

# Robustness Analysis with LS-OPT<sup>®</sup>

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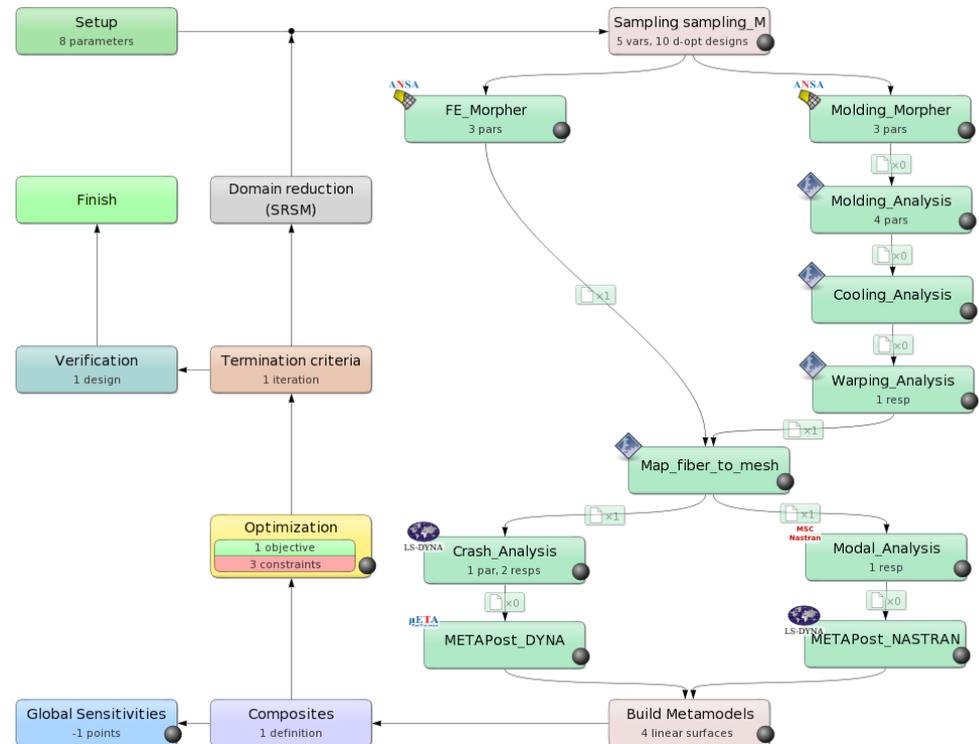
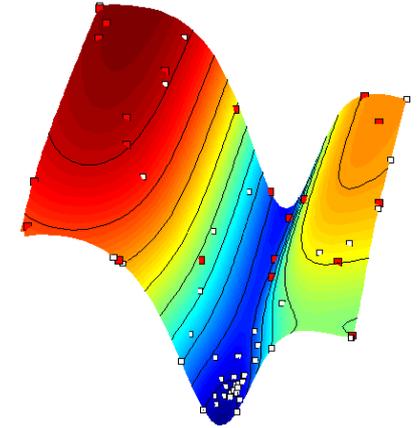
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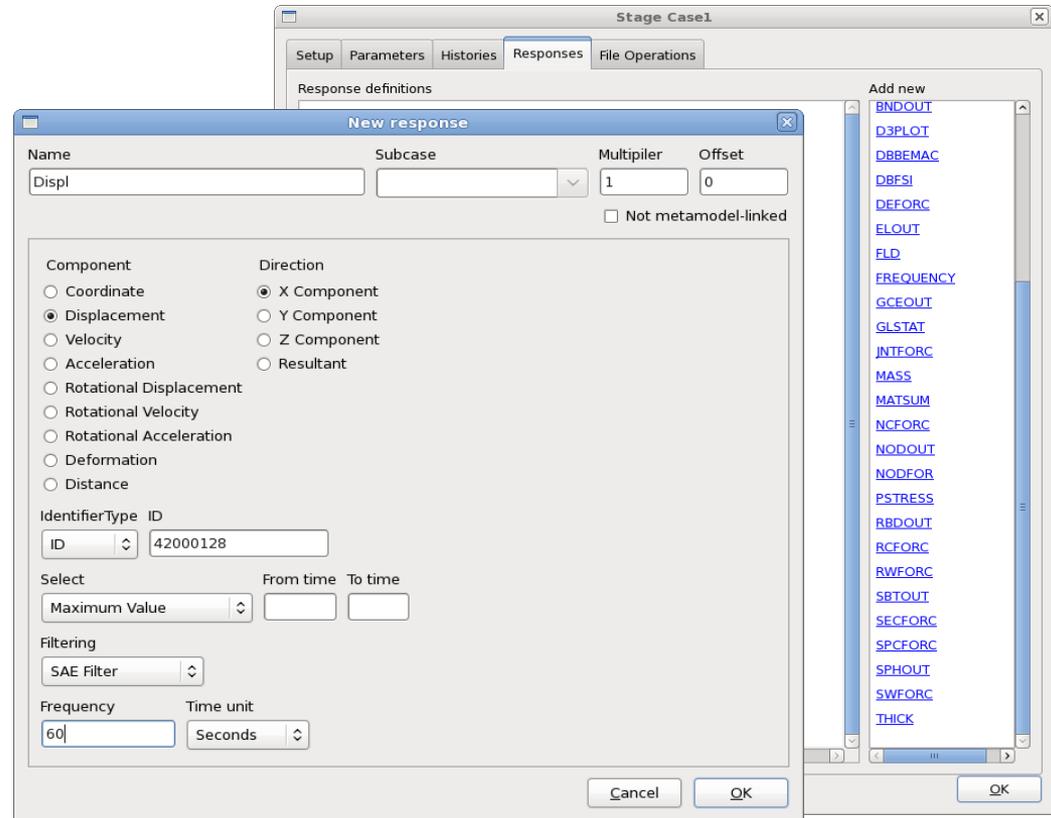
# About LS-OPT

- LS-OPT is a standalone optimization software
  - ➔ can be linked to any simulation code
- Interface to LS-DYNA, MSC-Nastran, Excel, Matlab
- User-defined interface
- Interfaces to preprocessors, e.g. for shape optimization
  - Interface to LS-PrePost, ANSA, Hypermorph, ...
  - User-defined interface to any preprocessor
- Result extraction
  - Interface to META Post
  - User-defined interface



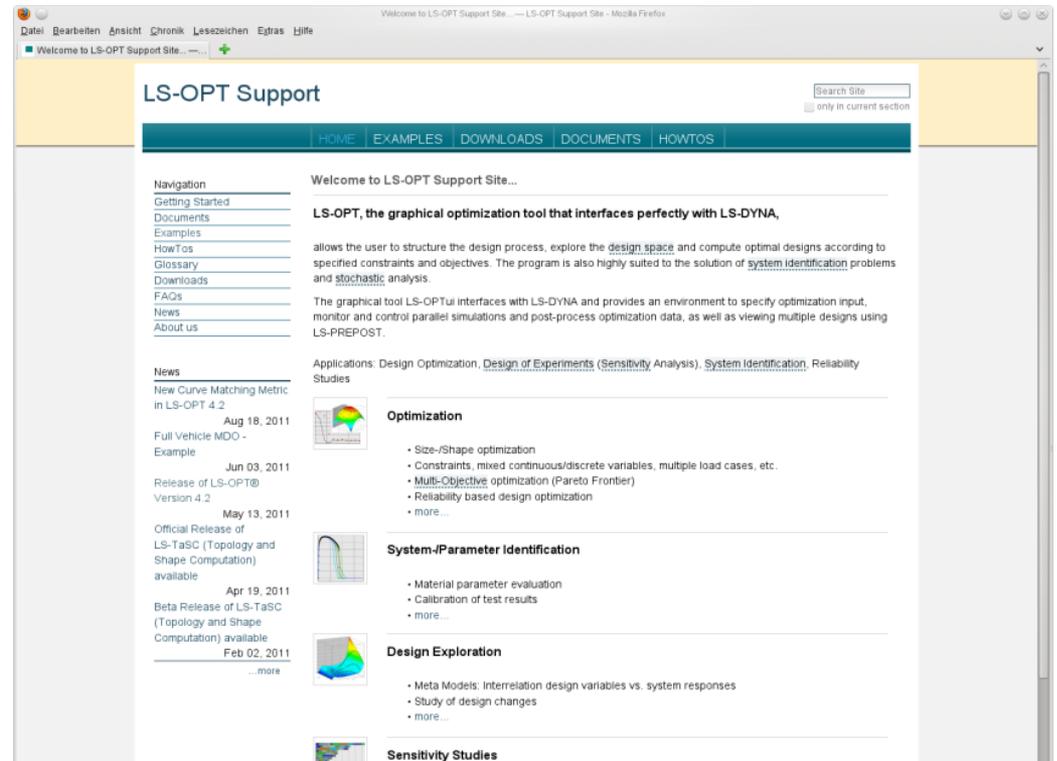
# About LS-OPT

- LS-DYNA Integration
  - Checking of LS-DYNA keyword files (\*DATABASE\_)
  - Importation of design parameters from LS-DYNA keyword files (\*PARAMETER)
  - Support of include files (\*INCLUDE)
  - Monitoring of LS-DYNA progress
  - Result extraction of most LS-DYNA response types
  - D3plot compression (node and part selection)



# About LS-OPT

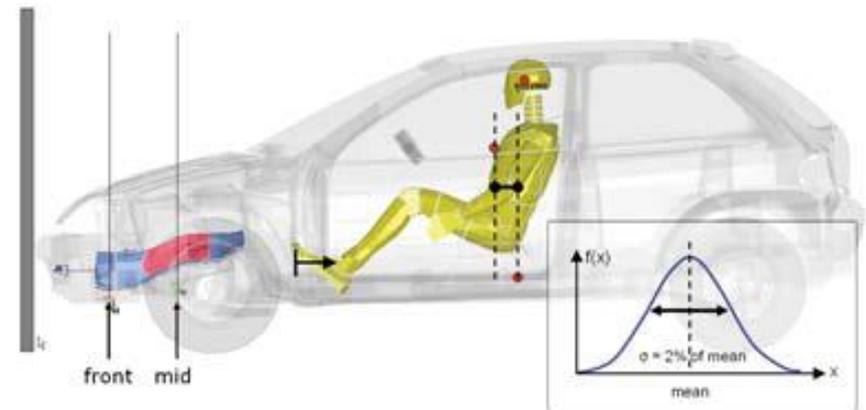
- Current production version is LS-OPT 5.2
- LS-OPT Support web page
  - [www.lsoptsupport.com](http://www.lsoptsupport.com)
  - Download of Executables
  - Tutorials
  - HowTos / FAQs
  - Documents
  - .....



# Robustness Analysis with LS-OPT

# Motivation

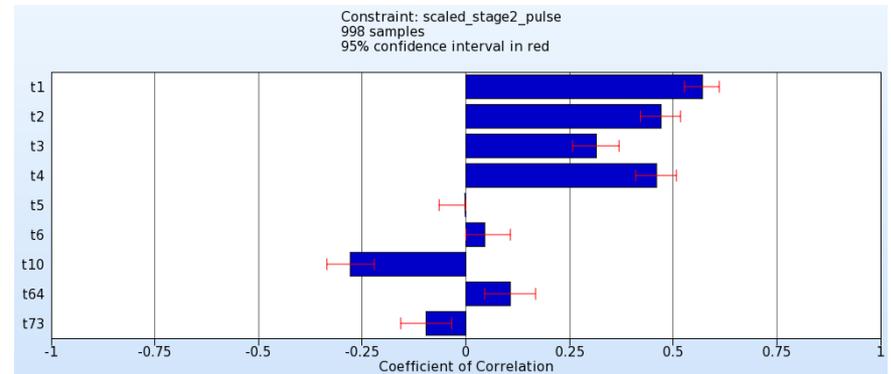
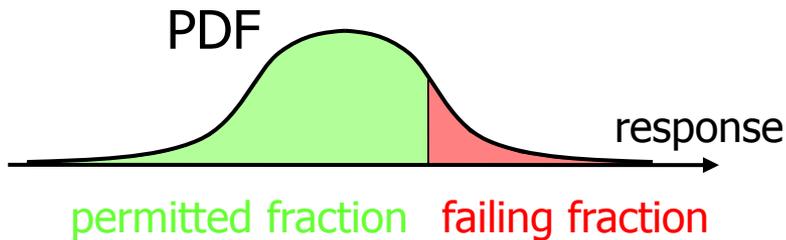
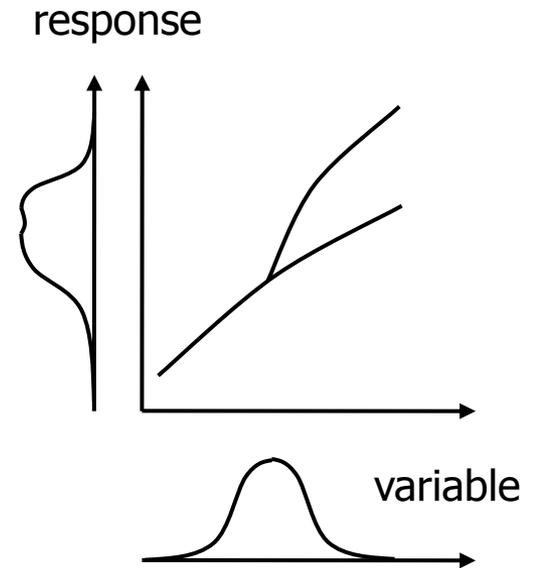
- Simulation
  - Design parameters (sheet thicknesses, material properties, ...) fully controllable
- Reality
  - Design parameters are associated with uncertainties
- Sources of uncertainties
  - Manufacturing imperfections
  - Load variations
  - Environment variations
  - ...



→ Variation of design parameters (uncertainties) should be considered in design process simulation

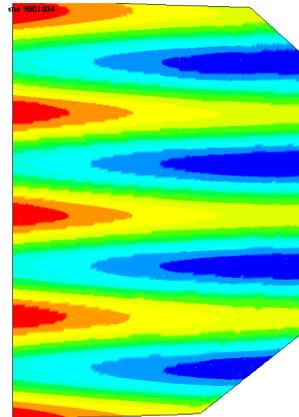
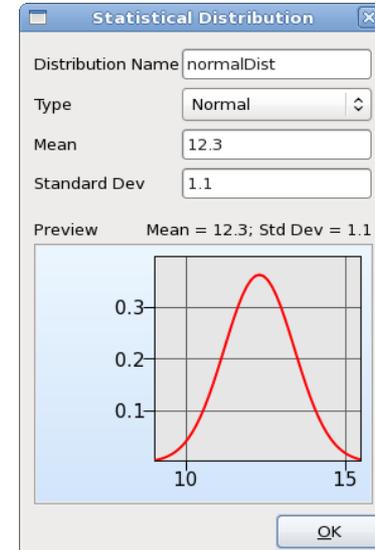
# Robustness Analysis

- Estimation of probability quantities of variables and responses
  - mean
  - standard deviation
  - distribution function
- Analysis of relationship (sensitivities) variables  $\leftrightarrow$  responses
  - correlation analysis
  - stochastic contributions
- Reliability of a system
  - evaluation of probability of failure



# Robustness Analysis

- Uncertainties of variables (sheet thicknesses, material properties, ...)
    - Probability density function
      - Uniform distribution
      - Normal distribution
      - ...
    - \*PERTURBATION (LS-DYNA keyword)
      - Geometric imperfections
      - Material imperfections
- Buckling analysis



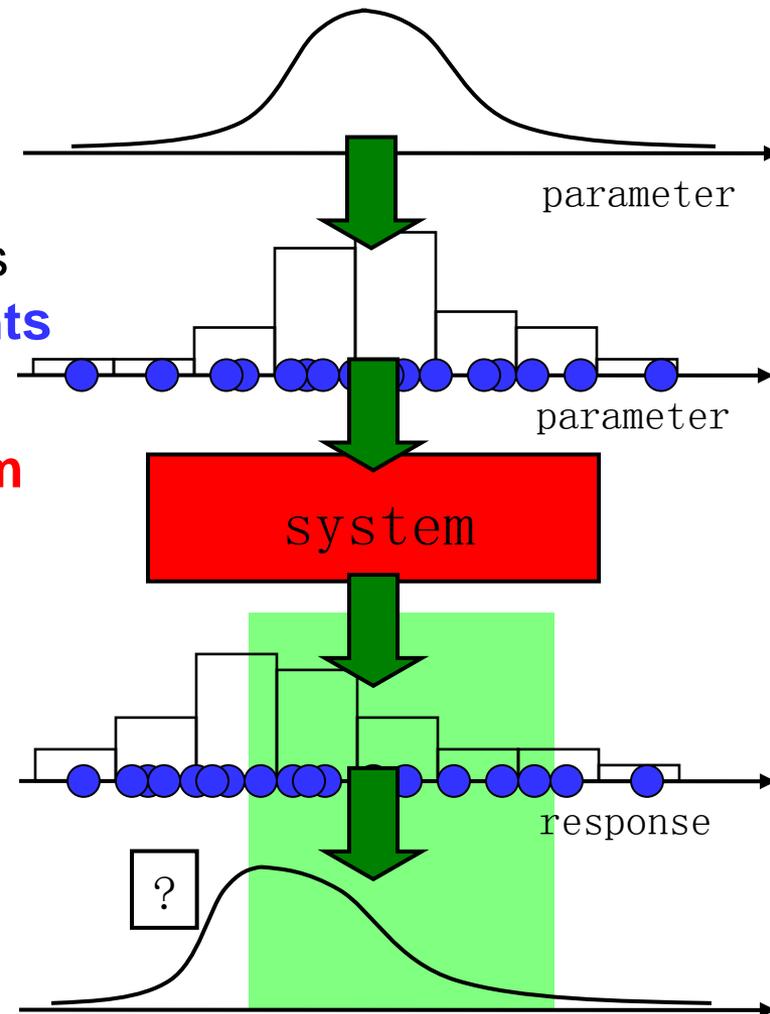
sheet thickness variation by a harmonic random field, amplitude:  $m=0, s=0.005\text{mm}$  in both directions

LS-DYNA Keyword

\*PERTURBATION

# Robustness Analysis

- Scatter of parameters constituted by means of probability distributions
- Approximation of probability distributions using appropriate *samples* = **experiments**
- Investigation of the *FEA-model* = **system** using experiments
- Distribution of the system **responses**
- **Permitted area?**
- Approximation to *exact* distribution



# Robustness Analysis

response  
(e.g. displacement)

distribution  
- flat  
- wide

Increasing Uncertainty of  
Simulation or Test Result

permitted area

single simulation/ test  
using exact parameter  
values (deterministic syst.)

samples

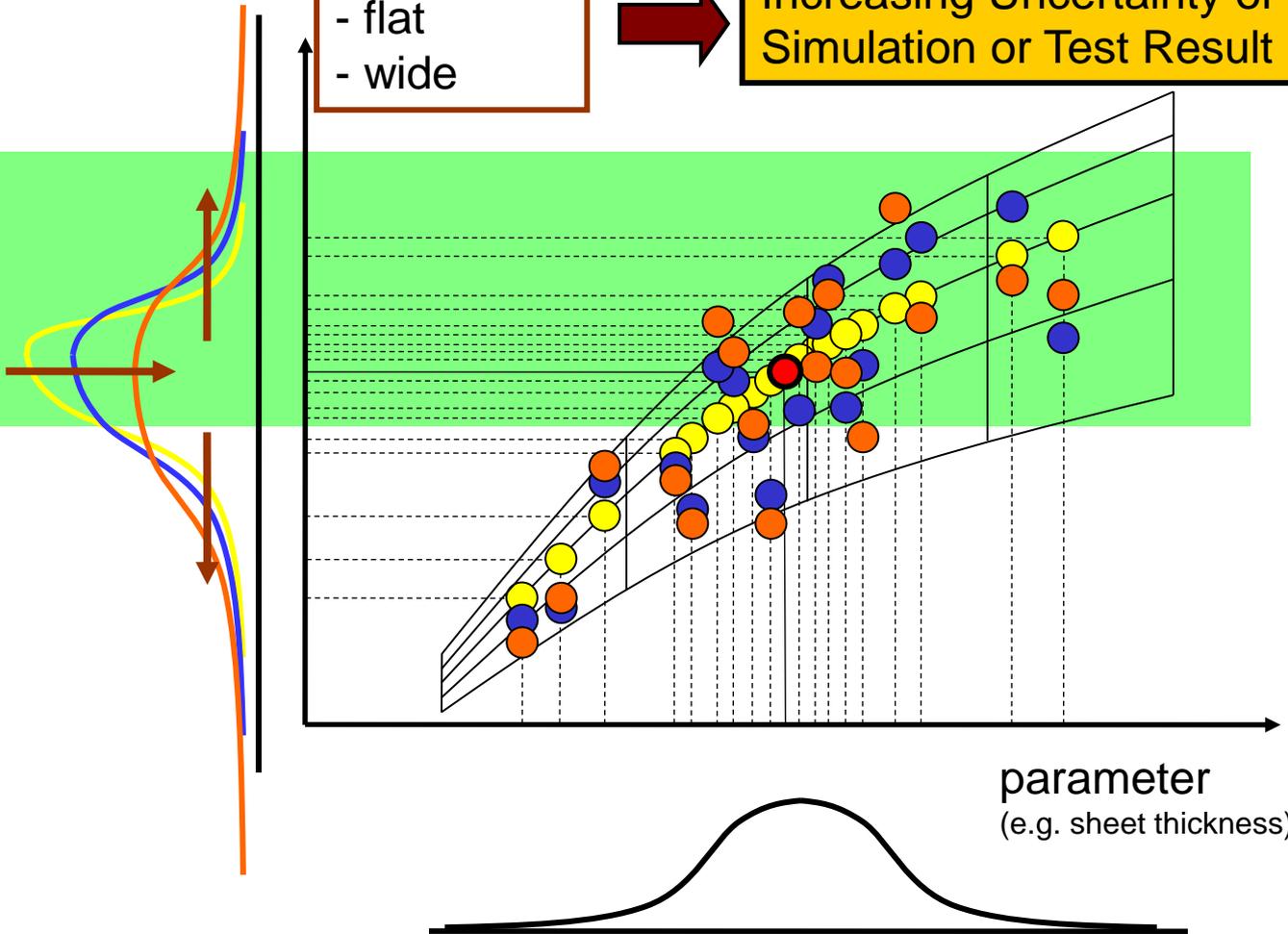
- 1 parameter
- deterministic system  
(unique responses)

samples

- multiple parameters
- deterministic system  
(unique responses)

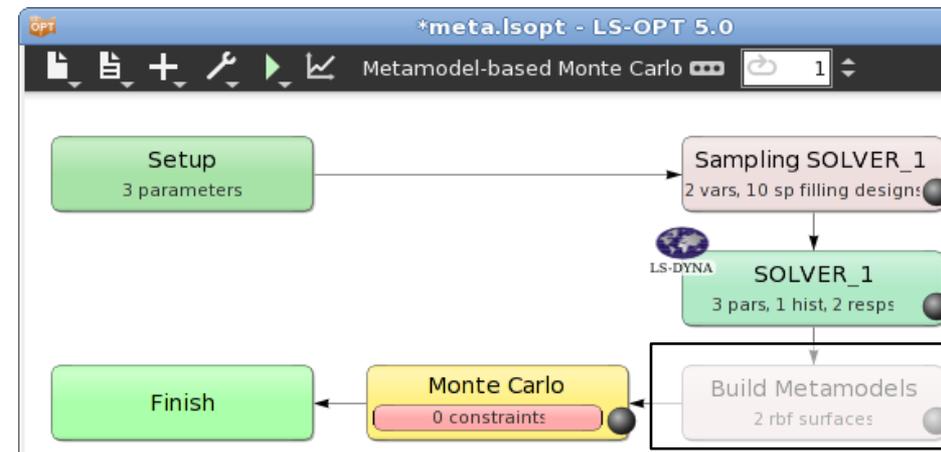
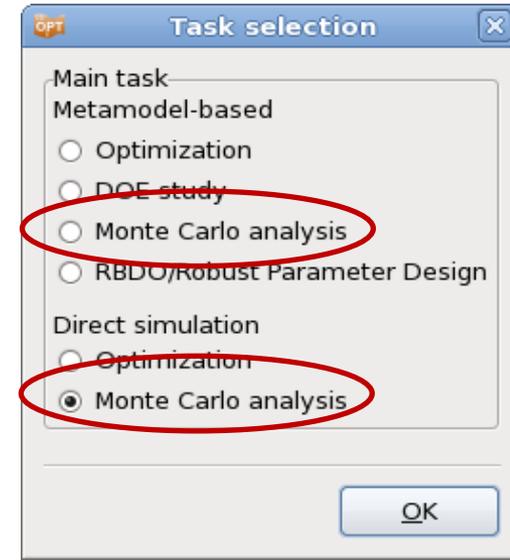
samples

- multiple parameters
- ambiguous responses
  - numerical influences
  - bifurcation, chaos, ...

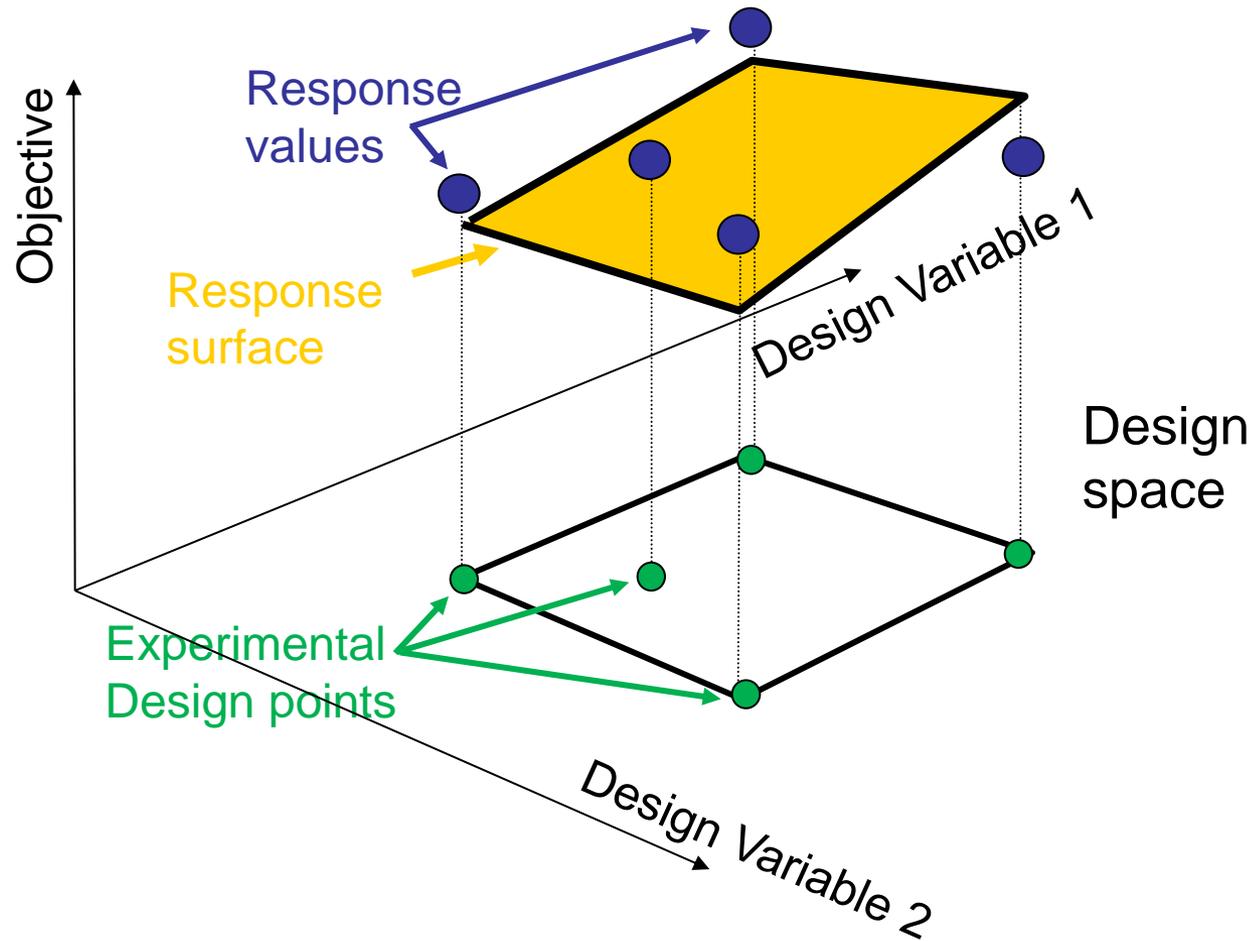


# Robustness Analysis

- Monte Carlo Analysis using direct simulations
  - Random process
  - Large number of simulation runs (100+)
- Monte Carlo Analysis using Metamodels
  - Construction of a metamodel (Polynomials, Radial Basis Functions, Feedforward Neural Networks)
  - Number of simulations depends on number of variables
  - Reliability, Robustness Analysis through functional evaluation of sampling points ( $10^6$ ) on the metamodel

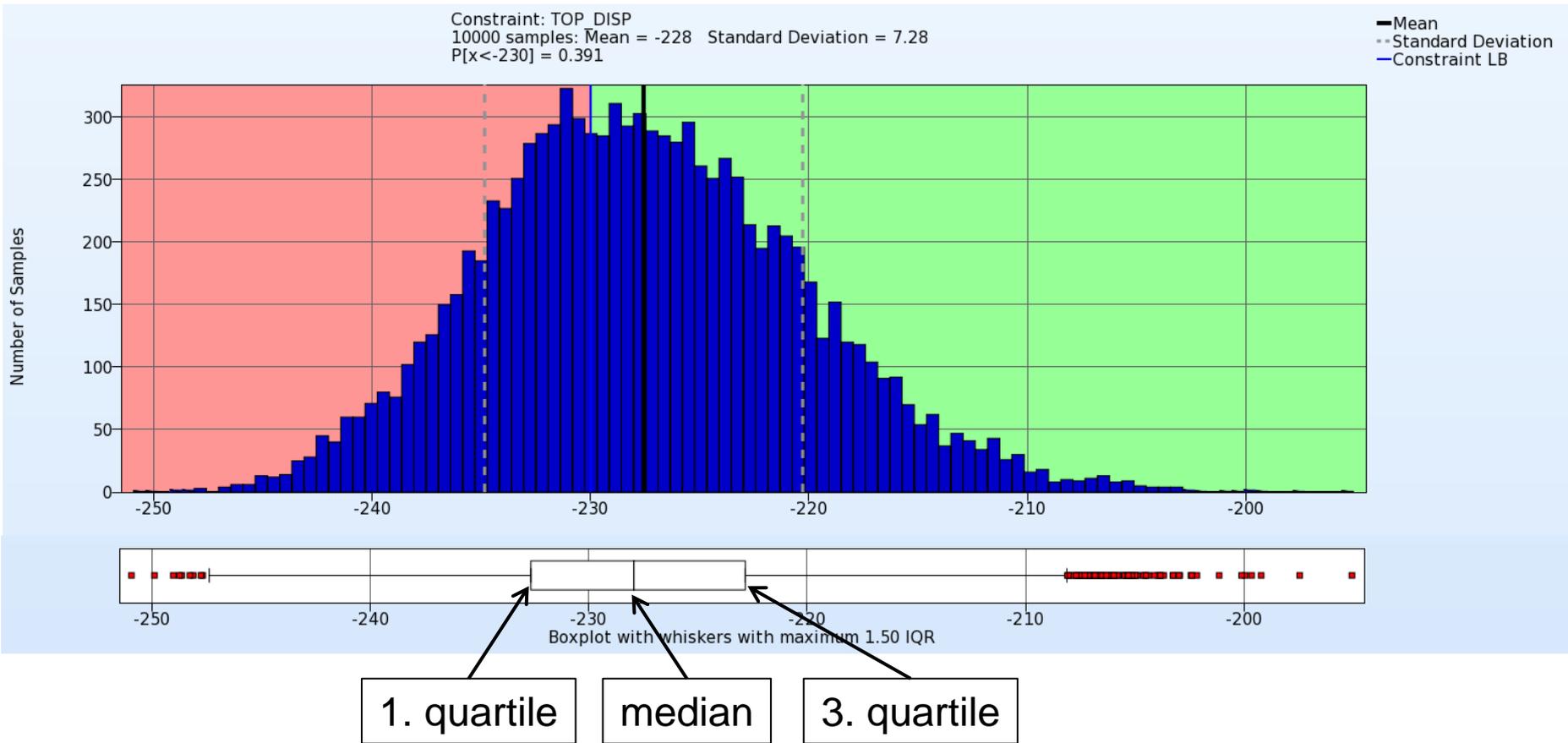


# Metamodel-based Methods



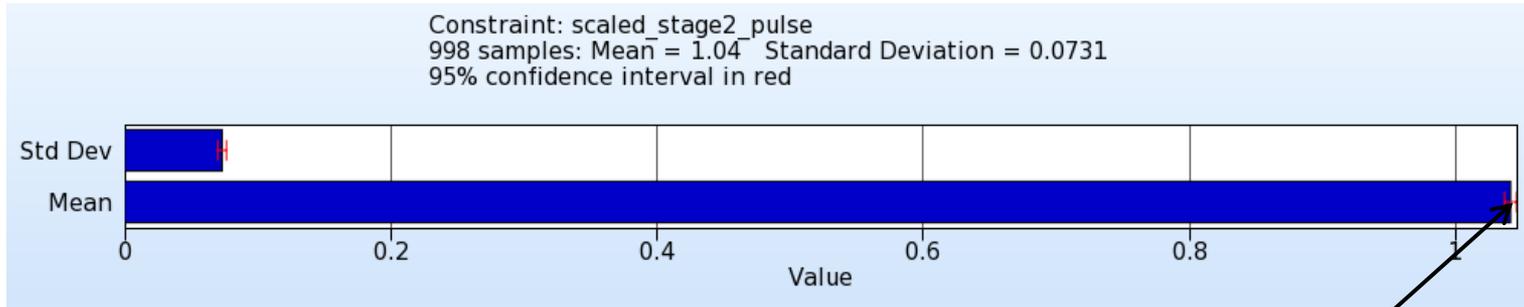
# Visualization of Results

## ■ Histogram and Boxplot

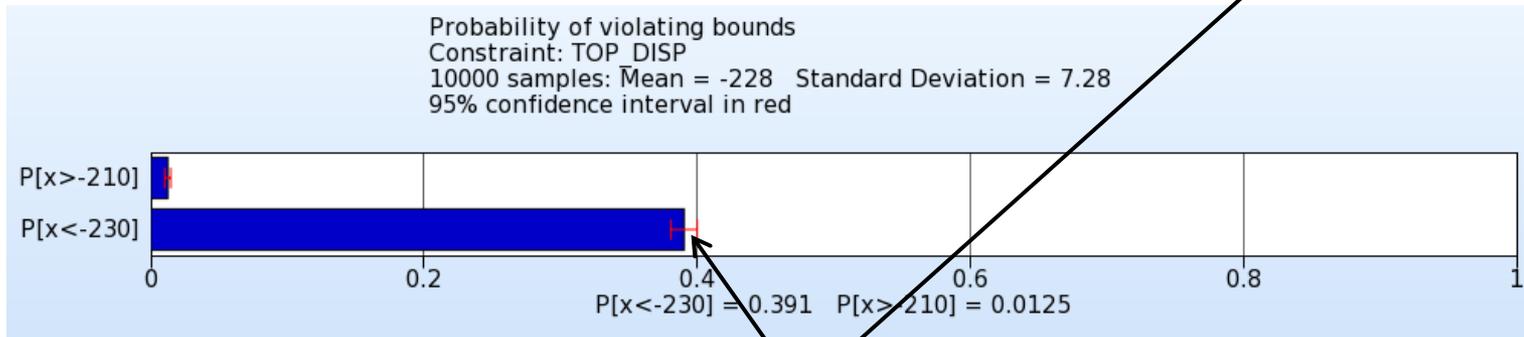


# Visualization of Results

- Statistics Summary



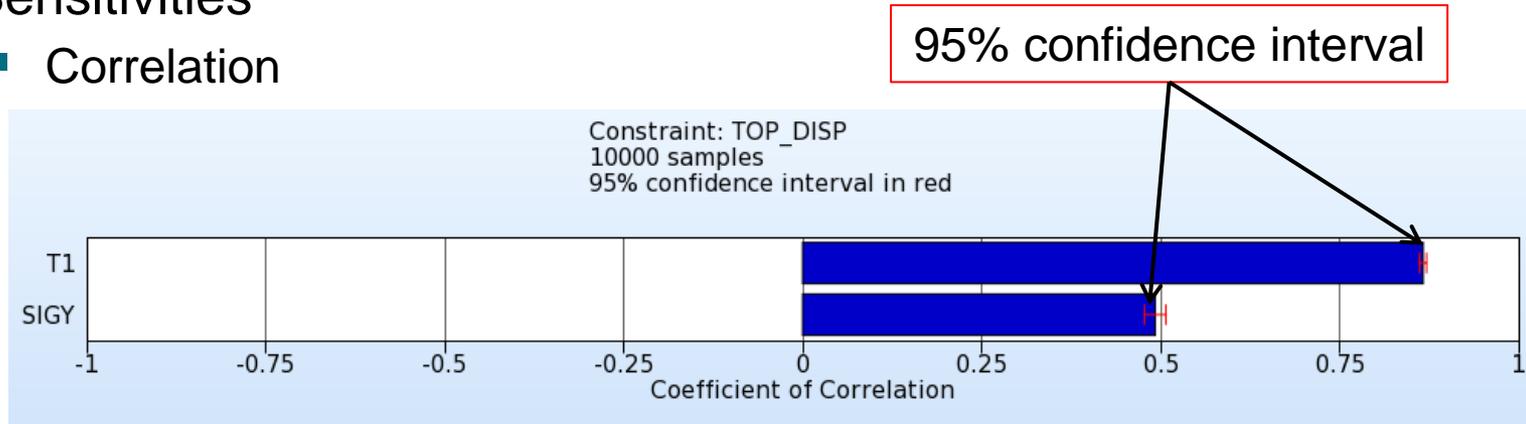
- Probability of constraint violation



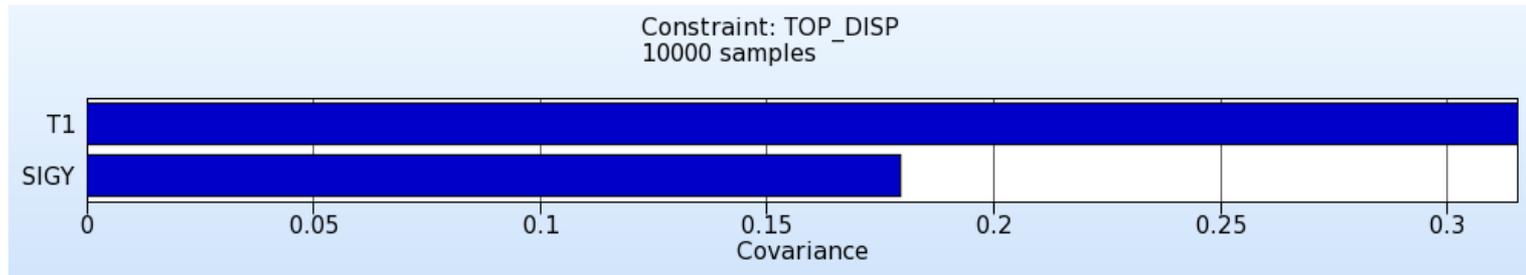
95% confidence interval

# Visualization of Results

- Sensitivities
  - Correlation

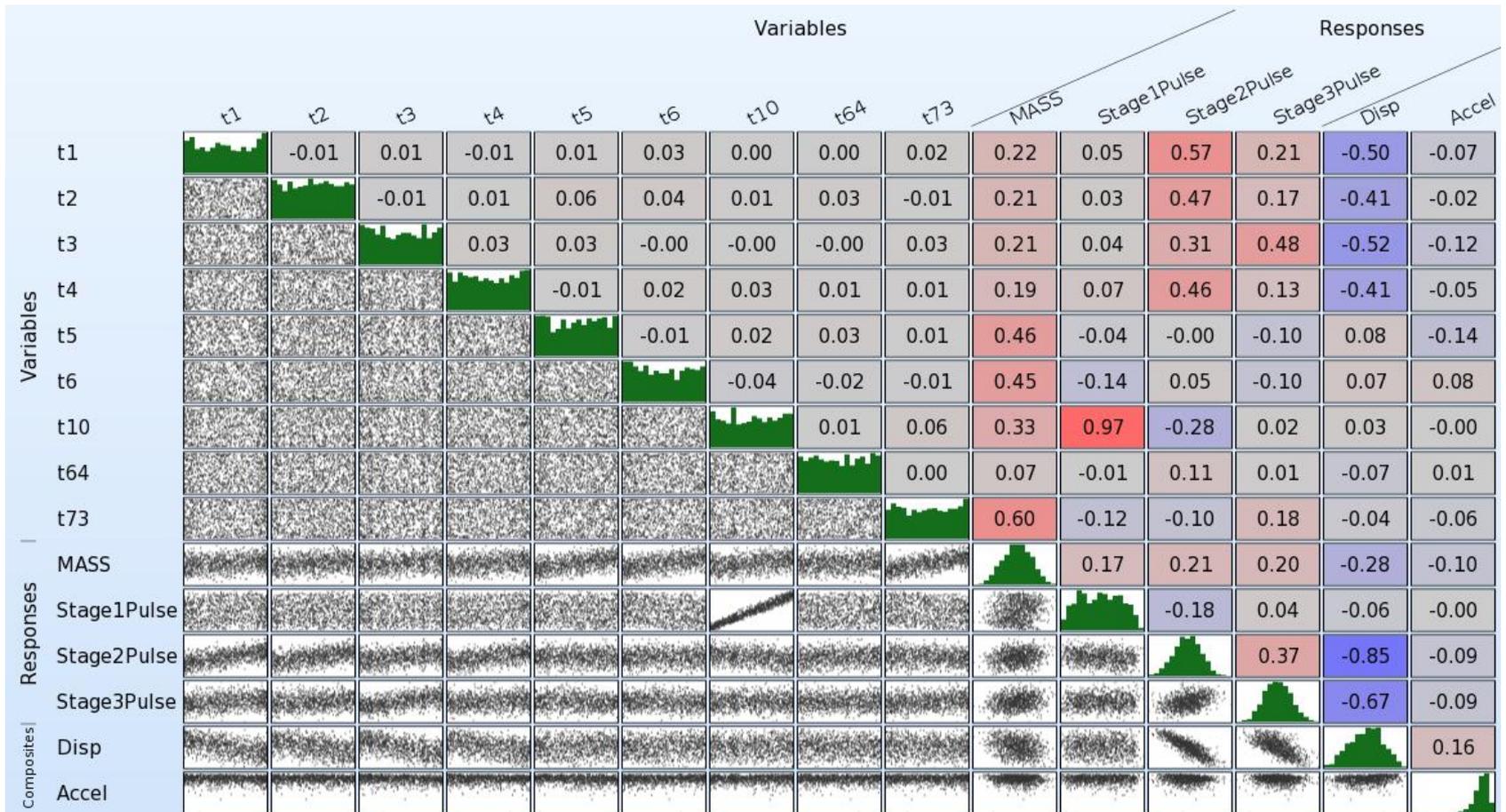


- Covariance



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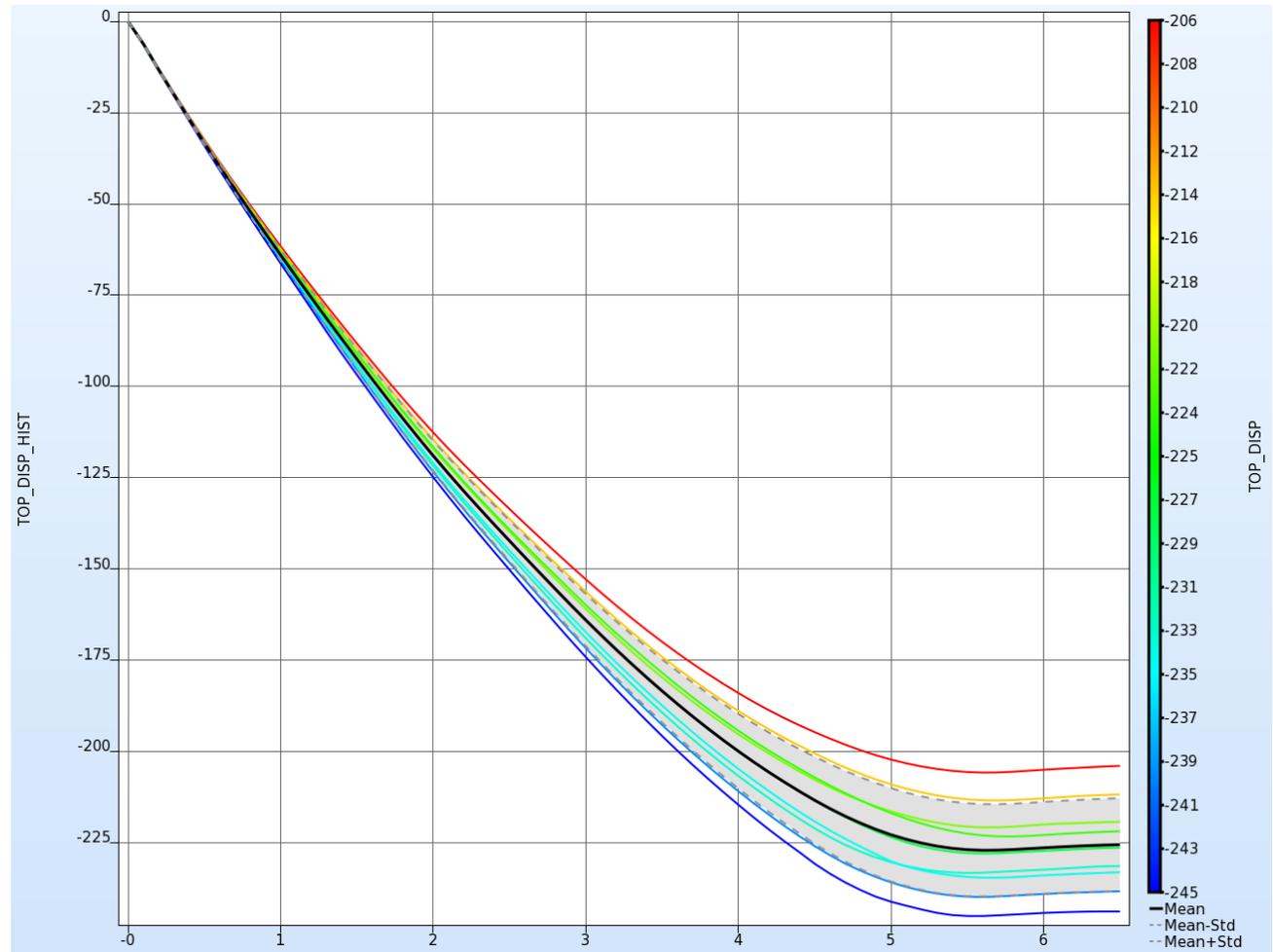
- Sensitivities
  - Correlation Matrix



# Visualization of Results

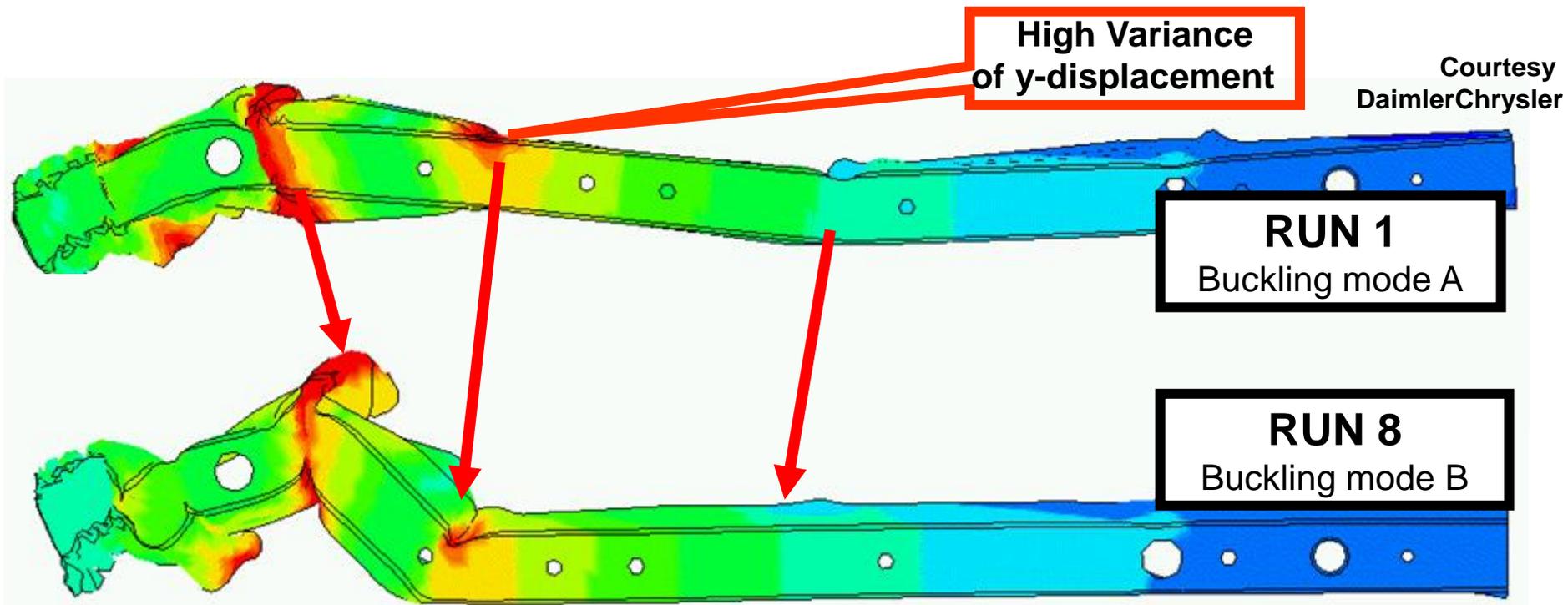
## ■ History Statistics

- Mean
- Standard deviation
- Max
- Min
- Safety Margin
- ...



# DYNASTats

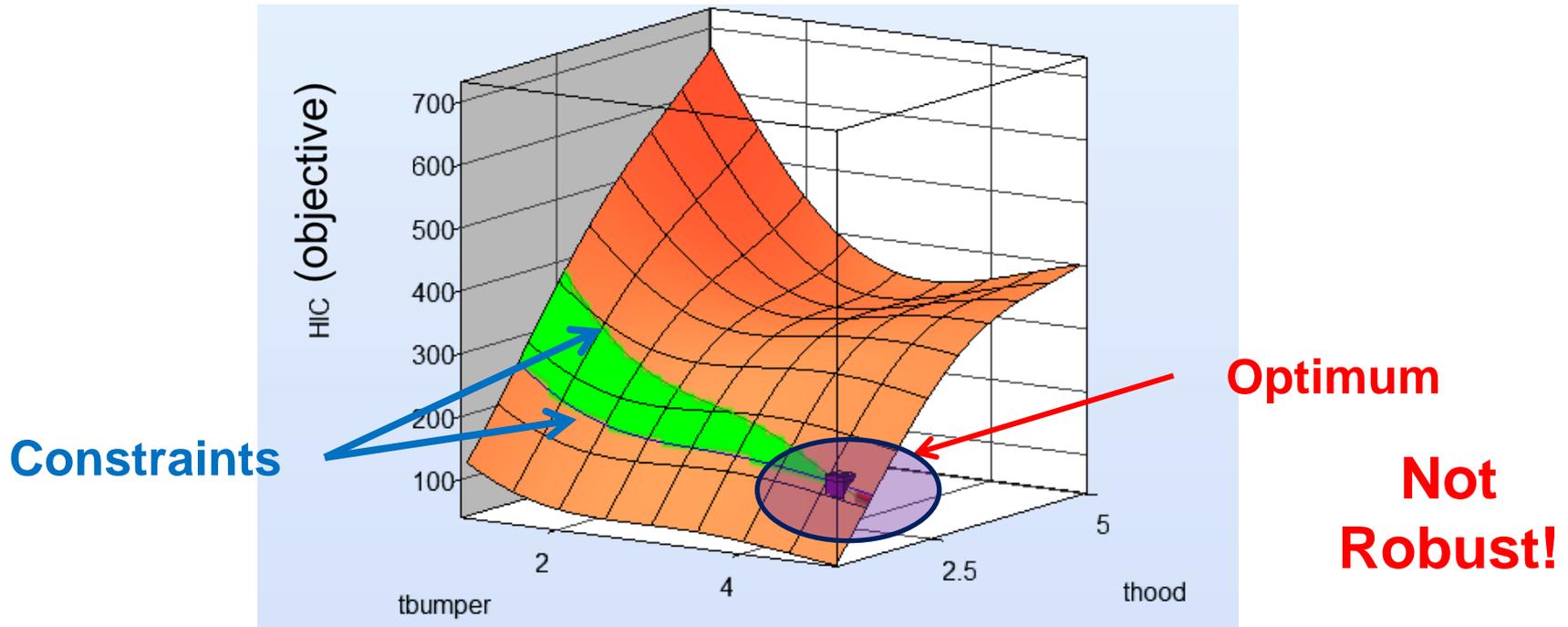
- Fringe of statistics on the FE model
- Evaluation of node and element statistics through d3plot files
- Buckling Analysis - Fringe Components of Displ-Variance (40 runs)
  - Here: Standard deviation of y-displacements of each node



# Optimization considering uncertainties

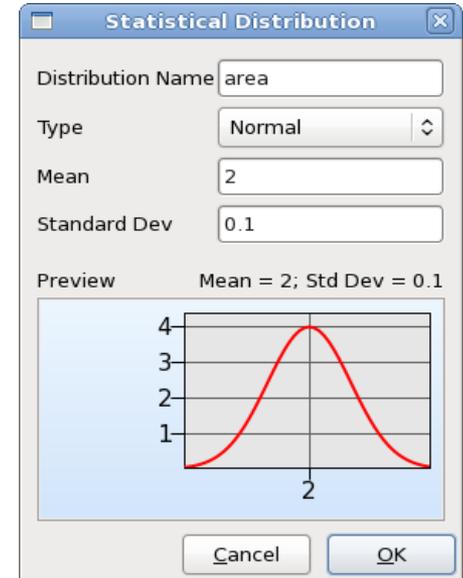
# Optimization

- Deterministic optimization
  - Minimize Objective Function subject to Constraints
  - Optimum very often lies on the constraint boundary



# RBDO/Robust Parameter Design

- Includes uncertainty of variables and responses into optimization
- Requires statistical distribution of variables
- **Control Variables (Design Parameters)**
  - Nominal value controlled by designer
    - Gauge
    - Shape
- **Noise Variables (Environment)**
  - Values not controlled by designer but can vary
    - Load
    - Yield stress
    - Friction

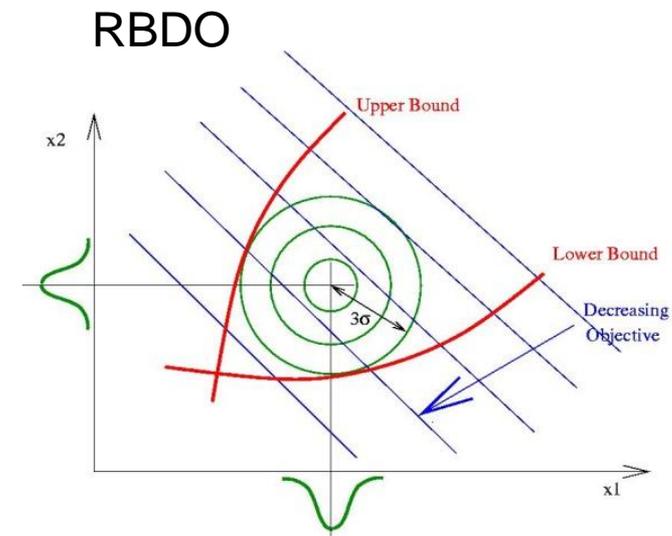
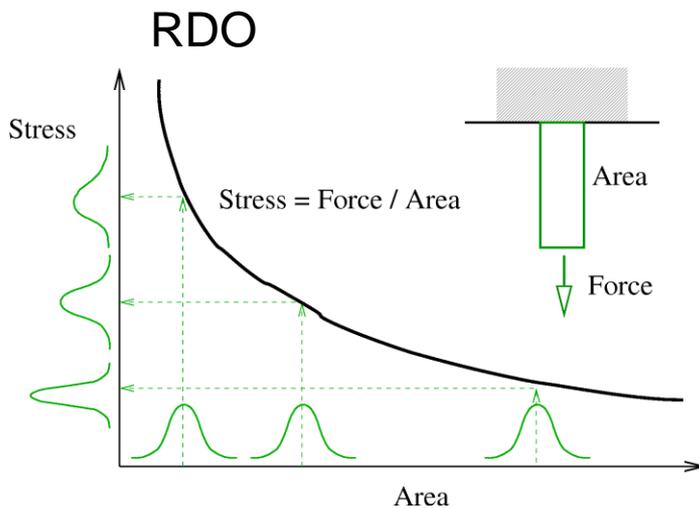


Problem global setup dialog box showing parameter setup for 'Area' and 'Base'.

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Continuous	Base	0.8	0.1	1.6	(none)	⚠ x

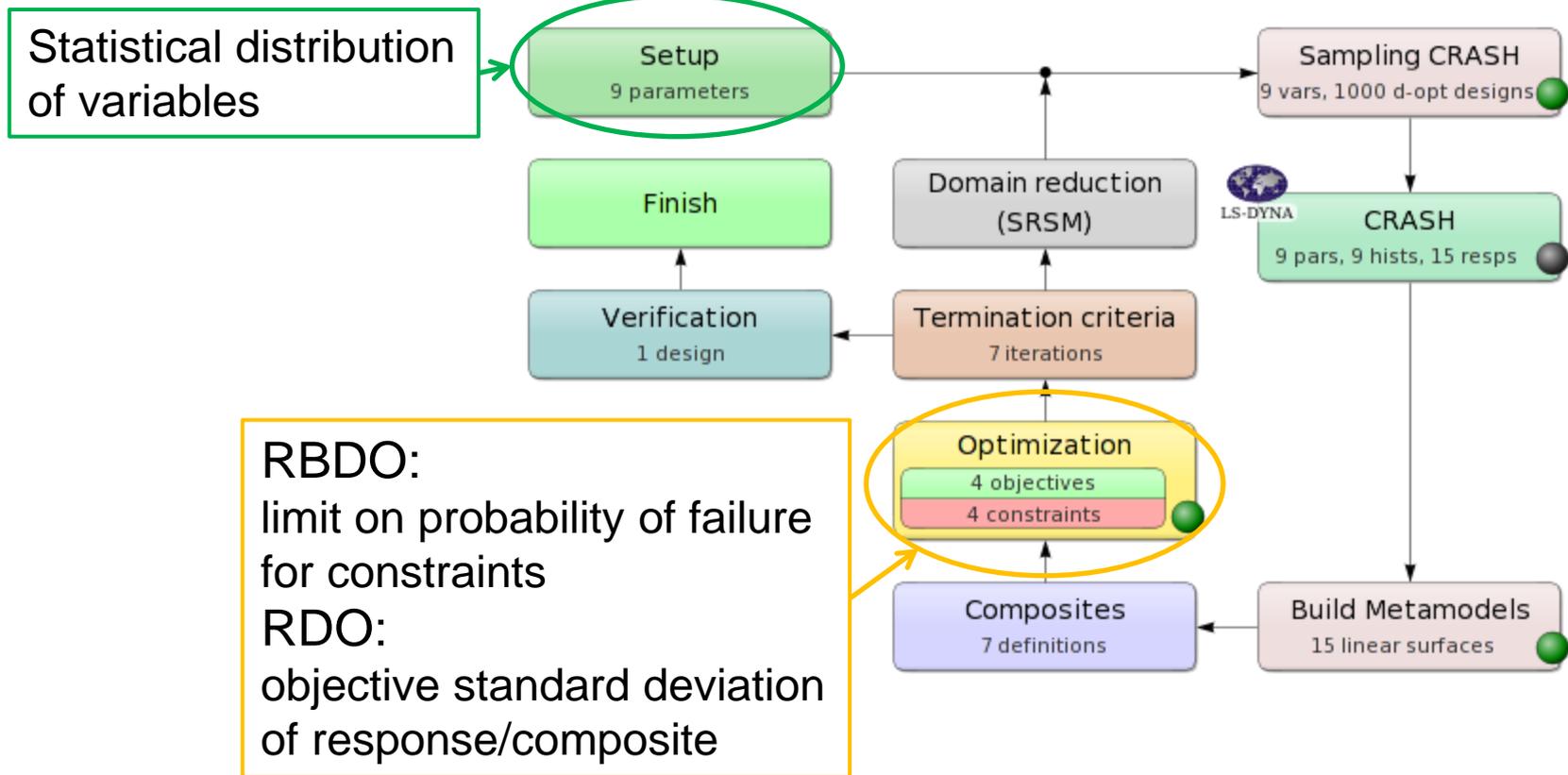
# RBDO/Robust Parameter Design

- Robust Parameter Design (RDO)
  - Improve/Maximize the robustness of the optimum
- Reliability Based Design Optimization (RBDO)
  - Improve failure probability of optimum



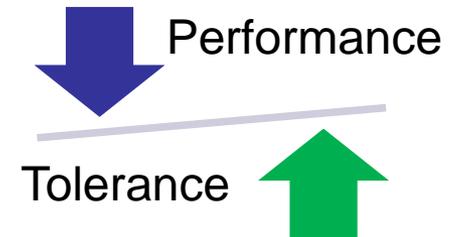
# RBDO/Robust Parameter Design

- Method to solve RBDO/RDO
  - Metamodel-based optimization



# Tolerance Optimization

- RBDO/RDO
  - Variables associated with distribution
  - Mean variable values (distribution means) are optimized
- Tolerance Optimization
  - Variables associated with tolerance values
    - Optimize nominal design variables **and tolerances**
  - Maximize tolerance
  - No failure within tolerance
  - incorporate uncertainties into optimization if variable distributions are not available

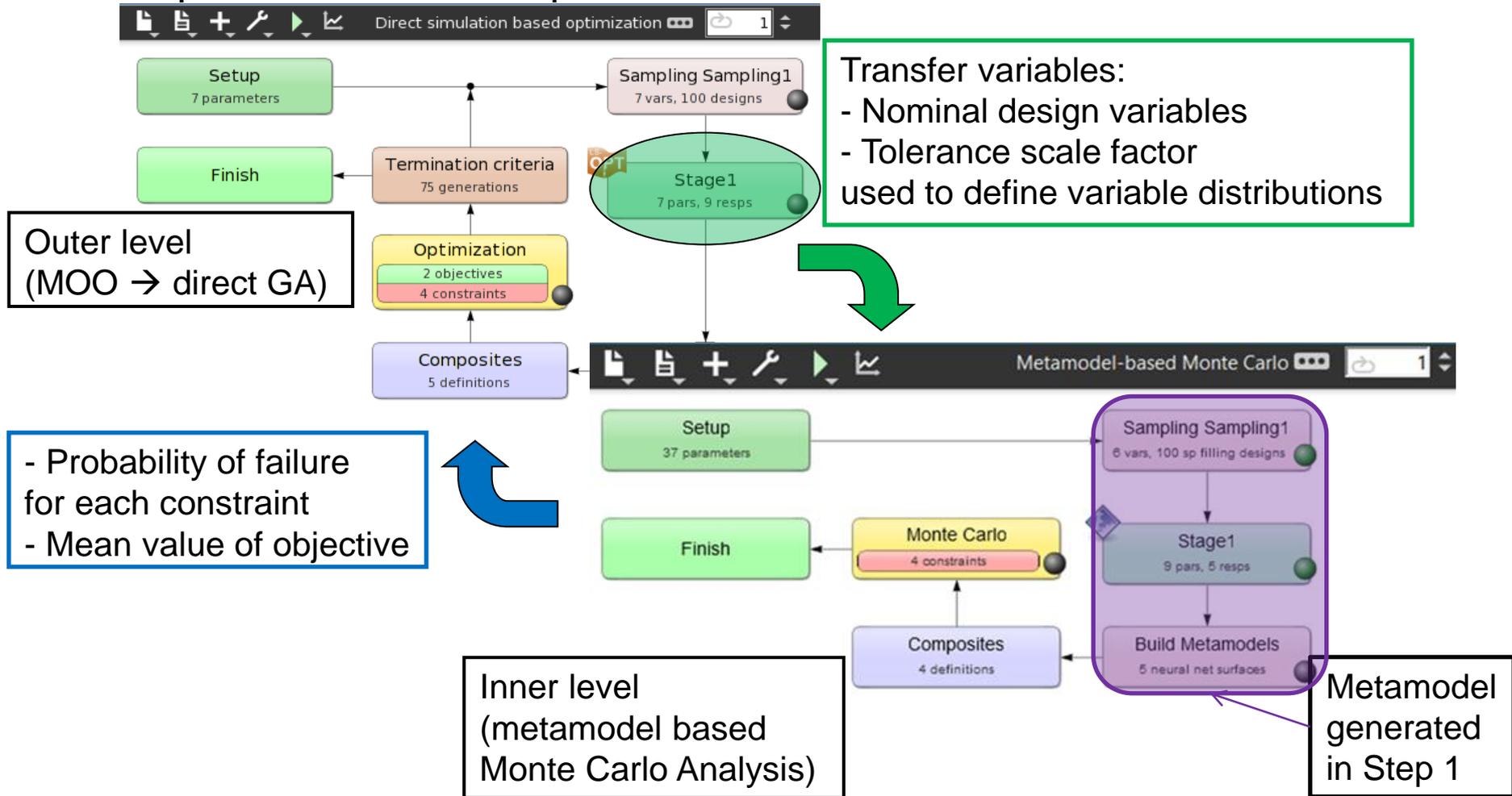


# Tolerance Optimization

- Tolerance optimization requires large number of function evaluations
  - Performed in two steps to avoid high computational costs
- Step 1: Deterministic metamodel-based optimization
  - Single Iteration or Sequential
  - many simulations (quality of metamodel!)
  - Nonlinear metamodel (RBF, FFNN, ...)
  - Global Metamodel
  - Bound for optimal value

# Tolerance Optimization

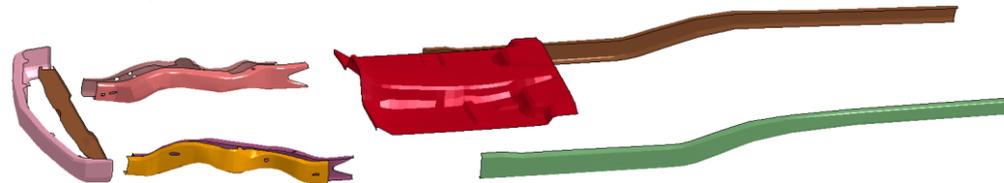
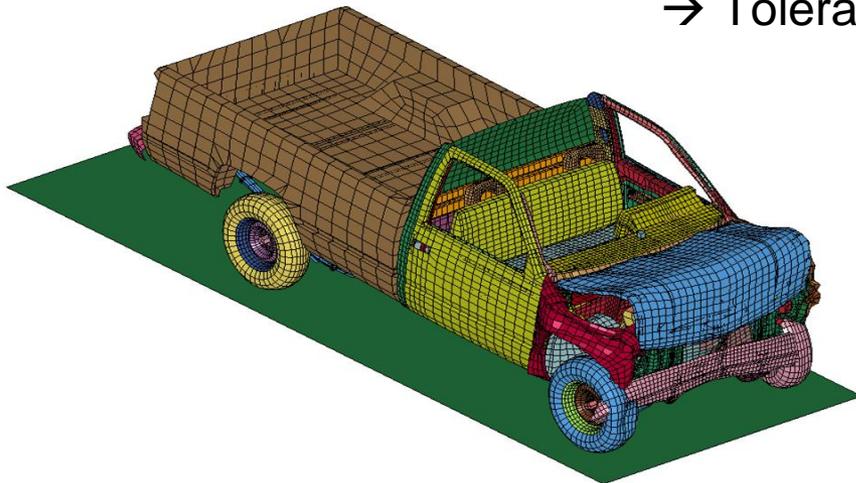
## Step 2: Multi-level setup



# Example Tolerance Optimization

- Full frontal crash of Chevrolet C2500 Pickup truck
- FE model: National Crash Analysis Center
- Simulations performed with LS-DYNA
- Optimization problem:
  - Minimize mass
  - Constraints on stage pulse responses and intrusion
  - Consideration of uncertainties

→ Tolerance optimization



6 thickness design parameters

# Example Tolerance Optimization

- Inner level Monte Carlo Analysis
  - Histogram with mean values and standard deviation
  - Background colored by feasibility

Displ  
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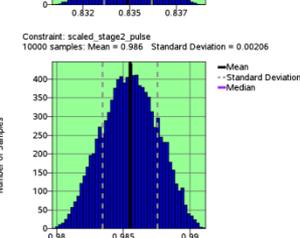
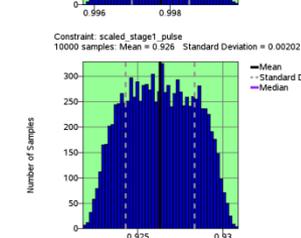
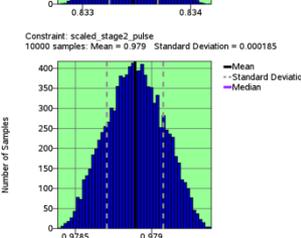
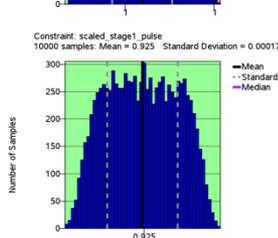
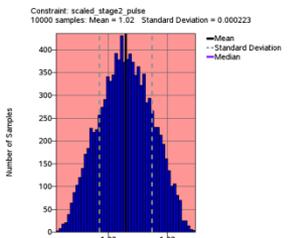
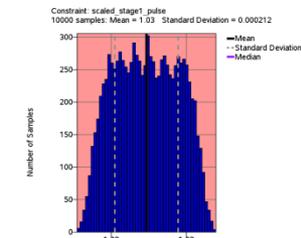
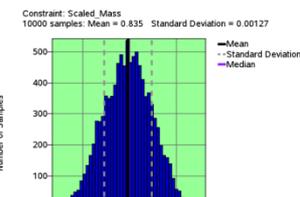
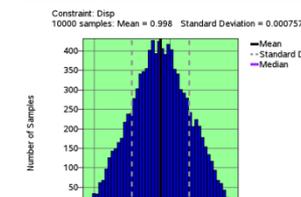
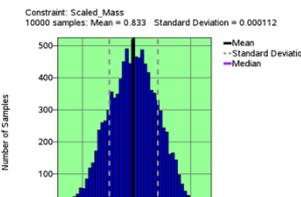
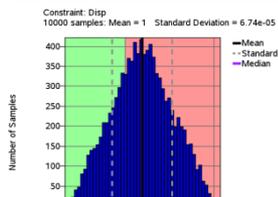
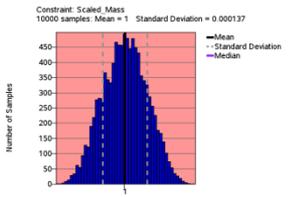
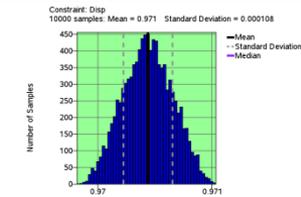
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Displ  
std = 6.7e-05

Mass  
std = 0.000112

Displ  
std = 0.000757

Mass  
std = 0.00127



Stage Pulse 1  
std = 0.000212

Stage Pulse 2  
std = 0.000223

Stage Pulse 1  
std = 0.000177

Stage Pulse 2  
std = 0.000185

Stage Pulse 1  
std = 0.00202

Stage Pulse 2  
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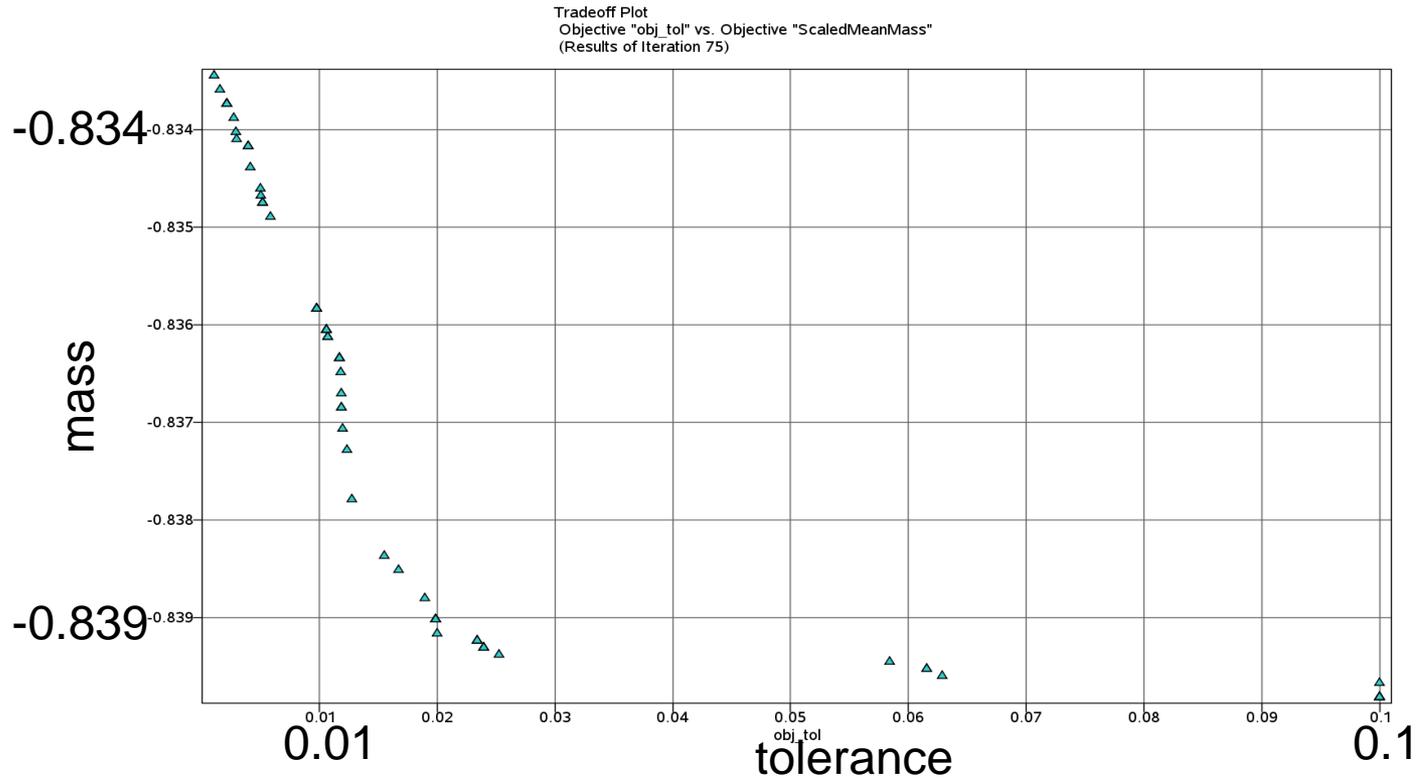
Baseline run

Deterministic optimum

Selected Pareto solution

# Example Tolerance Optimization

- Outer level MOO
  - Tradeoff plot of Pareto optimal solutions



→ tolerance as well as the mass could be improved

# Summary

- Monte Carlo Analysis (Robustness Analysis)
  - Direct or metamodel based
  - Estimation of PDF, mean, standard deviation, ... of responses
  - Significance of parameters
    - Correlation coefficients
    - Stochastic contribution (only metamodel based MC Analysis)
  - Reliability of system
  - Confidence intervals
  - Buckling Analysis
    - DYNASStats: fringe of statistics on the FE model

# Summary

- Reliability Based Design Optimization (RBDO)
  - Probabilistic bounds on constraints
- Robust Parameter Design
  - Minimize Standard Deviation of response
- Tolerance Optimization
  - Incorporate uncertainties into optimization if no distribution information of the variables is available
  - Maximize tolerance
  - no failure within tolerance

# Outlook Robustness Analysis with LS-OPT

- Reliability
  - Accuracy: small probabilities.  
→ Sequential Adaptive Reliability Analysis
- Tolerance Optimization
  - Simplification to single level setup
- History Statistics
  - Correlation with variable or response
  - Variable Contribution
- Rework of DYNASStats GUI

**Thank you!**