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## L'Idrologia operativa e la comunità scientifica

*Contributi e spunti di discussione sul tema:  
La misura delle grandezze idrologiche e la  
statistica nell'idrologia operativa*

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# Applicazioni in progetti prototipali: letture di serie continue ad alta risoluzione temporale

## 5-min (1-min) di serie storiche di precipitazione

Deidda, R., G. Mascaro, E. Piga, G. Querzoli (2007),  
An automatic system for rainfall signal recognition from tipping bucket gage strip charts. *Journal of Hydrology*, 333, 400-412

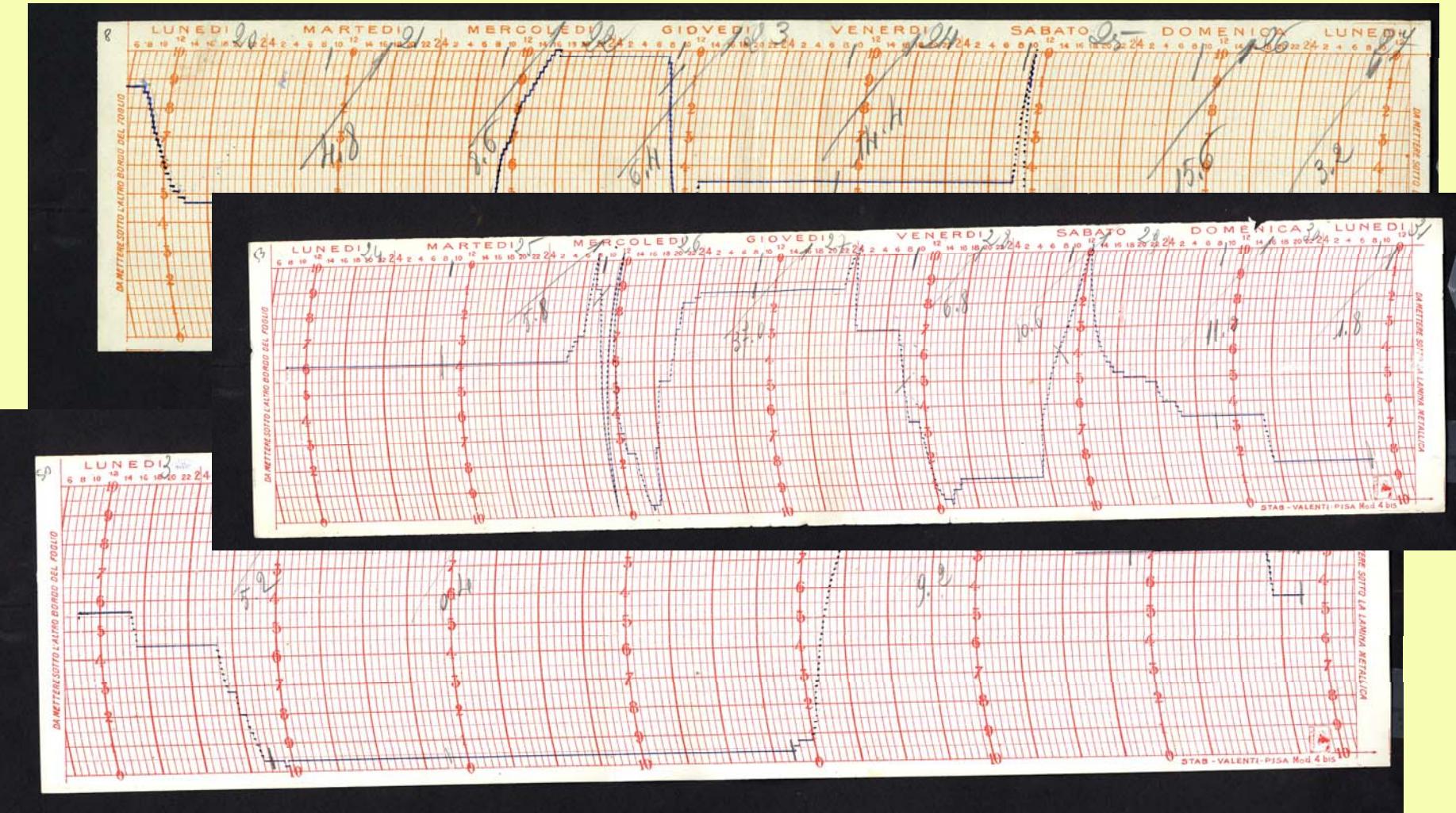
- 8' 000 strisce cartacee (circa 160 anni stazione)
- 4 stazioni nella Regione Veneto
- ISPRA, con finanziamento progetto FORALPS

- 16' 000 strisce cartacee (circa 320 anni stazione)
- 5 stazioni nella Regione Sardegna
- ARPA Sardegna, con finanziamento progetto RES-MAR

- 114' 000 strisce cartacee (circa 2200 anni stazione)
- Varie stazioni nella Regione Sardegna
- Agenzia del Distretto Idrografico della Regione Sardegna

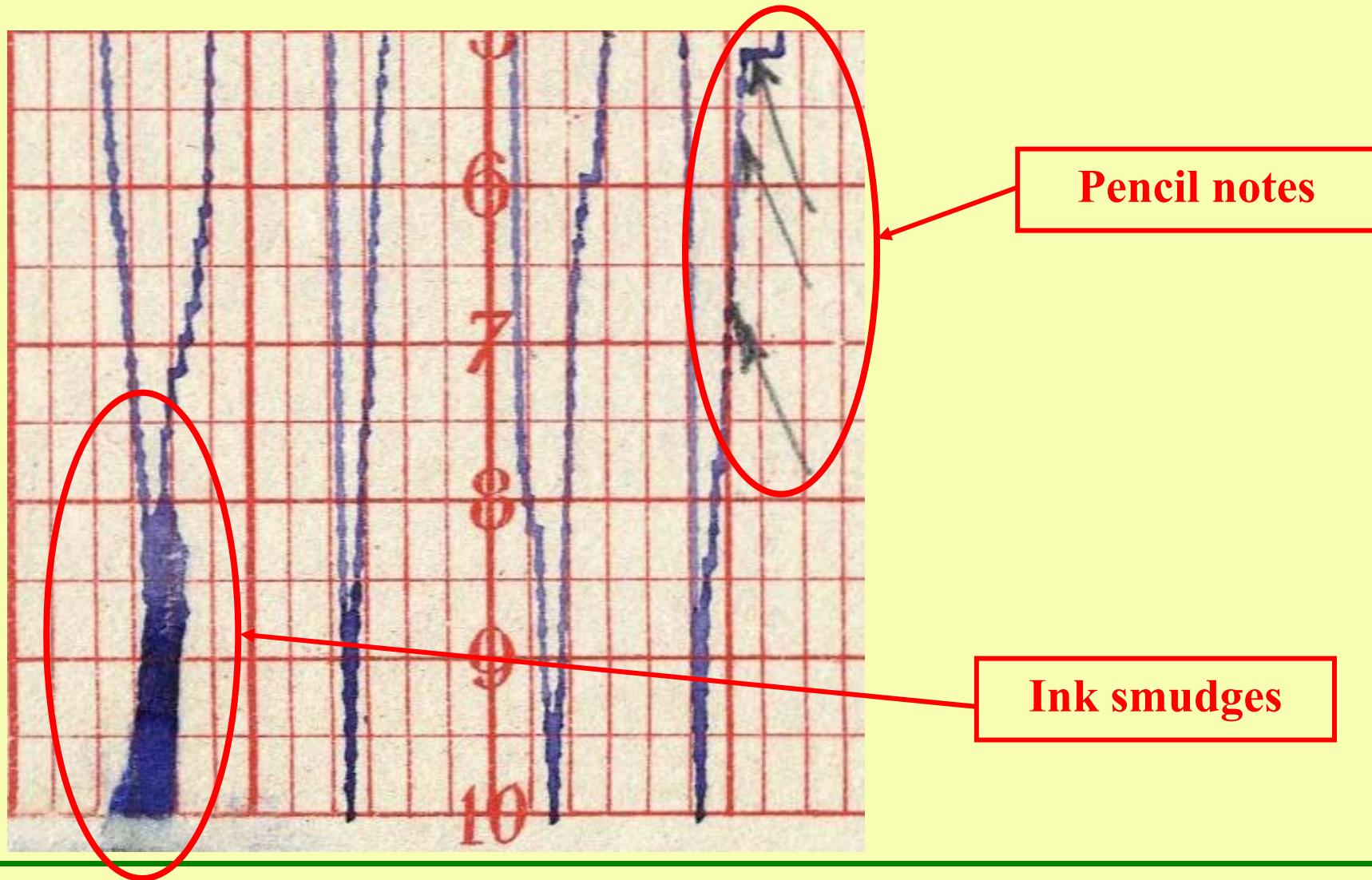
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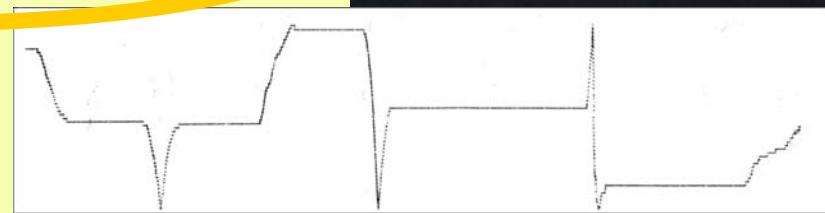
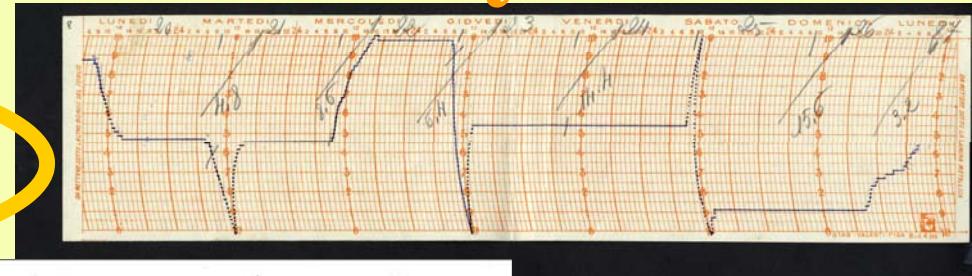
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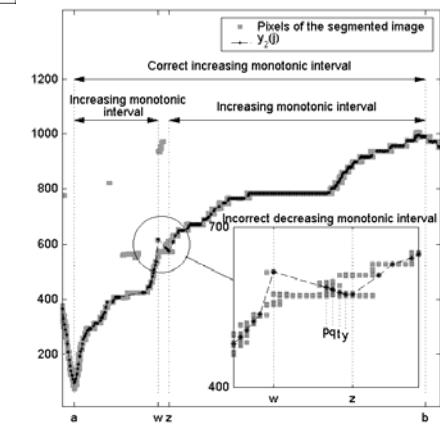
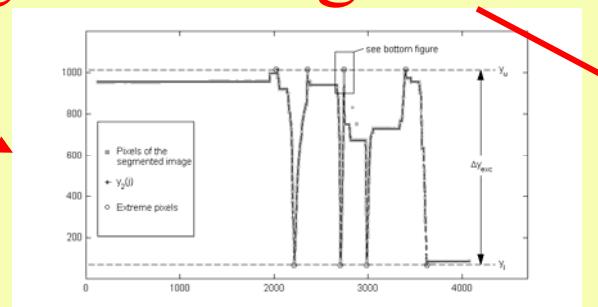


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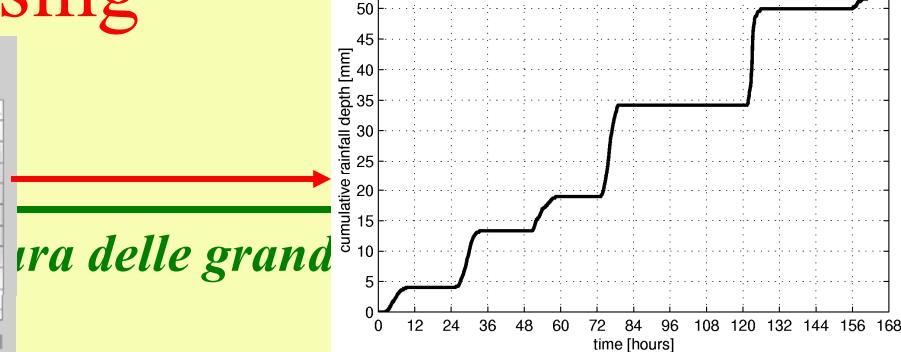
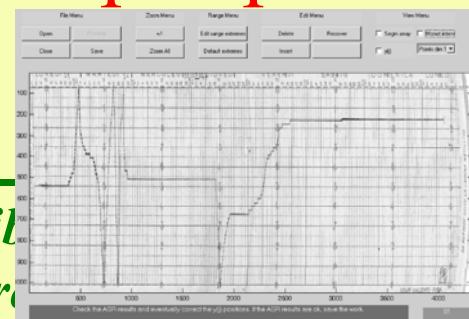
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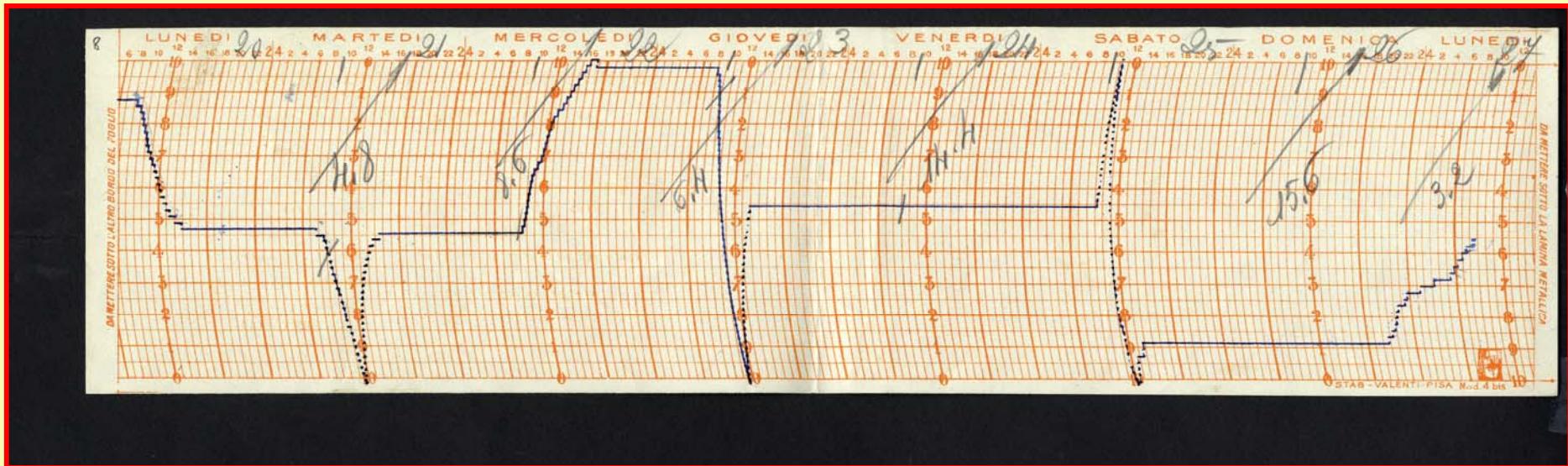
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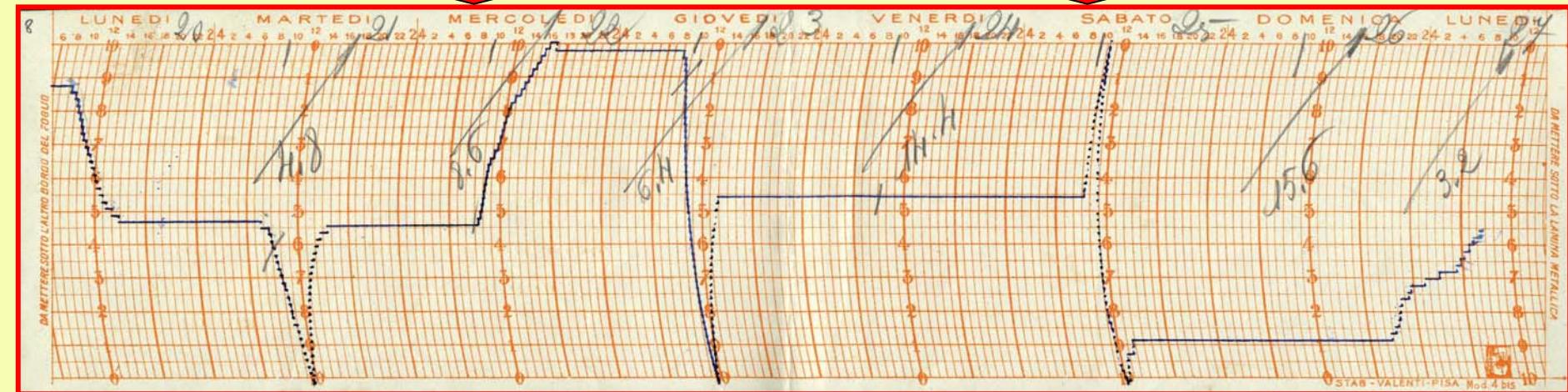
## C. Interactive postprocessing



# A.1) Rotation Procedure



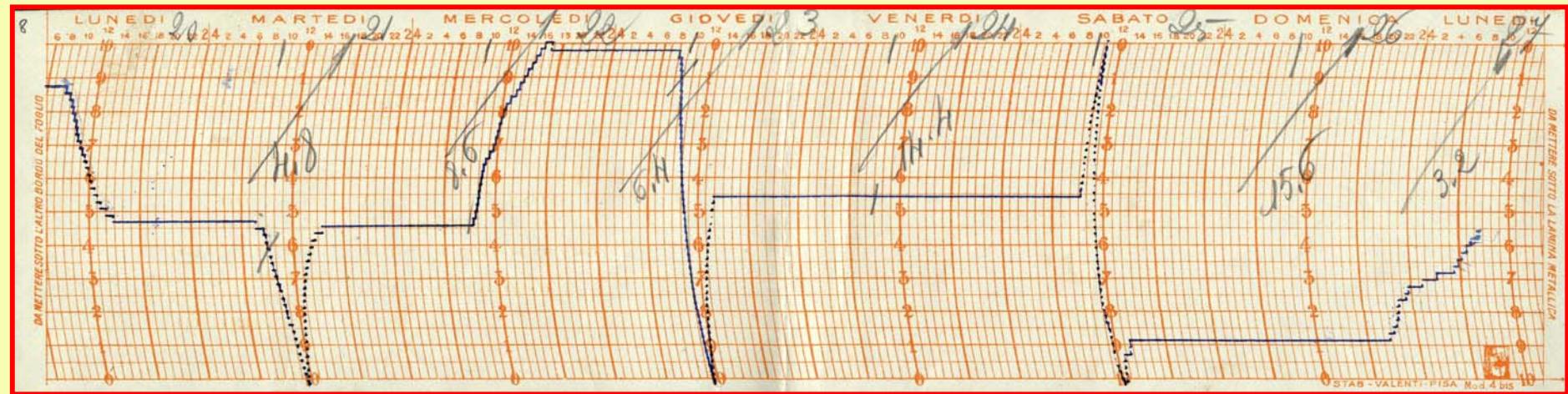
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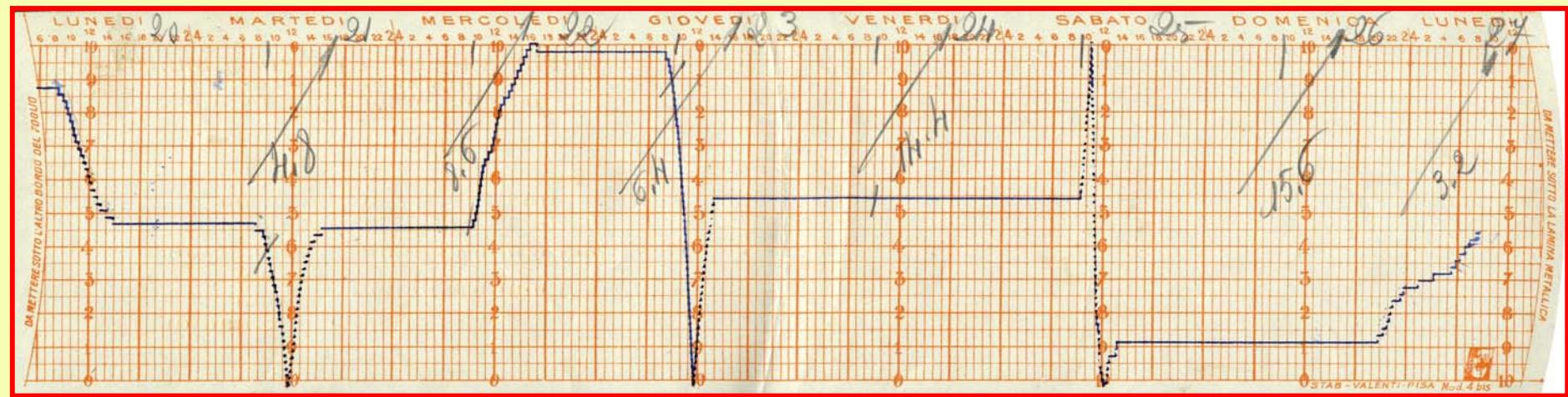
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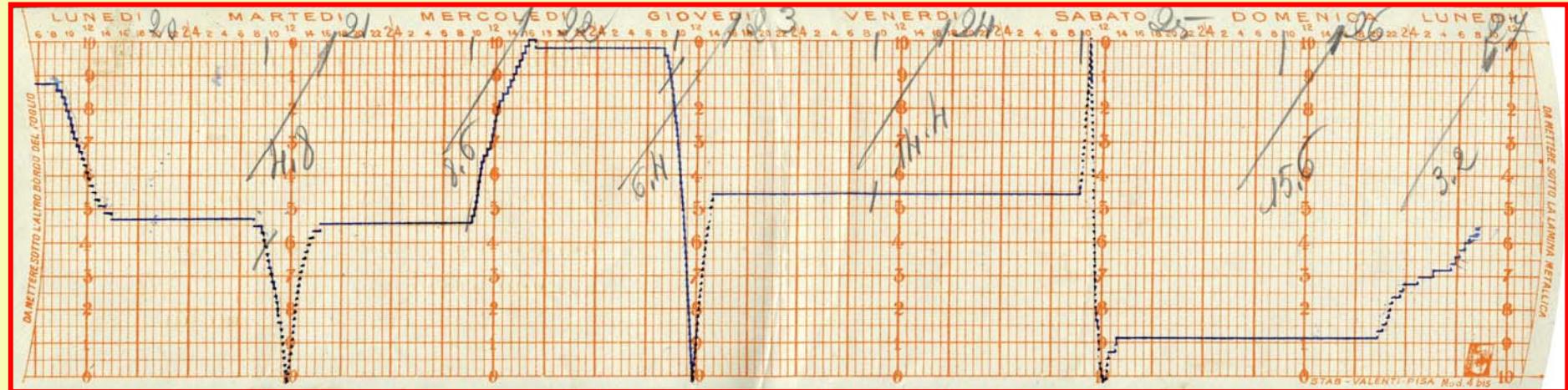
Image Segmentation Module



Warping



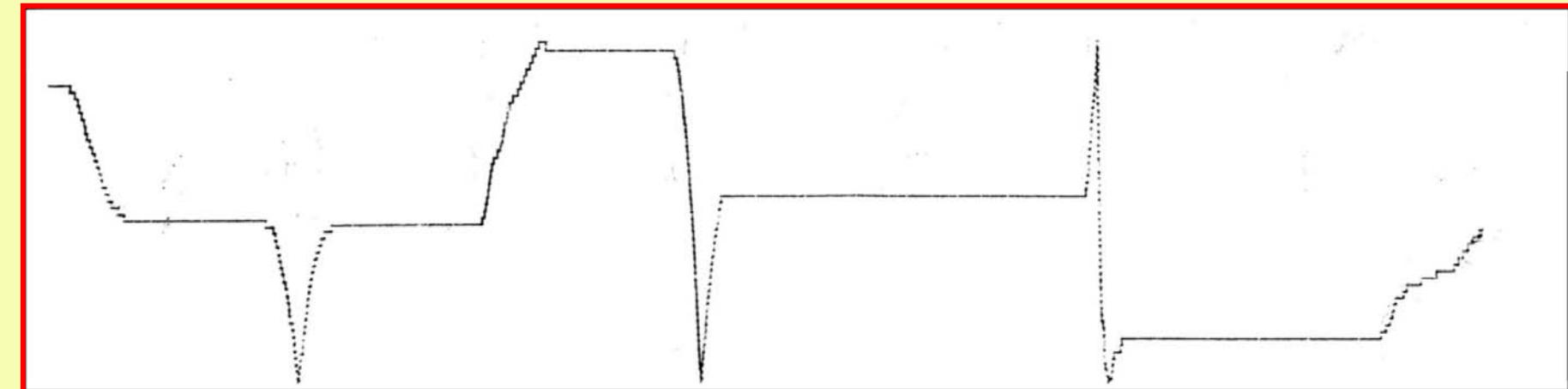
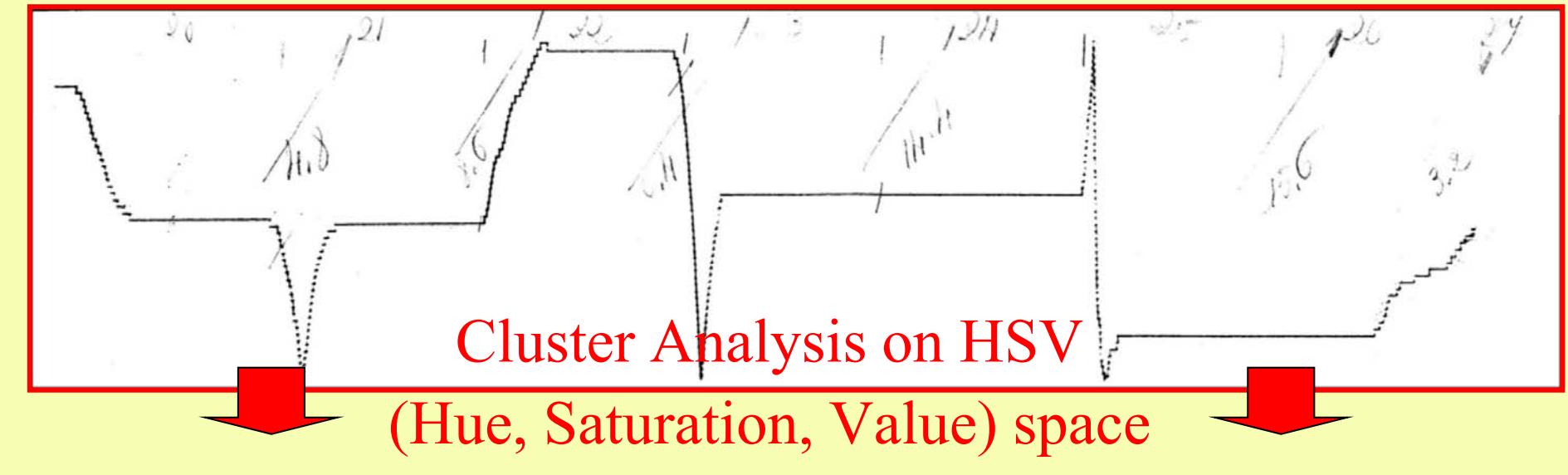
## A.3) Thresholding Procedure



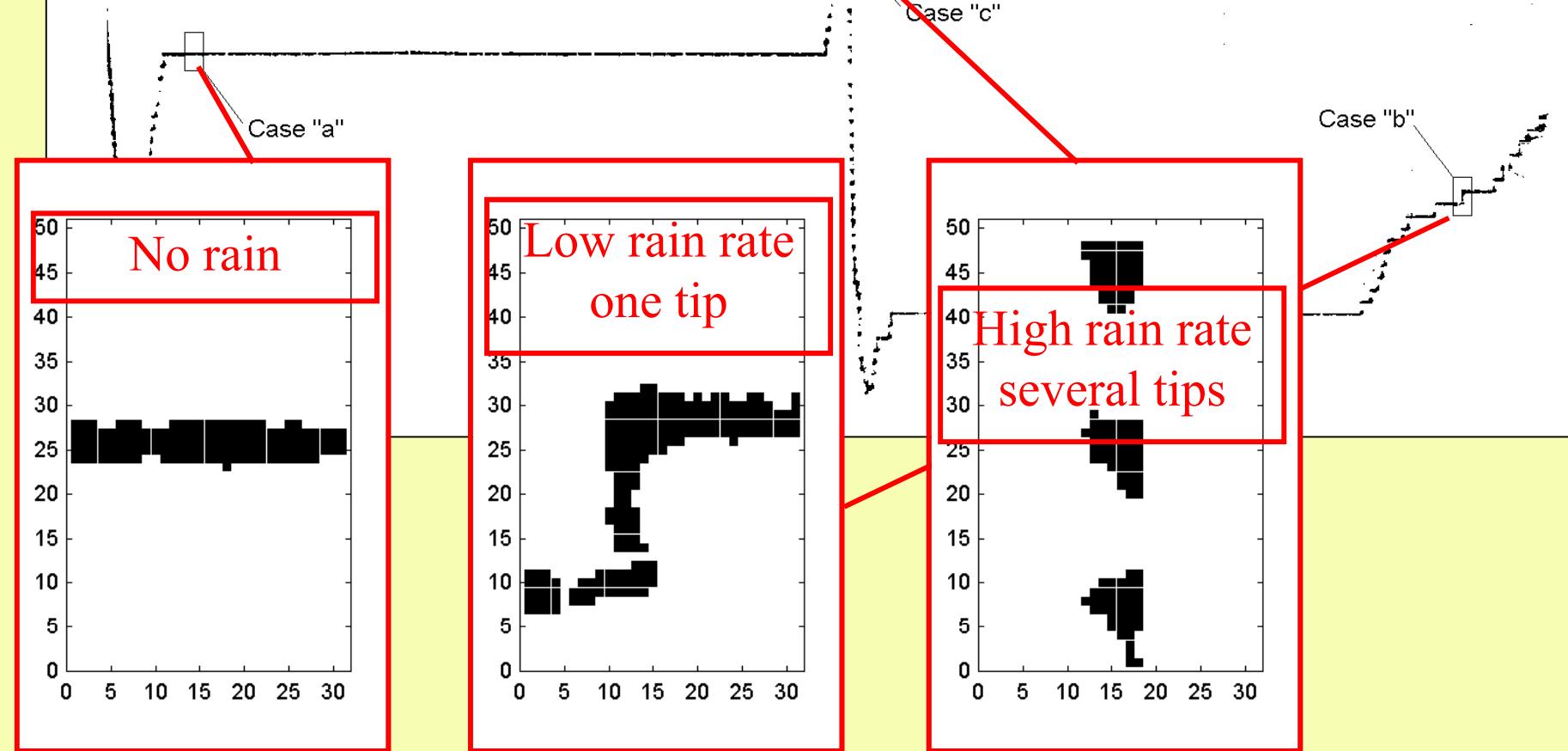
Thresholding on  
RGB components



## A.4) Cluster analysis on HSV space

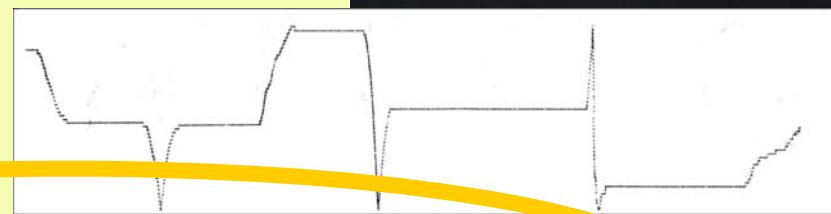
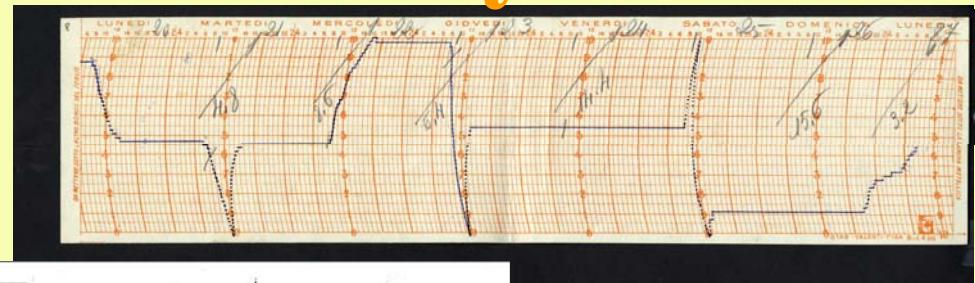


# Image segmentation outcome: typical features

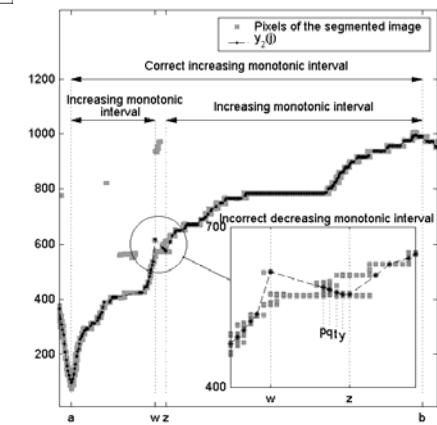
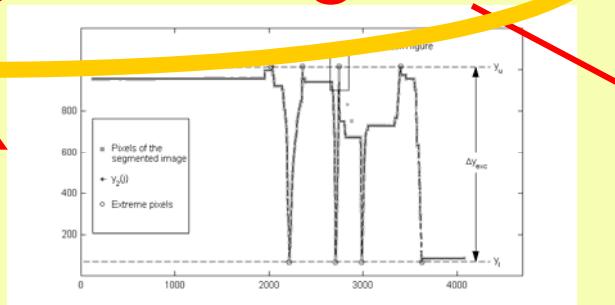


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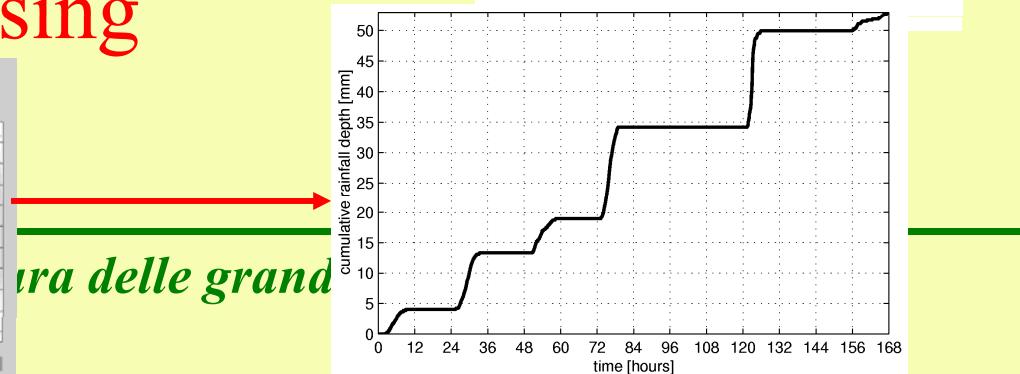
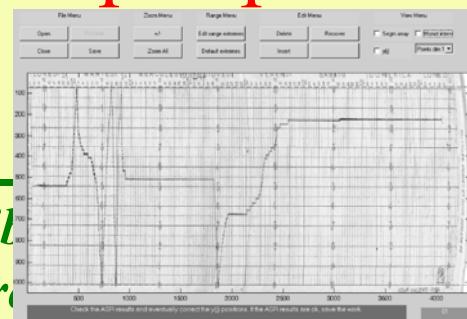
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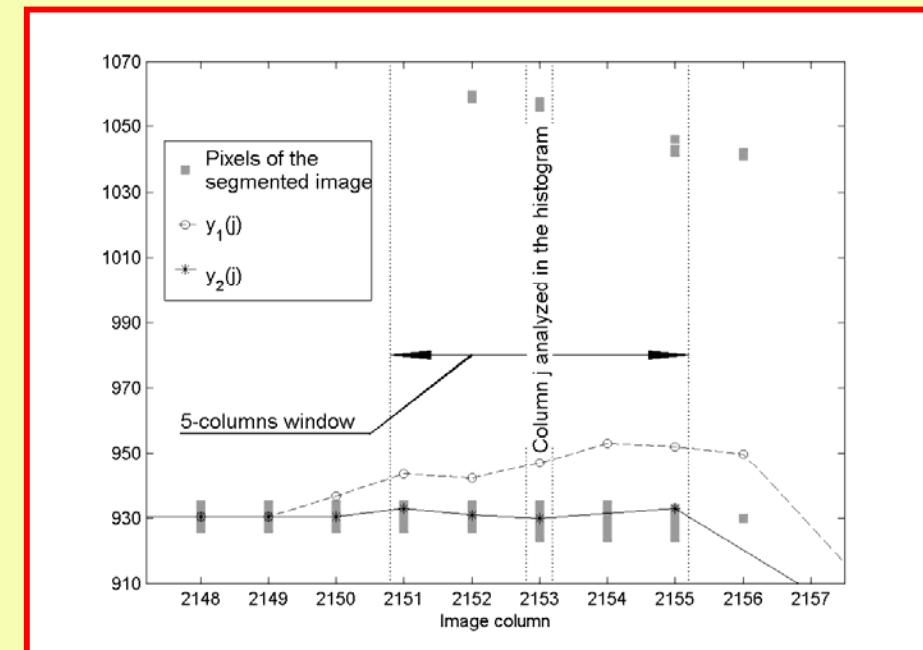
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# B.1) Robust Line Detection procedure

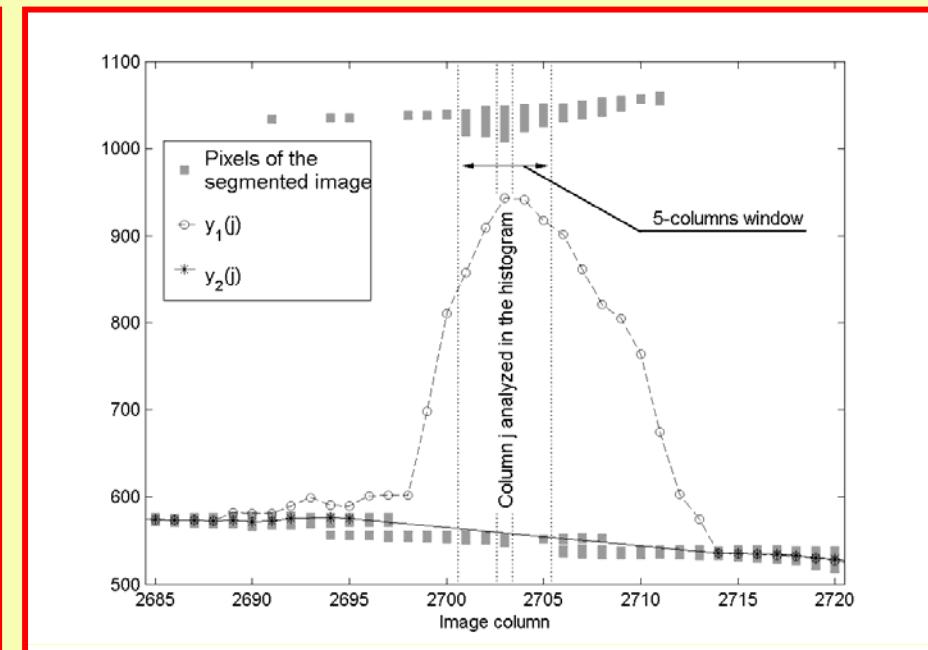
The **y-centroid** is a **robust estimate** of the plotline.

A double step computation reject most outliers:

1<sup>st</sup> unbounded + 2<sup>nd</sup> bounded (vertical) y-centroid computation

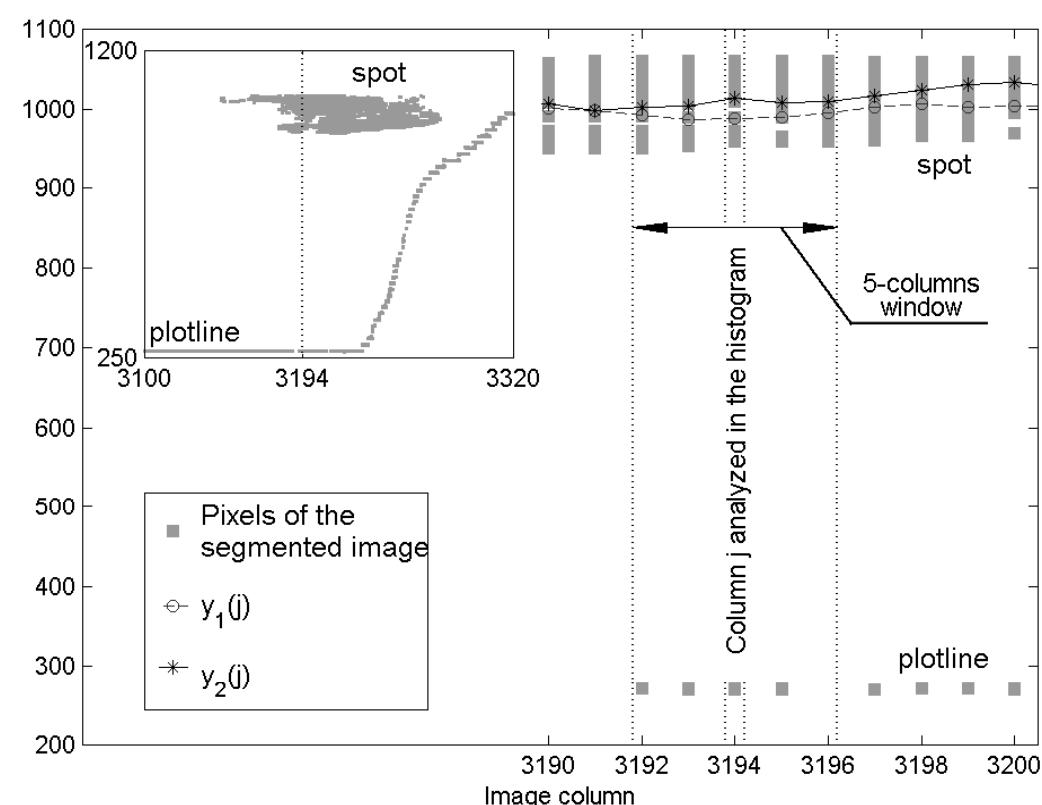


Small outliers:  
signal correctly detected



Large outliers:  
missing value assigned

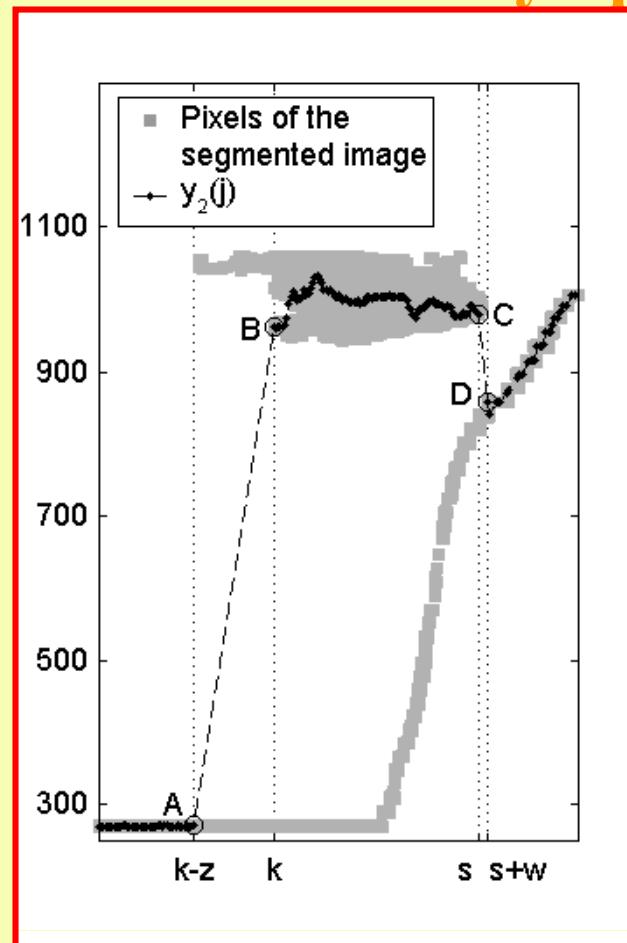
## B.1) Robust Line Detection procedure ... may fail with very large smudges



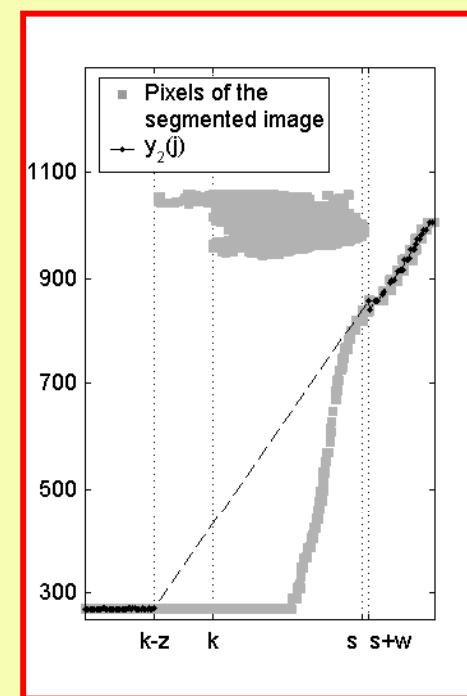
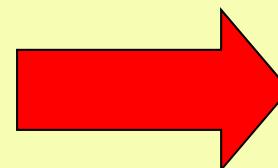
y-centroid results within  
the ink smudge

## B.2) Spot Rejection procedure

Spots are detected by opposite & large  $\Delta y$  in close columns

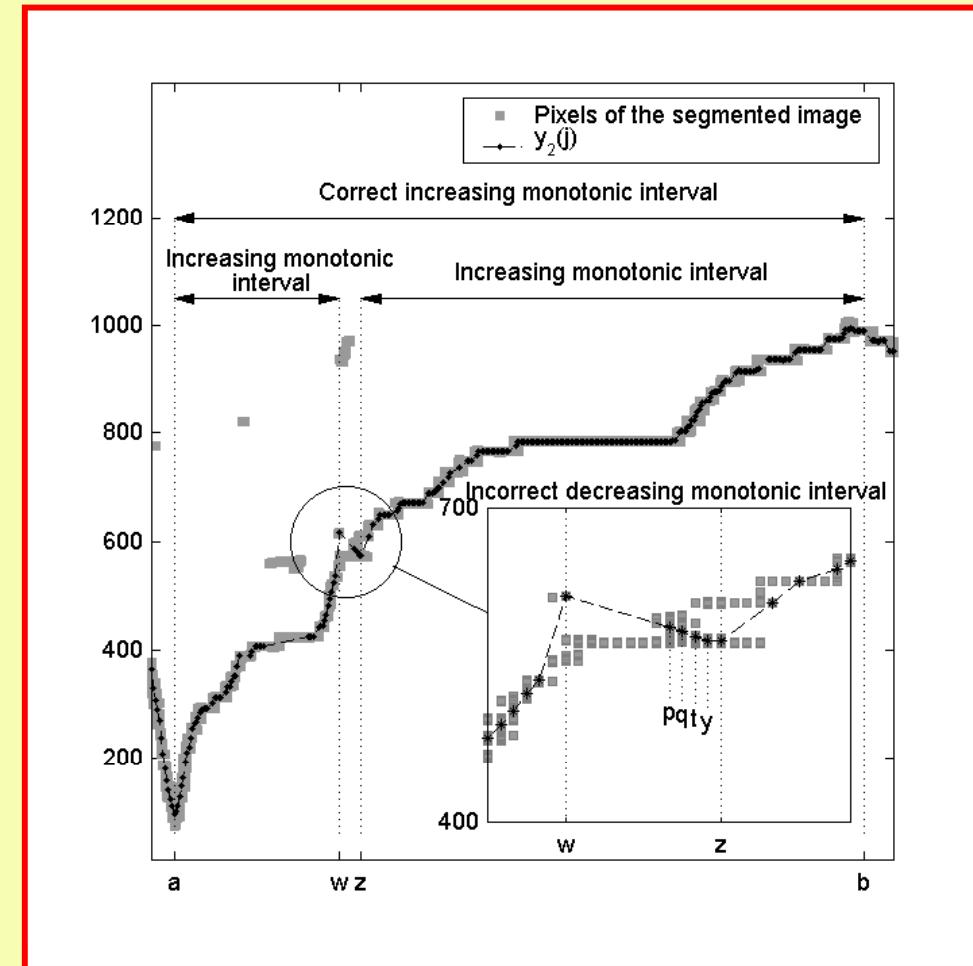


Missing values assigned to y-centroids from A to D



## B.3) Monotonic Constraint procedure

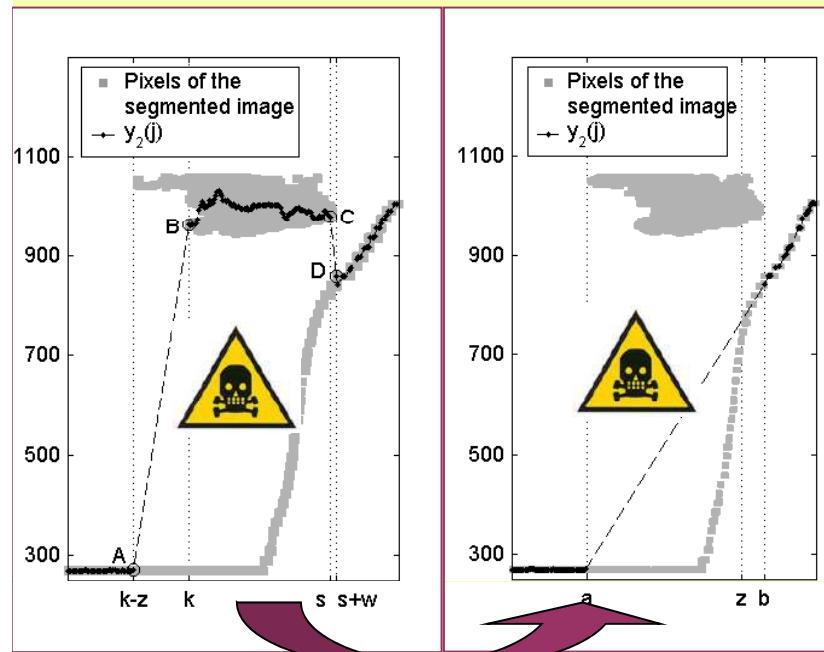
Spots close to the plotline are detected



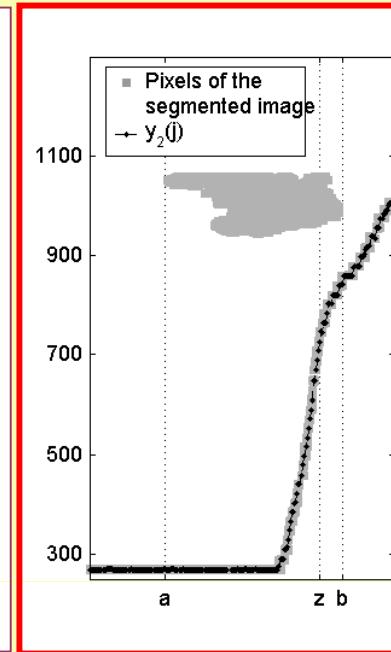
Missing values assigned to y-centroids from W to Z

## B.4) Signal Recovering procedure

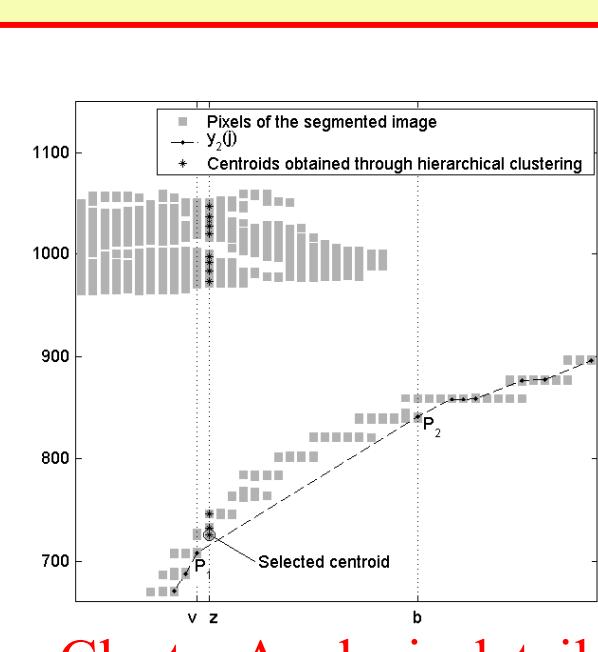
Cluster analysis on the columns allows recovering



Missing values assigned by  
Spot Rejection procedure



Recovered  
signal

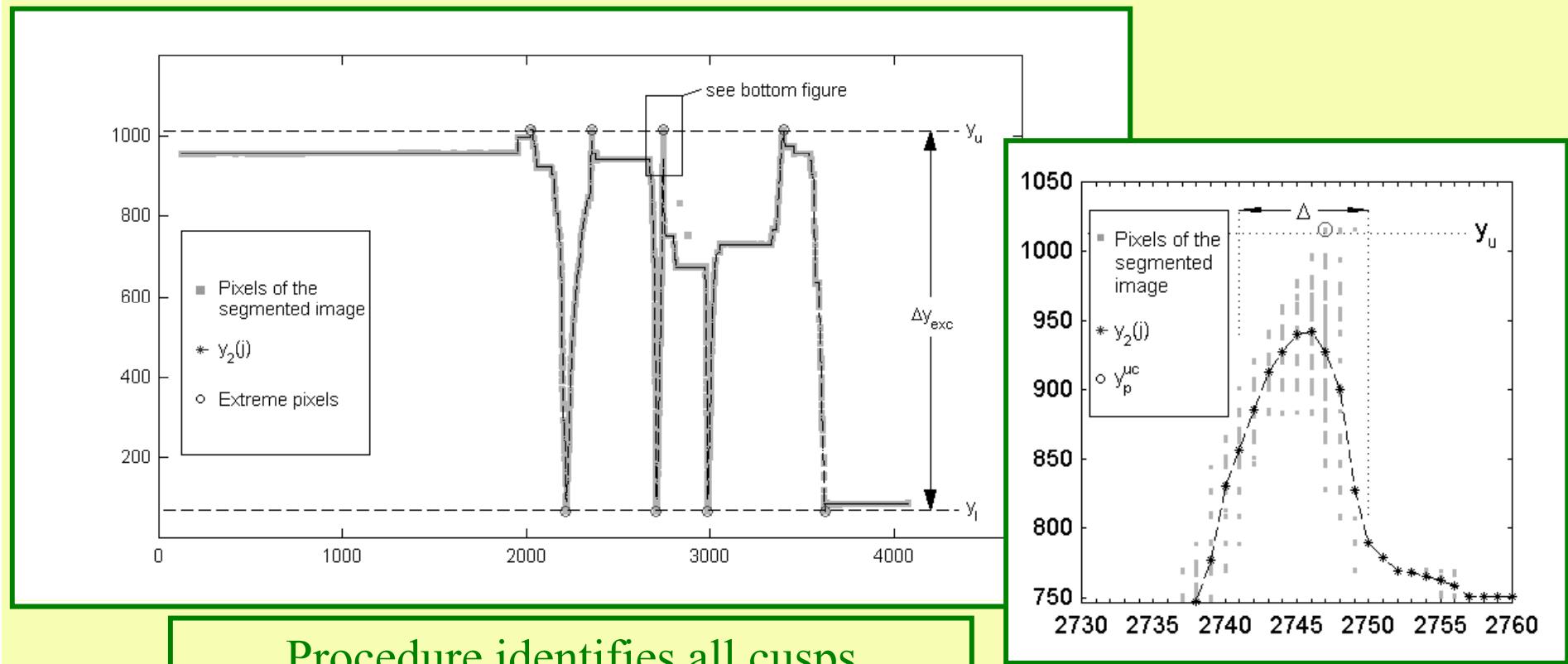


Cluster Analysis detail

Remaining y-centroid missing values, if any, are filled by interpolation

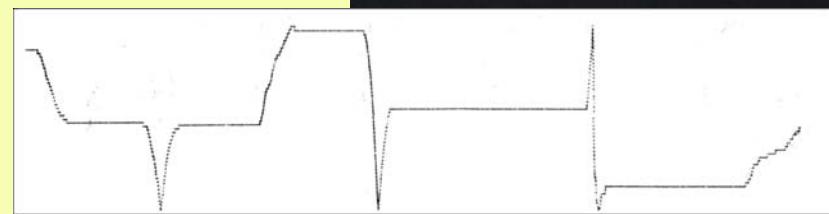
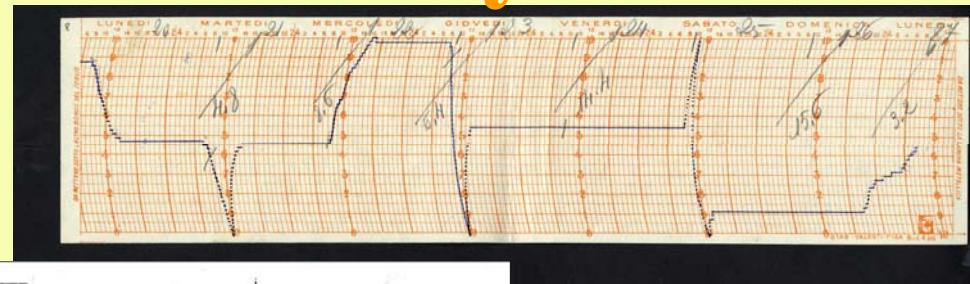
## B.5) Inversion Point Search procedure

... cusps result often smoothed by y-centroids

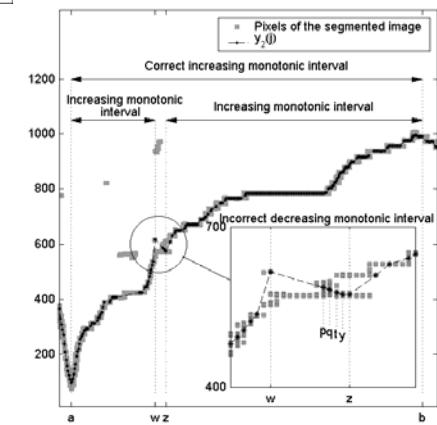
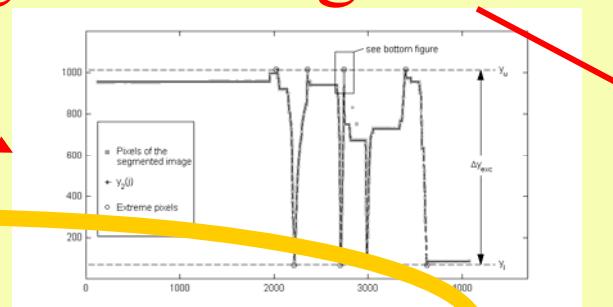


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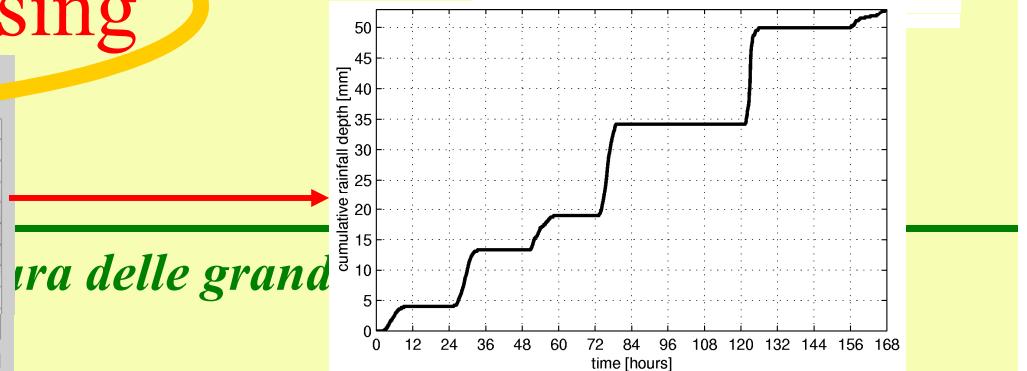
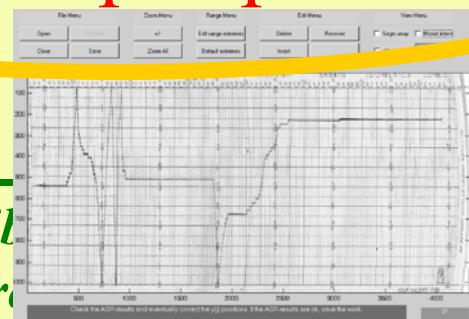
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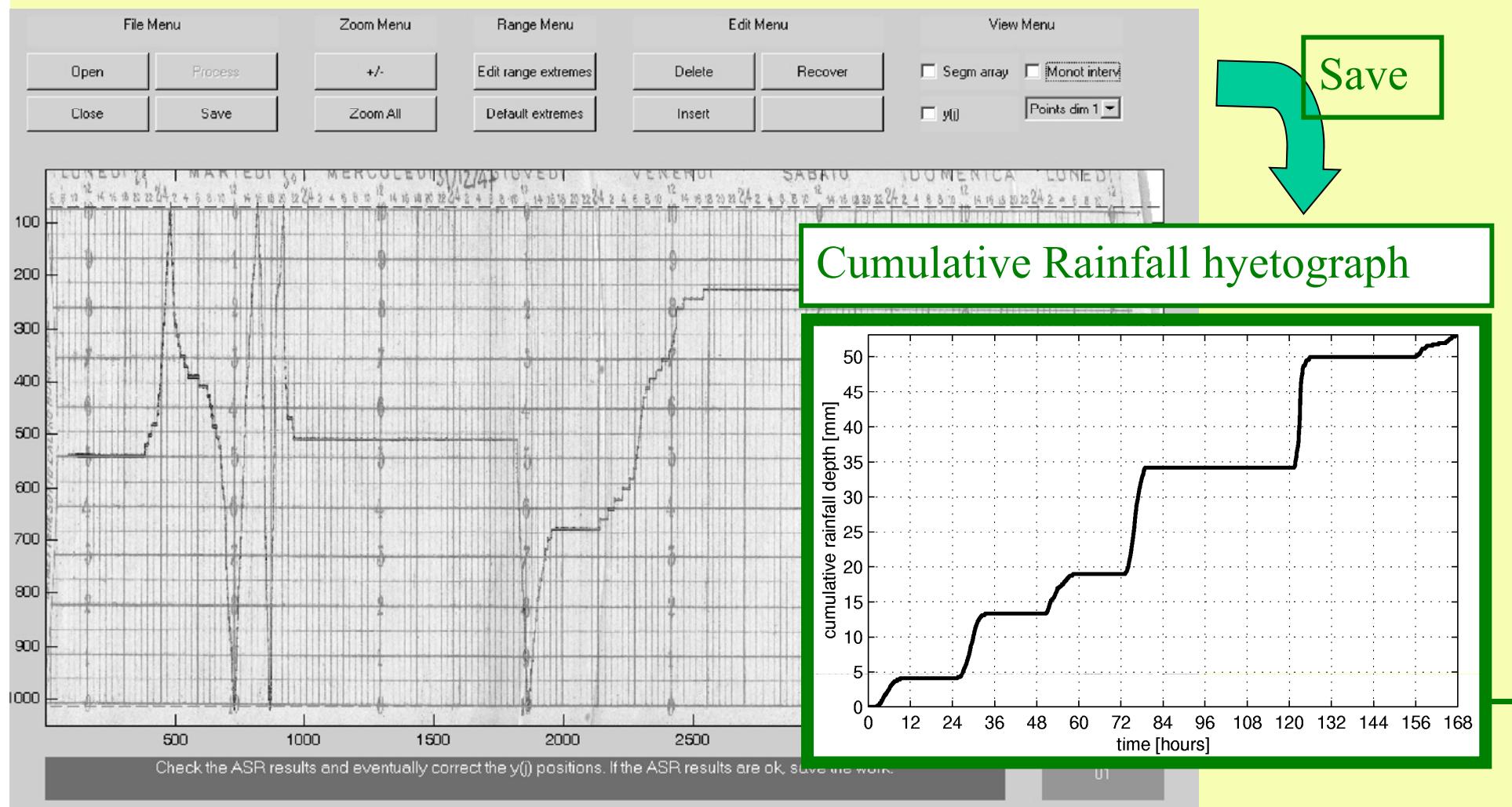
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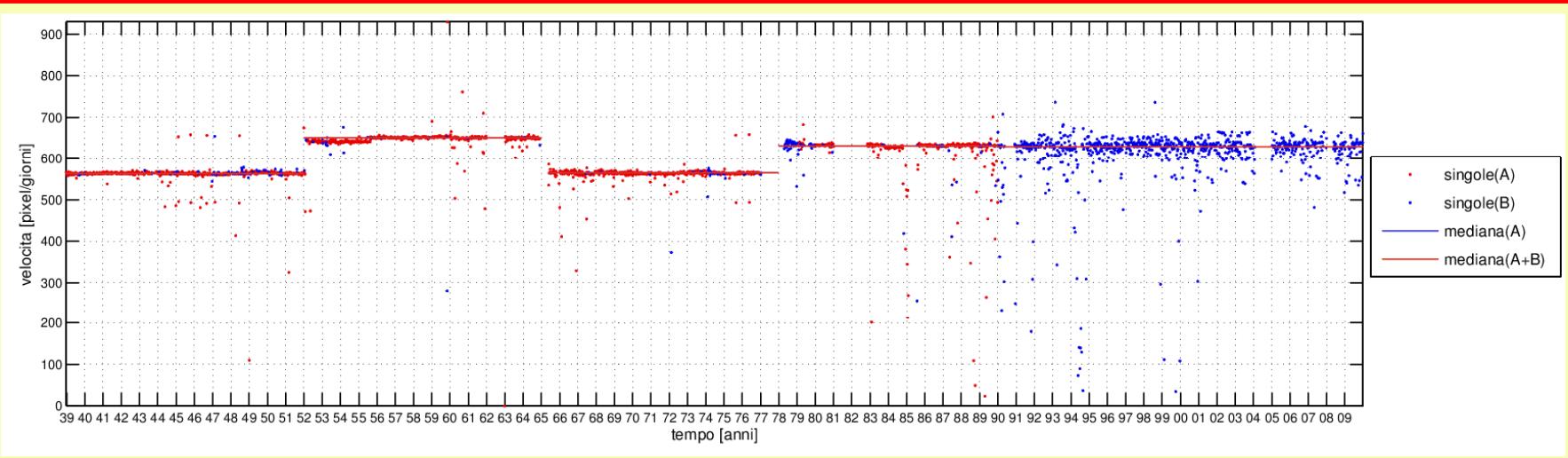
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# Interactive Graphical Interface

- Visual inspection of Automatic Signal Recognition outcomes
- Adjust some pieces of signal with aided procedures



# Allineamento temporale



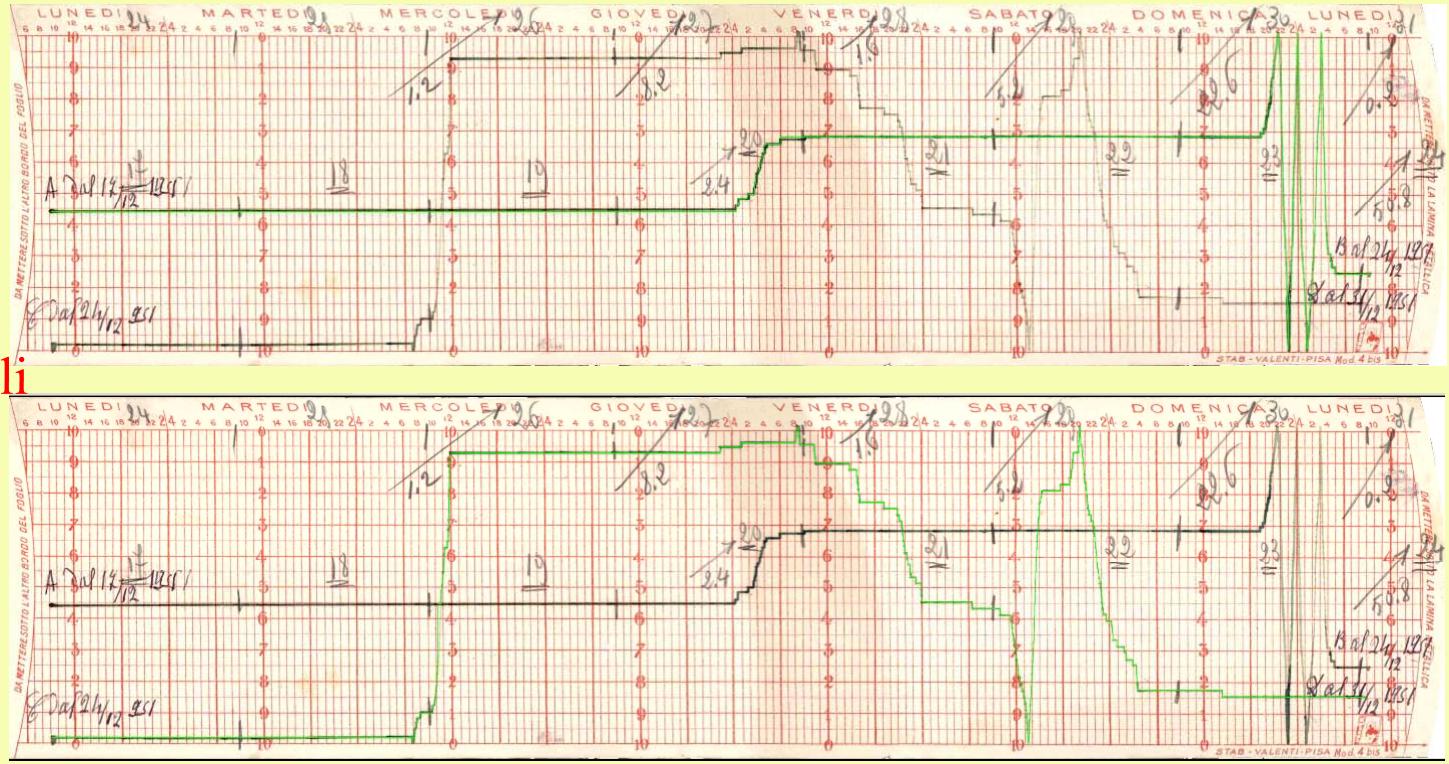
*Velocità di rotazione del tamburo per le strisce pluviografiche della stazione di Arzana con sovrapposta la velocità adottata*

“A”: strisce con l’ora di inizio e fine dichiarata dall’operatore;

“B”: strisce con l’ora non dichiarata dall’operatore e posta convenzionalmente uguale a 9:00.

# Segnali multipli

Trattamento  
segnali multipli  
nella stessa  
striscia



# COSTI DEI RECUPERI

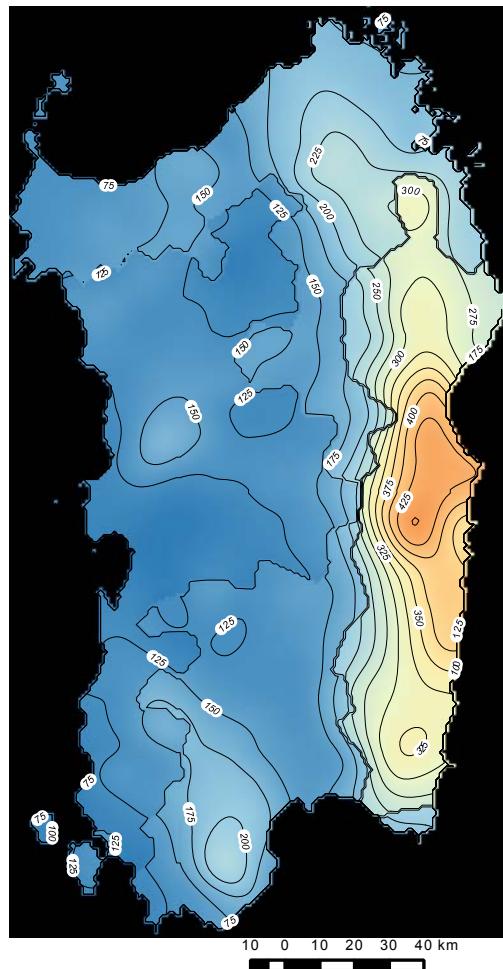
**Circa 200-250 € per anno-stazione**

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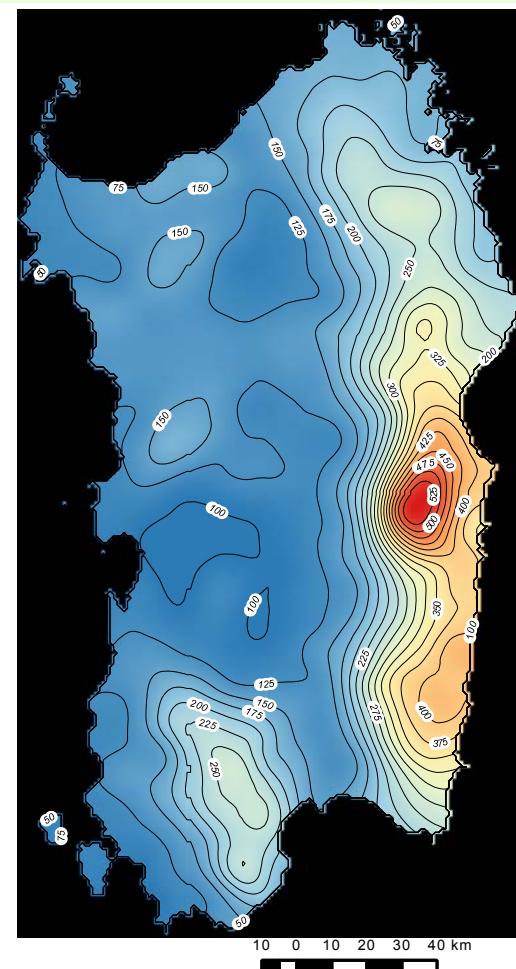
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# Quantili precipitazione giornaliera $T = 200$ anni

Regioni omogenee



Approccio geostatistico



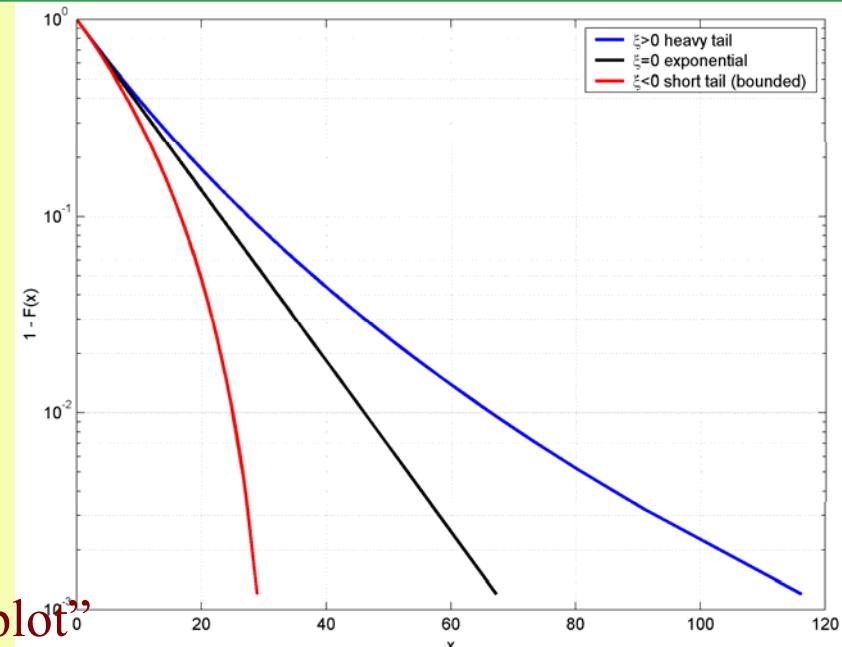
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# The Generalized Pareto Distribution (GPD)

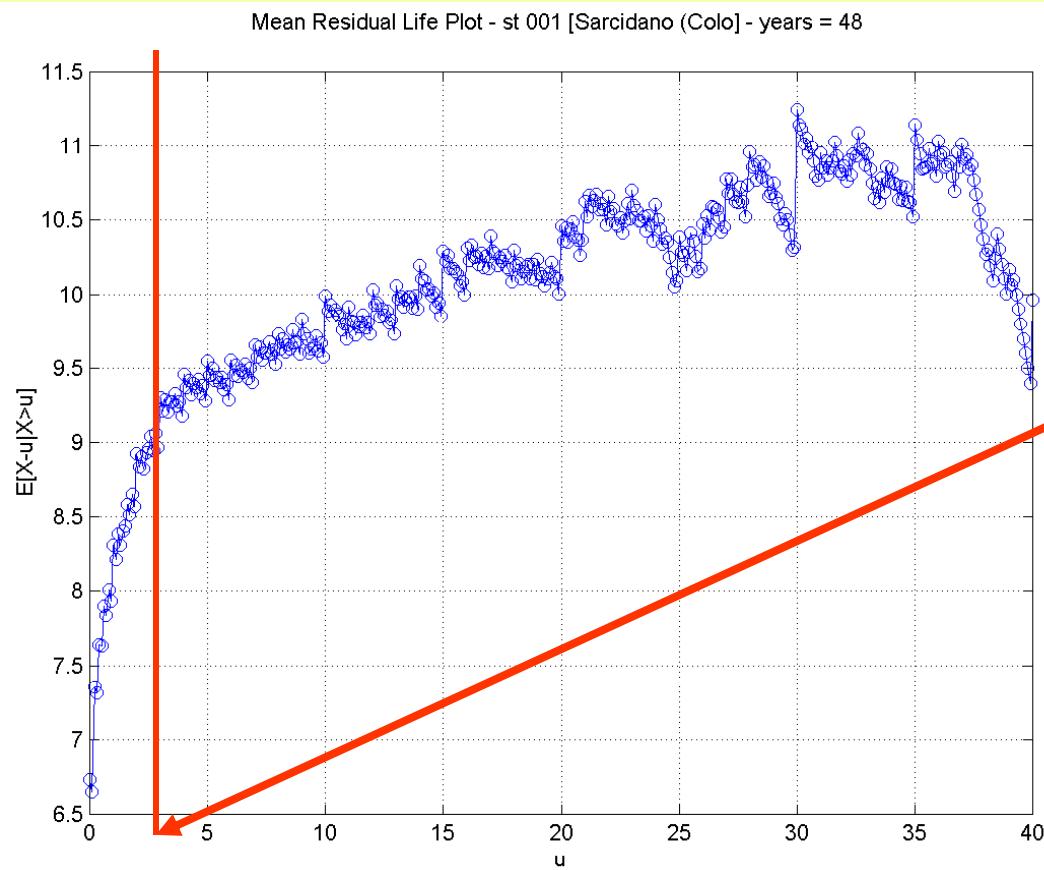
$$\Pr\{X \leq x | X > u\} = F(x; u, \alpha, \xi) = \begin{cases} 1 - \left(1 + \xi \frac{x-u}{\alpha}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}} & \xi \neq 0 \\ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{x-u}{\alpha}\right) & \xi = 0 \end{cases}$$

- The shape parameter  $\xi$ :
  - $\xi > 0$  “heavy tailed” distribution
  - $\xi = 0$  exponential distribution
  - $\xi < 0$  “bounded” distribution
- The scale parameter  $\alpha$ 
  - > ML, PWM ... estimate  $\alpha$  and  $\xi$
- The “position” or “location” parameter  $u$ 
  - > A) graphical methods: “mean residual life plot”
  - > B) statistical methods based on GoF tests: “failure to reject”

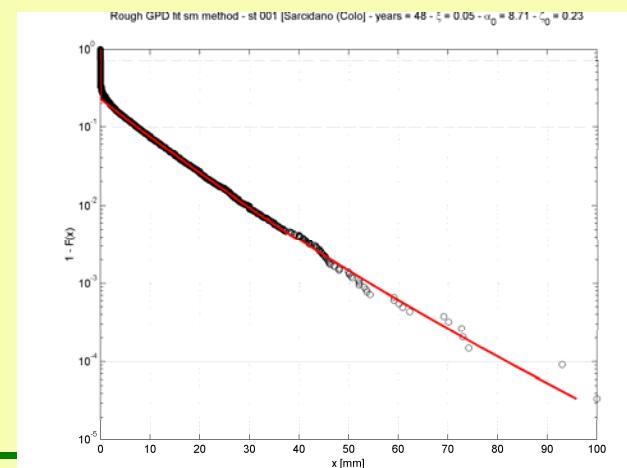


# A) Estimate of the threshold $u$ by “mean residual life plot”

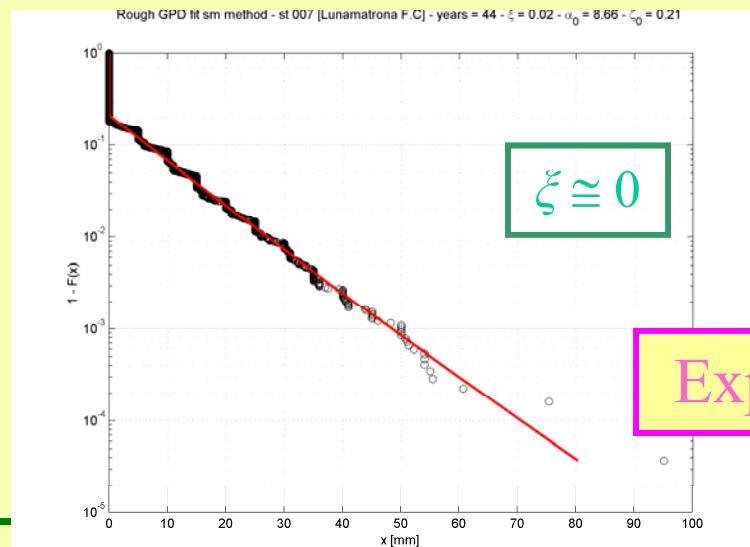
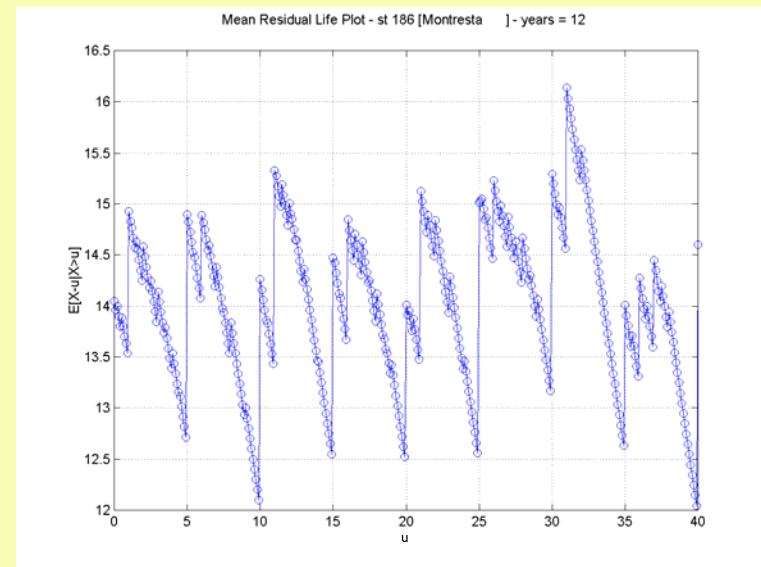
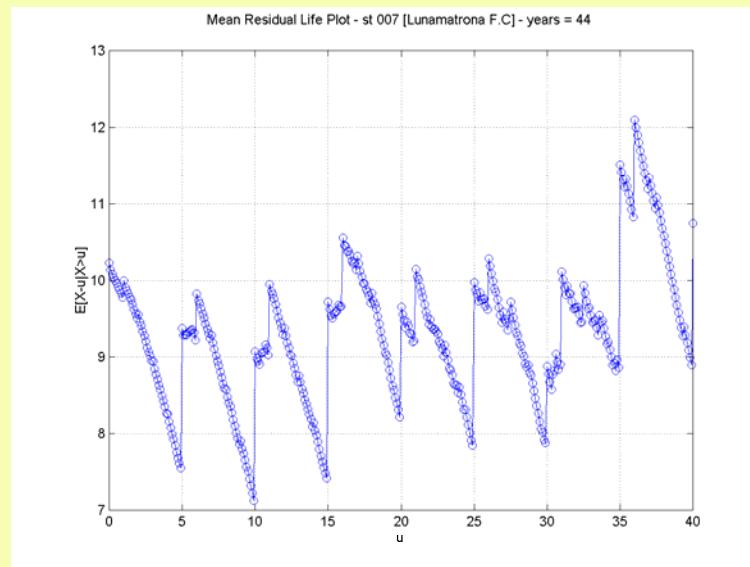
Plots of  $E[X - u | X > u]$  versus different thresholds  $u$



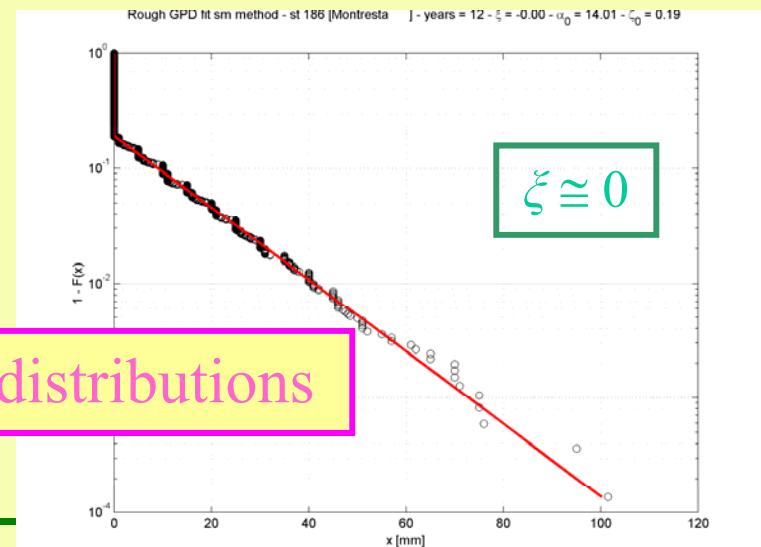
Optimum threshold  $u$   
is the minimum value  
beyond which  
the plot shows a  
straight line behaviour



# “mean residual life plot” on rounded off records



Exponential distributions

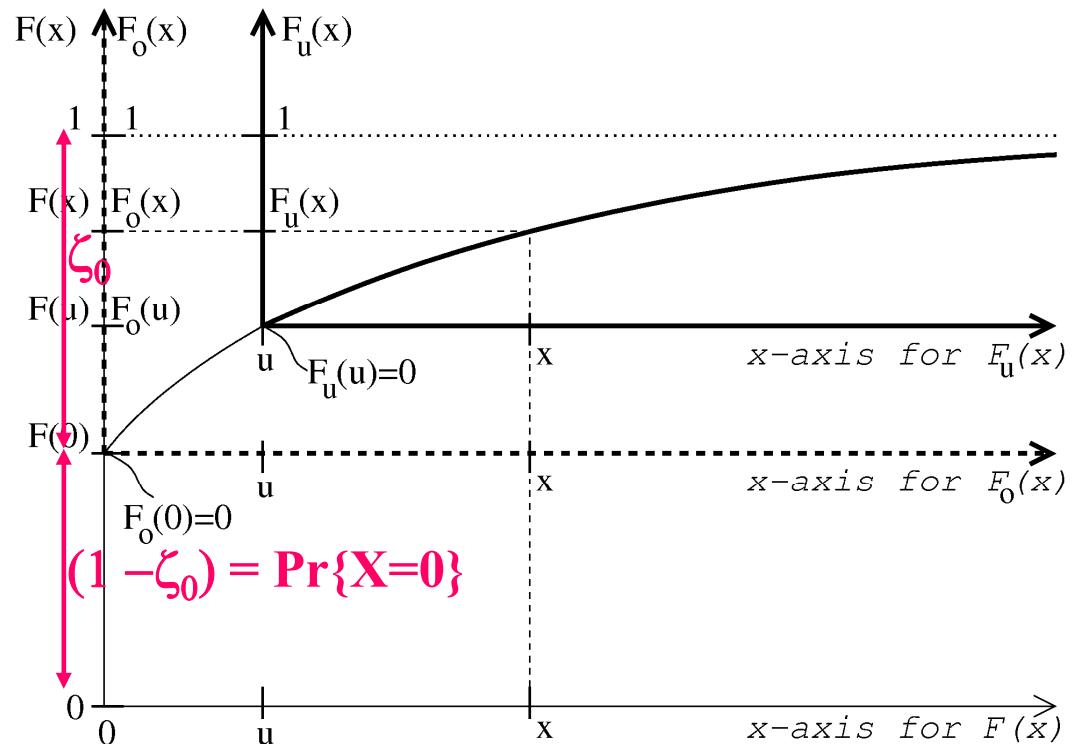


# Threshold-invariant GPD reparameterization - I

We look for a general equation  $F(x)$  for zero and non-zero rainfall

$$F(x) = (1 - \zeta_0) + \zeta_0 F_0(x) \quad (1)$$

where  $\zeta_0 = \Pr\{X>0\}$ ;  $F_0(x) = \Pr\{X \leq x | X>0\}$



**Fitting a GPD  $F_u(x) = \Pr\{X \leq x | X > u\}$  for any threshold  $u$**

larger than the optimum one:

$\xi$  (shape) = threshold-invariant

$\alpha_u$  (scale) = linear function of  $u$

$\zeta_u = \Pr\{X > u\} = \text{non-linear } f(u)$

Letting  $F_0(x)$  be also a GPD we reparameterize eq.(1):

$$\alpha_0 = f(\alpha_u, \xi, u)$$

$$\zeta_0 = f(\zeta_u, \alpha_0, \xi, u)$$

Perfect overlapping for  $x > u$

$\alpha_0$  and  $\zeta_0$  are threshold-invariant reparameterization of eq.(1):

A) Basis for the Multiple Threshold Method

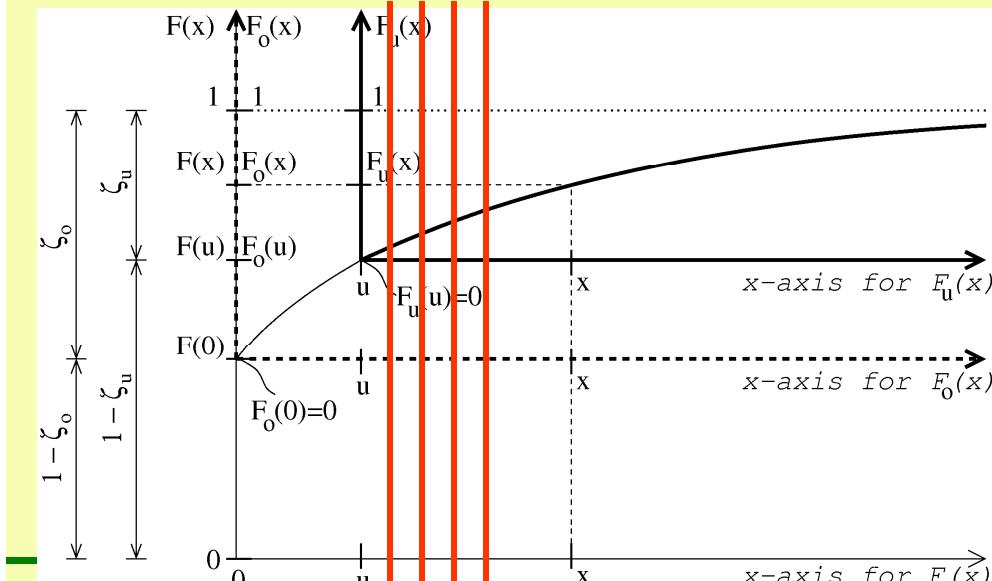
B) Important property for spatial mapping of parameters

# Multiple Threshold Method for GPD fitting - II

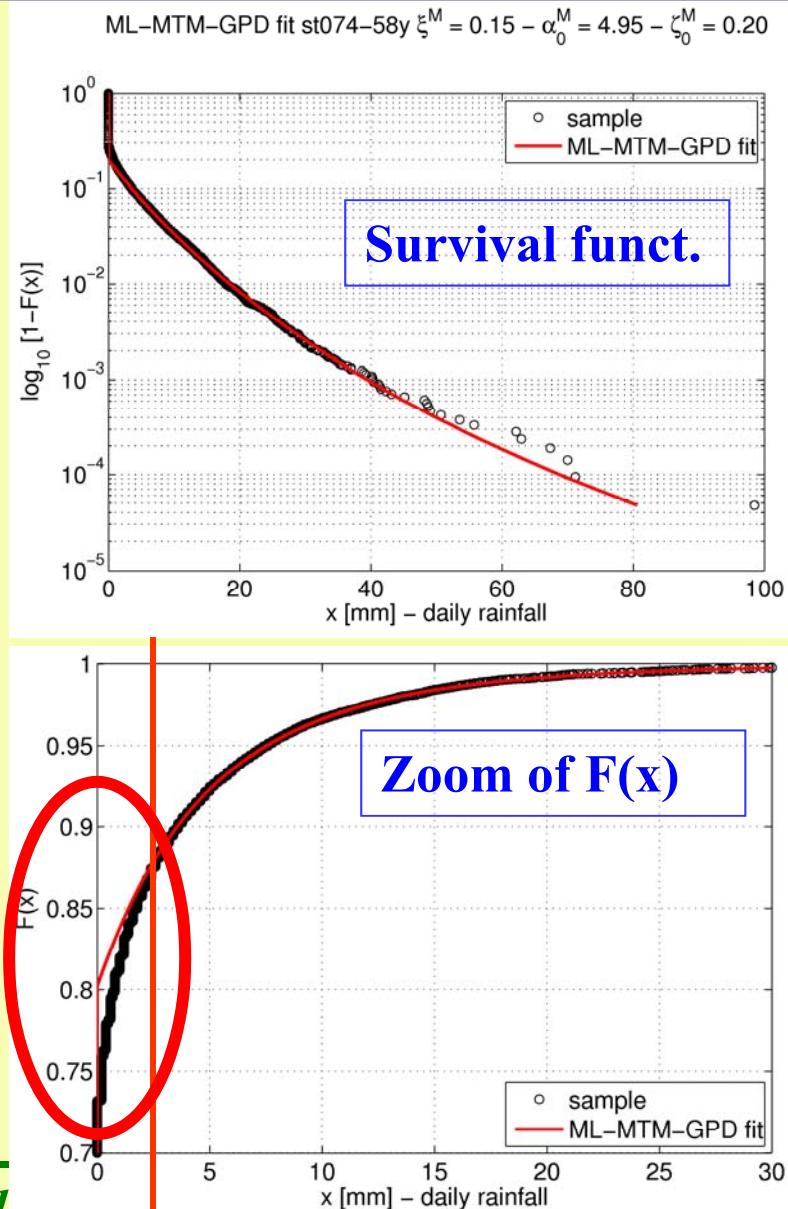
A good time series  
(no rounding)

Multiple Threshold Method  
(MTM)

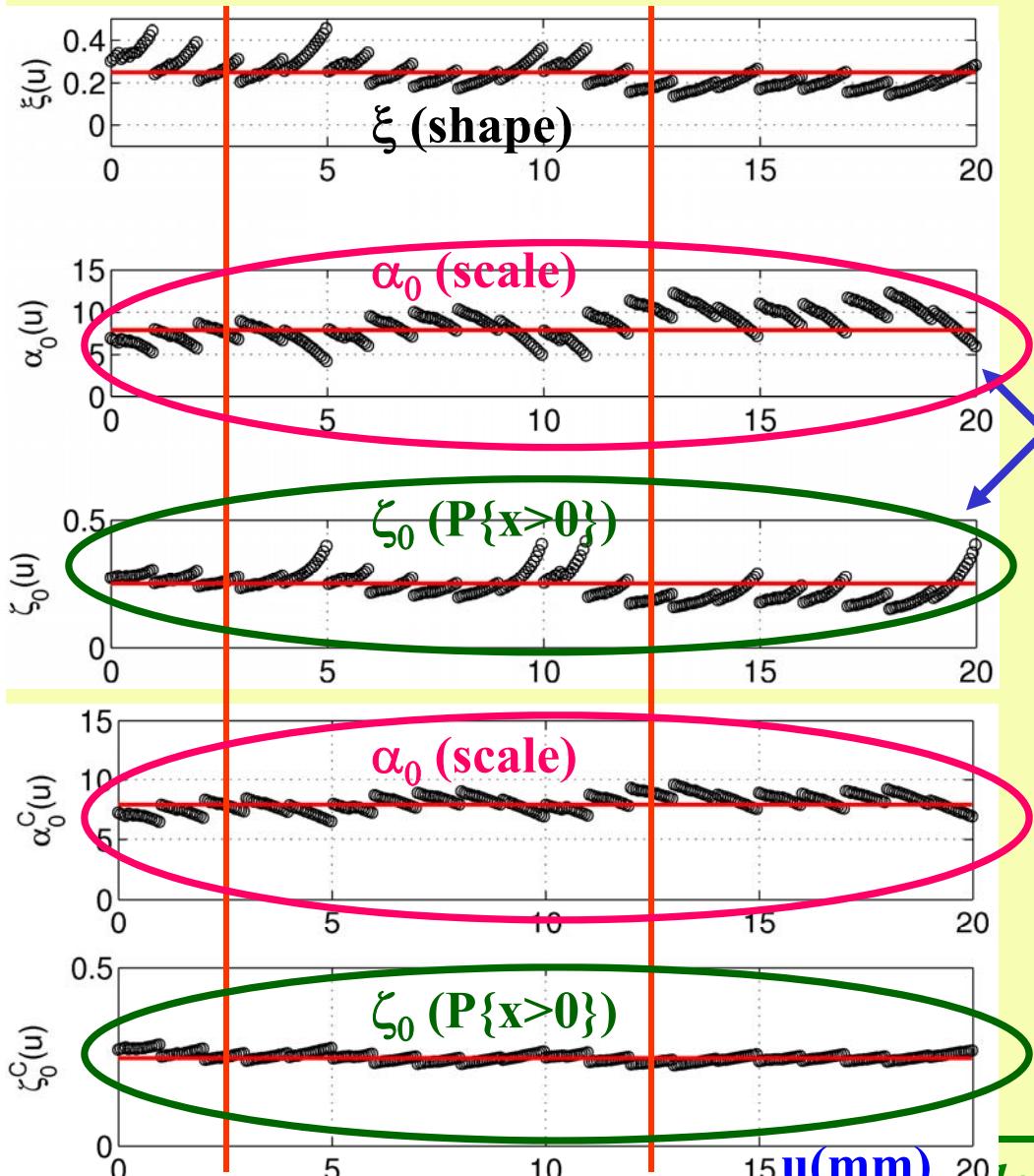
RESULTS



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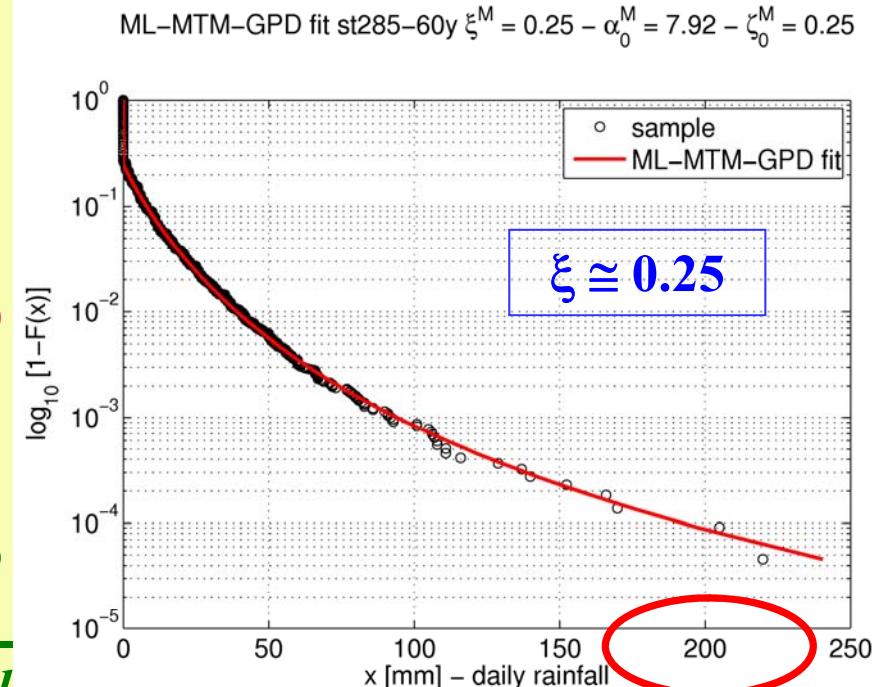


# Multiple Threshold Method for GPD fitting - IV



Other MTM examples on rounded time series:  
a lot of 1 mm roundings

Simple reparameterization



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