

# WHY DO SPC?

*SPC helps manufacturers make the **HIGHEST QUALITY PRODUCT** at the **LOWEST POSSIBLE COST**.*



SPC monitors the performance of a process and, using statistics, helps **IDENTIFY TRENDS** and **VARIATION** to prevent the process from going out of control.

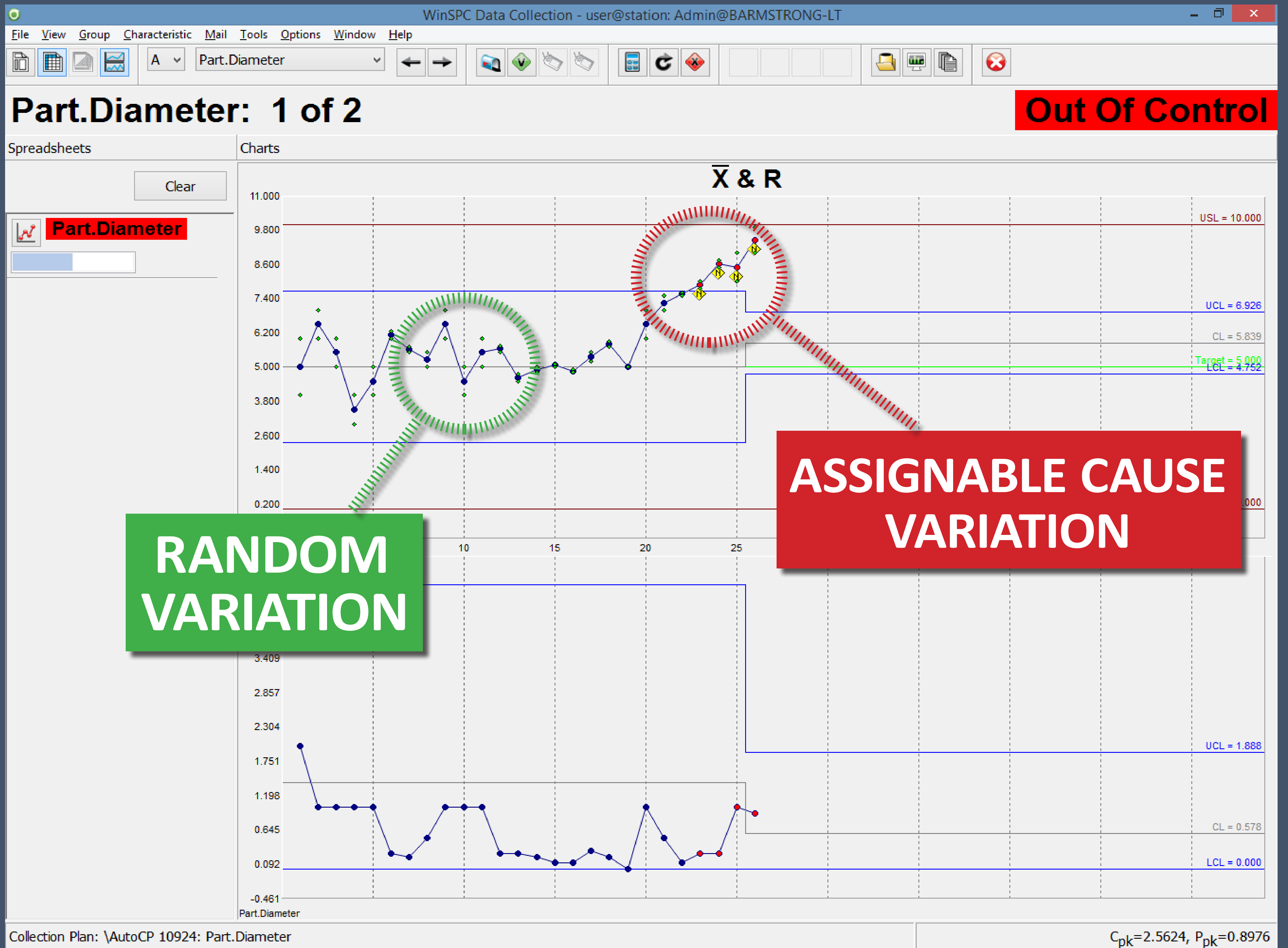
## BENEFITS OF AUTOMATED SPC

### Statistical Process Control

- MONITOR PROCESSES IN REAL-TIME
- IMPROVE QUALITY
- REDUCE VARIATION, SCRAP & REWORK
- ELIMINATE PAPERWORK
- COMPLY WITH CUSTOMER & REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

# VARIATION

*In SPC, variation refers to differences in observed measurements from the expected target value.*



## ALL PROCESSES HAVE VARIATION

RANDOM VARIATION is normal and expected.

ASSIGNABLE CAUSE VARIATION is the result of at least one EXTERNAL INFLUENCE and indicates a process is OUT OF CONTROL.

## KEY TERMS

MEAN | AVERAGE of MEASUREMENTS

SIGMA | SPREAD of MEASUREMENTS (process distribution)

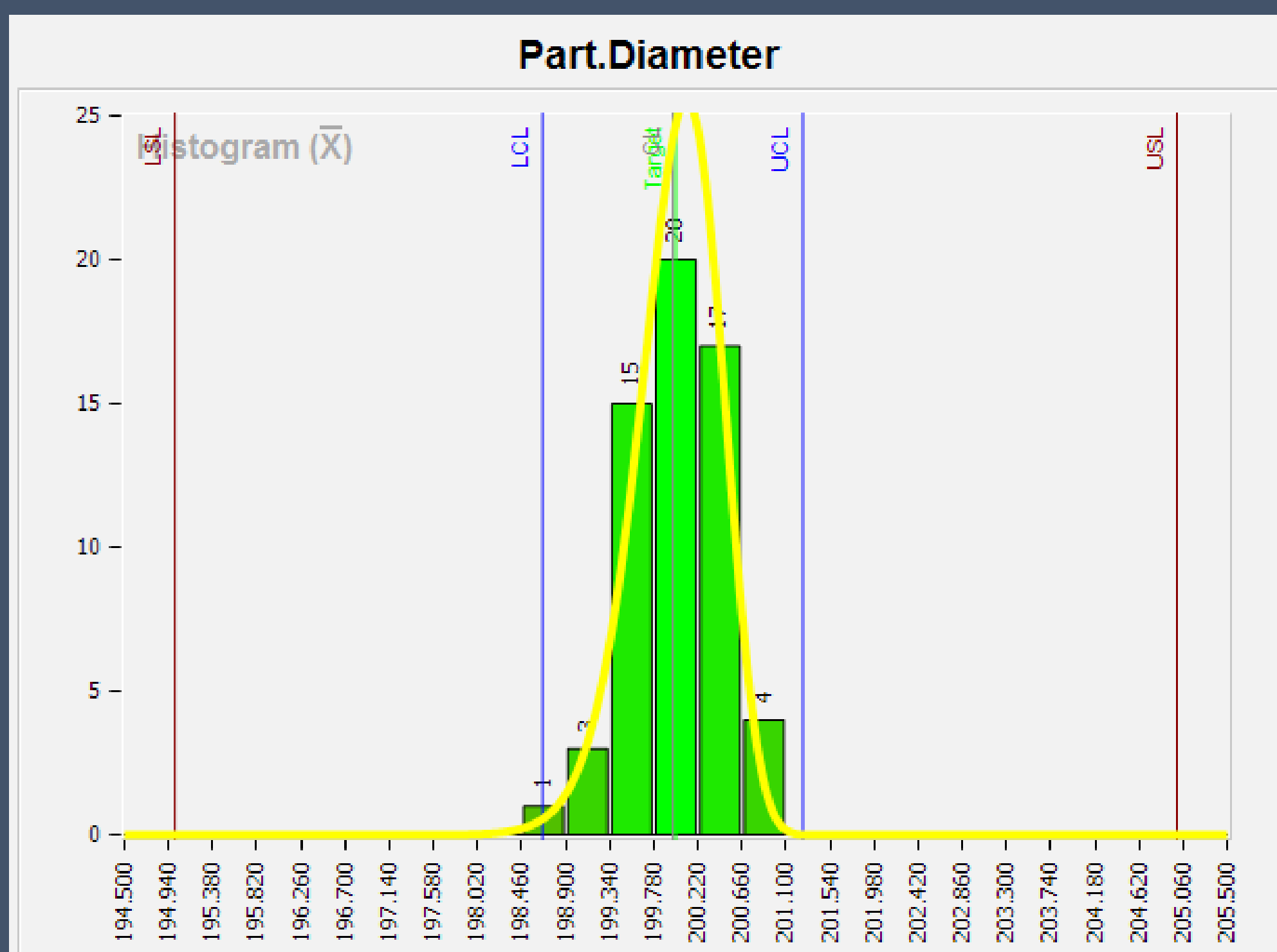
STANDARD DEVIATION | The EXTENT of VARIATION for a set of data values

SUBGROUP | GROUP of MEASUREMENTS used to plot a point

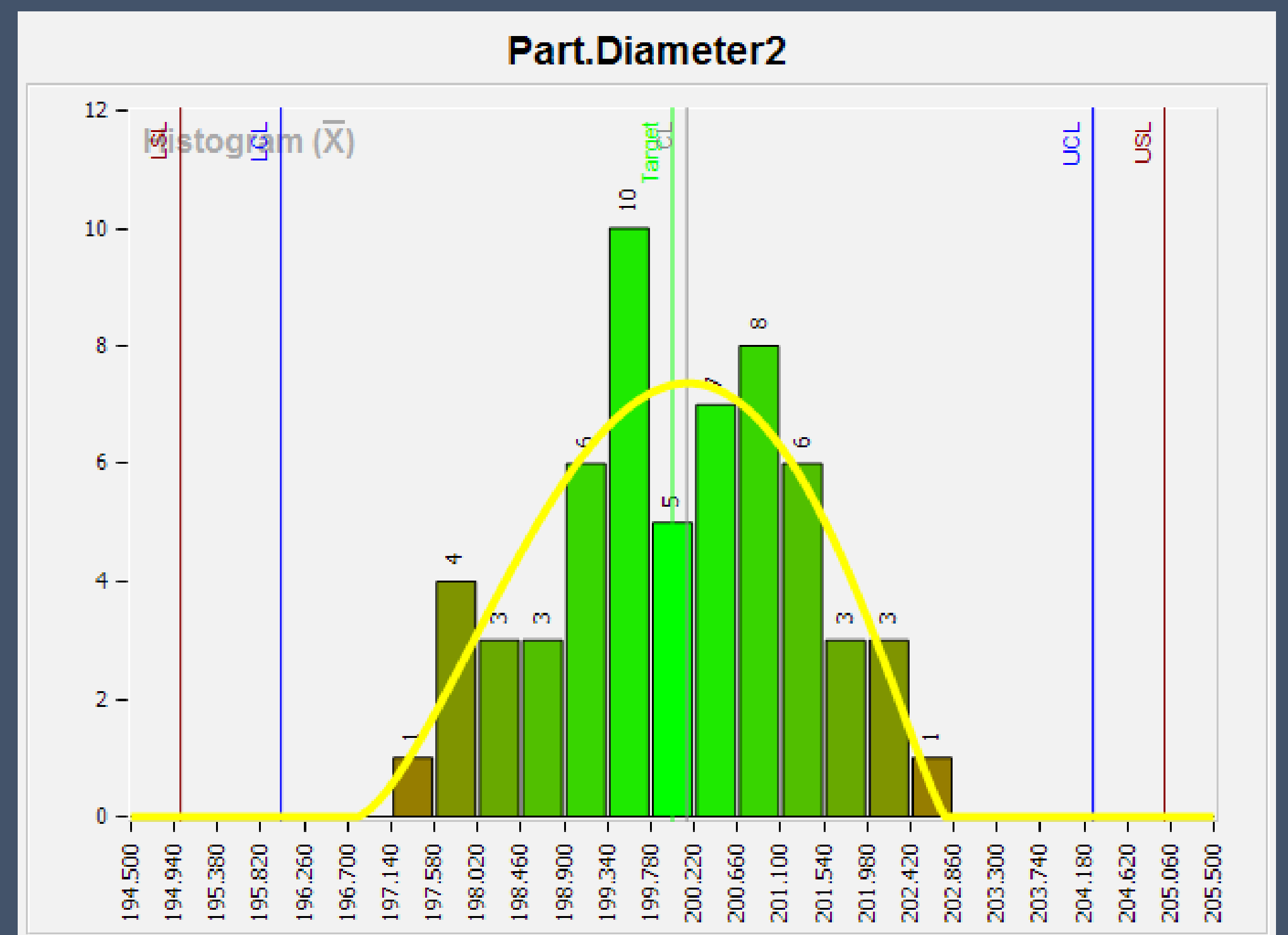
# PROCESS CAPABILITY

*A method of analyzing a process to determine its capacity to produce units within specification limits.*

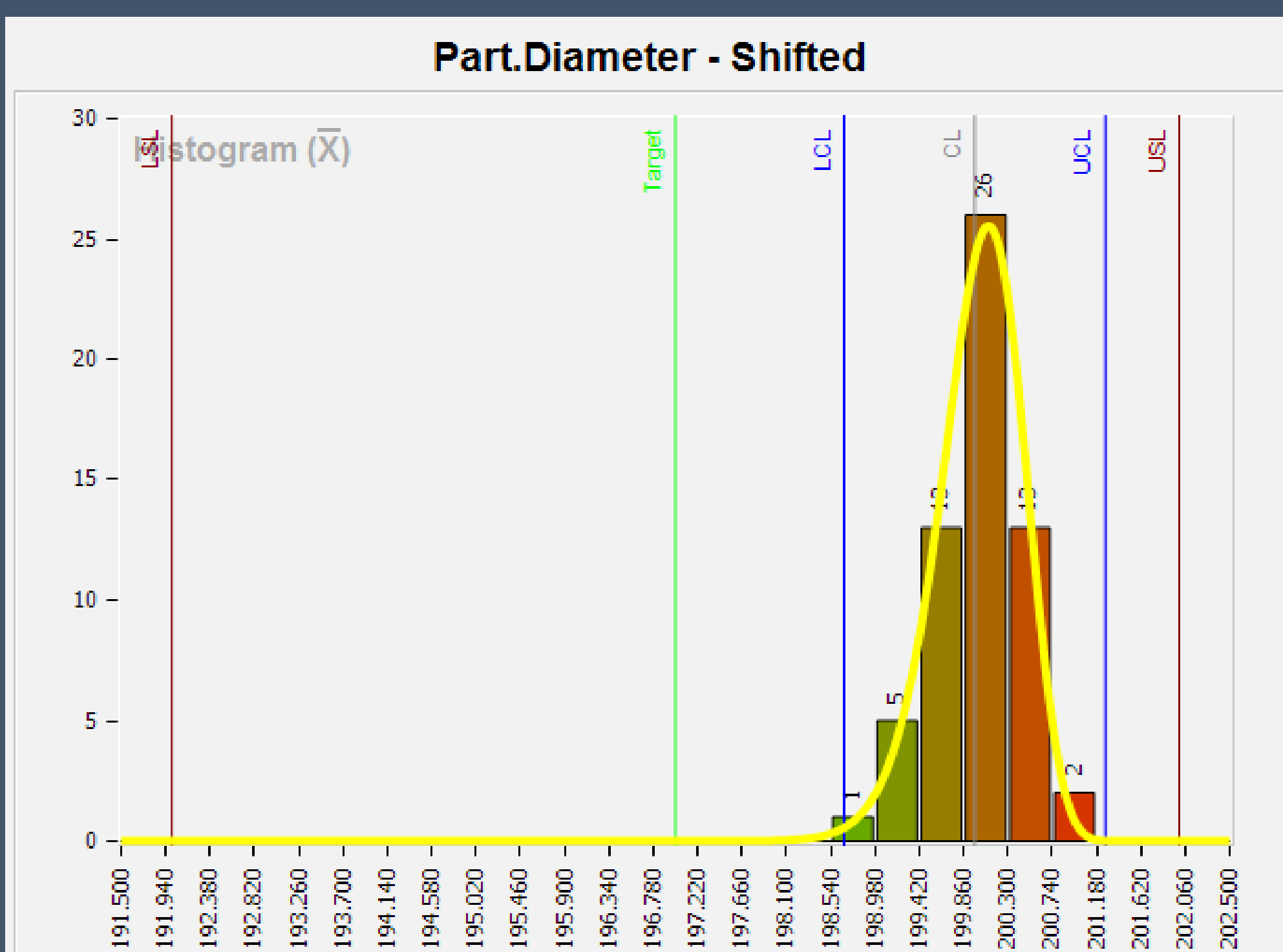
High Cpk | High Cp  
Cpk = 1.68 | Cp = 1.68



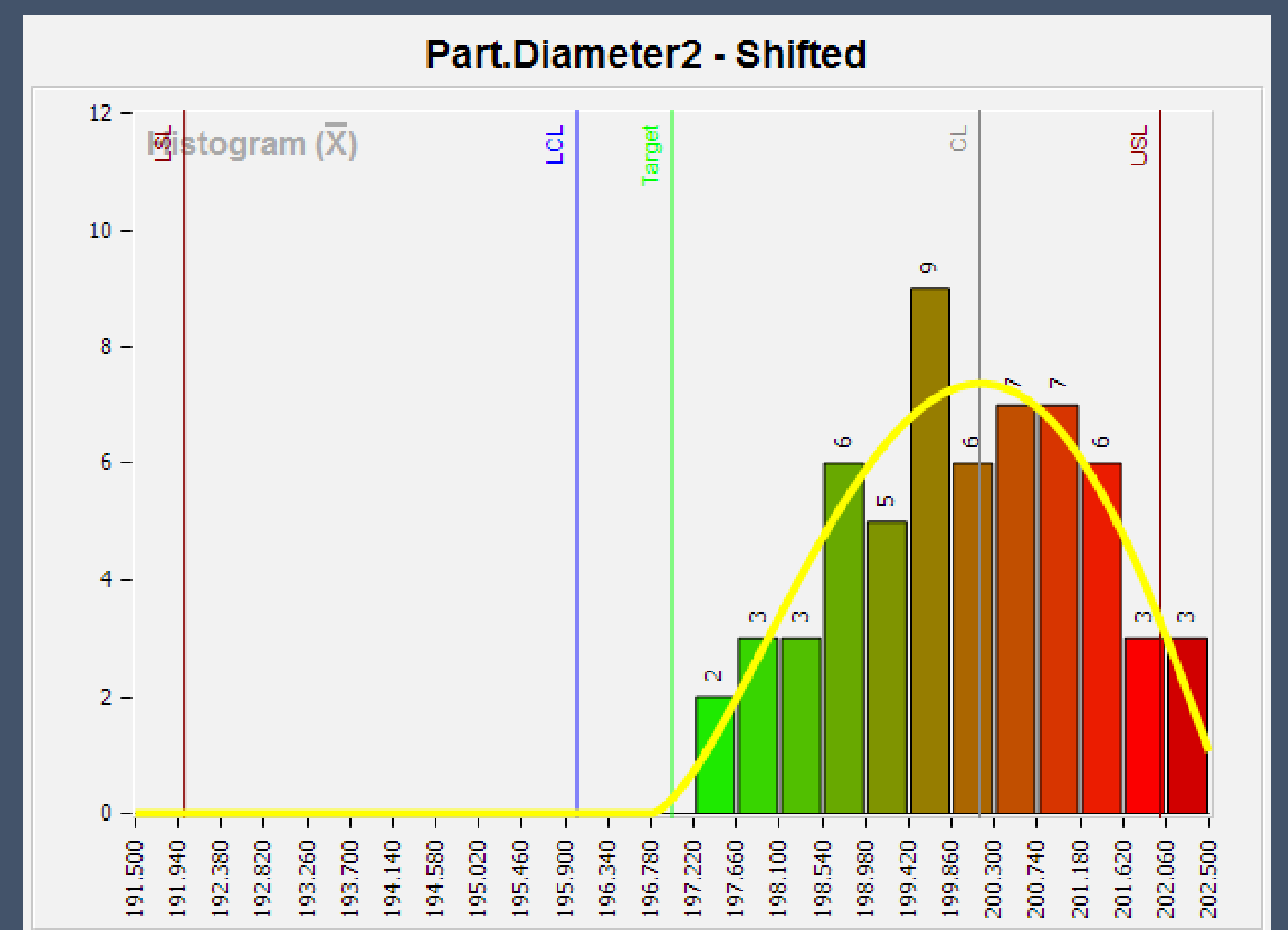
Low Cpk | Low Cp  
Cpk = .53 | Cp = .53



Low Cpk | High Cp  
Cpk = .67 | Cp = 1.68



Low Cpk | Low Cp  
Cpk = .21 | Cp = .53



## KEY TERMS

**HISTOGRAM** | TALLY of MEASUREMENTS that shows the DATA DISTRIBUTION

**CP** | Indicates the DISTRIBUTION WIDTH for the data (Target Cp > 1.3)

**CPK** | Indicates the data WIDTH AND CENTERING relative to SPECIFICATIONS (Target Cpk > 1.3)

# LIMITS

## -- SPECIFICATION LIMITS --

Range of acceptable measurements  
from the CUSTOMER

*NOTE: A point outside the specification limits indicates that  
the part is out of tolerance (defective).*



## -- CONTROL LIMITS --

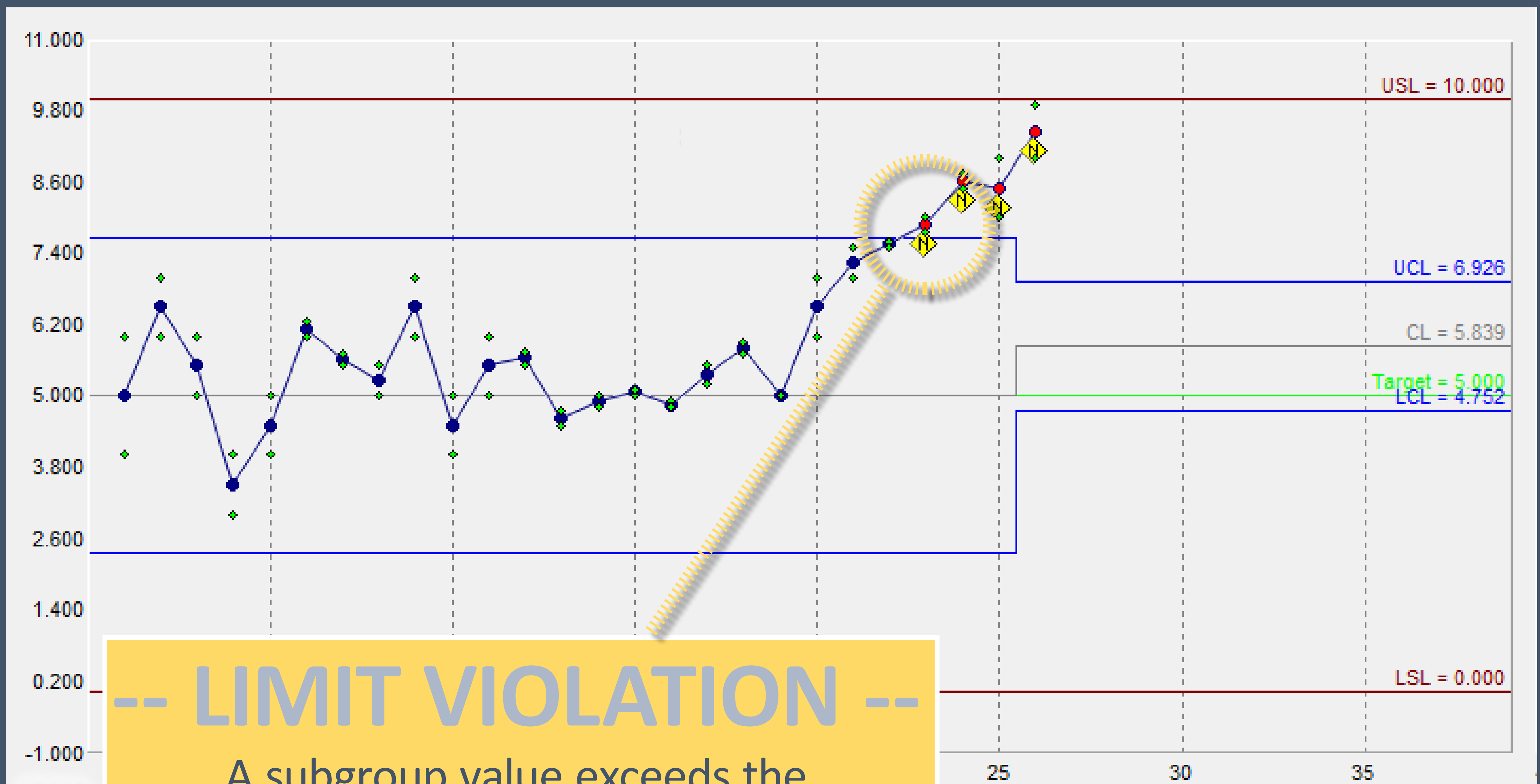
Region based on SPC theory to guide  
PROCESS IMPROVEMENT

*NOTE: A point outside the control limits indicates that  
the process is out of control.*

# CONTROL CHART

*A chart to visualize process performance against calculated control limits and to reveal variation among measurements.*

## A PLOT OF DATA AGAINST CONTROL LIMITS



## KEY TERMS

**XBAR Chart** | PLOTS the **AVERAGE** of a subgroup's measurements

**Range Chart** | PLOTS the **RANGE** between a subgroup's high and low members

**X Chart** | PLOTS each **INDIVIDUAL** measurement on its own

**MR Chart** | PLOTS the **MOVING RANGE** between successive measurements