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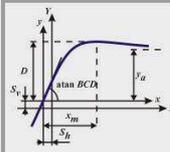




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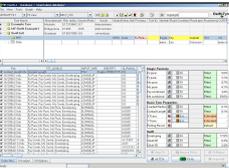


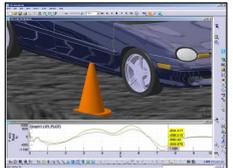
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## Introduction

TNO's tyre modelling toolchain







tyre (virtual) testing  
signal processing

TYDEX files

parameter fitting + database  
MF-Tool

tyre property file

tyre model  
MF-Tyre  
MF-Swift

MBS solver

Measurement

Identification

Simulation



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## Introduction

What is MF-Tyre/MF-Swift?

- › **MF-Tyre/MF-Swift is an all-encompassing tyre model for use in vehicle dynamics simulations**

This means:

- › emphasis on an accurate representation of the generated (spindle) forces
- › tyre model is relatively fast
- › can handle continuously varying inputs
- › model is robust for extreme inputs
- › model the tyre as simple as possible, but not simpler for the intended vehicle dynamics applications



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## Introduction

### Model usage and intended range of application

- › All kind of vehicle handling simulations:
  - › e.g. ISO tests like steady-state cornering, lane changes, J-turn, braking, etc.
  - › Sine with Dwell, mu split, low mu, rollover, fishhook, etc.
- › Vehicle behaviour on uneven roads:
  - › ride comfort analyses
  - › durability load calculations (fatigue spectra and load cases)
- › Simulations with control systems, e.g. ABS, ESP, etc.
- › Analysis of drive line vibrations
- › Analysis of (aircraft) shimmy vibrations; typically about 10-25 Hz
- › Used for passenger car, truck, motorcycle and aircraft tyres



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## Modelling aspects and contents (1)

- 1. Basic tyre properties and constitutive relations**
  - › for tyre radii, contact patch size, stiffness, rolling resistance
  - › nonlinear, effects of loads, velocity, inflation pressure
- 2. Inclusion of measured tyre steady-state slip characteristics**
  - › described by load and inflation pressure dependent Magic Formula
  - › responses to sideslip, longitudinal slip, camber and turn slip
- 3. Tyre transients / relaxation length properties**
  - › carcass compliance
  - › proper contact transient properties due to finite contact length
- 4. Inclusion of belt dynamics**
  - › primary natural frequencies (rigid ring modes) and gyroscopic effects
- 5. Tyre rolling over uneven road surface**
  - › tyre deformation on obstacles, arbitrary uneven roads



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## Modelling aspects and contents (2)

- 6. Model usage and availability**
  - › selection of complexity level
  - › road definition
- 7. Model parameterisation**
  - › measurement requirements
  - › MF-Tool
- 8. Concluding remarks**

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## 1. Basic tyre properties and constitutive relations

Enveloping model with elliptical cams  
Effective road surface  
Cleat  
Rigid ring (6 DOF)  
Sidewall stiffness & damping  
Rim  
Residual stiffness & damping  
Effective road plane  
Slip model  
Contact patch dimensions

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## Some definitions

- free tyre radius  $R_\Omega$
- loaded radius  $R_l$
- effective rolling radius  $R_e$
- tyre deflection  $\rho$
- forward velocity  $V_x$
- wheel spin velocity  $\Omega$
- longitudinal slip velocity  $V_{sx}$
- lateral slip velocity  $V_{sy}$
- longitudinal force  $F_x$
- lateral force  $F_y$
- vertical force  $F_z$
- overturning moment  $M_x$
- self aligning moment  $M_z$
- rolling resistance moment  $M_y$
- inclination angle  $\gamma$

For a freely rolling wheel:

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

$$\rho = R_\Omega - R_l$$

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## Constitutive relations

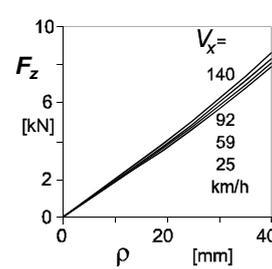
- › Tyre radii, stiffness, contact patch dimensions, rolling resistance, etc. are non-constant for different operating conditions (load, velocity, etc.)
- › In MF-Swift nonlinear empirical relations are used to describe these basic tyre properties

Examples: — coefficient from curve fitting

- › vertical force

$$F_z = f(\rho, \Omega, F_x, F_y, p_i)$$

$$F_z = \left( 1 + \frac{q_{v2}}{V_0} \frac{R_0}{|\Omega|} - \left( \frac{q_{Fcx} F_x}{F_{z0}} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{q_{Fcy} F_y}{F_{z0}} \right)^2 \right) \cdot \left( \frac{q_{Fz1} \rho}{R_0} + \frac{q_{Fz2}}{R_0} \left( \frac{\rho}{R_0} \right)^2 \right) (1 + p_{Fz1} dp_i) F_{z0}$$



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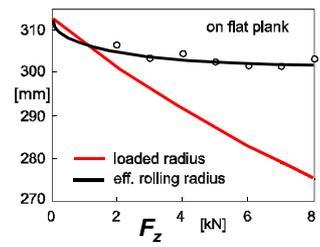
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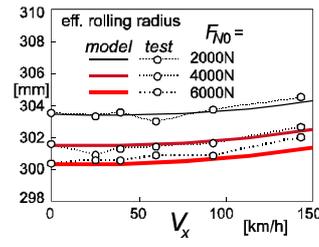
## Constitutive relations

- › effective rolling radius — coefficient from curve fitting

$$R_e = R_\Omega - \frac{F_{z0}}{c_z} \left( \frac{D_{re0}}{F_{z0}} \arctan \left( \frac{B_{re0} F_z}{F_{z0}} \right) + \frac{F_{z0}}{F_{z0}} \right)$$

$$R_\Omega = R_0 \left( \frac{q_{re0}}{V_0} + \frac{q_{v1}}{V_0} \left( \frac{\Omega R_0}{V_0} \right)^2 \right)$$





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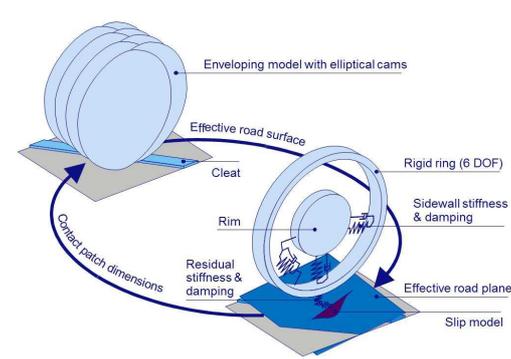
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## 2. Inclusion of measured tyre steady-state slip characteristics (*magic formula*)



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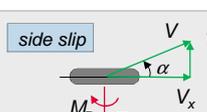
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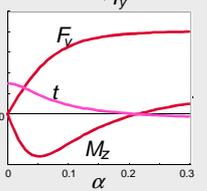
## Magic Formula

- › Descriptions are available for the three steady-state modes of slip
- › Equations depend on vertical load  $F_z$ , inclination angle  $\gamma$  and inflation pressure  $p_i$ ;  $[F_x, F_y, M_x, M_y, M_z] = MF(F_z, \kappa, \alpha, \gamma, \varphi, p_i, V)$

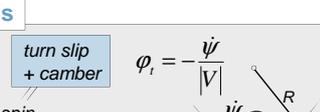
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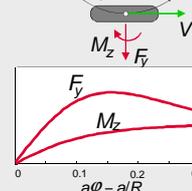
side slip



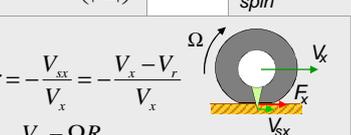
$$\alpha = \arctan\left(\frac{V_{sy}}{|V_x|}\right)$$


turn slip + camber

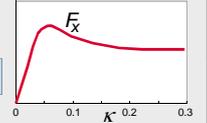


$$\varphi_i = -\frac{\psi}{|V|}$$


longitudinal slip



$$\kappa = -\frac{V_{sx}}{V_x} = -\frac{V_x - V_r}{V_x}$$

$$= -\frac{V_x - \Omega R_e}{V_x}$$




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## Magic Formula

- › 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 “**Magic Formula**”
- › Some notes:
  - › First versions developed by Egbert Bakker (Volvo) and prof. Pacejka (TU Delft, TNO)
  - › MF-Tyre software developed and distributed by TNO since 1996
  - › Probably the most popular tyre model for vehicle handling simulations (worldwide!)



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## Base Magic Formula

$$f = D \sin[ C \arctan \{ Bx - E( Bx - \arctan(Bx) ) \} ]$$

$F(x) = f(x) + S_v$

$x = X + S_H$

$X$ : input, e.g.  $\alpha$  or  $\kappa$

$F$ : output, e.g.  $F_y$  or  $F_x$

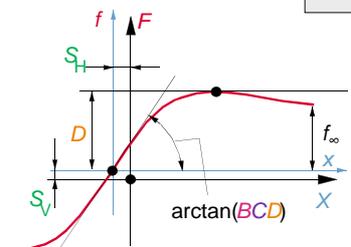
$D$  : peak factor

$C$  : shape factor

$B$  : stiffness factor

$E$  : curvature factor

$S_{H,V}$ : hor./vert. shift



Note:

- C determines the limit value when  $x \rightarrow \infty$
- BCD determines the slope near the origin
- B, E & C determine the location of the peak



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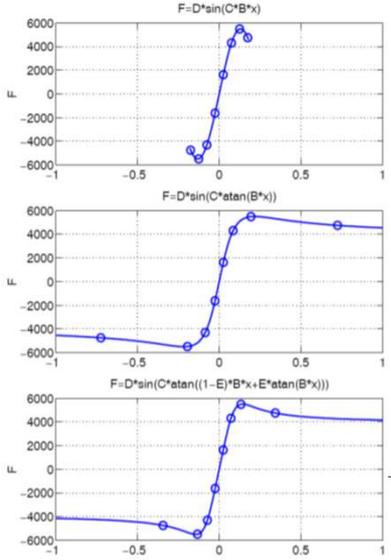


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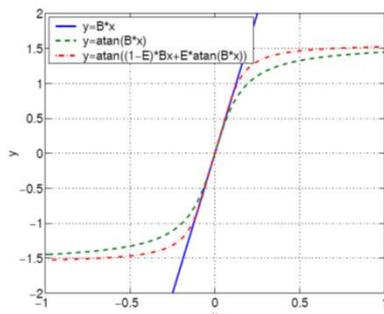


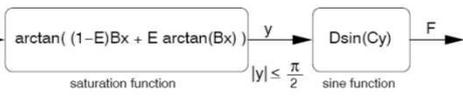
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### Stretching the sine...



parameters in this example:  
B=8, C=1.5, D=5500, E=-2







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### Example: pure longitudinal slip characteristics

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

where:

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

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

$$C_x = p_{Cx1}$$

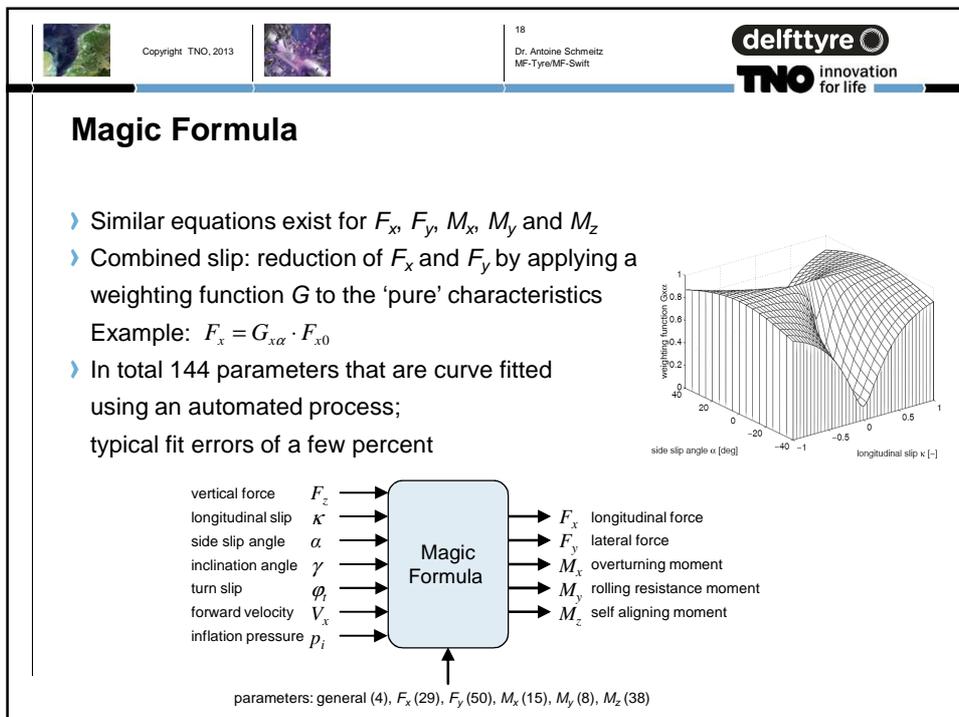
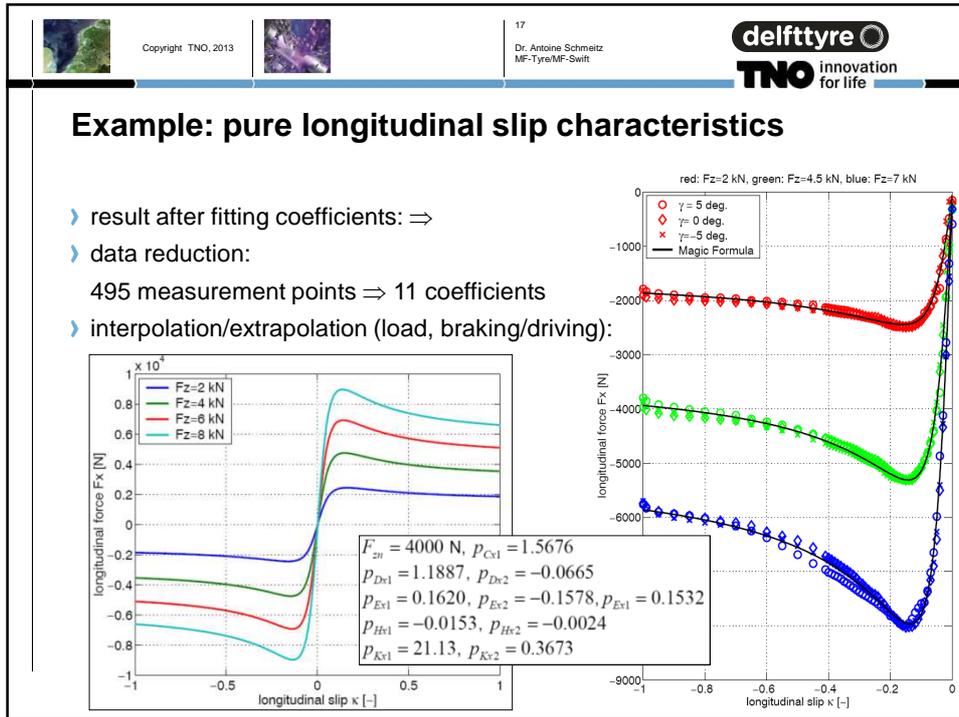
$$E_x = p_{Ex1} + p_{Ex2} df_z + p_{Ex3} df_z^2$$

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

note:

- $K_x = C_{\kappa}$ : longitudinal slip stiffness
- $B_x$  is calculated from  $C_x$ ,  $D_x$  and  $K_x$
- equations simplified for educational reasons...

- coefficients  $p$  are determined in curve fitting process
- scaling coefficients  $\lambda$ :
  - equal 1 during fitting process
  - may be used to adjust tyre characteristics
- vertical load increment:
 
$$df_z = \frac{F_z - F_{z0}}{F_{z0}}$$
  - $F_{z0}$  is nominal load



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### 3. Tyre transients / relaxation length properties

The diagram illustrates a tyre model with the following components and labels:

- Enveloping model with elliptical cams
- Effective road surface
- Cleat
- Rigid ring (6 DOF)
- Sidewall stiffness & damping
- Rim
- Residual stiffness & damping
- Effective road plane
- Slip model
- Contact patch dimensions

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### Tyre transients

Measure step response to side slip angle

Procedure:

1. Apply steering angle of 1 deg.
2. Load the tyre
3. Start rolling the track at low velocity (e.g. 0.05 m/s)

The graph shows the lateral force  $F_y$  in Newtons (N) on the y-axis (ranging from 0 to 1200) against the travelled distance in meters (m) on the x-axis (ranging from 0 to 2.5). The curve starts at (0,0), rises steeply to about 600 N at 0.5 m, then continues to rise more gradually, reaching a plateau of approximately 1100 N after 1.5 m. The title of the graph is "step in side slip (1 deg.)".



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## Tyre transients

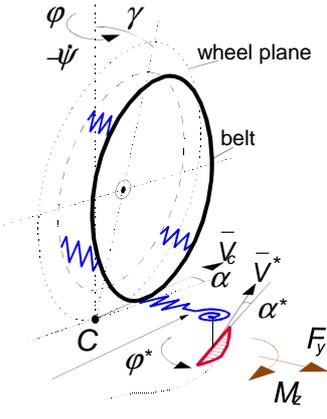
- Tyre cannot instantaneously react to changes in slip
- Travelled distance required to build up forces
- Relaxation effects exist for all modes of slip

This is due to:

1. carcass compliance
2. finite contact length

In MF-Swift both are considered:

1. carcass stiffness → springs
2. contact patch slip model  
(Magic Formula (MF) slip model and contact patch transients)





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## Simplified example carcass stiffness

- Assume linear tyre model for small slip angles:

$$F_y = C\alpha \quad \alpha = -\frac{v}{u}$$

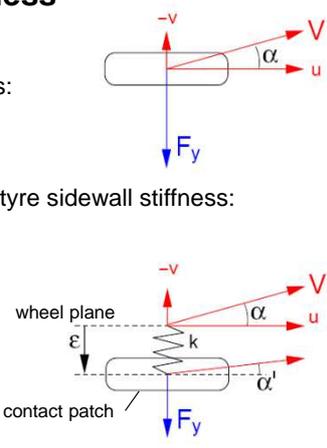
- Create dynamic tyre model by accounting for tyre sidewall stiffness:

$$F_y = C\alpha' = k\varepsilon \rightarrow C\alpha' = k\dot{\varepsilon}$$

- Dynamic side slip angle:  $\alpha' = -\frac{v + \dot{\varepsilon}}{u}$

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

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

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




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## Simplified example carcass stiffness

- 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.



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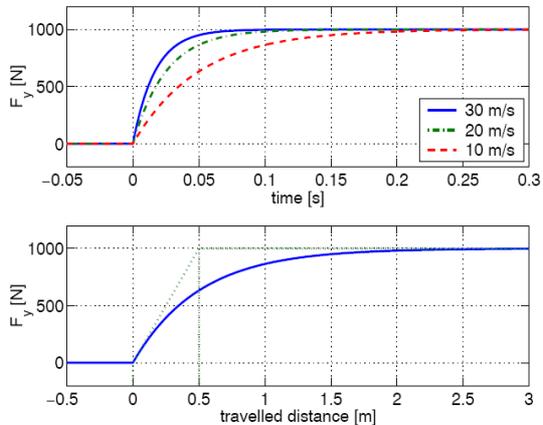
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## Simplified example carcass stiffness

step response ( $\alpha = 1$  deg,  $C = 1000$  N/deg,  $\sigma = 0.5$  m)





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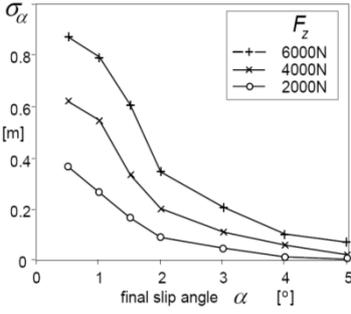
## Tyre relaxation effects

- Experiments show that relaxation length depends on:
  - vertical load  $F_z$
  - slip level
  - inflation pressure
- Thus also relaxation effects when  $F_z$  is changed at e.g. constant side slip

processed measurements:  
 relaxation lengths  $\sigma_\alpha$  from  
 small changes in side slip  
 angle ( $\Delta\alpha = 0.5^\circ$ )

**Modelling**

Slip and vertical load dependency can be included by using nonlinear slip characteristics (MF) and load and inflation pressure dependent carcass stiffness



| final slip angle $\alpha$ [°] | $\sigma_\alpha$ [m] (6000N) | $\sigma_\alpha$ [m] (4000N) | $\sigma_\alpha$ [m] (2000N) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 0.5                           | 0.85                        | 0.65                        | 0.40                        |
| 1.0                           | 0.80                        | 0.55                        | 0.35                        |
| 1.5                           | 0.65                        | 0.45                        | 0.25                        |
| 2.0                           | 0.40                        | 0.25                        | 0.15                        |
| 2.5                           | 0.25                        | 0.18                        | 0.10                        |
| 3.0                           | 0.18                        | 0.12                        | 0.08                        |
| 3.5                           | 0.12                        | 0.08                        | 0.06                        |
| 4.0                           | 0.08                        | 0.06                        | 0.05                        |
| 4.5                           | 0.06                        | 0.05                        | 0.04                        |
| 5.0                           | 0.05                        | 0.04                        | 0.03                        |



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## Contact patch slip model

- For shorter wavelengths  $\lambda$  ( $0.1 < \lambda < 5$  m) of e.g. side slip, the finite length of the contact patch needs to be considered
- Important for aligning torque response to sideslip and for turn slip

**MF-Swift contact patch slip model:**

- Contact patch has stiffness (stiffness of tread elements)
- From physical brush model derived differential equations for contact patch transients (relaxation lengths depend on slip and tread stiffness)
- Nonlinear slip characteristics from Magic Formula model  
(basically the brush model slip characteristics are replaced by the more accurate Magic Formula characteristics)

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## Contact patch slip model

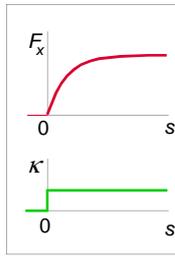
In total 7 nonlinear 1<sup>st</sup>-order differential equations (derived from brush model):

- one 1<sup>st</sup>-order differential equation for  $\kappa_c'$
- two 1<sup>st</sup>-order differential equations for  $\alpha_c'$  and  $\alpha_t'$
- four 1<sup>st</sup>-order differential equations for  $\varphi_c'$

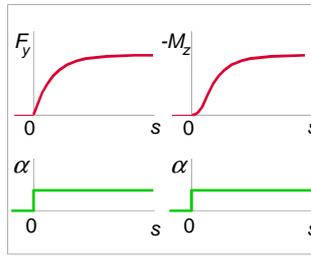
$\kappa_c', \alpha_c', \alpha_t', \varphi_c'$   
 inputs into  
 Magic Formula

**contact patch step responses**

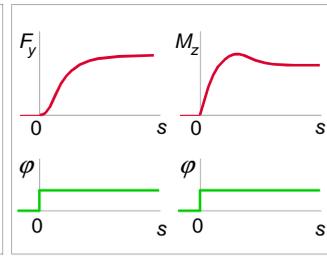
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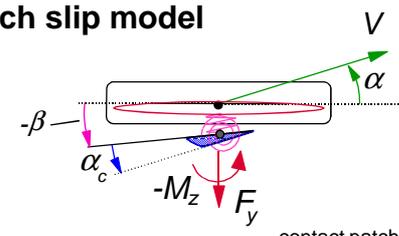
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## Contact patch slip model



carcass  
forces,  
moments

$F_x$   
 $F_y$   
 $M_z$

slip forces  
and moments

contact  
patch  
dynamics

contact patch  
slip quantities

$\kappa_c$   
 $\alpha_c$

first-order  
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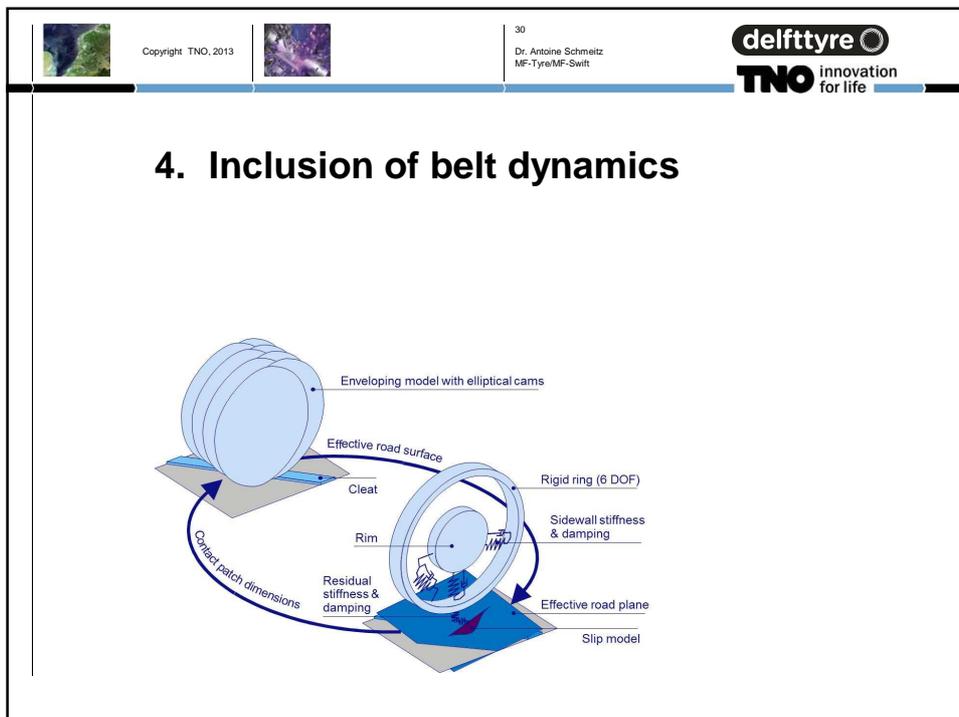
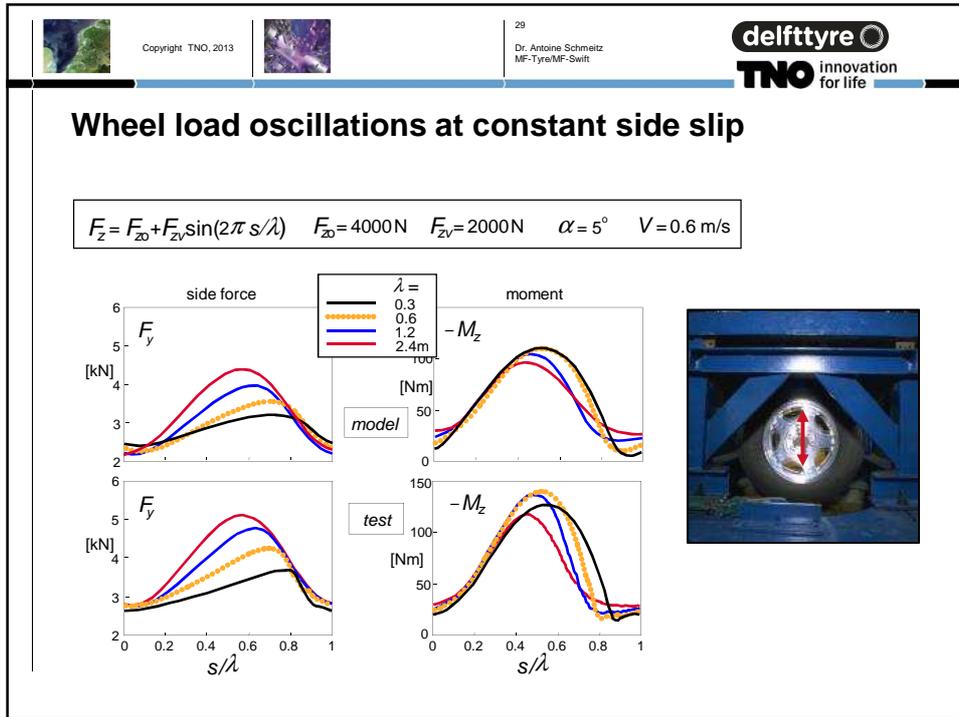
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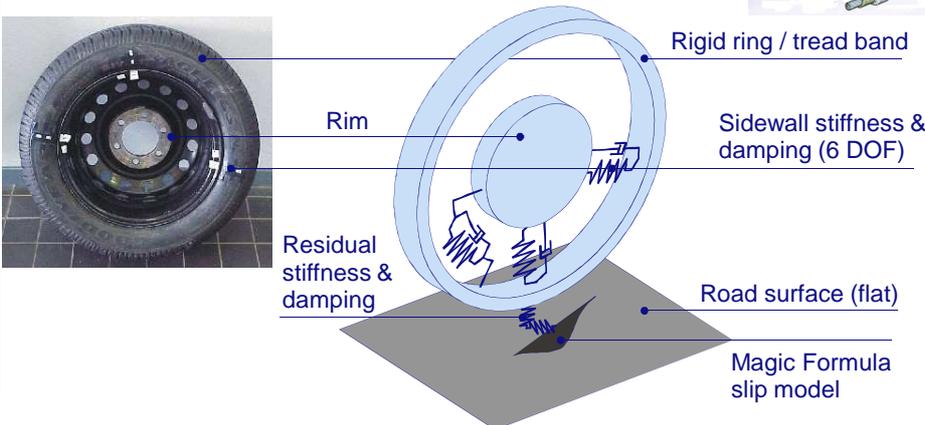


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## MF-Swift: inclusion of belt dynamics

- First mode shapes are rigid belt vibrational modes
- Below about 100 Hz we can suffice considering these modes





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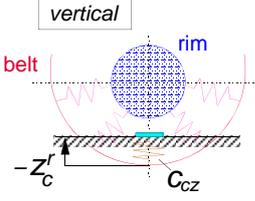
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## Residual stiffness

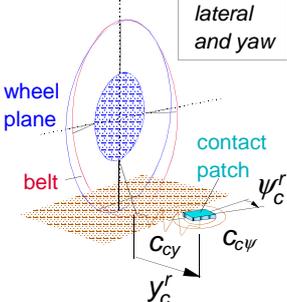
**Residual stiffness elements ( $c_{cz}$ ,  $c_{cy}$ ,  $c_{c\psi}$ ,  $c_{cx}$ )** between belt and contact patch

- assure correct overall tyre stiffness resulting in correct loaded radius vs. vertical force and correct relaxation lengths
- describe the effects of the modes that lie above the maximum frequency of interest (high-frequency modes, i.e. non rigid belt modes)

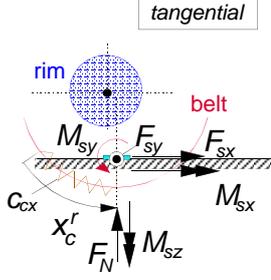
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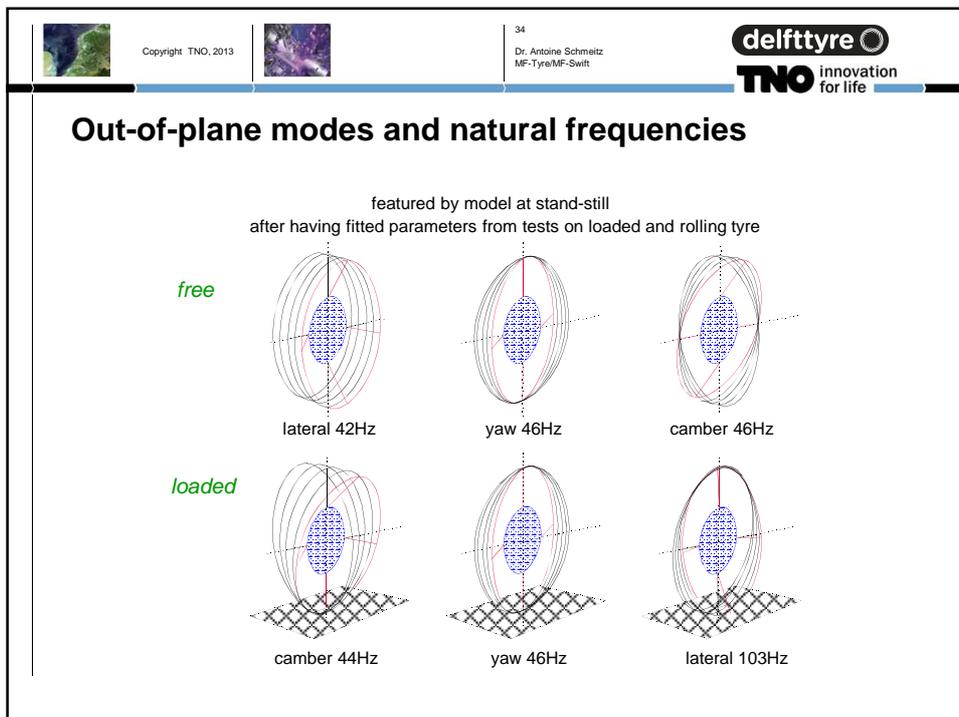
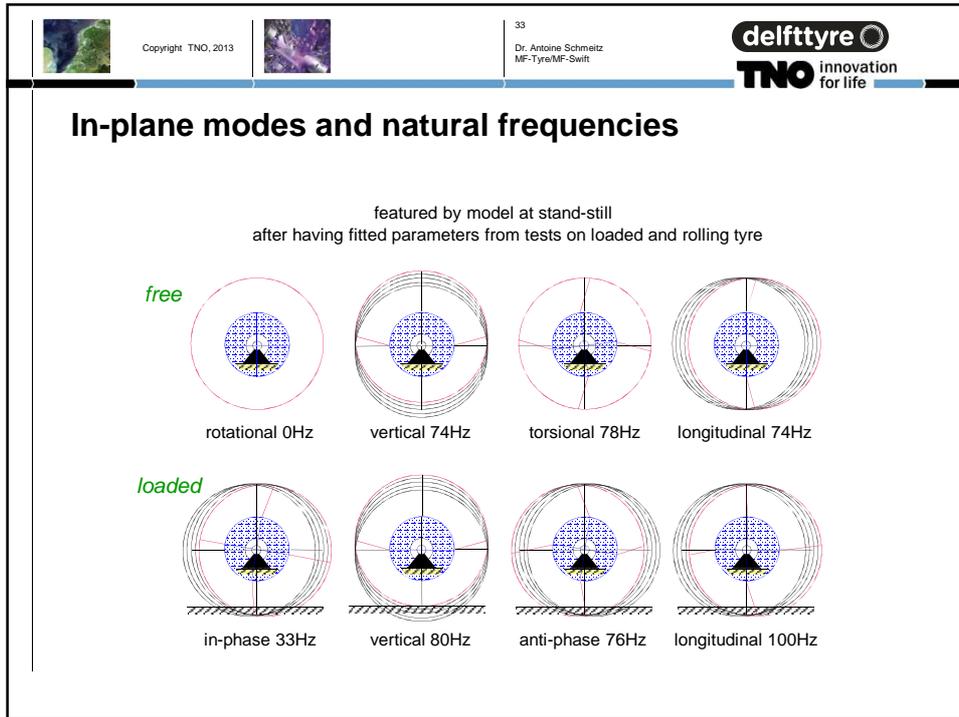


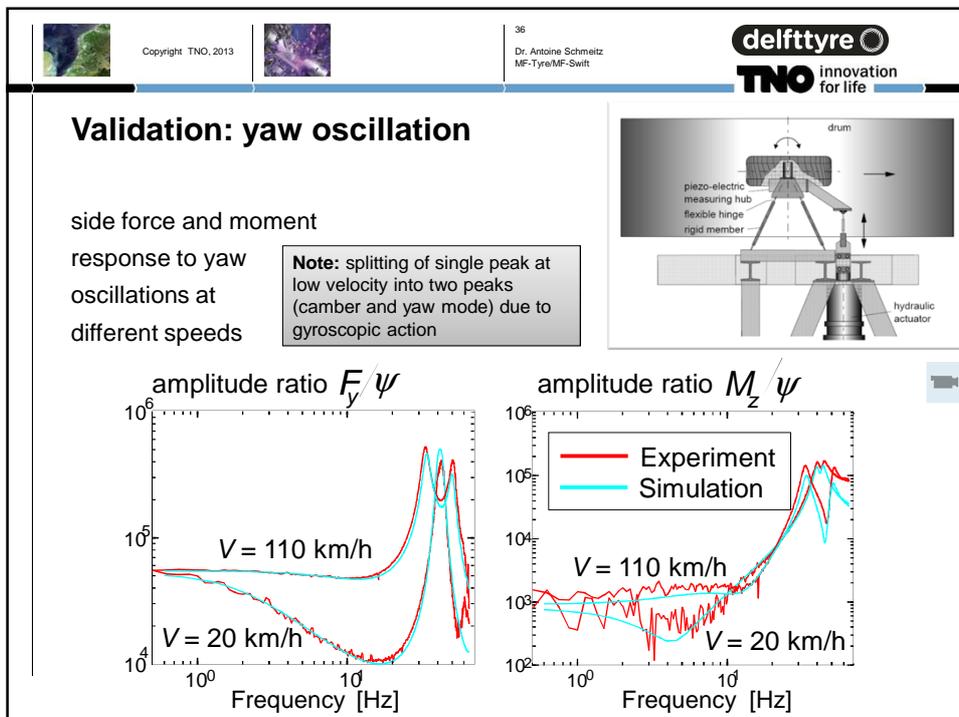
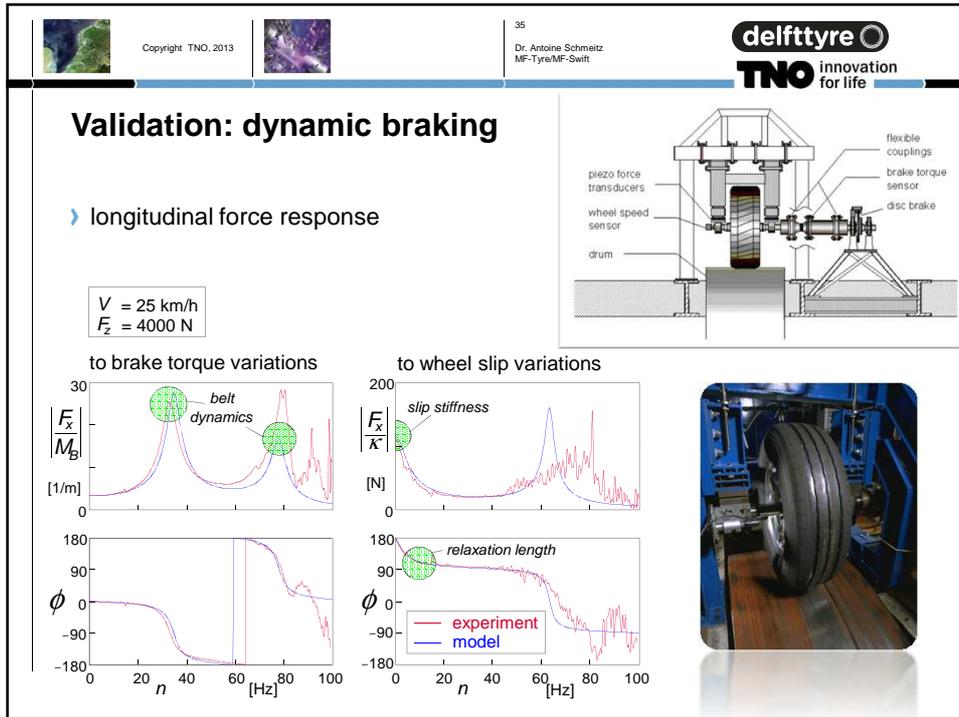
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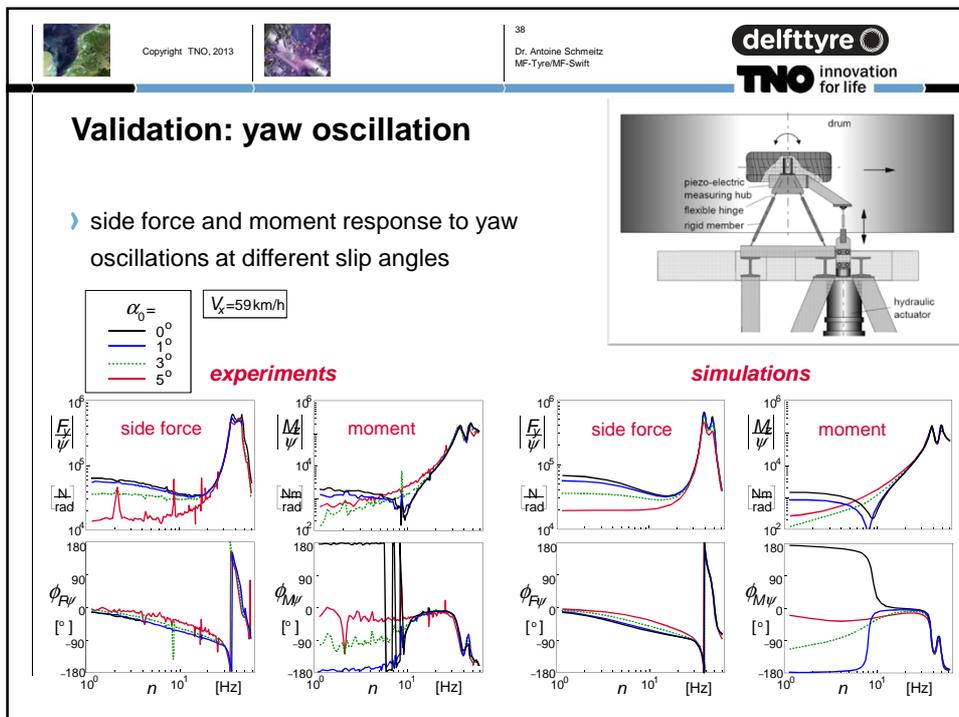
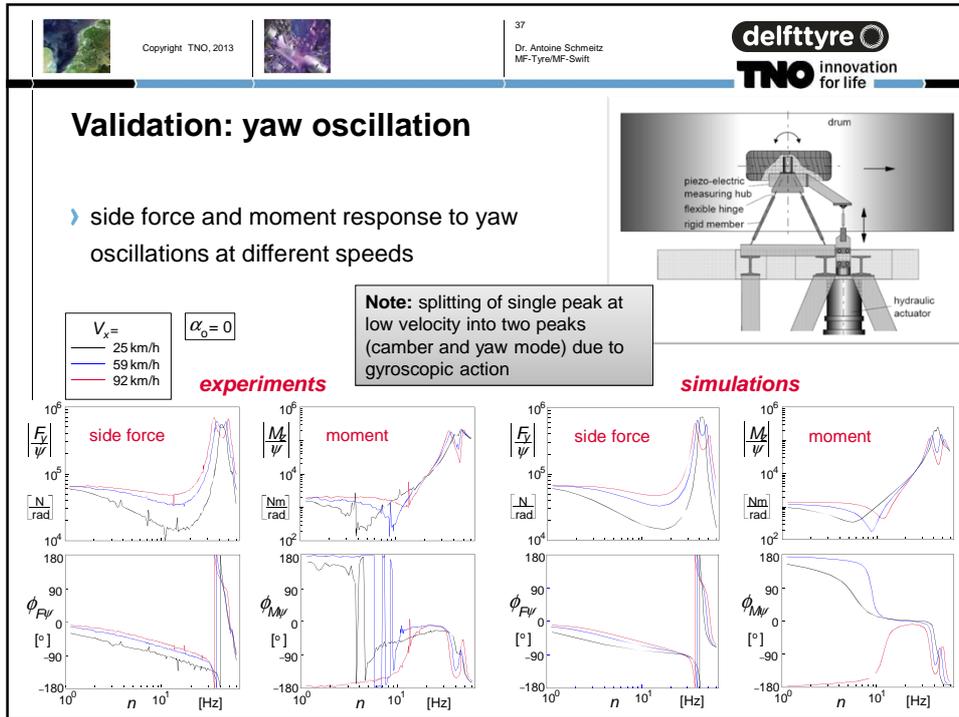


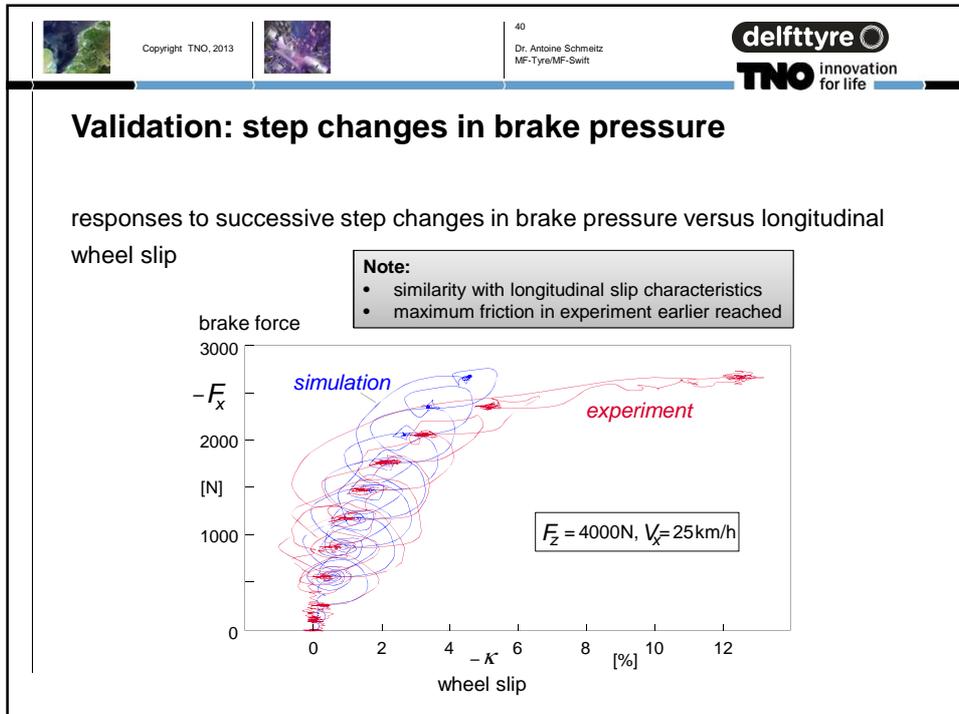
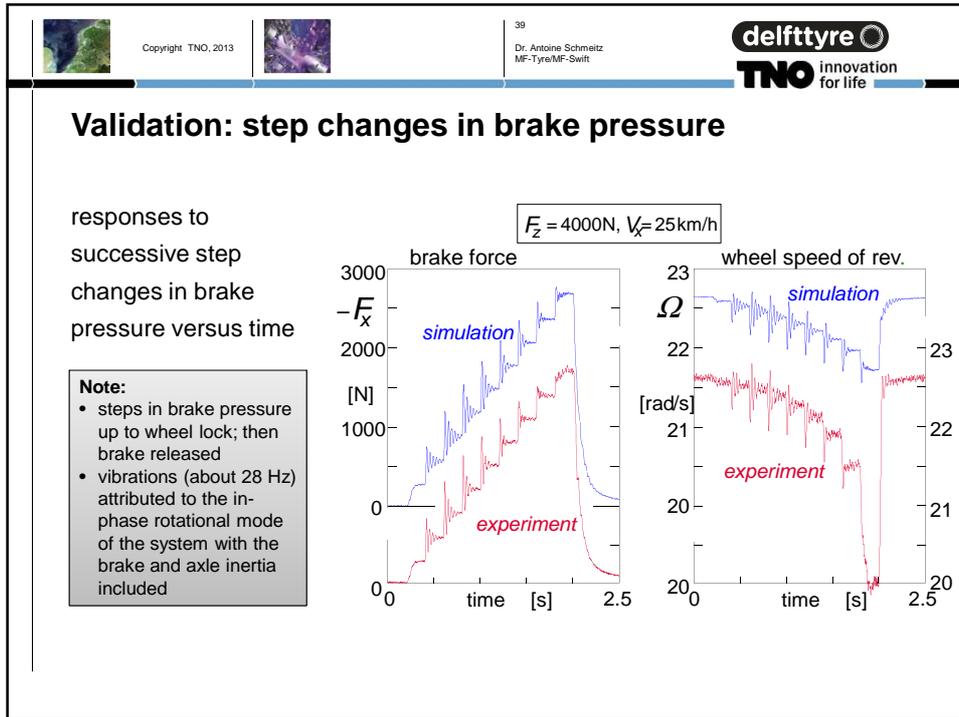
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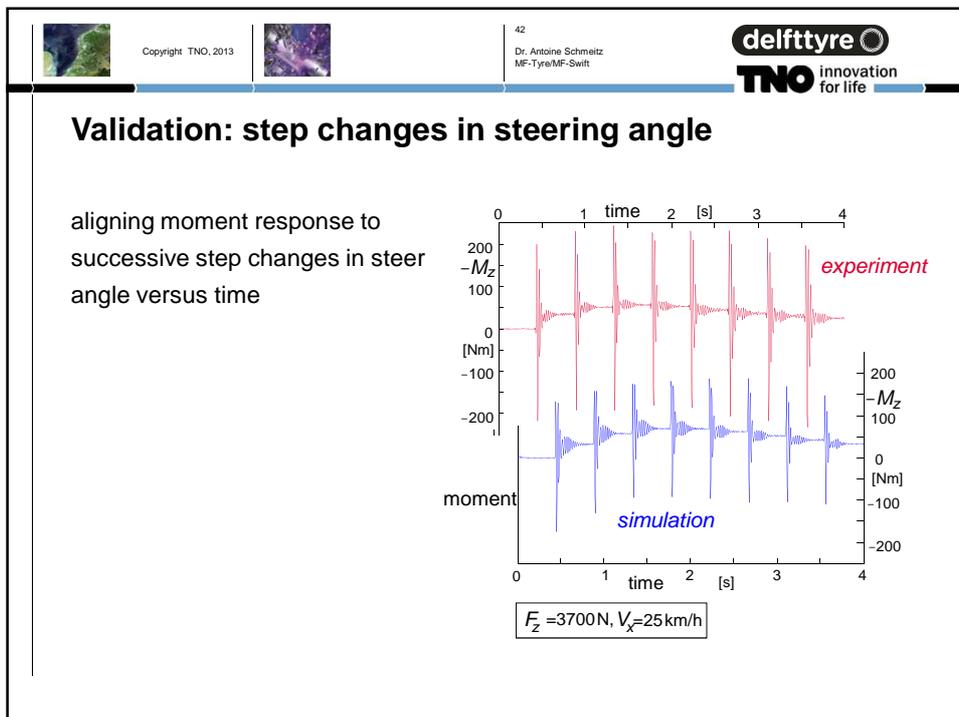
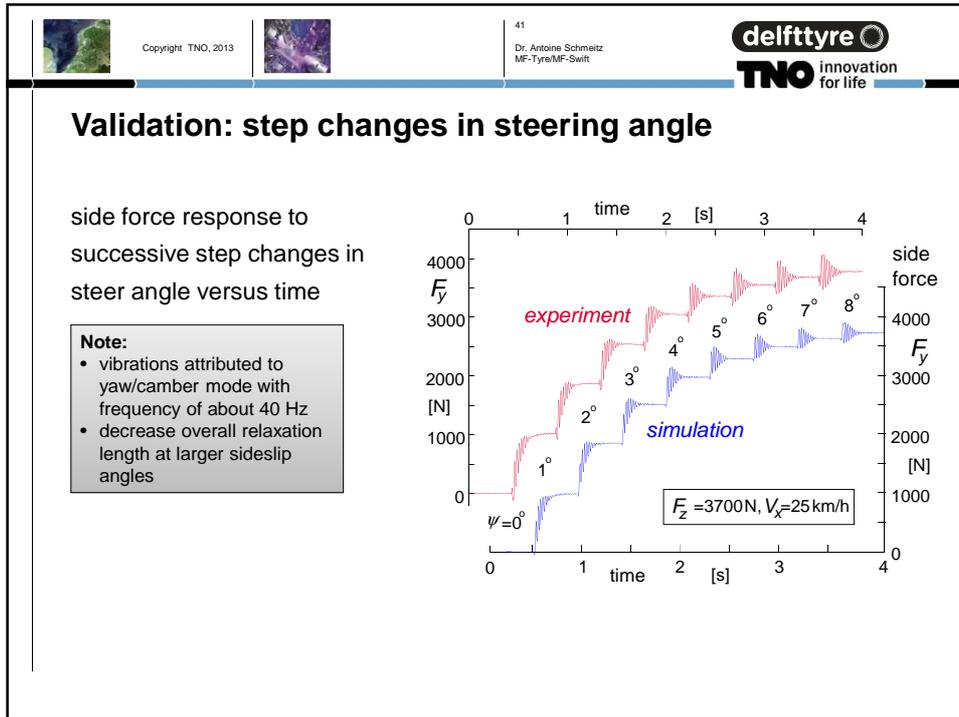












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## 5. Tyre rolling over uneven road surface

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## Summarising

**So far:**  
excitation of the tyre via axle motions or braking/steering on a flat road surface

**Next:**  
tyre dynamics can also be excited via the road;  
for short wavelength unevenness (e.g. short obstacles/cleats) the tyre enveloping behaviour is important:

enveloping not important

enveloping important

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### Enveloping example: rolling over short obstacle

Constant axle height experiment

Three distinct responses:

- variations in vertical force
- variations in longitudinal force
- variations in wheel spin velocity

Note:

- tyre touches obstacle before and after wheel centre is above the obstacle!
- shape of the response is totally different from obstacle shape

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### Phenomena enveloping behaviour

lengthening response

swallowing obstacles

filtering unevenness

filtered response at axle

road profile



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## The effective road surface

**Assumptions**

- The tyre contact zone, where the large deformations due to envelopment of the unevenness occur, dynamically deforms mainly in the same way as it does quasi-statically
- Local dynamic effects can be neglected
- Rigid ring model takes care of the tyre dynamics

**Approach**

- A special road filter has been developed to take care of the enveloping properties
- This filtered road surface is called the **effective road surface**
- Instead of the actual road surface, this effective road surface is the input of the rigid ring model



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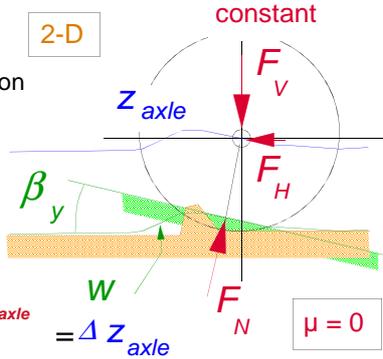
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## The effective road surface

The concept of the **effective road surface** is that for each axle position an **effective road plane** can be defined the position and orientation of which is governed by the resulting tyre force.

**Definition**

- Vertical position  $w$  of eff. road plane varies according to vertical axle movement  $z_{axle}$  at constant vertical load  $F_V$ .
- Slopes  $\beta_y$  (and  $\beta_x$  for 3D) of the eff. road plane according to orientation of the resulting tyre force  $F_N$  when moving over frictionless surface ( $\mu = 0$ ).



2-D

constant

$F_V$

$F_H$

$F_N$

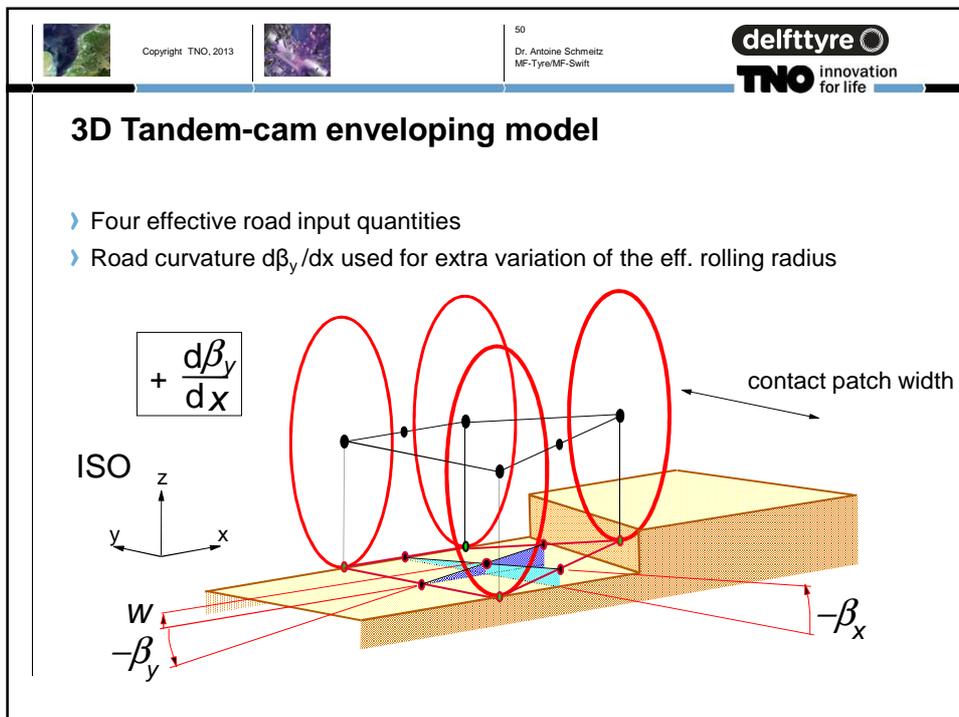
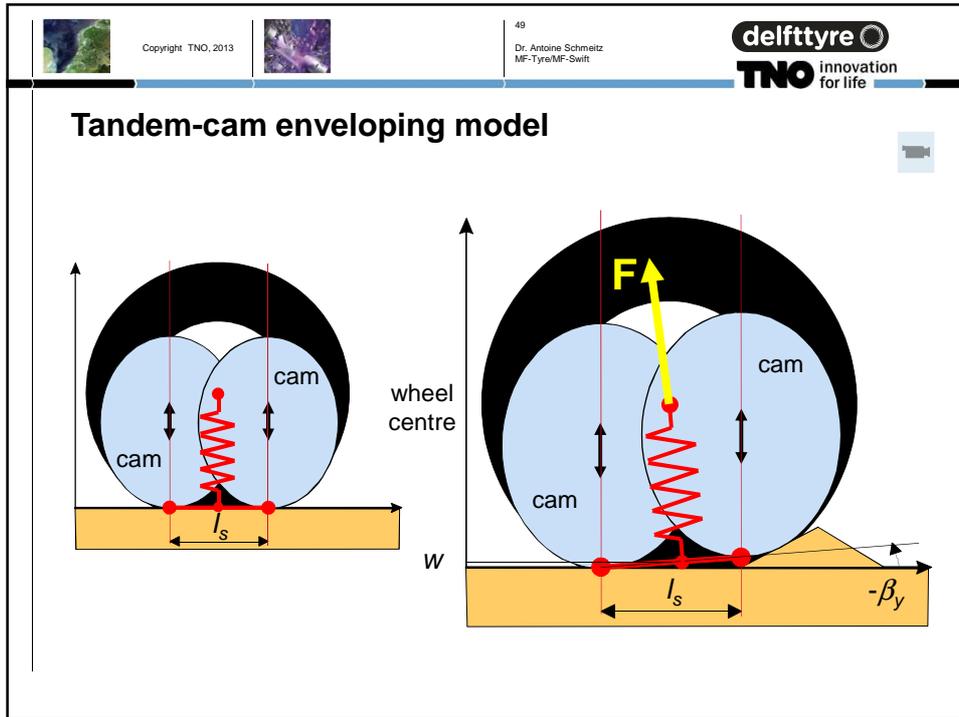
$z_{axle}$

$\beta_y$

$w$

$= \Delta z_{axle}$

$\mu = 0$





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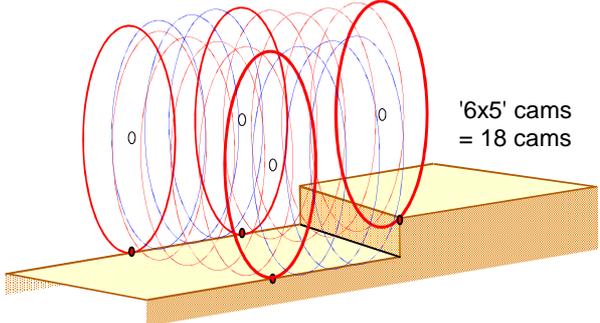


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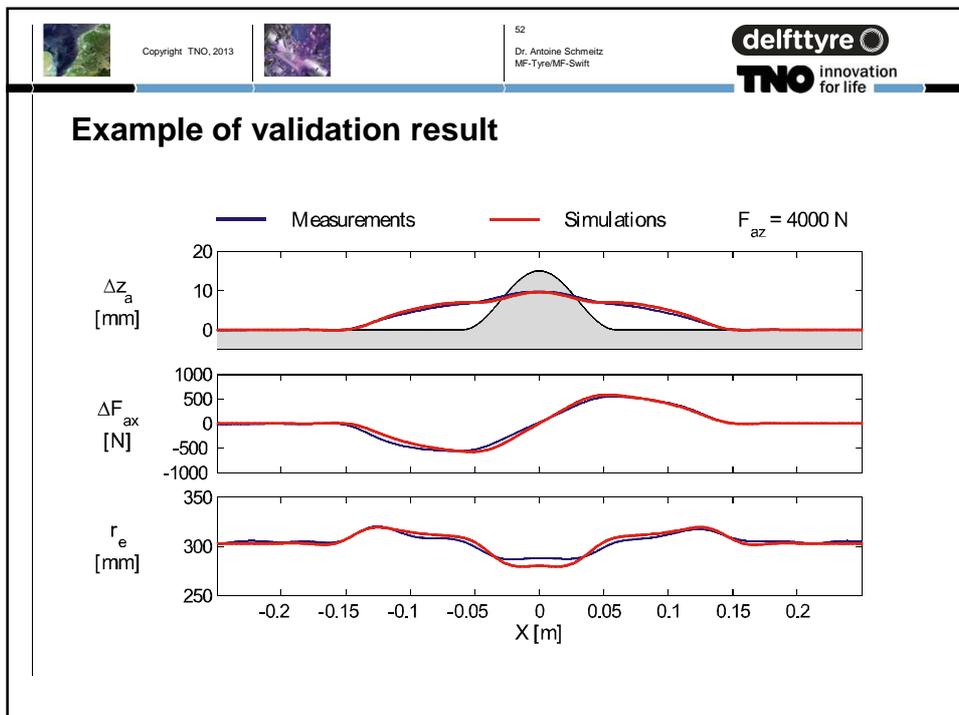
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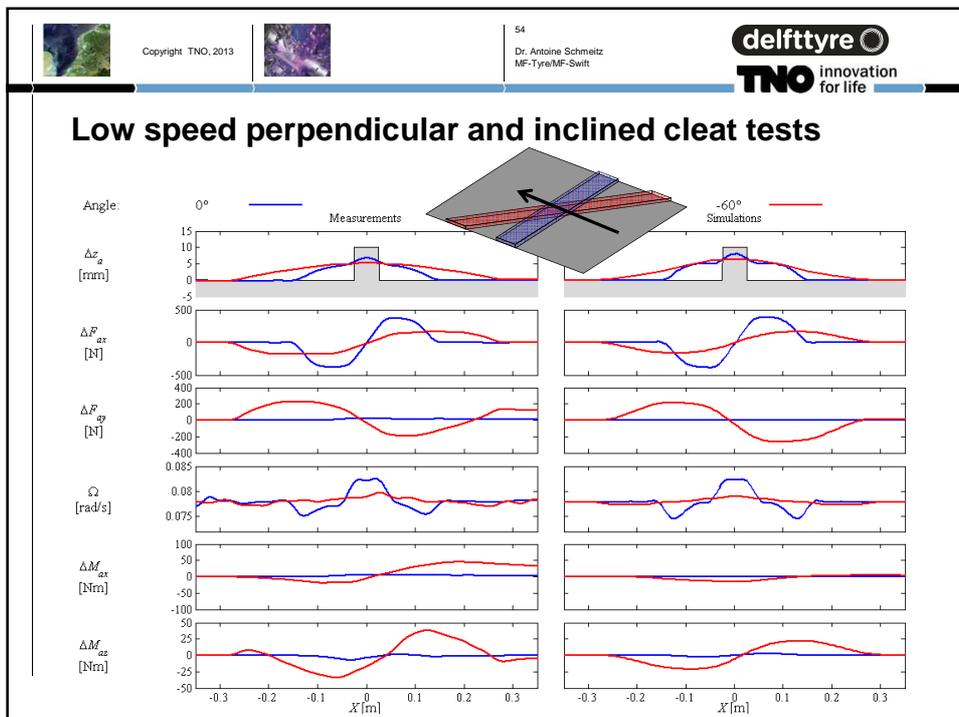
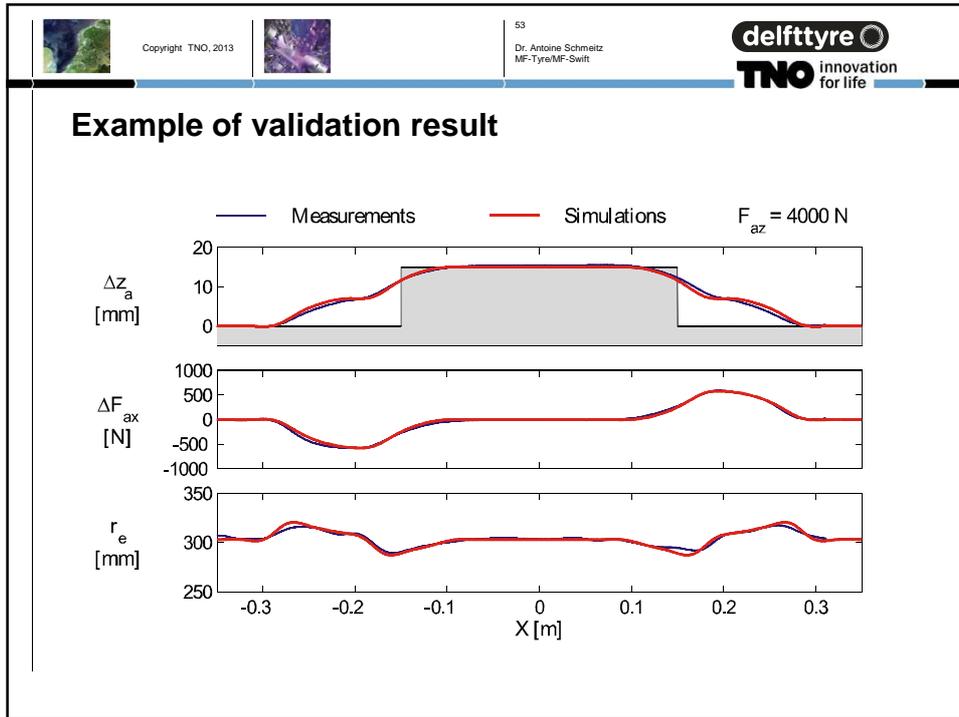
For higher accuracy on short obstacles one might introduce:

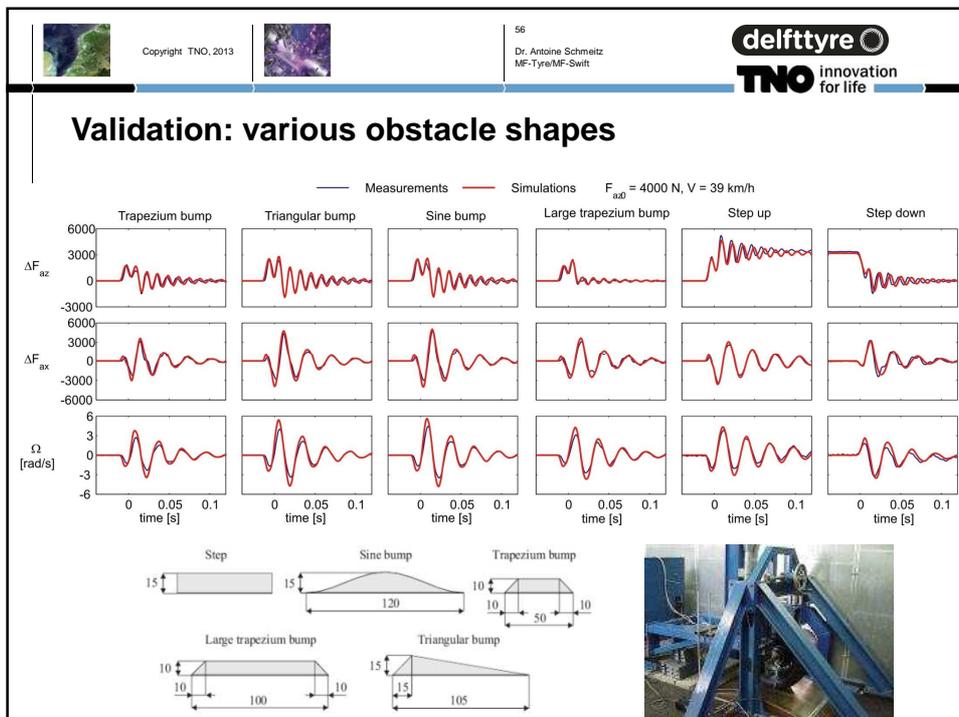
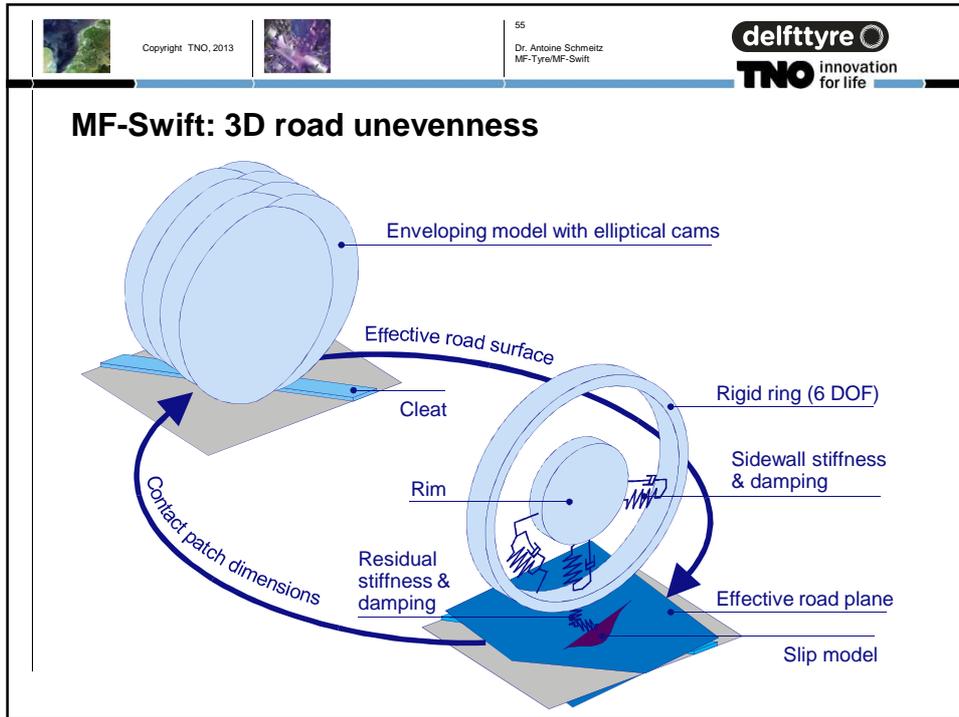
- for  $w$  and  $\beta_y$ :
  - more parallel tandems (multi-track)
- for  $\beta_x$ :
  - intermediate cams at the side edges

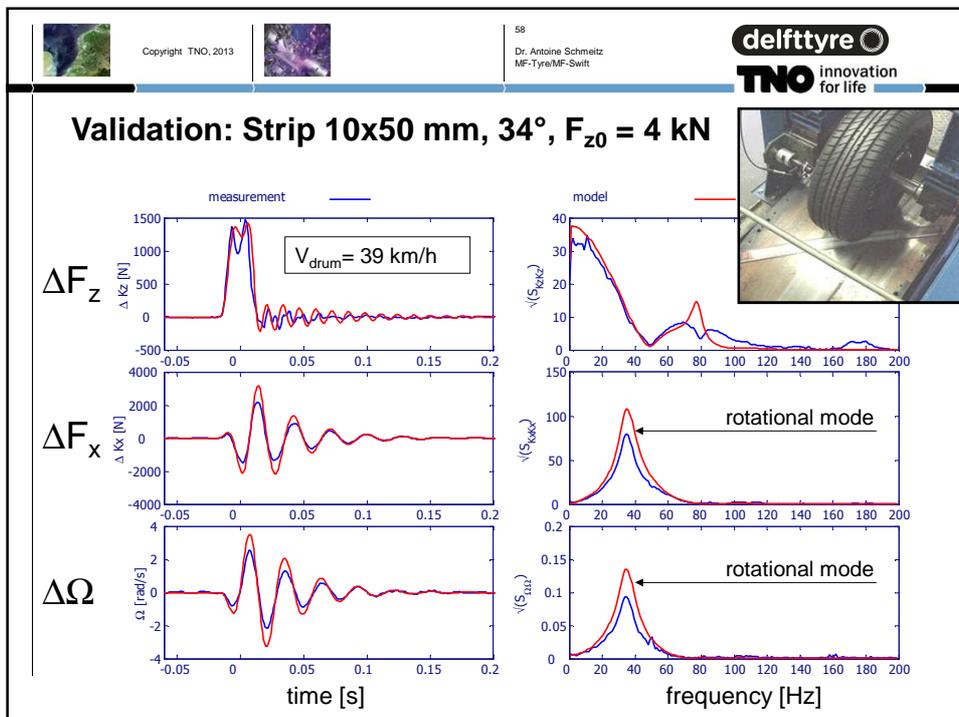
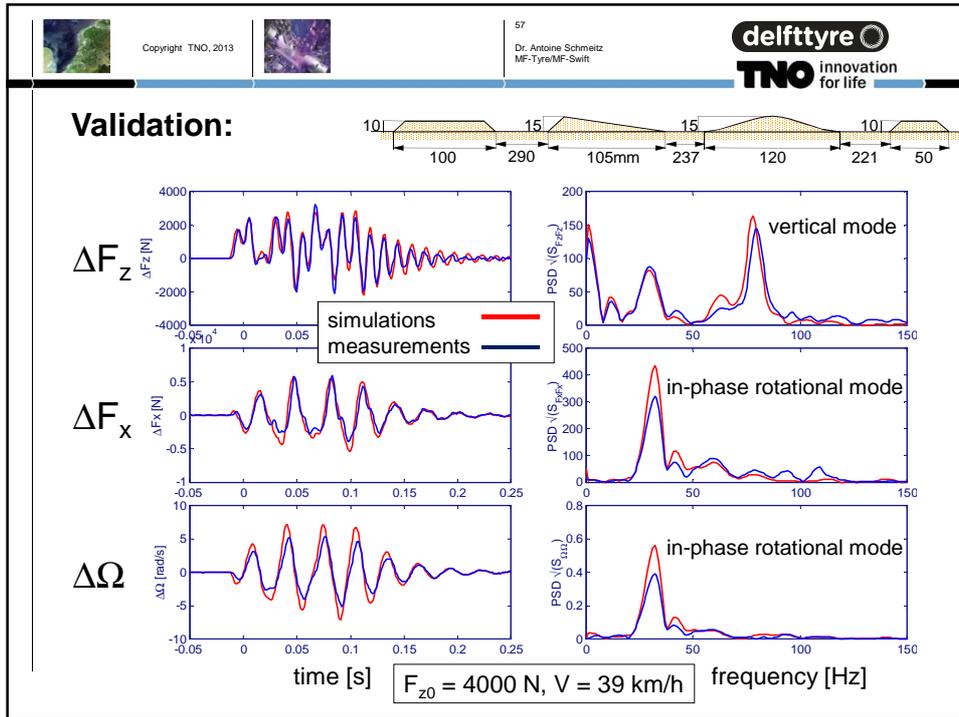


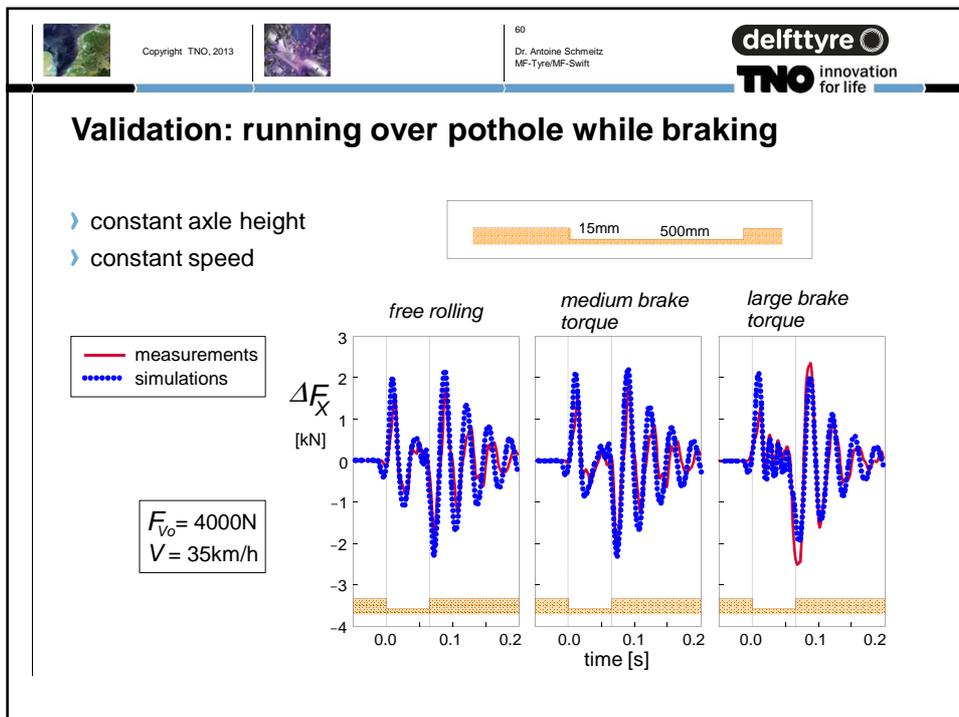
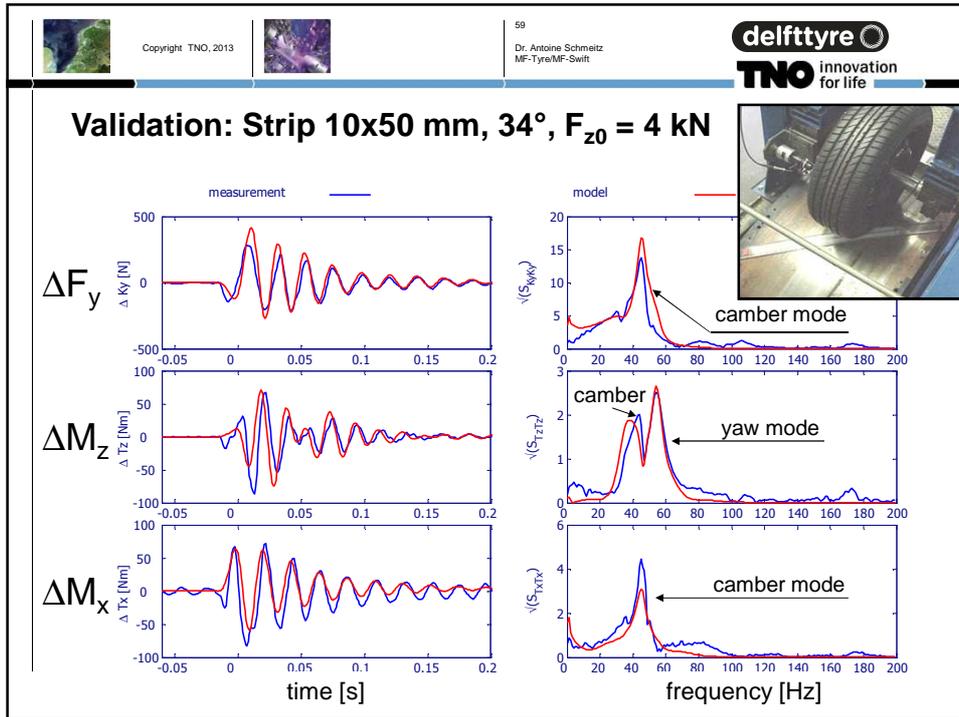
'6x5' cams  
= 18 cams













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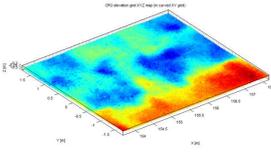
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## Road load simulation example

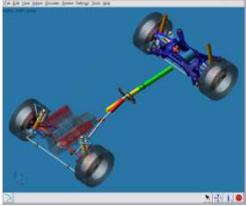
- › Durability load calculation at Nissan, Japan
- › SAE paper 2011-01-0190



durability road  
digitised 4x4 mm grid  
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OpenCRG file  
4x4 mm grid size  
binary, 273 MB



Adams model  
flexible body  
rigid suspension  
MF-Swift 6.1.2



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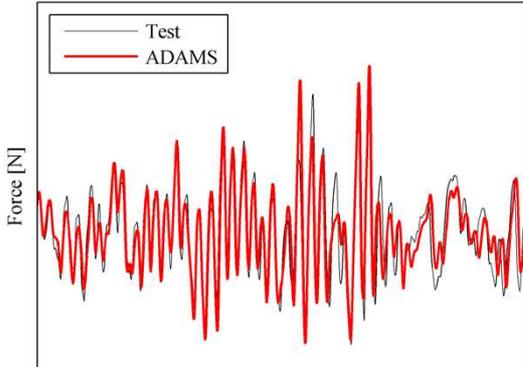


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## Road load simulation example

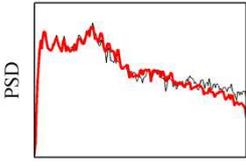
- › Validation: front left shock absorber force





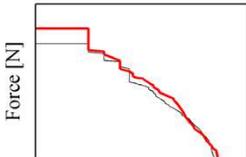
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Time [s]



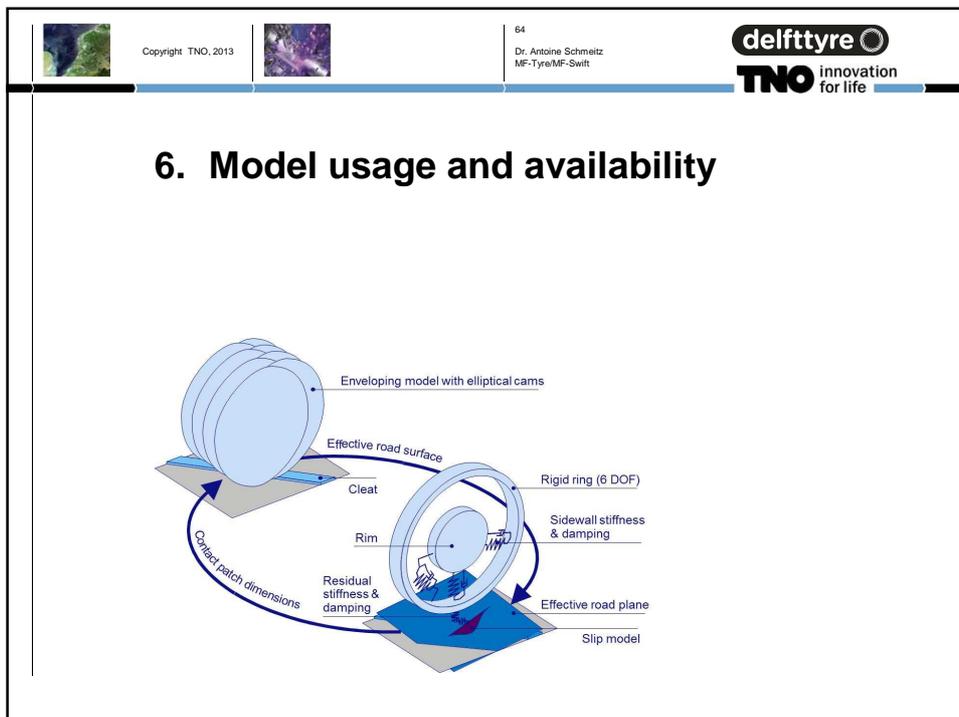
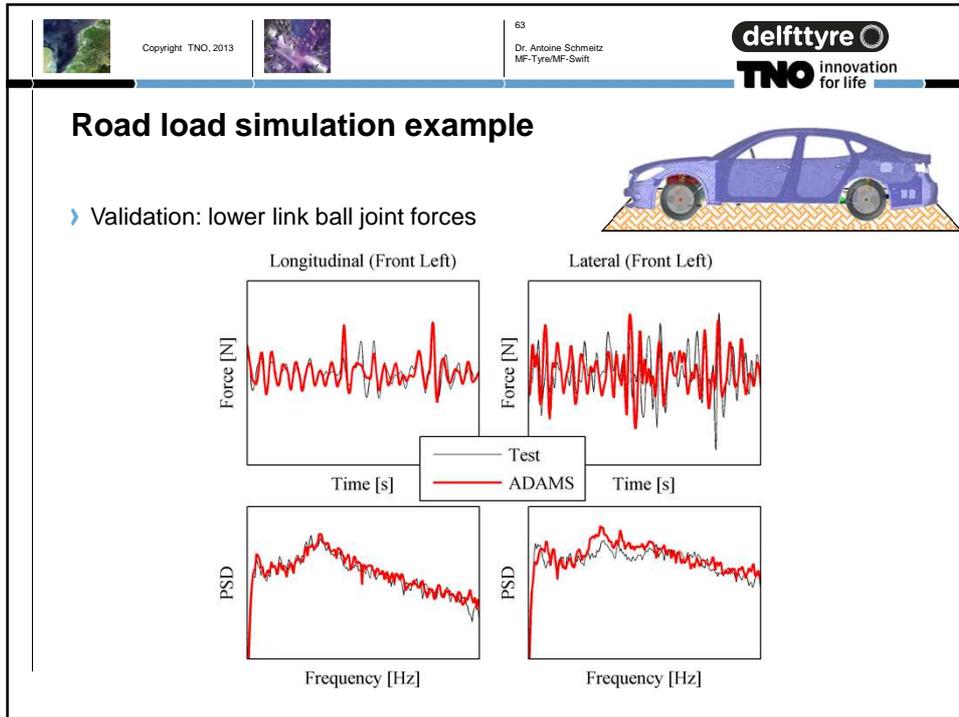
PSD

Frequency [Hz]



Force [N]

Cycle count



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### Using the tyre model

- › Tyre model parameters
  - › Tyre property file (\*.tir)
  - › Result of MF-Tool
- › Road surface definition
  - › Road data file (\*.rdf, \*.crg)
- › Select model complexity
  - › Operating or use mode

Function Block Parameters: STI tyre

STI\_tyre (mask) (link)

Tyre model using the standard tyre interface (STI), as developed by the TYDEX workgroup. Inputs to the tyre model are the motions at the wheel centre. The outputs force and torque should also be applied to the wheel centre.

Tyre model version: MF-Tyre/MF-Swift 6.1.0  
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Parameters

Tyre ID [integer]  
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Tyre property file [string]  
"TNO\_car205\_60R15.tir"

Road data file (may be empty) [string]  
"TNO\_PlankRoad.rdf"

Tyre side : symmetric

Contact method : 3D short wavelength road contact

Dynamics : rigid ring + initial statics

Slip forces : combined

Optional: use mode (overrides pop-up) [integer]  
1e8

Display debug messages

OK Cancel Help Apply

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### Complexity level of the model can be changed

- › The most complex model is not always needed (dynamics mode)
- › Within validity range simulation results are identical

steady-state    linear transients    nonlinear transients    rigid ring dynamics

tyre

rim

$< 1$  Hz     $< 10$  Hz, linear     $< 10$  Hz, nonlinear     $< 60-100$  Hz, nonlinear

massless tyre model

tyre model includes mass of the belt

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## Complexity level of the model can be changed

The most complex contact model is not always needed

single point

2D enveloping

3D enveloping

- Depending on the wavelength of the obstacles/unevenness a contact method can be selected
- For enveloping the number of contact points and cams can be chosen
- 2D/3D enveloping is generally combined with rigid ring dynamics because of the high frequency excitation

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## Road definition

- Road definitions inside the tyre model
  - predefined road profiles with limited set of parameters (e.g. flat, plank, sine, polyline, drum + cleat)
  - 3D measured road profiles (OpenCRG®)

- In many packages it is also possible to use the native road definition, coming along with the simulation package.

OpenCRG® is on:  
<http://www.opencrg.org>

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## Model availability

› MF-Tyre/MF-Swift is available for all major simulation packages used in vehicle dynamics

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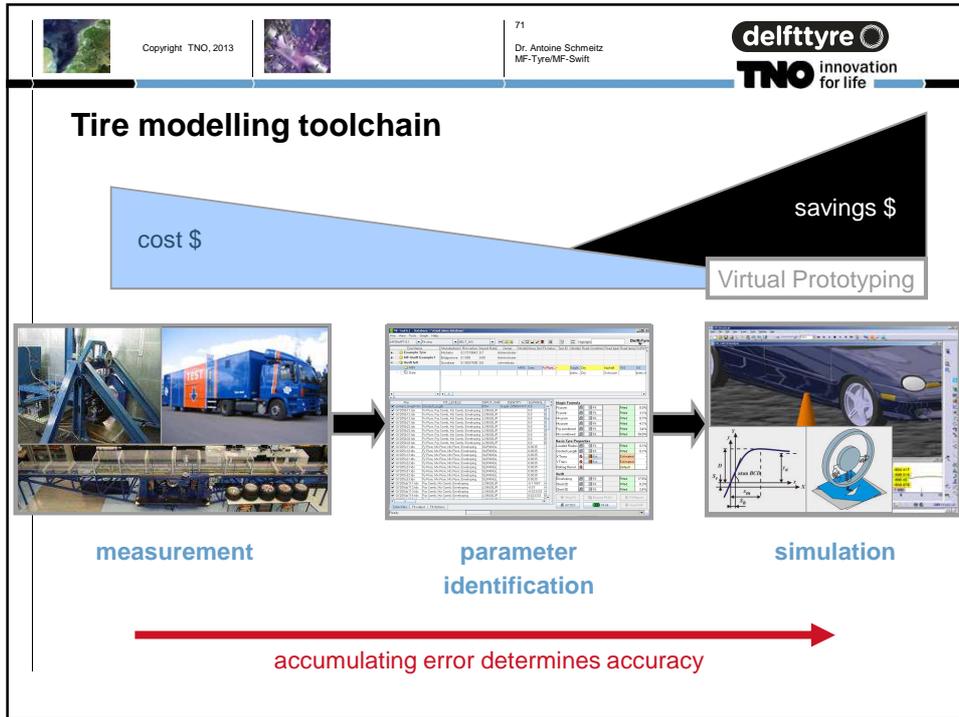
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## 7. Model parameterisation

The diagram illustrates the model parameterisation of a tire. It shows a cross-section of a tire on a road surface. Key components and parameters are labeled:

- Enveloping model with elliptical cams**: The top part of the tire model.
- Effective road surface**: The surface the tire is in contact with.
- Cleat**: A feature on the road surface.
- Rigid ring (6 DOF)**: A ring representing the tire's sidewall.
- Sidewall stiffness & damping**: Parameters for the sidewall's mechanical behavior.
- Rim**: The inner part of the tire.
- Residual stiffness & damping**: Parameters for the tire's internal structure.
- Effective road plane**: The plane of contact between the tire and the road.
- Slip model**: A model for the tire's interaction with the road plane.
- Contact patch dimensions**: The area where the tire and road surface meet.



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### Measurement requirements

- › MF-Tyre can be parameterised using the following tests:
  - › Geometry, mass and inertia measurements
  - › Force and moment measurements (Magic Formula dataset)
  - › Loaded radius and rolling radius measurements
  - › Footprint measurements
  - › Stiffness measurements
- › Additionally for MF-Swift (enveloping and rigid ring components)
  - › Cleat experiments



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## Measurement requirements

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force & moment and transient tests

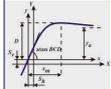
geometrical data, stiffnesses, cleat tests, inertias

specific data for complex tyre models. e.g. belt angle, cord stiffness...

increasing measurement complexity →

increasing tyre model complexity ↓

| Package 1            | Package 2                        | model analysis | Package 3 |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| MF 5.2/6.x / PAC2002 | MF-SWIFT 6.x                     |                |           |
|                      | RMOD-K 6.x 20 / CD-Tire 20       |                |           |
|                      | RMOD-K 7.x RB                    |                |           |
|                      | FTire 7                          |                |           |
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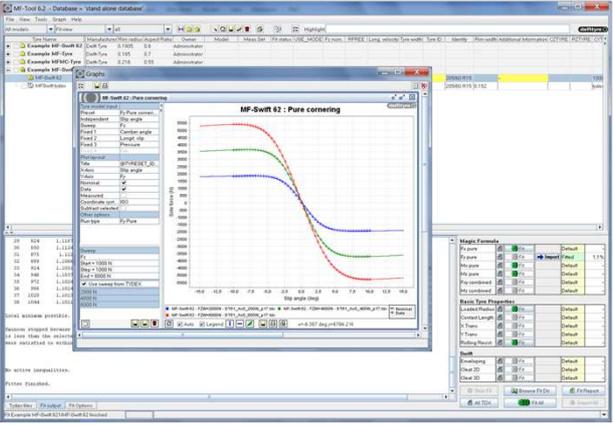
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## MF-Tool

- ▶ Fitting of current and historical tyre models (including MF 5.2)
- ▶ Database and plotting functionality
- ▶ Software is able to make estimates
- ▶ Available at all major tyre manufacturers
- ▶ Due to the model's semi-empirical nature different aspects of the tyre behaviour can be handled separately in (relatively) small optimisation steps and represented with maximum accuracy





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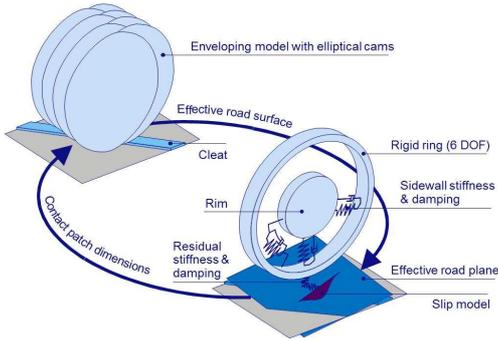


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## 8. Concluding remarks





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## Concluding remarks

**The TNO Delft-Tyre toolchain (MF-Tyre/MF-Swift and MF-Tool) offers a versatile, high quality and cost efficient solution for tyre modelling:**

- › **MF-Tyre** leading Magic Formula implementation and unique features
- › **MF-Swift** extension of MF-Tyre (rigid ring, enveloping, turn slip)
- › **MF-Tool** provides independent parameter identification possibilities

- › MF-Tyre/MF-Swift is one model for many applications
- › implementations for all main simulation packages
- › little measurements required
- › computationally efficient
- › MF-Tyre (Magic Formula) part is free of charge for many packages
- › TNO provides parameter identification, training and consultancy
- › well validated and open/accessible theory (many scientific publications)

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## Further reading

MF-Swift theory extensively described in book:

**Hans Pacejka, Tire and Vehicle Dynamics,**  
 third edition, Butterworth-Heinemann, 2012