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# Process sampling/variographics: Quality control of complete on-line measurement systems

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Norwegian Computing Center (NCC) & SINTEF, 1985

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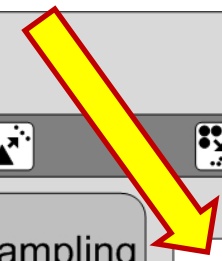
# Representative Sampling: Theory of Sampling (TOS)

## Complete, axiomatic exposé of TOS

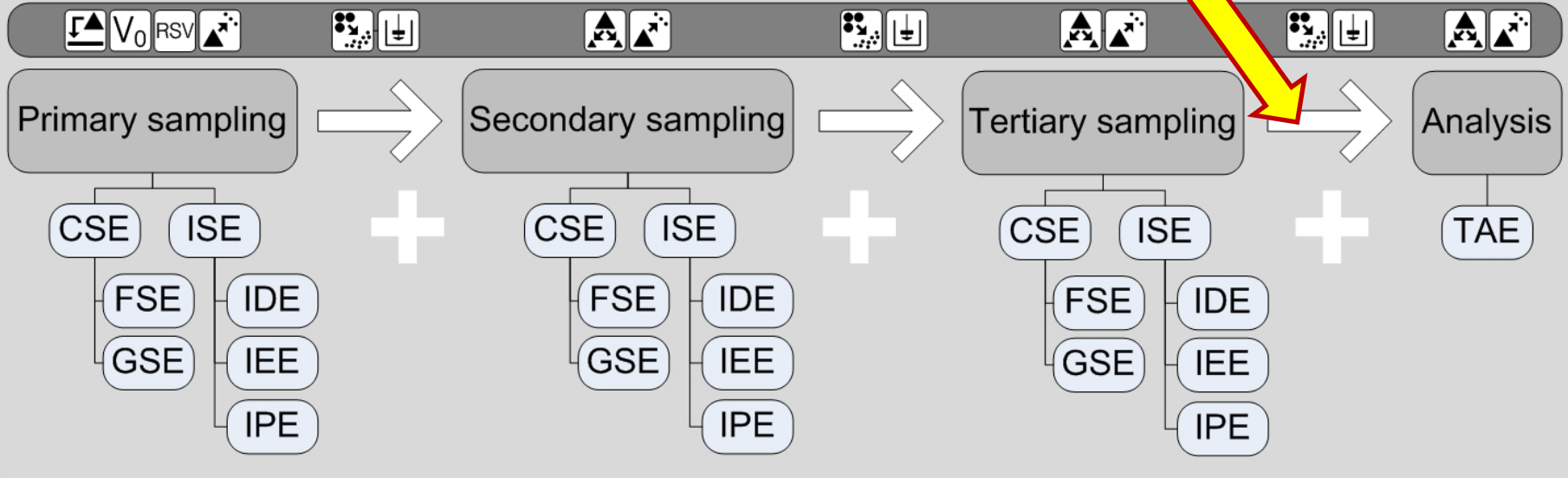
1. FSP: Fundamental Sampling Principle
2. SSI: Sampling Scale Invariance
3. PSC: Sampling Correctness (bias-free sampling)
4. PSS: Sampling Simplicity (primary sampling + mass-reduction)
5. LDT: Lot Dimensionality Transformation
- 6. Process sampling quality assurance: 1-D lots**
7. SUO: Composite Sampling
8. SUO: Comminution
9. SUO: Mixing / Blending
10. SUO: Representative Mass Reduction (Sub-sampling)



# “HORIZONTAL - a matrix-independent standard for representative sampling”

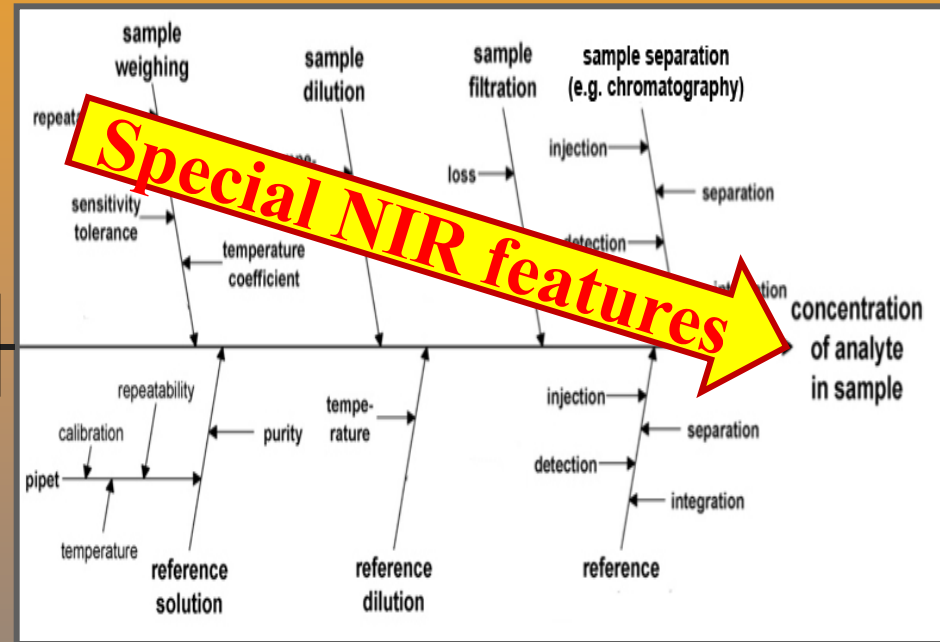


Global Estimation Error (GEE)

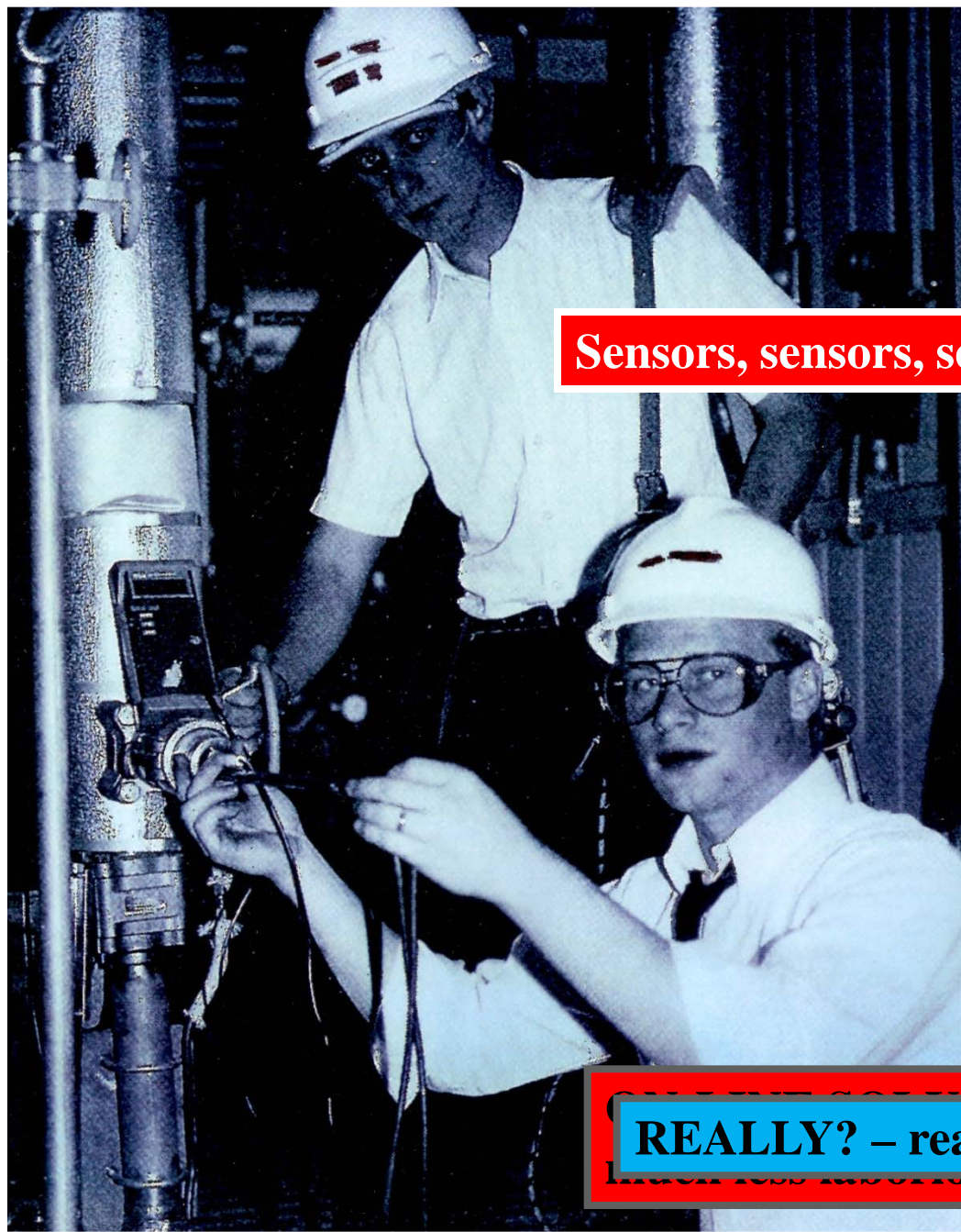


- RSV Heterogeneity characterization
- V<sub>0</sub> Variography
- Lot dimensionality reduction
- Mixing
- Particle size reduction
- Composite sampling
- Mass reduction

## Analysis (incl. NIR analysis)



$$Mu_{\text{total}} = MU_{\text{sampling}} + MU_{\text{analysis}}$$



**Sensors, sensors, sensors & insert probes !**

**REALLY? – really? (“no sampling”)??**

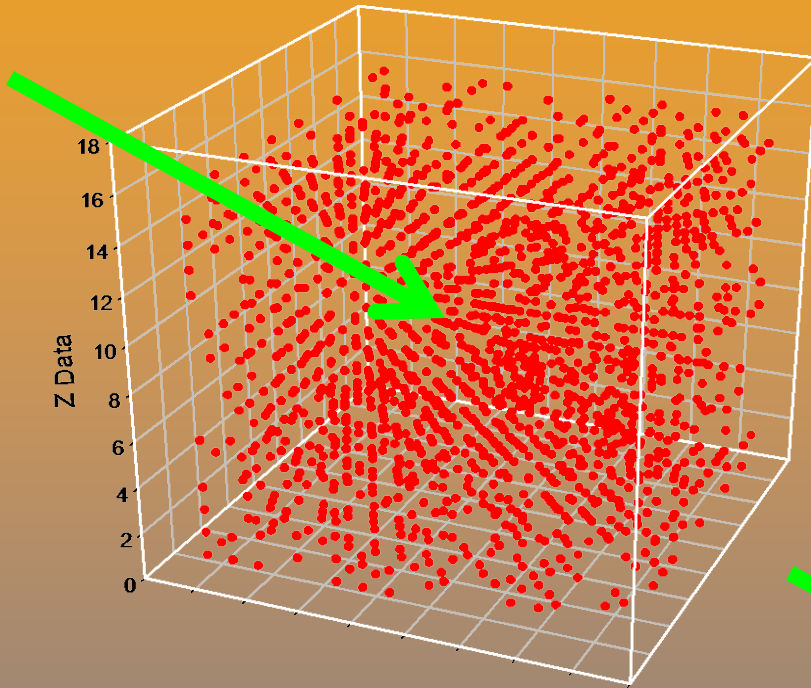
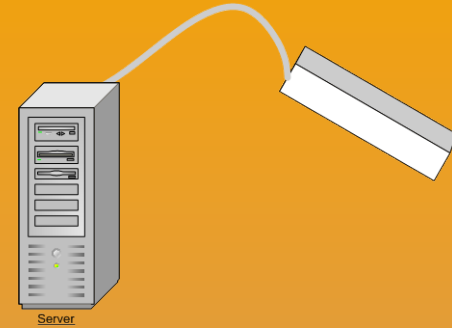


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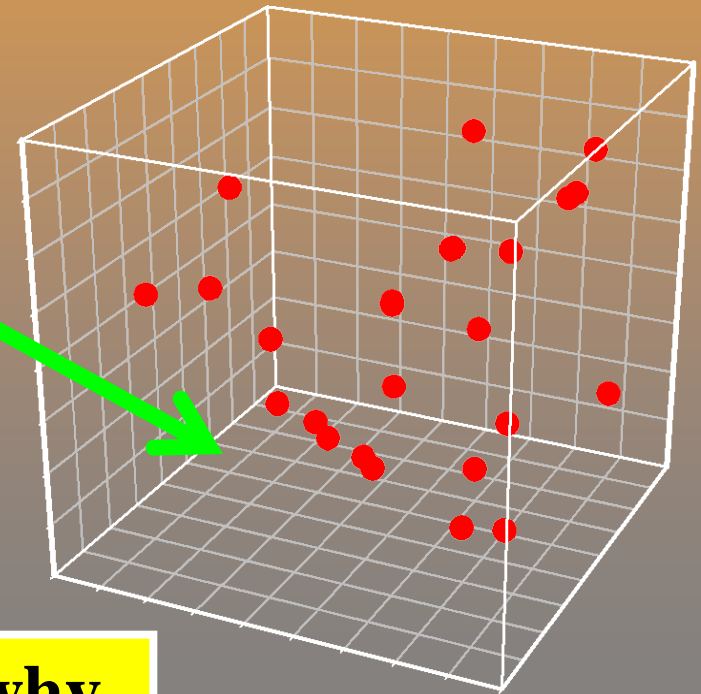
**The so-called "PAT revolution" a.o. hailed as such due to there be no need for sampling: Process SENSORS!!**



**Tacit assumption: "most likely a reasonably homogenous material"**



**The harsh reality: ... WHAT IF? - significantly heterogenous materials**



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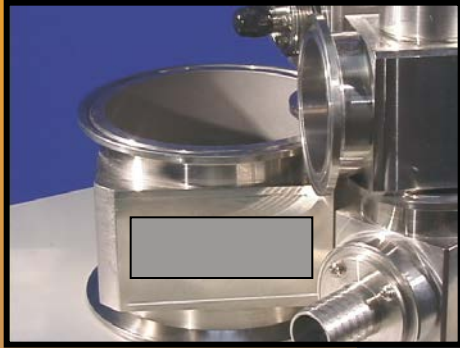
# “Elimination of sampling” ....



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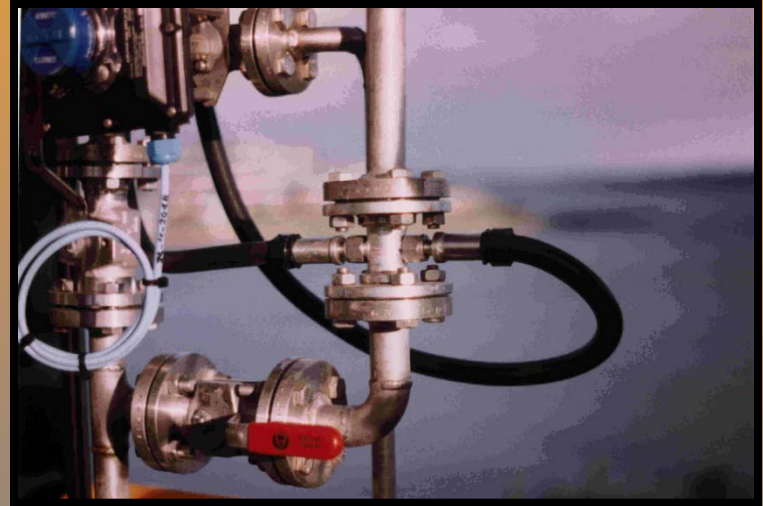
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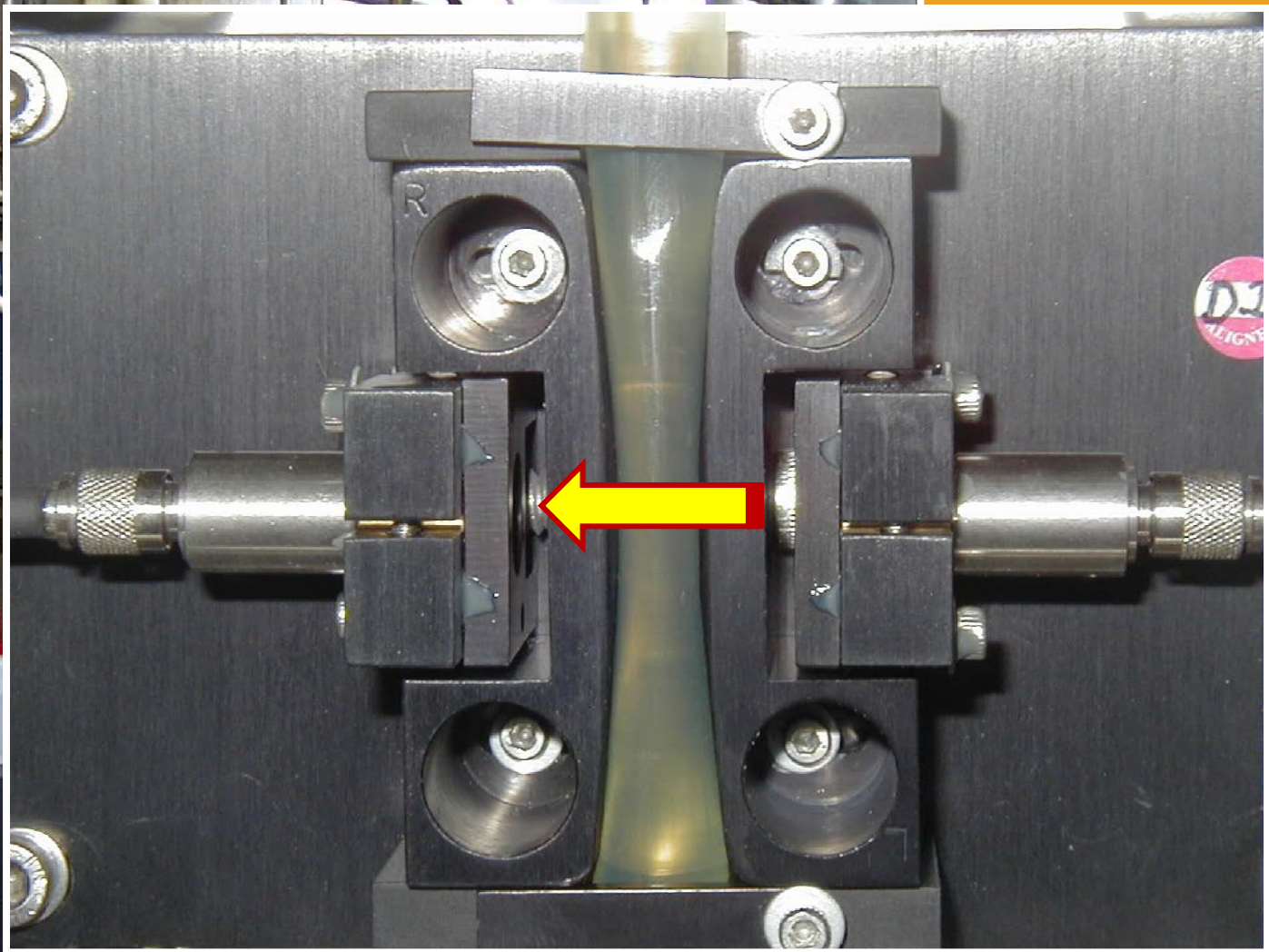
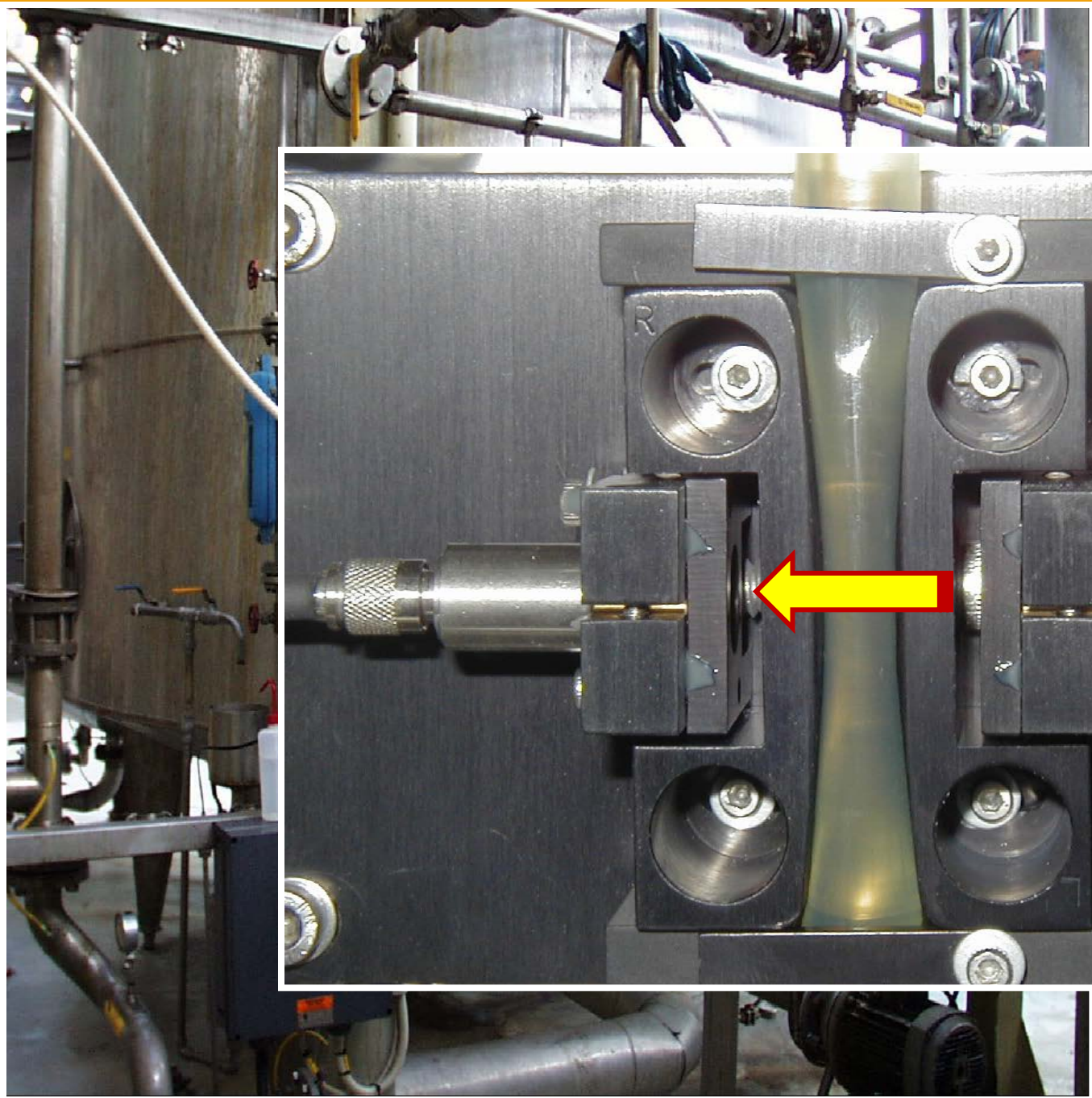


**On-line / in-line PAT revolution**



# ON-line NIR etc - good stuff





Flow



Fiber optics



Fiber optics

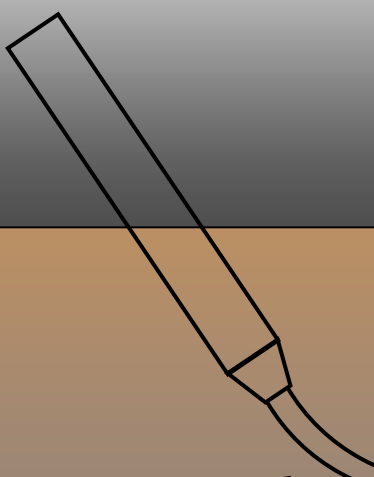


Fiber optics

Flow



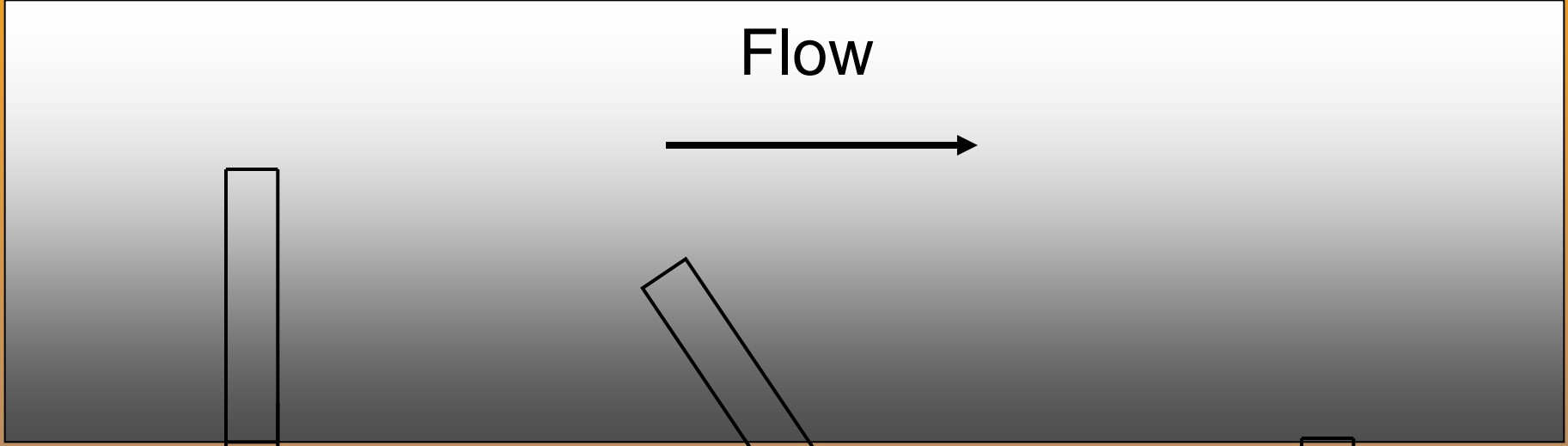
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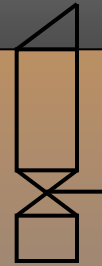
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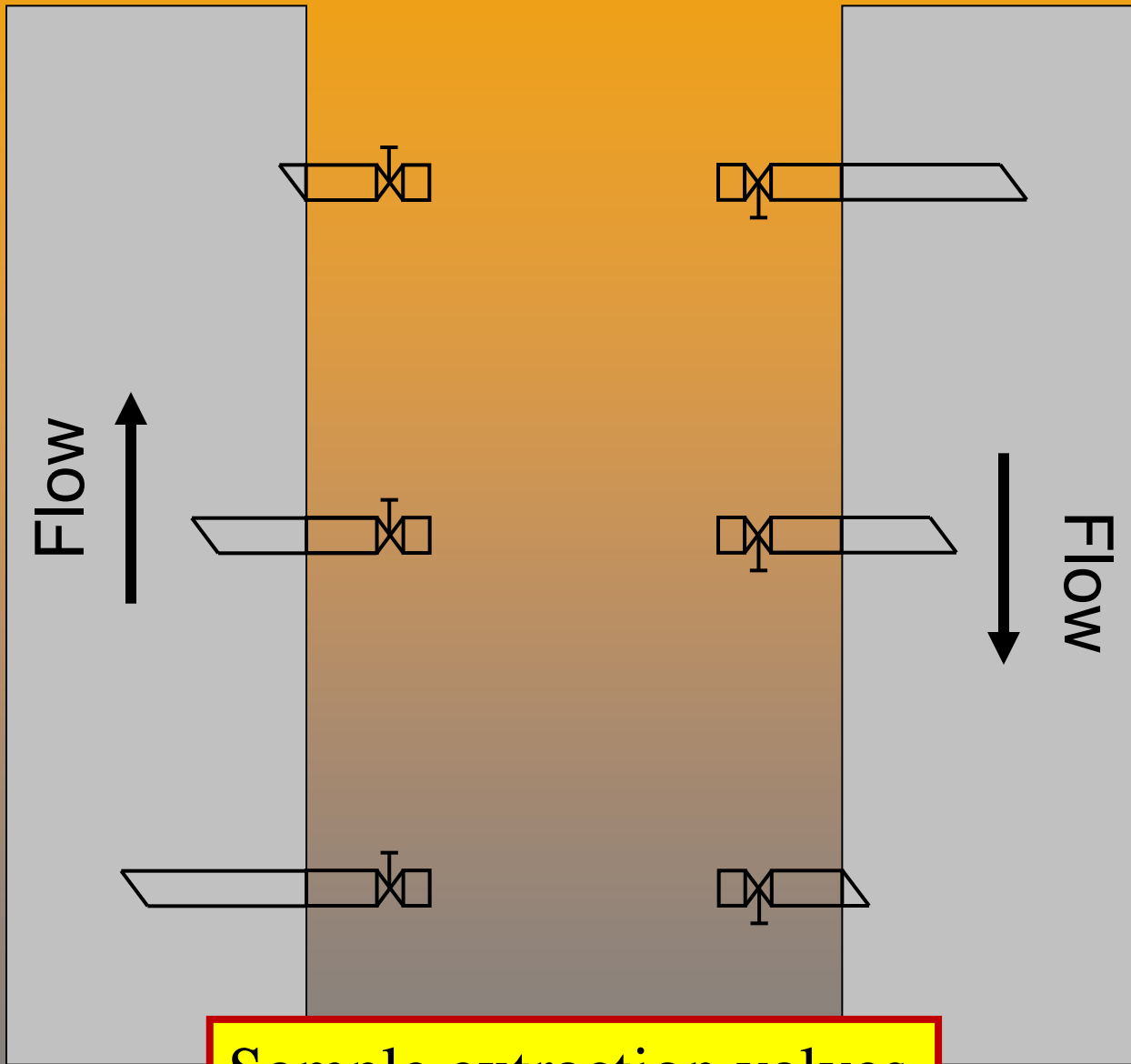


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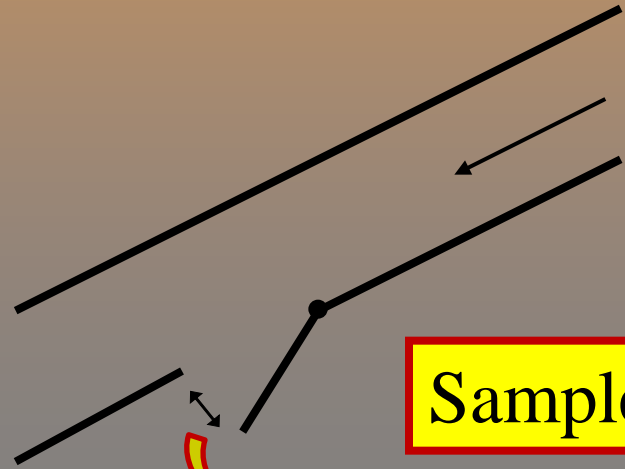
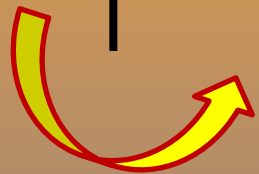
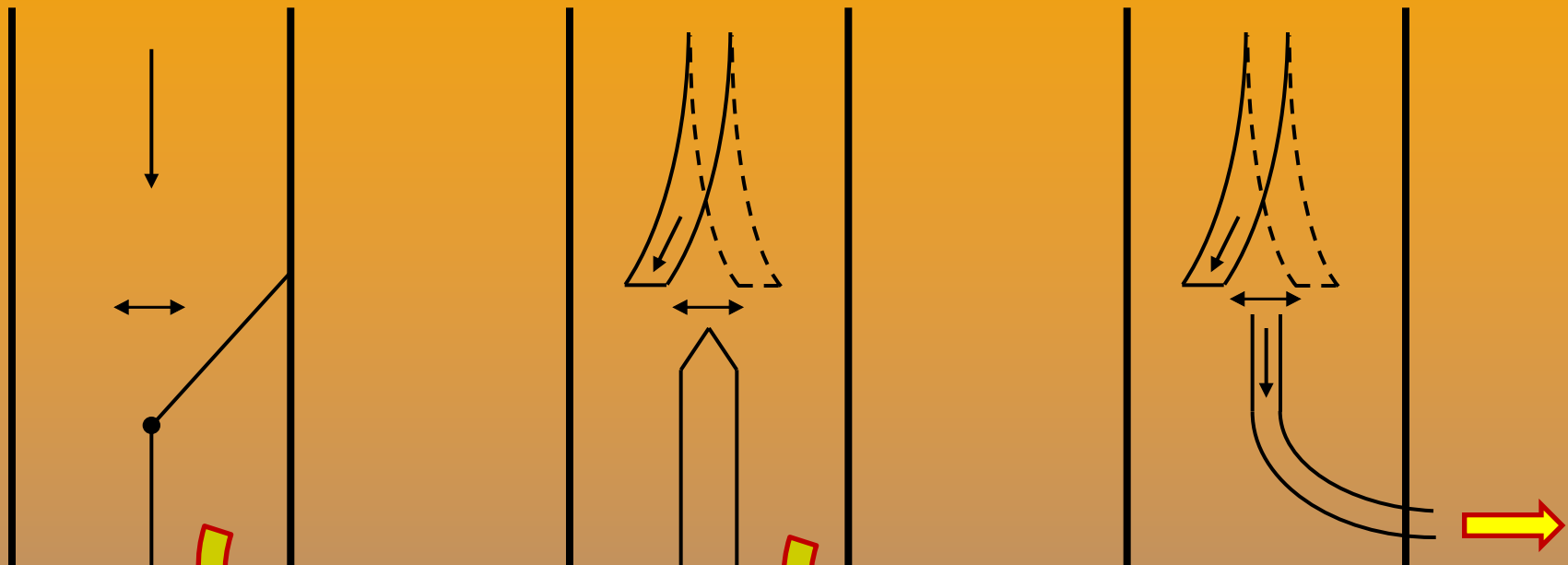


Sample extraction valves





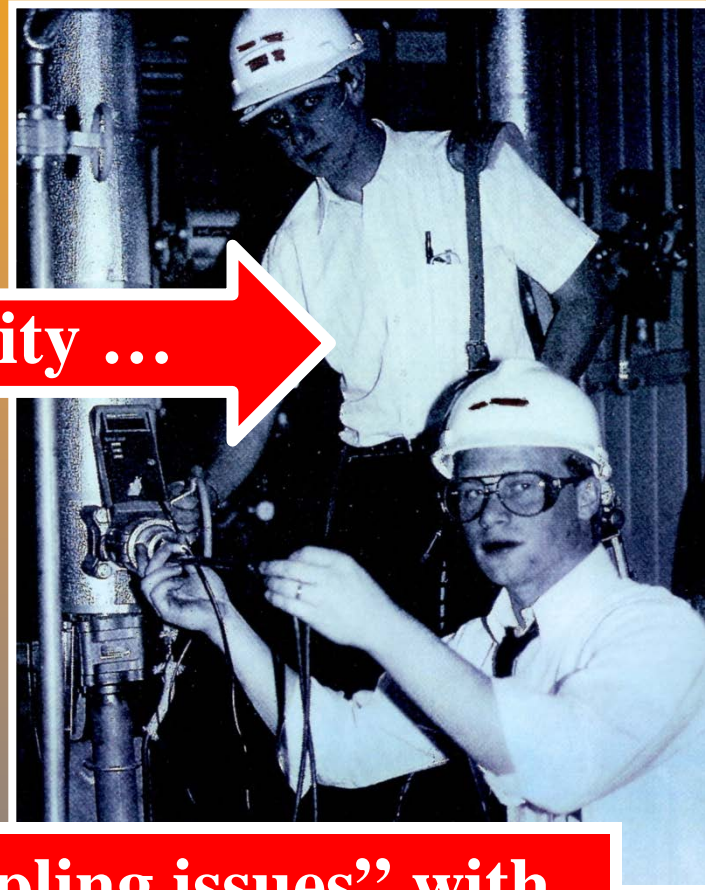
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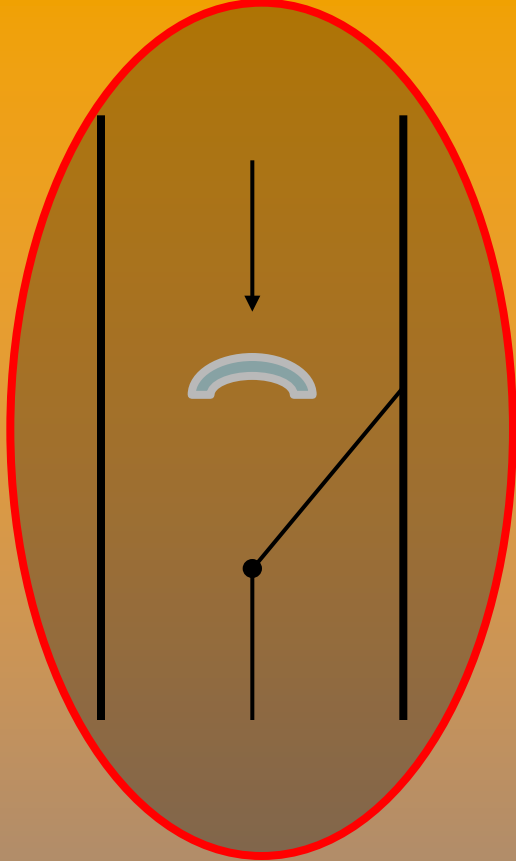


# This lecture's agenda: DUALITY



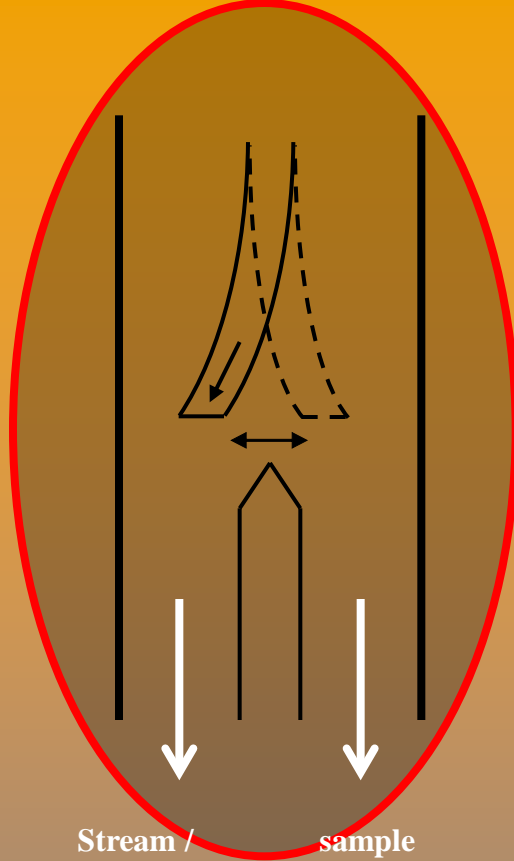
Duality ...

**N.B. Identical "sampling issues" with, as without sensor technologies (PAT) ..**



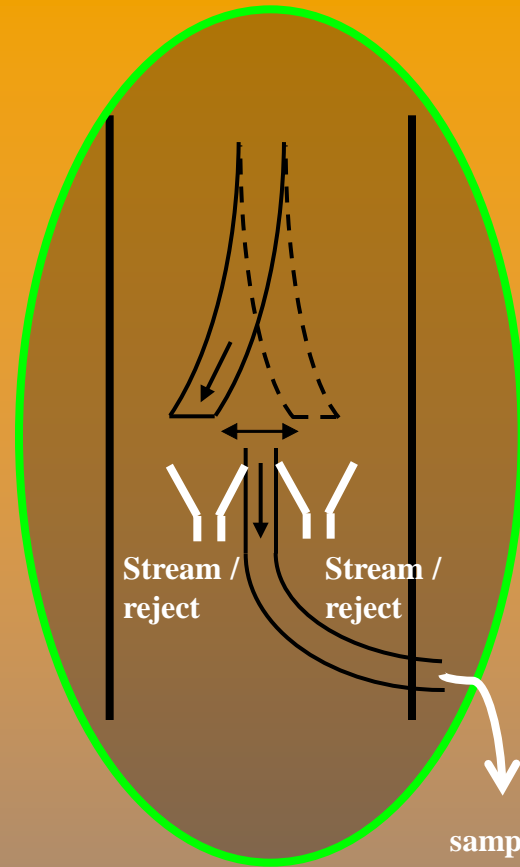
Flap valve design

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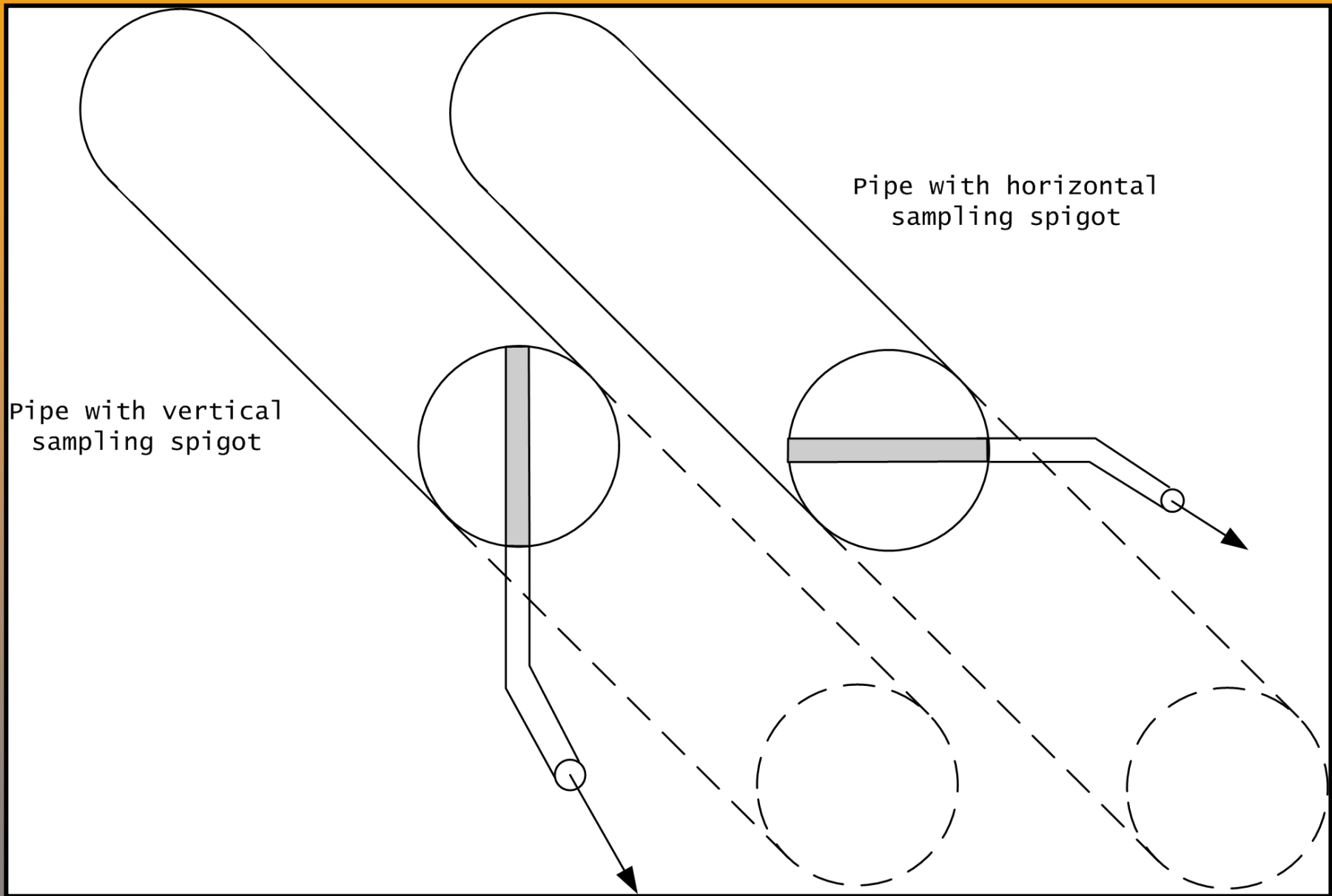
"Inversed" flap valve

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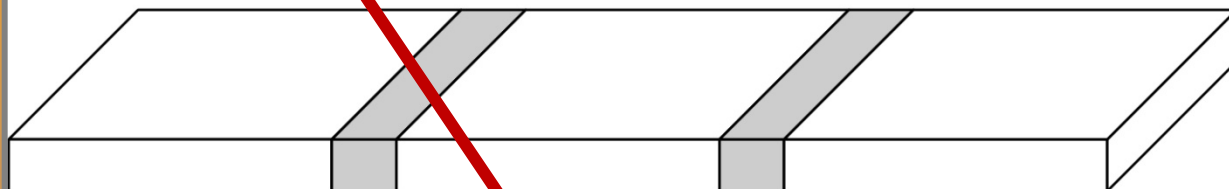
In-line outtake valve

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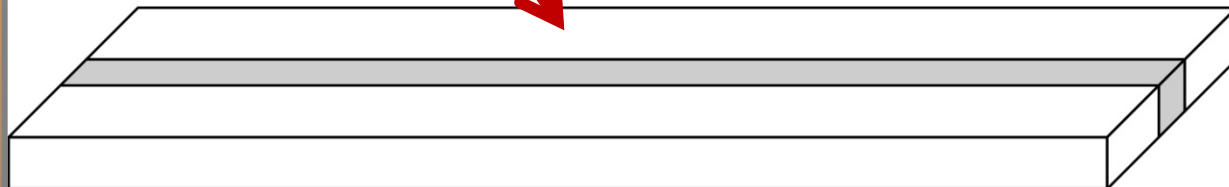




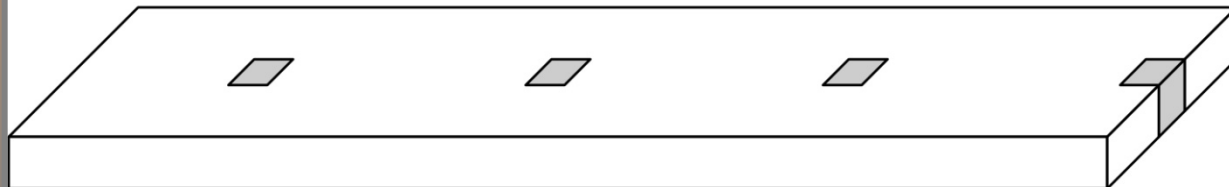
Direction of flow



Taking all of the stream  
some of the time



Taking some of the  
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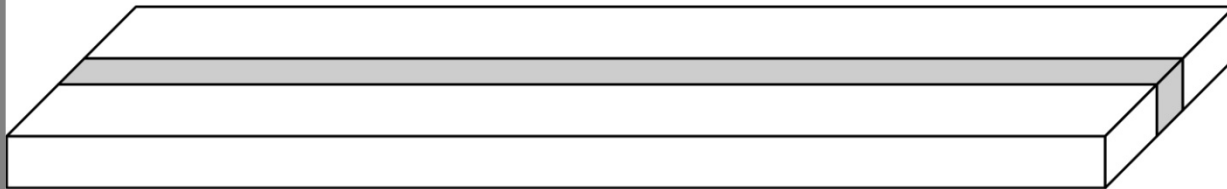
Direction of flow



Anything but this, TOS-correct situation

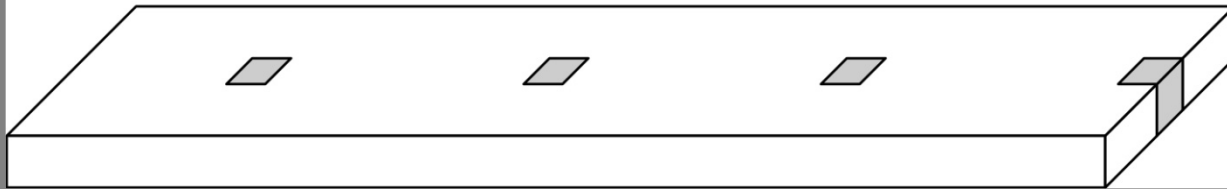


Taking all of the stream  
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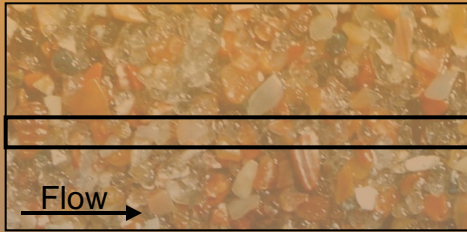
Taking some of the  
stream all of the time

This situation, f.ex.



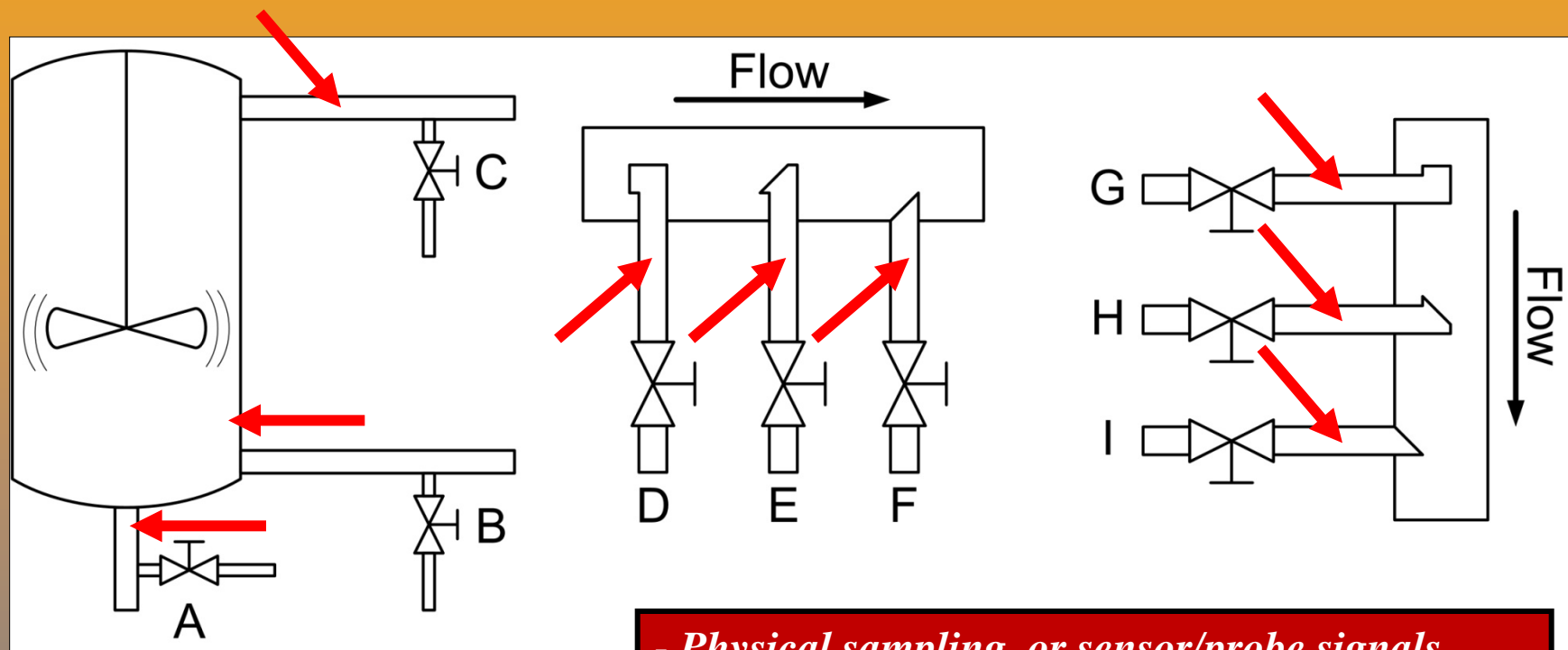
Taking some of the  
stream some of the time

and/or this ... ..





Quick overview of 99 %-ile of PAT "process sampling design"...



- Physical sampling, or sensor/probe signals .....

All these designs are "incorrect" – sampling process is *non-representative* !

TOS terminology (Theory of Sampling)



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# Process Analytical Technology

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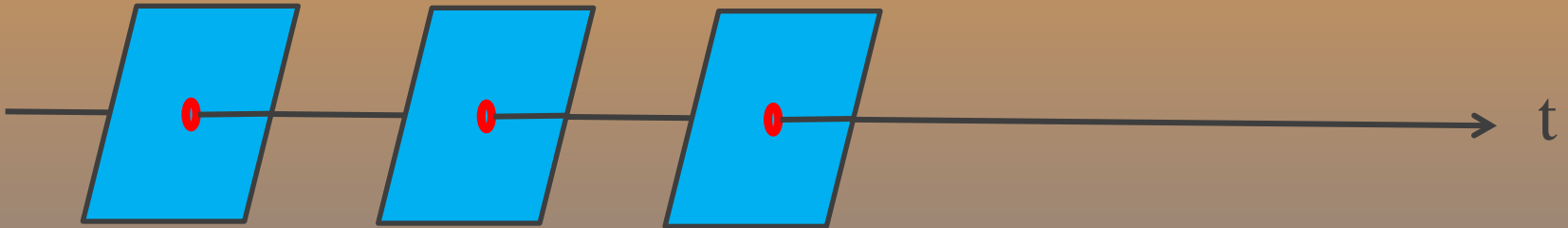
PROCESS

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## Process Chemometrics (PAC, PAT):

➡ "time" (process time / chronological time) ...  $t$

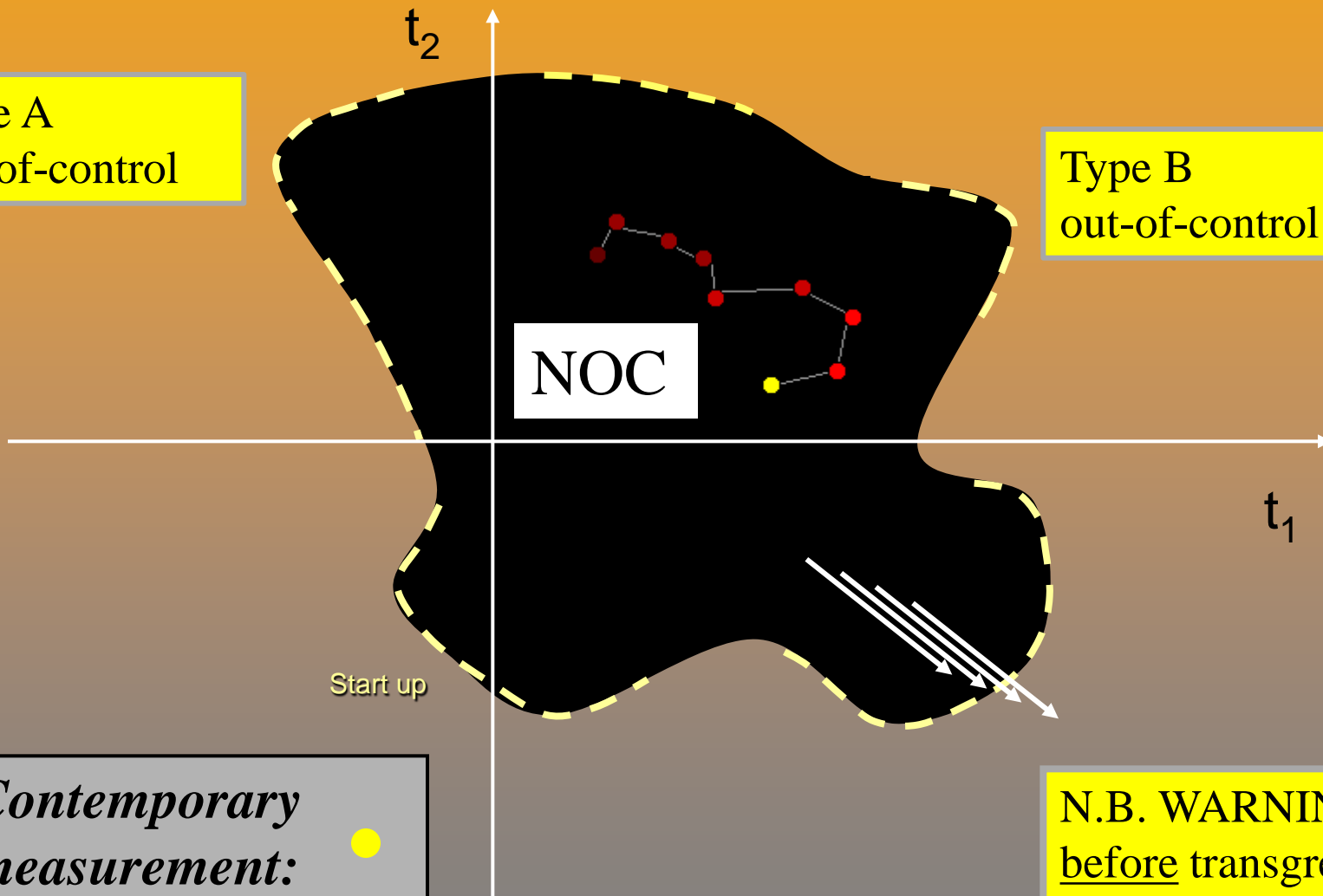


- essentially chemometrics *following along* process time:
- PCA, PLS, R-way: MVDA data analysis/modeling
- e.g.  $t$ - $t$ ,  $p'$ - $p'$ ,  $w'$ - $w'$ ,  $T^2$ ,  $Q$ , residuals, outlier, upsets .. ...

# Generic on-line process monitoring score plot

Type A  
out-of-control

Type B  
out-of-control



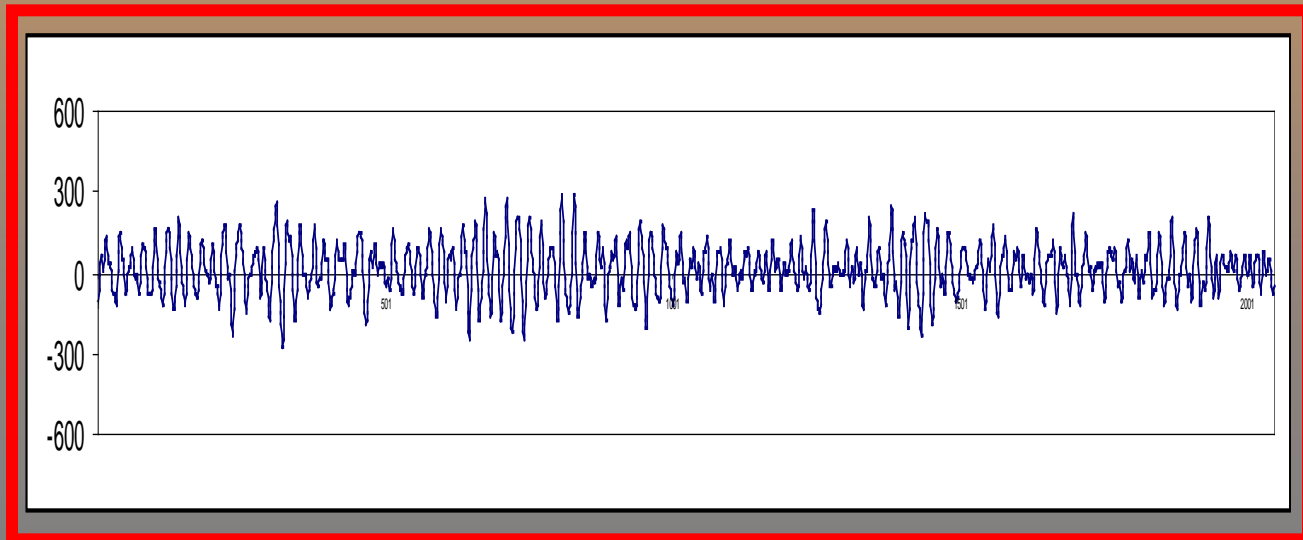
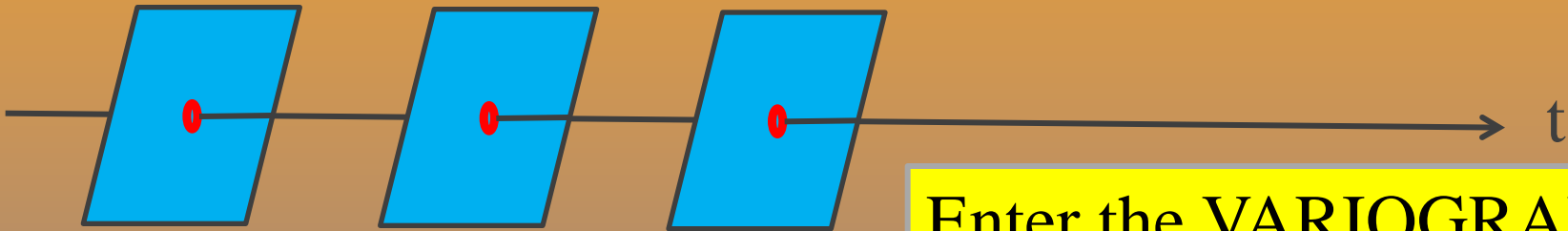
*Contemporary  
measurement:*

N.B. WARNING(s)  
before transgressing  
alarm boundaries !!

**The thrust of this overview presentation:**

**Is there information in “small-scale variability”?**

**HOW TO characterise, and utilize ,TS signals?**



# Process Sampling Principles: (1-D lots)

## Variography (variographics)

1-D lots: process data, stationary piles, ordered series

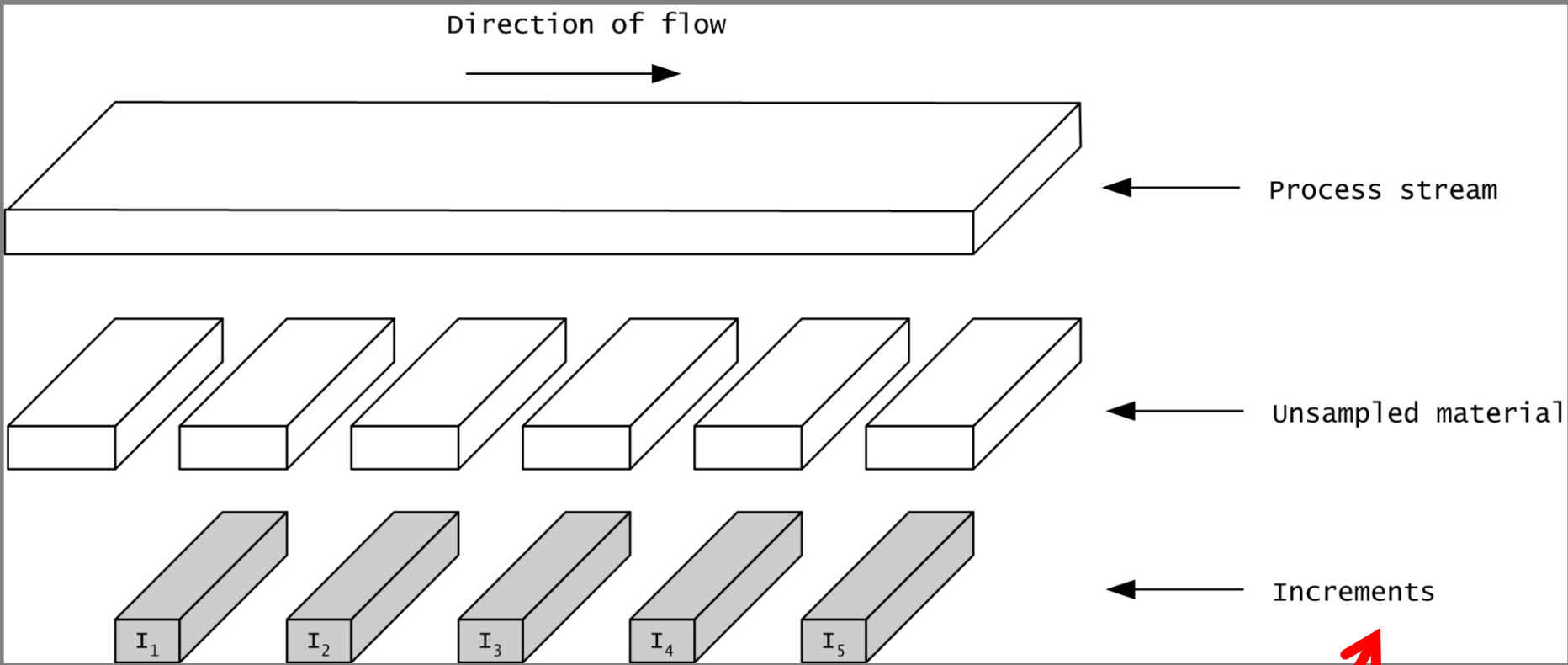
1-dimensional heterogeneity characterization



Valuable information about process *variation*  
both major trends, upsets, periodic phenomena ...  
as well as small-scale variability



*Some time, or other – the primary process sampling gets going .....*



*TOS terminology (Theory of Sampling)*

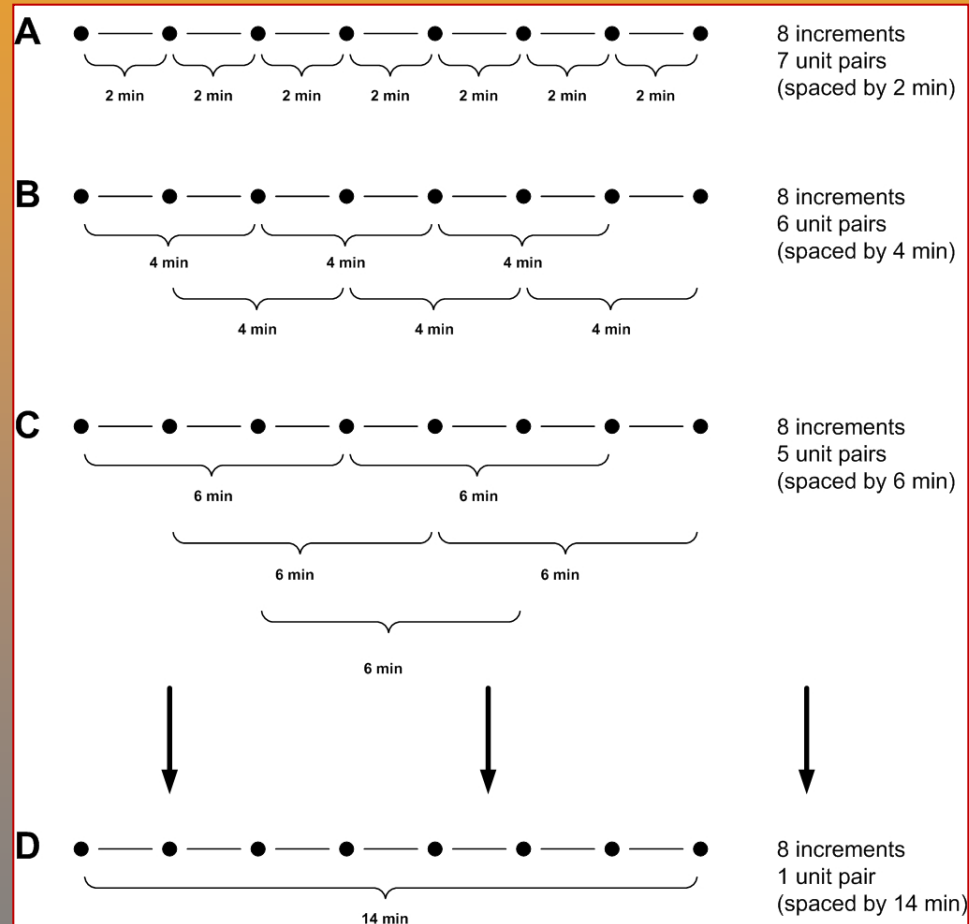


# Process Sampling Principles: (1-D case)

## Variography basics:

“Lag” is the distance between samples *along* the time or the spatial dimension ...

A “variogram” displays the total “variation” as a function of the “lag”



Lag = 1

Lag = 2

Lag = 3

Lag = 7

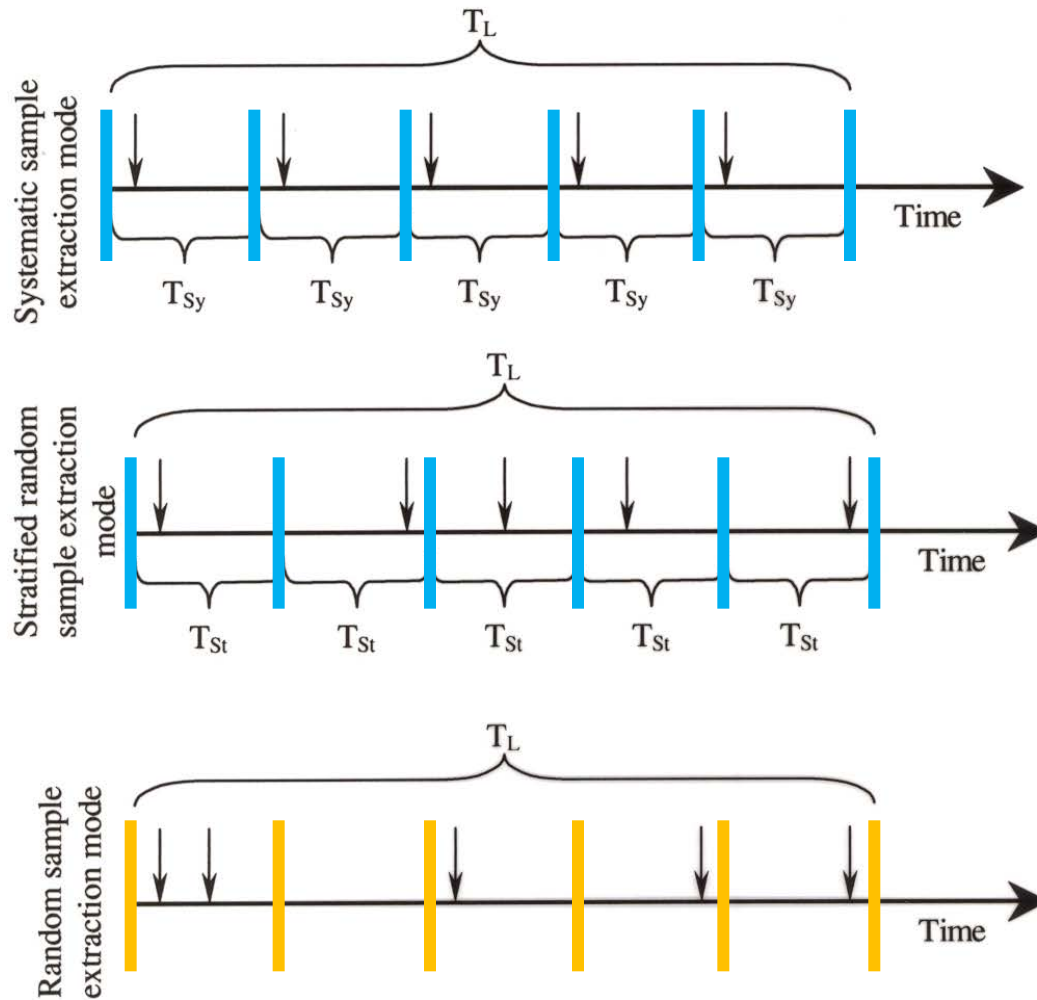
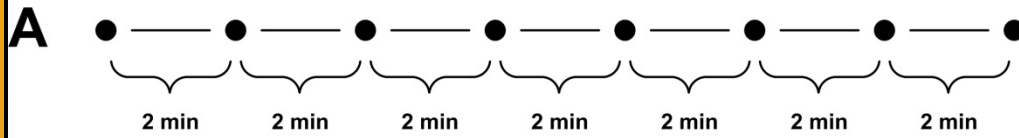
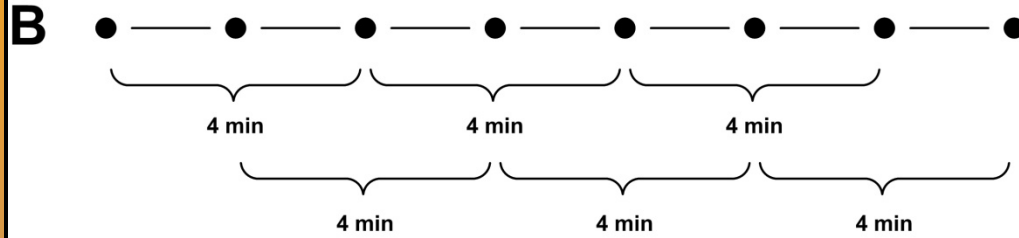


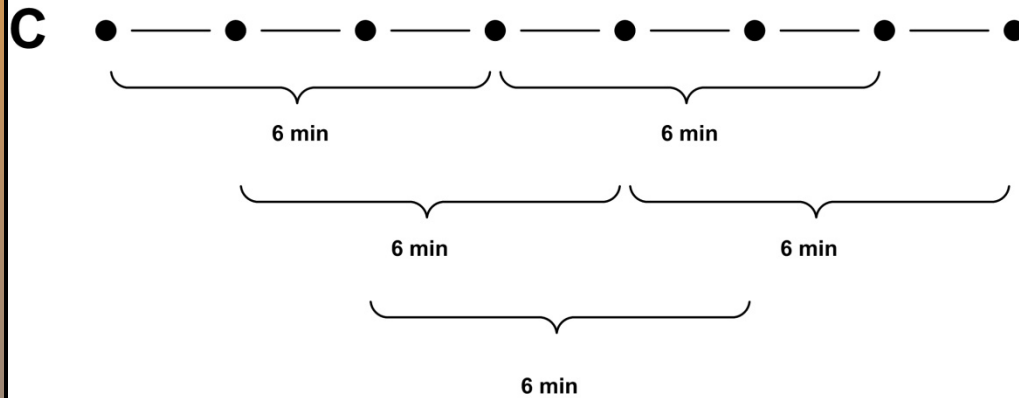
Illustration of the different sample extraction modes. The vertically arrows ( $\downarrow$ ) represent sample extractions. Notice that the number of sample extractions ( $Q$ ) for systematic sample extraction mode is equal to  $T_L/T_{Sy}$ . The number of sample extractions ( $Q$ ) for the stratified random sample extraction mode is equal to  $= T_L/T_{St}$ .



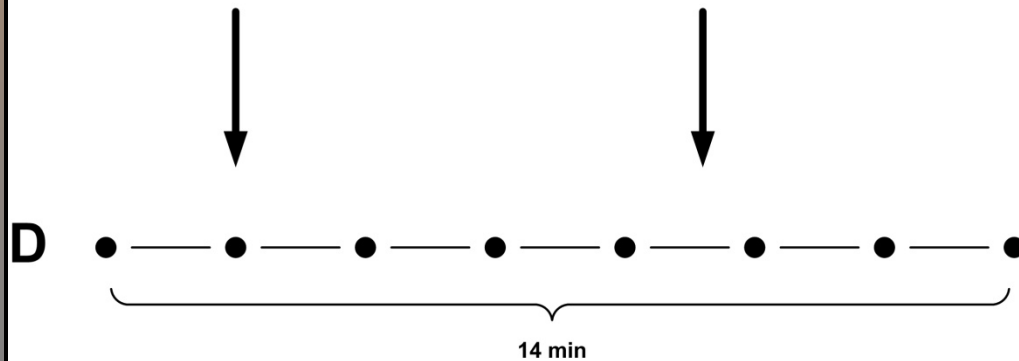
8 samples  
7 unit pairs  
(spaced by 2 min)



8 samples  
6 unit pairs  
(spaced by 4 min)



8 samples  
5 unit pairs  
(spaced by 6 min)



8 samples  
1 unit pair  
(spaced by 14 min)

$$j = \frac{\theta}{\theta_{\min}}$$

$N_U =$  total  
number of  
data points

$$V(j) = \frac{1}{2(N_U - j)} \sum_m (h_{m+j} - h_m)^2$$

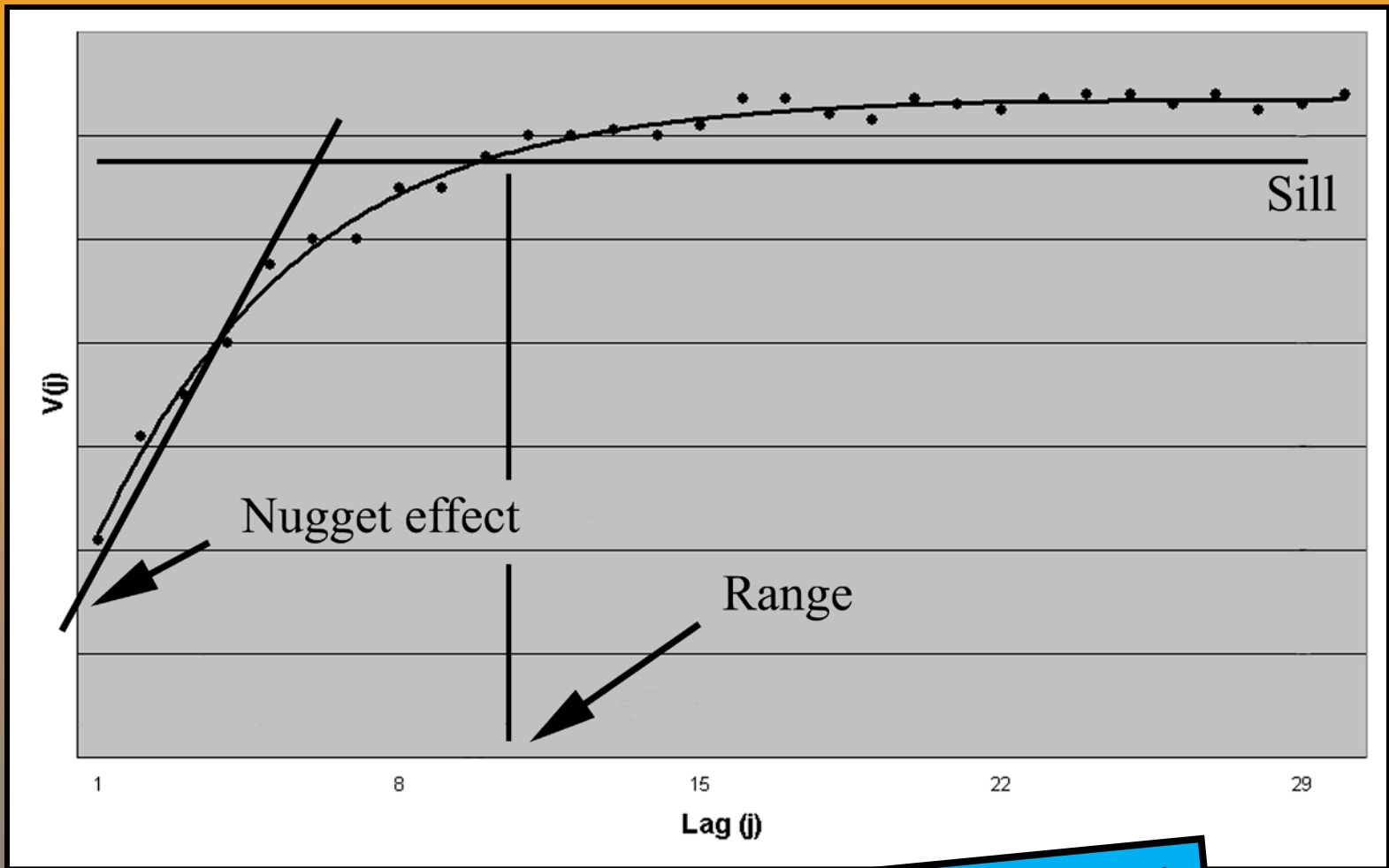
$$V(j) = \frac{1}{2(N_U - j)a_L^2} \sum_m [a_{m+j} - a_m]^2$$

$V(j)$  = Variogram function [relative ( $h_m$ ) or absolute ( $a_m$ )]

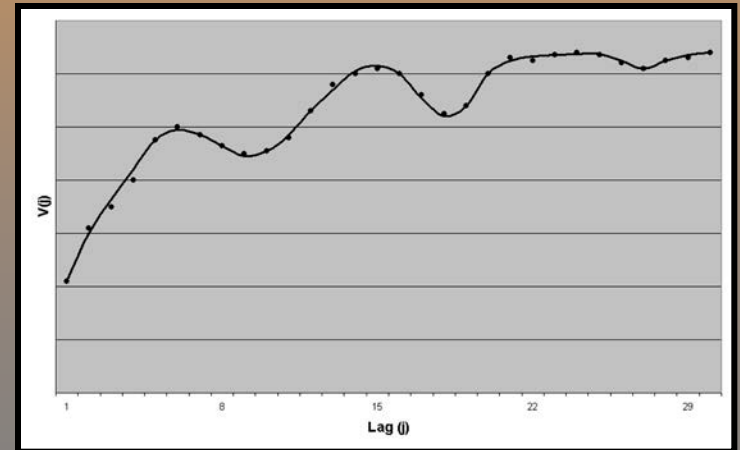
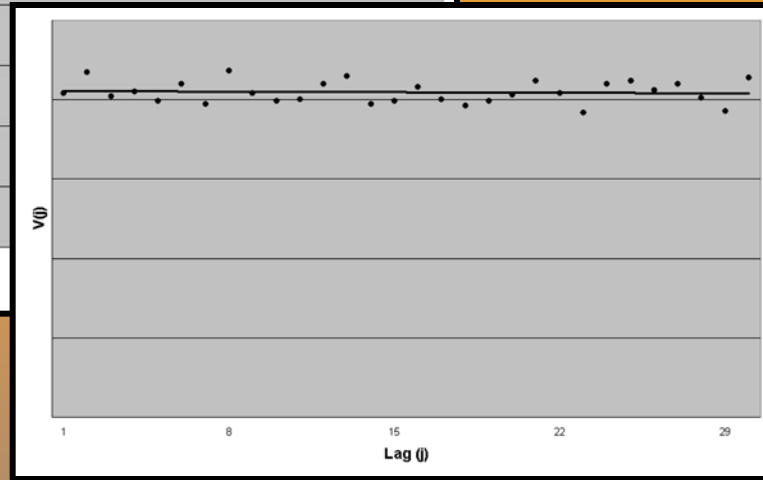
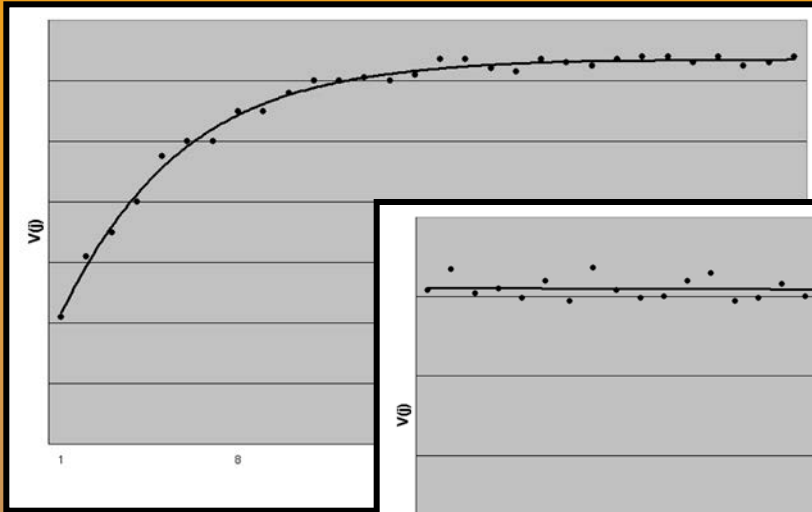
$h_m$  = Sample heterogeneity contribution (mass prop.  $a_n$ )

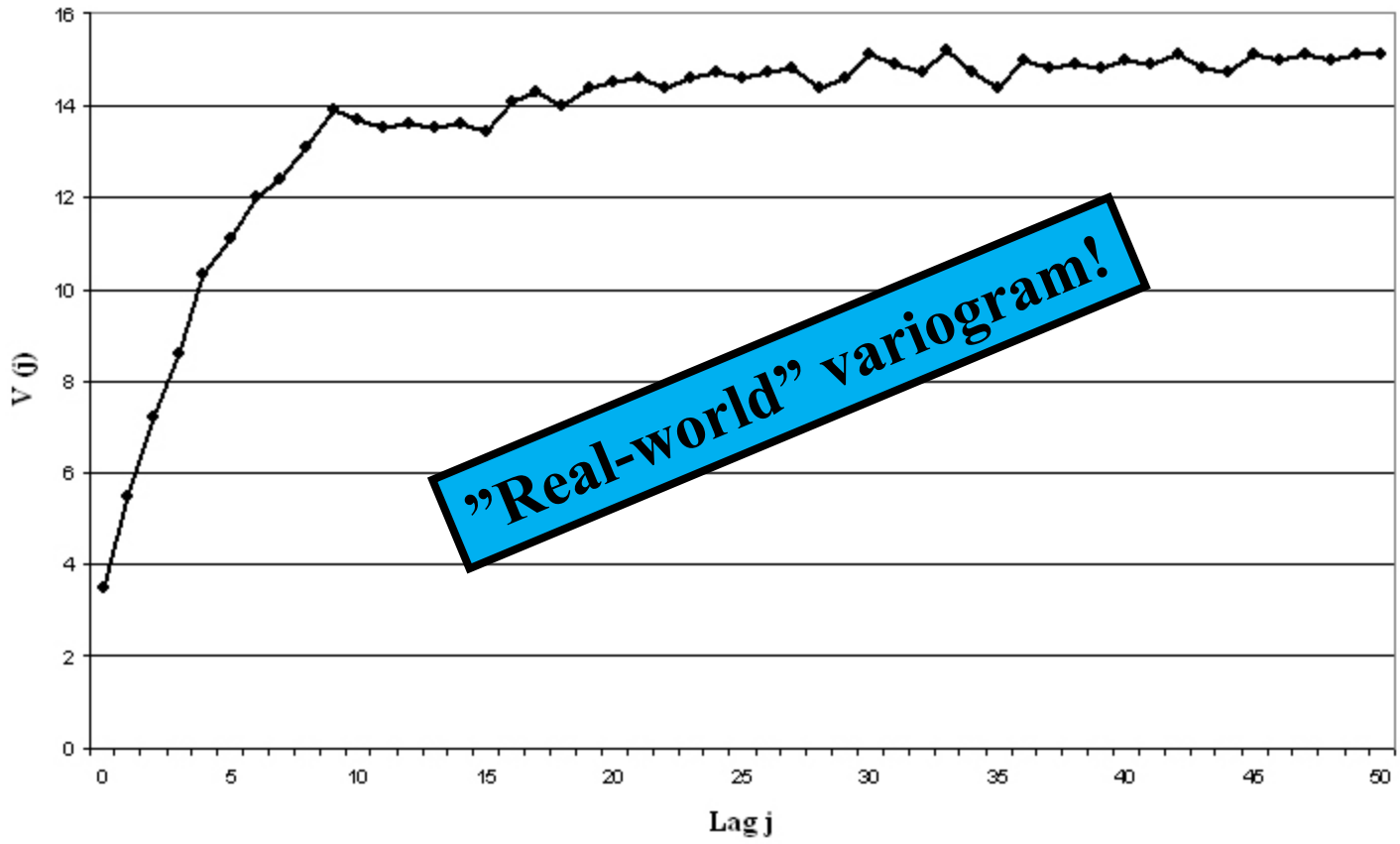
$$h_n = \frac{a_n - a_L}{a_L} \times \frac{M_n}{M_n}$$

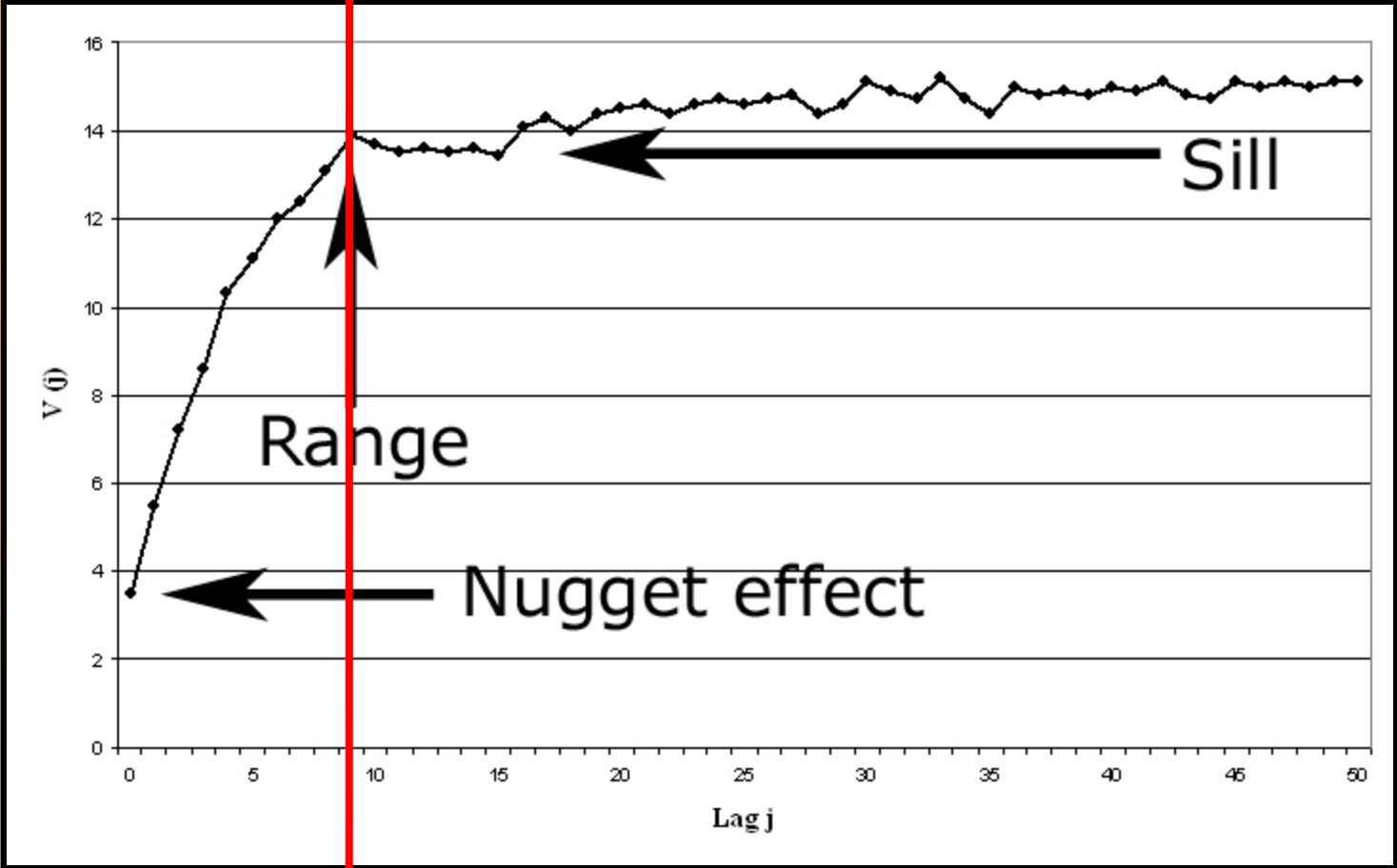
$a_n$ : sample concentration  
 $a_L$ : lot grade (process average)  
 $M_n$ : sample mass



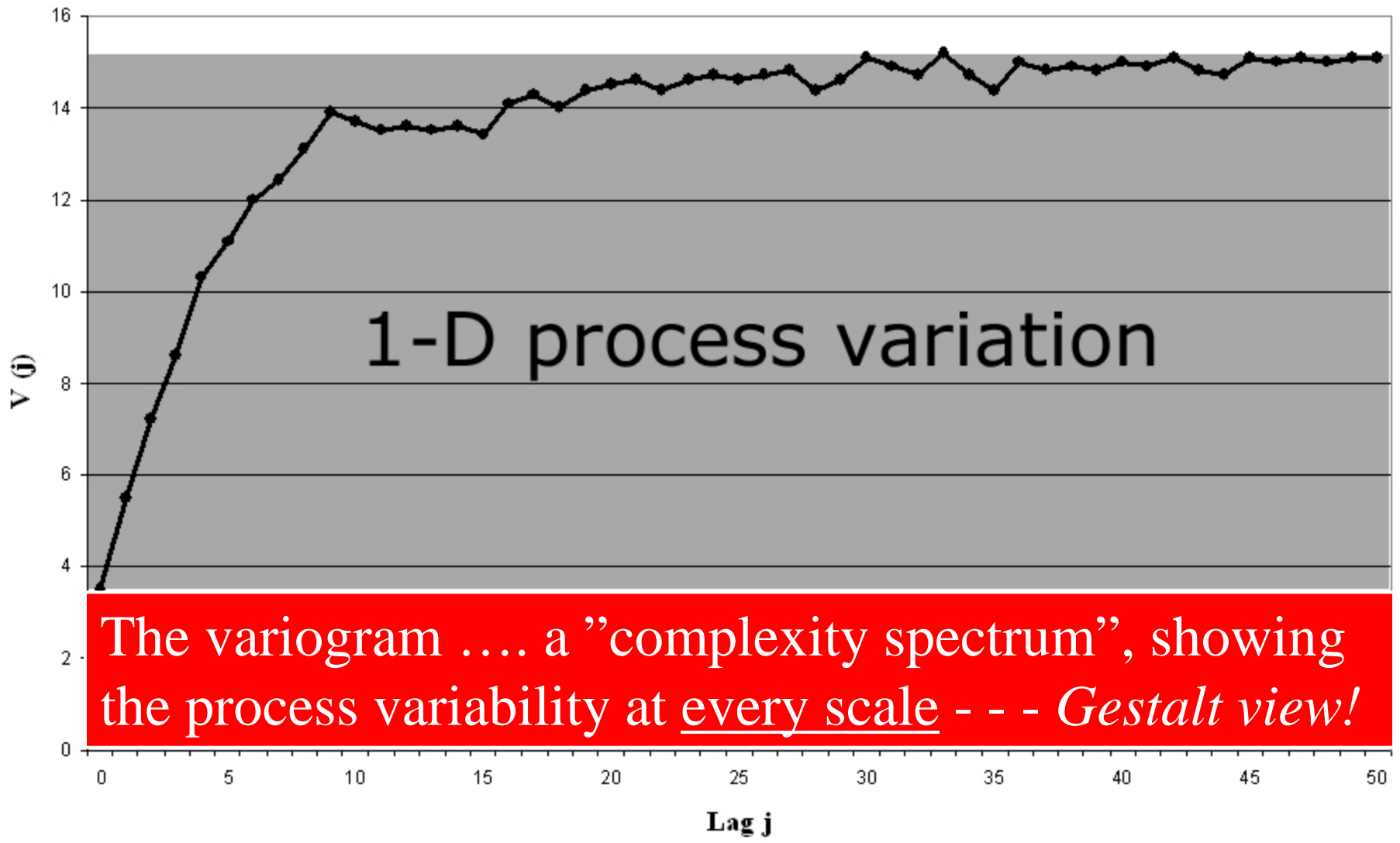
**”Geostatistics vs. Process TOS”**



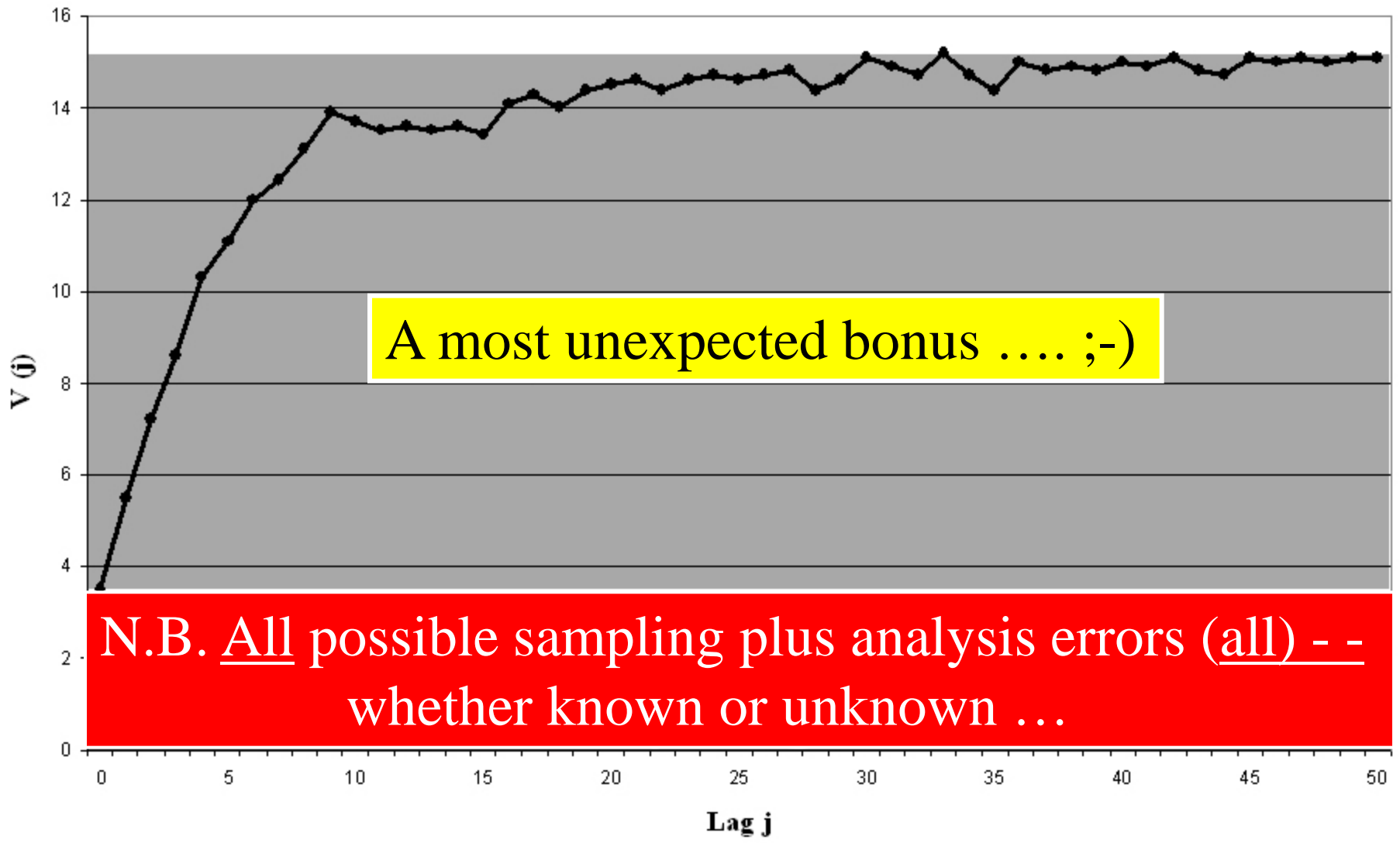


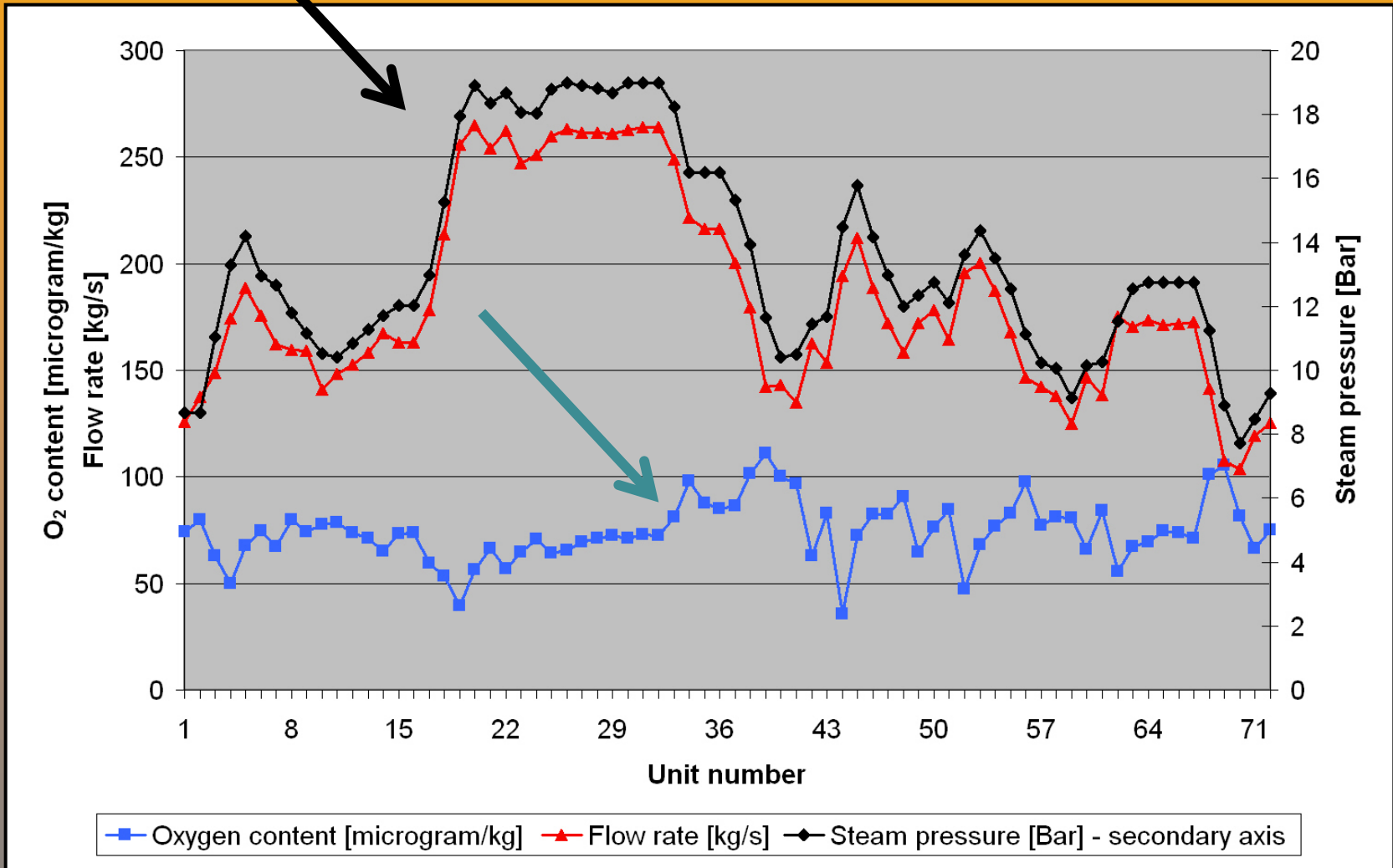




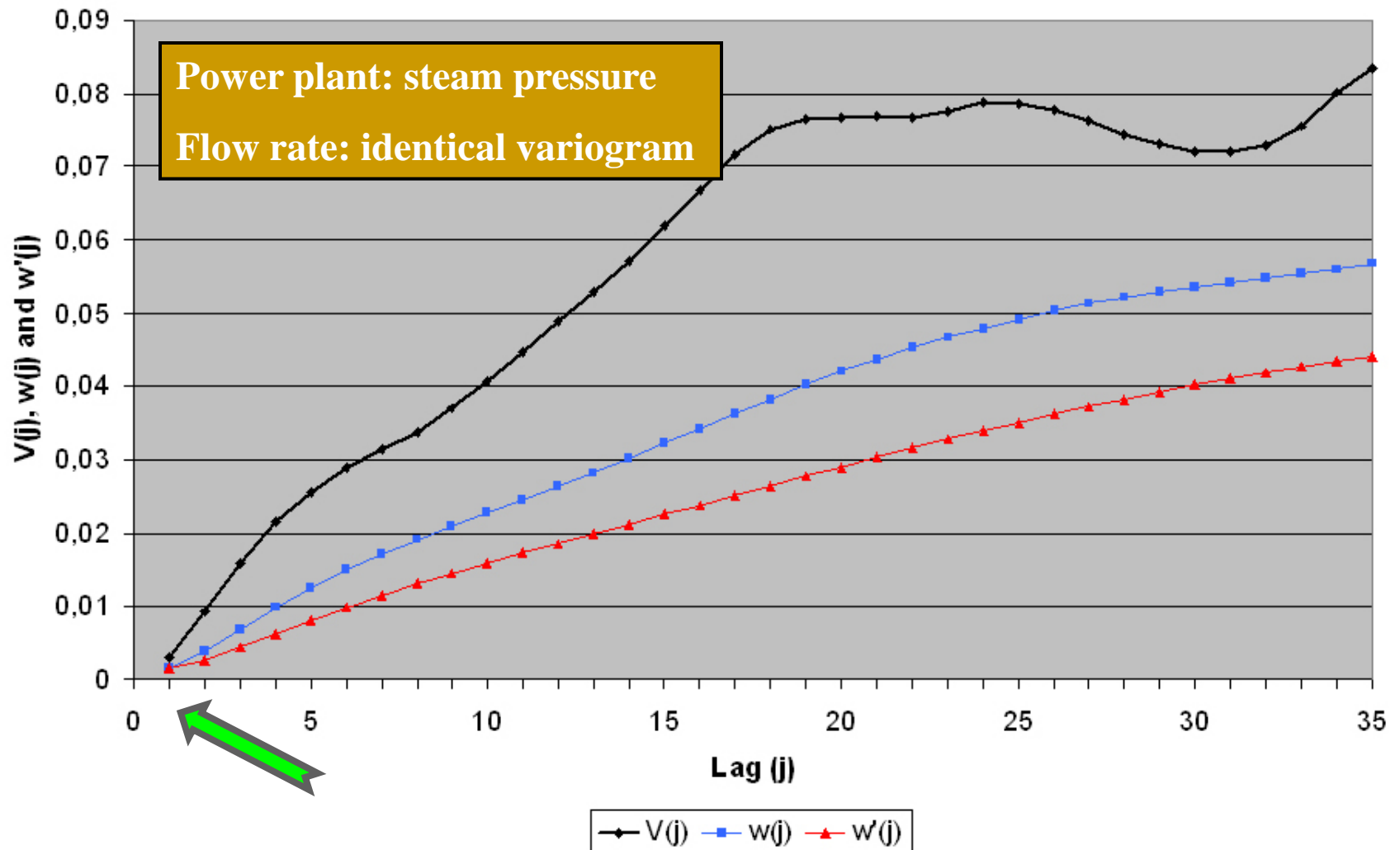


The variogram .... a "complexity spectrum", showing the process variability at every scale - - - *Gestalt view!*

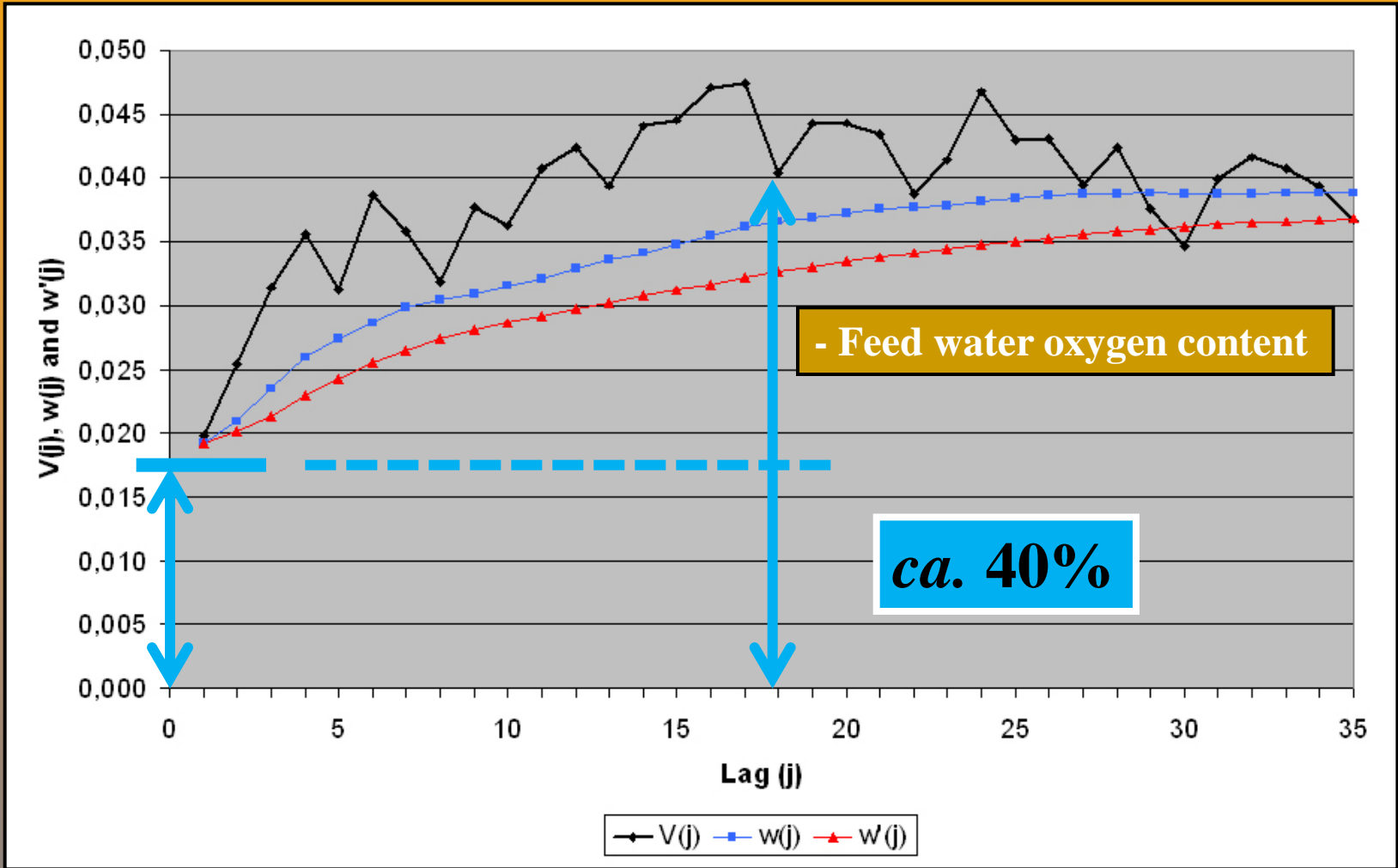




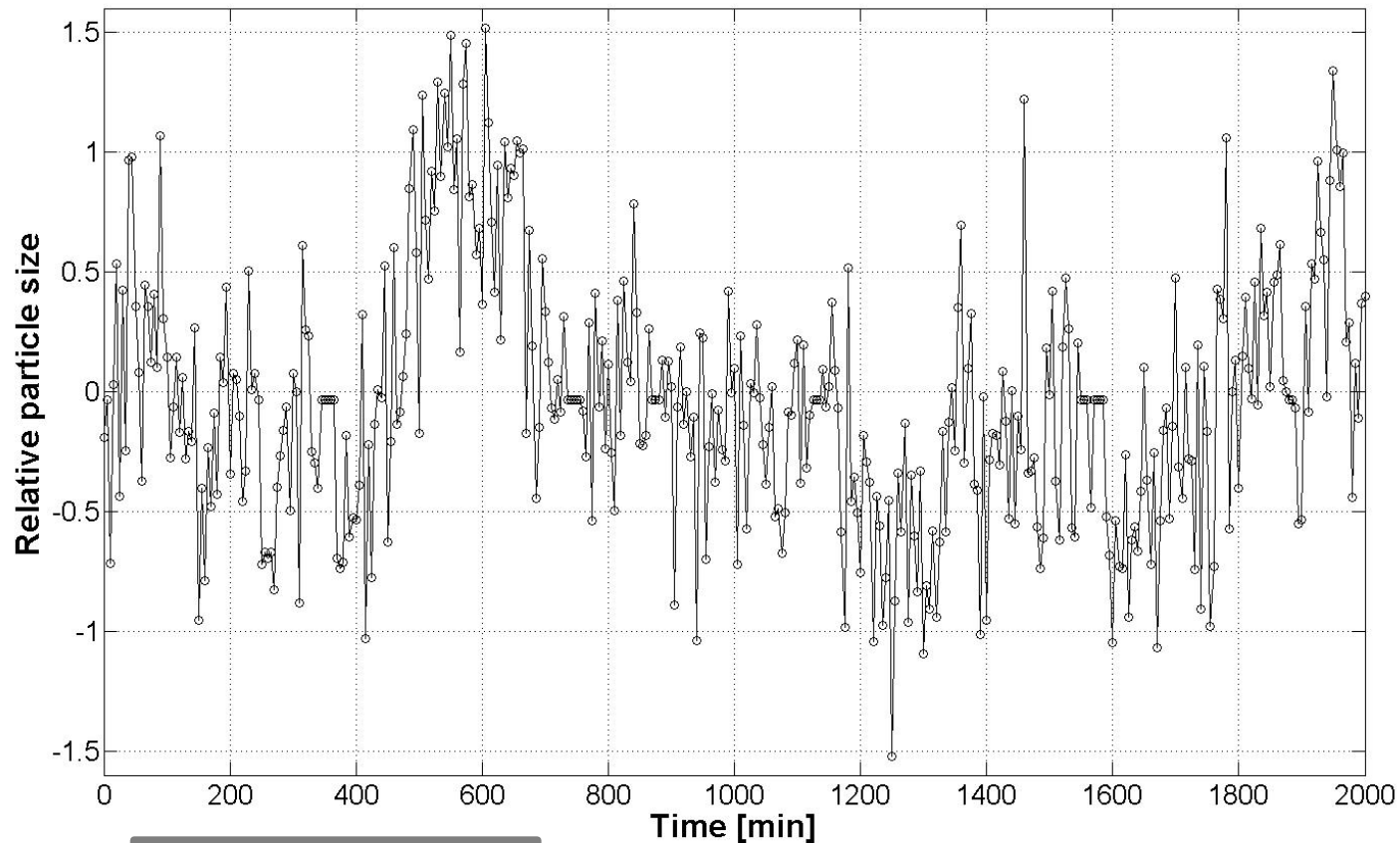
- Power plant example: Denmark



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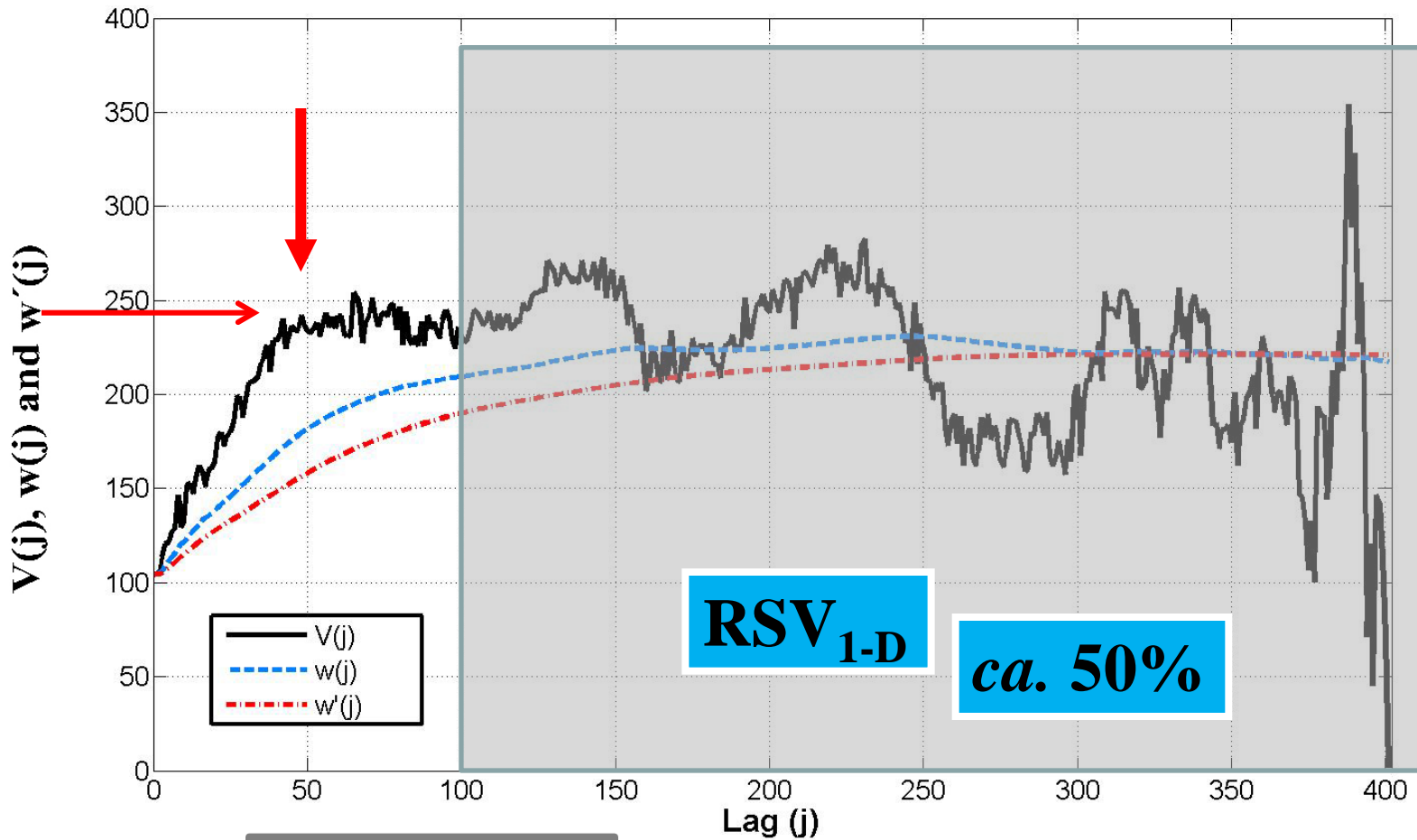


- Power plant example: Denmark



Sampling rate,  $r$

Particle size predictions (estimates) from acoustic chemometrics on-line measurements in a granulated product. Approximately 2000 measurements were performed every 5 minutes for 34 hours. All measurements pertain to the same formulation production campaign.



Sampling rate,  $r$

Variogram and auxiliary functions for on-line measurement of particle sizes.

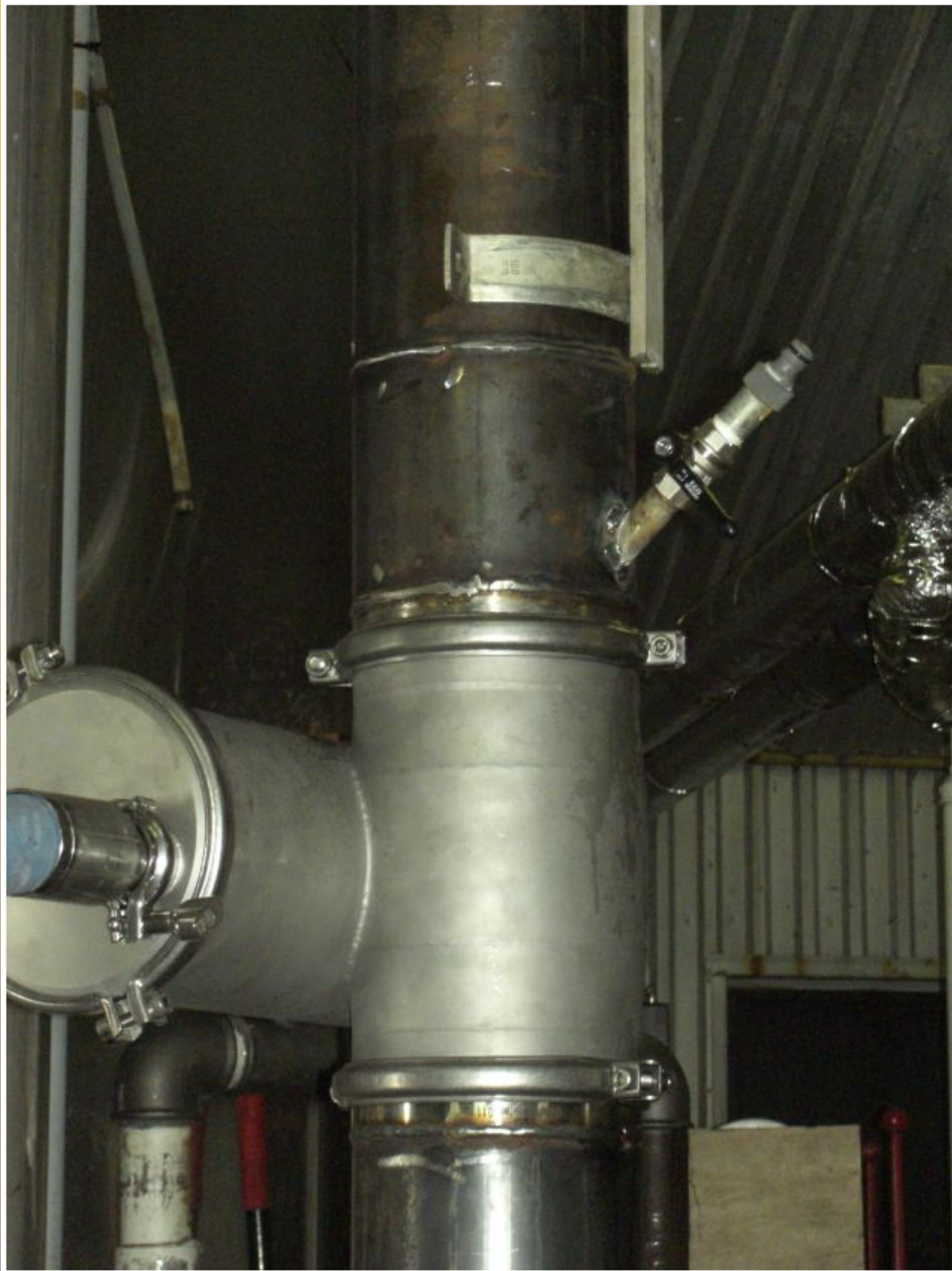
The variogram has a range of  $j = 50$ , signifying that units spaced by more than 250 minutes are no longer correlated with each other.

Full-scale biogas plant trials, 2007 - 2008  
NIR on-line PAT monitoring (fermenter 3): 2400 m<sup>3</sup>

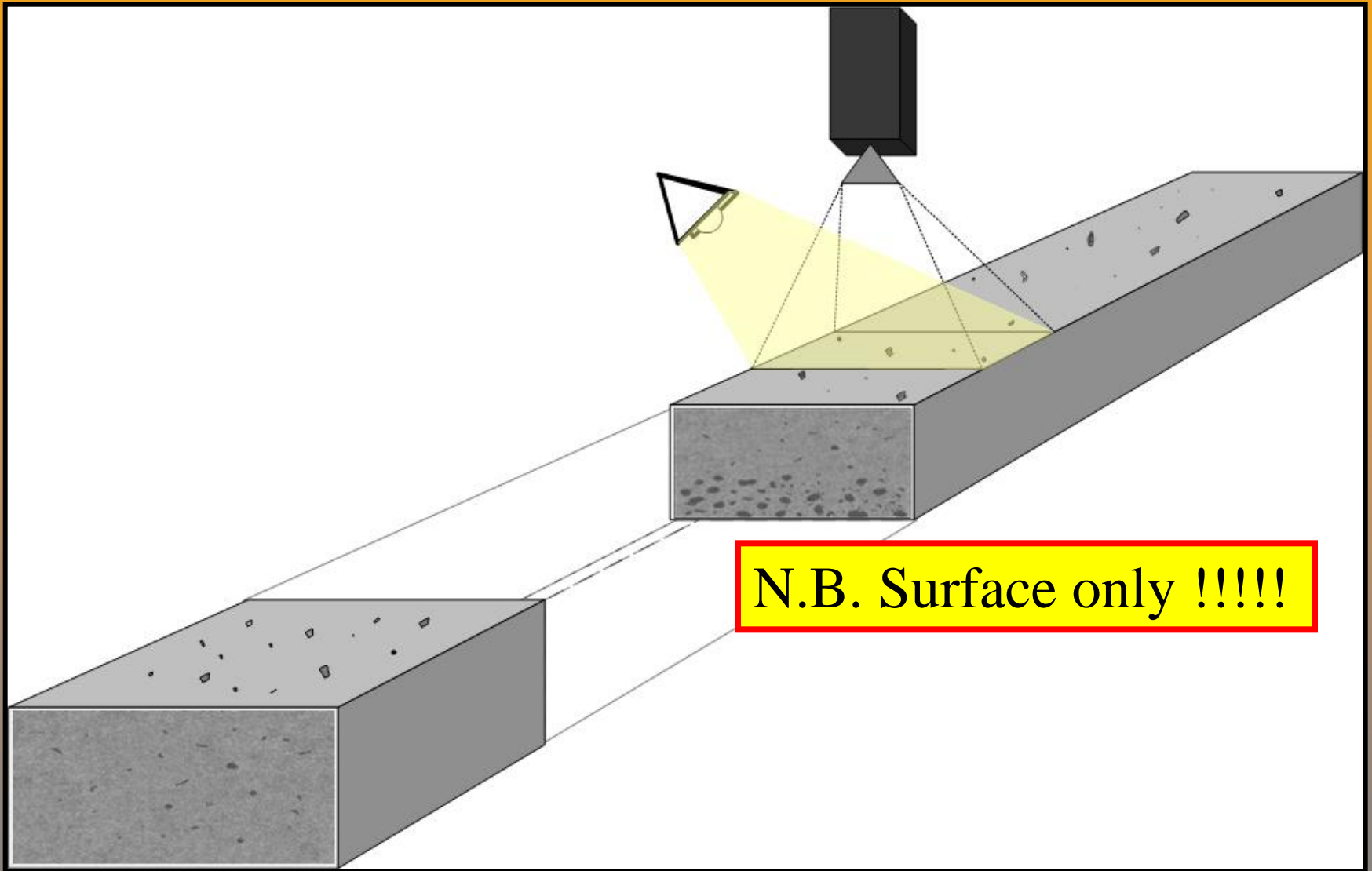












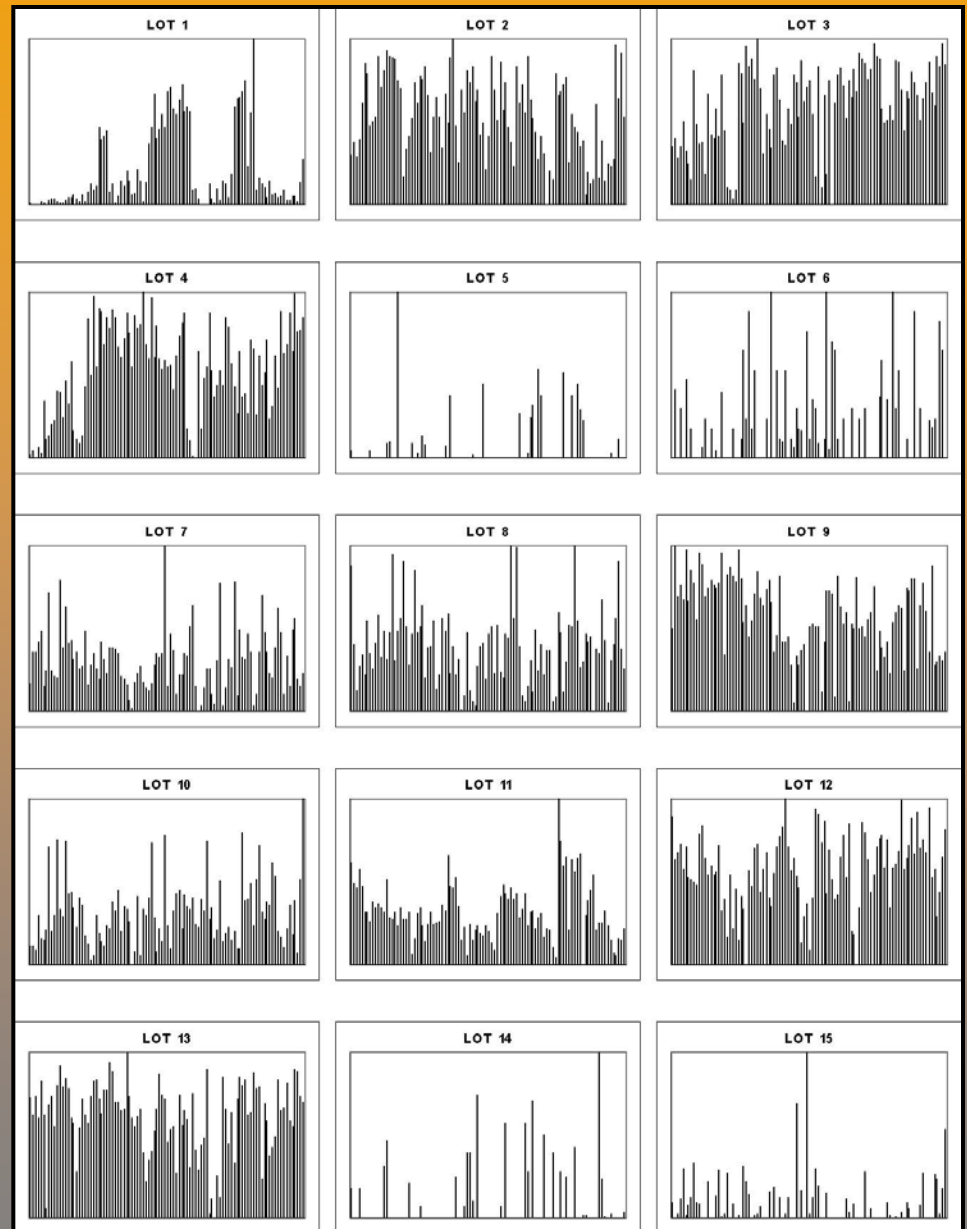
**N.B. Surface only !!!!!**

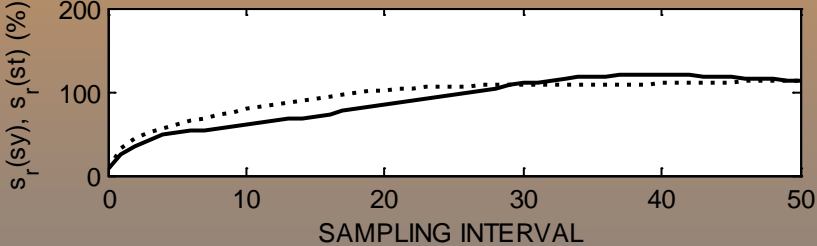
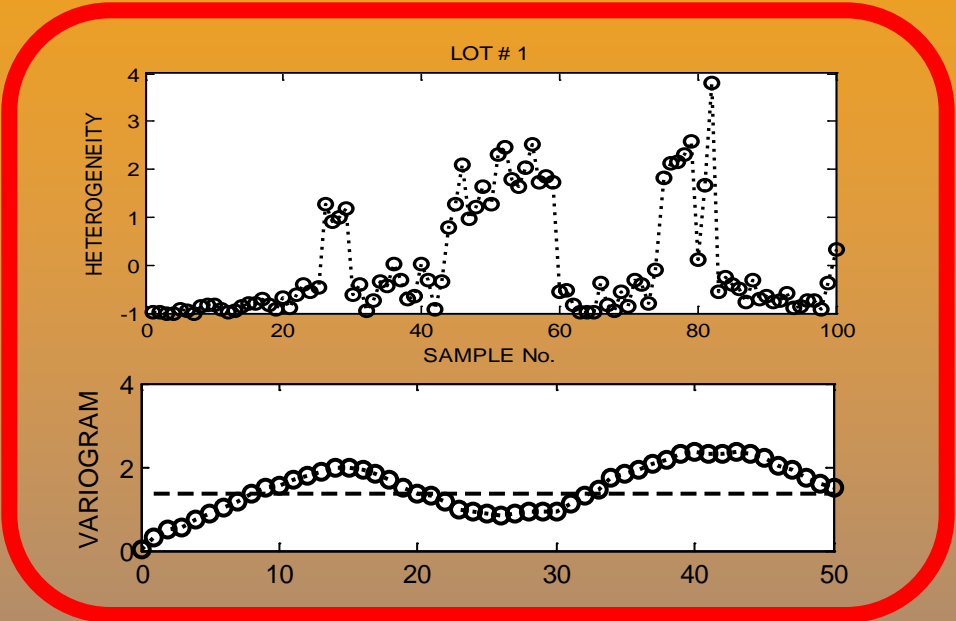




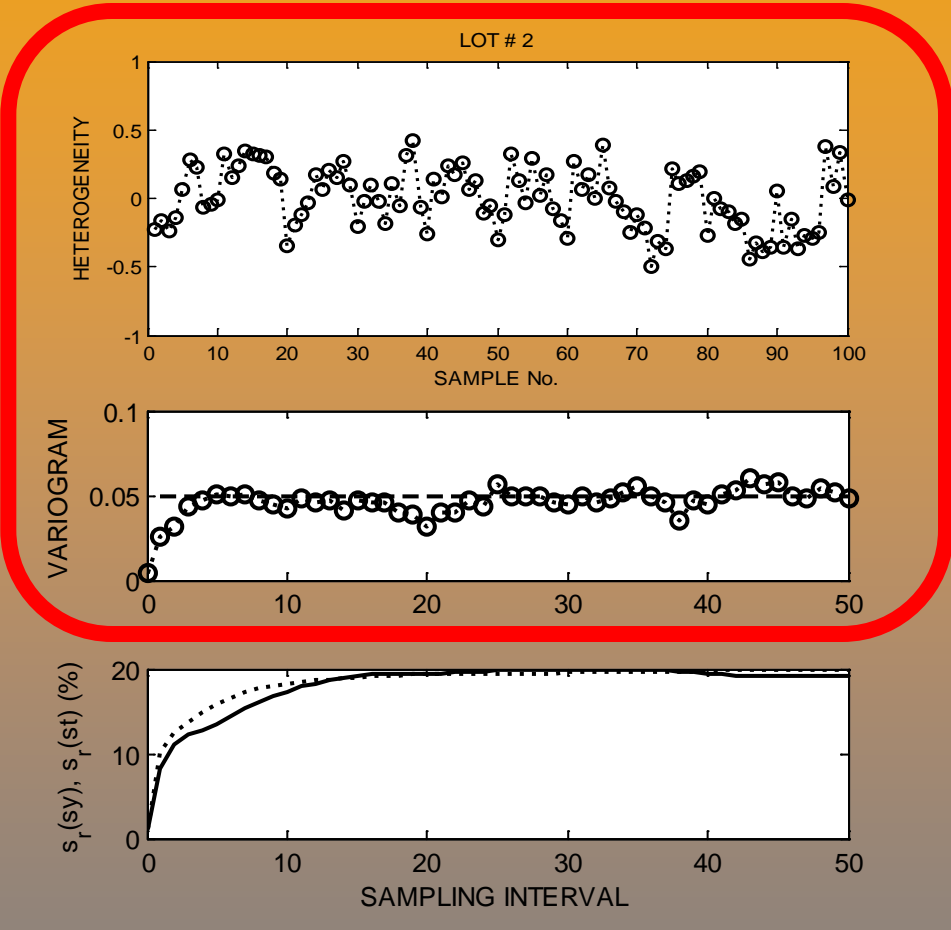
*15 industrial process lots: 3D, 1D*

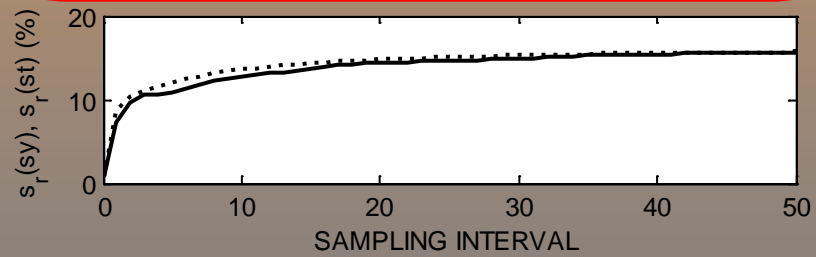
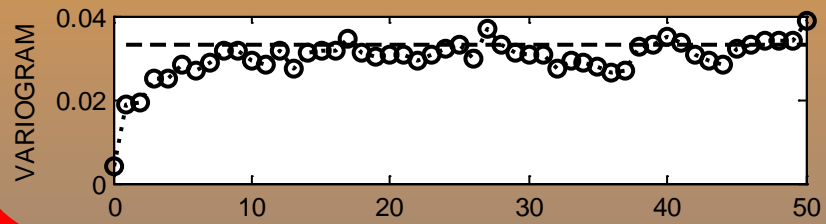
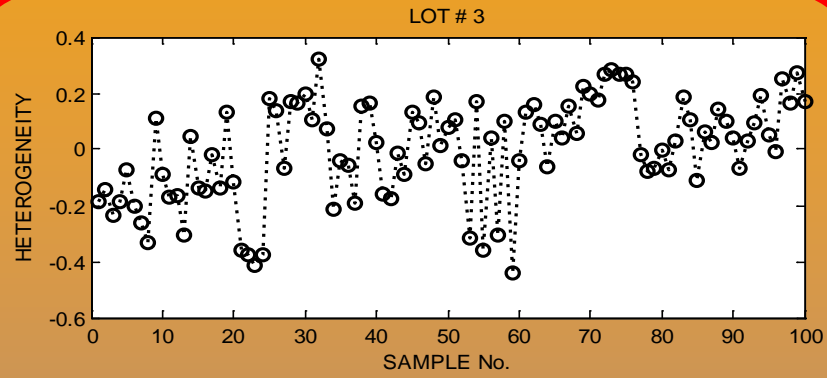
*15 ship cargos being off-loaded*

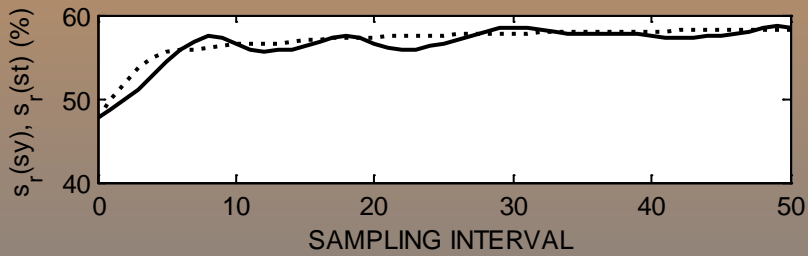
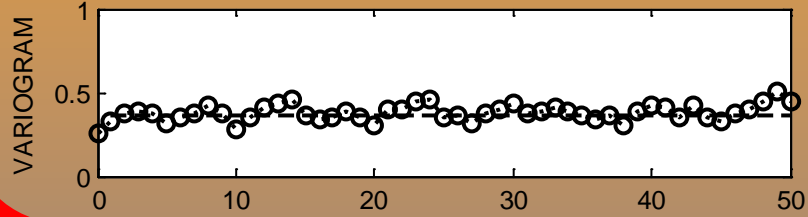
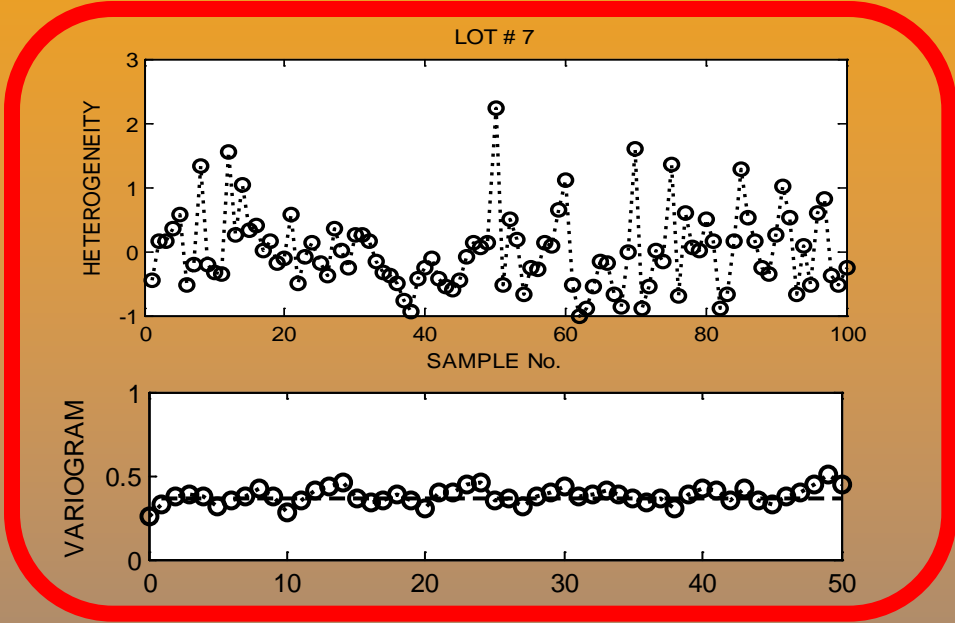








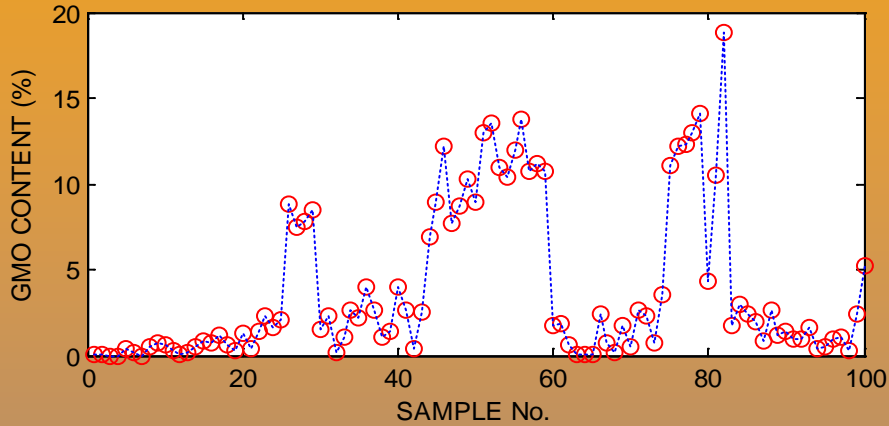




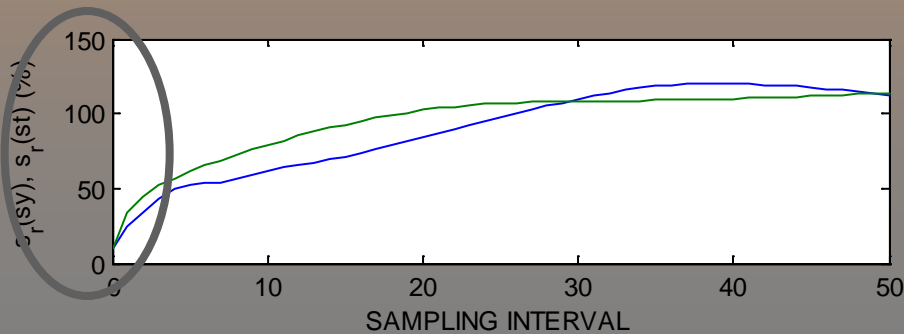
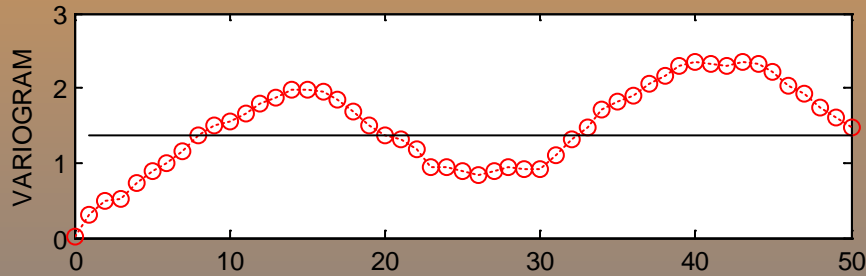
# KeLDA variographic analysis

## Extreme heterogeneity

LOT # 1,  $a_L = 3.9247$

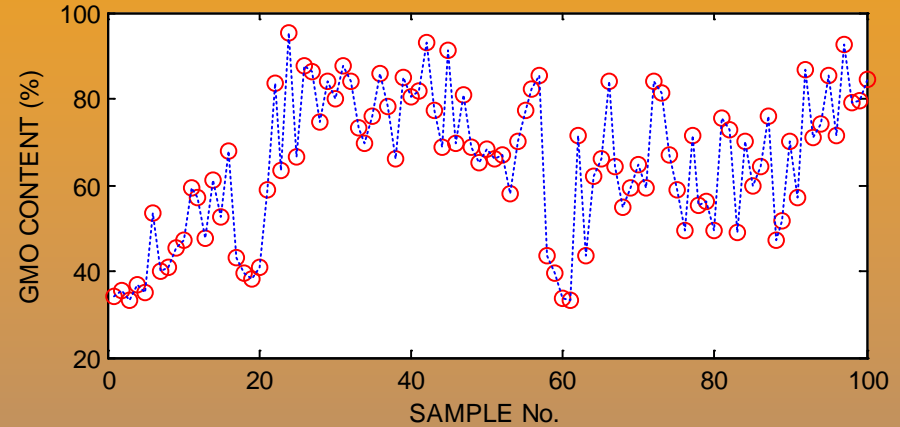


LOT # 1

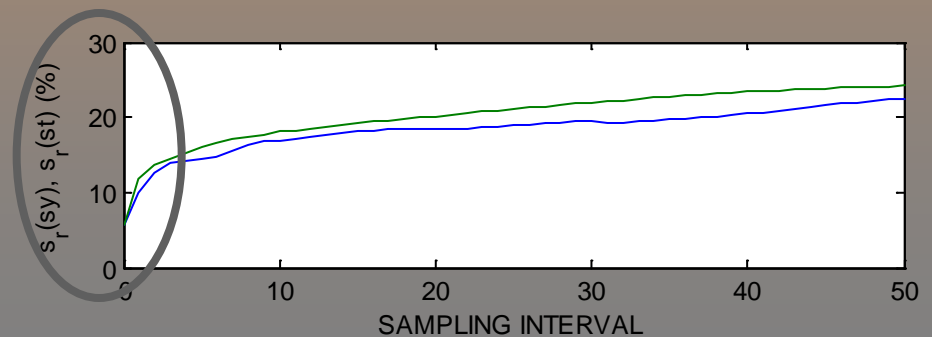
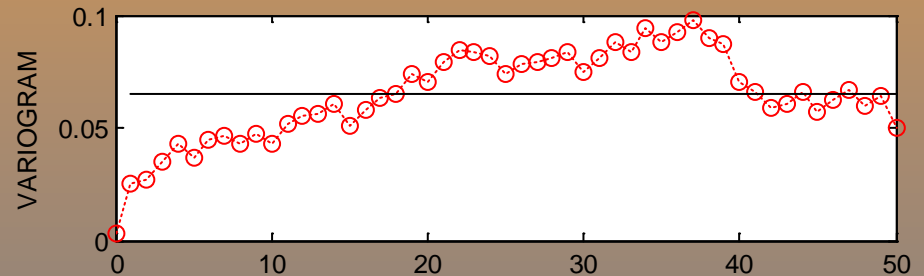


## Intermediate heterogeneity

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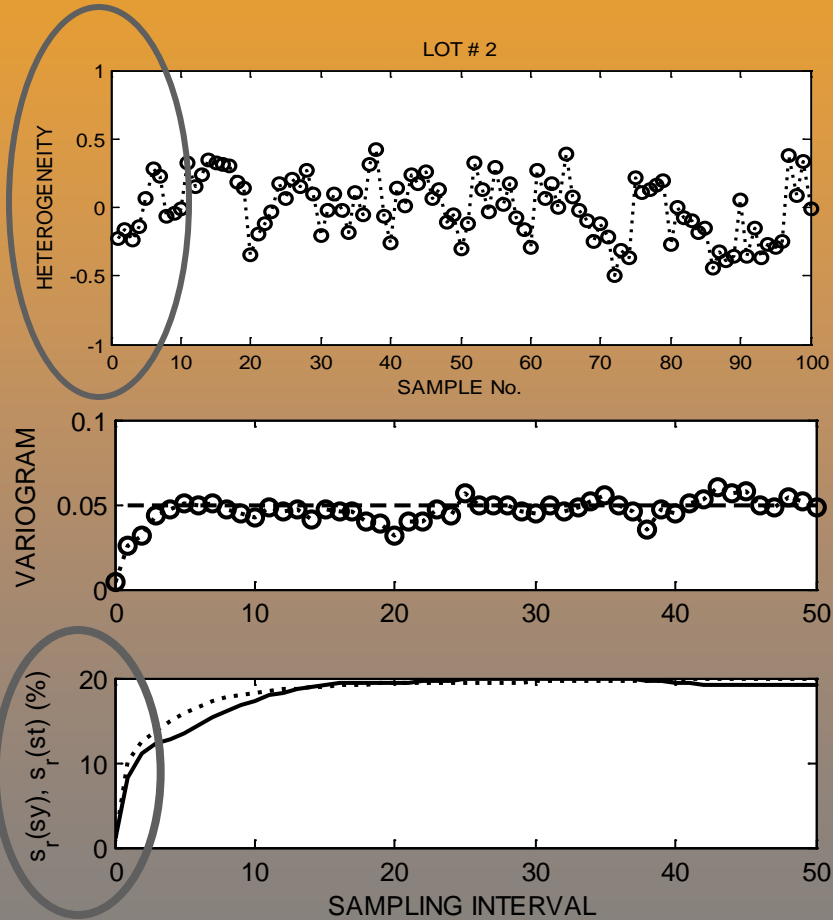


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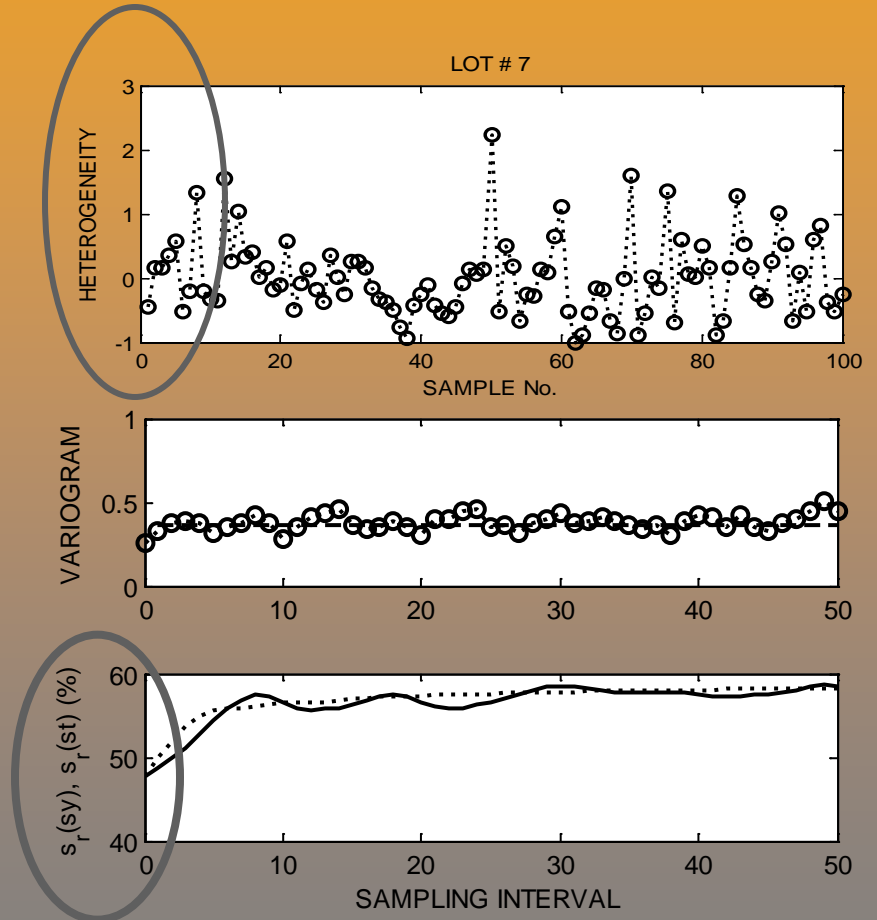


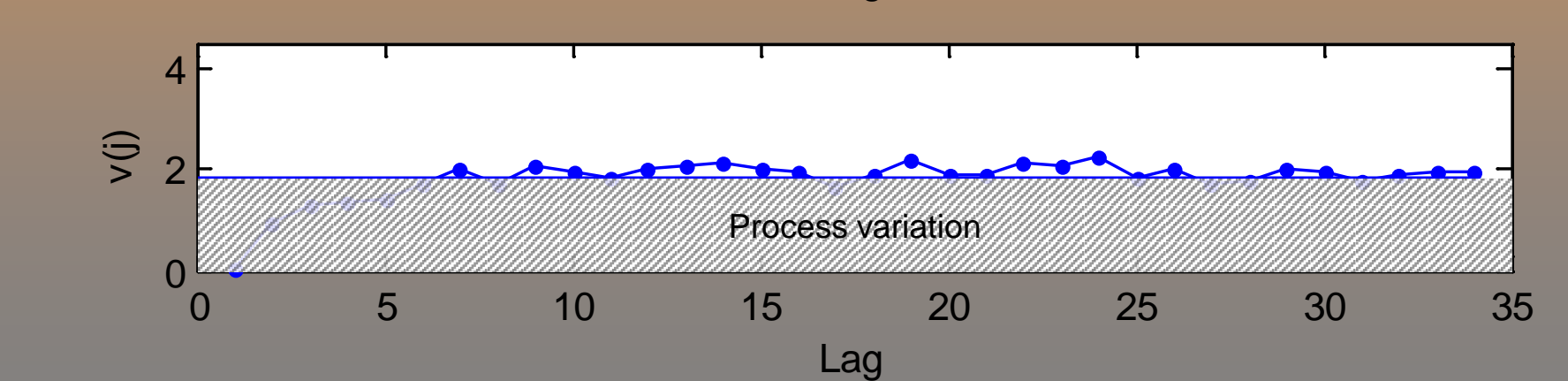
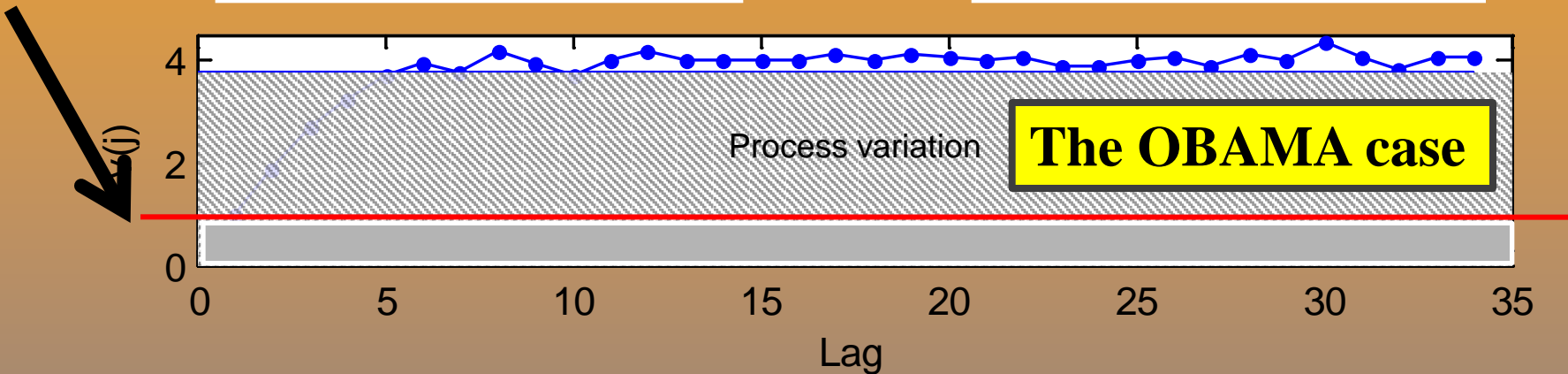
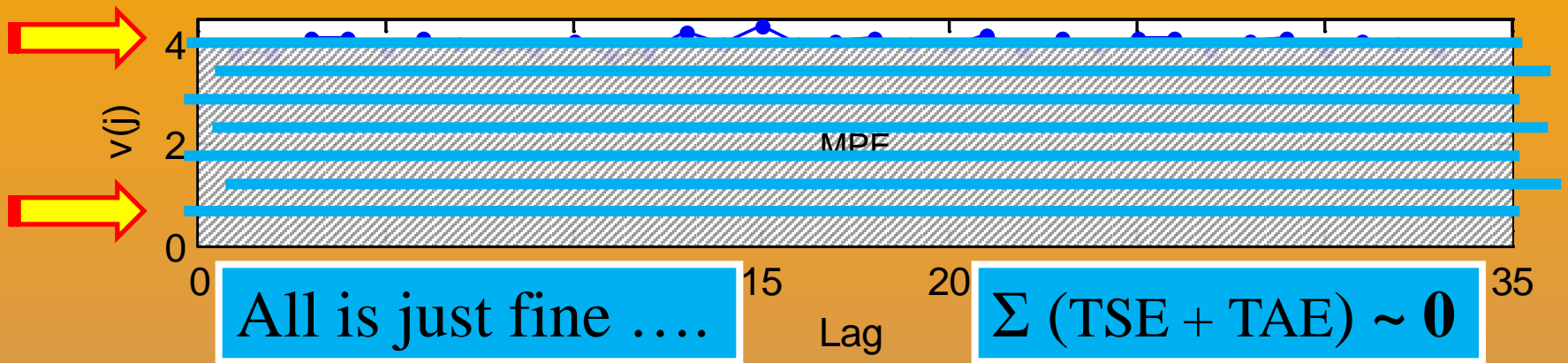
# KeLDA variographic analysis

## Rel low heterogeneity



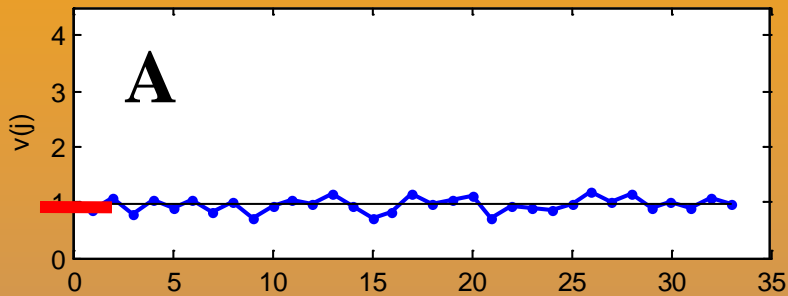
## Intermediate heterogeneity



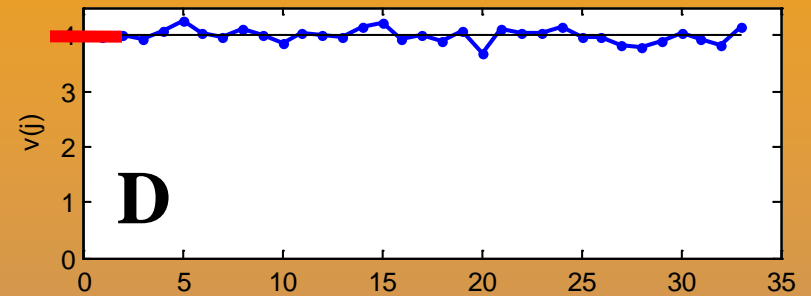


# Variogram: Unparalleled corporate QC / QA tool !!!

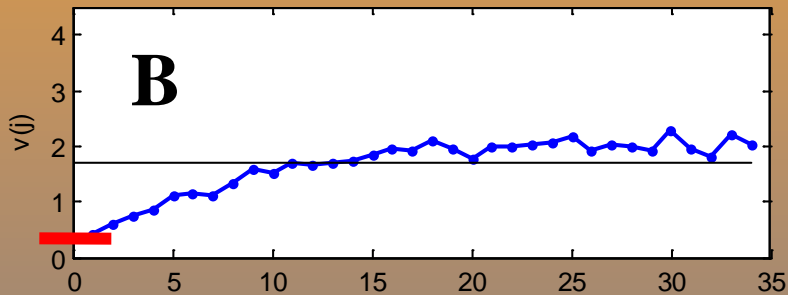
LOW SILL – Process stable & OK



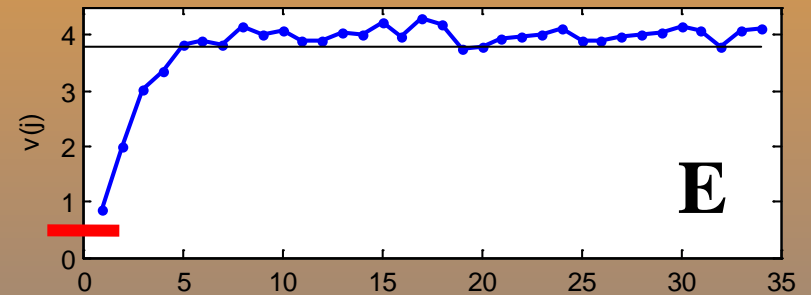
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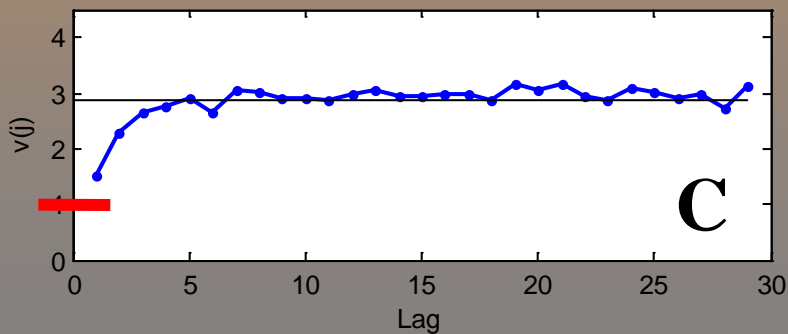
INTERM./LOW SILL – low n,e,



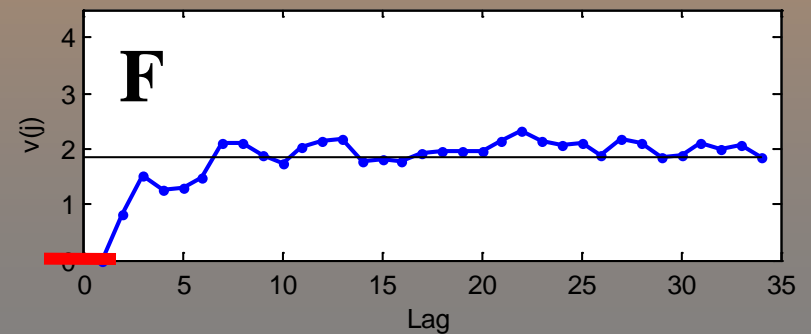
VERY HIGH SILL – very low n.e.



INTERMEDIATE SILL – low n,e,

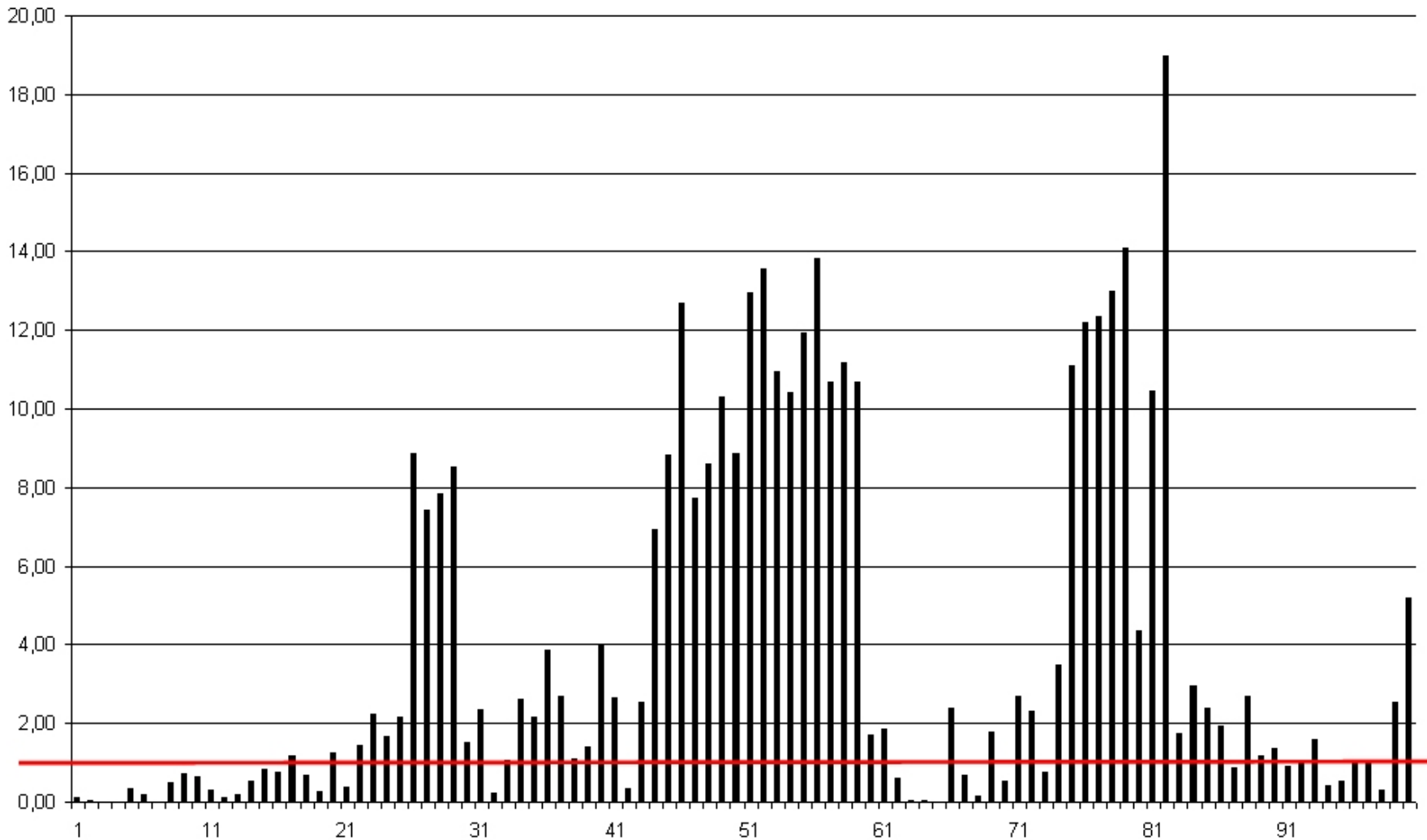


INTERM./LOW SILL – low n,e,



*Generic* process characterisation  
of all kinds of materials with  
significant 1-dim heterogeneity

This lot can be used as a general  
*exemplar* : extreme heterogeneity







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# Representative sampling of large kernel lots I. Theory of Sampling and variographic analysis

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Official testing and sampling of large kernel lots for impurities [e.g., genetically-modified organisms (GMOs)] is regulated by normative documents and international standards of economic, trade and societal importance. The focus nearly always includes only analytical issues – omitting, with very few exceptions, proper accounting for sampling errors. With total sampling errors for irregularly distributed contaminants and impurities typically 10–100 times larger than analytical errors, this issue is critical for procedures based on general notions of effective material uniformity. When the focus includes sampling, most guidelines recommend sampling plans based on the assumption that kernel-lot impurities, if present, are randomly distributed. The only exceptions are EC Rec. 787/2004 and prCEN/TS 1568 (2006), which suggest sampling strategies suitable for more heterogeneous situations.

# Representative sampling of large kernel lots II. Application to soybean sampling for GMO control

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Official testing and sampling of large kernel lots for impurities [e.g., genetically modified organisms (GMOs)] is regulated by normative documents and international standards of economic, trade and societal importance.

In Part I, we reviewed current official guides and standards for sampling large contaminated kernel lots and the basic concepts of the Theory of Sampling (TOS) for chemical analysis. Here, we re-interpret the data collected in a recent field study (KeLDA) from a stringent TOS perspective, focusing on representative process sampling and variographic analysis in order to characterize the heterogeneities of large kernel lots and to estimate both Total Sampling Error (*TSE*) and Total Analytical Error (*TAE*). This is used as a basis for developing a general approach for optimization of kernel sampling protocols that are “fit for purpose” i.e. robust to heterogeneity and sufficiently accurate also to detect critically low levels of concentration.

We demonstrate that both *TSE* and *TAE* are significantly large for GMO quantitation, but that *TSE* still can be up two orders of magnitude larger than *TAE*, depending on heterogeneity, sampling mode and GMO concentration, signifying that efforts to reduce uncertainties should focus on sampling plans and not on further refinements of analytical precision.

For GMO testing based on the current labeling threshold (0.9%) in European Union regulations, we show that 42 is the absolute minimum number of increments needed for reliable characterization of all lots with a heterogeneity comparable to the most severely heterogeneous KeLDA lots (Lot #1).

# Representative sampling of large kernel lots III. General considerations on sampling heterogeneous food

Not just food/feed !!! !!!

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Part I reviewed the Theory of Sampling (TOS) as applied to quantitation of g... analyzed KeLDA data from a variographic analysis perspective and estimated Error (*TAE*).

All materials with ~ *similar* concentration heterogeneities

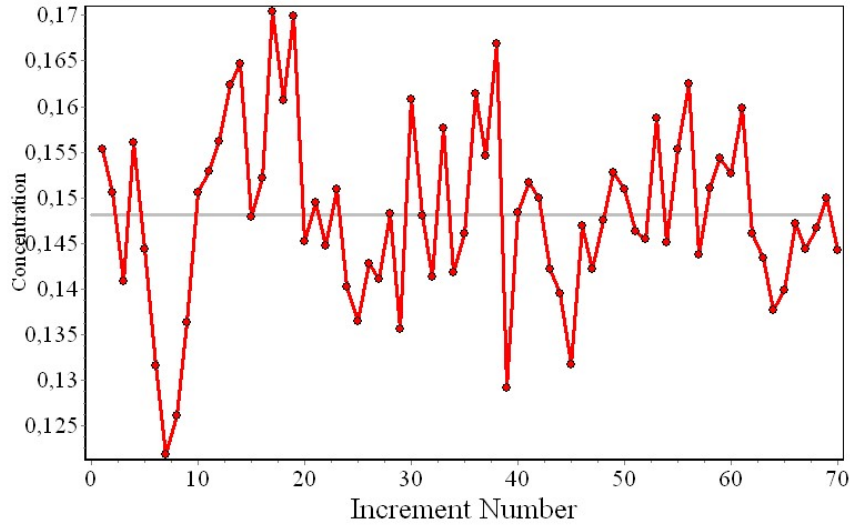
Results from this analysis are here used as a basis for developing a general approach to optimization of kernel-sampling protocols that are fit for purpose (i.e. scaled with respect to the effective heterogeneity while simultaneously sufficiently accurate to detect critically low concentration levels). While *TAE* is significantly large for GMO quantitation, *TSE* can still be up two orders of magnitude larger, signifying that efforts to reduce GMO-analysis uncertainties should focus on improving or optimizing sampling plans and not on further refinements of analytical precision.

# Variogram: Many applications/implementations

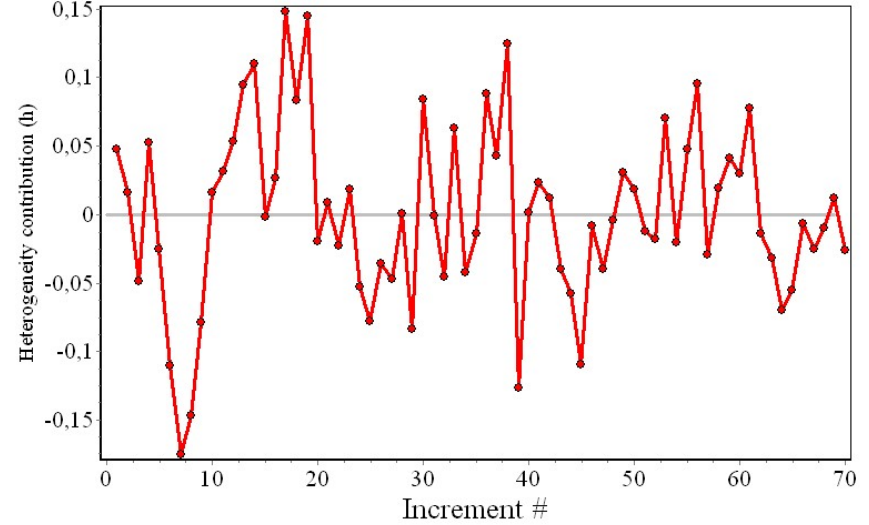
- i) One variable
  - ii) One component (P variables) (scores)
  
  - iii) One process deployment location
  - iv) Several deployment locations
  
  - v) Single time location
  - vi) Several time locations
- } Temporal analysis ...

Quality control of the total measurement system:  
Nugget effect / Sill (<30%)

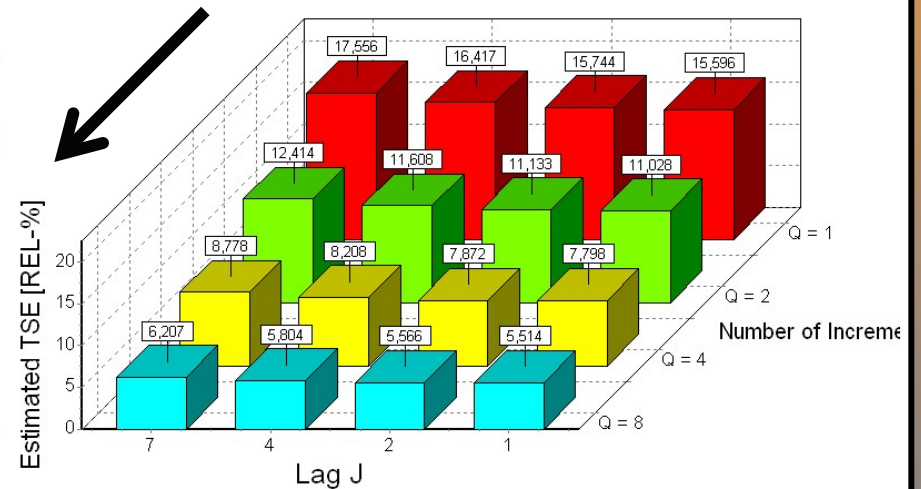
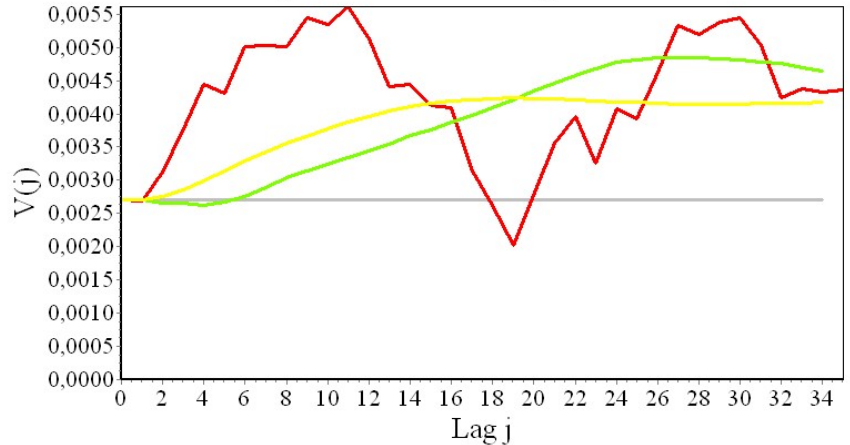
Analytical Concentration vs. Increment Number



Heterogeneity vs. Increment #



Experimental variogram



**TOS' primary use of variographic analysis: Prediction of the Total sampling Error (TSE)**

**DS F**

**Horizontal – Representative Sampling**

**Danish Standard 3077, 2013**

Variographic analysis as quality assurance,  
codified in international sampling standard

Quality control of the total measurement system:

**Nugget effect / Sill (<30%)**

## **Repræsentativ prøvetagning – Horizontal standard**

Representative sampling – Horizontal standard

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**DS F**

## **Horizontal – Representative Sampling**

**DS-3077**

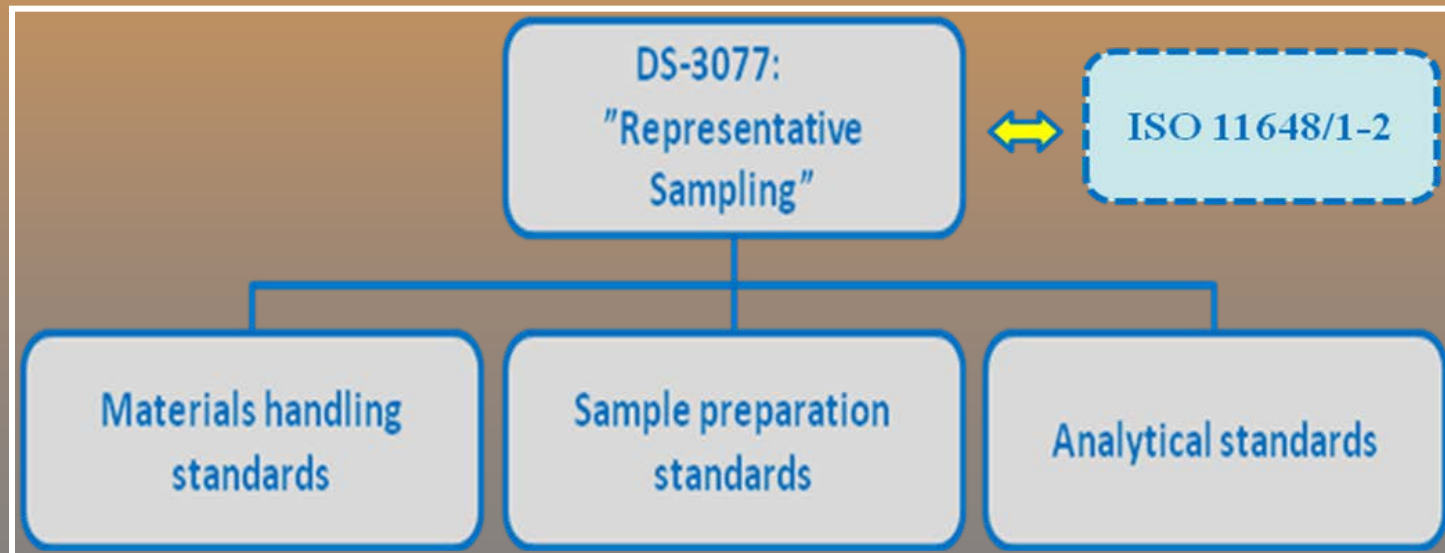
This standard outlines a practical, iterative, self-controlling approach with minimal complexity, based on the Theory of Sampling (TOS). The generic sampling process described and all elements involved are sufficient and necessary for the stated objective, with the consequence that no exceptions can be allowed in order to be able to document the intended sampling representativity. It is necessary to consider the full pathway from primary sampling to analytical results in order to be able to guarantee a reliable and valid analytical outcome. This standard, including normative references, annexes (and further, optional references) constitute a complete and sufficient competence basis for this purpose. The present approach will ensure appropriate levels of accuracy and precision for both primary sampling as well as for all sub-sampling procedures and mass-reduction systems at the subsequent laboratory stages before analysis.

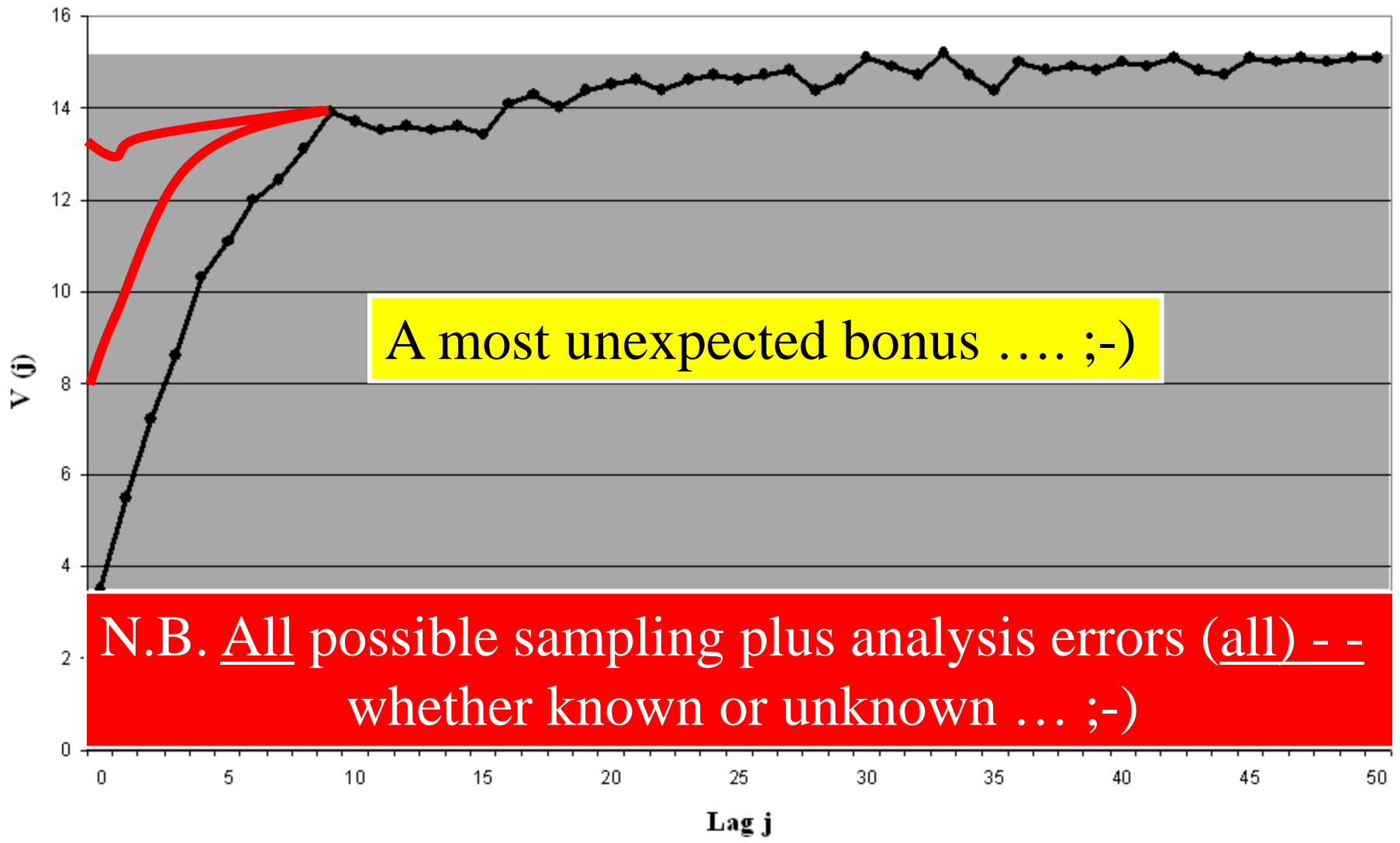


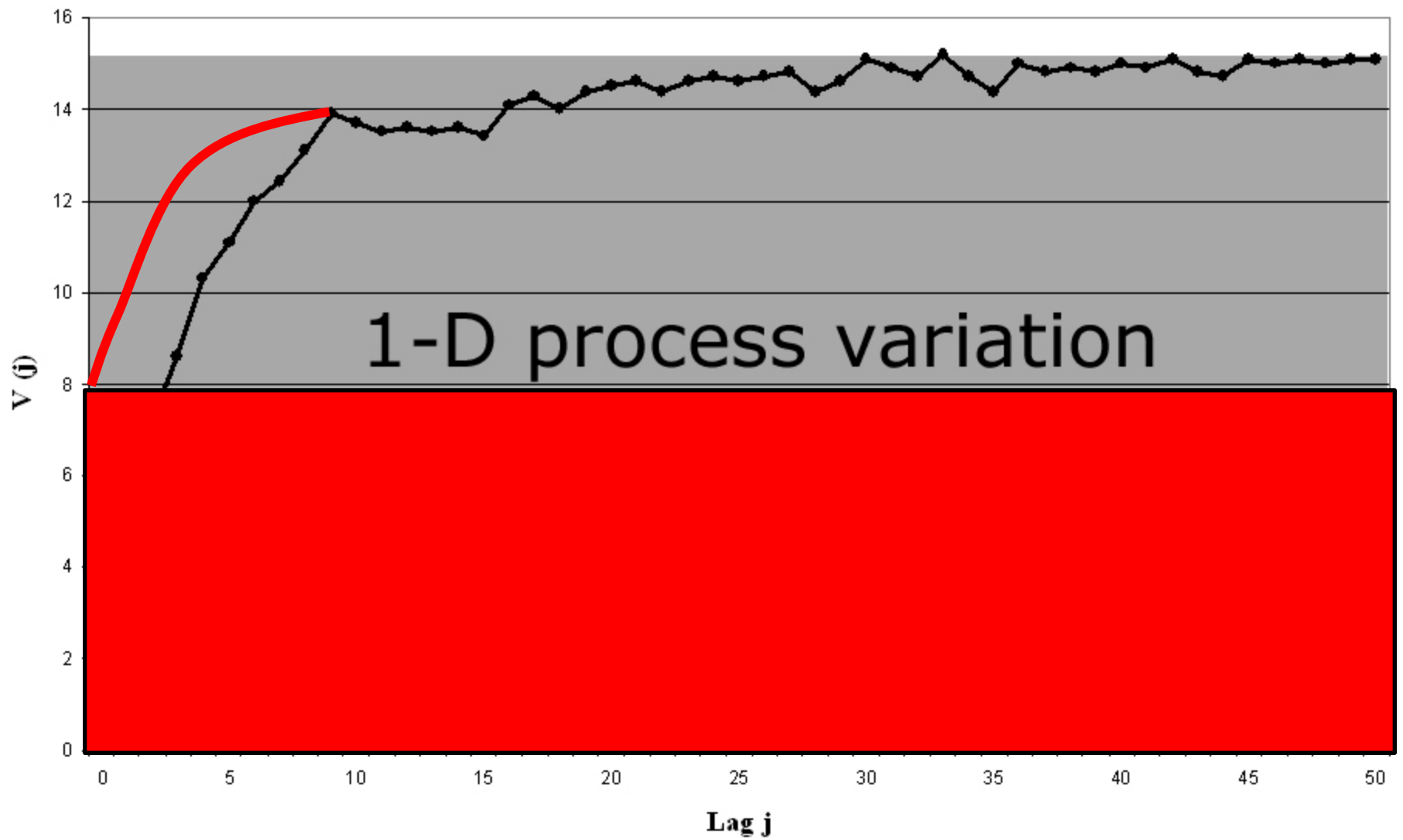
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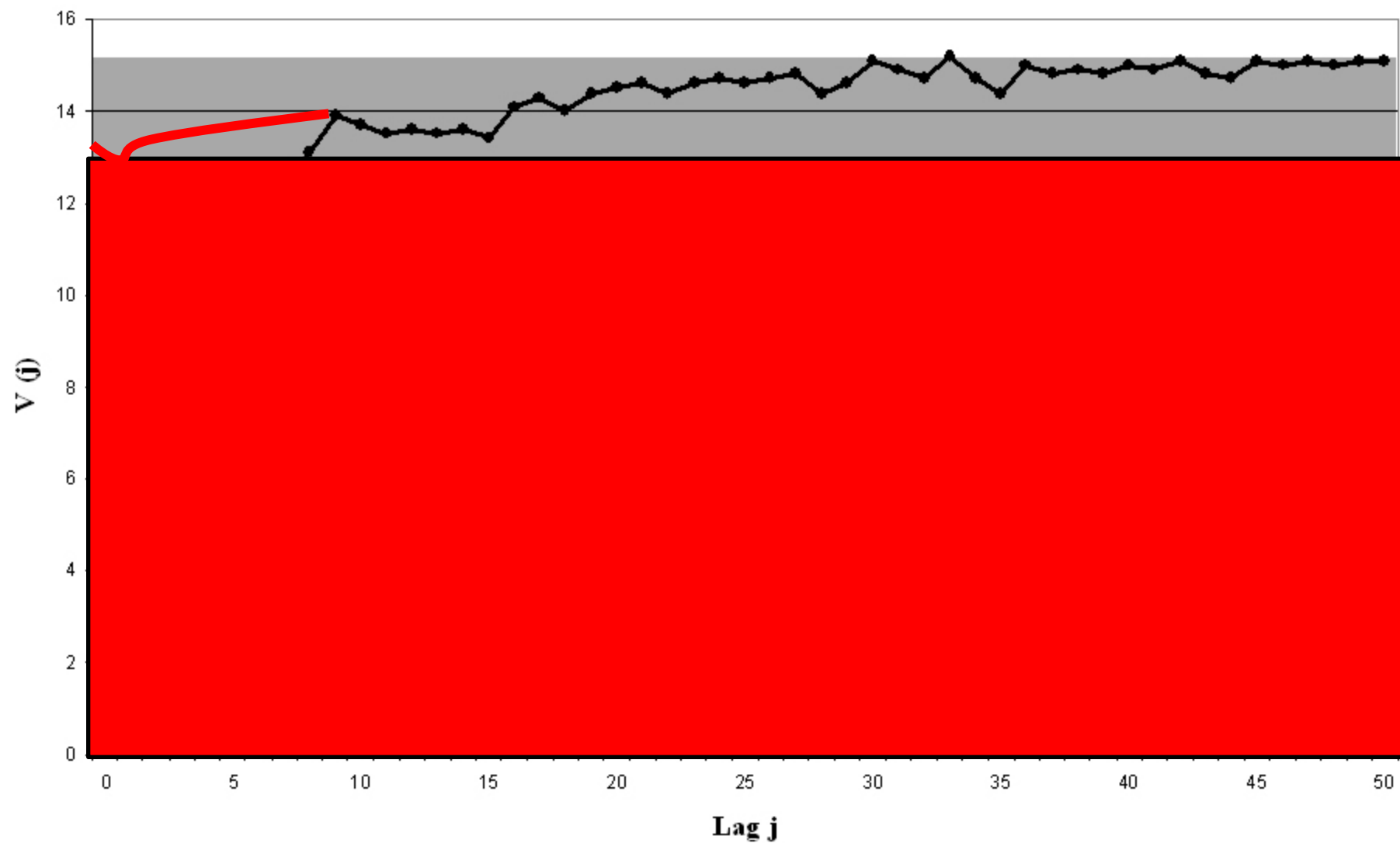
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## **Repræsentativ prøvetagning – Horizontal standard**

Representative sampling – Horizontal standard

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**Representative sampling, data quality, validation  
– a necessary trinity in chemometrics**

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*in* Brown, S, Tauler, R, Walczak, B. (Eds.)  
COMPREHENSIVE CHEMOMETRICS  
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# **REPRESENTATIVE PROCESS SAMPLING FOR RELIABLE DATA ANALYSIS**

*Lars Petersen & Kim H. Esbensen*

Aalborg University Esbjerg, Denmark

Journal of Chemometrics (2005)

# **REPRESENTATIVE PROCESS SAMPLING - in practice**

*Variographic analysis and estimation of total sampling errors (TSE)*

*Kim H. Esbensen\*, Hans Henrik Friis-Petersen, Lars Petersen,  
Jens Bo Holm-Nielsen, Peter P. Mortensen*

Chemometrics and Intelligent Laboratory Systems (2007)

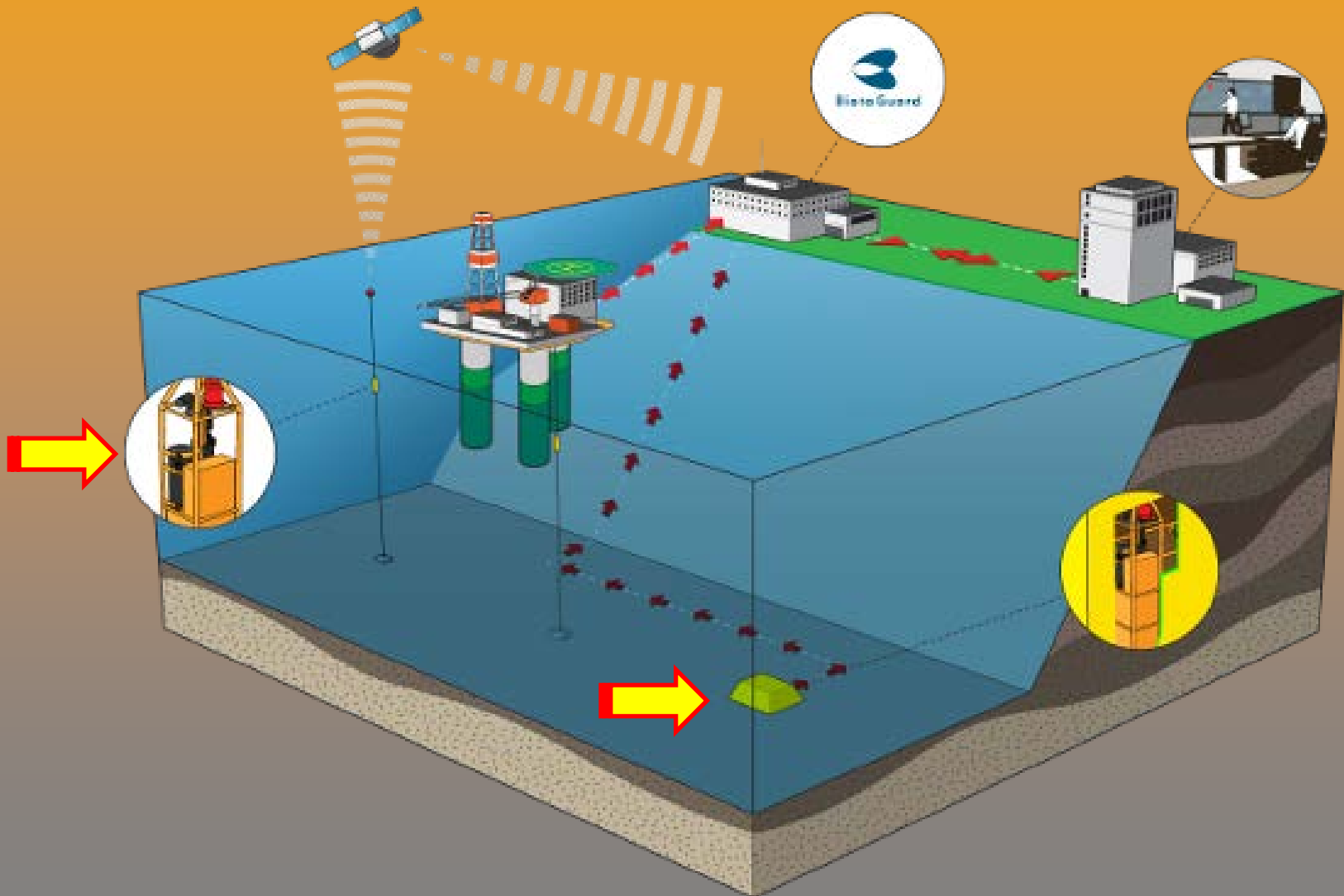


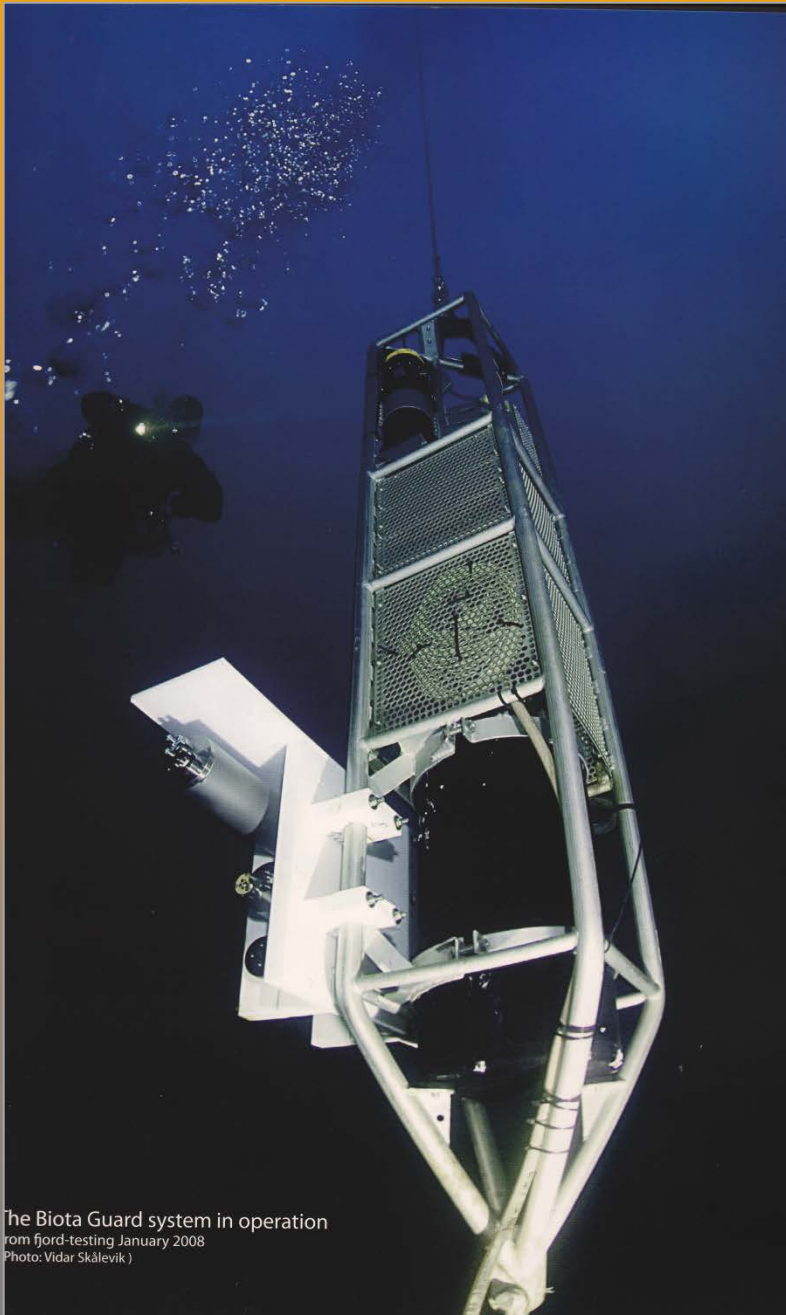
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# Novel application – Oil pollution monitoring





The Biota Guard system in operation  
from fjord-testing January 2008  
Photo: Vidar Skålevik

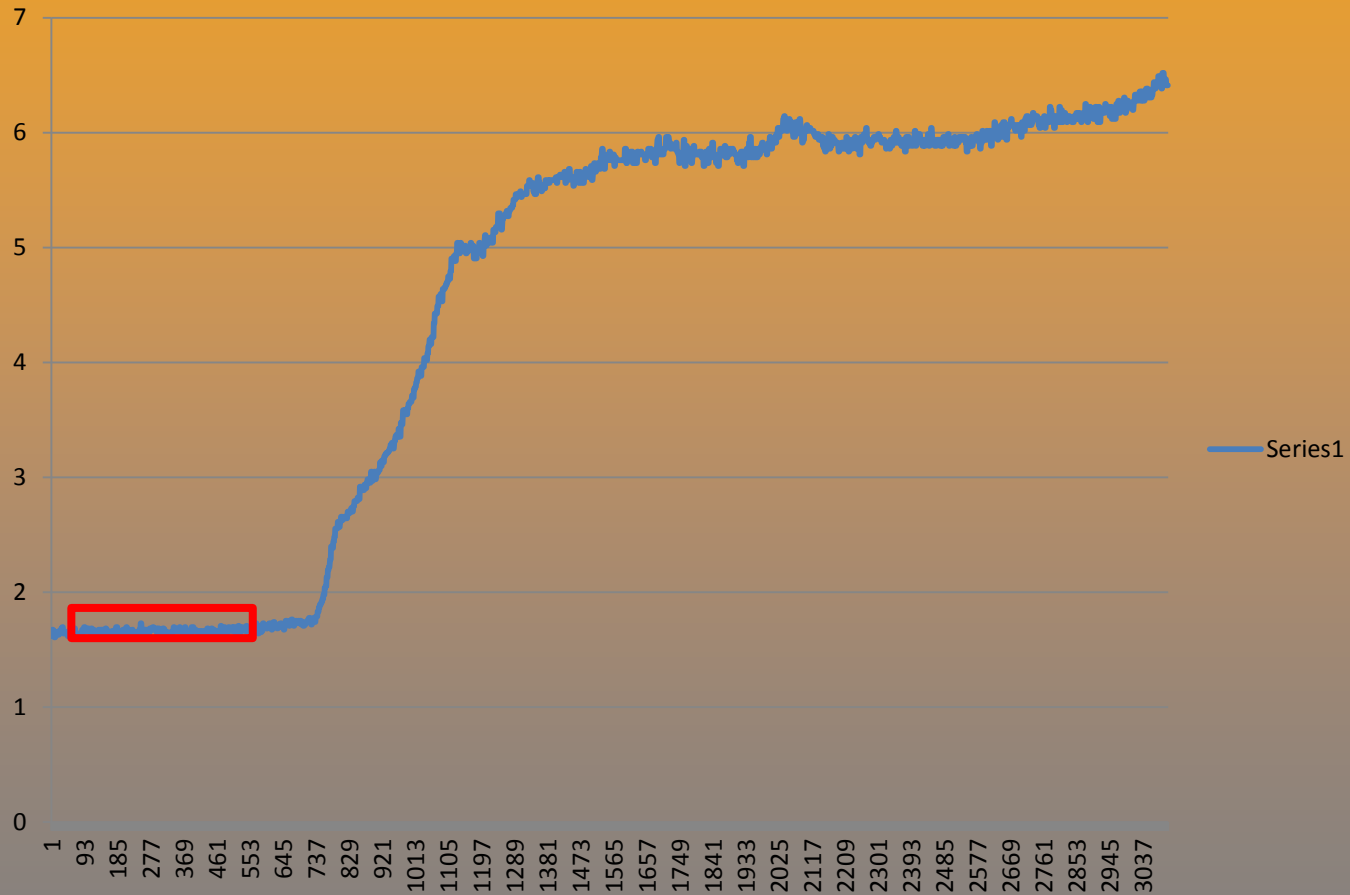




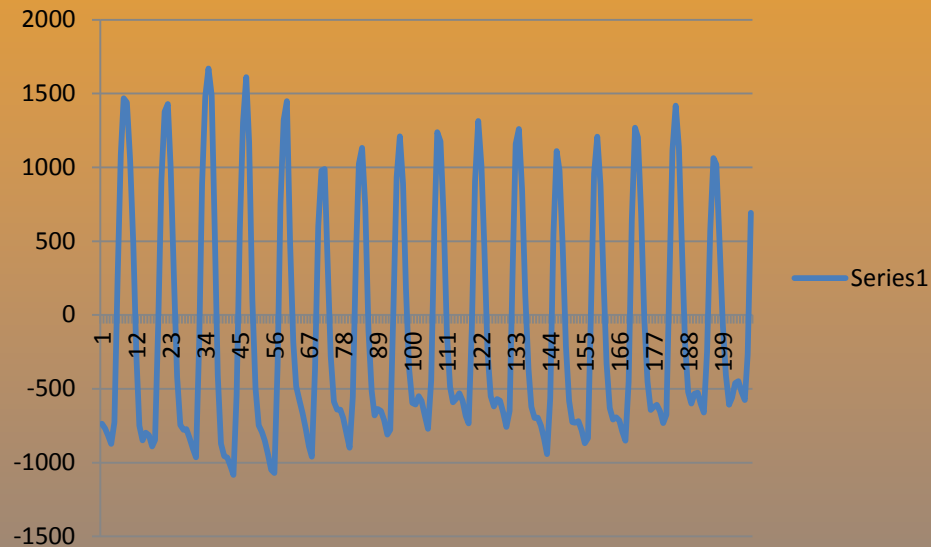
NIR sensor



# Biosensor time series

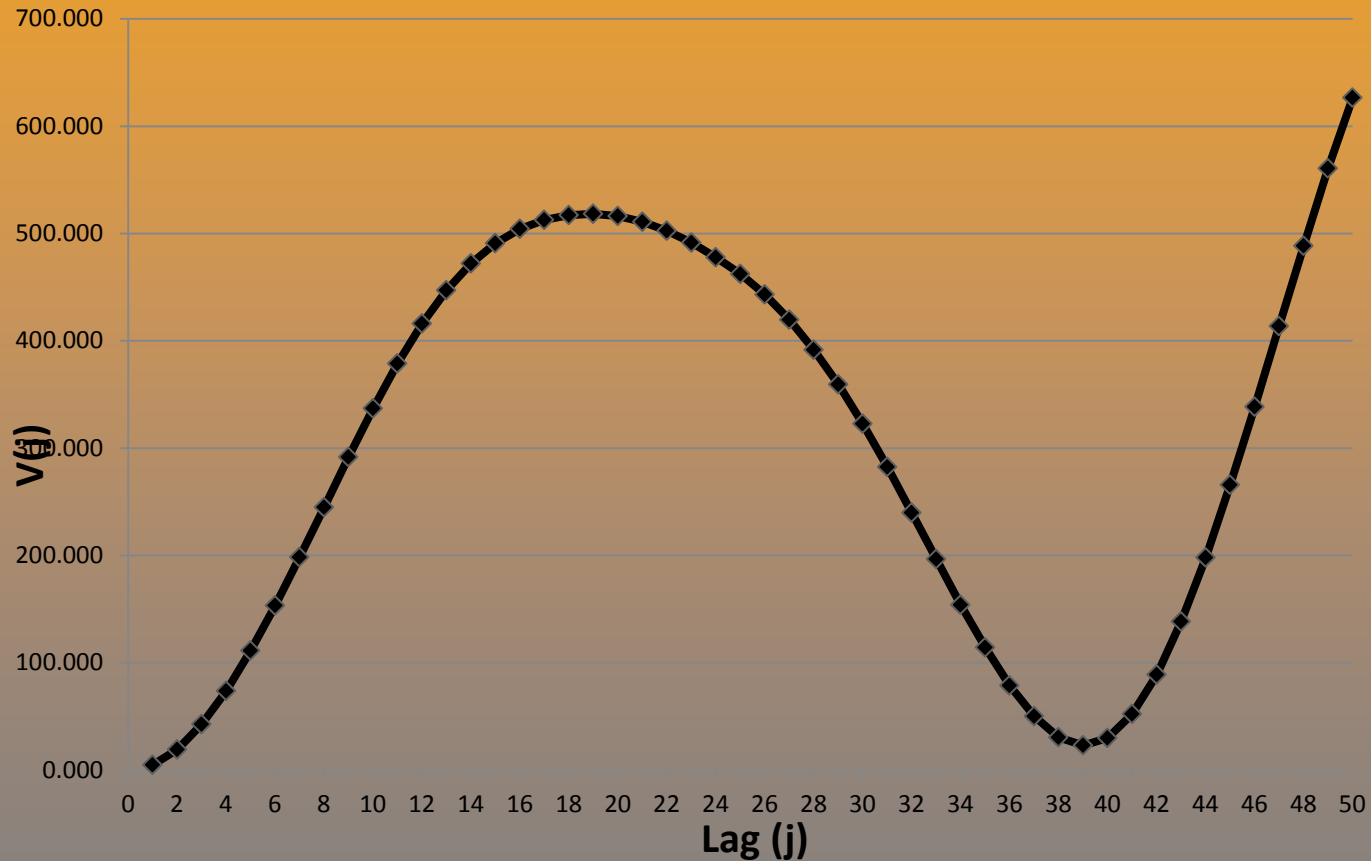


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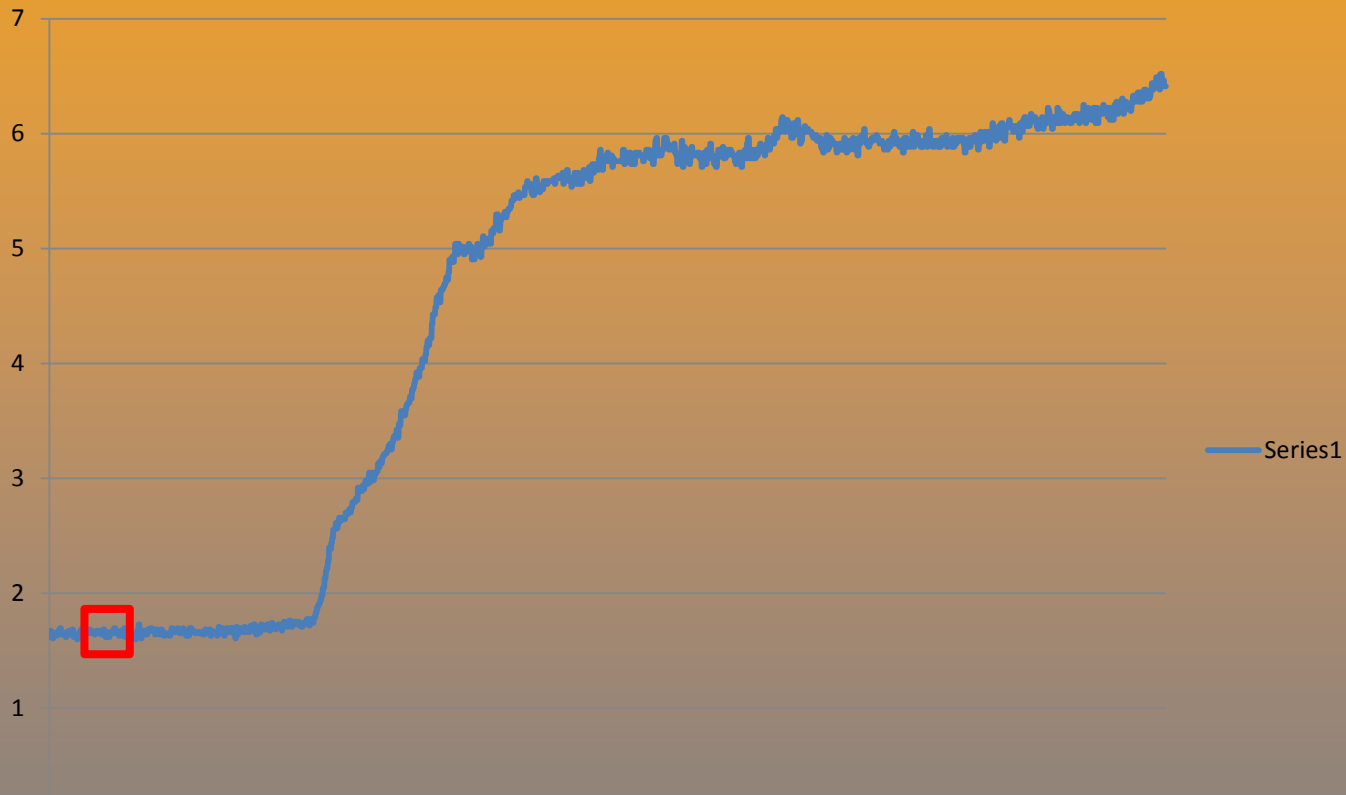
Measurement variable: Heart beat

# Biosensor variogram characteristic



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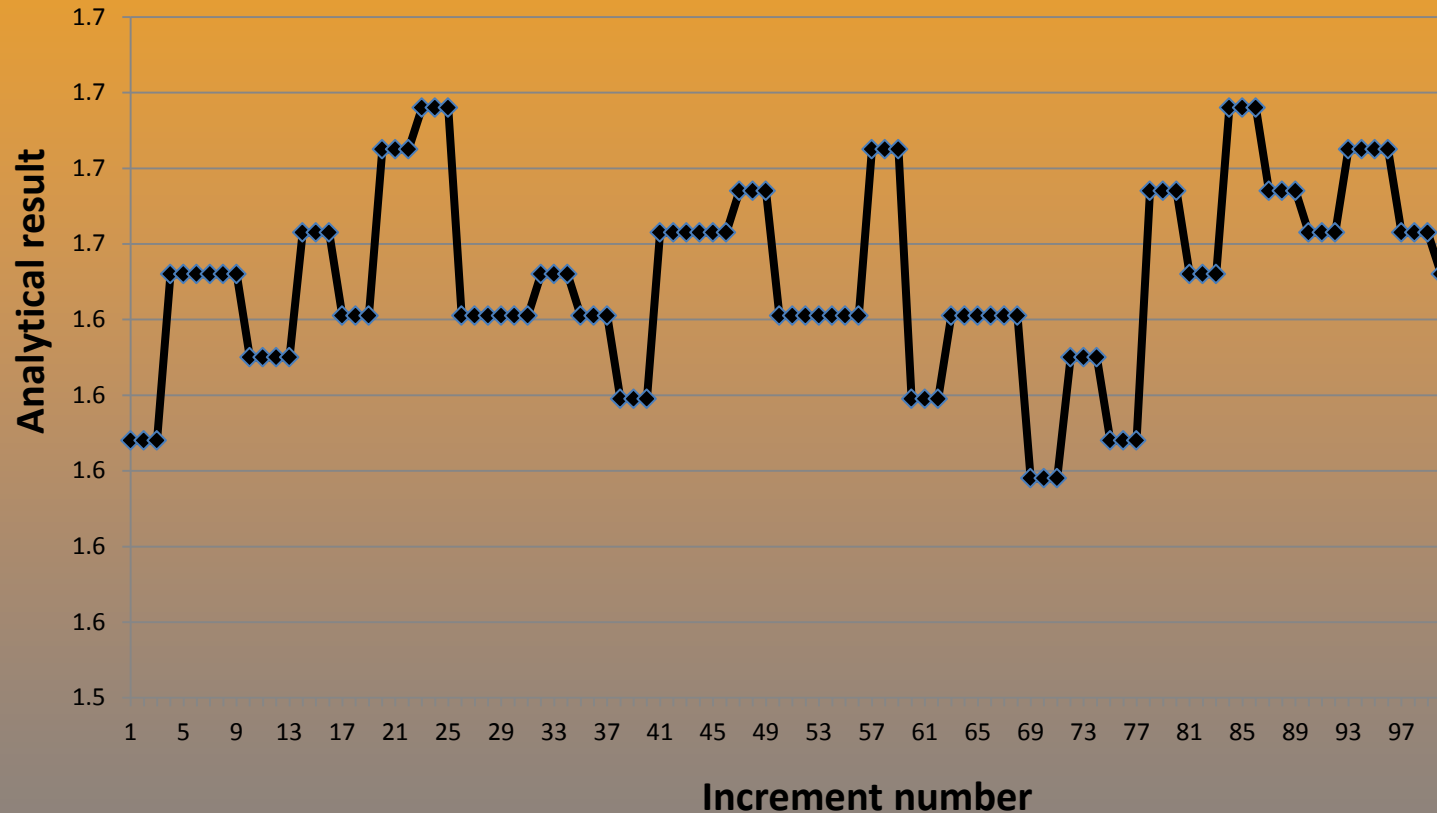
# Biosensor time series



Measurement variable: Bivalve gap opening

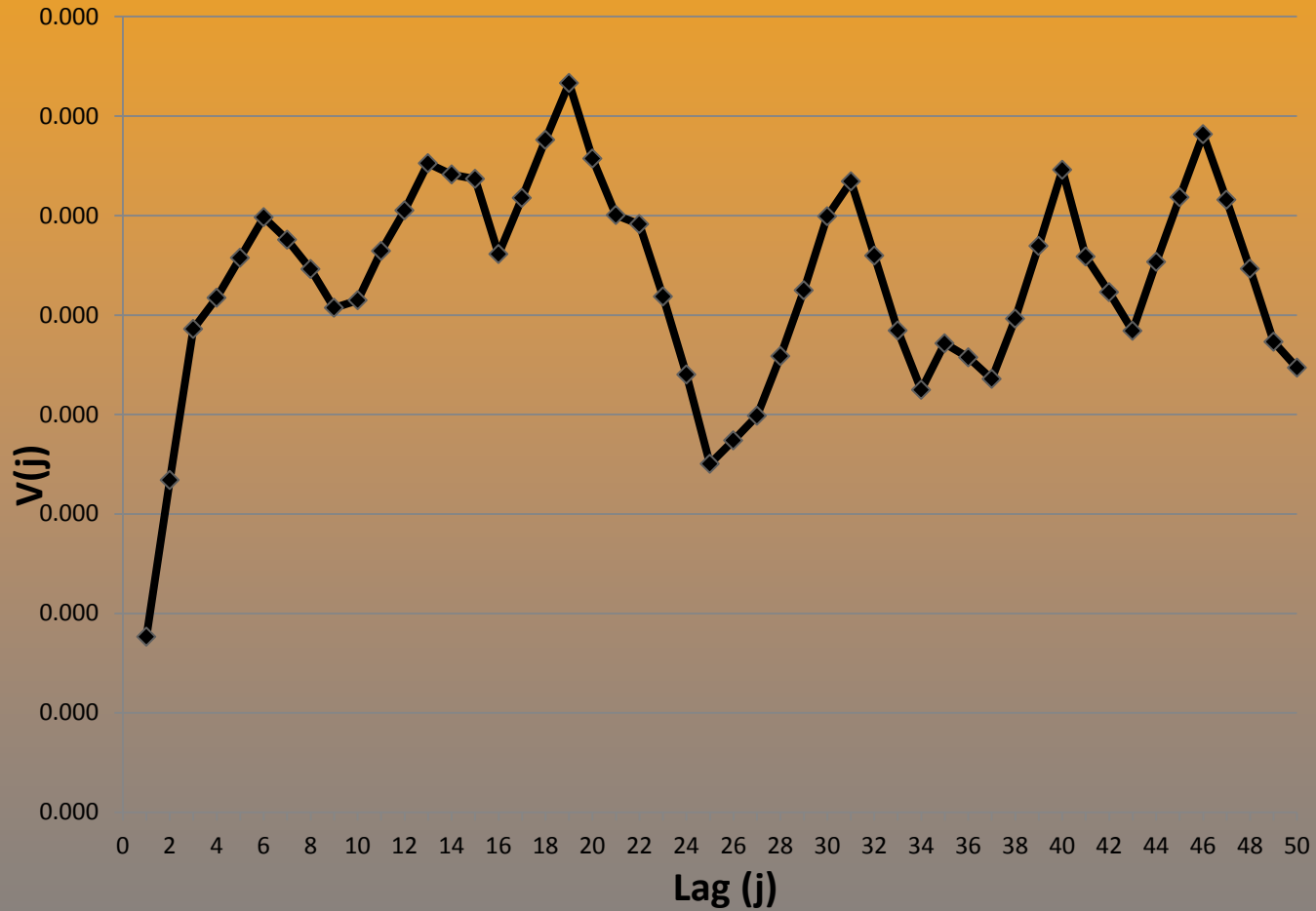


# Measurement series (biosensor)



Measurement variable: Bivalve gap opening

# Biosensor time series



Measurement variable: Bivalve gap opening

# Soft modelling: chemometrics

## Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

X

Y

## PLS-regression !!

Variogram (spectrum) .....

199.1	205.6	210.7	213.2	216.0	200.6	208.5	212.6	216.5	218.5	202.4	209.9	214.8	217.9	220.4	4.1	4.5	4.8
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194.6	200.7	205.4	207.2	209.0	198.1	204.9	209.9	211.5	214.9	201.3	207.0	213.4	215.9	218.0	3.9	4.2	4.5
194.8	201.4	205.8	210.3	213.2	196.4	204.1	210.1	213.4	215.6	199.6	205.7	213.7	216.1	219.2	1.7	1.9	2.0
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193.2	201.2	206.9	210.1	213.2	197.0	204.9	210.1	214.2	217.8	199.5	207.1	214.3	218.6	219.9	1.7	2.0	2.3
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178.4	185.9	189.8	193.8	195.7	186.7	192.4	202.4	203.3	206.0	189.0	195.2	202.1	206.0	206.0			
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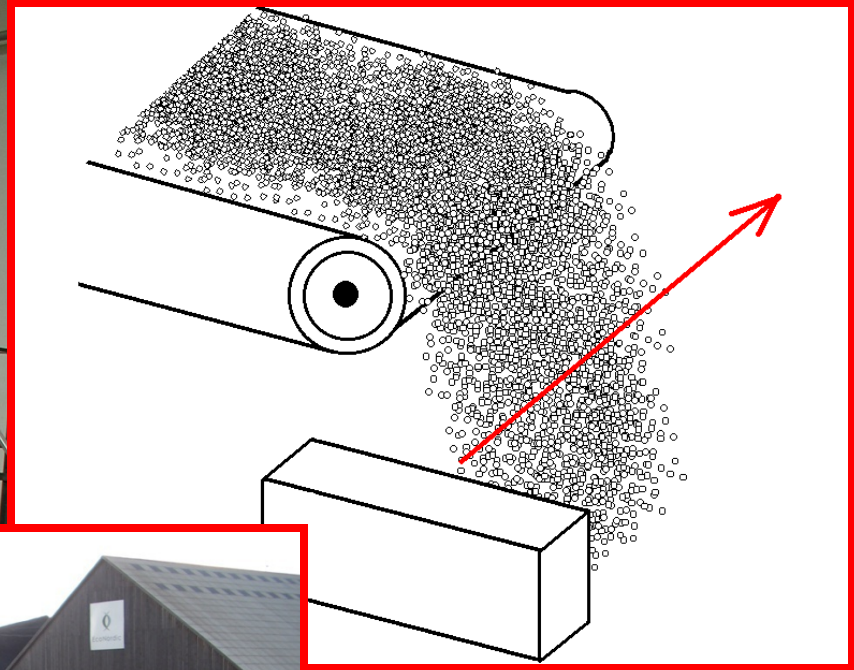
## Agenda

- Variogram: complexity spectrum;  $f(\text{scale})$
- Variogram: row in  $X$ -matrix
- PCA, PLS ... .. [Y: functional param.]
- Ample possibilities for PaRC, SIMCA ...  
Ample pos. for process chemometrics
- Only lack of imagination sets limits ...

# MYTHBUSTERS in Chemometrics



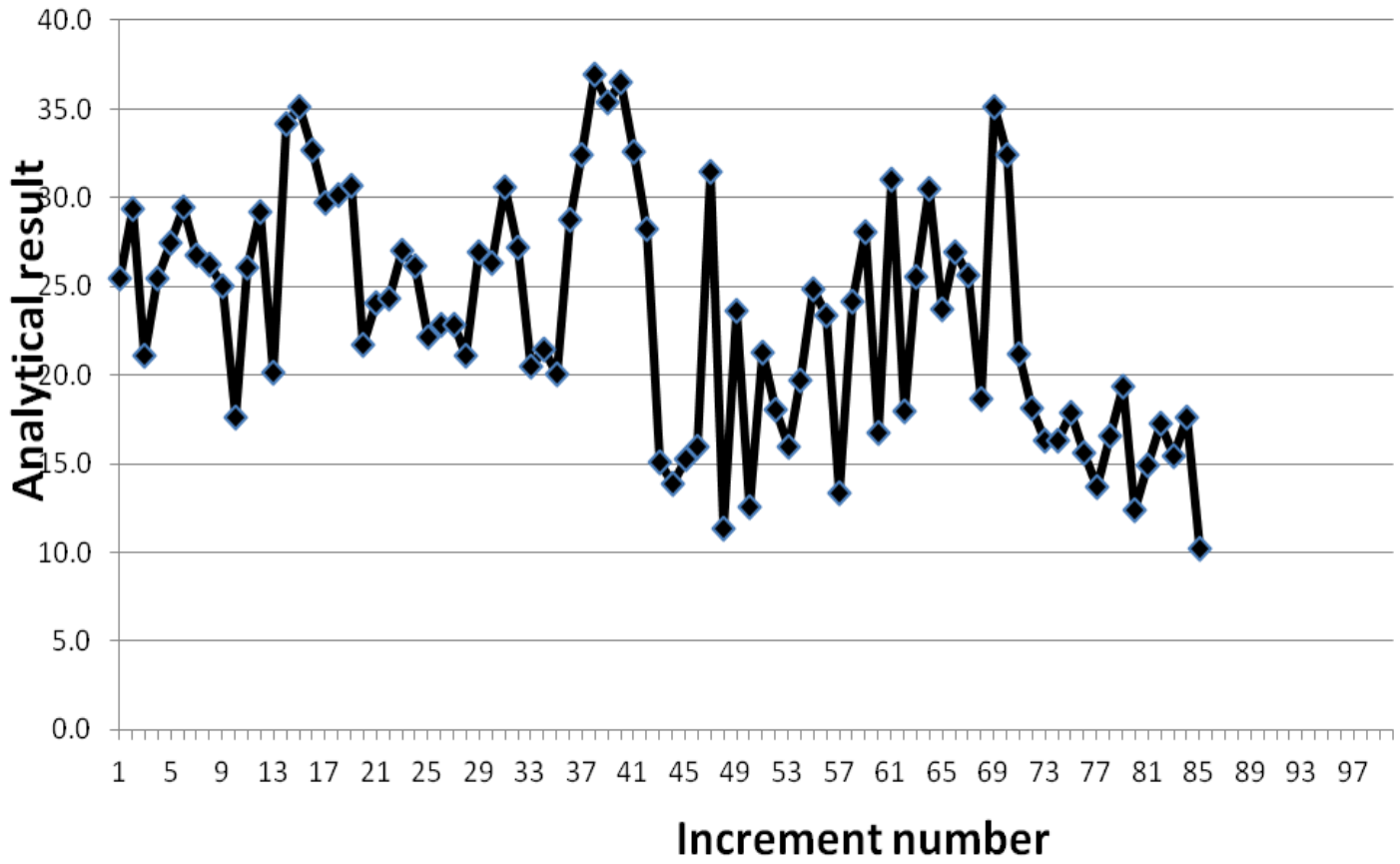
You are welcome as a guest-buster ..





Variographic transects: Unsurpassed soil complexity characteristics (1-/2-D)







# "Stage-less" mass reduction equipment

Primary sampling collector bin

Reject outlet ie  
process stream

Transfer conduit, *toggling*

Sample outlet ie  
mass reduction

