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¹ Kline, S. J., and McClintock, F. A., "Describing Uncertainties in Simple-Sample Experiments," *Mechanical Engineering*, Jan. 1953, pp. 3-8.