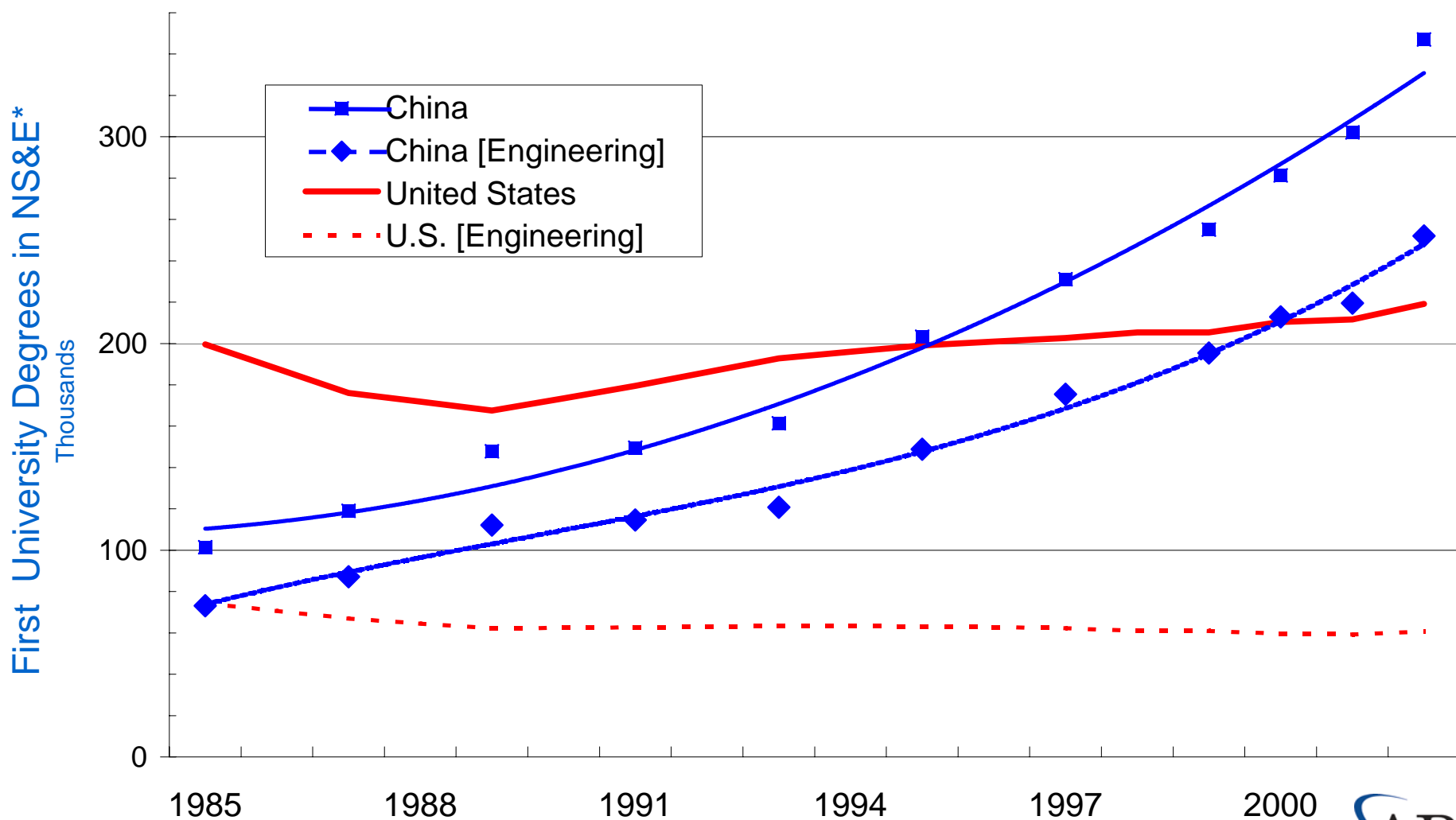


Undergraduate Degrees: China on rapid ascent; U.S. stagnant



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