



# CALSPAN TIRE PERFORMANCE RESEARCH AND TESTING

Calspan Corporation, Buffalo, NY, USA

# CALSPAN TIRE TESTING | 40+ YEARS

MORE THAN **100,000** TIRES TESTED

COVERING A DISTANCE GREATER THAN  
**10 TRIPS TO THE MOON**

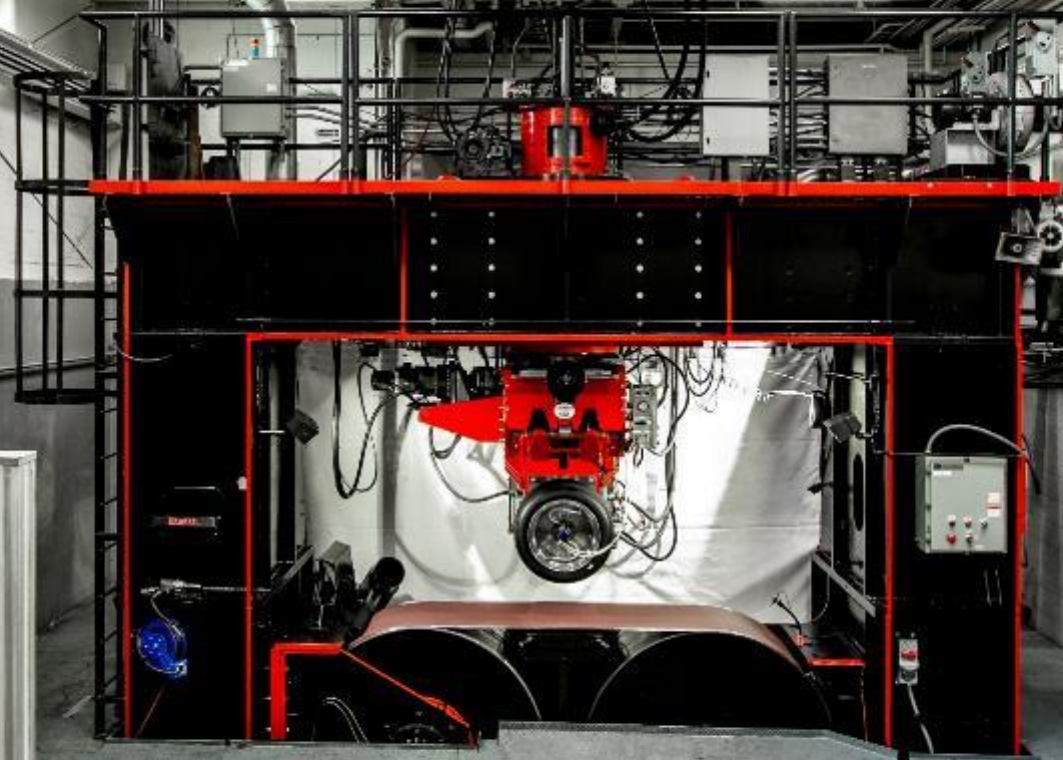
CITED IN MORE THAN **1,200**  
SCIENTIFIC PAPERS

SUPPORTED TIRE AND VEHICLE  
DEVELOPMENT FOR **40+ YEARS**





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# CALSPAN TIRE TESTING

- MOST POWERFUL TIRE TESTING MACHINE IN THE WORLD
- MOST EXPERIENCED TECHNICAL STAFF IN THE WORLD
- EXCEPTIONAL TESTING CAPABILITIES
- PROVEN MEASUREMENT REPEATABILITY AND ACCURACY
- INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION
- CUSTOMER CONFIDENTIALITY

→ ATTRACTS TOP-TIER AUTOMOTIVE COMPANIES

→ MEASURE AND UNDERSTAND



# MEASURE AND UNDERSTAND

SIMULATION

PERFORMANCE

DURABILITY

BENCHMARKING

CALSPAN  
TIRE TESTING

QUALITY

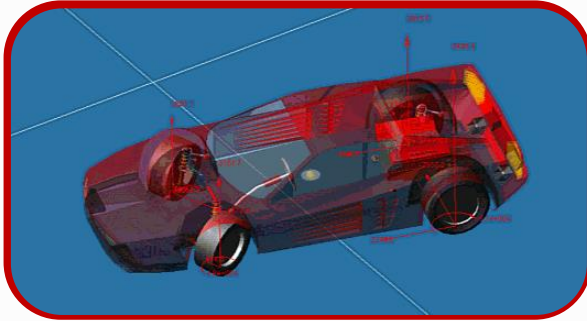
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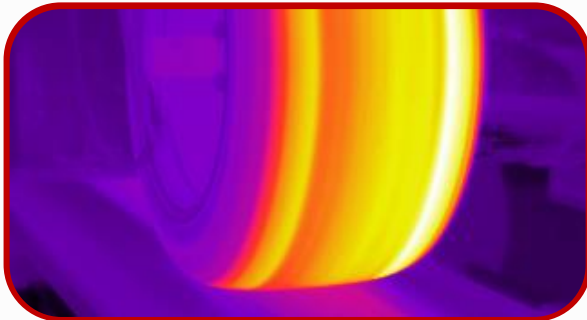
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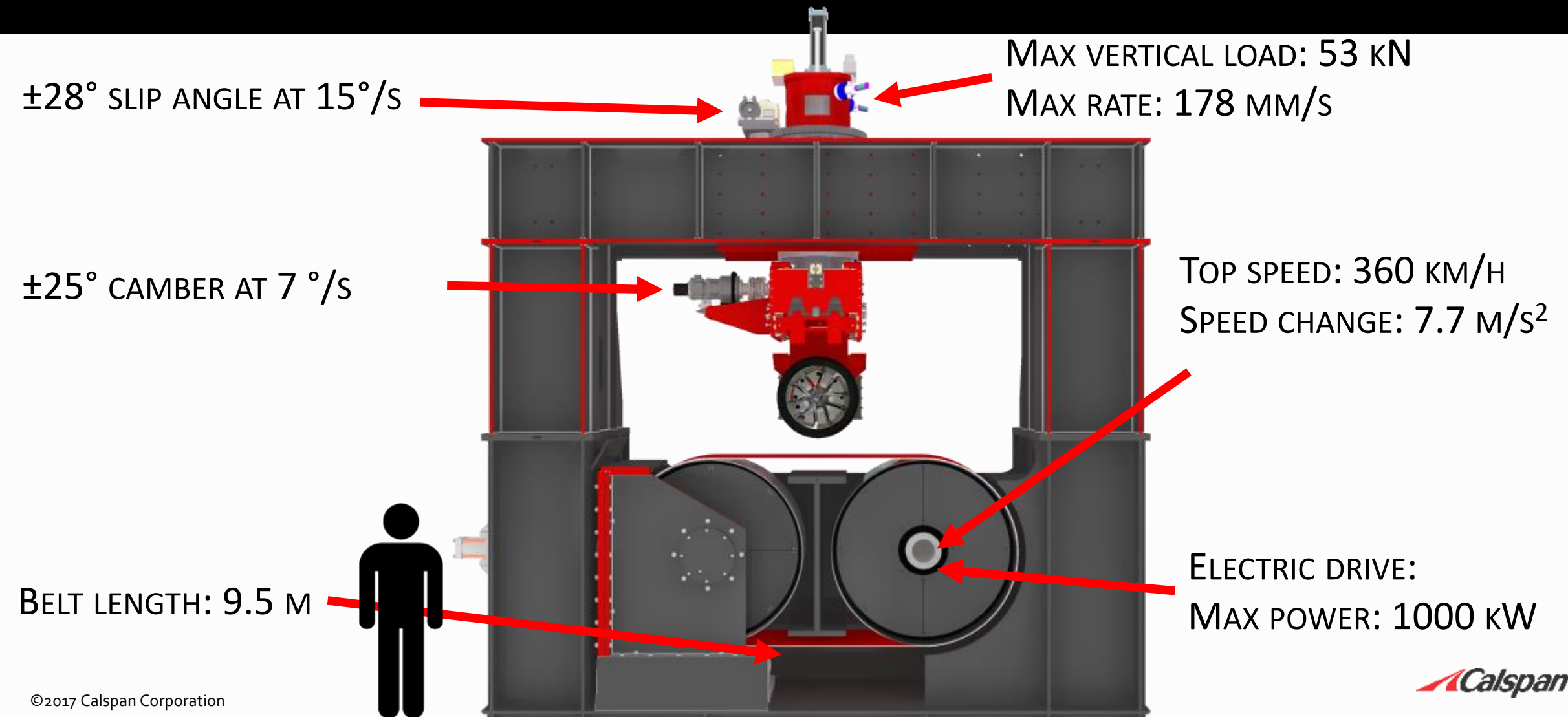
# MEASURE AND UNDERSTAND



## CALSPAN TIRE TESTING



# CALSPAN TIRE TESTING – MECHANICAL



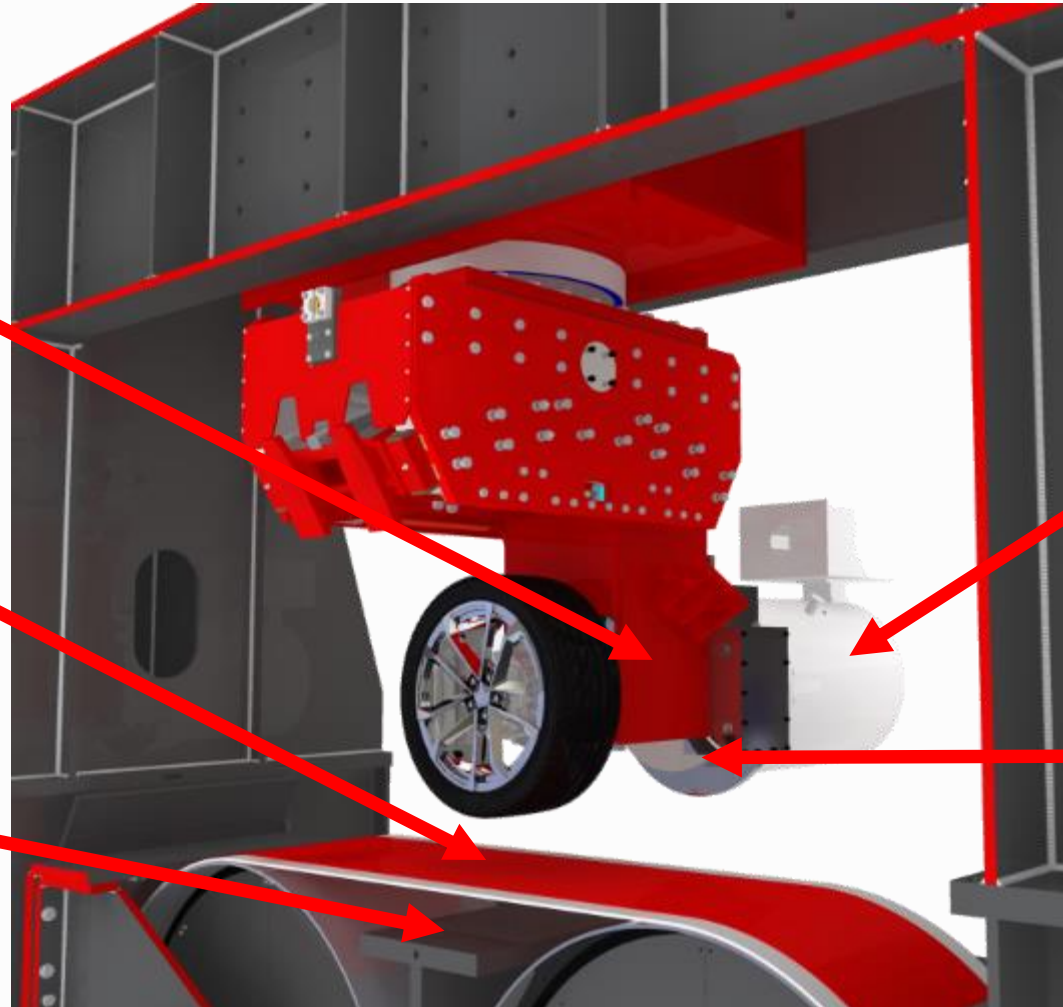


# CALSPAN TIRE TESTING – MECHANICAL

BESPOKE BALANCES FOR  
F&M MEASUREMENTS.

MAX Fx: 40 kN  
MAX Fy: 40 kN

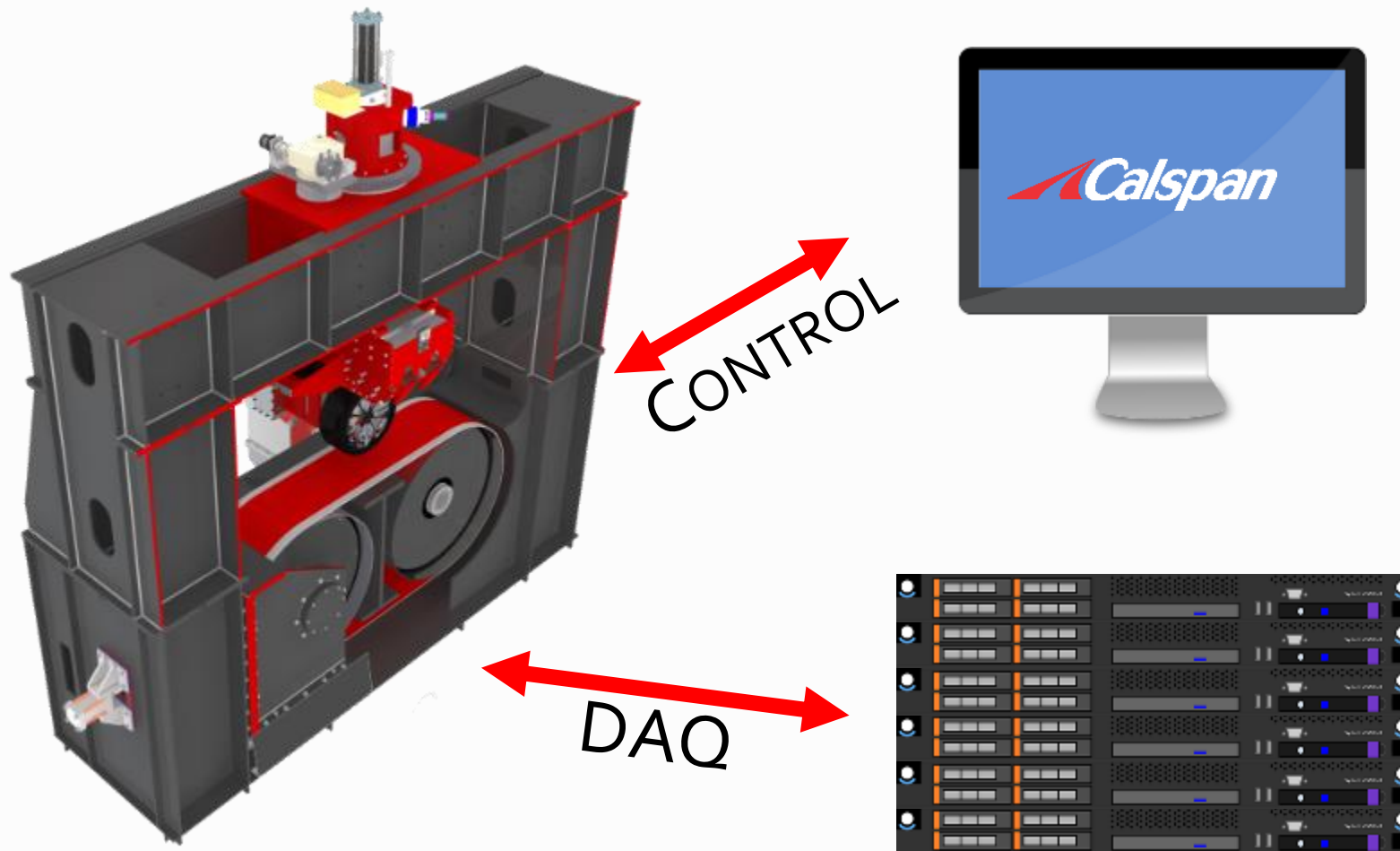
BESPOKE AIR  
BEARING DESIGN



ELECTRIC DRIVE:  
MAX POWER: 750 kW  
MAX TORQUE: 10.8 kNm

DISC BRAKE:  
MAX TORQUE: 20 kNm  
TORQUE RATE: 19 kNm/s

# CALSPAN TIRE TESTING – ELECTRICAL

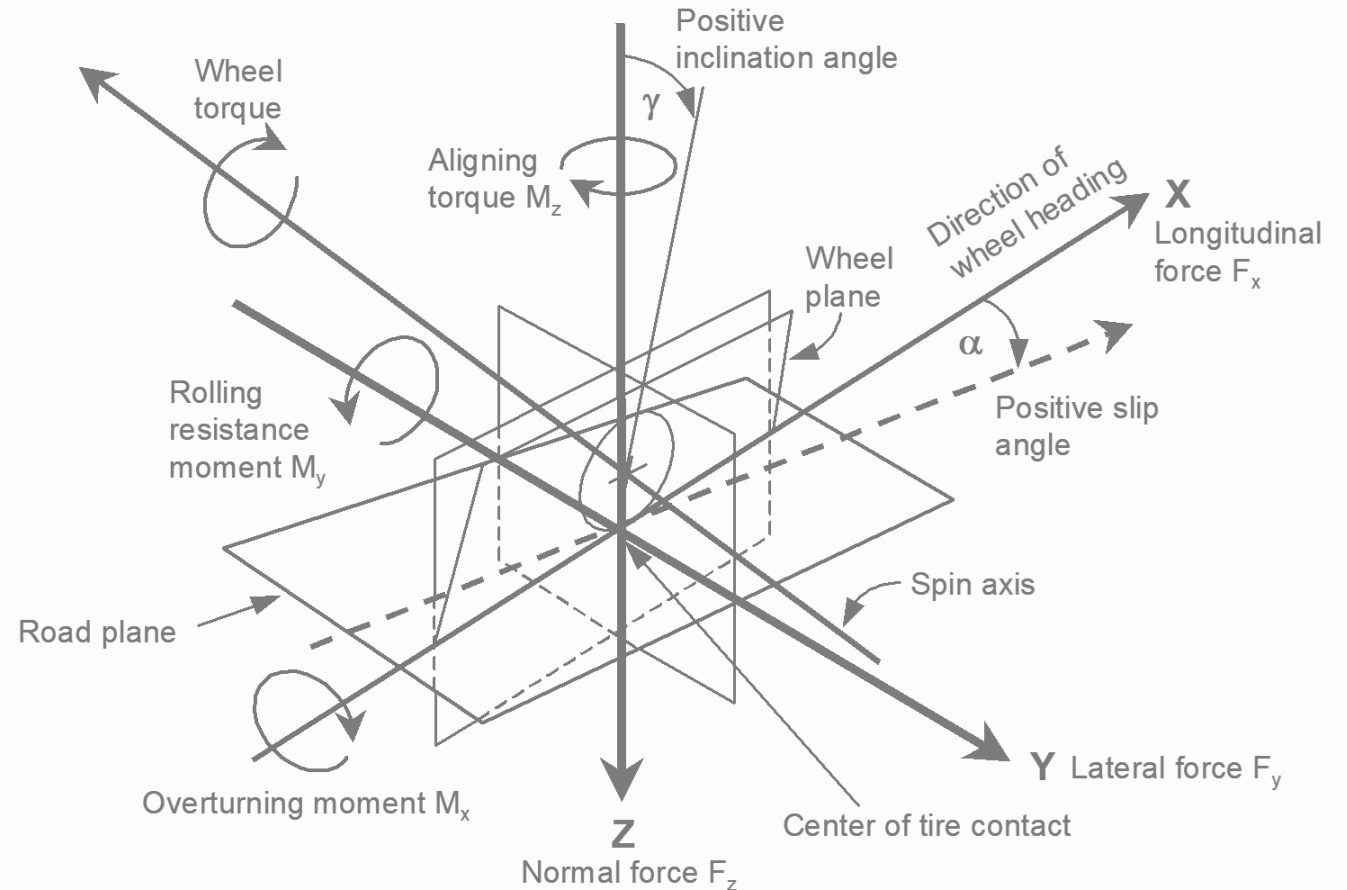


- COMPLETE SOURCE CODE
- COMPLETE CONTROL
- SAMPLING UP TO 2 KHZ
- EXTENDABLE
  - ADDITIONAL SENSORS
  - ADDITIONAL DAQs



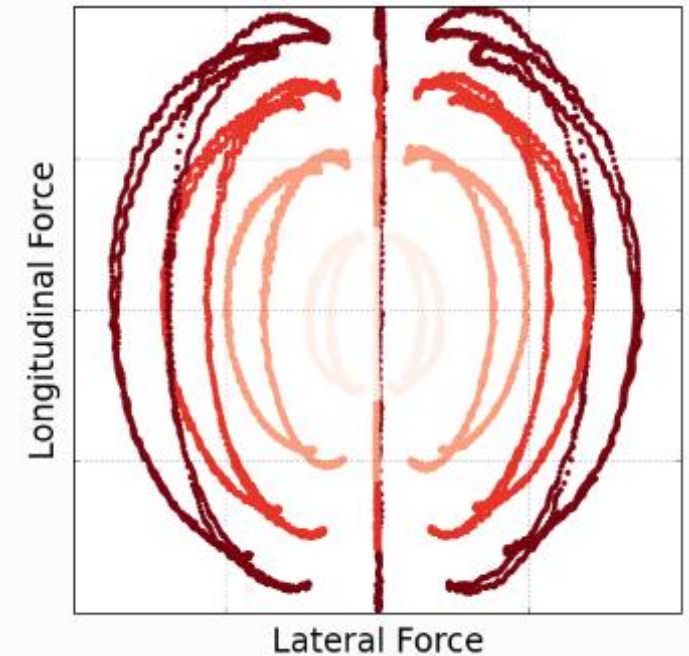
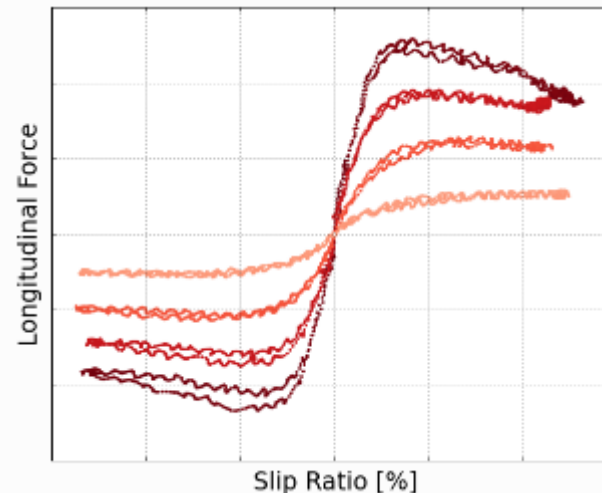
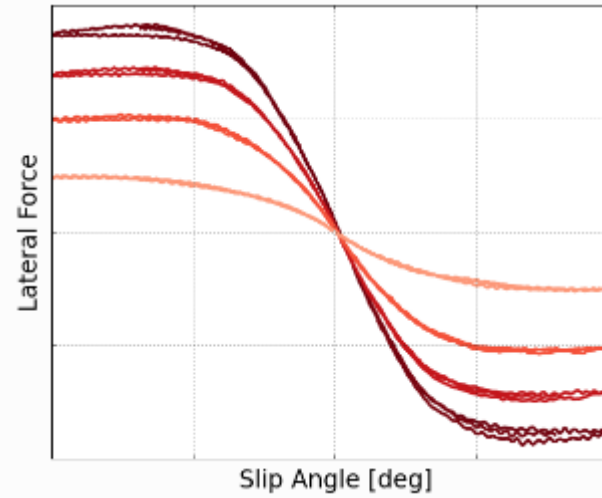
# MEASUREMENTS

- FORCES AND MOMENTS
  - $F_x$ ,  $F_y$ ,  $F_z$ ,  $M_x$ ,  $M_y$ ,  $M_z$
- POSITIONS/VELOCITIES
  - SA, IA, RL, RE, N, SR, V
- TEMPERATURES
  - SURFACE, LINER, SIDEWALL, ROAD, AMBIENT
- WEAR



# COMMON TEST TYPES

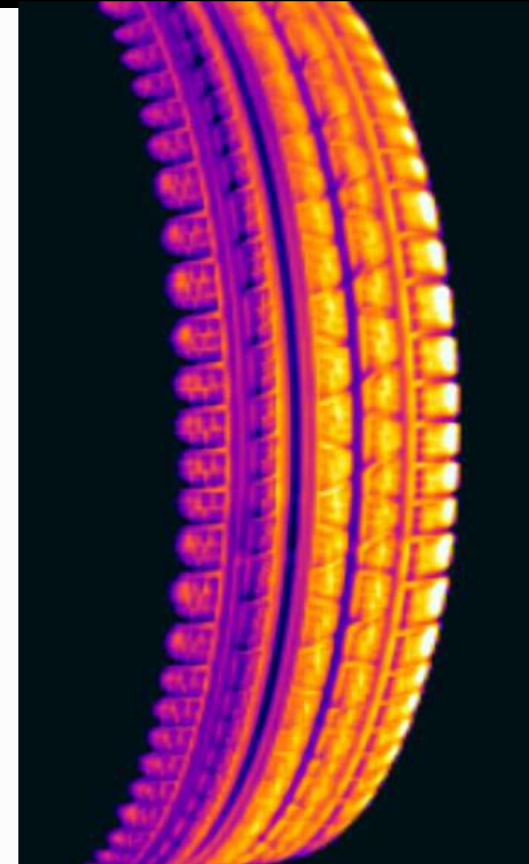
- THE PURPOSE OF THE TESTING DETERMINES TEST PROCEDURES
- THE TEST PROCEDURE AFFECTS THE DATA
- COMMON TESTS
  - FREE-ROLLING CORNERING
  - SPEED CHARACTERIZATION
  - BRAKE-DRIVING
  - BRAKE-DRIVING WHILE CORNERING
  - STATIC TESTS
  - RELAXATION LENGTH
- MANY OTHER TEST TYPES



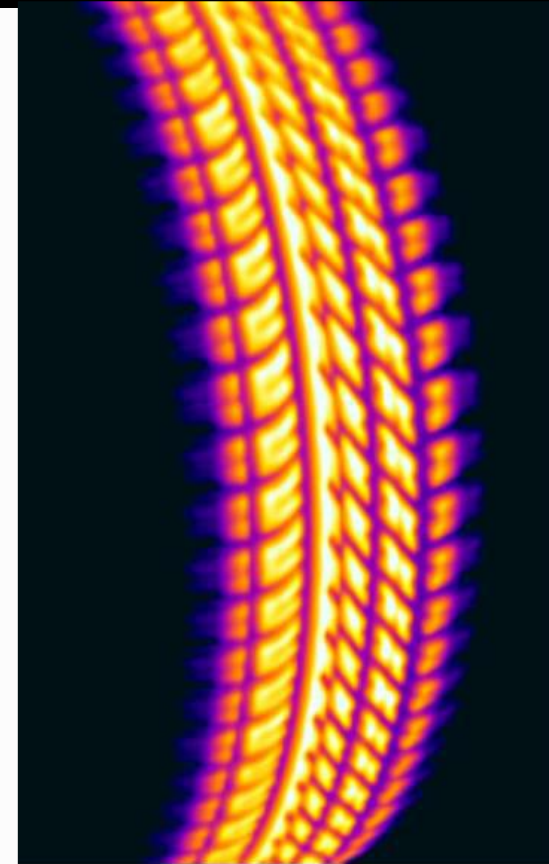


# THERMAL TESTING

- CALSPAN'S THERMAL IMAGING IS INTEGRATED TO THE TEST SYSTEM.
- PROVIDES DETAILED INSIGHT INTO CONTACT PATCH BEHAVIOR
- VERY POWERFUL WHEN EVALUATING TIRE CONSTRUCTION DESIGNS.



TIRE A



TIRE B

# WHY CALSPAN TIRE TESTING?

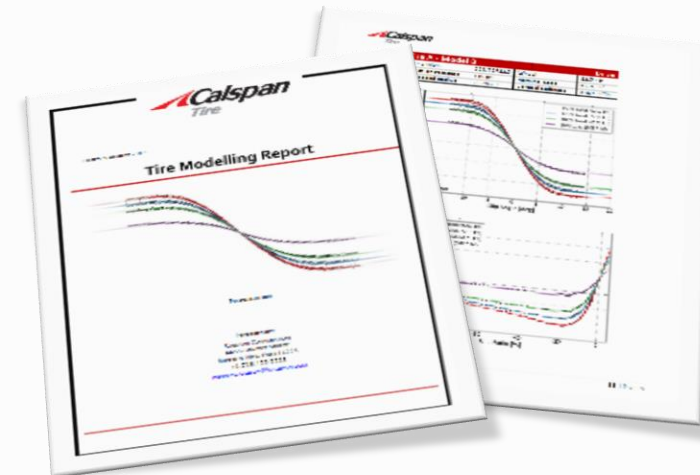
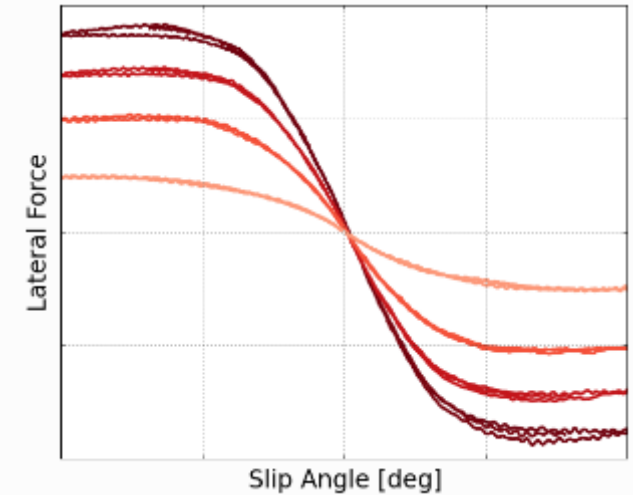
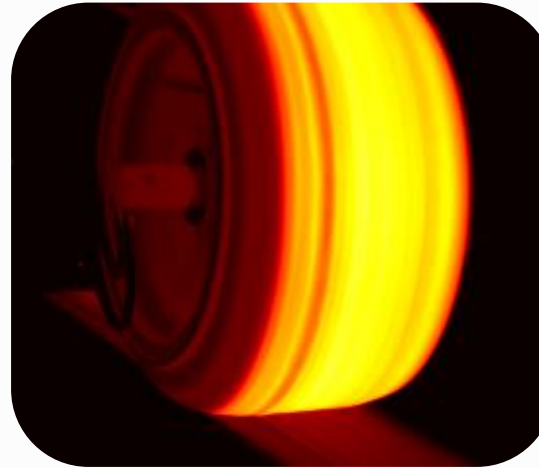


- MORE QUALITY DATA PER UNIT TIME
- TIRE DATA REDUCES DESIGN/SETUP ITERATIONS NEEDED
- TESTING PROCEDURES CAN BE DESIGNED TO MIMIC REALITY
- SEVERE TEST CASES CAN SAFELY BE EVALUATED



# ANALYZING RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

- DATA PROCESSING:
  - METRICS
  - VISUALIZATIONS
  - MODELS
    - UNDERSTAND AND MAKE DECISIONS
- TESTING OFTEN LEADS TO :
  - NEW QUESTIONS
  - NEW PATHS IN THE TEST AND ANALYSIS PROCESS
  - NEW/FUTURE WORK
- TESTING OFTEN REVEALS UNKNOWNNS
  - NEW UNDERSTANDING AND IMPROVEMENTS



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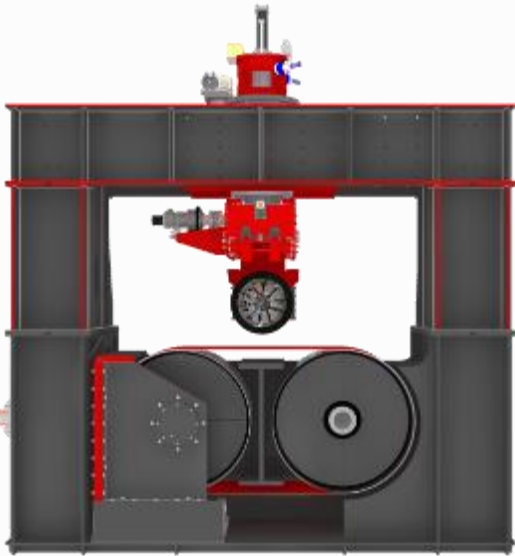
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# CALSPAN TIRE TESTING SPECIFICATIONS



Description	Units		Units	
Minimum Loaded Radius	mm	196	in	7.8
Maximum Loaded Radius	mm	610	in	24
Maximum Loaded Displacement Rate	mm/s	178	in/s	7
Smallest Rim Diameter	mm	254	in	10
Maximum Tire Width	mm	605	in	23.8
Maximum Vertical Load	kN	53	lb	12,000
Lateral Force Capability	kN	±40	lb	8992
Longitudinal Force Capability	kN	±40	lb	8992
Slip Angle Range	deg	±30	deg	±30
Maximum Slip Angle Rate	deg/s	15	deg/s	15
Inclination Angle Range	deg	±25	deg	±25
Inclination Angle Range (Motorcycle)	deg	50 / -10	deg	50 / -10
Inclination Angle Rate	deg/s	7	deg/s	7
Spindle Speed	rpm	±3,600	rpm	±3,600
Spindle Torque at 850 rpm	kNm	10.8	lb-ft	8000
Spindle Torque at 1400 rpm	kNm	10.8	lb-ft	8000
Spindle Torque at 2200 rpm	kNm	6.9	lb-ft	5110
Spindle Torque at 3000rpm	kNm	4.0	lb-ft	2900
Spindle Torque at 3600rpm	kNm	2	lb-ft	1440
Spindle Torque Rate	kNm/s	19	lb-ft/s	14,000
Disk Brake Torque	kNm	20	lb-ft	14,000
Roadway Speed (2nd gear / 1st gear)	kph	±360/160	mph	224 / 100
Roadway Maximum Drag Force (2nd gear / 1st gear)	kN	±28/64	lb	6295 / 14,500
Maximum Lateral Belt Travel	mm	±5	in	0.2
Bearing Temperature Control [Surface]	deg C	10 -38	deg F	50 - 100
Tire Inflation Max	kPa	2,400	psi	350

