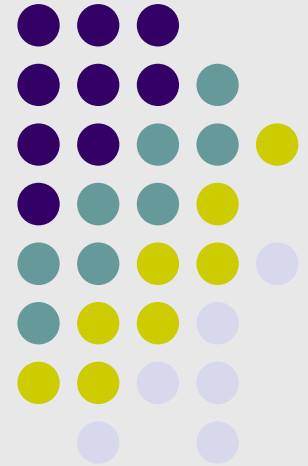
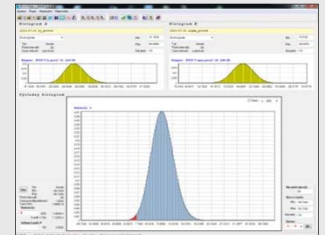


# Direct Optimized Probabilistic Calculation - DOProC Method



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# Essential of DOProC Characteristics

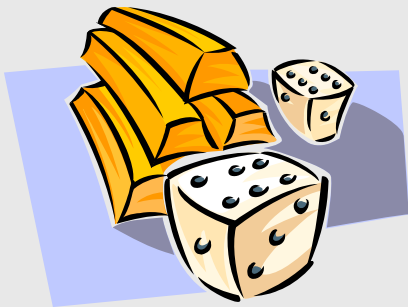


- Should be effectively used for the assessment of structural reliabilities and/or for other probabilistic calculations.
- Input random variables (load, geometry, material properties, imperfections) are expressed by the empirical or parametric distributions in histograms.
- Reliability function under analysis can be expressed analytically or using DLL library.
- Error of calculation is done only by discretization of input and output variables and numerical error.
- The number of intervals (classes) of each histogram is extremely important for the number of needed numerical operations and required computing time.
- The number of numerical operations can be reduced using optimizing techniques of the probabilistic calculation.

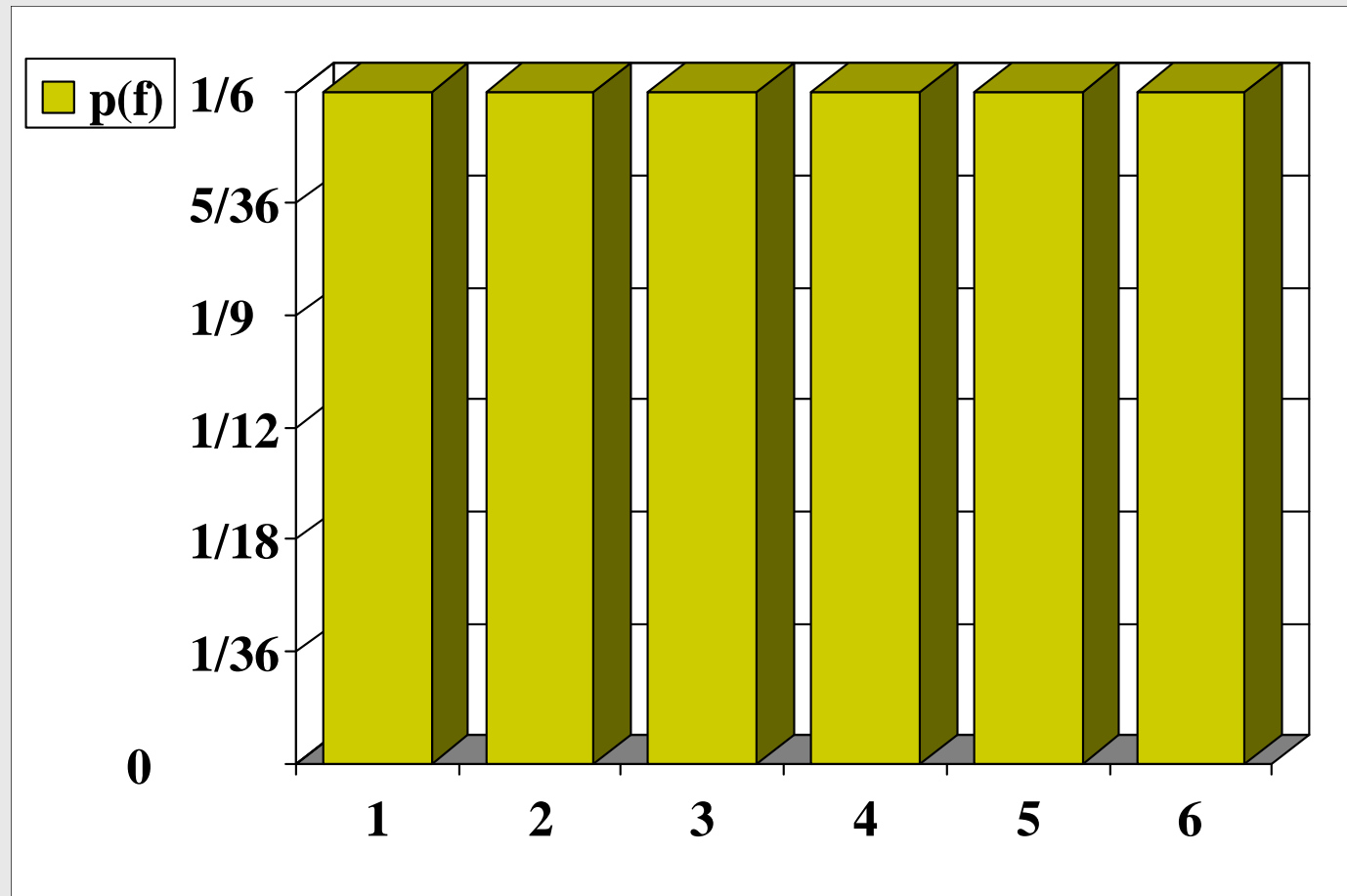
# Statistics of Dice Throw



Throw of a **single dice** - all outcomes are equally probable.



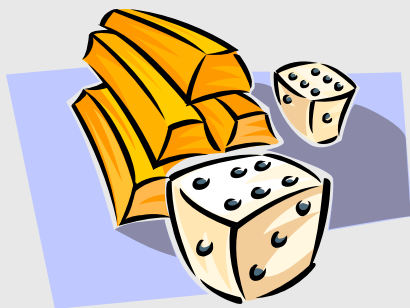
$$p_1 = \frac{1}{n}$$
$$p_1 = \frac{1}{6}$$





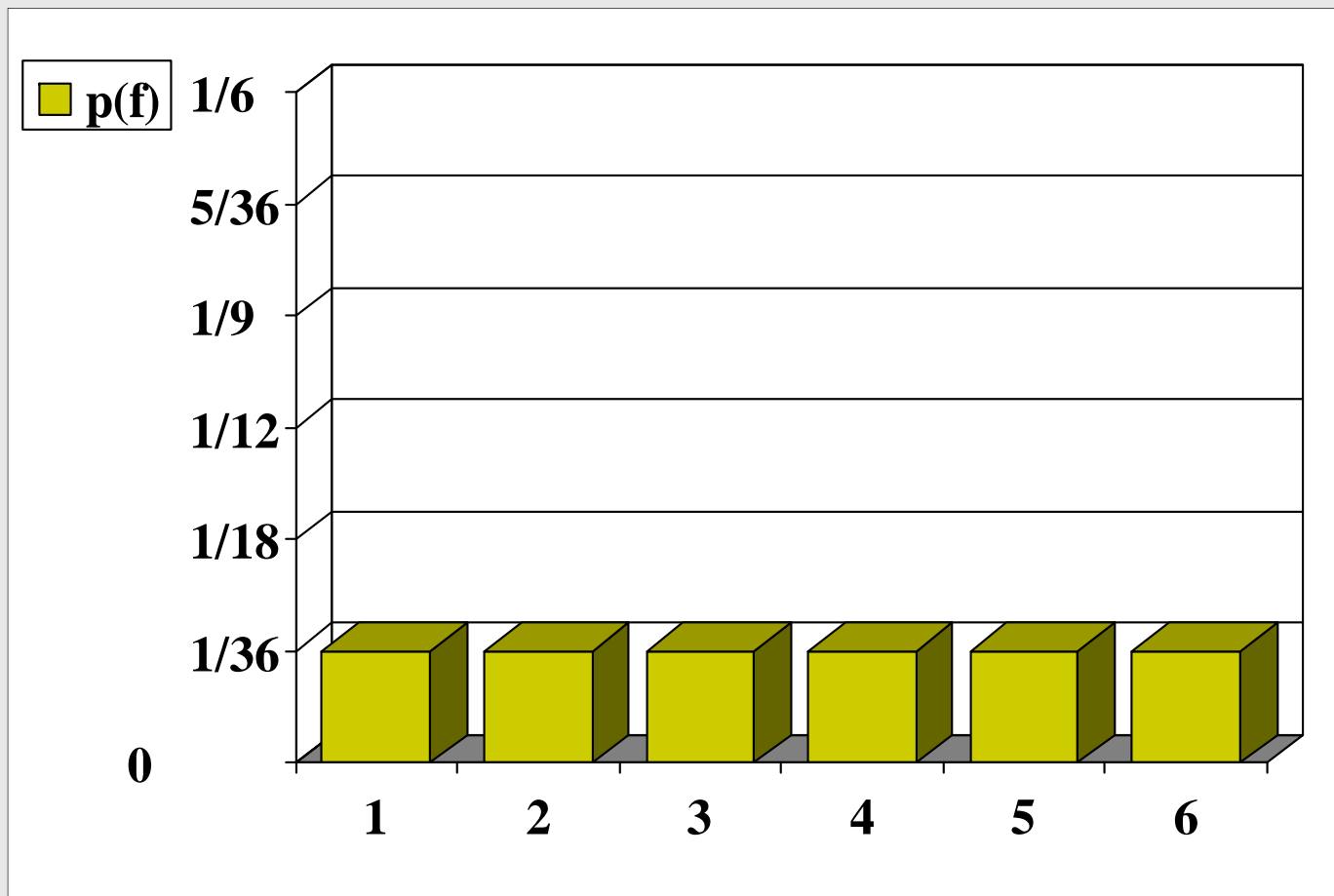
# Statistics of Two Dices Throw

Probabilities of identical numbers obtained by the throw of two dices.



$$p = p_1 \cdot p_2$$

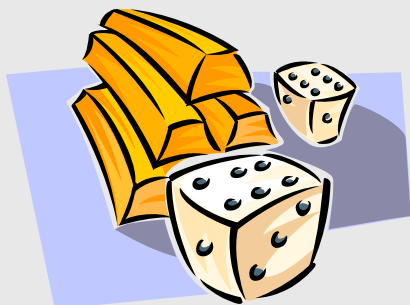
$$p_1 = \frac{1}{36}$$





# Statistics of Two Dices Throw

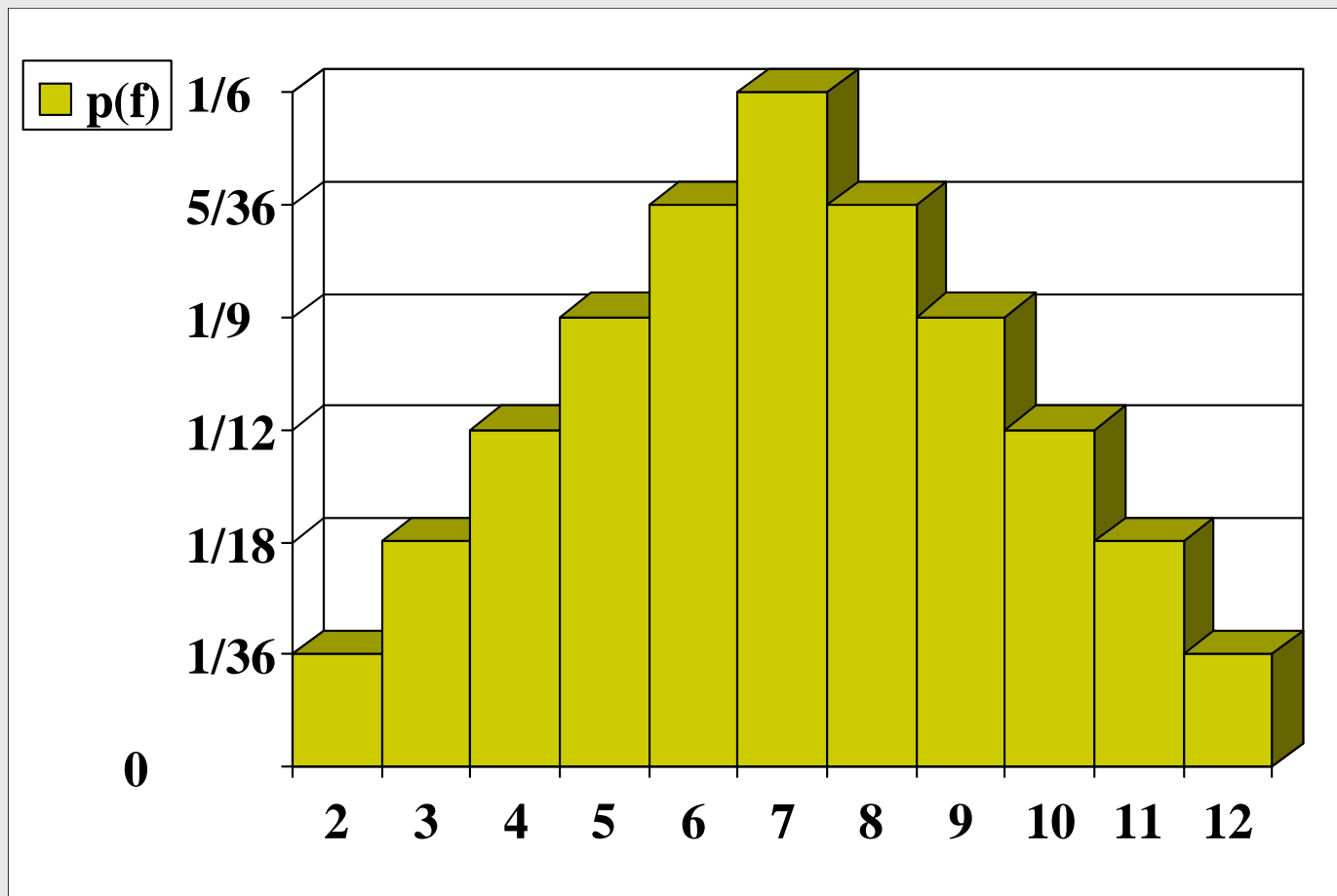
The different possibilities for the **total** of the numbers on two dices.



$$p(2) = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$p(3) = \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{36}$$

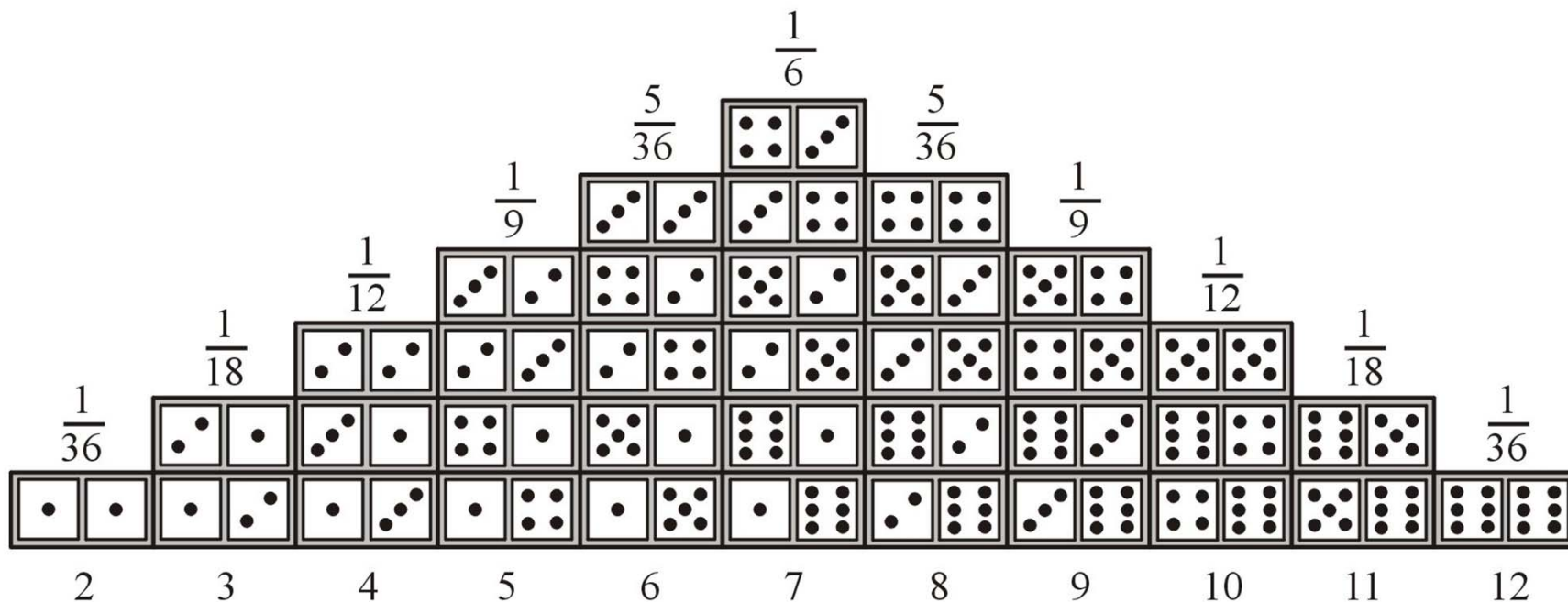
$$p(4) = \dots$$





# Statistics of Two Dices Throw

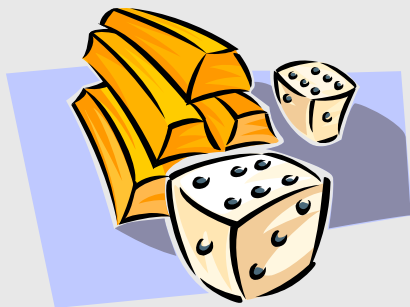
The different possibilities for the **total of the numbers on two dices** - are not equally probable - more ways to get some numbers than others.





# Statistics of Two Dices Throw

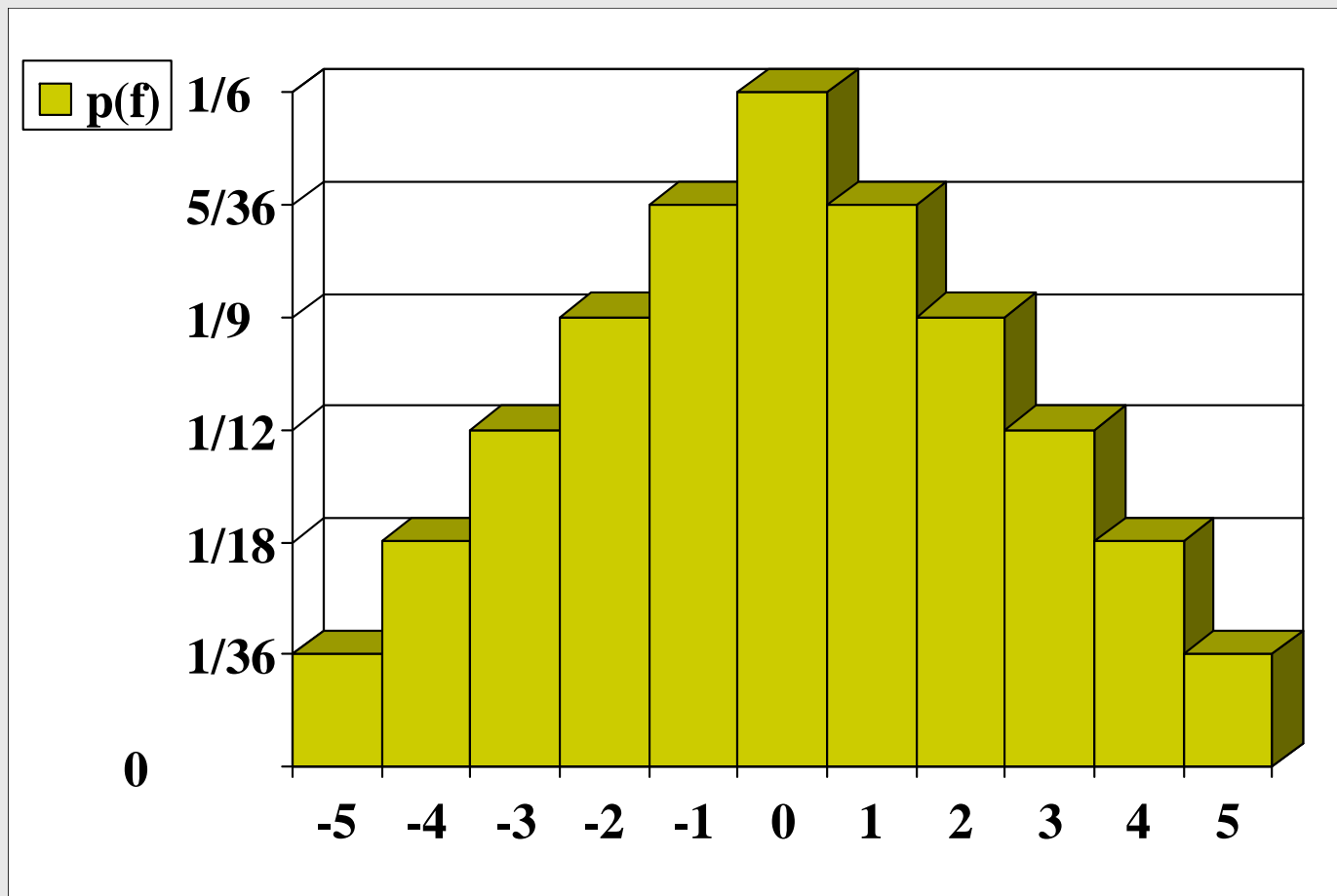
The different possibilities for the **algebraic difference** of the numbers on two dices.



$$p(5) = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$p(4) = \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{36}$$

$$p(3) = \dots$$

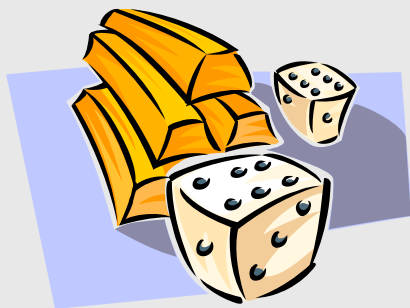






# Statistics of Two Dices Throw

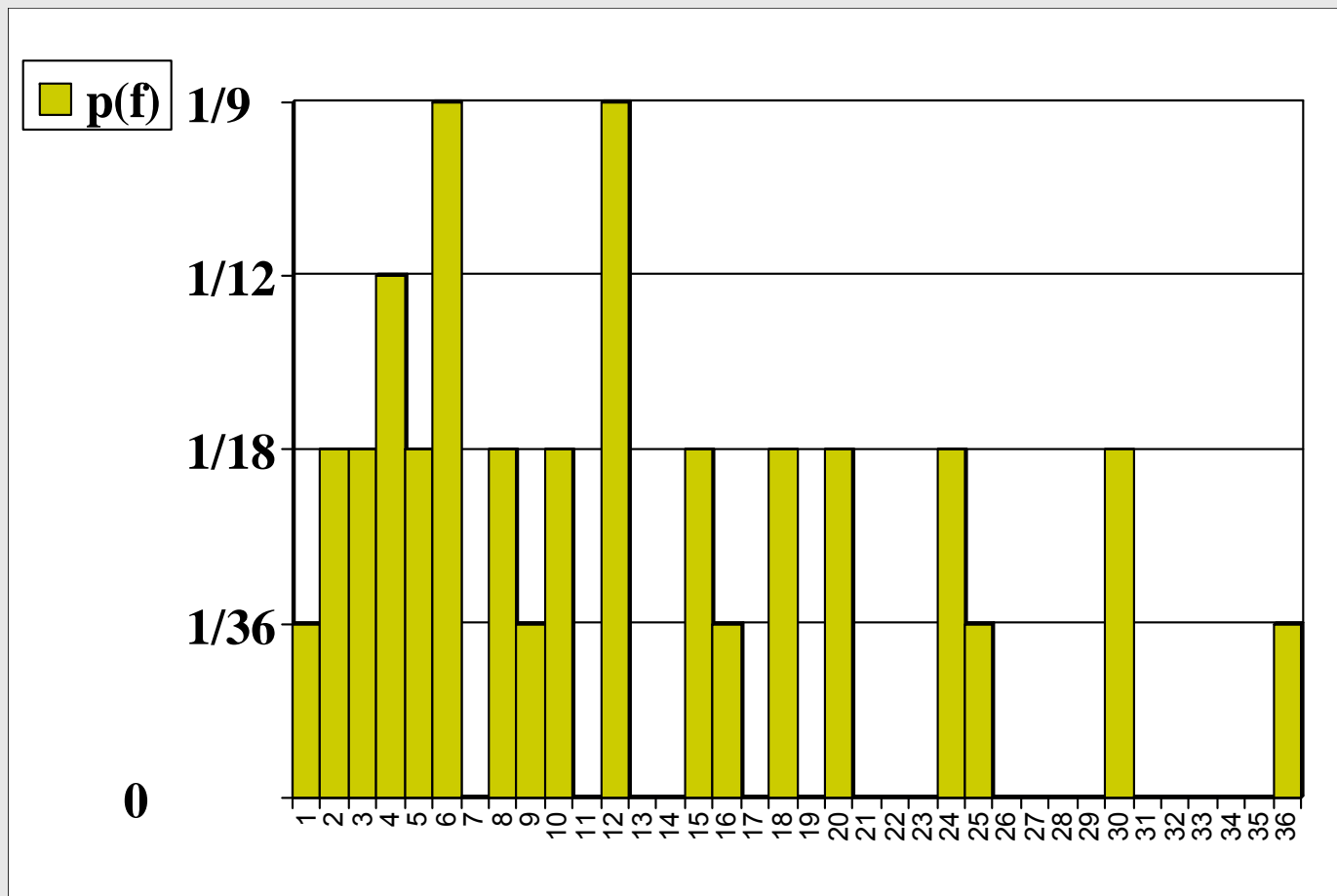
The different possibilities for the **arithmetic product** of the numbers on two dices.



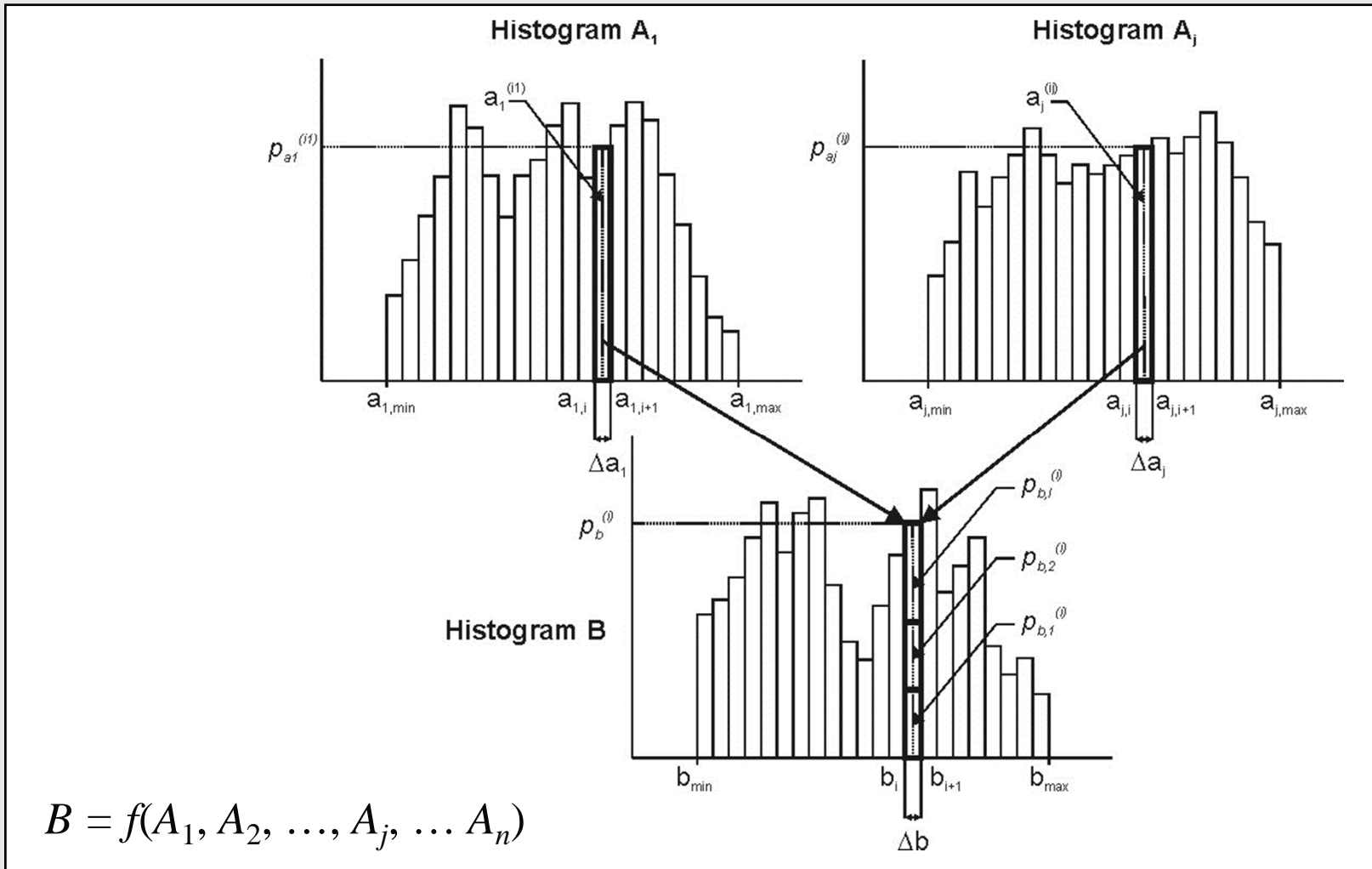
$$p(1) = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$p(2) = \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{36}$$

$$p(3) = \dots$$



# Principle of Numerical Calculation



# Optimizing Techniques in DOProC



- **Grouping of input random variables**, which can be expressed by the common histogram.
- **Interval optimizing** - decreasing the number of intervals in input variable histograms.
- **Zonal optimizing** - each histogram is divided into areas (zones) depending on their share in the result (failure).
- **Trend optimization** – using correct or incorrect trend of input variable on the result.
- **Grouping of partial calculations results**.
- **Parallelization of the calculation** – calculation is proceeded on number of processors.
- **Combination** of the mentioned optimizing techniques.

# Grouping of Input Random Variables



Let be

$$B = A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4 + \dots + A_N$$

whereas in each histogram are  $n$  classes (e.g.  $n = 256$ ,  $N = 10$ )

All allowable combinations are

$$P_0 = n^N = 256^{10} = 1,20893.10^{24}$$

The same result is possible to get step-by-step counting of both histograms. Then is

$$P_0^* = (N - 1) n^2 = 9,256^2 = 589824$$

and ratio  $P_0^* / P_0 = (N - 1) n^{(N-2)} = 9,256^{-8} = 4,87891.10^{-19}$

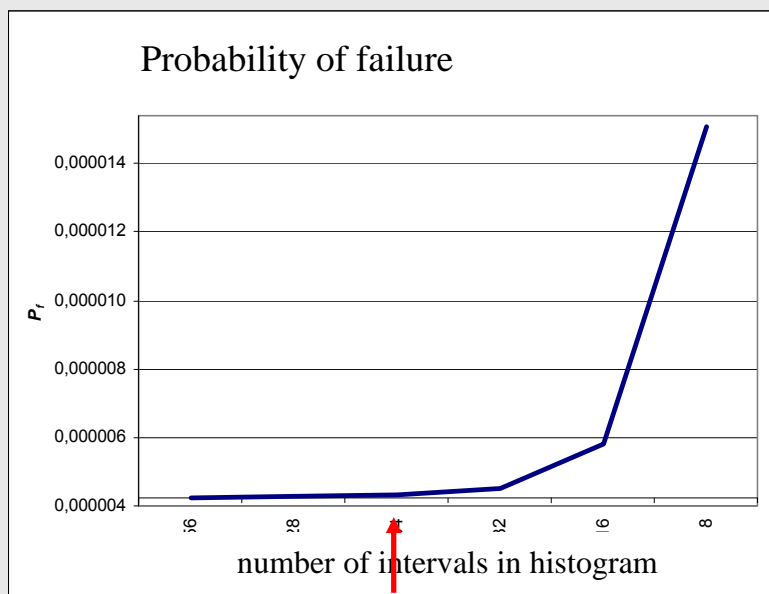
If the creation of common histograms is correct – **grouping of input random variables is very rational procedure.**



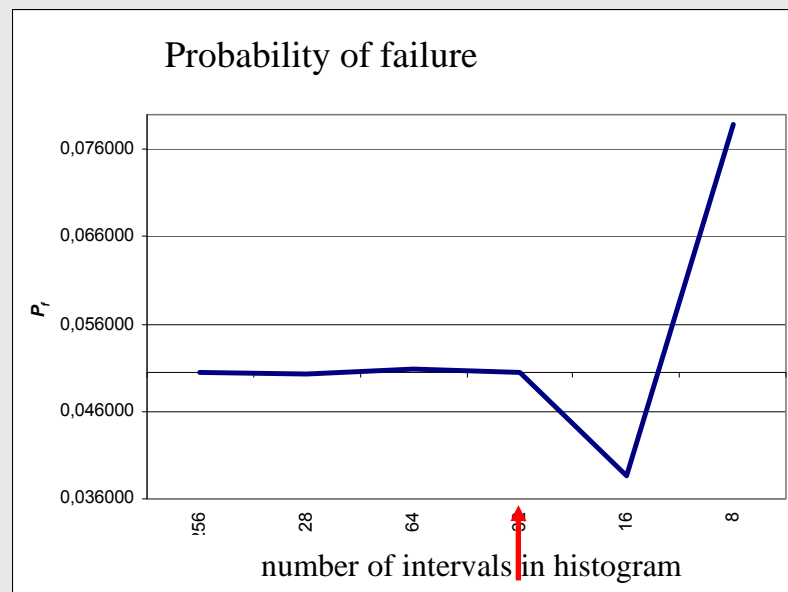
# Interval Optimizing

Sense of **interval optimization** is

- number classes minimizing in histograms
- decreasing number of numerical operations and minimizing of computing time



Sufficient number of classes (intervals) of histogram



Sufficient number of classes (intervals) of histograms



# Zonal Analysis and Optimizing

Each histogram is divided into areas (zones – „the zonal optimizing“) depending on their share in the failure, whatever are the values of the other variables:

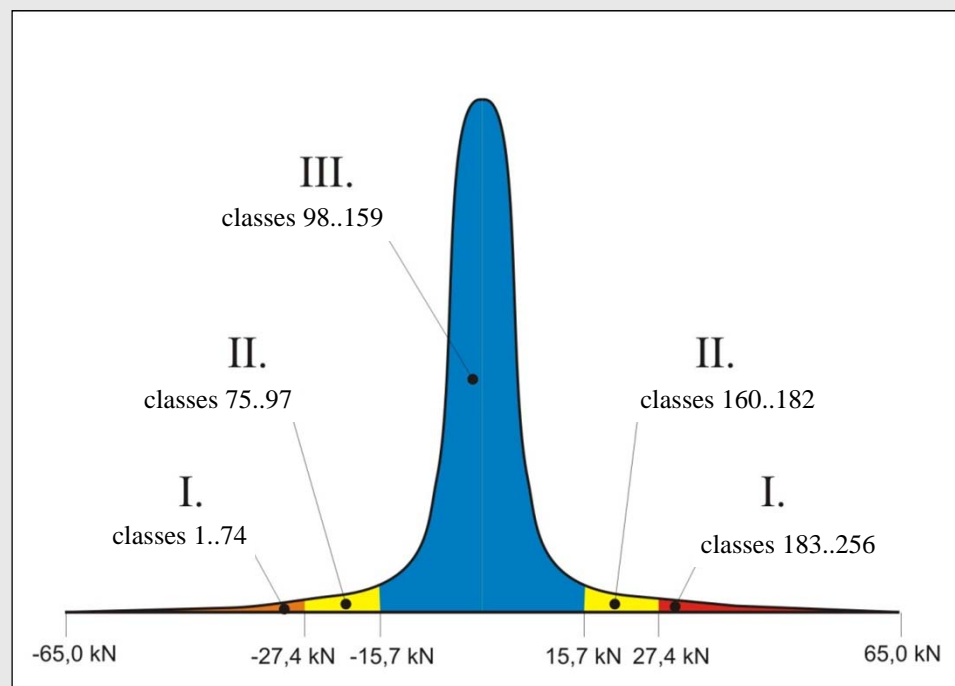
- 1<sup>st</sup> zone – the failure occurs always
- 2<sup>nd</sup> zone – the failure may occur depending on values of the other variables
- 3<sup>rd</sup> zone – the failure does not occur

$$P_f = P_{f1} + P_{f2}$$

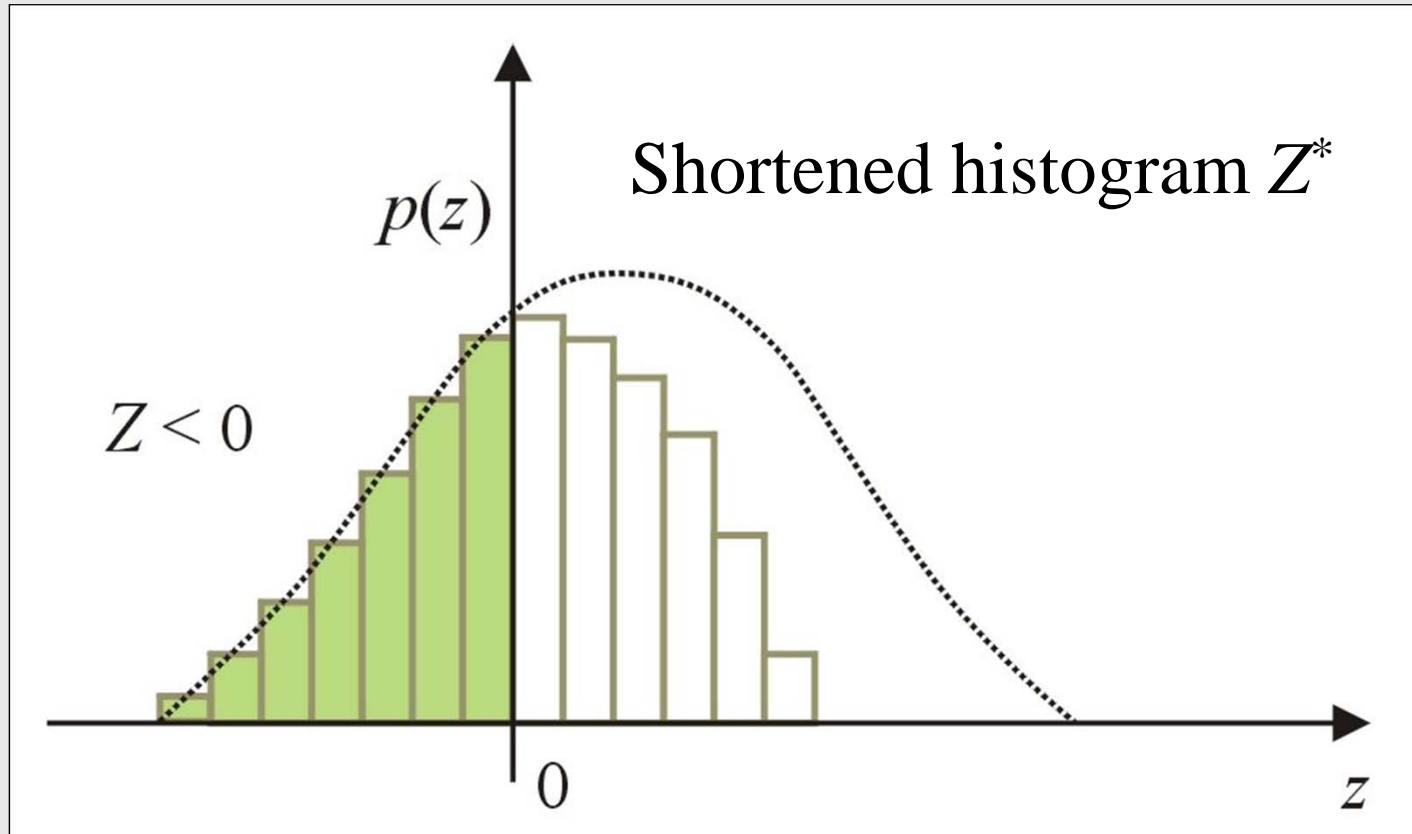
$P_f = 0$  always

$P_{f2}$  only in some events

$P_{f1}$  always



# Zonal Analysis and Optimizing

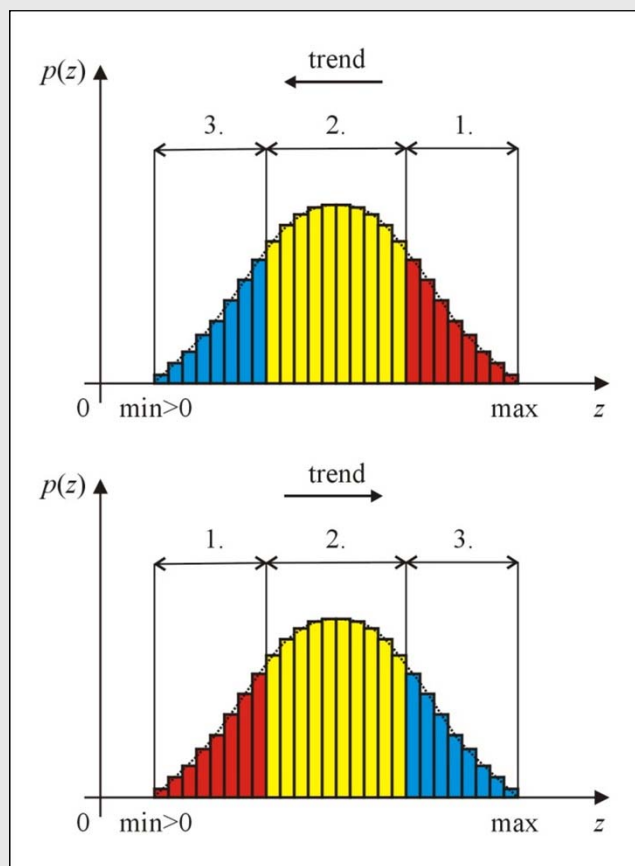


Resulting histogram of reliability function  $RF$  using DOProC method in action zonal optimizing – so-called „shortened histogram“  $Z^*$

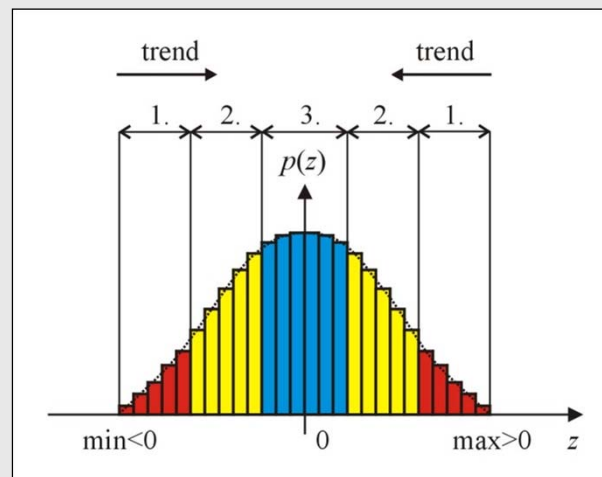


# Trend Analysis and Optimizing

- Monotonous histograms:
  - zones in histograms are changing in one direction.

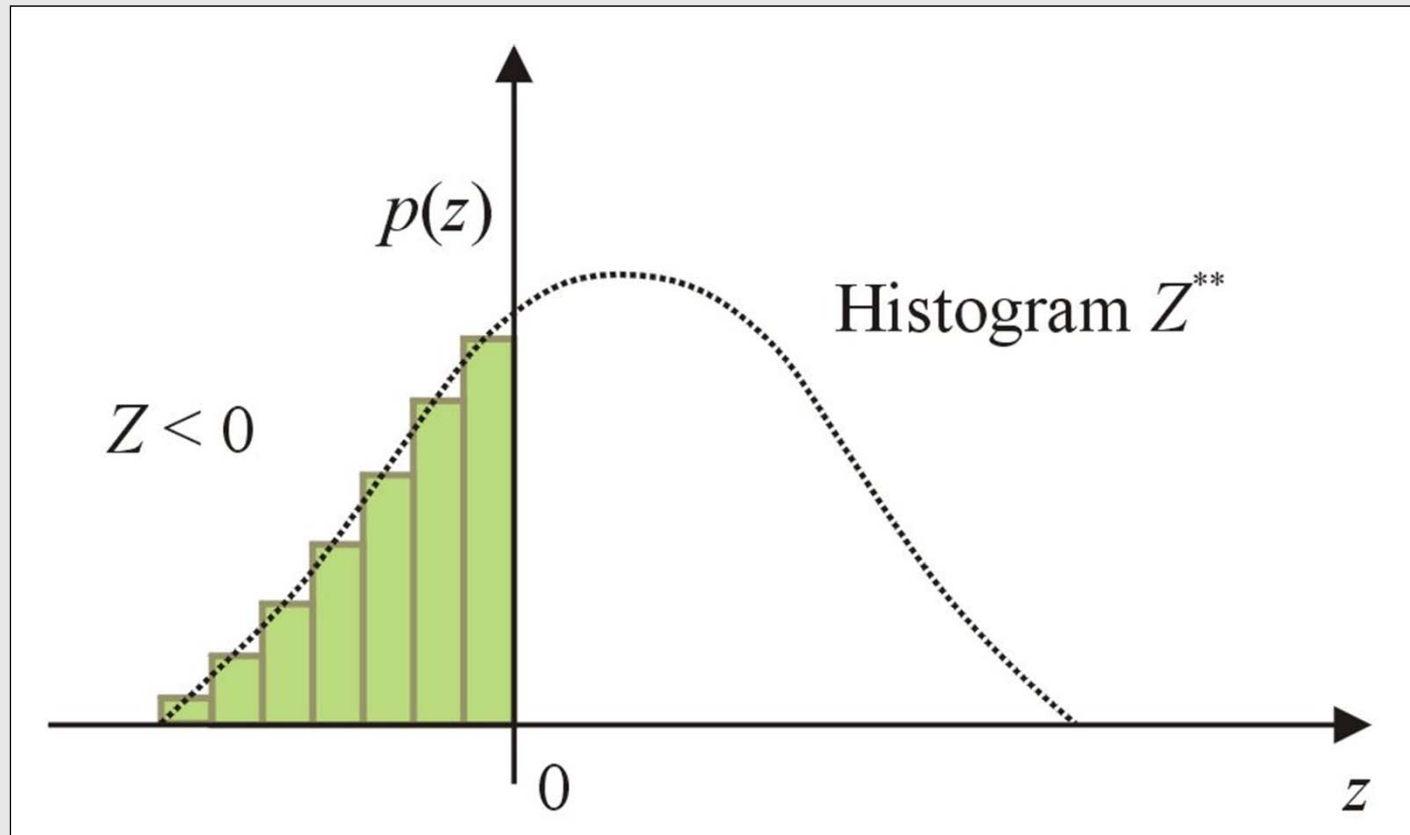


- Non-monotonous histogram:
  - zones in histograms are not changing only in one direction,
  - histograms have two same zones at least.





# Trend Analysis and Optimizing



Resulting histogram of reliability function  $RF$  using DOProC method in action of trend optimizing - histogram  $Z^{**}$

# Grouping of Partial Calculations Results



Is analogy of input variables grouping.

If e.g. :

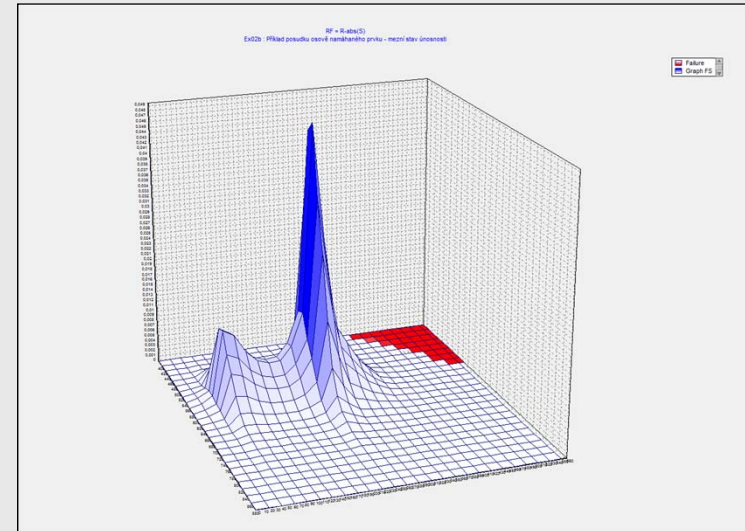
$$RF = R - f(A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_N)$$

then is often useful proceed independently calculation

$$S = f(A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_N)$$

and following

$$RF = R - S$$

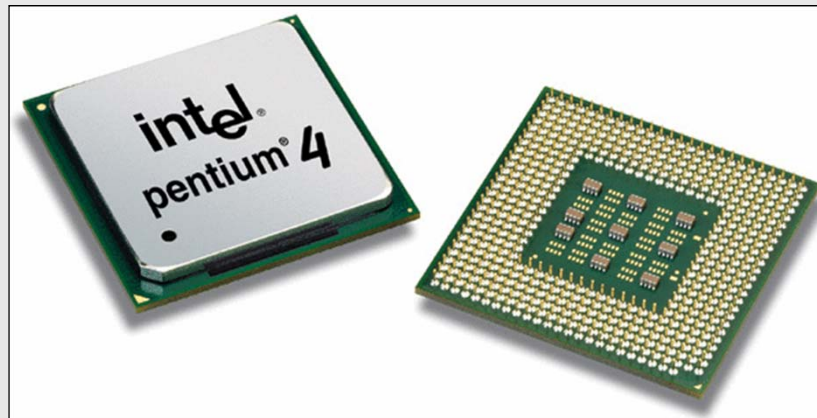


# Parallelization and Combination of the Optimizing Techniques



DOProC method is able to:

- combine the mentioned optimizing techniques,
- parallelize the calculation (still tested on computers with two processors).



# Statistically Dependent Input Variables



- **Statistically independent random variables** are entered into probabilistic calculation using DOProC method for now.
- Some of input variables are **statistically dependent** however, e.g. cross-section characteristics, strength properties etc.
- **Statistically dependent input variables** can enter into calculation using DOProC method indirect as **function of useful independent input quantities**.
- Problematic of **statistically dependent input variables** was still take care of **cross-section characteristics** of rolled shapes especially.

# Program System ProbCalc



Implementation of DOProC method was created by three software utilities:

- **HistAn:**

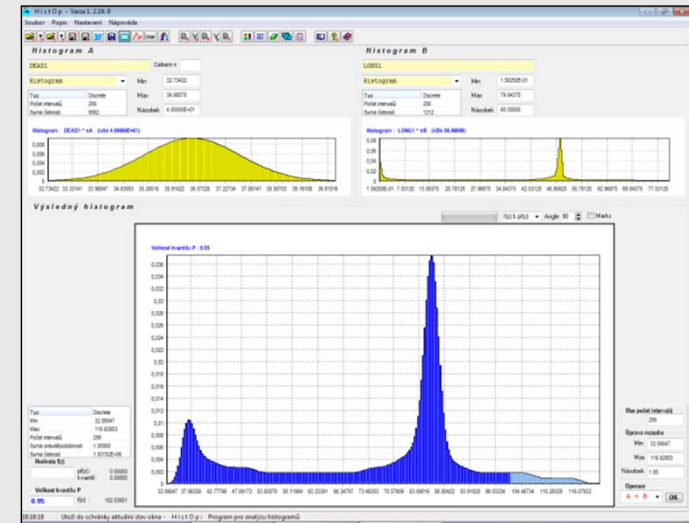
- utility for histogram analysis

- **HistOp:**

- utility for basic arithmetic operations with 1 or 2 histograms

- **ProbCalc:**

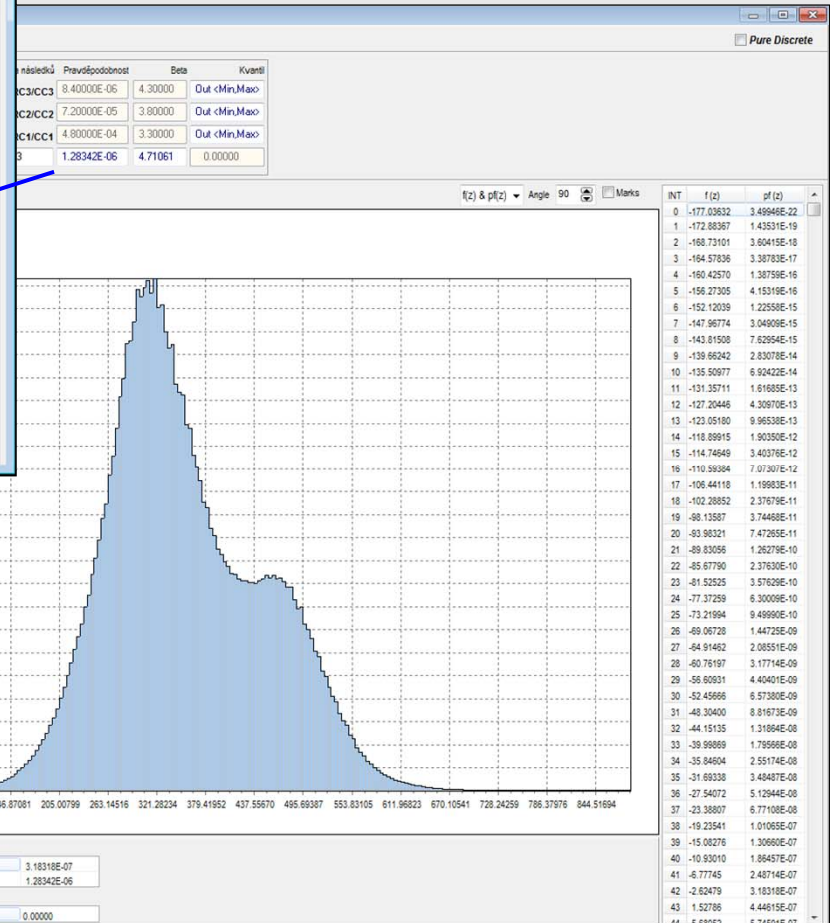
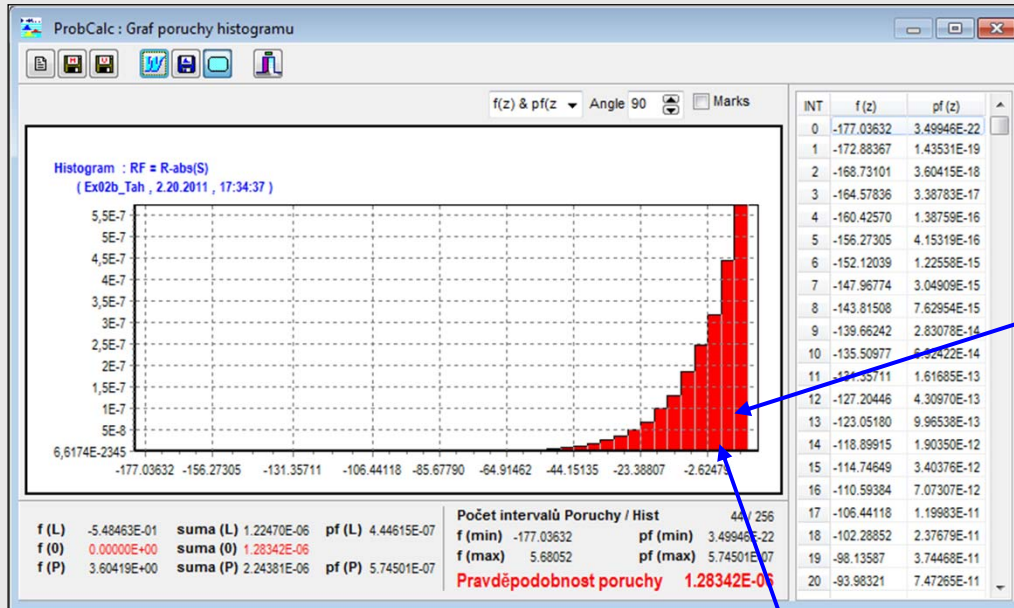
- served for probabilistic structural reliability assessment and for other probabilistic problems.
- computing model can be defined using so-called calculator (text mode) or DLL library (machine code).
- all of optimizing techniques were implemented.



# Program Utility ProbCalc



Histogram of reliability function  $RF$



Probability of failure  
 $p_f = 1,28 \cdot 10^{-6}$   
 meets requirements of  
 EN1990 for consequences  
 class RC3/CC3  
 with design probability  
 $p_d = 8,4 \cdot 10^{-6}$

# Usage of ProbCalc



- Probabilistic assessment of **load combinations**,
- Probabilistic reliability assessment of cross-sections and systems of statically (in)definite **load-bearing constructions**,
- Probabilistic approach to assessment of **mass concrete** and **fibrous concrete mixtures**,
- Reliability assessment of **arch supports** in **underground and mining workings**,
- Reliability assessment of load-bearing constructions under **impact loads**,
- Probabilistic calculation of **fatigue crack progression** in steel structures and bridges.



# Fatigue Crack Propagation

- **Fatigue crack propagation**, with possibility of their predict in time from the beginning of the variable load effect, is the example of calculation, where the **probabilistic approach is required**.
- Quantity of uncertainties in load effect and structural resistance.
  - **Load effect**: stochastic response to variable traffic load effect in stress range form in locations sensitive to fatigue damage
  - **Structural resistance**:
    - material and geometric characteristic,
    - changes of **structural resistance** according to **different fatigue crack sizes in time**,
    - the most difficult is definition of hypothetical **initial crack size**, solved worldwide (also **detectable** and **acceptable fatigue crack size** according to required reliability).



# Calculation of Crack Propagation



Linearly elastic fracture mechanics model (known Paris-Erdogan law)

Resistance of structure  $R$

$$R_{(a_d)} = \int_{a_0}^{a_{ad}} \frac{da}{\left(\sqrt{\pi \cdot a} \cdot F_{(a)}\right)^m}$$

$$R_{(a_{ac})} = \int_{a_0}^{a_{ac}} \frac{da}{\left(\sqrt{\pi \cdot a} \cdot F_{(a)}\right)^m}$$

where  $a_0$  is initial fatigue crack size  
 $a_d$  is detectable fatigue crack size  
 $a_{ac}$  is acceptable fatigue crack size  
 $F_{(a)}$  is calibration function represents the course of crack propagation

Cumulated effect of loads  $S$

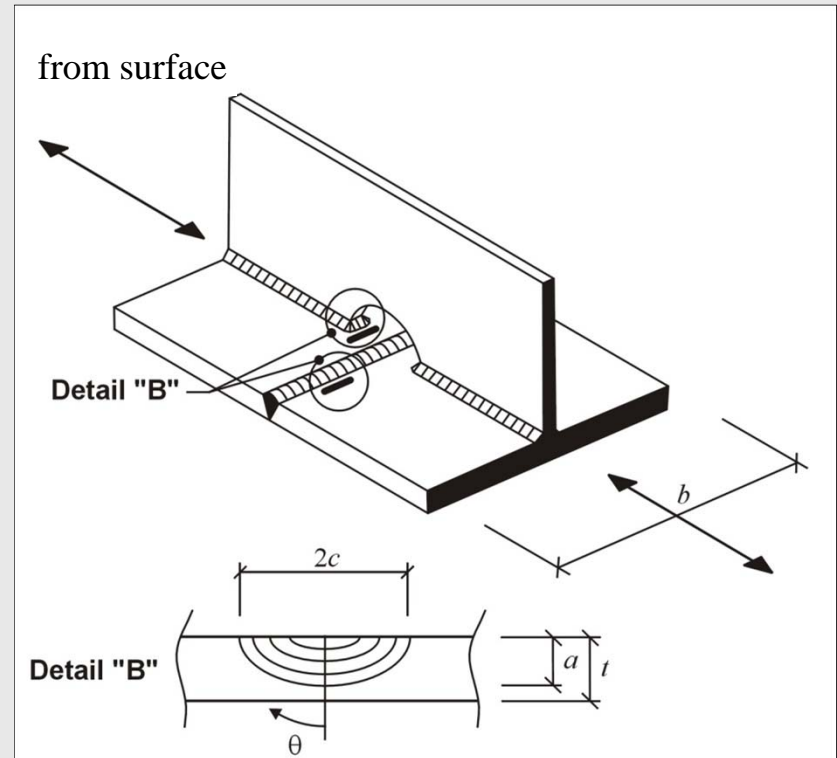
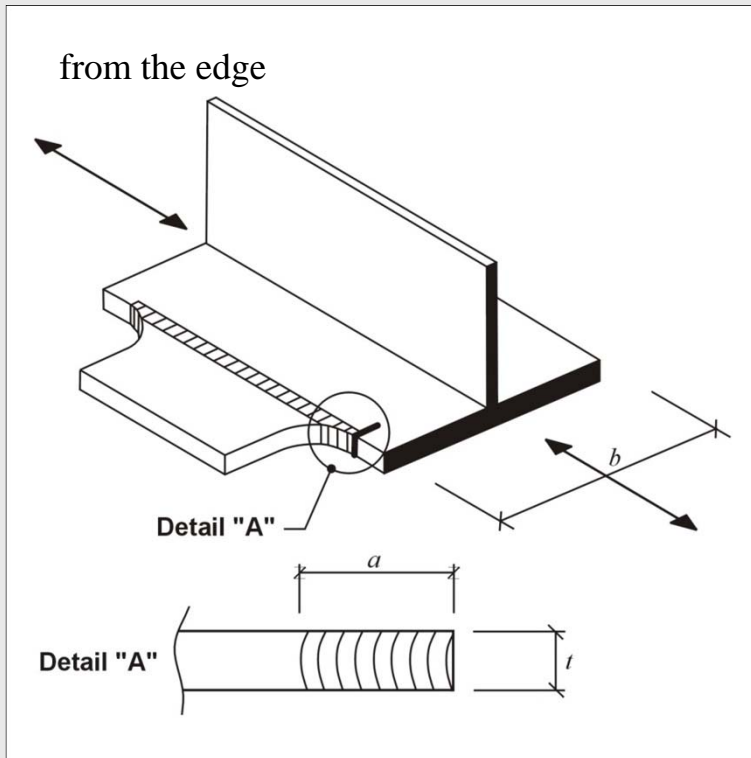
$$S = \int_{N_0}^N C \cdot \Delta \sigma^m \cdot dN = C \cdot \Delta \sigma^m \cdot (N - N_0)$$

where  $N$  is number of cycles oscillation of the stress range  $\Delta \sigma$  during the fatigue crack propagation from the  $a_0$  to  $a_d$  or  $a_{ac}$   
 $N_0$  is number of cycles in time of fatigue crack initialization  
 $C, m$  are material characteristics

# Places of Fatigue Damage Danger's Concentration



Crack's propagations **from the edge** or **from the surface** are possible to monitor according to initial crack position.

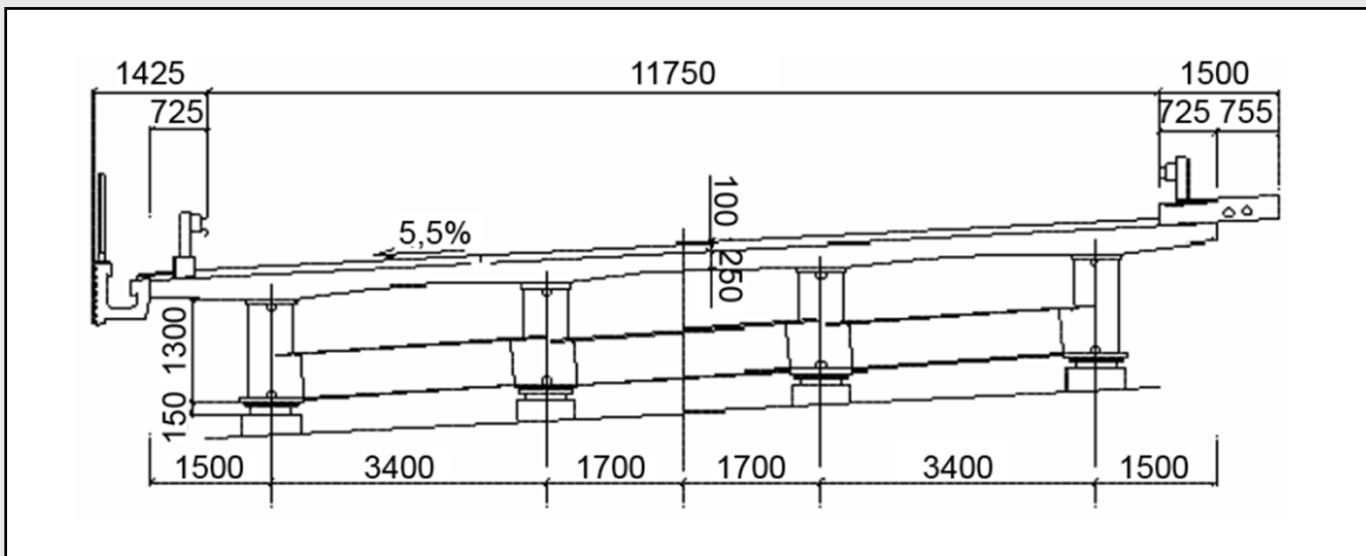


# Reliability Assessment of Steel Bridge's Flange



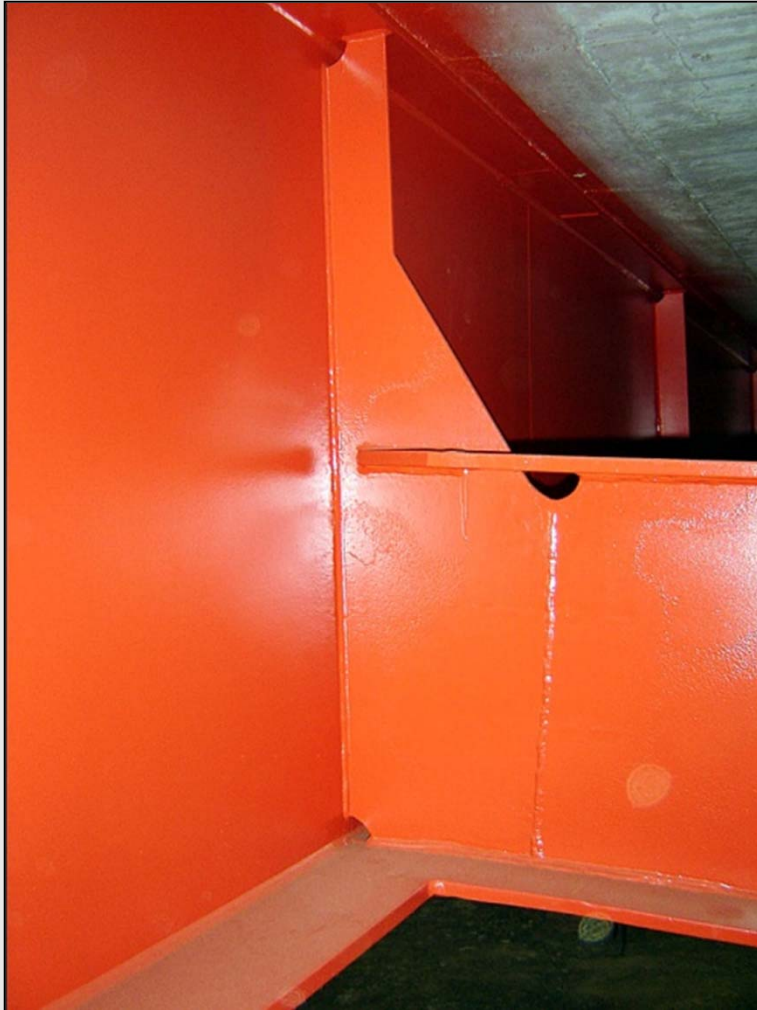
Assessment of steel bridge's flange was selected for application of theoretical solution after performed studies.

Look to the reviewed road bridge  
Photo: Ing. Jaroslav Odrobiňák, Ph.D.



Bridge's crosswise cut

# Detail of Solved Steel Bridge's Flange



Detail of solved flange in tension **sensitive to fatigue damage**, photo: Ing. J. Odrobiňák, Ph.D.

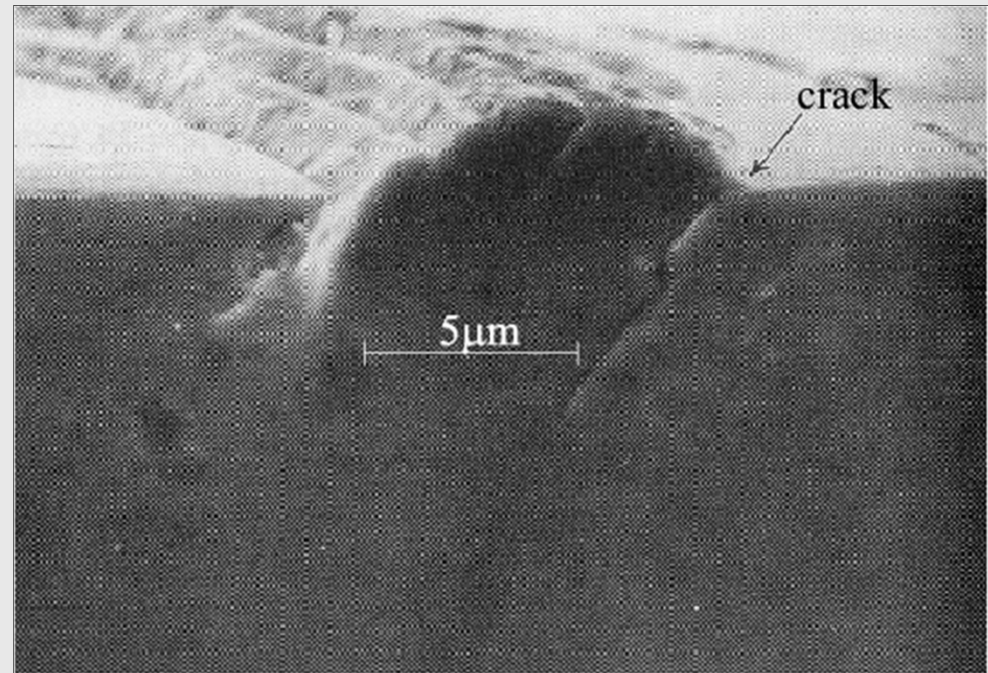
# Calibration Function



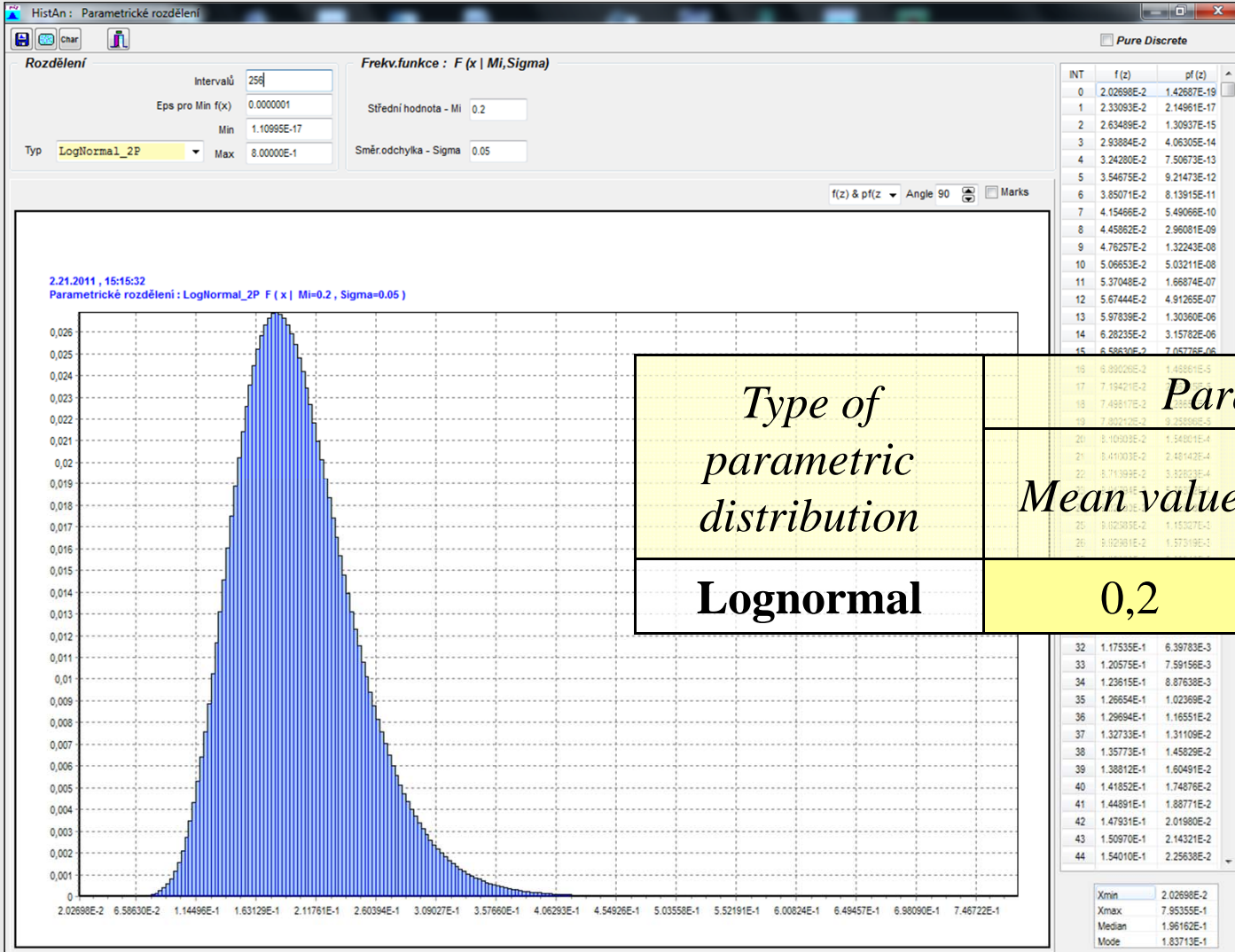
The propagation of the fatigue crack from the edge can be expressed by means of a calibration function:

$$F_{(a)} = 1,12 - 0,231 \left( \frac{a}{b} \right) + 10,55 \left( \frac{a}{b} \right)^2 - 21,72 \left( \frac{a}{b} \right)^3 + 30,39 \left( \frac{a}{b} \right)^4$$

where  $a$  is fatigue crack size,  
 $b$  is width of the flange



# Input Variables



Initial size of fatigue crack  $a_0$  [mm]

Type of parametric distribution	Parameters	
	Mean value	Standard deviation
<b>Lognormal</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,05</b>

# Probability of crack occurrence in time $t$



Using fully probabilistic calculation is possible to solve probability of these defined events:

- Probability of **crack undetection** in time  $t$ , crack size  $a(t)$  is less than **detectable** size  $a_d$  :

$$P(U_{(t)}) = P(a_{(t)} < a_d)$$

- Probability of **crack detection** in time  $t$ , crack size  $a_{(t)}$  is less than **acceptable** size  $a_{ac}$  :

$$P(D_{(t)}) = P(a_d \leq a_{(t)} < a_{ac})$$

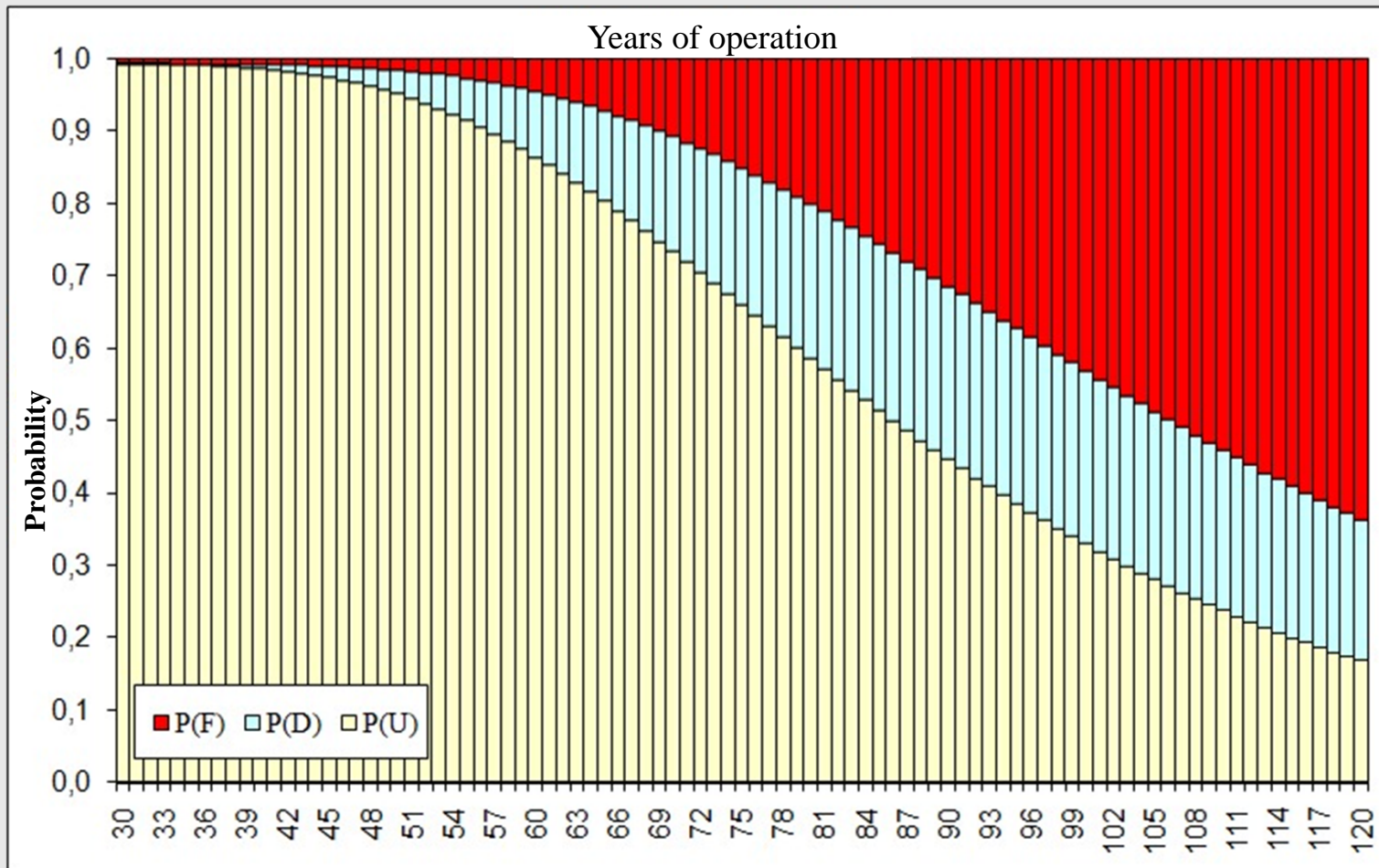
- Probability of **crack detection** in time  $t$ , crack size  $a_{(t)}$  is equal or greater than **acceptable** size  $a_{cr}$  :

$$P(F_{(t)}) = P(a_{(t)} \geq a_{ac})$$

All of these three events creates full space of event, which can come in time  $t$ , can be applied:

$$P(U_{(t)}) + P(D_{(t)}) + P(F_{(t)}) = 1$$

# Probability of crack occurrence in time $t$



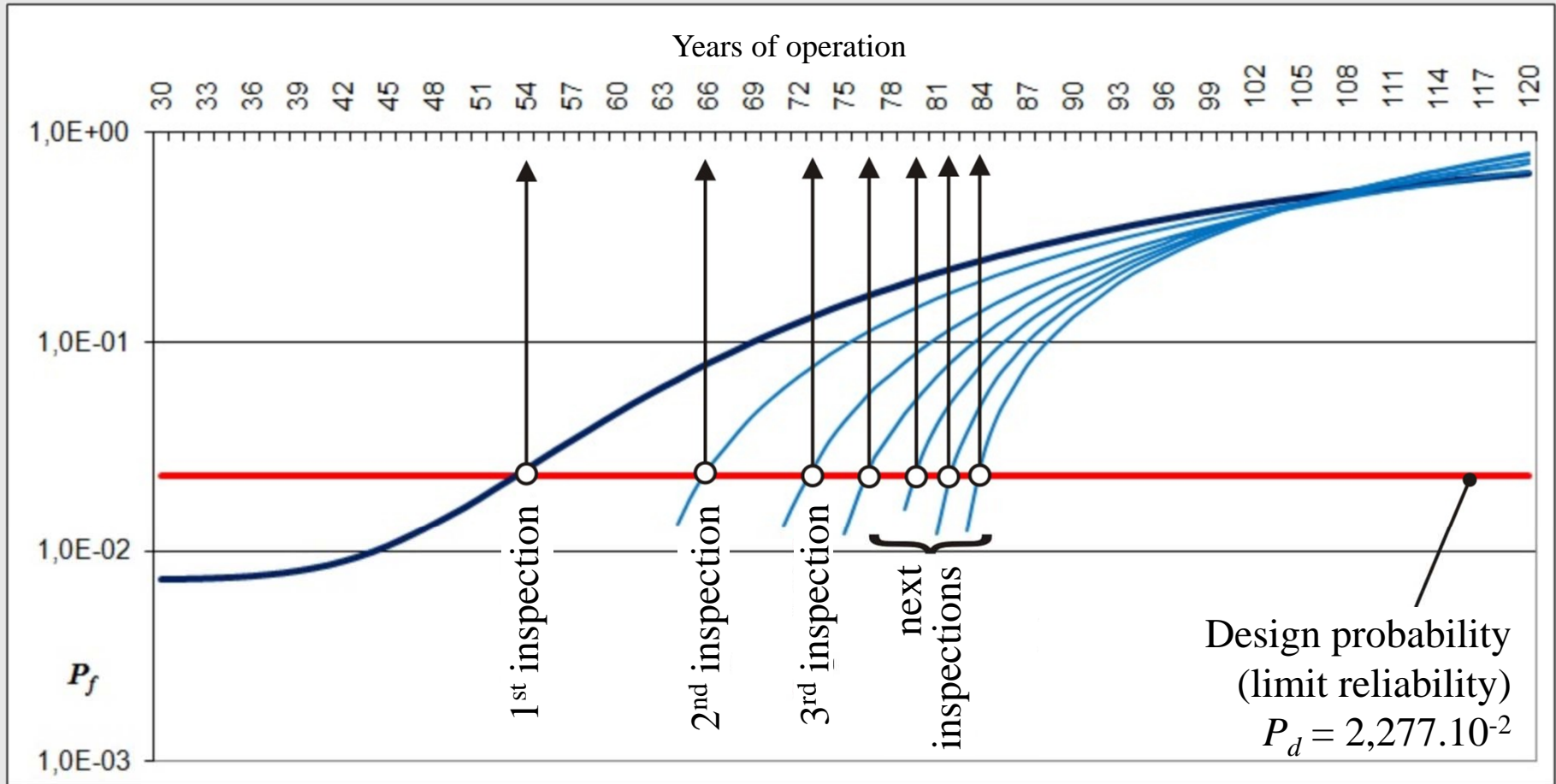
Probability of  $U$ ,  $D$  and  $F$  events in dependence on years of operation of the bridge



# Determining Inspection Time



Fatigue crack from the edge



Dependence of failure probability  $P_f$  on years of operation of the bridge

# Conclusions



- Software under development for DOProC method is able to compute various probabilistic applications.
- Software includes a number of **optimizing techniques** to minimize computing time.
- See <http://www.fast.vsb.cz/popv> for details and download lite version of ProbCalc.
- Using DOProC method is possible to do probabilistic calculation e.g. **fatigue crack progression** in steel structures and bridges and define the time of inspections using conditioned probability.



# Thanks for your attention!

