



# **SQUID from the Sea to the Cloud** **– the past, present and future of SIMS data processing**

Statistical Interpretation of Age Information, LA-ICP-MS and Beyond

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# A brief history of crustacean data processing

**1980 SHRIMP-I operational**

- Data processing in FORTRAN

**1990 KRILL, PRAWN, LEAD**

- C+ on Apple Mac

**2000 Ken Ludwig develops SQUID on ISOPLOT**

- Excel VBA, fixed 9-peak zircon

**2005 Development of SQUID-2 via consortium**

- Excel VBA, robust regression, user tasks

**2009 SQUID-2 uploaded to SourceForge**

**2012 Where to next?**

## Details: the seven questions

1. Uncertainty propagation protocol/workflow
2. Common Pb correction methods
3. Method of inter-element and inter-isotope fractionation correction
4. Weighted mean/linear regression support
5. Rejection criteria
6. Handling/storage of reference values for normalization
7. Key differences from other available packages ✓

# Workflow: sample

GA6225

YOM2

Version: January 2013

$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  ref:  $0.06679 \pm 0.00022$ ,  $416.8 \pm 1.3$  Ma

TEMORA 2

U ref: 840 ppm

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OG 1

$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ref:  $0.29907 \pm 0.00011$ ,  $3465.4 \pm 0.6$  Ma

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# Workflow: data acquisition\*

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204Pb	2	2	2	2	4
Bkgnd	0	1	3	4	1
206Pb	5980	6021	5762	5764	6005 R
207Pb	1044	1099	1089	990	1092
208Pb	585	604	564	572	636
238U	15651	16112	16269	16903	17073 R
248ThO	22677	22819	22825	22969	23202
254UO	37947	37813	38126	38394	38550
270UO2	14543	14200	14037	14325	14162

FLAGS: **I** Insufficient counts to center; **C** Fail to center; **R** Fail F test - passes by rejection; **F** Fail F test - acc

\* assuming single-collector and focussed on  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$

# Workflow: 'raw' data formats

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# Details: uncertainty propagation



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## Assessment of errors in SIMS zircon U–Pb geochronology using a natural zircon standard and NIST SRM 610 glass

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### Abstract

Analytical errors calculated for individual spot  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  measurements of zircon analyzed using high mass resolution secondary ion mass spectrometry (HR-SIMS, e.g., SHRIMP II) were assessed using natural zircon (z6266) and synthetic glass standards (NIST SRM 610). Evidence for U/Pb homogeneity of these materials includes new thermal ionization mass spectrometry (TIMS) U–Pb analyses of 22 fragments of z6266 zircon from two laboratories, which are identical within error and yield a weighted mean  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  age of  $559.0 \pm 0.2$  Ma. TIMS U–Pb analyses of the SRM 610 yielded homogeneous  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U} = 0.2566$ .

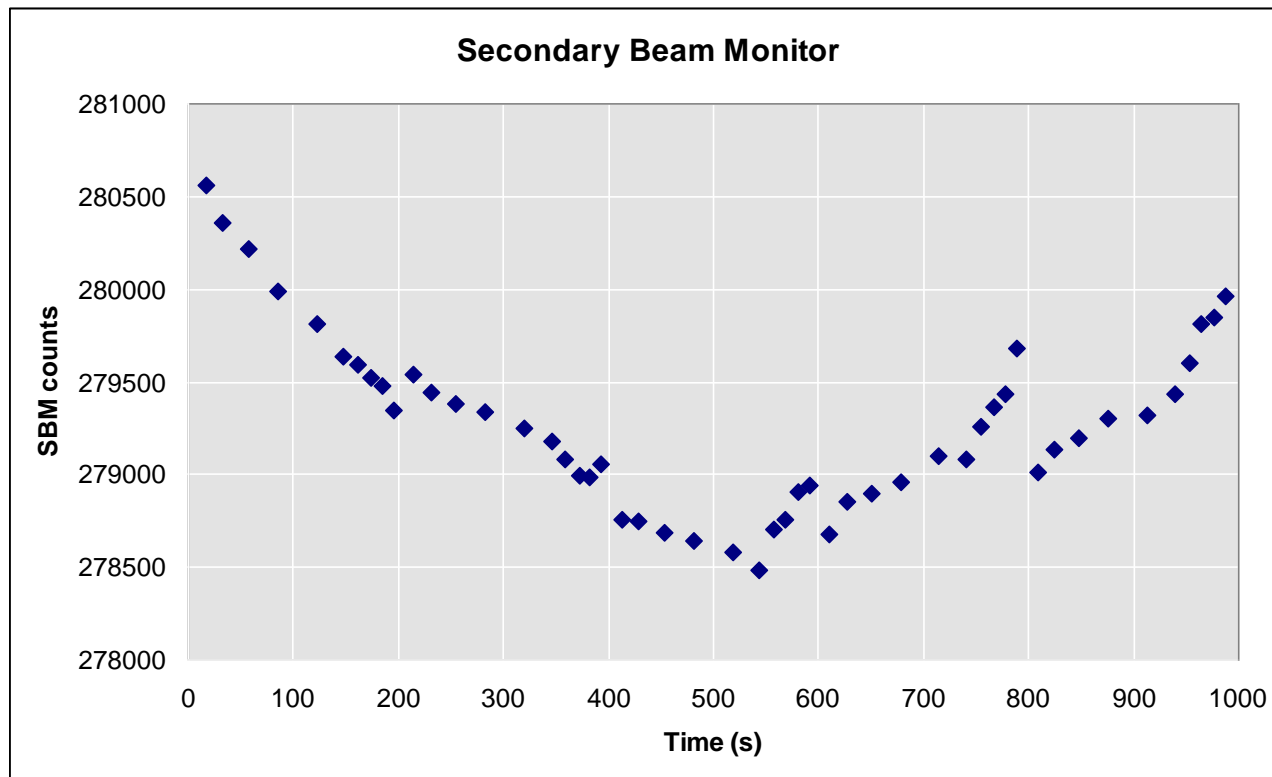
# Workflow

Processing stage	Source of uncertainty	Description
U-Pb isotopic analysis of unknown zircon	Counting statistics - Propagated to ratios via double interpolation	Within-spot uncertainty
Background and common Pb corrections	Common Pb	Within-spot uncertainty
Assessing reference ('repeatability')	U-Pb discrimination	Within-session uncertainty S&A: "internal" L: "external spot-to-spot"
Calibration to reference ('reproducibility')	Age calibration	Between-session uncertainty S&A: "external" L: "error of mean"



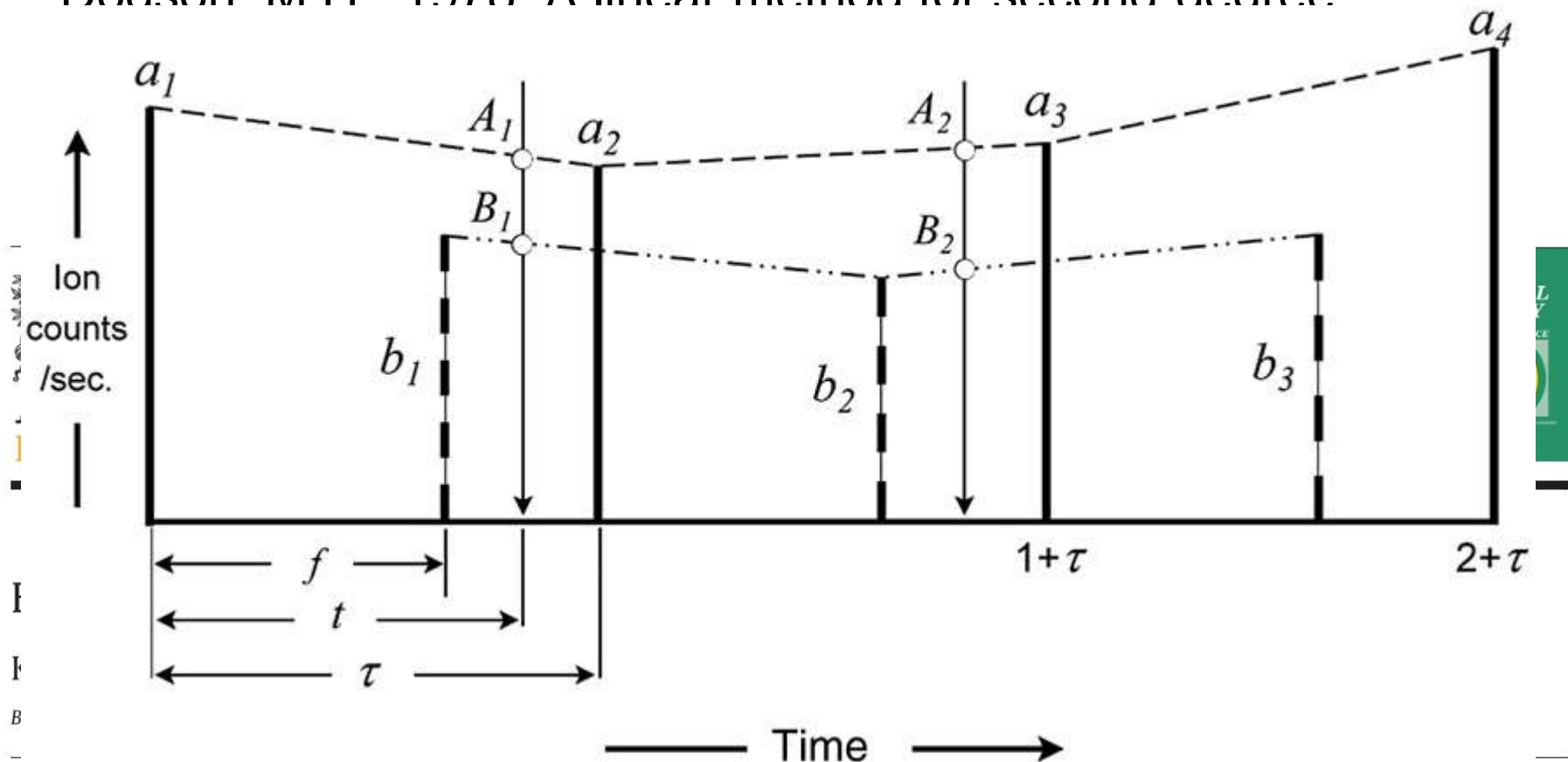
# Workflow: Initial processing

- Normalise counts to Secondary Beam Monitor as portion of total secondary signal (typically <1% variation)
- Subtract background measurement taken near  $^{204}\text{Pb}$  mass



# Workflow: ratio calculation – double interpolation

Dodson M H 1978 A linear method for second-degree



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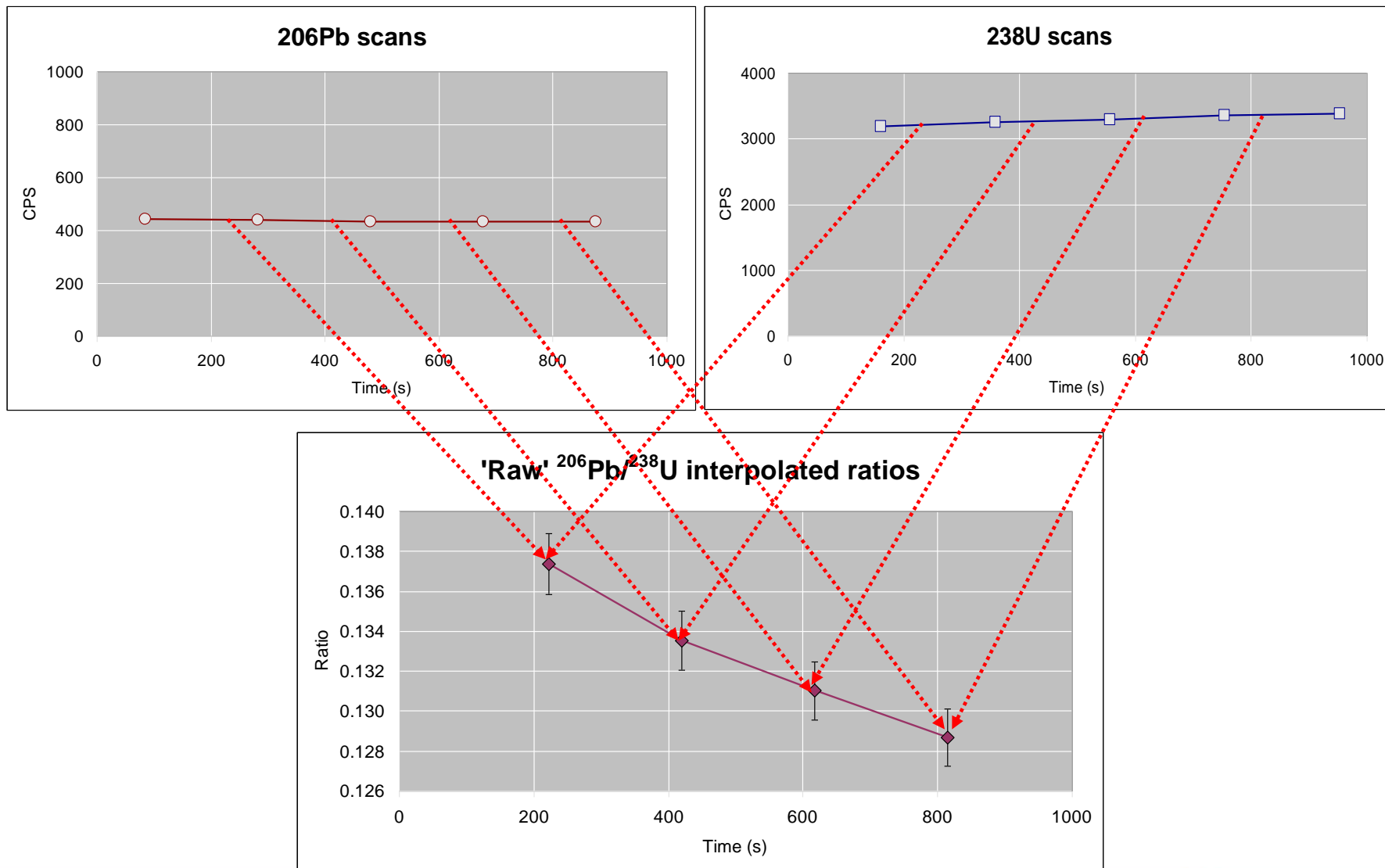
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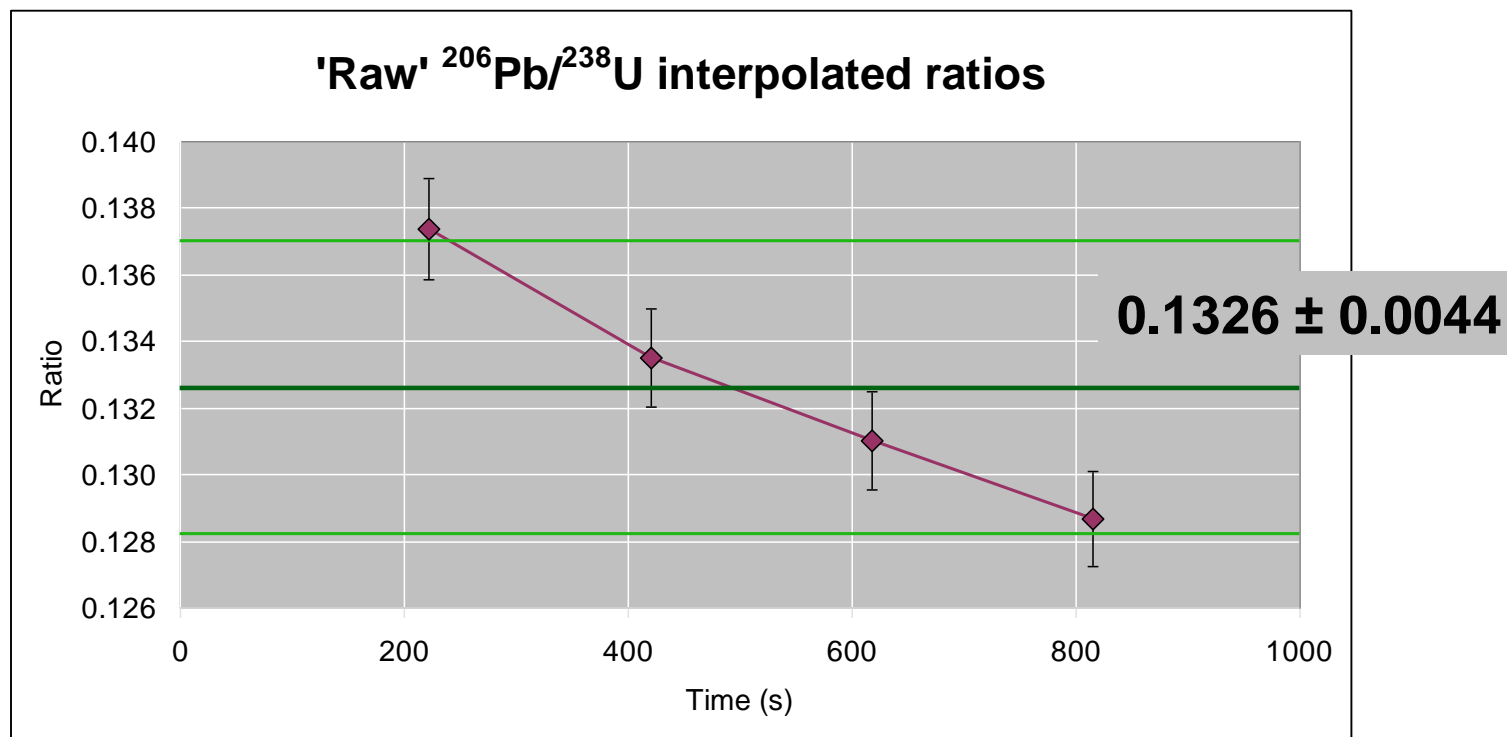
## ABSTRACT

Measurement of isotope ratios via double interpolation of cyclic peak jumping produces error correlations between time-adjacent ratios which, if ignored, result in underestimated errors of their means. Equations that incorporate the error correlations are derived, and an example given for a typical U–Pb/zircon analysis via ion microprobe showing that isotope-ratio uncertainties for a single spot are usually underestimated by factors of 1.2–1.3.

# Workflow: ratio calculation - double interpolation



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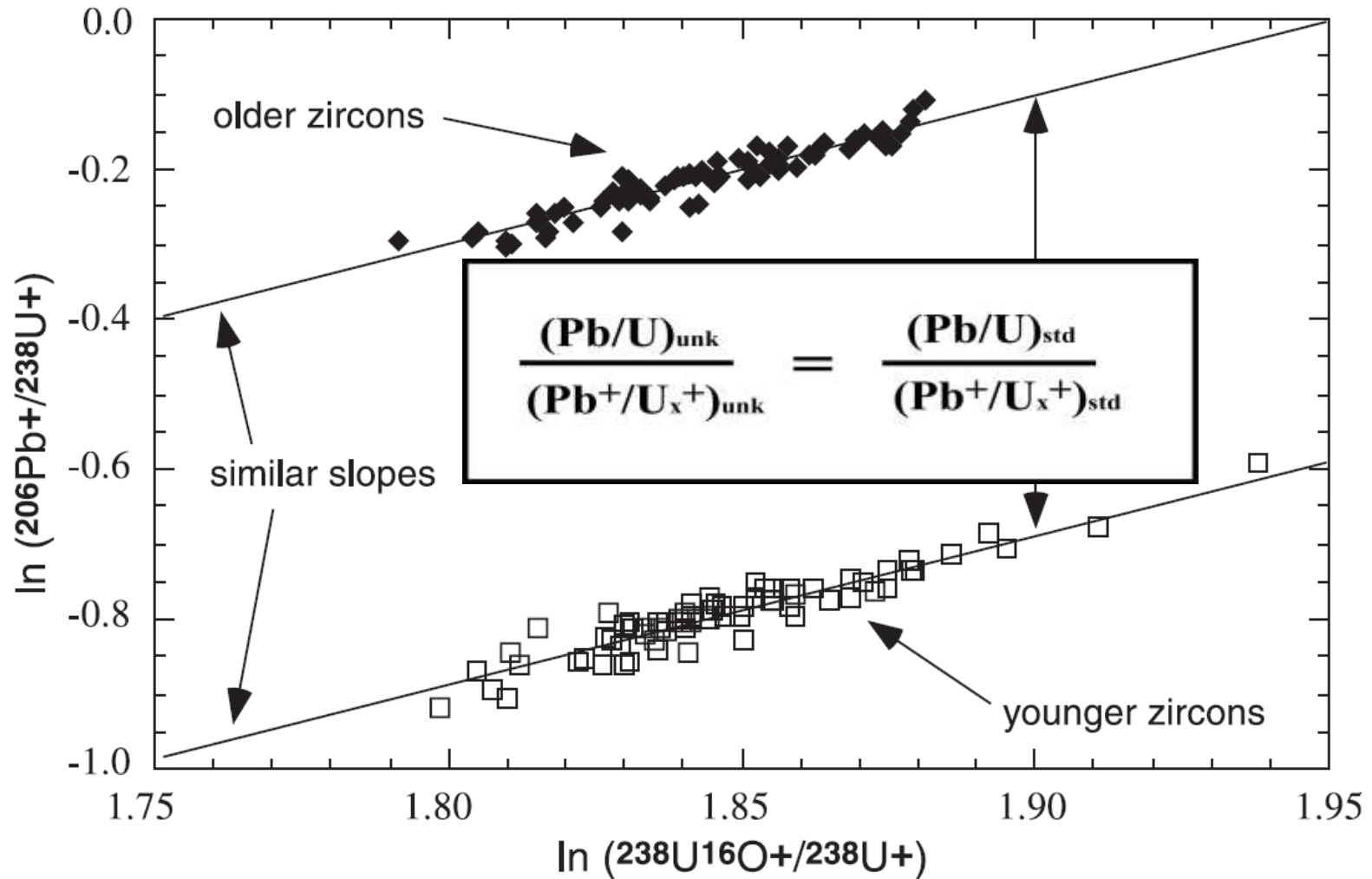
- *Outlier rejection by sequential removal of ratios and recalculation of MSWD. If MSWD reduction > set factor (3) then reject.*
- *If Prob. Fit > 0.05: weighted mean*
- *If Prob. Fit < 0.05: Tukey's Biweight*

## Workflow: normalise signal, common Pb, etc.

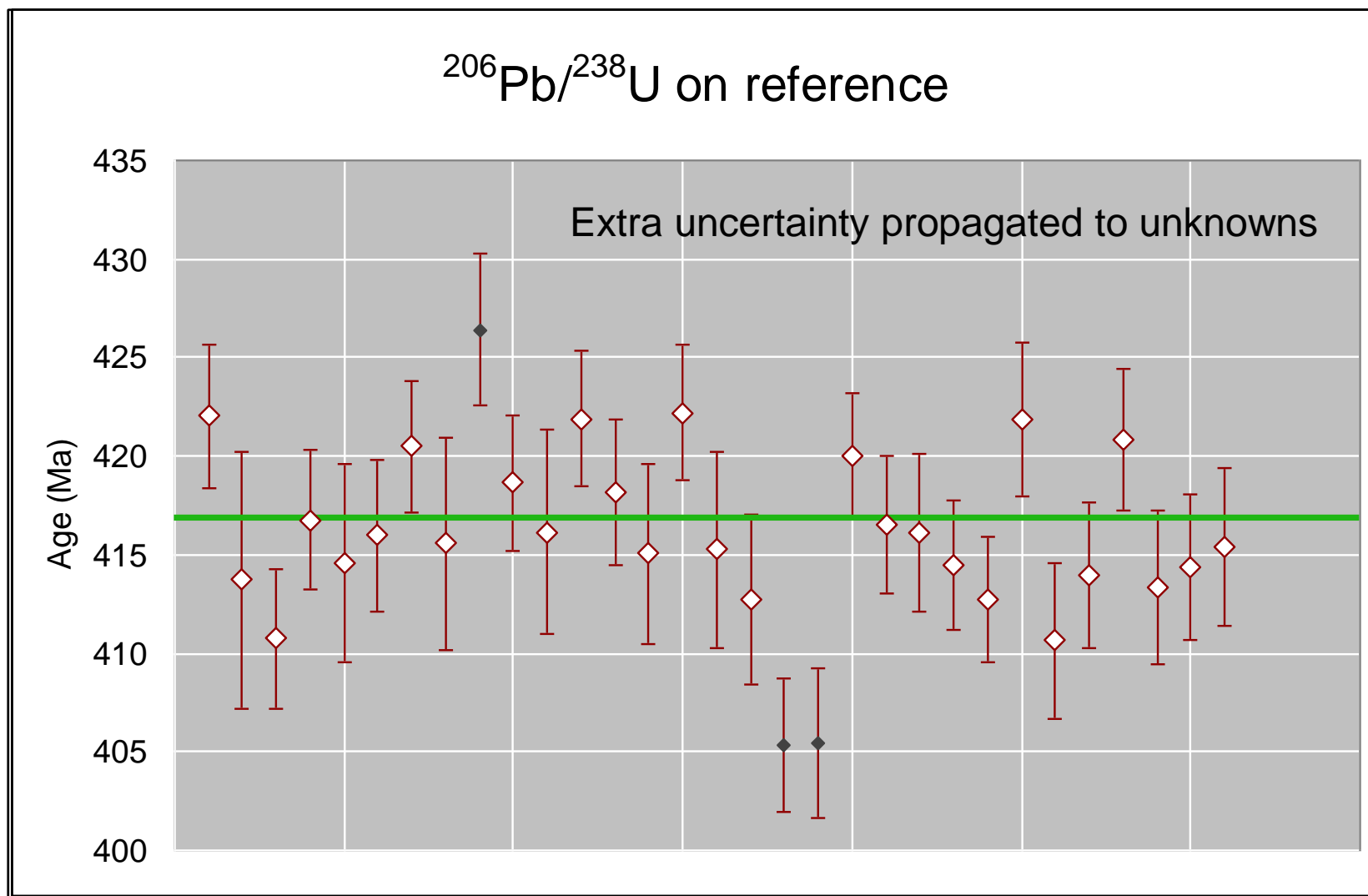
- Direct measurement of  $^{204}\text{Pb}$  ( $^{207}\text{Pb}$  corr. in Phanerozoic)
- Calculation of assumed  $^{204}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$   $^{204}\text{Pb}/^{207}\text{Pb}$  based on Stacey and Kramers (1975) two-stage model.
- Correction usually minor and generally reject analyses  $> 2\%$  common Pb as unreliable measurements
- Correct  $^{206}\text{Pb}$  and  $^{207}\text{Pb}$  based ratios as required...
- Also monitor potential overcounts on  $^{204}\text{Pb}$  by assuming concordance in reference  $^{206}\text{Pb}^*/^{238}\text{U}$  and  $^{207}\text{Pb}^*/^{235}\text{U}$  and calculating non- $^{204}\text{Pb}$  counts to explain any discordance



# Workflow: calculate calibration constant



# Workflow: spot-to-spot uncertainty



# Workflow: homework

# SQUID 2

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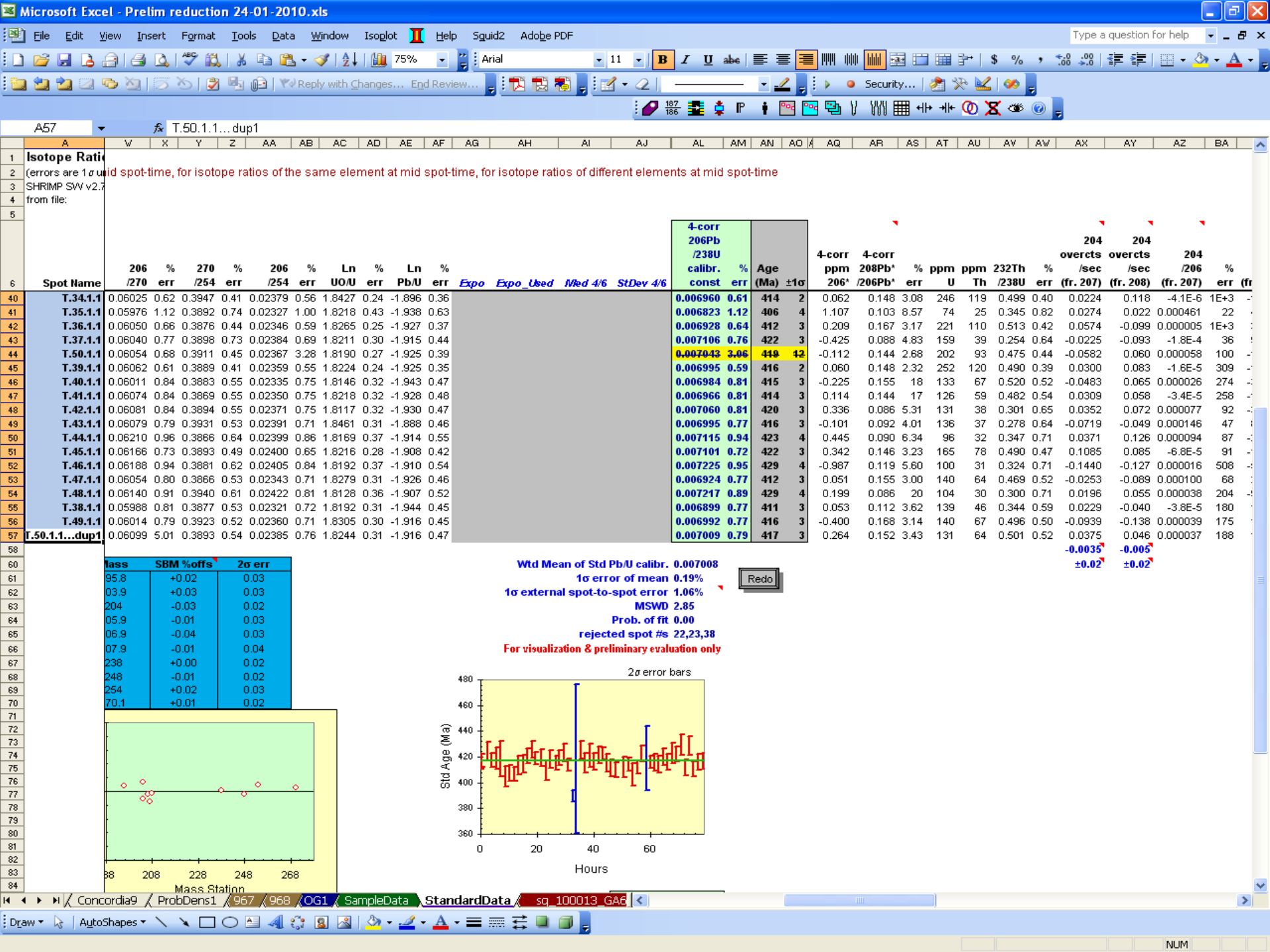
## A User's Manual



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  7. Key differences from other available packages ✓
- User-editable preferences worksheet**





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10	OG1-7.1.1	3445	22	3409	51	3448	24	3470	4	3412	32	3475	6	+1	0.697	0.61	0.184	1.0	.7064	0.8			1.4	0.83	0.300	0.24	1.4	0.83	0.300	0.24	29.2	0.9	0.706	0.83	1.0	1.4	0.91	0.301			
11	OG1-9.1	3455	25	3434	59	3457	26	3470	5	3429	43	3472	6	+1	0.703	0.71	0.185	1.4	.7092	0.9			1.4	0.92	0.300	0.30	1.4	0.92	0.300	0.30	29.3	1.0	0.709	0.92	1.0	1.4	0.97	0.300			
12	OG1-15.1	3407	22	3338	47	3407	25	3462	7	3414	71	3461	12	+2	0.678	0.58	0.184	2.3	.6965	0.8			1.4	0.85	0.299	0.45	1.4	0.85	0.298	0.45	28.7	1.0	0.696	0.85	0.9	1.4	0.95	0.298			
13	OG1-14.1	3411	25	3341	52	3412	26	3465	5	3381	44	3467	6	+2	0.679	0.64	0.182	1.4	.6974	0.9			1.4	0.94	0.299	0.31	1.4	0.94	0.299	0.32	28.7	1.0	0.697	0.94	0.9	1.4	0.99	0.299			
14	OG1-10.1	3462	22	3467	57	3458	24	3459	4	3513	33	3451	5	-0	0.712	0.67	0.190	1.0	.7109	0.8			1.4	0.82	0.298	0.24	1.4	0.82	0.298	0.24	29.2	0.9	0.711	0.82	1.0	1.4	0.90	0.296			
15	OG1-11.1	3440	22	3405	51	3442	25	3464	4	3417	33	3468	6	+1	0.696	0.62	0.184	1.0	.7050	0.8			1.4	0.83	0.299	0.24	1.4	0.83	0.299	0.24	29.1	0.9	0.705	0.83	1.0	1.4	0.92	0.300			
16	OG1-12.1	3435	23	3389	53	3436	26	3469	4	3427	36	3470	6	+1	0.692	0.64	0.185	1.1	.7039	0.9			1.4	0.88	0.300	0.28	1.4	0.88	0.300	0.28	29.1	0.9	0.704	0.88	1.0	1.4	0.97	0.300			
17	OG1-13.1	3422	25	3357	53	3427	27	3472	5	3368	39	3480	7	+2	0.683	0.64	0.181	1.3	.7005	0.9			1.4	0.93	0.301	0.31	1.4	0.93	0.300	0.32	29.0	1.0	0.700	0.93	0.9	1.4	1.02	0.302			

Redo

Concordia Age

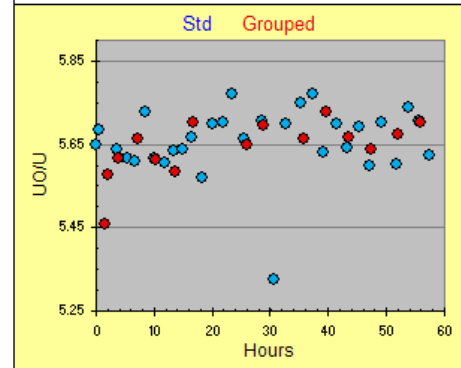
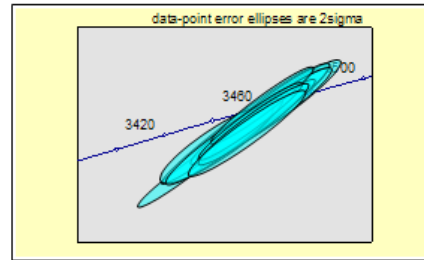
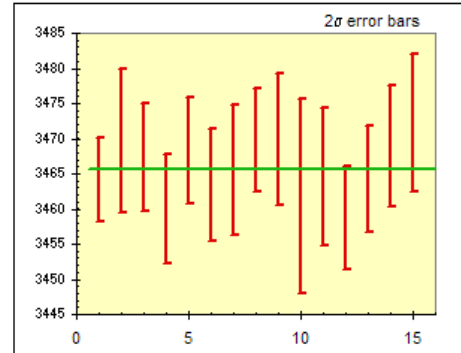
Mean age of coherent group (N=15) 3465.6  
age error (95% conf.) 2.1  
MSWD 0.89  
Probability 0.57

To recalculate Concordia Age using different spots, select desired rows from the red columns then press button at right.

X-Y wtd mean (68%-conf. errs), incl. error from Standard:  
1.421 0.3 0.299 0.07  
on all 15 points.

Probability of equivalence = 0.23 (mswd = 1.2)  
DISCORDANT (probability of concordance = .00045)

For visualization & preliminary evaluation only




Note: dependency on Isoplot!

# The bigger picture: SQUID in Open Source

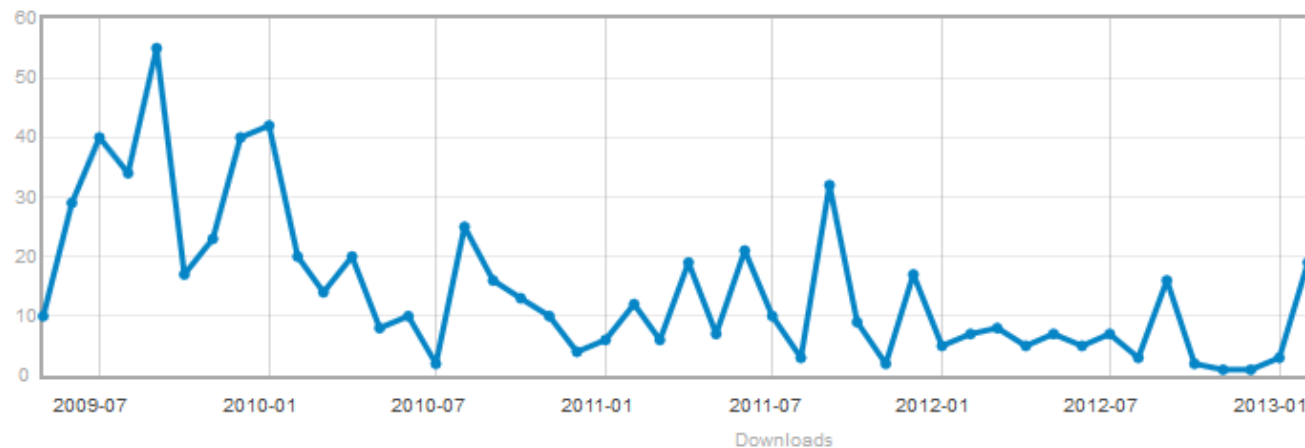
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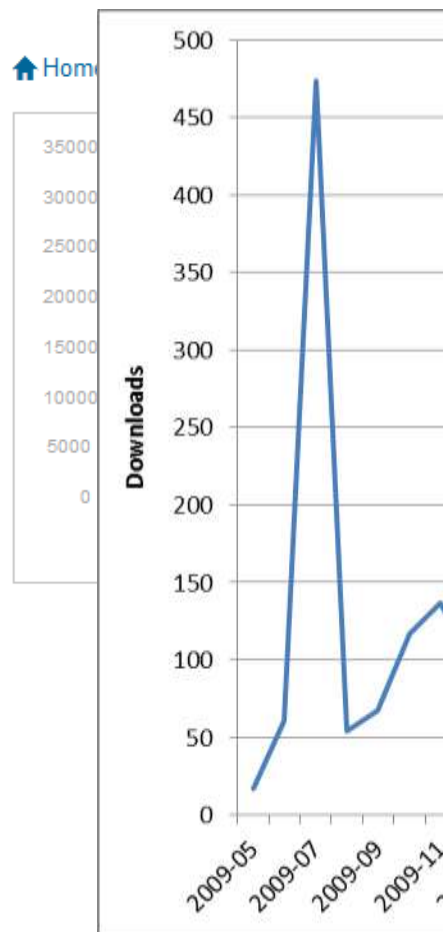
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# SQUID-2: Issues



- Distribution and installation
- Version control
- Dependency on Excel (2003)
- Documentation of algorithms

# Option #1: Update SQUID + ISOPLLOT to Office 2010

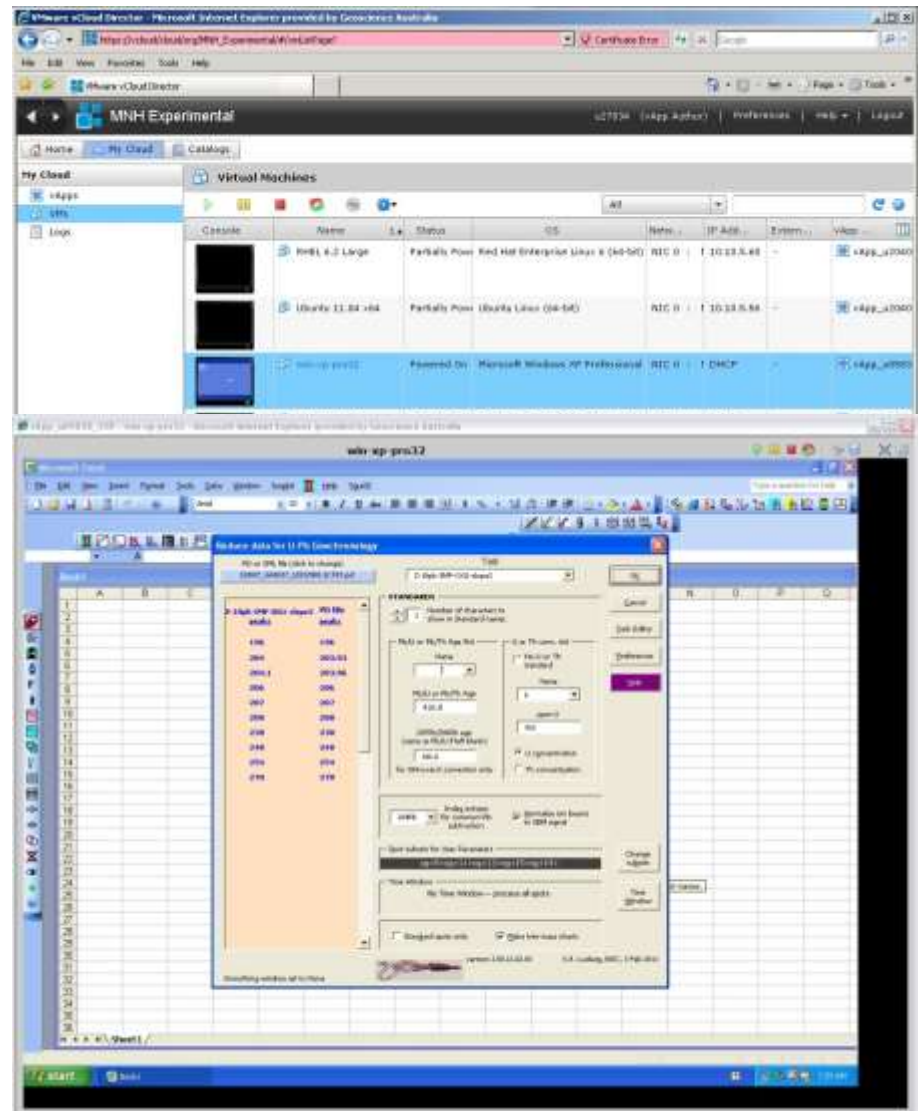
- 😊 Bring applications up-to-date
- 😊 Encourage use
- 😞 Requires resources for developer/s





## Option #2: Testing virtualisation at GA

- Enterprise-scale 'vCloud'
- Server runs WinXP, Office 2003. Accessible by browser, behaves like desktop
- Successful tests of SQUID-2
- ☹ Installation issues
- ☹ Potential on-going cost for licences
- ☺ A way forward??



## Option #3: New application?

- 😊 Reduce dependency on Windows/Excel environment
- 😊 Engage new users and developers
- 😞 Time consuming review of options and management of new development (i.e. no hero-coding)
- 😞 Create new dependencies?
- 😞 Resources for developers
- 😞 Debugging, maintenance, upgrades



# Trends and drivers



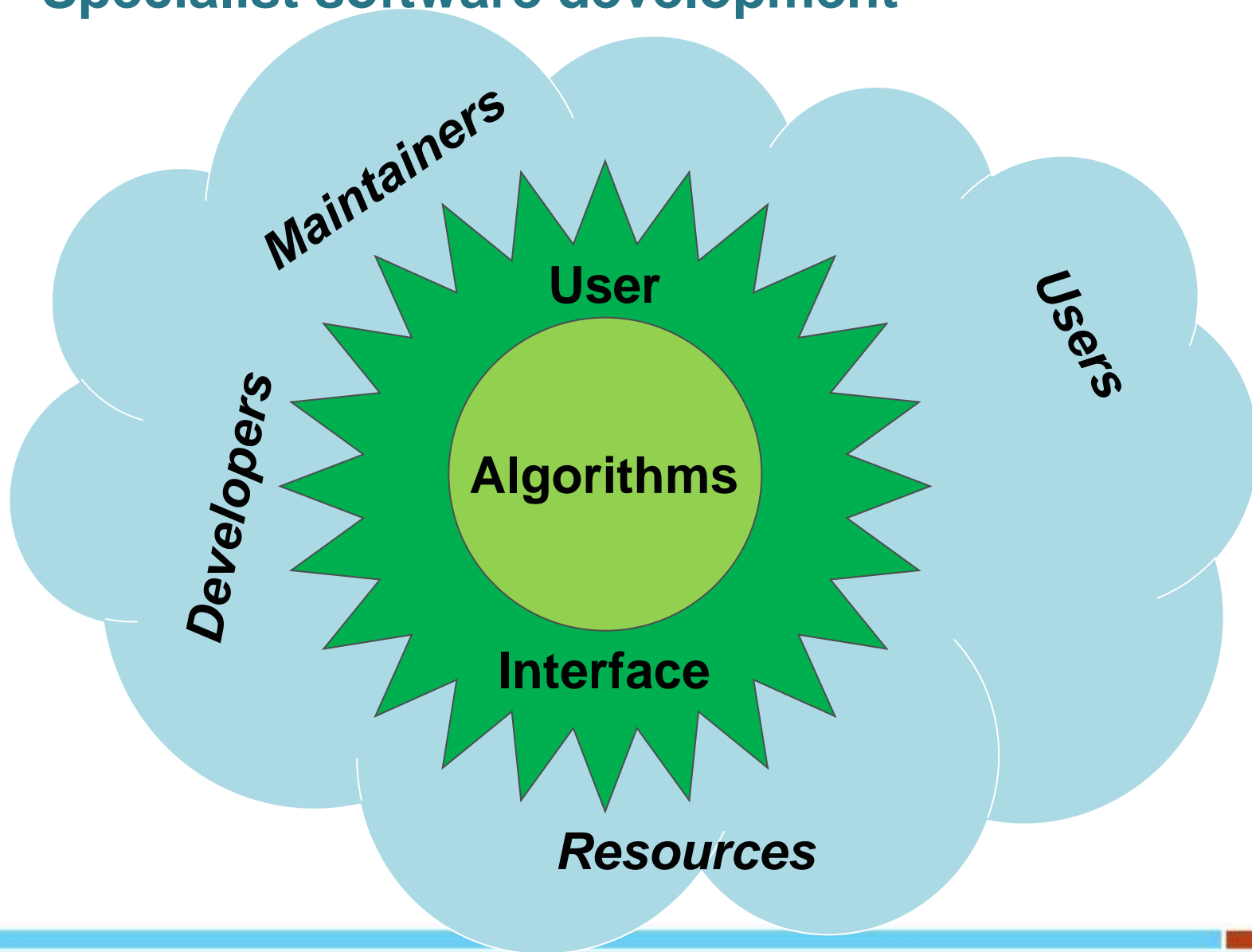
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# Specialist software development



## Some hard-won advice

- **Algorithms  $\neq$  user interface**
- **No silver bullet**
- **Maintenance, maintenance, maintenance: an application isn't just for Christmas**



# SQUID 2020?

- Open source
  - algorithms and documentation
  - reproducible, standard test data sets
  - broad developer/maintenance community
- Platform-independent data processing
  - virtualisation in Cloud, web access
  - web service enabled with links to other labs, data

**Your ideas, collaboration?**  
**(anyone working on Isoplot?)**



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