

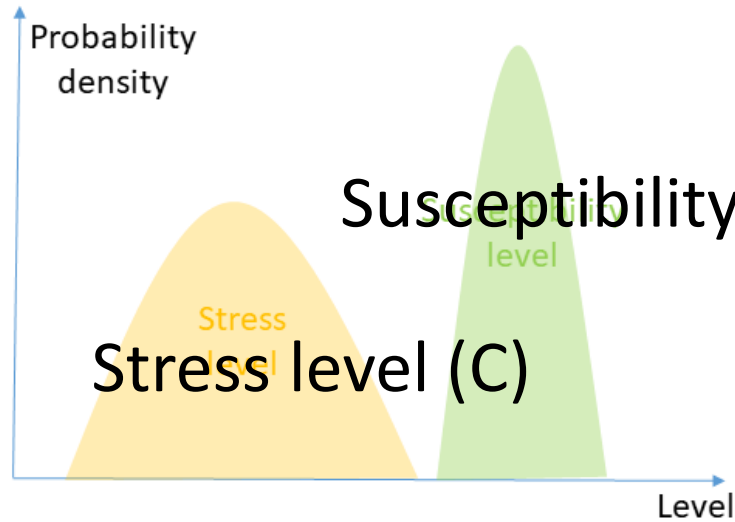


Controlled Stratification for Determining Extreme Quantiles in Electromagnetic Compatibility Risk Analysis

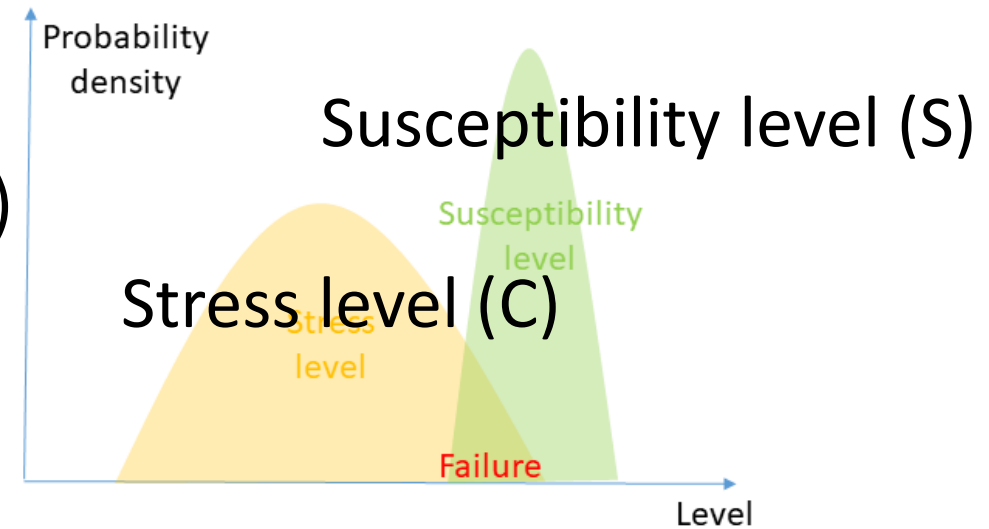
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(a) A risk-free configuration



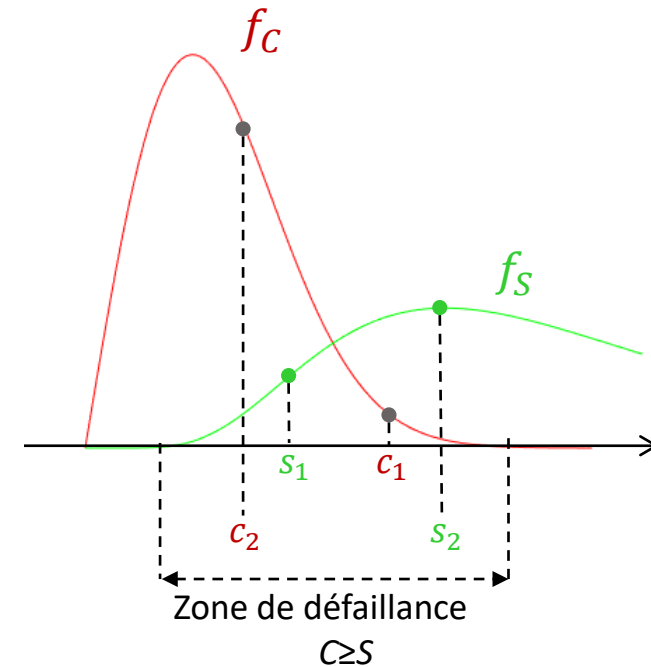
(b) A possible risk configuration

■ Probability of failure

$$\mathbb{P}\{C \geq S\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (1 - F_C(x)) f_S(x) dx$$

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Stress Susceptibility

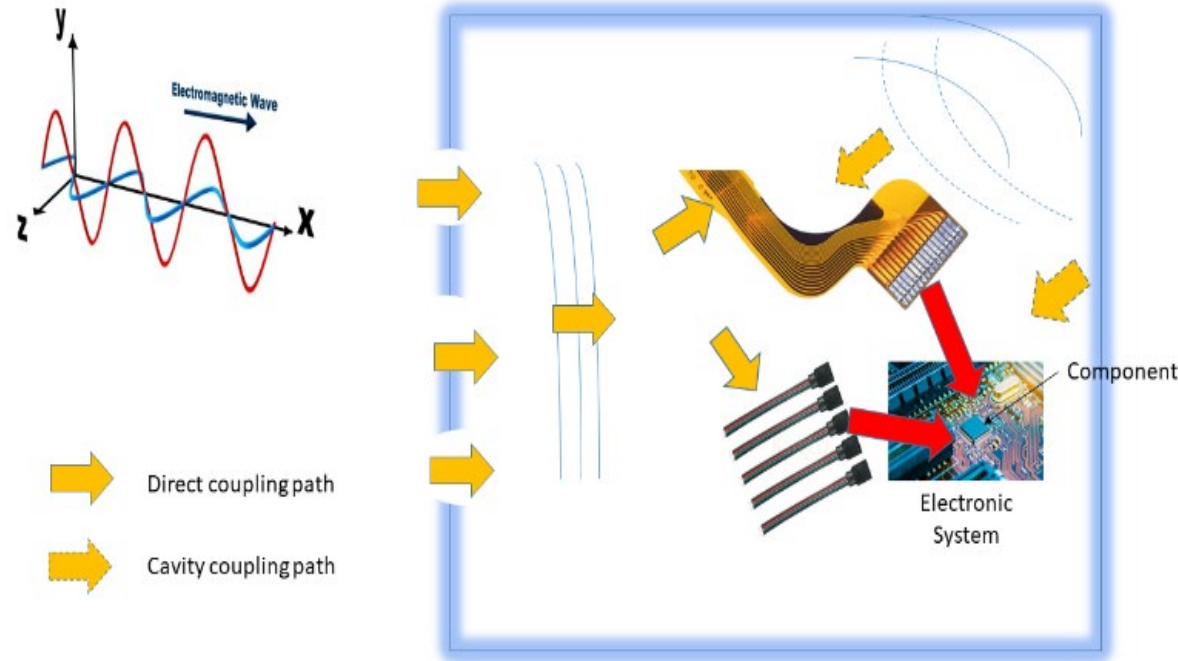


Distributions are not needed but part of them under the following hypotheses:

- If they strongly overlap, $\mathbb{P}\{C \geq S\}$ is significant ; High risk
- If distributions are known to be far apart : $\mathbb{P}\{C \geq S\} \rightarrow 0$; Negligible risk
- Otherwise, $\mathbb{P}\{C \geq S\}$ to be estimated

Discussion about one example

Stress level:
numerical
modeling

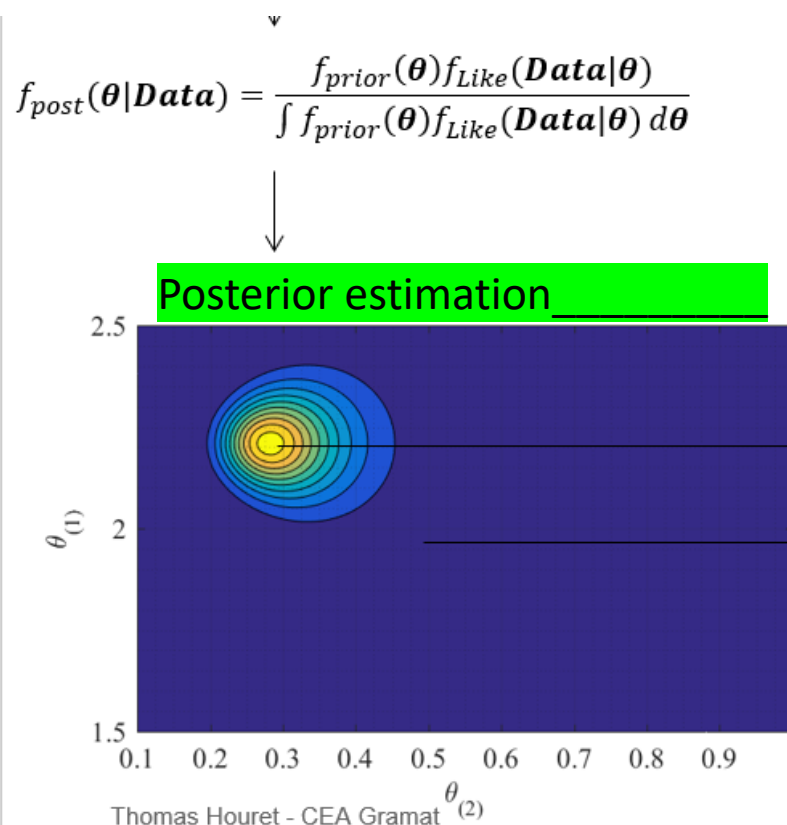


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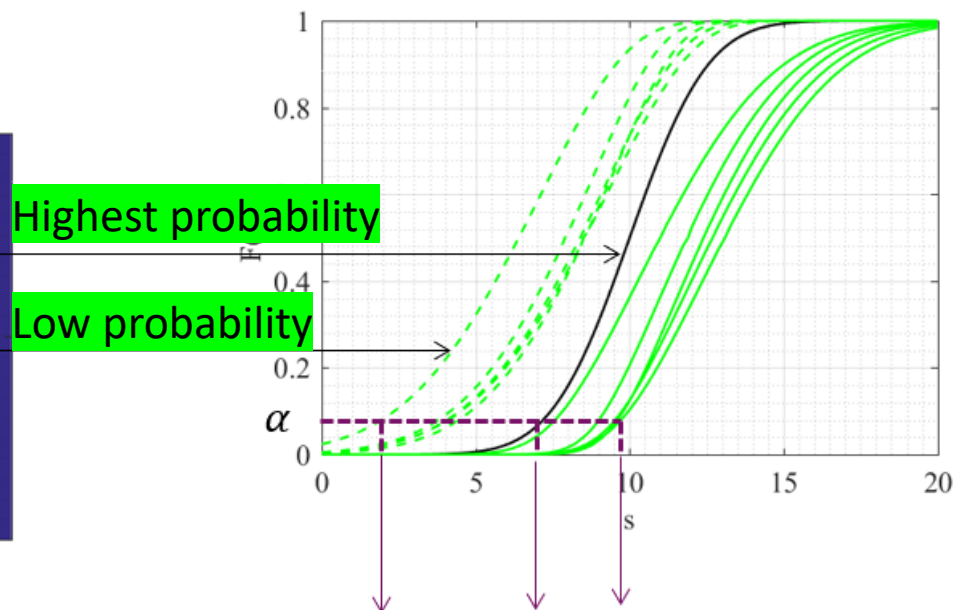
Susceptibility level ?

A statistical model from a measured sample (statistical inference: Bayes)

T. Houret et. al., "Estimating the Probability Density Function of the Electromagnetic Susceptibility from a Small Sample of Equipment," Progress in Electromagnetics Research B, Vol. 83, pp. 93-109, Feb. 2019



Set of probable distributions according to posterior estimation

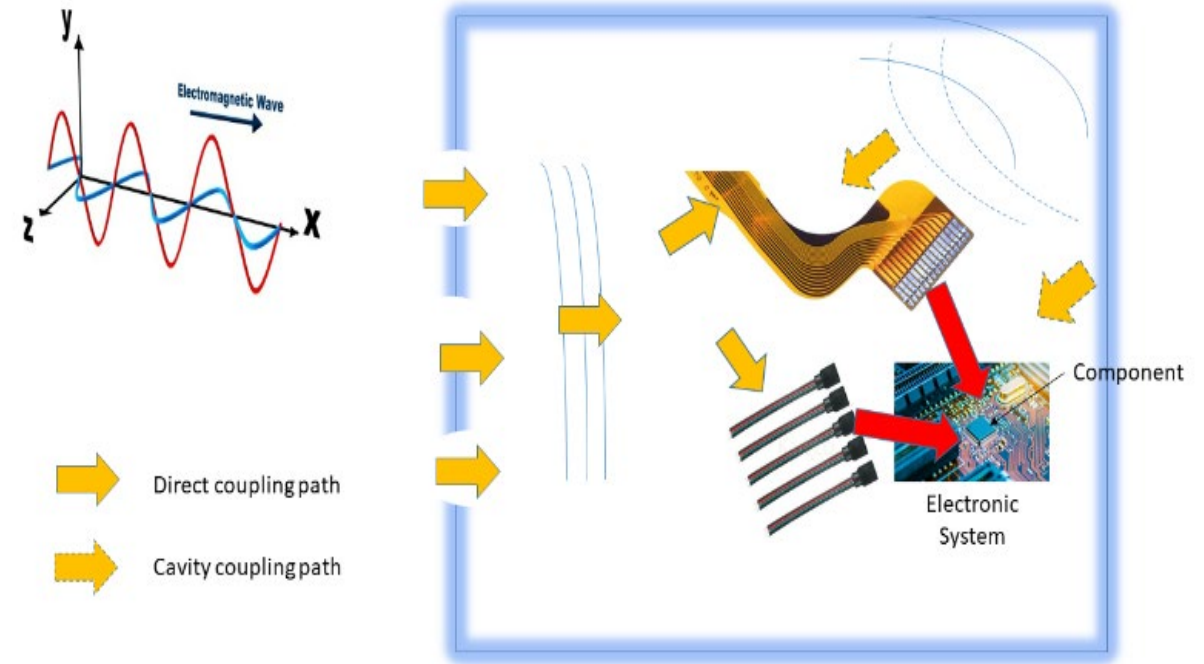
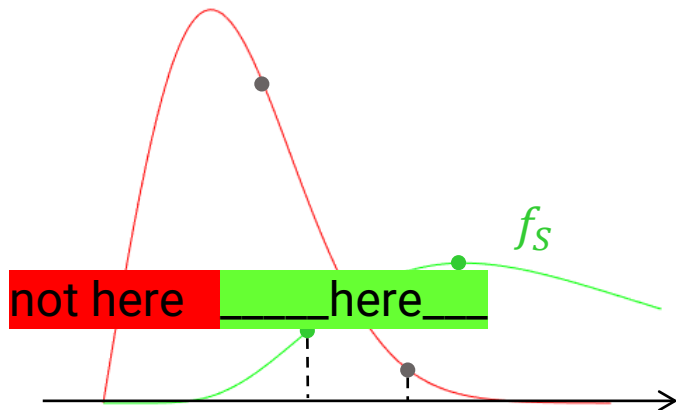


IETR EMC scenario (radiated susceptibility)

What about the stress level ?

Numerical and parametric modeling is appropriate

But smart sampling (here / not here) is even more



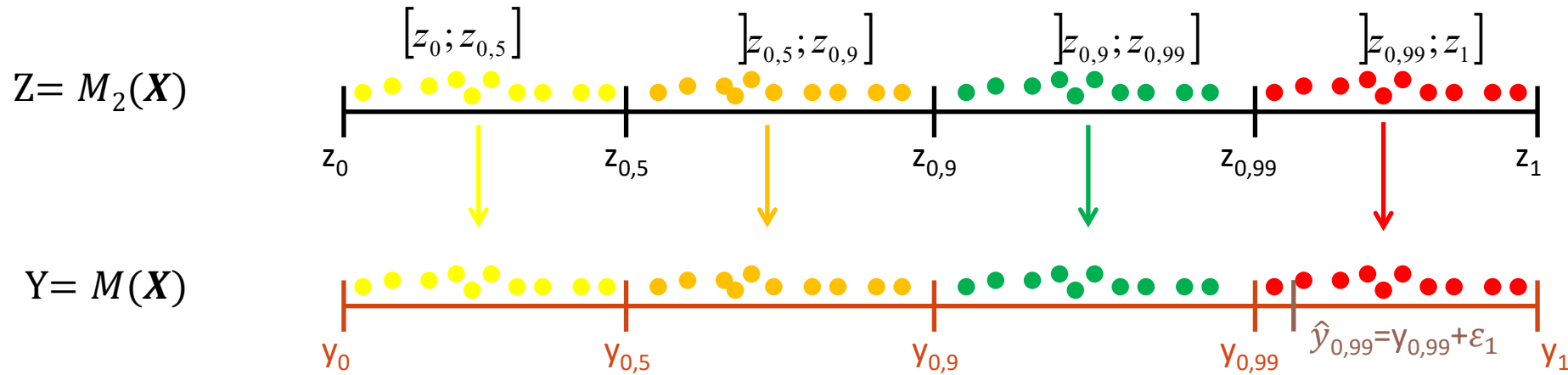
We need a statistical trick here!

- ✓ We have a trustable numerical model M :

$$\mathbf{y} = M(\mathbf{X})$$

- ✓ Preferably, we aim at sampling particular subspaces of $\mathbf{X}$ with the highest $\mathbf{y}$ output
- ✓ What do we need ?
 - ✓ At least some runs to learn about an estimation of, say, some quantile of $\mathbf{y}$
 - ✓ And ... HELP!

CS : using a auxiliary model (M_2) to estimate the output extreme quantile of the original model (M)



The target:

$$\hat{Y}(\alpha) = \inf \{y, \hat{F}(y) > \alpha\}$$

M_2 is a auxiliary model with two specific properties.

- It provides similar trends regarding the output ranking (likely the same bins between quantiles)
- It is run for almost free (a few seconds or minutes)

How to find it ?

- Lucky you, if you find it!

M_2 provides a smart sampling of X for the estimation of an extreme quantile of Y through M

Possible Z candidates ?

- ✓ M_2 may be a simplified version of M preserving physics (or most part of it)
 - ✓ Fullwave simulation approximated by some circuit models
 - ✓ Fullwave simulation with coarse meshes (low-fidelity simulations)
- ✓ M_2 could be any surrogate model

How do we know about M_2 being a good candidate or not ?

- ✓ Metric based on the correlation of the output ranking according to predefined strata
- ✓ The higher the correlation the faster the estimator converges
- ✓ A gamble: to be checked afterwards!

$$\hat{\rho}_I = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n (1_{Z_j \leq z_\alpha} - \hat{G}_n(z_\alpha)) (1_{Y_j \leq y_\alpha} - \hat{F}_{EE}(y_\alpha))}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n (1_{Z_j \leq z_\alpha} - \hat{G}_n(z_\alpha))^2} \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n (1_{Y_j \leq y_\alpha} - \hat{F}_{EE}(y_\alpha))^2}} \Big|_{y_\alpha = \hat{Y}_{CV}(\alpha)}$$

where $\hat{F}_{EE}(y_\alpha) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 1_{Y_i \leq y_\alpha}$ and $\hat{G}_n(z_\alpha) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 1_{Z_i \leq z_\alpha}$

- 1) If $Z_j \leq z_\alpha$ and $Y_j \leq y_\alpha$: $(1-0.99) * (1-0.99) = (0.01) * (0.01) = 1 * 10^{-4}$
- 2) If $Z_j > z_\alpha$ and $Y_j \leq y_\alpha$: $(1-0.99) * (0-0.99) = (0.01) * (-0.99) = -9.9 * 10^{-3}$
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➔ Measures the correlation of the models at the tail of their distributions

The cdf of Y can be defined from a conditional probability involving Z :

$$F(y) = \sum_{j=1}^m P_j(y) (\alpha_j - \alpha_{j-1}) \quad P_j(y) = P(Y \leq y / Z \in]z_{\alpha_{j-1}}, z_{\alpha_j}])$$

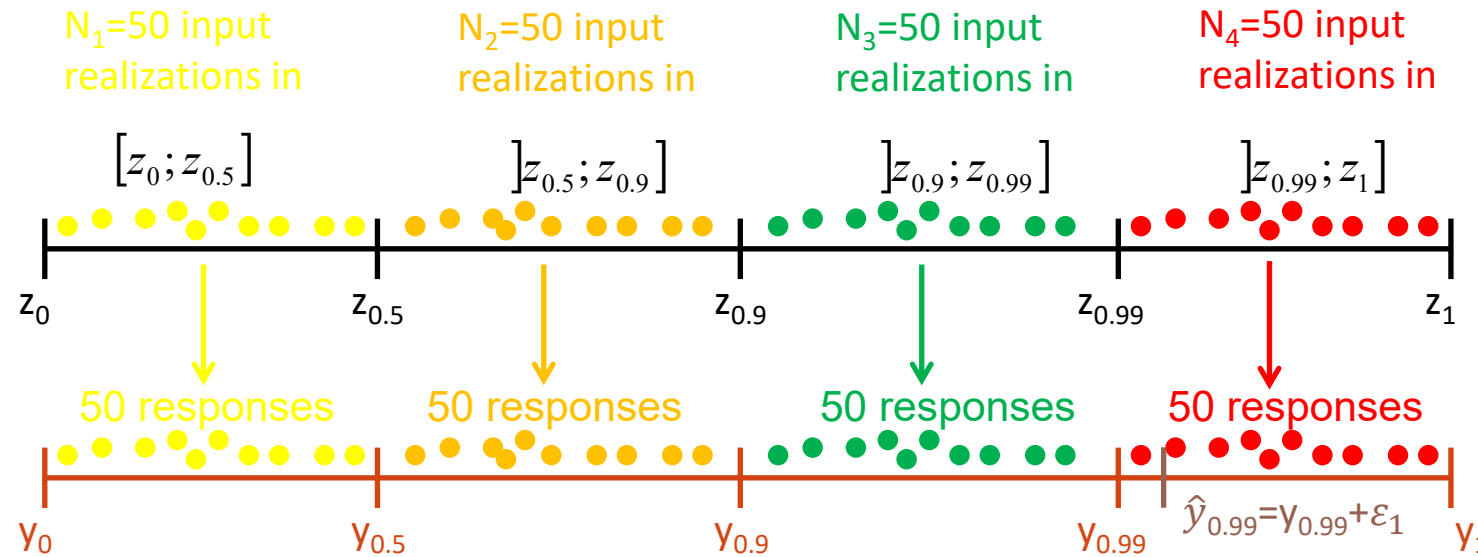
where $P_j(y)$ is the conditional probability

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If $\hat{\rho}_1 = 0$ then $P_j(y) = P(Y \leq y)$

On the contrary, if $\hat{\rho}_1$ is significant, the stratification allows populating the tail of Y distribution

IETR Introduction to controlled stratification



Quantile estimation: $\Rightarrow \hat{Y}_{CS}(0.99) = \inf \{y, \hat{F}_{CS}(y) > 0.99\}$

where $\hat{F}_{CS}(y) = 0.5 * \hat{P}_1(y) + 0.4 * \hat{P}_2(y) + 0.09 * \hat{P}_3(y) + 0.01 * \hat{P}_4(y)$

$\hat{P}_j(y) = \frac{1}{N_j} \sum_{i=1}^{N_j} 1_{Y_i^{(j)} \leq y | Z \in]z_{\alpha_{j-1}}; z_{\alpha_j}]}$

$$\hat{\rho}_i = 1$$

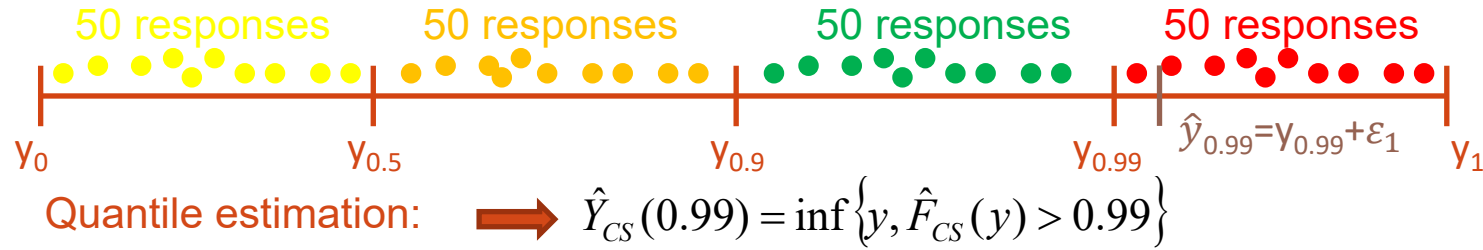
$$\Rightarrow F_{CS}(\widehat{y_{0.99}}) = 0.5 \times (50/50) + 0.4 \times (50/50) + 0.09 \times (50/50) + 0.01 \times (1/50) = 0.9902$$

$$\hat{\rho}_i = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{CS}(\widehat{y_{0.99}}) = ?$$

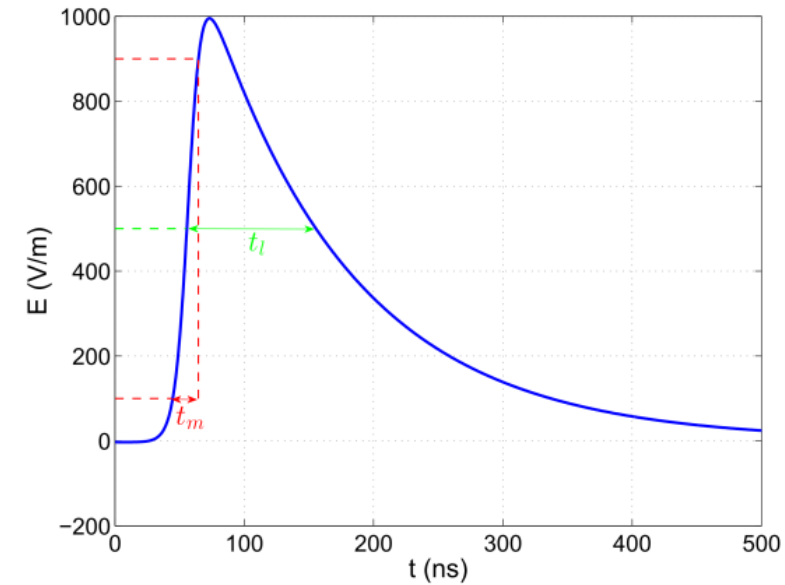
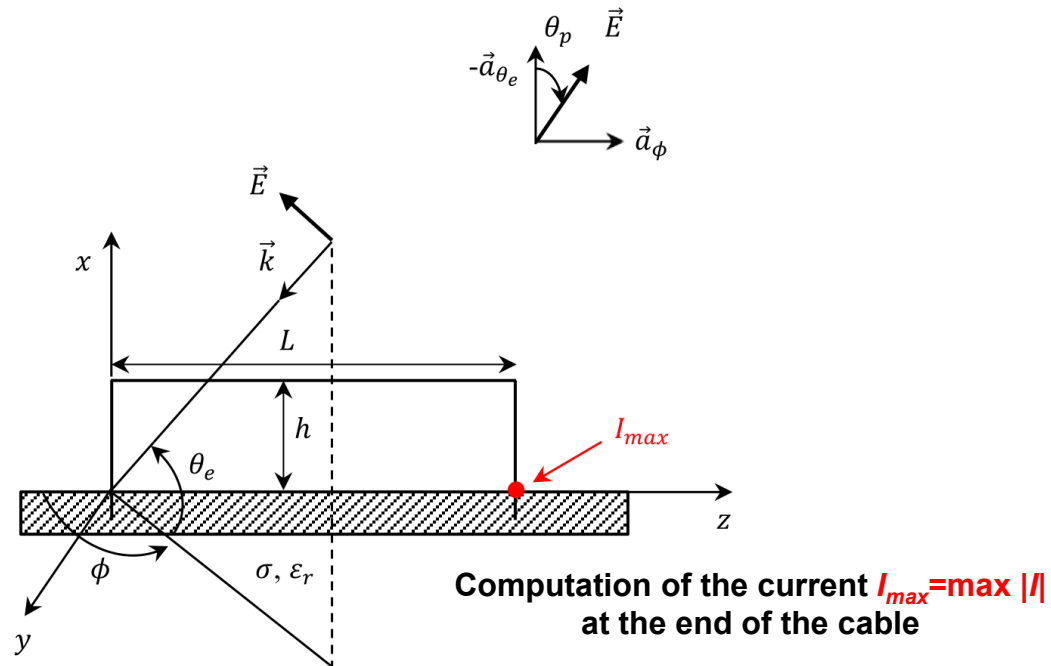
$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{Y}_{EE}(\alpha) - y_\alpha) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{EE}^2),$$

$$\sigma_{EE}^2 = \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)}{p^2(y_\alpha)}.$$



Variance reduction of the quantile estimation: $1 - \rho_I^2$

A significant sample of extreme values (POT) events -> extreme value distribution



Set for the computation

- Incident plane wave with a normalized peak electric field strength: $\vec{E}=1000$ V/m and a rise time $t_m=20$ ns
- $t_l \in [50; 500$ ns] is the decay time of the incident wave
- $\theta_p \in [0; 90^\circ]$ is the polarisation angle of the incident wave
- $\theta_e \in [0; 90^\circ]$ is the elevation angle of the incident wave
- $\phi \in [0; 359^\circ]$ is the azimuth angle of the incident wave
- cable : $L \in [100; 500$ m], $h \in [6; 12$ m], $d \in [1; 20$ cm]
- Ground conductivity $\sigma=10^{-3}$ S/m, and the relative permittivity $\epsilon_r = 1$

Parameters

Uniform random variables

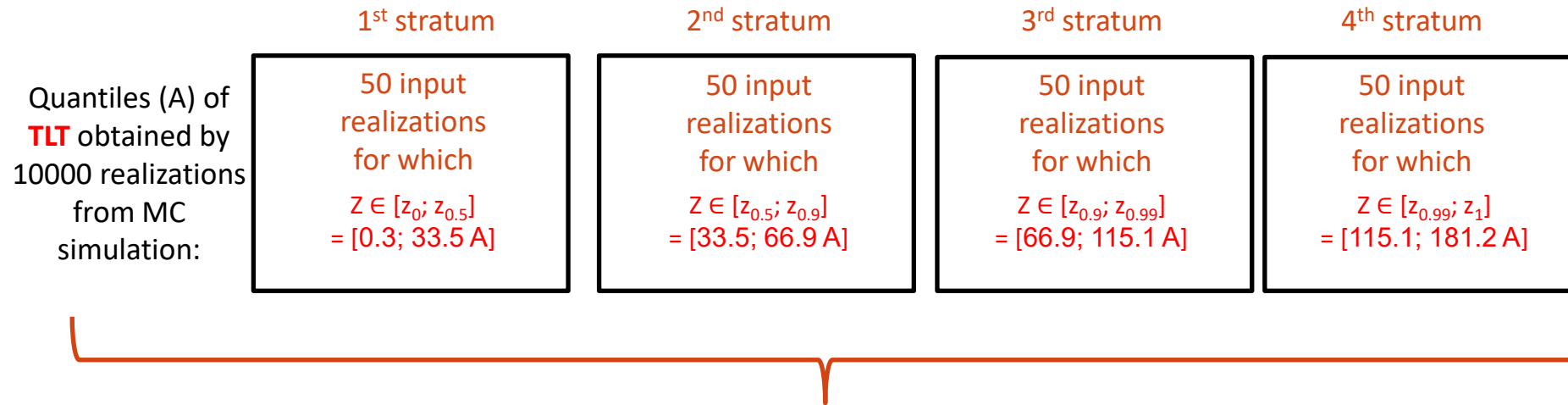
Parameters

M (1800 s per run): Full-wave simulation (Finite Difference Time Domain)

M₂(0.1 s per run): Transmission Line theory

Target : 99% quantile (Max induced current)

- Quantile estimation of level 99% of the current:



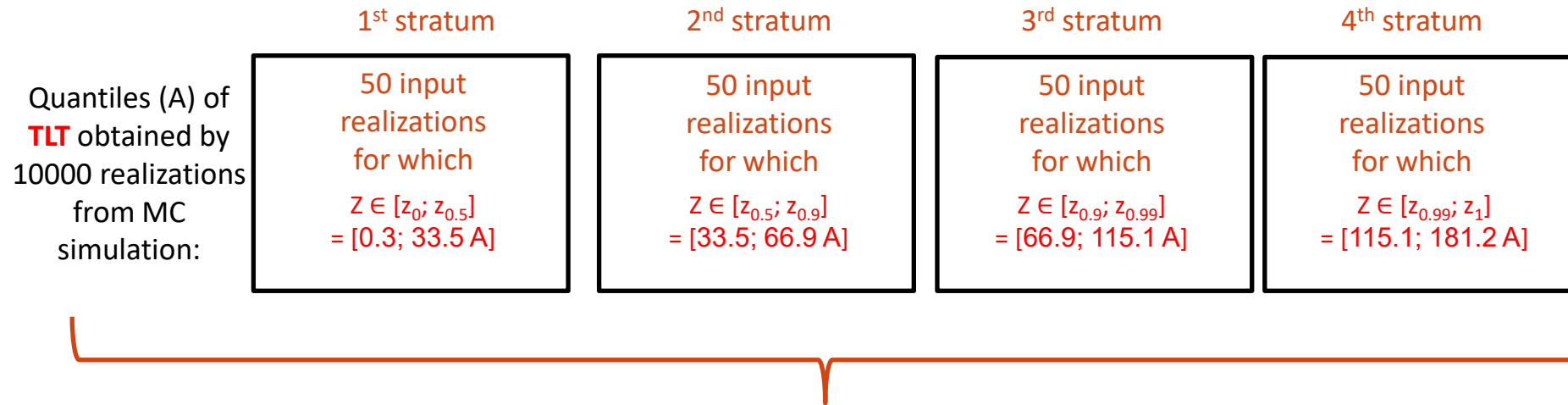
FDTD



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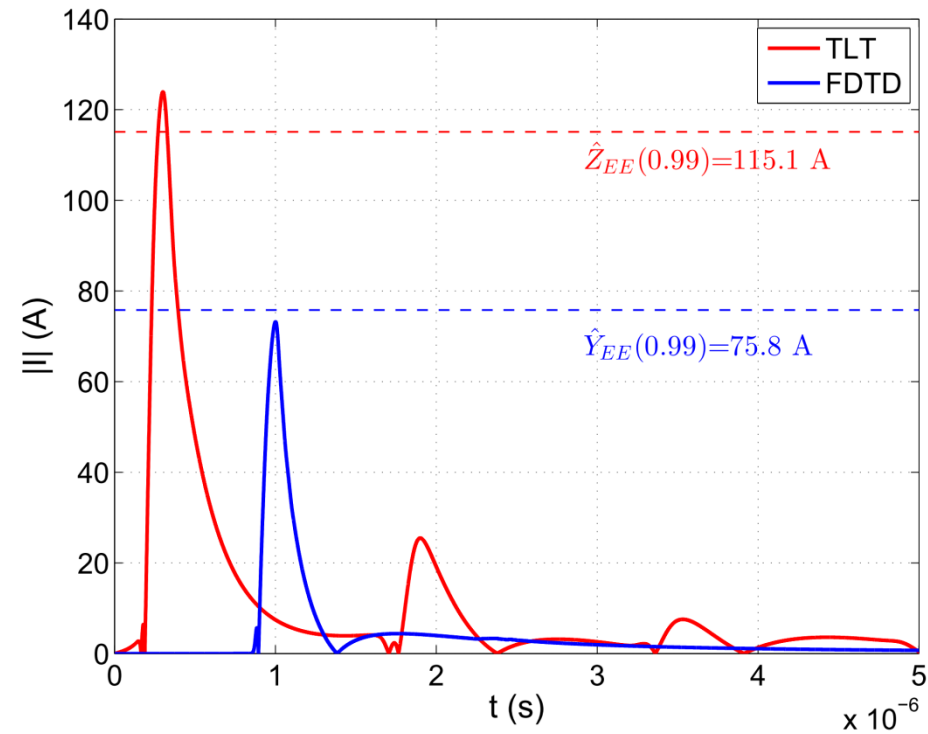
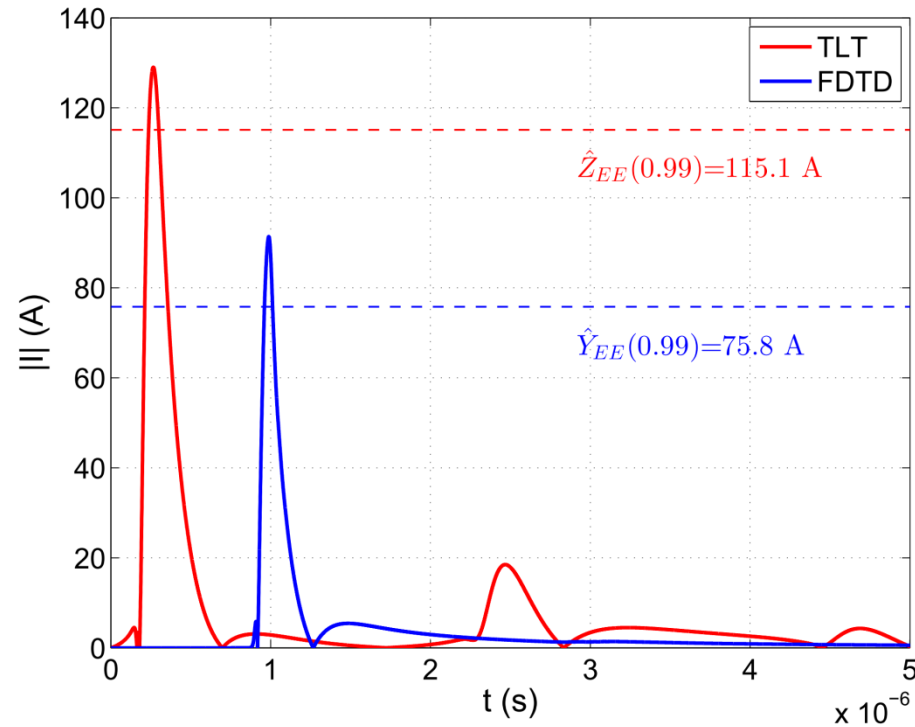


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Note that the TLT estimation of the quantile was completely wrong!

- Illustration of the correlation between TLT and FDTD at the tail of their distribution



Correlation between TLT and FDTD



$$\hat{\rho}_I = 0.8$$

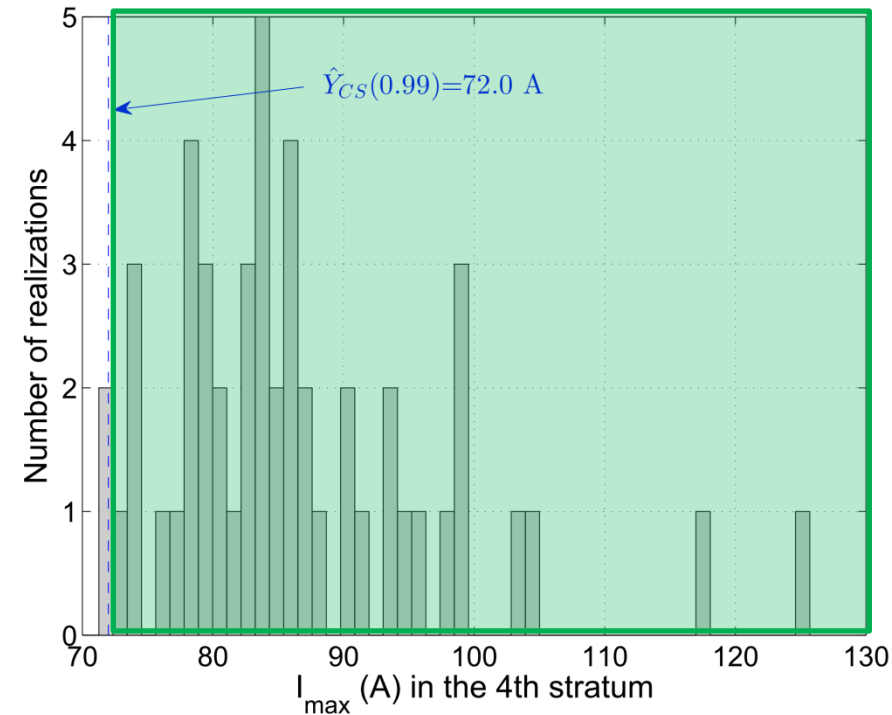
TLT

4th stratum

50 input
realizations
for which

$Z \in [z_{0.99}; z_1]$
= [115.1; 181.2 A]

FDTD



Among 50 input realizations in **FDTD**, 48 current values were higher than the CS quantile $\hat{Y}_{CS}(0.99)=72.0$ A

50 computations by CS in the 4th stratum $\longrightarrow$ Max(I_{max})=125.7 A

1000 computations from MC simulation $\longrightarrow$ Max(I_{max})=104.5 A

TLT allowed to identify extreme current values with FDTD

- Controlled stratification is a useful statistical trick: Acts a smart-sampling method to explore extreme events
 - It is fueled by a « correlated » simple model
 - Surrogate models are possible candidates
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- But correlation of extreme events outputs is enough
 - Approximate models are interesting candidates if correlation is maintained:
 - Physical models
 - Coarse mesh numerical models.

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