

## Optimization of a forming process under uncertainty

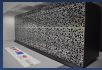
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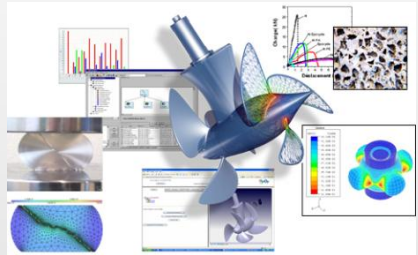
# Uncertainty in virtual engineering

In earlier phase of product life cycle development, we need to take into account uncertainty to

- maximize performance of product and guaranty stability of performances
- reach necessary level of reliability and safety

Take into account uncertainties in virtual engineering is still an issue:

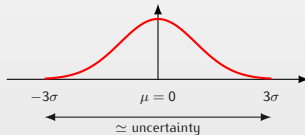
- Uncertainty are not easy to model...
- Propagation of uncertainty through complex simulation model requires a great number of model evaluation.





## Modelling uncertainty

- Uncertainties are usually represent by aleatory variables.
- A probability density function for each variable (normal distribution, uniform distribution, ...)



Example a normal distribution of probability. Notation :

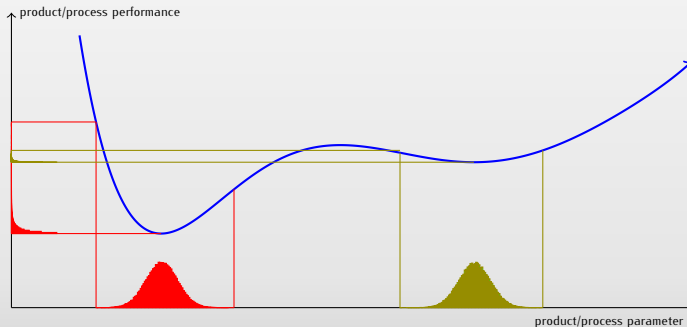
- $\sigma$ : standard deviation of the variable.
- $\mu$ : mean of the variable.



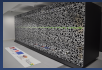
## Effect of uncertainty

Uncertainty (small inherent variation) produce variation of performances :

- A **non robust solution**: larger performance variation for a given uncertainty.
- A **robust solution** : minimal performance variation for the same uncertainty.





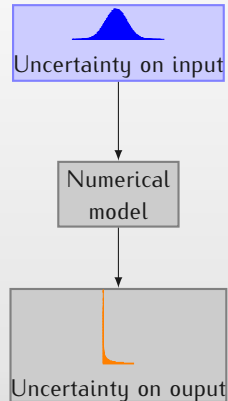


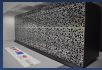
## Quantifying Effect of uncertainty

Propagation of uncertainty:

- sampling (monte carlo, latin hypercube ..) the probability distribution of input variables
- evaluate each sample to obtain the output probability distribution.

Time consuming with heavy numerical model, need for metamodel or reduced model

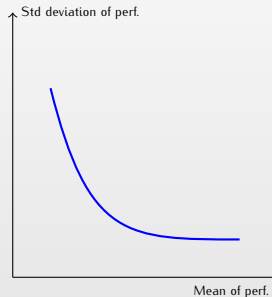




# Introduction to robust optimization

Robust optimization aims to **maximize performance** and to **maximize "stability"** of performance under uncertainty.

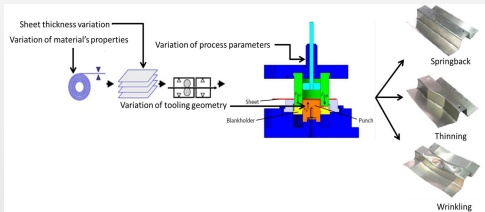
- In practice it isn't possible, designers need to find the best compromise by solving a **multi objectif optimization problem**.
- For actual robust optimization problem, standard deviation of performance and ( $\sigma$ ) mean of performance ( $\mu$ ) are antagonistic.





## Industrial context

- The main manufacturing process to produce car body "body in white".
- High performance steel and aluminium are used to lighten car body.



### Numerical simulation :

Play a key role in industrial competitiveness, for designing these processes.  
Help designers to predict defects (springback, wrinkling, thinning, ...)



## U shape bending

U shape draw bending process from Numisheet 2011 BenchMark

- Quantity effect on uncertainty of material and geometry of the blank, and on process parameters
- Optimize process parameter to fit requirement specification on the final U shape.





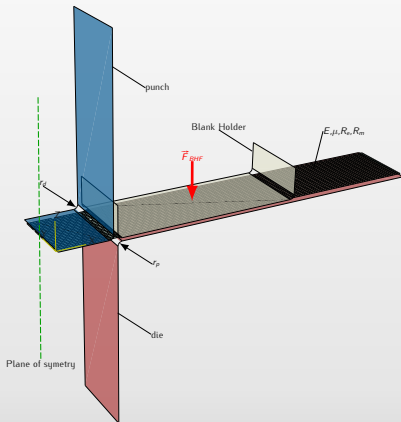
## Finite element modelling

- Blank : 2709 shell elements with 7 integration points.
- Material : DP780 steel, Swift model  $\bar{\sigma} = K (\varepsilon_0 + \bar{\varepsilon}_p)$ , Hill48 yield function.
- Tools : analytical rigid surface, friction with Coulomb law, penalty contact enforcement.

Two steps simulation with Abaqus:

- 1 | Forming with explicit dynamics algorithm.
- 2 | Springback with static implicit algorithm.

About 2h30 for one simulation

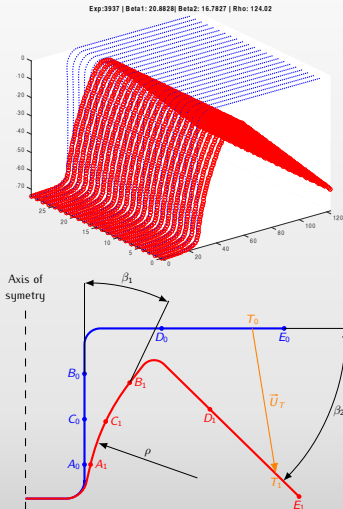




## Parameters of the shape after springback

Shape defect due to the springback :

- Two angles  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  between the shape after forming and the shape after springback. : 2709 shell elements with 7 integration points.
- The radius  $\rho$  side wall curl.
- The displacement  $\vec{U}_T$  of the position of a fictive hole (for assembly requirement)

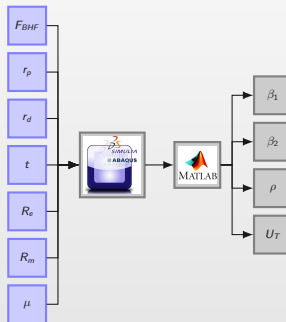


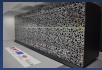


## Simulation parameters and workflow

### 7 parameters to control the simulation.

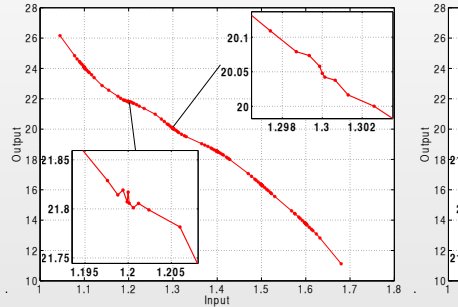
- 4 parameters related to the process :
  - $\vec{F}_{BHF}$  : Blank holder force.
  - $r_p$  : Punch radius.
  - $r_d$  : Die radius.
  - $\mu$  : Friction coefficient.
- 3 parameters related to blank and its material
  - $t$  : Blank thickness.
  - $R_e$  : Yield stress limit.
  - $R_m$  : Ultimate stress limit.





## Qualification of the numerical model

- Numerical experimentation shows that there exists a threshold below which variations around a nominal value are not correctly propagated.
- This threshold must be smaller than  $6\sigma$ , the "uncertainty interval" of each parameter.

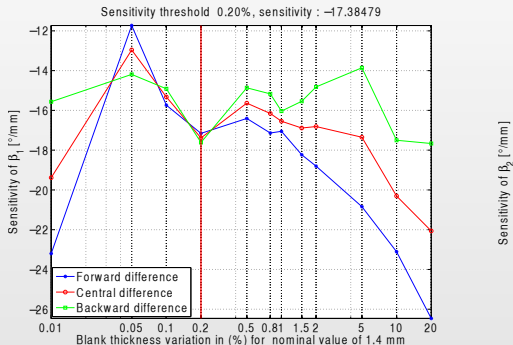






## Procedure to determine threshold sensitivity

- Thresholds are determined by the convergence of backward, central et forward finite difference for decreasing value of the step size variation.
- With 25 steps per parameter for 7 parameters for 3 different values for 3 parameters among 7, we have :  $3^3 \times (7 \times 3 + 1) = 4563$  simulations.





## Somes results

Example of threshold sensitivity values :

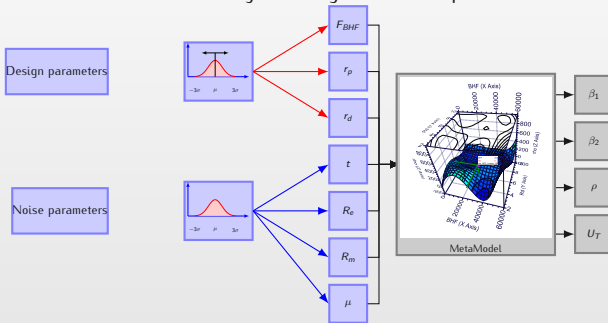
Parameters	$ST_{\beta 1}$ [%]	$ST_{\beta 2}$ [%]	$ST_{\rho}$ [%]	ST [%]	Variation range	$\pm 3\sigma$
$F_{BHF}$	1.5	5	1.5	5	2940±147 [N]	±2000 [N]
$R_d$	0.2	5	1	5	7±0.35 [mm]	±0.05 [mm]
$R_p$	1	5	10	10	5±0.5 [mm]	±0.05 [mm]
$t$	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.8	1.4±0.0112 [mm]	±0.05 [mm]
$\mu$	1.5	5	5	5	0.1±0.005	±0.01
$R_e$	1	5	5	5	550±27.5 [MPa]	±50 [MPa]
$R_m$	2	5	2	5	840±42 [MPa]	±60 [MPa]

- Some sensitivity threshold are larger than the uncertainty of parameter  $\Rightarrow$  some precautions are needed to build metamodel



## Optimization problem formulation

- Modelisation of uncertainty  $\Rightarrow$  design and noise parameters.



- Meta Model is use for optimization and uncertainty propagation in place of FEM numerical simulation



## Optimization problem formulation

- Formulation of the optimisation problem :

$$\text{Find } \mathbf{x} = \{F_{FBHF}, r_d, r_p\}^T$$

To minimize

$$F_{\text{Obj1}}(\mathbf{x}) = E(F_{\text{Perf}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})) - F_{\text{Perf}}^{\text{Target}}$$

$$F_{\text{Obj2}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(F_{\text{Perf}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}))$$

$$\text{With } \mathbf{y} = \{t, R_e, R_m, \mu\}^T$$



## Building metamodels

- 3 + 4 parameters and 4 springback parameters, so 4 metamodels (Radial Basis Functions) are needed  $MM_i, i = 1 \dots 4$  :

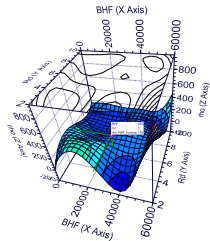
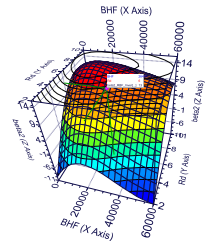
$$\beta_1 = MM_1(F_{BHF}, r_d, r_p, t, R_e, R_m)$$

$$\beta_2 = MM_2(F_{BHF}, r_d, r_p, t, R_e, R_m)$$

$$\rho = MM_3(F_{BHF}, r_d, r_p, t, R_e, R_m)$$

$$U_T = MM_4(F_{BHF}, r_d, r_p, t, R_e, R_m)$$

- A Design Of Experiment (DOE) is set up with :
  - 7 factors and 3 levels per factor  $\Rightarrow 3^7 = 2187$  simulations
  - for 2 factors  $(F_{BHF}, \mu)$  2 intermediary levels  $\Rightarrow 3^5 \times 2^2 = 972$  simulations
- A total of **3159 simulations**

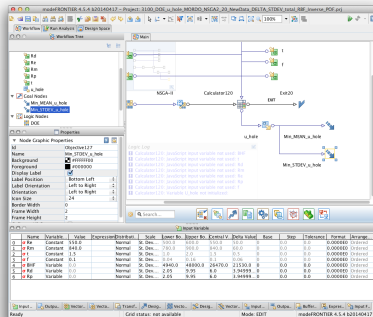


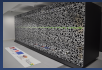


## Optimization process

The Multi Objective Robust Design Optimization (MORDO) process is based on :

- An stochastic optimization algorithm (NSGAII).
- A sampling method for aleatory variables (i.e design and noise parameters): Latin HyperCube with 1000 samplings.
- Metamodel to replace the FEM simulation.
- ModeFrontier environnement to run the optimization process



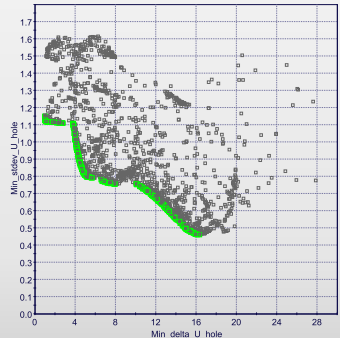


## Example of optimization results

With the performance function as the hole displacement (here we want to minimise this performance).

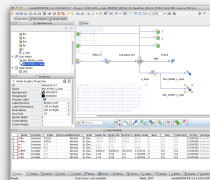
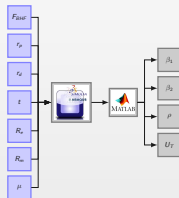
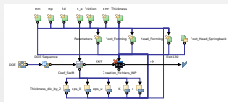
$$F_{\text{Obj1}}(\mathbf{x}) = E(U_T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})) - U_T^{\text{Target}}$$

Paramètres	Unités	Moyenne	Ecart-type	Min	Max
$F_{BHF}$	kN	48.000	0.6653	45.929	50.120
$r_d$	mm	9.950	0.0166	9.897	10.003
$r_p$	mm	2.446	0.0167	2.3834	2.499
$R_e$	MPa	549.999	16.703	482.290	604.560
$R_m$	MPa	840.010	20	777.520	912.390
$\mu$		0.1	$3.305 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.885 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.119 \times 10^{-1}$
$t$	mm	2	$1.668 \times 10^{-2}$	1.947	2.052
$U_T$	mm	0.973	1.131	-2.279	4.639





## Overview of the complete workflow



Preparation of files for  
DEO experiment  
Run on laptop  
computer

4563+3159=7722 simulations !  
Massive parallelisation on  
ROMEO  
(1600 simulation en parallel)  
About 20000 hours of sim. in  
about 15 hours !

Optimization : about 1  
hour on a laptop  
computer





## Conclusion

### About Robust Optimization :

- Time computation consuming with complex simulation model of forming process.
- Metal modeling technique must be improved to be more efficient.

### About numerical simulation :

- For this case, ROMOE makes things possible !! (3 years of calculation in about 1 days !!)
- MetaModelling, offline optimization, typical task that can be highly parallelized.
- Here the number of parallel operations was limited by license of Abaqus.



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