

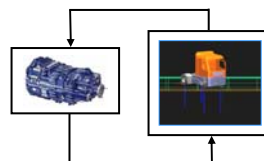
„Generation of Excitation Data
for a Wheel/Rail System Test Rig
Using Simulation“

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Introduction

Business Activities Test and Analysis Centre

- Fatigue and Static/Dynamic Testing of Aerospace Structures
- Experimental Investigations in Vehicle Technology and Plant Engineering
- Test Facilities
- Maintenance and Damage Analysis
- CAE Services
- **Mechatronics Services**
- Maglev Transportation
- Environmental Services

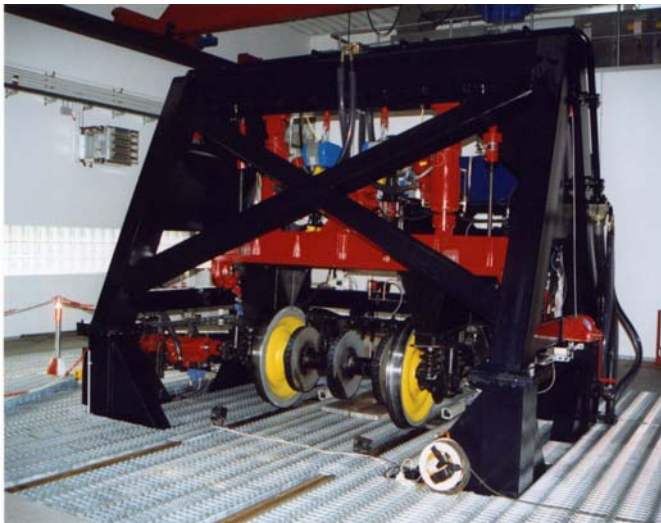


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Project Introduction

Wheel/Rail System Test Rig



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Application Areas

General:

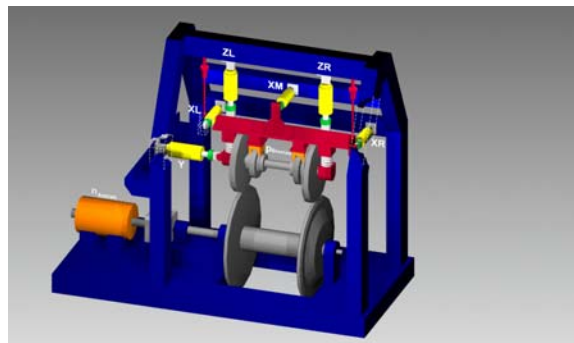
„Investigation of Interactions Concerning the Wheel Rail System“

Examples:

- Investigation for the Causes and Mechanisms of Rolling Contact Fatigue
- Testing of Materials, Production Processes and Profile Combinations
- Analysis Concerning the Unround Phenomena of Wheels
- Testing of Components (e.g. Check Systems for Diagnosing Wheelsets)
- Investigation of the Noise Created and Propagated because of the Rolling Contact

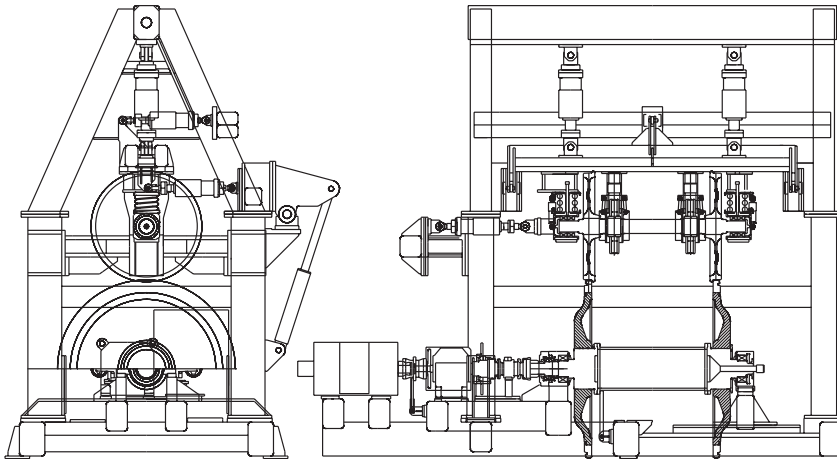
Service Description

„The RASP allows full-size wheelsets to be subjected to stressing on a pair of rollers under reproducible dynamic contact conditions“



Service Description

Structure / Functionality



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Service Description

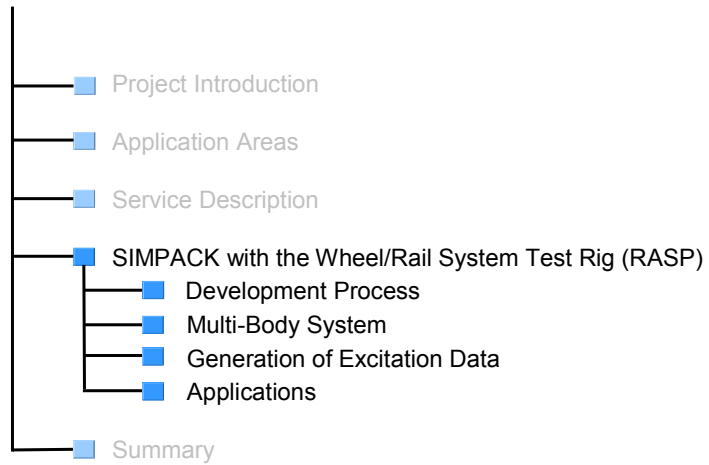
Performance Data

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|--|---------------|
| • Rail Roller Diameter | 2,1 m |
| • Wheel Diameter | max. Ø 1,25 m |
| • Wheelset Load | max. 34 t |
| • Running Speed | max. 330 km/h |
| • Re-profiling Unit for Roller and Wheel | |
| • Roller Consists of Rail Material (900A) | |
| • Controlled Braking of the Wheelsets | |
| • Lubrication Unit | |
| • Strain Gauge Measuring Method for Axle and Disc (Wheel and Roller) | |

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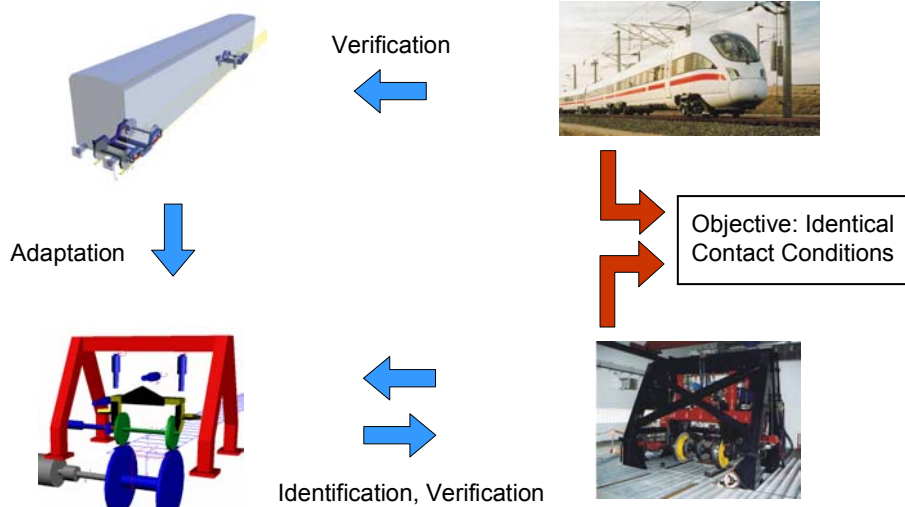


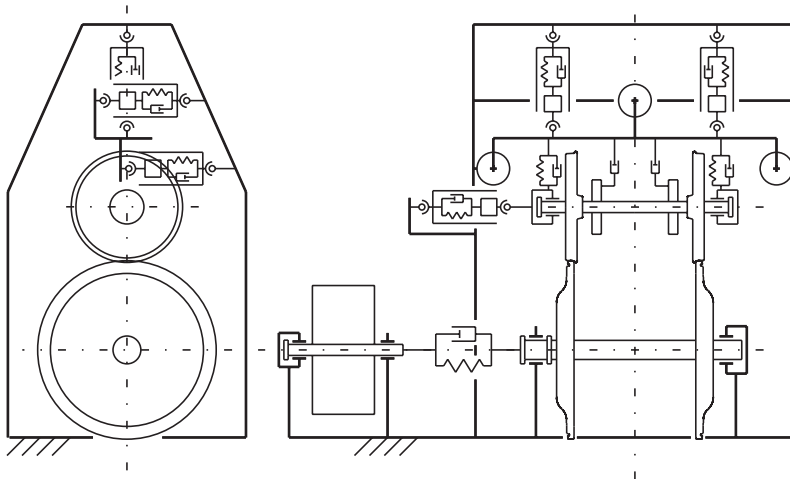
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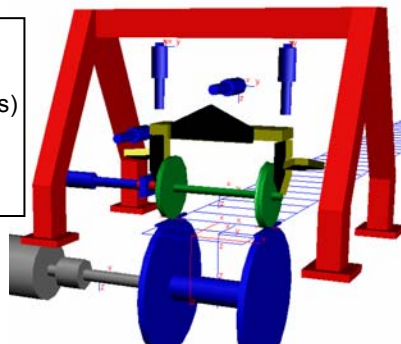
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Development Process



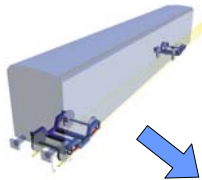


- 11 Rigid Bodies
- 7/9 Degrees of Freedom
- 6 Kinematic Loops (18 Constraints)
- Parametric Model
- Identified Parameters
- Non-linear Characteristic Lines



Using SIMPACK

Generation of Excitation Data



Target Values:
• Contact Patch Area
• Slip
• Forces / Torques
• Normal Stress
• ...

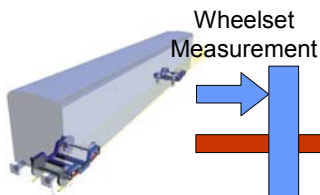


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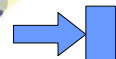
- Selected Wheelset

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Generation of Excitation Data



Wheelset
Measurement

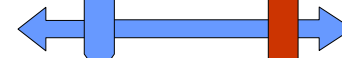
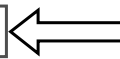


Adjustment

Transformation

Comparison

Expertise



Excitation
Data



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Output Values (Vehicle Model)

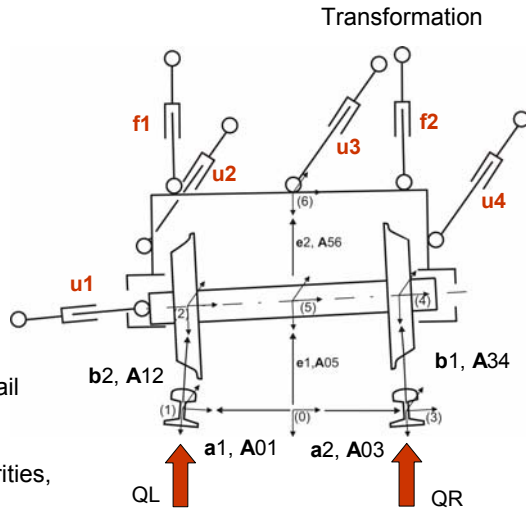
- Relative Measurement (Position, Orientation)
- Vertical Force in Track (Q)

Input Values (Test Rig Model)

- Cylinder Displacement
- Cylinder Force

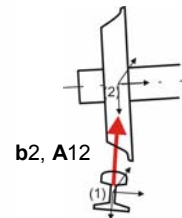
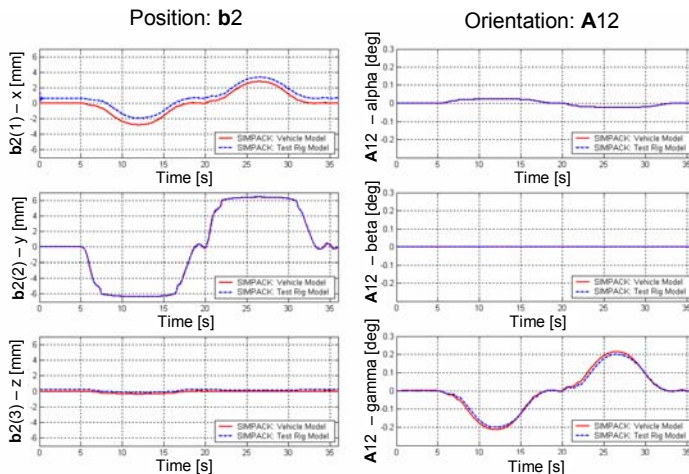
Boundary Conditions

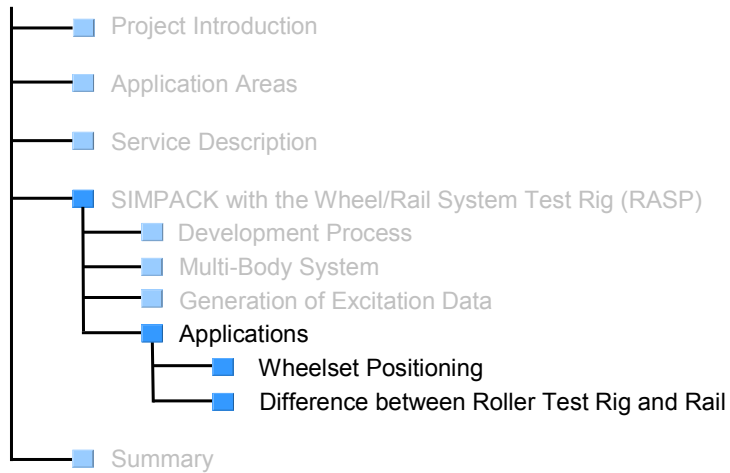
- Wheelset Positioning
- Difference Between Roller & Rail
- Elastic Wheelset Suspension
- Rigid Roller Axle (Curved Tracks, Track Irregularities, Superelevation)



Comparison of In- and Output Values: Relative Measurement

Transformation





Intention: Centering – Exact Position of the Wheelset

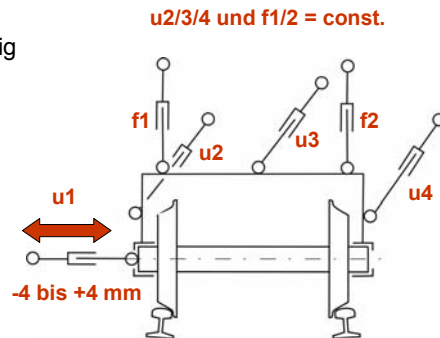
- Wheelset Displacement
- Geometrical Displacement of the Test Rig
- Tolerances (Wheelset and Roller)

Procedure:

- Model Based Analysis/Identification of the Wheelset Displacement
- Test: Constrained Lateral Deflection of the Wheelset

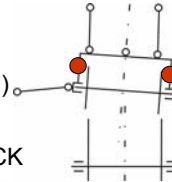
Result:

- Procedure to position the Wheelset
- Quantification of the Effect of Tolerances

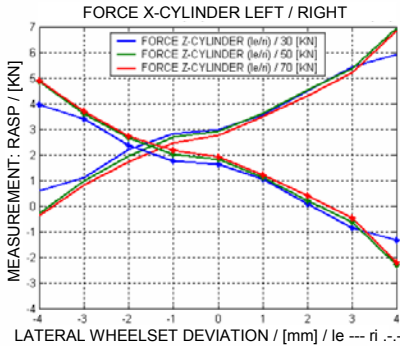


Wheelset Displacement : Lateral Offset (1.5 mm)

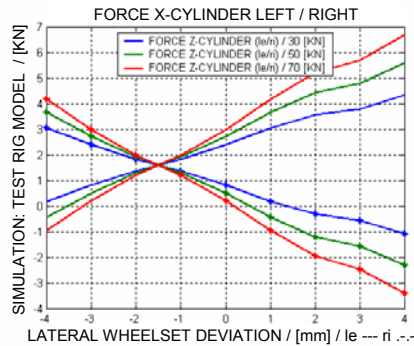
Constrained Forces of the Yaw Cylinders (X-Cylinders; u_2 and u_4)



Test: RASP

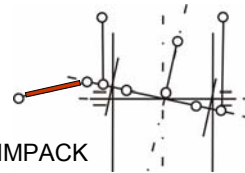


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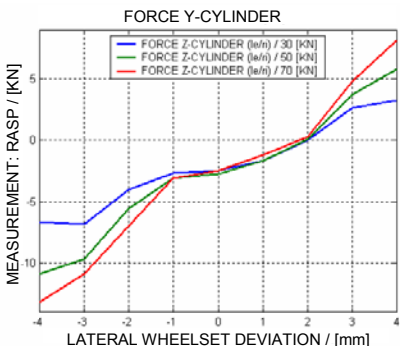


Wheelset Displacement: Tangential Deviation (0.06 deg)

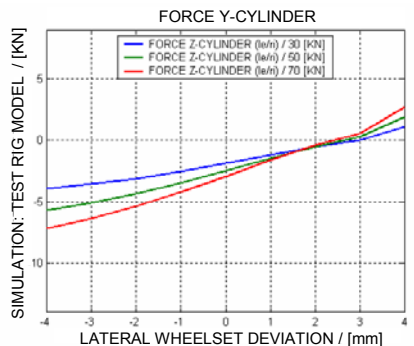
Constrained Force of the Lateral Cylinder (Y-Cylinder; u_1)



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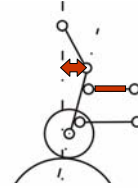


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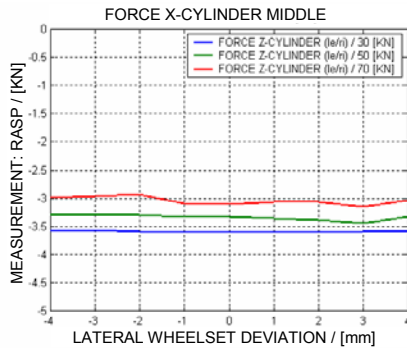


Geometrical Displacement of the Test Rig: Mismatch (6.5 mm)

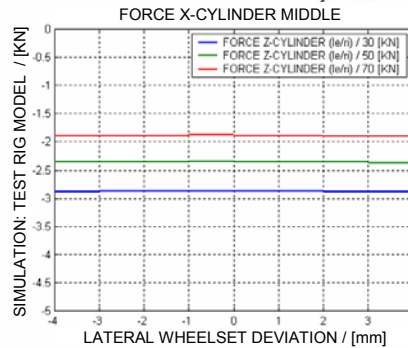
Constrained Force of the Pitch Cylinder (X-Cylinder; u_3)



Test: RASP



Simulation: SIMPACK

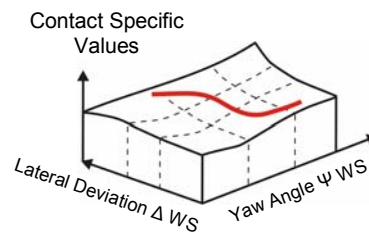


Intention: Adjustment – Difference Between Roller Test Rig and Rail

- Test Rig Dependency
- Vehicle Model / Dynamic Maneuver

Procedure:

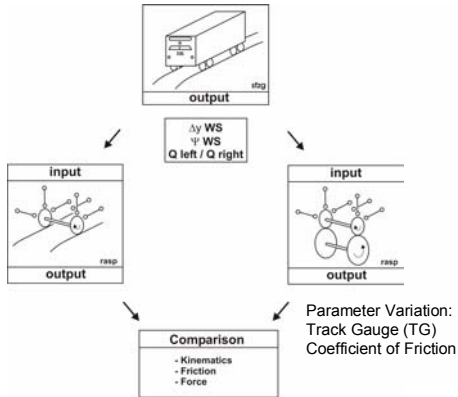
- Analysis of the Differences Using MBS-Simulation



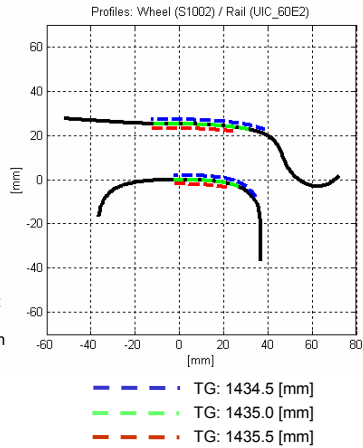
Result:

- Quantification of the systematic Differences
- (Effect of variations in Friction and Track Gauge)

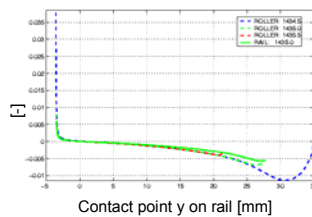
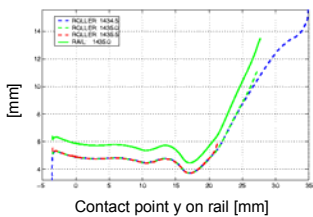
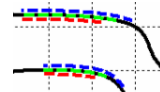
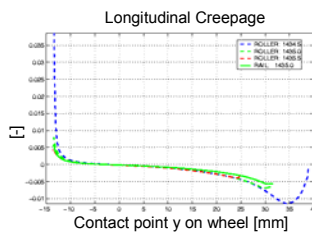
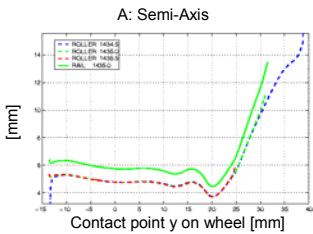
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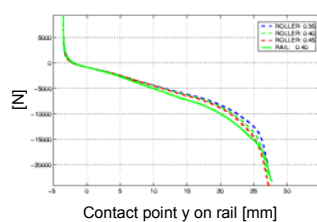
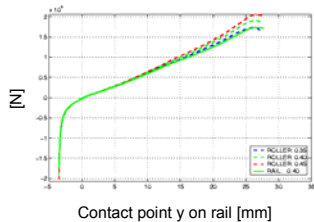
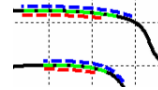
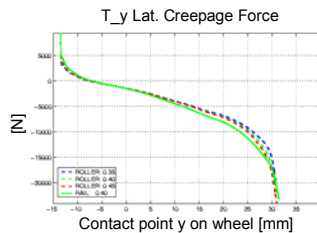
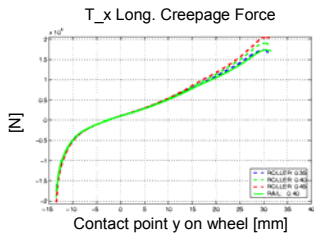
Used Contact Patch Area



Track Gauge Variation: ± 0.5 mm



S-Curve 630 m
Superelevation 0.138 m
Wheelset Load 13.2 t
Velocity 100 km/h

Coefficient of Friction Variation: $\pm 12.5\%$ 

S-Curve 630 m
 Superelevation 0.138 m
 Wheelset Load 13.2 t
 Velocity 100 km/h

“SIMPACK is an important tool within the development environment of the wheel/rail system test rig (RASP)”

Suggestions:

- Documentation of the Output Format – Direct Access (Time Integration-, Linear System- Analysis and Parametervariation)
- Further Development for Using the Batch – Mode on Operating System Platforms
- Info about the Complete Solver Input – Possibility to Check the Actual Used Parameters (Main Model, Database, ...)
- Possibility to Define Time Excitations within a Sub-Structure Model
- Possibility to Select Characteristic Lines within a Parameter Input File