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Tire wear affecting motorcycle dynamic

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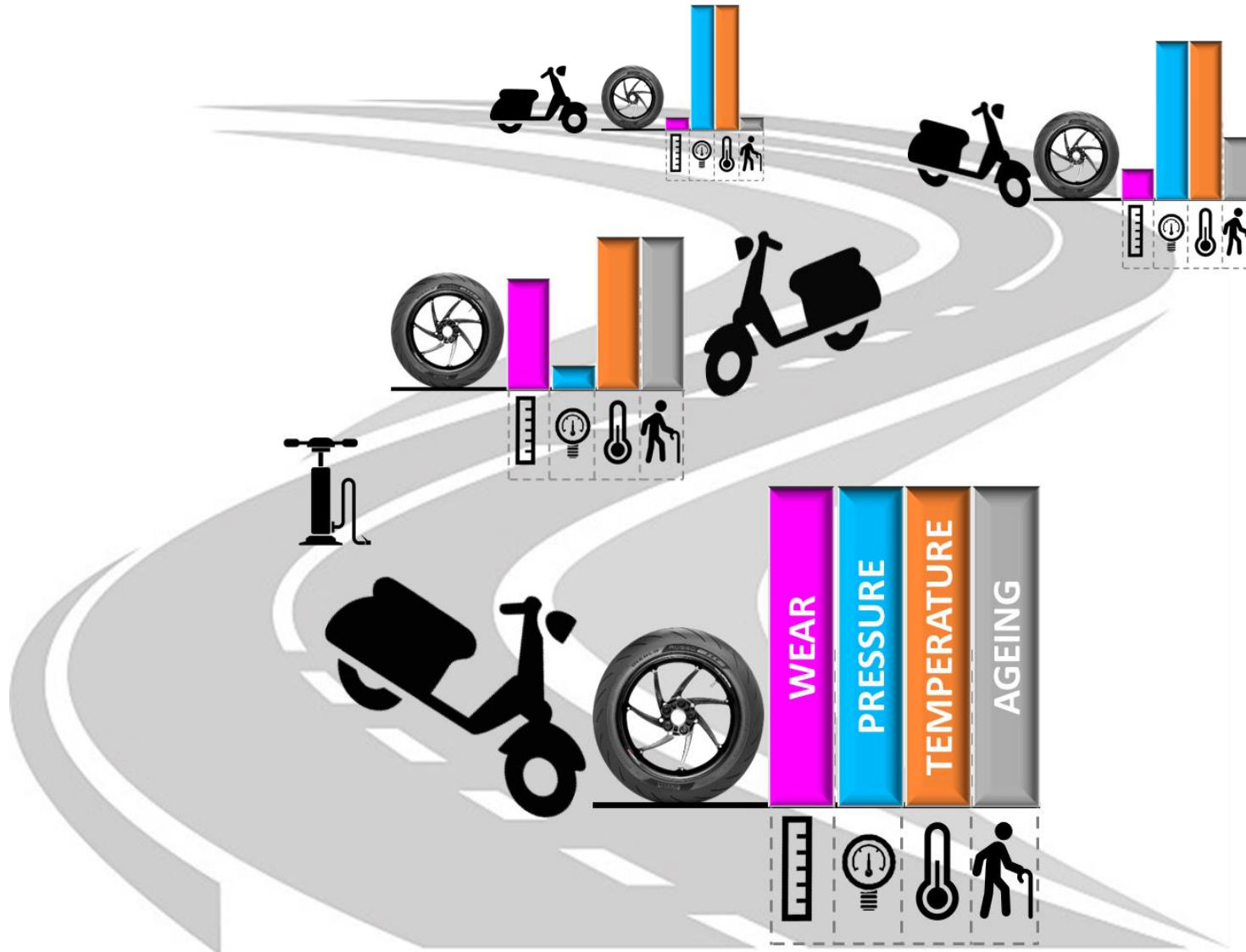
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**TECH
WEEKS**
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TIRE OPERATIVE CONDITIONS CHANGE WHILE RIDING



DIFFERENT OPERATIVE CONDITIONS MEANS:

DIFFERENT TIRE BEHAVIOUR

DIFFERENT MOTORCYCLE BEHAVIOUR



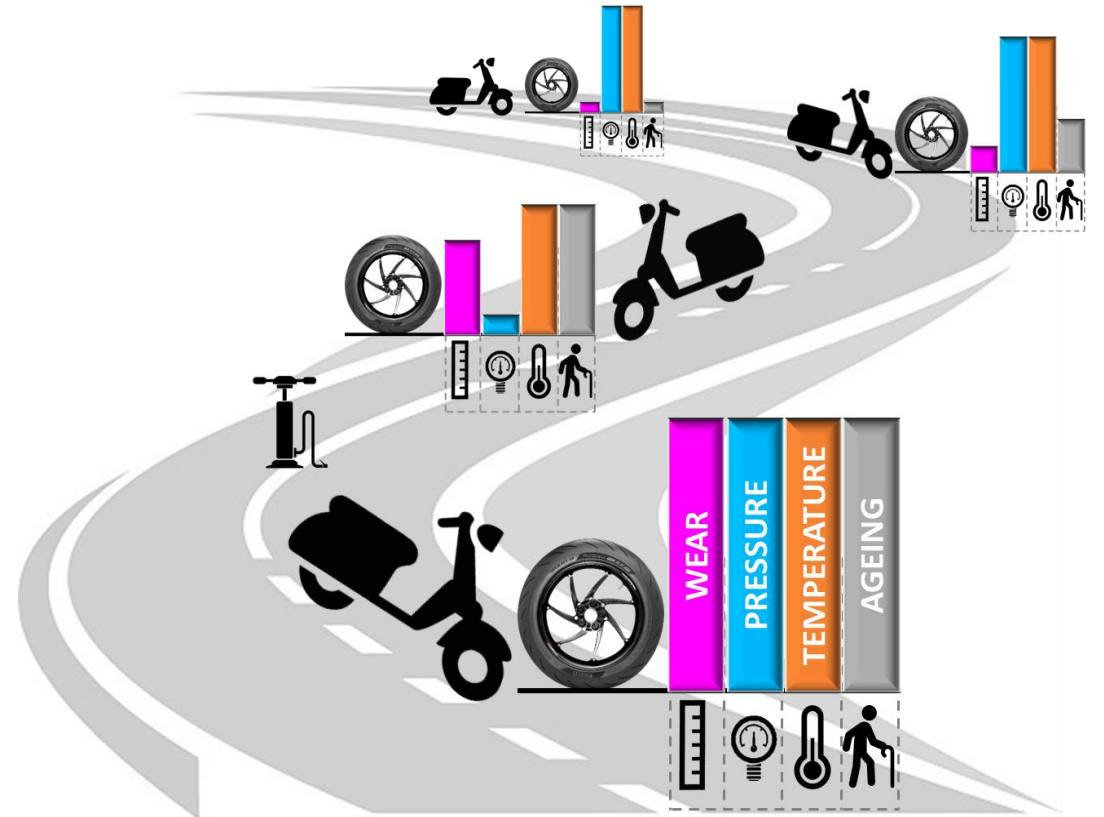
Stability



**Longitudinal
Performance**



Handling



**MOTORCYCLE BEHAVIOUR SHOULD BE VERIFIED FOR ALL THE
PLAUSIBLE TIRE'S OPERATIVE CONDITIONS**



TARGET

**TO INVESTIGATE THE EFFECTS OF TIRE WEAR
ON BOTH THE LATERAL AND THE LONGITUDINAL
MOTORCYCLE DYNAMIC**



**TO PROPOSE A PACEJKA MF MODIFICATION INCLUDING THE
WEAR DEPENDENCY**

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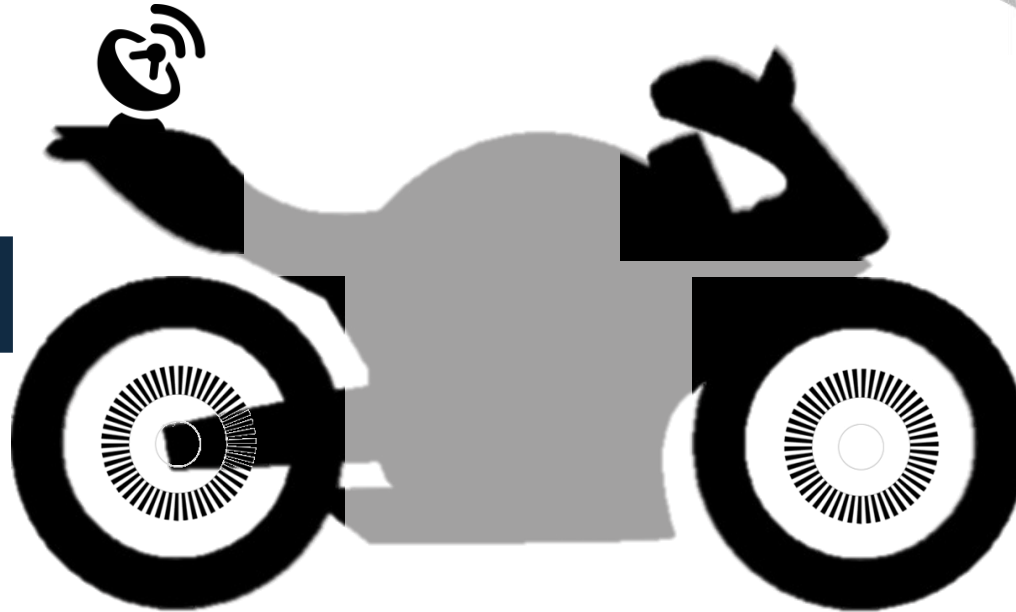
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High performance GPS
→ vehicle speed, longitudinal/lateral acceleration



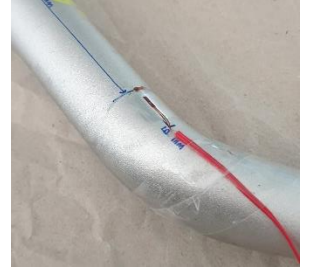
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Rear tire encoder
→ angular speed



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Strain gauges →
steering torque (lateral dynamic)



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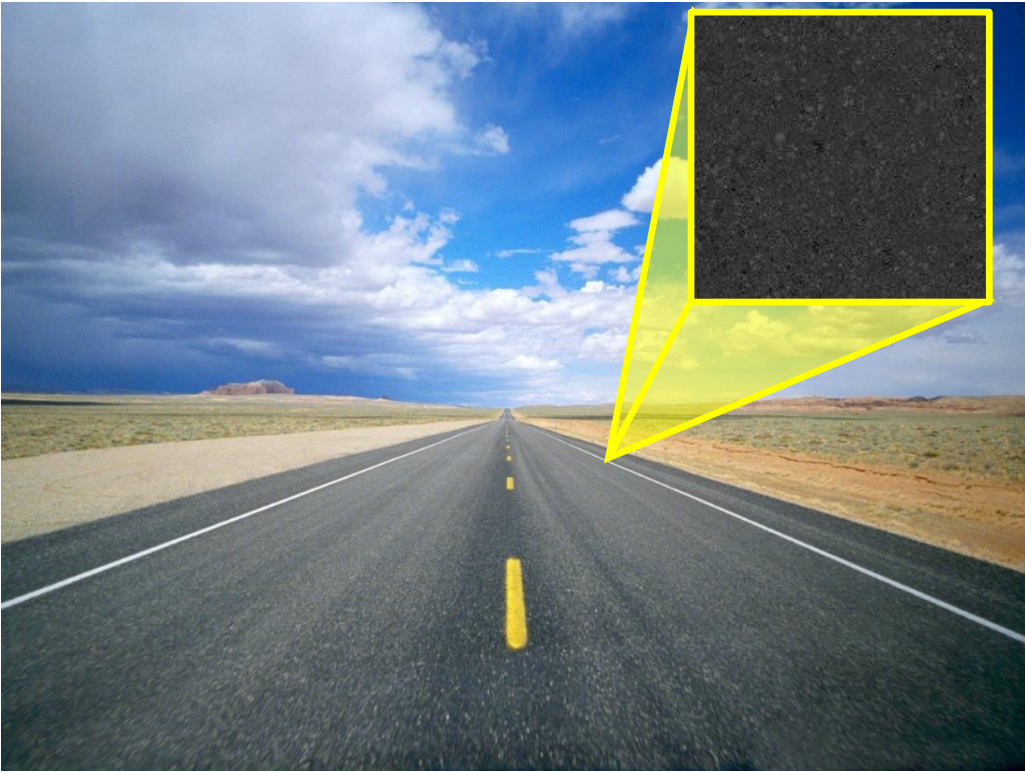
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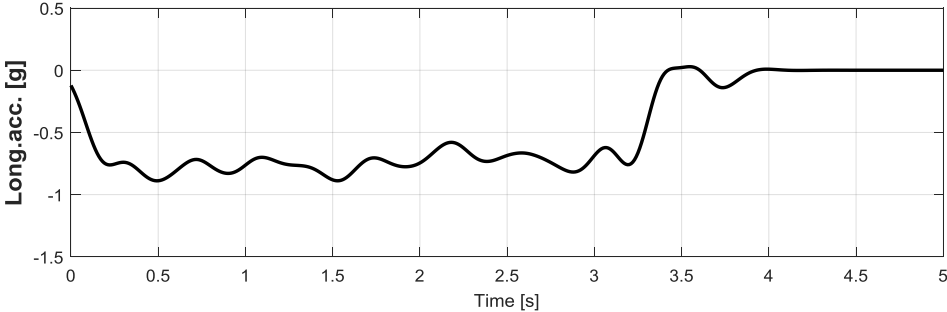
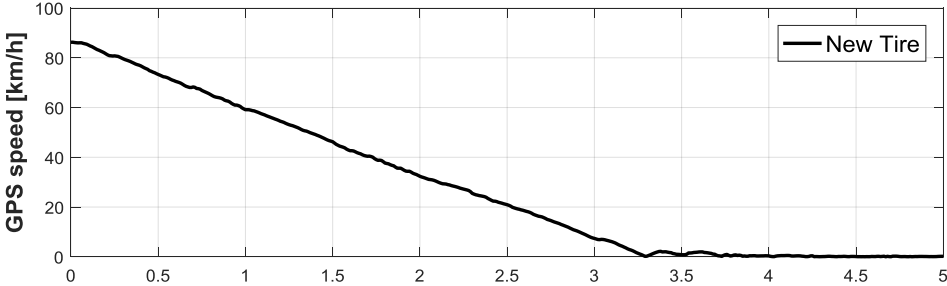
Straight line road
High grip surface (dry tarmac)



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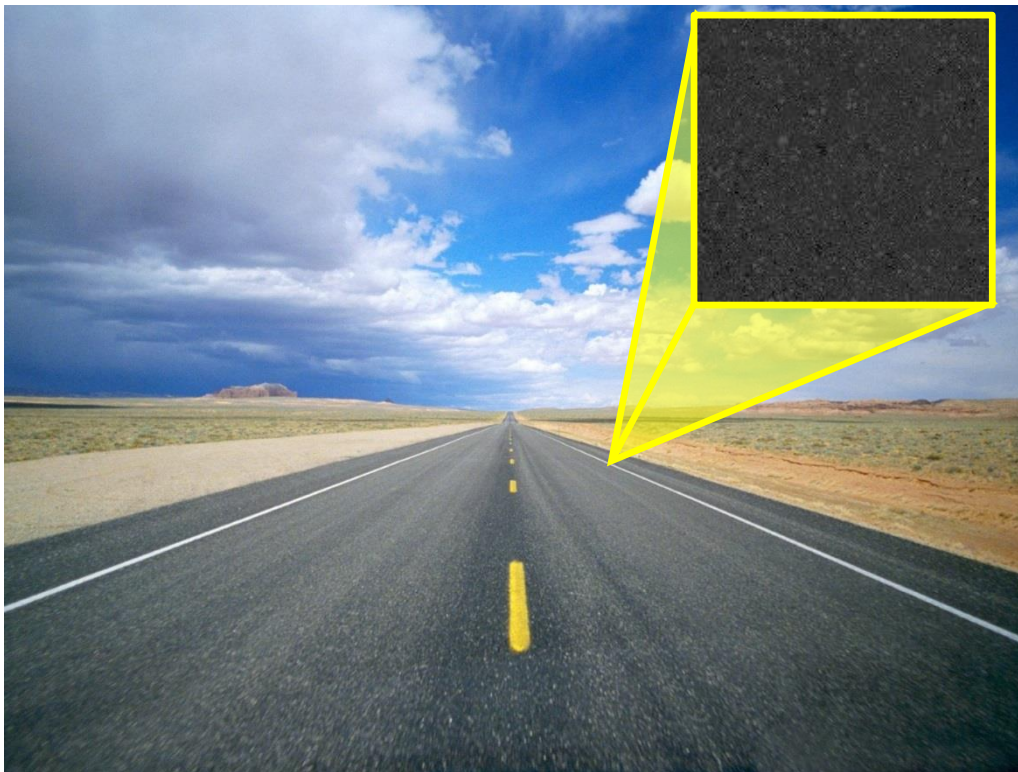
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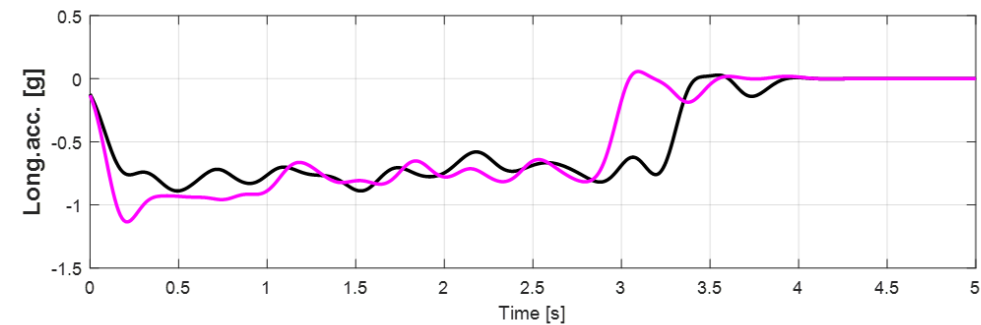
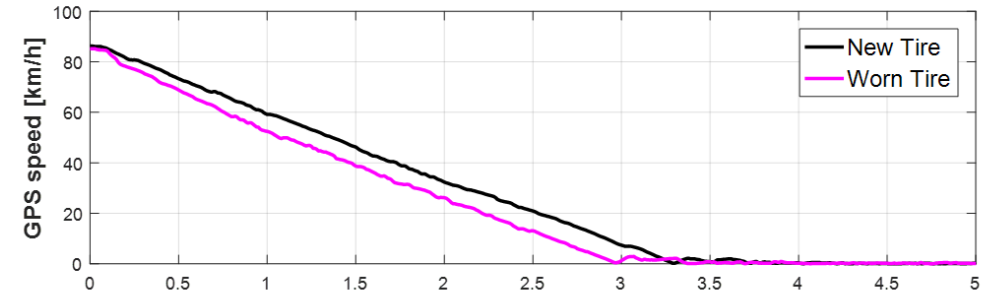
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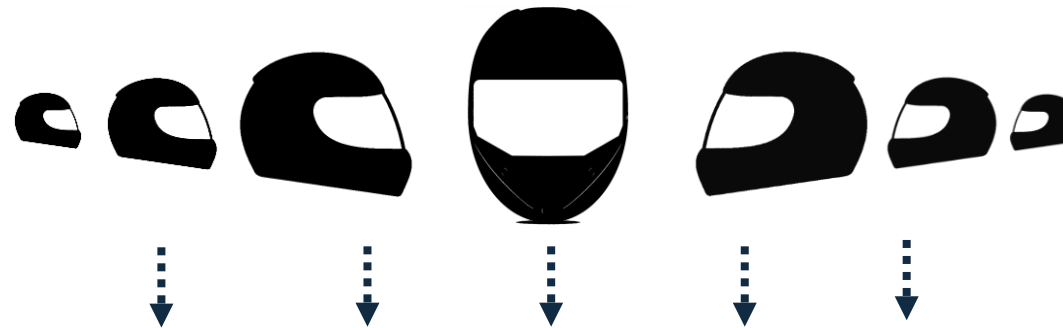
In case of worn tire:

- lower time to halt (lower braking distance);
- higher average deceleration.



DIFFERENT TIRES MODELS HAVE BEEN TESTED; THE TREND HAS BEEN CONFIRMED

**WORN TIRES PERFORM HIGHER BRAKING
DECELERATION**



RIDERS PERCEPTIONS CONFIRM EXPERIMENTAL EVIDENCE



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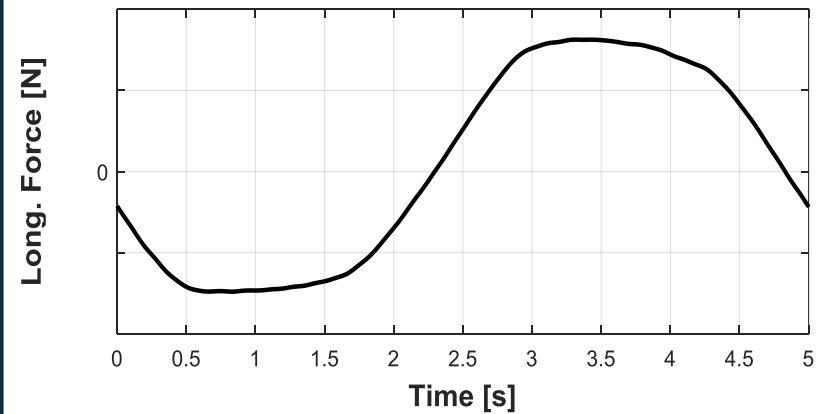
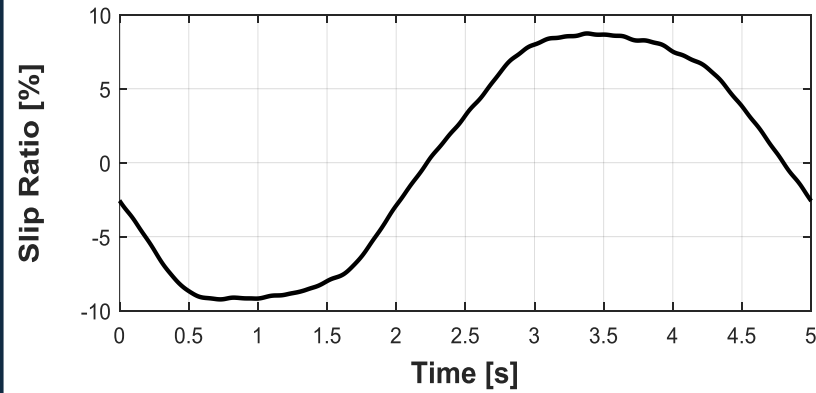
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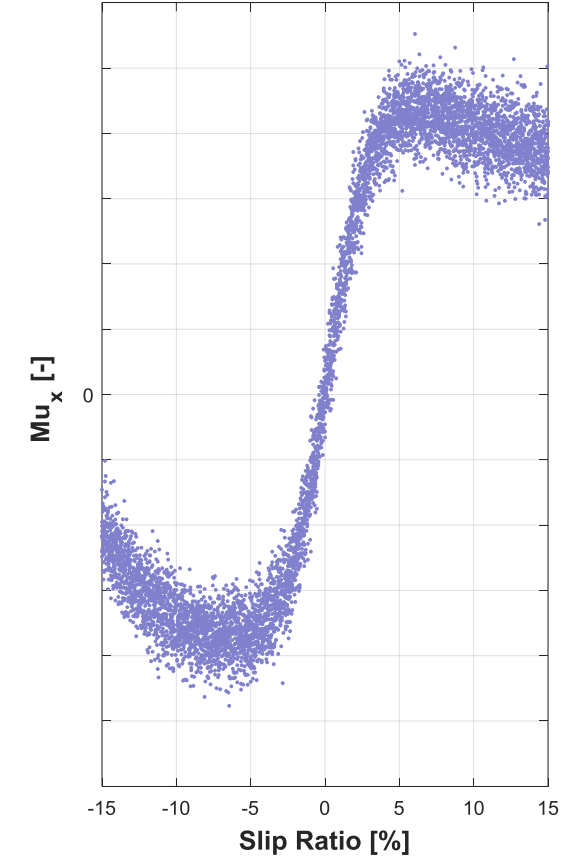
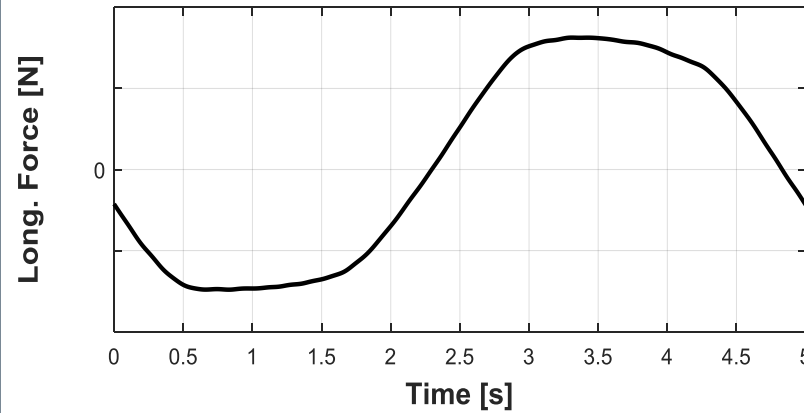
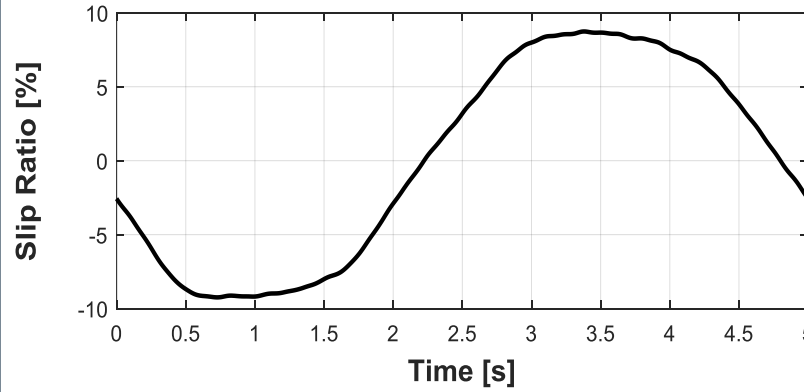
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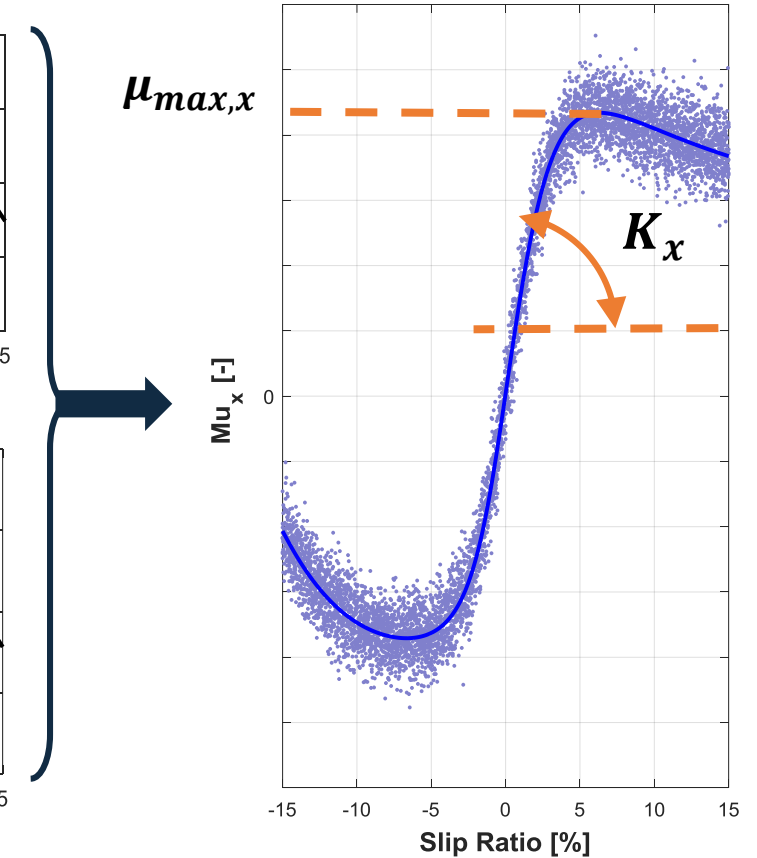
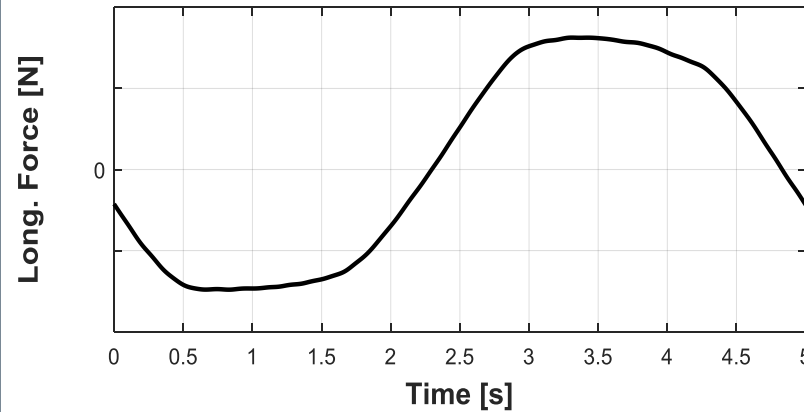
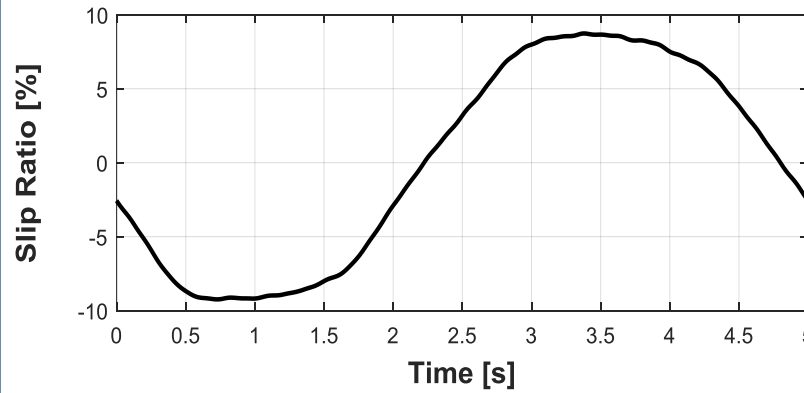
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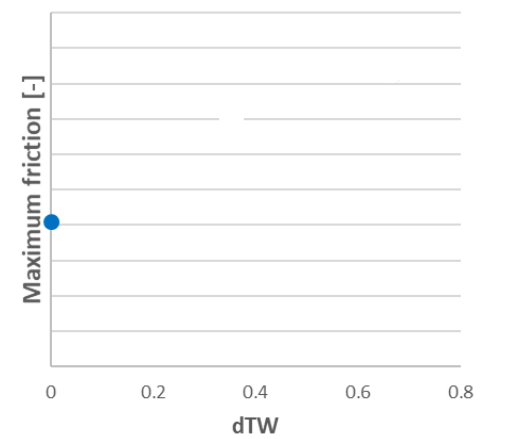
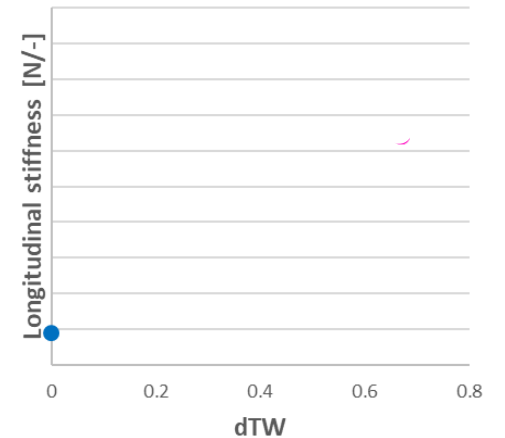
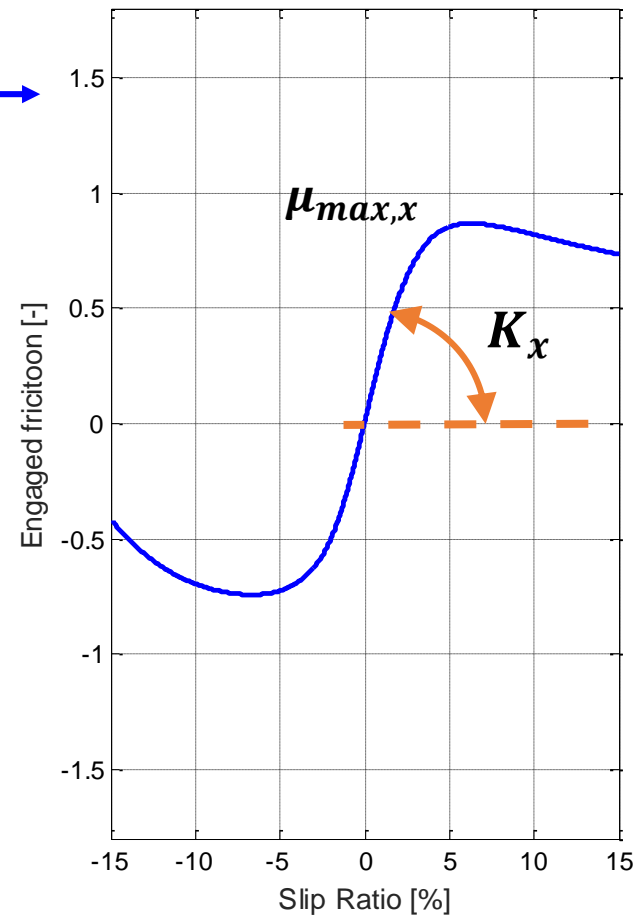
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DATA HAVE BEEN PLOT AS A FUNCTION OF
THREAD WEAR VARIATION, NAMED dTW:

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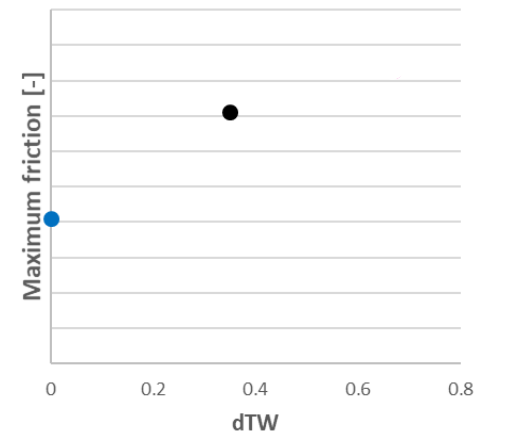
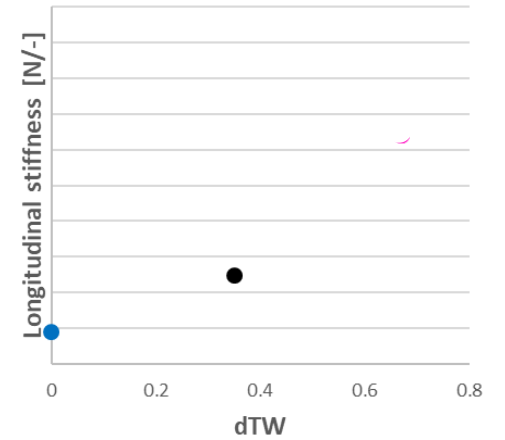
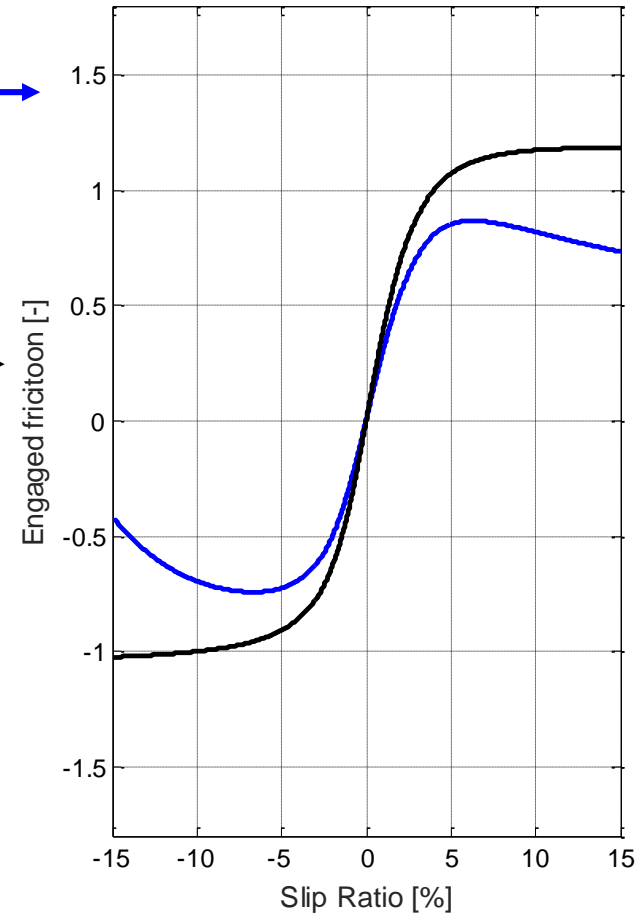
h_0 : thread height while new tire

h : thread height at a generic wearing condition



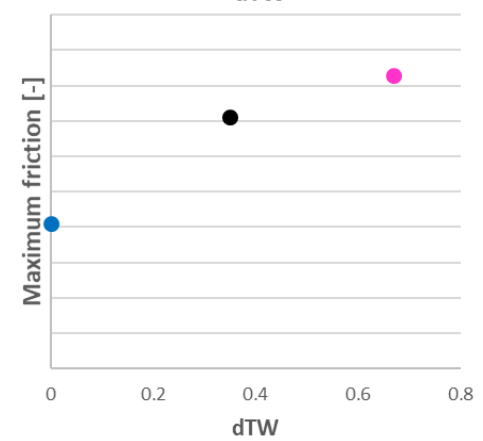
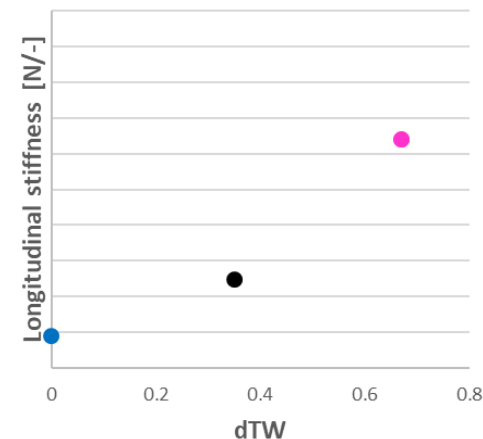
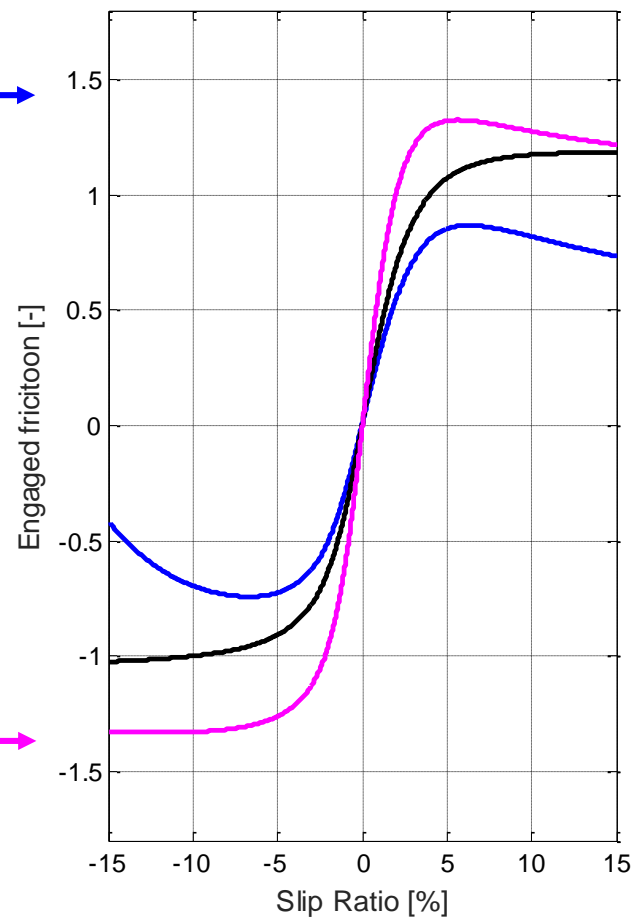
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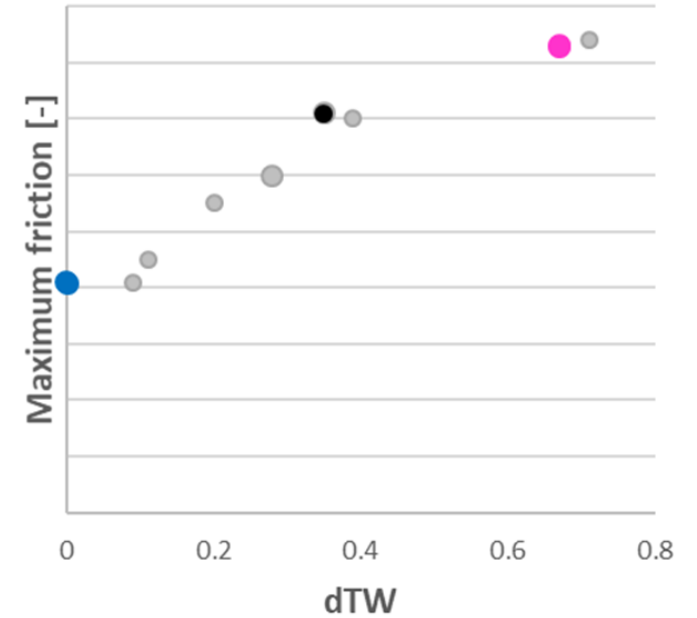
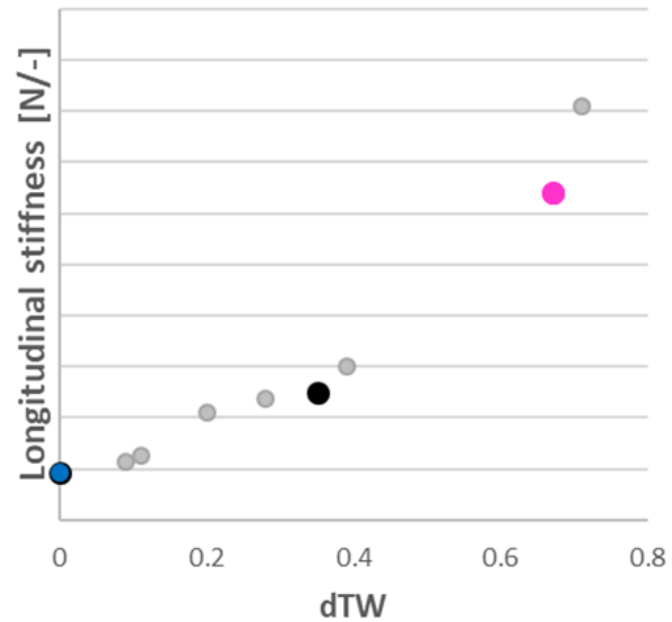
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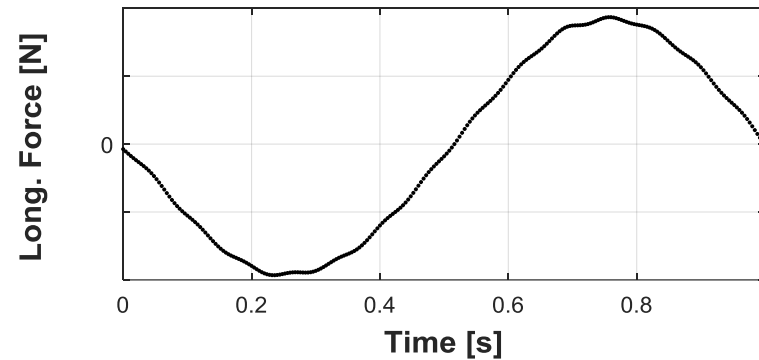
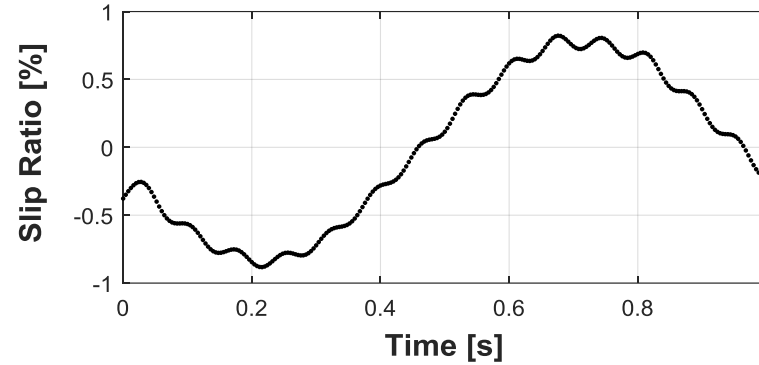
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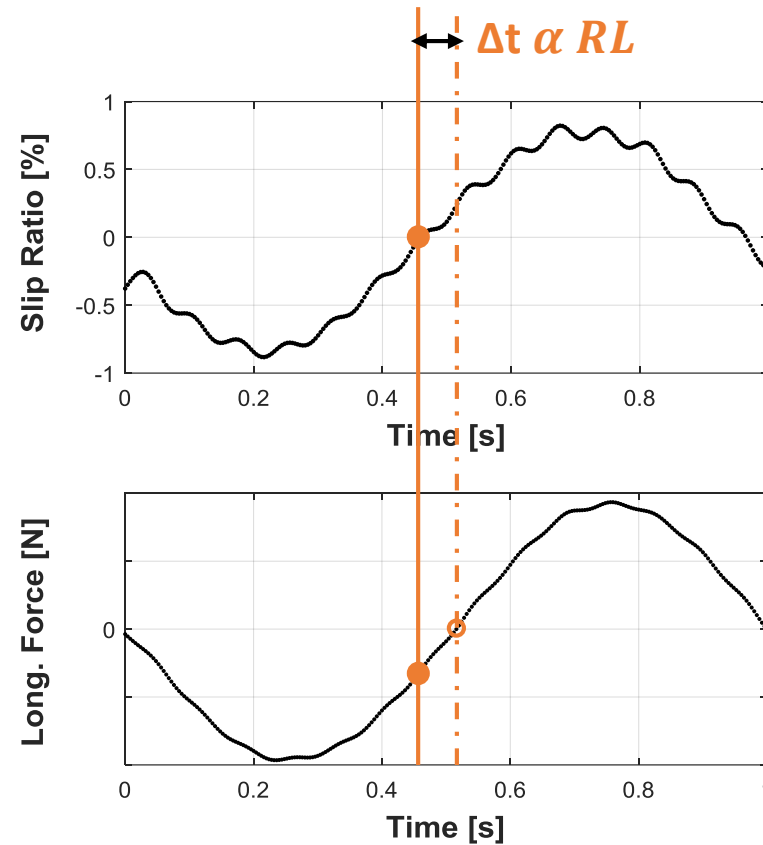
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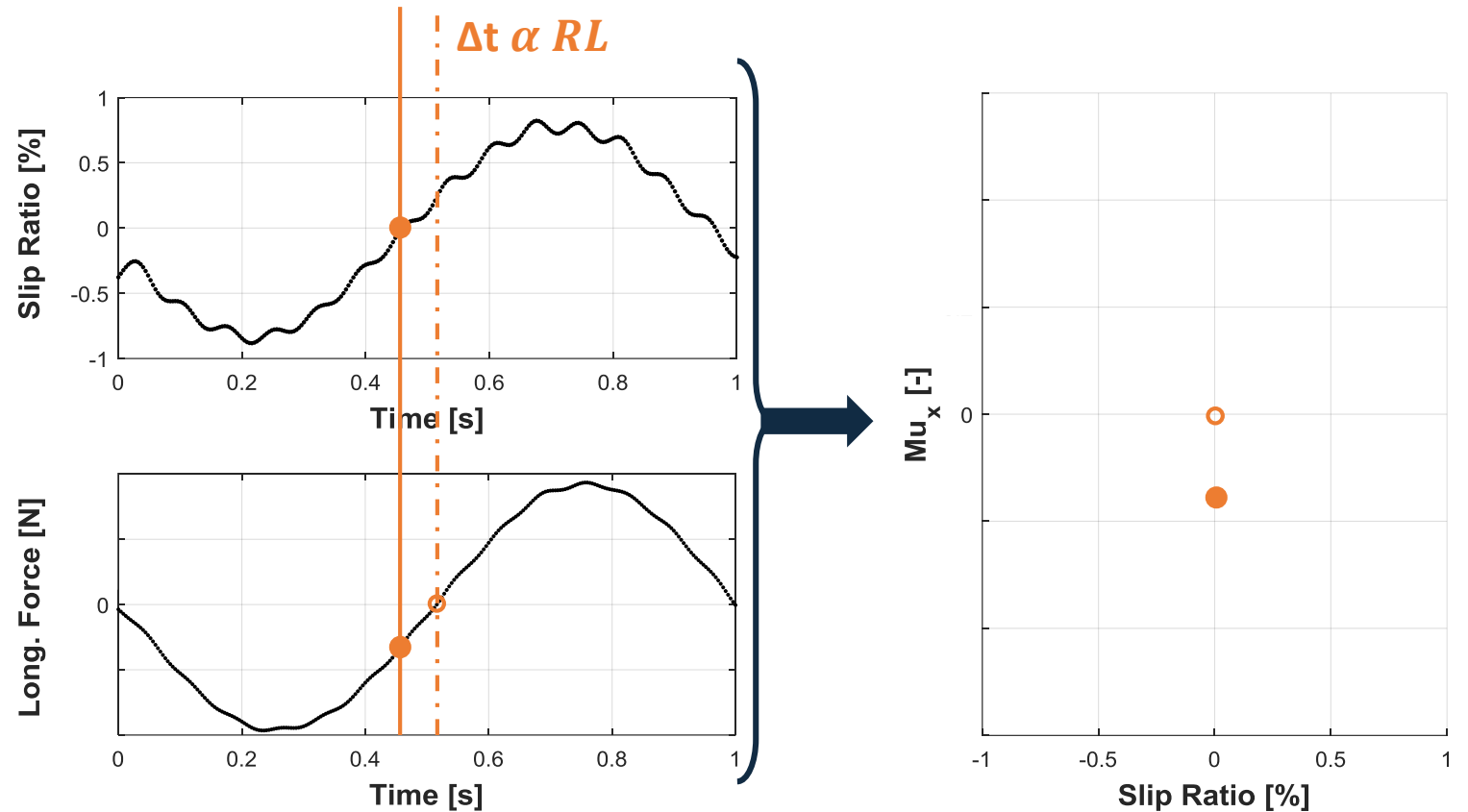
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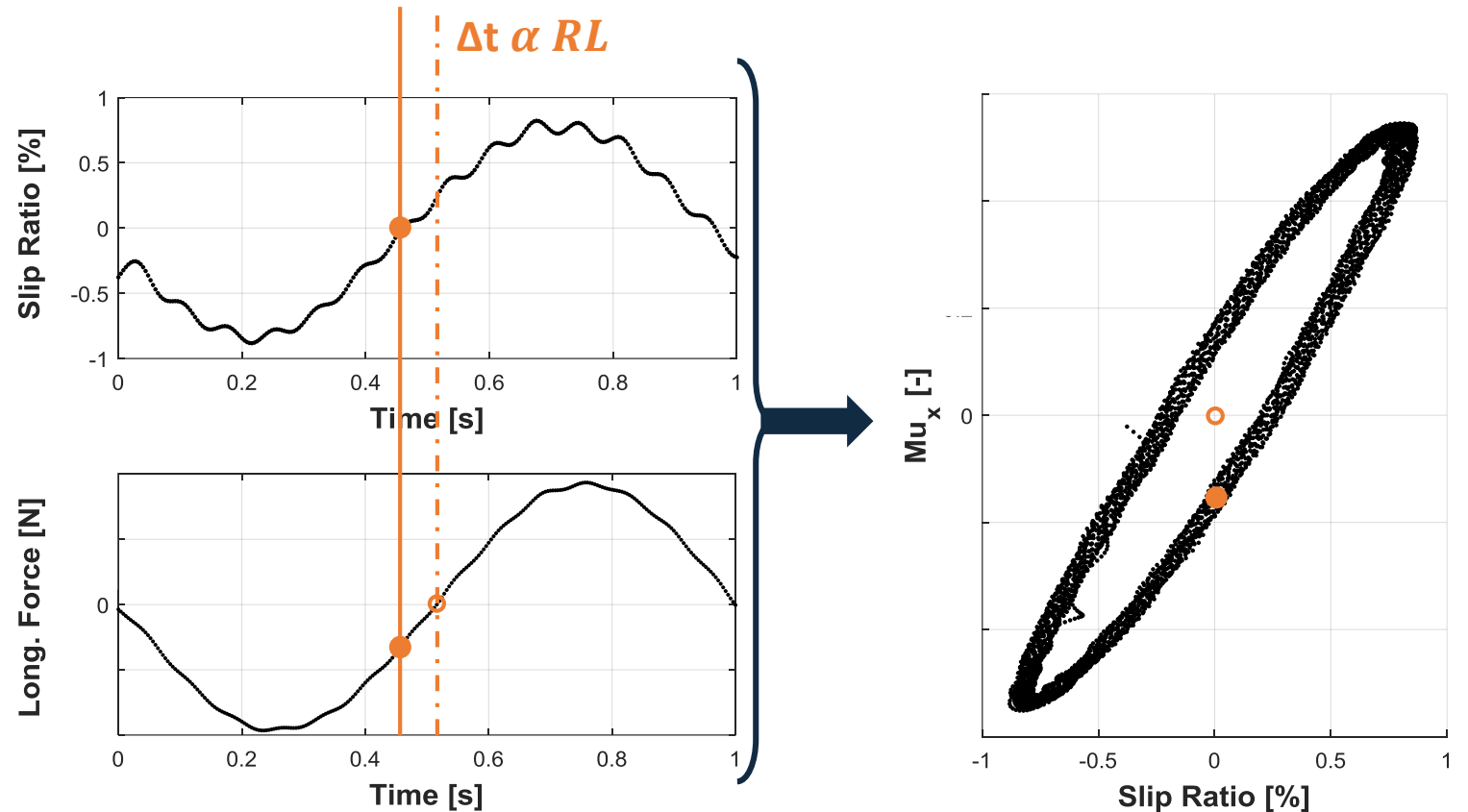
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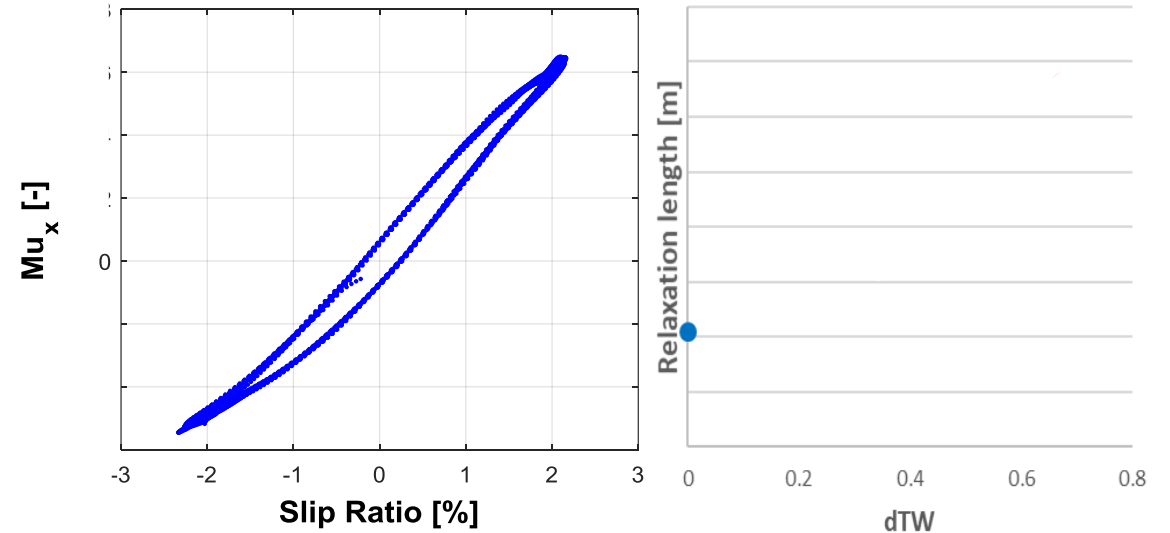
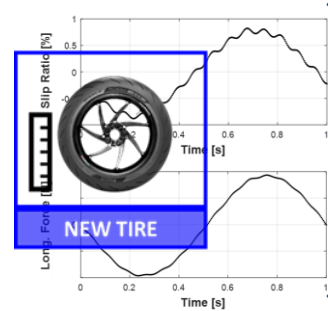
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RELAXATION LENGHT vs WEAR

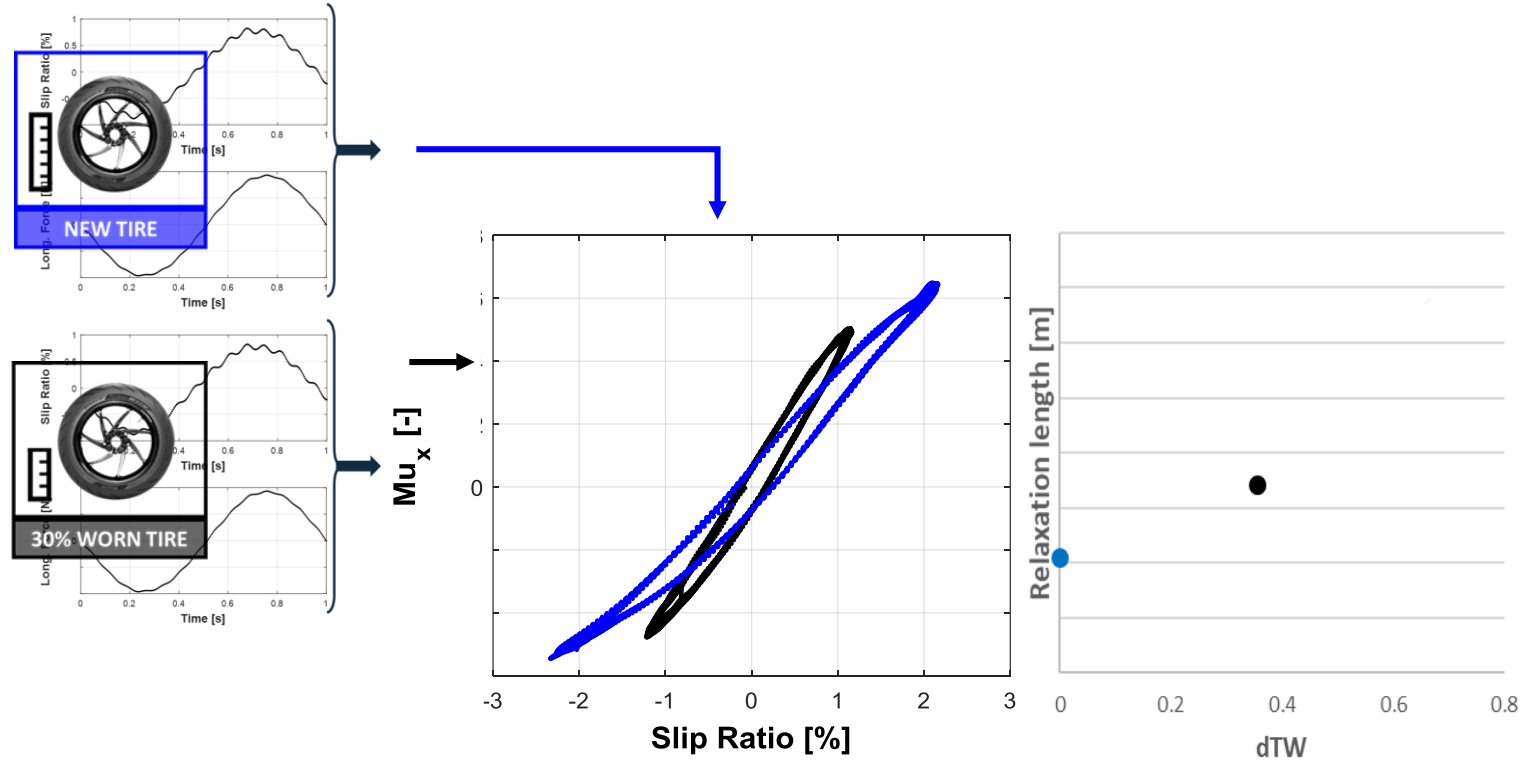
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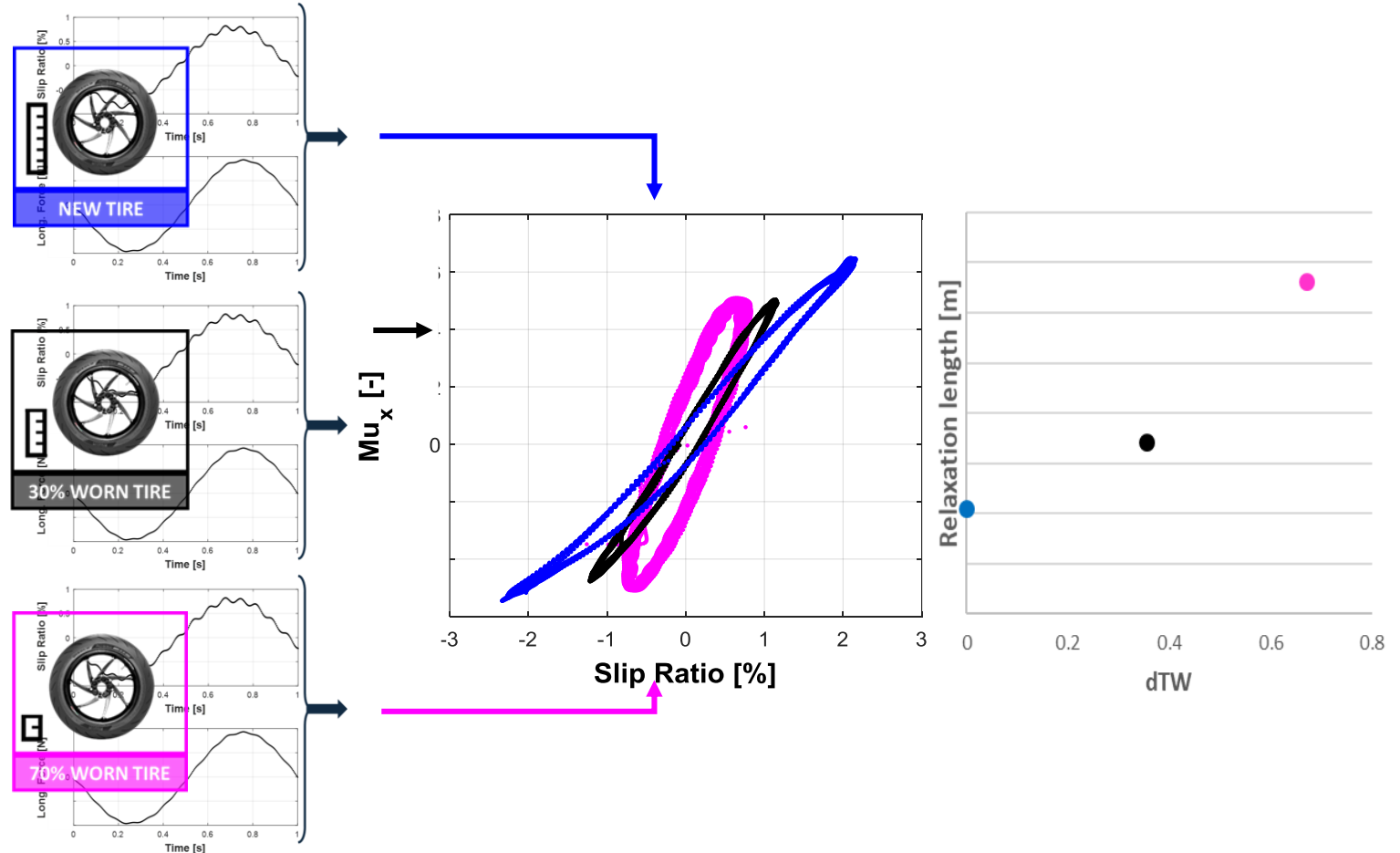
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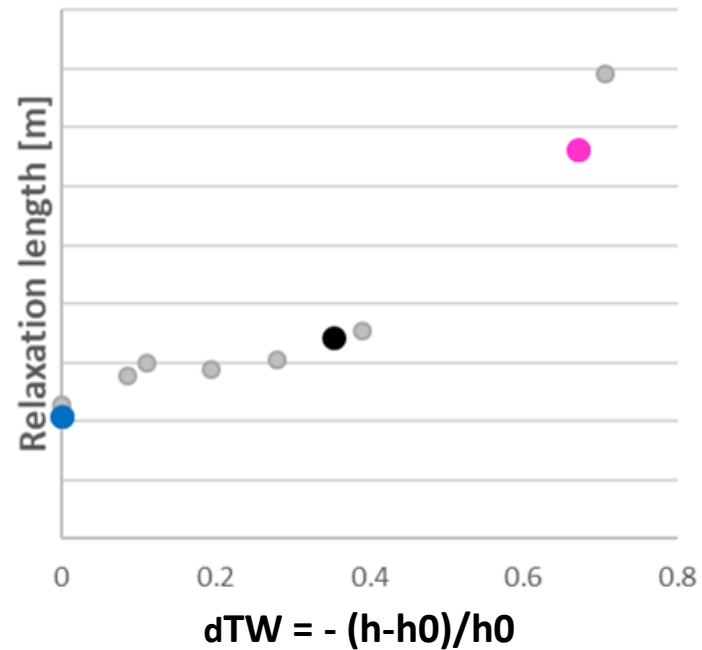
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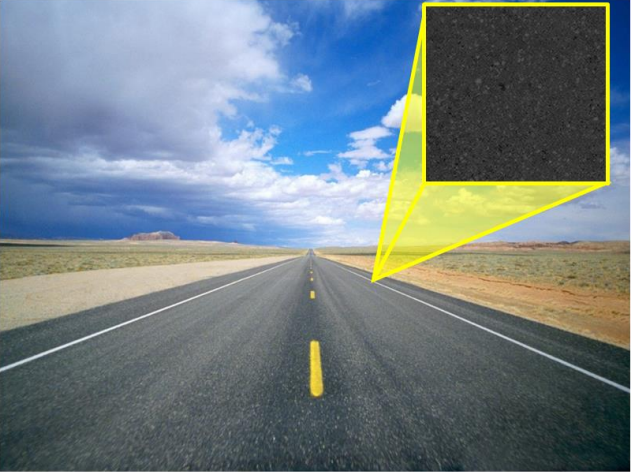


The proposed results state:

THE RELAXATION LENGTH INCREASES AS THE TIRE WEAR INCREASES.





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THE HIGHER BRAKING PERFORMANCES OBSERVED DURING OUTDOOR TESTS ARE DUE TO HIGHER GRIP
 (relaxation length and longitudinal stiffness have no perceivable effects instead)

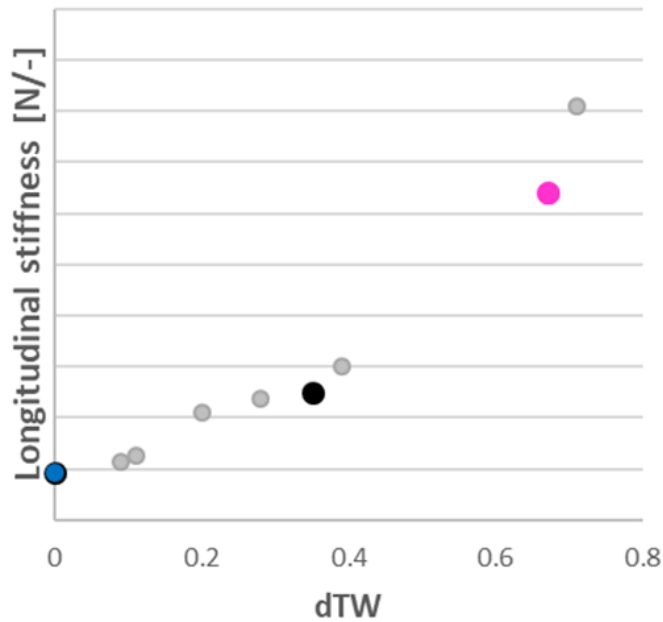
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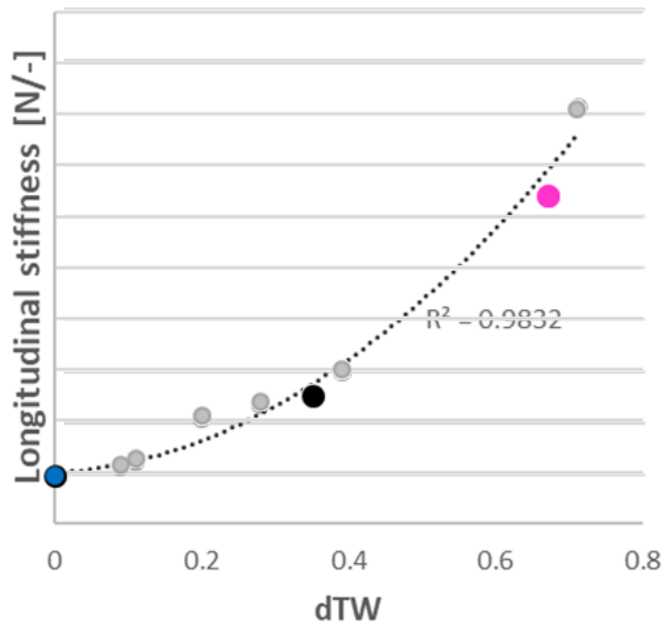


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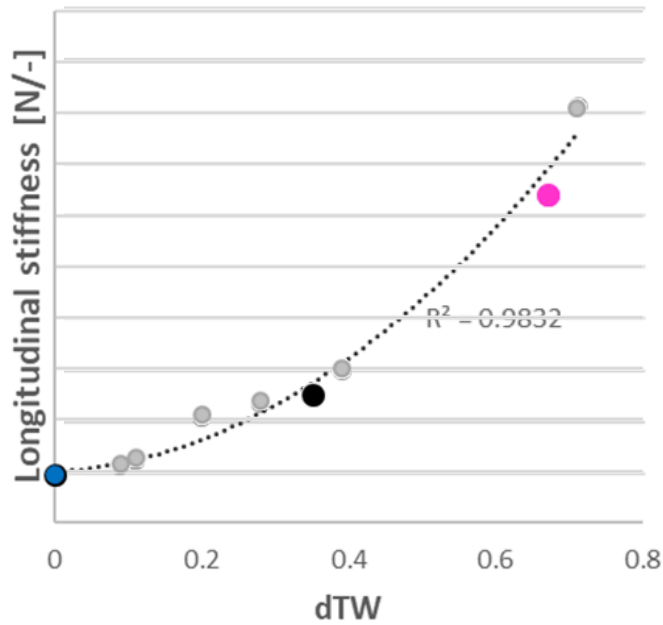


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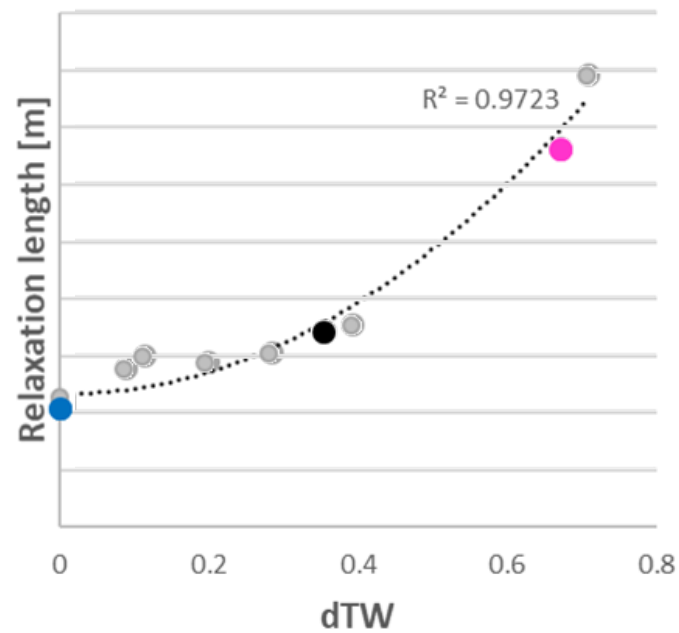
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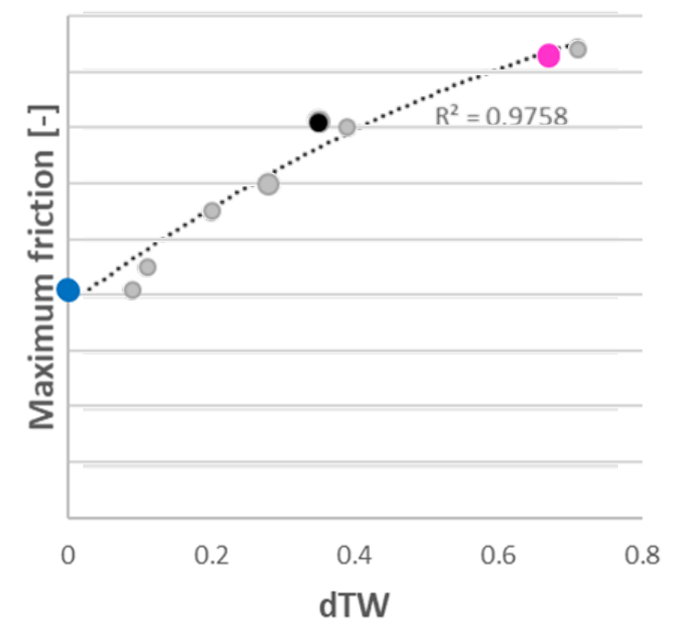
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Relaxation length



$$c_x = (\dots) * (1 + p_{cfx4} dTW + p_{cfx5} dTW^2)$$

Maximum Friction



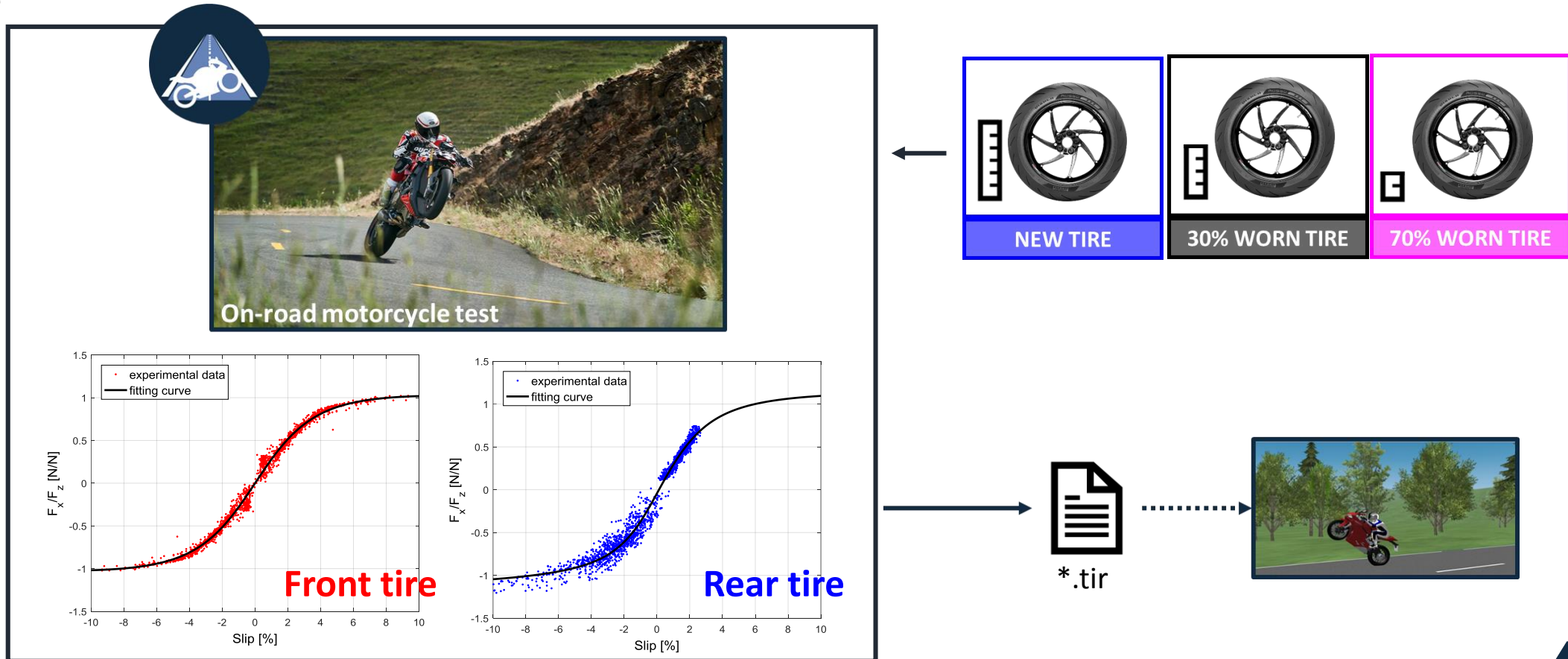
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If no indoor tests are available?

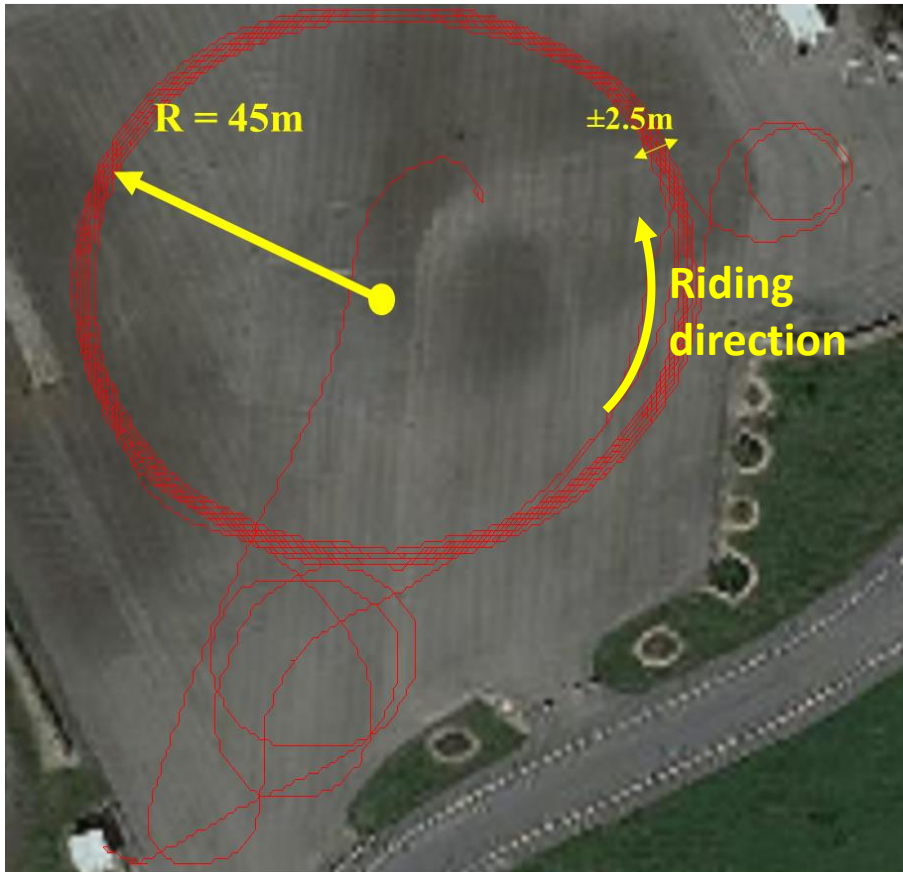
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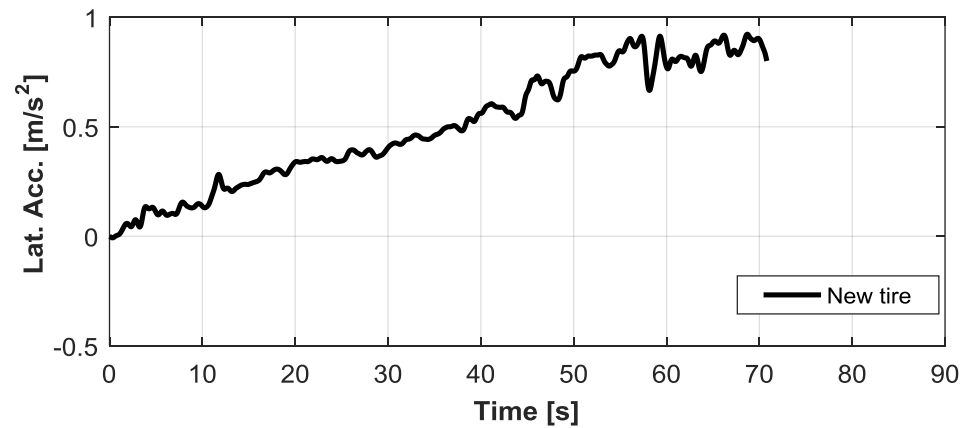
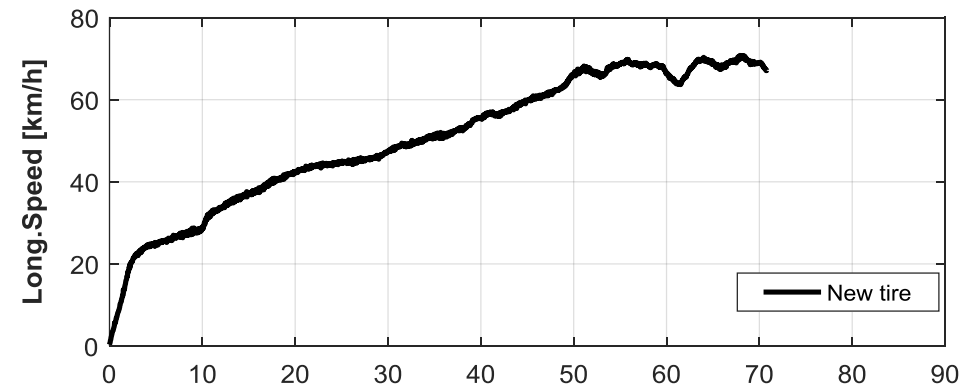
Constant radius turn (45m) executed in CCW
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MANOEUVER

QUASI STEADY STATE MANOEUVER

Slow speed increasing; lat. jerk < 0,1 (m/s²)/s



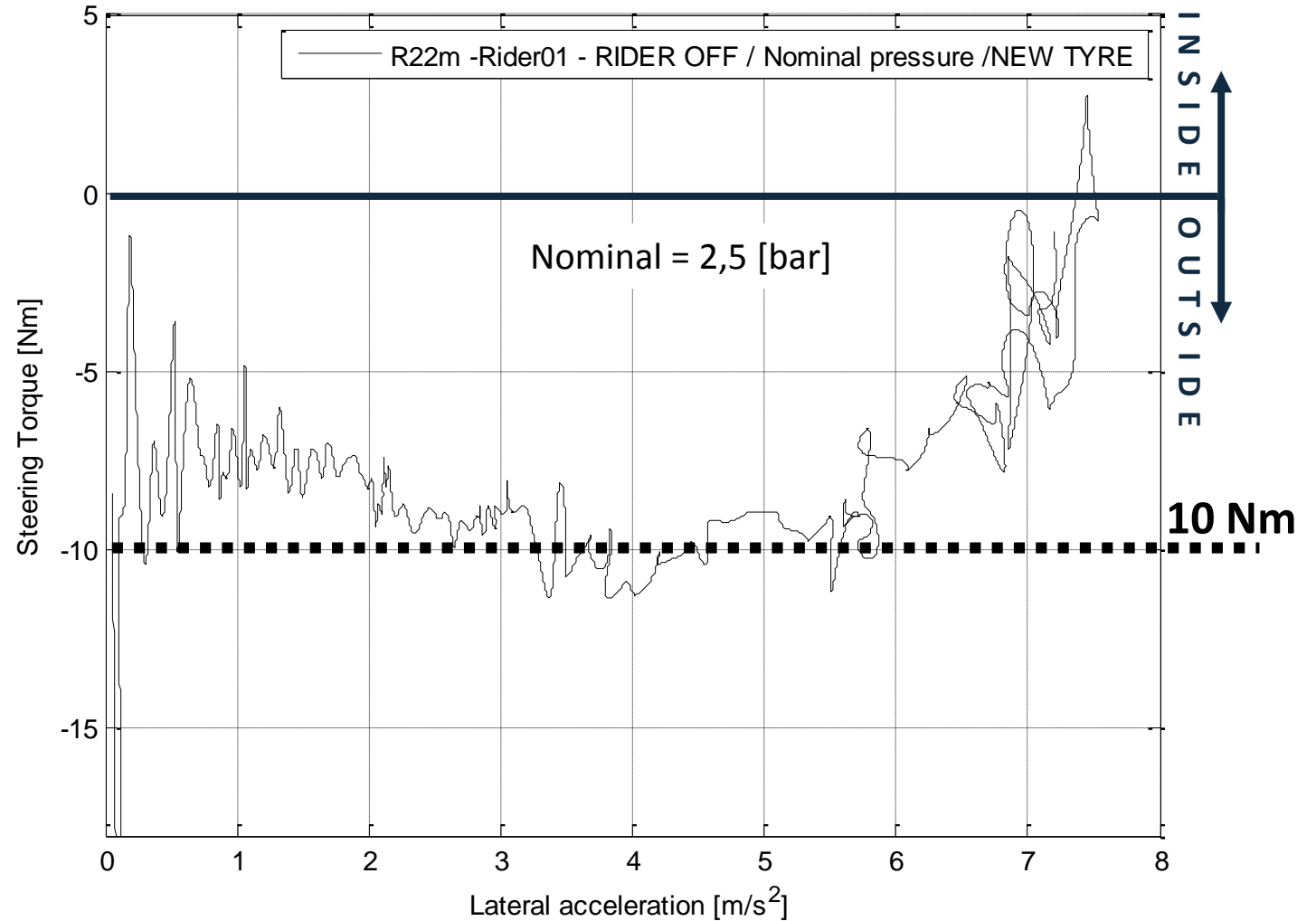
Maneuver and convention

STEERING PAD

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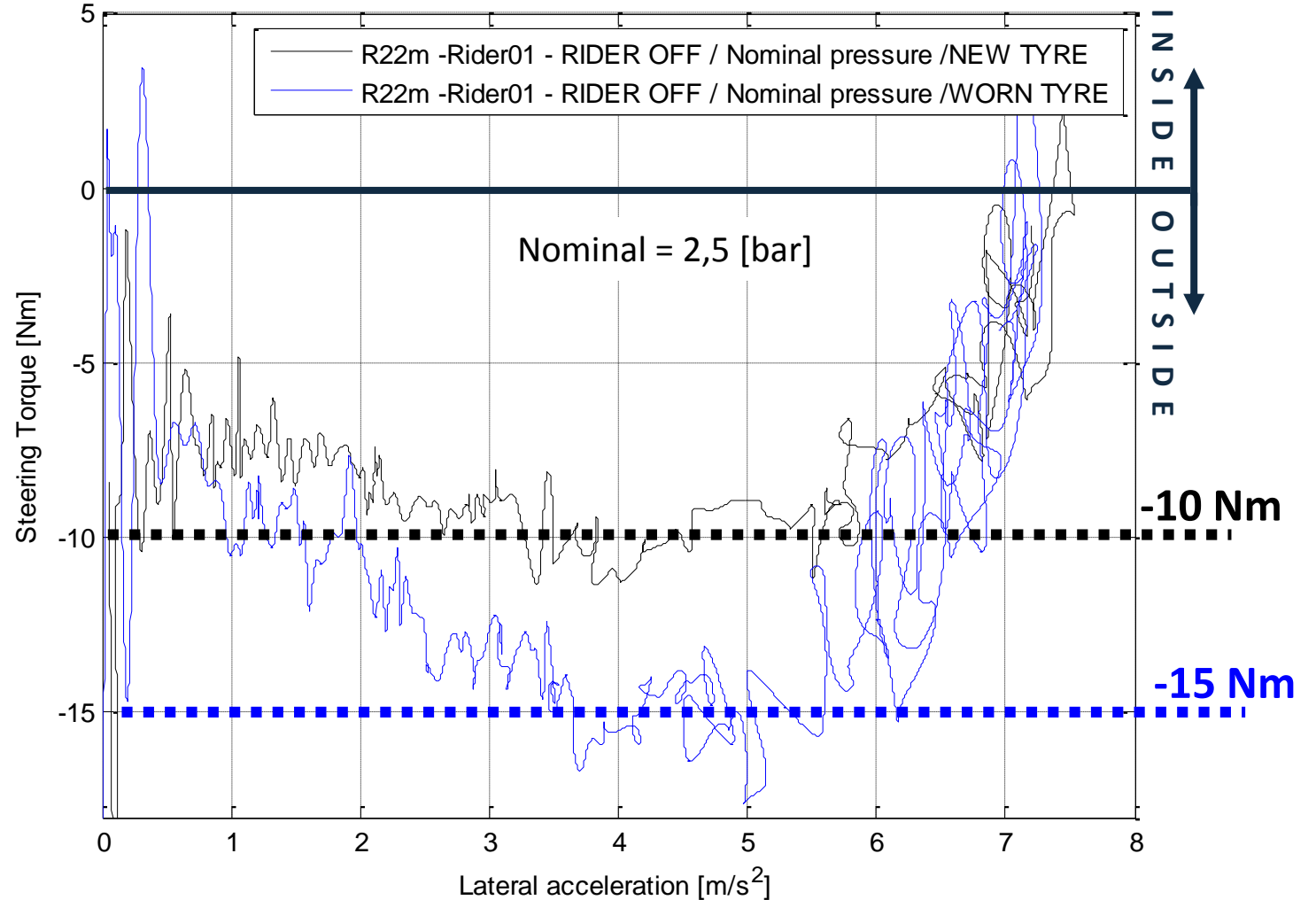
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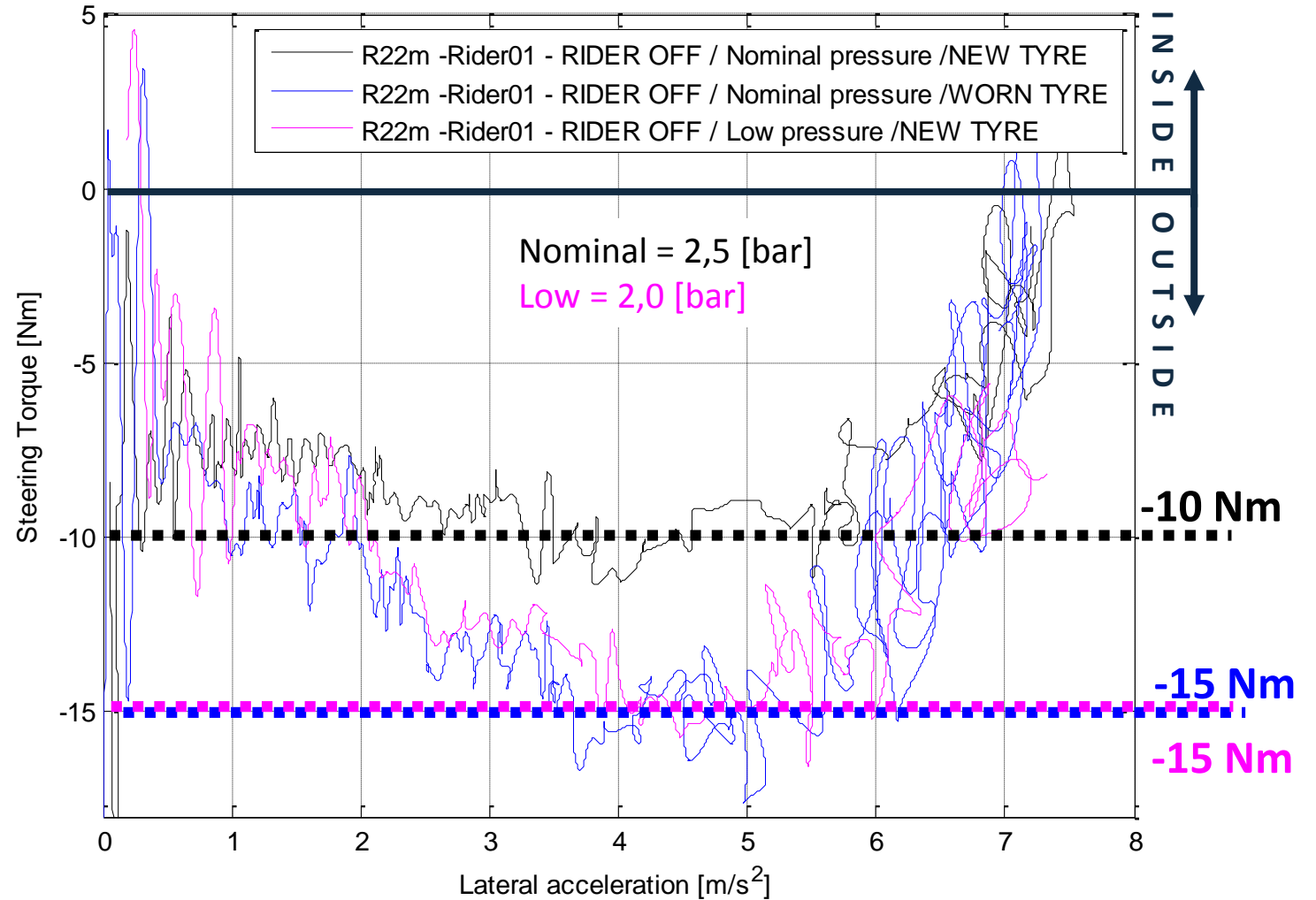
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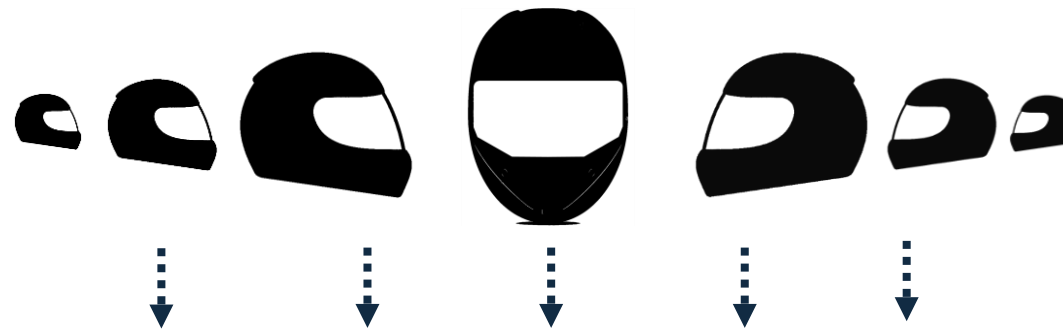


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Different tires models have been tested.

WORN TIRE IMPLIES HIGHER OUTSIDE STEERING TORQUE.



RIDERS PERCEPTION CONFIRM EXPERIMENTAL EVIDENCE

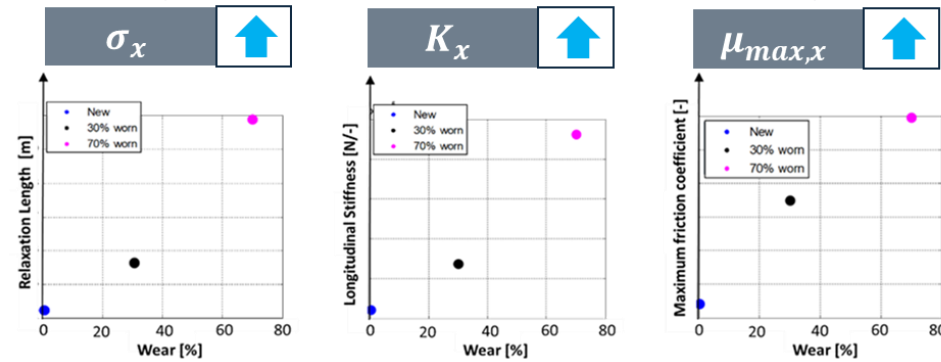


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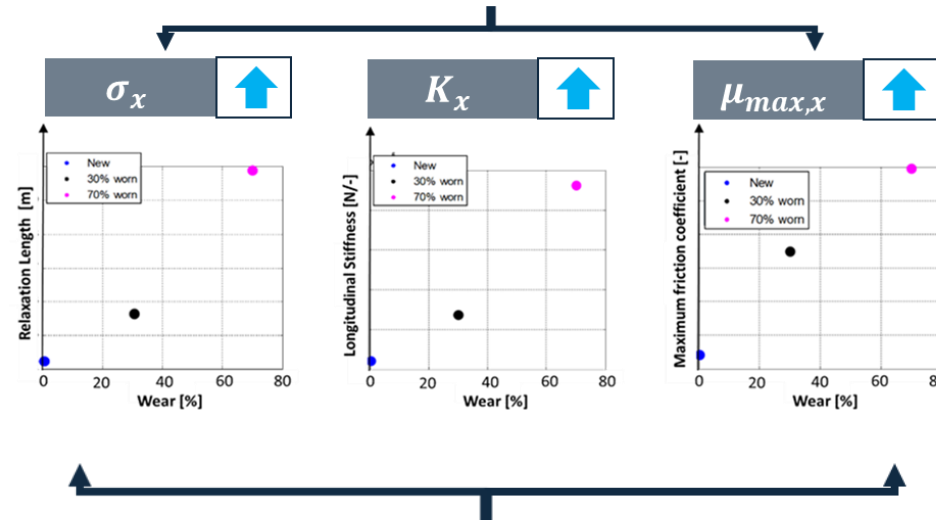
FROM LONGITUDINAL DYNAMIC CONSIDERATIONS, IF THE WEAR INCREASES (↑)



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FROM LONGITUDINAL DYNAMIC CONSIDERATIONS, IF THE WEAR INCREASES (↑)



IT'S REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT SOMETHING SIMILAR OCCURS ALSO FOR LATERAL DYNAMIC



HP:



THE TIRE KEY PARAMETERS AFFECTING LATERAL DYNAMICS ARE

Lat. Relaxation Length

σ_y

Cornering Stiffness

K_α

Rolling stiffness

K_ϕ

Max Lat. Friction coeff.

$\mu_{max,y}$

STEADY-STATE LATERAL DYNAMICS
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Hypothesis: CORNERING STIFFNESS and ROLLING STIFFNESS
variation could affect the increasing of the outside the curve steering torque



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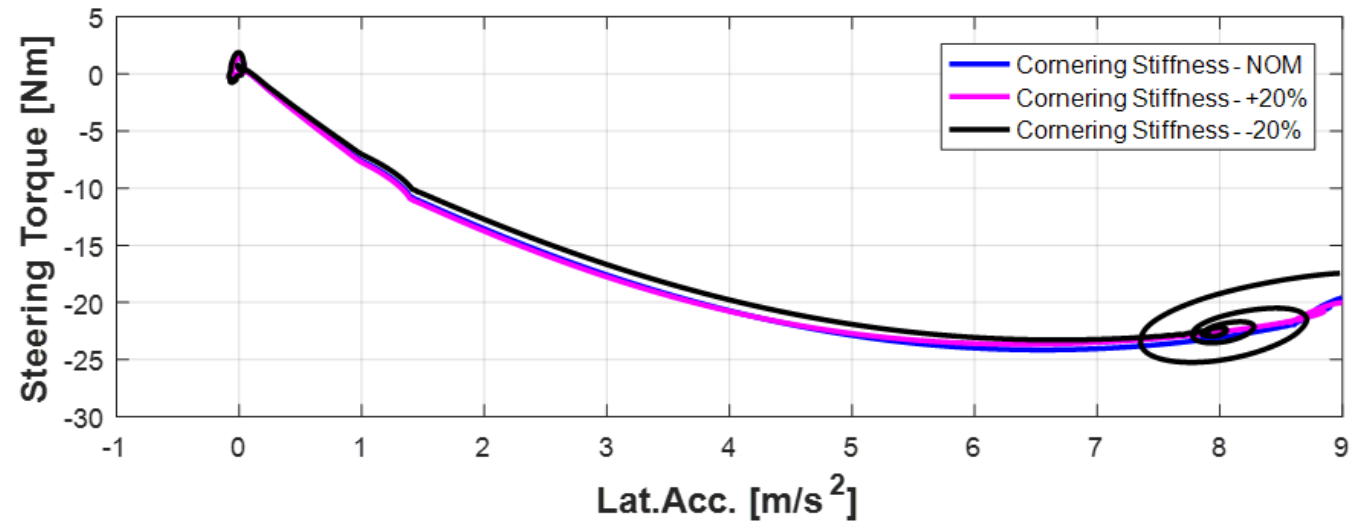
**NUMERICAL ANALYSIS:
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Steering torque VS lateral acceleration.

SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS ON CORNERING STIFFNESS.

- Nominal value (blue)
- +20% (magenta)
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THE CORNERING STIFFNESS COEFFICIENT SEEMS NOT TO CAUSE RELEVANT CHANGES IN STEERING TORQUE

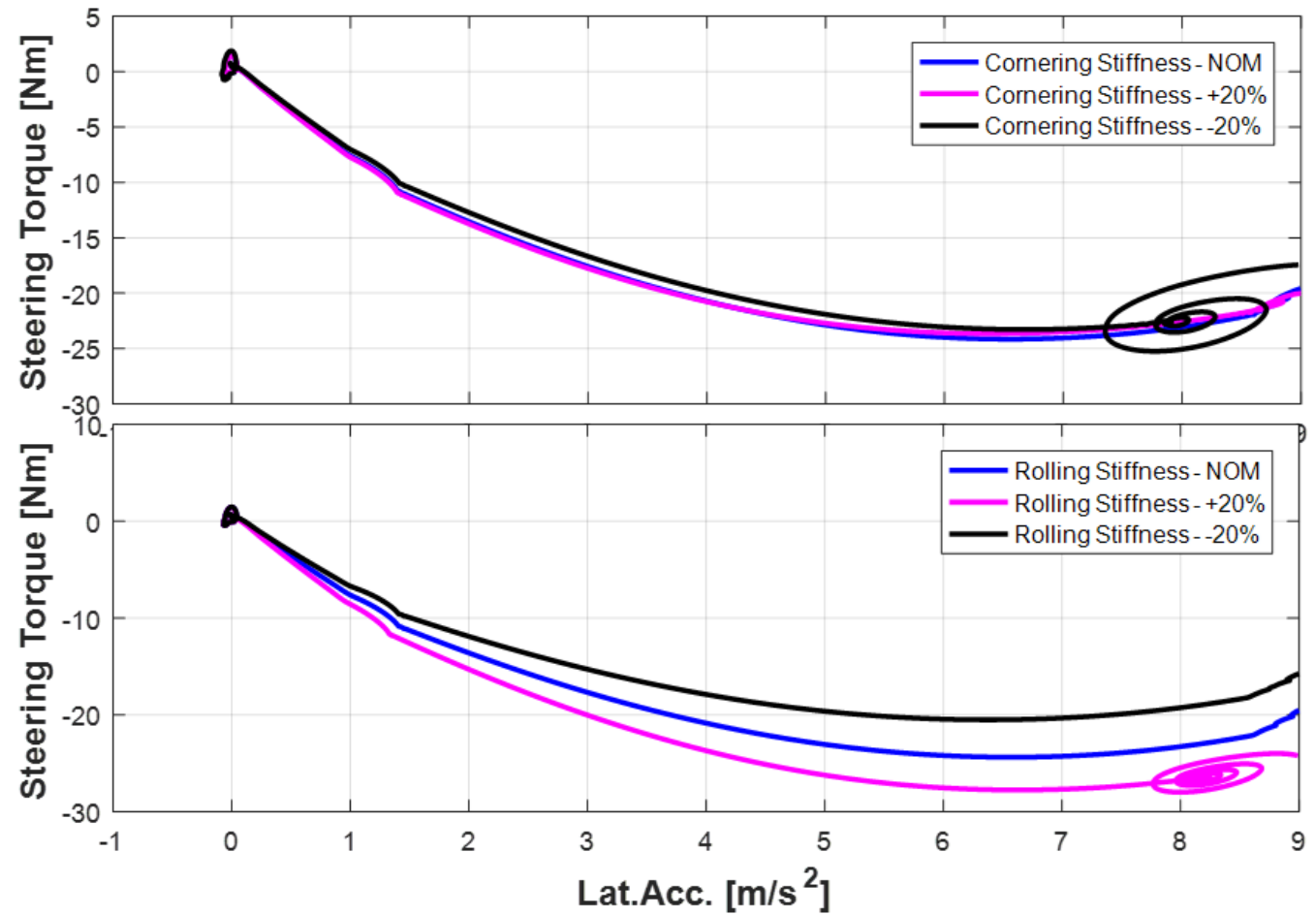


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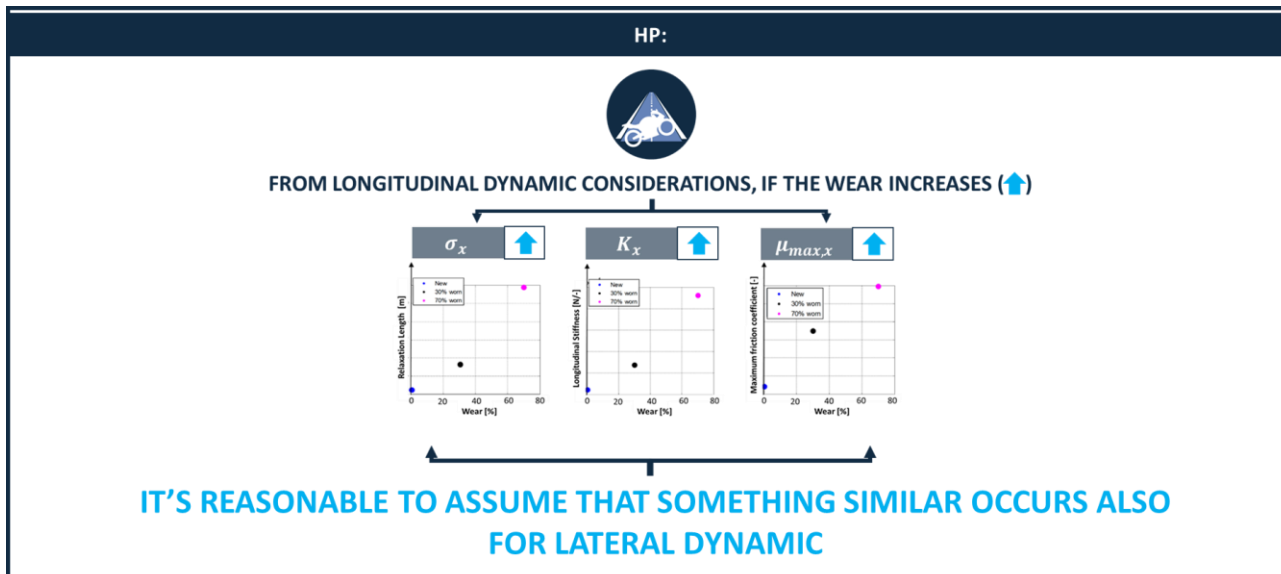
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THE ROLLING STIFFNESS COEFFICIENT AFFECTS THE STEERING TORQUE: THE HIGHER THE ROLLING STIFFNESS, THE HIGHER THE OUTSIDE THE CURVE STEERING TORQUE



From the numerical sensitivity analysis

AS THE ROLLING STIFFNESS INCREASES, THE OUTSIDE STEERING TORQUE INCREASES



**The Hypotesiys
done seems to be
correct**



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Why



SELF ALIGNING MOMENT

Same turn, same speed, same lateral acceleration

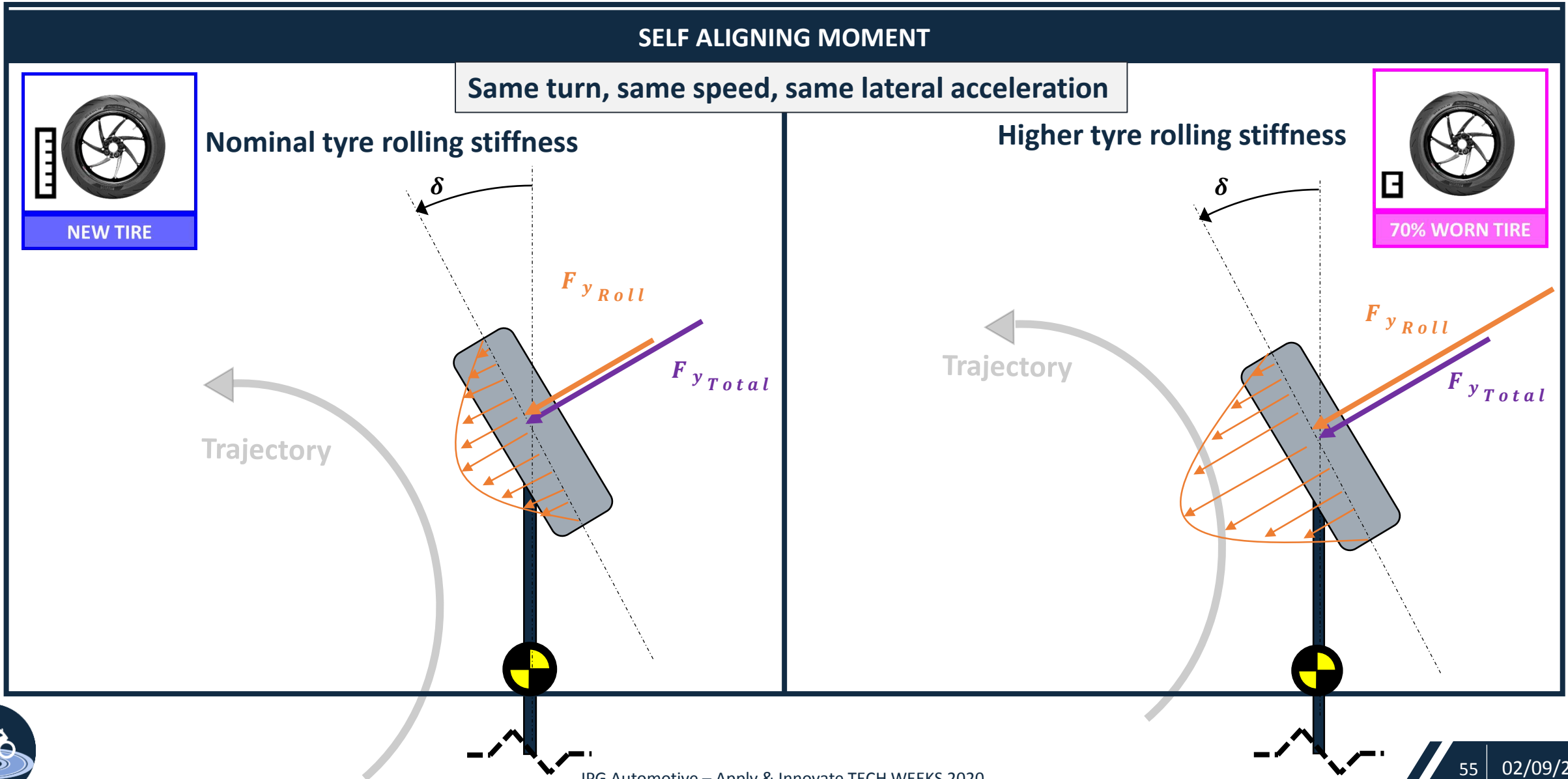


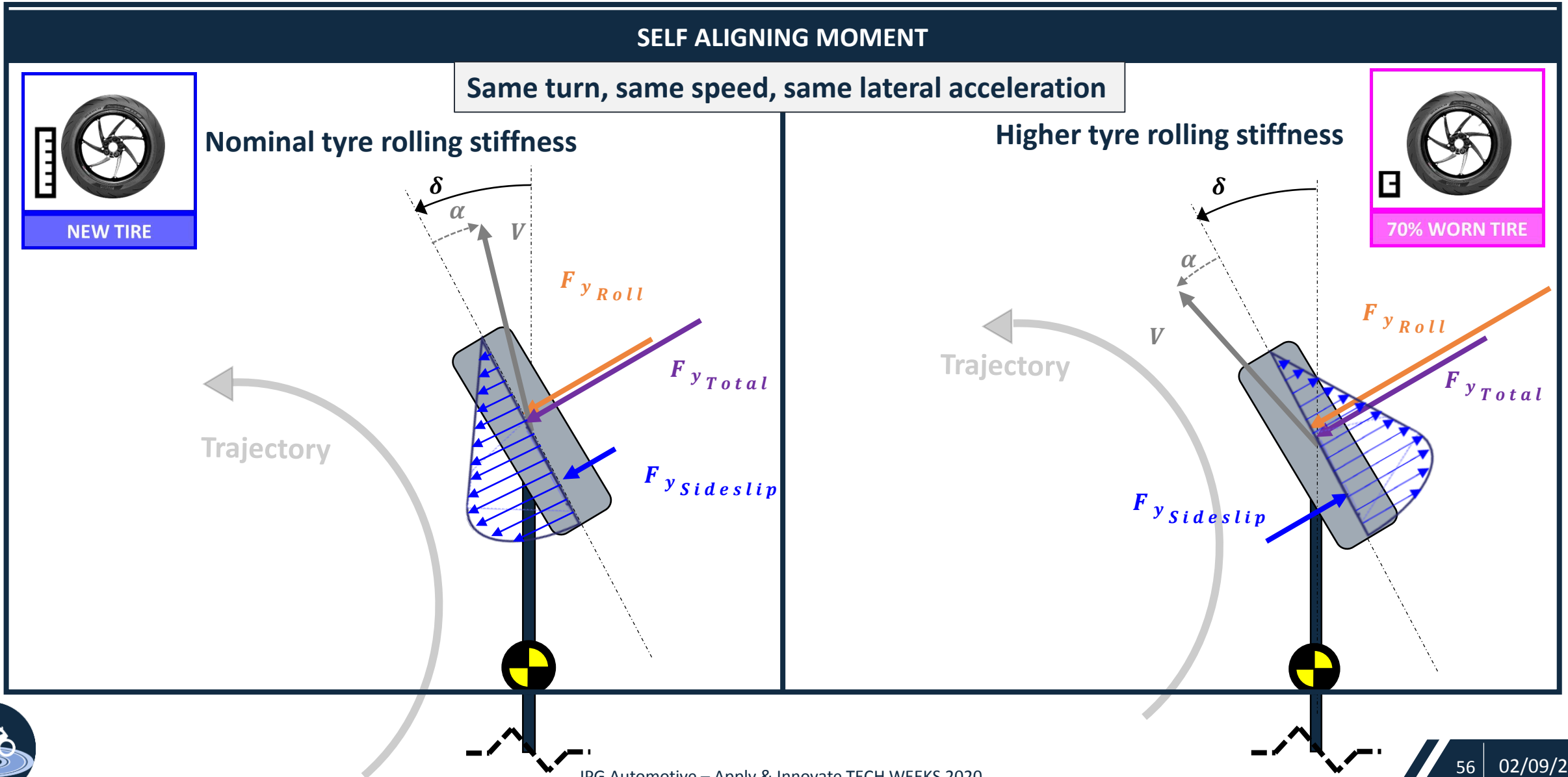
Nominal tyre rolling stiffness



Higher tyre rolling stiffness





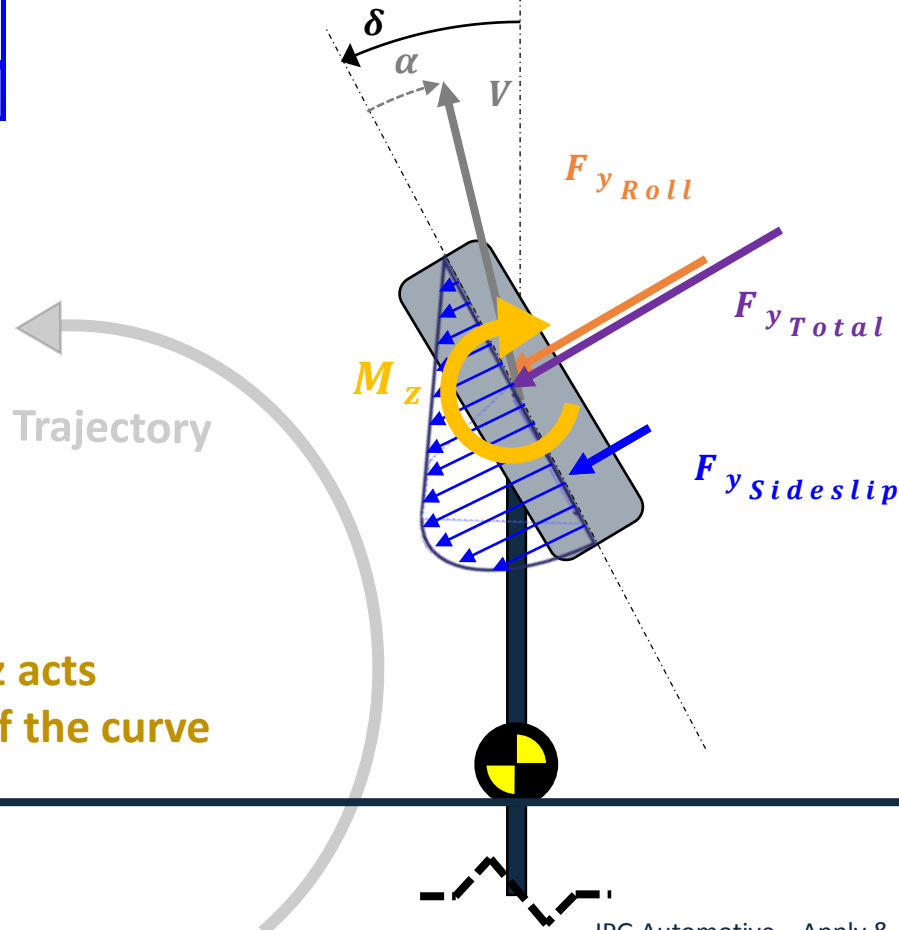


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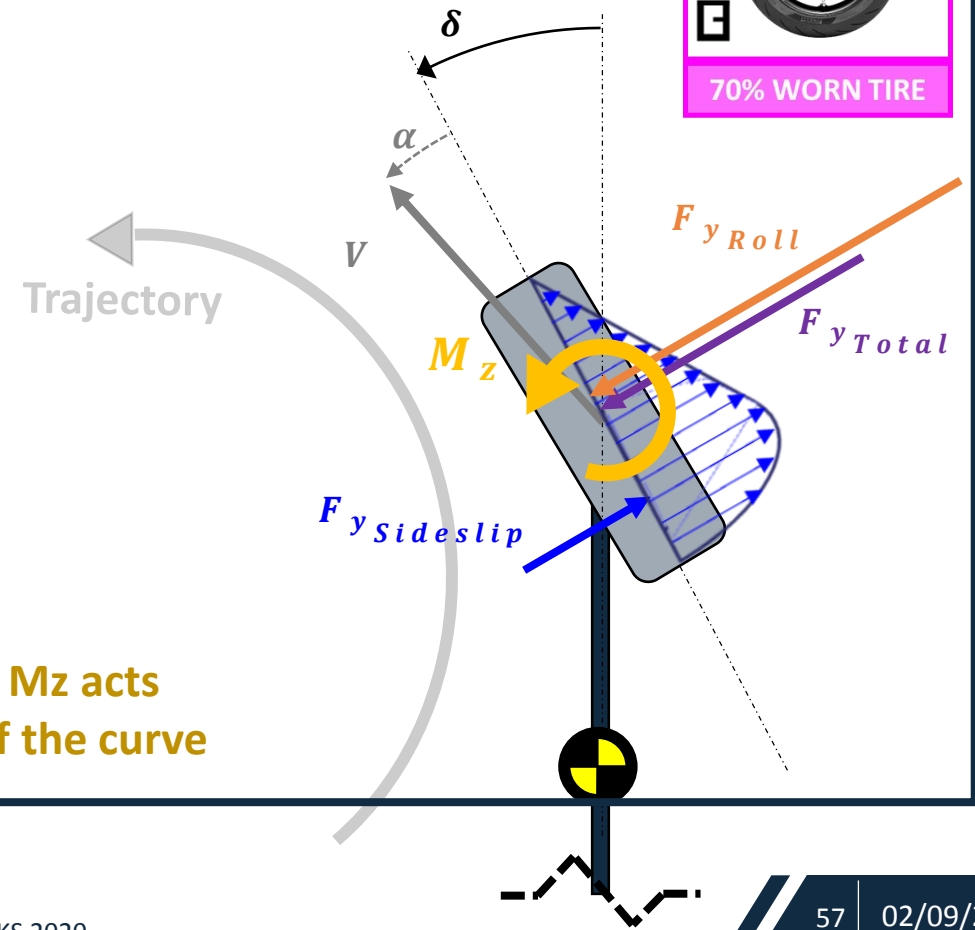
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Moment M_z acts
OUSTIDE of the curve

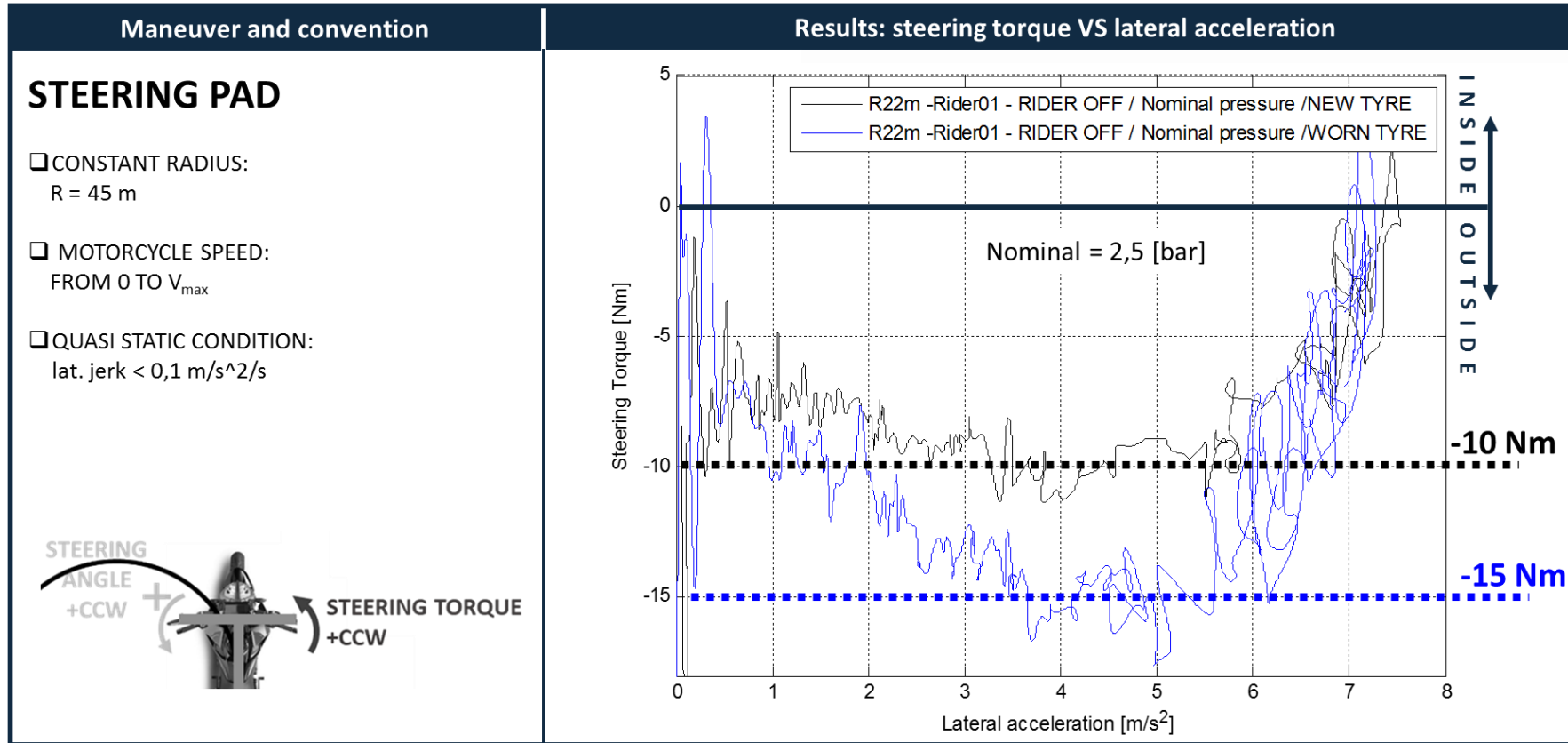


Higher tyre rolling stiffness



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INSIDE of the curve





WEAR → HIGHER TIRE ROLLING STIFFNESS →

HIGHER OUTSIDE THE CURVE STEERING TORQUE DEMAND NEEDED TO MAINTAIN TRAJECTORY



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GENERAL TARGET:

TO INVESTIGATE THE EFFECTS OF TIRE WEAR ON BOTH THE LATERAL AND THE LONGITUDINAL DYNAMIC; TO PROPOSE A PACEJKA MF MODIFICATION, INCLUDING THE WEAR DEPENDENCY

CONCLUSIONS:

- Increase of wear → increase of tire stiffness, maximum grip, relaxation length
- MF modification has been proposed for longitudinal tire behavior
- Outdoor tests procedure can be used to overcome the lack of the indoor tests and proceed with tire parameter identification, for longitudinal dynamic only
- It has been demonstrated how, both experimentally and numerically, the steering torque is strongly affected by tire rolling stiffness (*the higher the stiffness, the more the outside-the-curve steering torque*)



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