

# Virtual Testing at Knorr-Bremse

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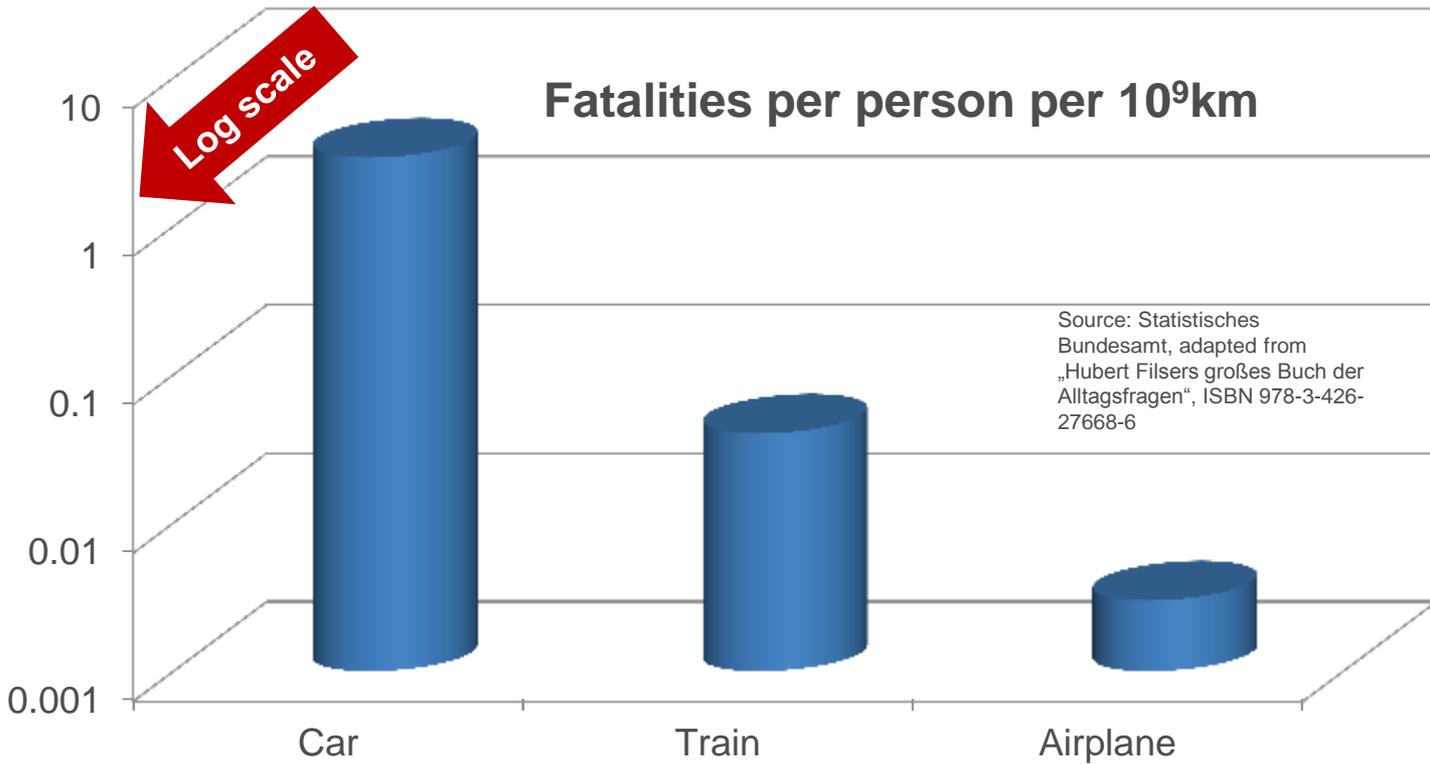
Keynote Lecturers	
10.00	Recent Developments in LS-DYNA - I J. Hallquist (Livermore Software Technology Corporation - LSTC)
11.15	Fluid - Structure- Interaction - A Still Challenging Topic Prof. E. Ramm, C. Förster, S. Genkinger (Universität Stuttgart); Prof. W. Wall (Universität München)
11.45	Simulationsgestützte Kompensation der Rückfederung Prof. K. Roll, K. Wiegand (DaimlerChrysler AG)
12.15	Robust Design for Crash at DaimlerChrysler Commercial Vehicles CAE F. Günther (DaimlerChrysler AG); H. Müllerschön (DYNAmore GmbH); W. Roux (LSTC)

# Virtual Testing at Knorr-Bremse

## Agenda

- Boundary conditions for Virtual Testing in the Railway industry
- The significance of probability for Virtual Testing
- Virtual Testing at Knorr-Bremse

## Accident statistics in Germany



Means of transportation	Fatalities per person per 10 <sup>9</sup> km
Car	2.9
Train	0.04
Airplane	0.003

**While all means of transportation have reached very high levels of safety, the relative safety of trains and airplanes is usually underestimated by the general public.**

## What do these numbers mean for product validation?

	Car	Train	Remarks
Fatalities per person per 10 <sup>9</sup> km	2.9	0.04	
Typical design mileage [10 <sup>6</sup> km]	0.3	5	
Rough number of safety critical subsystems	10	10	Ballpark figure for illustration
Typical occupancy of vehicle	4	100	
Corresponding probability of failure for 1 subsystem over design mileage [ppm]	22	0.2	Since the statistics also include human error, the actual probability of technical failure needs to be even lower. 6 $\sigma$ corresponds to 3.4ppm

**Compared to the automotive industry,  
a typical train system needs to be validated for approx.:**

- $1/100$  probability of failure
- $10 \times$  design life

All numbers are calculation examples for illustration only

## How to transform high safety requirements and long design life into test cases for analysis and hardware testing

### Design facilitates validation

- Redundancy:  $\sqrt{0.2ppm} = 0.045\%$
- Use prescribed design rules
- Degraded modes can be identified and tested directly

### Extrapolation

- Do a certain number of tests, fit a pdf and extrapolate to very small probabilities of failure => Extrapolation is always dangerous!
- Maybe use for relative comparisons and as a plausibility check

### Test higher loads from experience

- Very common in both automotive and railway industry
- Usually expressed as a safety/overload factor in the railway industry
- Sometimes codified in industry standards, especially in the railway industry

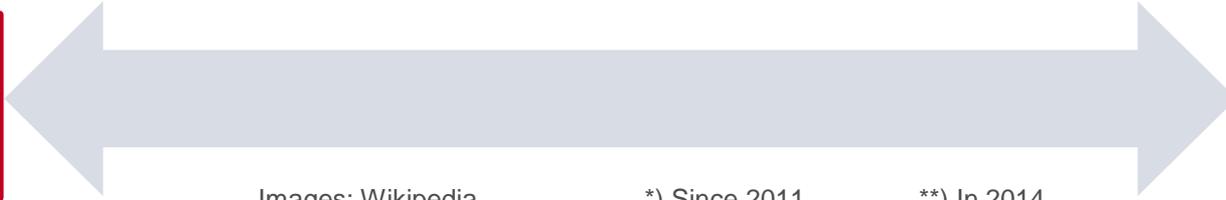
### Accelerated load profile

- Use knowledge of fatigue mechanisms to find an equivalent load spectrum that can be tested in less time.
- In the railway industry, there is a lot of optimism about the extent to which this can be done. E.g., IEC61373 vibration standard uses an acceleration factor of 15 000!

## In the engineering project continuum, railway is a typical project business

**Project business**

**Product business**



Images: Wikipedia

\*) Since 2011

\*\*) In 2014



**Falkirk Wheel**

**ICE3 BR 403**

**Airbus A380**

**MB Actros**

**VW Golf**

**iPhone**

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205+

145 000+\*)

409 000 per year\*\*)

540 000 a day\*\*)

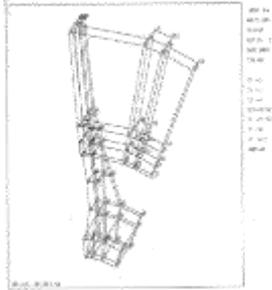
### Project focus

- Reduce project costs and time including project driven development  
=> small number of prototypes
- Delivery risk
- Driven by individual customer demand  
=> Secondary effort to find a reusable solution

### Product focus

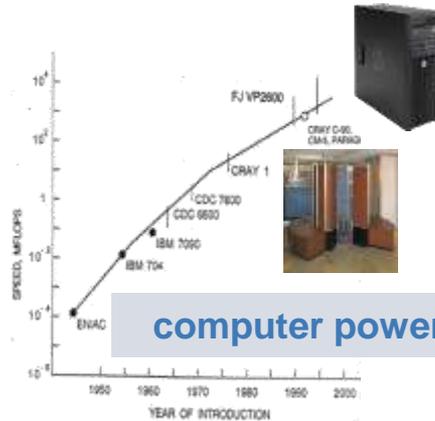
- Use development to reduce unit costs  
=> sufficient number of prototypes
- Market Risk
- Driven by market demand  
=> Secondary effort to offer individual solutions

## Project business has driven early use of analysis

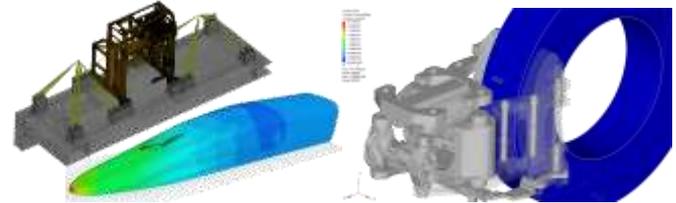


Structural Integrity

Early 80's



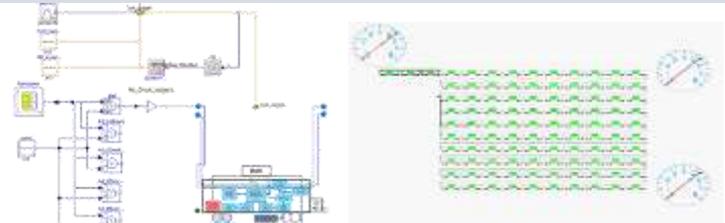
computer power



Structural integrity, virtual testing



Field tests, load spectra



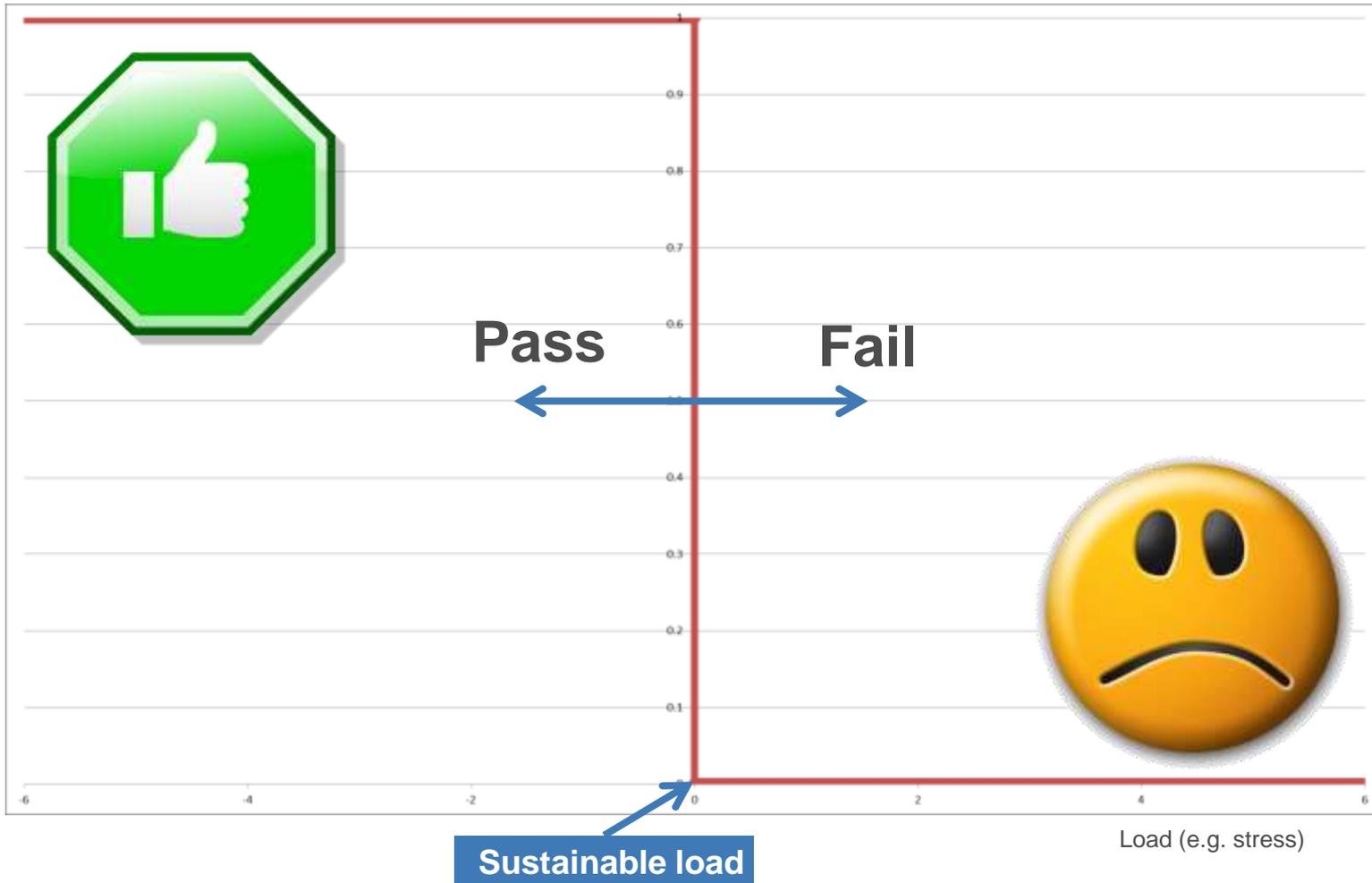
Multiphysics System Simulation

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### Goals in project context

- Minimize risk
- Virtual test bench – economics of Railway sector require efficient and safe validation with small number of prototypes
- Early high quality in customer and development projects

## Deterministic view of testing: Sustainable load separates pass & fail conditions



## To illustrate the deterministic approach, consider this fictional, modern parable

### The parable of deterministic test results

Bob is a senior FEA expert with Acme Industries, a small company that is the world market leader for a very specific type of widget.

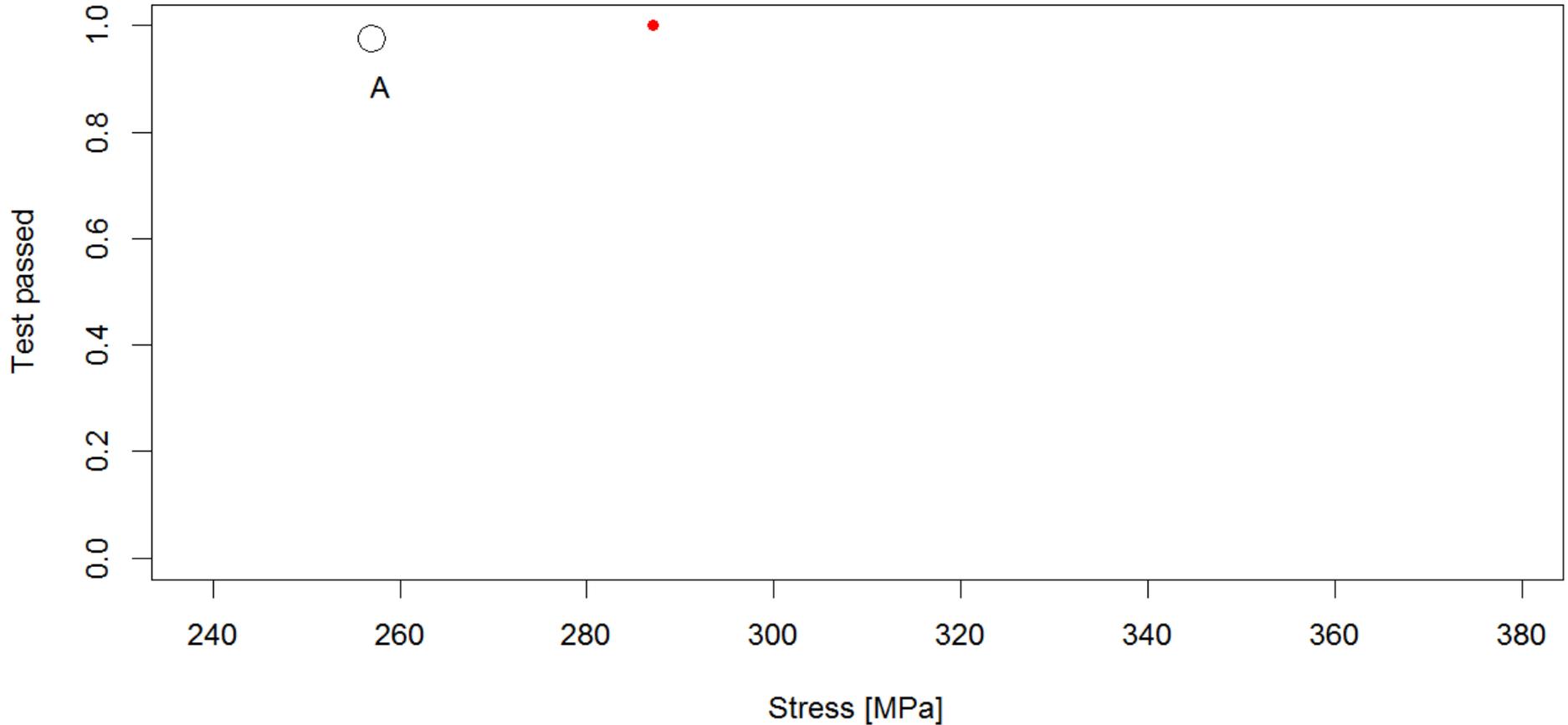
Alice, the VP of R&D at Acme, knows most customers expect verification through an independent test under the customer's close supervision.

She has established a three step V&V process for the widgets:

- Alice asks Bob whether a specific widget will pass the test. She wants to make sure potential issues can be identified and addressed ahead of costly hardware testing. But in Alice's experience, most tests are successful even when Bob tells her otherwise. So she frequently disregards his recommendations.
- A preliminary test is done because Alice wants to be 99% sure that the verification test will be successful.
- The verification test is done.

**In the following slides, we will look at this verification process for one specific project.**

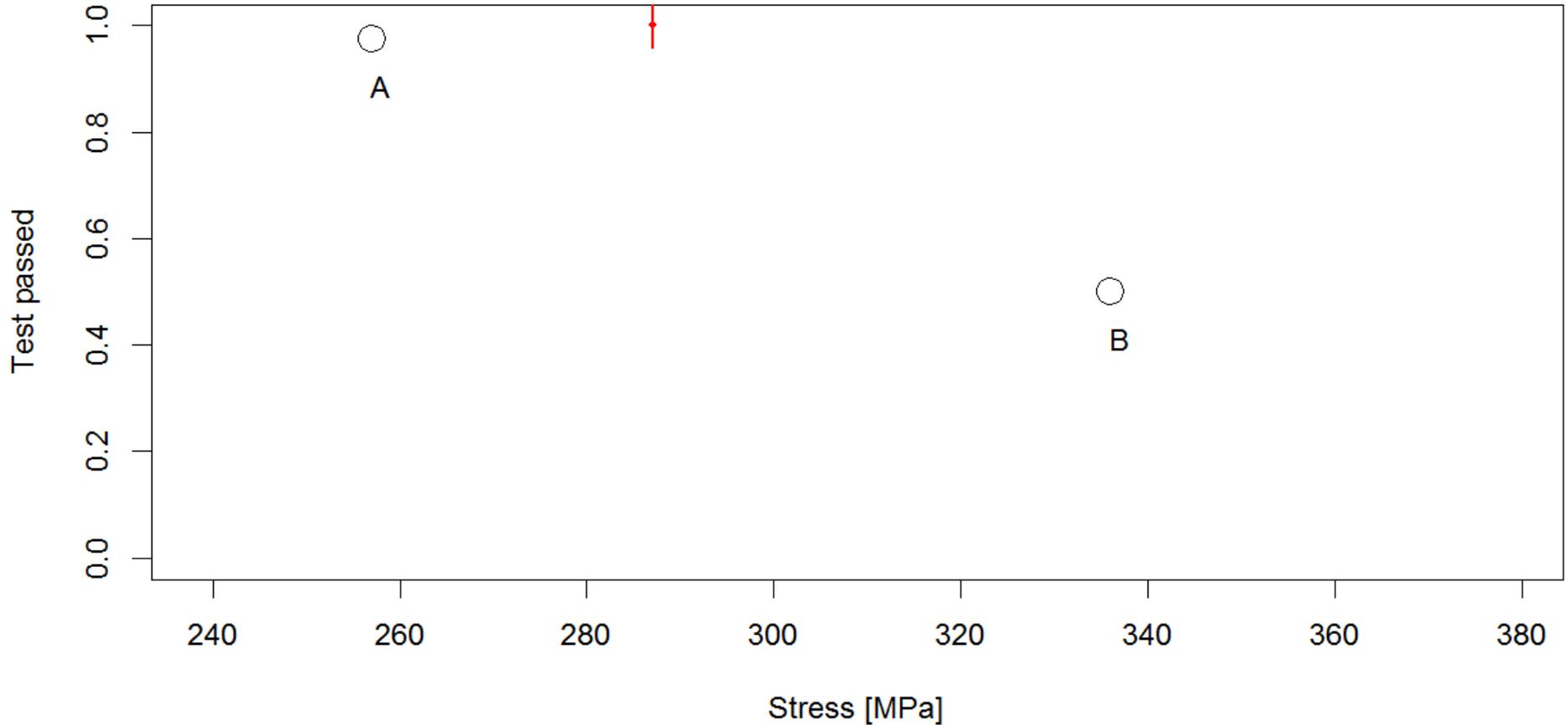
## The parable of deterministic test results: After the 1<sup>st</sup> test



**Bob calculates a stress of 287MPa.**

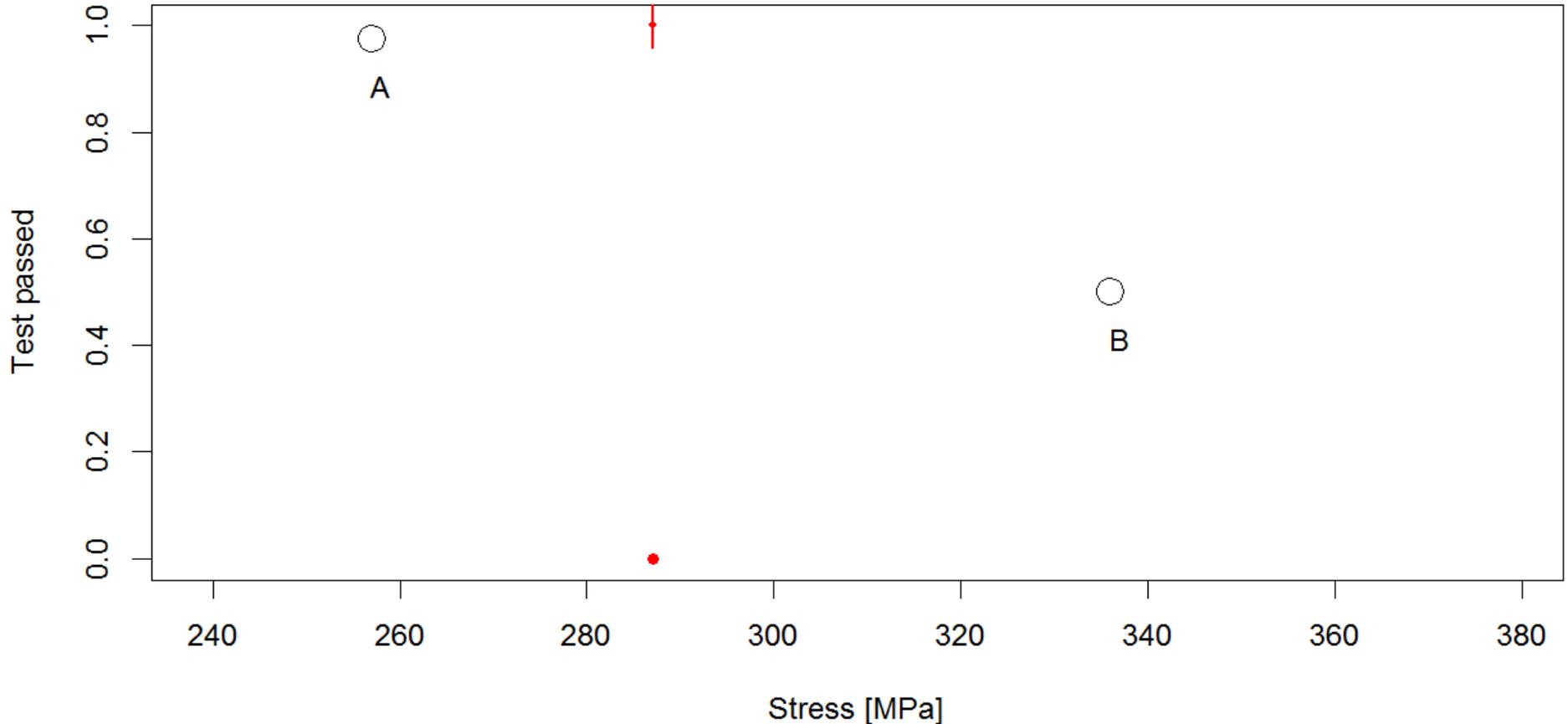
**The widget is specified as material grade A, which can sustain a stress of 257MPa.  
Bob predicts it will fail. However, Alice decides to go ahead with the preliminary test anyway.  
The test is successful.**

## The parable of deterministic test results: After the 2<sup>nd</sup> test



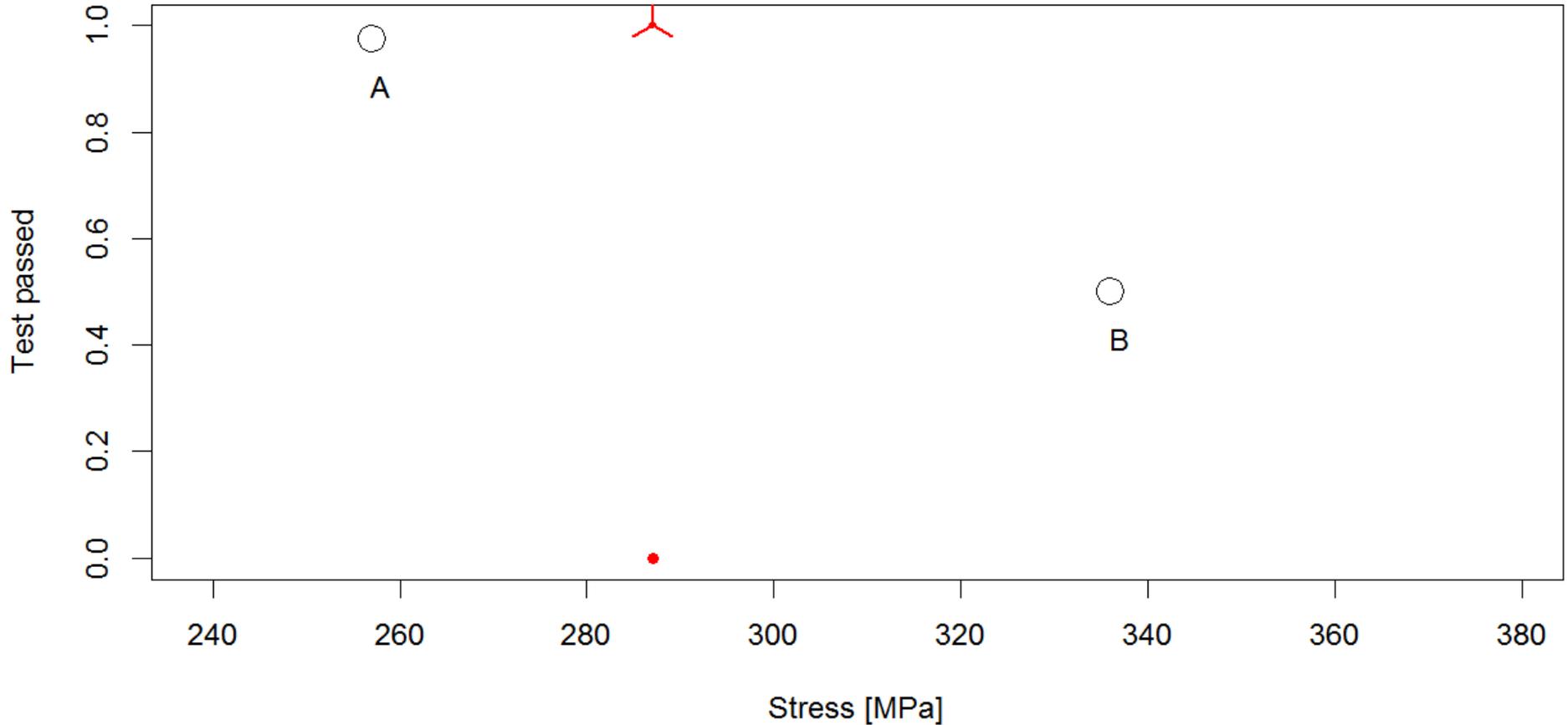
To remove any lingering doubts due to Bob's FEA results, Alice orders a second test. It is also passed. Maybe the widget's material grade is actually B. Bob knows B can sustain a stress of 336MPa, and the test results would agree with his FEA.

## The parable of deterministic test results: After the 3<sup>rd</sup> test



With two successful preliminary tests, Alice is more confident than usual about the verification test. However, it fails. Alice has the broken widget lab tested. Its material parameters are within spec for A. But the lab also identifies a small flaw right in the area of highest stress concentration. Based on this finding, Alice convinces the customer to disregard the third test.

## The parable of deterministic test results: After the 4<sup>th</sup> test



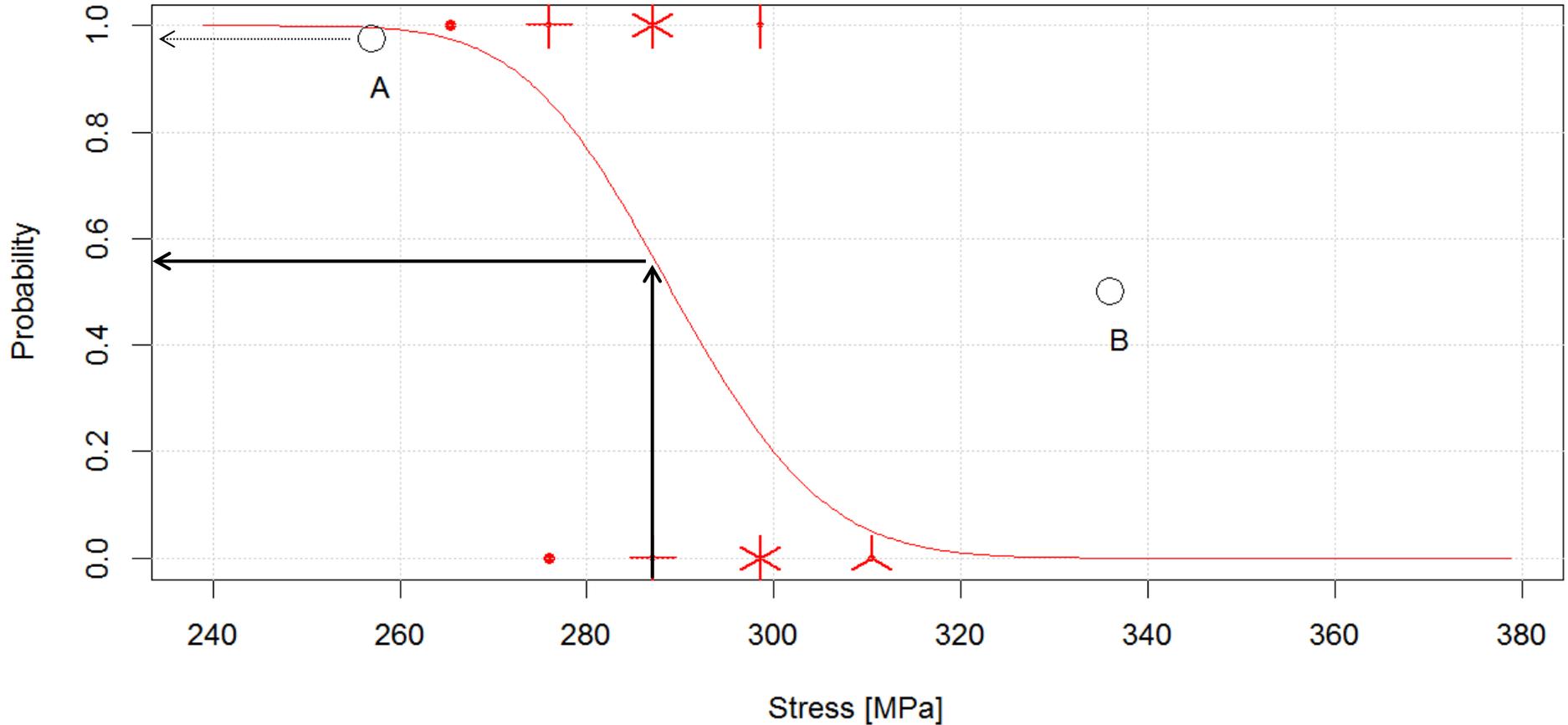
The verification test is repeated and passes.  
V&V of the widget is complete.  
Alice makes a mental note to audit the material supplier.

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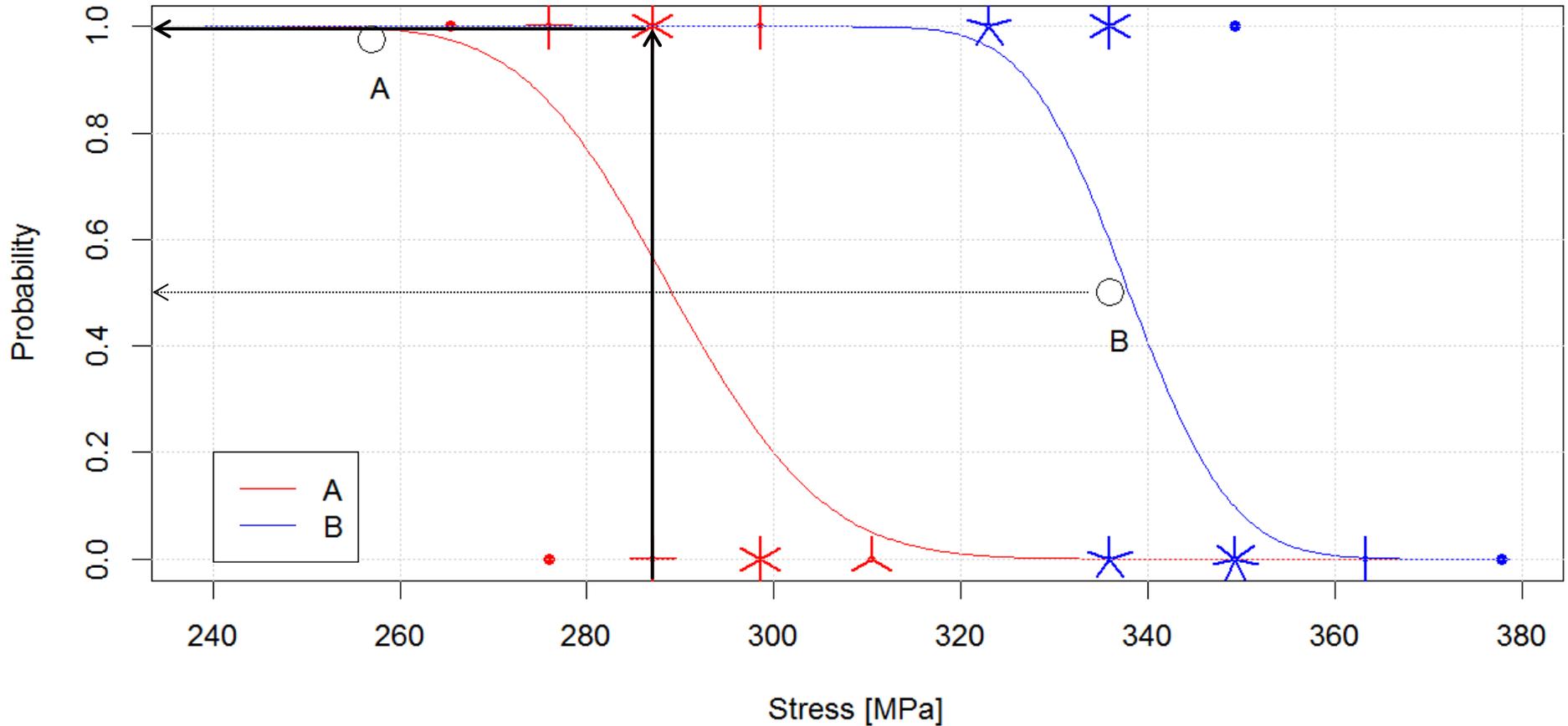
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## The parable of stochastic test results: After 27 tests



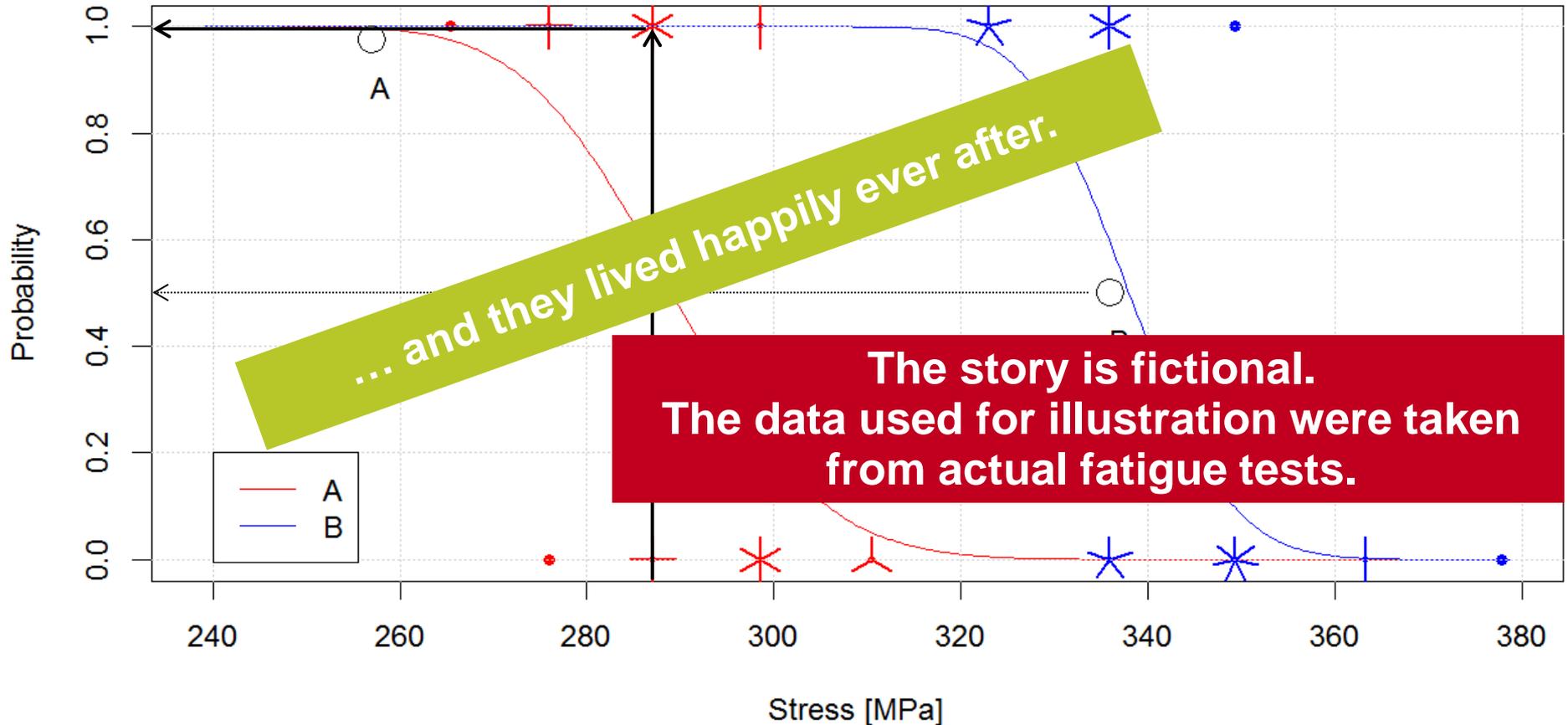
A long time ago, Bob took graduate level statistics and remembers learning about logistic regression. He convinces Alice to do more testing and fits a Probability of Survival curve. Bob's original data for material A were based on 97.5% PoS. They agree with his PoS curve. Bob concludes Alice only had a <60% chance of passing the verification test with material grade A.

## The parable of stochastic test results: After 54 tests



Material B is also tested. Note that Bob's original data for B (but not A) were based on 50% PoS. Bob's conclusion: If the widget is switched to material grade B, Alice can be >99% sure the verification test will be passed.

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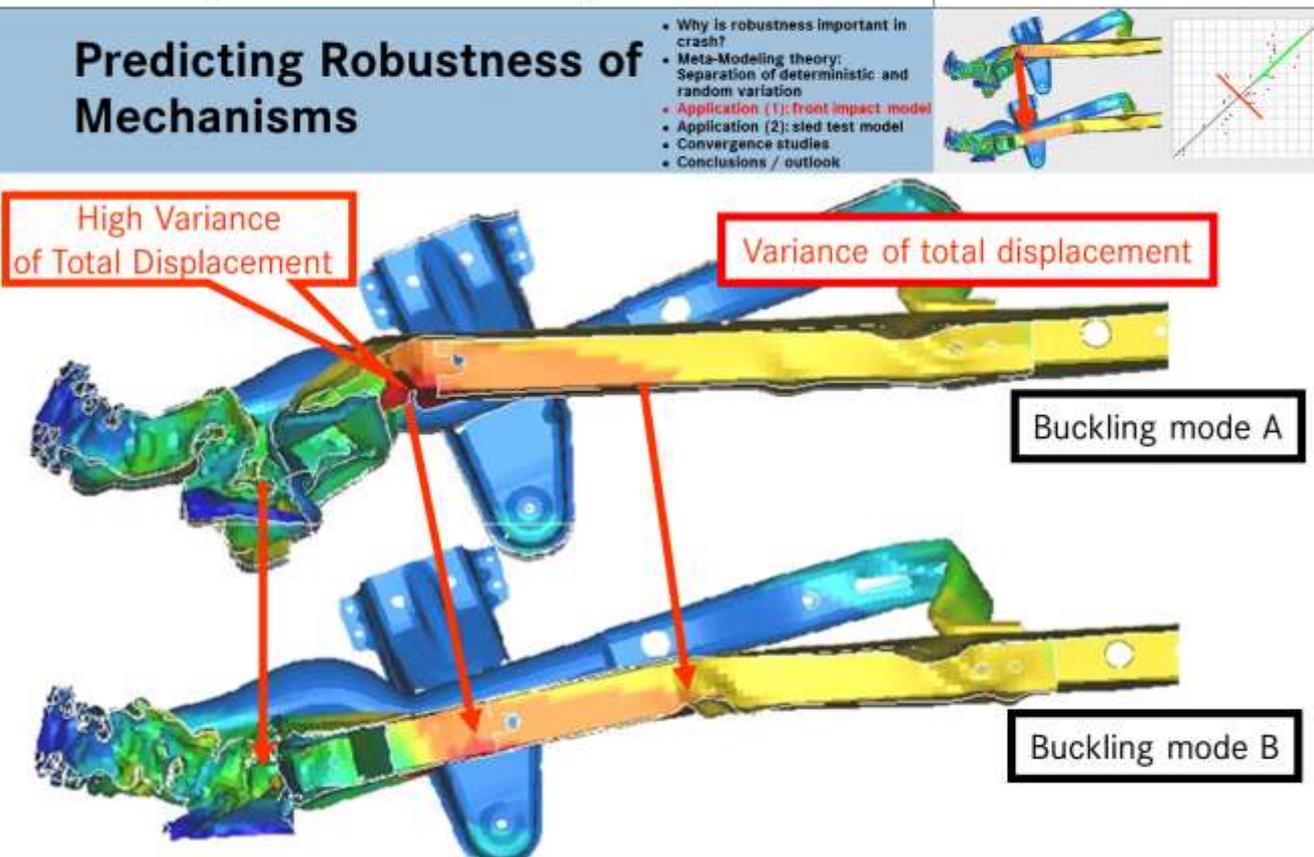
## Stochastic behavior can be seen in all disciplines

Robustness Study of an LS-DYNA Occupant Simulation Model at DaimlerChrysler Commercial Vehicles Using LS-OPT

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### Predicting Robustness of Mechanisms

- Why is robustness important in crash?
- Meta-Modeling theory: Separation of deterministic and random variation
- Application (1): front impact model
- Application (2): sled test model
- Convergence studies
- Conclusions / outlook



High Variance of Total Displacement

Variance of total displacement

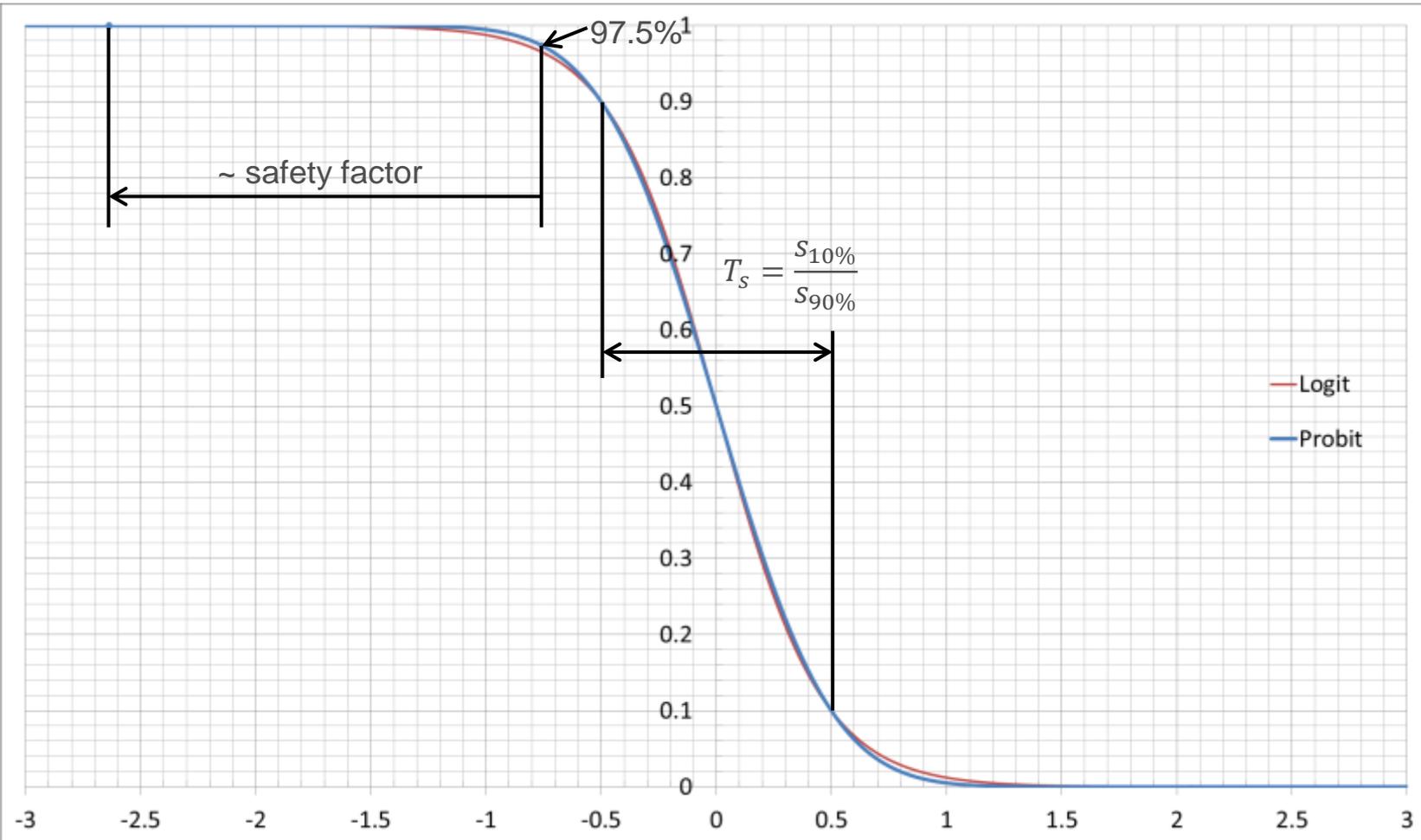
Buckling mode A

Buckling mode B

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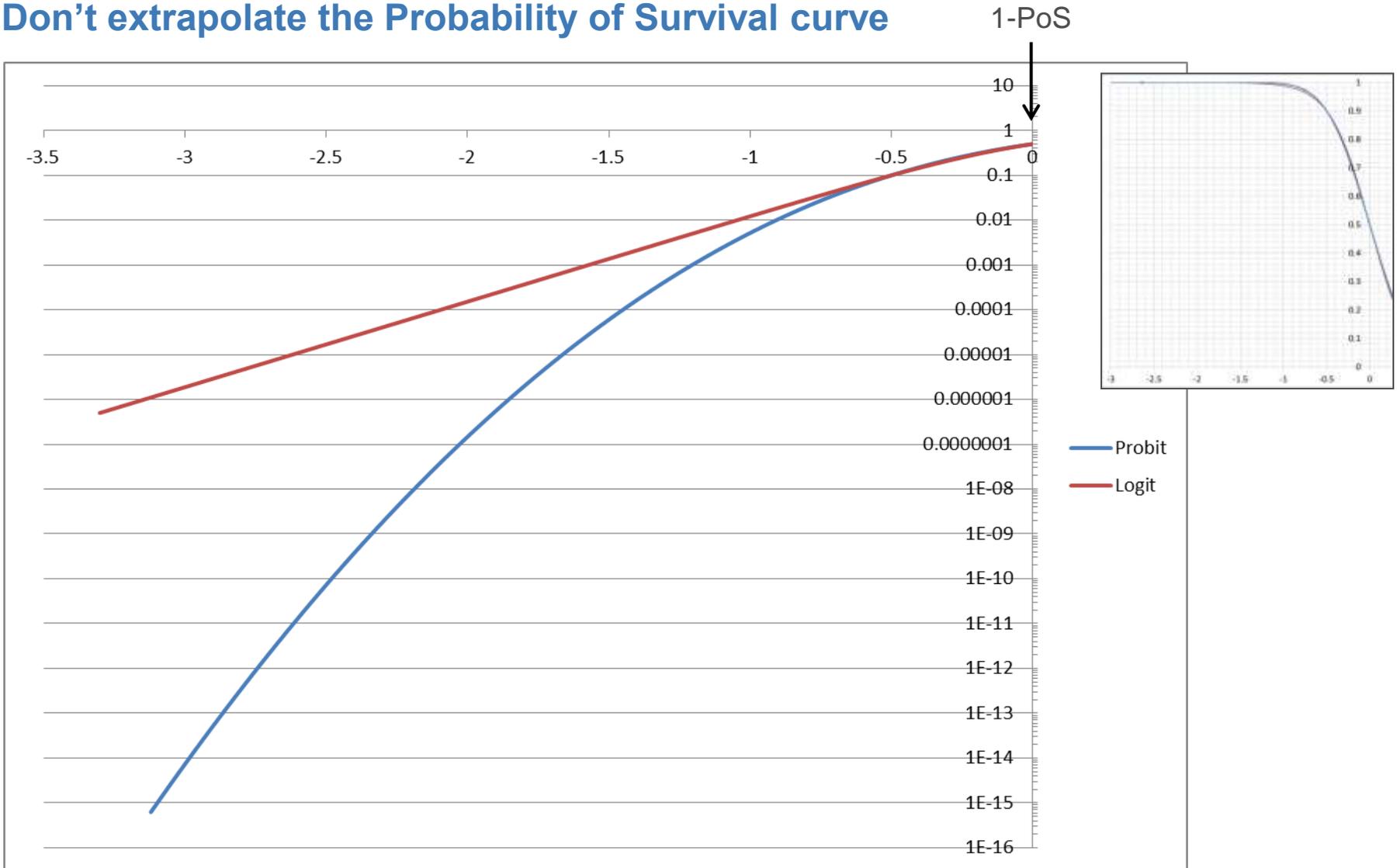
## Taking a closer look at the Probability of Survival Curve



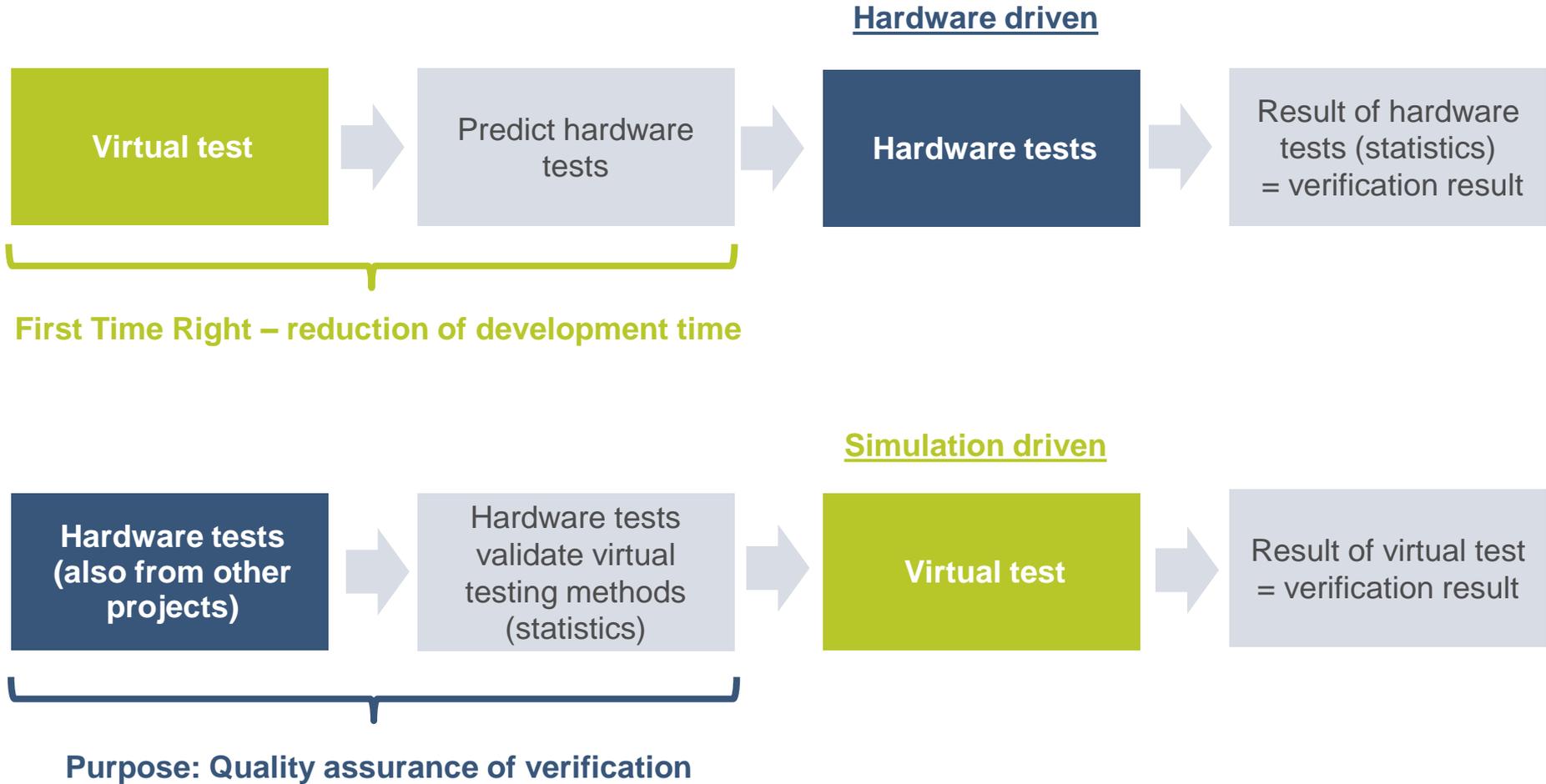
$$k = \frac{\log \frac{s}{S_{50\%}}}{\log T_s}$$

$$\rightarrow S = S_{50\%} T_s^k$$

## Don't extrapolate the Probability of Survival curve



## The bigger picture: verification can be hardware driven or simulation driven.



# Every day, more than a billion people all over the world rely on systems from Knorr-Bremse



## Systems for Rail Vehicles

- High-speed trains
- Regional & commuter trains
- Metros
- LRVs
- Monorails
- Locomotives
- Passenger cars
- Freight cars
- Off-train

## COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SYSTEMS

- Trucks
- Trailers
- Buses
- Engines
- Special vehicles

## Product portfolio – varied sub-systems and additional services

### ON TRAIN



- Braking Systems
- Windscreen Wiper and Wash Systems



- Entrance Systems



- Air Conditioning



- Power Electrics
- Energy Metering



- Platform Screen Doors
- Platform Edge Doors
- Safety Gates



Systems for Rail Vehicles



- Auxiliary Converters
- Battery chargers



- Train Control Management Systems



- Freight and Locomotive Brake Control



- Spare Parts and Overhaul Management
- Repair and Service



- Rail Signalling Systems

### OFF TRAIN



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### ON-TRAIN

High-Speed



Regional & Commuter



Metros



LRVs



Monorails



Locomotives



Passenger Rail Cars



Freight Cars



### OFF-TRAIN

Off-Train



## Product portfolio – High-Speed Trains



- Windscreen Wiper and Wash Systems



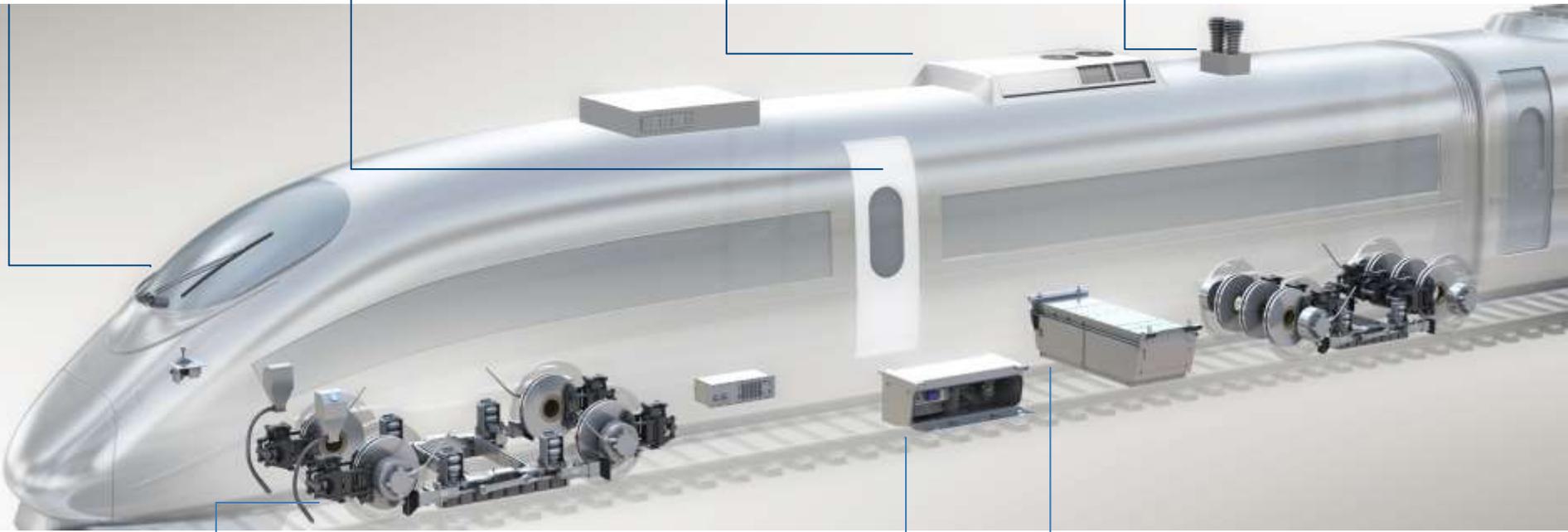
Entrance Systems



HVAC



Power Electrics



Braking Systems



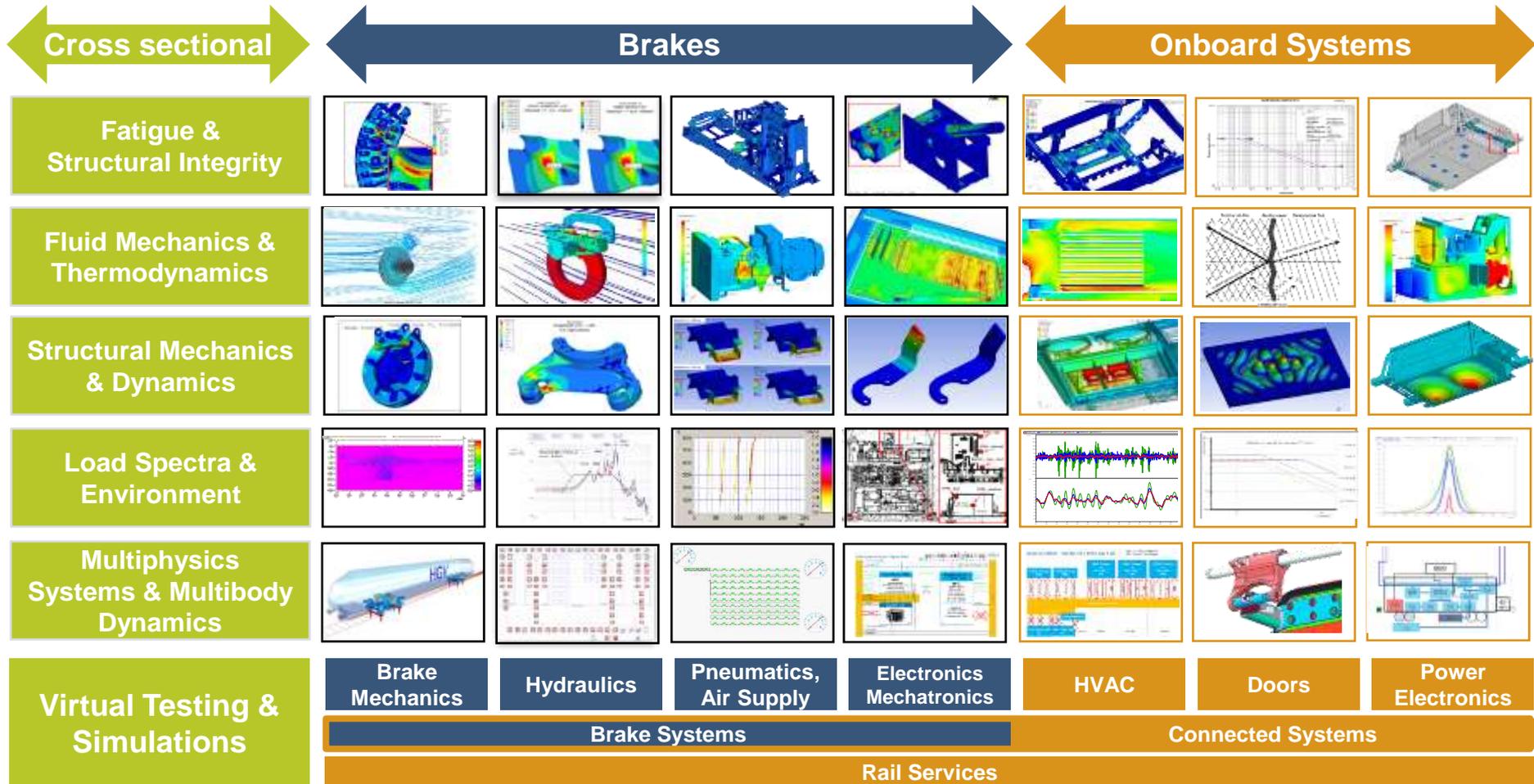
Auxiliary Converters



Modernization, Service and Support



## Broad spectrum of products leads to broad spectrum of Virtual Testing



## New Knorr-Bremse development center in Munich



THE NEW  
DEVELOPMENT  
CENTER



INTERDISCIPLINARY  
EXCHANGE



UIC/GOST  
TEST RIG

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