

# Car style optimization by CFD and modeFRONTIER

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## Background & motivation

### Requirements

#### 1. Performance

- high fuel efficiency (Low  $C_D$ )
- dynamic stability
- high balance between styling & aero-performance

#### 2. Development

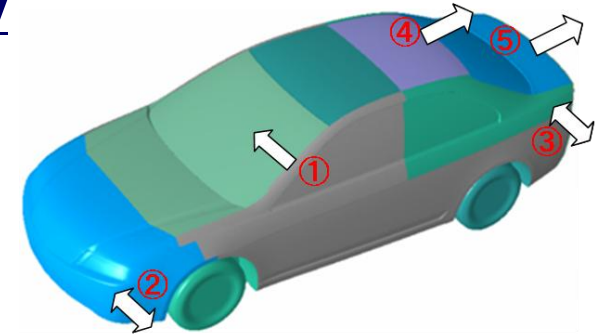
- aerodynamic design at early development stage
- tool with usability for practical development





# Introduction

## Optimization by conventional parameter study



### Main Drawbacks

- 1. Huge amount of CFD calculation
- 2. Small amount of obtained information
- 3. High dependence of CFD sampling on obtained  $C_D$

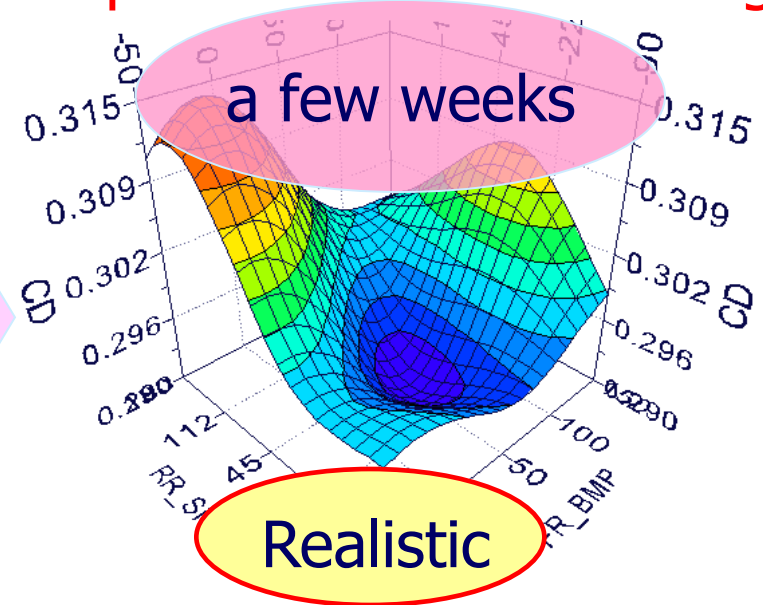
### Full Factorial Sampling

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3						
4						
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3125						

5-level 5-parameter  
= 3125 CFD calculations  
A few months

Unrealistic

### Response Surface Modeling



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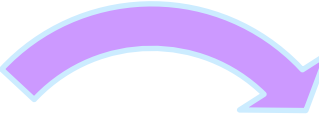
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## Conventional Optimization by RSM

### DOE (Design of Experiments)

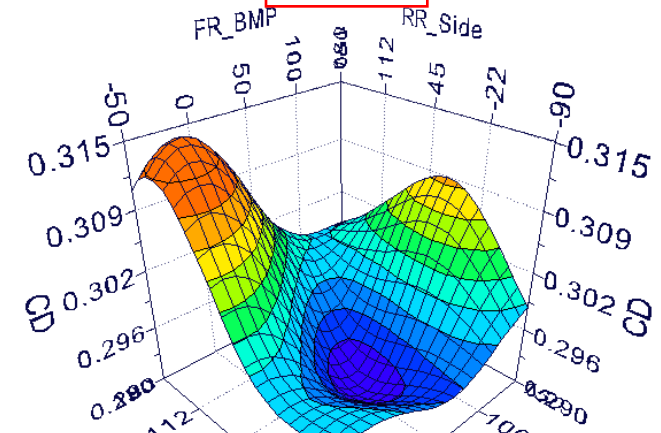
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Sampling CFD points



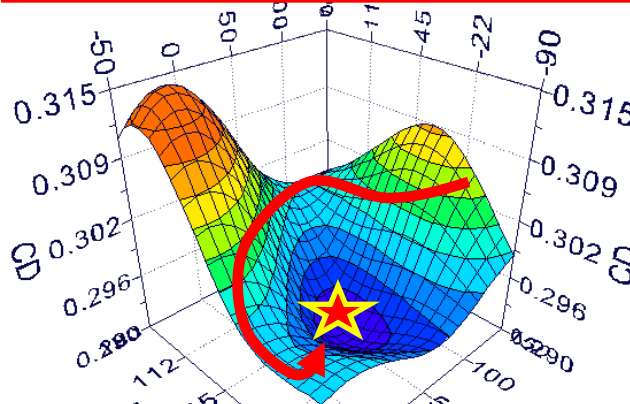
Process

RSM

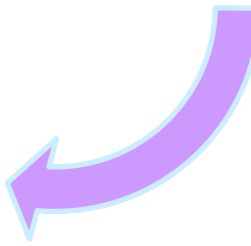


Fitting CFD points

Optimization Algorithm



Optimal Cd search



# Optimization by RSM

## Merits & Demerits of conventional RSM optimization

### Merits

1. Reasonable CFD cost
2. Valuable information (contribution, interaction)
3.  $C_D$  values for any parameter values ( $C_D=f(a, b, c\dots)$ )

### Demerits

1. Difficulty in creating an accurate surface
2. Obscure relationship between CFD sampling and parameter numbers

Resolve the demerits by employing modeFRONTIER



**NEW**

**Adaptive Multi-Stage Response Surface Modeling  
(AMS-RSM)**

**Optimization System & Methodology  
applicable to Aerodynamic Design Development**

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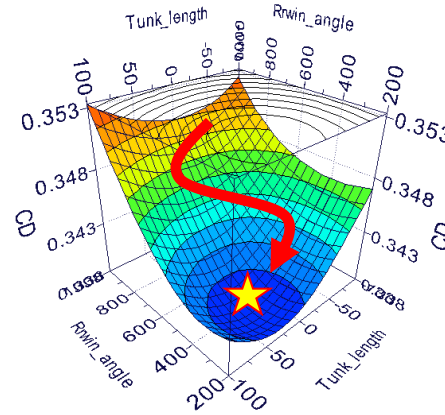
# Optimization System & Process

## System Concept

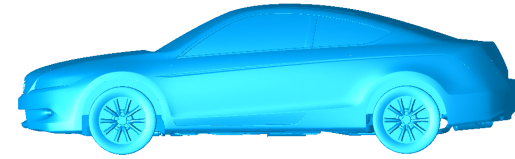
### System requirements

- automatic
- reasonable time cost
- reasonable accuracy
- valuable outputs
- usability

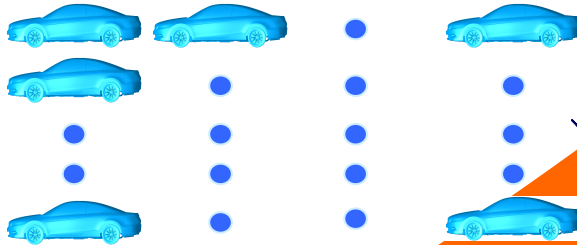
### Search optimal point



### Optimized shape

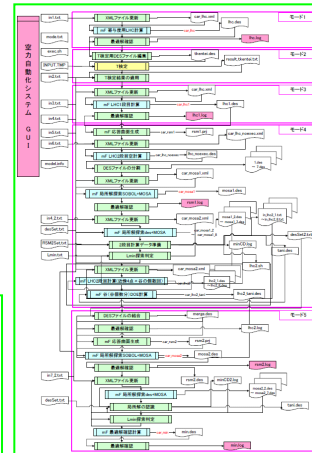


### Create models



### Build & improve RS

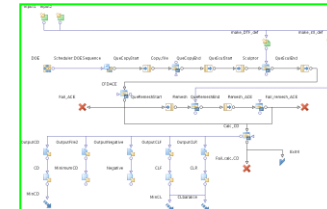
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### Base model



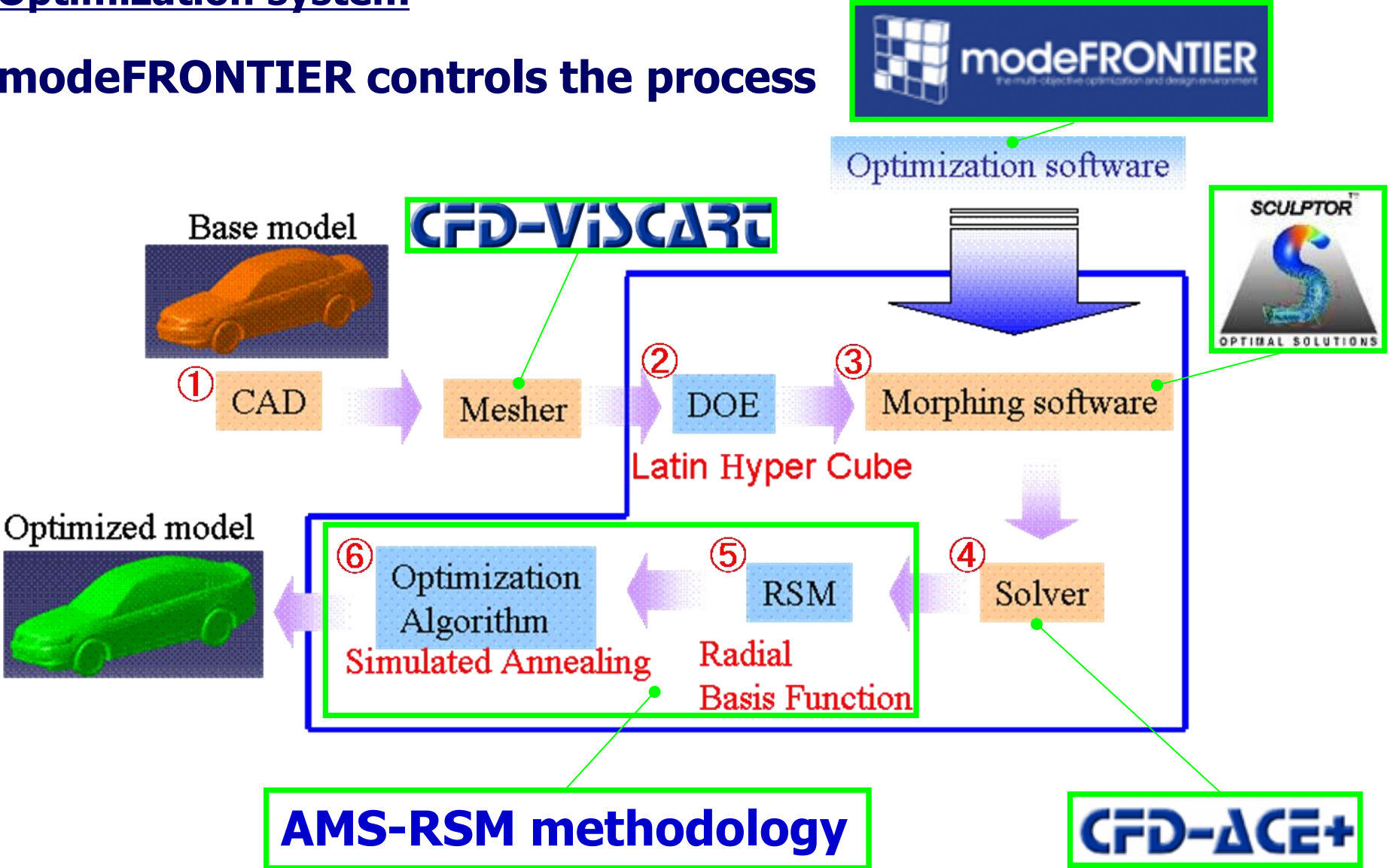
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**CFD-VISCART**



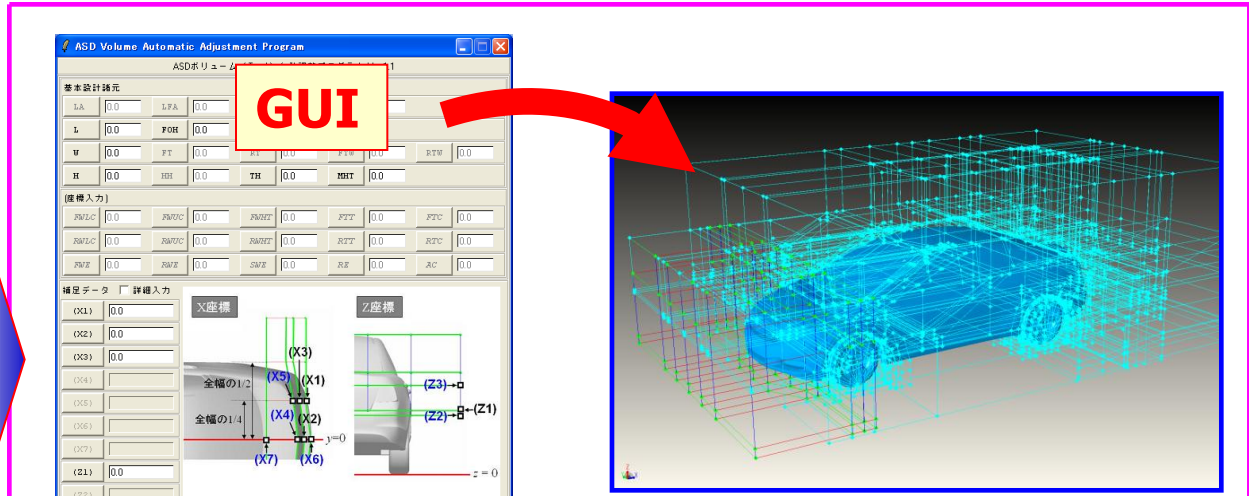
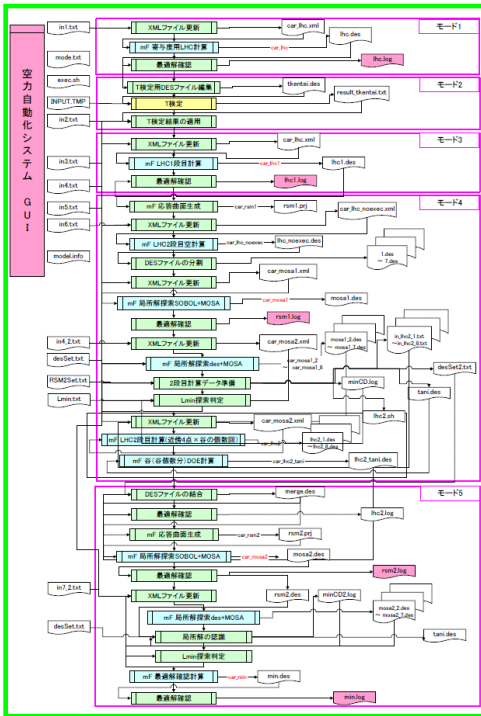
# Optimization System & Process

## Optimization system

modeFRONTIER controls the process



## Graphical User Interface for Morphing Definition



Morphing Boxes

空力最適化システム [入力変数の設定]

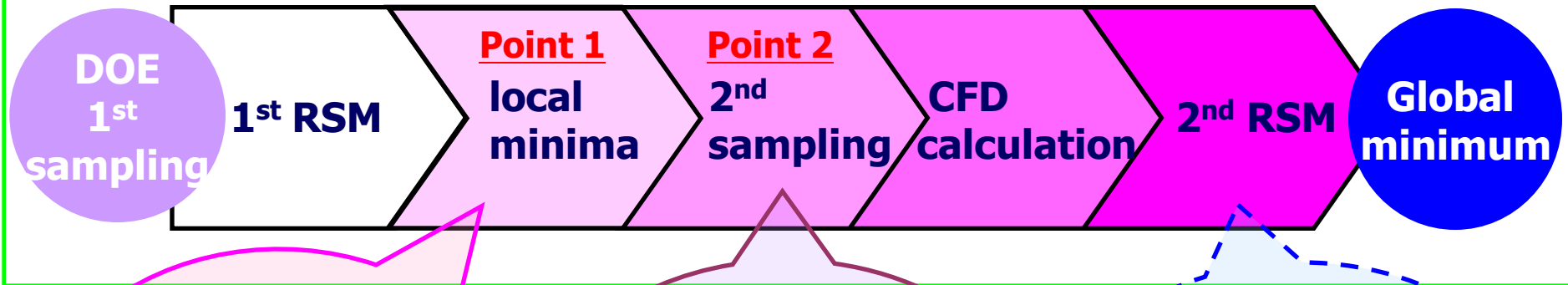
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3	Cpillar	変数	-600	600	60	
4	Diffuser	変数	0	-400	400	40
5	Froverhang	変数	-800	400	600	20
6	Frwin	変数	0	-1000	1000	10
7	Hood	変数	-200	-400	200	10
8	Roof	変数	250	-500	1000	10
9	Rbumper1	変数	0	-600	600	10
10	Rrwin_angle	変数	600	200	1000	10

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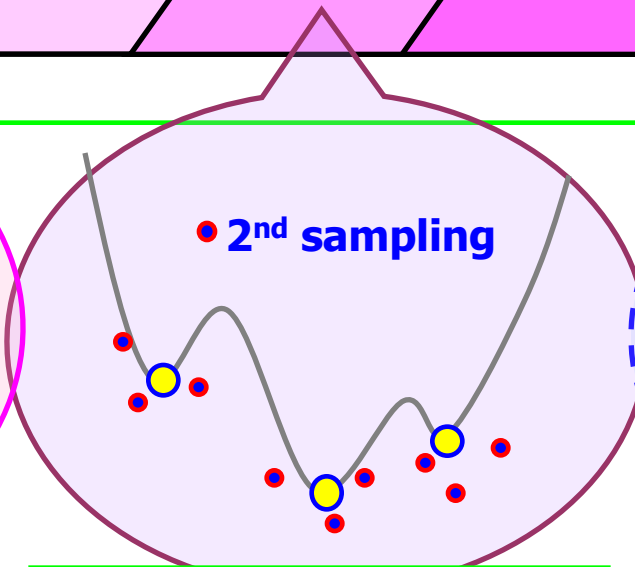
CFD calculation sampling

## AMS-RSM Flow

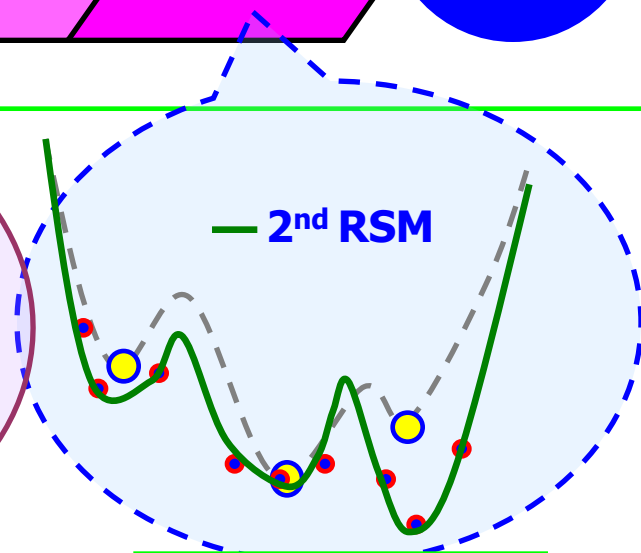
### Adaptive Multi-Stage Response Surface Modeling



Find local minima



The 2nd sampling around the local minima



Build the 2nd RSM

## Local & Global minimum search

Different parameter setting allows two types of search.



Optimization Wizard

Schedulers

DOE

Scheduler: MOSA

Advanced Optimizers

- MOSA
- NSGA-II
- MOGT
- MOPSO
- FMOGA-II
- FSIMPLEX

Evolution Strategies

- 1P1-ES
- DES
- MMES

Sequential Quadratic Programming

- NLPQLP
- NBI-NLPQLP

MOSA

Algorithm based on a single and Multi Objective Simulated Annealing (MOSA).

Main features:

- 1) Obeys boundary constraints on continuous variables.
- 2) Allows user defined discretization (base).
- 3) Enforces user defined constraints by objective function penalization
- 4) Allows concurrent evaluation of the n independent points.
- 5) After a 'hot phase' (T>0) a 'cold phase' (T=0) follows.
- 6) The evolution is governed by the Temperature Scheduler and by the Spatial Perturbation Length Scheduler.

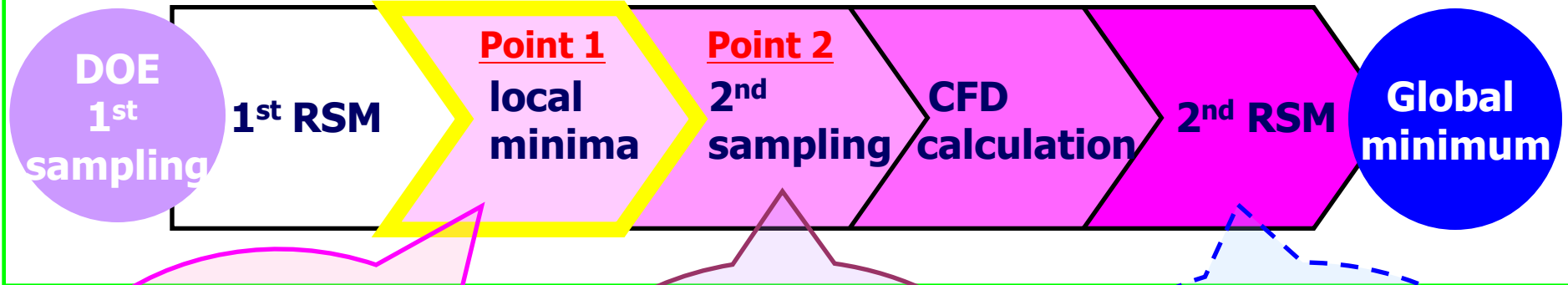
Parameter setting

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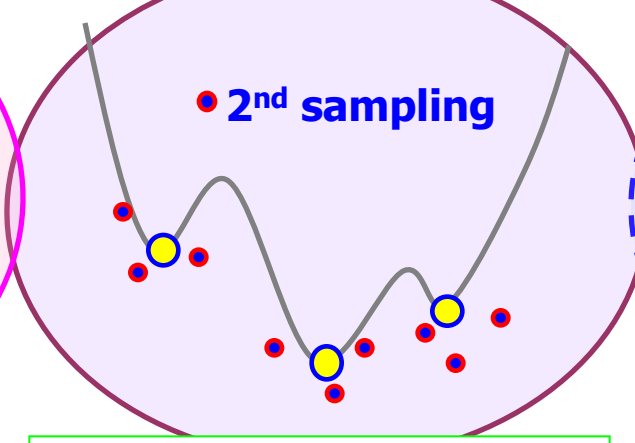
Parameters		
Number of Iterations	[1,5000]	100
Initial Temperature	[0.0,1.0]	0.1
Fraction of 'Hot' Iterations	[0.0,1.0]	0.5
Advanced Parameters		
Minimum Perturbation Length (fra...	[1.0E-6,1.0]	0.05
Feasibility of Points		No Unfeasible Points
Random Generator Seed	[0,999]	1

## AMS-RSM Flow

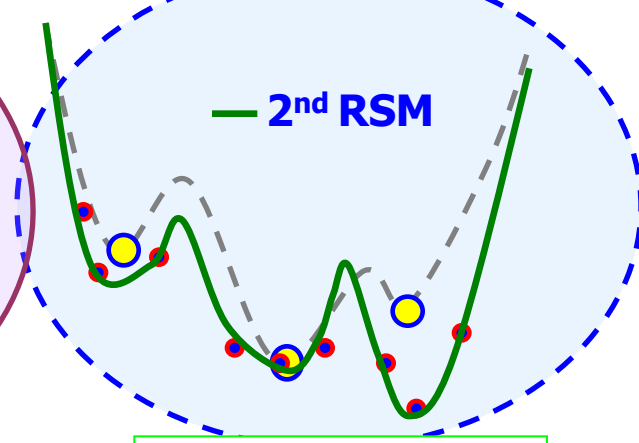
### Adaptive Multi-Stage Response Surface Modeling



Find local minima



The 2<sup>nd</sup> sampling around the local minima



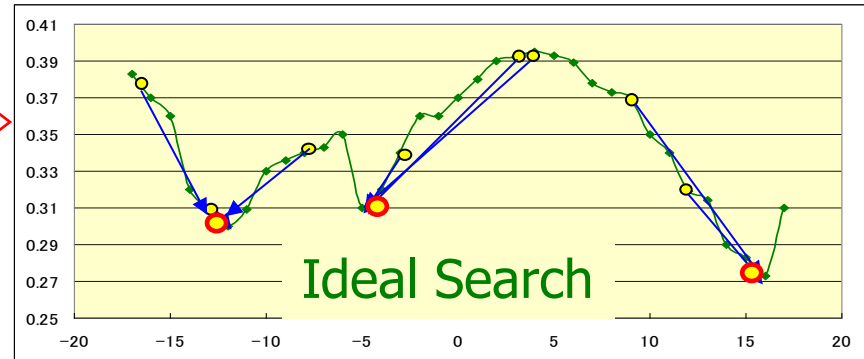
Build the 2<sup>nd</sup> RSM

# AMS-RSM -Search of local minima-

## Point 1 : Search of local minima by Simulated Annealing (SA)

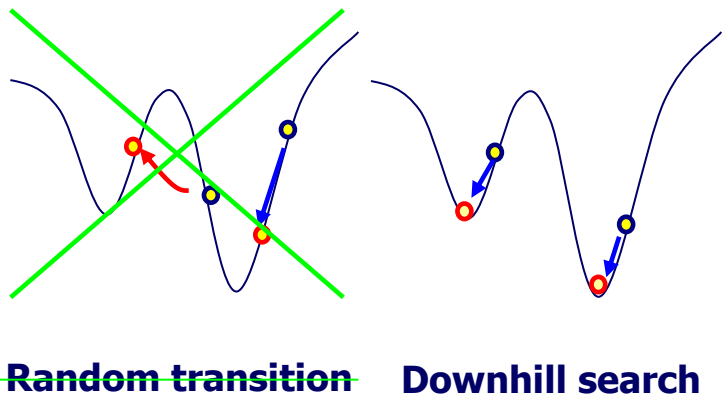
all searches reach the nearest local minima

Two algorithm setting



### 1. Fraction of random search

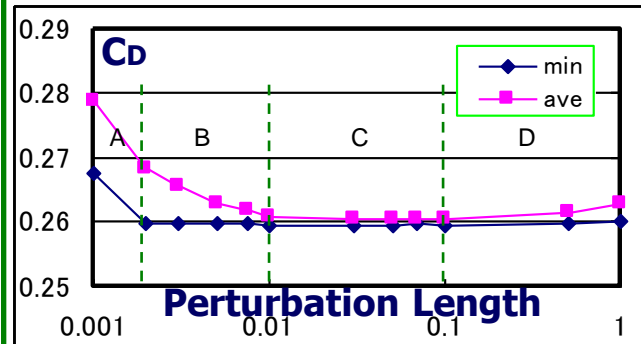
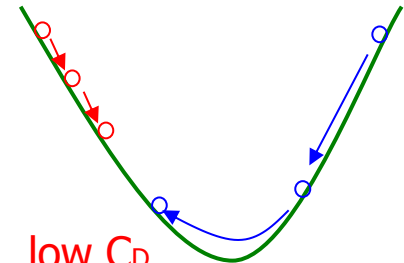
Control escape from local minima



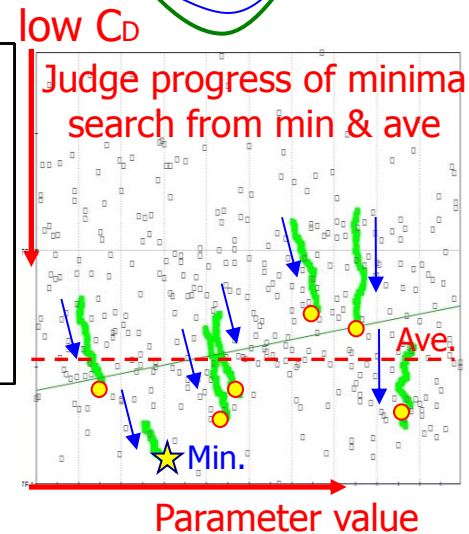
Random transition      Downhill search

### 2. Perturbation length setting

- small length → incomplete search
- large length → jump over local minima



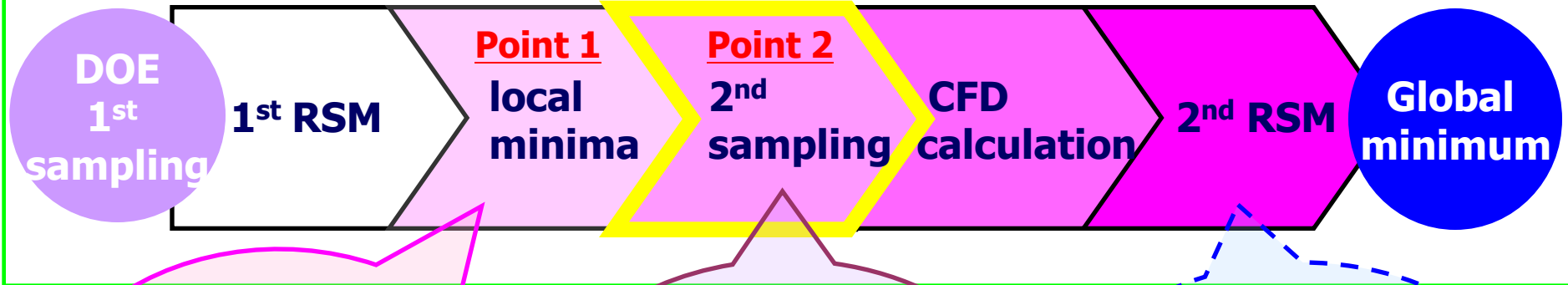
Appropriate Perturbation Length



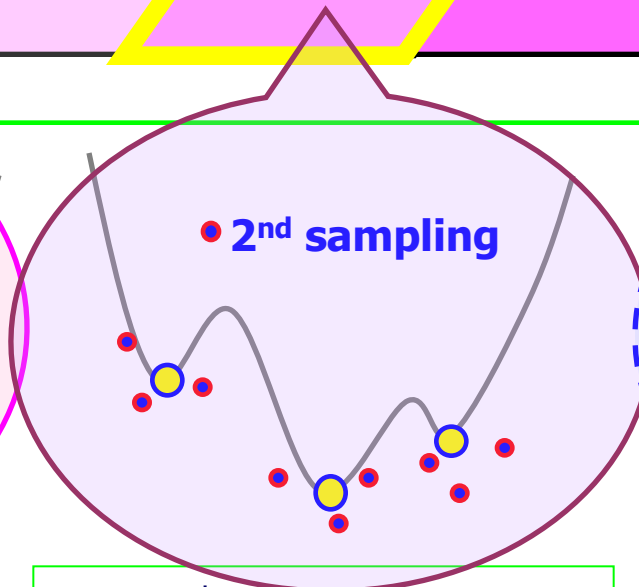
Parameter value

## AMS-RSM Flow

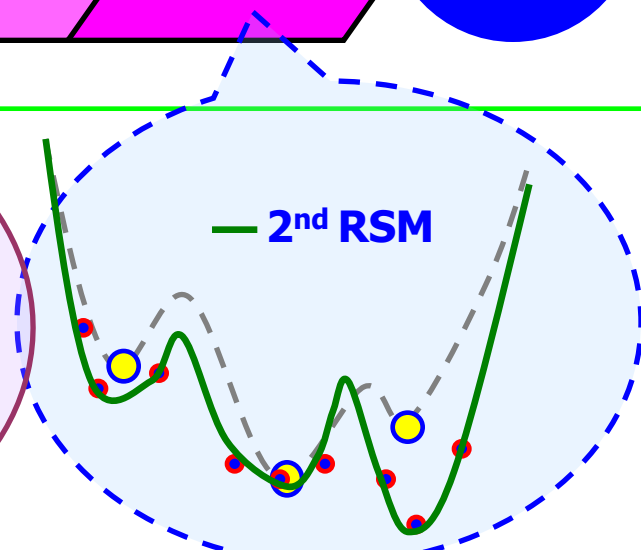
### Adaptive Multi-Stage Response Surface Modeling



Find local minima



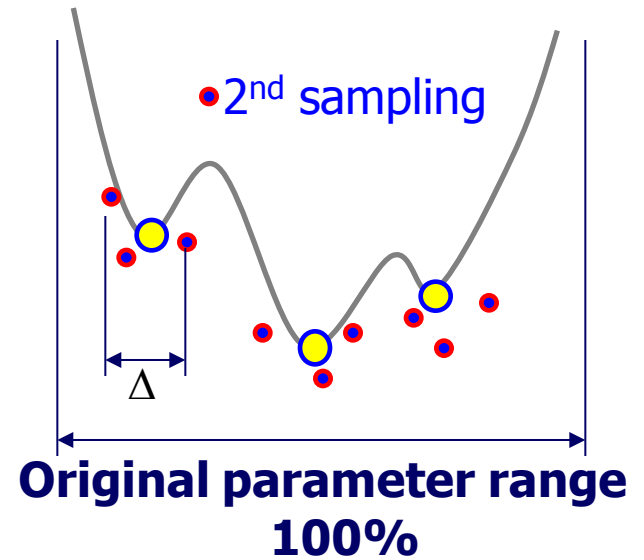
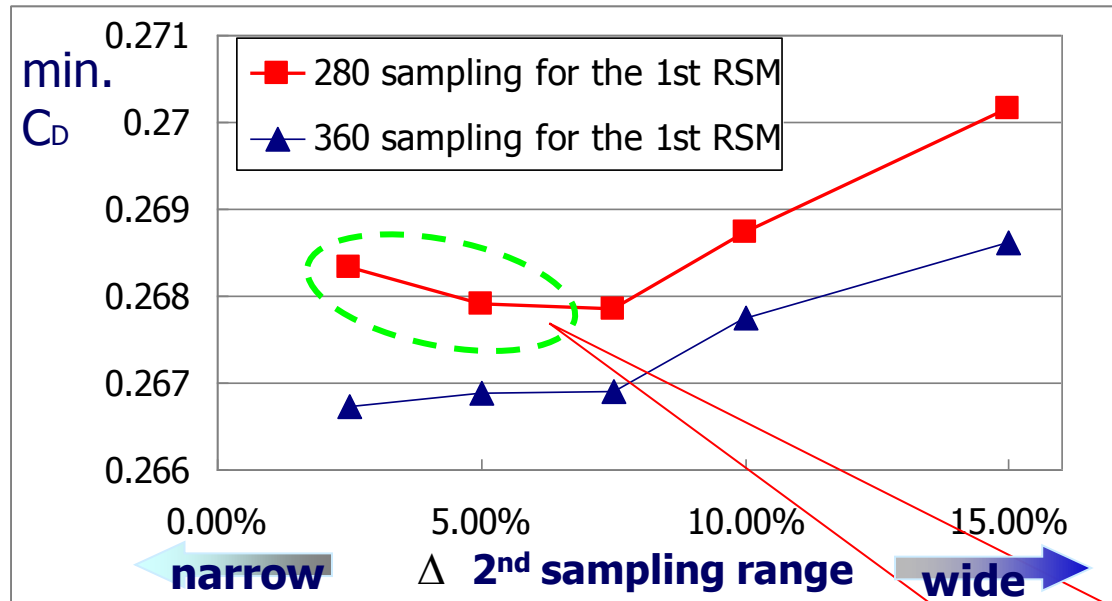
The 2nd sampling around the local minima



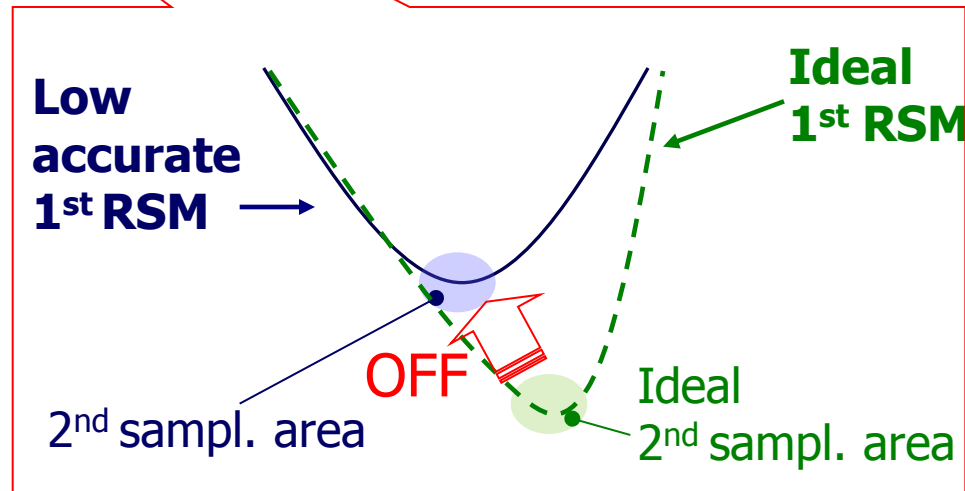
Build the 2nd RSM

# AMS-RSM -The 2<sup>nd</sup> sampling-

## Point 2 : 2<sup>nd</sup> sampling range



Approx. 7% is appropriate  
(7% in our system)



## Robustness test for sampling pattern

LHC is a quasi-random sampling which may result in different RS.

### How to make sampling-B

#### Original Sampling

ID	A	B	C	.....	C <sub>D</sub>
1	-89	4	6	.....	0.299
2	-78	5	12	.....	0.310
.	.	.	.		.
116	-90	6.	7	.....	0.289
.	.	.			.
240	-39	8	44	.....	0.306

Sampling points with lower 3% C<sub>D</sub>

Replace

Sampling points with ordinary C<sub>D</sub>

241	-58	2	3	.....	0.304
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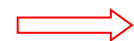
Create response surface by the same algorithm

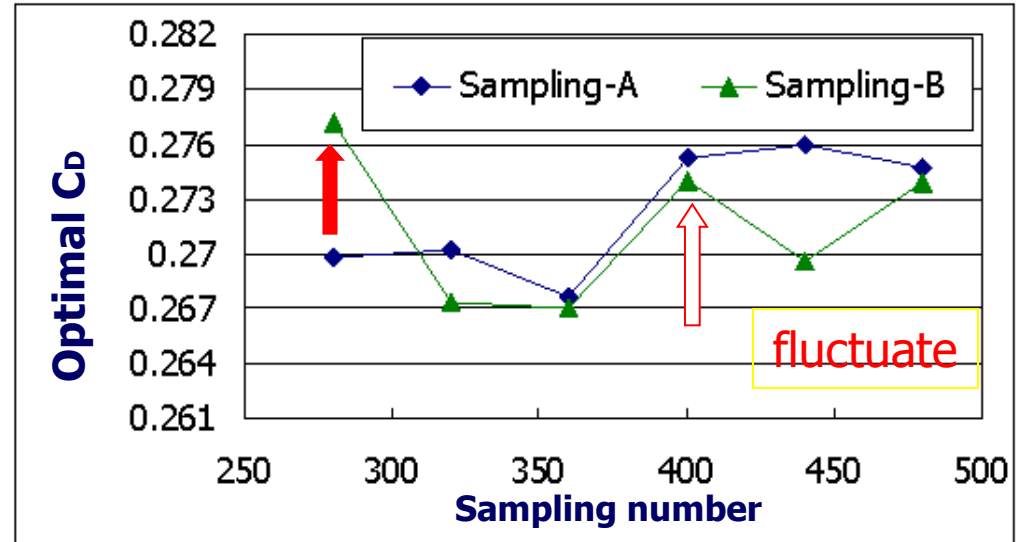
Search an optimal point by the same optimization algorithm

## Robustness Test Result


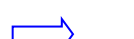
### Dependence of sampling numbers & patterns on optimal $C_D$

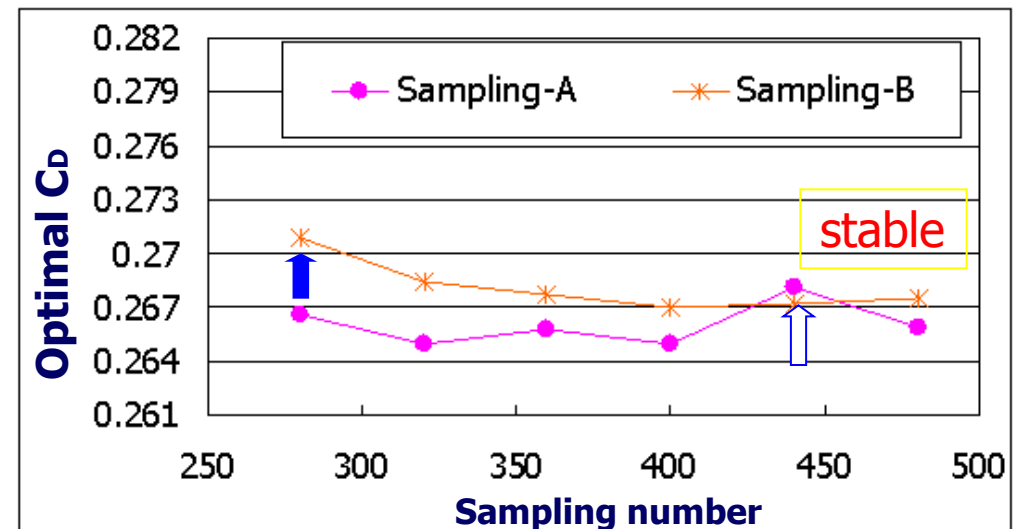
#### Conventional RSM

-  large variation by sampling pattern change
-  large variation by sampling number change



#### AMS-RSM

-  small variation by sampling pattern change
-  small variation by sampling number change



# AMS-RSM -Performance-

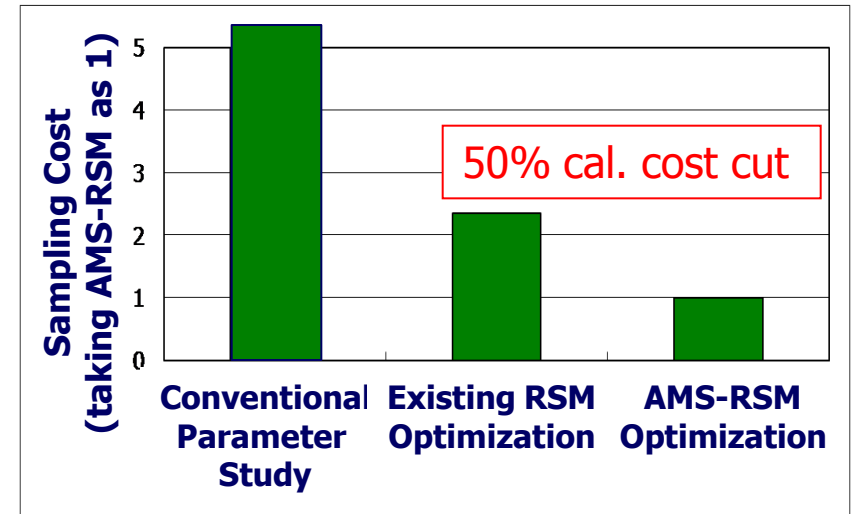
## Performance & Accuracy

Relative to conventional method, ...

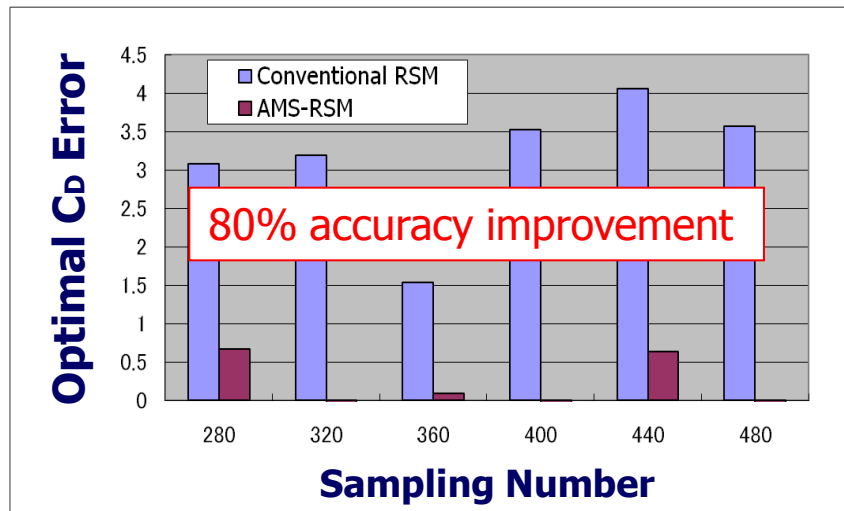
Calculation cost cut

Optimization performance improvement

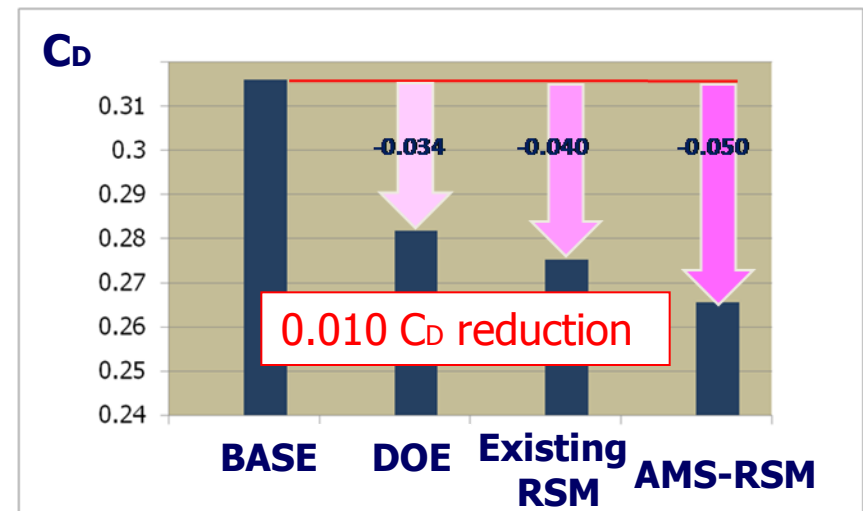
Accuracy improvement



Sampling cost (normalized by AMS-RSM)



Accuracy of conventional RSM and AMS-RSM



Optimum  $C_D$  (the same sampling number)



# System Application & Outputs

## 5-parameter study

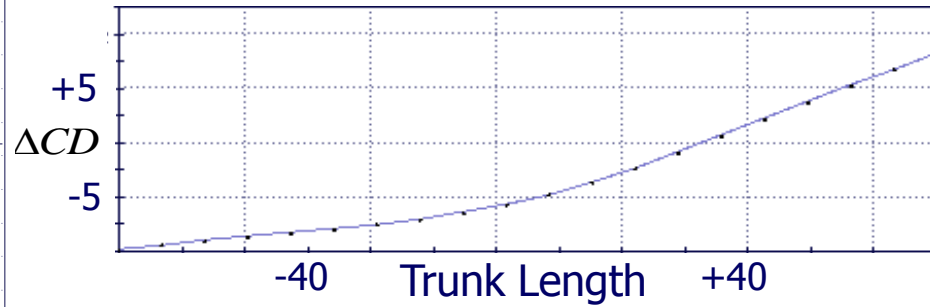
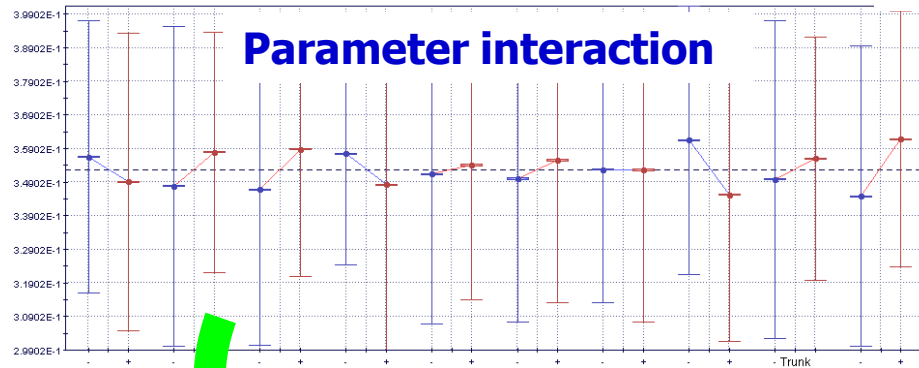
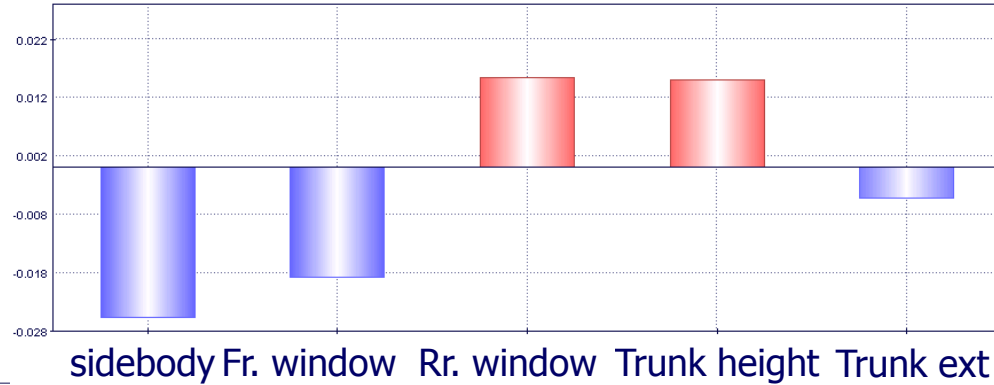
BASE



OPTIMIZED



$\Delta C_d = -0.015$



	Fr Window	Rr Window	Trunk Ext.	Trunk Height	Side body
Fr Window		●	●	●	●
Rr Window			●	●	●
Trunk Ext.	-	-		●	●
Trunk Height	-	-	-		●
Sidebody	-	-	-	-	

Various outputs give design guideline.

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1. Introduction

2. Optimization by RSM

3. Technical Approach

**4. Conclusive & Future Remarks**

## Conclusion

**1. Aerodynamic optimization system has been developed**

**2. The system can supply...**

- better aerodynamic designs automatically
- design guidelines (not only the optimized shape) within 1.5-2 weeks
- usability for practical aerodynamic design development

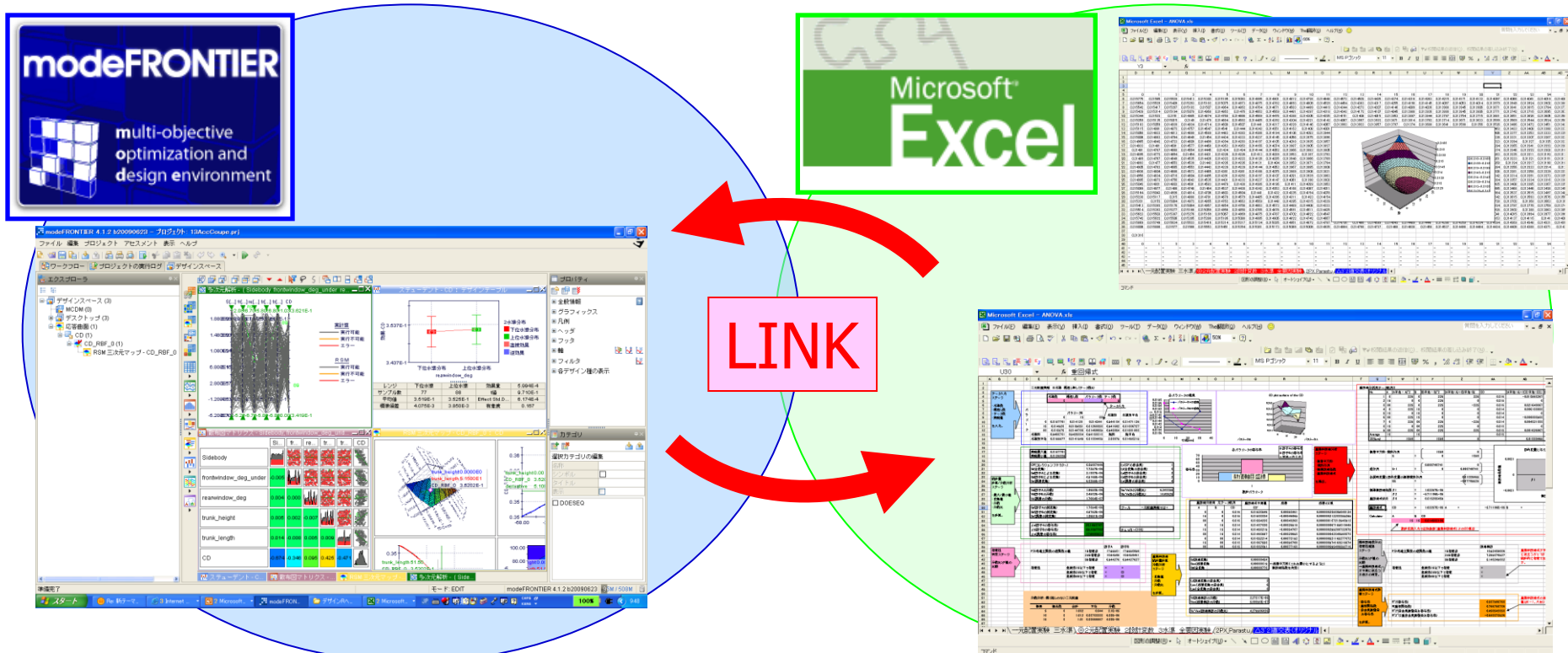
**3. AMS-RSM can achieve...**

- lower CD
- accurate response surface
- low CFD calculation cost
- robustness for sampling numbers & patterns

# Conclusive & Future Remarks

## Future

1. Realization of 1-week optimization
2. Improvement in system toughness
3. Supply of more various output (link to Microsoft Excel e.t.c.)



# Thank you

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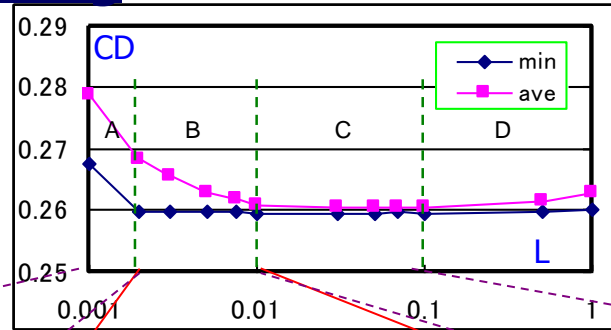
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# APPENDIX A

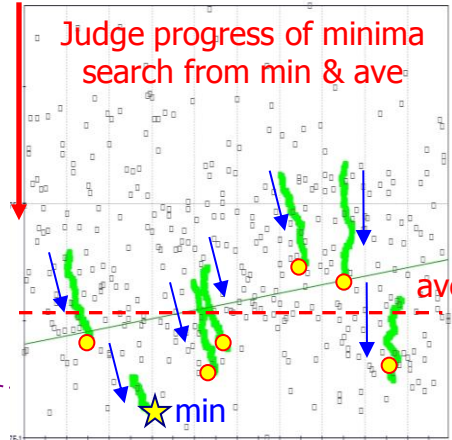
## Perturbation Length setting

For each Perturbation Length

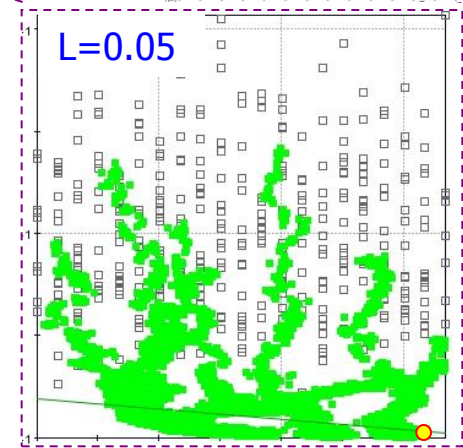
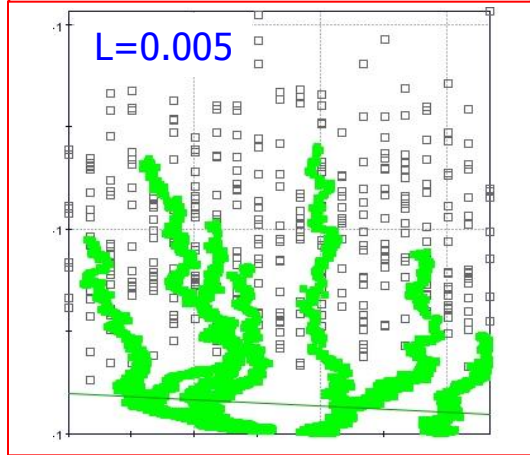
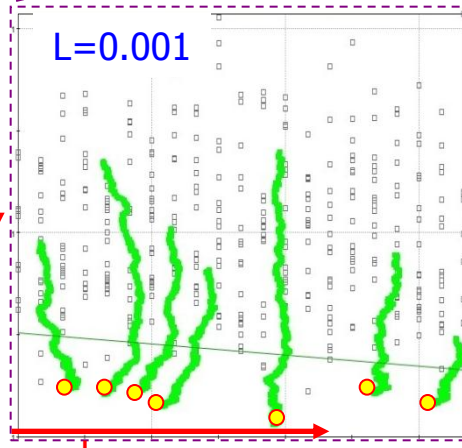
Take average & minimum CD at the end of minima searches



low CD



Desirable L range



$$\frac{d(\min CD)}{dL} < 0$$

$$\frac{d(\min CD)}{dL} = 0$$

$$\min(CD) \approx \text{ave}(CD)$$

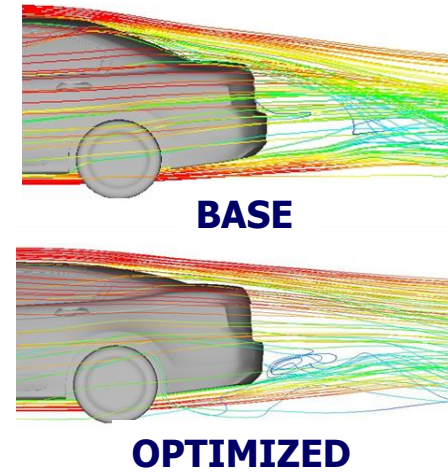
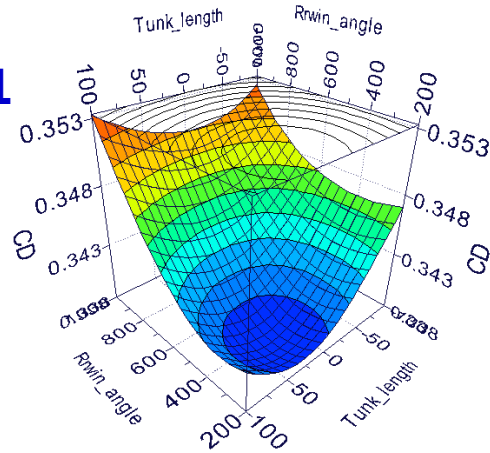
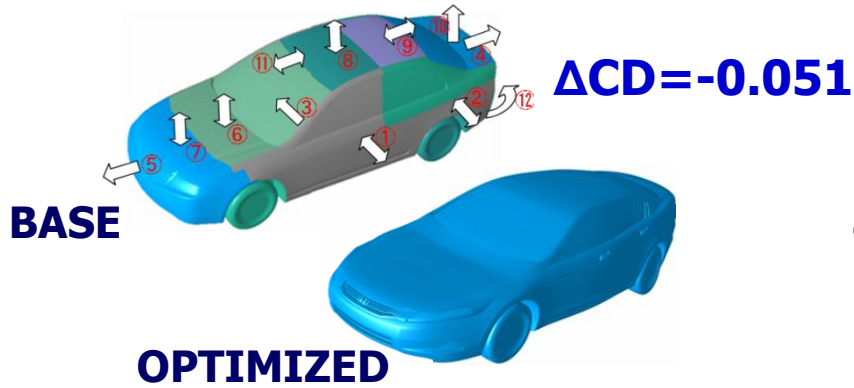
$$\min(CD) \neq \text{ave}(CD)$$

No search reaches a global minimum

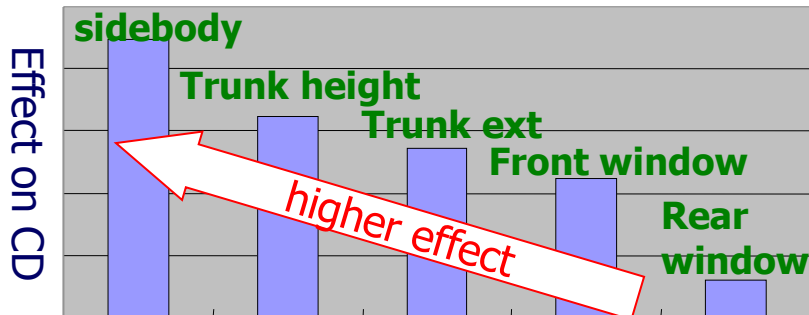
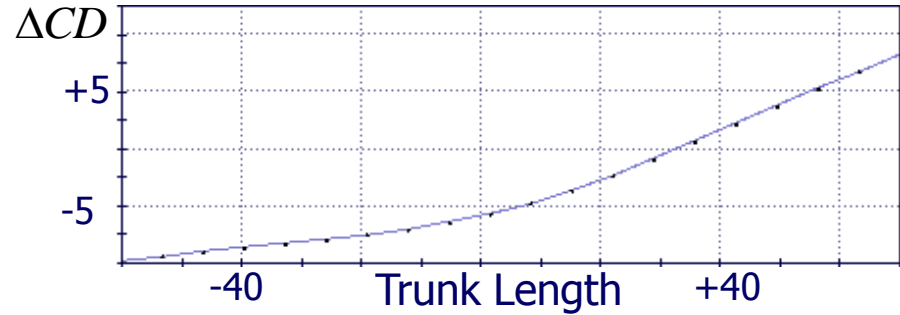
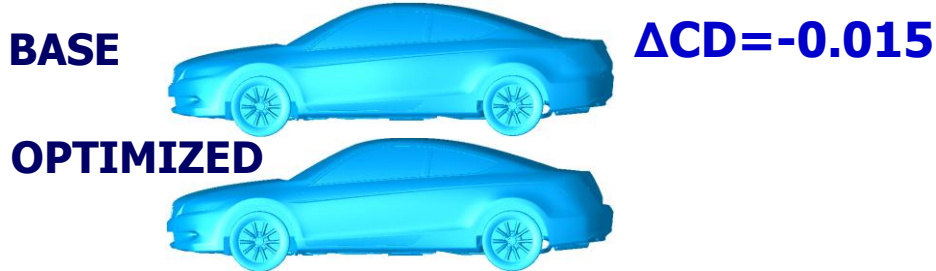
At least one search reaches a global minimum. Others reach local minima.

All searches jump over local minima and fall into a global minimum.

## 12-parameter study



## 5-parameter study



	Fr Window	Rr Window	Trunk Ext.	Trunk Height	Sidebody
Fr Window	-	●	●	●	●
Rr Window	-	-	●	●	●
Trunk Ext.	-	-	-	●	●
Trunk Height	-	-	-	-	●
Sidebody	-	-	-	-	-

**Parameter interaction**