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# Control of Manufacturing Processes

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**Shewhart SPC & Process Capability**

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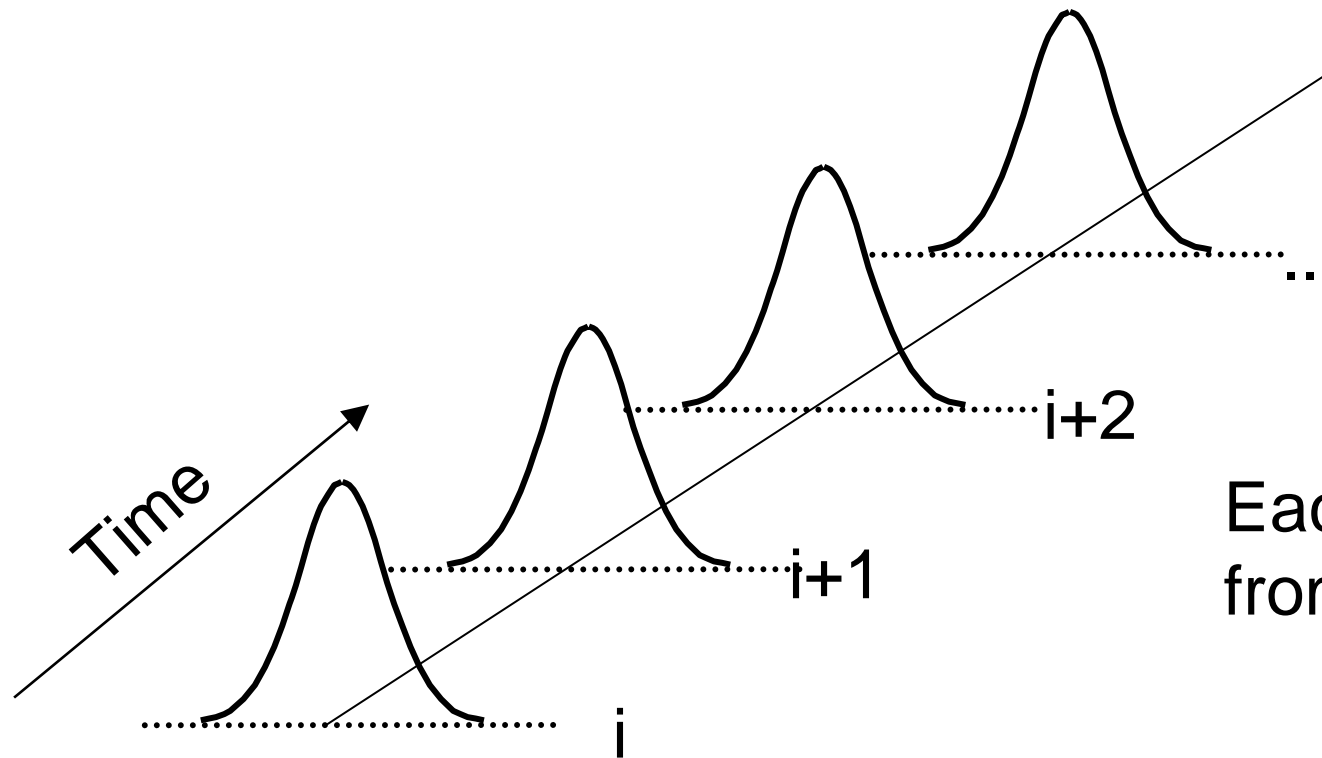
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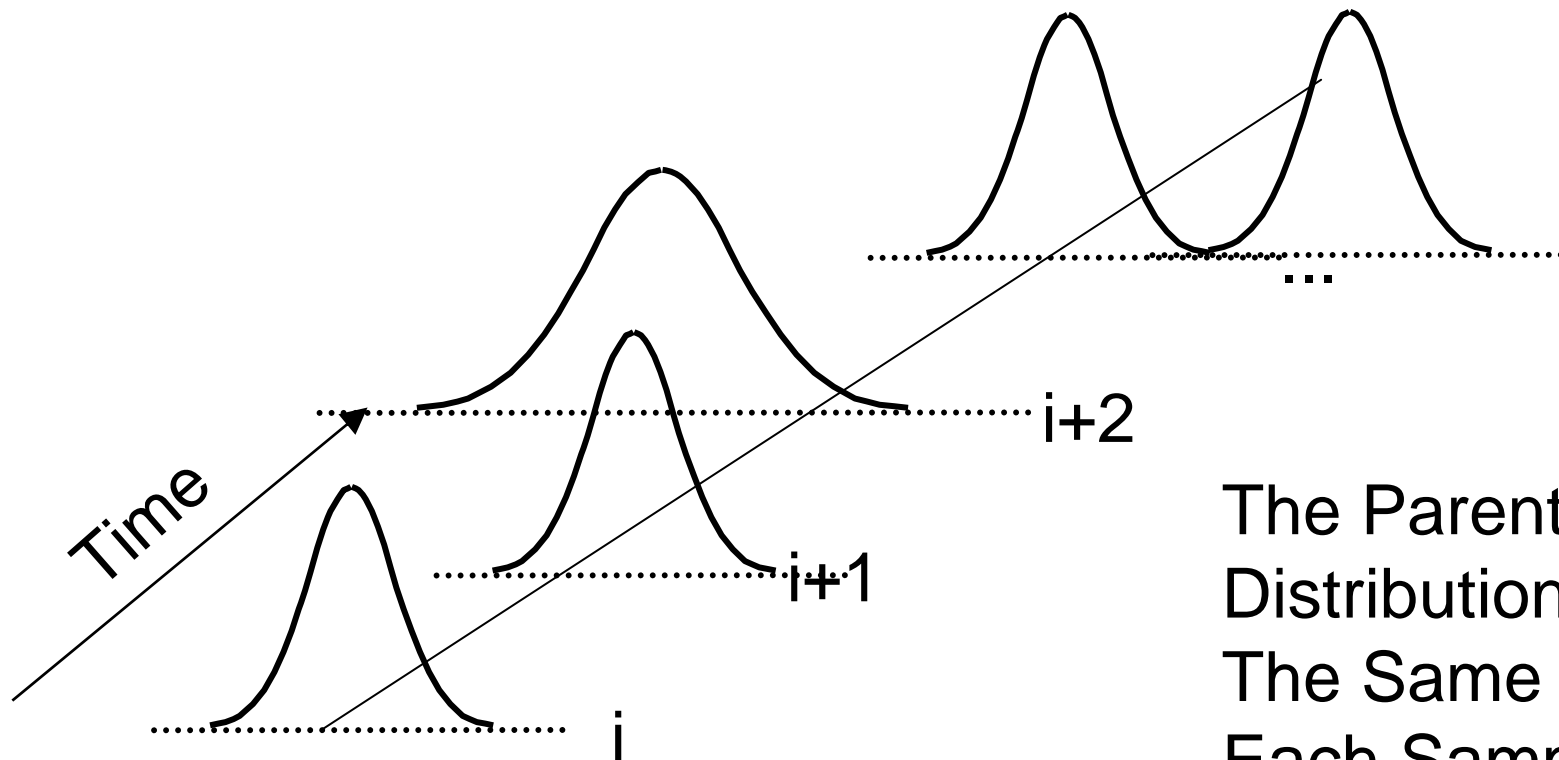
# Applying Statistics to Manufacturing: The Shewhart Approach (circa 1925)\*

- All Physical Processes Have a Degree of Natural Randomness
- A Manufacturing Process is a Random Process if all “Assignable Causes” (identifiable disturbances) are eliminated
- A Process is “In Statistical Control” if only “Common Causes” (Purely Random Effects) are present.

# “In-Control”

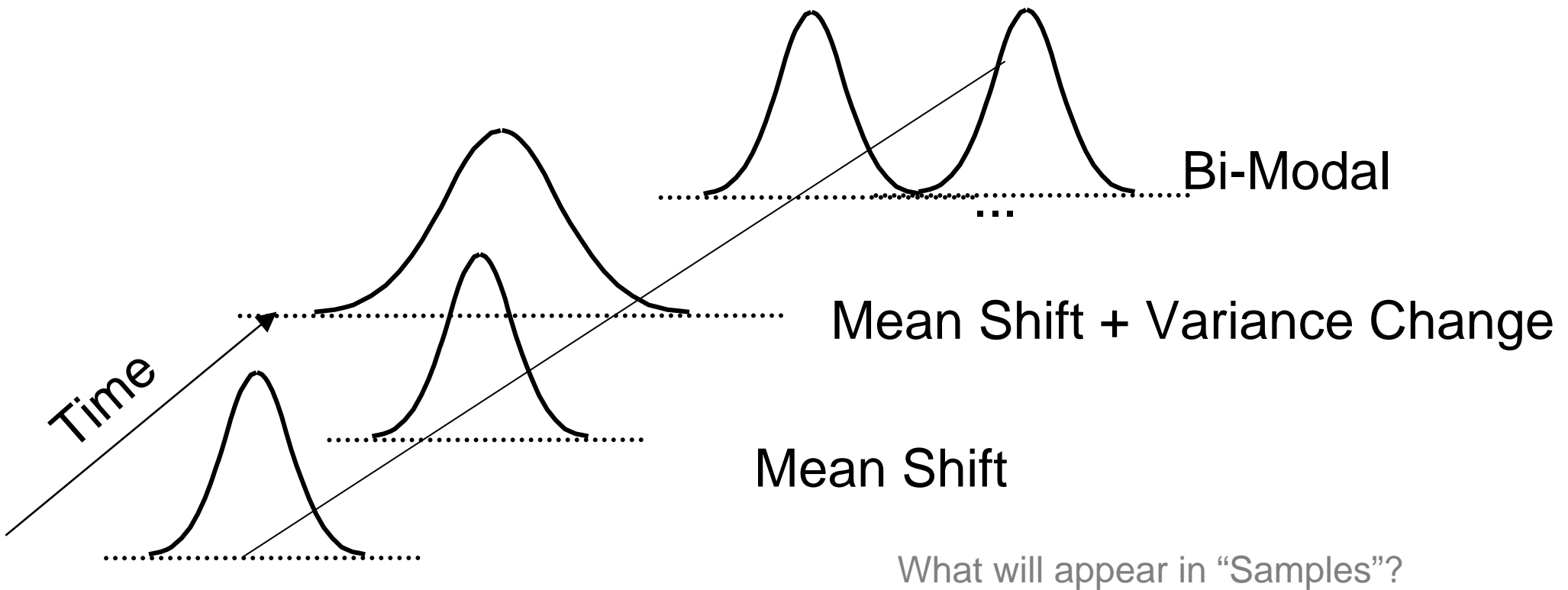


# “Not In-Control”



The Parent Distribution is Not The Same at Each Sample

# “Not In-Control”



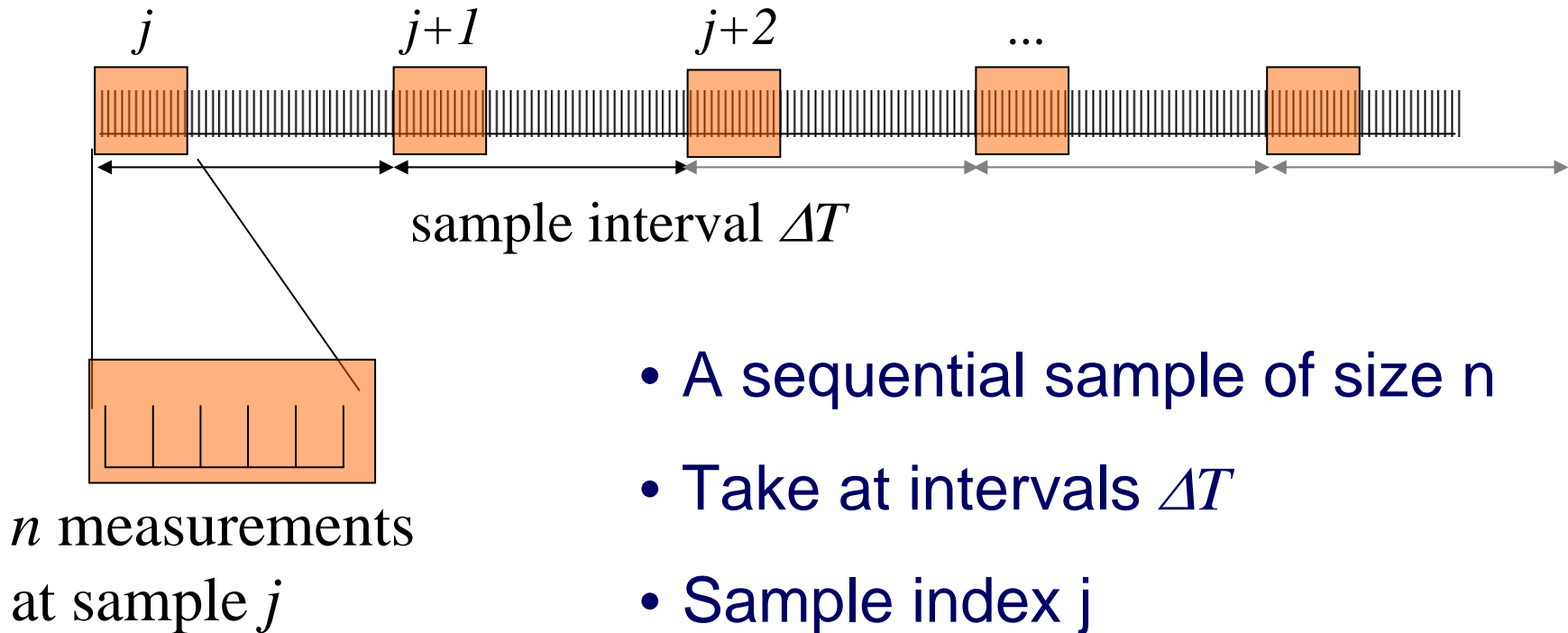


# Xbar and S Charts

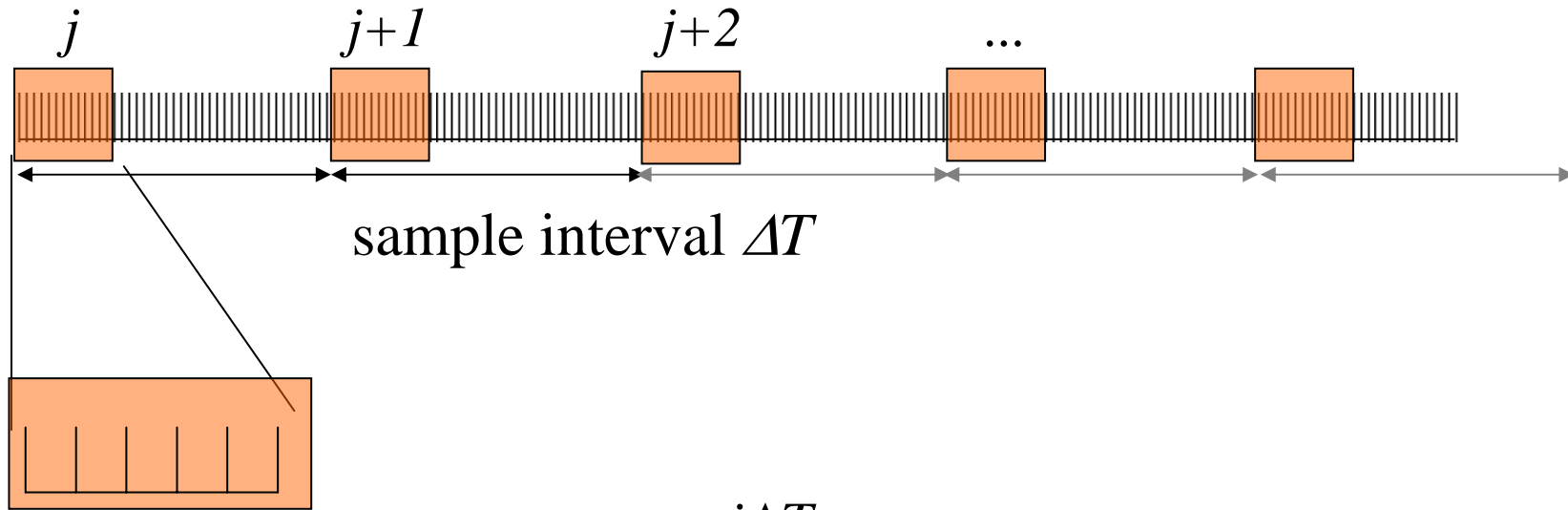
- Shewhart:
  - Plot *sequential average* of process
    - Xbar chart
    - Distribution?
  
  - Plot sequential sample standard deviation
    - S chart
    - Distribution?

# Data Sampling and Sequential Averages

- Given a sequence of process outputs  $x_j$ :



# Data Sampling

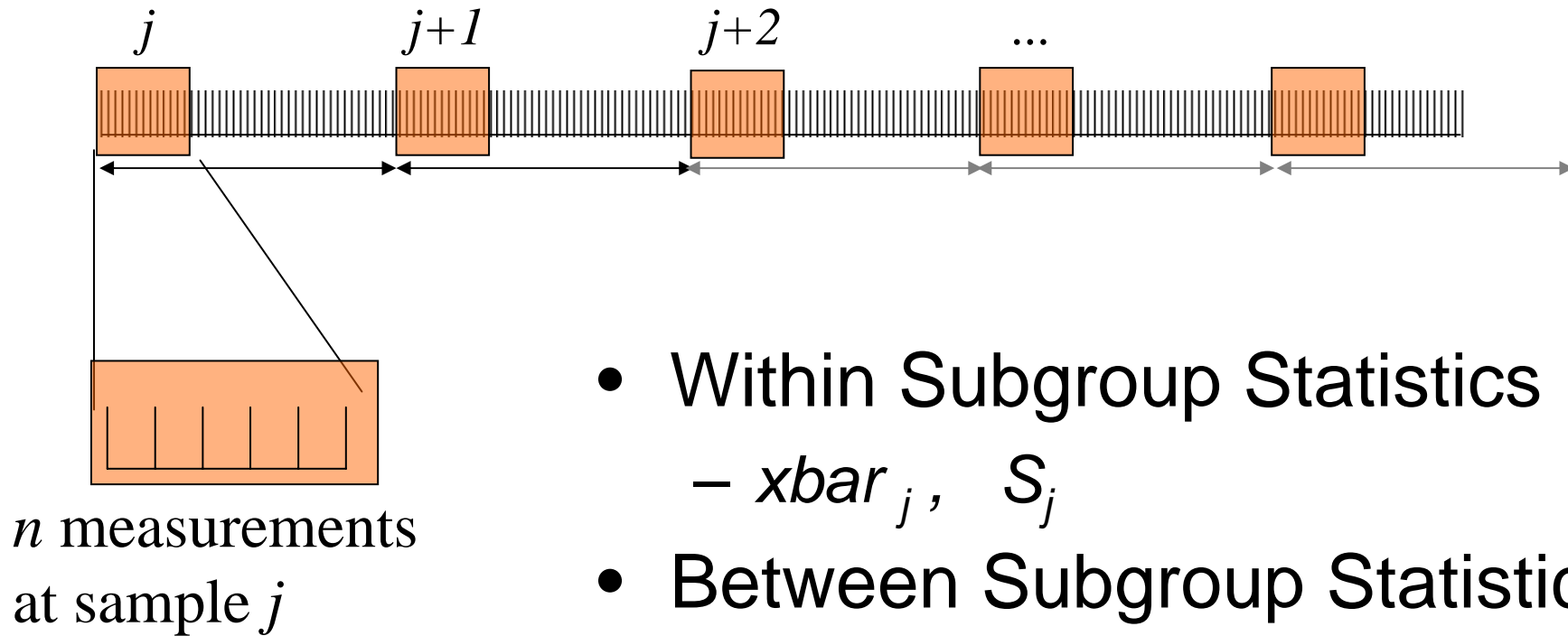


$n$  measurements  
at sample  $j$

$$\bar{x}_j = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=(j-1)\Delta T + 1}^{j\Delta T + n} x_i \quad \text{sample } j \text{ mean}$$

$$S_j^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=(j-1)\Delta T}^{j\Delta T + n} (x_i - \bar{x}_j)^2 \quad \text{sample } j \text{ variance}$$

# Subgroups

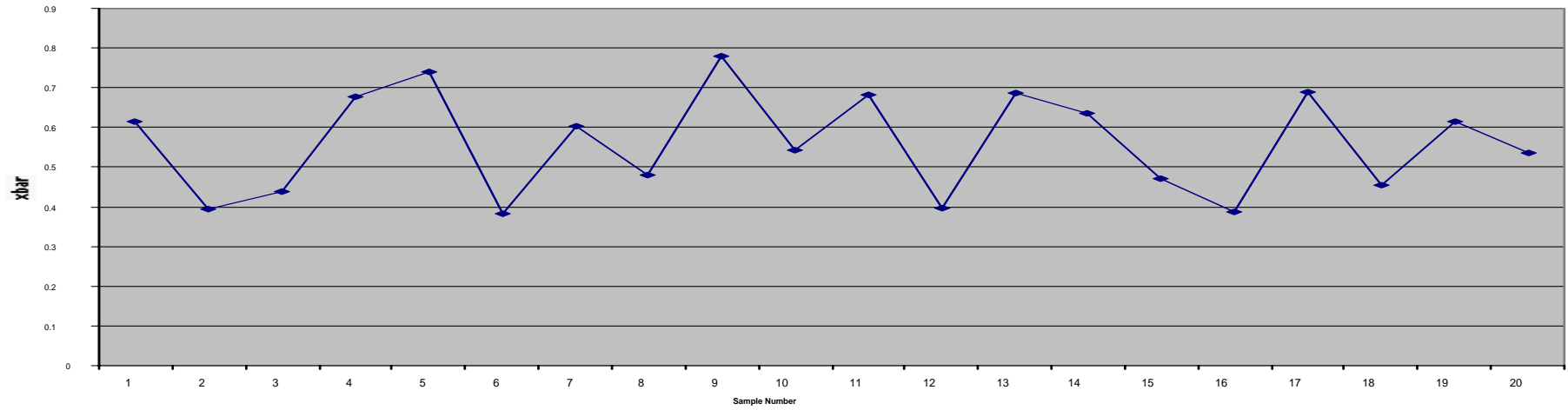


- Within Subgroup Statistics
  - $\bar{x}_j$ ,  $S_j$
- Between Subgroup Statistics
  - Average of  $\bar{x}_j$
  - Variance of  $\bar{x}_j$

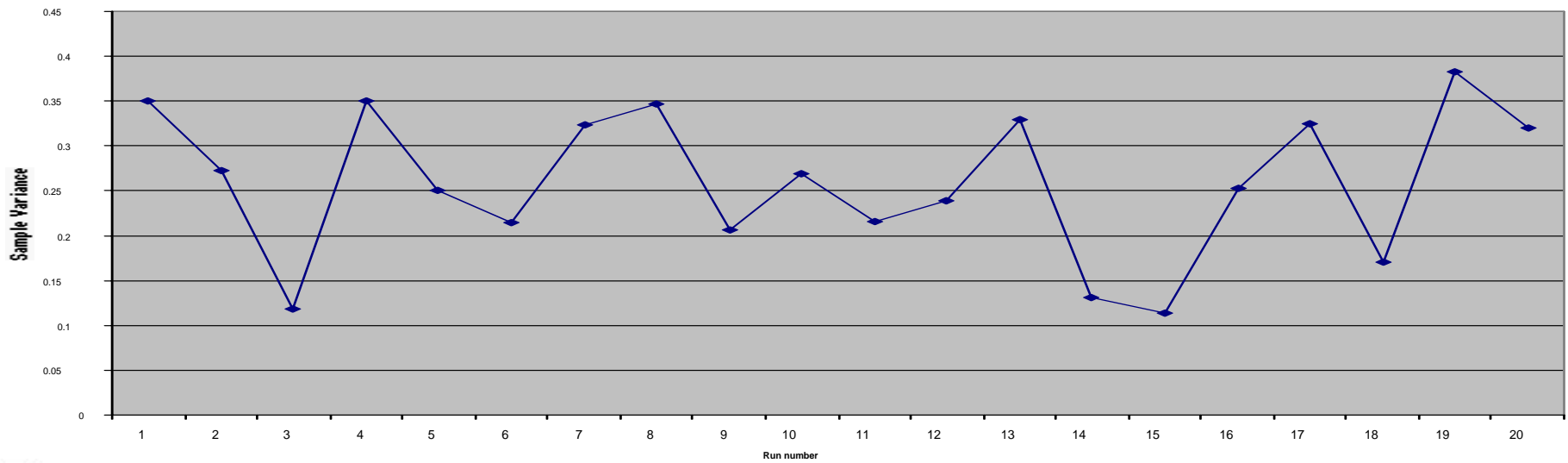
# Plot of $\bar{x}$ and S

## Random Data n=5

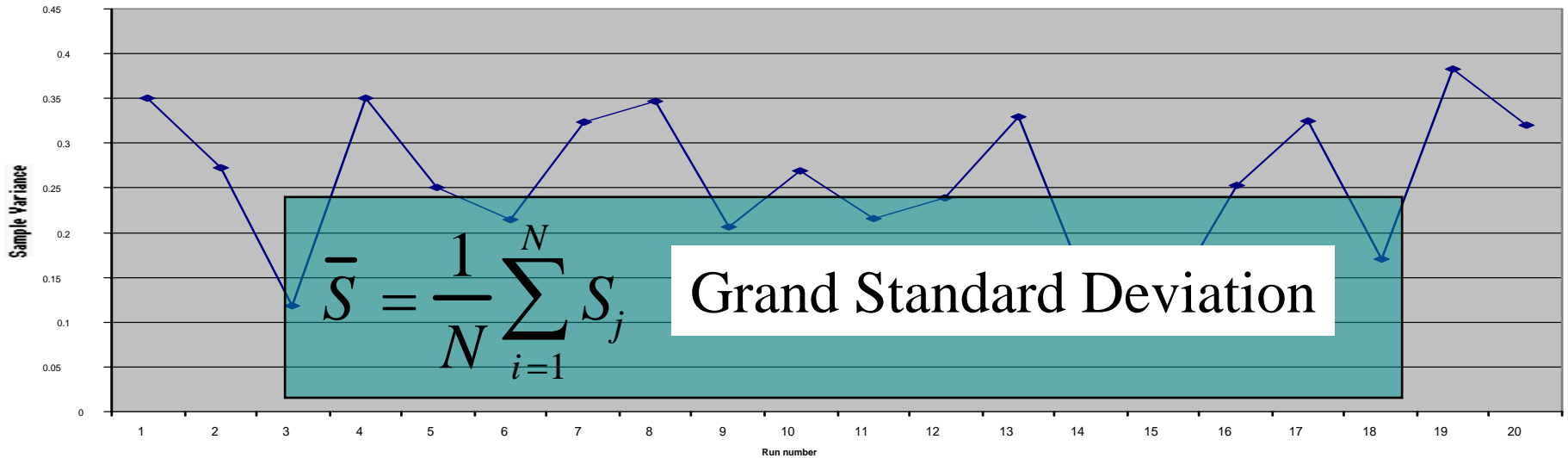
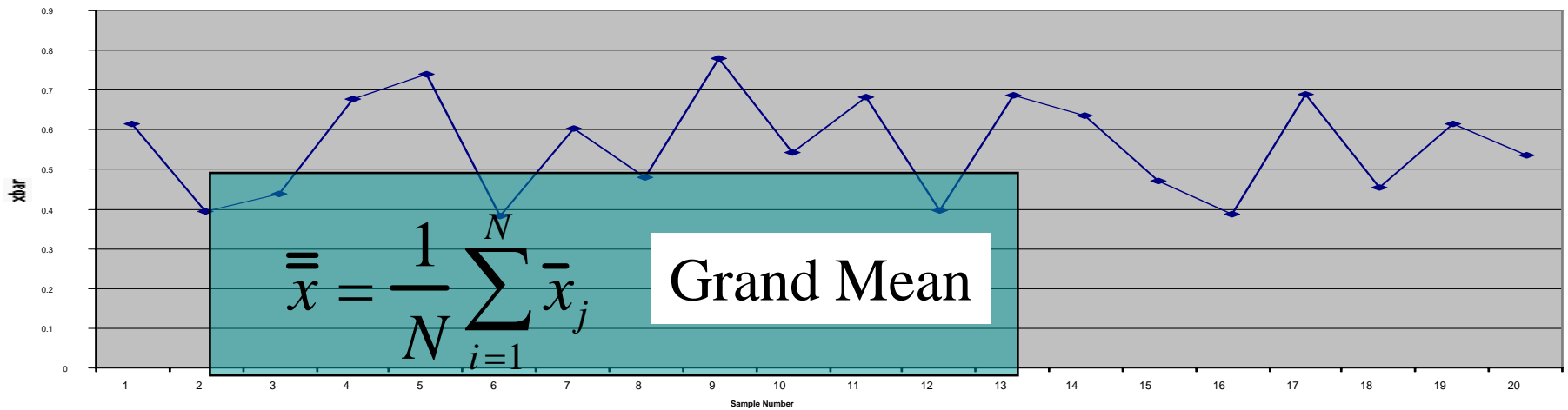
$\bar{x}$



S



# Overall Statistics



# Setting Chart Limits

- Expected Ranges
  - Grand mean and Variance
    - (based on what data and how many data points?)
- Confidence Intervals
  - Intervals of  $\pm n$  Standard Deviations
  - Most Typical is  $\pm 3\sigma$  (US) or 0.1% (Europe)

# Chart Limits - Xbar

- If we knew  $\sigma_x$  then:

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}} \sigma_x$$

- But Since we *Estimate* the Sample Standard Deviation, then

$$E(S_j) = C_4 \sigma_{\bar{x}} \quad (S_j \text{ is a biased estimator})$$

$$\text{where } C_4 = \left( \frac{2}{n-1} \right)^{1/2} \frac{\Gamma(n/2)}{\Gamma((n-1)/2)}$$



# Chart Limits xbar chart

With this “correction” we can set limit at  $\pm 3\sigma_{\text{xbar}}$

Or set a confidence interval of 99.7%

Or a test significance of 0.3%

$$UCL = \bar{\bar{x}} + 3 \frac{\bar{S}}{C_4 \sqrt{n}} \qquad LCL = \bar{\bar{x}} - 3 \frac{\bar{S}}{C_4 \sqrt{n}}$$

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For the example  $n=5$   $C_4 = (0.5)^{1/2} \frac{\Gamma(2.5)}{\Gamma(2)} = 0.707 \frac{1.33}{1} = 0.94$

# Chart Limits S

The variance of the estimate of S can be shown to be:

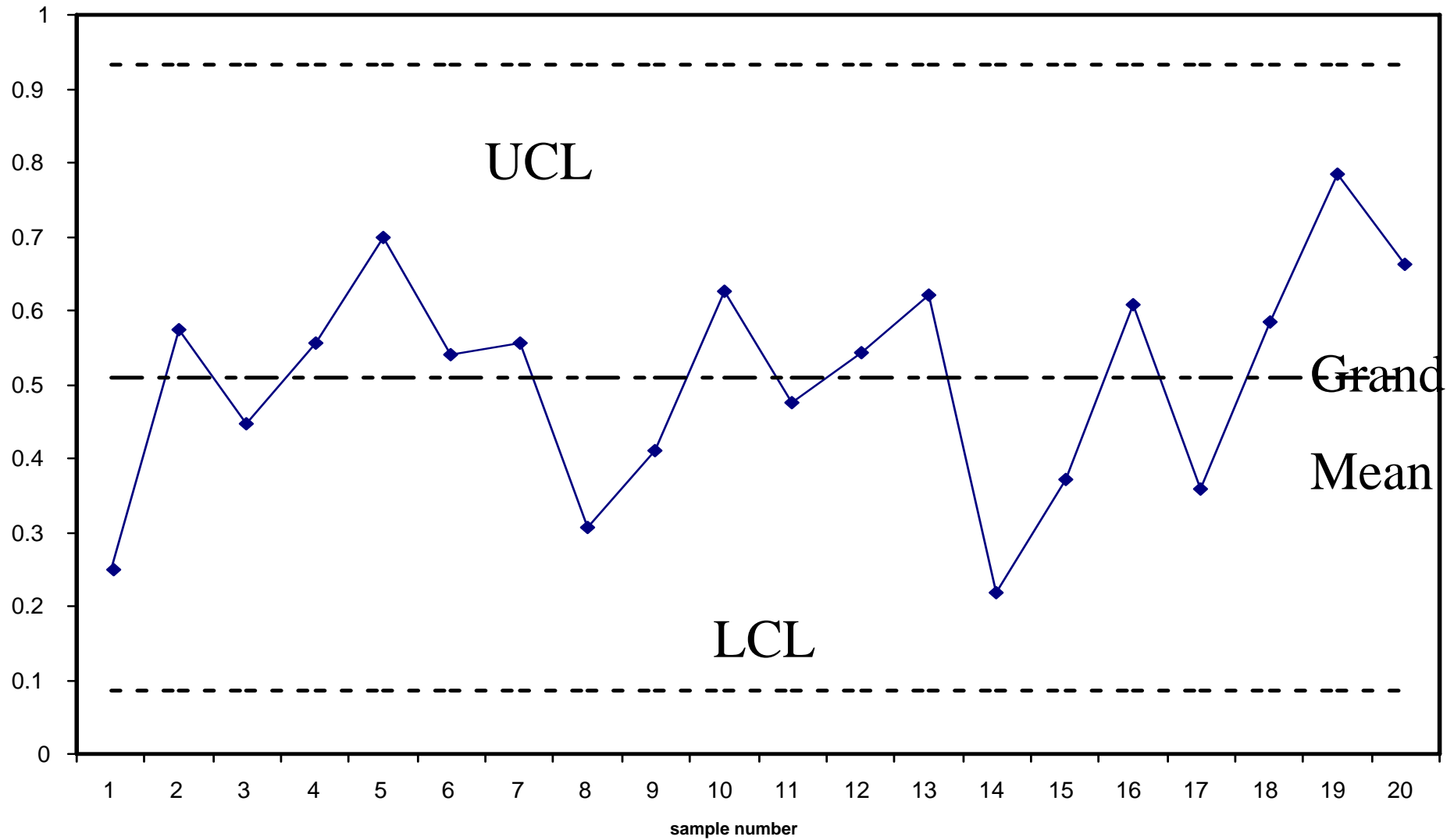
$$\sigma_S = \sigma \sqrt{1 - C_4^2}$$

So we get the chart limits:

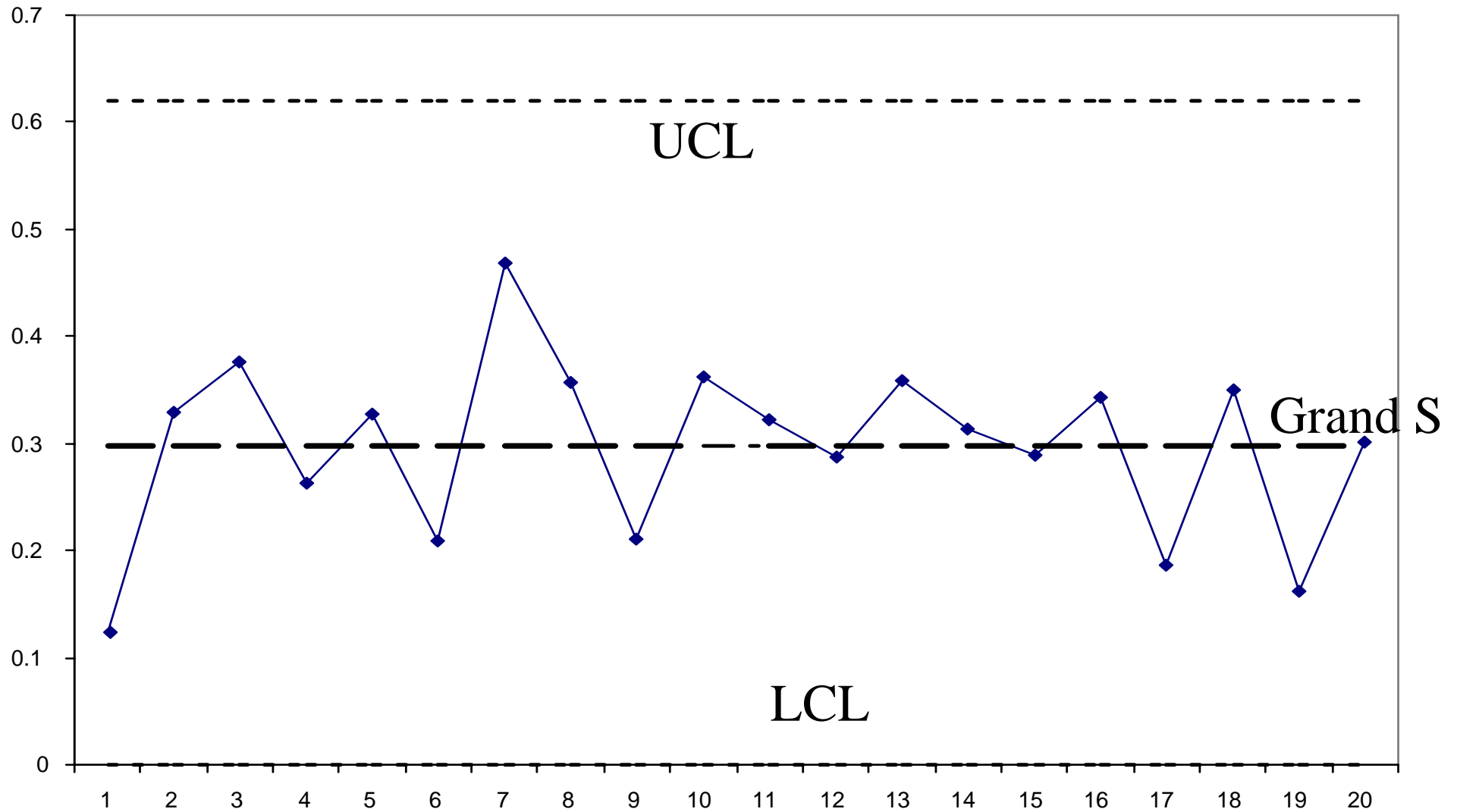
$$UCL = \bar{S} + 3 \frac{\bar{S}}{C_4} \sqrt{1 - C_4^2}$$

$$LCL = \bar{S} - 3 \frac{\bar{S}}{C_4} \sqrt{1 - C_4^2}$$

# Example xbar



# Example S



# Detecting Problems from Running Data

- Appearance of data
  - Confidence Intervals
  - Frequency of extremes
  - Trends

# The 8 rules from Devor et al

(Based on Confidence Intervals)

- Prob. of data in a band
- Based on Periodicity
- Based on Linear Trends
- Based on Mean Shift

# Test for “Out of Control”

- Extreme Points
  - Outside  $\pm 3\sigma$
- Improbable Points
  - 2 of 3  $> \pm 2\sigma$
  - 4 of 5  $> \pm 1\sigma$
  - All points inside  $\pm 1\sigma$

# Tests for “Out of Control”

- Consistently above or below centerline
  - Runs of 8 or more
- Linear Trends
  - 6 or more points in consistent direction
- Bi-Modal Data
  - 8 successive points outside  $\pm 1\sigma$



# Applying Shewhart Charting

- Find a run of 25-50 points that are “in-control”
- Compute chart centerlines and limits
- Begin Plotting subsequent  $\bar{x}_j$  and  $S_j$
- Apply the 8 rules, or look for trends, improbable events or extremes.
- If these occur, process is “out of control”

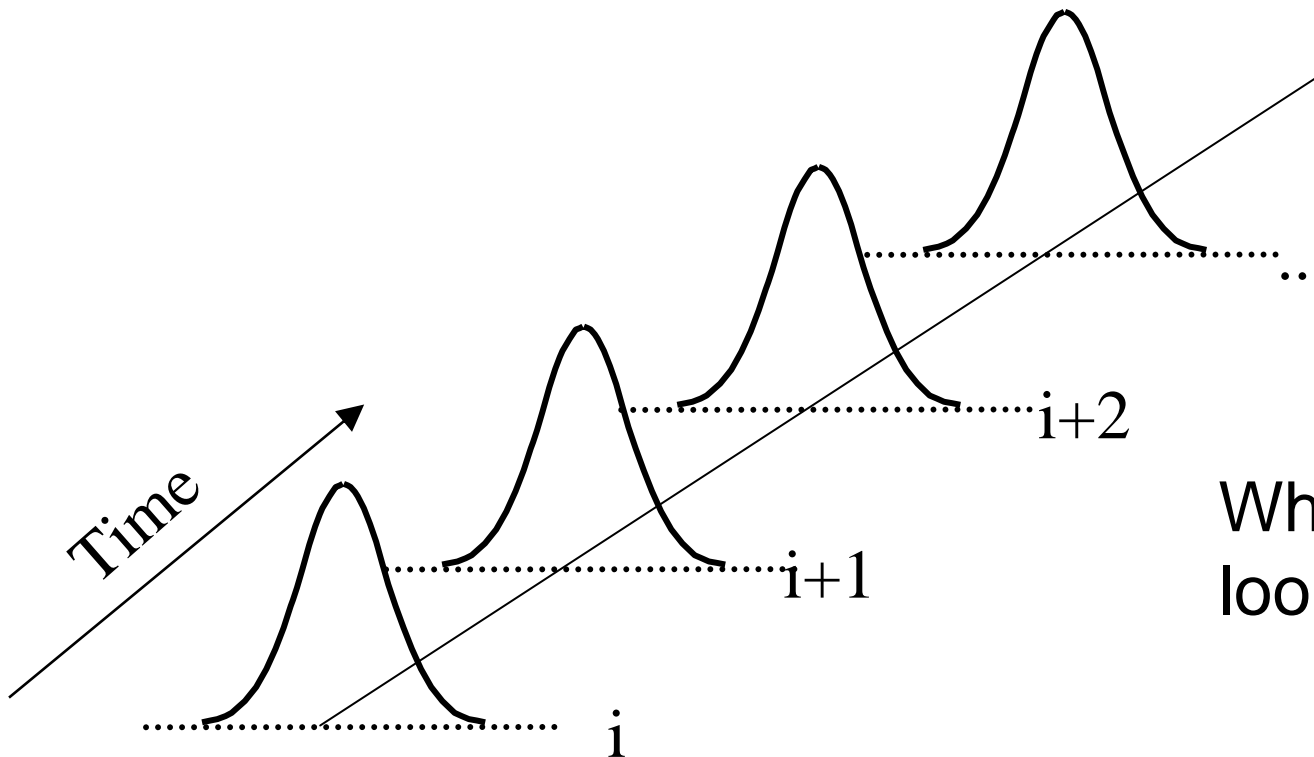
# Out of Control

- Data is not Stationary  
( $\mu$  or  $\sigma$  are not constant)
- Process Output is being “caused” by a disturbance  
(common cause)
- This disturbance can be identified and eliminated
  - Trends indicate certain types
  - Correlation with know events
    - shift changes
    - material changes

# Western Electric Rules (See Table 4-1)

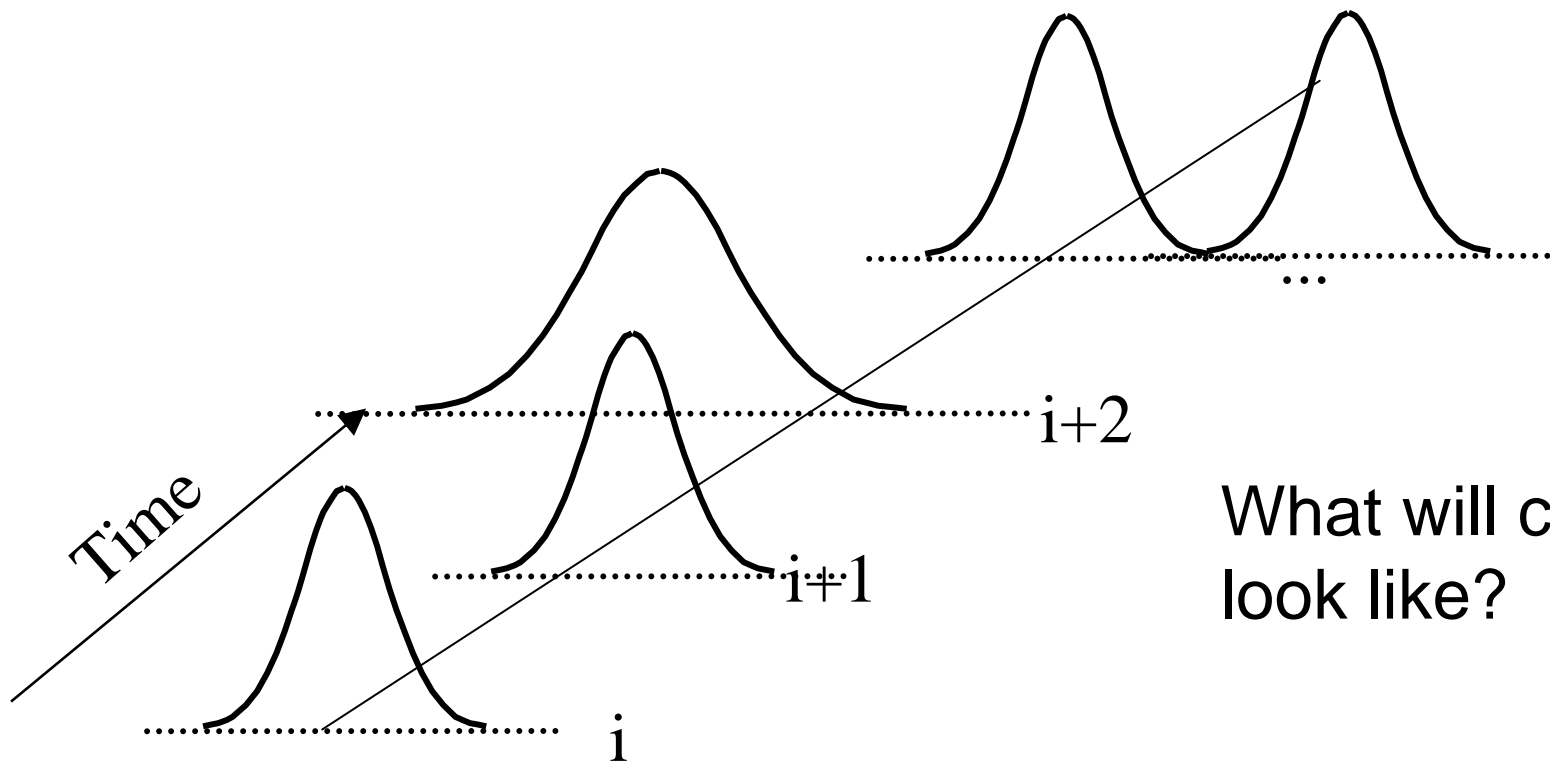
- Points outside limits
- 2-3 consecutive points outside 2 sigma
- Four of five consecutive points beyond 1 sigma
- Run of 8 consecutive points on one side of center

# “In-Control”



What will chart look like?

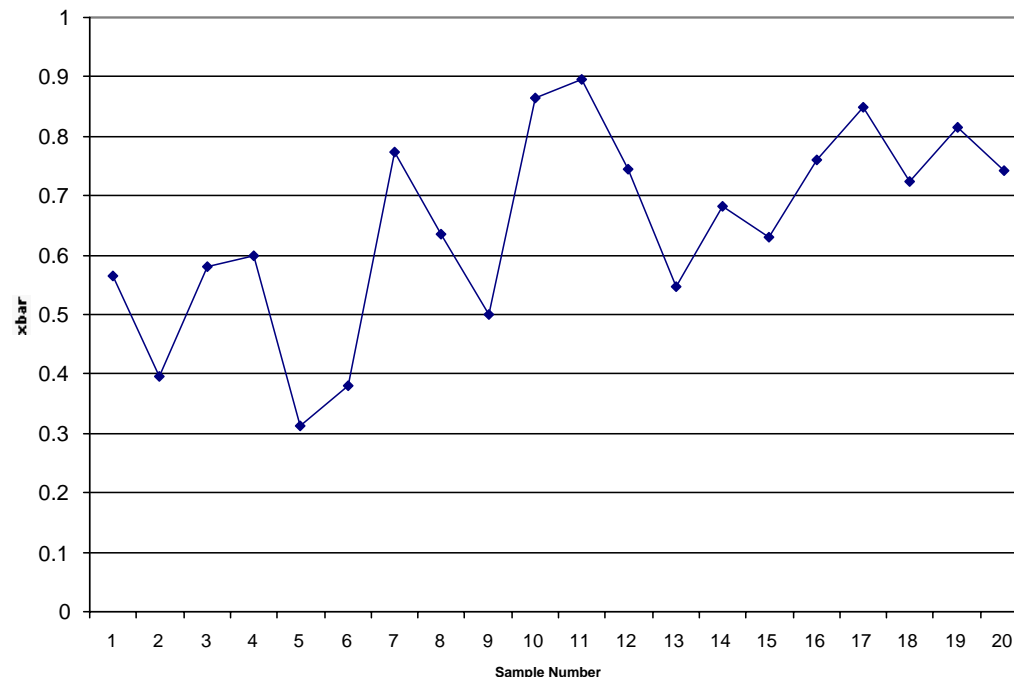
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What will chart look like?

# Detecting Mean Shifts: Chart Sensitivity

- Consider a real shift of  $\Delta\mu_x$ :

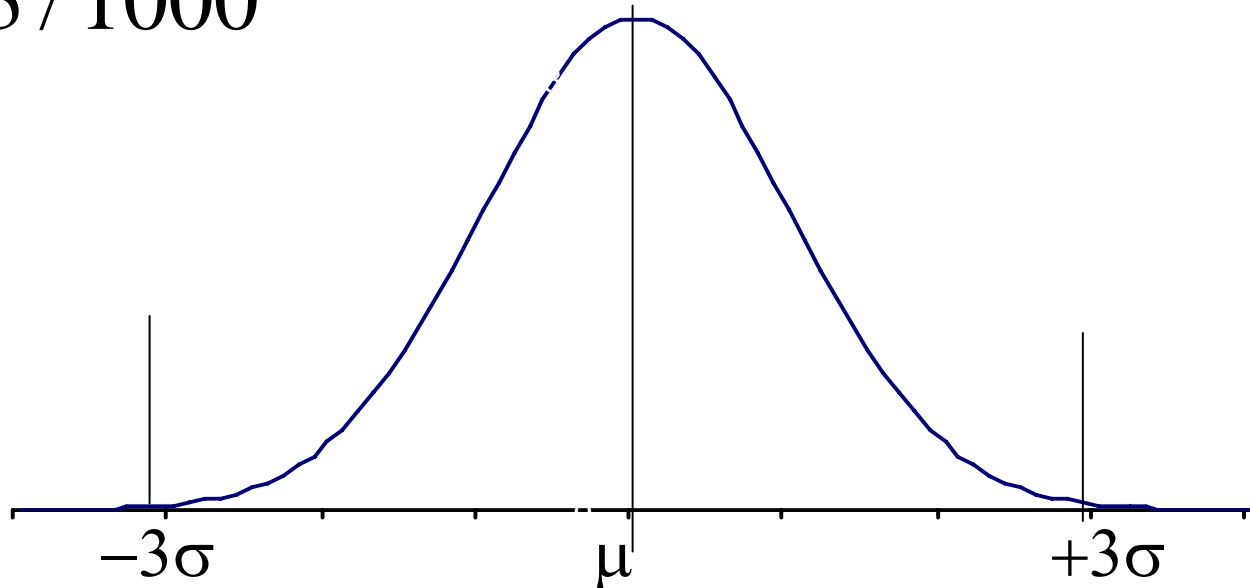


- How many samples before we can expect to detect the shift on the  $\bar{x}$  chart?

# Average Run Length

- How often will the data exceed the  $\pm 3\sigma$  limits if  $\Delta\mu_x = 0$ ?

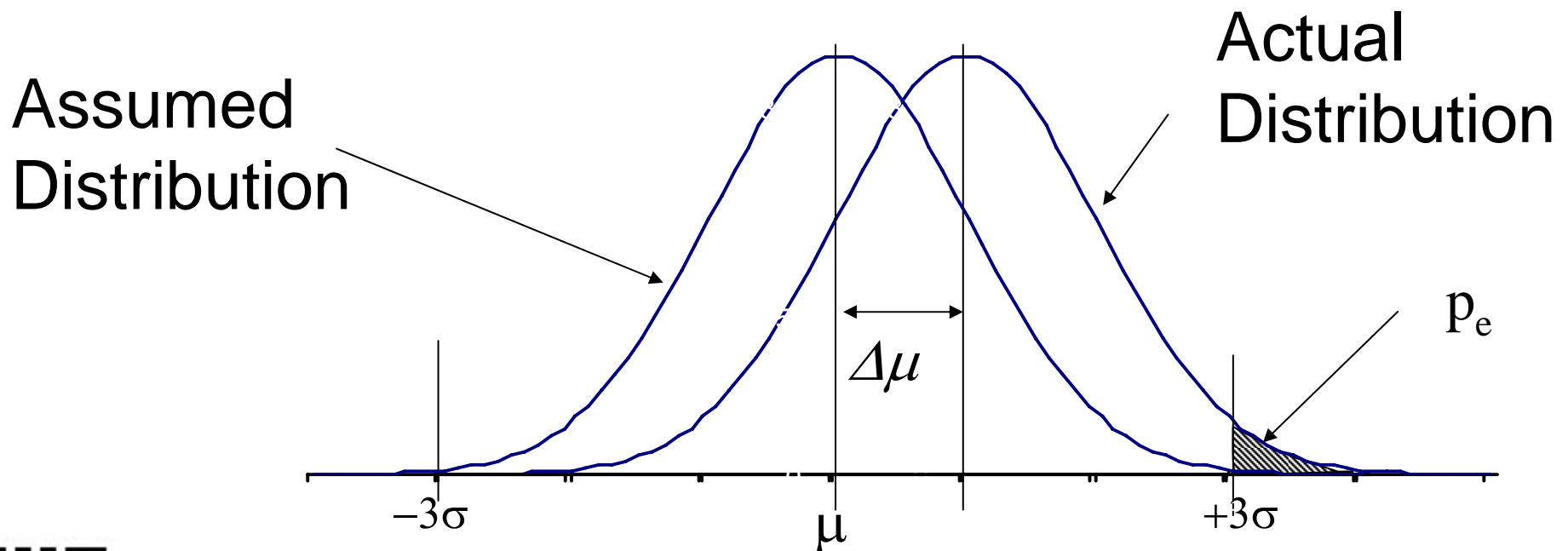
$$\text{Prob}(x > \mu_x + 3\sigma_{\bar{x}}) + \text{Prob}(x < \mu_x - 3\sigma_{\bar{x}}) \\ = 3 / 1000$$



# Average Run Length

- How often will the data exceed the  $\pm 3\sigma$  limits if  $\Delta\mu_x = +1\sigma$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Prob}(x > \mu_x + 2\sigma_x) + \text{Prob}(x < \mu_x - 4\sigma_x) \\ & = 0.023 + 0.001 = 24 / 1000 \end{aligned}$$





# Definition

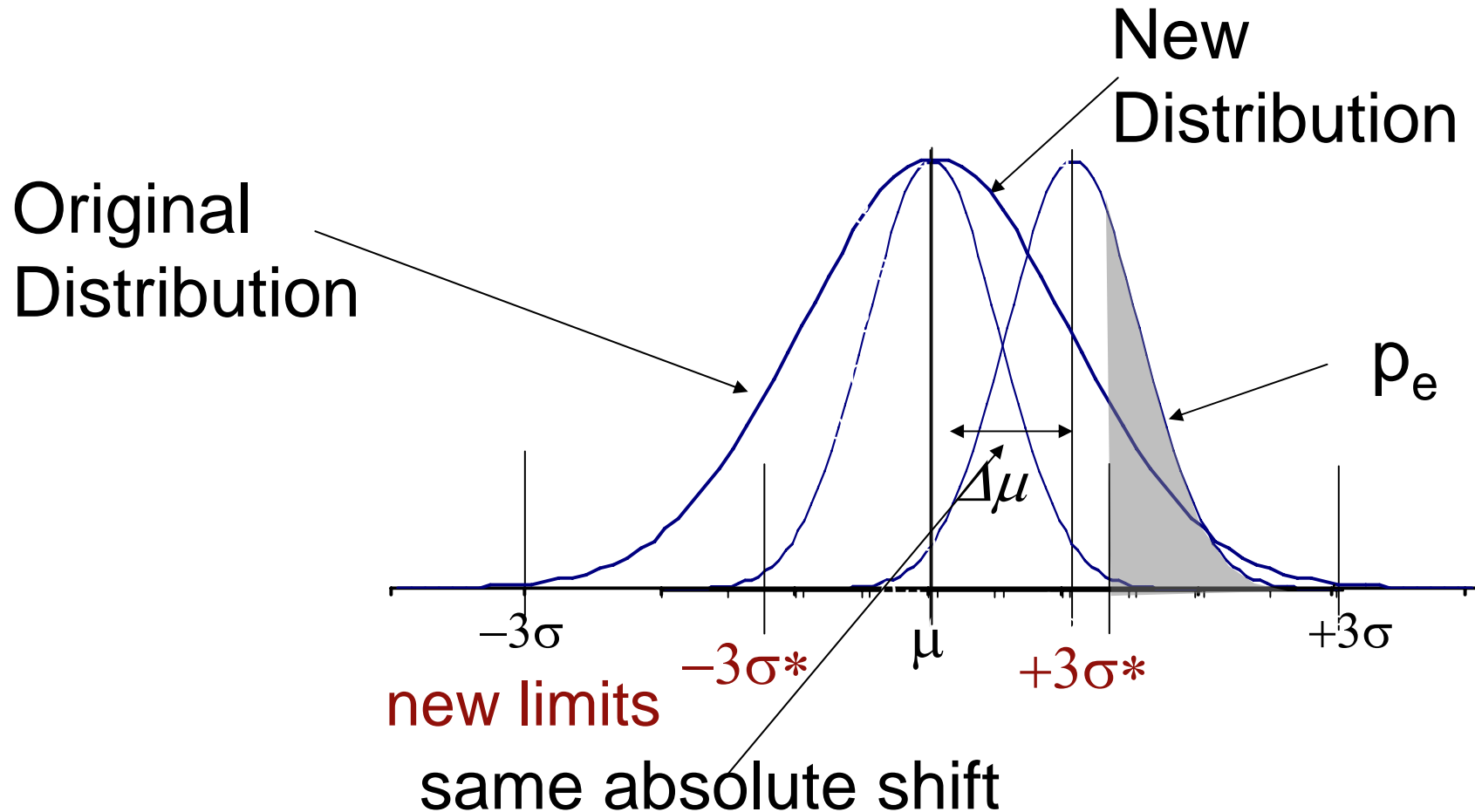
- Average Run Length (arl): Number of runs (or samples) before we can expect a limit to be exceeded =  $1/p_e$ 
  - for  $\Delta\mu = 0$     arl =  $3/1000$  = 333 samples
  - for  $\Delta\mu = 1\sigma$     arl =  $24/1000$  = 42 samples

Even with a mean shift as large as  $1\sigma$ , it could take **42** samples before we know it!!!

# Effect of Sample Size $n$ on ARL

- Assume the same  $\Delta\mu = 1\sigma$ 
  - Note that  $\Delta\mu$  is an absolute value
- If we increase  $n$ , the Variance of  $\bar{x}$  decreases:  
$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma_x}{\sqrt{n}}$$
- So our  $\pm 3\sigma$  limits move closer together

# ARL Example

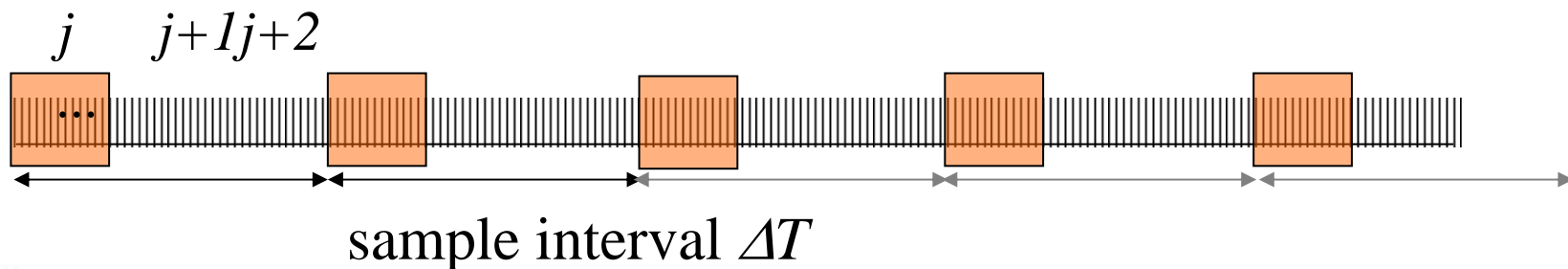


As  $n$  increases  $p_e$  increases so ARL decreases

# Design of the Chart

- Sample size  $n$ 
  - Central Limit theorem
  - ARL effects?
- Selection of Reference Data
  - Is  $S$  at a minimum ?
- Sample time  $\Delta T$ 
  - Cost of sampling
  - production without data
  - Rapid phenomena

Sample size and “filtering”  
versus response time to  
changes



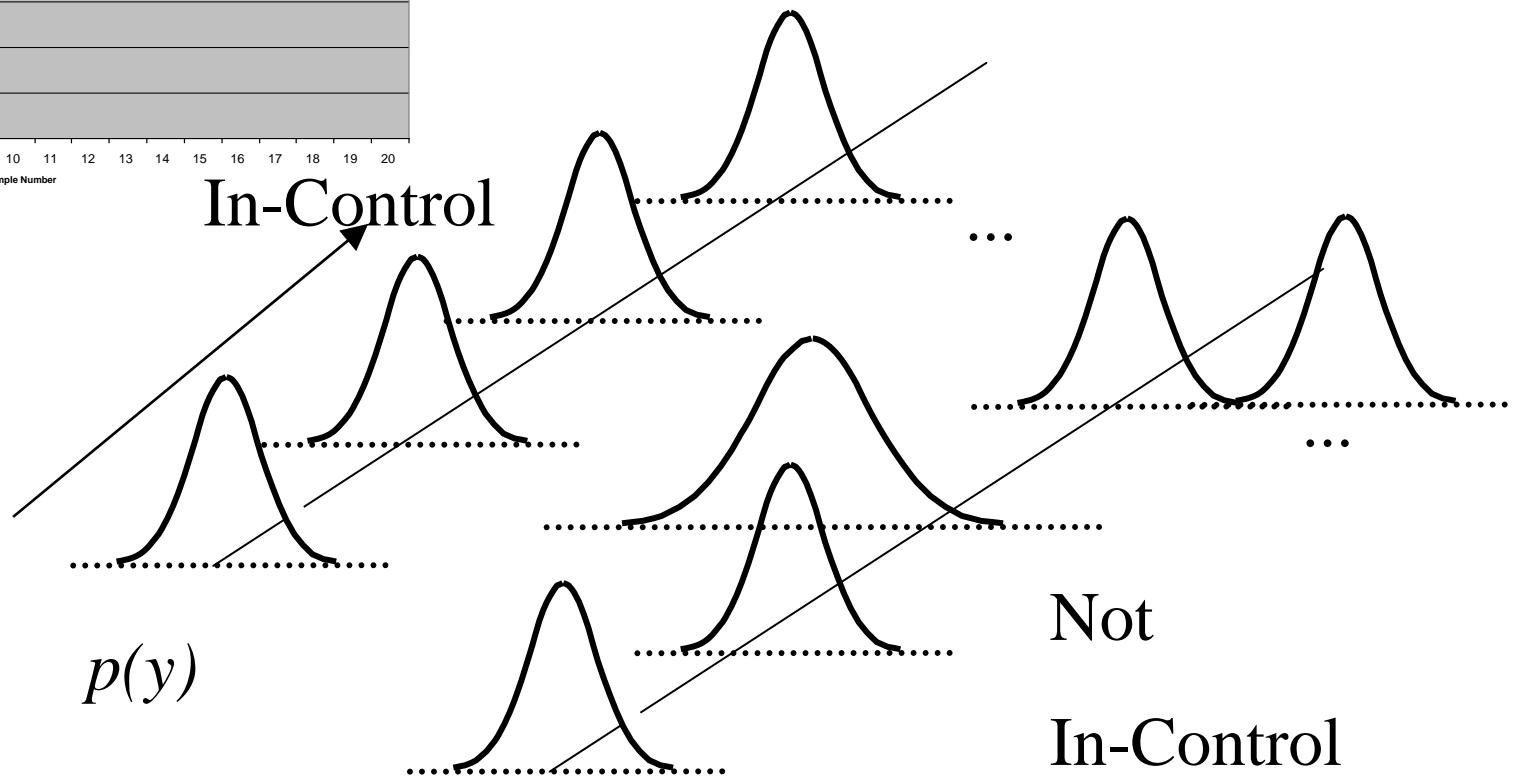
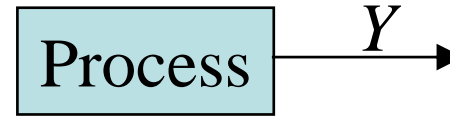
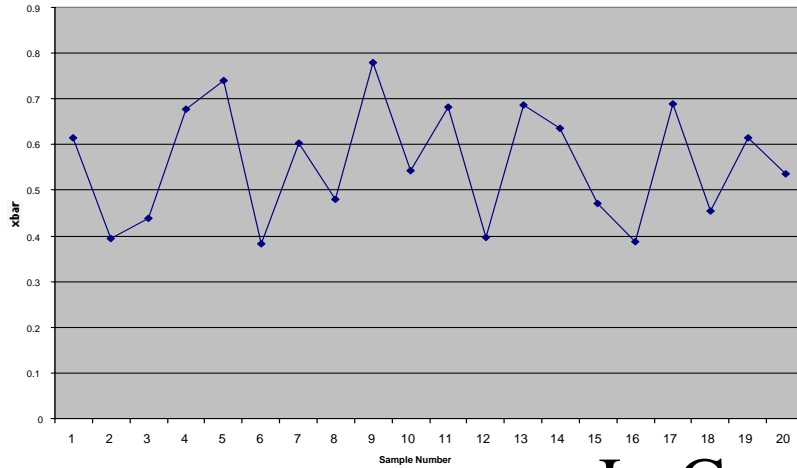
# Limits and Extensions

- Need for averaging
- Assumptions of Normality
- Assumption of independence
- Pitfalls
  - Misinterpretation of Data
  - Improper Sampling
- What are alternatives?
  - Different Sampling Schemes
  - Different Averaging Schemes
  - Continuous Update to Improve Statistics

# Conclusions

- Hypothesis Testing
  - Use knowledge of PDFs to evaluate hypotheses
  - Quantify the degree of certainty (a and b)
  - Evaluate effect of sampling and sample size
- Shewhart Charts
  - Application of Statistics to Production
  - Plot Evolution of Sample Statistics  $\bar{x}$  and  $S$
  - Look for Deviations from Model

# Detection : The SPC Hypothesis



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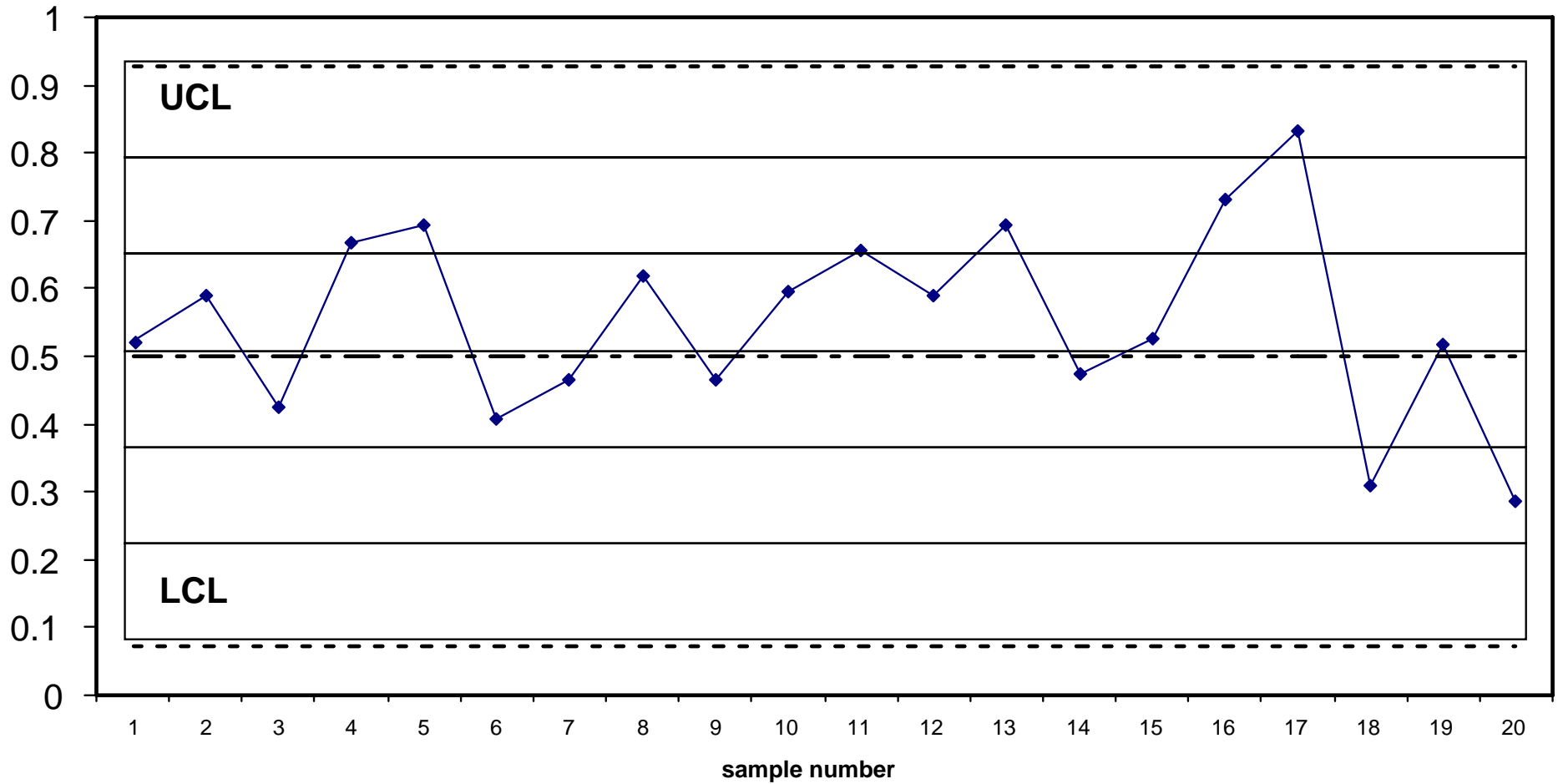


# Use of the S Chart

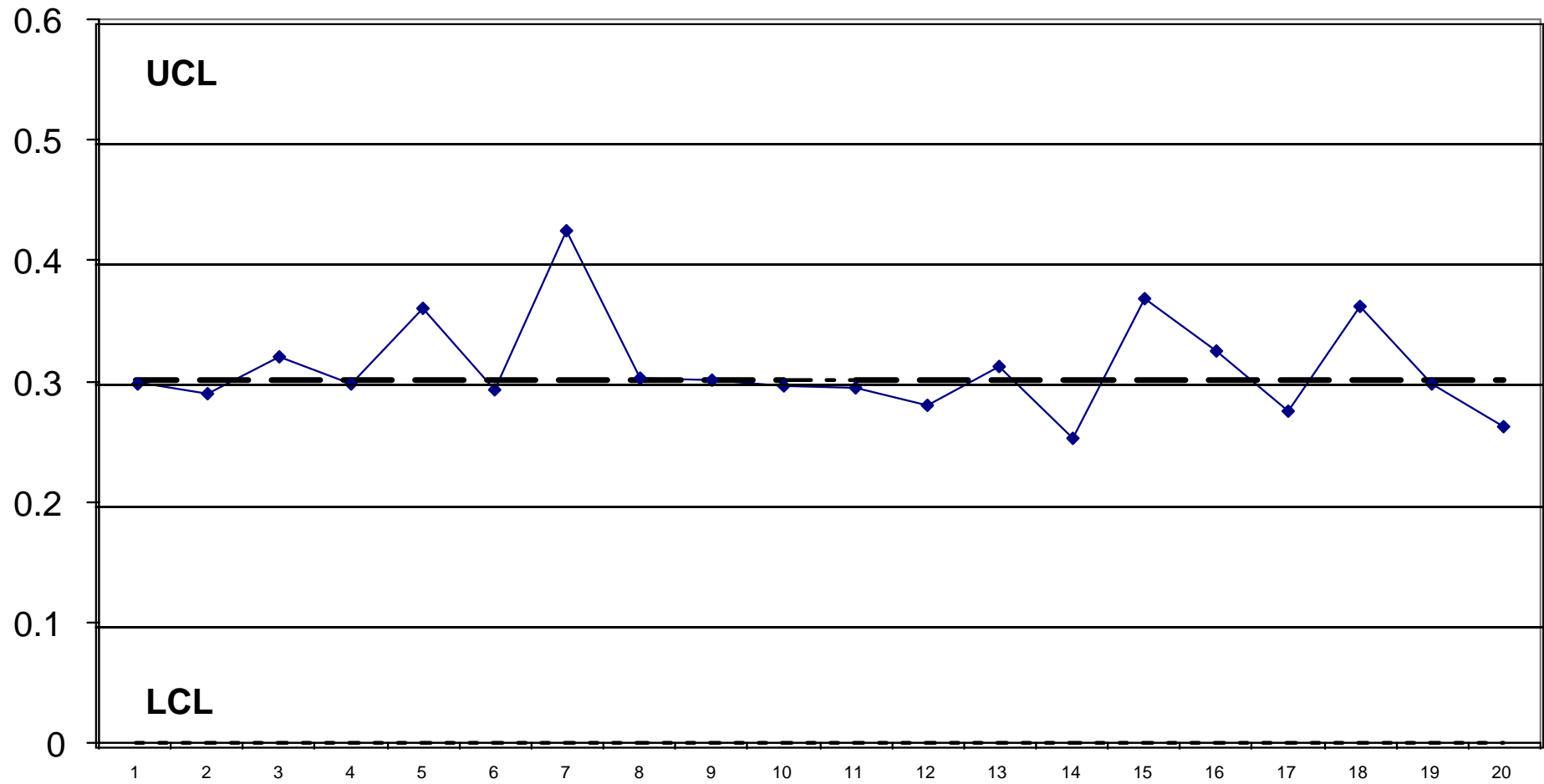
- Plot of sample Variance
  - Variance of the Mean for Shewhart xbar ( $n > 1$ )
- What Does it Tell Us about State of Control?
  - It simply plots the “other” statistic

# Consider this Process

## Xbar Chart



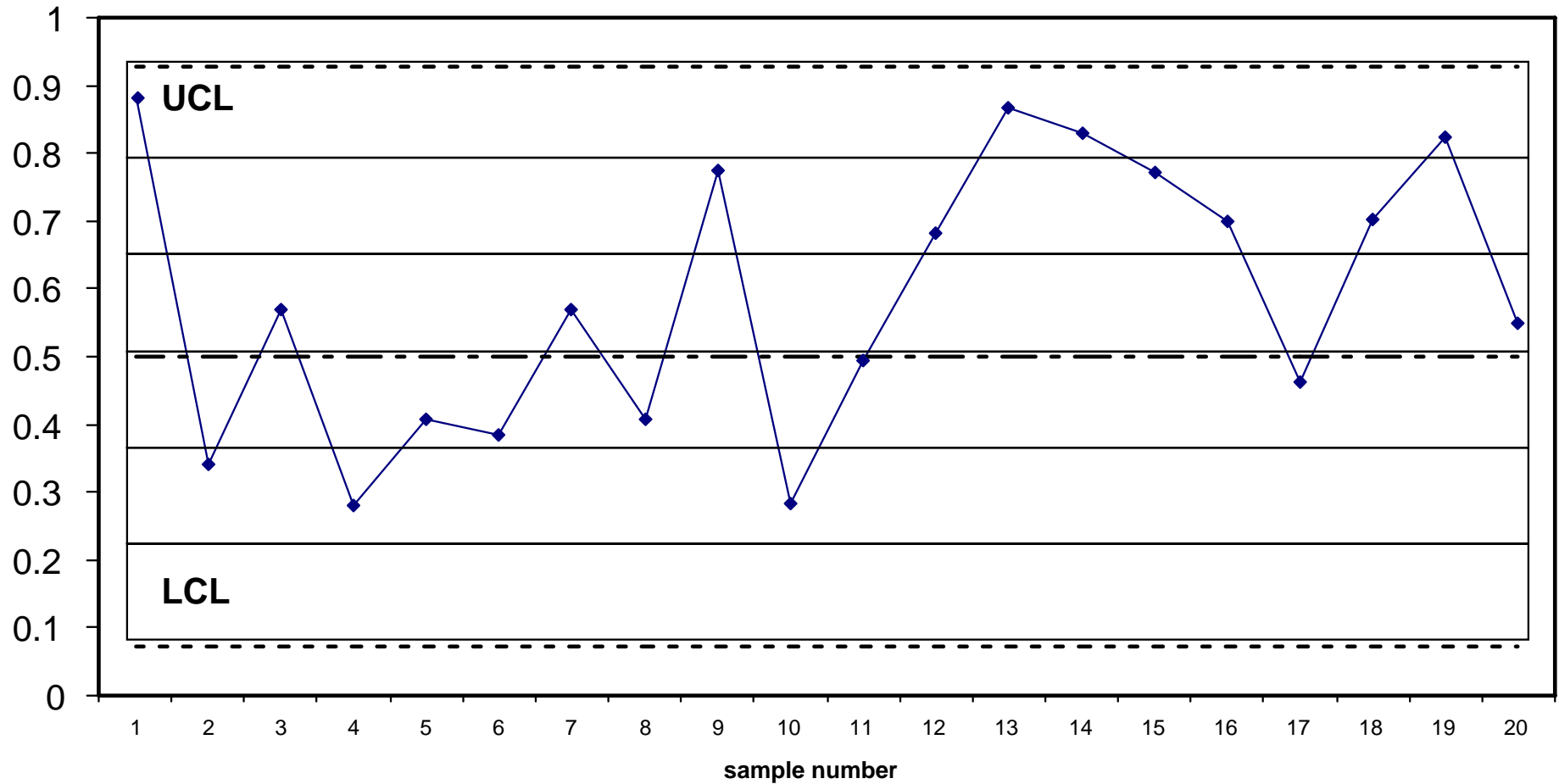
# And the S Chart



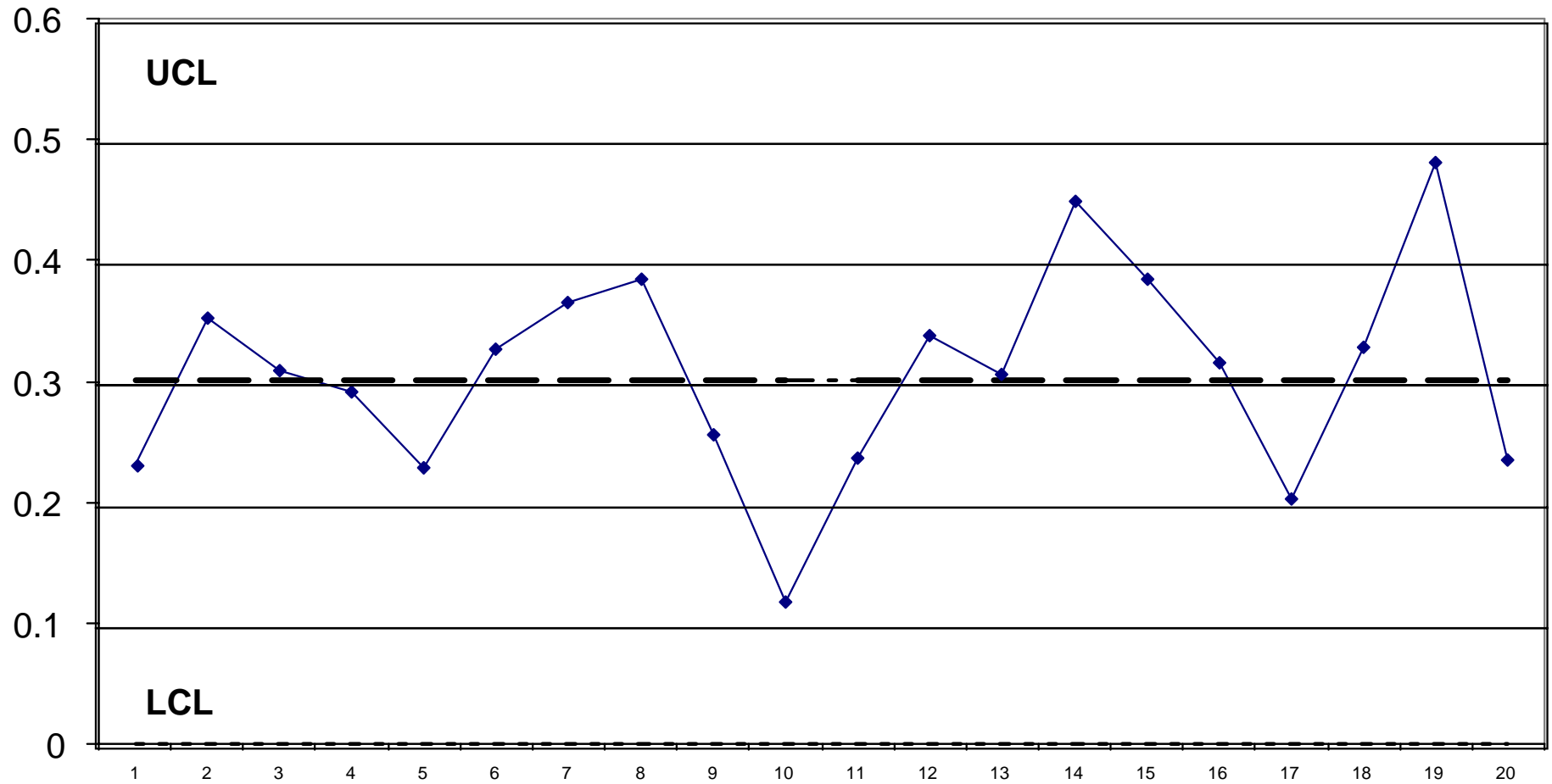
# In Control?

# Same Process Later in Time

Xbar



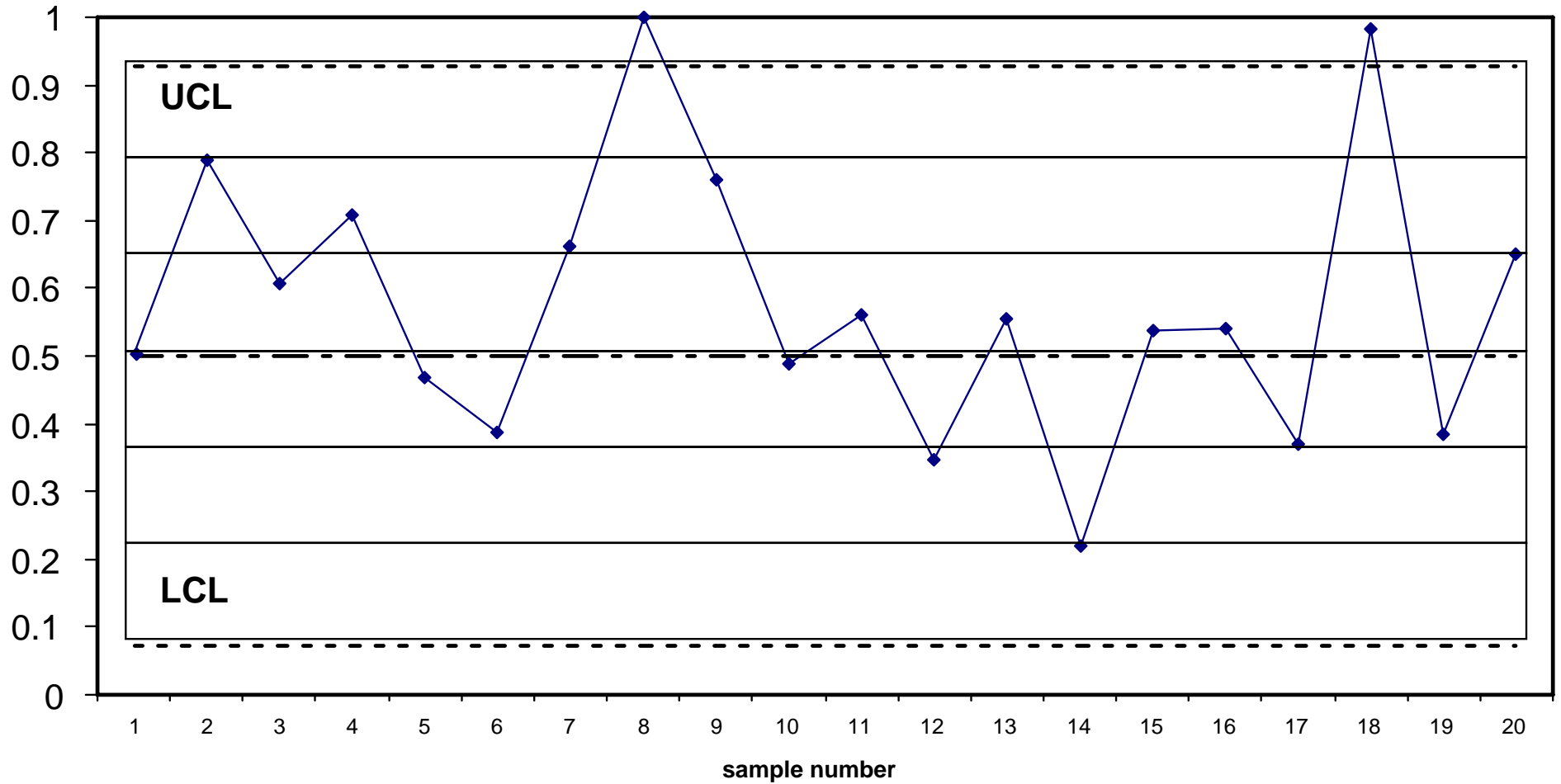
# Later S Chart



# What Changed??

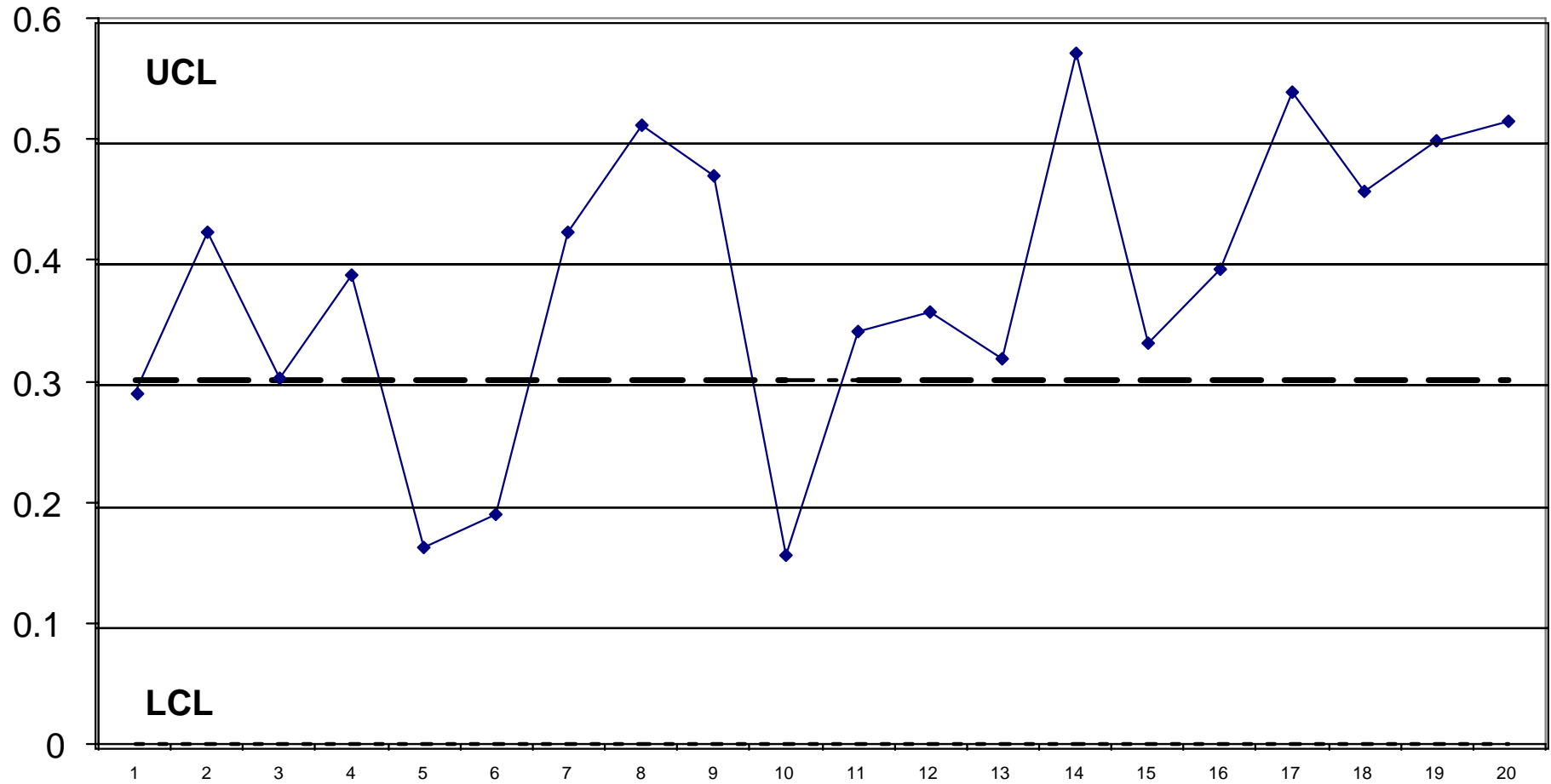
# A Different Sequence

Xbar





# S Chart



# Use of S Chart

- Detect Changes in Variance of Parent Distribution
- Distinguish Between Mean and Variance Changes

# Statistical Process Control

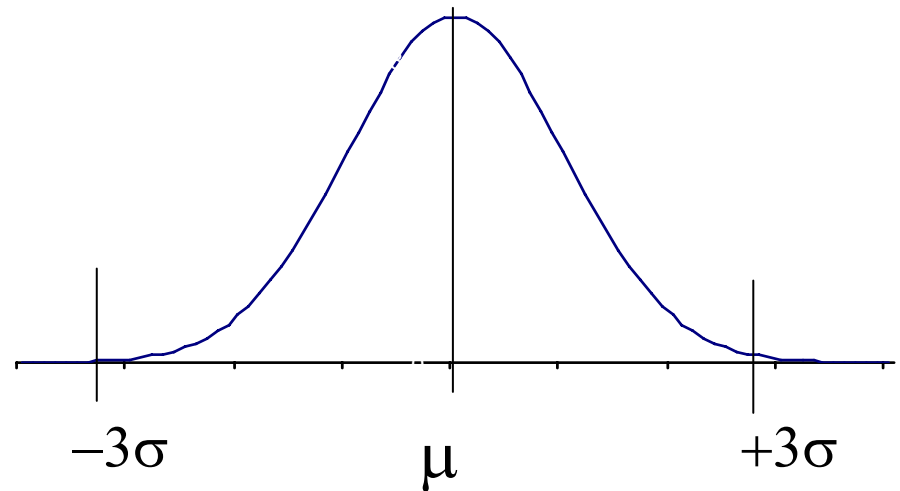
- Model Process as a Normal *Independent*\* Random Variable
- Completely described by  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$
- Estimate using  $\bar{x}$  and  $s$
- Enforce Stationary Conditions
- Look for Deviations in Either Statistic
- If so .....?
- **Call an Engineer!**

# Another Use of the Statistical Process Model: The Manufacturing -Design Interface

- We now have an empirical model of the process

How “good” is the process?

Is it capable of producing what we need?

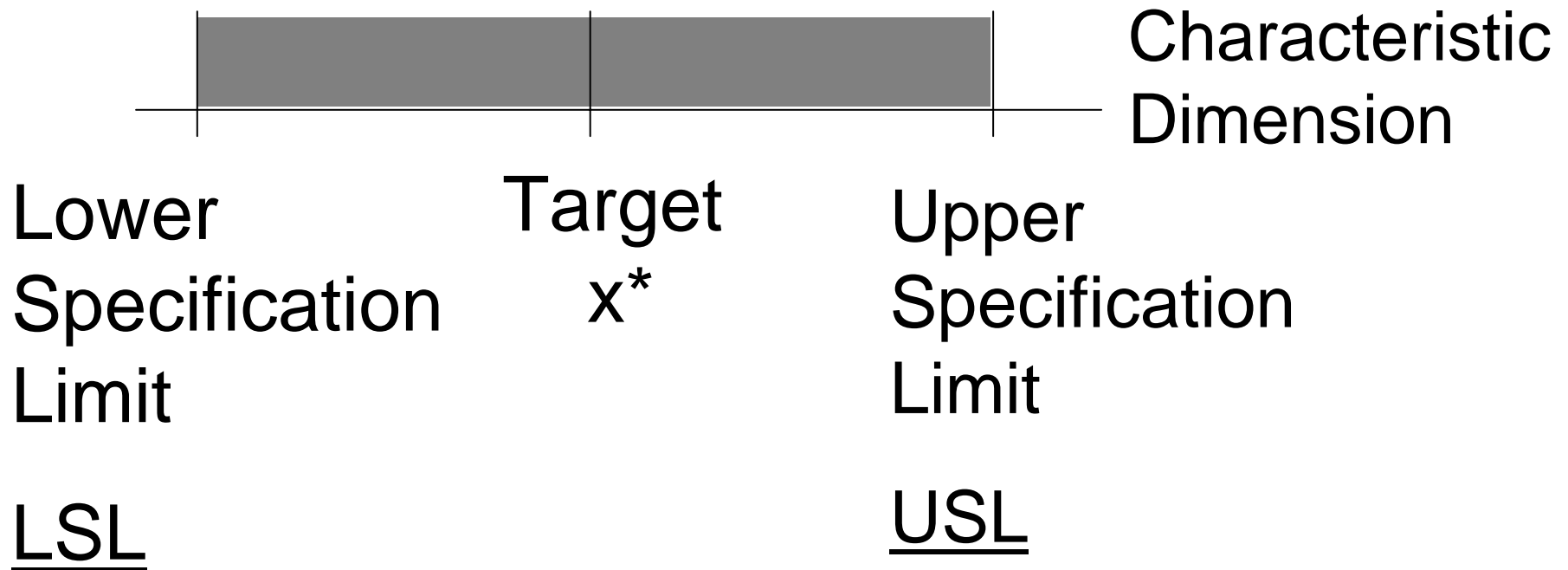


# Process Capability

- Assume Process is In-control
- Described fully by  $\bar{x}$  and  $s$
- Compare to Design Specifications
  - Tolerances
  - Quality Loss

# Design Specifications

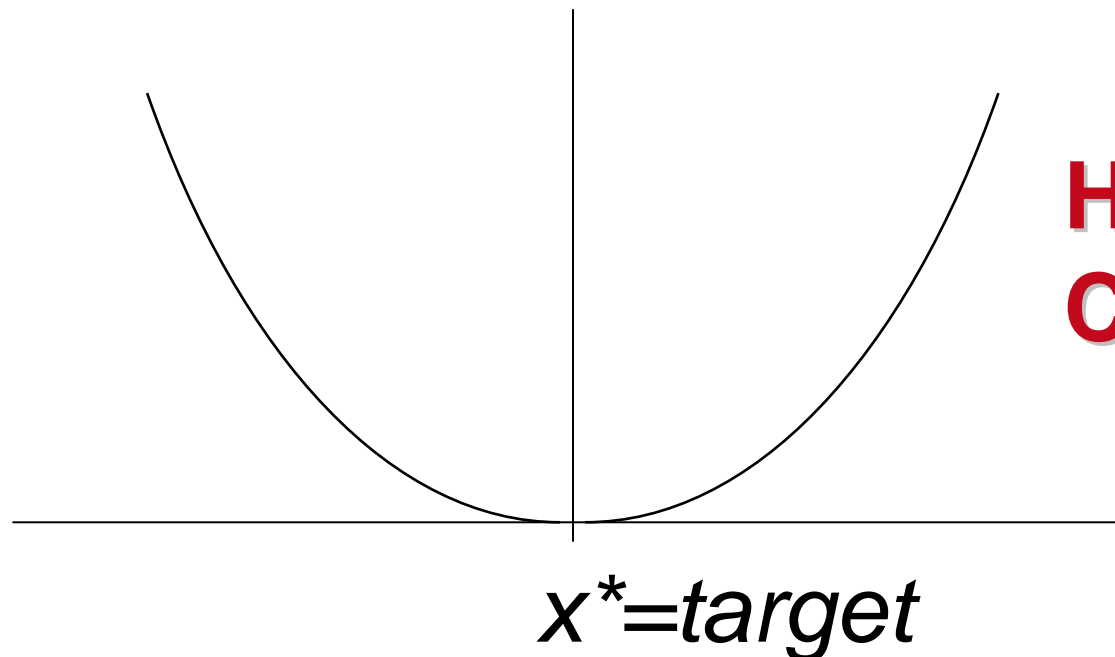
- **Tolerances: Upper and Lower Limits**



# Design Specifications

- **Quality Loss:** Penalty for Any Deviation from Target

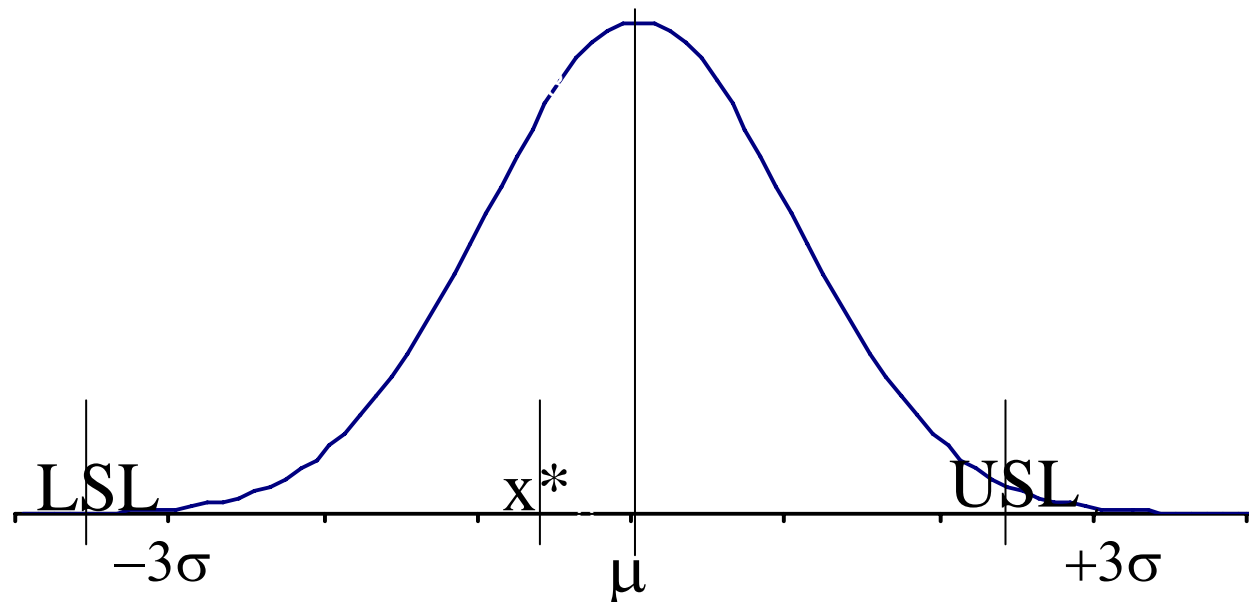
$$QLF = L^*(x-x^*)^2$$



**How to  
Calibrate?**

# Use of Tolerances: Process Capability

- Define Process using a Normal Distribution
- Superimpose  $x^*$ , LSL and USL
- Evaluate Expected Performance





# Process Capability

- Definitions

$$C_p = \frac{(USL - LSL)}{6\sigma} = \frac{\text{tolerance range}}{99.97\% \text{ confidence range}}$$

- Compares ranges only
- No effect of a mean shift:

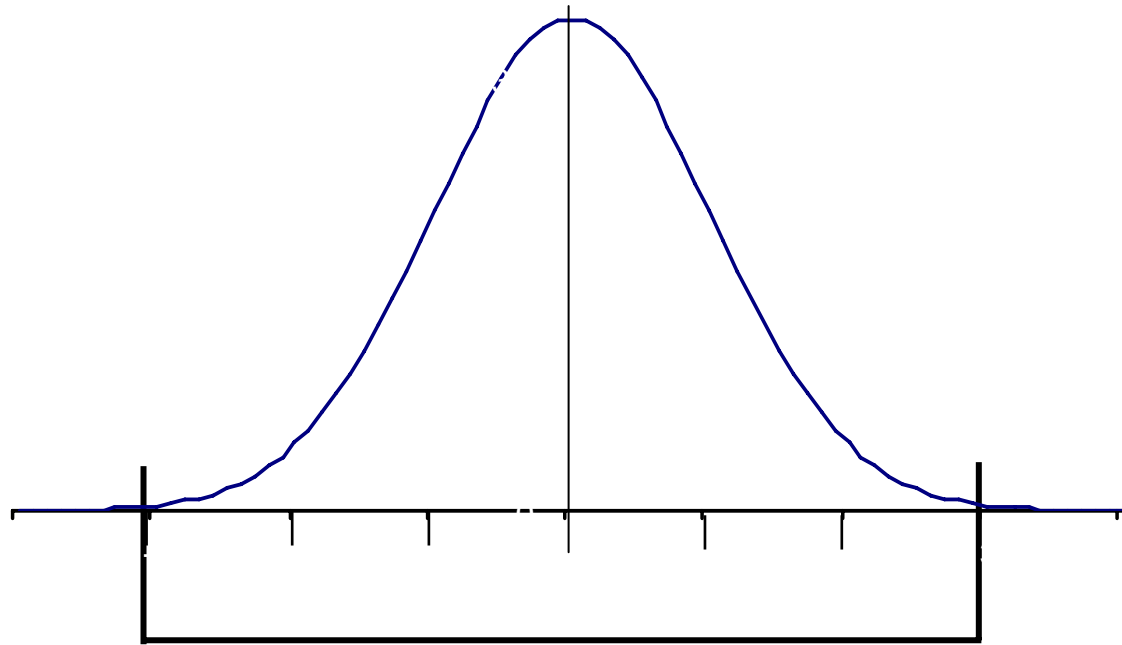
# Process Capability: $C_{pk}$

$$C_{pk} = \min\left(\frac{(USL - \mu)}{3\sigma}, \frac{(LSL - \mu)}{3\sigma}\right)$$

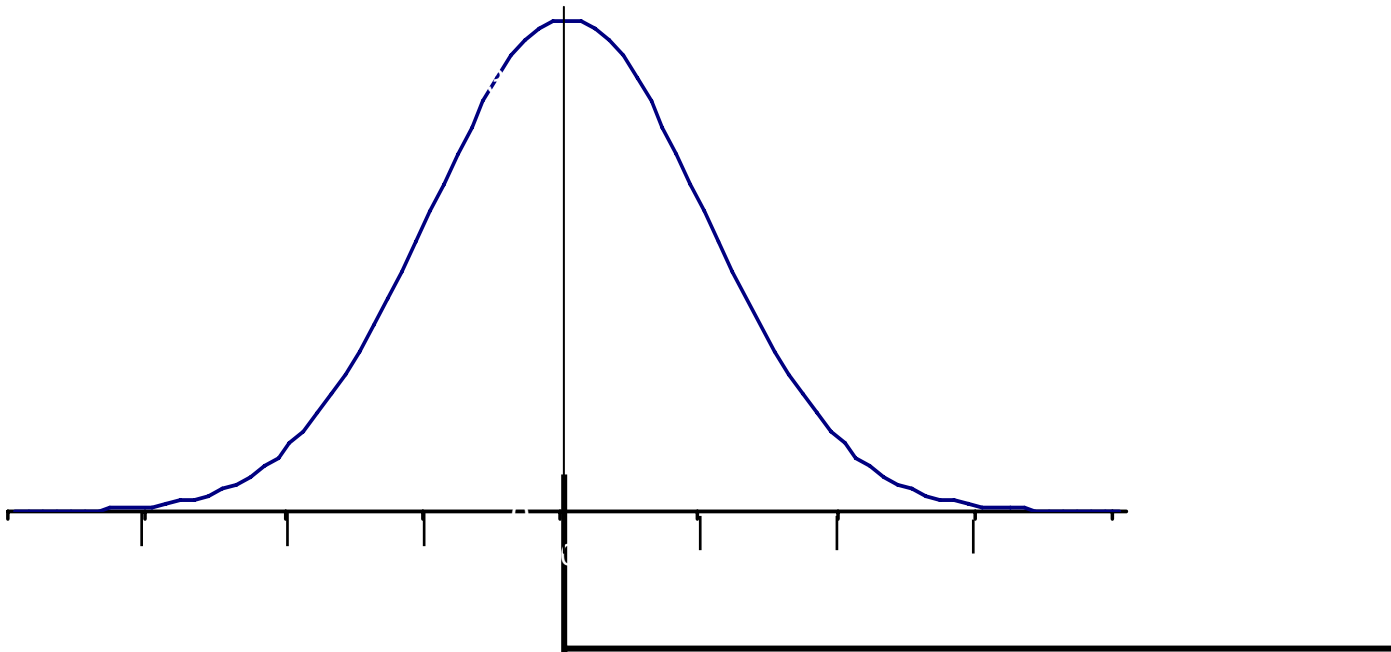
= Minimum of the normalized deviation from the mean

- Compares effect of offsets

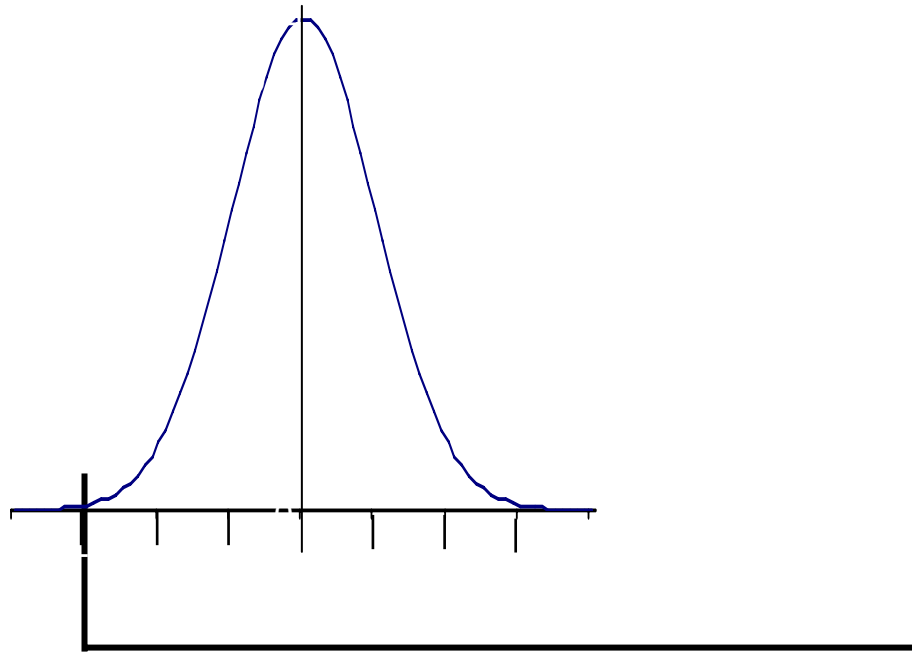
$$C_p = 1; C_{pk} = 1$$



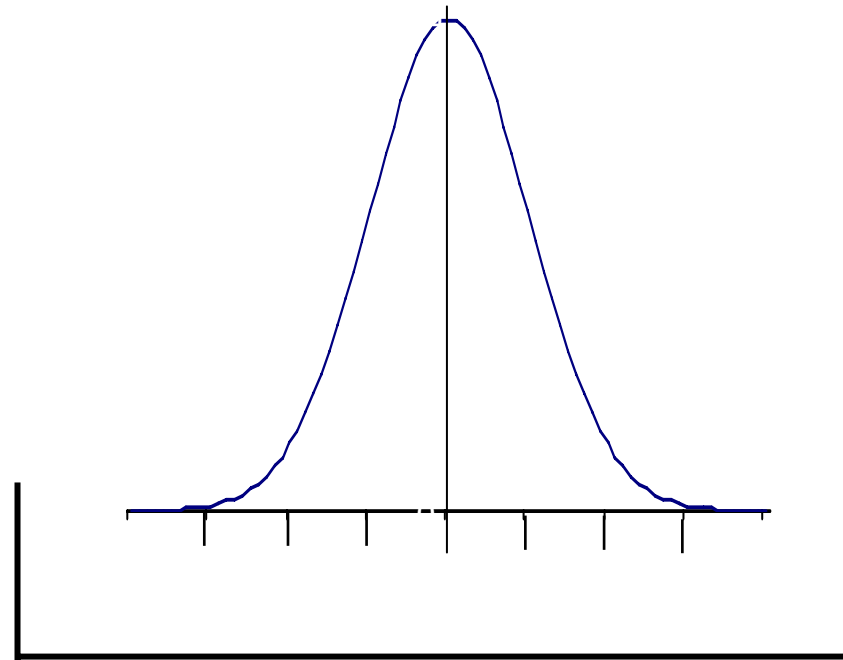
$$C_p = 1; C_{pk} = 0$$



$$C_p = 2; C_{pk} = 1$$



$$C_p = 2; C_{pk} = 2$$



# Effect of Changes

- In Design Specs
  - In Process Mean
  - In Process Variance
- 
- What are good values of  $C_p$  and  $C_{pk}$ ?

# Cpk Table

Cpk	z	P<LS or P>USL
1	3	1E-03
1.33	5	3E-07
1.67	4	3E-05
2	6	1E-09

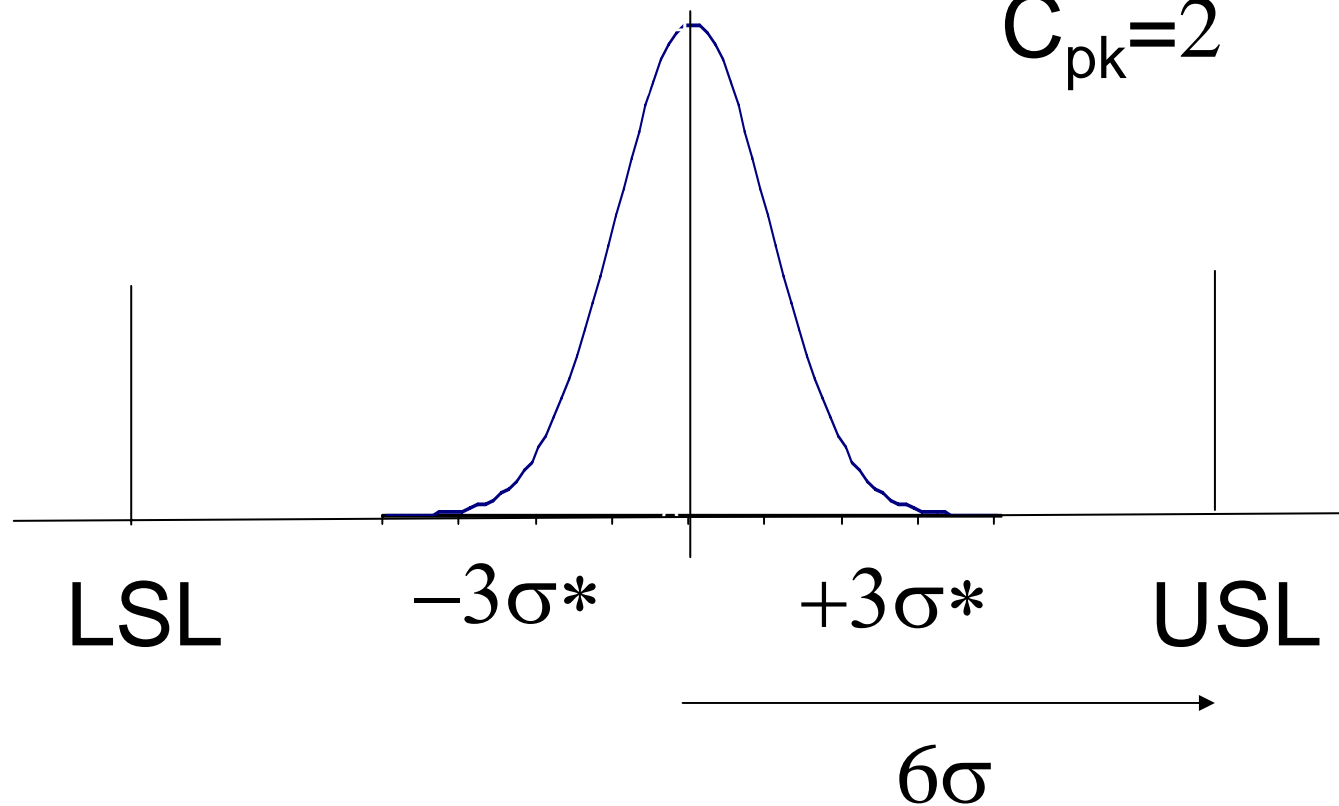


# The “6 Sigma” problem

$$P(x > 6\sigma) = 18.8 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$C_p = 2$$

$$C_{pk} = 2$$



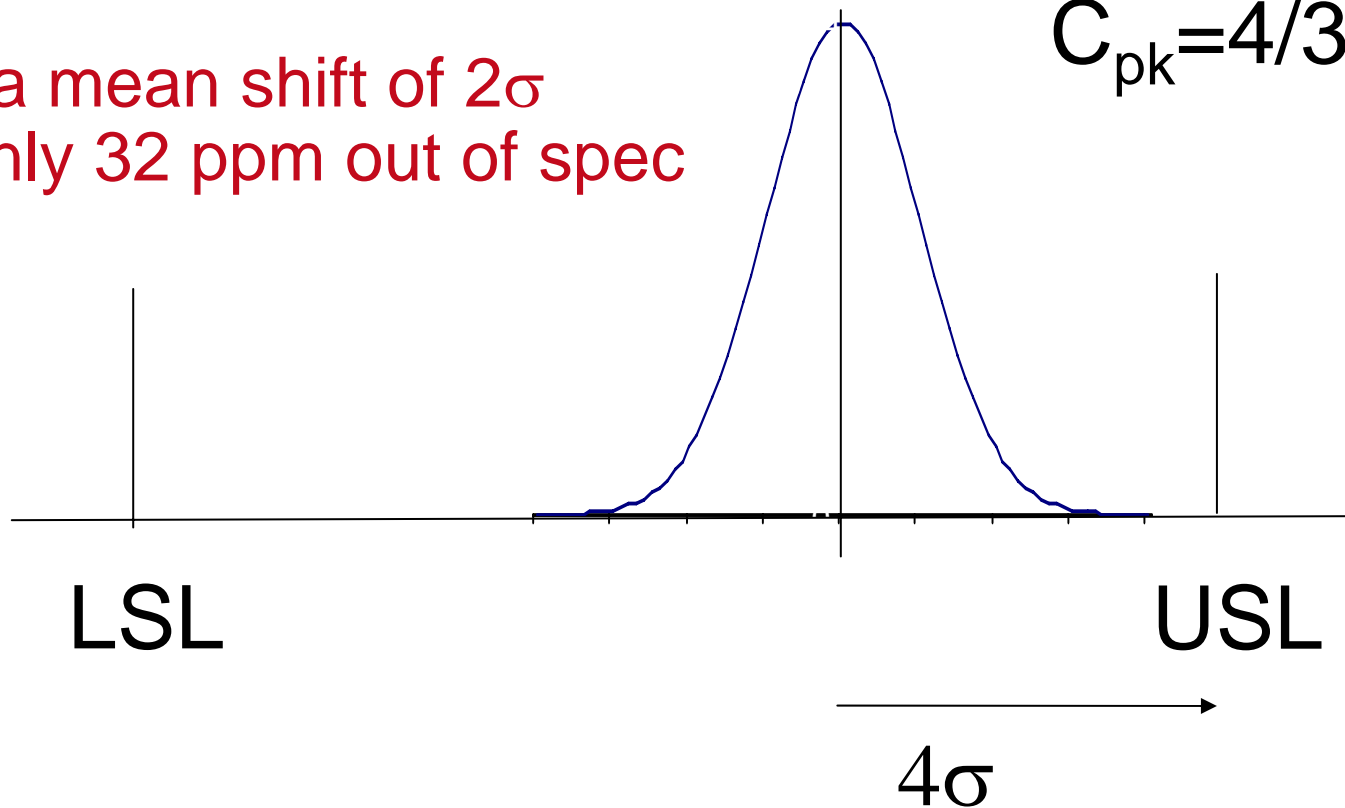
# The 6 $\sigma$ problem: Mean Shifts

$$P(x > 4\sigma) = 31.6 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$C_p = 2$$

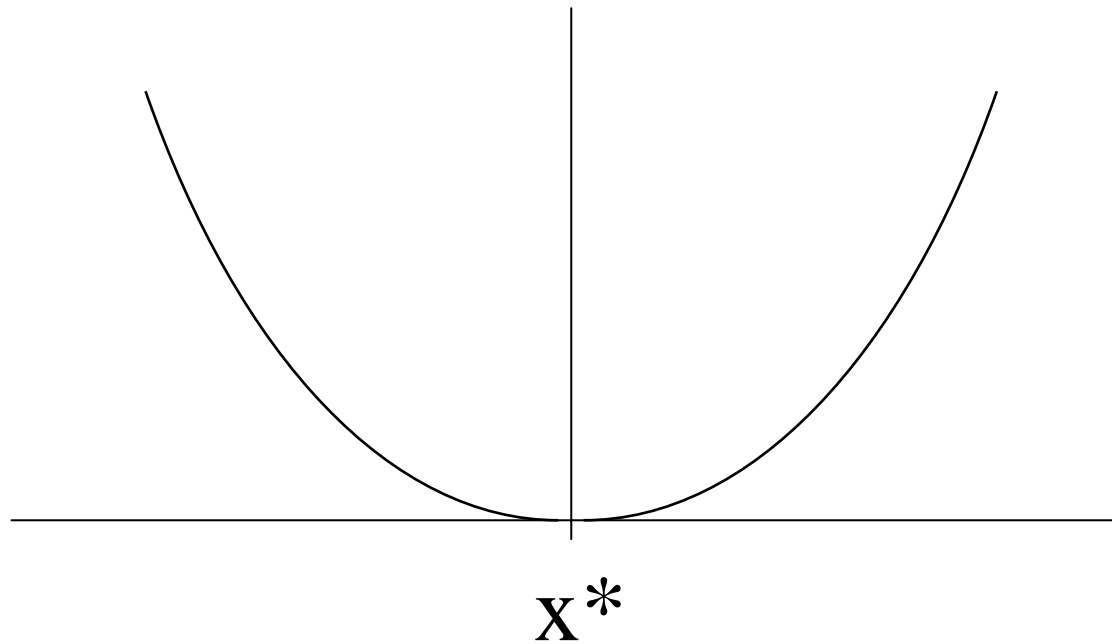
$$C_{pk} = 4/3$$

Even with a mean shift of  $2\sigma$   
we have only 32 ppm out of spec



# Capability from the Quality Loss Function

$$\text{QLF} = L(x) = k^*(x-x^*)^2$$



Given  $L(x)$  and  $p(x)$  what is  $E\{L(x)\}$ ?

# Expected Quality Loss

$$\begin{aligned} E\{L(x)\} &= E\left[k(x - x^*)^2\right] \\ &= k\left[E(x^2) - 2E(xx^*) + E(x^*{}^2)\right] \\ &= k\sigma_x^2 + k(\mu_x - x^*)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Penalizes  
Variation

Penalizes  
Deviation

# Process Capability

- The reality (the process statistics)
- The requirements (the design specs)
- $C_p$  - a measure of variance vs. tolerance
- $C_{pk}$  - a measure of variance from target
- Expected Loss- An overall measure of goodness