

# Application of Robustness and Reliability Analysis

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# Agenda

- Overview
- Simple test function for reliability methods
- ADAS/ AD application example
- Nested Robustness Evaluation in Multi-objective Design Optimization Validation
- Questions / Discussions

# Ansys optiSLang for Process Integration and Design Optimization

Automation

Parametric Variation Analysis

Democratization

**Automated Workflows**

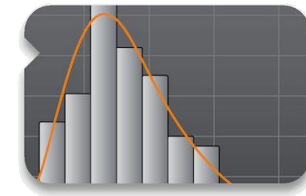
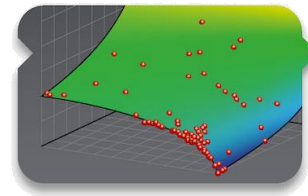
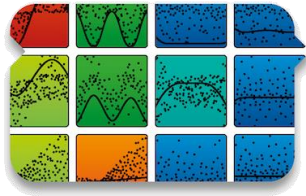
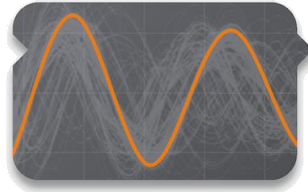
**Model Calibration**

**Sensitivity**  
Design Understanding

**Optimization**  
Design Improvement

**Robustness**  
Design Quality

**Publish as web apps**



Easy to build and publish repetitive workflows

Identify important model parameter for the best fit between simulation and measurement

Investigate parameter sensitivities, reduce complexity and generate best possible metamodels

Optimize design performance

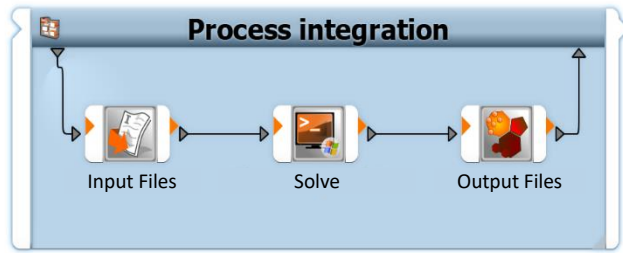
Ensure design robustness and reliability

Entire organization benefits from workflows provided by CAE-experts

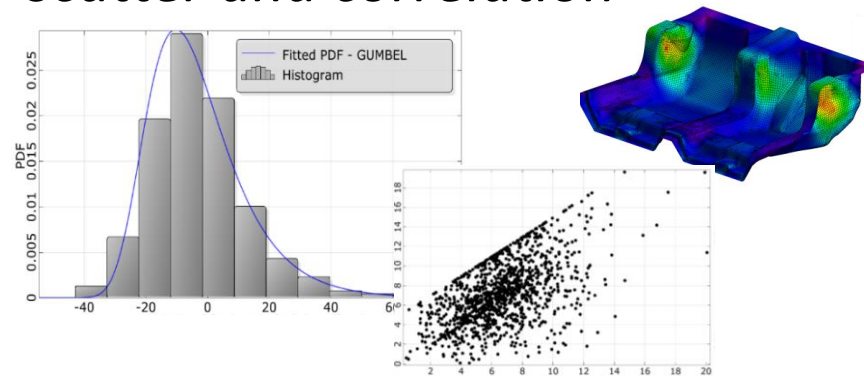


# Variance and Reliability Based Robustness Analysis

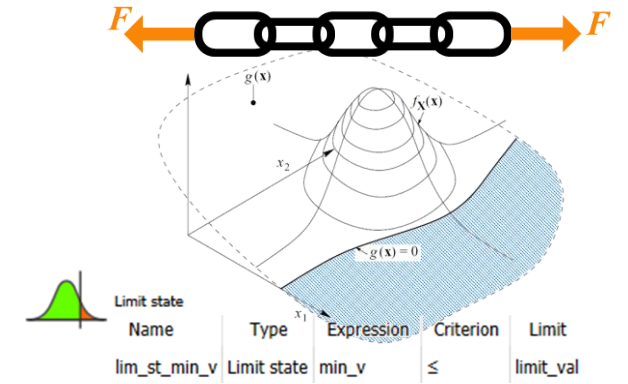
1. automate simulation workflow



2. derive and include parameter scatter and correlation

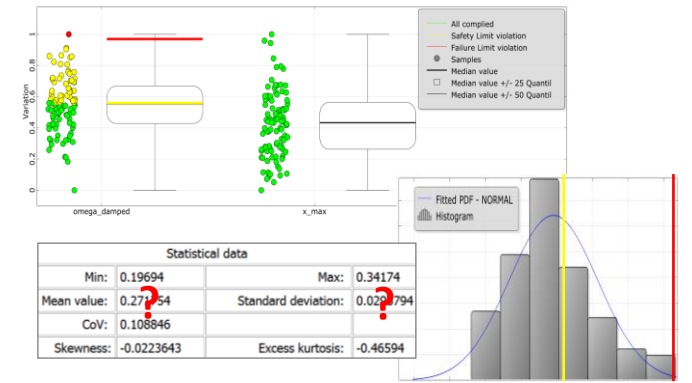


3. define limit state

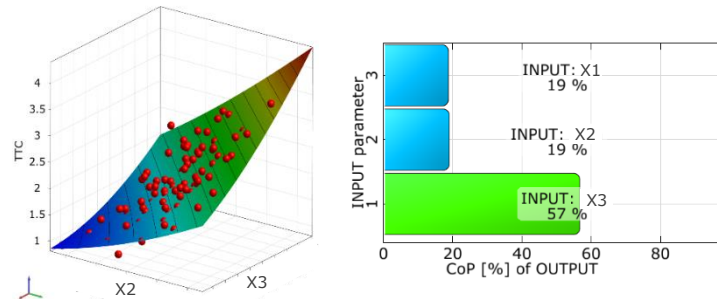


Run Analysis

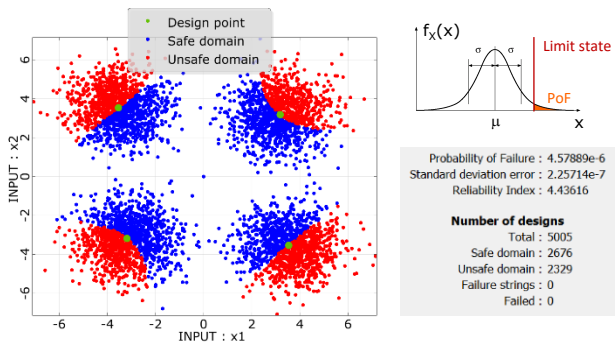
4. check the variation



5. parameter importance by robustness analysis



6. failure probability by reliability analysis

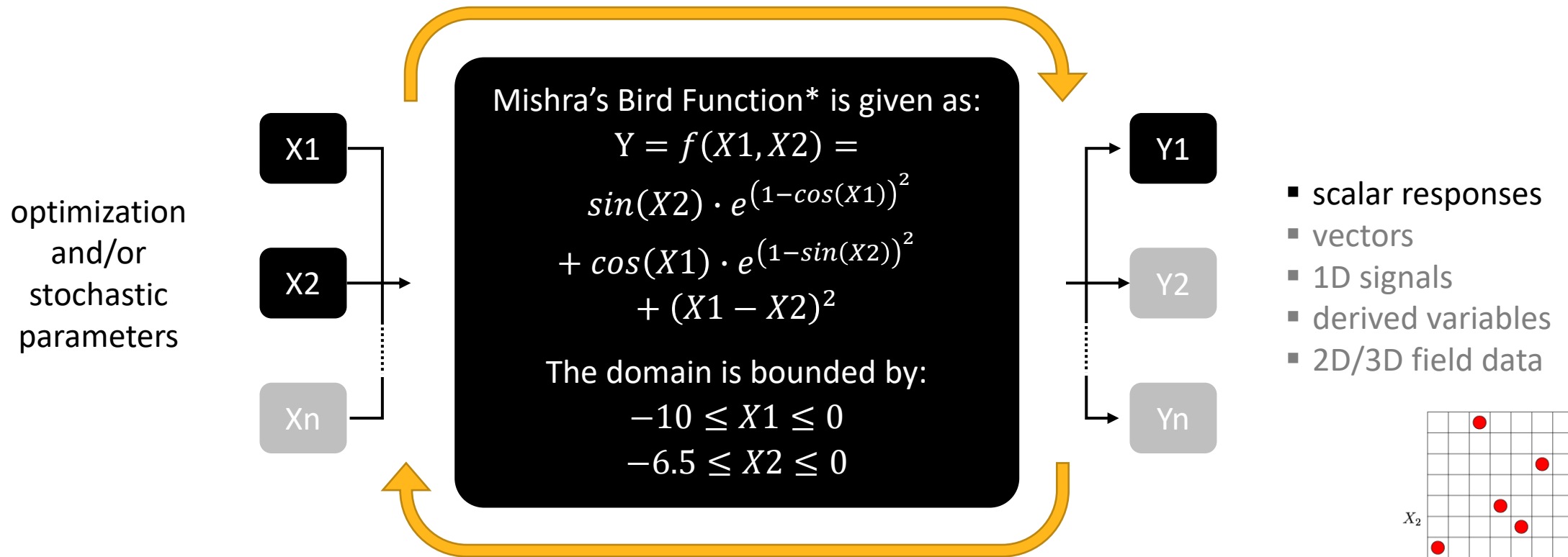


# Sensitivity and Robustness analysis for simple test function

Mishra's Bird Function

# A simple example: Mishra's Bird Function

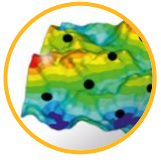
*test function used for events in advanced driver assistance systems*



1. By DoE sampling a specific number of samples is generated and evaluated, Latin Hypercube Sampling: reduced sample size, decrease unwanted input correlation

\* Sudhanshu K Mishra. *Some new test functions for global optimization and performance of repulsive particle swarm method*. Available at SSRN 926132, 2006

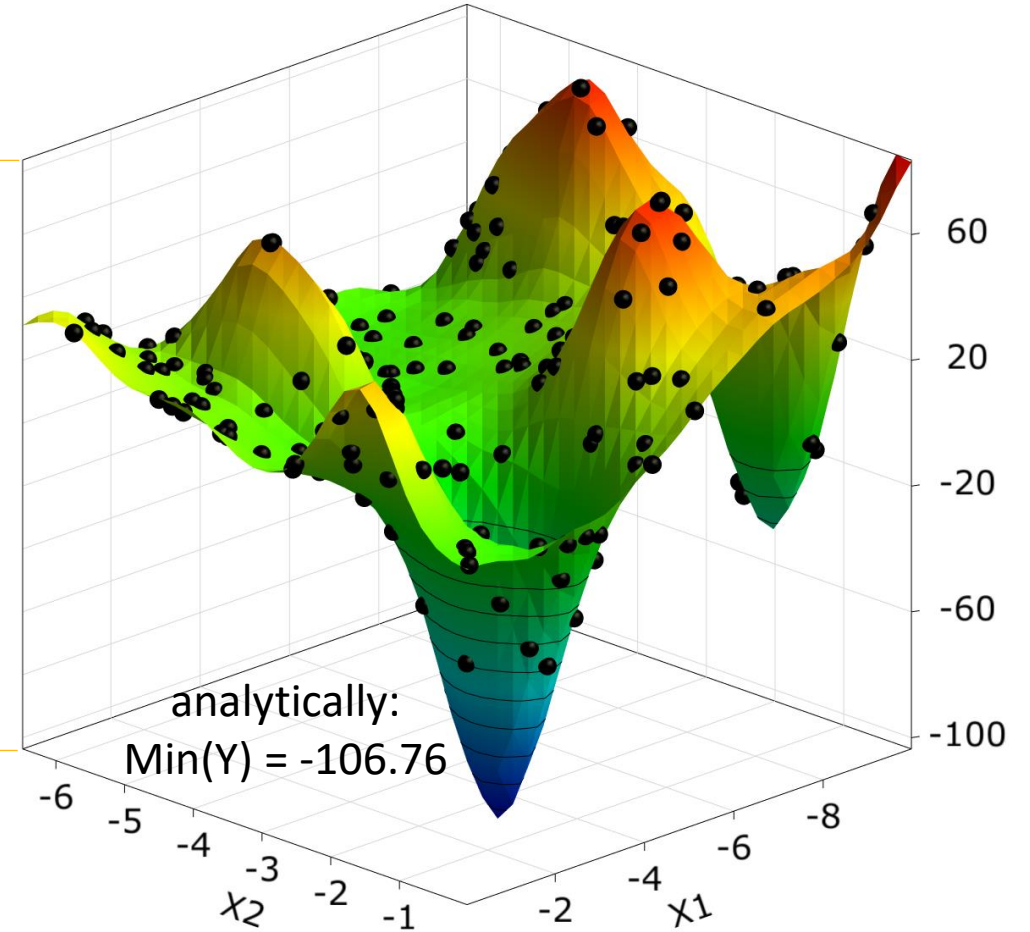
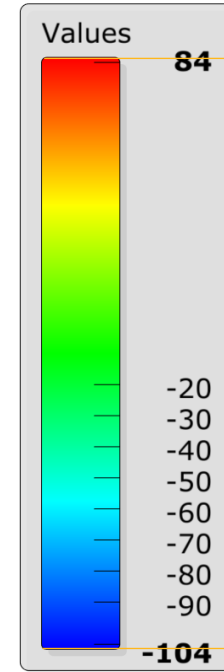
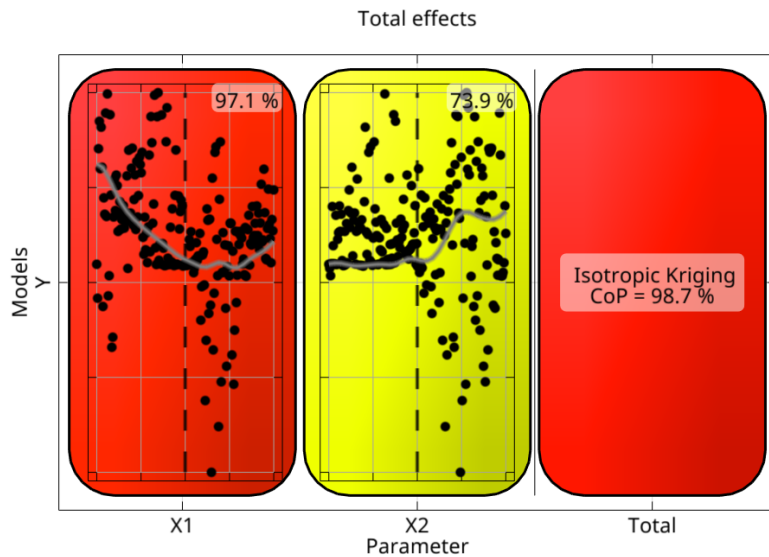




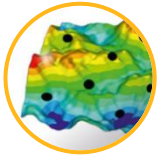
# Sensitivity Analysis

Isotropic Kriging approximation of Y  
Coefficient of Prognosis = 99 %

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X1	-5	REAL	Continuous	-10 0	
X2	-3.25	REAL	Continuous	-6.5 0	




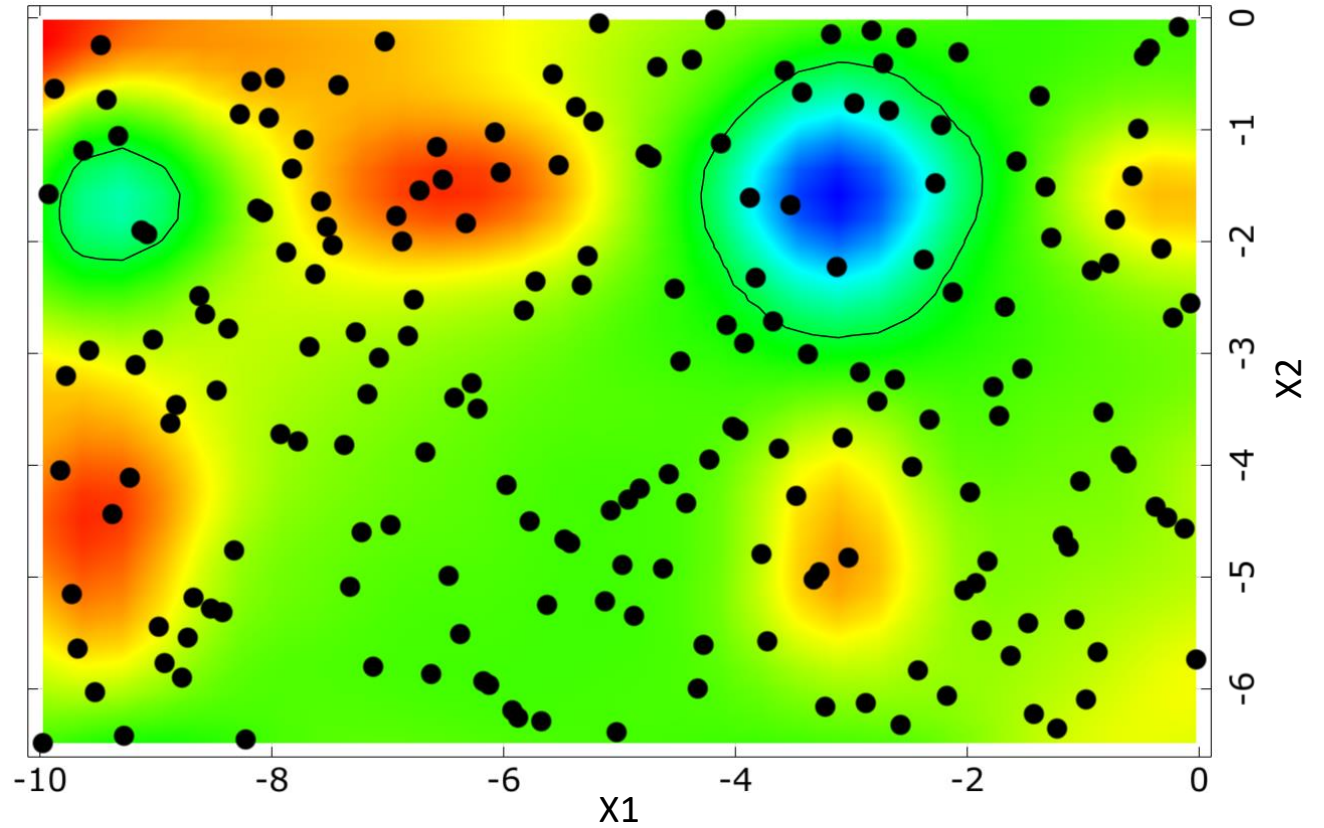
2. Responses are approximated by high-fidelity, high-precision surrogate models.
3. Parameter influence is quantified using the approximation model.

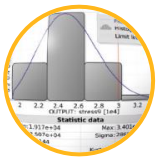


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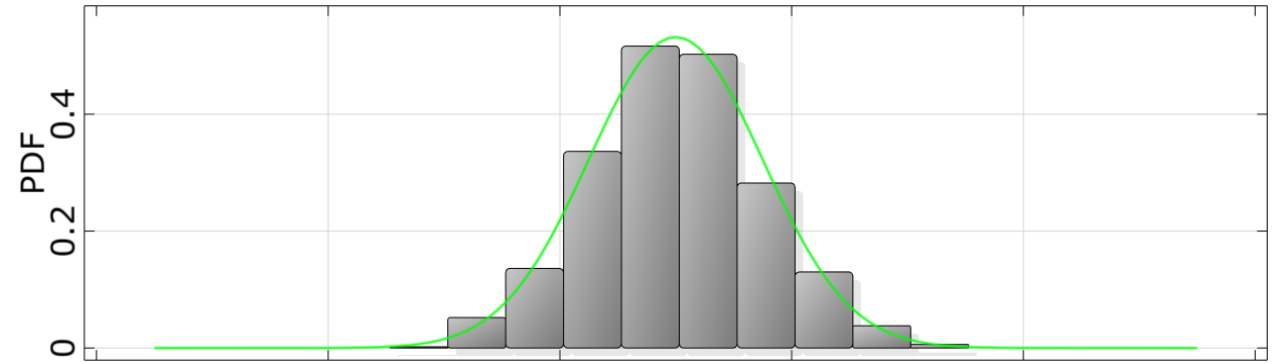
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 lim_st_Y	Limit state	Y	$\geq$	-20.0





# Monte-Carlo-Sampling

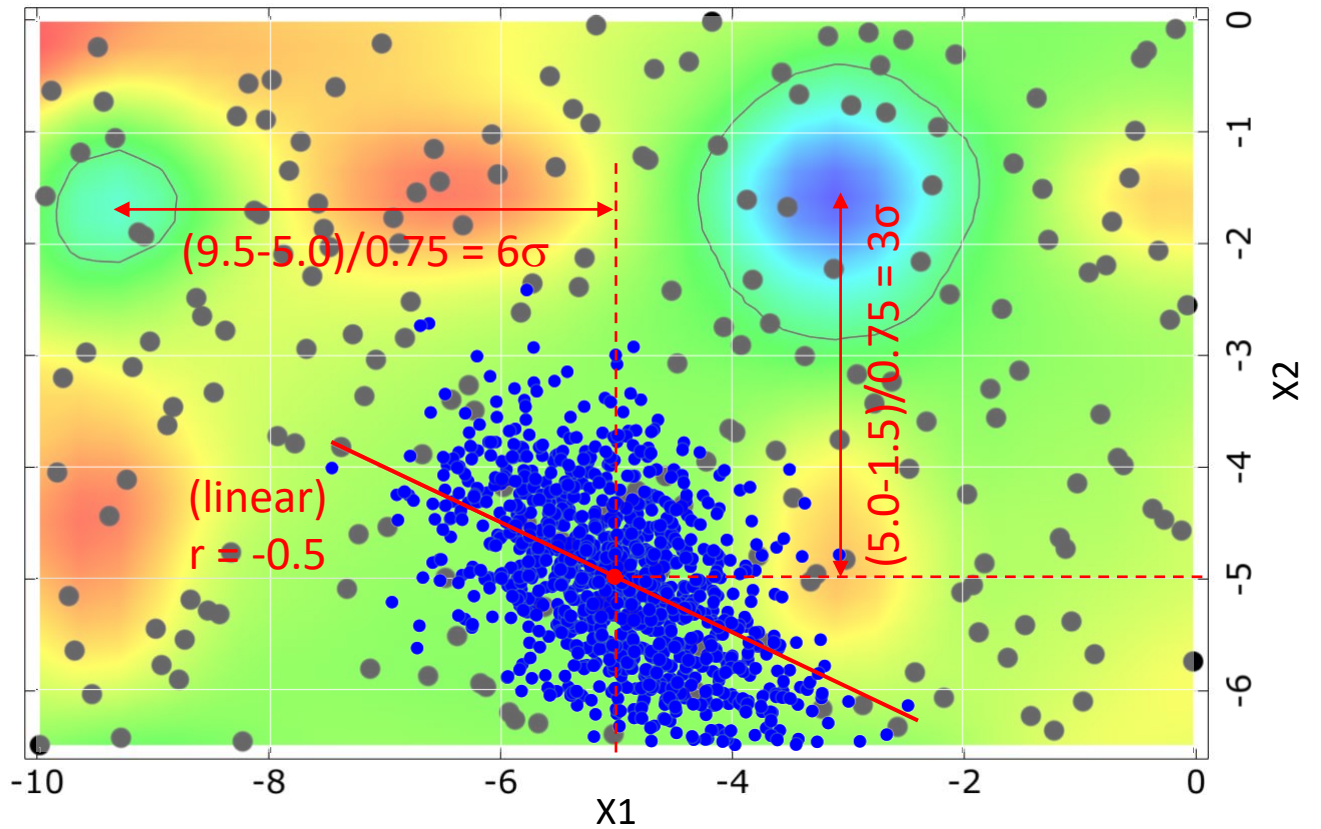
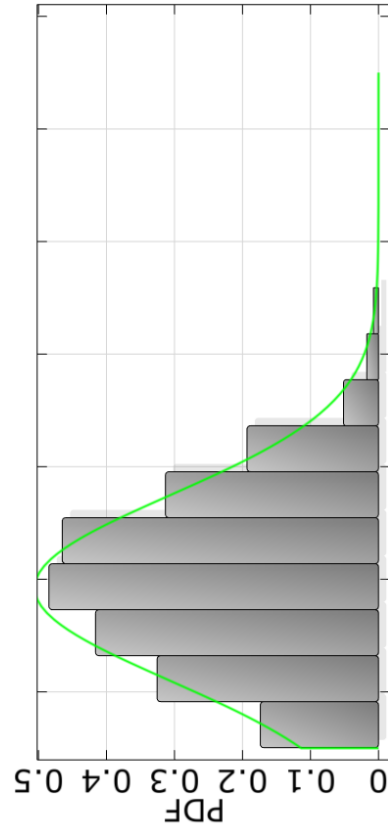
Name	PDF	Type	Mean	Std. Dev.	CoV	Distribution parameter
X1		TRUNCATEDNORMAL	-5	0.75	15 %	-5; 0.75; -10; 0
X2		TRUNCATEDNORMAL	-5	0.750001	15 %	-5.07704; 0.823449; -6.5; 0

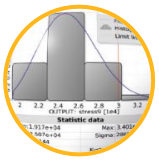


- 1000 Monte-Carlo samples  
no sample above limit state

Define parameter correlations

	X1	X2
X2	0.5	1
X1	1	0.5



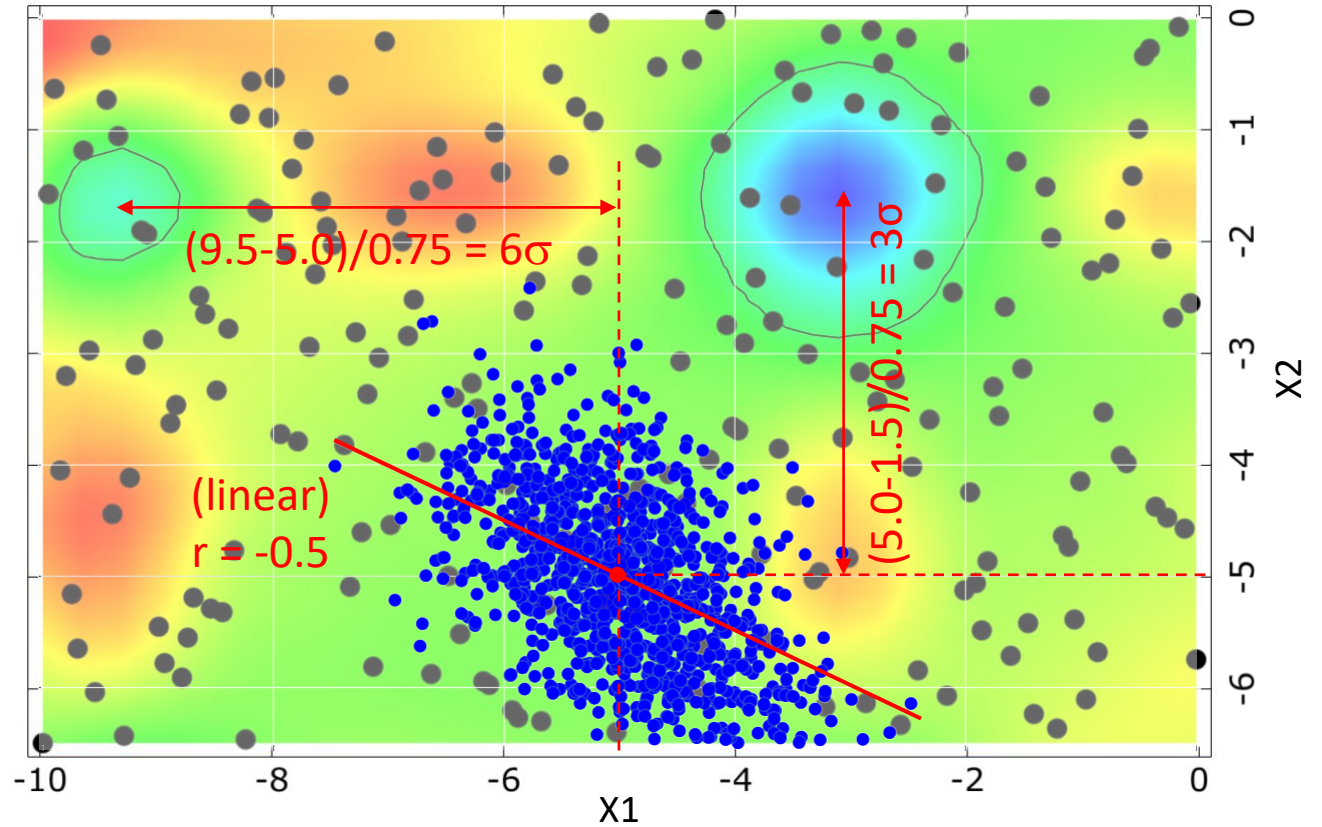
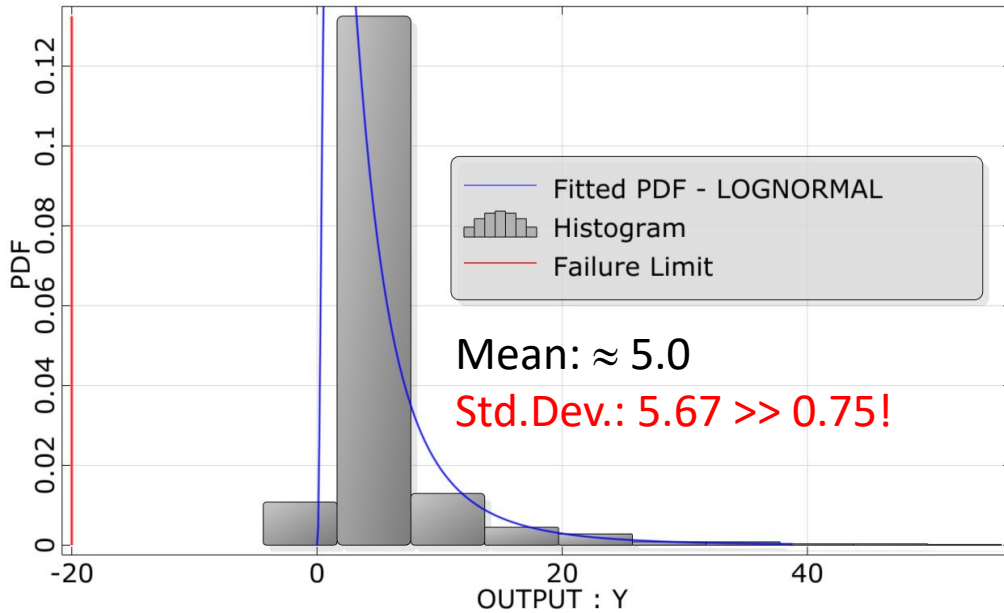


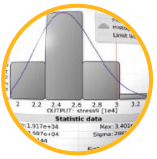
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- 1000 Monte-Carlo samples
- => no chance to extrapolate Probability of Failure from response probability distribution



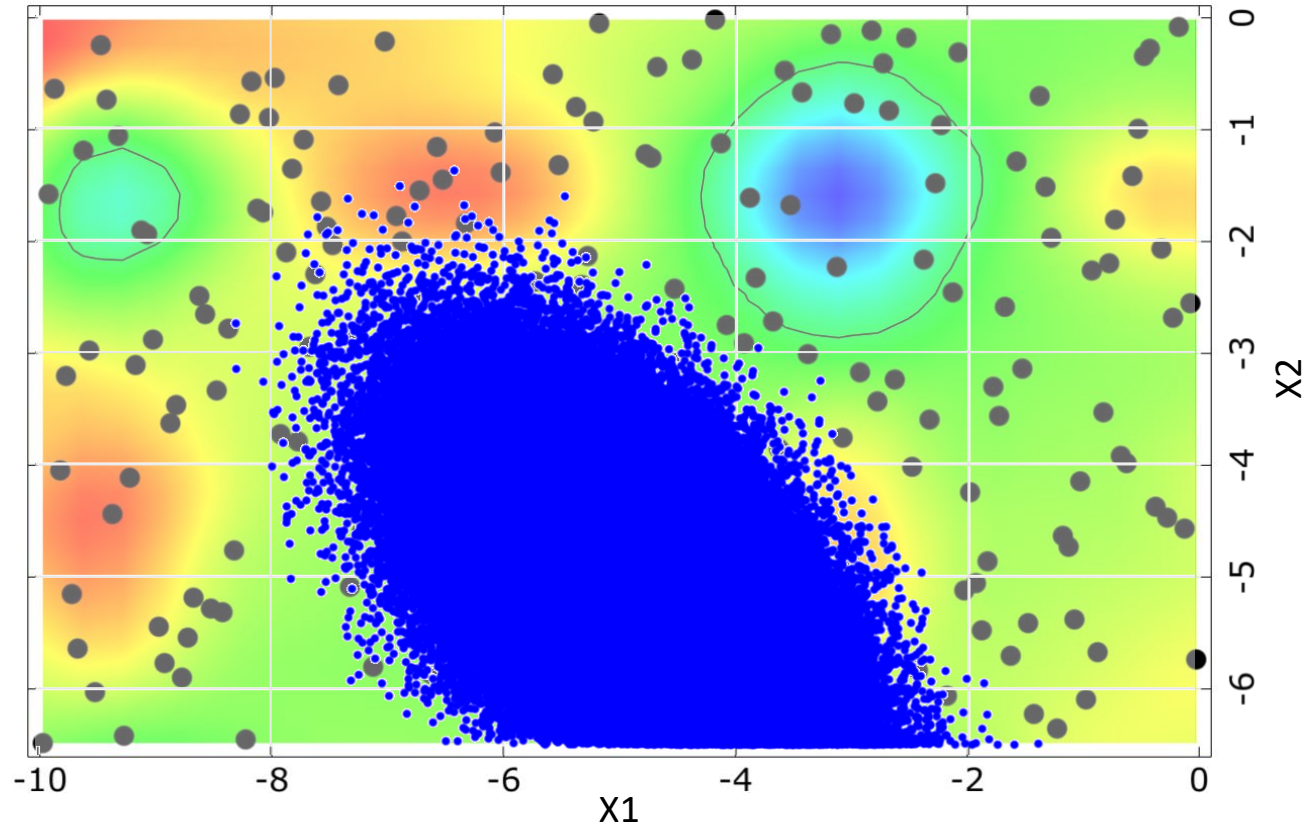


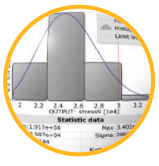
# Plain Monte-Carlo-Sampling

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- 300'000 Monte-Carlo samples (aborted)  
no sample above limit state

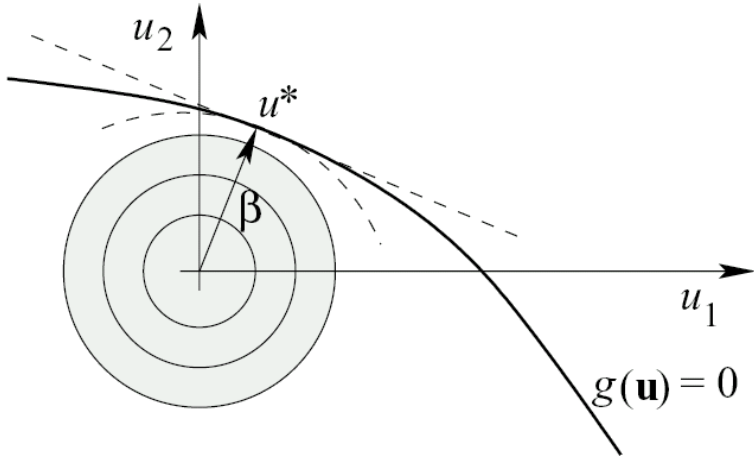
Monte-Carlo-Simulation,  
estimation for COV=10%:  
 $n \geq 100/PoF_{est} \approx 100/5e-07$   
**= 2.0e+08!**



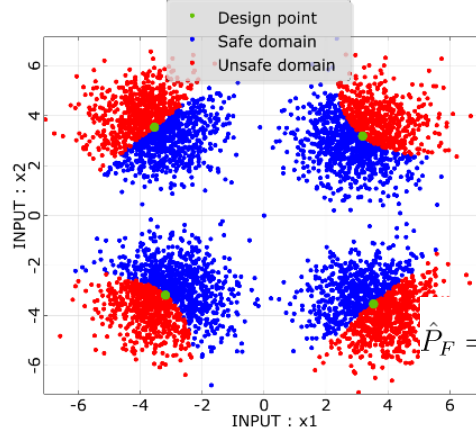


# Advanced Methods for Reliability Analysis

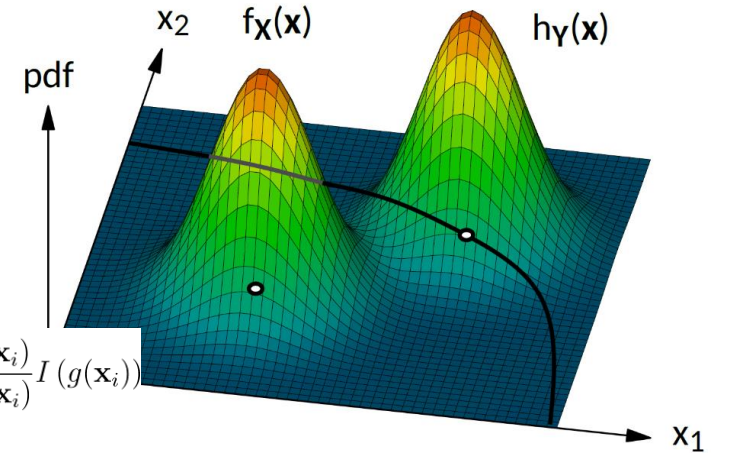
## First Order Reliability Method



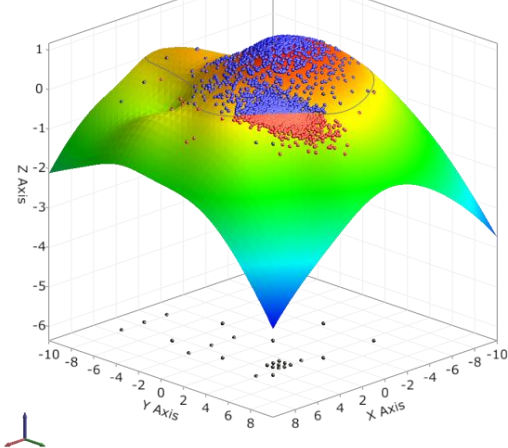
## Importance Sampling using Design Point



## Adaptive Importance Sampling



## Adaptive Response Surface Method



Uncertainty knowledge: Qualified

Failed designs: Seldom

Solver noise: Some

Desired sigma level: 2σ 3σ 4,5σ 6σ

Simulation runtime: short long

► Show additional settings

Robustness / Reliability method

Varianced based

Robustness sampling

Probability based

Adaptive Response Surface Method (ARSM-DS)

Adaptive Sampling (AS)

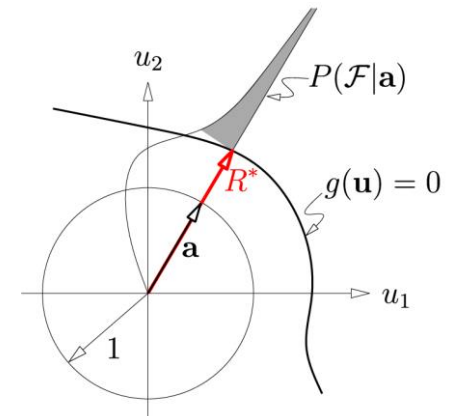
Directional Sampling (DS)

First Order Reliability Method (FORM)

Importance Sampling using Design Point (ISPUD)

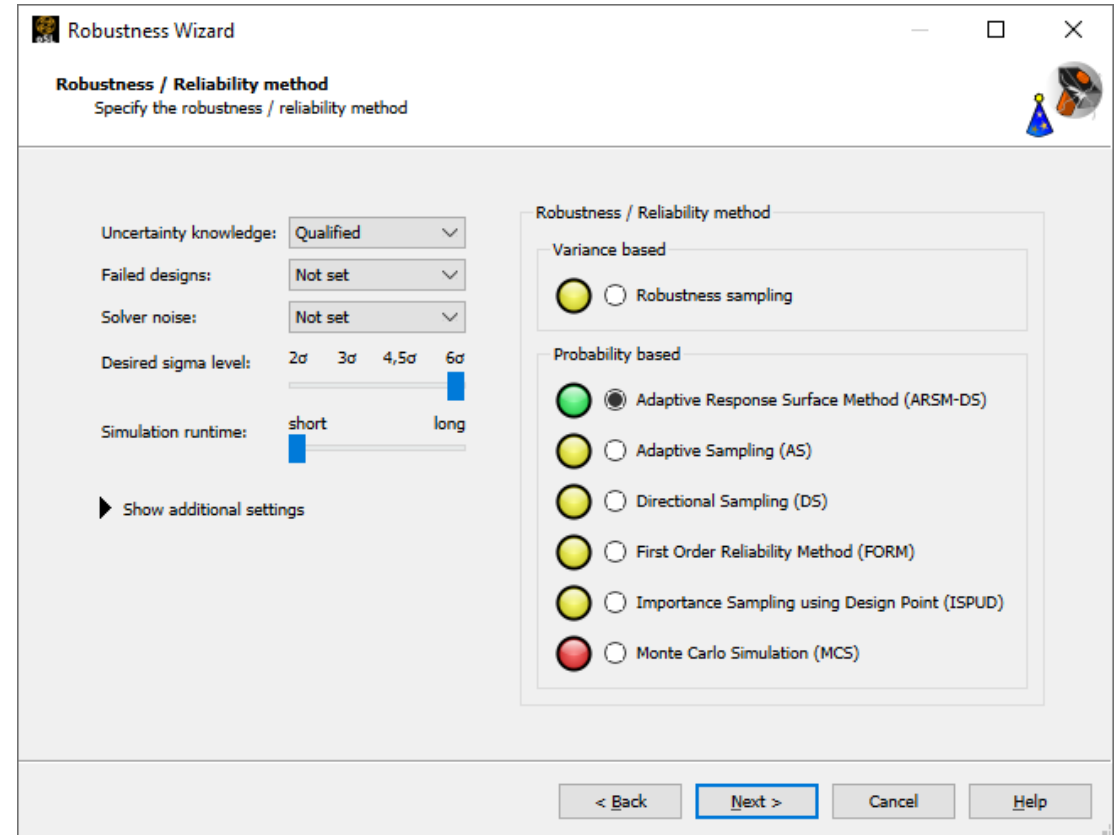
Monte Carlo Simulation (MCS)

## Directional Sampling



# Comparison of the determined PoF

Reliability algo.	No. samples	PoF
ARSM-DS	300	6.4e-07
AS	2 000	4.7e-07
DS	1 085	5.2e-07
FORM	890	1.3e-06
FORM + ISPUD	+ 6 000	4.7e-07
MCS <sup>1</sup>	200 000 000 (aborted at 300 000)	?



<sup>1</sup> estimation Monte-Carlo-Simulation for COV=10%:  
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# Directional Sampling

PoF = 5.2e-07

Number of directions:

Number of parallel solver calls:

Line search phase

Number of parallel solver runs in presample:

Line search method:

Line search accuracy:

Complete directions : 100 / 100

Probability of Failure : 5.18627e-07

Standard deviation error : 2.39929e-07

Reliability Index : 4.88444

**Number of designs**

Total : 1085

Safe domain : 1009

Unsafe domain : 76

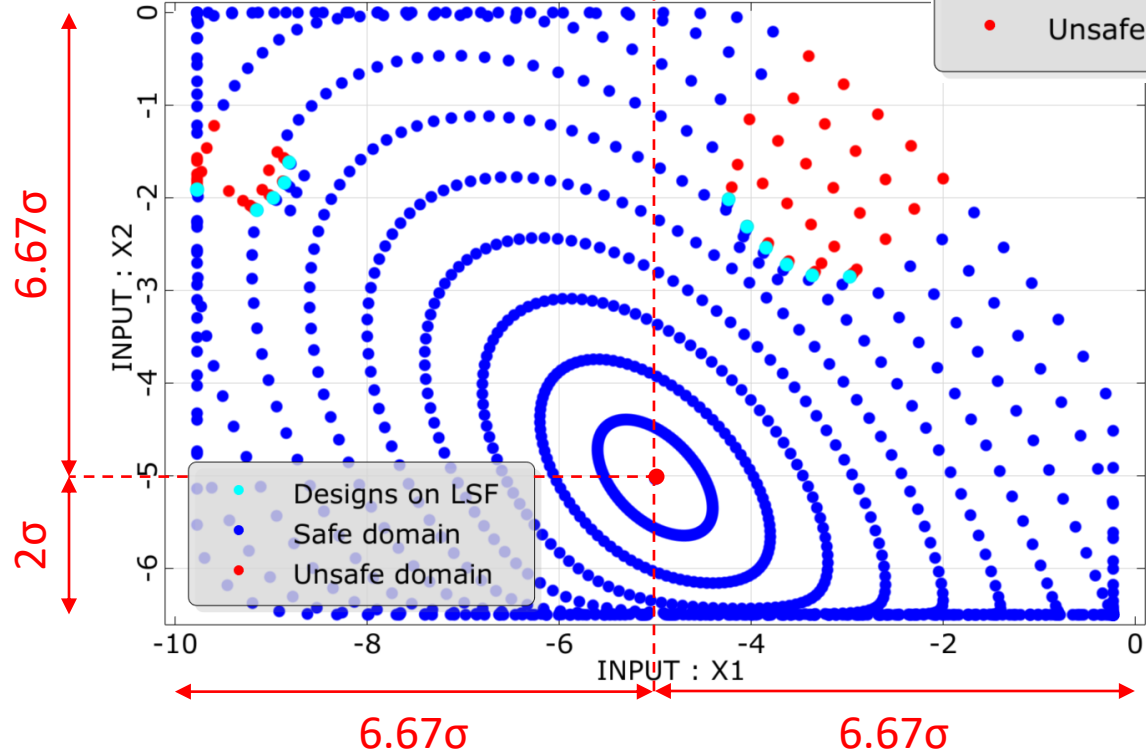
Failure strings : 0

Failed : 0

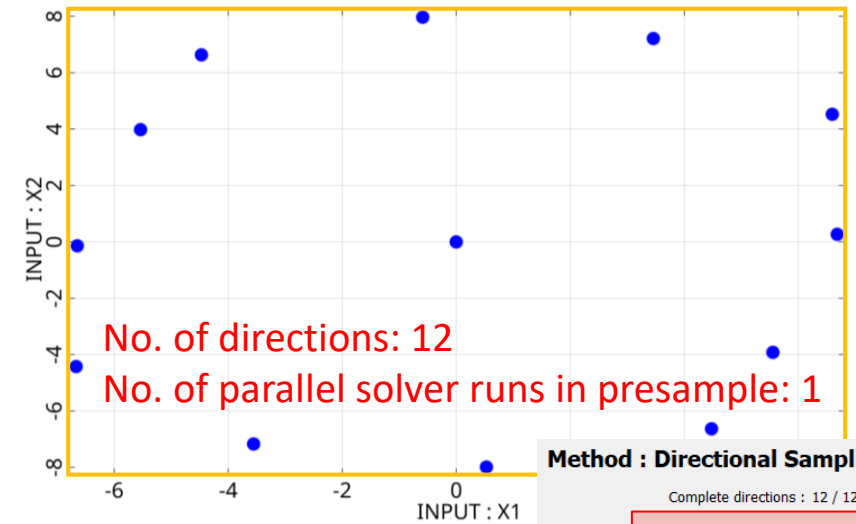
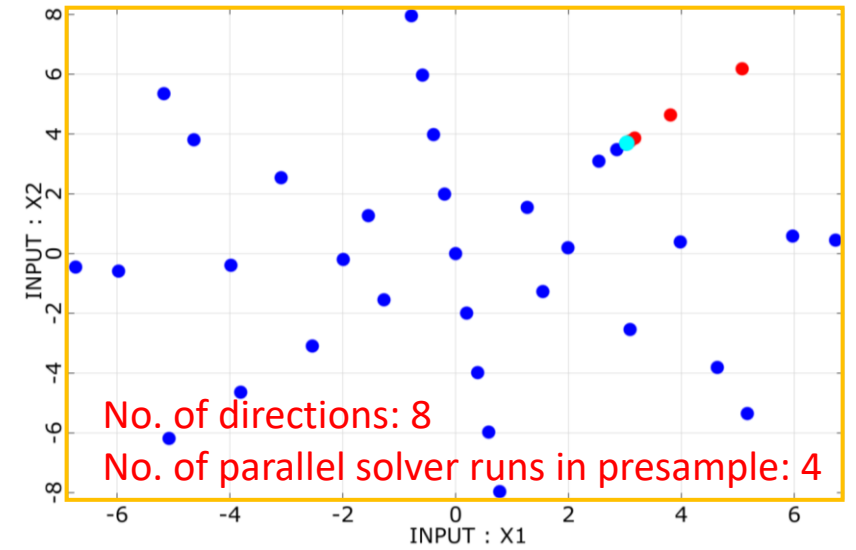
● Designs on LSF

● Safe domain

● Unsafe domain



shown in standard gaussian space



Method : Directional Sampling (DS)

Complete directions : 12 / 12

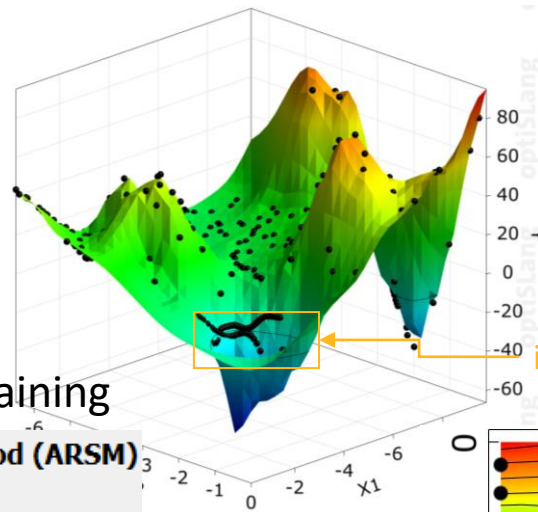
Probability of Failure : 0

Standard deviation error : inf

Reliability Index : 10







PoF =  $6.4e-07$  ✓  
 using 300 design for ARSM training

Metamodel

Number of supports in 1st step: 200

Scaling factor in 1st step: 3.00

Number of supports per step: 50

Number of steps: 3

Directional Sampling

Number of directions: 1000

## Method : Adaptive Response Surface Method (ARSM)

Complete approximations : 3 / 3  
 Selected data : 3. Approximation

Probability of Failure :  $6.4404e-07$   
 Standard deviation error :  $8.52822e-08$   
 Reliability Index : 4.84158

Approximation errors :  $R^2 / R^2_{pred}$   
 lim\_st\_Y : 1 / 0.98249 ✓

### Number of designs

Total : 300  
 Safe domain : 250  
 Unsafe domain : 50  
 Failure strings : 0  
 Failed : 0

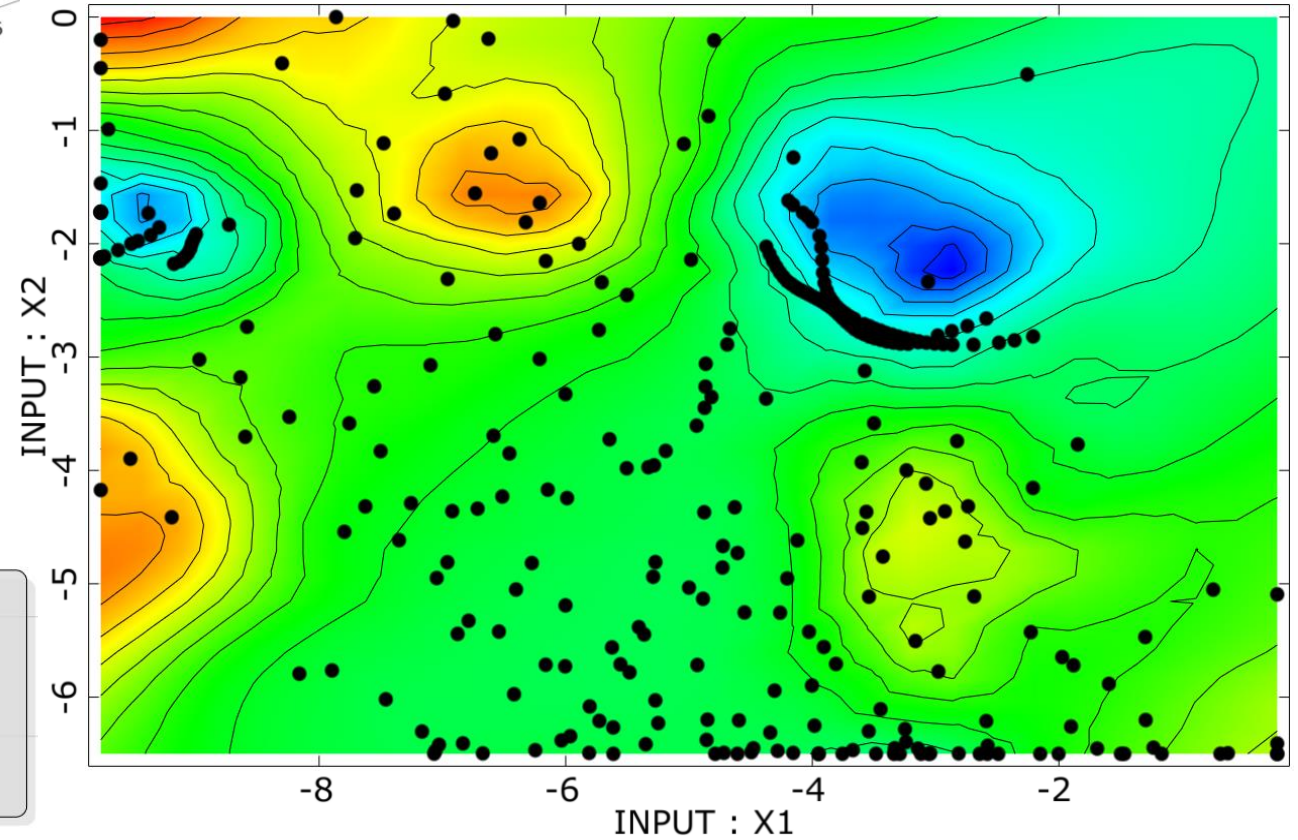
### Directional Sampling on Response Surface

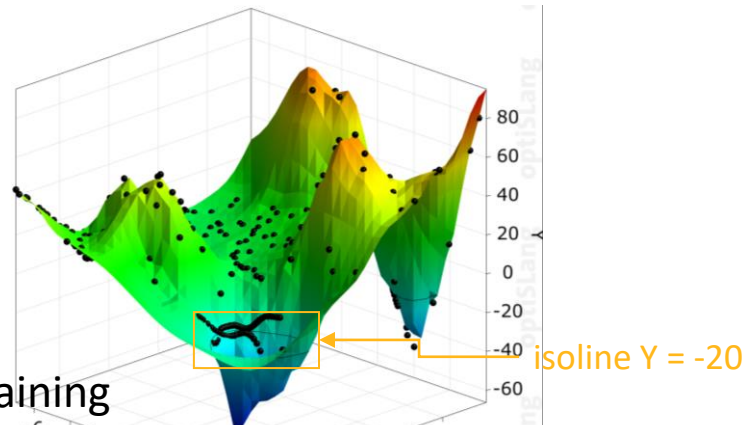
Complete directions : 1000 / 1000

### Number of designs

Total : 5865  
 Safe domain : 5269  
 Unsafe domain : 596  
 Failure strings : 0  
 Failed : 0

- Designs on LSF
- Safe domain
- Support points
- Unsafe domain





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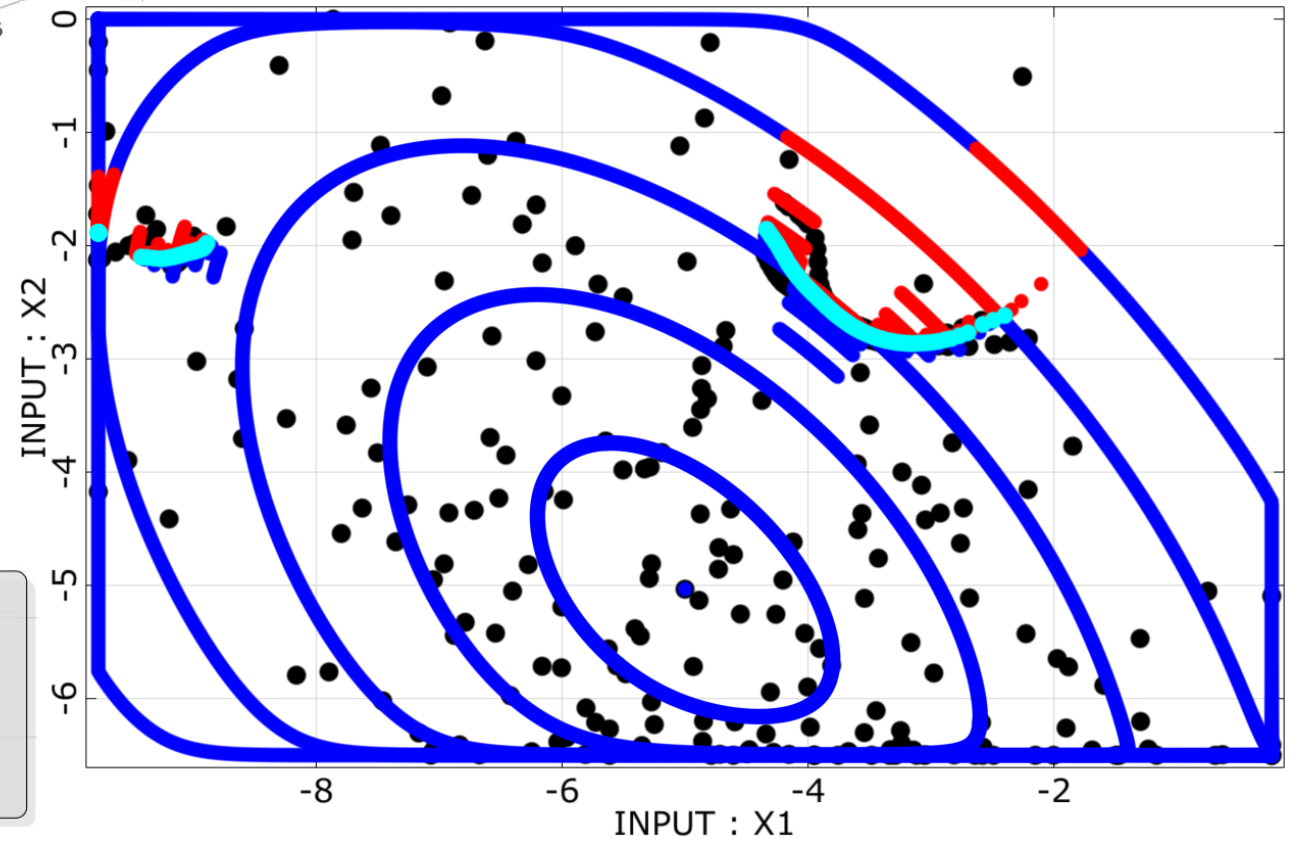
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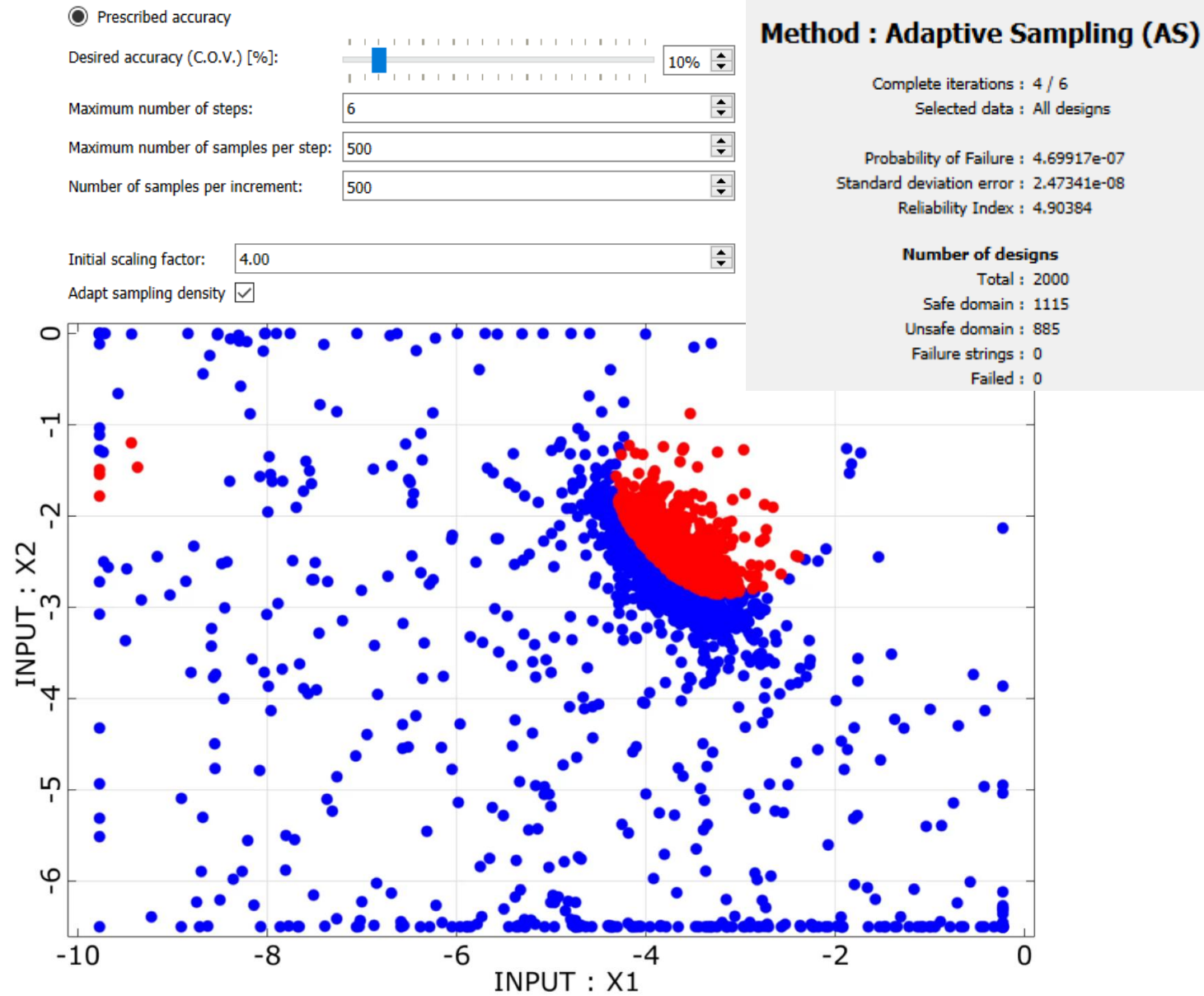
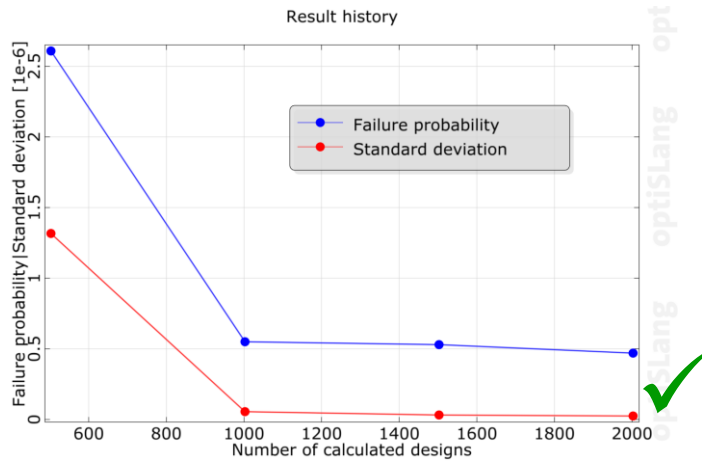
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# Adaptive Sampling

PoF =  $4.7e-07$  ✓

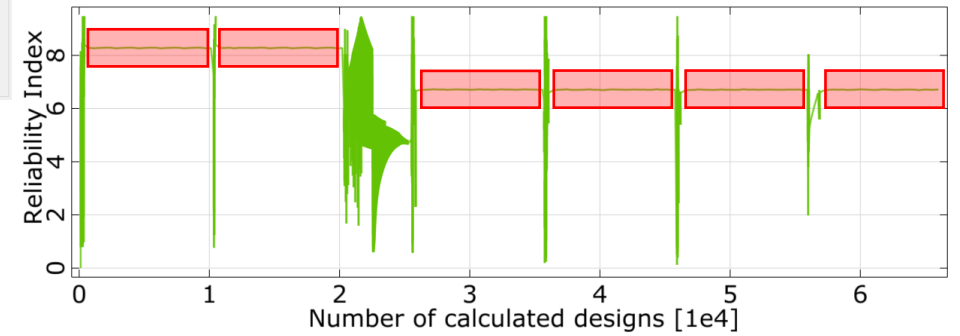
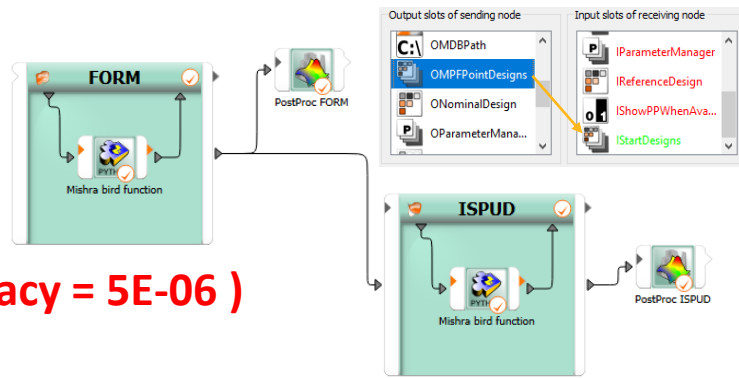
- in first step scan of parameter space
- statistical information about failure domain are used to increase amount of failure events
- focus on most probable failure domain
- check for converged results



# FORM (\*) + ISPUD

(\*) default settings  
 ( no start designs, desired accuracy = 5E-06 )

PoF = 1.3e-06



## Method : First Order Reliability Method (FORM)

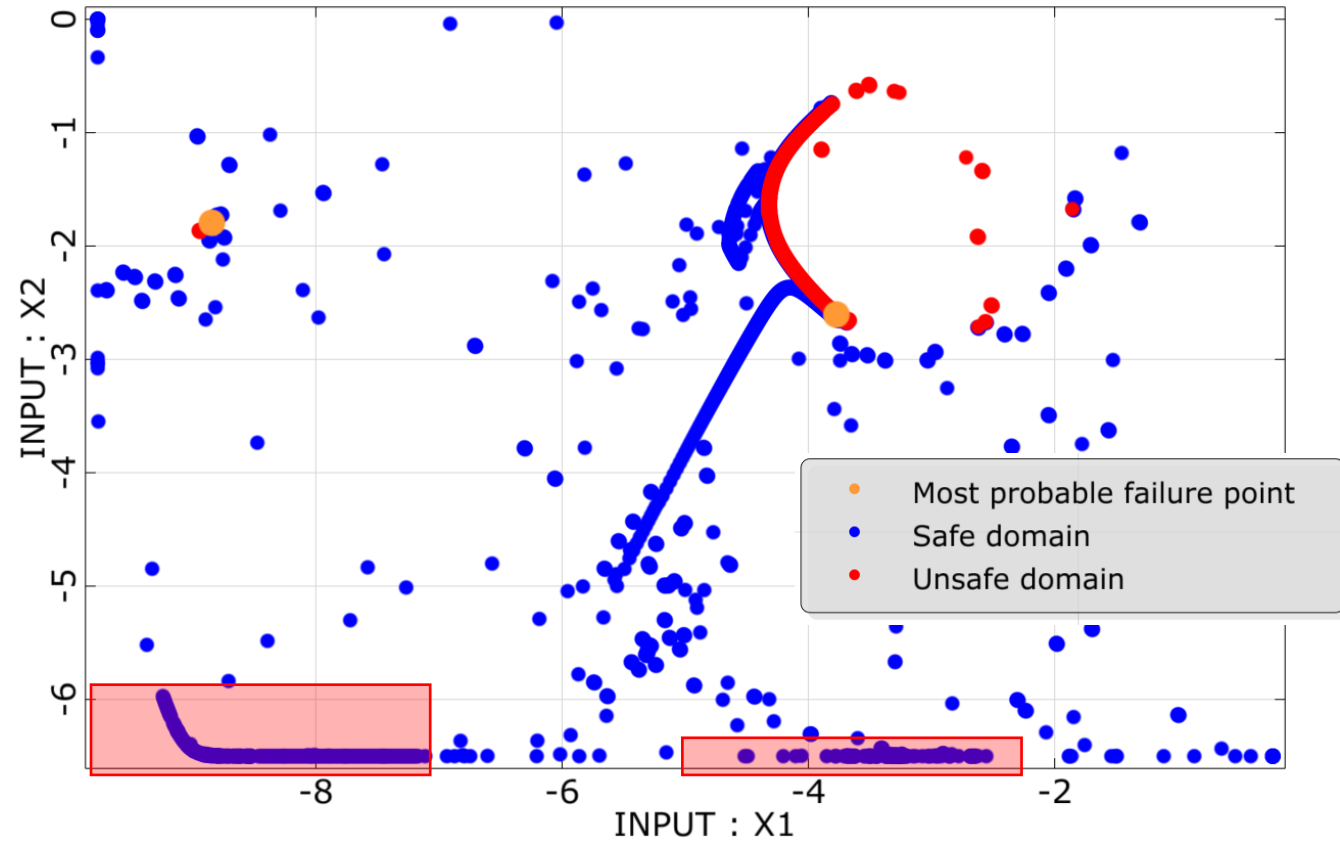
Probability of Failure : 1.3153e-06  
 Reliability Index : 4.69774

### Number of designs

Total : 65881  
 Safe domain : 64634  
 Unsafe domain : 1247  
 Failure strings : 0  
 Failed : 0

### Most probable failure point(s)

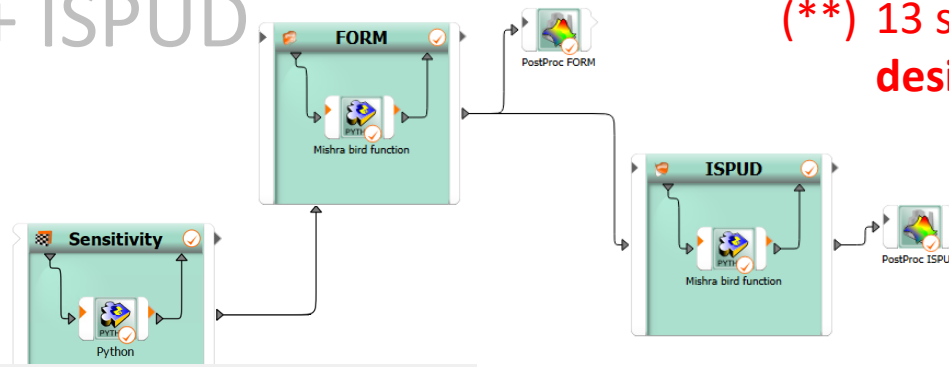
	ID :	25415	20266
<b>Input parameter values</b>			
X1 :	-3.77261	-8.84384	
X2 :	-2.60422	-1.79514	
Reliability index (FORM) :	4.70378	5.37471	
Probability of failure (FORM) :	1.27696e-06	3.83536e-08	



# FORM (\*\*) + ISPUD

(\*\*) 13 start designs violating limit from sensitivity study, desired accuracy = 5E-03

PoF = 1.3e-06



## Method : First Order Reliability Method (FORM)

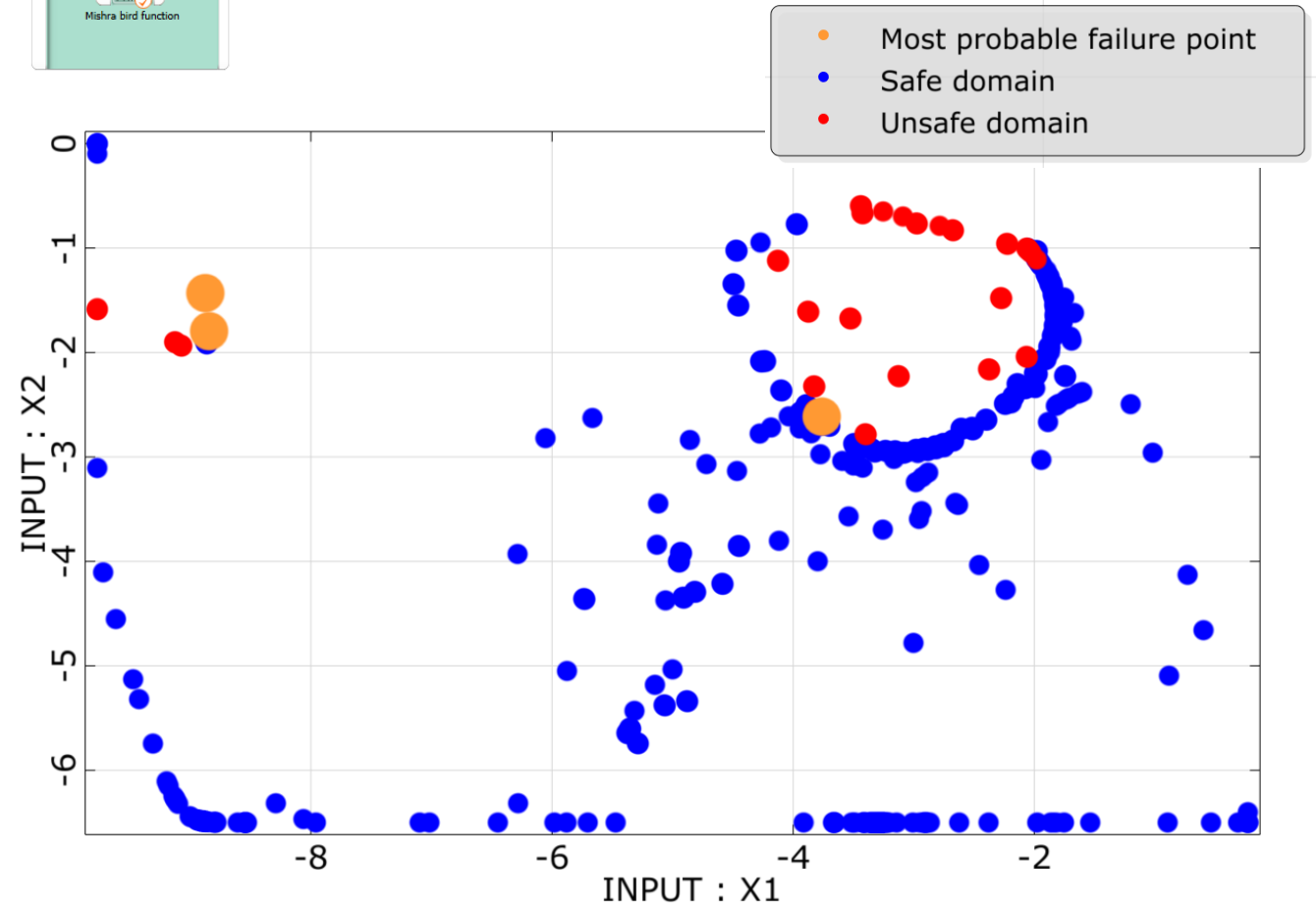
Probability of Failure : 1.31819e-06  
Reliability Index : 4.69729

### Number of designs

Total : 890  
Safe domain : 734  
Unsafe domain : 156  
Failure strings : 0  
Failed : 0

### Most probable failure point(s)

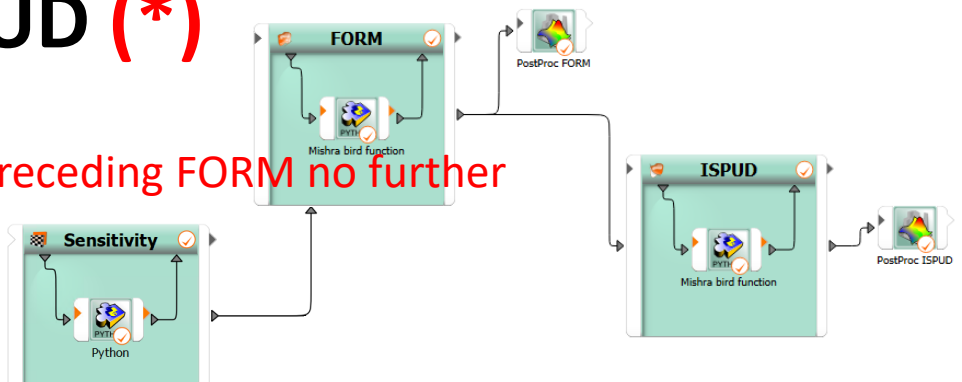
	ID : 406	886	455
<b>Input parameter values</b>			
X1 :	-3.76305	-8.84377	-8.87509
X2 :	-2.61315	-1.79501	-1.43022
Reliability index (FORM) :	4.70337	5.37468	5.58037
Probability of failure (FORM) :	1.2795e-06	3.83591e-08	1.20003e-08



# FORM + ISPUD (\*)

(\*) using 3 MOPF from preceding FORM no further search

PoF =  $4.7e-07$  ✓



## Method : Importance Sampling Procedure Using Design Points (ISPUD)

Selected data : All designs

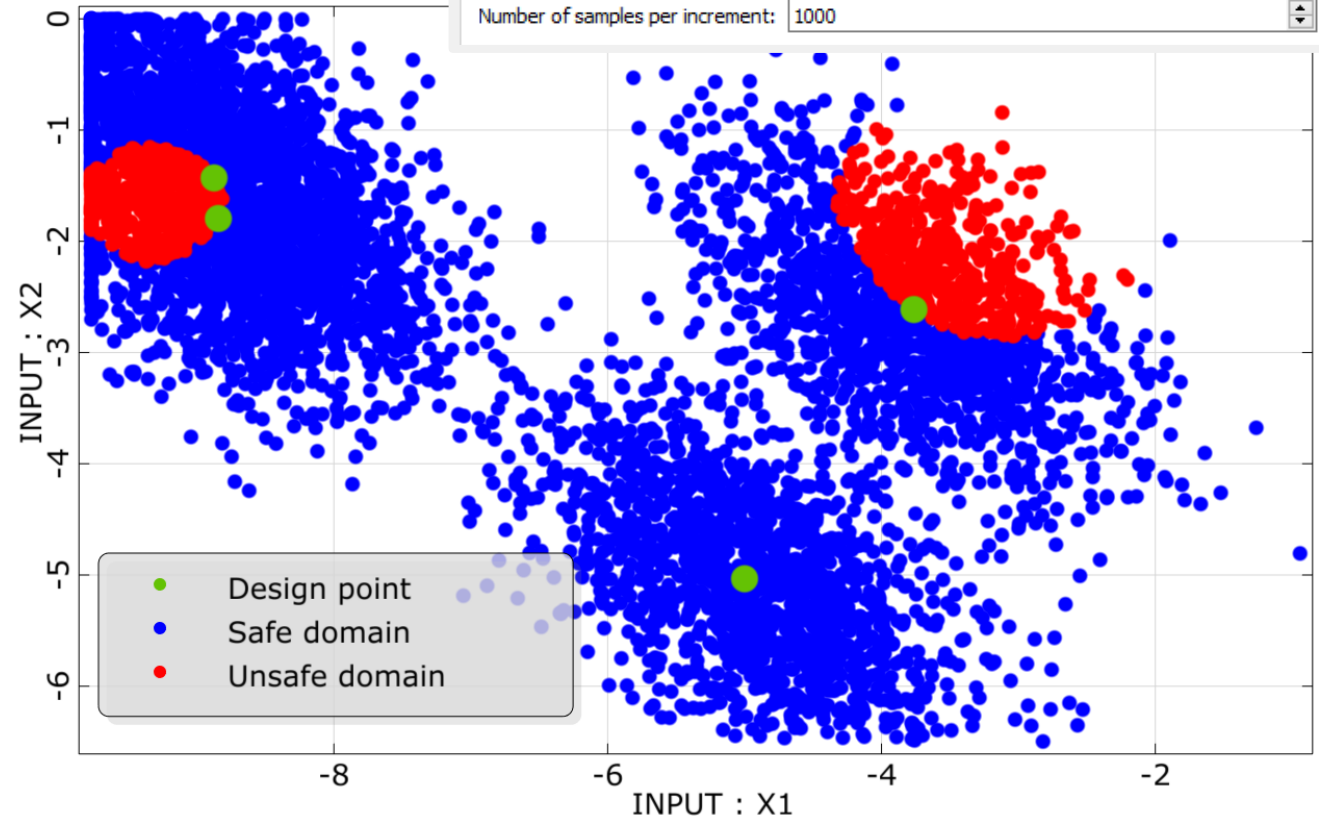
Probability of Failure :  $4.73743e-07$   
 Standard deviation error :  $4.29418e-08$   
 Reliability Index : 4.90224

### Number of designs

Total : 6004  
 Safe domain : 5045  
 Unsafe domain : 959  
 Failure strings : 0  
 Failed : 0

### Design point(s)

ID :	2	4	3	1
<b>Input parameter values</b>				
X1 :	-3.76305	-8.84377	-8.87509	-5
X2 :	-2.61315	-1.79501	-1.43022	-5.03368
Reliability index (ISPUD) :	4.90814	5.66761	5.67859	10
Probability of failure (ISPUD) :	$4.59713e-07$	$7.2402e-09$	$6.79039e-09$	0



# Conclusion

- advanced reliability methods are recommended for probability  $< 1/1000$  since effort for Monte-Carlo approach increases inversely proportional to expected probability
- before reliability analysis run sensitivity study within the bounds of stochastic parameters or a robustness analysis to gain deeper design understanding
- reliability analysis operate in Standard Normal/Gaussian Space
- reliability analysis in two steps: fast detection of failure mechanisms and efficient quantification of failure probability
- failure mechanisms detection: scan of the stochastically space up to 8 Sigma or by scaling the standard deviation (3.0 by default)
- failure mechanisms detection is easy to use for half-space with transition from safe to unsafe domain, but search need to be adapted for local spots



# Probability of failure for the cut-out scenario



# Scenario-Based Safety Assessment using Ansys optiSLang



## Customer Goals

Milage required to proof AD/ADAS system safety cannot be tested operational in field → scenarios need to be simulated

Simulating complete required milage is also not feasible → collision relevant scenarios need to be identified to significantly reduce number of required simulations

## Solution

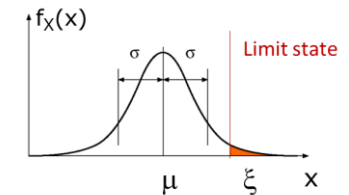
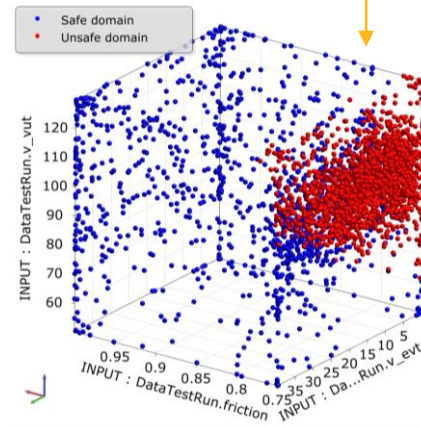
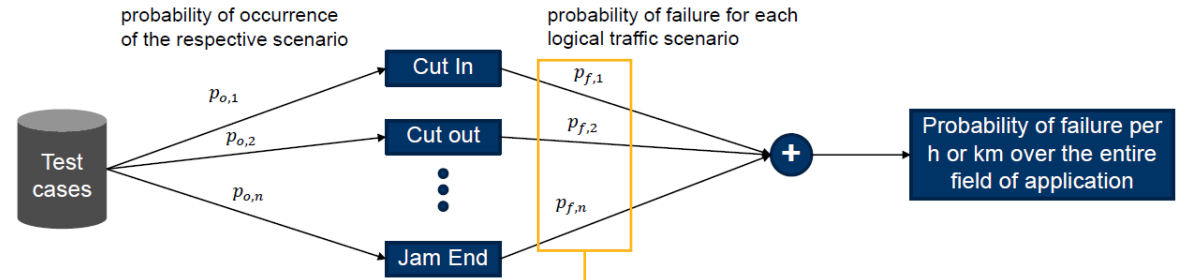
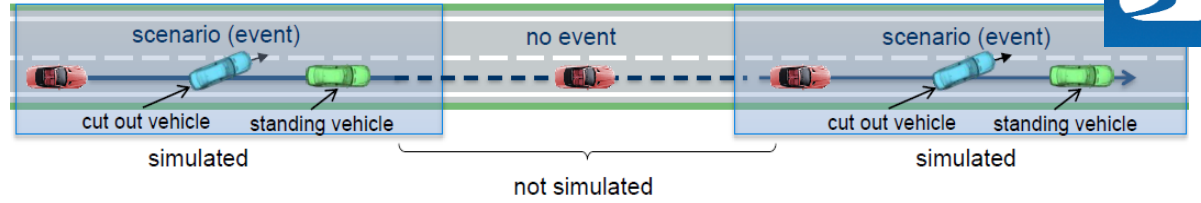
Only «interesting» logical scenarios are analyzed

**Sensitivity analysis** in optiSLang allows for the identification of parameters with highest impact & model failure

**Reliability analysis** in optiSLang to determine the probability of failure for a logical scenario to compare performance between ADAS software versions & identification of critical parameters

## Benefits

- Allows for ADAS software function testing, verification & certification
- Identification of critical / relevant parameters
- **Number of simulation scenarios can be reduced by factor 1000**



Probability of Failure : 0.0454044  
Standard deviation error : 0.0013054  
Reliability Index : 1.69115

**Number of designs**  
Total : 3000



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

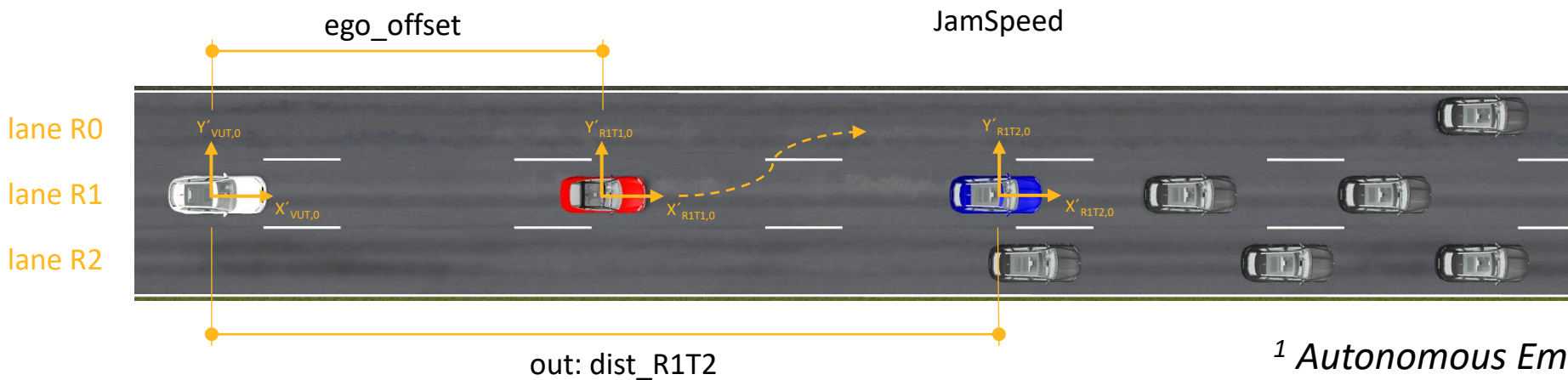


# Cut-out scenario simulation

- ideal sensors to measure distance to preceding car
- custom AEB<sup>1</sup> function by FMU-Plug-In
- emergency braking initiation based on:  
Time-to-Collision (TTC) and Time-to-break-threshold (TTBT)



<b>VUT</b>	<b>R1T1</b>	<b>JAM</b>
(Vehicle Under Test)	(lane R1 Target 1)	
VUT_PosX0, VUT_PosY0	R1T1_PosX0, R1T1_PosY0	PosY0_R0
VUT_Speed	R1T1_Deceleration	PosY0_R1
	R1T1_Speed	PosY0_R2
		JamSpeed



<sup>1</sup> Autonomous Emergency Braking (AEB)



# Parameter definition

11 parameters used for sensitivity/optimization  
 9 parameters used for stochastic analyses  
 4 dependent parameters

The screenshot displays the ANSYS parameter definition interface. It features a main table of 15 parameters, a detailed distribution table for stochastic analysis, and a 'Define parameter correlations' dialog box.

Name	Parameter type	Reference value	Value type	Resolution	Range	Range plot	PDF	Type	Mean	Std. Dev.	CoV	Distribution parameter
1 Plugins.MaxDecel	Optimization	4.7	REAL	Continuous	4 9							
2 DataTestRun.duration_s1	Optimization	3	REAL	Continuous	2.7 3.3							
3 DataTestRun.R1T1_PosY0	Opt.+Stoch.	0	REAL	Continuous	-1 1			TRUNCATEDNORMAL	0	0.328567	100 %	0; 0.333; -1; 1
4 DataTestRun.R1T1_Speed	Opt.+Stoch.	67.5	REAL	Continuous	35 100			UNIFORM	67.5	18.7639	27.7983 %	35; 100
5 DataTestRun.Jam_PosY0_R0	Opt.+Stoch.	4	REAL	Continuous	3 5			TRUNCATEDNORMAL	4	0.328567	8.21417 %	4; 0.333; 3; 5
6 DataTestRun.Jam_PosY0_R1	Opt.+Stoch.	0	REAL	Continuous	-1 1			TRUNCATEDNORMAL	0	0.328567	100 %	0; 0.333; -1; 1
7 DataTestRun.Jam_PosY0_R2	Opt.+Stoch.	-3.5	REAL	Continuous	-4.5 -2.5			TRUNCATEDNORMAL	-3.5	0.328567	9.38762 %	-3.5; 0.333; -4.5; -2.5
8 DataTestRun.Jam_Speed	Opt.+Stoch.	20	REAL	Continuous	0 30			TRUNCATEDNORMAL	20	5	25 %	20.514; 5.49591; 0; 30
9 DataTestRun.VUT_PosY0	Opt.+Stoch.	0	REAL	Continuous	-1 1			TRUNCATEDNORMAL	0	0.328567	100 %	0; 0.333; -1; 1
10 R1T1_Deceleration	Opt.+Stoch.	6	REAL	Continuous	1 10			TRIANGULAR	6	1.87083	31.1805 %	1; 7; 10
11 ego_offset	Opt.+Stoch.	49.312	REAL	Continuous	44.3808 54.2432			TRUNCATEDNORMAL	49.312	21.3809	43.3584 %	34.7109; 30.229; 18.037; 300

Name	Parameter type	Reference value	Operation
12 DataTestRun.R1T1_PosX0	Dependent	1186.25	1210.0-(DataTestRun.R1T1_Speed-DataTestRun.Jam_Speed)/2
13 DataTestRun.VUT_PosX0	Dependent	1136.94	DataTestRun.R1T1_PosX0-ego_offset
14 DataTestRun.VUT_Speed	Dependent	67.5	DataTestRun.R1T1_Speed
15 DataTestRun.R1T1_Speed_s1	Dependent	49.5	DataTestRun.R1T1_Speed-DataTestRun.duration_s1*R1T1_Deceleration

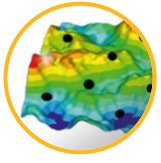
  

**Define parameter correlations**

	DataTestRun.R1T1_Speed	ego_offset
ego_offset	0.65	1
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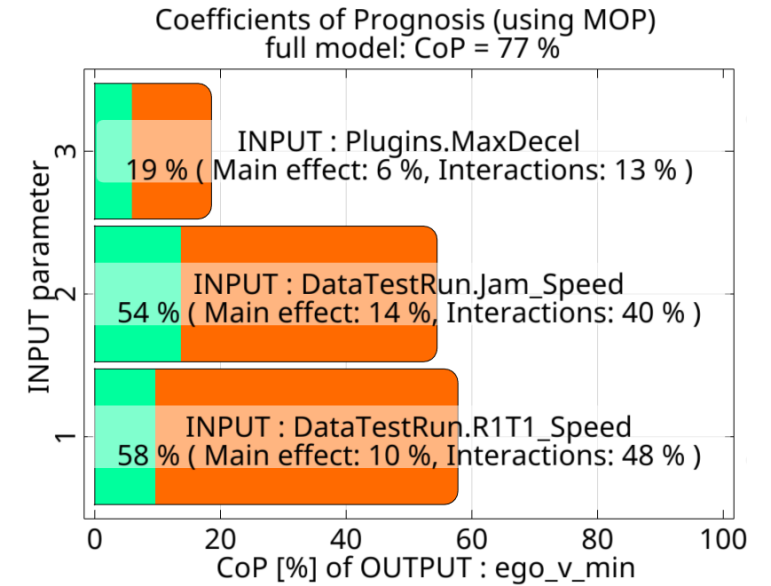
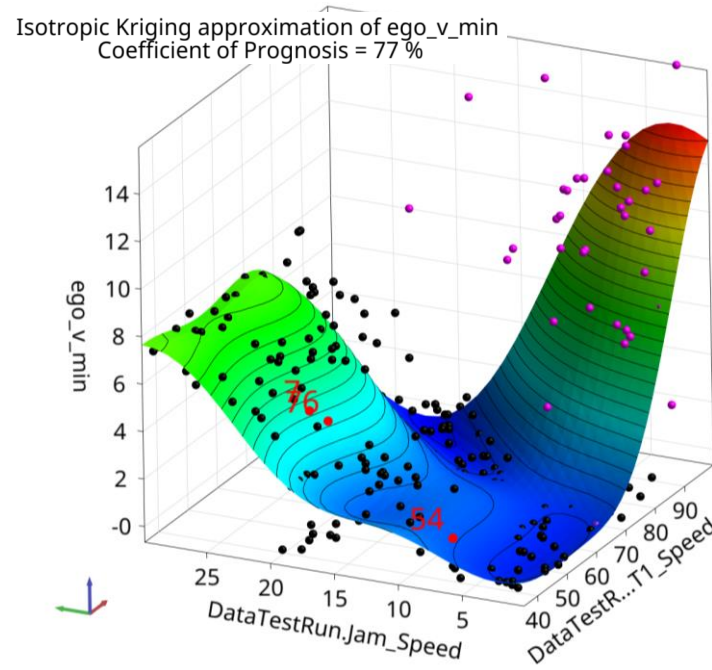
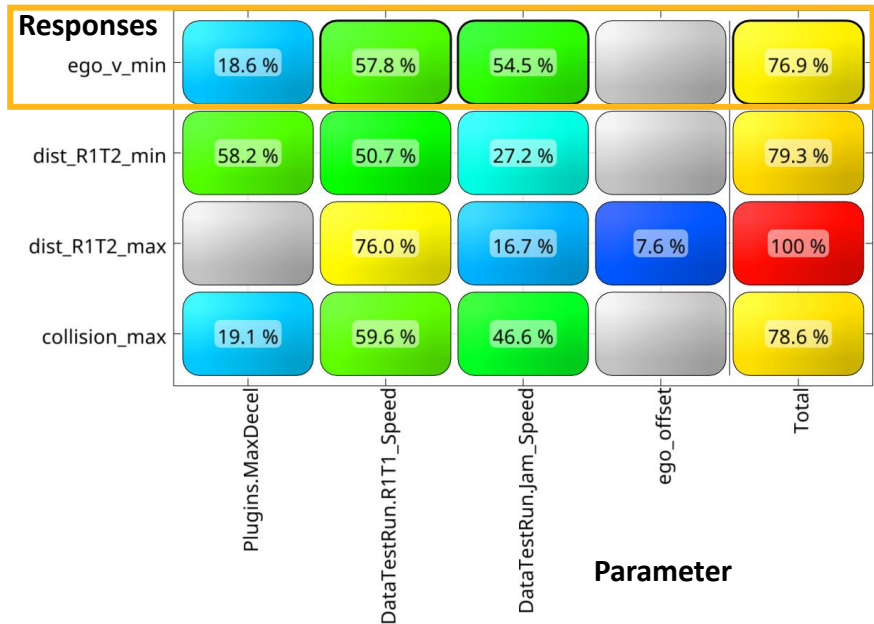
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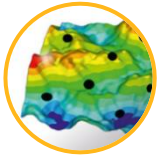




# Sensitivity Analysis

- scanning space of 11 parameters of type 'Optimization'
- approximation by surrogate model without over-fitting, objective measure of prognosis quality = **CoP**
- automatic determination of relevant parameter subspace



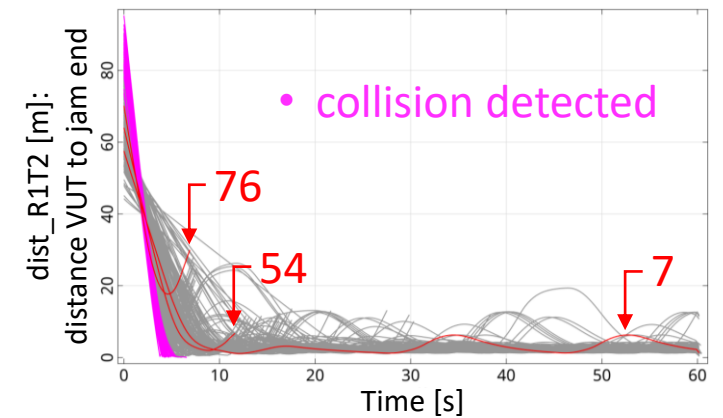
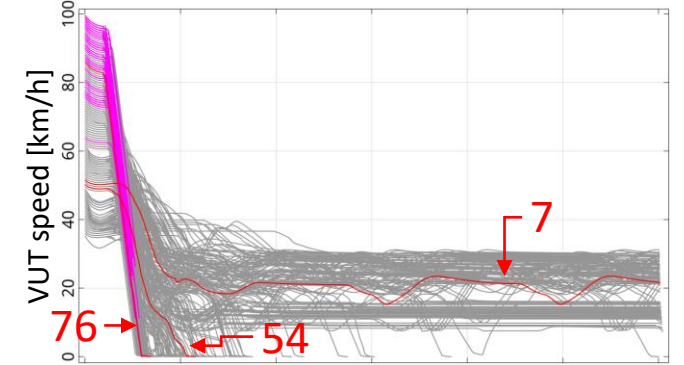
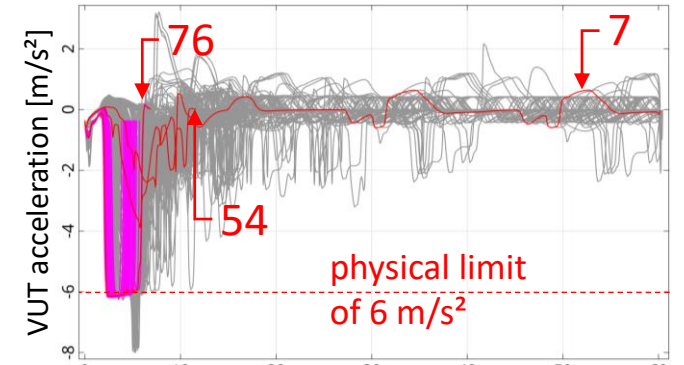
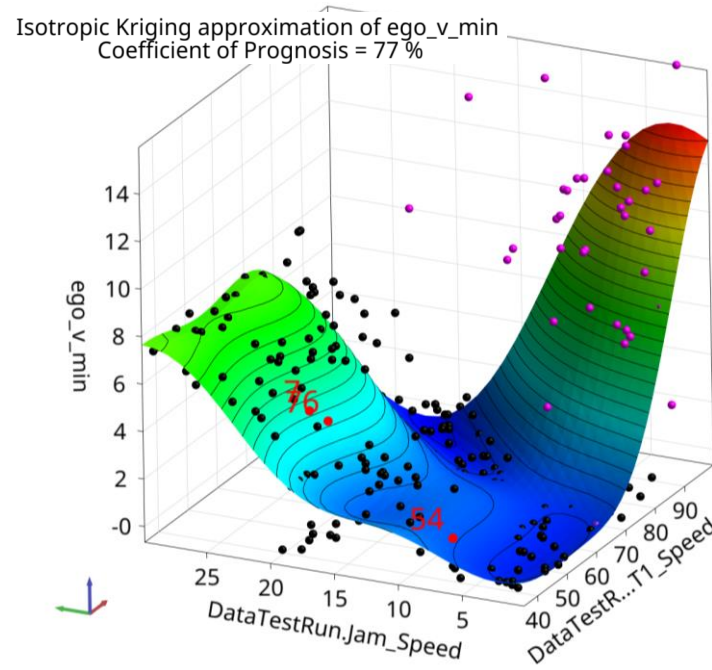


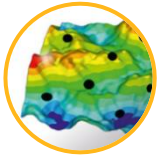
# Sensitivity Analysis

From **VUT speed** control by the AEB function can be observed:

- if situation permits, VUT will decelerate to jam speed and follows at safe distance (e.g. 7)
- braking to zero is forced only in hazardous situations (eg. 76, 54)
- physical limitation of VUT deceleration to  $6 \text{ m/s}^2$

Responses	Plugins.MaxDecel	DataTestRun.R1T1_Speed	DataTestRun.Jam_Speed	ego_offset	Total
ego_v_min	18.6 %	57.8 %	54.5 %		76.9 %
dist_R1T2_min	58.2 %	50.7 %	27.2 %		79.3 %
dist_R1T2_max		76.0 %	16.7 %	7.6 %	100 %
collision_max	19.1 %	59.6 %	46.6 %		78.6 %

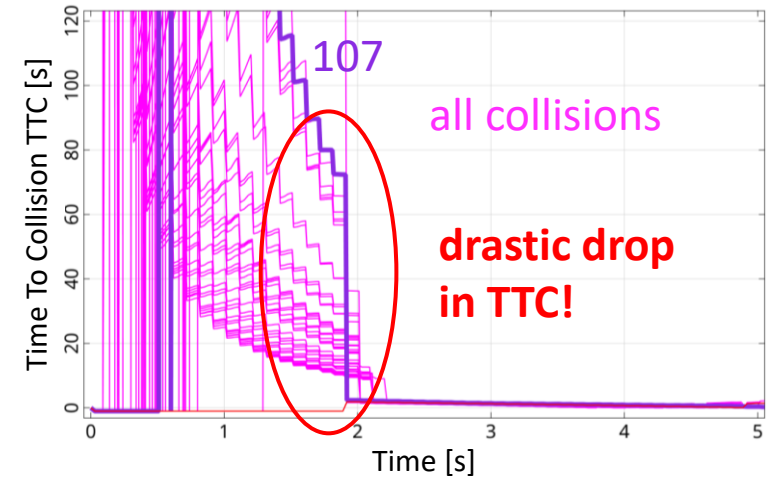
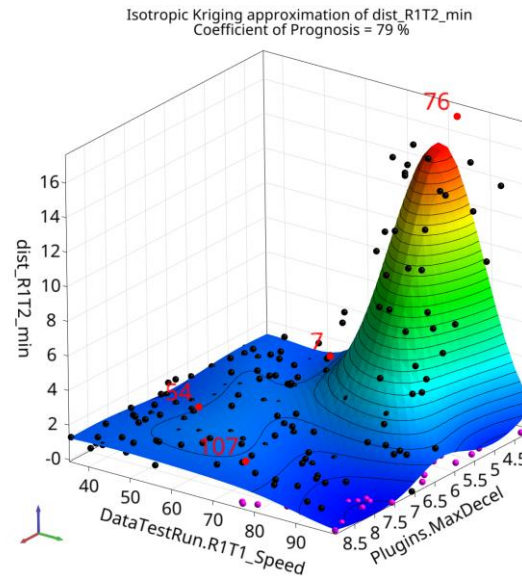




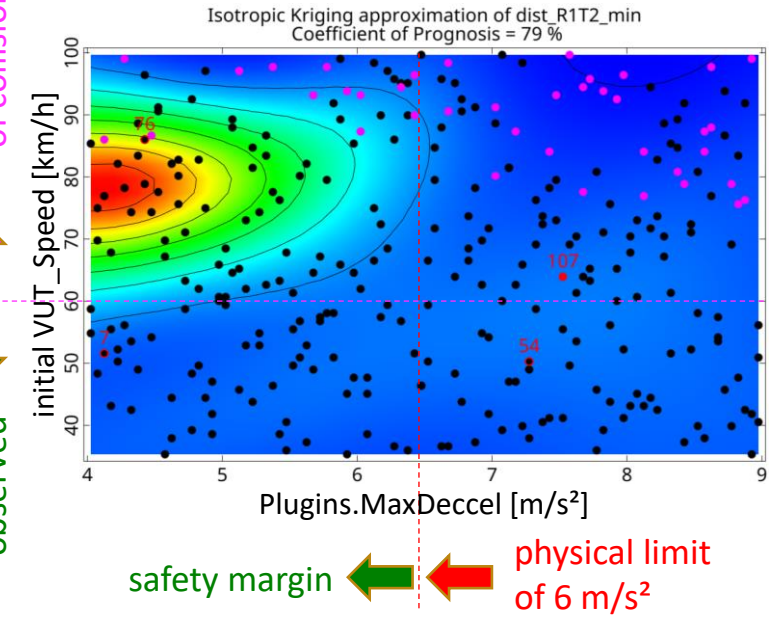
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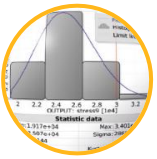
- restriction to physical deceleration limit of  $6\text{m/s}^2$  needed, but for small MaxDecel min. distance is too large (e.g. 76)!
- significant increase of collisions for speed higher than 60 km/h
- ideal sensor not able to detect jam end through preceding car therefore, drastic drop in TTC => collision cannot be prevented

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collision_max	19.1 %	59.6 %	46.6 %		78.6 %



significant increase of collisions ↑  
no collision observed ↓



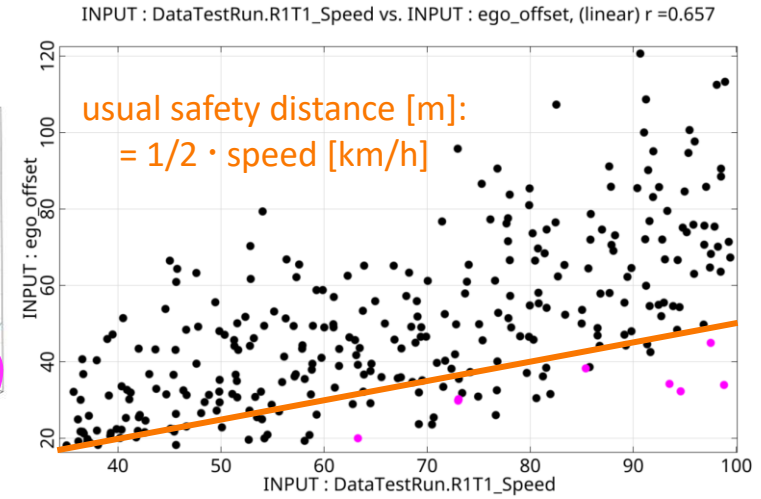
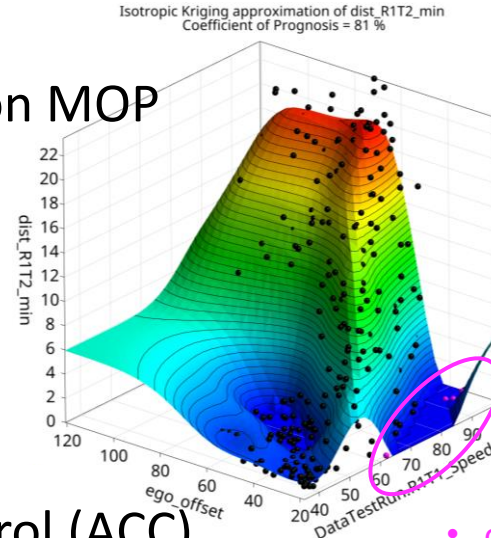


# Robustness Analysis

- 9 parameters included in stochastic analyses
- automatic ranking of parameter scatter based on MOP
- statistical analysis of responses  
=> probability of collision is  $P_{rel} = 3\%$

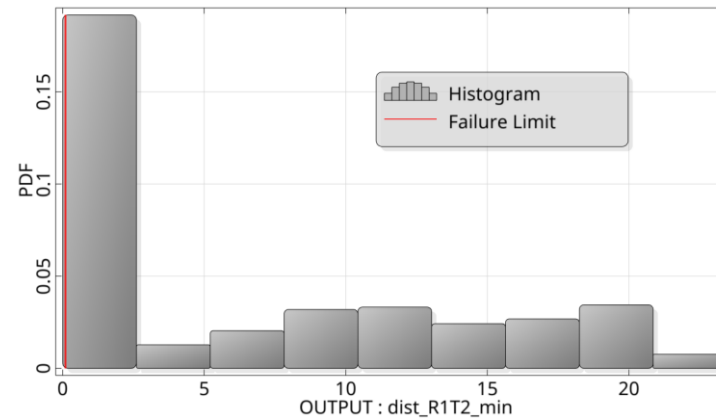
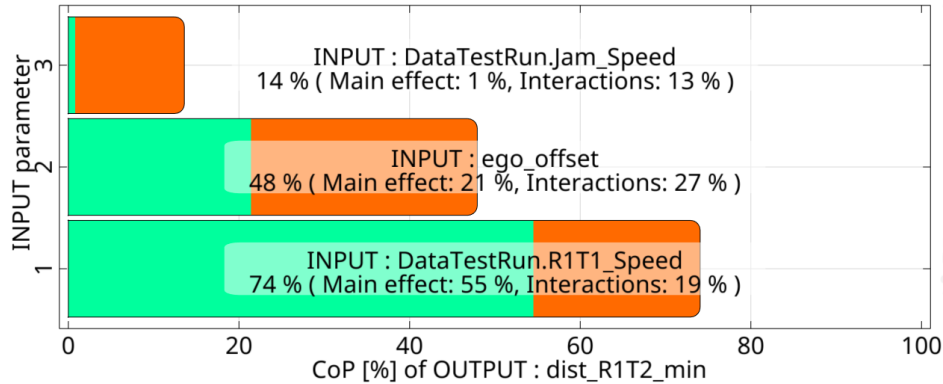
Reasons for high PoF:

- no detection of jam end through leading car
- statistical model speed vs. offset includes speeders and pushers, no Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC)



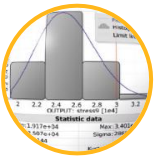
• collision detected

Coefficients of Prognosis (using MOP)  
full model: CoP = 81 %



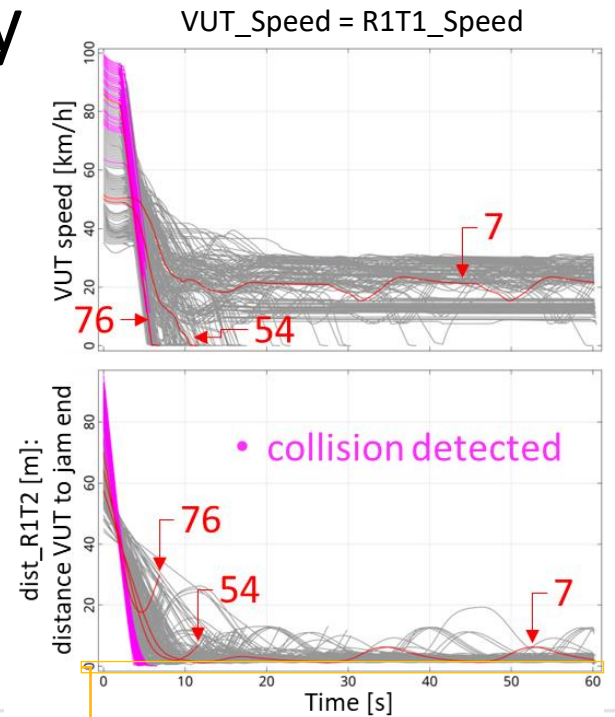
Statistical data			
Min:	4.44533e-05	Max:	23.4636
Mean value:	7.10553	Standard deviation:	7.0234
CoV:	0.98844		
Skewness:	0.693298	Excess kurtosis:	-1.00017
Limit : Failure Limit			
	Lower value = 0.1	Upper value = not set	Total
P_rel:	0.0266667		0.0266667
Sigma-Level:	0.997457		





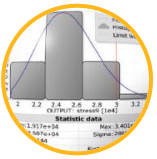
# Reliability Analyses: Limiting the impact velocity

- motivation: reliability evaluation against fatalities at high speeds, injuries at medium speeds and whiplash at low speeds
- goal: multilinear curve as limit state for impact velocity depending on initial speed
- solution: for reliability analysis mathematical expressions can be used on both sides of the limit state definition



## Criteria

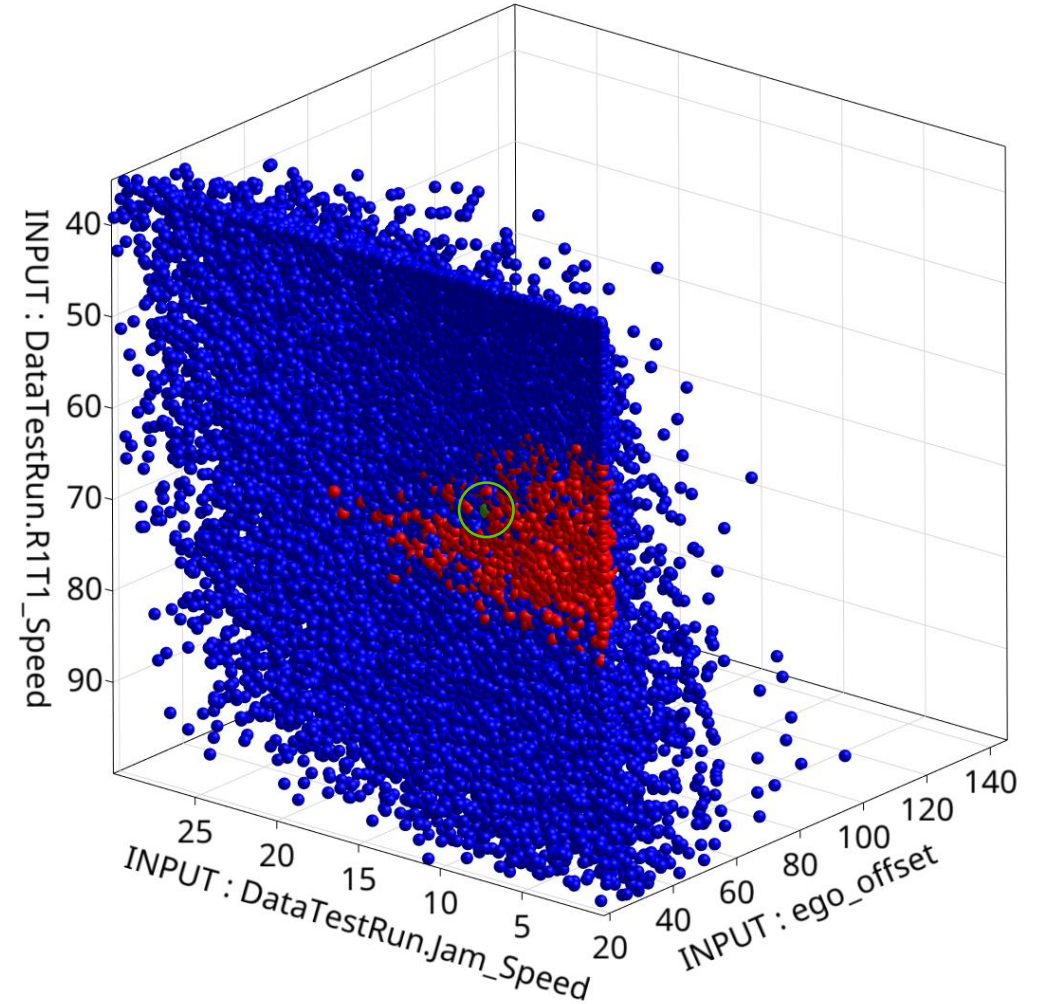
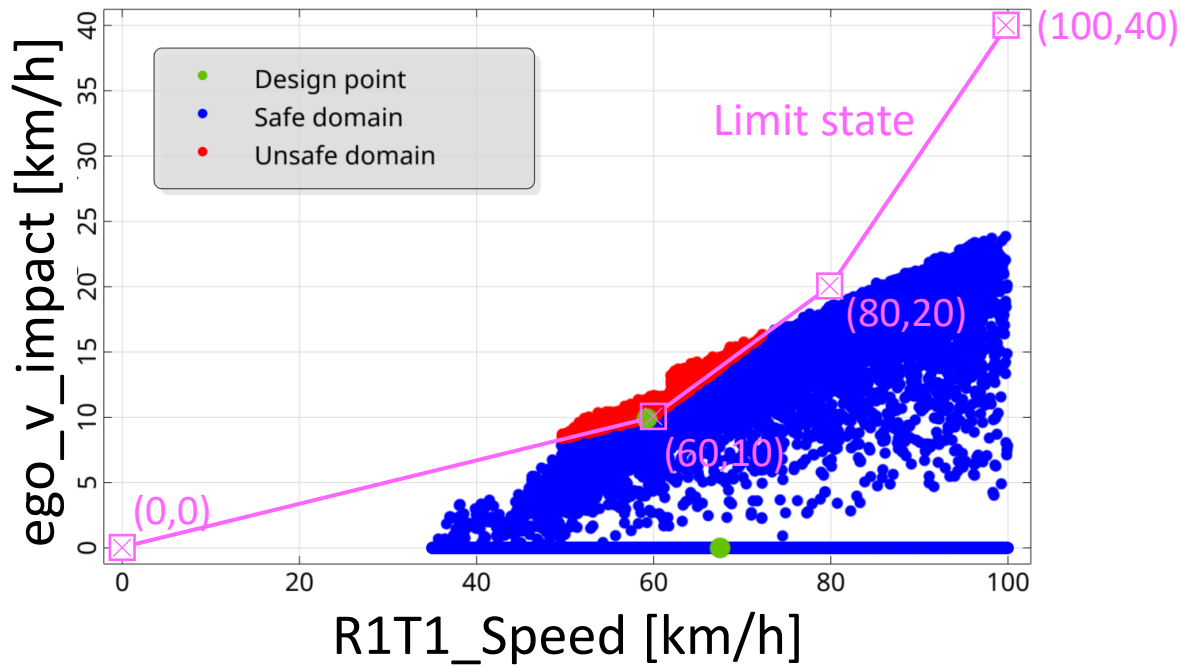
Name	Type	Expression	Criterion	Limit	Evaluated expression
▲ limit_state_def	Limit state	ego_v_impact	≤	limit_val	0 ≤ 13.75
fwo limit_val	Variable	extract(interpolate(signal([0,60,80,100],[0,10,20,40]),[v0],LINEAR,0,0),1)[0]			13.75
fwo ego_v_impact	Variable	#IF dist_R1T2_min >0.1 #THEN 0 #ELSE ego_v_min ←			0
fwo v0	Variable	DataTestRun.R1T1_Speed			67.5

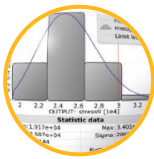


# Reliability Analyses: Limiting the impact velocity

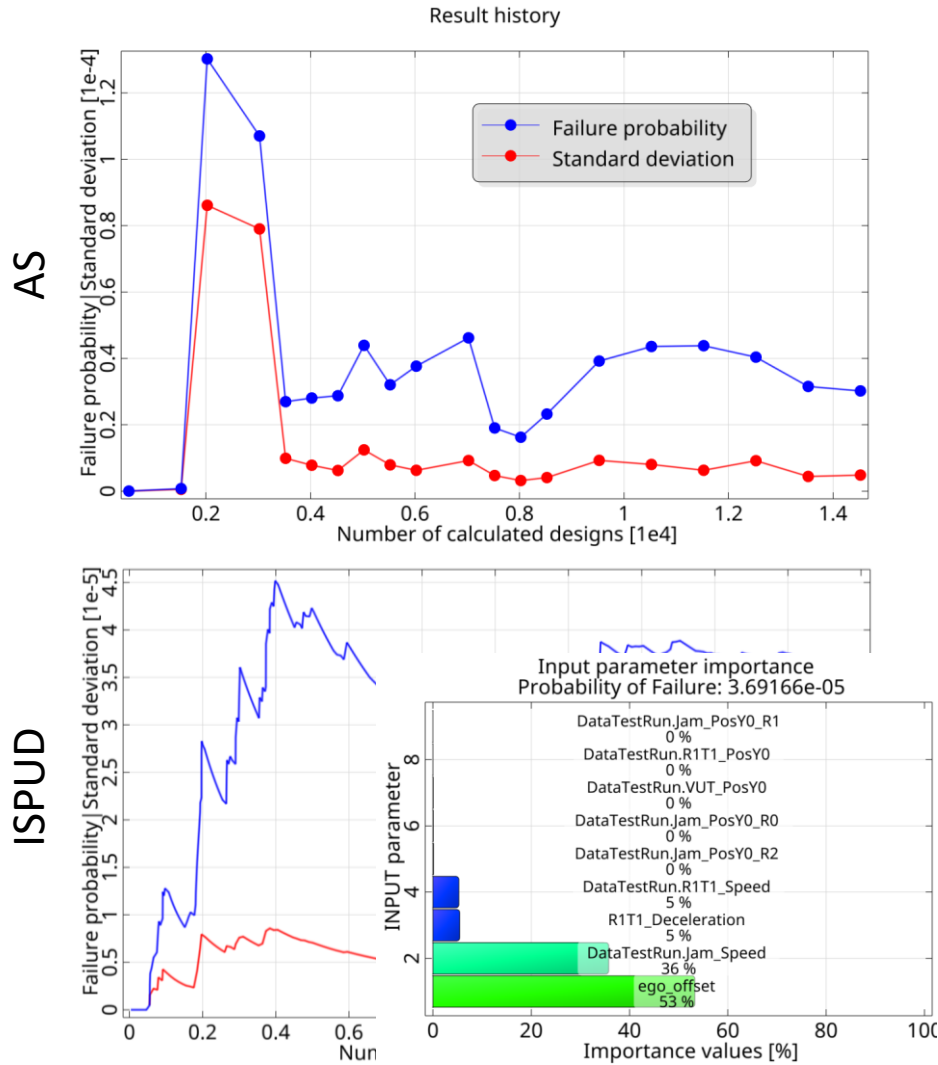
- exemplary shown results from the ISPUD analysis
- one unsafe domain with MPFPointDesign ●

R1T1_Speed	Jam_Speed	ego_offset
59.2 km/h	7.04 km/h	19.38 m





# Reliability Analyses: Limiting the impact velocity



Estimation the probability of exceeding the limit state function by means of:

- Adaptive Importance Sampling (**AS**) and
- Importance Sampling Procedure using Design Points (**ISPUD**)

**PoF = 3 / 100 000**



Algo.	no. samples	Iteration, Inkrements	PoF	Std.Dev.	CoV [%]
AS	14 500	20 / 20	<b>3.02E-05</b>	4.84E-06	16.0%
ISPUD	20 002	20 x 1000	<b>3.69E-05</b>	4.54E-06	12.3%

MC for COV=10%:  $n \geq 100/3.3e-05 \approx 3$  Million samples



# Conclusion

- scenario-based software in the loop testing of ADAS / AD functions
- automated workflows enable automated tests running overnight, e.g. after update of assistance function, of scenario-based simulation or of statistical models
- sensitivity study to scan ODD for collision-relevant scenario characteristics (edge and corner case identification)
- robustness analysis to estimate results/KPI variation and to identify safety critical inputs
- reliability analysis to efficiently quantify small probability for limit values, complex mathematical expressions can be used as limit states



# Nested Robustness Evaluation in Multi-objective Design Optimization Validation

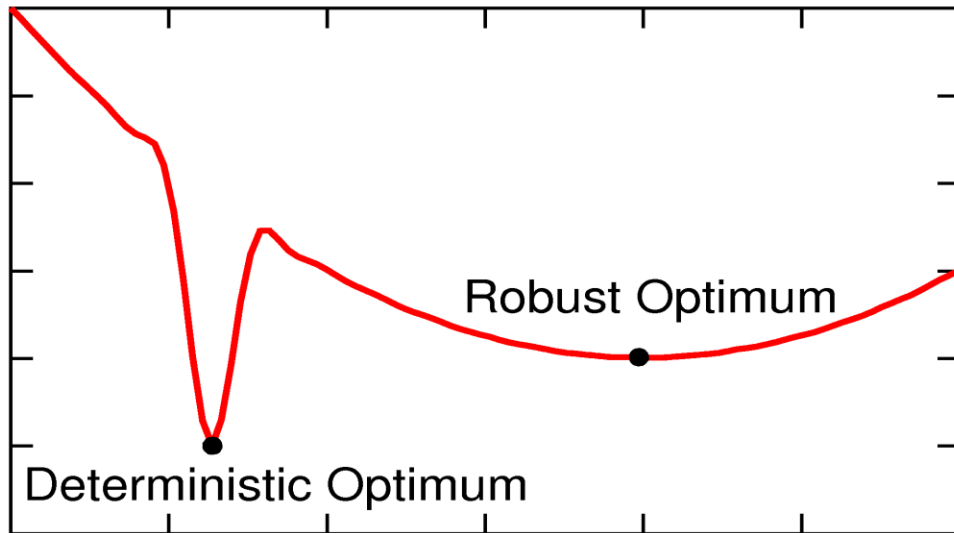
# How to Define the Robustness of a Design?

- **Intuitively:** The performance of a robust design is largely unaffected by random perturbations
- **Variance indicator:** The coefficient of variation (CoV) of the objective function and/or constraint values is not greater than the CoV of the input variables
- **Sigma level:** Keep an undesired performance outside an interval of mean +/- sigma level (e.g. design for six-sigma)
- **Probability indicator (Reliability analysis):** The probability of reaching undesired performance is smaller than an acceptable value



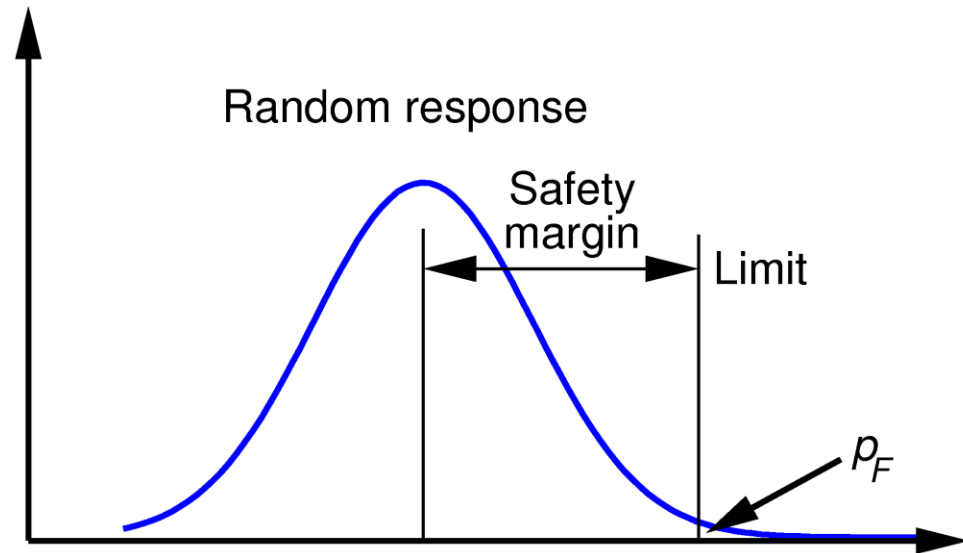
# How to Define the Robustness of a Design?

## Robustness in terms of stability



- Performance (objective) of robust optimum is less sensitive to input uncertainties
- Minimization of statistical evaluation of objective function  $f$  (e.g. minimize mean and/or standard deviation)

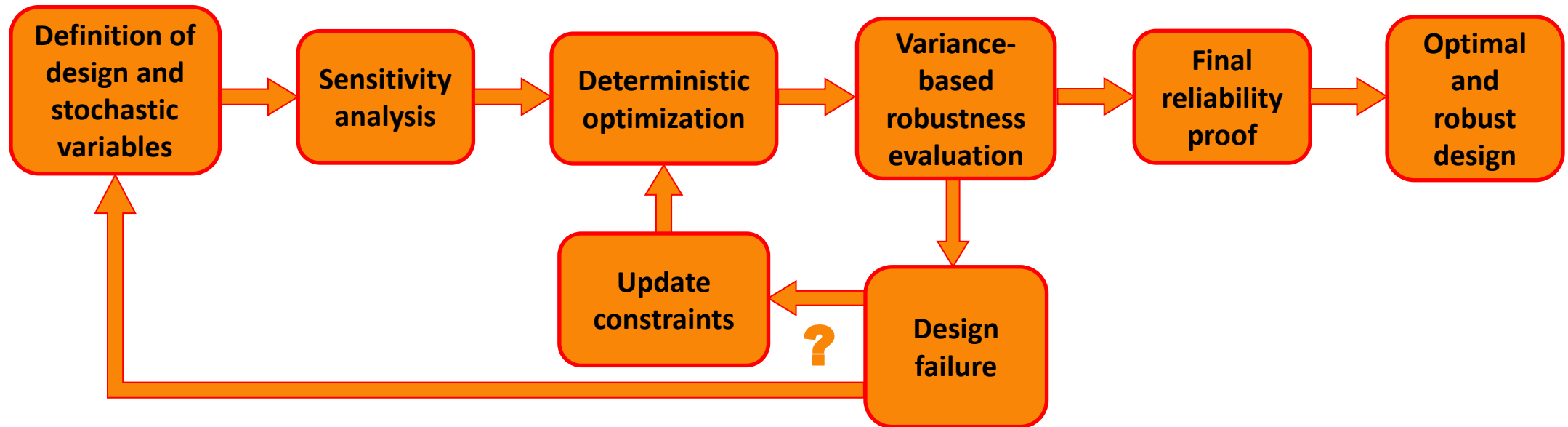
## Robustness in terms of requirements



- Safety margin (sigma level) of one or more responses  $y$ :
- Reliability (failure probability) with respect to given limit state

# Iterative (single objective) Robust Design Optimization

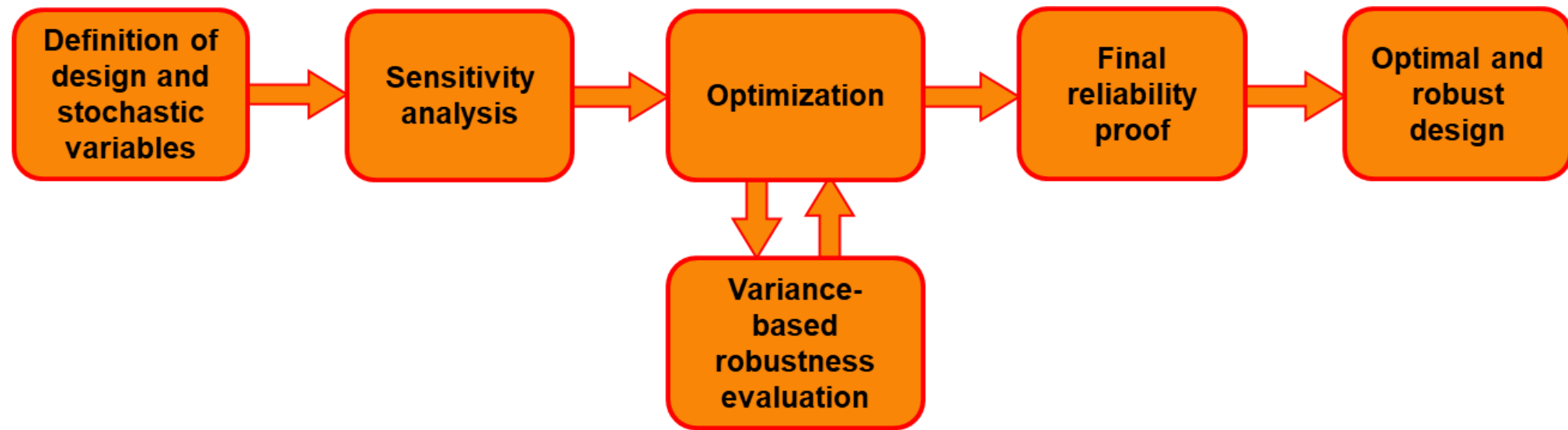
- Decoupled optimization and robustness/reliability analysis
  - For each optimization run the safety factors are adjusted for the critical model responses
- In our implementation variance-based robustness analysis is used inside the iteration and a final reliability proof is performed for the final design





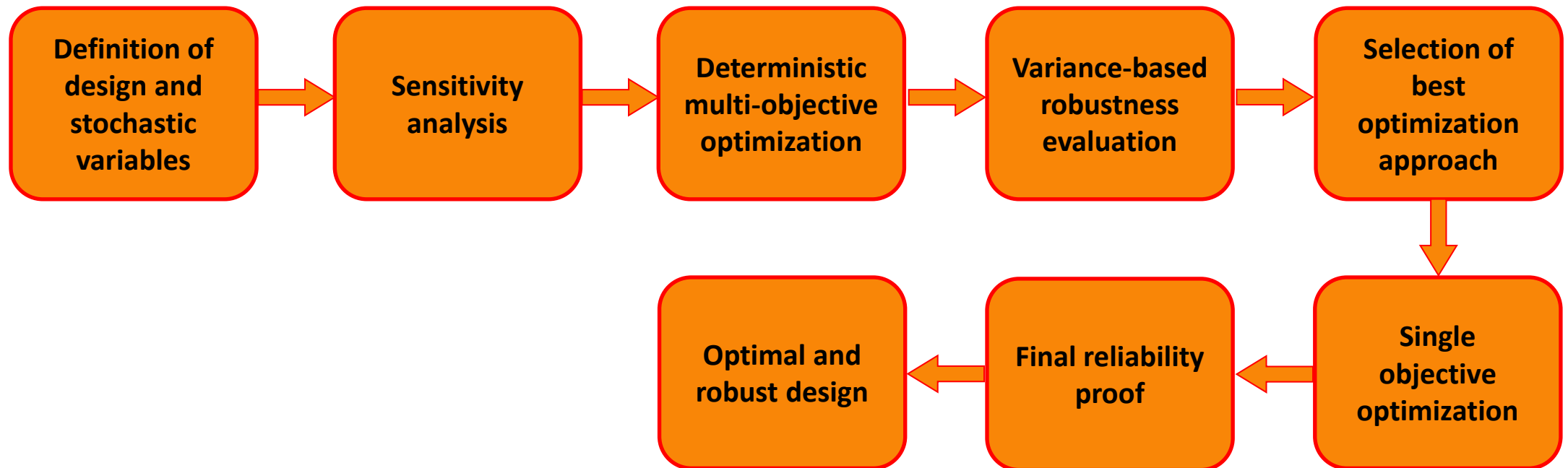
# / Coupled (single objective) Robust Design Optimization

- Fully coupled optimization and robustness/reliability analysis
  - For each optimization (nominal) design the robustness/reliability analysis is performed
- Implementation uses small sample variance-based robustness measures during the optimization ( $\geq 10$  Designs) and a final (more accurate) reliability proof
- But still the procedure is often not applicable to complex CAE models



# Hybrid Robust Design Optimization

- Decoupled multi-objective optimization and robustness/reliability analysis
- For each validation design from the optimization run averaged performances are acquired
- Applicable to variance- and reliability-based RDO

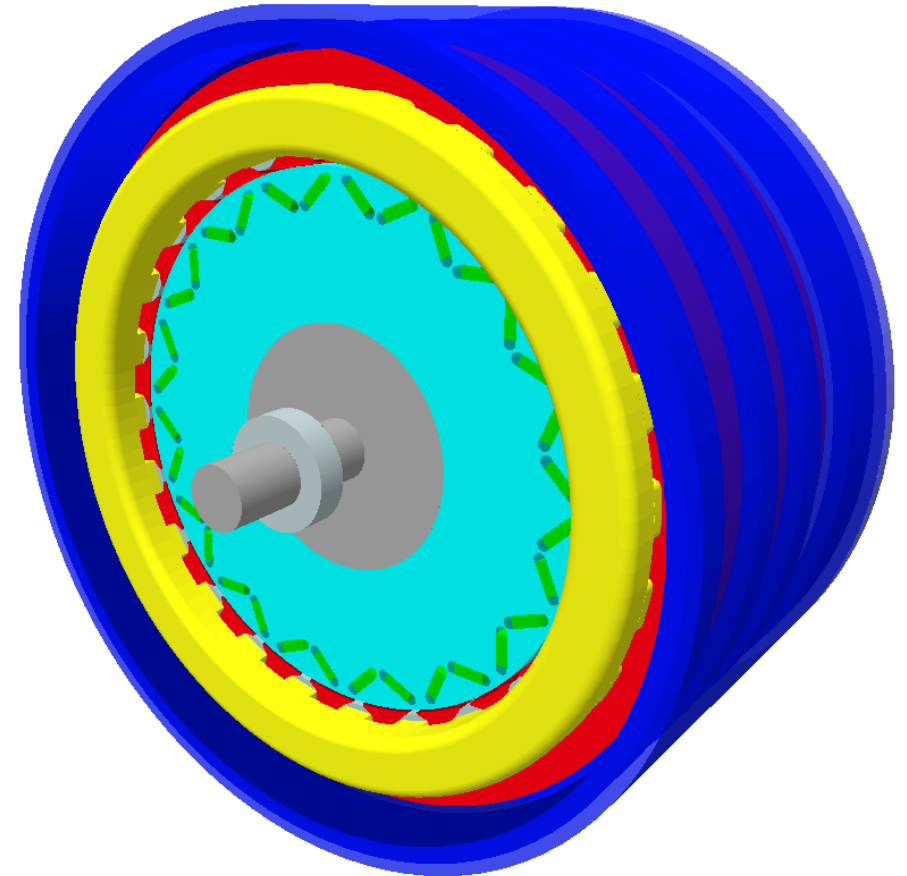




Example

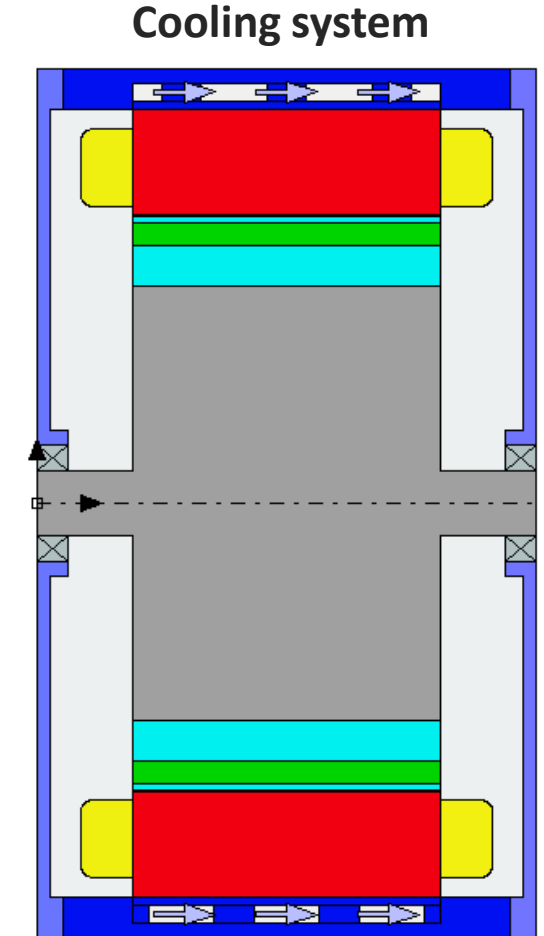
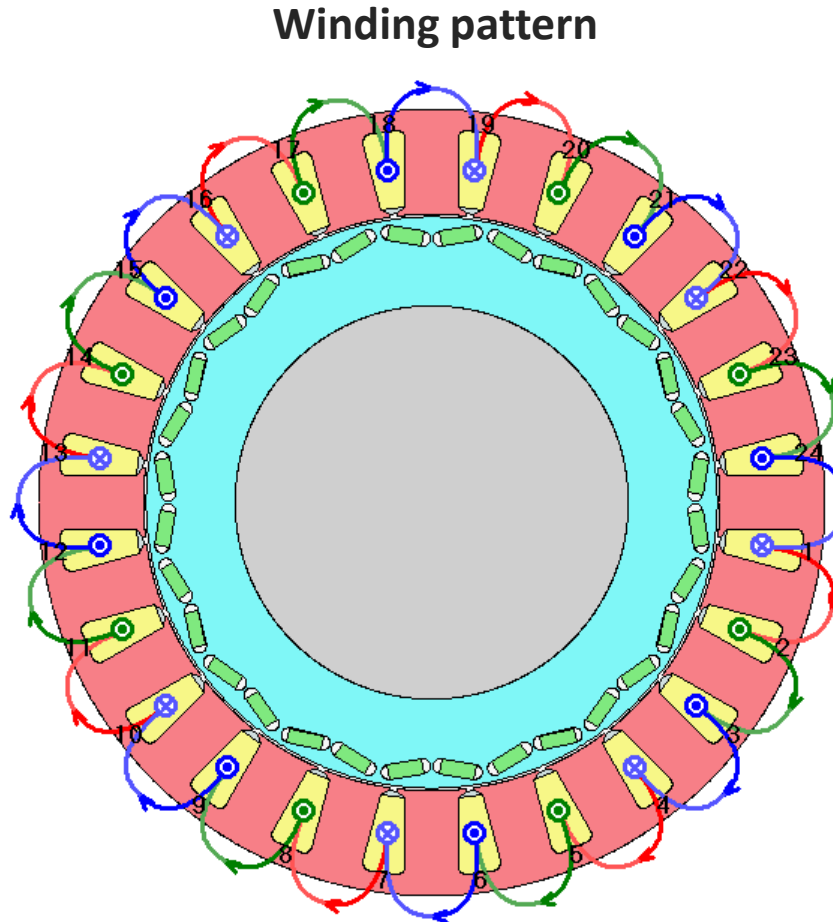
# Specification

Requirement	Value	Unit
Peak torque	400	Nm
Peak power @ 3krpm, 6krpm	120, 100	kW
Cont. torque @ 1krpm, 5krpm	300, 124	Nm
Maximum speed	7000	Rpm
Cooling system	WJ	
Coolant flow rate	≤ 6.5	l/min
Coolant fluid type	EWG	
Coolant inlet temperature	65	°C
Line current	≤ 500	A <sub>rms</sub>
DC bus voltage	350	V
Package envelope	330 (Φ) x 220	mm



# Concept Design

- **Machine topology:**
  - Stator slots = 24
  - Rotor poles = 16
  - V-shaped magnets
- **Materials:**
  - Magnets: N48UH
  - Magnetic cores: 235-35A
- **Winding:**
  - Double-layer, concentrated
  - Parallel paths per phase = 6
- **Geometry:**
  - Stator diameter (mm) = 300
  - Mechanical airgap (mm) = 1



# Optimization Scenario

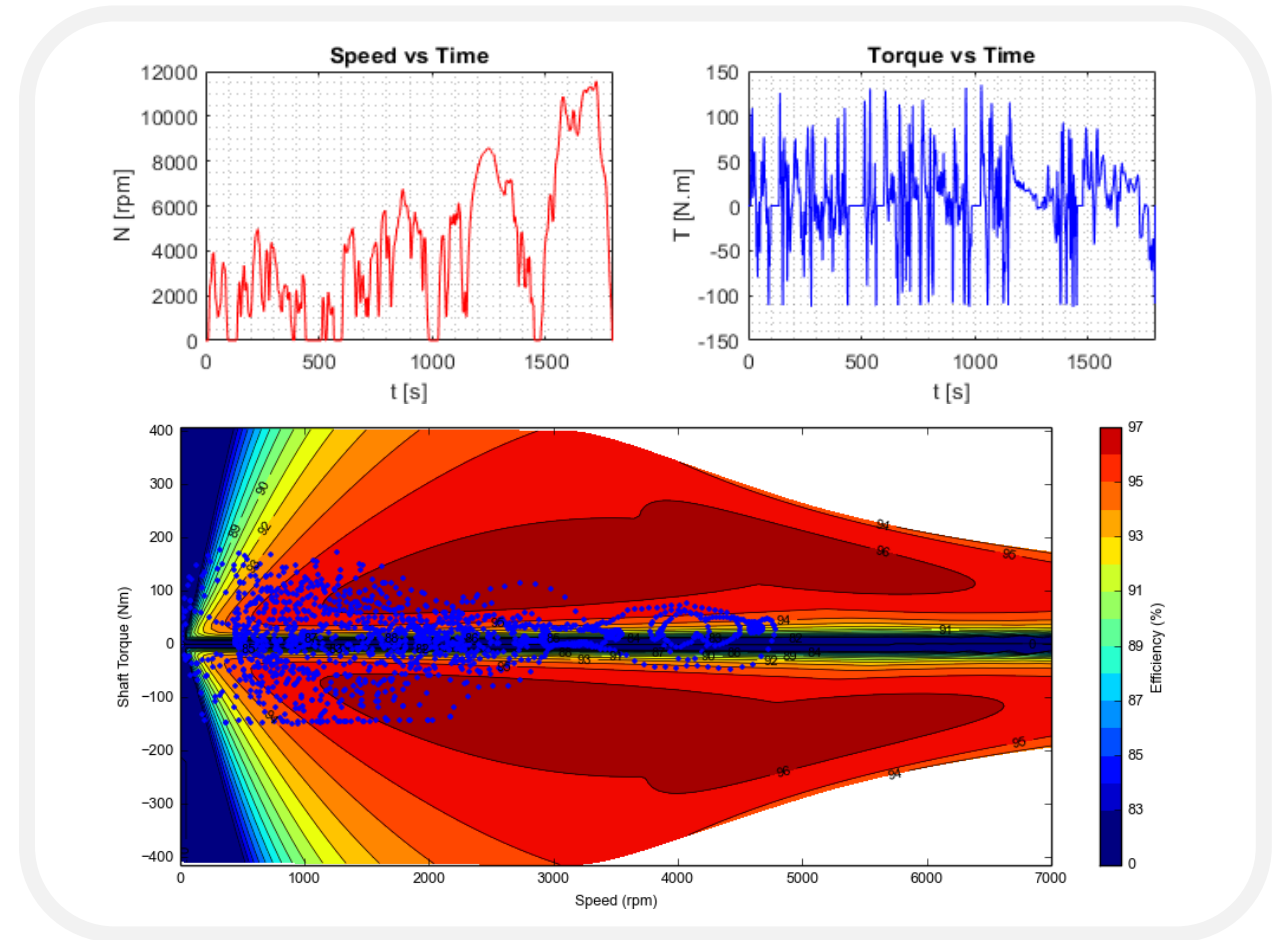
- **Objectives:**

- Maximum efficiency over WLTP-3
- Minimum active volume

- **Constraints:**

- Continuous torque (Nm) @ 1krpm  $\geq 300$
- Continuous torque (Nm) @ 5krpm  $\geq 124$
- Peak power (kW) @ 3krpm  $\geq 120$
- Peak power (kW) @ 6krpm  $\geq 100$
- Torque ripples (%) @ 1krpm  $\leq 10$
- Von-Mises stress (MPa) @ 8.4krpm  $\leq 300$

## WLTP-3 Drive Cycle



# Initial Design Space

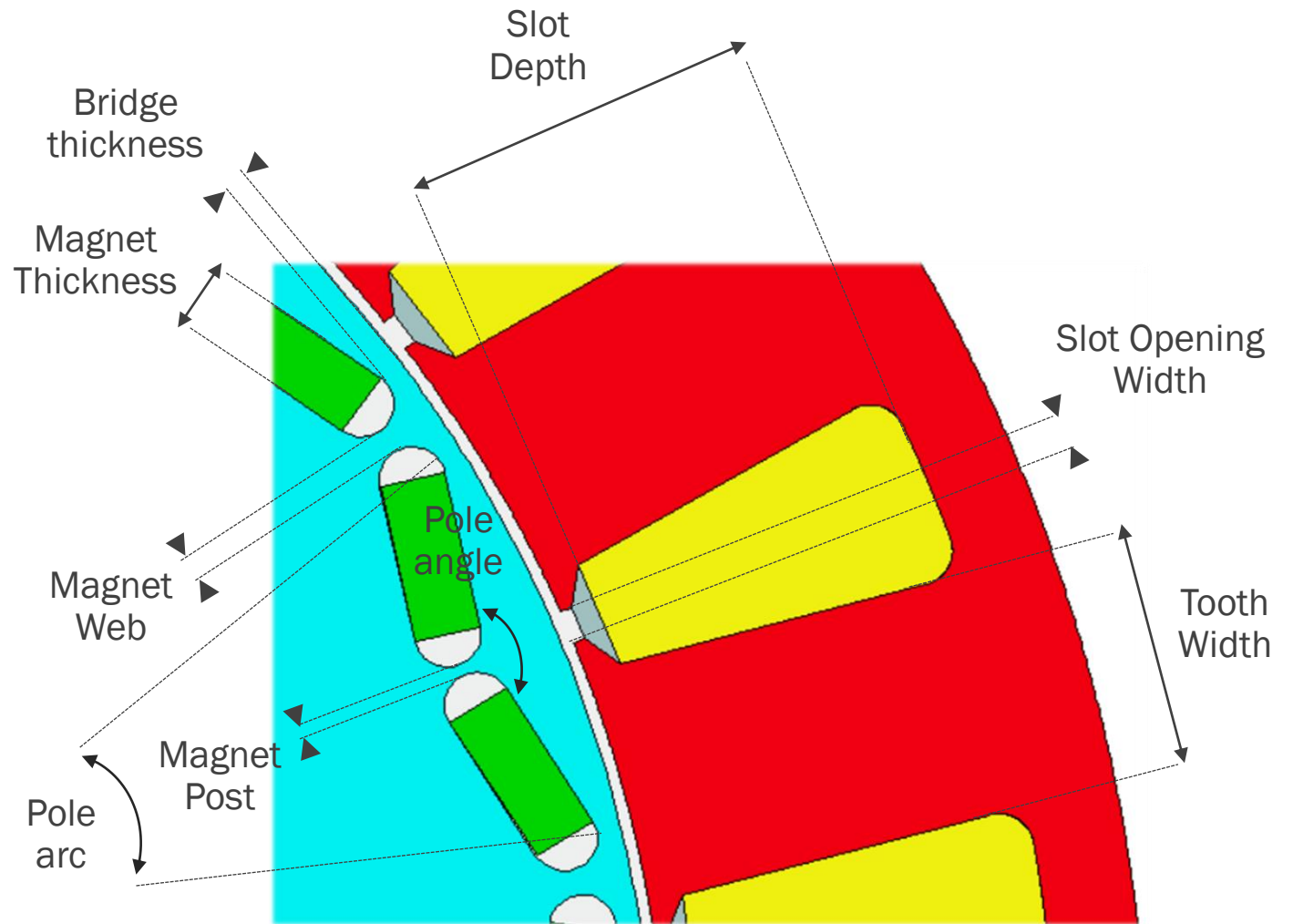
Parameter	Range	Unit
Active length	[70; 150]	mm
Bridge thickness	[0.4; 3]	mm
Magnet post	[0.4; 3]	mm
Magnet thickness	[4; 10]	mm
Pole arc ratio	[0.7; 1]	
Pole V angle	[90; 180]	°
Slot depth ratio <sup>1</sup>	[0.45; 0.8]	
Slot width ratio <sup>2</sup>	[0.4; 0.7]	
Split ratio <sup>3</sup>	[0.58; 0.85]	
Slot opening ratio <sup>4</sup>	[0.2; 0.8]	

<sup>1</sup> Slot Depth / (Slot Depth + Stator Back Iron Thickness)

<sup>2</sup> Slot Width / (Slot Width + Stator Tooth Width)

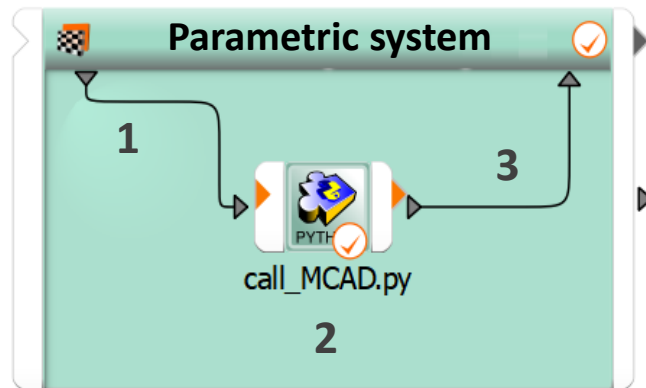
<sup>3</sup> Stator Inner Diameter / Stator Outer Diameter

<sup>4</sup> Slot Opening Width / Slot Pitch

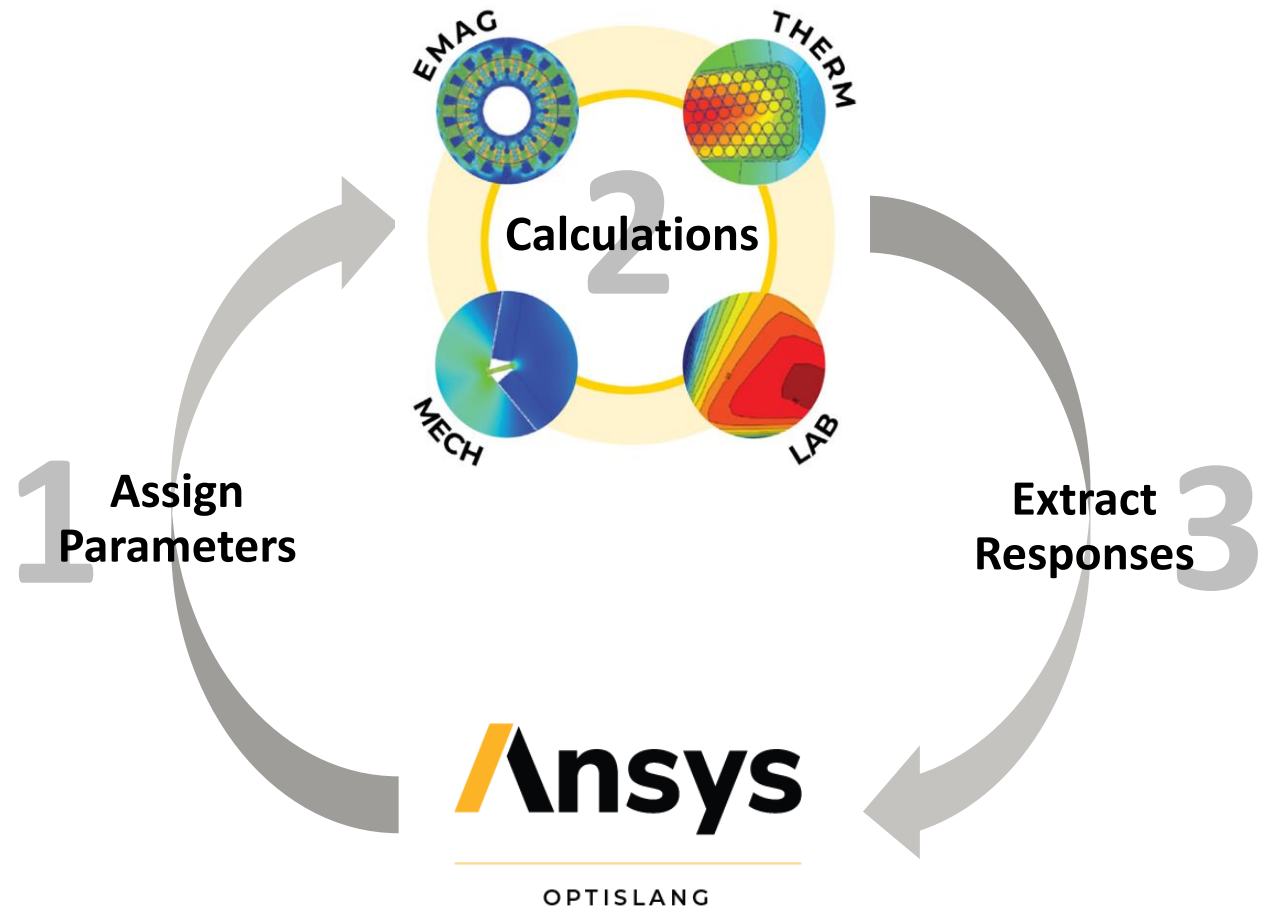


# Motor-CAD Integration

- Motor-CAD is ActiveX driven through Python environment in order to:
  1. Assign input design parameters
  2. Run multiphysics calculations
  3. Extract output performance data



- ActiveX controls can be found in Motor-CAD in one click.

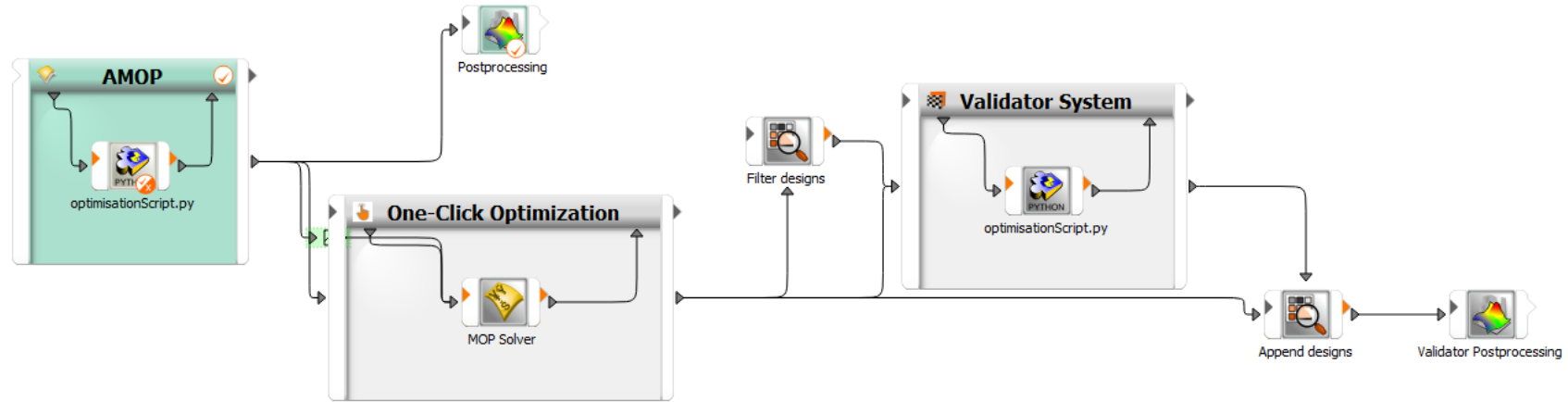




# AMOP results

# / Multi-objective optimization

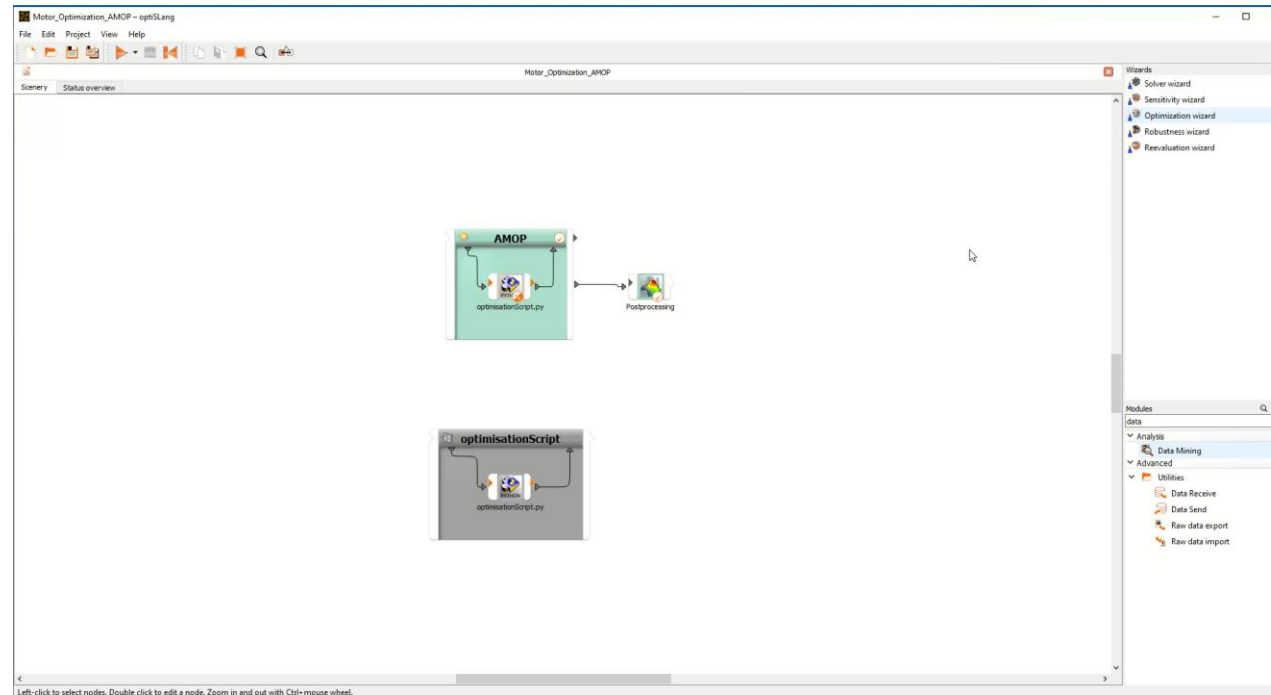
- Optimization Wizard to build Multi-objective optimization



Automatic Build Process with One-Click-Optimization and Validation

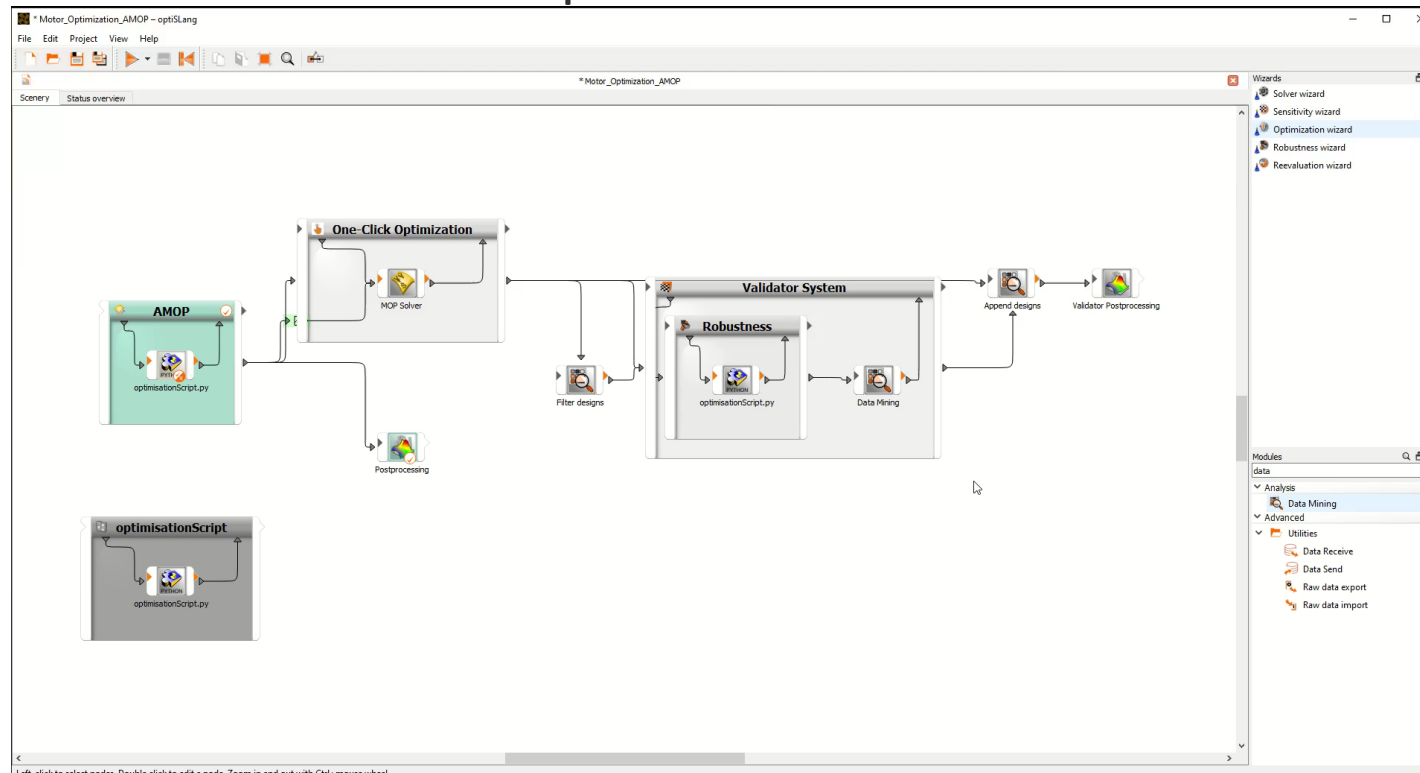
# Variance-based robustness evaluation for best designs

- Optimization Wizard to build Multi-objective optimization
  - Add Robustness System to Validator System
  - “Last Chance” to add stochastic Properties for the Parameters



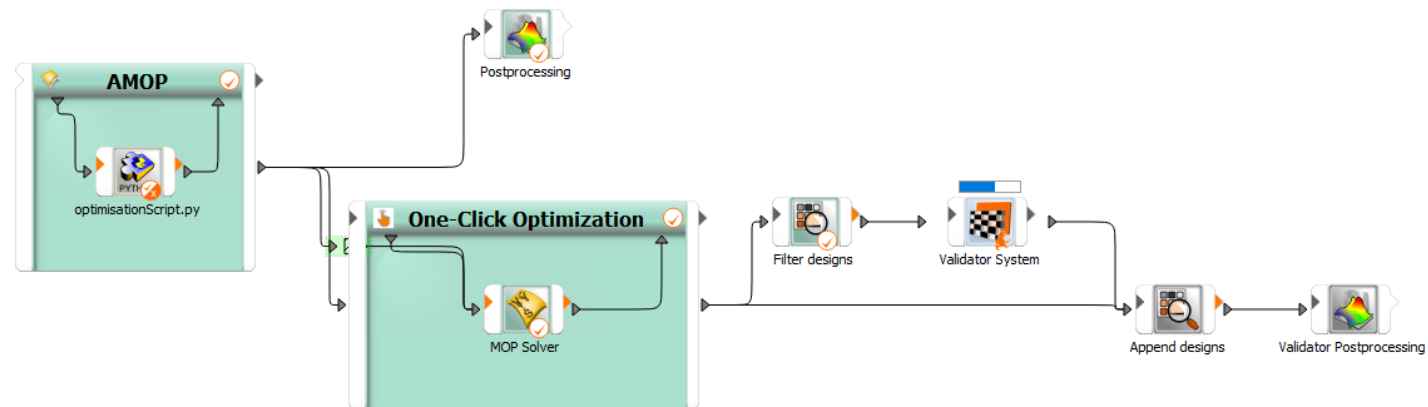
# Variance-based robustness evaluation for best designs

- Optimization Wizard to build Multi-objective optimization
  - Add Robustness System to Validator System
  - “Last Chance” to add stochastic Properties for the Parameters



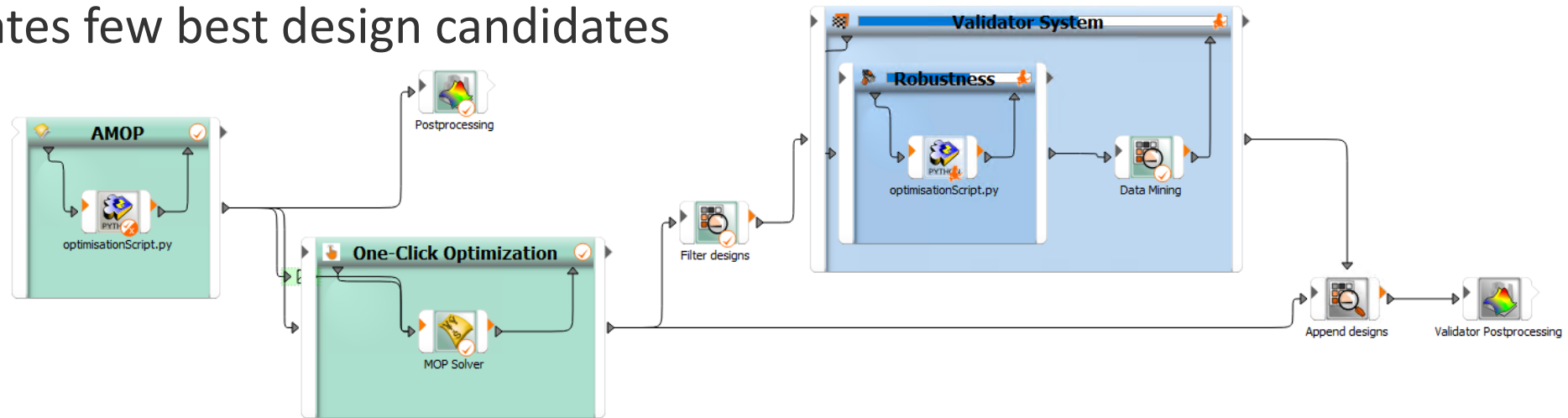
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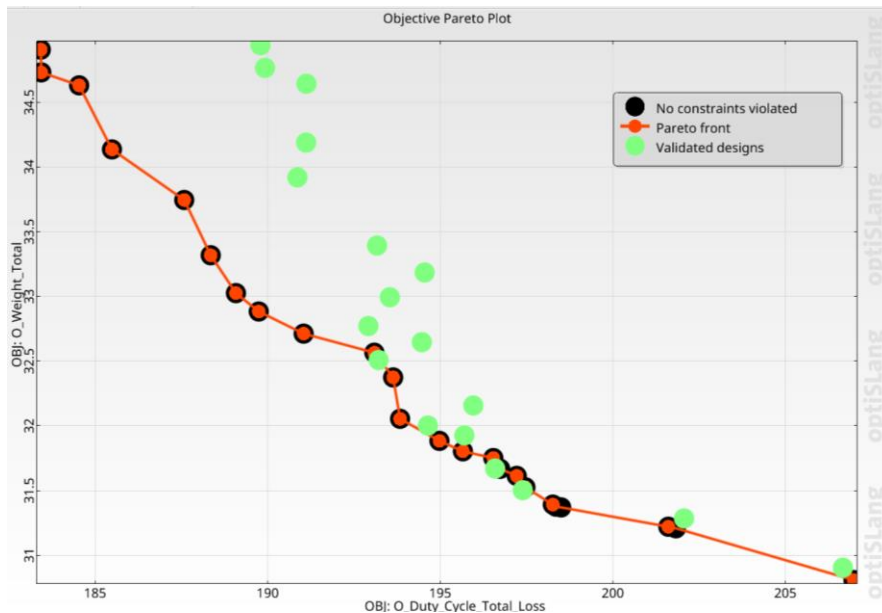
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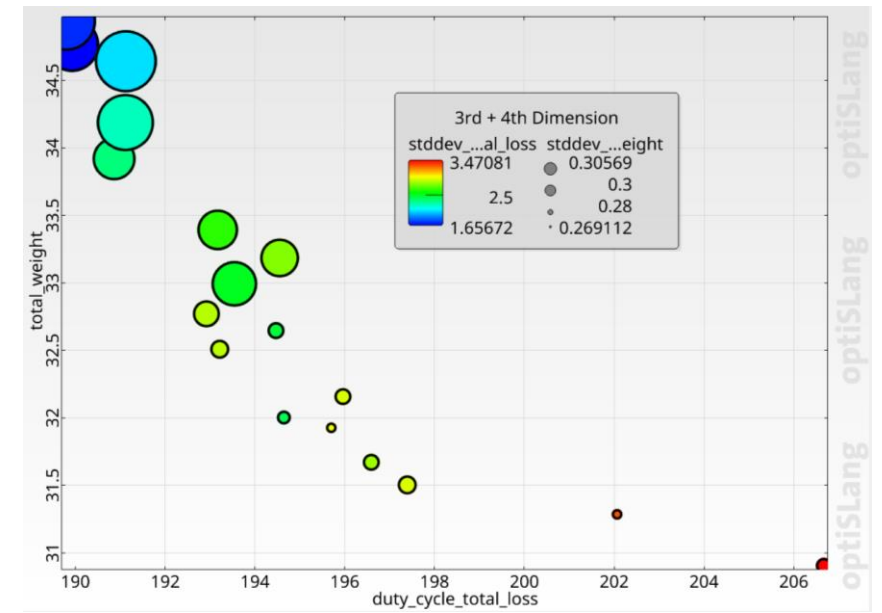
# Validation results

# Summary

- Hybrid Approach shows non-approximated Pareto front with Standard deviation
  - Compromise Evaluation can be done with Robustness in mind
  - Fragility Curves could be incorporated



Pareto-Front in Black/ Red as Approximation and Green from the Validation



Pareto-Front with Standard Deviation of the two objectives



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# Process Integration

Parametric model as base for:

- User-defined optimization (design) space
- Naturally given robustness (random) space

## Design variables

Entities that define the design space  
(Parameter type: Optimization)

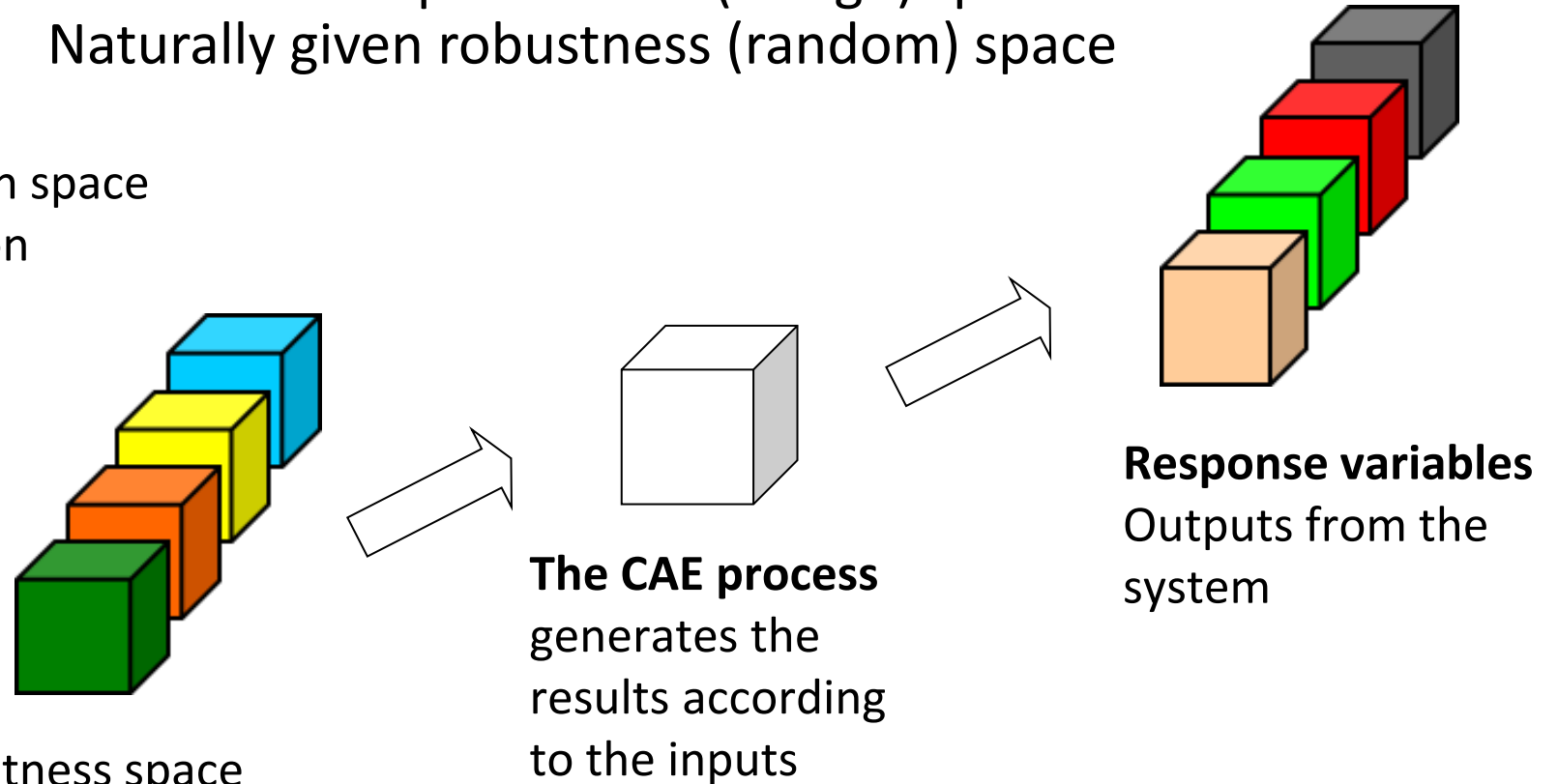
Name	Parameter type
Parameter_0	Optimization

**Input variables**

- Optimization
- Stochastic
- Opt.+Stoch.
- Dependent

## Scattering variables

Entities that define the robustness space  
(Parameter type: Stochastic)



# / Input and Response Variables

- **Scalar design variables:**
  - of value type REAL, INTEGER, STRING and BOOL
  - and with resolution of continuous, discrete and binary
- **Scalar stochastic variables** with continuous resolution

Value type	Resolution	Range	Range plot
REAL	Continuous	8 10	
STRING	Nominal discrete	steel; wood; aluminium	No order
INTEGER	Discrete by value	[0-100];	
BOOL	Ordinal discrete (by index)	false; true	

*design variables*

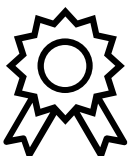
PDF	Type	Mean	Std. Dev.	CoV	Distribution parameter
	LOGNORMAL	0.02	0.01	50 %	-4.02359; 0.472381
	EXPONENTIAL	1	2	200 %	2; -1
	NORMAL	20	1	5 %	20; 1

*stochastic variables*

*Input variables*

- **Scalar responses** with continuous resolution
- **Vector responses** with continuous resolution having variable length
- **Signal responses** having variable length and several channels
- **2D and 3D field data** using enterprise add-on (Statistics on Structure SoS)

*Response variables  
Numeric values only*



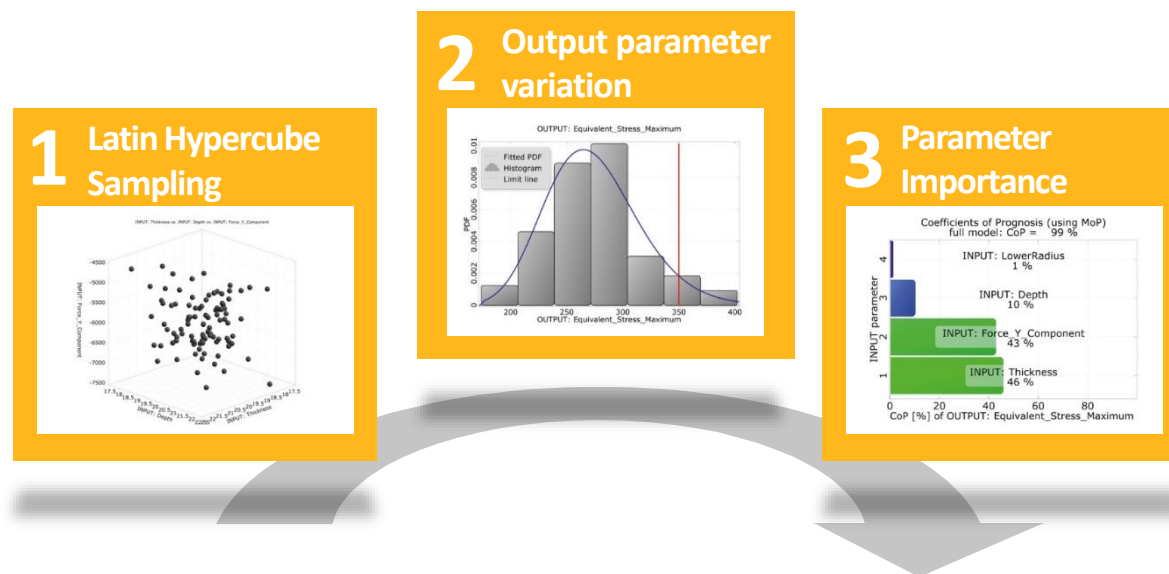
# Verify Design Quality by Robustness Analysis

## Before Scenario

- High entry barrier to start with robustness
- High simulation effort using standard Monte-Carlo approach
- Optimum not check against manufacturing scattering
- No quantification of risks
- No ranking of parameter scatter (Tolerances)

## After Scenario

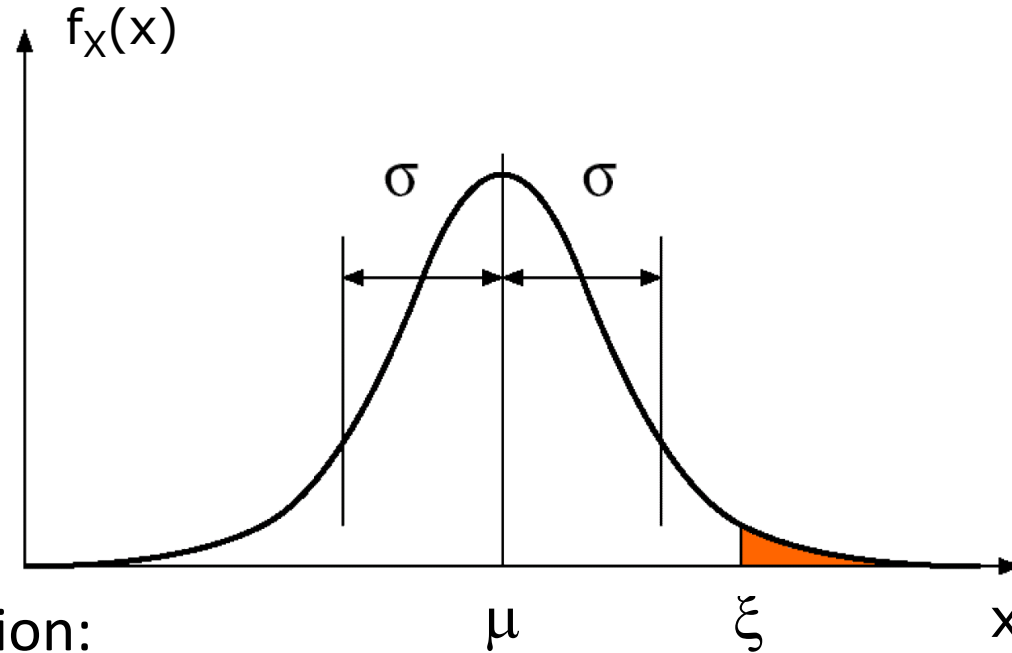
- Quantification of variable scatter as qualified input for subsequent stochastic analysis
- Easy setup of robustness & reliability analysis
- Automatic ranking of parameter scatter
- Less simulation even for small probability of failure



- **Powerful procedure to check design quality: Robustness evaluation with optimized DoE, Proof of Reliability with leading edge algorithms even for multiple failure regions.**
- **Statistical analysis of input correlations and fit of distribution functions.**
- **Guided wizards for easy and safe usage.**

# Exceedance Probability

- Probability of reaching values above a limit



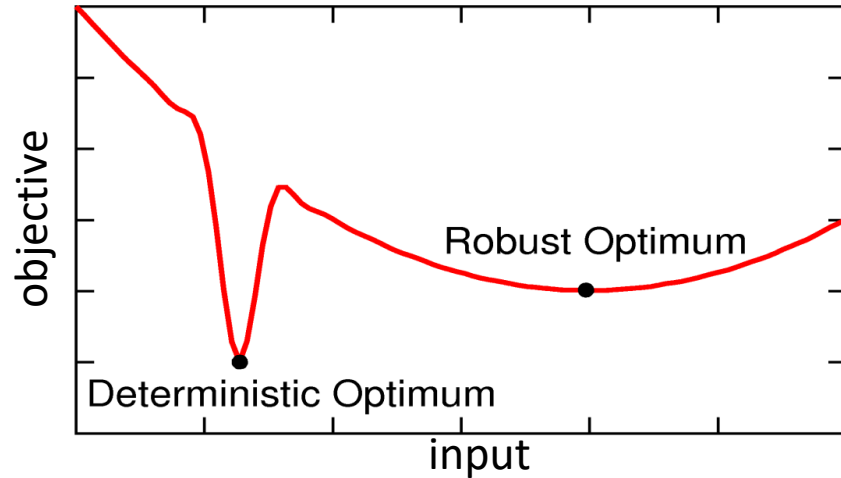
- For Gaussian distribution:

$$P_\xi = P[X \geq \xi]$$

$\xi$	$\mu$	$\mu + \sigma$	$\mu + 2\sigma$	$\mu + 3\sigma$	$\mu + 4\sigma$	$\mu + 5\sigma$
$P_\xi$	$5.0 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$3.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$2.9 \cdot 10^{-7}$

# How to Define the Robustness of a Design?

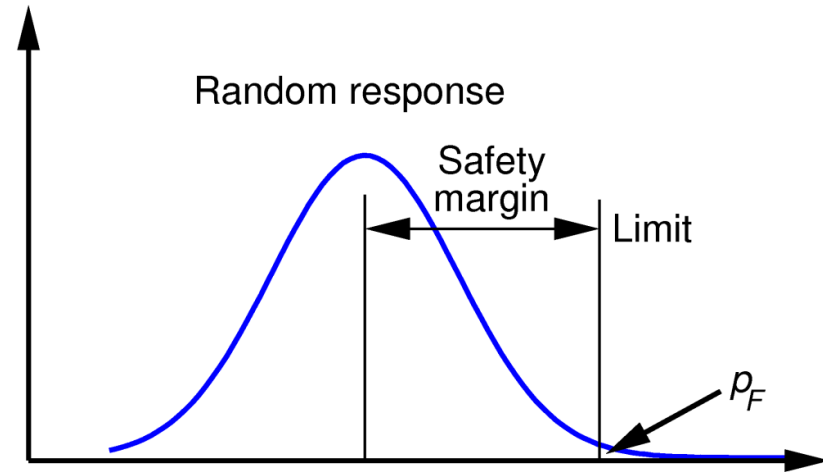
## Robustness in terms of stability



- Performance (objective) of robust optimum is less sensitive to input uncertainties
- Minimization of statistical evaluation of objective function  $f$  (e.g. minimize mean and/or standard deviation):

$$\bar{f} \rightarrow \min \text{ or } \bar{f} + \sigma_f \rightarrow \min$$

## Robustness in terms of requirements



- Safety margin (sigma level) of one or more responses  $y$ :

$$(y_{limit} - \mu_Y) / \sigma_Y \geq a$$

- Reliability (failure probability) with respect to given limit state:

$$p_F \leq p_F^{target}$$

# / How to Define the Robustness of a Design?

- **Intuitively:** The performance of a robust design is largely unaffected by random perturbations
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Variance based  
robustness analysis



Probability based  
reliability analysis

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→ **Probability based reliability analysis**

Variance based robustness analysis

increasing level of failure probability



not important

frequently

rarely  $\approx 1/1000$

very rarely

increasing level of uncertainty knowledge

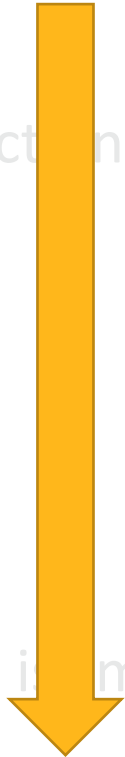


unaware

estimated

qualified

increasing level of analysis complexity



low effort

Independent limit(s) only

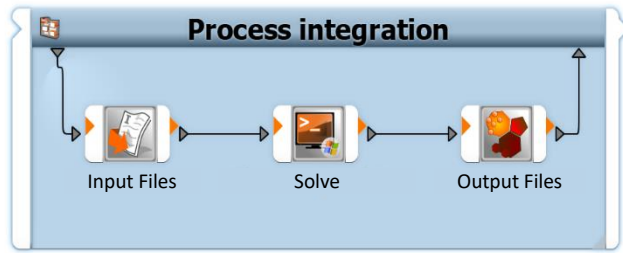
several limits / limit functions

high effort

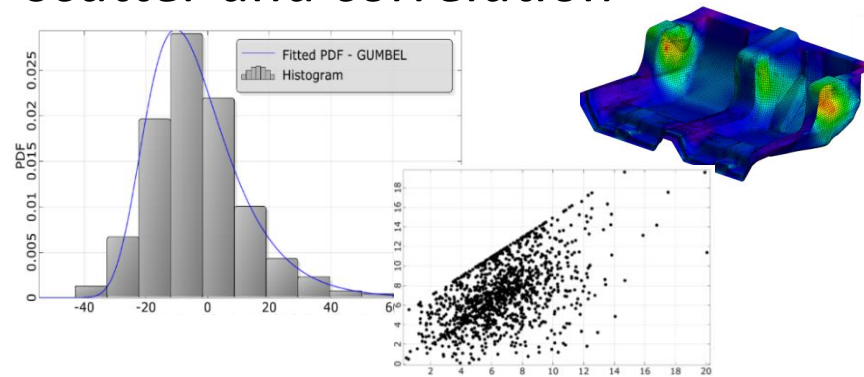


# Variance and Reliability Based Robustness Analysis

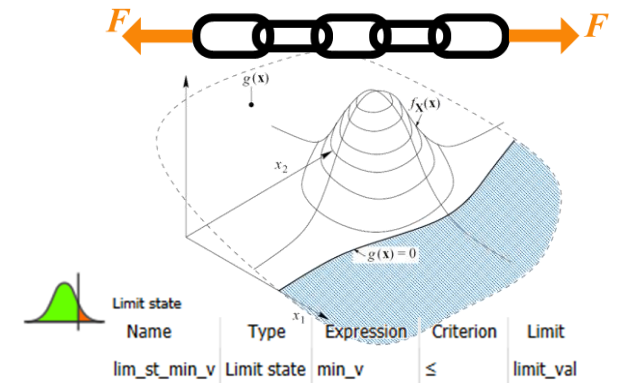
1. automate simulation workflow



2. derive and include parameter scatter and correlation

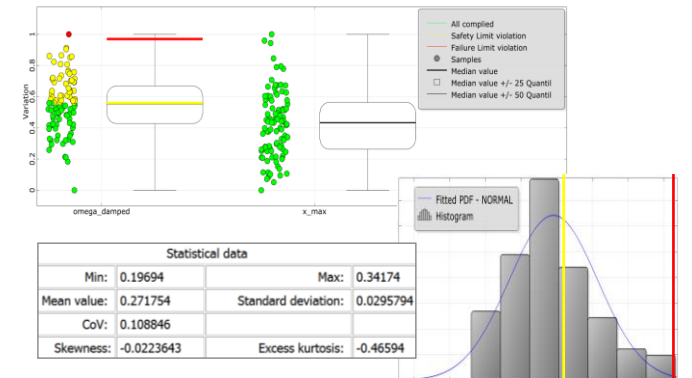


3. define limit state

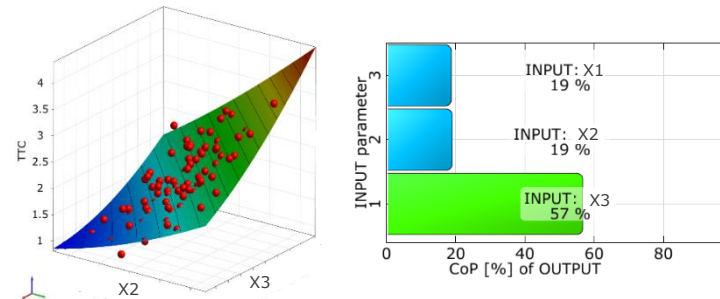


Run Analysis

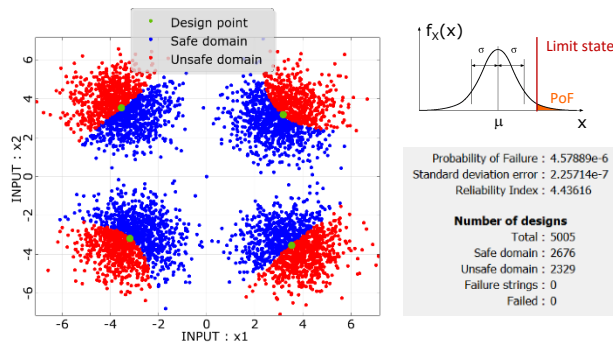
4. check the variation



5. parameter importance by robustness analysis

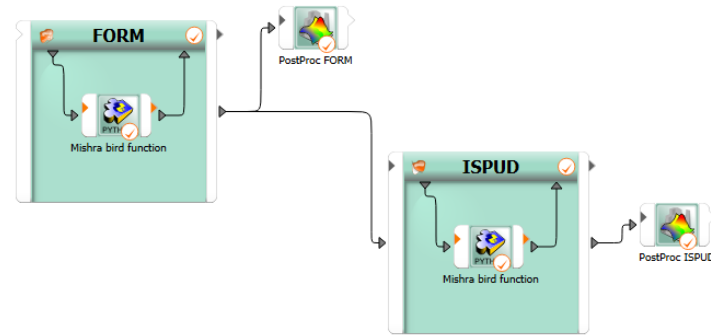


6. quantify uncertainty by reliability analysis



# FORM (\*) + ISPUD

(\*) default settings



PoF = 1.3e-06

## Method : First Order Reliability Method (FORM)

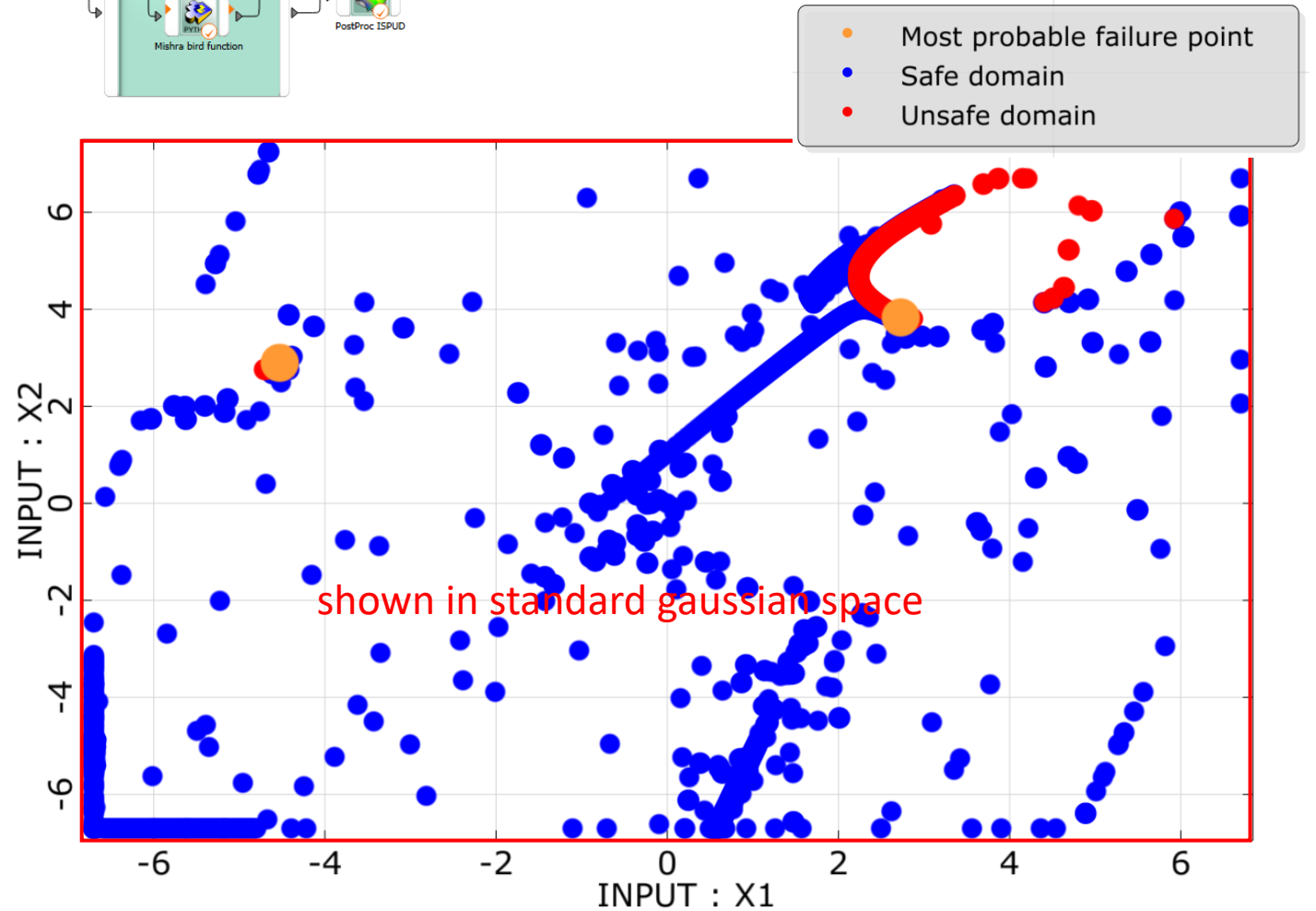
Probability of Failure : 1.3153e-06  
Reliability Index : 4.69774

### Number of designs

Total : 65881  
Safe domain : 64634  
Unsafe domain : 1247  
Failure strings : 0  
Failed : 0

### Most probable failure point(s)

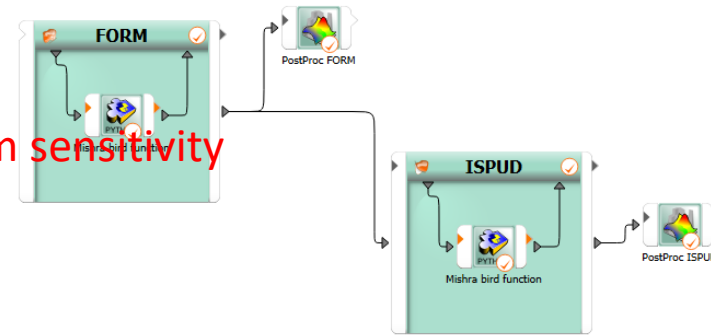
ID :	25415	20266
<b>Input parameter values</b>		
X1 :	-3.77261	-8.84384
X2 :	-2.60422	-1.79514
Reliability index (FORM) :	4.70378	5.37471
Probability of failure (FORM) :	1.27696e-06	3.83536e-08



# FORM (\*) + ISPUD

(\*) 13 start design violating limit from sensitivity study, no further initial samples, desired accuracy = 0.005

PoF = 1.3e-06



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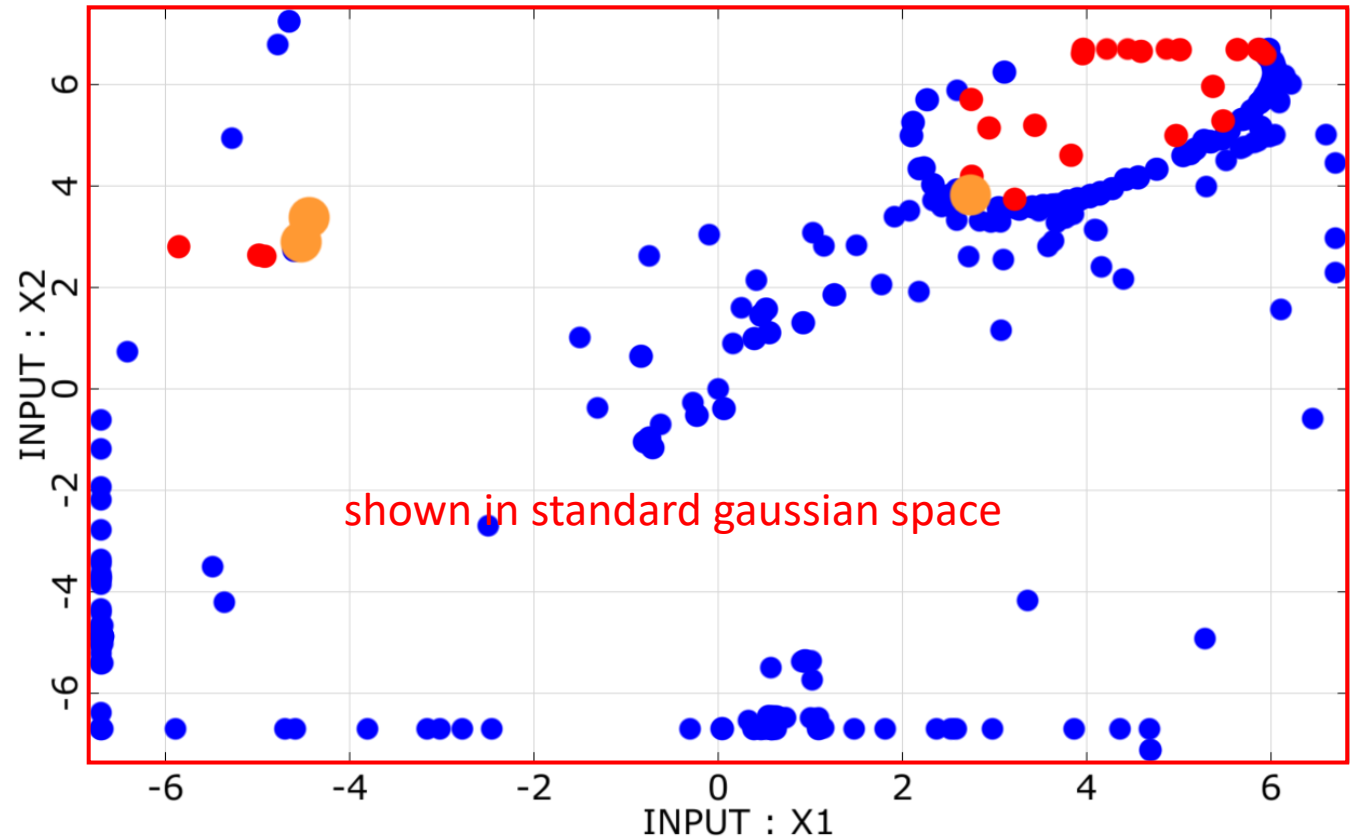
Probability of Failure : 1.31819e-06  
Reliability Index : 4.69729

### Number of designs

Total : 890  
Safe domain : 734  
Unsafe domain : 156  
Failure strings : 0  
Failed : 0

### Most probable failure point(s)

	ID : 406	886	455
<b>Input parameter values</b>			
X1 :	-3.76305	-8.84377	-8.87509
X2 :	-2.61315	-1.79501	-1.43022
Reliability index (FORM) :	4.70337	5.37468	5.58037
Probability of failure (FORM) :	1.2795e-06	3.83591e-08	1.20003e-08



# Concrete Scenario 107 with most drastic TTC drop

