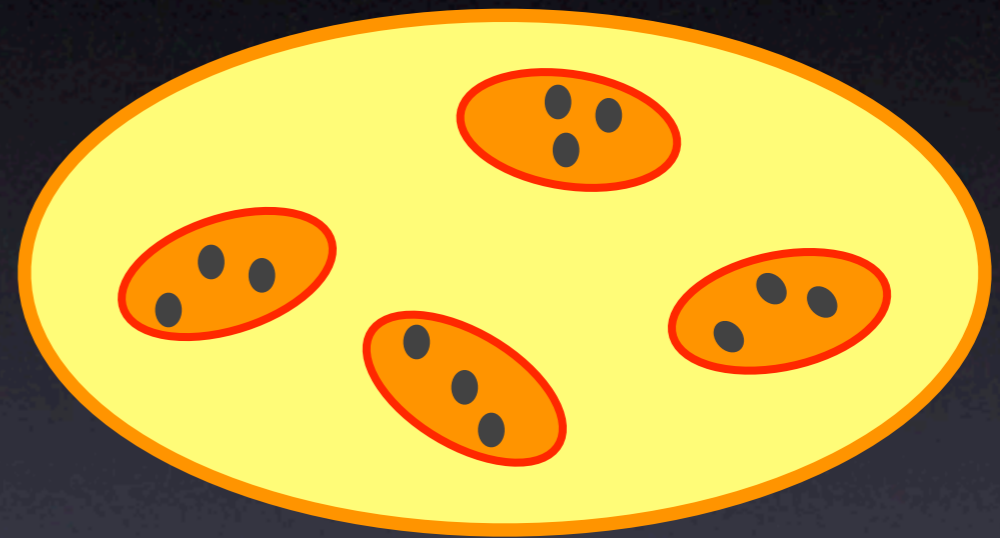
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With  $u$  clause says to variable:  
“Please, make me true!”

# Survey Propagation

- One step RSB
- Clustering of states
- Complexity
- From Belief Propagation to Survey Propagation



$$N_{\text{states}} = \exp \{N\Sigma\}$$

$u$ -survey:  $Q(u) = \eta_0 \delta(u) + \eta_+ \delta(u - 1) + \eta_- \delta(u + 1)$



# Finite $y$ SP Algorithm

- Pseudo-temperature:

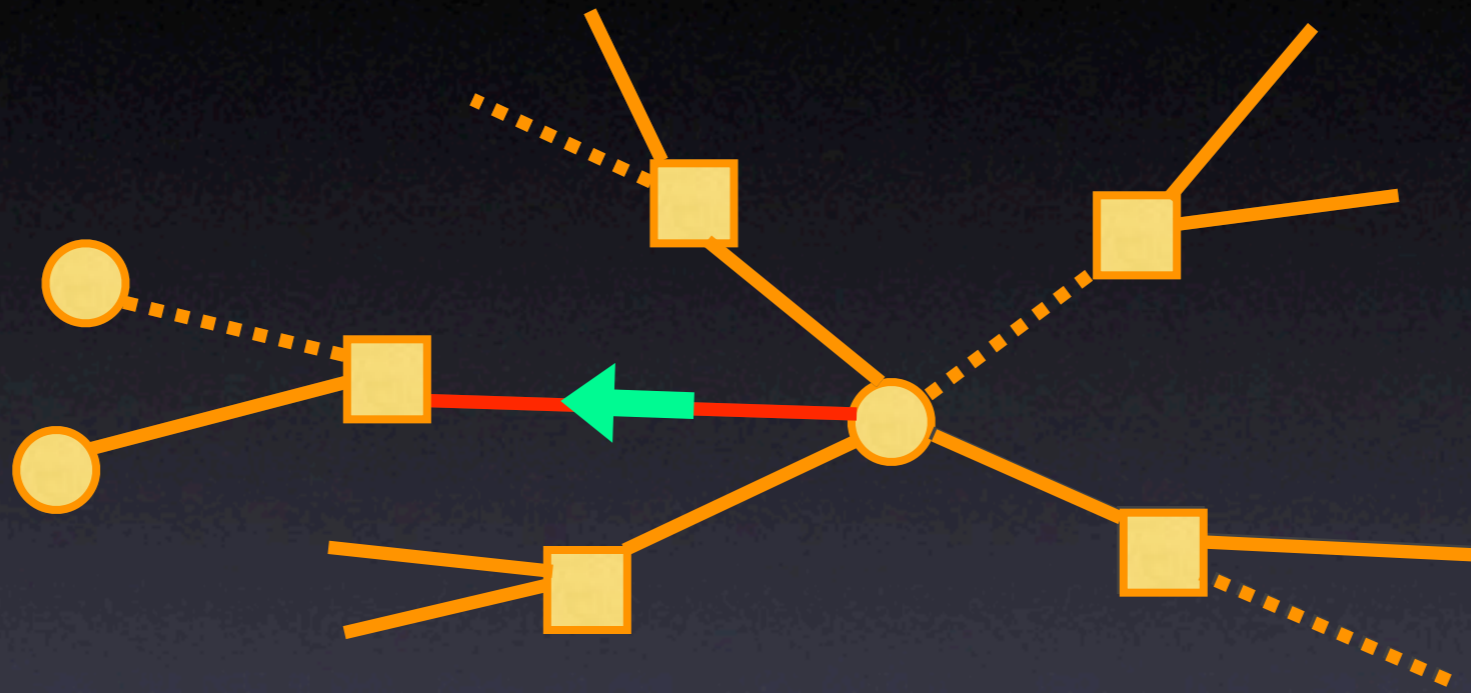
$$\frac{1}{y} = \left( \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial E} \right)$$

- Population dynamics equations:

$$P(h) \propto \int \mathcal{D}Q(u) \delta \left( h - \sum u \right) \exp \left[ y \left| \sum u \right| - y \sum |u| \right]$$

$$Q(u) = \int dg dh P(g) P(h) \delta (u - u(g, h))$$

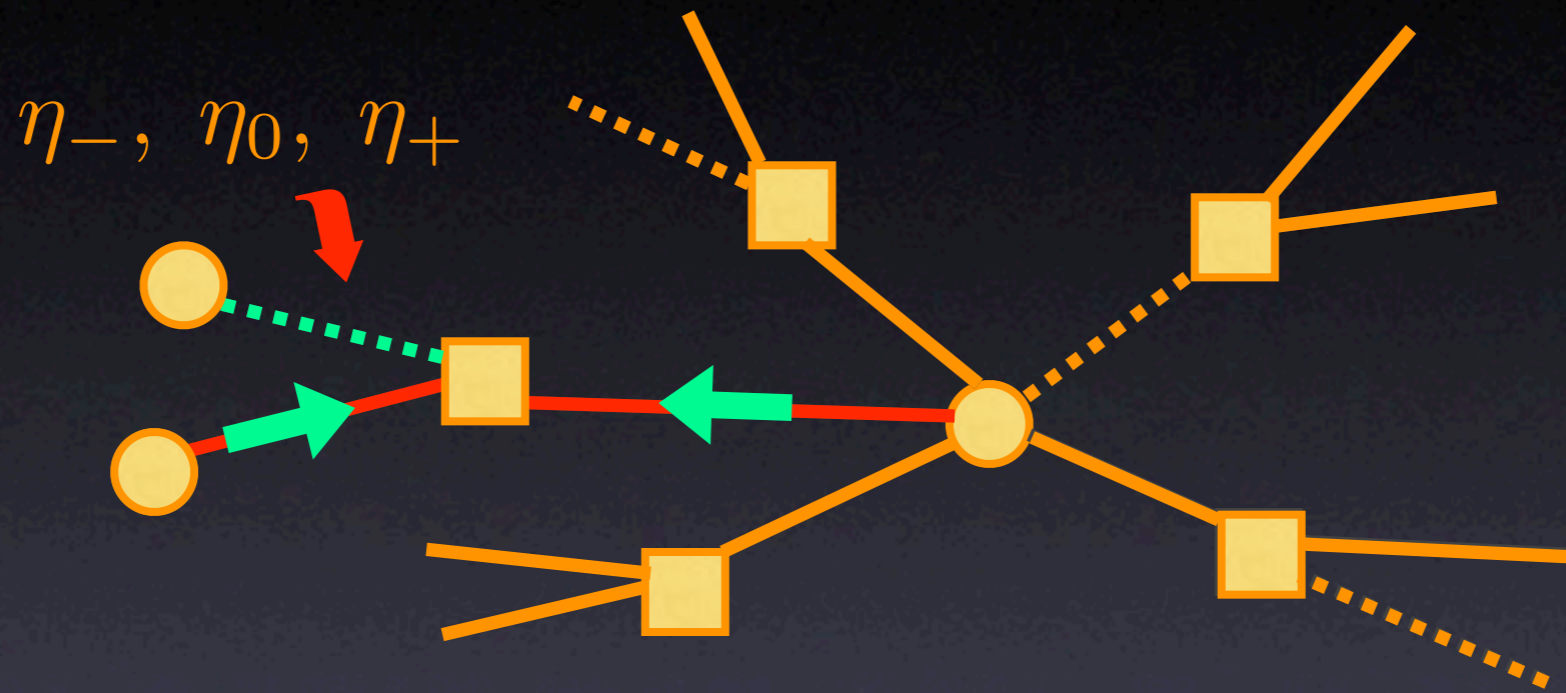
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$$\frac{P^{(1)}}{C^{(1)}} = \eta_0 \delta(h) + \eta_+ \delta(h-1) + \eta_- \delta(h+1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{P^{(\gamma-1)}(h)}{C^{(\gamma-1)}} &= \eta_0 \frac{P^{(\gamma-2)}(h)}{C^{(\gamma-2)}} + \eta_+ e^{-2y \hat{\theta}(-h)} \frac{P^{(\gamma-2)}(h-1)}{C^{(\gamma-2)}} \\ &\quad + \eta_- e^{-2y \hat{\theta}(h)} \frac{P^{(\gamma-2)}(h+1)}{C^{(\gamma-2)}} \end{aligned}$$

# Finite $\gamma$ SP Algorithm

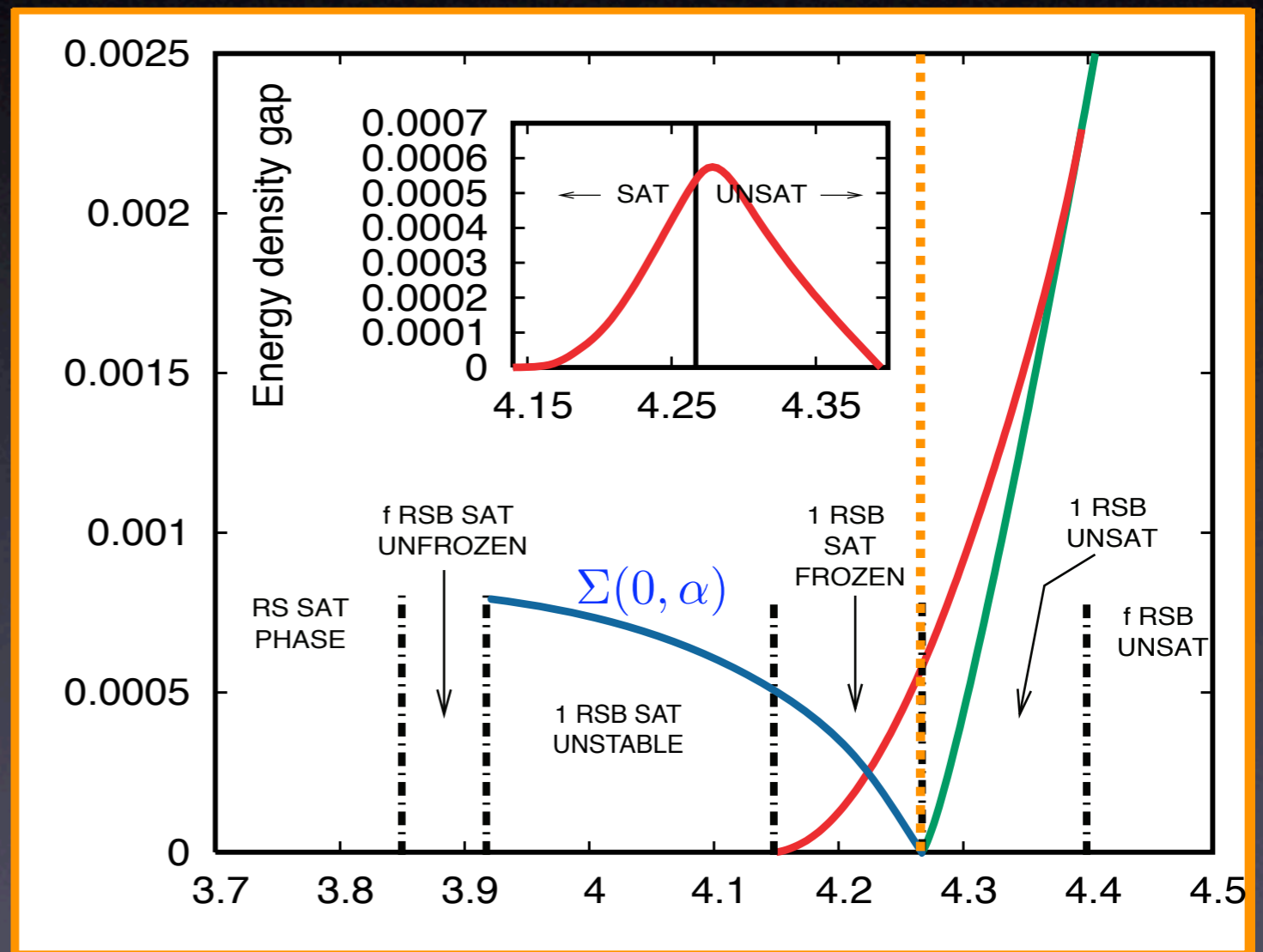


1. Compute two  $h$ -surveys  $\implies$  Update one  $\eta$
2. Update all  $\eta$ 's until reaching convergence  
(*probability of probability distribution*)
3. Fix spins using local field information  $\implies$  Decimate the formula

# Exploring MAX-K-SAT problem

- $\gamma = \infty$  filters out all contradictory assignments
- Finite  $\gamma$  allows to study the UNSAT region
- MAX-SAT problem
- Improvements over heuristics

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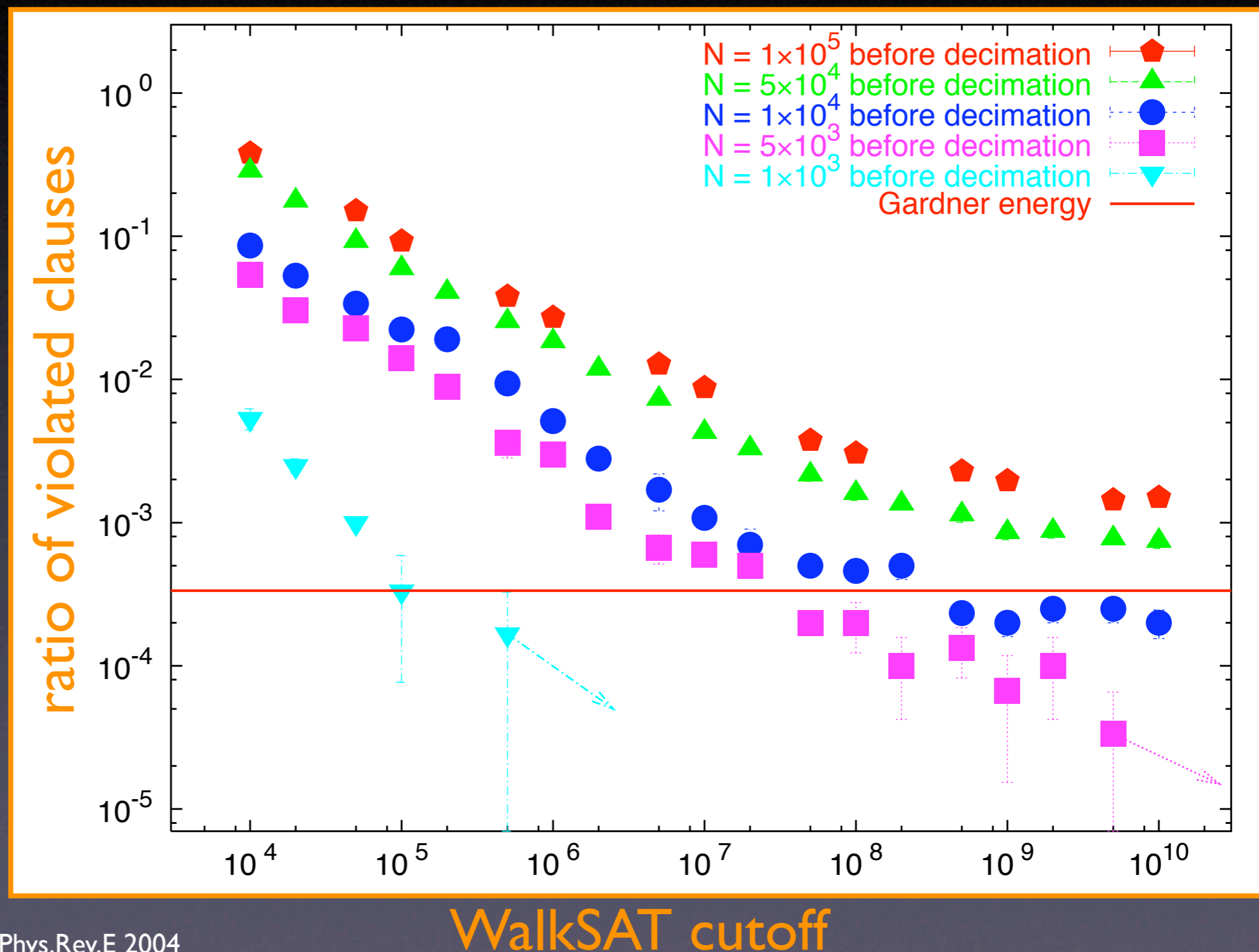


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# Threshold states

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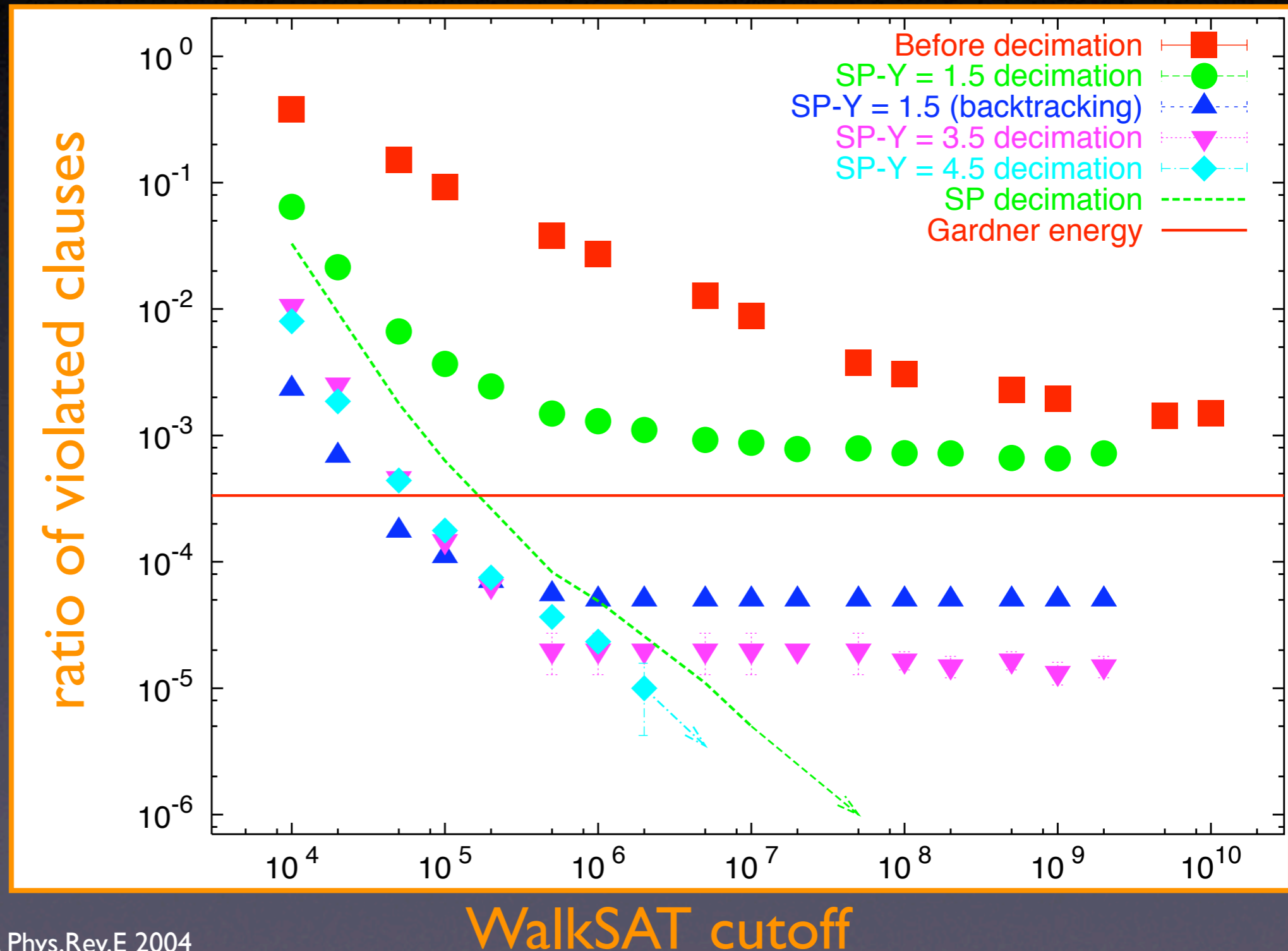
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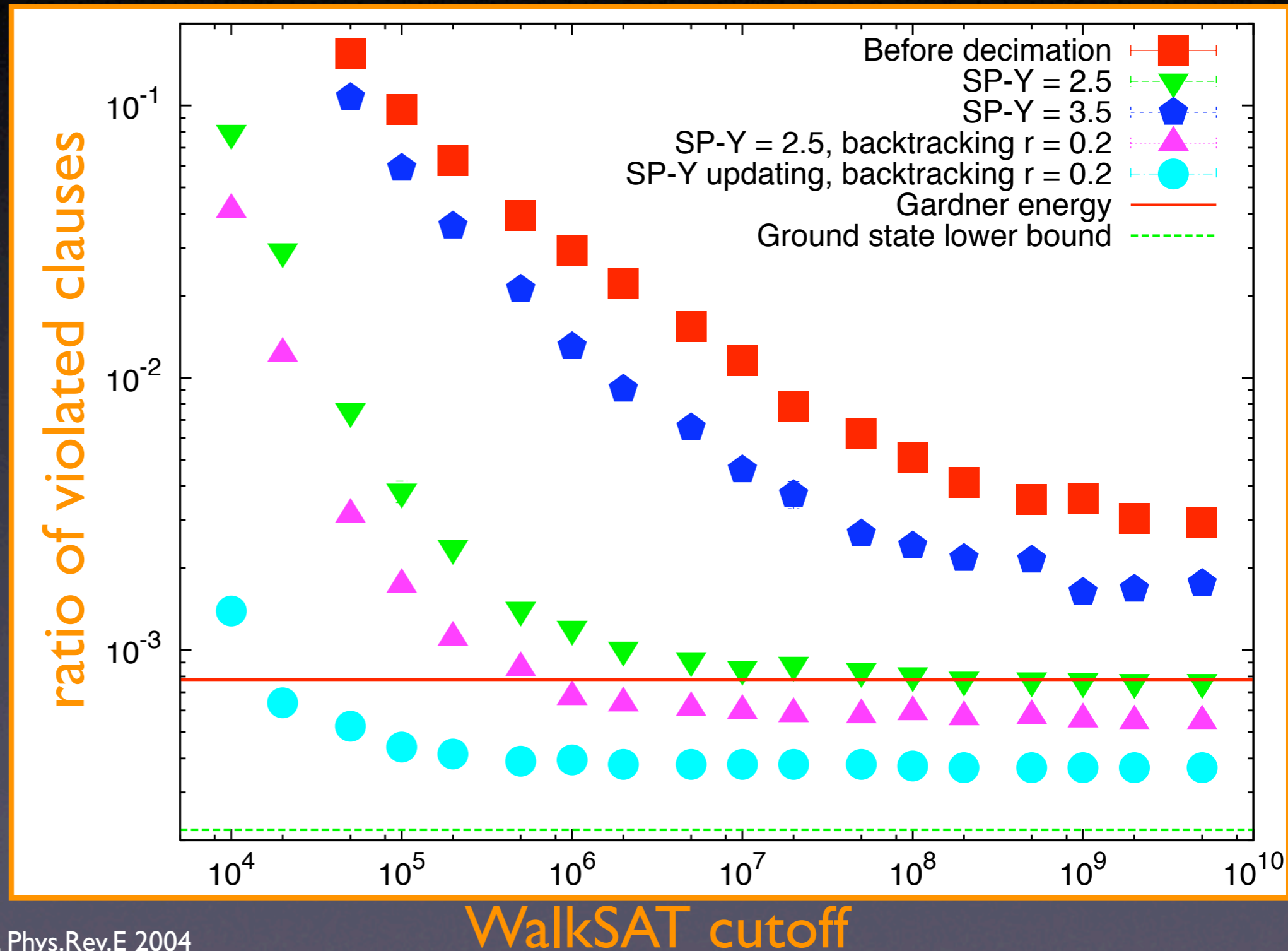
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# Exploring UNSAT region

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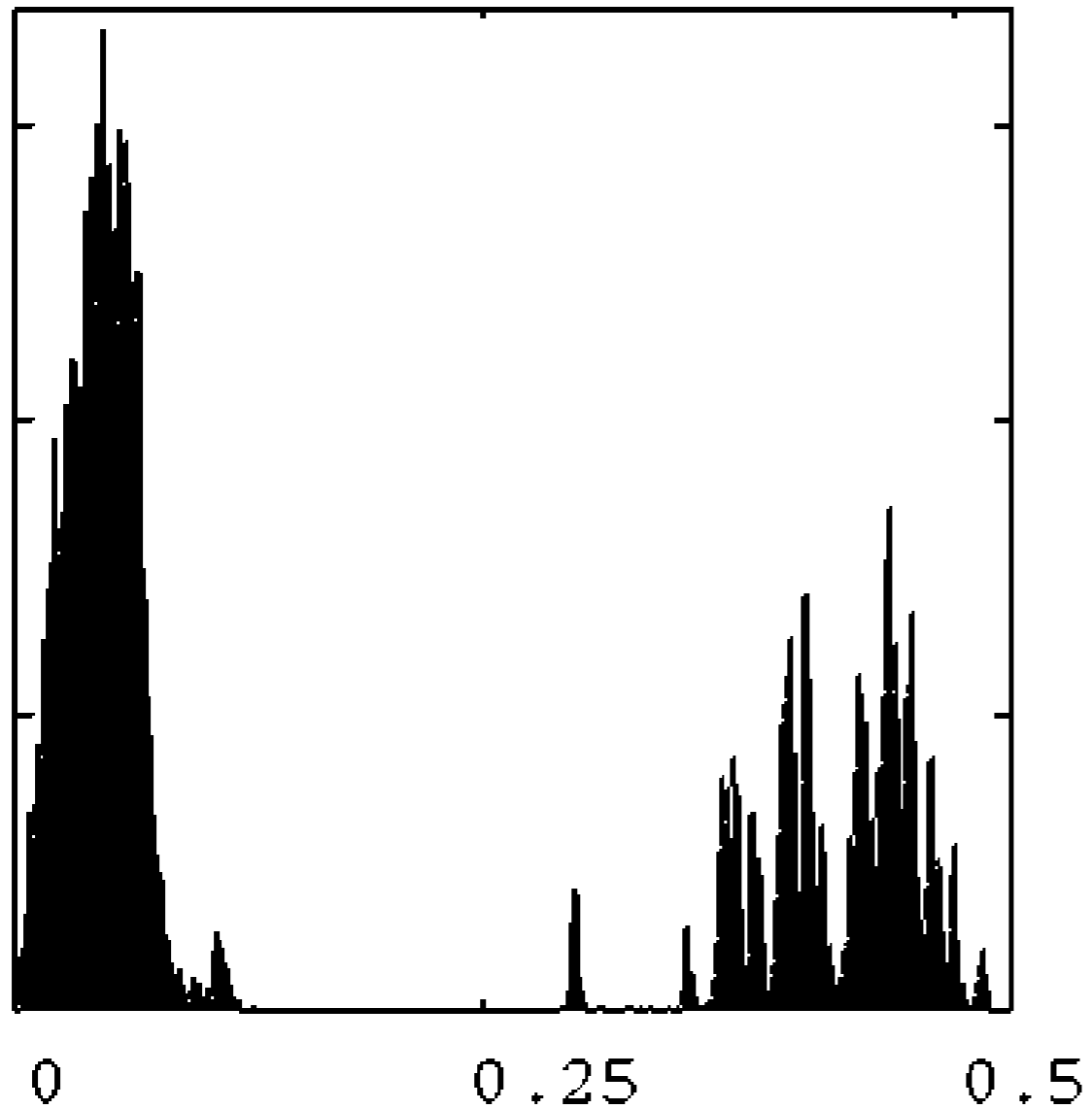
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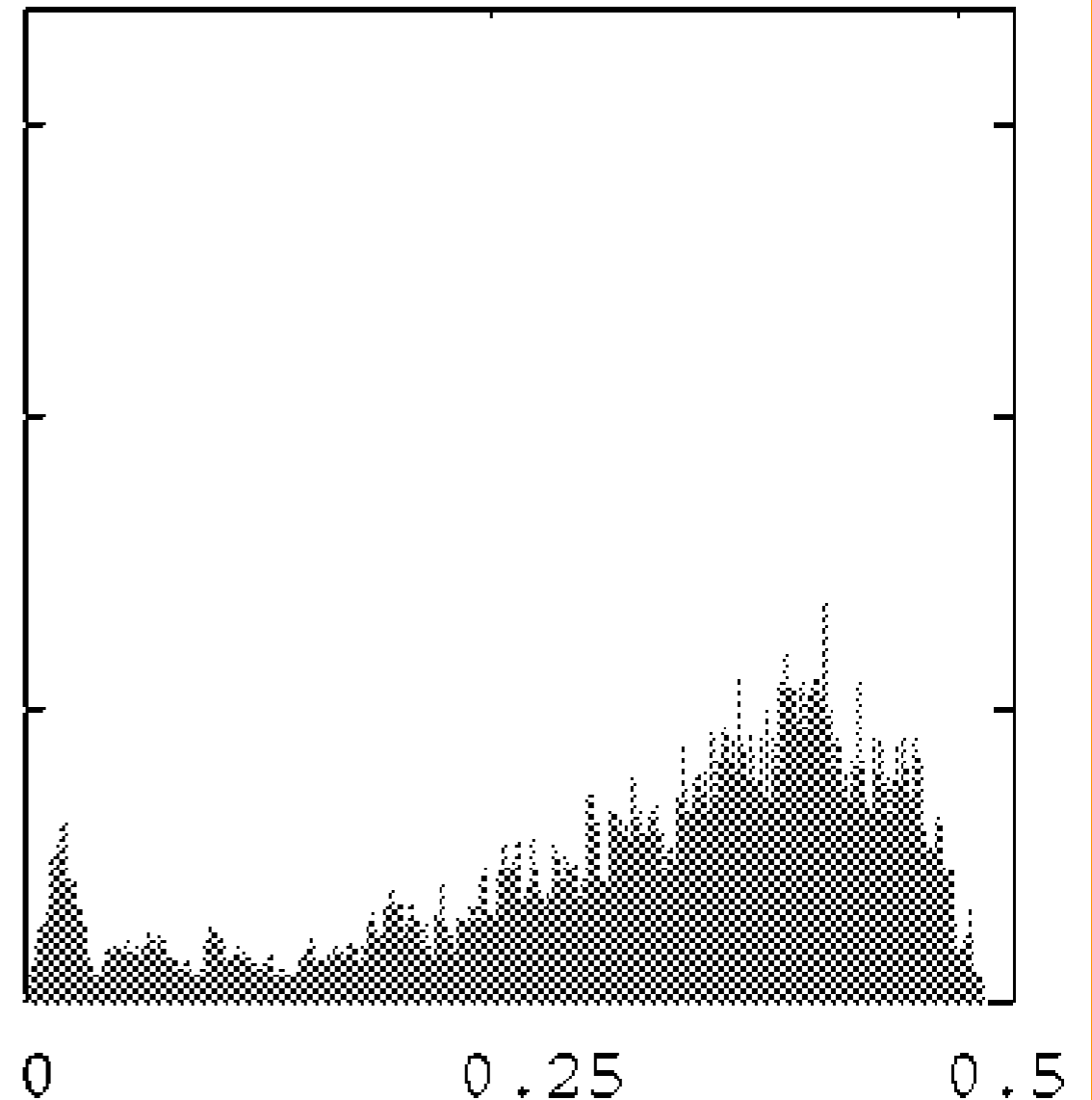
# Solutions are Clustered

Hamming distances of solutions in 1RSB and full RSB phase

1 RSB



full RSB





# Conclusions

- + New Survey Propagation Algorithm for MAX-3-SAT Problem
  - **Threshold states** observed and crossed
  - **Heuristics Improvement**: SP with finite  $y$  approaches closely the GS energy
- + **Clusterisation** of solutions observed in SAT phase (1RSB, fullRSB)

Thank You for Your Attention :-)

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