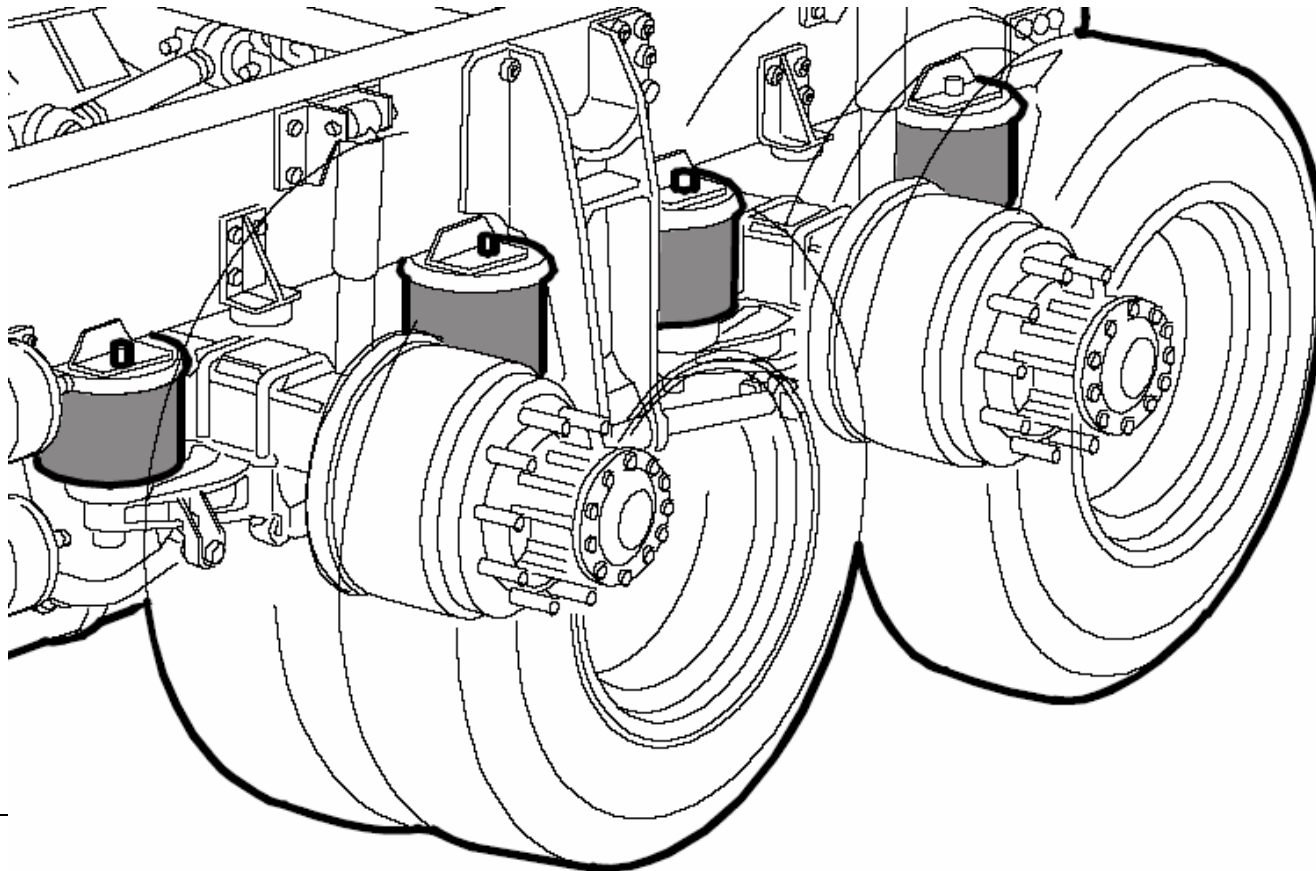


Dimensionieren und prinzipielles Verhalten von Luftfeder-/Dämpfermodulen



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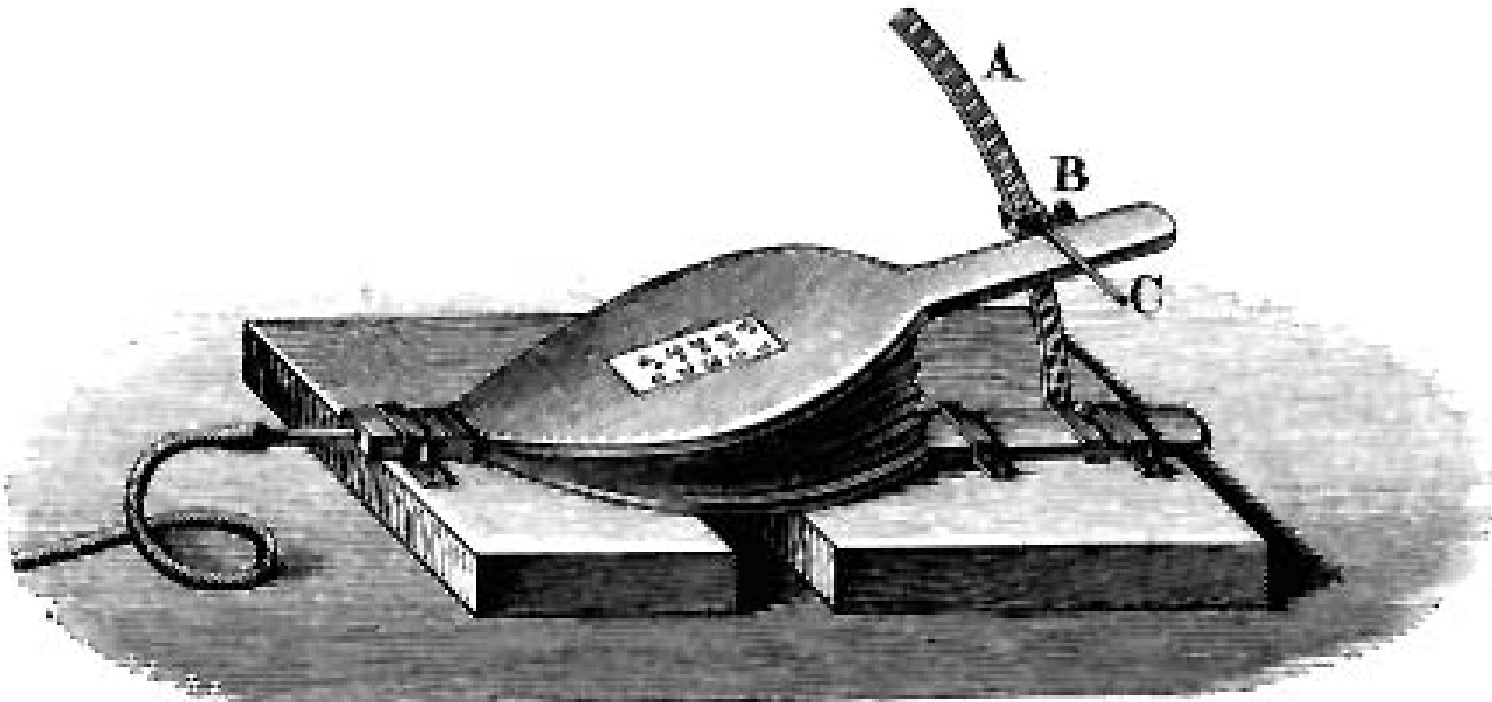
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Evolution of air suspension system ...

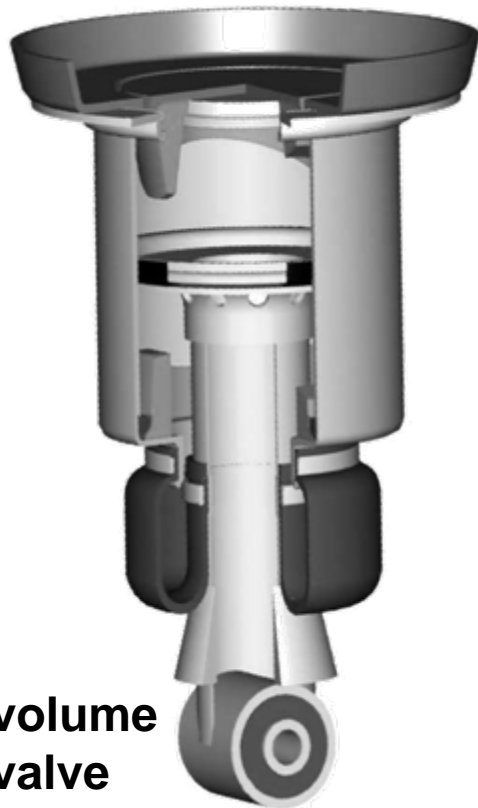


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Physiologische Methodik
Braunschweig: Vieweg & Sohn

... to adaptive air spring damper



**2 volume
1 valve**

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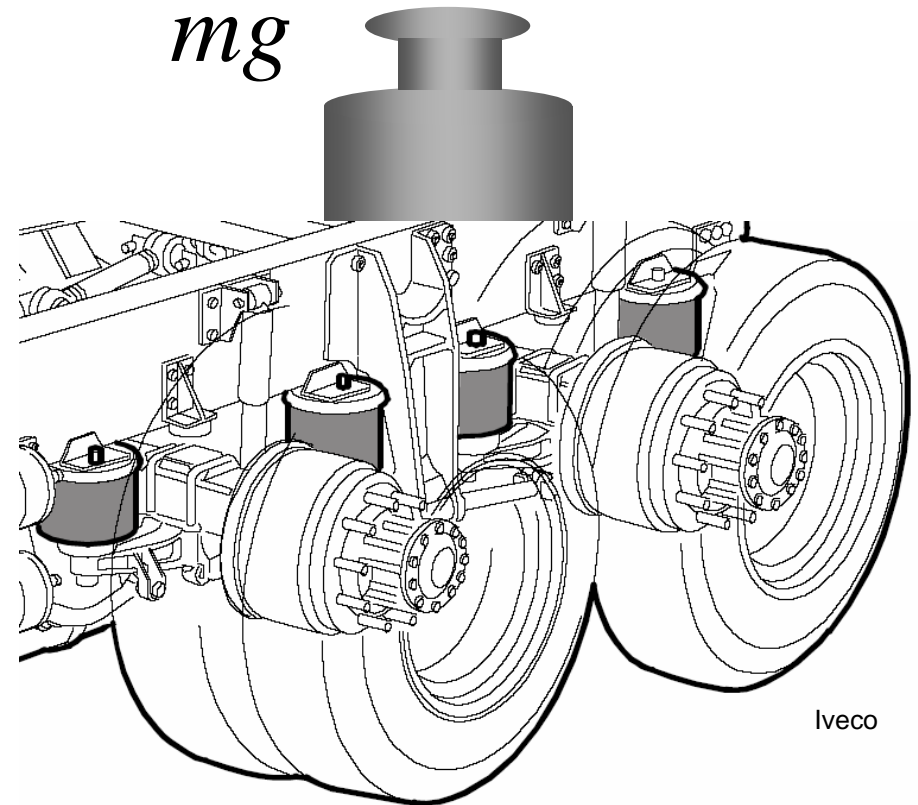


**3 volume air spring damper
2 valve**

Vibracoustic

The tasks of any passive suspension system

- Carry the load!
- Store kinetic energy and leaving the eigenfrequency unchanged by loading!
- Dissipate kinetic energy
- Have as less as possible dry friction within the suspension system to reduce harshness and not to restrict the tuning possibilities
- Be robust, not to pricy, and in case easy to replace

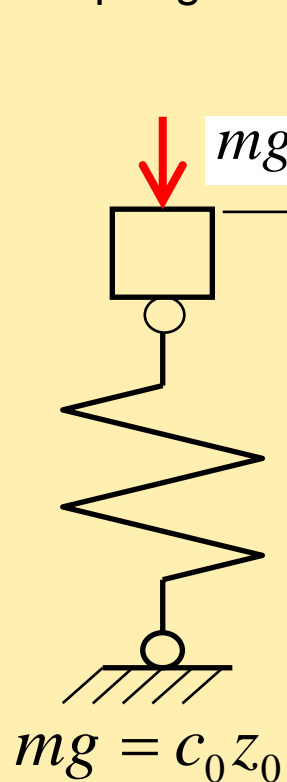


Carry the load

„the heavy mass”

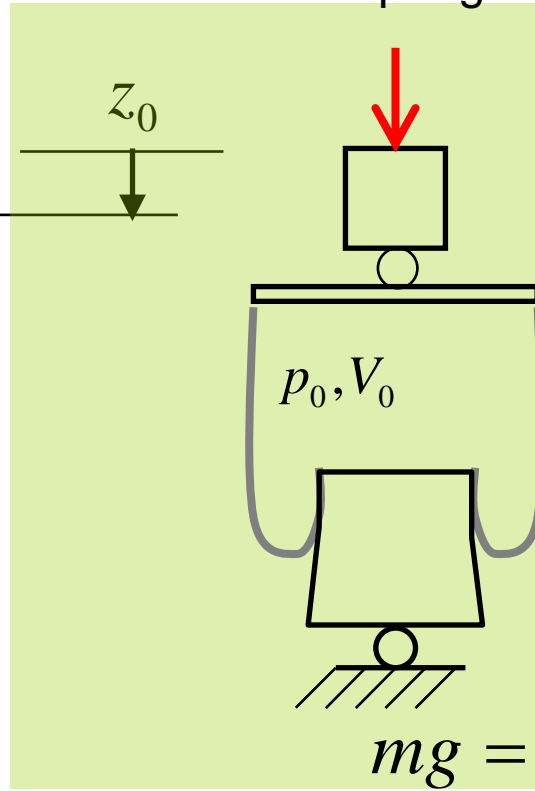


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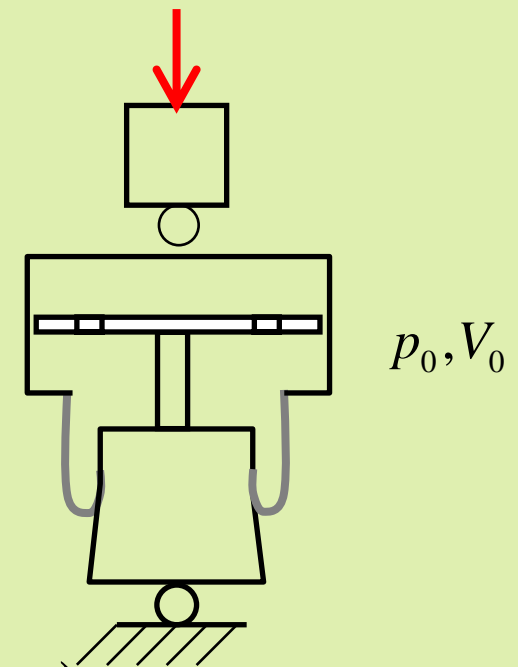
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air spring



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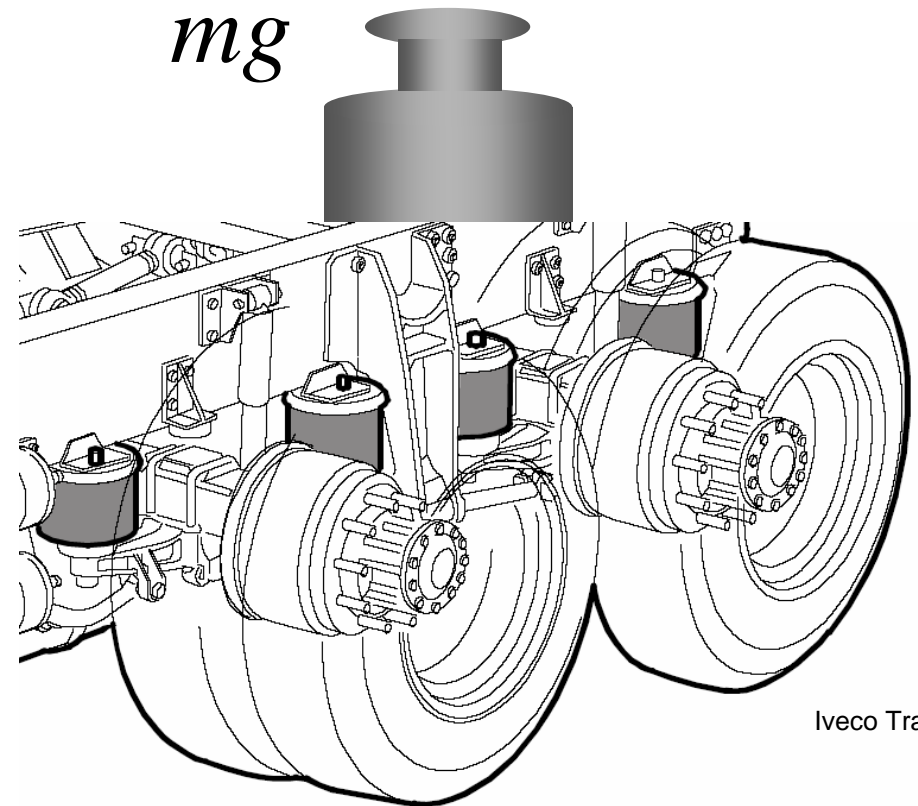
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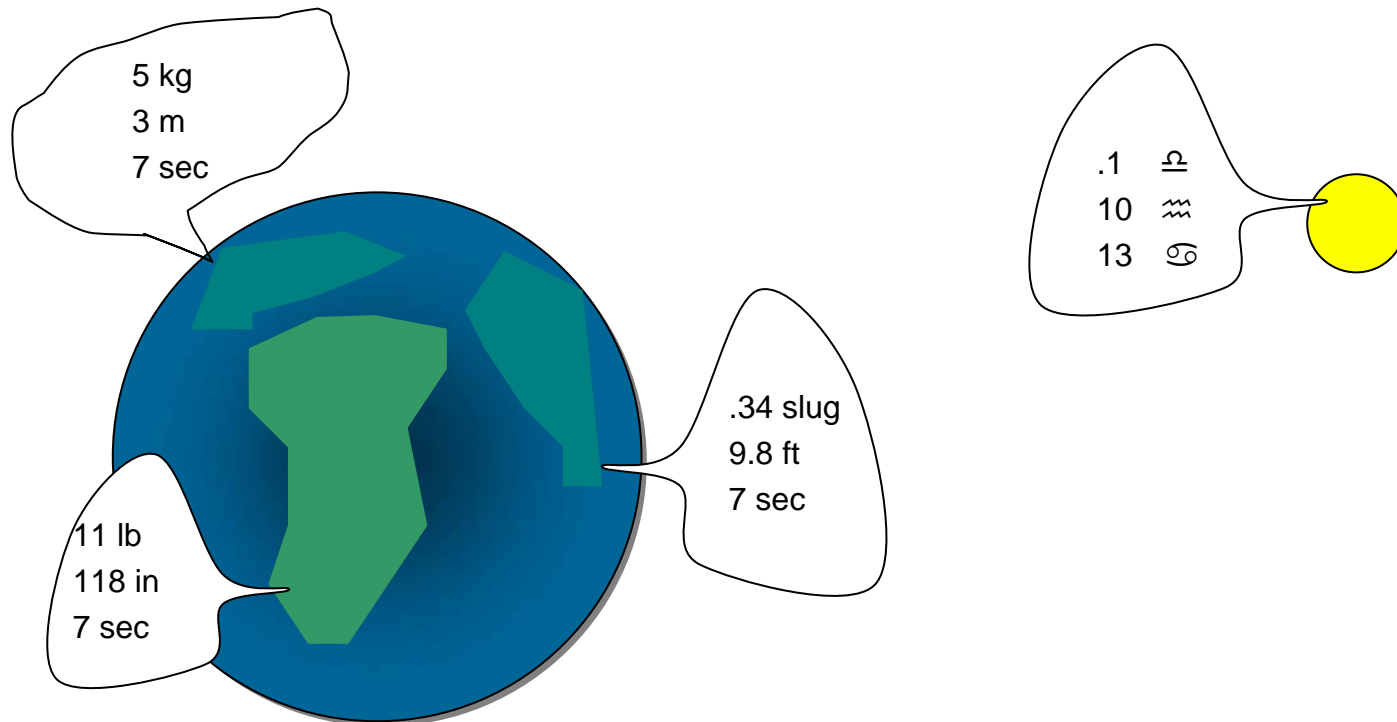
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The Bridgman Postulat and the Buckingham Π Theorem

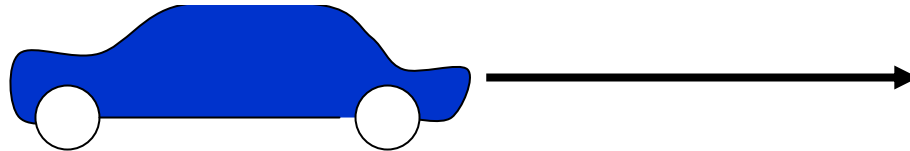
- Predefined basic physical quantities (e.q. MLT, FLT, FL,) and physical units (e.q. kg m s, kp m s, kp m,) restricts our technical-physical thinking in a sense, that one has always has to explain the definition of the quantities



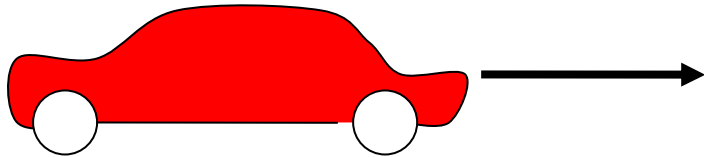
Only relativ quantities are absolut quantities (Bridgman Postulat)

- The blue car moves twice as fast as the red vehicle is a relative statement

$$72\text{km/h} = f(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_r), \quad 20\text{m/sec} = f(c_1 y_1, c_2 y_2, \dots, c_r y_r)$$



$$36\text{km/h} = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r), \quad 10\text{m/sec} = f(c_1 x_1, c_2 x_2, \dots, c_r x_r)$$



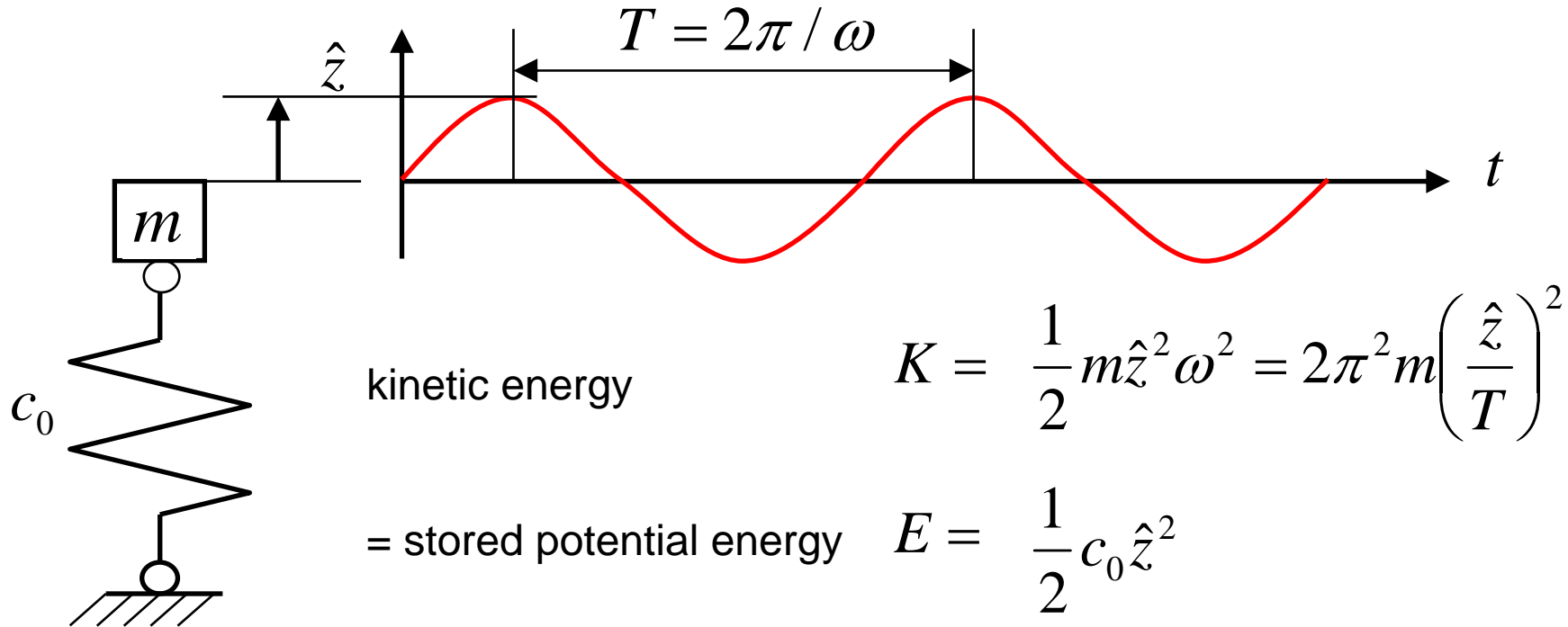
$$\frac{x}{y} \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{x'}{y'} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \underline{\underline{x = x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_2} \dots x_r^{a_r}}}$$

Store kinetic energy

„the inertia mass“



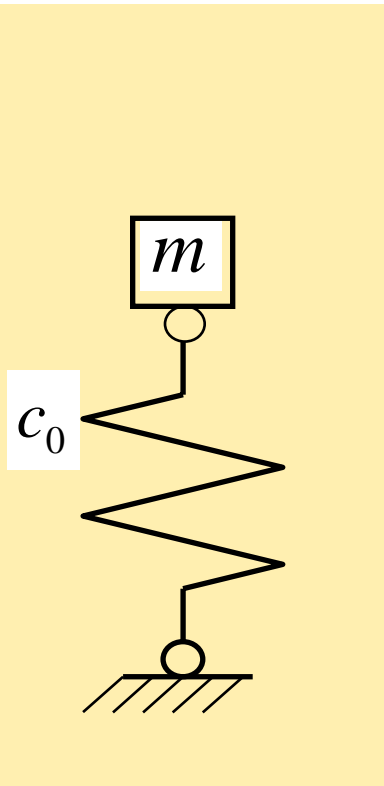
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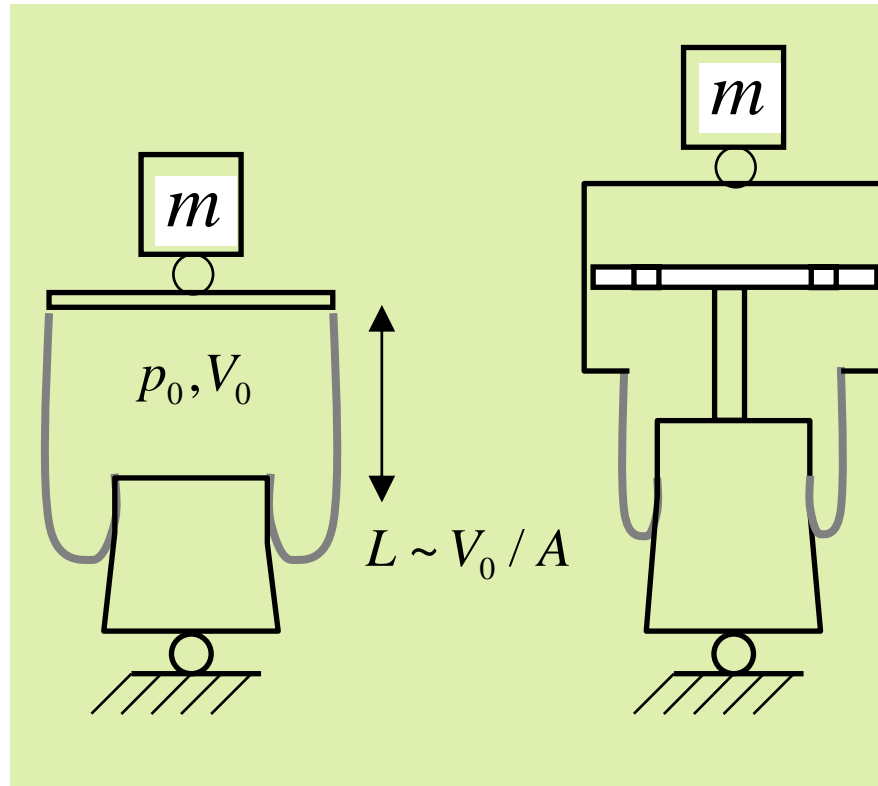
oscillation period $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{c_0}}$

Store kinetic energy

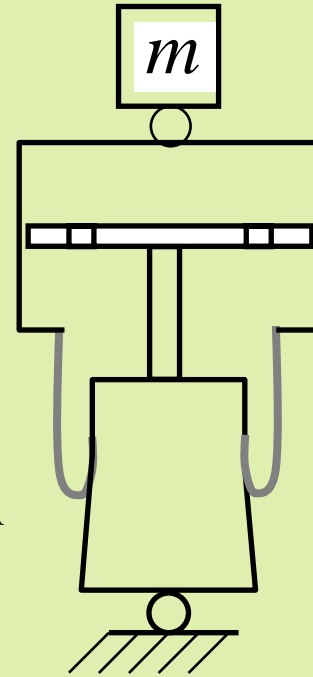
spring



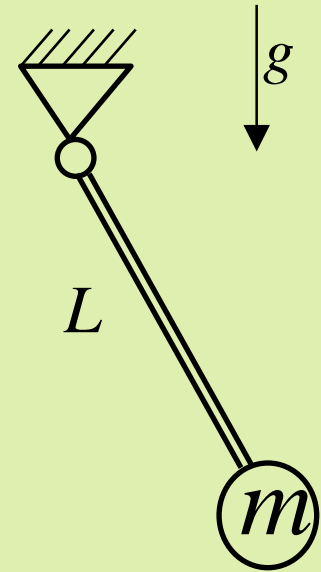
air spring



air spring damper



pendulum



$$T = fn(m, g, c_0)$$

$$T = fn(m, g, L, p_0(mg))$$

$$T = fn(m, g, L)$$

Store kinetic energy



spring

$$T = fn(m, g, c_0)$$

	T	m	g	c_0
L			1	
M		1		1
T	1		-2	-2

air spring

$$T = fn(m, g, L, p_0(mg))$$

	T	m	g	L
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air spring damper

Store kinetic energy



spring

$$\frac{T}{\sqrt{m/c_0}} = f(\cancel{g}, \cancel{c_0}) = const$$

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air spring

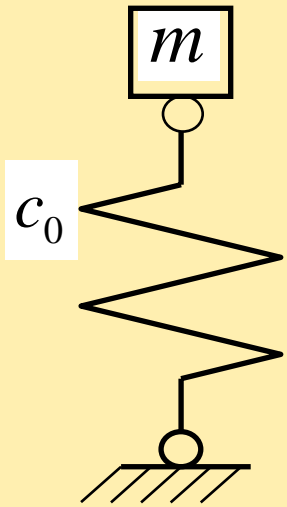
$$\frac{T}{\sqrt{L/g}} = f(\cancel{m}, \cancel{L}) = const$$

	T	m	$\sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$	L
L				1
M		1		
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air spring damper

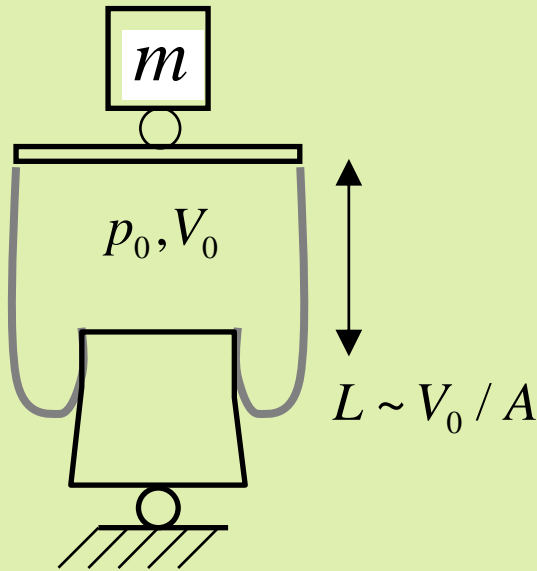
Store kinetic energy

spring

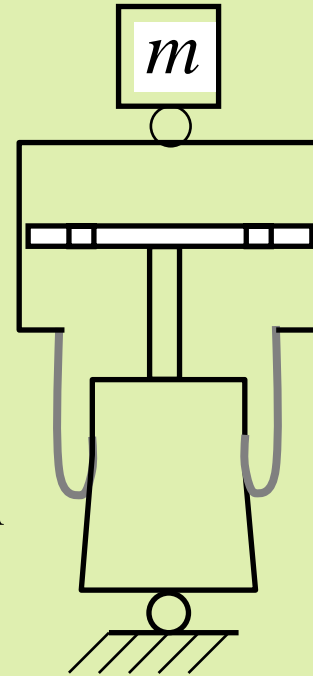


$$T = \text{const} \sqrt{\frac{m}{c_0}}$$

air spring

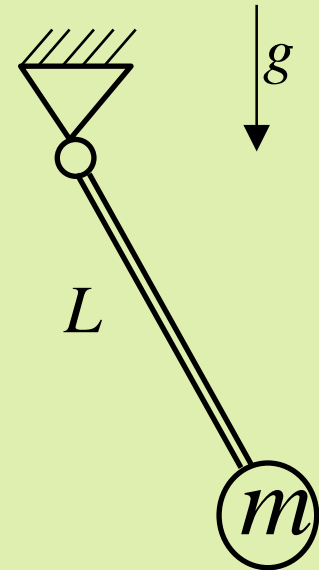


air spring damper



$$T = \text{const} \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$$

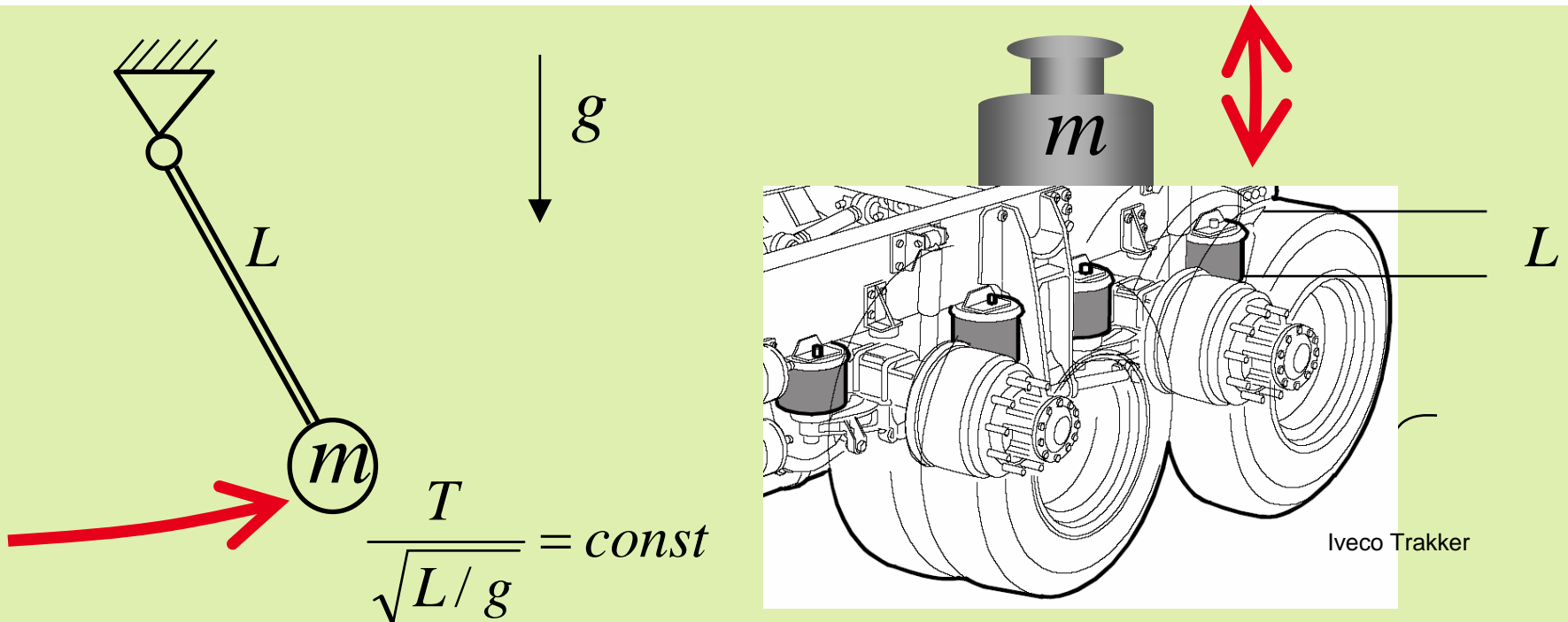
pendulum



Store kinetic energy



- An air suspension system is equal to a pendulum
- Since the heavy mass is equal to the inertial mass (equivalence principle) the eigenfrequency is independent of the mass/ load.



The typical length

the adiabatic stiffness of the air suspension system

$$c := \frac{dF}{dz} = \frac{d}{dz} [(p - p_u)A_T] = \frac{dV}{dz} \frac{dp}{dV} A_T + (p - p_u) \frac{dA_T}{dz}$$

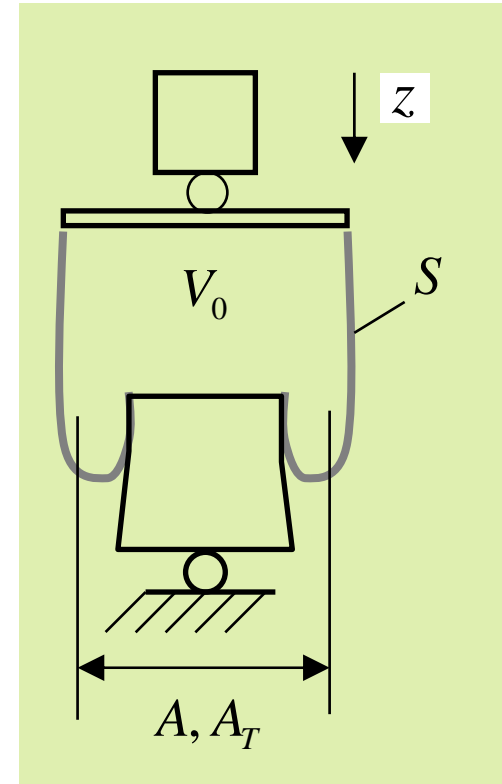
for $f \gg f_\gamma \sim \left(\frac{S}{V_0}\right)^2 \frac{\lambda}{\rho_0 c_p} \sim 0.001 \dots 0.01 \text{ Hz}$ $p = p_0 (V_0 / V)^\gamma$

for $f \ll f_\gamma$: $p = p_0 (V_0 / V)$

$$c_0 = \underbrace{-\gamma p_0 A_T \frac{1}{V_0} \frac{dV}{dz}}_{\text{„volume part“}} + \underbrace{(p_0 - p_u) \frac{dA_T}{dz}}_{\text{„piston part“}}$$

„volume part“

„piston part“



The typical length

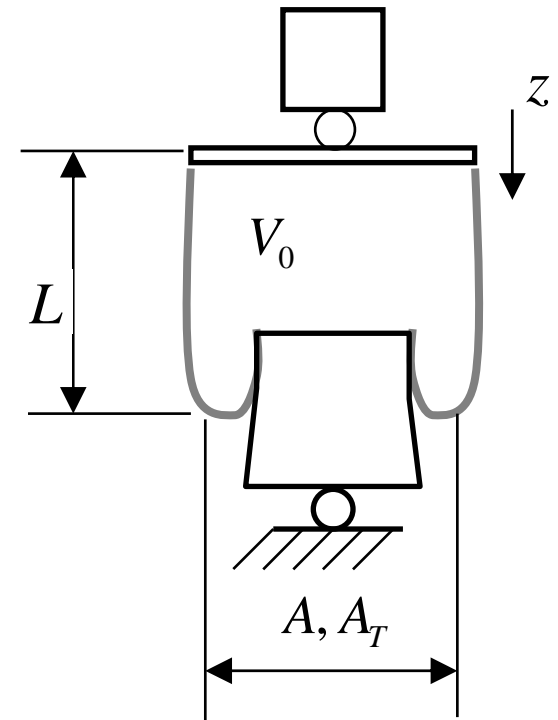
For $p_0 \gg p_u$: $mg = (p_0 - p_u)A_T \approx p_0 A_T$

it follows

$$c_0 = \frac{mg}{L} \left(\gamma + \frac{1}{A_T} \frac{dA_T}{d(z/L)} \right)$$

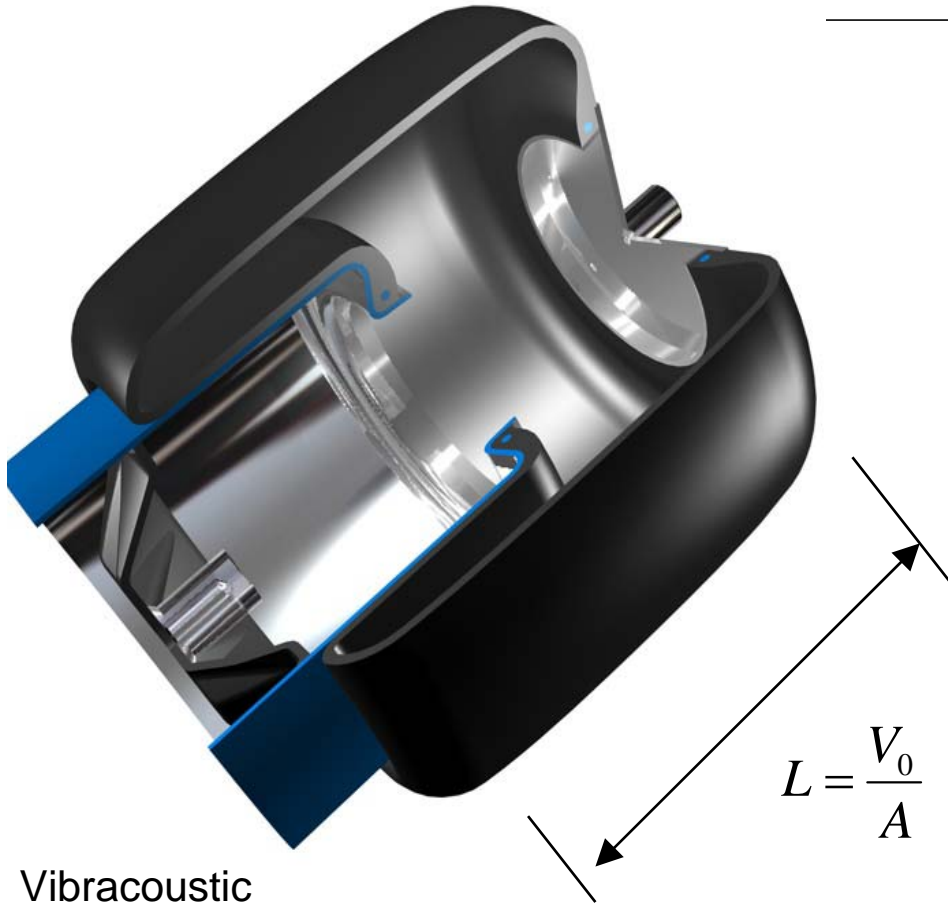
$$L := -V_0 \frac{dz}{dV} = \frac{V_0}{A}$$

$$T = 2\pi \frac{\sqrt{L/g}}{\sqrt{\gamma + \frac{1}{A_T} \frac{dA_T}{d(z/L)}}}$$

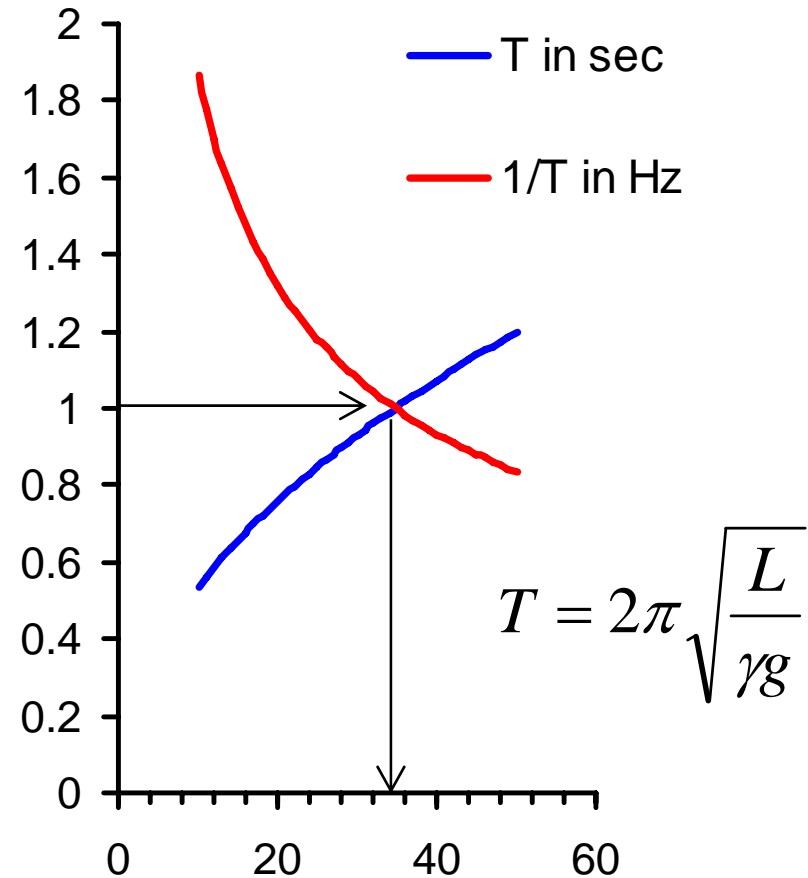


The typical length

for $p_0 \gg p_u$ and $\frac{1}{A_T} \frac{dA_T}{d(z/L)} \equiv 0$



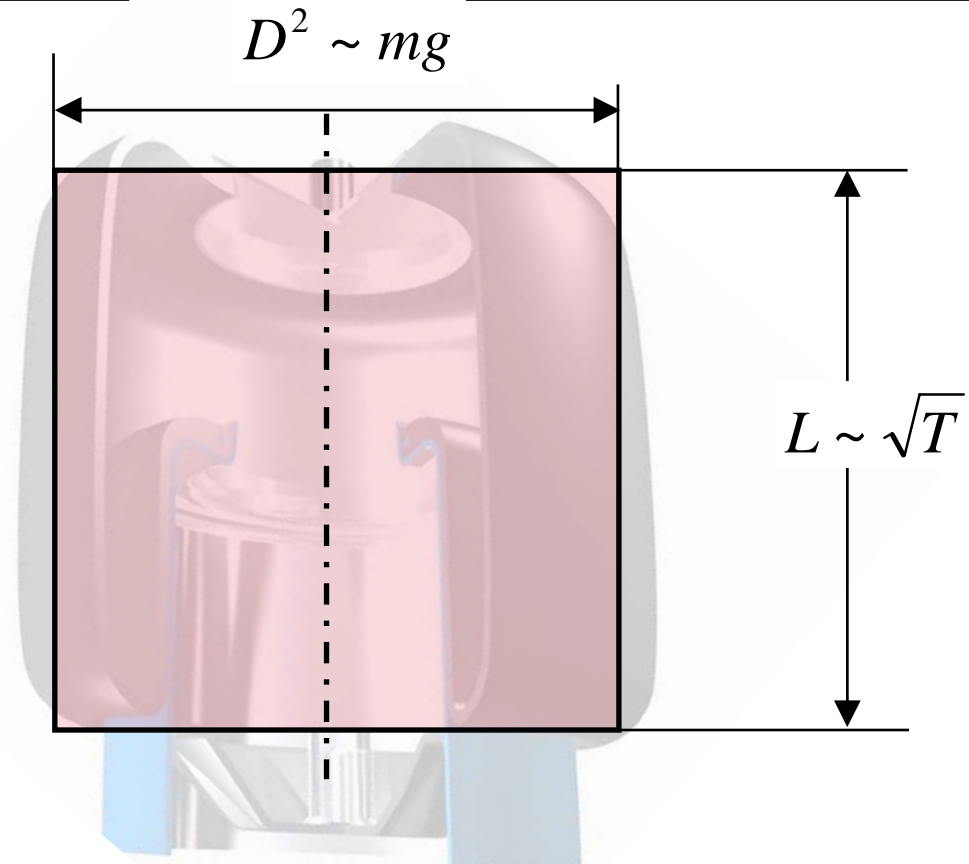
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Advantage of an air suspension system: Seperation of function

- Carry the load at a given pressure
 - diameter $D^2 \sim mg$

- Store the kinetic energy and leave the eigenfrequency unchanged
 - height $L \sim \sqrt{T}$

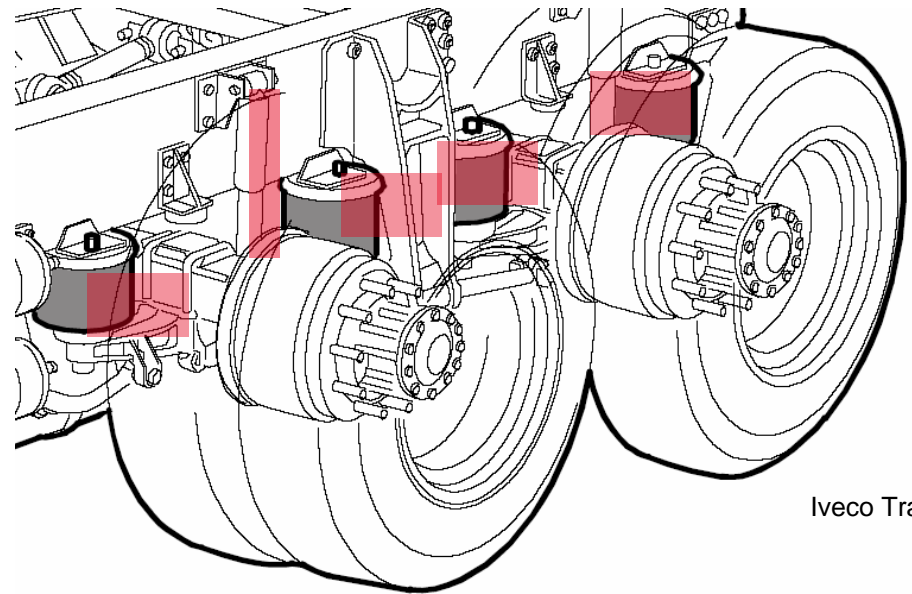


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The tasks of any passive suspension system

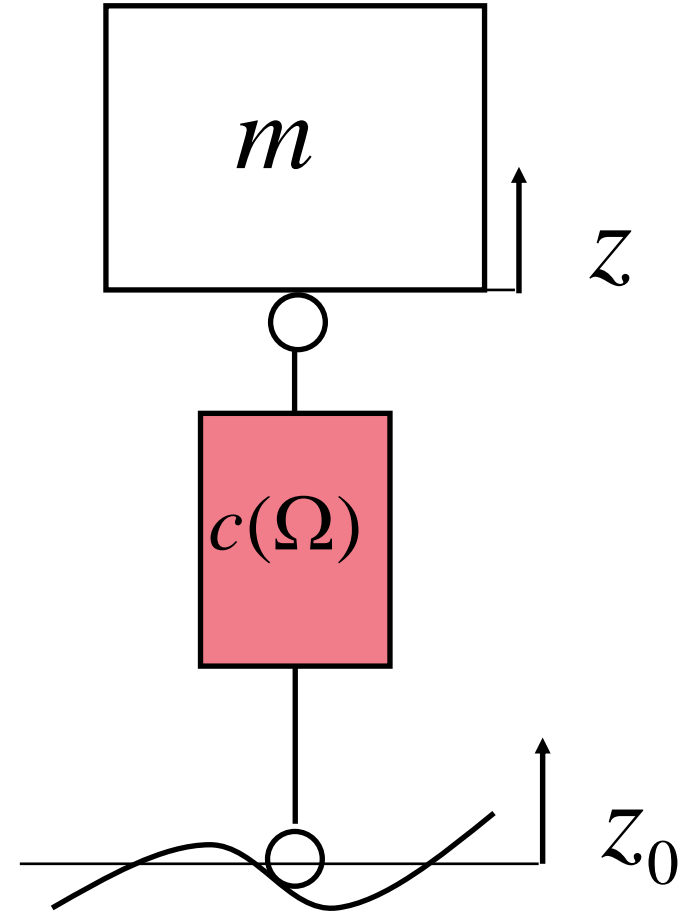
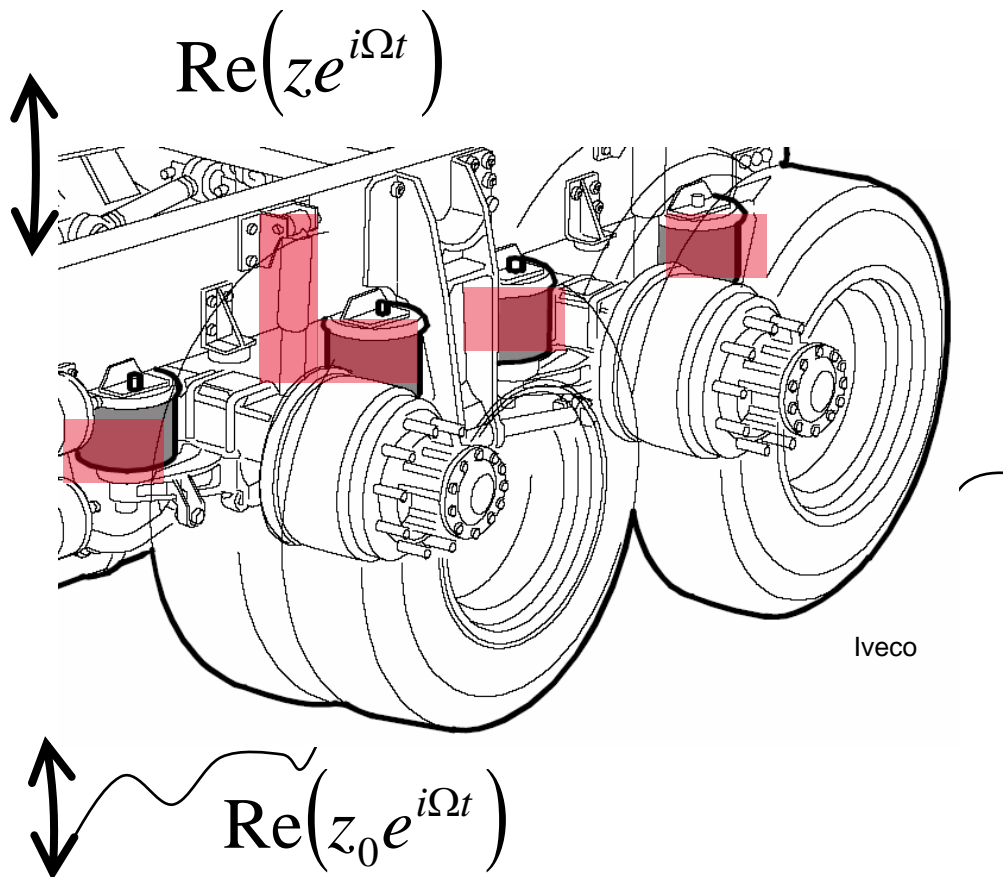


- Carry the load! ✓
- Store kinetic energy and leaving the eigenfrequency unchanged by loading! ✓
- Dissipate kinetic energy and keep the acceleration as low as possible no matter the load is!
- Have as less as possible dry friction within the suspension system to reduce harshness and not to restrict the tuning possibilities
- Be robust, not to pricy, and in case easy to replace

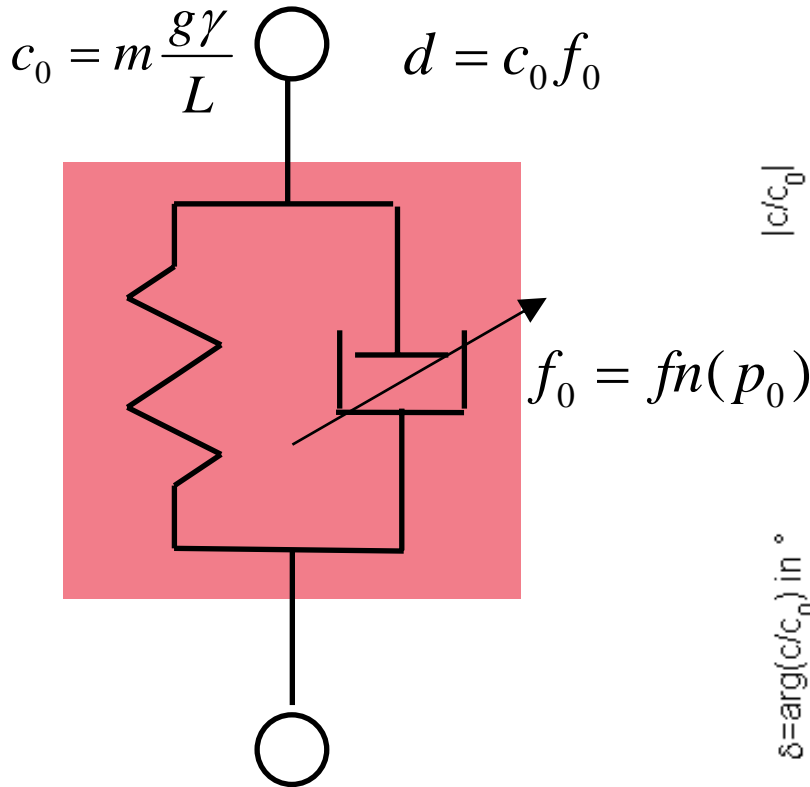


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Damping

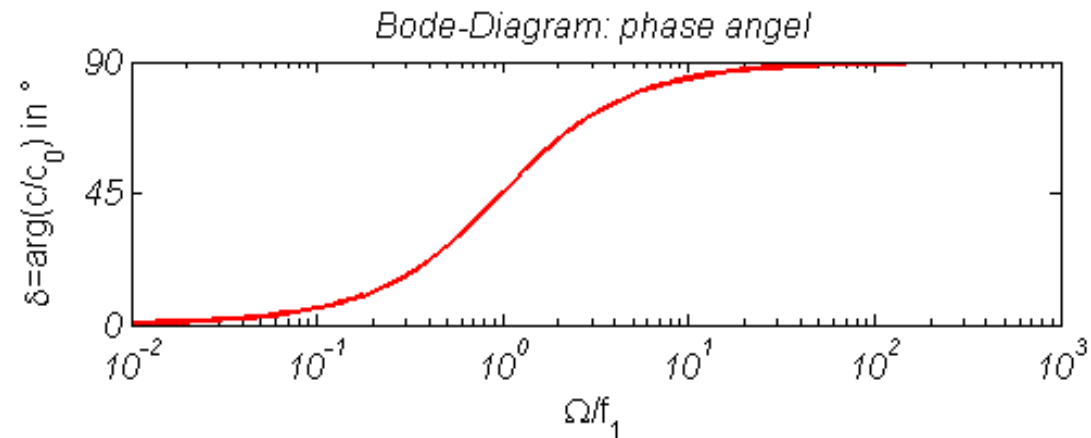
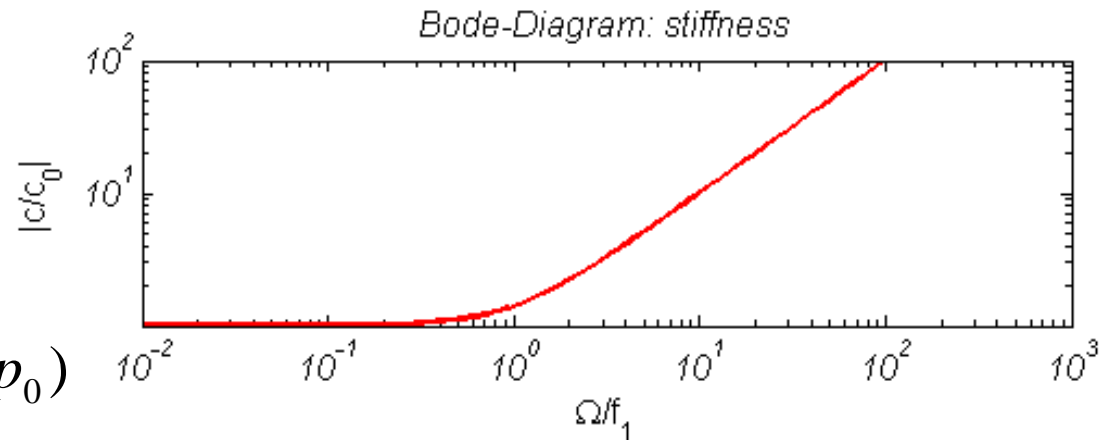


Bode diagram for (linear) hydraulic suspension system



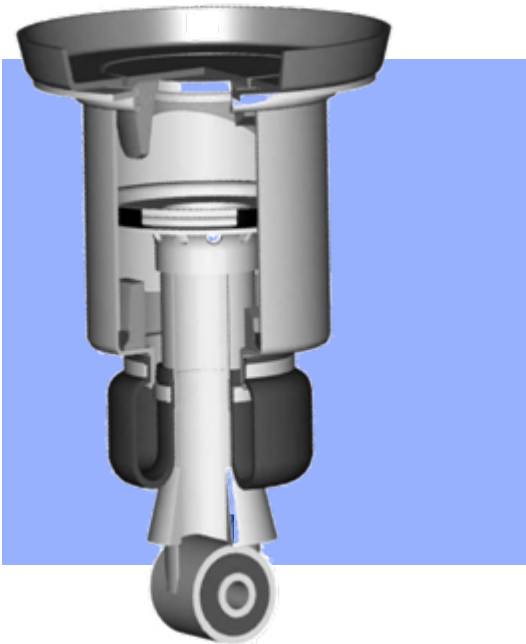
$$c(\Omega) = c_0 + id\Omega$$

$$\bar{c}(\Omega) = 1 + i\Omega / f_0$$

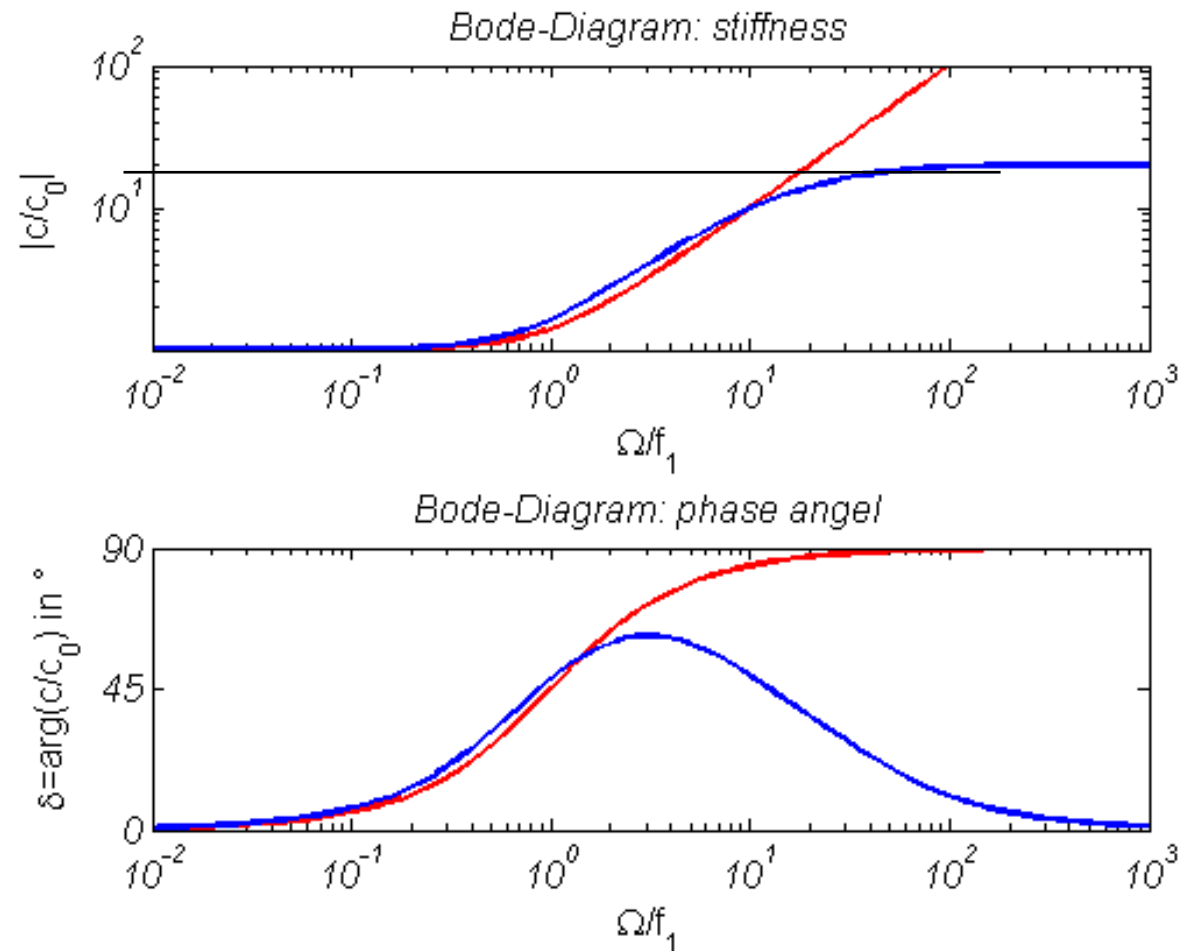


tuning frequency = cut off frequency f_0

Bode diagram for (linear) air damping system



$$\bar{c} = \frac{1 + i\Omega / f_0}{1 + \frac{i\Omega}{f_0} \frac{1}{\bar{c}_\infty}}$$



Air damping is easy to understand

$$f \ll f_0$$

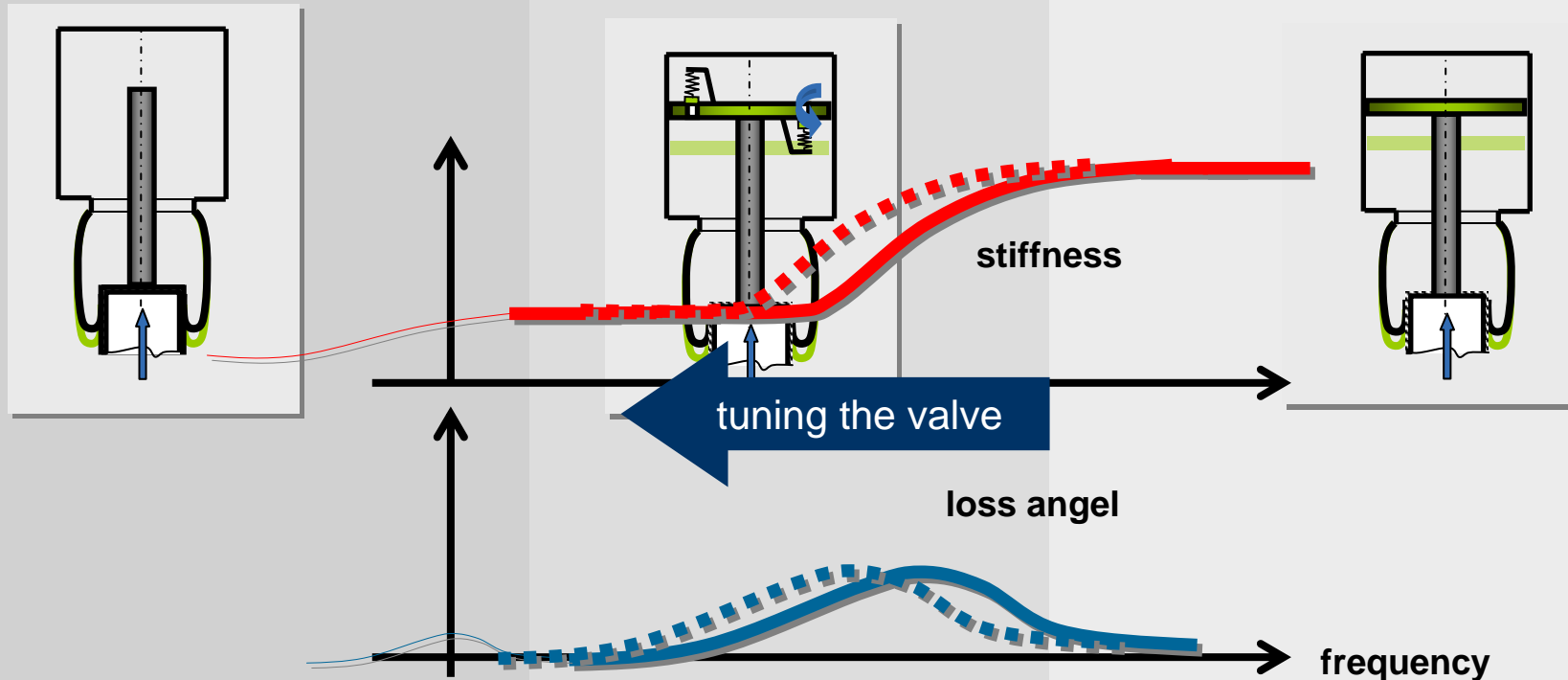
- No piston
- No dissipation
- Soft air spring
 $V_1 + V_2$

$$f \sim f_0$$

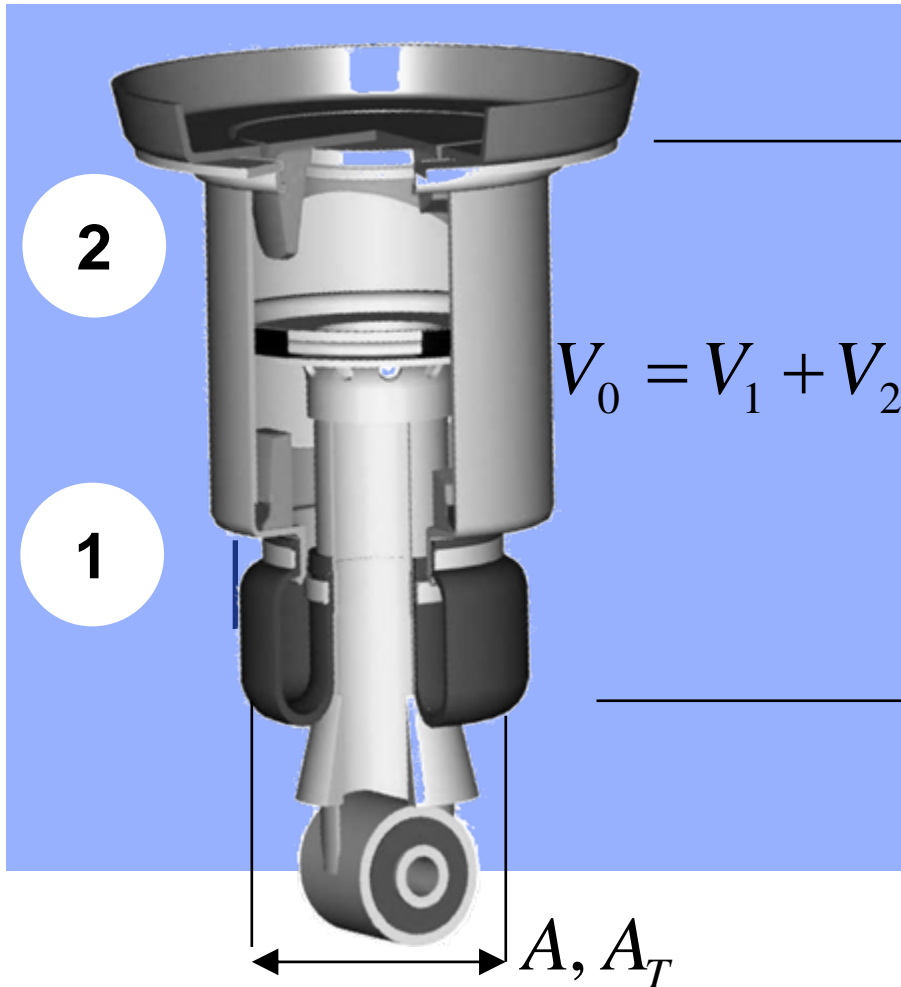
- dissipation

$$f \gg f_0$$

- No valve
- Stiff air spring
 V_1, V_2 in parallel



The stiffness ratio is a question of geometry



$$\bar{c}_\infty := \frac{c_\infty}{c_0} = \frac{1 - \nu(1 - \alpha^2)}{\nu(1 - \nu)(1 - \alpha)^2} =$$

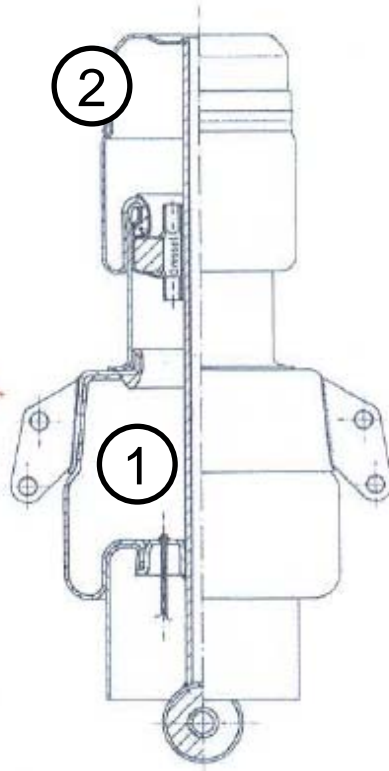
$$= fn(\kappa_i) = 4..20$$

$$\nu := \frac{V_2}{V_0}, \alpha := \frac{A_1}{A_2}$$

Why air damping?



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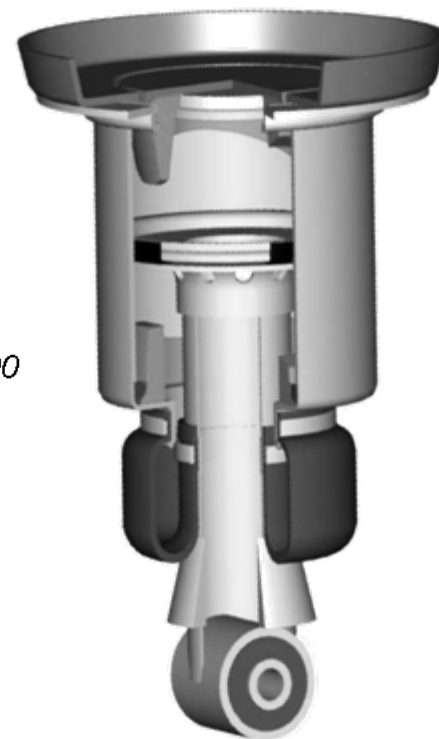
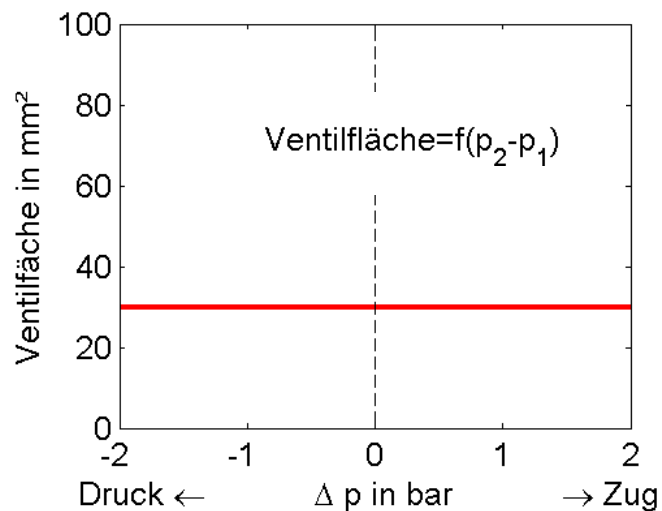
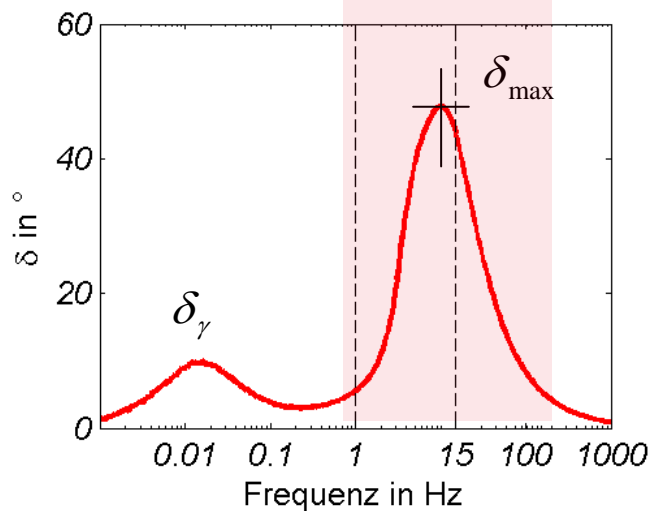
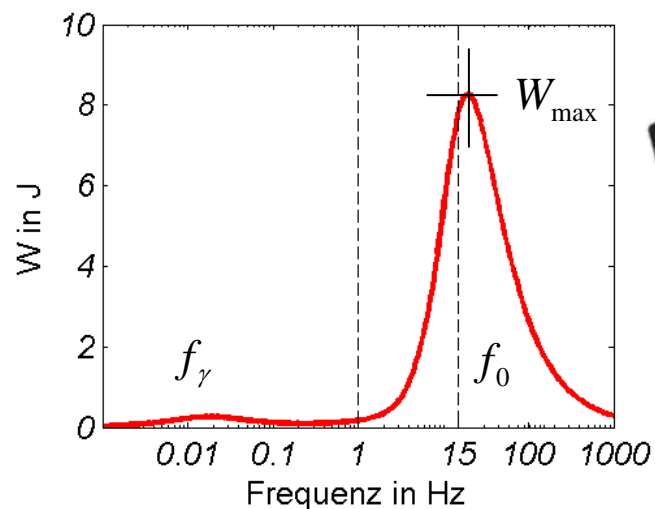
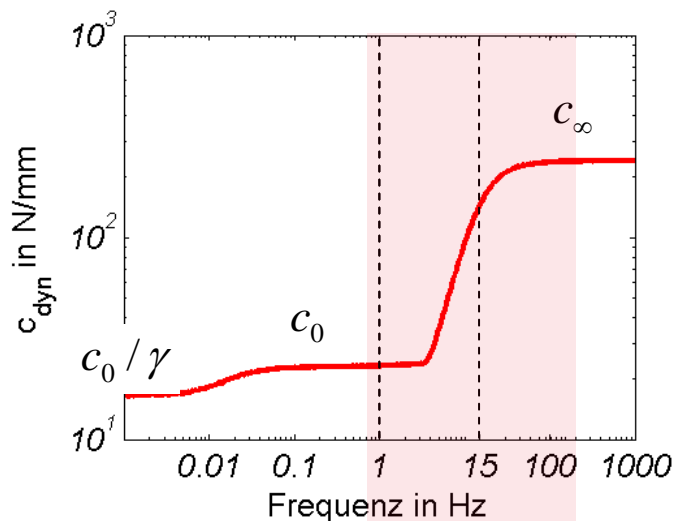
- Self adapting of stiffness and damping

$$W \sim p_0 \sim mg / A_T + p_u$$

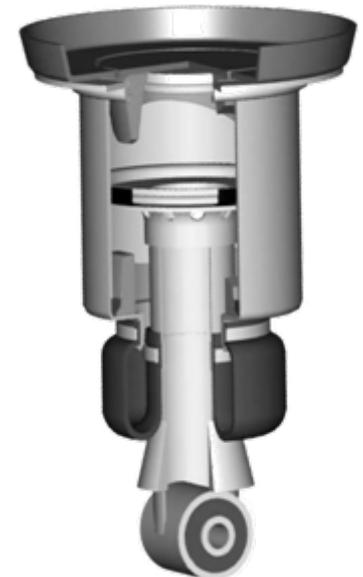
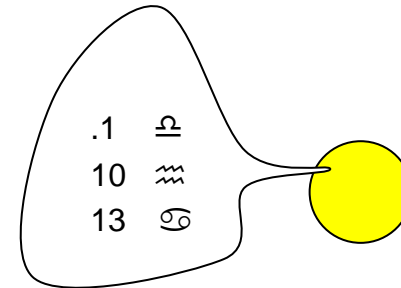
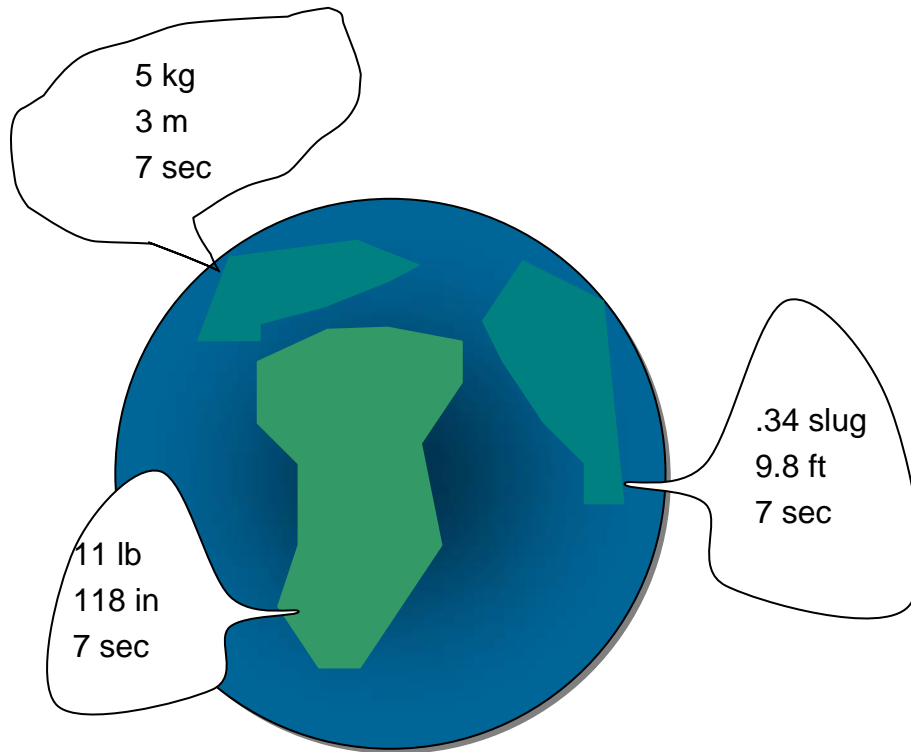
$$c \sim p_0 \sim mg / A_T + p_u$$

- Design solutions show small dry friction
- Frequency dependant damping

Transfer behavior of an air spring damper



The max. dissipation follows out of a most general dimensional analysis



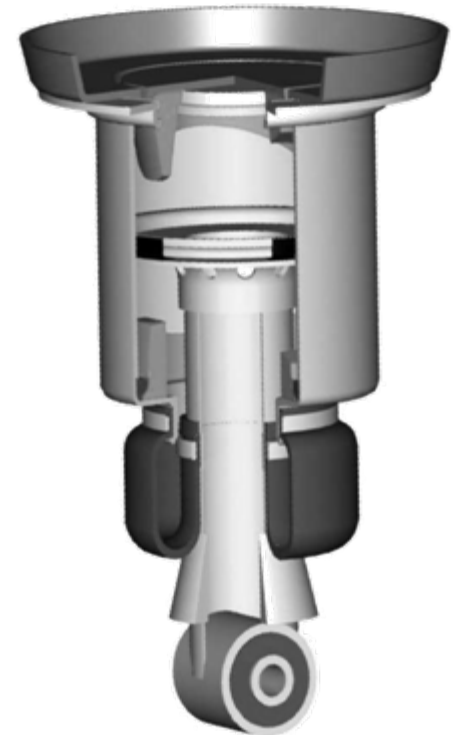
$$W_{\max} = fn(p_0, T_0, R, \gamma, L, A_V, \hat{z}, \kappa_i)$$

The dissipation per oscillation



$$W_{\max} = fn(p_0, T_0, R, \gamma, L, A_V, \hat{z}, \kappa_i)$$

$$\frac{W_{\max}}{p_0 L^3} = fn\left(\frac{\hat{z}}{L}, \gamma, \kappa_i\right) \quad \text{for} \quad A_V / L^2 \ll 1$$



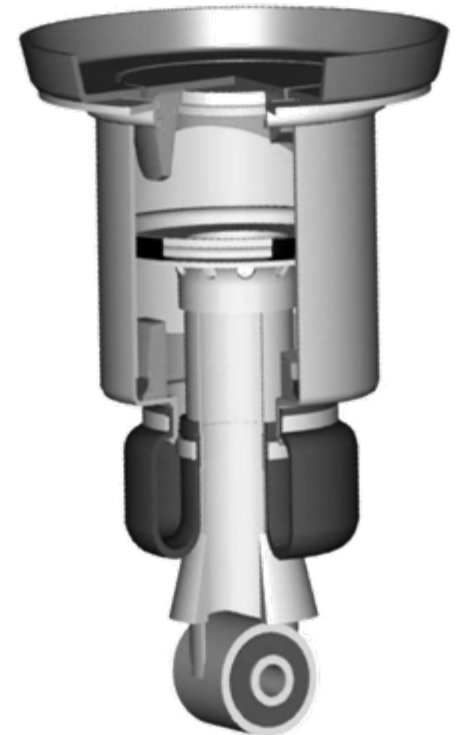
From experiments it follows further

$$\frac{W_{\max}}{p_0 L^3} = \left(\frac{\hat{z}}{L}\right)^2 fn(\gamma, \kappa_i)$$

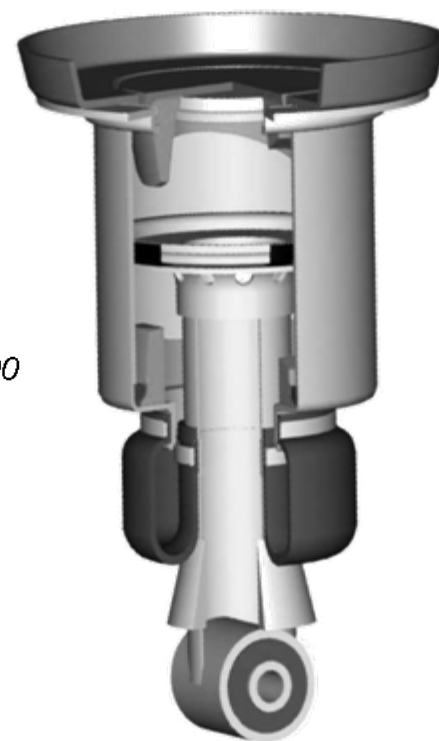
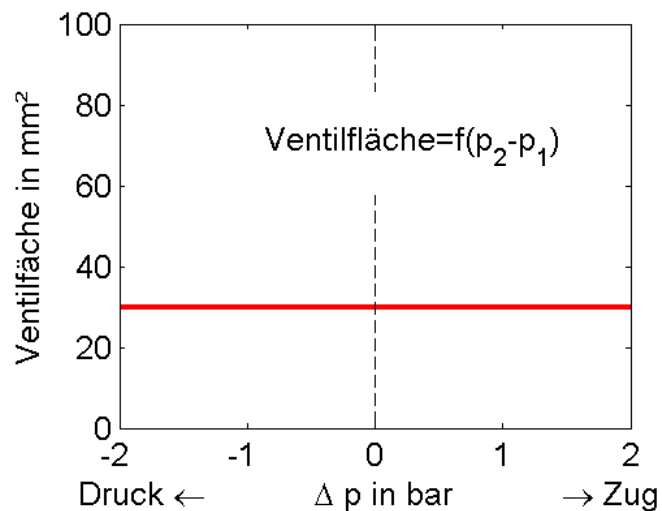
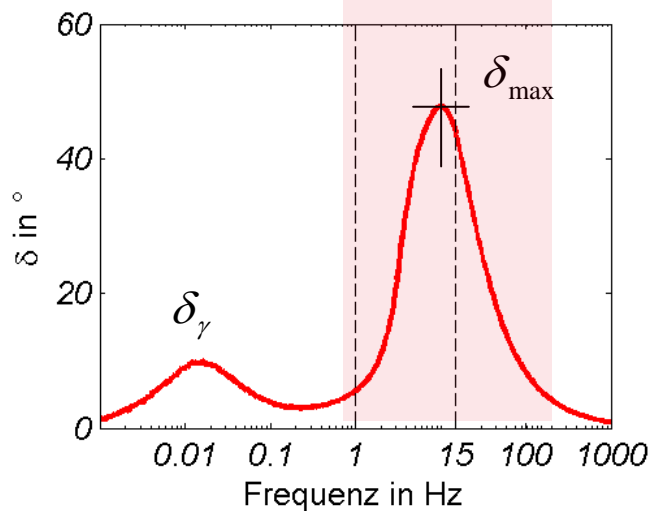
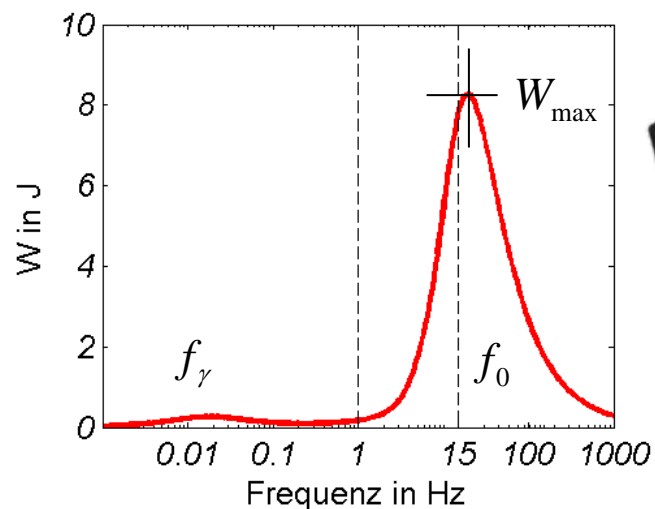
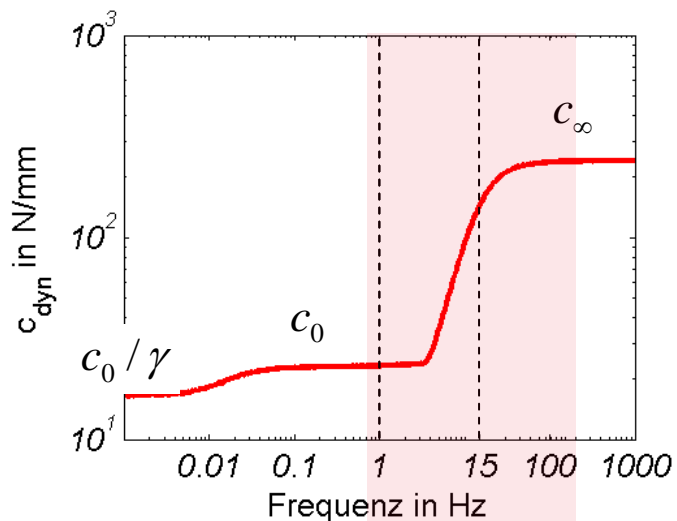
The dissipation per oscillation

$$\frac{W_{\max}}{\rho_0 L^3} = \left(\frac{\hat{z}}{L} \right)^2 fn(\gamma, \kappa_i)$$

- The dissipation is independent of any temperature change!
- The max. dissipation is independent of the specific valve design
- The max. damping is proportional to the absolute pressure, hence
- The system is selfadaptiv with respect to stiffness and damping



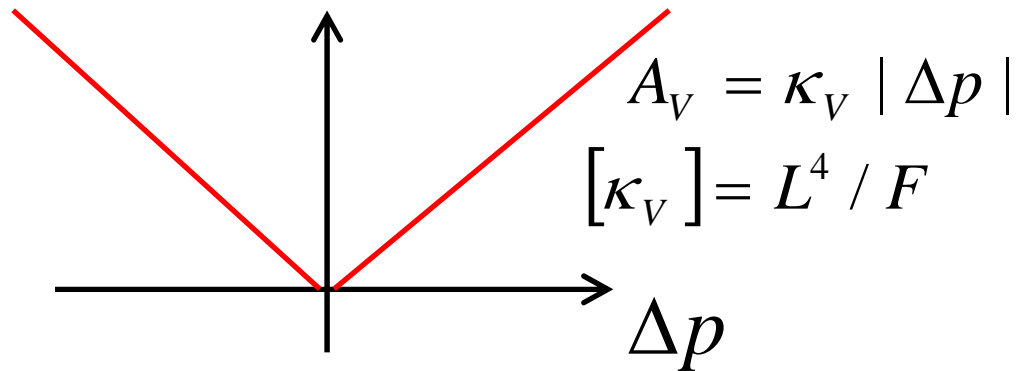
The tuning frequency



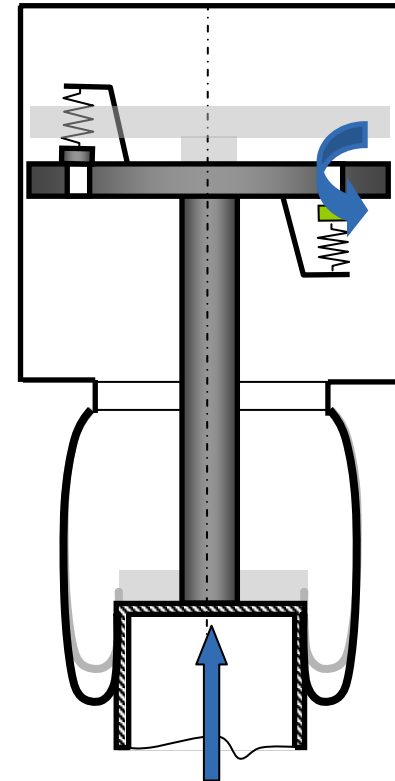
Valve A: check-valve



$$f_0 = fn(p_0, T_0, R, \gamma, L, \kappa_V, \hat{z}, \kappa_i)$$



$$\frac{f_0}{\sqrt{\gamma R T_0} (p_0 \kappa_V)^{-1/2}} = \left(\frac{\hat{z}}{L} \right)^{1/2} fn(\gamma, \kappa_i)$$



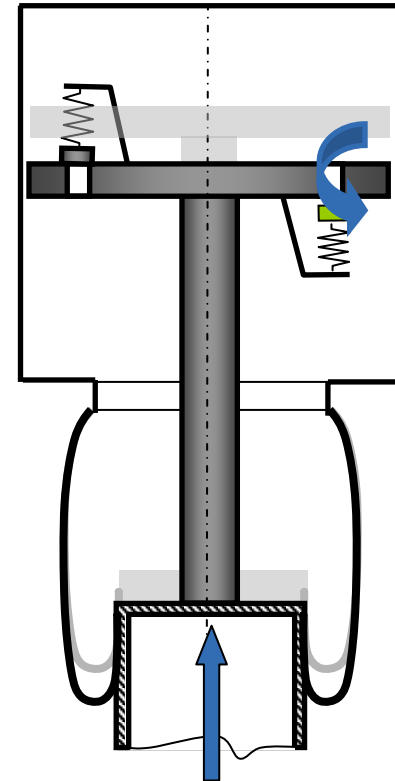
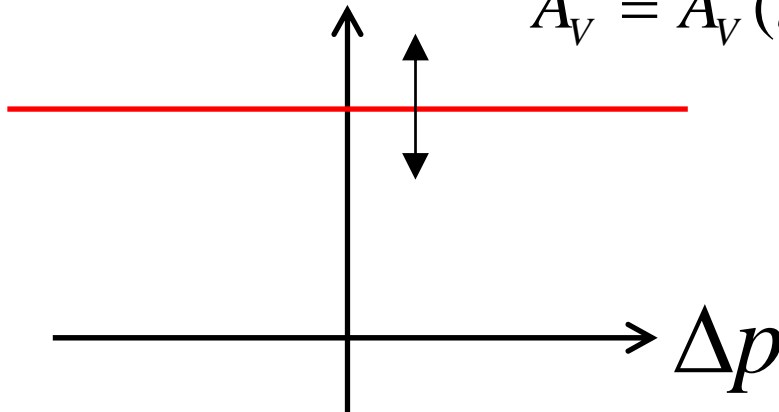
Valve B: controlled valve or orifice with constant cross section



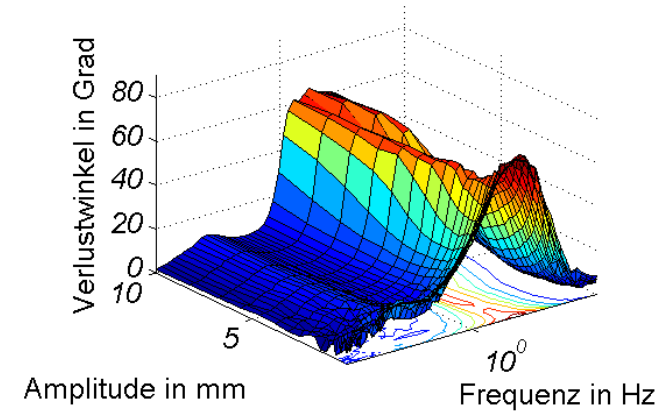
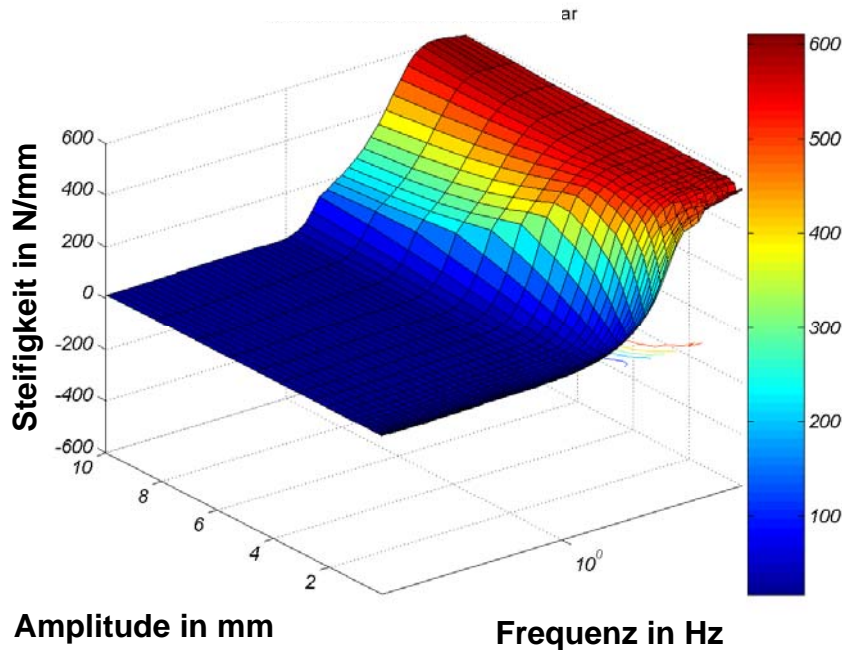
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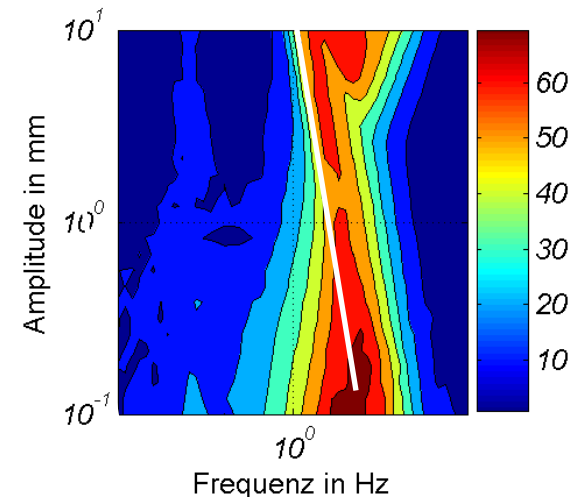
$$A_V = A_V(i)$$



Valve B: controlled valve or orifice with constant cross section



$$f_0 \sim \hat{z}^{-1/2}$$



Valve B: controlled valve or orifice with constant cross section

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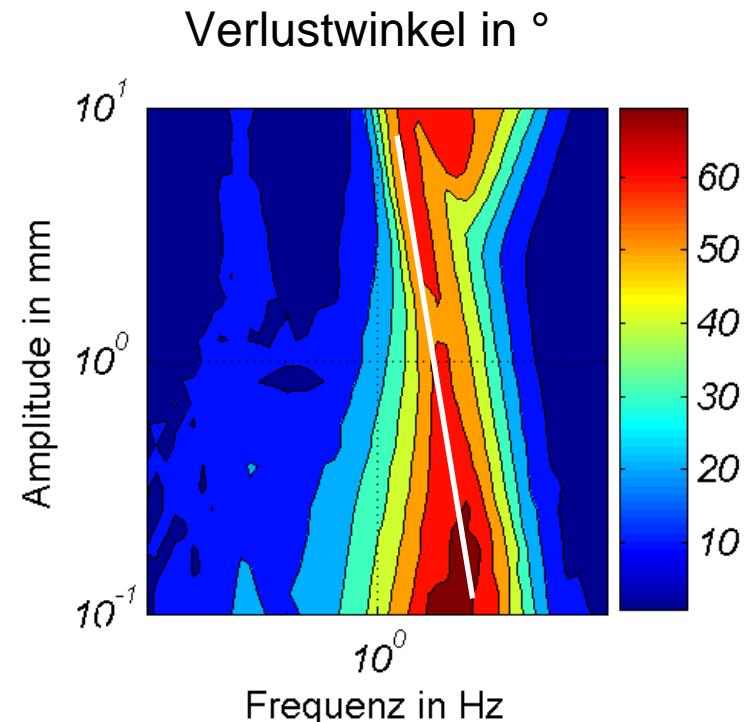
$$\frac{f_0}{\sqrt{RT_0} A_V^{-1/2}} = fn\left(\frac{\hat{z}}{L}, \gamma, \kappa_i\right)$$

for $A_V / L^2 \ll 1$

Further from experiments

$$\frac{f_0}{\sqrt{\gamma RT_0} A_V^{-1/2}} = \left(\frac{\hat{z}}{L}\right)^{-1/2} \text{const}(\gamma, \kappa_i)$$

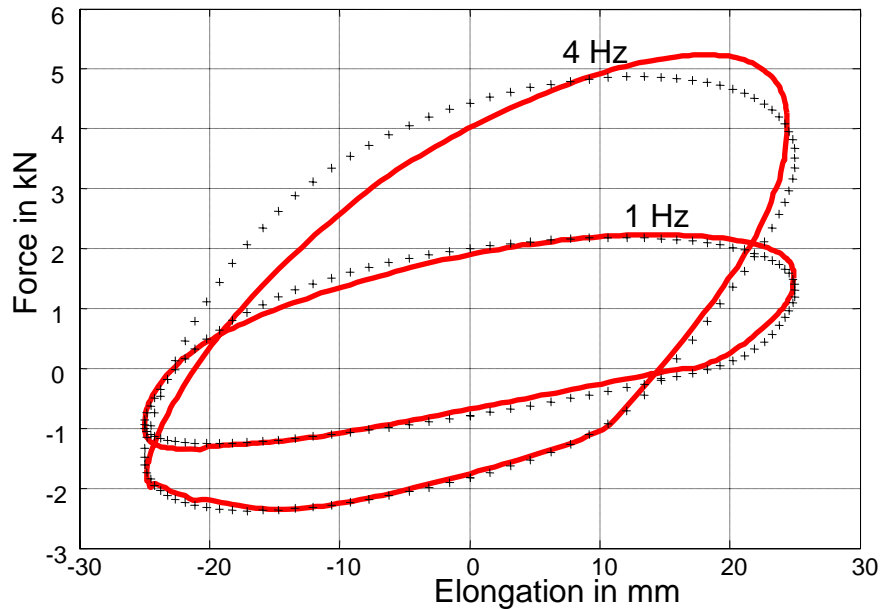
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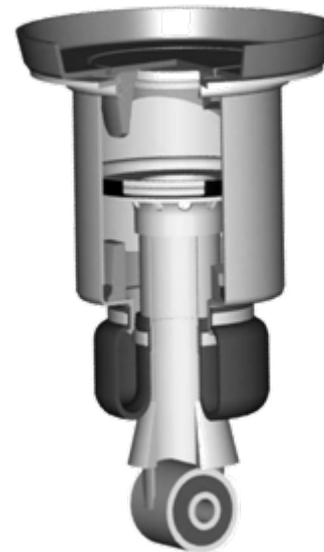
ADASS air damper air spring simulation



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- ADASS is available by Vibracoustic for Matlab/Simulink, Simpack, ADAMS, Modelica/Dymola
- Truly physical description
- Simulation in the time domain

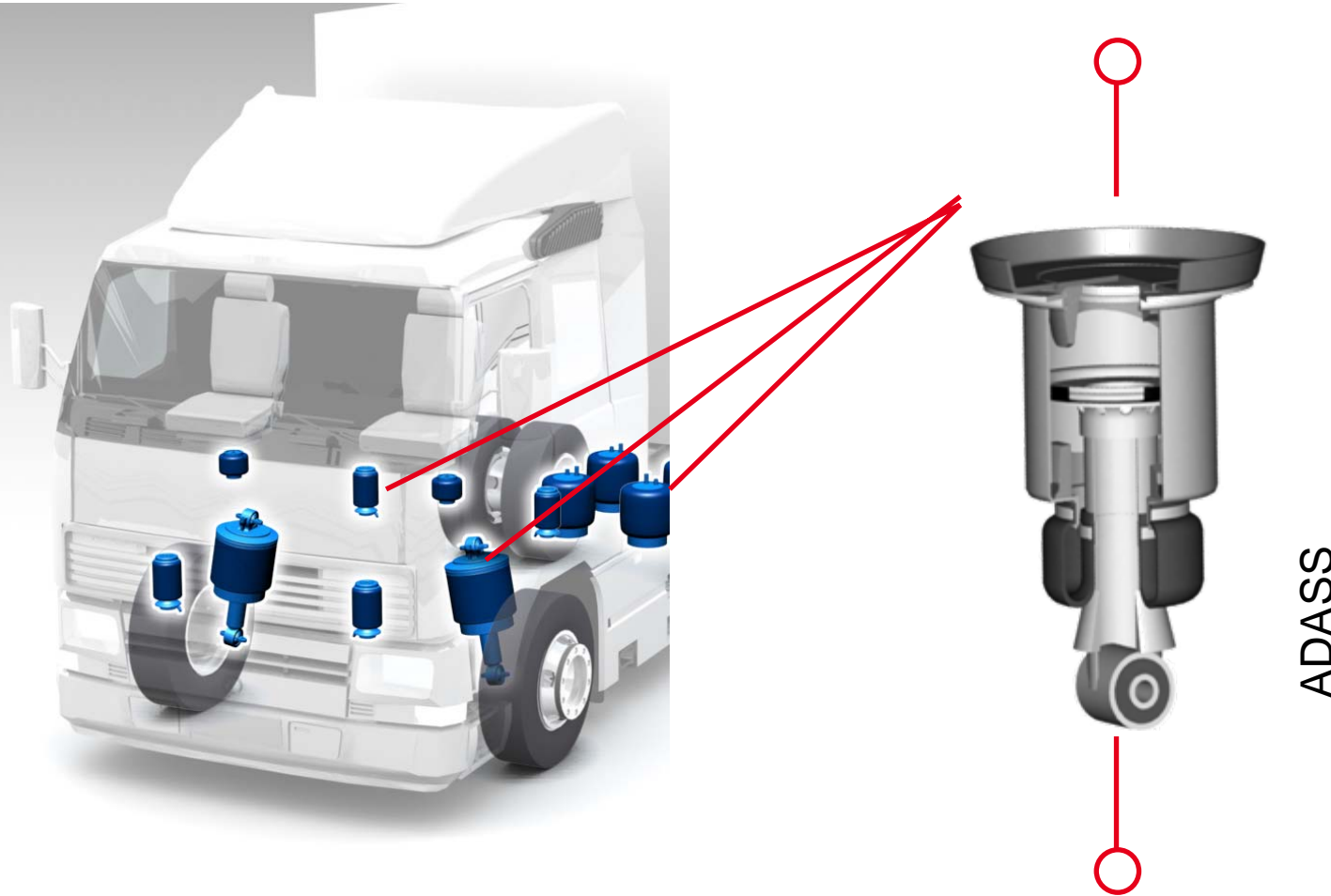


— Experiment LFD
+ Simulation

Test the performance of a new suspension system by multi body simulation first with the help of ADASS

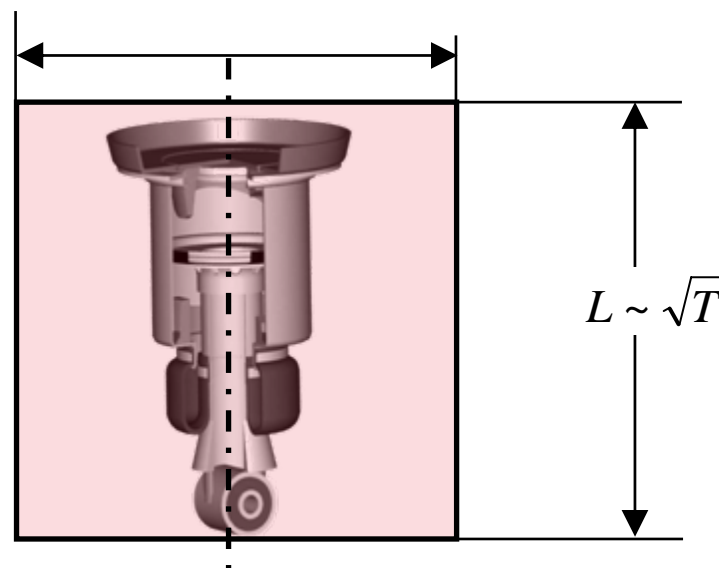


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Advantages of using air as damping medium

- The dissipation ~ load
self adjusting system
- The tuning frequency is independent of the load
- The tuning frequency shows a only weak dependence on temperature



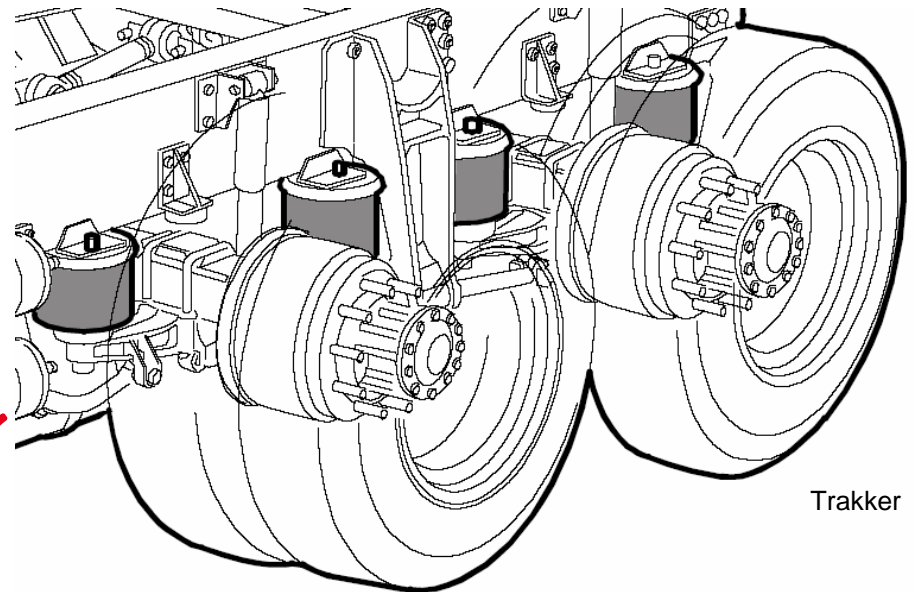
$$W_{\max} \sim p_0 L^3 \left(\frac{\hat{z}}{L} \right)^2$$

$$f_0 \sim \frac{\sqrt{\gamma R T_0}}{A_V^{1/2}} \left(\frac{\hat{z}}{L} \right)^{-1/2}$$

The tasks of any passive suspension system



- Carry the load! ✓
- Store kinetic energy and leaving the eigenfrequency unchanged by loading! ✓
- Dissipate kinetic energy and keep the acceleration as low as possible no matter the load is!
- Have as less as possible dry friction within the suspension system to reduce harshness and not to restrict the tuning possibilities ✓
- Be robust, not too pricy, and in case easy to replace



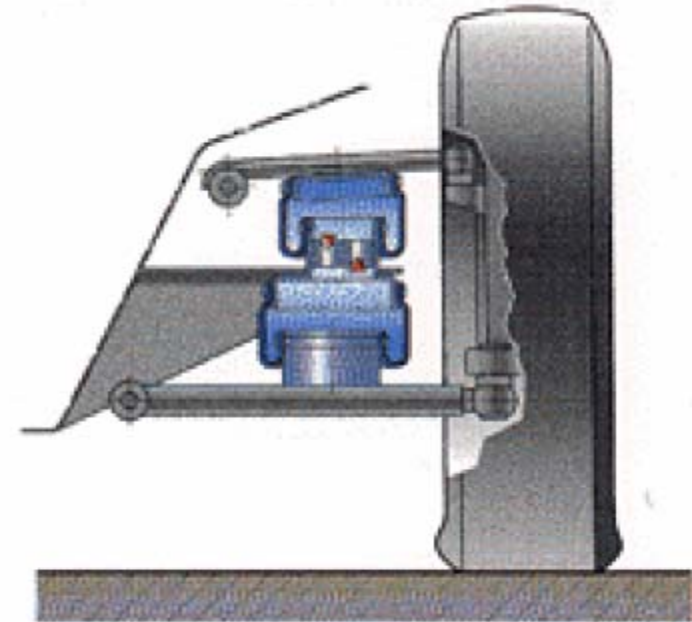
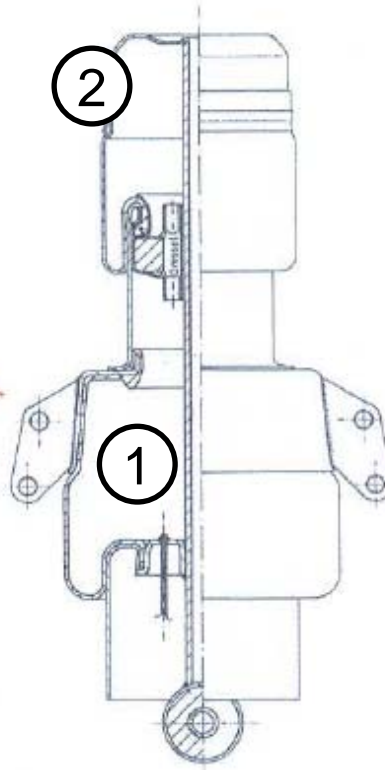
Design solutions which show small dry friction



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Summary



- Air suspension system in general allow a distinction between the functions “carry the load” and “store kinetic energy”.
- Air damping system in addition are self adaptive to a change in load/mass.
- The damping performance is independent of the temperature.
- The tuning frequency changes with the square root of the abs. temperature.
- The tuning frequency is independent of the pressure / load.
- Design solutions which show very low dry frictions are available.