

# New and renewed measures related to pavement surface texture and the potential applications

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In the beginning ....



Sand patch (TRL Road Note) → Volumetric patch (ASTM)  
Also outflow meter



1950-  
1970's

Association  
mondiale  
de la Route

AIPCR



PIARC

World Road  
Association

## The International PIARC Experiment 1992-95

EXPÉRIENCE INTERNATIONALE AIPCR DE COMPARAISON ET D'HARMONISATION DES MESURES D'ADHÉRENCE ET DE TEXTURE

INTERNATIONAL PIARC EXPERIMENT TO COMPARE AND HARMONIZE TEXTURE AND SKID RESISTANCE MEASUREMENTS

Sandpatch:  
Mean  
Texture  
Depth  
(MTD)

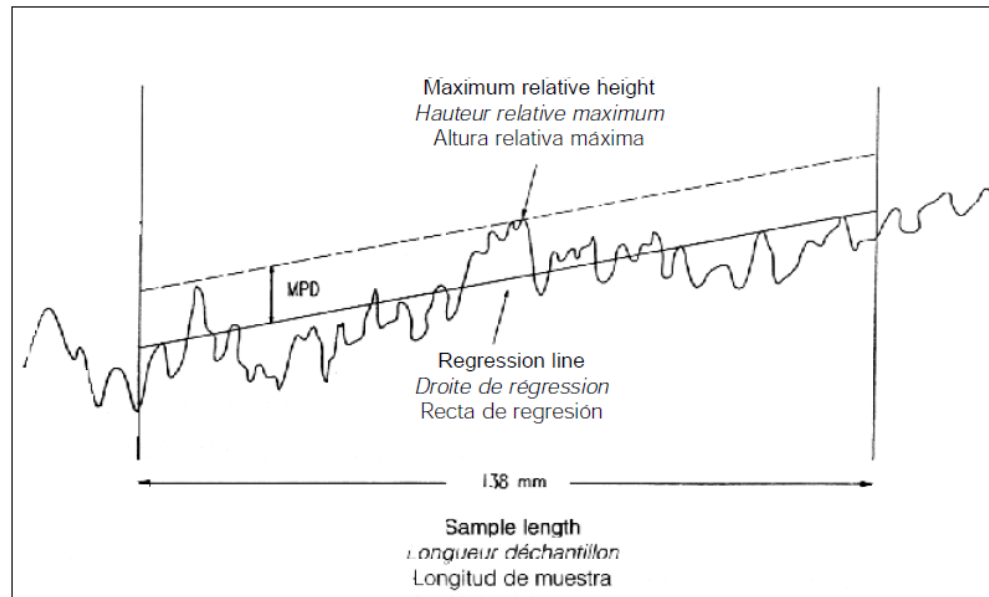


Figure 7. Definition of Mean Profile Depth (MPD) as reported by devices A4 and A5. Note that ISO/CD 13473 now requires a baseline (sample length) of 100 m.

Profile:  
Mean  
Profile  
Depth  
(MPD)



International  
Organization for  
Standardization

**ISO/TC 43/SC 1/WG 39**

**"Measurement of pavement surface macrotexture depth  
using a profiling method"**

1993 --- present

Convenor: Ulf Sandberg

# Overview – ISO standards

ISO 13473-1:1997 - Mean Profile Depth -- also EN std

New: ISO/FDIS 13473-1, now submitted for final vote

ISO 13473-2\* - Terminology & Basic requirements

ISO 13473-3\* - Specification of profilometers

ISO/TS 13473-4\* - Texture spectrum determination

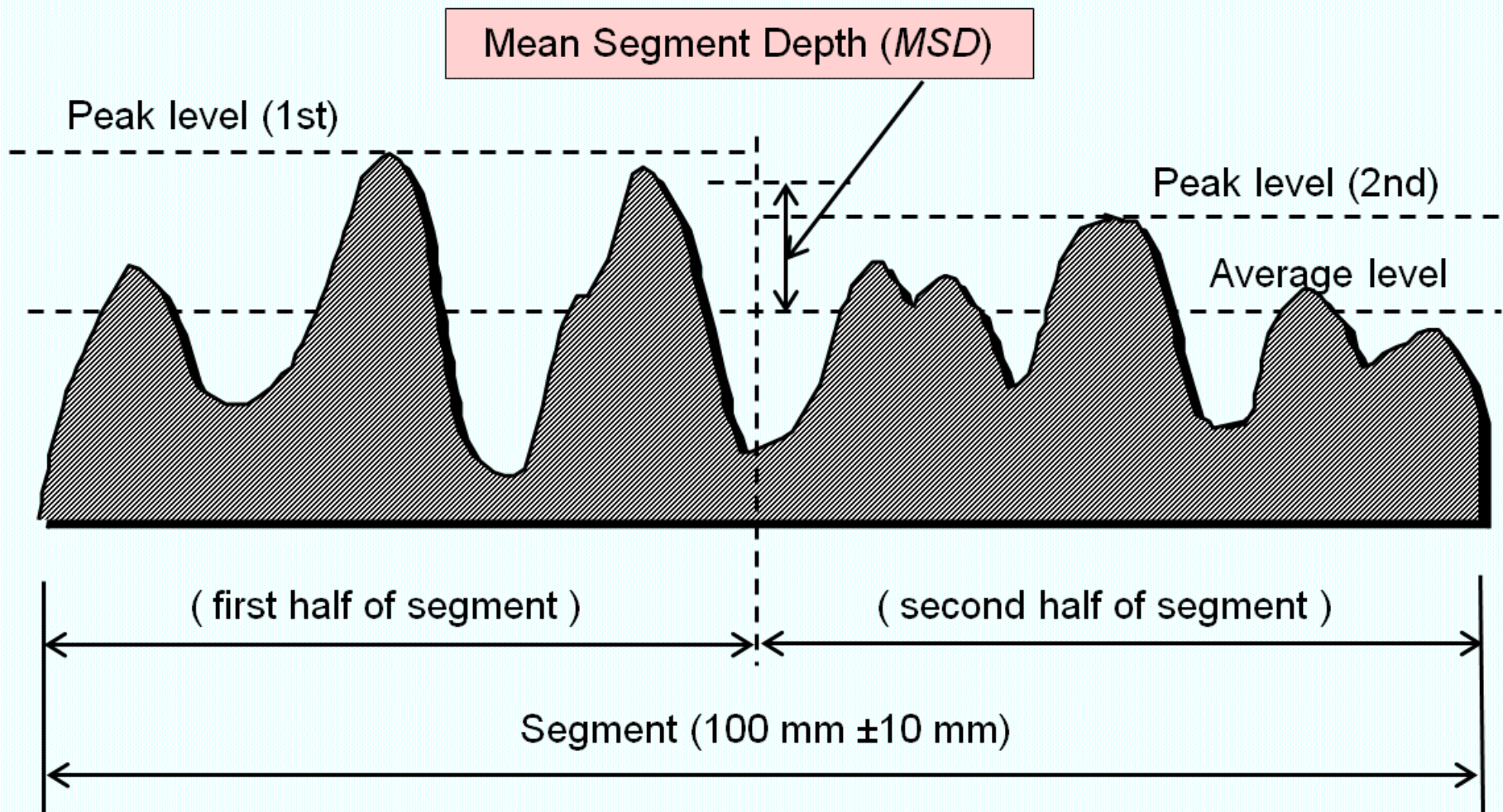
ISO 13473-5 - Megatexture measurement -- also EN std

ISO/PAS 13473-6 - Development of a verification procedure  
for contactless profilometers (under development)

\* Will be revised in the next few years, to reflect the developments



# (New) Mean Profile Depth (MPD)



*MPD* is the average of all *MSD*:s for a test section

**Estimated Texture Depth:  $ETD = 1,1 \cdot MPD$**

# What we have done with the MPD standard:

Introduce a number of data quality enhancements and eliminating data-influencing options

**~~Slope suppression~~ - Highpass filtering, cutoff at 140 mm  
(minimize phase distortion)**

**Limit sampling options**

**Normalize profile sharpness**

**Specify the use of lowpass filtering better**

**(cutoff at 3,0 mm, minimize phase distortion and overshoot)**

**Requiring the use of low- and highpass filtering, using 2<sup>nd</sup> order Butterworth – applied in both directions (similar effect as 4th order filters)**



# Limiting performance

**The standardized filtering means that we deliberately are limiting the high-frequency performance and sharpness of peaks that we can detect**

**Better to do so than getting non-comparable results from different equipment, and running at different speeds and conditions**

**In future revisions of the standard, the performance may be increased by changing the filter cutoff frequencies**

# Result

**The new version should be free of the problems we have noticed with the old one**

**There is no significant change in MPD values from old to new method**

**The new MPD standard is submitted for final ballot in October 2018**

The image features a large, highly reflective silver sphere as the central focus, which appears to be a planet or a large moon, showing detailed surface features like craters and continents. To its left is a smaller, glowing green sphere, also highly reflective, with a bright light source creating a strong highlight. Both spheres are mounted on a dark, ornate metal stand with curved, claw-like supports. In the lower right, a small, glowing orange sphere is also visible on a similar stand. The background is a dark, out-of-focus space filled with numerous bright, distant stars, creating a sense of depth and cosmic scale. The overall lighting is dramatic, with the spheres reflecting the ambient light and each other.

**The future**

# Microtexture profile measurements

Stationary devices available, but mobile highly desirable

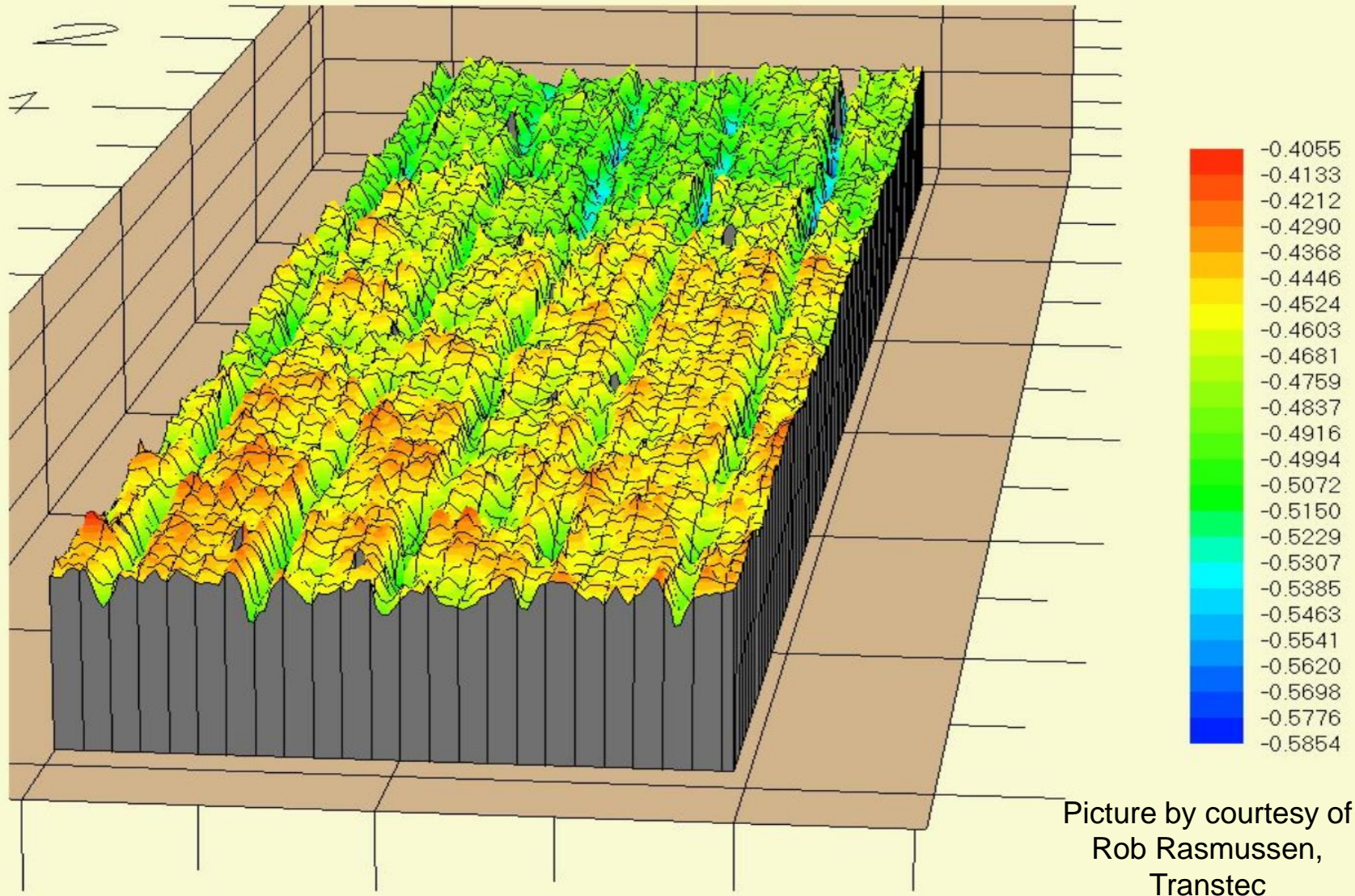
Possibilities worth trying:

High-resolution, ultra-high-speed stereo cameras  
Depolarization of light (although not profile)?

While waiting for better technology, use the wavelength range 0.2 – 1.0 mm as a microtexture proxy



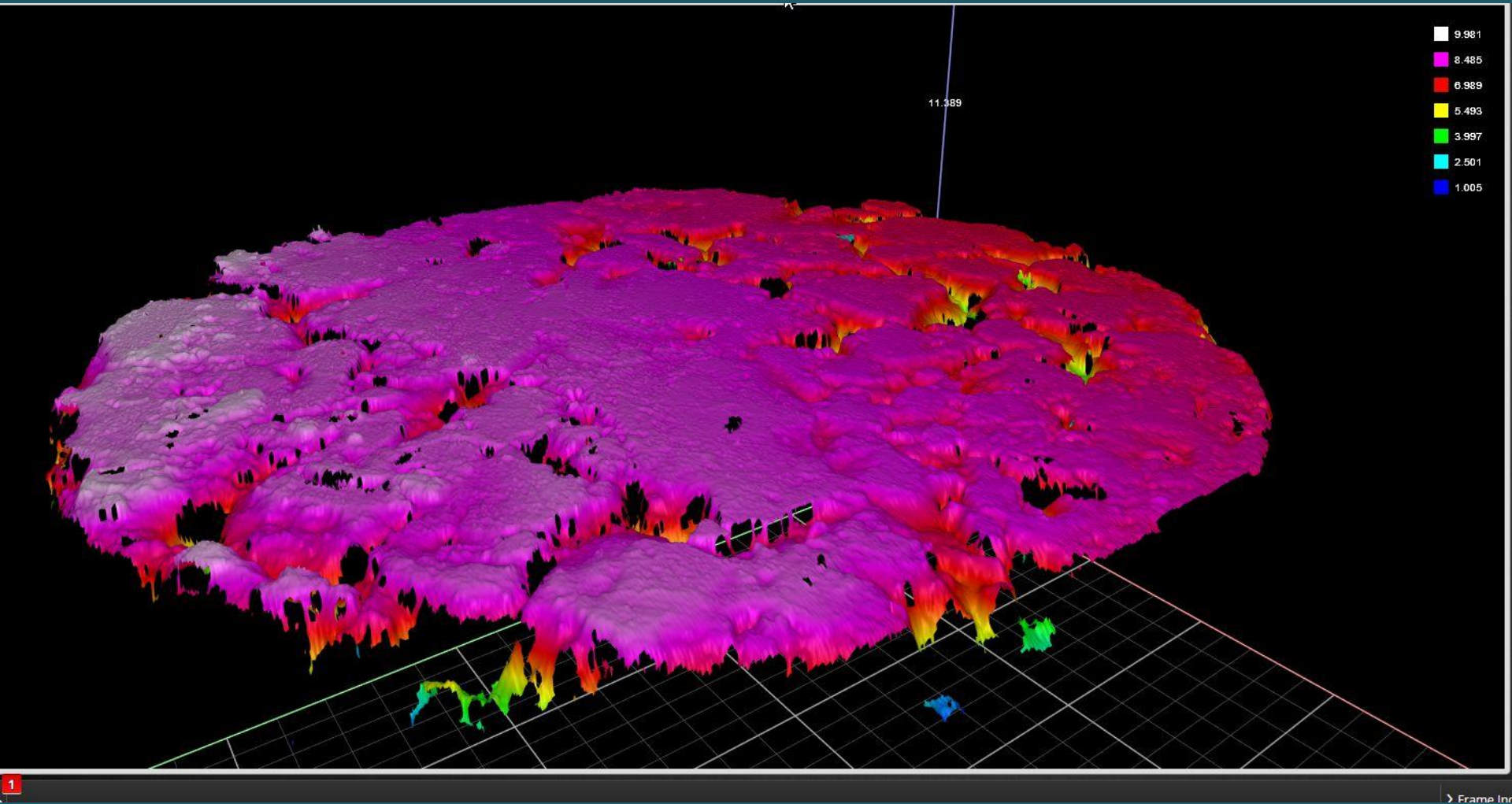
# Digital 3D surface profile



Spectacular; but it comes at a price; more useful to develop resolutions into microtexture

# Digital 3D texture depth method

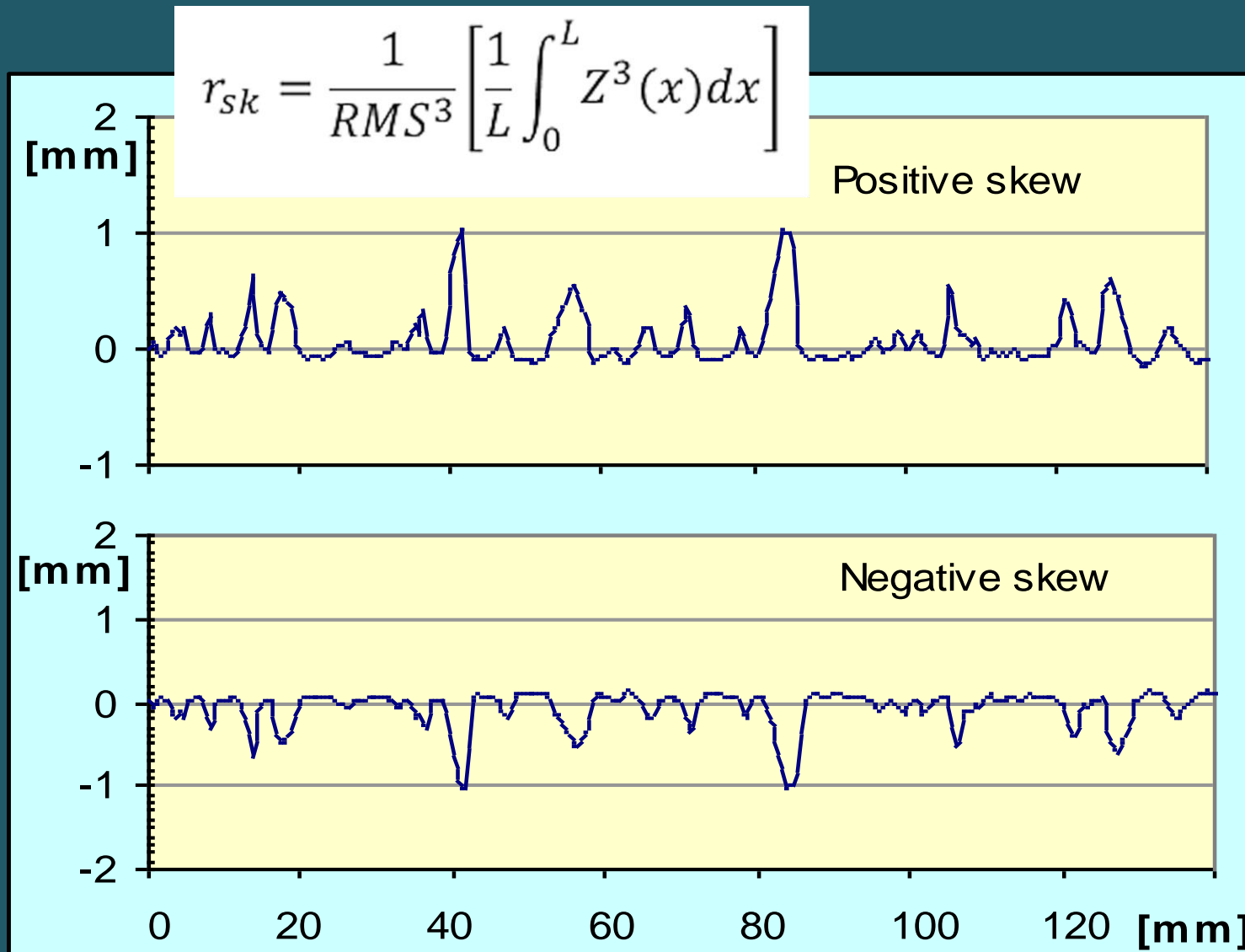
(Current questionnaire in CEN/TC 227/WG 5)



Picture courtesy by Leif Sjögren

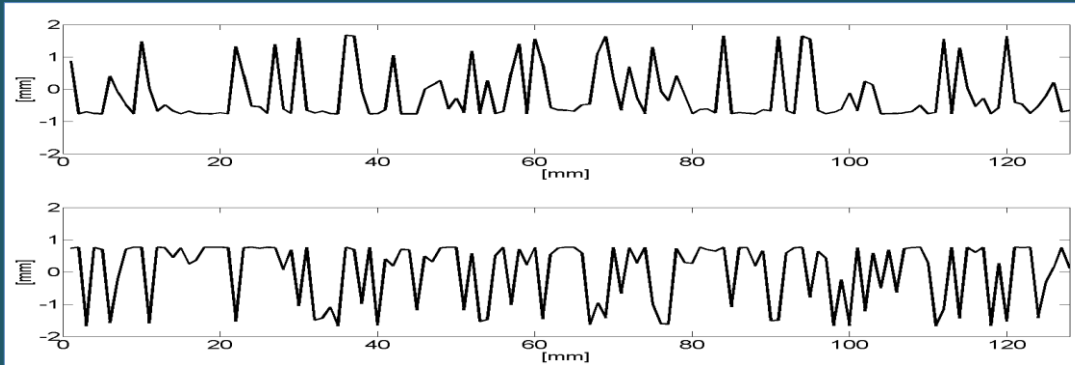
# Negative and positive texture: skew

Skewness parameter defined in ISO 13473-2

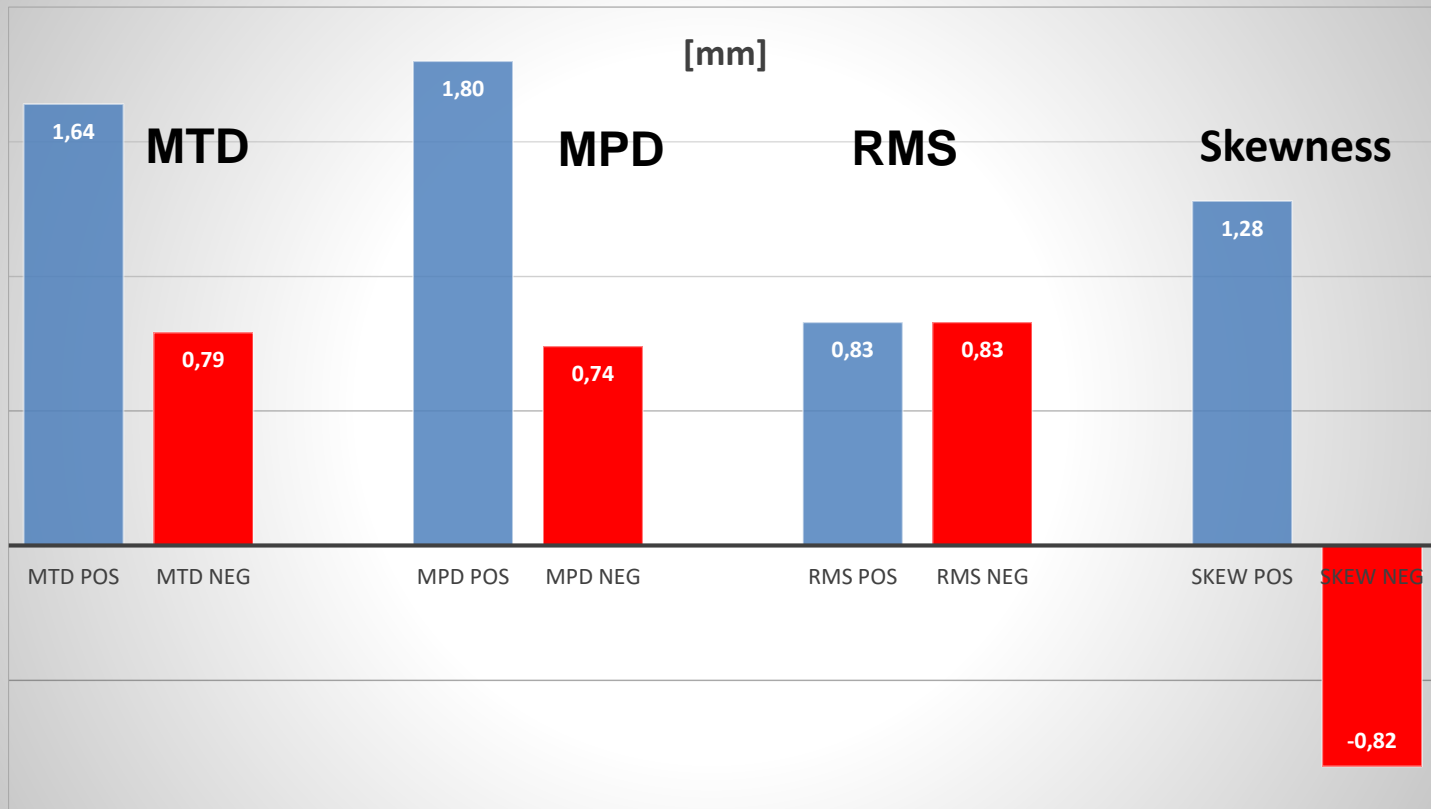


# Various measures applied on asymmetrical profiles

Blue:



Red:

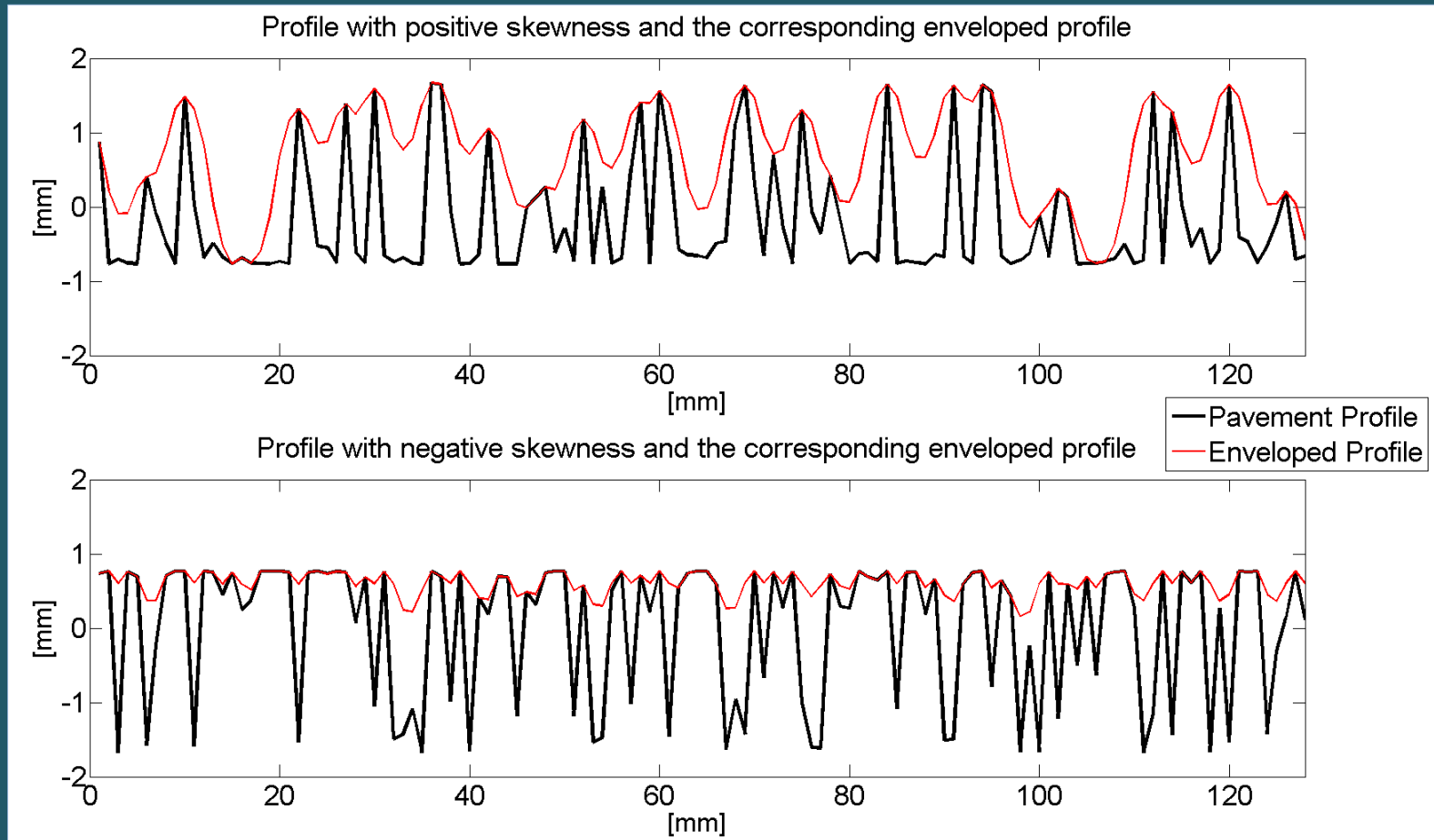




# Enveloping profile measurements

To simulate the enveloping of the surface by tyre  
treads

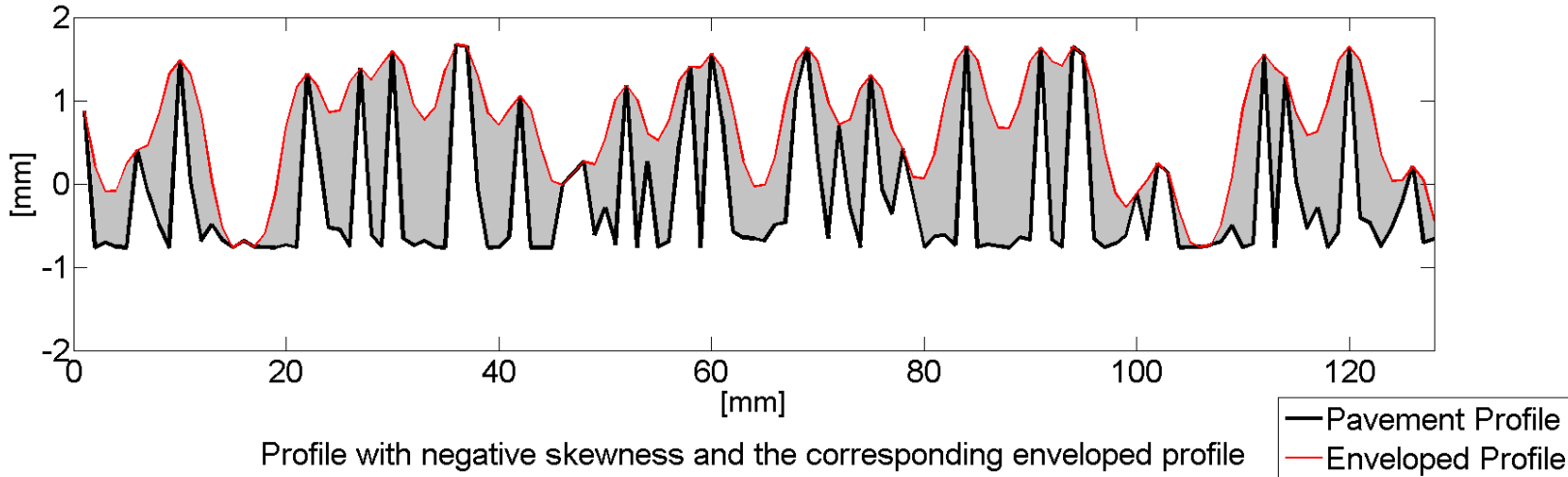
# Tyre enveloping of the profile – Enveloped Profile Depth ('EPD')



Enveloped curves generated based on properties of reference tyres P1 and H1 in ISO/TS 11819-3, using the procedure described at the SURF 2018 conference, in [Goubert & Sandberg, 2018]

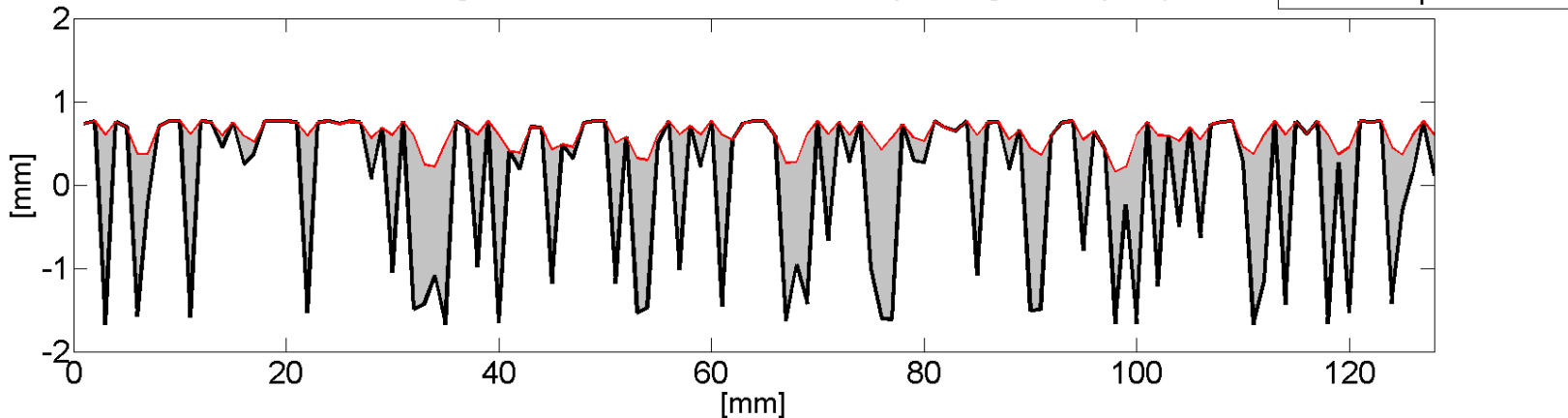
# Texture drainage area: 'TDA'

Profile with positive skewness and the corresponding enveloped profile



115 mm<sup>2</sup>

Profile with negative skewness and the corresponding enveloped profile



75 mm<sup>2</sup>

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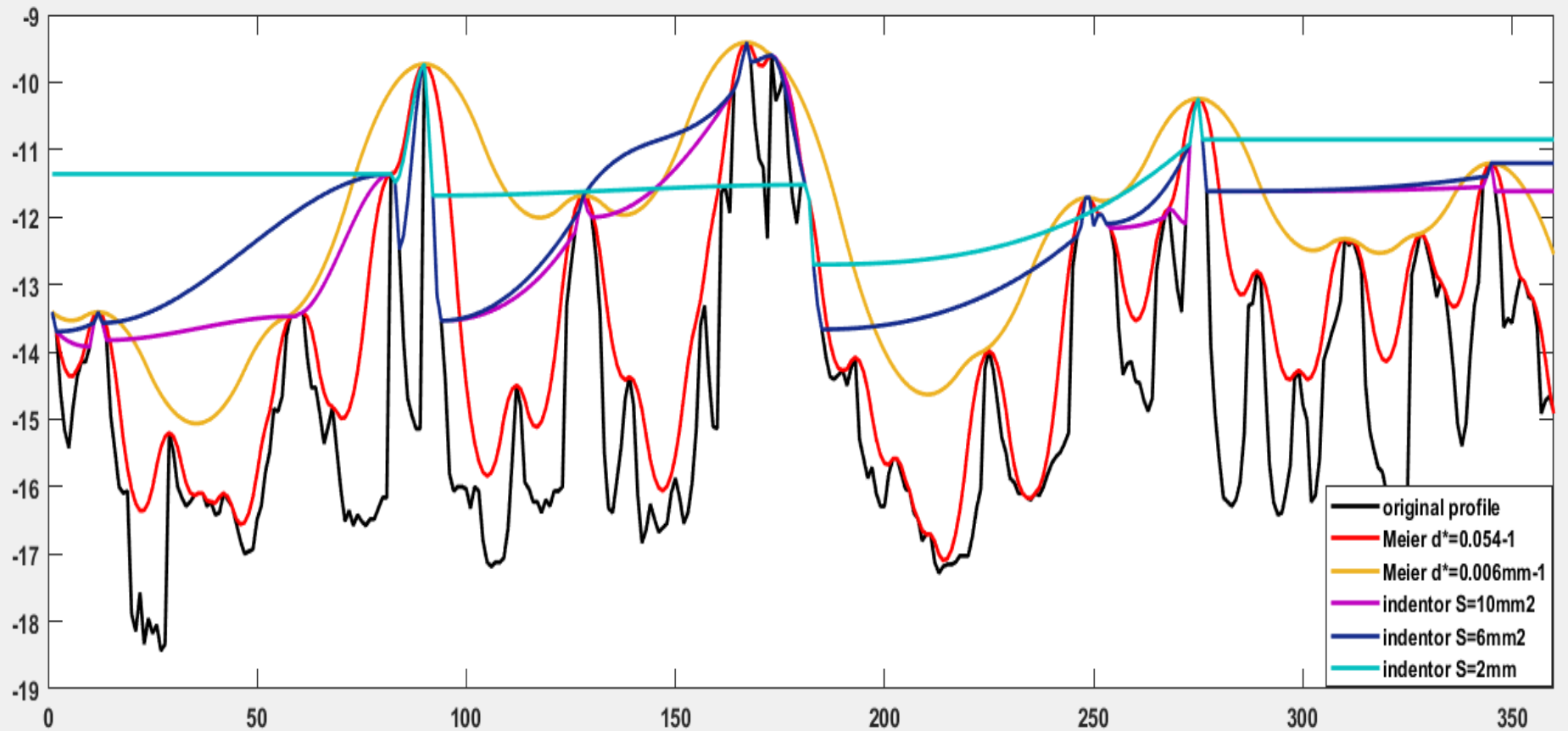
Another measure, similar to TDA: **'Effective Area for Water Evacuation (EAWWE)'**

proposed by Mogrovejo et al, 2016, at Virginia Tech

We prefer TDA because the area is important not only for  
water evacuation  
also for air and dust



# Various enveloping methods proposed



# Problem with enveloping

Ideally, each tyre's enveloping property should be tested

And it depends on the tyre load and inflation!

Obviously, one must make several simplifying assumptions.

New area of R & D

# Effect of enveloping the profile, as seen currently

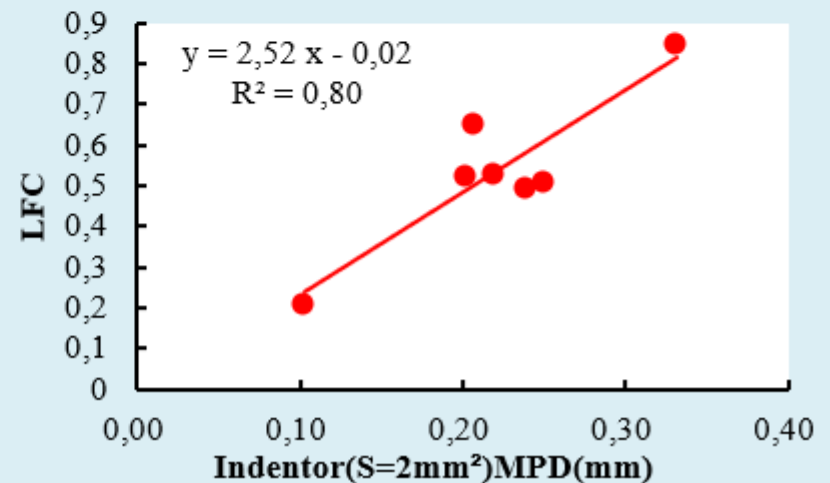
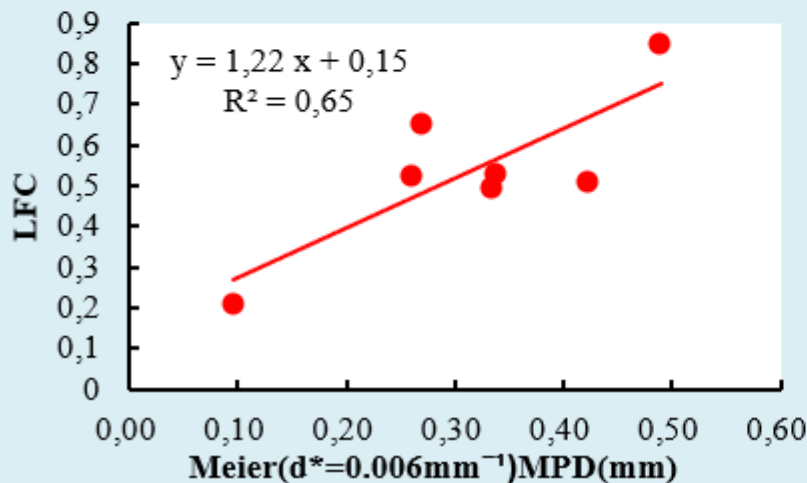
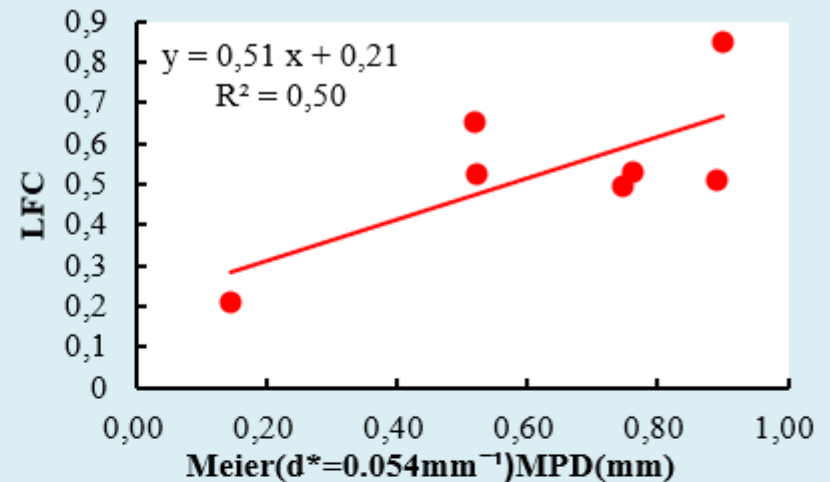
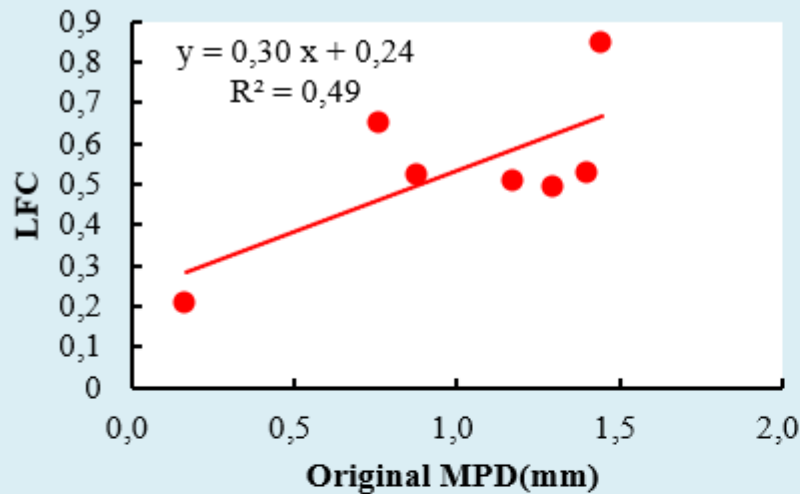
Rolling resistance: Correlation RRC – MPD improves somewhat,  
according to projects MIRIAM and ROSANNE

Noise: Correlation Noise level – MPD does not improve ....  
.... but there is a potential for substantial improvement if  
separating noise in frequency bands (not yet demonstrated)

Friction/Skid resistance: See next page!

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Similar but somewhat lower effects seen for SFC values!

And yet, we don't have enveloping property of exactly the friction test tyres

The effect is expected to be even greater for the speed coefficient of friction but not yet tested

Promising for the future, as mobile profiling can supply much better prediction of friction than currently

# Estimation of road surface properties from texture measurements – my vision

**Rolling resistance:** Enveloped MPD or RMS, combined with megatexture

**Noise:** Enveloped MPD or RMS for low-frequency noise, TDA for high-frequency noise; potentially supplemented by filters

**Speed influence on friction:** Enveloped MPD or RMS, or TDA

**Friction:** Enveloped MPD or RMS, in far future combined with microtexture

**Splash and spray:** TDA; ideally combined with voids content for porous surfaces

**Emission of fine particles and dust:** TDA may be a descriptor of dust load (PhD student at VTI working on this)

**Tyre wear and microplastics emission:** TDA ; in future combined with microtexture

**Note:** Maybe a measure for profile at wavelengths of 0.2-1 mm can be used as a temporary proxy for microtexture

# Conclusions



ERPUG has a great future!  
Researchers will have a lot to do





**The end**