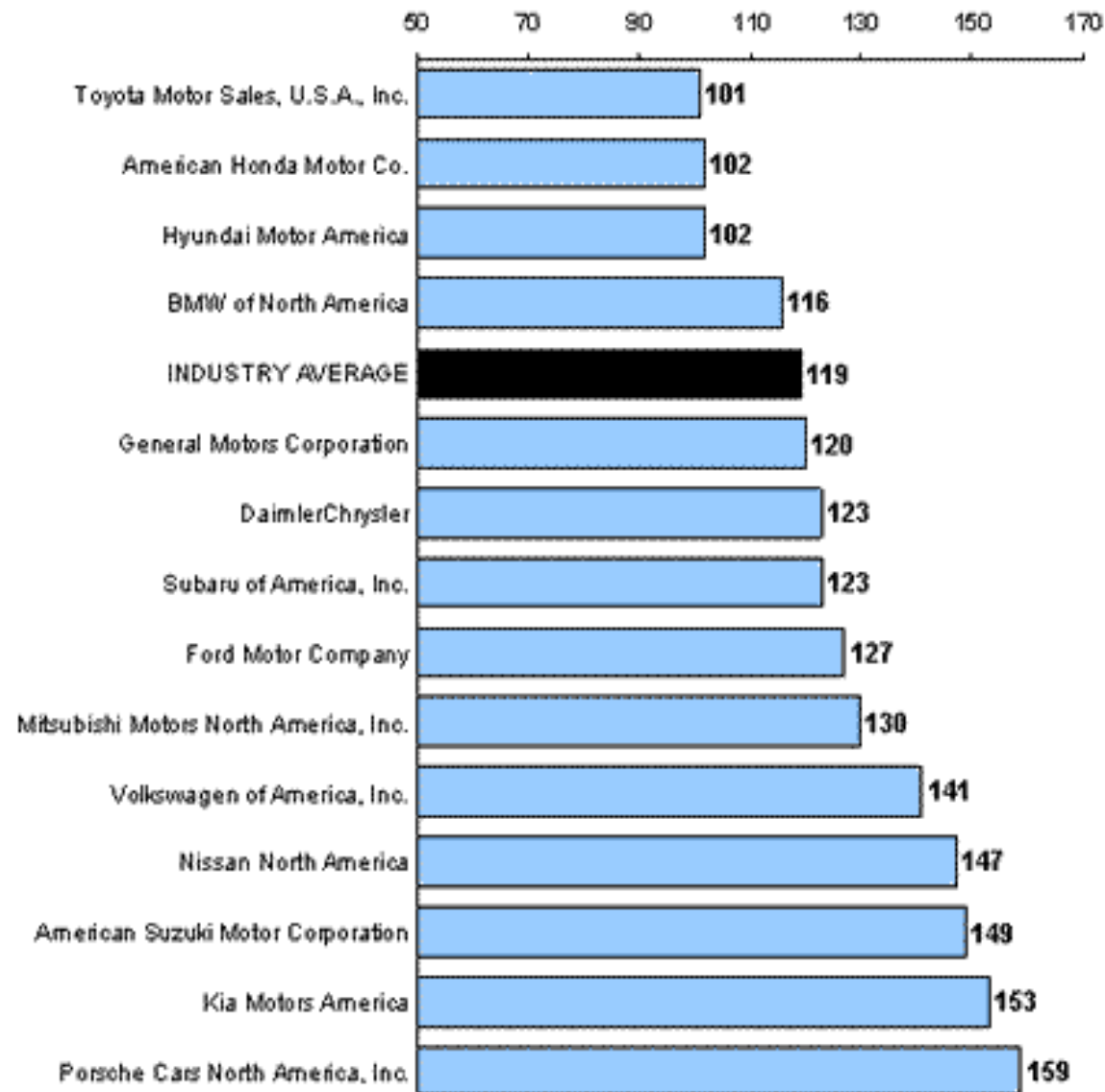


# VARIATION AND QUALITY CONTROL IN MANUFACTURING

Sanjay Sarma

# J.D. Power and Associates 2004 Initial Quality Study™ (IQS)

## 2004 Corporate IQS Ranking Problems Per 100 Vehicles



# The root of all evil in manufacturing

is variation. **Variation** is inevitable.

## Causes of Variation:

- Random
- Assignable

## Types of Variation:

- Physical var.
- Temporal var.

Quality

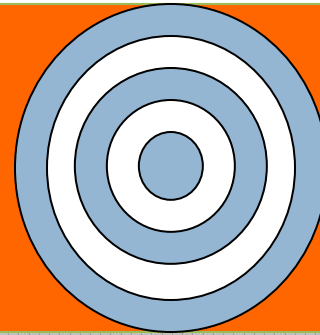
Scheduling/  
Systems

# Our schedule

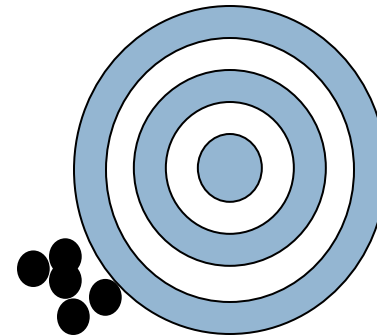
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:						1
2	3 Assembly II	4	5 Quality Control I	6	7	8
9	10 Veteren's Day No Classes	11 No Classes	12 Quality Control II	13	14	15
16	17 Manufacturing Systems I	18	19 Manufacturing Systems II	20	21	22
23	24 Manufacturing Systems III	25	26 Manufacturing Cost	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
30	Notes:					

# 3 Things Matter in Quality

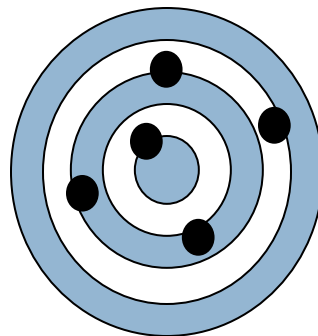
- The SIZE of the target



- Repeatability

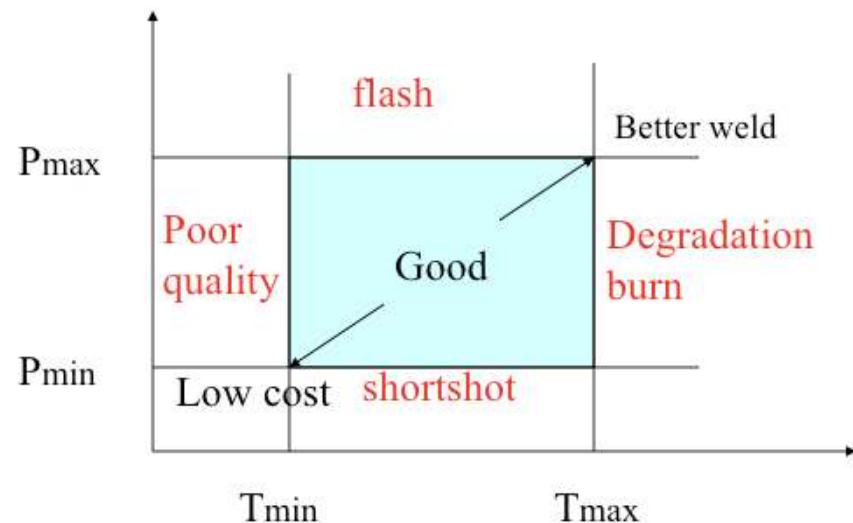


- Accuracy



# The Size of the target

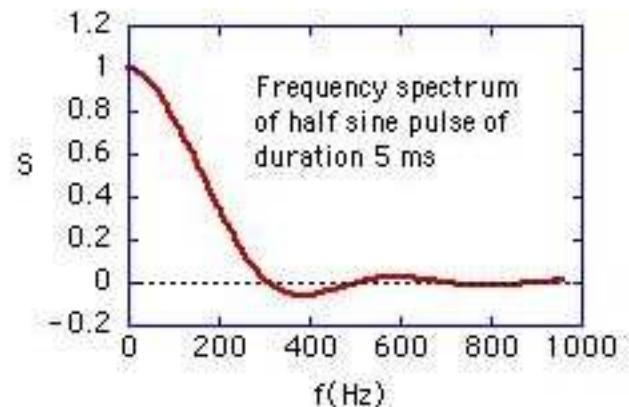
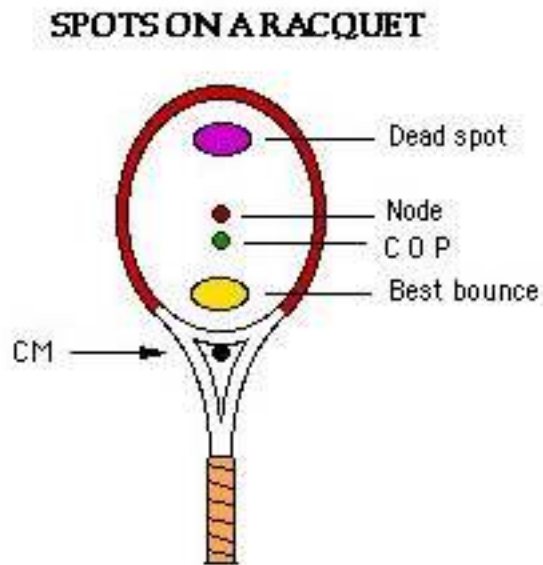
- The target is the process window



- Manufacturing process design is all about making the window big!
- This is called robust design.

# Big targets are hard to miss

- Consider the sweet spot of a tennis racket



<http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/~cross/tennis.html>

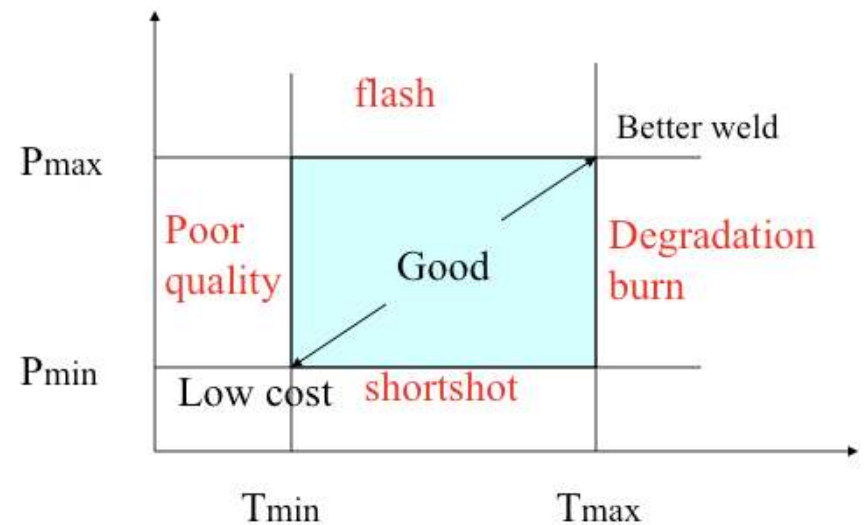
# How to make the injection molding robust

## 1. Formulation of plastic:

- Low viscosity
- High burn temperature
- Medium melting point

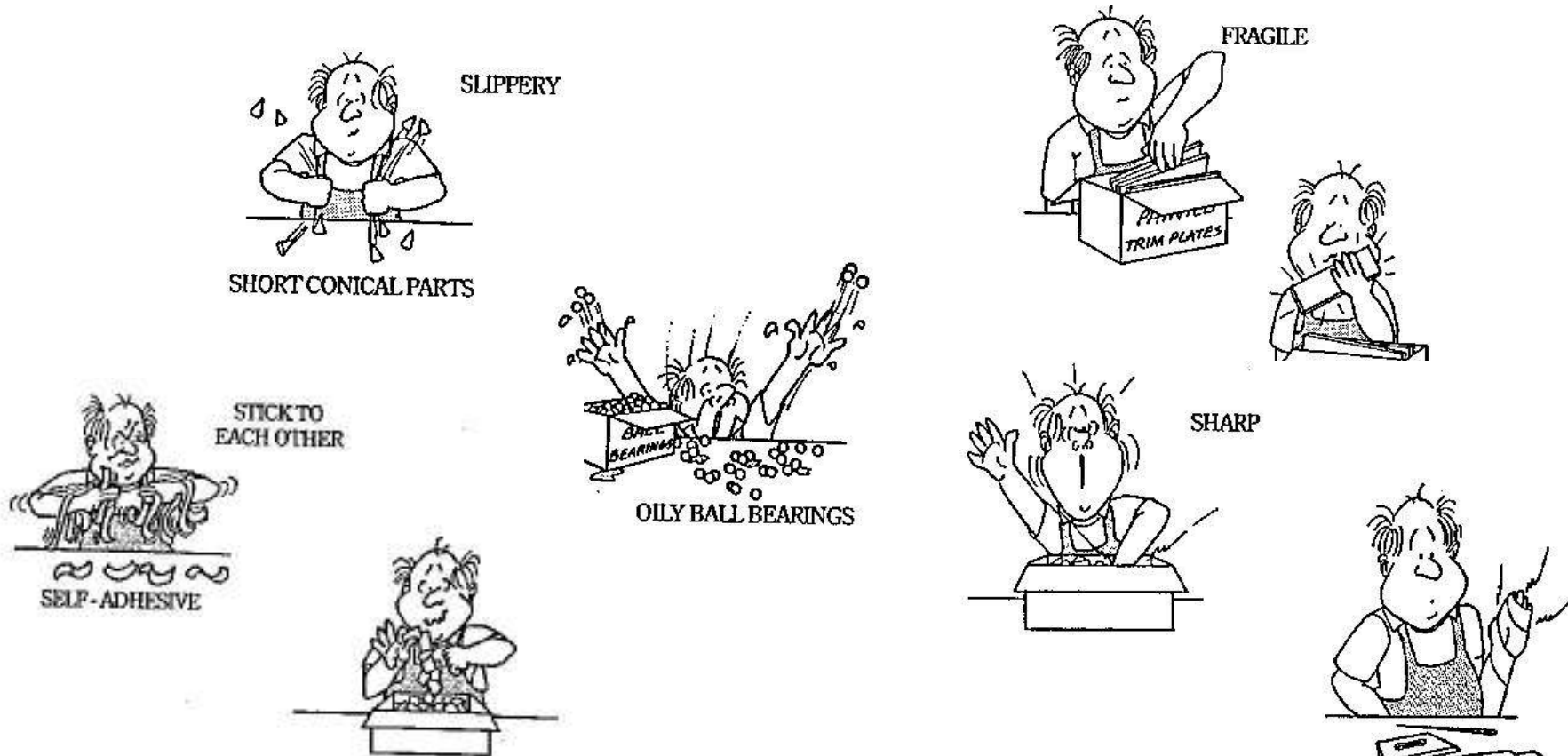
## 2. Passive locks to help hold molds together

## 3. Better mold design



# How to make assembly robust

- “Should be easy for a blind person wearing boxing gloves.”



# Robust process design is key

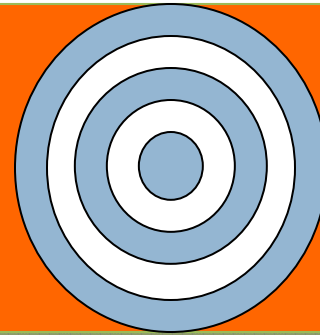
To a number of consumer products

- Cake mixes
  - ▣ Used to be unforgiving...
  - ▣ Only now are they forgiving enough for home use
- Do-it-yourself processes
  - ▣ Home bread, beer making
- Adhesives for home use
- Printers

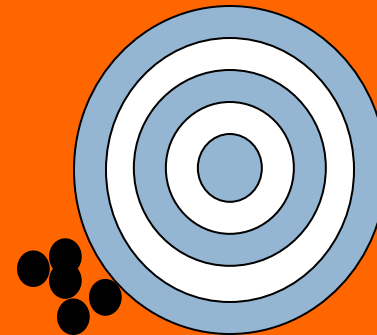
**KEY IS MAKING PROCESSES FORGIVING**

# 3 Things Matter in Quality

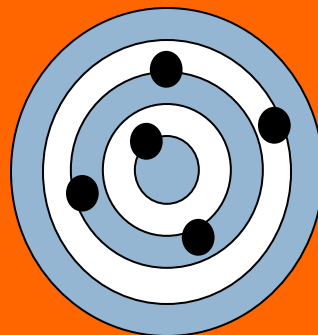
□ The SIZE of the target



□ Repeatability



□ Accuracy

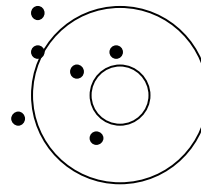


# Variations: Reminder

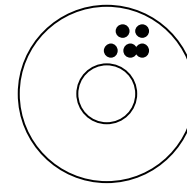
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Not accurate

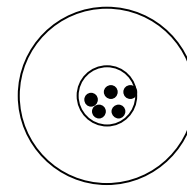
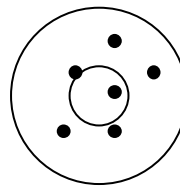
Not precise



Precise



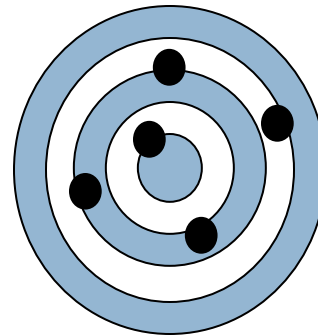
Accurate



# Thought experiment(s)

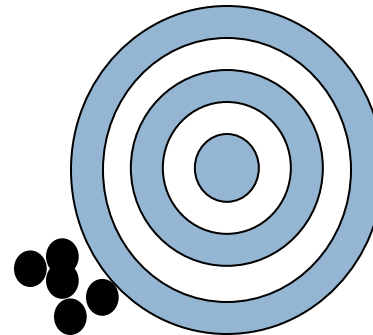
Say you are injection-molding yo's and measuring diameters.

1. What is a good measure of the accuracy of a process?



$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$$

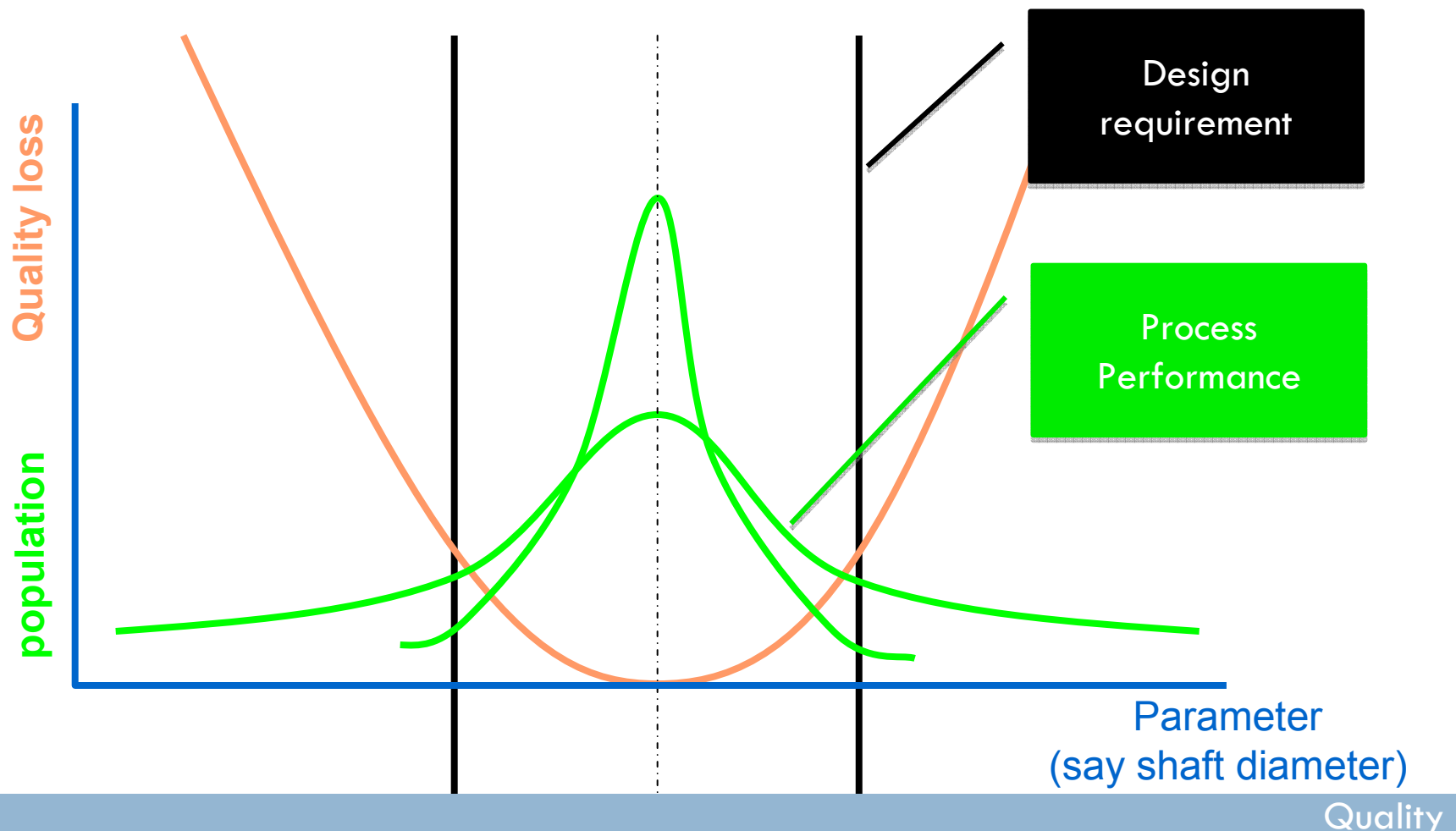
2. What is a good measure of the repeatability of a process? Same “yo’s” as above.

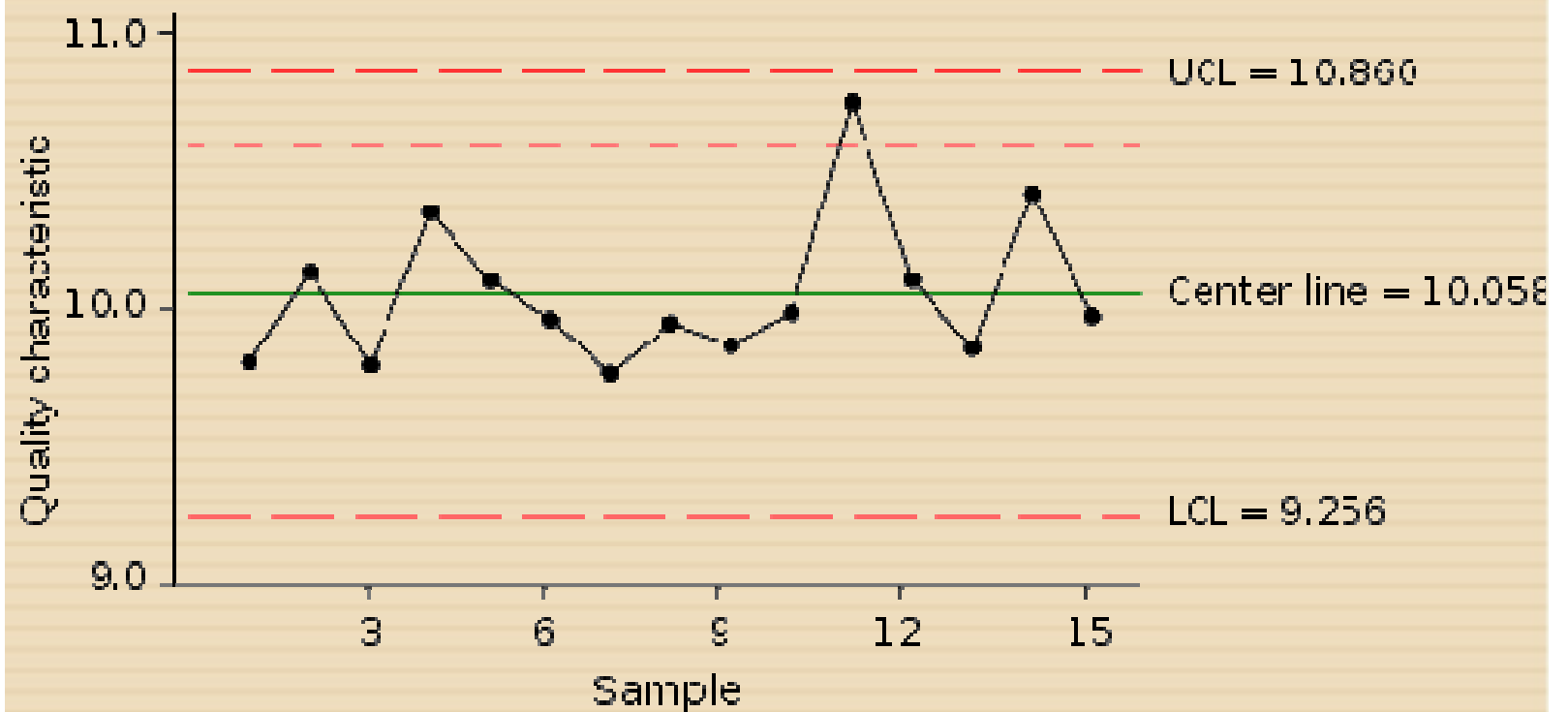


$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n}}$$

# Why does variation hurt, exactly?

- Stuff doesn't fit together very well





## TRACKING PROCESS PERFORMANCE

This is called **Process Control**

# Statistics basics

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## □ Central tendency

▣ Sample mean (arithmetic):

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$$

▣ Sample median

## □ Measures of dispersion

▣ Standard deviation

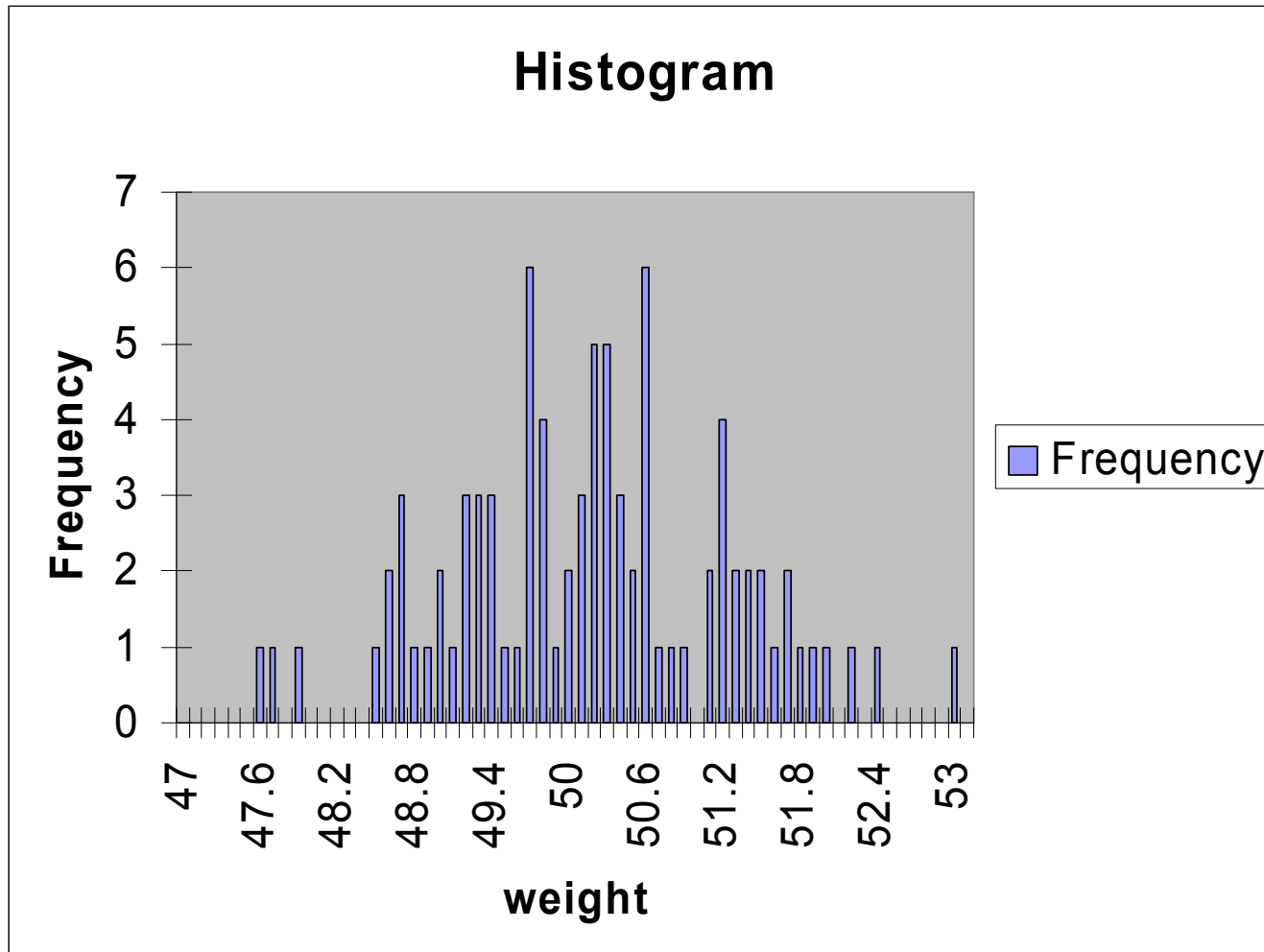
$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n}}$$

▣ Variance

▣ Range

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n}$$

## m&m net weight distribution



n=88

Mean:50.17

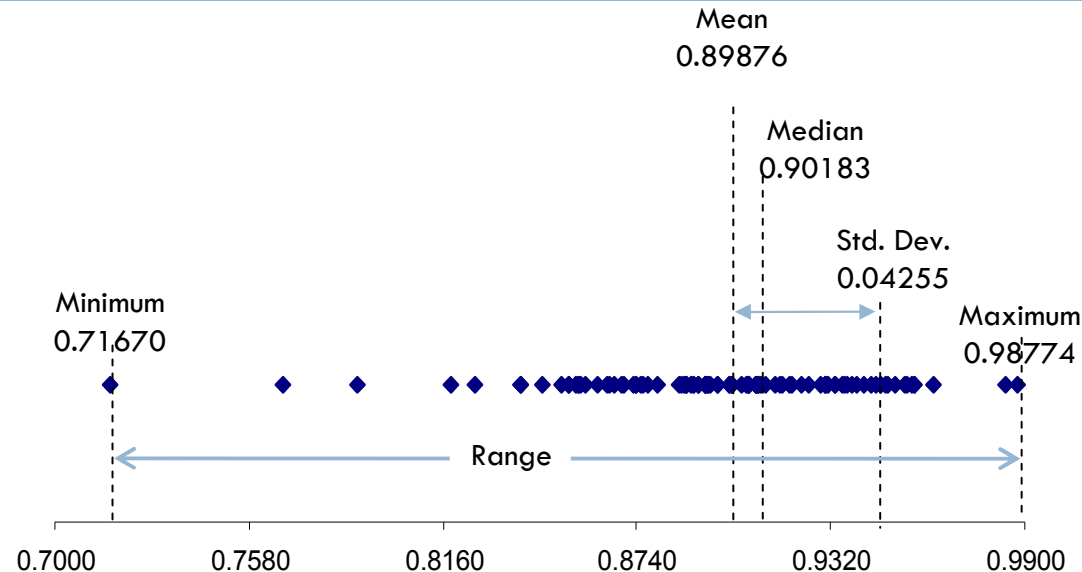
S=1.08

Package weight

0.9 g

# Measures of M&Ms' dispersion

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- Standard deviation, Range measure spread
- Mean measures, well, mean

# Normal Probability Density Function

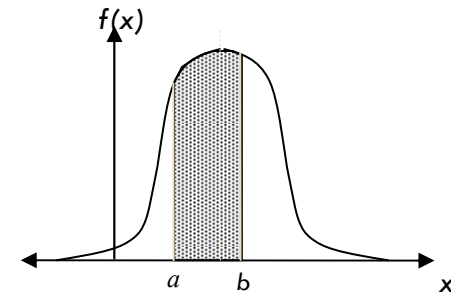
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$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}s} \cdot e^{\left(-\frac{(x-\bar{x})^2}{2s^2}\right)}$$

Probability

$$P\{a \leq x \leq b\} = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

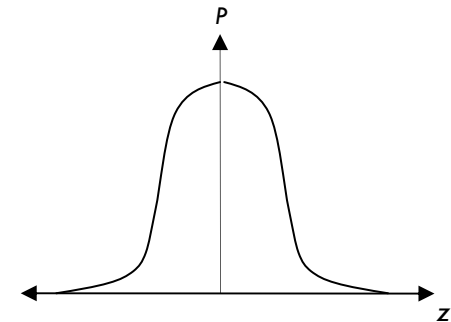
$$P\{-\infty \leq x \leq \infty\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1 \quad \text{For all } \bar{x}, s$$



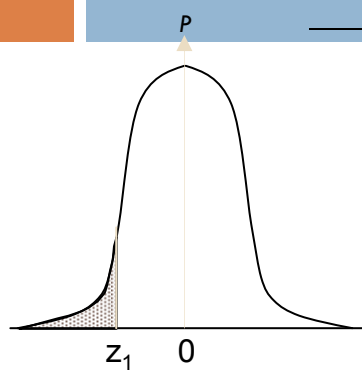
Normalized

$$z = \frac{x - \bar{x}}{s}$$

$$P\{z_1 \leq z \leq z_2\} = \int_{z_1}^{z_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz$$



# Areas under the Normal Distribution Curve



$$\int_{-\infty}^{-0.55} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz$$

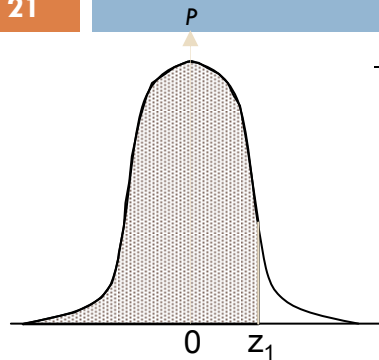
Z	0	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
-3.0	0.0013	0.0013	0.0013	0.0012	0.0012	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0010	0.0010
-2.9	0.0019	0.0018	0.0018	0.0017	0.0016	0.0016	0.0015	0.0015	0.0014	0.0014
-2.8	0.0026	0.0025	0.0024	0.0023	0.0023	0.0022	0.0021	0.0021	0.0020	0.0019
-2.7	0.0035	0.0034	0.0033	0.0032	0.0031	0.0030	0.0029	0.0028	0.0027	0.0026
-2.6	0.0047	0.0045	0.0044	0.0043	0.0041	0.0040	0.0039	0.0038	0.0037	0.0036
-2.5	0.0062	0.0060	0.0059	0.0057	0.0055	0.0054	0.0052	0.0051	0.0049	0.0048
-2.4	0.0082	0.0080	0.0078	0.0075	0.0073	0.0071	0.0069	0.0068	0.0066	0.0064
-2.3	0.0107	0.0104	0.0102	0.0099	0.0096	0.0094	0.0091	0.0089	0.0087	0.0084
-2.2	0.0139	0.0136	0.0132	0.0129	0.0125	0.0122	0.0119	0.0116	0.0113	0.0110
-2.1	0.0179	0.0174	0.0170	0.0166	0.0162	0.0158	0.0154	0.0150	0.0146	0.0143
-2.0	0.0228	0.0222	0.0217	0.0212	0.0207	0.0202	0.0197	0.0192	0.0188	0.0183
-1.9	0.0287	0.0281	0.0274	0.0268	0.0262	0.0256	0.0250	0.0244	0.0239	0.0233
-1.8	0.0359	0.0351	0.0344	0.0336	0.0329	0.0322	0.0314	0.0307	0.0301	0.0294
-1.7	0.0446	0.0436	0.0427	0.0418	0.0409	0.0401	0.0392	0.0384	0.0375	0.0367
-1.6	0.0548	0.0537	0.0526	0.0516	0.0505	0.0495	0.0485	0.0475	0.0465	0.0455
-1.5	0.0668	0.0655	0.0643	0.0630	0.0618	0.0606	0.0594	0.0582	0.0571	0.0559
-1.4	0.0808	0.0793	0.0778	0.0764	0.0749	0.0735	0.0721	0.0708	0.0694	0.0681
-1.3	0.0968	0.0951	0.0934	0.0918	0.0901	0.0885	0.0869	0.0853	0.0838	0.0823
-1.2	0.1151	0.1131	0.1112	0.1093	0.1075	0.1056	0.1038	0.1020	0.1003	0.0985
-1.1	0.1357	0.1335	0.1314	0.1292	0.1271	0.1251	0.1230	0.1210	0.1190	0.1170
-1.0	0.1587	0.1562	0.1539	0.1515	0.1492	0.1469	0.1446	0.1423	0.1401	0.1379
-0.9	0.1841	0.1814	0.1788	0.1762	0.1736	0.1711	0.1685	0.1660	0.1635	0.1611
-0.8	0.2119	0.2090	0.2061	0.2033	0.2005	0.1977	0.1949	0.1922	0.1894	0.1867
-0.7	0.2420	0.2389	0.2358	0.2327	0.2296	0.2266	0.2236	0.2206	0.2177	0.2148
-0.6	0.2743	0.2709	0.2676	0.2643	0.2611	0.2578	0.2546	0.2514	0.2483	0.2451
-0.5	0.3085	0.3050	0.3015	0.2981	0.2946	0.2912	0.2877	0.2843	0.2810	0.2776
-0.4	0.3446	0.3409	0.3372	0.3336	0.3300	0.3264	0.3228	0.3192	0.3156	0.3121
-0.3	0.3821	0.3783	0.3745	0.3707	0.3669	0.3632	0.3594	0.3557	0.3520	0.3483
-0.2	0.4207	0.4168	0.4129	0.4090	0.4052	0.4013	0.3974	0.3936	0.3897	0.3859
-0.1	0.4602	0.4562	0.4522	0.4483	0.4443	0.4404	0.4364	0.4325	0.4286	0.4247
0.0	0.5000	0.5040	0.5080	0.5120	0.5160	0.5199	0.5239	0.5279	0.5319	0.5359

0.50000 0.49601 0.49202 0.48803 0.48404 0.48006 0.47607 0.47209 0.46811 0.46414



# Areas under the Normal Distribution Curve

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Z	0	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
0.0	0.5000	0.5040	0.5080	0.5120	0.5160	0.5199	0.5239	0.5279	0.5319	0.5359
0.1	0.5398	0.5438	0.5478	0.5517	0.5557	0.5596	0.5636	0.5675	0.5714	0.5753
0.2	0.5793	0.5832	0.5871	0.5910	0.5948	0.5987	0.6026	0.6064	0.6103	0.6141
0.3	0.6179	0.6217	0.6255	0.6293	0.6331	0.6368	0.6406	0.6443	0.6480	0.6517
0.4	0.6554	0.6591	0.6628	0.6664	0.6700	0.6736	0.6772	0.6808	0.6844	0.6879
0.5	0.6915	0.6950	0.6985	0.7019	0.7054	0.7088	0.7123	0.7157	0.7190	0.7224
0.6	0.7257	0.7291	0.7324	0.7357	0.7389	0.7422	0.7454	0.7486	0.7517	0.7549
0.7	0.7580	0.7611	0.7642	0.7673	0.7704	0.7734	0.7764	0.7794	0.7823	0.7852
0.8	0.7881	0.7910	0.7939	0.7967	0.7995	0.8023	0.8051	0.8078	0.8106	0.8133
0.9	0.8159	0.8186	0.8212	0.8238	0.8264	0.8289	0.8315	0.8340	0.8365	0.8389
1.0	0.8413	0.8438	0.8461	0.8485	0.8508	0.8531	0.8554	0.8577	0.8599	0.8621
1.1	0.8643	0.8665	0.8686	0.8708	0.8729	0.8749	0.8770	0.8790	0.8810	0.8830
1.2	0.8849	0.8869	0.8888	0.8907	0.8925	0.8944	0.8962	0.8980	0.8997	0.9015
1.3	0.9032	0.9049	0.9066	0.9082	0.9099	0.9115	0.9131	0.9147	0.9162	0.9177
1.4	0.9192	0.9207	0.9222	0.9236	0.9251	0.9265	0.9279	0.9292	0.9306	0.9319
1.5	0.9332	0.9345	0.9357	0.9370	0.9382	0.9394	0.9406	0.9418	0.9429	0.9441
1.6	0.9452	0.9463	0.9474	0.9484	0.9495	0.9505	0.9515	0.9525	0.9535	0.9545
1.7	0.9554	0.9564	0.9573	0.9582	0.9591	0.9599	0.9608	0.9616	0.9625	0.9633
1.8	0.9641	0.9649	0.9656	0.9664	0.9671	0.9678	0.9686	0.9693	0.9699	0.9706
1.9	0.9713	0.9719	0.9726	0.9732	0.9738	0.9744	0.9750	0.9756	0.9761	0.9767
2.0	0.9772	0.9778	0.9783	0.9788	0.9793	0.9798	0.9803	0.9808	0.9812	0.9817
2.1	0.9821	0.9826	0.9830	0.9834	0.9838	0.9842	0.9846	0.9850	0.9854	0.9857
2.2	0.9861	0.9864	0.9868	0.9871	0.9875	0.9878	0.9881	0.9884	0.9887	0.9890
2.3	0.9893	0.9896	0.9898	0.9901	0.9904	0.9906	0.9909	0.9911	0.9913	0.9916
2.4	0.9918	0.9920	0.9922	0.9925	0.9927	0.9929	0.9931	0.9932	0.9934	0.9936
2.5	0.9938	0.9940	0.9941	0.9943	0.9945	0.9946	0.9948	0.9949	0.9951	0.9952
2.6	0.9953	0.9955	0.9956	0.9957	0.9959	0.9960	0.9961	0.9962	0.9963	0.9964
2.7	0.9965	0.9966	0.9967	0.9968	0.9969	0.9970	0.9971	0.9972	0.9973	0.9974
2.8	0.9974	0.9975	0.9976	0.9977	0.9977	0.9978	0.9979	0.9979	0.9980	0.9981
2.9	0.9981	0.9982	0.9982	0.9983	0.9984	0.9984	0.9985	0.9985	0.9986	0.9986
3.0	0.9987	0.9987	0.9987	0.9988	0.9988	0.9989	0.9989	0.9989	0.9990	0.9990

# Normal Distribution Example

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Take an M&M with mass = 0.9g, based on our calculated normal curve, how many M&M's have a mass greater than 0.9g?

Mean  
0.89876

Std. Dev.  
0.04255

$$Z = \frac{x - \bar{x}}{s}$$

$$Z = (0.9 - 0.89876) / 0.04255 = 0.29$$

Area to the right of  $Z=0.29$ , from table on previous page:

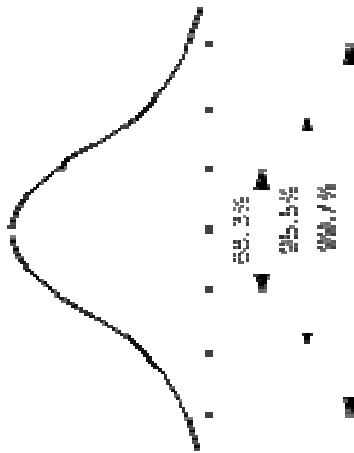
$$P = (1 - 0.6141) = 0.3859$$

So, the number of M&M's with a mass greater than 0.9g

$$\# = P * n = 0.3859 * 100 = 39$$

# Rudimentary Run Charts: The EKG of processes

Dimension of manufactured part



$+3 \sigma$

$\mu$

$-3 \sigma$

precise

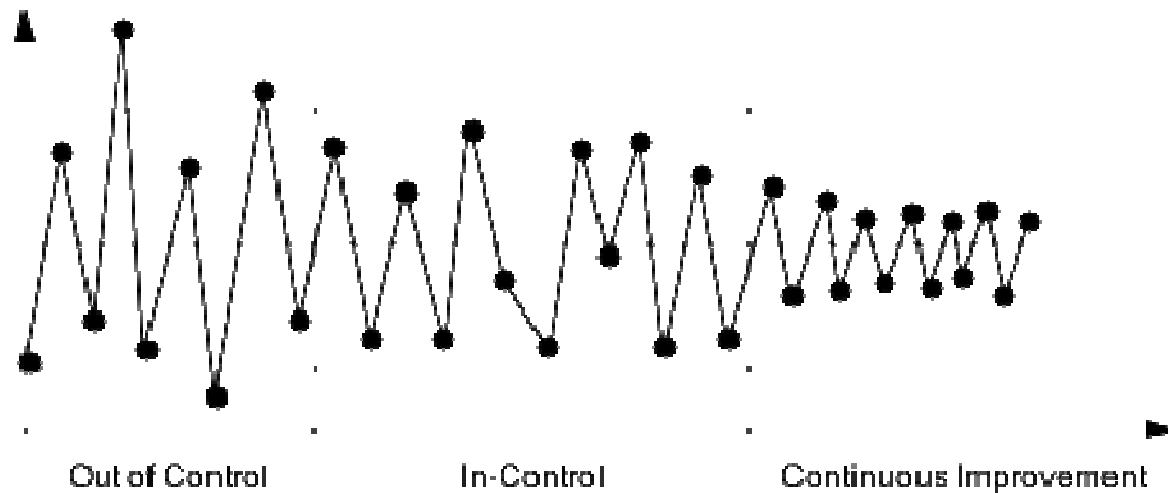
# By reading the Shewhart Chart



It is possible to see...

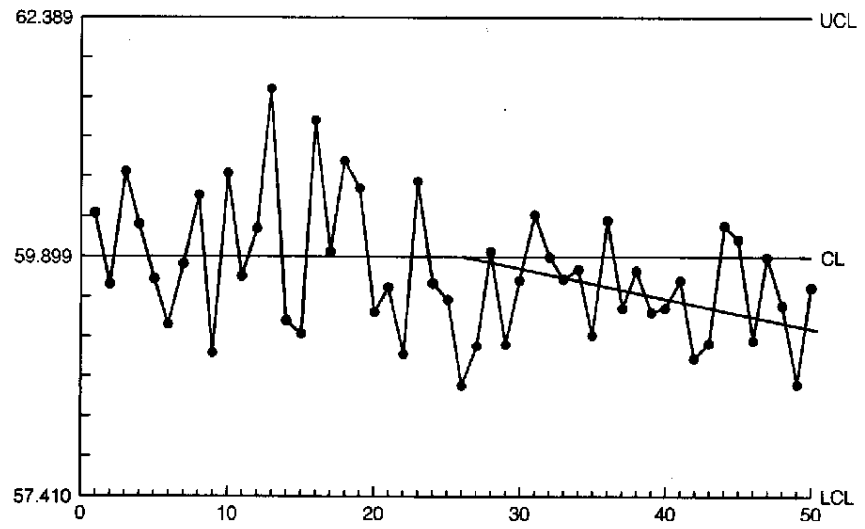
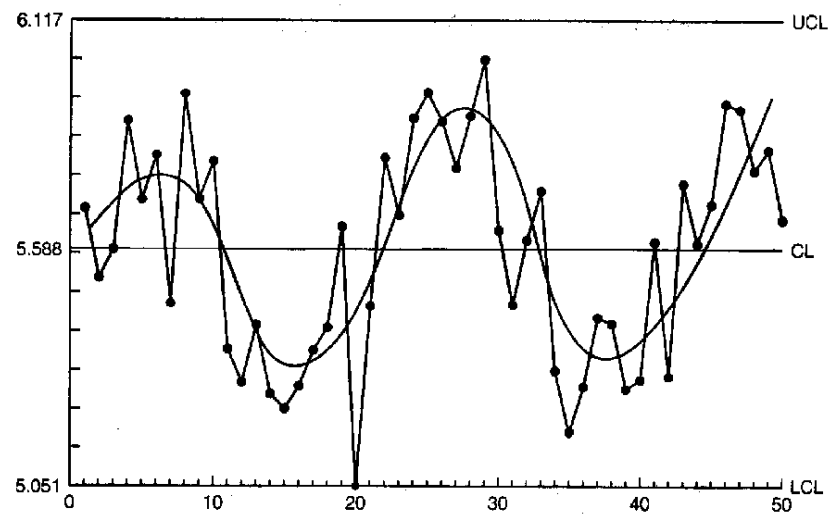
- ☐ if the process is running steady
- ☐ If the tool is wearing out
- ☐ If some new vibration has occurred
- ☐ If a setting is off
- ☐ If a new batch of raw materials has different properties
- ☐ If an operator is sleepy

# Continuous improvement



The Japanese call it “Kaizen”

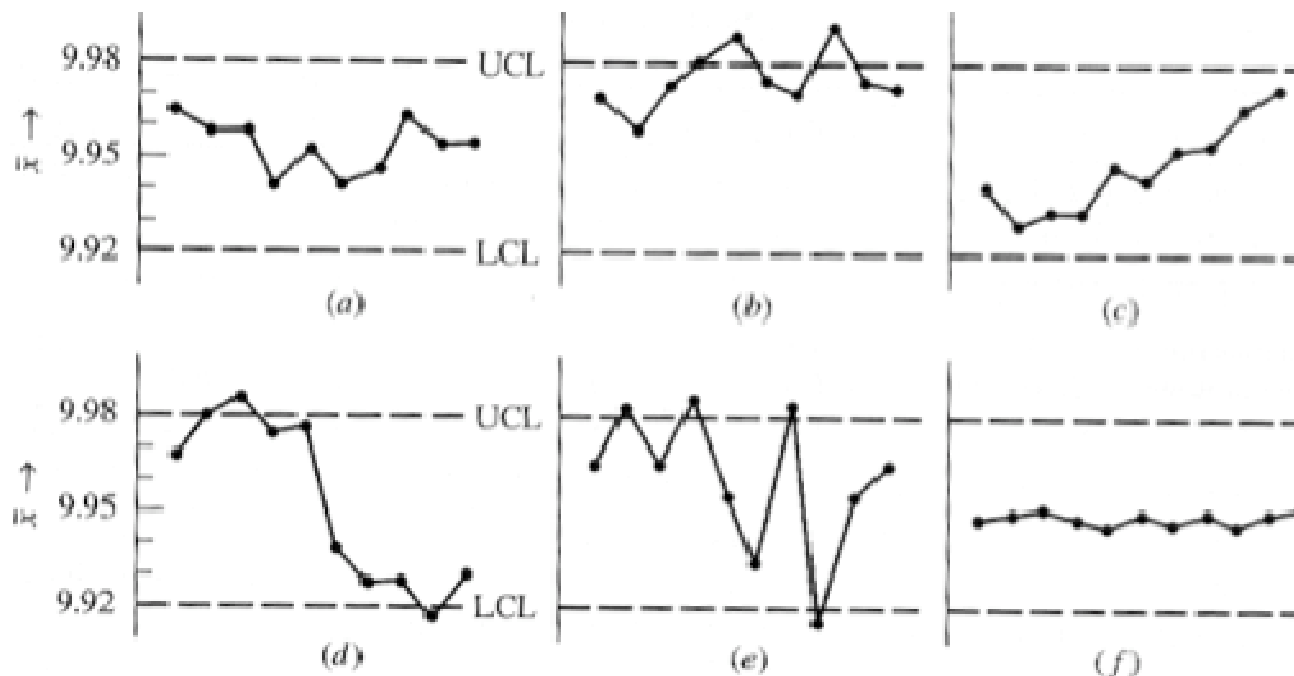
# Patterns



# Patterns continued

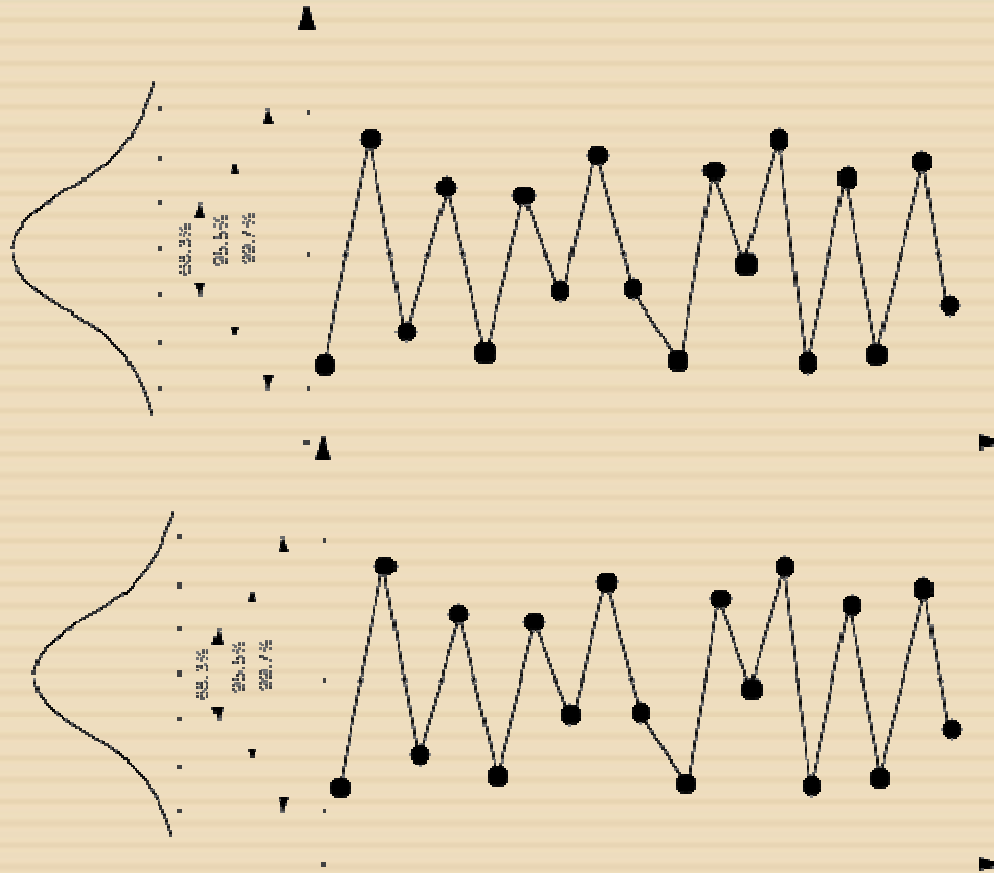
## Statistically In-Control:

**A process under surveillance (monitoring) by periodic sampling maintains constant mean level and level of variability over time.**



**Figure 21-10**

Statistical process control gives valuable clues: (a) process is in statistical control, (b) improperly set tooling, (c) rapid tool wear, (d) mixed material lot of two hardnesses, (e) process out of control, and (f) something is going very well and is worth investigating.



## Advanced Control Charts

Now we see how they really do it

## 2 new concepts (extensions)



### 1. Sub-group sampling

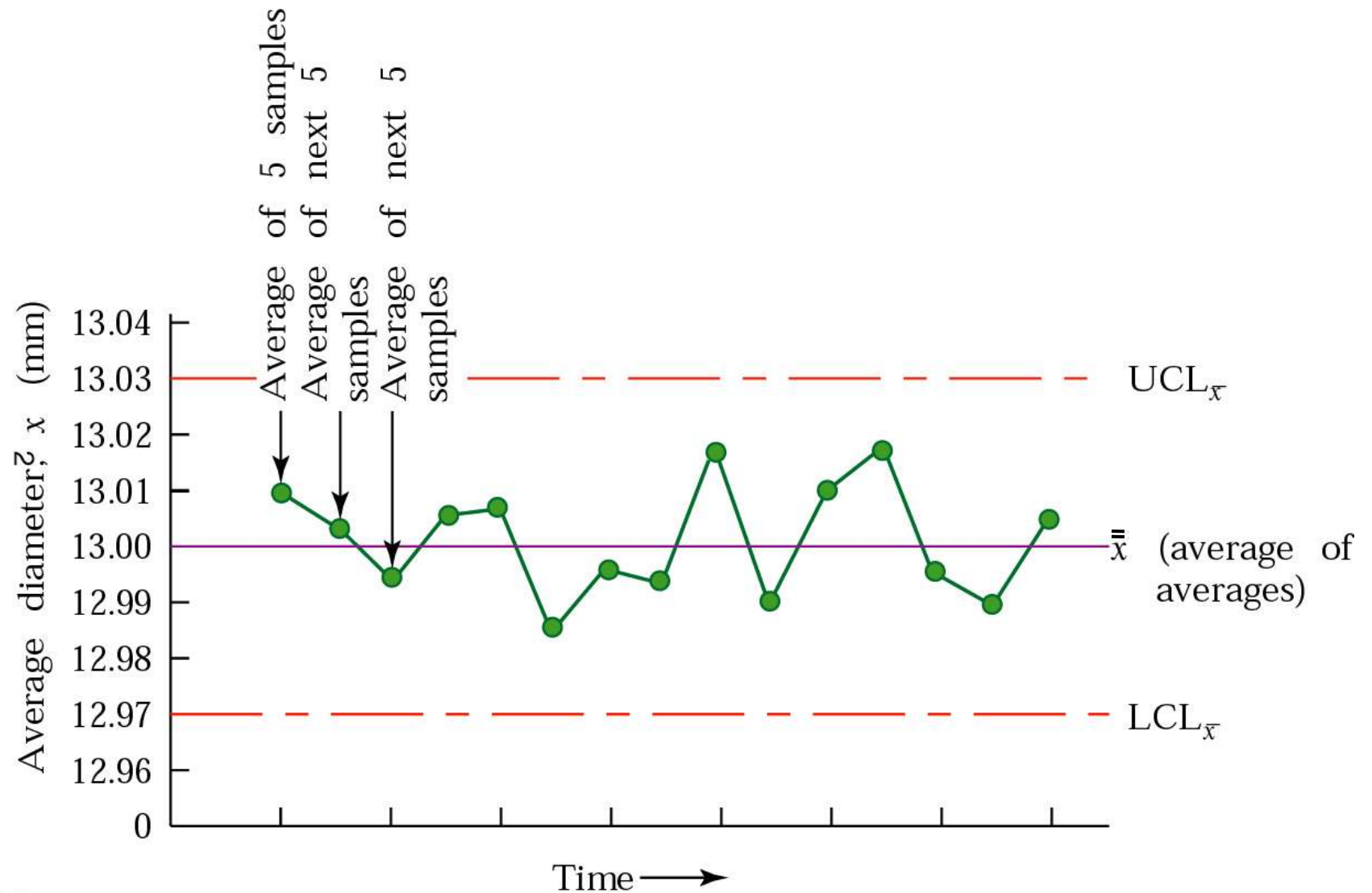
- ▣ Hard to measure every part
- ▣ Sub-groups can be almost as telling

### 2. R-Charts

- ▣ Sometimes it is easier to look at range of subgroup
- ▣ Can get similar results

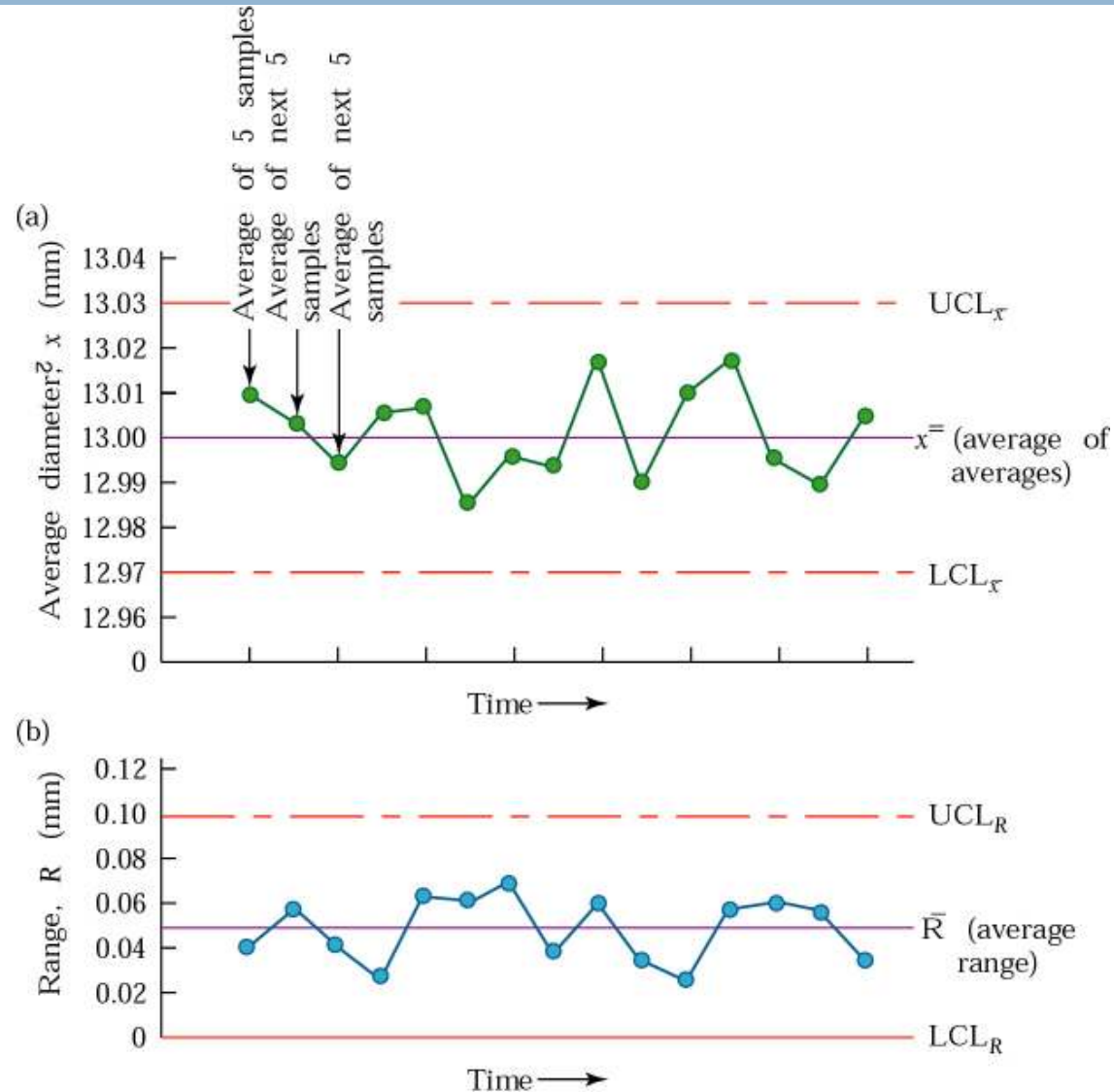
All this statistically sound.

# Sub-Groups



# Statistical Quality Control

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# Procedure for computing charts

1. For each sample, an average is calculated

$$\bar{X}_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n X_{ij}}{n} \quad \text{where } X_{ij} \text{ is the } j\text{-th measurement in the } i\text{-th sample.}$$

2. Calculate the range within the sample:

$$R_i = X_{\text{largest}} - X_{\text{smallest}}$$

3. Calculate the GRAND AVERAGE:

$$\bar{\bar{X}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \bar{X}_i}{N}, \quad \text{where } N \text{ is the number of subgroups.}$$

# Procedure continued

4. Calculate the average of the sample RANGES:

$$\bar{R} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N R_i}{N}$$

5. Control limits for R-chart

$$LCL = D_3 \bar{R}, \quad UCL = D_4 \bar{R}$$

6. Control limits for X-bar chart

$$UCL = \bar{\bar{X}} + A_2 \bar{R}$$
$$LCL = \bar{\bar{X}} - A_2 \bar{R}$$

where  $A_2$ ,  $D_3$ , and  $D_4$  are functions of sample size.

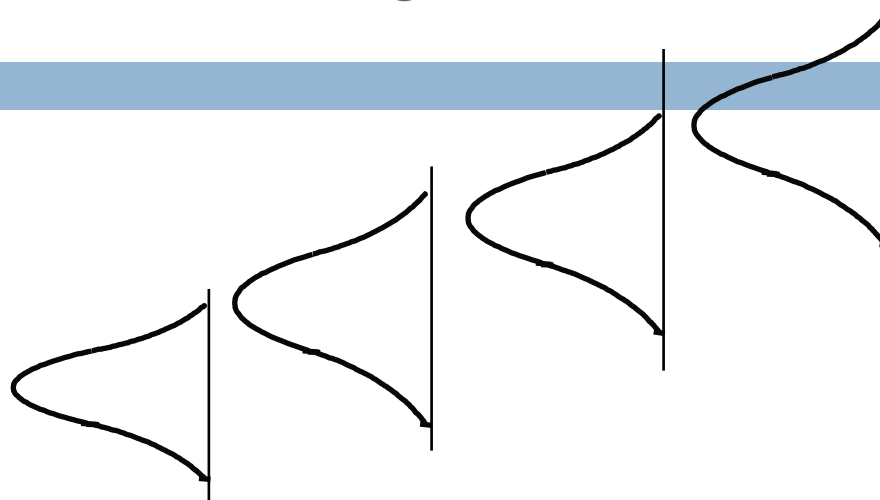
### Factors for computing control chart limits

Sample size	$c_4$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$D_3$	$D_4$	$A_2$
2	0.7979	1.128	0.853	0	3.267	1.880
3	0.8862	1.693	0.888	0	2.574	1.023
4	0.9213	2.059	0.880	0	2.282	0.729
5	0.9400	2.326	0.864	0	2.114	0.577
6	0.9515	2.534	0.848	0	2.004	0.483
7	0.9594	2.704	0.833	0.076	1.924	0.419
8	0.9650	2.847	0.820	0.136	1.864	0.373
9	0.9693	2.970	0.808	0.184	1.816	0.337
10	0.9727	3.078	0.797	0.223	1.777	0.308
11	0.9754	3.173	0.787	0.256	1.744	0.285
12	0.9776	3.258	0.778	0.283	1.717	0.266
13	0.9794	3.336	0.770	0.307	1.693	0.249
14	0.9810	3.407	0.763	0.328	1.672	0.235
15	0.9823	3.472	0.756	0.347	1.653	0.223
16	0.9835	3.532	0.750	0.363	1.637	0.212
17	0.9845	3.588	0.744	0.378	1.622	0.203
18	0.9854	3.640	0.739	0.391	1.608	0.194
19	0.9862	3.689	0.734	0.403	1.597	0.187
20	0.9869	3.735	0.729	0.415	1.585	0.180

# Mean and Range Charts

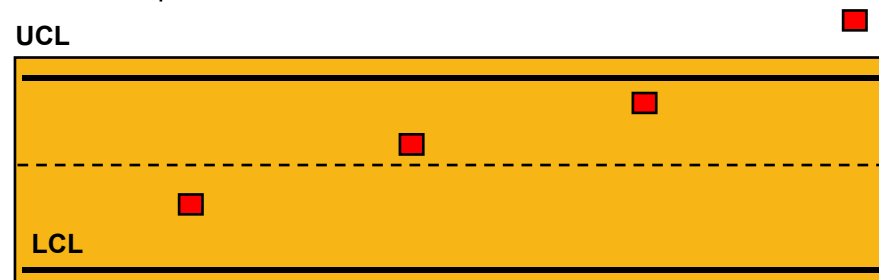
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Sampling  
Distribution



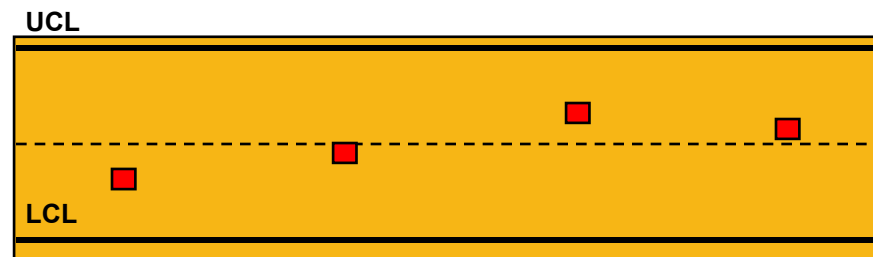
(process mean is  
shifting upward)

$\bar{x}$ -Chart



mean shift

R-chart

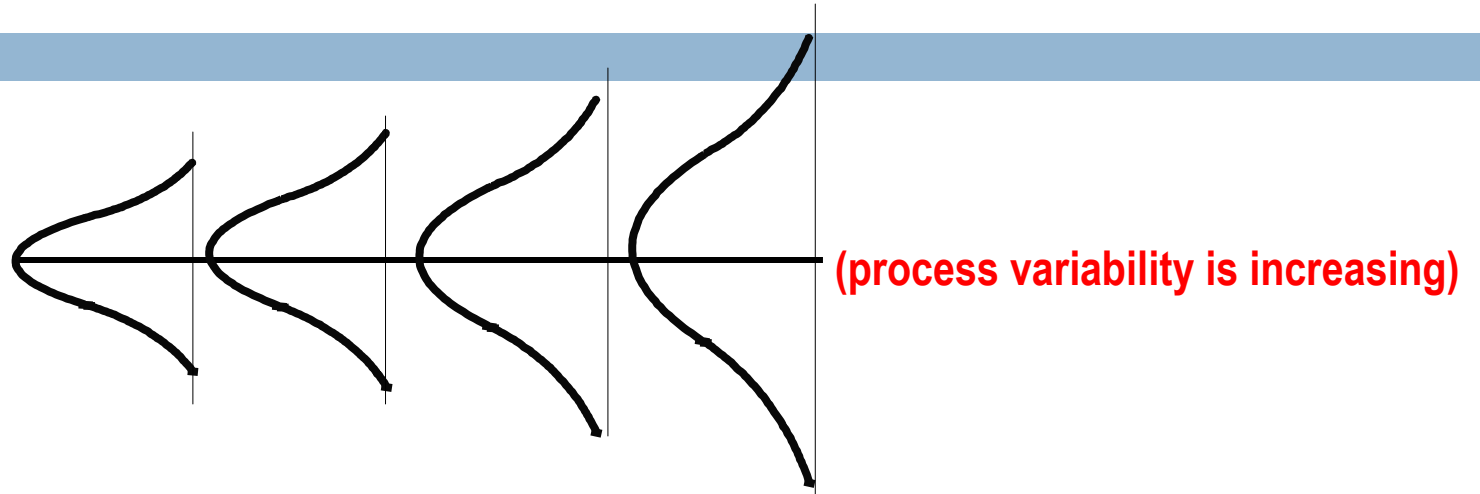


Does not  
reveal mean  
shift

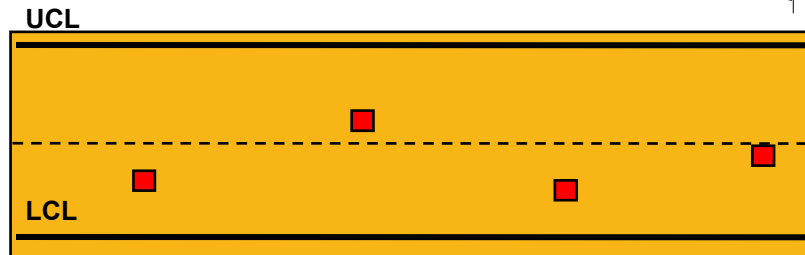
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Sampling  
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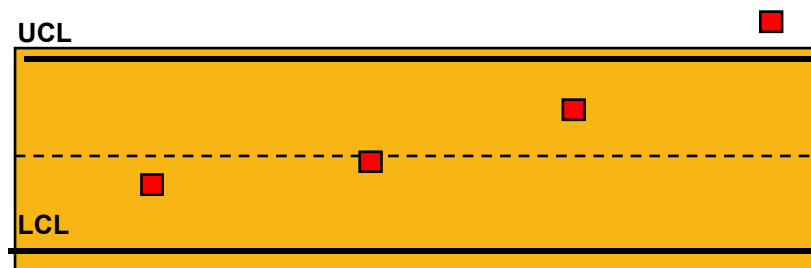


$\bar{x}$ -Chart



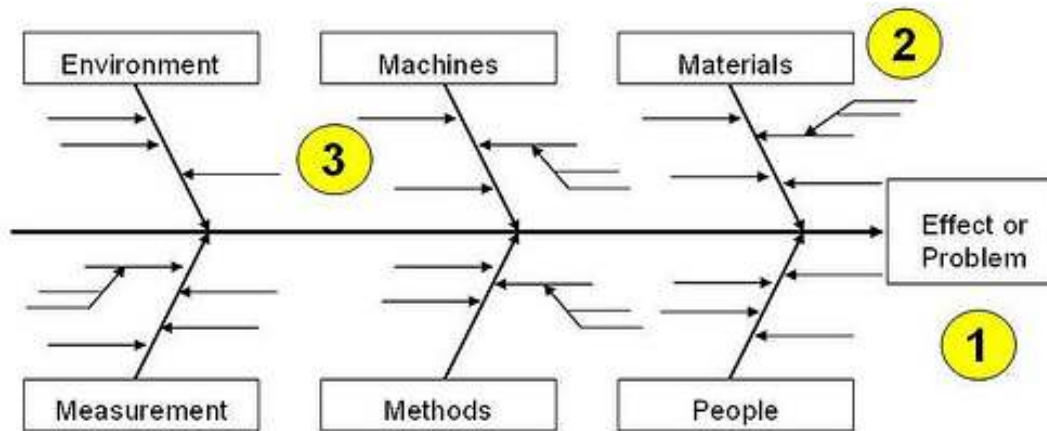
Does not  
reveal increase

R-chart

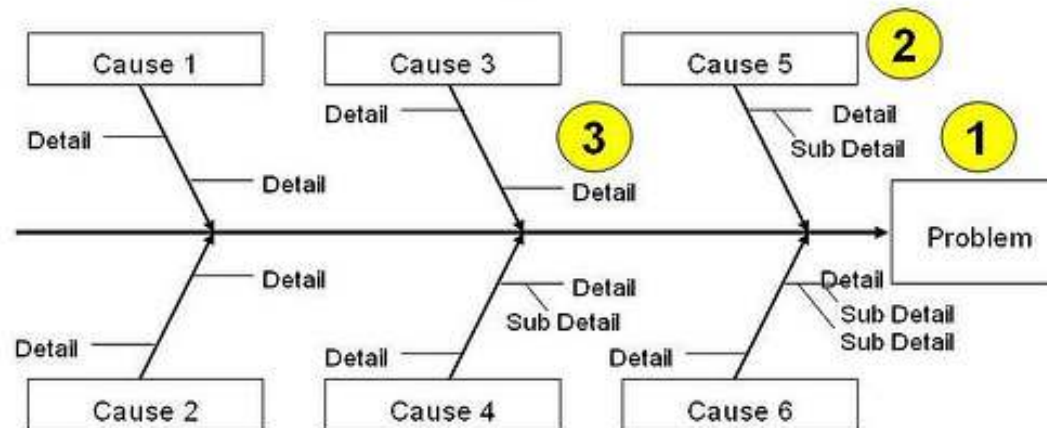


Reveals increase

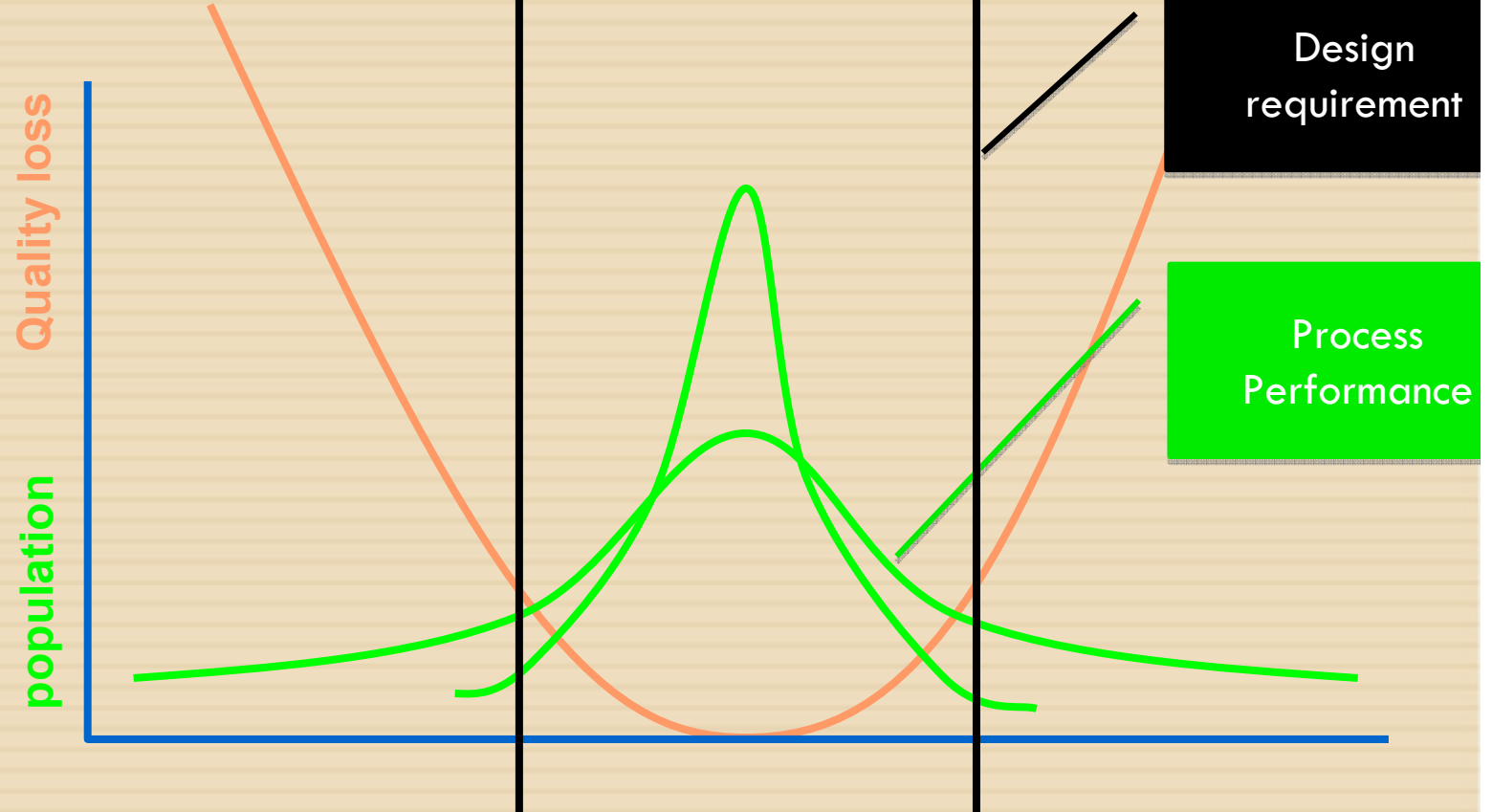
# Using the EKG to debug the patient



-Or-



Ishikawa fishbone diagram



OK, now we understand the process

Let's understand how it compares to what we need

# Tolerance versus Control

## **Control Limits are:**

- • Based on process mean and variability
- • Dependent on the sampling parameters,
- • Used to identify special causes,
- • Characteristic of the process in question.

## **Specification Limits or Tolerance are**

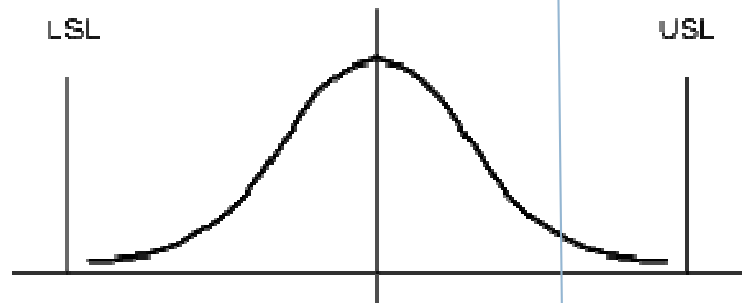
- • Based on functional consideration,
- • Related to individual part measurement,
- • Used to establish a part's conformability to design,
- • Characteristic of the part in question.

# Process Capability Index $C_p$

Comparison of process variation with the specifications.

$$C_p = \frac{USL - LSL}{6 \sigma_x}$$

Upper specification limit



Lower specification limit

$C_p$  should be 1.33 or larger.

Then we say that the process is "capable."

# Narrative

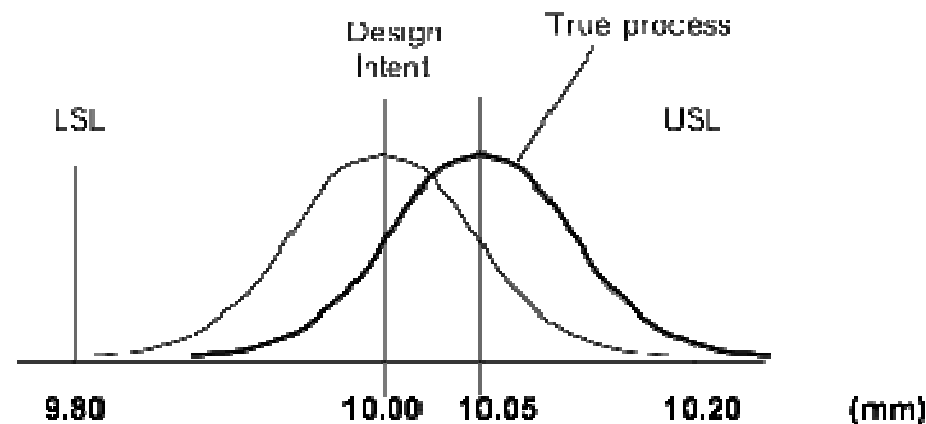
- This shop has been producing shafts for the last few months.
- The  $\sigma$  for this shop has been 0.01 mm
- The design requirement is that the shaft be:  
10 mm  $\pm$  0.04 mm
- The tolerance band: USL - LSL is 0.008 m
- $C_p = 1.333$

According to our company standard,  
the process is capable

# $C_p$ does not capture mean shift

Comparison of process variation and mean with the specifications.

$$C_{pk} = \frac{USL - \mu_x}{3\sigma_x} \text{ or } \frac{\mu_x - LSL}{3\sigma_x} \text{ whichever is smaller.}$$



# Quality is everything

- Intel, for e.g., is a manufacturing company
  - ▣ Their competitive advantage is quality
  - ▣ They can make smaller, faster chips cheaper than other companies.

## The Secret Summary

- Enlarge process windows (Process, part design)
- Keep your process in control (Control charts)
- Ensure that the process suits your design ( $C_p$ ,  $C_{pk}$ )

# External credits



- MIT slides past and present
- Scans from various books
- **`courses.washington.edu/courseli/me355/Lectures/Sp2006/Lecture%2022%20-%20SPC,%20CP.ppt`**