

# DESIGN A PREMIUM DIAL FEEL USING MATLAB

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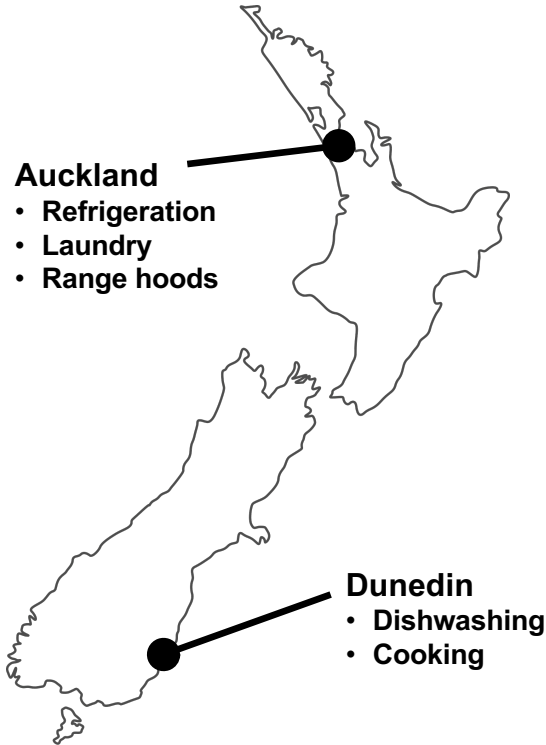
**FISHER & PAYKEL**

# WHO ARE WE: A GLOBAL APPLIANCES COMPANY



- ✓ Founded in 1934 in New Zealand
- ✓ Internationally recognised brand selling in over 50 countries
- ✓ Proven track record of delivering customer-focused product innovation
- ✓ Manufacturing facilities in China, Thailand, Mexico, and Italy
- ✓ 3000 staff worldwide

## FISHER & PAYKEL: NEW ZEALAND DESIGN CENTRES



### Product Development Capability:

- Industrial Design
- Mechanical and Engineering Science Engineers
- Electronics Hardware and Software Engineers
- Reliability, Safety and Compliance
- Wash Scientists and Product Evaluators



**400 Product Development staff across 2 sites**

## INDUSTRY LEADERS IN APPLIANCE TECHNOLOGY

**1985:** Gentle Annie: Brushless DC motor

**1991:** Smart Drive™: Direct Drive Motor

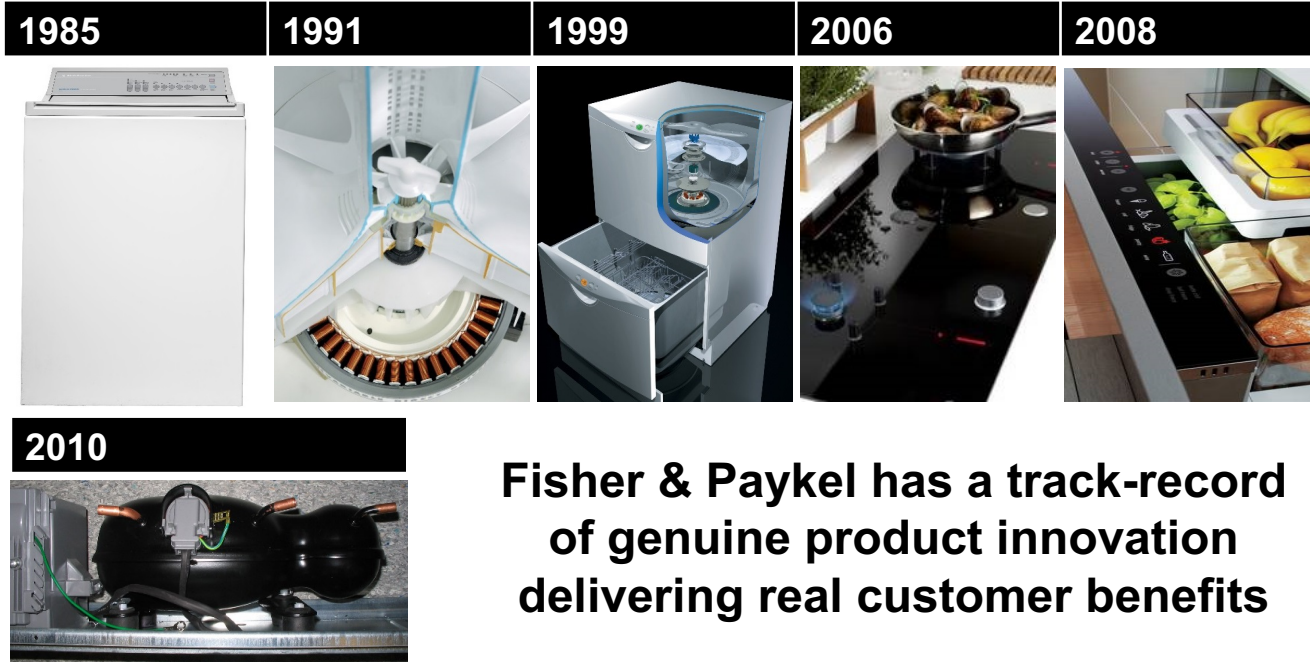
**1997:** Active Smart™: Refrigeration

**1999:** DishDrawer® Dishwasher

**2006:** CookSurface Cooktop

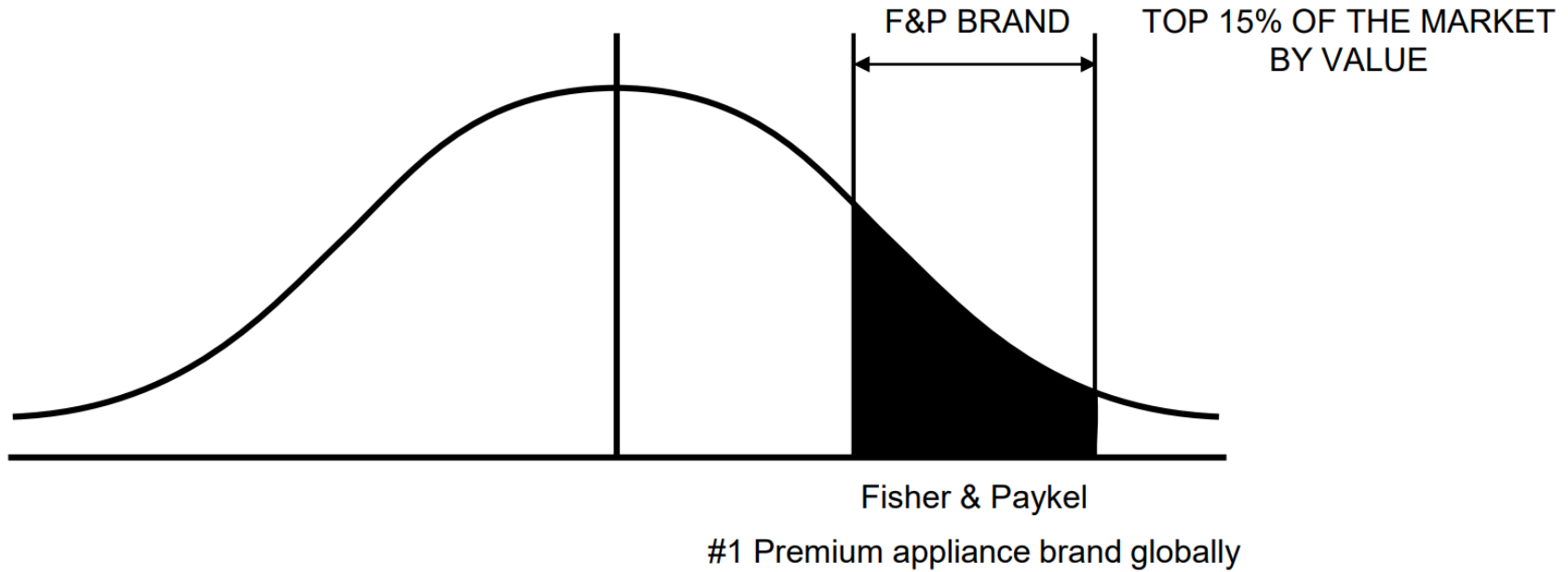
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**2010:** Linear Compressor



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# OUR GOAL: TO BE #1 PREMIUM BRAND GLOBALLY



# WHY A CUSTOM DIAL FEEL?

- One of the direct points of contact between a customer and the product
- The way a dial feels can inadvertently convey the *perceived* quality of a product
- We need to translate highly subjective attributes into objective measures

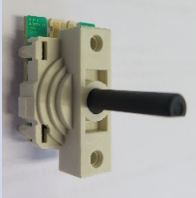



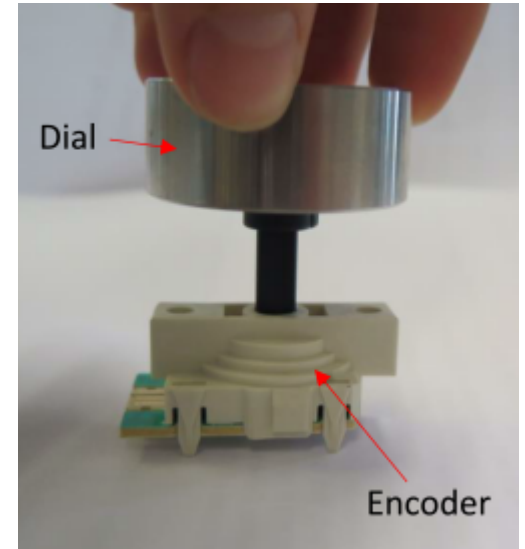
[Knob Feel Youtube Channel](#)

*“The A29 is another home run for Arcam. Lovely feel here, solidly built Knob. Incredibly weighted rotation. Also includes a lovely slight click to the rotation, which does not deter from the smoothness of it. This is one satisfying Knob.”*

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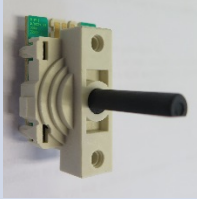

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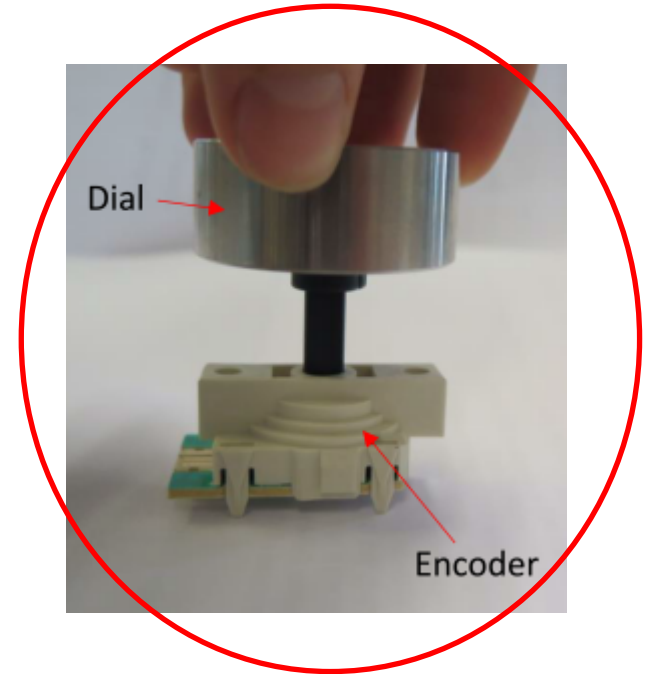


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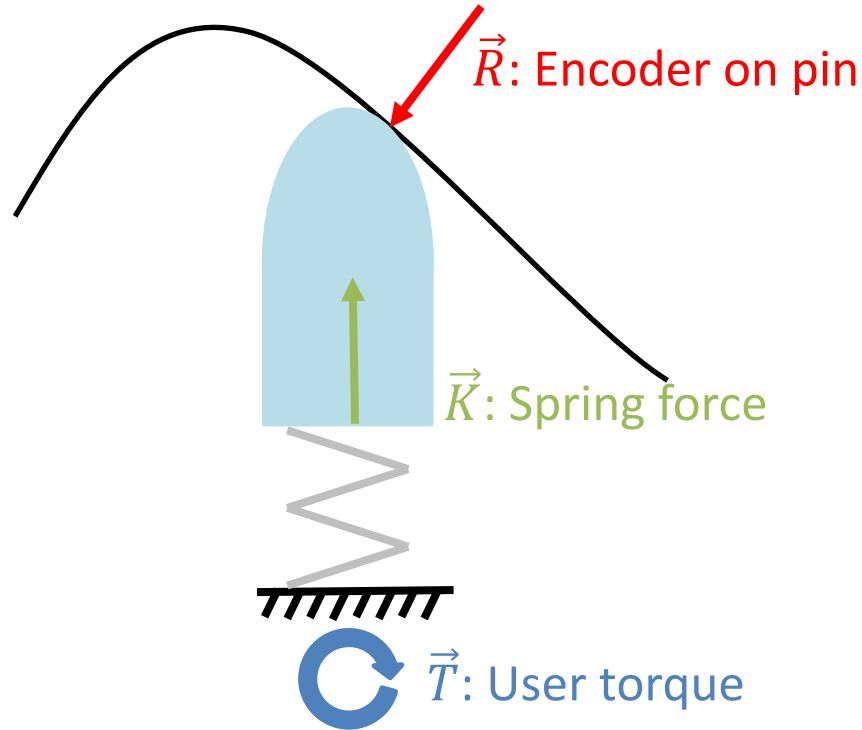
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**MODELLING CAN HELP**

# **PROOF OF CONCEPT**

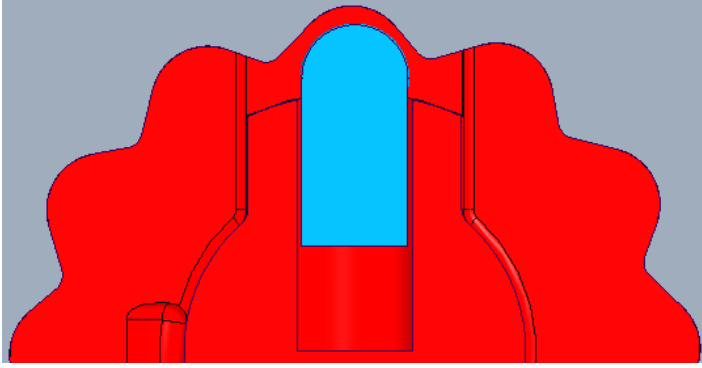
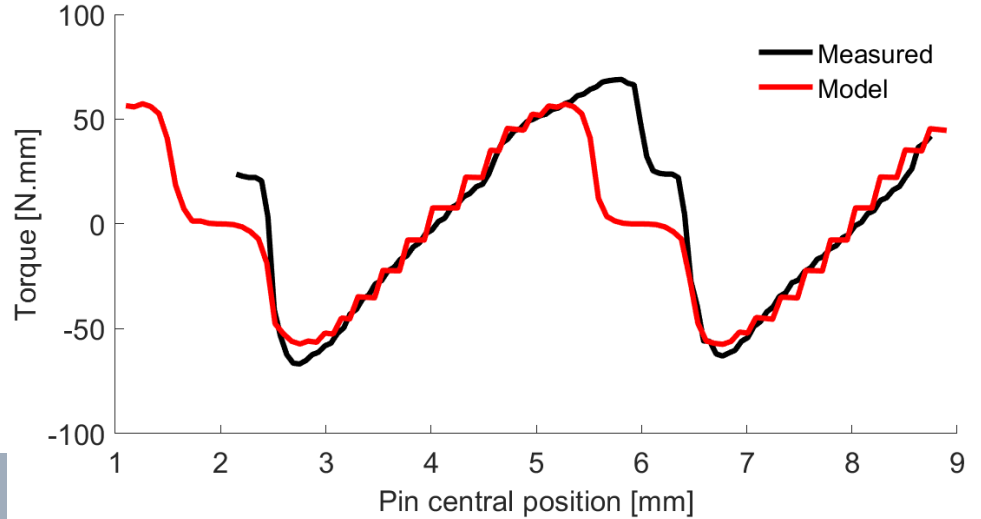
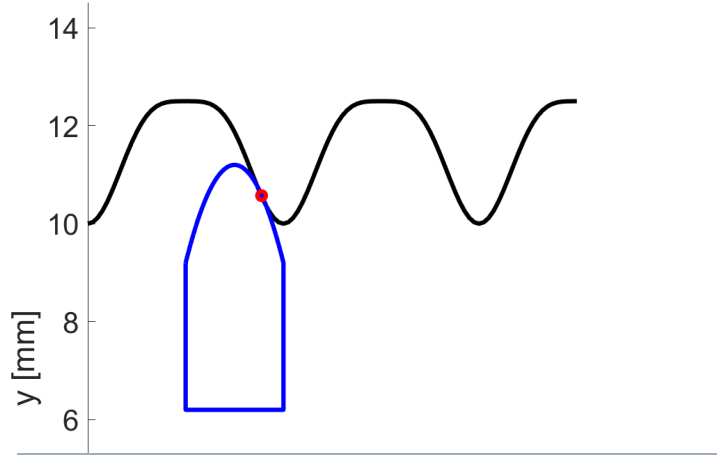
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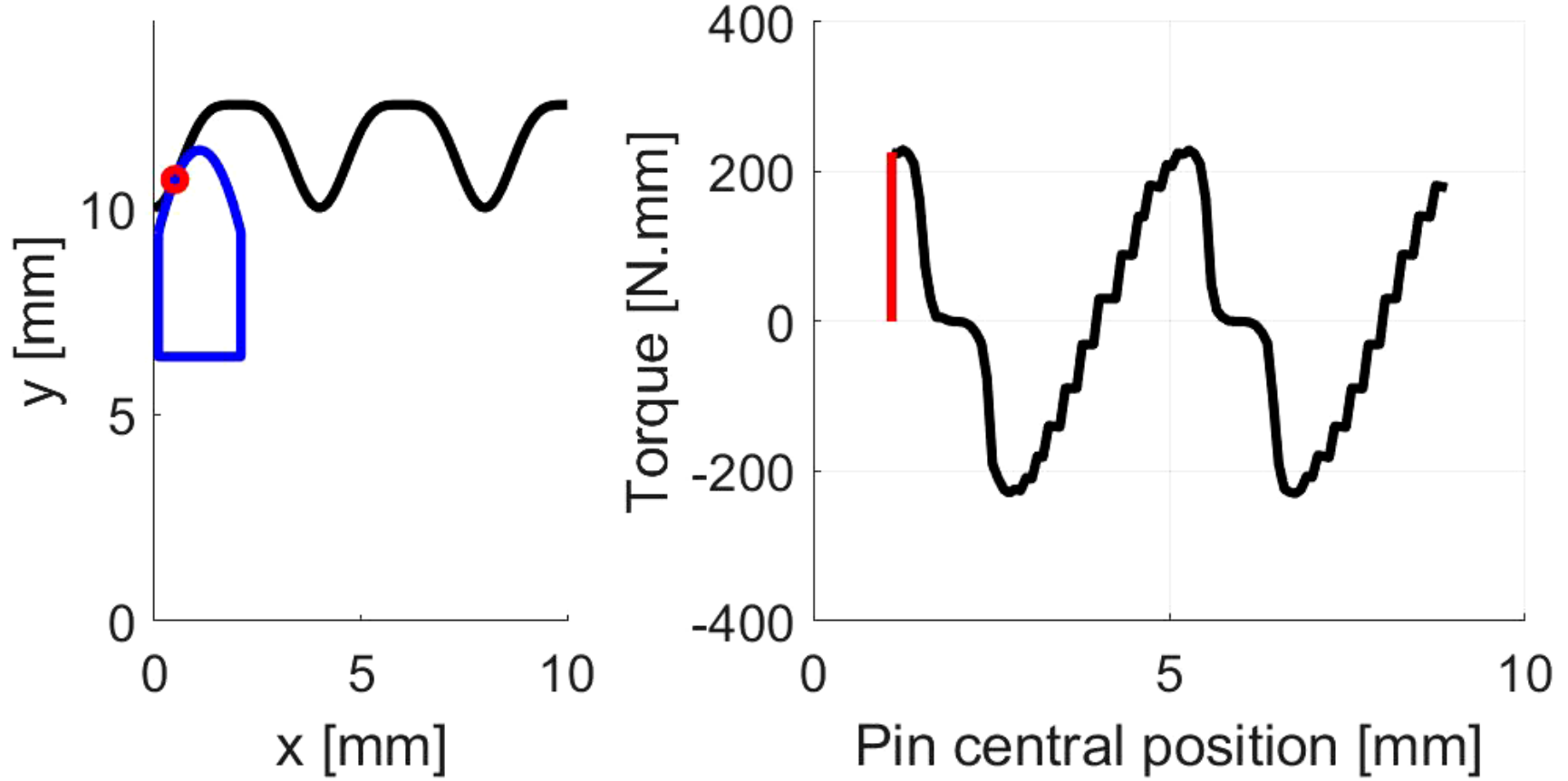
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- Size and shape of the pin
- Spring force and free length

# VALIDATION ON EVEREL ENCODER



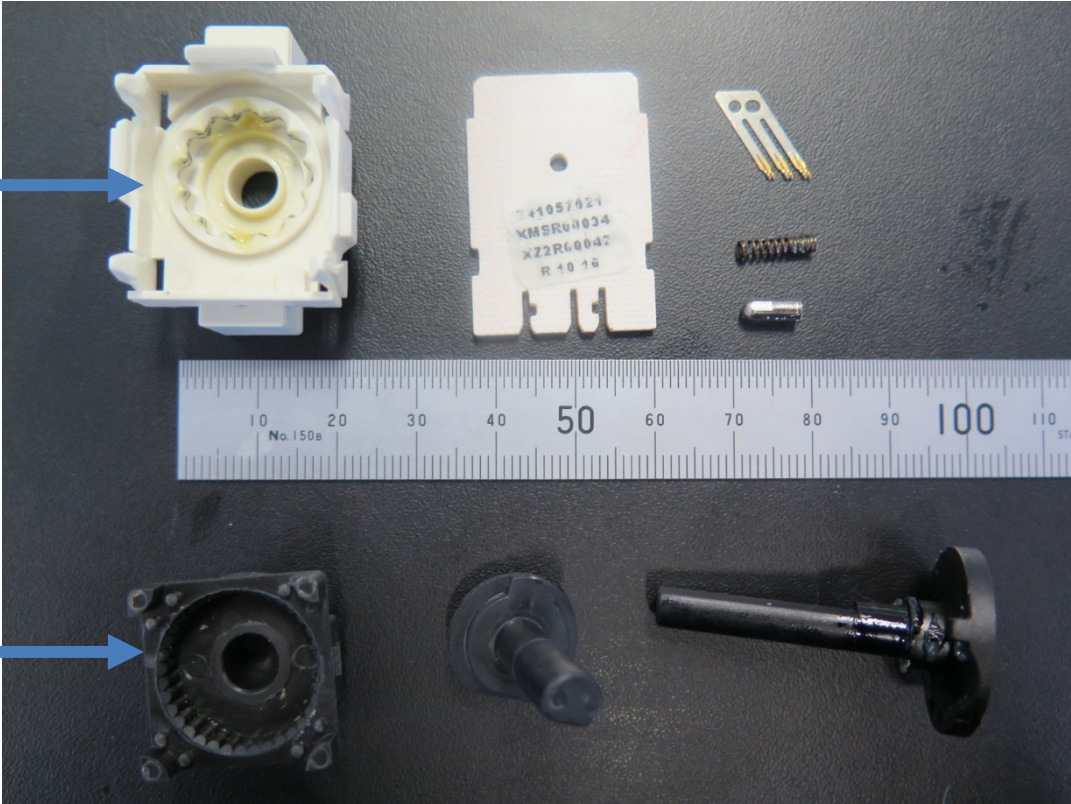
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# CLOSE LOOK ON STEPS



# REAL ENCODER SHAPE

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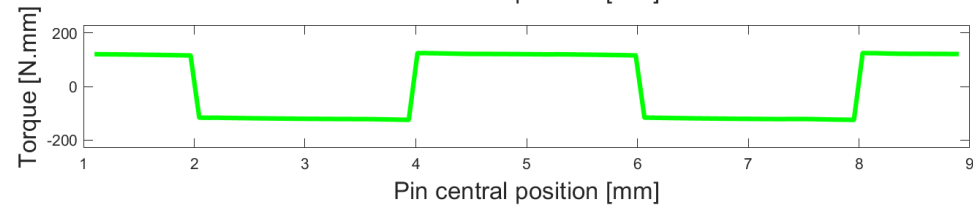
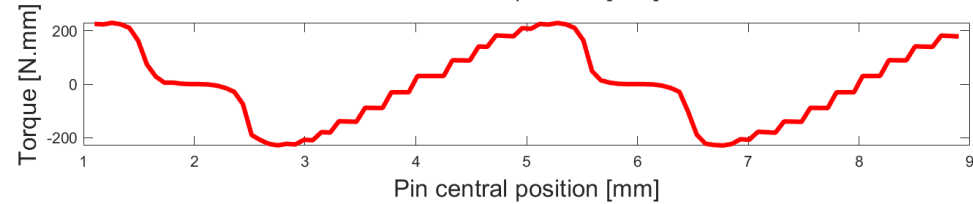
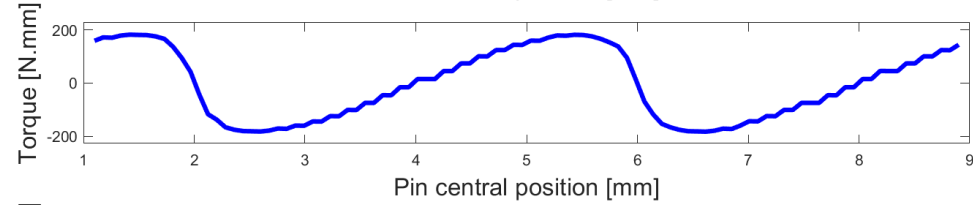
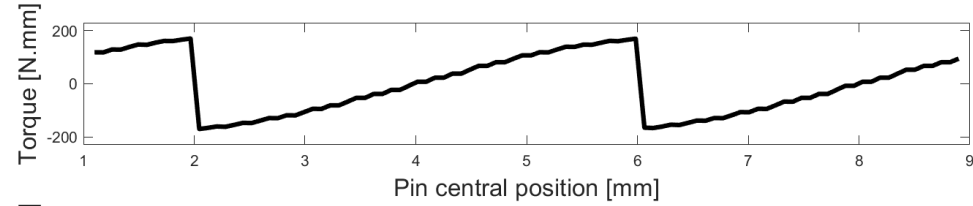
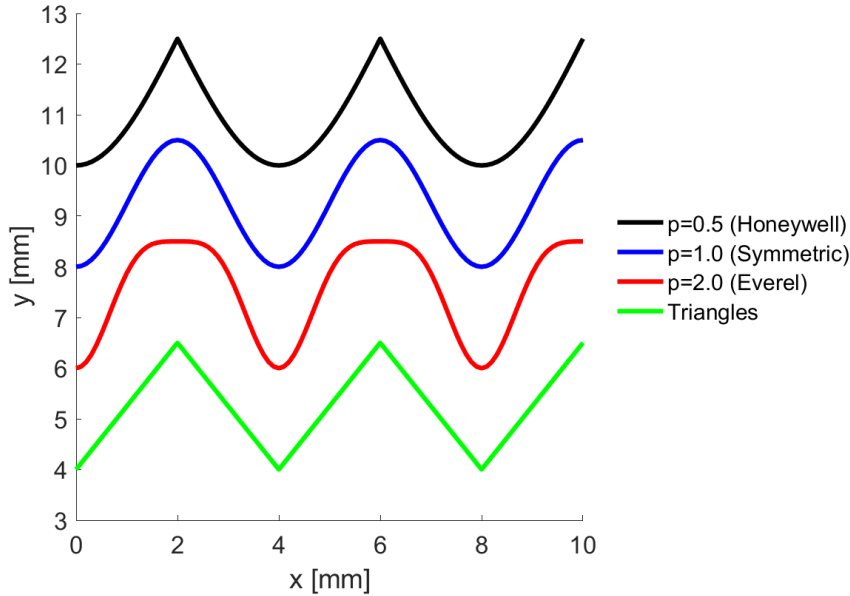
Honeywell



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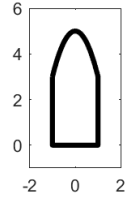
Sinusoidal shape defined as:

$$y = \frac{\theta}{2} - D \left[ \left( \frac{1 + \cos\left(\frac{x}{g}2\pi\right)}{2} \right)^p - 1 \right]$$

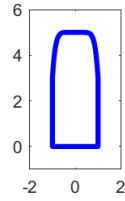
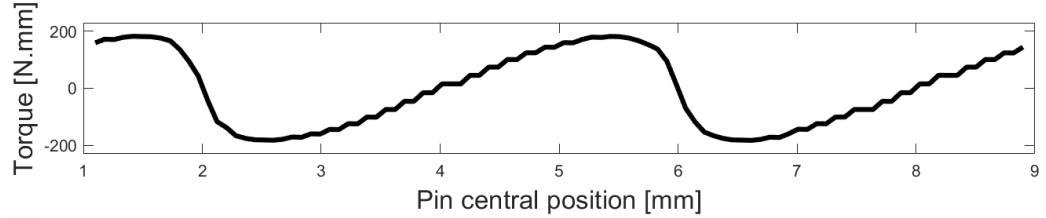


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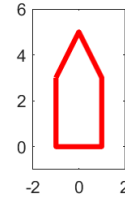
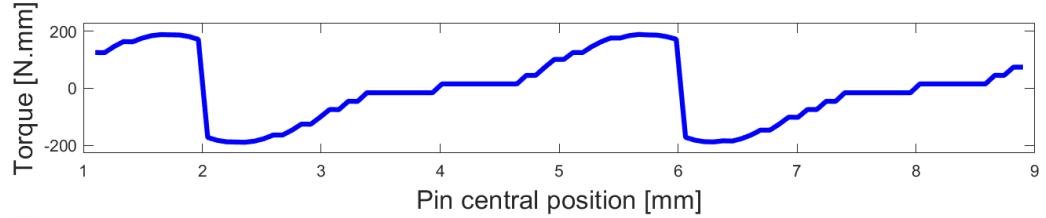
- Encoder: symmetric sinus
- Pin: Sinusoidal shape:  
 $y = Ax^p$   
All pin have the same height



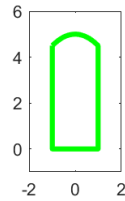
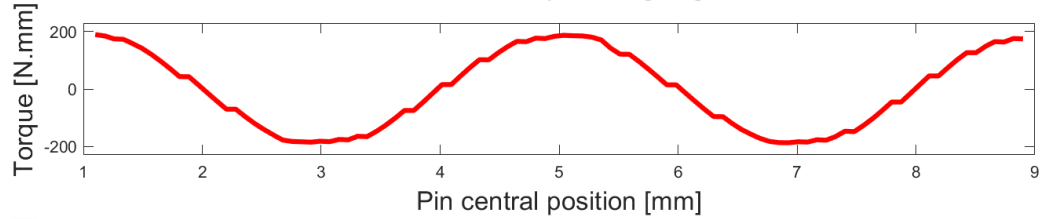
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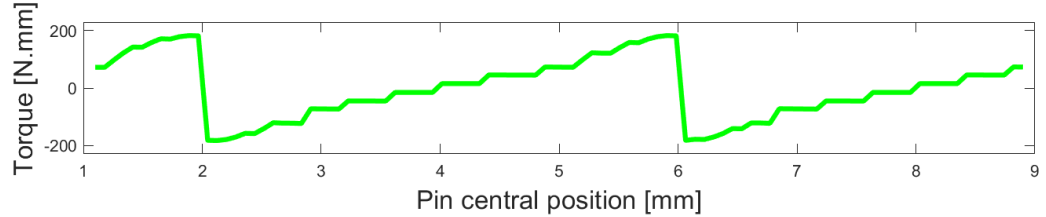
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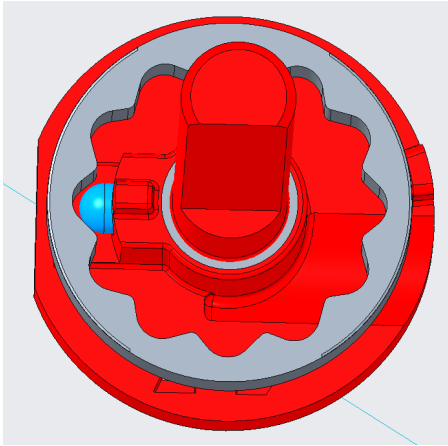


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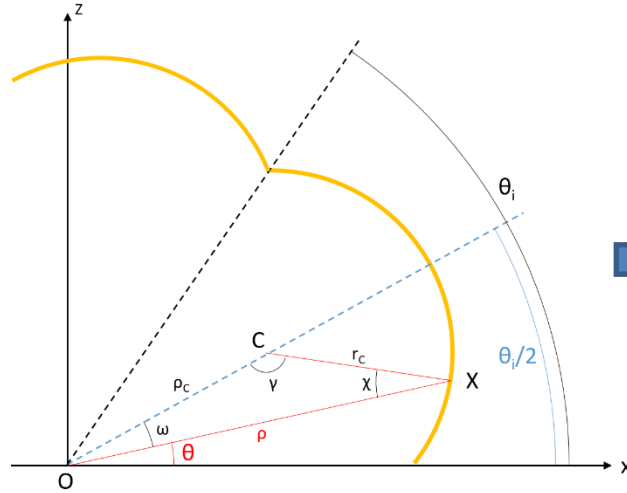


# CYLINDRICAL 3D MODEL

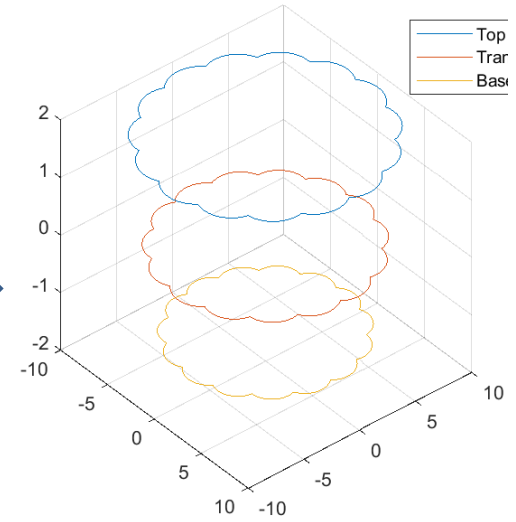
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CAD model



2D section

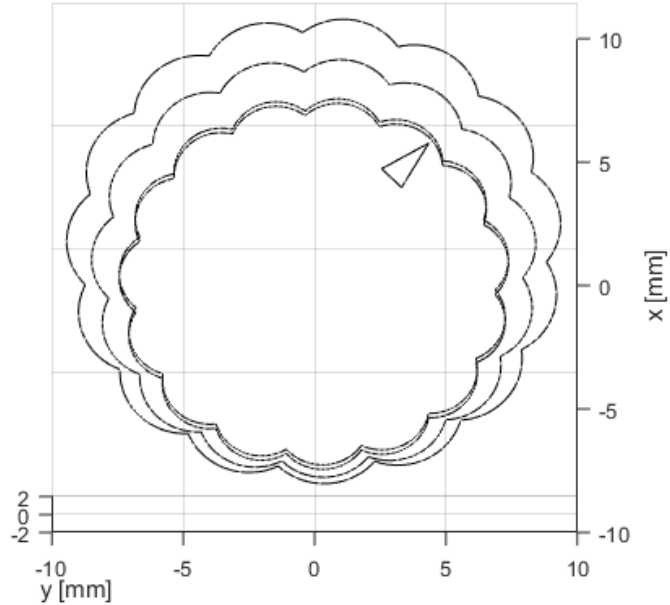


3D Reconstitution

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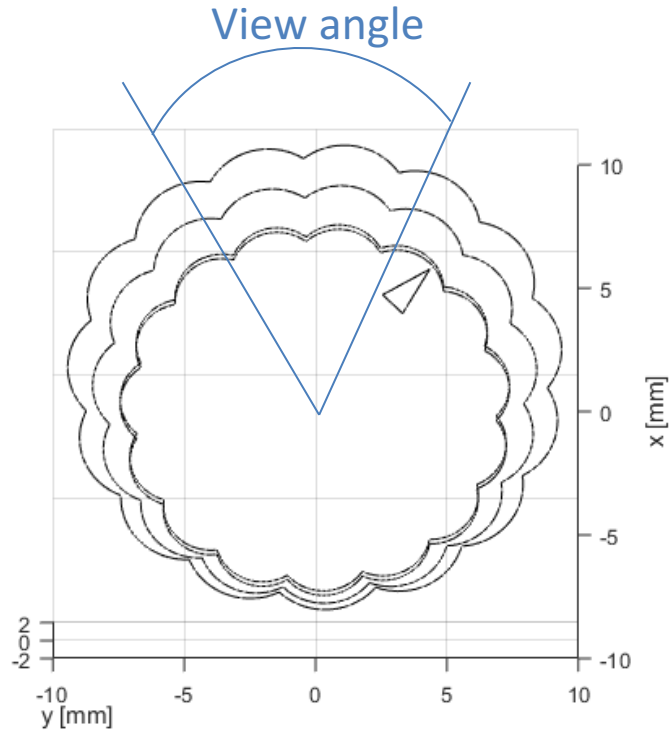
- Rotate 2D sections



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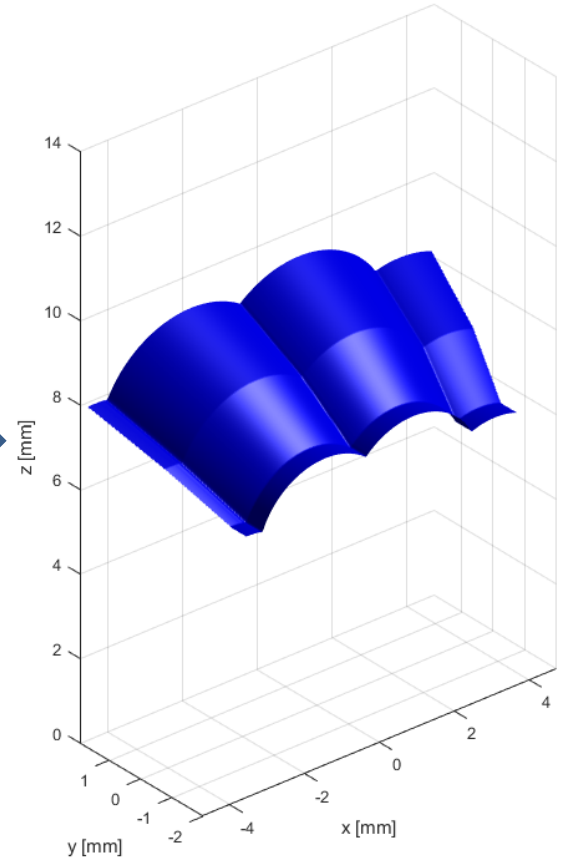
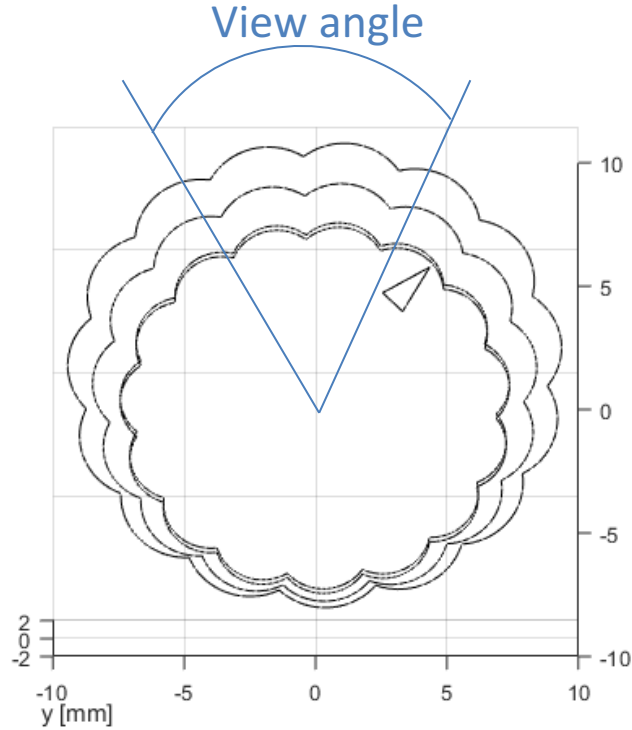
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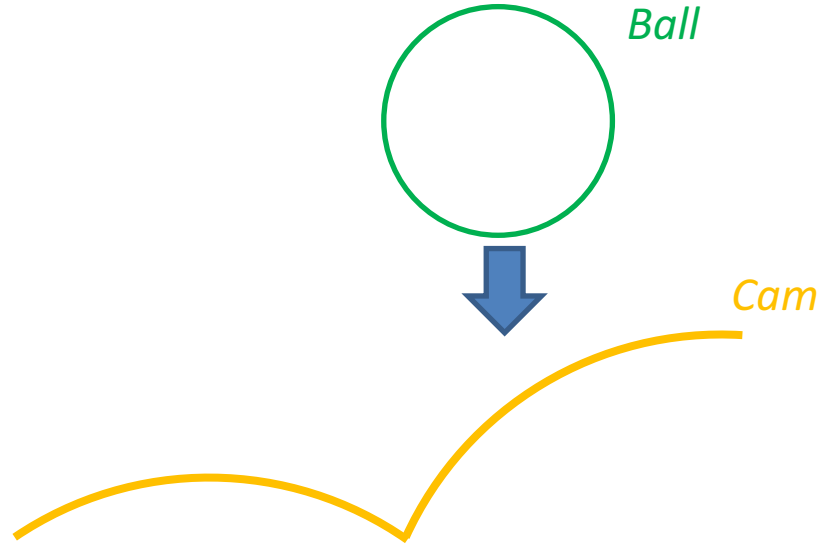
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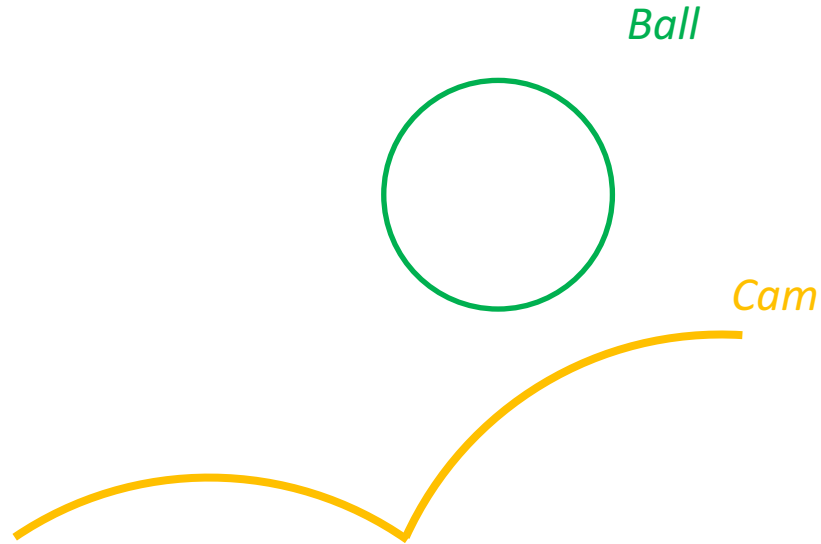




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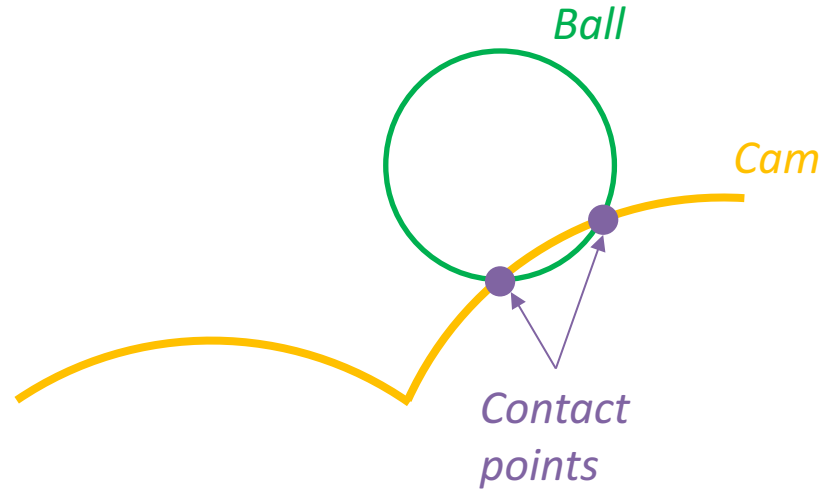
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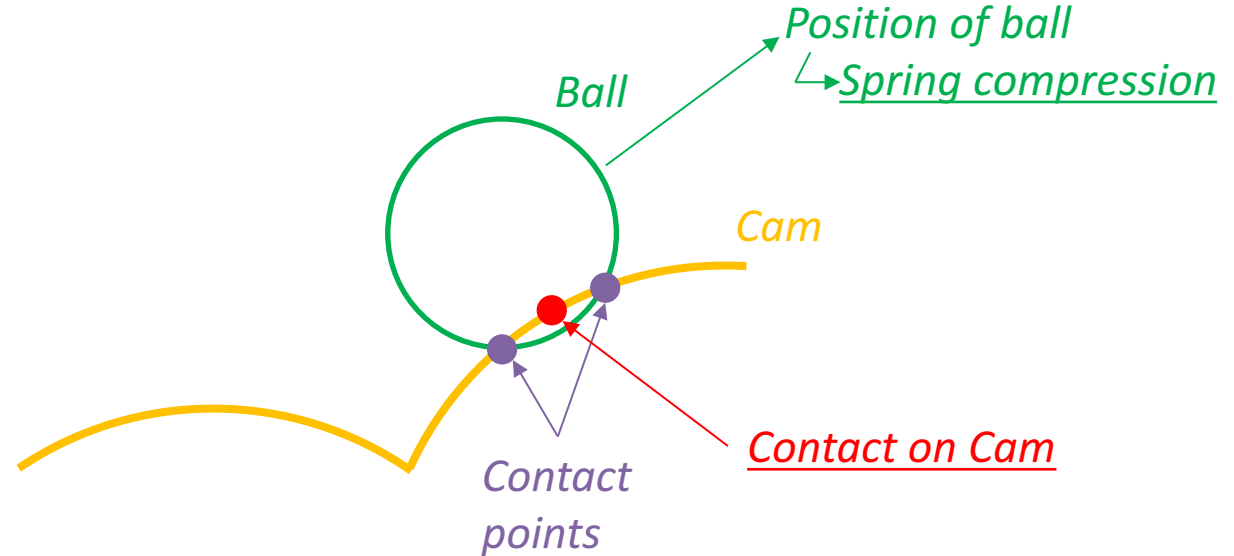
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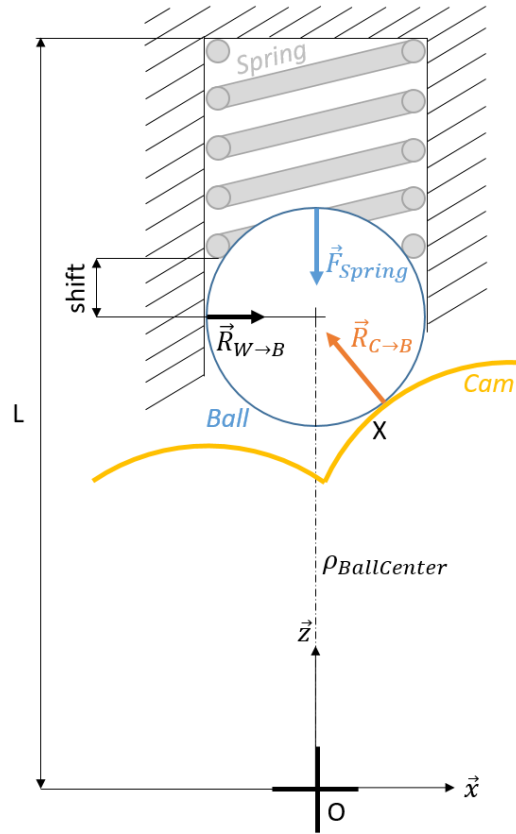
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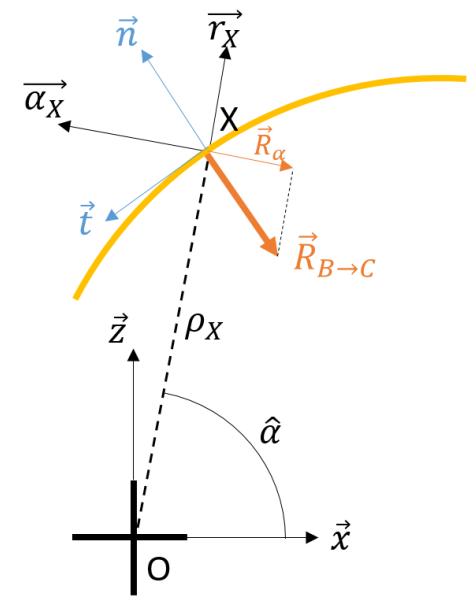
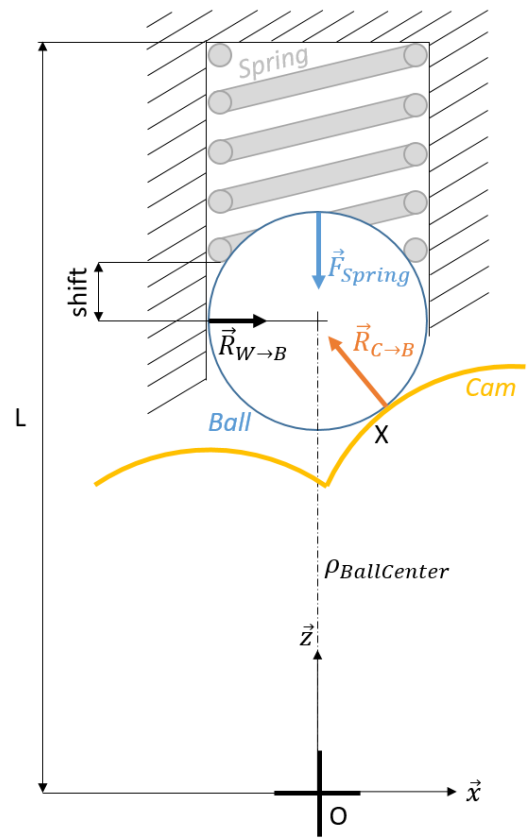
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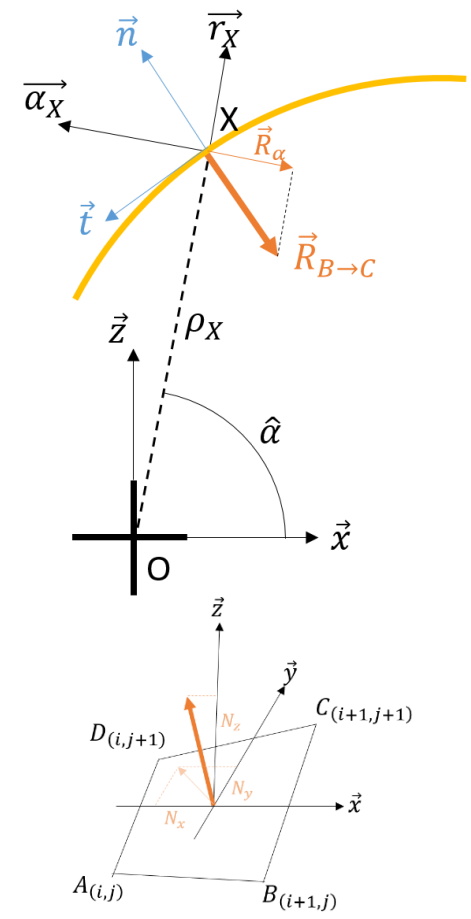
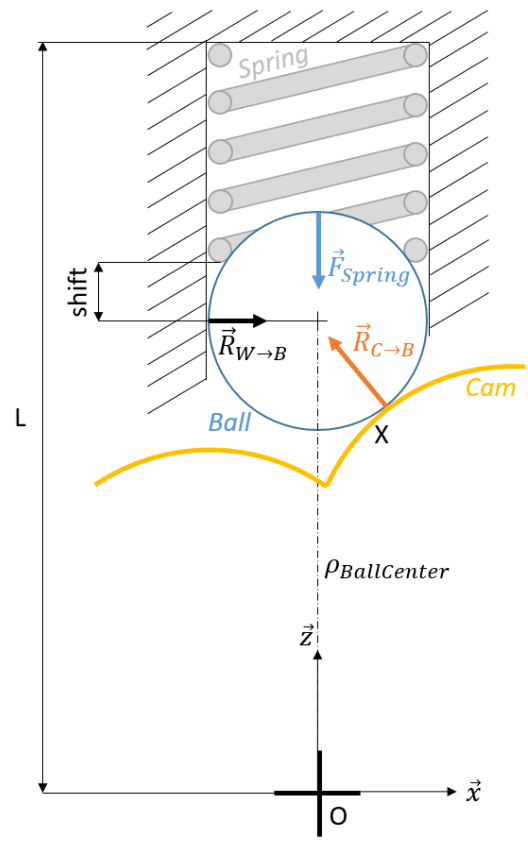
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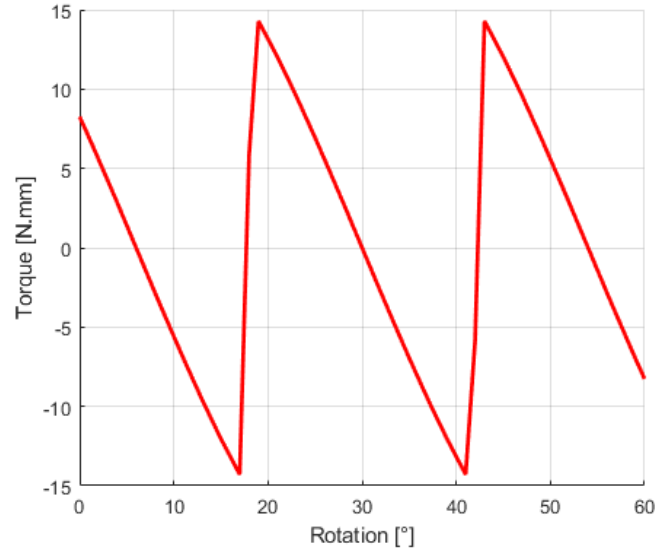
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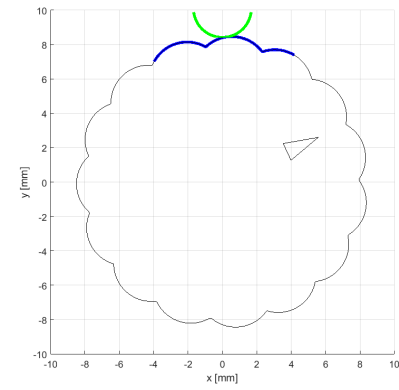
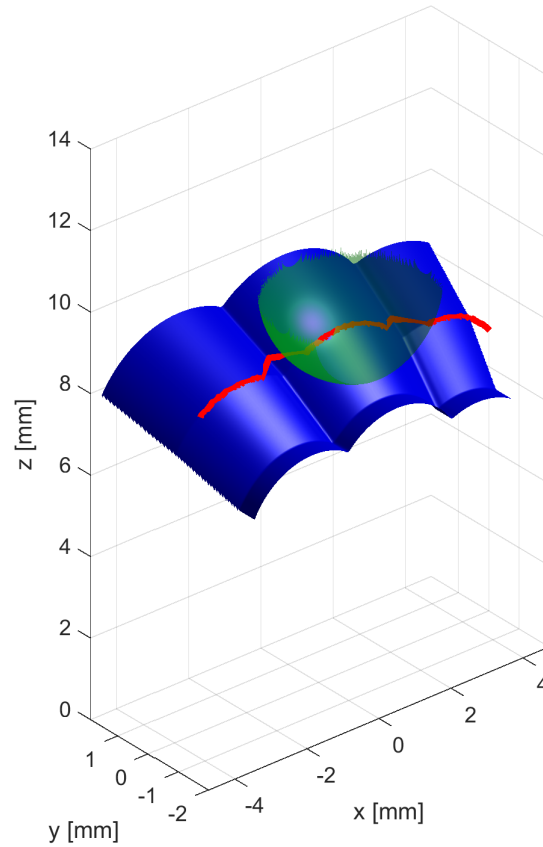
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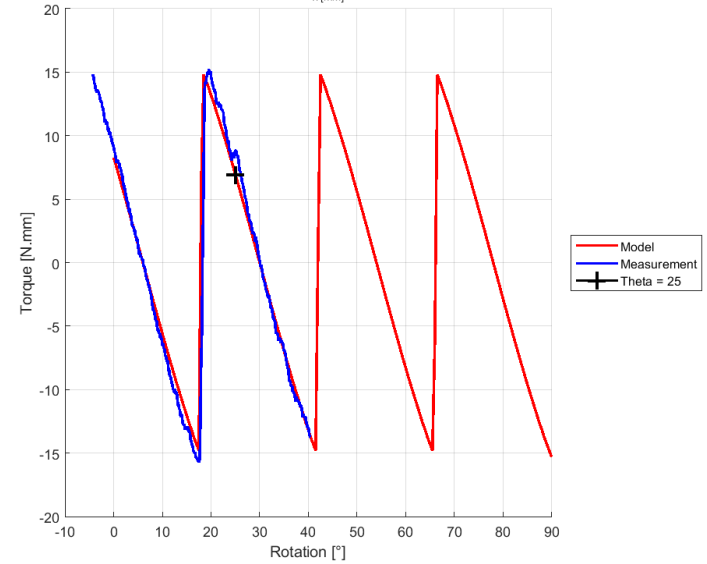
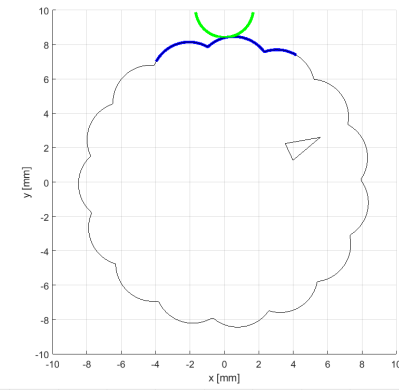
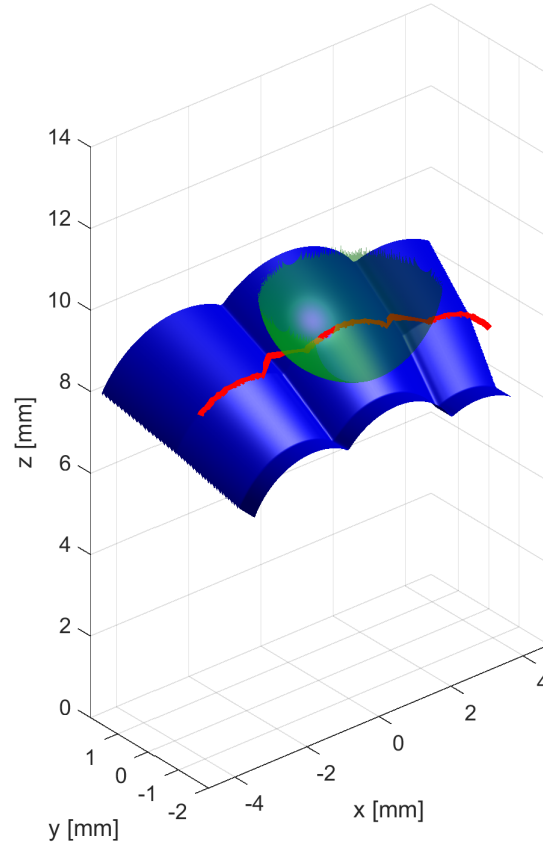


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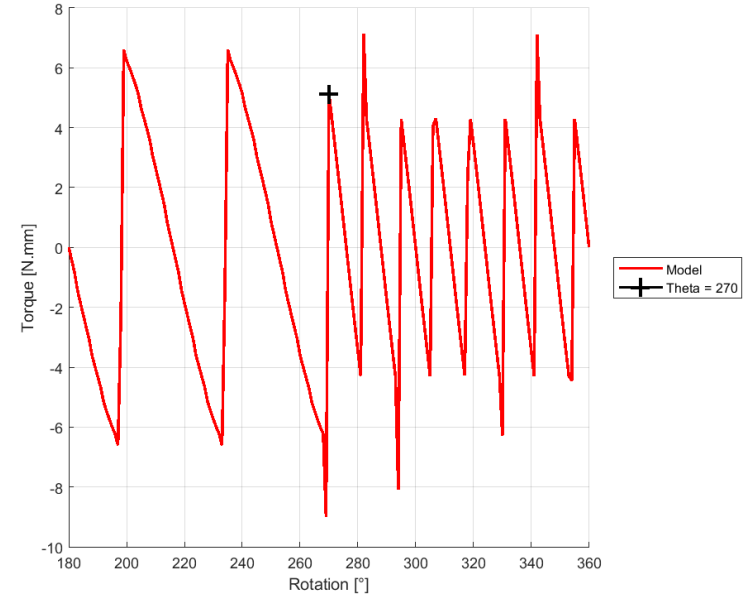
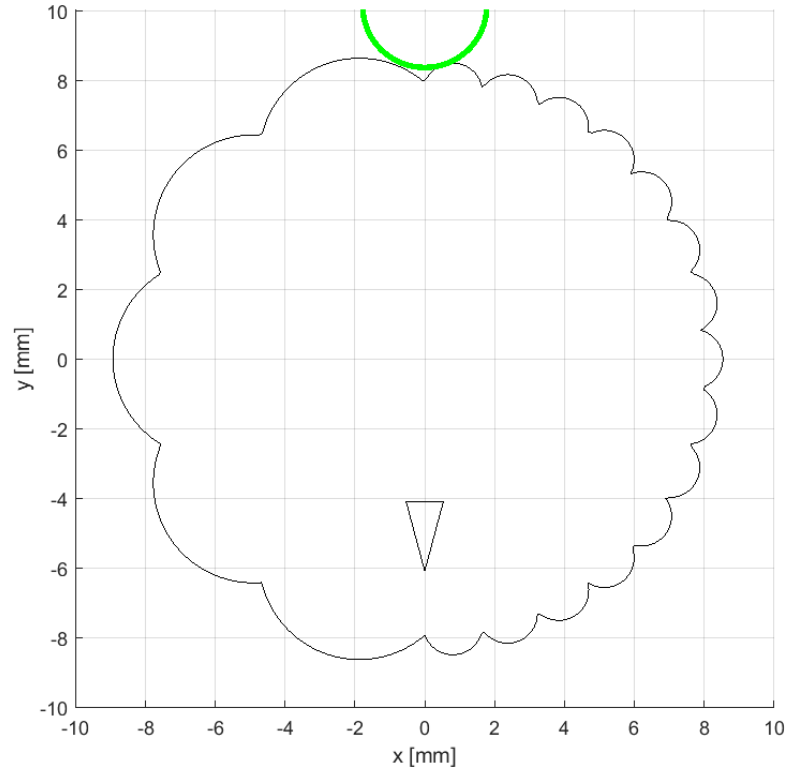


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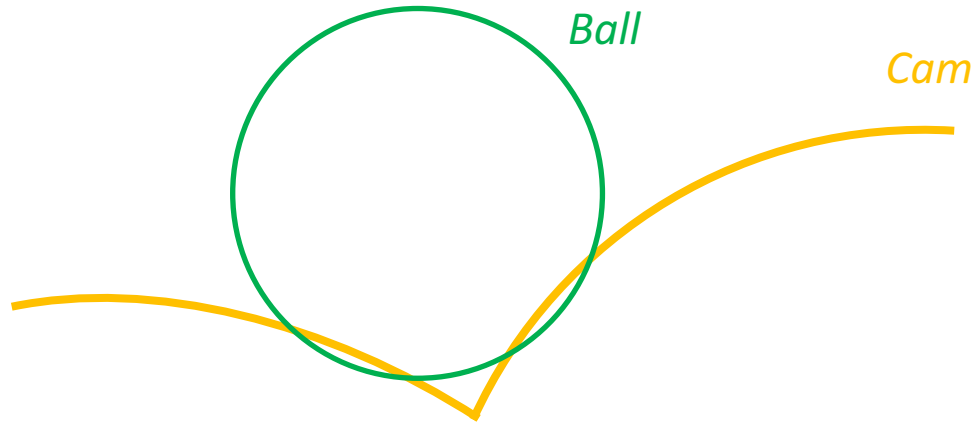
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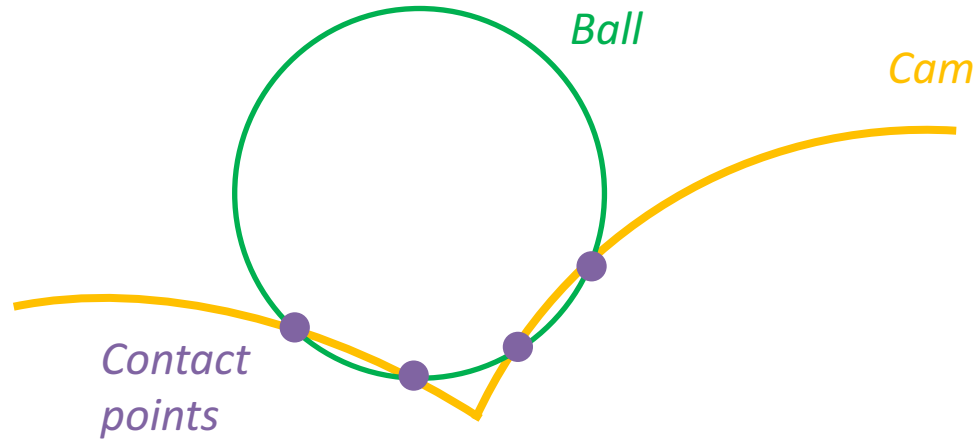
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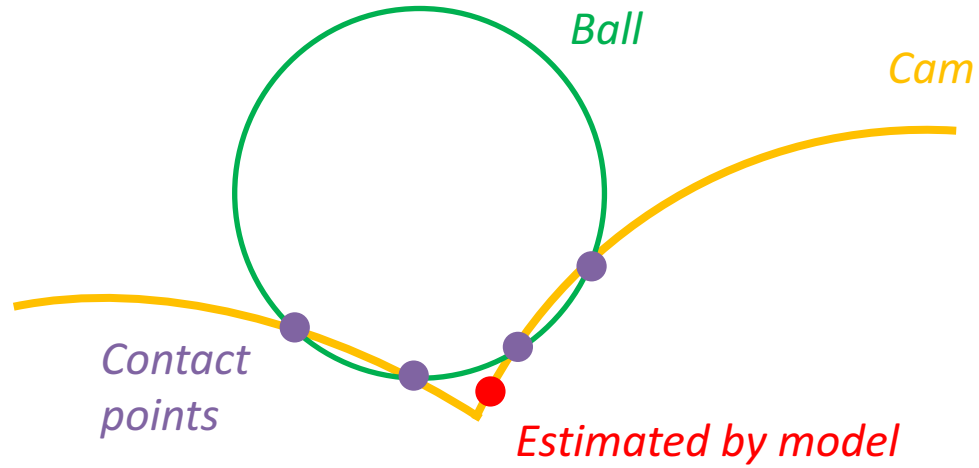
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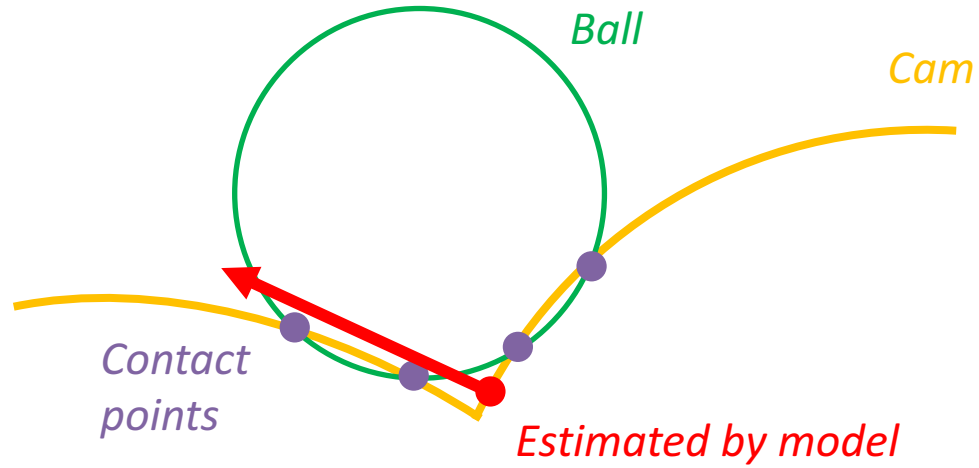
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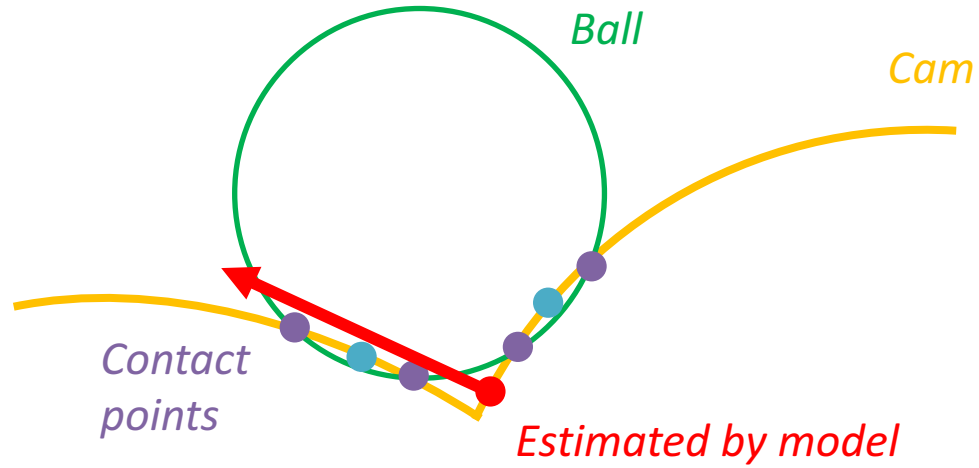
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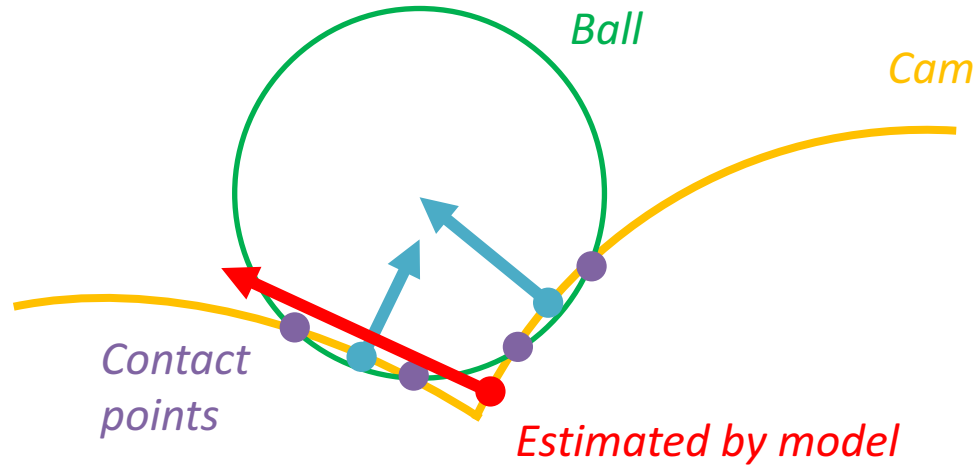


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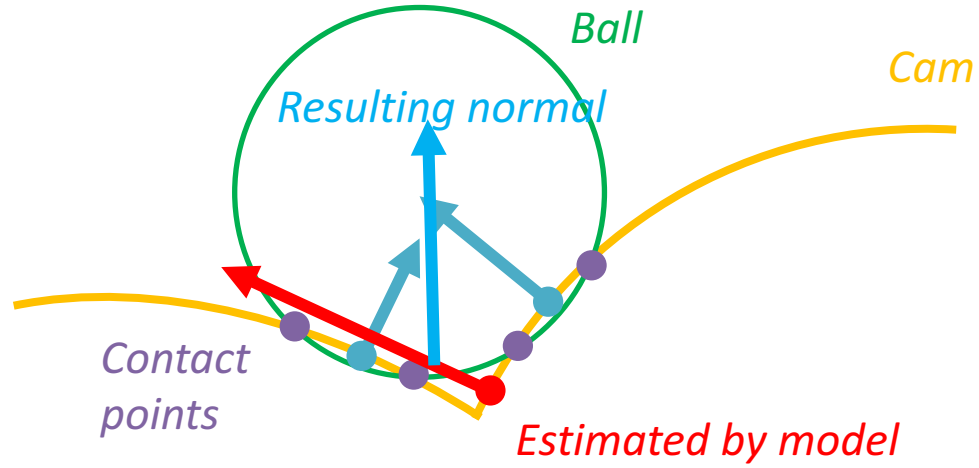




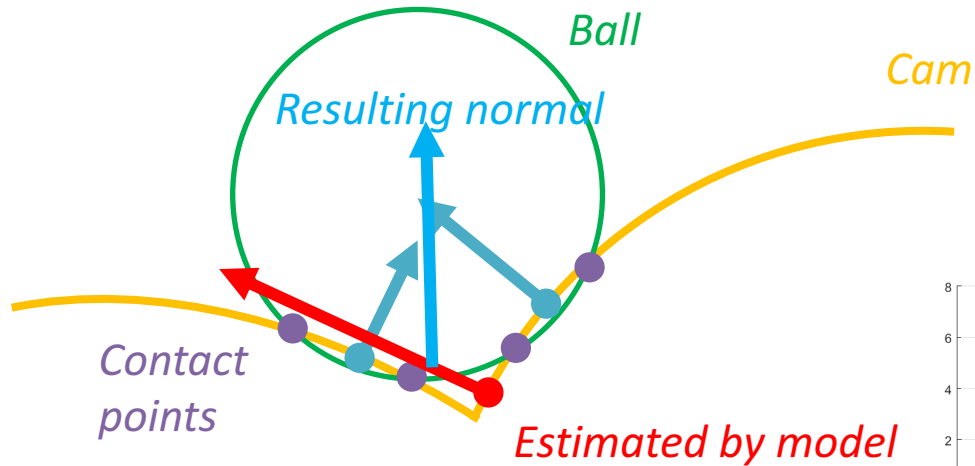
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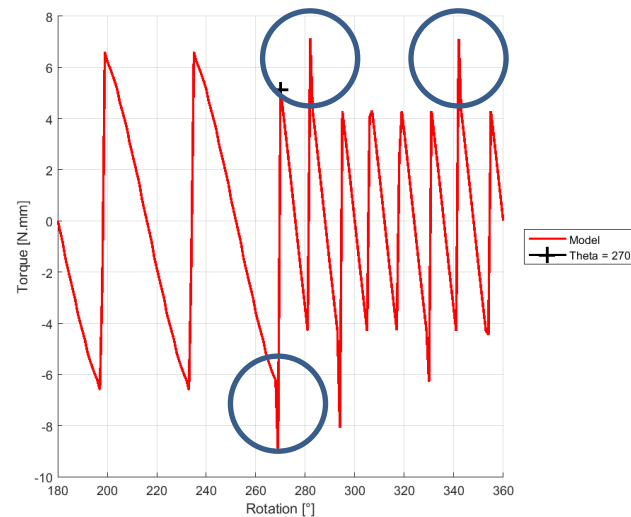
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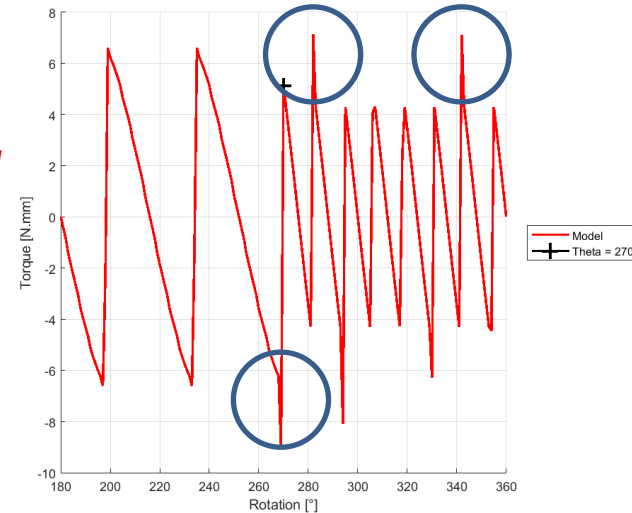
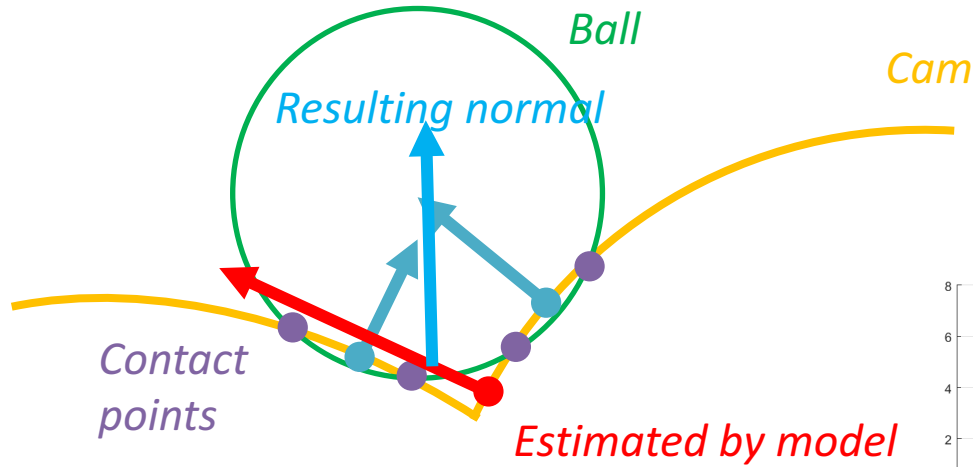
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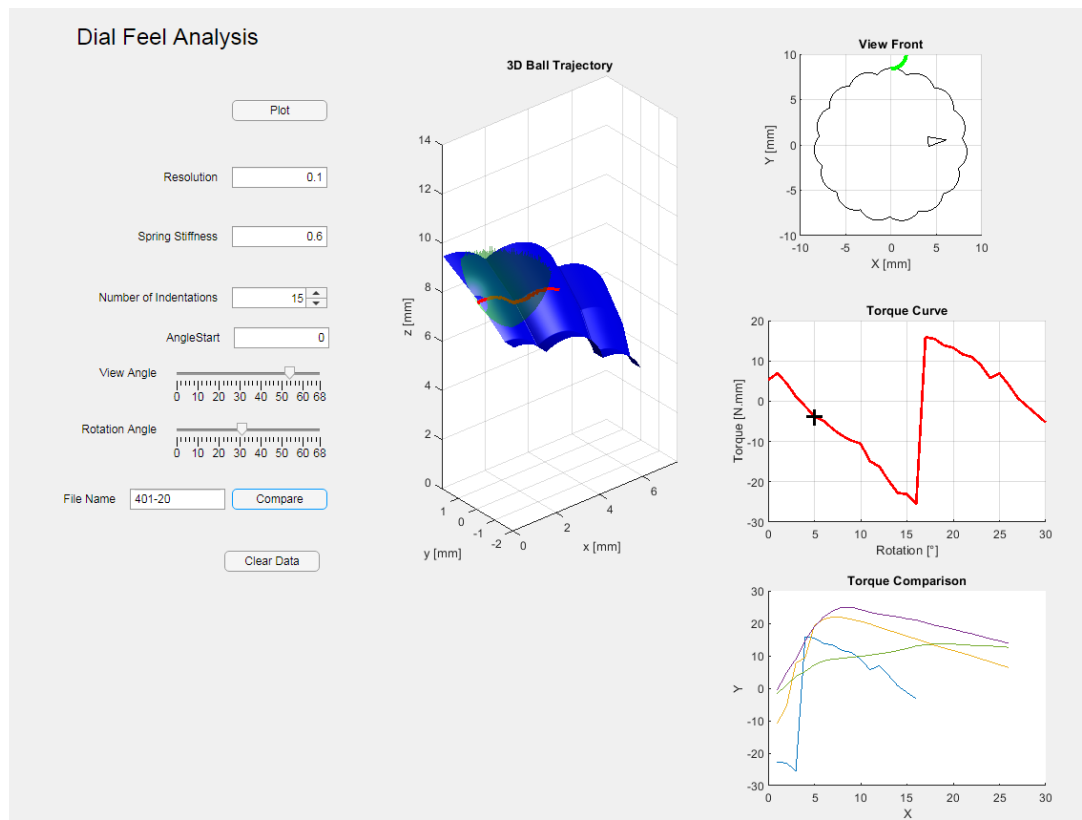
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# MATLAB APP DESIGNER



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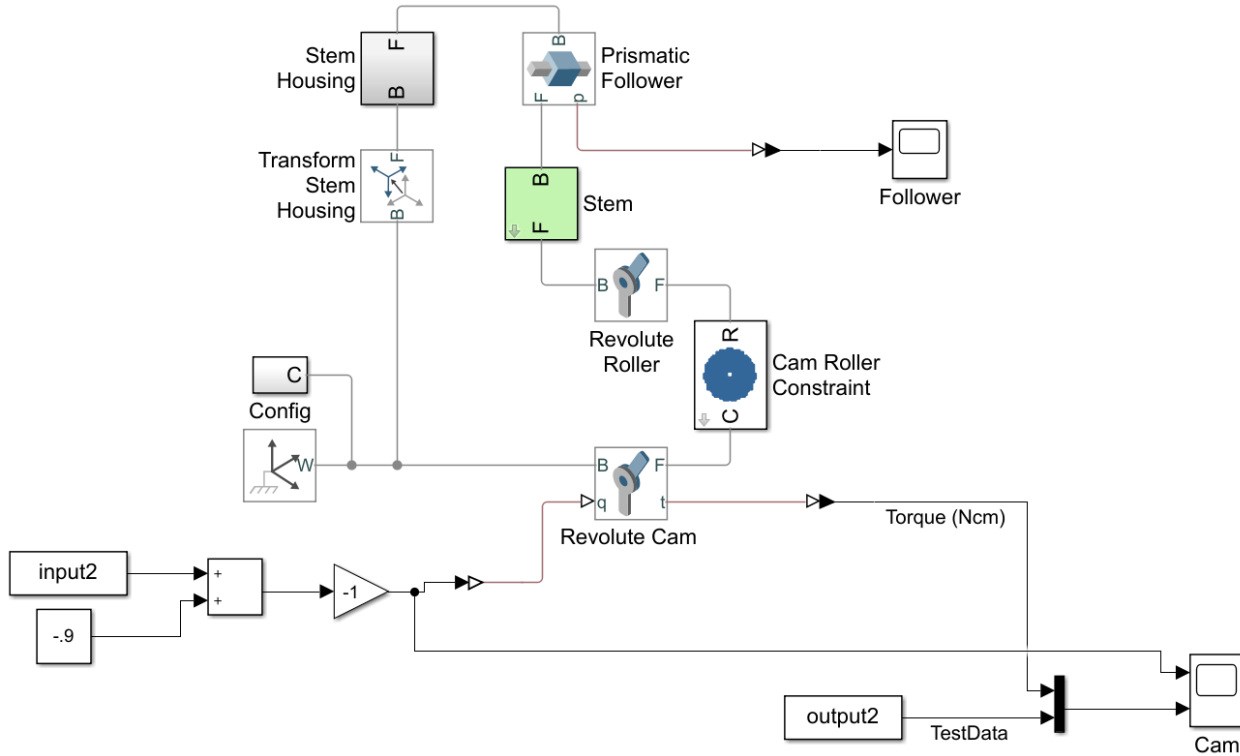
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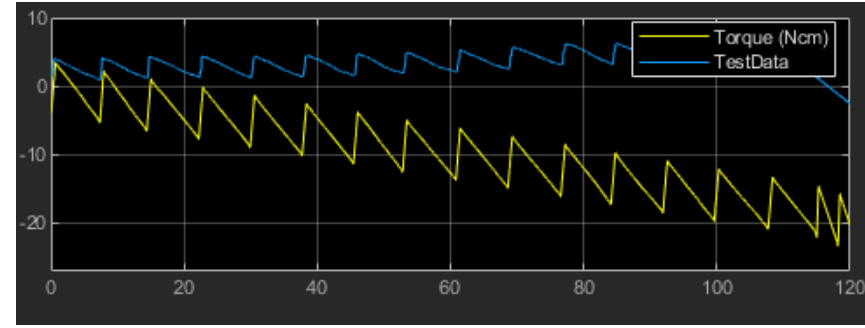
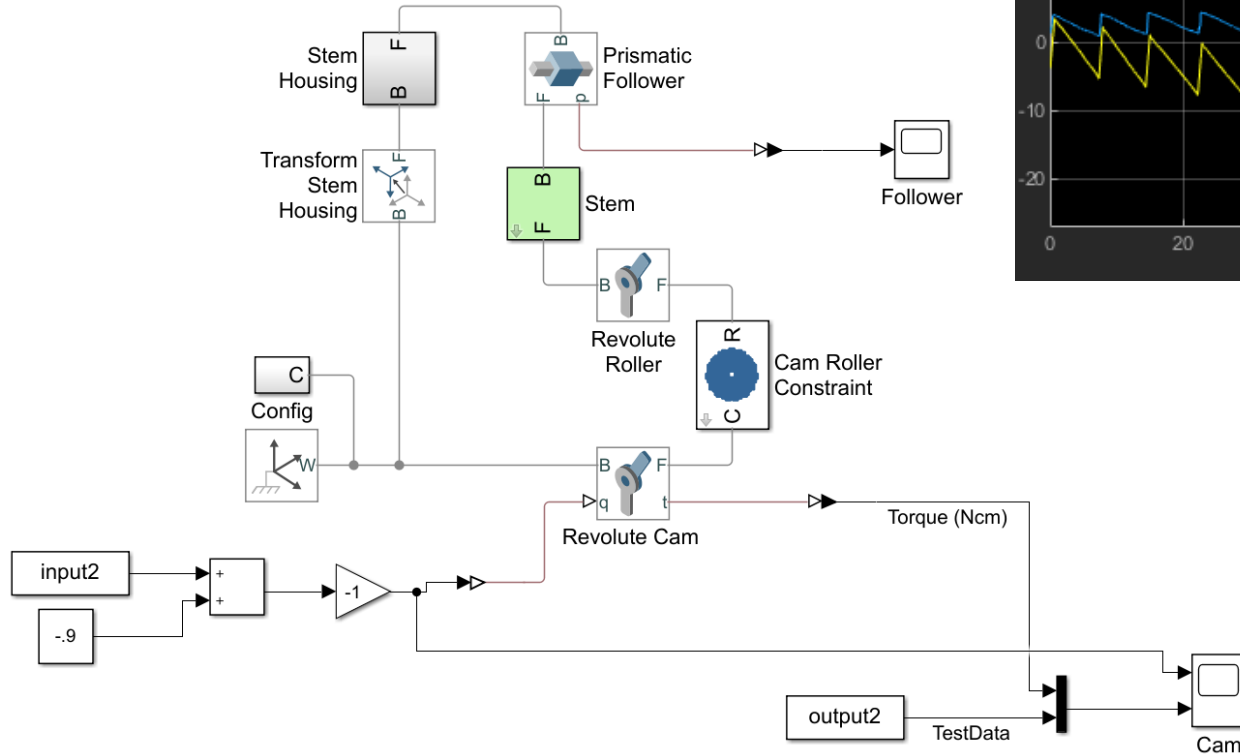
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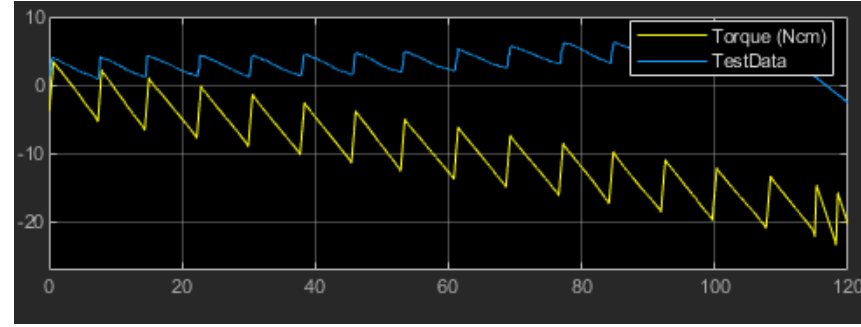
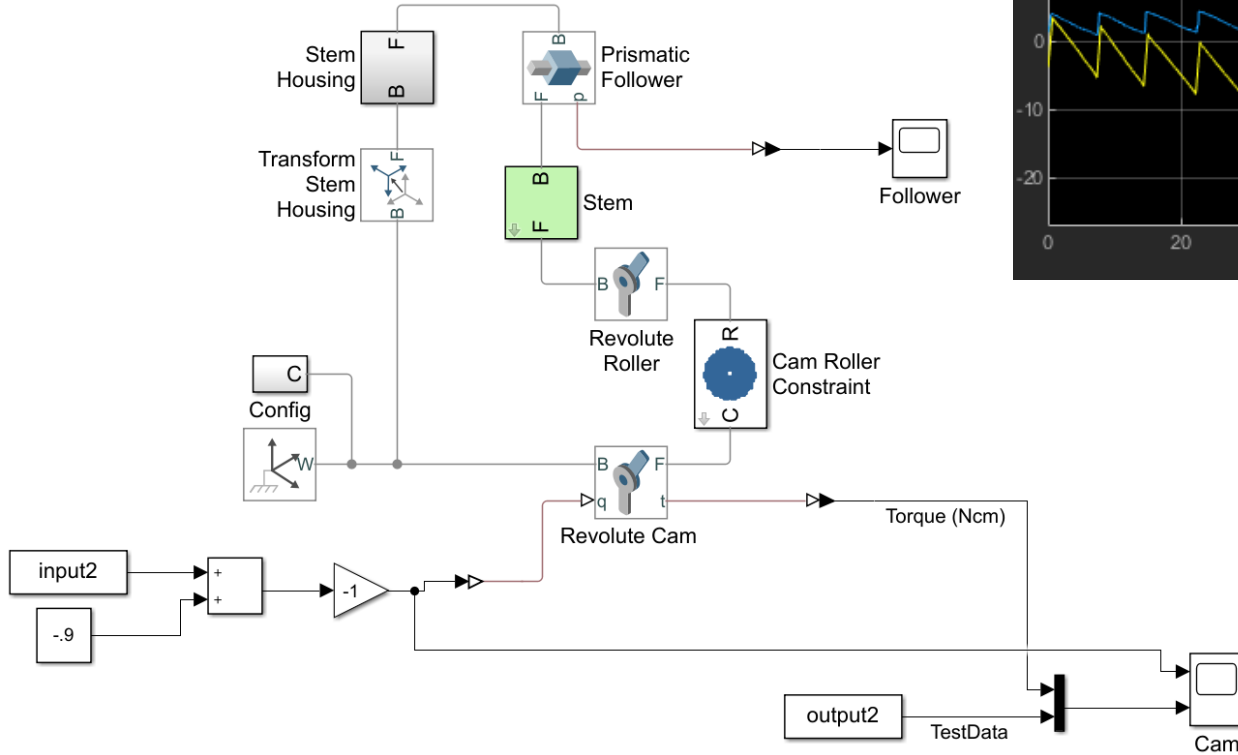
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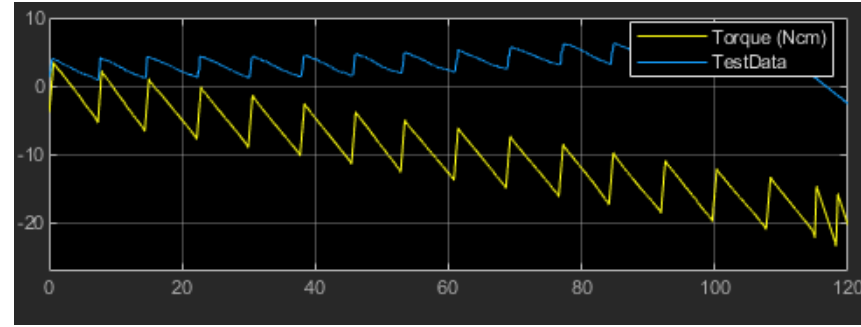
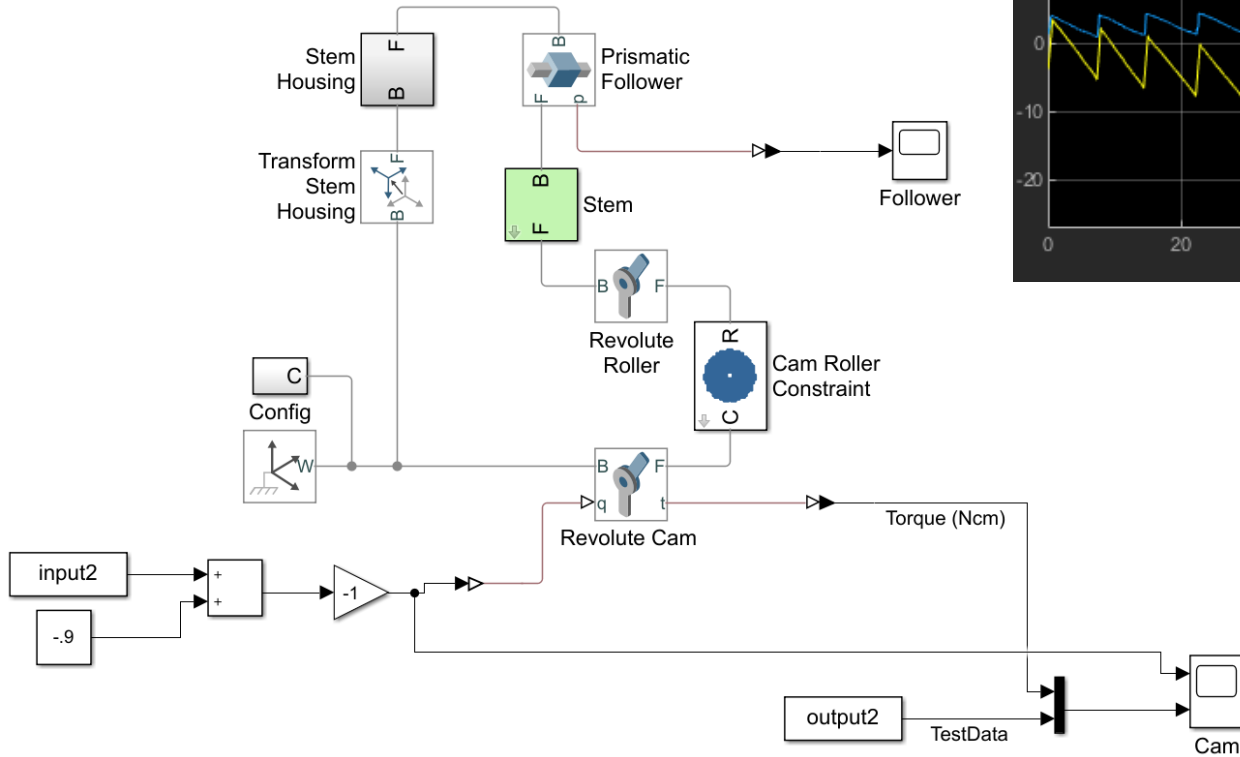
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# THANK YOU

