

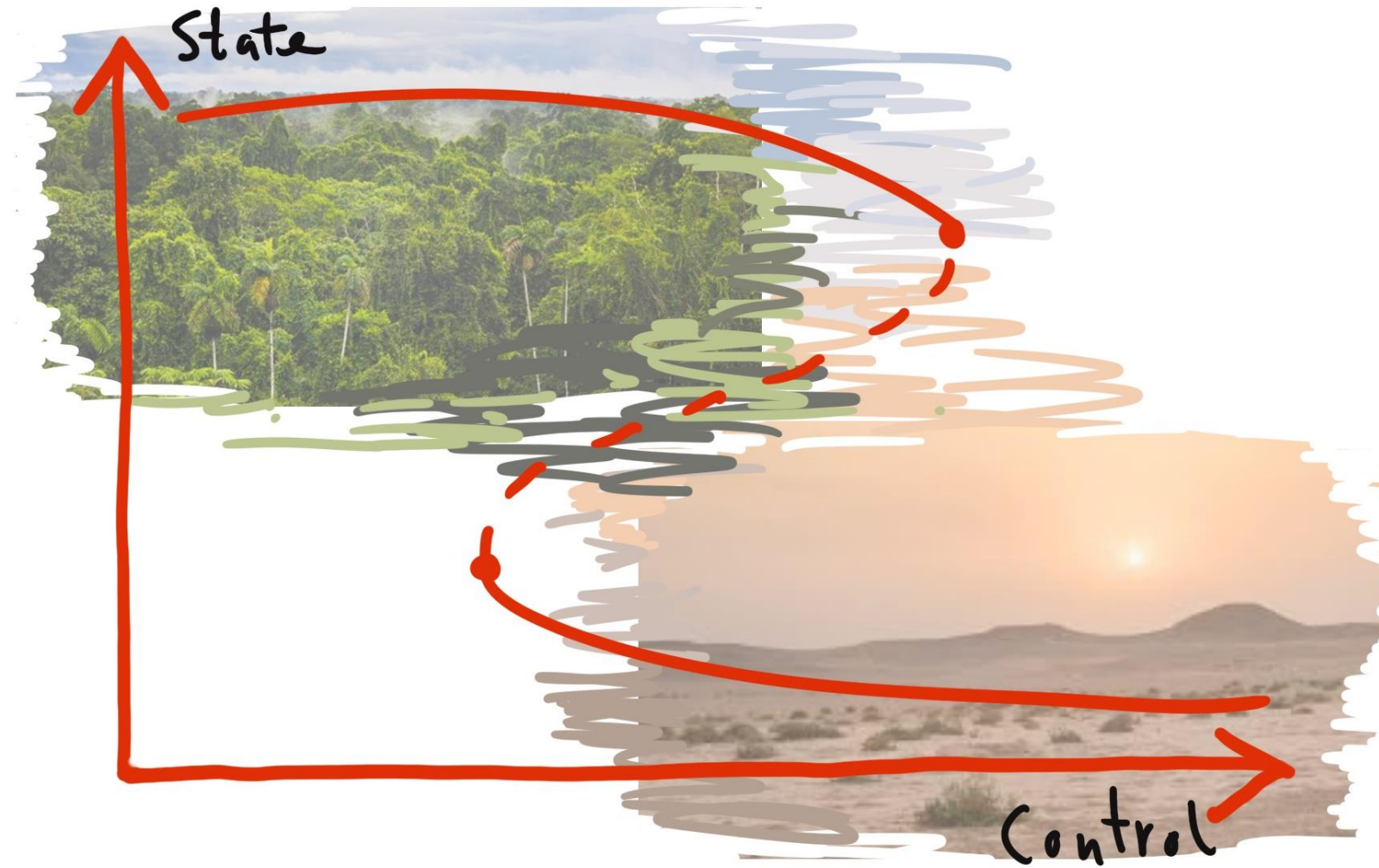


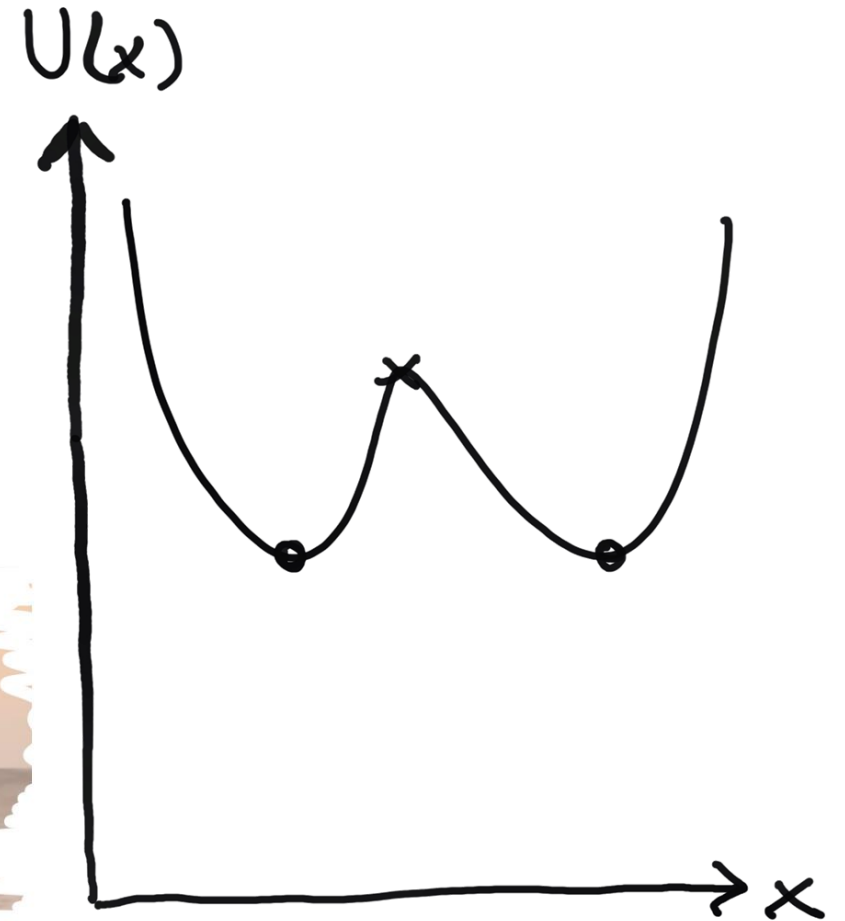
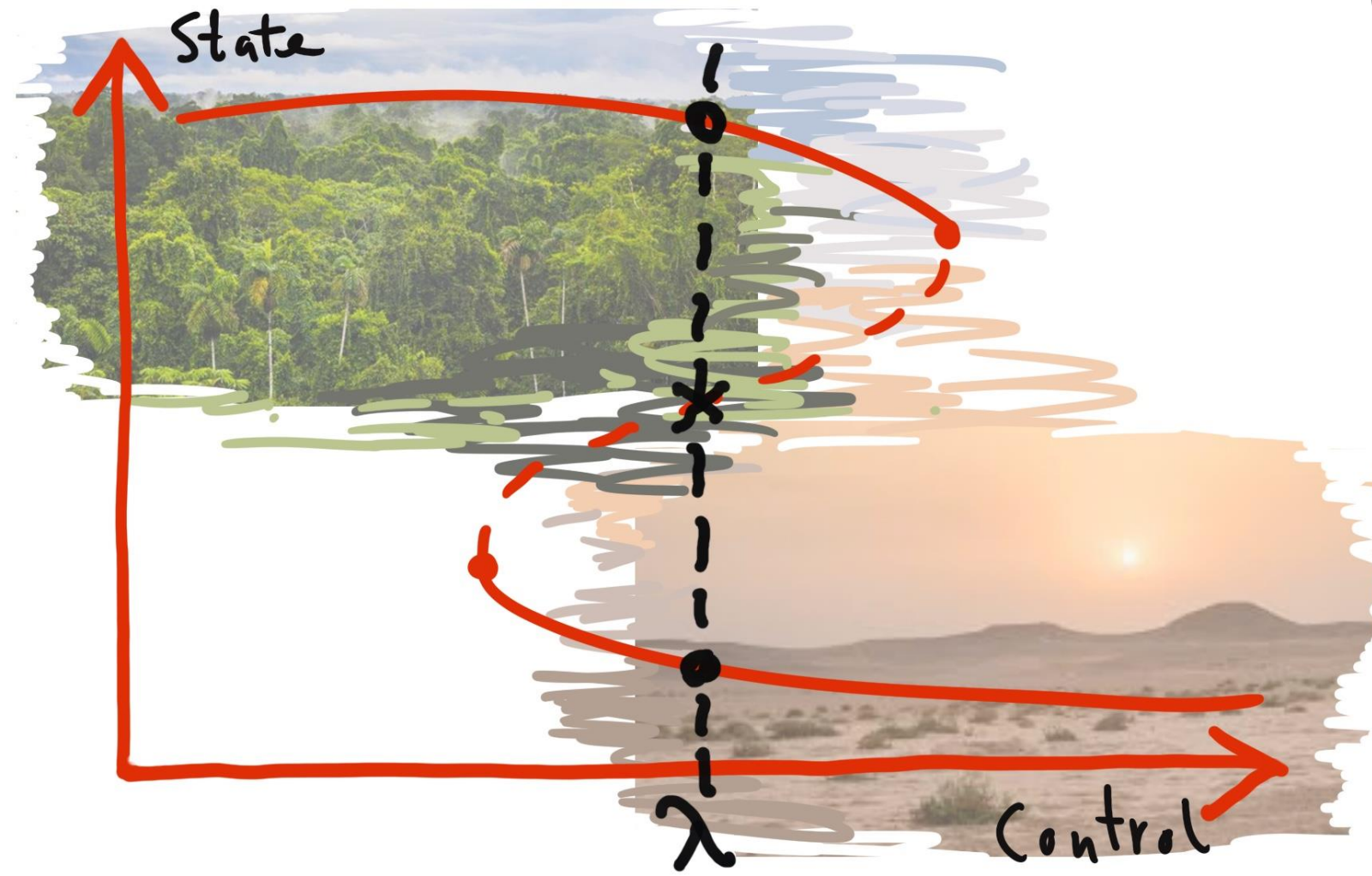
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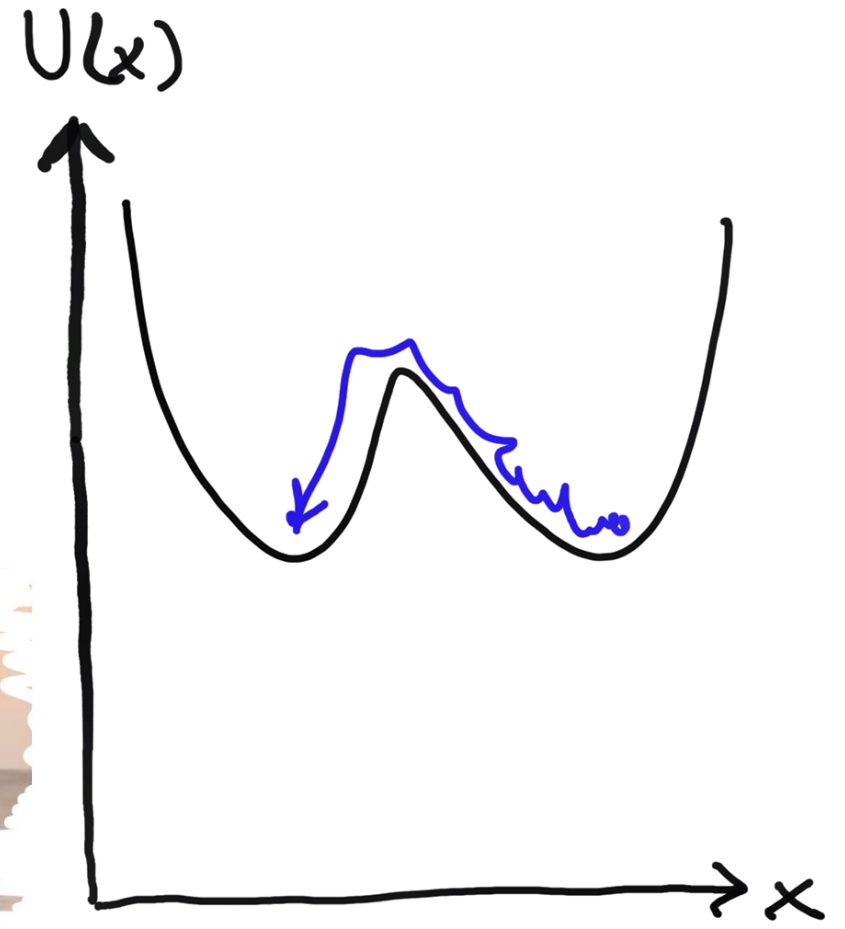
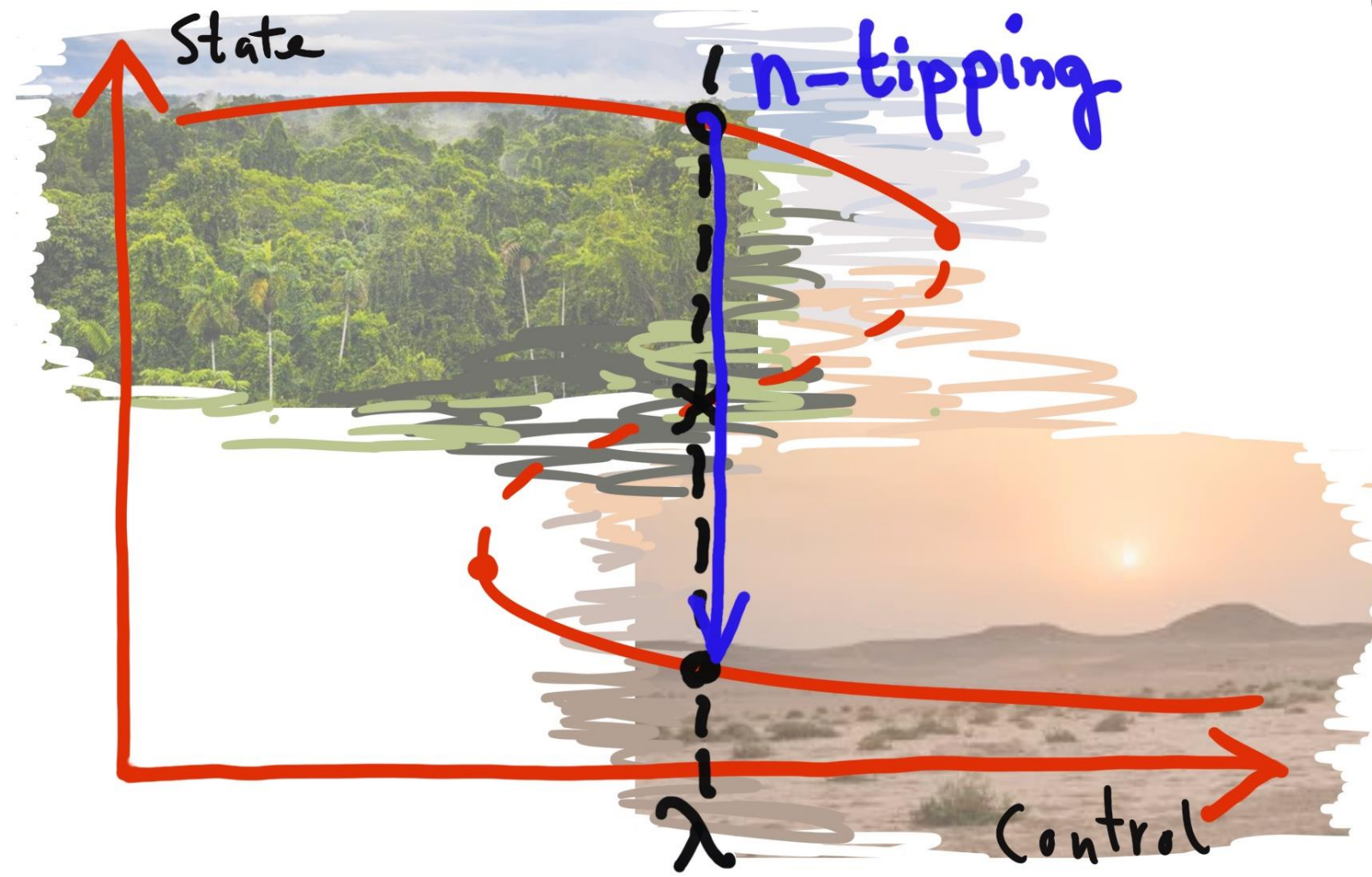
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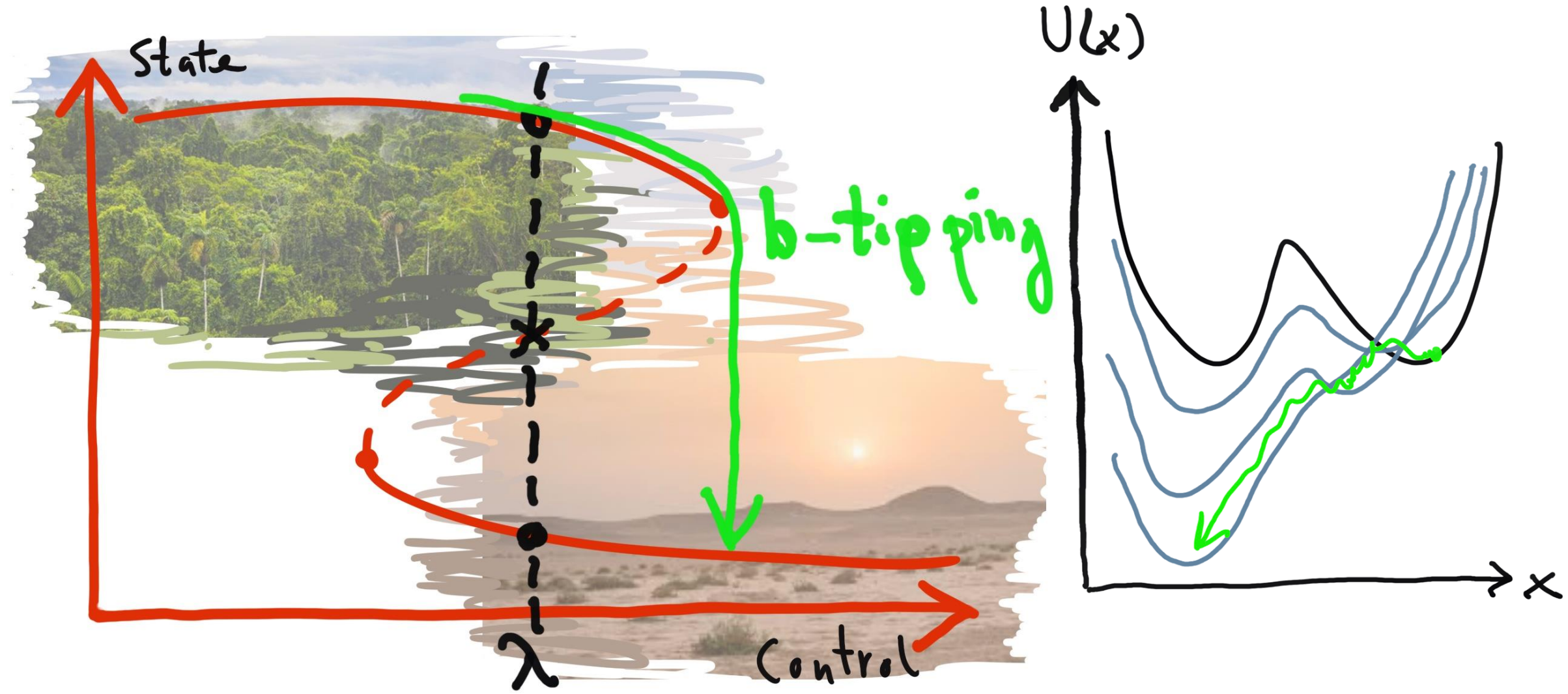
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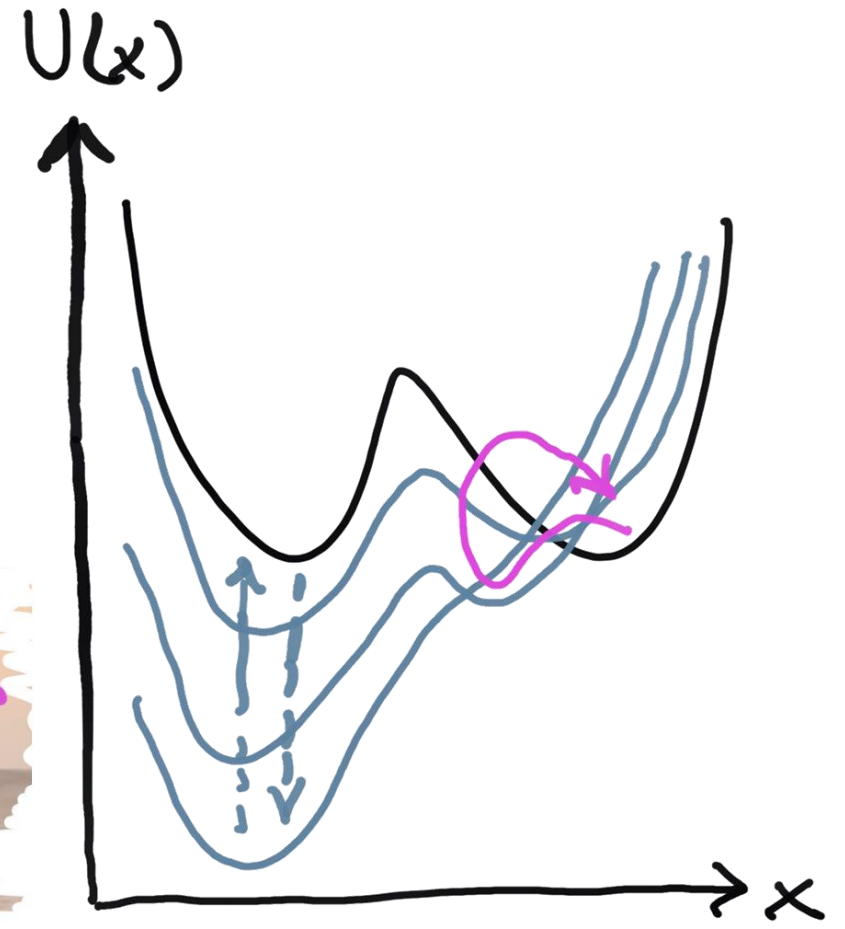
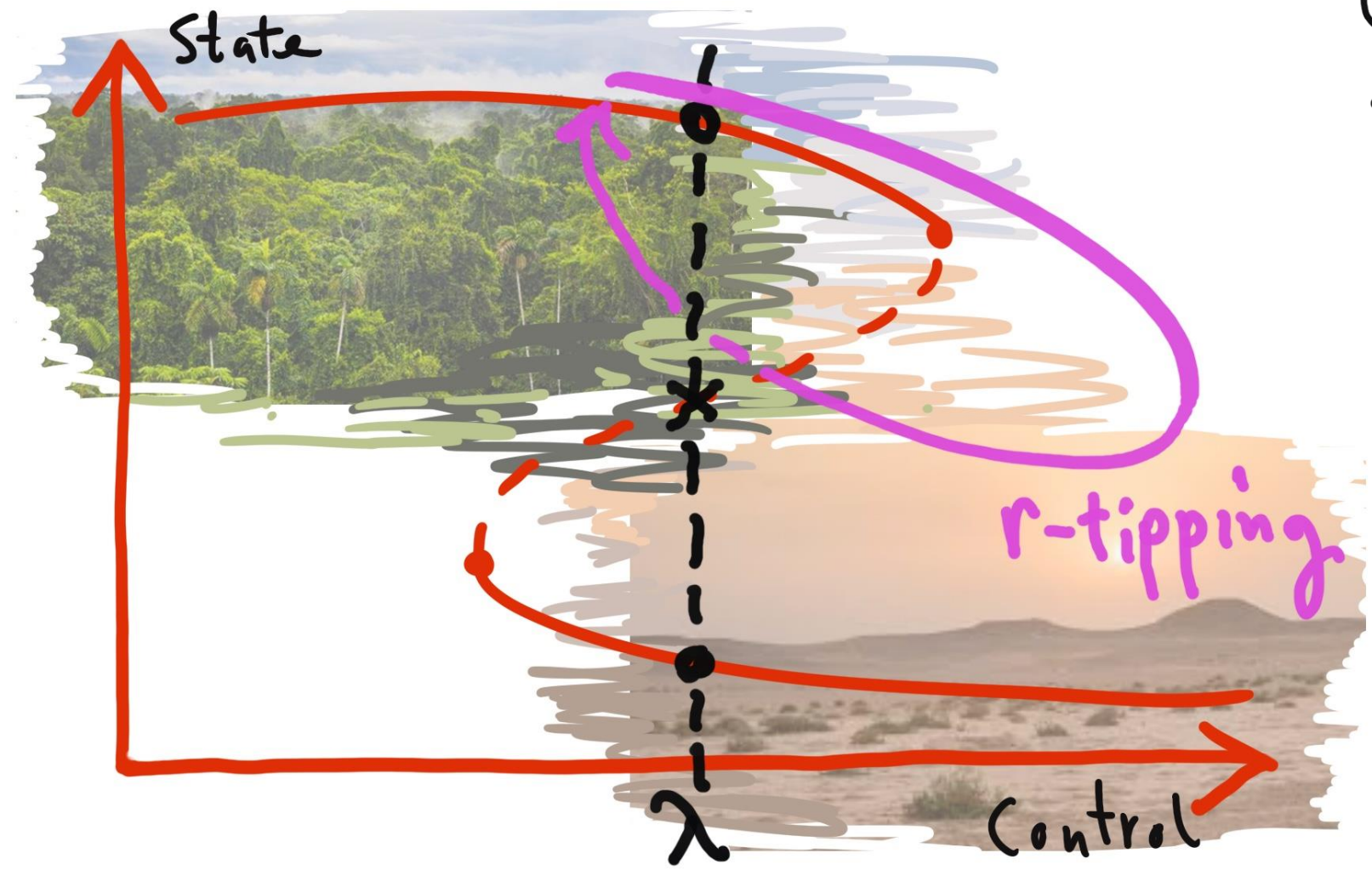


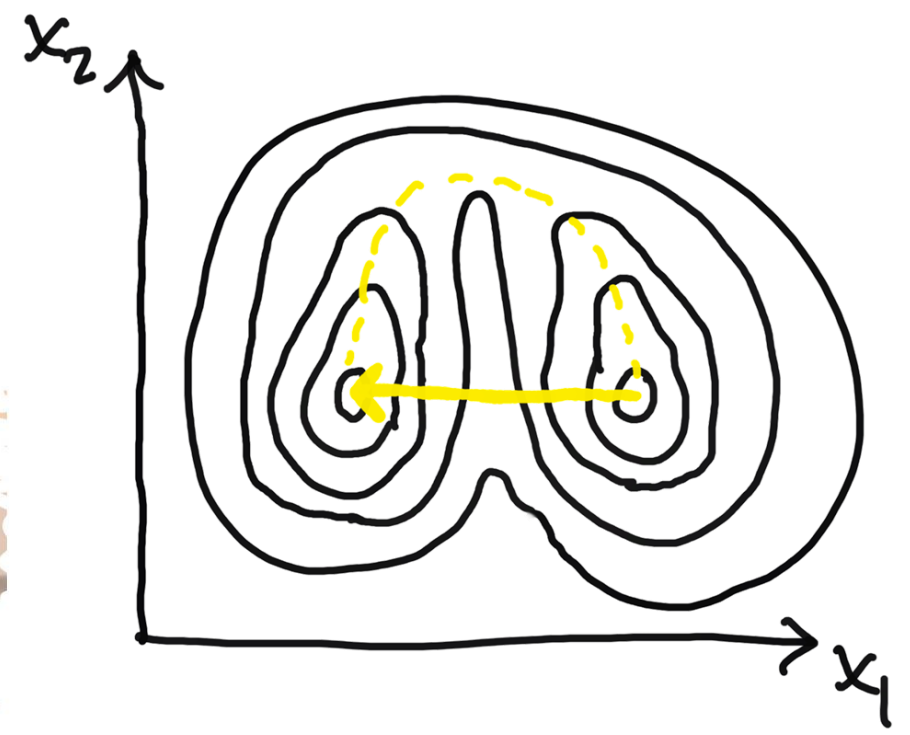
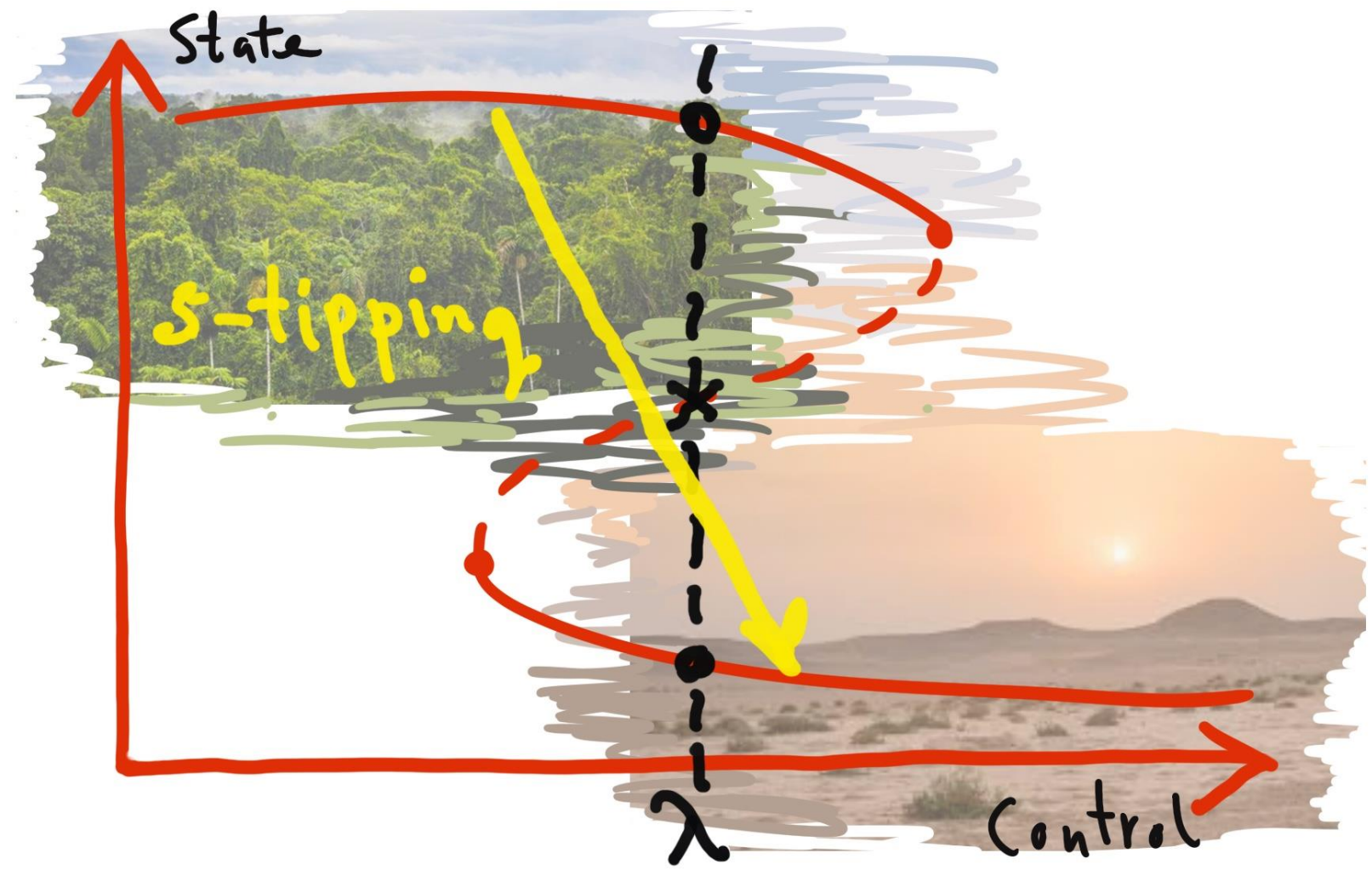


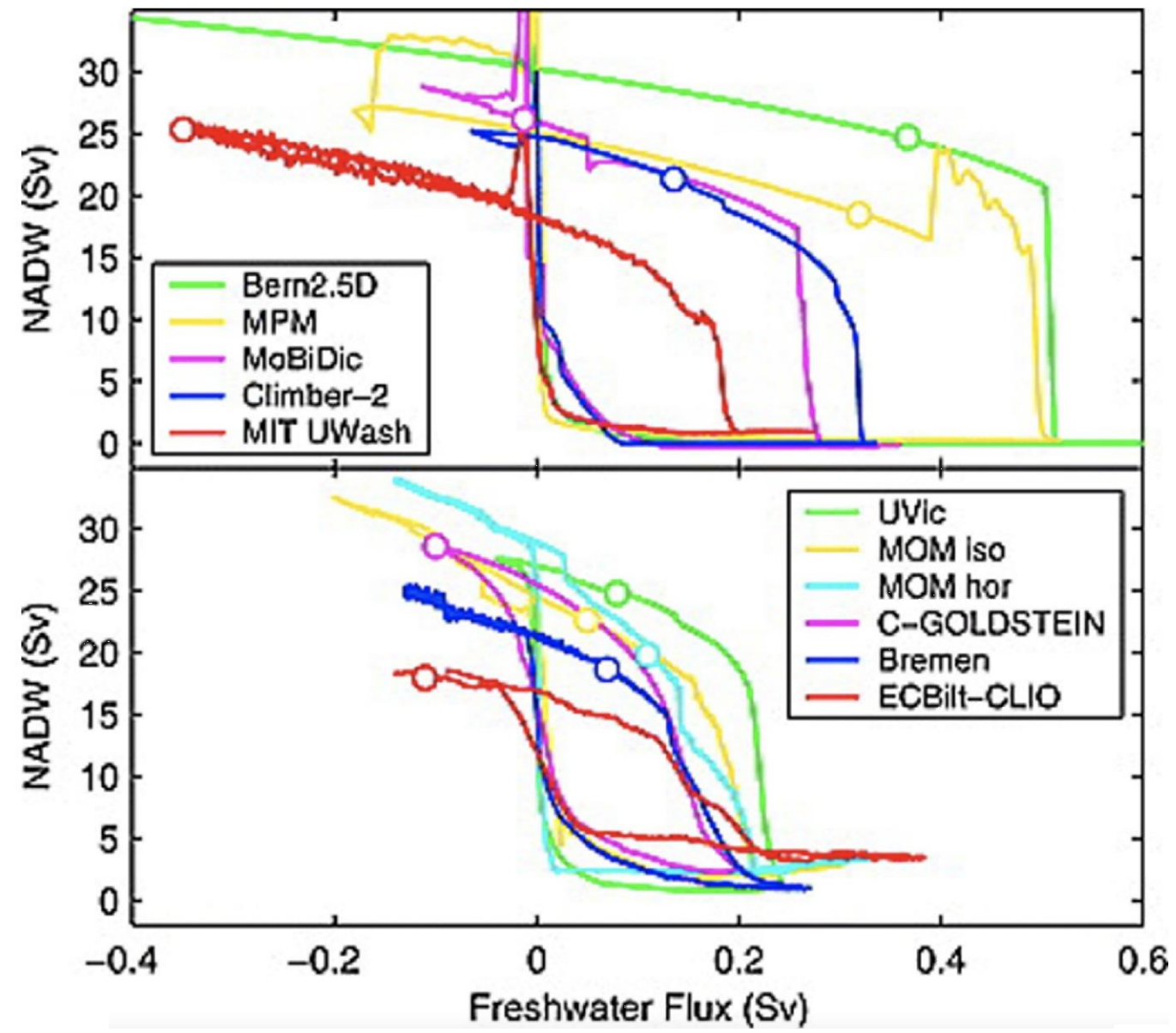


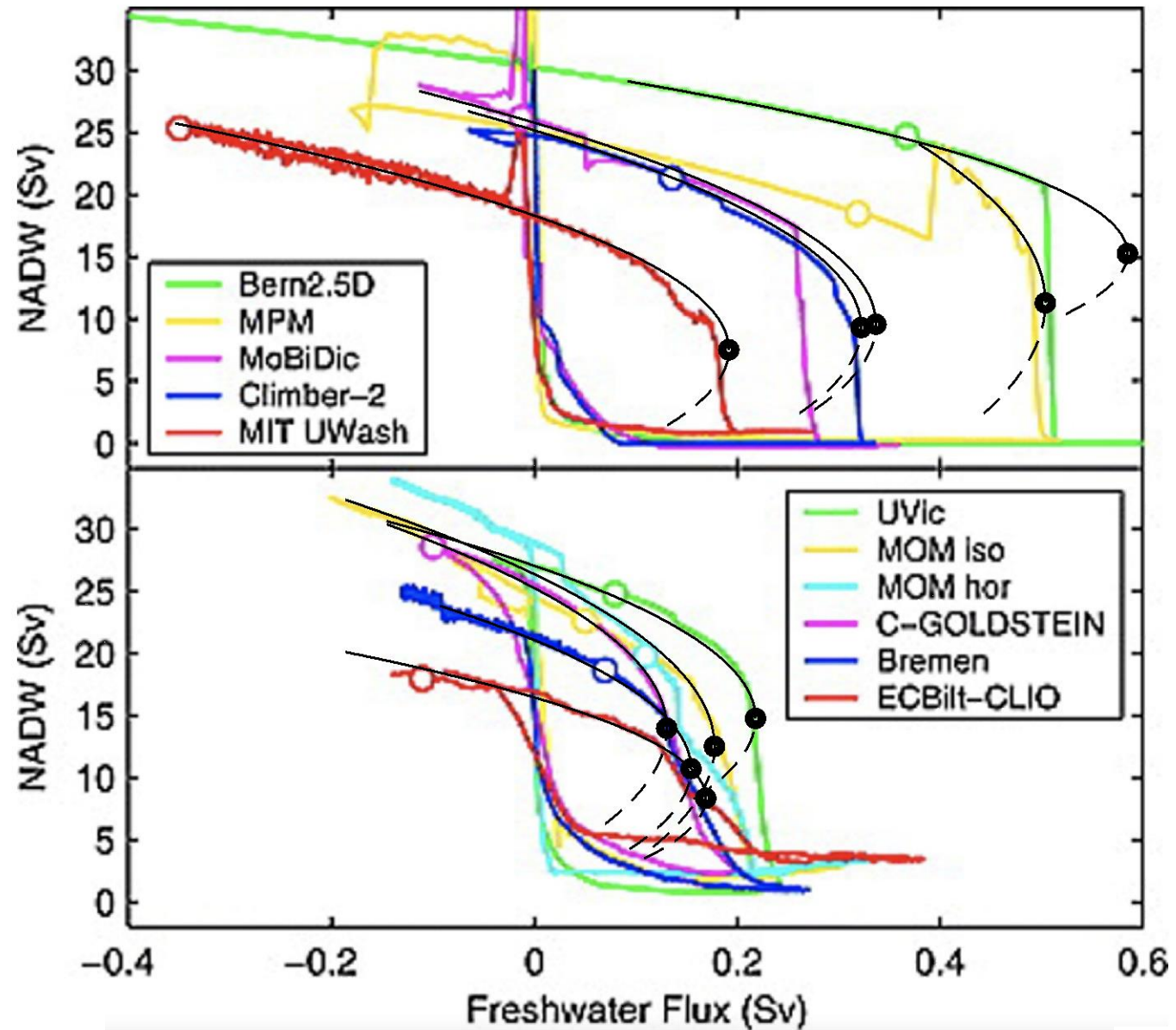












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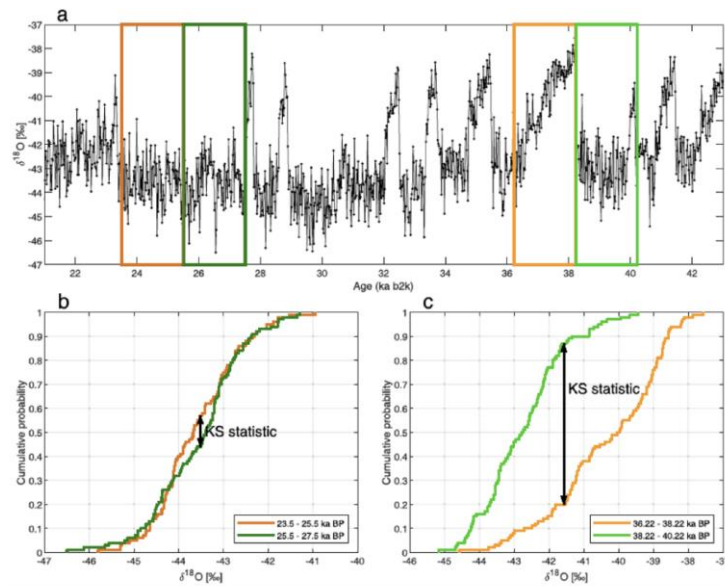


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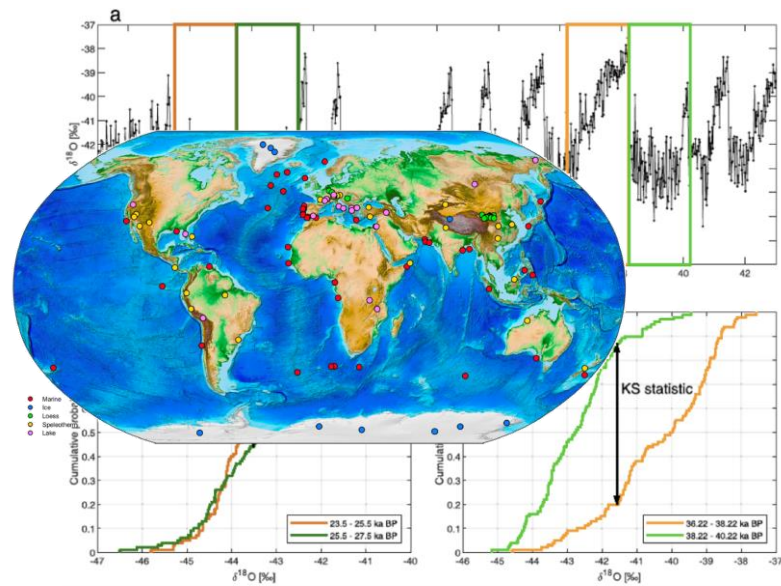


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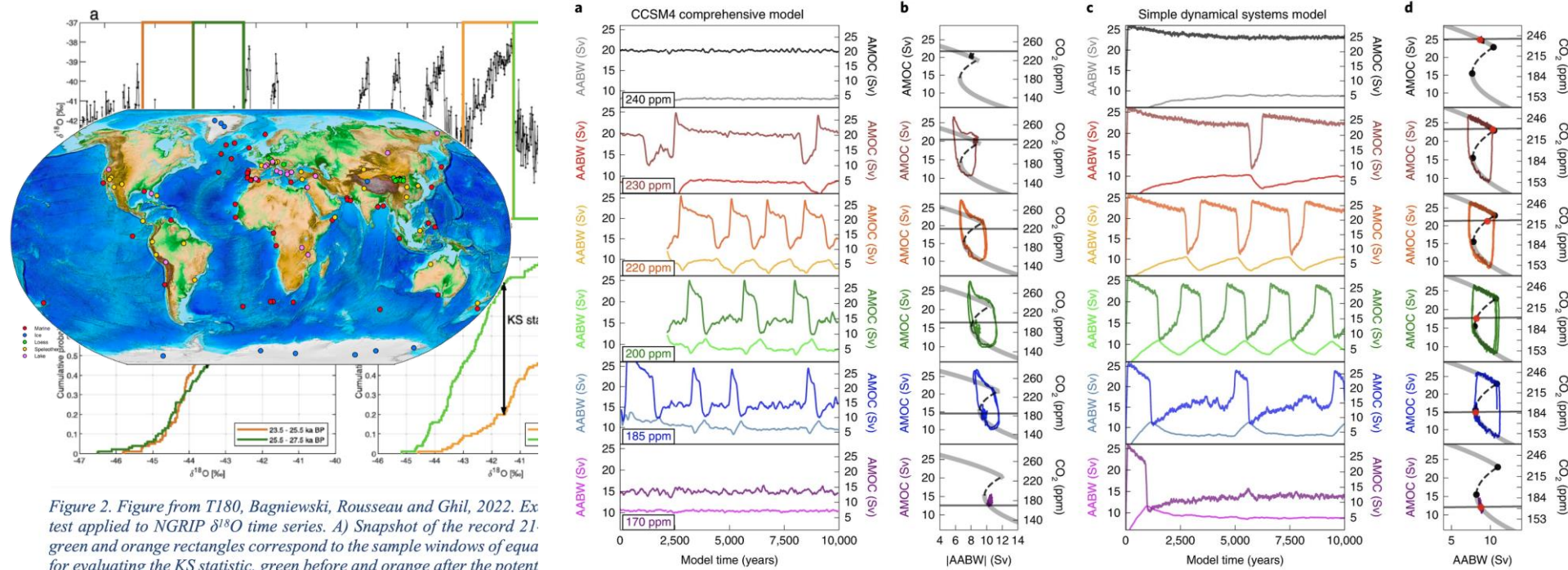


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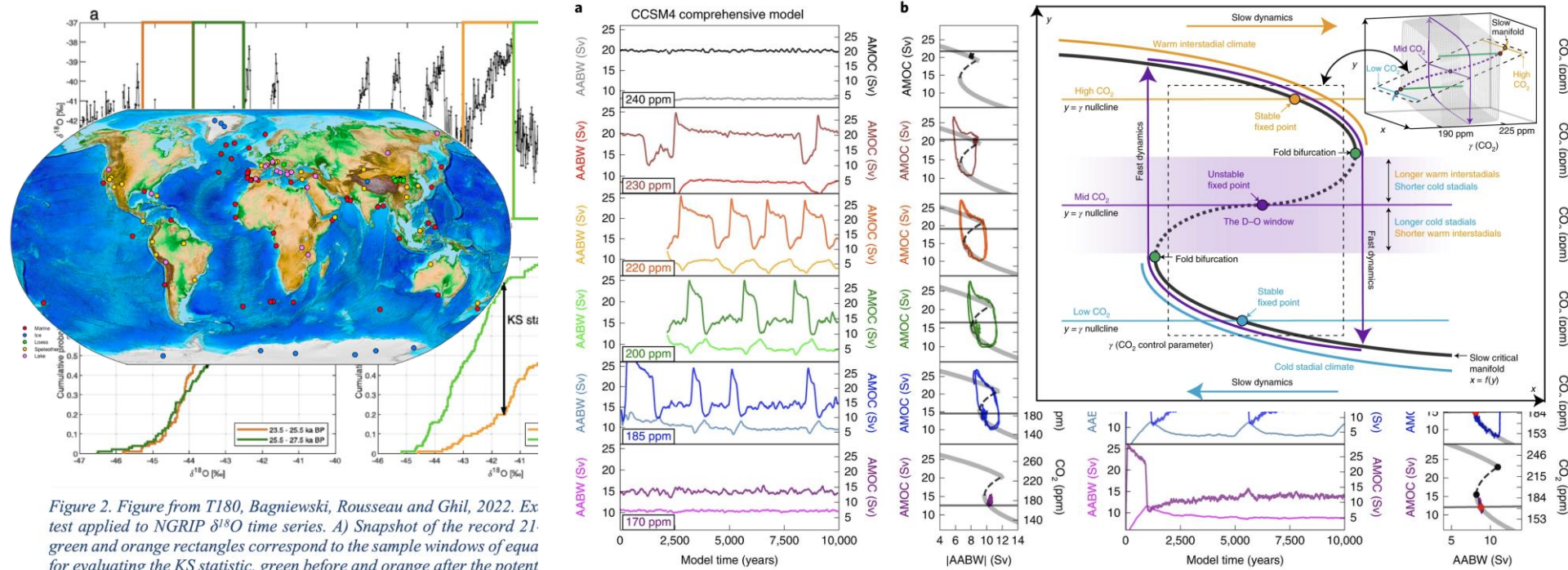
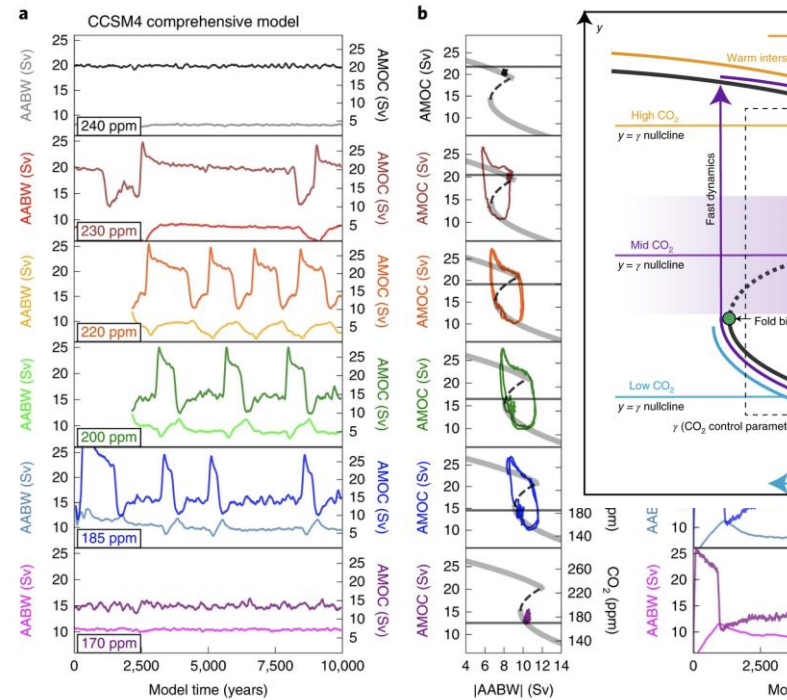
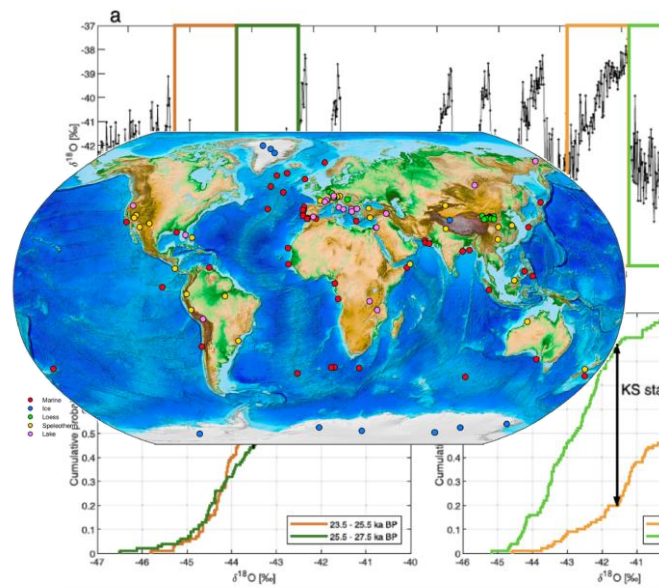
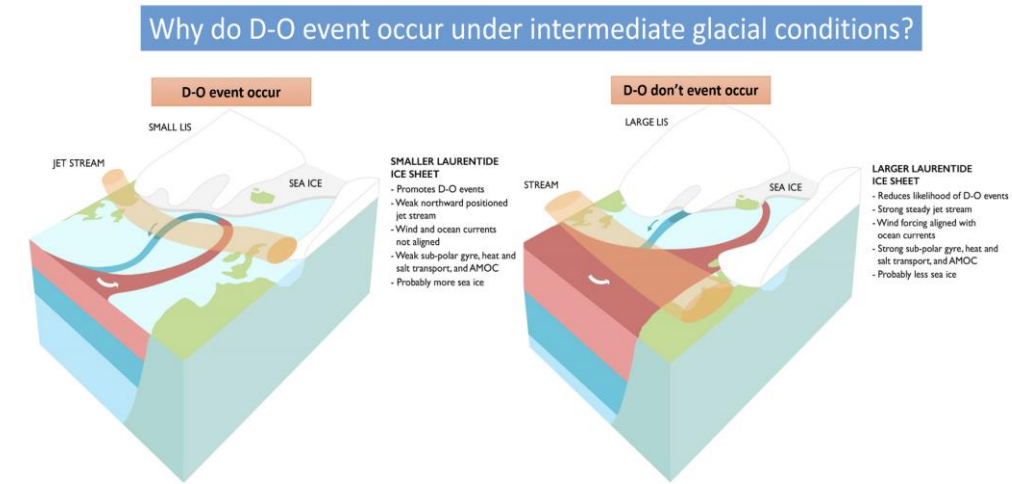


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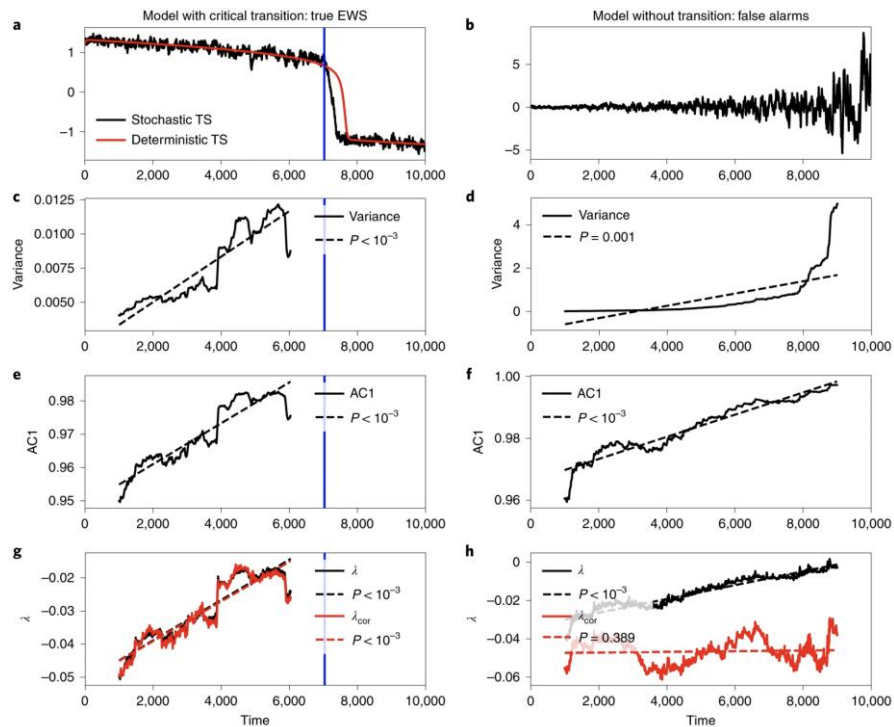


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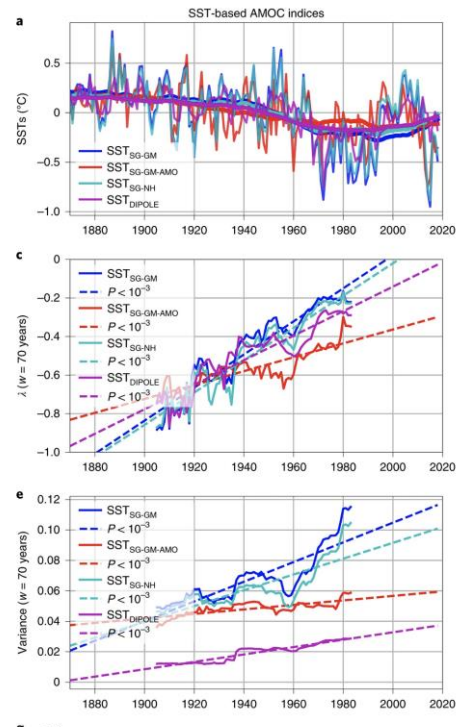
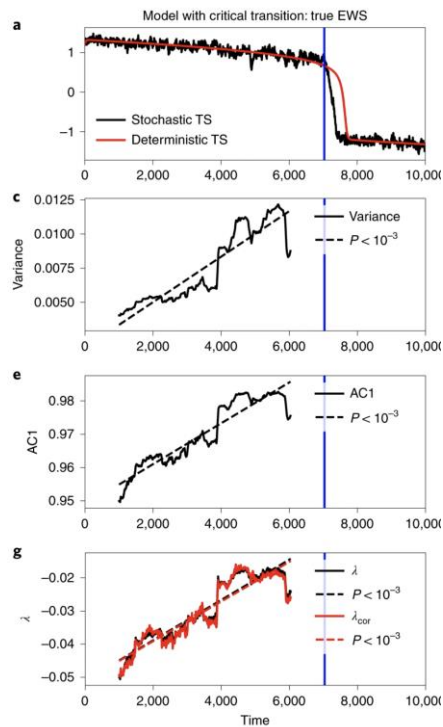
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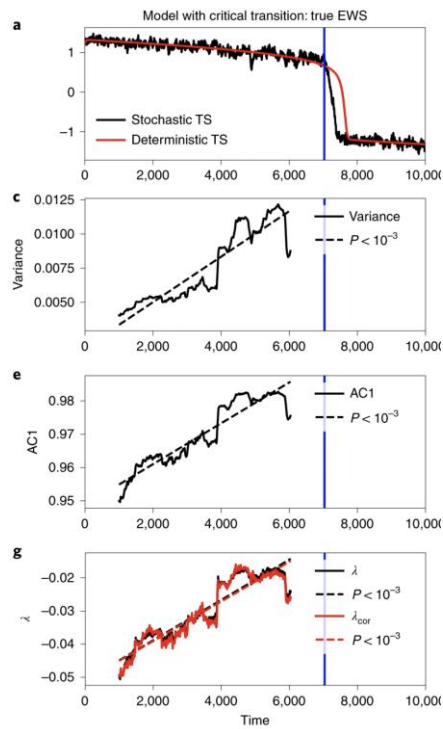


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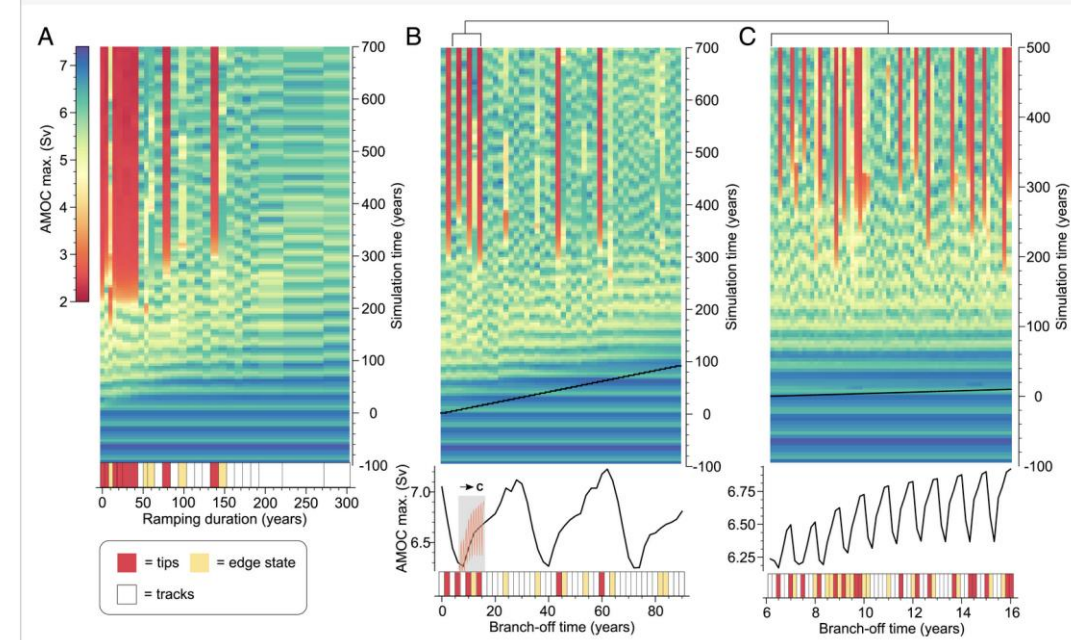
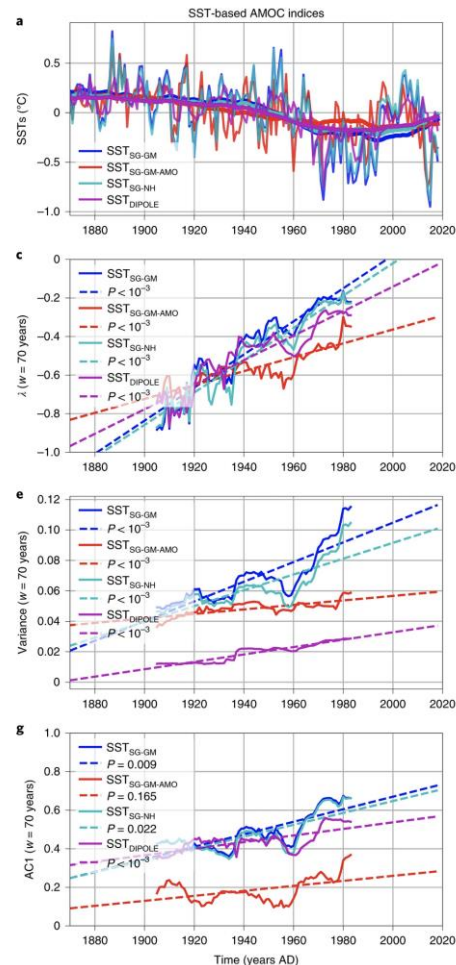


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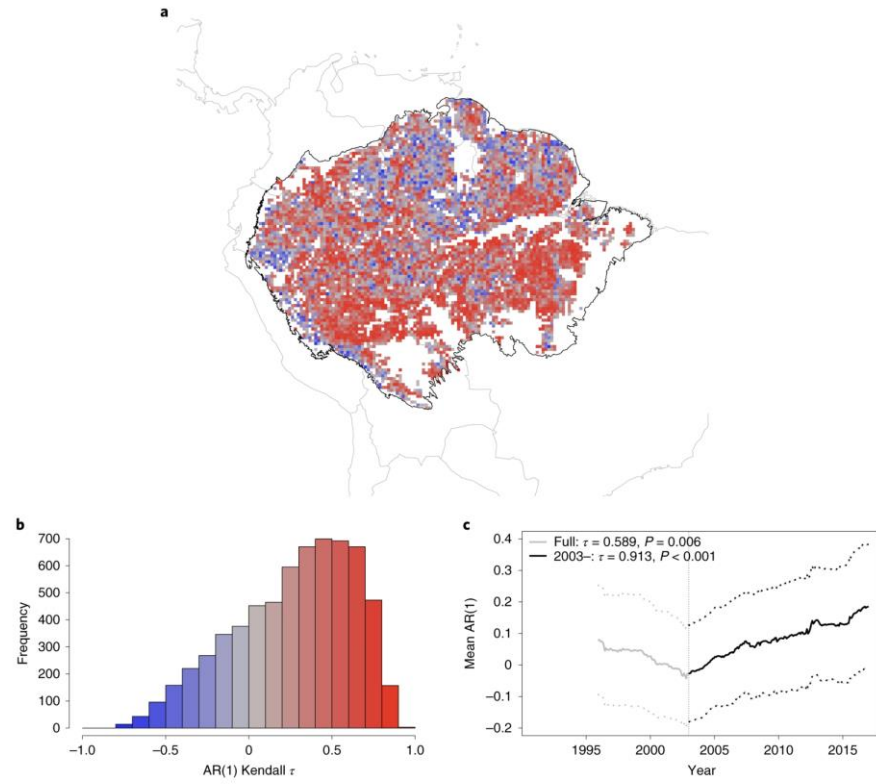
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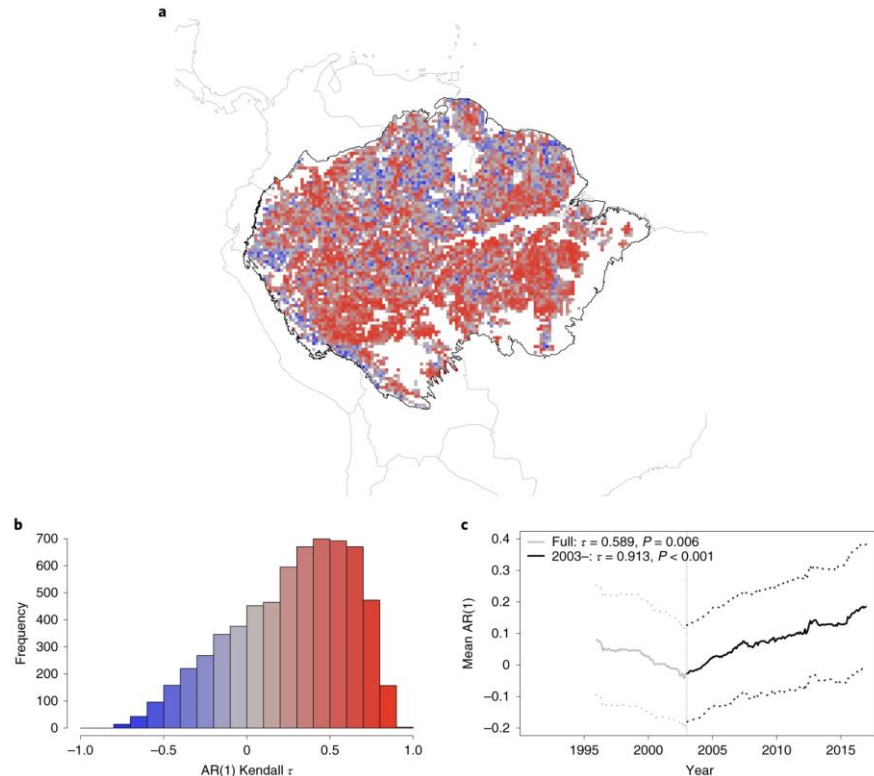
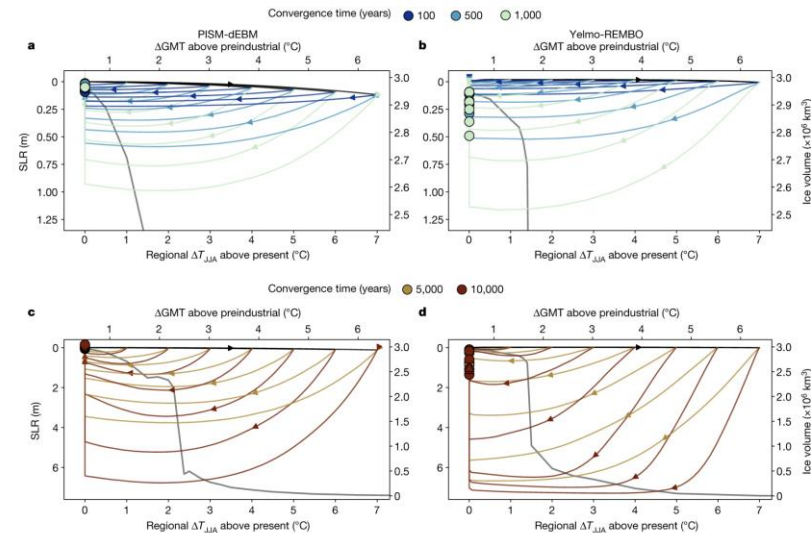


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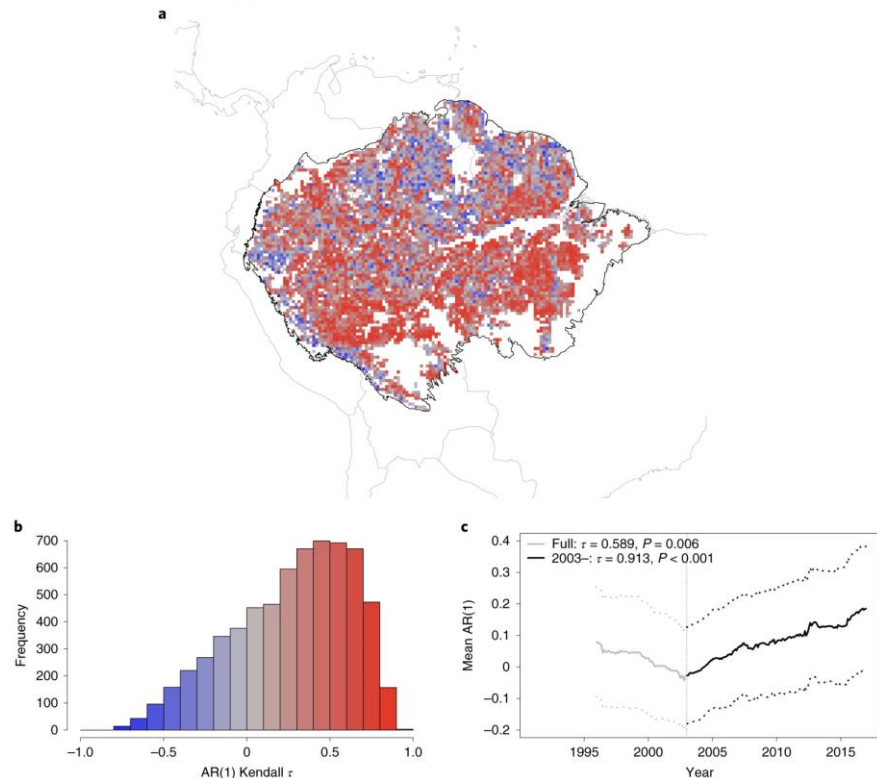
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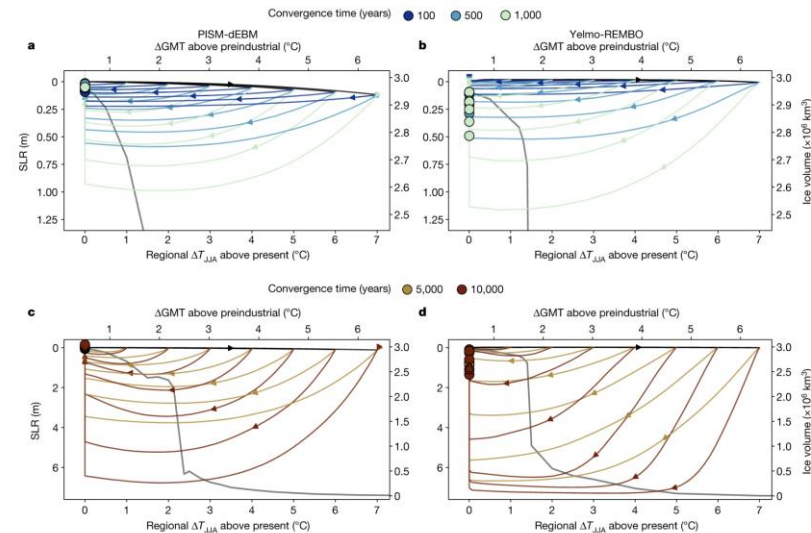
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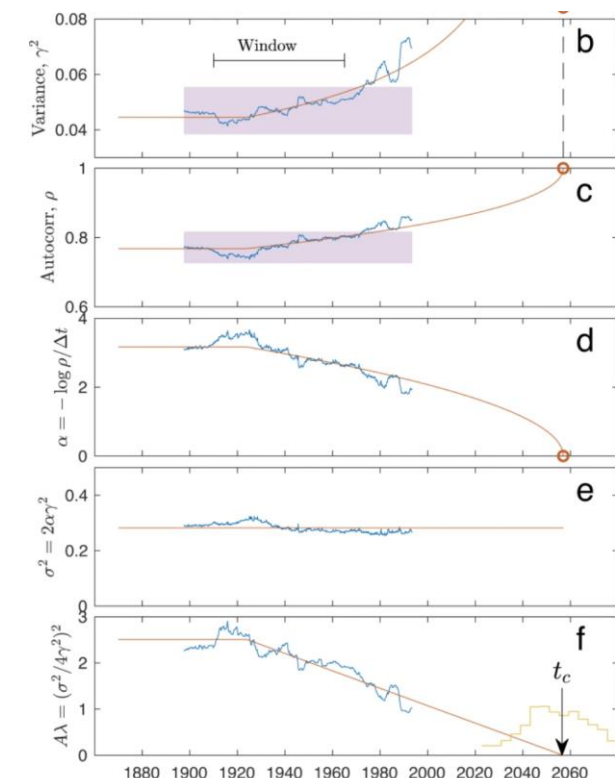


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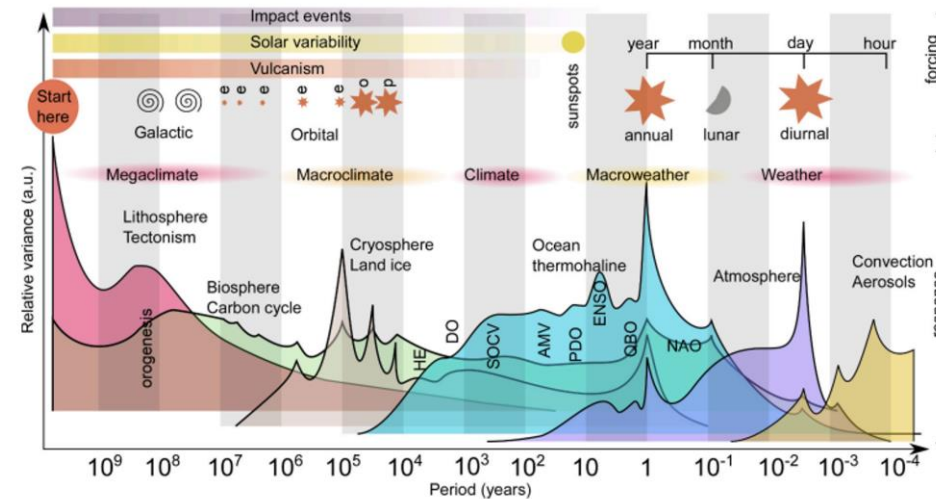
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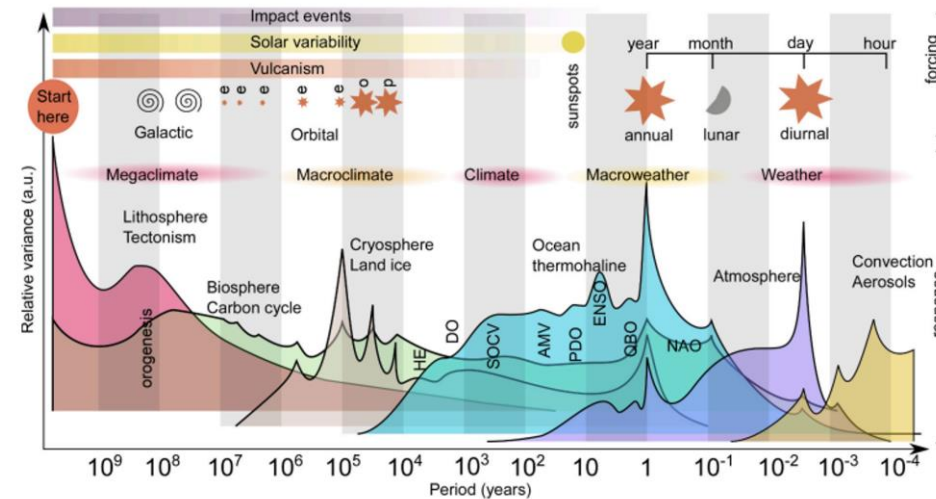
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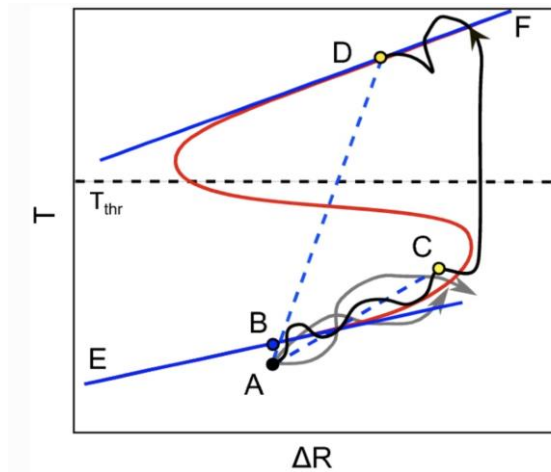
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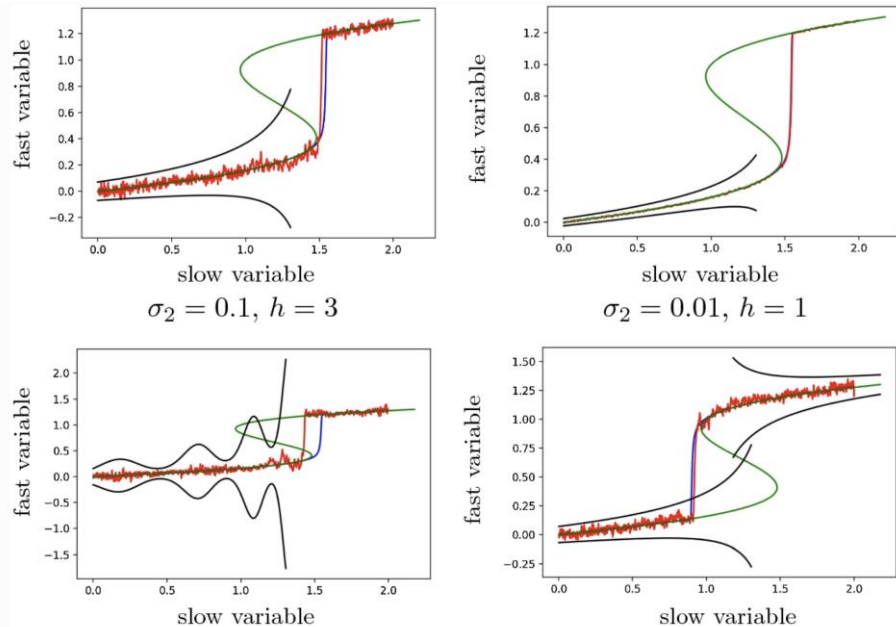
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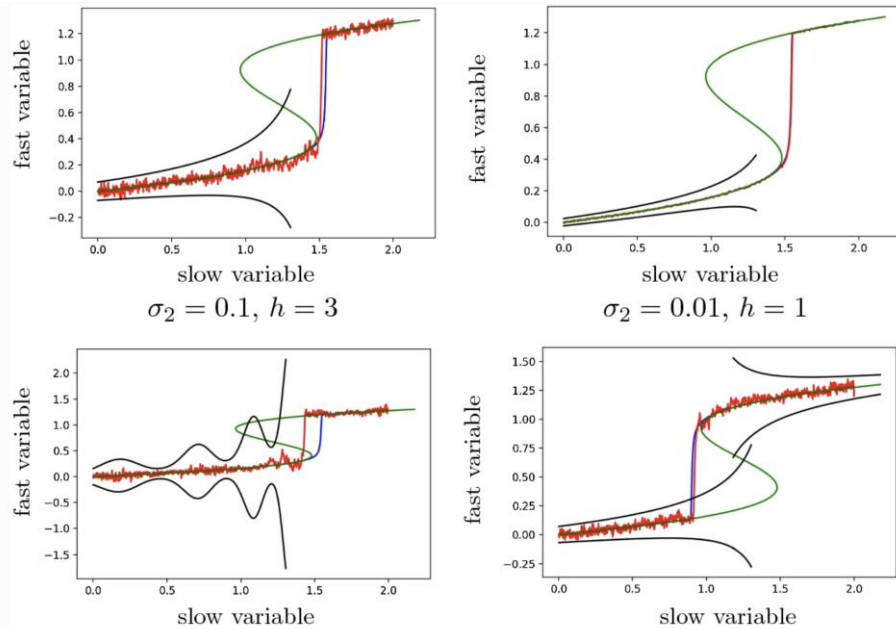
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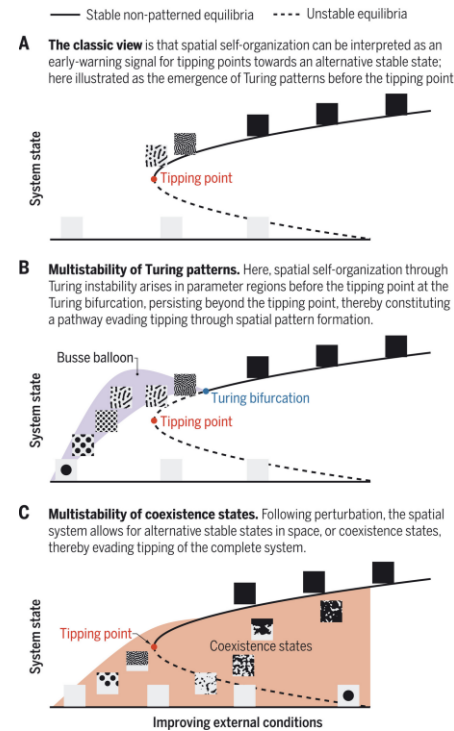
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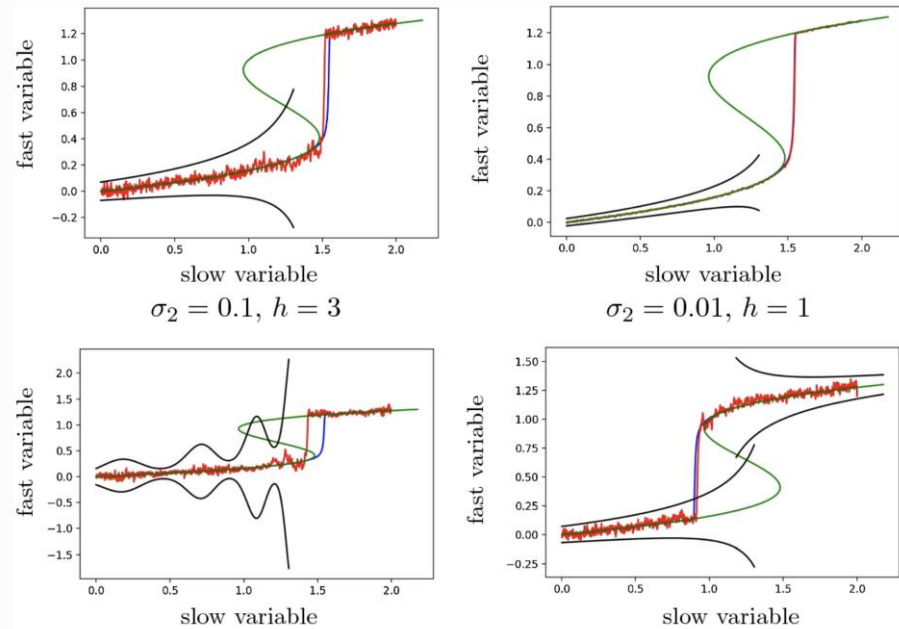


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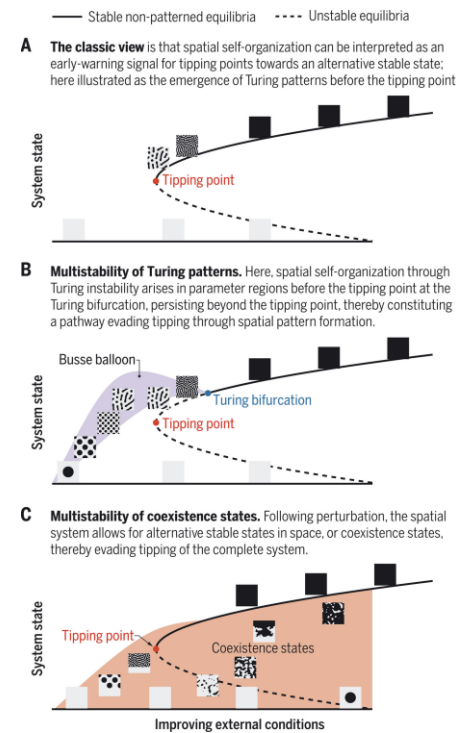
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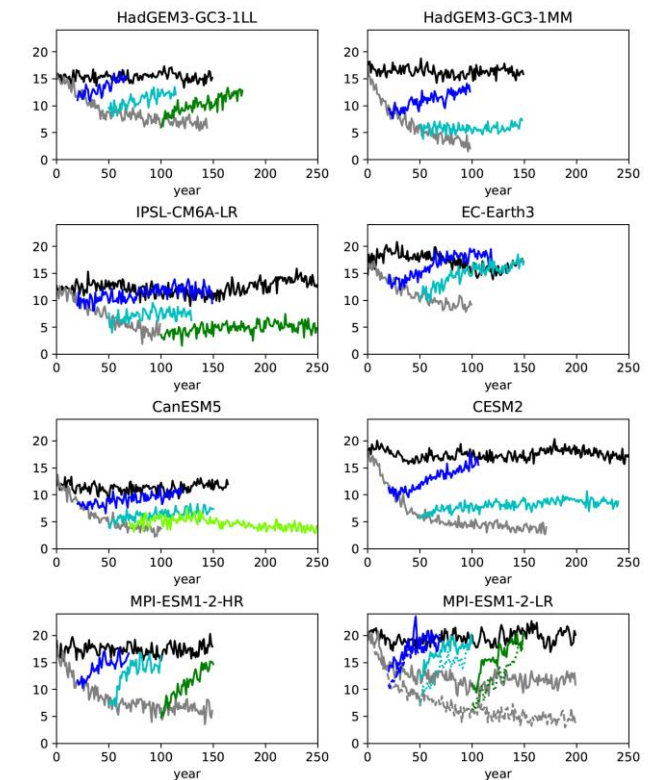
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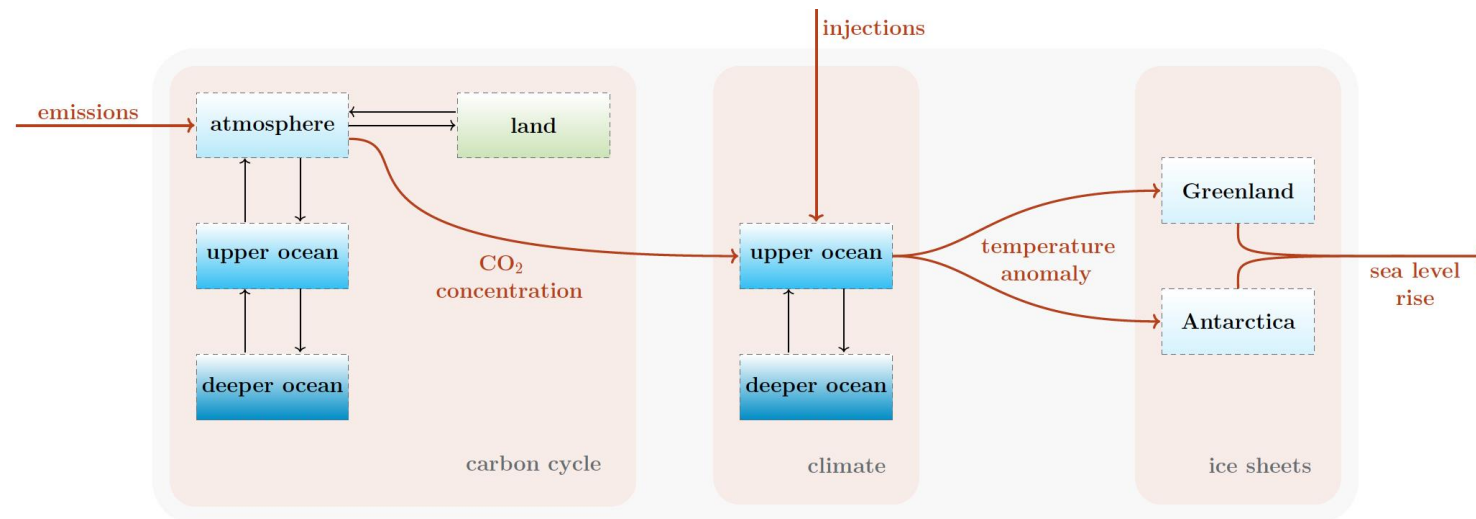


Figure 1. Conceptual diagram of SURFER. The state variables are indicated by the boxes, interactions and sources are depicted by black and dark orange arrows respectively.