

Curl and Warp Analysis of the LTPP SPS-2 Site in Arizona

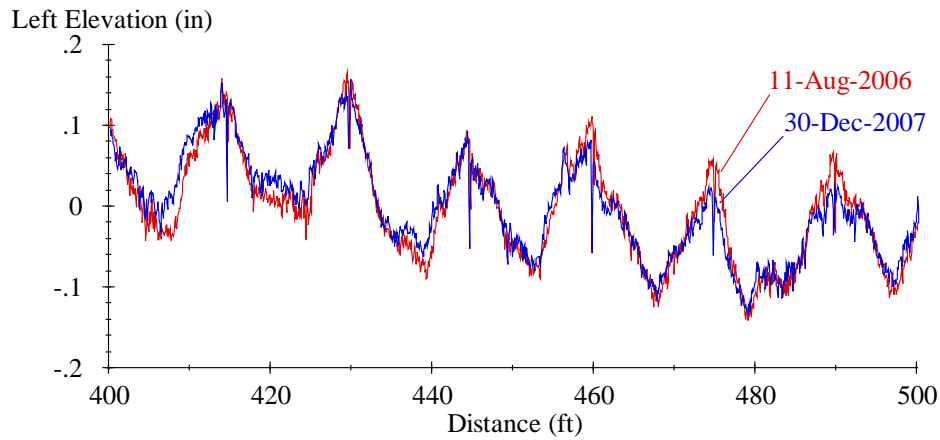
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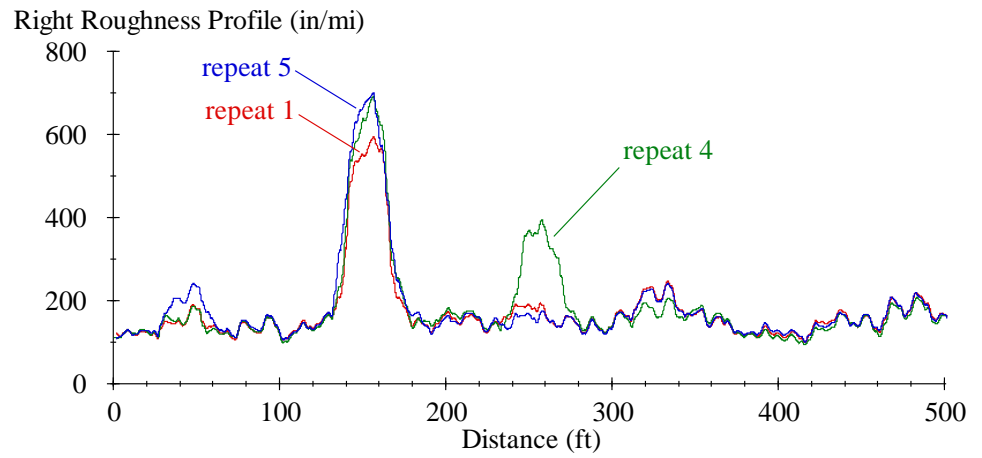
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Traditional Profile Analyses

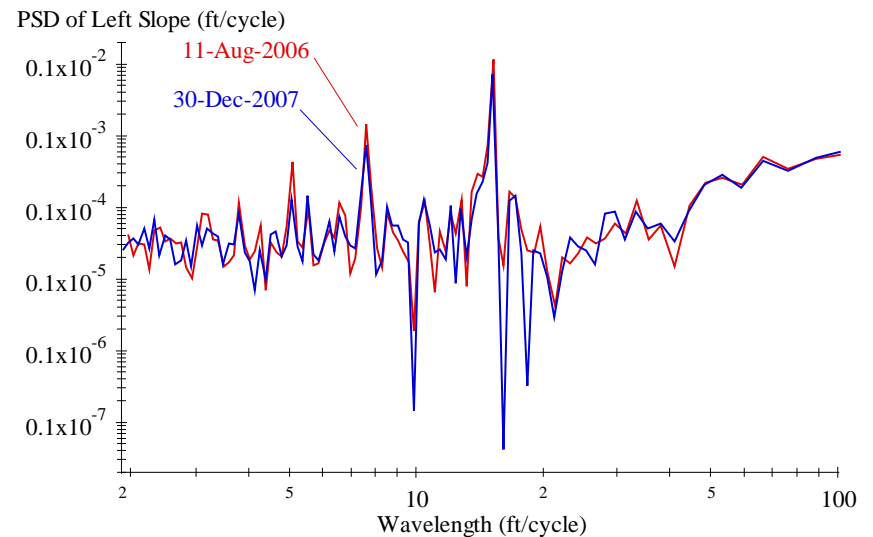


Filtered Profile Plots

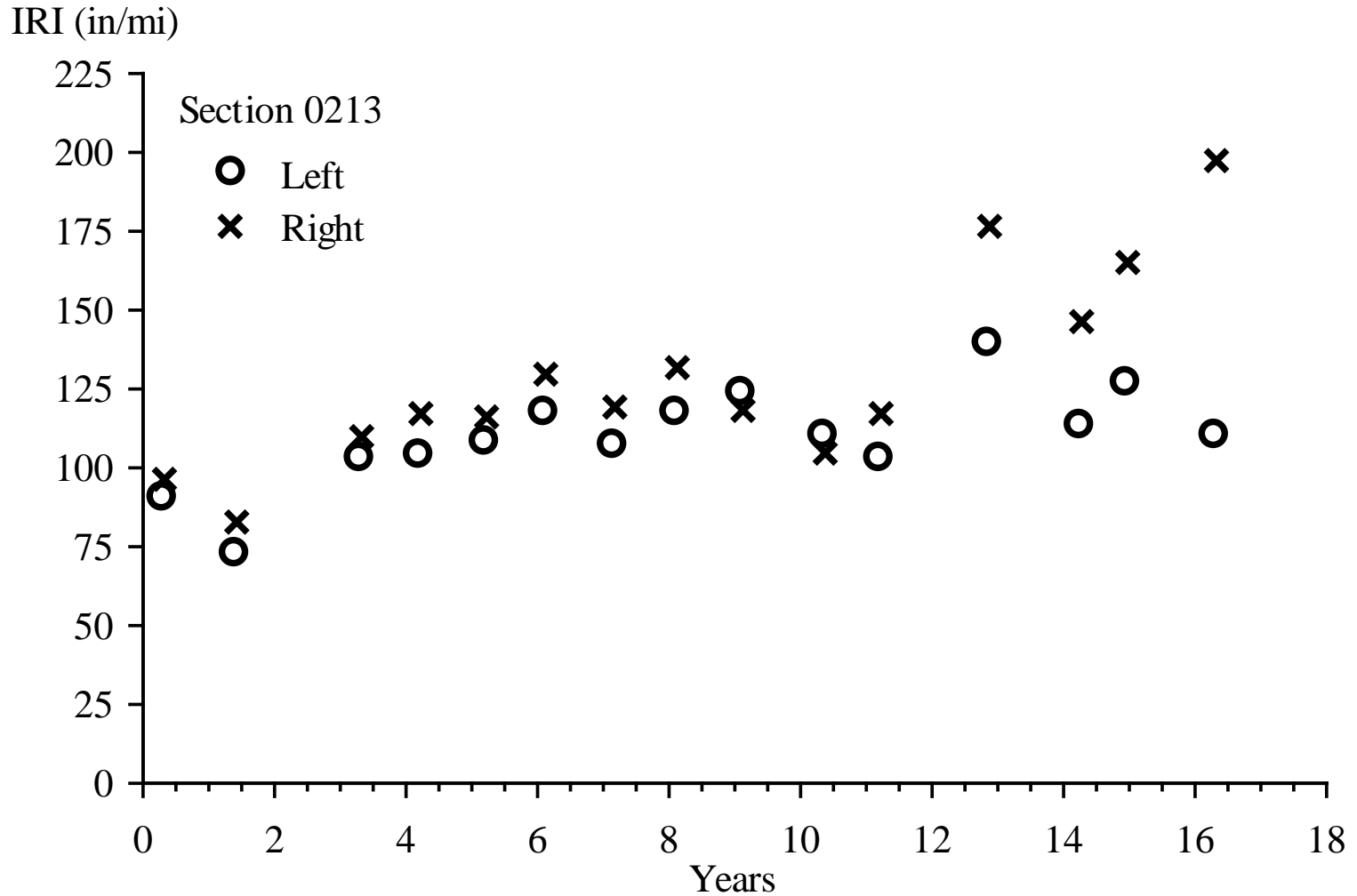


Continuous Roughness Reports

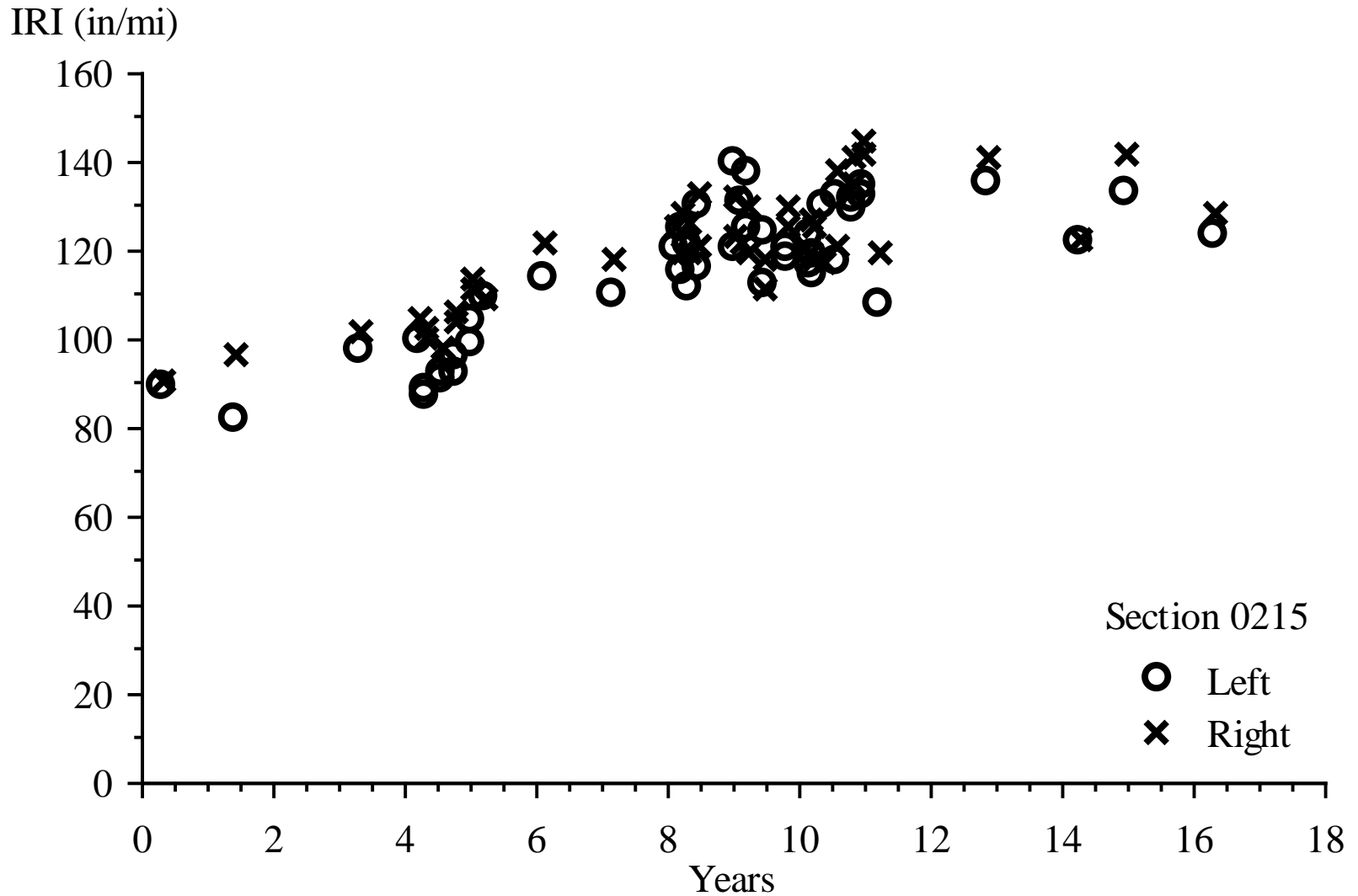
Spectral Analysis



Roughness Progression, Section 0213

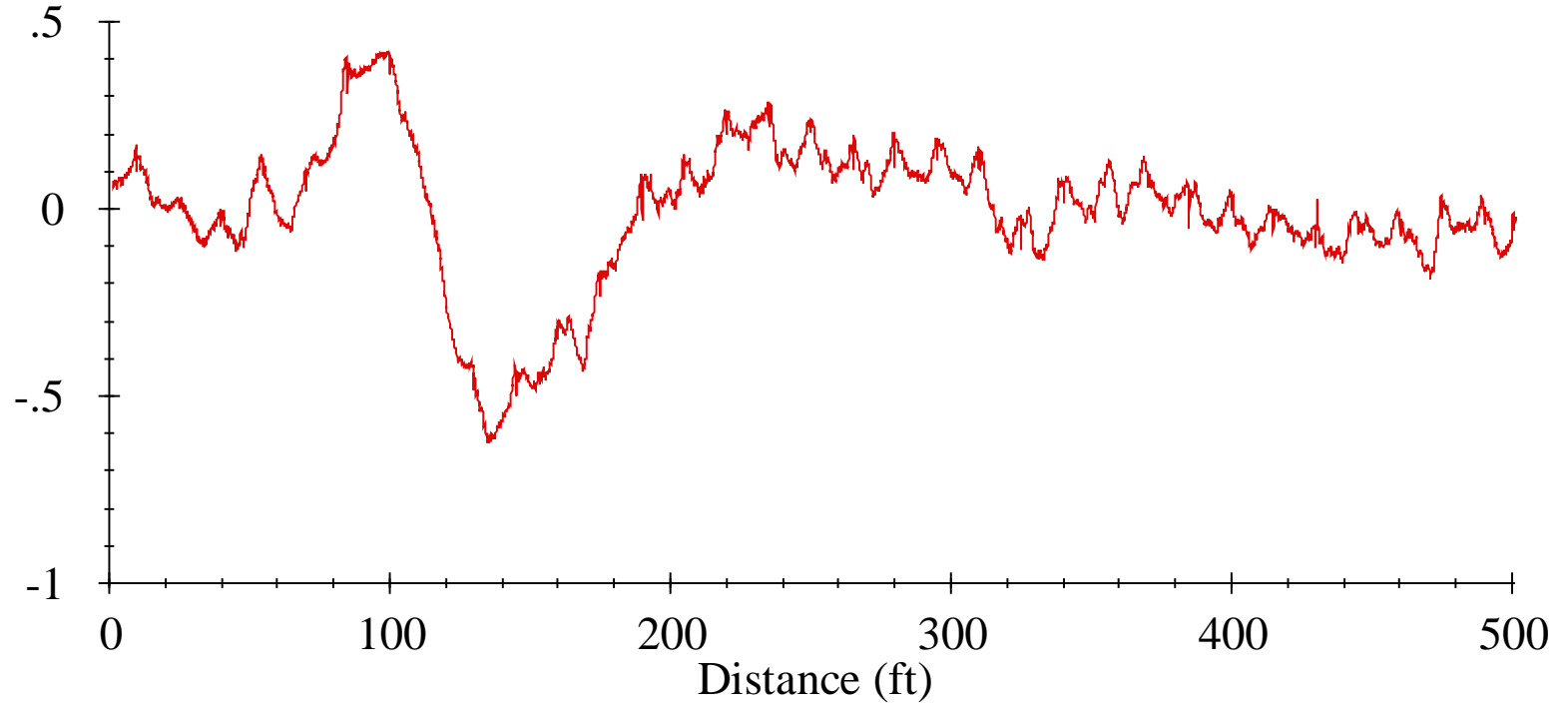


Roughness Progression, Section 0215



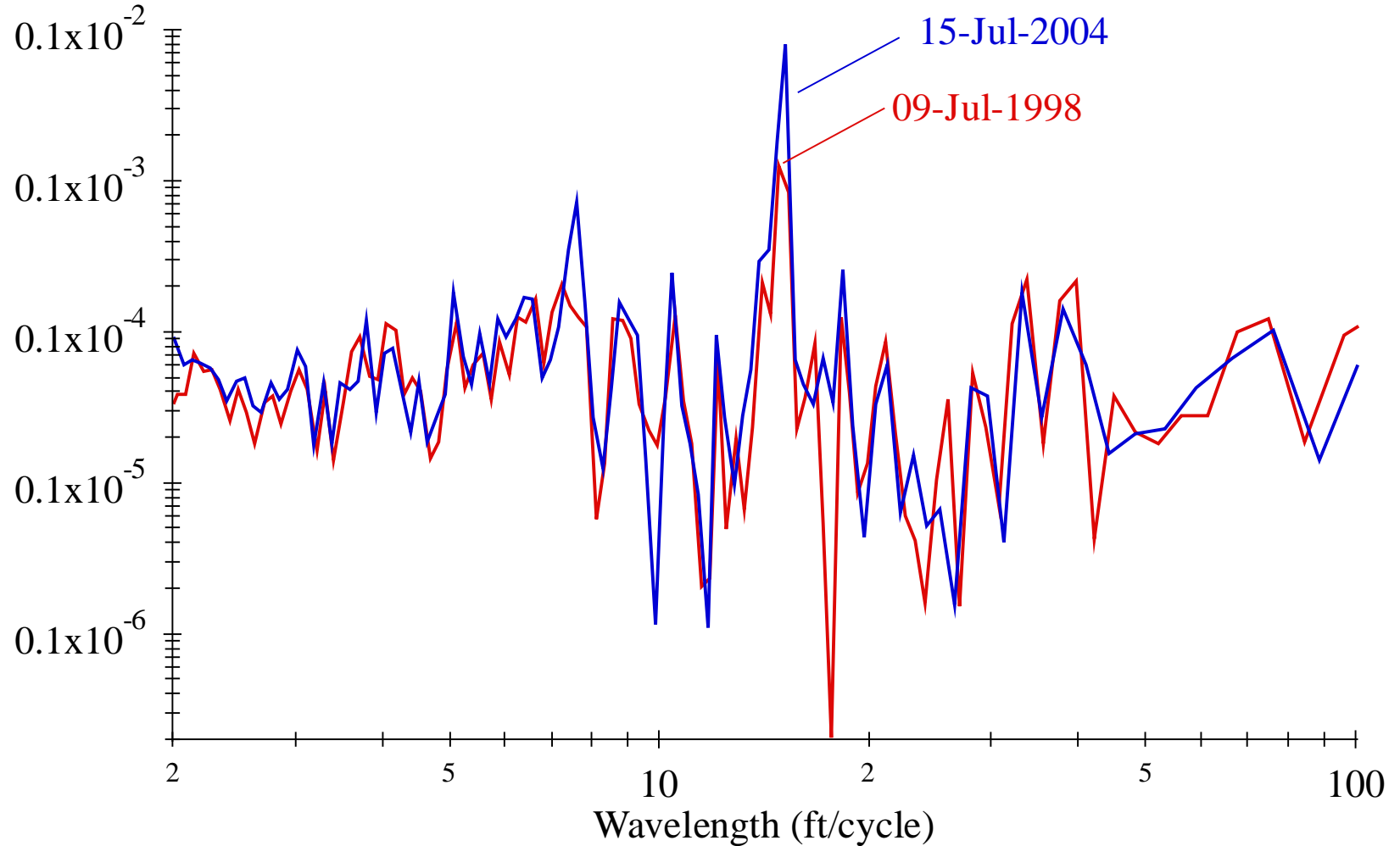
Elevation Profile, Section 0213

Right Elevation (in)



Spectral Density, Section 0215

PSD of Left Slope (ft/cycle)

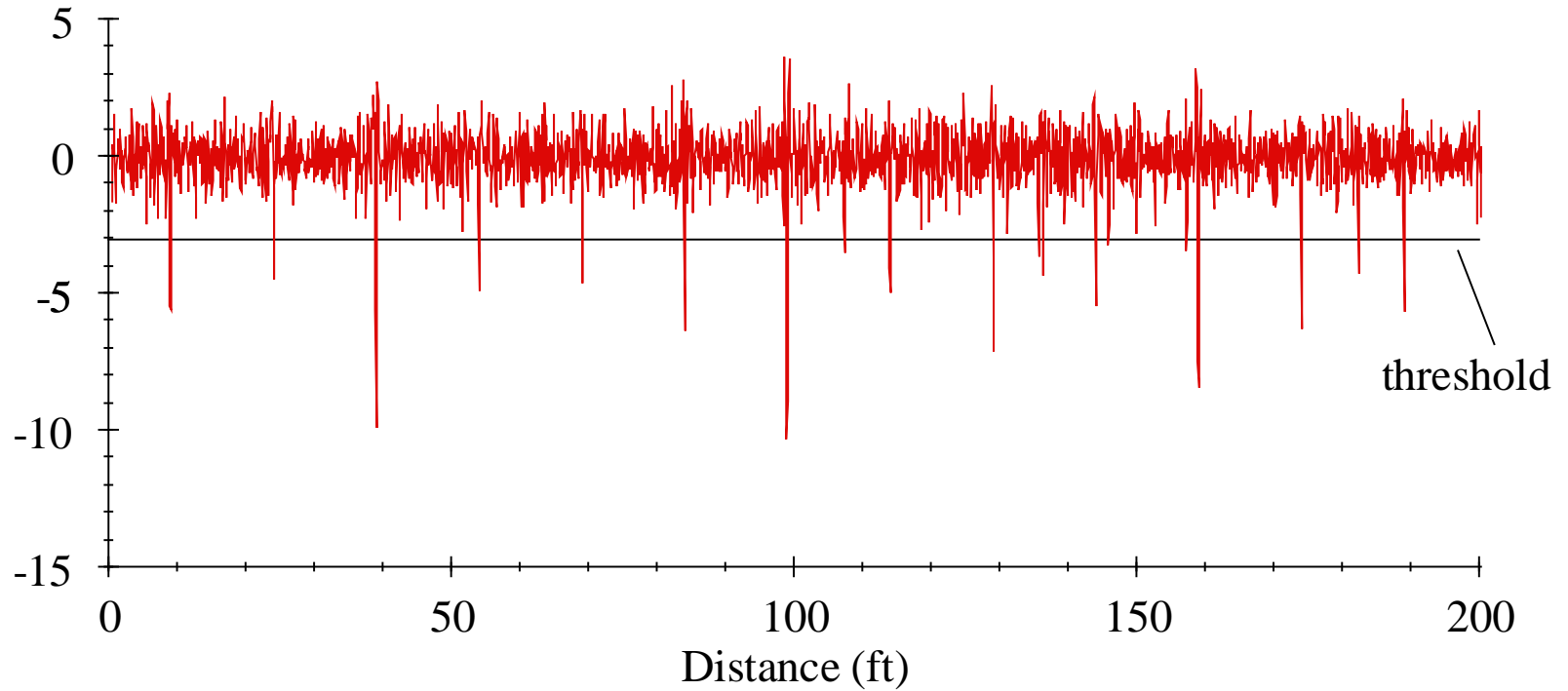


Methods

- Perform slab-by-slab analysis
- Estimate curl at each slab with one value
- Aggregate the level of curl over each profile
- Estimate the influence of curl on the IRI
- Re-examine roughness progression

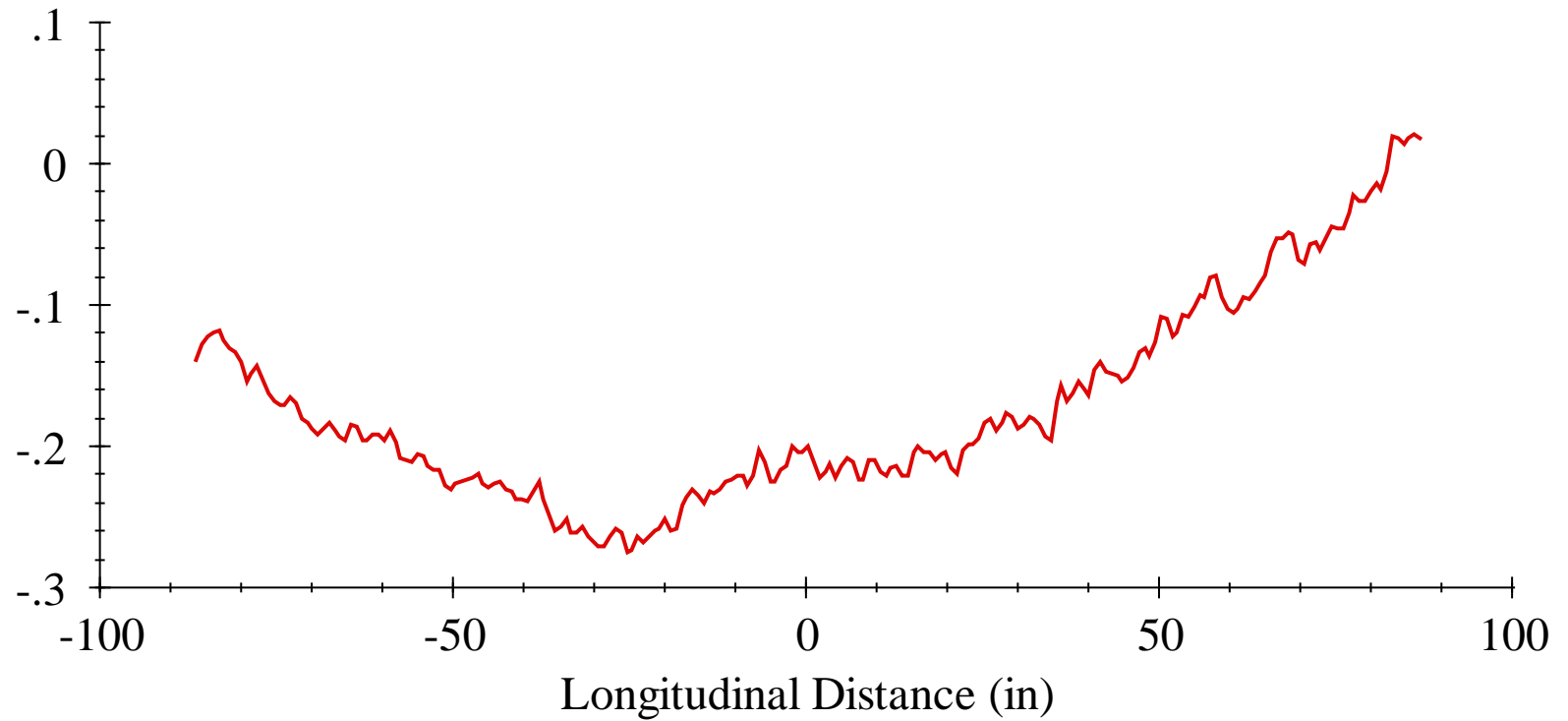
Joint Detection

Normalized Left Elevation



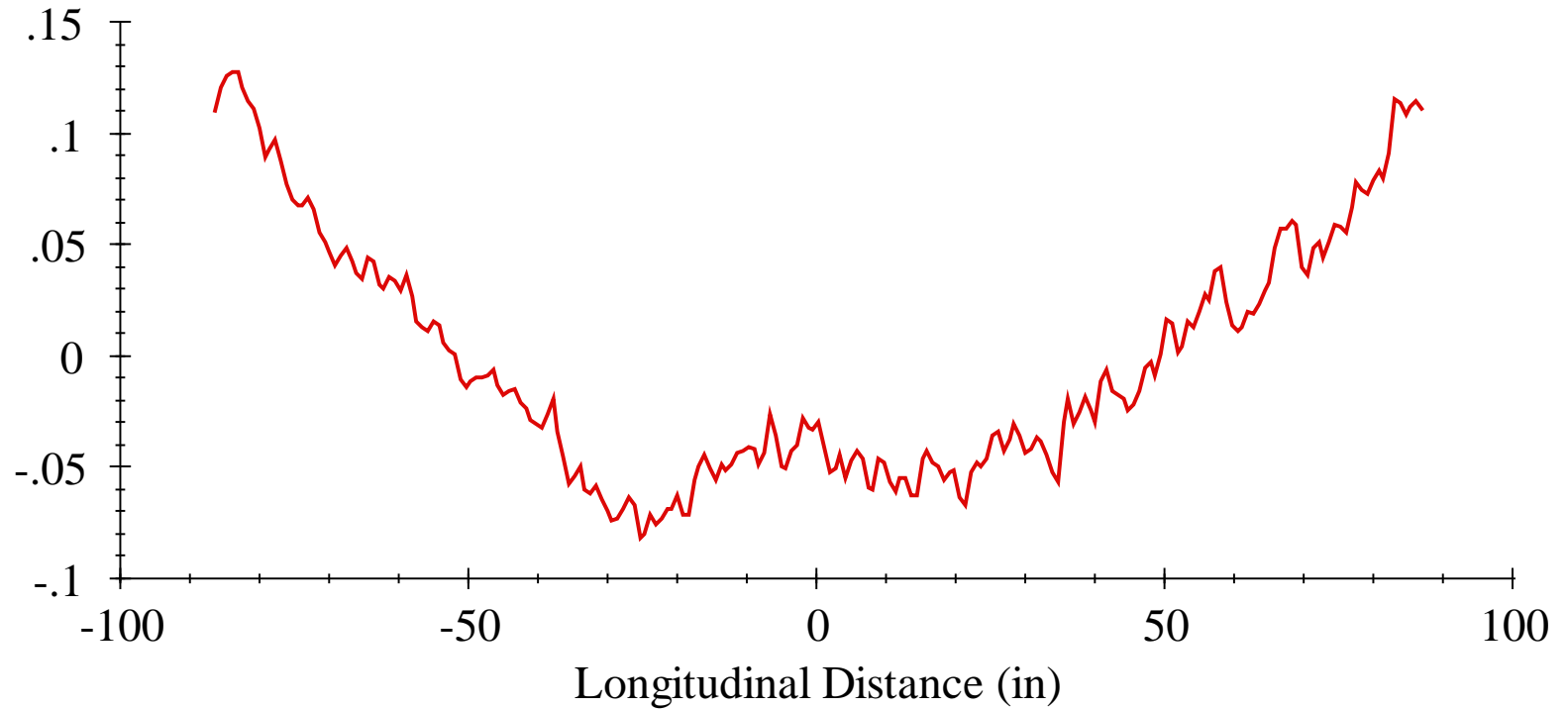
Isolated Slab Profile

Measured Profile (in)



Detrended Slab Profile

Detrended Profile (in)



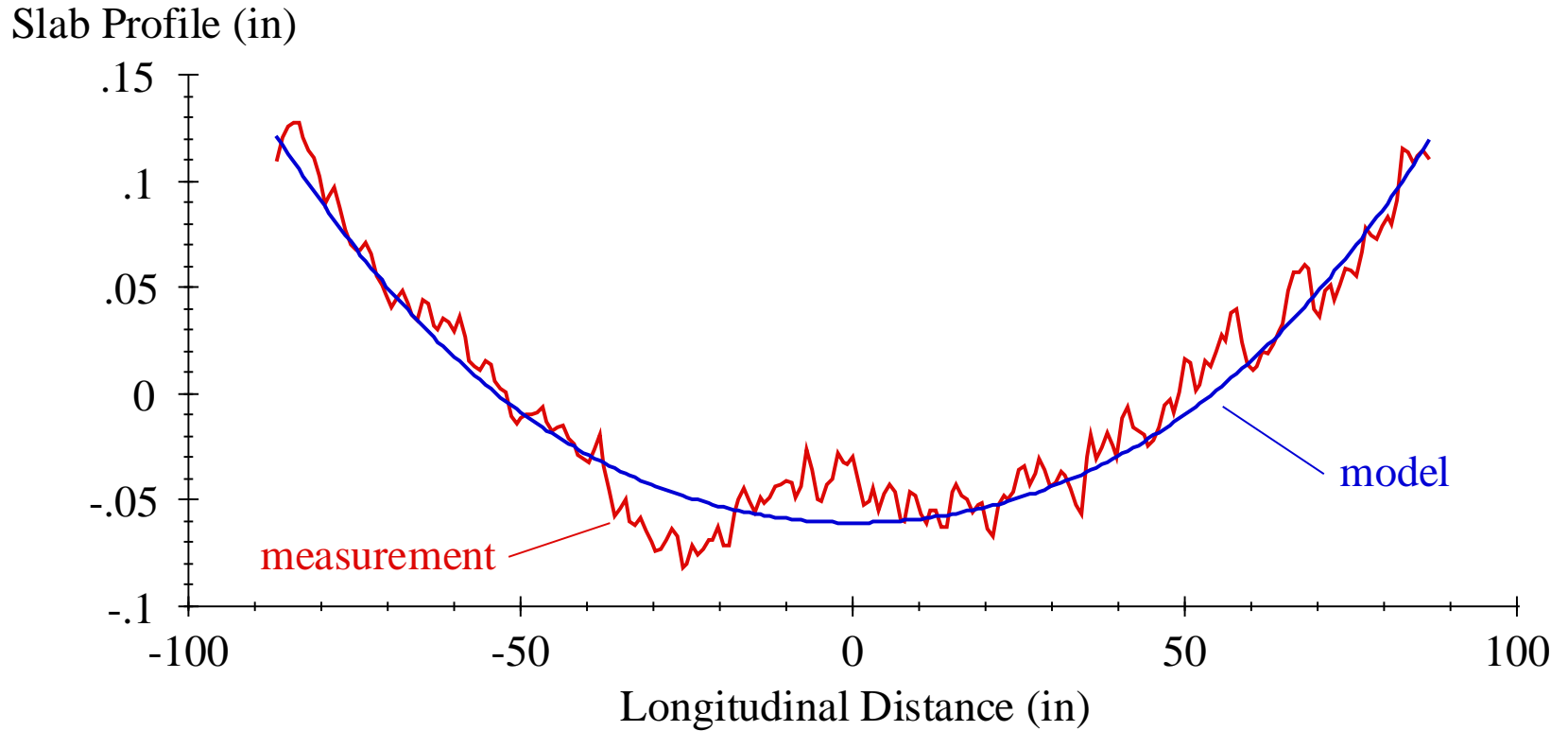
Westergaard Equations

$$z = -z_0 \frac{2\cos\lambda \cosh\lambda}{\sin 2\lambda - \sinh 2\lambda} \left[(-\tan\lambda + \tanh\lambda) \cos\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} \cosh\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} \right. \\ \left. + (\tan\lambda + \tanh\lambda) \sin\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} \sinh\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} \right]$$

$$z_0 = \frac{-(1+\mu)(\alpha\Delta T + \Delta\varepsilon_{sh})}{h} l^2 \quad \lambda = \frac{b}{\sqrt{8}} \quad l = \sqrt[4]{\frac{Eh^3}{12(1-\mu^2)k}}$$

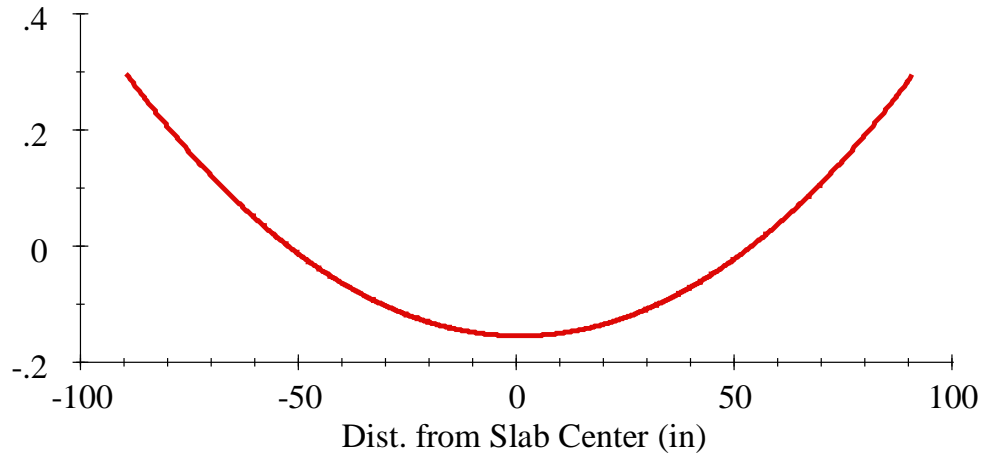
$$\text{PSG} = \frac{(\alpha\Delta T + \Delta\varepsilon_{sh})}{h}$$

Sample Curve Fit

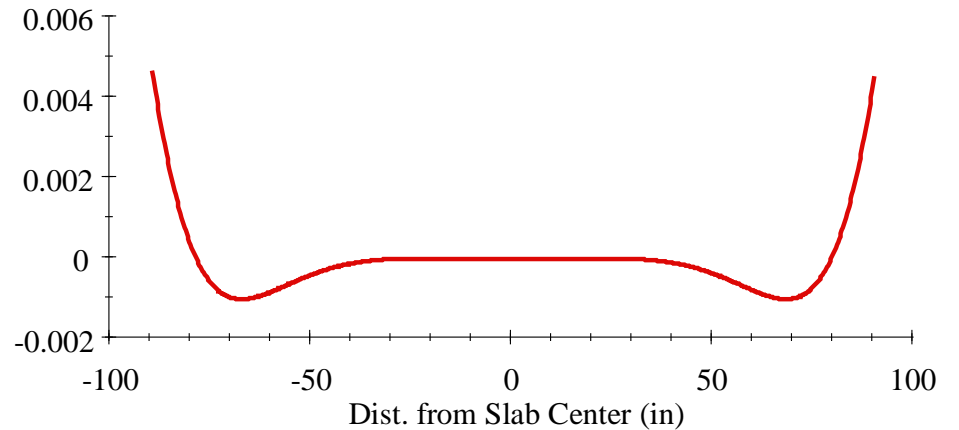


Idealized Slab Profiles

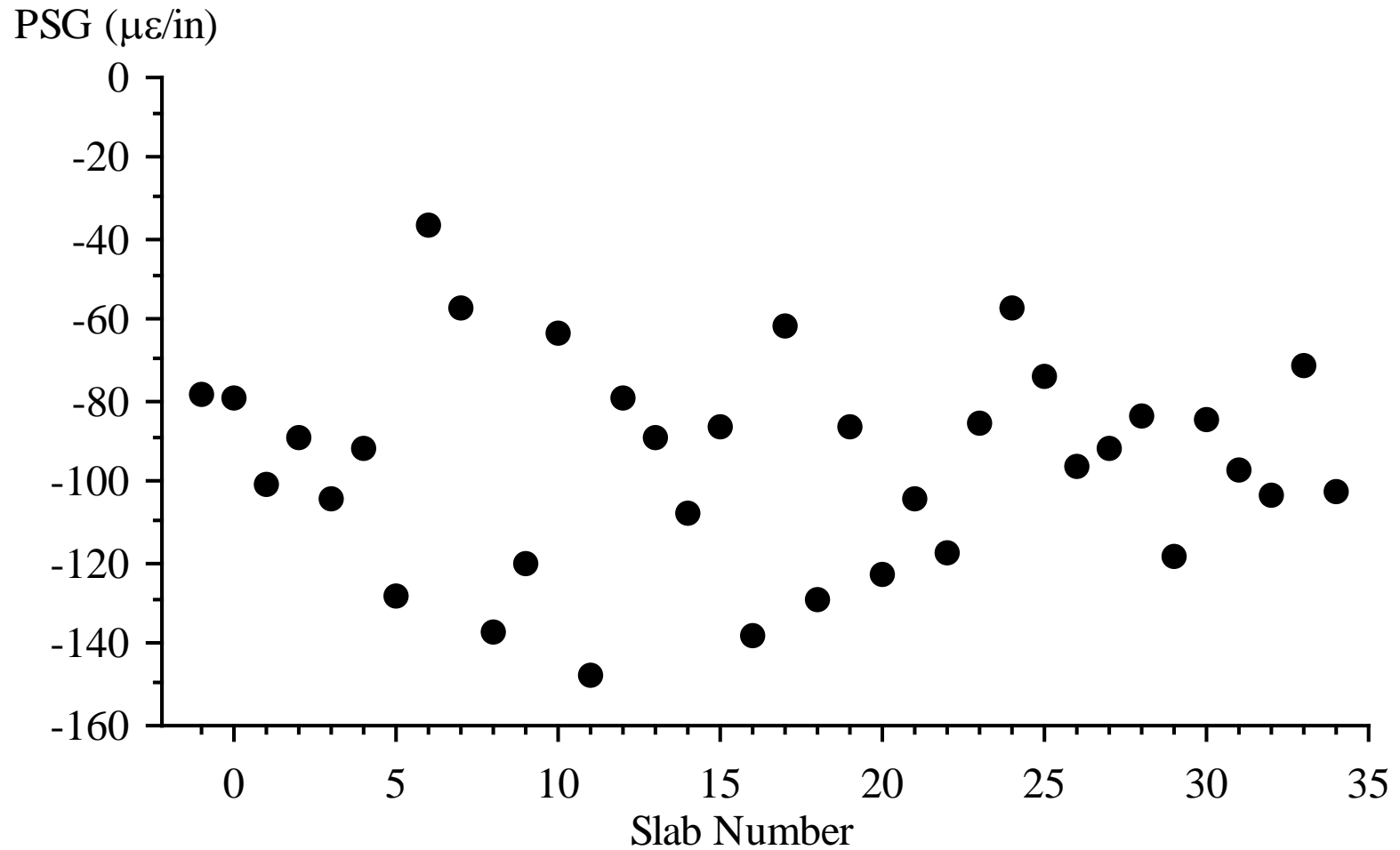
Vertical Slab Deformation (in)



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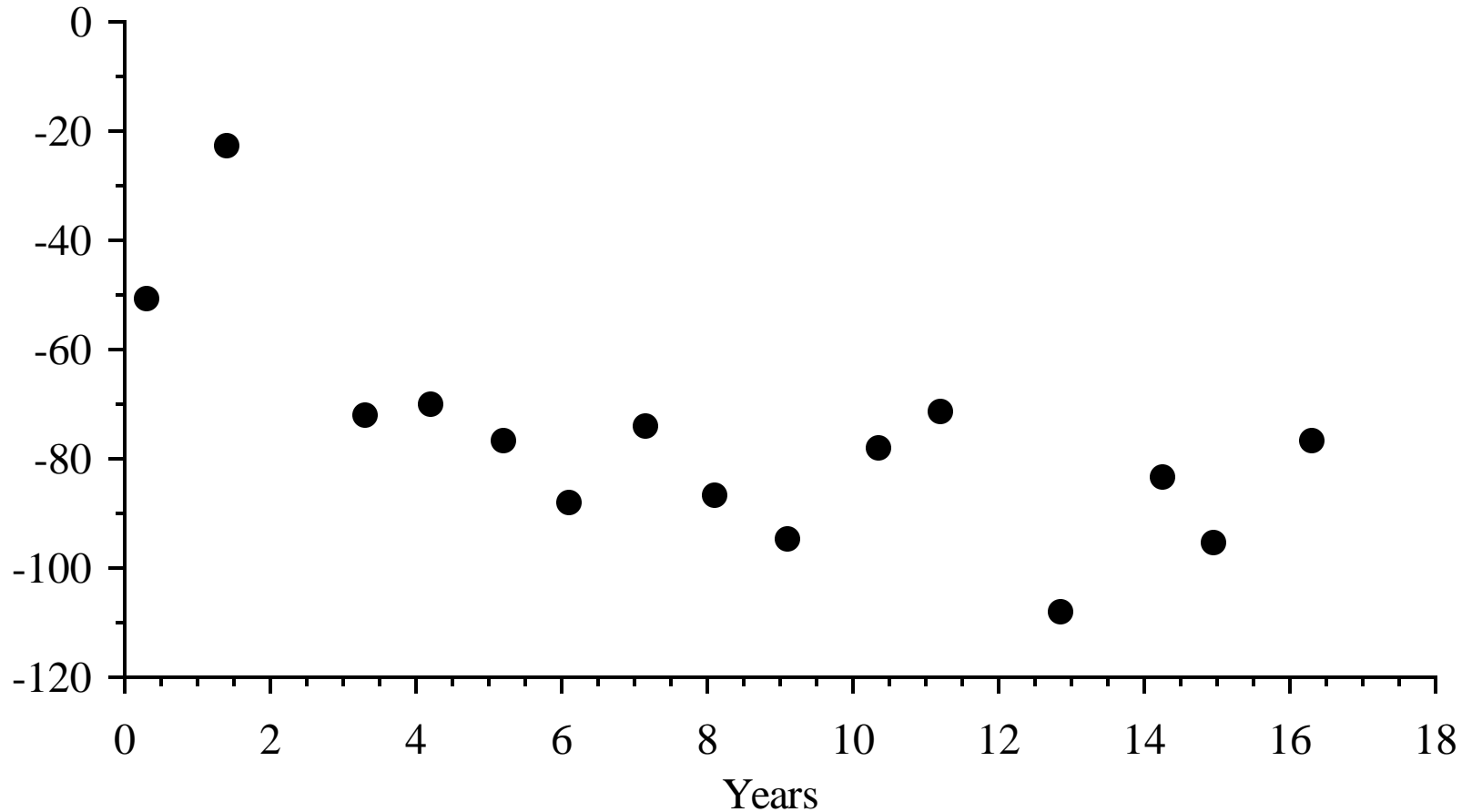


Slab by Slab Pseudo Gradient

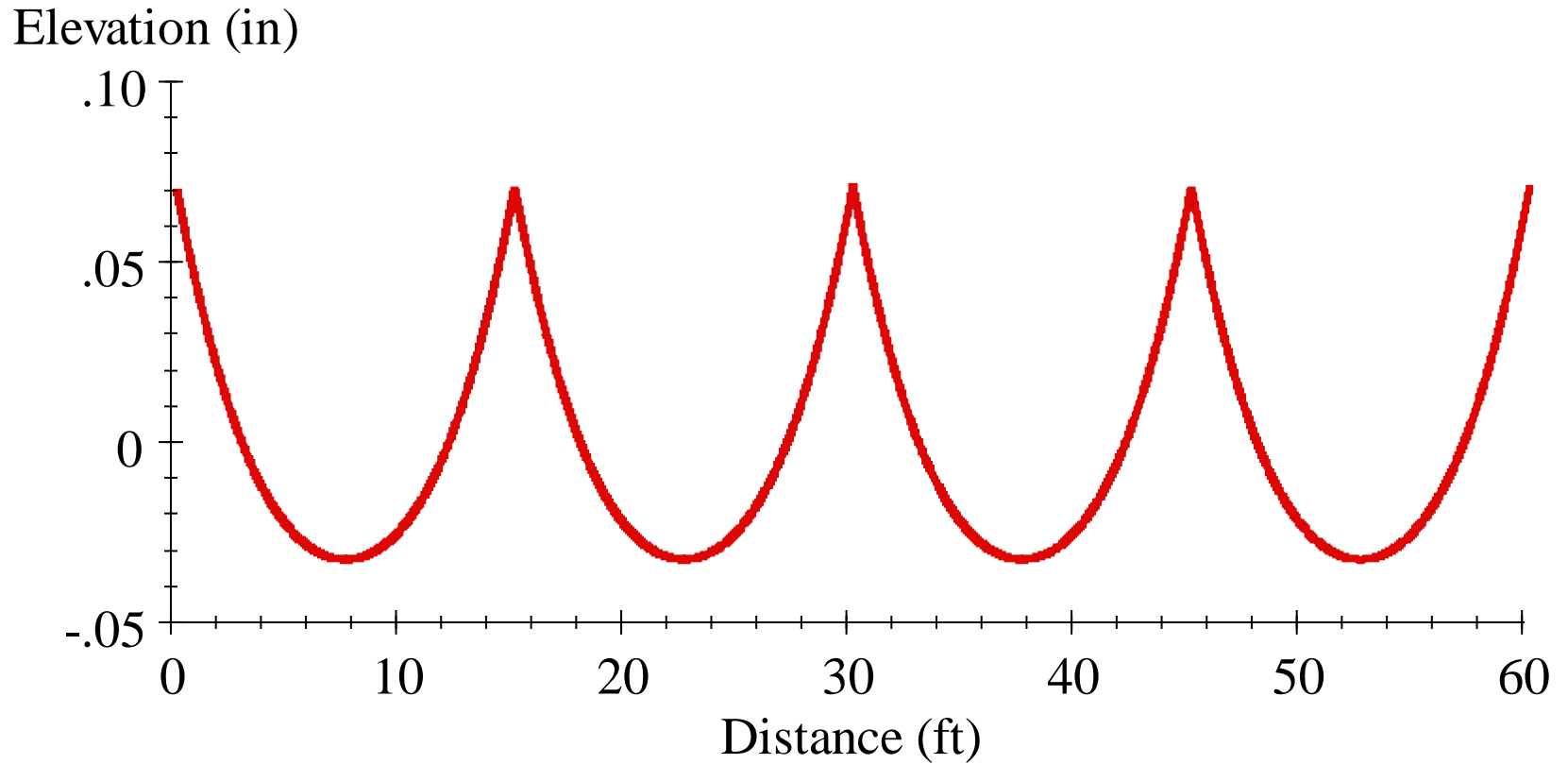


Average Pseudo Gradient over Time

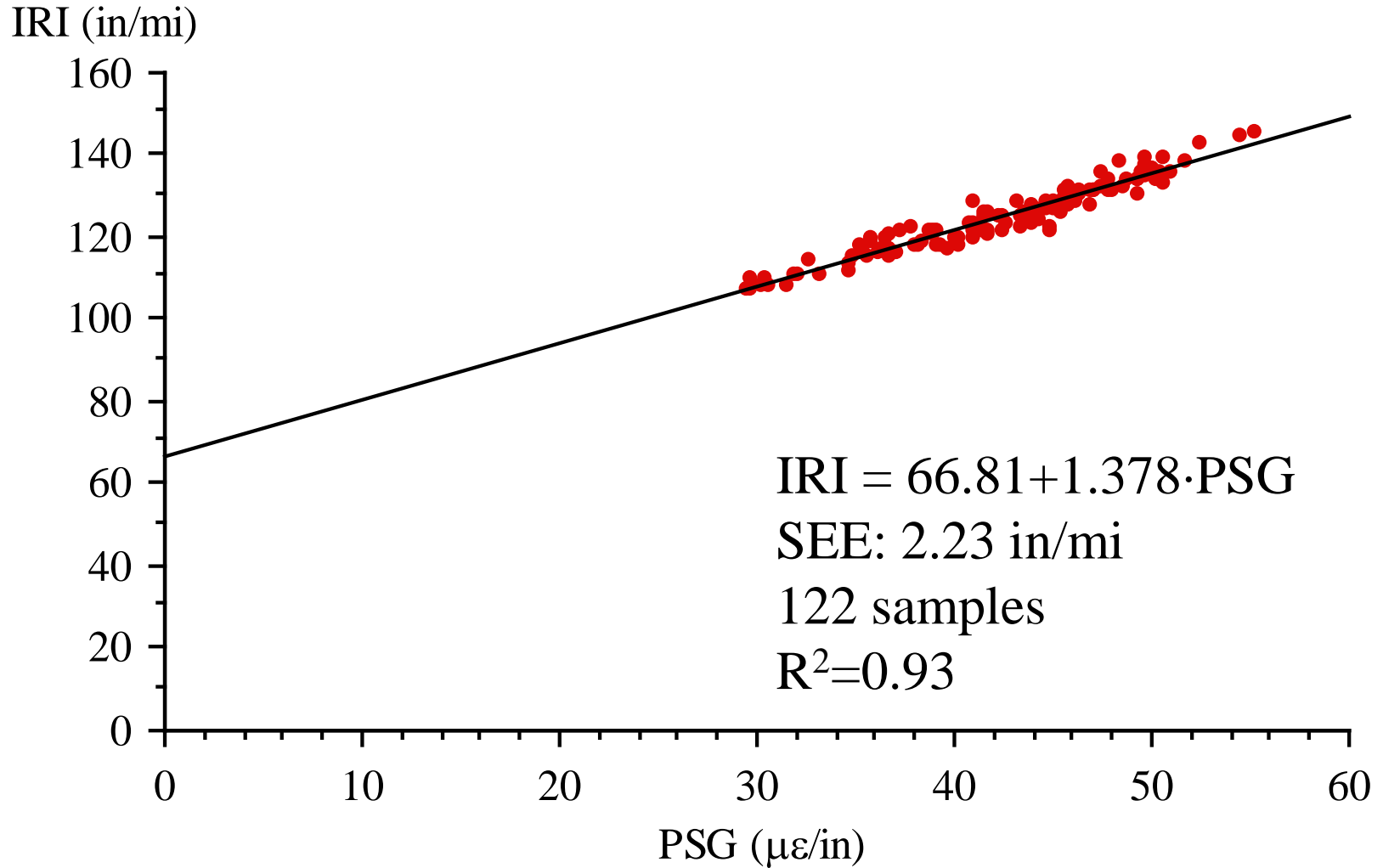
Average PSG ($\mu\epsilon/\text{in}$)



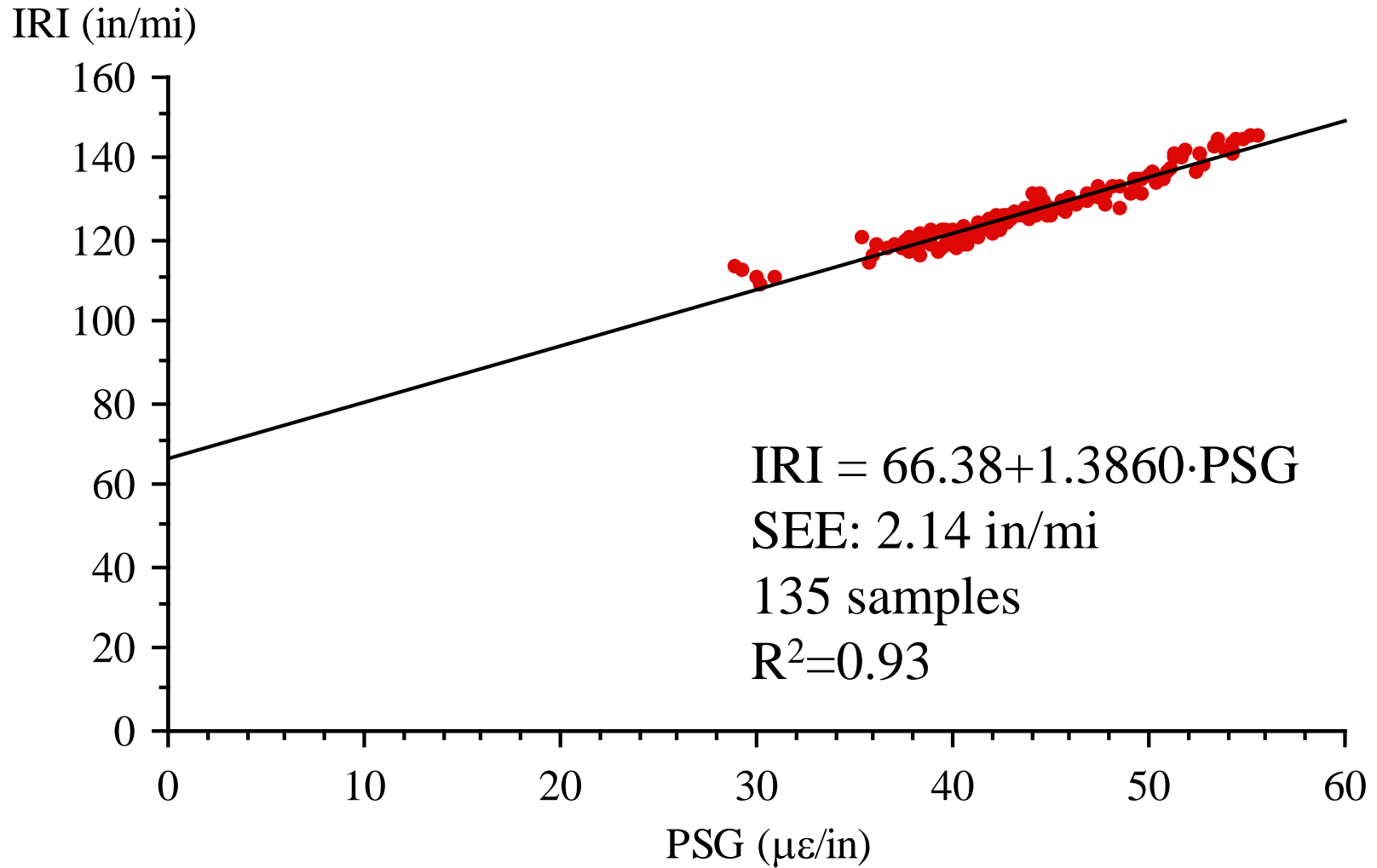
Idealized Profile



IRI versus Pseudo Gradient, LTPP

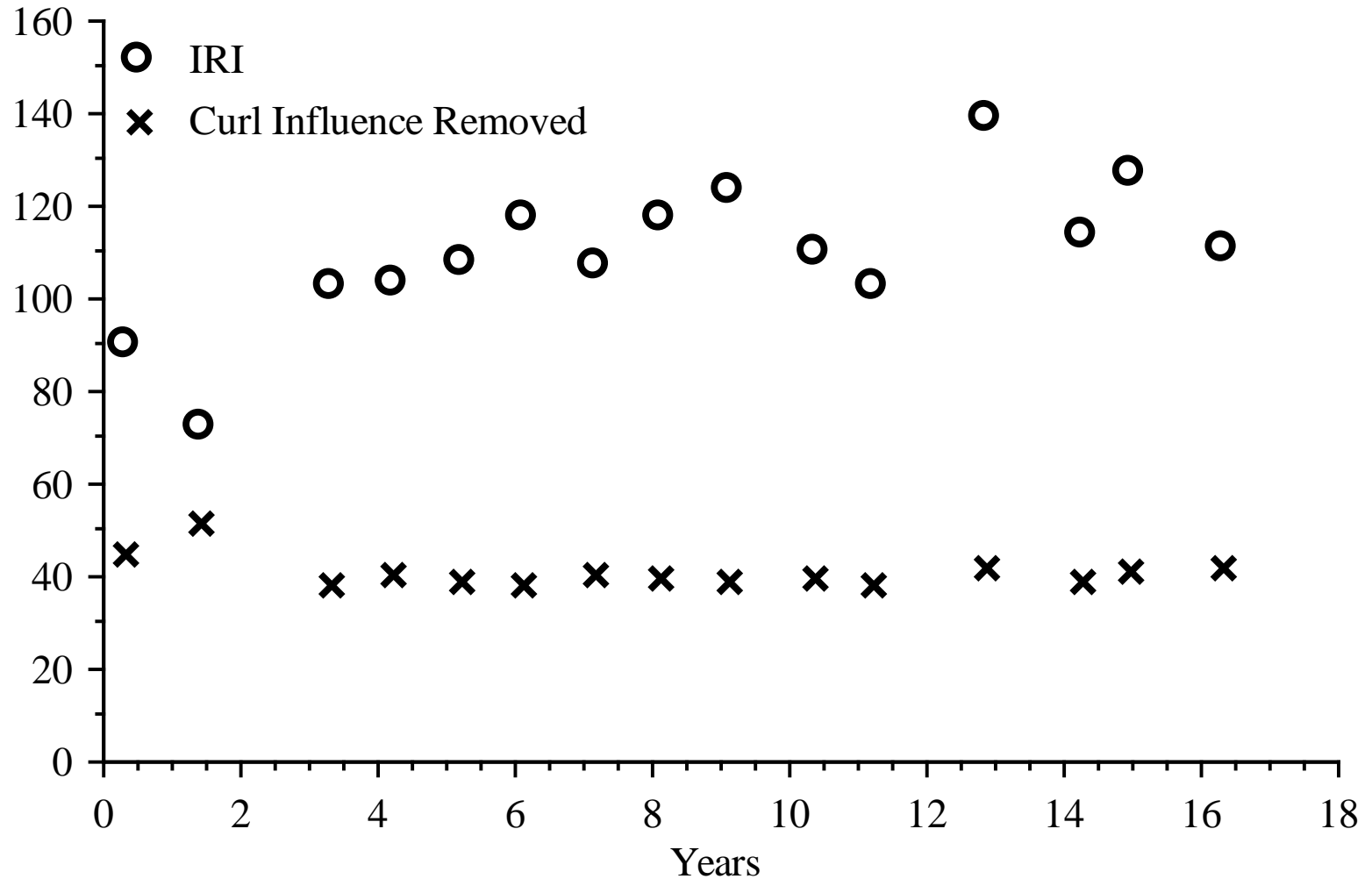


IRI versus Pseudo Gradient, FHWA



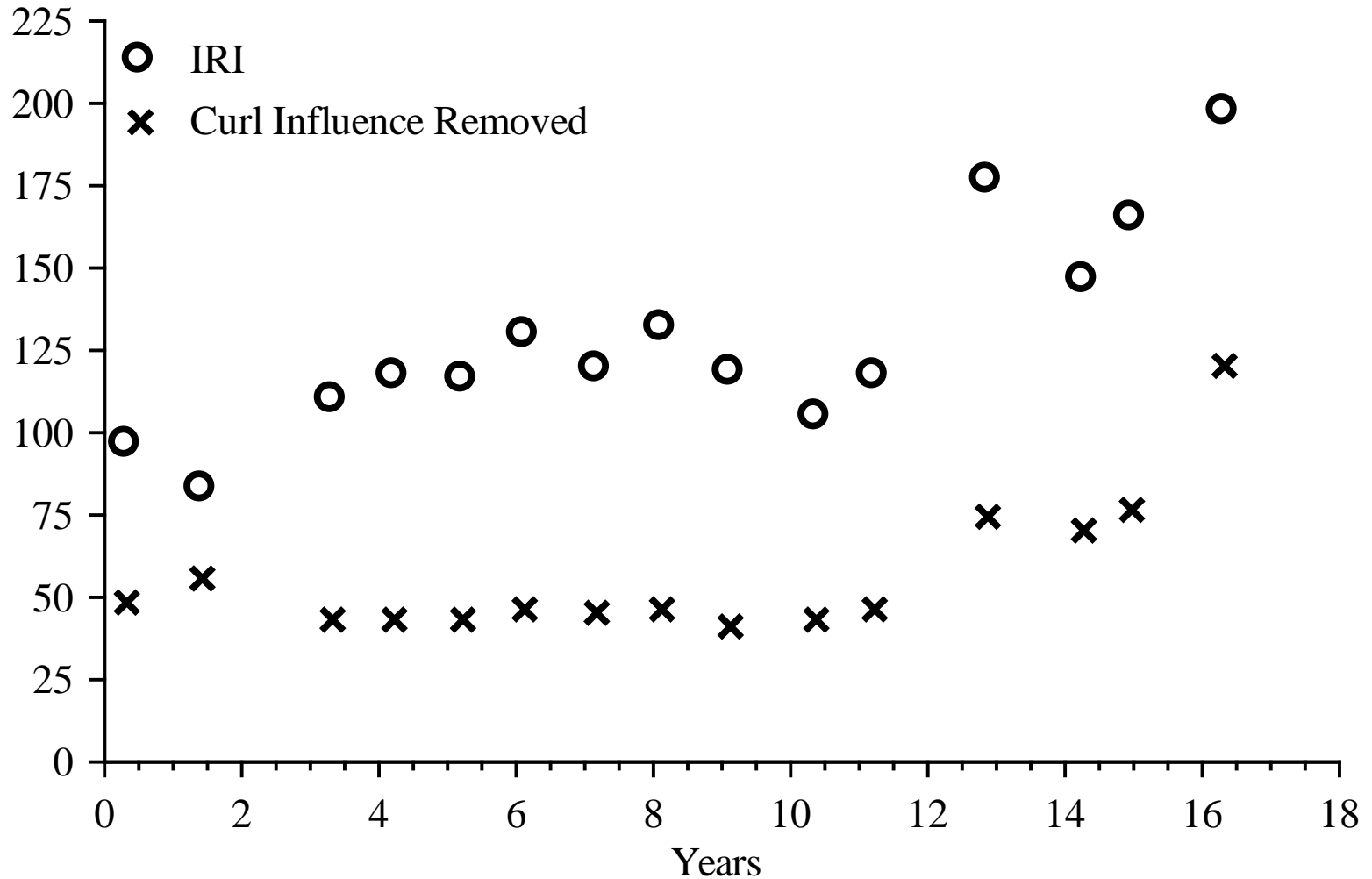
IRI Progression, Section 0213 Left

Left IRI (in/mi)

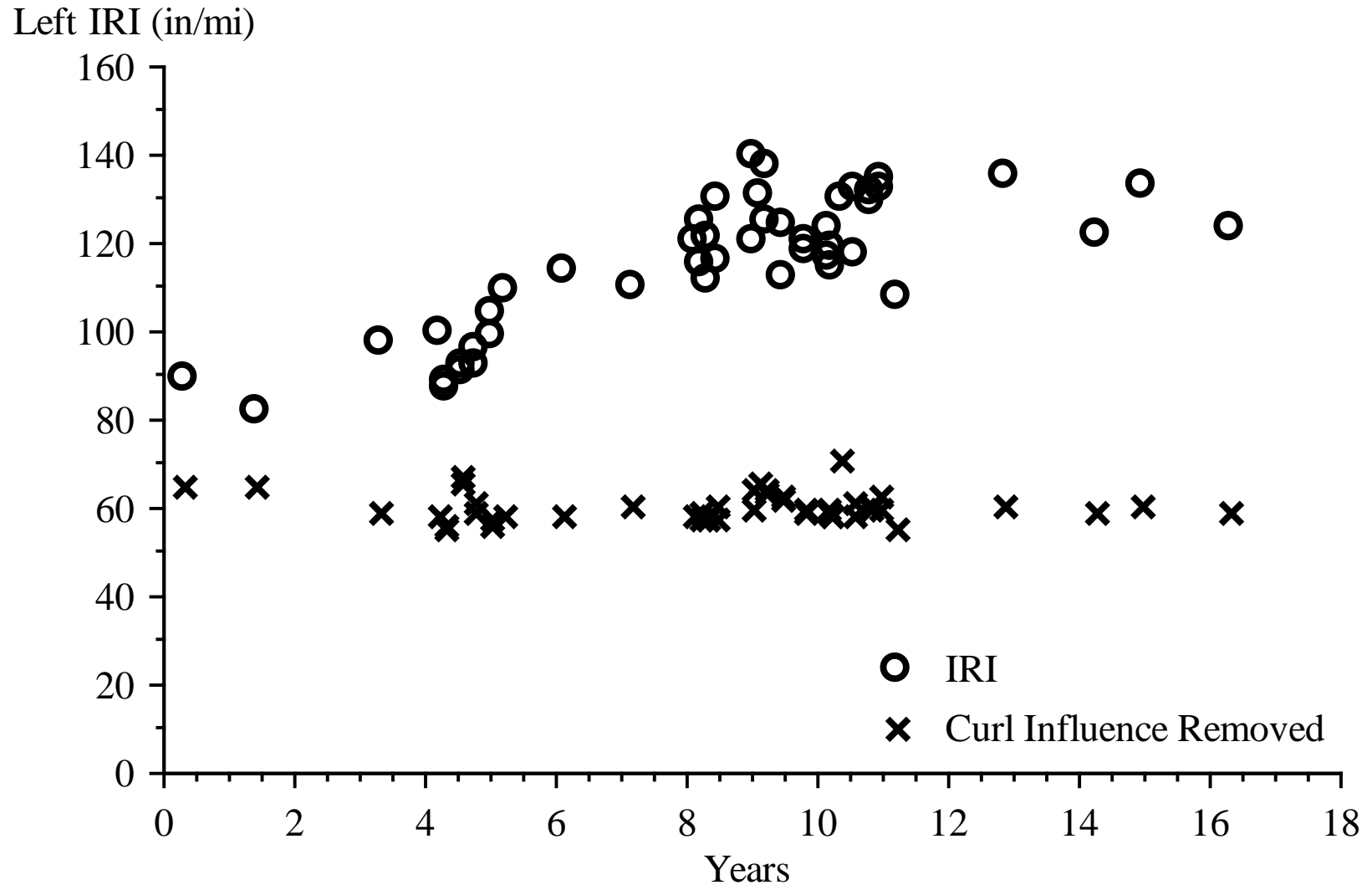


IRI Progression, Section 0213 Right

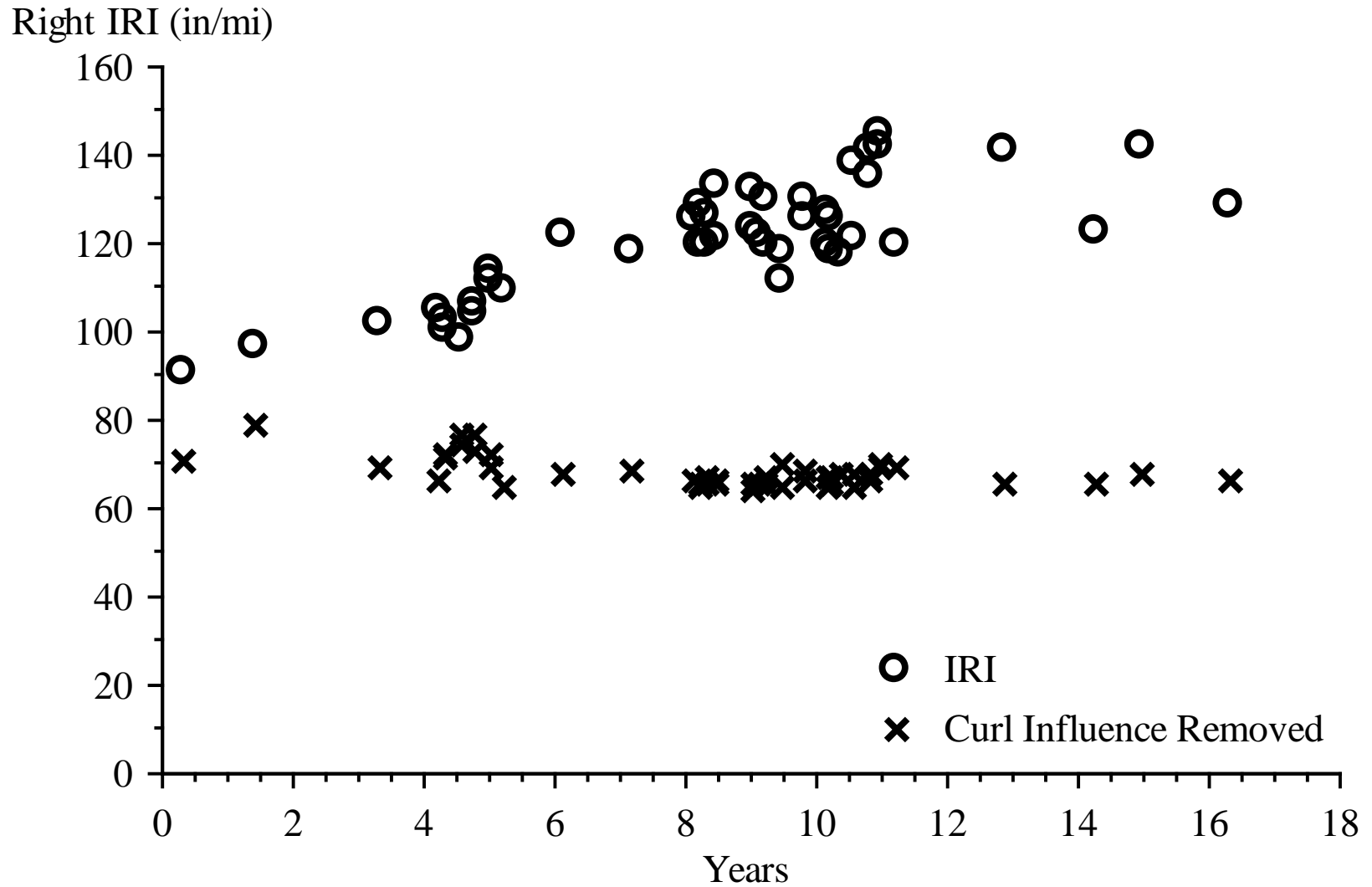
Right IRI (in/mi)



IRI Progression, Section 0215 Left



IRI Progression, Section 0215 Right



Remarks

- These data provided a unique opportunity.
- A roughness index is NOT an adequate surrogate for structural health.
- The methods presented here show promise.
- The PSG-IRI relationship needs more study.

