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## Reference Materials

### Current problems, the potential of new materials and recommendations

focused on the CEN/TS 16516:16

“Determination of slip resistance of pedestrian  
surfaces –Methods of evaluation “

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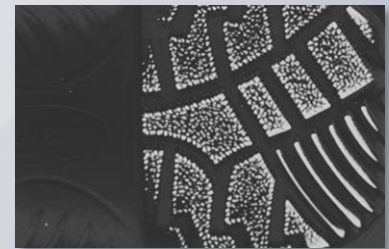
# Basis for the presented results

Cooperation Project

**“Development of durable reference systems as basis for capable slip risk measurements using an integrated evaluation of the interactions between sole construction and surface characteristics (2015 – 2018)“**

with the Testing and Research Institute PFI Pirmasens:

- Designed durable reference surfaces with specified slip settings
- A standardised laboratory wear simulation, validated with results from wear in use and including application based gradings of wear (Wear classes)



- Introduction
- The potential of topography measurements
- The durability aspect
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UKSRG:  
special Focus on Pendulum

## Important aspects regarding reference surfaces<sup>1</sup>

- **Certified references** (CRM, certified value, high confidence level) or **working level reference** (RM, sufficiently homogeneous, specified tolerances)?
- Defined **“fitness for purpose”**, covering the **measurement range of the method**
- Adequate **durability and stability** over time of products and materials
- Specified **reliability and reproducibility**, established by inter-laboratory testing (round robin/proficiency testing)
- Sufficient **availability** of products or materials

<sup>1</sup> The selection and Use of Reference Materials, European Accreditation EA-4/14 Inf: 2003

# The potential of topography measurements

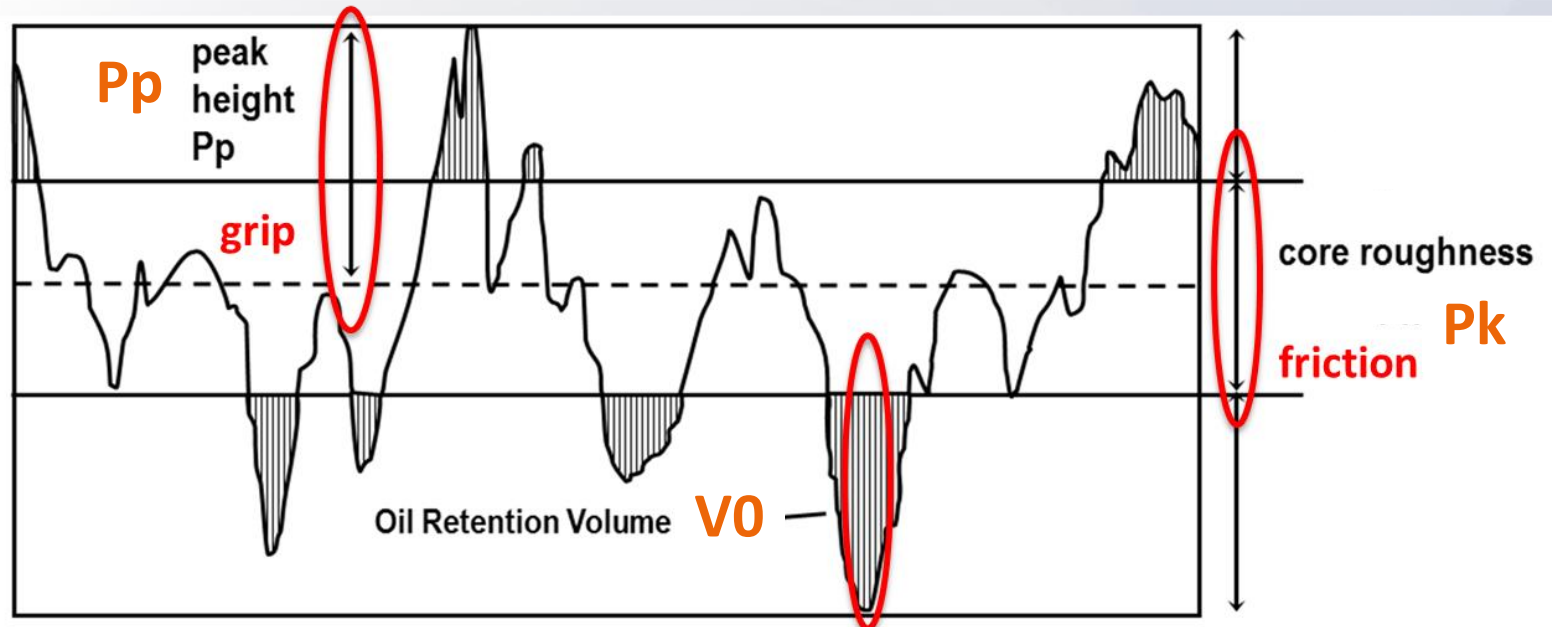
## Results on the basis of the SlipSTD Project

- **non-contact, optical 3D-measurement** to measure and objectively evaluate smooth, micro and macro rough, structured and profiled surfaces
- Slip STD and ongoing research: surface parameters to **differentiate between and explain the slip resistance characteristics** of different hard flooring surfaces and their change in use (wear)
- Assessment of the **suitability and comparability of the methods** on topographically different surfaces





## The potential of topography measurements



- **Pk** the core roughness of the profile, indicating the friction aspect<sup>2</sup>
- **Pp** height of the highest peak from the mean line, defining the “grip”
- **V0** oil retention volume, “suction” effect on smooth surfaces
- **Psk** skewness/asymmetry of the height distribution,

<sup>2</sup> Primary parameter of the Material Ratio Curve acc. to DIN EN ISO 13565

# The potential of topography measurements

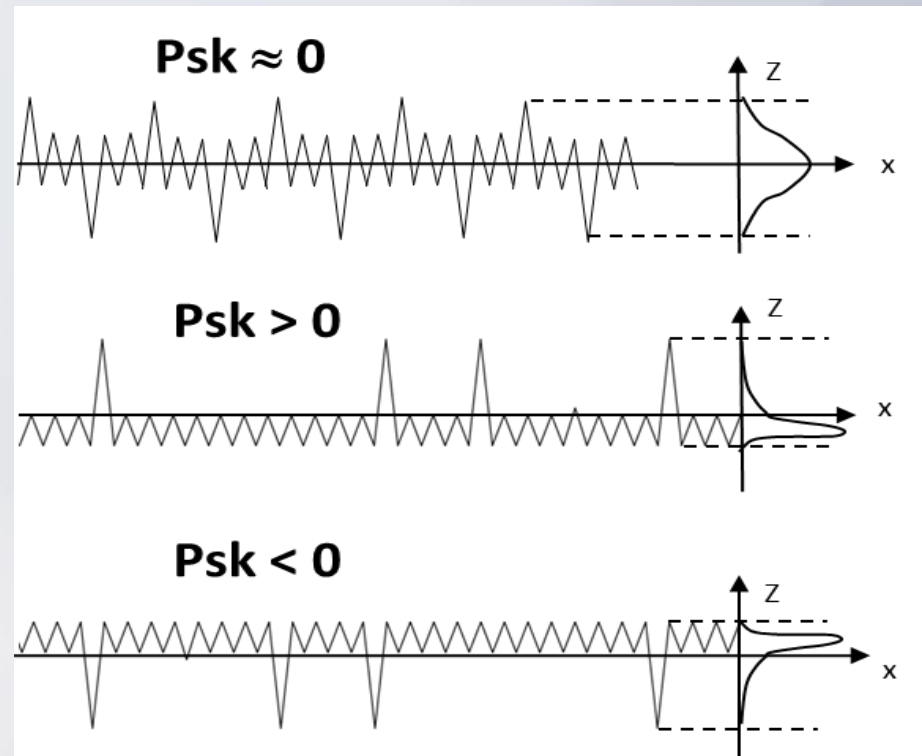
## Psk

the skewness/asymmetry of the height distribution

**$P_{sk} \approx 0$** : equally distributed

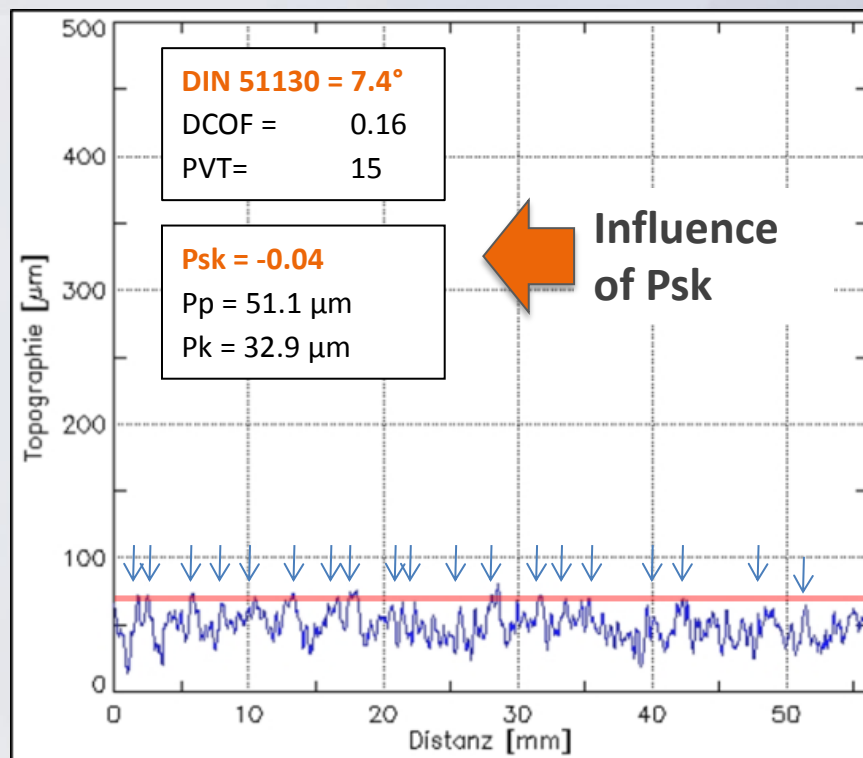
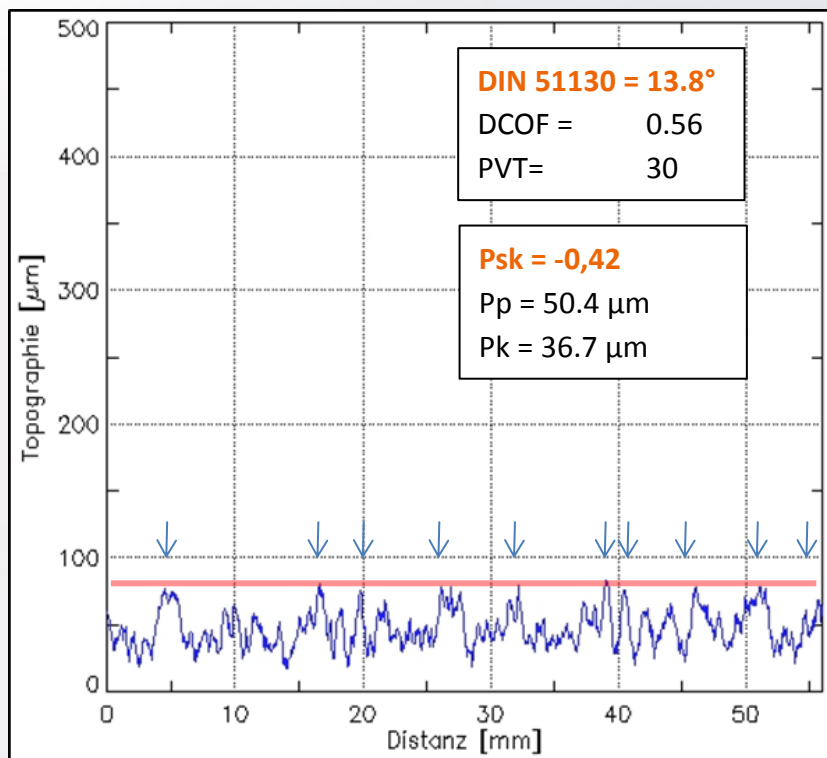
**$P_{sk} > 0$** : mehr peaks (protrusions)

**$P_{sk} < 0$** : more valleys  
(pores, scratches)





# The potential of topography measurements


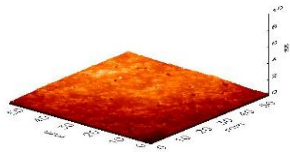
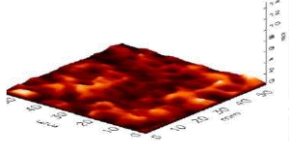


**Psk deviation from 0:**  
irregular peaks, higher grip  
(negative: combined with increased displacement volume)

# The potential of topography measurements

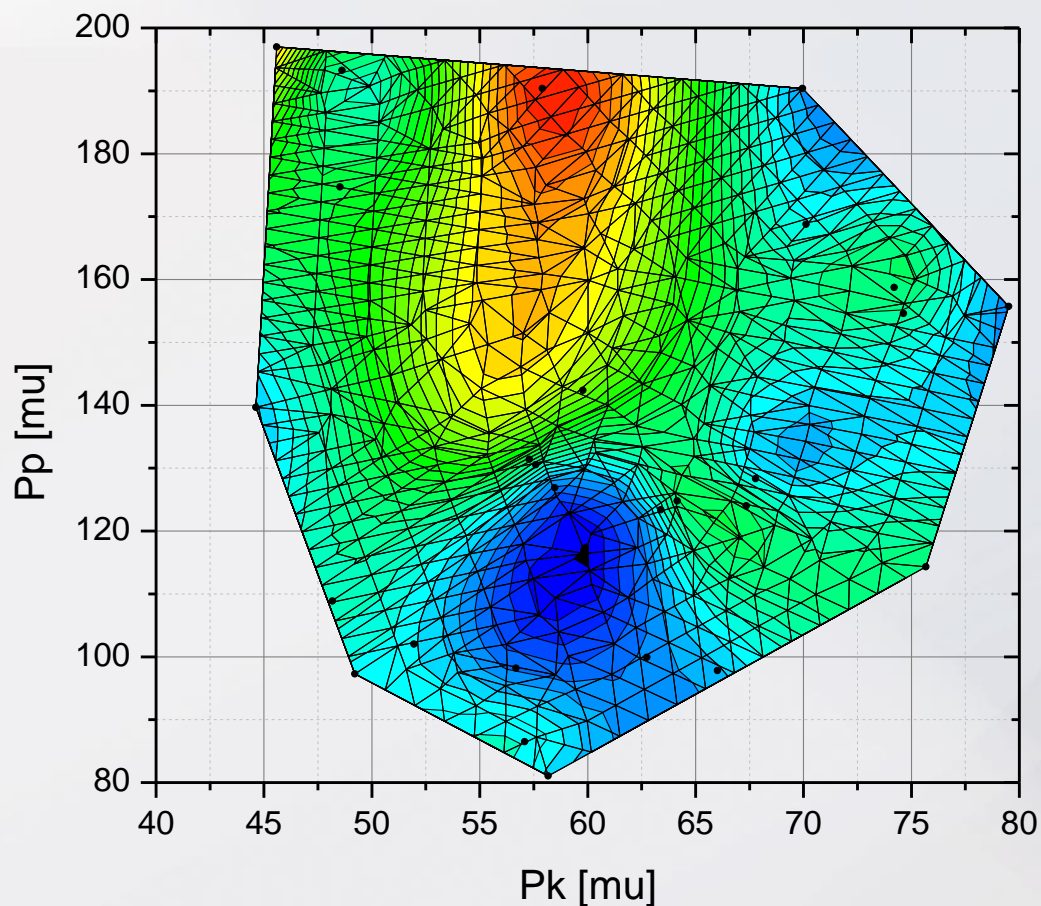
## Surface characterisation based upon SlipSTD development

- Division into **4 surface groups** with different surface characteristics, leading to **different slip resistance behaviour**
- The groups can have **different evaluation of the slip risk** by different methods
- The **topographical description** of each group is **different**: from micro roughness to geometrical and shape parameters

Surface topography groups	Examples
<b>Group 1</b> Non profiled, mainly smooth surface, core roughness Pk < 50 µm	
<b>Group 2</b> Non profiled, micro rough, „gritty touch“, Pk to 100 µm, Pp up to 200 µm	
<b>Group 3</b> Structured and textured: „macro rough“, Pk above 100, Pp above 200 µm	
<b>Upper Group 3</b> geometrically profiled with Pk above 300, Pp above 700 µm	

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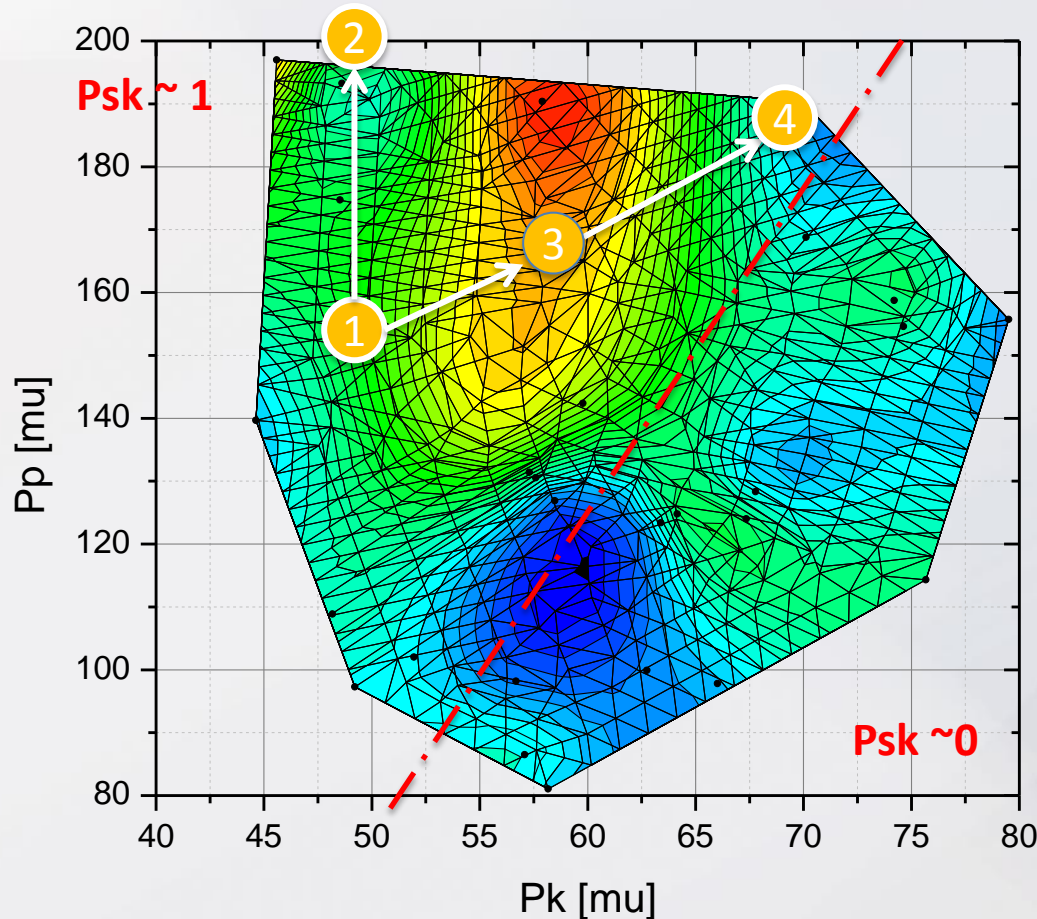
## The interpretation of the topography (group 2, Pendulum):



- **Ceramic tile inventory:**  
5 suppliers, 4-5 tile types  
each 4 abrasion stages
- **Slip resistance effects** can  
be explained
- **Surfaces can be designed,**
- The influence of  
**shrinkage, sealants,  
glazes and wear effects**  
can be investigated

# The potential of topography measurements

## The interpretation of the topography (group 2, pendulum):



Pp increases, contact with Pk is lost:  
**loss of slip resistance**



Increasing Pk and Pp :  
**increased friction and grip**



Pk increase and so reduced Psk value (more equal distribution):  
**lower slip resistance**

# The durability aspect

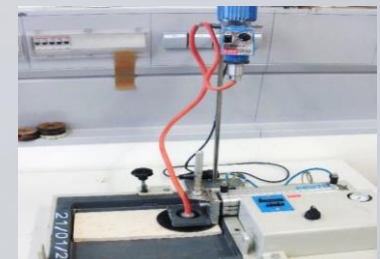
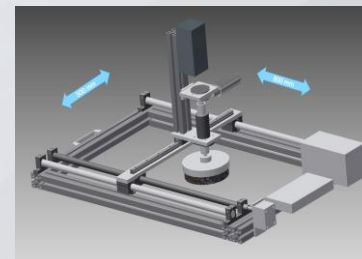


- Wear becomes **increasingly important** (CPR, declaration of Performance)
- Wear simulation methods address **worst case scenarios**, on **small surface areas**
- Wear simulation needs to be validated by **objective surface change measurements** on site (duplication and topography)



## FGK Approach:

- Radial wear on 50 x 50 cm, using **abrasive pads, validated with on site topography measurements** (laboratory prototype in development)

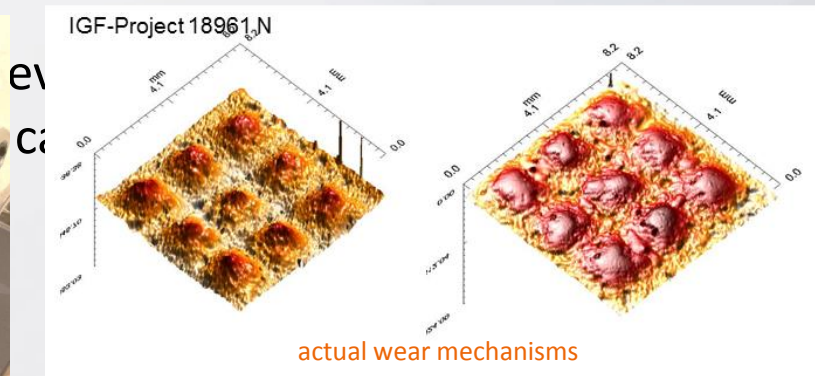
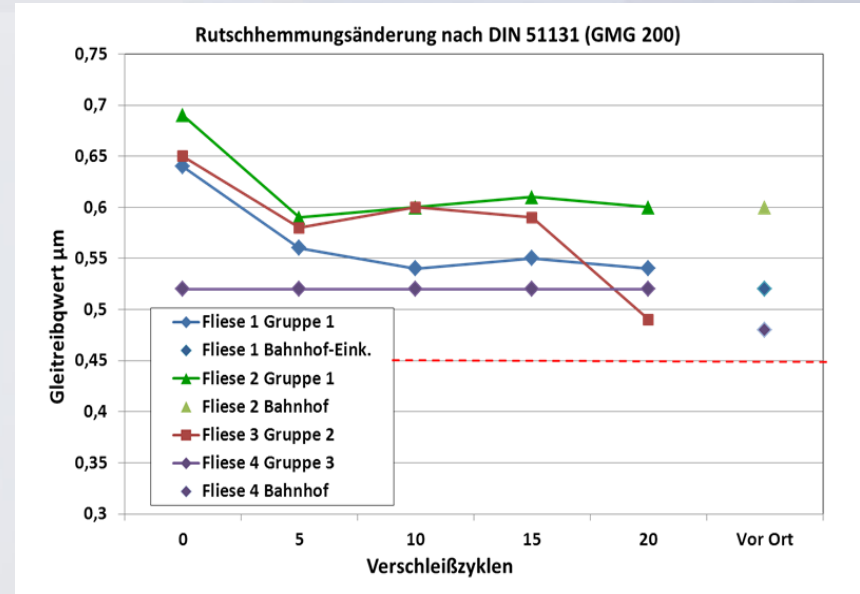




# The durability aspect

## FGK wear simulation:

- 20 cycles correspond to actual wear in highly trafficked areas (malls, train station halls) after 1,5 years of use
- For “high slip resistant surfaces”: reductions of between 30 and 50 % are no exceptions!



# Topography and slip resistance measurements

## Reference materials in DIN/CEN TS 16165



**DIN CEN/TS 16165 – 8/2016 (E)**

*Determination of slip resistance of pedestrian surfaces – Methods of evaluation*



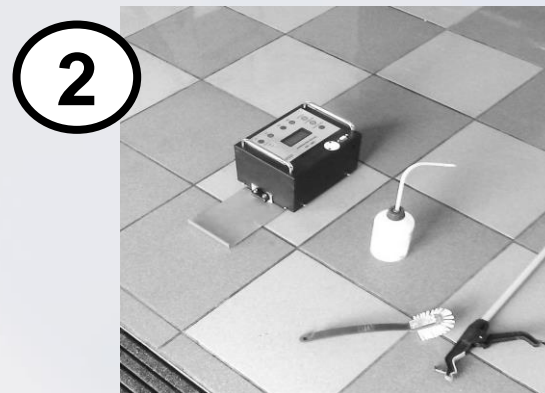
**3 main methods**



**Ramp  
walking method**

*Stat. /dyn. friction*

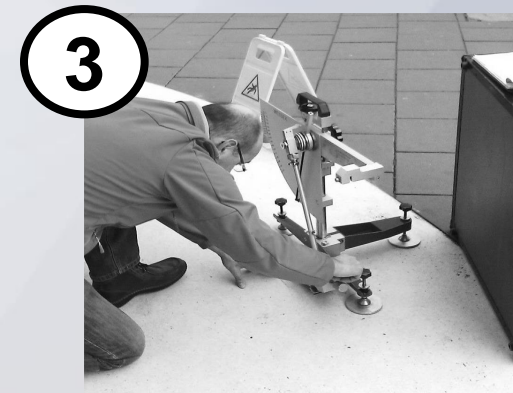
*gait velocity  
(ca. 140/min)*



**Friction measurement  
pull- /propulsiontest**

*friction measurement*

*low velocity  
(0,2 – 0,3 m/sec)*



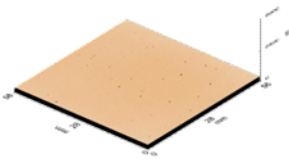
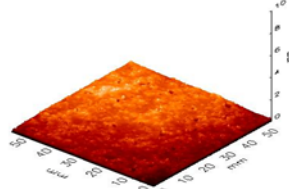
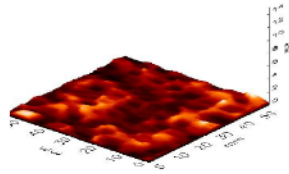
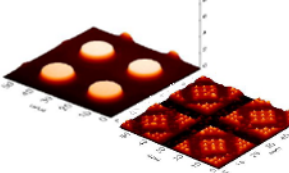
**Pendelum  
impact brake**

*loss of energy*

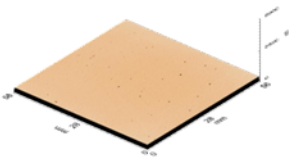

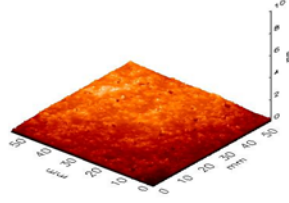

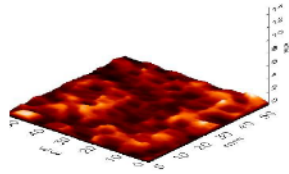

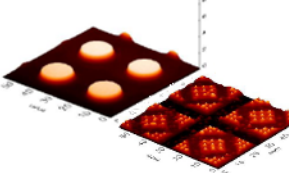

*high velocity  
(ca. 3 m/sec)*



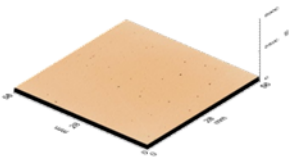

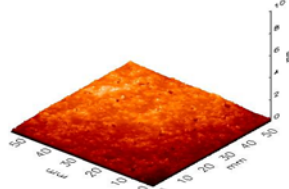

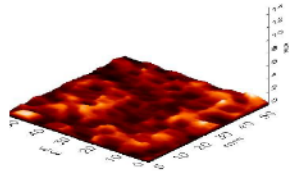

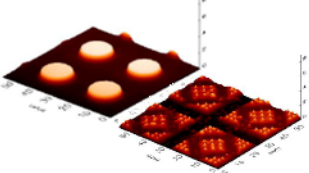

# Topography and slip resistance measurements

Surface topography groups	Examples
<b>Group 1</b> Non profiled, mainly smooth surface, $P_k < 50 \mu\text{m}$	 A 3D surface topography plot showing a very smooth, flat surface. The vertical axis represents height in micrometers, ranging from 0 to 10. The horizontal axes represent distance in millimeters, ranging from 0 to 50.
<b>Group 2</b> micro rough, „gritty touch“, $P_k$ to $100 \mu\text{m}$ , $P_p$ up to $200 \mu\text{m}$	 A 3D surface topography plot showing a surface with fine, irregular micro-roughness. The vertical axis represents height in micrometers, ranging from 0 to 100. The horizontal axes represent distance in millimeters, ranging from 0 to 50.
<b>Group 3</b> Structured and textured: „macro rough“, $P_k$ above 100, $P_p$ above $200 \mu\text{m}$	 A 3D surface topography plot showing a surface with distinct, rounded macro-rough features. The vertical axis represents height in micrometers, ranging from 0 to 150. The horizontal axes represent distance in millimeters, ranging from 0 to 50.
<b>Upper Group 3</b> geometrically profiled with $P_k$ above 300, $P_p$ above $700 \mu\text{m}$	 A 3D surface topography plot showing a surface with large, distinct, rounded geometric profiles. The vertical axis represents height in micrometers, ranging from 0 to 150. The horizontal axes represent distance in millimeters, ranging from 0 to 50.

# Topography and slip resistance measurements

Surface topography groups	Examples	Surface influences	
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<b>Group 3</b> Structured and textured: „macro rough“, $P_k$ above $100$ , $P_p$ above $200 \mu\text{m}$		topography and geometry (shape) are significant. Loss of contact area	
<b>Upper Group 3</b> geometrically profiled with $P_k$ above $300$ , $P_p$ above $700 \mu\text{m}$		geometry (shape) is significant, different for each surface. Loss of contact area	

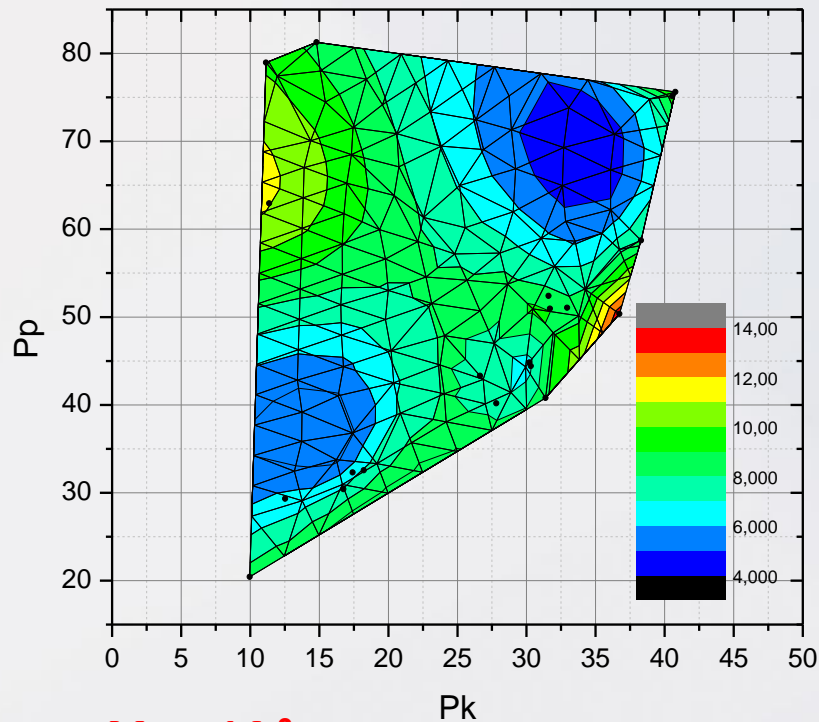
# Topography and slip resistance measurements

Surface topography groups	Examples	Surface influences		Measurement suitability
<b>Group 1</b> Non profiled, mainly smooth surface, Pk < 50 µm		hydrodynamic film effects, different measurement methods and settings influence results		tribometer and pendulum can <b>overestimate actual slip resistance</b> due to stiction effects
<b>Group 2</b> micro rough, „gritty touch“, Pk to 100 µm, Pp up to 200 µm		topography is significant: correlations between surface and slip and different methods		ramp, tribometer and pendulum can be applied
<b>Group 3</b> Structured and textured: „macro rough“, Pk above 100, Pp above 200 µm		topography and geometry (shape) are significant. Loss of contact area		Ramp and pendulum applicable, <b>tribometer impaired by loss of contact surface (low) or irregular traction (high)</b>
<b>Upper Group 3</b> geometrically profiled with Pk above 300, Pp above 700 µm		geometry (shape) is significant, different for each surface. Loss of contact area		Ramp and Pendulum applicable, <b>impact variation on profile with Pendulum needs attention</b>

# Topography and slip resistance measurements

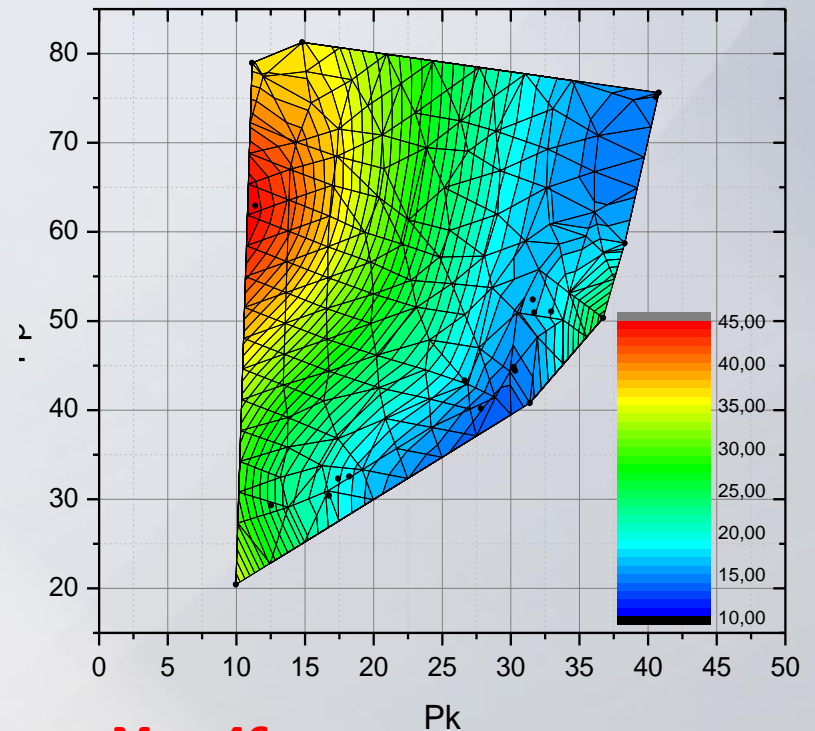
## The influence of the measurement method in group 1

DIN 51130



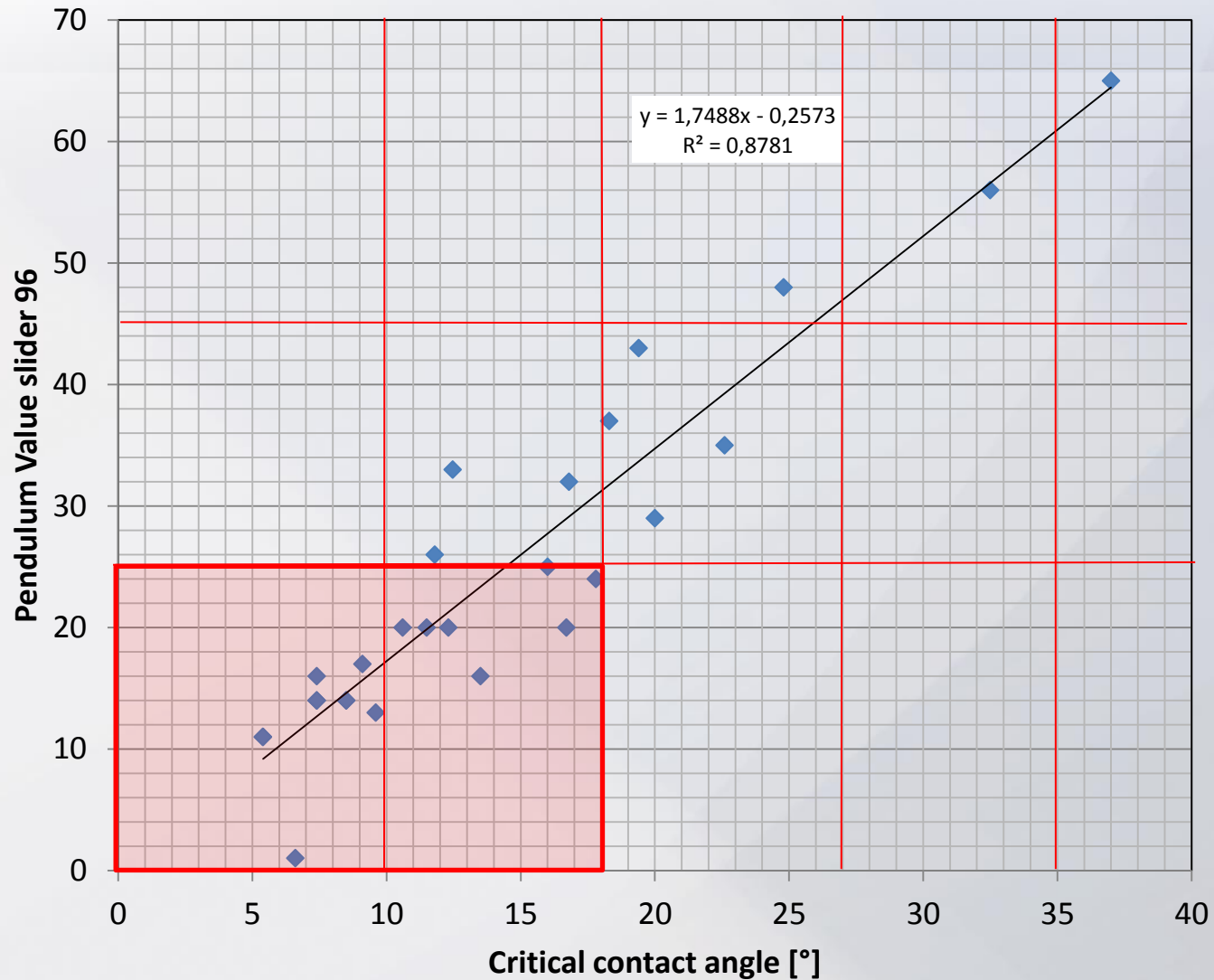
Max. 14 °

Pendel Value 96



Max. 46

# Comparison of Pendulum to DIN 51130 tested group 2 tiles status june 2918



# Performance of the reference materials

## Reference materials in DIN/CEN TS 16165

### Calibration Boards

#### Shod:

St-I  $8.7^\circ \pm 3.0^\circ$   
 St-II  $17.3^\circ \pm 3.0^\circ$   
 St-III  $27.3^\circ \pm 3.0^\circ$

#### Barefoot:

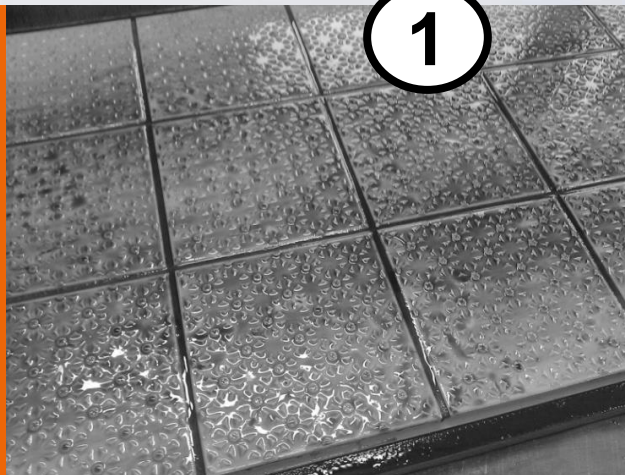
St-A  $11.5^\circ \pm 2.1^\circ$   
 St-B  $18.5^\circ \pm 2.1^\circ$   
 St-c  $23.9^\circ \pm 2.1^\circ$

#### Testing Shoes:

LeipzigV73-SP

#### Safety Shoe

Sole: Nitril-Cautchuc, Shore-A-  
 Hardness  $73 \pm 5$  acc. to EN ISO 868



### Wet conditions with SBR slider:

Floatglass	$\mu = 0.14 \pm 0.02$
HPL-plate acc to EN 438-4	$\mu = 0.30 \pm 0.03$
Portugese tile	$\mu = 0.42 \pm 0.04$



Slider:	57
3M 261X Imperial Foil:	53 – 63
Floatglassplate:	5 – 10
Reference tile:	13 – 19

Slider:	96
3M 261X Imperial Foil:	$X \pm 3$
Floatglassplate:	5 - 10
Reference tile:	29 - 39

**Different reference materials for different measurement methods!**

*Status 2016*



# Performance of the reference materials

## Fit for purpose?

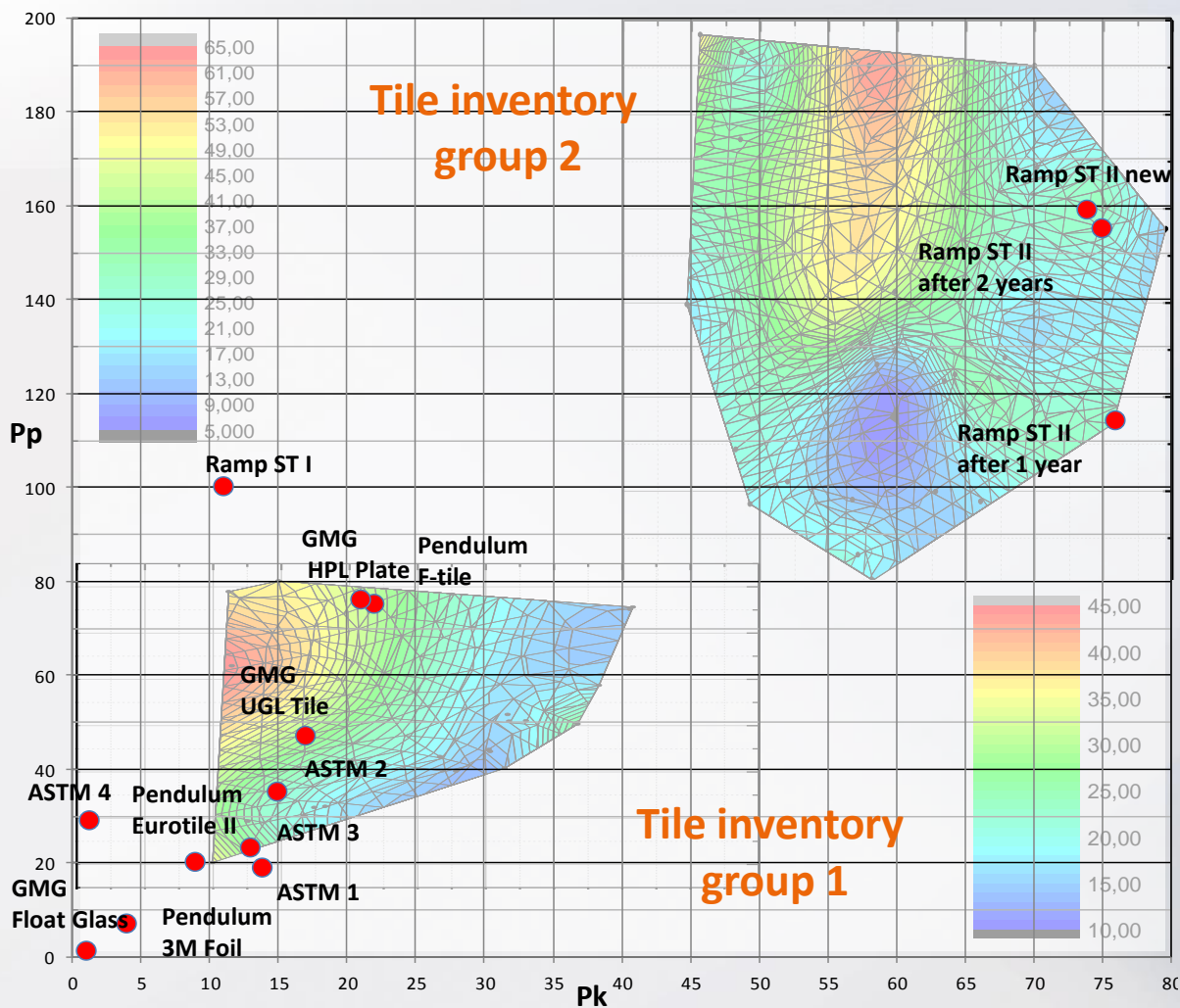
Reference Comparison										
Reference materials for:	surface parameters		DIN CEN/TS 16165 – 06/2012							SlipSTD PAS
	Pk	Pp	Ramp	R-Class	Standard Requirements	DCOF	Standard Requirements	PVT	Standard Requirements	surface group
<b>1</b> DIN CEN/TS 16165 (Ramp Oil/Shoe)										
ST-I new	11 µm	80 µm	9.8°	R9	8.7 ° ± 3,0°	0.43		38		1
ST-II new	75 µm	120 µm	20.0°	R11	17.3° ± 3,0°	0.58		29	!	2
	79 µm	112 µm	17,8°	R10	17,3 ± 3,0°	0,58		34		2
ST-III new	not relevant		28.4°	R12	27.3° ± 3,0°	-		-		3
<b>2</b> DIN CEN/TS 16165 (DCOF GMG 2000)										
UGL Tile	17 µm	47 µm	-	-	-	0.50	0,45 ± 0,04	30	!	1
HPL tile	22 µm	75 µm	-	-	-	0.24	0,28 ± 0,03	13	!	1
Floatglas	1 µm	1 µm	-	-	-	0.11	0,12 ± 0,03	9		1
<b>3</b> DIN CEN/TS 16165 (PVT Pendulum)										
Eurotile 2	9 µm	20 µm	8.5°	-	29 - 39	0.53		35	29 - 39	1
Verification foil	4 µm	7 µm	-	-	58 - 64	-		62	58 - 64	1

- References for tribometer and pendulum are **all in group 1**, not covering the application areas (use on site) with **differences in evaluation!**



# Performance of the reference materials

## Fit for purpose?



- None of the reference materials for tribometer and pendulum **cover the group 2 tile range!**
- The pendulum and GMG reference materials are **partially below the group 1 range!**

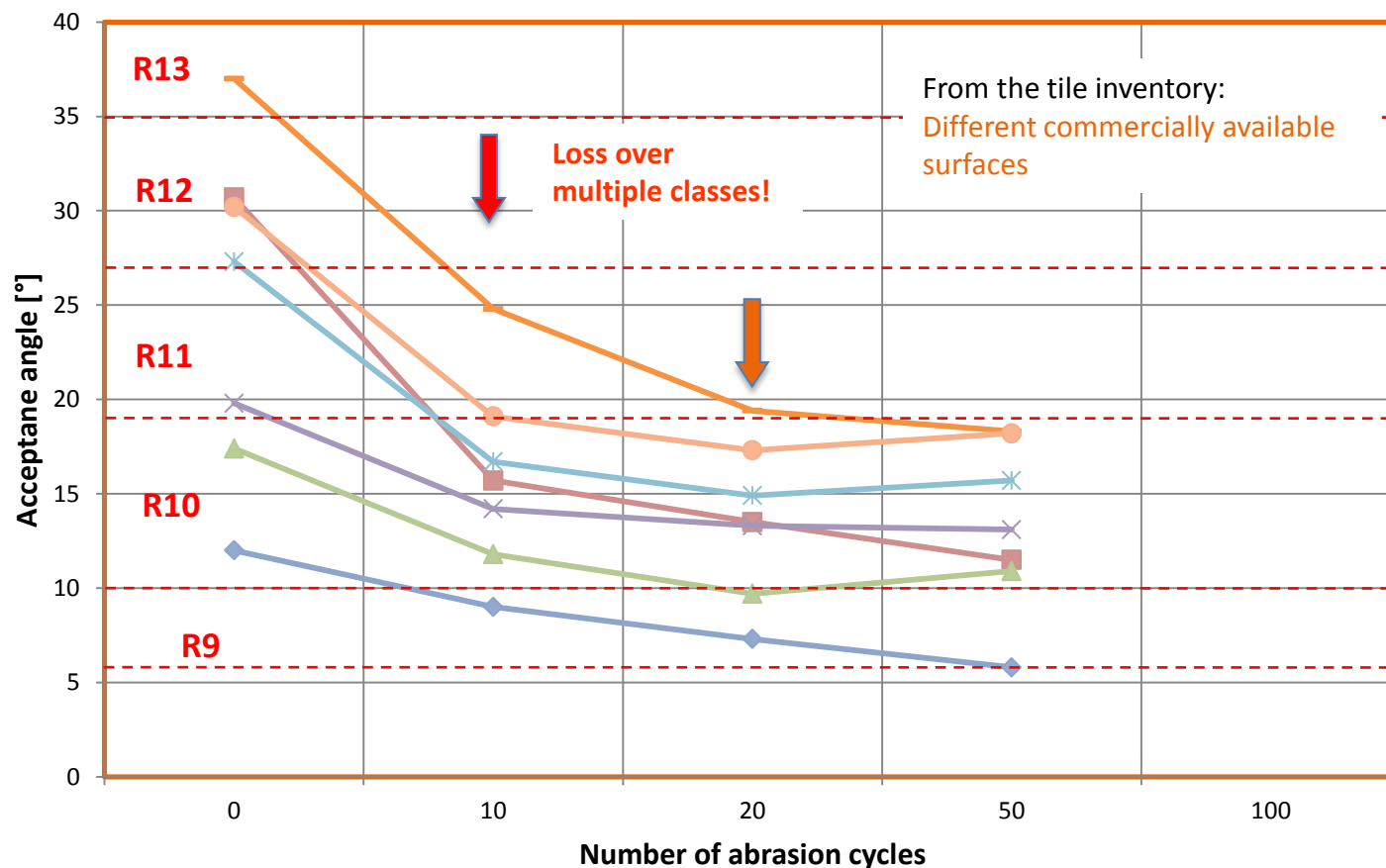
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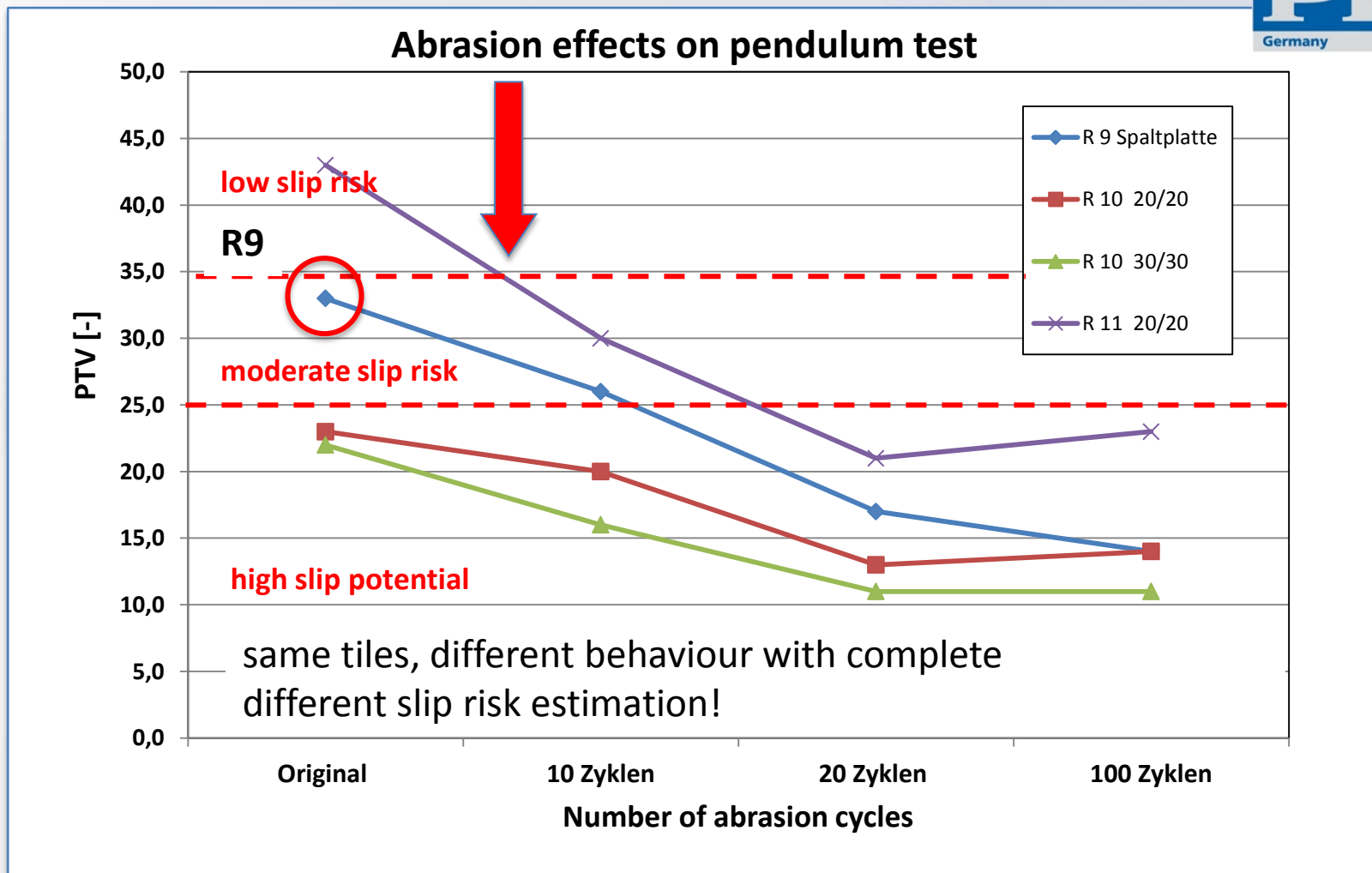
## Adequate durability and stability?

Wear simulation effects on ramp test



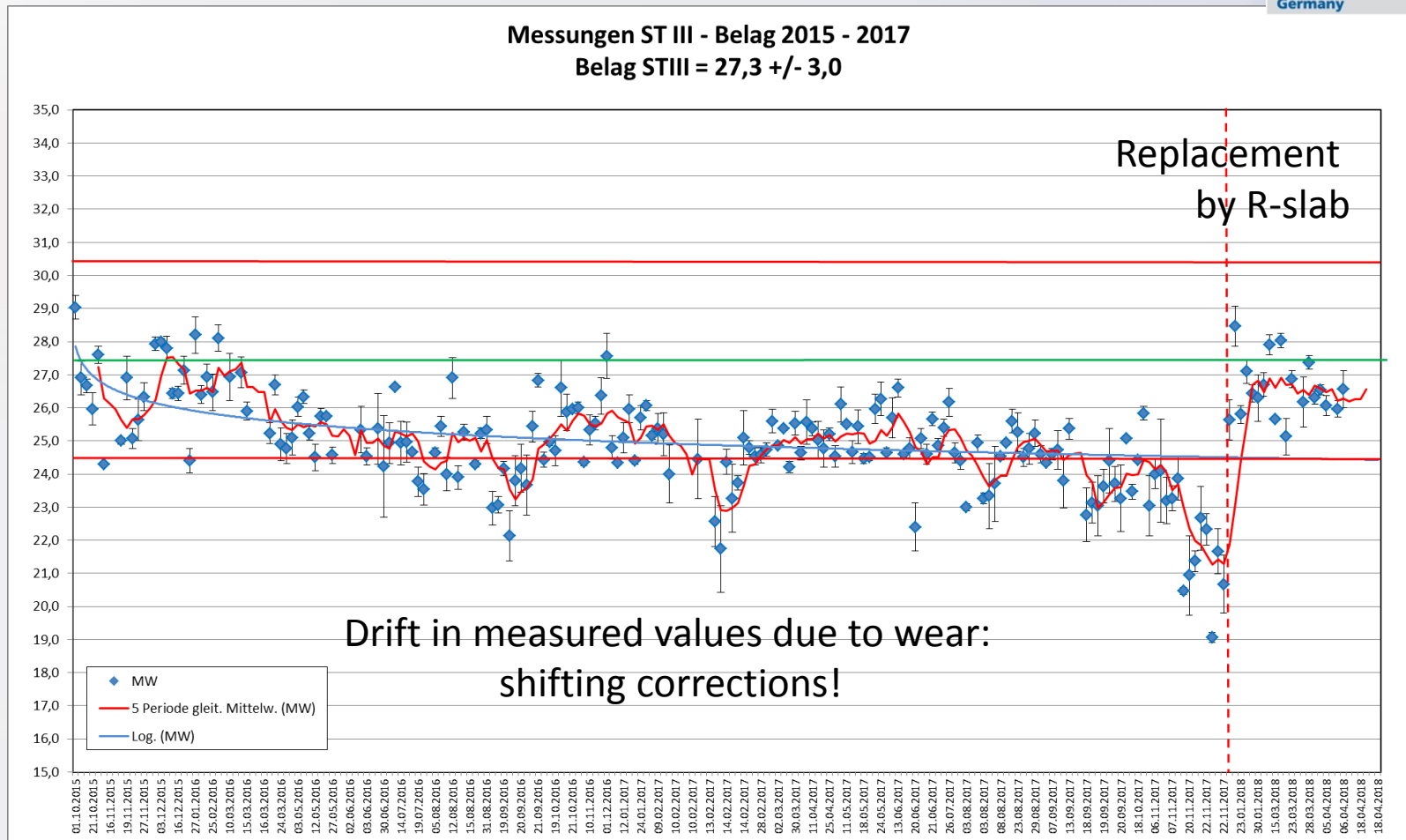
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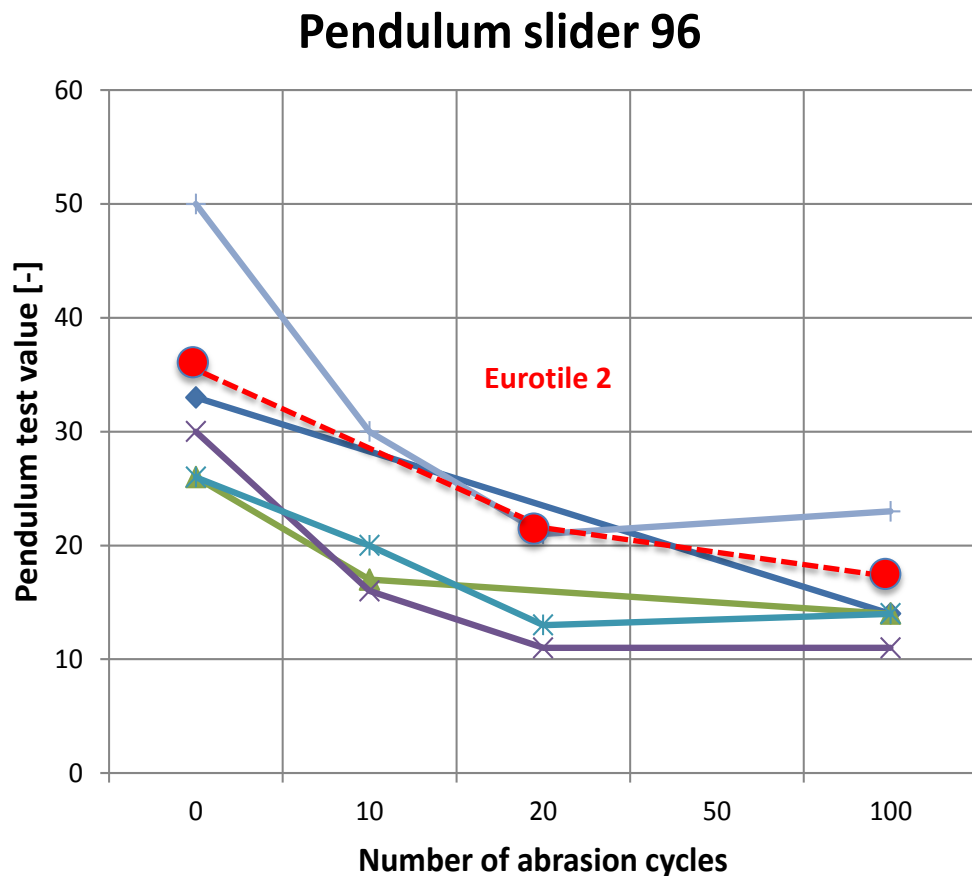
# Performance of the reference materials

## Adequate durability and stability?



## Performance of the reference materials

### Adequate durability and stability?



- Eurotile 2 has been tested (ramp, tribometer, pendulum)
- The Eurotile 2 also shows a **decrease in slip resistance** due to wear.
- The effects is **less than experienced using the pendulum**

# The potential of new and alternative materials

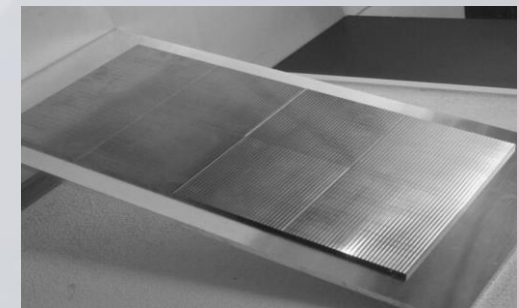
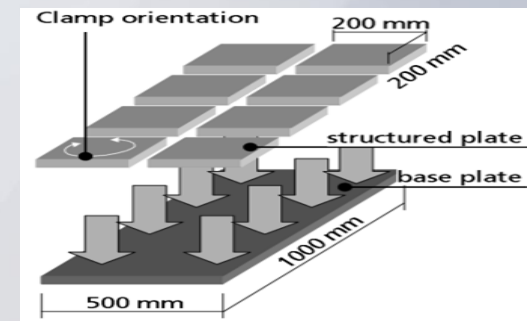
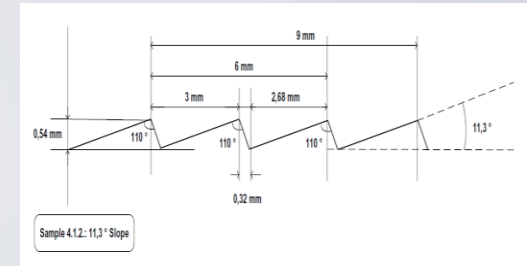
## The Slip STD Basis of modular systems:

- **Reproducible designed** and **objectively specified** surfaces
- Durable **wear resistant** surfaces
- **Targeted slip resistance values** by topographical or geometrical design
- **covering the application range**

Model based design by the University of Uppsala, Sweden ():

- Single Slope Concept, load-independent friction
- Targeted slip resistance values by “slope design”
- Transferred to steel and ceramic glazed and unglazed precursors

**Drawback: no working level reference**

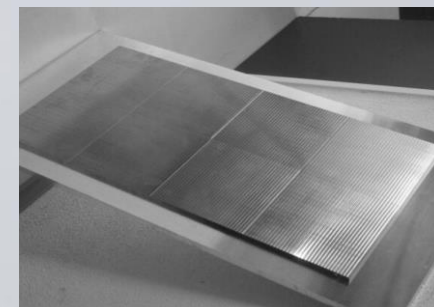
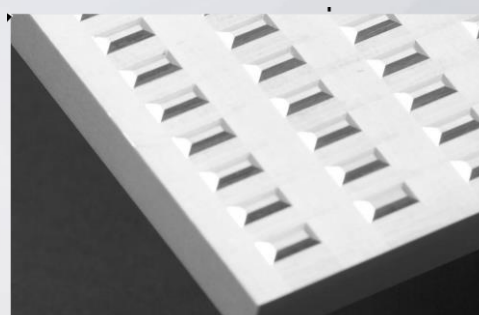
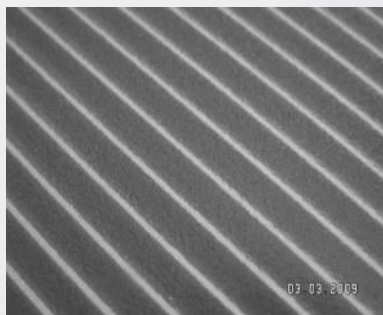


# The potential of new and alternative materials

## First prototypes:

		mean	std.dev
<b>Package for DIN 51097</b>	ceramic single slope angle „I-GL-A“	12,4°	1,8°
	ceramic single slope angle „I-GL-B/R10“	19,8°	1,6°
	ceramic single slope angle „I-GL-C“	22,2°	0,8°
<b>Package for DIN 51130:</b>	ceramic single slope angle „I-GL-B/R10“	8,9°	1,6°
	ceramic single slope angle „C-UGL /R11“	19,1°	3,1°
	alumina bidirectional sample „F-TP-R10“	10,3°	0,6°
		14,5°	0,5°
<b>BS 7679 Pendulum</b>	ceramic single slope angle „I-GL-A“ (MSP),	25,1	2,3
	ceramic single slope angle „I-GL-B“ (LSP)	33,6	3,4
	steel single slope angle „F-LSP“	33,9	1,4

Drawback:  
only suitable in  
lower slip  
resistance range





# The potential of new and alternative materials

## Choosing **alternative, commercially available** materials

- Development of tiles with **proven high wear resistance**:  
STD-P tile developed by ITC, produced by Porcelanosa , Spain –  
tested for Pendulum (!), surface development (FGK)
- Commercial tile surfaces with **proven wear resistance**:  
(Benchmark study by FGK)
- Defined **pre-treatment of tile surfaces** (abrasion)

Wear =  
material- and surface  
design-dependent



## Drawbacks:

- **Availability**
- **Durability of high profiled slip resistant surfaces:  
unpredictable wear results vs. targeted slip values**

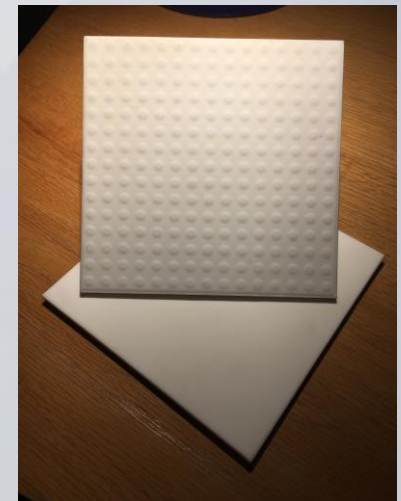


# The potential of new and alternative materials

## Developing **surfaces with alternative materials**

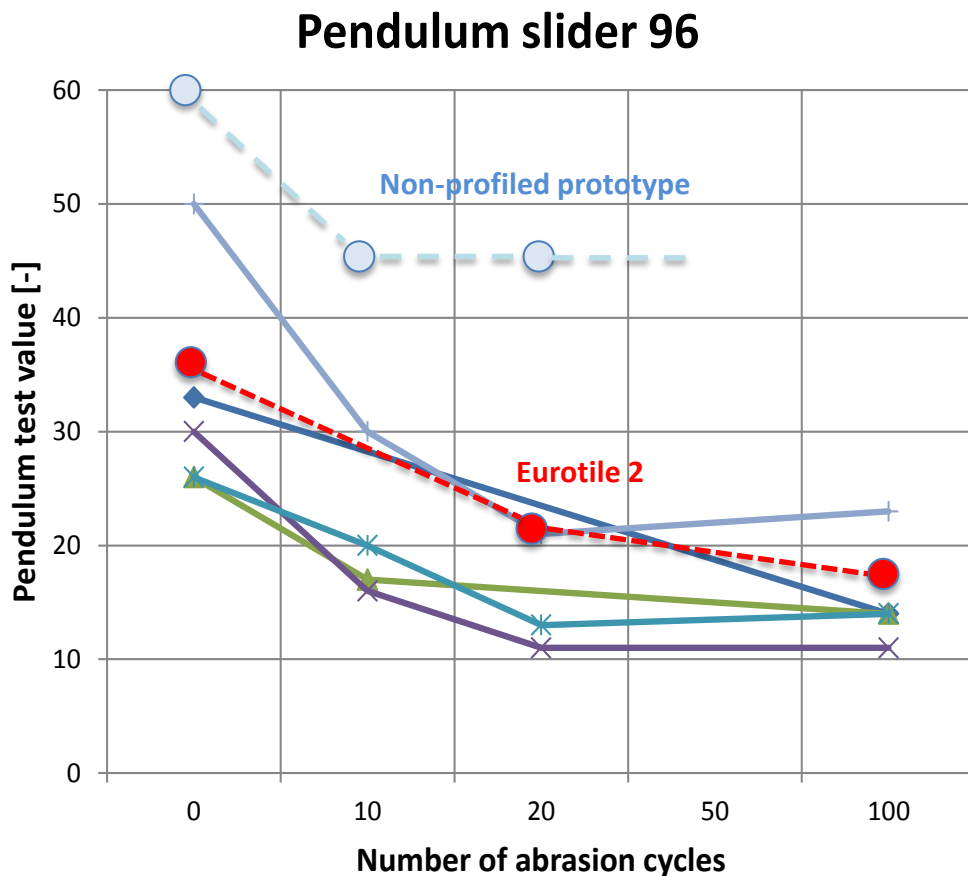
- alternative (technical) ceramic materials with superior **wear and chemical resistance**
- Covering the range of **profiled ab non-profiled surfaces**
- produced under controlled **production pilot scale** conditions to ensure constant and reproducible (specified!) quality as a prerequisite for the use as reference surface.

**Prototypes are being produced and checked, first results available**



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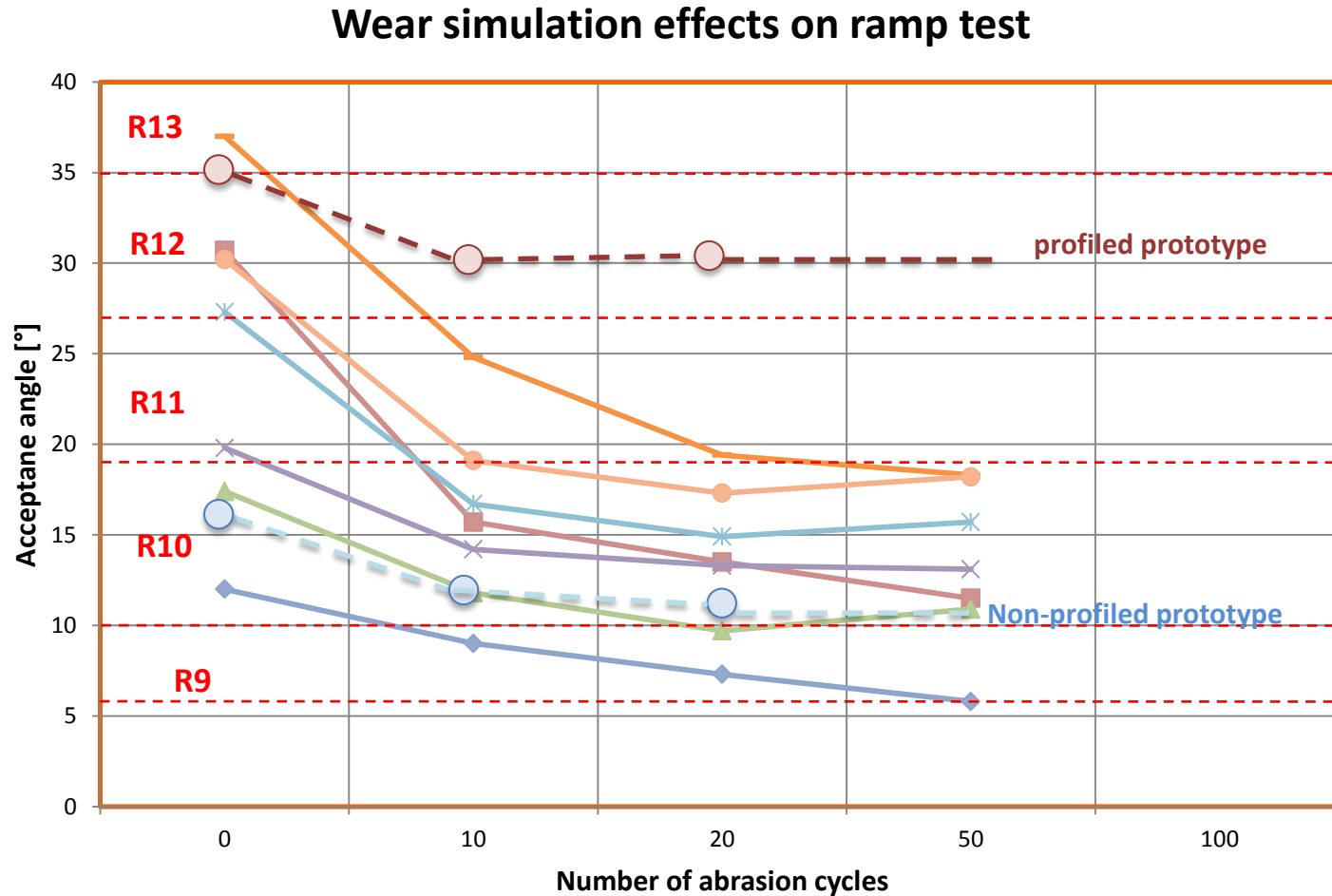
## Prototype results



- The slip resistance decreases initially, but stabilizes at a high level
- The material is extremely hard (fired at 1600 °C) and durable. Water absorption is below 0,1.
- The tile can easily be cleaned (chemically resistant)
- Planarity needs optimizing

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## Prototype results



## Summary/recommendations

- Current reference systems in the DIN CEN/TS 16165
  - do not cover the **test method application range**
  - Are **not comparable/transferable** between methods
  - lack **reproducibility, reliability and durability**
- For **commercially available surfaces** the use of **pre-treatment/estimation of the actual relevant wear effects** for new references is recommended
- The **performance of the methods** mentioned in DIN CEN/TS 16165 on different surfaces should be validated and used to develop **basic guidance for their use as informative part of the TS.**
- The use of **alternative materials** as a basis for **designed, reproducible, controlled and durable surfaces**, produced under **controlled and specified conditions** is highly recommended. These can also include specified surface types from practice (FGK development).



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# Thank you for your attention!



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