



Effect of Adverse Weather Conditions on Vehicle Braking Distance of Highways

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Abstract

The effect of adverse weather conditions on the safety of vehicles moving on different types of roads and measuring its margin of safety have always been a major research issue of highways. Determining the exact value of friction coefficient between the wheels of the vehicle and the surface of the pavement (usually Asphalt Concrete) in different weather conditions is assumed as a major factor in design process. An appropriate method is analyzing the dynamic motion of the vehicle and its interactions with geometrical elements of road using dynamic simulation of vehicles. In this paper the effect of changes of friction coefficient caused by the weather conditions on the dynamic responses of three types of vehicles: including Sedan, Bus, and Truck based on the results of Adams/car Simulator are investigated. The studies conducted on this issue for different weather conditions suggest values ranging from 0.04 to 1.25. The results obtained from simulation based on Adams/car represent that the friction coefficient in values of 0.9, 0.8, 0.7, 0.6 do not effect on braking distance significantly and it is possible to attribute them all to dry weather condition. However, as it was anticipated the values of 0.5, 0.4, 0.28 and 0.18 have significant differences in braking distance. Hence, the values of 0.5, 0.4, 0.28 and 0.18 can be attributed to wet, rainy, snowy and icy conditions respectively.

Keywords: Road Conditions; Friction Coefficient; Dynamic Responses of the Vehicle; Braking Distance; Simulation.

1. Introduction

The effect of undesirable road conditions on the safety of current vehicles on different types of roads is constantly considered as a major subject in Transportation engineering in all over the world. The statistics of fatality represent that winter, as the most adverse weather condition, not only can it have significant effect on road surface, but also is considered as a major factor particularly where transportation and weather condition are interconnected, this means, Geometric Design and Road Safety, Figures 1 and 2 show the number of fatality of accidents in the US between 2009 and 2010 clearly [1].

The role of Geometric Design, by defining the exact value of the friction coefficient between the surface of the road (usually Asphalt Concrete) and the tire of vehicle which occurs in different weather conditions as major factor, on the other hand the dynamic response of the vehicle as a second factor, have to be investigated. When the parameters of Geometric design and vehicles are investigated interactively, it could be said that designing is close to reality.

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In this paper, according to neglect the effect of weather conditions on the road surface and consequently the change in the interaction between the vehicle and the road and effect of the type of vehicle (weight, dynamic conditions), the codes valid geometric design, to simulate and present a model for estimating the effect of the mentioned factors on braking distance. In this paper, in order to investigate the interaction between road and vehicle on each other precisely, Adams/car is used.

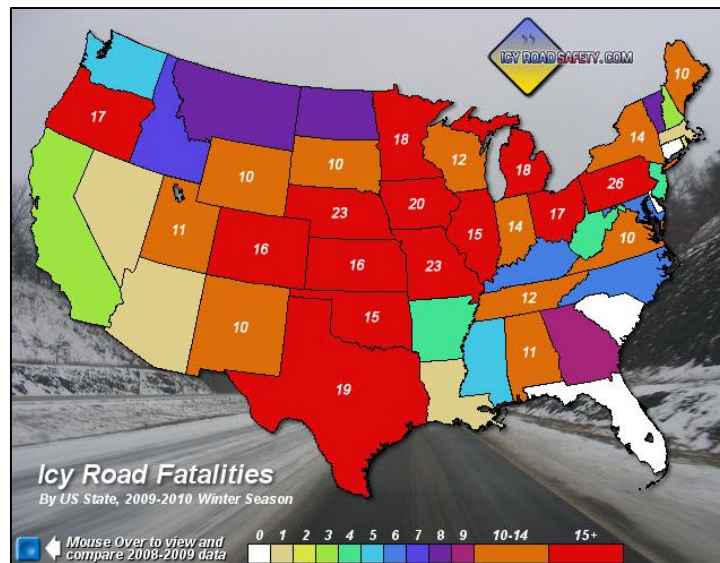


Figure 1. Number killed of roads in various states of America in freezing conditions during the years 2009-2010 [1]

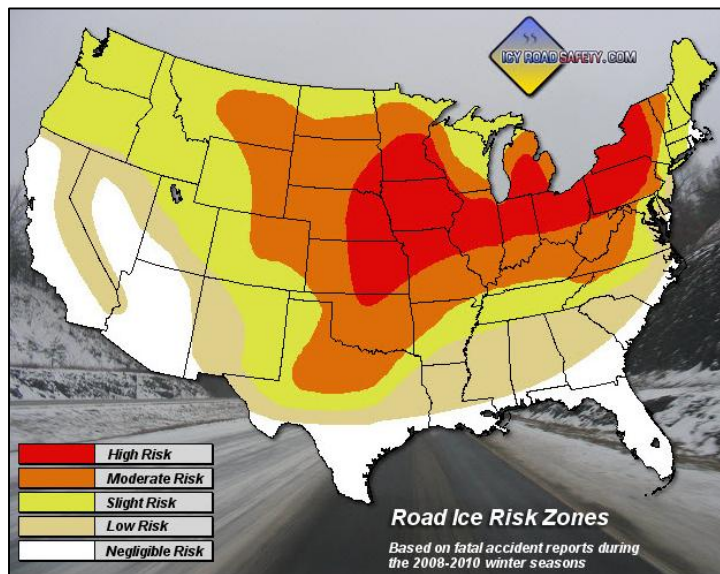
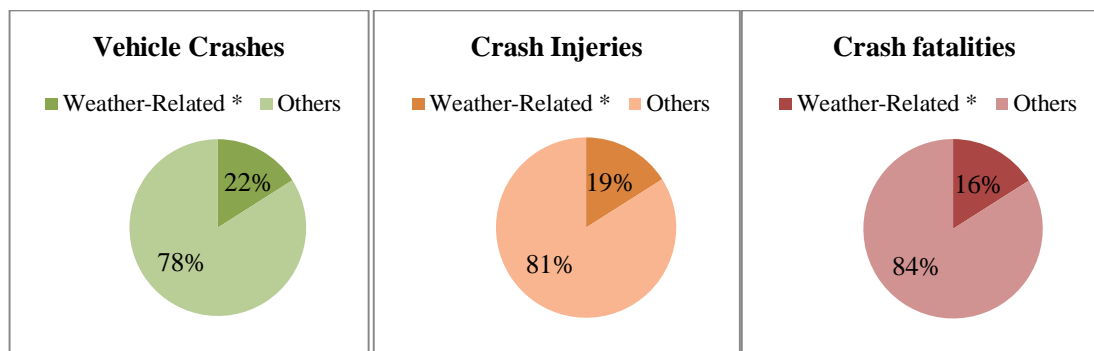


Figure 2. Zones with the possibility of creating frosts on the road (in winter), The United States of America [1]

1.1. Weather Effects on Safety

There are over 5,760,000 vehicle crashes annually. Roughly 22% of which are related to weather, almost 1,259,000 (1,258,978 crashes). These crashes are recognized as those taking place in adverse weather (i.e., blowing snow/sand/debris or rain, sleet, snow, fog, severe crosswinds) or even on slick pavement (i.e., , snowy/slushy pavement, icy pavement, or wet pavement). On average, approximately 6,000 (5,879 fatalities) are killed and over 445,000 (445,303 people injured) are injured in weather-related crashes annually (Figure 3). (Source: Ten-year averages from 2004 to 2014 analyzed by Booz Allen Hamilton, based on NHTSA data). The majority of most weather-related crashes take place on wet pavement while rainfall: 73% on wet pavement and 46% during rainfall. A very smaller percentage of weather-related crashes take place in winter conditions: 17% while snowing or sleet, 13% take place in icy pavement and 14% of them occur on snowy or slushy pavement. Not more than 3% occur in foggy weather. (Source: Ten-year averages from 2004 to 2014 analyzed by Booz Allen Hamilton, based on NHTSA data)[2].



Note: "Weather-Related" crashes are those that occur in the presence of adverse weather and/or slick pavement conditions

Figure 3. Weather-Related Crash Statistics (10-year Percentages) NHTSA data

It can be seen in Figure 4, segregated, accident statistics (damage, injury and death) in a variety of road weather conditions:

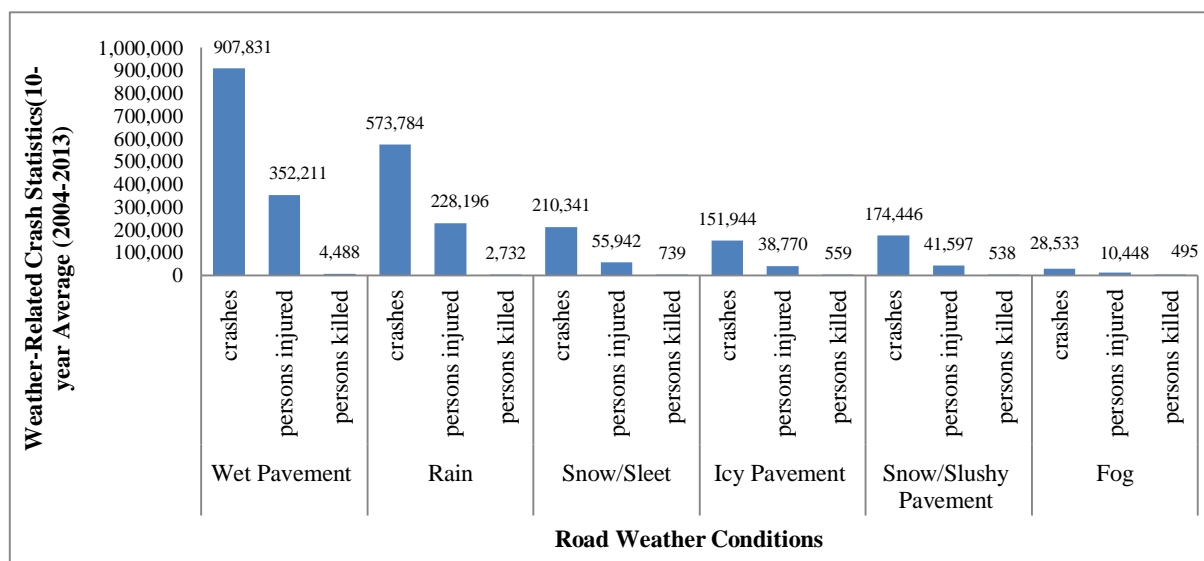


Figure 4. Weather-Related Crash Statistics (Annual Averages) 10-year Average (2005-2014) NHTSA data [2]

AASHTO the Green Book regulations, focuses more on the road surface which attributes the wet condition as the worst friction coefficient (Current AASHTO: Green Book 2011, Previous AASHTO: book 1994) (See Table 1) this is while many vehicles and their drivers experience the icy and snowy road conditions. Obviously, the weather condition such as rainfall can change the road surface condition. For instance, in snowy condition surface frustration, compacted snow, soft snow, and slush can be observed which makes the investigation essential.

Table 1. Investigating on suggested values for friction coefficient in different editions of AASHTO [5]

Description	Suggested values for the coefficient of friction	Code and year
The whole maximum and minimum suggested values are based on speed parameter that the highest value is for speed of 112 km/h, and the lowest value is for speed of 48 km/h (Wet Pavement and locked wheel) (previous AASHTO)	Max=0.5 Min=0.4	AASHTO1940
	Max=0.36 Min=0.29	AASHTO 1954
	Max=0.36 Min=0.27	AASHTO 1965[4]
	Max=0.35 Min=0.27	AASHTO 1971
	Slightly higher at higher speeds than 1970 Values	AASHTO 1984 & 1990
Current AASHTO	Suggested values in these editions of AASHTO are based on speed and deceleration rather than friction coefficient	AASHTO 2001 AASHTO 2004 AASHTO 2011[3]

Since in Geometric Design of roads Stopping Sight Distance (SSD), Passing Sight Distance (PSD) and Decision Sight Distance (DSD) are directly related to the value of friction coefficient, defining the exact value particularly in

modes that most drivers brake while accelerating, and this study becomes more important. In this paper, the effect of motion features of heavy vehicles such as bus and truck, driver behavior while Braking which usually occurs steering free (wheels with lateral movement) or locked steering (wheels with very little lateral movement) are investigated in addition to what mentioned previously.

2. Literature Review

Studies run on friction are divided into three different categories:

1. The changes of surface texture and pavement materials, Geometric features and the fabric of tire on the friction coefficient.

2. Relation between Geometric Design parameters (such as radius of horizontal curves and vertical alignments, stopping sight distances the speed of vehicle, slope and Super elevation).

3. The effect of weather conditions on road surface and on friction coefficient

In studies that are divided into category 1, the values of friction are acceptable unless the road surface loses its primary state, as an example, in case of snow drop and compacted snow or ice which causes the road surface to become unusual, the same friction coefficient cannot be used. This is because porous surface is covered with compacted snow and ice and low surface roughness has low impact on the friction coefficient (for example [6]).

In studies in category 2, usually the friction coefficient is obtained by harvesting field of acceleration, speed and stopping distance of vehicles and also slope and geometric features (for example [7]).

Studies of category 3, the effect of weather conditions directly on road conditions and the value of friction coefficient is measured which is the subject of this paper as well.

In AASHTO Green Book 2011[3], the effect of weather conditions derived from designing parameters such as weight, size, the effect of center of mass and so are not considered numerically and precisely in sudden stops. The studies show that most drivers to stop suddenly while facing an unexpected object brake with the rate of deceleration greater than 4.5 meter per square seconds, and also about 90% of drivers under normal conditions brake with the deceleration rate of 3.4 meter per square seconds [5]. In order to compare and include the value of friction coefficient in different weather conditions and relate its effect on Road friction coefficient while braking, it is necessary to use a relationship for manual calculations that the value of friction coefficient is applicable. Therefore, because current AASHTO (2011) is according to the changes of suggested values of speed and acceleration, instead of using current AASHTO (2001, 2004, 2011), AASHTO (1990 and before) is used in which friction coefficient is directly based on vehicle type and physical relationships. (Gained relationship is in [4]).

As it is shown in Figure 5, there is no force toward forward and vehicle movement is gained through force interaction between friction and engine:

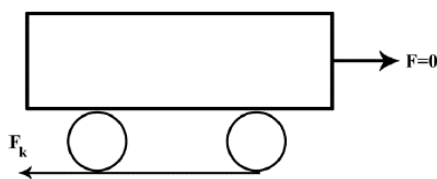


Figure 5. Forces Diagram

The force that moves the vehicle forward = 0

$$F_k = \text{Friction coefficient} \times N = \mu \times mg \quad (1)$$

Newton's Second Law:

$$\sum F = ma \Rightarrow 0 - F_k = ma \Rightarrow 0 - \mu(mg) = ma \Rightarrow a = -\mu g \quad (2)$$

Independent of time:

$$v_2^2 - v_1^2 = 0 - v^2 = 2(-\mu g)d \Rightarrow d = \frac{v^2}{2\mu g} \xrightarrow{\left(g=9.81 \frac{m}{s^2}\right), \left(1 \frac{km}{h}=3.6 \frac{m}{s}\right)} d = \frac{0.0039v^2}{\mu} \quad (3)$$

Where:

- v = Design Speed (km/h)
- d = Braking Distance (m)
- F_k = Longitudinal Friction Force
- N= Normal Reaction Force
- V = Design Speed (km/h)
- a = Deceleration Rate (m/s²)
- m= Mass of Vehicle (Kg)
- μ = Coefficient of Friction
- g = Gravitational acceleration (m/s²)

Equation 3 can be chosen according to friction coefficient value choices by designer in different road surface conditions caused by different weather conditions. Table 2 shows the research that directly gives friction coefficient based on road surface conditions. In some studies, [8] it also suggested different equations for calculating braking distance (Table 3) based on road surface conditions (without considering direct effect of friction coefficient).

Table 2. Studies on the coefficient of friction

Description	Icy	Snowy	Rainy	Wet	Dry	Year and Studied References
The study are presented maximum and minimum values	Max=1.2326 Min=0.049991	Max=1.224 Min=0.18735	Max=1.093 Min=0.82985	Max=1.093 Min=0.8645	Max= 1.0799 Min=0.96122	2013 [9]
	0.15 0.19	0.20 0.24	-	0.3 0.44	0.45 1	2010 [10]
	0.25>	-	-	>0.5	>0.5	2004 [11]
Jones and Childers reported	-	-	-	0.4	0.7	2013 [12]
	0.15-0.3 (Black ice)			0.7-0.8	0.8-1	2001[13]
The study is carried out by the coefficient of friction for icy to dry conditions values of 0.2 to 0.8 to be considered.	0.2	-	-	-	0.8	2012 [14]
The friction coefficient values are based on observed speeds of 93 to 99 (Km / h)	0.16	0.27	-	0.8	0.93	1997 [15]
This study using simulation software Adams / Car with five default values of coefficient of friction are considered.	0.18	0.28	0.4	0.5	0.6	2015 [16]
Longitudinal friction coefficient is suggested between 0.15 and 0.5	0.15	-	-	-	0.5	2003 [17]
This study using simulation software Adams / Car with four values of coefficient of friction (for Dry Concrete Pavement 1.1973 has been considered.	0.05	0.1946	-	-	1.2801	2017 [18]
Simulations were carried out with MATLAB/SIMULINK for different initial velocities under various road conditions and alignments	0.2	0.35	-	0.5	0.7	2015 [19]

Table 3. Stopping Distance in Jones & Childers study [8]

Deferent Road Condition	Different Formula's for S.D (Stopping Distance)				
	Dry Surface	Wet Surface	Slush	Soft, Loose Snow	Compacted Snow
Formula	S.D= D	S.D=1.7 D	S.D= 2D	S.D= 3D	S.D= 4D

Conducted studies in Table 3, show that the values of friction coefficient range from 0.049 to 1.232. As it is determined in Table 3, different studies on a road surface condition suggest different friction coefficient values that many of them are based on field studies. In this study, by having different friction coefficient values for different types of vehicles and various types of simulations, according to previous studies based on Adams/car simulation different, suggested values were investigated and simulated. The results of this research can be used in the relationships of AASHTO Green Book which is related to the friction coefficient, parts of the road which has not got any longitudinal and terrain slopes, without any considerable roughness in the asphalt concrete road surface. For instance, stopping sight distance (SSD) in direct routes (without horizontal and vertical curves) (Equation 1) is one of them [3]. Figure 6 is a simplified Diagram of acting forces on the wheels of vehicle while moving. According to Figure 6, the value of friction coefficient (μ) is obtained by dividing horizontal forces to vertical forces that is mentioned as a simplified numerator and based on acting acceleration in AASHTO[6].

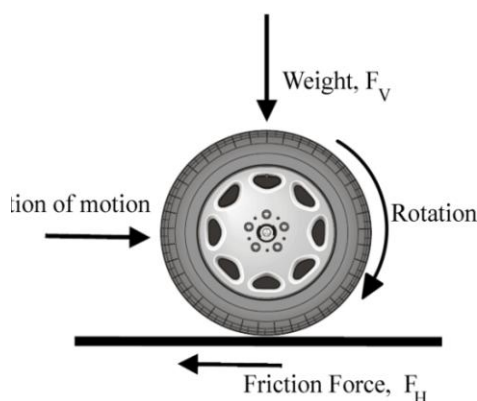


Figure 6. Simplified diagram of forces acting on a rotating wheel [6]

$$\mu = \frac{F_{Horizontal}}{F_{Vertical}} = \frac{ma}{mg} = \frac{a}{9.81} \Rightarrow SSD = 0.278 Vt + \frac{V^2}{254(\frac{a}{9.81} \pm G)} \quad (4)$$

By applying default conditions of the simulation (G=0%) on Equation 4, Equation 5 will be linear (AASHTO 2011):

$$SSD = d_{BR} + d_B = 0.278 Vt + 0.0039 \frac{V^2}{\frac{a}{10} \pm 0} = 0.278Vt + 0.039 \frac{V^2}{a} \quad (5)$$

Where:

SSD= Stopping Sight Distance (m)

d_B = braking distance(m)

d_{BR} = brake reaction distance(m)

V = design speed (km/h)

a = deceleration rate (m/s²)

Due to years of using both Equations 3 and 4 or 5 to calculate braking distance, Many major geometric design and road safety manuals have approved both equations (both braking distance equations are based on deceleration (a) and longitudinal coefficient of friction(f))[17].

3. Methodology

In order to analysis of vehicle-highway design interaction, using vehicle dynamic simulation modeling is inevitable, unless we should prepare a test track with all the vehicles, highway, and weather variables to make a lot of scenarios and measure all the responses of vehicles in various situations that is too much expensive and almost impossible. In this paper, the effect of friction coefficient changes due to the type of weather condition on the dynamic responses of three types of vehicle (Sedan, Bus, Truck) based on outputs of Adams/car simulation environment is investigated.

Since generally the type of vehicle and its features such as size (length, width and height), weight can be effective on friction coefficient, this research is done not only on Sedan, but on Bus and Truck for five different modes of friction coefficient and dynamic response of the vehicle. Simulation includes Braking which is known as a common driving behavior.

3.1. Simulation Process

Adams/car simulation software is based on artificial intelligence which can perform tests on the dynamic response of vehicles in different highway designs. Moreover, is a module of the MSC Adams software package which can be used as the importance of the multi-body vehicle models is concerned. Although the number of errors in this simulator is high in delivering outputs, which increases the time of design and construction of the Roads, high accuracy and reliable results of its output values have still led to more use of it in the research.

This paper presented crucial details of simulation process with Adams/car, consequently Simulation menu of Adams/car Straight Line Events are used. Simulating to obtain dynamic responses of vehicle and full vehicle analysis in Four-Step is run as it following: (Figure 7).

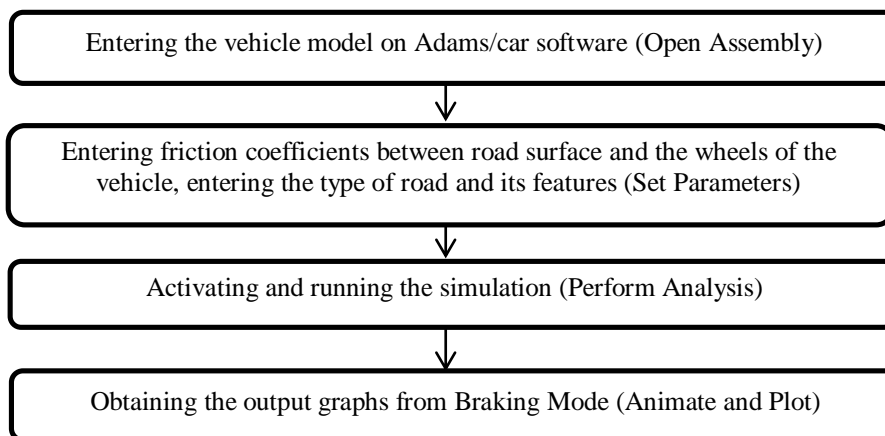


Figure 7. Four-Step Simulation in Adams/Car

3.2. Selected Models of Vehicles

Three types of vehicles which are selected are Sedan, Bus Rigid with Two Axle, Truck with three Axle in order to simulate (See Figure 8).

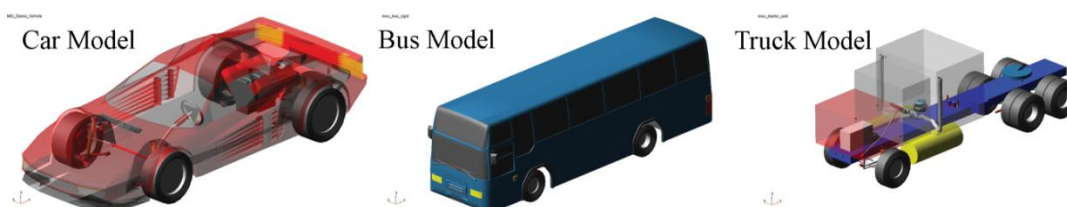


Figure 8. Vehicles' Model

The Sedan which is investigated [16] is lighter than Bus and Truck. Since friction coefficient is directly related to the weight force (mg) and the mass of the vehicle, investigation on Bus and Truck is done based on weight. The vehicle includes bus which is rigid body and the Truck with three axles, single-axle front and rear tandem, also rear axle has four springs, and front has an Airbag-spring. Truck has six tensors (or moment of inertia at rest). Dynamic features of the mentioned vehicles are shown in Table 4.

Table 4. Dynamic features of the mentioned vehicles

Vehicle Type	Center of Mass Height (cm)	Mass (kg)	Ixx (kg/mm ²)	Iyy (kg/mm ²)	Length (cm)	Width (cm)
Sedan	45	1527.68	2.0E+008	5.0E+008	400	200
Rigid Bus	97.4	11697.1	1.42E+010	6.16E+011	1050	260
Truck Unit	116.3	10844.3	4.27E+010	3.79E+011	850	250

3.3. Simulation Features

Conducted tests are considered for Braking for 40 seconds and with the speed of 80 (km per h). Start of Braking is the fifth second in each test with a deceleration of 0.34 g's (according to [3]). Also for braking test in Adams/car, Close loop mode is used (See Figure 9).

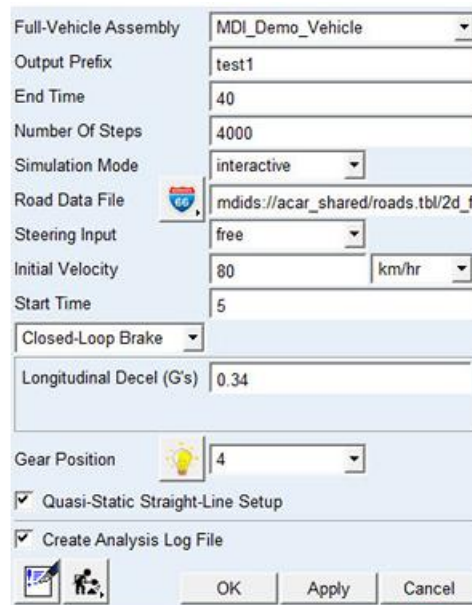


Figure 9. Braking test settings

3.4. Reasons of Driving Behavior

Two distinct modes of operation can be identified: free-rolling and full skidding. In free rolling mode (without any braking), there is not any relative speed between the pavement and the tire circumference. At full skidding, the circumferential tire speed is zero and the slip speed is equal to the speed of the vehicle. In typical braking conditions, the slip speed varies between these two extremes [6]. Figure 10 shows a portion of the simulation performed in the free steering mode of the sedan vehicle with 8 different friction coefficients.

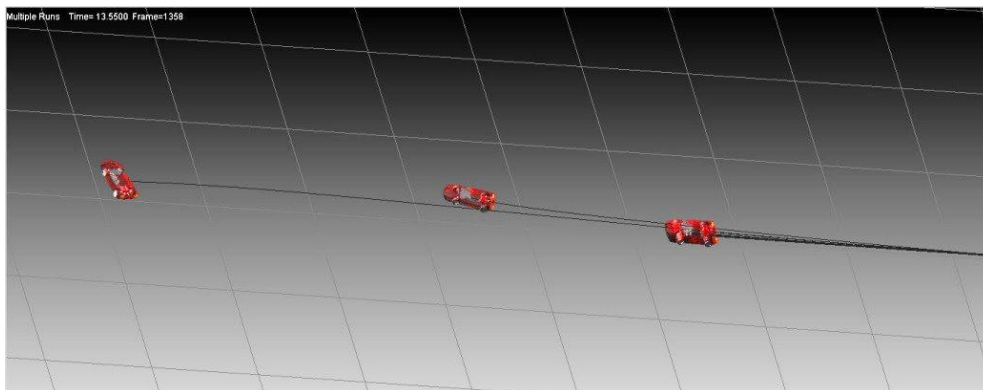


Figure10. Sedan Vehicle in Simulation test

As it can be observed in Adams/car:

In sliding movement of truck, there is a significant difference between two steering behavior (free steering and locked steering) is done by driver which is clearly shown in Figure 11.

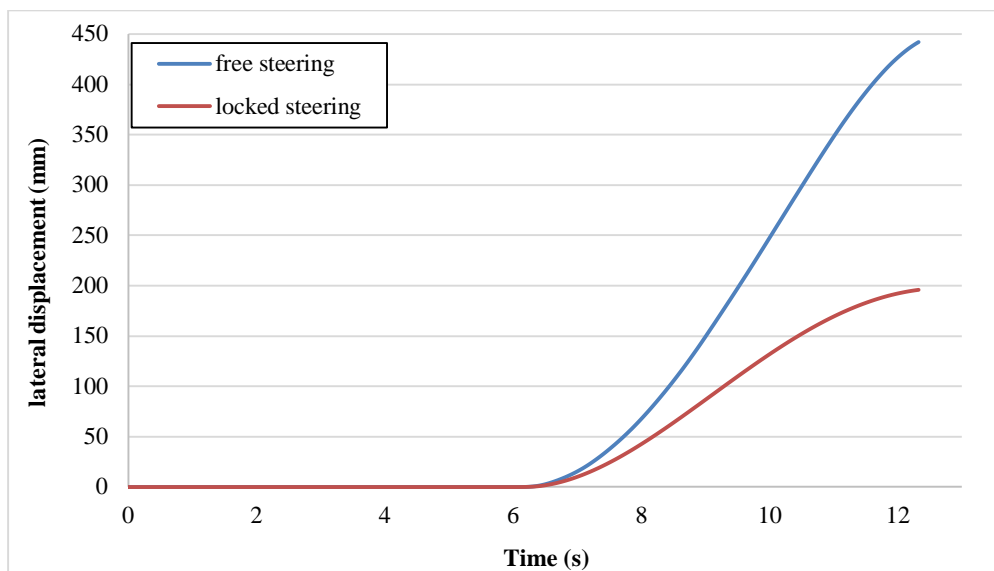


Figure 11. Difference Value between Locked and Free Steering (Speed = 80 Km/h)

4. Results and Discussion

4.1. The Analysis of Outputs and Investigating the Relationship between Friction Coefficient and the Length of Stopping Distance of Different Types of Vehicles in Free and Locked Steering

There are 48 tests altogether in order to obtain the values of Braking Distance, different values of 0.18, 0.28, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9 are entered in the simulation environment, and to define each of them to a specific weather condition and consequently a specific road condition, according to previous studies (Table 3), are named respectively for Icy, Snowy, Rainy, Wet, Dry, Dry-2, Dry-3. The outputs of Adams/car simulation environment for three types of vehicles of Sedan, Bus and truck in two different driving behavior modes of free and locked steering are obtained (Table 5).

Table 5. Braking Distance Based on Road Conditions for types of Vehicle (Speed = 80 Km/h)

Road Surface Conditions	Icy	Snowy	Rainy	Wet	Dry	Dry1	Dry2	Dry3
μ (Coefficient Friction)	0.18	0.28	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
Braking Distance (Truck-Free) (m)	307.6144	187.9897	85.6759	85.6064	85.6039	85.6025	85.6016	85.6010
Braking Distance (Truck-Locked) (m)	307.5074	188.081	85.5267	85.485	85.4822	85.4806	85.4795	85.4785
Braking Distance (Bus-Free) (m)	311.4074	169.5349	116.537	115.6078	115.4796	115.3656	115.3	114.6687
Braking Distance (Bus- Locked) (m)	311.5601	162.1888	113.516	113.05	113.0428	113.0279	113.0146	113.007
Braking Distance (Sedan-Free) (m)	178.424	132.886	112.902	107.02	104.591	104.319	104.319	104.11
Braking Distance (Sedan- Locked) (m)	176.886	133.017	114.184	108.328	105.907	105.619	105.616	104.39
Current AASHTO (2001,2004,2011) (m)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Previous AASHTO (1940-1990) (m)(Sedan)	138.666	89.1428	62.4	49.92	41.6	35.6571	31.2	27.733
Jones & Childers (2001) (m) (Sedan)	166.4	124.8	83.2	70.72	41.6	-	-	-

4.1. Obtained Models from Simulation

In order to calculate stopping distance for variety of roads, particularly those with high passing volume of heavy vehicles, the following models (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11) based on selected friction coefficient according to the dominant weather condition in the area of design, by selecting 0.9, 0.8, 0.7, 0.6, 0.5, 0.4, 0.28, 0.18 and putting them into the following models, the values which are really close to reality will be obtained.

$$BD_{Truck(Free)} = 872.25 (\mu)^2 - 1179.3(\mu) + 463.78, R^2 = 0.9013 \tag{6}$$

$$BD_{Truck(Locked)} = 872.49(\mu)^2 - 1179.6(\mu) + 463.81, R^2 = 0.9014 \tag{7}$$

$$BD_{Bus(Free)} = 740.39 (\mu)^2 - 988.3(\mu) + 426.6, R^2 = 0.8403 \tag{8}$$

$$BD_{Bus(Locked)} = 750.63(\mu)^2 - 997.48(\mu) + 425.37, R^2 = 0.8254 \tag{9}$$

$$BD_{Sedan(Free)} = 360.36(\mu)^2 - 452.72(\mu) + 240.9, R^2 = 0.9466 \tag{10}$$

$$BD_{Sedan(Locked)} = 344.83(\mu)^2 - 433.73(\mu) + 236.7, R^2 = 0.9466 \tag{11}$$

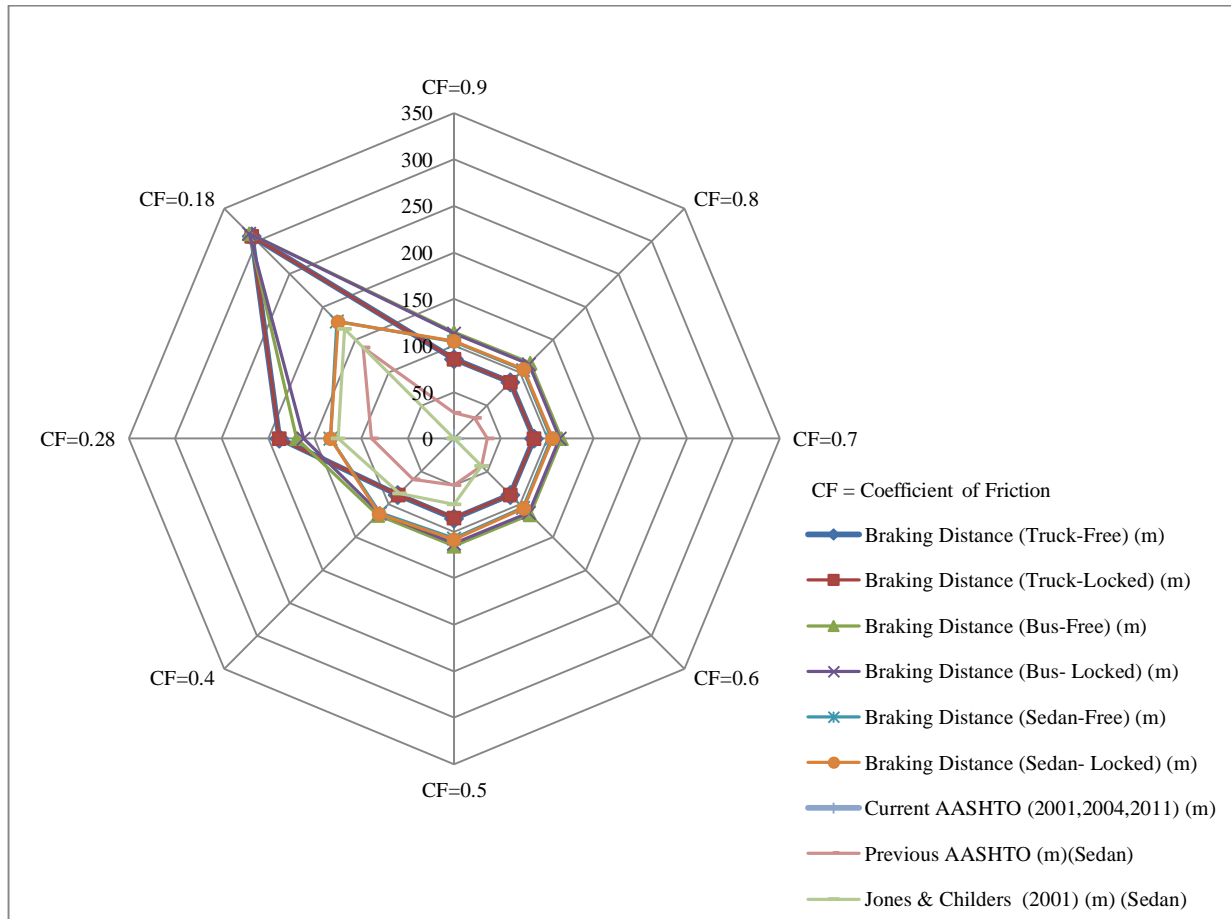


Figure 12. Compare between ADAMS simulation, AASHTO and Jones & Childers Study (Speed= 80 Km/h)

Because the most important studies on the values of the coefficient of friction in the longitudinal direction and its effect on braking distances is on the sedan vehicles, Table 6 for comparing the Values obtained from the simulation sedan vehicle than the values of AASHTO and Jones & Childers (All values in percentage terms & increased).

Table 6. Percentage difference once for Sedan in Free mode and once in locked mode (Speed= 80 Km/h)

Steering Mode	Studies	μ (Friction Coefficient)							
		0.18	0.28	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
Sedan (free)	AASHTO	22.28	32.9	44.73	53.84	60.22	65.8	70.09	73.36
	Jones& Childers	6.7	6.08	26.3	33.65	60.22	-	-	-
Sedan (locked)	AASHTO	21.6	33.01	45.35	53	60.72	66.2	70.46	73.43
	Jones& Childers	5.92	6.17	27.13	34.45	60.72	-	-	-

According to models 6 to 11, the corresponding equilibrium points are obtained with friction coefficients of 0.42, 0.52, 0.78 (see Figure 13). At the equilibrium point of 0.42, it was close to what was assumed in the simulation input

for rainy weather conditions ($\mu = 0.4$), The difference between the braking distance of Sedan and Truck vehicles is almost zero. At the equilibrium point of 0.52, close to what was assumed in the simulation input for wet conditions ($\mu = 0.5$), The braking distances for Sedan and Bus are approximately equal. At the equilibrium point of 0.78, among input values for simulation in dry weather conditions (Dry1 and Dry 2), the braking distance also equals to Sedan and Bus vehicles.

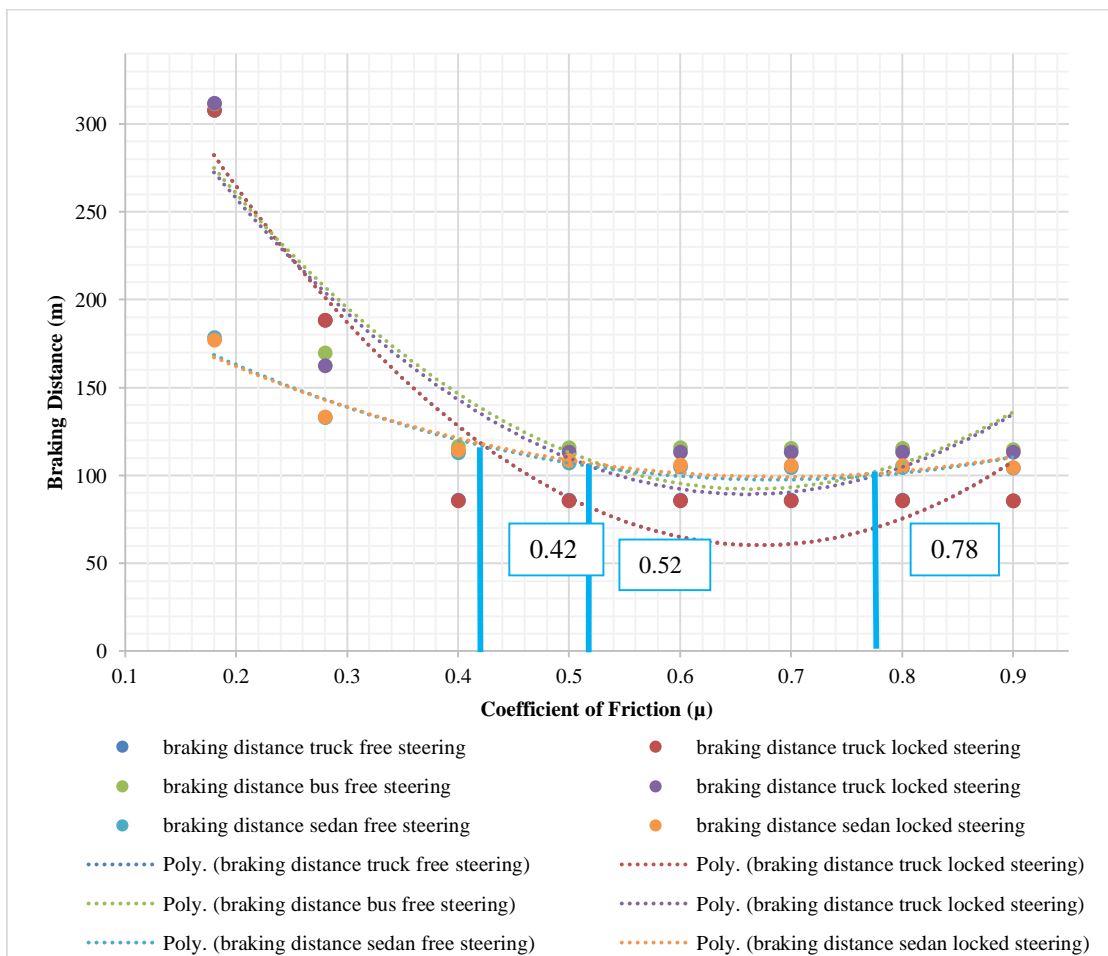


Figure 13. Obtained Curves from Simulation models

Examined values of the models represent that according to Literature Review (Table 2), the assumed friction coefficients for weather conditions are significant Values And can be considered as a friction coefficient with a precision in order to calculate the braking distance in the geometric design of road components in different road surface conditions.

Another result of this article is that the braking distance values are less than 0.4 (related to the road surface conditions in Rainy scenarios, see Figure 12) This suggests that with the changing road surface conditions on the rainy way ($\mu = 0.4$) to icy ($\mu = 0.18$), there is a lot of difference due to the weight and dynamic conditions of the heavy vehicles (BUS and Truck) than light vehicles (Sedan). For example, in a friction coefficient of 0.4 (Rainy), The difference in braking distance in a Locked Steering Truck Vehicle and is 25% greater than the Sedan's braking distance in locked steering. These value increase to 29.27% for the Snowy condition and $\mu = 0.28$, and the friction coefficient of 0.28 (icy condition) reaches 42.47%, which is a big difference.

5. Conclusions

In this paper conducted studies on different coefficient factors (μ) which every one of them is according to previous studies on different pavement surface conditions, are caused by different weather conditions. Since in Geometric design of roads coefficient friction is essential in designing elements, studies on stopping distance is done. In order to compare the result of this research to other related previous ones, the braking distance relationships of current AASHTO (2001, 2004 and 2011) and previous AASHTO (1994) and other studies are investigated. The results obtained from simulation based on Adams/car indicate that friction coefficients of 0.9, 0.8, 0.7 and 0.6 do not have intensively significant differences in the values of braking distance and all of them can be attributed to dry weather condition. Although it was anticipated there were significant differences in braking distances in values of 0.5, 0.4, 0.28 and 0.18. Therefore 0.5, 0.4, 0.28 and 0.18 can be allocated to wet, rainy, snowy and icy weather conditions

respectively. For further clarification, the percentage differences are indicated in Table 6, this means that the percentage difference once for Sedan in Free mode and once in locked mode and also their comparisons to Jones & Childers and AASHTO are stated. The mentioned values in previous AASHTO are considered in inputs of simulation due to considering coefficient friction, consequently braking distance are obtained. Also braking distances from simulation with Adams/car for Sedan, Bus and Truck in both modes of free and locked steering owing to the significant difference in lateral displacement and to investigate more precisely are obtained. The results obtained from the comparison of relationships of AASHTO, Jones & Childers 2001 and simulation represent that the lowest values of friction coefficient for geometric design belong to AASHTO, while Jones & Childers suggest higher values, also the values of simulation suggest the highest values which there is no difference in free steering or locked mode.

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