

# Solder Joint Reliability, Uncertainty Quantification and Probability of Failures of eWLB Radar Packages

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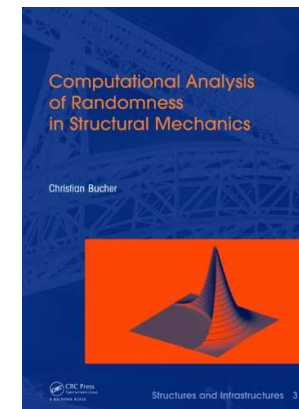
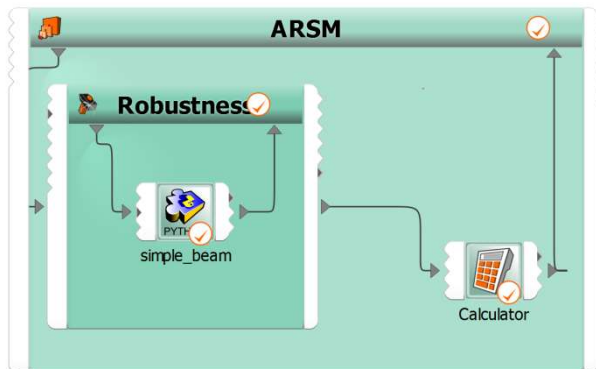
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## Reliability and the Probability of Failure

- Optimization is introduced into virtual prototyping for more than 20 years
- Robustness evaluation and reliability analysis are key methodologies for safe, reliable and robust products
- The combination leads to robust design optimization (RDO) strategies

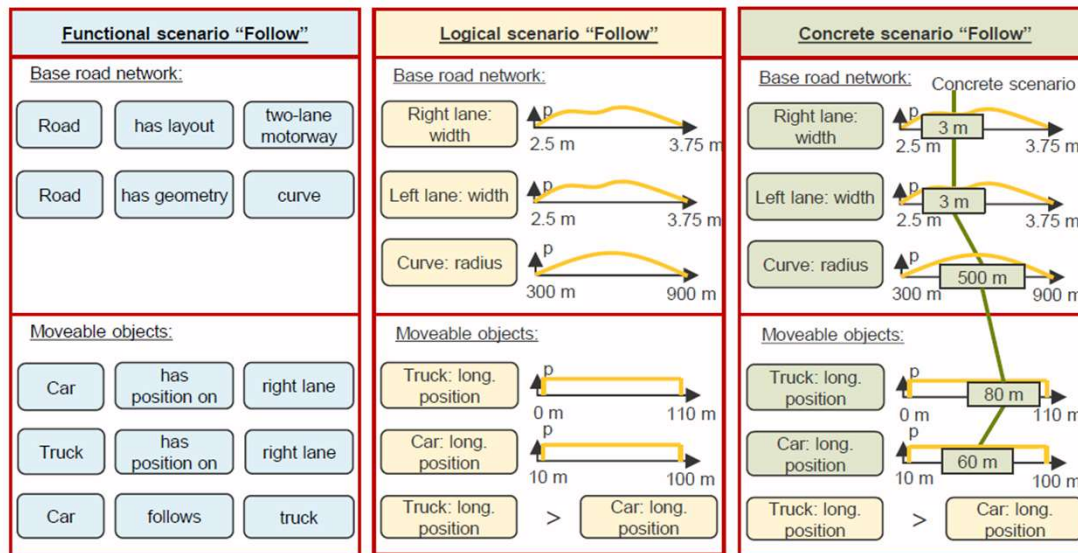


- The complementary of reliability is the probability of failure. This can be computed taking into account the scattering, variations of the input.
- Applications for example in ADAS, Microelectronics, ...:
  - Driving Scenarios
  - Solder Joint Fatigue

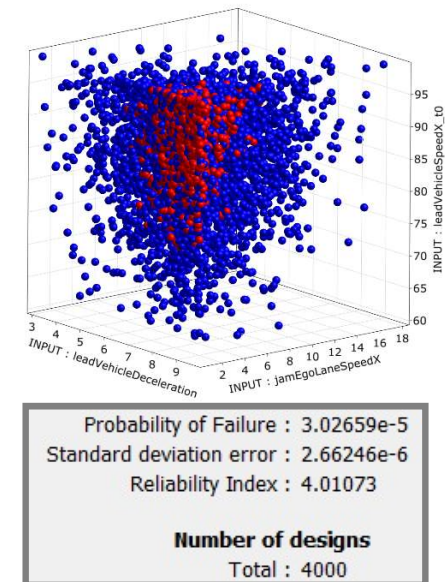


## Key findings presented at EuWoRel 2018

### New Reliability Methodologies for Driving Scenarios



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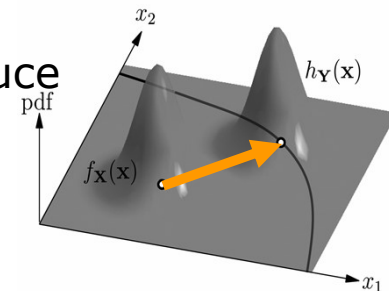
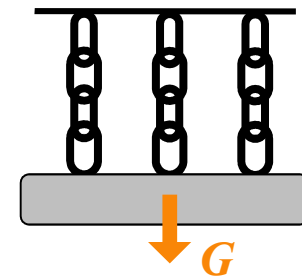
$$P(\text{crash}/\text{km}) = P(\text{crash} \mid \text{scenario}_1)P(\text{scenario}_1/\text{km}) + \dots + P(\text{crash} \mid \text{scenario}_{rest})P(\text{scenario}_{rest}/\text{km})$$

- Improved understanding of scenarios by sensitivity analysis (i.e. possible analysis of control mechanisms, selection of important parameters)
- With advanced reliability methods the calculations of small probabilities of failures becomes feasible
- Appropriate scenario based automated workflows

Source right picture: Rasch, M. et al: Safety Assessment and Uncertainty Quantification of Automated Driver Assistance Systems; NAFEMS World Congress, Quebec, 17-20 June 2019

## Probability of Failure Calculations in Microelectronics

- The complementary of *Reliability* is the *Probability of Failure*
- This can be computed for different failure mechanism, like
  - Solder Joint Fatigue (e.g. solder balls)
  - Delamination
  - Interconnect failure (e.g. wire lift-off inside package)
- Total Probability of Failure of the system depends on redundancy, dependencies for example
  - Series system: fails if one single component fails
  - Parallel system: fails if all components fail
- Criteria need to be defined for the failure
  - This leads to limit state function(s)
  - Algorithms to detect this limit state function reduce the number of necessary simulation significantly



# Investigated application

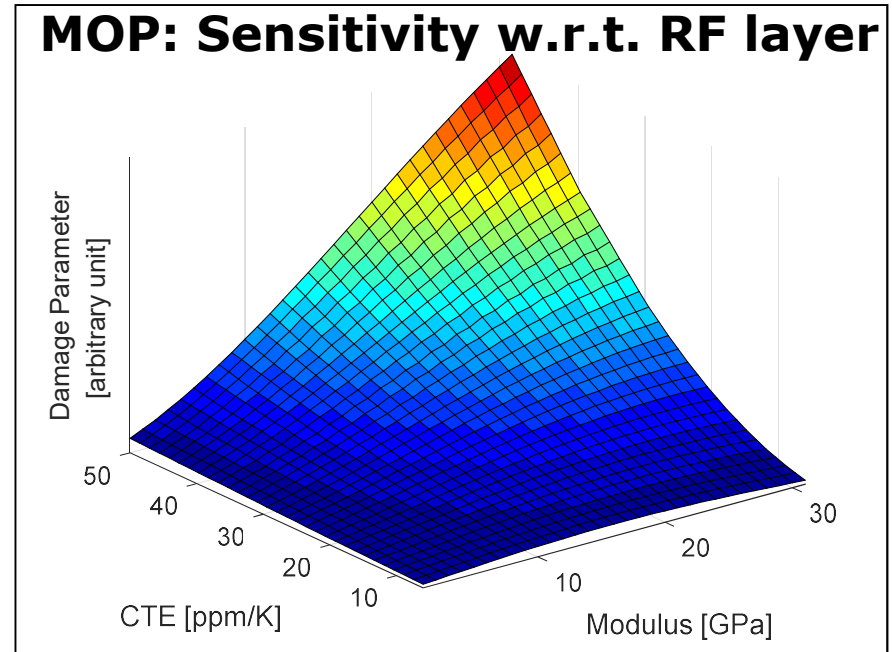
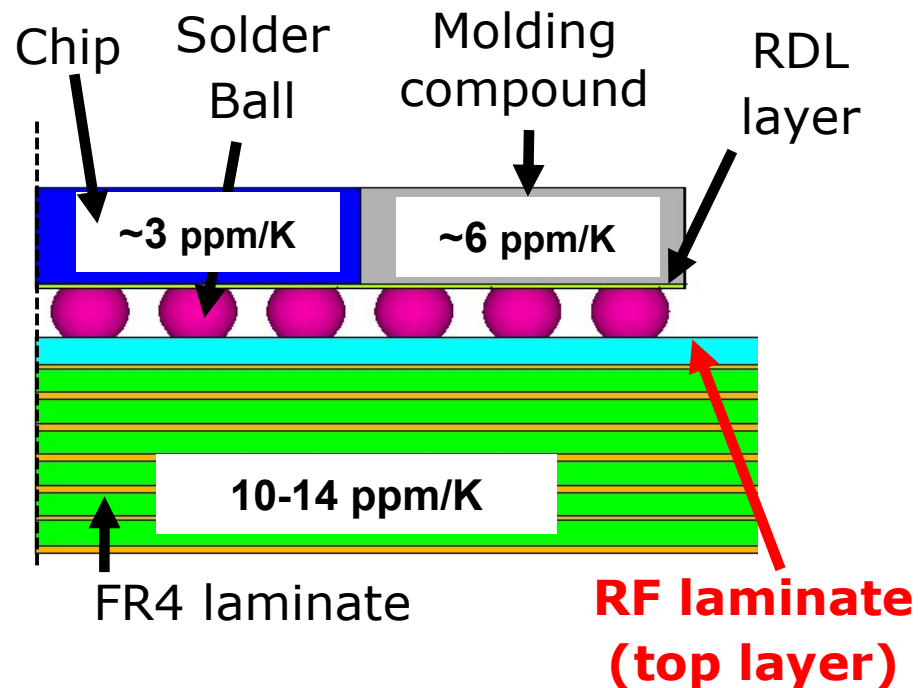
## Automotive RADAR



Source: M. Eichhorst *et al.*, VII. SGW-Forum, 2019

# Key findings EuWoRel 2018

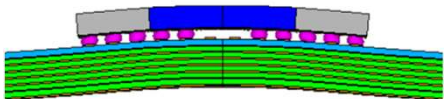
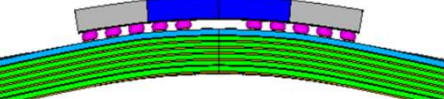
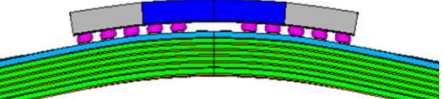
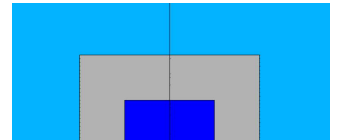
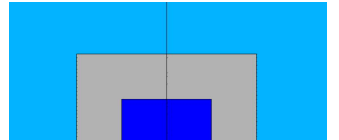
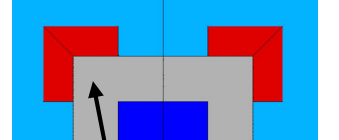
## Solder joint reliability of eWLB radar package



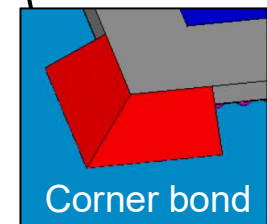
- › **Summary of sensitivity study:**
  - For low CTE, the RF laminate generates a “CTE transition” between the PCB and the package
  - For low E modulus, the RF laminate becomes a “buffer layer”
- › **Findings from sensitivity study were experimentally verified**

# Next steps in EuWoRel 2019

## Investigation using MOP along value chain

Case	#1	#2	#3
Situation	Tier1 type reliability test	Tier2 type module loading	Tier2 type module loading + improvement
Cyclic loading condition	Temperature	Temperature + bending	Temperature + bending
View of deformation during loading	 100x over-scaled	 100x over-scaled	 100x over-scaled
Top view (half model)			

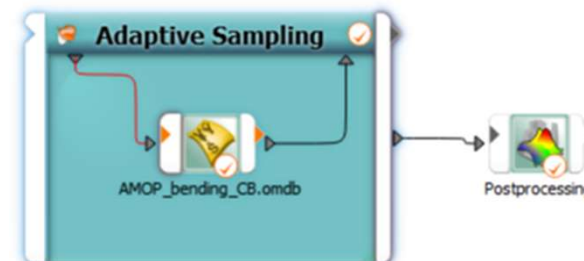
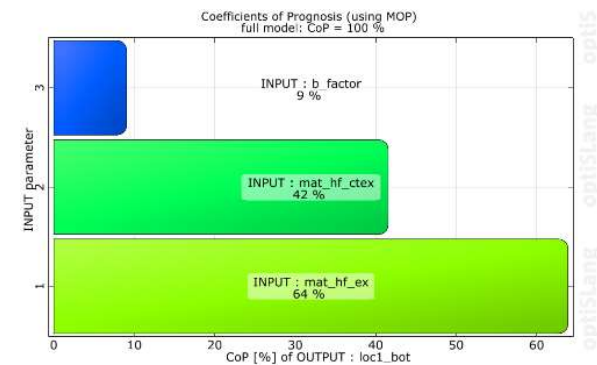
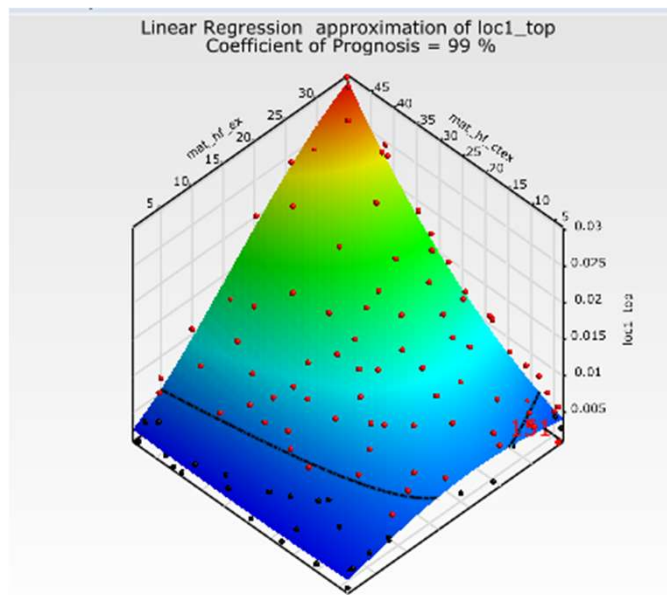
- › MOPs are used for studying the solder joint reliability along the value chain, especially regarding the RF material design space





## Metamodel of Optimal Prognosis (MOP)

- Selection of the **important variables** by sensitivity indices
- Determination of **best surrogate model** without overfitting
- Objective measure of **prognosis quality**
- Fast **Optimization** based on MOP
- Fast **Reliability Analysis** based on MOP



MOP Surface: Case 3 with  $b\_factor = 1.5$ ; isoline  $loc1\_top = 0.0055$



# Probability of Failure at a constant damage limit level using uniform distribution across full design space

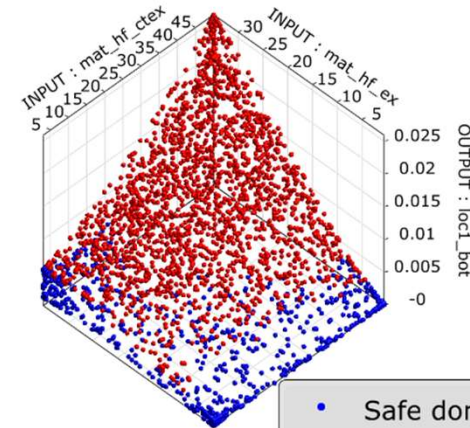
## Method : Adaptive Sampling (AS)

Complete iterations : 3 / 3  
Selected data : All designs  
Probability of Failure : 0.603392  
Standard deviation error : 0.01331  
Reliability Index : -0.262136

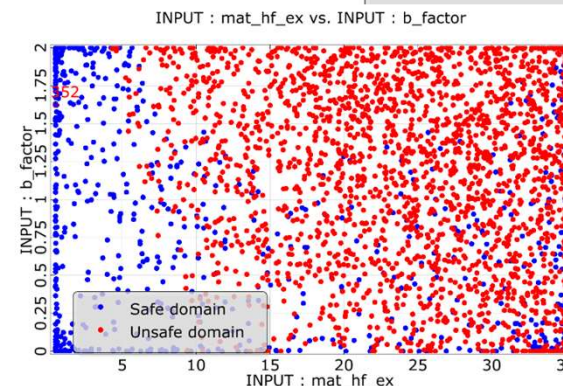
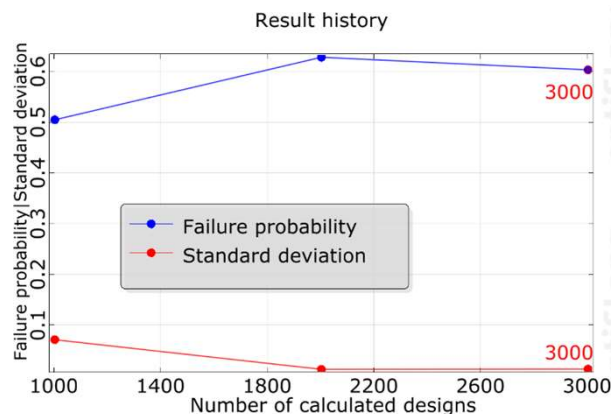
### Number of designs

Total : 3000  
Safe domain : 810  
Unsafe domain : 2190  
Failure strings : 0  
Failed : 0

INPUT : mat\_hf\_ctex vs. INPUT : mat\_hf\_ex vs. OUTPUT : loc1\_bot



• Safe domain  
• Unsafe domain






Limit State Function defined by  $loc1\_top < 0.0055$

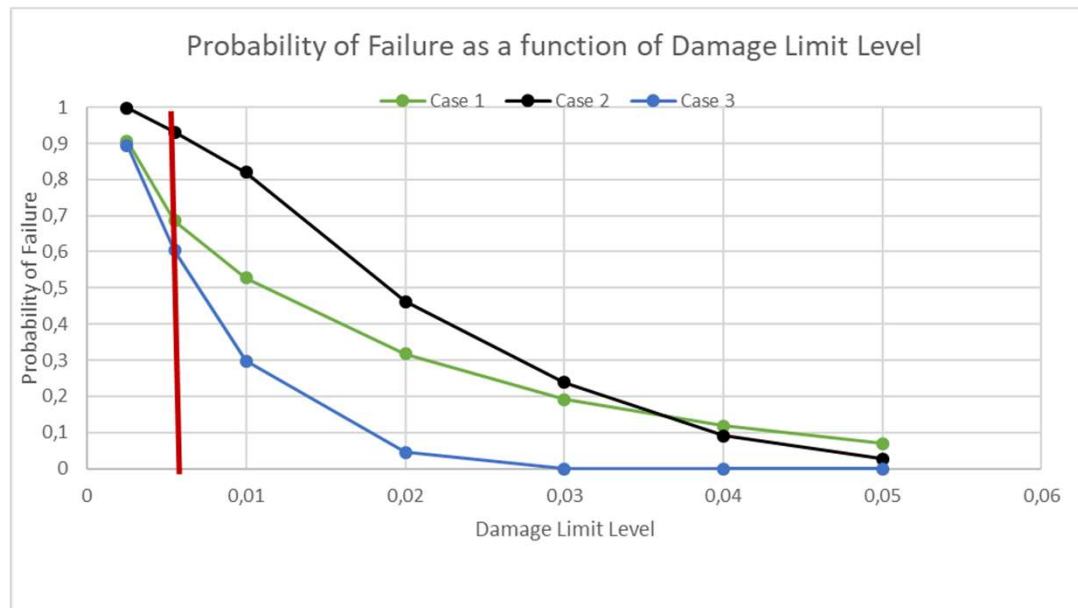
Reliability Algorithm: Adaptive Sampling

Probability of Failure for whole design space with uniform distribution Case 1: 0,69; Case 2: 0,95; Case 3: 0,60 for Case 3 displayed: Reliability Information, Cloud plot, Result History and Anthill Plot

## Probability of Failure as a function of damage limit level using uniform distribution across full design space

Adaptive Sampling

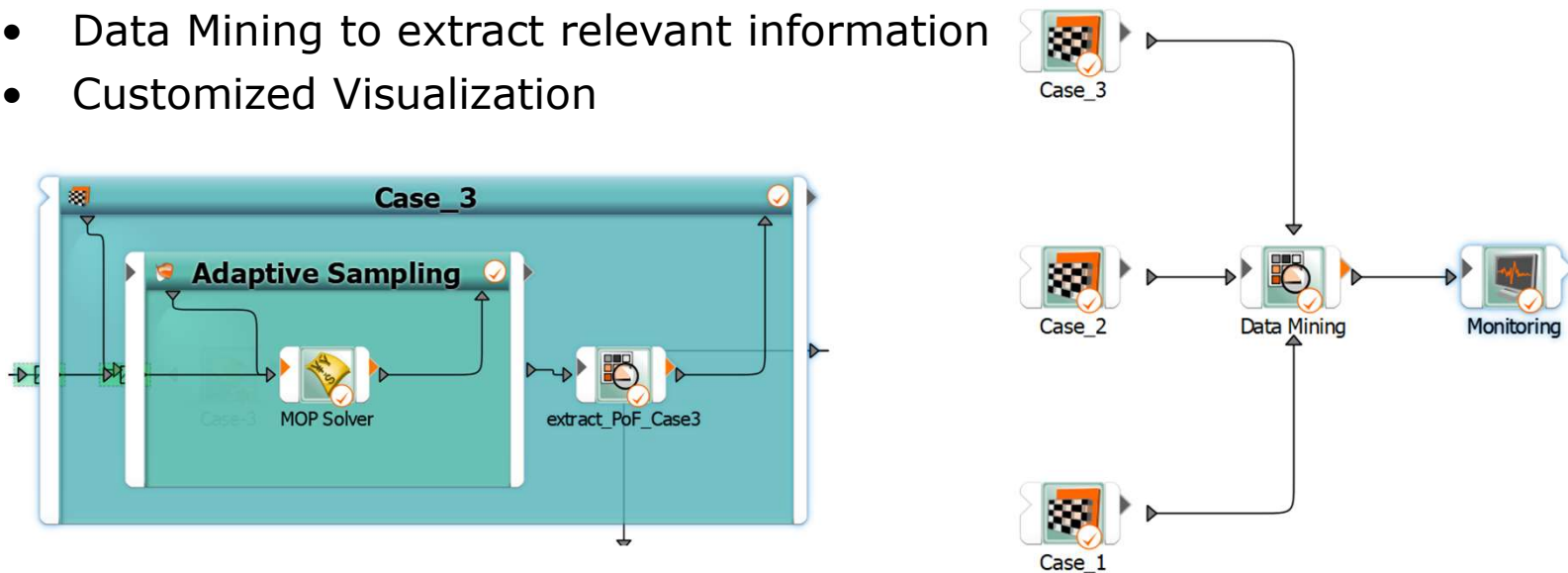
Parameter	Start designs	Nominal design	Criteria	Adaptive Sampling	Other	Result de
Name	Parameter type	Reference value	PDF	Type	Distribution parameter	
1 b_factor	Stochastic	1		UNIFORM	0; 2	
2 mat_hf_ctex	Stochastic	26.5		UNIFORM	3; 50	
3 mat_hf_ex	Stochastic	17.75		UNIFORM	0.5; 35	





Higher damages are much more probable in Case 2 than in Case 3

## Automated Workflows for Reliability Analyses

- Using Reliability Methods Integrated in Workflows
- Loop over threshold values to calculate Probability of Failure curves
- Branches for different cases
- Data Mining to extract relevant information
- Customized Visualization

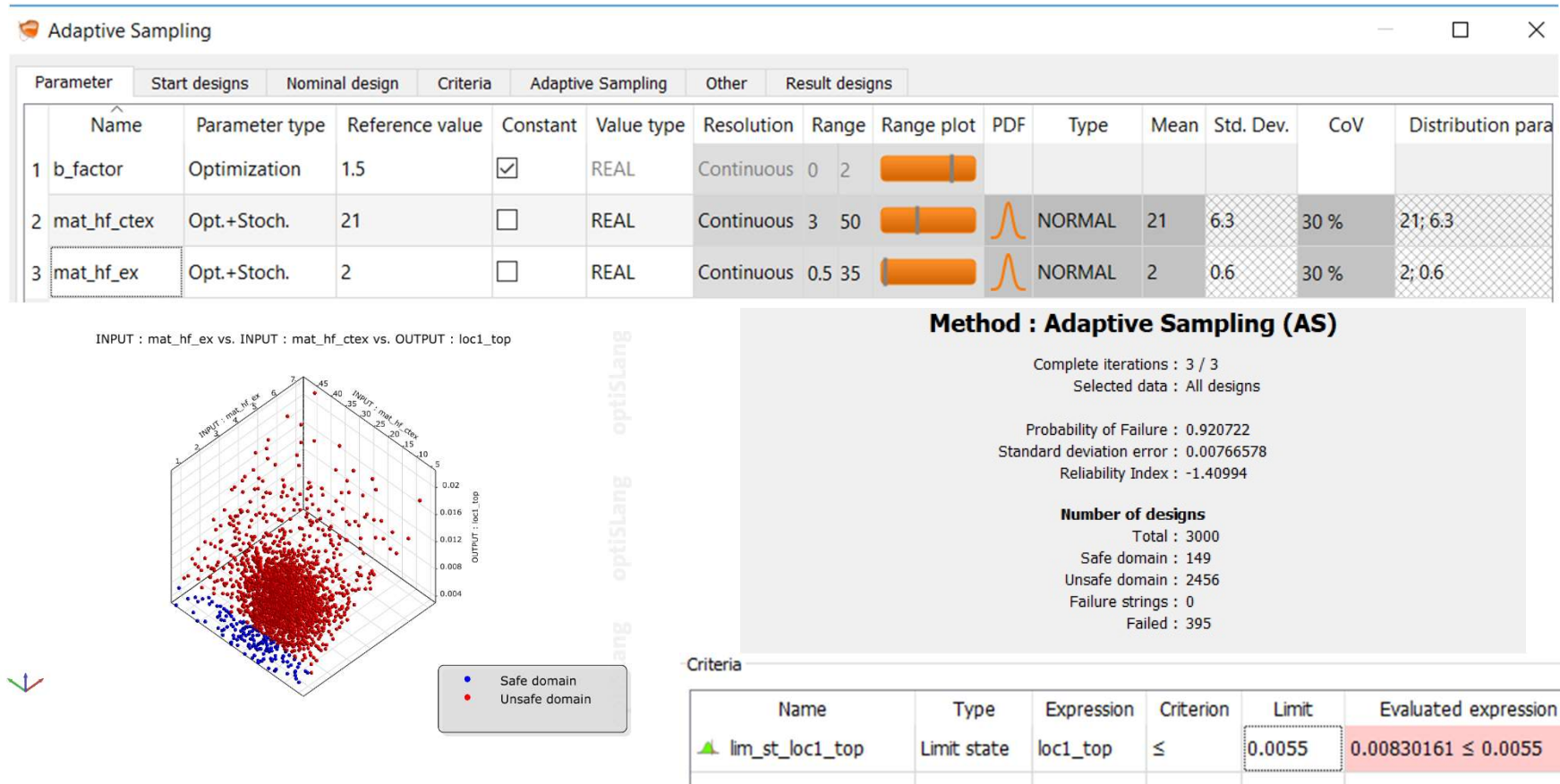


Case\_3 - Sensitivity

Parameter	Start designs	Criteria	Dynamic sampling	Other	Result designs					
Name	Parameter type	Reference value	Constant	Value type	Resolution	Range	Range plot	PDF	Type	Distribution p
1 criteria_limit_state	Optimization	0.003	<input type="checkbox"/>	REAL	Discrete by value	0.00...				
2 b_factor	Stochastic	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	REAL	Continuous				UNIFORM	0; 2

# Specific Design Point with a Probability Distribution

## - Walking on the unsafe side, Case 2



Assuming the b\_factor of 1.5 in Case 2 we have a design on the unsafe side



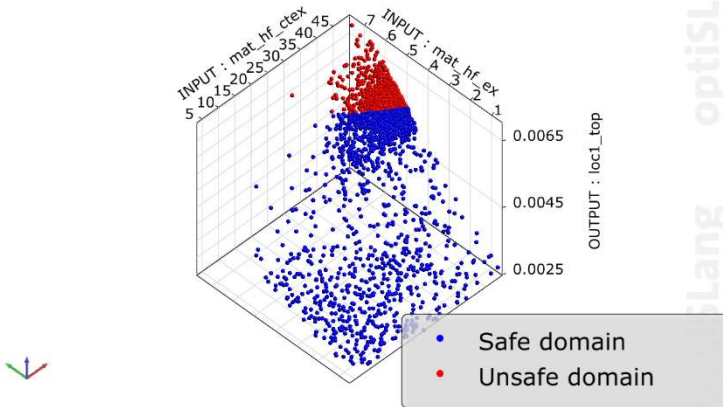
# Same Design Point with same Probability Distribution

## - Walking on the safe side, Case 3

Adaptive Sampling

Parameter	Start designs	Nominal design	Criteria	Adaptive Sampling	Other	Result designs							
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1 b_factor	Optimization	1.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	REAL	Continuous	0 2							
2 mat_hf_ctex	Opt.+Stoch.	21	<input type="checkbox"/>	REAL	Continuous	3 50			NORMAL	21	6.3	30 %	21; 6.3
3 mat_hf_ex	Opt.+Stoch.	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	REAL	Continuous	0.5 35			NORMAL	2	0.6	30 %	2; 0.6

INPUT : mat\_hf\_ctex vs. INPUT : mat\_hf\_ex vs. OUTPUT : loc1\_top



### Method : Adaptive Sampling (AS)

Complete iterations : 3 / 3  
Selected data : All designs

Probability of Failure : 1.65916e-12  
Standard deviation error : 1.36946e-13  
Reliability Index : 6.96354

#### Number of designs

Total : 3000  
Safe domain : 1443  
Unsafe domain : 644  
Failure strings : 0  
Failed : 913

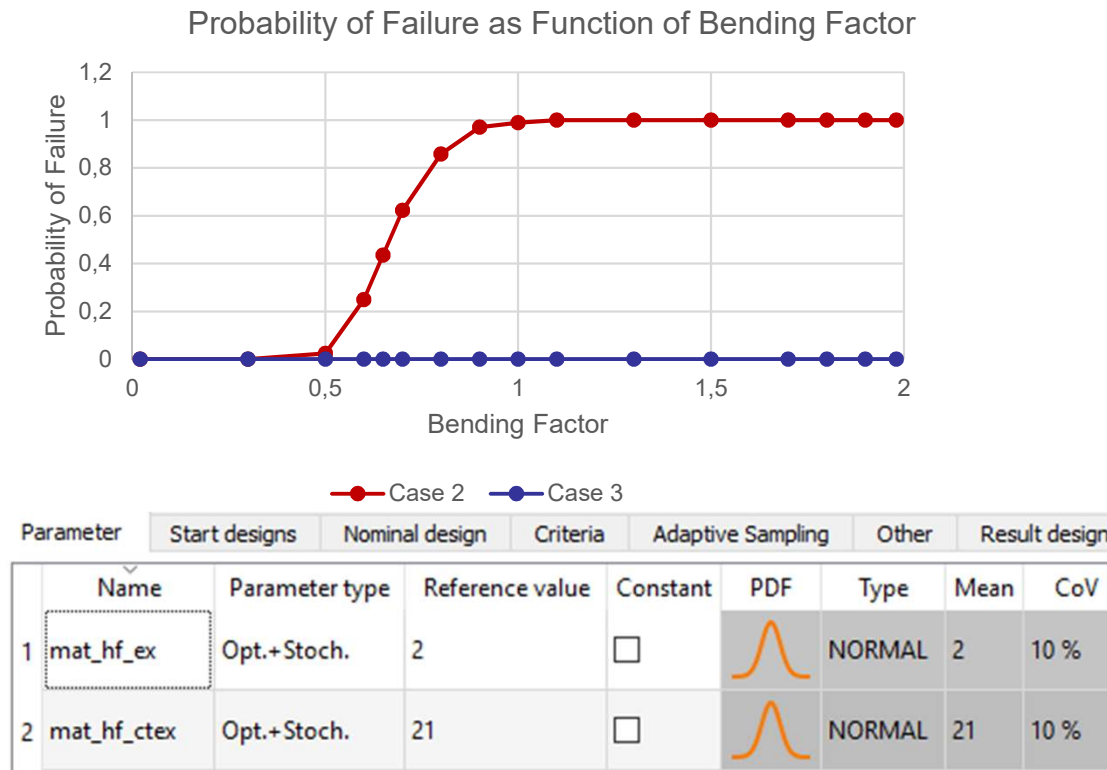
#### Criteria

Name	Type	Expression	Criterion	Limit	Evaluated expression
lim_st_loc1_top	Limit state	loc1_top	≤	0.0055	0.00298585 ≤ 0.0055

Algorithm using MOP detects with only 3000 runs very low probability of failure:  $1.7 \cdot 10^{-12}$

## Examples of Fragility Curves:

Studying the Probability of Failure in dependence of important parameters for a specific design



Specific design with mean E, CTE const.; Gaussian distribution; CoV 10%; bending factor varying from 0 to 2; limit level loc1\_top = 0.0055

## Summary and Outlook

- *Superior reliability using additional corner bonds is shown by the reliability analysis*
- *The probability of failure has been used in calculations as the complementary of reliability*
- *This analysis has been done based on MOP as an example for a possible important exchange mechanism between companies*
- *Efficient workflows are developed using the MOP that can be used for simulation runs to calculate probability of failures based directly from simulation runs (i.e. detailed analysis for transition regions, verification)*
- *Fragility Curves are useful to understand the design behavior*

*Future possible research include extension of Fragility Curves to several dimensions: Metamodels of Probabilities of Failures*

*High quality Metamodels of Probabilities of Failures can be an essential component for Digital Twins*

**Thank you for  
your attention!**

