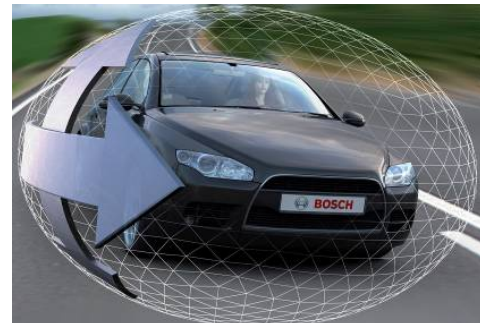


# Vehicle Motion & Safety

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## VMS – Vehicle Motion and Safety

# Information sources (Sensing domains)

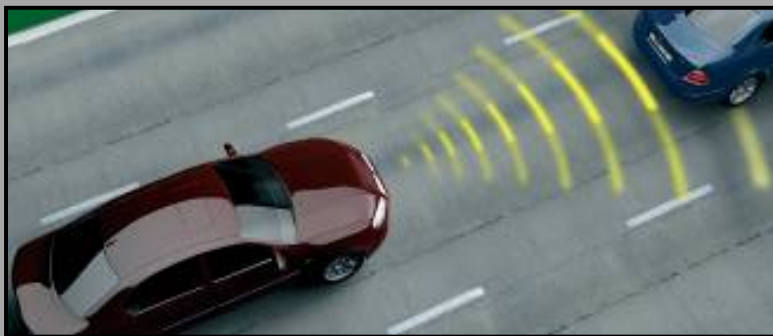
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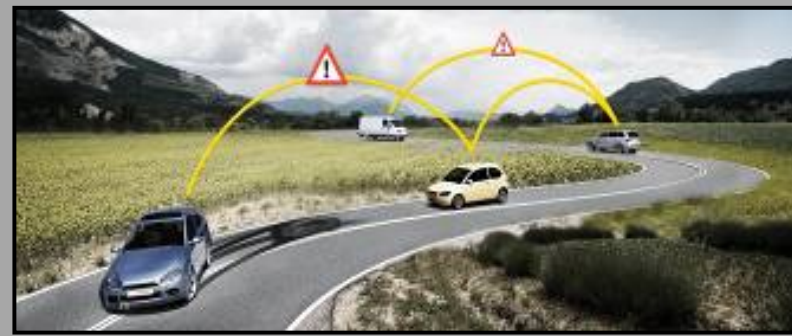
Passive safety data



VMS



Vehicle surroundings



Traffic surroundings

# Information sources (Sensing hardware)

## Actual vehicle status

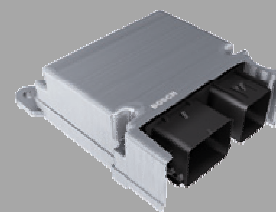
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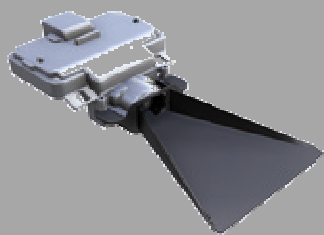
Yaw rate sensor  
Steering angle sensor  
Wheel speed sensor



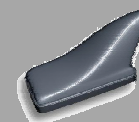
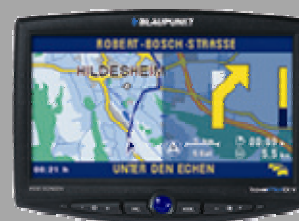
## Passive safety data



Airbag system



Radar Sensors  
Video camera  
**Vehicle surroundings**



Map data  
Positioning data  
Traffic data  
**Traffic surroundings**



# VDM – Vehicle Dynamics Management

## Definition

Within Vehicle Motion and Safety (VMS)

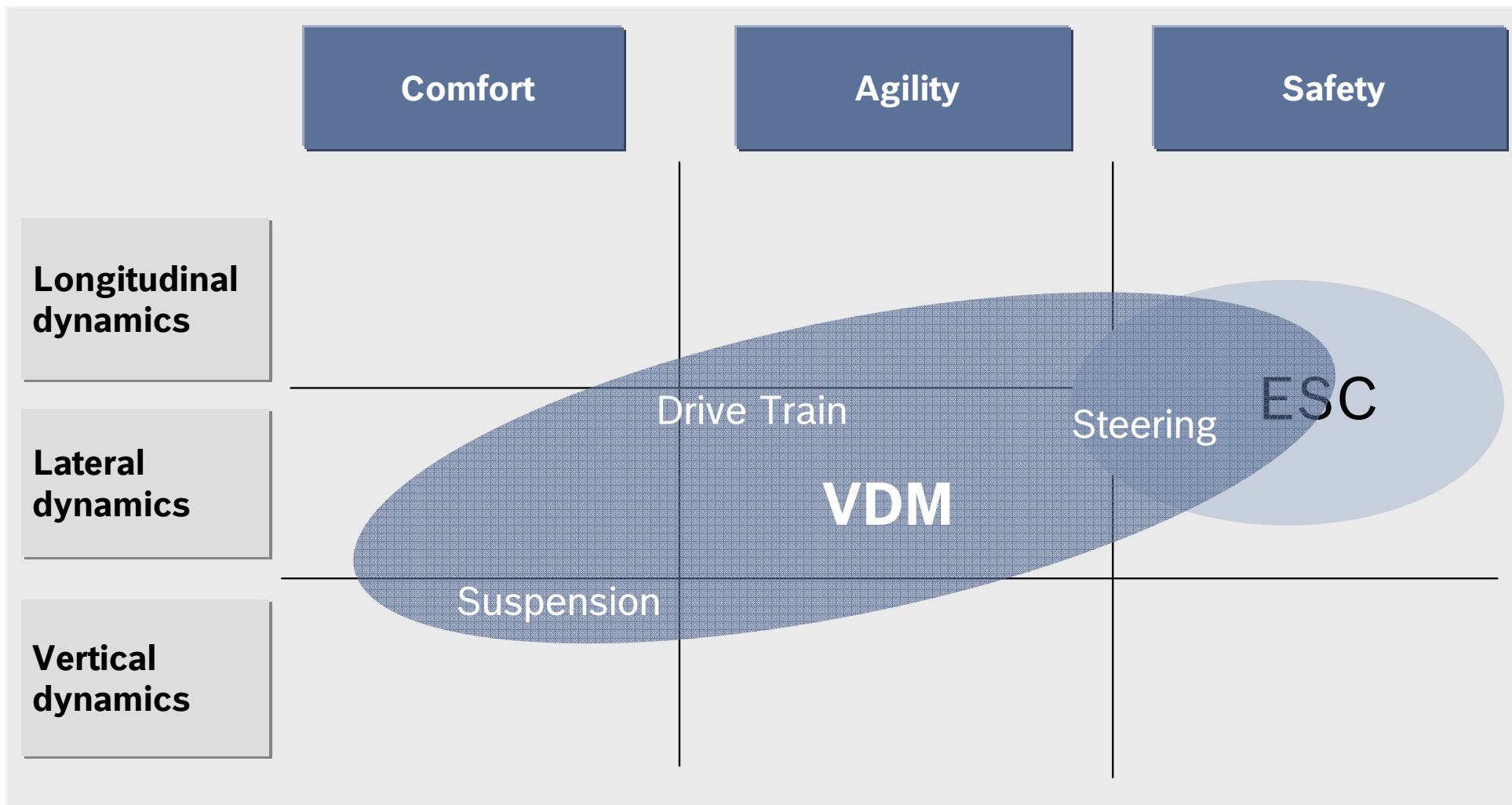
VDM is a set of software and electronic systems networking ESC with other active vehicle-dynamics systems

- for coordinating vehicle dynamics control mainly related to agility and safety
- thus leading to improved chassis characteristics without trade-offs regarding safety



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# Dynamics domain vs. functional aspects



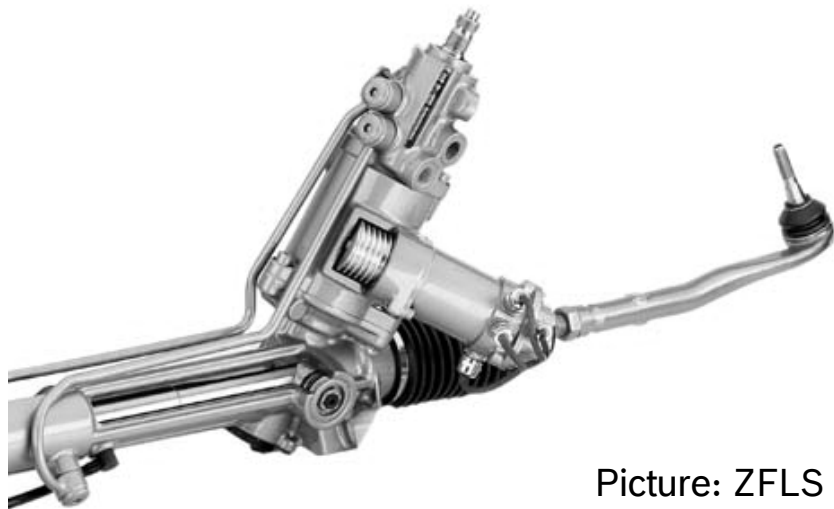
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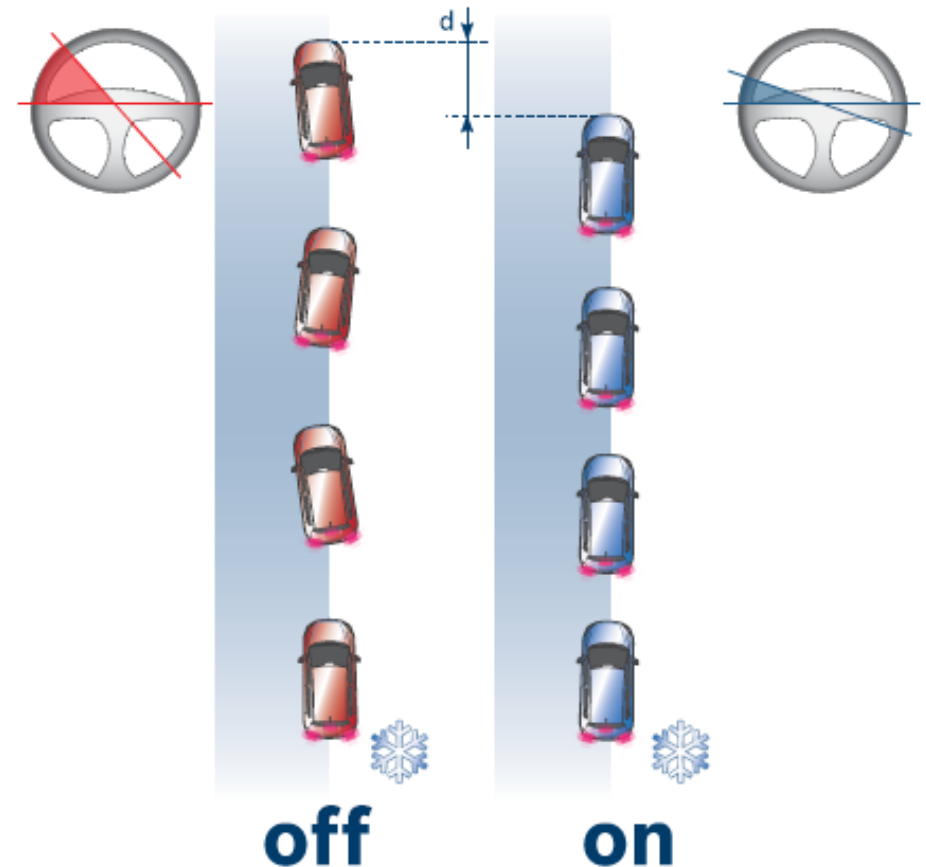
# Dynamic Steering Angle Control

## Principle

ESC controlled modification of steering angle using Active Front Steering



Picture: ZFLS



→ Improve yaw stability and straight running

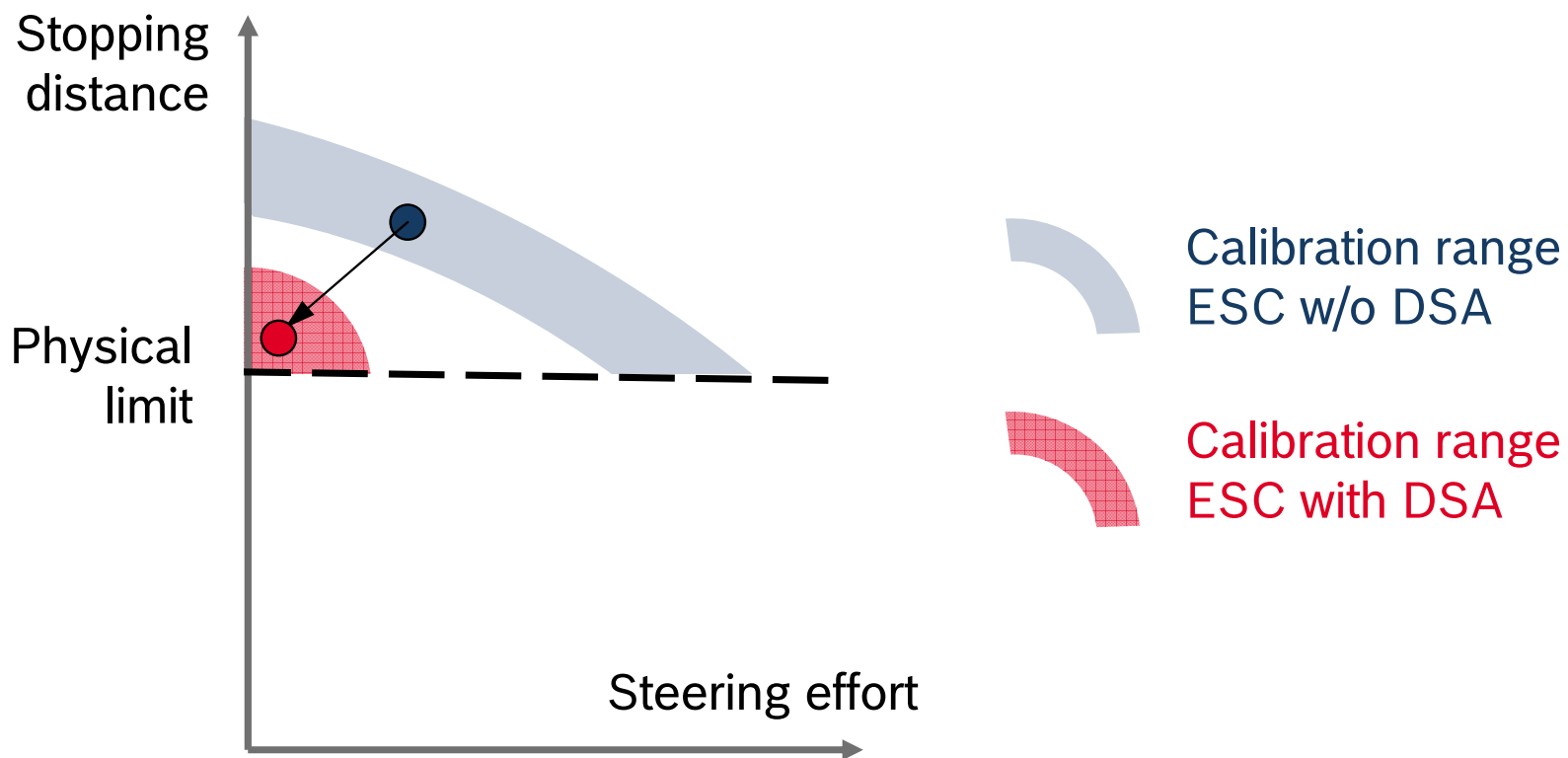
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# Principle of DSA improvements

## Example: Braking on split- $\mu$

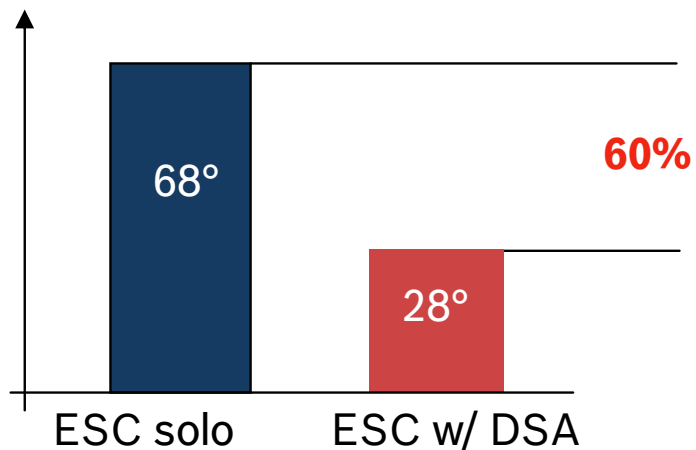


→ Improvement of the relation of steering effort vs. braking distance depends on the calibration of ESC (before networking with DSA)

# Benefits of Dynamic Steering Angle Control

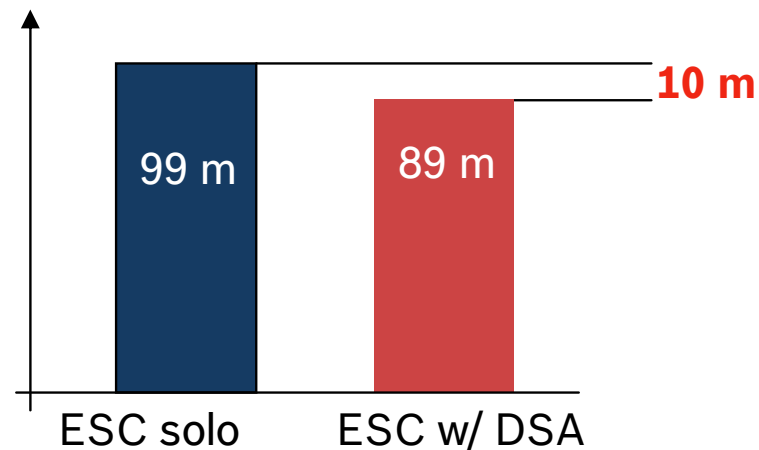
## Example: Braking on split- $\mu$

**Driver comfort / vehicle stability**



Max. steering-wheel angle

**Active Safety**



Braking distance 100 kph → 0 kph

→ Significant benefits in vehicle stability, driver comfort and active safety

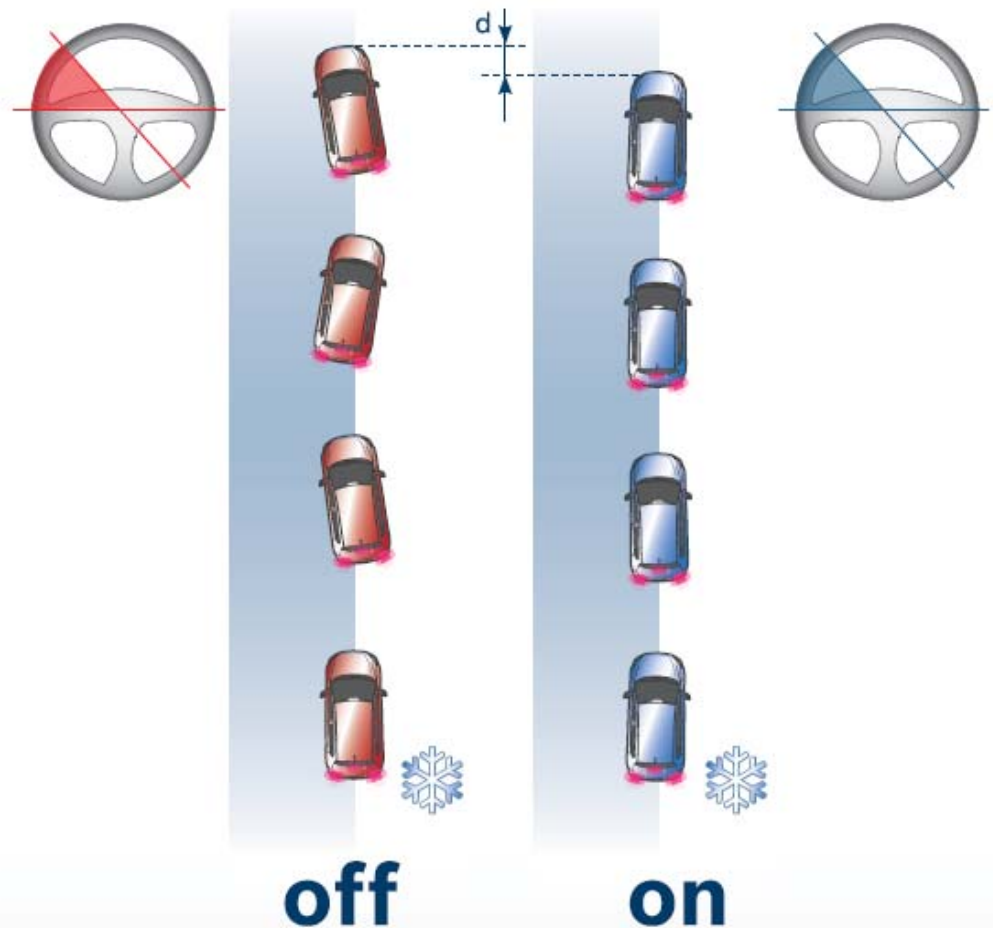
# Dynamic Steering Torque Control

## Principle

ESC controlled steering torque modification for guiding the driver using Electric Power Steering



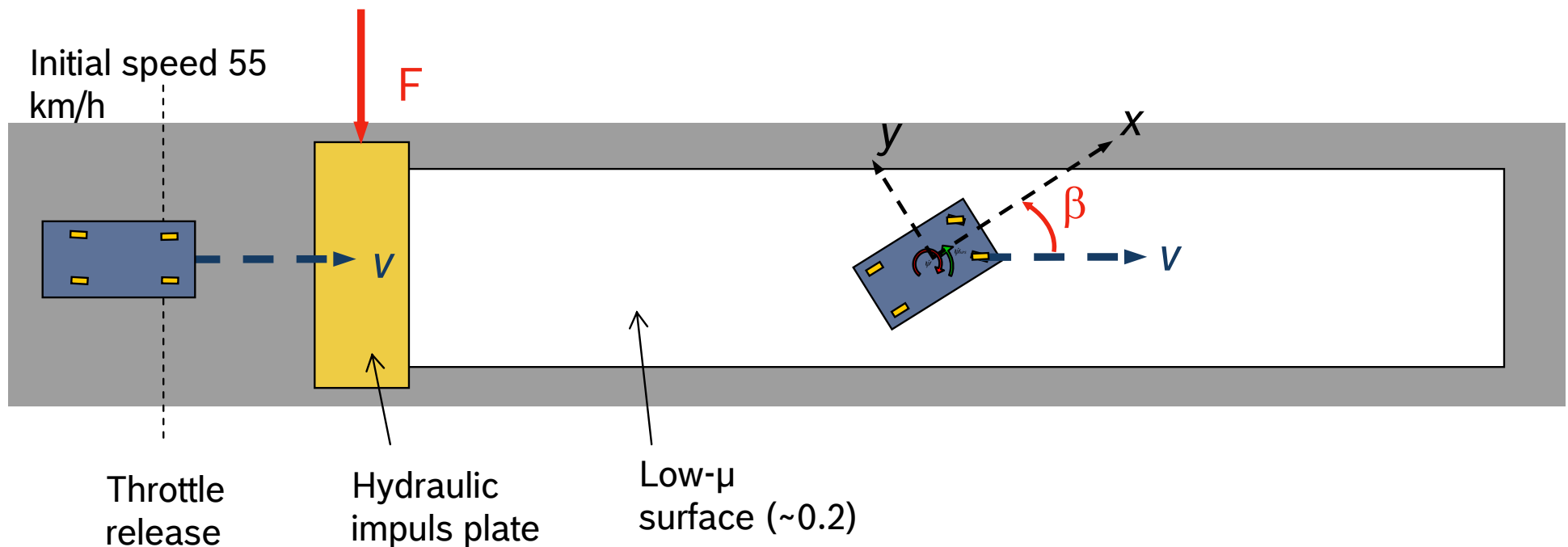
Picture: ZFLS



→ Motivate the driver to adequate steering input

# Benefits quantified: Oversteer Maneuver

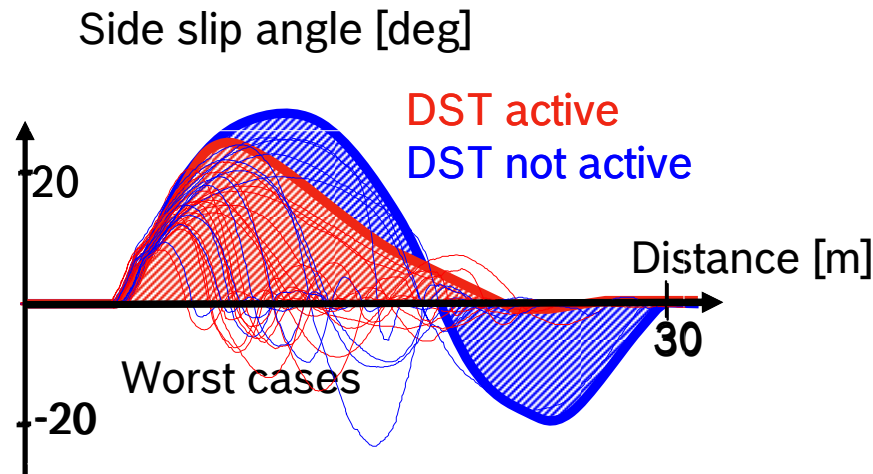
- Maneuver: Vehicle speed 55 km/h over pulse plate, driver tries to stabilize vehicle
- Measurement data: Side slip angle  $\beta$  (from Inertial System)



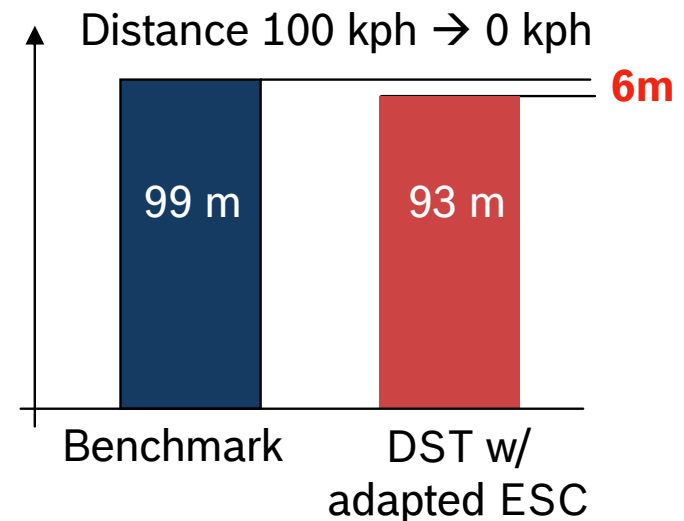
# Dynamic Steering Torque Control

Degree of benefits depending on driver reaction to steering torque intervention

## Oversteer compensation at 55 kph on impulse plate, low- $\mu$



## $\mu$ -split braking



Results depend on ESC calibration

→ Increased vehicle stability and reduced braking distance due to more adequate driver steering reaction

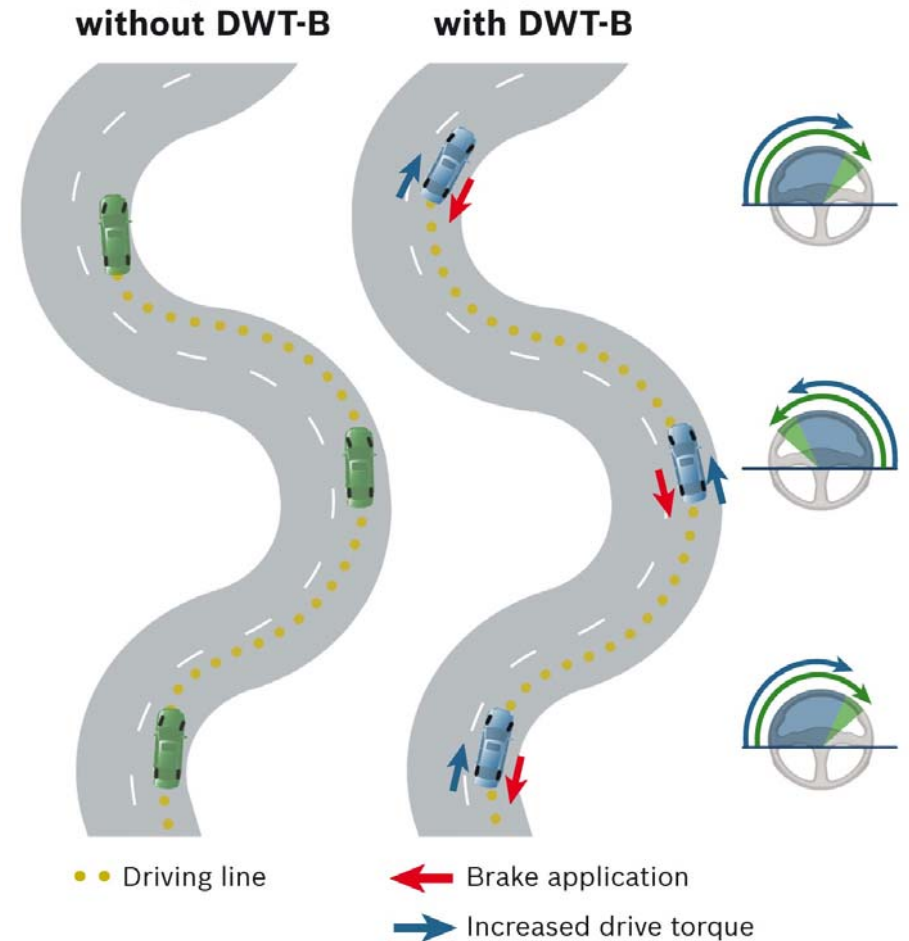
# Dynamic Wheel Torque Control – by Brake or by Differential

## Principle

ESC controlled modification of  
drive torque for specific wheels



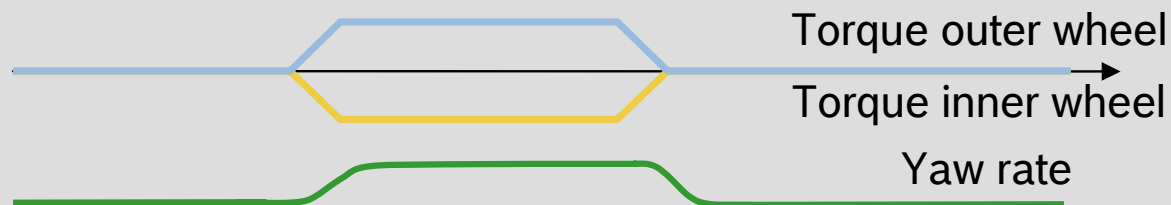
Picture: GKN



→ Improved agility through under-steer reduction without loss of speed

# Principles of Dynamic Wheel Torque Control

## Physical effects for DWT



By Brake



DWT-B: utilizes active brake interventions



By Differential



DWT-D: combination of active differential and brake interventions



→ Comfortable interventions for improved agility without deceleration



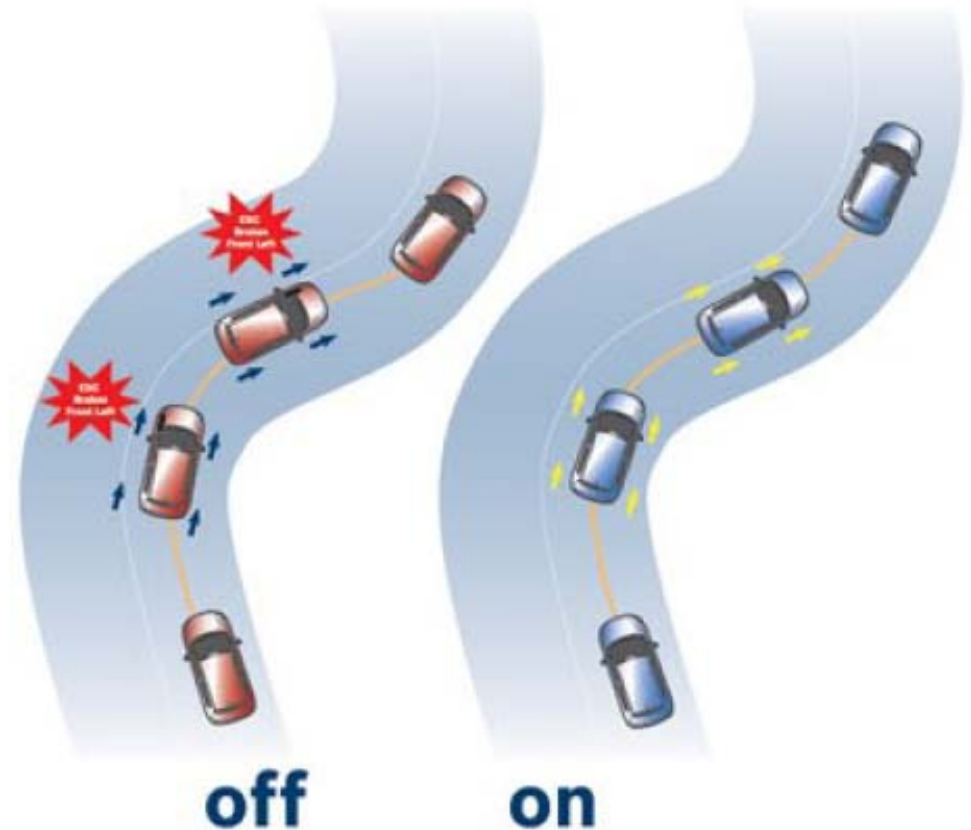
# Dynamic Roll Stabilizer Force Control

## Principle

ESC controlled roll-torque distribution between front and rear axle using active roll stabilizers



Picture: ZF Sachs



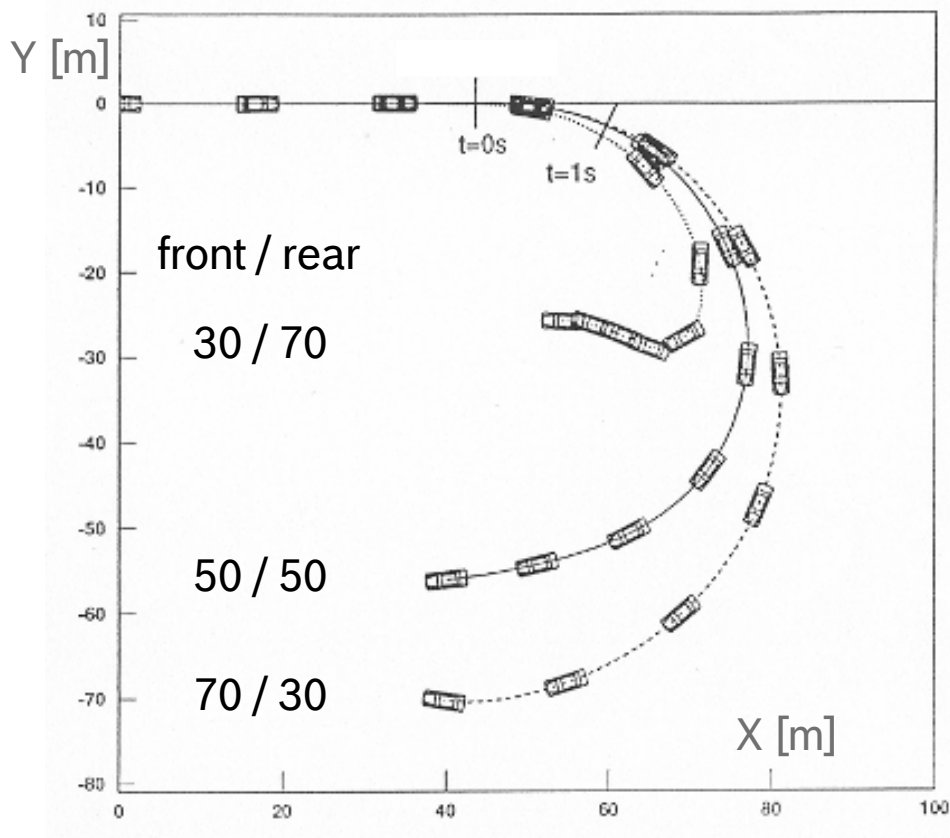
→ Comfortable interventions to support vehicle stabilization

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# Variable self-steering properties



Steering wheel angle =  $140^\circ$ ,  $v = 60$  kph

## Roll moment distribution (front / rear) [%]

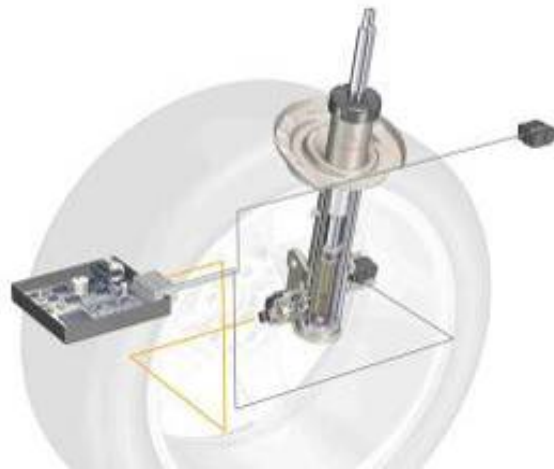
Conventional understeering behavior, passive stabilizers	70 / 30
Enhanced agility, neutral	50 / 50
Extreme case, oversteering behavior	30 / 70

→ Controllable self-steering properties –  
adjustment of vehicle behavior to specific driving situations

# Dynamic Damper Force Control

## Principle

ESC controlled modification of damping coefficients using controllable dampers



Picture: ZF Sachs

## Benefits in typical driving maneuvers

- Cornering
  - Improved oversteering mitigation
  - Improved steerability w/o compromising stability
- Full braking
  - Brake distance reduction, especially on rough-road

→ Improve steerability and brake performance

# Phases of Vehicle Motion and Safety

