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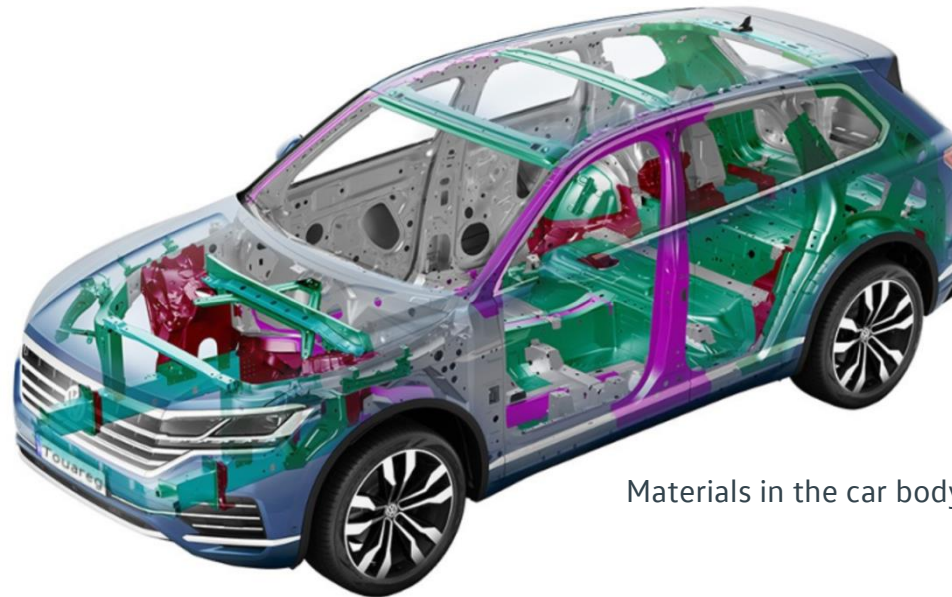
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The new VW Touareg: multi-material design



Ca. 2.500 Rivets in the car body structure



materials:

-  cold formed steel
-  hot formed steel
-  aluminium sheet
-  aluminium profile
-  aluminium cast

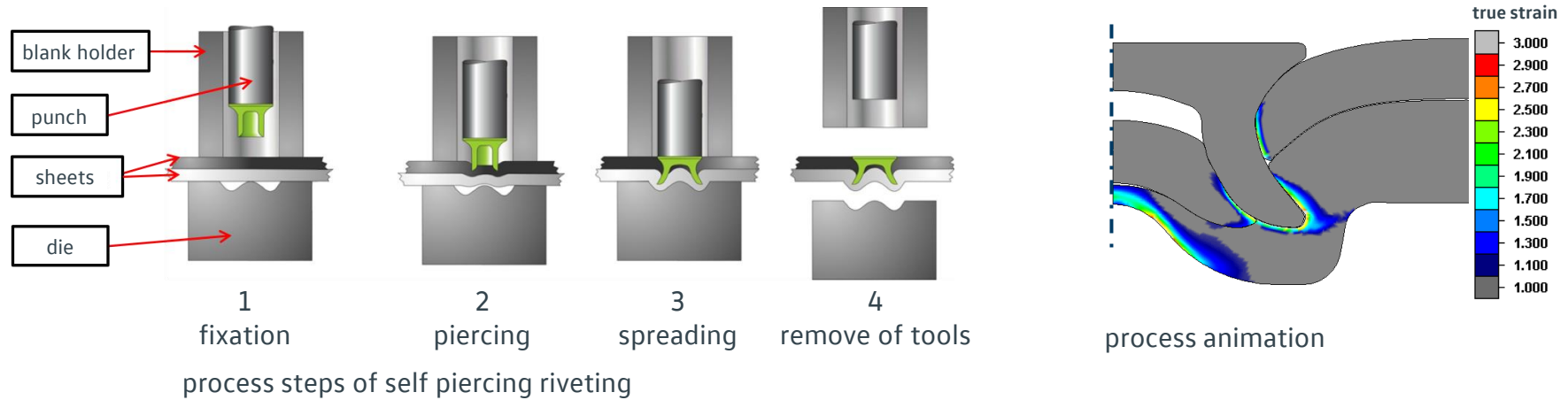
Materials in the car body structure of the new VW Touareg

combinations of different aluminium alloys and aluminium to steel require mechanical joining technique

→ Self piercing riveting (SPR) is a suitable, high potential and qualified technology for multi-material car bodies

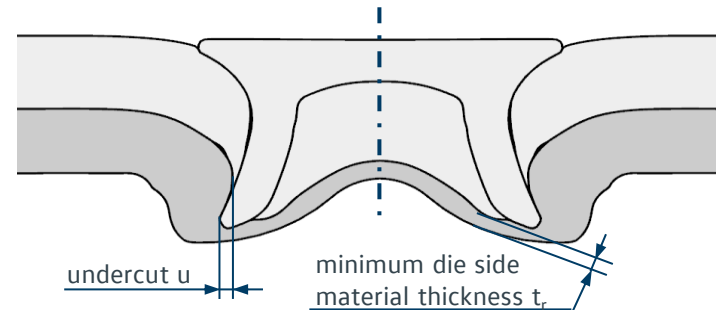
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Self piercing riveting – process and quality parameters



mechanical joining process with:

- high local deformation of the sheets including piercing of upper sheet
- Low deformation of the rivet to ensure spreading and generation of undercut



Cross section and quality parameters

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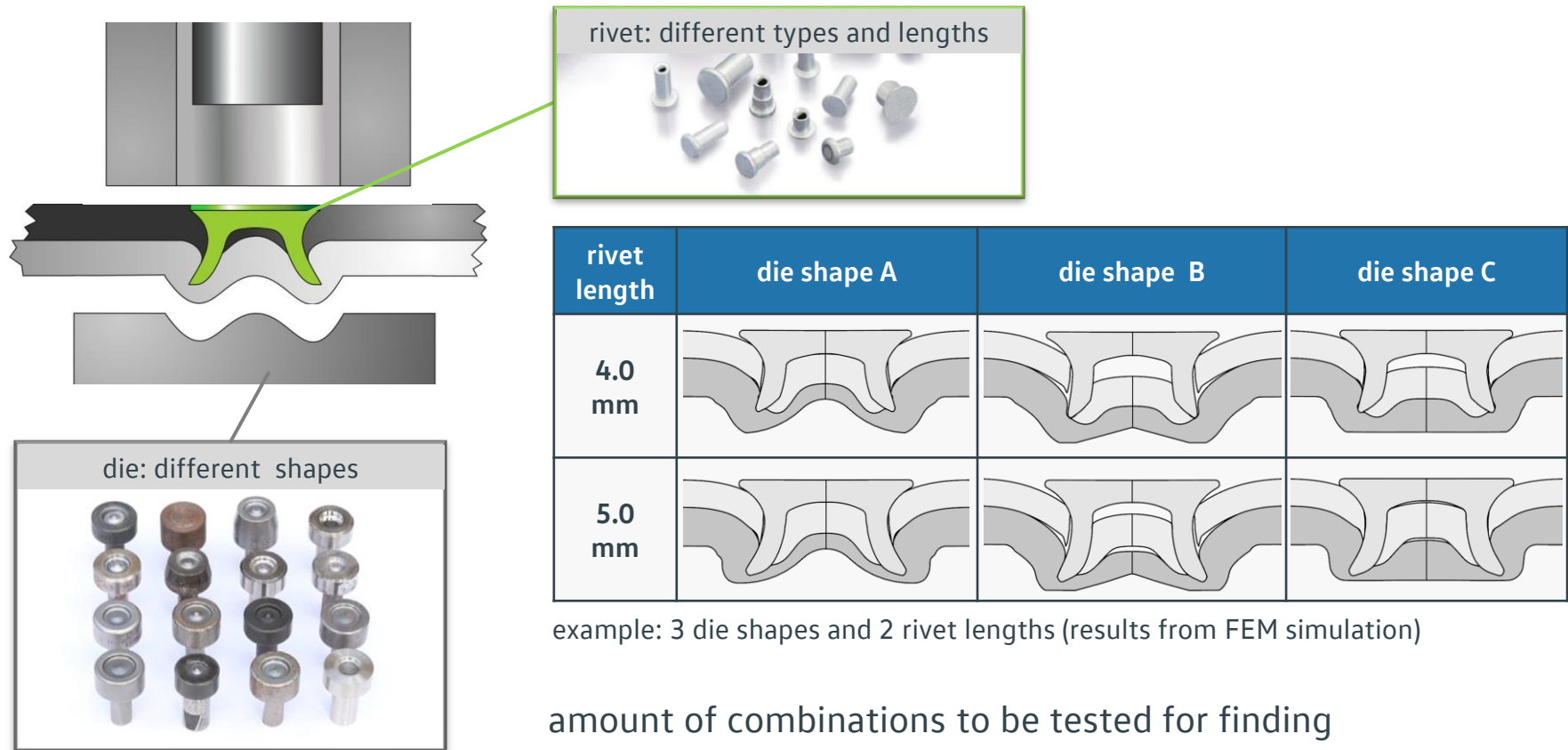
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Relevant influencing parameters – rivet and die

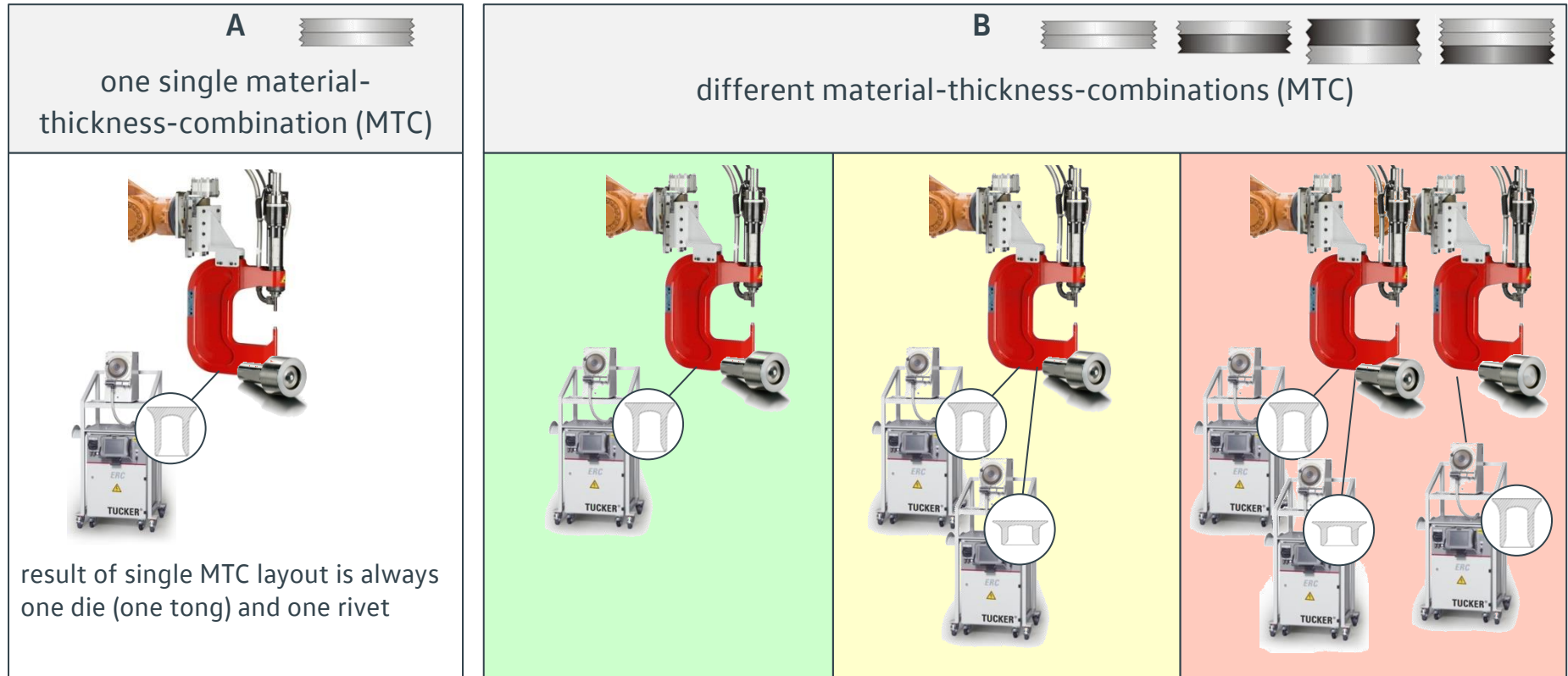


example: 3 die shapes and 2 rivet lengths (results from FEM simulation)

amount of combinations to be tested for finding the best parametrization

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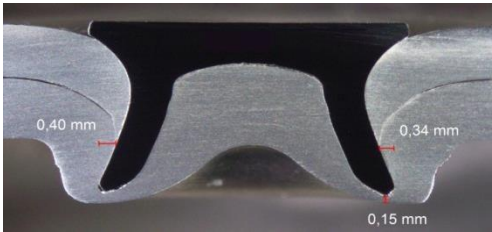
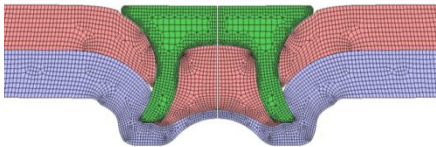
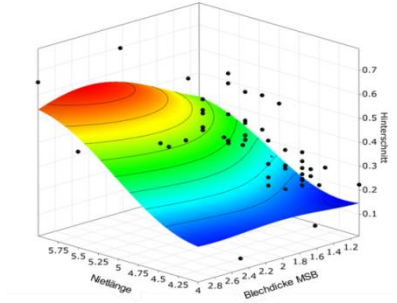
Two cases in process parametrization



Picture source: Tucker GmbH

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Possibilities

	experimental	simulative	metamodel-based
picture			
effort	<p>High (joining, cutting, grinding, microscope)</p>	<p>Medium (model qualification, simulation of each combination)</p>	<p>Low (with existing metamodel in real-time)</p>
status	<p>state of the art, most used</p>	<p>state of the art, rarely used</p>	<p>new</p>

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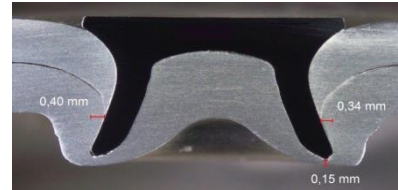
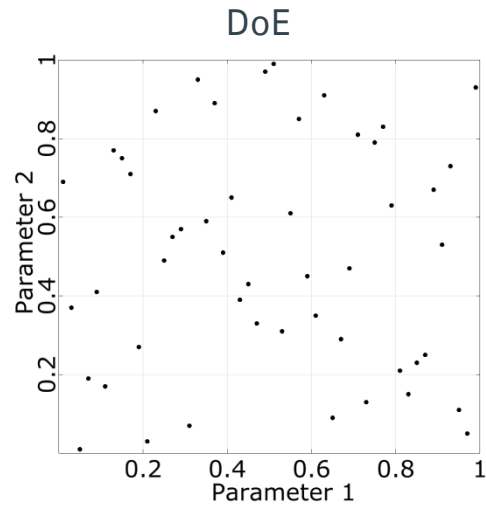
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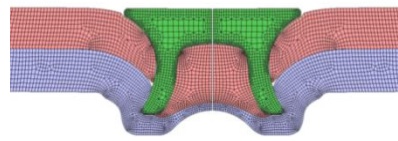
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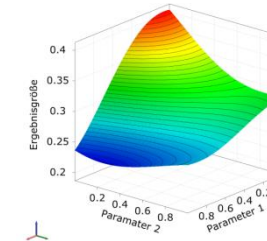
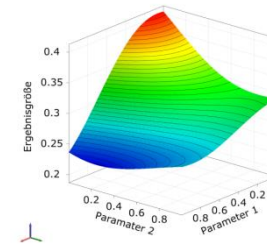
Using experimental or simulative data?



experiment



simulation



two main disadvantage of experimental data:

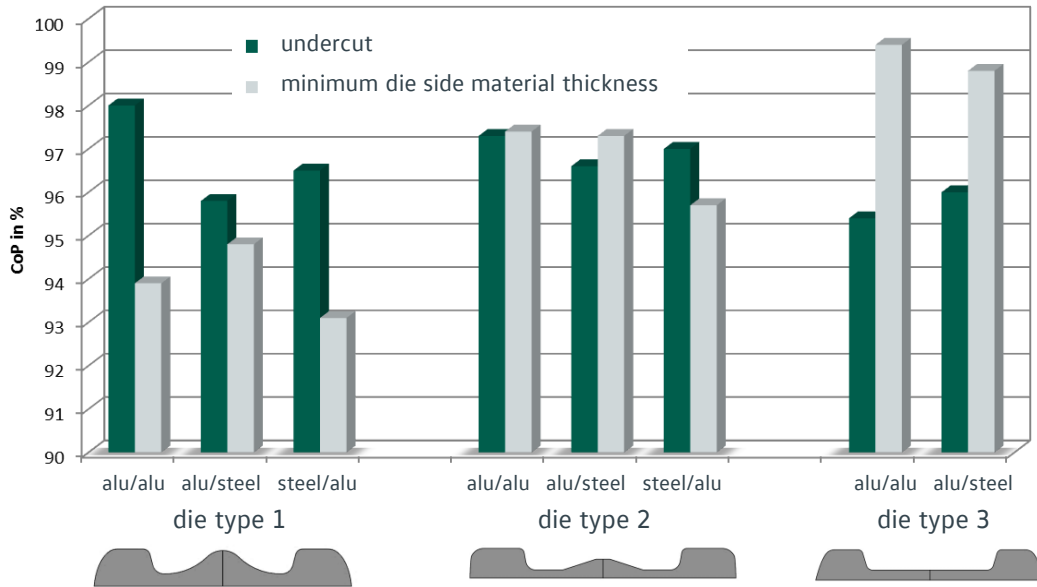
- not all parameter realisations are possible → bad DoE
- high effort of analysis for the necessary amount of data



metamodels based on simulation data including verification with experiments

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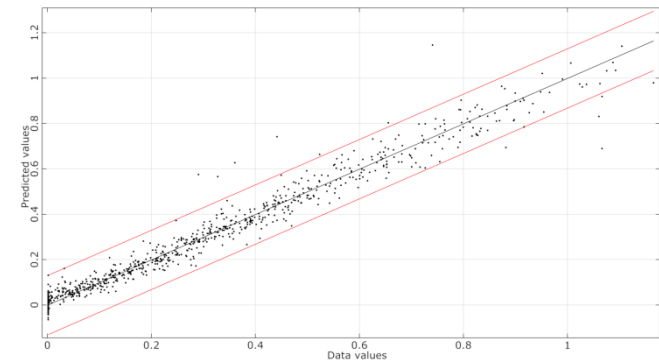
Quality of chosen metamodels (CoP)



- using anisotropic kriging approximation
- very high prognosis quality
→ necessary for parametrization on metamodel

average CoP of all dies and combinations:

- undercut: 96,5%
- minimum remaining sheet thickness: 96,3%

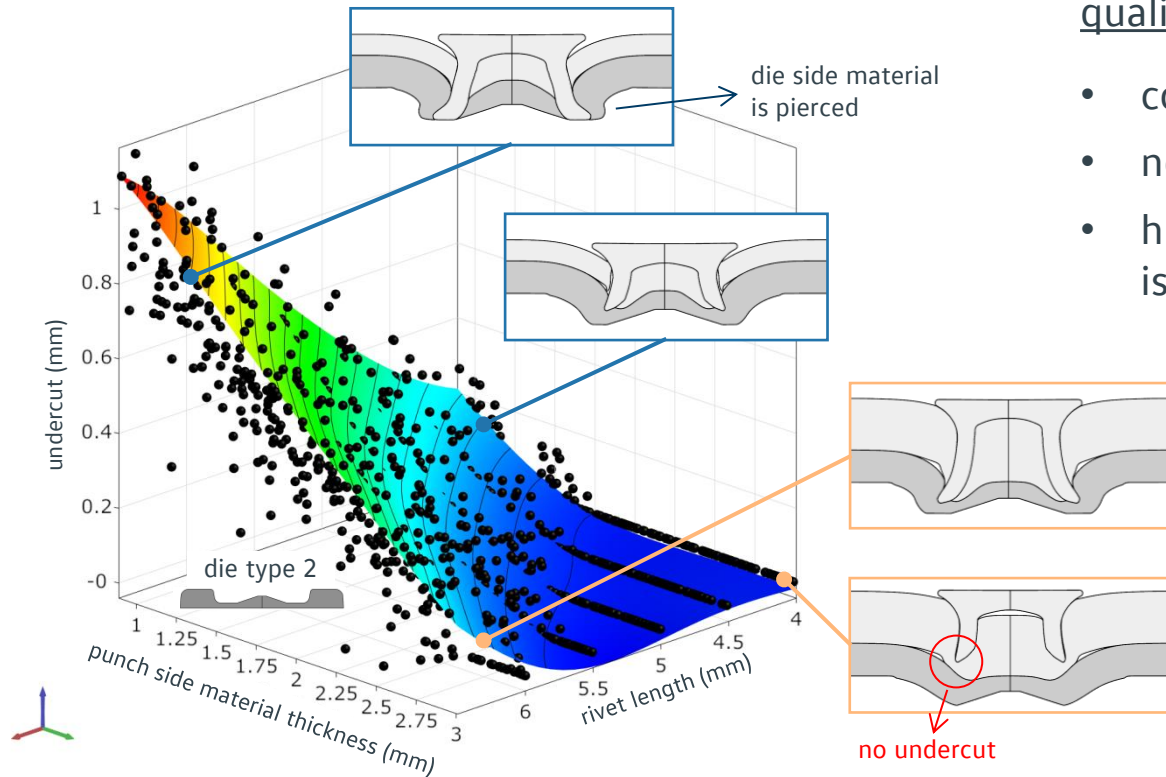


Statistical data			
Max Error:	0.406671	Mean Error:	0.027162
Root Mean Square Error:	0.0435702	CoP:	0.973466

scatter plot of undercut for die type 2 (alu/alu)

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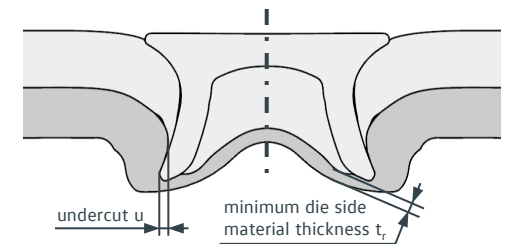
Quality of chosen metamodels (check of already known relations)



metamodel of undercut for die type 2 (Alu/Alu)

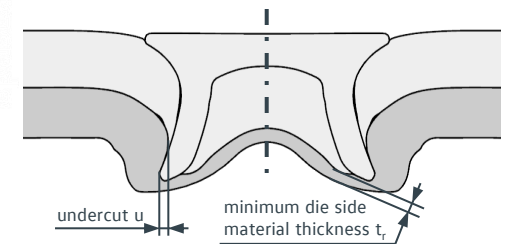
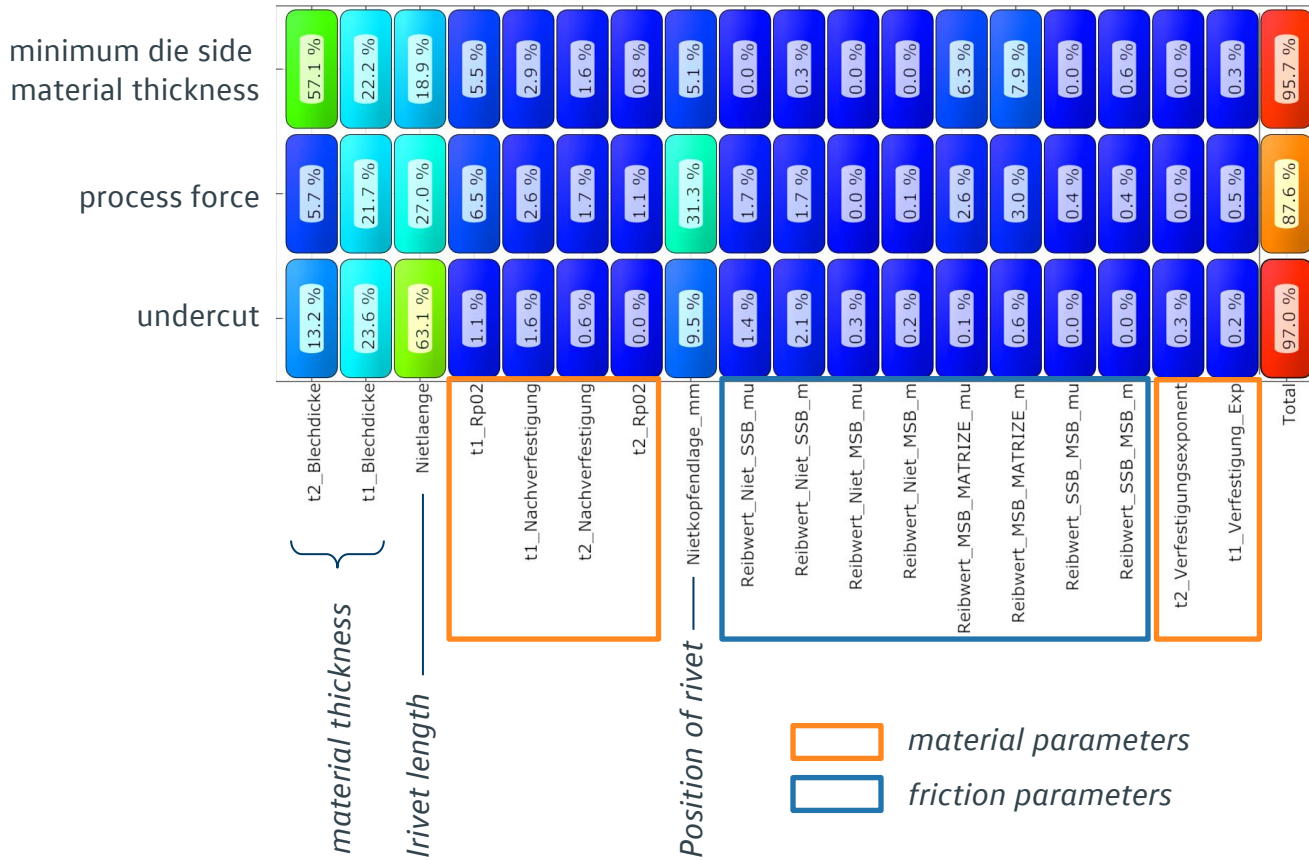
quality of metamodel for undercut:

- correct tendencies
- no inexplicable waviness
- huge area of zero-value is good approximated



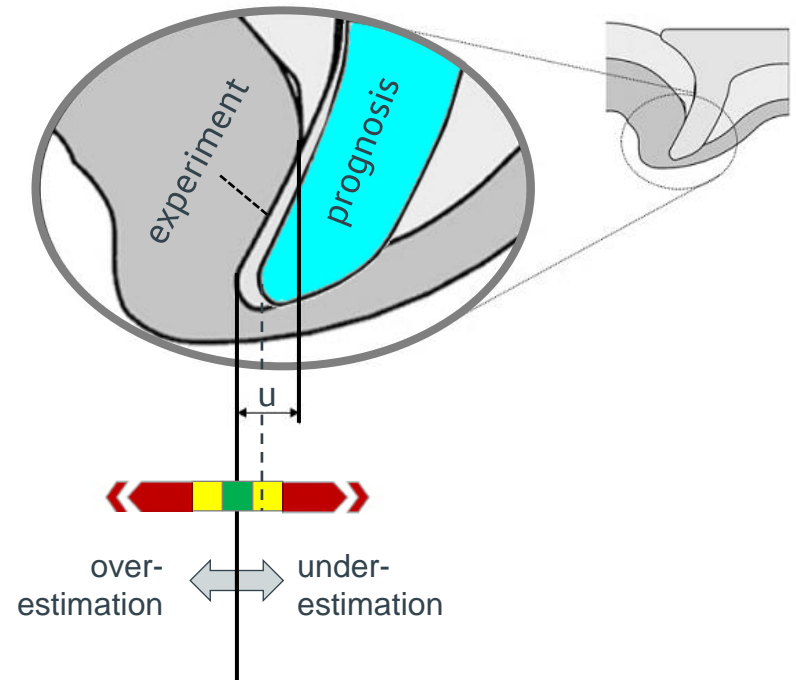
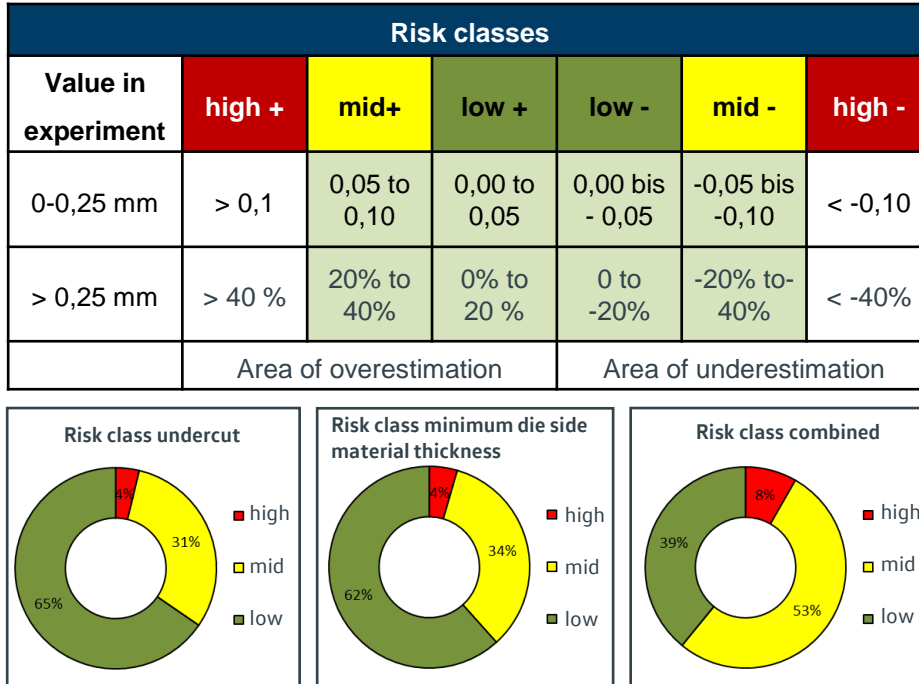
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Parameter relevance (example: die type 2, steel/aluminium)



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Quality of chosen metamodels (validation with experiments)



- very good prognosis quality based on verification of 133 material and thickness combinations
- nearly identical prognosis quality like FEM simulation

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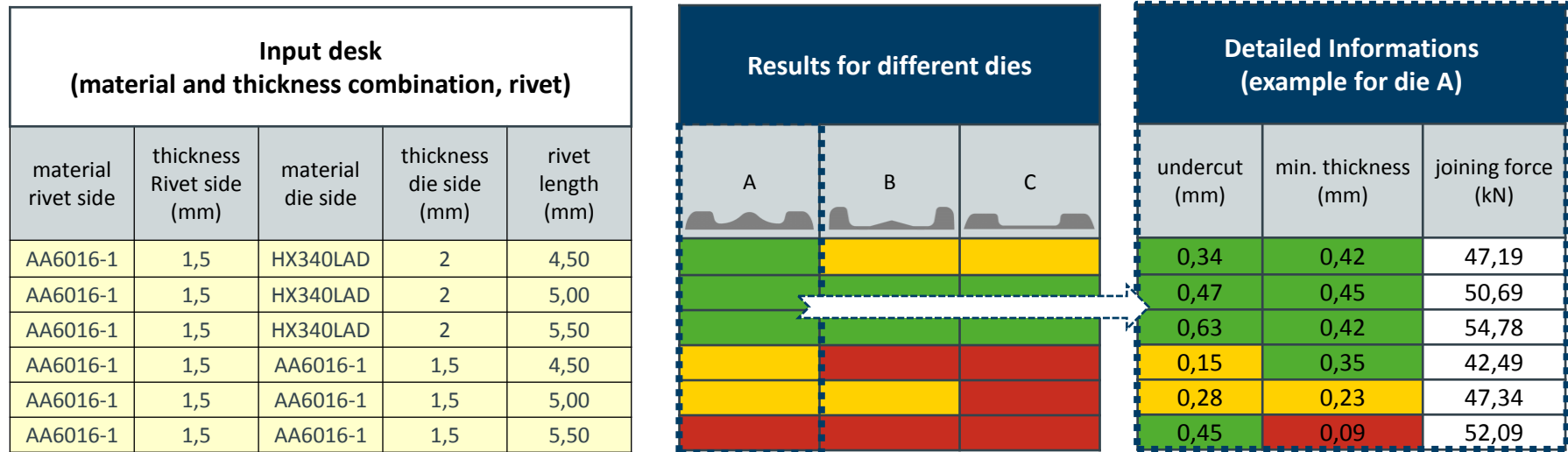
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Step 1: Metamodel response integrated in Excel



- excel-integrated value response from different metamodels allows real-time evaluation of joinability for different material and thickness combinations of sheets (MTC), rivets and dies
- finding optimal dies and rivets for a cluster of MTC is difficult

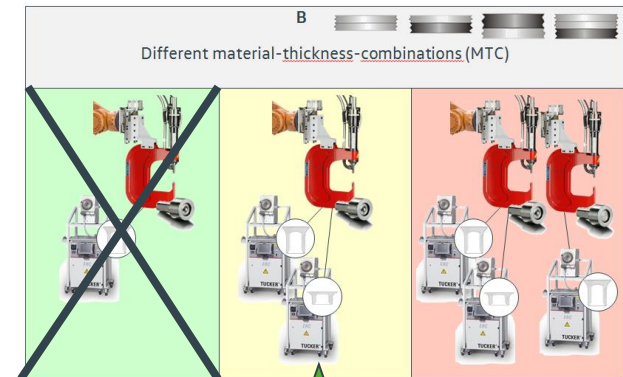
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Step 2: Optimated layout for a cluster of MTCs

Input desc				
	material rivet side	thickness rivet side (mm)	material die side	thickness die side (mm)
MTC 1	AA6016-3	1,1	AA6016-1	1,3
MTC 2	AA6016-1	1,5	AA6016-1	1,5
MTC 3	AA6016-3	2,0	AA6016-1	1,5
MTC 4	AA6016-3	2,0	AA6016-1	1,3

Chose dies (fill with „X“)				Chose rivet length in mm (fill with „X“)					
A	B	C	xxx	4	4,5	5	5,5	6	6,5
x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x

Results							
Combination of die and rivet	Quality value			MTC 1	MTC 2	MTC 3	MTC 4
	worst MTC	2. worst MTC					
1	126	146	die	A	A	A	A
			rivet	4,5	4,5	5,5	5,5
2	126	146	die	A	A	A	A
			rivet	4,5	4,5	6	6
3	102	128	die	B	B	B	B
			rivet	4,5	4,5	6	6
4	102	118	die	B	B	B	B
			rivet	4,5	4,5	6,5	6,5



unique tools not possible for this cluster example

optimal process layout

Automated testing and optimization of suitable tools including minimization the number of dies and rivets

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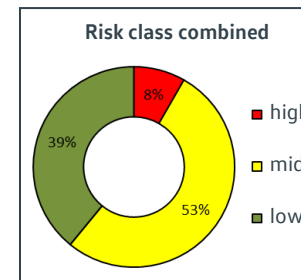
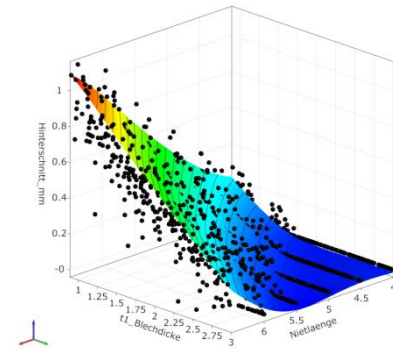
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- very powerful metamodels possible, based on a large database using high quality FEM model
- metamodels approximated with anisotropic kriging show best prognosis
- validation on experiments helps to improve prognosis quality (identical prognosis quality like direct FEM simulation)
- process layout for single MTC and for clusters of much MTCs is feasible in a very short time



Metamodel based process layout will be a powerful tool to shorten development time and to reduce facility costs.

Thank you for your attention

