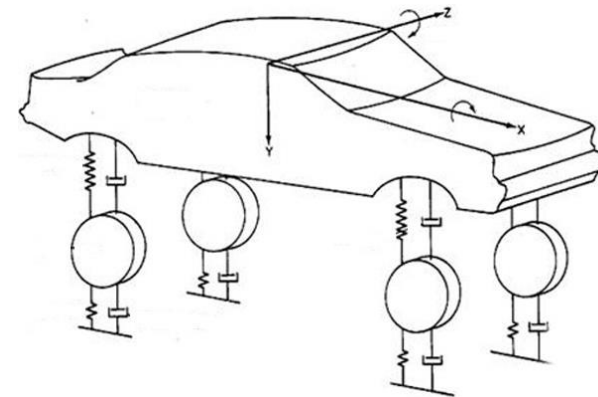


## Assignment 3

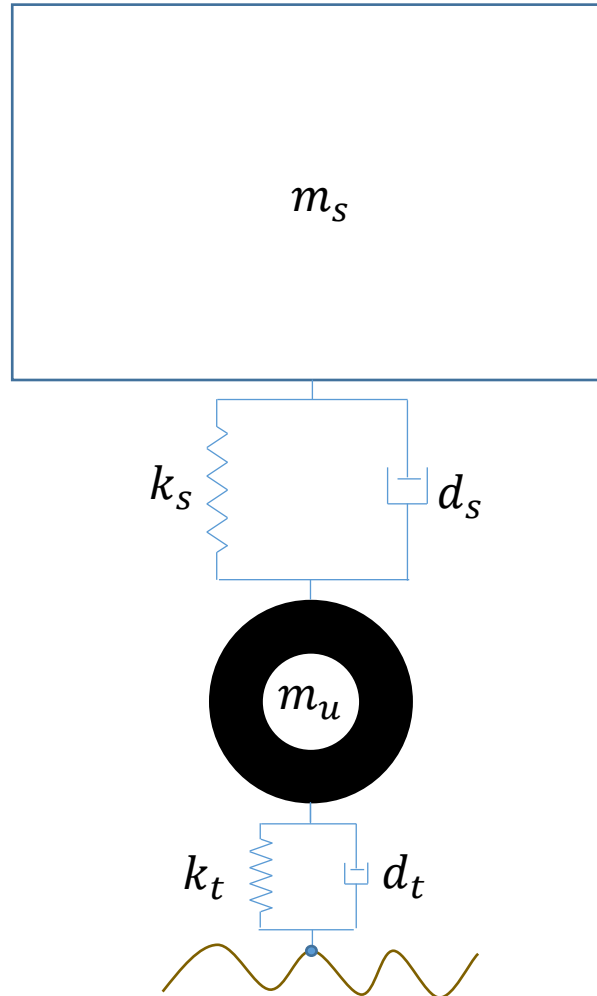
# Vertical dynamics



# Assignment objectives

- Understand the influence of spring stiffness and damping.
- Understand how the road roughness affects road grip and ride comfort.
- Propose a wheel suspension stiffness and a damping for a certain transportation task.

# Quarter car model (6 p)



## Task 1.1: Derive equations

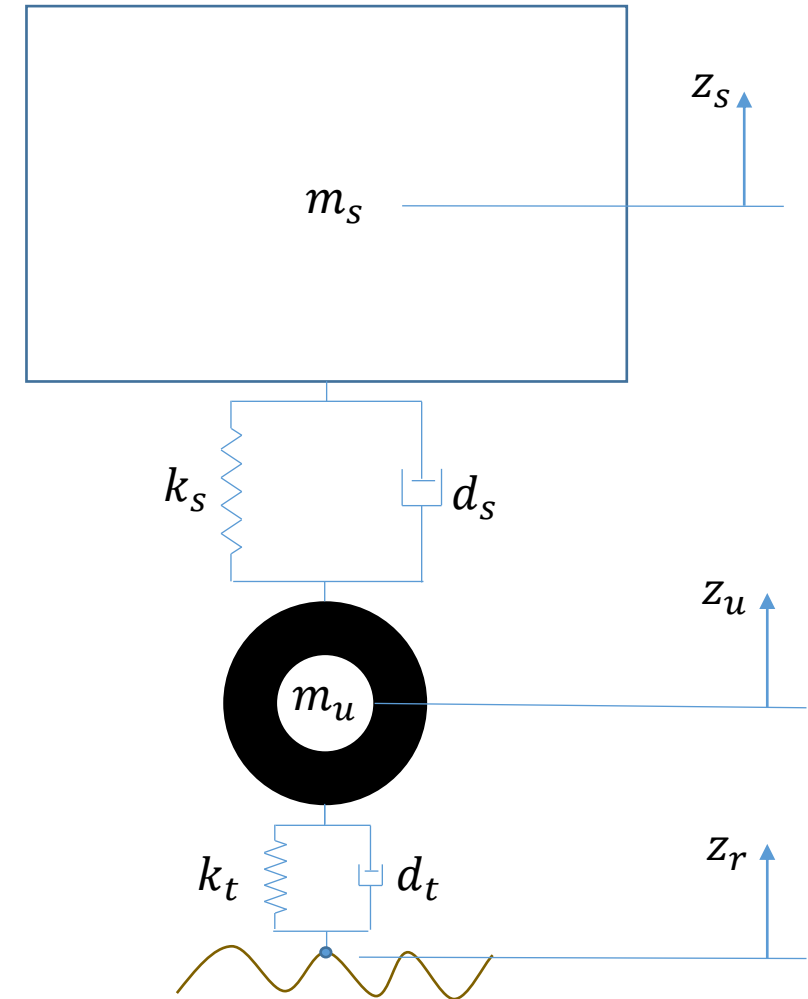
- Draw free body diagram
- Derive equations of motion (see compendium)
- Derive the state-space form of the dynamical system (linear time invariant system).

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

where,

State vector of dimension 4

Input:  $\mathbf{u} = z_r$



## Task 1.2: Transfer function

- Given the state-space equations:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

where  $\mathbf{y}$  is an output, show that the transfer function  $\mathbf{H}(\omega)$  can be calculated as

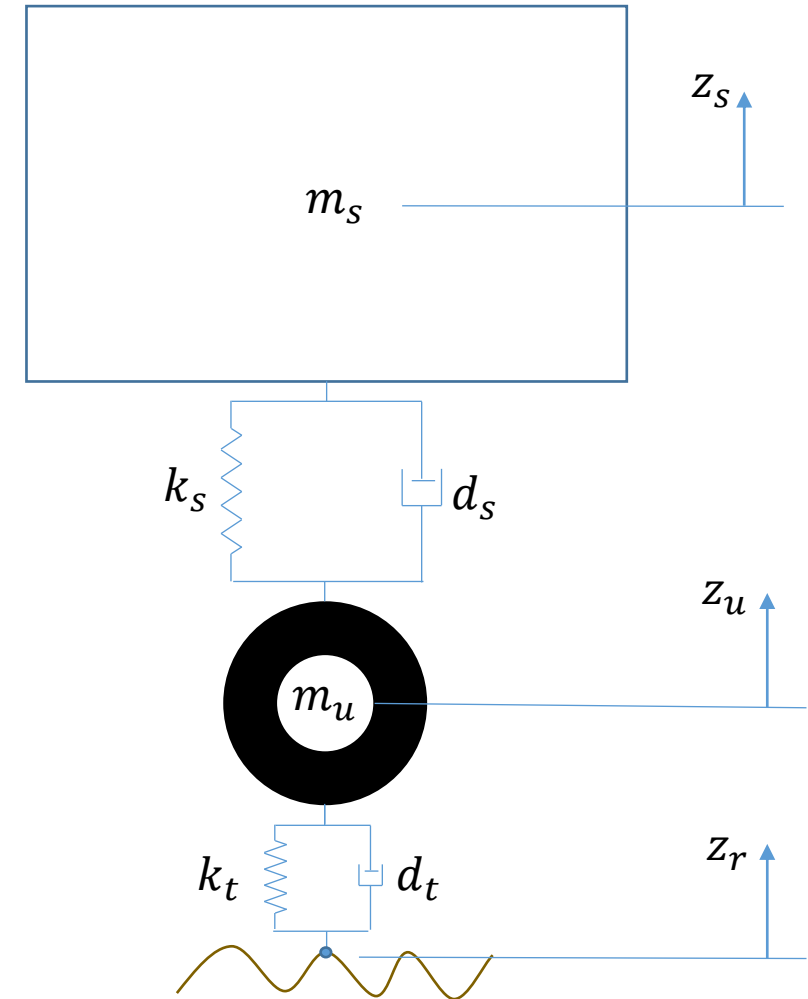
$$\mathbf{H}(\omega) = \mathbf{C} \cdot (j\omega \cdot \mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{D}$$

by assuming harmonic state, input and output:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{X} \cdot e^{j\omega t}, \quad \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{U} \cdot e^{j\omega t}, \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Y} \cdot e^{j\omega t}$$

transfer function  $\mathbf{H}(\omega)$  is defined by

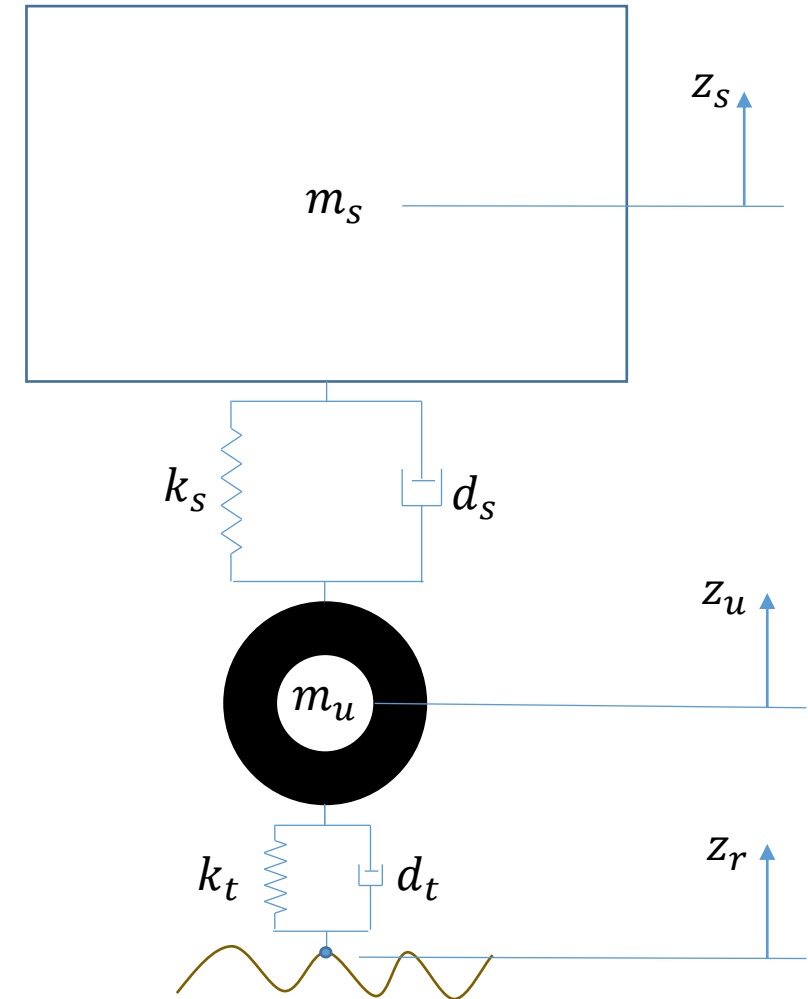
$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{H}(\omega) \cdot \mathbf{U}$$



## Task 1.3: Plot

- Define a single input single output (SISO) system using Task 1.2 by finding corresponding B, C and D matrices, where the input is road displacement ( $z_r$ ) for three different outputs:

1. Ride comfort,  $\ddot{z}_s$
2. Suspension travel,  $(z_u - z_s)$
3. Road grip,  $\Delta F_{RZ}$



## Task 1.3: Plot

- Then, find the corresponding transfer functions:

1. Ride comfort

$$H(\omega)_{z_r \rightarrow \ddot{z}_s}$$

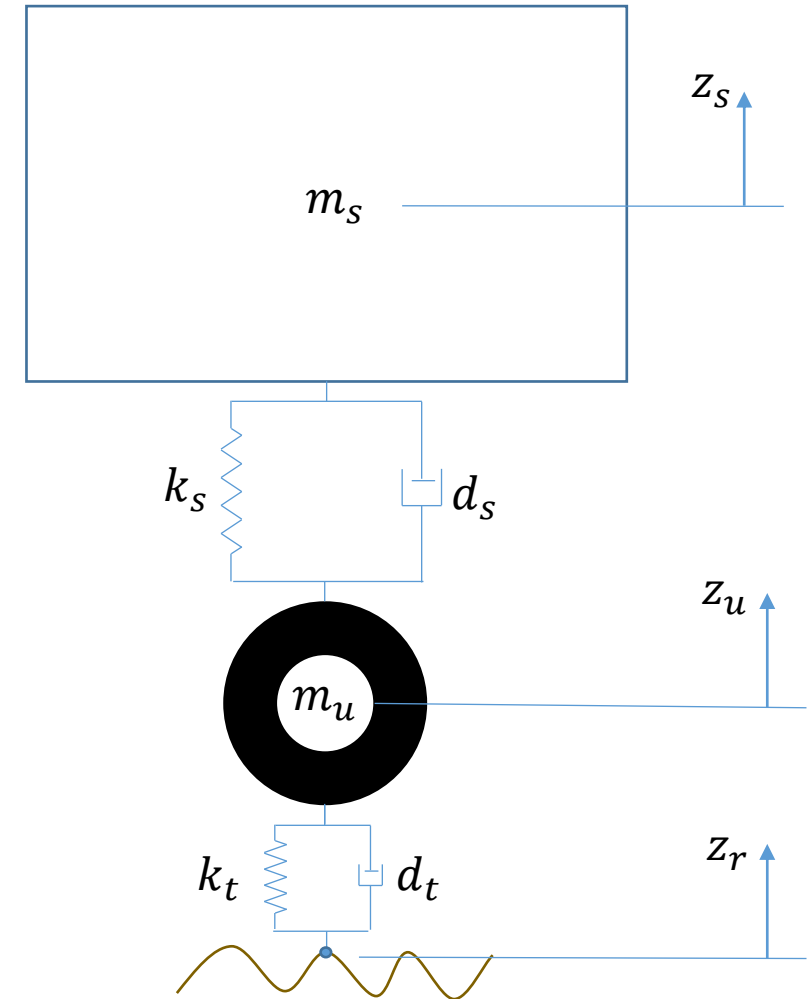
2. Suspension travel

$$H(\omega)_{z_r \rightarrow (z_u - z_s)}$$

3. Road grip

$$H(\omega)_{z_r \rightarrow \Delta F_{RZ}}$$

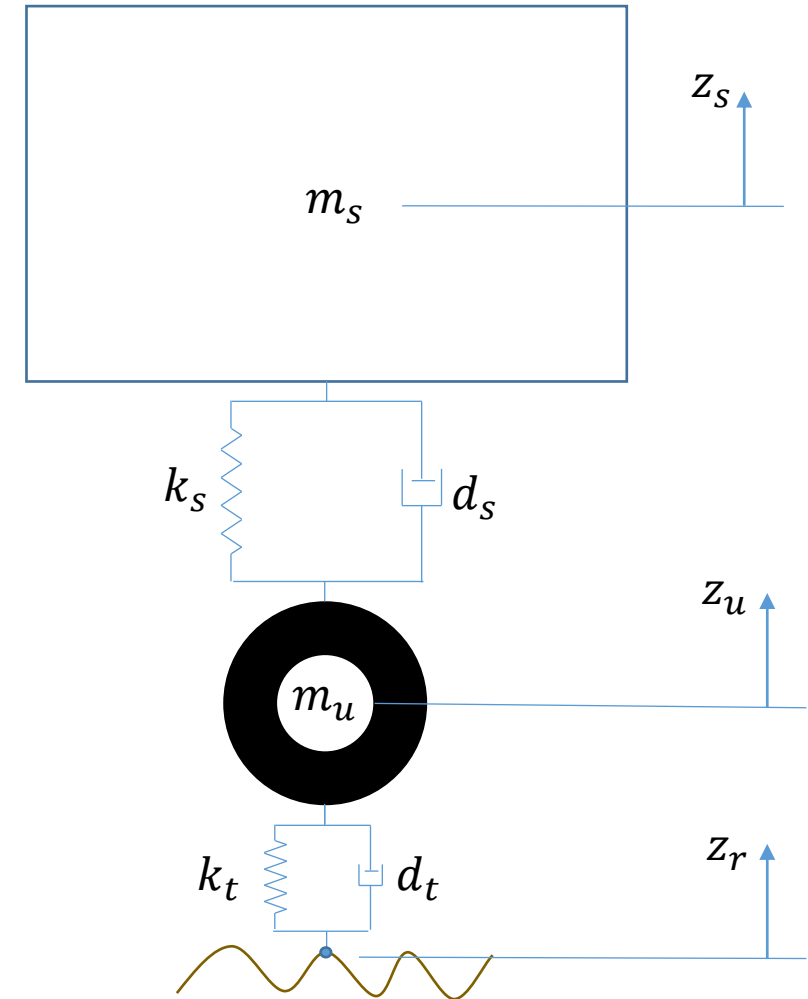
- Plot magnitude of these for  $\omega \in [0.1, 50] \text{ [Hz]}$



## Task 1.4: Natural frequencies

- Calculate the natural frequencies and compare with the graphs.

$$\omega_{Bounce} = \sqrt{\frac{1/\left(\frac{1}{c_s} + \frac{1}{c_t}\right)}{m_s}}$$
$$\omega_{WheelHop} = \sqrt{\frac{c_s + c_t}{m_u}}$$





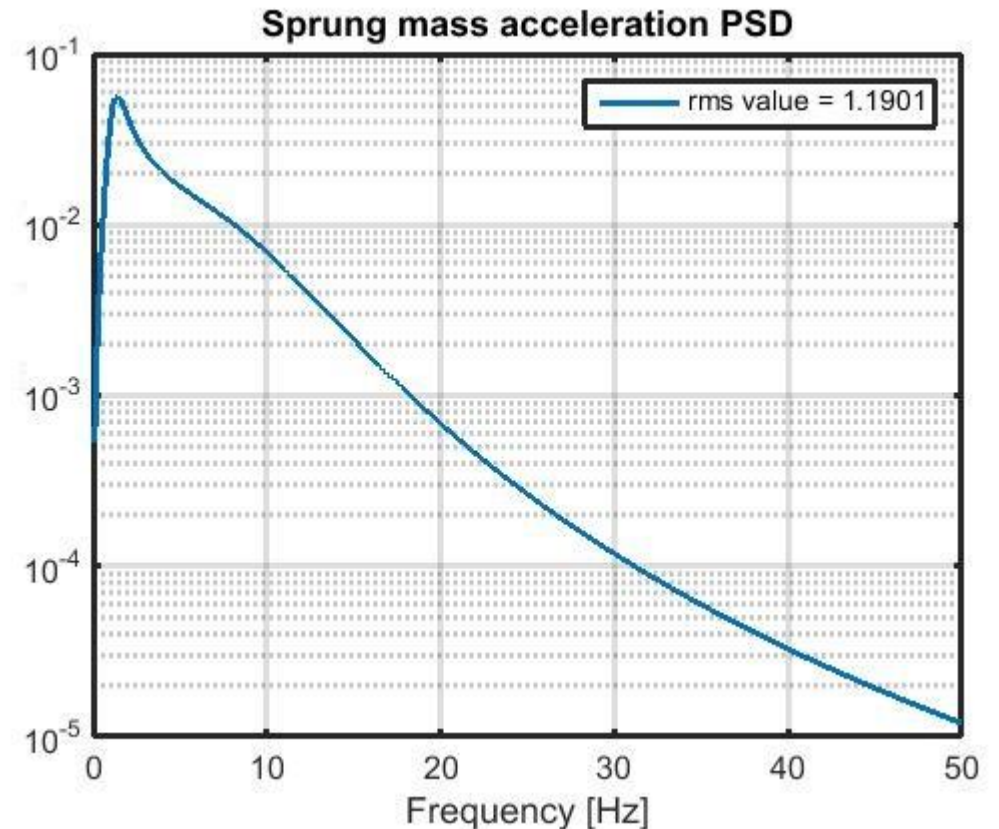
# Suspension stiffness and damping (5 p)

- Study ride comfort and road grip
  - Varying suspension properties: stiffness and damping
- Road profile is given
- Assume speed is constant
- Lots of help in the compendium and in skeleton code.



## *Task 2.1: Response spectra*

- Plot the PSD (power spectral density) of ride comfort and road grip
- Calculate RMS-values



## *Task 2.2: Balance ride comfort and road grip*

- Vary stiffness and damping, compute RMS-values
- Try to identify an optimal setting for each stiffness and damping value
- Plot these and draw conclusion

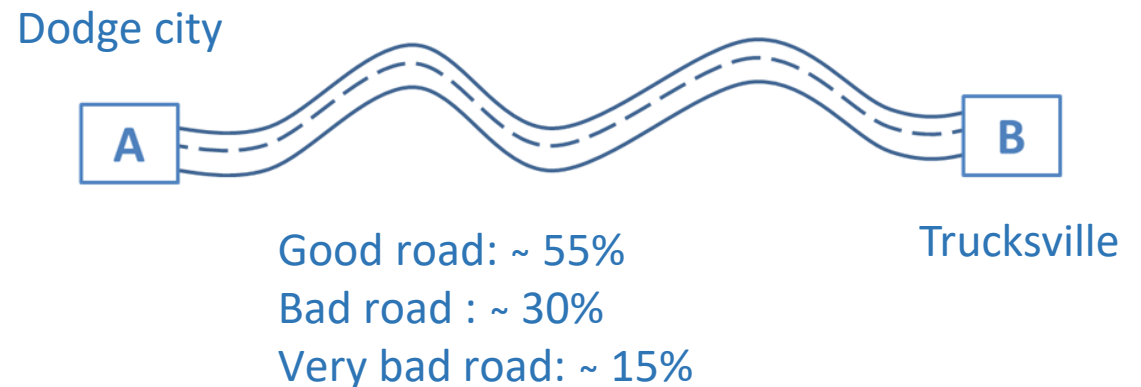
# Ride comfort (4 p)

- A messenger company has hired you as a consultant
- One standard transport mission has particular poor ride comfort
  - EC Directive 2002/44 impose vibration exposure limits
- You are asked to analyze and find a solution



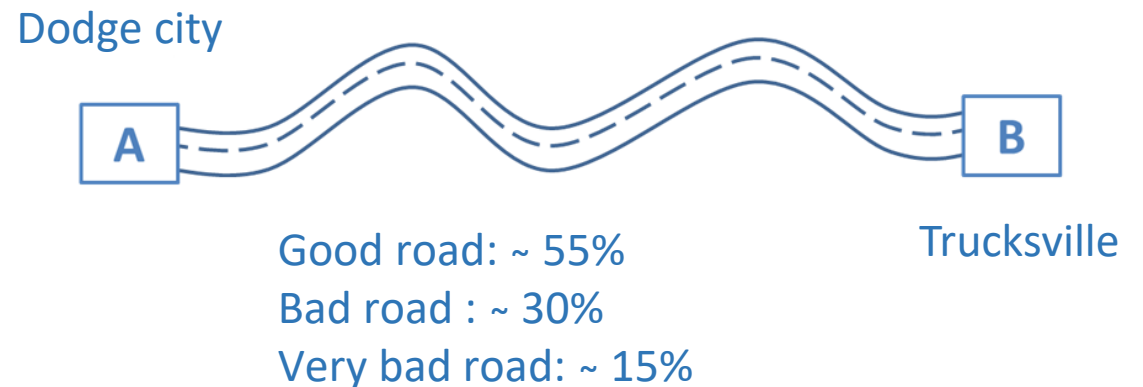
## *Task 3.1: Calculate exposure values*

- Use model from task one and results from task two
- For a speed of 110 km/h, compute ride comfort
- Filter values using ISO standard (handout script will help you)
- Average over time (8 h driving)



## *Task 3.2: Modify the strategy*

- Suggest individual speeds for the different parts
- Exposure limits must be respected!
- How many deliveries can be made in 8 h?



# Deadlines and support

- Assistants



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- Maximum 15 points
  - Pass  $\geq 6$  points, task 1 and 2
- Submit one .pdf-file and one zip file (Matlab codes) in Canvas
- Hard deadline 2022-01-15, 23.59

Thank you!  
and  
Good luck!