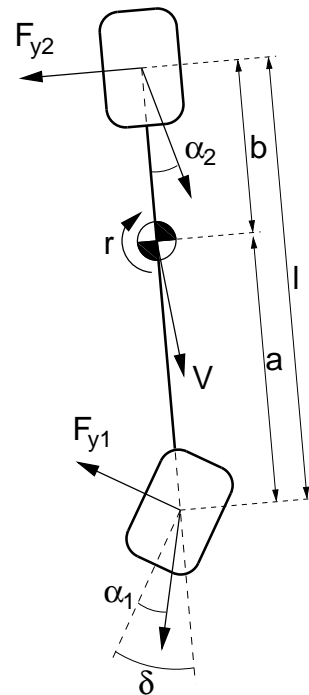


# Vehicle Dynamics 4L150

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## **Vertical dynamics: quarter car, ride comfort**

### contents:

- introduction vehicle dynamics
- quarter car model
  - equations of motion
  - state space description
  - some characteristics
- analysis in the frequency domain
  - description of road irregularities
  - ride comfort
  - design requirements, optimisation
- possible improvements
  - dynamic vibration absorber
  - “sky-hook” damping



## Introduction to vehicle dynamics

### vehicle dynamics

study of vehicle behaviour (motions, vibrations) for various driving conditions

subjects:

- “ride”, e.g. comfort on uneven roads
- “handling”, e.g. response to steering inputs
- (dynamic) stability, e.g. vehicle roll-over



relevant vehicle components:

- suspension
- steering system
- braking system
- tyres



these systems cannot be designed without taking the full vehicle behaviour into consideration.

revolution over the past decades:  
*increase in computing power!*

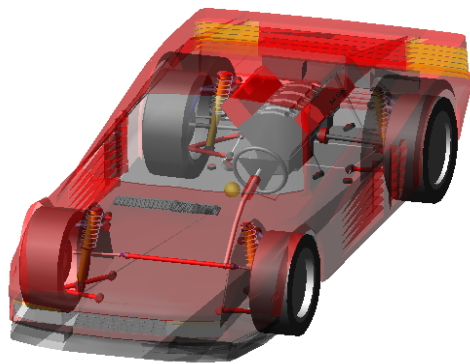
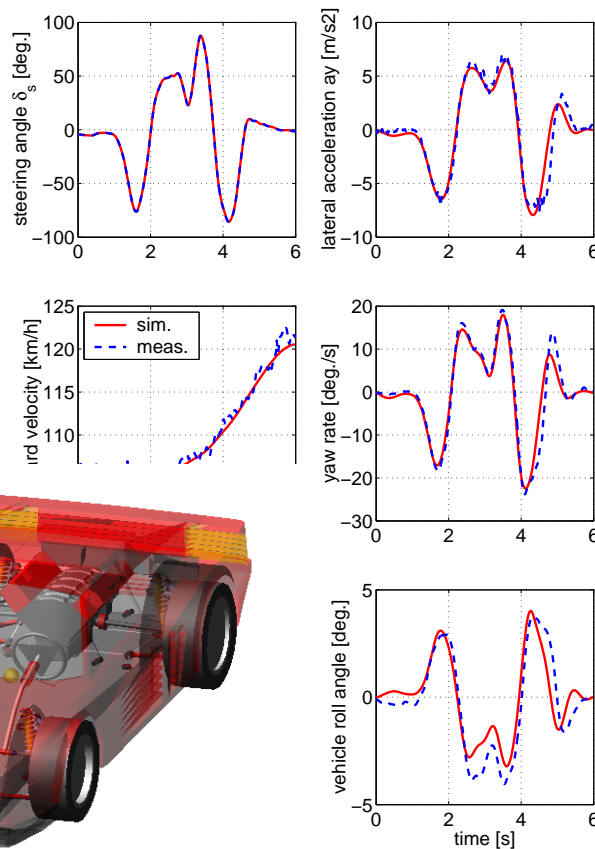
consequences:

- shift towards “**virtual prototyping**”:  
computer simulations are becoming an integral part of the design process.
- introduction of very sophisticated **control systems** to improve vehicle behaviour



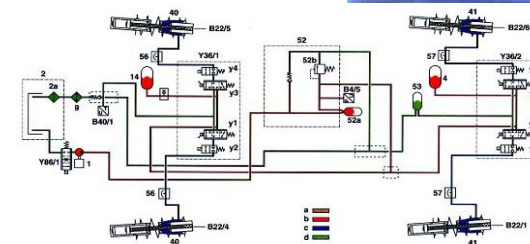
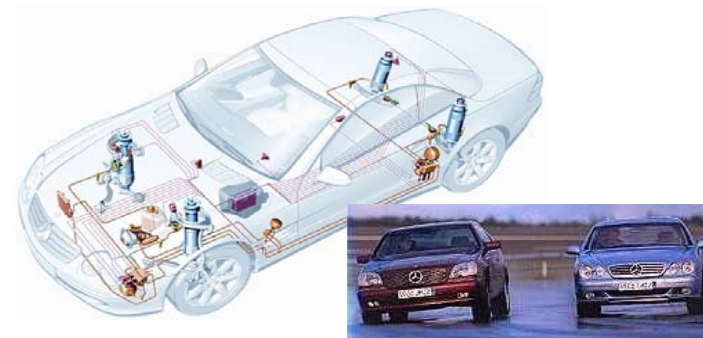
### “virtual prototyping”:

- less prototypes in hardware required, accelerated design process
- requires accurate modelling of vehicle (components); ever increasing demands... improves understanding
- may require detailed knowledge of driver perception, behaviour
- hardware testing will always be required!



### control systems:

- introduction of many new systems to improve vehicle dynamics behaviour:
  - ABS: anti-lock braking system
  - ESP: handling stability improvement
  - EDC: adjustable shock absorbers
  - AFS: active front steering
  - ACC: adaptive cruise control
  - ...
- number of actuators: +
- number of sensors: ++
- controller complexity: +++++
- challenges ahead:
  - integration of control systems
  - fault tolerant behaviour
  - driver interaction
  - ...



## Vertical dynamics and ride comfort

...driving over uneven roads



prescience:

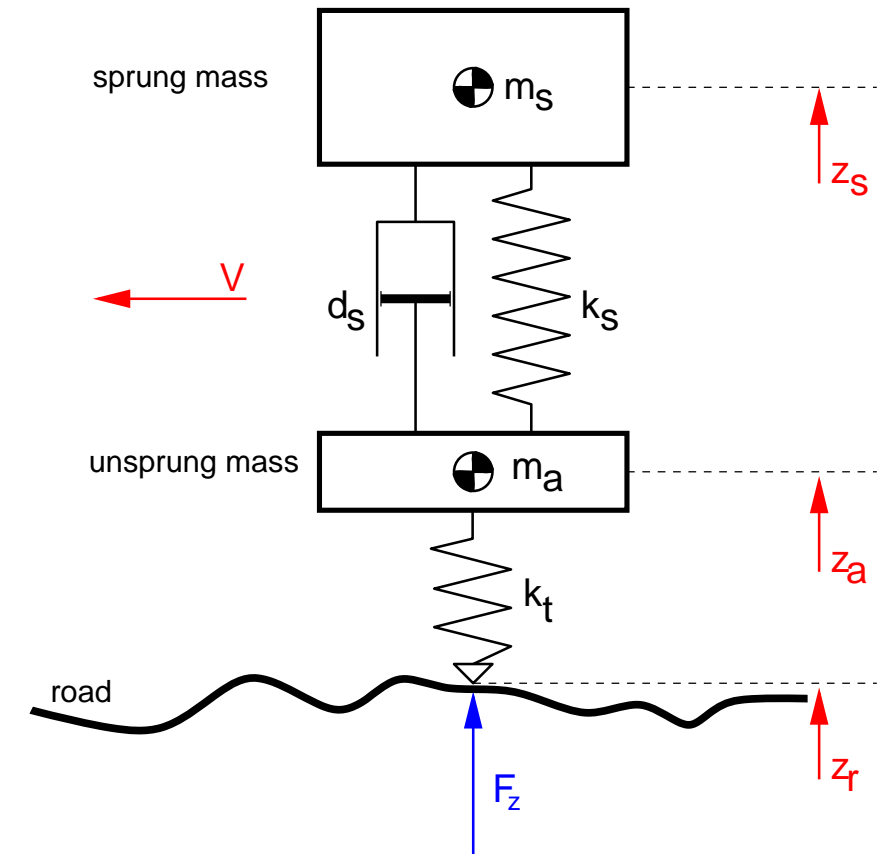
- systemanalyse (4A250)
- mechanical vibrations (4A460)

sequel:

- numerical-experimental approach in structural dynamics (4J560)
- advanced vehicle dynamics (4J570)

## Quarter car vehicle model

quarter car model



linearisation about equilibrium position

differential equations:

$$m_s \ddot{z}_s + d_s (\dot{z}_s - \dot{z}_a) + k_s (z_s - z_a) = 0$$

$$m_a \ddot{z}_a + d_s (\dot{z}_a - \dot{z}_s) + k_s (z_a - z_s) + k_t (z_a - z_r) = 0$$

in state-space form:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{Bu}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Cx} + \mathbf{Du}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \ddot{z}_s \\ \ddot{z}_a \\ \dot{z}_s \\ \dot{z}_a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{d_s}{m_s} & \frac{d_s}{m_s} & -\frac{k_s}{m_s} & \frac{k_s}{m_s} \\ \frac{d_s}{m_s} & -\frac{d_s}{m_s} & \frac{k_s}{m_s} & -\frac{k_s + k_t}{m_s} \\ \frac{1}{m_a} & \frac{1}{m_a} & \frac{1}{m_a} & \frac{1}{m_a} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \dot{z}_s \\ \dot{z}_a \\ z_s \\ z_a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{k_t}{m_a} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} z_r$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \ddot{z}_s \\ \Delta F_z \\ \Delta z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{d_s}{m_s} & \frac{d_s}{m_s} & -\frac{k_s}{m_s} & \frac{k_s}{m_s} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -k_t \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \dot{z}_s \\ \dot{z}_a \\ z_s \\ z_a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ k_t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} z_r$$

as outputs we take:

- $\ddot{z}_s$  vertical acceleration of sprung mass (ride comfort)
- $\Delta F_z$  dynamic tyre load (road holding)
- $\Delta z$  suspension travel (space requirements)

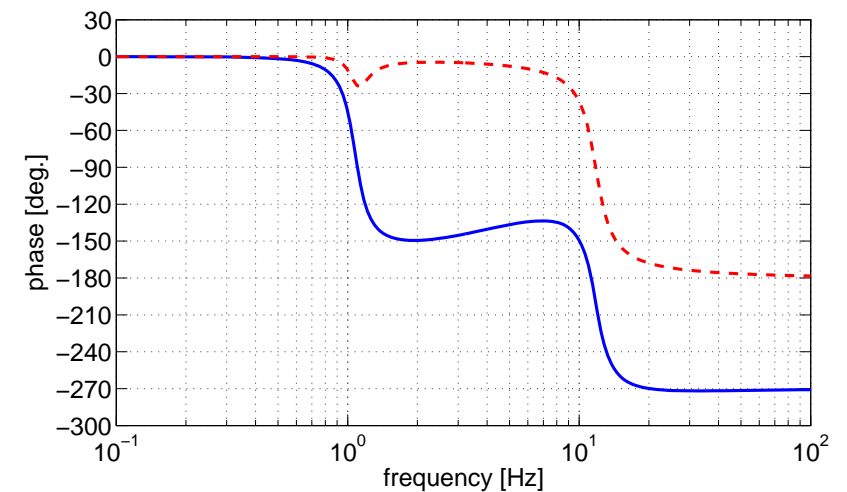
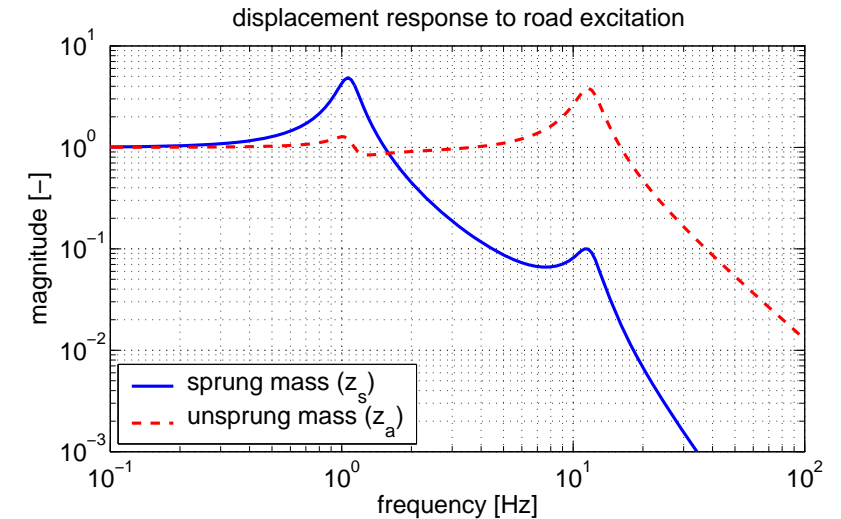
parameters:

$$m_s = 400 \text{ kg}, m_a = 40 \text{ kg}, d_s = 700 \text{ Ns/m},$$

$$k_s = 20000 \text{ N/m}, k_t = 200000 \text{ N/m}$$

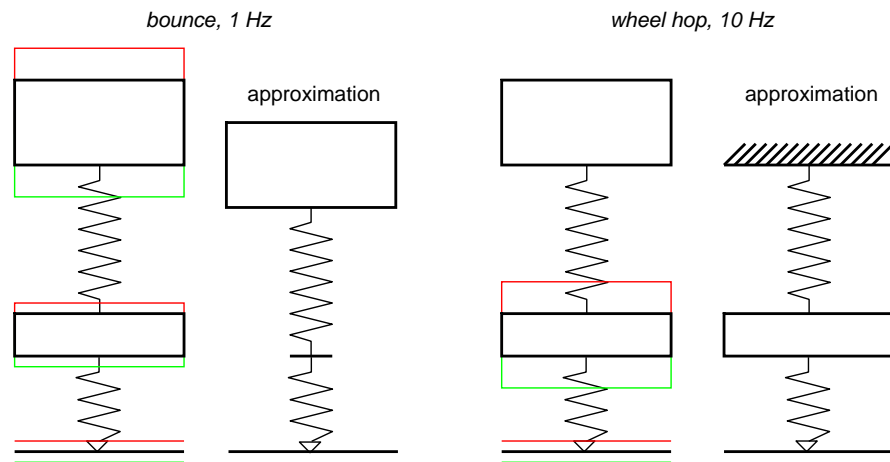
transfer function

- response of states  $z_s$  and  $z_a$  on road input  $z_r$



two peaks occur:

- approximately 1 Hz: “bounce”  
resonance of the sprung mass
- approximately 10 Hz: “wheel hop”  
resonance of the unsprung mass



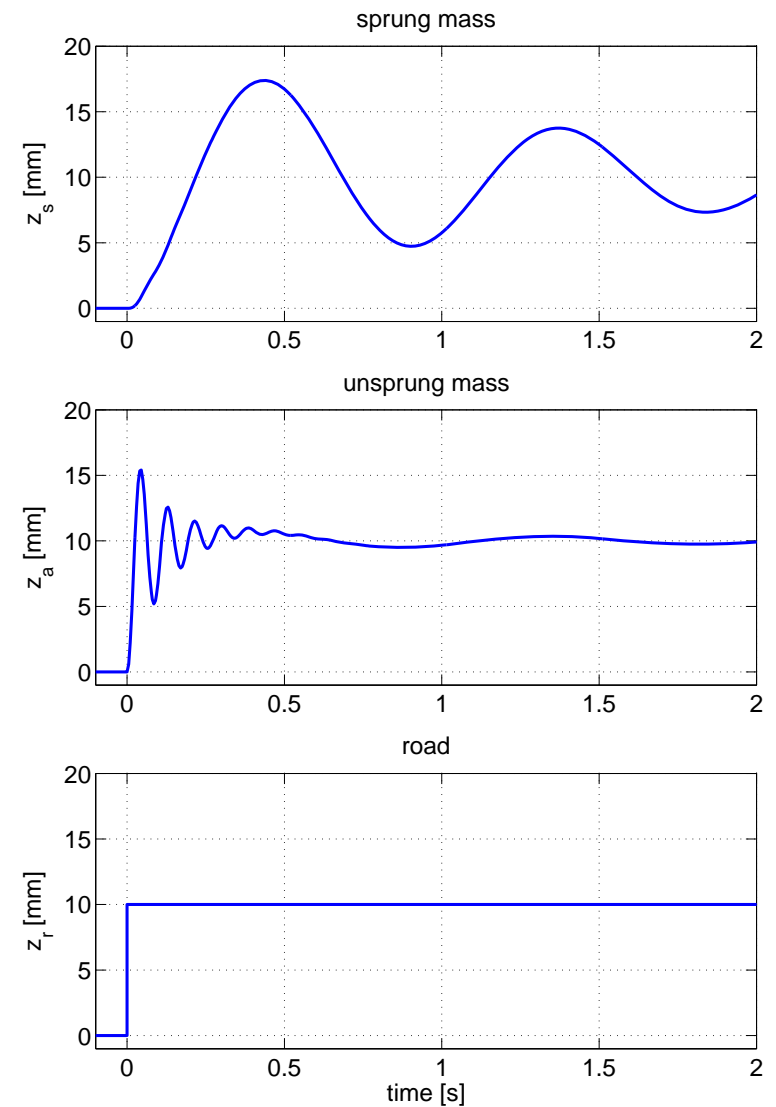
complex eigenvalue  $\lambda = a \pm ib$

- frequency in Hz  $f = \frac{b}{2\pi}$
- damping ratio in %  $\xi = -\frac{a}{|\lambda|} \cdot 100\%$

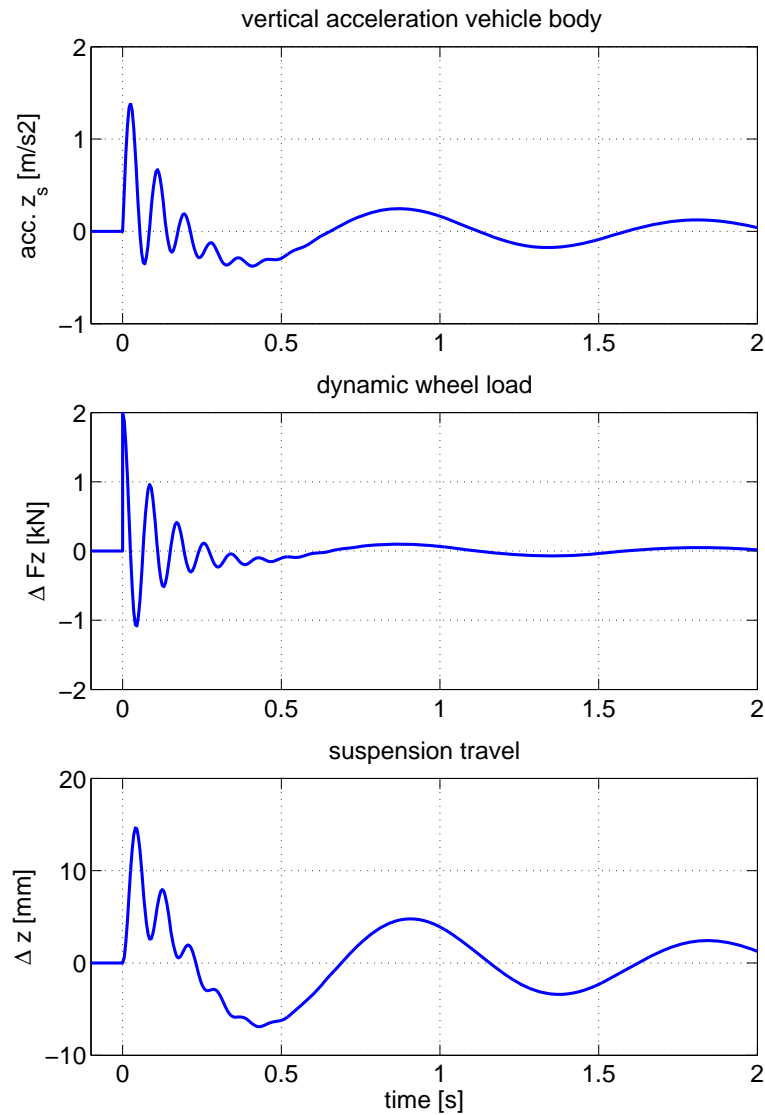
eigenvalues of system matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} -0.7244 \pm 6.7162i & \quad f = 1.07 \text{ Hz}; \xi = 10.7\% \\ -8.9006 \pm 73.4803i & \quad f = 11.7 \text{ Hz}; \xi = 12.0\% \end{aligned}$$

step response (1)



## step response (2)

**Analysis in the frequency domain**

convenient for handling random vibrations

**time domain**

random signal  $x(t)$ , time interval 0 to  $T$

some properties:

- mean value:  $m = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x(t) dt = E[x]$
- mean square:  $\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x(t)^2 dt = E[x^2]$
- variance:  $\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (x(t) - m)^2 dt = E[(x - E[x])^2]$

$\sigma$  = standard deviation

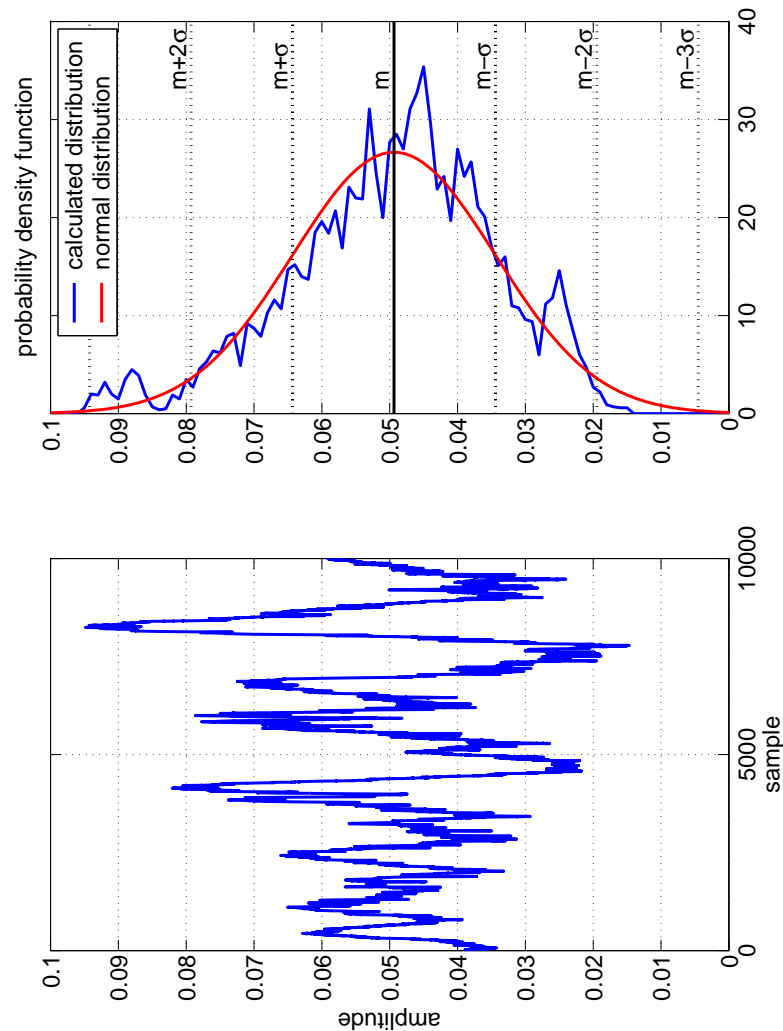
RMS = root mean square =  $\sigma$  (if  $m = 0$ )

furthermore we may define the autocorrelation function:

$$R_x(\tau) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x(t)x(t+\tau)dt = E[x(t)x(t+\tau)]$$



example: road surface (amplitude content)



*frequency domain*

spectral density

spectral density is the Fourier transform of the autocorrelation function:

$$S_x(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_x(\tau) e^{-i\omega\tau} d\tau$$

the autocorrelation function can be obtained by an inverse Fourier transform of the spectral density:

$$R_x(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_x(\omega) e^{i\omega\tau} d\omega$$

most important result: (assume  $m = 0$ )

$$R_x(\tau = 0) = E[x^2] = \sigma^2$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_x(\omega) d\omega = R_x(\tau = 0) = \sigma^2$$

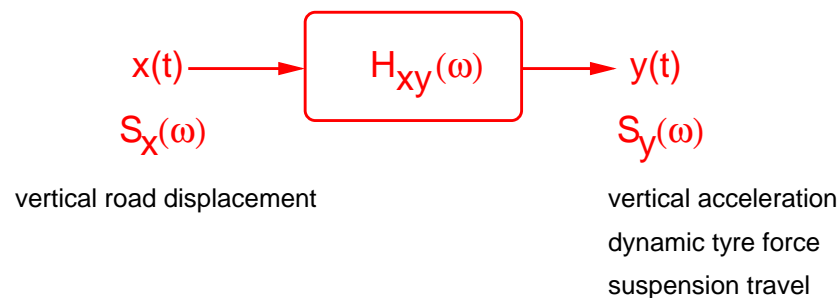
so by integrating the spectral density function we can obtain the standard deviation!

### transmission of random vibration

suppose the signal  $x(t)$  is fed to a dynamic system having a transfer function  $H_{xy}(\omega)$  and the output is called  $y(t)$

then we find:  $S_y(\omega) = |H_{xy}(\omega)|^2 S_x(\omega)$

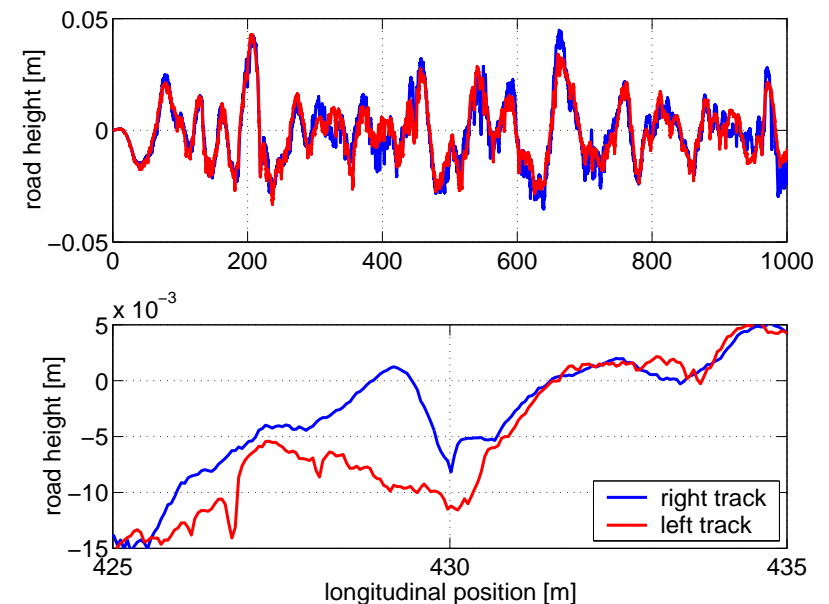
standard deviation of signal  $y(t)$  can be calculated using  $S_y(\omega)$ .



### road irregularities

- discrete events: e.g. speed bumps, potholes, railway crossing, curb stones, etc.
- random road profile

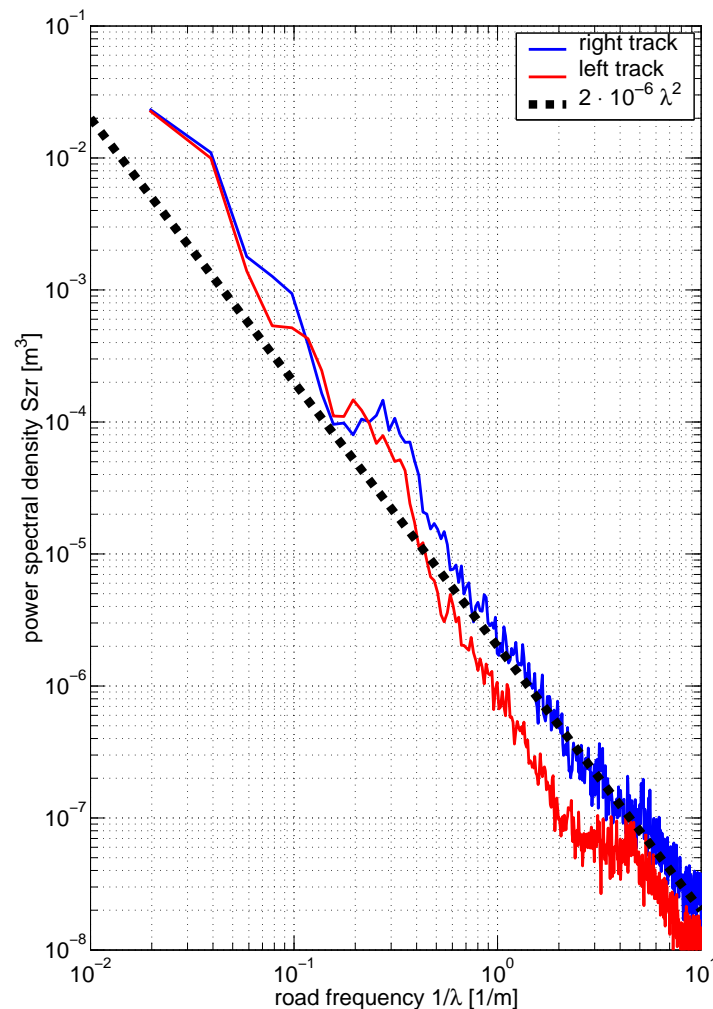
example: measured road profile  
(1000 m, sample interval 0.05 m)



note:

- low frequencies: large amplitude
- high frequencies: small amplitude

## power spectral density (frequency content)



$$\lambda: \text{wavelength [m]} \quad n = \frac{1}{\lambda}: \text{road frequency [1/m]}$$

measurements on different road types reveal:

- “-2” slope appears to be fairly constant and a fair approximation for many road surfaces
- different road surface type (smooth asphalt, Belgian blocks, etc. ) will mainly result in a vertical shift

simplified description:  $S_{zr}(n) = \frac{\Phi}{n^2}$

$\Phi = 1 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ m}$     bad road

$\Phi = 1 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ m}$     average road

$\Phi = 1 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}$     smooth road

Question:

How to translate the road spectrum from the distance domain to the time domain?

assuming a constant forward velocity  $V$ :

$$n = \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{f}{V}$$

example: road undulation wavelength 1 m

- velocity 1 m/s    excitation frequency 1 Hz
- velocity 10 m/s    excitation frequency 10 Hz

furthermore: variance/standard deviation of the road amplitude will be the same in the distance and time domain.

thus, if  $m = 0$ :

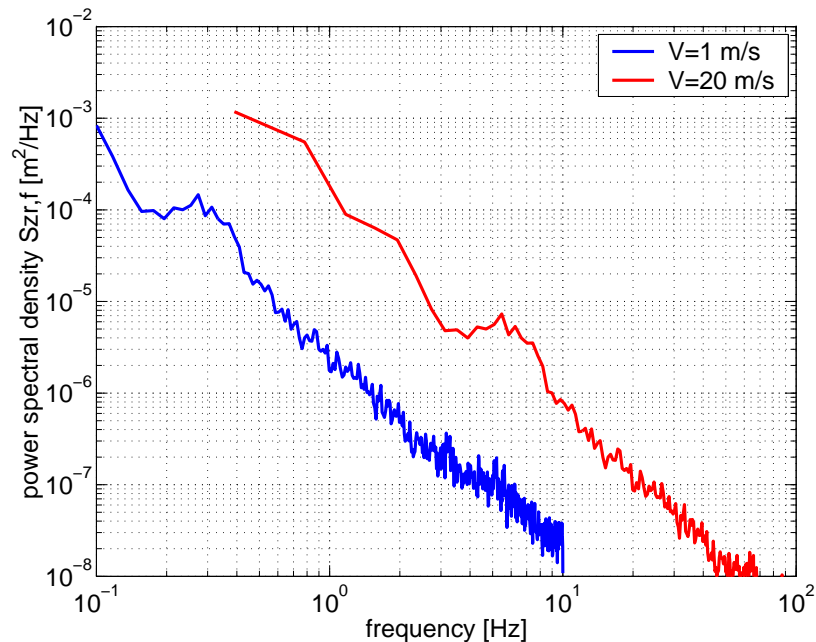
$$\sigma_{z_r}^2 = E(z_r^2) = \int_{n=-\infty}^{n=\infty} S_{z_r}(n) dn = \int_{f=-\infty}^{f=\infty} S_{z_r,f}(f) df$$

$$\int_{f=-\infty}^{f=\infty} S_{z_r}\left(\frac{f}{V}\right) \frac{1}{V} df = \int_{f=-\infty}^{f=\infty} S_{z_r,f}(f) df$$

$$\text{so: } S_{z_r,f}(f) = \frac{1}{V} S_{z_r}\left(\frac{f}{V}\right)$$

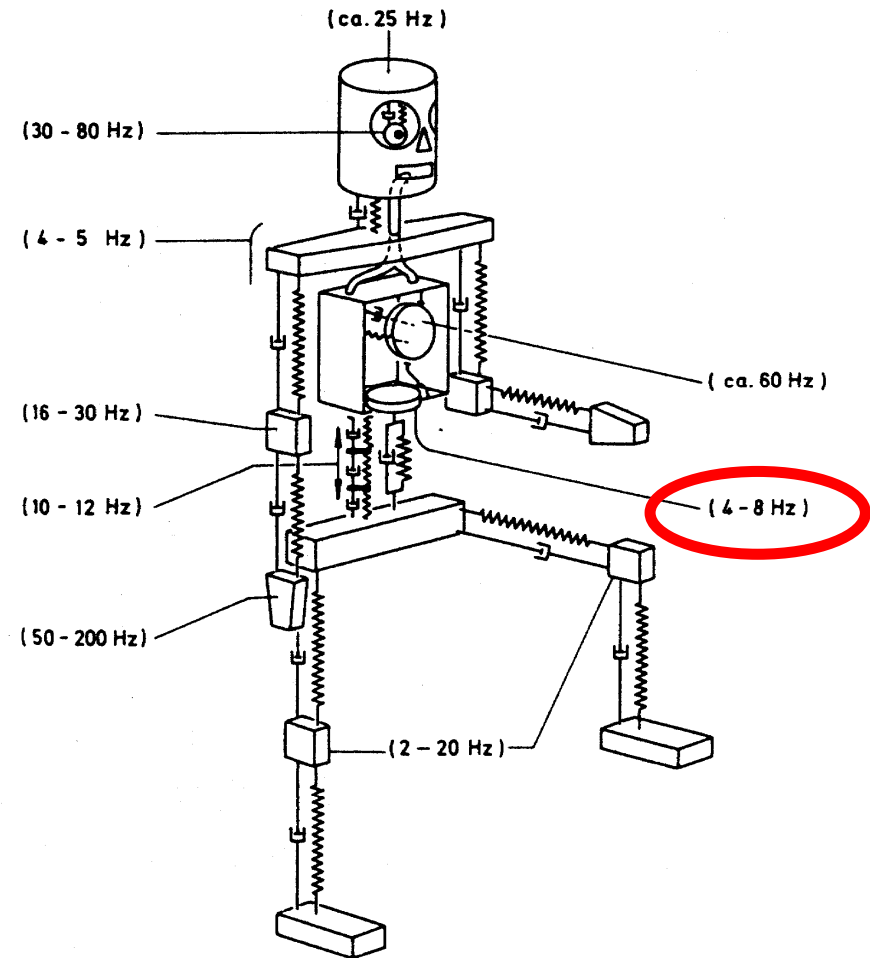
or for the simplified road description:

$$S_{z_r,f}(f) = \frac{1}{V} \Phi \left(\frac{f}{V}\right)^{-2} = \Phi \frac{V}{f^2}$$



## ride comfort

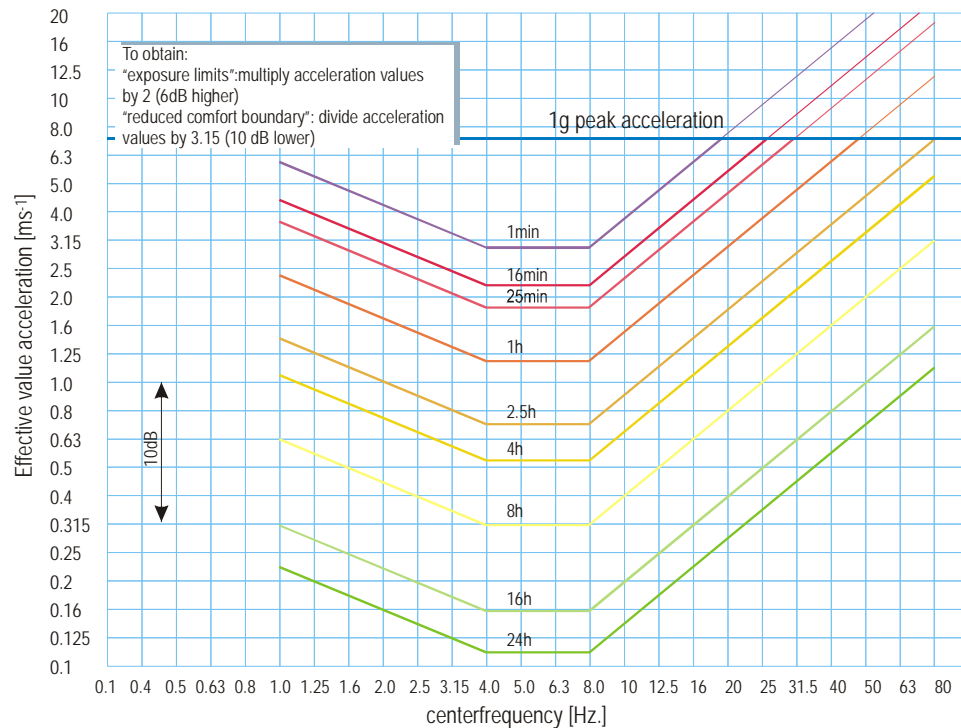
vertical direction: the human body is most sensitive for vertical accelerations with frequencies in the range of 4 to 8 Hz.





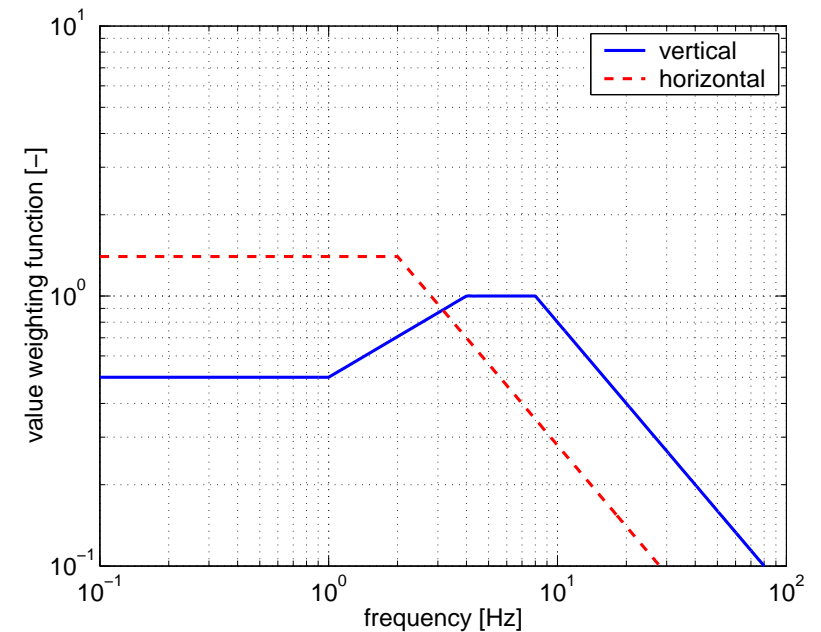
## ISO-2631: whole body vibration

graph shows lines of equal “discomfort”



below 1 Hz no data available:  
range of motion sickness, depends on individual

In ride comfort calculations a weighting function is applied to the vertical (and longitudinal, lateral) acceleration spectrum to account for the human body sensitivity for specific frequencies

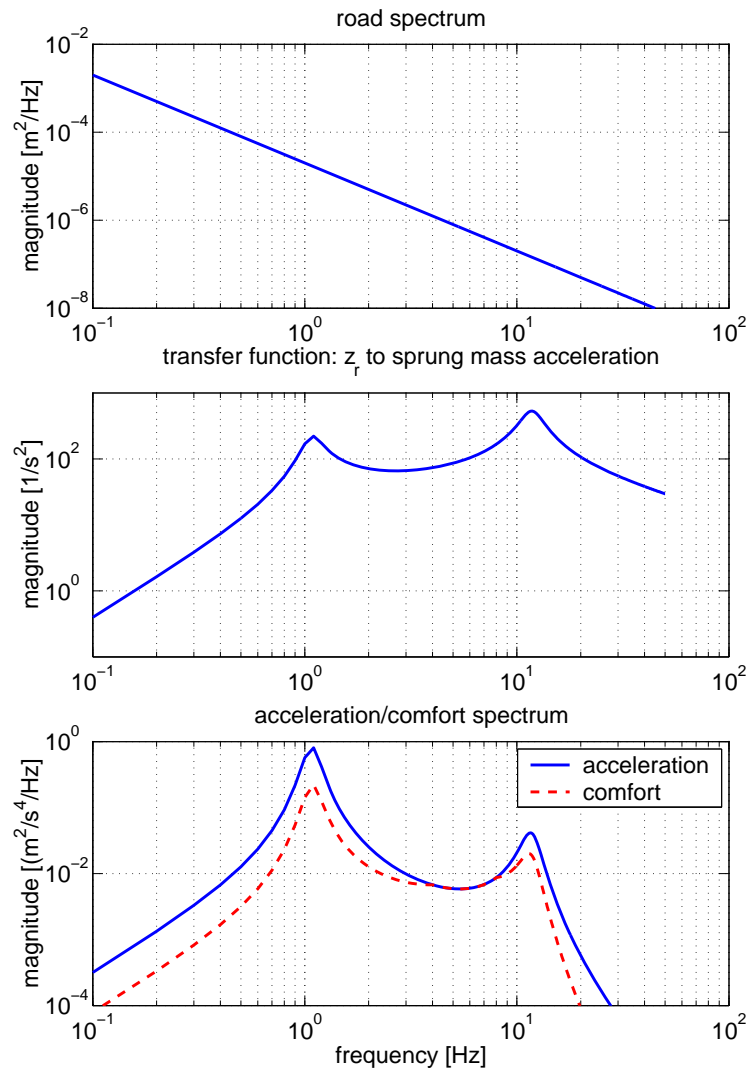


the ride comfort index is obtained by calculating the standard deviation from the weighted acceleration spectrum

a bigger number is worse: less comfortable

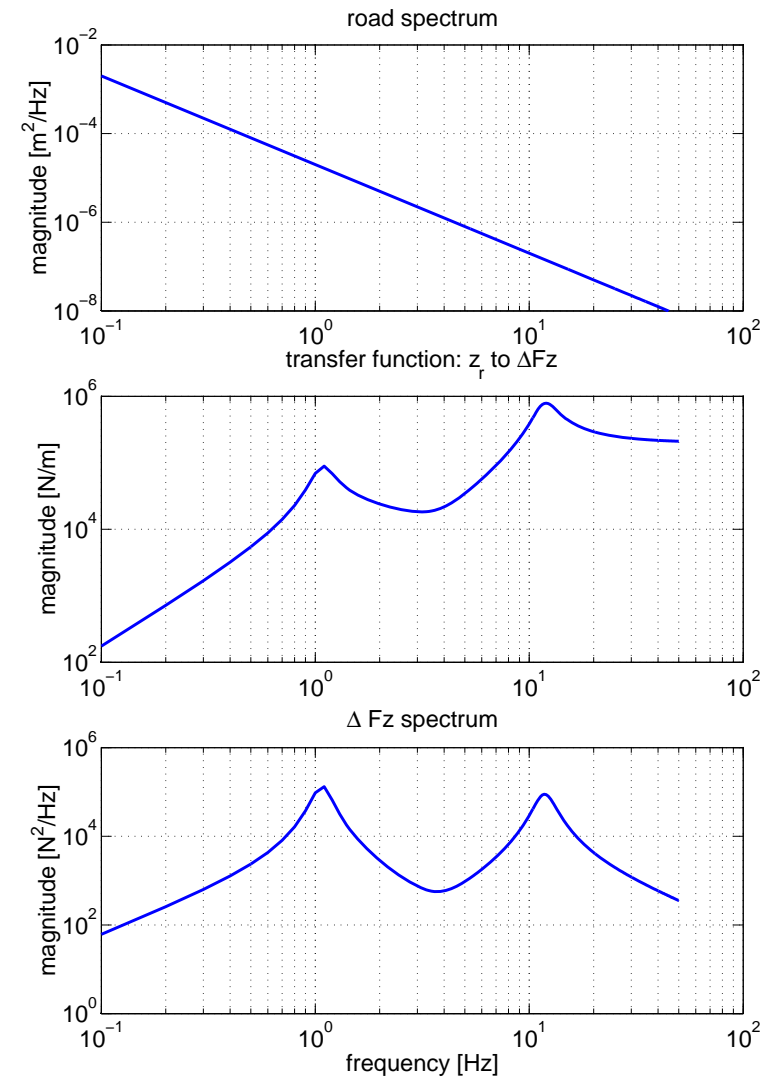
some calculations (1), vehicle speed 20 m/s

- acceleration/comfort



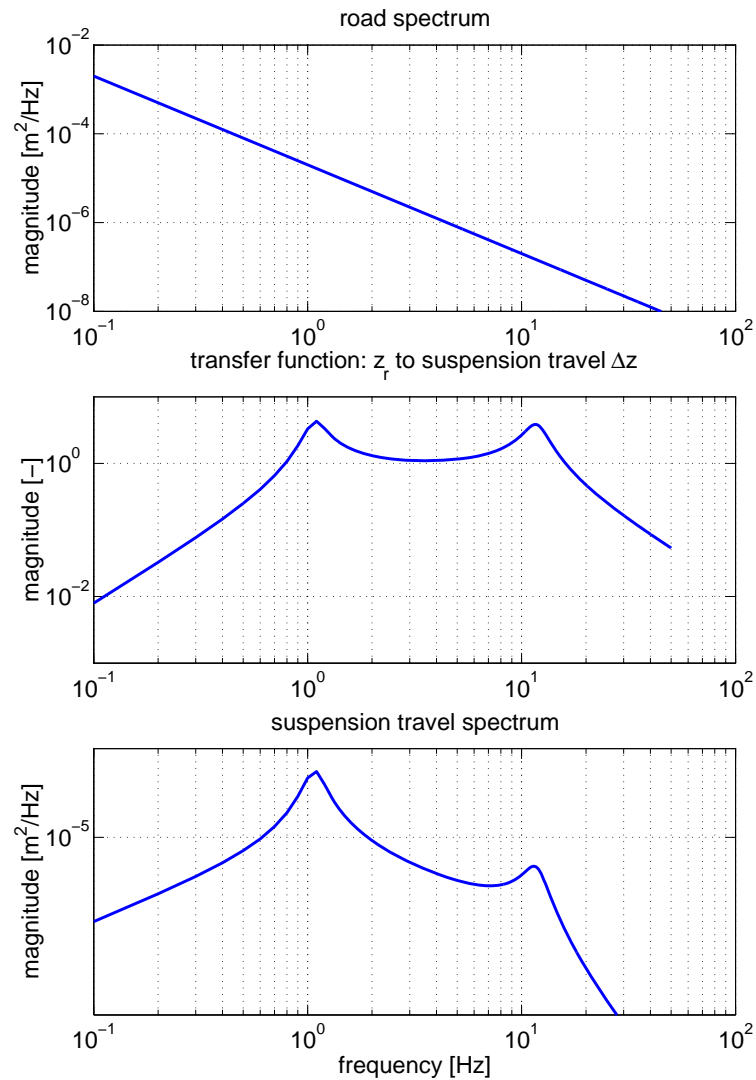
some calculations (2)

- dynamic wheel loads



## some calculations (3)

- suspension travel



## integration of the power spectra (0.1 - 50 Hz)

the following RMS values are obtained

- vertical acceleration:  $0.69 \text{ m/s}^2$
- comfort index:  $0.45 \text{ m/s}^2$
- dynamic wheel load: 655 N
- suspension travel: 11 mm

note that the peak values occurring while driving over this road generally will be roughly 3 to 4 times the RMS values!

*example*

RMS value suspension travel: 11 mm

peak value: approximately 33 to 44 mm

required space to accommodate the dynamic axle motion: at least 66 to 88 mm

**note:**

With the simplified road description the RMS values will depend on the square root of forward velocity.

## Design requirements, optimisation

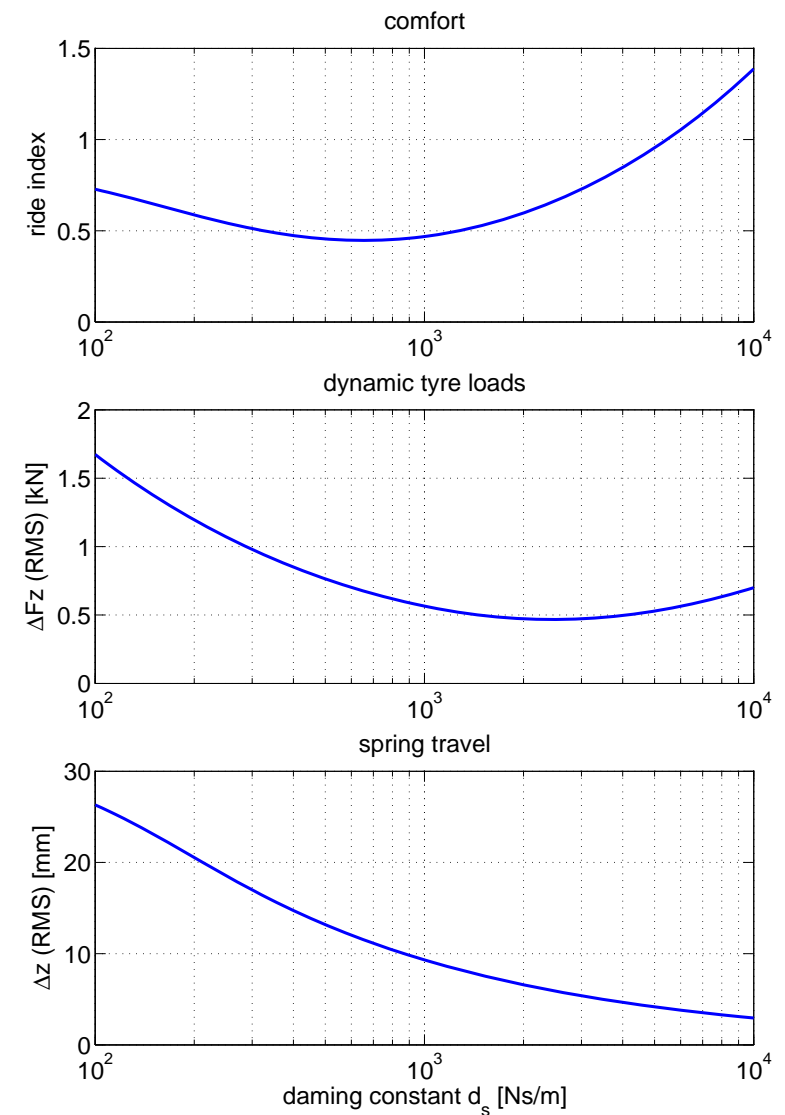
optimisation of the suspension:

- improve ride comfort, so minimise the comfort index
- minimize dynamic wheel load fluctuations (road holding)
- keep suspension travel within feasible limits

modification possibilities of the base quarter car system:

- damping constant  $d_s$
- vertical suspension stiffness  $k_s$
- unsprung mass  $m_a$  (limited)
- tyre vertical stiffness  $k_t$  (very limited)

## damping constant $d_s$





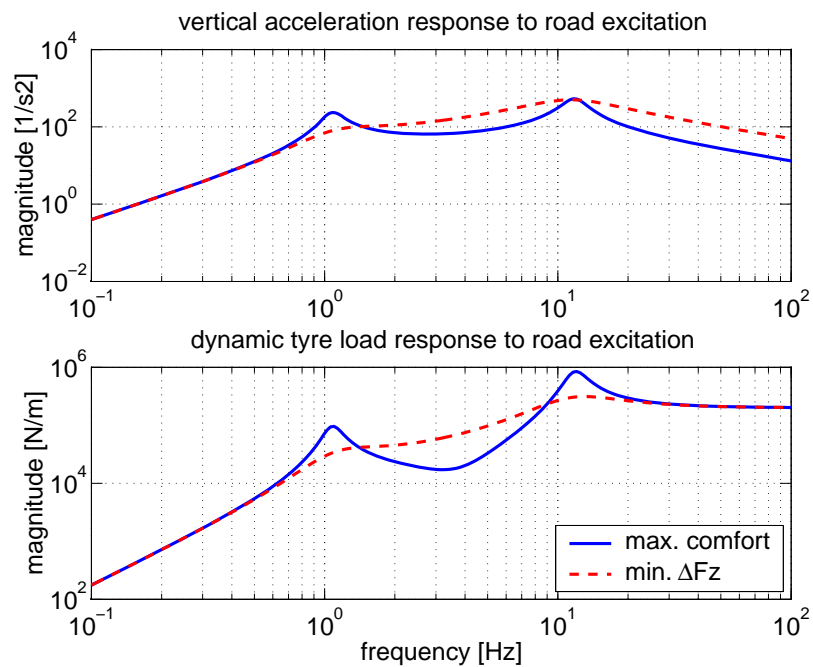
a compromise has to be made...

optimal damping for comfort:  $d_s = 650$  Ns/m

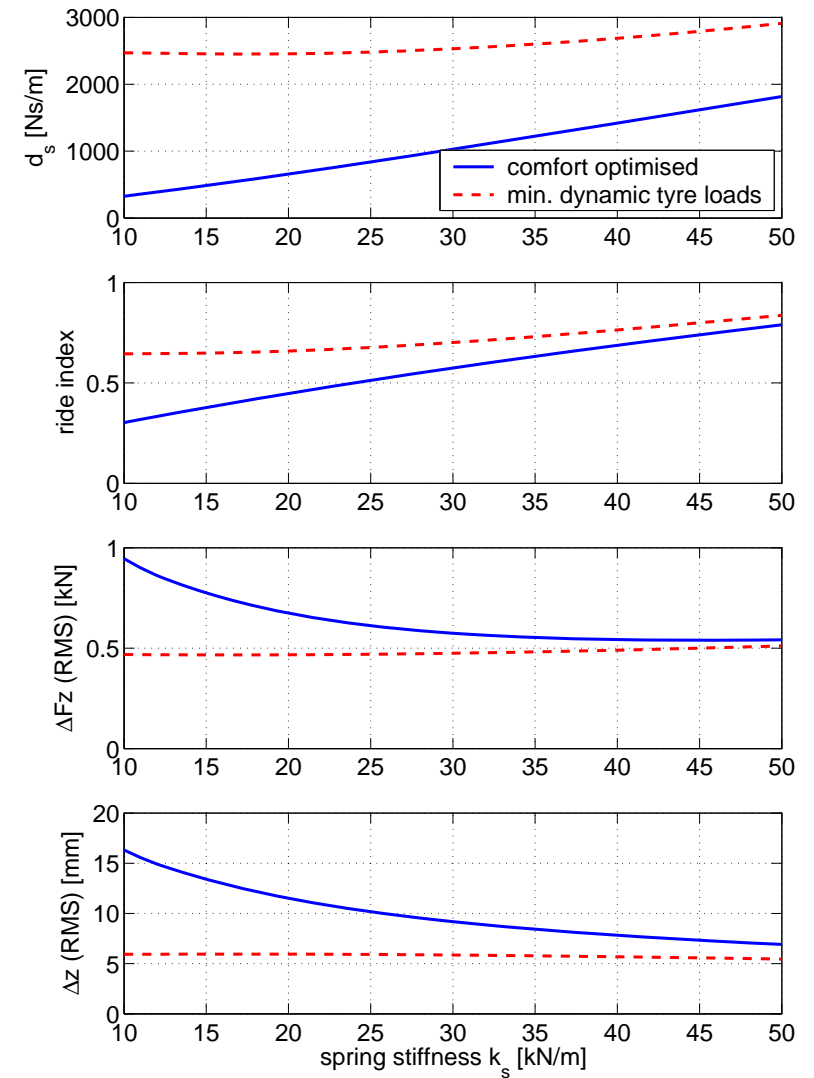
- comfort index:  $0.447 \text{ m/s}^2$
- dynamic wheel load:  $675 \text{ N}$
- suspension travel:  $11.5 \text{ mm}$

minimising dynamic tyre loads:  $d_s = 2460$  Ns/m

- comfort index:  $0.659 \text{ m/s}^2$
- dynamic wheel load:  $467 \text{ N}$
- suspension travel:  $5.9 \text{ mm}$



vertical stiffness  $k_s$  (and optimised damping  $d_s$ )



*conclusion*

reducing the vertical stiffness can improve ride comfort at the expense of increased spring travel and dynamic wheel loads

a low vertical stiffness is not beneficial for reducing the dynamic wheel loads

**static load variations**

in case of conventional coil springs a significant portion of the available spring travel is used to cope with static load variations

*example*

available spring travel 200 mm  
limited due to packaging requirements,  
suspension kinematics, drive shafts, etc.

static load variation 200 kg (unloaded/loaded)

stiffness 20 kN/m  $\Rightarrow$  100 mm travel required

by introducing a system to compensate for static load variations a lower stiffness can be used

- hydropneumatic suspension
- air suspension

unsprung mass

reducing the unsprung mass will both improve ride comfort and reduce dynamic tyre loads

*example*

unsprung mass: -10 kg, sprung mass: +10 kg  
comfort index: 0.45  $\Rightarrow$  0.42 m/s<sup>2</sup>  
dynamic wheel load: 655 N  $\Rightarrow$  580 N  
dynamic spring travel: (almost) unchanged

heavy, live rigid axles have completely disappeared on smaller passenger cars

tyre vertical stiffness

dynamic tyre loads can also be reduced significantly by lowering the tyre vertical stiffness

*example*

vertical stiffness: 200 kN/m  $\Rightarrow$  150 kN/m  
comfort index: 0.45  $\Rightarrow$  0.44 m/s<sup>2</sup>  
dynamic wheel load: 655 N  $\Rightarrow$  505 N  
dynamic spring travel: unchanged

vertical stiffness change can only be achieved by reducing tyre pressure, which may adversely affect other characteristics (e.g. wear, forces)

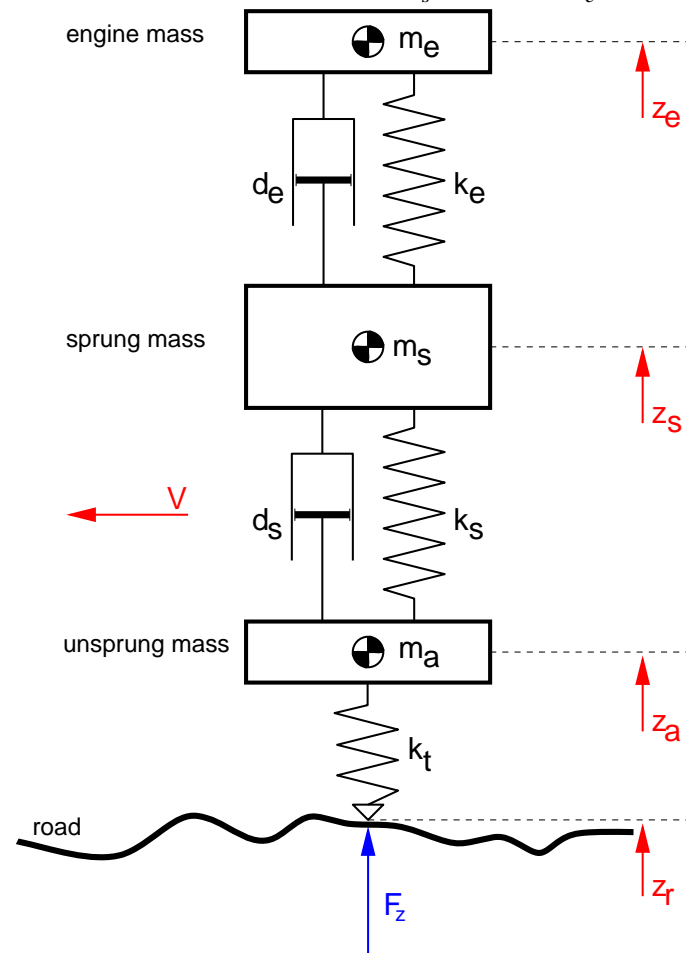
## Possible improvements

### dynamic vibration absorber

(see book “mechanical vibrations”, chapter 1.9)

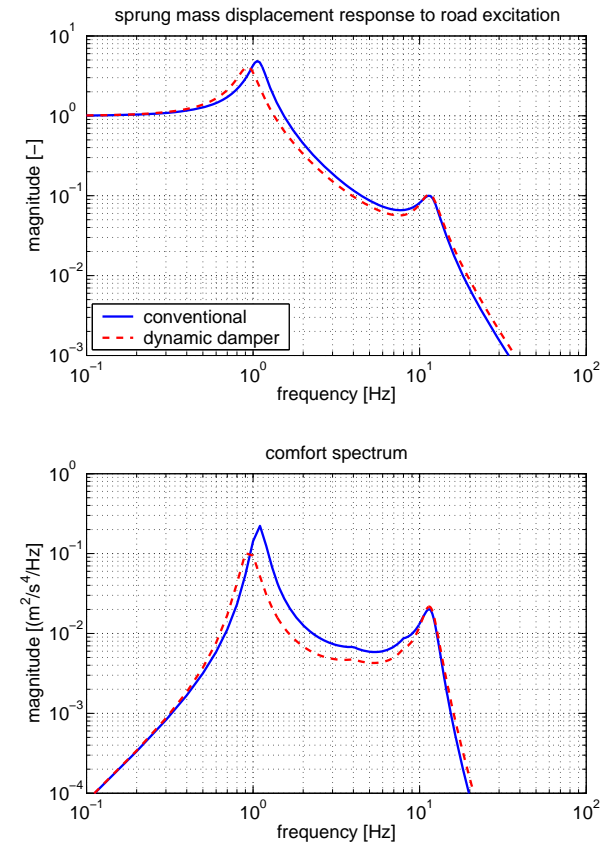
additional mass item: engine + gearbox

(actually: redistribution  $m_s = 300$ ,  $m_e = 100$  kg)



by introducing an additional mass-spring system it is possible to reduce the frequency response function of the combined system

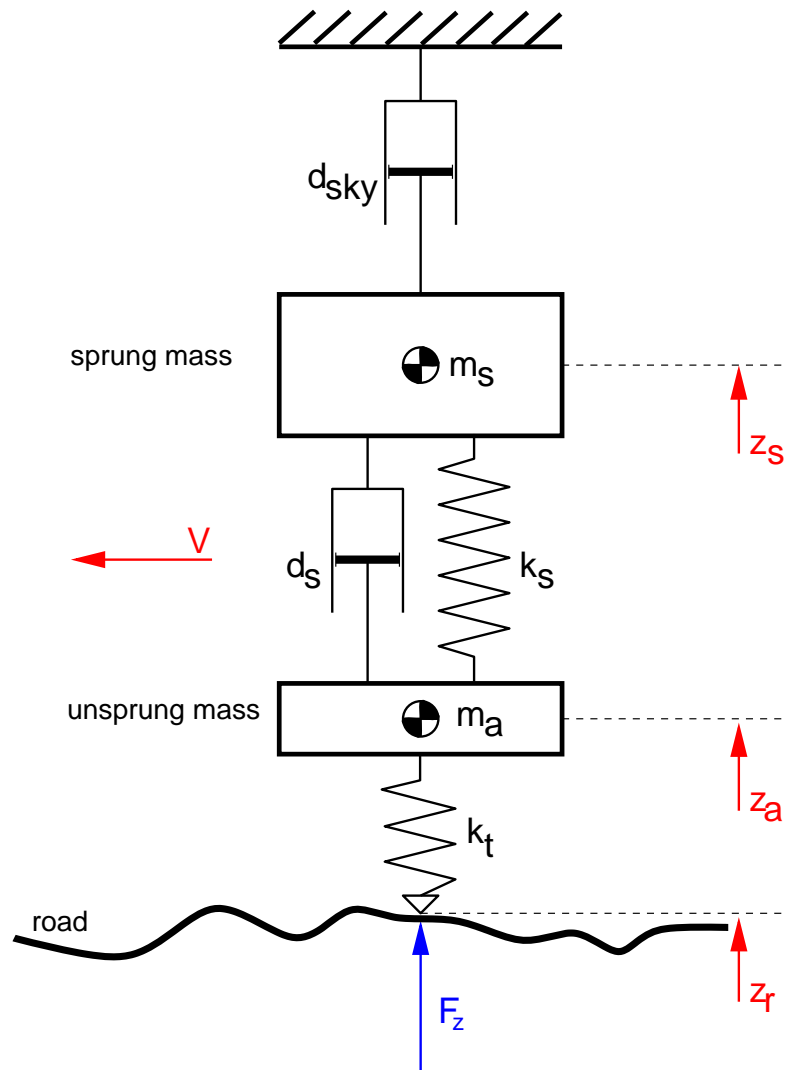
### example



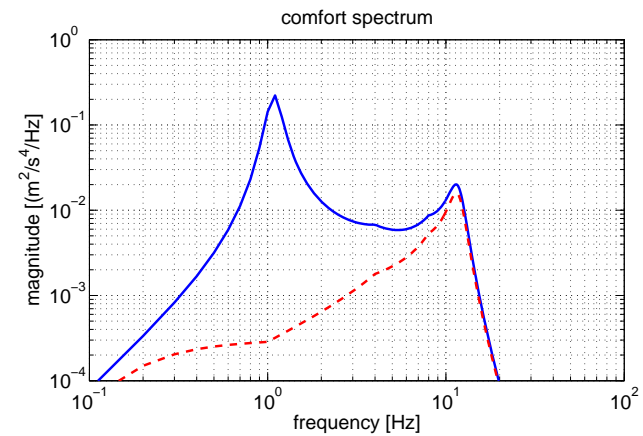
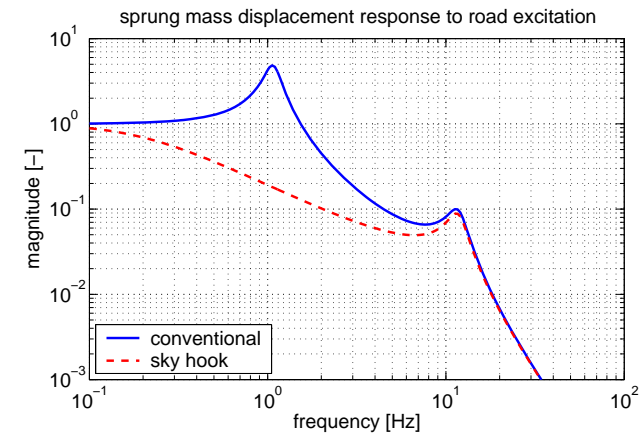
- comfort index:  $0.390 \text{ m/s}^2$  (-10%)
- wheel load and suspension travel unchanged
- careful tuning required!!!

"sky-hook" damping

principle:



with a "sky-hook damper" it is possible to eliminate the bounce resonance peak



example:  $d_{sky} = 10000 \text{ Ns/m}$

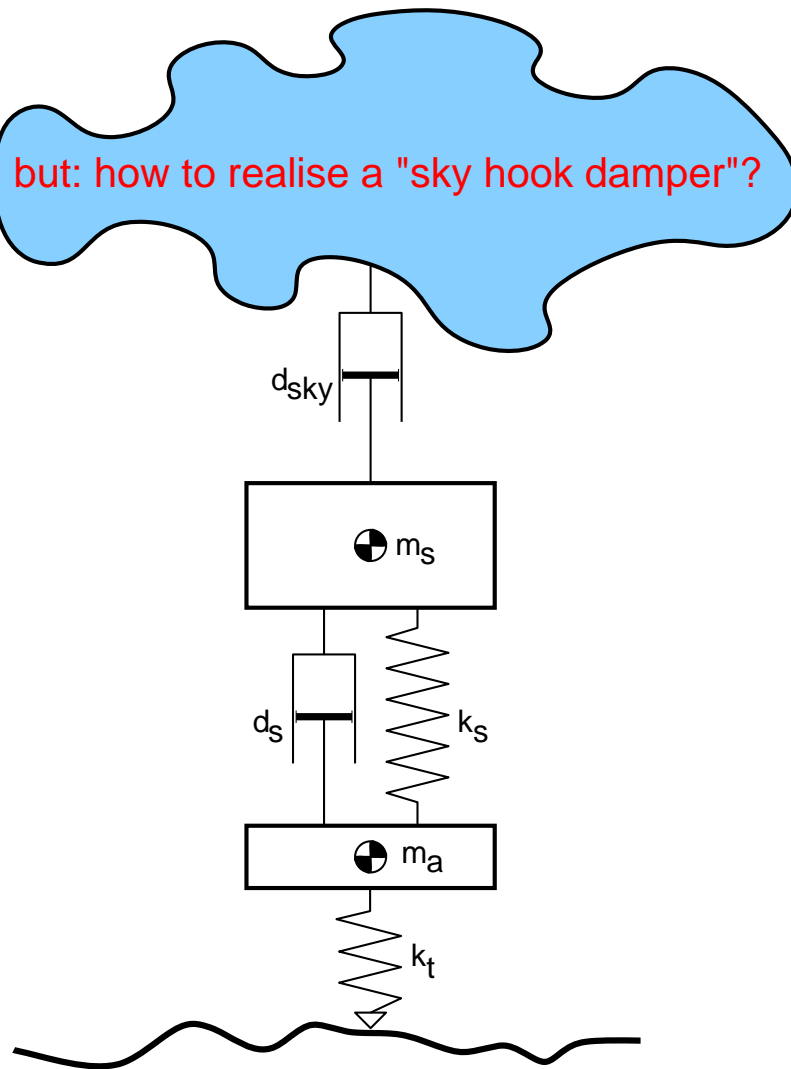
- comfort index:  $0.299 \text{ m/s}^2$  (-30%!)
- dynamic wheel load:  $644 \text{ N}$
- suspension travel:  $9.5 \text{ mm}$



increasing the sky hook damping constant always improves comfort

*"the sky is the limit..."*

but: how to realise a "sky hook damper"?



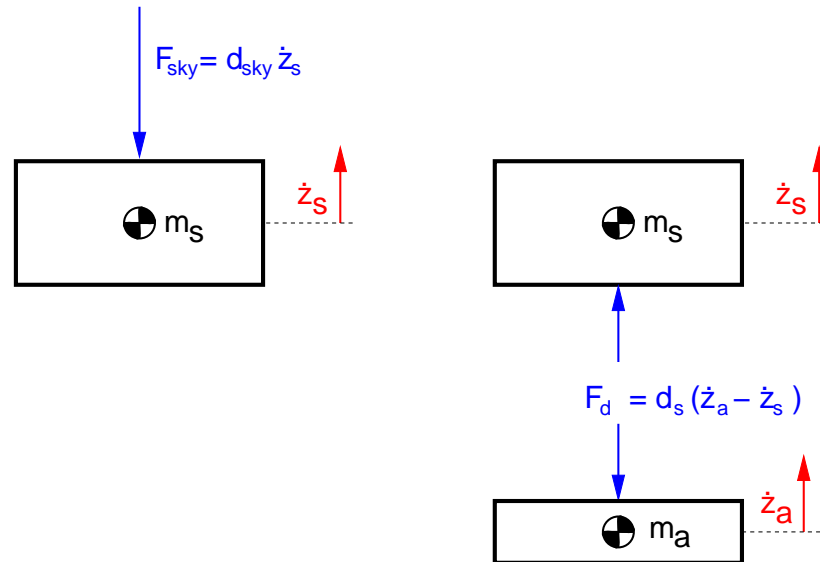
## Vertical dynamics and vehicle motions

contents:

- "sky-hook" damping
- active suspension
- half car model
- non-linear behaviour
- equations of motions
- forces acting on the vehicle

## “Sky-hook” damping

damping forces on the sprung mass



comparing  $F_{sky}$  and  $F_d$  for a positive value of  $\dot{z}_s$ :

- $F_d$  has the right sign when  $\dot{z}_s > \dot{z}_a$
- assume that the damping constant  $d_s$  is adjustable ( $0 < d_s < \infty$ ) so that  $F_d = d_s (\dot{z}_a - \dot{z}_s) = -d_{sky} \dot{z}_s$
- switch off the damper ( $d_s = 0$ ) when the force is not compatible with the skyhook damper (so when  $\dot{z}_s < \dot{z}_a$ )

## skyhook control law

(for both positive and negative values of  $\dot{z}_s$ )

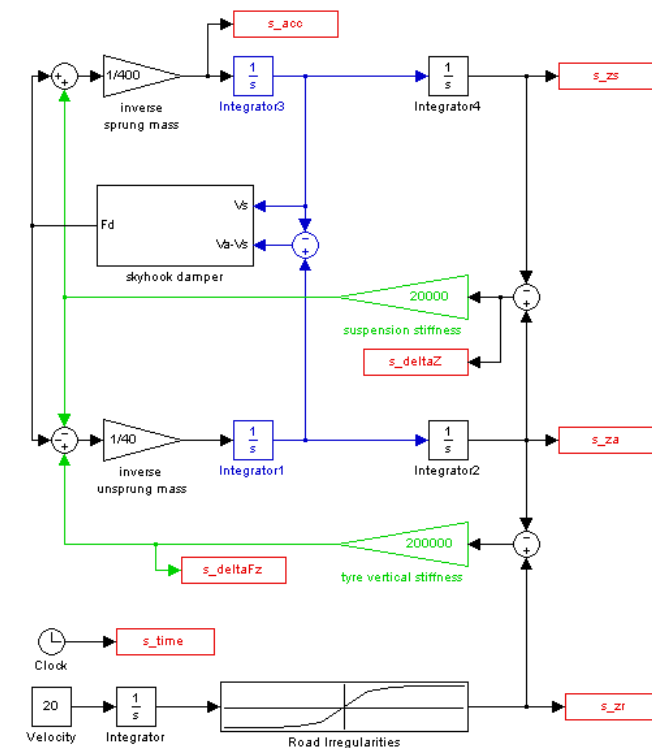
$$F_d = -d_{sky} \dot{z}_s \quad \text{if } \dot{z}_s (\dot{z}_a - \dot{z}_s) < 0$$

$$F_d = 0 \quad \text{if } \dot{z}_s (\dot{z}_a - \dot{z}_s) > 0$$

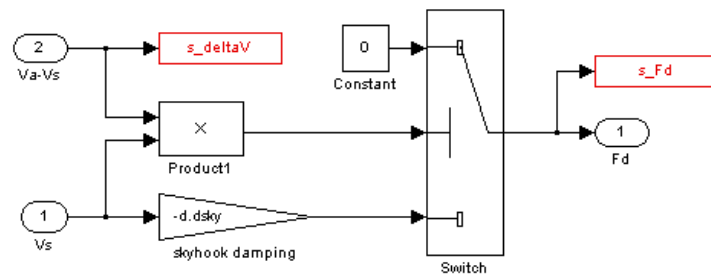
note:

- vertical velocity  $\dot{z}_s$  should be available...
- non-linear control law!

## MATLAB/Simulink model of quarter car



detail of skyhook damper:



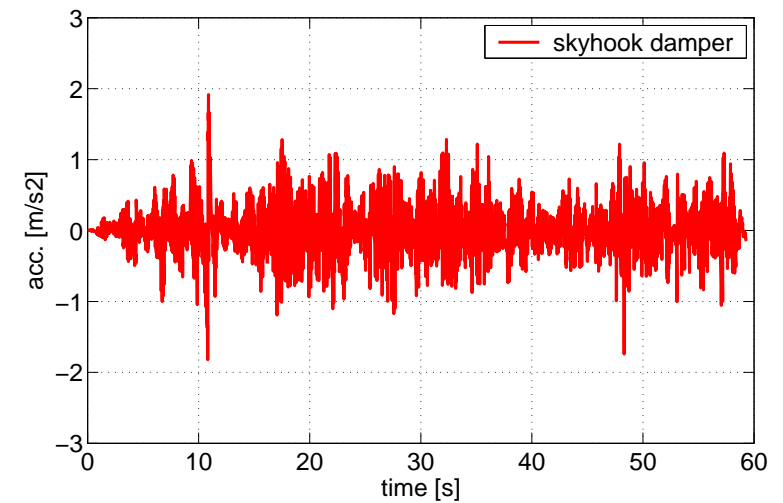
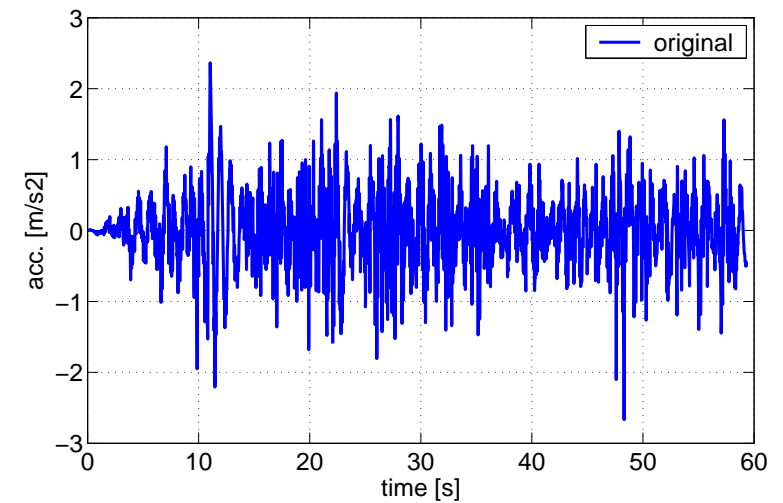
simulation details:

- parameters of page 11
- $d_{sky} = 5000 \text{ Ns/m}$
- measured road profile of page 20
- forward velocity 20 m/s (72 km/h), simulation time 60 s, so travelled distance 1200 m

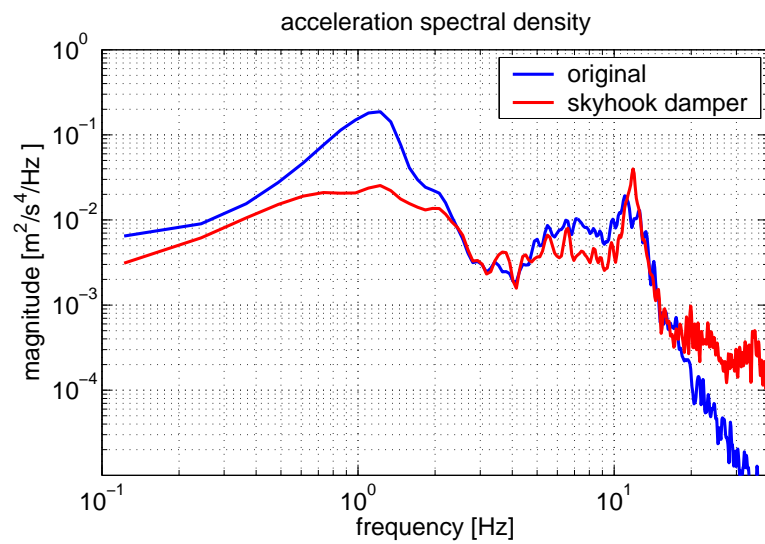
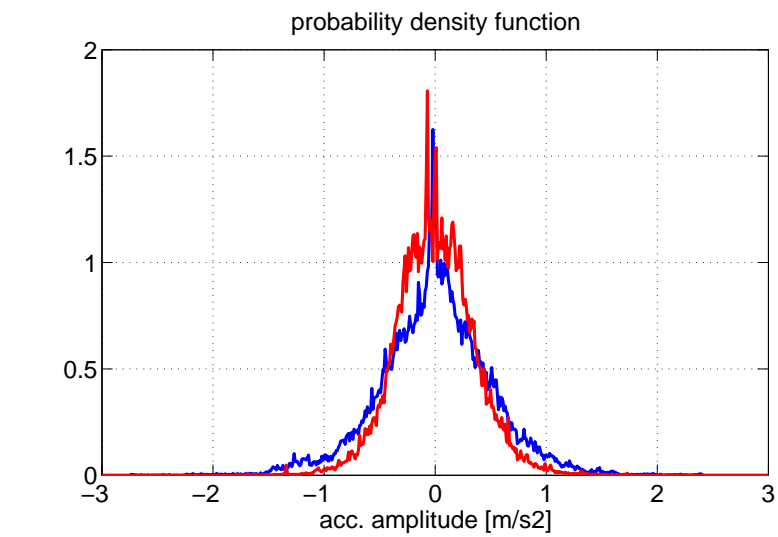
comparison (RMS values)

	original	“true” skyhook	skyhook damper
acc. [ $\text{m/s}^2$ ]	0.50	0.30	0.35
comfort [ $\text{m/s}^2$ ]	0.34	0.25	0.26
$\Delta F_z$ [N]	398	389	727
$\Delta z$ [mm]	8.4	7.5	7.5

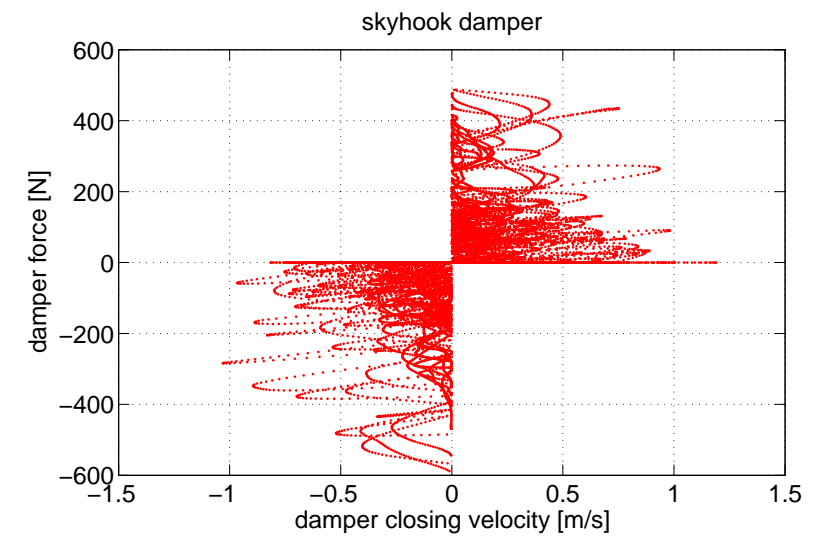
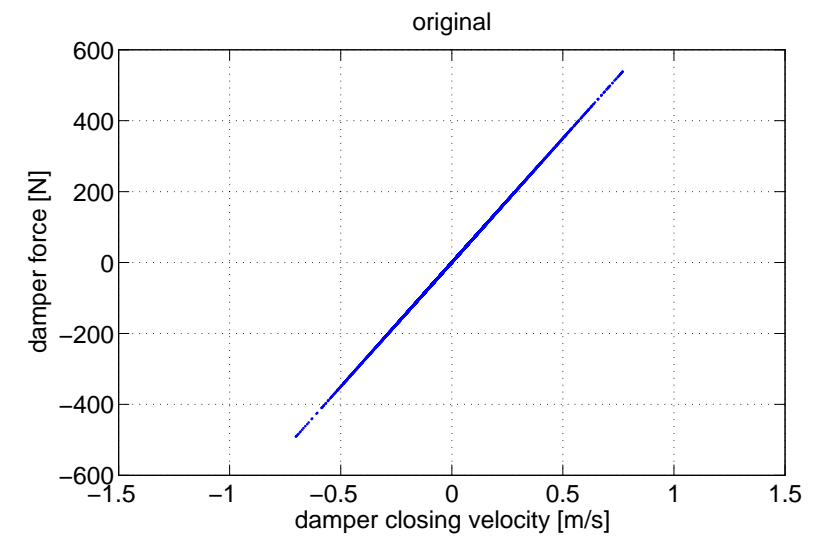
accelerations



## amplitude and frequency content



## damper characteristics





### some limitations

- the damping constant  $d_s$  will not be infinitely adjustable ( $0 < d_s < \infty$ )
- the damping constant adjustment will not be infinitely fast
- determination of the velocity of the unsprung mass ( $\dot{z}_s$ ) is not trivial
- overall there may be bandwidth limitations

Due to these restrictions the gain in ride comfort is reduced with respect to the theoretical maximum,

For more details and some simulation examples read the hand-out on vertical dynamics.

### **Active suspension**

In the previous example a small amount of energy will be required for adjusting the damper constant and control system, but the force acting on the sprung mass is generated using a passive element

such a system is known as a semi-active suspension

An alternative would be to apply the forces using an active element (e.g. hydraulic actuator)

In that case we would use all four quadrants of the force-relative velocity diagram (instead of two as in the semi-active case)

Then we have an active suspension, and it may require significant amounts of energy...

Active suspensions were “hot” in the late 80’s and beginning of the ‘90’s

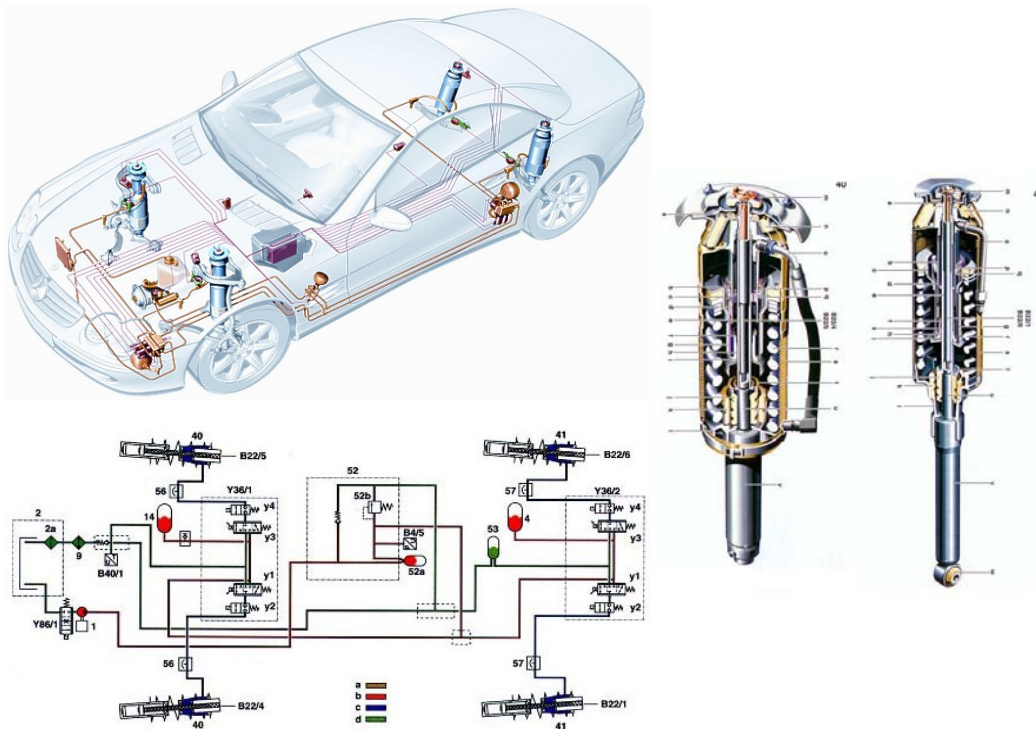
examples:

- demonstrator cars developed by Lotus
- used on F-1 racing cars (ride height control)
- many (theoretical) papers

available today:

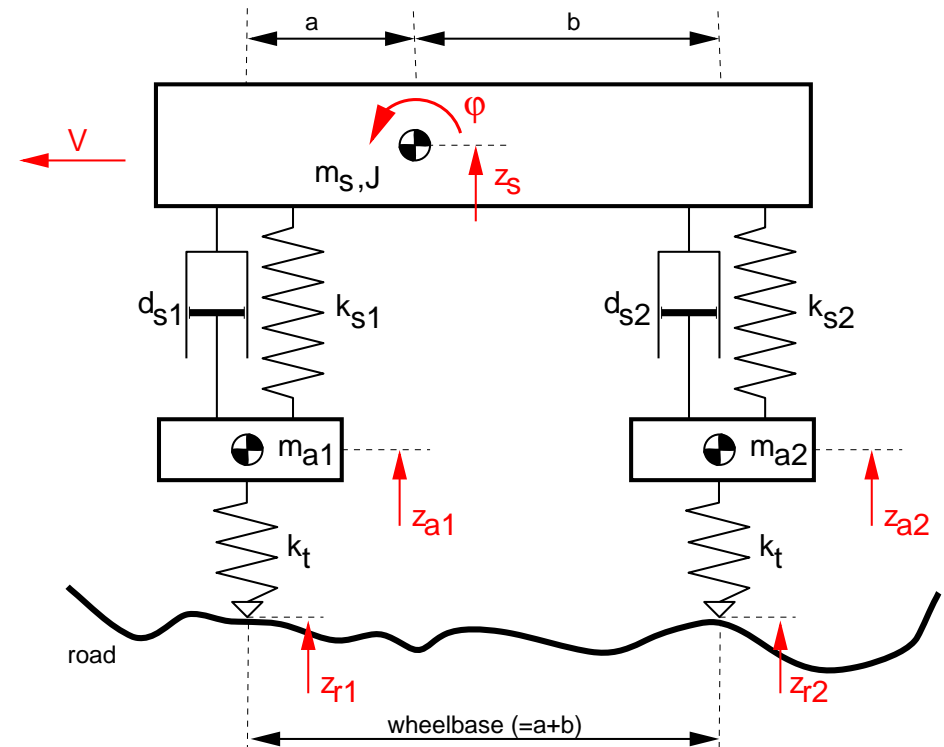
Mercedes ABC, Active Body Control

- controls vehicle body motions below 5 Hz
- series connection of hydraulic actuator and spring (avoid high frequency “harshness”)



## Half car model

half car model



equations of motion:

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{z}} + \mathbf{D}\dot{\mathbf{z}} + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{u}$$

where:

$$\mathbf{z} = [z_s \quad \phi \quad z_{a1} \quad z_{a2}]^T$$

$$\mathbf{u} = [z_{r1} \quad z_{r2}]^T$$

and...

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} m_s & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & J & 0 & 0 \\ & & m_{a1} & 0 \\ sym. & & & m_{a2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{s1} + d_{s2} & -d_{s1}a + d_{s2}b & -d_{s1} & -d_{s2} \\ & d_{s1}a^2 + d_{s2}b^2 & d_{s1}a & -d_{s2}b \\ & & d_{s1} & 0 \\ sym. & & & d_{s2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} k_{s1} + k_{s2} & -k_{s1}a + k_{s2}b & -k_{s1} & -k_{s2} \\ & k_{s1}a^2 + k_{s2}b^2 & k_{s1}a & -k_{s2}b \\ & & k_{s1} + k_t & 0 \\ sym. & & & k_{s2} + k_t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ k_t & 0 \\ 0 & k_t \end{bmatrix}$$

parameters:

$$m_s = 700 \text{ kg}, J = 1200 \text{ kgm}^2, m_{a1} = 25 \text{ kg}, \\ m_{a2} = 20 \text{ kg}, k_{s1} = 25000 \text{ N/m}, k_{s2} = 18000 \text{ N/m}, \\ k_t = 200000 \text{ N/m}, a = 1.08 \text{ m}, b = 1.62 \text{ m}, \\ d_{s1} = 1700 \text{ Ns/m}, d_{s2} = 1200 \text{ Ns/m}$$

eigenfrequencies:

- $f = 1.14 \text{ Hz}$ ;  $\xi = 22.2 \%$ , bounce
- $f = 1.20 \text{ Hz}$ ;  $\xi = 23.8 \%$ , pitch
- $f = 13.9 \text{ Hz}$ ;  $\xi = 36.7 \%$ , front wheel hop
- $f = 15.7 \text{ Hz}$ ;  $\xi = 29.3 \%$ , rear wheel hop

the equations can be translated easily into state-space form (as outputs we take the positions)

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{z}} \\ \mathbf{z} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{D} & -\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{K} \\ \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = [\mathbf{0} \quad \mathbf{I}] \mathbf{x} + [\mathbf{0}] \mathbf{u}$$

this system has 8 state variables, 2 inputs and 4 outputs...

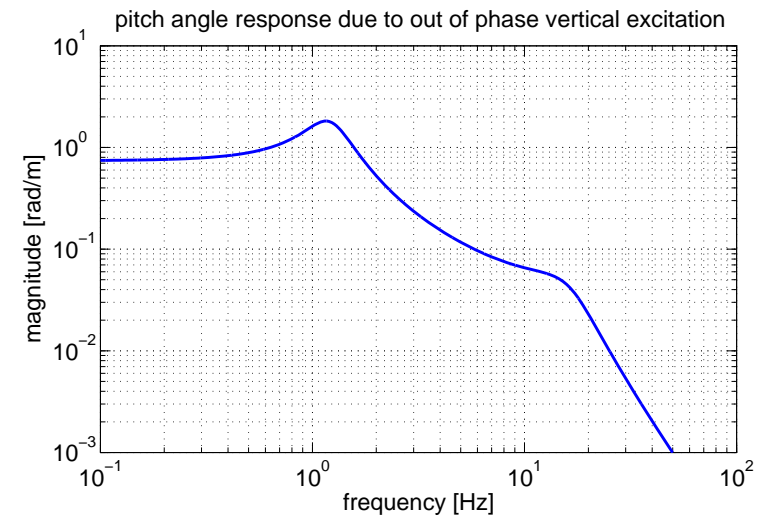
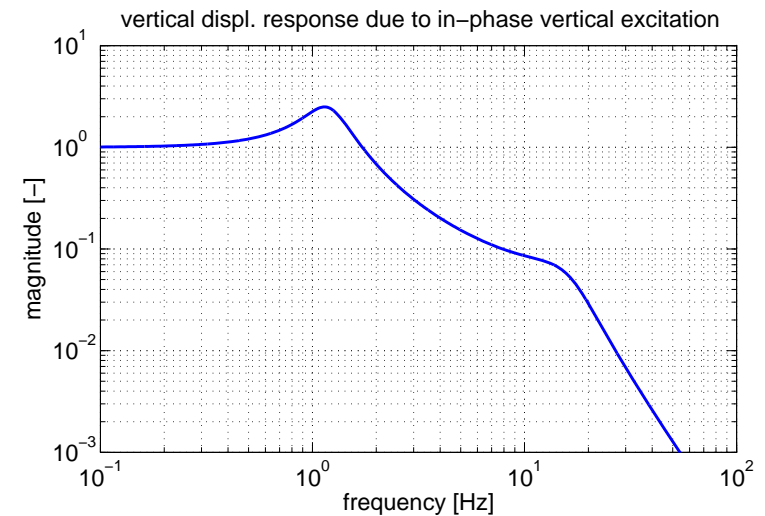
we will now limit the discussion the motions of the centre of gravity as a results of various combinations of road input:

- in-phase vertical excitation:

$$z_{r1}(t) = z_{r2}(t)$$

- out of phase vertical excitation:  $z_{r1}(t) = -z_{r2}(t)$

## transfer functions



when driving over an uneven road the rear wheels will encounter the same obstacles as the front wheels...

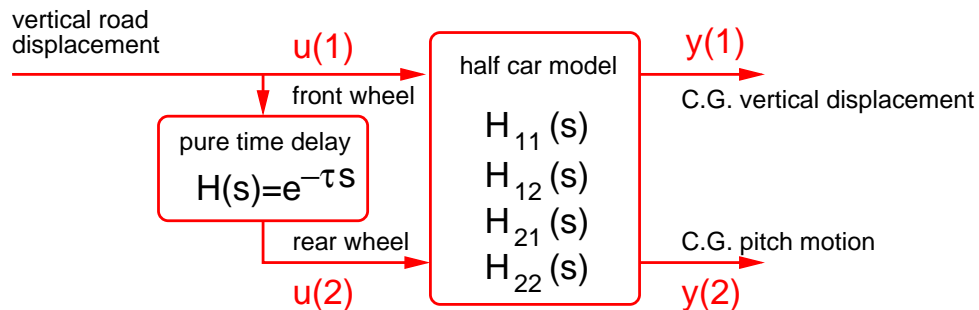
so the road inputs are 100% correlated, but the input to the rear wheel experiences a time delay

this time delay  $\tau$  is dependent on the forward velocity and wheelbase

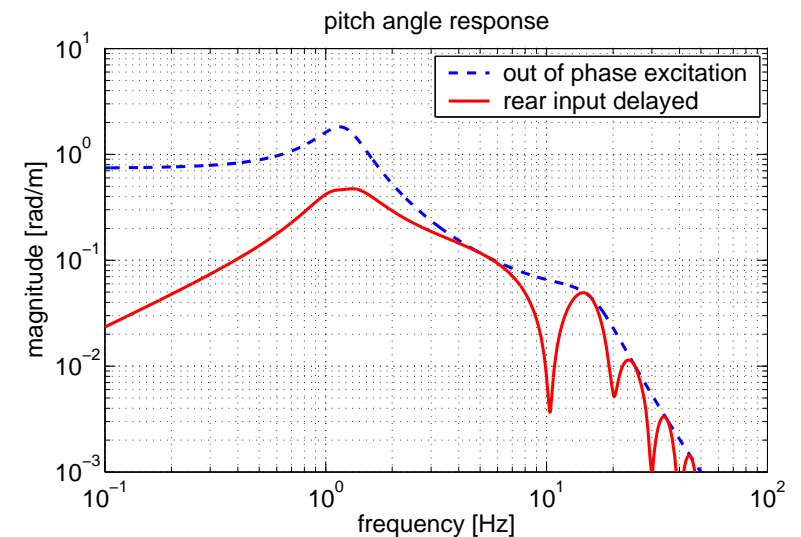
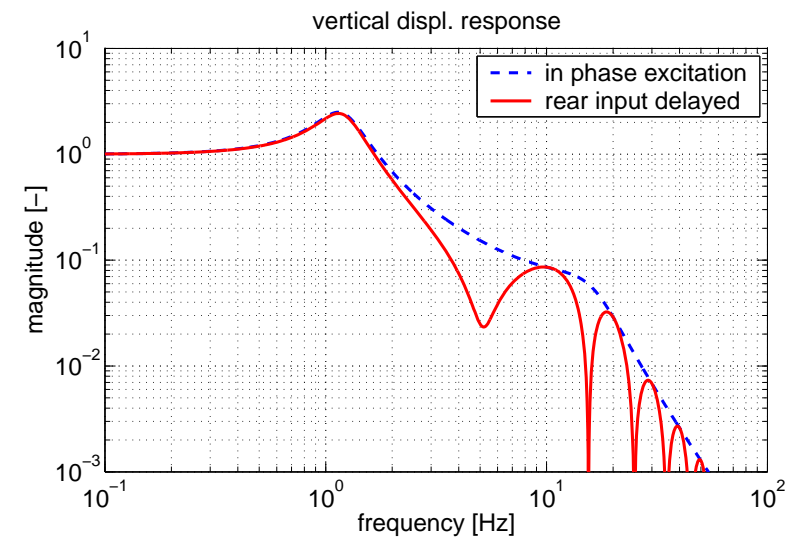
$$\tau = \frac{a+b}{V}$$

$$\text{and: } z_{r2}(t + \tau) = z_{r1}(t)$$

or in a block diagram:



*example*



this effect is called: wheelbase filtering

in this example:

wheelbase 2.7m, forward velocity 27 m/s

$$\lambda = \frac{V}{f}$$

low frequencies (< 1 Hz)

wavelength  $\lambda$  is at least 27 m...

- almost only in-phase vertical excitation
- hardly any out of phase excitation

frequency of 5 Hz => wavelength  $\lambda$  is 5.4 m

- completely out of phase excitation
- no in-phase vertical excitation

frequency of 10 Hz => wavelength  $\lambda$  is 2.7 m

- completely in-phase vertical excitation
- no out of phase excitation

vertical displacement minima at 5, 15, 25,... Hz

pitch minima at 0, 10, 20, 30, ... Hz

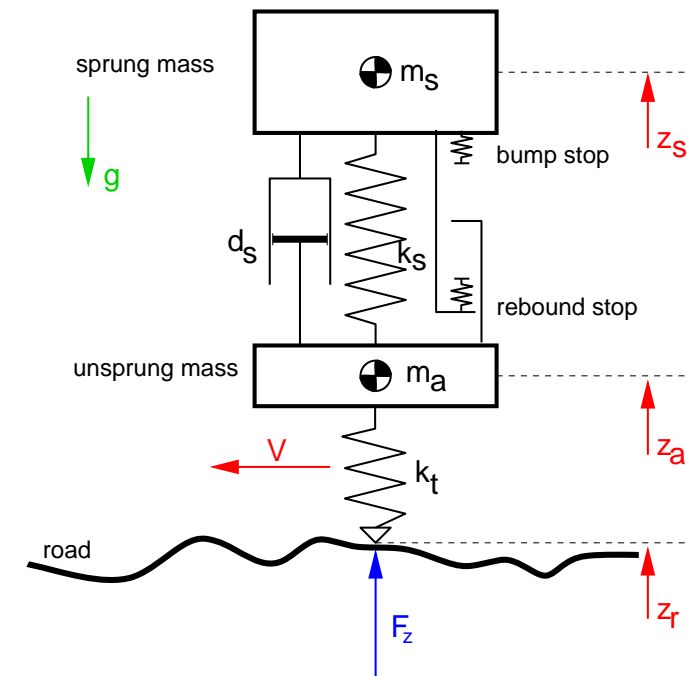
(obviously these results depend on forward velocity and wheelbase)

*consequence: ride comfort index may not always increase with forward velocity!!!*

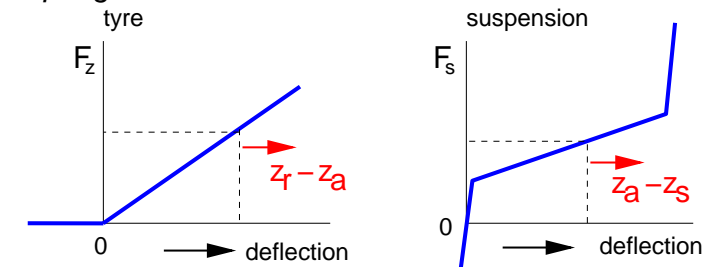
## ***Non-linear behaviour***

### suspension stiffness

- bump and rebound stops, preload
- stiffness may be progressive with deflection



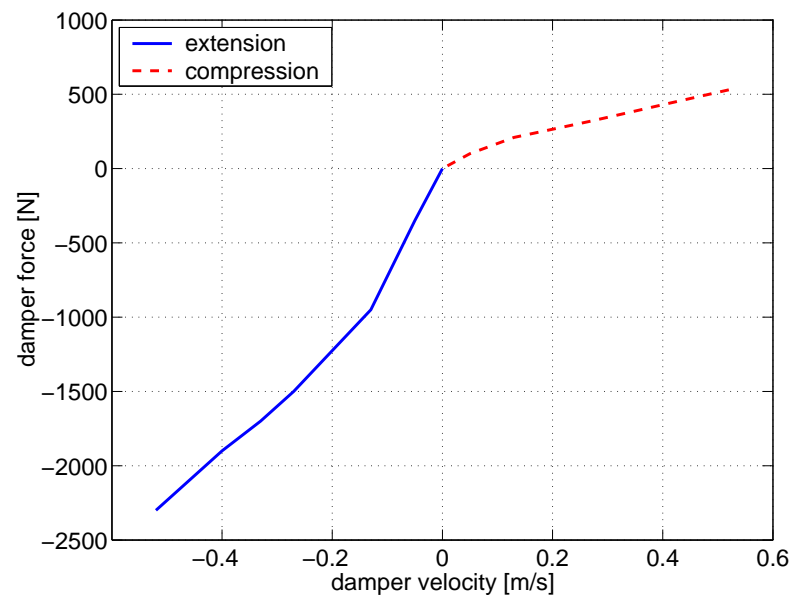
### *spring characteristics*



shock absorber

the shock absorber has a highly non-linear, asymmetric characteristic (even for small amplitudes)

- low damping coefficient on compression
- high damping coefficient on extension

*example*

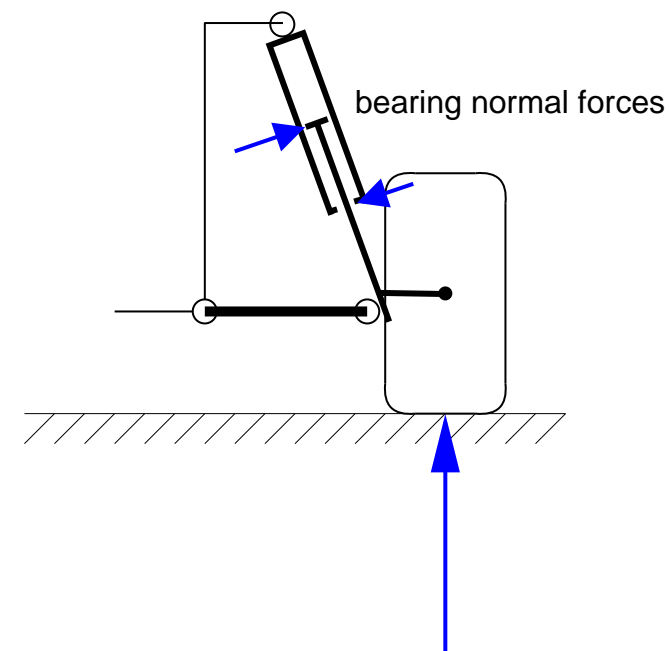
damper fine-tuning is generally done on the prototype vehicle by experienced test drivers

friction

depending on the design, the vertical motion will experience a significant amount of dry friction

*example*

In a McPherson strut the normal forces on the bearings can result in significant friction forces opposing the compression/extension of the strut



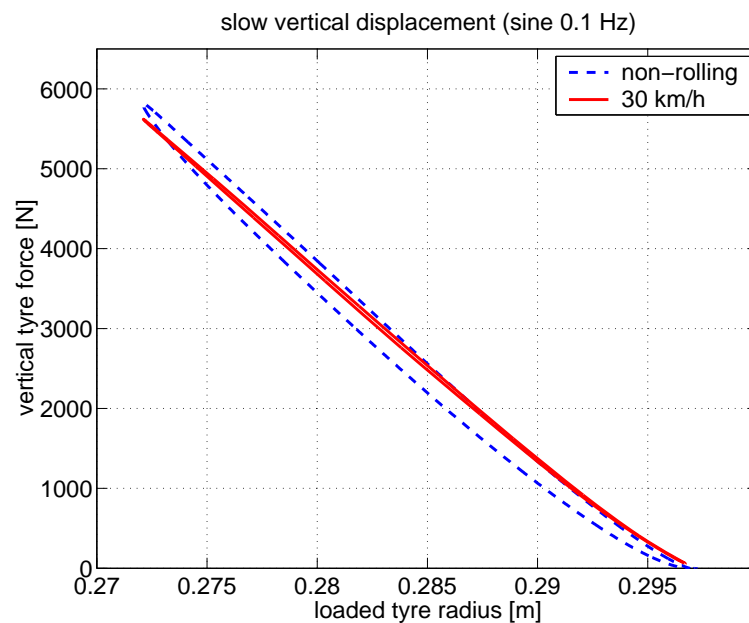
## solutions:

- optimise geometry, minimise normal forces
- bearing material with low friction coefficient



### vertical tyre behaviour

- tyre is almost a linear spring
- vertical tyre force  $F_z$  cannot become negative
- for a rolling tyre the amount of damping is rather small (and may be neglected)
- a non-rolling tyre has a fair amount of hysteresis



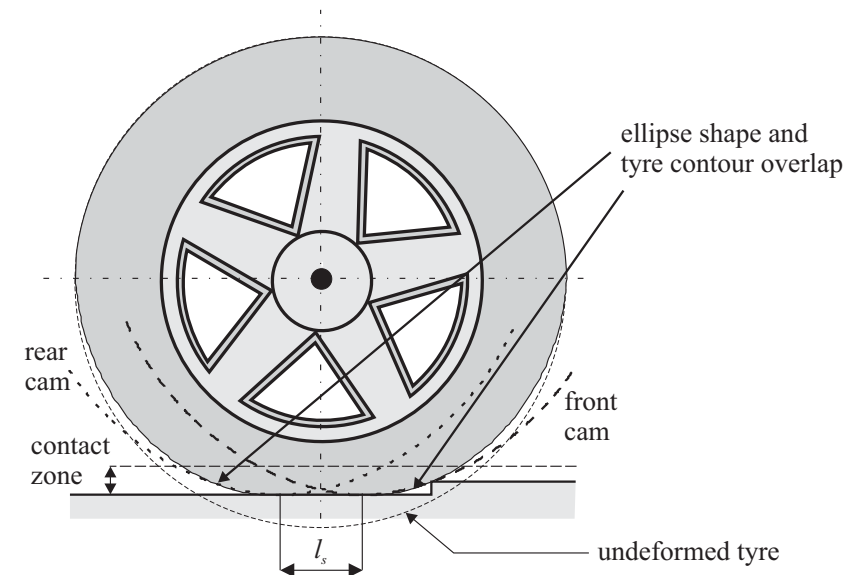
order of magnitude for a passenger car tyre:

- spring stiffness 200000 N/m (200 N/mm)
- damping 50 Ns/m (rolling tyre)

### tyre enveloping behaviour

for long wavelength obstacles (> 1.5 m) a single point contact model may be sufficient

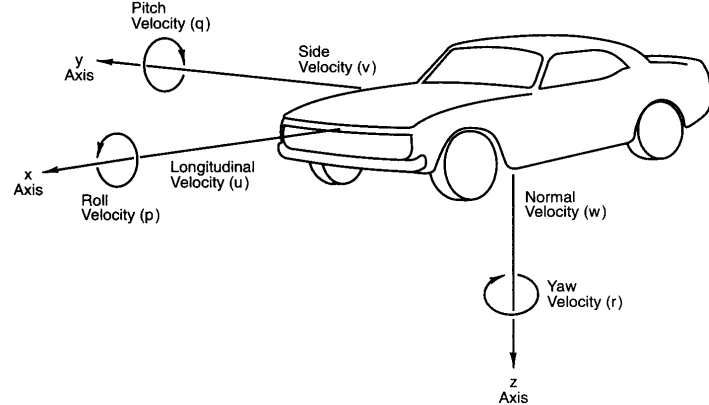
for short wavelength obstacles the dimensions of the tyre contact patch has to be taken into account



this effect, called tyre enveloping, will be discussed in detail in the course Advanced Vehicle Dynamics (4J570)...

## Vehicle motions

### SAE sign convention



### vehicle x,y,z axis system

- z: normal to the road
- x: pointing forward, through plane of symmetry
- x,y: parallel to the road

### translation

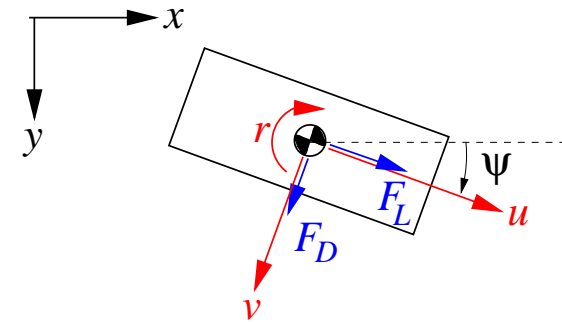
- x-direction: longitudinal velocity  $u$
- y-direction: lateral or side velocity  $v$
- z-direction: vertical or normal velocity  $w$

### rotation

- x-direction: roll velocity  $p$
- y-direction: pitch velocity  $q$
- z-direction: yaw velocity  $r$

## Equations of motion (moving axis system)

### 2D case



$$\dot{x} = u \cos \psi - v \sin \psi$$

$$\dot{y} = u \sin \psi + v \cos \psi$$

$$\ddot{x} = \dot{u} \cos \psi - \dot{v} \sin \psi + (-u \sin \psi - v \cos \psi) \dot{\psi}$$

$$\ddot{y} = \dot{u} \sin \psi + \dot{v} \cos \psi + (u \cos \psi - v \sin \psi) \dot{\psi}$$

$$m\ddot{x} = F_L \cos \psi - F_D \sin \psi$$

$$m\ddot{y} = F_L \sin \psi + F_D \cos \psi$$

$$m\ddot{x} \cos \psi + m\ddot{y} \sin \psi = F_L$$

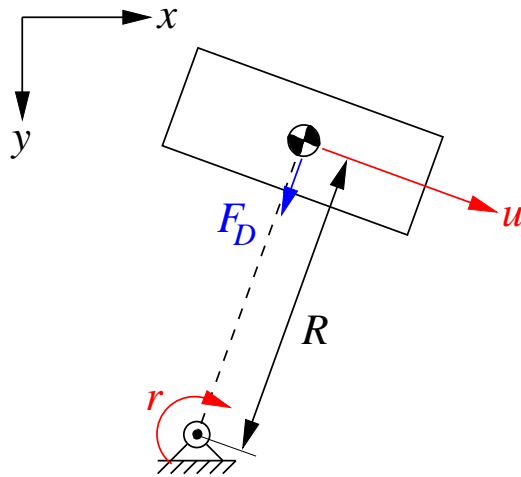
$$-m\ddot{x} \sin \psi + m\ddot{y} \cos \psi = F_D$$

substitution of accelerations (note:  $r = \dot{\psi}$ )

$$m(\dot{u} - vr) = F_L$$

$$m(\dot{v} + ur) = F_D$$

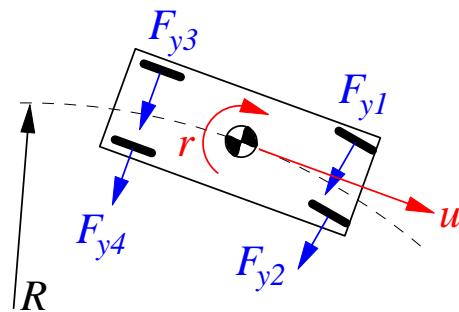
application: rotating mass



angular velocity  $r$  and radius  $R$  are constant

$$\text{so } \dot{v} = 0 \text{ and } u = rR \Rightarrow F_D = \frac{mu^2}{R}$$

very similar: steady state cornering of a vehicle  
(constant forward velocity  $u$  and corner radius  $R$ )



tyres will have to generate lateral forces ( $F_y$ ) to  
keep the vehicle on the circular track

generic 3D case:

*Newton-Euler equations:*

$$m(\dot{\mathbf{v}} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{F}$$

$$\mathbf{J}\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{J}\boldsymbol{\omega} = \mathbf{M}$$

where:

$$\mathbf{v} = [u \quad v \quad w]^T$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = [p \quad q \quad r]^T$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} & I_{xy} & I_{xz} \\ & I_{yy} & I_{yz} \\ \text{sym.} & & I_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{F}$  forces on the centre of gravity in the body  
fixed axis system

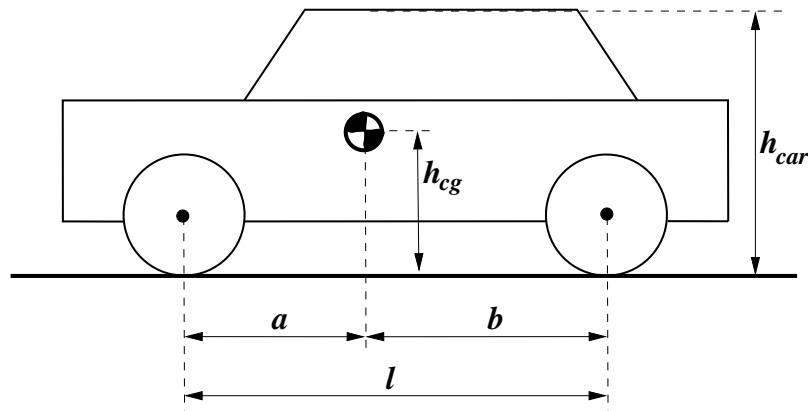
$\mathbf{M}$  moments in the body fixed axis system

note:

- inertia tensor  $\mathbf{J}$  is constant
- symmetry about the x-axis:  $I_{xy}, I_{yz} = 0$

## Centre of gravity

centre of gravity of the complete vehicle



some rules of thumb:

(NHTSA database of cars, vans, SUV, pickup trucks; SAE paper 1999-01-1336)

- longitudinal position

$$\text{empty vehicle, driver only: } 0.35 < \frac{a}{l} < 0.48$$

$$\text{fully loaded vehicle: } 0.45 < \frac{a}{l} < 0.57$$

(CG moves rearward when loading the vehicle)

- lateral position

(close to) plane of symmetry of vehicle

- vertical position

$$\text{empty vehicle, driver only: } 0.35 < \frac{h_{cg}}{h_{car}} < 0.43$$

## Moments of inertia

full scale pendulum tests can be done to determine these properties



some rules of thumb:

(NHTSA database of cars, vans, SUV, pickup trucks; SAE paper 1999-01-1336)

$$0.14 < \frac{I_{xx}}{mw^2} < 0.19$$

$$0.20 < \frac{I_{yy}}{ml^2} < 0.25$$

$$0.22 < \frac{I_{zz}}{ml^2} < 0.26$$

$$-0.01 < \frac{I_{xz}}{mwl} < 0.03 \quad (\text{negative values for pick up trucks only})$$

note:

- empty vehicle, driver only
- vehicle mass  $m$ , wheelbase  $l$ , track width  $w$

### ***Forces and moments acting on the vehicle***

- aerodynamics
- gravity
- tyre forces

#### **aerodynamic forces/moments**

for a normal passenger car aerodynamic forces are small compared to the tyre forces occurring during extreme vehicle manoeuvres

example:

-vehicle mass	$m = 1200 \text{ kg,}$
-air density	$\rho = 1.226 \text{ kg/m}^3$
-drag coefficient	$c_w = 0.4$
-frontal area	$A = 2 \text{ m}^2$

- rolling resistance:  $1\% \Rightarrow 0.1 \text{ kN}$
- emergency braking:  $\mu \approx 0.9 \Rightarrow 11 \text{ kN}$
- aerodynamic drag:  $F_d = \frac{1}{2} \rho c_w A V^2$   
 $100 \text{ km/h} \Rightarrow 0.4 \text{ kN}$   
 $200 \text{ km/h} \Rightarrow 1.5 \text{ kN}$

it is fairly common to neglect aerodynamic forces in a vehicle handling analysis (except for special condition, e.g. cross wind gust)

note:

- aerodynamic forces may affect the vertical force on front- and rear tyres (e.g. “lift”)
- roll, pitch and yaw damping due to aerodynamic moments are very small

for racing cars the situation is clearly different:

- the aim is to increase the vertical force on the tyres. In this way the potential for transferring longitudinal and lateral forces by the tyre is also increased.

e.g. modern F-1 racing car: at top speed the vertical load on the tyres is *four* times as high compared to a vehicle standing still.

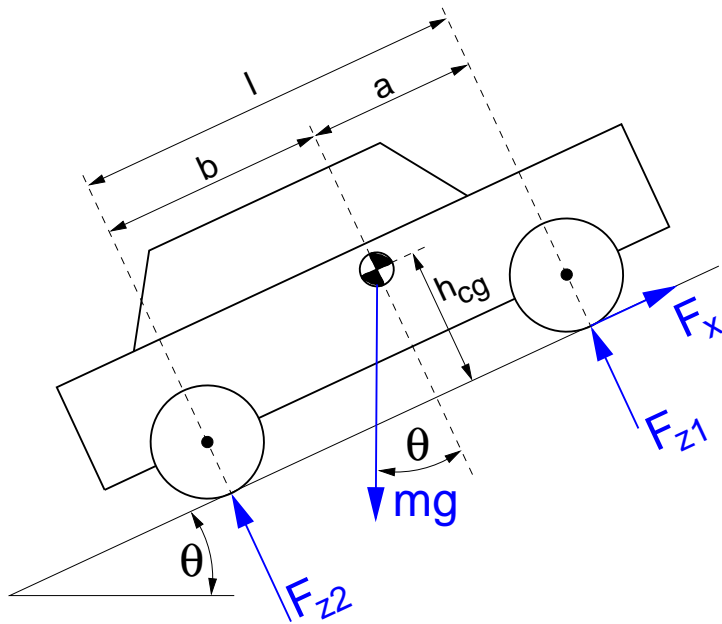


**gravity**

for a normal road car gravity determines to a large extent the average vertical force on the tyres

some special cases:

- driving up (or down) a hill



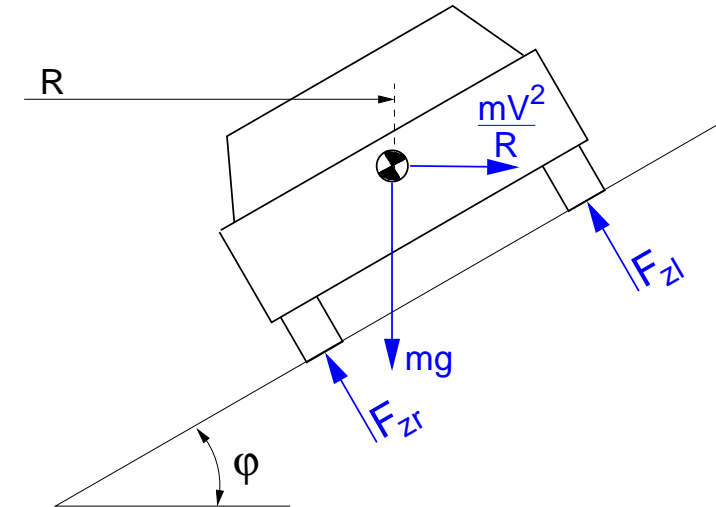
front wheel driven car:

$$F_{z1} + F_{z2} = mg \cos \theta$$

$$F_x = mg \sin \theta$$

$$F_{z1} = \frac{(bmg \cos \theta - h_{cg} mg \sin \theta)}{l}$$

- banked corners



for a banked corner a neutral speed  $V_n$  exists where no steering is required and the tyres don't produce lateral forces

the neutral speed can be calculated as:

$$\tan \phi = \frac{mV_n^2}{R} \frac{1}{mg} \Rightarrow V_n = \sqrt{Rg \tan \phi}$$

note:

- neutral speeds depends on the corner radius and banking angle
- the vertical tyre force increases
- for velocities above or below the neutral speed steering is required



example:

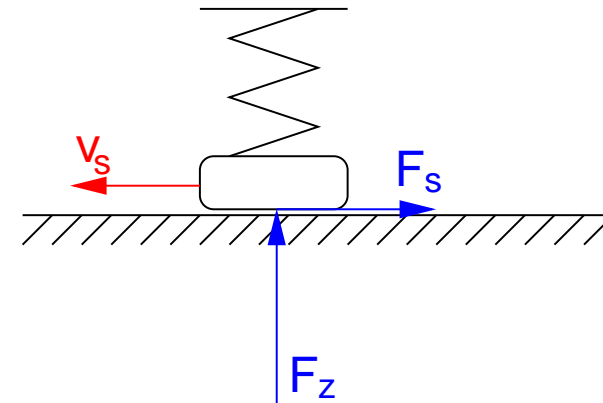
- test track ATP-Papenburg (Germany)  
max. banking  $\phi = 50$  deg.  
corner radius  $R = 500$  m  
neutral speed  $V_n = 250$  km/h



## Tyre forces/moments

simplified view of the (rolling) tyre:

- friction element which generates a shear force due to a relative sliding velocity with respect to the ground



the shear force is limited by the friction coefficient and normal load:  $F_s \leq \mu F_z$

typical value for the friction coefficient  $\mu$  :  
(dry, clean conditions)

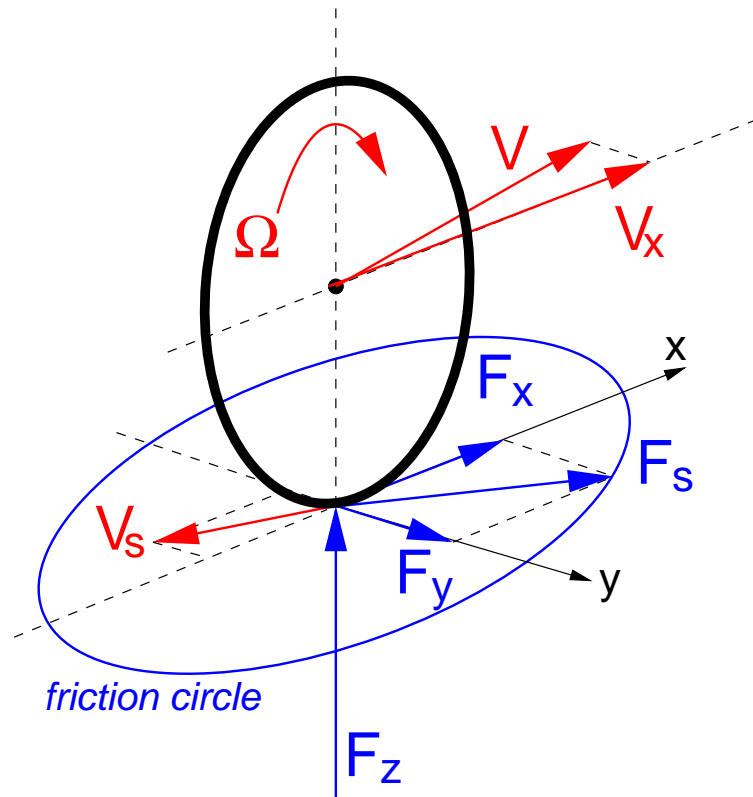
- truck, aircraft tyre: 0.6 - 0.8
- passenger car tyre: 0.9 - 1.2
- motorcycle tyre: 1.0 - 1.4
- racing tyre: 1.5 - 2.0

wet roads: speed dependent reduction  
snow/ice: 0.05 – 0.2



sign convention for tyre forces:

- z: normal to the road
  - x: pointing forward, through plane of symmetry
  - x,y: parallel to the road
- (note the analogy with the vehicle axis system)



$F_x$  longitudinal force (driving, braking)

$F_y$  lateral force (steering)

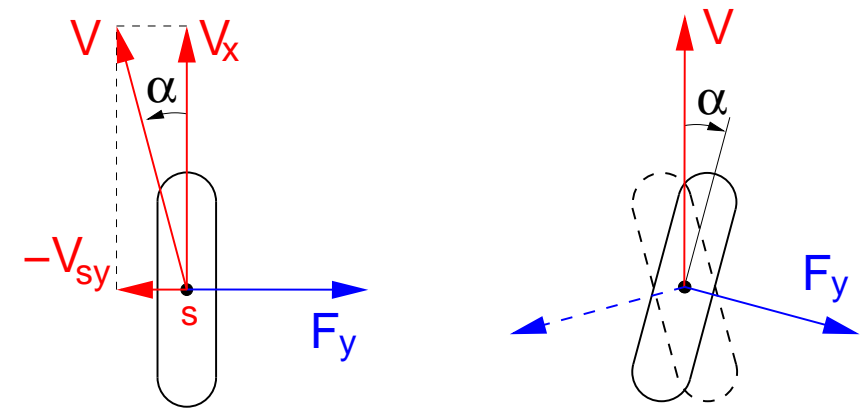
$F_z$  vertical or normal force (tyre compression)

tyre forces and moments generated under various slip conditions...

*... will be discussed in detail!*

for the moment:

- freely rolling wheel (no braking/driving)
- constant vertical force
- side slip only, no inclination angle



the lateral force  $F_y$  is a non-linear function of the slip angle (drift angle)  $\alpha$

$$\tan \alpha = -\frac{V_{sy}}{V_x}$$

$V_{sy}$  : sliding velocity of tyre w.r.t. the road

$F_y$  : lateral force acting from the road on the tyre

tyre deformation while cornering...

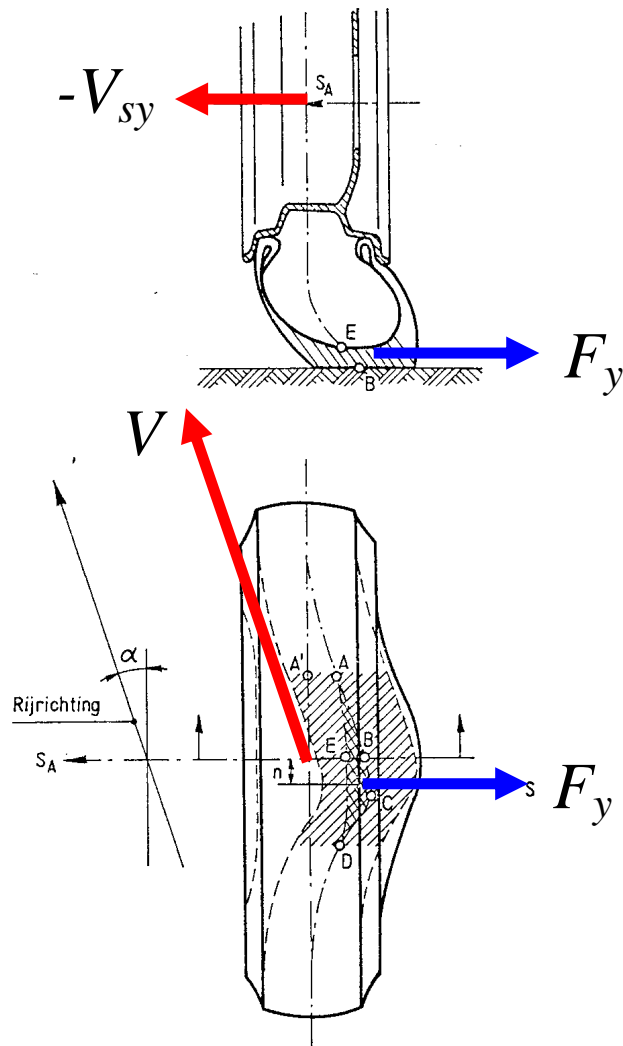
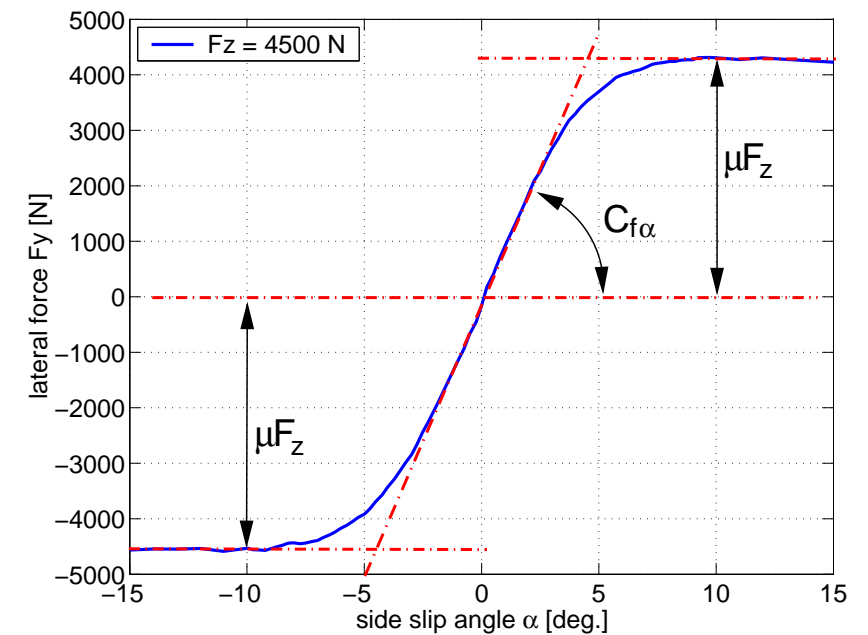


Fig. 1. Vervorming van de band.

measured lateral tyre force characteristic:



### linearised characteristics

for small side slip angles a linear relation applies:

$$F_y = C_{fa} \alpha \approx -C_{fa} \frac{V_{sy}}{V_x} = -\frac{C_{fa}}{V_x} \cdot V_{sy}$$

$C_{fa}$ : cornering stiffness

- force proportional to velocity (“damper”)
- apparent “damping constant” decreases as function of forward velocity

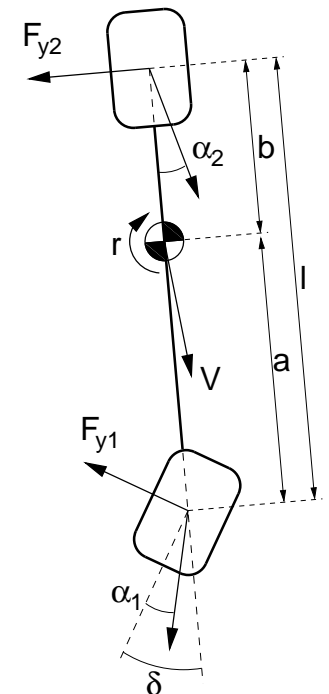
Next time:

- the “bicycle” model

### Single track vehicle model

analysis of cornering behaviour using the “bicycle model” or “single track vehicle model”

- equations of motion
- steady-state cornering
- dynamics



## Equations of motion

assumptions:

- left, right tyre and axle characteristics can be lumped into a single, equivalent “tyre”
- no body roll
- centre point steering
- constant forward velocity  $u (\approx V)$
- no aerodynamic forces
- no slopes, level road surface

steering angle of the front wheel  $\delta$

centre of gravity has two degrees of freedom:

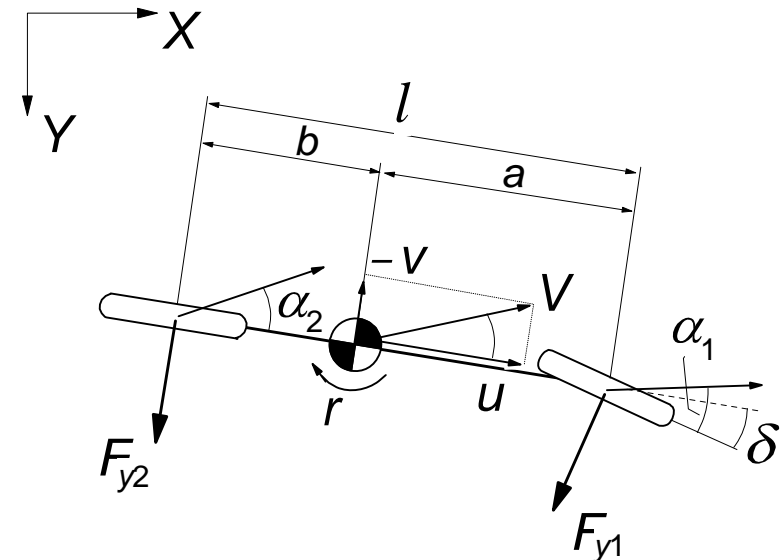
- lateral velocity  $v$
- yaw velocity  $r$

vehicle mass	$m$
vehicle yaw moment of inertia	$I$
distances to C.G.	$a$ and $b$
wheelbase	$l (= a + b)$

small angles  $\delta, \alpha_1, \alpha_2$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(x) = x \text{ and } \cos(x) = 1$$

Note: all equations in this lecture refer to linear vehicle behaviour



equations of motion: (see also page 66)

$$m(\dot{v} + ur) = F_{y1} + F_{y2}$$

$$I\dot{r} = aF_{y1} - bF_{y2}$$

tyre side slip angles:

$$\alpha_1 = \delta - \frac{1}{u}(v + ar), \quad \alpha_2 = -\frac{1}{u}(v - br)$$

linear cornering characteristics: (see page 80)

$$F_{y1} = C_1\alpha_1, \quad F_{y2} = C_2\alpha_2$$

$C_{1,2}$ : cornering stiffness (units: N/rad. or N/deg.)

$$\text{vehicle side slip angle: } \beta = -\frac{v}{u}$$

after substitution:

$$m\dot{v} + \frac{1}{u}(C_1 + C_2)v + \left\{mu + \frac{1}{u}(aC_1 - bC_2)\right\}r = C_1\delta$$

$$I\dot{r} + \frac{1}{u}(a^2C_1 + b^2C_2)r + \frac{1}{u}(aC_1 - bC_2)v = aC_1\delta$$

and after elimination of  $v$ :

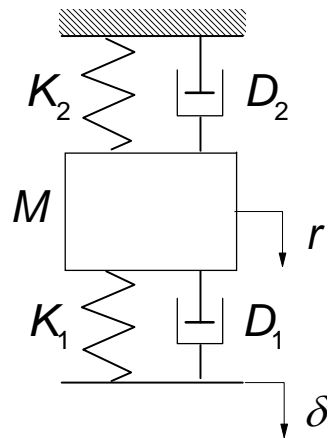
$$mIu\ddot{r} + \{I(C_1 + C_2) + m(a^2C_1 + b^2C_2)\}\dot{r} + \frac{1}{u}\{C_1C_2l^2 - mu^2(aC_1 - bC_2)\}r = muaC_1\dot{\delta} + C_1C_2l\delta$$

equivalent system:

$$M\ddot{r} + (D_1 + D_2)\dot{r} + (K_1 + K_2)r = D_1\dot{\delta} + K_1\delta$$

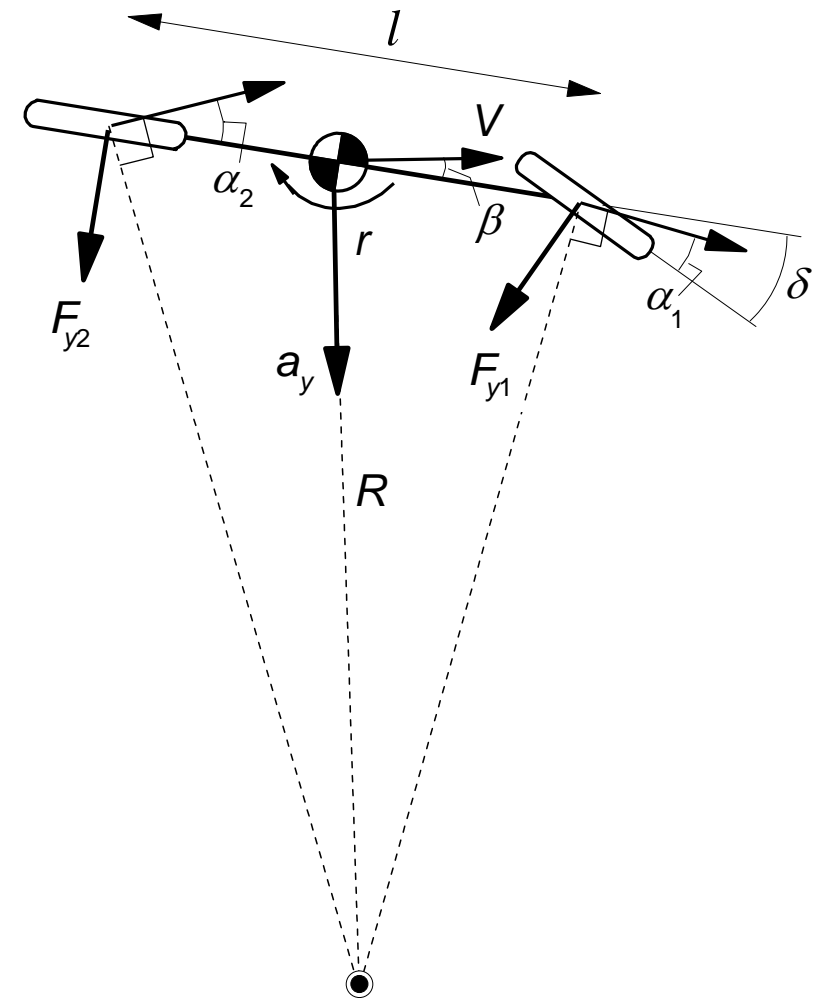
note:

- $r$  equals yaw velocity
- $K_1 + K_2$  may become negative!



### Steady-state cornering

- vehicle drives in a circle with fixed radius  $R$
- constant steering angle  $\delta$



steady-state cornering:  $\ddot{r} = 0, \dot{r} = 0, \dot{\delta} = 0$

differential equation reduces to:

$$\frac{1}{u} \{C_1 C_2 l^2 - m u^2 (a C_1 - b C_2)\} r = C_1 C_2 l \delta$$

furthermore:

$$R = \frac{V}{r} \approx \frac{u}{r} \quad (\text{assumption that } \beta \text{ is small})$$

the required steering angle for steady-state driving of a circle with radius  $R$ :

$$\delta = \frac{1}{R} \left( l - m V^2 \frac{a C_1 - b C_2}{l C_1 C_2} \right)$$

or

$$\delta = \underbrace{\frac{l}{R}}_1 - \underbrace{\frac{m V^2}{R l} \left( \frac{a}{C_2} - \frac{b}{C_1} \right)}_2$$

required steering angle has two contributions:

1. "kinematic" part (ackerman steer)
2. speed (or lateral acceleration) dependent part

lateral acceleration  $a_y = \frac{V^2}{R}$

so:

$$\delta = \frac{l}{R} + \frac{a_y}{g} \left( \frac{m g}{l} \left( \frac{b}{C_1} - \frac{a}{C_2} \right) \right) = \frac{l}{R} + \frac{a_y}{g} \eta$$

we have now introduced the understeer coefficient or understeer gradient  $\eta$

$$\eta = \frac{m g}{l} \left( \frac{b}{C_1} - \frac{a}{C_2} \right)$$

other ways of expressing  $\eta$

- using vertical equilibrium:

$$F_{z1,static} = \frac{b}{l} m g, \quad F_{z2,static} = \frac{a}{l} m g$$

$$\text{so: } \eta = \frac{F_{z1,static}}{C_1} - \frac{F_{z2,static}}{C_2}$$

- using expressions for  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  (page 84) or geometry (page 86):

$$\frac{l}{R} = \delta - \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$$

$$\text{so: } \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 = \frac{a_y}{g} \eta$$

steady-state cornering:

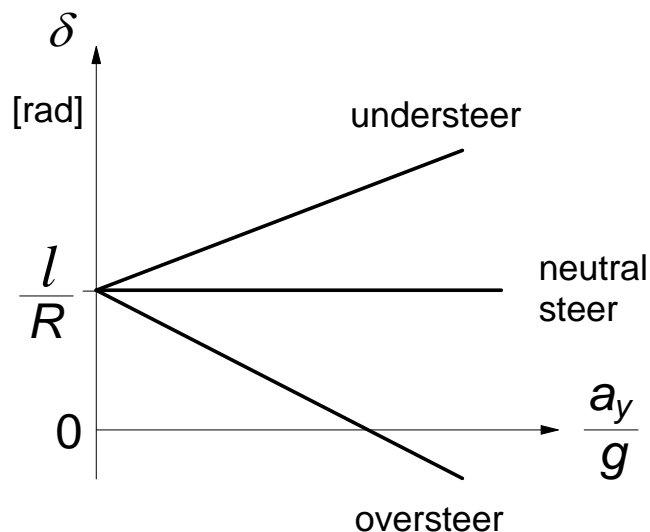
$$\delta = \frac{l}{R} + \frac{a_y}{g} \eta \quad \text{or} \quad \delta = \frac{l}{R} \left( 1 + \frac{\eta}{gl} V^2 \right)$$

meaning of the understeer coefficient  $\eta$ :

- $\eta = 0$  “neutral steer” ( $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$ )
- $\eta > 0$  “understeer” ( $\alpha_1 > \alpha_2$ )
- $\eta < 0$  “oversteer” ( $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$ )

maintain a constant radius  $R$  while increasing forward speed  $V$ , then the steering angle:

- can **remain the same** for a neutral vehicle
- has to **increase** for an understeered vehicle
- has to **decrease** for an oversteered vehicle



oversteered vehicle has a critical velocity  $V_{crit}$  where the required steering angle  $\delta$  equals zero

$$V_{crit} = \sqrt{\frac{gl}{-\eta}}$$

beyond this velocity the system is unstable

- in the equivalent system:  $K_1 + K_2 < 0$
- will be shown when calculating eigenvalues

we may also define for an understeered vehicle the characteristic velocity  $V_{char}$ .

at  $V_{char}$  twice the steering input is required to maintain the same radius  $R$  compared to very low speeds

$$V_{char} = \sqrt{\frac{gl}{\eta}}$$

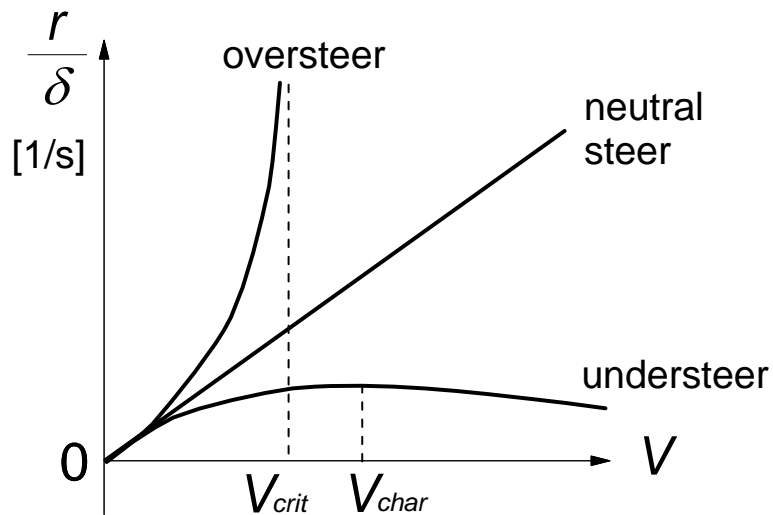
at this velocity the steady-state yaw velocity gain reaches its maximum for the understeered vehicle



steady-state yaw velocity gain: (see page 87)

$$\frac{r}{\delta} = \frac{C_1 C_2 l V}{C_1 C_2 l^2 - m V^2 (a C_1 - b C_2)}$$

or 
$$\frac{r}{\delta} = \frac{V/l}{1 + \frac{\eta}{gl} V^2}$$



similarly: steady-state lateral acceleration gain

$$\frac{a_y}{\delta} = \frac{V^2/l}{1 + \frac{\eta}{gl} V^2}$$

vehicle side slip angle  $\beta$

$$\beta = -\frac{v}{u} \approx -\frac{v}{V}$$

$$\alpha_2 = -\frac{1}{u}(v - br) = \beta + \frac{br}{u}$$

circular driving with fixed radius  $R$  ( $rR = u$ ):

$$\alpha_2 = \beta + \frac{b}{R}$$

$$\beta = -\frac{b}{R} + \alpha_2$$

furthermore we may write:

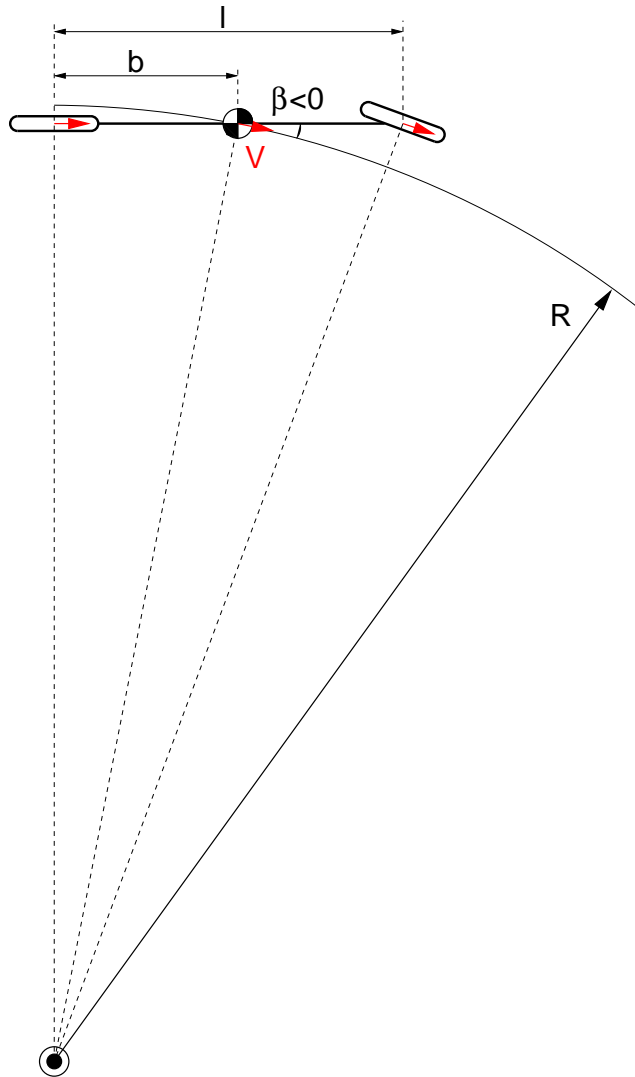
$$\alpha_2 = \frac{F_{y2}}{C_2} = \frac{1}{C_2} \frac{m V^2}{R} \frac{a}{l}$$

thus:

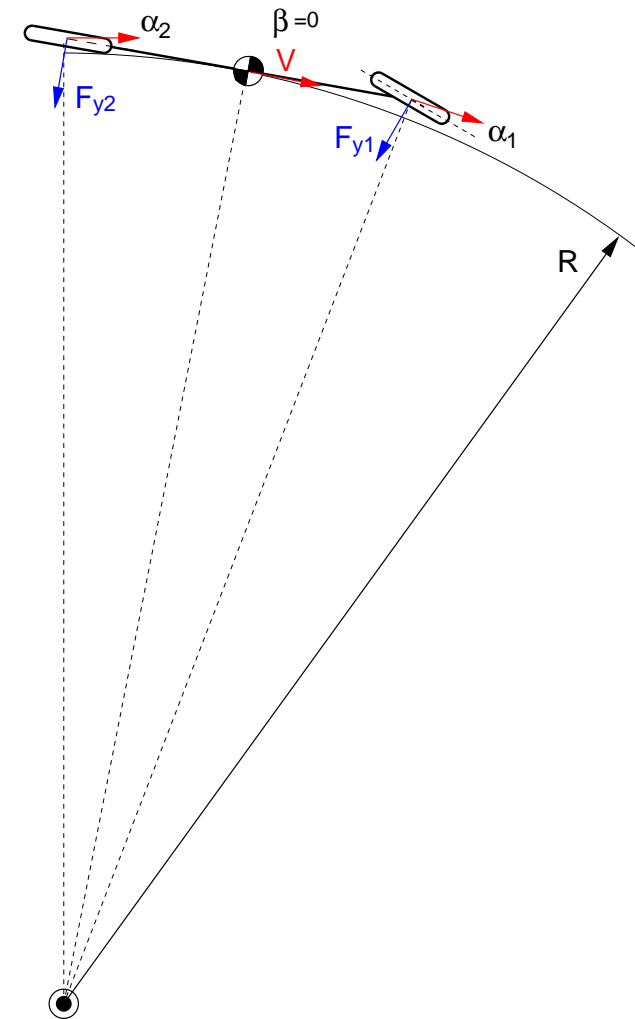
$$\beta = -\frac{b}{R} + \frac{am V^2}{C_2 l R}$$

note: the vehicle side slip angle  $\beta$  will change sign with increasing forward velocity  $V$ ...

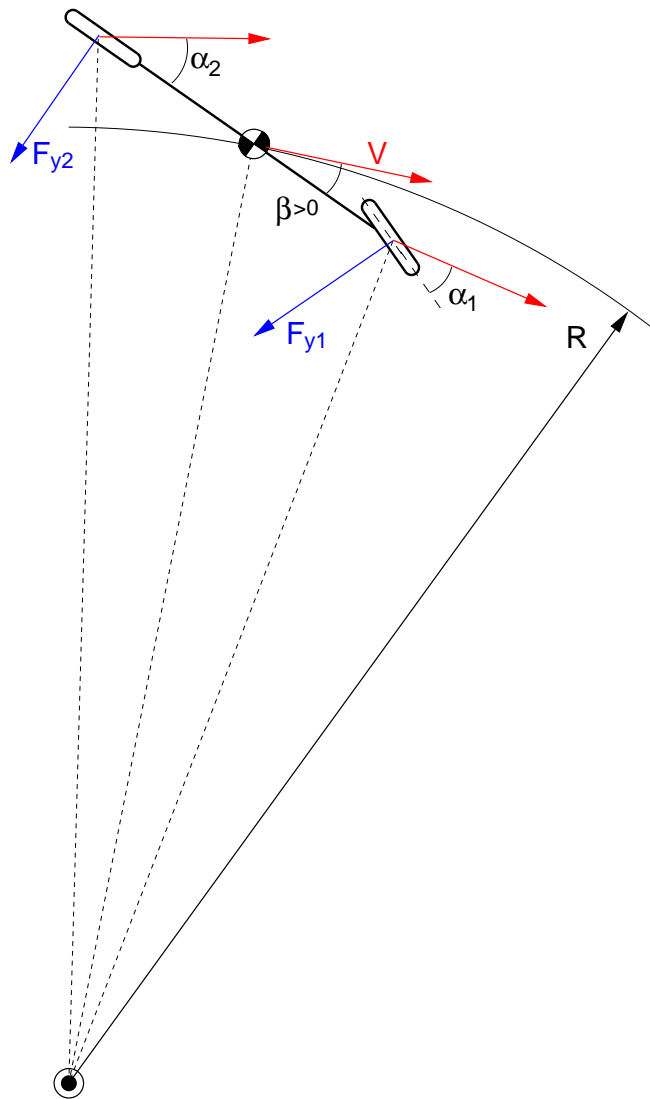
example: neutral vehicle ( $\delta$  fixed), increasing  $V$   
 $V$  very low:  $\beta \approx -\frac{b}{R}$ ,  $\delta \approx \frac{l}{R}$



increasing  $V$ : at some point  $\beta$  will become zero



increasing  $V$  further:  $\beta$  has same sign as  $\alpha$



## Summarising...

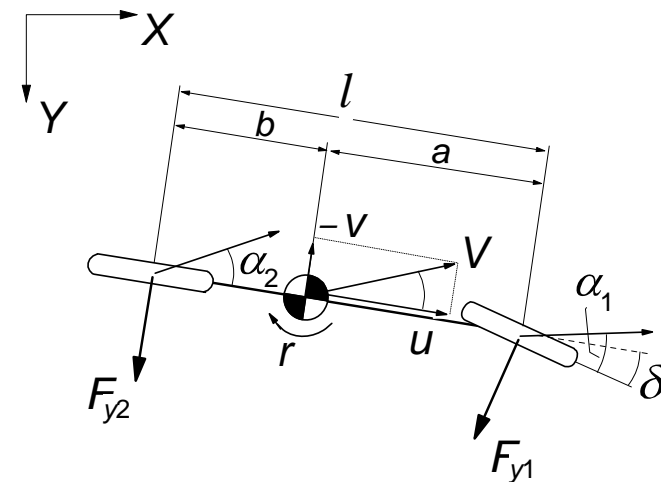
the tyres need to develop lateral forces to keep the vehicle on a fixed radius  $R$  at a certain (non-zero) forward velocity

the lateral tyre forces at the front and rear tyre are a result of the tyre side slip angles  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$ .

$$F_{y1} = C_1 \alpha_1, \quad F_{y2} = C_2 \alpha_2$$

for steady-state cornering we need to have both force and moment equilibrium

- $F_{y1} + F_{y2} = \frac{mV^2}{R}$
- $aF_{y1} - bF_{y2} = 0$



if we increase the forward velocity  $V$  and want to maintain the same corner radius  $R$  the lateral tyre forces  $F_{y1}$  and  $F_{y2}$  have to increase and therefore also the side slip angles will increase.

the side slip angle of the rear tyre can only increase if the whole vehicle is oriented more “nose inwards” with respect to the corner

if we don't change the steering angle  $\delta$ , the front tyre will have the same increase in side slip angle as the rear tyre (see page 93 to 95).

what about the moment equilibrium then?

- if the increase in lateral force for the front tyre is too small, the driver has to increase the steering angle  $\delta$  to maintain moment equilibrium: **the vehicle has understeer**
- if the increase in lateral force for the front tyre is too big, the driver has to decrease the steering angle  $\delta$  to maintain moment equilibrium: **the vehicle has oversteer**
- no additional steering action required: **the vehicle has neutral steer**

an almost trivial example:

suppose  $a = b$

...then the vehicle has **neutral steer** if the front and rear tyre cornering stiffness are equal ( $C_1 = C_2$ )

...then the vehicle has **oversteer** if the front cornering stiffness is higher than the rear tyre cornering stiffness ( $C_1 > C_2$ )

...then the vehicle has **understeer** if the front cornering stiffness is lower than the rear tyre cornering stiffness ( $C_1 < C_2$ )

## Dynamics

State-space description:

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

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

with:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ r \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{u} = \delta, \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} a_y \\ r \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{v} + ur \\ r \\ -v/u \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{A} = - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{C_1 + C_2}{mu} & u + \frac{aC_1 - bC_2}{mu} \\ \frac{aC_1 - bC_2}{Iu} & \frac{a^2C_1 + b^2C_2}{Iu} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{C_1}{m} \\ \frac{aC_1}{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{C_1 + C_2}{mu} & \frac{aC_1 - bC_2}{mu} \\ 0 & -1 \\ 1/u & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{C_1}{m} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## system stability

eigenvalues of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$

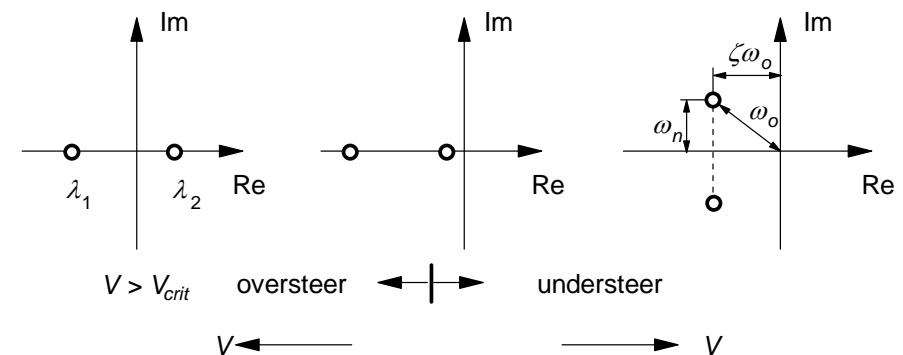
- neutral and oversteer vehicle: real eigenvalues
- oversteer vehicle has a positive real eigenvalue if  $V > V_{crit}$ , so unstable
- understeer vehicle has complex conjugate eigenvalues, damping ratio decreases with forward velocity.

natural frequency:

$$\omega_n^2 \approx \left( \frac{C_1 + C_2}{m} \right)^2 \frac{\eta}{gl}$$

damping ratio:

$$\zeta \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{\eta}{gl} V^2}}$$



numerical example

$$m=1600 \text{ kg}, I=3600 \text{ kgm}^2$$

$$l=3 \text{ m}, a=1.4 \text{ m}$$

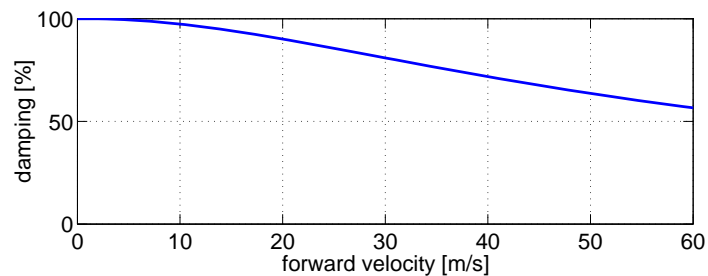
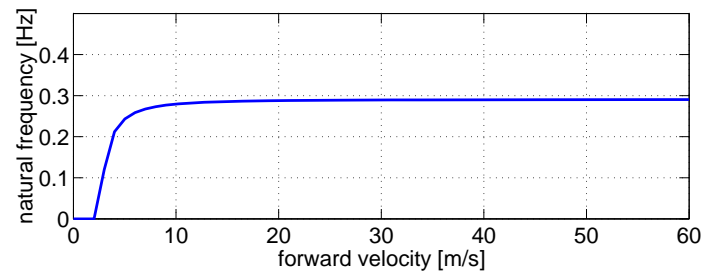
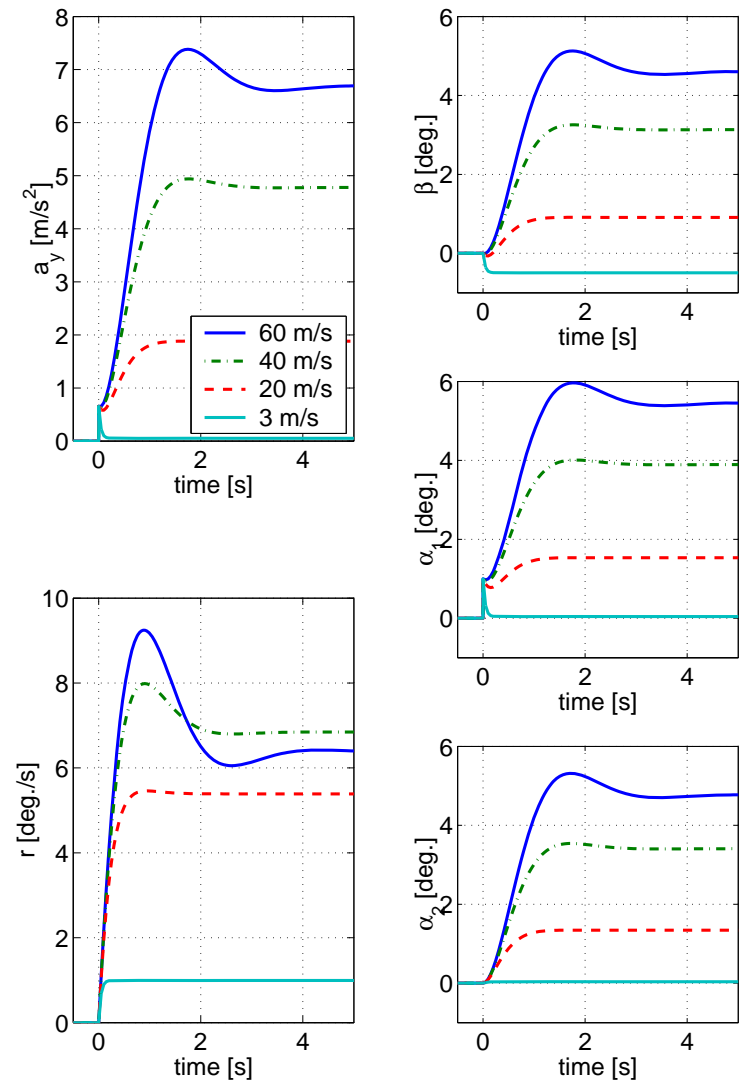
$$C_1 = C_2 = 60000 \text{ N/rad}$$

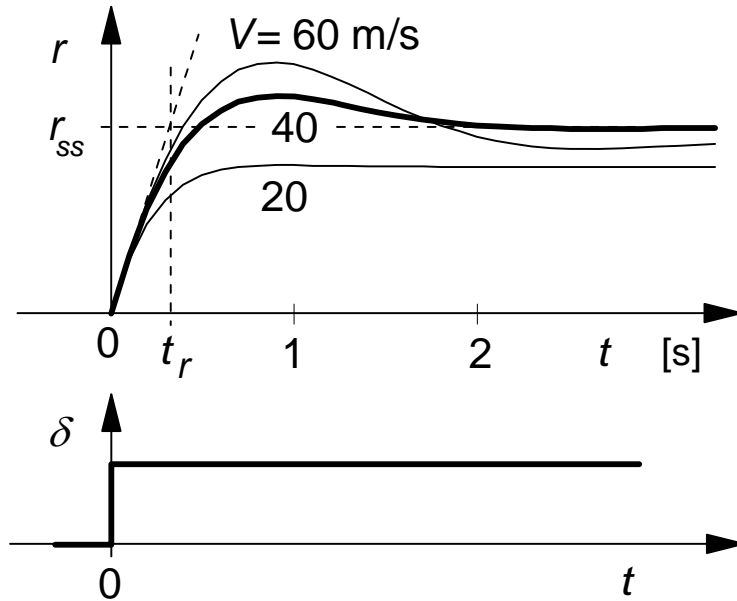
$$\Rightarrow \text{understeer coefficient } \eta = 0.0174 \text{ rad}$$

$$\text{complex eigenvalue } \lambda = a \pm ib$$

- frequency in Hz  $f = \frac{b}{2\pi}$

- damping ratio in %  $\zeta = -\frac{a}{|\lambda|} \cdot 100\%$

step response 1 deg. steer angle



yaw rate response rise time:

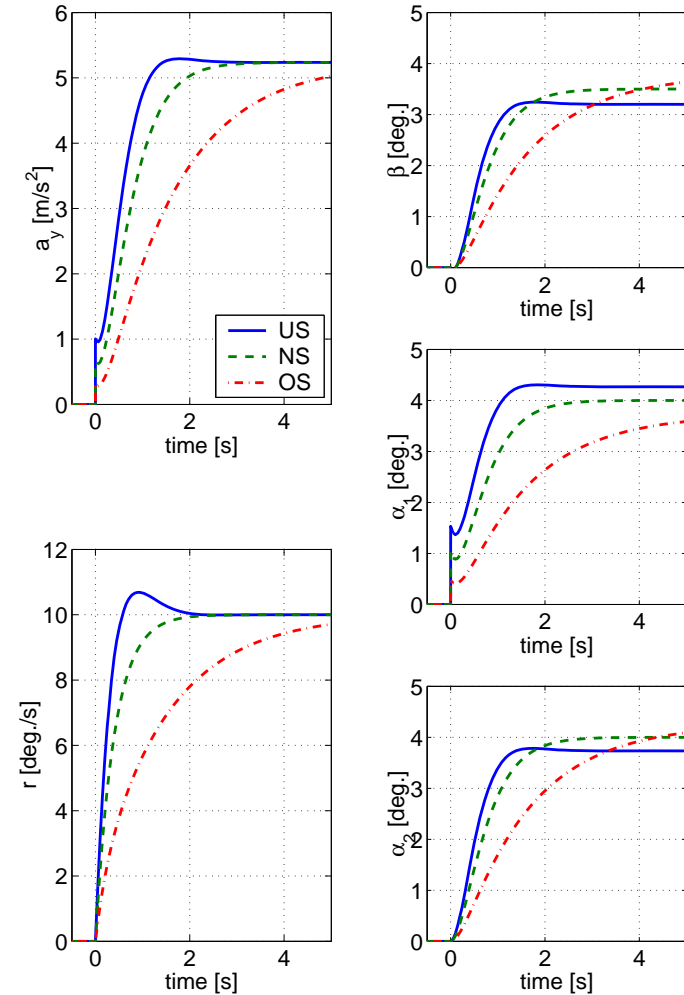
$$t_r = \frac{IV}{aC_1 l \left( 1 + \frac{\eta}{gl} V^2 \right)}$$

note:

- for understeered vehicle:  
response time  $t_r$  reaches a maximum at  $V_{char}$
- understeered vehicle has smaller response time  $t_r$  compared to oversteered vehicle

step steer response  $V=30$  m/s

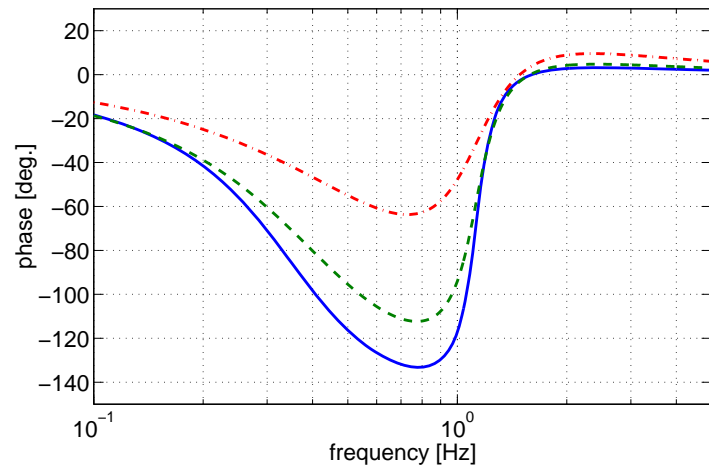
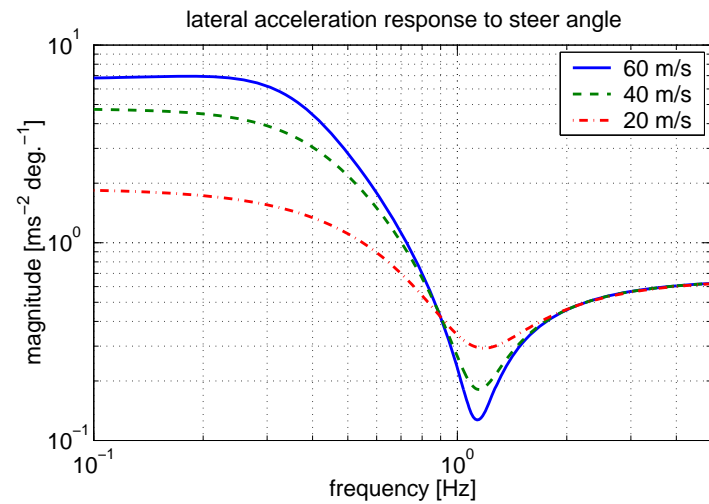
- $\delta$  adapted obtain yaw rate of 10 deg./s
- ns: neutral, os: oversteer, us: understeer



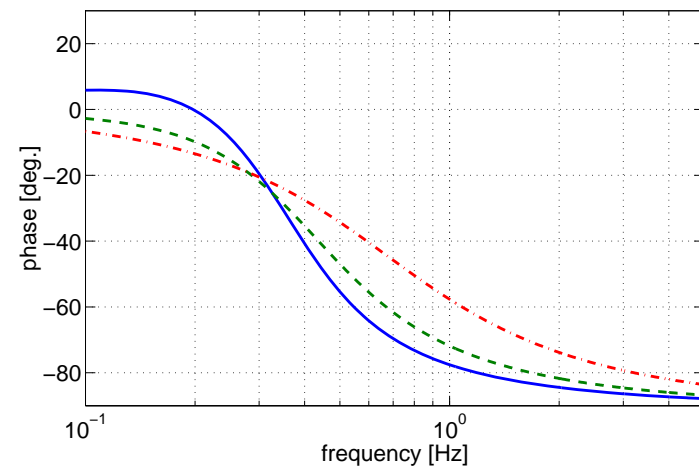
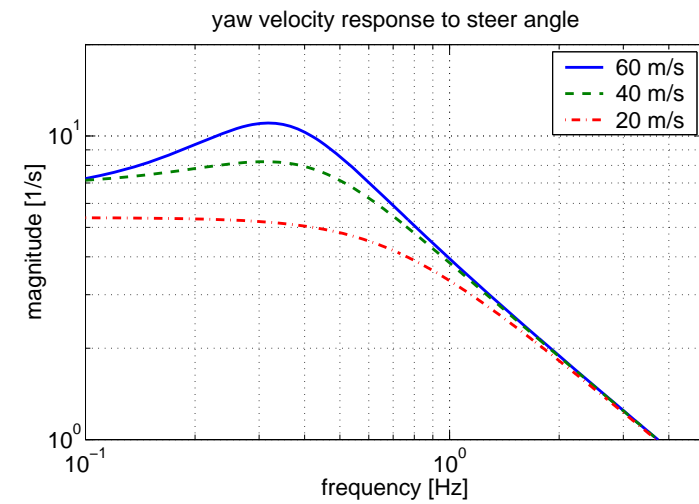


## transfer functions with respect to steer angle

- lateral acceleration  $a_y$



- yaw velocity  $r$



**Book Pacejka**

- pages 23 to 36, section 1.3.2

**Next time...**

- validation using experimental data
- model enhancements

**Validation of the single track vehicle model**

analysis of cornering behaviour using the “single track vehicle model”

- comparison with vehicle tests
- tyre relaxation effects
- extension to non-linear behaviour (handling diagram)



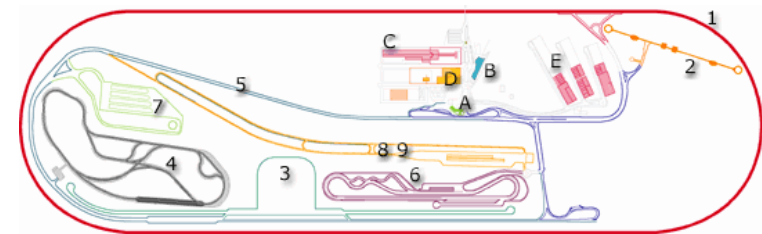
## Vehicle tests

instrumented vehicle, measurement of:

- steer angle, steer torque
- brake pedal force
- forward, lateral and yaw velocity
- longitudinal, lateral acceleration
- roll angle
- travelled distance
- ...



## test track (proving ground)



example: IDIADA, Spain

“dynamic platform” (3)

- dimensions 250x250 m
- completely level surface, gradient 0%
- marked circles (range  $R=10 - 120$  m)



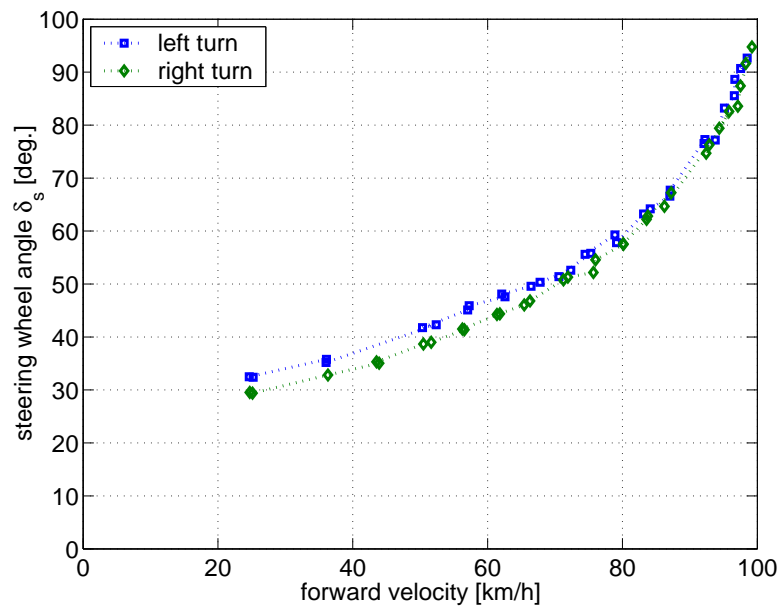
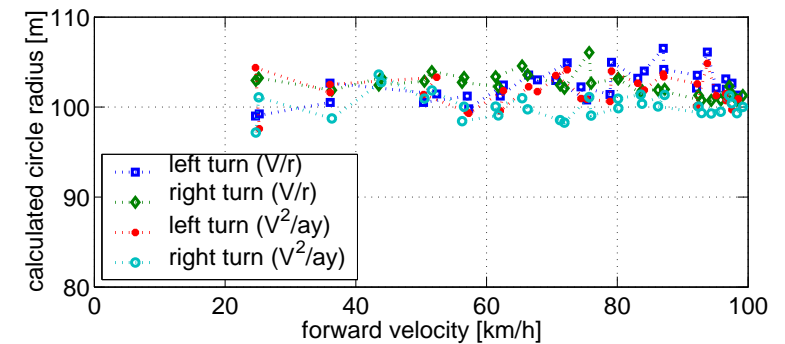
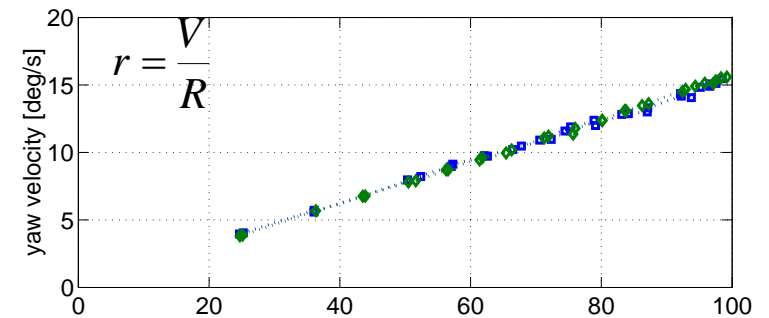
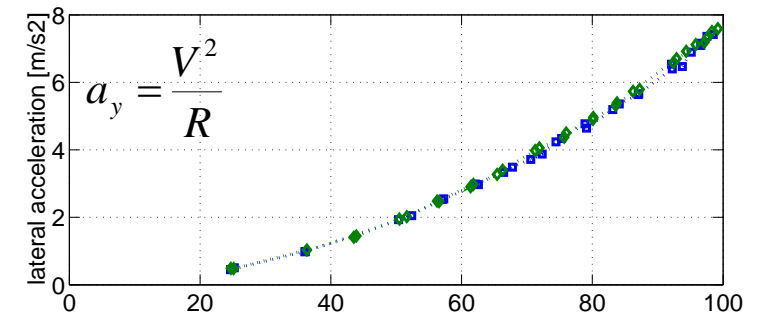
steady-state circular test

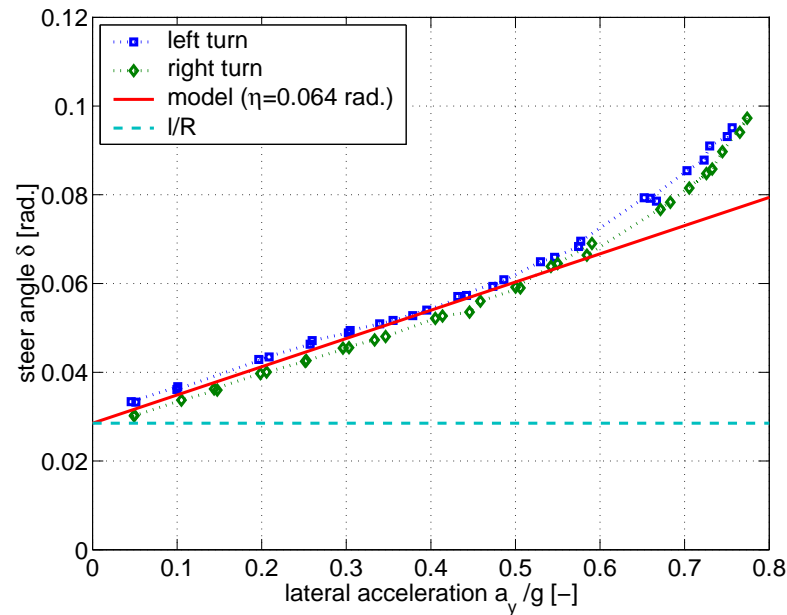
- fixed radius  $R$  (in example shown: 100 m)
- different constant forward velocities  $V$
- steering angle adjusted to maintain radius  $R$
- steady-state conditions

standardised in ISO 4138  
left and right turn

note:

data for the left hand turn is mirrored for easy comparison with the right turn (symmetry check)

checking radius  $R$ 

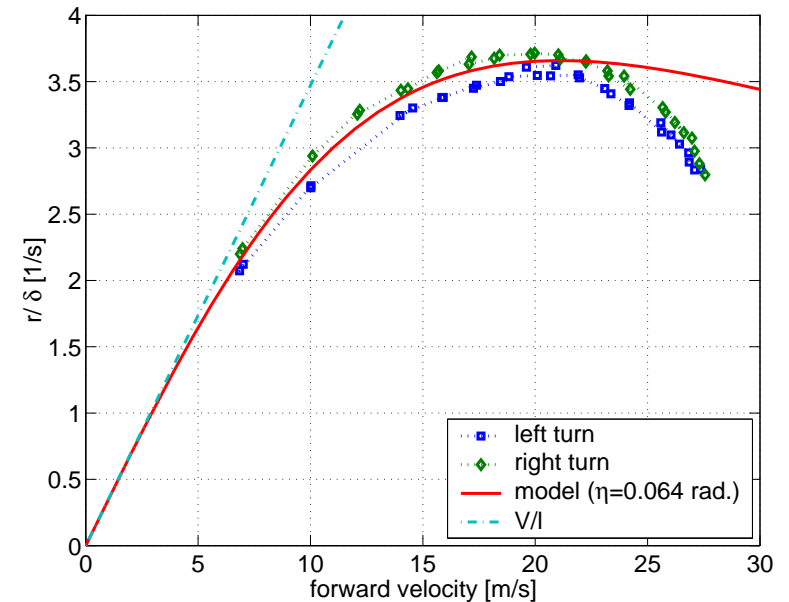
front wheel steer angle  $\delta$  vs. lateral acceleration

## conclusions:

- understeered vehicle
- linear behaviour up to 0.4 - 0.5 g, differences high higher lateral accelerations due to non-linear tyre behaviour

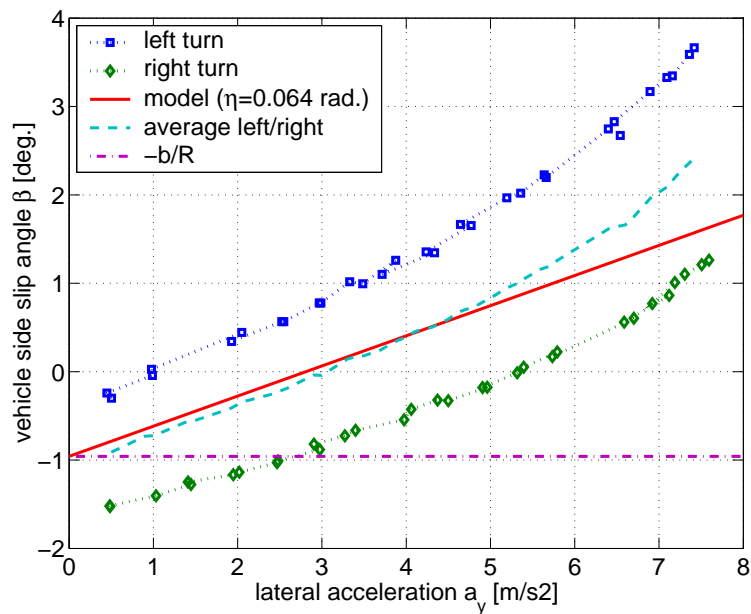
## model parameters:

- based on measurements (e.g.  $m, l, a, b$ )
- “tuned” to match tests (e.g.  $I, C_1, C_2$ )
- steering ratio  $i_s = \frac{\delta_{steering\ wheel}}{\delta_{front\ wheel}}$  (typically 15 to 20)

steady state yaw velocity gain  $\frac{r}{\delta}$ 

## confirms understeer behaviour

- $V_{char} \approx 20$  m/s (=72 km/h)
- deviation gets bigger for higher forward velocities (in this test:  $20$  m/s  $\Rightarrow a_y \approx 4$  m/s<sup>2</sup>)

vehicle side slip angle  $\beta$ 

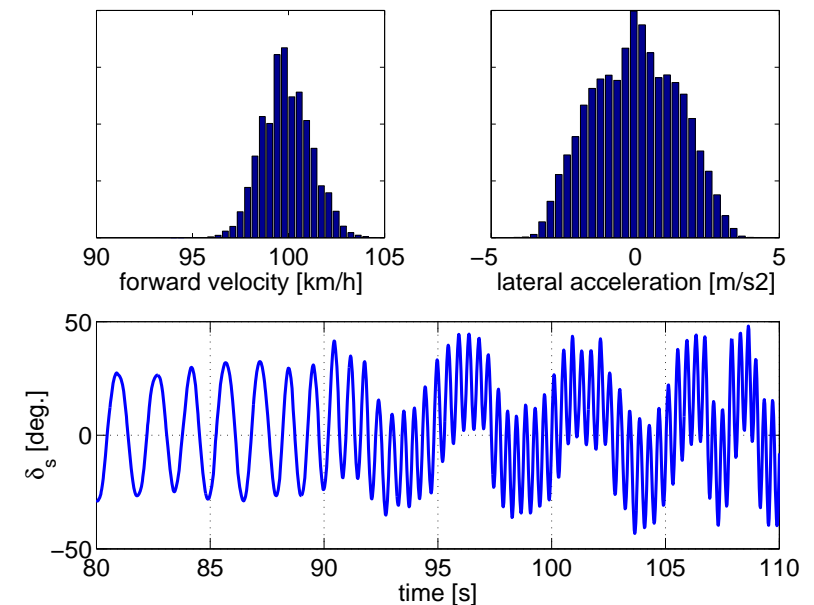
note:

- up to  $4\text{--}5 \text{ m/s}^2$  response fairly linear
- deviation gets bigger for higher lateral acceleration levels
- relatively big difference between left and right turn. cause???

random steering input test

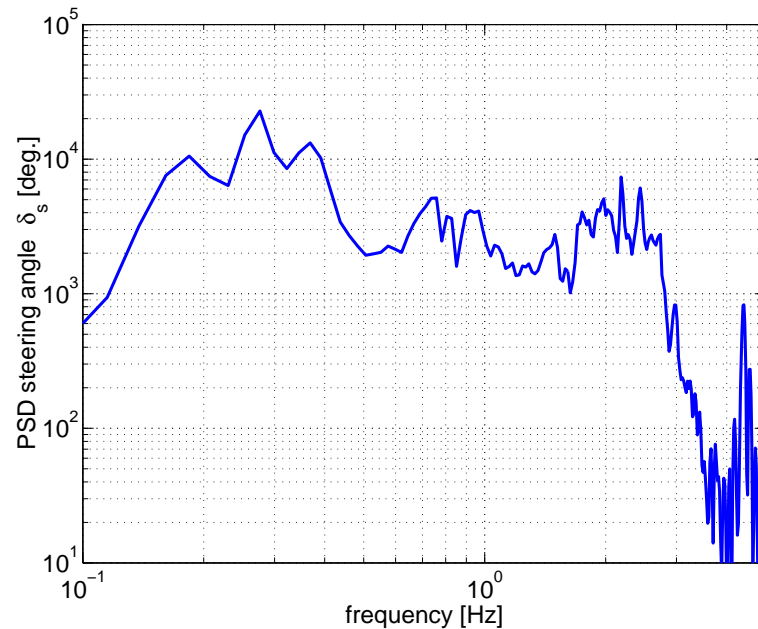
- constant forward velocity
- “pseudo” random steer input:
  - experienced test driver
  - steering robot
- accelerations within “linear” range ( $< 4 \text{ m/s}^2$ )
- measured in sequences (total time:  $> 15 \text{ min.}$ )

standardised in ISO 7401 and ISO/TR 8726





## power spectral density of the steering input



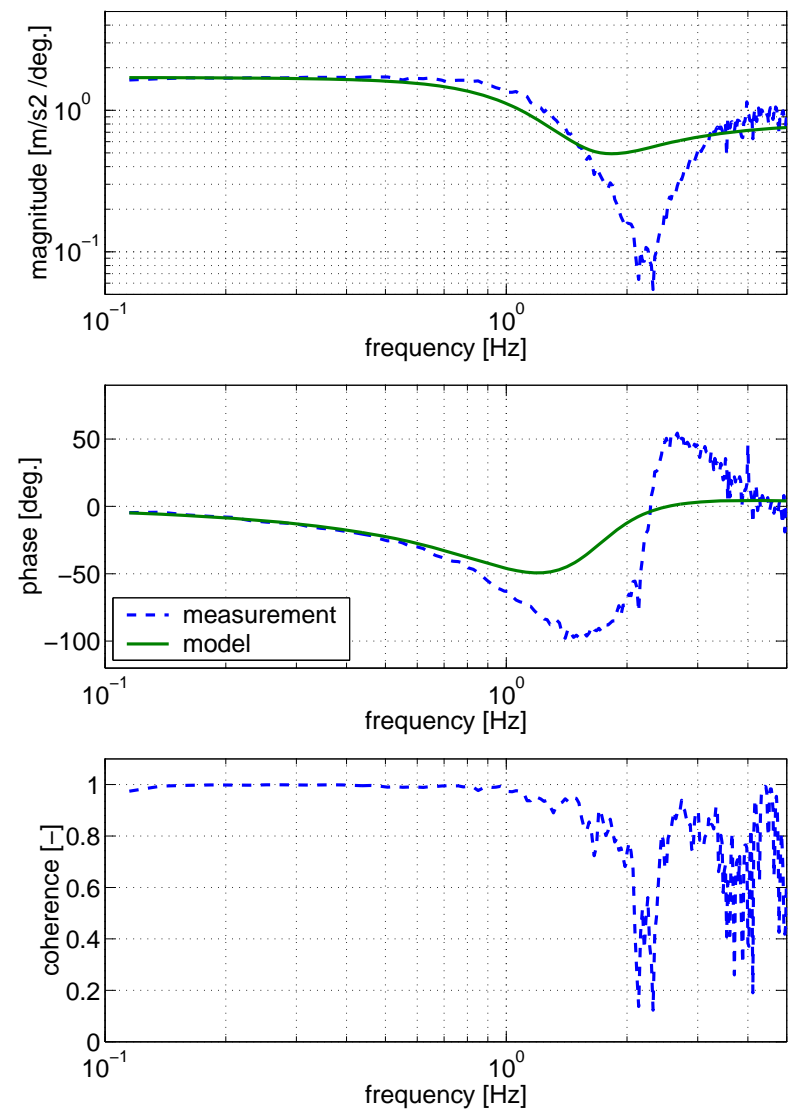
aim of the test: determination of transfer functions

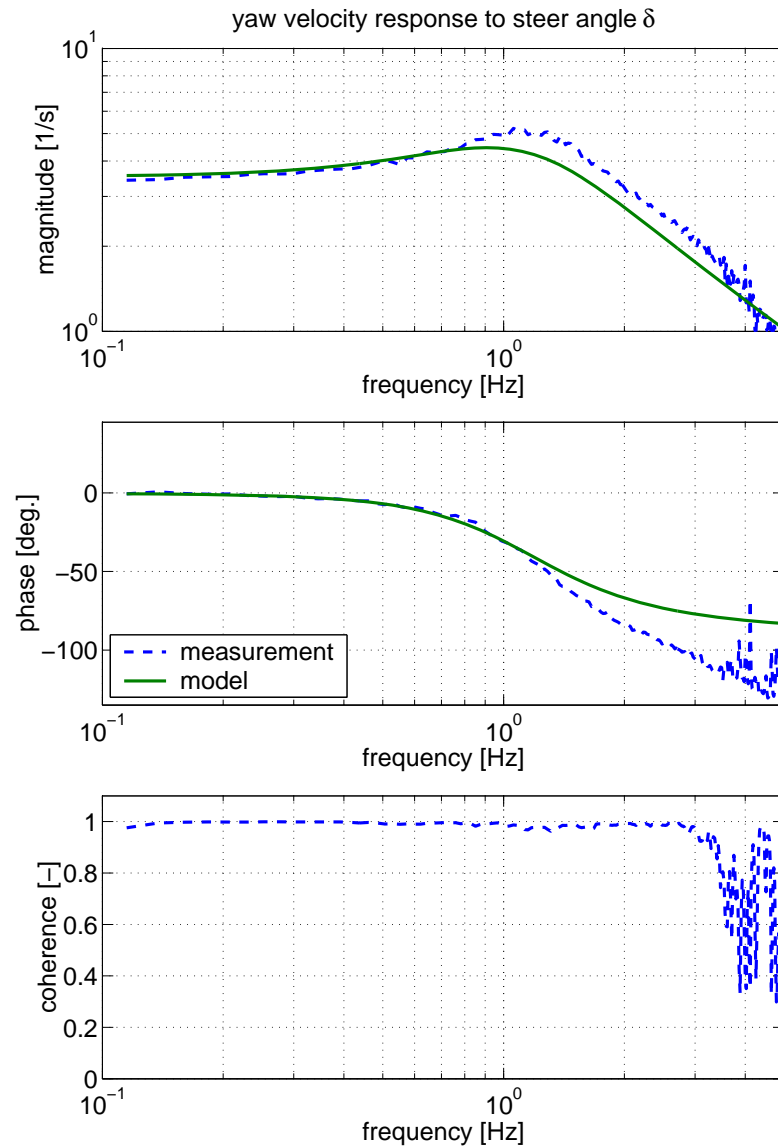
model comparison with single track model

note

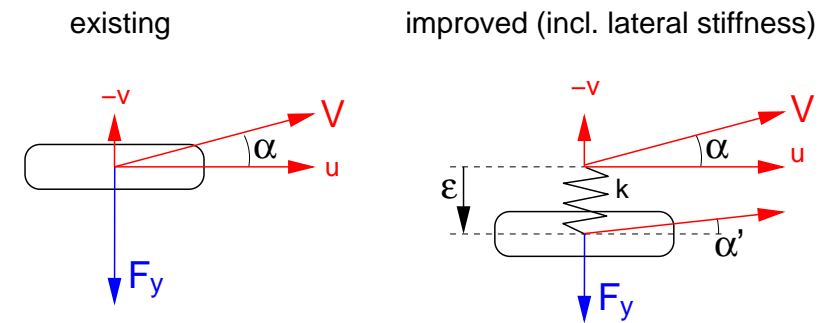
- vehicle model still very simple: does not include e.g. body roll, which is an important source of differences in lateral acceleration
- vehicle model uses constant forward velocity of 100 km/h

## lateral acceleration response to steer angle $\delta$





## Tyre relaxation effects



- existing tyre model:

$$F_y = C\alpha \quad \text{side slip angle } \alpha = -\frac{v}{u}$$

- dynamic tyre model

$$F_y = C\alpha' = k\epsilon \Rightarrow C\dot{\alpha}' = k\dot{\epsilon}$$

$$\text{dynamic side slip angle } \alpha' = -\frac{v + \dot{\epsilon}}{u}$$

$$\frac{C}{k} \frac{1}{u} \dot{\alpha}' + \alpha' = -\frac{v}{u} = \alpha$$

introducing the relaxation length  $\sigma (= C/k)$  and  $V \approx u$

$$\frac{\sigma}{V} \dot{\alpha}' + \alpha' = \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad F_y = C\alpha'$$



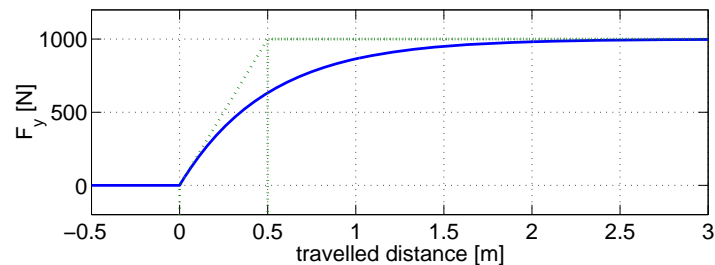
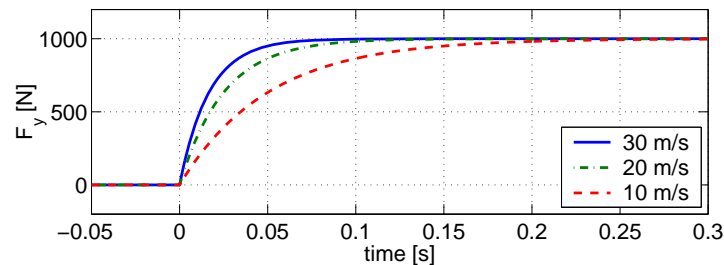
first order dynamics between lateral force and side slip angle input, transfer function:

$$H_{F_y, \alpha}(s) = \frac{C}{\frac{\sigma}{V}s + 1} \quad \text{time constant: } \frac{\sigma}{V}$$

relaxation length  $\sigma$  does not depend on forward velocity  $V$ :

- response time reduces when increasing  $V$
- travelled distance required to build up the lateral force remains the same

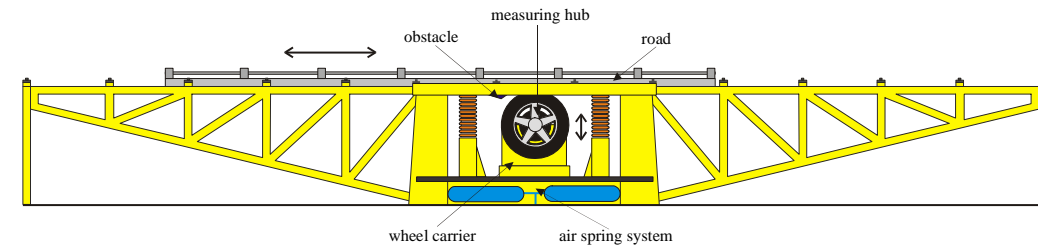
step response ( $\alpha=1$  deg,  $C=1$  kN/deg,  $\sigma=0.5$  m)



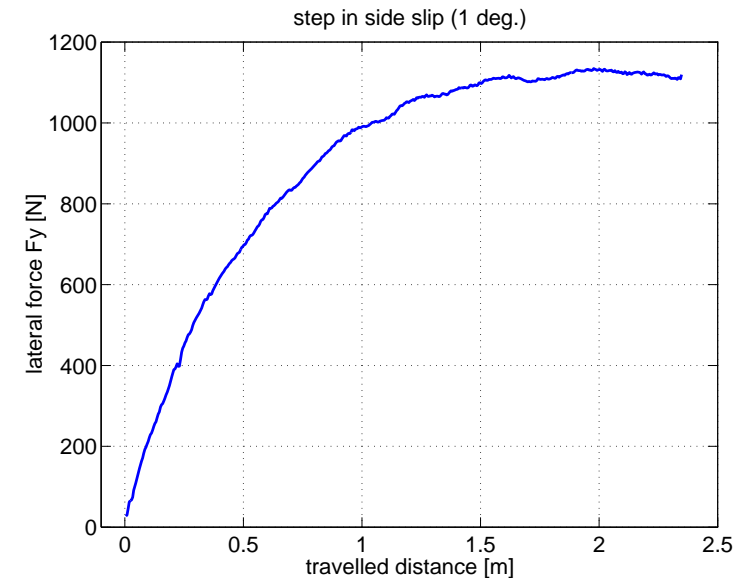
## tyre relaxation length measurement

flat plank tyre tester

- fixed steering angle (e.g. 1 deg.)
- velocity 0.05 m/s



## experiment



vehicle model including relaxation effects  
equations of motion:

$$m(\dot{v} + ur) = C_1 \alpha'_1 + C_2 \alpha'_2$$

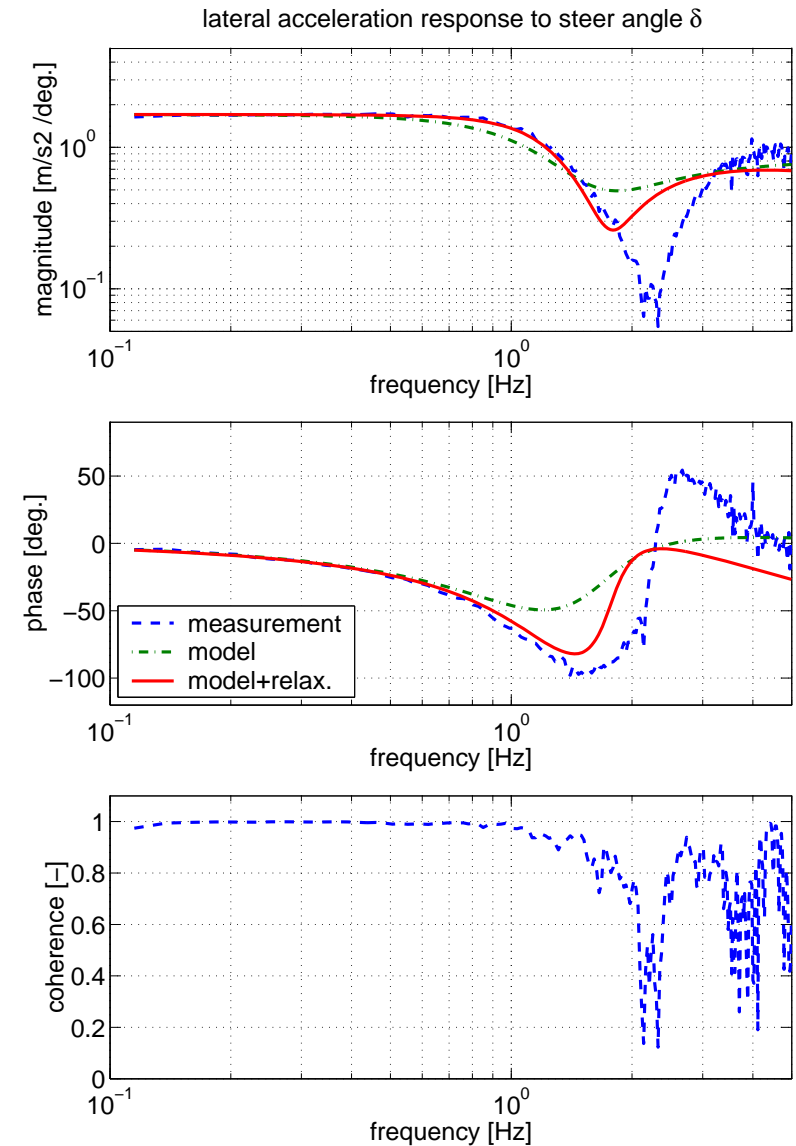
$$I\dot{r} = aC_1 \alpha'_1 - bC_2 \alpha'_2$$

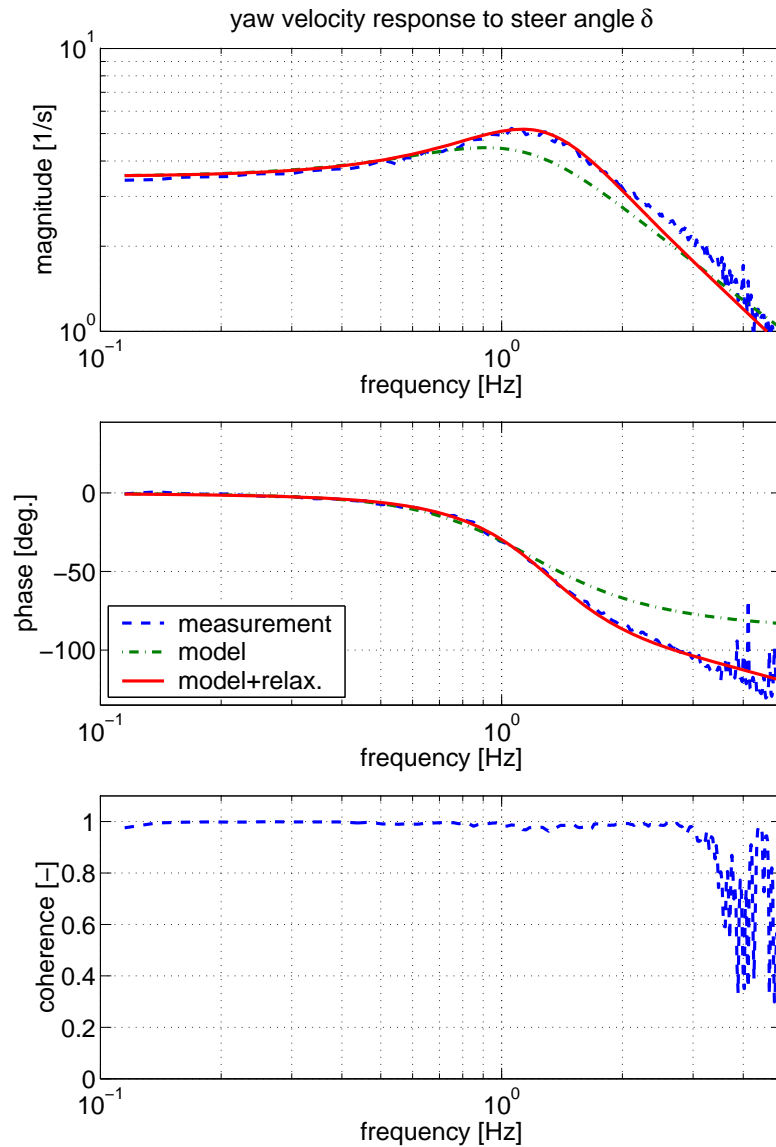
$$\alpha_1 = \delta - \frac{1}{u}(v + ar) \quad \alpha_2 = -\frac{1}{u}(v - br)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_1}{u} \dot{\alpha}'_1 + \alpha'_1 = \alpha_1 \quad \frac{\sigma_2}{u} \dot{\alpha}'_2 + \alpha'_2 = \alpha_2$$

parameters:

- $m=1971.8$  kg
- $l=2.88$  m
- $a=1.1907$  m (based on vehicle weight distr.)
- $b=l-a=1.6893$  m
- $I=3550$  kgm<sup>2</sup>
- $C_1=93000$  N/rad ( $\approx 1600$  N/deg)
- $C_2=137000$  N/rad ( $\approx 2400$  N/deg)
- $\sigma_1=0.57$  m
- $\sigma_2=0.97$  m
- $i_s=17.0$





### Handling diagram

non-linear, steady state behaviour for large values of lateral acceleration  $a_y$

the following relations have been derived (page 88):

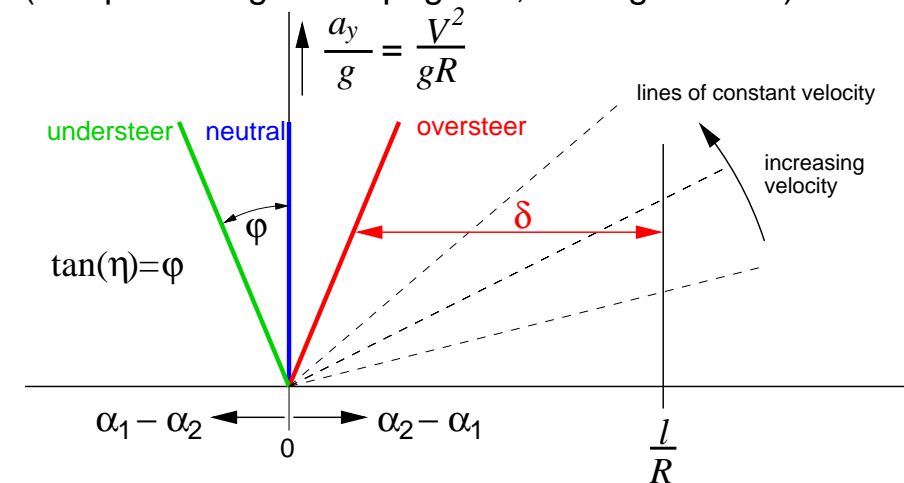
$$\frac{l}{R} = \delta - \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \quad (\text{based on geometry})$$

$$\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 = \frac{a_y}{g} \eta \quad (\text{understeer coefficient } \eta)$$

$$\text{so: } \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 = \frac{a_y}{g} \eta = \delta - \frac{l}{R}$$

different graphical representation:

(compare to figure on page 89, 90 deg. rotated)



equilibrium:

$$F_{y1} + F_{y2} = ma_y \quad (\text{lateral})$$

$$F_{y1}a = F_{y2}b \quad (\text{yaw})$$

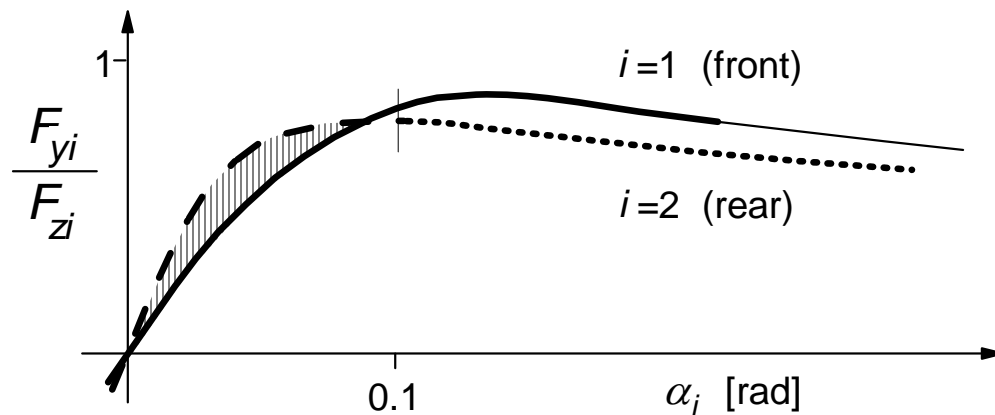
$$F_{z1}a = F_{z2}b \quad (\text{pitch})$$

then

$$\frac{a_y}{g} = \frac{F_{y1} + F_{y2}}{mg} = \frac{F_{y1} + F_{y2}}{F_{z1} + F_{z2}} = \frac{F_{y1}}{F_{z1}} = \frac{F_{y2}}{F_{z2}}$$

lateral tyre force  $F_y$  is a non-linear function of the side slip angle  $\alpha$

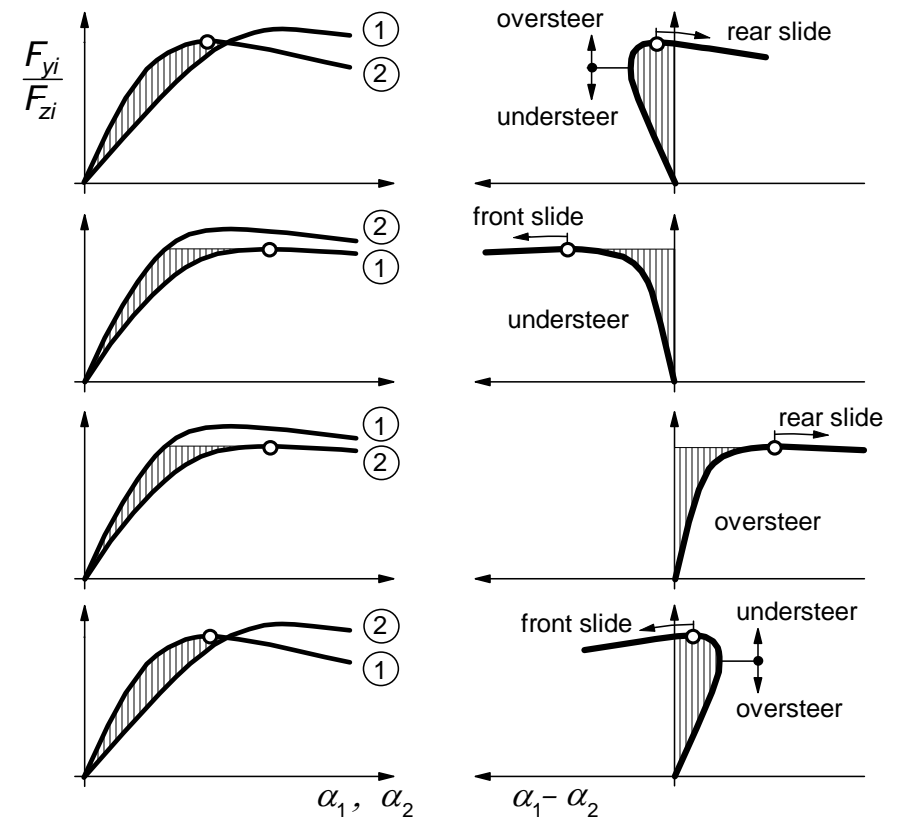
normalised tyre characteristics



by subtracting the characteristics horizontally the handling diagram can be obtained!

essentially 4 possibilities exist:

(note: 1=front tyre, 2=rear tyre)



definition of oversteer/understeer is revised:

- understeer if:  $\left(\frac{\partial \delta}{\partial V}\right)_R > 0$
- oversteer if:  $\left(\frac{\partial \delta}{\partial V}\right)_R < 0$

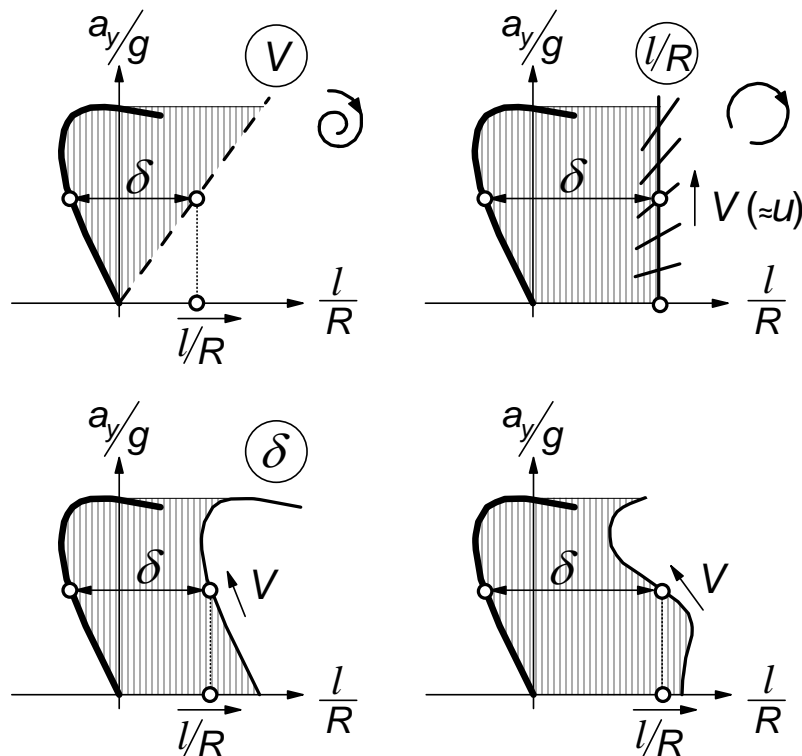
## interpretation of the handling diagram

different types of steady state manoeuvres:

- constant velocity  $V$ , increasing steering  $\delta$
- constant radius  $R$ , increasing velocity  $V$
- constant steering angle  $\delta$ , increasing  $V$
- increasing  $V$ ,  $\delta$  and  $R$  not fixed

note: steady-state, so either:

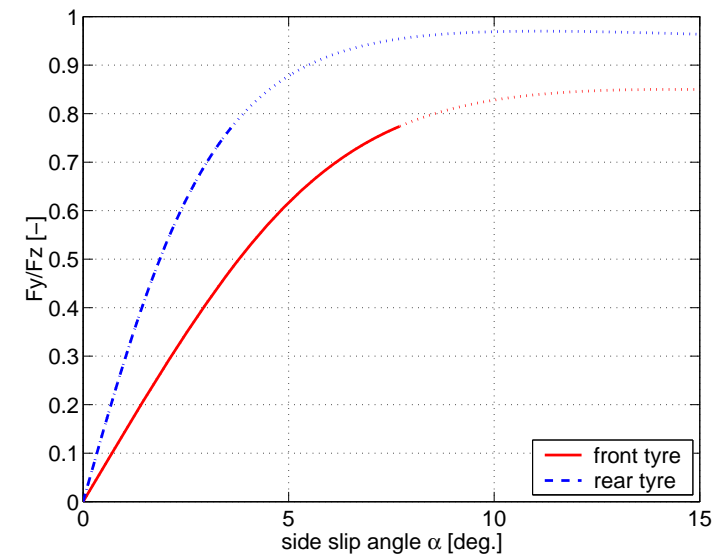
- very slow changes of  $V$ ,  $\delta$
- separate tests



## cross-check with vehicle tests

estimate for normalised tyre characteristics

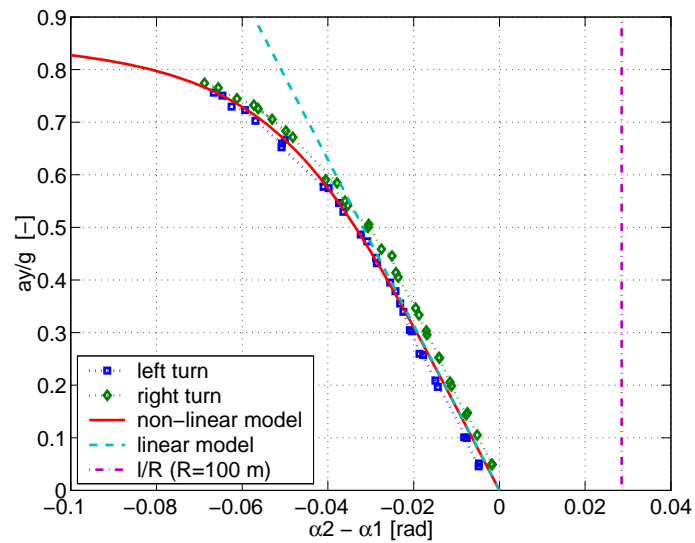
- linear part: already known
- non-linear part: chosen to get a good math with vehicle tests
- dotted part: not encountered during tests, educated guess...



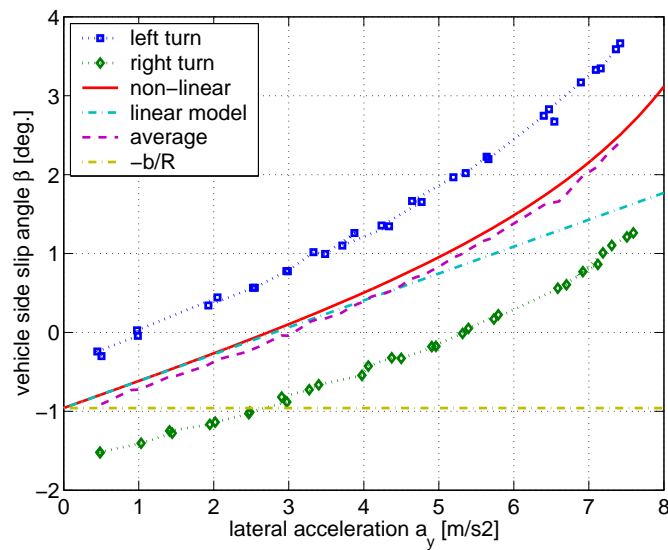
note:

simplified discussion: “tyre” includes effects of the suspension design: although front and rear tyres may be same, the normalised front and rear tyre characteristics will be different.

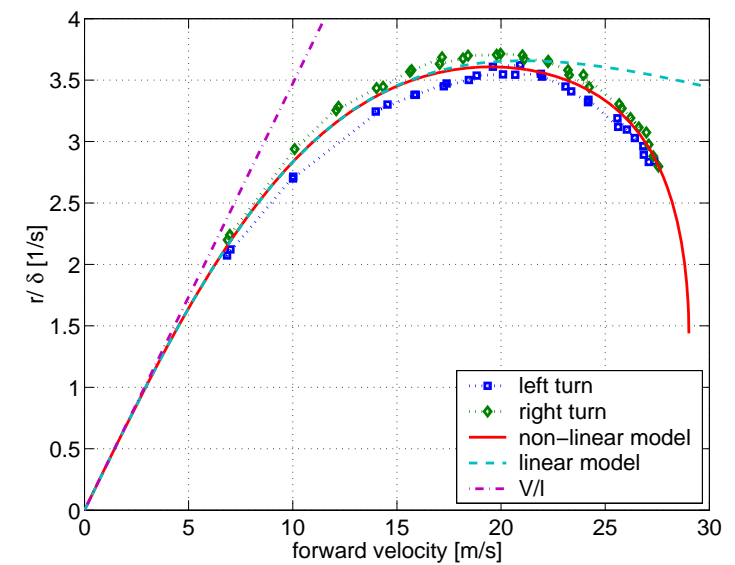
- handling diagram



- vehicle side slip angle



- yaw velocity gain

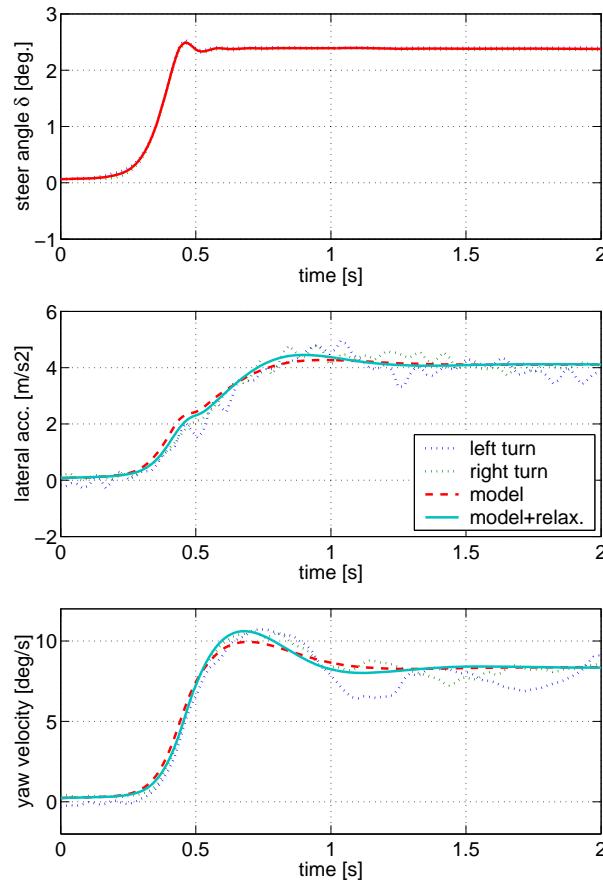


additional validation of the vehicle model:

- J-turn
- severe lane change

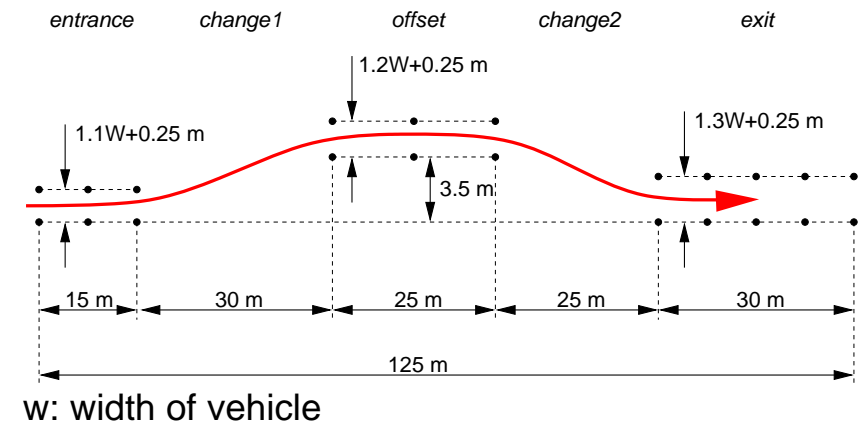
### lateral transient response or “J-turn”

- constant forward velocity (example 100 km/h)
- “step” steer input
- standardised in ISO 7401



### severe lane change test

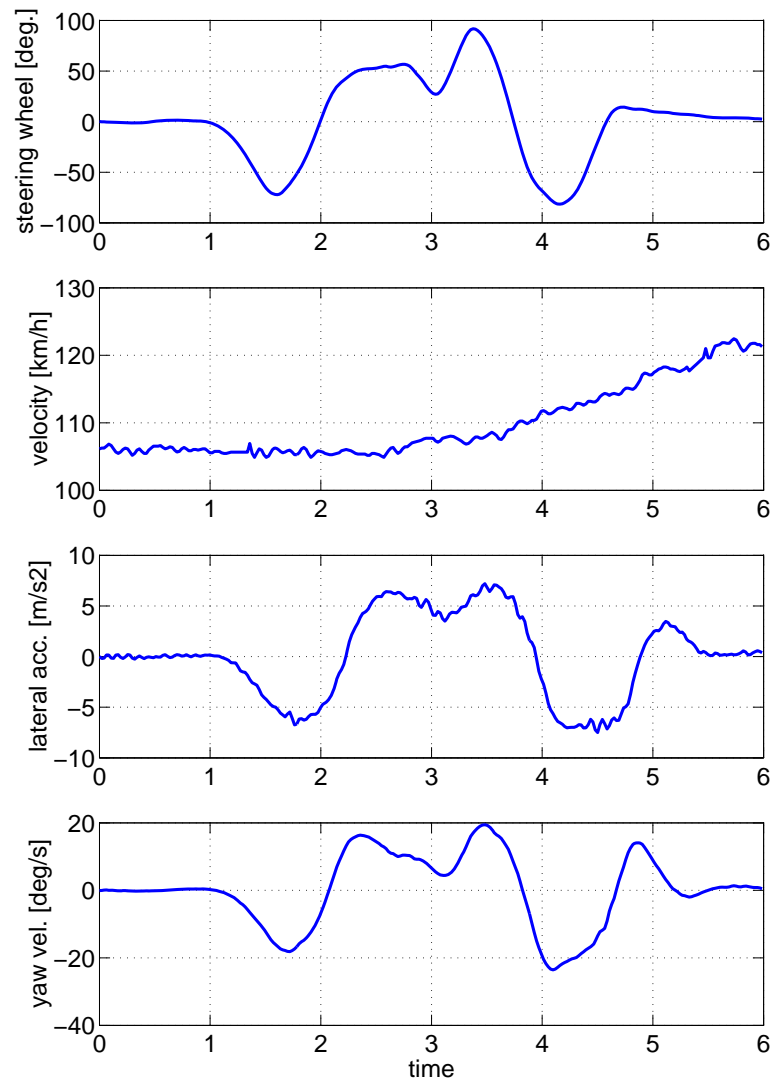
- obstacle avoidance
- find maximum velocity where test driver is capable to complete the course, without touching the cones
- high lateral accelerations, limit handling
- standardised in ISO/TR 3888



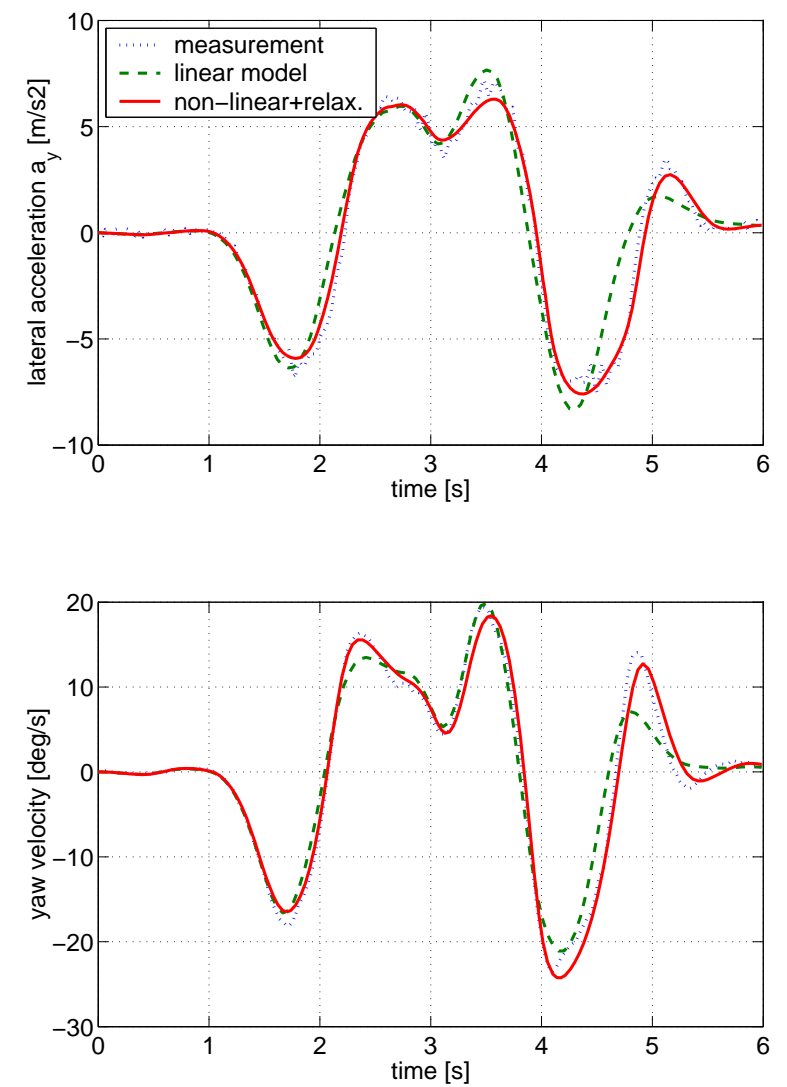
### simulation model:

- use measured steering angle and vehicle forward velocity as input
- model parameters from steady state circular test and random steer (no additional tuning)
- compare against measurements:
  - linear model without relaxation effects
  - model with non-linear tyres and relaxation

## test results...



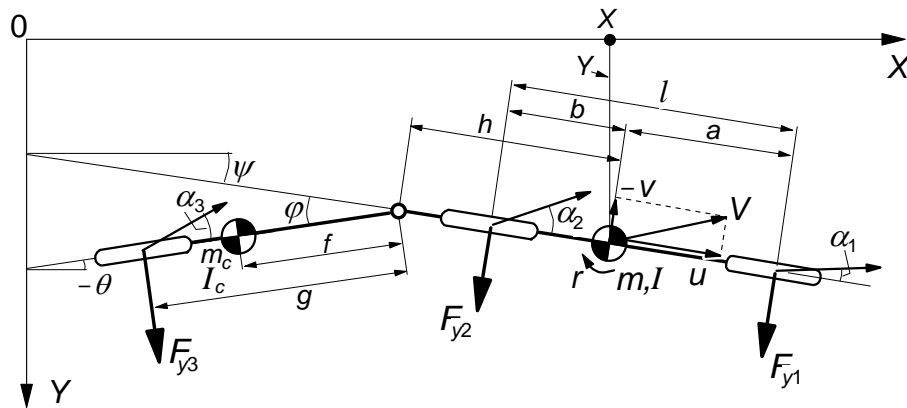
## comparison with simulation model



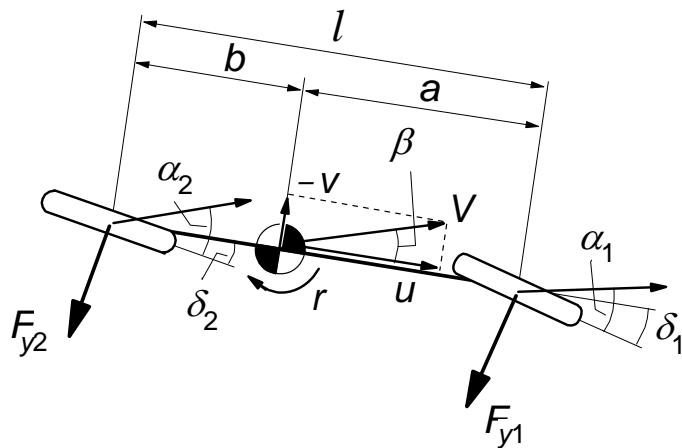


## applications...

- car-trailer combination stability



- four wheel steering



## Book Pacejka

- pages 37 to 40, chapter 8.1

## Next time...

- tyre slip definitions
- tyre force and moment testing

## Assessment of tyre characteristics

rolling tyre

- input quantities (e.g. slip, inclination angle,...)
- forces and moments

overview of results obtained from experiments

*“...meten is weten!”*



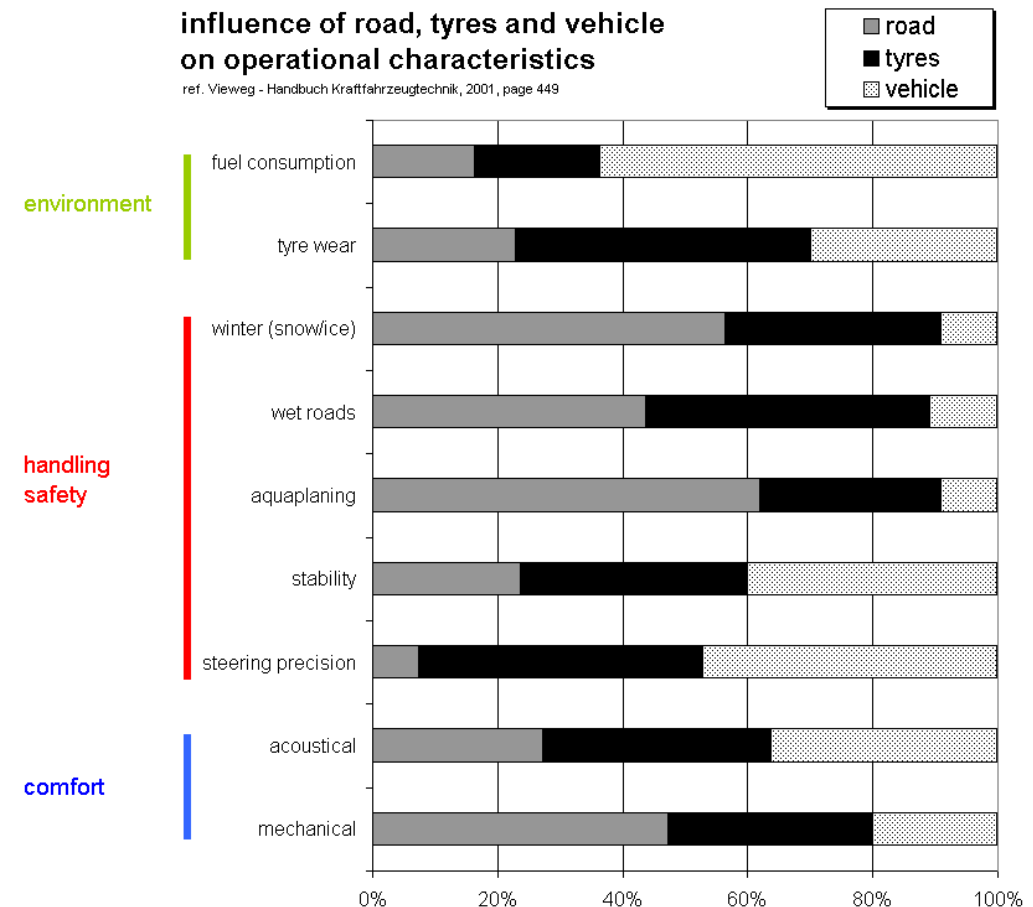
## Tyres...

- connection between vehicle and road
- large forces are transmitted through a relatively small contact area

affects many different aspects of the vehicle behaviour

### influence of road, tyres and vehicle on operational characteristics

ref. Vieweg - Handbuch Kraftfahrzeugtechnik, 2001, page 449



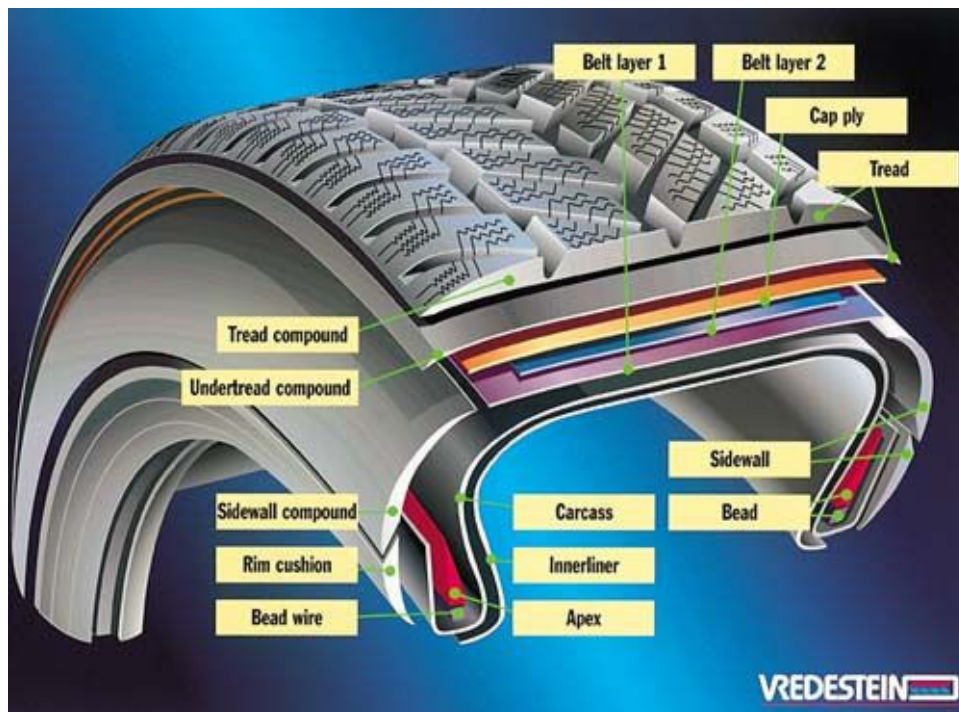
## tyre construction

two carcass construction principles

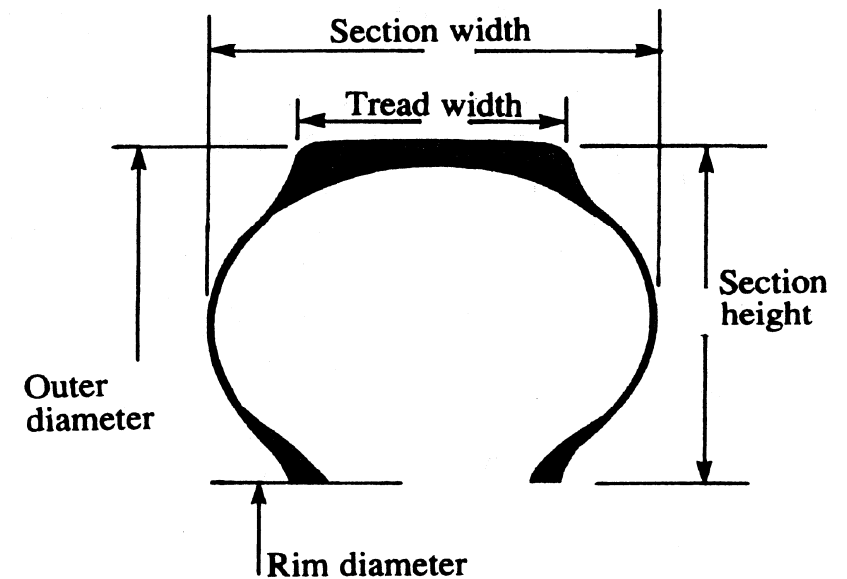
- bias ply tyre (cross ply tyre)
- radial tyre

passenger car tyres and truck tyres will (nearly) always have a radial construction.

bias ply tyres are still used for high loading/low speed applications.



## tyre dimensions



identification code: 185/65R14 86H

- section width: 185 mm
- aspect ratio: 65%  
(aspect ratio = section height / width \* 100%)
- R = radial construction
- rim diameter: 14 inch
- load index: 86 (530 kg)
- speed symbol: H (210 km/h)

## Force and Moment testing

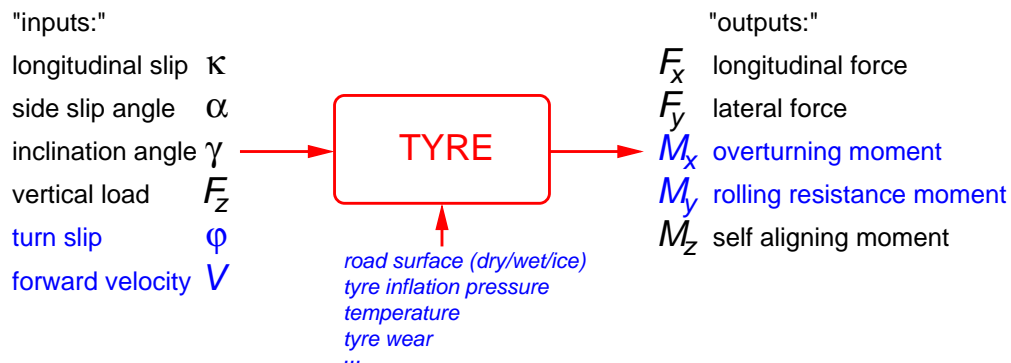
aim: determination of the forces and moments generated by the rolling tyre under various slip conditions

example results:

- cornering stiffness  $C_{F\alpha}$
- full non-linear behaviour  $F_y = f(\alpha, F_z, \dots)$

note: *steady state conditions, no dynamics!*  
(e.g. relaxation behaviour)

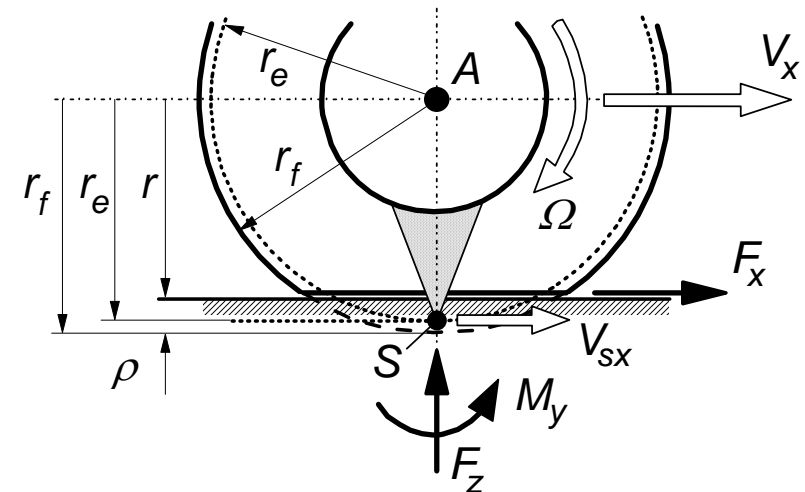
representation of the tyre:



we will focus on the relations between the inputs  $\kappa, \alpha, \gamma, F_z$  and outputs  $F_x, F_y, M_z$ .

## input/output definitions

in-plane behaviour



nomenclature:

- free tyre radius  $r_f$
- effective rolling radius  $r_e$
- loaded radius  $r$ , tyre deflection  $\rho$
- forward velocity  $V_x$
- wheel angular velocity  $\Omega$
- longitudinal slip speed  $V_{sx}$
- longitudinal force  $F_x$
- vertical force  $F_z$
- rolling resistance moment  $M_y$

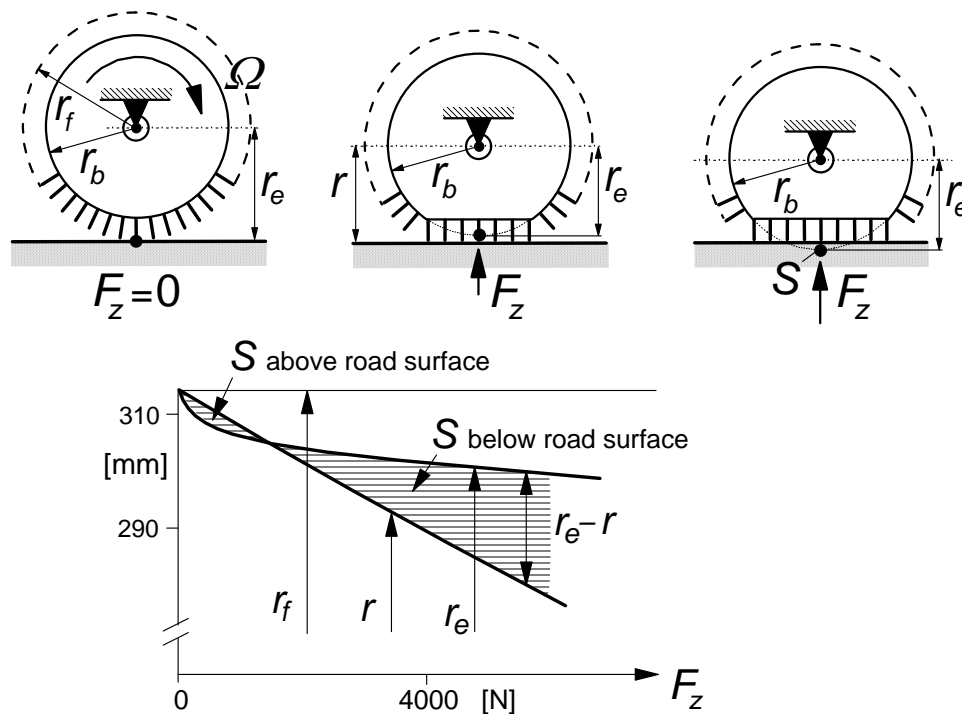
"S" is the pole of the free rolling tyre

the effective rolling radius relates the angular velocity  $\Omega$  with the forward velocity  $V_x$  for a freely rolling wheel (no braking/no side slip).

$$r_e = \frac{V_x}{\Omega}$$

the effective rolling radius:

- depends on the vertical load  $F_z$
- determines the location of point  $S$



longitudinal slip or slip ratio  $\kappa$ :

$$\kappa = -\frac{V_{sx}}{V_x} = -\frac{V_x - \Omega r_e}{V_x}$$

so by definition:

- for a freely rolling wheel:  $\kappa = 0$
- for a fully locked wheel:  $\kappa = -1$

note:

- sometimes  $\kappa$  is expressed as a percentage (-100% fully locked wheel)
- in the available literature sometimes a different definition for the driving side ( $\kappa > 0$ ) may be found
- how to handle vehicle standing still? ( $V_x = 0$ )

for small values of longitudinal slip the tyre behaviour is linear:

$$F_x = C_{F\kappa} \kappa$$

where  $C_{F\kappa}$  is the longitudinal slip stiffness

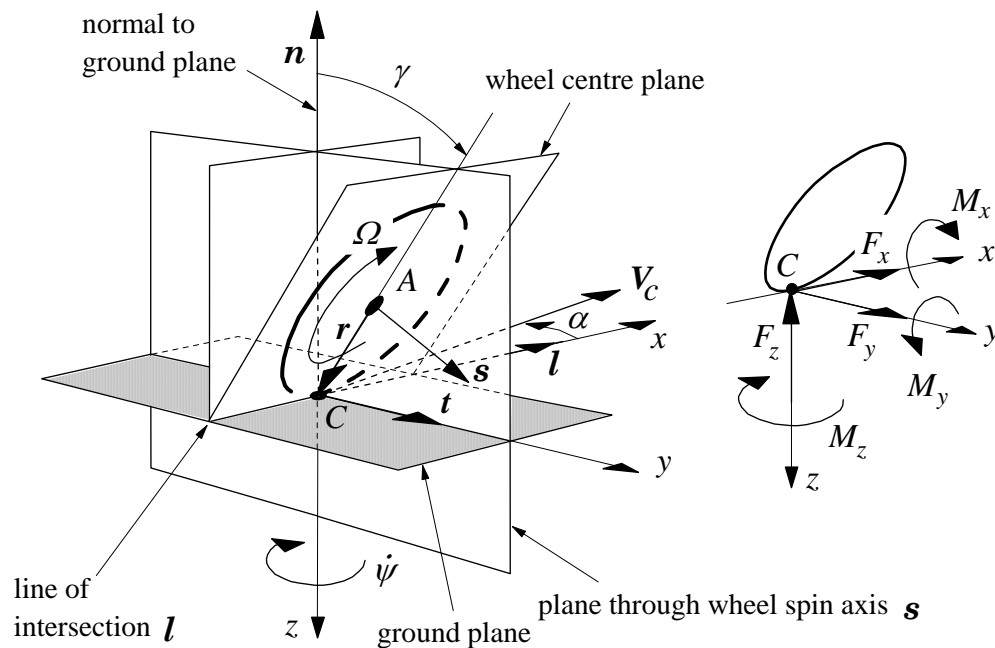
## out-of-plane behaviour

wheel+tyre considered as a disk

definition of the contact centre C:  
point of intersection of three planes

- ground plane
- wheel centre plane (through plane of symmetry of the tyre)
- plane through wheel spin axis and normal to the road

distance A to C equals the loaded radius



side slip angle (or drift angle)  $\alpha$ :

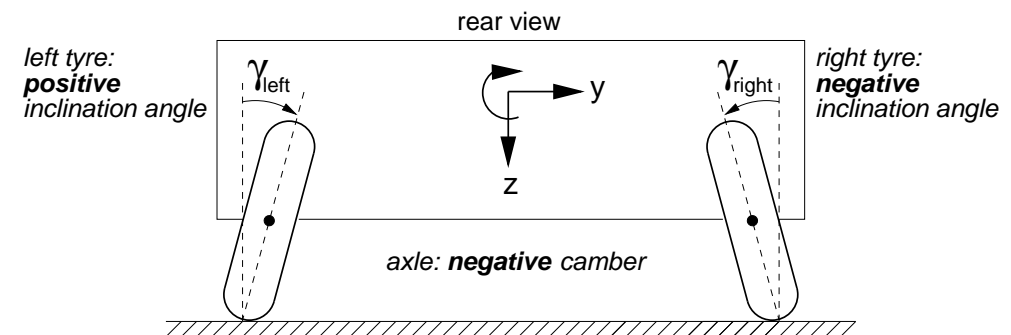
$$\tan \alpha = -\frac{V_{cy}}{V_x}$$

where  $V_{cy}$  is the lateral component of the velocity in point C.

the inclination angle (or camber angle)  $\gamma$  is the angle between the normal to road and wheel centre plane

notes:

- as pointed out in the book of Pacejka slightly different definitions may be used for  $\alpha$ , but on a level road without rapid inclination angle changes the differences are negligible
- strictly speaking camber is only defined in the context of an axle, but is often (ab)used to define the inclination angle of a tyre...



nomenclature of the forces/moments:

- $F_y$  : lateral force (side force)
- $M_x$  : overturning moment
- $M_z$  : self aligning moment/torque

linear tyre behaviour, steady state:  
(small values of side slip and camber)

$$F_y = C_{F\alpha}\alpha + C_{F\gamma}\gamma$$

$$M_z = -C_{M\alpha}\alpha + C_{M\gamma}\gamma$$

where

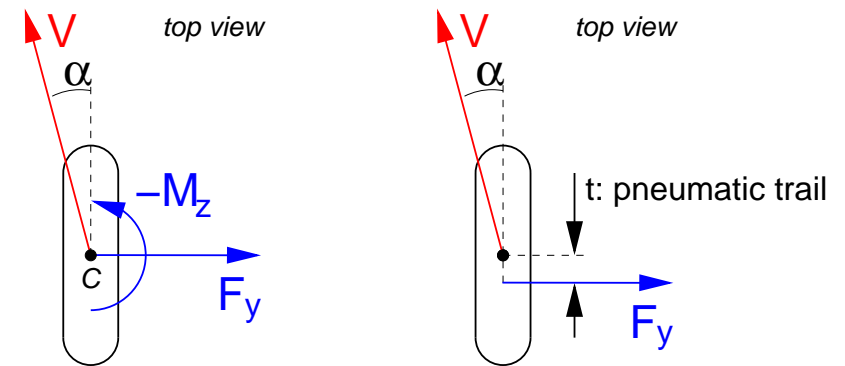
- $C_{F\alpha}$  : cornering stiffness
- $C_{M\alpha}$  : self aligning stiffness
- $C_{F\gamma}$  : camber stiffness
- $C_{M\gamma}$  : camber torque stiffness

for a “normal” tyre all these stiffnesses are positive!

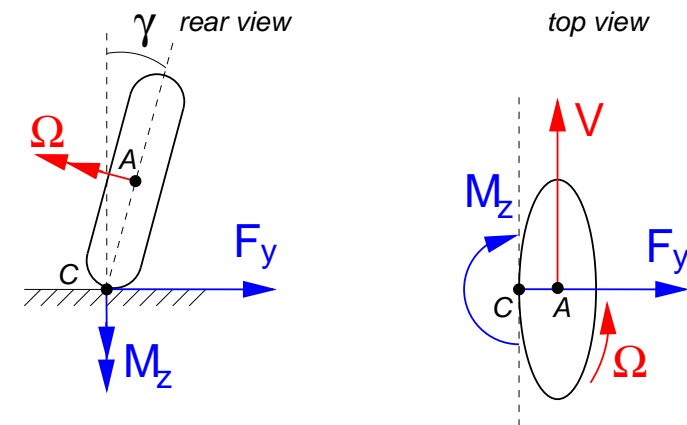
pneumatic trail:  $t = -\frac{M_z}{F_y}$

or in the linear case (and  $\gamma = 0$ ):  $t = \frac{C_{M\alpha}}{C_{F\alpha}}$

## side slip



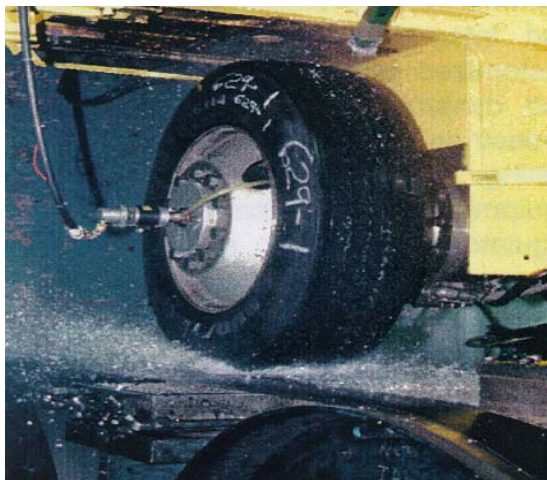
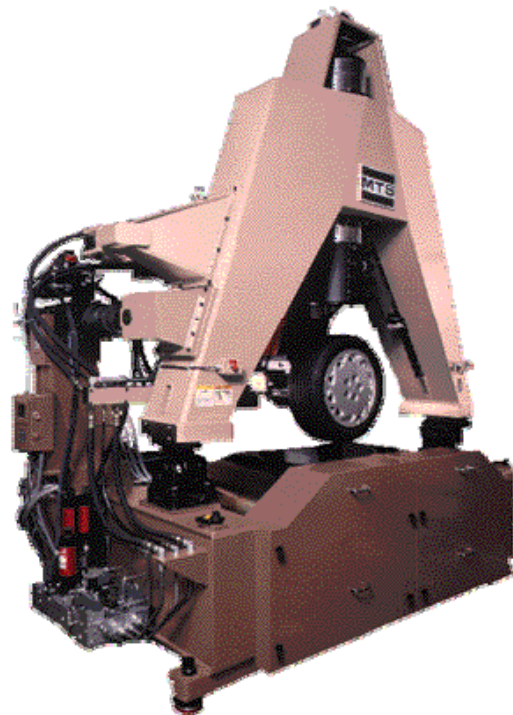
## inclination angle (camber)





test facilities for force and moment testing:

- flat track machine
- drum
- tyre test trailer



traditional test programme:

- vary  $\alpha$  or  $\kappa$  and fix the remaining inputs

example of a test programme:

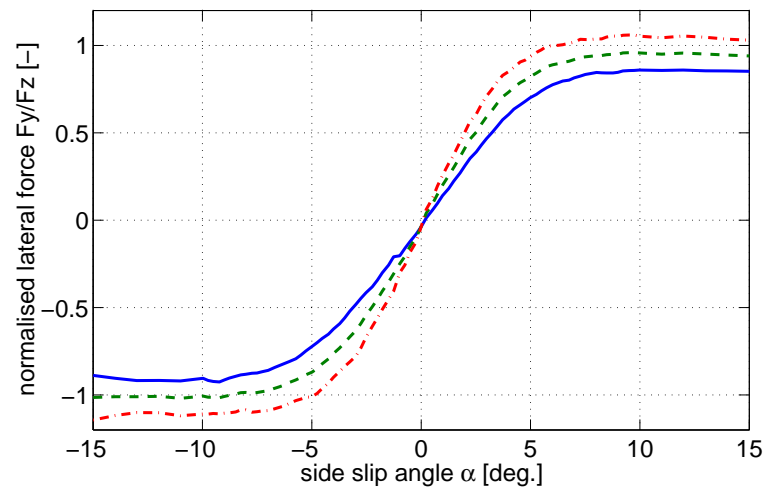
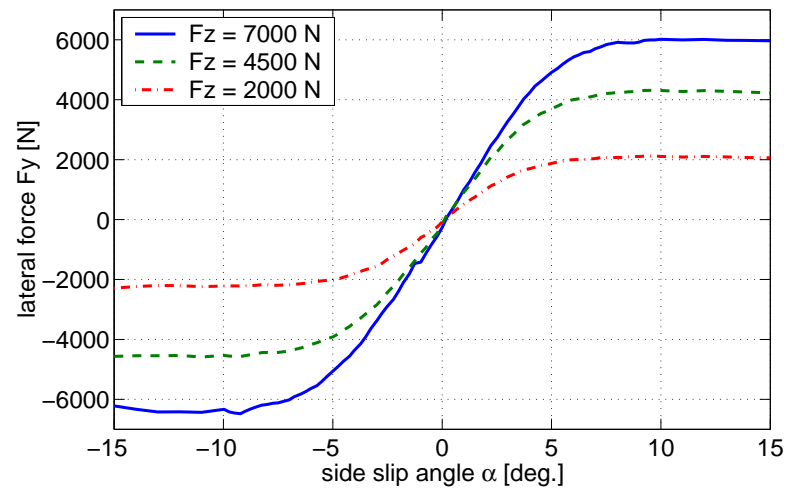
	alpha [deg.]	inclination [deg.]	Fz [kN]
"pure" slip characteristics			
alpha sweep	sweep	-5/0/5	2.0/4.5/7.0
kappa sweep	0	-5/0/5	2.0/4.5/7.0
"combined" slip characteristics			
kappa sweep	-9/-5/-2/2	0	2.0/4.5/7.0

note:

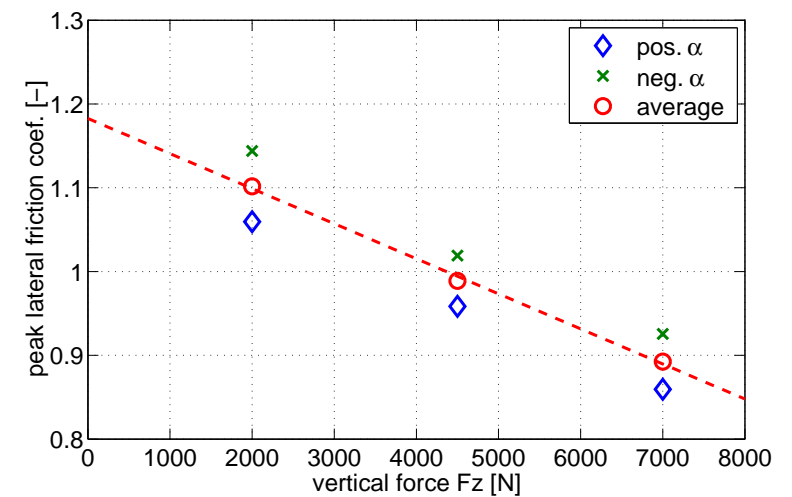
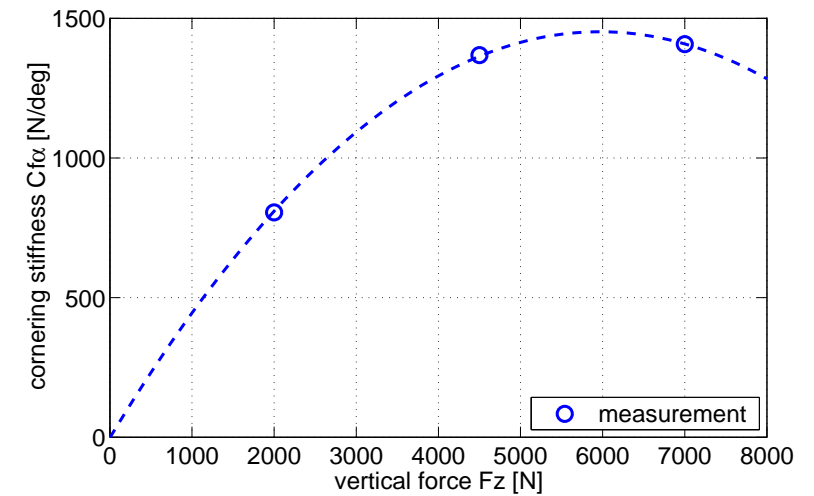
- alpha sweep: -15 to 15 deg. (free rolling tyre: kappa=0)
- kappa sweep: braking only up to wheel lock (kappa: 0 to -1)



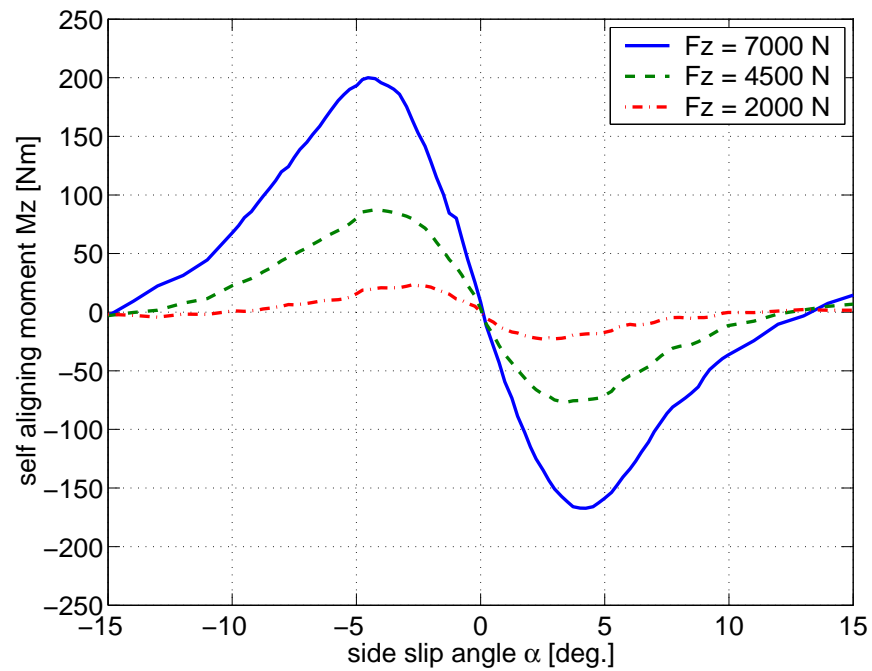
measured  $F_y$  versus  $\alpha$  ( $\gamma = 0$ , free rolling)



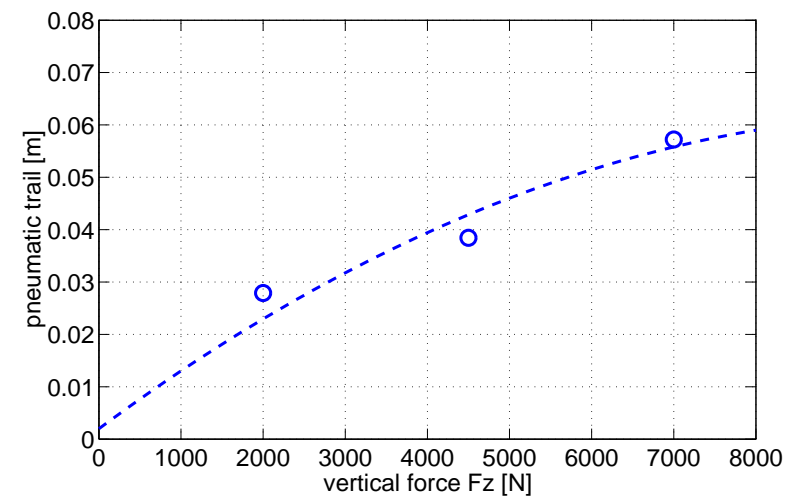
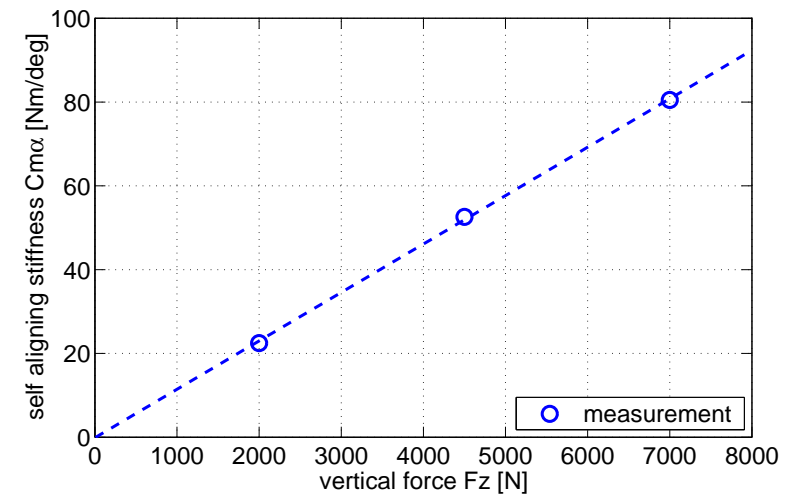
cornering stiffness and peak friction coefficient



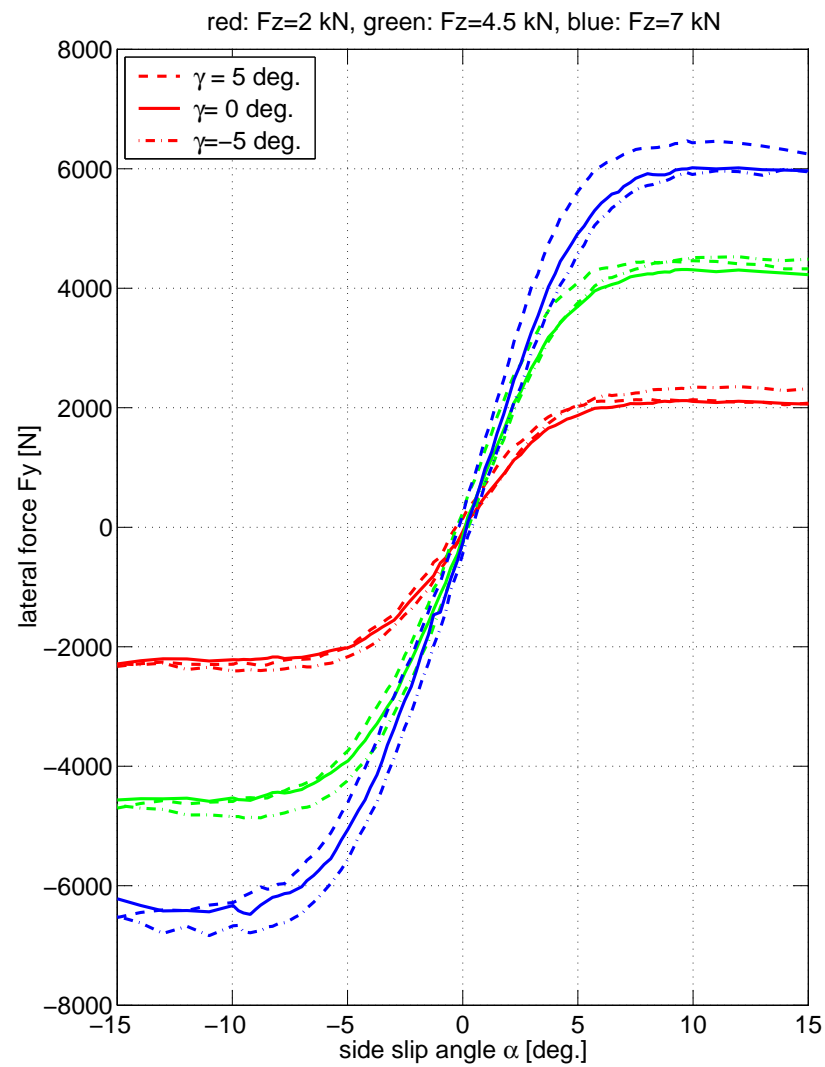
measured  $M_z$  versus  $\alpha$  ( $\gamma = 0$ , free rolling)



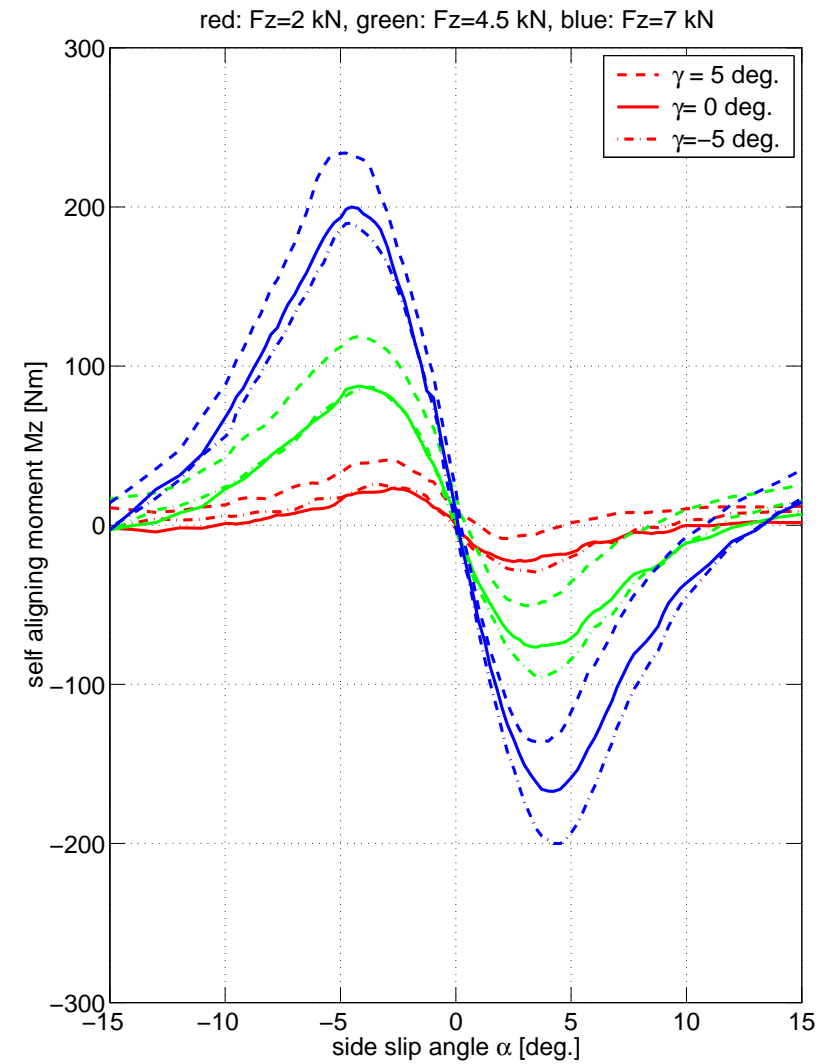
self-aligning stiffness and pneumatic trail



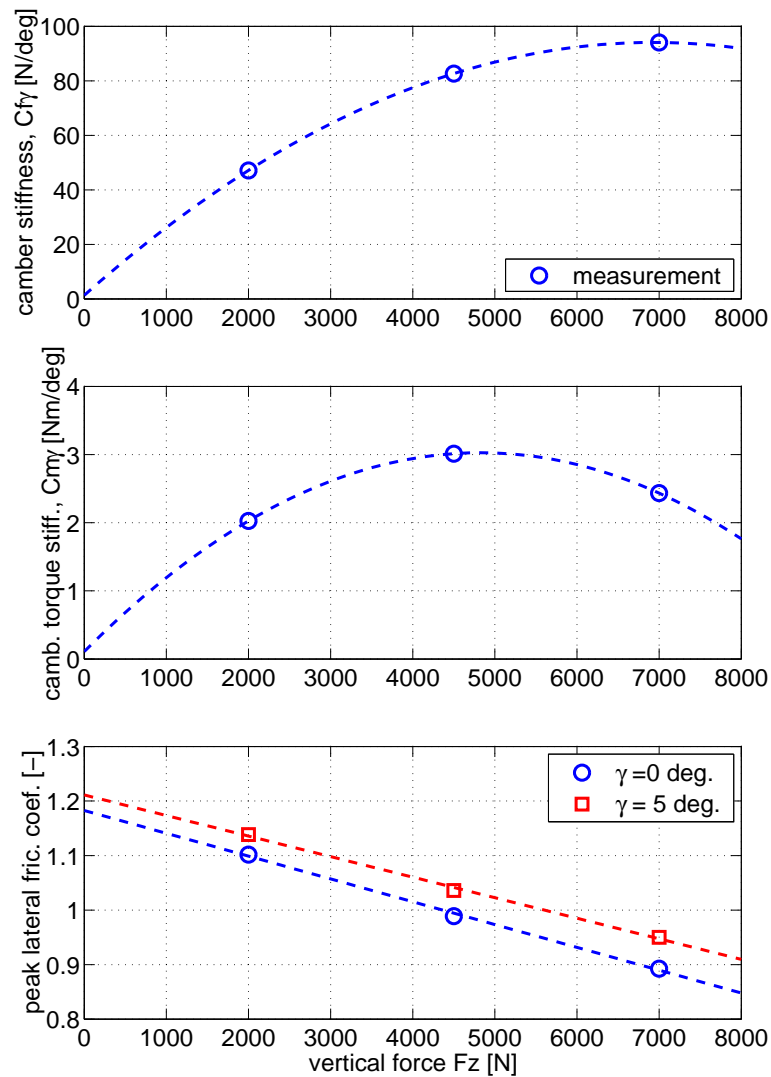
inclination angle  $\gamma$ ; measured  $F_y$  versus  $\alpha$



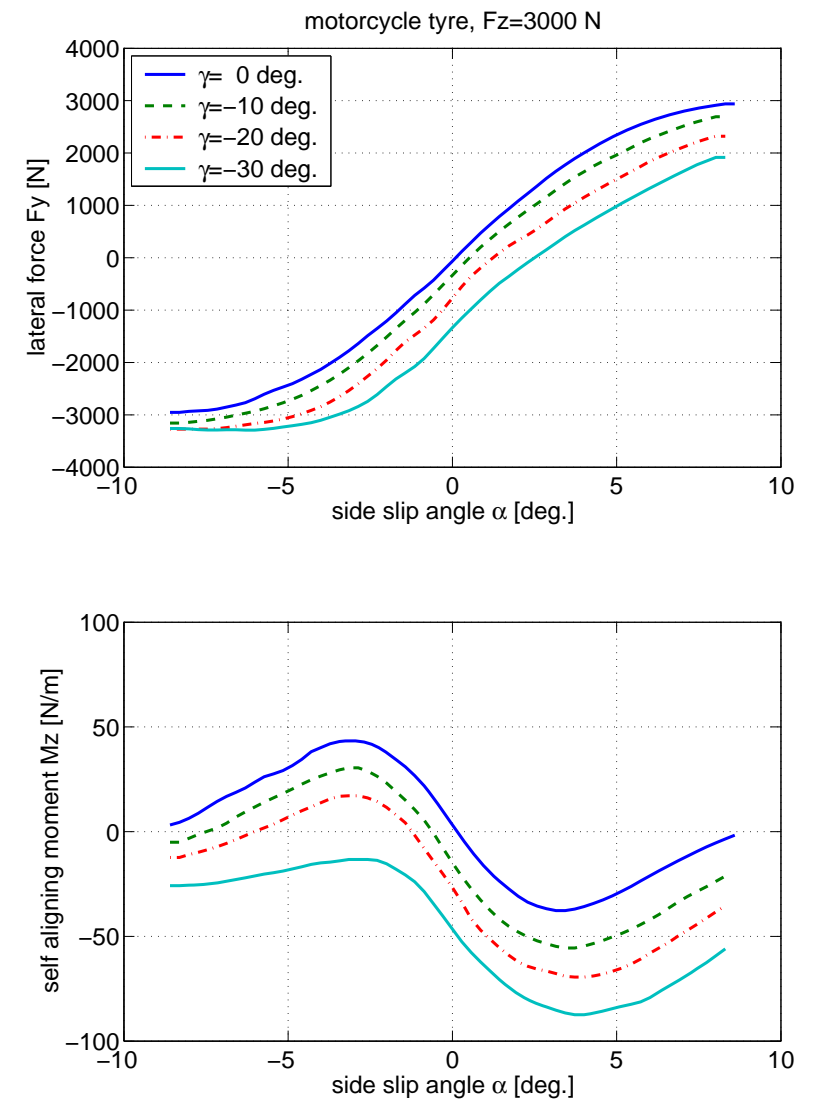
inclination angle  $\gamma$ ; measured  $M_z$  versus  $\alpha$



## camber (torque) stiffness and peak friction



## more extreme camber angles: motorcycle tyre



when looking carefully:  $F_y$  and  $M_z$  are not exactly zero when  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\gamma = 0$ .

this is not (necessarily...) a measurement error!

can be caused by non-symmetry of the tyre construction, two effects:

- plysteer  
determined by construction and build-up of the carcass layers (design)

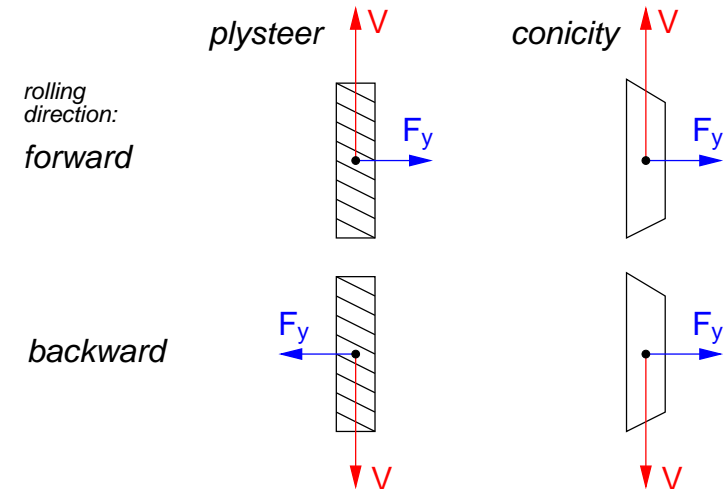
plysteer force changes sign when going from forward to backward driving

plysteer: may be interpreted as a “pseudo” side slip angle  $\alpha_{ply}$

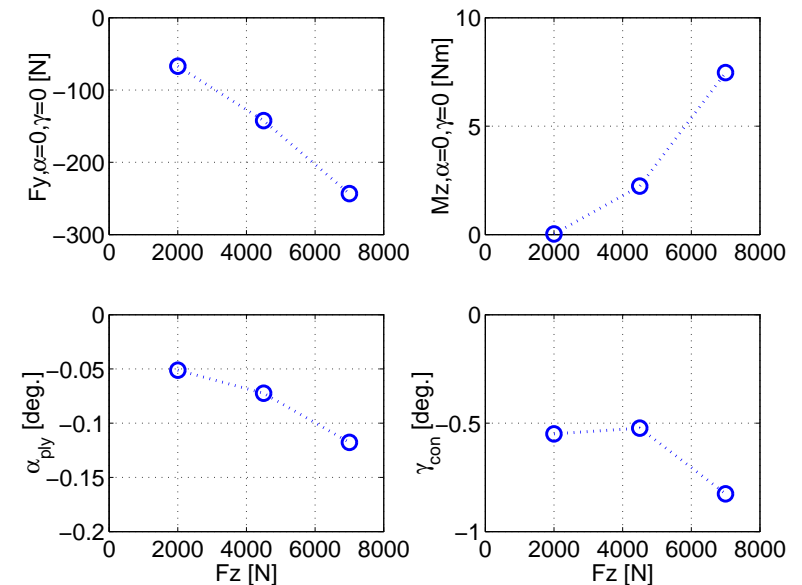
- conicity  
determined by the shape of the tyre/carcass (production tolerances)

conicity force does not change sign when going from forward to backward driving

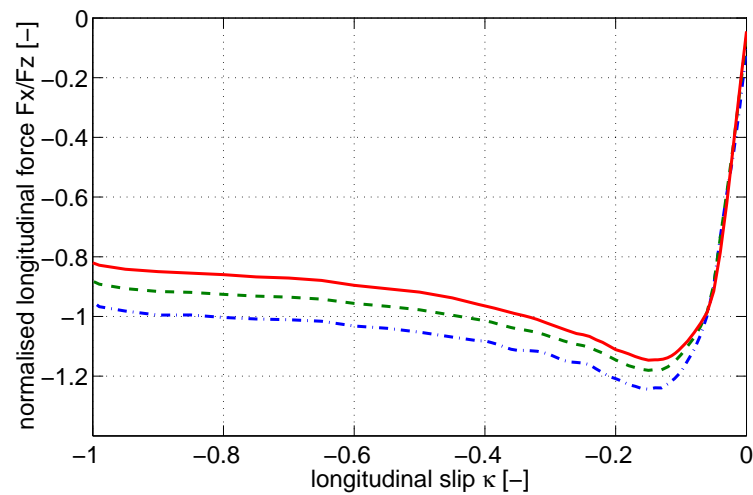
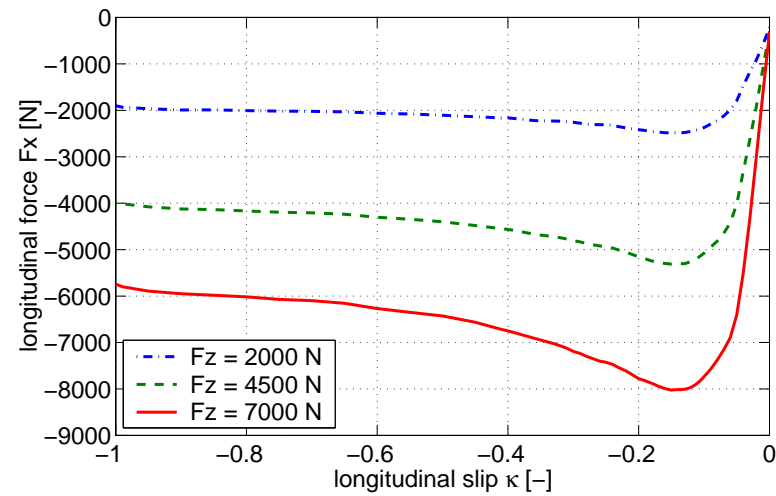
conicity may be interpreted as a “pseudo” inclination angle  $\gamma_{con}$



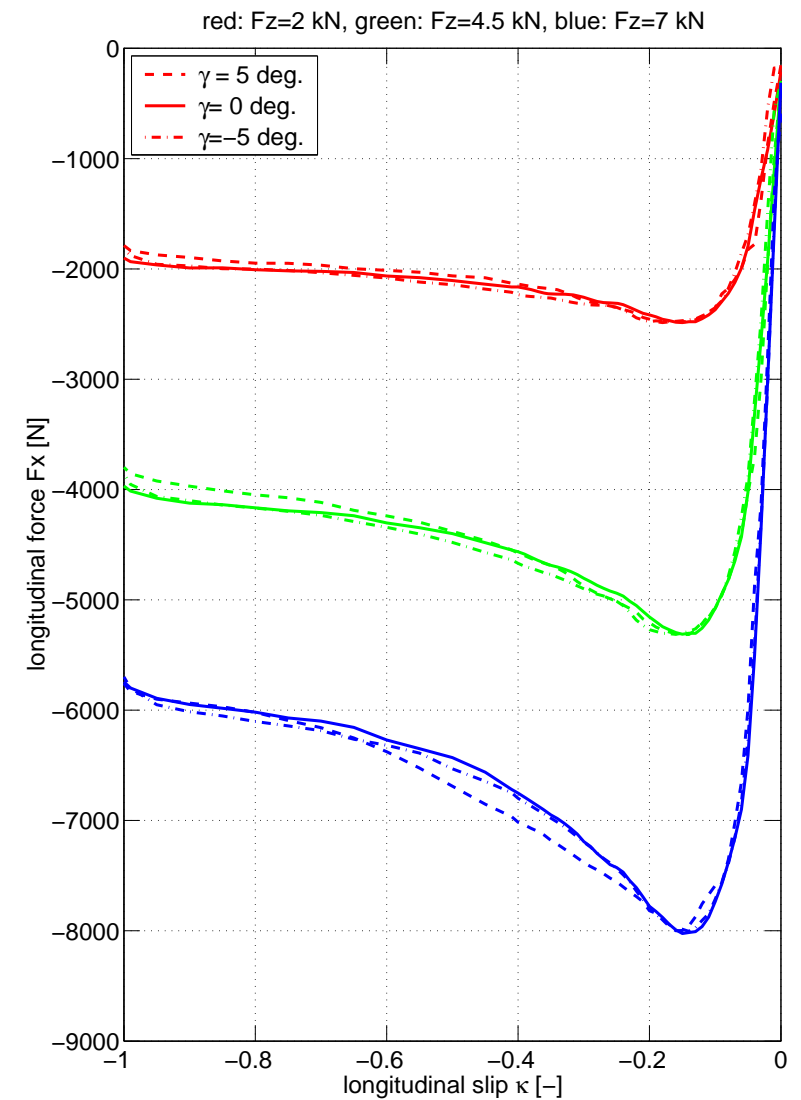
$$F_y(\alpha_{ply}, \gamma_{con}) = 0 \text{ and } M_z(\alpha_{ply}, \gamma_{con}) = 0$$



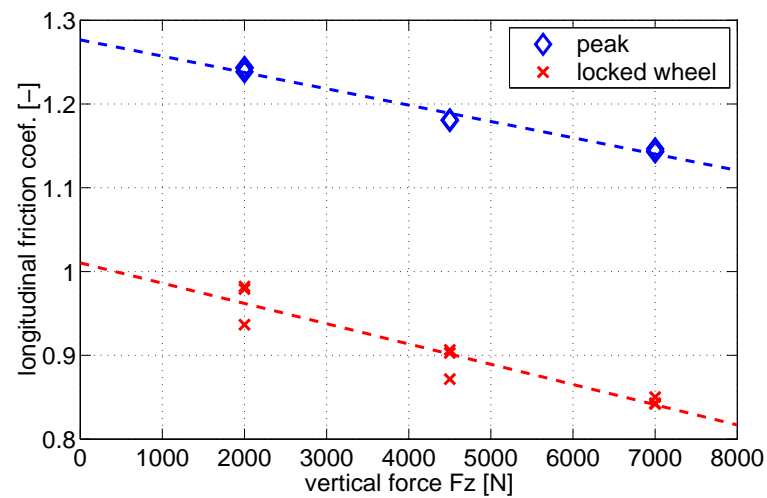
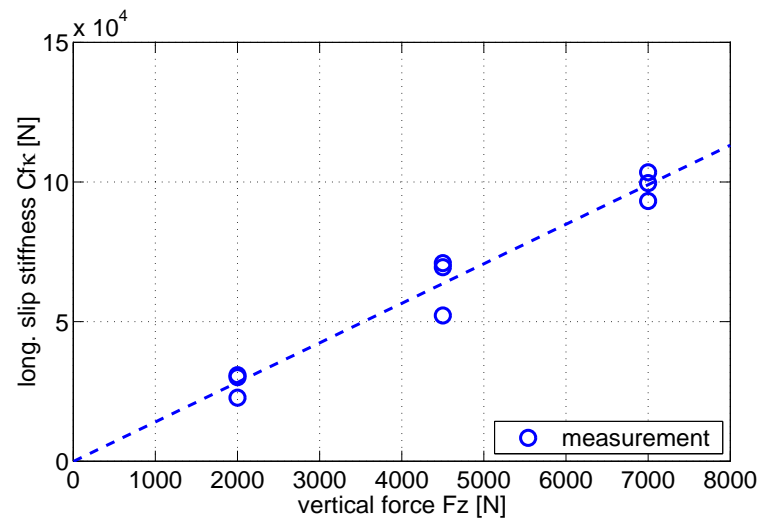
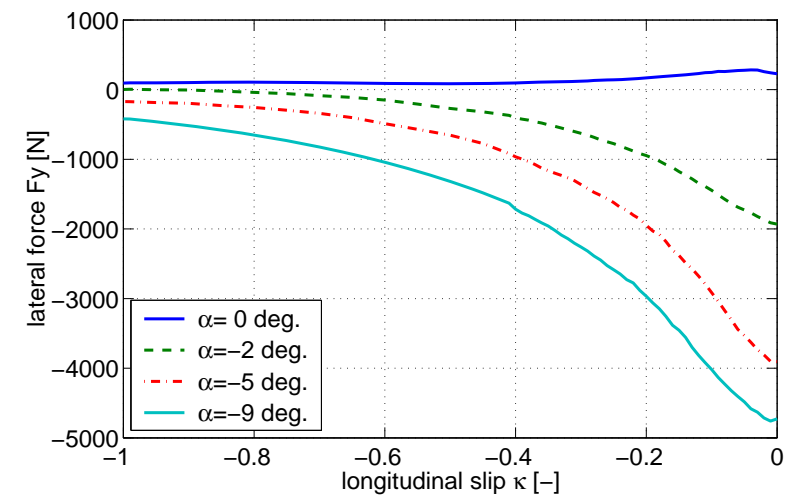
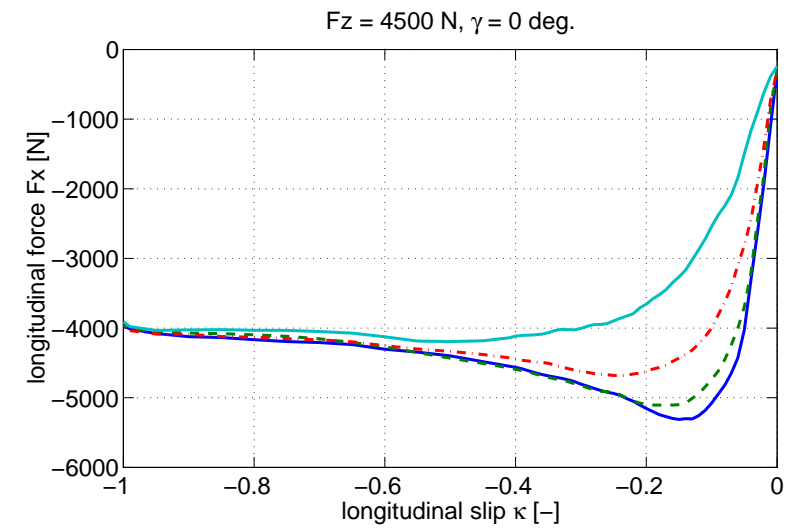
braking in a straight line ( $\alpha = 0$  and  $\gamma = 0$ )



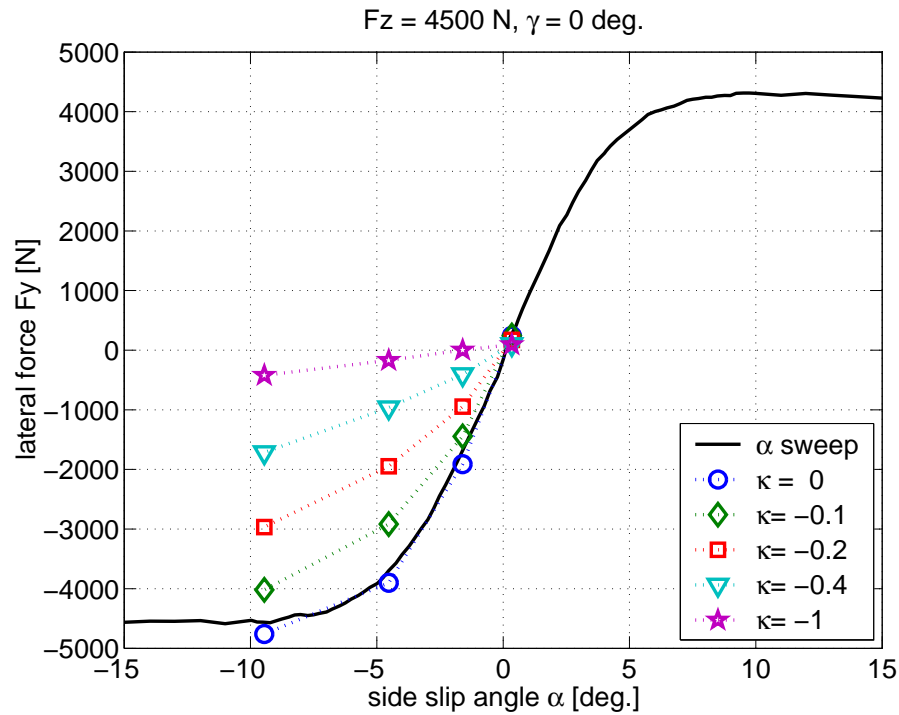
inclination angle effects are small...



## slip stiffness and friction coefficient

braking with fixed steering angle ( $\gamma = 0$ )

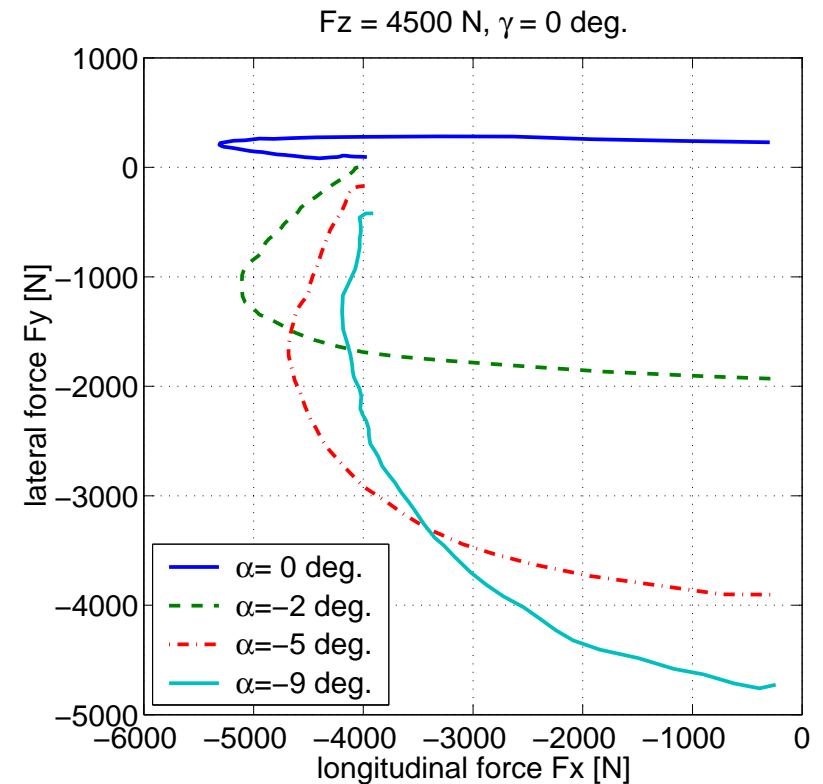
## lateral force characteristic under braking



note the mutual interactions:

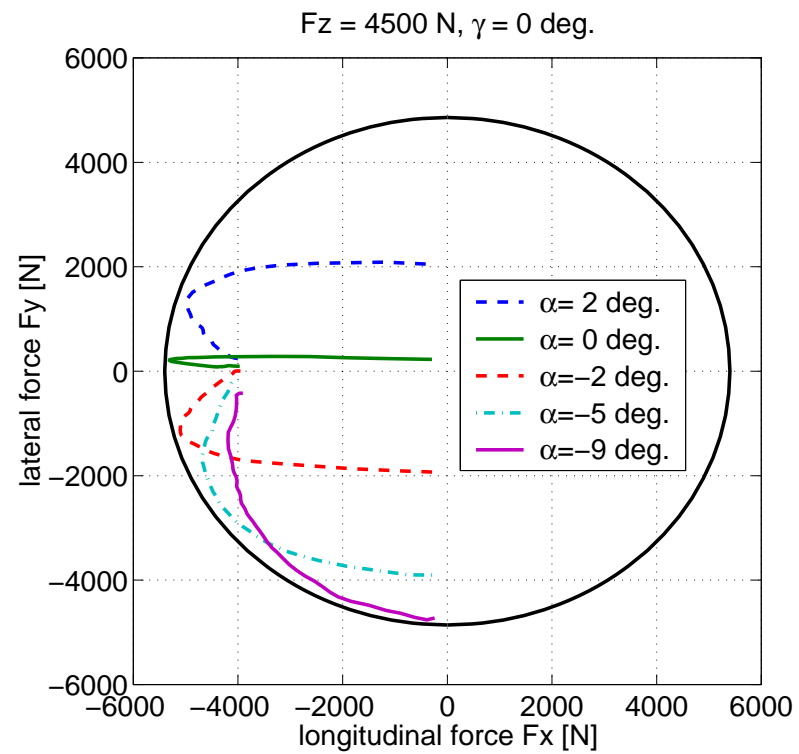
- introduction of a side slip angle results in a reduction of the longitudinal slip stiffness and peak longitudinal force
- introduction of longitudinal slip results in a reduction of the cornering stiffness and peak lateral force

## longitudinal force versus lateral force

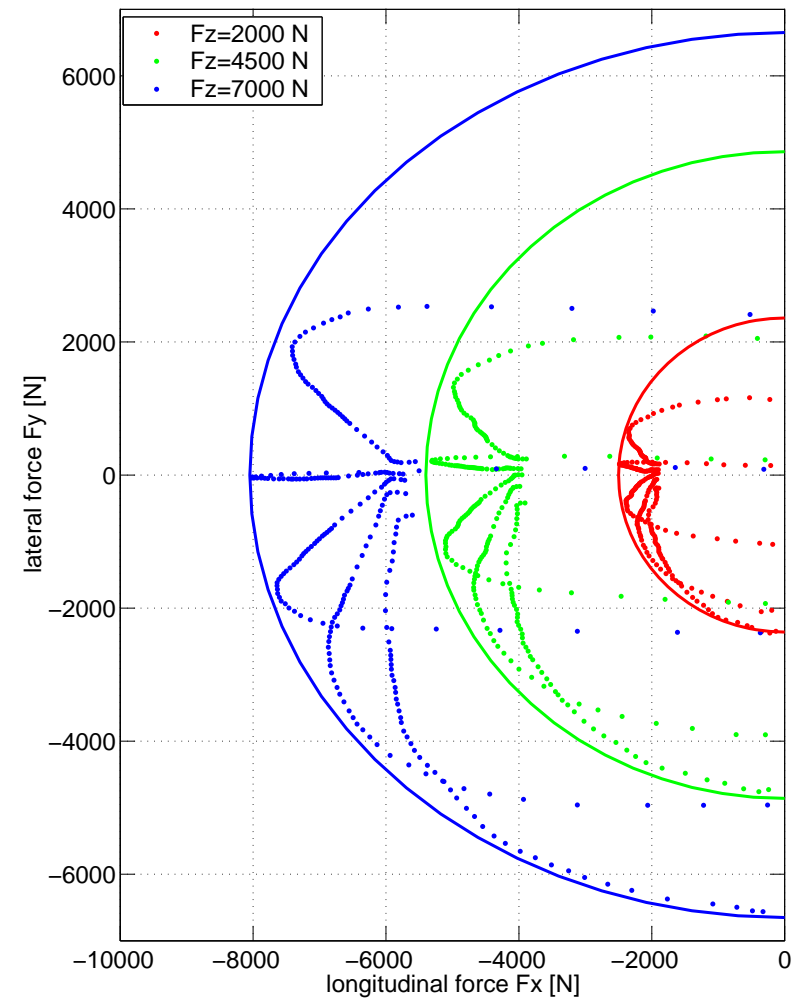




friction ellipse represents boundary:

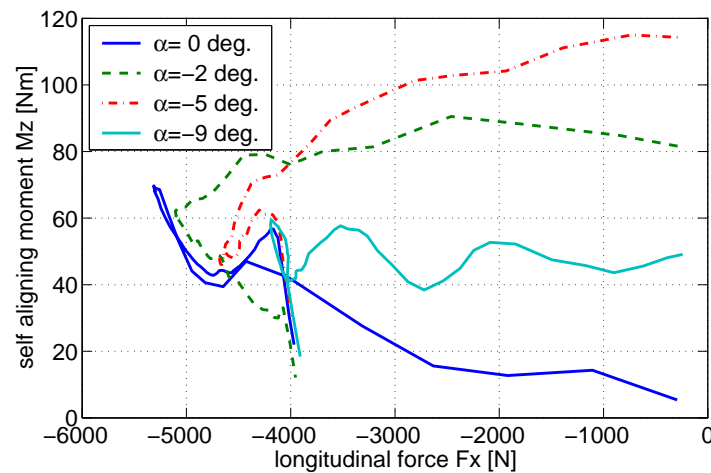
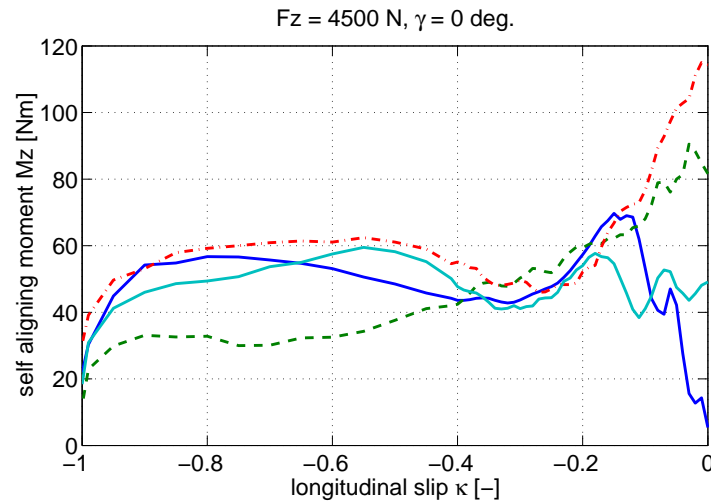


measurements at different vertical loads



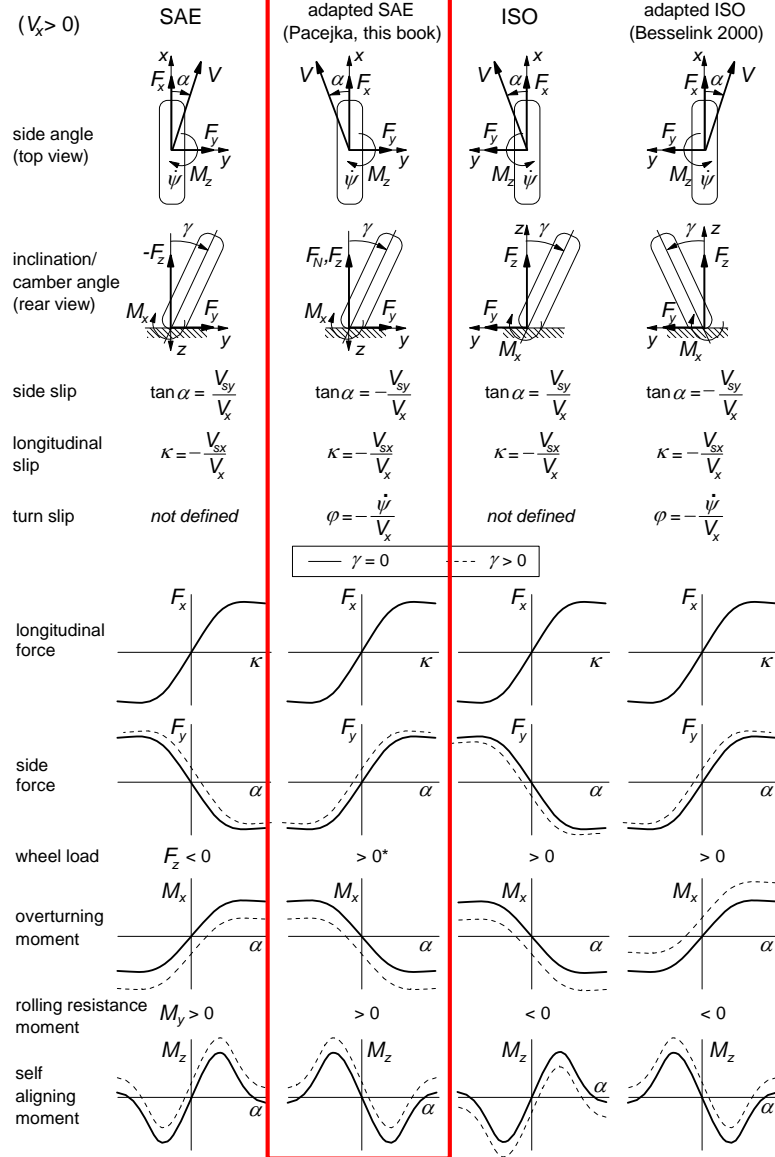
### self-aligning moment under braking:

- rather difficult to be measured accurately...



### Sign conventions

- may seem trivial, but can be the source of a lot of confusion and errors!
- SAE and ISO have standardised tyre axis systems and slip definitions
- in the SAE axis system a tyre deflection results in a negative vertical force  $F_z$ , which is not very intuitive. The sign of the negative SAE vertical force is often reversed. This results in a non-RHS axis system for the forces, which again isn't very nice.
- Pacejka reversed the sign of the slip angle with respect to the SAE definitions to enhance the similarity between the longitudinal and lateral slip characteristics
- in the axis system proposed by Besselink:
  - the vertical force  $F_z$  is positive
  - rolling resistance  $M_y$  is negative
  - positive camber: upward shift of all curves
  - most of the slopes near the origin are positive
  - we have the desired similarity



\*except for Chapter 9 where  $F_N = -F_z > 0$



used in this lecture!

## Book Pacejka

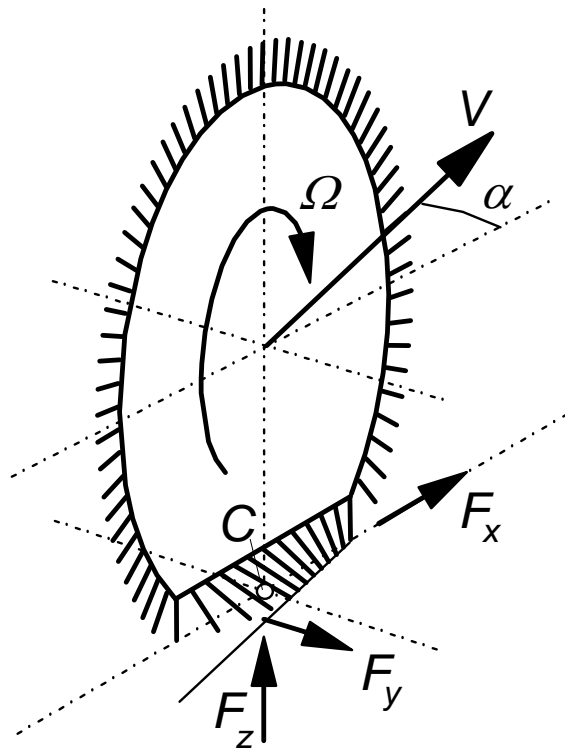
- chapter 1.1 and 1.2.1 (pages 1 to 6 )
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## Next time...

- the brush tyre model

### The brush tyre model

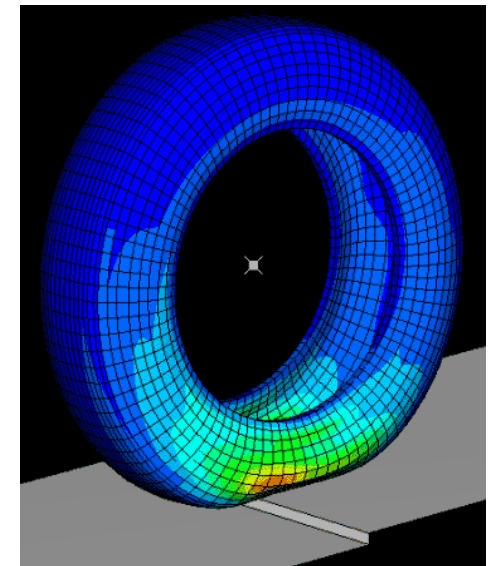
- tyre modelling: some general remarks
- the brush tyre model
  - pure lateral slip
  - pure longitudinal slip
  - combined slip



### *Tyre modeling in general*

*from the perspective of a tyre manufacturer:*  
calculation of:

- stresses
- mechanical properties e.g. contact pressure, vertical stiffness, cornering stiffness, rolling resistance, plysteer,...
- noise
- wear
- ...



*from the perspective of a car manufacturer*  
calculation of:

- handling behaviour
- ride comfort
- load/fatigue spectra (incl. abuse...)
- space requirements
- ...

limiting the discussion to forces and moments generated by a rolling tyre.

two “schools” can be distinguished:

- physical tyre models  
detailed modelling of the tyre structure: rubber, carcass, etc.

insight in tyre design – tyre behaviour

examples:

- stretched string model
- brush model
- FEM models

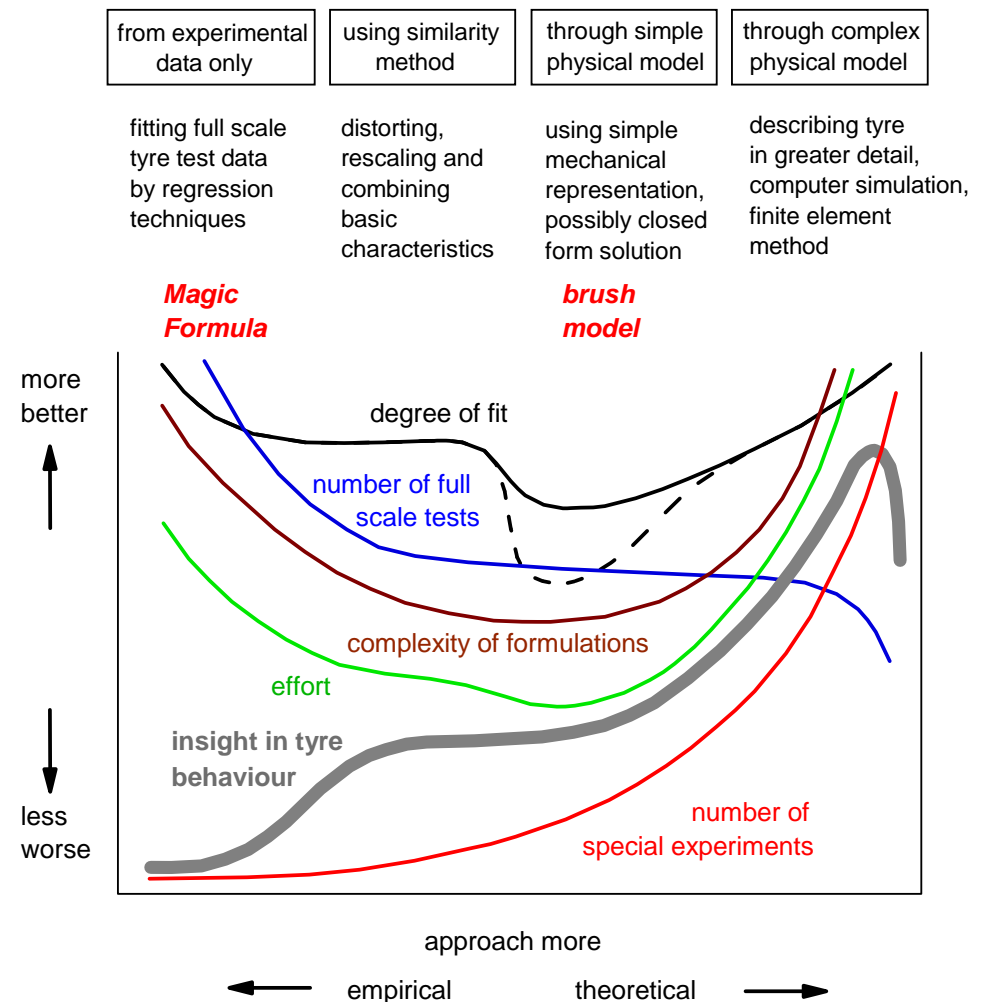
- (semi-)empirical tyre models  
use a mathematical formulation which can represent the measurements.

quick and accurate

examples:

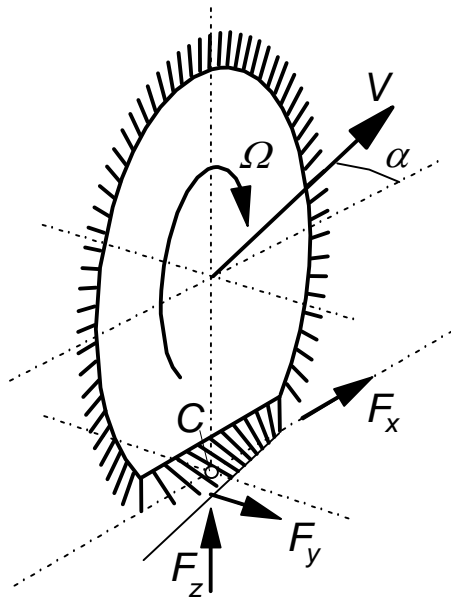
- similarity method
- Magic Formula

comparison of different approaches:



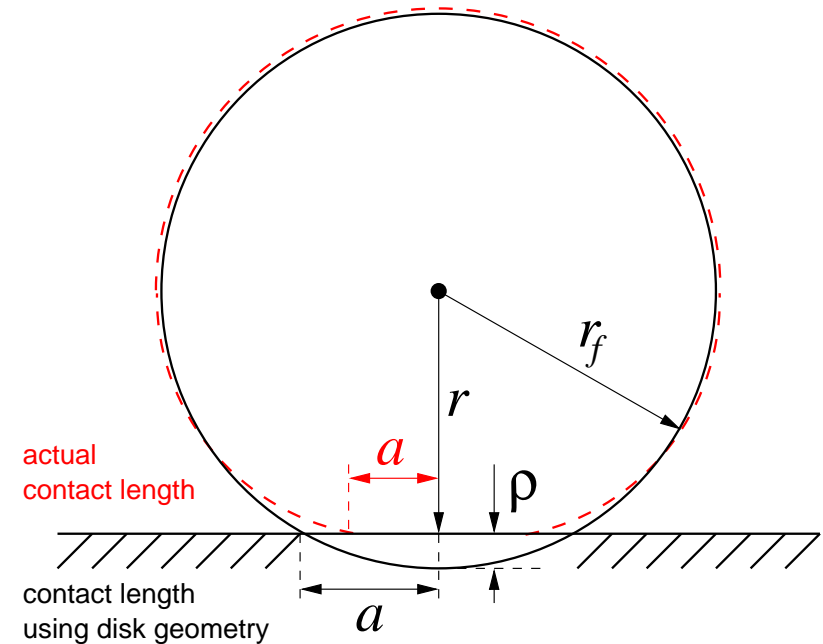
## Brush model (dutch: borstelmodel)

- single row of bristles
- bristles are compliant in the fore/aft and lateral direction (representing the combined stiffness of carcass, belt and tread elements)
- distance where bristles are in contact with the road:  $2a$  (the contact length)
- bristles are undeformed when not in contact with the road
- parabolic pressure distribution of the vertical force
- constant friction coefficient  $\mu$  between the tip of a bristle and the road



## contact length

contact length based on rigid disk penetrating the ground

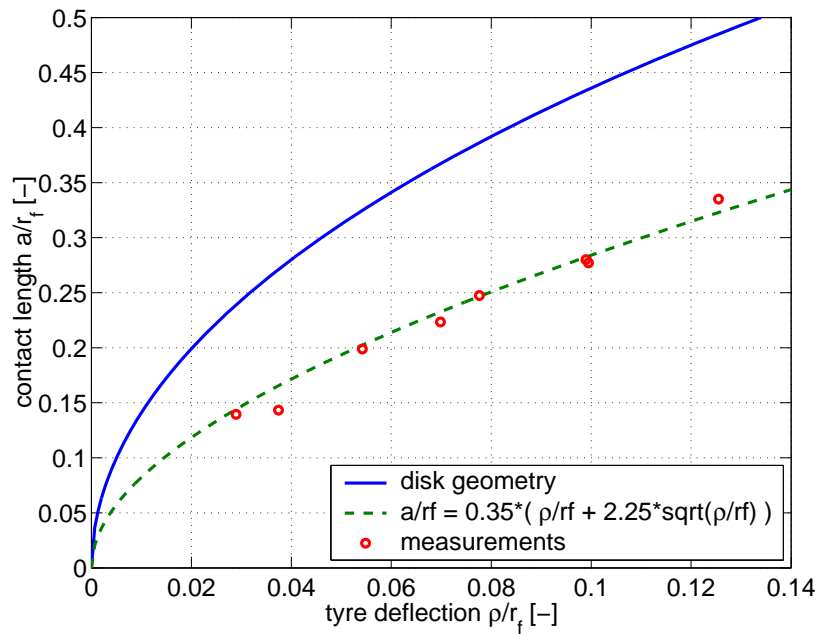


from disk geometry:

$$a^2 = r_f^2 - r^2 \text{ and } \rho = r_f - r$$

$$\text{so } a = r_f \sqrt{\frac{2\rho}{r_f} - \left(\frac{\rho}{r_f}\right)^2}$$

cross check with measurements on a real tyre...



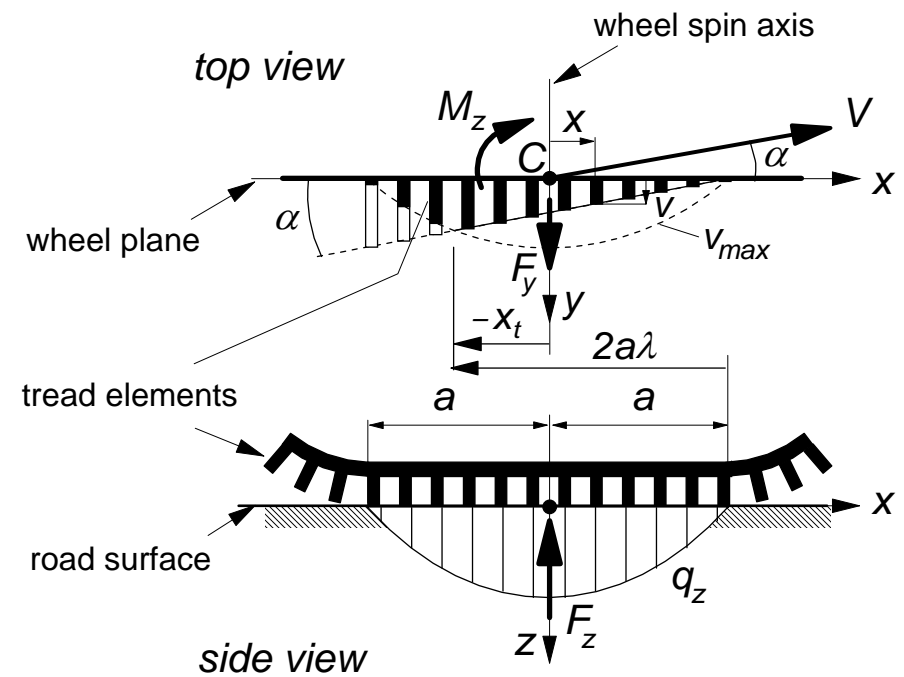
empirical formula:

$$a = 0.35 r_f \left( \frac{\rho}{r_f} + 2.25 \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{r_f}} \right)$$

note:

*a equals half of the contact length!*

## Pure side slip



**note: stationary conditions!**

parabolic pressure distribution:

$$q_z = \frac{3F_z}{4a} \left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{x}{a} \right)^2 \right\}$$

obviously:  $F_z = \int_{-a}^a q_z dx$

lateral bristle deflection (adhesion region):

$$v = (a - x) \tan \alpha$$

lateral force per unit of length:

$$q_y = c_{py} v$$

where  $c_{py}$  equals the lateral stiffness of the bristles per unit of length.

(note:  $v$  equals deflection, not velocity!)

the lateral force per unit of length  $q_y$  will be limited by the friction coefficient  $\mu$  between tyre and road

two possible situations:

- $|q_y| < \mu q_z$       adhesion
- $|q_y| = \mu q_z$       sliding

in the sliding region the lateral bristle deflection becomes:

$$v = \frac{\mu}{c_{py}} q_z$$

so in the contact area we may distinguish:

- region of adhesion (at the leading edge)
- region of sliding (at the trailing edge)

the transition point is described by the factor  $\lambda$ , the transition from adhesion to sliding is located at a distance  $2a\lambda$  from the leading edge (see page 182)

extremes:

$\lambda = 1$ : full adhesion  
(zero or very small side slip angles  $\alpha$ )

$\lambda = 0$ : total sliding  
(large side slip angles  $\alpha$ )

the lateral tyre force and self-aligning moment can be obtained by integrating the lateral force per unit of length over the full contact length:

$$F_y = \int_{-a}^a q_y dx$$

$$M_z = \int_{-a}^a q_y x dx$$



linear characteristics

full adhesion  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$

lateral force:

$$F_y = \int_{-a}^a q_y dx = c_{py} \int_{-a}^a v dx = c_{py} \int_{-a}^a (a - x) \tan(\alpha) dx$$

$$F_y = 2c_{py} a^2 \alpha$$

so the cornering stiffness becomes:

$$C_{F\alpha} = \left( \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial \alpha} \right)_{\alpha=0} = 2c_{py} a^2$$

self-aligning moment:

$$M_z = \int_{-a}^a q_y x dx = c_{py} \int_{-a}^a v x dx = c_{py} \int_{-a}^a (a - x) \tan(\alpha) x dx$$

$$M_z = -\frac{2}{3} c_{py} a^3 \alpha$$

so the self aligning stiffness becomes:

$$C_{M\alpha} = -\left( \frac{\partial M_z}{\partial \alpha} \right)_{\alpha=0} = \frac{2}{3} c_{py} a^3$$

non-linear characteristics

transition from adhesion to sliding at  $x = x_t$  where

$$q_y = q_{y,\max}$$

$$|q_y| = c_{py} (a - x_t) |\tan \alpha| \quad \text{adhesion}$$

$$|q_{y,\max}| = \mu \frac{3F_z}{4a} \left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{x_t}{a} \right)^2 \right\} \quad \text{sliding}$$

then we obtain for the transition point:

$$x_t = \frac{4c_{py} a^3 |\tan \alpha|}{3\mu F_z} - a$$

the relation between  $x_t$  and  $\lambda$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{x_t}{a} \right)$$

so for the adhesion parameter  $\lambda$ :

$$\lambda = \frac{a - x_t}{2a} = 1 - \frac{2c_{py} a^2 |\tan \alpha|}{3\mu F_z} = 1 - \theta_y |\tan \alpha|$$

where:

$$\theta_y = \frac{2c_{py} a^2}{3\mu F_z}$$

full sliding:  $\lambda = 0$

corresponding side slip angle:

$$\tan \alpha_{sl} = \frac{1}{\theta_y}$$

if  $|\alpha| < \alpha_{sl}$  the following equations hold:

lateral force:

$$F_y = \mu \frac{3F_z}{4a} \int_{-a}^{x_t} \left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{x}{a} \right)^2 \right\} dx + c_{py} |\tan \alpha| \int_{x_t}^a (a - x) dx$$

self-aligning moment:

$$M_z = \mu \frac{3F_z}{4a} \int_{-a}^{x_t} \left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{x}{a} \right)^2 \right\} x dx + c_{py} |\tan \alpha| \int_{x_t}^a (a - x) x dx$$

if  $|\alpha| > \alpha_{sl}$  then

lateral force:

$$F_y = \mu F_z$$

self-aligning moment:

$$M_z = 0$$

solving the integrals:

lateral force:

$$F_y = \mu F_z (1 - \lambda^3) \operatorname{sgn} \alpha$$

or

$$F_y = 3\mu F_z \theta_y \sigma_y \left\{ 1 - |\theta_y \sigma_y| + \frac{1}{3} (\theta_y \sigma_y)^2 \right\}$$

where  $\sigma_y = \tan \alpha$

self-aligning moment:

$$M_z = -\mu F_z \lambda^3 a (1 - \lambda) \operatorname{sgn} \alpha$$

or

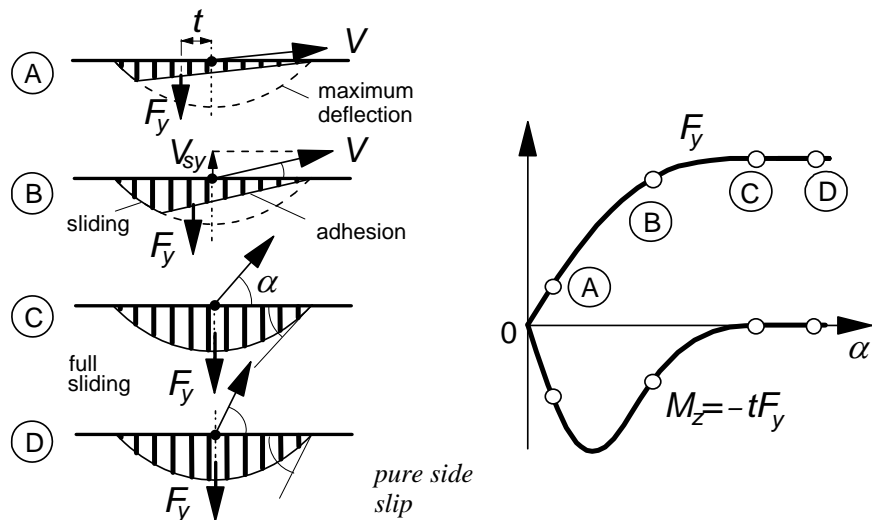
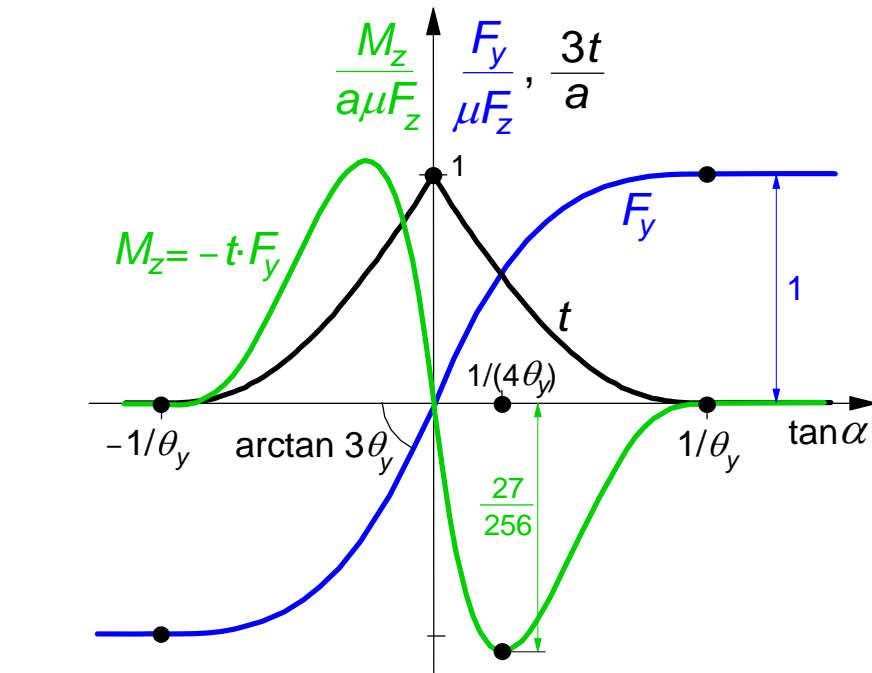
$$M_z = -\mu F_z a \theta_y \sigma_y \left( 1 - 3|\theta_y \sigma_y| + 3(\theta_y \sigma_y)^2 - |\theta_y \sigma_y|^3 \right)$$

pneumatic trail:

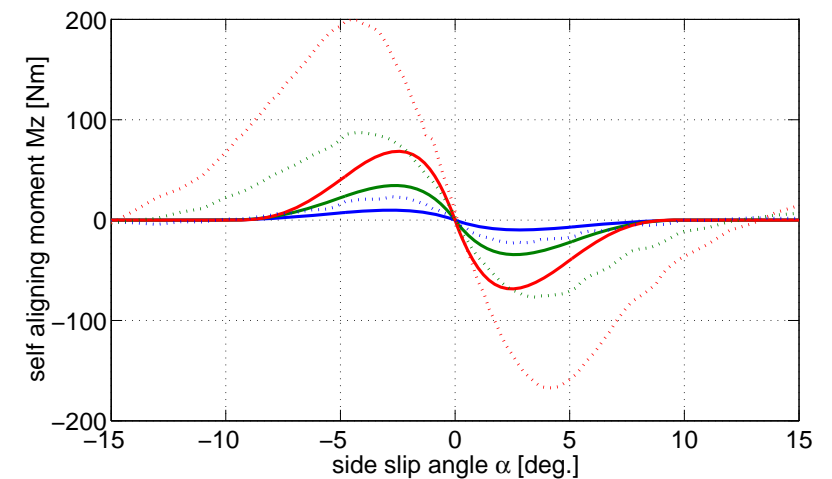
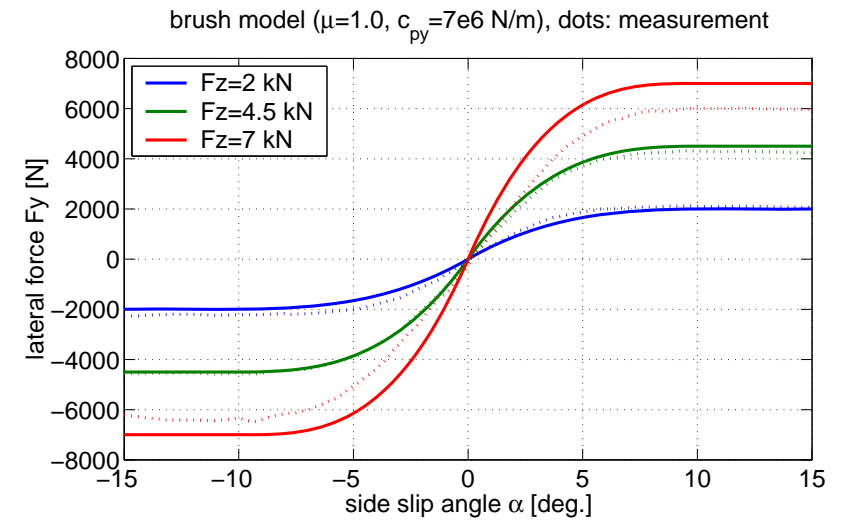
$$t = -\frac{M_z}{F_y}$$

$$t = \frac{1}{3} a \left( \frac{1 - 3|\theta_y \sigma_y| + 3(\theta_y \sigma_y)^2 - |\theta_y \sigma_y|^3}{1 - |\theta_y \sigma_y| + \frac{1}{3} (\theta_y \sigma_y)^2} \right)$$

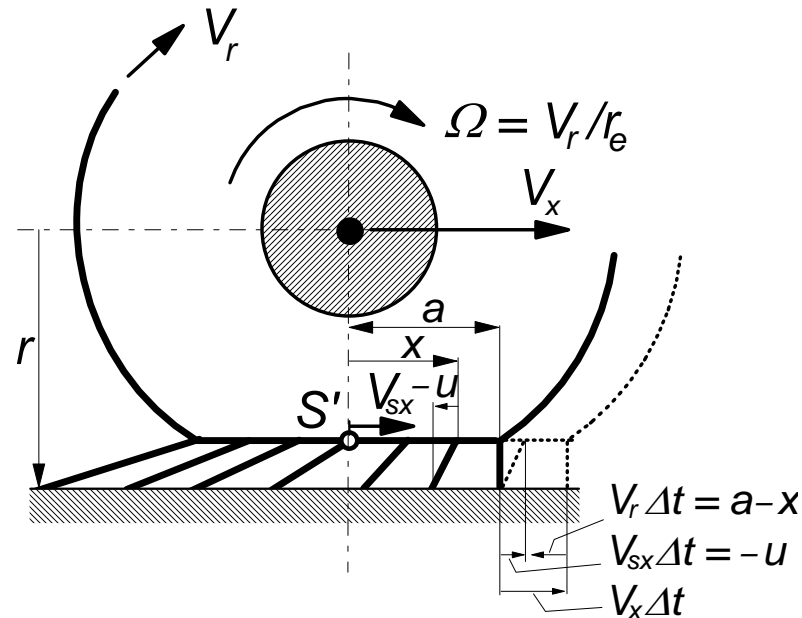
steady-state characteristics brush model:



comparison with experiments... (page 153/155)



note: contact length calculation using page 181

**Pure longitudinal slip**

tread band has a velocity  $V_r$  with respect to the wheel centre (the rolling speed).

- by definition:  $V_r = \Omega r_e$
- a bristle moves backwards through the contact region with velocity  $V_r$

absolute sliding velocity in contact patch

$$V_{sx} = V_x - V_r$$

consider a time increment  $\Delta t$ :

$$u = -V_{sx} \Delta t \quad \text{and} \quad a - x = V_r \Delta t$$

after elimination of  $\Delta t$ :

$$u = -(a - x) \frac{V_{sx}}{V_r} = -(a - x) \frac{V_{sx}}{V_x - V_{sx}} = (a - x) \frac{\kappa}{1 + \kappa}$$

we may introduce a “theoretical slip”

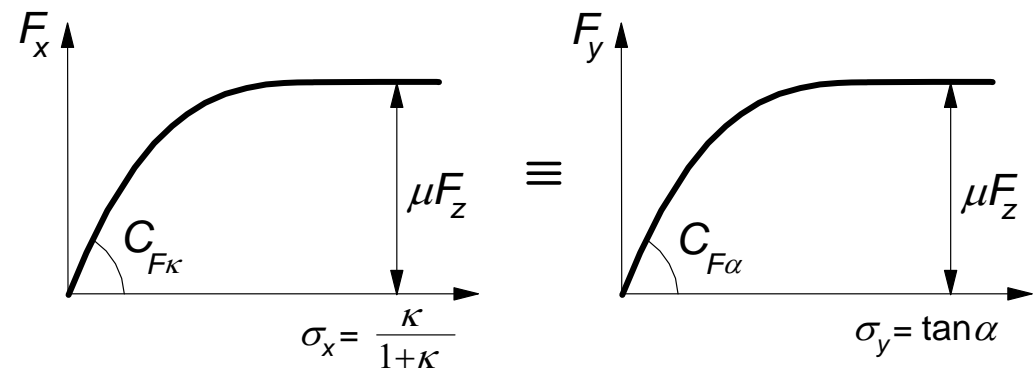
$$\sigma_x = -\frac{V_{sx}}{V_r} = \frac{\kappa}{1 + \kappa}$$

$$\text{then: } u = (a - x) \sigma_x$$

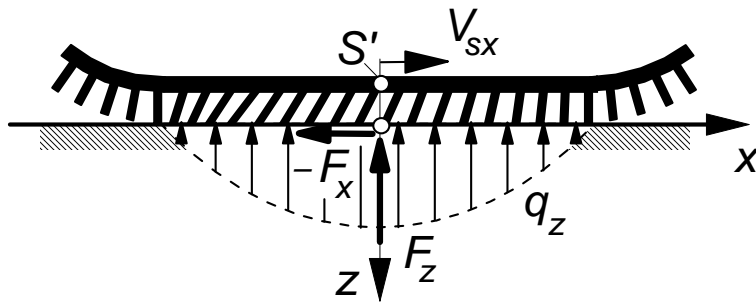
in lateral direction we had:

$$v = (a - x) \tan \alpha = (a - x) \sigma_y$$

if we assume equal bristle stiffness ( $c_{py} = c_{px}$ ) and friction coefficient ( $\mu_y = \mu_x$ ) then  $F_y = f(\sigma_y)$  will be identical to  $F_x = f(\sigma_x)$ !



bristle deflection during braking:



using results obtained for the lateral force calculation:

linear characteristics:

$$F_x = 2c_{px} a^2 \kappa$$

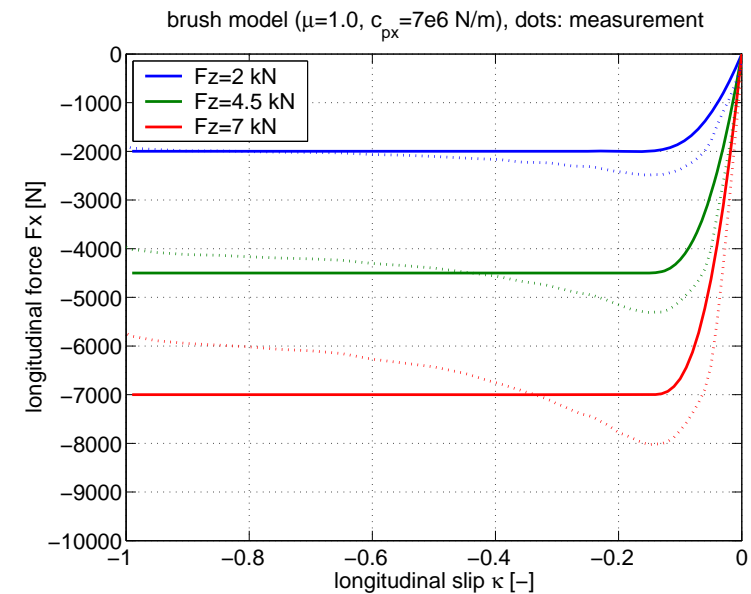
longitudinal slip stiffness:

$$C_{f\kappa} = \left( \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial \kappa} \right)_{\kappa=0} = 2c_{px} a^2$$

full sliding:

$$\kappa_{sl} = \frac{-1}{1 \pm \theta_x} \quad \text{where: } \theta_x = \frac{2c_{px} a^2}{3\mu F_z}$$

comparison with experiments... (page 163)



note:

- no difference between peak and locked wheel friction coefficient, force remains constant
- longitudinal slip stiffness  $C_{f\kappa}$  too low

### Combined slip

simplified analysis:

- equal bristle stiffness ( $c_p = c_{py} = c_{px}$ )
- equal friction coefficient ( $\mu = \mu_y = \mu_x$ )

tip deflections of the bristle:

$$u = -(a - x) \frac{V_{sx}}{V_r} = (a - x) \sigma_x \quad (\text{longitudinal})$$

$$v = -(a - x) \frac{V_{sy}}{V_r} = (a - x) \sigma_y \quad (\text{lateral})$$

with:

$$\kappa = -\frac{V_{sx}}{V_x}, \quad \tan \alpha = -\frac{V_{sy}}{V_x} \quad \text{and} \quad V_x = V_r + V_{sx}$$

we get:

$$\sigma_x = \frac{\kappa}{1 + \kappa} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_y = \frac{\tan \alpha}{1 + \kappa}$$

the point of transition from adhesion to sliding:

$$c_p \sqrt{u^2 + v^2} = \mu q_z$$

or:

$$c_p (a - x_t) \sqrt{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2} = \mu \frac{3F_z}{4a} \left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{x_t}{a} \right)^2 \right\}$$

introduce  $\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2}$  and find  $x_t$ :

$$x_t = \frac{4c_p a^3 \sigma}{3\mu F_z} - a$$

or using the adhesion parameter:

$$\lambda = \frac{a - x_t}{2a} = 1 - \theta \sigma$$

where:

$$\theta = \frac{2c_p a^2}{3\mu F_z}$$

total sliding starts at  $\sigma_{sl} = \frac{1}{\theta}$

using similarity (again...) with pure lateral force calculation and replacing  $\theta_y$  by  $\theta$  and  $\sigma_y$  by  $\sigma$  the magnitude of the force becomes:

when  $\sigma < \sigma_{sl}$

$$F = \mu F_z (1 - \lambda^3) \text{ or } F = \mu F_z \theta \sigma \{3 - 3|\theta\sigma| + (\theta\sigma)^2\}$$

when  $\sigma > \sigma_{sl}$

$$F = \mu F_z$$

the individual components of the force:

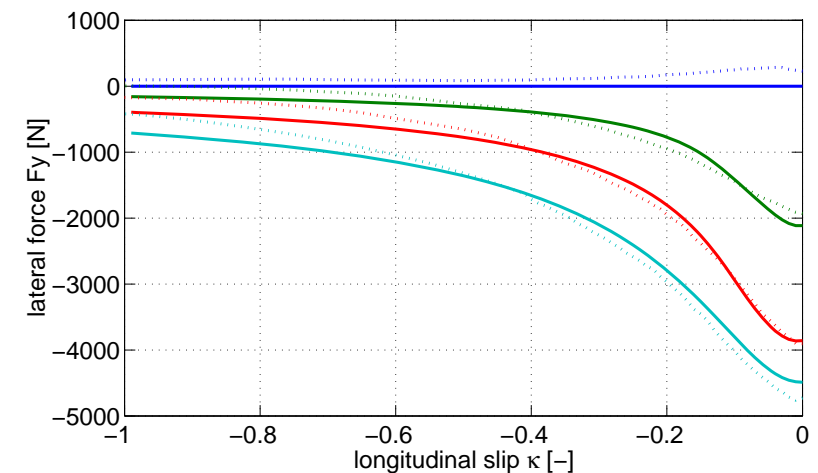
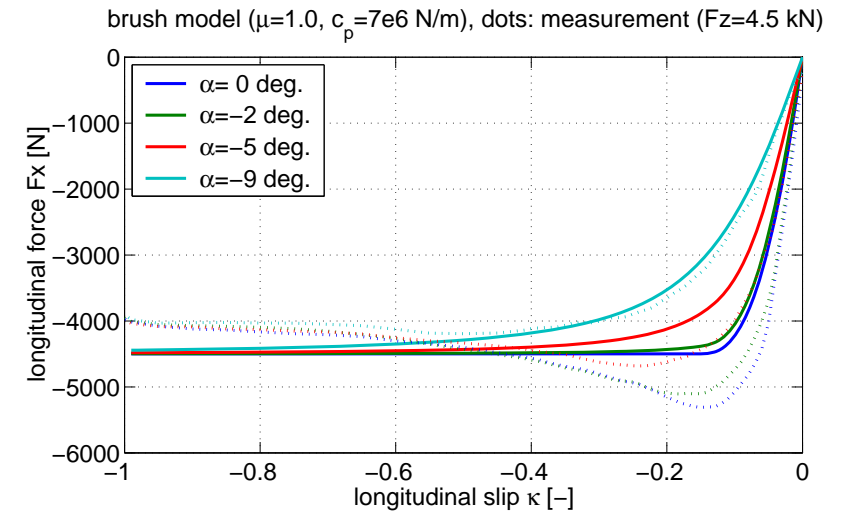
$$F_x = F \frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma} \quad \text{and} \quad F_y = F \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma}$$

*note: this is only valid due to the assumption that the bristle stiffness and friction coefficient are the same in fore/aft and lateral direction: the resulting force will be opposite to the local tread element deflection.*

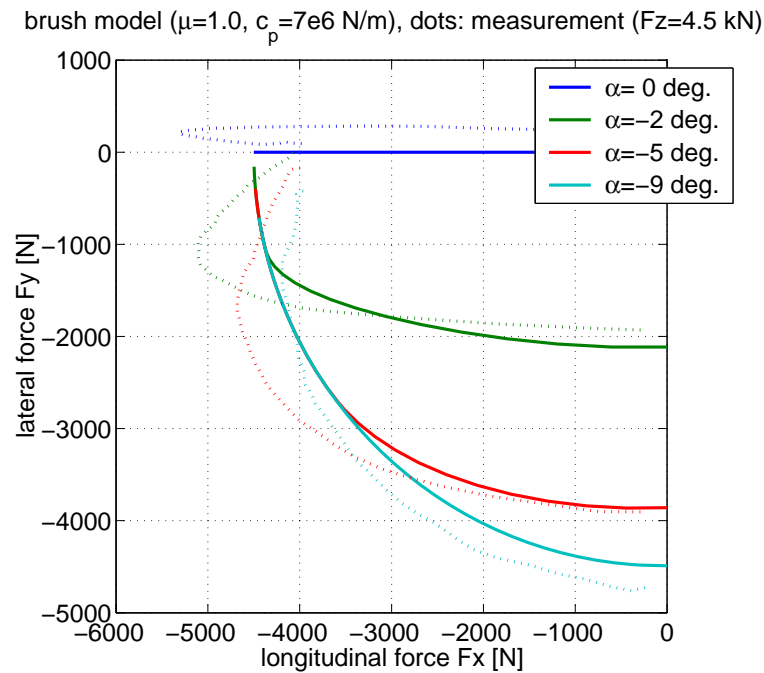
The self-aligning moment can be calculated using the expression for the pneumatic trail and again replacing  $\theta_y$  by  $\theta$  and  $\sigma_y$  by  $\sigma$ .

$$M_z = -t(\sigma) \cdot F_y$$

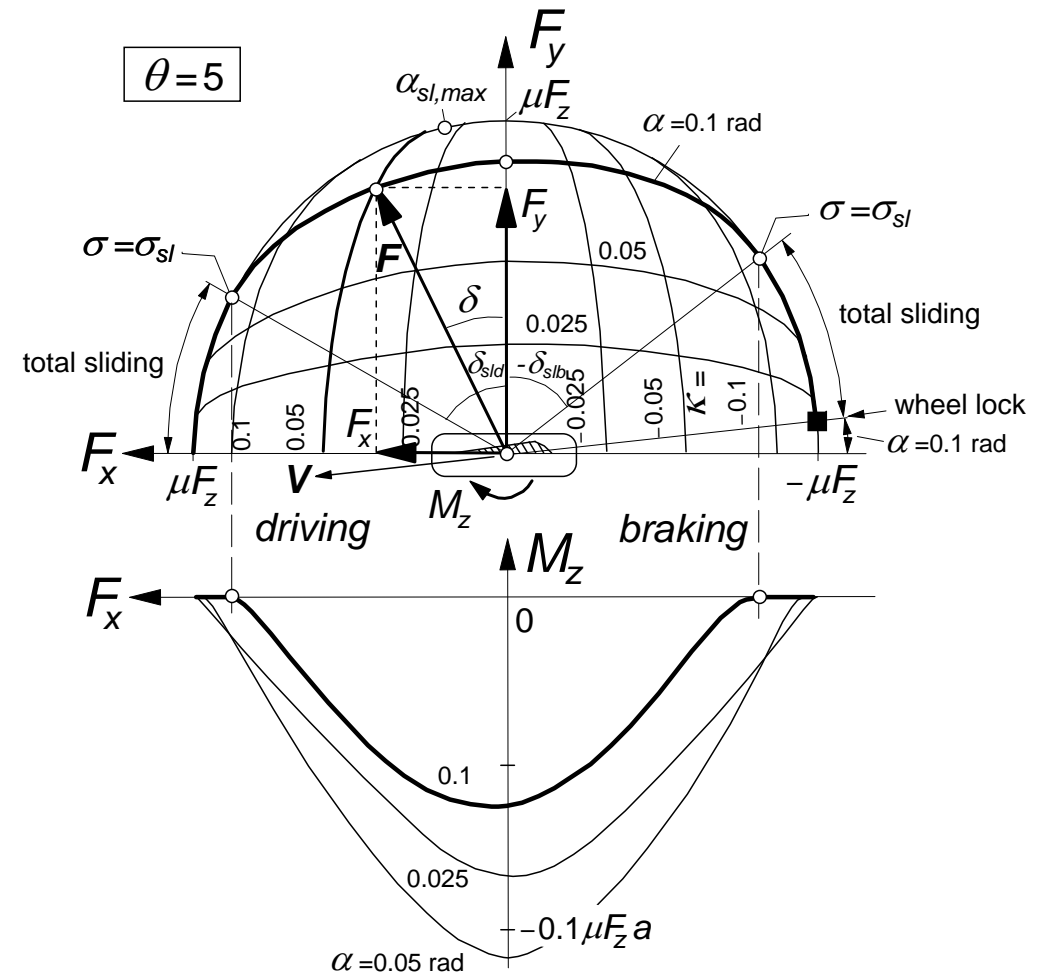
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## comparison with experiments... (page 168)

friction circle

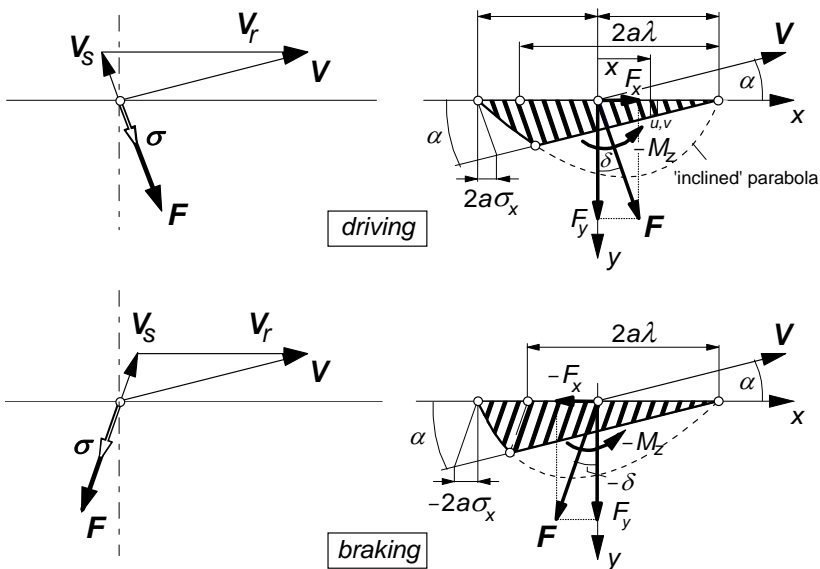
black line: constant side slip angle and varying longitudinal slip





note the minor asymmetry:

at a constant (moderate) side slip angle the lateral force under driving is smaller compared to braking while the magnitude of the longitudinal force is the same.

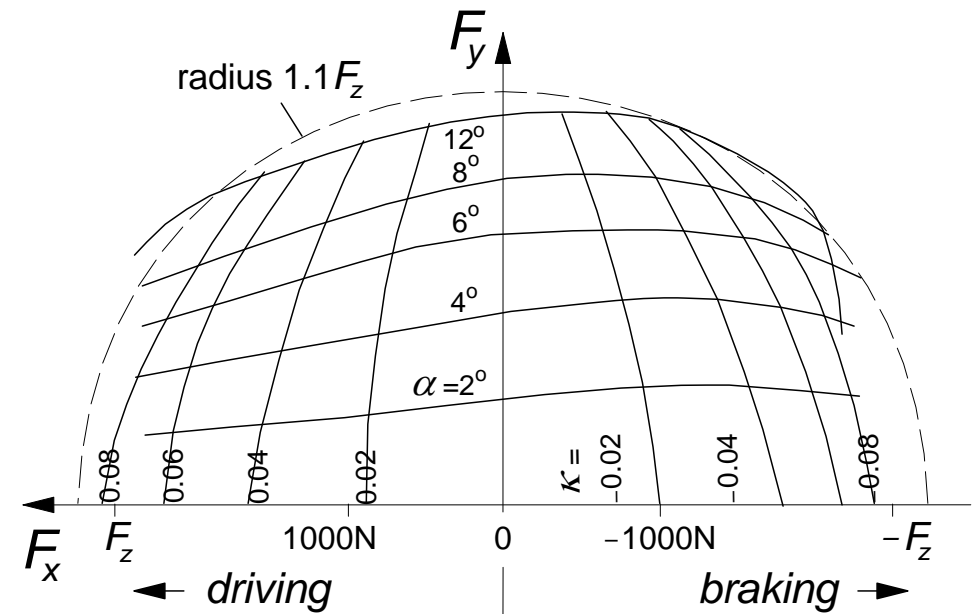


explanation:

- in the case of braking the shaded area is bigger

this effect has also been observed when testing real tyres...

experimental data:



### Limitations/enhancements

some limitations of the brush model:

- equal friction coefficient in longitudinal and lateral direction
- in the longitudinal direction peak and locked wheel friction coefficient identical
- longitudinal slip stiffness too low
- self-aligning moment too small
- dependency of characteristics on vertical load not correct
- effect of inclination angle?
- ...

“base” brush model can be useful:

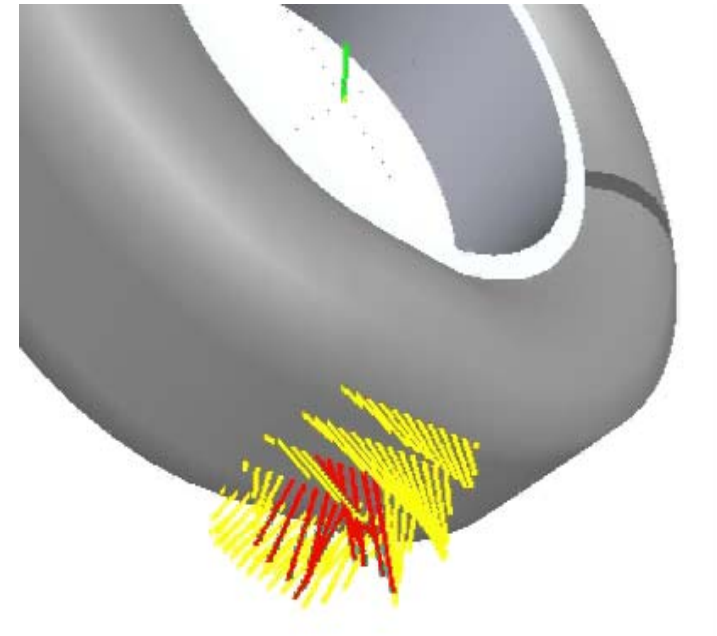
- for a qualitative analysis of the tyre behaviour
- when very limited measurement data is available

possible enhancements:

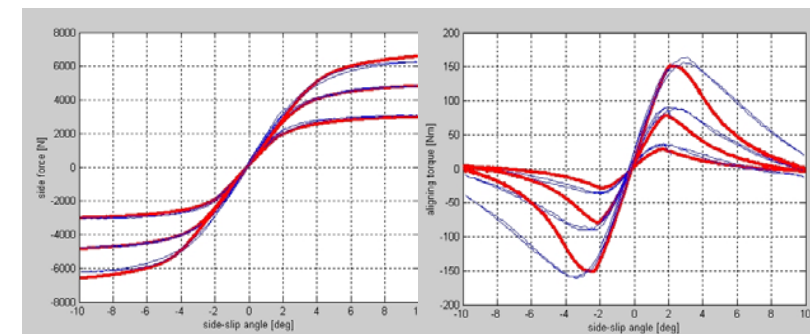
- separate stiffness of tread elements and carcass (introduction of a flexible carcass)
- increase the accuracy of the vertical pressure distribution
- velocity and pressure dependent friction law
- multiple, parallel rows of bristles
- ...

### more advanced brush models

example: F-Tire (prof. Gipser, Germany)



$F_z = 3,5,7 \text{ kN}$  —Messung —Simulation



**Book Pacejka**

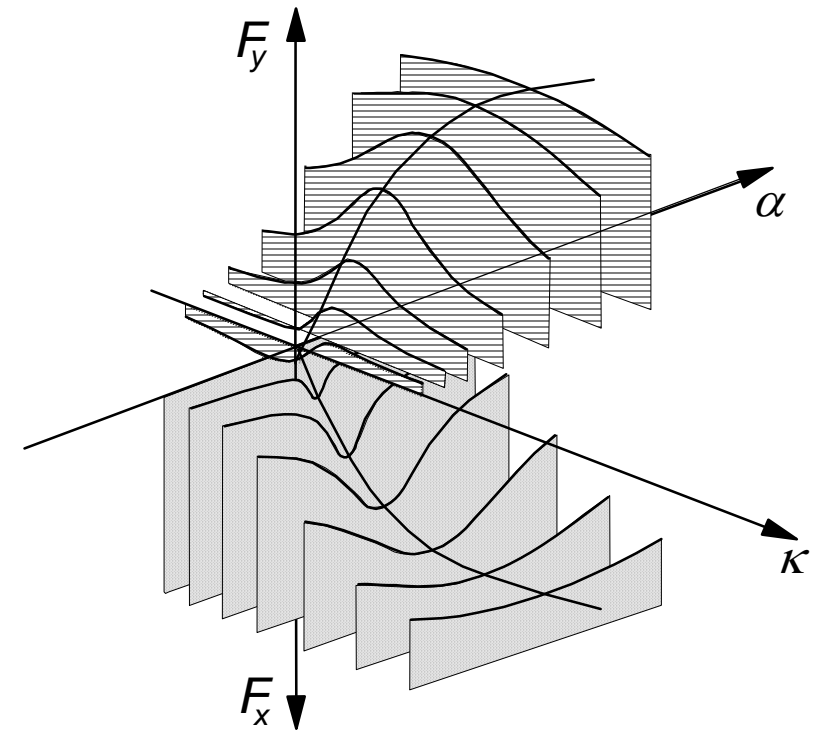
- chapter 2.5
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**Next time...**

- the Magic Formula tyre model

**The Magic Formula**

- Magic Formula tyre model
  - pure longitudinal slip
  - pure lateral slip
  - combined slip
- practicalities
- rolling resistance



## Tyre models in full vehicle simulations

some notes:

- emphasis on an accurate representation of the forces generated by the tyre; details on the contact patch may be less important (this statement will be true in particular for level or smooth road surfaces)
- tyre model should be fast:
  - tractor semi-trailer, road train: > 10 tyres
  - real-time applications: driving simulator, HIL
- continuously varying inputs  $\kappa, \alpha, \gamma, F_z$
- model should be robust for extreme inputs

"inputs:"

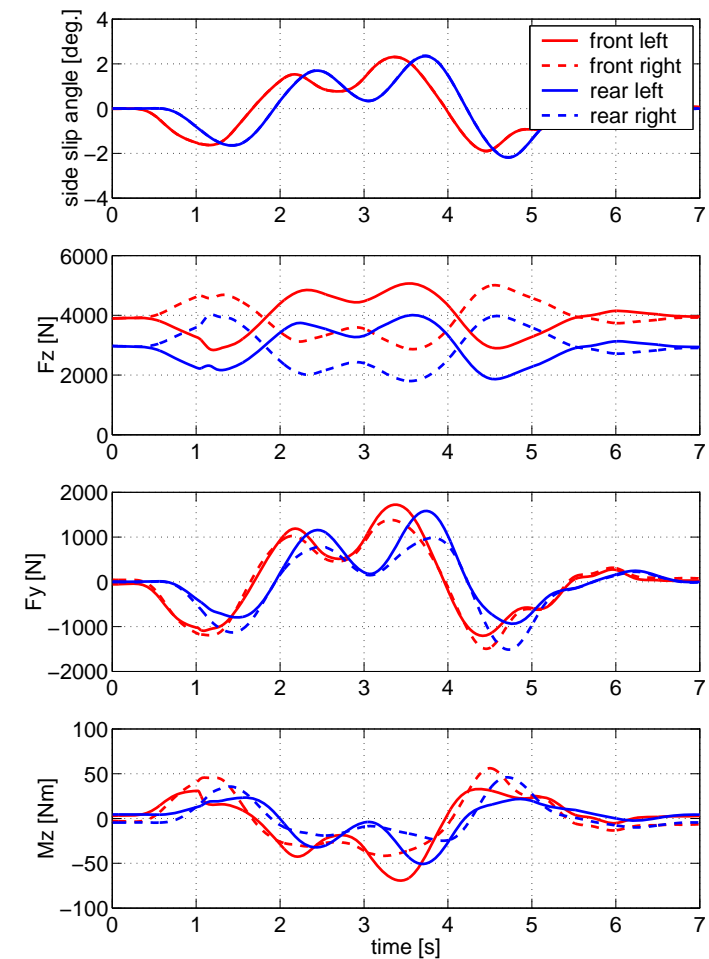
longitudinal slip  $\kappa$   
 side slip angle  $\alpha$   
 inclination angle  $\gamma$   
 vertical load  $F_z$

Magic  
Formula

"outputs:"

$F_x$  longitudinal force  
 $F_y$  lateral force  
 $M_z$  self aligning moment

continuously varying conditions...  
 (lane change simulation)



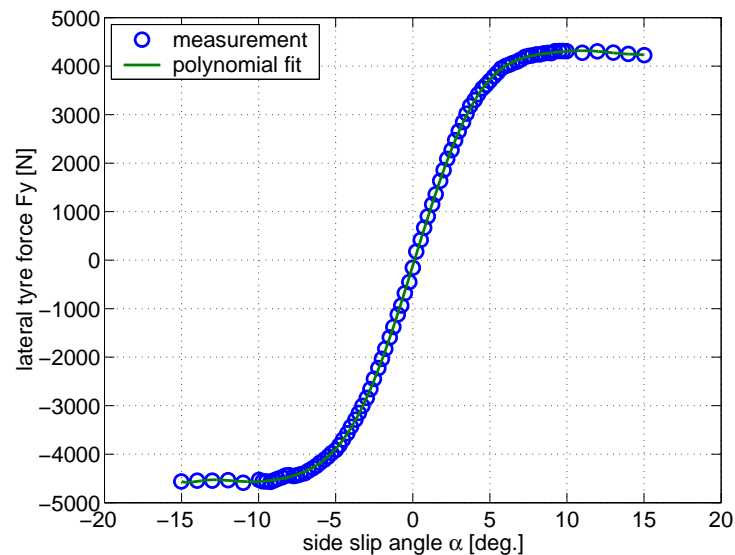
(semi-)empirical tyre models

mathematical model to represent measurements

- smoothing: measurements may be noisy
- data reduction/compression: less storage space required

(bad) example: "polynomial" tyre model:

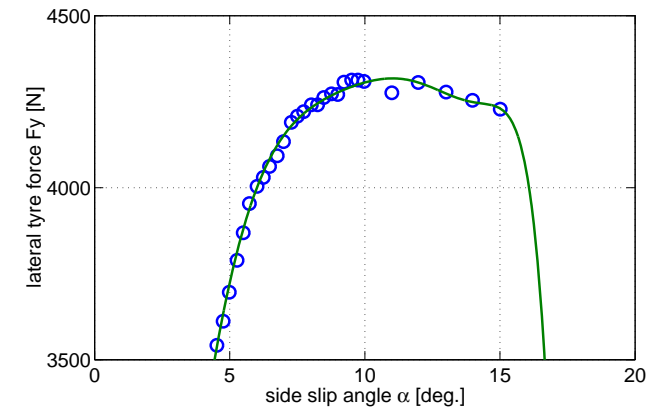
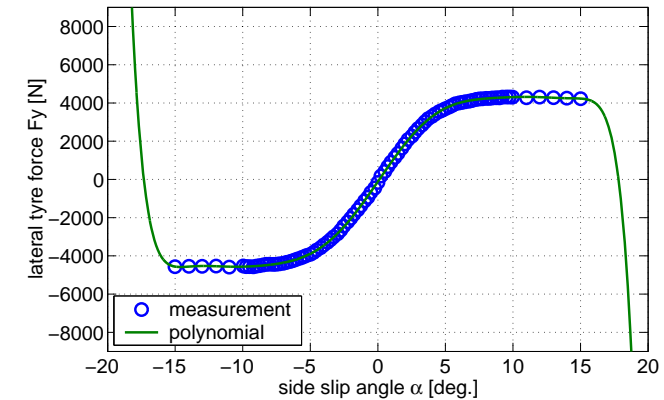
$$F_y = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \alpha^i$$



measurement data: 91 data points  $\alpha, F_y$

polynomial: 11 coefficients ( $n = 11$ )

extrapolation properties... ( $|\alpha| > 15$  deg.)



outside measurement range:

*opposite signs side slip angle and lateral force:  
unrealistic, simulation may fail (unstable)!!!*

## Magic Formula basics

a different approach...

notion:

the base tyre characteristics  $F_x = f(\kappa)$ ,

$F_y = f(\alpha)$  and  $M_z = f(\alpha)$  have a sinusoidal shape, with a “stretched” horizontal axis for large values of slip

this consideration is the basis for a tyre model known as the “Magic Formula”

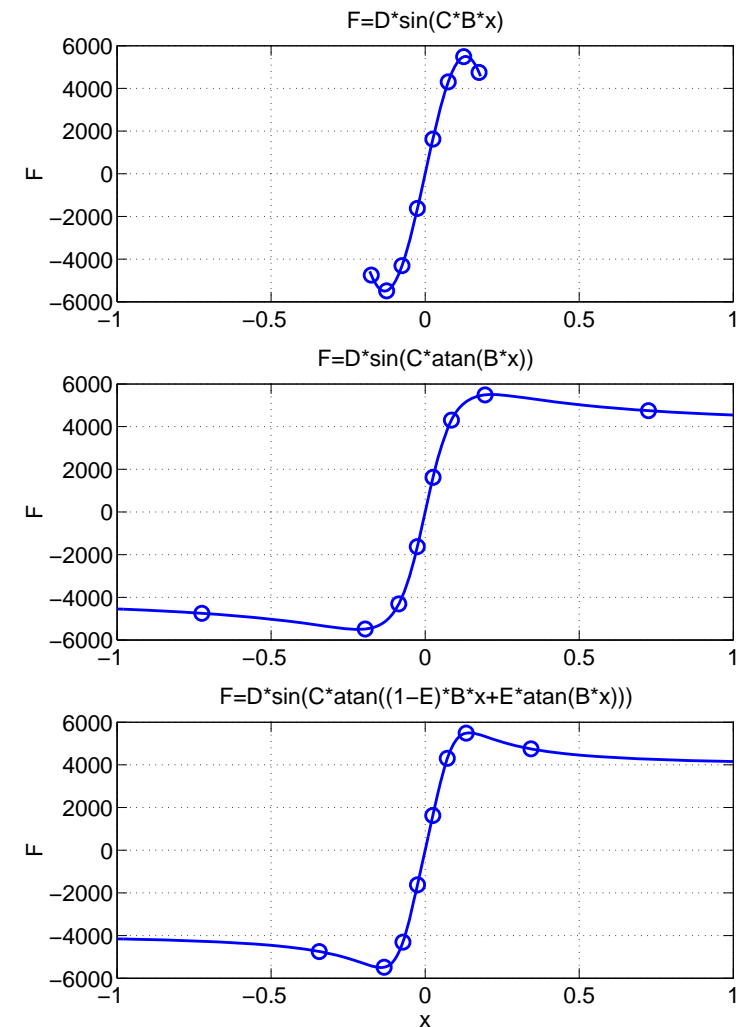
some notes:

- first versions developed by Egbert Bakker (PD&E, Helmond) and professor Pacejka (TU Delft)
- probably the most popular tyre model for vehicle handling simulations (worldwide!)

base Magic Formula:

$$F = D \sin(C \arctan((1 - E)Bx + E \arctan(Bx)))$$

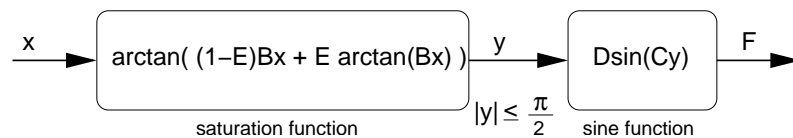
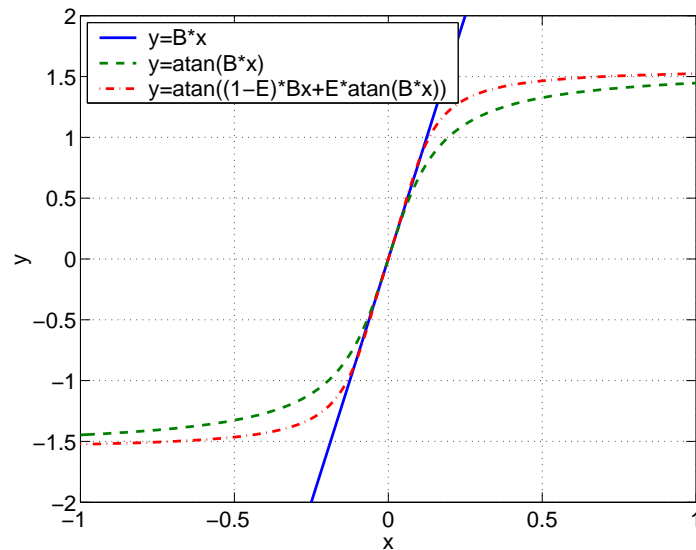
stretching the sine...



parameters in this example:

$$B = 8, C = 1.5, D = 5500, E = -2$$

arctan-function results in saturation of the input to the sine function

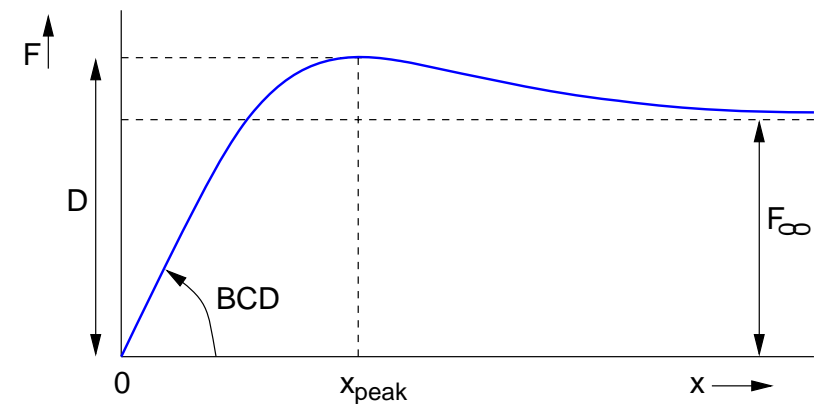


Magic Formula coefficients:

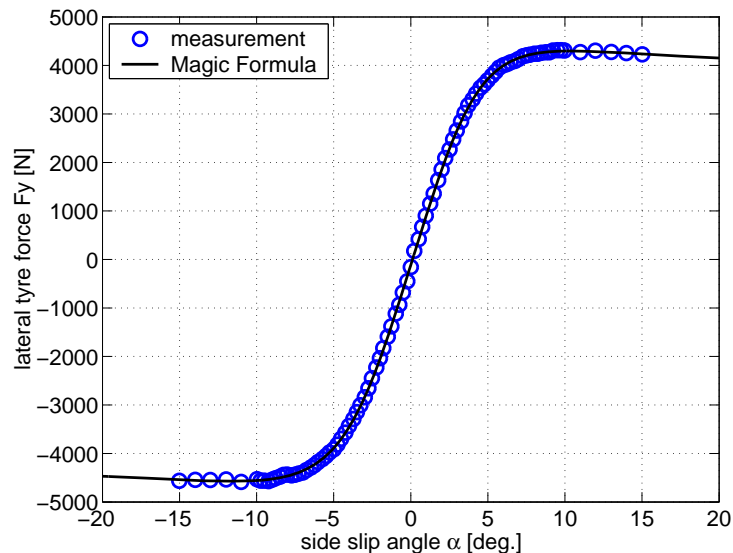
- $D$  determines the peak value
- $C$  determines the limit value when  $x \rightarrow \infty$   

$$C = 2 - \frac{2}{\pi} \arcsin\left(\frac{F_{\infty}}{D}\right) \quad \text{note: } C \geq 1$$
- $BCD$  determines the slope near the origin
- $B$ ,  $E$  &  $C$  determine the location of the peak  

$$E = \frac{Bx_{peak} - \tan(\pi/2C)}{Bx_{peak} - \arctan(Bx_{peak})} \quad \text{note: } E \leq 1$$



curve fitting using non-linear, constrained optimisation techniques (iterative process)



to account for offsets and asymmetry:

- introduce  $\Delta\alpha$ ,  $\Delta F$  and different  $E$  for positive and negative side slip angles

$$F_y = f_{MF}(\alpha + \Delta\alpha) + \Delta F$$

fit:  $B = 10.1068 \text{ rad}^{-1}$

$$C = 1.3056$$

$$D = 4434.9 \text{ N}$$

$$E_{\alpha, pos} = -0.9947 \quad E_{\alpha, neg} = -0.6086$$

$$\Delta\alpha = 0.004 \text{ rad (}=0.2317 \text{ deg)}$$

$$\Delta F = -137.01 \text{ N}$$

longitudinal characteristics (straight line braking)

note: curves are dependent on vertical load  $F_z$ !

introduce dimensionless load increment  $df_z$

$$df_z = \frac{F_z - F_{zn}}{F_{zn}}$$

where  $F_{zn}$  is the nominal (rated) load of the tyre

$$F_{x0} = D_x \sin(C_x \arctan((1 - E_x)B_x \kappa_x + E_x \arctan(B_x \kappa_x)))$$

where:

$$\kappa_x = \kappa + S_{Hx} = \kappa + p_{Hx1} + p_{Hx2} df_z$$

$$D_x = F_z \mu_x \lambda_{\mu x} = F_z (p_{Dx1} + p_{Dx2} df_z) \lambda_{\mu x}$$

$$C_x = p_{Cx1}$$

$$E_x = p_{Ex1} + p_{Ex2} df_z + p_{Ex3} df_z^2$$

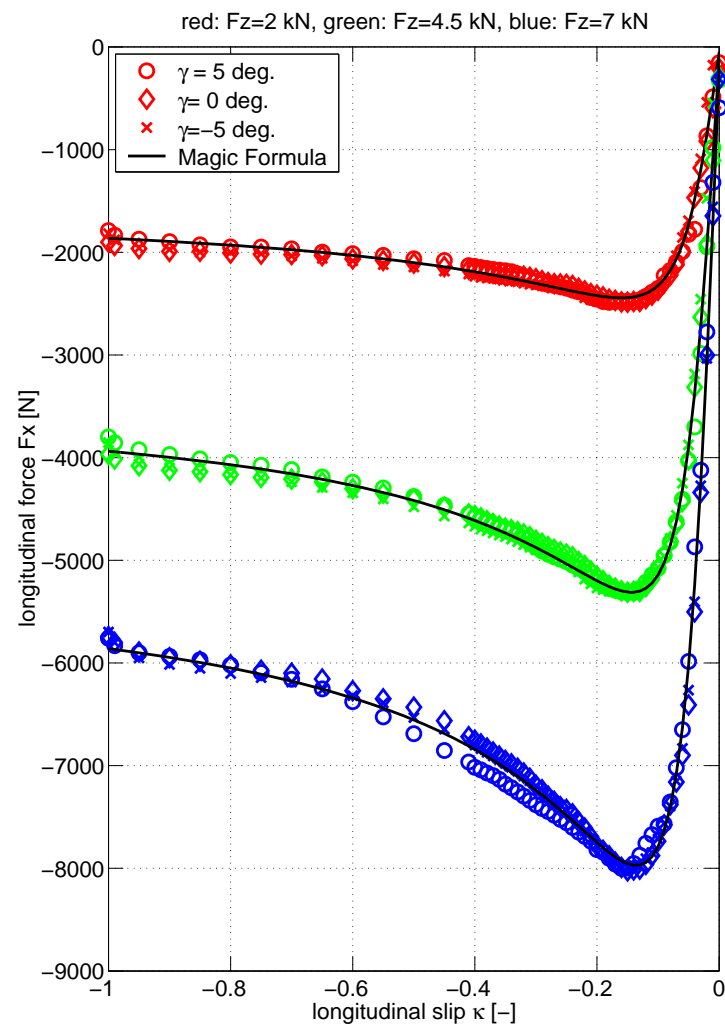
$$K_x = B_x C_x D_x = F_z (p_{Kx1} + p_{Kx2} df_z) \lambda_{Kx}$$

note:

- $K_x = C_{f\kappa}$ : longitudinal slip stiffness
- $B_x$  is calculated from  $C_x$ ,  $D_x$  and  $K_x$
- equations somewhat simplified w.r.t. book Pacejka for educational reasons...



result after fitting coefficients:



data reduction:

495 measurement points  $\Rightarrow$  11 coefficients

numerical values:

$$F_{zn} = 4000 \text{ N}, p_{Cx1} = 1.5676$$

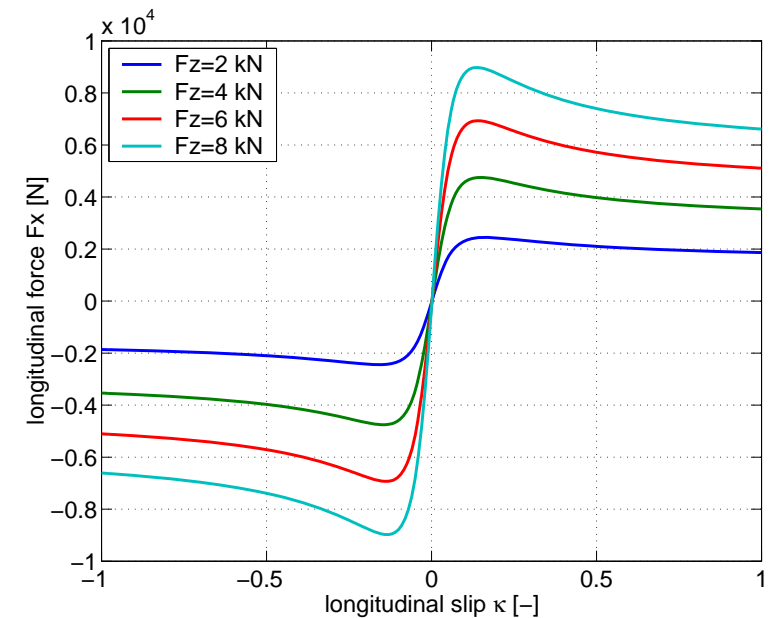
$$p_{Dx1} = 1.1887, p_{Dx2} = -0.0665$$

$$p_{Ex1} = 0.1620, p_{Ex2} = -0.1578, p_{Ex1} = 0.1532$$

$$p_{Hx1} = -0.0153, p_{Hx2} = -0.0024$$

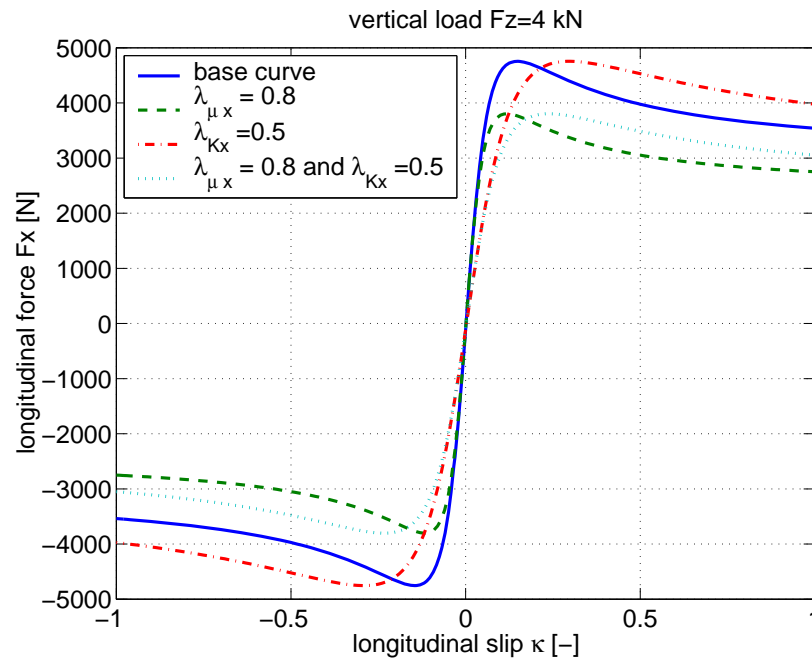
$$p_{Kx1} = 21.13, p_{Kx2} = 0.3673$$

interpolation/extrapolation (load, braking/driving)



scaling coefficients  $\lambda_{Kx}, \lambda_{\mu x}$ :

- value equals 1 during fitting process
- may be used to adjust tyre characteristics (e.g. tuning of a full simulation model, correction for different road types, etc.)



lateral characteristics (pure cornering)

$$F_{y0} = f_{MF}(\alpha, \gamma, F_z)$$

again the Magic Formula can be used:

$$F_{y0} = D_y \sin(C_y \arctan((1 - E_y) B_y \alpha_y + E_y \arctan(B_y \alpha_y))) + S_{Vy}$$

where:

$$\alpha_y = \alpha + S_{Hy}$$

$$C_y = p_{cy1}$$

$$D_y = F_z (p_{Dy1} + p_{Dy2} df_z) (1 - p_{Dy3} \gamma^2) \lambda_{\mu y}$$

$$E_y = (p_{Ey1} + p_{Ey2} df_z) \{1 - (p_{Ey3} + p_{Ey4} \gamma) \text{sign}(\alpha_y)\} \lambda_{Ey}$$

$$K_y = p_{Ky1} F_{zn} \sin \left( 2 \arctan \left( \frac{F_z}{p_{Ky2} F_{zn}} \right) \right) (1 - p_{Ky3} \gamma^2)$$

$$B_y = \frac{K_y}{C_y D_y}$$

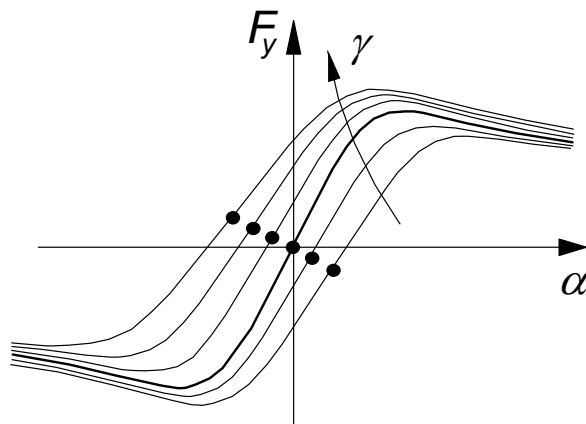
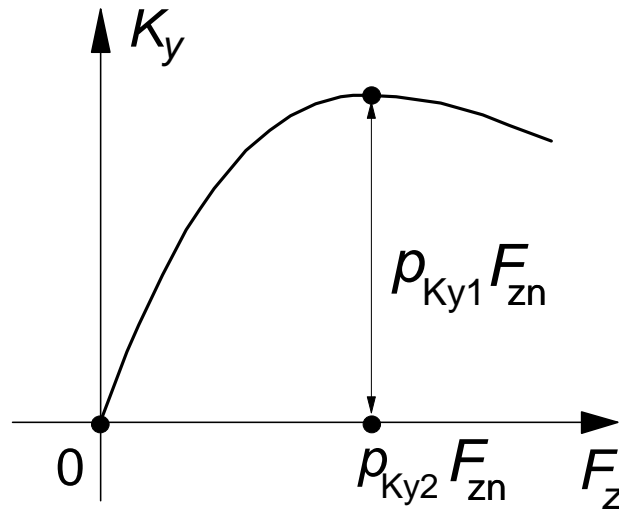
$$S_{Hy} = (p_{Hy1} + p_{Hy2} df_z) \lambda_{Hy} + p_{Hy3} \gamma \lambda_{Ky\gamma}$$

$$S_{Vy} = F_z (p_{Vy1} + p_{Vy2} df_z) \lambda_{Vy} + (p_{Vy3} + p_{Vy4} df_z) \gamma \lambda_{Ky\gamma}$$

note:  $K_y = C_{f\alpha}$ : cornering stiffness

formula for the cornering stiffness:

$$K_y = p_{Ky1} F_{zn} \sin \left( 2 \arctan \left( \frac{F_z}{p_{Ky2} F_{zn}} \right) \right) (1 - p_{Ky3} \gamma^2)$$

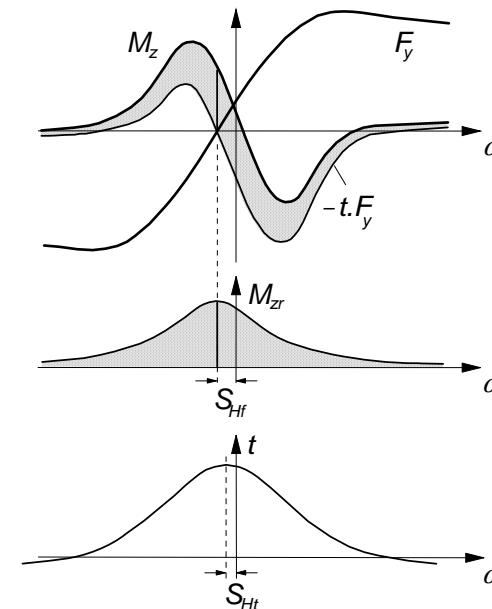


### self-aligning moment $M_z$

in early versions of the Magic Formula the self-aligning moment was fitted using a similar approach as the  $F_y$  characteristic.

more recently this was changed in the concept of using a pneumatic trail and residual moment (easier to handle combined slip)

$$M_z = -F_{y0} \cdot t_0 + M_{zr0}$$

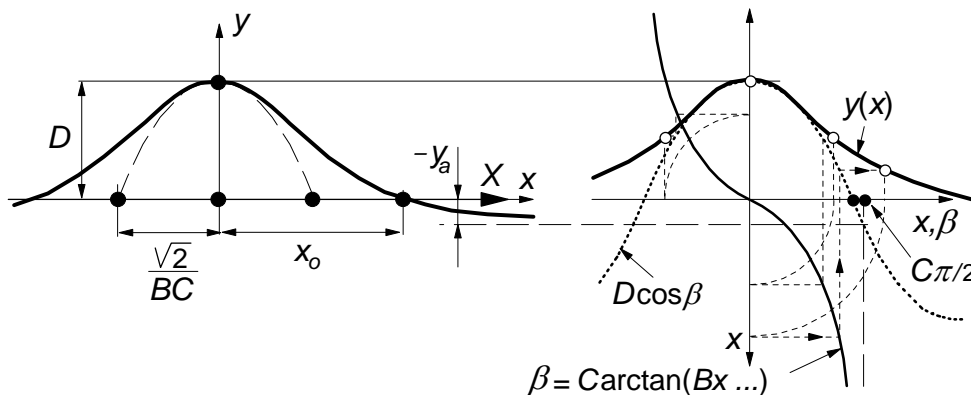


for the description of the pneumatic trail and residual moment a cosine type of Magic Formula is used

$$t_0 = D_t \cos(C_t \arctan((1 - E_t)B_t \alpha_t + E_t \arctan(B_t \alpha_t)))$$

and

$$M_{zr0} = D_r \cos(C_r \arctan(B_r \alpha_r))$$



### combined slip

the reduction of longitudinal forces and lateral forces for combined slip conditions is taken into account by applying a weighting function to the “pure” characteristics

in addition a “braking induced plysteer force”  $S_{Vy\kappa}$  is taken into account for the lateral force

$$F_x = G_{x\alpha} \cdot F_{x0}$$

$$F_y = G_{y\kappa} \cdot F_{y0} + S_{Vy\kappa}$$

weighting functions  $G_{x\alpha}, G_{y\kappa}$  may reach values between 0 and slightly over 1

this method was developed by Bayle (Michelin)

load dependency on  $G_{x\alpha}, G_{y\kappa}$  was introduced by Van Oosten (TNO)

weighting function for  $F_x$ :

$$G_{x\alpha} = \frac{\cos(C_{x\alpha} \arctan((1 - E_{x\alpha})B_{x\alpha}\alpha_s + E_{x\alpha} \arctan(B_{x\alpha}\alpha_s)))}{\cos(C_{x\alpha} \arctan((1 - E_{x\alpha})B_{x\alpha}S_{Hx\alpha} + E_{x\alpha} \arctan(B_{x\alpha}S_{Hx\alpha})))}$$

were:

$$\alpha_s = \alpha + S_{Hx\alpha}$$

$$B_{x\alpha} = r_{Bx1} \cos(\arctan(r_{Bx2}\kappa))$$

$$C_{x\alpha} = r_{Cx1}$$

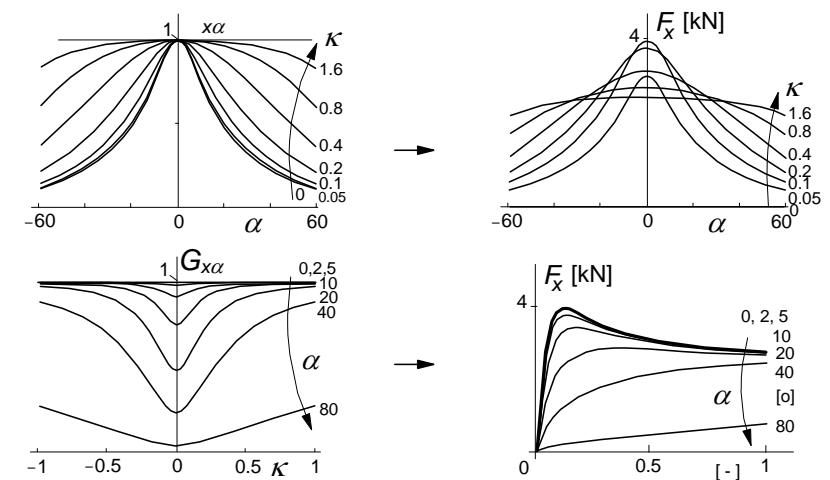
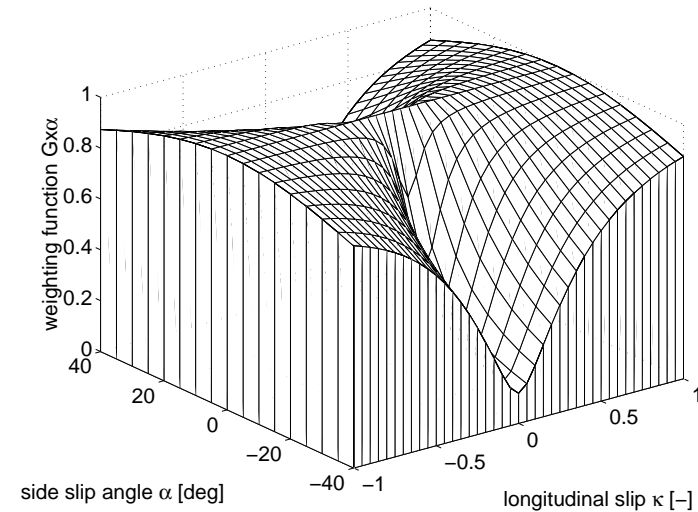
$$E_{x\alpha} = r_{Ex1} + r_{Ex2}df_z$$

$$S_{Hx\alpha} = r_{Hx1}$$

notes:

- $\alpha = 0 \Rightarrow G_{x\alpha} = 1$
- $G_{x\alpha}$  as a function of  $\alpha$  has the cosine-Magic Formula shape
- $B_{x\alpha}$  is a function of  $\kappa$  and alters the base cosine-Magic Formula shape
- $\kappa \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow B_{x\alpha} = 0 \Rightarrow G_{x\alpha} = 1$
- $E_{x\alpha}$  is sometimes ignored or may be considered almost constant (dependency on  $F_z$  only for special tyres)

$$\underbrace{F_x(\kappa, \alpha, F_z)}_{\text{combined}} = \underbrace{G_{x\alpha}(\kappa, \alpha)}_{\text{weighting}} \cdot \underbrace{F_{x0}(\kappa, F_z)}_{\text{pure}}$$



weighting function for  $F_y$ :

$$G_{y\kappa} = \frac{\cos(C_{y\kappa} \arctan((1 - E_{y\kappa})B_{y\kappa}\kappa_s + E_{y\kappa} \arctan(B_{y\kappa}\kappa_s)))}{\cos(C_{y\kappa} \arctan((1 - E_{y\kappa})B_{y\kappa}S_{Hy\kappa} + E_{y\kappa} \arctan(B_{y\kappa}S_{Hy\kappa})))}$$

were:

$$\kappa_s = \kappa + S_{Hy\kappa}$$

$$B_{y\kappa} = r_{By1} \cos(\arctan(r_{By2}(\alpha - r_{By3})))$$

$$C_{y\kappa} = r_{Cy1}$$

$$E_{y\kappa} = r_{Ey1} + r_{Ey2} df_z$$

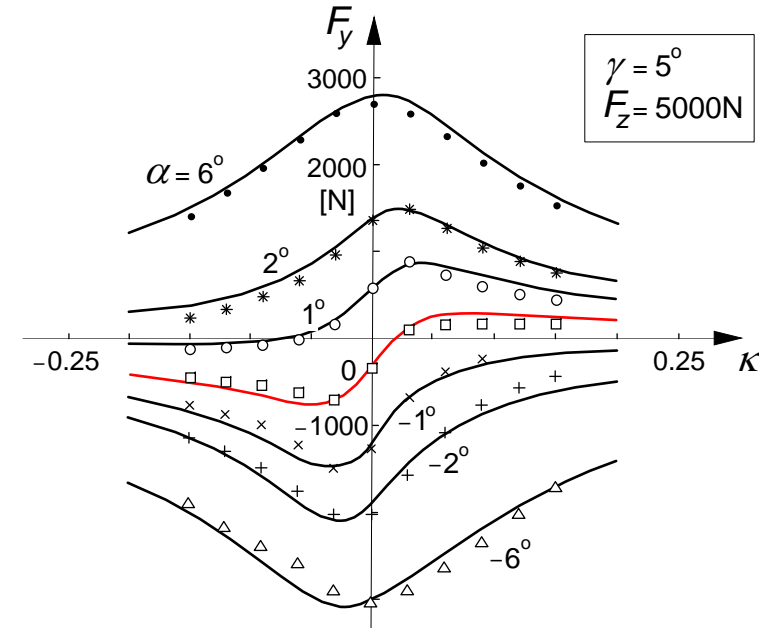
$$S_{Hy\kappa} = r_{Hy1} + r_{Hy2} df_z$$

notes:

- structure  $G_{y\kappa}$  is very similar to  $G_{x\alpha}$  when replacing  $\alpha \rightarrow \kappa$  and  $\kappa \rightarrow \alpha$
- weighting function independent of  $\gamma$
- again  $F_z$  dependency may be disregarded

braking induced plysteer

- clearly visible for small side slip angles
- cannot be handled by weighting function



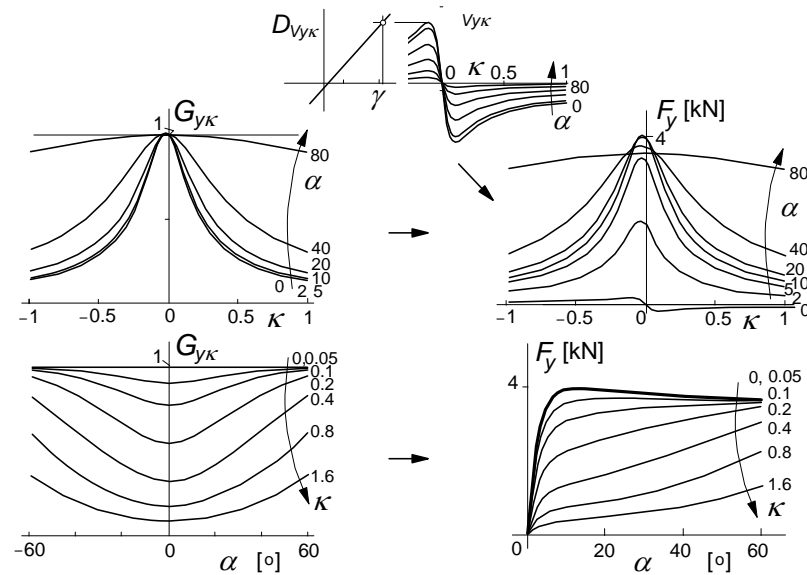
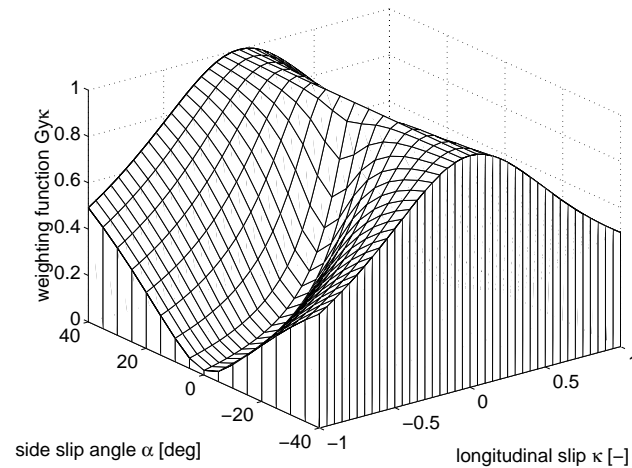
sine Magic Formula...

$$S_{Vy\kappa} = D_{Vy\kappa} \sin(r_{Vy5} \arctan(r_{Vy6}\kappa))$$

where

$$D_{Vy\kappa} = f(\gamma, F_z) \cdot \cos(\arctan(r_{Vy4}\alpha))$$

$$F_y(\kappa, \alpha, \gamma, F_z) = \underbrace{G_{y\kappa}(\kappa, \alpha)}_{\text{combined}} \cdot \underbrace{F_{y0}(\alpha, \gamma, F_z)}_{\text{weighting}} + \underbrace{S_{vy\kappa}(\kappa, \alpha, \gamma, F_z)}_{\text{pure braking\_induced\_plysteer}}$$



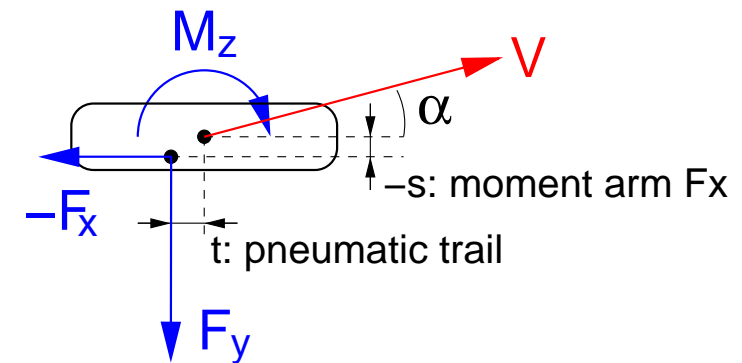
self-aligning moment under braking:

$$M_z = -t(\alpha_{t,eq}) \cdot F_y + M_{zr}(\alpha_{r,eq}) + s(F_y, \gamma) \cdot F_x$$

pneumatic trail  $t$  and residual moment  $M_{zr}$  are calculated using equivalent side slip angles, incorporating the effect of longitudinal slip

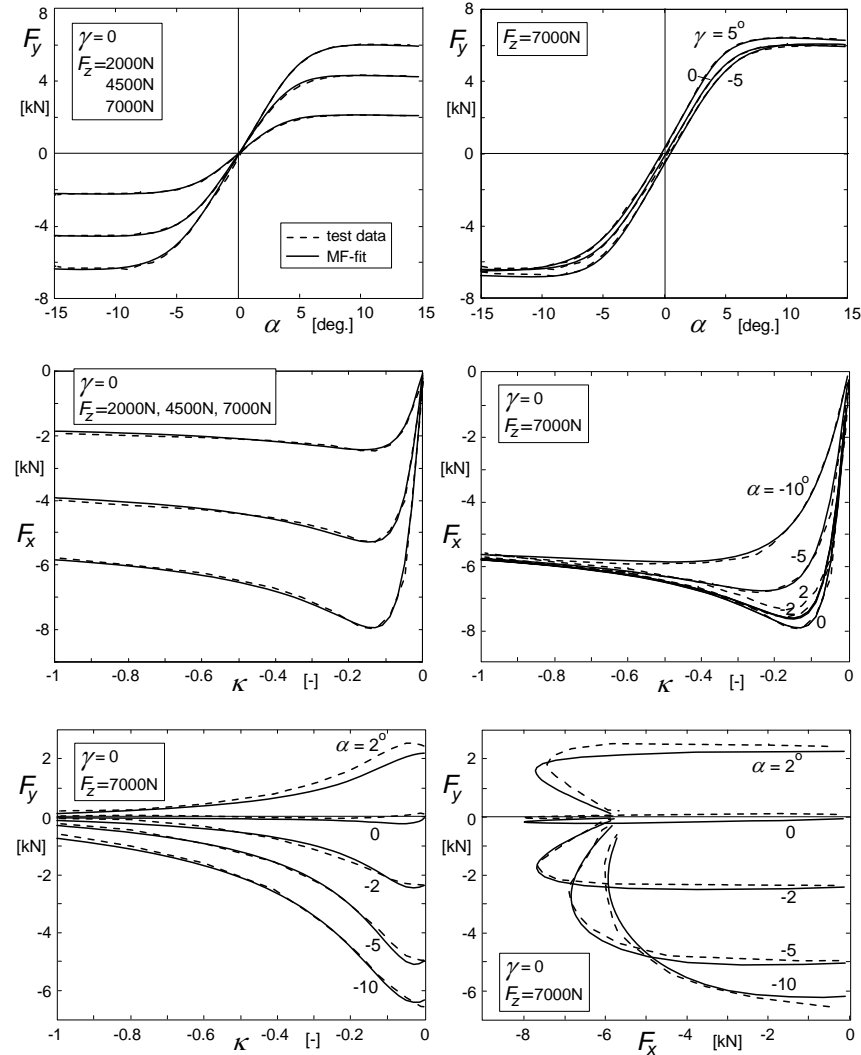
$$\alpha_{t,eq} = \sqrt{\alpha_t^2 + \left(\frac{K_x}{K_y}\right)^2 \kappa^2} \cdot \text{sgn}(\alpha_t)$$

in addition we have a moment arm  $s$  for the longitudinal force to account of a lateral offset between the longitudinal force and contact center

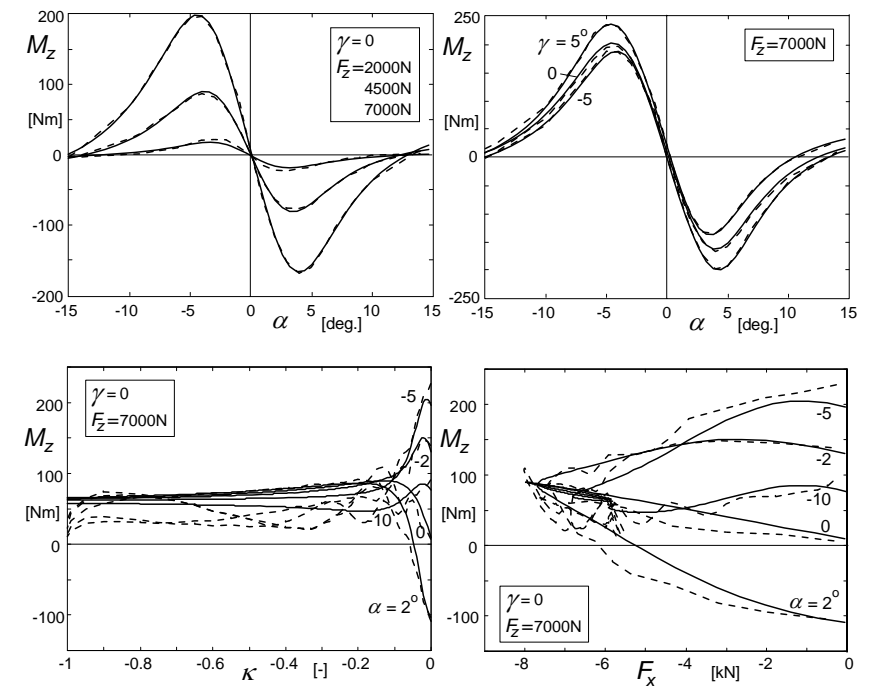


*a lot of equations... but does it work?*

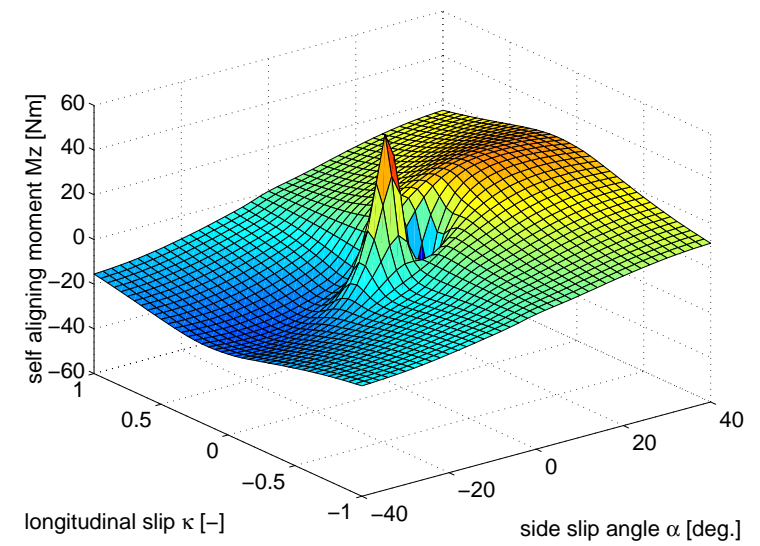
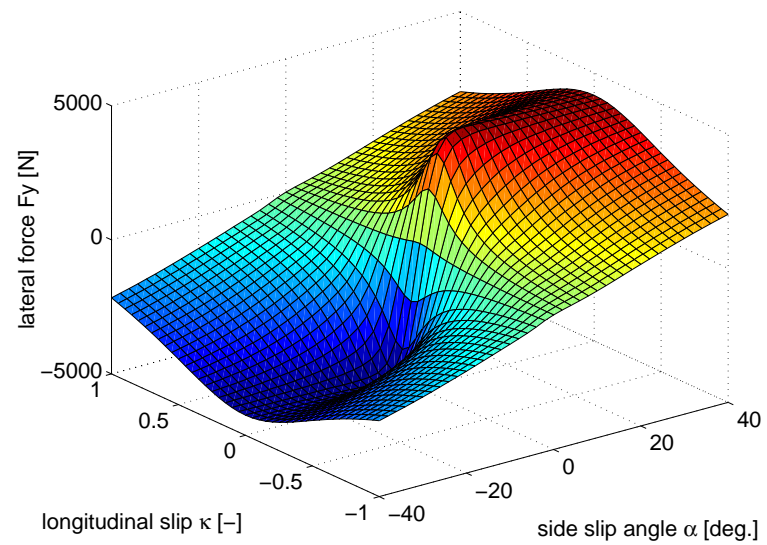
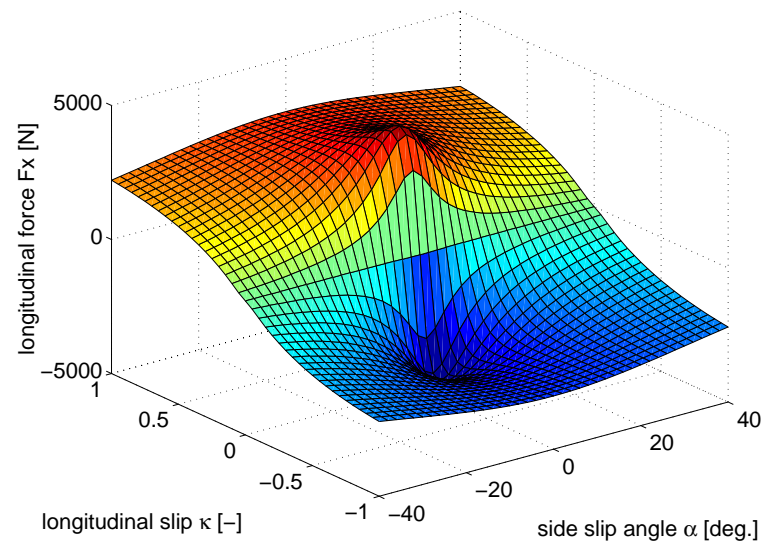
- longitudinal and lateral force



- self-aligning moment

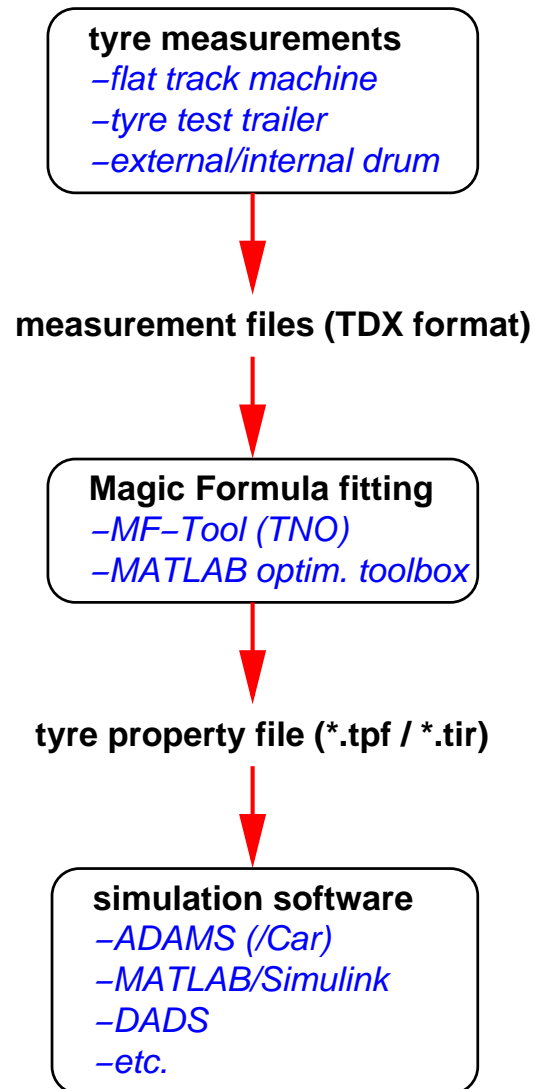






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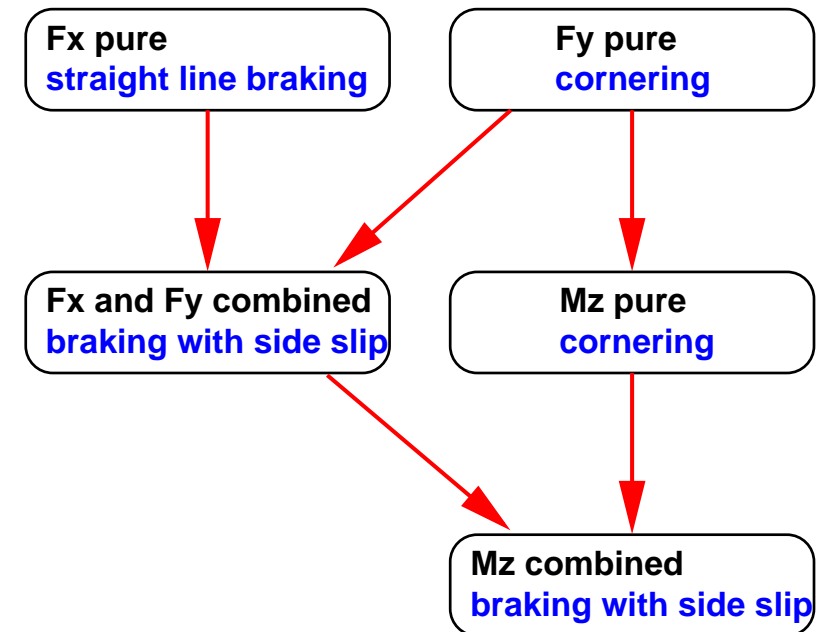
### data flow



## practical aspects: fitting

### Magic Formula fitting

#### stepwise approach



additional notes:

- a special version of the Magic Formula exists to handle motorcycle tyres (very large inclination angles, see chapter 10.6)
- Pacejka has extended the Magic Formula to include turn slip and parking behaviour, see chapter 4.3.3
- Magic Formula describes steady-state tyre characteristics (valid up to 0.5 - 1 Hz). extensions are possible to include relaxation behaviour and/or dynamics up to 60 Hz. (will be discussed in Advanced Vehicle Dynamics)

### ***Rolling resistance***

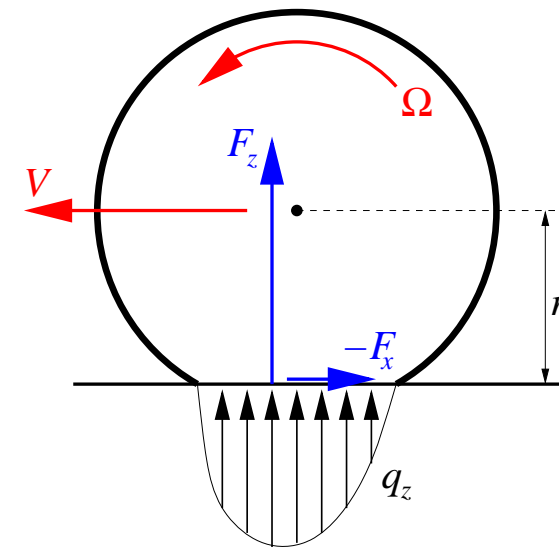
a tyre will deform in the contact zone...

in case of a rotating tyre:

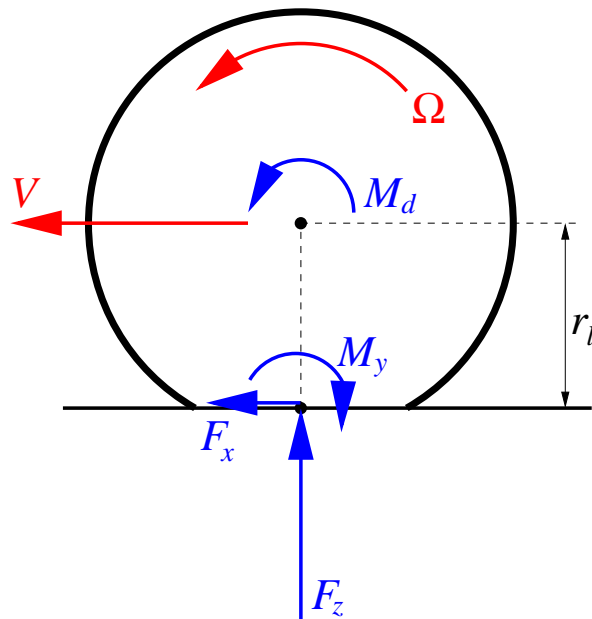
- material continuously moves through the contact zone and internal damping and hysteresis will result in energy dissipation

energy is required to maintain a constant forward velocity  $\Rightarrow$  rolling resistance

for a rolling tyre the contact pressure distribution will be (slightly) asymmetric: the resulting vertical tyre force  $F_z$  will be ahead of the wheel centre



when translating the vertical force to the tyre contact centre a moment will arise: the rolling resistance moment  $M_y$



dynamics of the wheel:

$$I_p \dot{\Omega} = -F_x r_l - M_y + M_d$$

where:

$F_x$  longitudinal force

$M_d$  drive moment

(e.g. engine, negative in case of braking)

$I_p$  wheel + tyre polar moment of inertia

$r_l$  loaded radius

for a free rolling tyre ( $M_d = 0$ ) at constant velocity ( $\dot{\Omega} = 0$ ) we get:

$$F_x = -\frac{M_y}{r_l}$$

the longitudinal force  $F_x$  due to rolling resistance is usually expressed as a fraction of the vertical force  $F_z$

$$F_{x,rr} = -f_r F_z$$

$f_r$  is the rolling resistance coefficient

examples

- asphalt:  $f_r = 0.01-0.02$
- grass:  $f_r = 0.05$
- soft soil:  $f_r$  up to 0.5

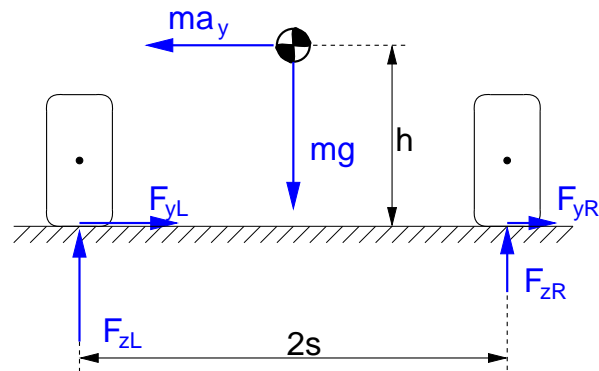
**note:**

The correct way to introduce rolling resistance in a simulation model which includes rotating wheels is by means of a rolling resistance moment  $M_y$  (e.g.  $M_y = f_r r_l F_z$ ) which is opposite to the angular velocity of the wheel!

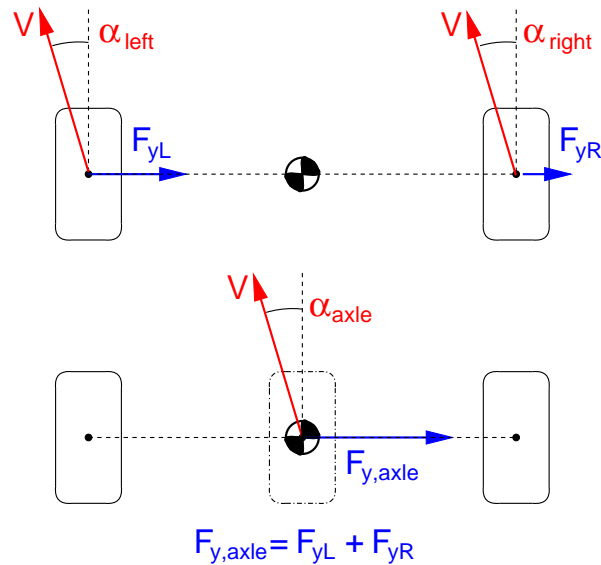


## Effective axle characteristics

rear view



top view

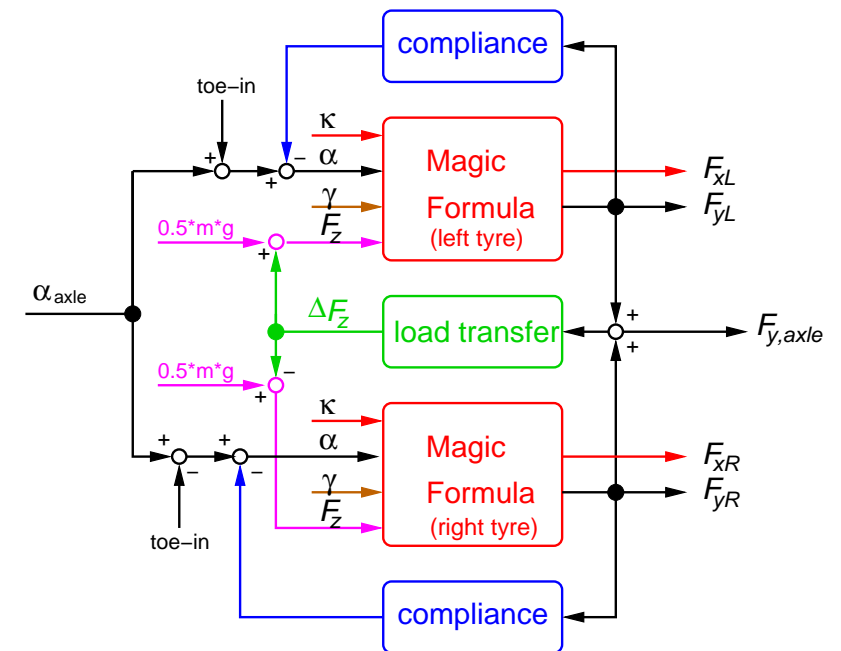


characteristics:

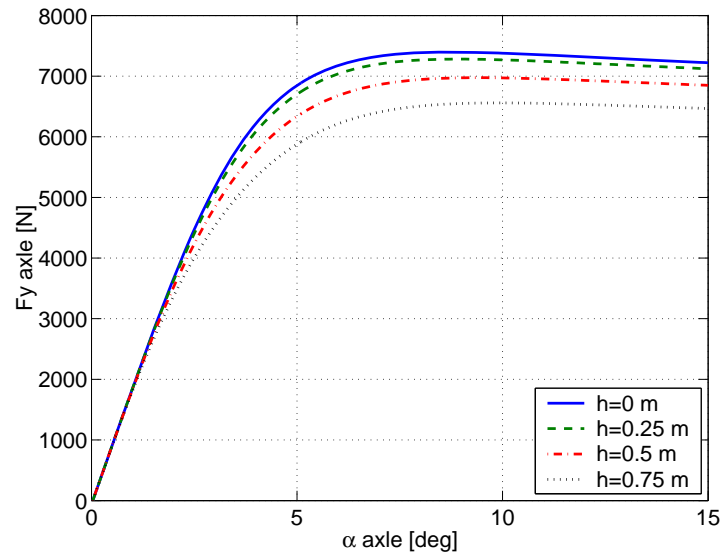
- single axle
- centre of gravity height taken into account
- two identical tyres
- steady-state analysis

default parameters:

- $m=800$  kg
- $2s=1.5$  m
- $h=0.6$  m
- $g=9.81$  m/s<sup>2</sup>
- 195/65 R15 passenger car tyre



## effect of C.G. height... (load transfer)



due to the C.G. height the vertical load on the left and right tyre is not identical anymore:

$$\Delta F = \frac{h}{2s} m a_y = \frac{h}{2s} F_{y, axle}$$

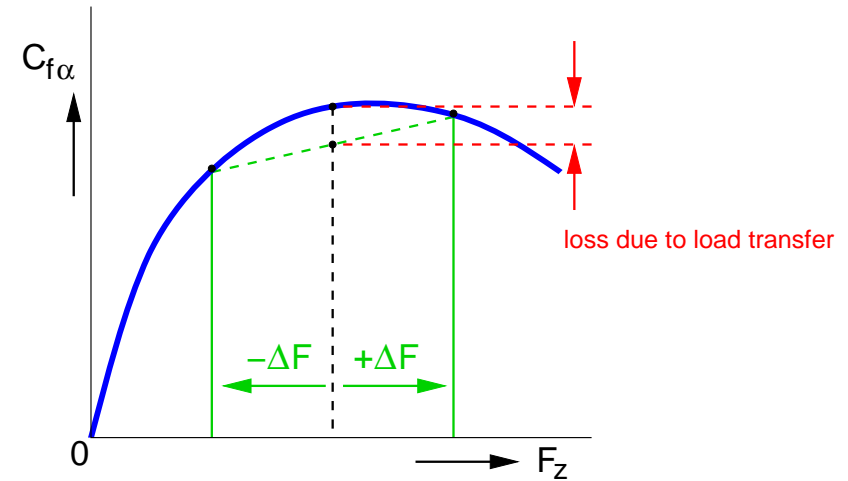
$$F_{zL} = 0.5mg + \Delta F \quad F_{zR} = 0.5mg - \Delta F$$

tyre characteristics are dependent on the vertical load:

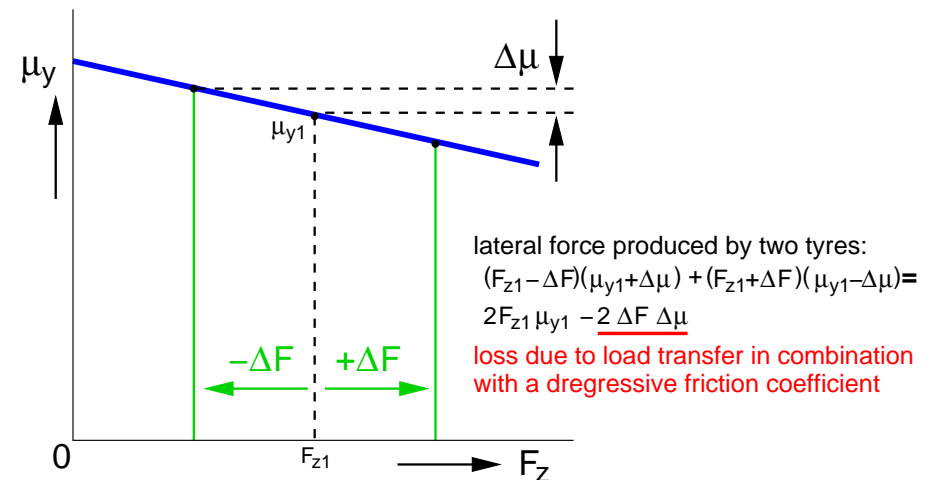
- degressive friction coefficient with vertical load
- saturation of the cornering stiffness

## explanation: (see also page 154)

## cornering stiffness

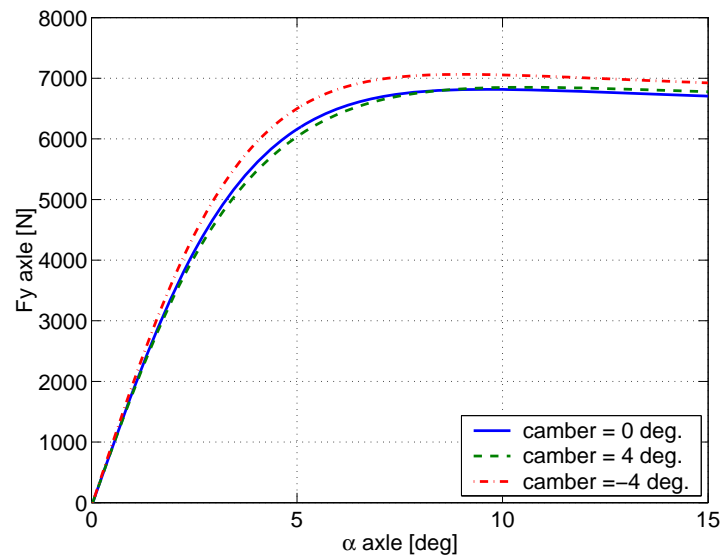
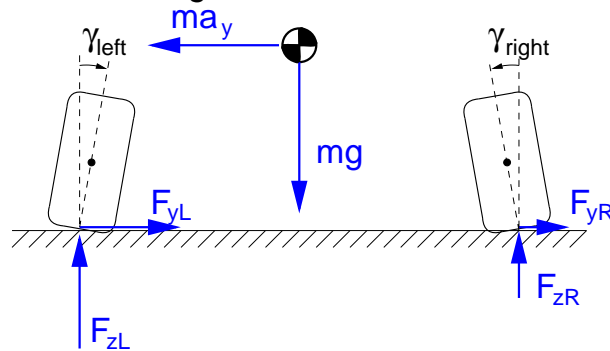


## peak lateral friction coefficient



note: it is very obvious that a low C.G. is beneficial to maximise the lateral acceleration!

effect of camber...  
rear view: negative camber

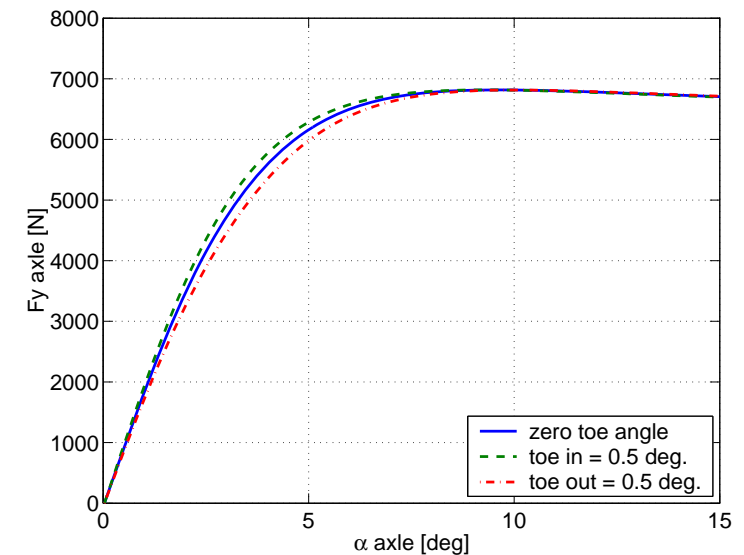
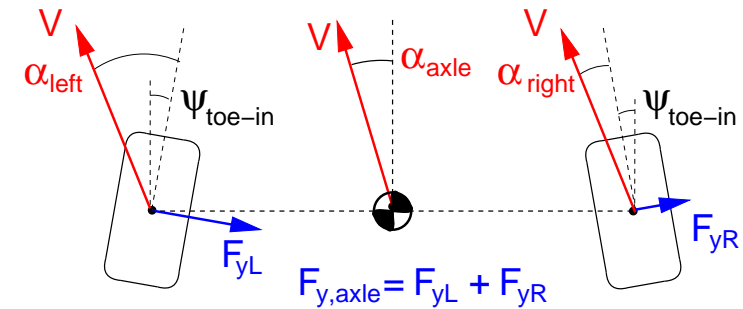


negative camber on the highly loaded wheel results in an upward shift of the  $F_y$  vs.  $\alpha$  curve (see page 157 and 160)

- uneven tyre wear may pose a limit

effect of a toe-in angle...

top view: toe-in



large toe angles:

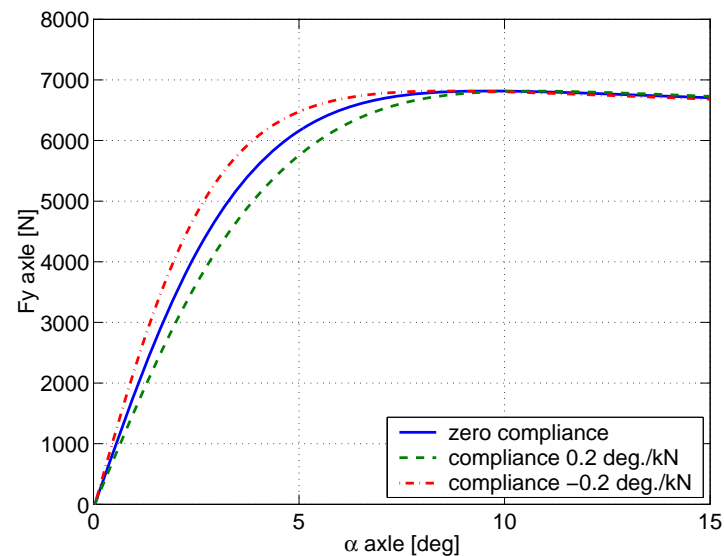
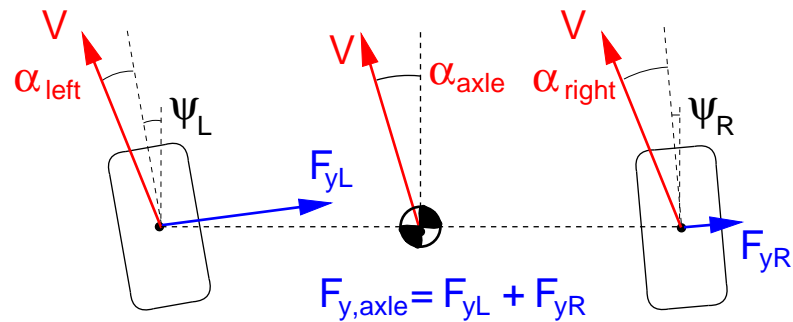
- cause additional drag
- tyre wear may impose a limit



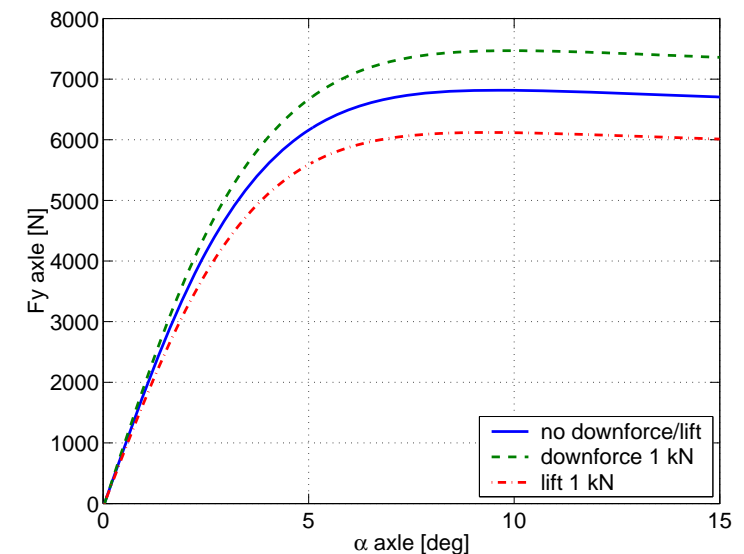
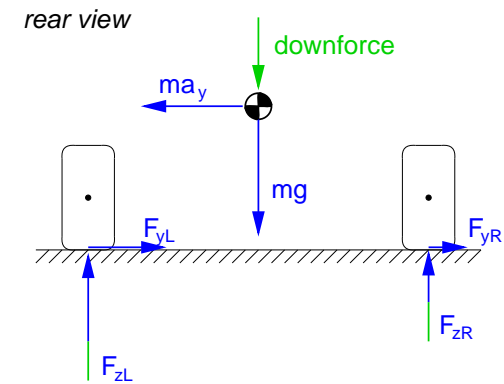
effect of compliance steer...

- suspension may deflect under the influence of lateral force (and self-aligning moment and/or longitudinal force...)

*top view: (positive) steering compliance*



aerodynamic down force/lift...



F-1 racing car: down force distribution over the front and rear axle will completely determine the under/oversteer behaviour at high speeds  
(note: velocity dependent handling diagram!)

braking...

assumption: identical longitudinal force left/right

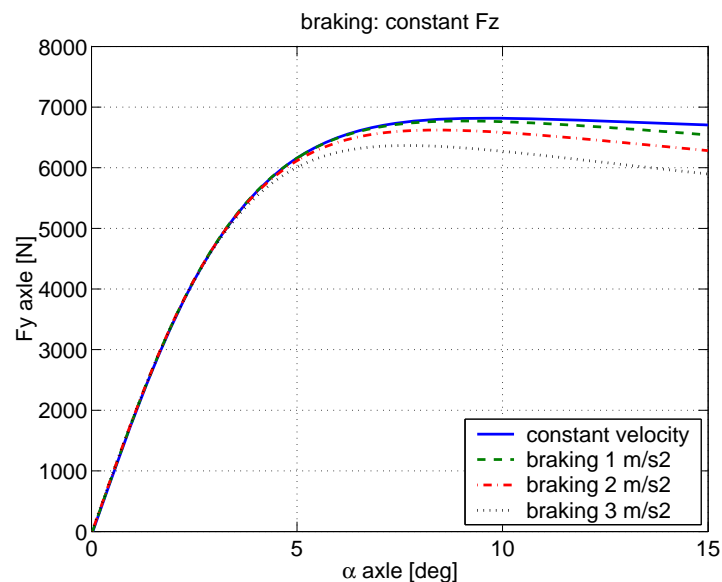
effects:

- combined slip
- on a vehicle: load transfer front/rear axle

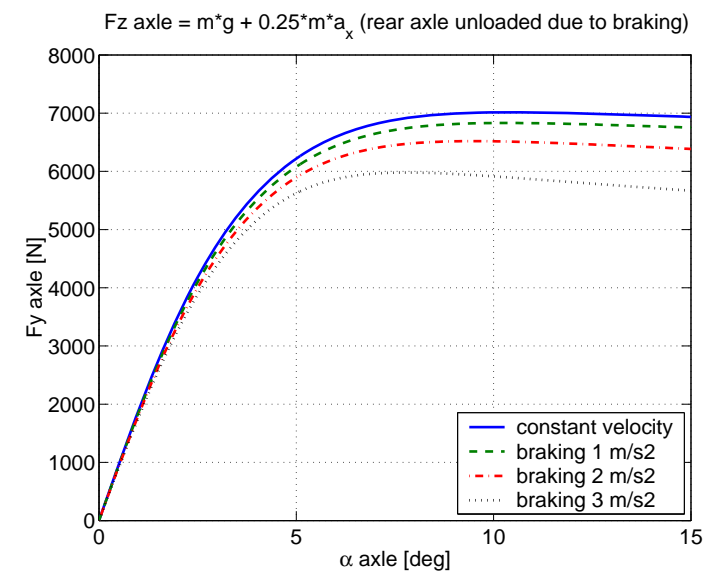
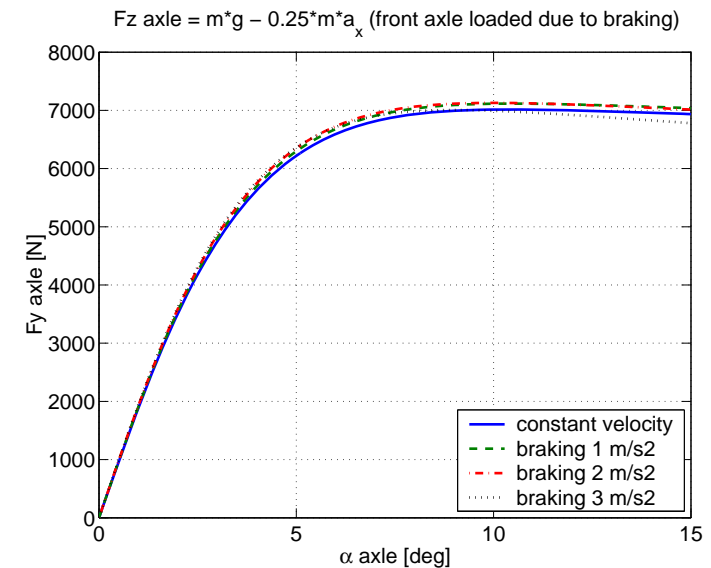
note:

- only moderate braking considered (no locking of unloaded wheel)
- power on/off has same effects

without load transfer front/rear:



including load transfer front/rear:



## The roll centre

a **four** wheeled vehicle:

- for the calculation of the vertical tyre forces we have four unknowns and three equations

statically undetermined construction:

- tyre and suspension deflections need to be considered to calculate the vertical force distribution

to analyse the cornering behaviour of a vehicle on a flat road, the concept of a “roll centre” is introduced:

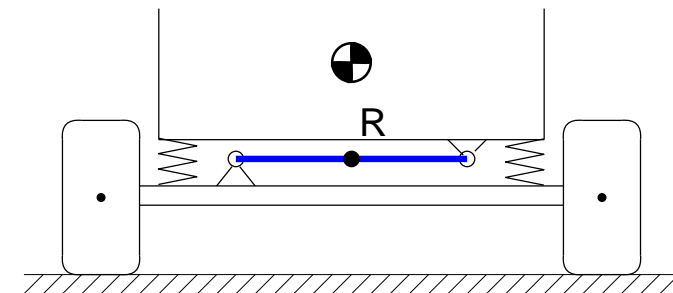
- simplified analysis: may not be valid for high lateral acceleration levels (validity will also depend on the suspension type)
- is important for a basic understanding of the effects of vehicle roll
- vertical tyre deflection neglected (rigid tyres)
- may be the source of some debate...

roll centre definition [SAE]:

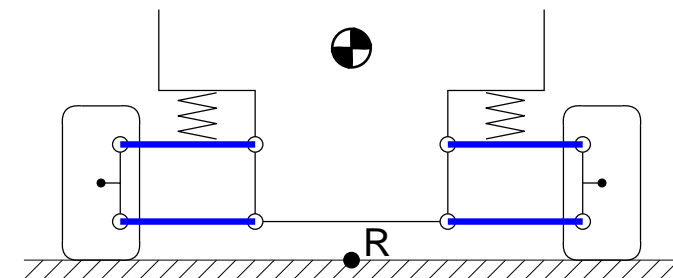
*The roll centre is the point in the traverse vertical plane through any pair of wheel centres at which the lateral force may be applied to the sprung mass (=vehicle body) without producing suspension roll.*

examples:

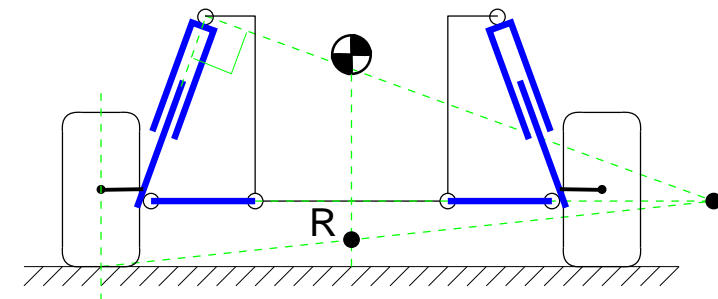
suspension with Panhard rod



double wishbone suspension



McPherson suspension



roll centre height:

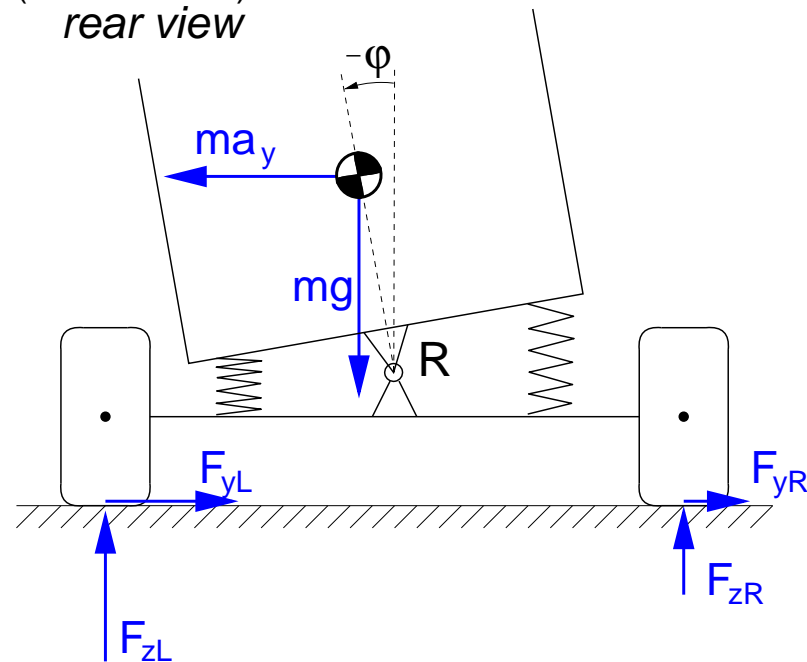
- generally between road and wheel centre
- possibly below road level
- front usually lower than rear

detailed analysis: roll centre can move e.g. vertically a function of suspension deflection, and laterally for high lateral acceleration

axle + body under lateral acceleration

(R: roll centre)

rear view

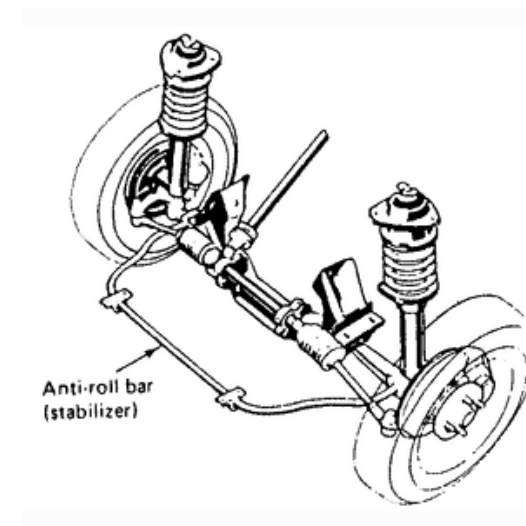
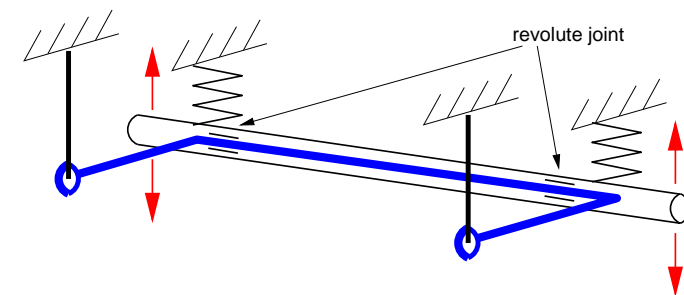


roll stiffness may be increased by introducing a roll stabiliser (also called: anti-roll bar)

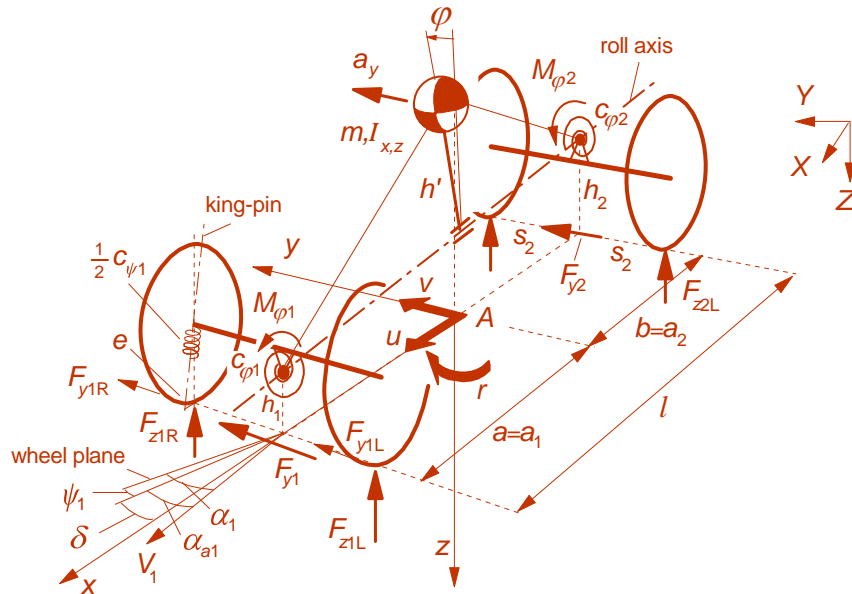
roll stabiliser:

- increases roll stiffness, reduction of body roll
- affects vehicle over/understeer behaviour (will be shown...)

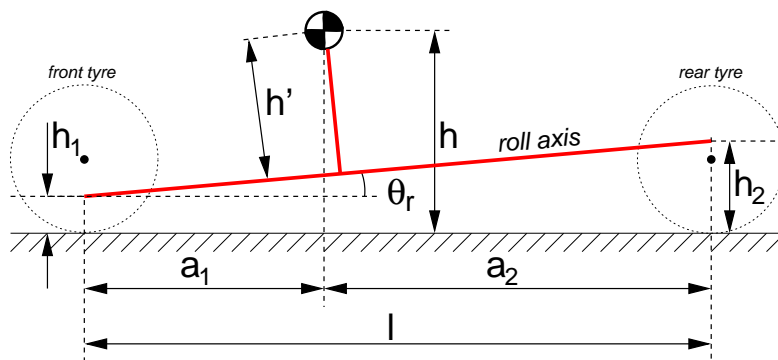
roll stabiliser



## Roll-axis vehicle model



### side view



## steady state cornering analysis

roll angle:

$$\phi = \frac{-ma_y h'}{c_{\phi 1} + c_{\phi 2} - mgh'}$$

load transfer: ( $i = 1, 2$ )

$$\Delta F_{zi} = \sigma_i m a_y$$

$$\sigma_i = \frac{1}{2s_i} \left( \frac{c_{\phi i} h'}{c_{\phi 1} + c_{\phi 2} - mgh'} + \frac{l - a_i}{l} h_i \right)$$

$$F_{ziL} = \left( \frac{l - a_i}{2l} \right) mg + \Delta F_{zi}, \quad F_{ziR} = \left( \frac{l - a_i}{2l} \right) mg - \Delta F_{zi}$$

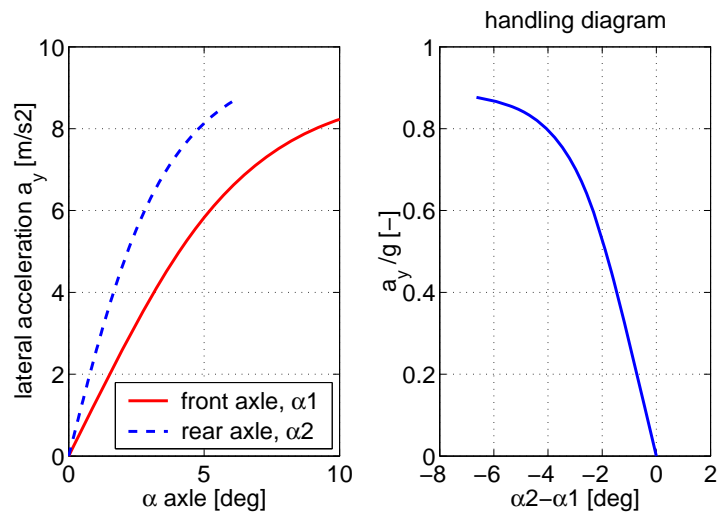
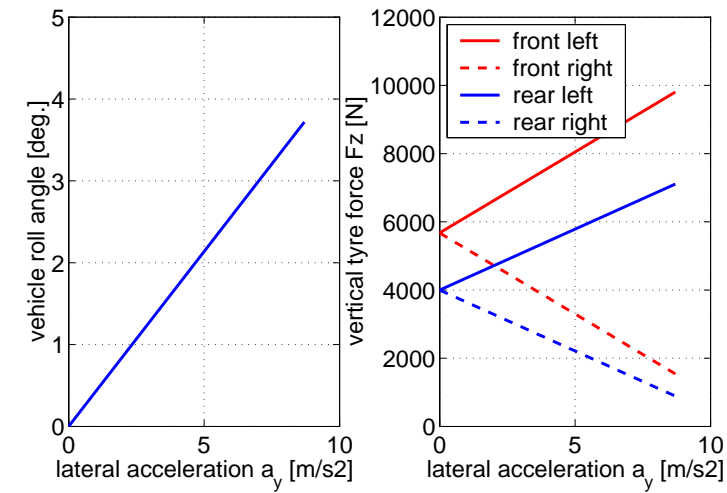
lateral tyre forces: ( $i = 1, 2$ )

$$F_{yiL} + F_{yiR} = F_{yi,axle} = \left( \frac{l - a_i}{l} \right) m a_y$$

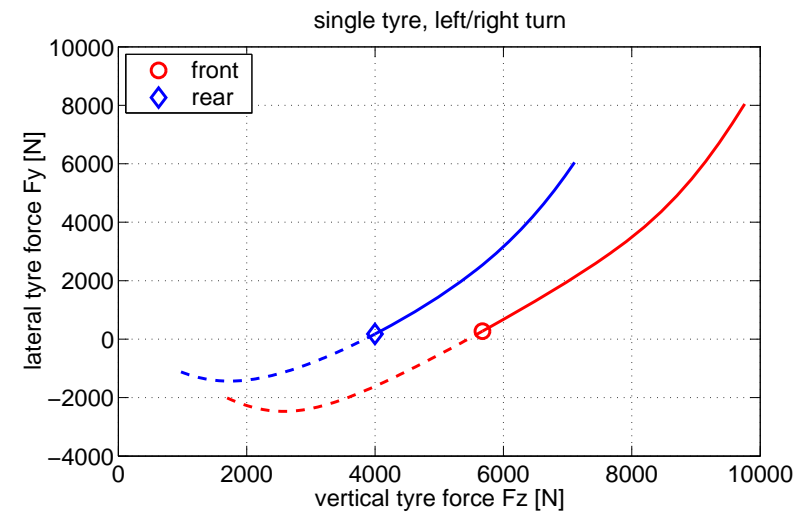
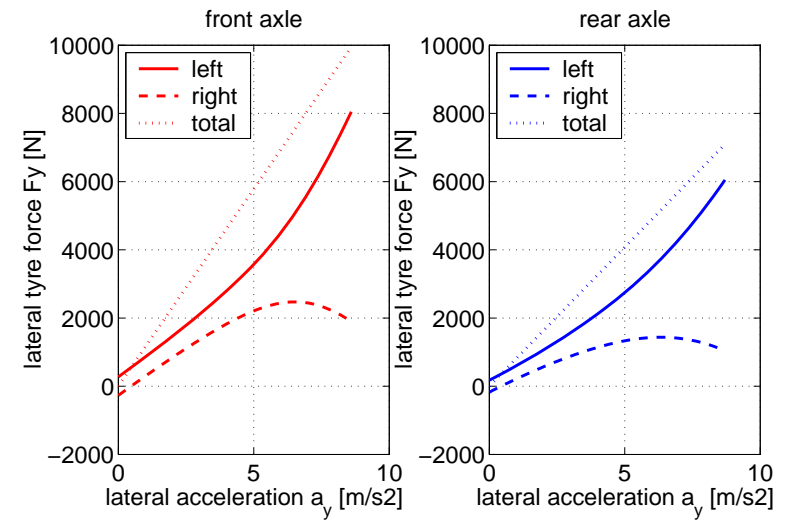
calculation sequence:

- select lateral acceleration level  $a_y$
- calculate the vertical tyre forces and required lateral tyre force for each axle  $F_{yi,axle}$
- (iteratively) determine  $\alpha_{axle}$  so that the required  $F_{yi,axle}$  is obtained using the Magic Formula; possibly including corrections for toe-in and compliance

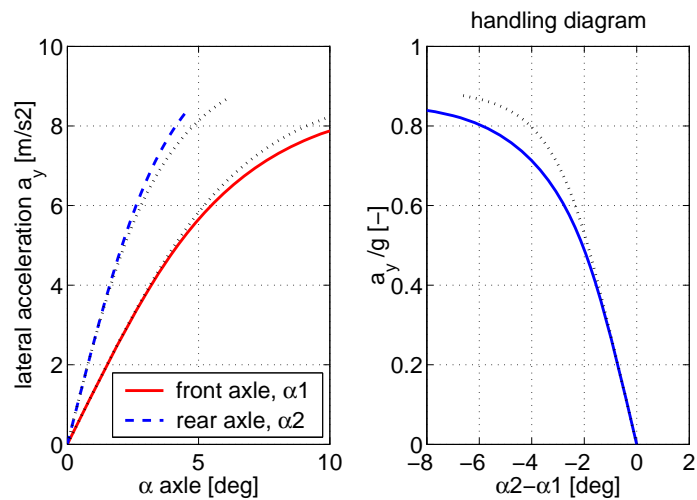
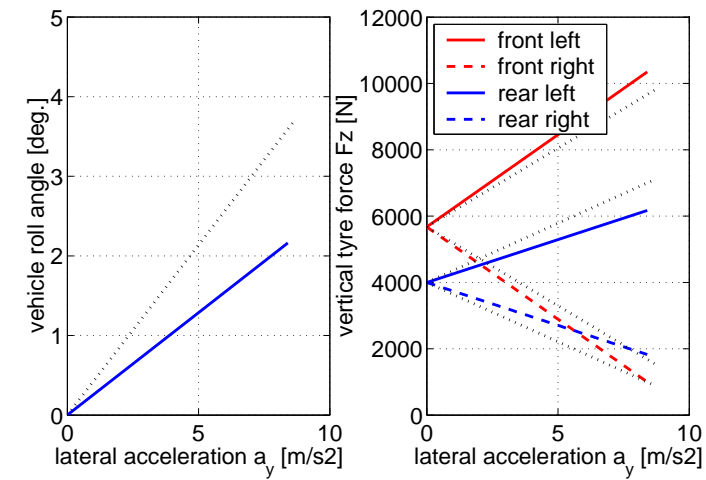
## example (baseline)



## distribution of the lateral tyre forces:

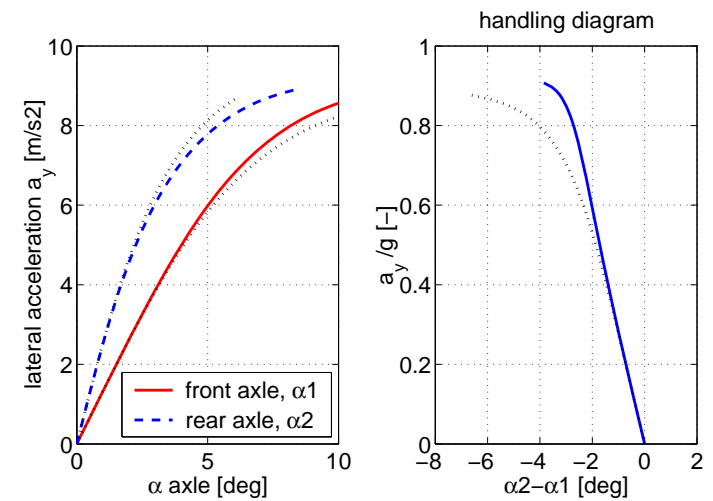
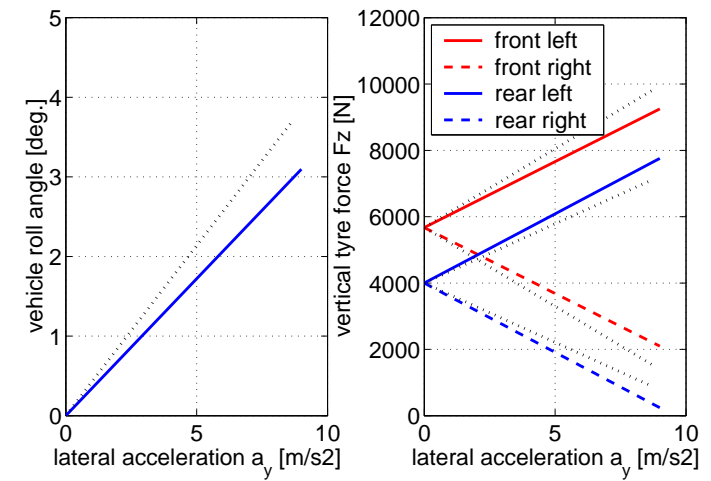


increase front axle roll stiffness  $c_{\phi 1} \dots$



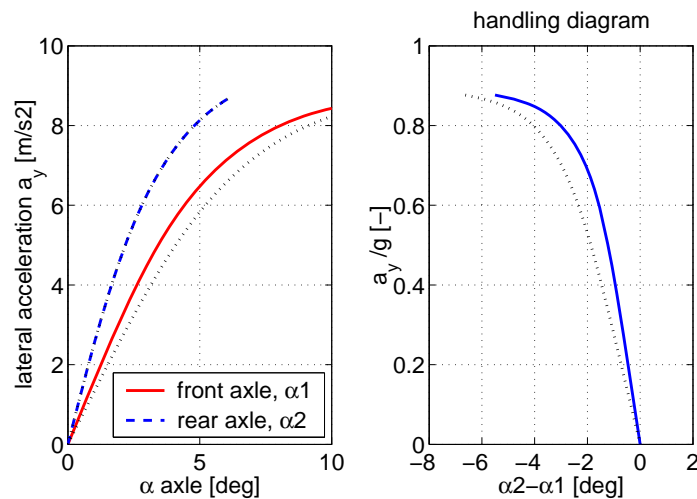
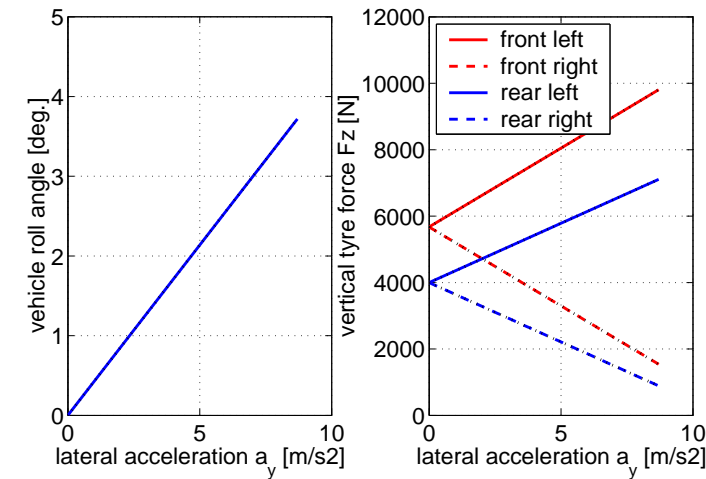
more understeer (dotted line: baseline vehicle)

increase height roll centre rear axle  $h_2 \dots$



less understeer (dotted line: baseline vehicle)

reduced steering compliance on front axle...



less understeer (dotted line: baseline vehicle)

equations of motion

- small roll angle  $\varphi$
- small roll axis inclination  $\theta_r$

kinetic energy:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m \left\{ (u - h' \varphi r)^2 + (v + h' \dot{\varphi})^2 \right\} + \frac{1}{2} I_x \dot{\varphi}^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_y (\varphi r)^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_z (1 - \varphi^2) r^2 + (I_z \theta_r - I_{xz}) r \dot{\varphi}$$

potential energy:

$$U = \frac{1}{2} (c_{\varphi 1} + c_{\varphi 2}) \varphi^2 - \frac{1}{2} m g h' \varphi^2$$

modified Lagrange equations:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial u} - r \frac{\partial T}{\partial v} = \sum F_x$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial v} + r \frac{\partial T}{\partial u} = \sum F_y$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} - v \frac{\partial T}{\partial u} + u \frac{\partial T}{\partial v} = \sum M_z$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\varphi}} - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial \varphi} = Q_{\varphi} \quad (= -(k_{\varphi 1} + k_{\varphi 2}) \dot{\varphi})$$



resulting equations of motion:

$$m\dot{u} - mrv - mh'\dot{\varphi} - 2mh'r\dot{\varphi} = \sum F_x$$

$$m\dot{v} + mru + mh'\ddot{\varphi} - mh'r^2\dot{\varphi} = \sum F_y$$

$$I_z\dot{r} + (I_z\theta_r - I_{xz})\ddot{\varphi} - mh'(\dot{u} - rv)\varphi = \sum M_z$$

$$(I_x + mh'^2)\ddot{\varphi} + mh'(\dot{v} + ru) + (I_z\theta_r - I_{xz})\dot{r} - (mh'^2 + I_y - I_z)r^2\dot{\varphi} + (k_{\varphi 1} + k_{\varphi 2})\dot{\varphi} + (c_{\varphi 1} + c_{\varphi 2} - mgh')\varphi = 0$$

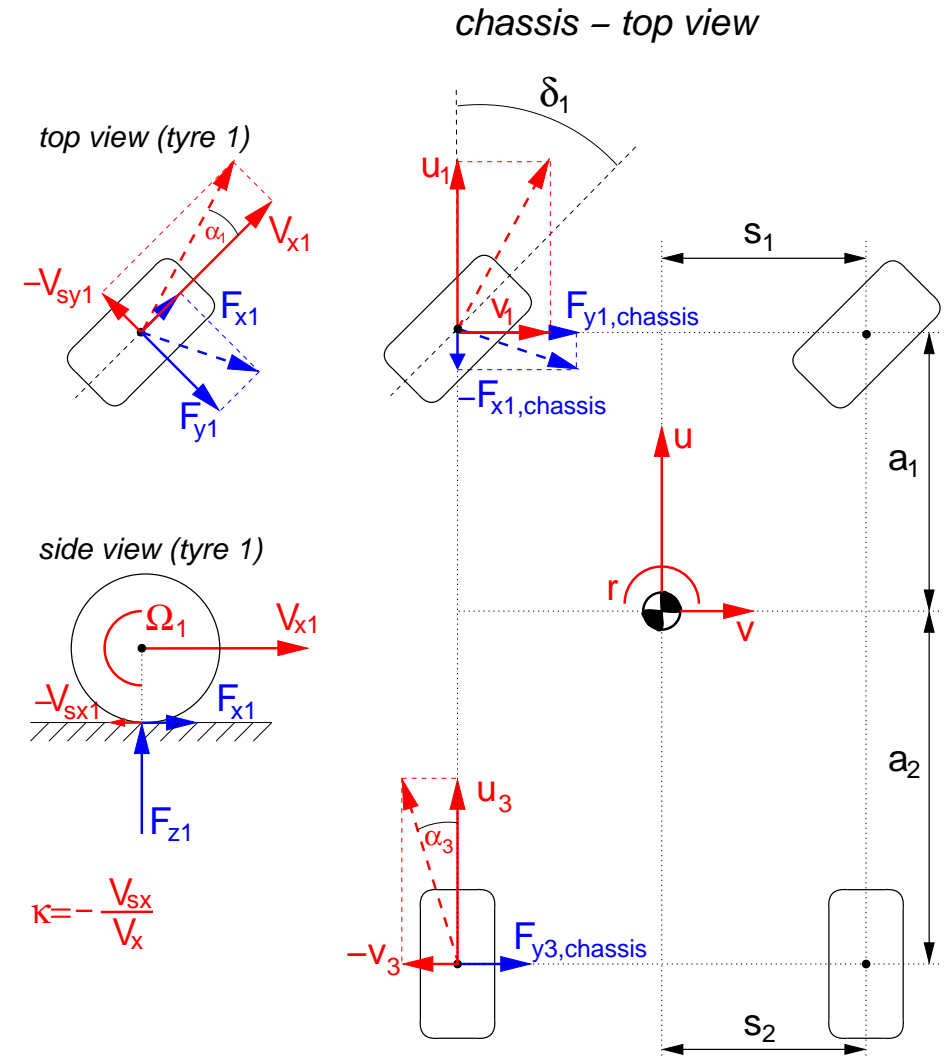
or:

$$\begin{bmatrix} m & 0 & -mh'\varphi & 0 \\ 0 & m & 0 & mh' \\ -mh'\varphi & 0 & I_z & I_z\theta_r - I_{xz} \\ 0 & mh' & I_z\theta_r - I_{xz} & I_x + mh'^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{r} \\ \ddot{\varphi} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{f}$$

$$\mathbf{f} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum F_x + mrv + 2mh'r\dot{\varphi} \\ \sum F_y - mru + mh'r^2\dot{\varphi} \\ \sum M_z - mh'rv\varphi \\ -k\dot{\varphi} - (c - mgh')\varphi - mh'ru + (mh'^2 + I_y - I_z)r^2\dot{\varphi} \end{pmatrix}$$

with:  $c = c_{\varphi 1} + c_{\varphi 2}$  and  $k = k_{\varphi 1} + k_{\varphi 2}$

tyre slip forces



calculation sequence

initial conditions:  $u, v, r, \varphi, \dot{\varphi}, \Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3, \Omega_4$

left front wheel slip forces:

$$u_1 = u + rs_1 \text{ and } v_1 = v + ra_1$$

$$V_{x1} = u_1 \cos \delta_1 + v_1 \sin \delta_1$$

$$V_{sy1} = -u_1 \sin \delta_1 + v_1 \cos \delta_1$$

$$\kappa_1 = -\frac{V_{sx1}}{V_{x1}} = -\frac{V_{x1} - \Omega_1 r_e}{V_{x1}}$$

$$\alpha_1 = -\arctan\left(\frac{V_{sy1}}{V_{x1}}\right)$$

$$F_{x1}, F_{y1}, M_{z1} = \text{MagicFormula}(\kappa_1, \alpha_1, \gamma_1, F_{z1})$$

$$F_{x1, chassis} = F_{x1} \cos \delta_1 - F_{y1} \sin \delta_1$$

$$F_{y1, chassis} = F_{x1} \sin \delta_1 + F_{y1} \cos \delta_1$$

wheel angular velocity:

$$I_p \dot{\Omega}_1 = -F_{x1} r + M_{1, engine} - M_{1, brake}$$

for convenience:  $r = r_e = 0.3 \text{ m}$  (rigid wheel/tyre)

sum chassis forces, moments:

$$\sum F_x = F_{x1, chassis} + F_{x2, chassis} + F_{x3, chassis} + F_{x4, chassis}$$

$$\sum F_y = F_{y1, chassis} + F_{y2, chassis} + F_{y3, chassis} + F_{y4, chassis}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum M_z = & F_{x1, chassis} s_1 + F_{y1, chassis} a_1 + M_{z1} \\ & - F_{x2, chassis} s_1 + F_{y2, chassis} a_1 + M_{z2} \\ & + F_{x3, chassis} s_2 - F_{y3, chassis} a_2 + M_{z3} \\ & - F_{x4, chassis} s_2 - F_{y4, chassis} a_2 + M_{z4} \end{aligned}$$

vertical equilibrium

- load transfer due to roll:

$$\Delta F_{z1, roll} = \frac{(F_{y1, chassis} + F_{y2, chassis})h_1 - c_{\varphi 1}\varphi - k_{\varphi 1}\dot{\varphi}}{2s_1}$$

$$\Delta F_{z2, roll} = \frac{(F_{y3, chassis} + F_{y4, chassis})h_2 - c_{\varphi 2}\varphi - k_{\varphi 2}\dot{\varphi}}{2s_2}$$

- load transfer due to braking:

$$\Delta F_{z, brake} = \frac{h}{2l} \sum F_x = \frac{h}{2l} ma_x$$

vertical tyre force:

$$F_{z1} = \frac{a_2}{2l} mg + \Delta F_{z1,roll} - \Delta F_{z,brake}$$

$$F_{z2} = \frac{a_2}{2l} mg - \Delta F_{z1,roll} - \Delta F_{z,brake}$$

$$F_{z3} = \frac{a_1}{2l} mg + \Delta F_{z2,roll} + \Delta F_{z,brake}$$

$$F_{z4} = \frac{a_1}{2l} mg - \Delta F_{z2,roll} + \Delta F_{z,brake}$$

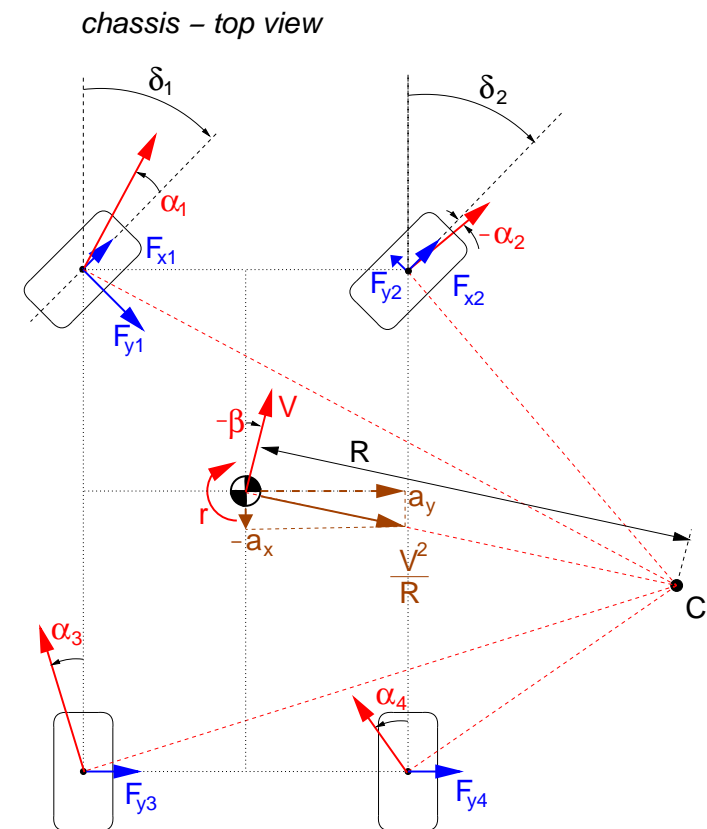
note that we have an algebraic loop!

$F_z$  is required to calculate  $F_x$  and  $F_y$   
but to calculate  $F_z$  we need  $F_x$  and  $F_y$

possible solutions:

- let SIMULINK iteratively solve the equations (slow...)
- use  $F_z$  of the previous integration time step (fast, but results may depend on time step)
- include pitch dynamics of the vehicle
- use a filter to approximate the pitch dynamics
- ...

steady state cornering, fixed radius  $R$



note:

- in order to maintain a constant velocity  $V$  we need to drive the (front) wheels...
- centripetal acceleration can have a component in the longitudinal direction ( $a_x$ ): will result in load transfer between front and rear axle...

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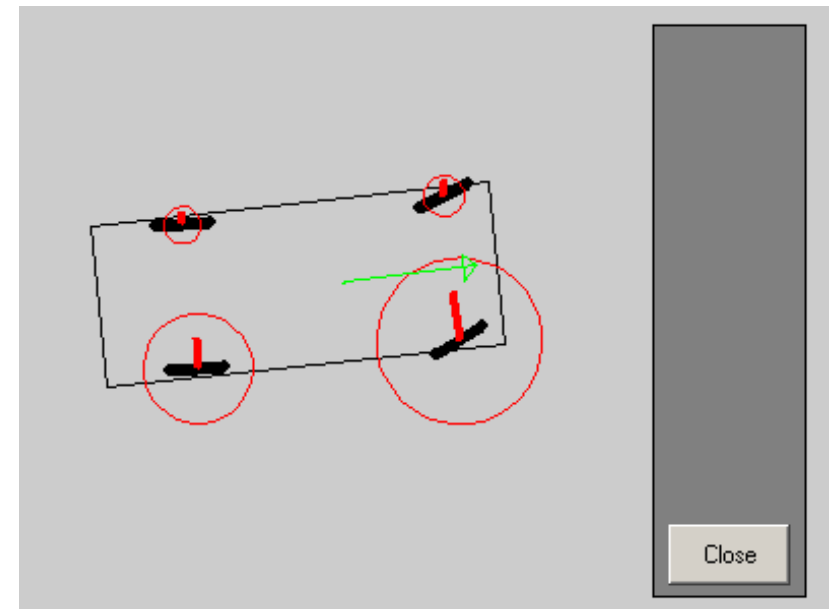
- chapter 1 until 1.3.2 (page 1-22)

**Next time...**

- development of a MATLAB/Simulink vehicle model
- validation of the two track vehicle model
- steering geometry
- braking in a turn

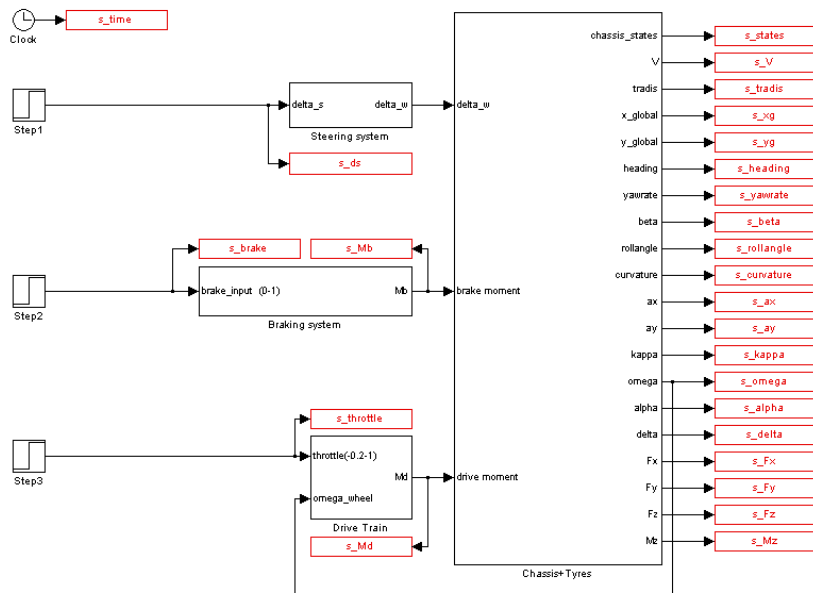
**Two track vehicle model validation**

- MATLAB/Simulink model development
- model validation using driving tests
- braking: straight line, in a turn
- suspension/steering geometry

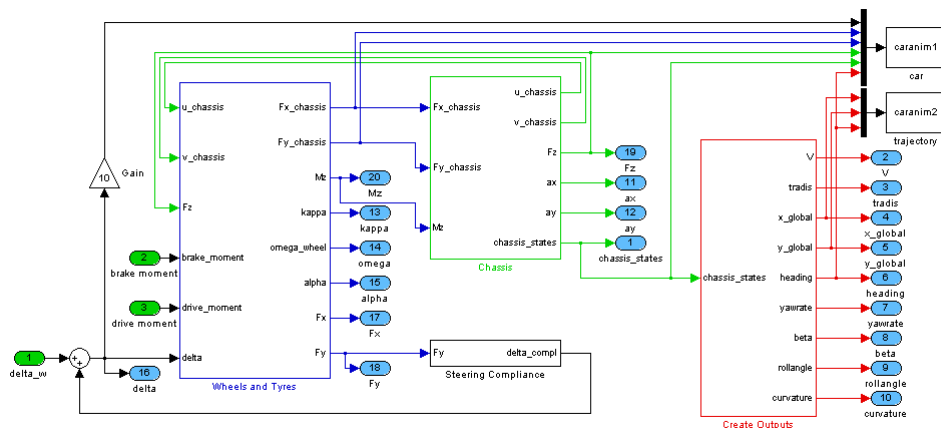


## MATLAB/Simulink model development

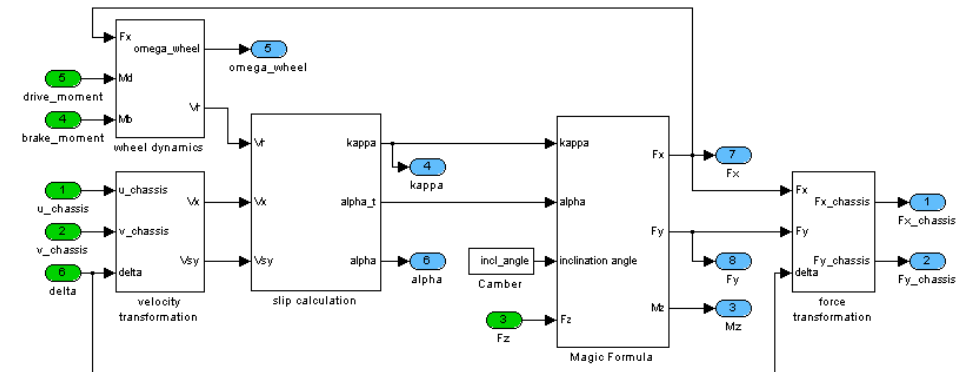
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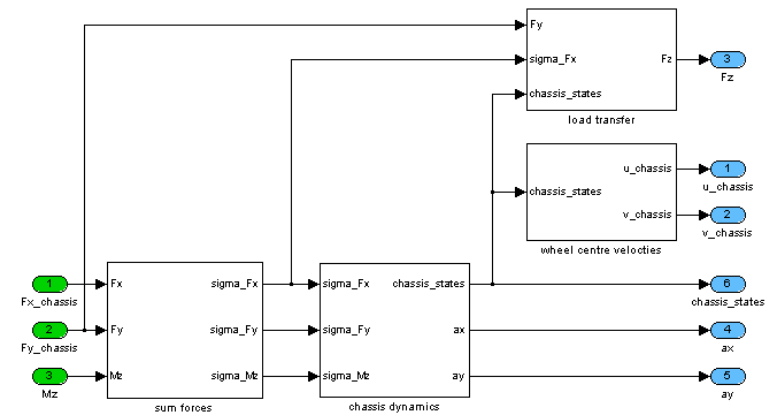
Chassis+Tyres:



Wheels and Tyres:



Chassis:



features:

- 4 vehicle body degrees of freedom: longitudinal, lateral, yaw and roll ( $u, v, r, \varphi$ )
- 4 wheels/tyres all having an independent angular velocity ( $\Omega$ ), brake ( $M_{brake}$ ) and driving moment ( $M_{engine}$ )
- full Magic Formula tyre model including combined slip
- includes steering compliance on the front axle ( $\approx$ steering system flexibility) and rear axle
- constant camber and toe-in settings on front and rear axle
- algebraic loops solved by memory blocks
- no pitch dynamics
- simple braking system model: constant brake moment distribution front-rear axle
- very simple drive train model
- no aerodynamics

## Validation

experimental data same presented in lecture 3

### model parameters

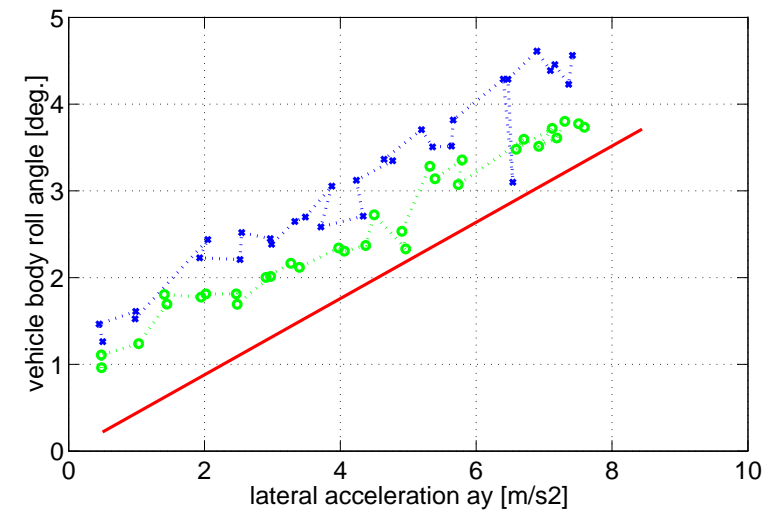
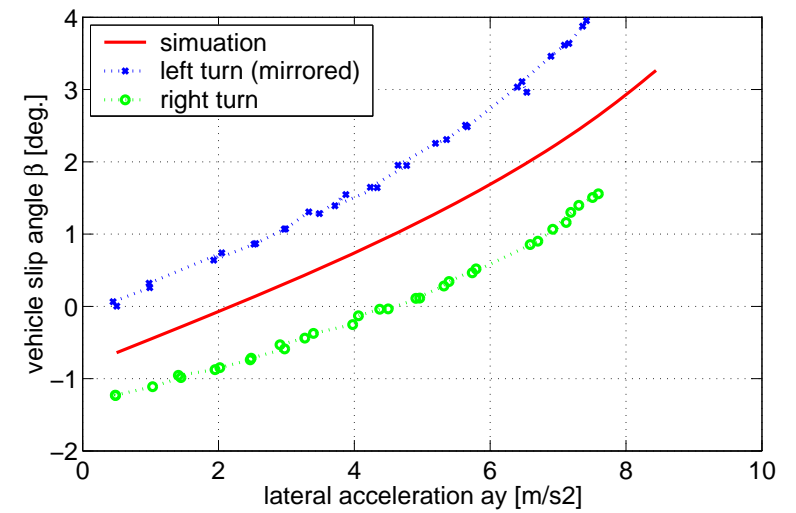
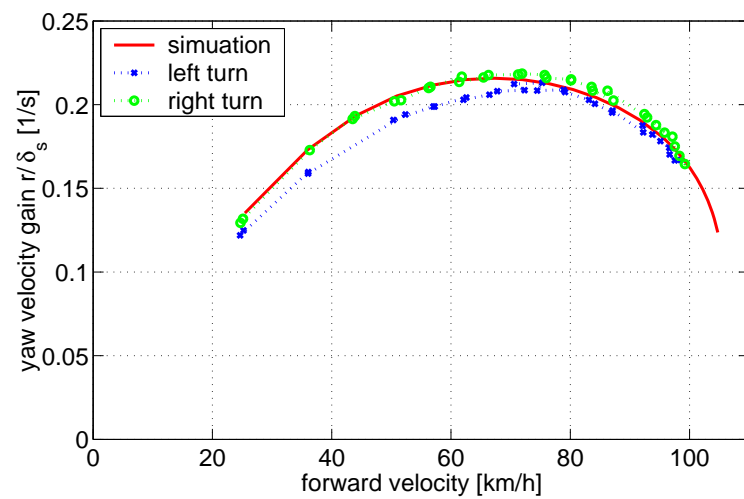
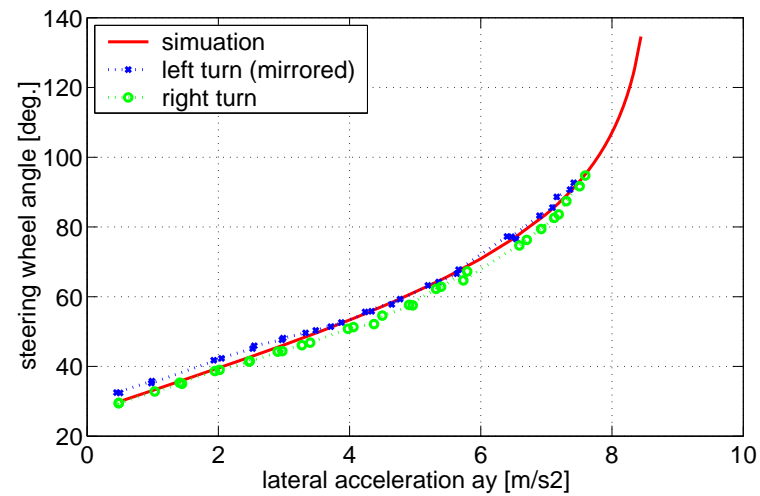
mass:  $m = 1971.8 \text{ kg}$   
 x-position CG:  $a_1 = 1.1907 \text{ m}$   
 z-position CG:  $h = 0.6 \text{ m}$   
 inertia:  $I_x = 900 \text{ kgm}^2, I_y = 3200 \text{ kgm}^2, I_z = 3600 \text{ kgm}^2, I_{xz} = 0 \text{ kgm}^2$

wheelbase:  $l (= a_1 + a_2) = 2.88 \text{ m}$   
 front track width:  $2s_1 = 1.591 \text{ m}$   
 rear track width:  $2s_2 = 1.580 \text{ m}$   
 steer ratio:  $i_s = 16.19$

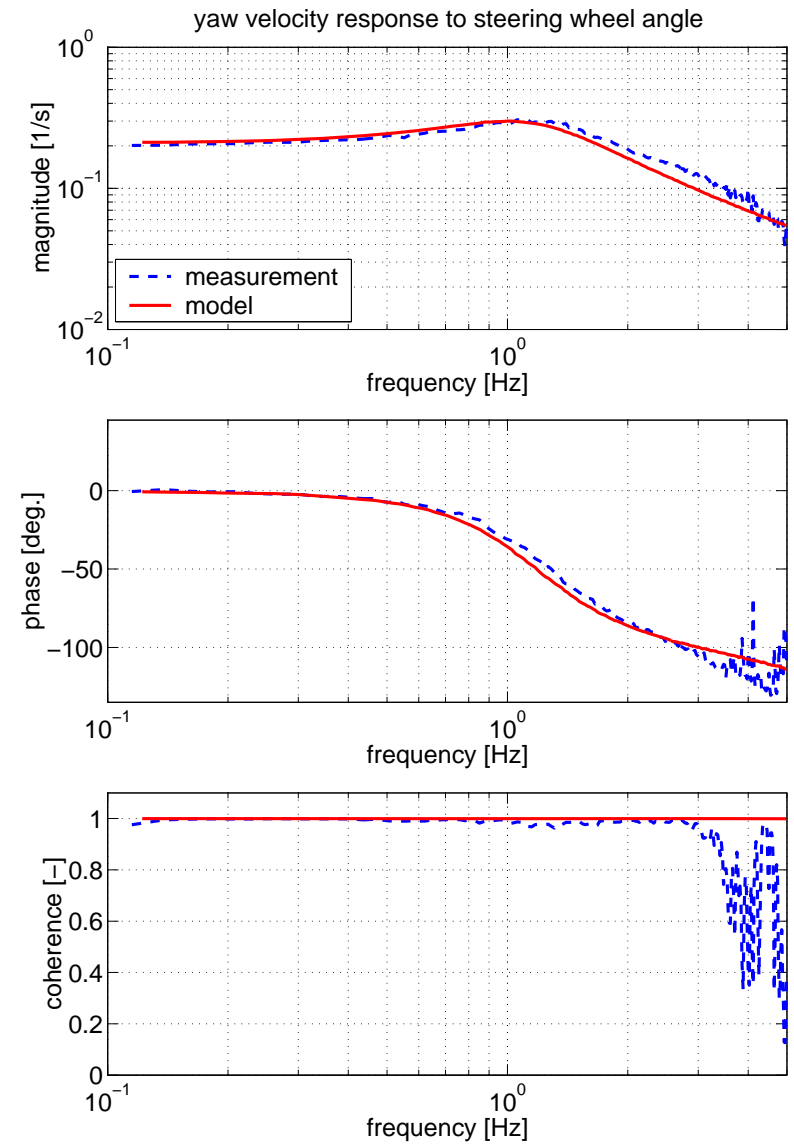
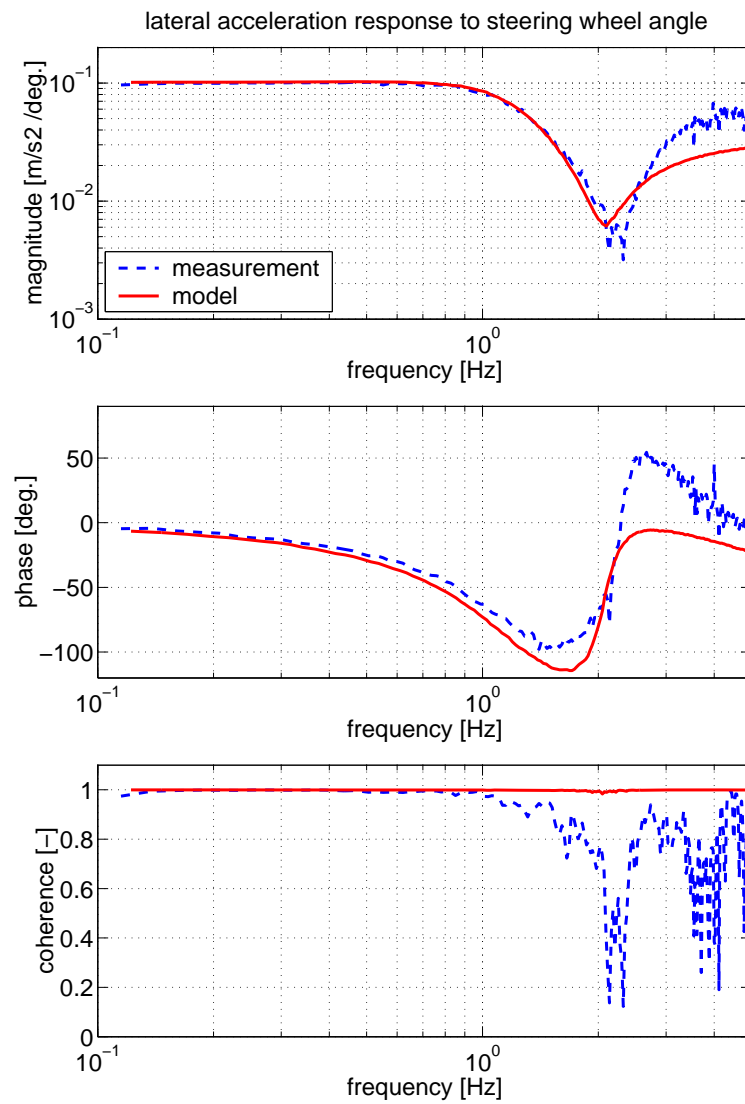
	<u>front</u>	<u>rear</u>
toe-in:	0.2 deg.	0.15 deg
camber:	-0.6 deg.	-0.7 deg.
roll centre z-pos.:	0 m	0.05 m
roll stiffness:	105 kNm/rad	55 kNm/rad
roll damping:	2 kNms/rad	1.5 kNms/rad
steer compliance:	0.29 deg./kN	0.04 deg./kN

tyres (front and rear): 225/50R16 @ 2.3 bar  
 F&M: Magic Formula ( $\pm 160$  coefficients...)  
 relaxation length: 0.5 m

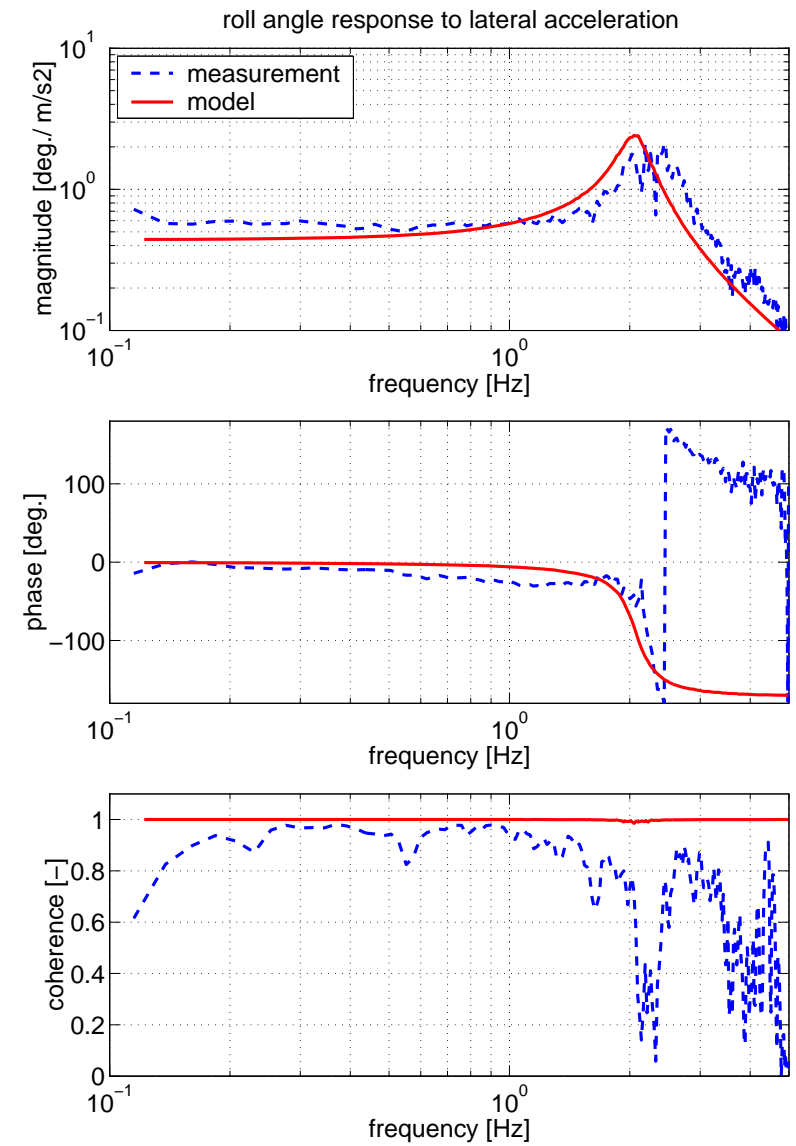
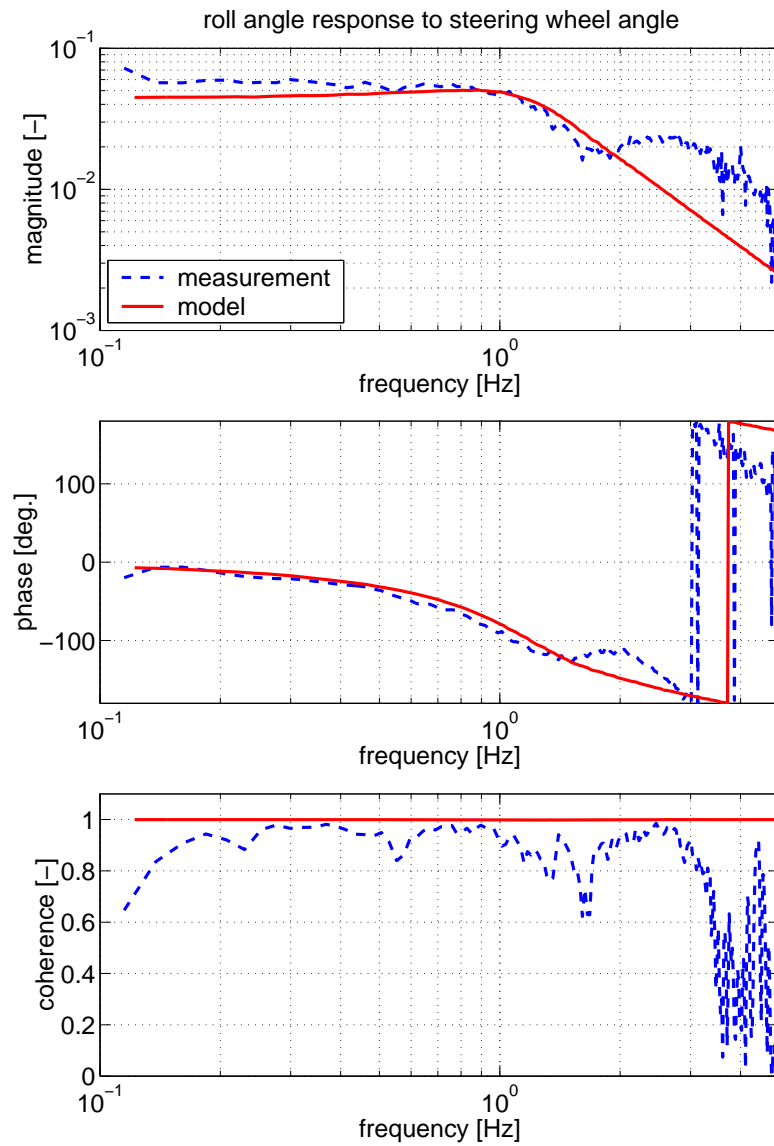
- steady state circular test



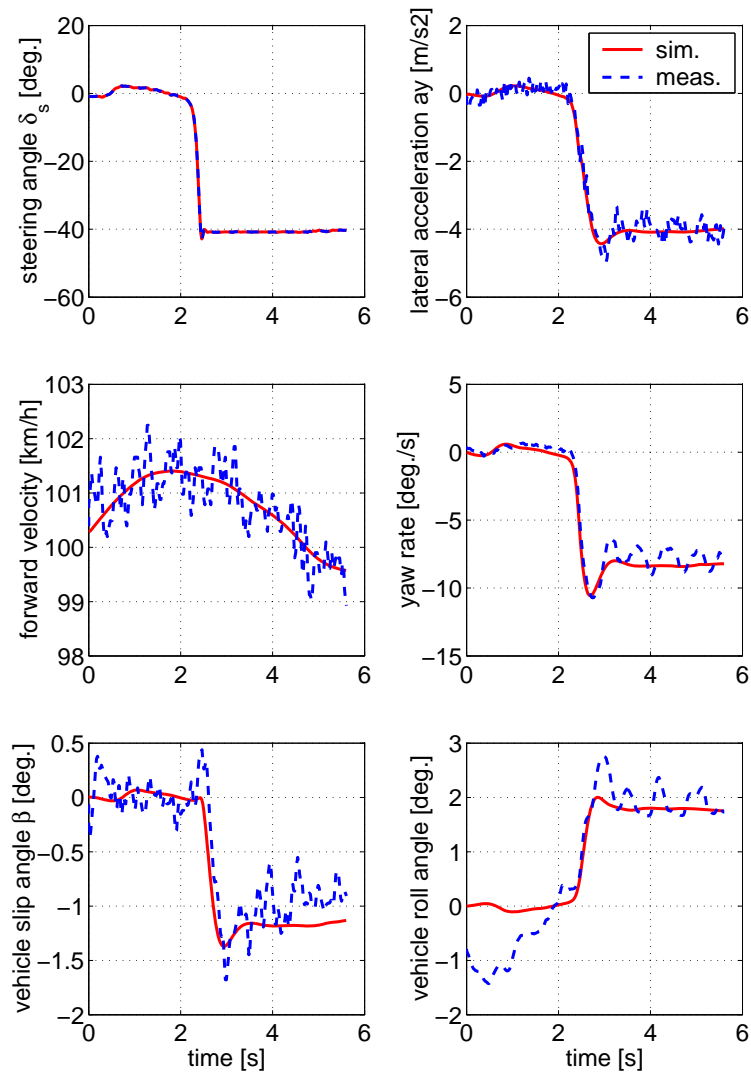
- pseudo random steer (100 km/h)



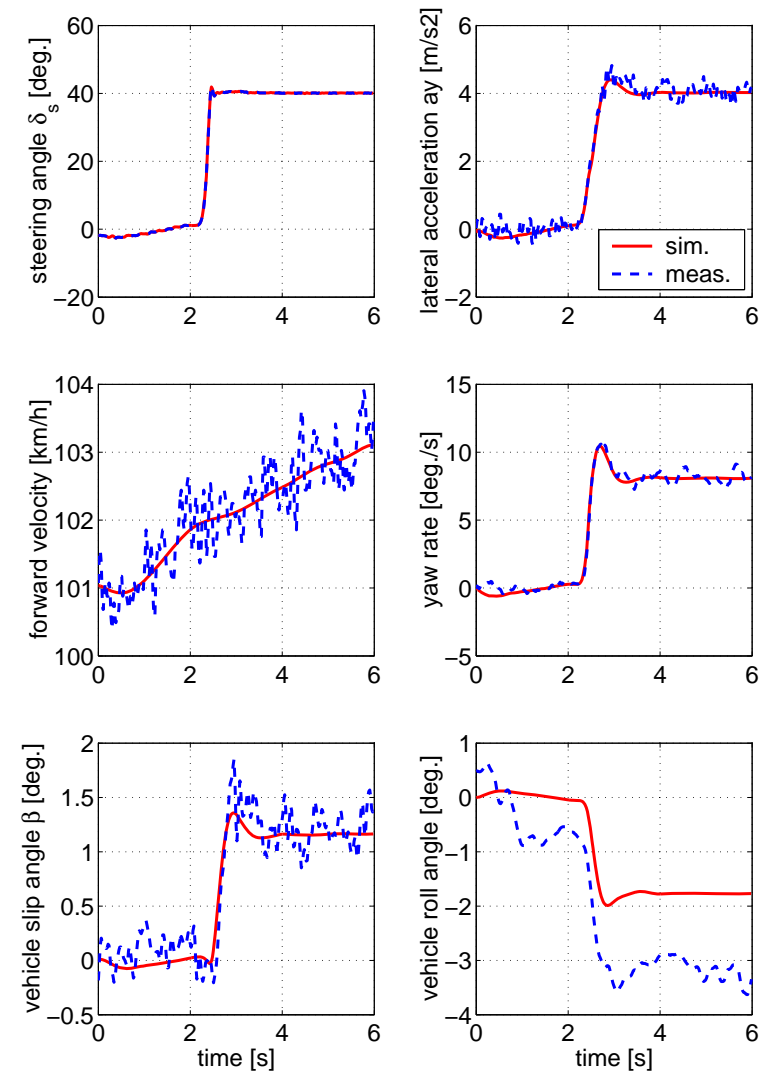




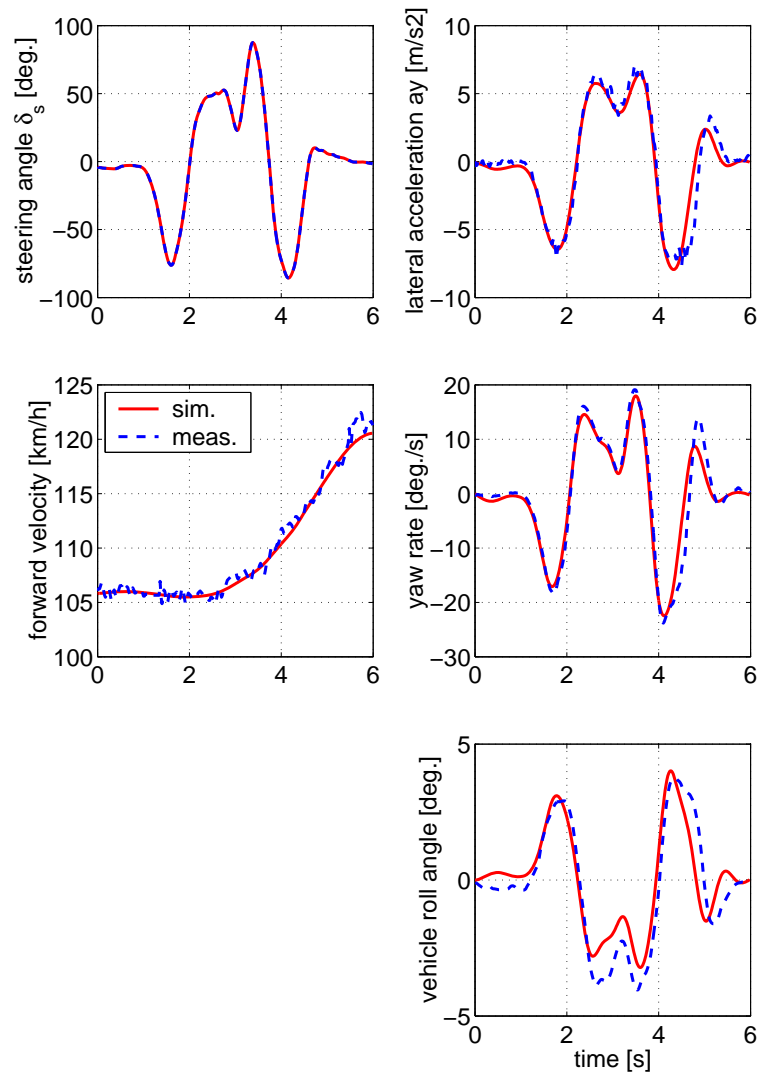
- J-turn (left)



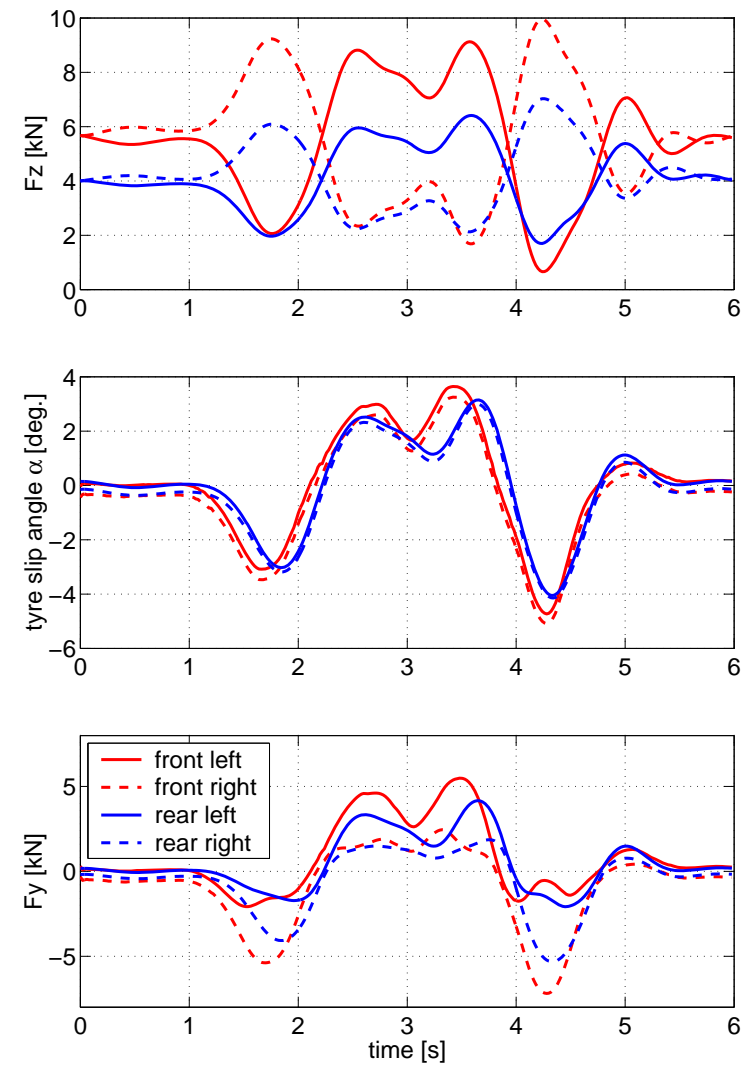
- J-turn (right)



- severe lane change



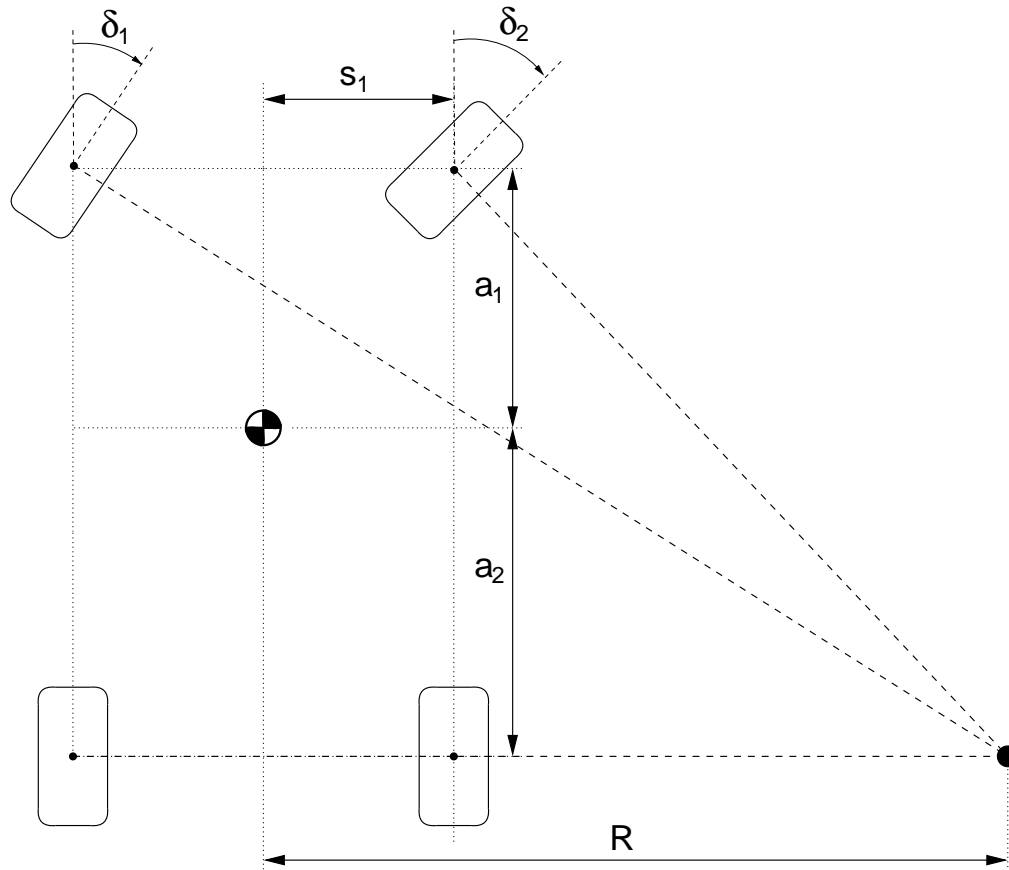
## simulation results load transfer...



steering geometry

so far we assumed:  $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = \delta$

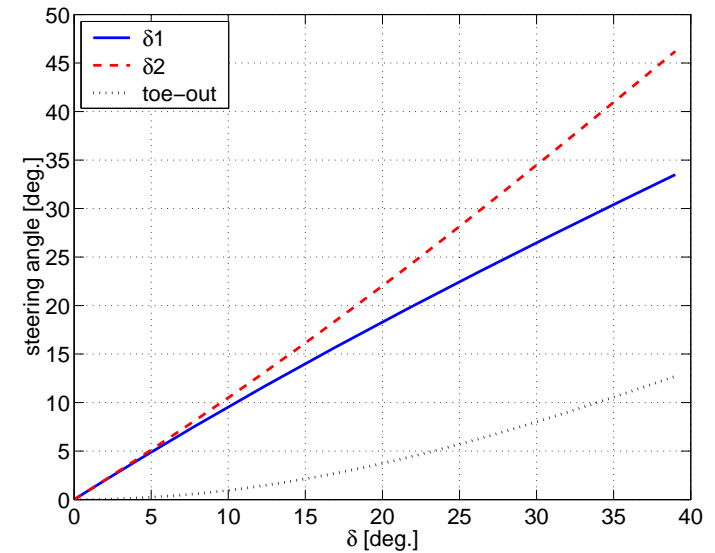
chassis – top view



Ackerman steering:

$$\tan \delta = \frac{l}{R}, \quad \tan \delta_1 = \frac{l}{R + s_1}, \quad \tan \delta_2 = \frac{l}{R - s_1}$$

## Ackerman steering in case of a right turn:



some notes:

- Ackerman steering can be realised by design of steering linkage
- most cars have less toe-out for large steering angles (e.g. packaging: space in wheel bays)

on race-cars sometimes “parallel steer” or even “reverse Ackerman” steer is employed to maximise the tyre forces

## Braking

a little experiment...

emergency braking manoeuvre + obstacle avoidance:

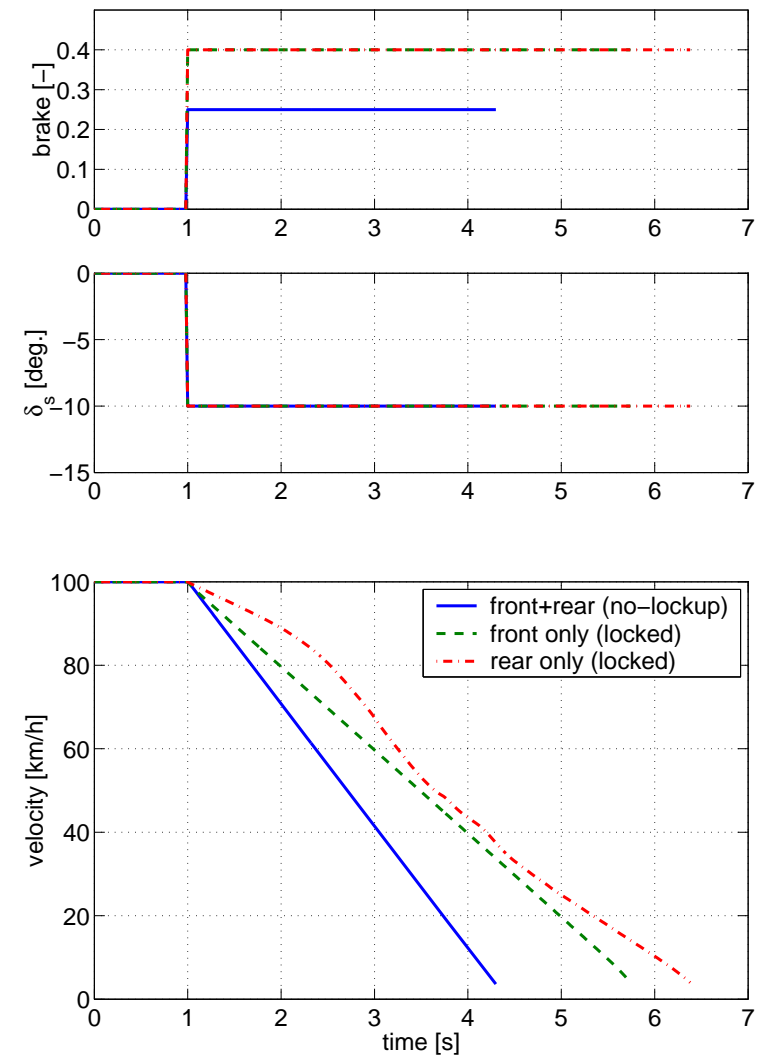
- very hard braking
- minor steering action (10 deg. steering wheel)

three configurations:

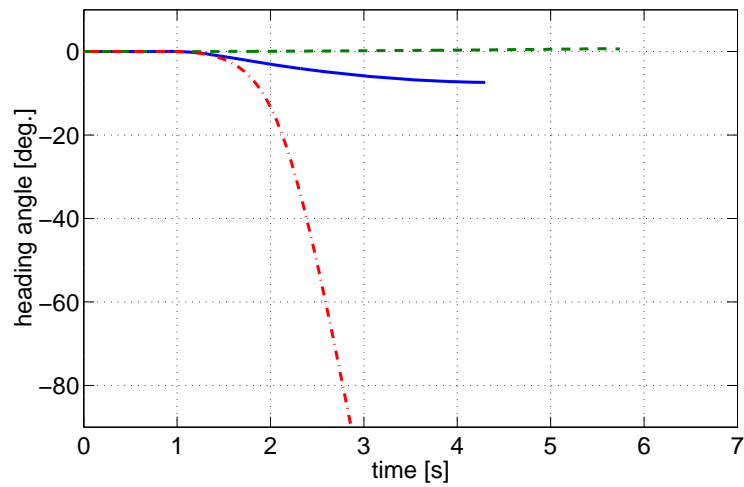
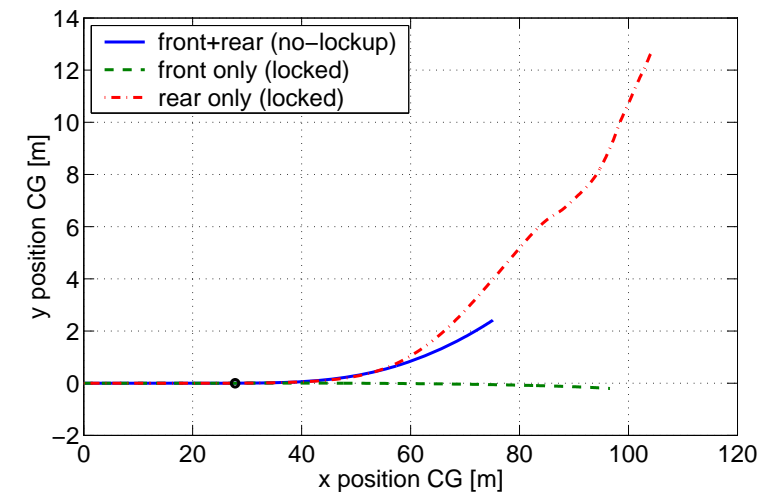
- front and rear brakes  
with a “proper” brake force distribution between front and rear axle, no wheel lock
- front brakes only, lock up of front wheels
- rear brakes only, lock up of rear wheels

(and no engine braking, clutch disengaged)

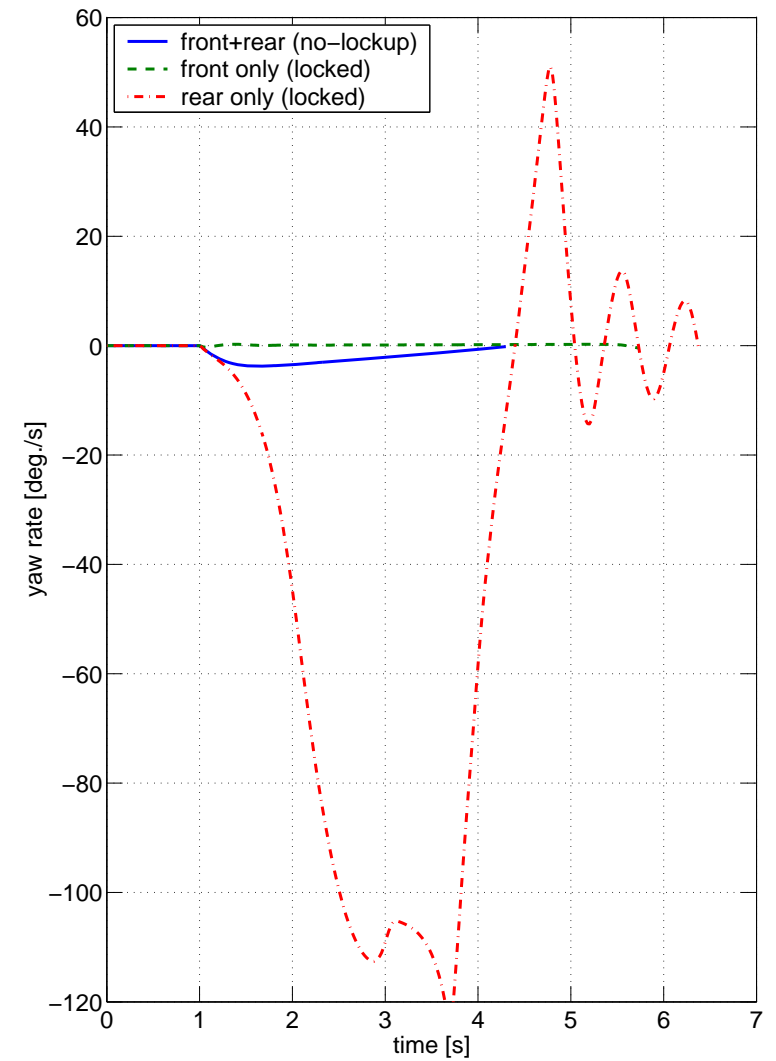
## simulation results (1)



## simulation results (2)



## simulation results (3)



conclusion

- locked front wheels:  
vehicle continues in straight line, yaw velocity remains zero, steering has no effect
- locked rear wheels:  
vehicle out of control, very high yaw velocity, unstable situation

(simplified) explanation:

when a wheel locks ( $\kappa = -1$ ) the tyre cornering stiffness drops to (almost) zero.

- front wheel lock: excessive understeer
- rear wheel lock: excessive oversteer  
( $\Rightarrow$  unstable)

“older” cars may have a mechanical device to limit the brake pressure applied to the rear brakes

“newer” cars will have electronic support systems:

- ABS: anti-lock braking system,
- EBD: electronic brake force distribution

racing application...

- rally drivers may use the handbrake (locking the rear wheels) to quickly turn the car in the right direction, e.g. in the case of hairpins

braking in a turn

- initially the vehicle drives on a fixed radius  $R$  (in example shown: 100 m)
- constant forward velocity  $V$  to achieve a lateral acceleration of  $4 \text{ m/s}^2$  (so 72 km/h in this example)
- open loop test: fixed steering wheel angle
- “step” input on brakes
- repeated tests with increased deceleration
- no wheel lock should occur during the test
- standardised in ISO 7975

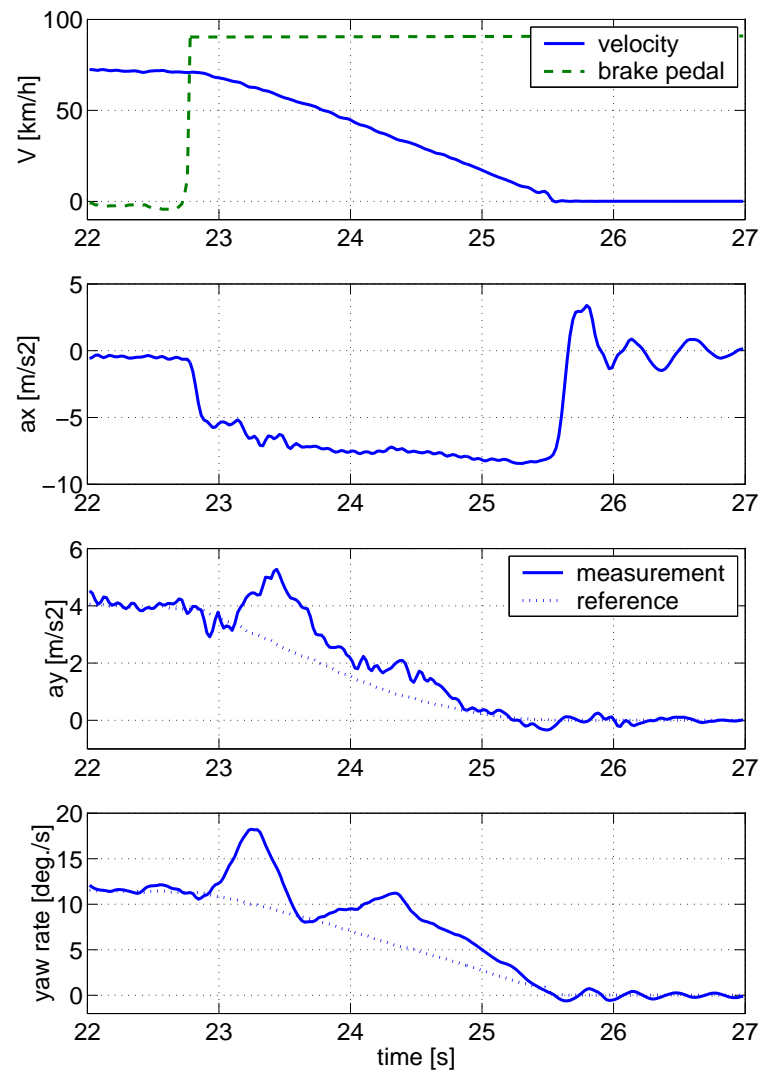
assuming that the vehicle remains on the radius it is possible to calculate reference curves for the lateral acceleration and yaw rate

lateral acceleration: 
$$a_{y,ref}(t) = \frac{V(t)^2}{R}$$

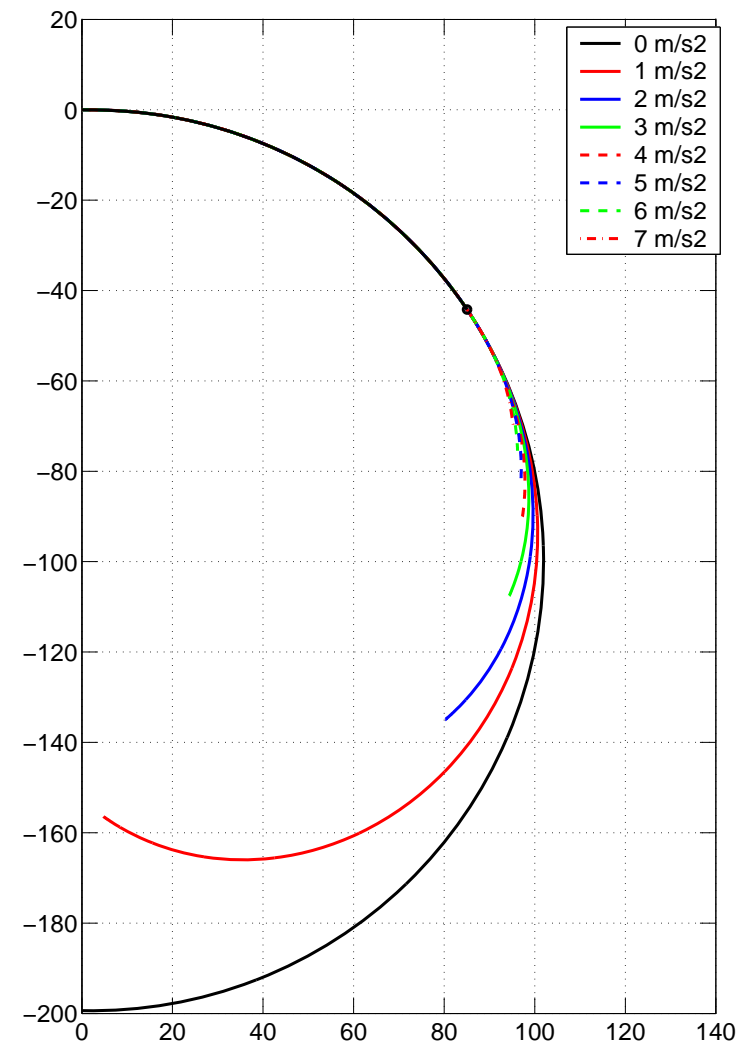
yaw rate: 
$$r_{ref}(t) = \frac{V(t)}{R}$$

deviations after 1 sec. are considered a good measure for the vehicle performance

## measurements...

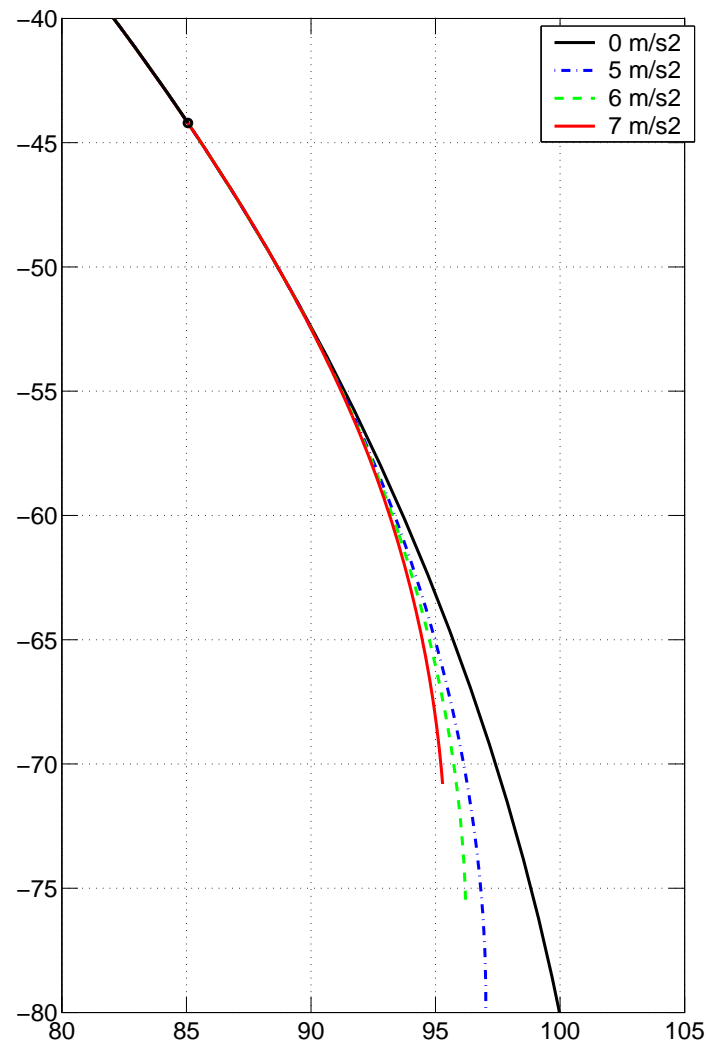


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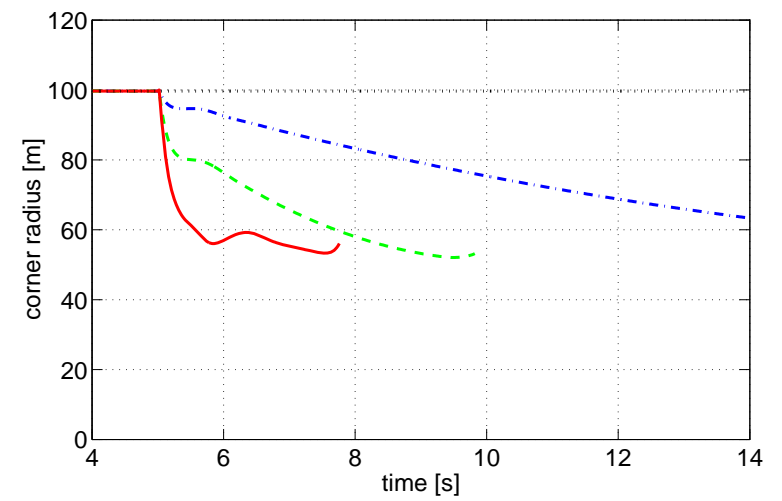
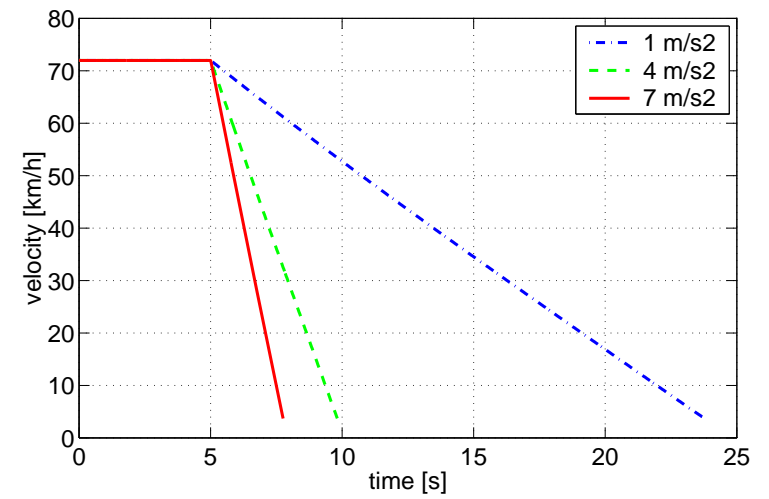




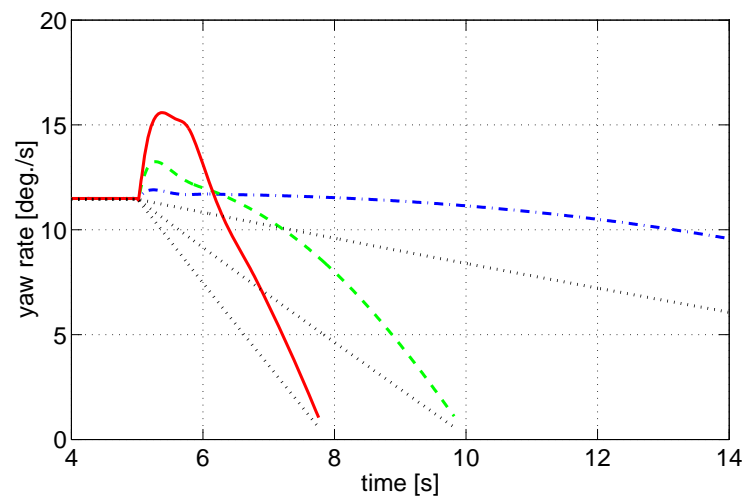
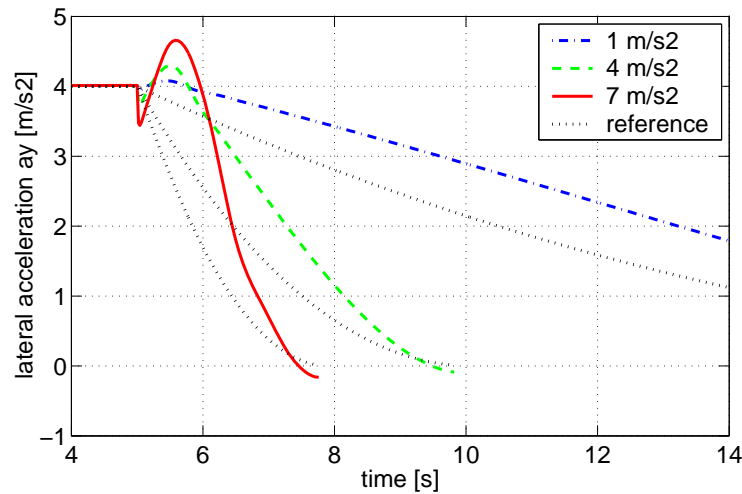
## simulations(2), vehicle position [m]



## simulations(3)



## simulations(4)



## explanation...

*tyre behaviour obviously!!!*

steer angle, corner radius and tyre side slip angles are interrelated:

$$\frac{l}{R} = \delta - \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \quad (\text{page 88, bicycle model})$$

due to brake application:

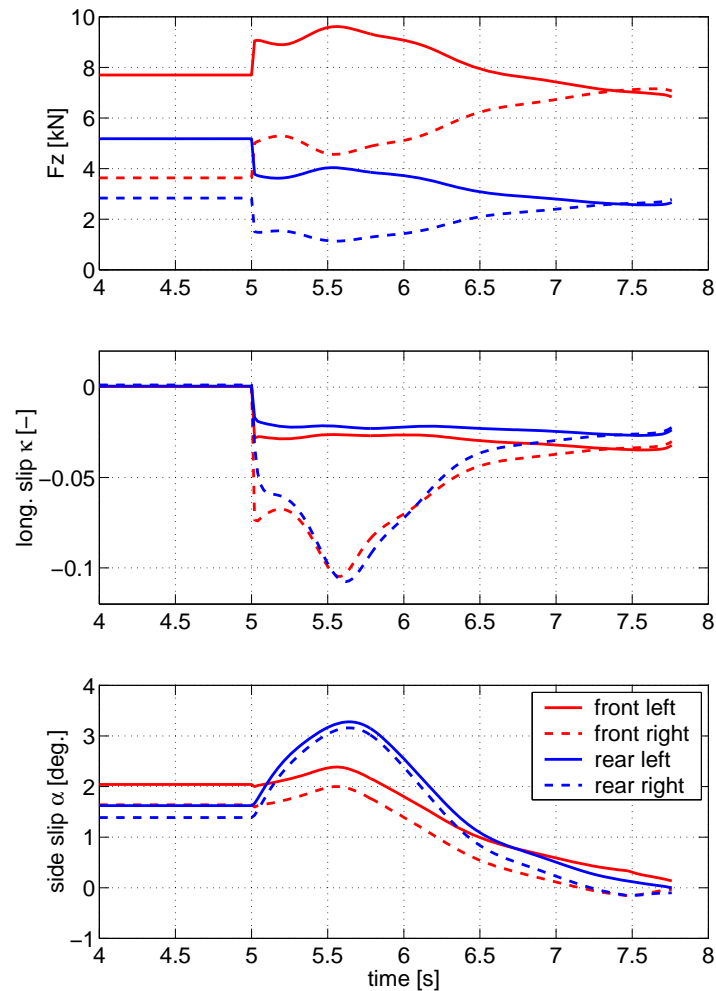
- additional load on the front tyres, reduced load on the rear tyres
- tyres have to develop brake forces  $\Rightarrow$  drop in cornering stiffness due to longitudinal slip

front tyres: reduction in cornering stiffness is compensated by higher vertical load

rear tyres: reduction in cornering stiffness and lower vertical load add up:  $\Rightarrow$  increased tyre side slip angles on the rear axle

consequently the corner radius will become smaller. Due to the tightening of the corner we will get additional load transfer over the axles, which can make things worse!

also: if the vehicle is understeered, reducing the forward velocity will make the vehicle run on a smaller radius

simulation result ( $7 \text{ m/s}^2$  braking)"power-off"

deceleration of a vehicle can also be achieved by releasing the throttle (without applying the brakes)

- will give rise to similar vehicle reactions as braking in a turn
- differences will exist between front and rear wheel drive vehicles

also a standardised test: ISO 9816

"power-on"

on a rear wheel drive vehicle the application of tractive forces may result in "power-oversteer"...



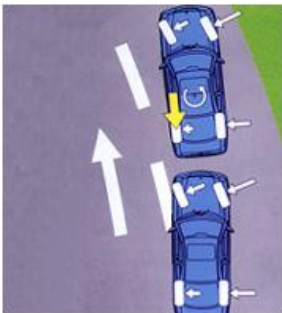
## ESP: electronic stability program

also called direct yaw moment control

brake wheels individually to keep vehicle on the desired path



correction for oversteer:  
brake outer front wheel



correction for understeer:  
brake inner rear wheel

steering wheel angle determines a set-point for yaw velocity rate and vehicle side slip angle.

differences with the actual vehicle motion are corrected by individual brake applications

additional sensors: lateral acceleration and yaw rate

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- chapter 3.4 (page 148-155)

follow-up course:

### Advanced Vehicle Dynamics 4J570

- suspension kinematics and steering system
- tyre dynamics
- shimmy vibrations
- commercial vehicle design requirements
- truck ride comfort, vibrations, fatigue, loads, testing (components/full scale)
- truck braking systems

4 lecturers from DAF Trucks

