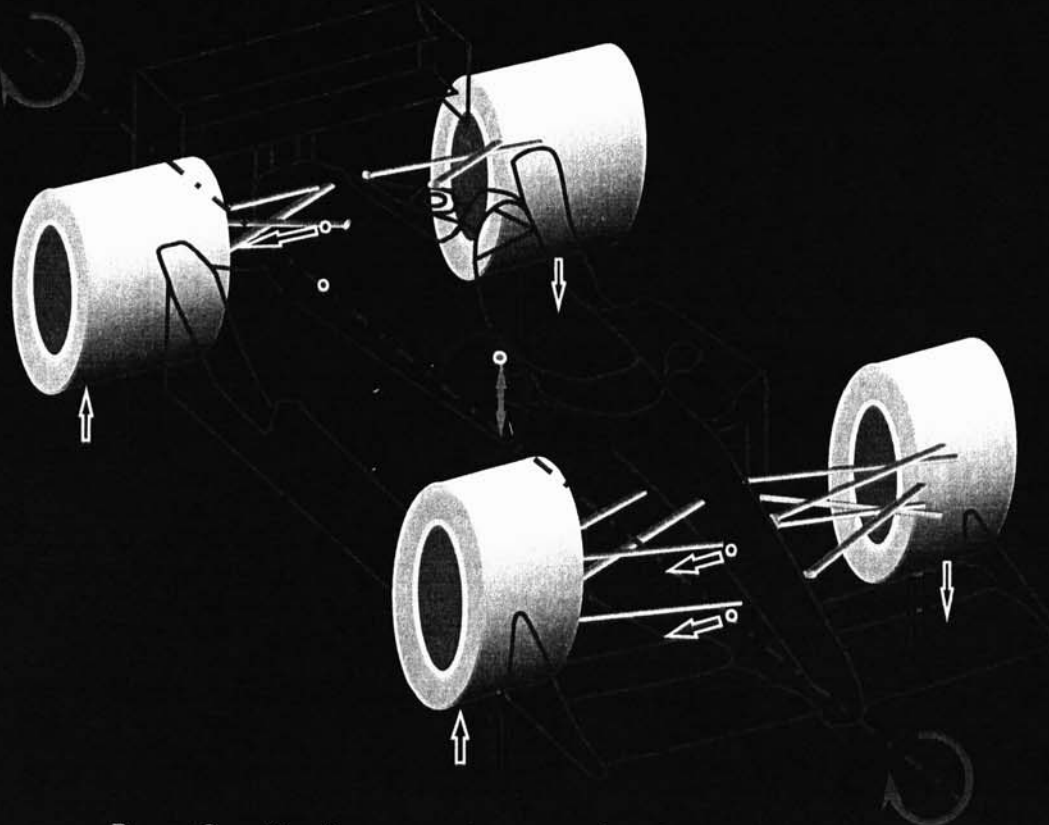


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If you want to be competitive you need to understand that to reach a successful level of performance,

2 essential things are needed:

- Set up Accuracy & Precision

- Vehicle Dynamics Understanding

- Understanding weight transfer, downforce, roll center, camber change, antidive...

- Influence of each setup parameters on the car performance

*(spring, shocks, camber, tire pressure, ride height, wings etc...)*

- Interaction between the setup parameters

*(if I put more wing should I change the static ride height, if I put more camber should I change the toe... and by how much?)*

Winston Cup:  
Martinsville 500  
2003

36 drivers in 0.43s

0.94%

| Martinsville 500: Qualifying 2003 |                   |                            |       |        |            |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------|--------|------------|
| Position                          | Driver            | Team                       | Time  | Behind | Percentage |
| 1                                 | Jeff Gordon       | Hendrick Motorsports       | 20.22 | 0      | 0.00%      |
| 2                                 | Ward Burton       | Bill Davis Racing          | 20.32 | -0.102 | -0.50%     |
| 3                                 | Dale Earnhardt Jr | Dale Earnhardt Inc         | 20.36 | -0.138 | -0.68%     |
| 4                                 | Kenny Wallace     | Bill Davis Racing          | 20.37 | -0.147 | -0.73%     |
| 5                                 | Kevin Harvick     | Richard Childress Racing   | 20.39 | -0.174 | -0.86%     |
| 6                                 | Jimmy Spencer     | Ultra Motorsports          | 20.41 | -0.185 | -0.91%     |
| 7                                 | Rusty Wallace     | Penske Racing              | 20.41 | -0.186 | -0.92%     |
| 8                                 | Ryan Newman       | Penske Racing              | 20.41 | -0.188 | -0.93%     |
| 9                                 | Sterling Marlin   | Chip Ganassi               | 20.43 | -0.209 | -1.03%     |
| 10                                | Jeff Green        | Petty Enterprises          | 20.43 | -0.21  | -1.04%     |
| 11                                | Mike Skinner      | MB2 Motorsports            | 20.46 | -0.238 | -1.18%     |
| 12                                | Ricky Rudd        | Wood Brothers Racing       | 20.46 | -0.239 | -1.18%     |
| 13                                | Kurt Busch        | Roush Racing               | 20.47 | -0.245 | -1.21%     |
| 14                                | Matt Kenseth      | Roush Racing               | 20.49 | -0.269 | -1.33%     |
| 15                                | Michael Waltrip   | Dale Earnhardt Inc         | 20.5  | -0.275 | -1.36%     |
| 16                                | Tony Stewart      | Joe Gibbs Racing           | 20.5  | -0.278 | -1.37%     |
| 17                                | Jamie McMurray    | Chip Ganassi               | 20.5  | -0.28  | -1.38%     |
| 18                                | Ken Schrader      | B. A. M Racing             | 20.51 | -0.288 | -1.42%     |
| 19                                | Greg Biffle       | Roush Racing               | 20.51 | -0.294 | -1.45%     |
| 20                                | Bobby Labonte     | Joe Gibbs Racing           | 20.52 | -0.295 | -1.46%     |
| 21                                | Jeff Burton       | Roush Racing               | 20.52 | -0.298 | -1.47%     |
| 22                                | Joe Nemechek      | Hendrick Motorsports       | 20.52 | -0.299 | -1.48%     |
| 23                                | Mark Martin       | Roush Racing               | 20.53 | -0.313 | -1.55%     |
| 24                                | Kevin Lepage      | Morgan-McClure Motorsports | 20.54 | -0.315 | -1.56%     |
| 25                                | Dave Blaney       | Jasper Motorsports         | 20.54 | -0.323 | -1.60%     |
| 26                                | Jimmie Johnson    | Hendrick Motorsports       | 20.56 | -0.335 | -1.66%     |
| 27                                | Ricky Craven      | PPI Motorsports            | 20.56 | -0.338 | -1.67%     |
| 28                                | Bill Elliott      | Evernham Motorsports       | 20.56 | -0.34  | -1.68%     |
| 29                                | Johnny Benson     | MBV Motorsports            | 20.57 | -0.353 | -1.75%     |
| 30                                | Jeremy Mayfield   | Evernham Motorsports       | 20.57 | -0.354 | -1.75%     |
| 31                                | Terry Labonte     | Hendrick Motorsports       | 20.58 | -0.358 | -1.77%     |
| 32                                | Kyle Petty        | Petty Enterprises          | 20.6  | -0.375 | -1.85%     |
| 33                                | Tony Raines       | BACE Motorsports           | 20.61 | -0.387 | -1.91%     |
| 34                                | Jason Leffler     | Haas CNC Racing            | 20.62 | -0.399 | -1.97%     |
| 35                                | Casey Mears       | Chip Ganassi               | 20.64 | -0.415 | -2.05%     |
| 36                                | Todd Bodine       | Haas/Carter Motorsports    | 20.65 | -0.426 | -2.11%     |

# V8 Supercar: Bob Jane T Marts 1000 Mt Panorama 2003

| Bob Jane T-marts 1000, Mount Panorama Bathurst |         |                             |                         |                     |           |           |            |
|--|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Position                                       | Car No. | Team                        | Driver                  | Make                | Best Lap  | Behind    | Percentage |
| 1  | 51      | K-Mart Racing Team          | Greg Murphy             | Holden Commodore V  | 02:07.950 |           |            |
| 2  | 1       | Holden Racing Team          | Mark Skaife             | Holden Commodore V  | 02:07.990 | 00:00.040 | 0.03%      |
| 3  | 21      | OzEmail Racing Team         | John Bowe               | Ford Falcon BA      | 02:07.995 | 00:00.044 | 0.03%      |
| 4  | 4       | Pirtek Racing               | Marcos Ambrose          | Ford Falcon BA      | 02:08.209 | 00:00.318 | 0.25%      |
| 5  | 34      | Garry Rogers Motorsport     | Garth Tander            | Holden Commodore VY | 02:08.415 | 00:00.464 | 0.36%      |
| 6  | 11      | Castrol Perkins Racing Team | Steven Richards         | Holden Commodore VY | 02:08.470 | 00:00.519 | 0.41%      |
| 7  | 6       | Ford Performance Racing     | Craig Lowndes           | Ford Falcon BA      | 02:08.527 | 00:00.576 | 0.45%      |
| 8  | 2       | Holden Racing Team          | Jim Richards            | Holden Commodore VY | 02:08.666 | 00:00.716 | 0.56%      |
| 9  | 65      | Betta Electrical            | Paul Radisich           | Ford Falcon BA      | 02:08.692 | 00:00.742 | 0.58%      |
| 10   | 17      | Shell Helix Racing          | Steven Johnson          | Ford Falcon BA      | 02:08.772 | 00:00.822 | 0.64%      |
| 11   | 31      | Super Cheap Auto Racing     | Steve Ellery            | Ford Falcon BA      | 02:08.775 | 00:00.825 | 0.64%      |
| 12   | 16      | Team Brock                  | Greg Ritter             | Holden Commodore VX | 02:08.808 | 00:00.857 | 0.67%      |
| 13   | 29      | Sirromet - Life Style Wine  | Paul Morris             | Holden Commodore VY | 02:08.916 | 00:00.966 | 0.75%      |
| 14   | 18      | Shell Helix Racing          | Max Wilson              | Ford Falcon BA      | 02:08.942 | 00:00.991 | 0.77%      |
| 15   | 50      | Team Brock                  | Jason Bright            | Holden Commodore VX | 02:09.034 | 00:01.083 | 0.85%      |
| 16   | 8       | Castrol Perkins Racing Team | P.Dumbrell/T.Mezera     | Holden Commodore VX | 02:09.105 | 00:01.155 | 0.90%      |
| 17   | 66      | Betta Electrical            | Dean Canto              | Ford Falcon BA      | 02:09.163 | 00:01.213 | 0.95%      |
| 18   | 9       | Caltex Havoline Race Team   | Mark Winterbottom       | Ford Falcon BA      | 02:09.190 | 00:01.240 | 0.97%      |
| 19   | 888     | OzEmail Racing Team         | John Cleland            | Ford Falcon BA      | 02:09.430 | 00:01.479 | 1.16%      |
| 20   | 44      | Team Dynamik                | Simon Wills             | Holden Commodore VY | 02:09.602 | 00:01.652 | 1.29%      |
| 21   | 10      | Orrcon Racing               | Jason Bargwanna         | Ford Falcon AU      | 02:09.641 | 00:01.691 | 1.32%      |
| 22   | 19      | Ford Performance Racing     | David Besnard           | Ford Falcon BA      | 02:09.672 | 00:01.722 | 1.35%      |
| 23   | 13      | Smiths Trucks/JTB Trucks    | Steve Owen              | Holden Commodore VY | 02:09.795 | 00:01.844 | 1.44%      |
| 24   | 15      | K-Mart Racing Team          | Cameron McLean          | Holden Commodore VX | 02:09.888 | 00:01.938 | 1.51%      |
| 25   | 5       | Ford Performance Racing     | Adam Macrow             | Ford Falcon BA      | 02:10.147 | 00:02.197 | 1.72%      |
| 26   | 21      | Team Kiwi Racing            | Craig Baird             | Holden Commodore VX | 02:10.373 | 00:02.423 | 1.89%      |
| 27   | 45      | Team Dynamik                | N.Minassian/J.Magnussen | Holden Commodore VY | 02:10.567 | 00:02.617 | 2.05%      |
| 28   | 3       | Lansvale Smash Repairs      | Cameron McConville      | Holden Commodore VX | 02:10.625 | 00:02.675 | 2.09%      |
| 29   | 23      | INXS Team Ford              | N.Bates/R.Bates         | Ford Falcon AU      | 02:11.082 | 00:03.132 | 2.45%      |
| 30   | 75      | Toll Racing                 | Anthony Tratt           | Ford Falcon BA      | 02:11.102 | 00:03.151 | 2.46%      |
| 31   | 72      | Smiths Trucks Pty Ltd       | Allan Gurr              | Holden Commodore VX | 02:11.599 | 00:03.649 | 2.85%      |
| 32   | 33      | Garry Rogers Motorsport     | Nathan Pretty           | Holden Commodore VX | 02:11.845 | 00:03.895 | 3.04%      |
| 33   | 20      | Orrcon Racing               | Grant Johnson           | Ford Falcon BA      | 02:12.418 | 00:04.468 | 3.49%      |
| 34   | 46      | Holden Young Lions          | D.Brede/T.Ricciardello  | Holden Commodore VX | 02:12.604 | 00:04.654 | 3.64%      |
| 35   | 55      | Fujitsu                     | J.Fernandez/D.Russell   | Ford Falcon AU      | 02:14.767 | 00:06.817 | 5.33%      |
| 36   | 59      | Pedders Suspension Transtar | J.Miller/R.Searle       | Ford Falcon AU      | 02:14.918 | 00:06.968 | 5.45%      |
| 37   | 89      | Gulf Western Racing         | G.Elliott/M.Rose        | Ford Falcon AU      | 02:15.230 | 00:07.280 | 5.69%      |
| 38   | 69      | Spies Hecker Racing         | R.Jones/P.Doulman       | Holden Commodore VX | 02:15.709 | 00:07.759 | 6.06%      |
| 39   | 99      | Thexton Motor Racing        | David Thexton           | Ford Falcon AU      | 02:16.725 | 00:08.774 | 6.86%      |

} 0.05s

} 1%

# F1 Japanese GP: Qualifying Session

| Japanese GP 2003: Qualifying Session 1 |                       |          |           |        |            |
|--|-----------------------|----------|-----------|--------|------------|
| Position                               | Driver                | Team     | Time      | Behind | Percentage |
| 1                                      | Jarno Trulli          | Renault  | 1m30.281s | 0.000  | 0.00%      |
| 2                                      | Ralf Schumacher       | Williams | 1m30.343s | -0.062 | -0.07%     |
| 3                                      | Michael Schumacher    | Ferrari  | 1m30.464s | -0.183 | -0.20%     |
| 4                                      | David Coulthard       | McLaren  | 1m30.482s | -0.201 | -0.22%     |
| 5                                      | Kimi Raikkonen        | McLaren  | 1m30.558s | -0.277 | -0.31%     |
| 6                                      | Fernando Alonso       | Renault  | 1m30.624s | -0.343 | -0.38%     |
| 7                                      | Rubens Barrichello    | Ferrari  | 1m30.758s | -0.477 | -0.53%     |
| 8                                      | Juan Pablo Montoya    | Williams | 1m31.201s | -0.920 | -1.02%     |
| 9                                      | Mark Webber           | Jaguar   | 1m31.305s | -1.024 | -1.13%     |
| 10                                     | Nick Heidfeld         | Sauber   | 1m31.783s | -1.502 | -1.66%     |
| 11                                     | Takuma Sato           | BAR      | 1m31.832s | -1.551 | -1.72%     |
| 12                                     | Heinz-Harald Frentzen | Sauber   | 1m31.892s | -1.611 | -1.78%     |
| 13                                     | Olivier Panis         | Toyota   | 1m31.908s | -1.627 | -1.80%     |
| 14                                     | Cristiano da Matta    | Toyota   | 1m32.256s | -1.975 | -2.19%     |
| 15                                     | Justin Wilson         | Jaguar   | 1m32.291s | -2.010 | -2.23%     |
| 16                                     | Jenson Button         | BAR      | 1m32.374s | -2.093 | -2.32%     |
| 17                                     | Ralph Firman          | Jordan   | 1m33.057s | -2.776 | -3.07%     |
| 18                                     | Giancarlo Fisichella  | Jordan   | 1m33.313s | -3.032 | -3.36%     |
| 19                                     | Jos Verstappen        | Minardi  | 1m34.836s | -4.555 | -5.05%     |
| 20                                     | Nicolas Kiesa         | Minardi  | 1m36.181s | -5.900 | -6.54%     |

} 0.53%  
 } 0.8%  
 } 4.4%



## World Rally Championship: Rally Catalunya 2003

| World Rally Championship: Rally Catalunya 2003 |                   |                      |              |                 |            |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| Position                                       | Driver            | Team                 | Time         | Time behind (s) | Percentage |
| 1  | Gilles Panizzi    | Peugeot Sport (A8)   | 3h55m09.400s |                 |            |
| 2  | Sebastian Loeb    | Citroen (A8)         | 3h55m22.400s | 13.0            | 0.09%      |
| 3  | Markko Martin     | M-Sport Ford (A8)    | 3h55m23.000s | 13.6            | 0.10%      |
| 4  | Francois Duval    | M-Sport Ford (A8)    | 3h56m04.800s | 55.4            | 0.39%      |
| 5  | Petter Solberg    | Prodrive Subaru (A8) | 3h56m20.200s | 70.8            | 0.50%      |
| 6  | Marcus Gronholm   | Peugeot Sport (A8)   | 3h56m38.500s | 89.1            | 0.63%      |
| 7  | Carlos Sainz      | Citroen (A8)         | 3h56m42.200s | 92.8            | 0.66%      |
| 8  | Tommi Makinen     | Prodrive Subaru (A8) | 3h57m04.500s | 115.1           | 0.82%      |
| 9  | Colin McRae       | Citroen (A8)         | 3h58m24.600s | 195.2           | 1.38%      |
| 10   | Philippe Bugalski | Citroen (A8)         | 4h00m23.000s | 313.6           | 2.22%      |

0.82%

Road Course

10 Corners

Lap time = 1 "40" = 100 seconds

Car A is 5/10 of a second quicker than Car B which is 0.5 %

That means, that A is 5/100 of a second quicker per corner

That means, as an average, that A is 25/1000 of a second going in and 25/1000 of a second going out of each corner. *10Hz data req: 0.1s*

Oval

4 Corners

Lap time = 24 "

Car A is 0.12 second quicker than Car B which is 0.5 %

That means, that A is 3/100 of a second quicker per corner

That means, as an average, that A is 15/1000 of a second going in and 15/1000 of a second going out of each corner.

*Will you see the difference in the car handling and driver input (steering, throttle, brake, clutch gear) if you log at 10 Hz ?*

*Parameters must be measured periodically to show progress*

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# EXACT RACING

SET UP NO. FINAL

ISSUED ON: 9/14/99 14:42

|        |           |
|--------|-----------|
| EVENT  | RACE      |
| DRIVER | Mr DRIVER |

|          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| CIRCUIT  | VANCOUVER |
| LAP DIST | 1.648     |

|         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| DATE    | SEPTEMBER 1 ST 2000 |
| CHASSIS | T00/20-28 ? miles   |

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| DIFF     | HEWLAND SALISBURY |
| PLATES   | 2 PLATES          |
| RAMPS    | 45 / 80           |
| PRE-LOAD | none              |

|                 |                   |         |       |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------|-------|
| ENG. NO / MILES | 080 : 358         | REV LIM | 7380  |
| M/C FRONT       | Ft .750           | Rr      | .750  |
| DISCS           | AP Solid          | PADS    | CM 93 |
| BRAKE BIAS      | T from full front |         |       |

|           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| FUEL      | 10 GALLONS |
| RACK      | 6 TEETH    |
| RAD INLET | FULLY OPEN |

|        |     |         |     |         |     |         |     |         |     |         |  |
|--------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|--|
| RATIOS | 1st | 15 : 31 | 2nd | 18 : 30 | 3rd | 21 : 29 | 4th | 22 : 25 | 5th | 23 : 24 |  |
|        | CWP |         |     |         |     | 10 : 31 |     |         |     |         |  |

|         |      |      |    |       |    |        |      |         |      |      |      |
|---------|------|------|----|-------|----|--------|------|---------|------|------|------|
| 26.00 ° |      |      |    | ANGLE |    |        |      | 27.00 ° |      |      |      |
| out.    | .750 | .750 | in | none  | in | GURNEY | none | in.     | .750 | .750 | out. |
| Ft      |      |      | Rr |       |    | SKIRTS | Ft   |         |      | Rr   |      |

LEFT FRONT

|             |           |        |     |
|-------------|-----------|--------|-----|
| TOE         | .060      | Ins    | OUT |
| CASTER      | 5.50 °    | Trail  | STD |
| CAMBER      | - 3.50 °  |        |     |
| TIRE PRESS. | C 12.5    | H 19.0 |     |
| DUCTS       | 50 % open |        |     |

|        |             |          |        |             |
|--------|-------------|----------|--------|-------------|
| TILT   |             | 0.00     |        |             |
| Low RC | No antidive | GEOMETRY | Low RC | No antidive |
|        | 1.225       | ins      | 1.225  | ins         |
|        | 500         | lb/in    | 500    | lb/in       |
| fixed  | 250         | 90 °     | 250    | x .150 90 ° |

RIGHT FRONT

|             |           |        |     |
|-------------|-----------|--------|-----|
| TOE         | .060      | Ins    | OUT |
| CASTER      | 5.50 °    | Trail  | STD |
| CAMBER      | - 3.00 °  |        |     |
| TIRE PRESS. | C 13.5    | H 19.0 |     |
| DUCTS       | 50 % open |        |     |

XWEIGHT

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XWEIGHT

|  |     |
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|  | +20 |
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### FRONT SHOCKS

| Type | Piston | Needle | HSB sh | HS B | LSB sh | LS B | R sh. | REB | Gas  |     |
|------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|------|-------|-----|------|-----|
| P    | D 10   | D14    | 5 deg  | Std  | 4.0    | a+   | -6.0  | C   | -0.5 | 150 |

| Type | Piston | Needle | HSB sh | HS B | LSB sh | LS B | R sh. | REB | Gas  |     |
|------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|------|-------|-----|------|-----|
| P    | D 10   | D14    | 5 deg  | Std  | 4.0    | A+   | -6.0  | C   | -0.5 | 150 |

LEFT REAR

|             |           |        |    |
|-------------|-----------|--------|----|
| TOE         | .120      | Ins    | IN |
| CAMBER      | - 2.20 °  |        |    |
| TIRE PRESS. | C 12.0    | H 18.0 |    |
| DUCTS       | 50 % open |        |    |

|         |                   |          |         |             |
|---------|-------------------|----------|---------|-------------|
| RAKE    |                   | 0.725    |         |             |
| High RC | Antisquat         | GEOMETRY | High RC | Antisquat   |
|         | 1.950             | ins      | 1.950   | ins         |
|         | 800               | lb/in    | 800     | lb/in       |
|         | Double Adjustable | ROLL BAR |         | x           |
| 350     | x .250            | 45 °     | 350     | x .250 90 ° |

RIGHT REAR

|             |           |        |    |
|-------------|-----------|--------|----|
| TOE         | .080      | Ins    | IN |
| CAMBER      | - 1.80 °  |        |    |
| TIRE PRESS. | C 12.0    | H 18.0 |    |
| DUCTS       | 50 % open |        |    |

### REAR SHOCKS

| Type | Piston | Needle | HSB sh | HS B | LSB sh | LS B | R sh. | REB | Gas |     |
|------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|------|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| P    | D 16   | L 2    | 5 deg  | Std  | 5.0    | B    | -6.0  | D   | -18 | 180 |

| Type | Piston | Needle | HSB sh | HS B | LSB sh | LS B | R sh. | REB | Gas |     |
|------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|------|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| P    | D 16   | L 2    | 5 deg  | Std  | 5.0    | B    | -6.0  | D   | -18 | 180 |

### REAR WING

|        |         |
|--------|---------|
| HOLE   | HOLE 11 |
| GURNEY | .875    |

### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

New FWEP

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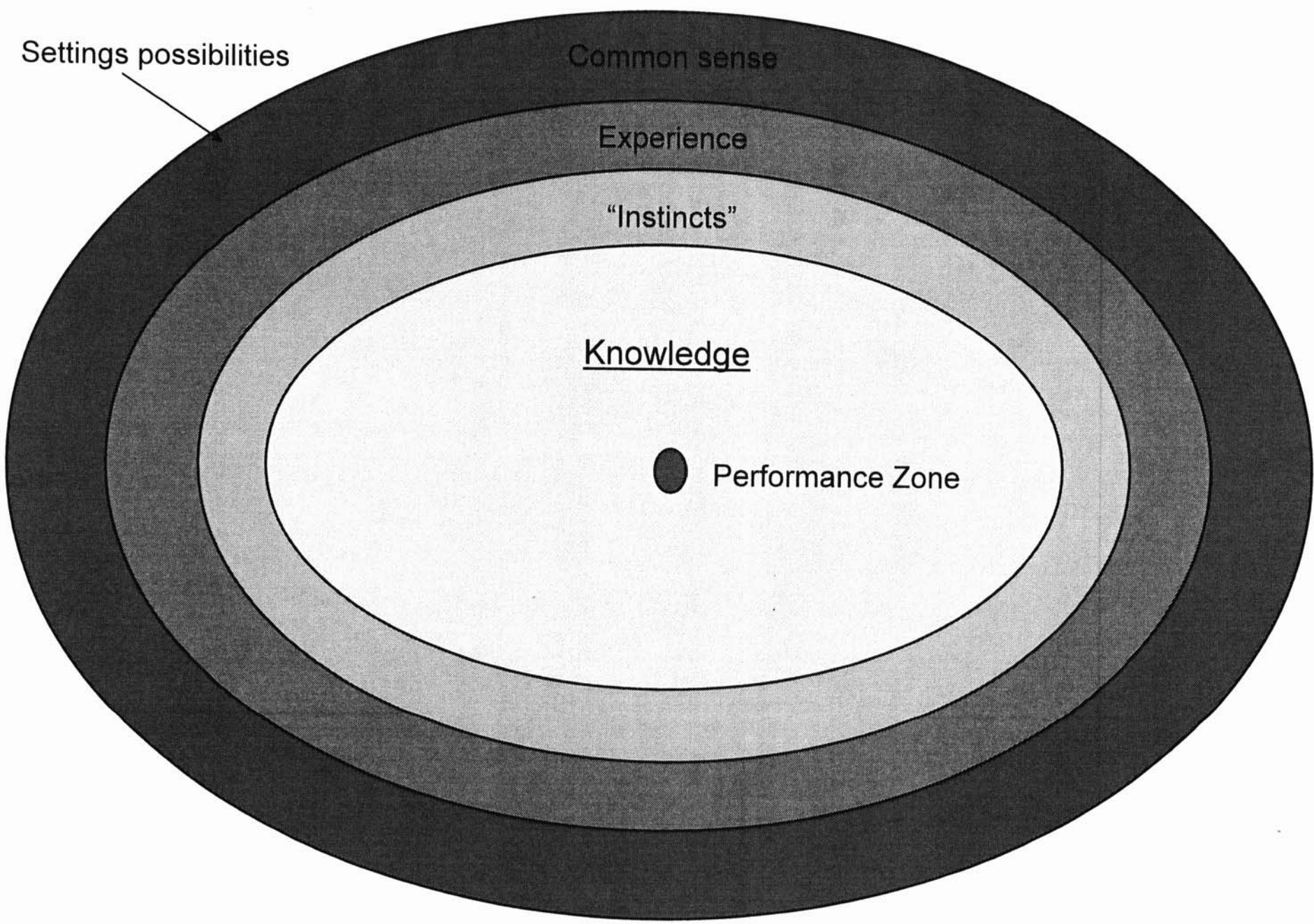
## Set up possibilities

*Bussetti*

1. Ride Height
2. Caster
3. Camber
4. Toe
5. Springs
6. Shock Low Speed Bump
7. Shock High Speed Bump
8. Shock Low Speed Rebound
9. Shock High Speed Rebound
10. Shock Piston
11. Shock Pressure
12. Shock Bump Shimming
13. Shock Needle
14. Shock Rebound Shimming
15. Roll Center
16. Antidive / Antilift / Antisquat
17. Wings Setting
18. Gurney flaps
19. Tire pressure
20. Antiroll Bar
21. Antiroll Bar Blades
22. Antiroll Bar Blades Position
23. Bump Rubber
24. Brake Master Cylinders

$$3^{(2 \times 24)} = 3^{48} = 79,766,443,076,872.5 \text{ Trillions possibilities....}$$

*3 settings per parameter*



If you want to be competitive you need to understand that to reach a successful level of performance, 2 essential things are needed:

Set up Accuracy and Vehicle Dynamics Understanding

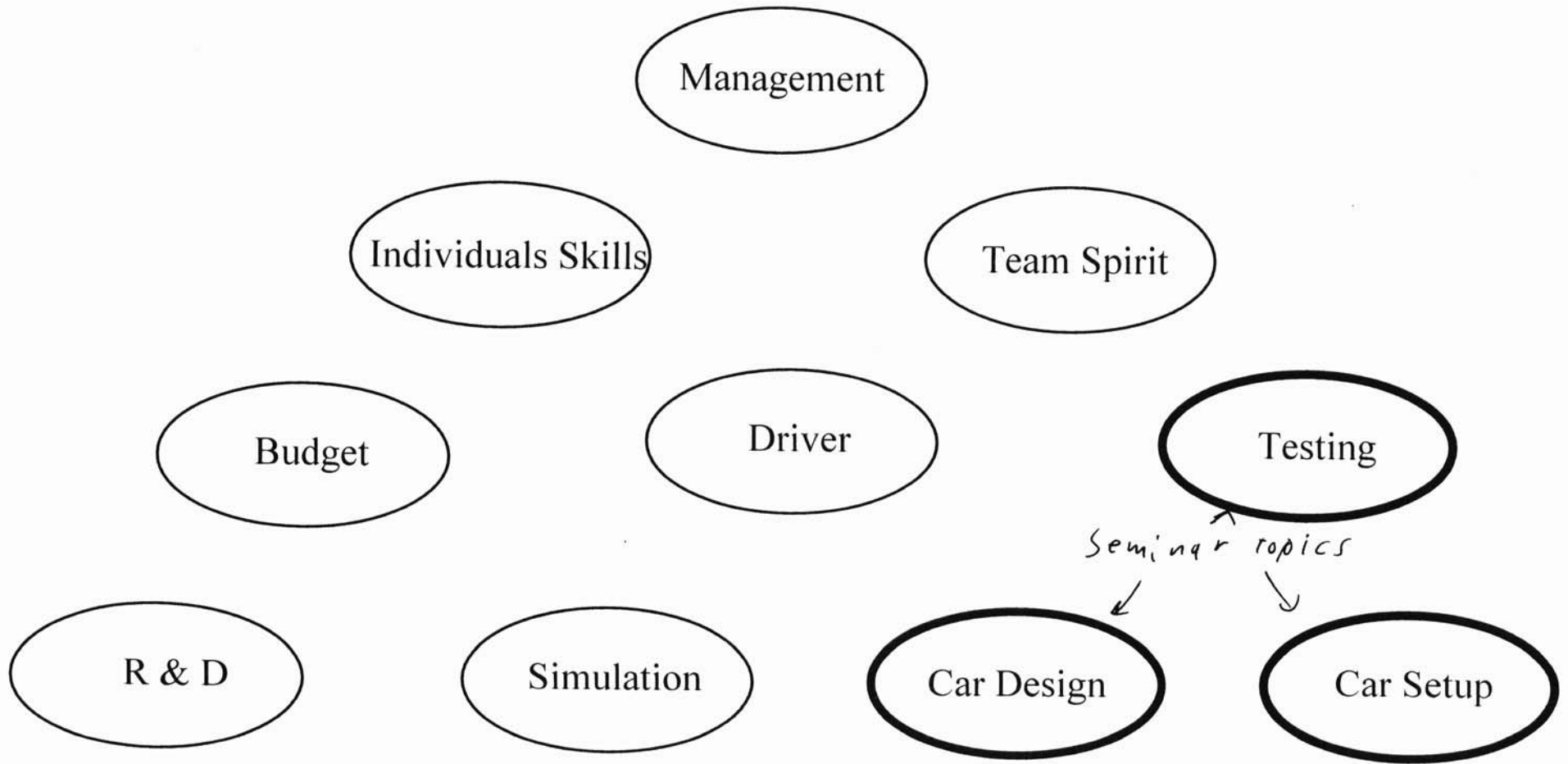
If you also want to be *quickly* competitive *for a reasonable budget* you need to *quickly and more accurately*:

- *Observe* the car and driver's performances
- *Measure and compare* the car and driver's performances

That is what data acquisition is made for!

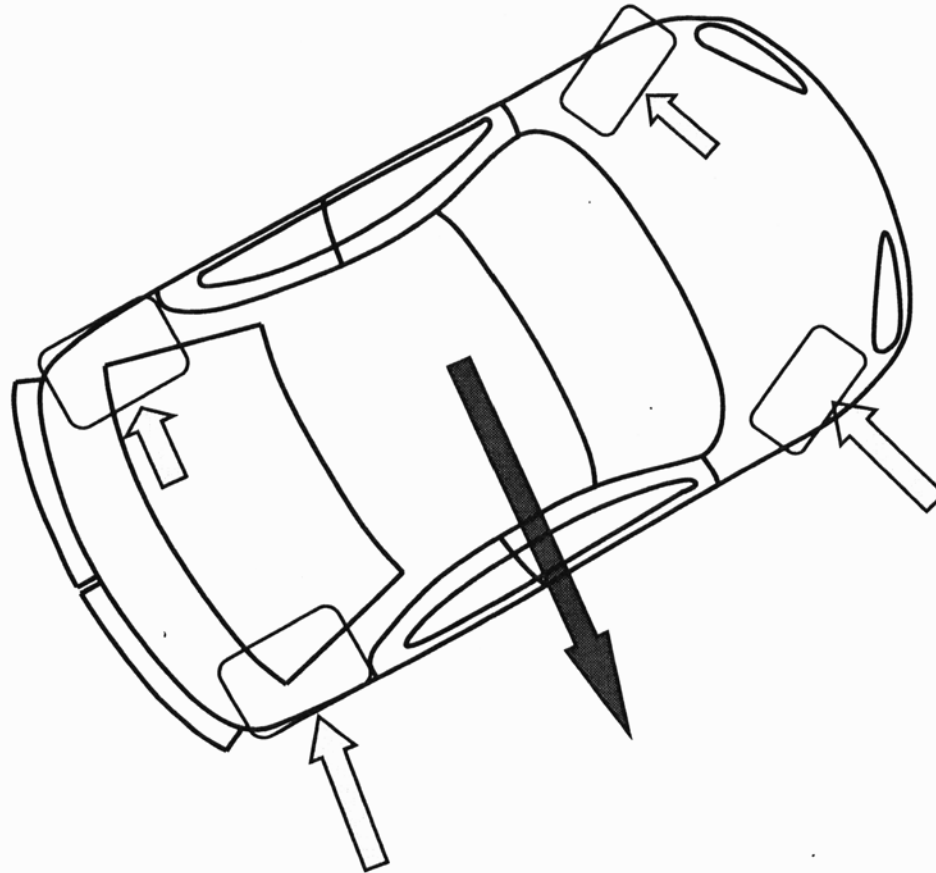
- *Understand, analyze and quantify* the reasons , in the setup or / and the driver input, of the difference between 2 performances
- From there *choose the setup changes* (educated guess, calculation, simulation)
- *Predict* the handling changes
- *Improve* the car and driver's performances

# Ten Things to Make a Successful Racing Team



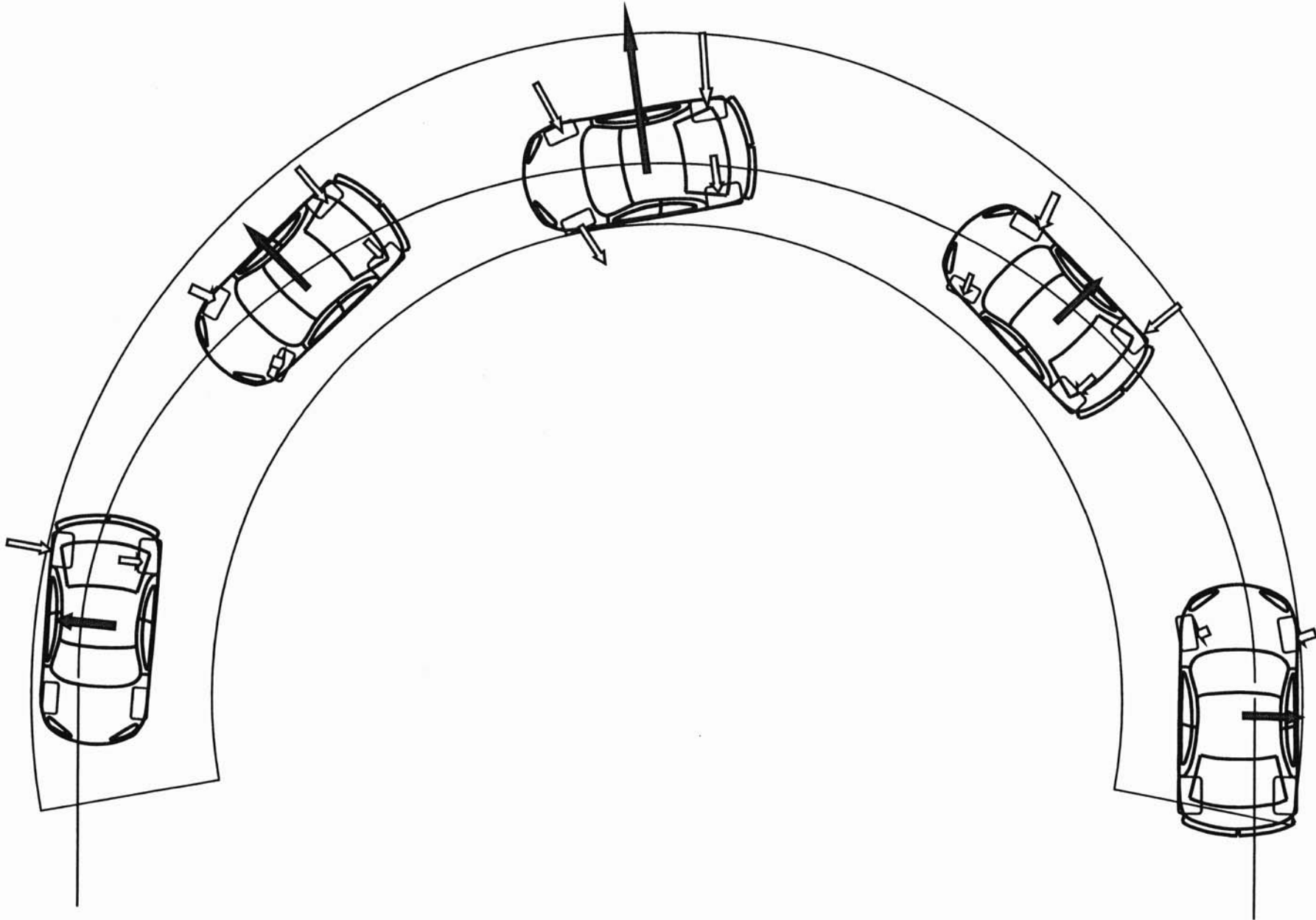
## 2 essential questions

1. What gives maximum acceleration ?



## 2 essential questions

### 2. What makes the car turn?



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- 5. Dampers, Ride and Transient Weight Transfers
- 6. Organizing the Data Acquisition Work
- 7. Data Analysis and Car Tuning.
- 8. Car Setup



# 1. Tire

- Forces Acting on the Tire
- Friction Coefficients
- Vertical, Lateral, Longitudinal and Torsion Tire Deformations
- Slip Ratio and Longitudinal Tire Force
- Longitudinal and Lateral grip VS Vertical Load
- Rolling Radius
- Slip Angle
- Lateral Grip, Slip Angle and Vertical Load
- Measure of Tire Forces on Laboratory.
- Ackermann Steering Geometry Influences on Front inside Slip Angle

# Forces on the Tires

Vertical Aero

Banking

Weight

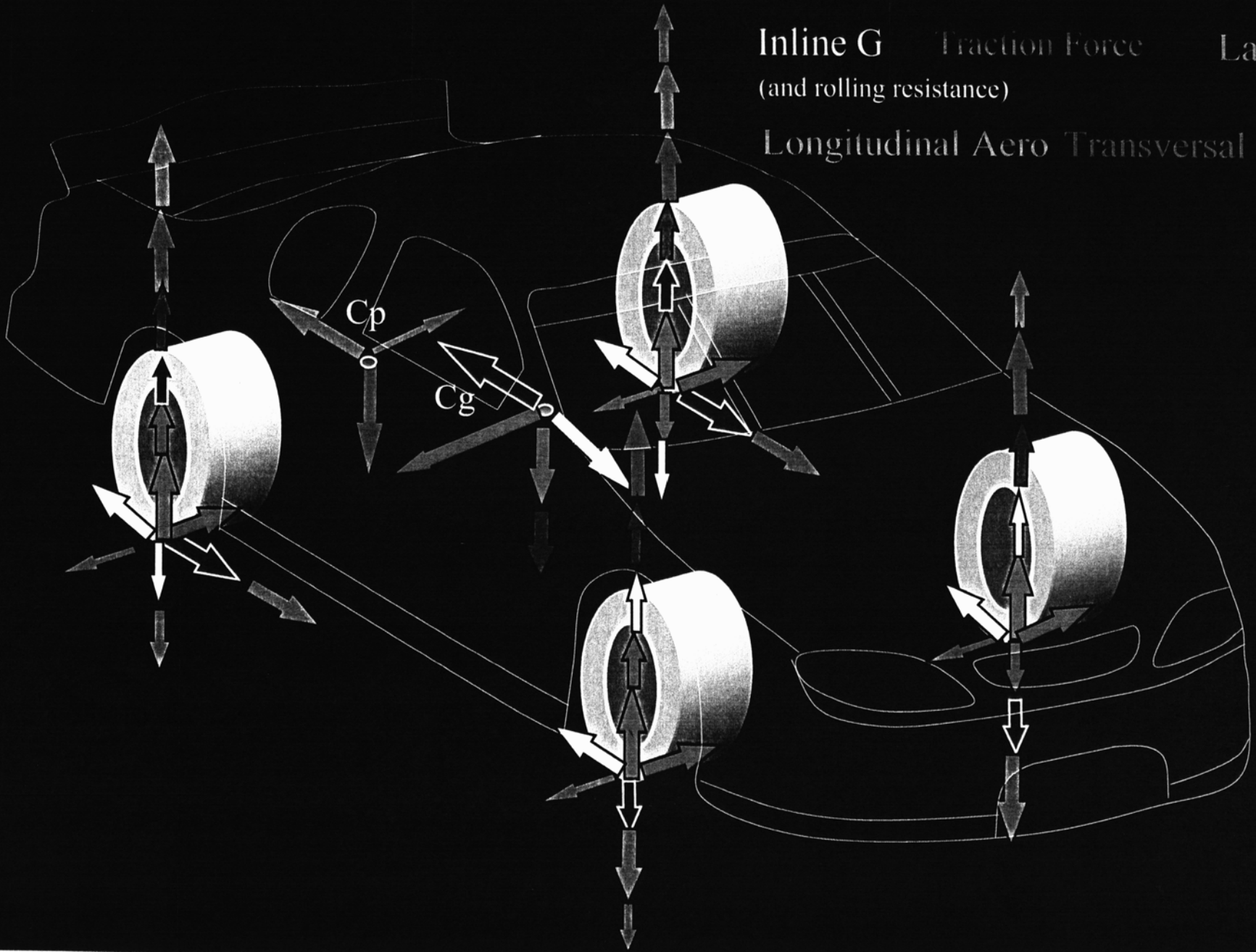
Inline G

Traction Force

Lat G

(and rolling resistance)

Longitudinal Aero Transversal Aero



# First incomplete and inaccurate definition of a steady state neutral car in cornering

Moments around CG ( for simplification and because of  $R \gg WB$ , we assume, that wheel lateral force direction  $\searrow$  is  $F_y$  direction  $\uparrow$  ) :

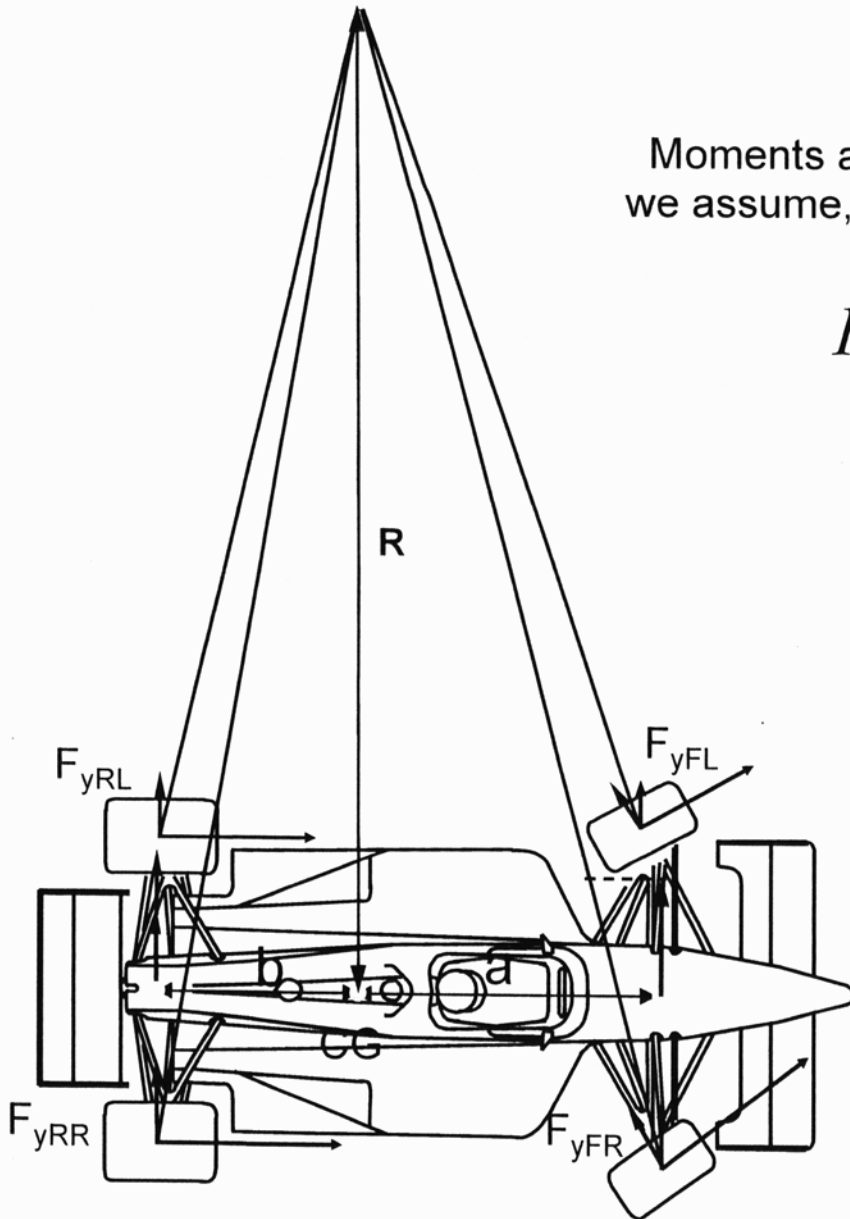
$$F_{yLF} \cdot a + F_{yRF} \cdot a = F_{yLR} \cdot b + F_{yRR} \cdot b$$

$$\frac{b}{a+b} = \frac{W_F}{W_F + W_R}$$

$W_F$  - **Weight in front**

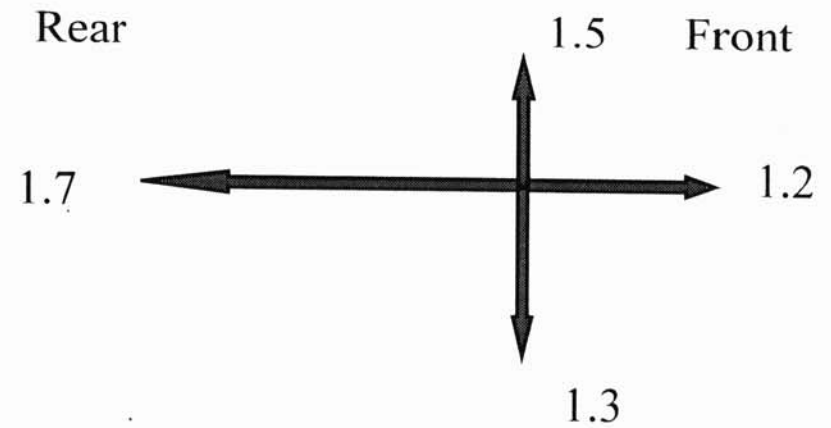
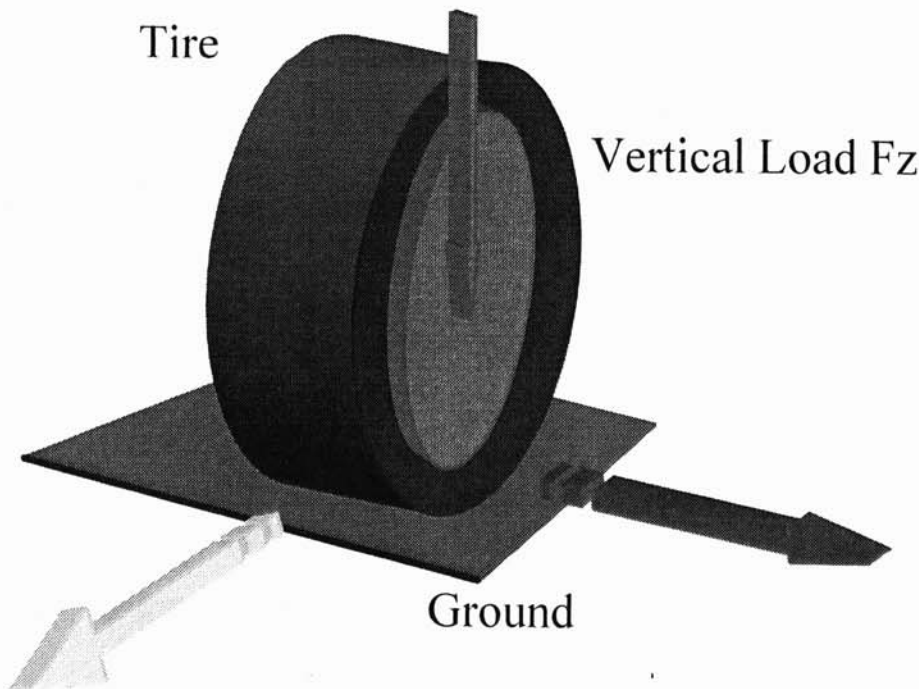
$W_R$  - **Weight in rear**

$$\frac{F_{yRL} + F_{yRR}}{F_{yRL} + F_{yRR} + F_{yLR} + F_{yRR}} = \frac{W_F}{W_F + W_R}$$



# Friction Coefficients Definition

Different Friction Coefficient along Lateral and Longitudinal Axis



Max Transversal Resultant Force Fy

Max Longitudinal Resultant Force Fx

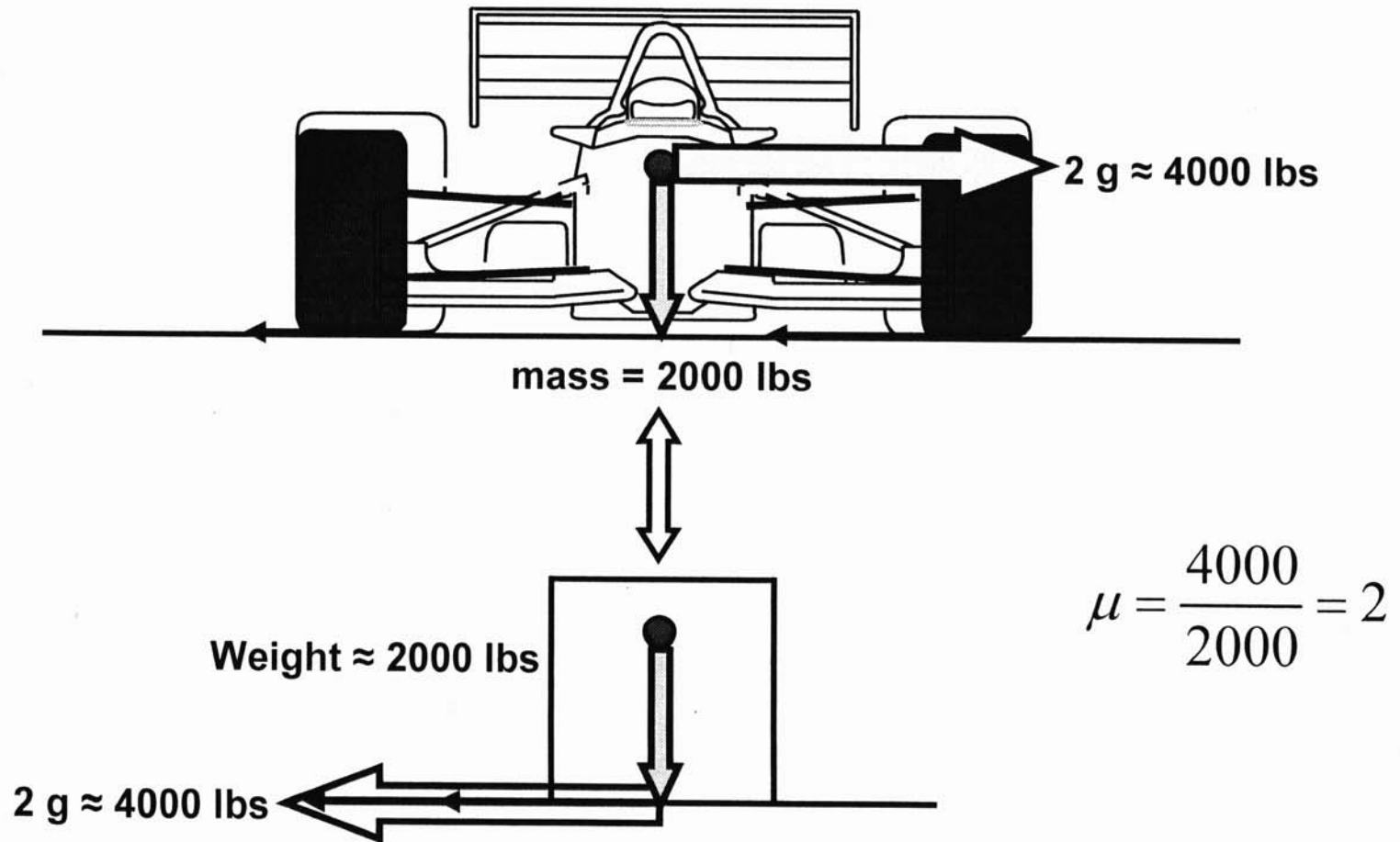
$$F_x = \mu_x * F_z$$

$$F_y = \mu_y * F_z$$

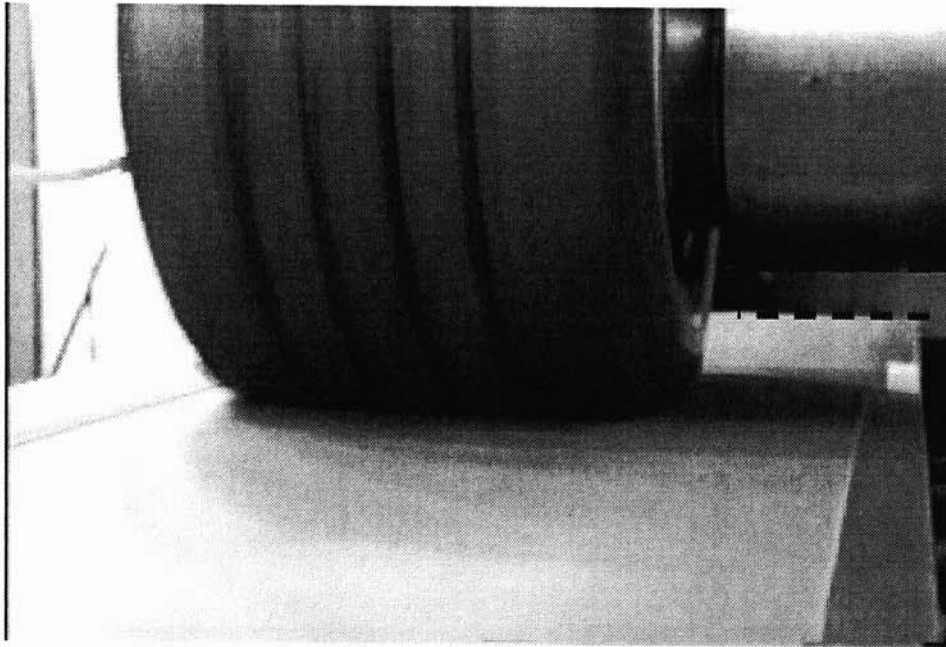
# The tire coefficient of friction

*The average of the 4 tires' coefficient of friction equals the car's lateral acceleration measured in g.*

Eg. Imagine a 2000 lbs car, cornering at 2 g as measured by the car's lateral accelerometer:

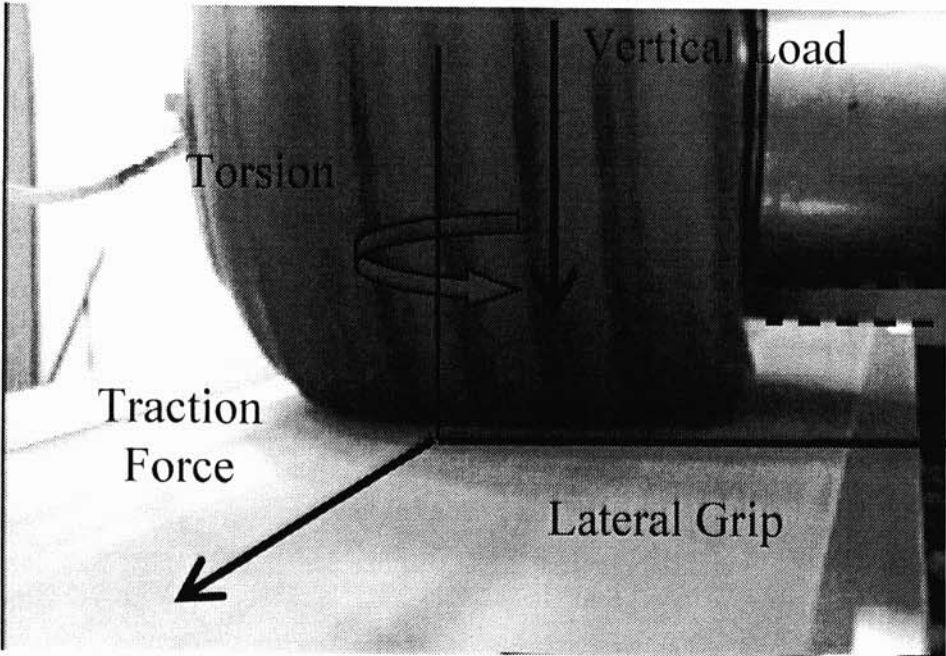


# Tire deformations / Load

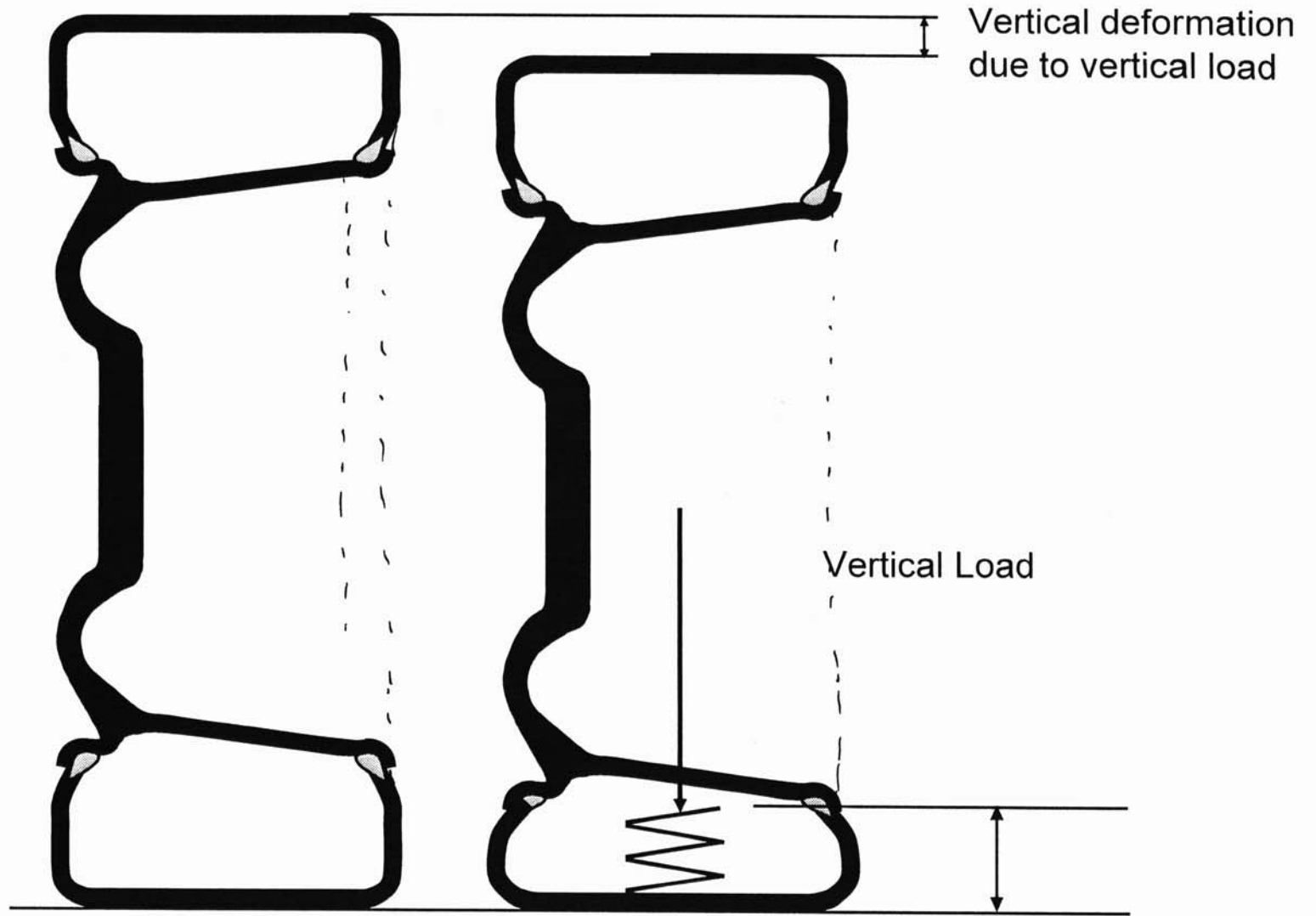


Vertical Load  
Lateral Grip  
Traction Force  
Torsion Torque

Vertical Deflection  
of tire during corner

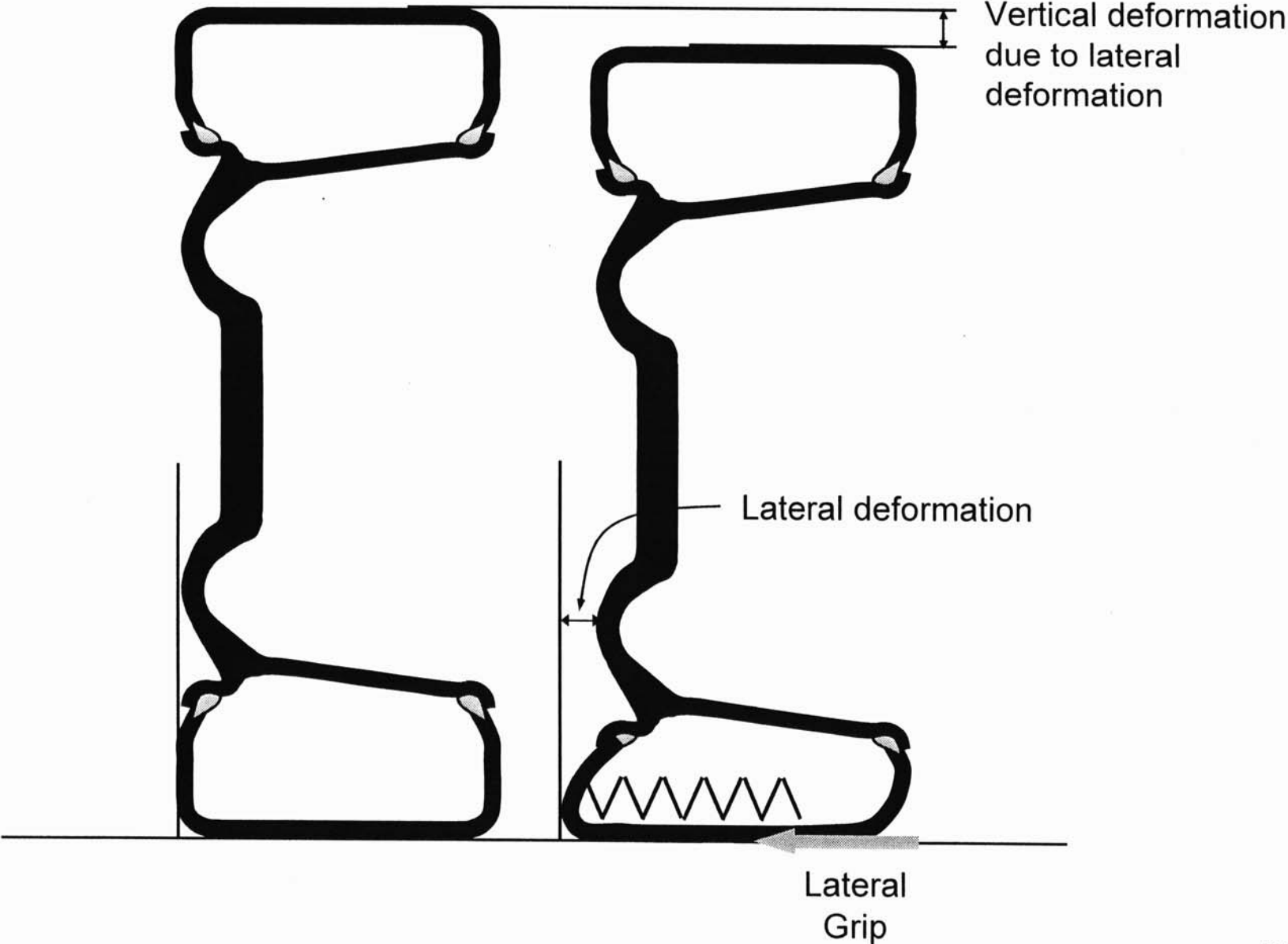


# Vertical Deformation

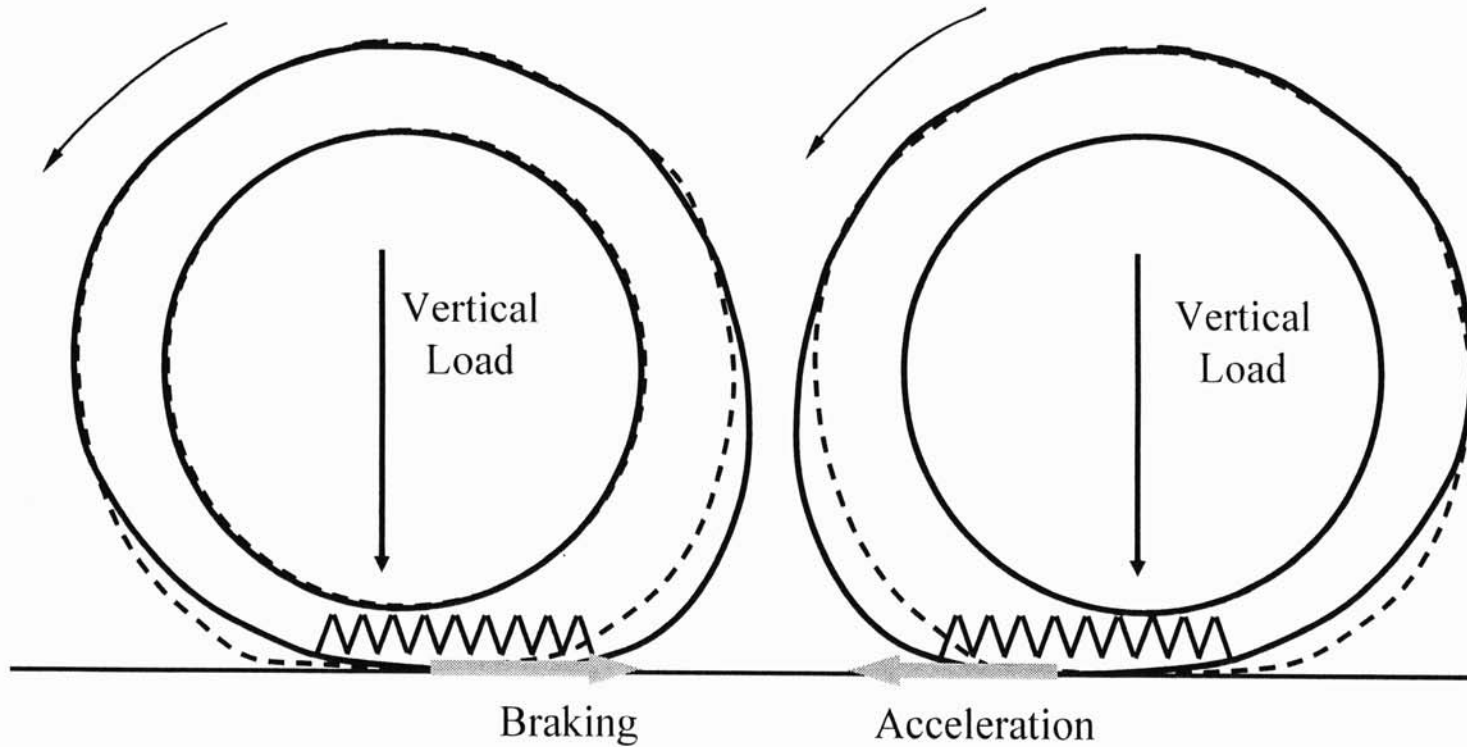




# Lateral Deformation

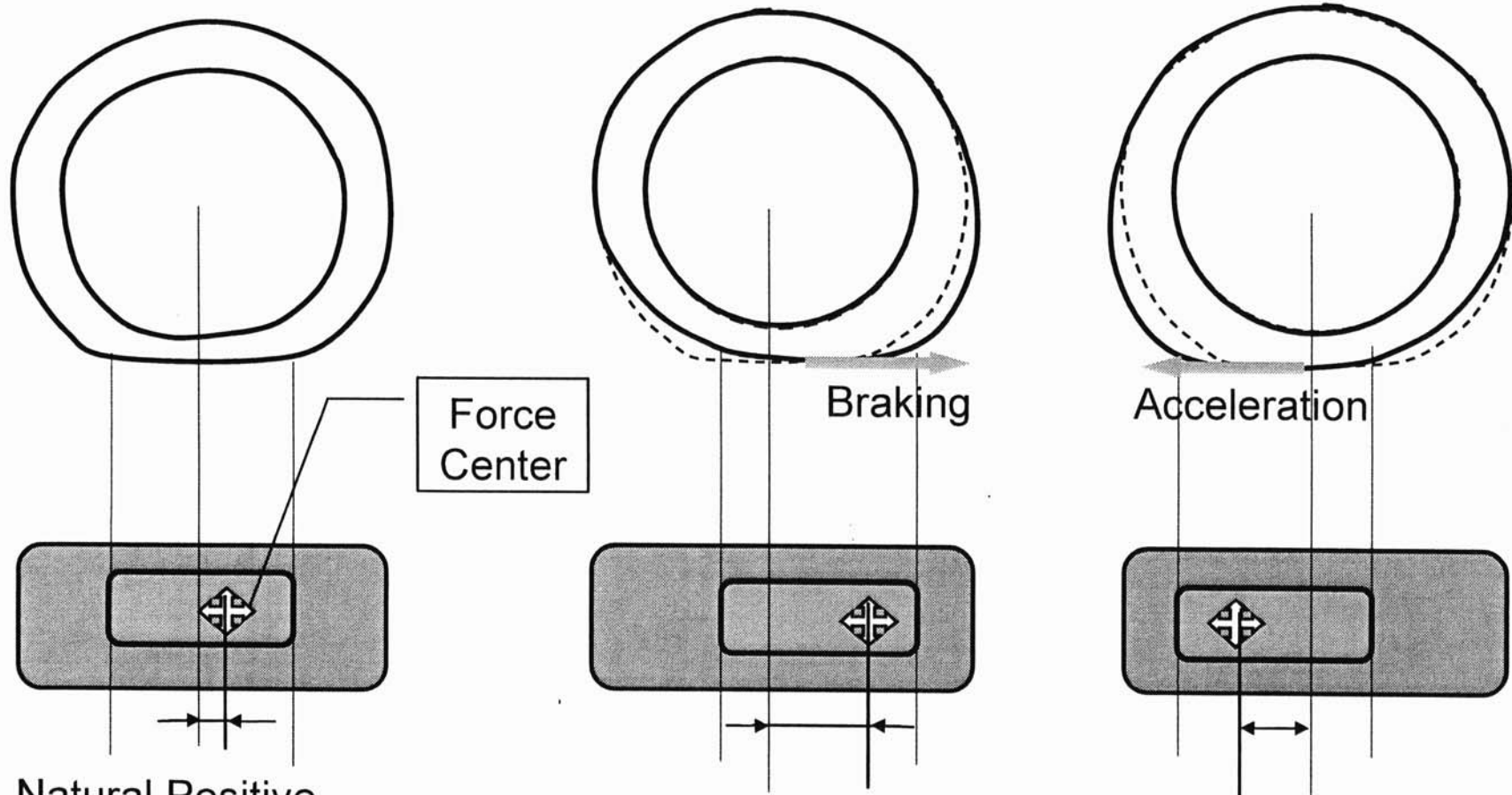


# Longitudinal Deformation



*effective wheel base is changed under longitudinal braking and acceleration*

# Longitudinal Tire Deformations under Tractive or Braking Forces

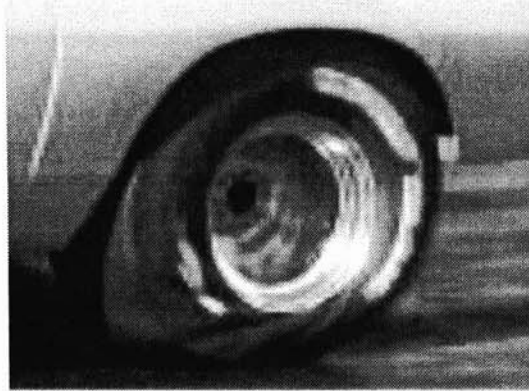


Natural Positive  
Longitudinal Tire  
Caster

Tire caster trail is :

- Increased by braking.
- Decreased by acceleration, may be negative.

## Slip Ratio Definition



Sr is 'Slip Ratio' :

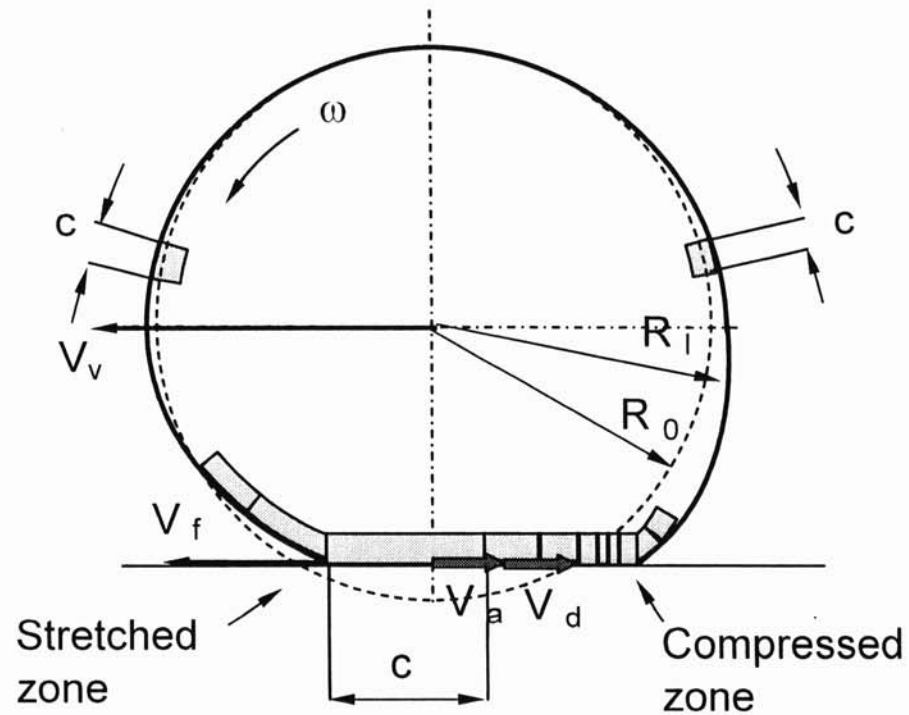
The contact patch longitudinal speed and the vehicle longitudinal speed could be different.

*2 essential reasons:* - **Wheel spin**

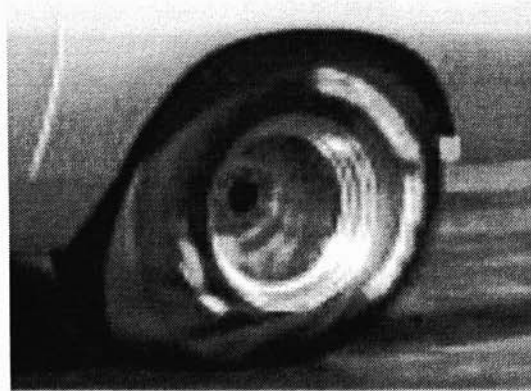
- **Movement of the contact patch Vs the wheel**

# Longitudinal Tire Deformations under Traction or Braking Forces (2)

Example of braking

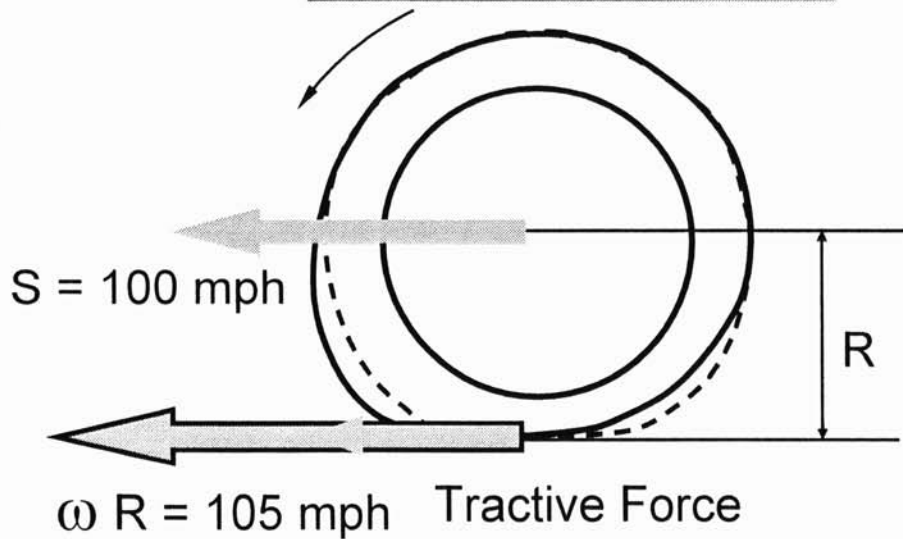


# Slip Ratio Definition

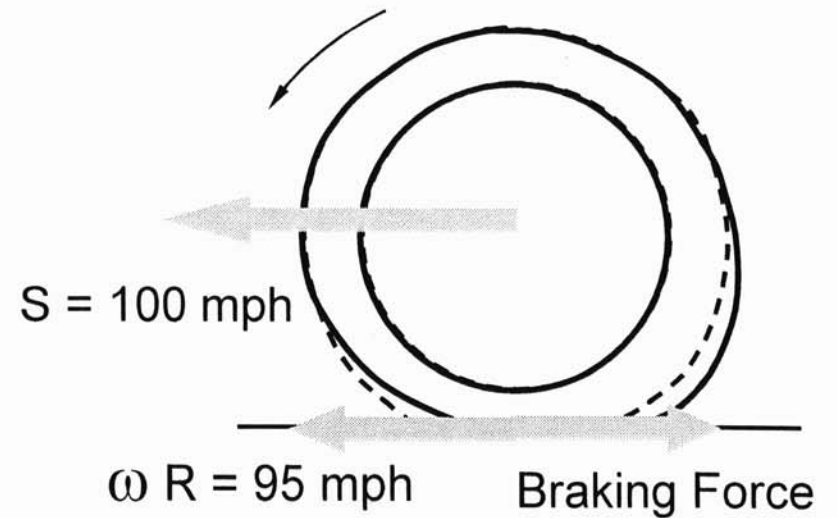


Sr is 'Slip Ratio' :

$$Sr = \frac{S - \omega \cdot r}{S}$$

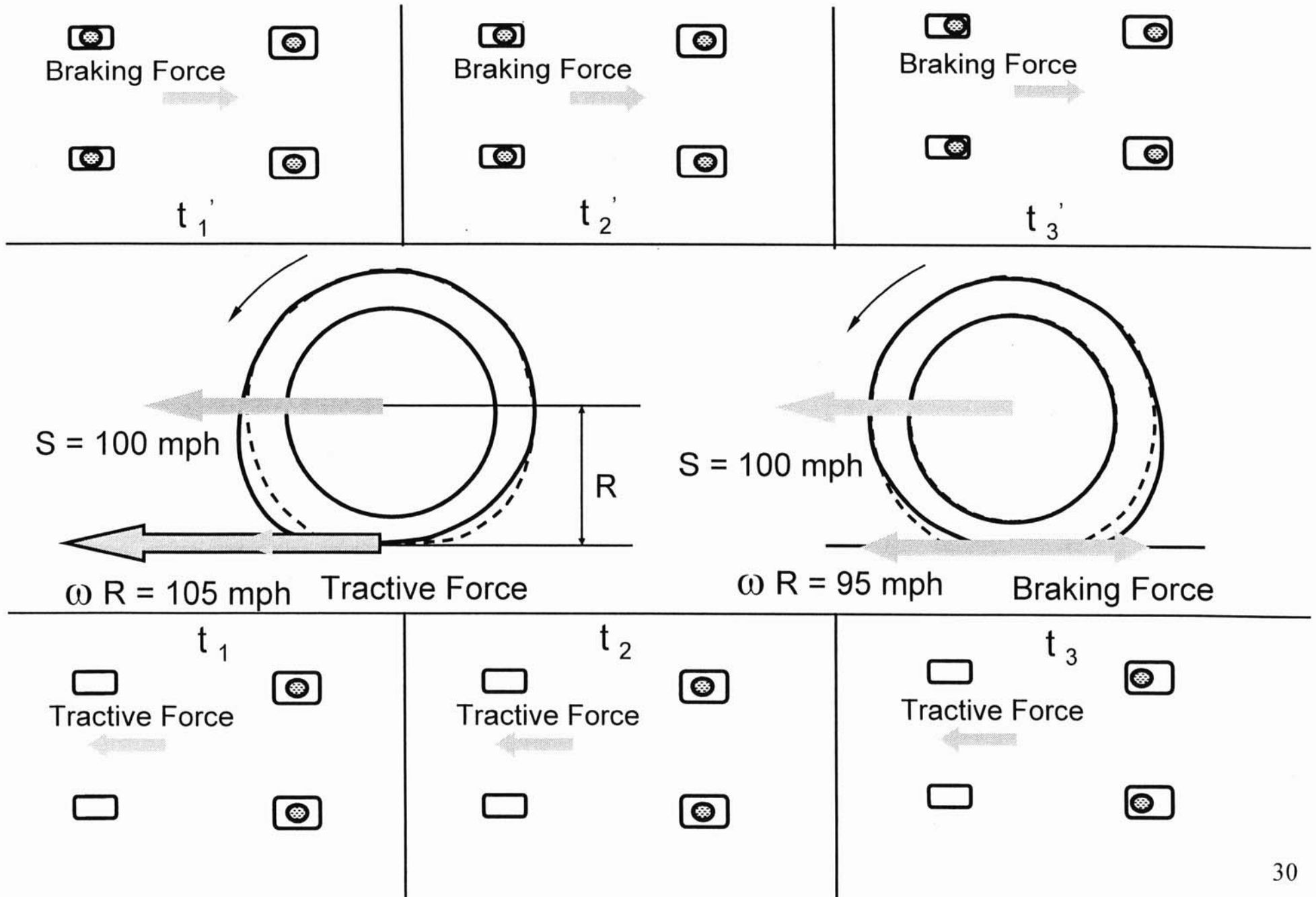


$$Sr = (100 - 105) / 100 = - 5 \%$$



$$Sr = (100 - 95) / 100 = 5 \%$$

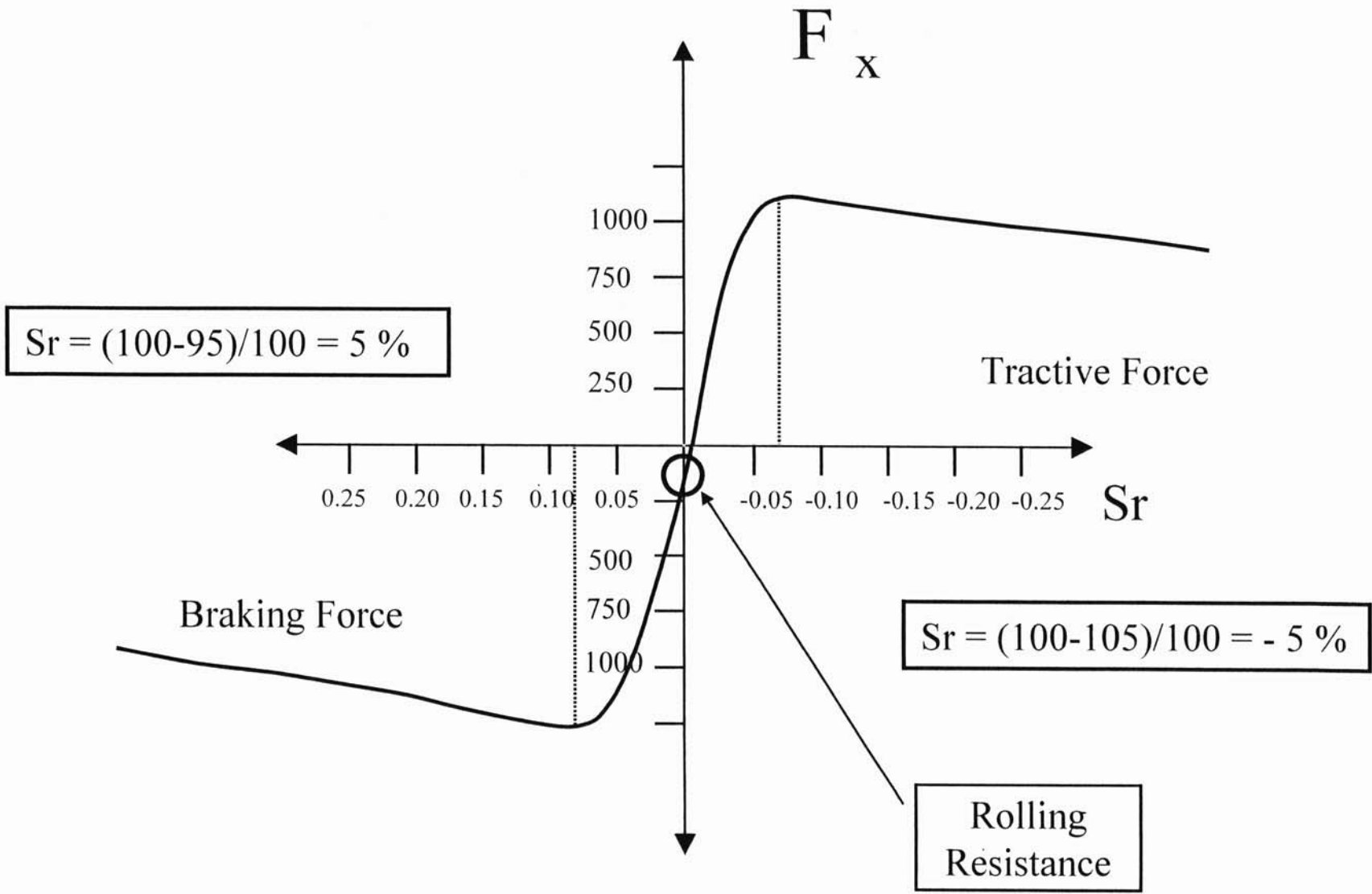
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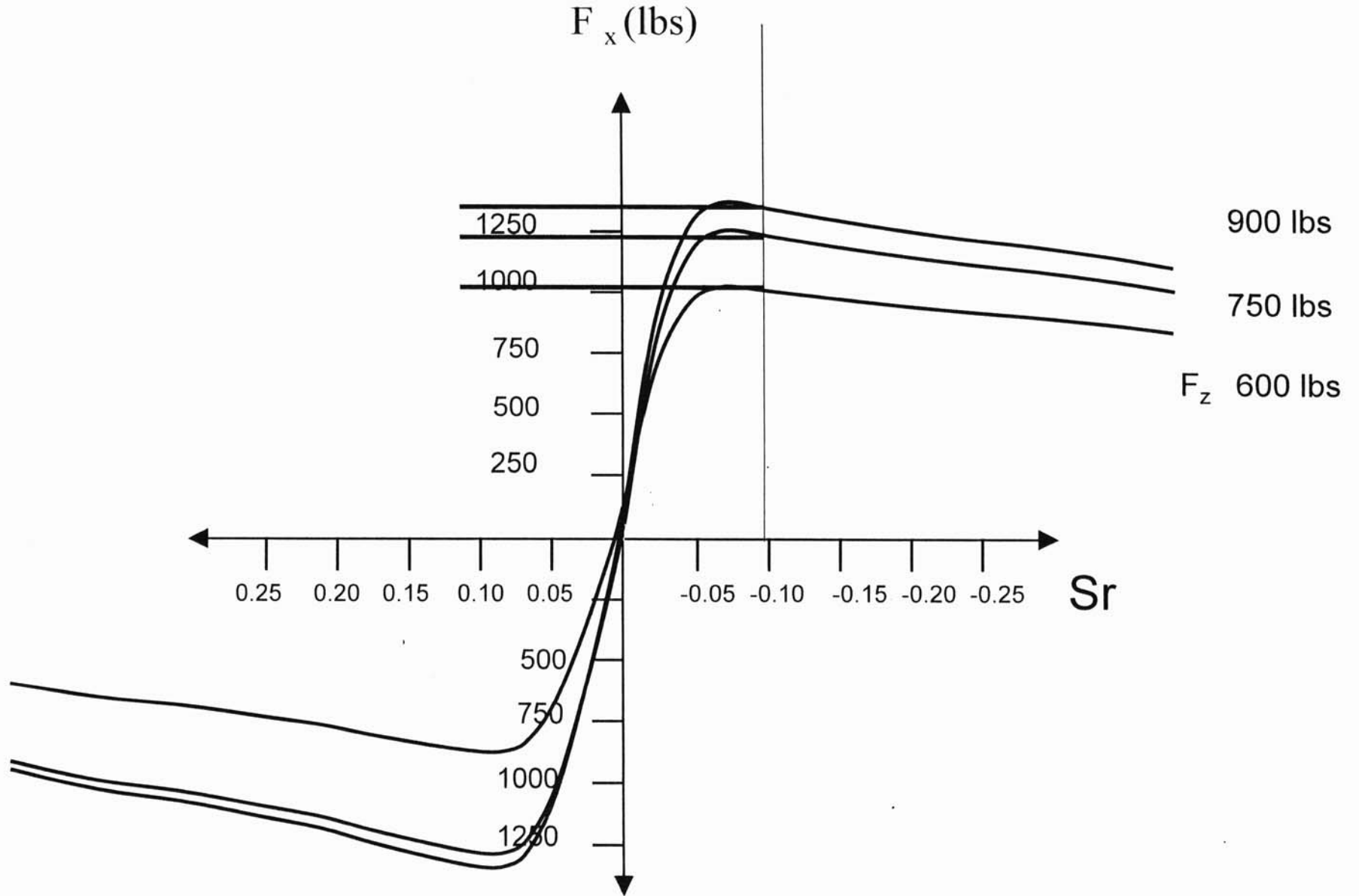


# Tire Longitudinal Friction Coefficient Variation

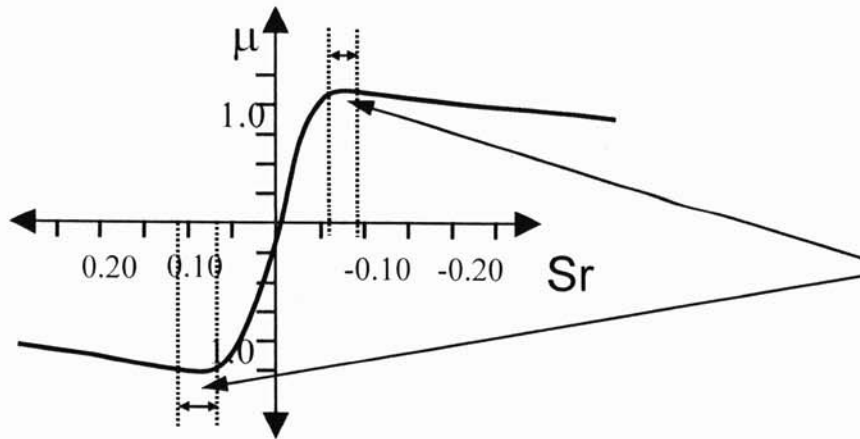
$$\mu = f(\text{Rubber, Temperature, Pressure, Ground, Slip ratio...})$$



# Longitudinal Grip, Slip Ratio and Vertical Load

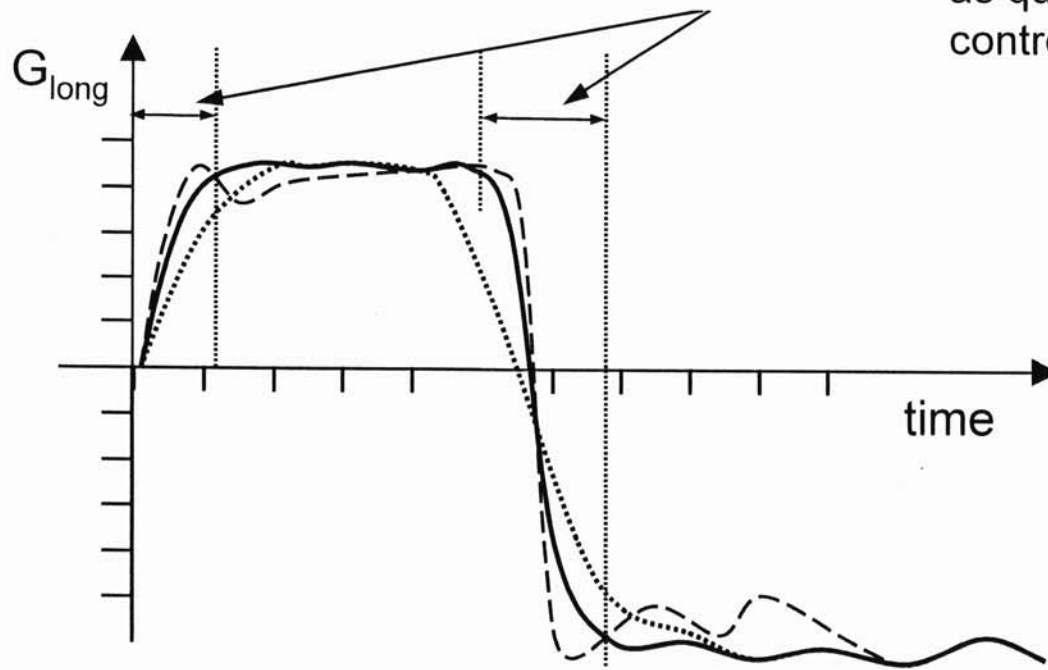


# Jumping on the brake pedal and throttle



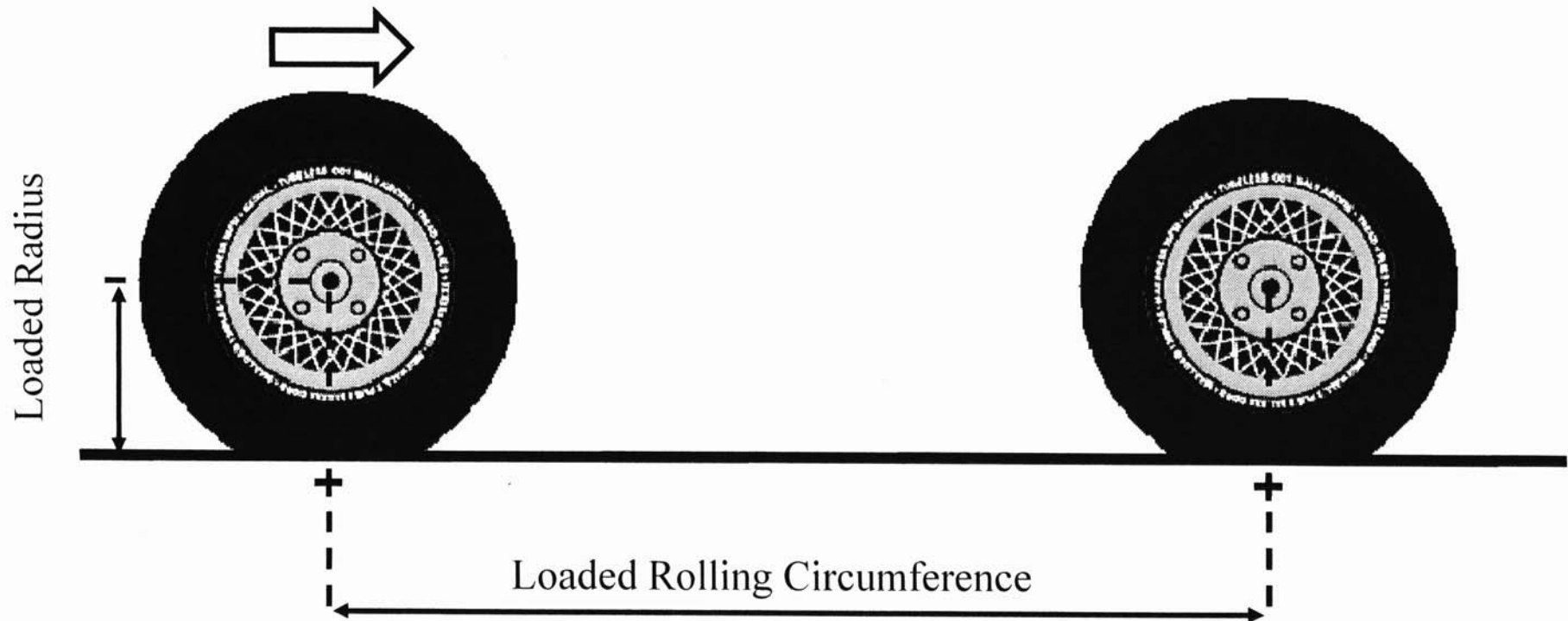
The goal is to be in this part of graph as long as possible.

So it's also important to achieve maximum grip as quickly as possible and without losing a control.



- - Optimum
- ..... - Too slow
- - - - - Too quickly

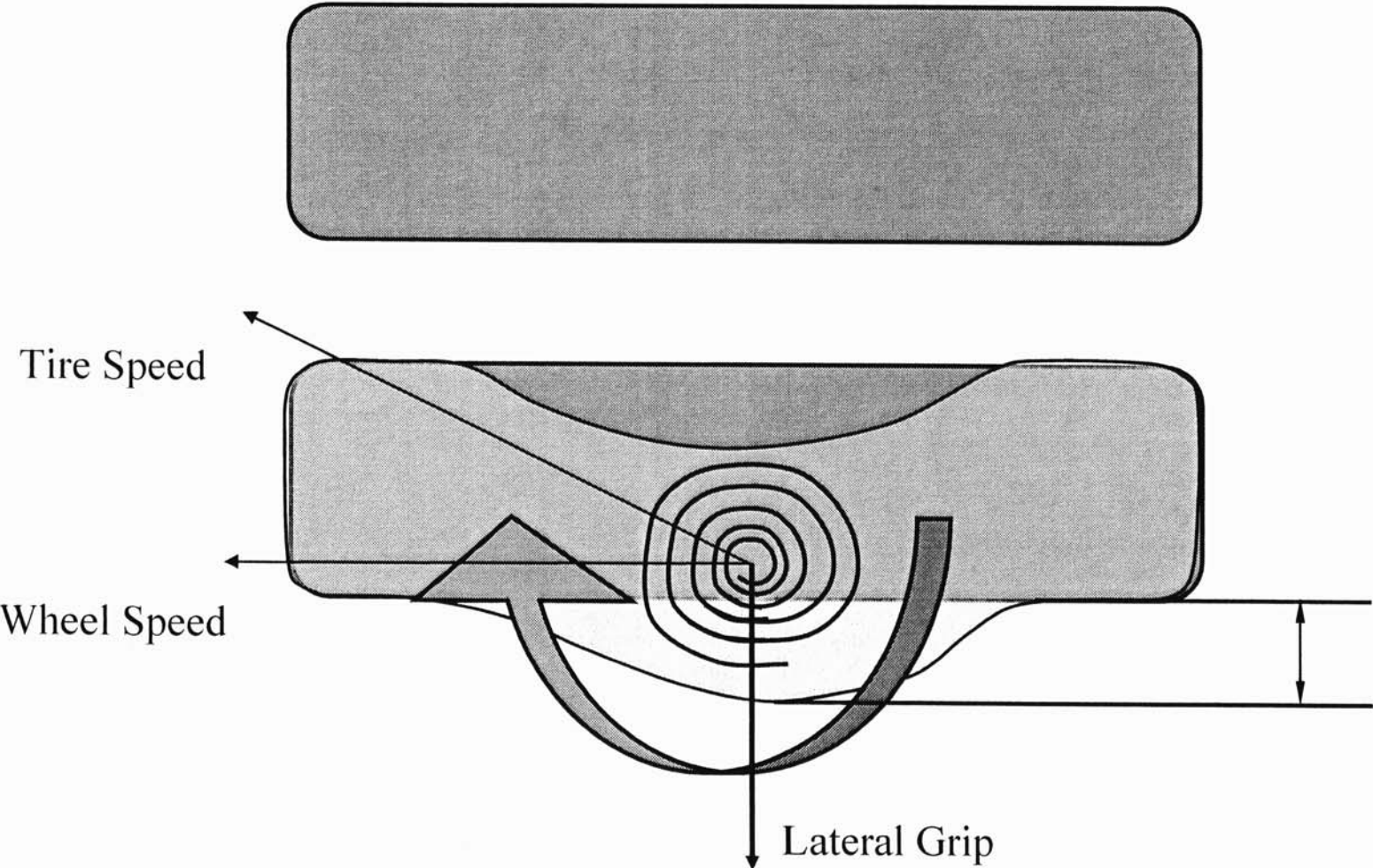
# Rolling Radius



Rolling Radius  $\neq$  Loaded Radius

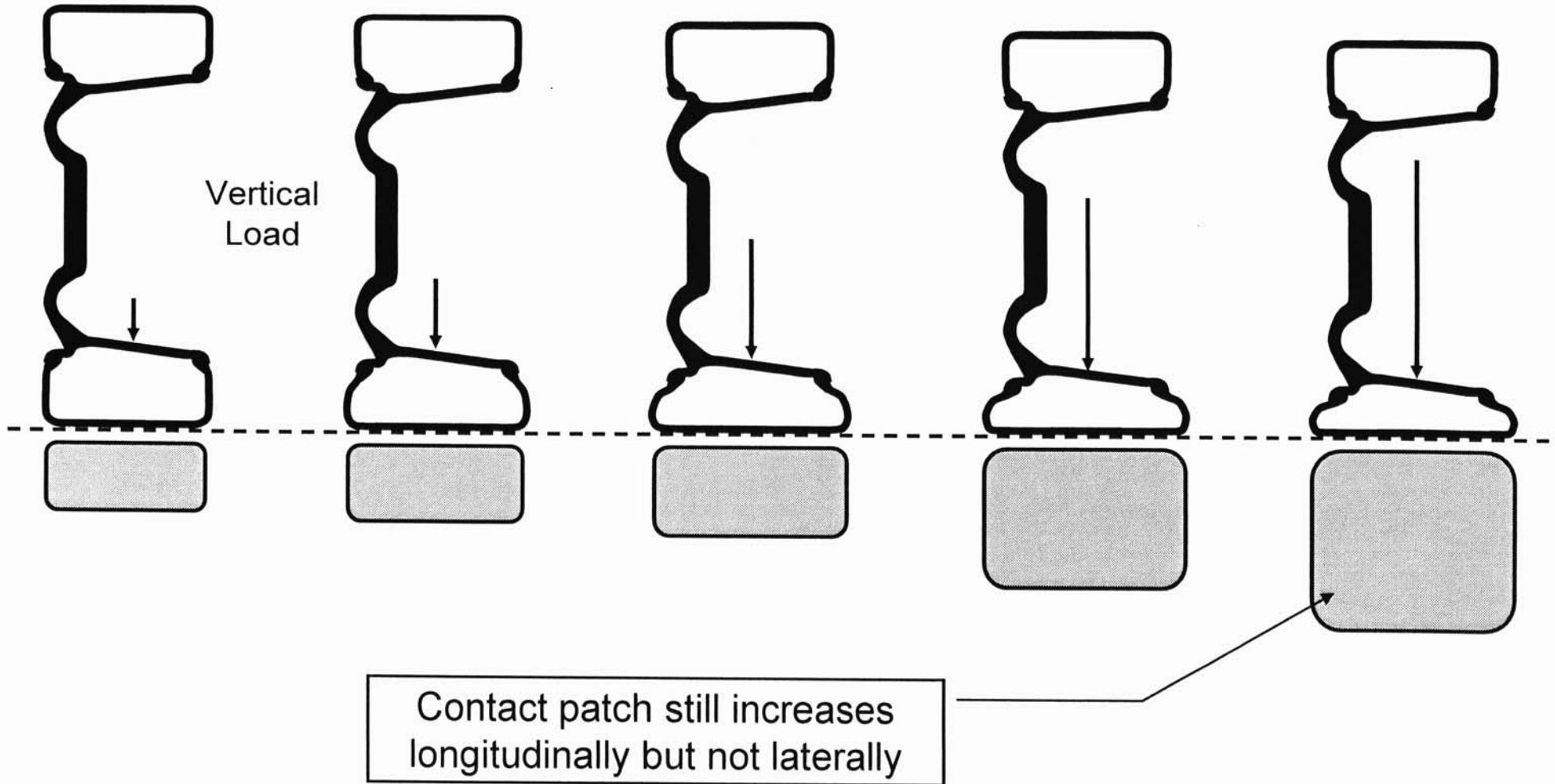
$$\frac{C_{roll}}{2\pi} = R_{roll}$$

# “Torsional” Deformation

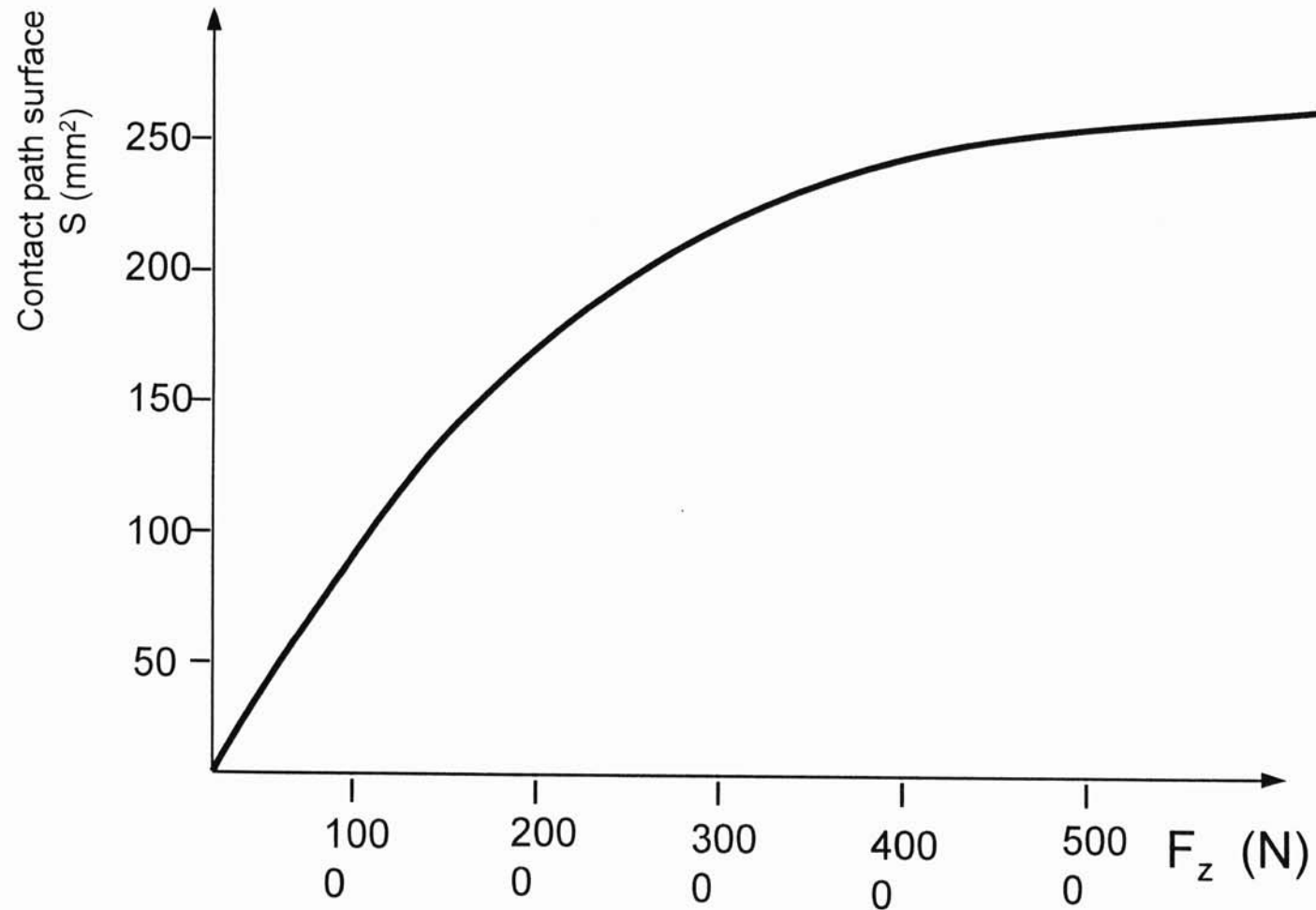


# Vertical Load Effect on Contact Path Shape, Macro Deformation

Patch area increases with vertical load



# Vertical Load Effect on Contact Path Surface



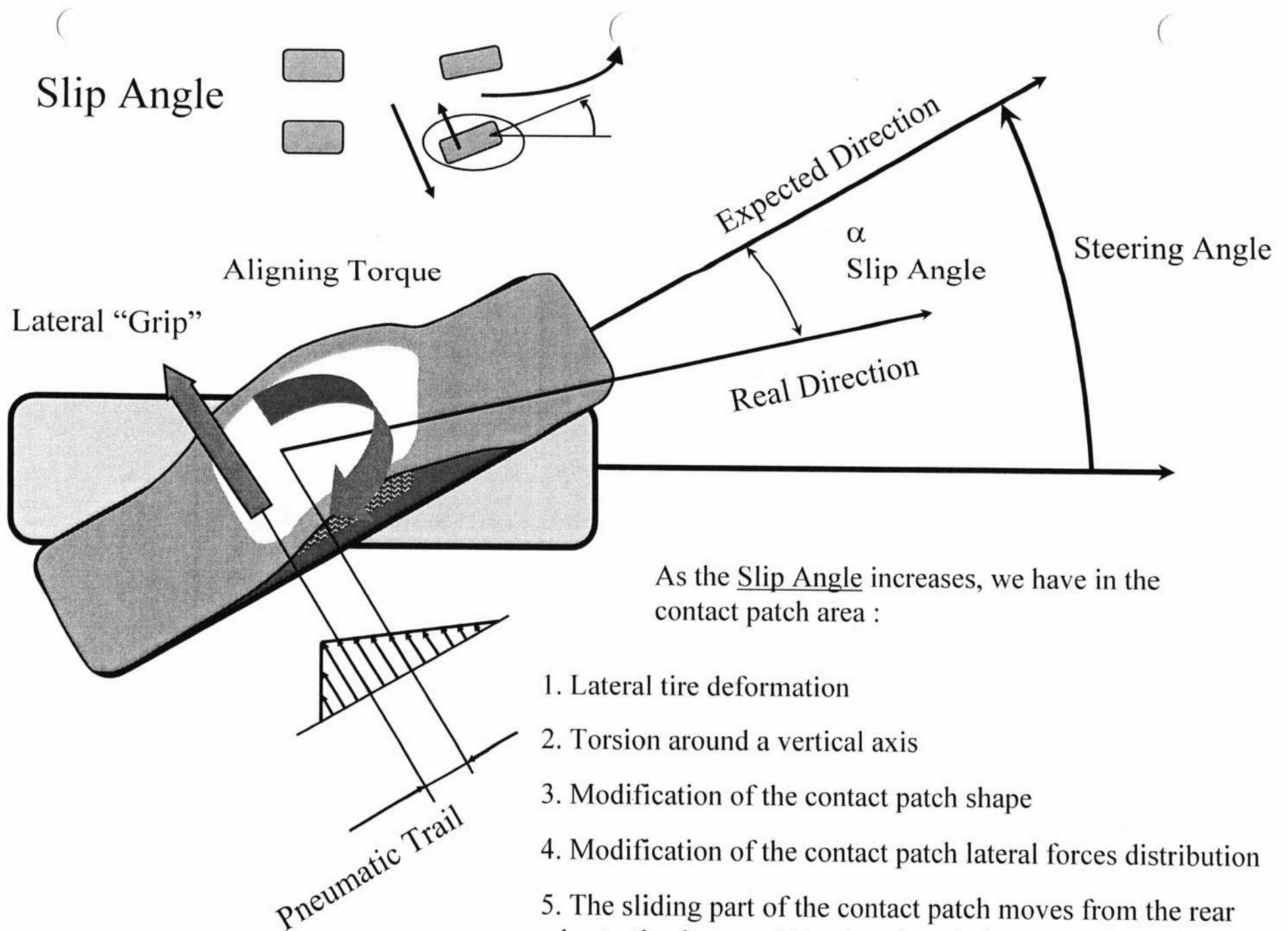


## Vertical Load Effect on Contact Path Surface

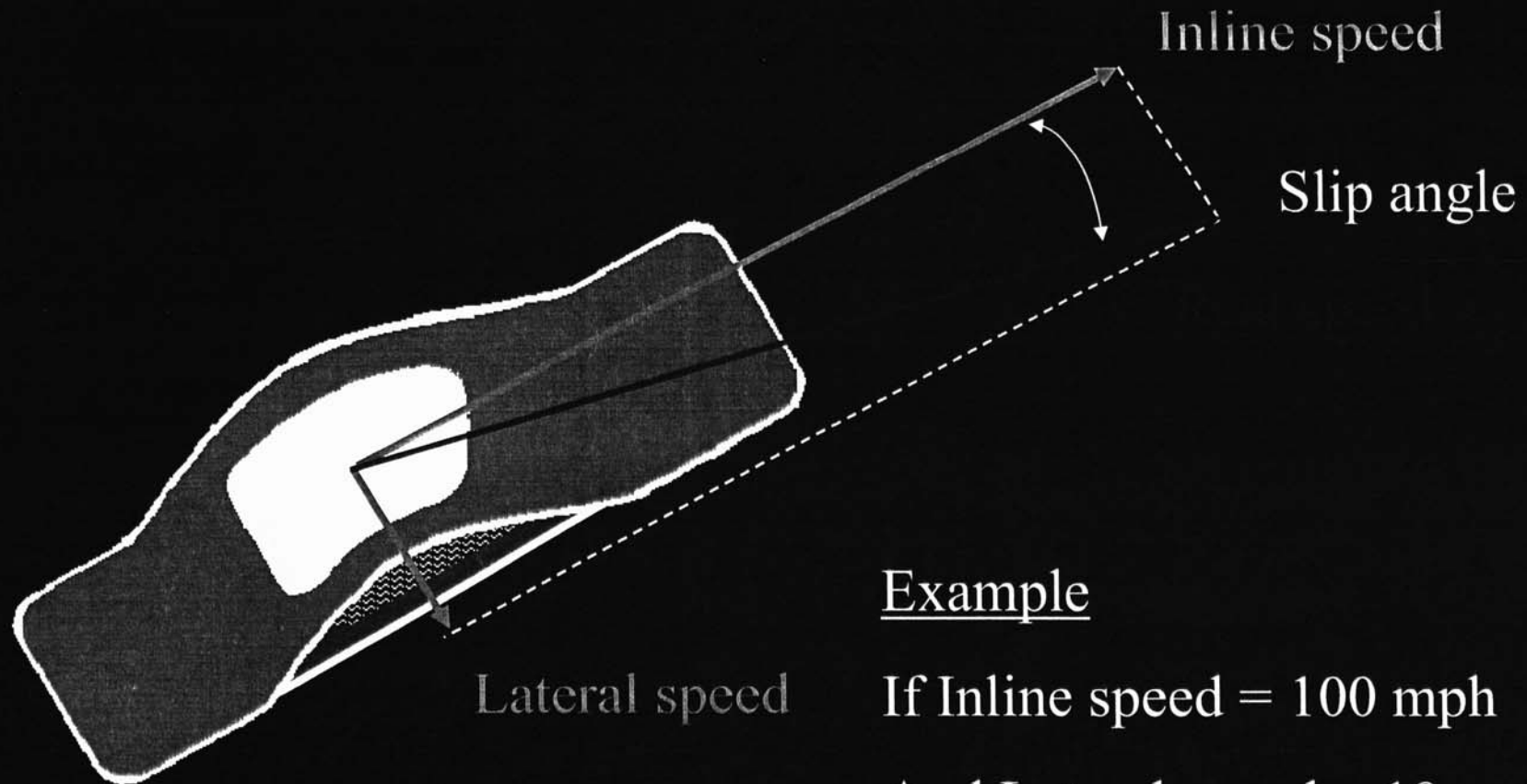
| Load<br>(lb) | Contact patch surface<br>(in <sup>2</sup> ) |
|--------------|---|
| 100          | 7.5   |
| 200          | 15.0  |
| 300          | 20.0  |
| 400          | 23.0  |
| 500          | 25.0  |

With weight transfer we loose more from inside, than gain from outside. For example without weight transfer the total contact patch area is 400 (mm<sup>2</sup>), with weight transfer 200 kg the total contact patch area is 275 mm

*with different times inside & out, weight transfer may be beneficial*



## Measure of Slip Angle with Optical Sensors



### Example

If Inline speed = 100 mph

And Lateral speed = 10 mph

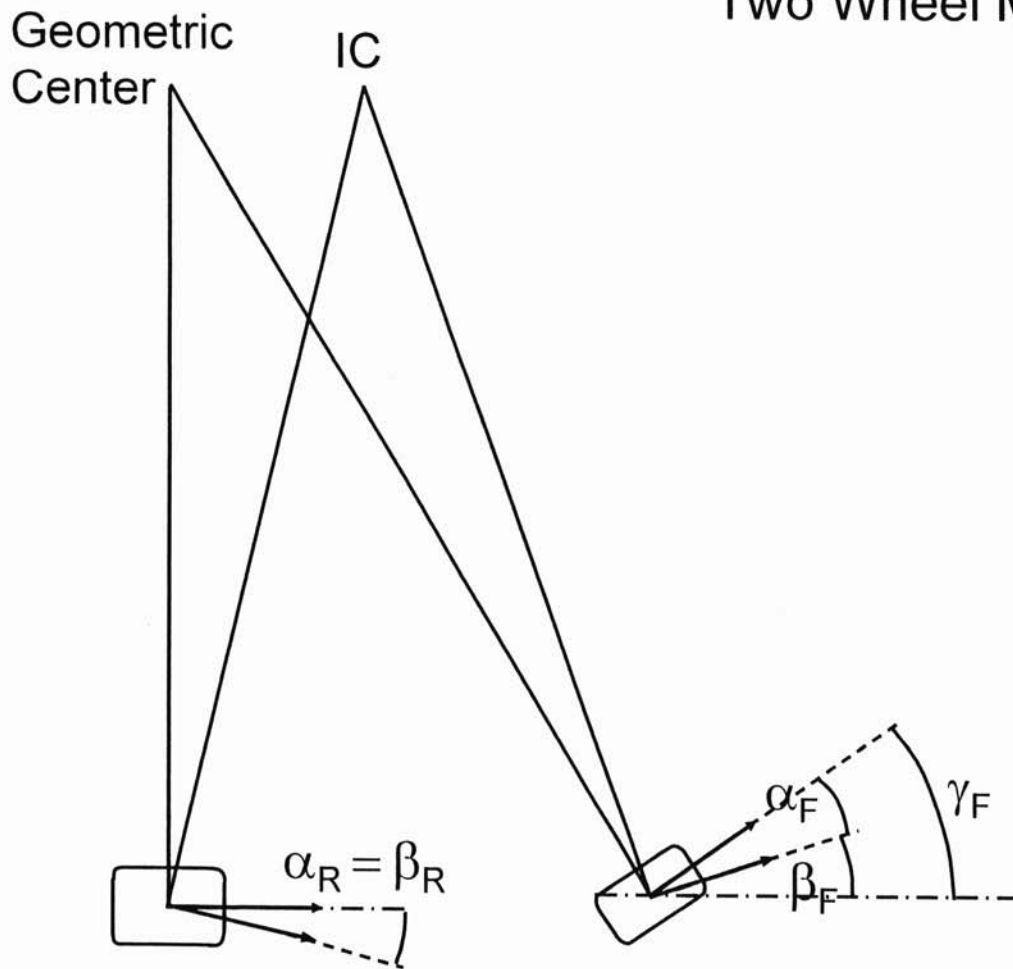
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Slip angle} &= \text{arc tang} (10/100) \\ &= 5.71^\circ\end{aligned}$$

## Measure of Slip Angle with Optical Sensors



# Second incomplete and inaccurate definition of a steady state neutral car in cornering Equal Slip Angles

Two Wheel Model



$$\alpha_F = \alpha_R$$

$\alpha$  – slip angle

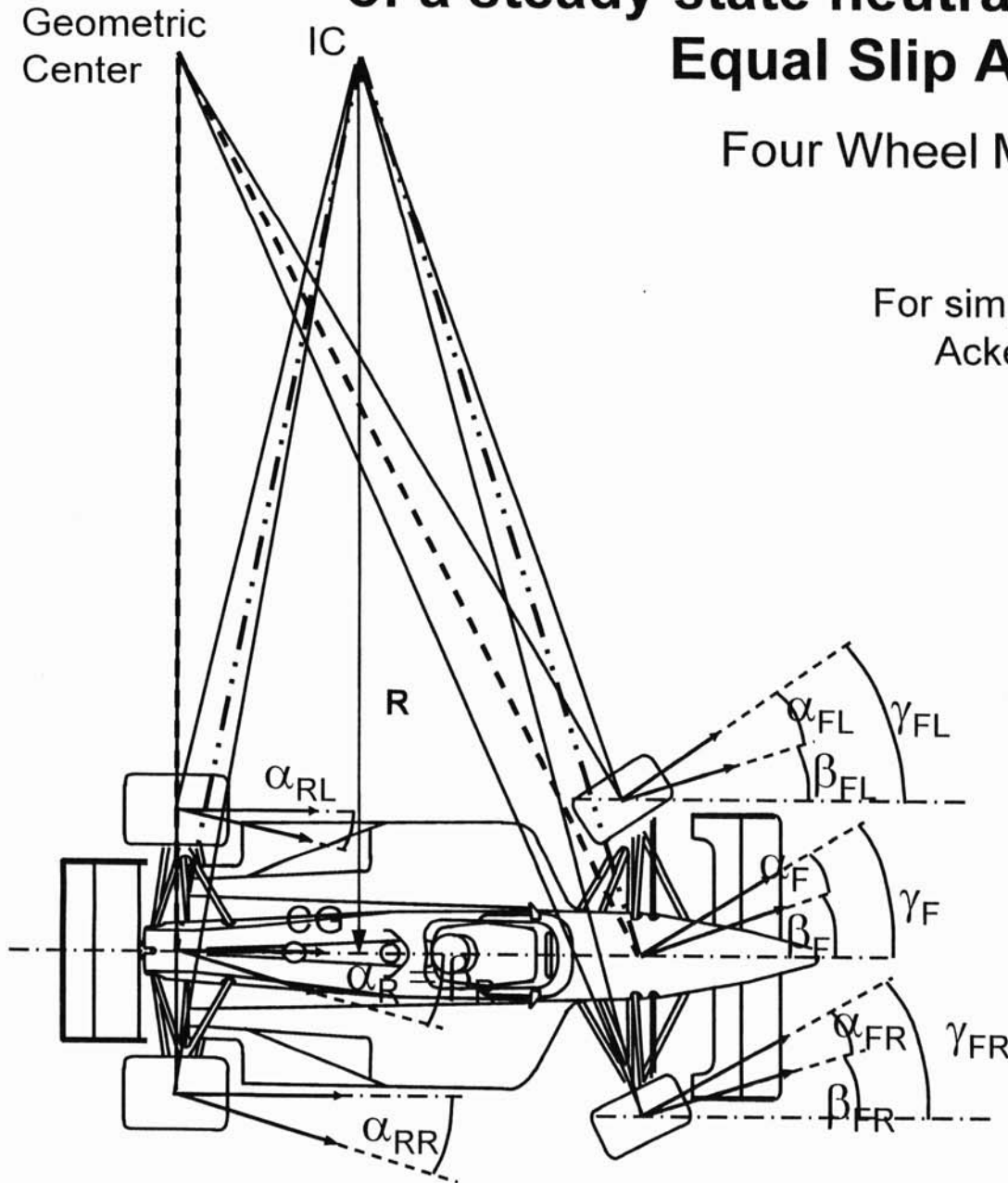
$\gamma$  – steering angle

$\beta$  – attitude angle

# Second incomplete and inaccurate definition of a steady state neutral car in cornering Equal Slip Angles

Four Wheel Model

For simplification we assume, that car has perfect Ackerman and there is a geometric center.



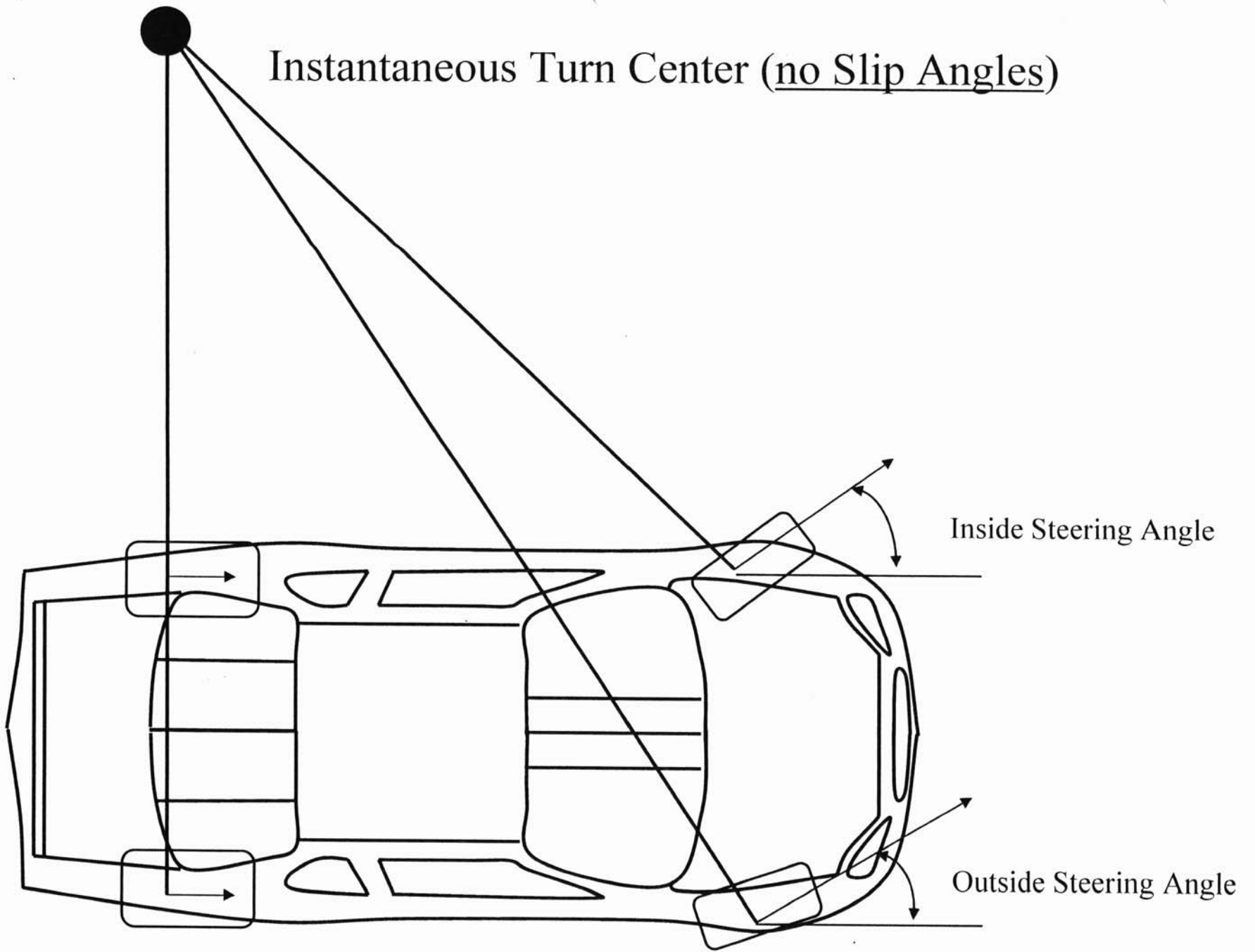
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$\alpha$  – slip angle

$\gamma$  – steering angle

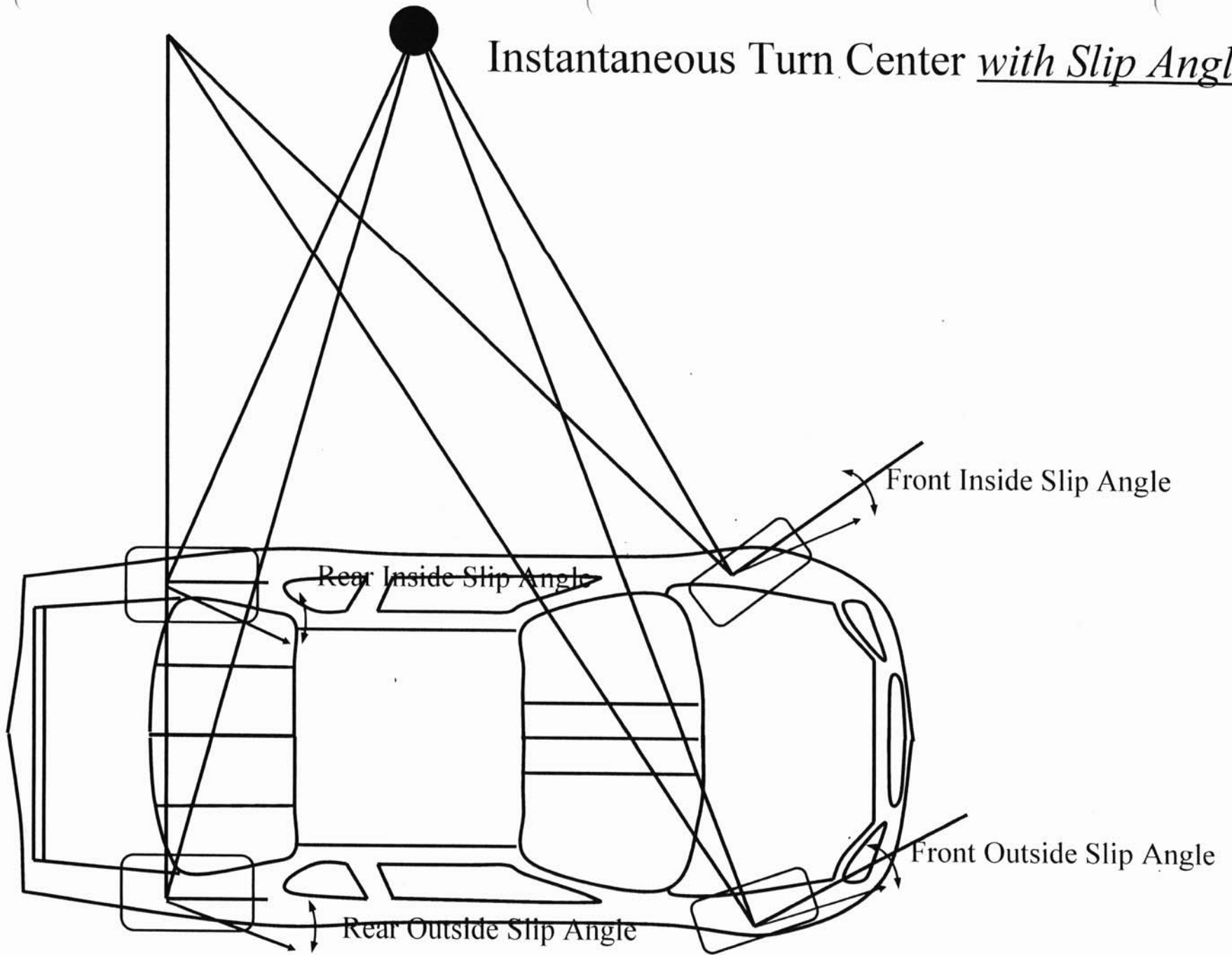
$\beta$  – attitude angle

No toe at rear and front steering angle includes toe

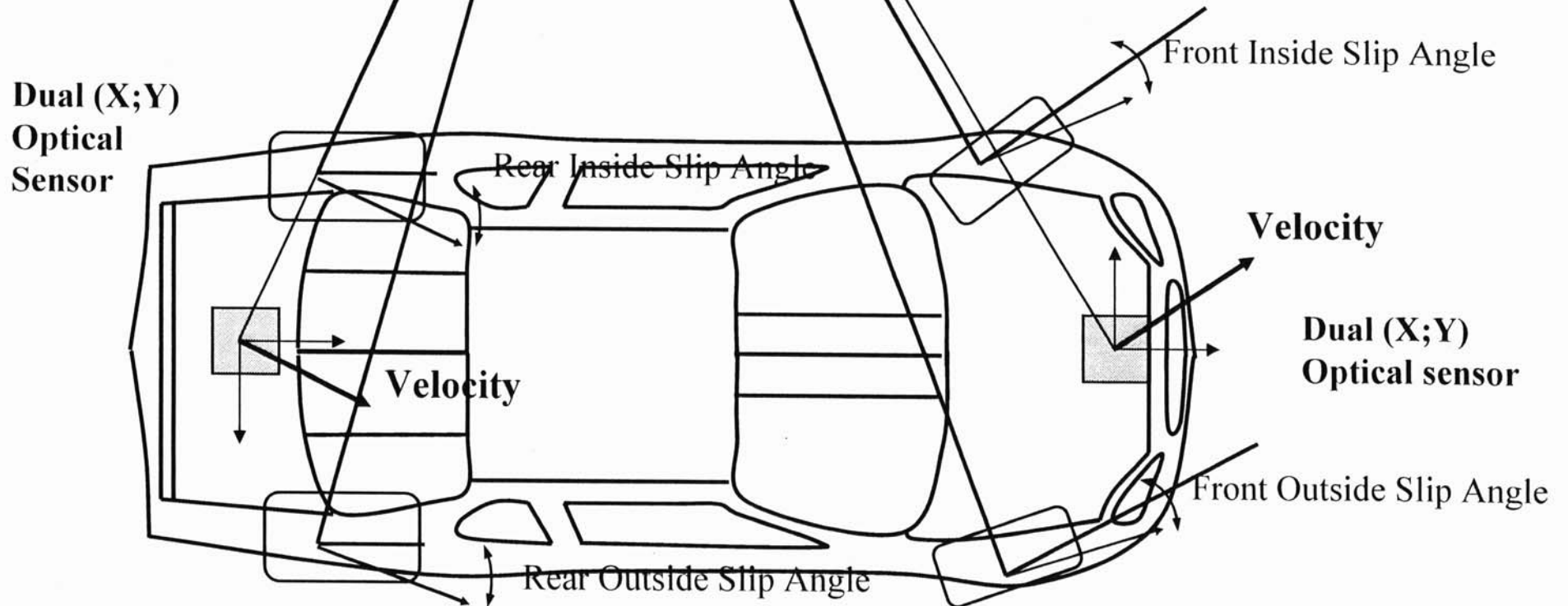




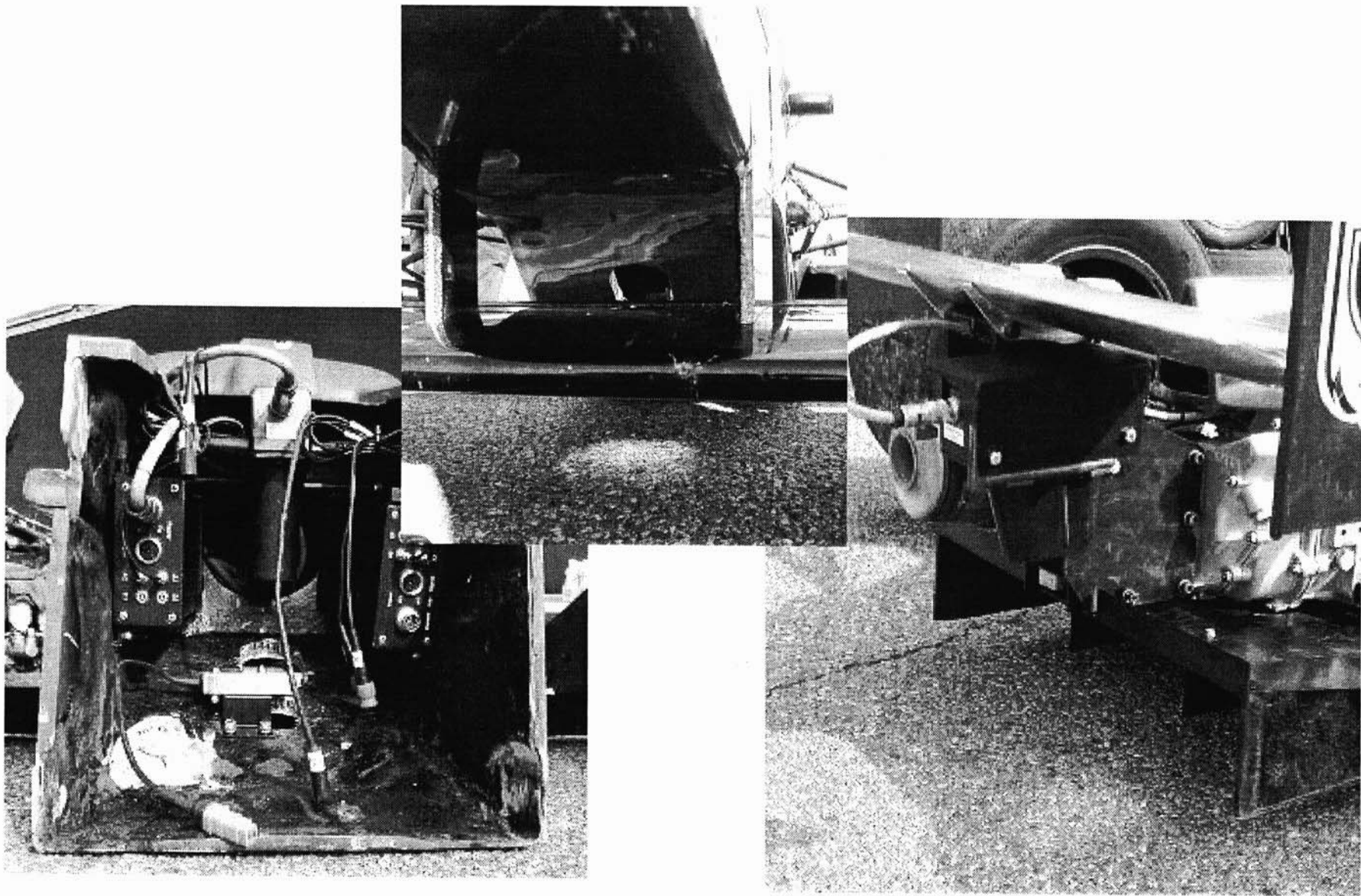
Instantaneous Turn Center with Slip Angles



# Measure of Car Instantaneous Center of Rotation and Slip Angles in a Corner with Two Dual Optical Sensors

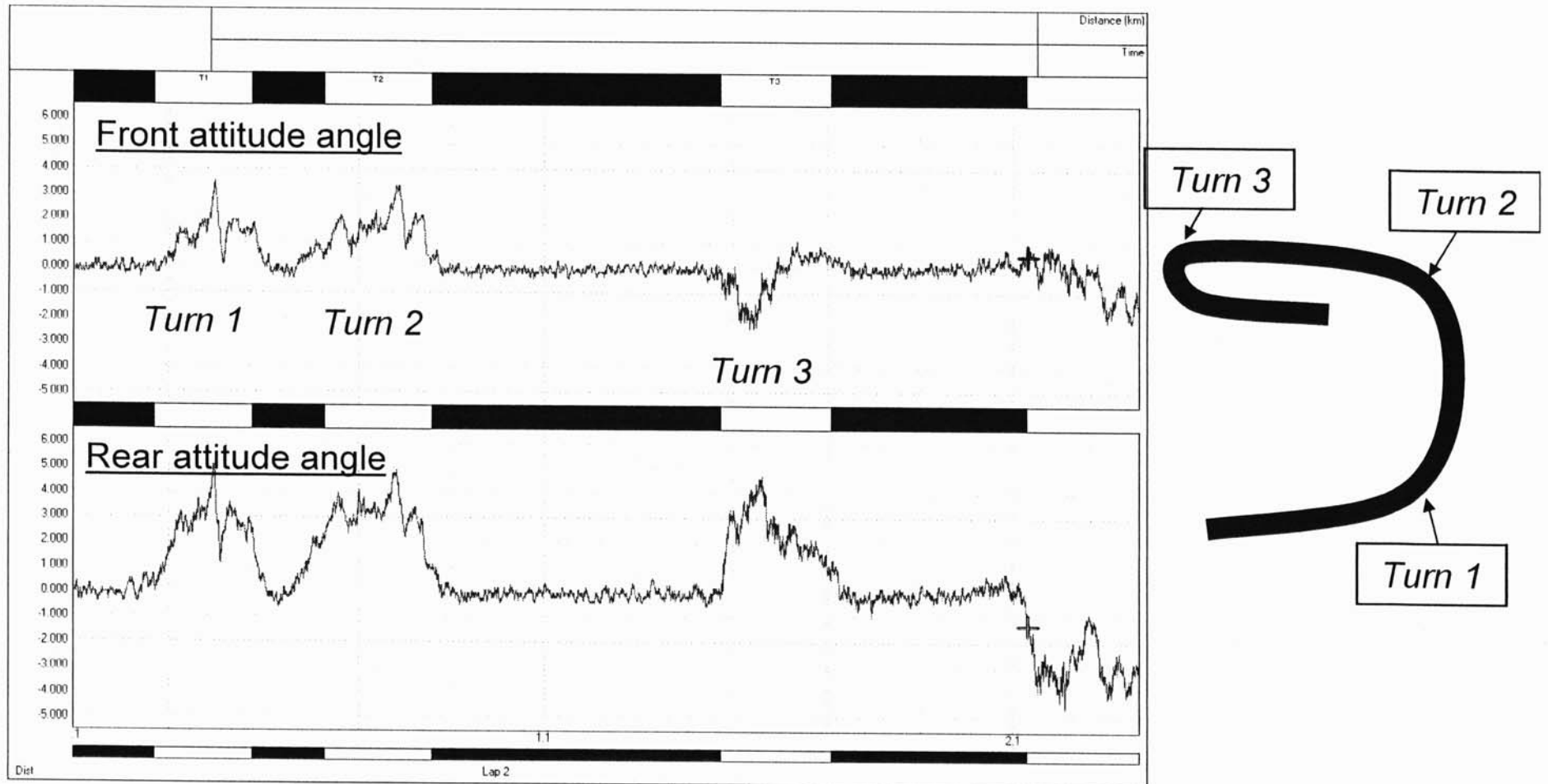


# Lateral and Longitudinal Speed with Slip Angle Sensors

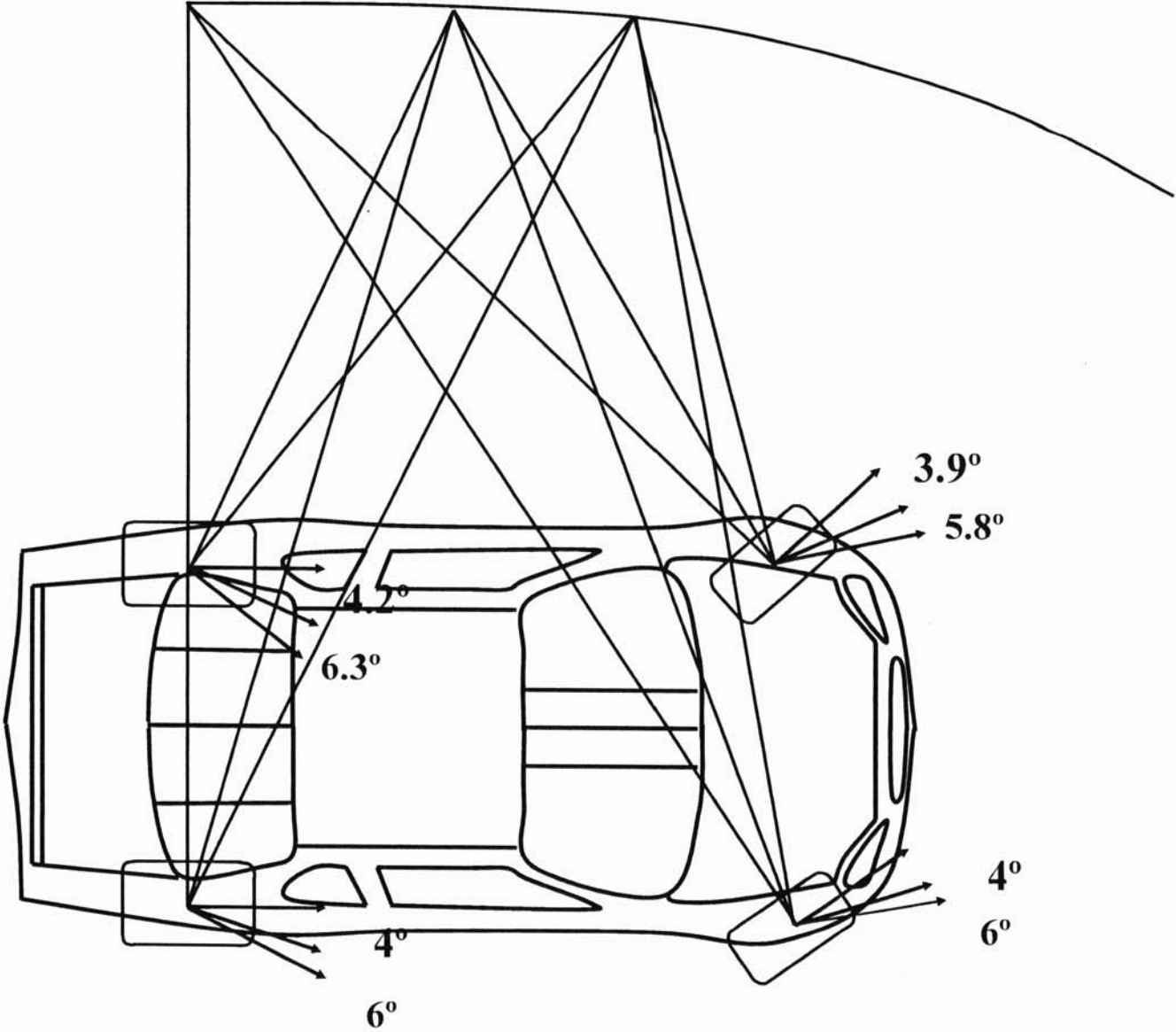


# Example of Slip Angle sensors curves obtained

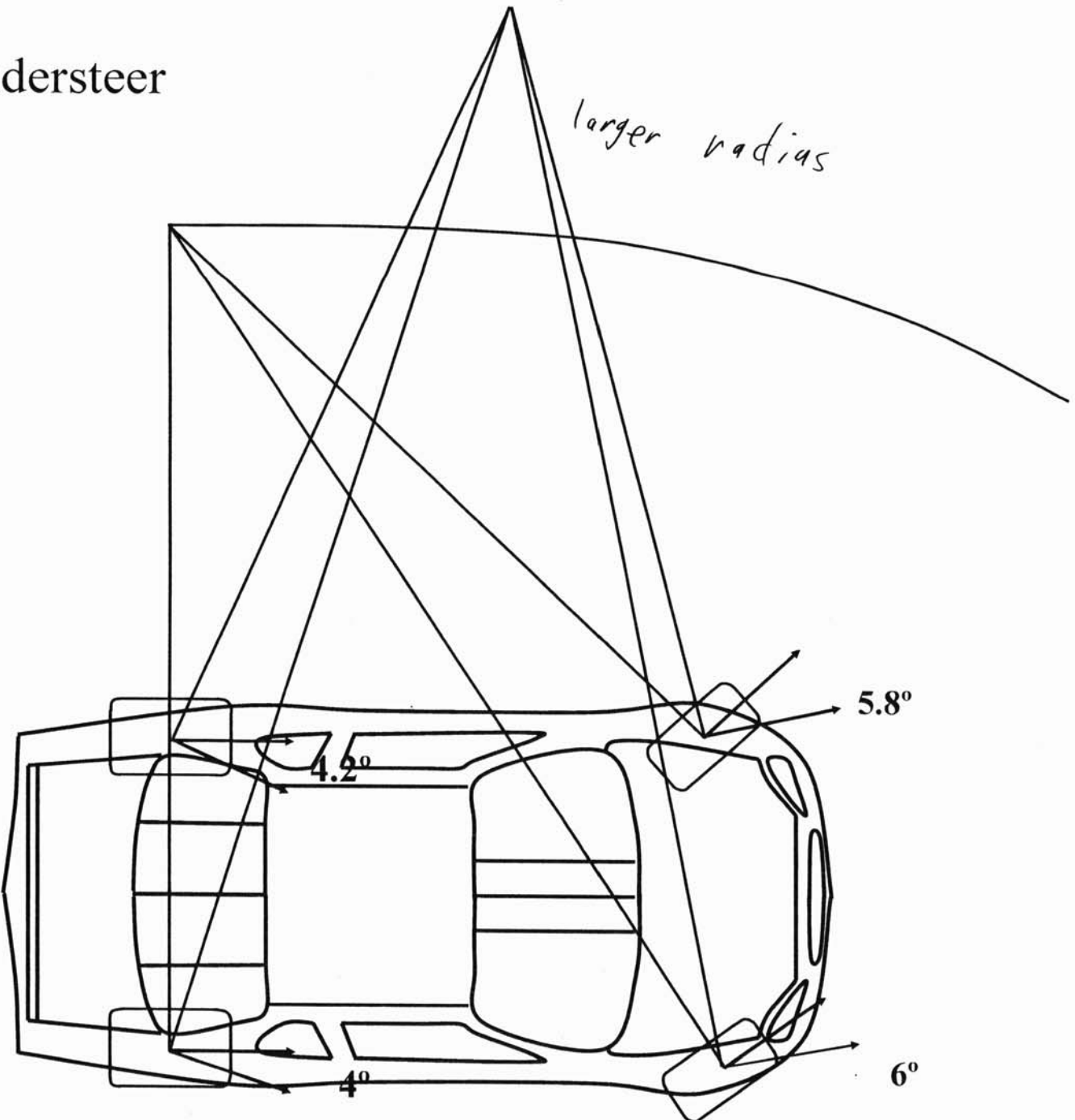
The slip angle sensors could have the same sign (most of the time fast, long corners) or the opposite sign (most of the time slow, tight corners).



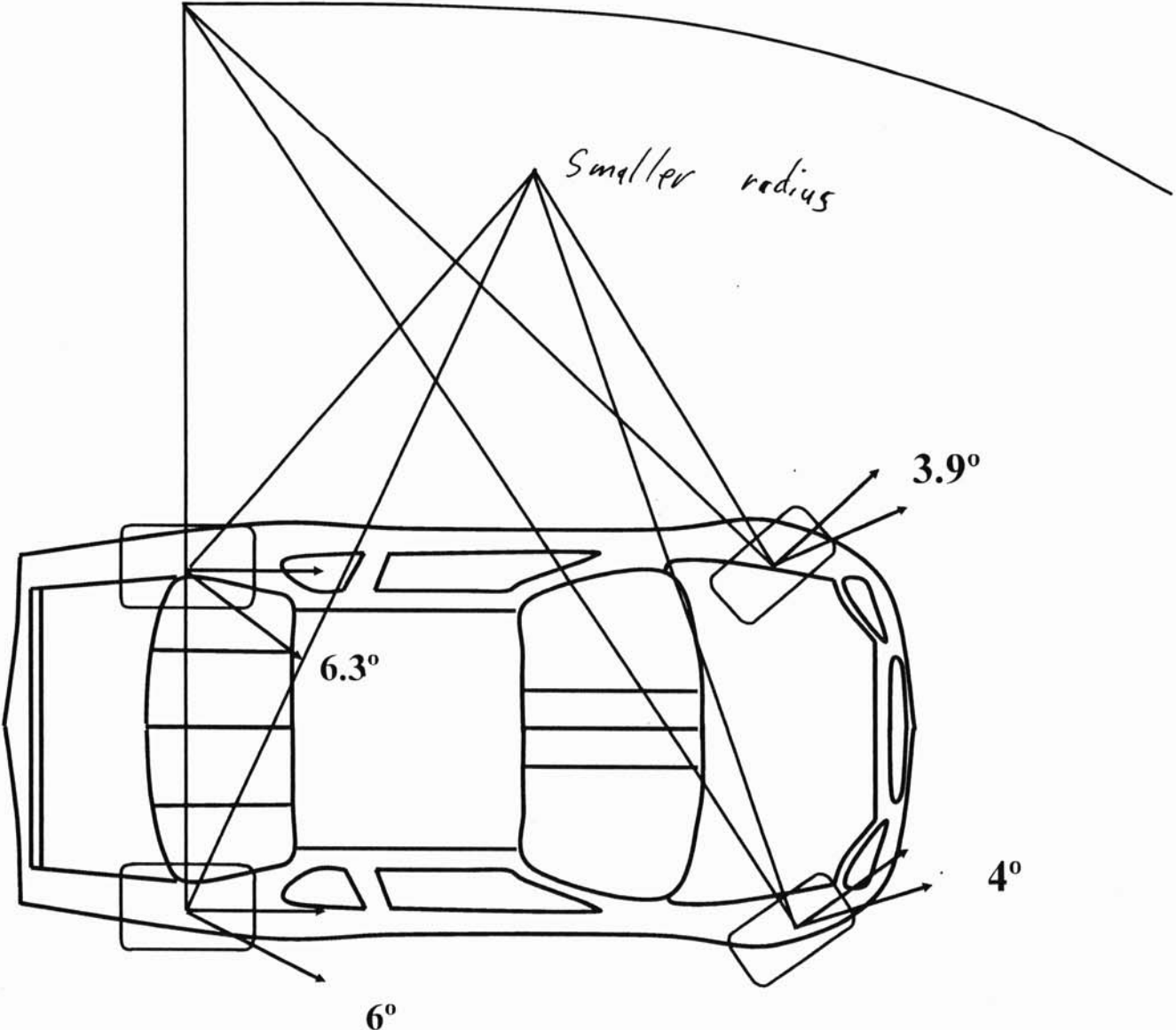
# Neutral



# Understeer



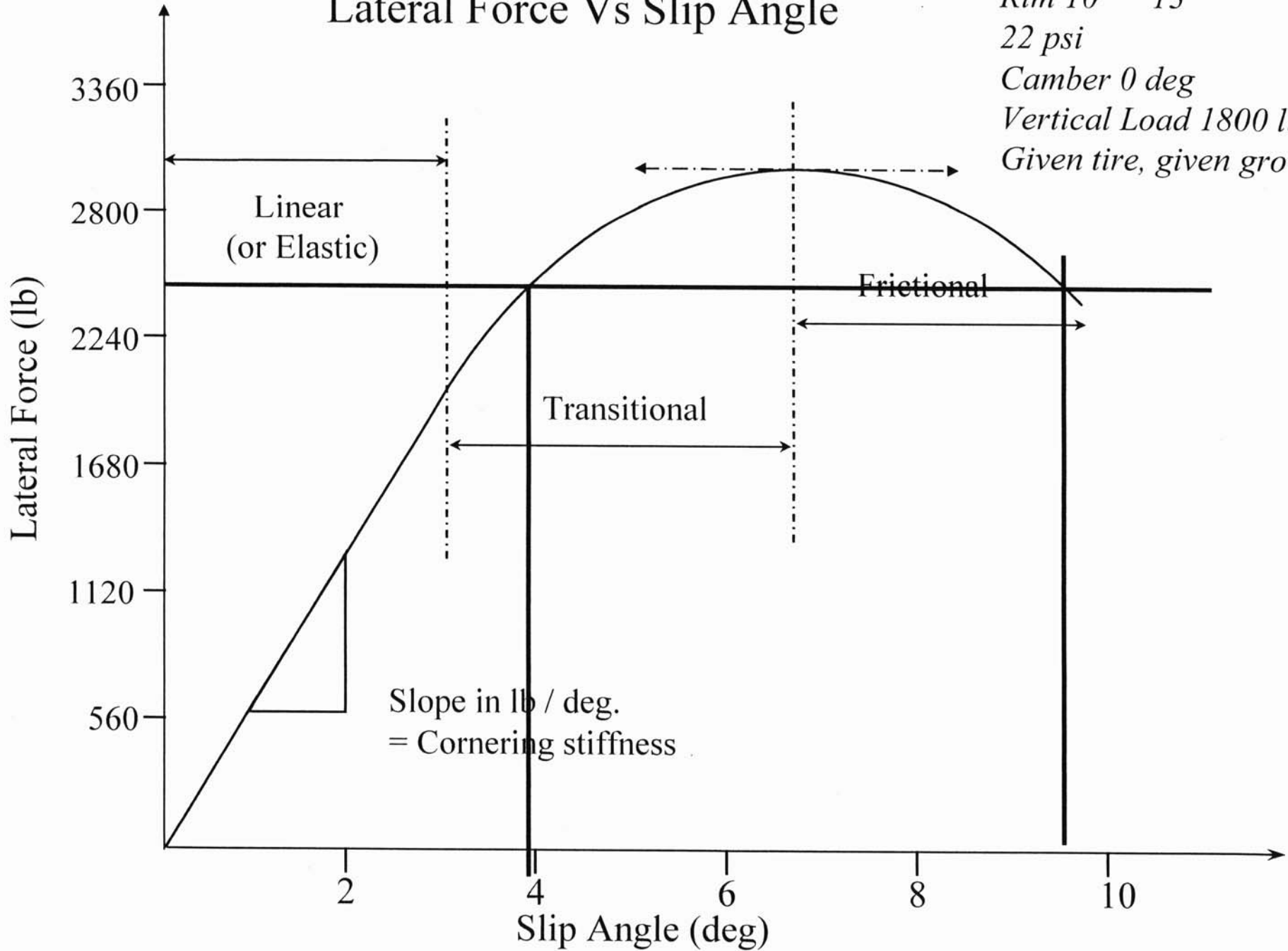
# Oversteer



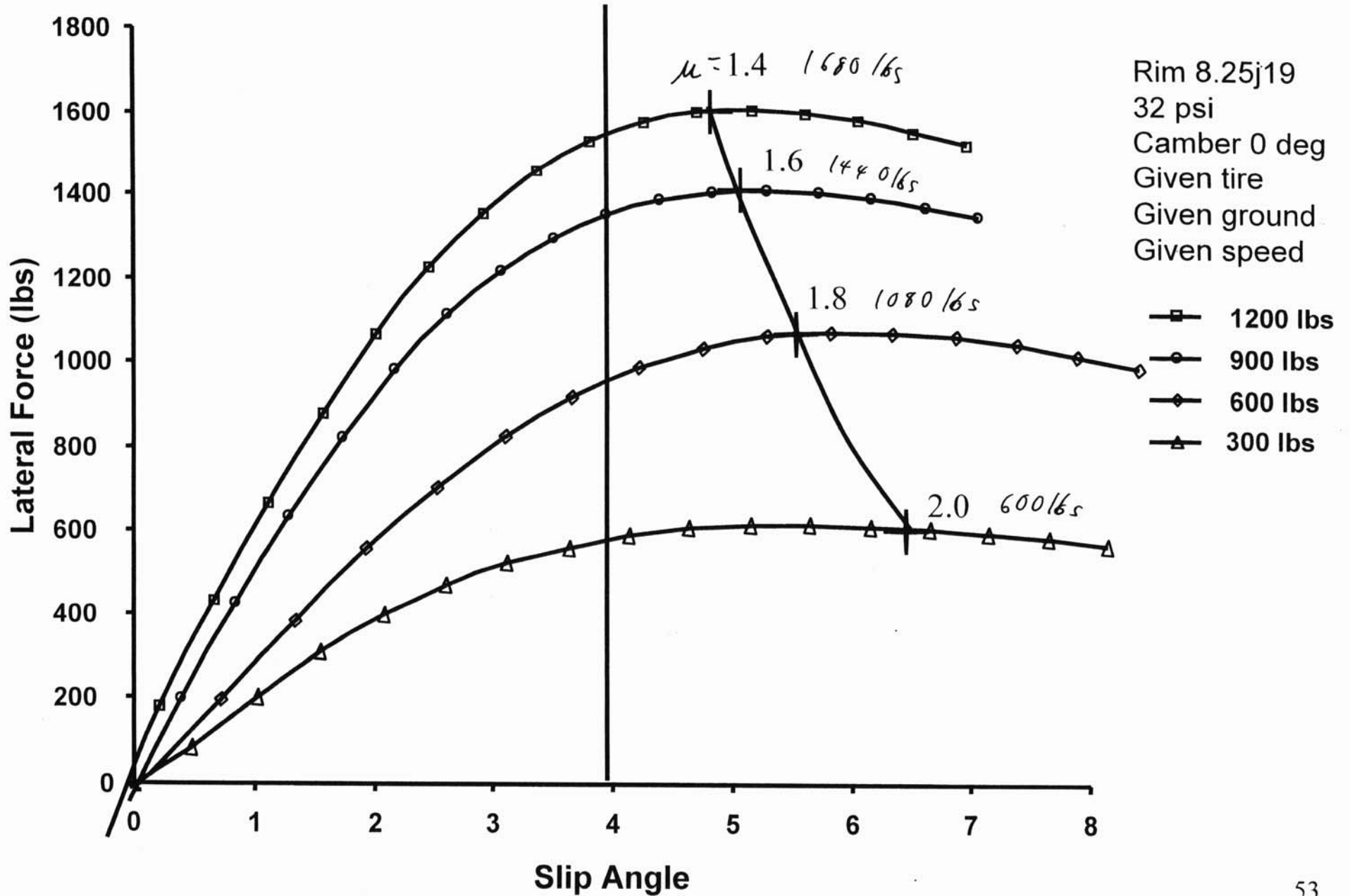


# Lateral Force Vs Slip Angle

Rim 10" \* 13 "  
22 psi  
Camber 0 deg  
Vertical Load 1800 lb  
Given tire, given ground

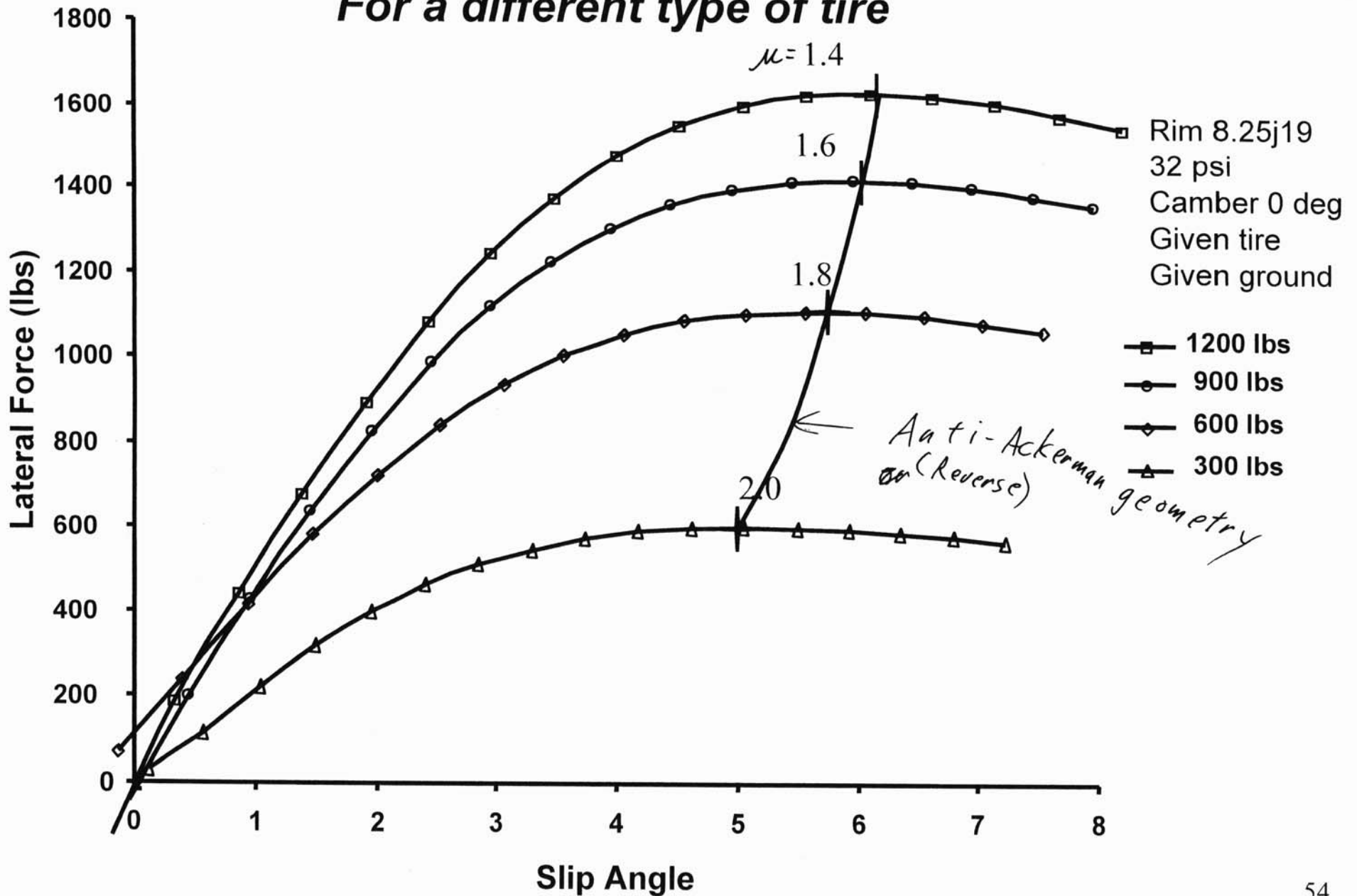


# Lateral Force Vs Slip Angle for different Normal Load

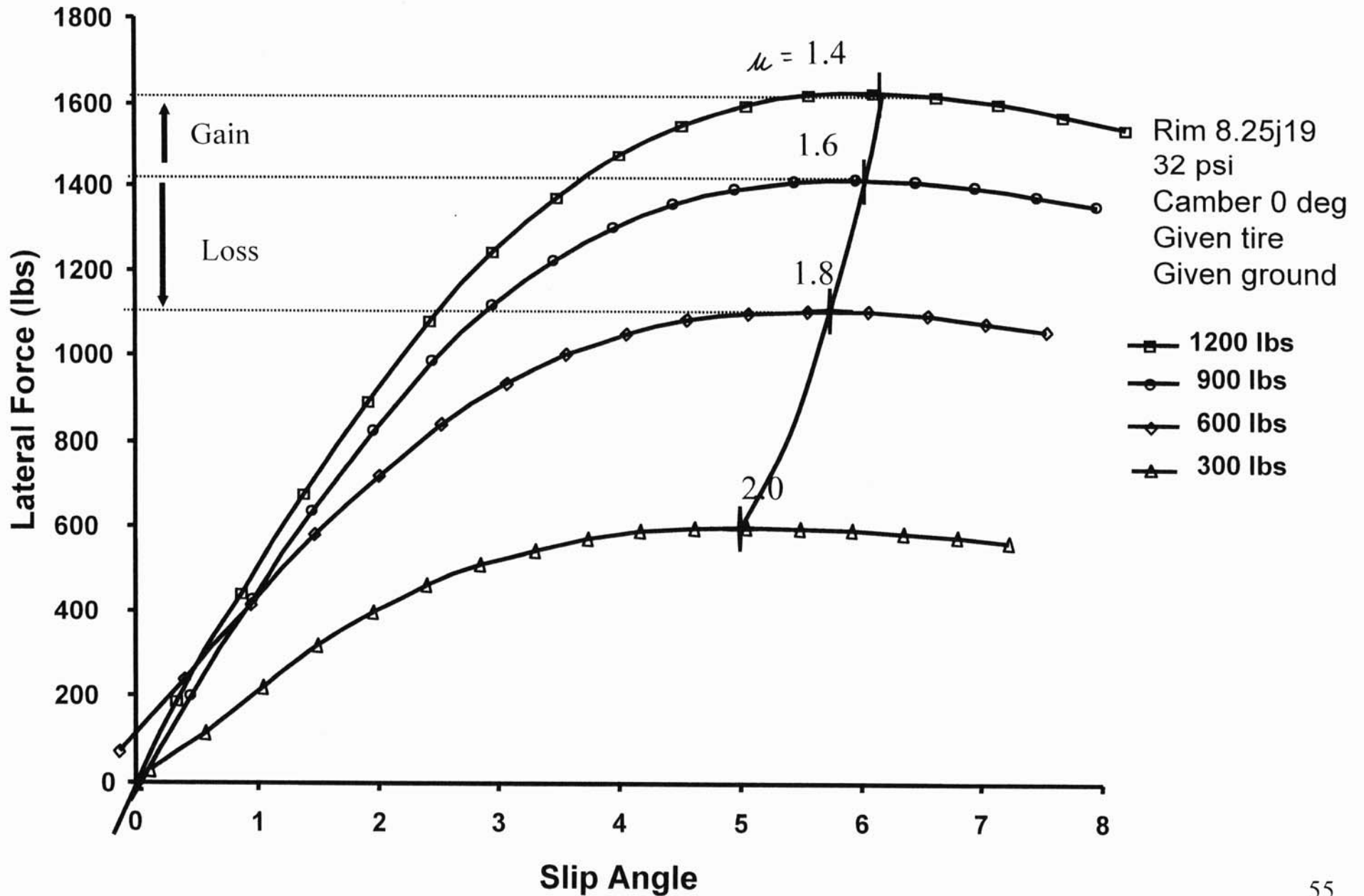


# Lateral Force Vs Slip Angle for different Normal Load

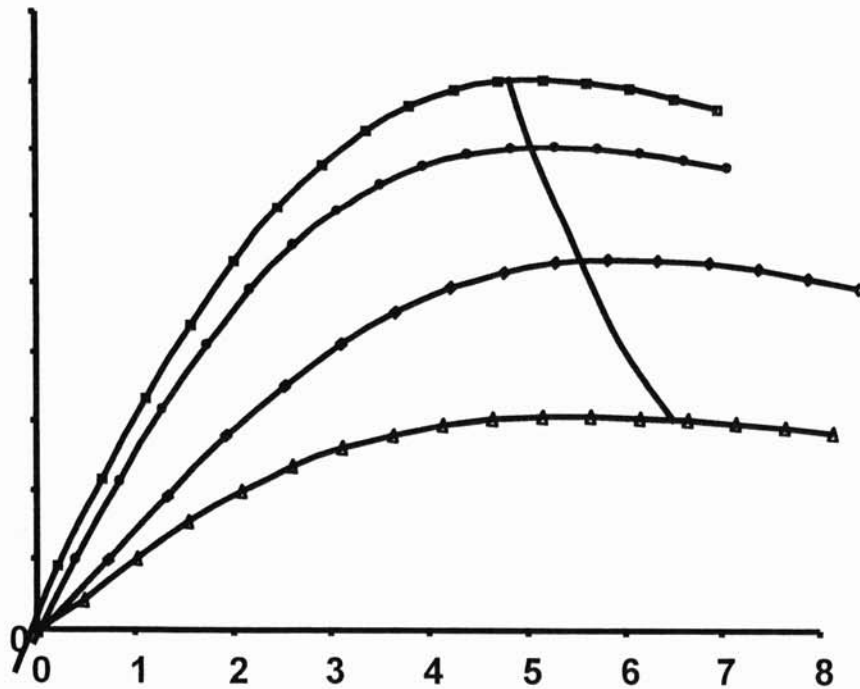
## For a different type of tire



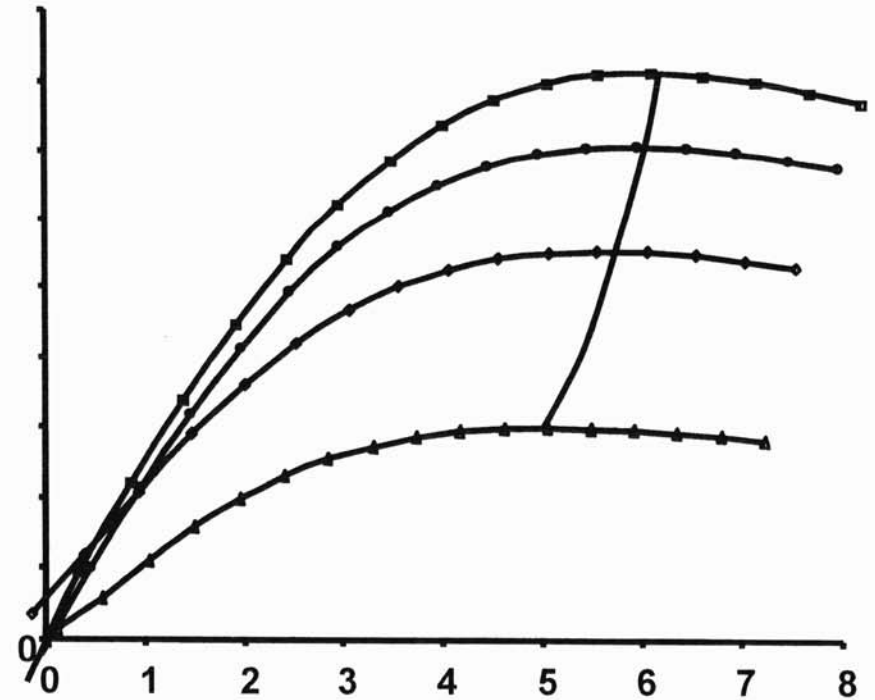
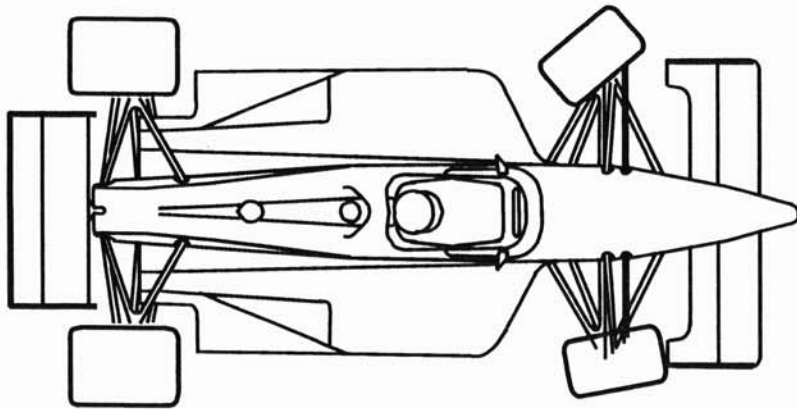
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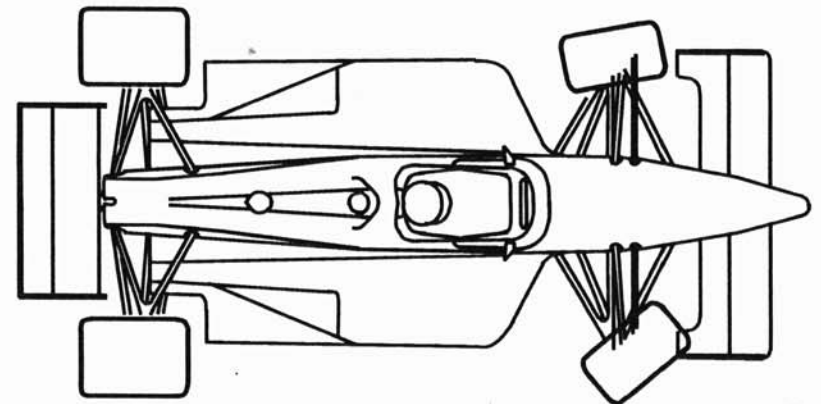
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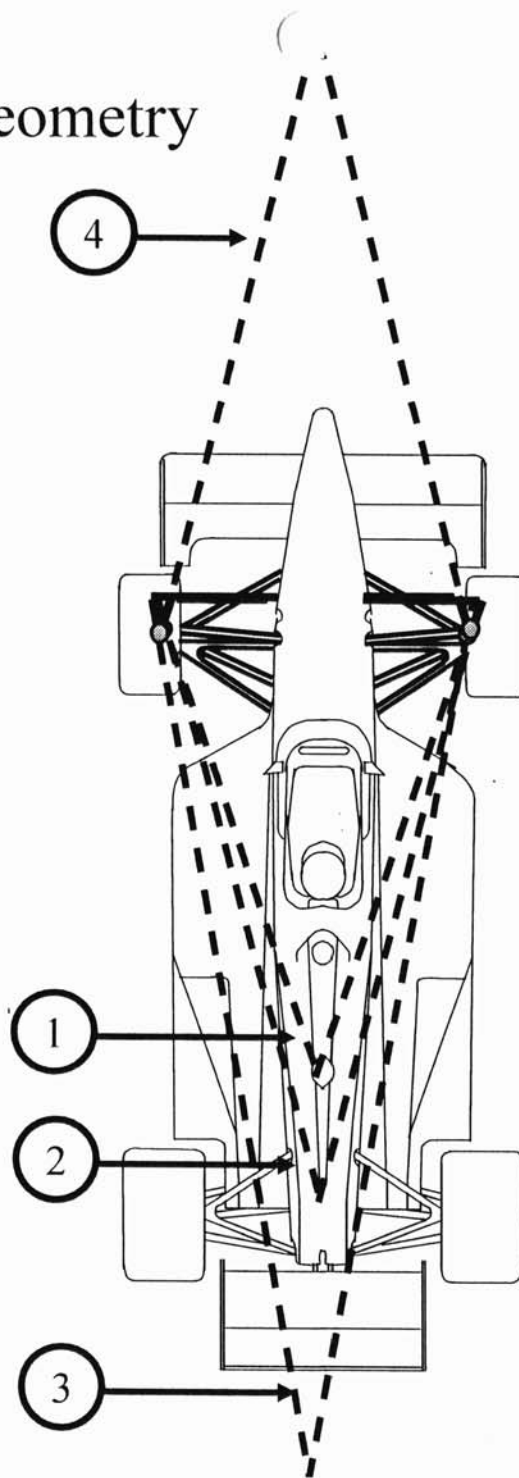
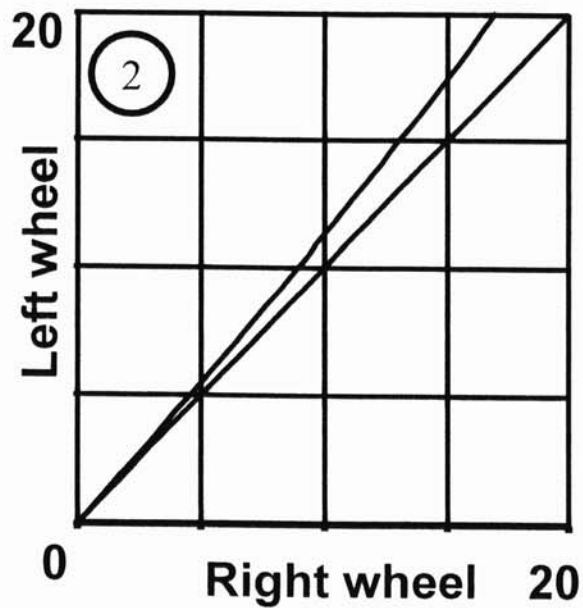
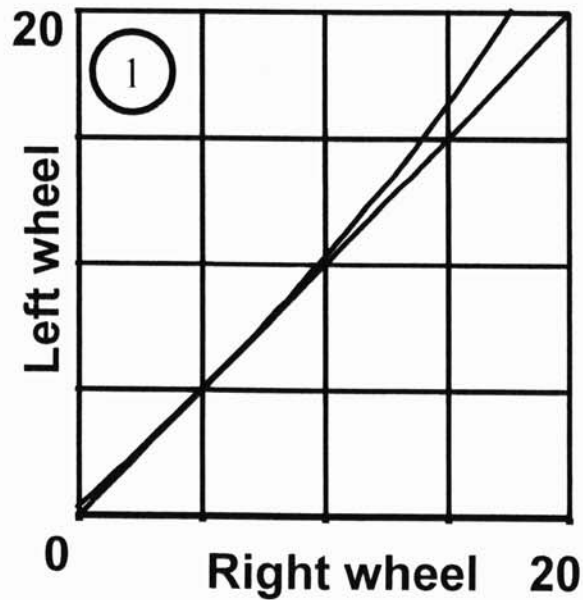
Pro Ackerman



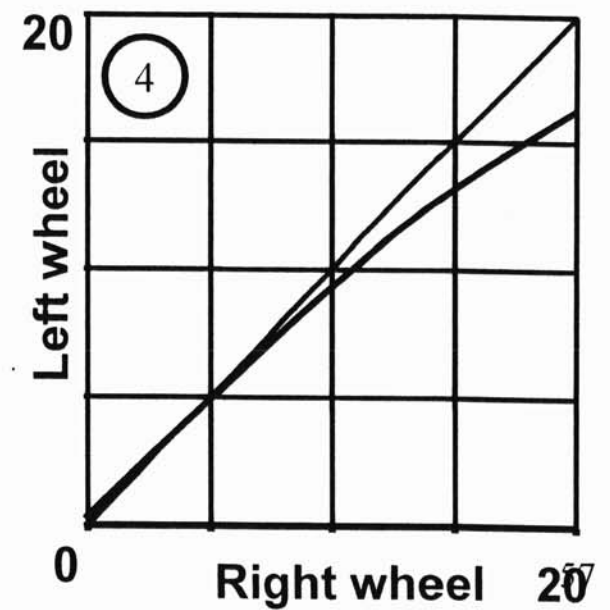
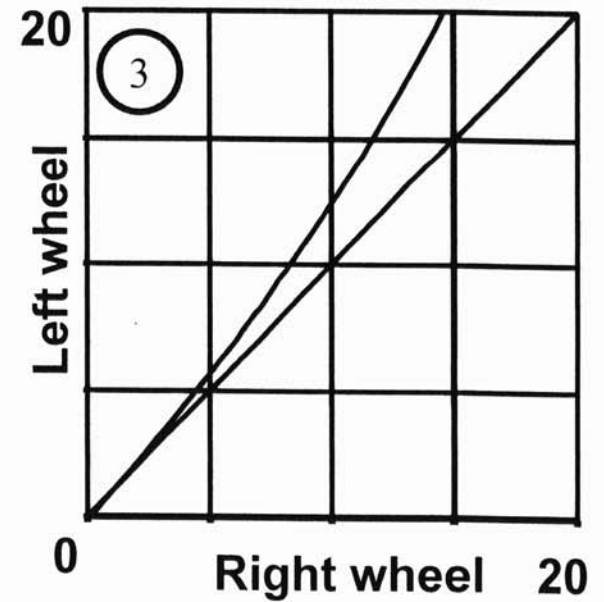
Anti Ackerman



# Ackermann Steering Geometry



# Left corner



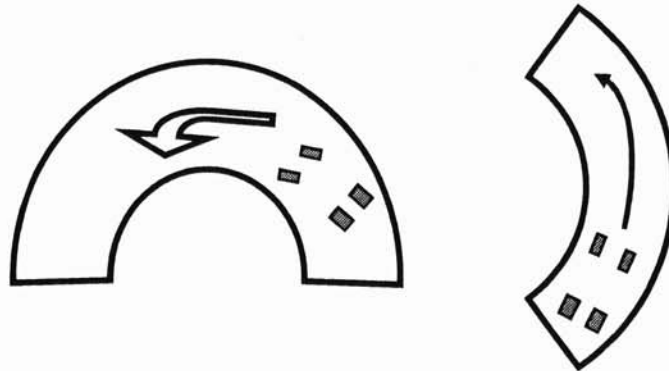
# Why reverse Ackermann ? (Example)

## Front Toe in Test

|                | Slow Corner | Fast Corner |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Static Toe In  | +++         | -           |
| Static Toe Out | -           | +++         |

Driver's comments :

Toe-out is better in fast corner.  
To-in is better in slow corner.



Solution is Static Toe Out with Reverse Ackermann Geometry because :

- fast corner  $\leftrightarrow$  small steering angle  $\leftrightarrow$  toe out setting practically unchanged
- slow corner  $\leftrightarrow$  high steering angle  $\leftrightarrow$  fast variation from toe out to toe in



# Complete definition of a steady state neutral car in cornering

## Four Wheel Model

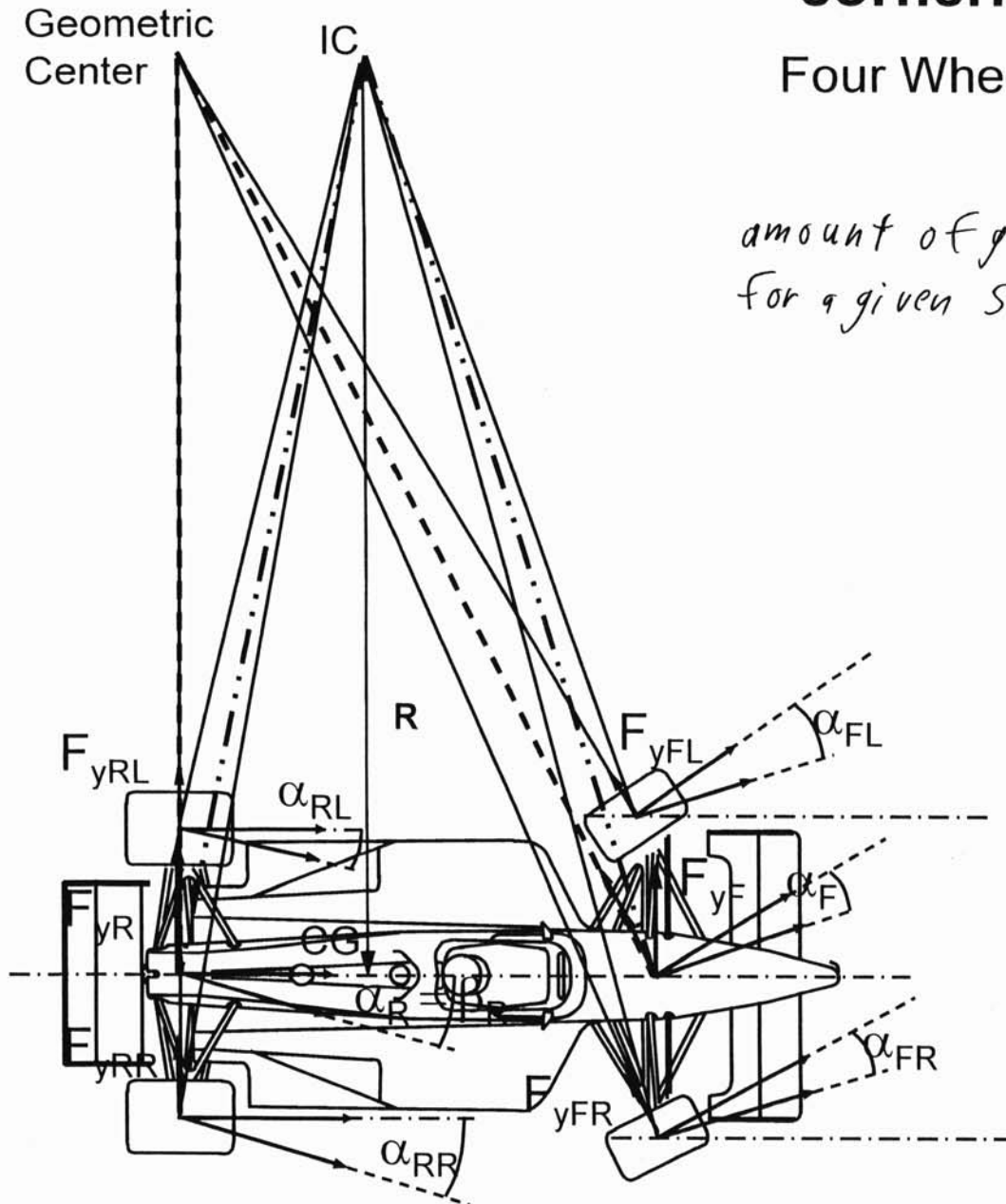
*amount of grip  
for a given Steer angle*

$$\frac{A_F}{\alpha_F} = \frac{A_R}{\alpha_R}$$

*A - lateral acceleration in g*

$$A_F = \frac{F_{yF} \cdot 9.81}{F_{zF}}$$

$$A_R = \frac{F_{yR} \cdot 9.81}{F_{zR}}$$



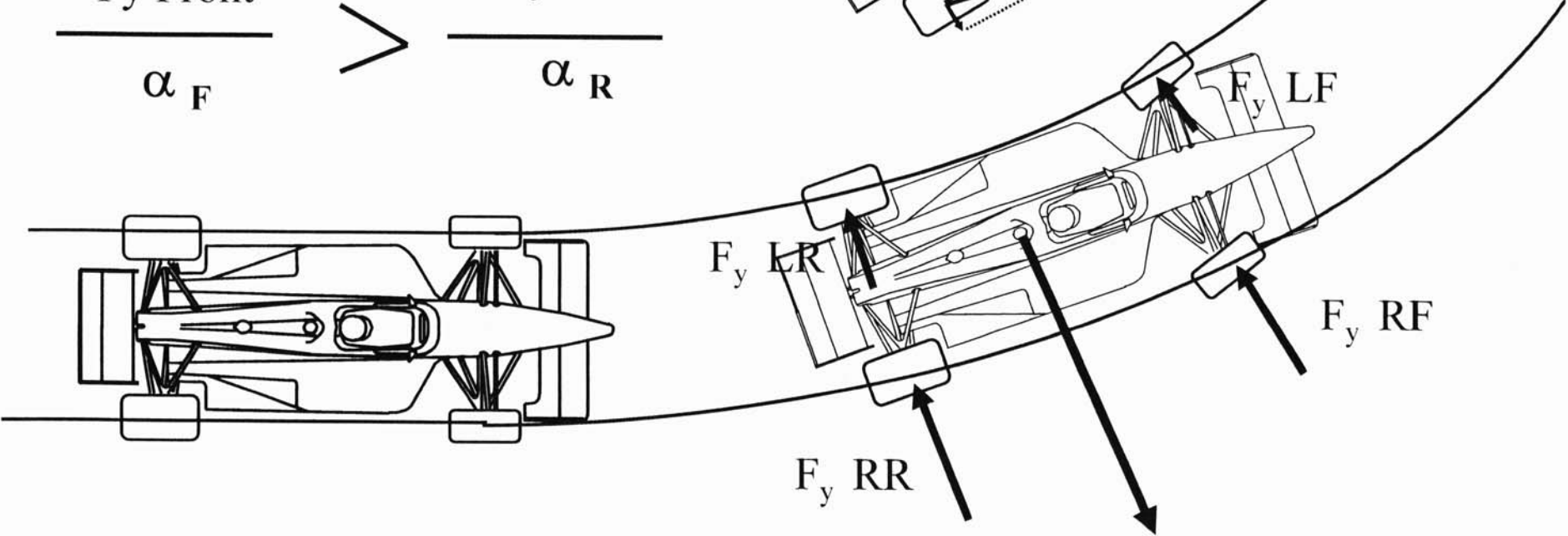
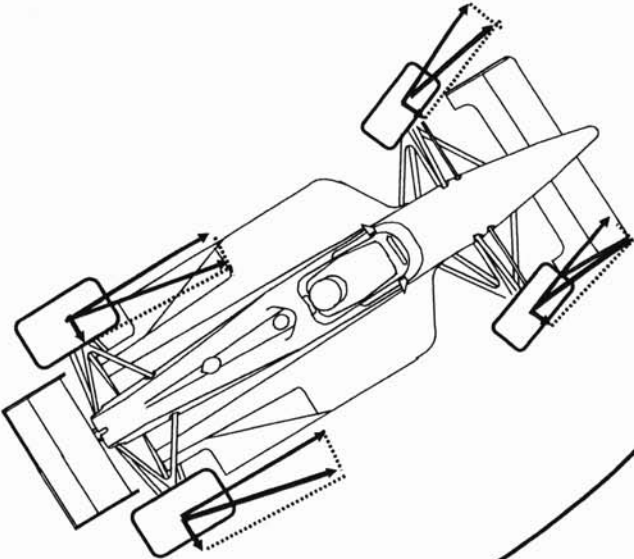
# The Complete Definition of Understeer and Oversteer

Understeer U/S

$$\frac{F_y \text{ Front}}{\alpha_F} < \frac{F_y \text{ Rear}}{\alpha_R}$$

Oversteer O/S

$$\frac{F_y \text{ Front}}{\alpha_F} > \frac{F_y \text{ Rear}}{\alpha_R}$$



F = Mass x Lateral Acceleration

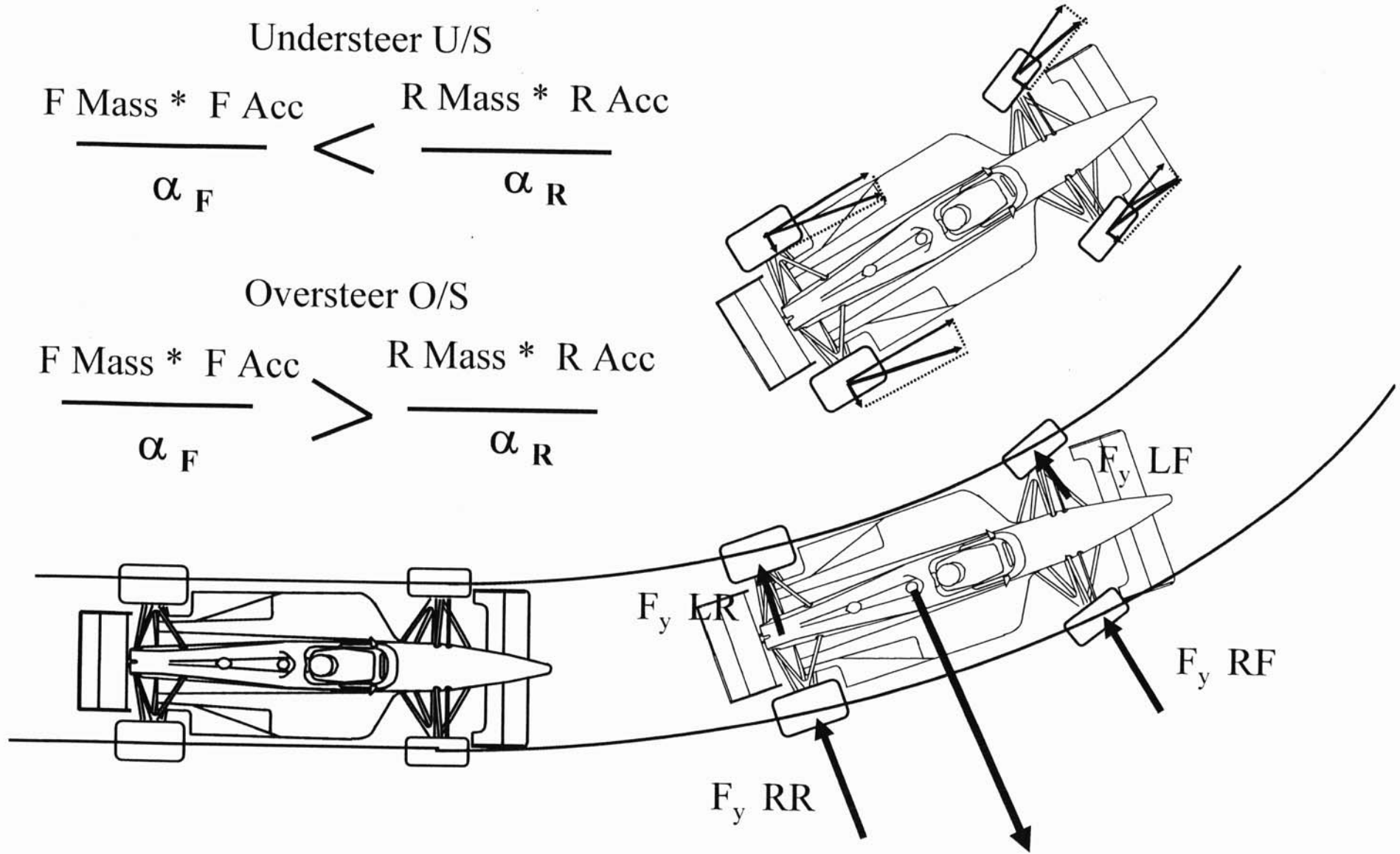
# The Complete Definition of Understeer and Oversteer

Understeer U/S

$$\frac{F_{\text{Mass}} * F_{\text{Acc}}}{\alpha_F} < \frac{R_{\text{Mass}} * R_{\text{Acc}}}{\alpha_R}$$

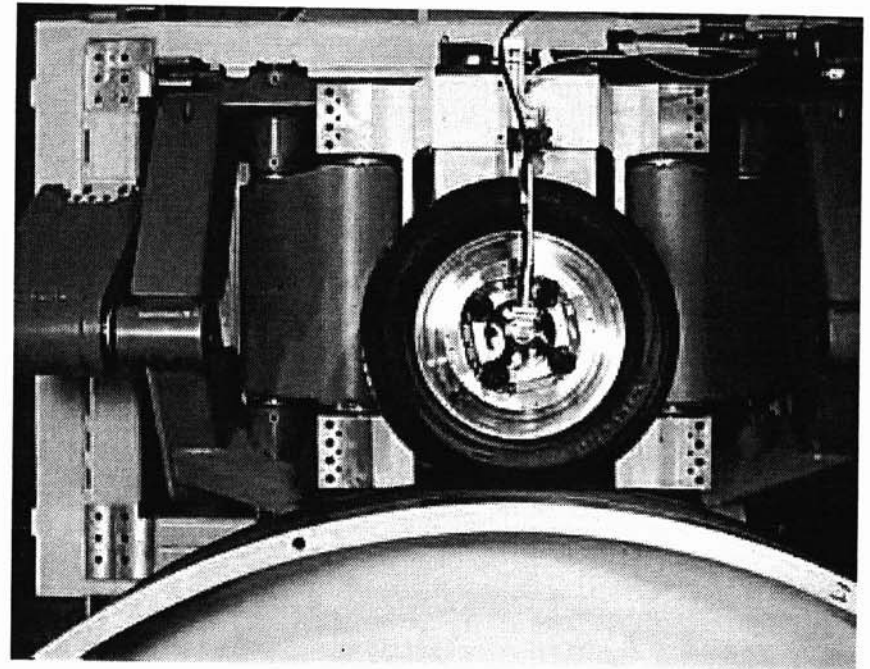
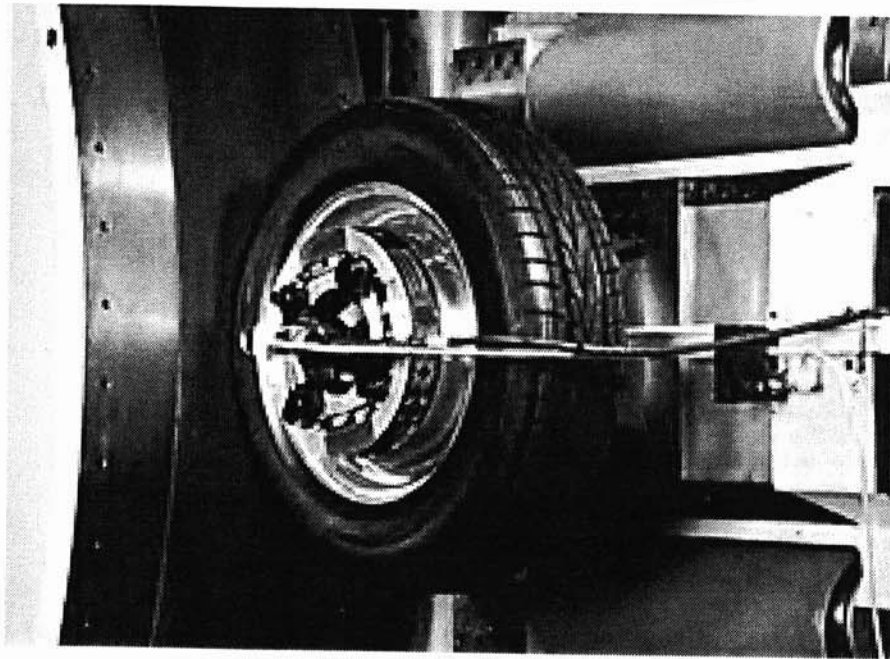
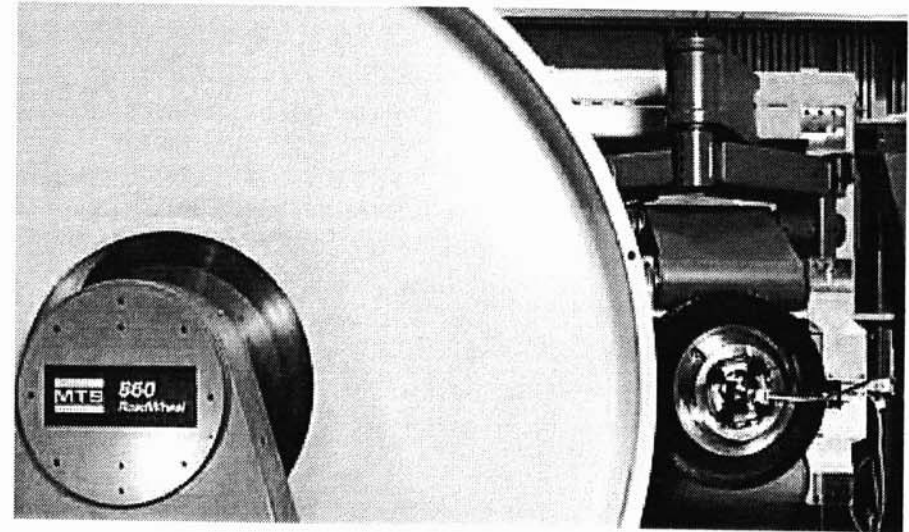
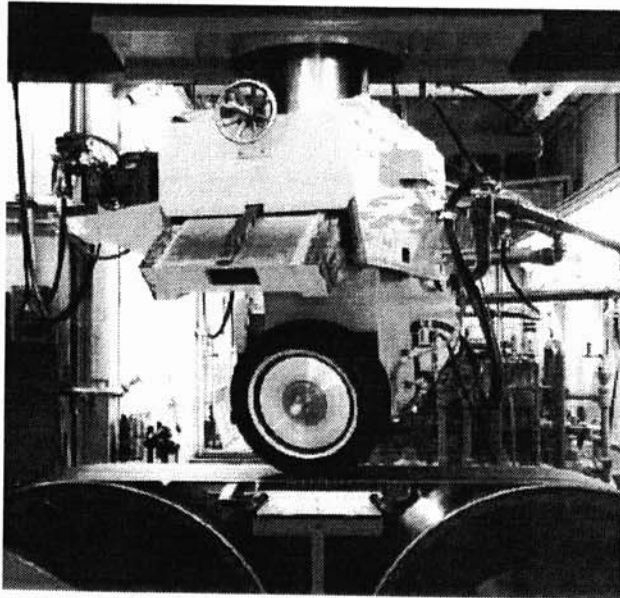
Oversteer O/S

$$\frac{F_{\text{Mass}} * F_{\text{Acc}}}{\alpha_F} > \frac{R_{\text{Mass}} * R_{\text{Acc}}}{\alpha_R}$$

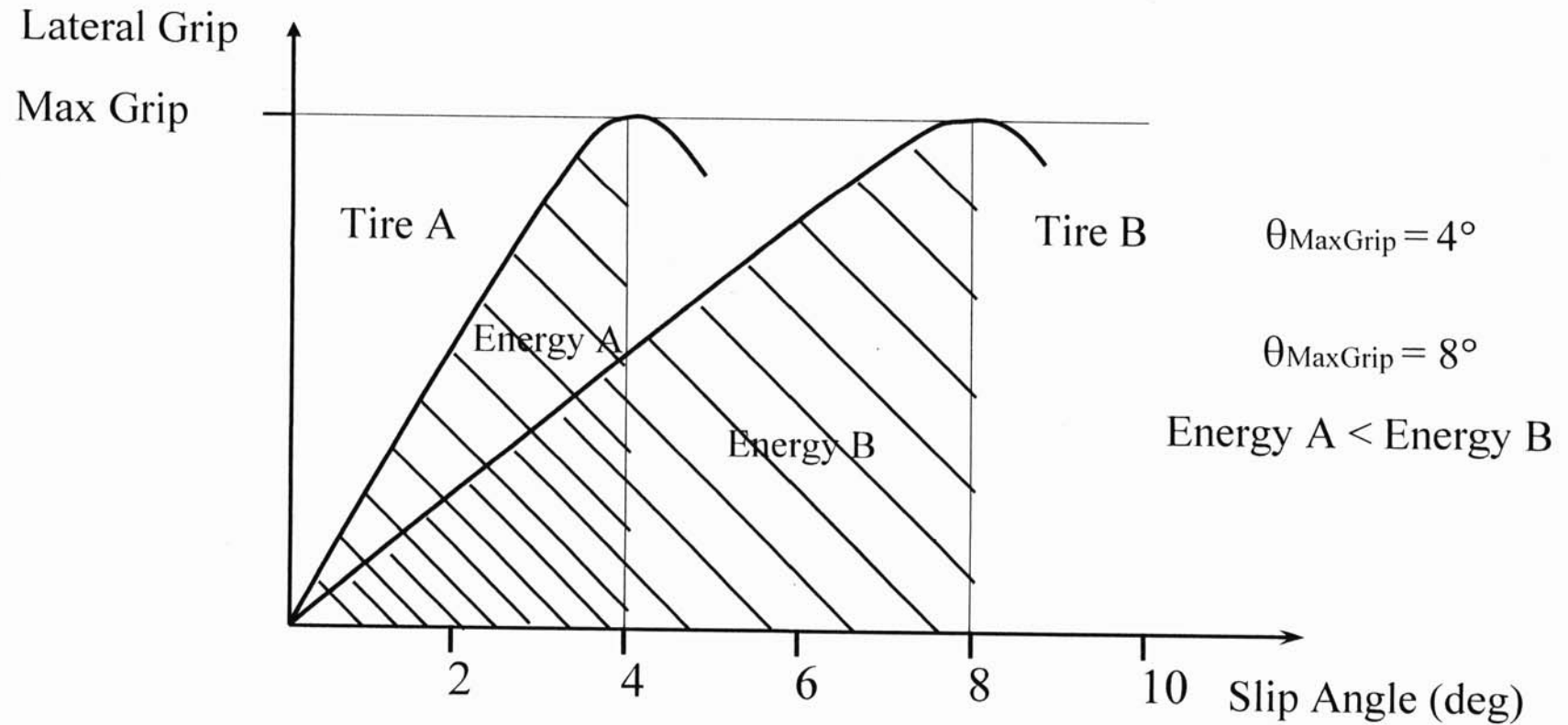


$F = \text{Mass} \times \text{Lateral Acceleration}$

# Measure of Tire Forces and Slip Angle in Laboratory



# Lateral Grip & Slip Angle for a given Vertical Load



$$E = F(N) \times d(m) = F(N) \times \theta(deg) \approx \frac{1}{2} \times MaxGrip \times \theta_{MaxGrip}$$

Tire A

- Less feeling
  - Less waste of energy
- faster response*

Tire B

- More feeling
  - More waste of energy
- less wear*

## Car Handling feeling VS Slip angle difference

|        | Front | Rear | $\Delta$ | $\Delta\%$ |
|--------|-------|------|----------|------------|
| SPRINT | 40°   | 44°  | 4°       | 10%        |
| Nascar | 4°    | 4.4° | 0.4°     | 10%        |

IRL

1°

1.1°

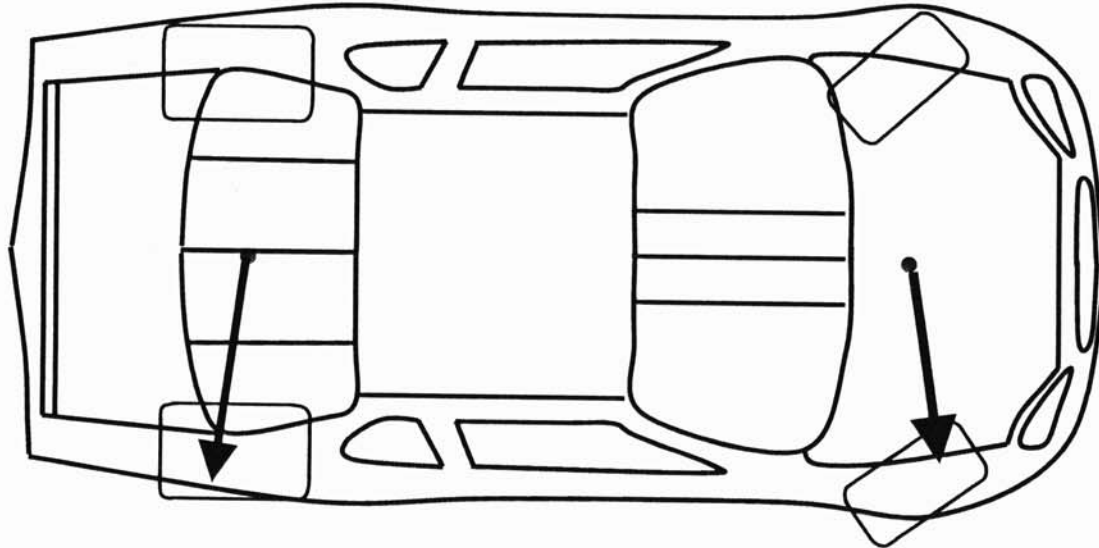
0.1°

10%

$\Delta\%$ Sprint =  $\Delta\%$  Nascar but:

It is more difficult to feel the Nascar

## Evaluating Under and Oversteer with a Front and a Rear Lateral Accelerometers



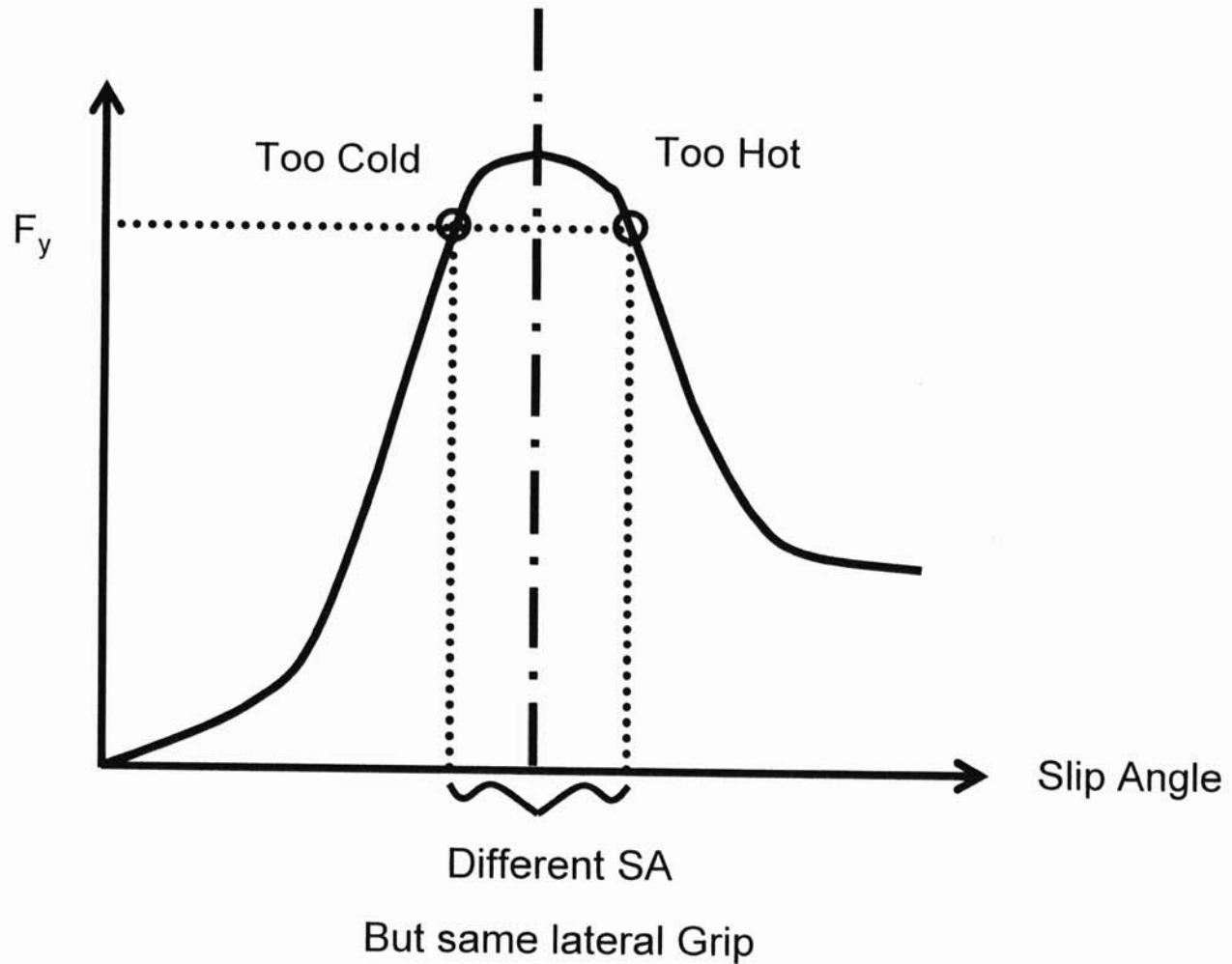
If Rear Lateral Acceleration  $>$  Front Lateral Acceleration : Understeer

If Front Lateral Acceleration  $>$  Rear Lateral Acceleration : Oversteer

Very useful to analyze the car handling in transients : corner entry and exit

# Data Analysis

Effects of Slip Angle and Lateral Grip on Tire temperature





# Data Analysis

Assessing vehicle balance from tire temperatures and lateral G Force data.

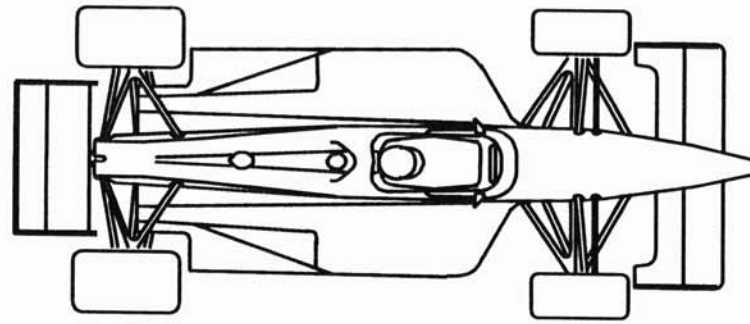
$T_F$  – average of 6 front tire temperature

$T_R$  – average of 6 rear tire temperature

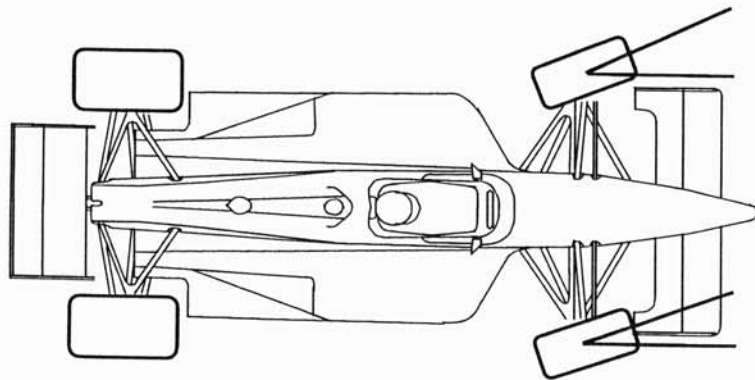
|             | Lat $G_F > Lat G_R$<br>O/S | Lat $G_F < Lat G_R$<br>U/S |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| $T_F > T_R$ | Rear Too Cold              | Front Too Hot              |
| $T_F < T_R$ | Rear Too Hot               | Front Too Cold             |

# Tire Lateral Force Sequence in a Corner Introduction to Transient

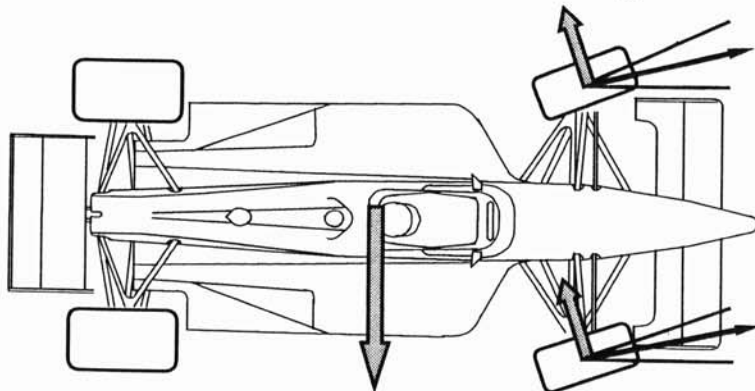
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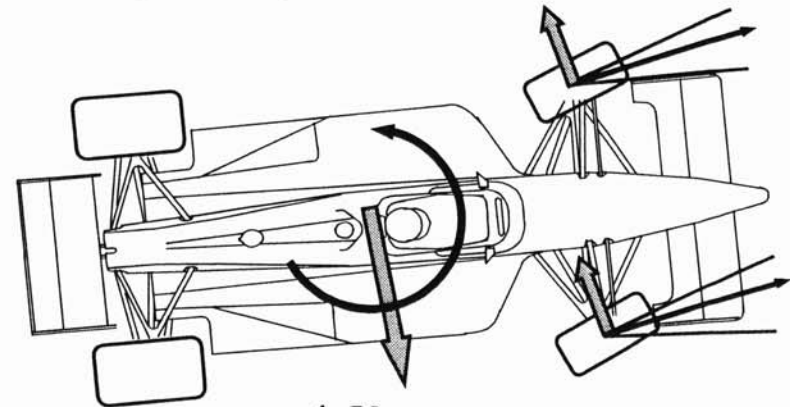
1. Straight away



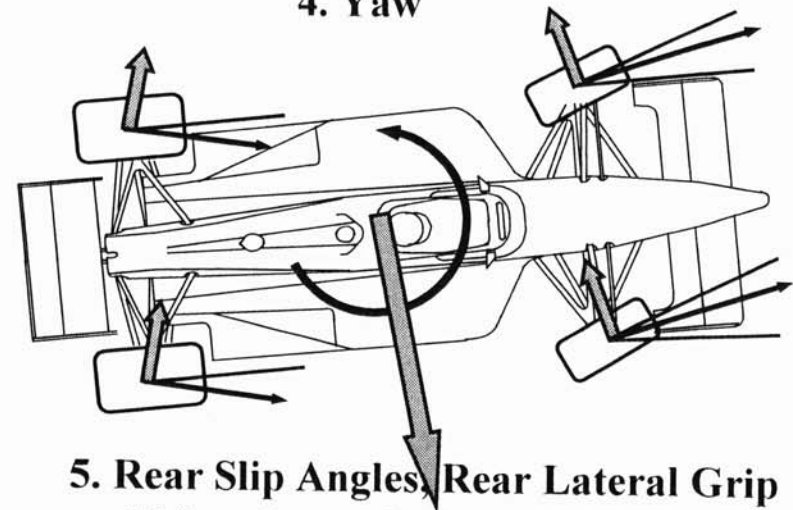
2. Front Wheel Steering



3. Front Wheel Slip Angle, Front Lateral Grip,  
Lateral Acceleration



4. Yaw



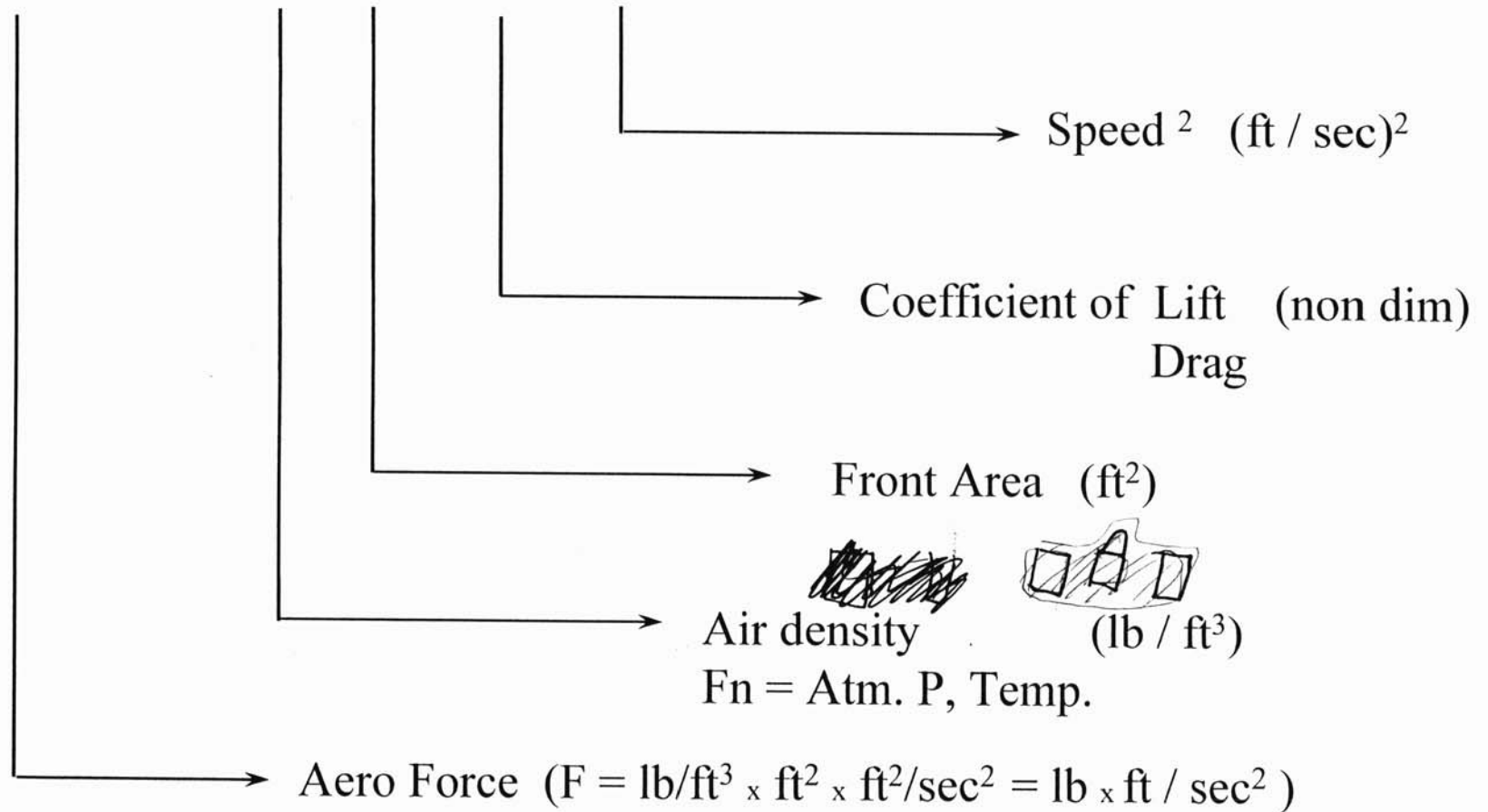
5. Rear Slip Angles, Rear Lateral Grip  
and More Lateral Acceleration

## 2. Aerodynamics

- Basic Formula
- Aeromaps

# Basic Aerodynamic Equation

$$F = 0.5 * d * A * C * S^2$$



$$F = [0.5 * d * A * C * S^2] / 32.174$$

## Downforce example

$$F = [0.5 * d * A * C_l * S^2] / 32.174$$

At 50 mph

$$F = [0.5 * 0.0765 * 13.75 * 3.2 * ((1.466 * 50)^2)] / 32.174 = 282 \text{ lb}$$

*→ assumed constant*

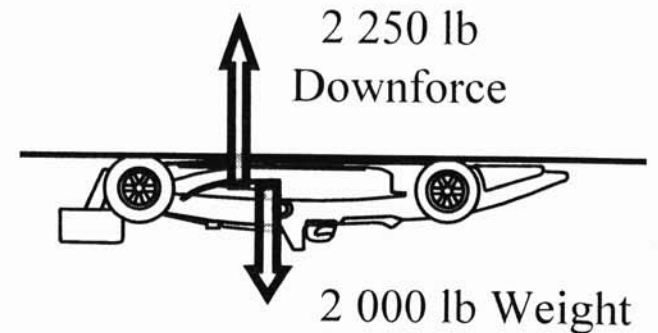
At 50 mph -----> 282 lb

At 100 mph -----> 1 125 lb

At 141.2 mph -----> 2 250 lb

At 200 mph -----> 4 502 lb

At 250 mph -----> 7 034 lb



# Aeromap

## Drag (lb) Vs Front and Rear Ride Height (in)

|        |       | Rear Ride Height |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|        |       | 0.125            | 0.500 | 0.875 | 1.250 | 1.625 | 2.000 |
| Front  | 1.120 | 969              | 984   | 998   | 1009  | 1016  | 1023  |
| Ride   | 0.875 | 975              | 991   | 1009  | 1018  | 1025  | 1029  |
| Height | 0.500 | 984              | 998   | 1014  | 1023  | 1032  | 1036  |
|        | 0.125 | 987              | 1000  | 1016  | 1027  | 1032  | 1041  |

## Lift over Drag (efficiency) Vs Front and Rear Ride Height (in)

|        |       | Rear Ride Height |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|        |       | 0.125            | 0.500 | 0.875 | 1.250 | 1.625 | 2.000 |
| Front  | 1.120 | 1.62             | 1.93  | 2.03  | 2.06  | 2.02  | 1.96  |
| Ride   | 0.875 | 1.68             | 1.96  | 2.08  | 2.12  | 2.09  | 2.05  |
| Height | 0.500 | 1.76             | 1.62  | 2.16  | 2.02  | 2.17  | 2.13  |
|        | 0.125 | 1.87             | 2.15  | 2.26  | 2.30  | 2.30  | 2.25  |

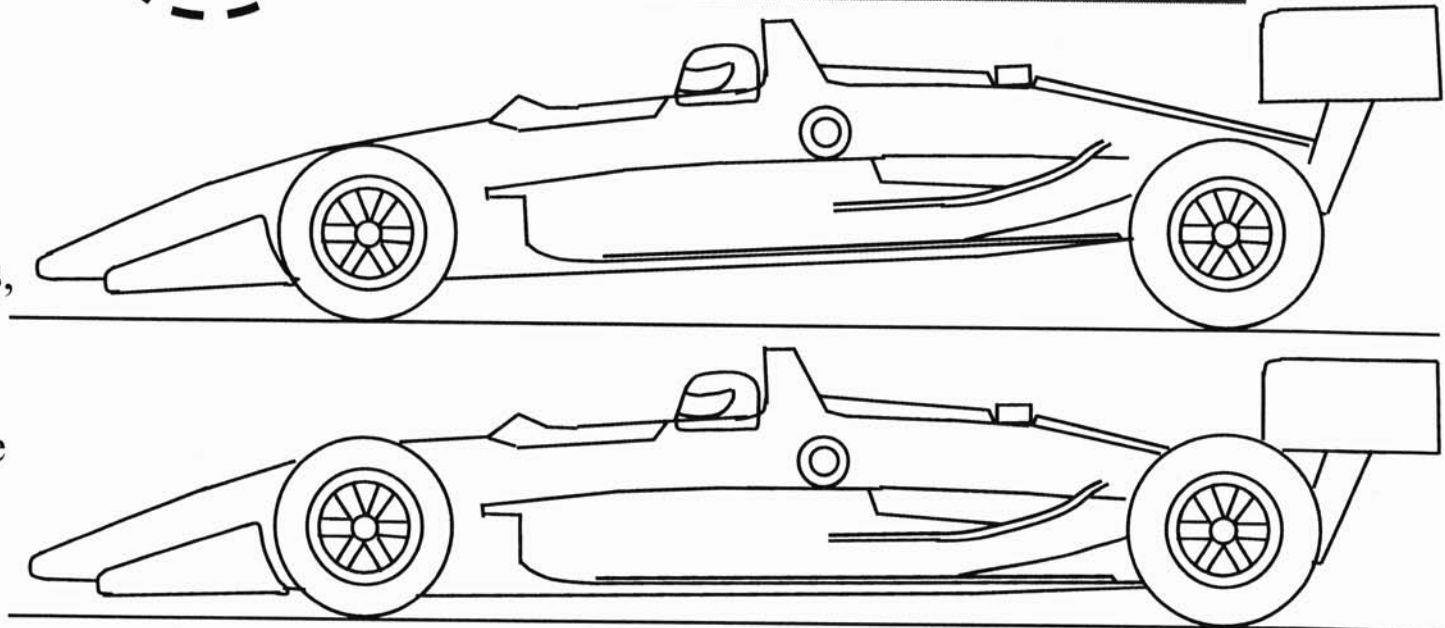
# Aeromap

Aerobalance ( % front downforce / total downforce)

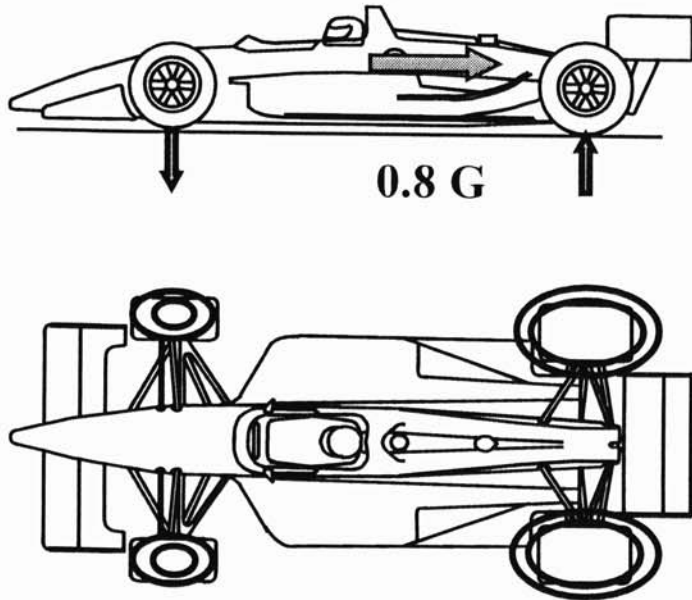
|        |       | Rear Ride Height |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|        |       | 0.125            | 0.500 | 0.875 | 1.250 | 1.625 | 2.000 |
| Front  | 1.120 | 34.07            | 32.98 | 33.01 | 33.48 | 35.14 | 36.54 |
| Ride   | 0.875 | 36.05            | 35.28 | 35.27 | 36.20 | 37.53 | 39.08 |
| Height | 0.500 | 38.80            | 37.87 | 37.83 | 38.33 | 39.58 | 41.21 |
|        | 0.125 | 41.26            | 40.66 | 40.92 | 41.67 | 43.37 | 45.30 |

## Rule of thumb

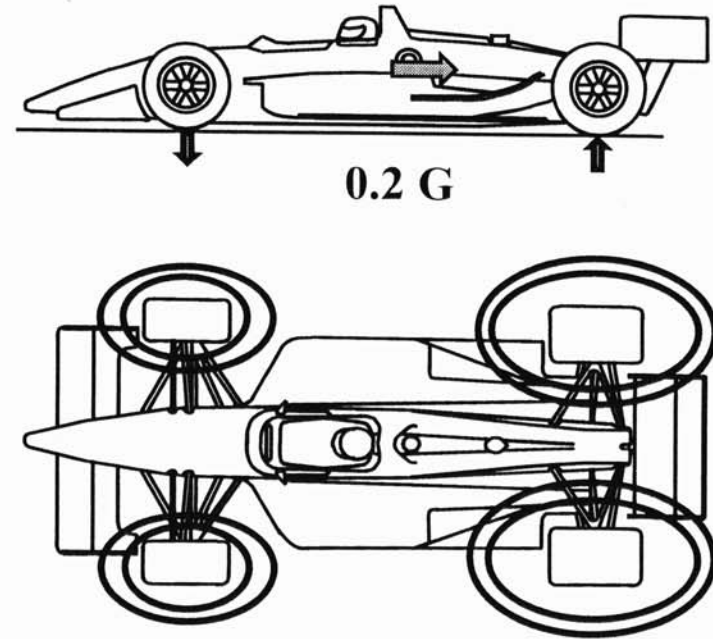
For one step of front ride height variations, we need 3 or 5 steps of rear ride height variations to keep the same aerodynamic balance.



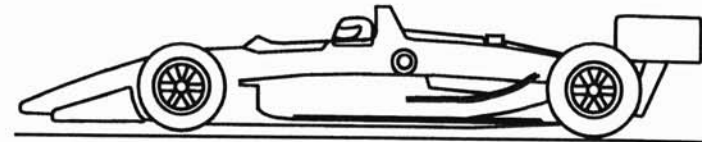
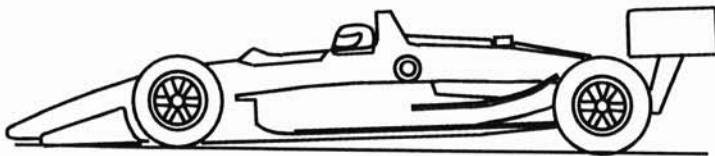
Acceleration exit of slow corner



Acceleration exit faster corner

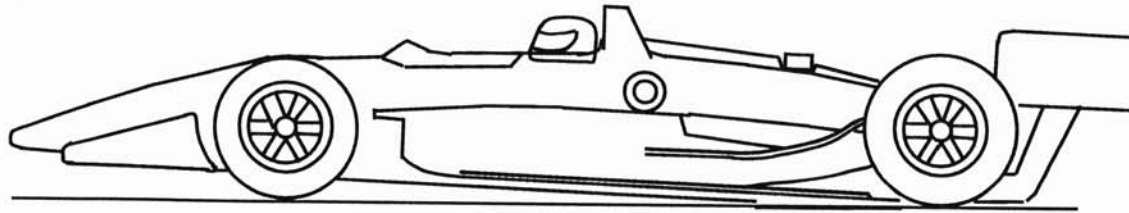


- ⇒ Much more potential for power understeer at the exit of slow corner
- ⇒ Balanced with aerodynamic downforce distribution, which is a function of front and rear ride height

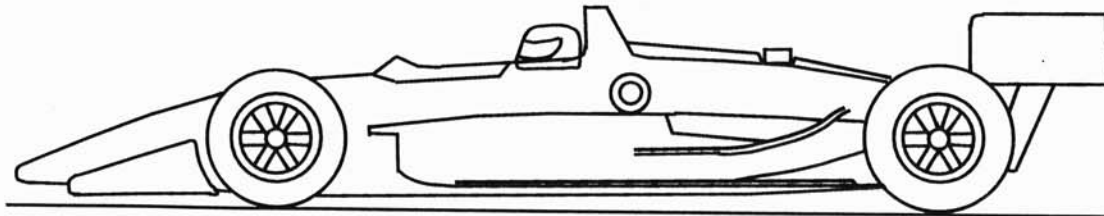




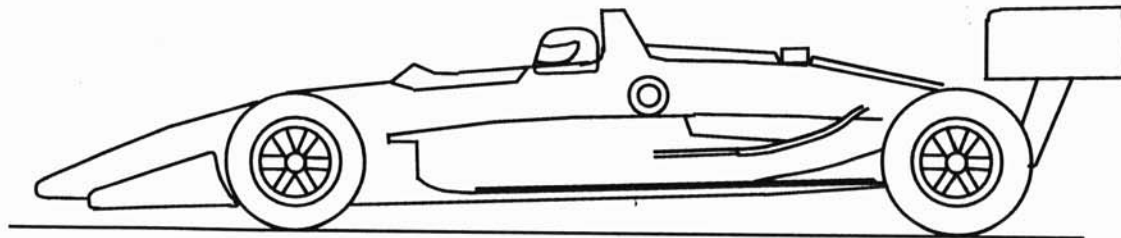
# Ideal Ride Heights



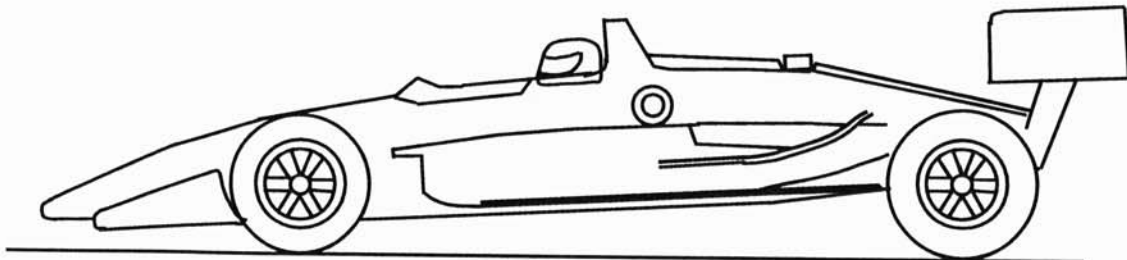
Straight Away



High Speed Corner



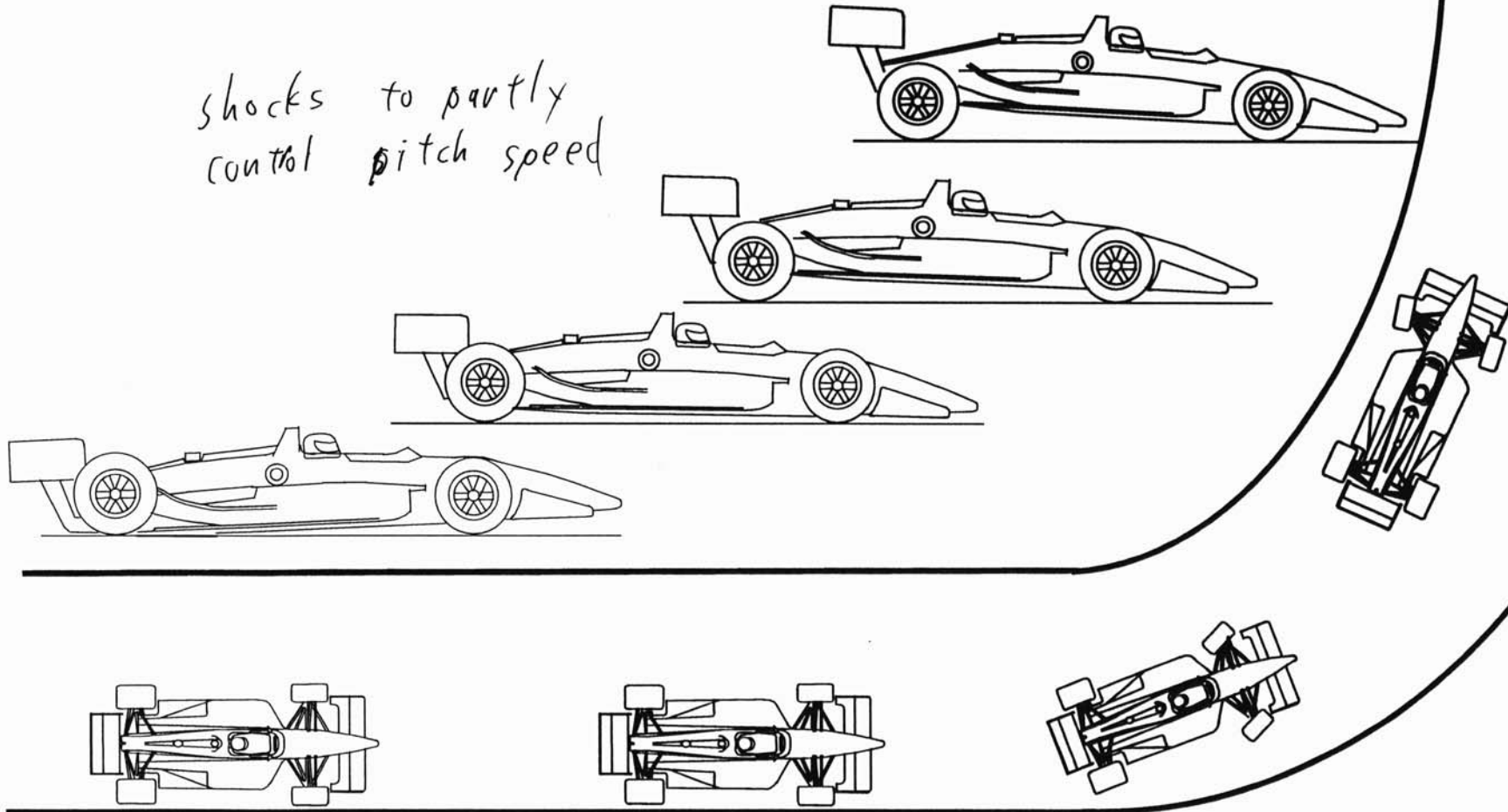
Medium Speed  
Corner



Low Speed Corner

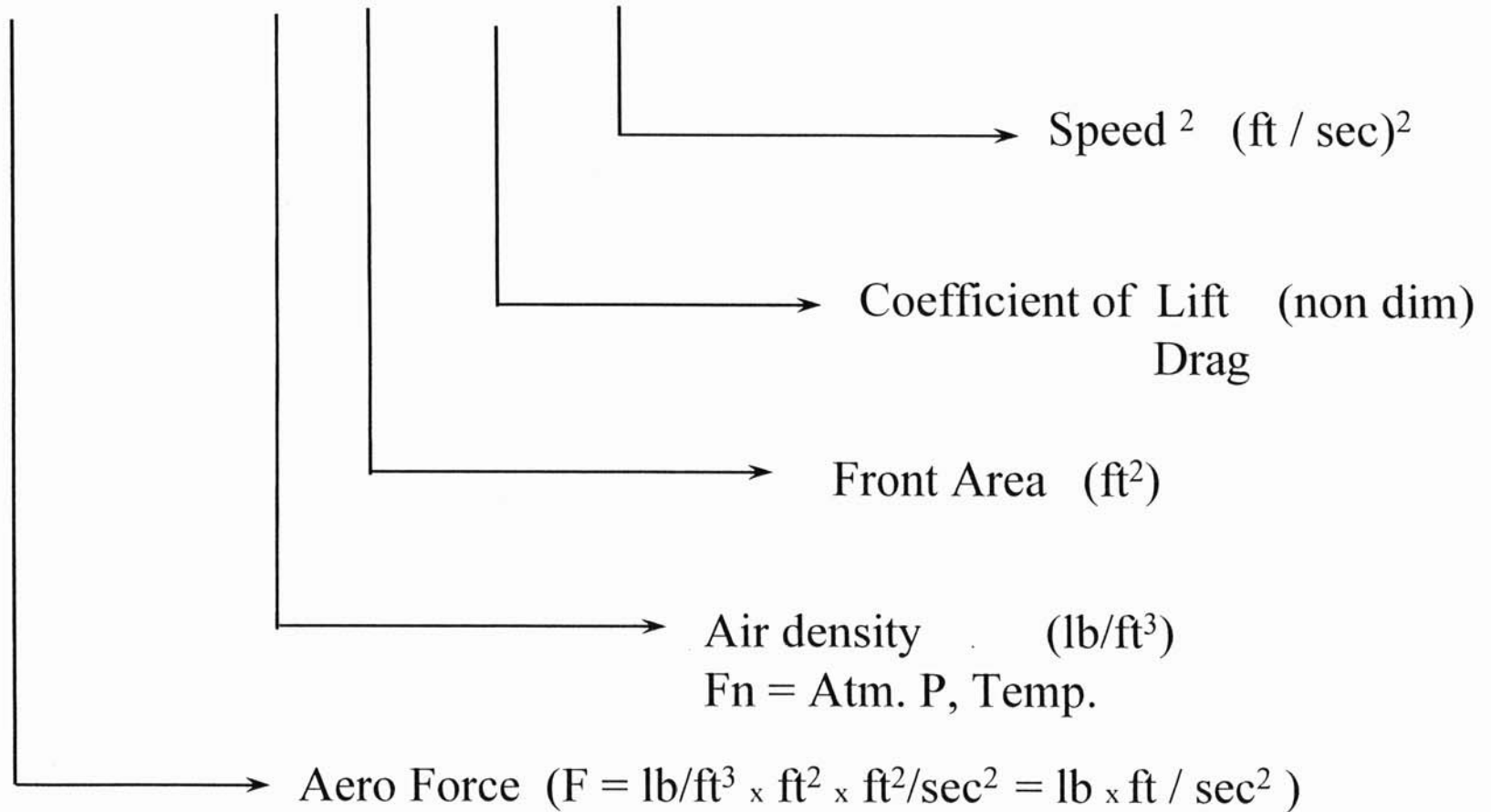
The pitch speed and ride height variations will be conditioned by the change of front and rear aerodynamic forces and the way shocks are set to resist this force changes.

*shocks to partly control pitch speed*



## Basic Aerodynamic Equation (agaru)

$$F = 0.5 * d * A * C * S^2$$

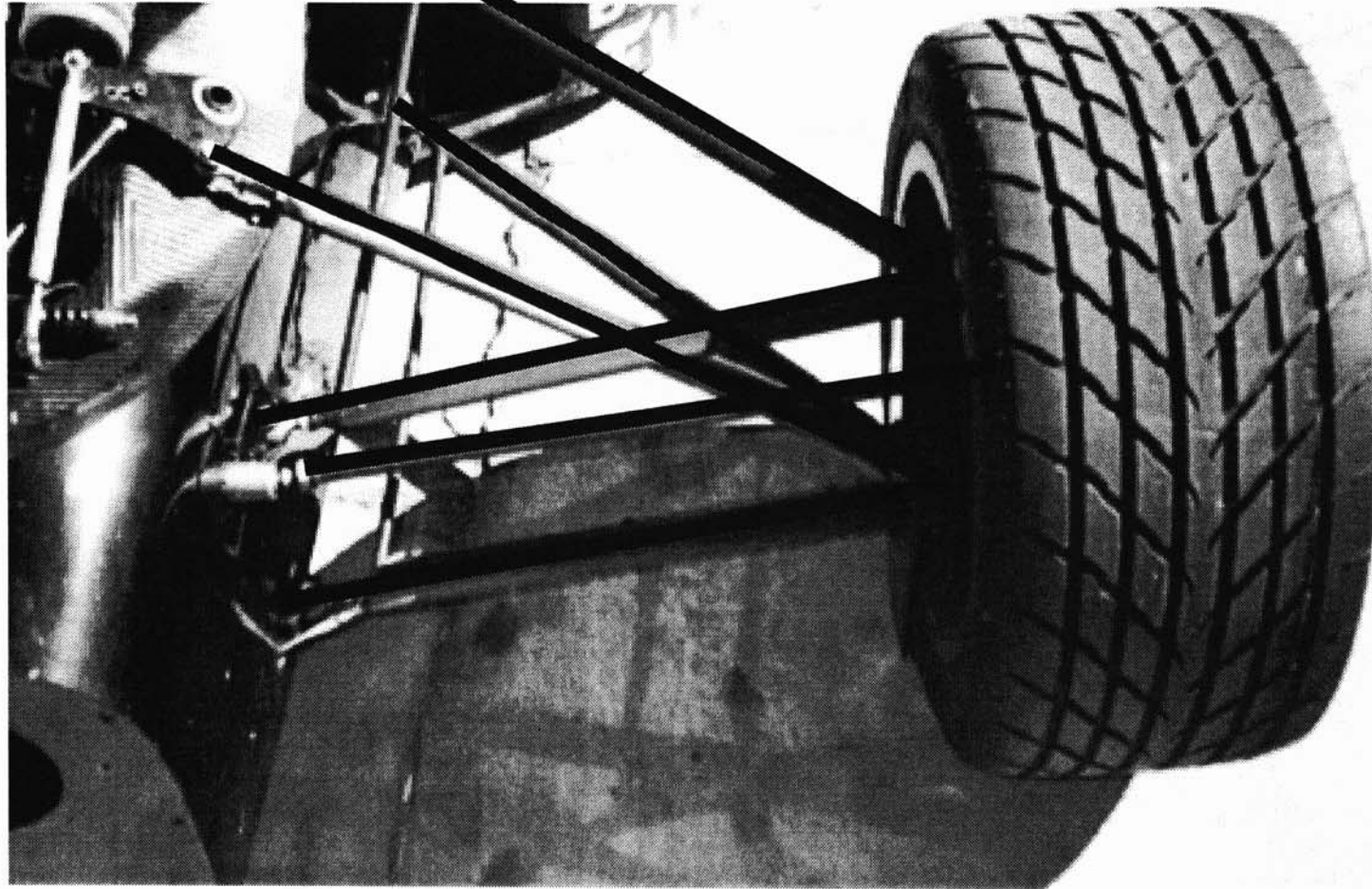






$$F = [0.5 * d * A * C * S^2] / 32.174$$

# 3. Kinematics

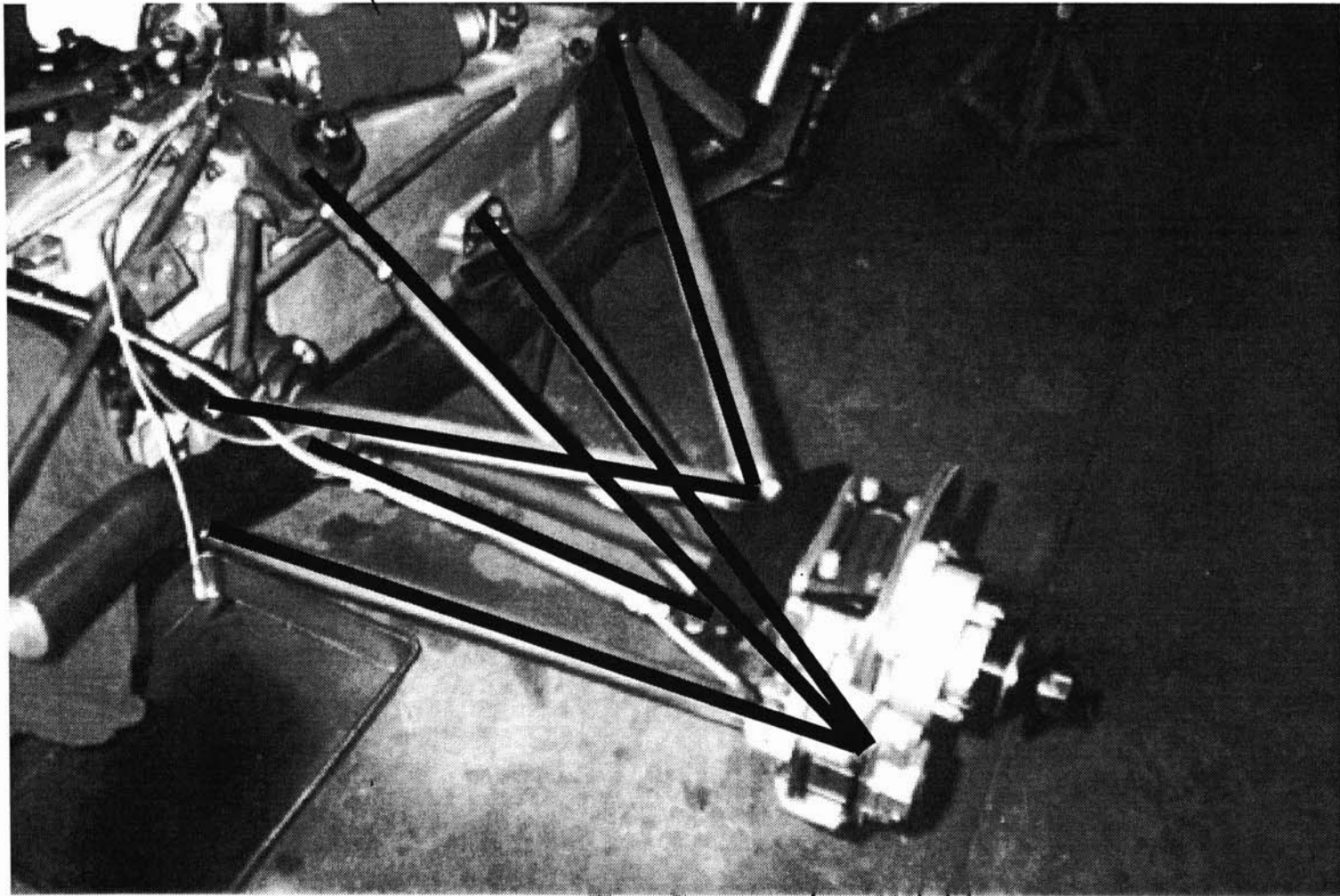
- Definitions
- Suspension DOF (Degrees of Freedom)
- Front and Rear View
- Side View
- Plan View
- 3D Kinematics
- Steering Effects on Camber and Ride Height
- Kinematics of Other Suspension Types

# Front Suspension



-  Top Suspension Wishbone
-  Steering Arm
-  Bottom Suspension Wishbone
-  Pushrod

protection (From stray materials)  
Rear Suspension



Top Suspension Wishbone



Steering Arm *use the same handed-thread but w/ different pitches*



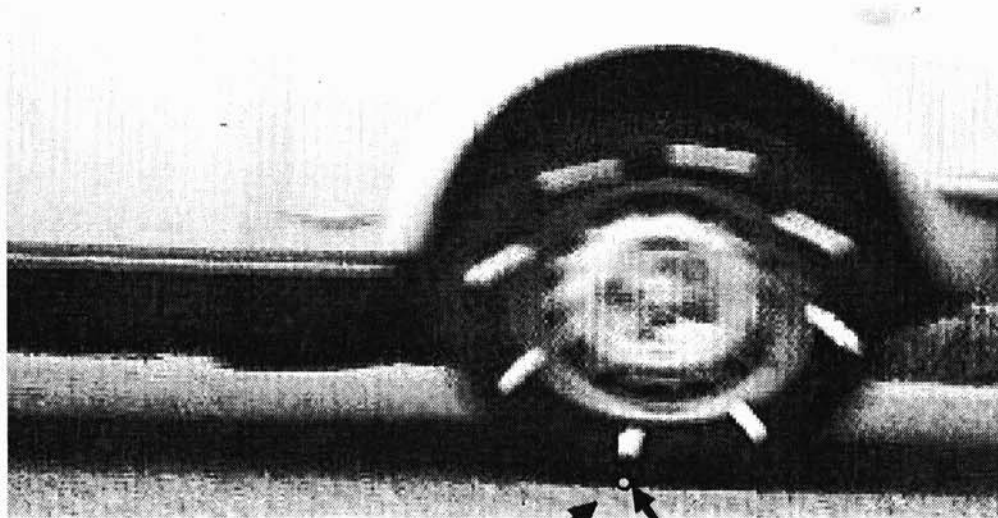
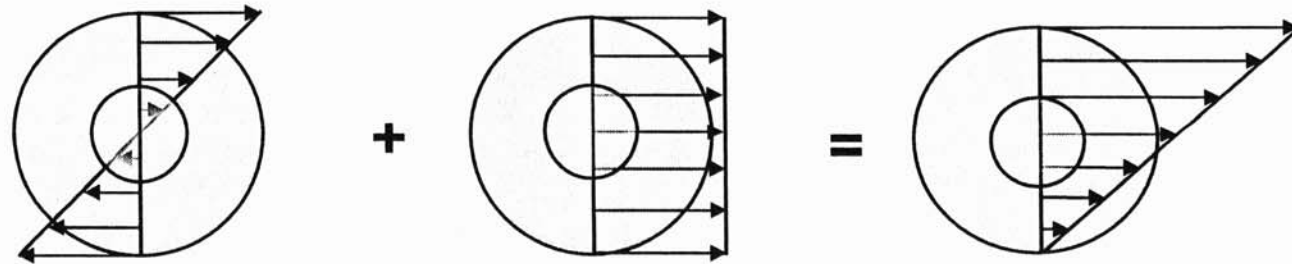
Bottom Suspension Wishbone



Pushrod

# Front and Rear View 2D Kinematics

## The Instantaneous Centre of Rotation



Instantaneous Speed = 0

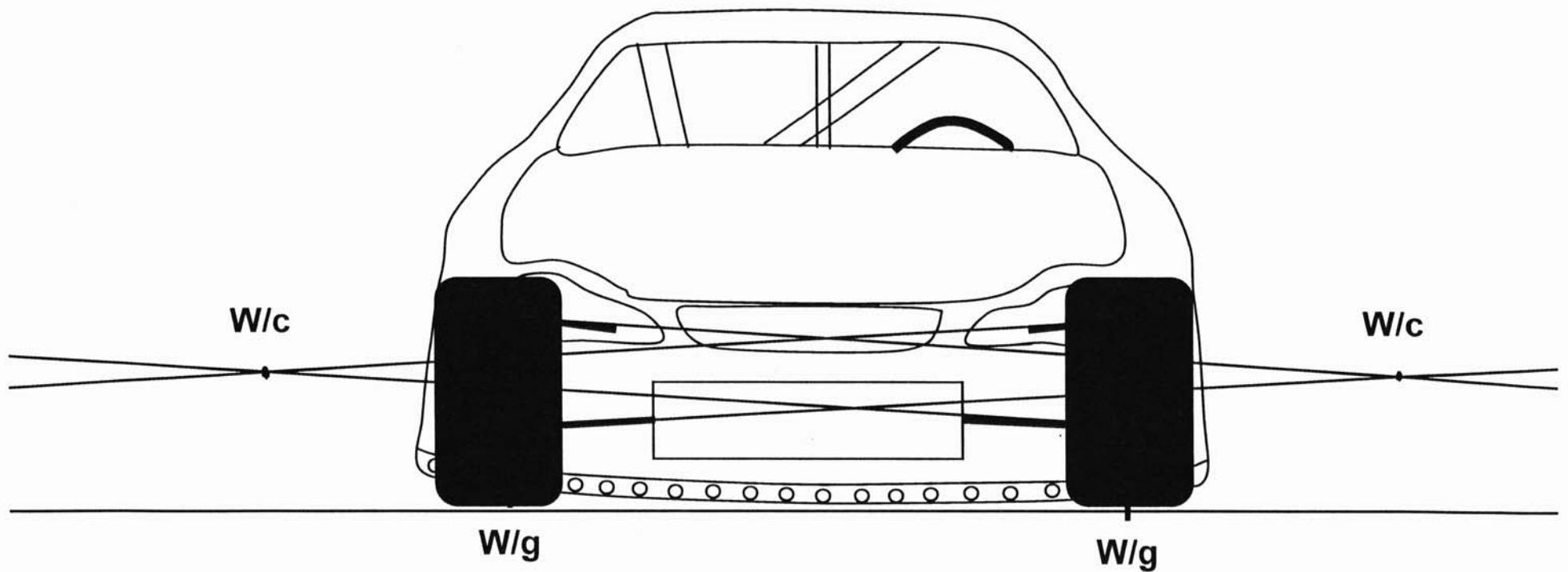
Instantaneous Centre of Rotation

wheel - ground

# Front and Rear View Kinematics

Instantaneous center of rotation of the wheel about the ground

Instantaneous center of rotation of the wheel about the chassis



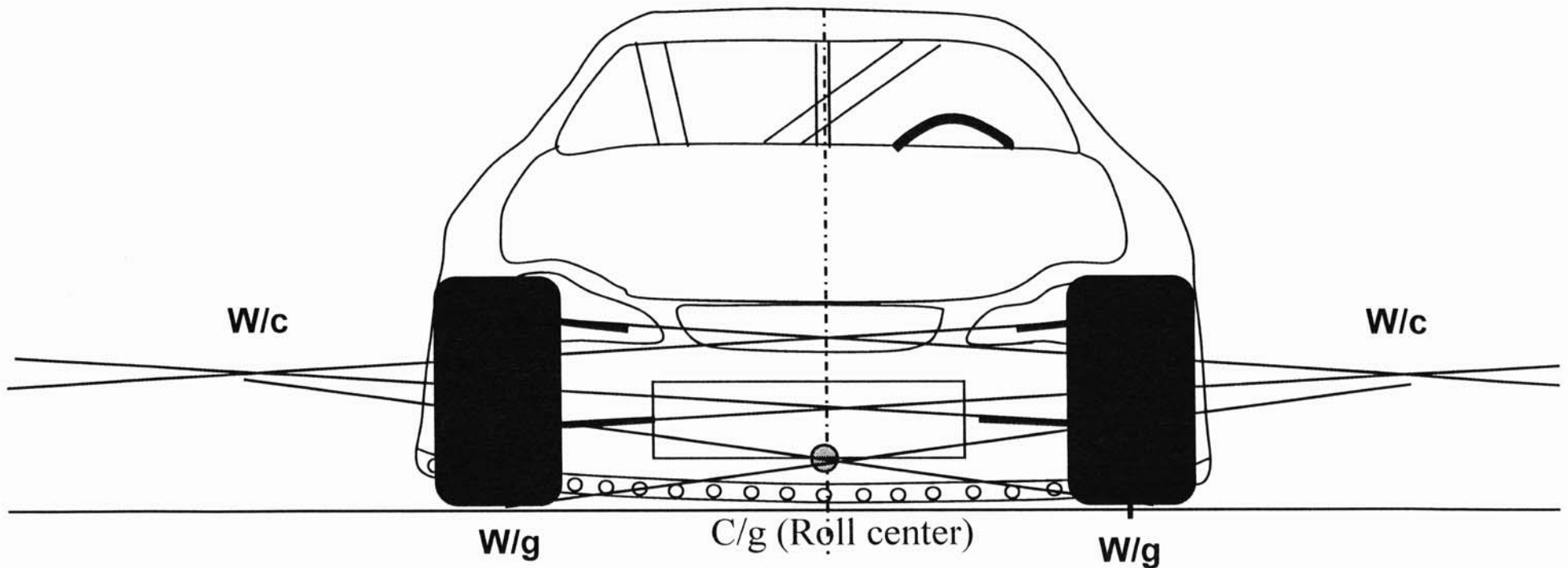


## Front and Rear View Kinematics

Instantaneous center of rotation of the wheel about the ground

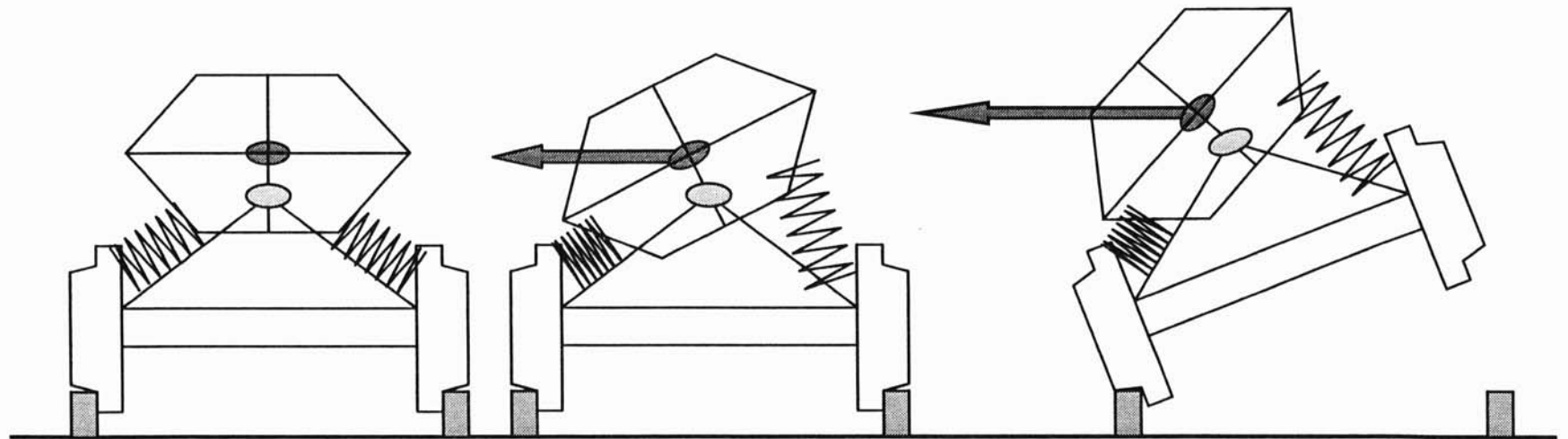
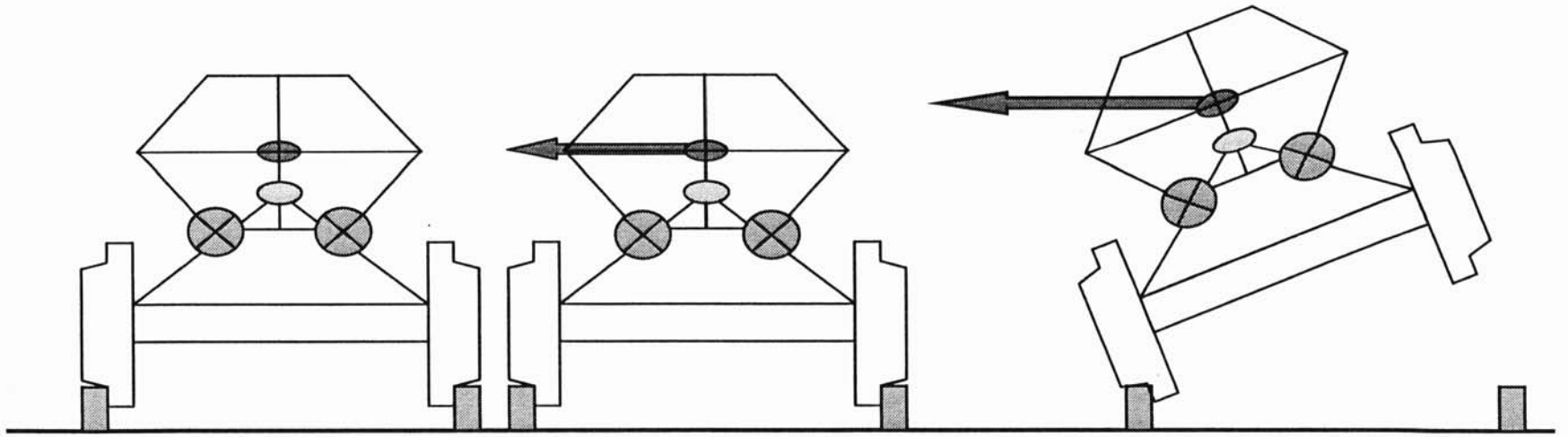
Instantaneous center of rotation of the wheel about the chassis

Instantaneous center of rotation of the chassis about the ground (*roll center*)



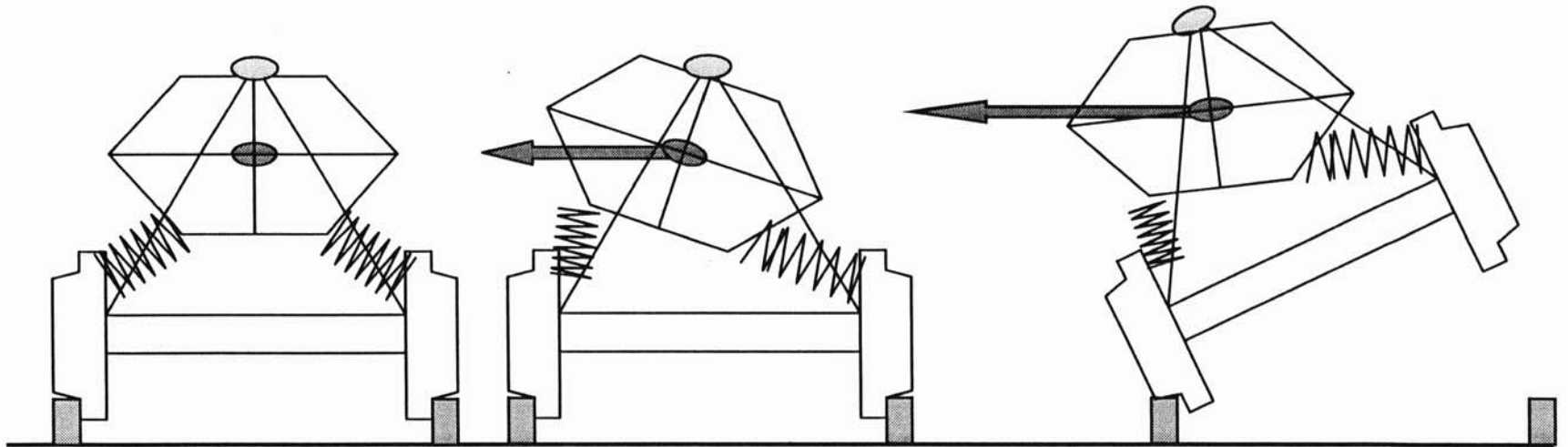
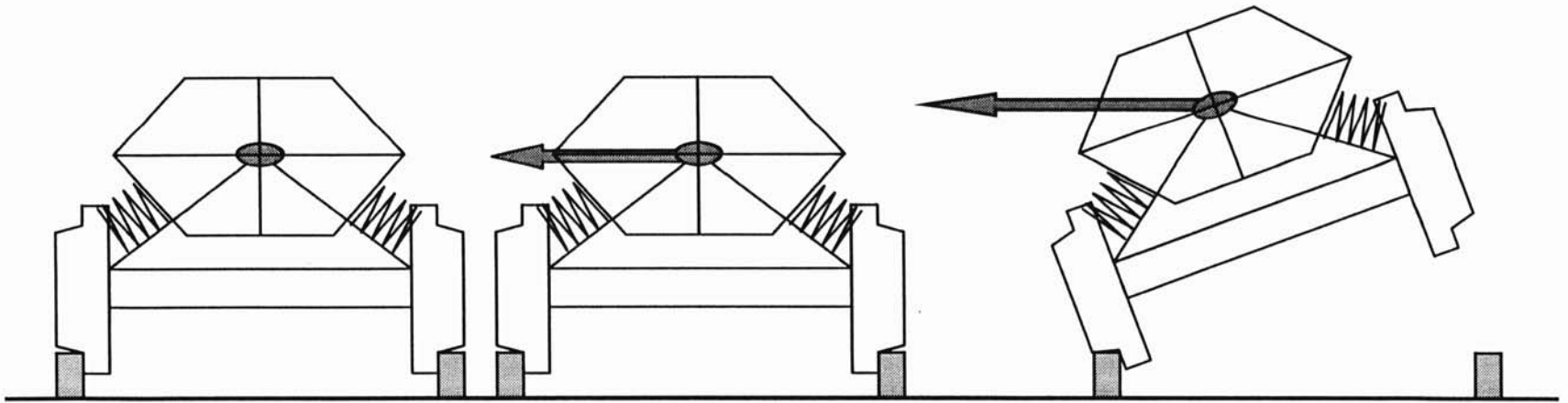
# Roll

Front view



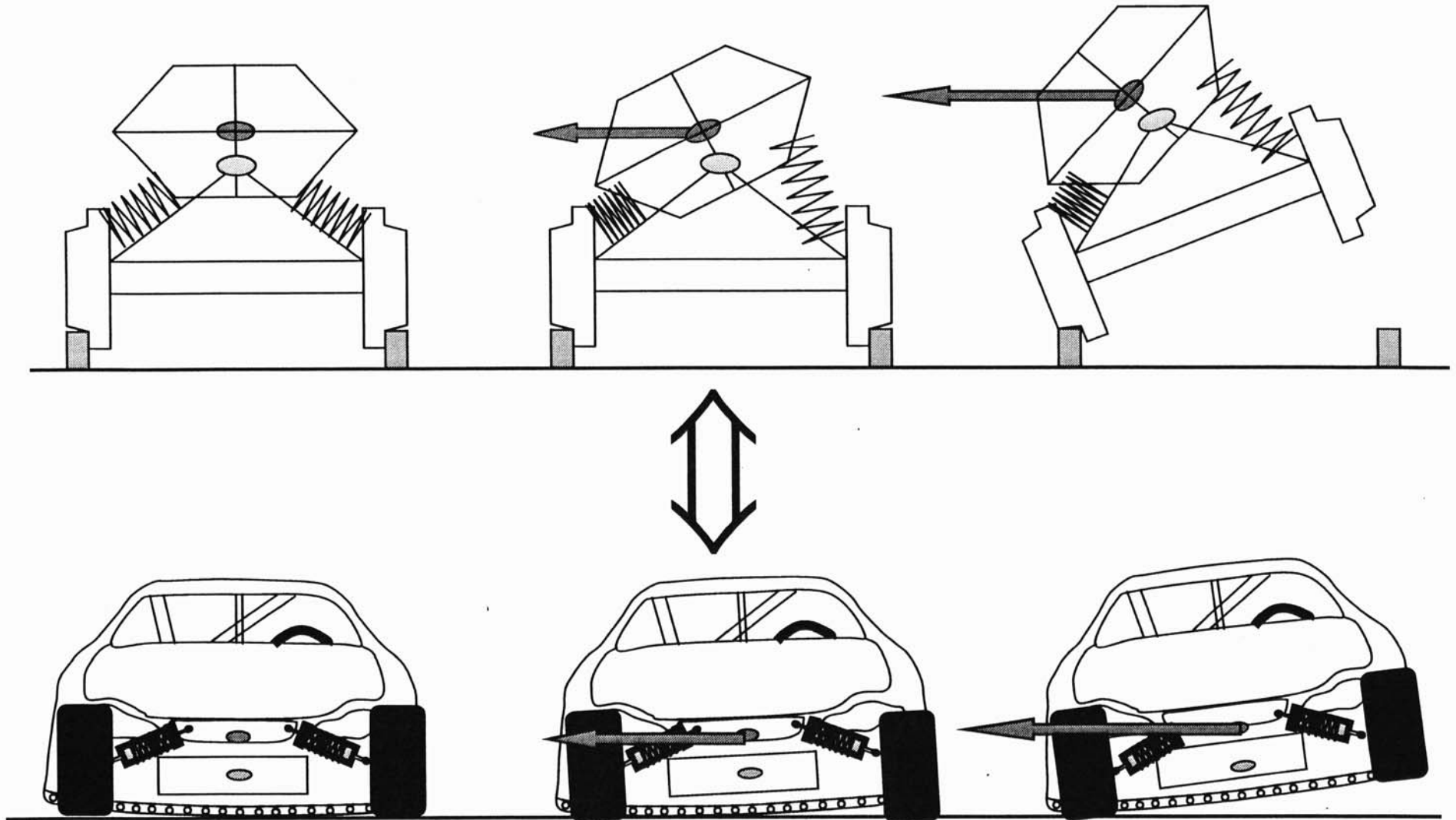
Roll

Front view



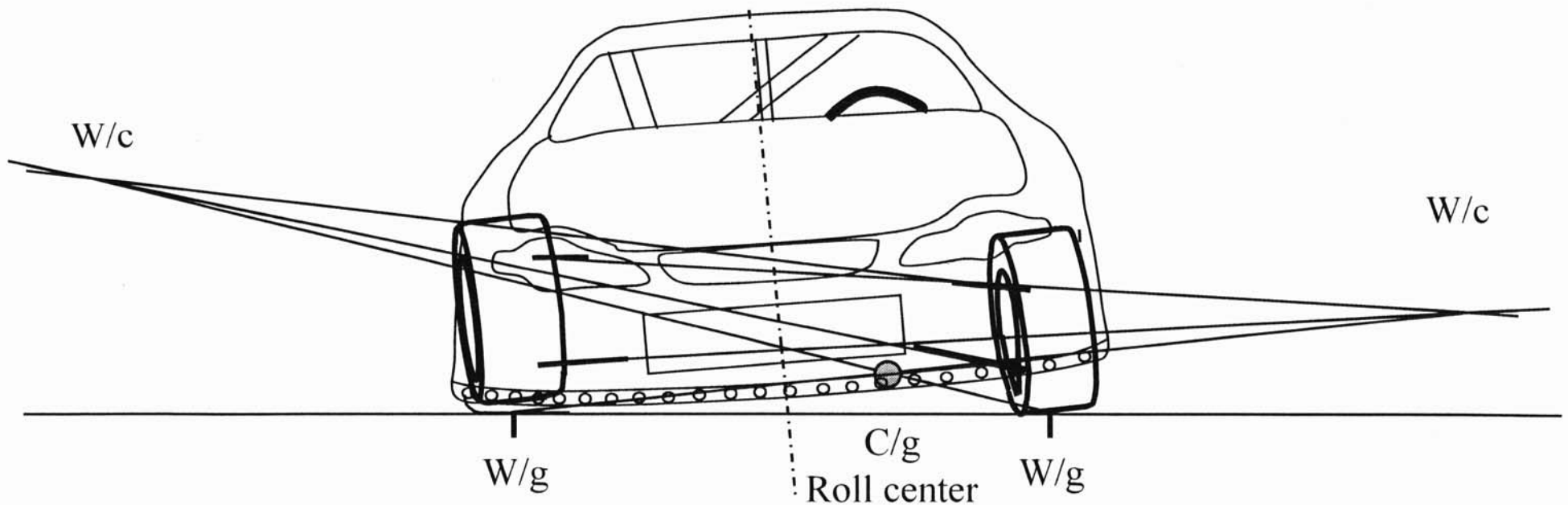
# Roll

Front view



## Front and Rear View Kinematics

The roll center is not always in the middle of the car : example of roll



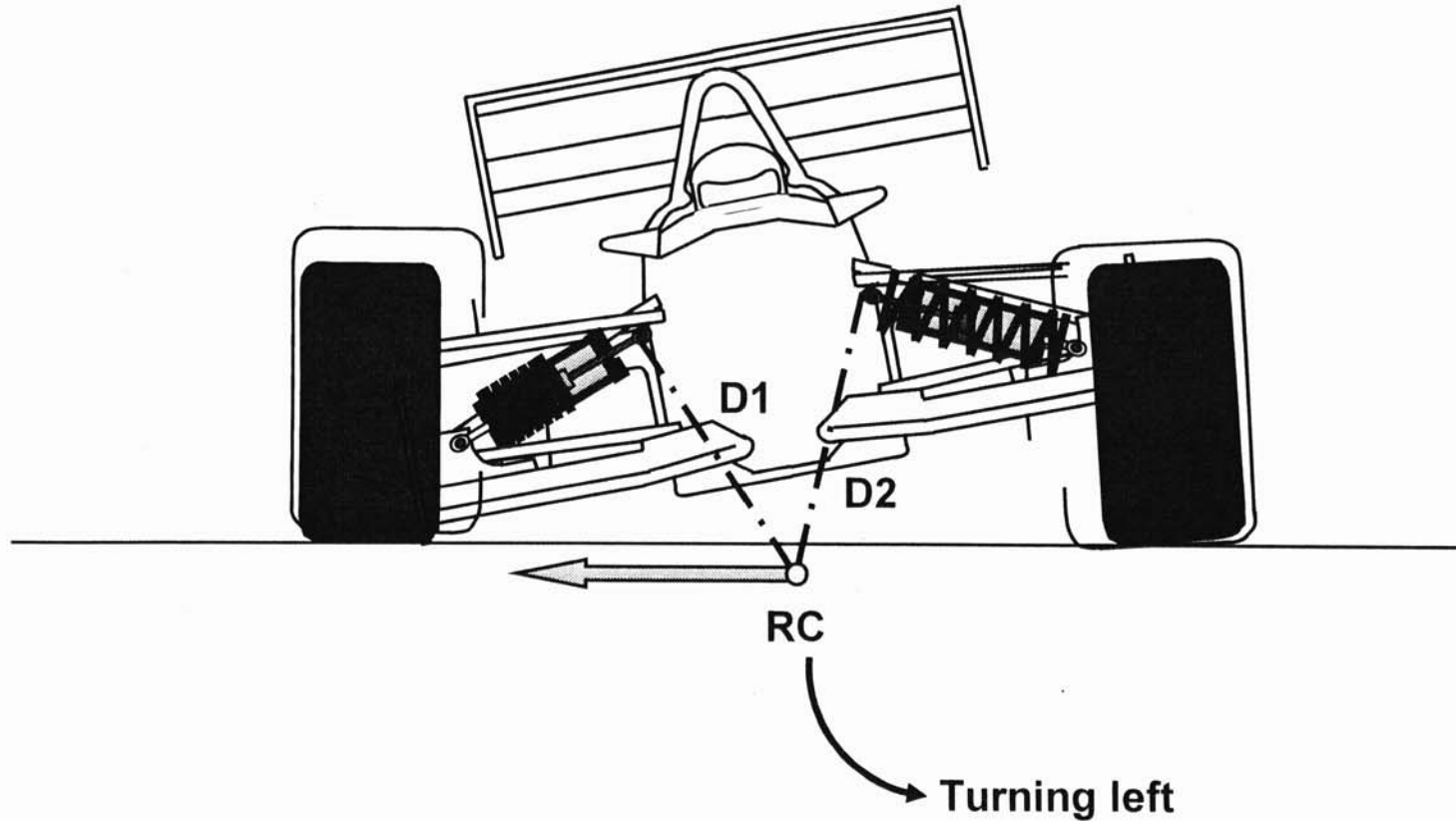
### Roll center definition

The Chassis Roll Center is the point in the vertical plane (which passes through the wheel center points) at which transverse forces can be exerted on the sprung mass without kinematics roll angle occurring.

The body roll center is therefore the point around which the body begins to roll when a lateral force acts. The reaction forces are absorbed between wheels and body through suspension.

# Introduction to the Roll Centre Problem (1)

## Roll Centre in the Middle of the Car

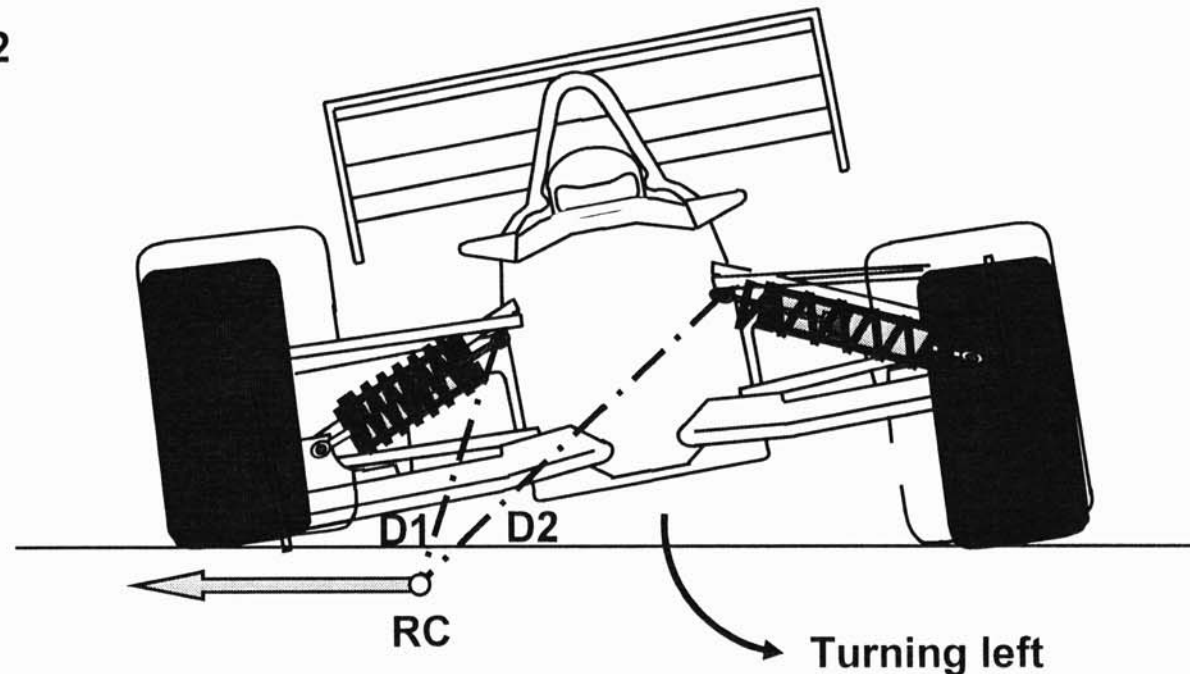


**Right damper is in compression and left damper is in rebound**

## Introduction to the Roll Centre Problem (2)

### Roll Centre Moving Towards the Outside Wheel

$D1 < D2$

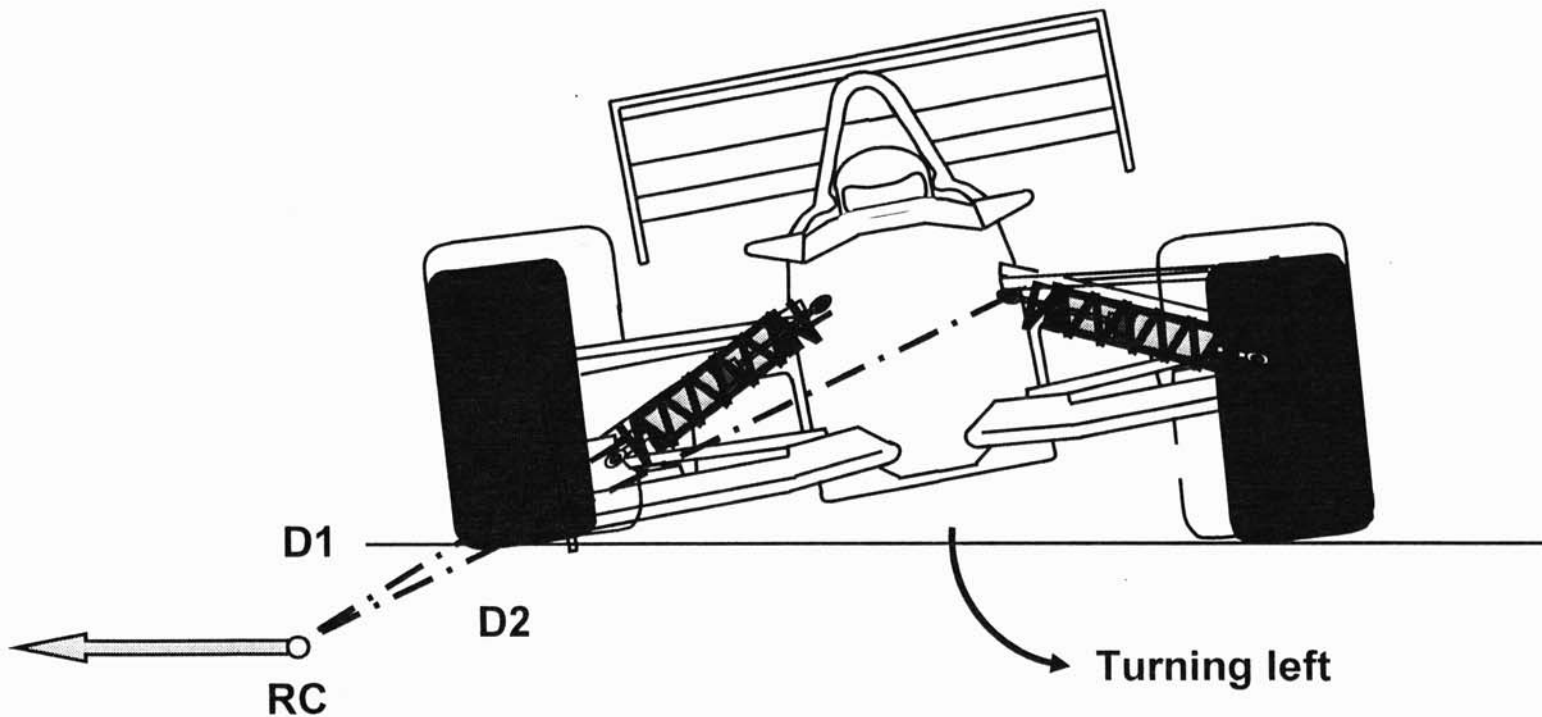


**Right damper is in less compression and left damper is more rebound**

**Having the roll centre closer to one corner of the car and inside the track, is like having stiffer springs in that corner. This is because the kinematics is limiting the spring movement**

# Introduction to the Roll Centre Problem (3)

## Roll Centre Outside the Car

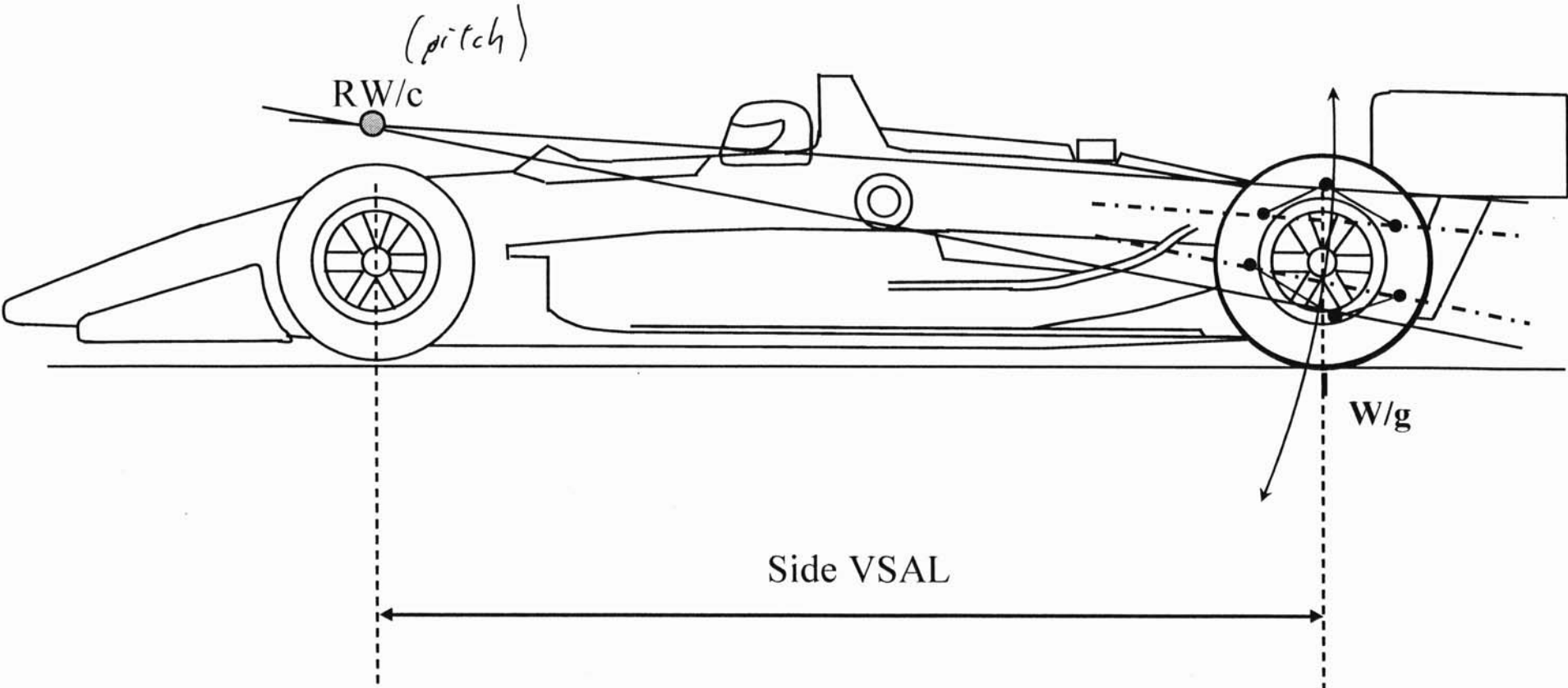


**Both left and right dampers are in rebound**



# Side View Kinematics

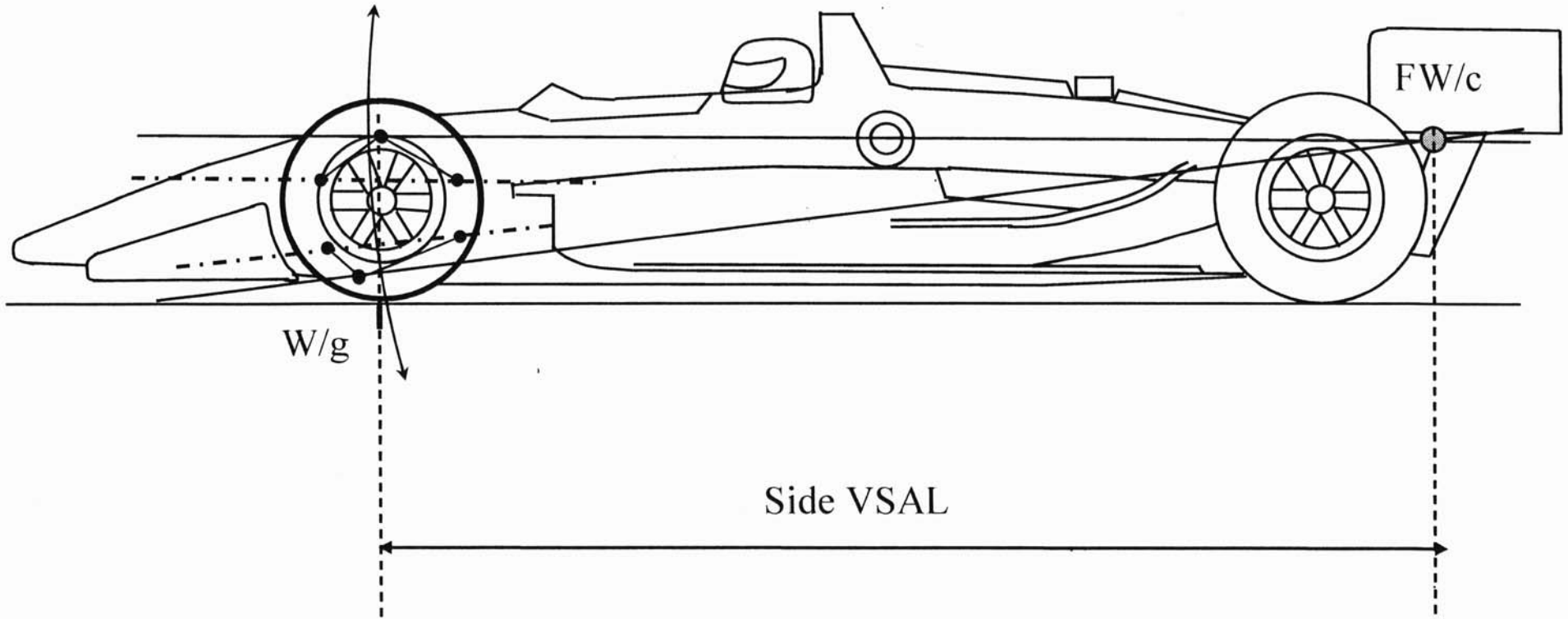
Instantaneous center of rotation of the rear wheel about the ground  
Instantaneous center of rotation of the rear wheel about the chassis



## Side View Kinematics

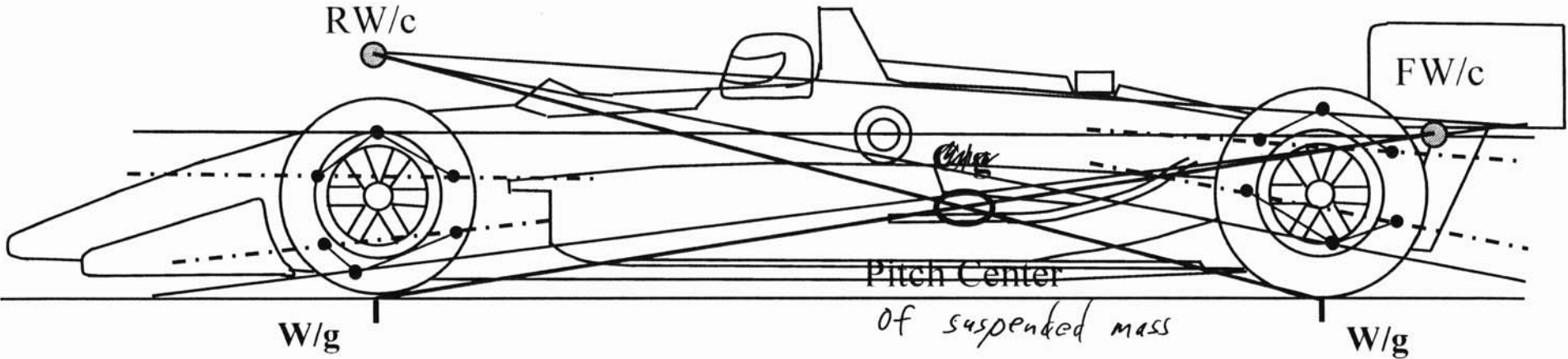
Instantaneous center of rotation of the front wheel about the ground

Instantaneous center of rotation of the front wheel about the chassis



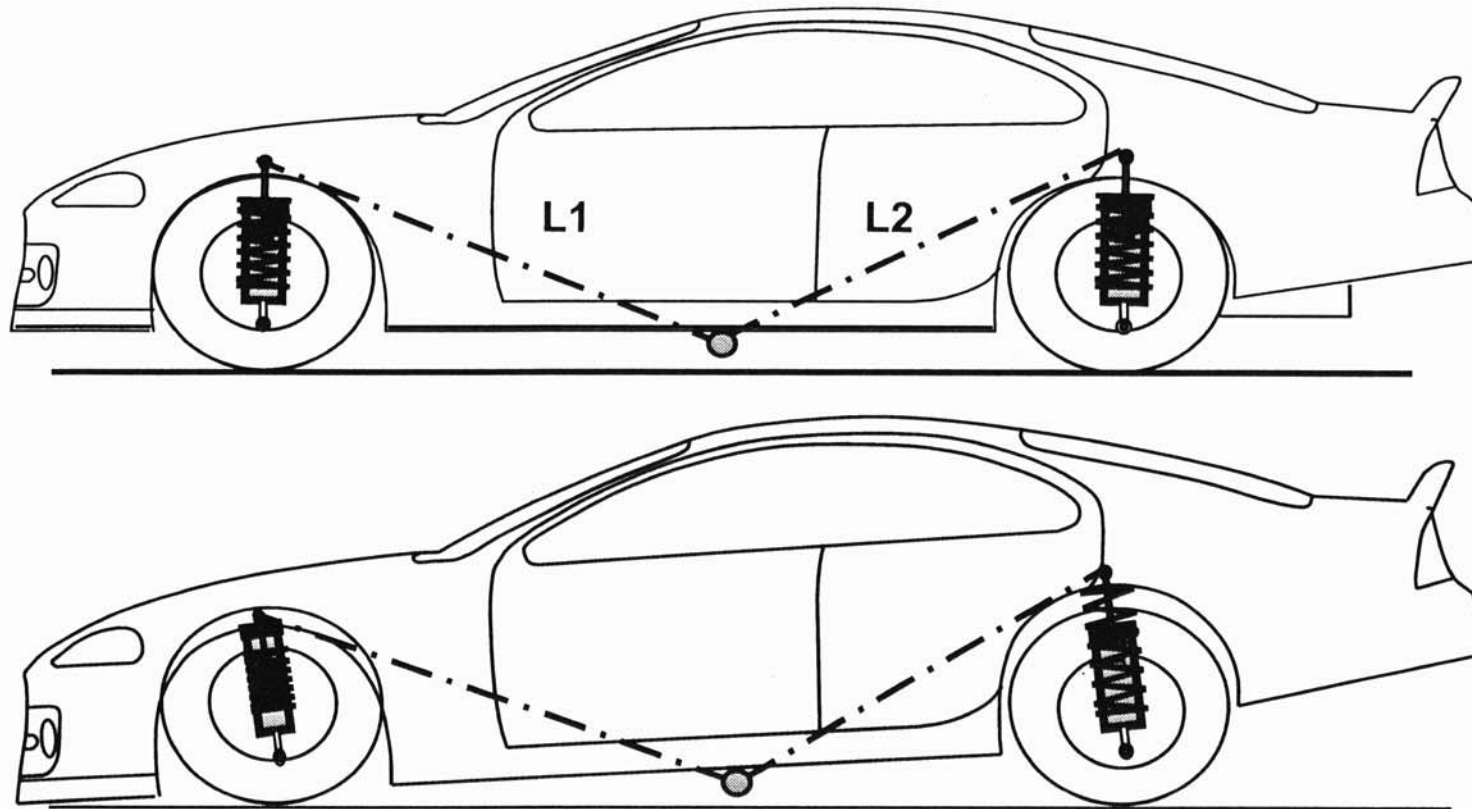
# Side View Kinematics

Instantaneous center of rotation of the chassis about the ground (*pitch center*)



# Introduction to the Pitch Center Problem

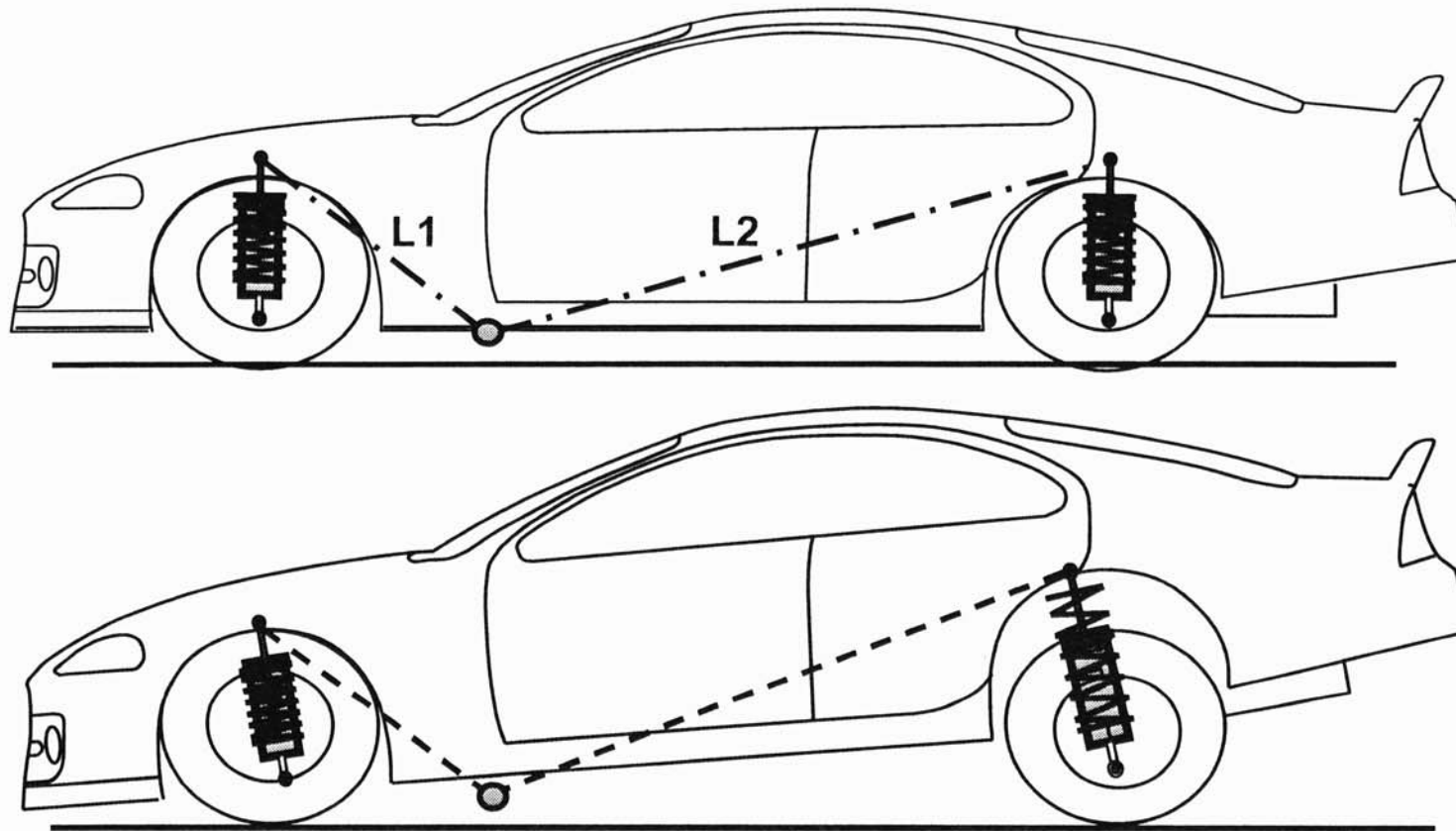
E.g.1 Pitch Center in the roughly in the middle of the car



As lengths  $a$  and  $b$  are the same, front bump compression and rear rebound extension have the same value

## Introduction to the Pitch Center Problem

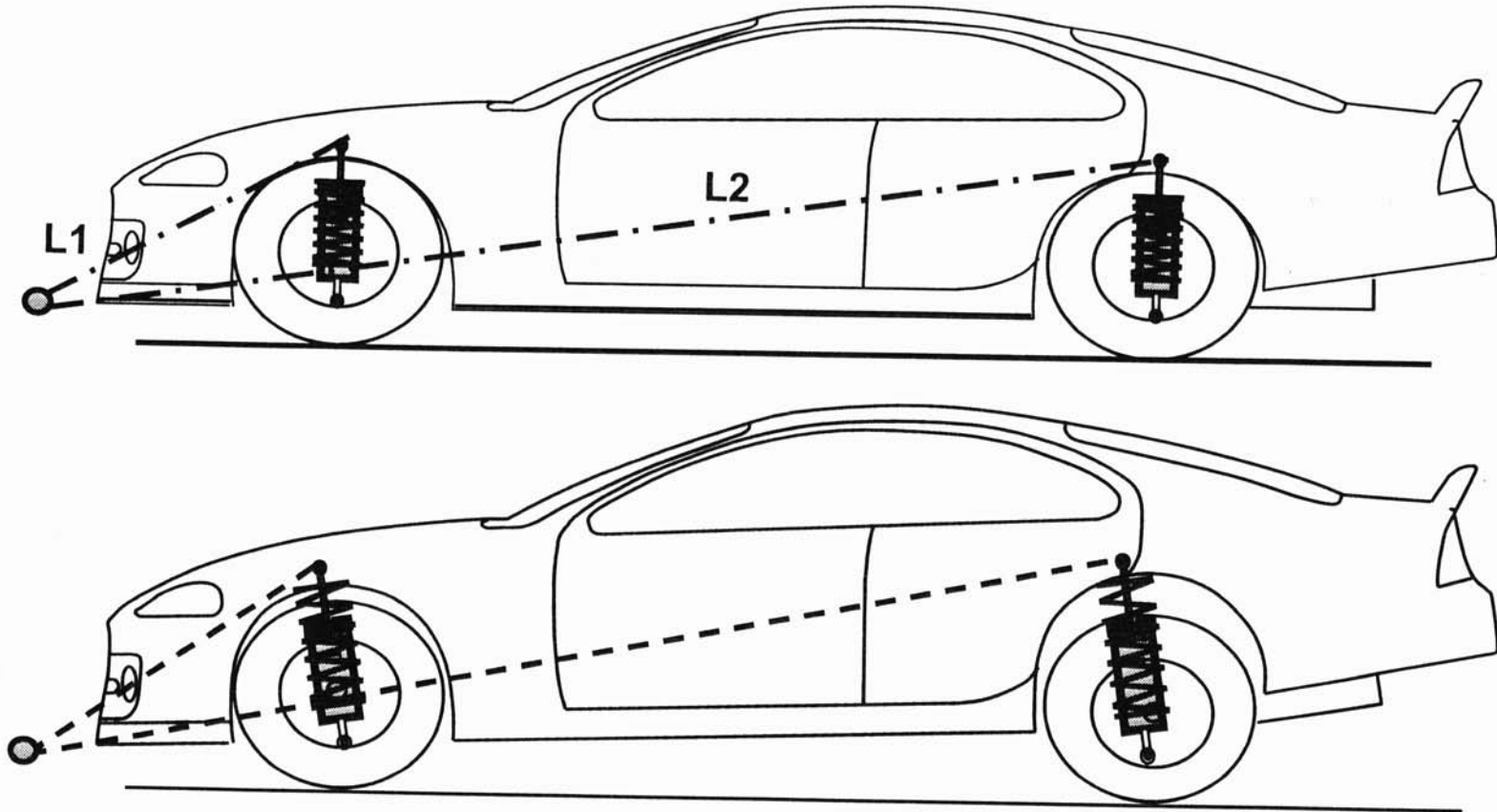
E.g.2 Pitch Center close to the front end



Less compression on the front and more rebound in the rear as lever lengths  $L1$  and  $L2$  are different

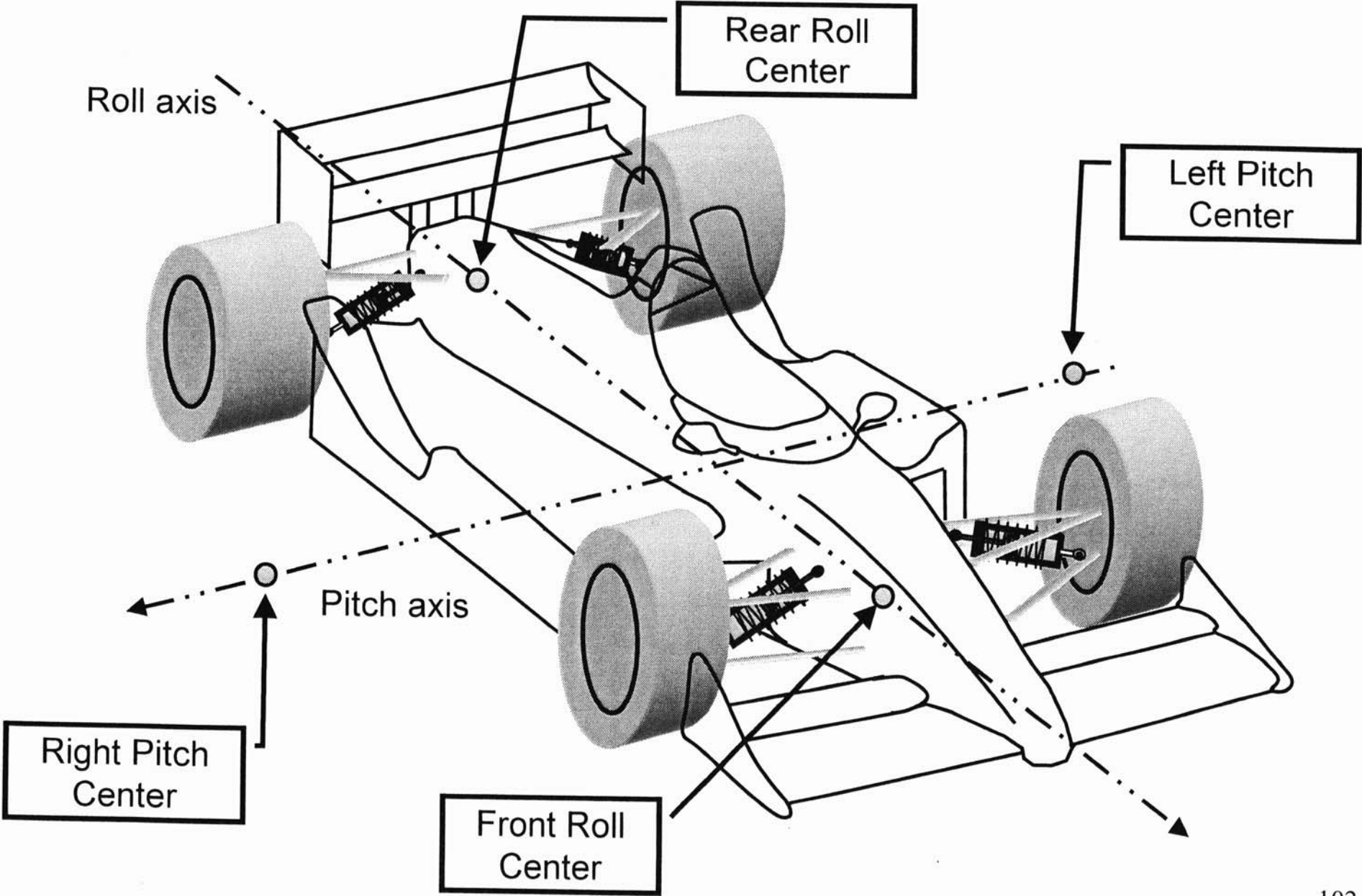
# Introduction to the Pitch Center Problem

E.g.3 Pitch Center in front the front axis



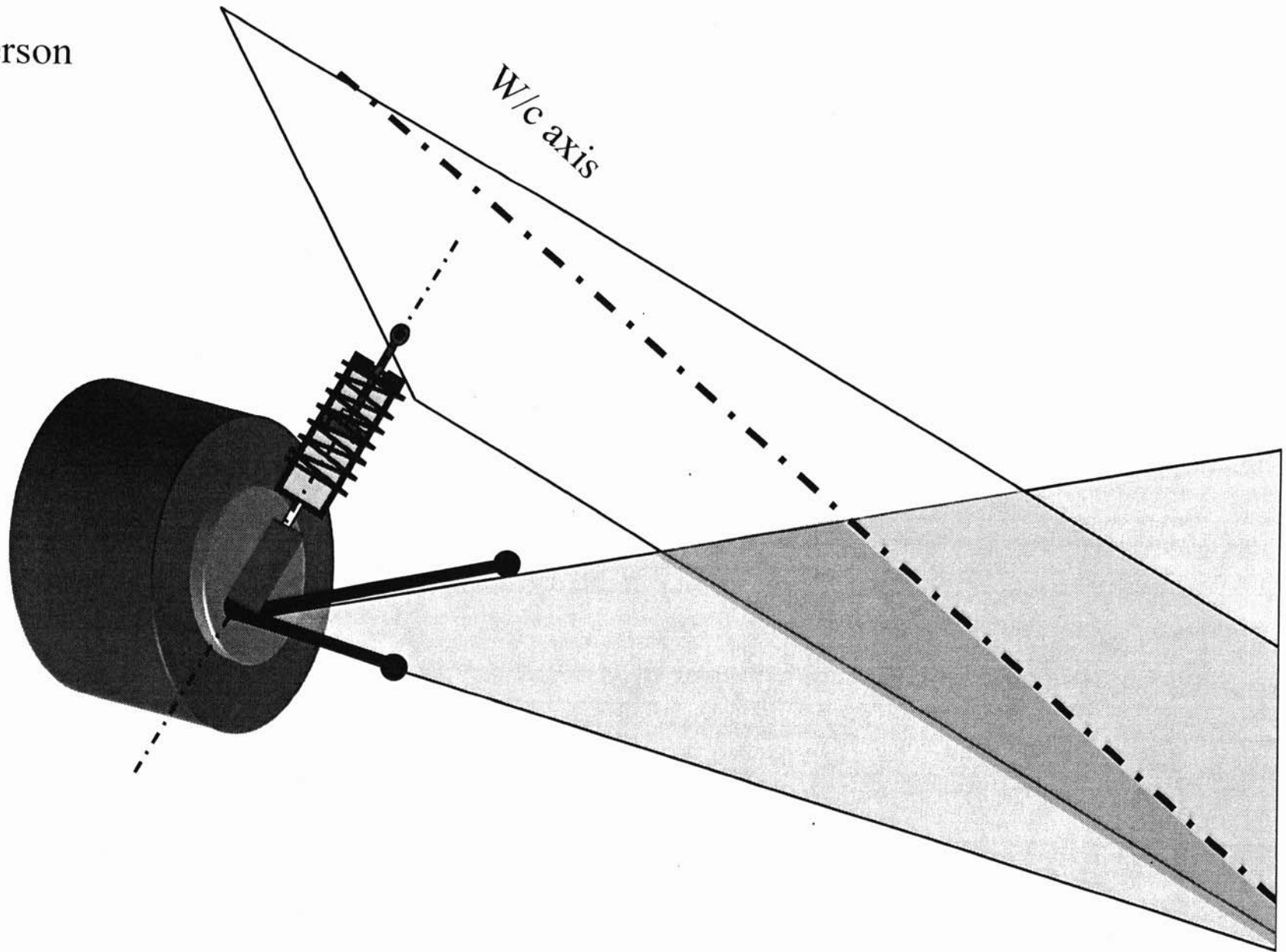
Both spring and damper are in rebound by an amount dependent on the lever arms L1 and L2

# Roll and Pitch Axis



# Kinematics of other suspension types

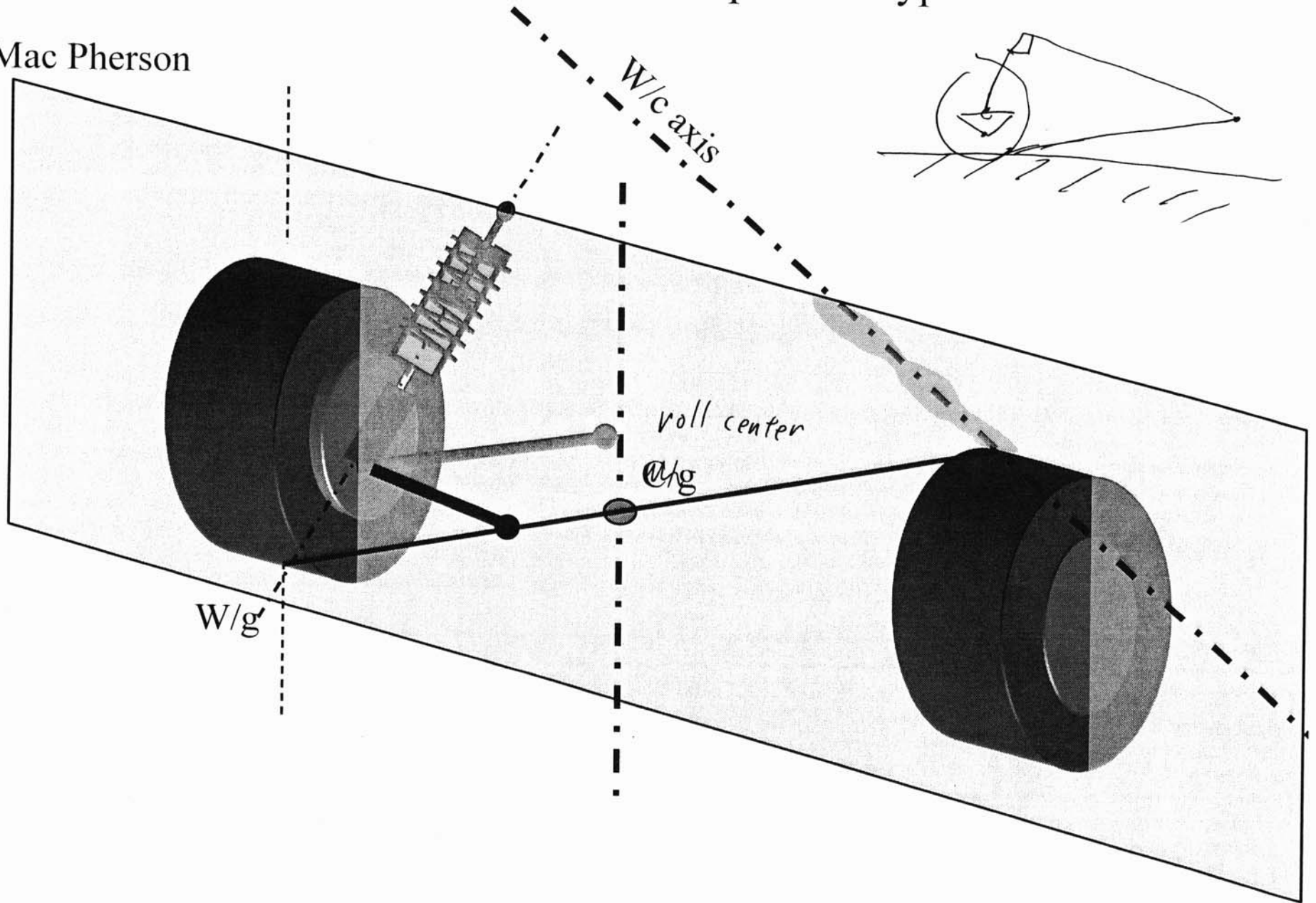
Mac Pherson



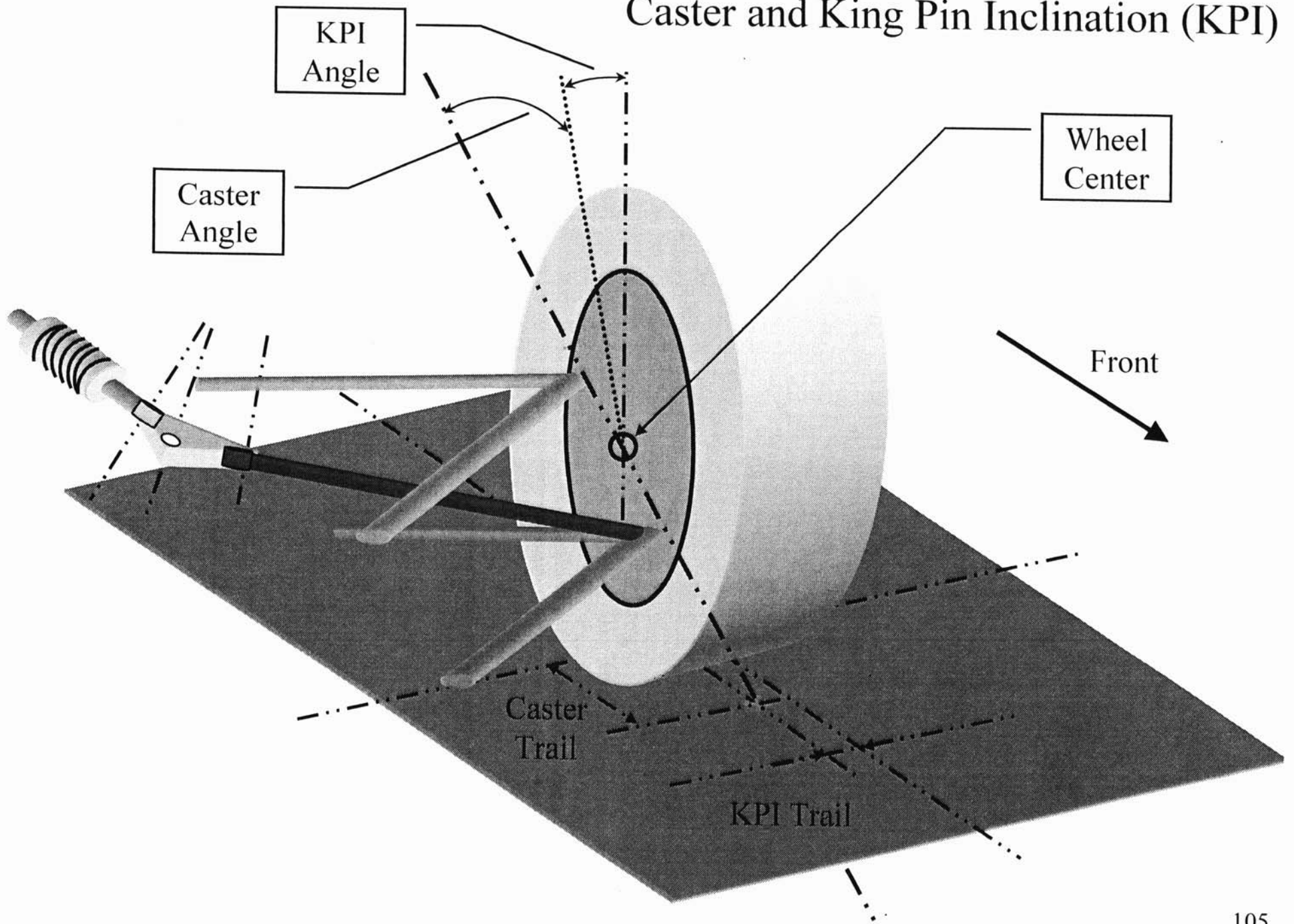


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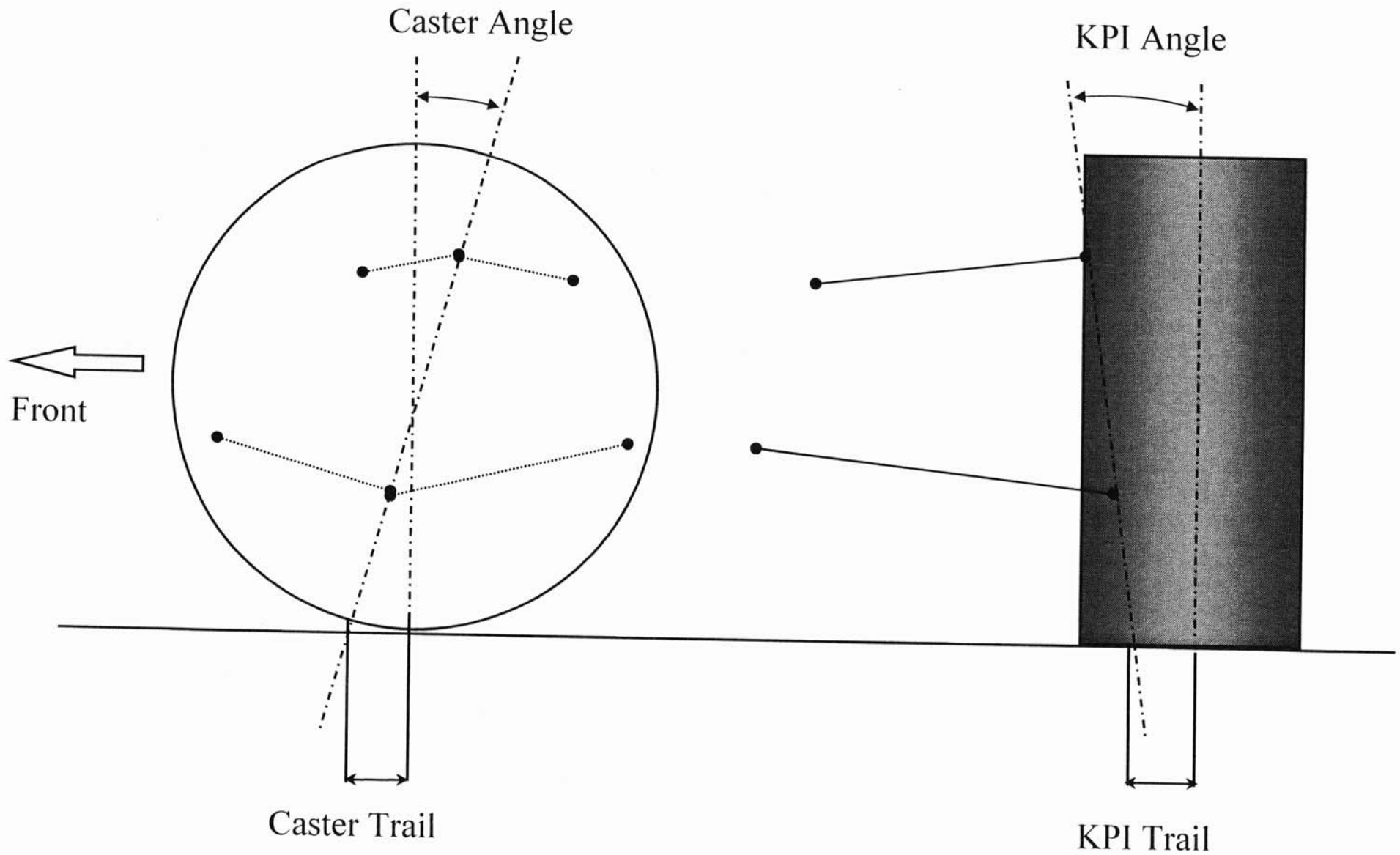
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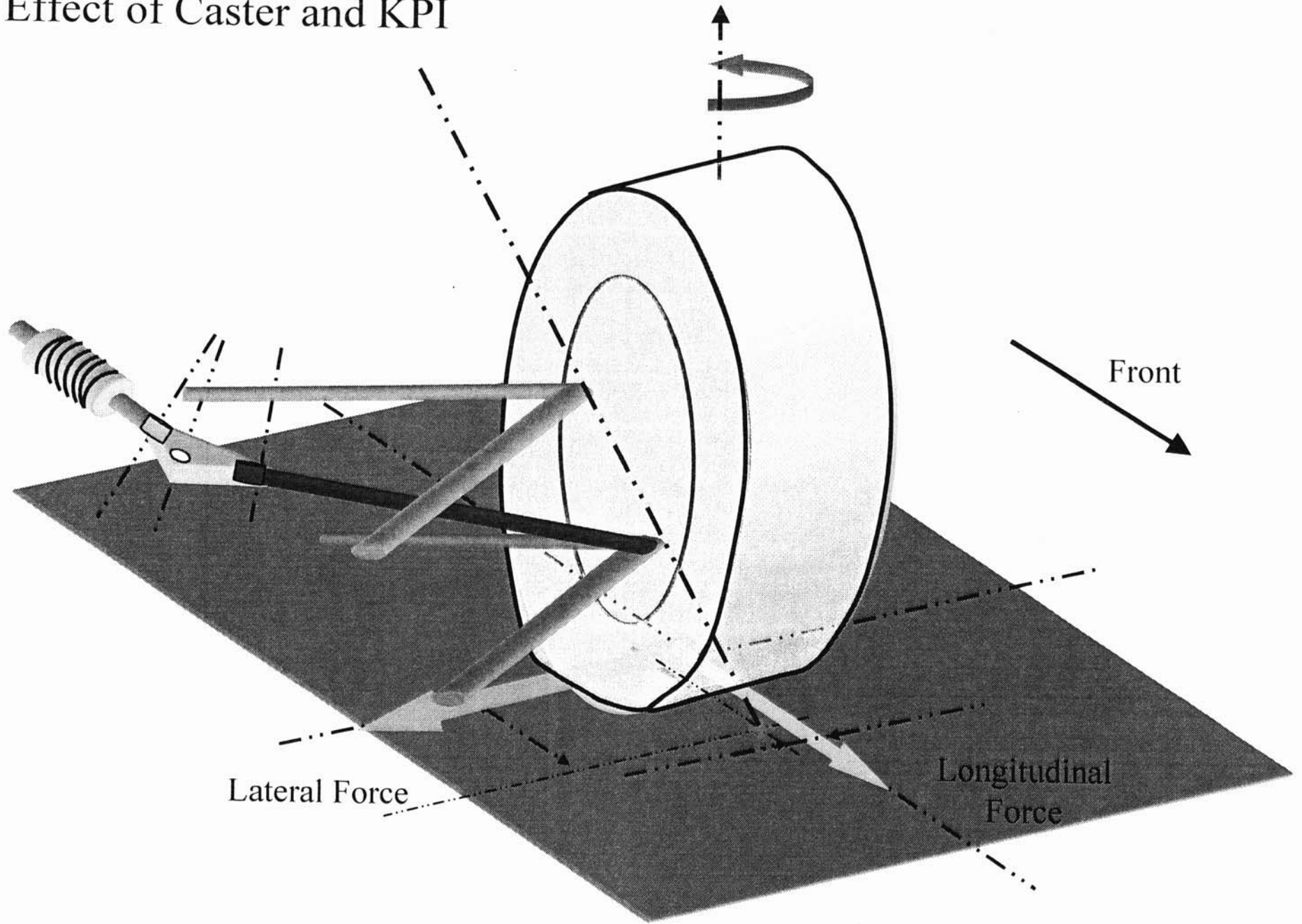
# Caster and King Pin Inclination (KPI)



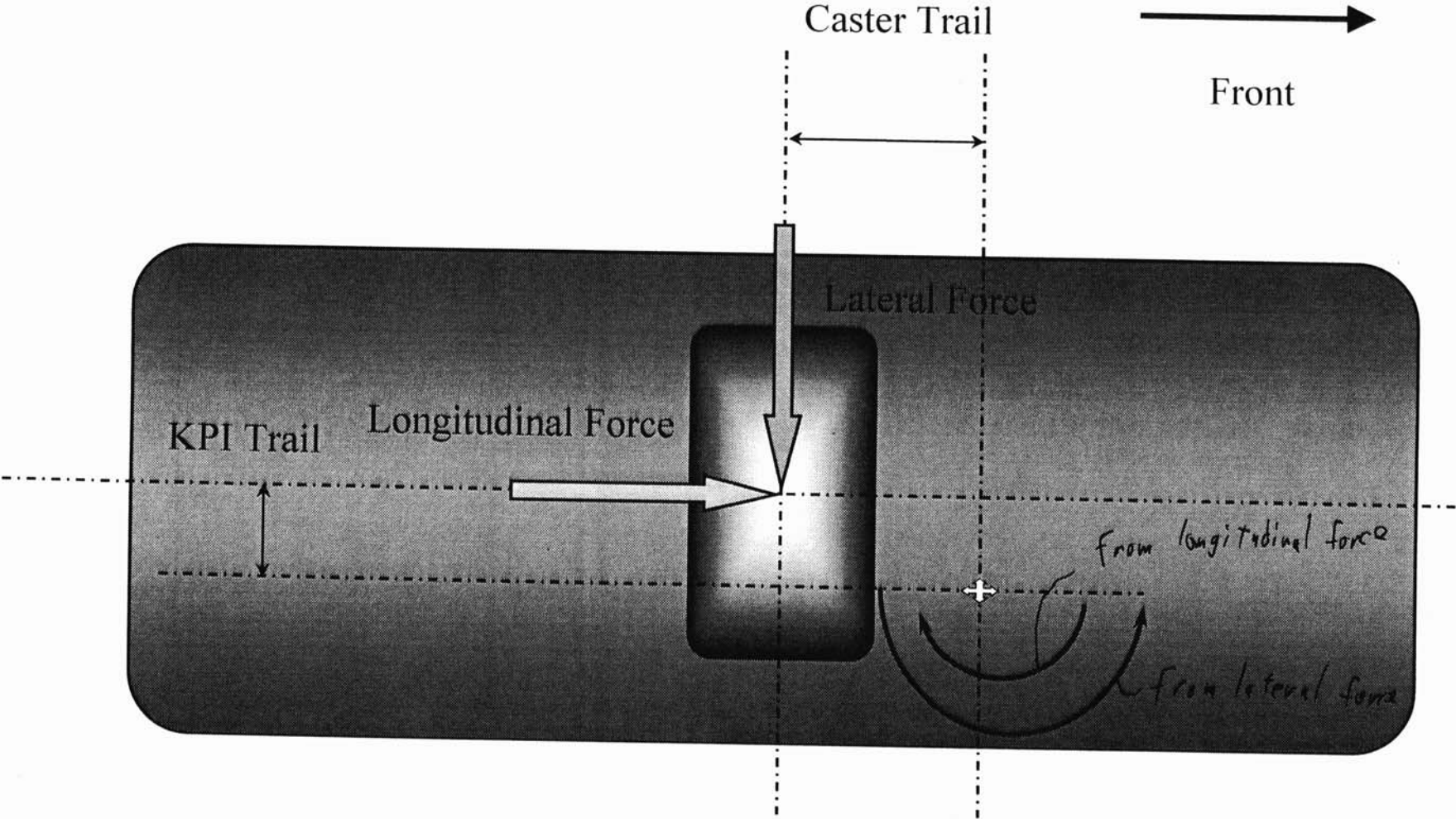
# Caster and King Pin Inclination (KPI)



# Effect of Caster and KPI



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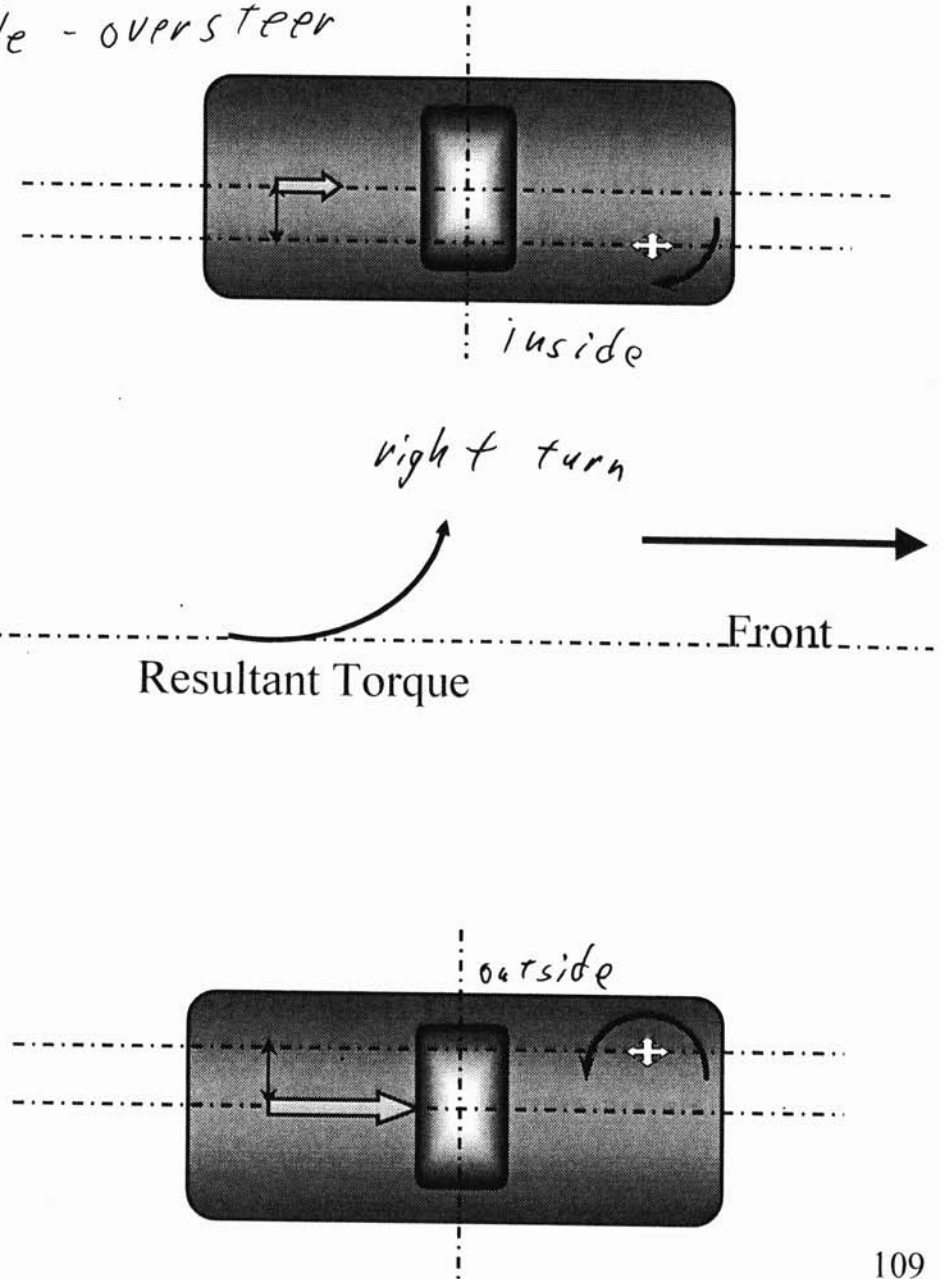
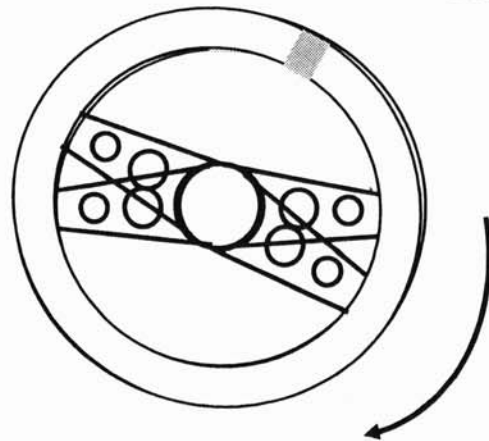
Steering torque under lateral and inline forces

# Effect of KPI Trail in Straight Way

*Throttle - oversteer*

Right-Left difference of longitudinal forces creates different couple in the steering wheel.

To keep the car straight on, driver must turn right

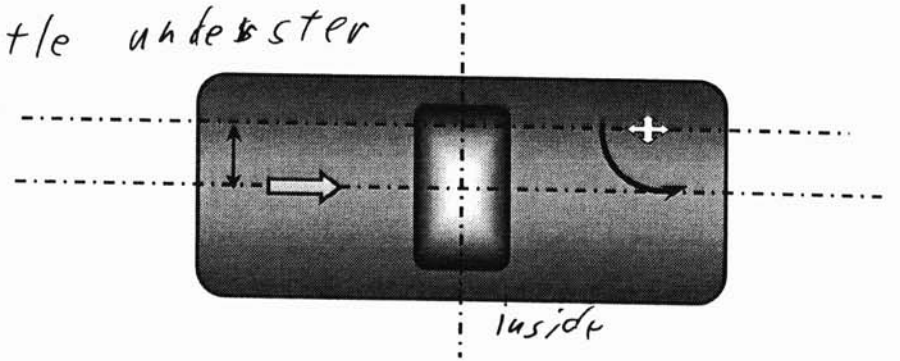




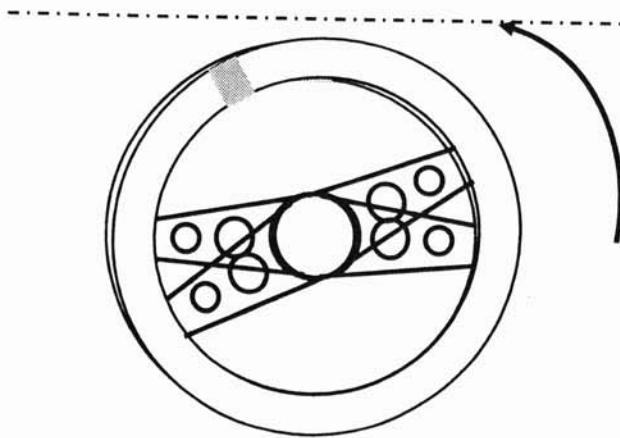
# Effect of KPI Trail in Straight Way

Right-Left difference of longitudinal forces creates different couple in the steering wheel.

*throttle underster*

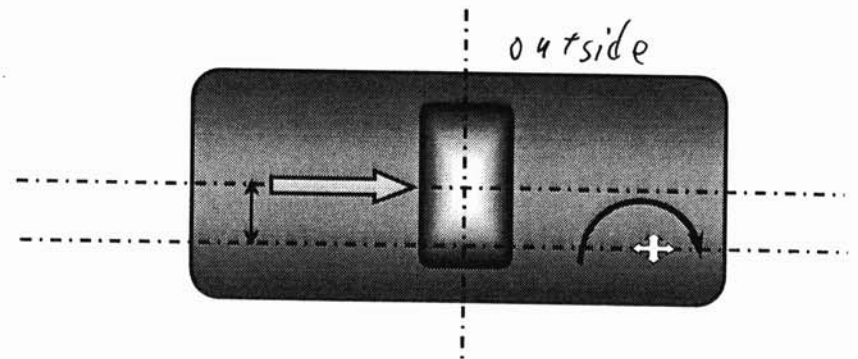


To keep the car straight on, driver must turn left



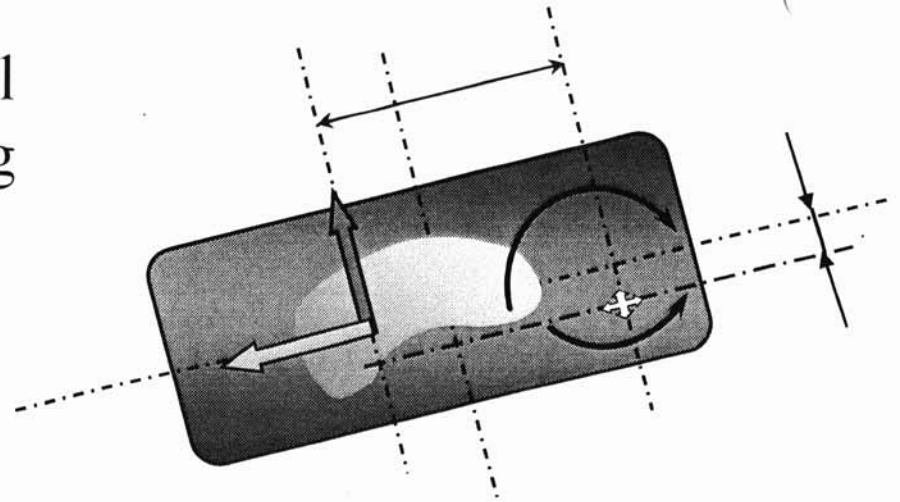
Resultant Torque

*Left turn*

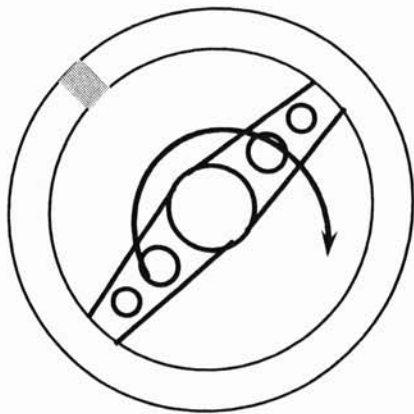


# Effect of Caster Trail and KPI Trail in Corner : Aligning Torque, taking Tire Deformations into account.

When taking into account the tire longitudinal and lateral deformations, the aligning torque increases a lot.

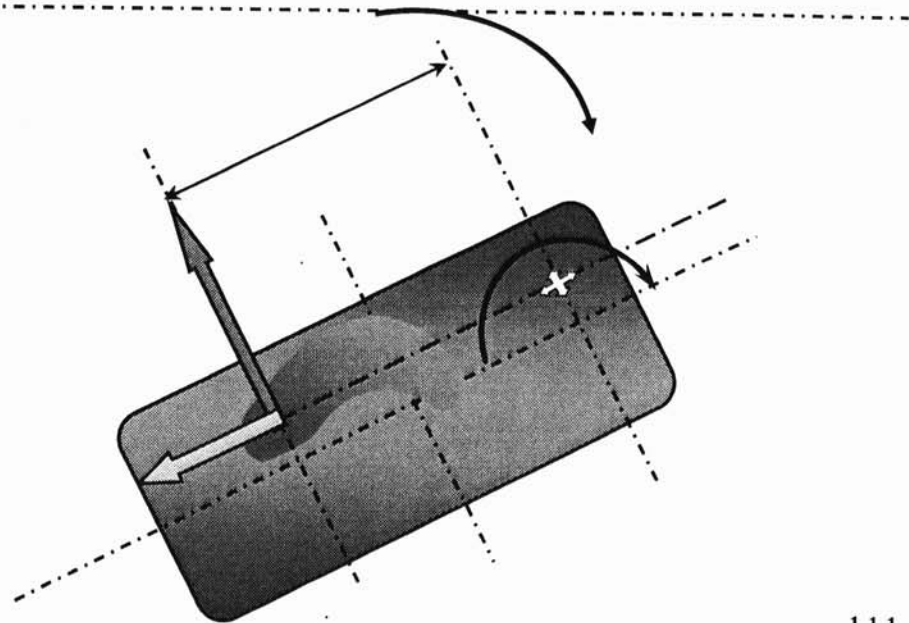


To keep the car in corner, driver must resist to this torque



Resultant Torque

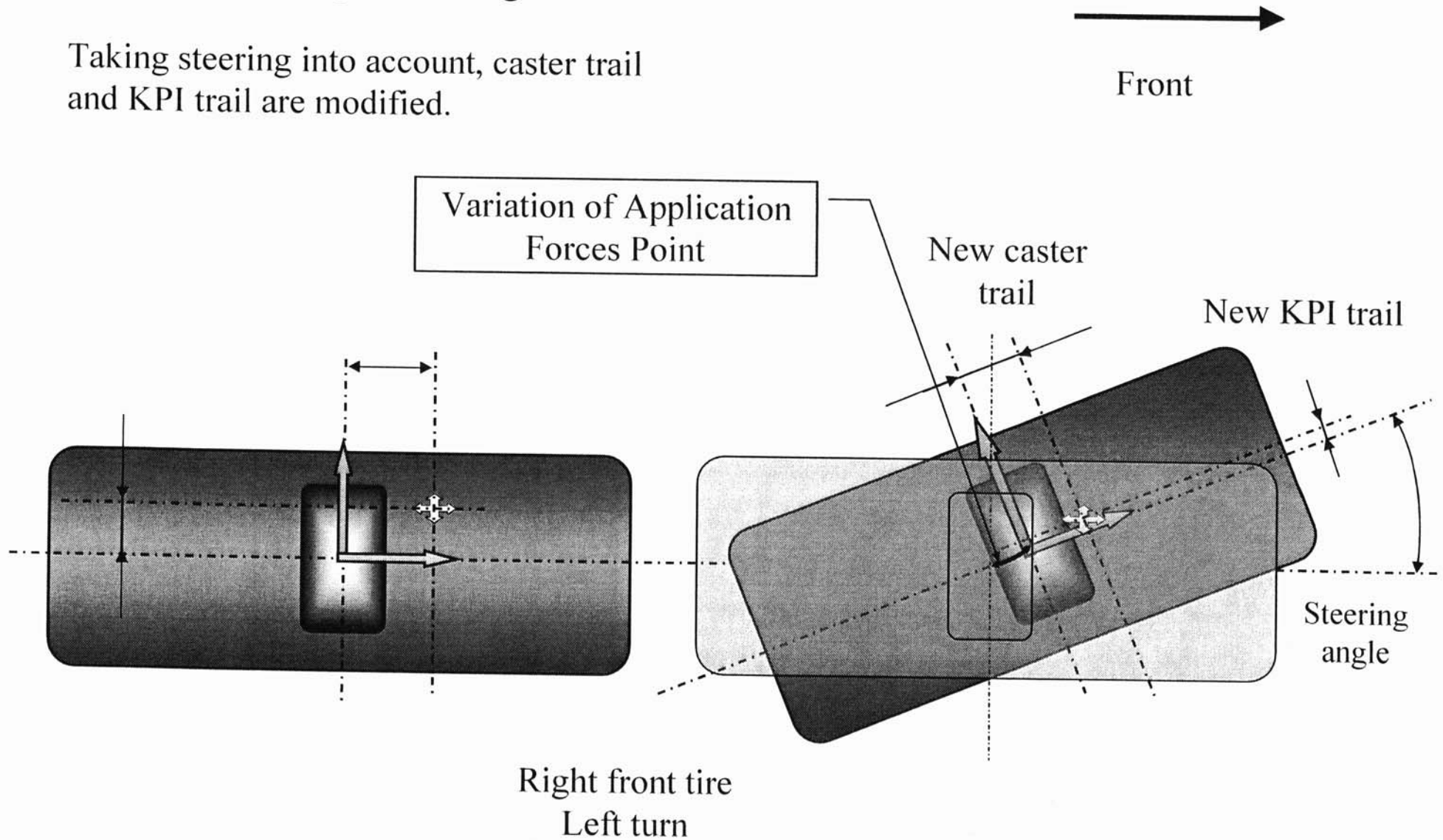
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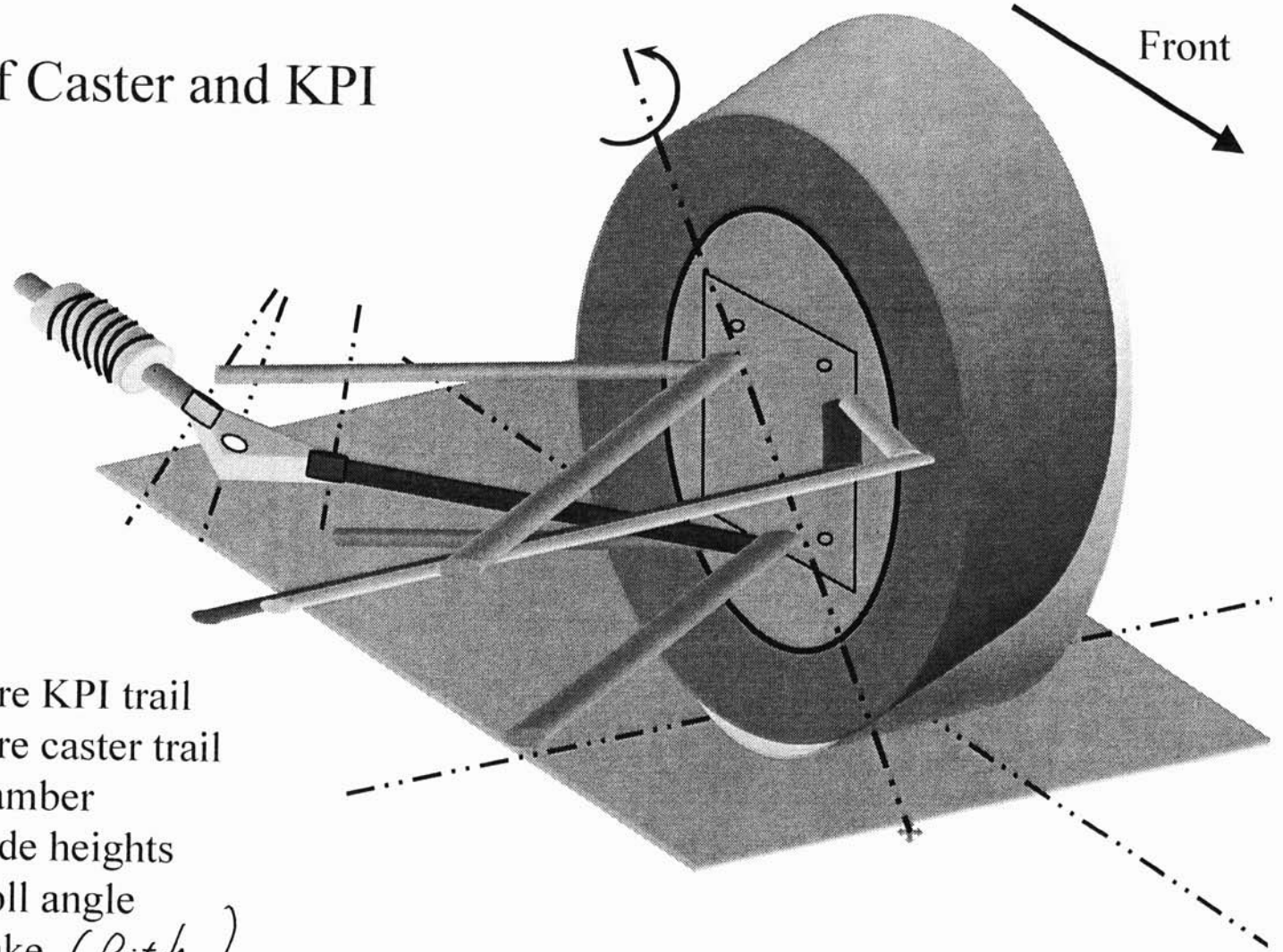


# Variation of Caster Trail and KPI Trail in Corner : taking Steering into account.

Taking steering into account, caster trail and KPI trail are modified.



## Effect of Caster and KPI



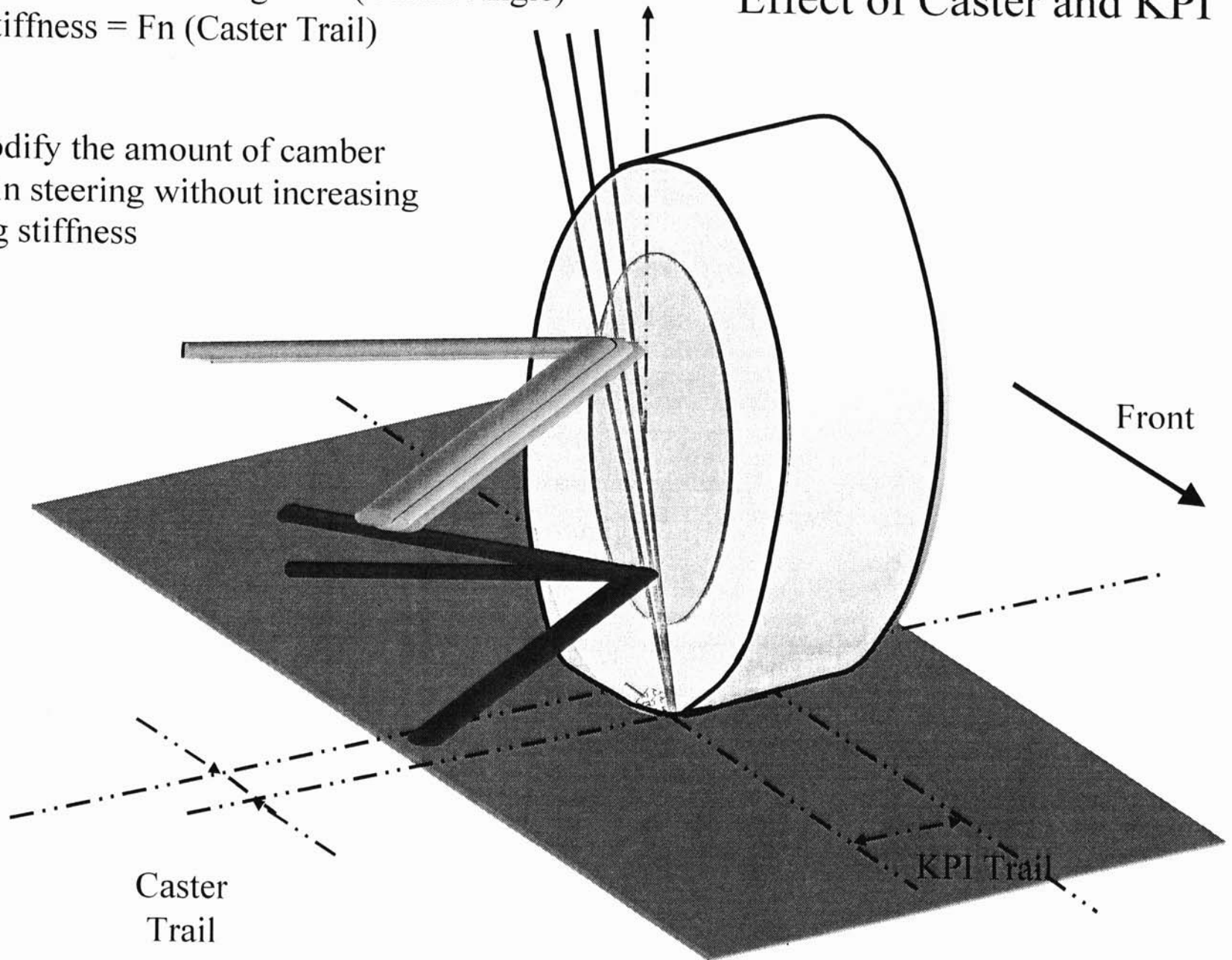
### Variations in Steering:

- Tire KPI trail
- Tire caster trail
- Camber
- Ride heights
- Roll angle
- Rake (*Pitch*)
- Corner weights
- Steering stiffness
- Front track
- Wheelbases

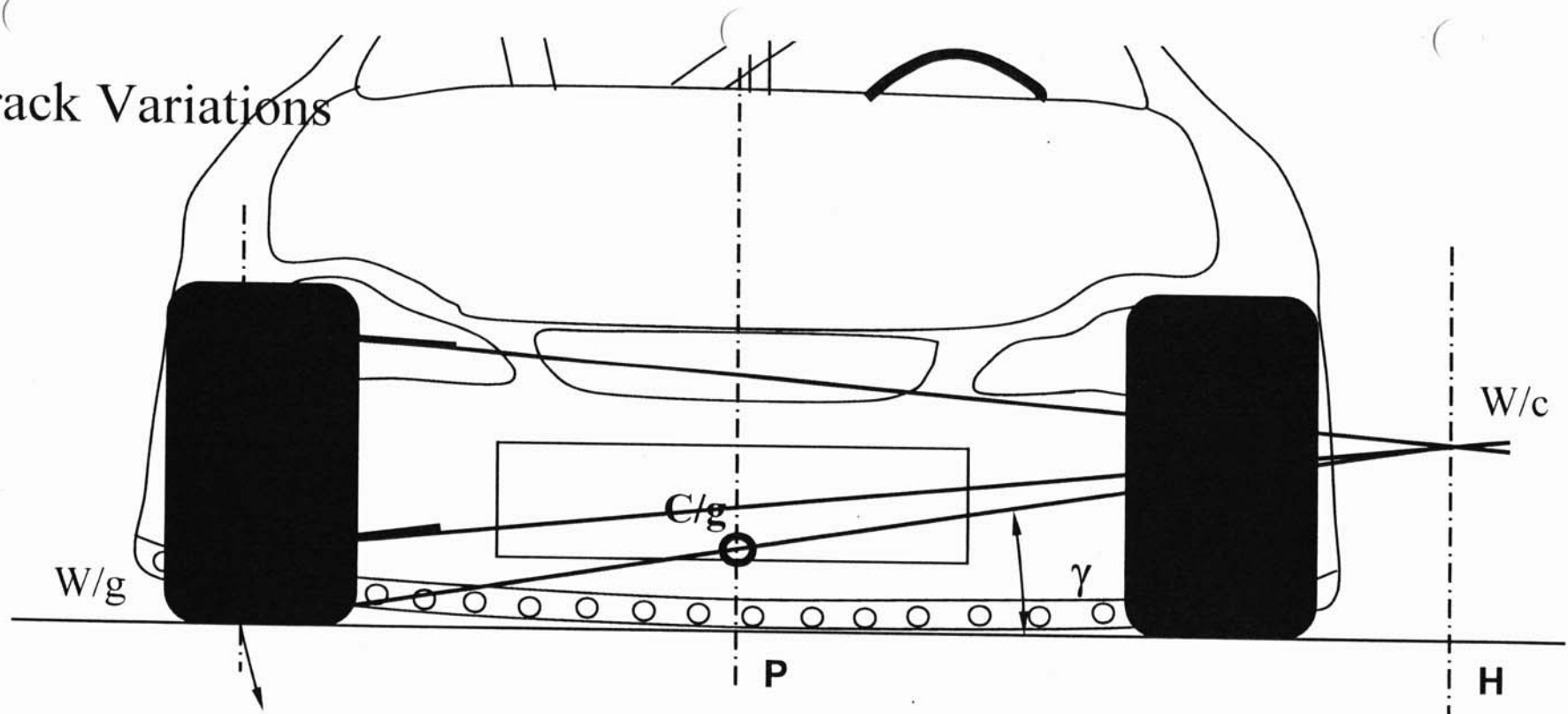
Camber variations in steering = Fn (Caster Angle)  
Steering Stiffness = Fn (Caster Trail)

How to modify the amount of camber variations in steering without increasing the steering stiffness

## Effect of Caster and KPI



## Track Variations



### Track variations in heave

A vertical mvt  $\Delta z$  of the chassis creates a rotation of  $W/g$  and a lateral motion of  $W/c = \Delta z * \tan \gamma$

The track variations will be  $< 0$  if  $W/c$  is under the ground

### Track variations in roll

For a rotation  $\Delta R$  of the chassis about the ground and around  $C/g$  (roll center)

$W/g$  moves, compared to the center of the car, of a distance  $= \Delta R * C/g - P$

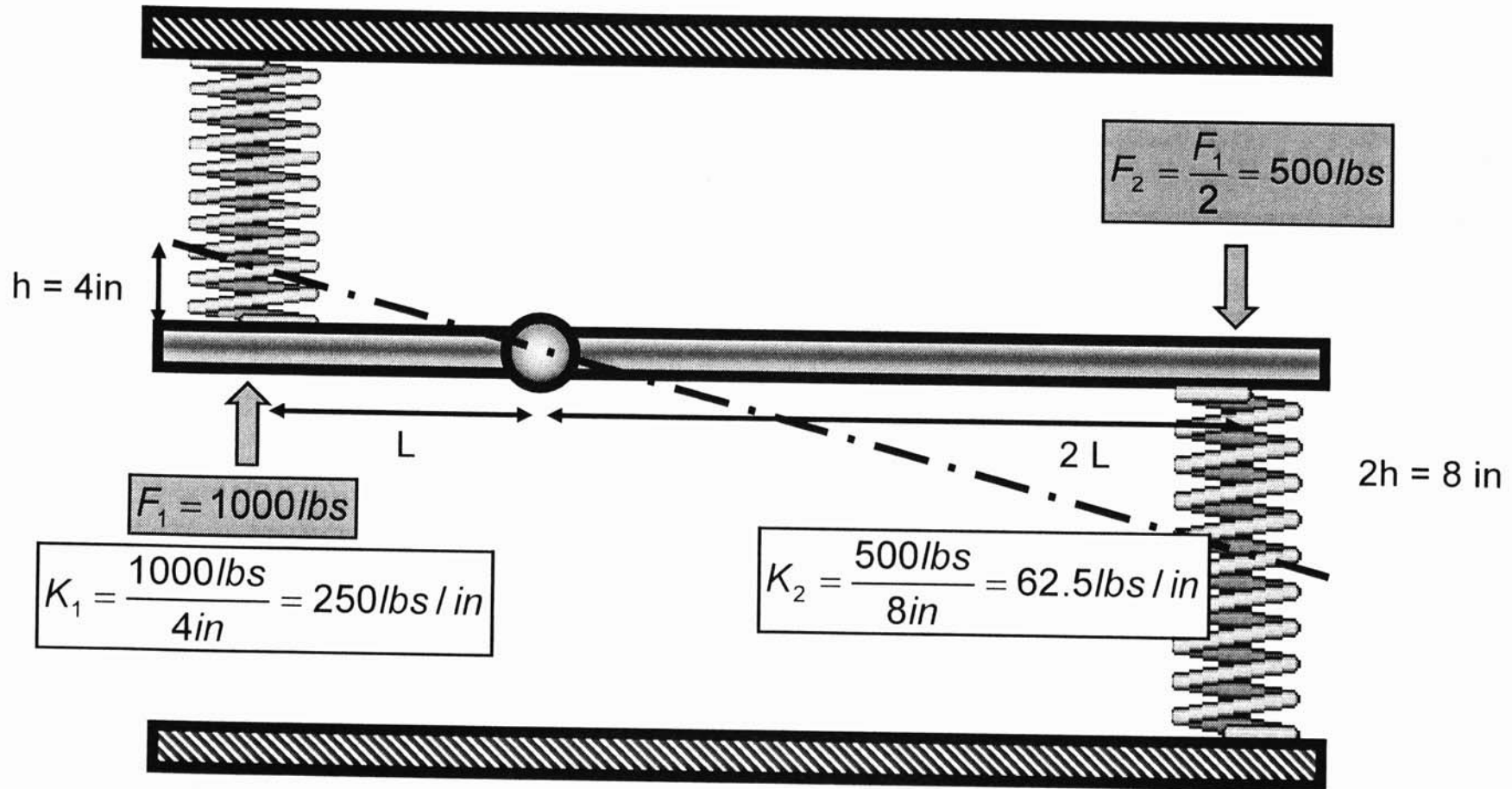
The left and right track variations will be equals but with opposite signs.

They will be the opposite sign if  $C/g$  is under the ground.

# 4. Steady State Weight Transfers

- Motion Ratio
- Lateral Weight Transfer
- Roll Center Movement
- Inline Weight Transfer
- Vertical Acceleration (Banking)

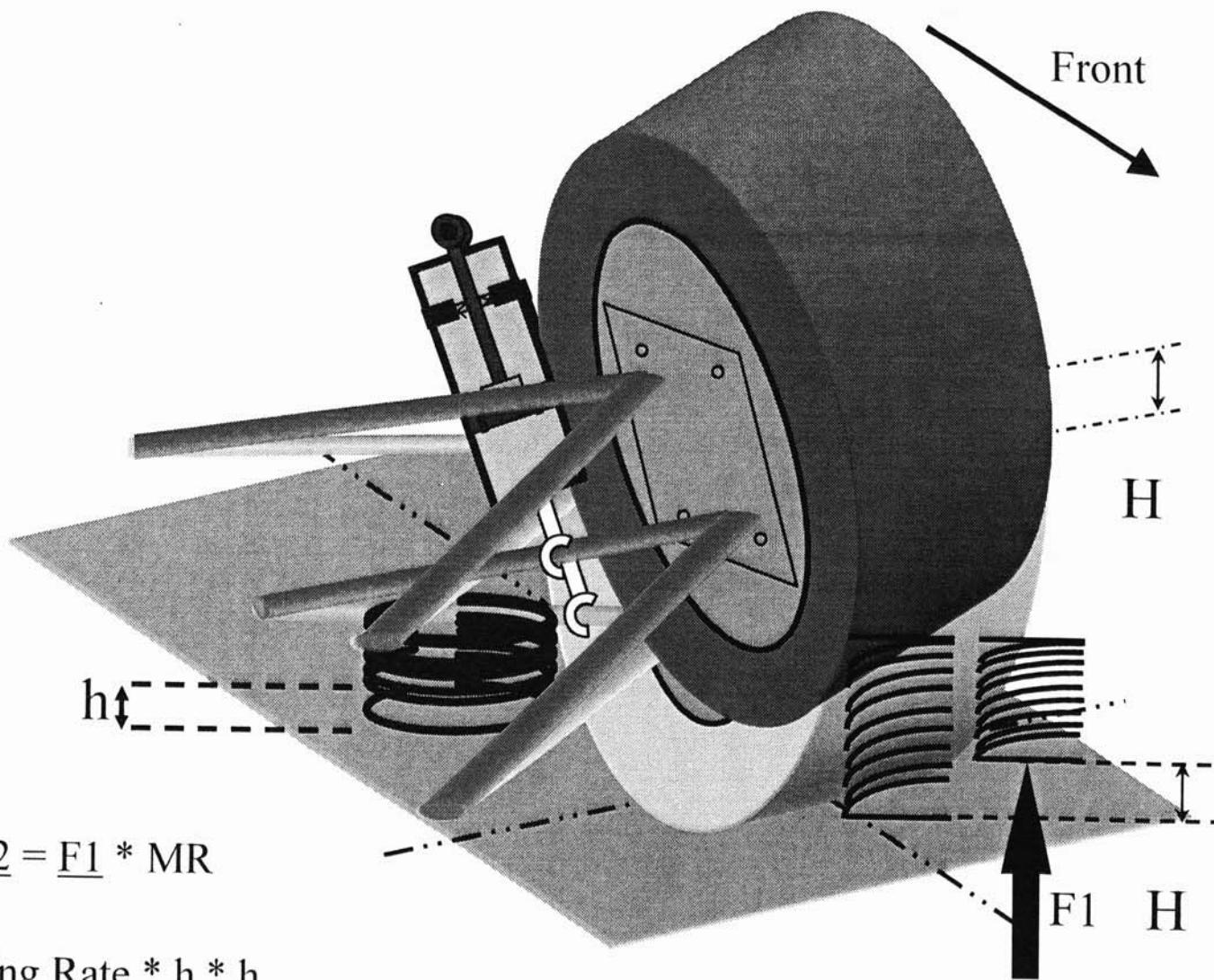
# Motion Ratio (3)



$$K_2 = \frac{K_1}{MR^2}$$

$$K_2 = \frac{250}{2^2} = 62.5\text{ lbs/in}$$

# Motion Ratio



*Motion Ratio*  $MR = H / h$

$F1 * H = F2 * h \quad \text{---->} \quad F2 = F1 * MR$

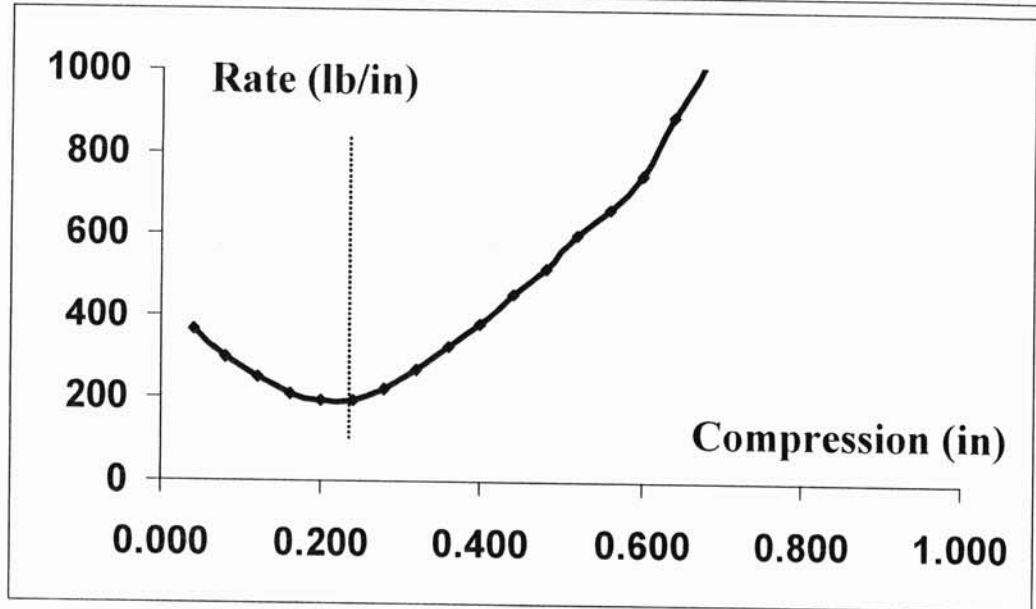
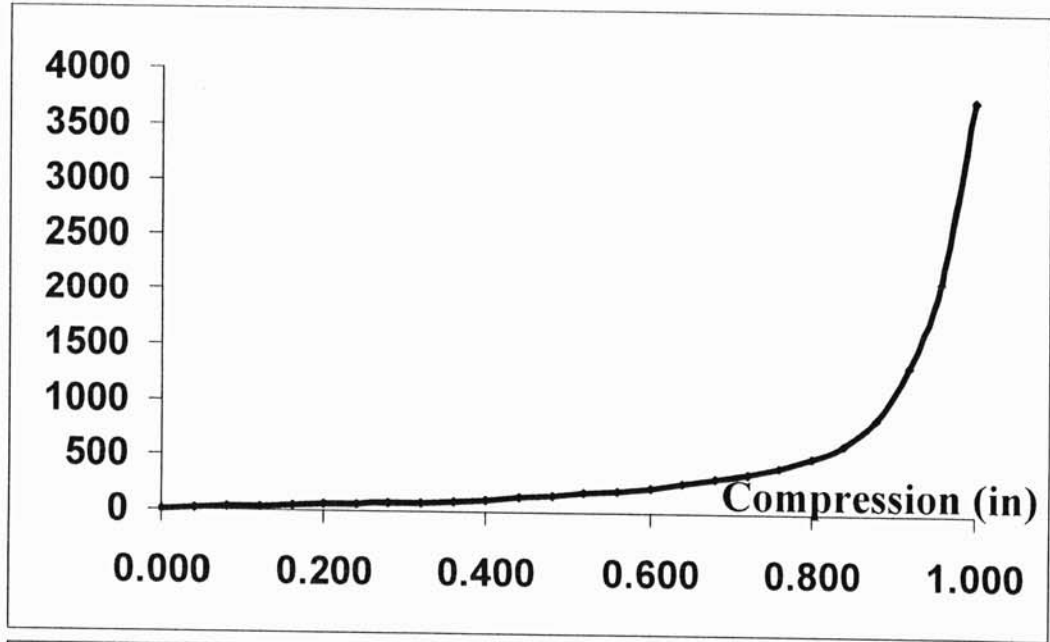
Wheel Rate \*  $H * H =$  Spring Rate \*  $h * h$

$\rightarrow$  *Wheel Rate* = *Spring Rate* /  $(MR^2)$



# Bump Rubber

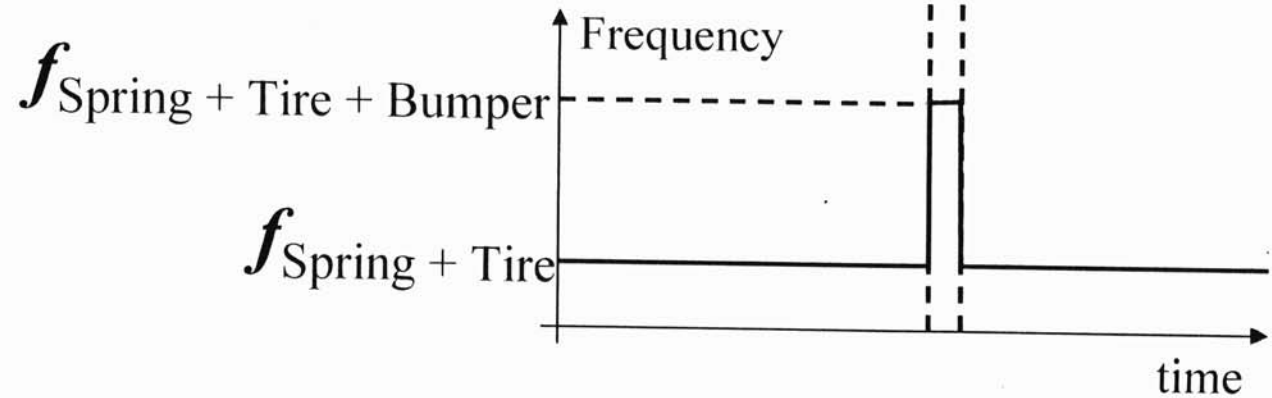
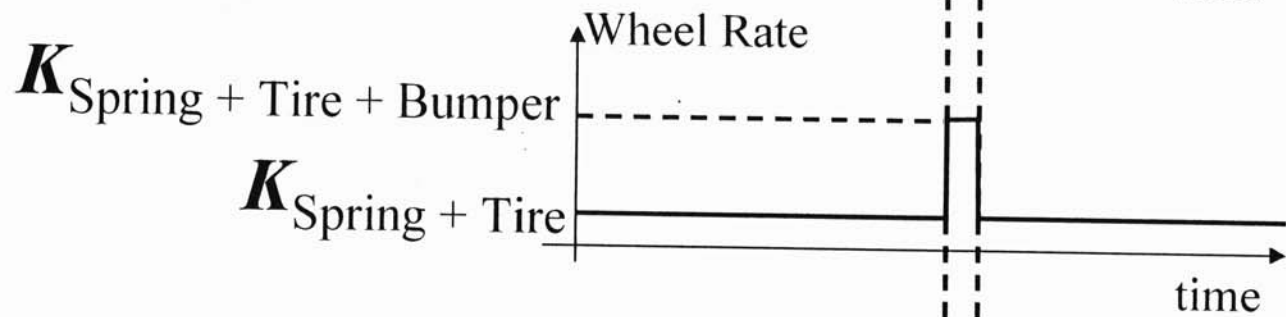
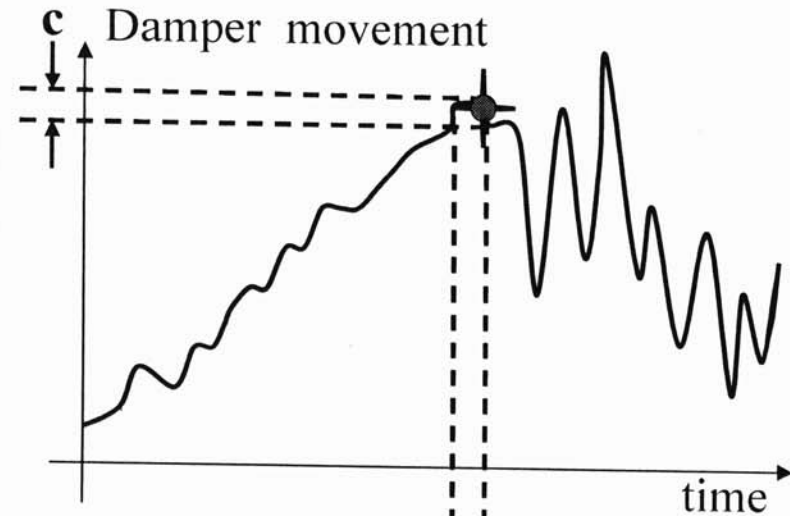
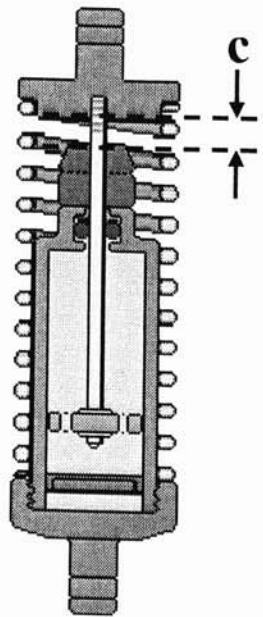
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|------------------|------------|--------------|
| 0.000            | 0.0        |              |
| 0.040            | 14.5       | 362.5        |
| 0.080            | 26.4       | 297.5        |
| 0.120            | 36.4       | 250.0        |
| 0.160            | 44.8       | 210.0        |
| 0.200            | 52.5       | 192.5        |
| 0.240            | 60.2       | 192.5        |
| 0.280            | 69.1       | 222.5        |
| 0.320            | 79.9       | 270.0        |
| 0.360            | 92.9       | 325.0        |
| 0.400            | 108.1      | 380.0        |
| 0.440            | 126.3      | 455.0        |
| 0.480            | 147.0      | 517.5        |
| 0.520            | 171.0      | 600.0        |
| 0.560            | 197.6      | 665.0        |
| 0.600            | 227.5      | 747.5        |
| 0.640            | 263.0      | 887.5        |
| 0.680            | 303.9      | 1022.5       |
| 0.720            | 353.1      | 1230.0       |
| 0.760            | 416.2      | 1577.5       |
| 0.800            | 499.9      | 2092.5       |
| 0.840            | 621.2      | 3032.5       |
| 0.880            | 865.0      | 6095.0       |
| 0.920            | 1340.0     | 11875.0      |
| 0.960            | 2109.0     | 19225.0      |
| 1.000            | 3748.8     | 40995.0      |



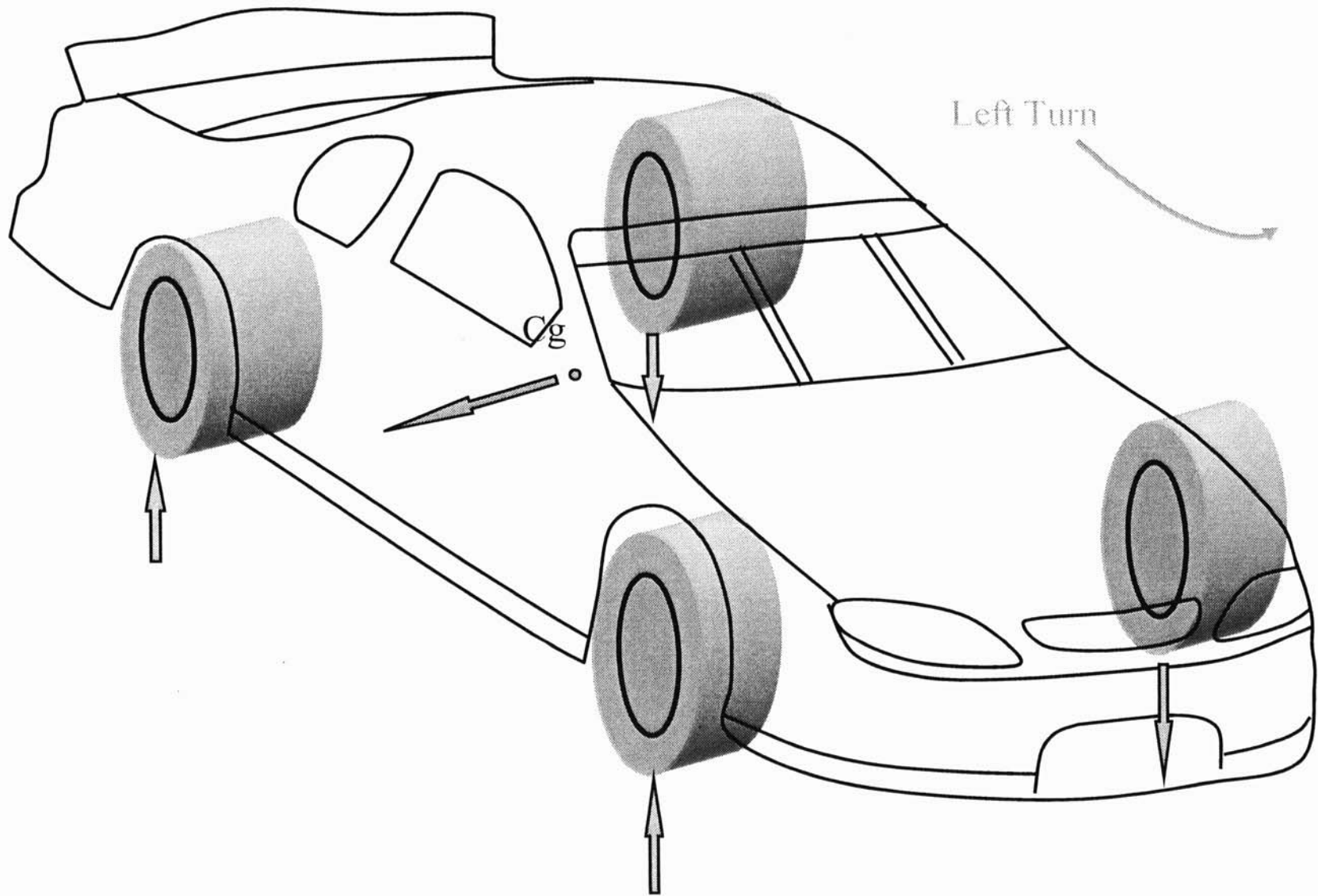


# Abrupt variation of the suspension frequency when the shock absorber hit the bumper

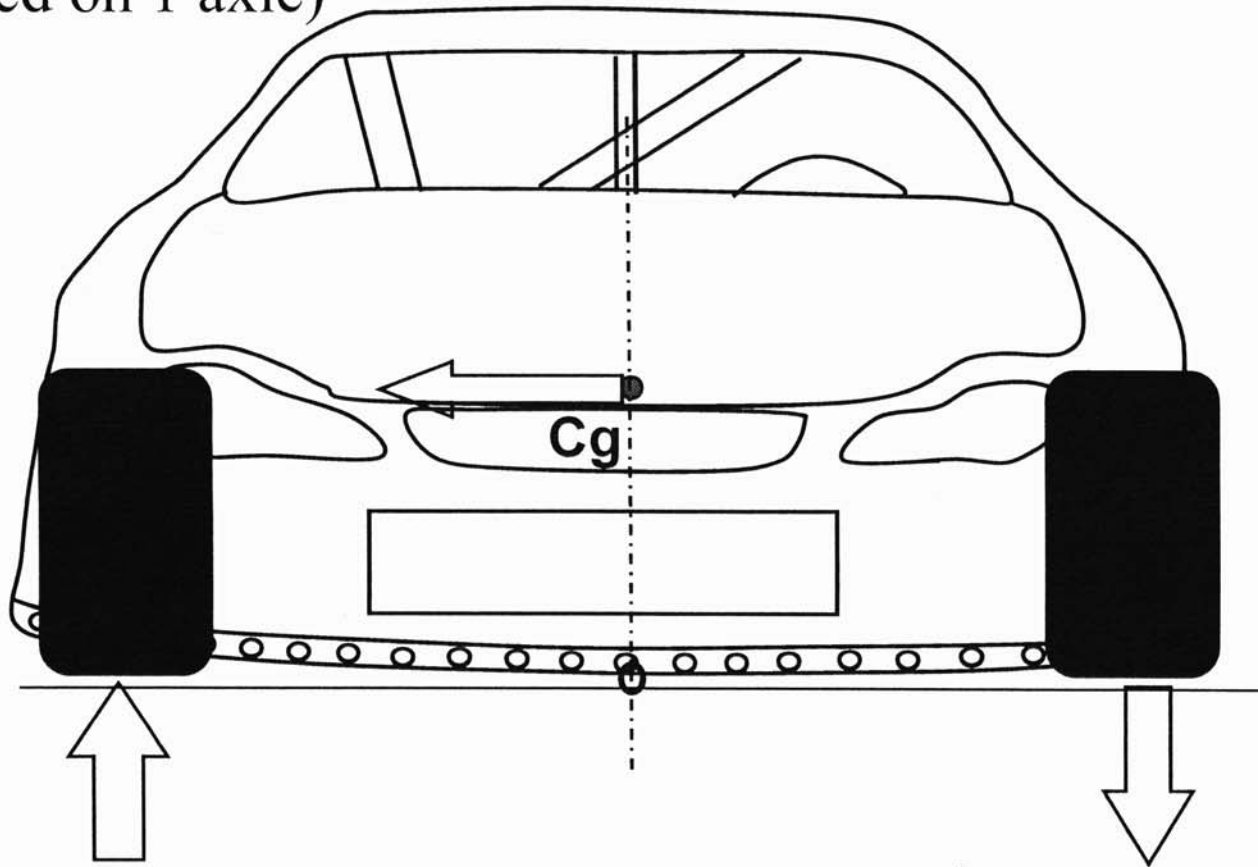
$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \times \sqrt{\frac{K_{\text{Spring+Tire+Bumper}}}{M_{\text{RF suspended Mass}}}}$$



# Lateral Weight Transfer Basics



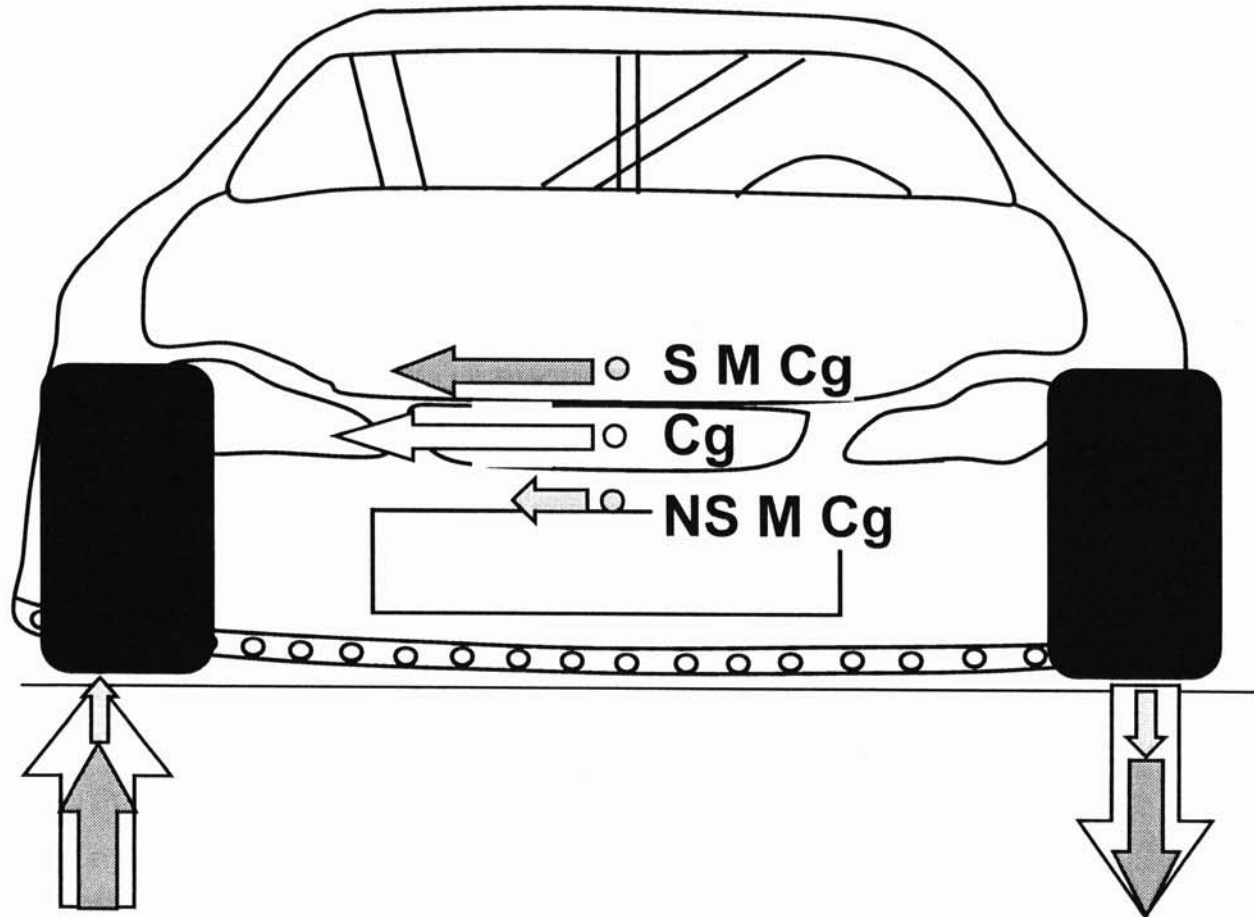
## Lateral Weight Transfer Basics (simplified on 1 axle)



Lateral Force = Mass \* Lateral Acceleration

Lateral Weight Transfer = Lateral Force \* Cg Height / Track

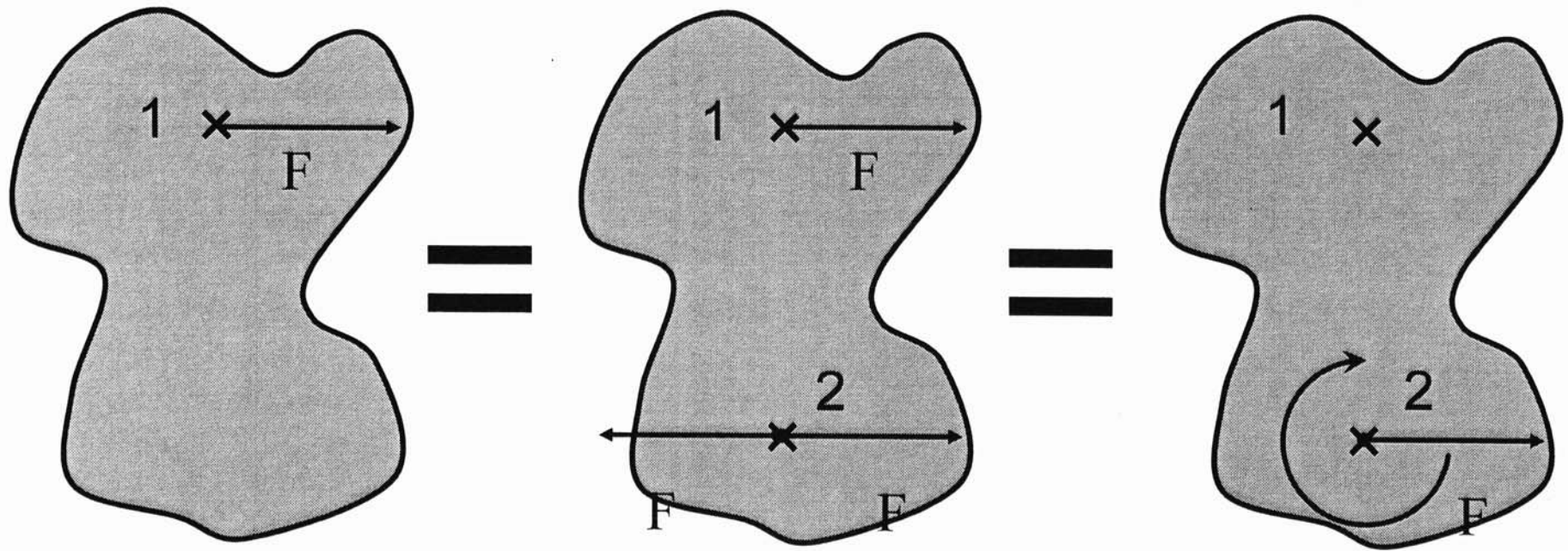
## Lateral Weight Transfer



**Lateral NS Weight Transfer = NS M \* Lat Acc \* NS M Cg Height / Track**

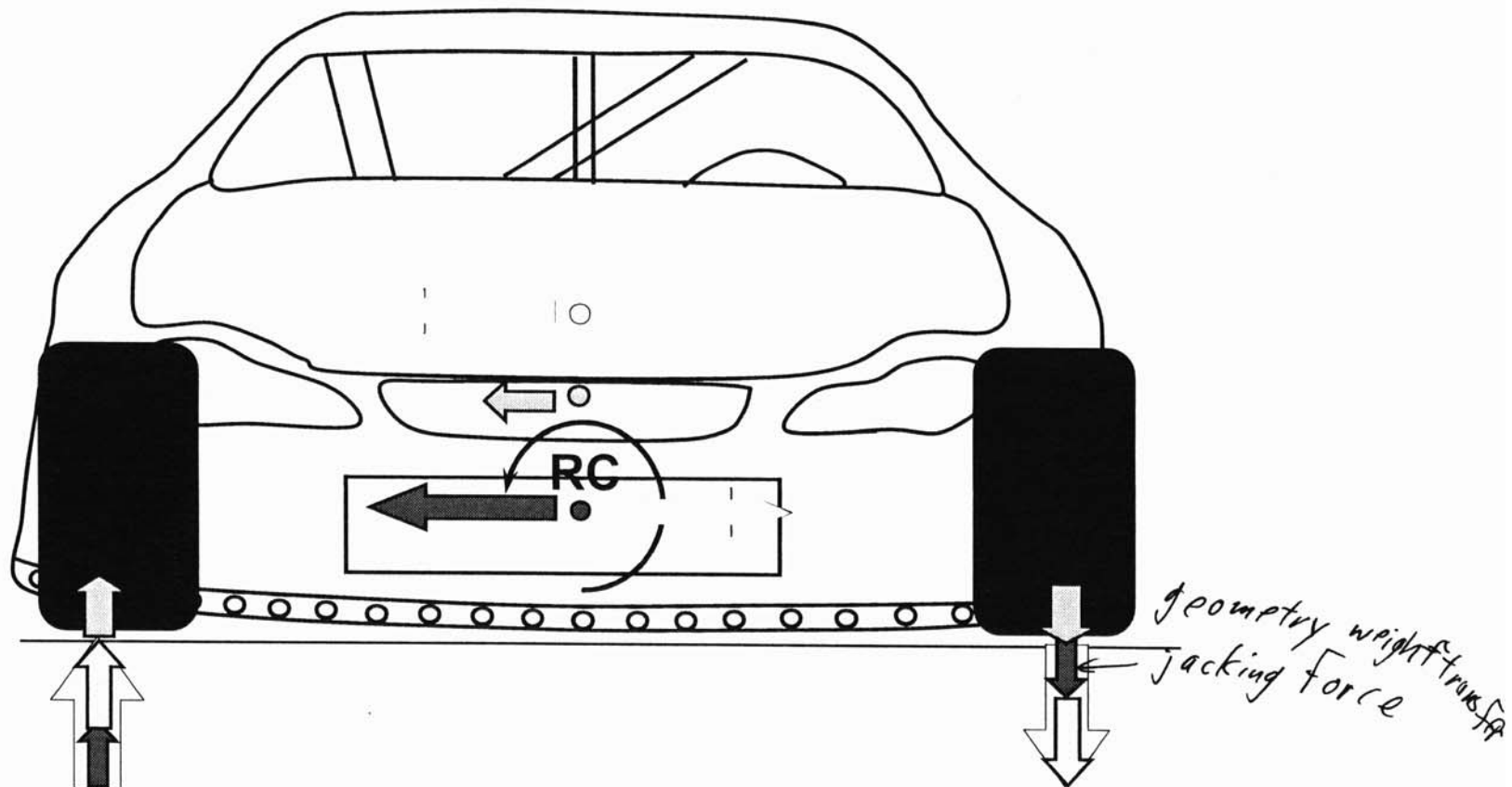
**Lateral S Weight Transfer = S M \* Lat Acc \* S M Cg Height / Track**

Equivalence between a force apply on one point and the same force plus a torque apply on another point



$F$  apply on pt 1 =  $F$  apply on pt 2 + Torque

# Lateral Weight Transfer



Lateral S Weight "Geometric" Transfer =  $SM * Lat\ Acc * RC\ Height / Track$

↳ happens immediately

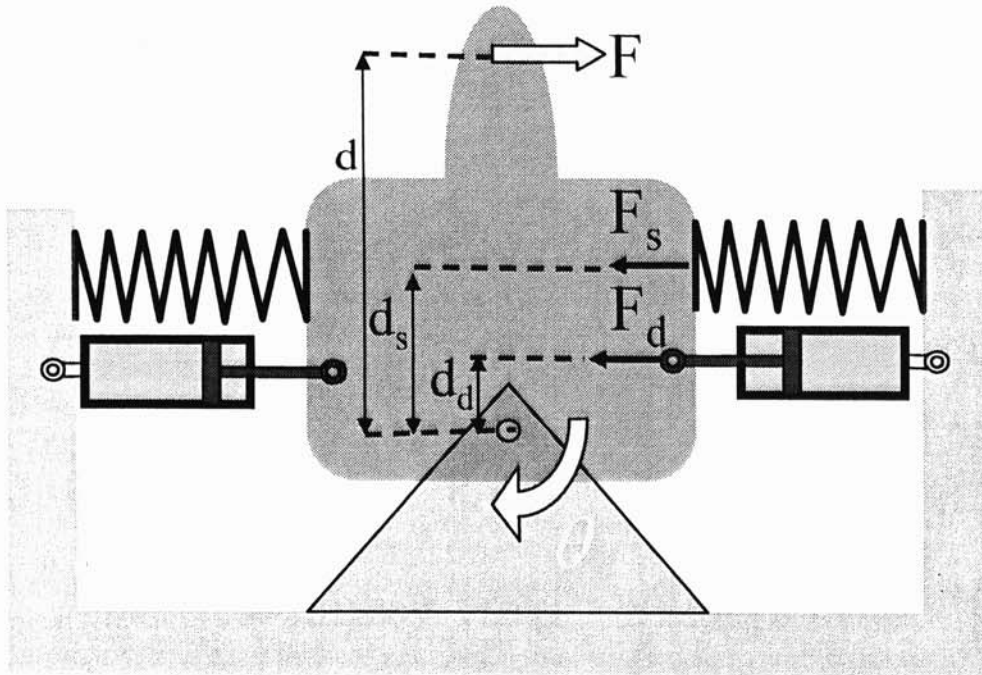
Lateral S Weight "Elastic" Transfer =  $SM * Lat\ Acc * (SMCg - RC) / Track$

↳ reacted by springs, ARB, etc.

↳ delayed

SM Roll Moment

# Effect of inertia on the handling



$$F_s = F_{Spring} = K \times dx$$

$$F_d = F_{Damper} = C \times \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$dx =$  damper or spring movement

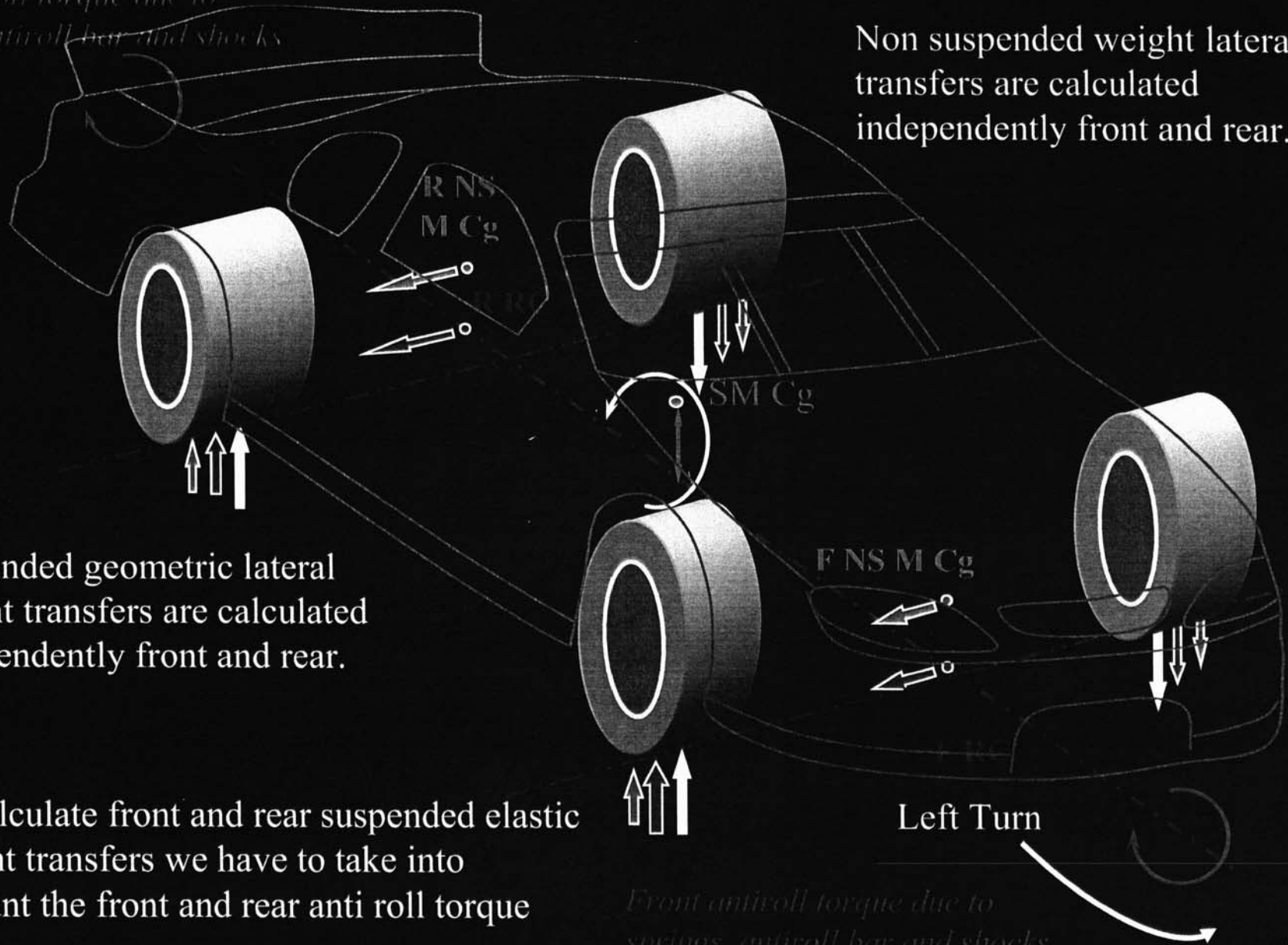
$$(F \times d) - 2 \times \{(F_s \times d_s) + (F_d \times d_d)\} = I \frac{d\theta^2}{dt^2}$$

If  $F = \text{Cst}$ , and Inertia value increases, then the roll acceleration will decrease

# Lateral Weight Transfer Real Case : 4 wheels

*Rear antiroll torque due to springs, antiroll bar and shocks*

Non suspended weight lateral transfers are calculated independently front and rear.



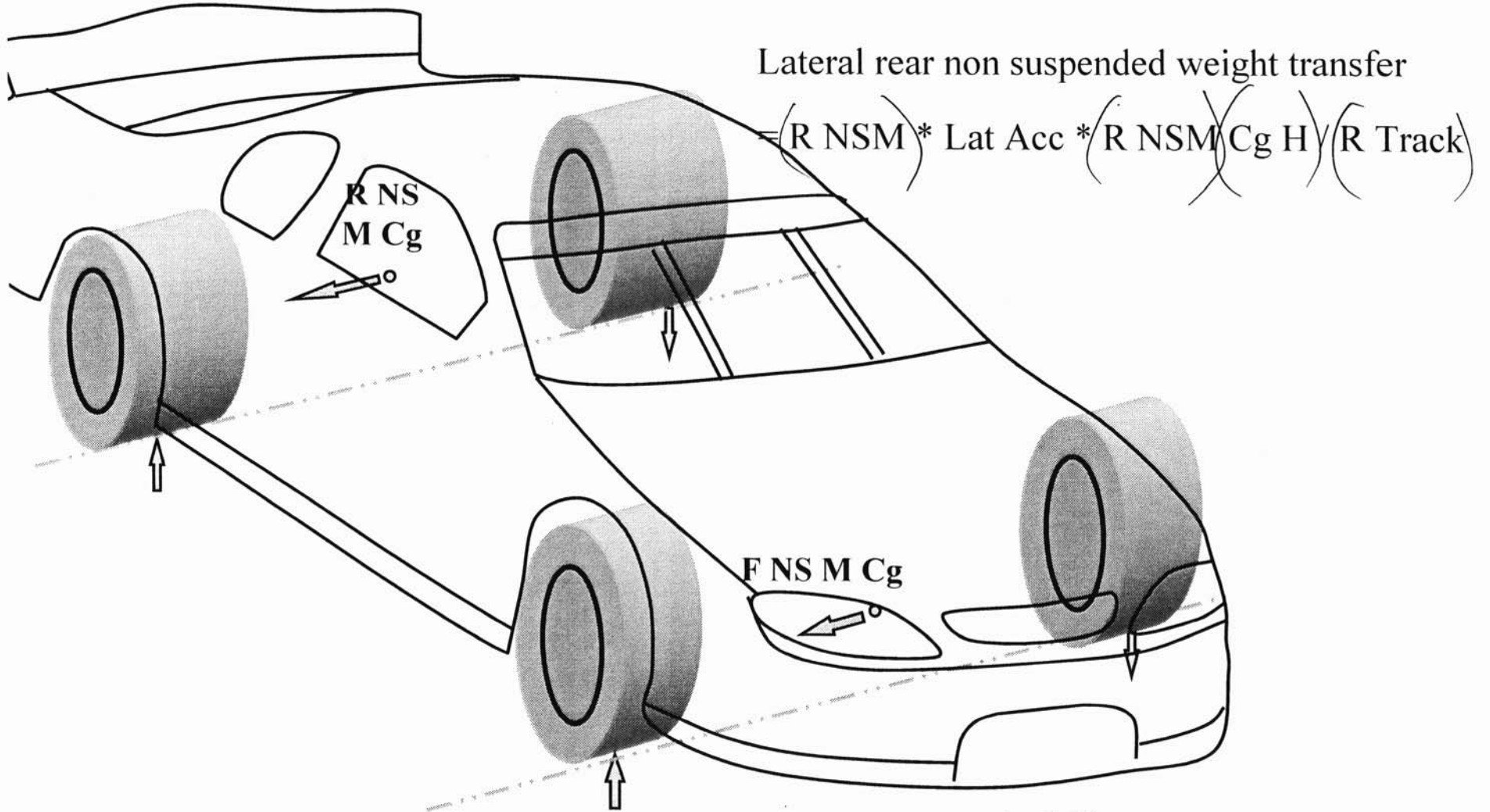
Suspended geometric lateral weight transfers are calculated independently front and rear.

To calculate front and rear suspended elastic weight transfers we have to take into account the front and rear anti roll torque

*Front antiroll torque due to springs, antiroll bar and shocks*



# Lateral Front and Rear Non Suspended Weight Transfer



Lateral rear non suspended weight transfer

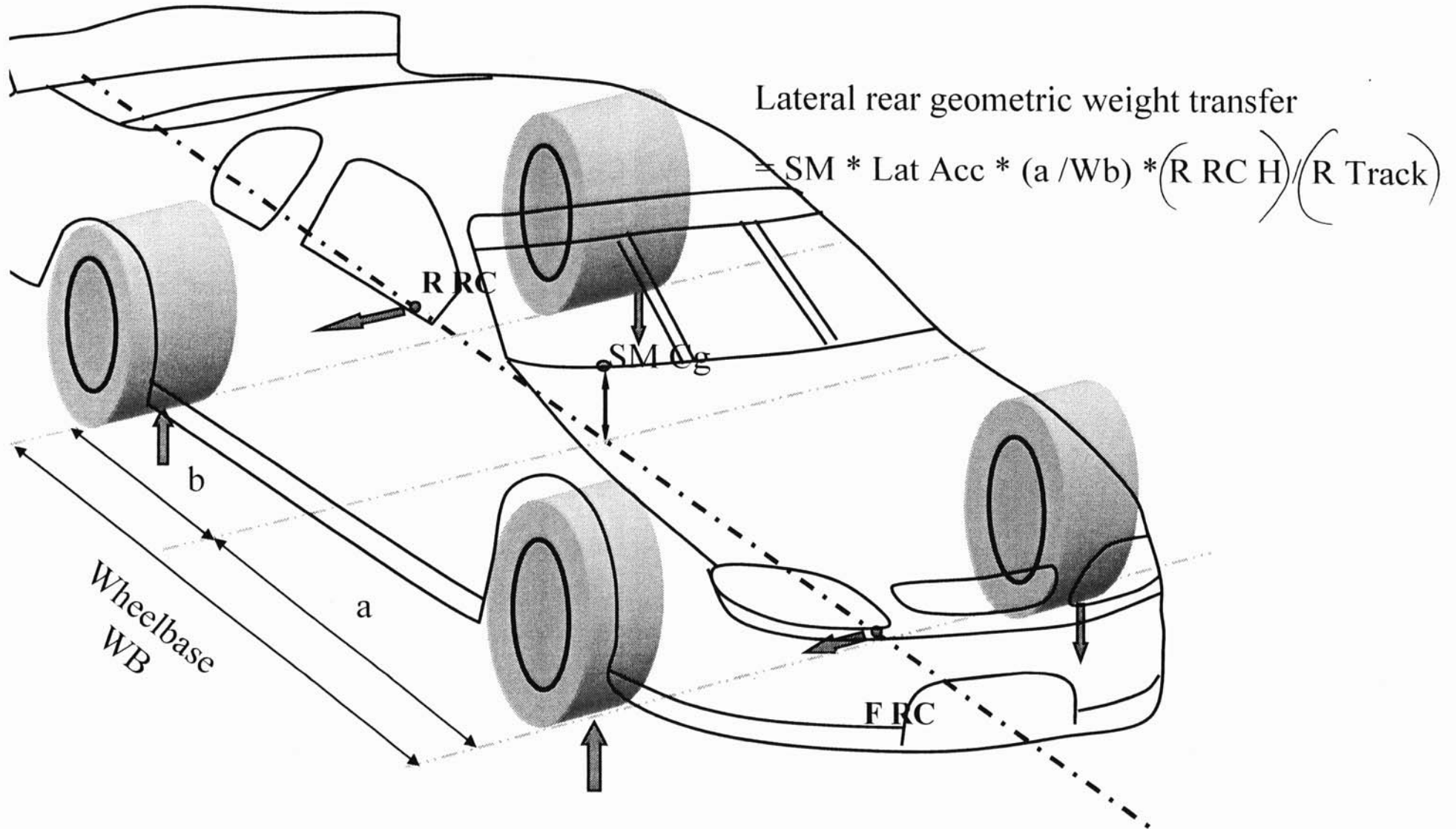
$$= (R\ NSM) * Lat\ Acc * (R\ NSM)(Cg\ H) / (R\ Track)$$

Lateral front non suspended weight transfer

$$= (F\ NSM) * Lat\ Acc * (F\ NSM)(Cg\ H) / (F\ Track)$$

Left Turn

# Lateral Front and Rear Geometric Weight Transfer



Lateral rear geometric weight transfer

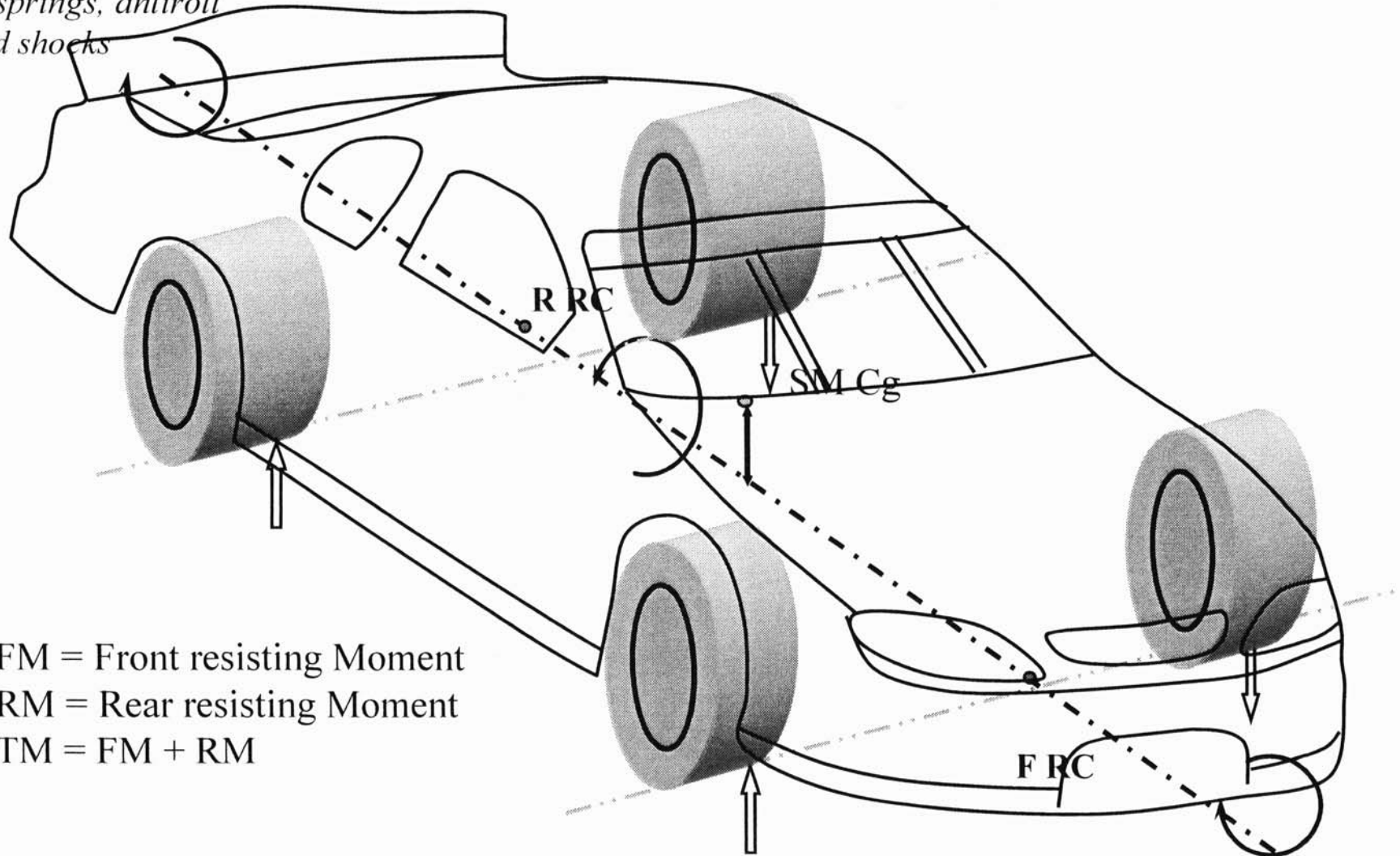
$$= SM * Lat Acc * (a / Wb) * \left( \frac{R RC H}{R Track} \right)$$

Lateral front geometric weight transfer

$$= SM * Lat Acc * (b / WB) * \left( \frac{F RC H}{F Track} \right)$$

# Lateral Elastic Weight Transfer

*Rear antiroll torque  
due to springs, antiroll  
bar and shocks*



FM = Front resisting Moment  
 RM = Rear resisting Moment  
 TM = FM + RM

Rear elastic S W transfer =  $SM * Lat Acc * Dist (SM Cg - Roll axis) * (RM / TM) / Rear Track$   
 Front elastic S W transfer =  $SM * Lat Acc * Dist (SM Cg - Roll axis) * (FM / TM) / Front Track$

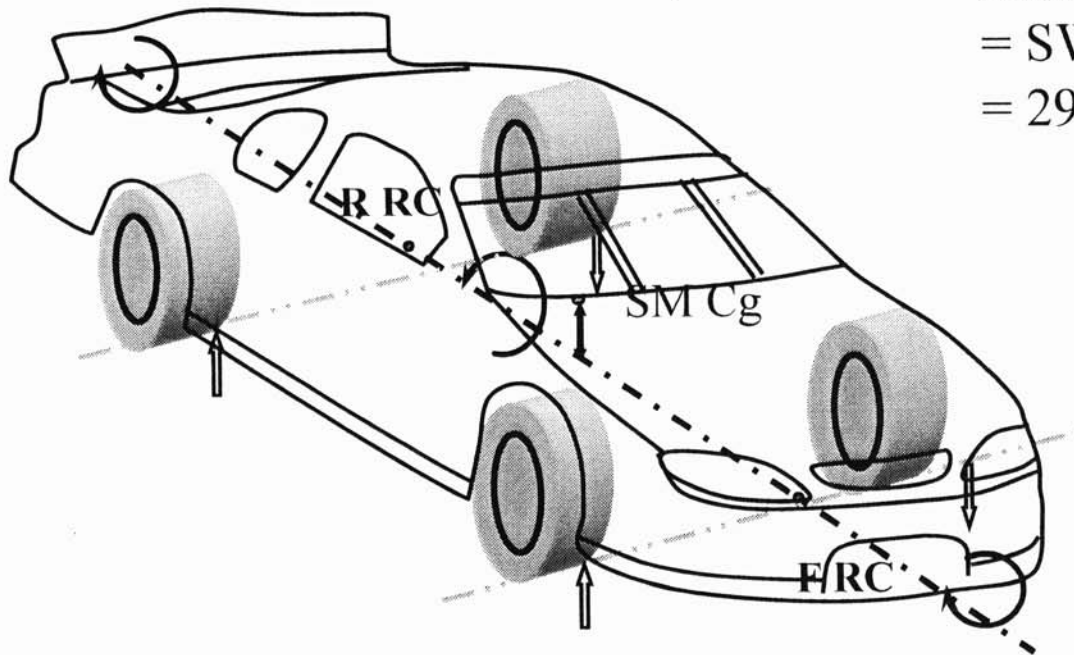
*Front antiroll torque due to  
springs, antiroll bar and shocks*

# Lateral Elastic Weight Transfer : Example of Front and Rear Distribution

Rear antiroll torque due  
to spring, antiroll bar and shocks  
51,008 lb.in / deg (4,250 lb.ft / deg)

S<sub>Mass</sub> = 2910 lb  
Lat acc = 1.5 G  
S<sub>M Cg - Roll axis</sub> = 7.62 in

Moment due to lateral force  
= S<sub>W</sub> \* Lat Acc \* Dist (S<sub>W</sub> C<sub>g</sub> - Roll axis)  
= 2910 \* 1.5 \* 7.62 = **33,261 lb.in**



Front antiroll torque due  
to spring, antiroll bar and shocks  
89,030 lb.in / deg (7,420 lb.ft / deg)

Roll Angle = 33,261 / (89,030 + 51,008)  
= **0.237 deg.**

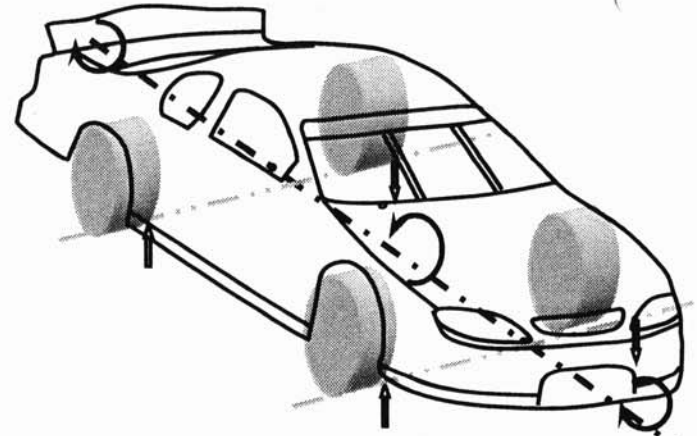
% Front antiroll torque  
= 100 \* 89,030 / (89,030 + 51,008)

Pole = **63.5%**

DNQ: 62.5%

DNQ: 64.5%

## Lateral Elastic Weight Transfer : Front and Rear Distribution



*Front elastic SW transfer*

$$= SM * Lat Acc * Dist (SM Cg - Roll axis) * \frac{Front Antiroll Torque}{Front Antiroll Torque + Rear Antiroll Torque} / F Track$$

$$= 2910 * 1.5 * 7.62 * \frac{89,030}{89,030 + 51,008} / 76 = 2910 * 1.5 * 7.62 * 0.6357 / 76 = 279.0 \text{ lb}$$

*if change of front spring of ARB (stiffer) so that the Front Antiroll Torque goes up to 110,000 lb.in*

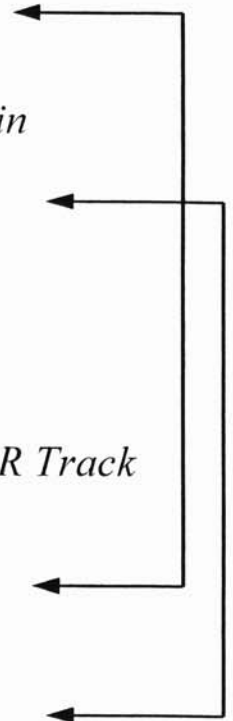
$$= 2910 * 1.5 * 7.62 * \frac{110,000}{110,000 + 51,008} / 76 = 2910 * 1.5 * 7.62 * 0.683 / 76 = 298.9 \text{ lb}$$

*Rear elastic SW transfer*

$$= SW * Lat Acc * Dist (SW Cg - Roll axis) * \frac{Rear Antiroll Torque}{Front Antiroll Torque + Rear Antiroll Torque} / R Track$$

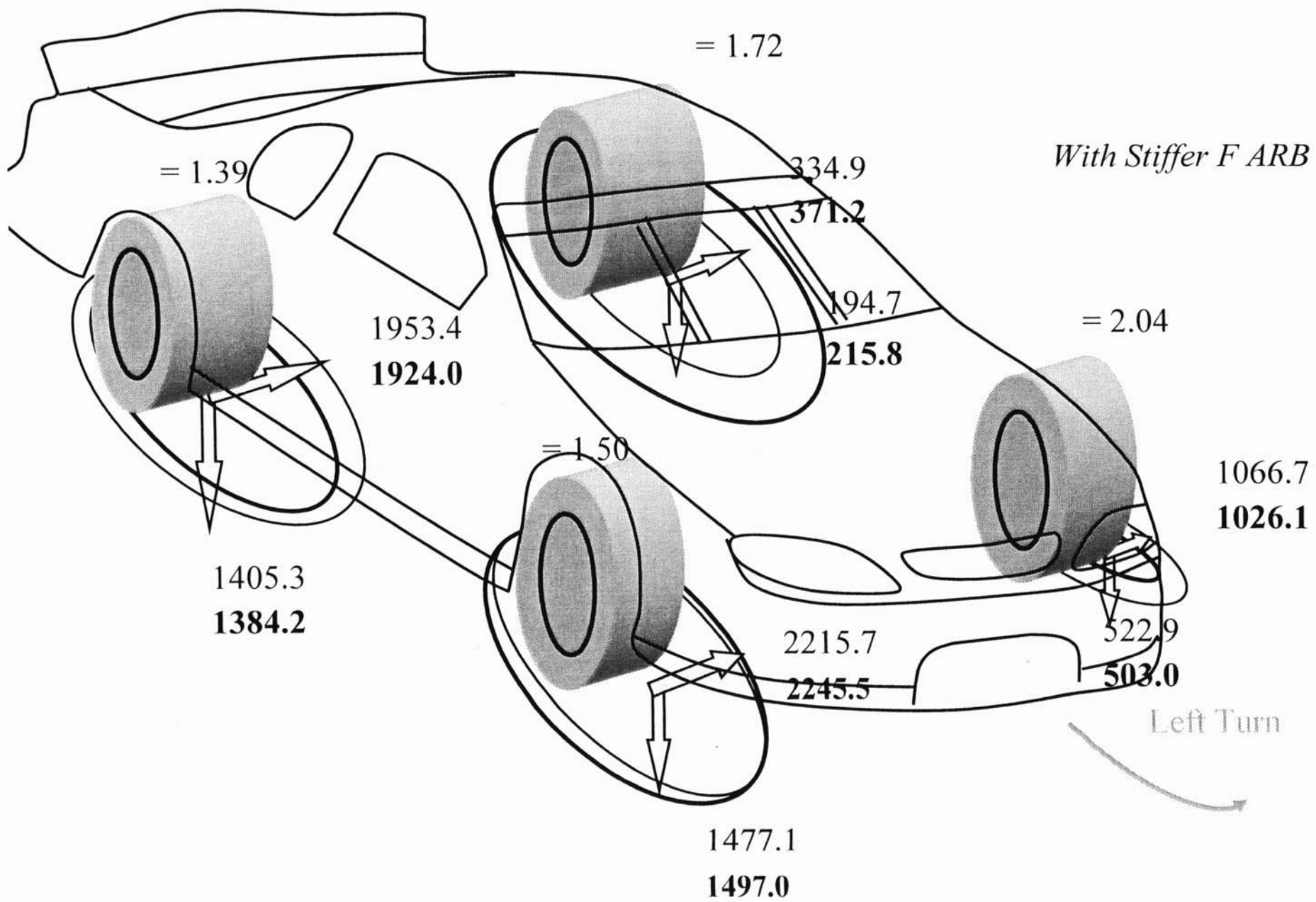
$$= 2910 * 1.5 * 7.62 * \frac{51,008}{89,030 + 51,008} / 74 = 2910 * 1.5 * 7.62 * 0.364 / 74 = 163.6 \text{ lb}$$

$$= 2910 * 1.5 * 7.62 * \frac{51,008}{110,000 + 51,008} / 74 = 2910 * 1.5 * 7.62 * 0.317 / 74 = 142.5 \text{ lb}$$



Effect of Front and Rear - Non Suspended Weight Transfers  
 - Suspended Geometric Weight Transfers  
 - Suspended Elastic Weight Transfers

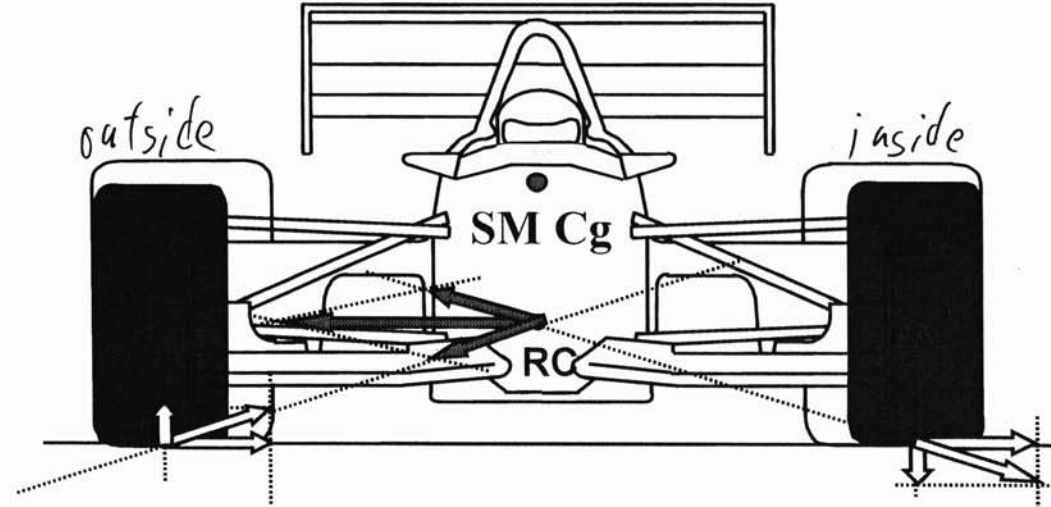
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|                           |           |              |              |  |  |               |               |
| Static Load               | <b>LF</b> | <b>1000</b>  |              |  |  | <b>1000</b>   | <b>RF</b>     |
| - NSW Transfer            |           | - 59.2       |              |  |  | + 59.2        |               |
| - SW Geometric Transfer   |           | - 138.9      |              |  |  | + 138.9       |               |
| - SW Elastic Transfer     |           | - 279.0      | - 298.9      |  |  | + 279.0       | + 298.9       |
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| Dynamic Corner Weight     |           | <b>522.9</b> | <b>503.0</b> |  |  | <b>1477.1</b> | <b>1497.0</b> |
|                           |           | <hr/>        |              |  |  | <hr/>         |               |
|                           |           | <b>800.0</b> |              |  |  | <b>800.0</b>  |               |
|                           |           | - 115.3      |              |  |  | + 115.3       |               |
|                           |           | - 326.4      |              |  |  | + 326.4       |               |
|                           |           | - 163.6      | - 142.5      |  |  | + 163.6       | + 142.5       |
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| <i>With stiffer F ARB</i> | <b>LR</b> | <b>194.7</b> | <b>215.8</b> |  |  | <b>1405.3</b> | <b>RR</b>     |





# Roll center vertical position and 'geometric' lateral suspended weight transfer

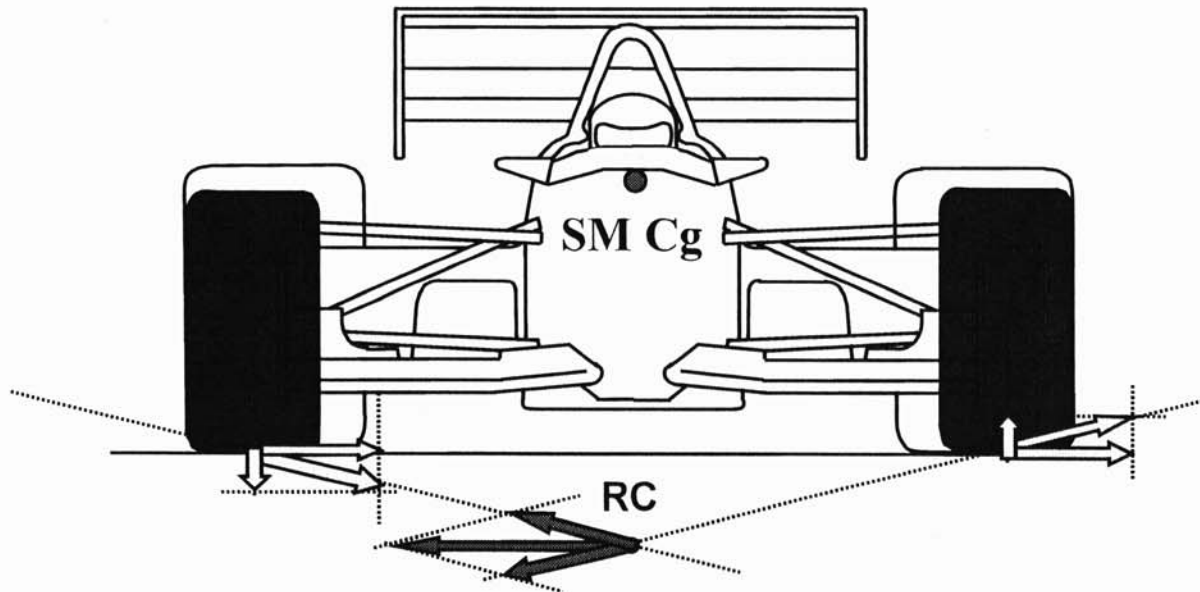
Roll center above the ground and between the wheels



- Less roll
- More jacking
- Ride height increases
- Instant geometric transfer
  - loads the outside tire
  - unloads the inside tire
- Increases turn in response

*Chicanes*

Roll center under the ground and between the wheels

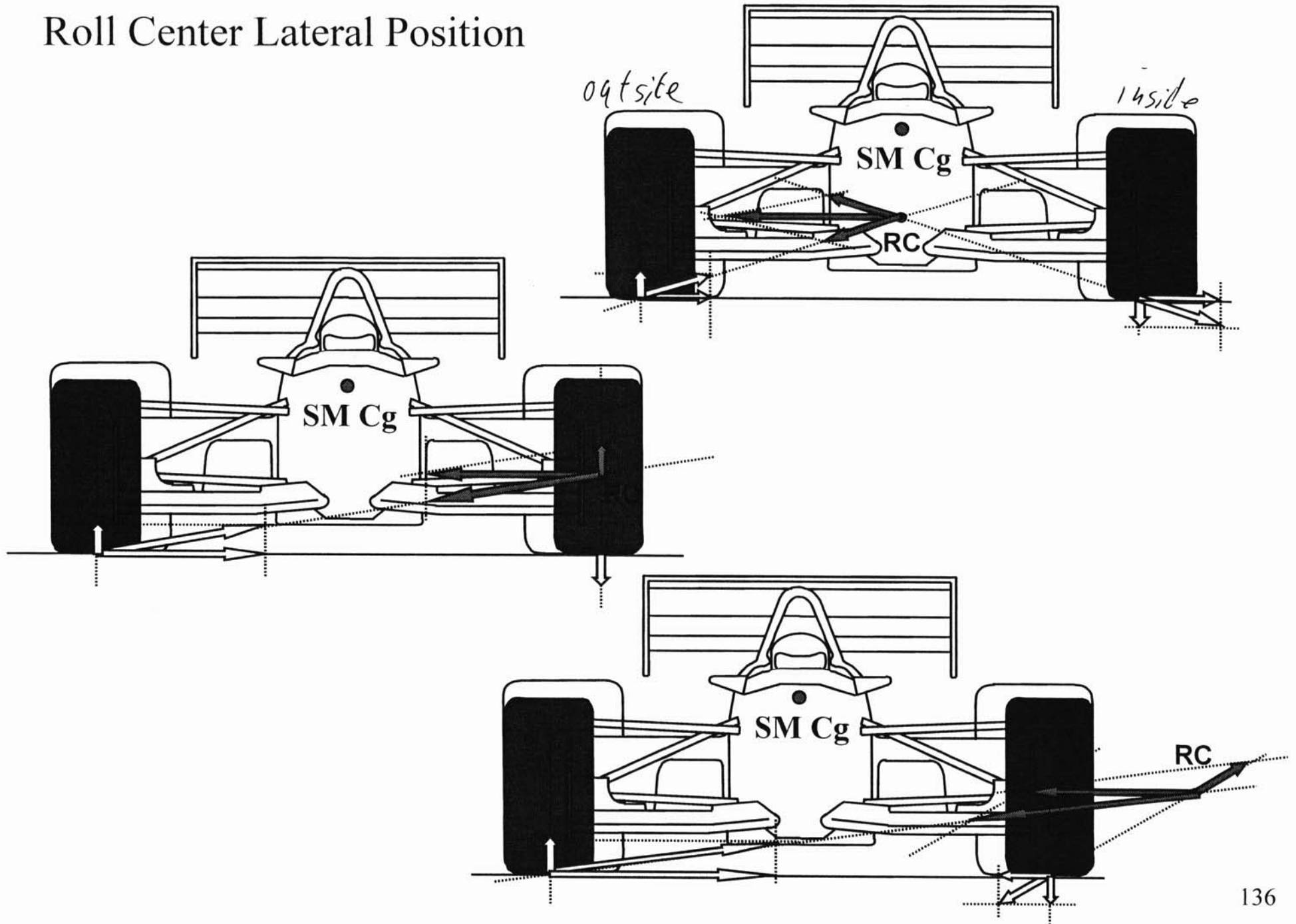


- More roll
- Anti jacking
- Ride height decreases
- Instant geometric transfer
  - loads the inside tire
  - unloads the outside tire
- "Sluggish" turn in response

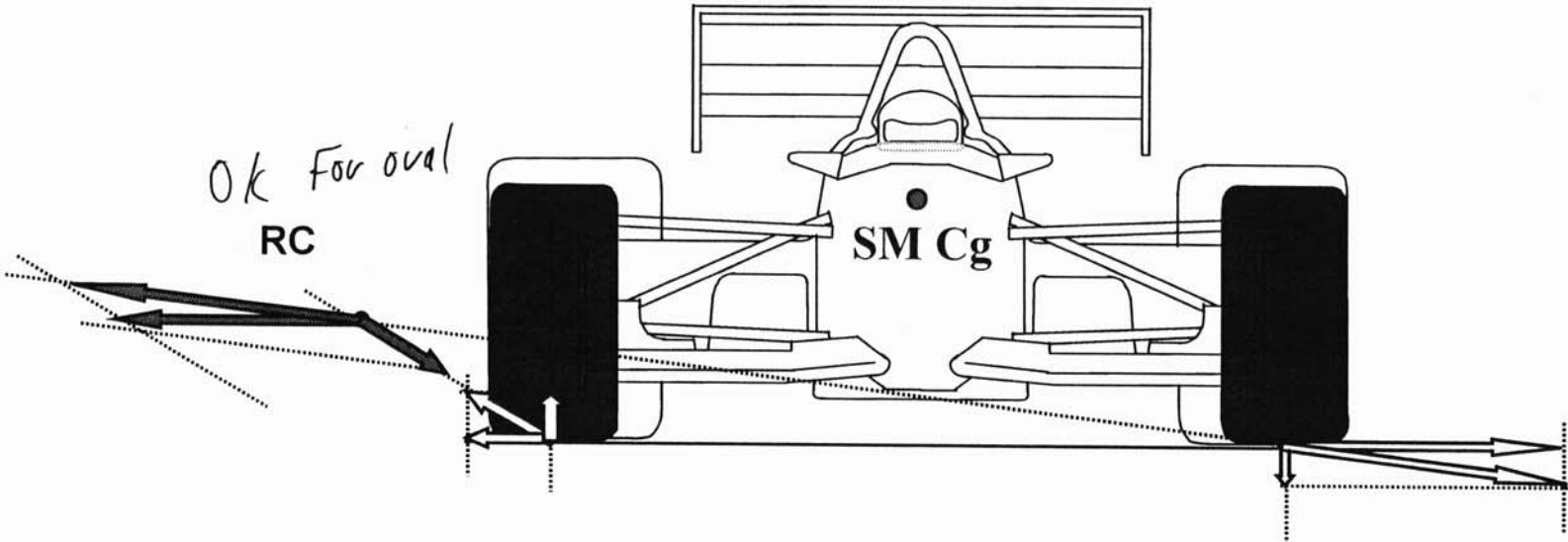
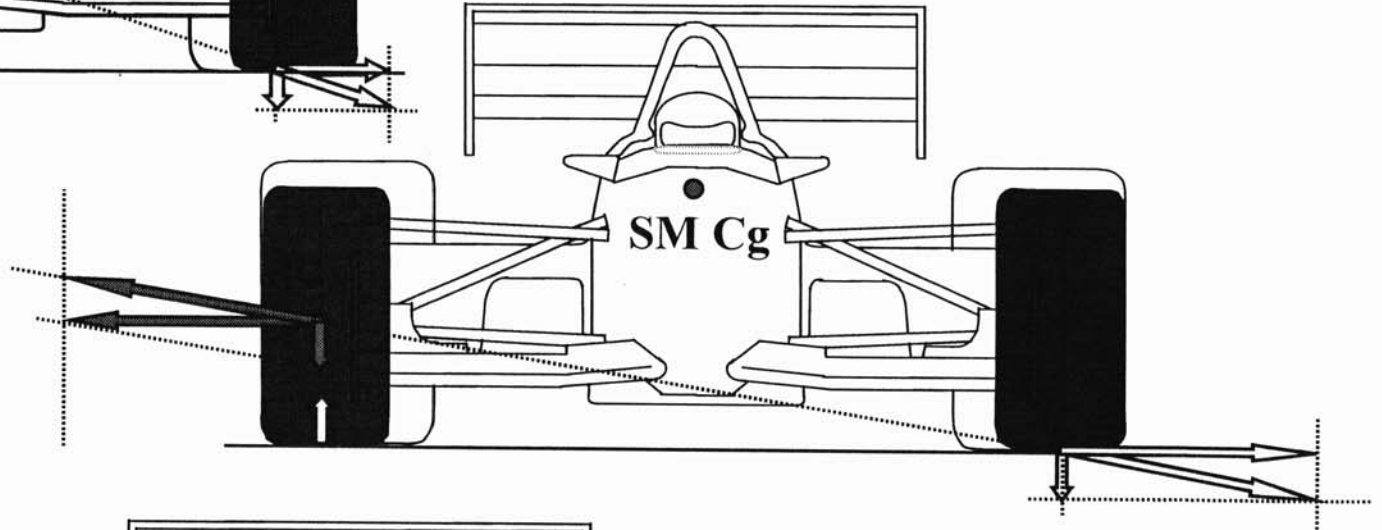
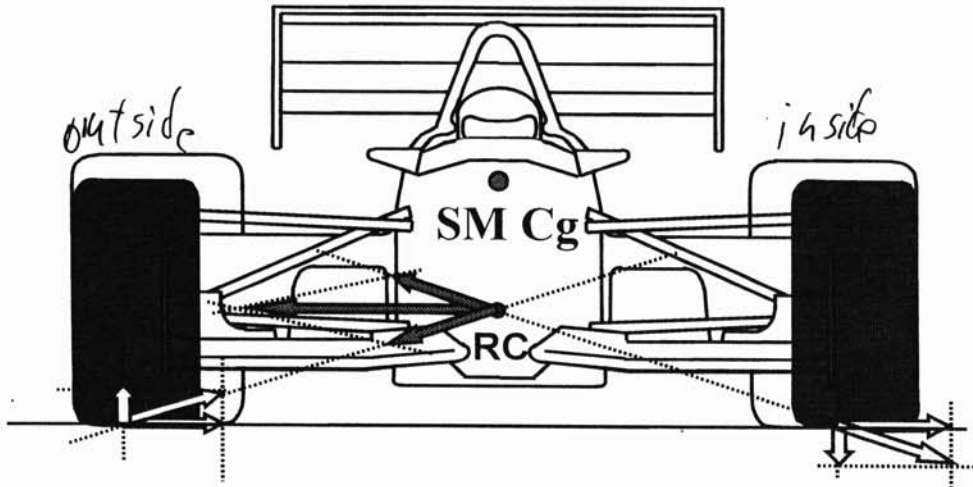
*Fast corners*



# Roll Center Lateral Position



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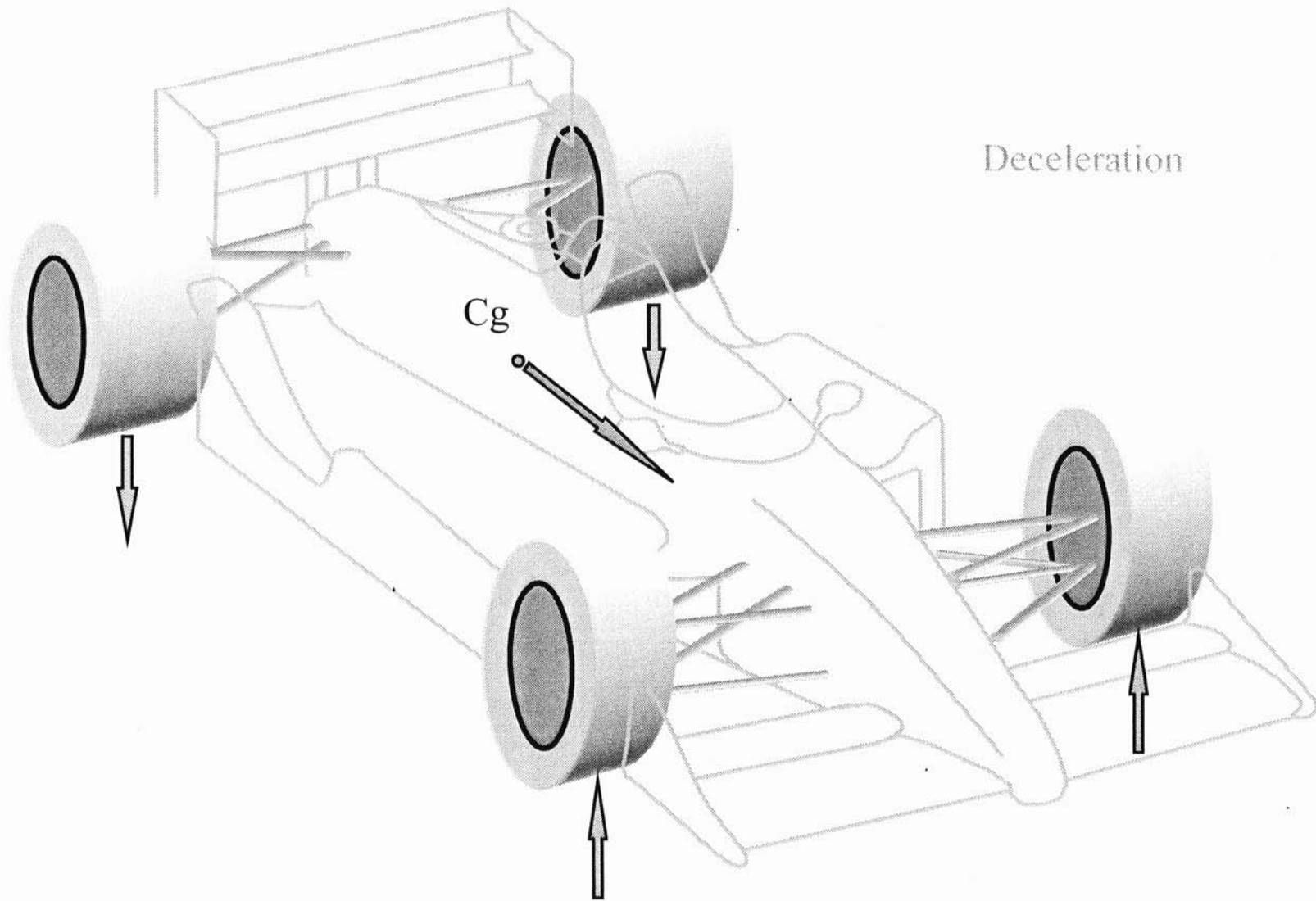


# Roll Center Vertical and Lateral Movements. Influence on Handling

10%

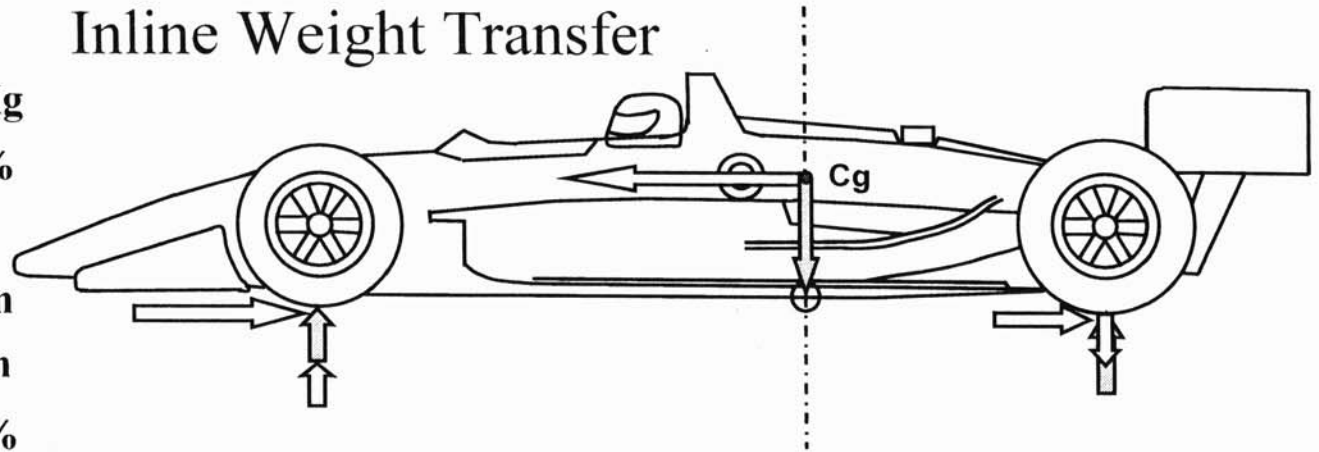
- 80 % of the corner speed is determined in the first 20 % of the corner
- It is at the beginning and at the end of the corner that we see the biggest change
  - in the steering angle,
  - the lateral acceleration,
  - the slip angle,
  - and the corner radius
- During the beginning of these first 20 % the non suspended weight transfer and the elastic part of the suspended weight transfer are not controlled especially if the suspended mass have a high moment of inertia.
- To illustrate the idea let's say this: the higher suspended mass inertia (and also the bigger distance between the suspended mass center of gravity and the roll axis) the less efficient each shock adjustment at the corner entrance.
- But during the first appearance of the lateral acceleration the geometric weight transfer are quasi instantaneous.
- The lateral and vertical initial position and movement of the roll center at the corner entry phase entry will determine the handling of the car.
- There is no easy answer about how to find where the roll centers should be and how they should move.
- It is part art (and experience), part engineering and part testing.
- But one thing is sure: On top of the car set up. the knowledge of the tires curves, forces and angles would help in a major way to find where the roll centers should be and how they should move one way or the other and *why*.

# In line Weight Transfer Basics



## Inline Weight Transfer

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Mass</b>                  | <b>900.0 Kg</b> |
| <b>Mass distribution</b>     | <b>44.4 %</b>   |
| <b>Inline deceleration</b>   | <b>2.0 G</b>    |
| <b>Cg Height</b>             | <b>0.348 m</b>  |
| <b>Wheelbase</b>             | <b>3.048 m</b>  |
| <b>Brake Bias (on front)</b> | <b>70.0 %</b>   |



|  |                        |               |
|--|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Static Front Corner Mass = Mass * Mass distribution / 2</b> | <b>900 * 0.444 / 2</b> | <b>200 kg</b> |
|--|------------------------|---------------|

|  |                        |               |
|--|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Static Rear Corner Mass = Mass * (1 -Mass distribution) / 2</b> | <b>900 * 0.556 / 2</b> | <b>250 kg</b> |
|--|------------------------|---------------|

|  |                         |                |
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| <b>Inline Force = Mass * Inline Deceleration</b> | <b>900 * 2.0 * 9.81</b> | <b>18000 N</b> |
|--|-------------------------|----------------|

|   |  |               |
|---|--|---------------|
| <b>Weight Transfer = (Inline force * Cg Height / Wheelbase) / 2 = (18000 * 0.348 / 3.048) / 2</b> |  | <b>1027 N</b> |
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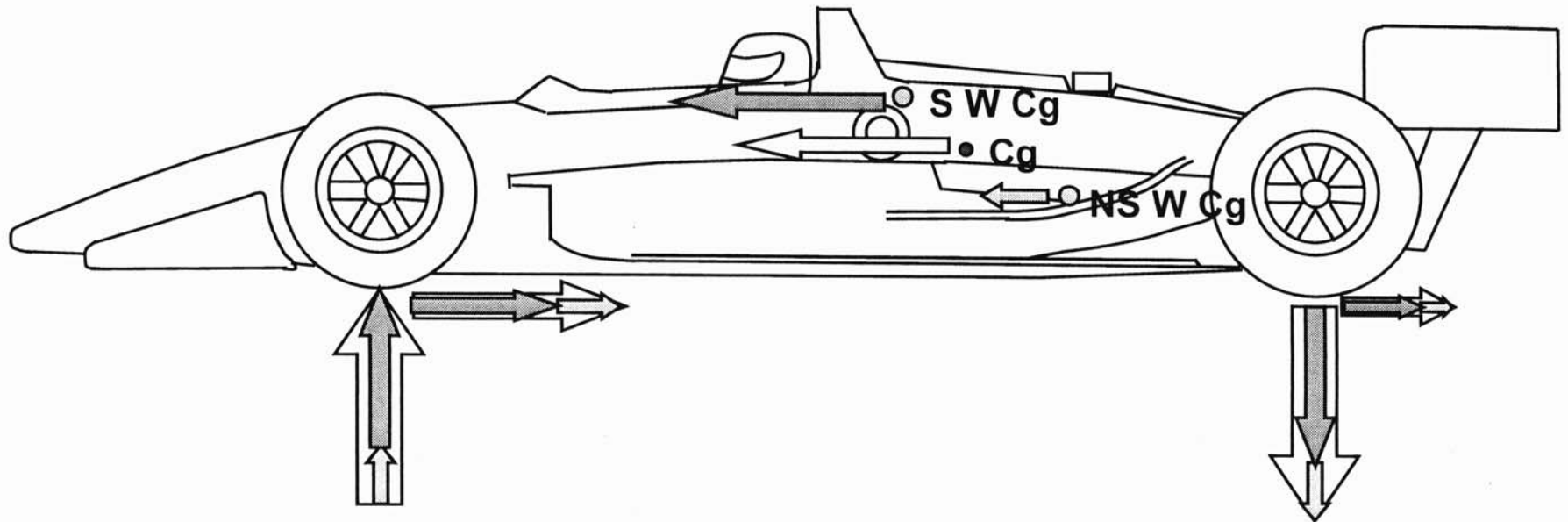
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| <b>Front Corner Weight = Static Weight + Weight Transfer</b> | <b>2000 + 1027</b> | <b>3027 N</b> |
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| <b>Rear Corner Weight = Static Weight - Weight Transfer</b> | <b>2500 - 1027</b> | <b>1473 N</b> |
|---|--------------------|---------------|

|  |                           |               |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Front Corner Braking Force = In line Force * Brake Bias / 2</b> | <b>(18000 * 0.70) / 2</b> | <b>6300 N</b> |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|

|   |                           |               |
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| <b>Rear Corner Braking Force = (In line Force * (1 - Brake Bias)) / 2</b> | <b>(18000 * 0.30) / 2</b> | <b>2700 N</b> |
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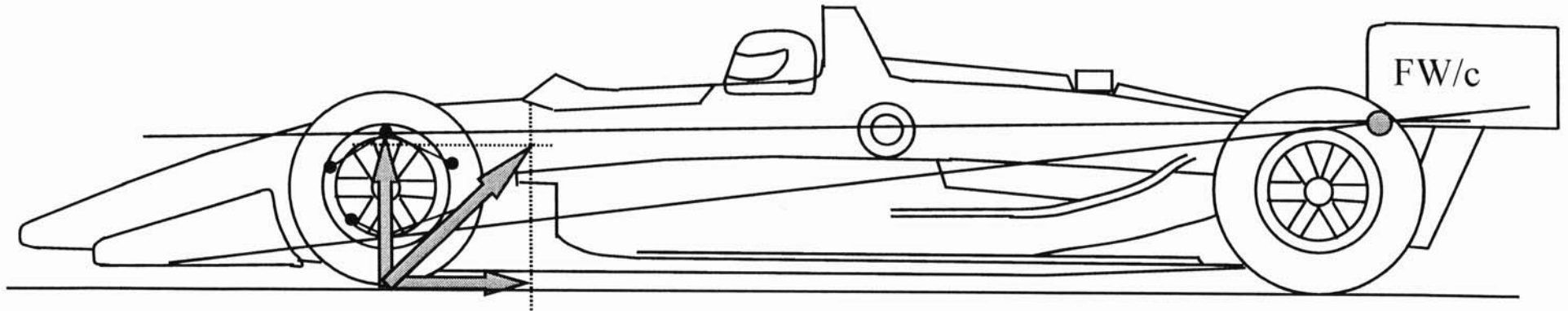
## Inline Weight Transfer



$$\text{Inline NS W Transfer / Wheel} = (\text{NS M} * \text{Inline Acc} * \text{NS W Cg Height} / \text{Wheelbase}) / 2$$

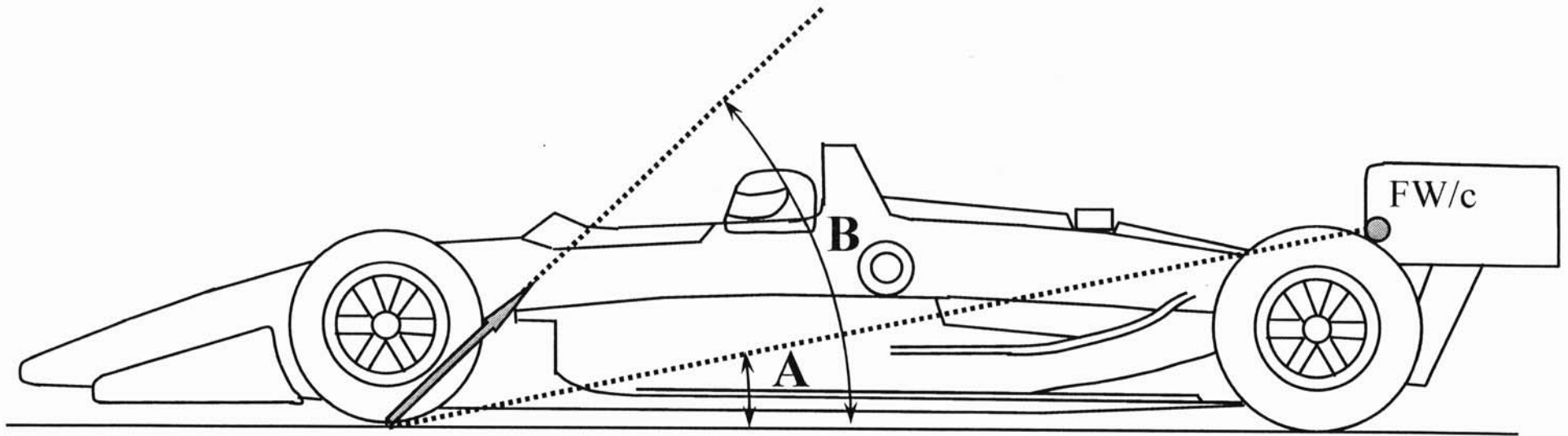
$$\text{Inline S W Transfer} = (\text{S M} * \text{Inline Acc} * \text{SW Cg Height} / \text{Wheelbase}) / 2$$

## Inline Weight Transfer



Forces are applied at the front tire contact patch center if brakes are outboard (in the wheel)

## Front Antidive and Inline Braking



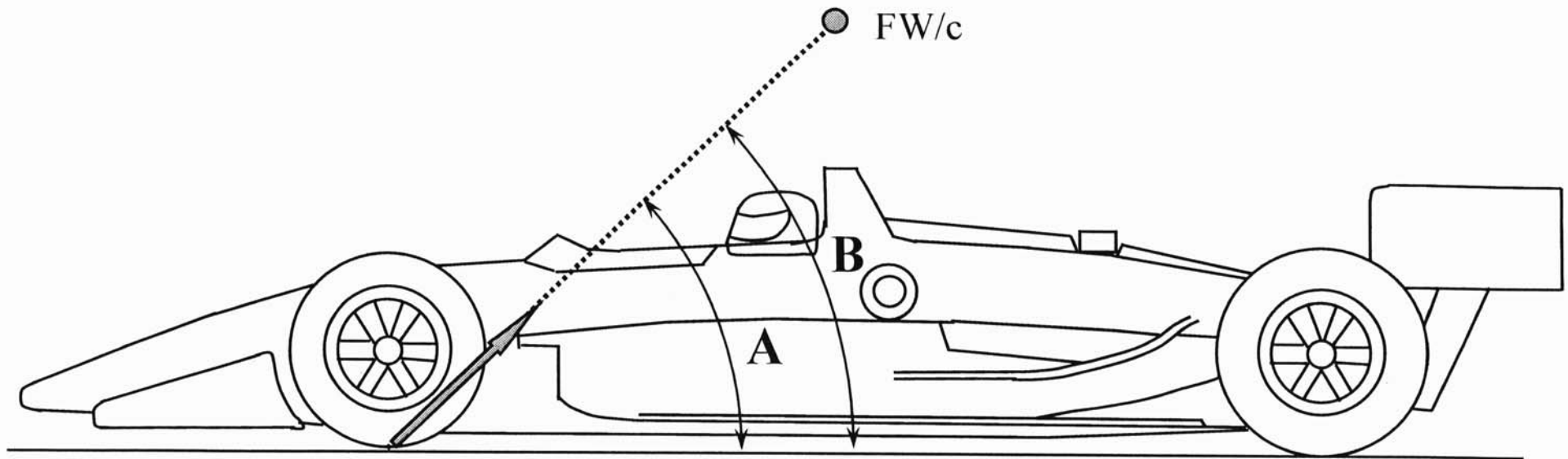
$$\text{Antidive (\%)} = 100 * \tan A / \tan B$$

Angle A = Fn (Instant suspension geometry)

Angle B = Fn (Inline Weight Transfer, Brake balance)



## Front Antidive and Inline Braking

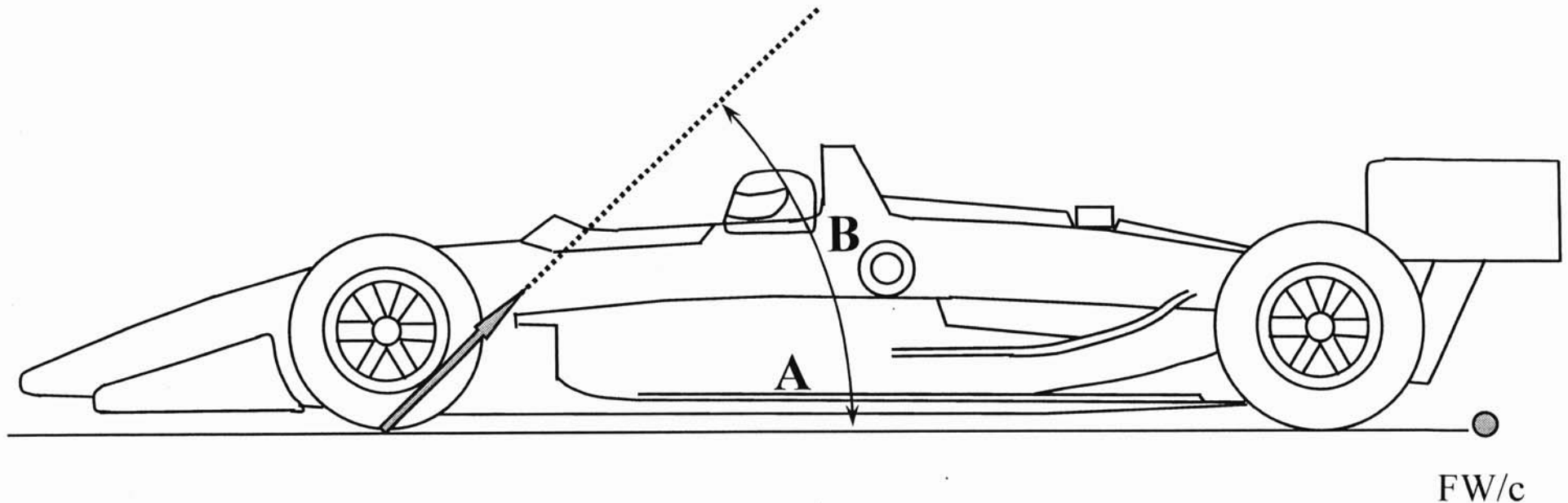


$$\tan A = \tan B \quad \text{Antidive} = 100 \%$$

Inline Suspended Weight Transfer could create Pitch movement (depending of rear suspension geometry) but there is no front suspension deflection.

All the Inline Suspended Weight Transfer Forces will go through the wishbones. This is 100 % of in line “geometric” weight transfer. No forces are measured on the front pushrod strain gauges.

## Front Antidive and Inline Braking

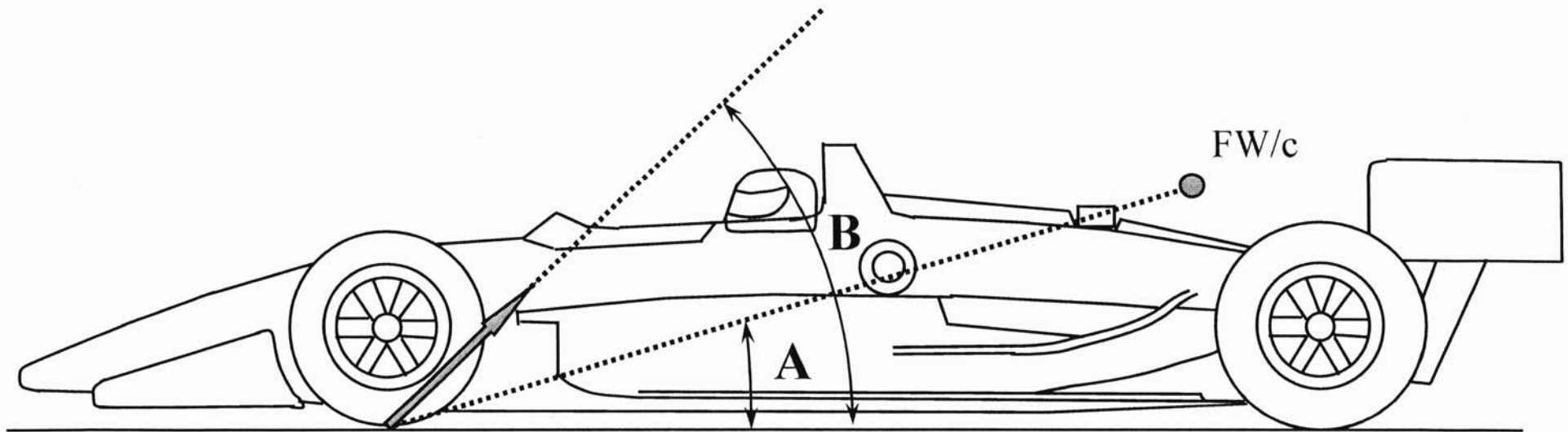


$\tan A = 0$  Antidive = 0 %

Inline Suspended Weight Transfer creates Pitch movement (depending on rear suspension geometry) and Front Suspension deflection.

All the Inline Suspended Weight Transfer Forces will go through the springs. This is 100 % of “elastic” weight transfer.  
All forces are measured on the Front pushrod strain gauges.

## Front Antidive and Inline Braking



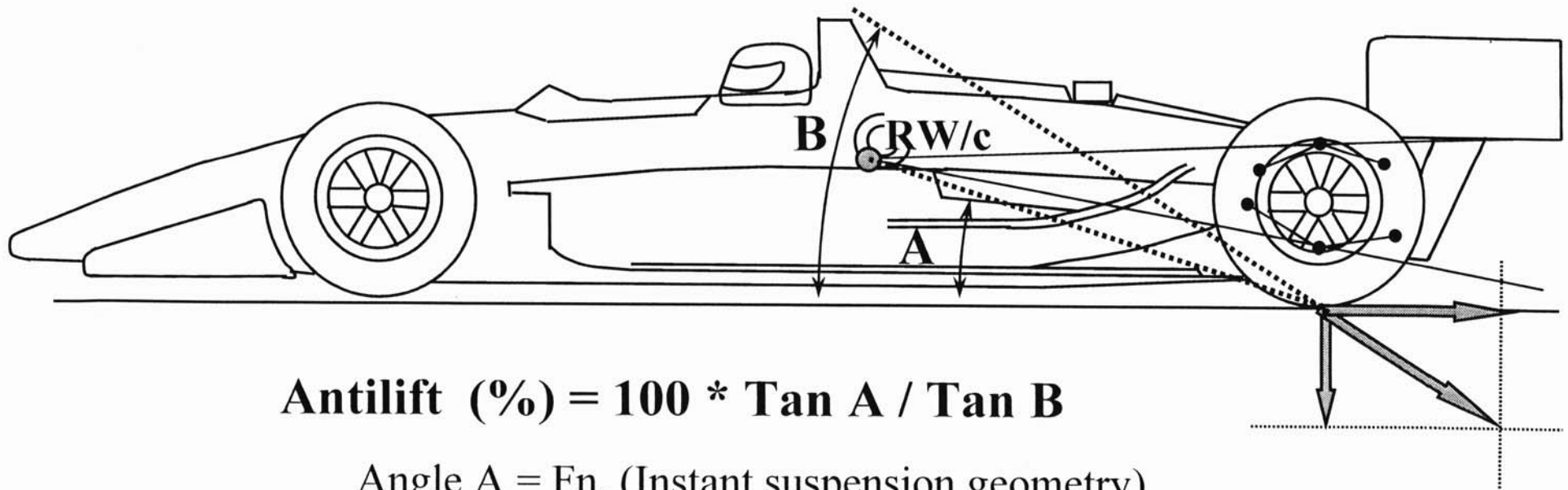
Antidive = 30 %

Inline Suspended Weight Transfer creates Pitch movement (depending on rear suspension geometry) and Front Suspension deflection.

30 % of the Inline Suspended Weight Transfer Forces will go through the wishbones (“geometric” weight transfer) and 70 % through the springs (“elastic “weight transfer). Only 70 % of these forces will be measured on the Front pushrod strain gauges.

To calculate the front suspension deflection we will only take into account 70 % of the Inline Suspended Weight Transfer forces.

## Rear Antilift and Inline Braking



$$\text{Antilift (\%)} = 100 * \text{Tan A} / \text{Tan B}$$

Angle A = Fn. (Instant suspension geometry)

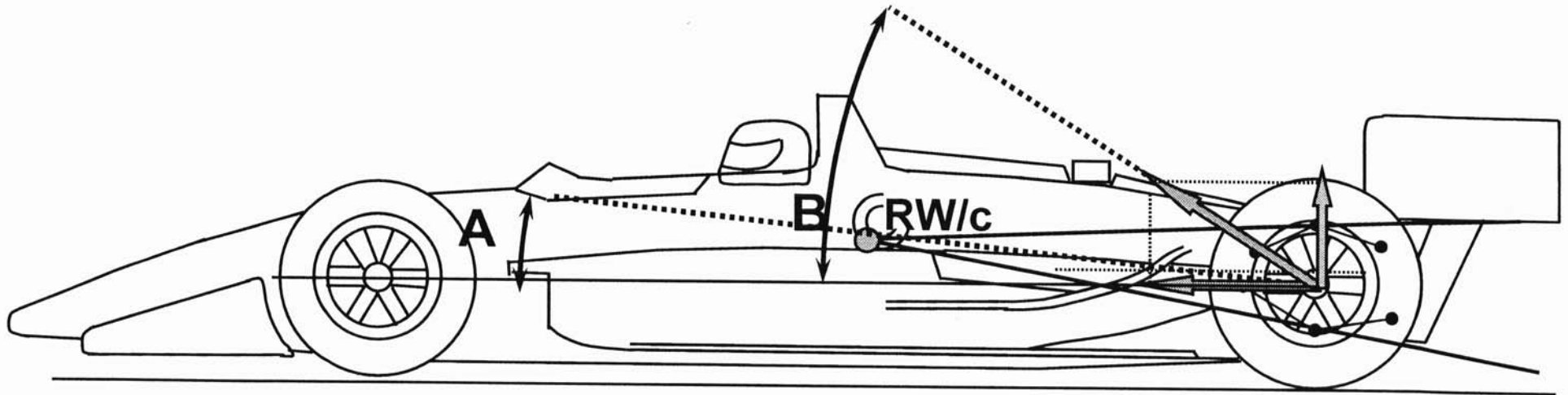
Angle B = Fn. (Inline Weight Transfer, Brake balance)

Forces are applied at the front tire contact patch center if brakes are outboard (in the wheel).

Forces would be applied at the wheel center if brakes were inboard (in the chassis).

Considerations about pitch, suspension deflection and strain gauges are similar to the one made for Antidive.

## Rear Antisquat and Inline Acceleration



$$\text{Antisquat (\%)} = 100 * \tan A / \tan B$$

Angle A = Fn. (Instant suspension geometry, *wheel radius*)

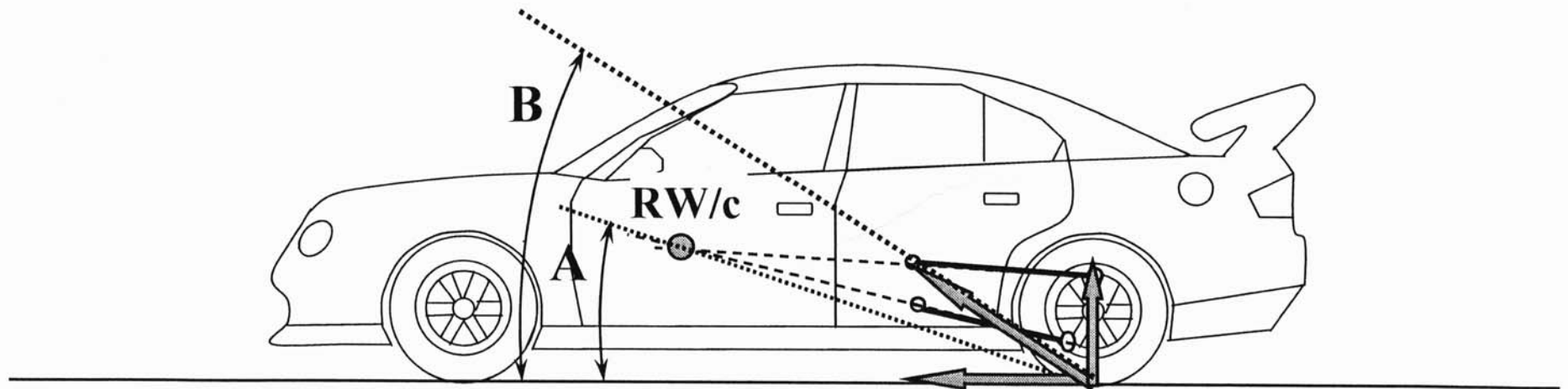
Angle B = Fn. (Inline Weight Transfer)

Forces are applied at the wheel center in the case of an independent suspension.

Forces would be applied at the tire contact patch center in case of a solid axle.

Considerations about pitch, suspension deflection and strain gauges are similar to the one made for Antilift.

## Rear Antisquat and Inline Acceleration



$$\text{Antisquat (\%)} = 100 * \tan A / \tan B$$

Angle A = Fn. (Instant suspension geometry, *wheel radius*)

Angle B = Fn. (Inline Weight Transfer)

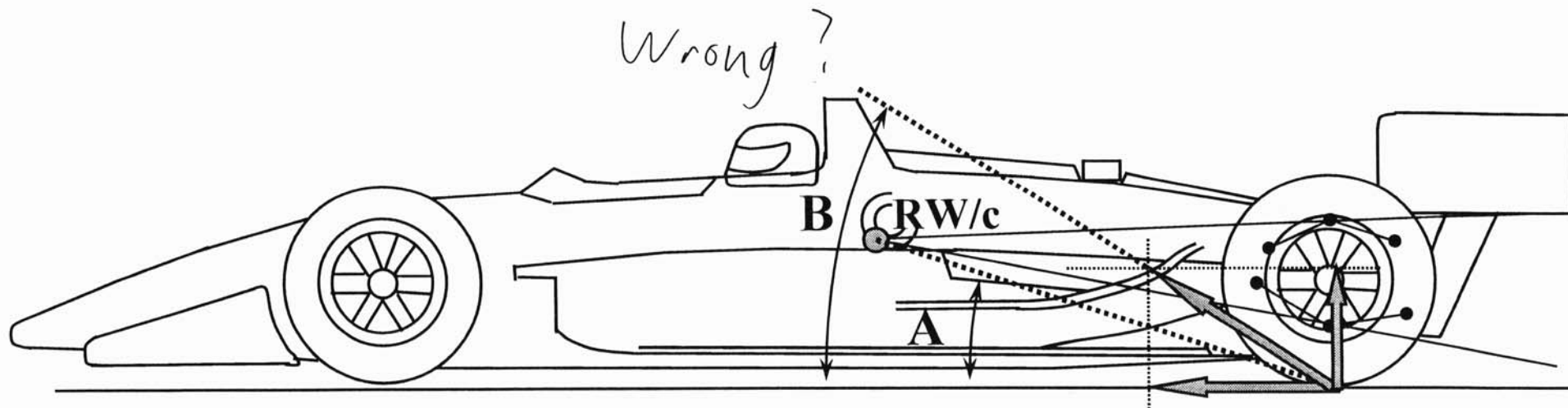
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Forces would be applied at the tire contact patch center in case of a solid axle.

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The angle B is going to be a function of the differential ratio.

## Rear Antisquat and Inline Acceleration



$$\text{Antisquat (\%)} = 100 * \tan A / \tan B$$

Angle A = Fn. (Instant suspension geometry, *wheel radius*)

Angle B = Fn. (Inline Weight Transfer)

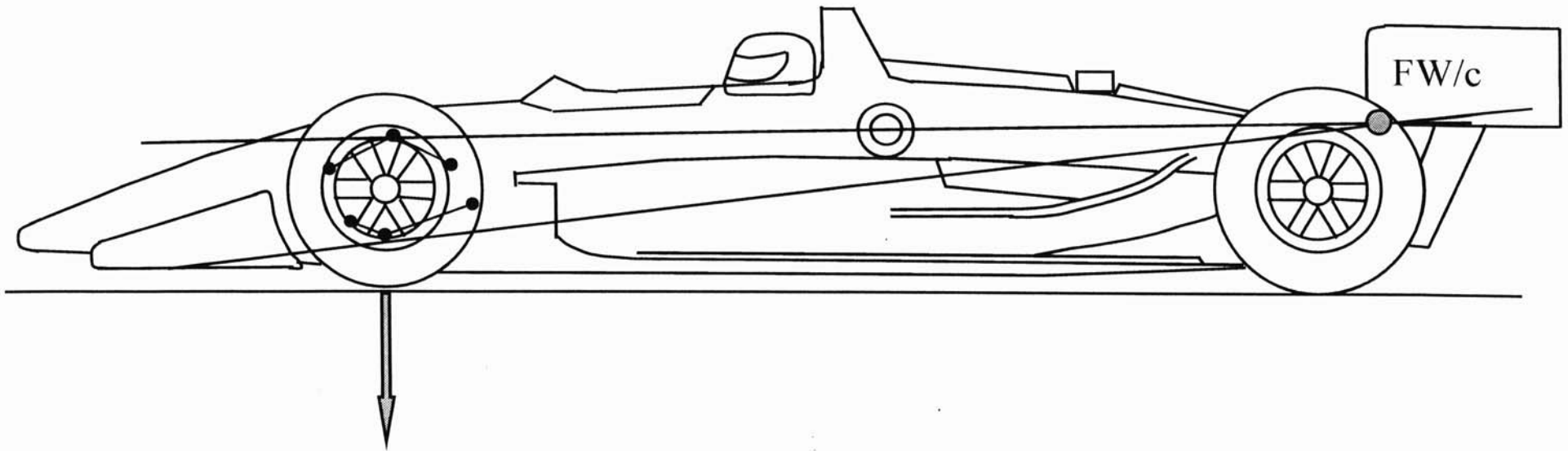
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Considerations about pitch, suspension deflection and strain gauges are similar to the one made for Antilift.

See 140  
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## Front Antilift and Inline Acceleration

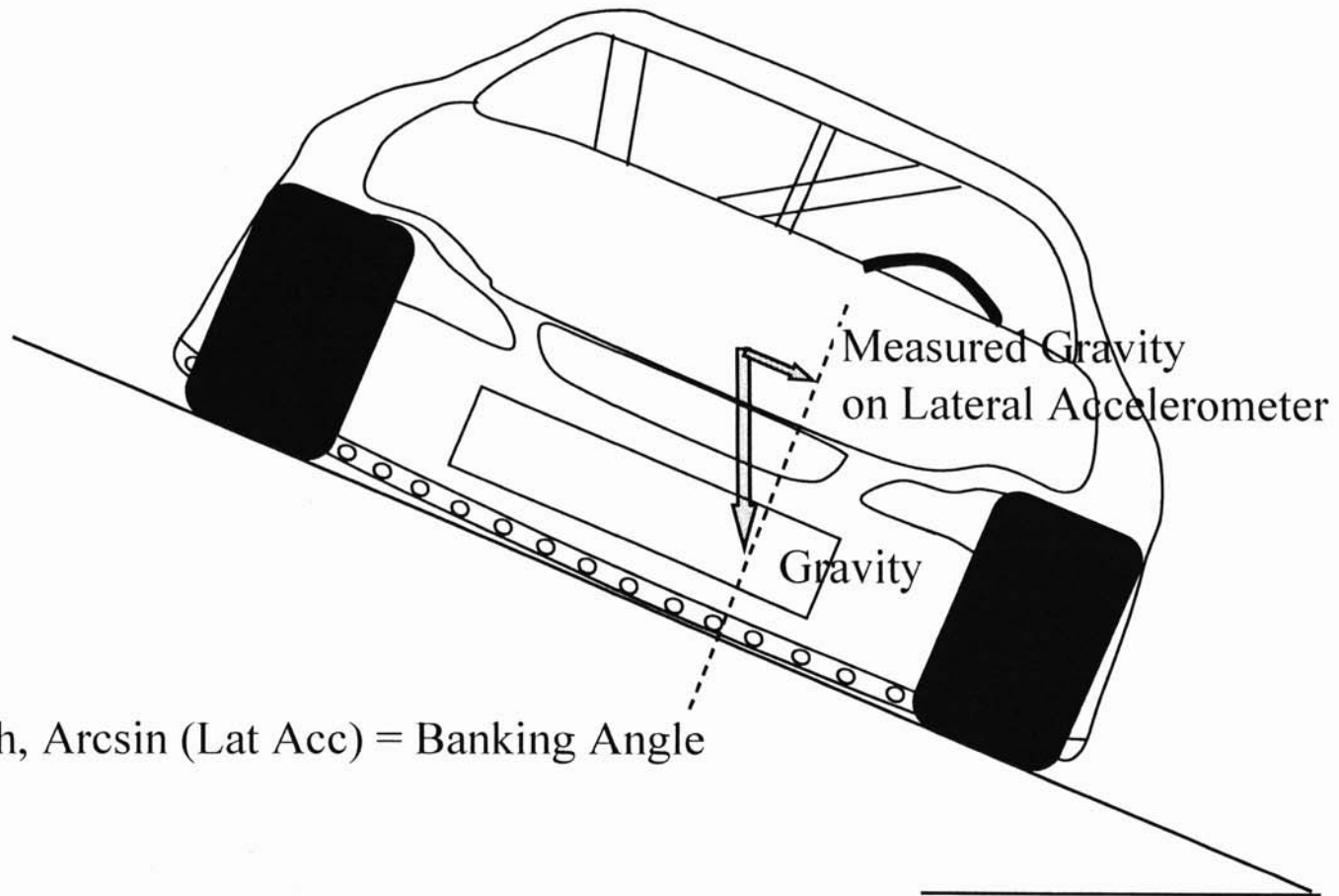


In the case of rear wheel drive there is no in line force applied at the front wheel center nor at the front wheel contact patch as there would be for a front wheel drive or a 4 wheel drive car.

Suspended weight pitch, front suspended weight ride height changes and front suspension deflection will be 100 % function of the inline weight transfer.



## Vertical Acceleration (Banking )



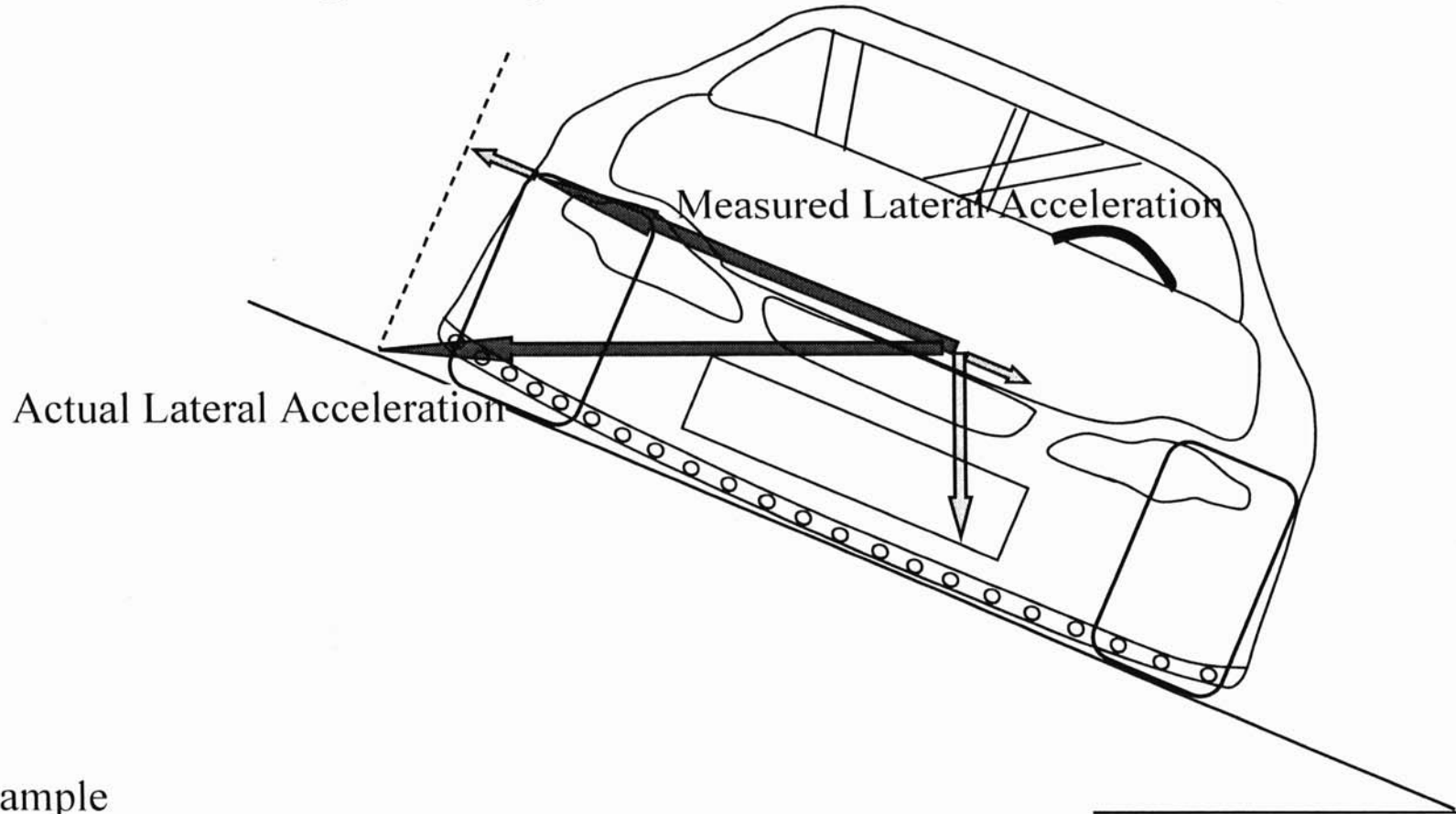
At 0 mph,  $\text{Arcsin}(\text{Lat Acc}) = \text{Banking Angle}$

Example

If Lat Acc measured is  $-0.259\text{ G}$

Banking Angle =  $\text{Arcsin}(0.259) = 15\text{ deg.}$

## Banking / Using the Lateral Accelerometer only



### Example

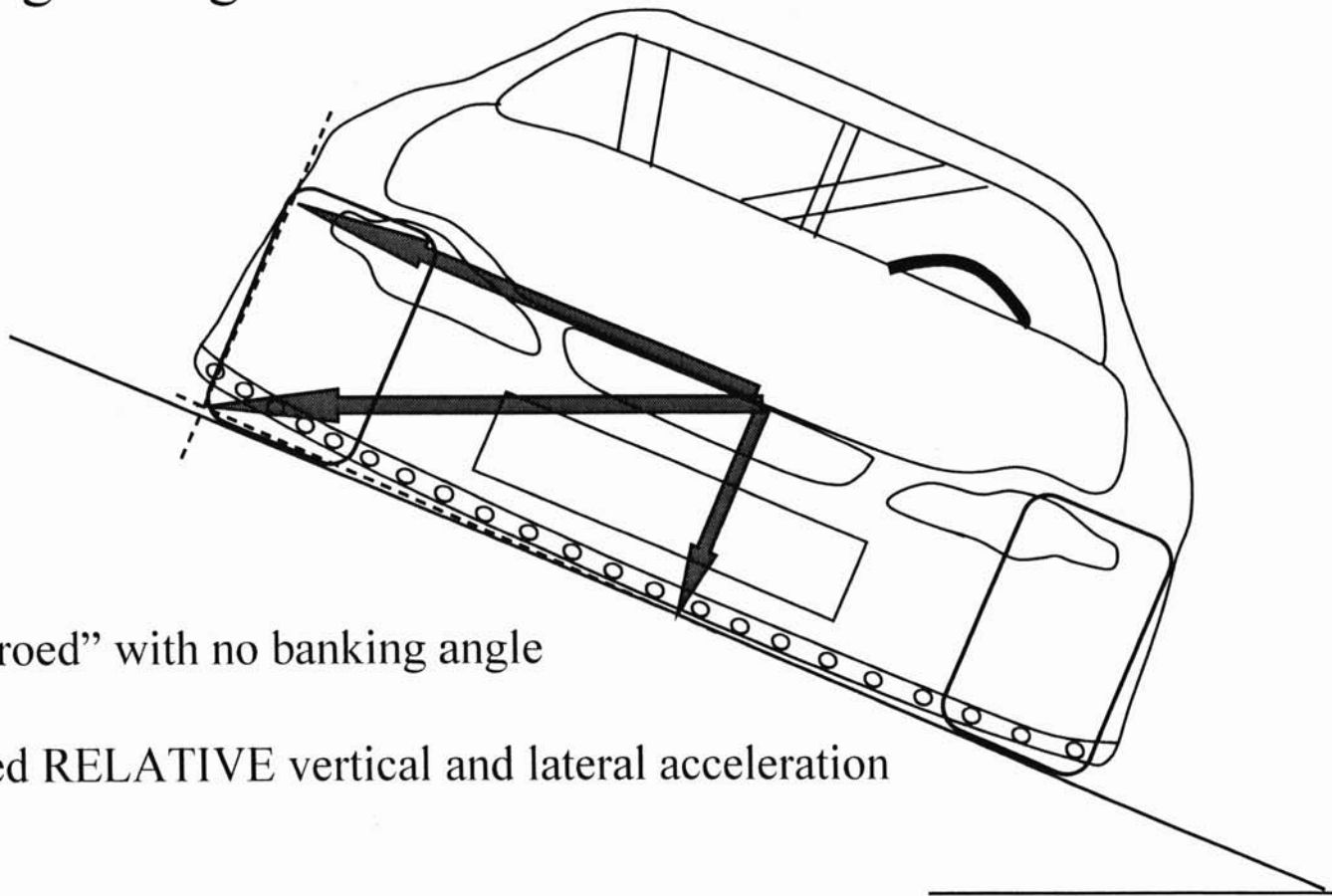
If Lat Acc measured is 2.500 G, Mass = 3,600 lb and banking angle is 15 deg.

$$\text{Actual Lat Acc} = (2.500 + 0.259) / \text{Cos } 15 \text{ deg} = 2.856 \text{ G}$$

$$\text{Vertical Acc} = 2.856 * \text{Sin } 15 = 0.739$$

$$\text{Lateral Force} = 3,600 * 2.856 = 10,282 \text{ lbs}$$

## Banking: Using Lat *and* Vert Accelerometers



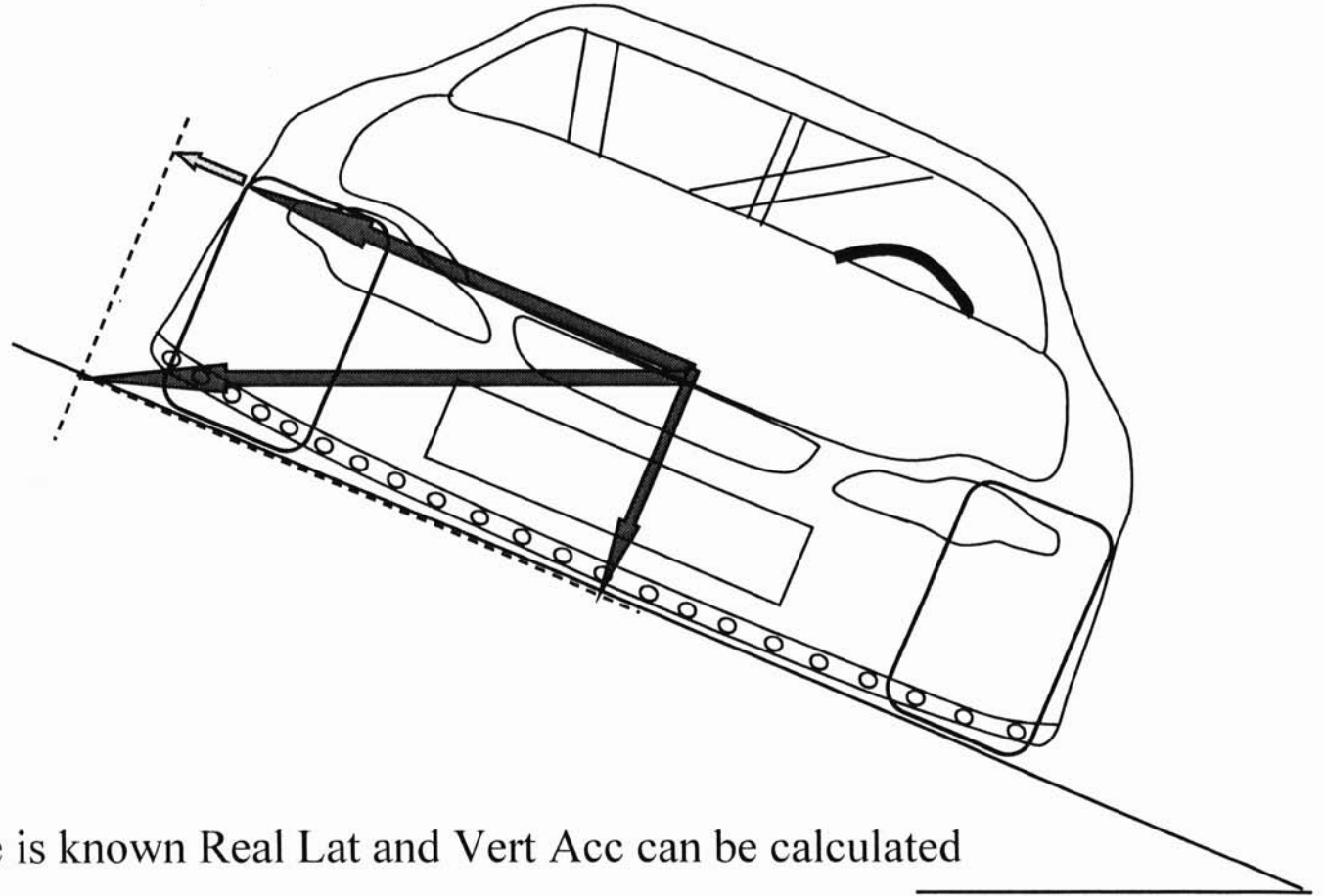
Vertical accelerometer “zeroed” with no banking angle

The knowledge of measured RELATIVE vertical and lateral acceleration gives the banking angle

Banking Angle =  $\text{Arctan}(\text{meas. Vert Acc} / \text{meas. Lat Acc})$   
(Considering roll negligible)

If Meas Lat Acc = 2.500 G and Meas Vert. Acc = 1.670 G  
Banking Angle =  $\text{Atan}(0.670 / 2.500) = 15 \text{ deg}$

## Banking / Real Lat and Vert Accelerations



Once the banking angle is known Real Lat and Vert Acc can be calculated

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Real Lat Acc} &= (\text{Meas. Lat Acc} + \text{Sin Banking}) / \text{Cos Banking} \\ &= (2.500 + 0.259) / 0.966 \\ &= 2.856\end{aligned}$$

# 5. Dampers

- Shock
- Damping Shims Principles
- Influence of Shim Stack Preload
- Influence of the Low Speed Adjusters
- How to choose your springs
- How to choose your shocks
- Damping Ratio
- Working with shocks : Example of front setting influence

# Shock

## Low speed

Around 1 in / sec

Weight transfer

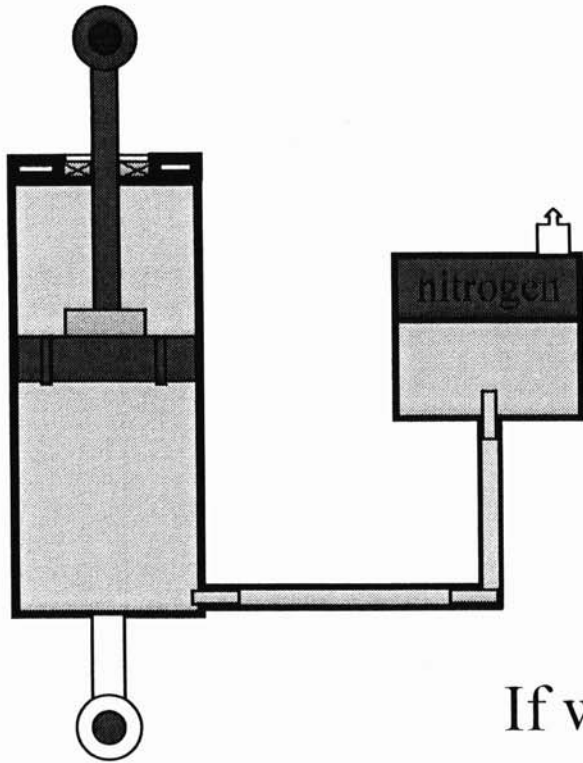
Control transition phases

## High speed

5 in / sec and over

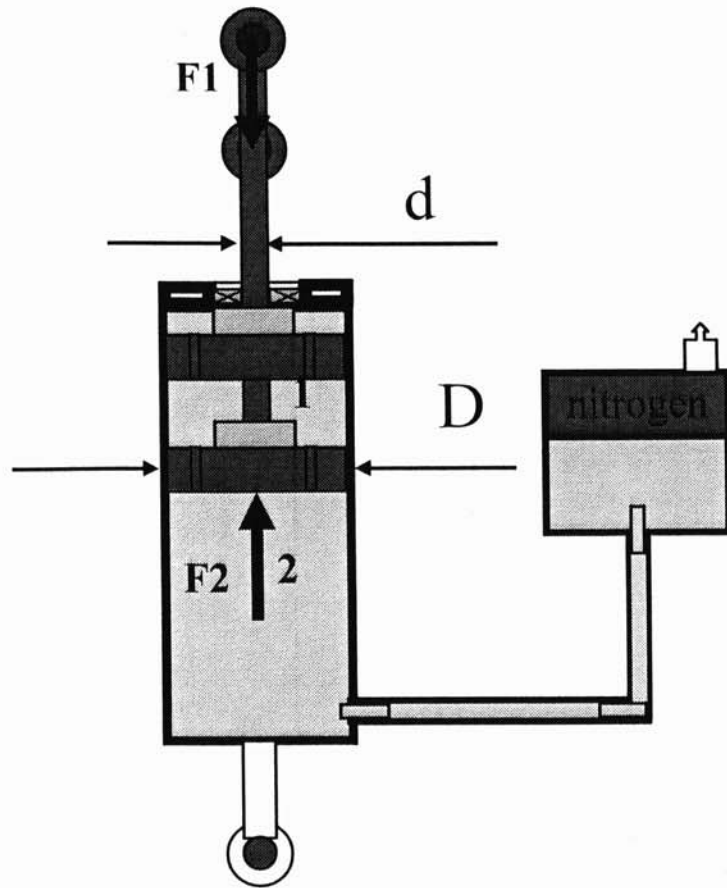
Track surfaces bump / Curbs

Control Tire Contact Patch Surface Consistency



In this case, shock absorber is locked

If we add a reservoir, the piston can move



$$P_1 = P_2 = P_{\text{nitro}}$$

$$F_1 = P_1 * \pi * (D^2 - d^2) / 4$$

$$F_2 = P_2 * \pi * D^2 / 4$$

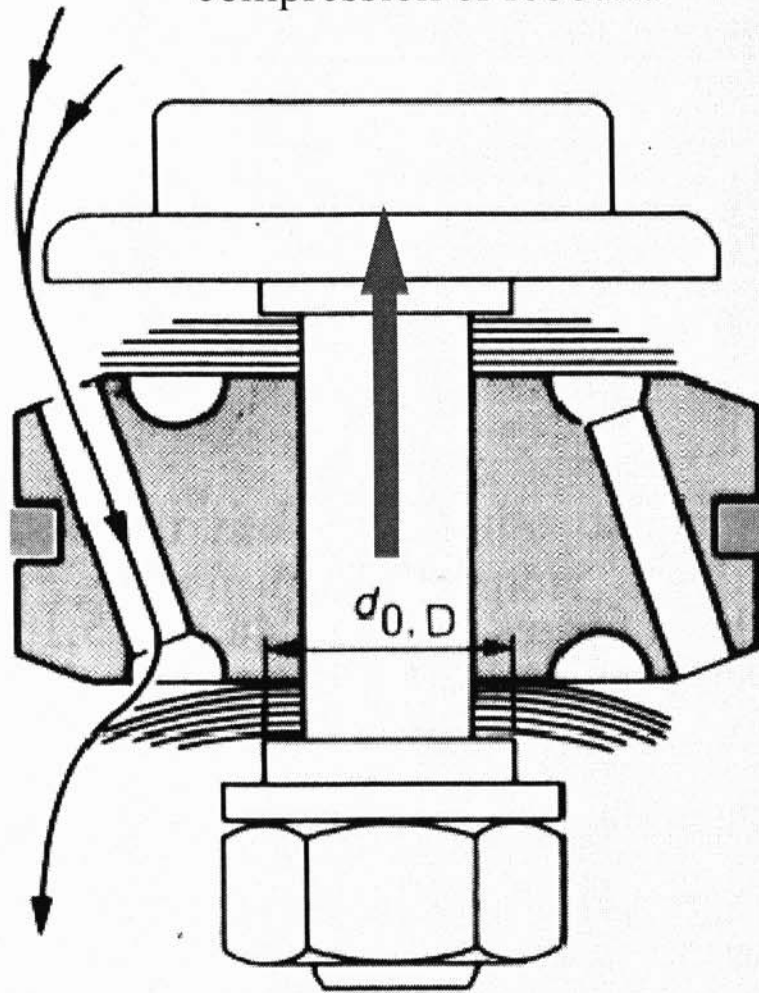
$$\Rightarrow F_1 < F_2$$

This explains why the shock is always extended while not installed on the car  
 To move, we will first have to fight a force due to the gas pressure.



## Damping Shims Principles

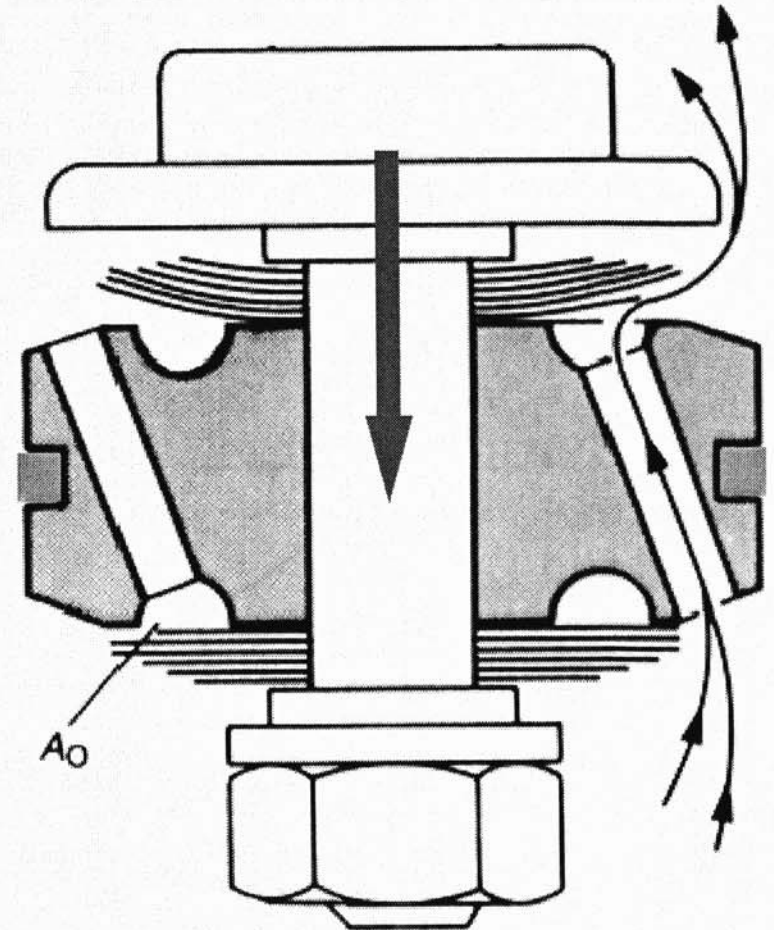
For high speed of  
compression or rebound



*Rebound*

Force due to shims depends on :

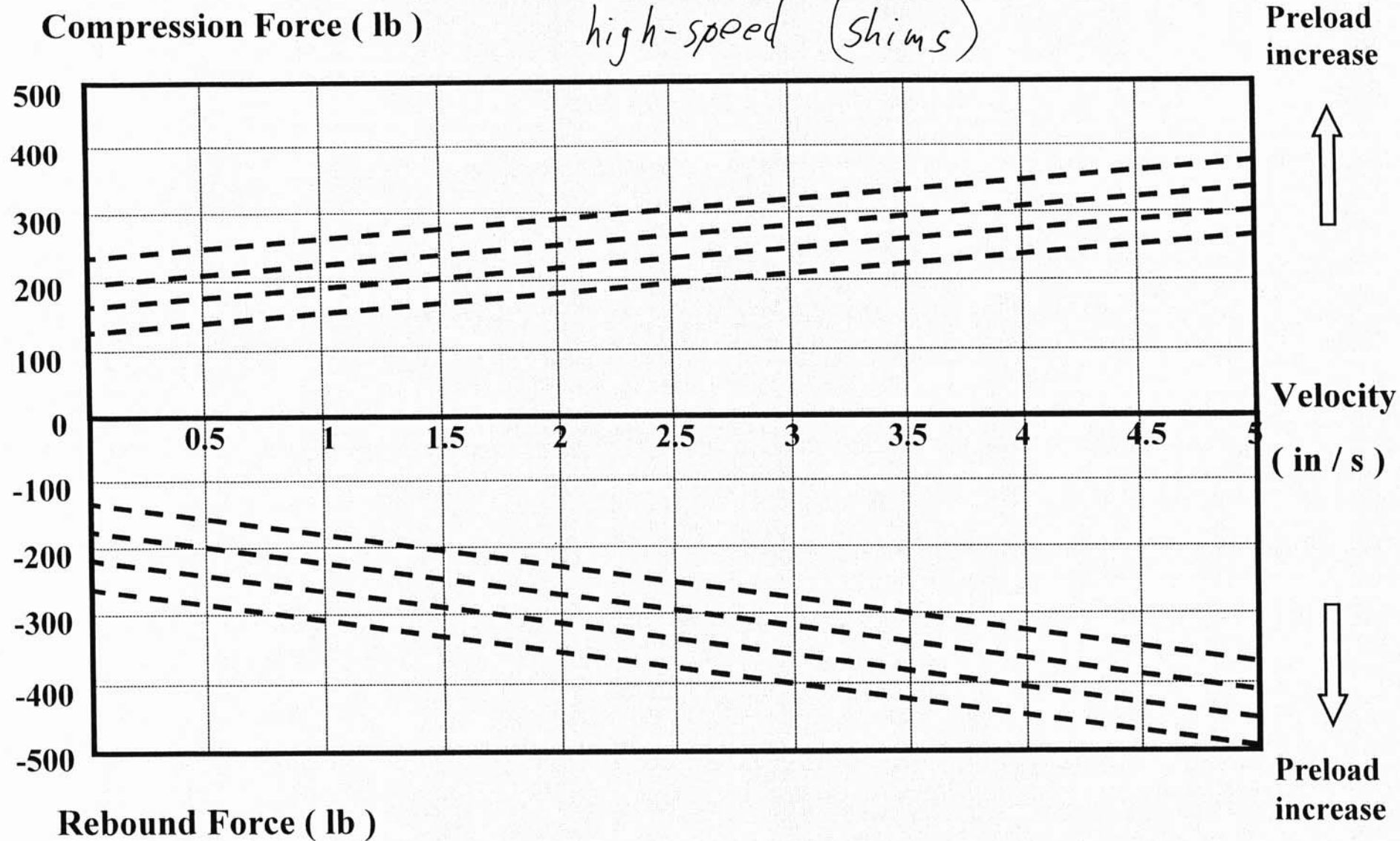
- Shims flexion inertia (number, thickness, diameter)
- Holes diameters in the piston
- Preload due to torque on the shaft

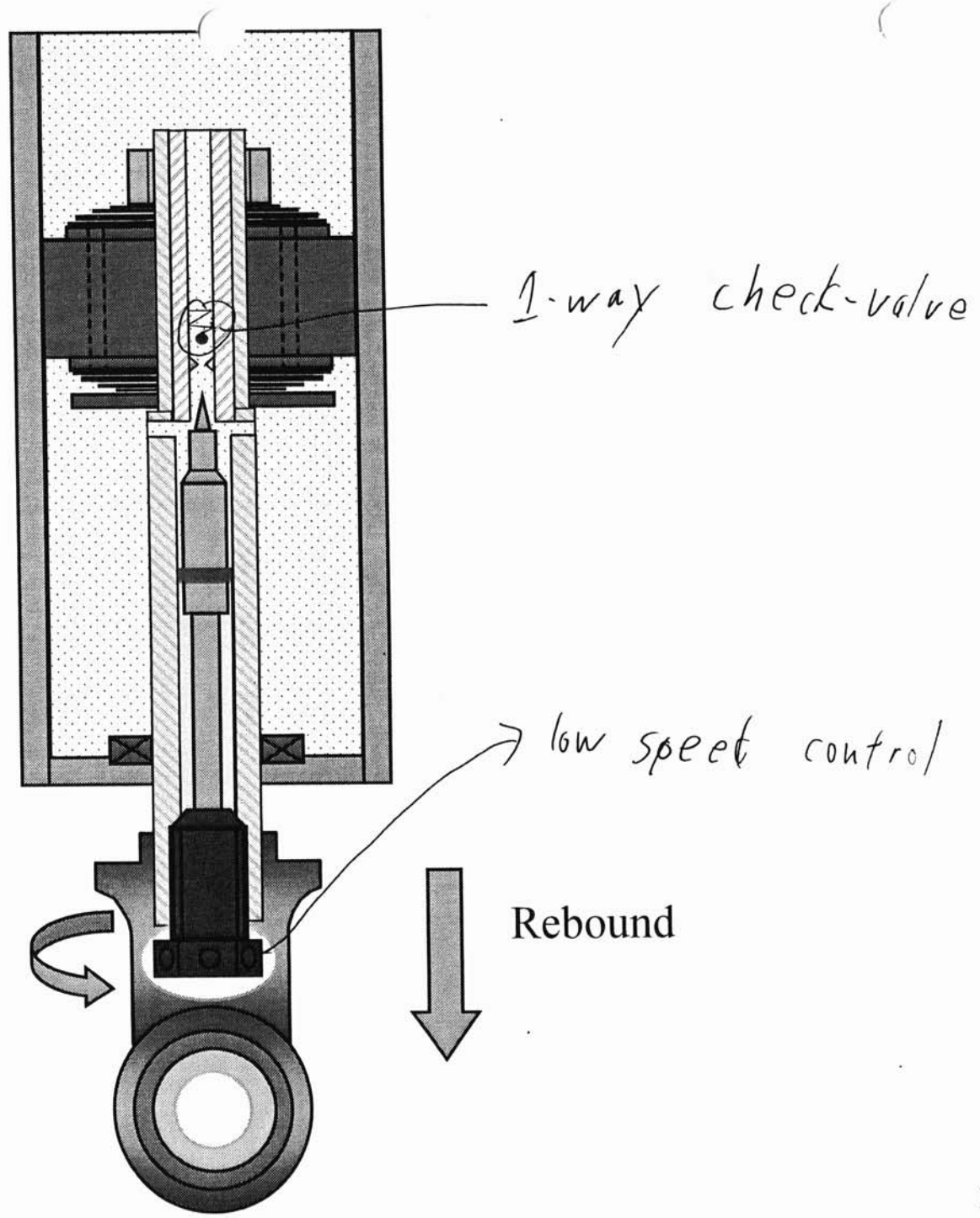


*Compression*

# Influence of Shim Stack Preload

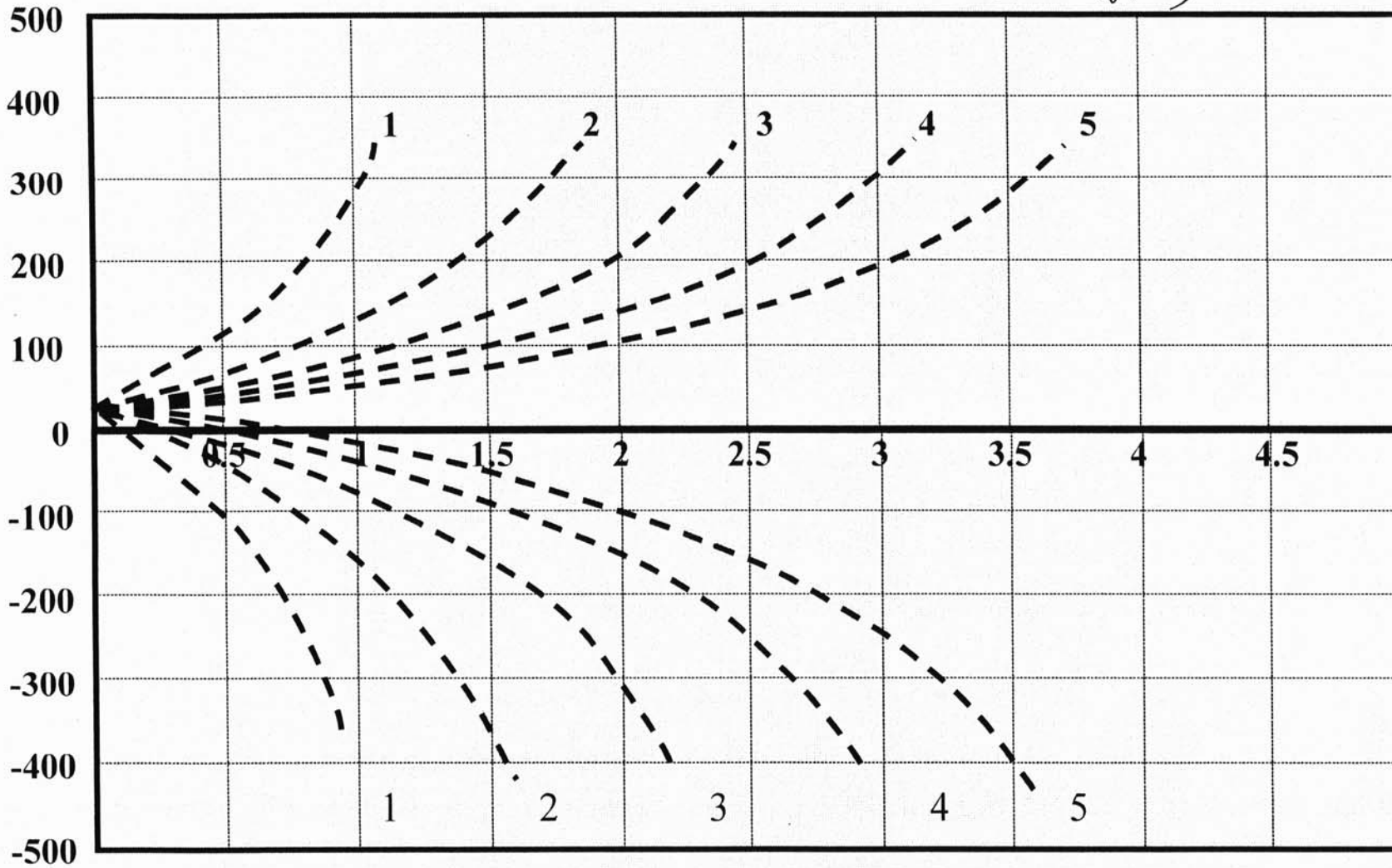
*high-speed (shims)*





# Influence of the Low Speed Adjusters (needle)

**Compression Force ( lb )**

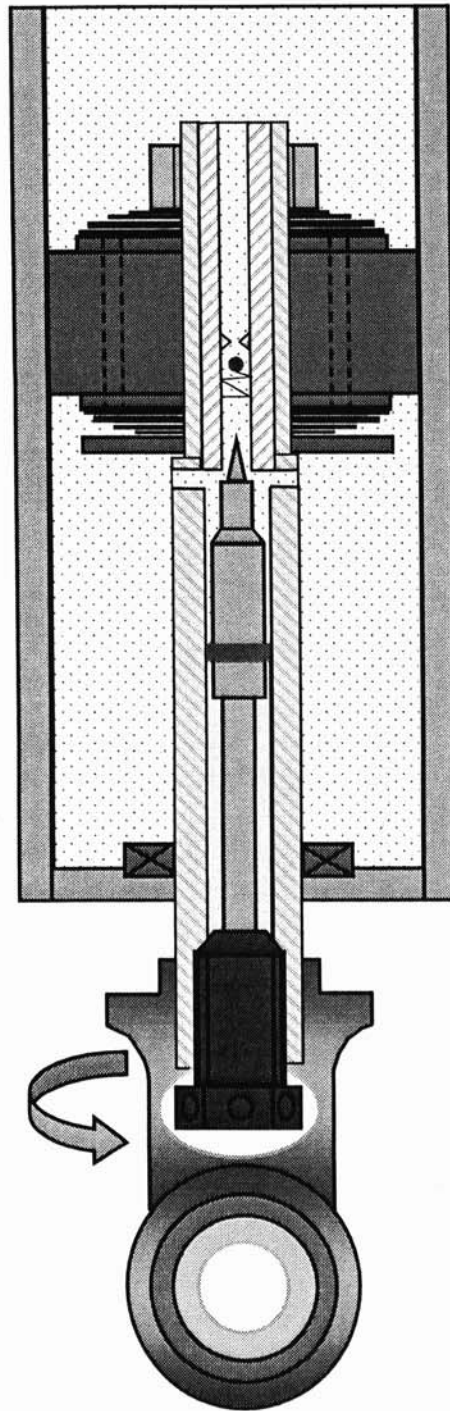


**Click position**

**Velocity ( in / s )**

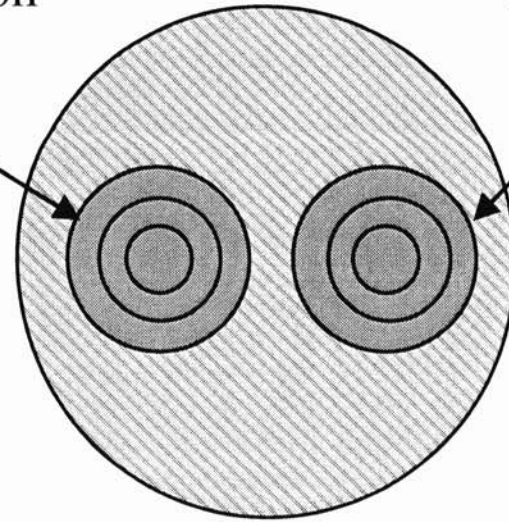
**Click position**

**Rebound Force ( lb )**



Compression  
needle

Rebound  
needle

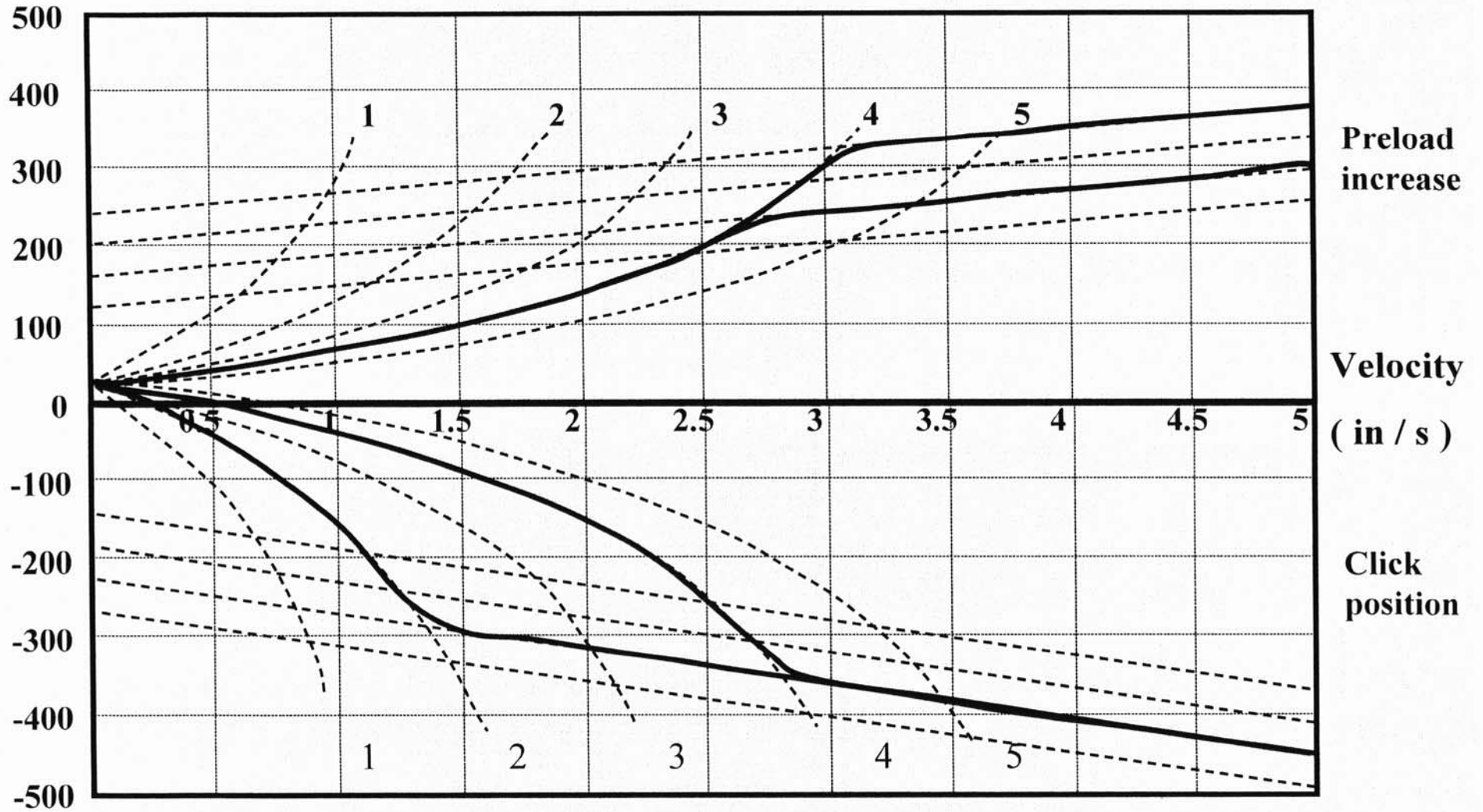


Shaft

Compression

# Influence of Low and High Speed Adjustments

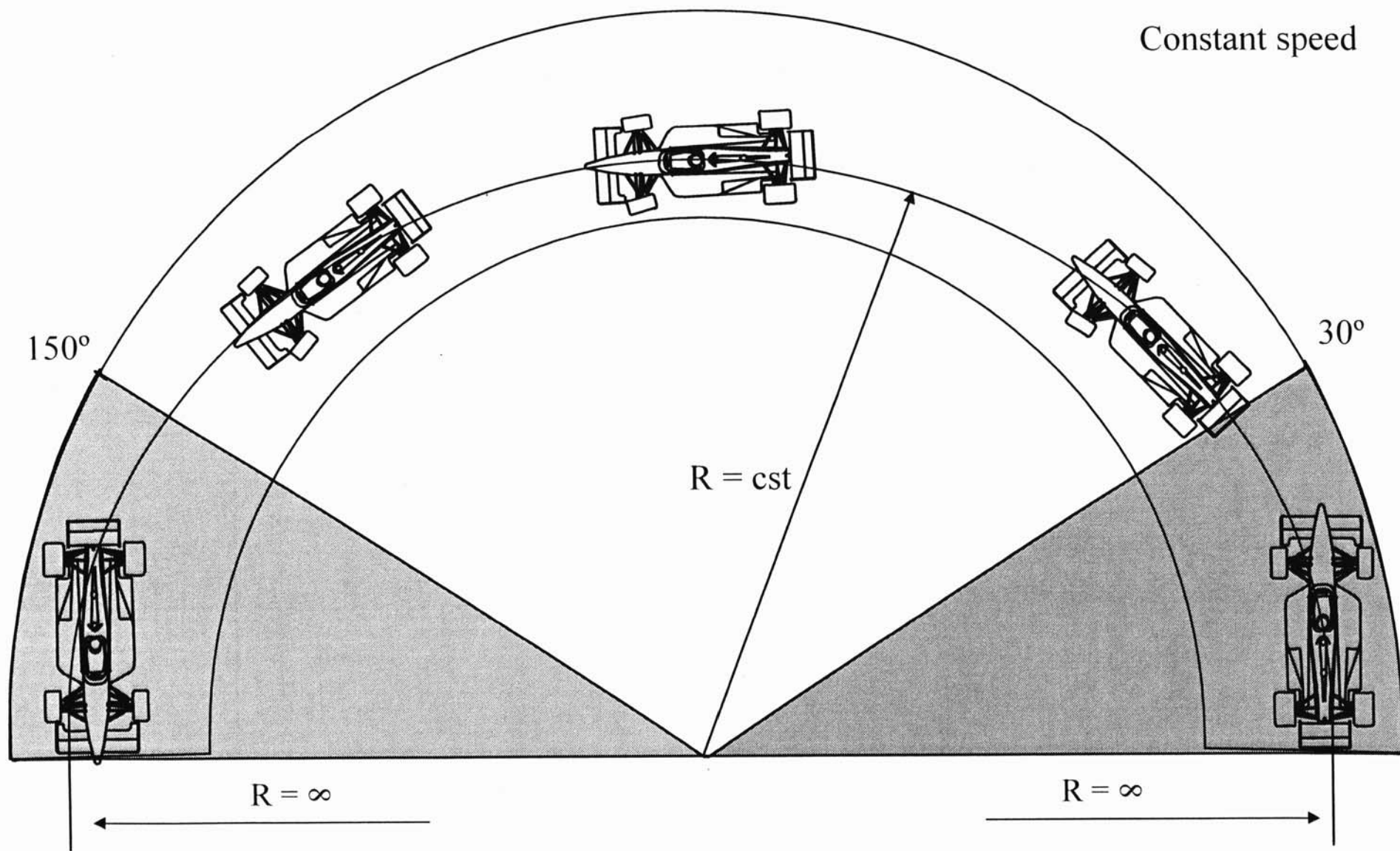
Compression Force ( lb )



Rebound Force ( lb )



No aero  
No braking  
Constant speed

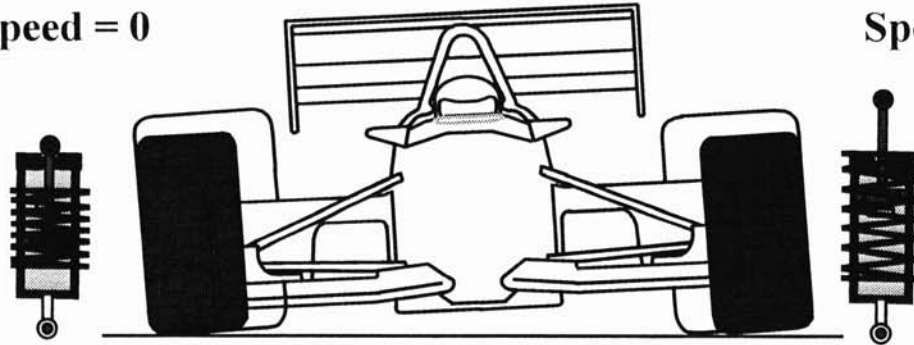




Shock Speed = 0

3° of Roll

Shock Speed = 0



Shock Speed = Max.

1.5° of Roll

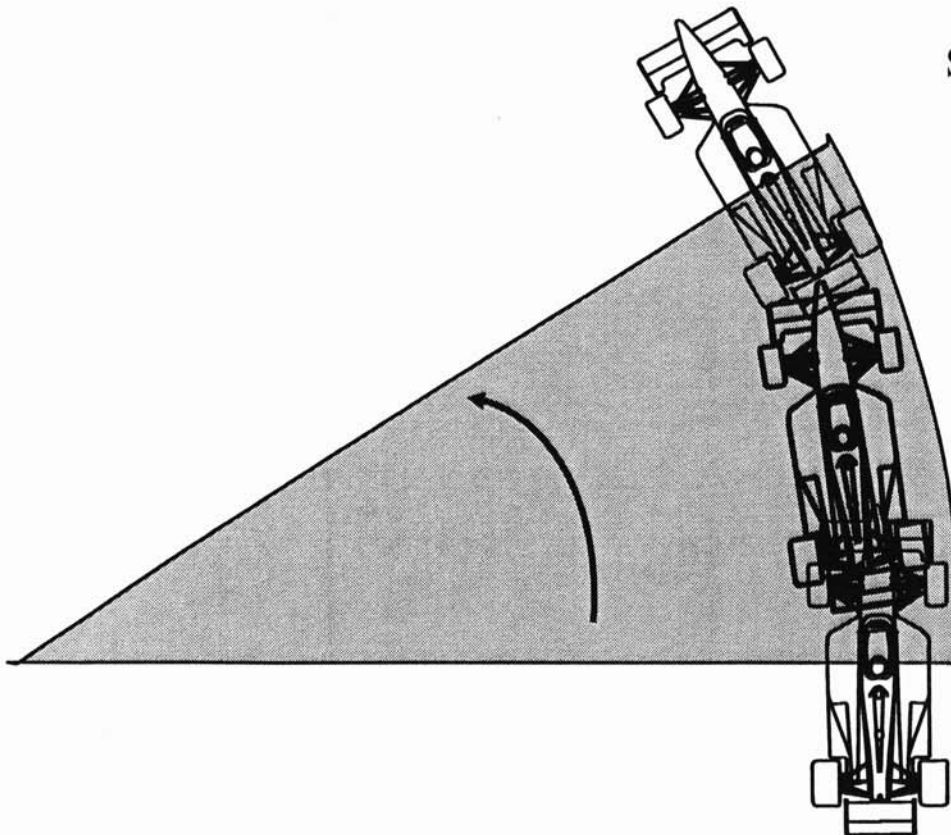
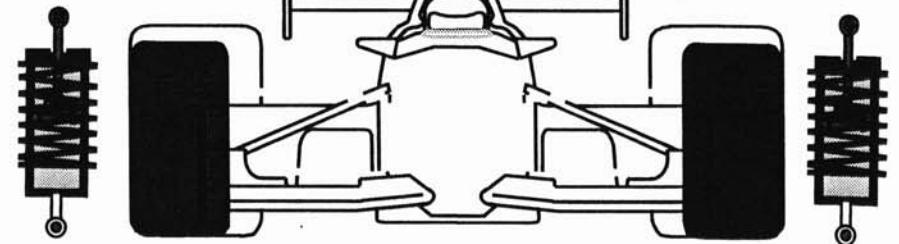
Shock Speed = Max



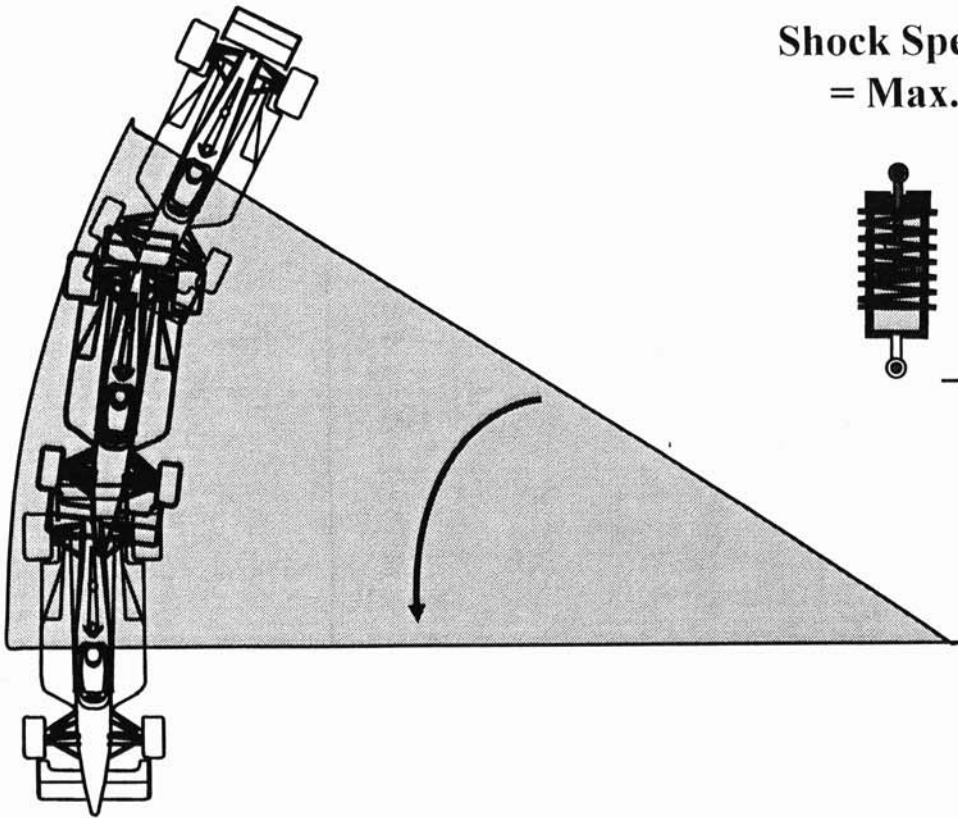
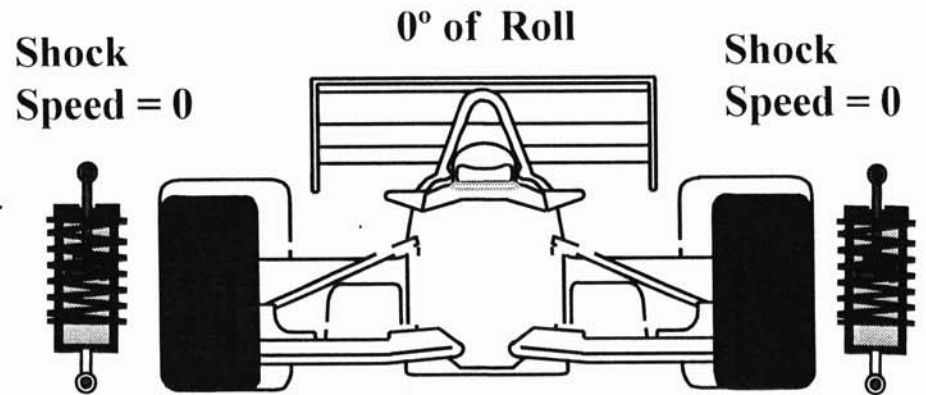
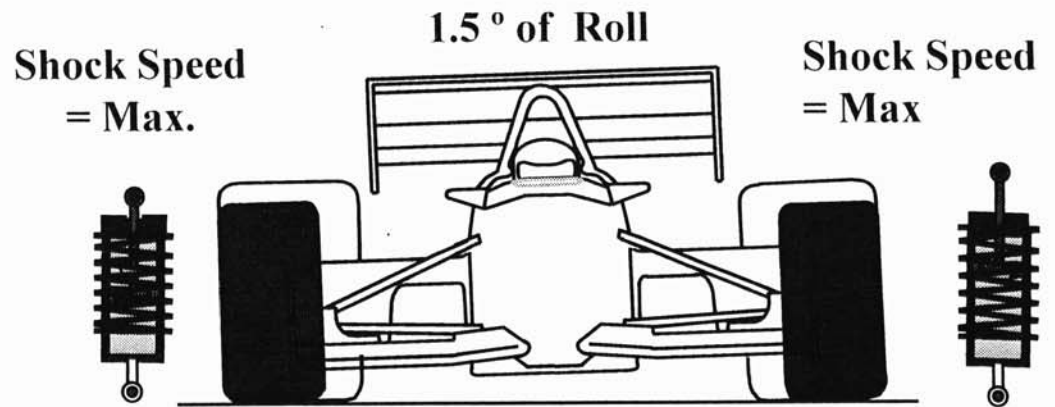
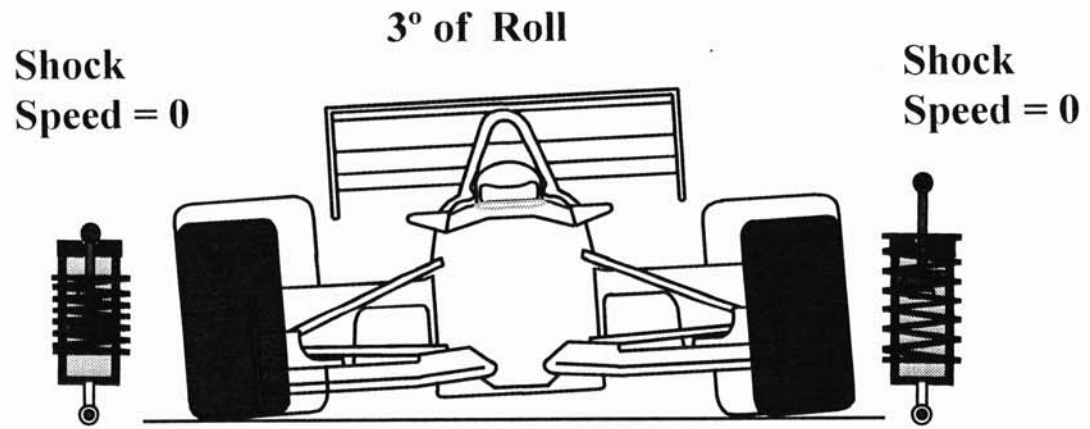
Shock Speed = 0

0° of Roll

Shock Speed = 0

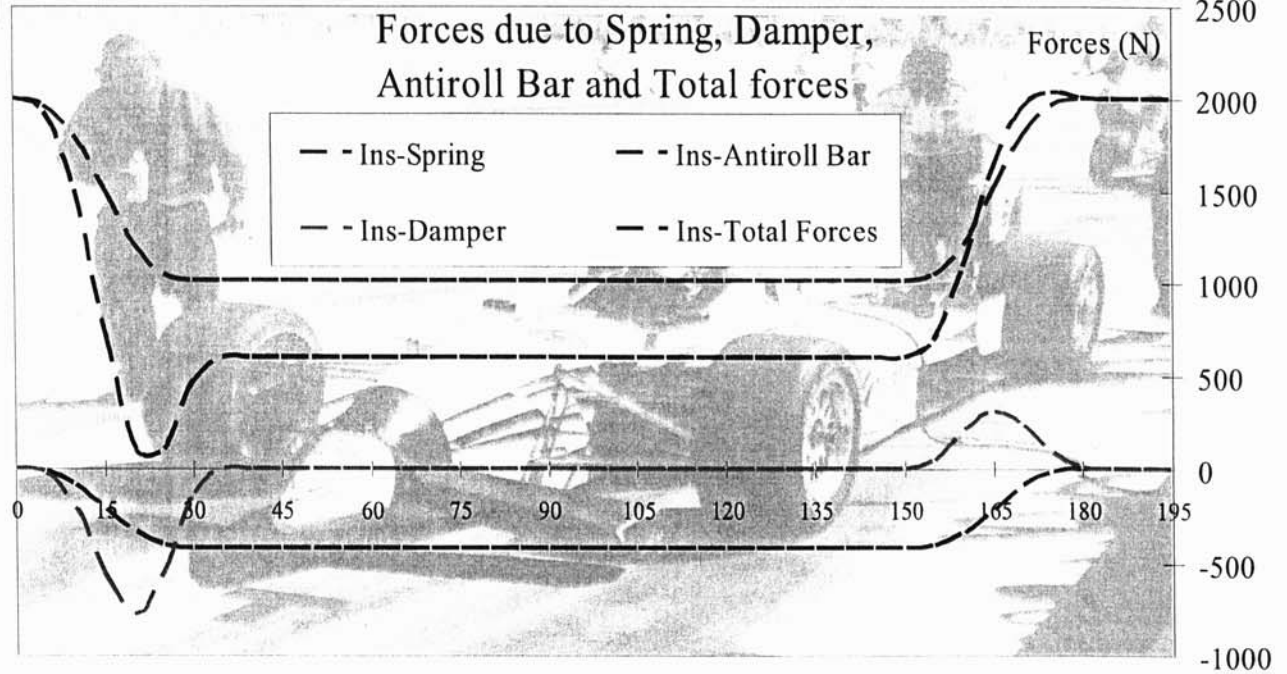
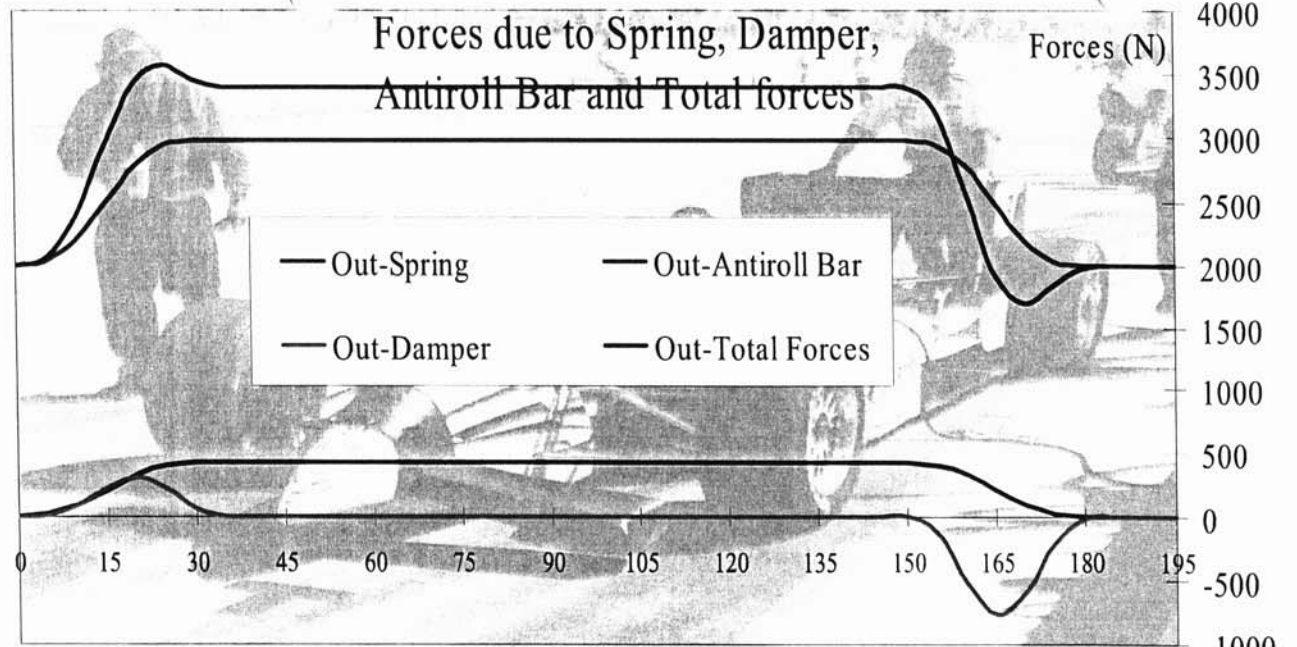






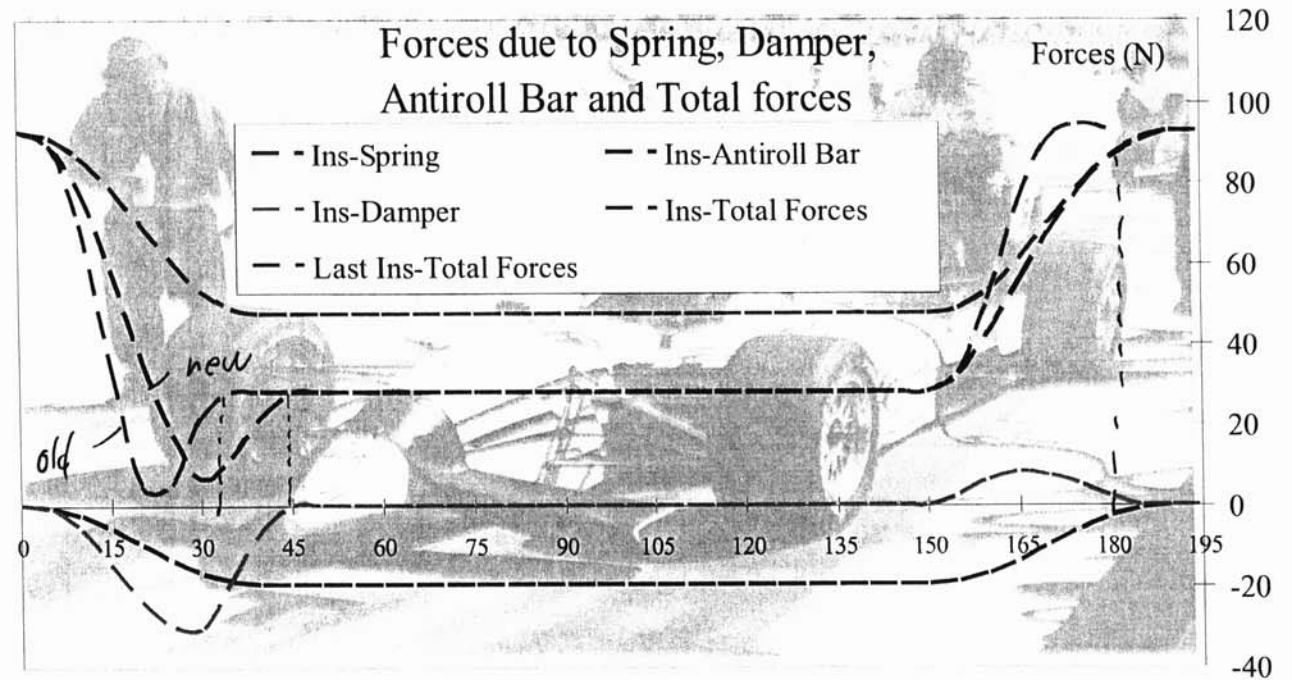
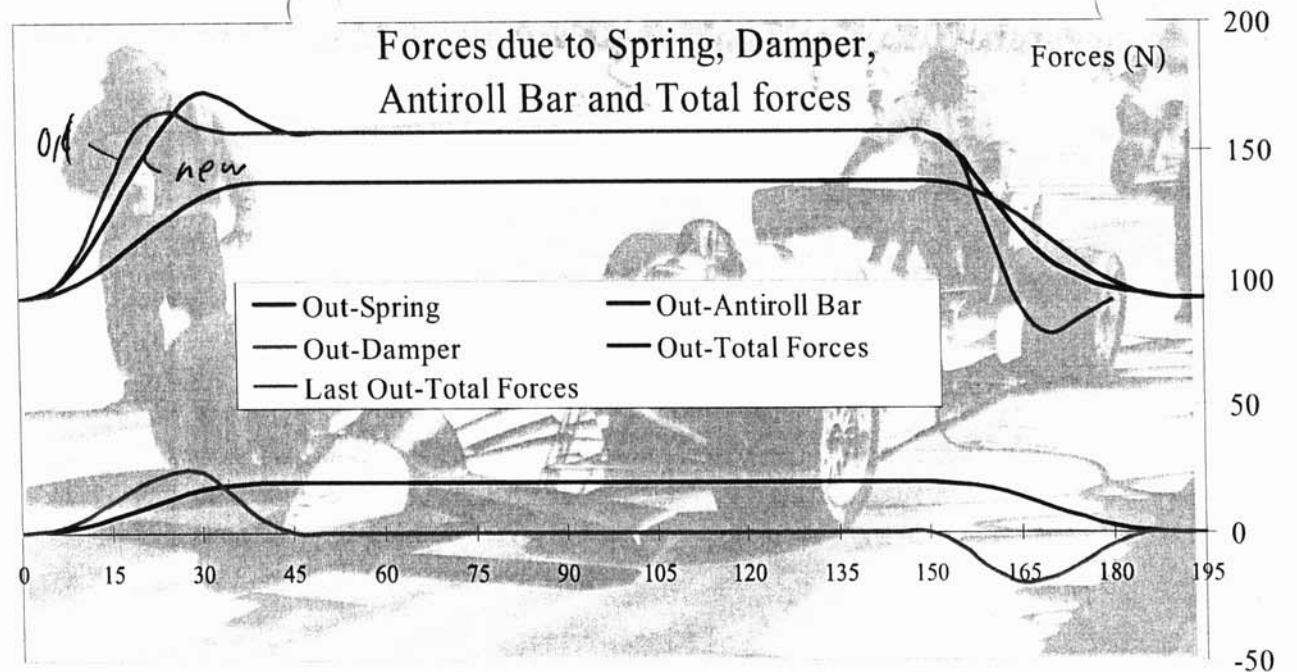
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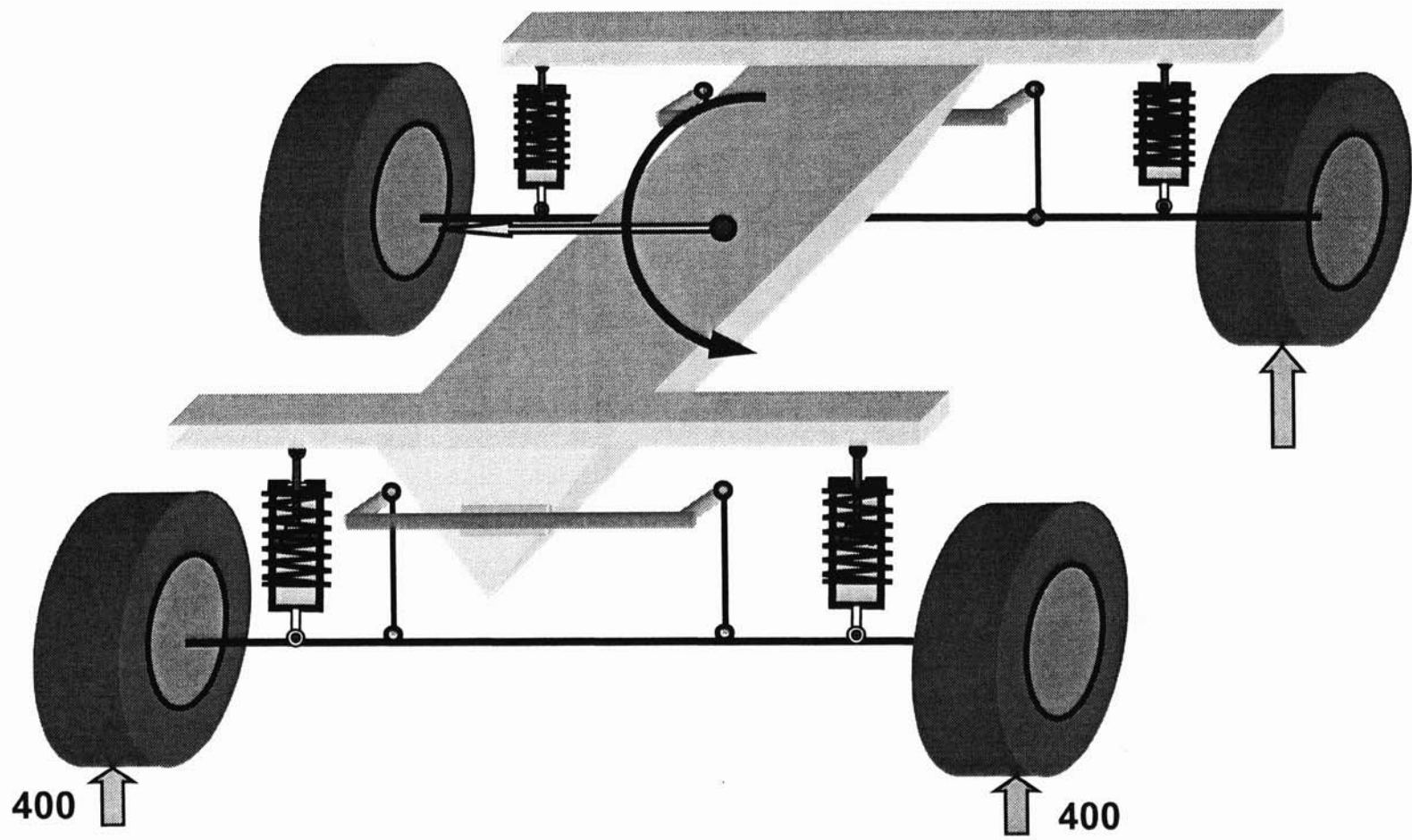
Damping outside and inside are equal.



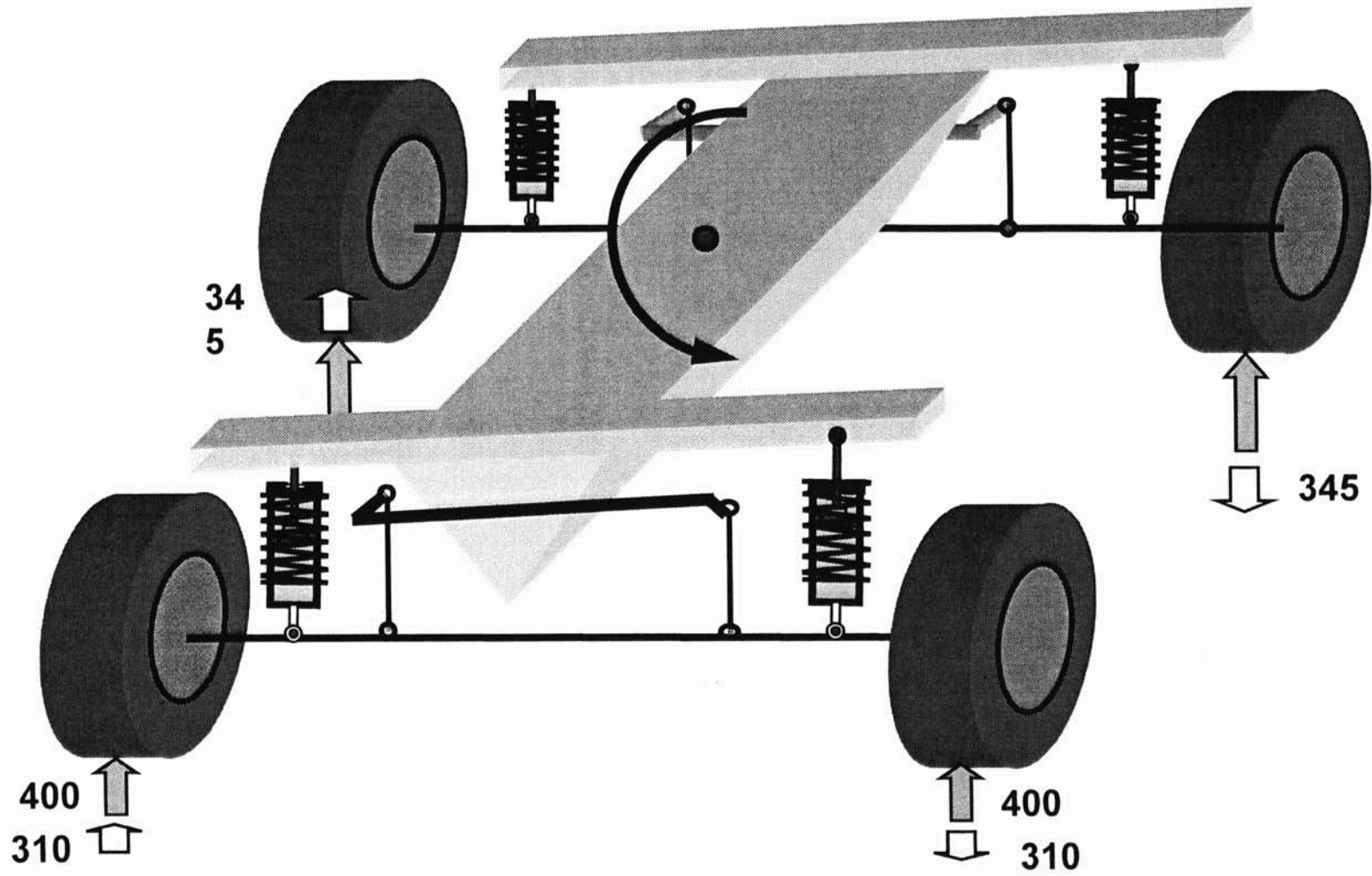
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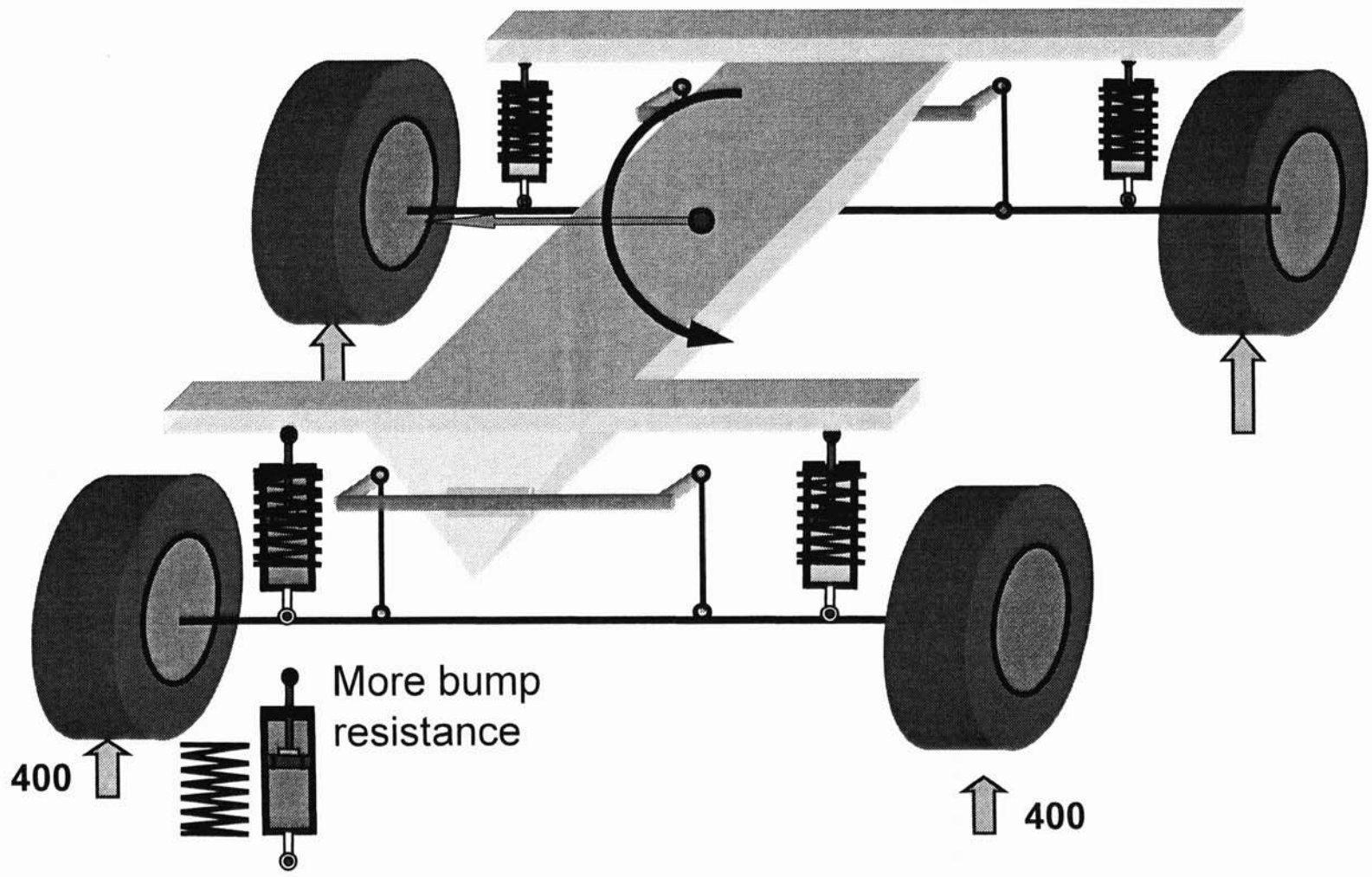
50% increase of  
Outside Front Bump  
only





0.463 ° of Roll

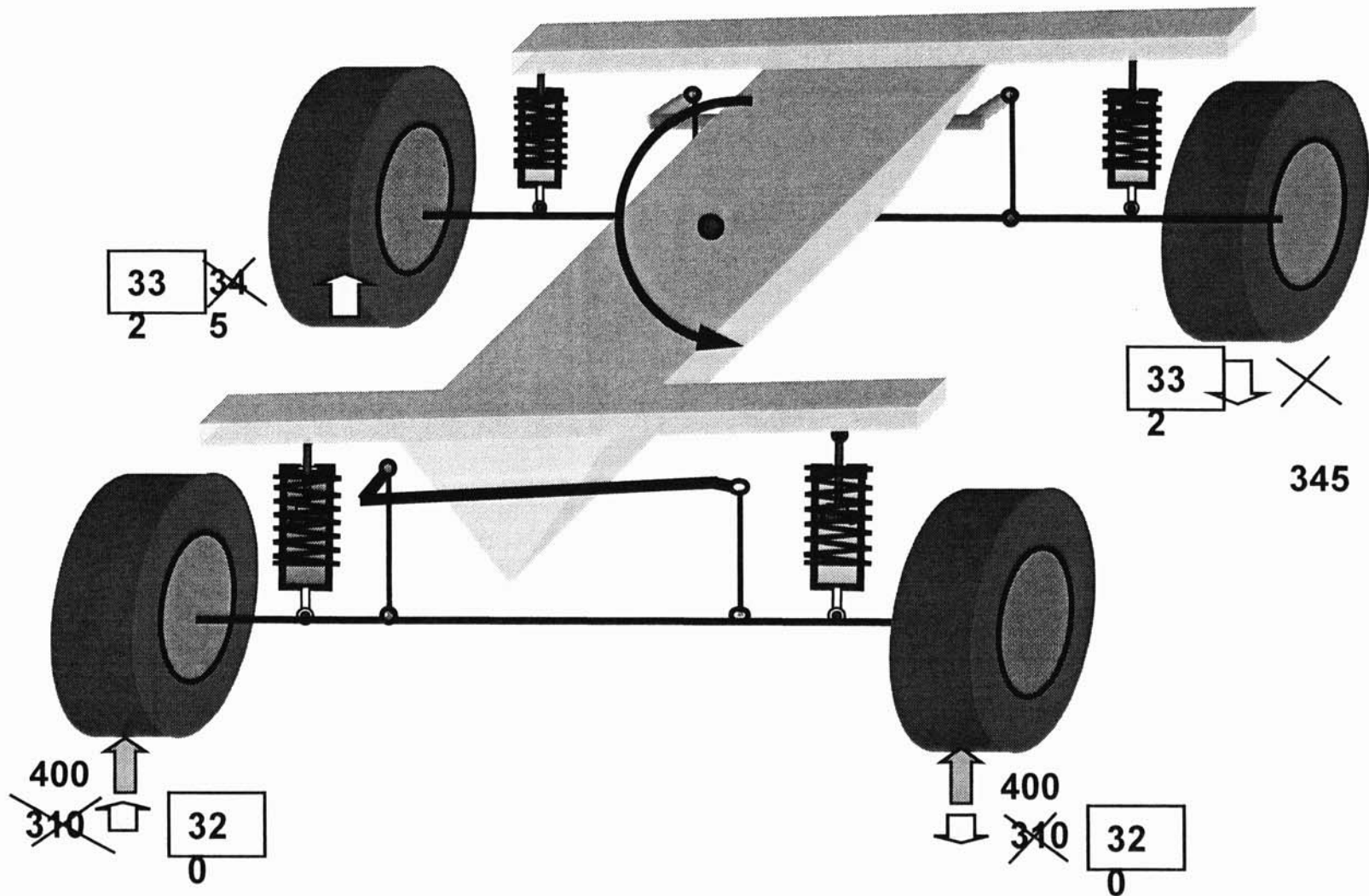






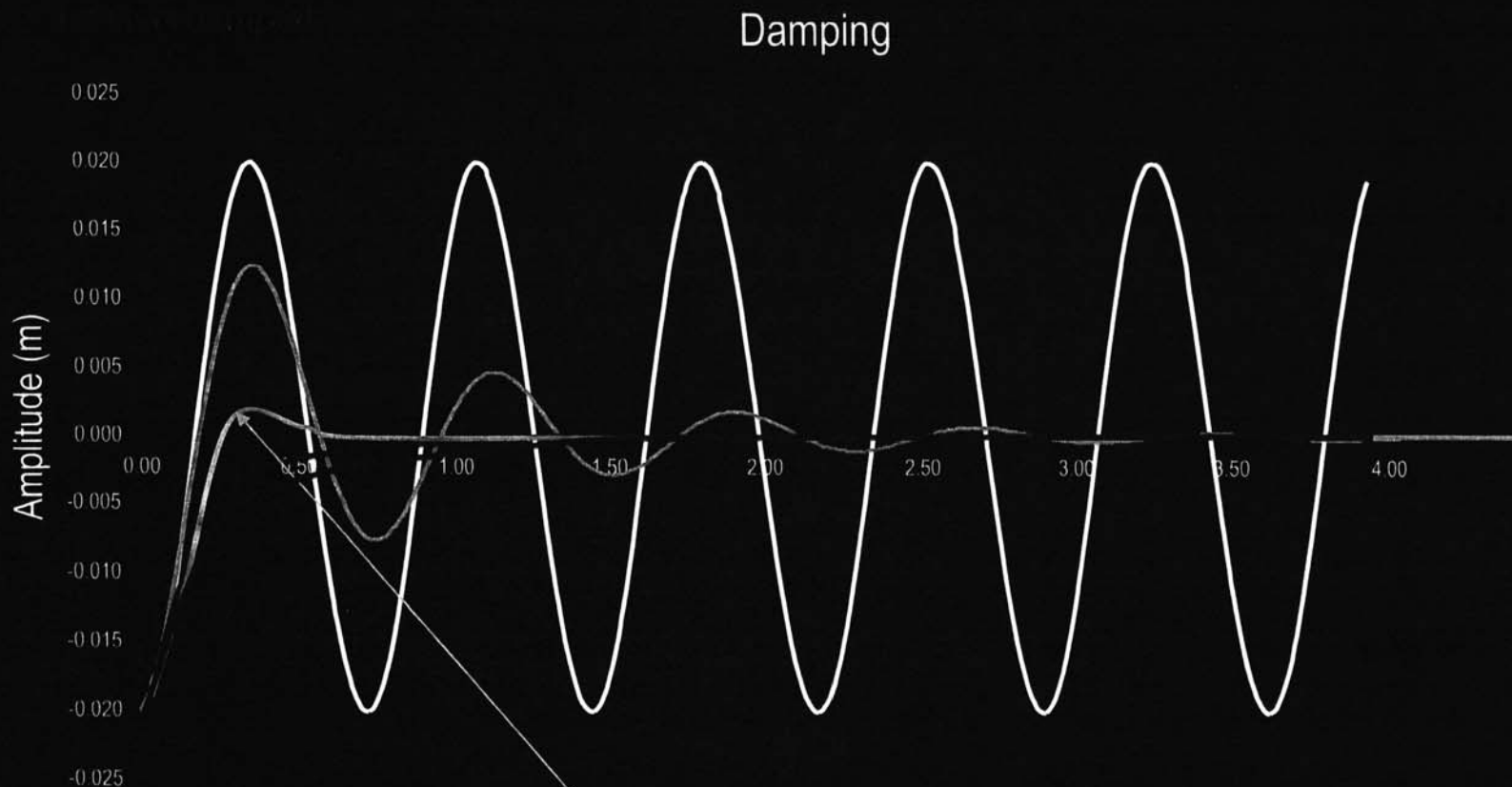
~~0.463° of Roll at a given position of the track~~

0.389° of Roll at the same given position of the track



# Speed Damper Histogram: 1. Study of the damped free vibration

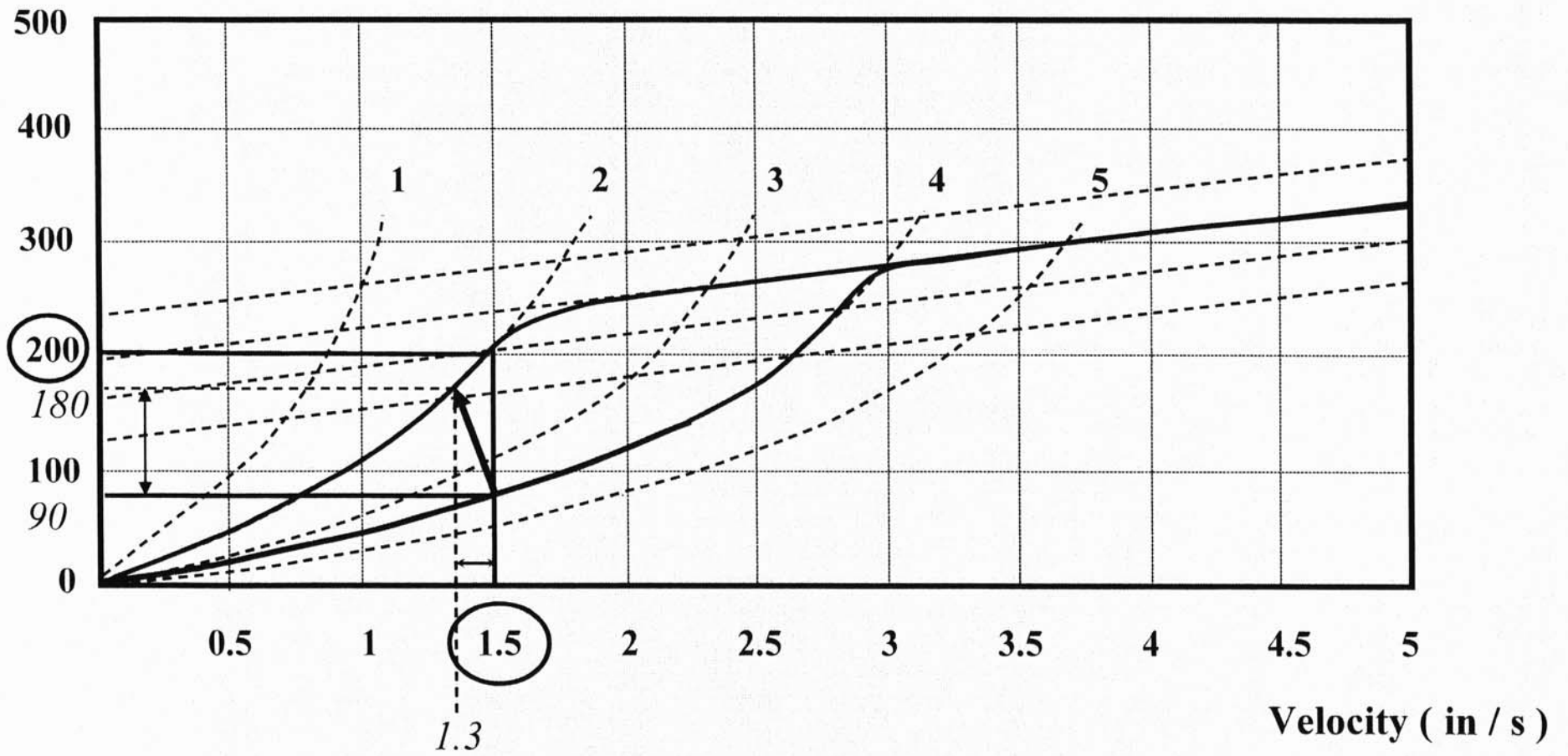
- No damping
- $\zeta = 0.1$  Underdamped
- $\zeta = 0.7$  Underdamped



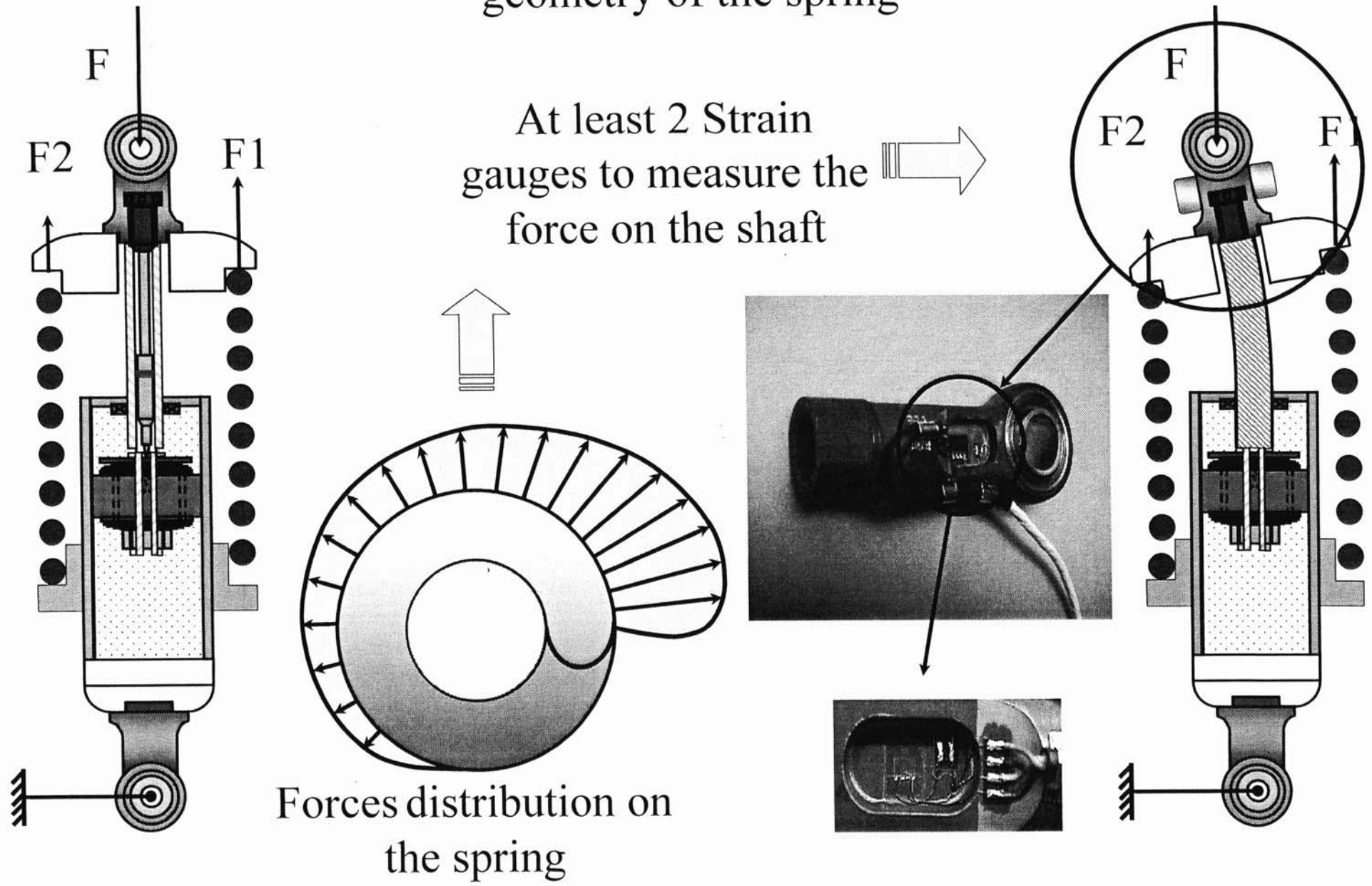
Best compromise with  $\zeta = 0.7 \rightarrow C = 70\%$  of  $C_{\text{Crit}}$



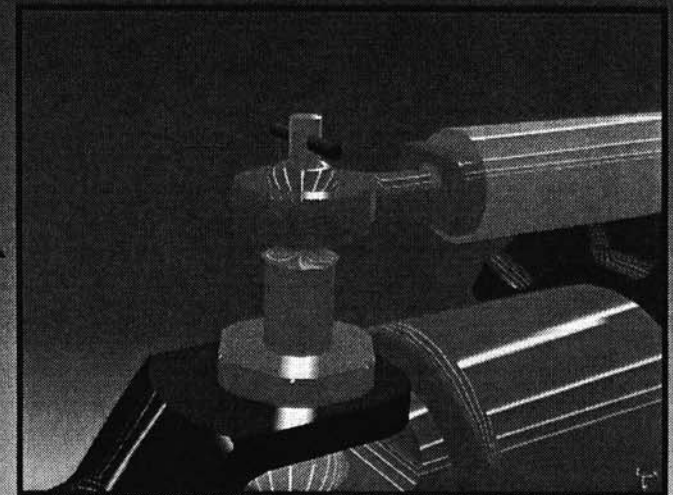
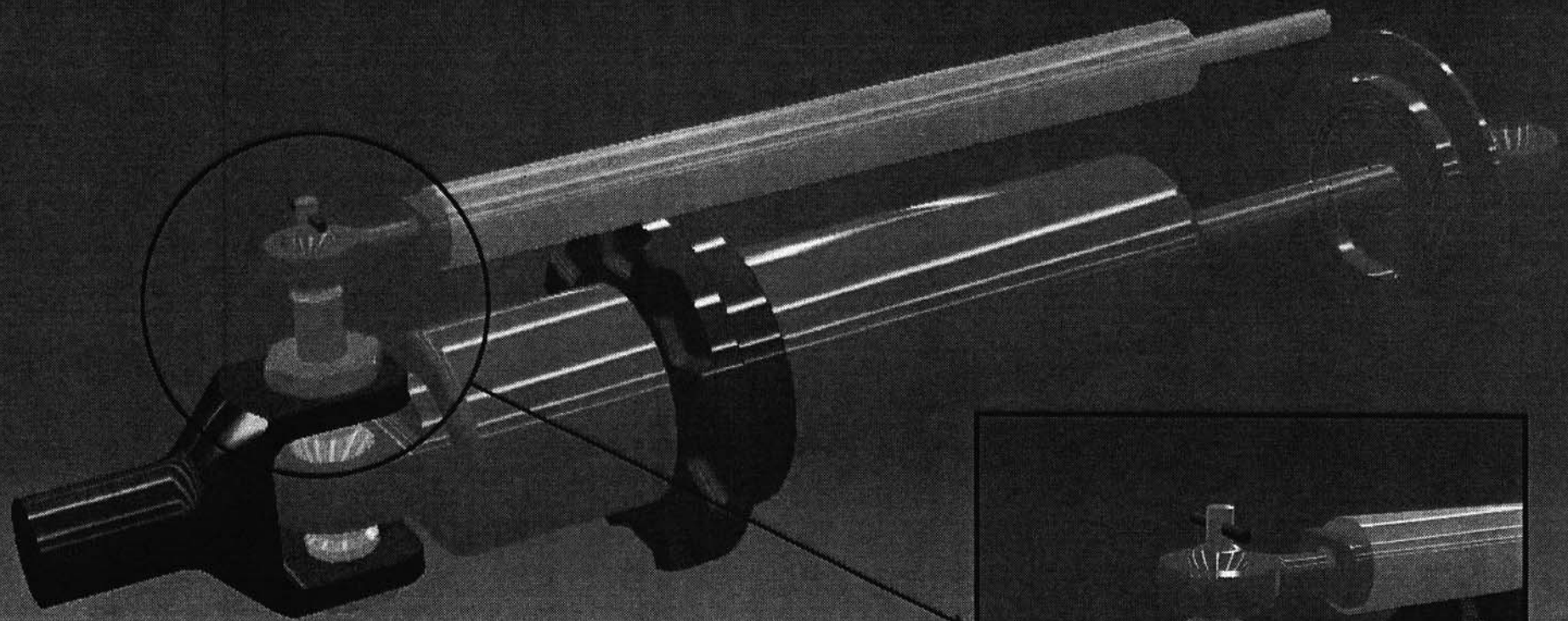
Force ( lb )



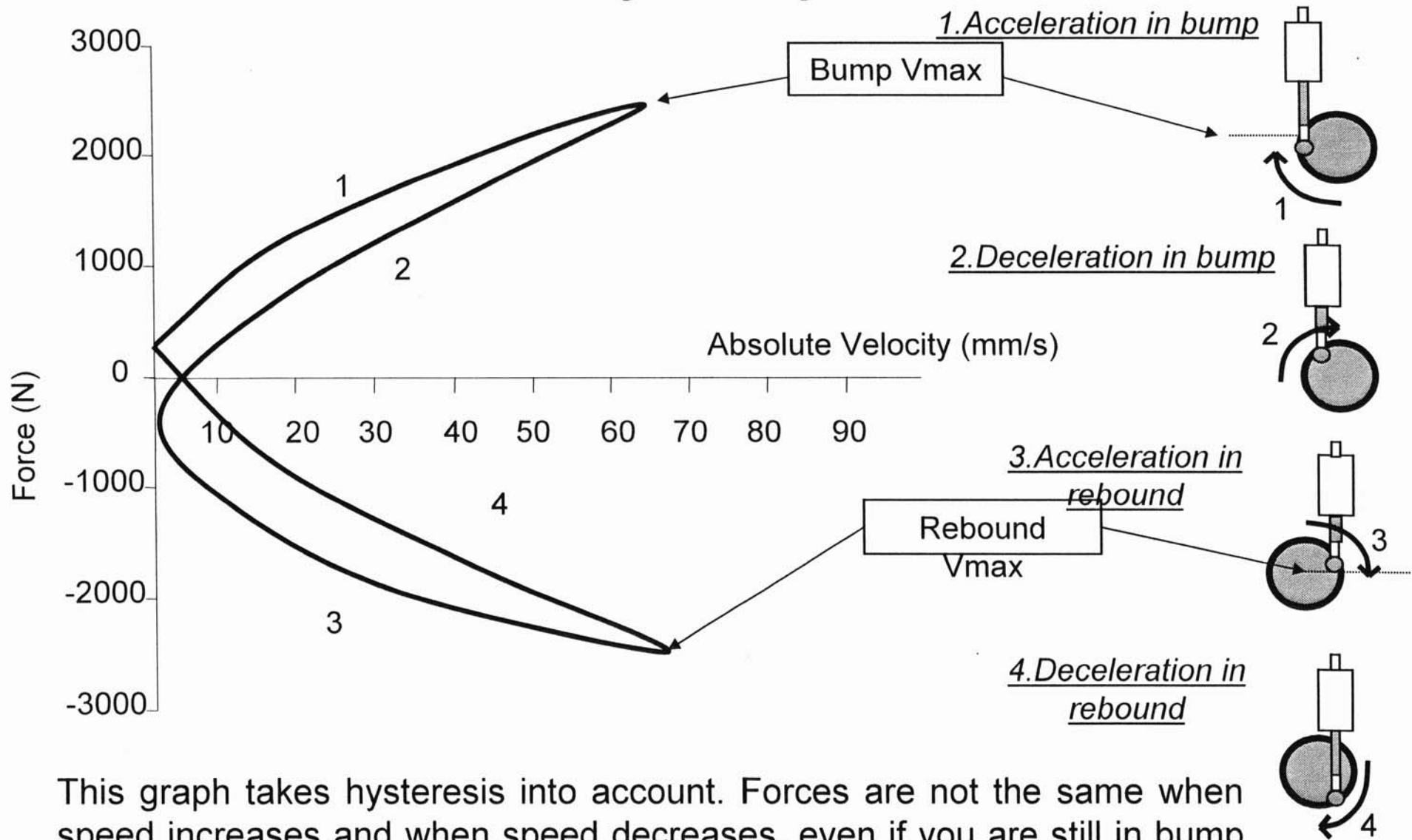
# Bending of the shaft of the damper due to the dissymmetrical geometry of the spring



# Smart way to install a linear potentiometer

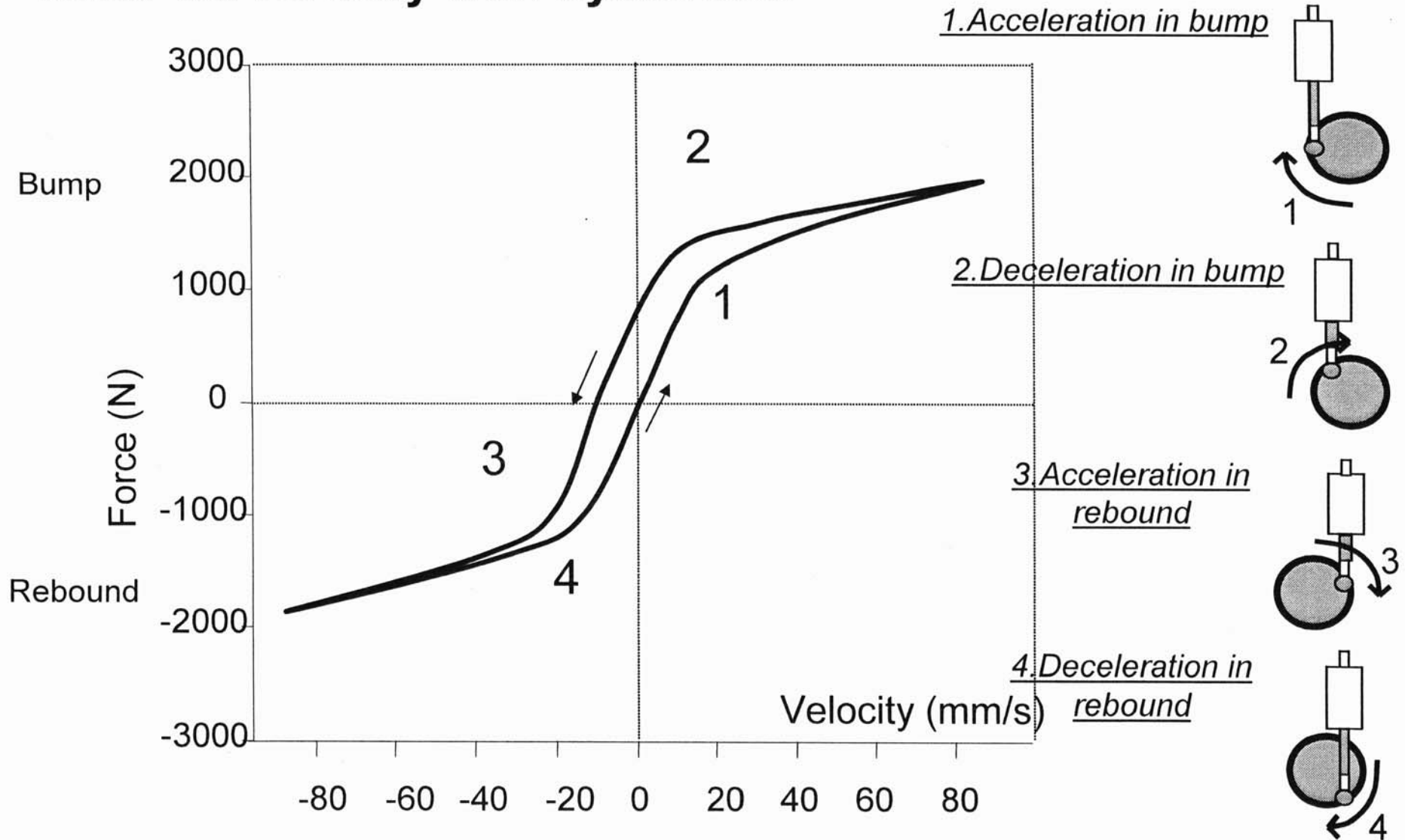


# Using different types of damper curves: force vs. absolute velocity with hysteresis



This graph takes hysteresis into account. Forces are not the same when speed increases and when speed decreases, even if you are still in bump or rebound. We still have an absolute velocity for the X axis and gas preload effect.

# Using different types of damper curves: force vs. velocity with hysteresis



Here, negative velocity is used for bump and positive velocity for rebound.



## WHAT IS REQUIRED TO CALCULATE WEIGHT TRANSFER

|                                   | LATERAL WEIGHT TRANSFER              |  |                              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
|                                   | Front & Rear Sprung<br>"Elastic" W.T | Front & Rear Sprung<br>"Geometric" W.T | Front & Rear<br>Unsprung W.T |
| F&R Sprung Mass                   | X                                    | X                                      |                              |
| F&R Unsprung Mass                 |                                      |  | X                            |
| F&R Lateral Acceleration          | X                                    | X                                      | X                            |
| F&R Roll Centre ( <i>Height</i> ) | X                                    | X                                      |                              |
| Sprung CG Height                  | X                                    |  |                              |
| F&R Unsprung CG Height            |                                      |  | X                            |
| F&R Distance [CG - Roll Centre]   | X                                    |  |                              |
| F&R Track                         | X                                    | X                                      | X                            |
| Wheelbase                         |                                      | X                                      |                              |
| a' and 'b' Length                 |                                      | X                                      |                              |
| F&R Anti-Roll Torque distribution | X                                    |  |                              |

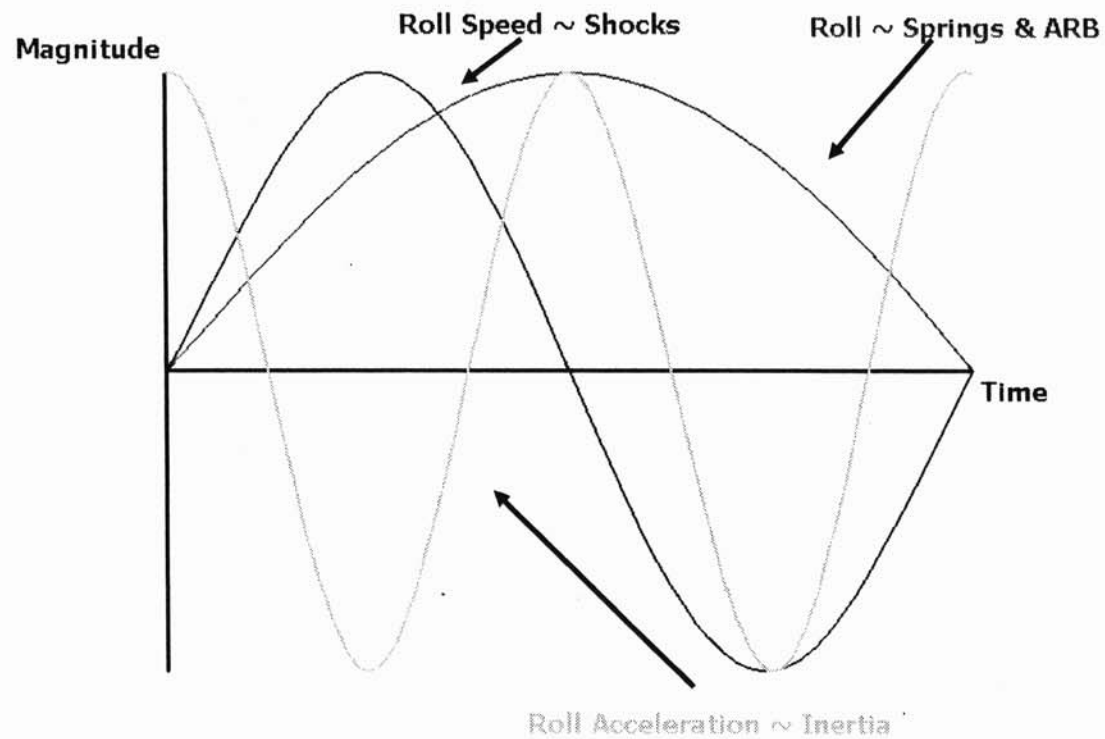
**Note:** For F & R Anti Roll Torque

*Steady State - Springs, ARB, MR & Track*

*Transient - Springs, ARB, MR, Track, Roll Inertia & F & R Shocks*

# CORNERING CHARACTERISTICS

|              |                    | Roll | Roll Speed | Roll Acceleration    |
|--------------|--------------------|------|------------|----------------------|
|              | Units              | deg  | deg/sec    | deg/sec <sup>2</sup> |
| Spring/ARB   | lb / in            | X    | X          | X                    |
| Shocks       | lb / in/sec        |      | X          | X                    |
| Roll Inertia | lb.in <sup>2</sup> |      |            | X                    |



# CORNERING CHARACTERISTICS

- The same also holds true for both the pitch and yaw of the car.

## PITCH

|               |                    | Pitch | Pitch Speed | Pitch Acceleration   |
|---------------|--------------------|-------|-------------|----------------------|
|               | Units              | deg   | deg/sec     | deg/sec <sup>2</sup> |
| Spring/ARB    | lb / in            | X     | X           | X                    |
| Shocks        | lb / in/sec        |       | X           | X                    |
| Pitch Inertia | lb.in <sup>2</sup> |       |             | X                    |

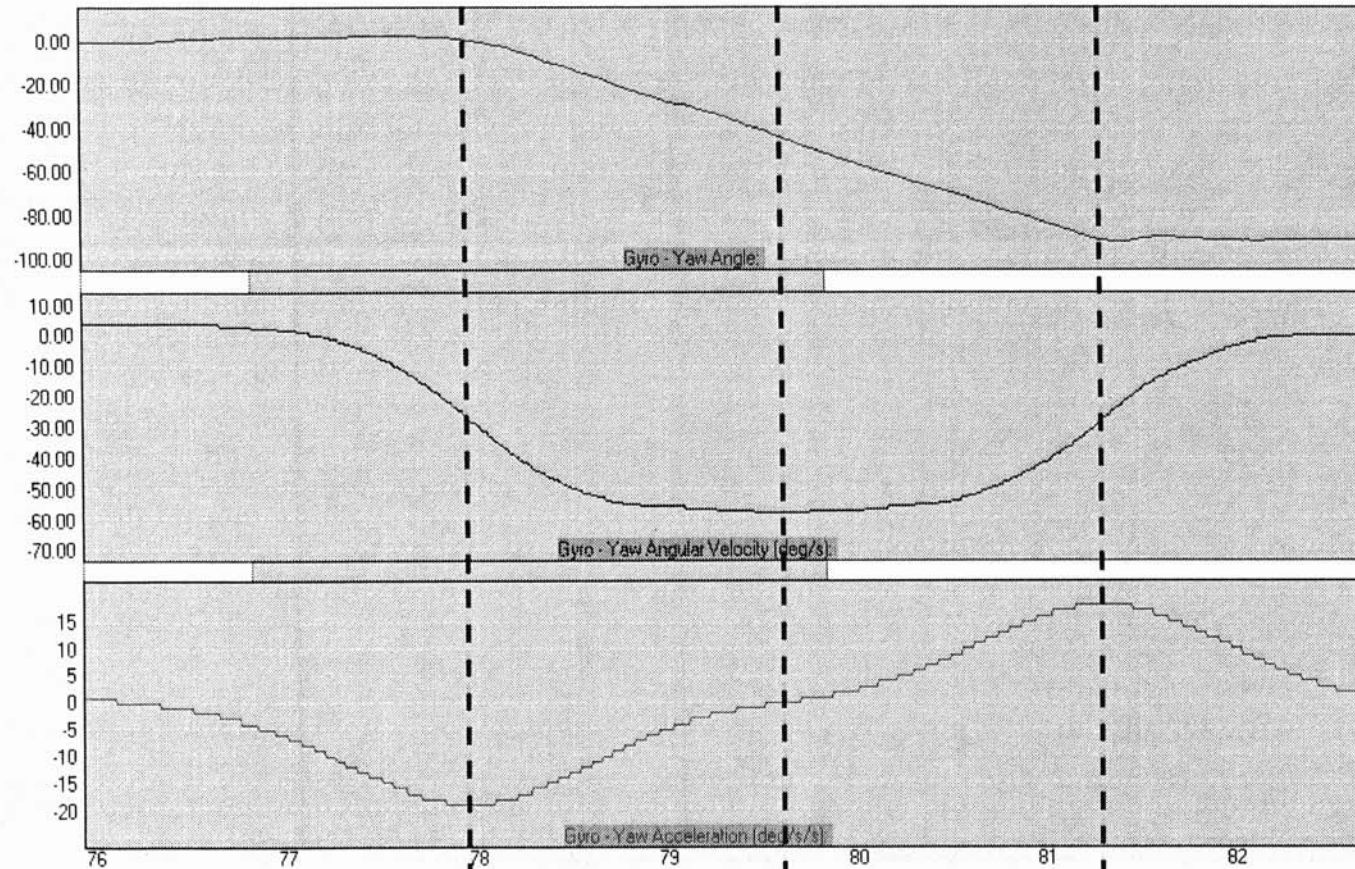
## YAW

|                          |                    | Yaw | Yaw Speed | Yaw Acceleration     |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----|-----------|----------------------|
|                          | Units              | deg | deg/sec   | deg/sec <sup>2</sup> |
| Tire cornering stiffness | lb /deg            | X   | X         | X                    |
| Tire cornering damping   | Lb /deg/sec        |     | X         | X                    |
| Yaw Inertia              | lb.in <sup>2</sup> |     |           | X                    |



$$\frac{d(\text{Yaw Velocity})}{dt}$$

## Example Of Using A Yaw Gyro Sensor in A Corner



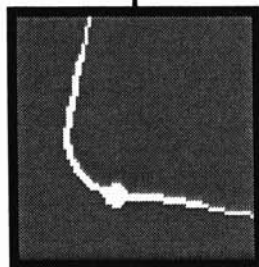
**Yaw Angle**

$$\int \text{Yaw Velocity } dt$$

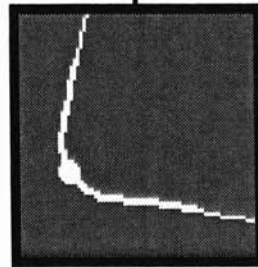
**Yaw Velocity**

**Yaw Acceleration**

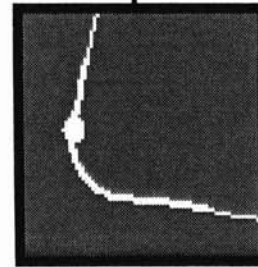
$$\frac{d(\text{Yaw Velocity})}{dt}$$



**Corner Entry**



**Mid Corner**



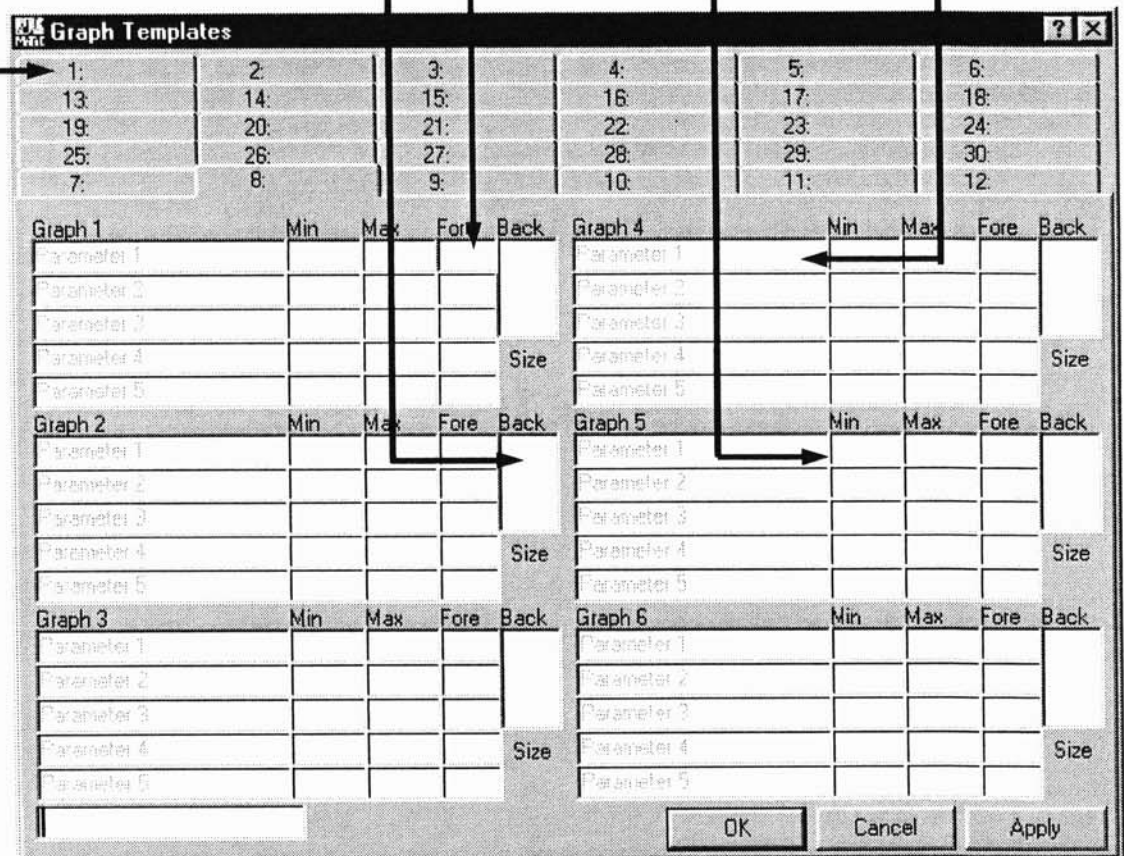
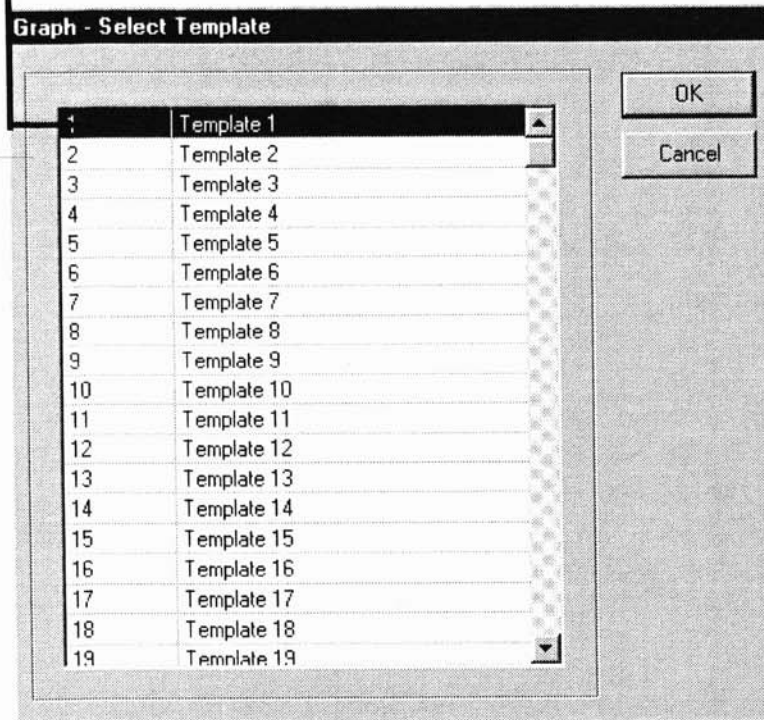
**Corner Exit**

# 6. Organizing the Data Work

- Templates Organization
- Writing Math Functions
- Things to Set Before Leaving the Shop
- Things to Set During the Test or Race
- Influence of Filter, Logging Rate and Zoom on Match Functions Accuracy
- What we can learn from shock's linear potentiometers
- Wheel Speed Sensors and Diff Work

# Template Organization

- Give a name to each template
- Inside each template, for each graph, select a channel out of the logged or defined math functions
- Select Auto scale or a Min and Max for each channel
- Select a color for each channel
- Select a background color for each graph



# Template Organization Examples and Advices

- Template 1: Engine
- Water temperature
  - Oil Temperature
  - Oil Pressure
  - Fuel pressure
  - Battery voltage

- Template 2: Driver
- Throttle
  - Speed
  - Lateral Acceleration
  - Steering

- Template 3: Dampers
- LF Damper
  - RF Damper
  - LR Damper
  - RR Damper

- Template 4: Damper Vel.
- LF Damper Vel.
  - RF Damper Vel.
  - LR Damper Vel.
  - RR Damper Vel.

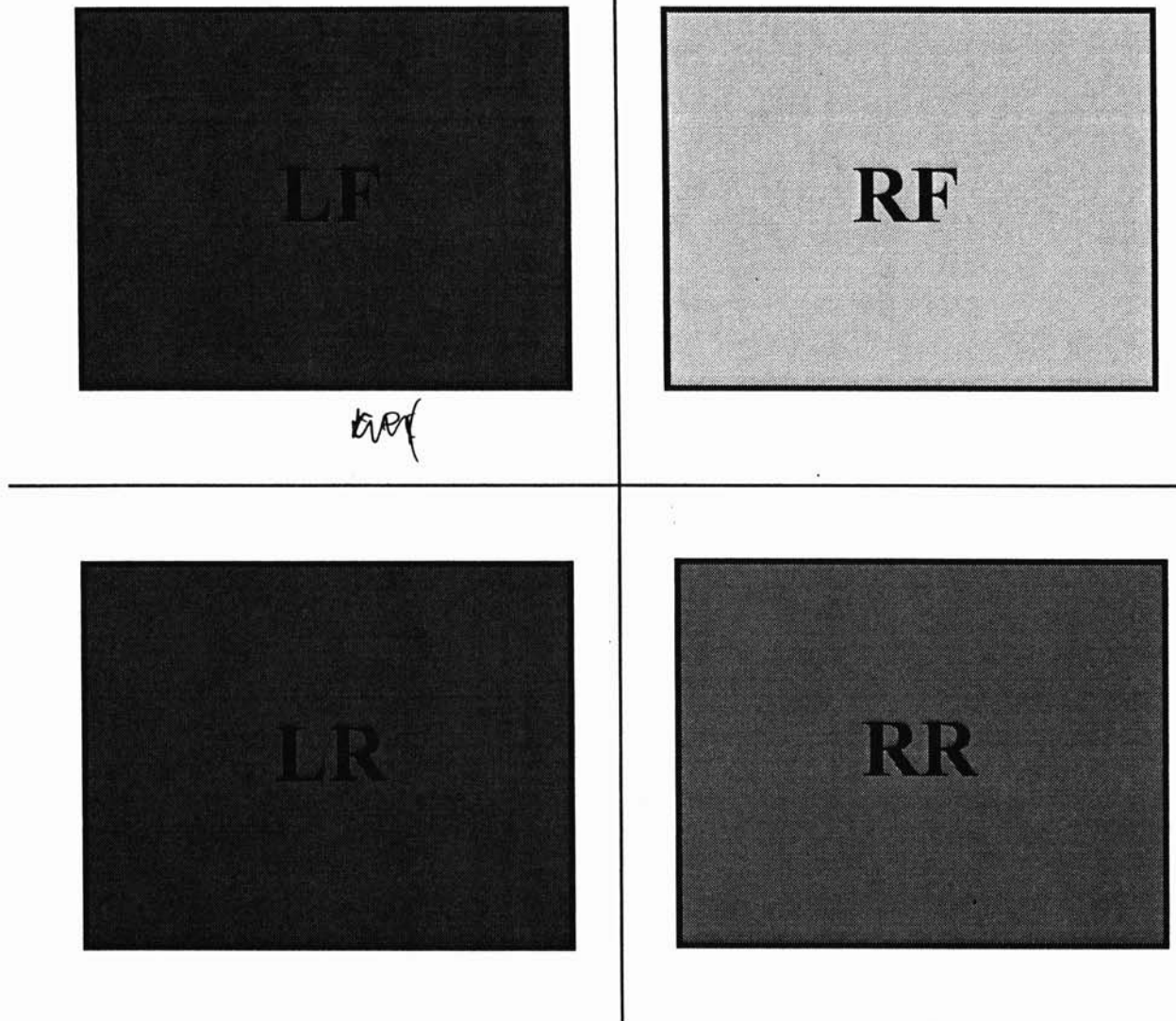
- Template 5: Roll and Pitch
- Front Roll
  - Rear Roll
  - Left Pitch
  - Right Pitch

- Template 6: Strain Gauges
- LF Strain
  - RF Strain
  - LR Strain
  - RR Strain

*Group in a given template all channels subject to the same type of analysis*

Attach Specific Colors to Specific Channels. Example

*Color code by corner*



## Attach Specific Colors to Specific Channels. Example

|       |  |       |                   |
|-------|--|-------|-------------------|
| ————— | Throttle                                 |       |                   |
| ————— | Speed                                    | ————— | Water Temperature |
| ————— | RPM                                      | ————— | Oil Temperature   |
| ————— | Steering                                 | ————— | Oil Pressure      |
| ————— | Lateral Acceleration                     | ————— | Battery Voltage   |
| ————— | Inline Acceleration                      | ————— | Fuel Pressure     |
| ————— | Front<br>(roll, load, brake pressure...) |       |                   |
| ————— | Rear<br>(roll, load, brake pressure...)  |       |                   |

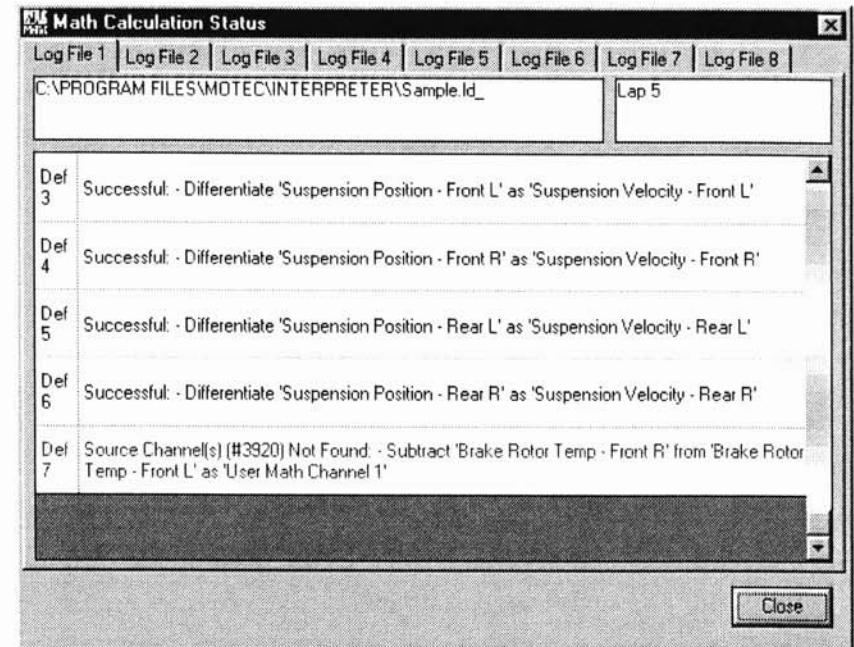
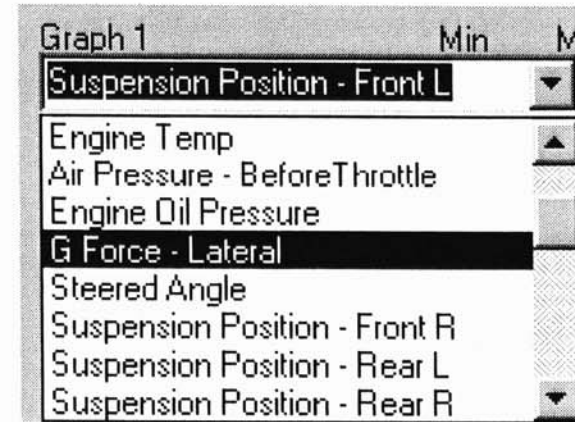


## Setting up the Templates

- Always use the same name for a given data. Choose the data to be displayed in the graph in the channel window list.

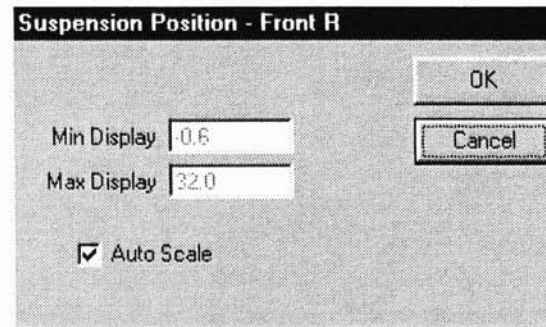
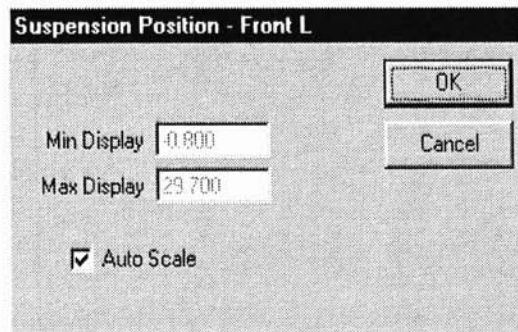
- If the data you want to display does not appear in this list, it means that this particular data has not been logged.

- If the data you want to display is a math function and it does not appear in the graph template displayable channels list, it means it has been created with at least one data which has not been logged. To check this, go to View / Math Status. Any unsuccessful math function will be written in red.

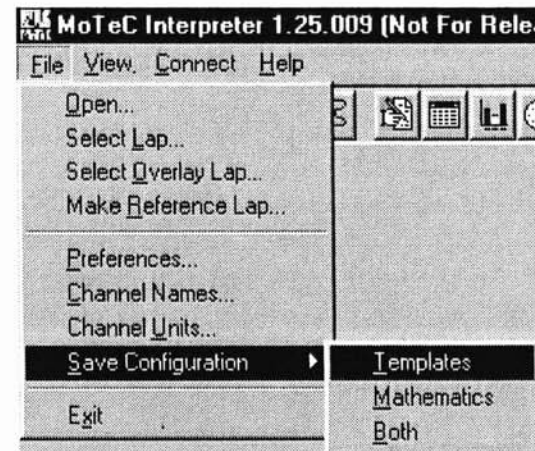


## Setting up the Templates

- Maximum and Minimum according to the circuit you use (Speed, Lateral Acceleration, etc ...).
- Note the min and max in the auto scale mode to choose the min and max of each particular channel or group of similar channels.



- Use the same min and max for all comparable channels (like all the dampers).
- Use a smart color for each graph background (light gray is a good choice).
- Save the templates configuration !





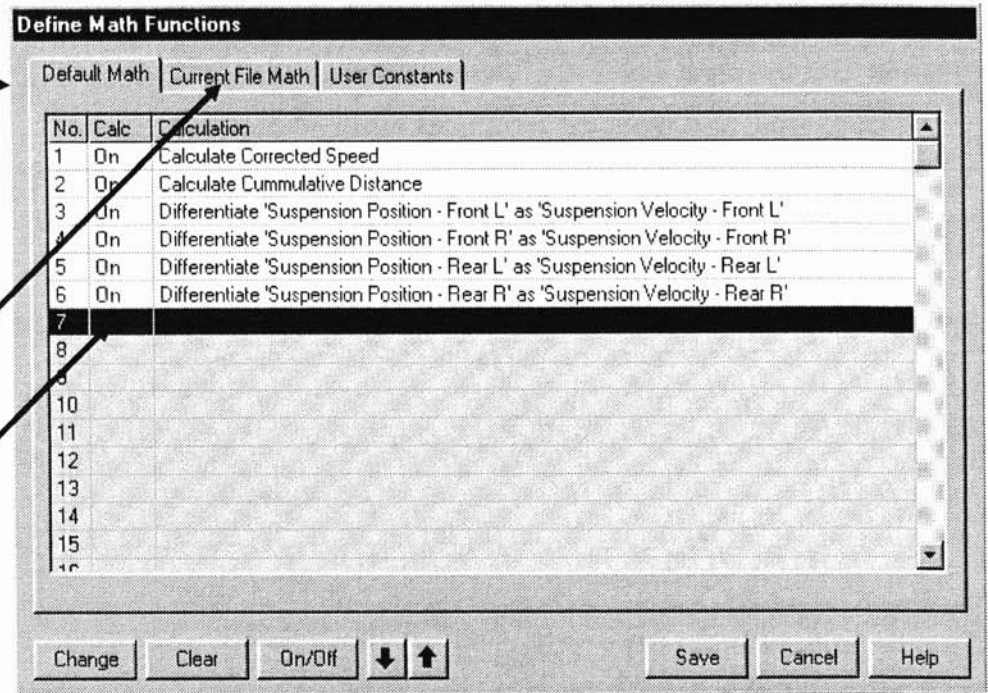
# Math Functions Creations

To create a new math function, go to View / Math.

Choose Default Math to create math functions which will work for any series of laps analyzed.

Choose Current File Math to create math functions which will work only for the particular outing just opened.

Highlight a new line and click on Change.



# Math Functions Creations

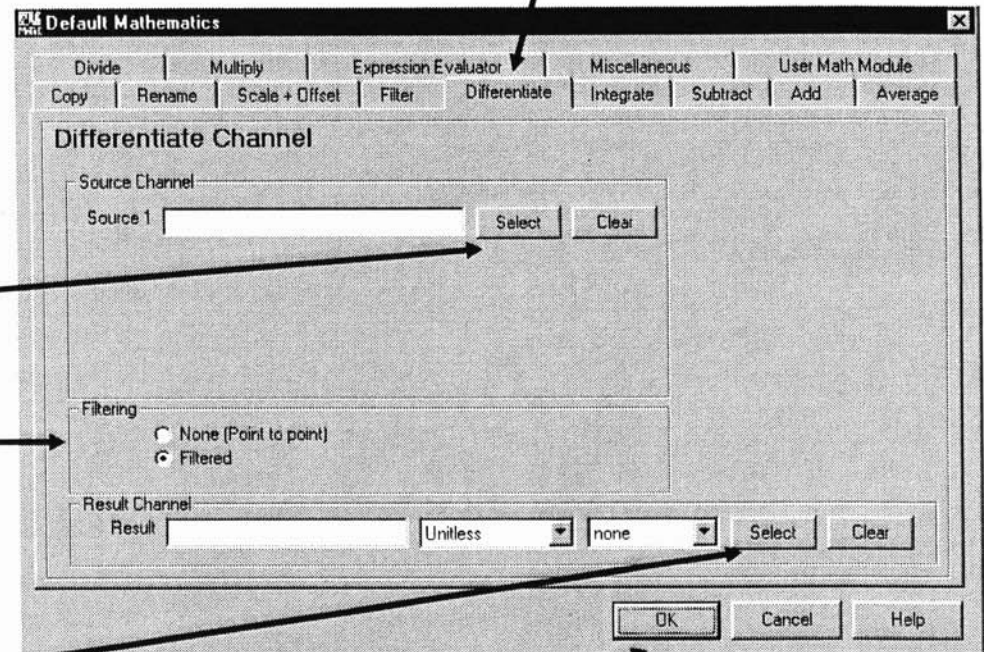
Choose the tab of the operation you want to do.

Click on Select. The *Select from All Channels* window appears. Choose the source(s) you need to create the math channel.

Select a filter.

Select the source(s) of the result channel and its units from the appearing *Select from All Channels* window.

Click OK.

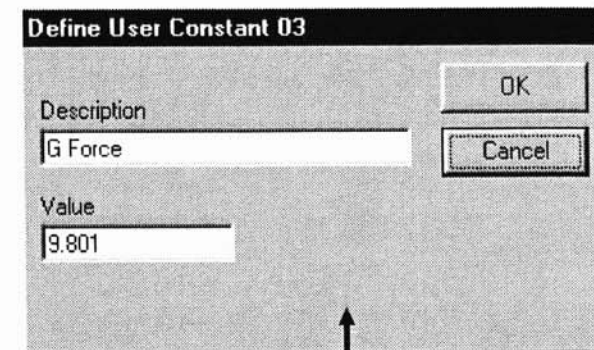
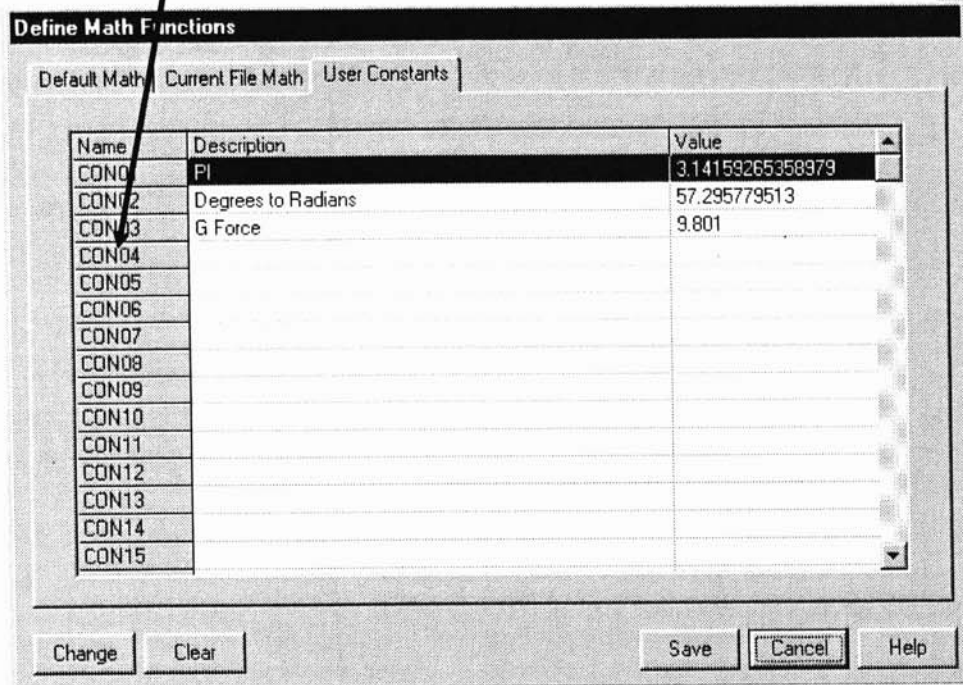
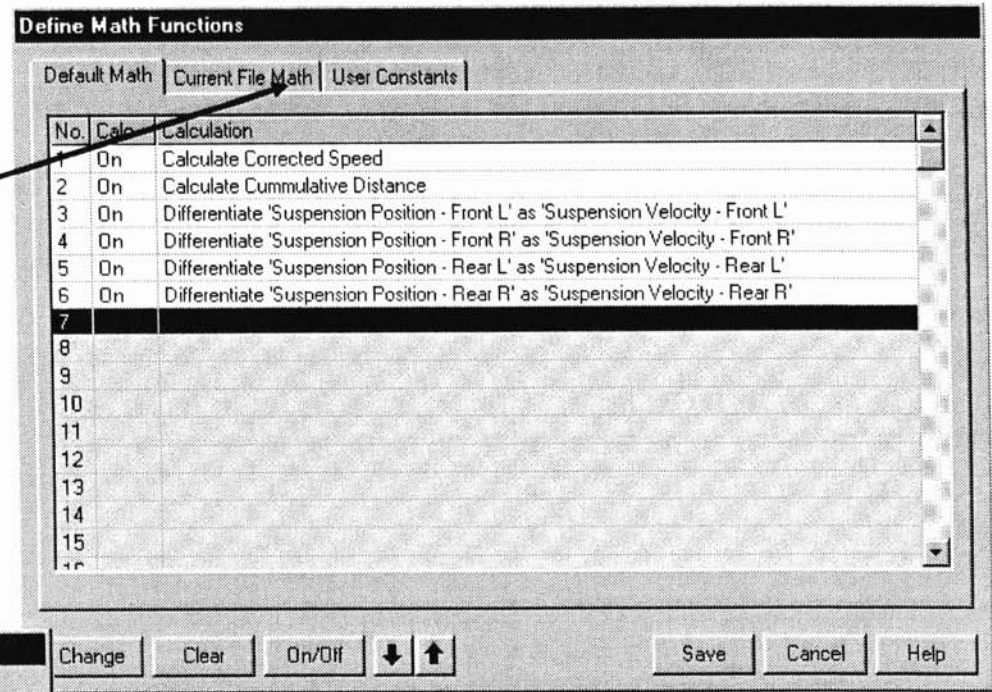


# Math Functions Creations

If the math function involves constant which are often the same, select User Constant.

Highlight an existing line to modify an existing constant or a new line to create a new constant.

Click on Change.



Highlight the name and / or the value to be changed.

Click on OK.

# Math Functions Creations

## *Math Functions with a constant*

Once a new constant created, remember the name of the constant.

Go to define math functions, highlight a new line and click on Change.

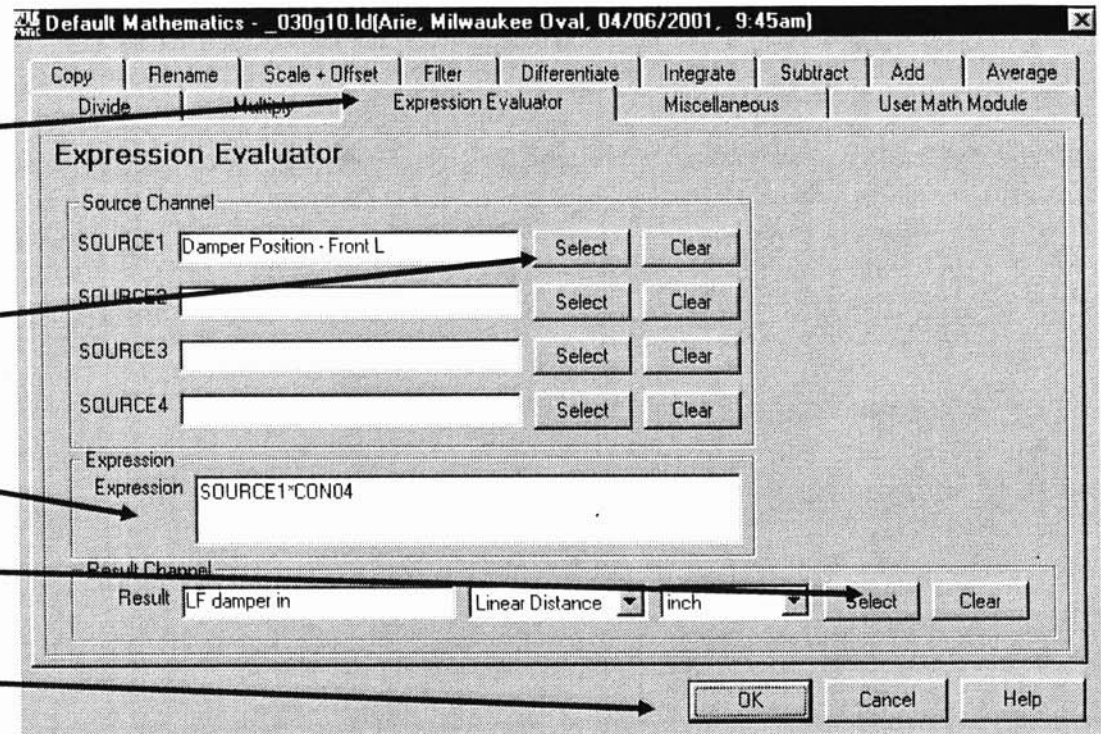
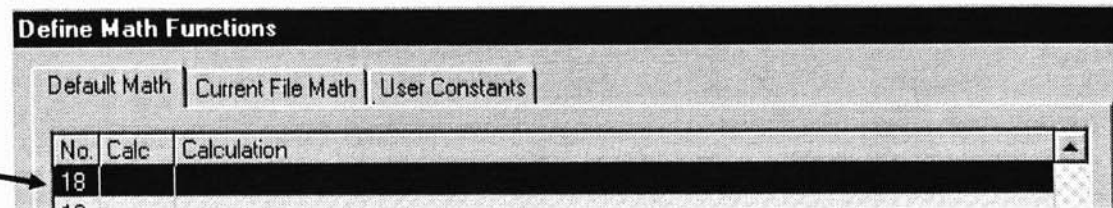
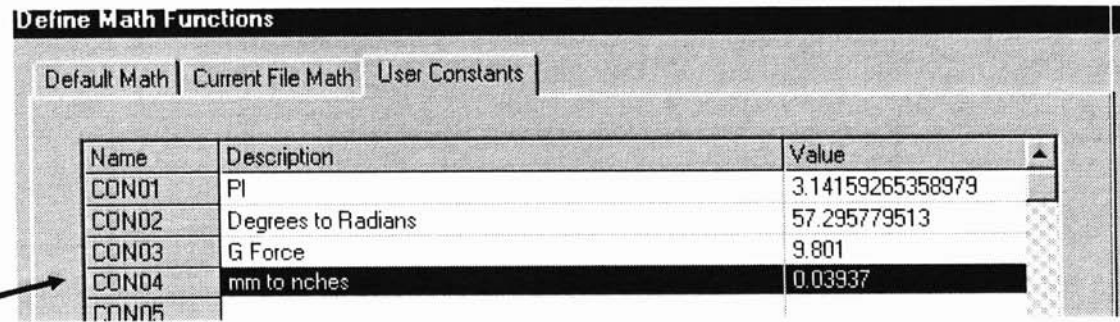
The Defaults Mathematics window appears. Click on Expression Evaluator.

Choose the source(s) by clicking on Select.

Write the expression containing the Constant.

Select the result channel and its units.


Click OK.








# Math Function Creations


The components (SOURCE) of a new math function are :

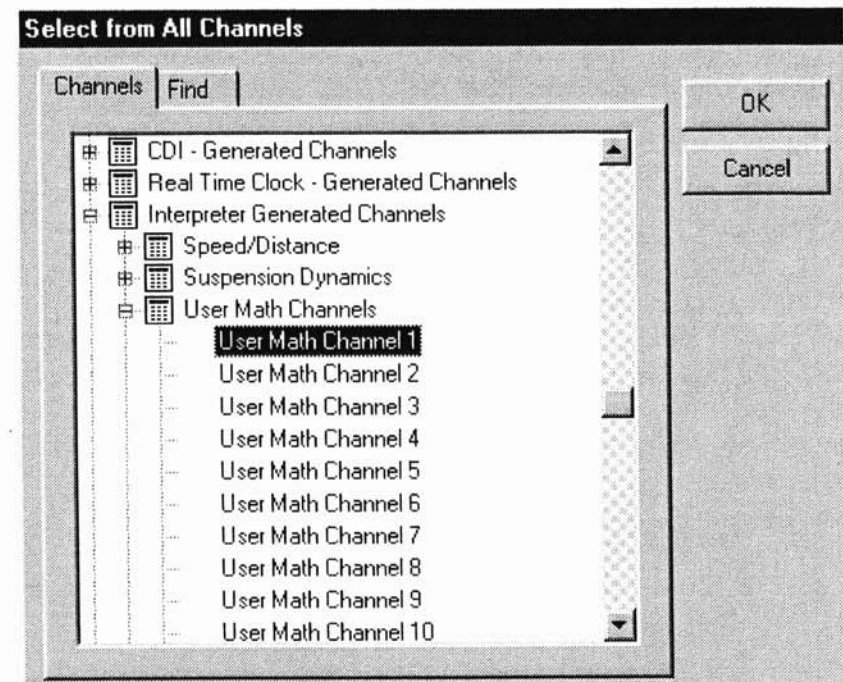
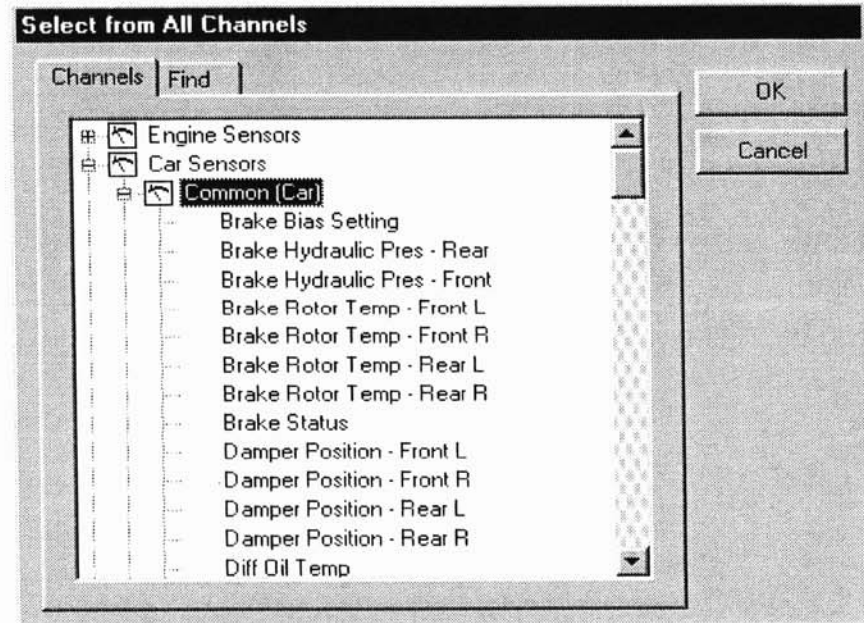
- either an existing logged data  chosen out of the *Select from All Channels* window.

- and /or existing math function(s)  previously created and found in the *Select from All Channels* window.

- either a constant.

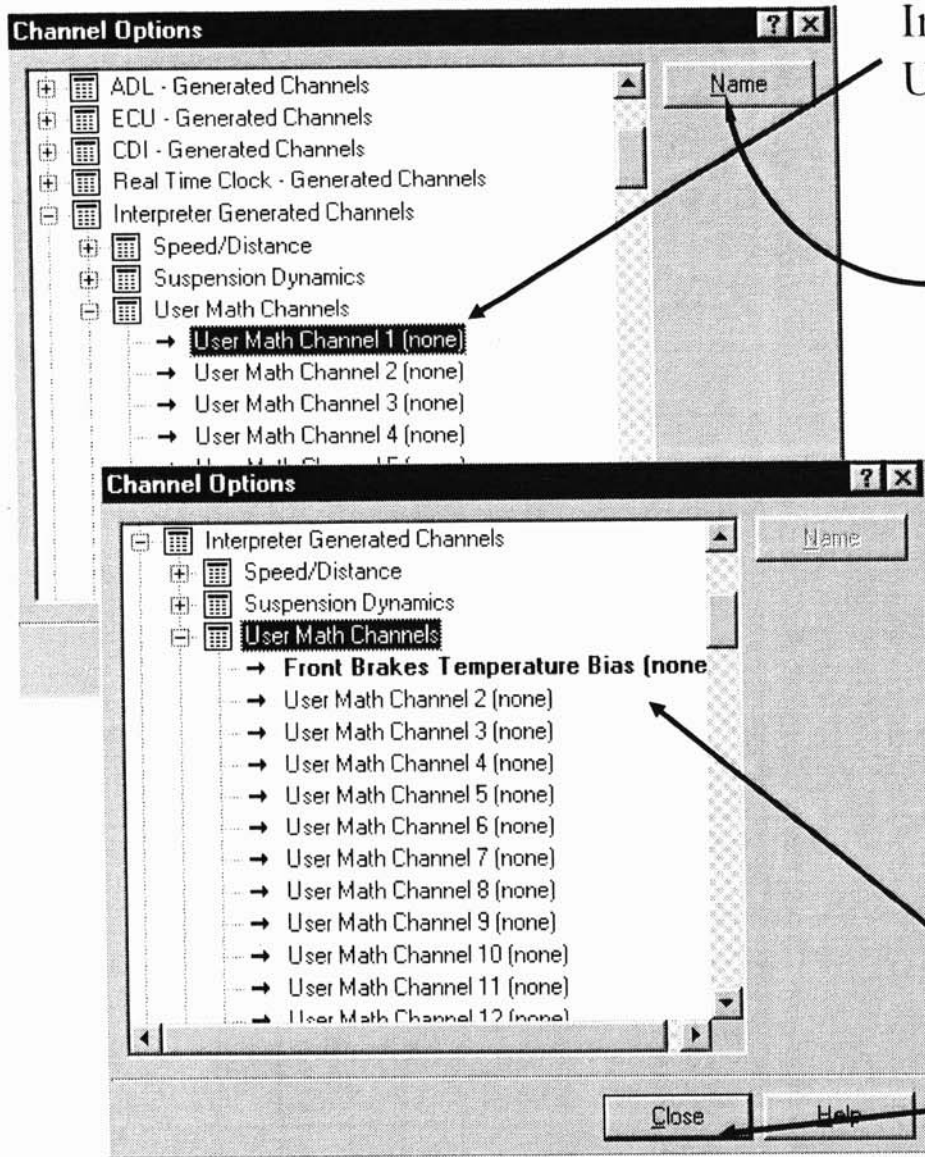
If you create a brand new math function with a name which doesn't exist in any of the already  or  files,

in the *Select from All Channels* window, go to a  file at the bottom of the same *Select from All Channels* window and click on *User Math Channel x*.



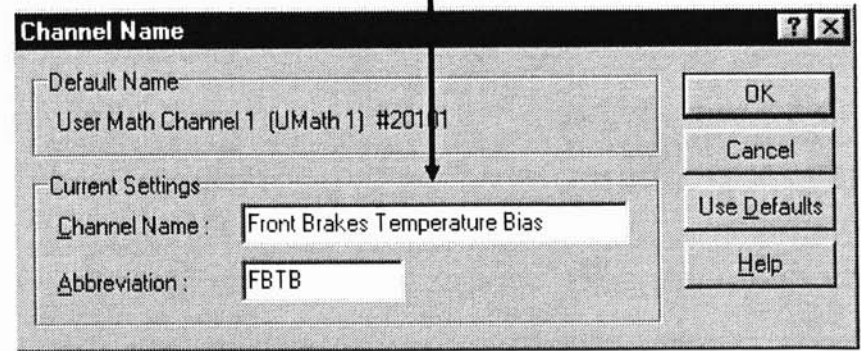
# Math Function Creations

*Giving a name to a brand new math function*



In File / Channel Name, choose one of the User Math Channels.

Click on Name and choose a new name and abbreviation for this new math function. Click OK.



The new name appears as the new Math Channel.

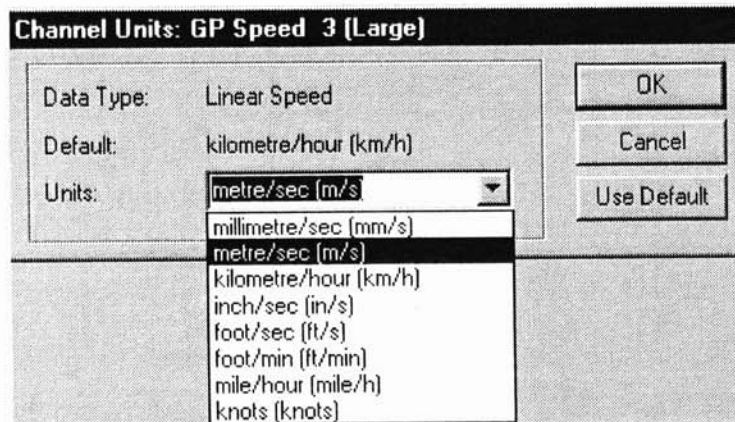
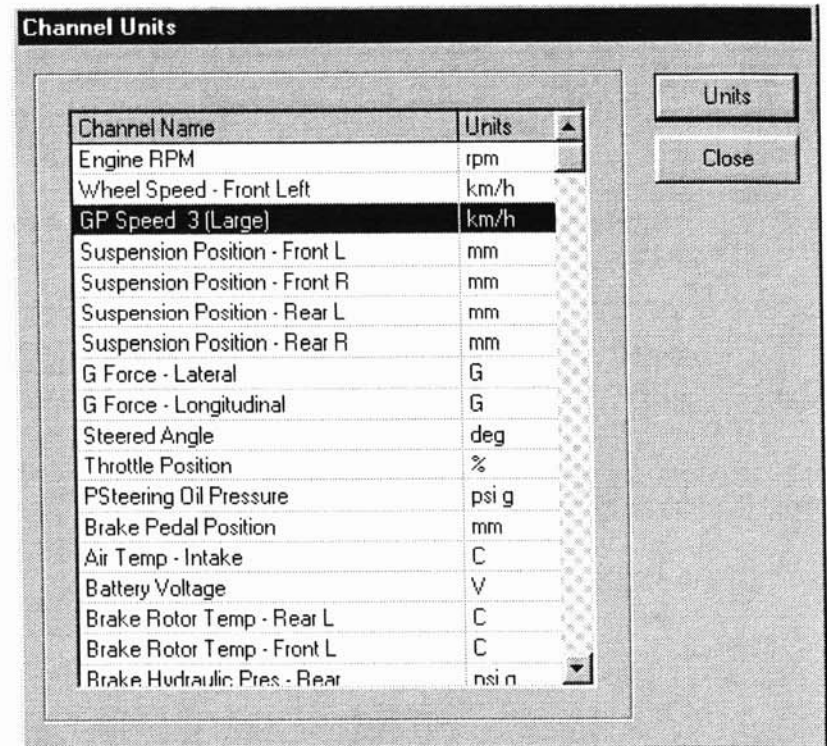
Remember its location.

Click Close.

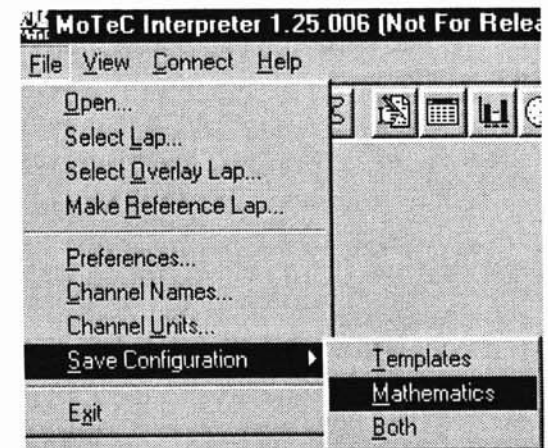
## Changing the math function units

Once a file is open, right click the mouse, or go on File / Channels Units and click on Units.

Change the units and click OK.



Do not forget to go on File / Save Configuration and Save the Mathematics.



## Things to Set During the Test or Race


In the File/ Open window, highlight the series of lap you want to analyze.

Click on Edit.

Consider the importance to fill in the information and the comments for each tab (Event, Venue, Vehicle and Gear Ratios). Write the correct local time so that it corresponds to the time of the test or race described in any other team documents (engineer test sheet, official race or QF results etc...).

The information written here will help to remember what was changed in the car setup and WHY the data and the car behavior are different.

Current Directory: C:\Claude2001\pro\MoTeC Logged Data\



User: \*\* ALL \*\*  
Venue: \*\* ALL \*\*

| User        | Venue           | Date & Time       |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Arie        | Milwaukee Oval  | 04/06/01- 9:45am  |
| Driver 1    | Hidden Valley   | 06/06/99-10:15am  |
| Driver 2    | Albert Park     | 05/03/99- 6:20pm  |
| Driver 2    | Phillip Island  | 18/04/98-10:39am  |
| Ken Douglas | Phillip Island  | 18/02/98- 3:15pm  |
| Bob         | Charlotte Oval  | 10/11/97-12:04pm  |
| BER/DON     | Road Atlanta RC | 06/11/97-12:07pm  |
| Arie        | Sebring         | 06/07/97- 4:11pm  |
| Bob         | Homestead Oval  | 20/11/95- 0:07am  |
| Bob         | Sebring Test RC | 17/11/95-12:59pm  |
| Bob         | Sebring Test RC | 16/11/95-12:25pm  |
| Dick        | Sebring Test RC | 17/10/95- 3:56pm  |
| Dick        | Putnam RC       | 13/10/95-10:34am  |
| Dick        | Putnam RC       | 13/10/95- 9:46am  |
| James       | Michigan SS     | 31/07/94- 8:51 am |

|             |                    |
|-------------|--------------------|
| User        | Arie               |
| Venue       | Milwaukee Oval     |
| Date        | 04/06/01           |
| Time        | 9:45am             |
| Fastest Lap | 0:22.200           |
| Lap No.     | 5                  |
| Total Laps  | 6                  |
| Vehicle     | Lola 94-11         |
| Engine      |                    |
| Comment     | (Import Data) none |
| File Name   | _030g10.ld         |
| File Size   | 0.19 MB            |
| MoTeC       | ADL                |
| Serial No.  | -2                 |
| Version     | 1.00               |
| Logging     | Pro Logging        |

Directory Edit Open Cancel

Details

Summary Event Venue Vehicle Gear Ratios

Event Name:

Session:

Dating:

Short Comment: (Import Data) none

Comments:

OK Cancel



## Using the MoTeC system before the set up pad (car still on stands)

### To be checked

- Beacon / Transmitter
- Wheel speed sensors
- All connections
- Any left hand sensors not connected with any right hand cable and vice versa.
- Signal from all sensors (chassis and engine)

### To be set or / and adjusted

- Dashboard (to do on all pages with the driver in the car with seat belt and helmet)
- Brake Balance. Example: for a 500 psi front brake pressure the brake balance should be set so that the rear brake pressure is at 375 psi
- Check there is no brake pressure at any throttle position (*brakes should be disengaged*)
- Throttle Potentiometer
- Etc ...

# Logging Frequencies

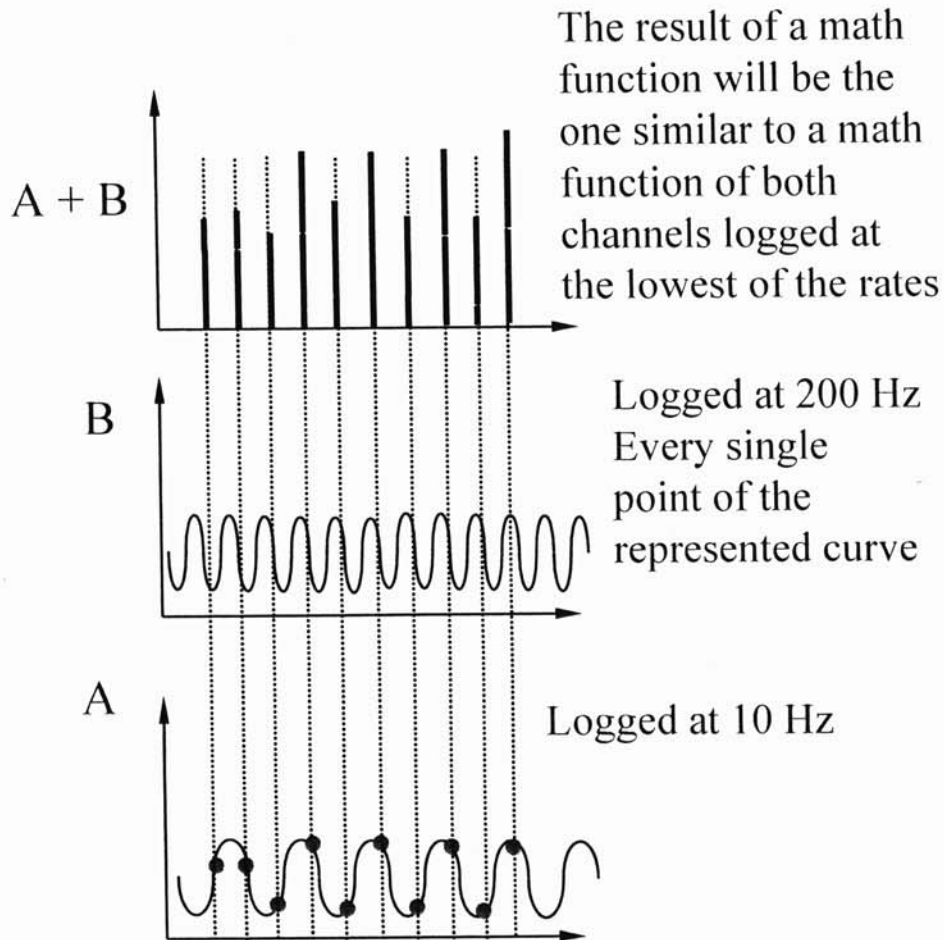
- Depend of Memory Size
- Test ( a few laps) or Race (as long as 2 hours)
- To be taken into account: downloading time

## Examples

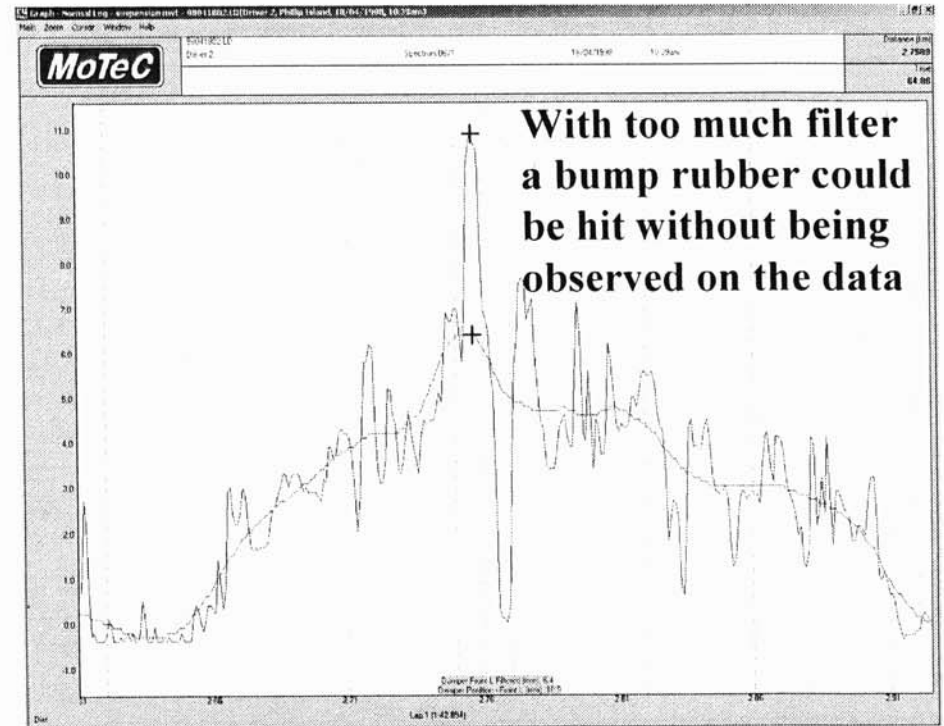
- |                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| ■ Oil and water temperatures | 1 Hz         |
| ■ Oil and fuel pressure      | 2 Hz         |
| ■ Brake pressure             | 10 Hz        |
| ■ Voltage                    | 5 Hz         |
| ■ Steering, Gear             | 10 to 50 Hz  |
| ■ Accelerometers             | 50 to 200 Hz |
| ■ Shocks and strain gauges   | 20 to 500 Hz |

# Math Functions, Logging Frequencies and Filter

- Be sure all inputs of a given equation have a nearly similar logging rate
- Filter choice depends on logging rate.



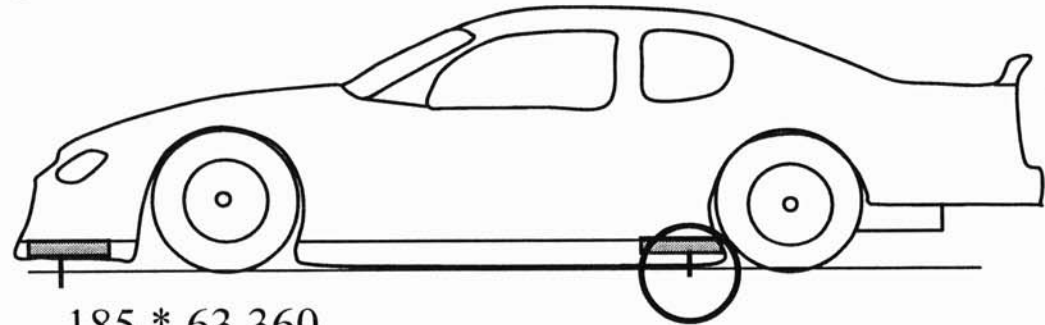
Example of a filtered and non filtered shock data



# Importance of High Logging Rate for some Data

Example with laser sensors  
logging at 500 Hz

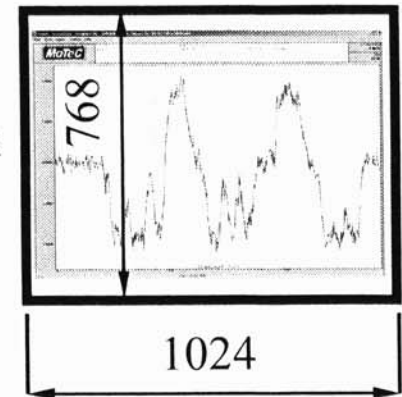
Car at 185 mph



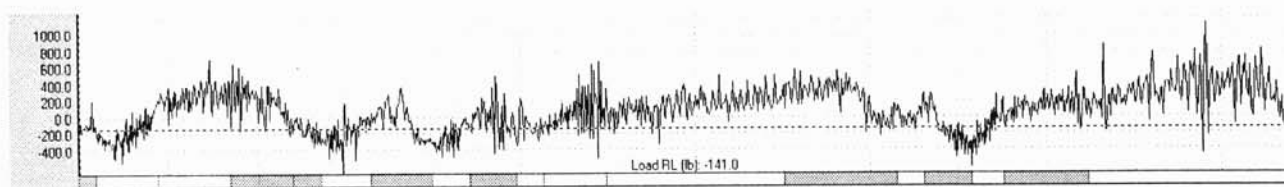
$$\text{Space between each logging} = \frac{185 * 63,360}{3,600 * 500} = 6,512 \text{ in}$$

*Unzooming is Filtering !*

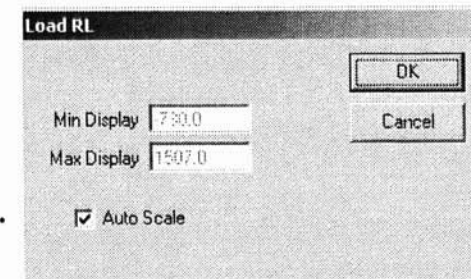
If the computer resolution is for example 1024 x 768. At best you will see only  $1024 / 500 = 2.04$  seconds of the data without any filtering. If you look at the all lap you are necessarily filtering. If you want to see the extremes you need to zoom on just a segment equal or smaller to 2.04 seconds.



That is the reason why the min and max apparently visible on this graph

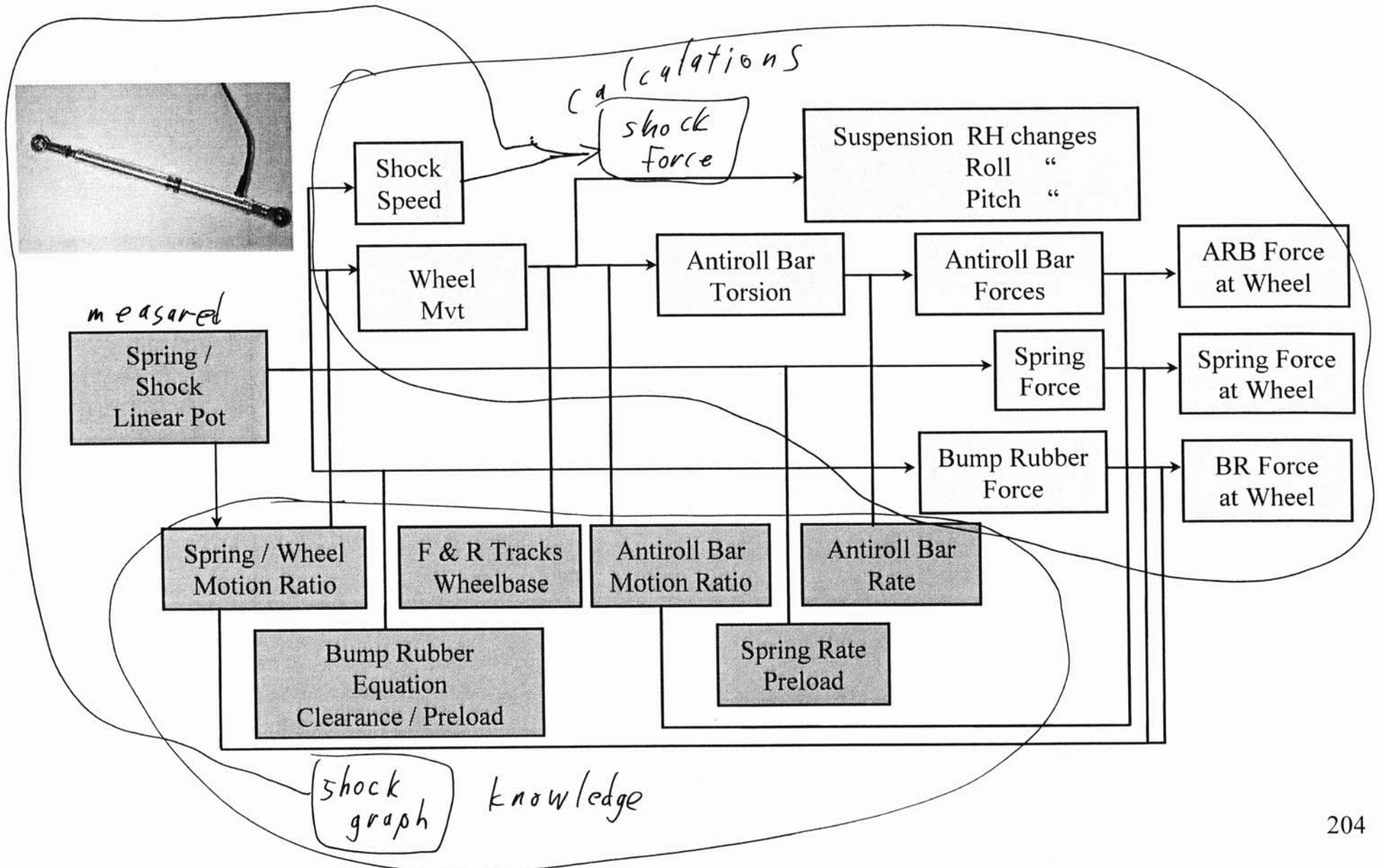


are smaller than the one seen on the auto scale min and max numbers.



# Principles behind Mathematics Functions

## What we can learn from shock's linear potentiometers



## Wheel Speed Sensors and Diff Work

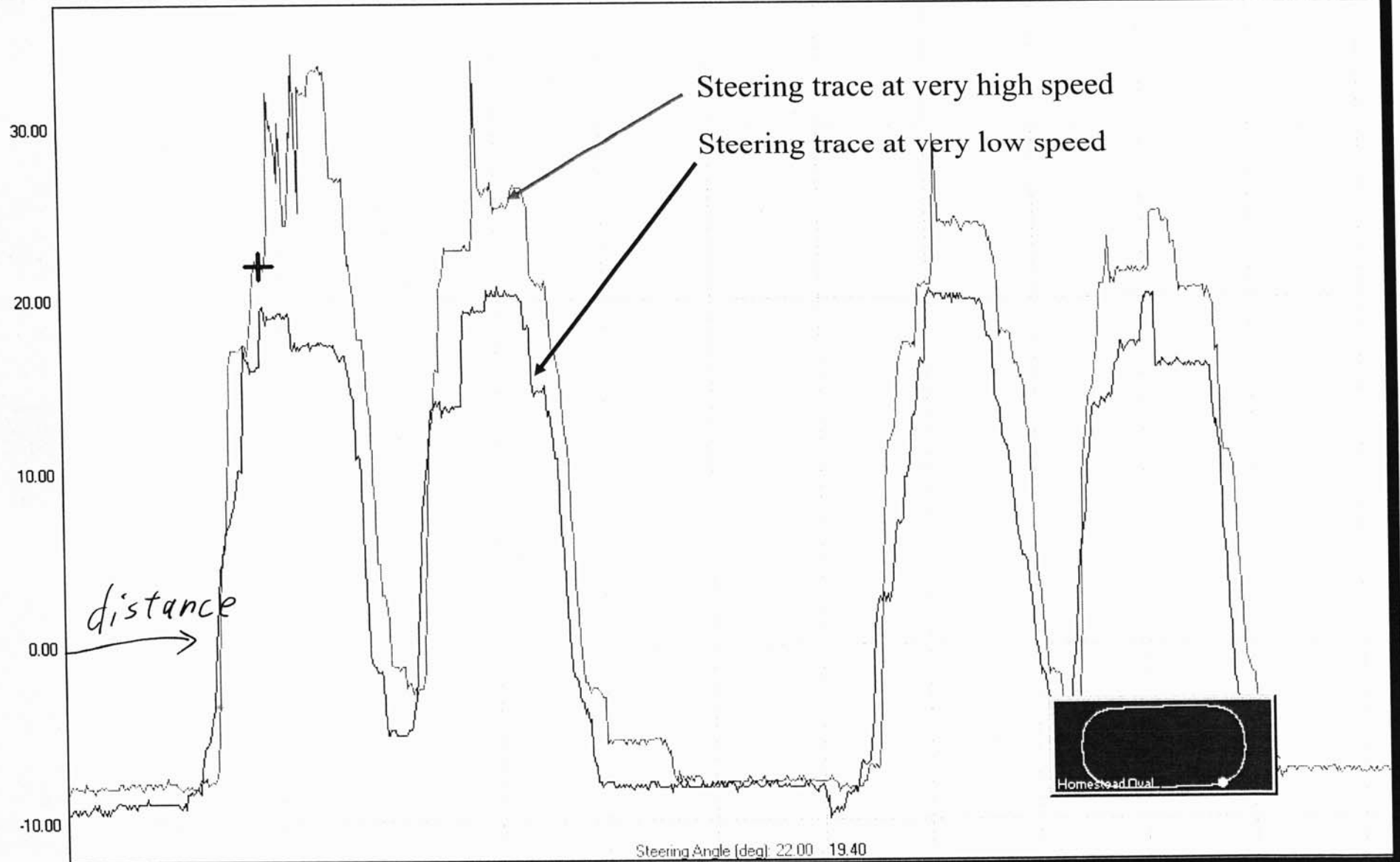
Adjust tire rolling radius diameter to get:

- Same 4 wheels speed in straight away
- Same speed as speed trap. Use medium to high straight speed as a reference (taking into account tire deflection due to high downforce)
- Check wheel locking
- Measure diff work
- Comparison to front wheel speed to measure rear wheels spin
- If no rear wheel speed sensors, calculate average rear speed from RPM, final drive and gear ratios; then, compare them to front speed

# 7. Measuring and Comparing Performance

- Evaluating under and over steer with the steering trace
- Evaluating under and over steer with the steering and the throttle data
- Evaluating under and over steer with the gyro
- Evaluating under and over steer with a front and a rear lateral accelerometers
- Evaluating performances and driving style with the speed, steering, lateral acceleration and throttle data
- Comparing performance with inline, lateral and total acceleration
- Analyzing shock data
- Shock speed histogram
- Track Map
- Dash Setup
- Magic numbers

# Analyzing the Steering Data

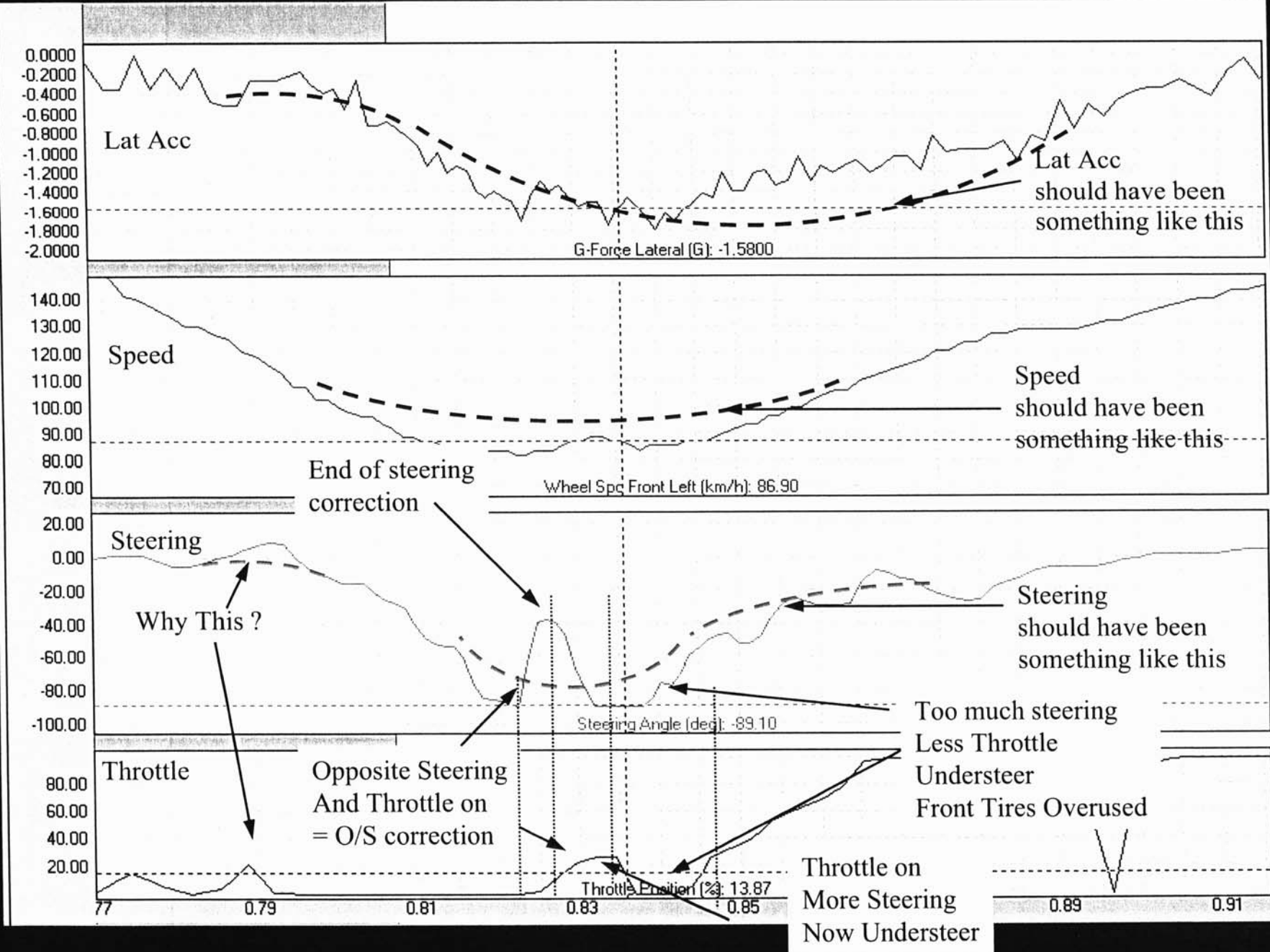




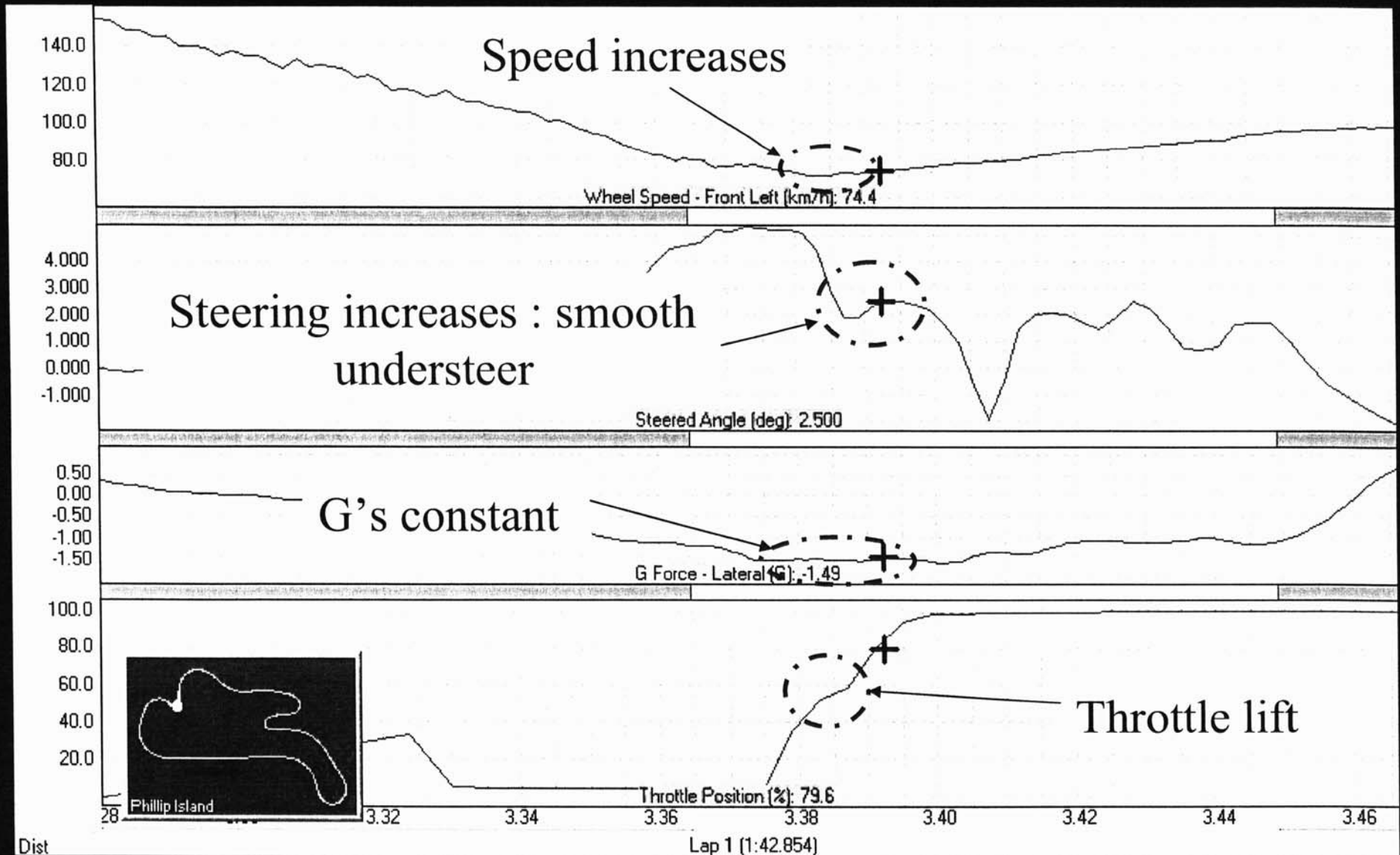
## Analyzing the Steering Data

- Let's ask the driver to go alone (and safely !) on the circuit at very low and very constant speed (6 to 12 mph) *on the exact same trajectory he has at high speed* and let's record the steering data.
- We can consider that at very low and constant speed, without any lateral acceleration, none of the tires is under big lateral or vertical loads. The slip angles are negligible. They probably are equal to the wheels toe in and toe out.
- Consequently, the difference between the front and rear slip angles can be considered negligible too.
- That means we can consider the car as neutral.
- If, at high speed, we get lateral acceleration because of we get tire lateral forces tire lateral forces appear ... because of tires slip angles.
- We know that bigger slip angles on the front means understeer. To keep the car on the same trajectory the driver will have to steer more. Vice versa if it is oversteer.
- Comparing the steering trace at high and low speed will help us to quantify the understeer or oversteer *only if the driver is as exactly as possible on the same trajectory*.
- Caution: the steering trace at high speed should not be exactly comparable to the one at low speed : slip angle implies yaw angle as we have seen previously. To keep the same trajectory the driver will have to steer a bit less to compensate the smaller turn radius due to the slip angle.

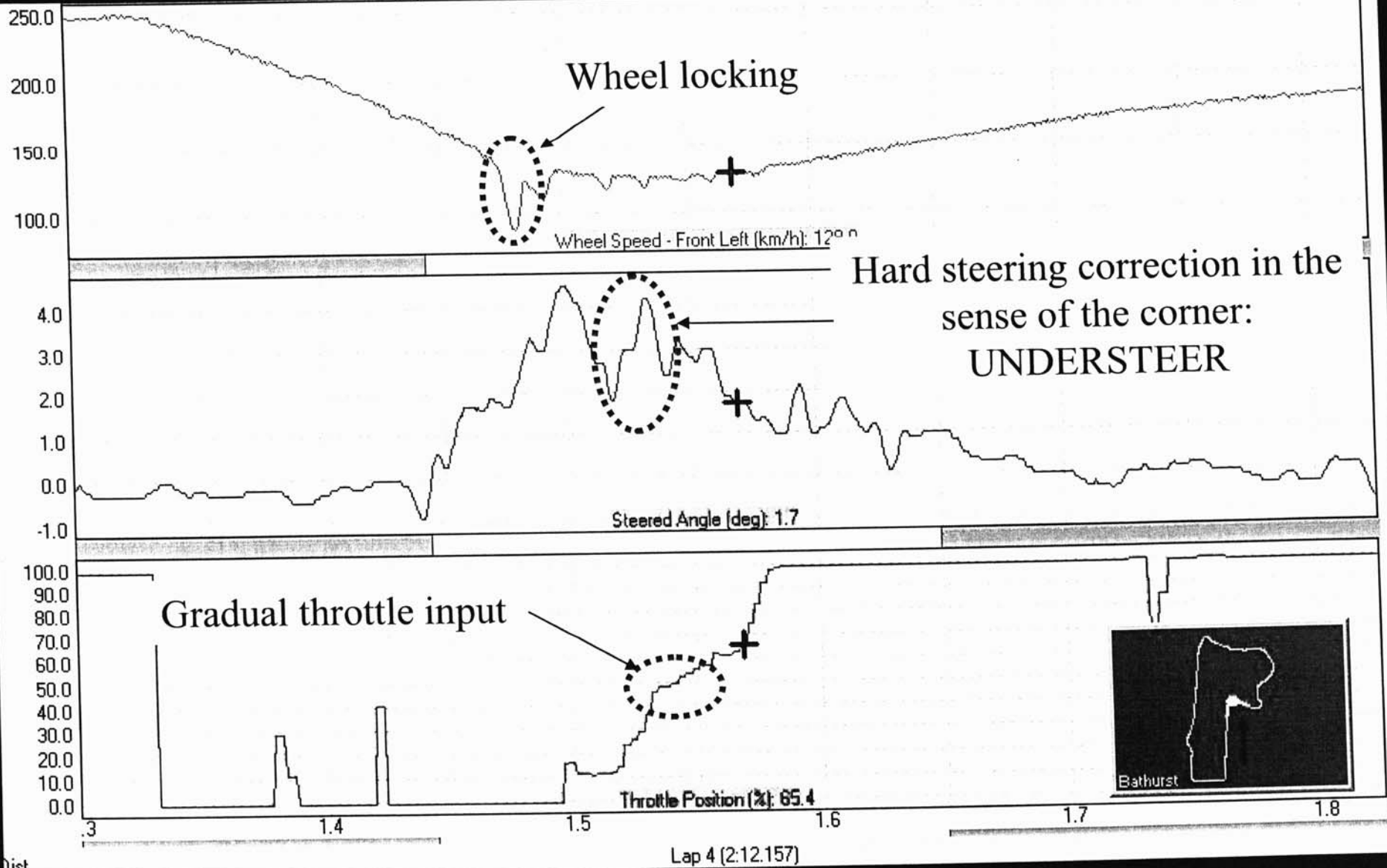
# Analyzing the Steering and the Throttle Data



# Detecting understeer (1)



# Detecting understeer (2)

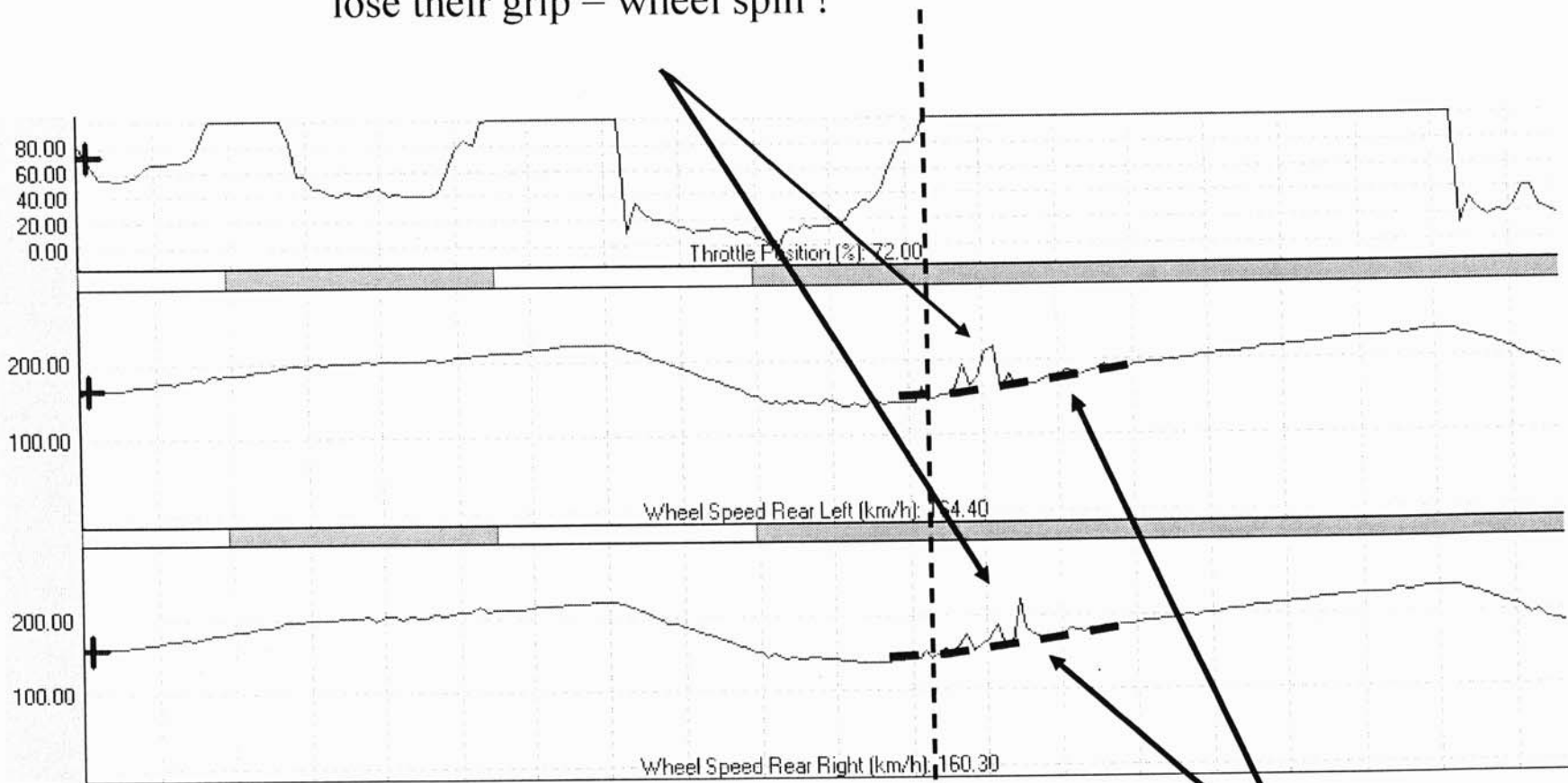


Dist

Lap 4 (2:12.157)

# Detecting traction problem

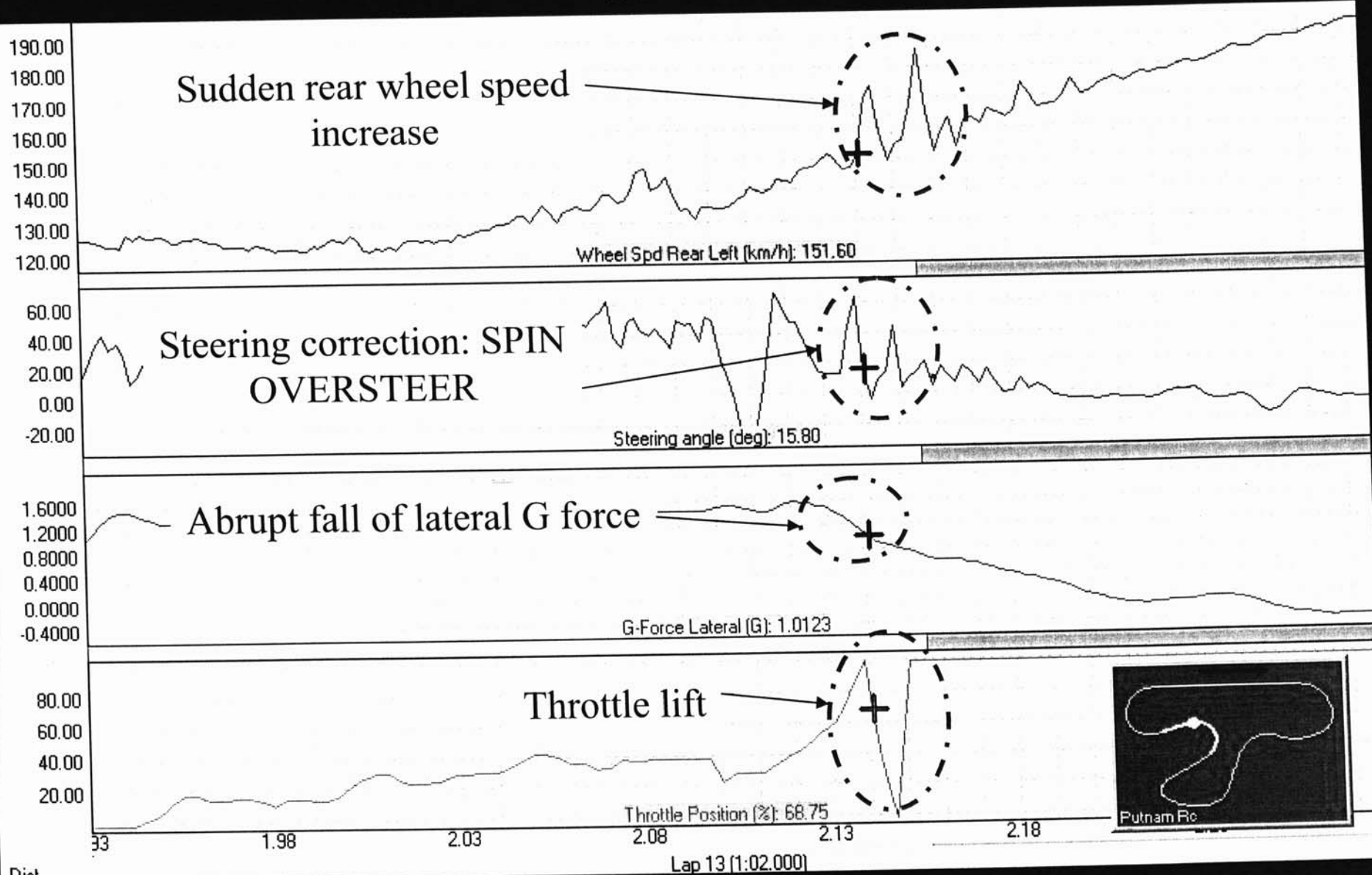
On power, sudden increase of rear wheels speeds: rear tires lose their grip = wheel spin !



Full throttle

Trace should be like this

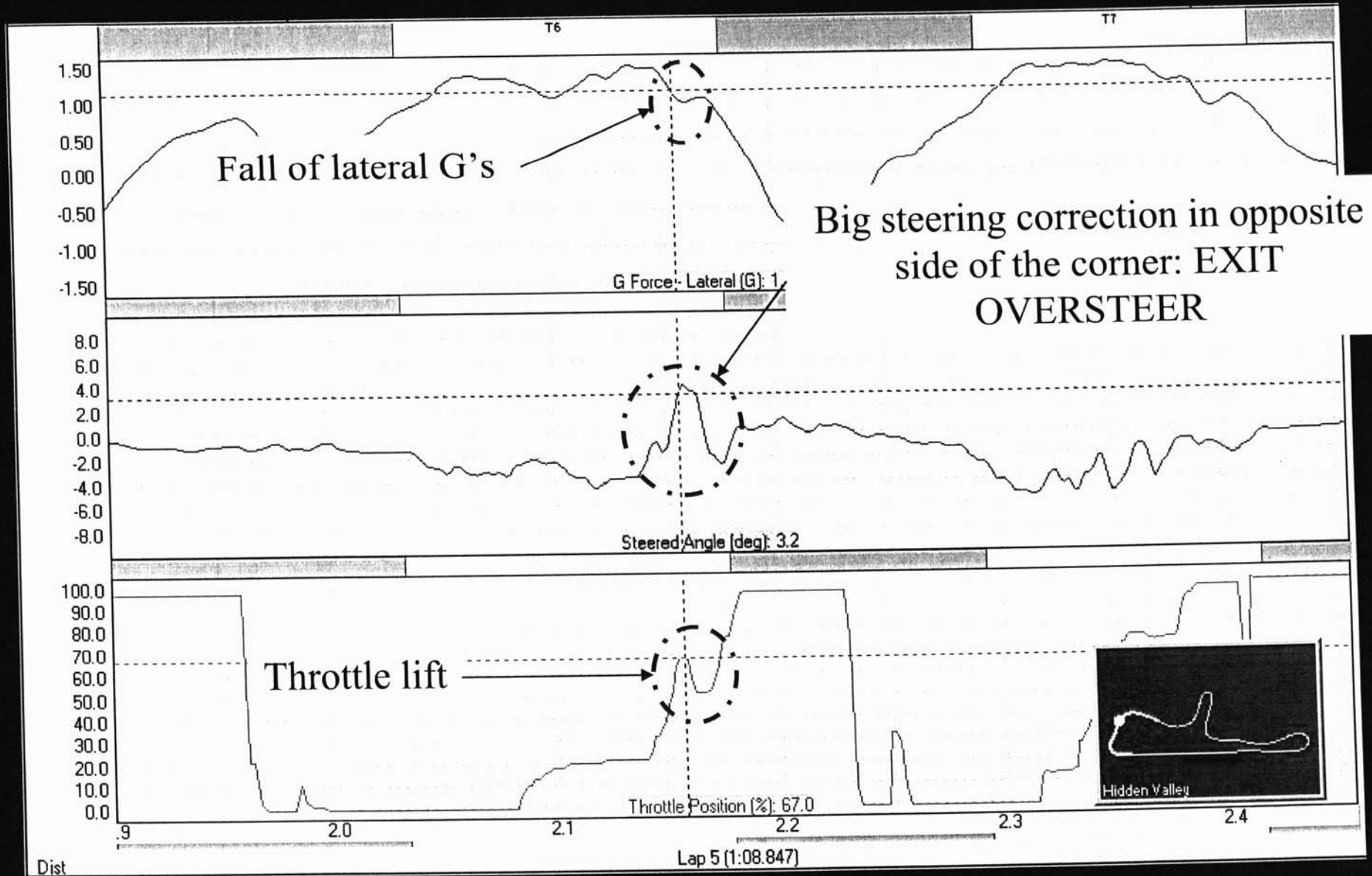
# Wheel spin oversteer



Dist

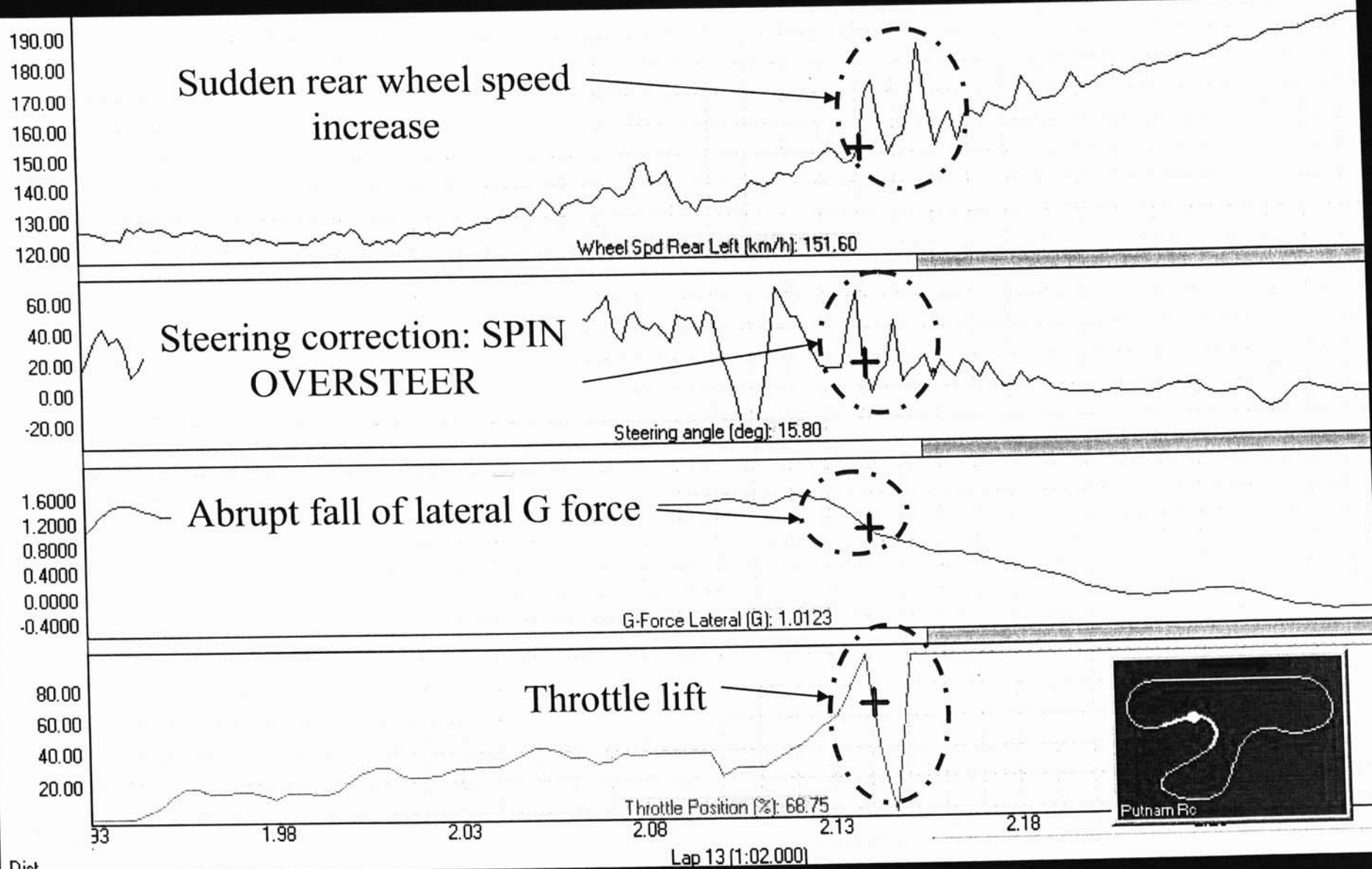
Lap 13 (1:02.000)

# Exit oversteer





# Wheel spin oversteer

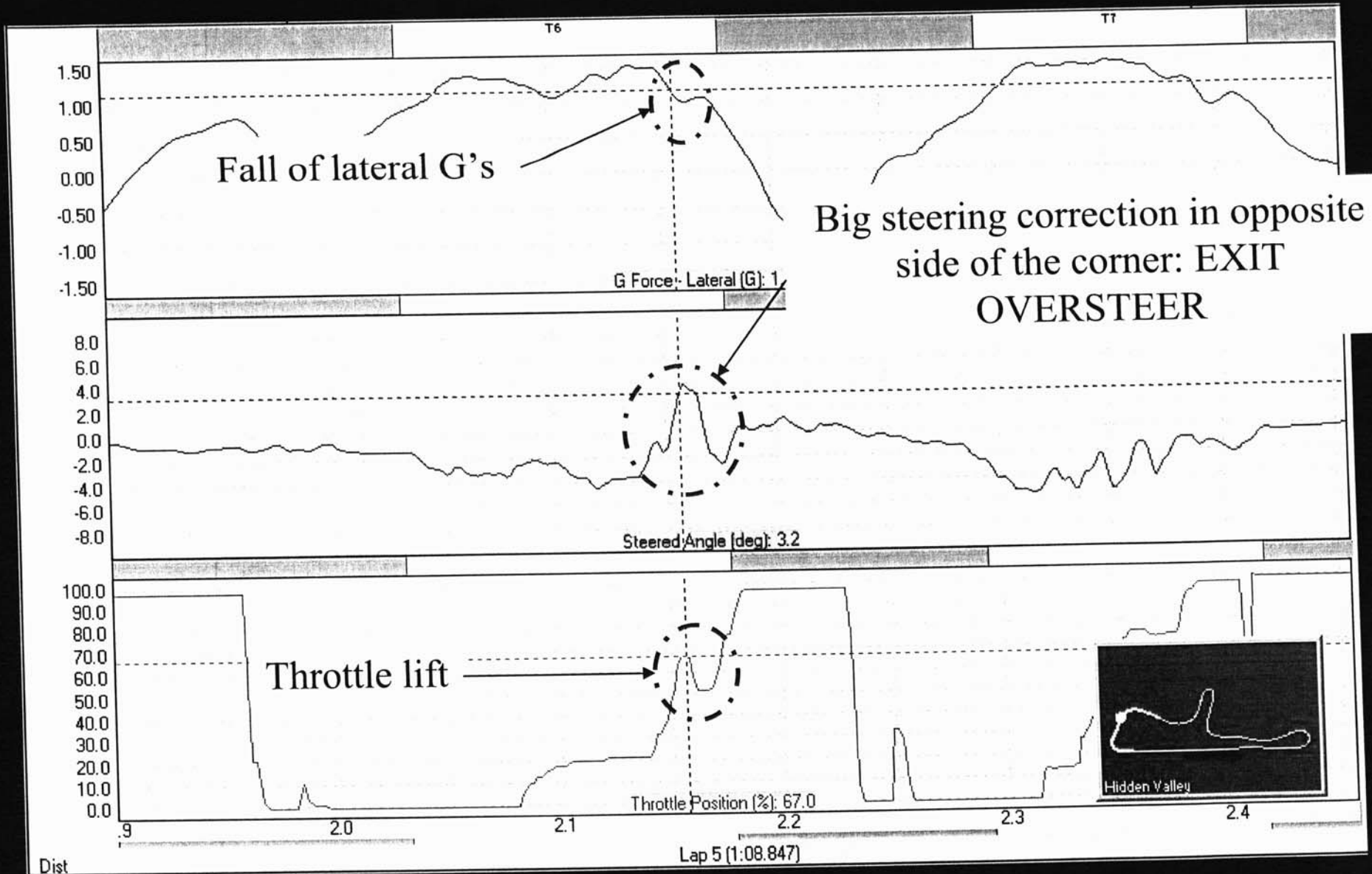


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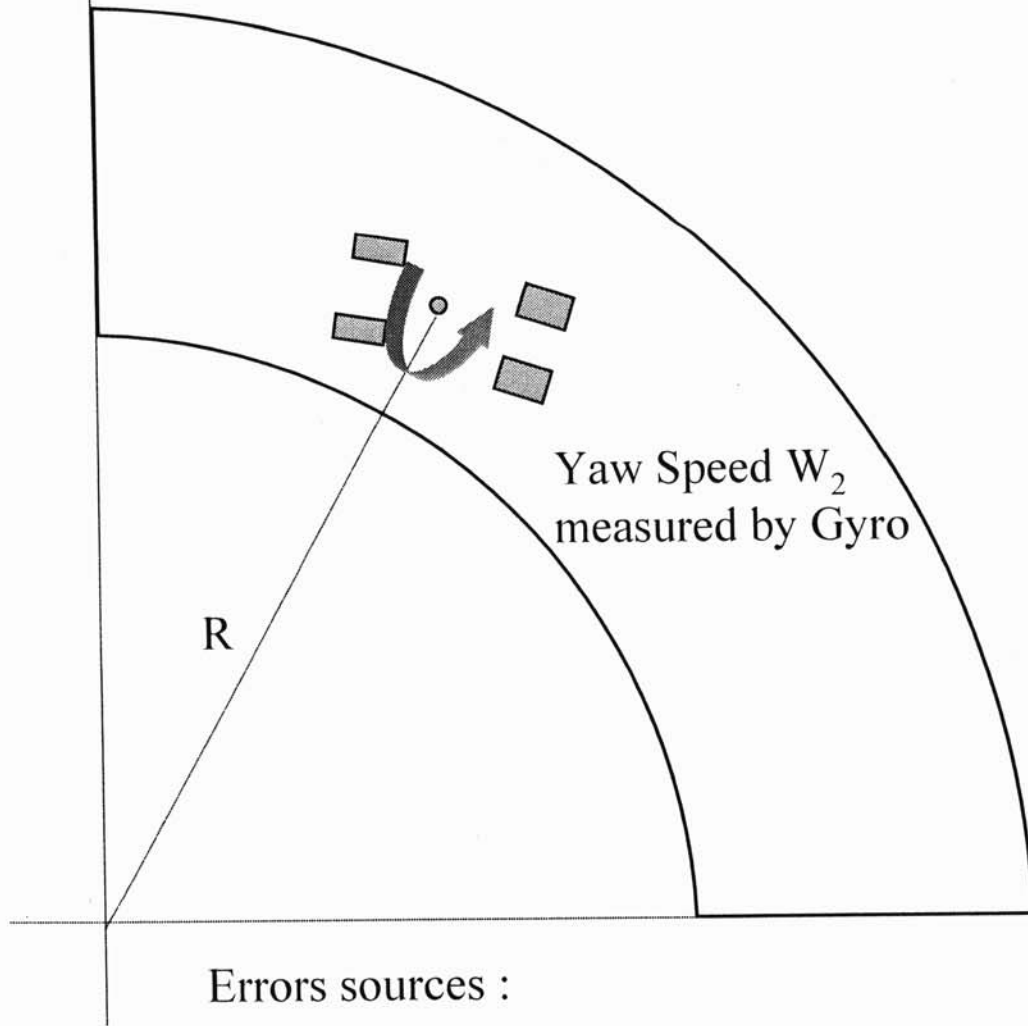
Lap 13 (1:02.000)



# Exit oversteer

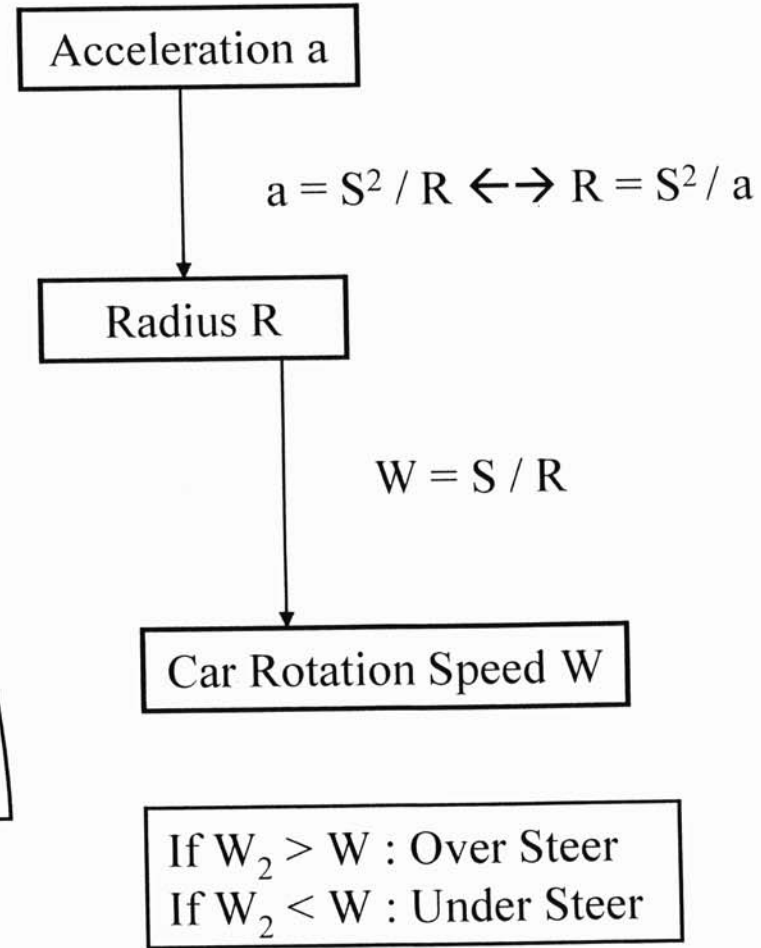


# Measure of Under or Oversteer with Gyroscope Data



Errors sources :

- Wheel Speed  $S \neq$  Car Speed
- This doesn't take care of Slip Angles
- Numerical approximations from data system



*Used for relative comparison*

## Using a Gyro

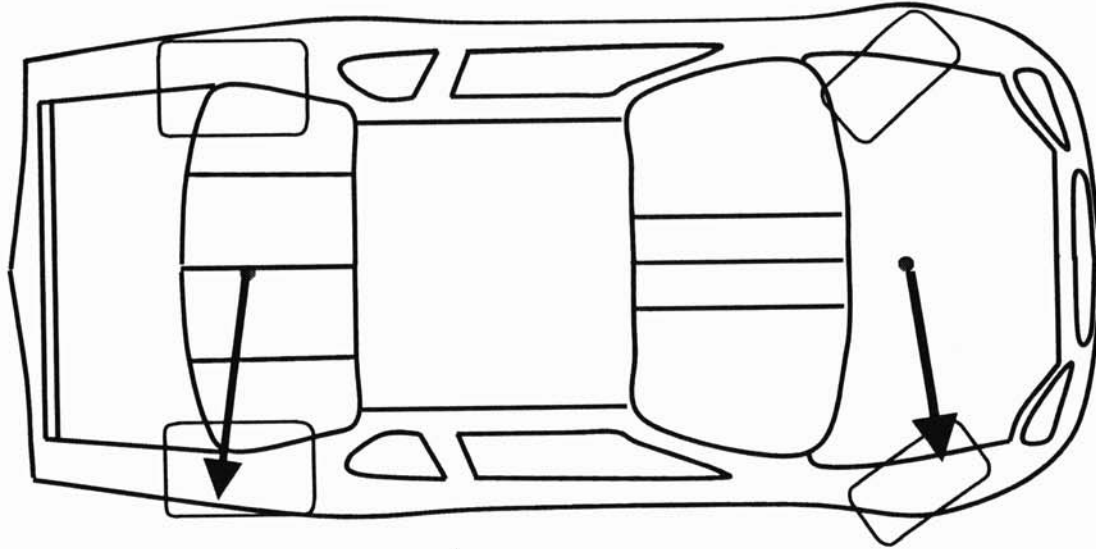
- $\text{Lat Acc} = \text{Speed}^2 / \text{Radius}$
- $\text{Speed} = \text{Angular velocity} * \text{Radius}$
- $\text{Angular velocity} = \text{Lat Acc} / \text{Speed}$
- $\text{Lat Acc} = 37.2 * G \text{ (ft/sec}^2\text{)}$
- $\text{Speed (ft/sec)} = \text{Speed (mph)} * 5,280 / 3,600$
- $\text{Angular velocity (rad/sec)} = 22 * G / \text{mph}$
- $\text{Angular velocity (deg/sec)} = 1,260 * G / \text{mph}$
- Difference between Angular velocity and Yaw rate shows amount of U/S or O/S
- Attitude velocity = Angular Velocity - Yaw rate
- $> 0$  value shows U/S tendency
- It is useful to calculate the integration of the yaw rotational speed which will give the yaw angle

### Limitations

- Does not take into account slip angles
- Lateral acceleration need to be corrected with banking angle
- Difficulty placing the Gyro at the exact Cg
- Chicane (some gyro inertia)

Still and excellent relative comparison

## Evaluating Under and Oversteer with a Front and a Rear Lateral Accelerometers

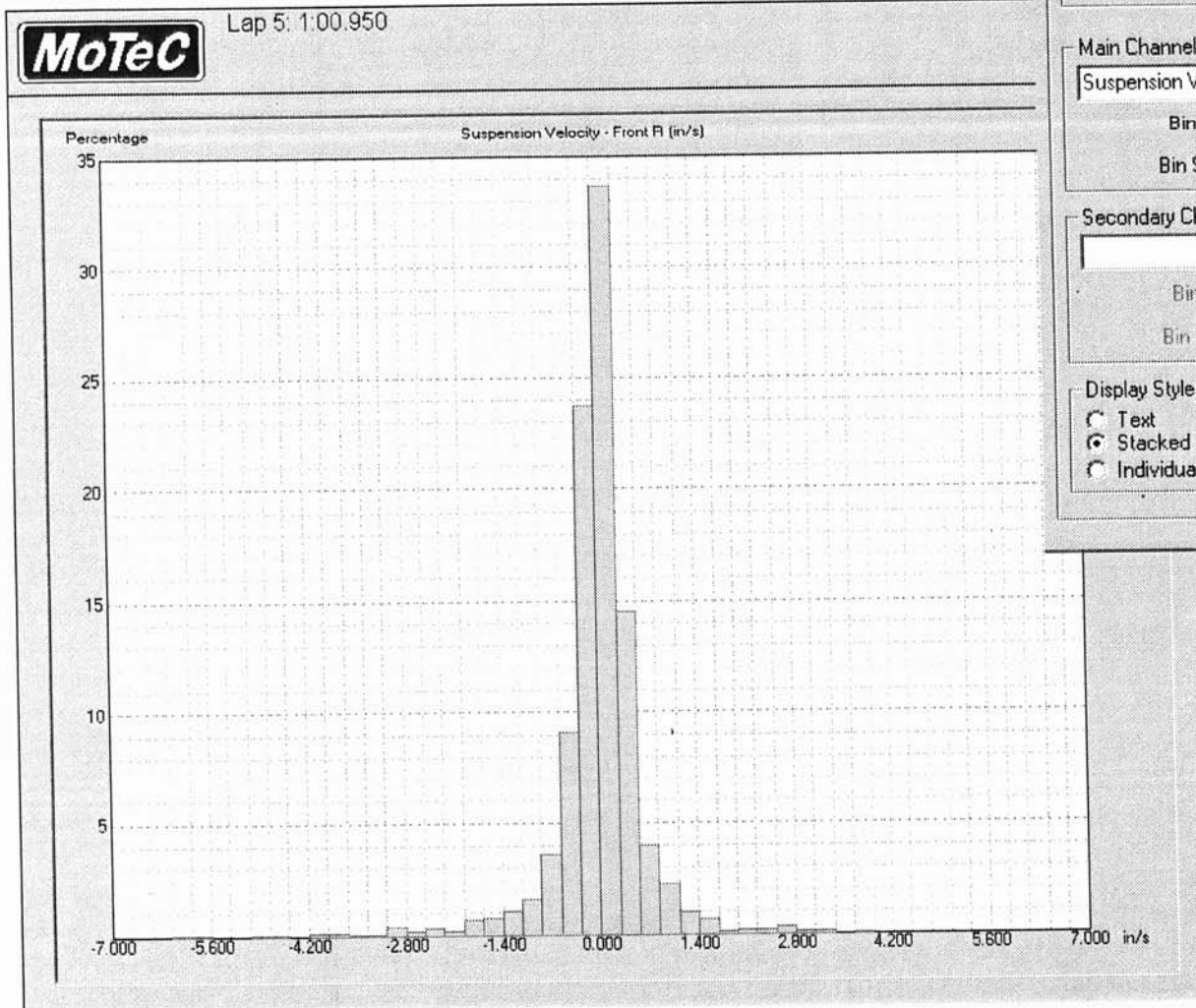


If Rear Lateral Acceleration  $>$  Front Lateral Acceleration : Understeer

If Front Lateral Acceleration  $>$  Rear Lateral Acceleration : Oversteer

Very useful to analyze the car handling in transients : corner entry and exit

# Shock Speed Histogram



Histogram

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

OK Cancel

Main Channel

Suspension Velocity - Front R  Auto Bins

Bin Qty: 50 Bin Width: 0.280

Bin Start: -7 Bin End: 7

Secondary Channel

\_\_\_\_\_ Clear  Auto Bins

Bin Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ Bin Width: \_\_\_\_\_

Bin Start: \_\_\_\_\_ Bin End: \_\_\_\_\_

Display Style

Text  Stacked Bar Chart  Inverted  Individual Bar Chart

Vertical Scaling

Time  Percentage

- In order to compare histograms.
- Always use a big number of bins
  - Always use the same number of bins
  - Always use the same bin start and bin end

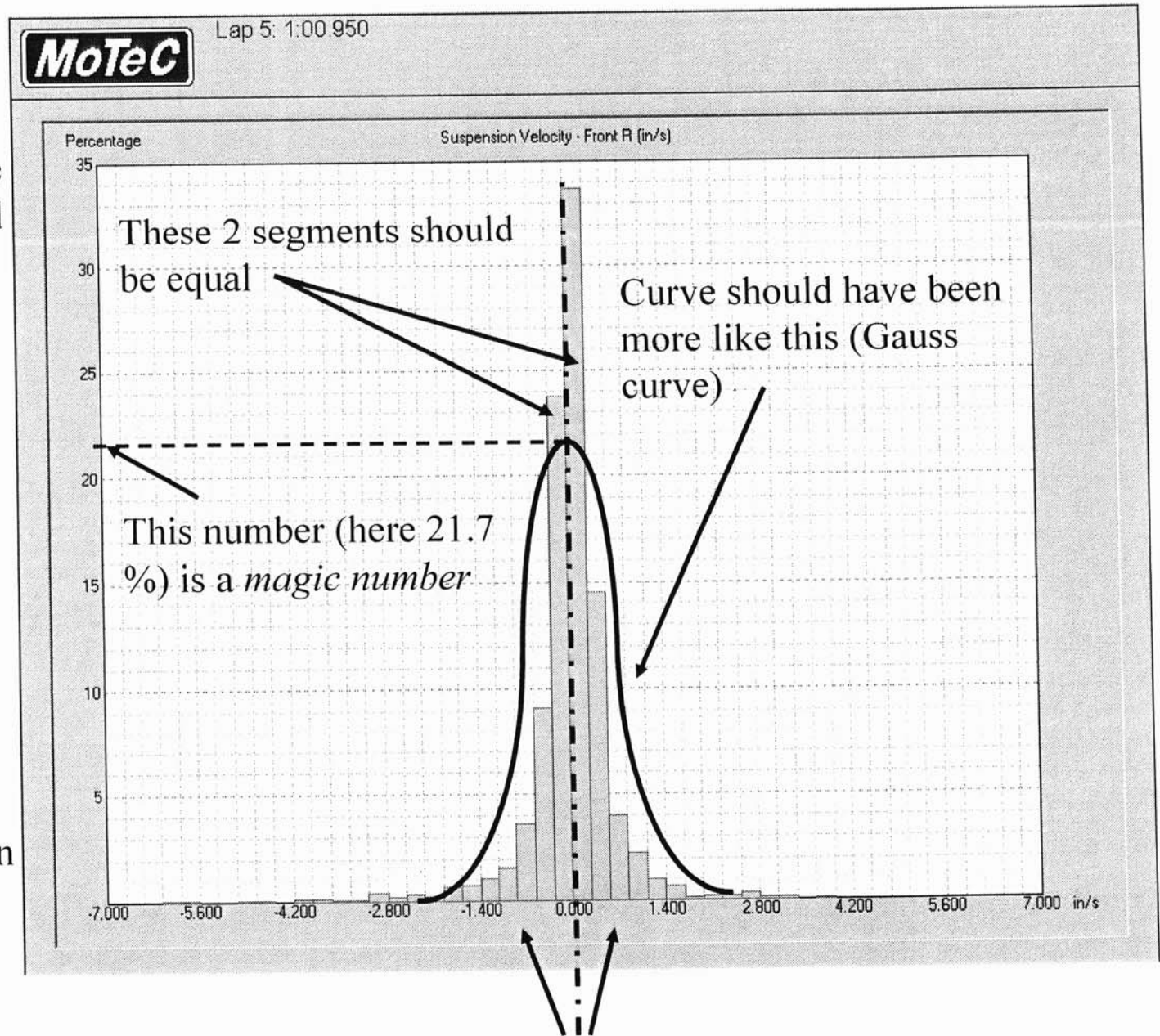
# Ideal Histogram

In this example we have too much low speed and not enough high speed.

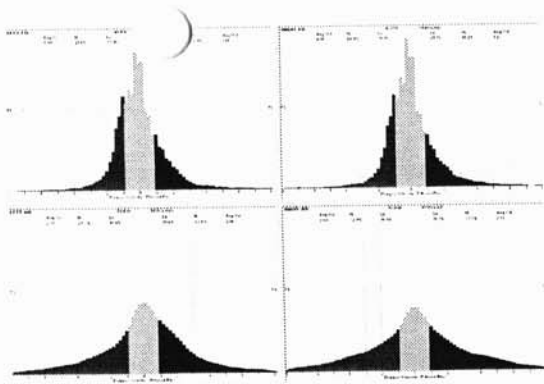
Both low speed bump and rebound flow need to be increased.

The bump speed is negative here. (In this case, that is the way shock has been calibrated).

It shows the need to release more flow in rebound ( $>0$  speed) than in bump ( $<0$  speed).







# How to get four dampers histograms (1)



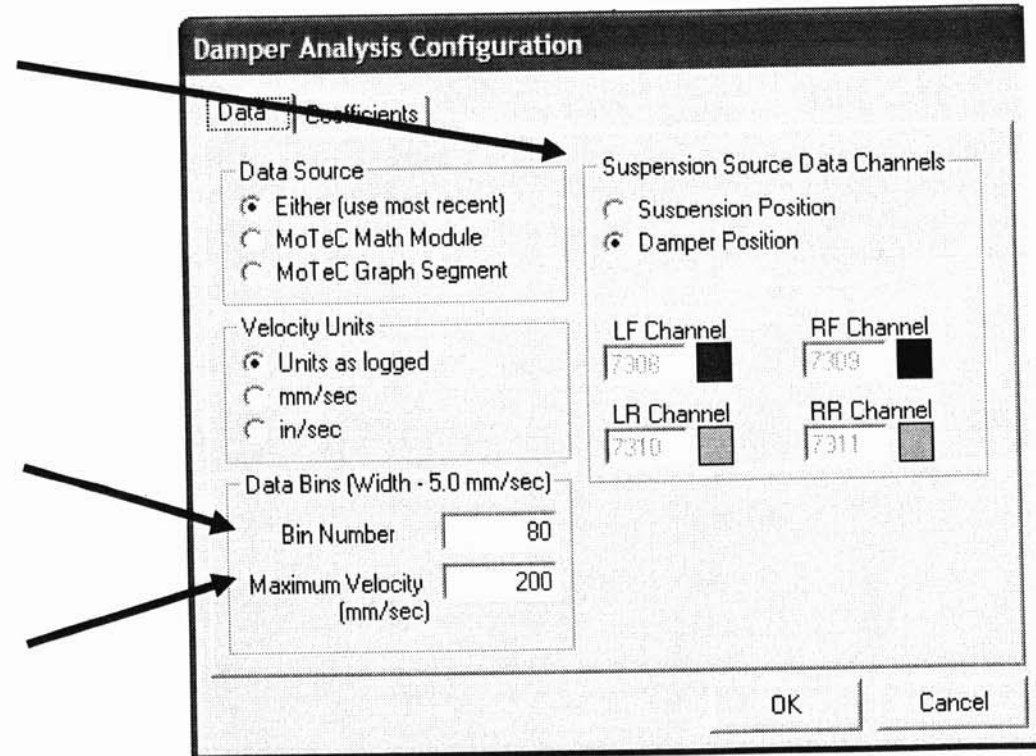
Shortcut to MoTeC damper.Ink

1. Double click on “Motec damper” → Configure

2. Choose the name you gave to your dampers channel

3. Choose your number of bins (mini 50)

4. Choose your maximum damper velocity



4. Click on “Coefficients” tab

5. Choose front and rear MR

6. Choose what you consider as Low/High speed

7. Choose manual scale in order to always compare histograms with the same scale

8. Check if bump is positive or negative

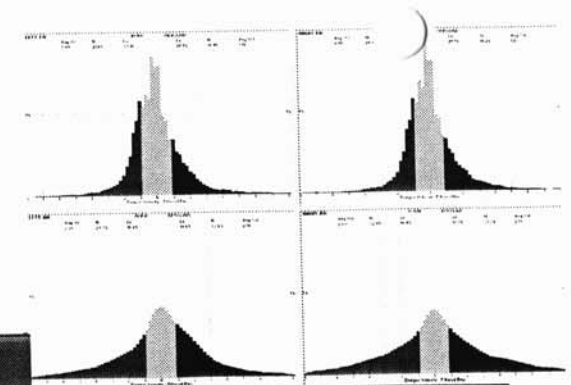
The screenshot shows the 'Damper Analysis Configuration' dialog box with the 'Coefficients' tab selected. The dialog is divided into sections for 'FRONT' and 'REAR' dampers, and includes options for histogram scaling and orientation. Arrows from the text on the left point to the following settings:

| Section | Parameter           | Value | Unit/Description         |
|---------|---------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| FRONT   | Bump Hi/Lo Speed    | 25    | (Damper Velocity mm/sec) |
|         | Rebound Hi/Lo Speed | 25    | (Damper Velocity mm/sec) |
|         | Motion Ratio        | 1.05  | (Damper/Wheel Movement)  |
| REAR    | Bump Hi/Lo Speed    | 25    | (Damper Velocity mm/sec) |
|         | Rebound Hi/Lo Speed | 25    | (Damper Velocity mm/sec) |
|         | Motion Ratio        | 0.87  | (Damper/Wheel Movement)  |

Additional settings shown in the dialog:

- Histogram Vertical Scaling: Auto Scale  Maximum Scaling (%)
- Vehicle Speed: Vehicle Hi/Lo Speed
- Damper/Suspension Orientation:  Bump Values are Positive  Rebound Values are Positive

Buttons: OK, Cancel





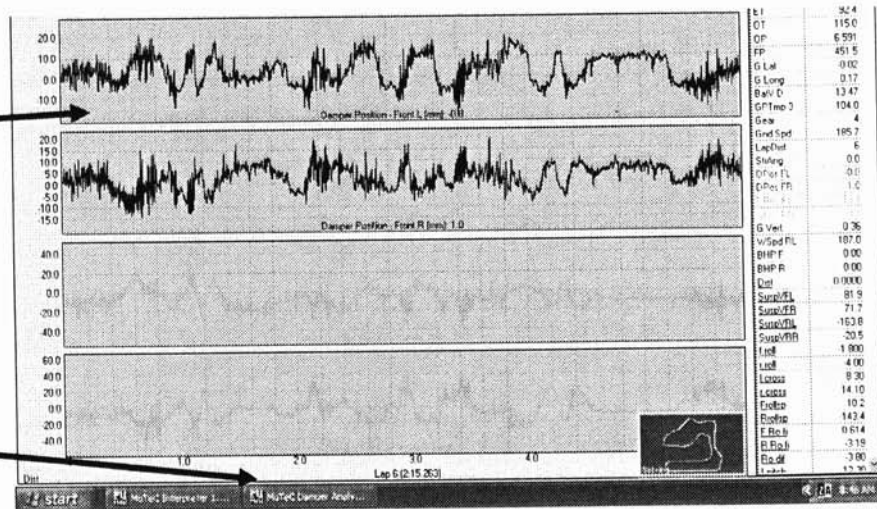
9. Open an Interpreter template with damper or suspension position. Be careful, damper position acquisition frequency should be at least 100 Hz

10. Press both “Shift” and “Alt”

11. Select the entire lap:

*Highlight in blue*

*MoTeC Damper must be opened in the tool bar*

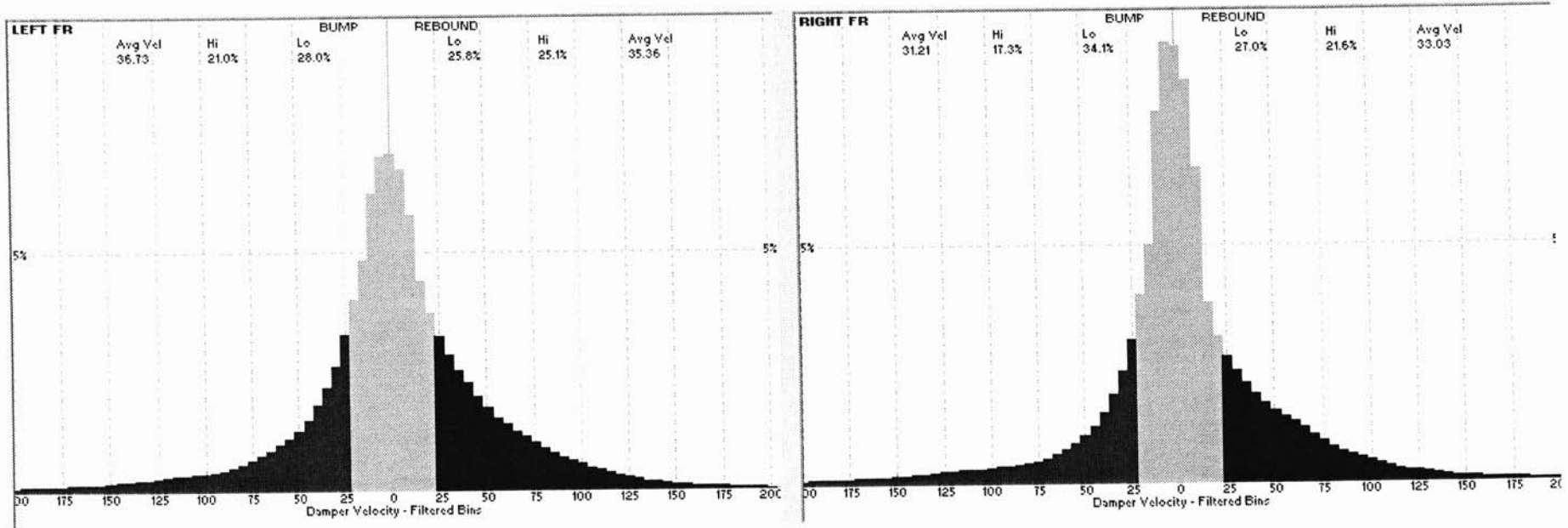


12. Double click when selection is finished

13. Reopen “Motec Damper”

14. Choose display preferences

# Setting dampers with histograms (1)



| Left front | Low speed | High speed |
|------------|-----------|------------|
| Bump       | 28.0 %    | 21.0 %     |
| Rebound    | 25.8 %    | 25.1 %     |

| Right front | Low speed | High speed |
|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Bump        | 34.1 %    | 17.3 %     |
| Rebound     | 27.0 %    | 21.6 %     |

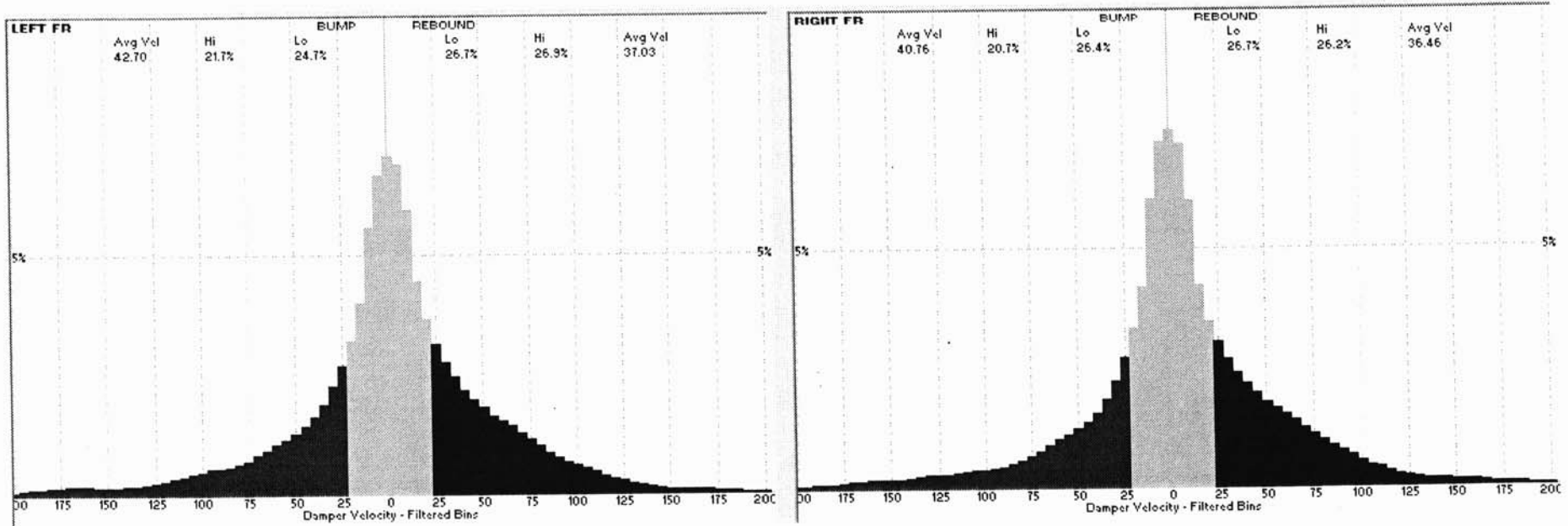
Left bump low speed is too stiff

Right low speed bump is too stiff

Right damper is stiffer than left damper

## Setting dampers with histograms (2)

Set-up modification : 2 clicks softer in right low speed bump  
1 click softer in left low speed bump

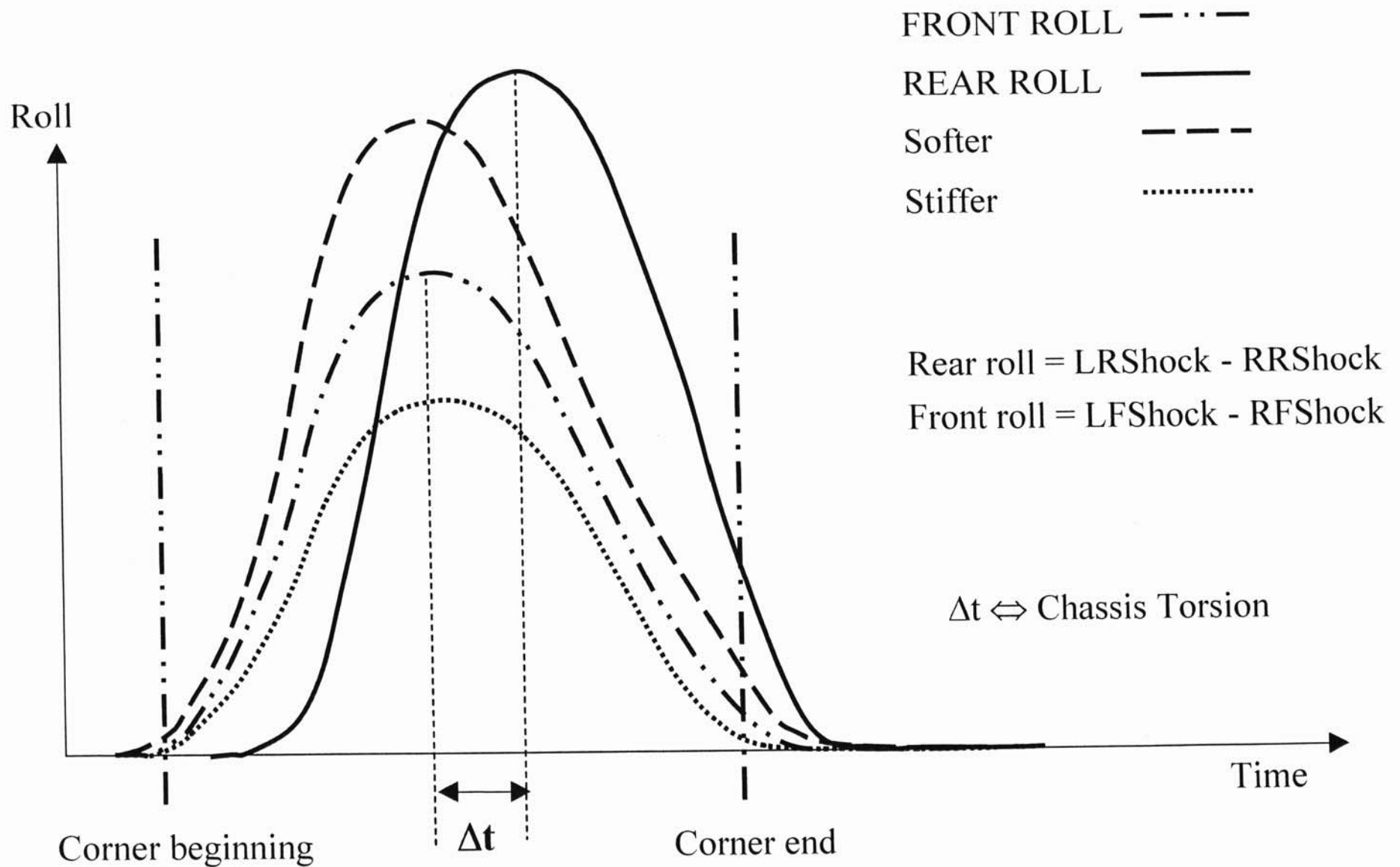


| Left front | Low speed | High speed |
|------------|-----------|------------|
| Bump       | 24.7 %    | 21.7 %     |
| Rebound    | 26.7 %    | 26.9 %     |

3/10 sec. Gain  
with this  
setting!!

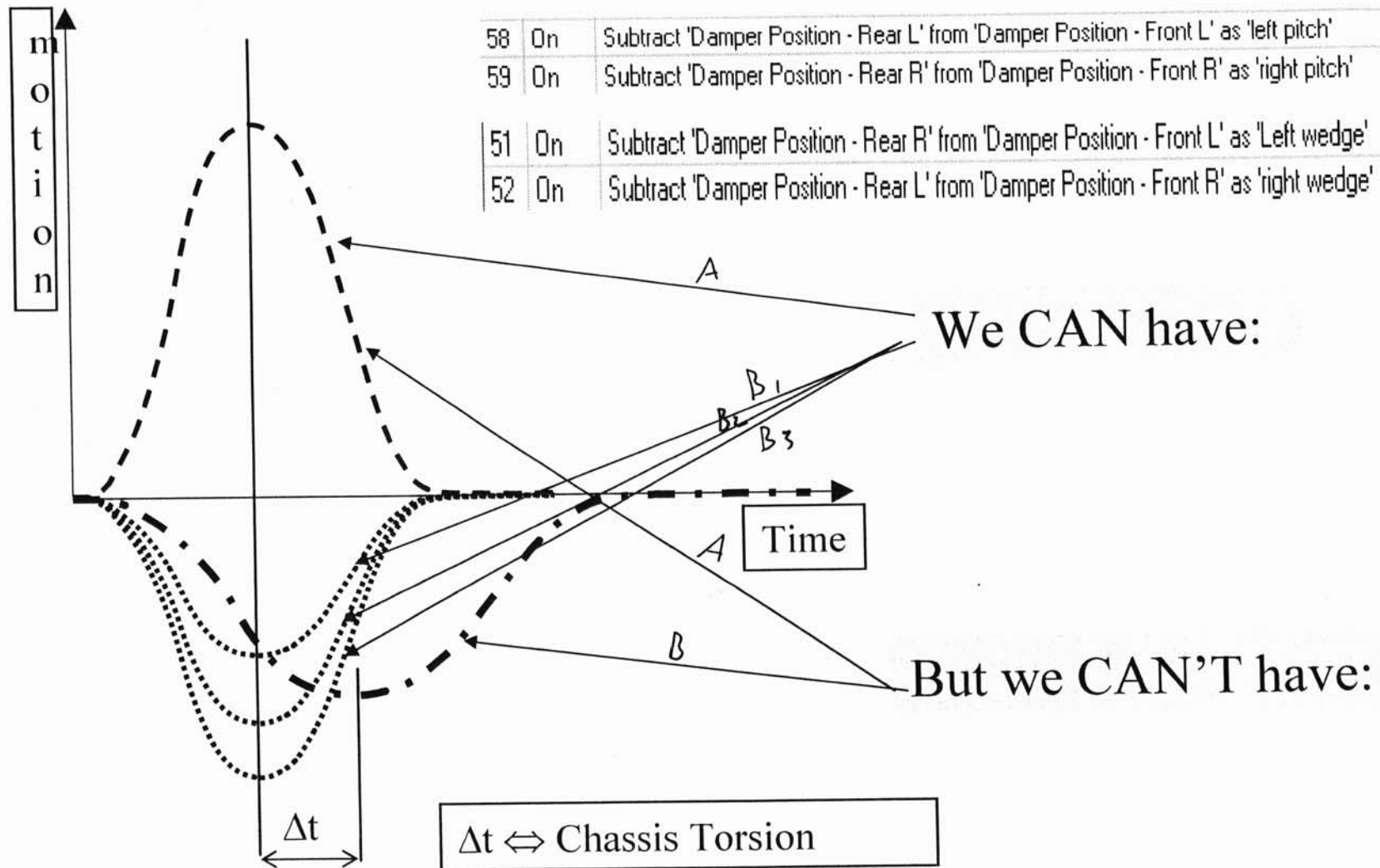
| Right front | Low speed | High speed |
|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Bump        | 26.4 %    | 20.7 %     |
| Rebound     | 26.7 %    | 26.2 %     |

# Difference of Time Between Maximum Value of Front and Rear Roll



# Difference of Time Between Maximum Value of Front and Rear Roll, Left and Right Pitch and Left and Right Wedge

|    |    |   |
|----|----|---|
| 56 | On | Subtract 'Damper Position - Front R' from 'Damper Position - Front L' as 'Front roll' |
| 57 | On | Subtract 'Damper Position - Rear R' from 'Damper Position - Rear L' as 'Rear roll'    |
| 58 | On | Subtract 'Damper Position - Rear L' from 'Damper Position - Front L' as 'left pitch'  |
| 59 | On | Subtract 'Damper Position - Rear R' from 'Damper Position - Front R' as 'right pitch' |
| 51 | On | Subtract 'Damper Position - Rear R' from 'Damper Position - Front L' as 'Left wedge'  |
| 52 | On | Subtract 'Damper Position - Rear L' from 'Damper Position - Front R' as 'right wedge' |



# Front and rear roll

2 ways to find it:

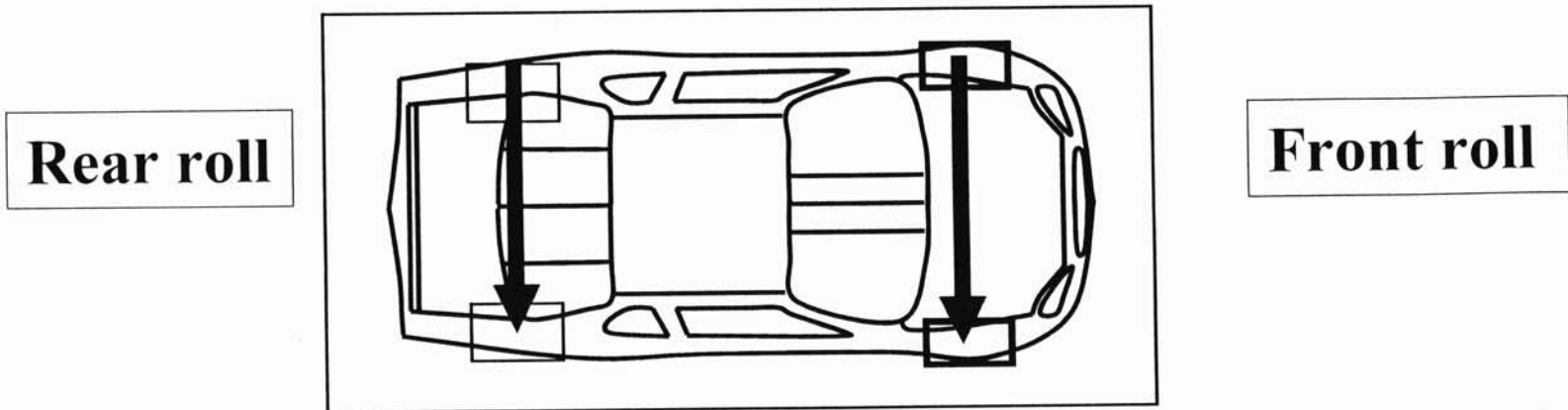
|    |    |   |
|----|----|---|
| 56 | On | Subtract 'Damper Position - Front R' from 'Damper Position - Front L' as 'Front roll' |
| 57 | On | Subtract 'Damper Position - Rear R' from 'Damper Position - Rear L' as 'Rear roll'    |

This is more a difference of position between right and left side

Or:

|    |    |   |
|----|----|---|
| 29 | On | Expression (ATN('Damper Position - Front L'-'Damper Position - Front R')/FRONTTRACK*Constant - Radians to degrees) as 'real front roll' |
|----|----|---|

Where 57.3 is the conversion in radians to degree. This is the real front roll of the car.



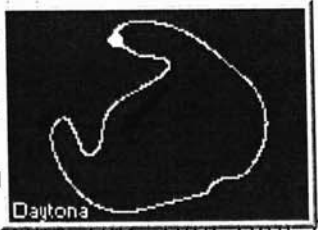
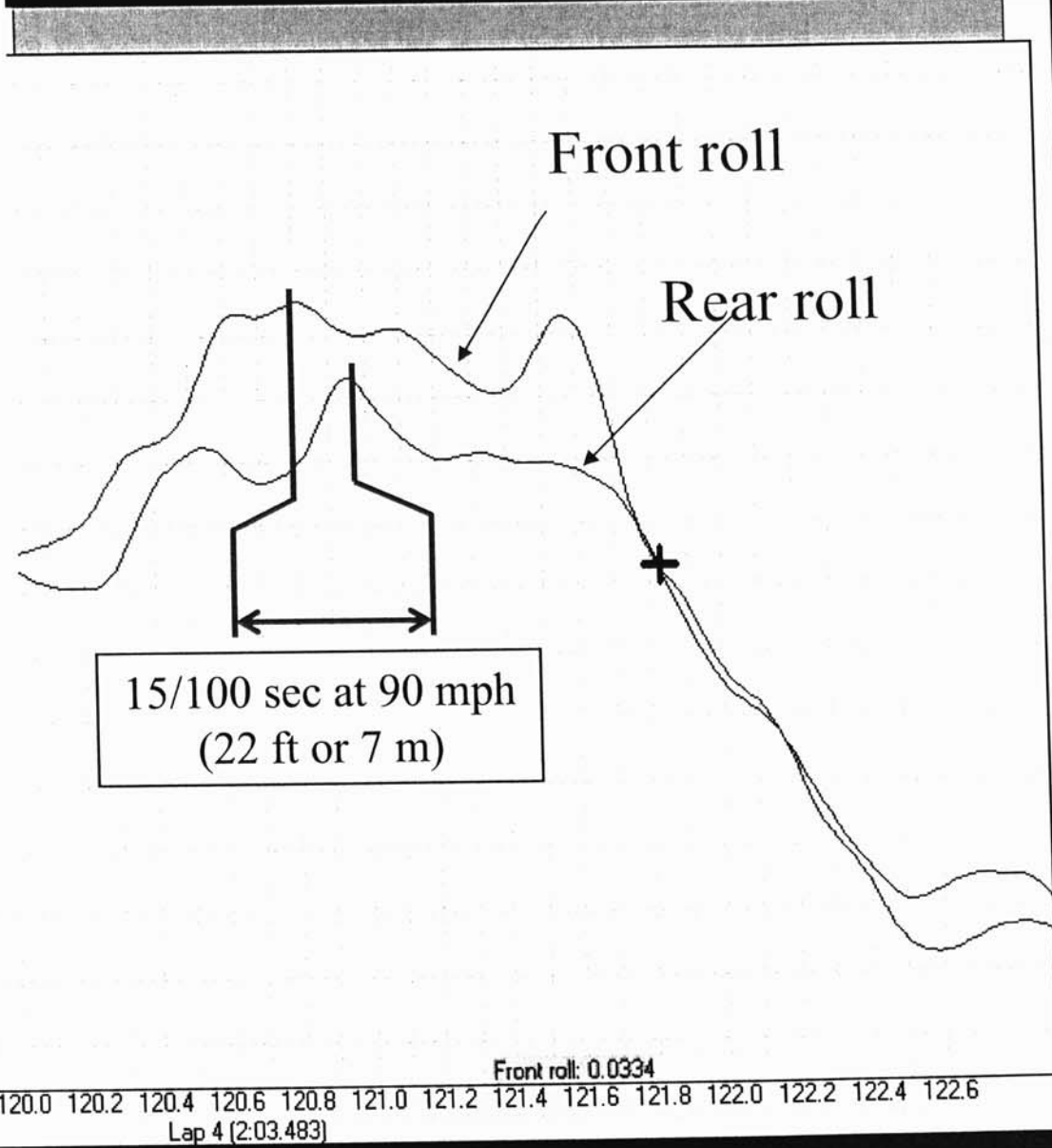
When analyzing the front and rear roll traces, prioritize the shape and the relative symmetry of the curves more than the amplitude.

# Example of front and rear roll difference

2 solutions for this case of corner exit:

- Front roll arrives too soon: stiffen front bump and/or rebound
- Rear roll arrives too late: soften rear bump and/or rebound

**Be careful!** Before making the final decision, look at the damper histogram on this area in order to decide if you want to work on high or low speed settings...



Time



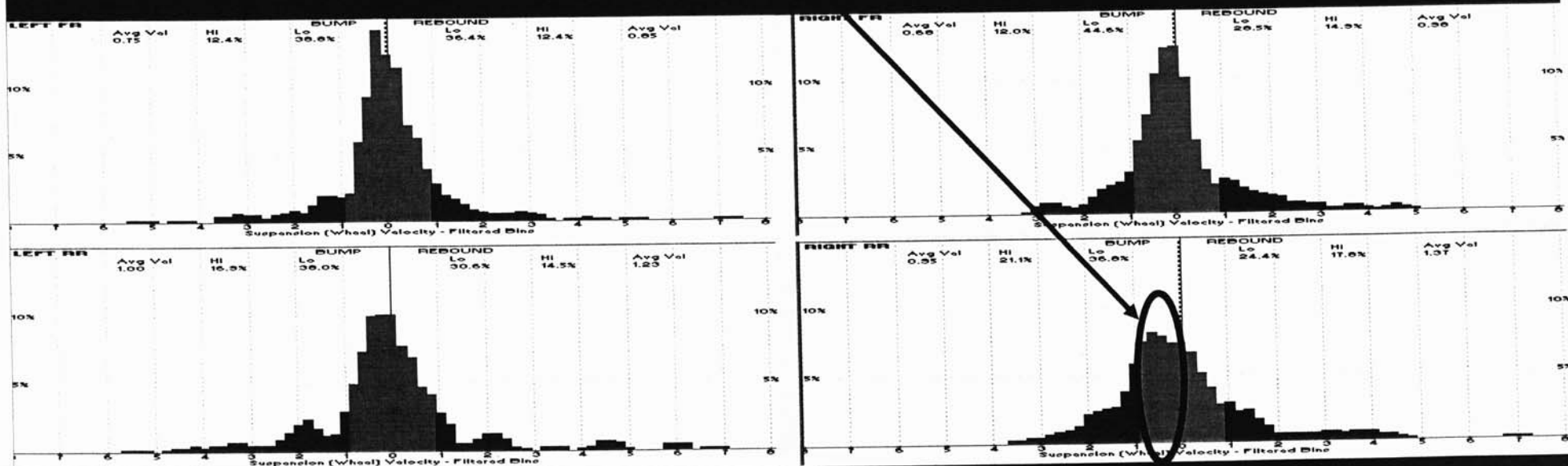
# Working with damper histogram to control motion on this area

## Steps of reasoning:

- 1) Which extremity do we have to stiffen or soften, front or rear?
- 2) On which side do we have to work first, right or left?
- 3) Which Gauss curve do I expect?

*It is almost always better to first have a look on the symmetry of the histogram than on the Gauss curve expected.*

In this particular case, the first thing to do will be to soften the right rear low bump rebound which is the most dissymmetrical histogram.

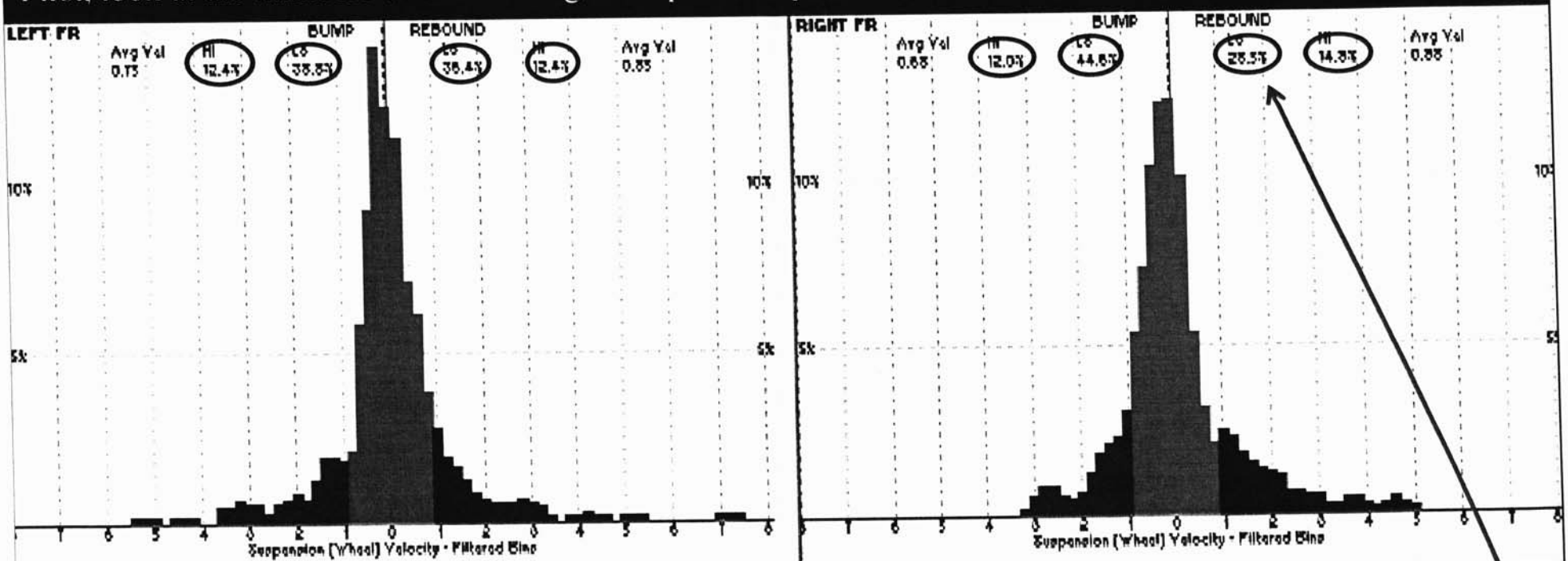




# Damper histogram on this area

We need to stiffer front bump and/or rebound to delay front roll

First, look at the numbers of low and high bump in bump and rebound of the front end.



After subtractions of each low speed and high speed values between bump and rebound, we find:

(Bump-Rebound) Low speed  $38.8 - 36.4 = 2.4$

$44.6 - 28.5 = 16.1$

(Bump-Rebound) High speed  $12.4 - 12.4 = 0$

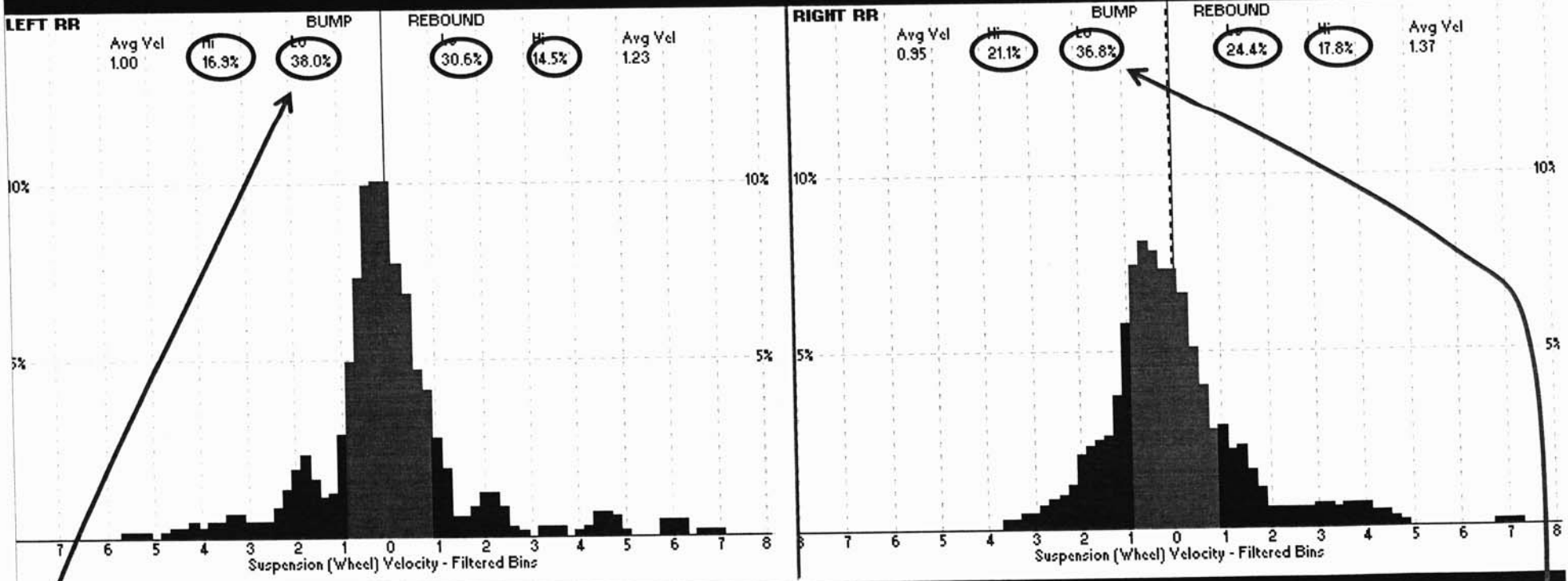
$12 - 14.9 = -2.9$

Here, we have the biggest difference so let's work on this side

*In this case, it will be better to stiffen right front low speed rebound*

We need to softer rear bump and/or rebound to advance rear roll

First, look at the numbers of low and high bump in bump and rebound of the rear end.



After subtractions of each low speed and high speed values between bump and rebound, we find:

(Bump-Rebound) Low speed  $38 - 30.6 = 7.4$        $36.8 - 24.4 = 12.4$   
 (Bump-Rebound) High speed  $16.9 - 14.5 = 2.4$        $21.1 - 17.8 = 3.3$

Here, we have the biggest difference so let's work on both side

*In this case, it will be better to soften right and left front low speed bump: 3 clicks on the right and 1 click on the left for example.*

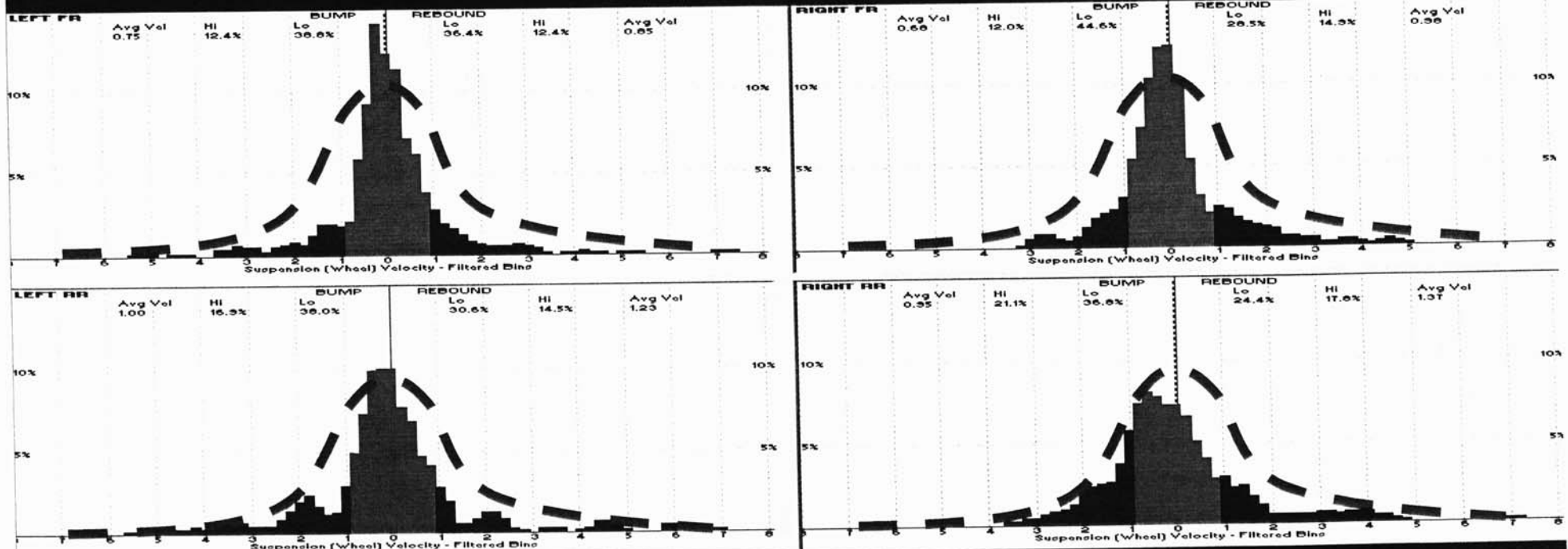
# Damper histogram on this area: regarding the ideal Gauss curve

We need to stiffer front bump and/or rebound to delay front roll

Front low bump and rebound already are very stiff

*So it is better to stiffer high speed bump and rebound*

By experience, we know that the ideal Gauss curve for this track is:



We need to softer rear bump and/or rebound to advance rear roll

Rear high speed bump and rebound already are soft

*So it is better to soften low speed bump and rebound*

# G-G Diagram

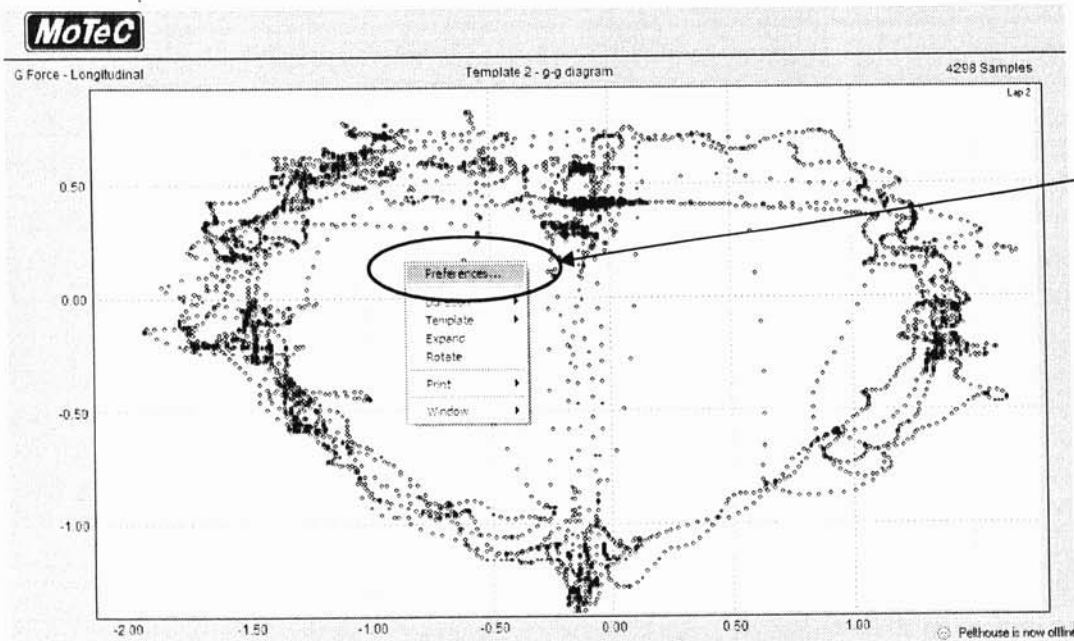
The G-G diagram is a conceptual way of showing driver and vehicle performance. In theory, the driver should try to operate as close to the boundary of the circle as possible. In reality, physical limitations prevent a vehicle reaching the theoretical boundary like changes in suspension geometry, brake balance, tire grip, etc.

The best way to obtain high quality data is to use a 3-axis accelerometer mounted at or below the center of gravity.

## Some advise for G-G diagram:

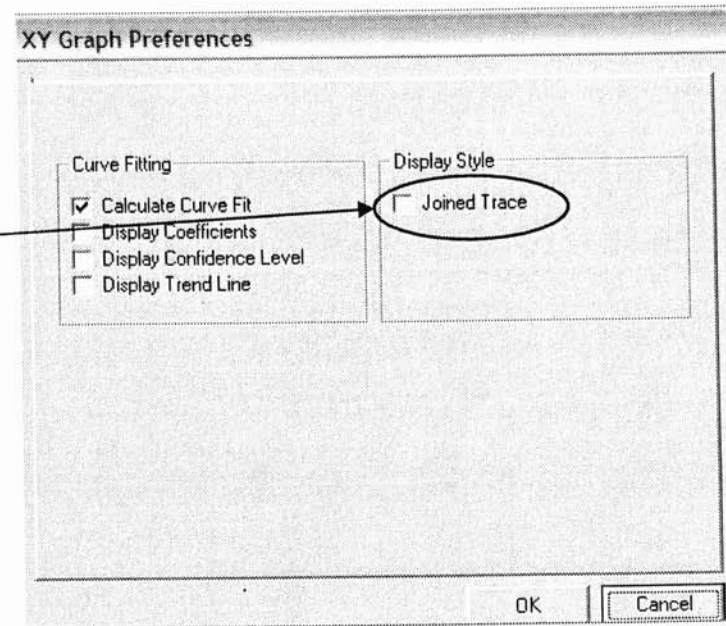
- It look best when data are displayed as dots rather than lines
- Scales should be chosen so that the points are reasonably spread

# Display of dots or lines curves for X-Y graph in Interpreter



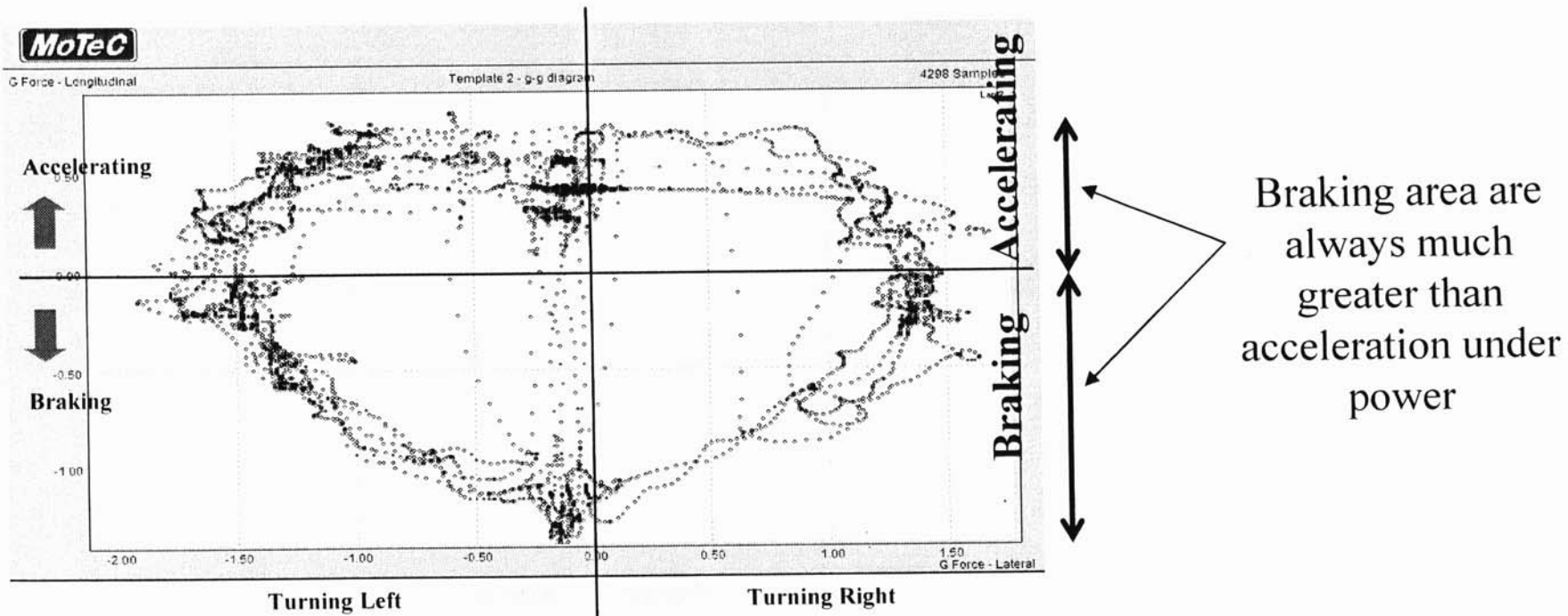
Right click on the graph, than select “Preference”

Check or uncheck “joined trace” square for lines or dots trace.



# G-G Diagram: Example of use

The different plots provide good comparisons of different tires, brakes, setups and driving style



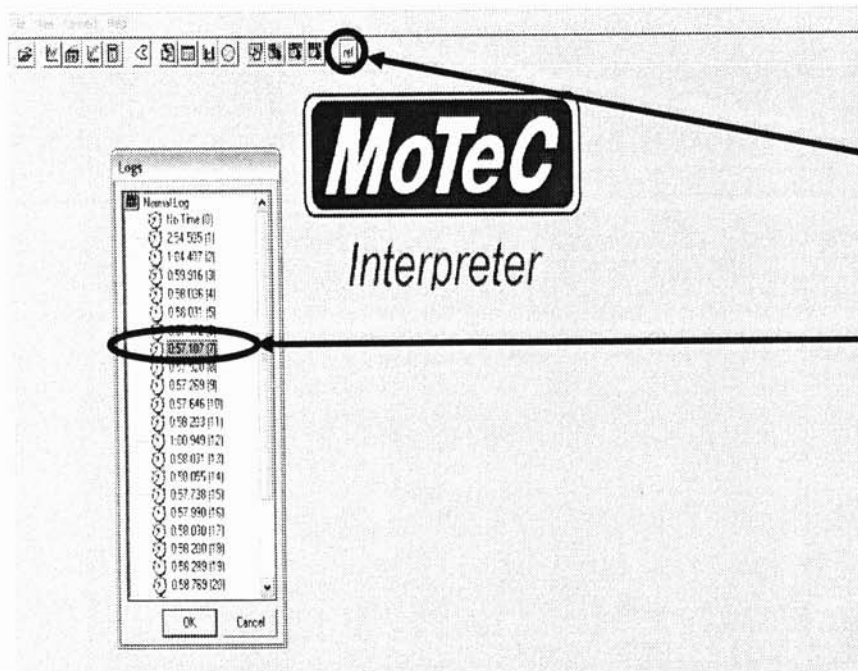
Along the orthogonal axes the plots give details of maximum acceleration achieved. This gives a direct comparison of braking and cornering ability in the steady state.

The area between the axes is the most interesting. This represents the transition area as longitudinal acceleration of the car changes to lateral acceleration associated with cornering. This is when the driver is trail braking or getting the power down early on the exit.

The more the driver can push out the envelope of the plot to the ideal circle, the better use he is making of the available grip of the tires.



# Install reference lap in Dash Manager



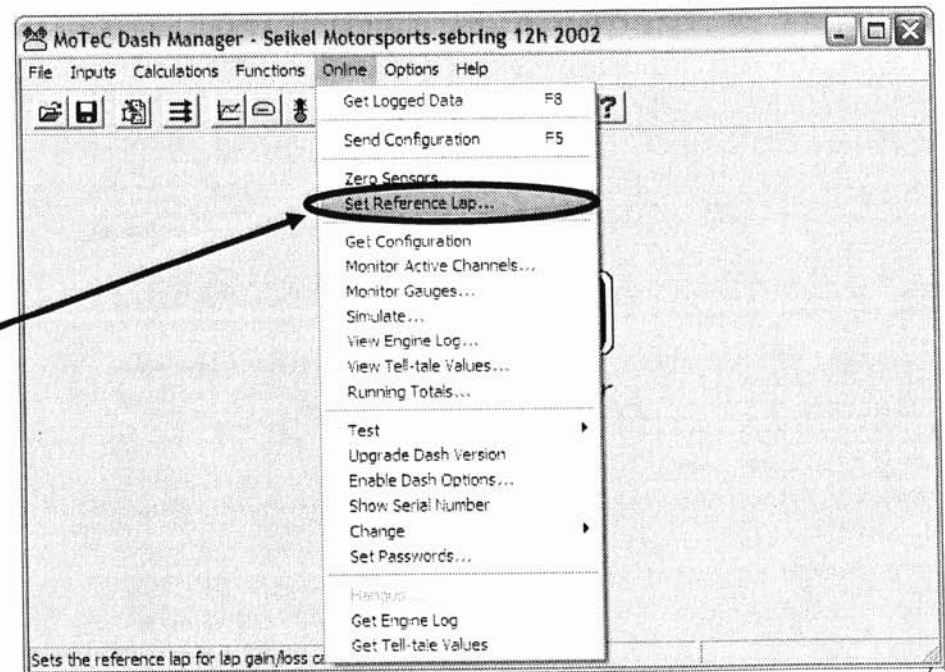
Select first the reference lap in Interpreter

Click on “Ref”

Select your reference lap

*Save your reference lap*

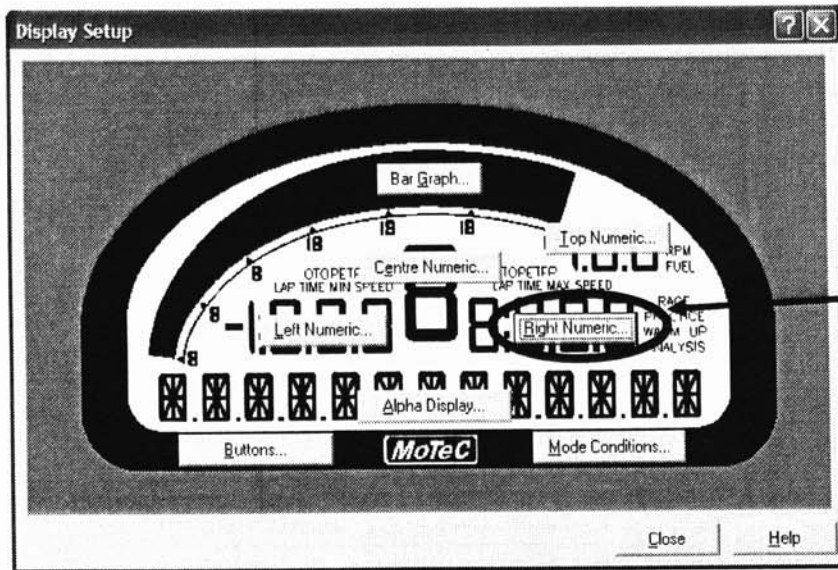
In Dash Manager, select “Online” than “set reference lap” and open the saved file before.





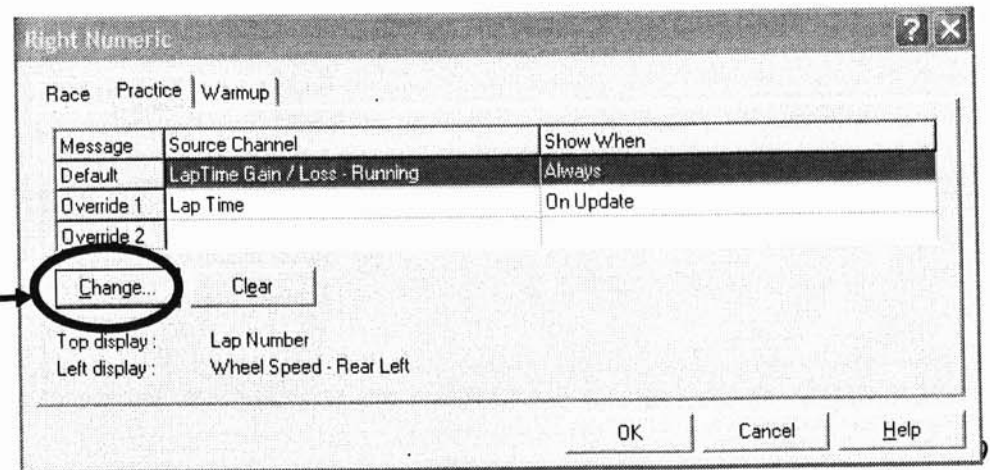
# Install Lap Time Gain/Loss Running in Dash Manager

The Lap Gain/Loss system calculates a Running Time Gain or Loss compared to a reference lap, i.e. how far ahead or behind the vehicle is compared to the reference lap, this is continuously updated as the vehicle proceeds around the track. The Running Gain/Loss is zeroed each time the vehicle passes the beacon.



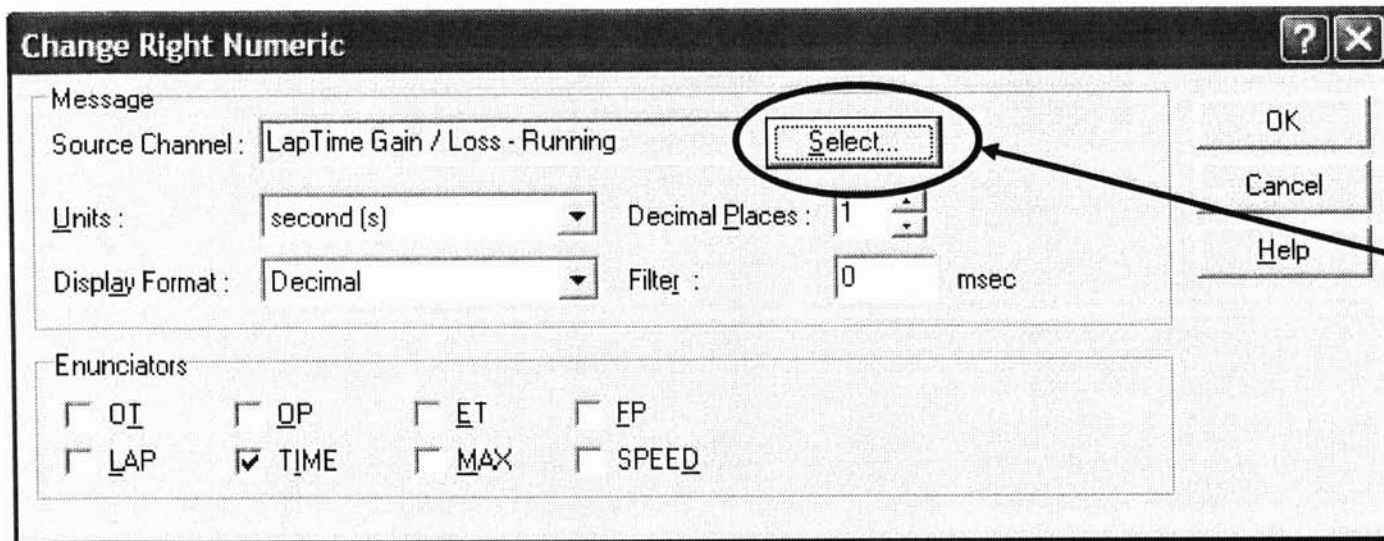
*Now your reference lap is installed, so you can install Lap Time gain/loss running*

Click on "Right Numeric"



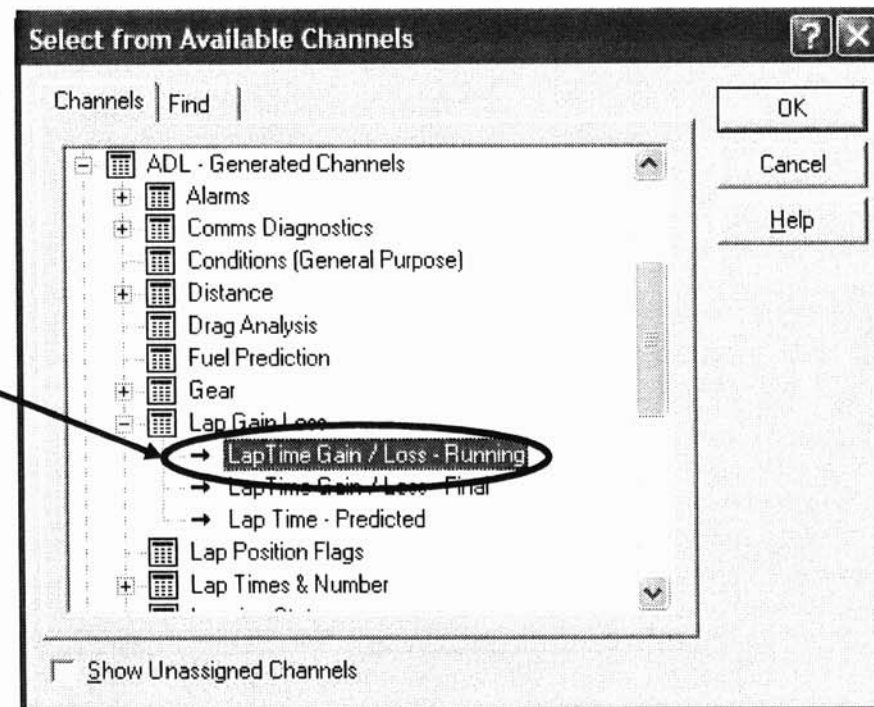
Click on "change"





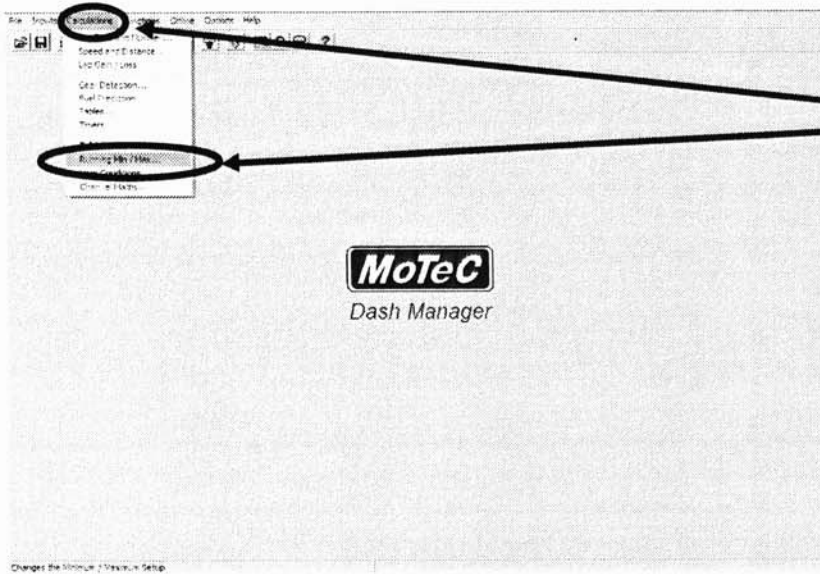
Click on "select"

Select Lap time  
gain/loss - running



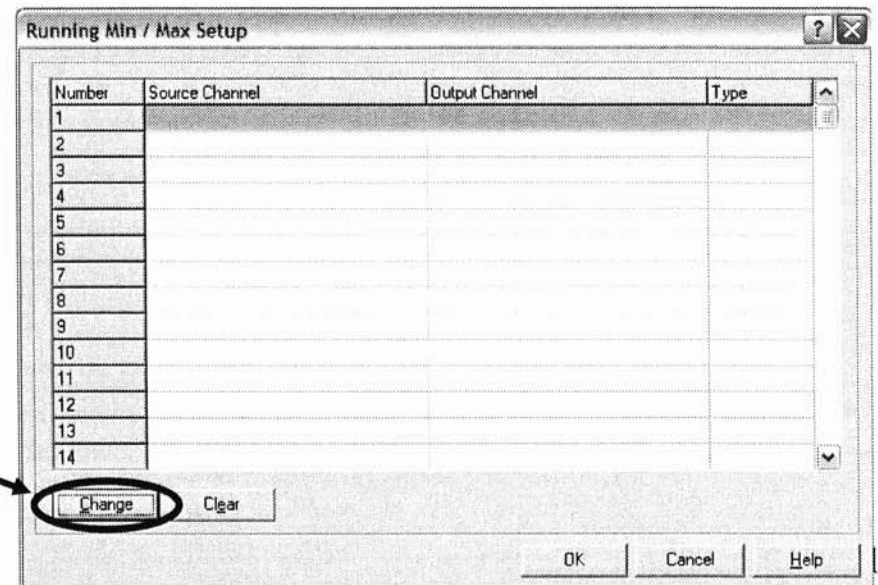
# Install Minimum Corner Speed and Maximum Straight Speed in Dash Manager.

A Running Min / Max continuously detects the Peak (Maximum) or Trough (Minimum) of a channel, depending whether Minimum or Maximum is selected. The result is fed to the output channel which is updated each time a new peak (or trough) is detected.



Click on “Calculation”, then “Running Min/Max”

Click on “Change”

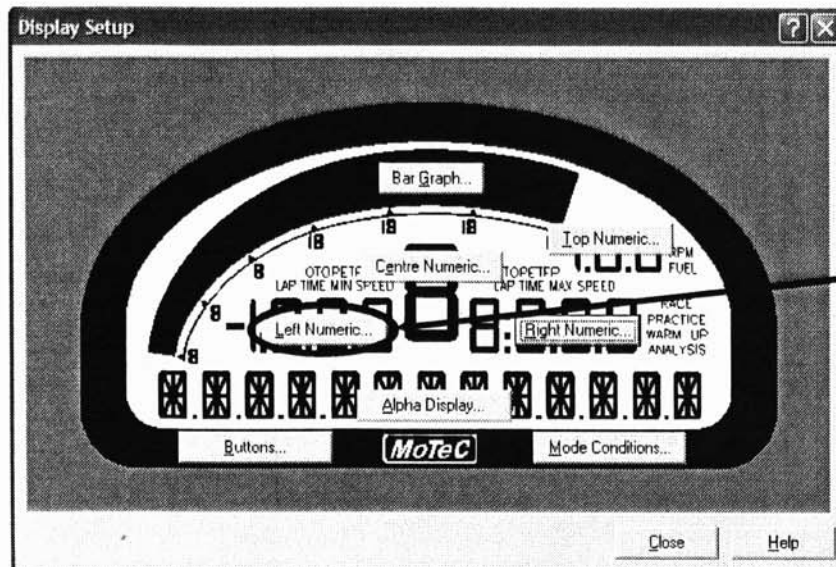
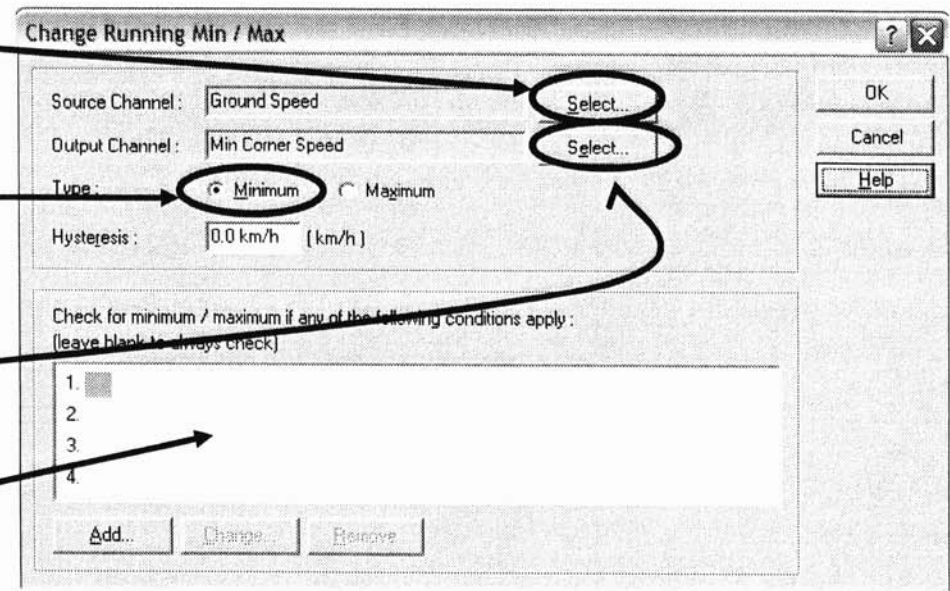


Select your Source Channel: wheel speed

Select your type of channel: minimum corner speed or maximum straight speed

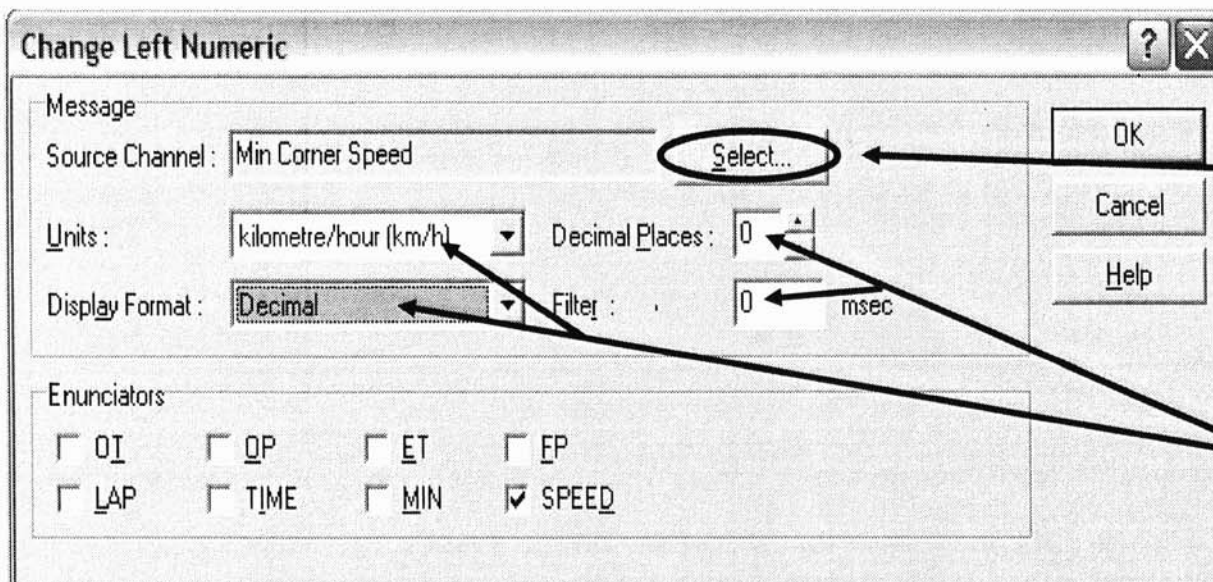
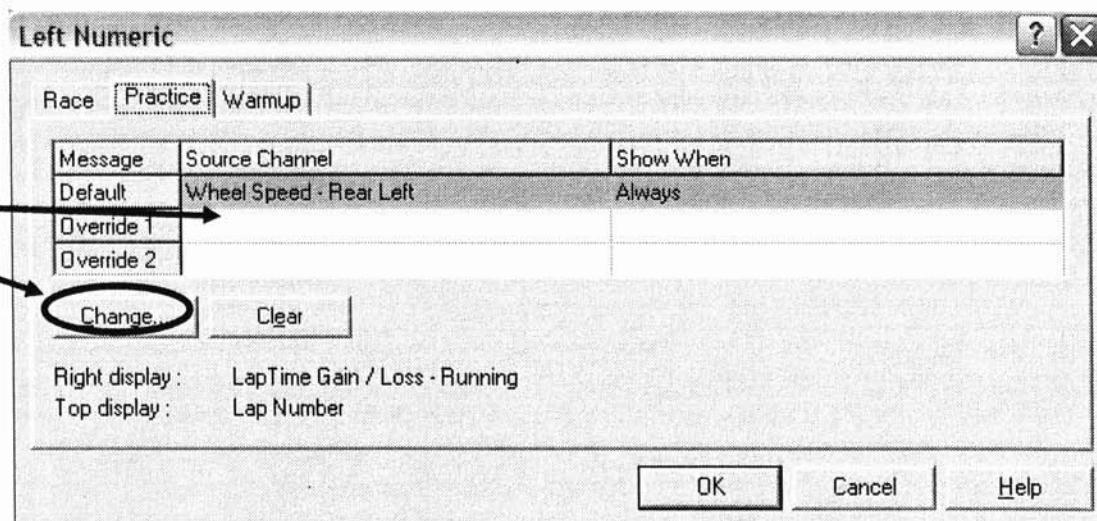
Then, your "Output channel"

You can add a condition to apply the Running Min/Max



Then click for example on "Left Numeric": generally where you put the display of the speed

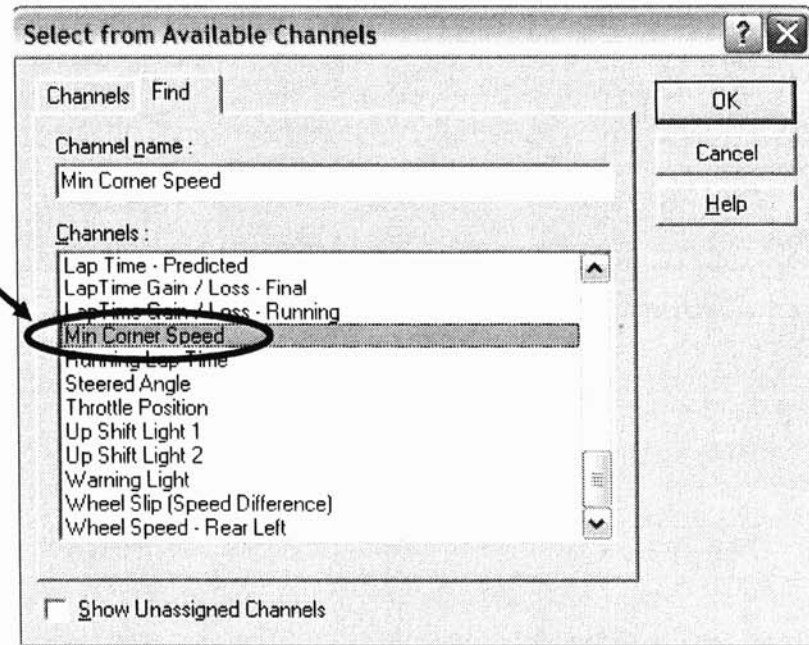
Select "Override", then click on "Change"



Select your source channel

You can specify units, display format, decimal places and filters

Select Min Corner speed: here for our example



Now the minimum Corner Speed is overriding with Wheel Speed. To display the value, the driver will have to push on his command button on the Dash. For qualify, you can decide to display this value continually. For that, you just have to select your Minimum Corner speed as the default value in the “Left Numeric” display



# Use track map

- To compare minimum speed in the corner and maximum speed of two drivers, two laps.
- To compare RPM in the corner or in the straight to see under or over revs between two laps or two drivers
- To compare brake distance and % of throttle of two drivers, two laps
- To compare speed at maximum throttle at the end of each curve between two drivers or laps (to do yourself).
- To compare the channel you want (suspension position, fuel pressure, yaw rate,...) for different laps or drivers



Lap 2: 1:02.750

Preferences...

- Reports >
- Lap >
- Redraw Track
- Edit Track
- Modify Sections...
- Print >
- Window >

**Track Map Preferences**

Show

- Section Name
- Gear
- Brakes
- Throttle
- Maximum Speed
- Minimum Speed
- Engine RPM

Average

All None

Style - Daytona

- Circuit
- Crossover Circuit
- Unjoined Course

Start Angle 0

Curvature 0

Rainbow Map Scaling

- From selected lap
- From whole file

OK Cancel

Avg Speed: 18.0 km/h  
Distance: 3.13 km

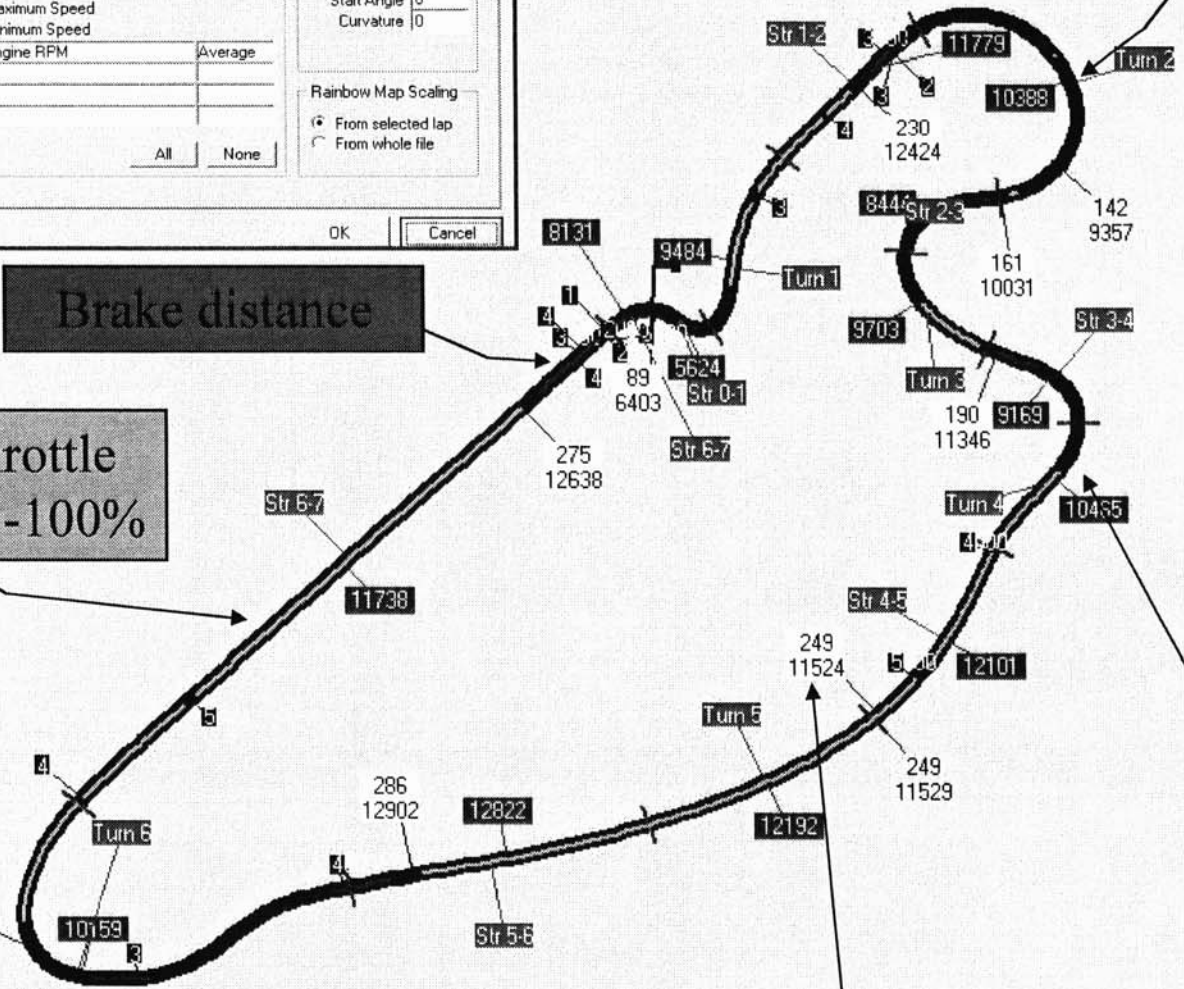
Brake distance

Distance of throttle use between 85-100%

Min corner speed and RPM

Distance of throttle use between 16-84%

Max speed and RPM



Brake    85-100% TP    16-84% TP    0-15% TP    max rpm & speed    min rpm & speed    RPM Average

0.1



# Magic Numbers

- The concept of magic numbers : Along a racing season, there are times the car works very well and the driver is happy with the handling. There are times the car is not working as well.... Or not at all. In the first case they are some specific numbers and equations you can deduct from the setup sheet. There are also raw data and math functions you can see on the data acquisition system. When the car is working these number and math function are *always* within a very small window.
- When you are lost you need map and you need to know where you are and where to go. Set up numbers analysis and data analysis show you were you are. Observations of these numbers from successful race and testing will tell you where to go.
- Caution : These numbers are circuit type dependant. Don't compare a specific magic number from a one mile oval to a street course of a supper speedway.
- These magic numbers are also driver style. Every time the car is working well on a road course you always will see the same magic numbers form driver A. But these magic numbers could be slightly different for driver B.

## 6 Magic Numbers

- % Front weight distribution

- % Front wheel rate =

$$100 * (\text{LFWR} + \text{RFWR}) / (\text{LFWR} + \text{RFWR} + \text{LRWR} + \text{RRWR})$$

$$\text{Wheel rate} = \text{Spring Rate} / \text{Motion Ratio}^2$$

- % Front aerobalance

- % Front elastic weight transfer =

$$100 * (\text{RFST} - \text{LFST}) / [ (\text{RFST} - \text{LFST}) + (\text{RRST} - \text{LRST}) ]$$

$$\text{ST} = \text{Strain Gauge}$$

- Minimum time delay between front and rear maximum roll (or/and left and right maximum pitch)
- Shock speed histogram shape and first segment % of bump and rebound low shock speed.

# 8. Car set up

- Setup procedure
- Set down and tear down sheets
- Racing with and without data acquisition
- Setup parameters influence on handling
- Driver testing, practicing and racing habits
- Racing as a team

# Set up procedure

1. Are your chassis and suspensions straight ? Symmetrical ?
2. Dummy shocks
3. Fuel and driver ballast. Same corner weights
4. Tire hot pressure
5. Disconnect ARB
6. Min Shock setting
7. Ride Height
8. Caster
9. Camber
10. Toe
11. Go to 7
12. Corner Weight
13. Go to 7
14. Bump Steer
15. Reconnect ARB and adjust droop link for same corner weight
16. Place shock and adjust length with spring platform until same as dummy shocks length (if using dummy shocks)
17. Shock setting
18. Wings setting

# Racing with and without data acquisition

Beware of *the monkey see monkey do!*

*Lack of education is the #1 reason for lack of data acquisition efficient use*

The 8 essentials sensors besides engine sensors

- Lateral acceleration and speed

(comes with a any good data acquisition system)

- Steering

- Throttle (could come as a signal from the ECU)

- 4 suspension linear or rotary potentiometers

The extras

- Brake pressure

- 2 (inside of 1) lateral or 3way accelerometer (front and rear)

- Gyro

- Rules, budget and imagination are the limits....

# Set up Parameters Influence on Handling

| Setup Parameters    | Car Behavior   | Comments   |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Weight Distribution | <p>More weight on one end<br/>= More in line grip on that end</p> <p>More weight on one end<br/>= Better lateral grip on that end</p>  | <p>More rear load on rear wheel drive = better traction<br/>More front load on front wheel drive = better traction</p> <p>More Rear Load = Less O/S<br/>More Front Load = Less U/S</p> <p>BUT THE CHANGES OF GRIP WILL BE MORE SUDDEN !</p> <p>Beware of the changes of the Moment of Inertia in Yaw</p> |
| Tire Pressure       | <p>Too low = "mushy" car, high rolling resistance</p> <p>Too high = bouncy car, lower rolling resistance</p> <p>Increase tire pressure on one end reduce lateral and longitudinal grip on that end</p> | <p>Consider the influence on the static and dynamic ride heights.</p> <p>Qualify "cold" pressures are higher than "cold" race pressures</p> <p>" Cold" Pressures are lower in winter than summer</p> <p><math>PV = nRT</math></p>  |

| Setup Parameters | Car Behavior  | Comments   |
|------------------|---|--|
| Tire Temperature | <p>Nominal temp (NT) found by experience and tire manufacturer info</p> <p>U/S if <math>F &gt; R</math> and <math>F &gt; NT</math></p> <p>U/S if <math>F &lt; R</math> and <math>F &lt; NT</math></p> <p>O/S if <math>R &gt; F</math> and <math>R &gt; NT</math></p> <p>O/S if <math>R &lt; F</math> and <math>R &lt; NT</math></p> <p>Too high in tire middle = too much pressure and /or too much wheel spin</p> <p>Too low middle = Pressure too low</p> <p>Too high inside = too much camber and/or too much toe in</p> <p>Too high outside = not enough camber and/or too much outside</p> | <p>The # 1 tool to set up a car!</p> <p>Tire temperatures in the pits are not the one while on the race track</p> <p>Tire temperatures in the corner is what matters!</p> <p>Tire temperature at the end of the pit lane are different that the one at the beginning of the pit lane!</p> <p>Tire temperatures are depending on cool down lap speed</p> <p>Each heat cycle wears the tires out</p> |
| Camber           | <p>More <math>&lt; 0</math> camber = worse braking<br/>= worse traction</p> <p>More <math>&lt; 0</math> camber = more grip on outside<br/>unless tire too hot<br/>= less grip on inside</p>   | <p>Try different camber for qualify: it's all temperature related.</p> <p>More camber = lower vertical tire stiffness</p>  |





| Setup Parameters | Car Behavior  | Comments   |
|------------------|---|--|
| Ride Height      | <p>Lower front = more grip<br/>(if not less than 1/8 ")</p> <p>Higher Rear<br/>A) = More Front <u>and</u> Rear downforce<br/>.... until too much pitch angle<br/>B) = More front downforce distribution</p> <p>Higher Ride heights<br/>= Higher center of gravity<br/>= Less grip (except Go Kart)<br/>= Lazier car</p> | <p>LOWER IS NOT NECESSARILY BETTER</p> <p>Ride height changes = (sometime huge) kinematics change</p> <p>Extremely critical on open wheel with wings</p> <p>Even more critical with flat bottom car</p> <p>Static Ride Height (setup pad) are NOT dynamic ride heights (corner and straights)</p> <p>Sometimes ideal ride heights in corner means bottoming in the straights</p> <p>Inexperienced drivers are less sensitive to aerodynamics effects to wings settings and/or ride height changes</p> <p>Lower ride height request stiffer springs</p> <p>Downforce is a function of the air density!</p> <p>Rule of thumb: +/- 0.010 " Front<br/>= +/- 0.030 to 0.050" Rear</p> |

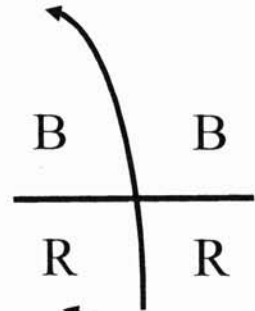
| Setup Parameters | Car Behavior  | Comments   |
|------------------|---|--|
| Caster           | More caster<br>= More camber variation in steering<br>= more < 0 camber variation on outside<br>= more > 0 camber variation on inside<br>= stiffer steering (most of the time)<br>= more grip on front end until front "tire washes out" (major variation of steering torque) | Caster angle is not caster trail!  |
| KPI              | Increase negative camber in steering on the outside<br>Increase negative camber on the inside<br>Stiffer steering   | KPI Angle is not KPI trail   |
| Wings            | More wing on one end<br>= more grip on that end<br>and not necessarily less grip on the other<br>But changes aerobalance<br>Efficiency / degree diminishes with high angle and suddenly disappears.   | Wings Effect = Function of the speed <sup>2</sup><br>Beware of stickers!<br>Consider yaw and wing end plate length<br>Front = nearly FOC in drag<br>Rear = Very costly in drag |

| Setup Parameters | Car Behavior  | Comments  |
|------------------|---|---|
| Gurney           | More wing on one end<br>= more grip on that end<br>and not necessarily less grip on the other<br>But changes aerobalance          | Works mostly at low speed   |
| Shocks           | Stiffer shocks = Less Roll and Less Pitch<br>Stiffer shocks on one end<br>= less grip on that end<br>= more grip on the other end | Stiffer = more responsive BUT<br>DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN<br>QUICKER because <i>less sensitive</i><br>OptimumG experience with customers:<br>Most of the time shocks are twice too<br>stiff in bump and 3 times too stiff and<br>rebound.<br>Softening them makes them car quicker<br>but the driver prefers the previous<br>feeling<br>Consider shocks as and ARB working<br>mainly in transient |

# Shock Setting

B = Bump    R = Rebound

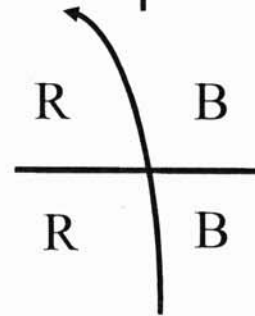
Entry on Brake



U/S: Softer Front B or Stiffer Rear R

O/S: Stiffer Front B or Softer Rear R

Entry



U/S Softer Outside Front B

Softer Inside Front R

Stiffer Outside Rear B

Stiffer Inside Rear R

O/S Softer Outside Rear B

Softer Inside Rear R

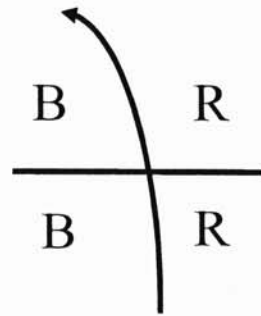
Stiffer Outside Front B

Stiffer Inside Front R

# Shock Setting

B = Bump    R = Rebound

Exit



U/S Softer Outside Front R

Softer Inside Front B

Stiffer Outside Rear R

Stiffer Inside Rear B

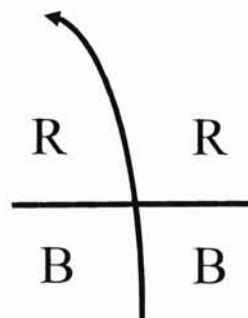
O/S Softer Outside Rear R

Softer Inside Rear B

Stiffer Outside Front R

Stiffer Inside Front B

Exit on Throttle



U/S: Softer Front R or Stiffer Rear B

O/S: Stiffer Front R or Softer Rear B

ONLY DATA ACQUISITION WITH SHOCK LINEAR POTENTIOMETERS

CAN HELP YOU IN PRECISE SHOCK SETTING

| Setup Parameters | Car Behavior   | Comments  |
|------------------|--|---|
| Roll Center      | <p>Higher Roll Center on one end</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>= Less Roll</li> <li>= Less moment of inertia</li> <li>= More immediate weight transfer on that end</li> <li>= More responsive car on entry</li> <li>= More grip on entry on that end</li> <li>= Less grip in corner middle on that end</li> <li>= Give less room for shock adjustment in corners</li> </ul> <p>Roll Center moving towards one wheel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>= like stiffer spring on that wheel</li> <li>= like softer spring on the other</li> <li>= quicker loading on that wheel on entry</li> <li>= worse grip on that end in corner middle</li> </ul> | <p>Static roll centers position (setup pad) is NOT the dynamic roll centers position (in the corners)</p> <p>Change of ride heights could considerably position and movements of roll centers!</p> <p>Consider influence of compliance on kinematics.</p> |



# Interesting Race Car Engineering Books

## General

- Automotive Handbook (Bosch)
- Inside Racing Technology (Paul Haney & Jeff Braun)
- SAE Motor sports CD Rom (all US SAE papers for the last 35 years)
- Race Car Engineering and Mechanics (Paul Van Valkenburg)

## Aerodynamics

- Aerodynamics of Road Vehicles (Wolf Heinrich Hocho)
- Race Car Aerodynamics, designing for speed (Joseph Katz)
- Road Vehicle Aerodynamics (A.J. Scibor-Rylski)
- Competition Car Aerodynamics (Simon Mcbeath)
- Theory of Wing Sections (Abbot and Doenhoff)

## Data Acquisition

- Data Power (Budy Fey)
- Competition Car Data logging (Simon Mcbeath)

## Vehicle Dynamics, Chassis and Suspension

- ❑ Engineer to win (Carroll Smith)
- ❑ Prepare to Win (Carroll Smith)
- ❑ Race to Win (Carroll Smith)
- ❑ Tune to win (Carroll Smith)
- ❑ Fundamentals of Vehicle Dynamics (Thomas D. Gillespie)
- ❑ Race Car Vehicle Dynamics (Milliken & Milliken)
- ❑ Car Suspension and Handling (Donald Bastow)
- ❑ New Directions in Suspension Design (Colin Campbell)
- ❑ Motor Vehicle Dynamics Modeling and Simulation (Giancarlo Genta)
- ❑ The Automotive Chassis (J Reimplell & H Stoll)
- ❑ The Shock Absorber Handbook (John C. Dixon)
- ❑ Tires, Suspension and Handling (John C. Dixon)
- ❑ An Introduction To Race Car Engineering (Warren J Rowley)

## Powertrain

- Design and Simulation of 2 stroke engines (Gordon P Blair)
- Design and Simulation of 2 stroke engines (Gordon P Blair)
- Four Stroke Performance Tuning (graham Bell)
- Two Stroke Performance Tuning (graham Bell)
- Design of racing and high performance engines PT-53 (Collection of SAE Papers)
- Design of racing and high performance engines PT-100 (Collection of SAE Papers)

## Periodicals

- Race car Engineering
- Race Tech Magazine
- Grassroots Motor sports Magazine



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# Race Car Engineering & Data Acquisition System Seminar



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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|
| <i>Seminar Venue &amp; Date :</i> |                 | <i>Team :</i>         |  |
| <i>First Name :</i>               |                 | <i>Team Address :</i> |  |
| <i>Last Name :</i>                |                 |                       |  |
| <i>Age :</i>                      | <i>E-mail :</i> |                       |  |
| <i>Position :</i>                 |                 | <i>Team E-mail :</i>  |  |
| <i>Ambitions :</i>                |                 | <i>Team Website :</i> |  |

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| <i>Experience :</i>  |
| <i>Race cars you have worked on :</i>                                |
| <i>In your opinion, what are the needs in race car engineering ?</i> |
| <i>How did you hear about the seminar ?</i>                          |

|  | <i>Sensors you have used before</i> | <i>Sensors used now</i> | <i>Sensors you would like to use</i> |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Suspension Lin. or Rot. potentiometer</i> |                                     |                         |                                      |
| <i>Steering Rot. potentiometer</i>           |                                     |                         |                                      |
| <i>Accelerometer (precise 1/2/3 Ways)</i>    |                                     |                         |                                      |
| <i>Gyro :</i>                                |                                     |                         |                                      |
| <i>Ride height Laser Sensor</i>              |                                     |                         |                                      |
| <i>Strain Gauges</i>                         |                                     |                         |                                      |
| <i>Pitot Tube</i>                            |                                     |                         |                                      |



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# Evaluation

Please help me strengthen this program for others, by evaluating these 3 days and offering suggestions.



| Scale :                              | Poor | Meager | Average | Good | Excellent |
|--------------------------------------|------|--------|---------|------|-----------|
| <i>General</i>                       |      |        |         |      |           |
| Overall evaluation                   |      |        |         |      |           |
| Learning objectives satisfied        |      |        |         |      |           |
| Quantity of new information gained   |      |        |         |      |           |
| Need scale of this seminar in racing |      |        |         |      |           |
| Communication                        |      |        |         |      |           |
| <i>Program content</i>               |      |        |         |      |           |
| Overall Quality                      |      |        |         |      |           |
| Rigor                                |      |        |         |      |           |
| Complexity                           |      |        |         |      |           |
| Relevance                            |      |        |         |      |           |

Information density / day (too much, good ratio, not enough):

Seminar length (too long, good length, not enough) :

*Comments / Suggestions :*

*Topics to introduce in this seminar :*