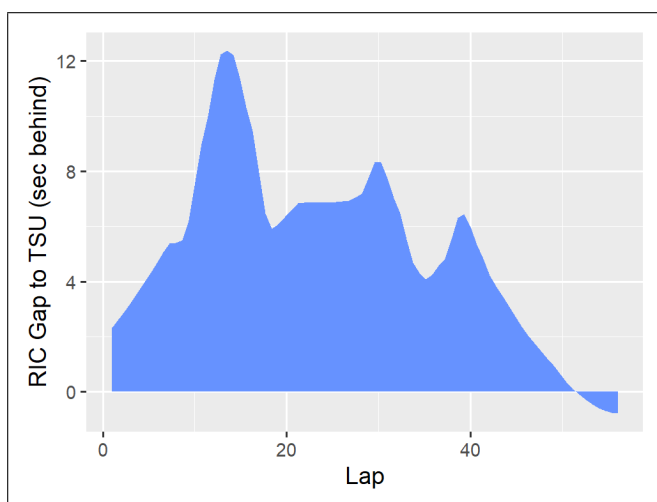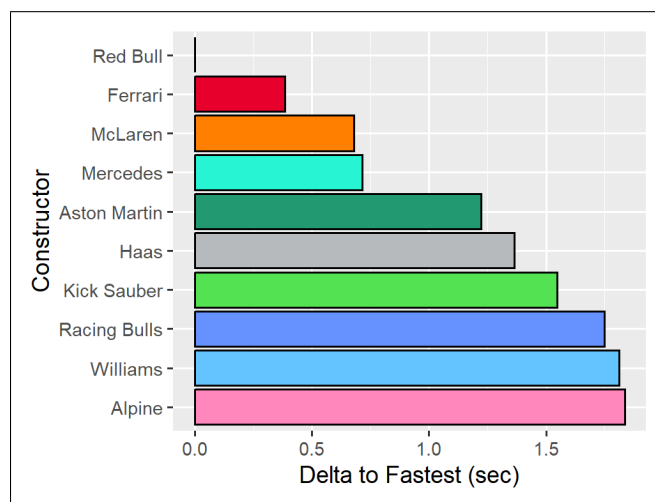## Bahrain Grand Prix

Qualifying at the Bahrain Grand Prix saw Verstappen secure another pole position over Leclerc by 0.226 seconds. From lights out, where Perez overtook Sainz for P4, to the chequered flag, Verstappen led the pack to complete his fifth grand slam. The Red Bull duo secured a one-two finish, while Sainz settled for P3. No safety cars disrupted the race, allowing Verstappen to take the win by 22 seconds and begin his bid for the 2024 title.





Outqualifying his teammate by three positions, Tsunoda initially held the upper hand in the Grand Prix. However, since their strategies diverged over the race, Tsunoda opted to end on the hard tire, while Ricciardo ran a ended on the softs. This gave Ricciardo fresher rubber in the closing stages, allowing him to overtake Tsunoda. Despite Tsunoda's initial lead, it was Ricciardo who secured P13, one 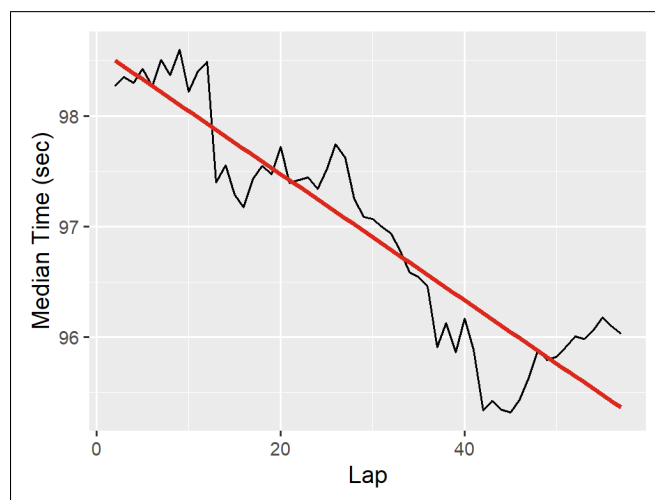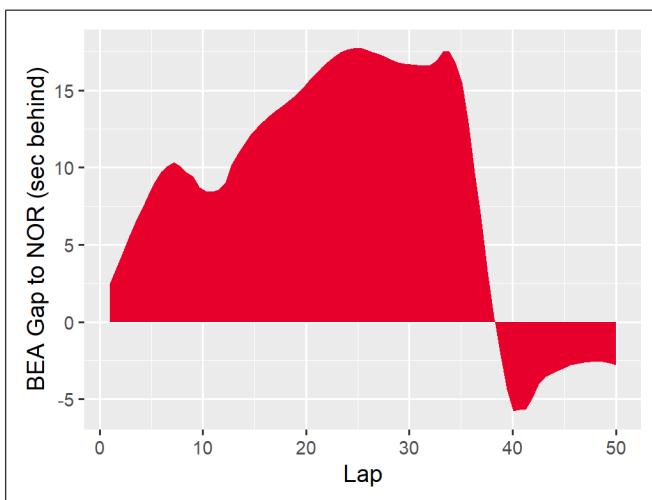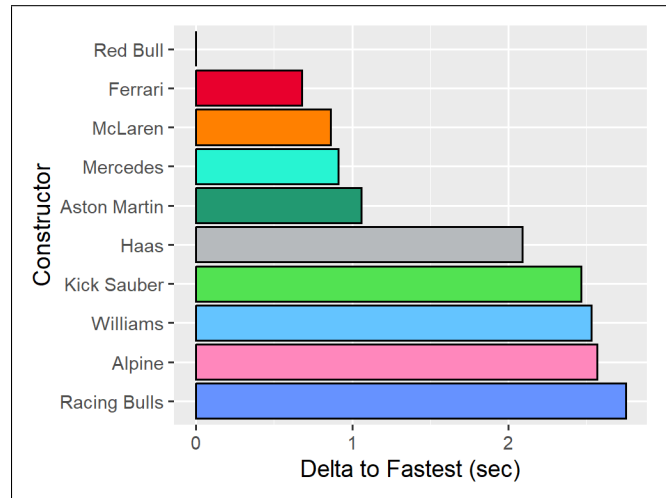spot ahead of his teammate in P14. Postrace, despite Ricciardo's noticeable pace advantage, Tsunoda found himself frustrated with team orders after being instructed to allow his teammate to pass in the team's fight for P12 with Magnussen.

While limited track evolution occurred throughout the Grand Prix, tyre degradation on the Sakhir circuit played a significant role with an EVO rate of -0.057 sec/lap. A majority of the teams opted for two-stop strategy, with hard tires offering durability but sacrificing pace, while softer compounds delivered quicker lap times but wore out faster. There weren't any significant or abnormal lap times outside of pit-stop-induced fluctuations.

# Saudi Arabian Grand Prix

Verstappen secured pole position in Jeddah by a comfortable 0.319 seconds over Leclerc. The race began with a clean start but Perez immidiately challenged Leclerc for second place. Ferrari remained the closest competition, with Leclerc ultimately finishing third behind Verstappen and Perez. A safety car on lap 7 due to Stroll's crash disrupted the flow, but Verstappen emerged victorious by 14 seconds, further extending his championship lead over Perez by 7 points.



Norris started from a strong P6 on the grid, while Bearman lined up in P11 after just missing out on Q3. Norris initially stretched a 16-second lead, but after employing a different pit strategy from many others, and keeping Hamilton at bay, the gap turned in Bearman's favour by around 5 seconds. Norris stayed on mediums during the safety car period and later switched to brand new softs, while Bearman went for hards to run long. This gamble



paid off for the debutant, who secured a remarkable P7 on his debut, finishing just 3 seconds in front.

The Jeddah Corniche Circuit saw a EVO rate of -0.083 seconds per lap. Medium tires were initially favored, but a shift to hards became the favourite after the safety car. Norris had one of the longest medium stints, lasting 37 laps before switching to softs. Hamilton had the same strategy, but a triggered it a lap earlier. The lap time had one big change, with a spike on lap 10 as drivers followed race leader Norris after the safety car period.