Contact Mechanics and Elements of Tribology

Lecture 8.

Lubrication and Sealing

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Outline

1. Lubrication
   - Regimes of lubrication
   - Derivation of the Reynolds equation
   - Analytical solution for hydrostatic lubrication in bearings
   - Elasto-hydrodynamic lubrication
2. Sealing
   - Metal-to-metal face seal for nuclear power plant applications
   - Fluid-structure coupling
   - Results of FE numerical simulation

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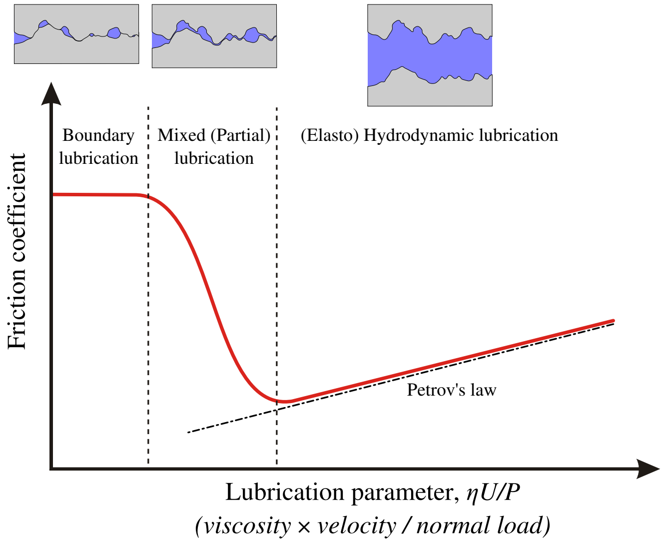
Lubrication regimes: Stribeck curve



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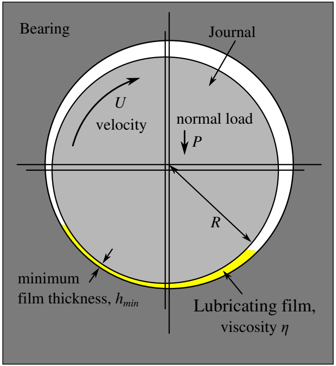
R. Stribeck (1901)

Hydrodynamic lubrication (HL)

- Conforming surfaces
- No elastic effect
- Normal load fully supported by thin fluid film
- $h_{\min} = f(P, U, \eta, R)$
- $p \leq 5$ MPa, $h_{\min} > 1\ \mu$m



Concentric journal
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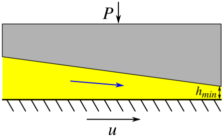
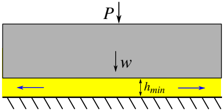
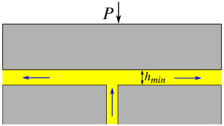
- Mechanism of pressure development in fluid film:



Slider bearing



Squeeze film bearing



Externally pressurized bearing

Newtonian fluid

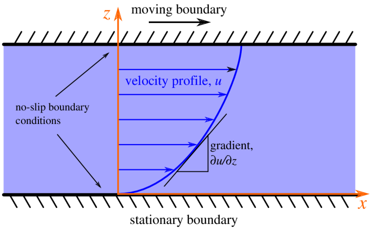
- Viscous stresses in flowing fluid are linearly proportional to the strain rate - the gradient of the velocity:

$$\tau = \eta \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$$

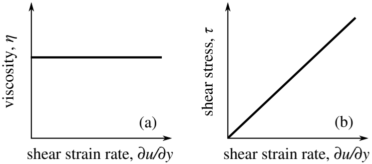
  - τ is the shear stress in the fluid
  - η is the viscosity (absolute, or dynamic) of the fluid
  - $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ is the shear strain rate

- In general 3D case for arbitrary coordinate system:

$$\tau_{ij} = \eta \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$



Laminar shear of fluid between two rigid plates



Properties of Newtonian fluid:
(a) viscosity vs shear strain rate
(b) shear stress vs shear strain rate

Petrov's equation

- Shear stress:

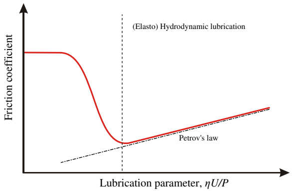
$$\tau = \eta \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \eta \frac{U}{h}$$

- Frictional reaction:

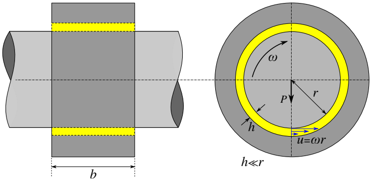
$$T = A\tau = (2\pi r b)\,\eta \frac{U}{h}$$

- The coefficient of friction:

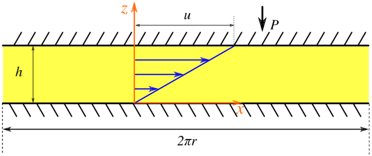
$$\mu = \frac{T}{P} = \frac{2\pi r b}{h}\frac{\eta U}{P}$$



Petrov's law
N.P. Petrov (1883)



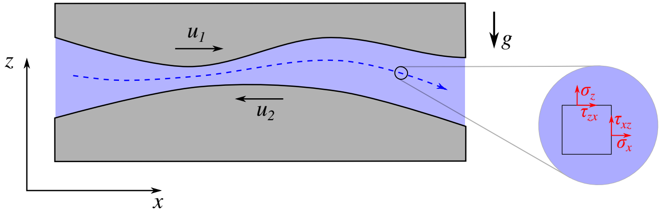
Concentric journal bearing



Developed journal and bearing surfaces

r	radius of journal
b	width of journal
U	linear velocity
P	normal load
h	radial clearance

Stresses on the surface of a fluid element



- Stresses on the surface of a fluid element:

$$\tau_{ij} = \eta\left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i}\right), \quad \tau_{ij} = \tau_{ji}$$

$$\sigma_i = -p - \frac{2}{3}\eta\nabla\cdot\underline{\boldsymbol{u}} + 2\eta\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i}$$

η	absolute viscosity
p	hydrostatic pressure
x_i	coordinates
u_i	velocity componets
g	acceleration of gravity

Navier-Stokes equations

- Newton's second law of motion for a fluid element:

$$\underbrace{\rho \frac{D\underline{\boldsymbol{u}}}{Dt}}_{\text{inertia forces}} = \underbrace{\rho \underline{\boldsymbol{g}}}_{\text{body forces}} + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}}}_{\text{surface forces}}$$

- Material derivative:

$$\underbrace{\frac{Du}{Dt}}_{\text{total derivative}} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}}_{\text{local derivative}} \underbrace{+ u\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}}_{\text{convective derivative}}$$

- Navier-Stokes equations:

$$\rho \frac{D\underline{\boldsymbol{u}}}{Dt} = \rho\underline{\boldsymbol{g}} - \nabla p - \frac{2}{3}\nabla\left(\eta\nabla\cdot\underline{\boldsymbol{u}}\right) + 2\left(\nabla\cdot(\eta\nabla)\right)\underline{\boldsymbol{u}} + \nabla\times\left(\eta(\nabla\times\underline{\boldsymbol{u}})\right)$$

- 4 unknowns: u, v, w, p; 3 equations + the continuity equation

Continuity equation

- Flux is a mass of fluid flowing per unit time through a unit area:

$$\underline{\boldsymbol{q}} = \rho \underline{\boldsymbol{u}}$$

- Conservation of mass: outflow of mass from a volume equals to decrease of mass within the volume (integral form):

$$\frac{dm}{dt} + \oiint_S (\underline{\boldsymbol{q}} \cdot \underline{\boldsymbol{n}})\, dS = 0$$

- The divergence theorem:

$$\oiint_S (\underline{\boldsymbol{q}} \cdot \underline{\boldsymbol{n}})\, dS = \iiint_V (\nabla \cdot \underline{\boldsymbol{q}})\, dV$$

- Differential form of continuity equation:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \underline{\boldsymbol{u}}) = 0$$

- If density ρ is constant: $\nabla \cdot \underline{\boldsymbol{u}} = 0$

Towards the Reynolds equation

- Introducing dimensionless variables:

$$X = \frac{x}{l_0}, \quad Y = \frac{y}{b_0}, \quad Z = \frac{z}{h_0}, \quad T = \frac{t}{t_0}, \quad \bar{u} = \frac{u}{u_0}$$

$$\bar{v} = \frac{v}{v_0}, \quad \bar{w} = \frac{w}{w_0}, \quad \bar{\rho} = \frac{\rho}{\rho_0}, \quad \bar{\eta} = \frac{\eta}{\eta_0}, \quad P = \frac{h_0^2 p}{\eta_0 u_0 l_0}$$

- Reynolds number:

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\text{Inertia}}{\text{Viscous}} = \frac{\rho_0 u_0 l_0}{\eta_0}$$

- Thin fluid film: $h_0 \ll l_0, \quad \mathcal{R} \ll 1$

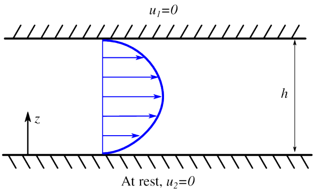
$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\left(\eta \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}\right)$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\left(\eta \frac{\partial v}{\partial z}\right)$$

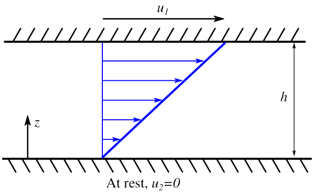
$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = 0 \rightarrow p = p(x,y)$$

Velocity profile

$$u = \underbrace{\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\frac{z^2 - zh}{2\eta}}_{\text{Poiseuille flow}} + \underbrace{u_1\frac{z}{h} + u_2\left(1 - \frac{z}{h}\right)}_{\text{Couette flow}}$$



Poiseuille flow



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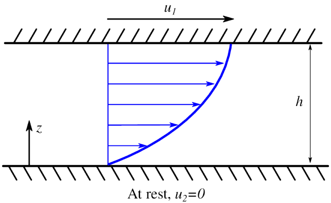


Calculating flow rates

$$u = \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\frac{z^2 - zh}{2\eta} + u_1\frac{z}{h} + u_2\left(1 - \frac{z}{h}\right)$$

$$v = \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}\frac{z^2 - zh}{2\eta} + v_1\frac{z}{h} + v_2\left(1 - \frac{z}{h}\right)$$

Flow rate per unit width in x and y directions:

$$q'_x = \int_0^h u dz = -\frac{h^3}{12\eta}\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{u_1 + u_2}{2}h$$

$$q'_y = \int_0^h v dz = -\frac{h^3}{12\eta}\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2}h$$

Integrating continuity equation across film thickness:

$$\int_0^h \left[\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \underline{\boldsymbol{u}}\right] dz = 0$$

Reynolds equation

- General form in 3D:

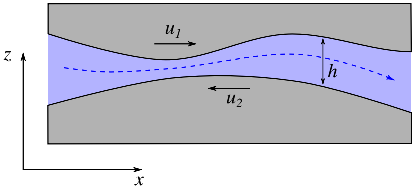
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(\frac{\rho h^3}{12\eta}\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(\frac{\rho h^3}{12\eta}\frac{\partial p}{\partial y}\right) = \frac{(u_1+u_2)}{2}\frac{\partial(\rho h)}{\partial x} + \frac{(v_1+v_2)}{2}\frac{\partial(\rho h)}{\partial y} + h\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

- If ρ, η are constant:

$$\frac{1}{12\eta}\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(h^3\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right) + \frac{1}{12\eta}\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(h^3\frac{\partial p}{\partial y}\right) = \frac{(u_1+u_2)}{2}\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + \frac{(v_1+v_2)}{2}\frac{\partial h}{\partial y}$$

- In 2D:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(h^3\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right) = 6\eta(u_1+u_2)\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$$



O. Reynolds (1886)

Physically relevant models

- Non-Newtonian fluid:

$$\eta = f\left(\frac{du}{dz}\right)$$

- Viscosity-pressure dependency: Barus law

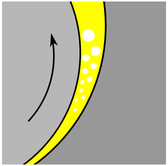
$$\eta(p) = \eta_0 e^{\alpha p}$$

- Fluid compressibility:

$$K = -V\frac{dp}{dV} = \rho\frac{dp}{d\rho}$$

$$\rho = \rho_0 e^{(p-p_0)/K}$$

- Cavitation: process of bubble generation due to local pressure decline below saturated vapor pressure



Step slider bearing

- Reynolds equation ($\rho = \text{const}, \eta = \text{const}$):

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(h^3\frac{dp}{dx}\right) = 6u\eta\frac{dh}{dx}$$

- Constant film thickness in both sections:

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} h_0 + s & 0 < x < nl \\ h_0 & nl < x < l \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{d^2p}{dx^2} = 0, \quad x \in (0; nl) \cup (nl; l)$$

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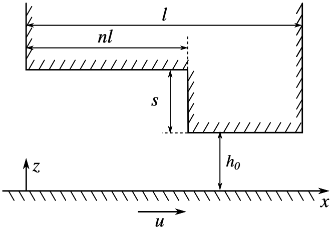

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- Continuity of pressure:

$$p|_{x=nl-0} = p|_{x=nl+0} = p_m$$

$$nl\left(\frac{dp}{dx}\right)_i = -(1-n)l\left(\frac{dp}{dx}\right)_o$$

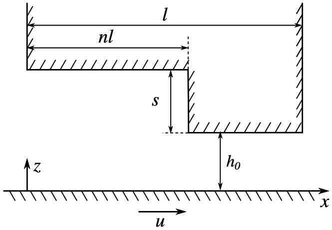
- Continuity of flow rate:

$$q'_{x,i} = q'_{x,o}$$

$$-\frac{(h_0+s)^3}{12\eta}\left(\frac{dp}{dx}\right)_i + \frac{u(h_0+s)}{2} = -\frac{h_0^3}{12\eta}\left(\frac{dp}{dx}\right)_o + \frac{uh_0}{2}$$

- Maximum pressure:

$$p_m = 6\eta u l\left[\frac{n(1-n)s}{(1-n)(h_0+s)^3 + nh^3}\right]$$



Step slider bearing

- Pressure distribution:

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} p_m \dfrac{x}{nl} & 0 < x < nl \\ p_m \dfrac{l-x}{(1-n)l} & nl < x < l \end{cases}$$

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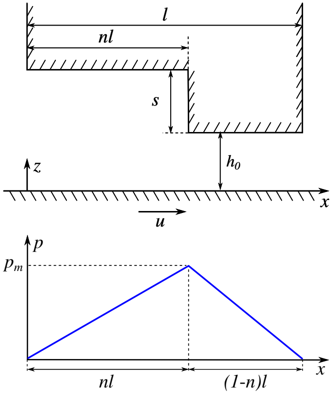
- Optimal bearing configuration to produce the largest p_m:

$$\frac{\partial p_m}{\partial n} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial p_m}{\partial s} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} (1-n)^2(h_0+s)^3 - n^2 h_0^3 = 0 \\ (1-n)(h_0+s)^2(h_0-2s) + nh_0^3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

- Optimal values:

$$\frac{h_0}{s} = 1.155, \quad n = 0.7182$$



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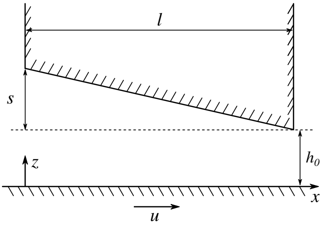


- Integrating:

$$h^3\frac{dp}{dx} = 6u\eta h + C$$

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = 0 \to h = h_m \implies C = 6u\eta h_m$$

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = 6\eta u\left(\frac{h-h_m}{h^3}\right)$$

$$h(x) = h_0 + s\left(1 - \frac{x}{l}\right)$$

- Introducing dimensionless variables:

$$X = \frac{x}{l}, \quad H = \frac{h}{s}, \quad H_m = \frac{h_m}{s}, \quad H_0 = \frac{h_0}{s} \implies \quad P = \frac{ps^2}{\eta u l}$$

Inclined slider bearing

- Dimensionless Reynolds equation:

$$\frac{dP}{dX} = 6\left(\frac{H - H_m}{H^3}\right)$$

$$H = H_0 + 1 - X, \quad \frac{dH}{dX} = -1$$

- Integrating:

$$P = 6\int\left(\frac{1}{H^2} - \frac{H_m}{H^3}\right)dX = 6\left(\frac{1}{H} - \frac{H_m}{2H^2}\right) + C$$

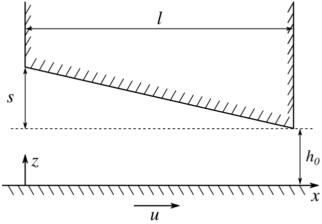
- BCs:

$$P = 0 \text{ when } X = 0 \rightarrow H = H_0 + 1$$

$$P = 0 \text{ when } X = 1 \rightarrow H = H_0$$

$$H_m = \frac{2H_0(1 + H_0)}{1 + 2H_0}, \quad C = -\frac{6}{1 + 2H_0}$$

$$P(X) = \frac{6X(1 - X)}{(H_0 + 1 - X)^2(1 + 2H_0)}$$



Inclined slider bearing

- Dimensionless pressure distribution:

$$P(X) = \frac{6X(1-X)}{(H_0 + 1 - X)^2(1 + 2H_0)}$$

- Dimensionless coordinate of maximum:

$$X_m = \frac{1 + H_0}{1 + 2H_0}$$

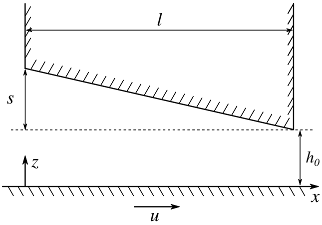
- Dimensionless maximal pressure:

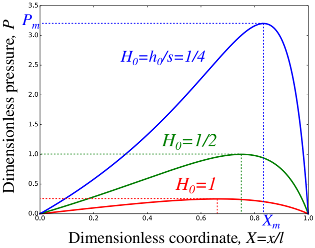
$$P_m = \frac{3}{2H_0(1 + H_0)(1 + 2H_0)}$$

- Dimensional maximal pressure:

$$p = P\frac{\eta u l}{s^2}, \quad p_m = \frac{3\eta u l s}{2h_0(s + h_0)(s + 2h_0)}$$

- Optimal shoulder height:
  $\partial p_m/\partial s = 0 \rightarrow s_{\text{opt}} = \sqrt{2}h_0$





Elastohydrodynamic lubrication (EHL)

- Non-conforming surfaces
- Elastic deflection of solid walls
- Viscosity-pressure dependence:
  $\eta(p) = \eta_0 \, \exp \xi p$
- Hard EHL (metal parts):

  $0.5 \text{ GPa} \le p \le 3 \text{ GPa}$

  $0.1 \ \mu\text{m} \le h_{\text{min}} \le 1 \ \mu\text{m}$

  - gears
  - rolling bearings
  - cams
- Soft EHL (polymer):

  $p \approx 1 \text{ MPa}$

  $h_{\text{min}} \approx 1 \ \mu\text{m}$

  - seals
  - human joints
  - tires

Needle roller bearing
www.farazbearing.com

Bevel gear www.linngear.com

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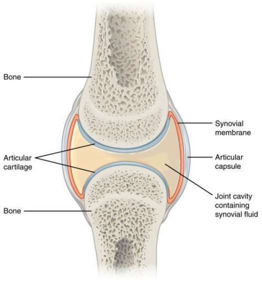
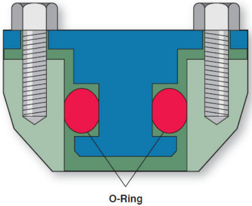


Nontrivial joint
www.wikipedia.org



O-ring seal
www.ecosealthailand.com

Elastohydrodynamic lubrication (EHL)

- Reynolds equation:

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{h^3}{\eta}\frac{dp}{dx}\right) = 12u\frac{dh}{dx}$$

- Viscosity-pressure dependence (Barus law):

$$\eta(p) = \eta_0\, e^{\xi p}$$

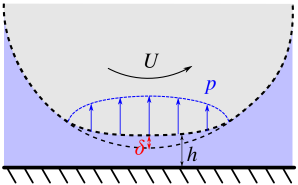
- Film shape:

$$h(x) = h_0 + S(x) + \delta(x)$$

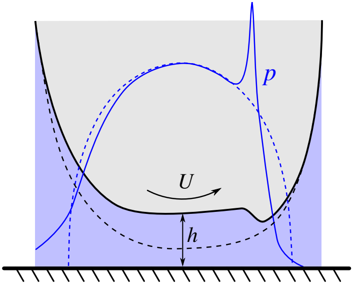
h_0	constant
$S(x) = \frac{x^2}{2R}$	undeformed geometry
$\delta(x)$	elastic deformation

- Contact constraints:

$$\begin{cases} h_0 + S(x) + \delta(x) = 0, & p > 0 \\ h_0 + S(x) + \delta(x) > 0, & p = 0 \end{cases}$$



Coupling of fluid and elastic problems



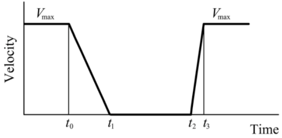
Results of numerical simulations[1,2]

[1] D. Dowson, *Wear (1995)*

[2] B.J. Hamrock, "Fundamental of fluid film lubrication"" (1991)

EHL film thickness: experimental observation

- Ball-on-disk optical tribometer
- Measurement based on light interference principle
- Unidirectional start-stop-start motion
- Important for study of rolling contact fatigue and wear



Unidirectional start-stop-start motion[1]

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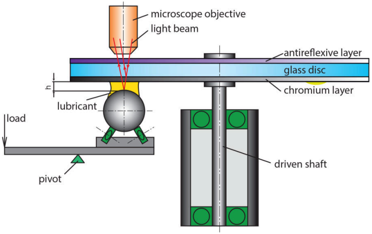
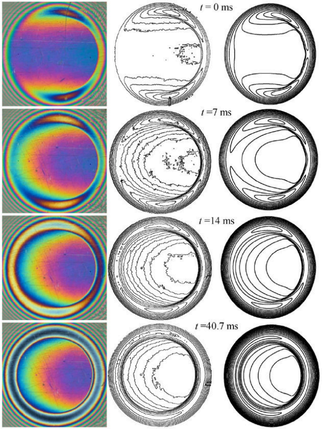


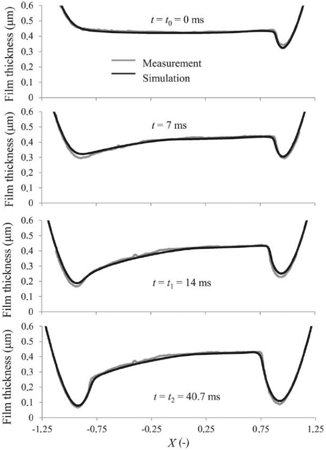
Ball-on-disk apparatus with interferometry[2]

[2] D. Kostal et al, *Journal of Tribology (2017)*

EHL film thickness: experimental observation



Left to right:
snapshots of interferograms, film thickness contour maps, results of numerical simulation[1]



Midplane film thickness profiles along rolling direction[1]

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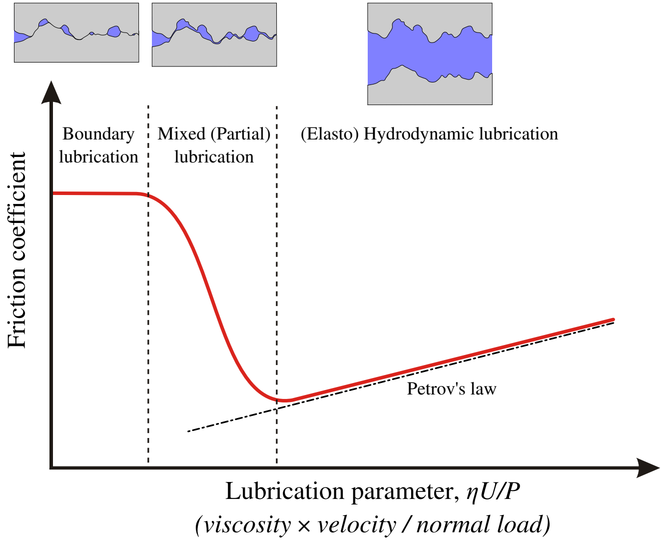
Lubrication regimes: Stribeck curve



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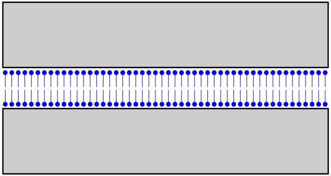
Boundary lubrication

- Asperities come in contact
- $1\text{ nm} \le h_{\min} \le 10\text{ nm}$
- Bulk lubricant properties (i.e. viscosity) are not important
- Physical and chemical properties of the surface and of the fluid film are important
- Lubricant film of molecular size[1]
- Breakdown of lubricant film at localized regions[2], frictional force:

$$F = A\,(\alpha s_m + (1-\alpha)s_l)$$

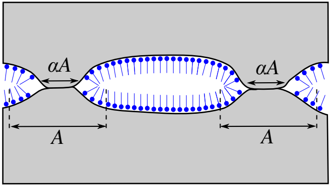
A	the area that supports the load
α	fraction of breakdown area
s_m	shear stress in solid contact
s_l	shear stress in the lubricating film

Therefore, if α - const, then $F \propto A$.



The frictional resistance is due to interaction between the outer surfaces of the adsorbed monolayers without any solid contact occurring [1]

[1] W.B. Hardy, (1936)



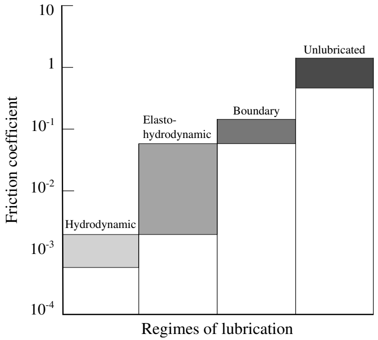
Mechanism involving breakdown of the lubricant film at small localized regions[2]

[2] F.P. Bowden and D. Tabor, "The friction and Lubrication of Solids (1950)

Mixed (partial) lubrication

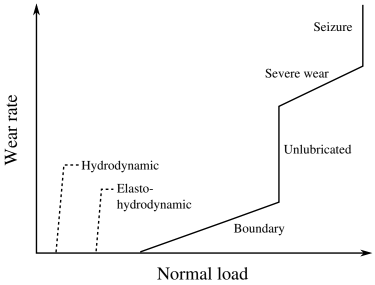
- Combination of boundary and fluid film effects
- Some asperity contact
- Film layer of one or more molecular layers
- Smooth transition
- $0.01\ \mu\text{m} \le h_{\text{min}} \le 1\ \mu\text{m}$

Lubrication: friction coefficient and wear



Bar diagram of friction coefficient for various lubrication conditions

B.J. Hamrock, "Fundamental of fluid film lubrication" (1991)



Wear rate for various lubrication regimes

Beerbower (1972)

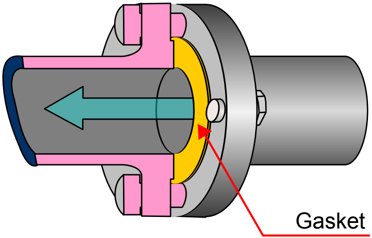
Lubrication: take home messages

- Lubrication: reduction of wear and friction between relatively moving surfaces by adding lubricant
- Hydrodynamic: full separation of solids, thin fluid film lubrication (Reynolds equation), dynamic viscosity is important
- EHL: solids deform elastically (hard - metals, soft - polymers), affected by viscosity-pressure dependence
- Boundary: contact of asperities, but still thin molecular level of lubricant, chemical properties important, breakdown of fluid film
- Mixed (partial): smooth transition
- Recommended literature:

1. B.J. Hamrock et al, "Fundamentals of fluid film lubrication" (2004)
2. F.P. Bowden and D. Tabor, "The friction and Lubrication of Solids (1950)
3. D. Dowson, "Elastohydrodynamic and micro-elastohydrodynamic lubrication", *Wear, 190 (1995)*

Sealing: what is it?

- **Sealing:** technique to prevent or reduce leakage of fluid from one chamber to another using seals
- Different types:
  - face seals
  - O-ring seals
  - labyrinth seals
- Dynamic/static
- Material: polymer/metallic
- Operate in EHL/mixed/boundary regimes



Face seal

O-ring

- Metal-to-metal static face seals used in fluid system of nuclear power plants
- Coting of the seal is made of material Norem[1]: elasto-plastic Elastic moduli:

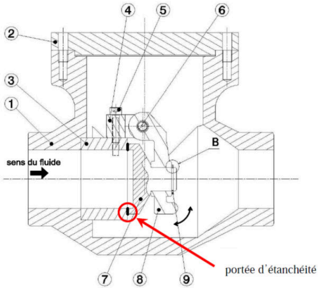
$$E = 175\,\text{GPa}, \nu = 0.3$$

Yield stress:

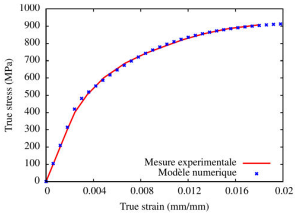
$$\sigma_Y = R_0 + Q(1 - e^{-bp})$$

R_0 = 442.7 MPa
Q = 493.5 MPa
b = 242.2

J. Durand, PhD thesis (2012)



Sketch of a valve[1]



Material behavior of Norem[1]

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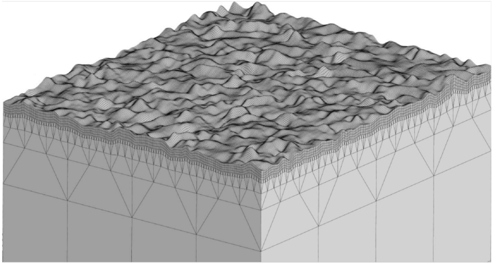

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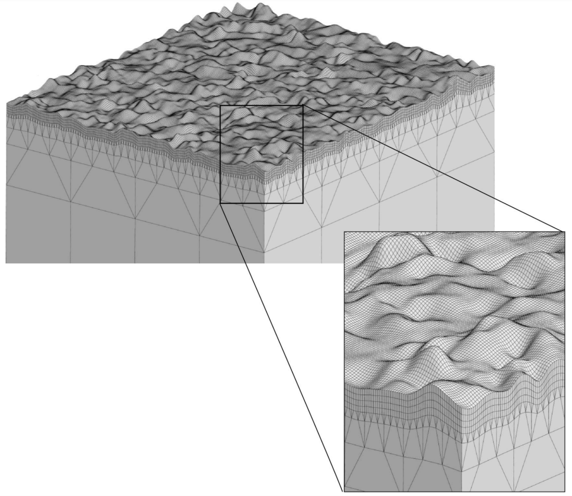

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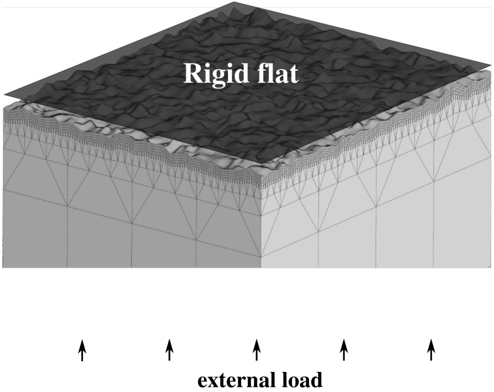

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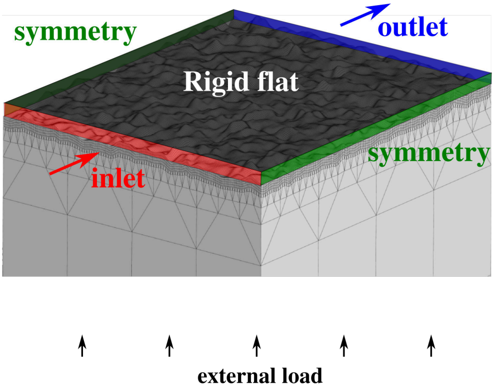

Surface discretization	Total DOFs	RAM	Cores	Time
256×256	1.4M	30 Gb	8	2-4 days
512×512	5.7M	140 Gb	16	4-8 days

Problem statement

- Mechanical contact (unilateral):

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{\sigma}}(\underline{u}) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega_s, \\ g(\underline{u}) \geq 0,\ \sigma_n(\underline{u}) \leq 0,\ g(\underline{u})\,\sigma_n(\underline{u}) = 0 & \text{at } \Gamma_c, \\ u_x|_{x=0,\lambda/2} = 0, \quad u_y\big|_{y=0,L} = 0, & \end{cases}$$

- Thin fluid flow with immobile walls (Reynolds equation):

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \left[g(\underline{u})^3 \nabla p_f \right] = 0 & \text{in } \Gamma_f \\ p_f\big|_{y=0} = p_i, \quad p_f\big|_{y=L} = p_o & \\ [\nabla p_f \cdot \underline{e}_x]\big|_{x=0,\lambda/2} = 0, & \end{cases}$$

- Fluid/structure interface:

$$\sigma_n(\underline{u}) = -p_f \quad \text{at } \Gamma_f$$

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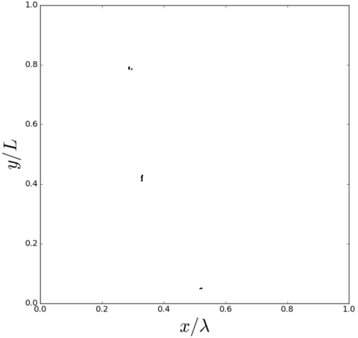

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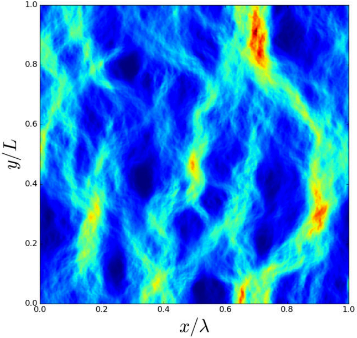

Intensity of the fluid flux

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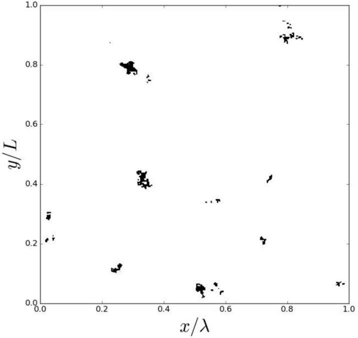

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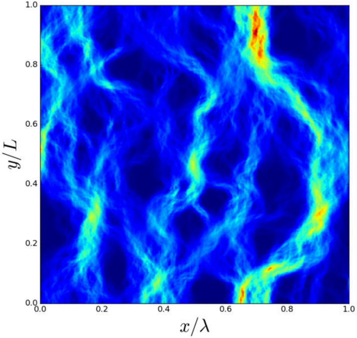

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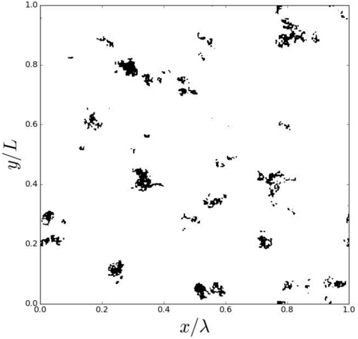

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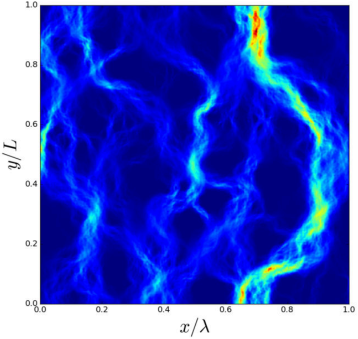

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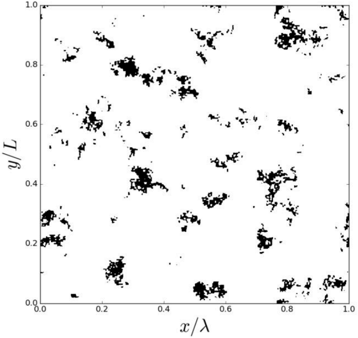

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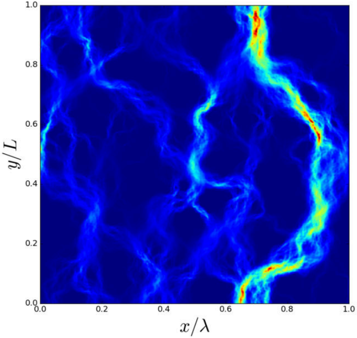

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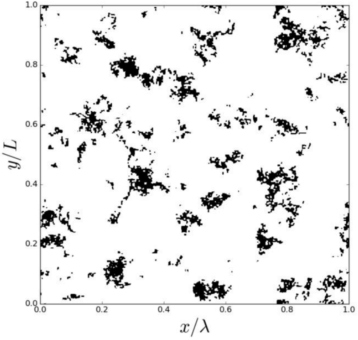

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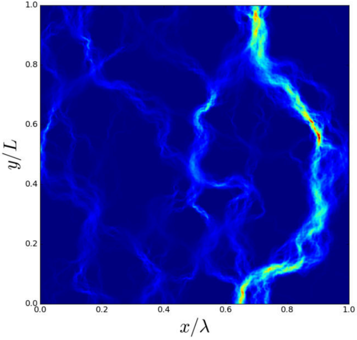

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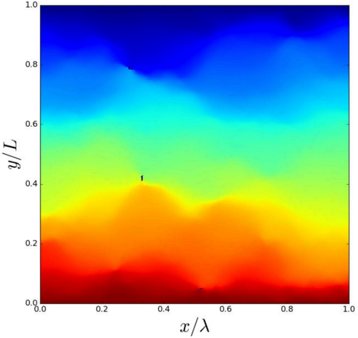

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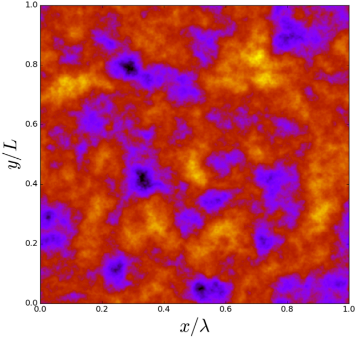

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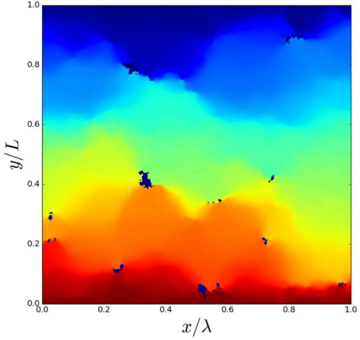

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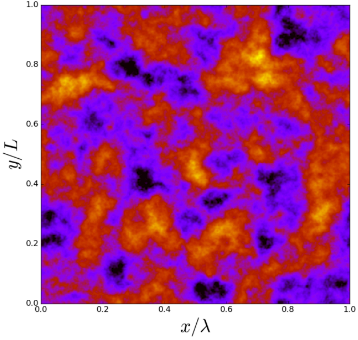

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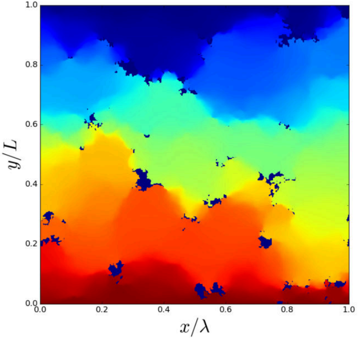

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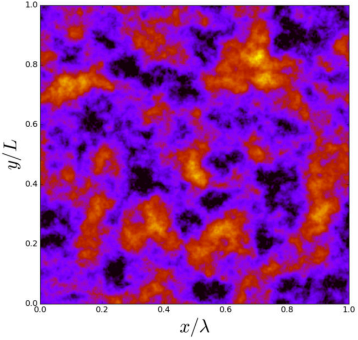

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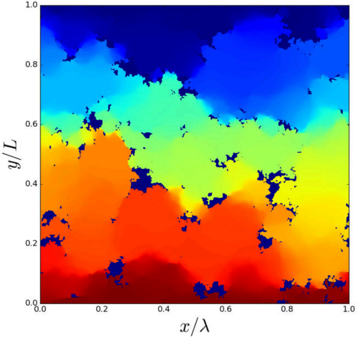

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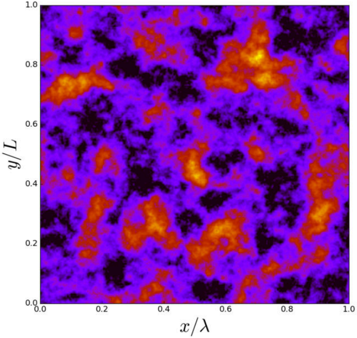

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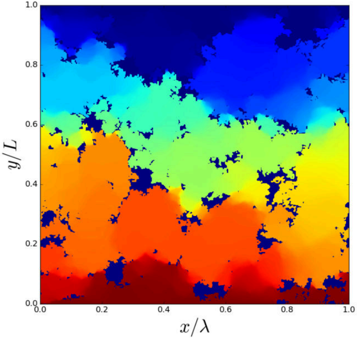

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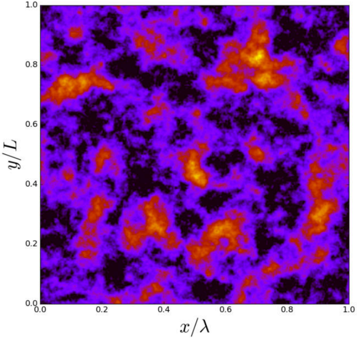

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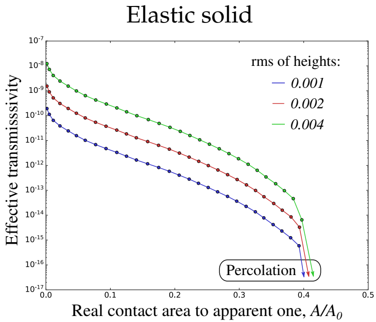

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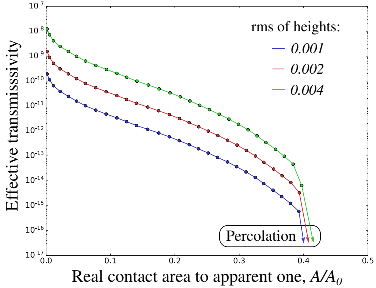
Elastic solid



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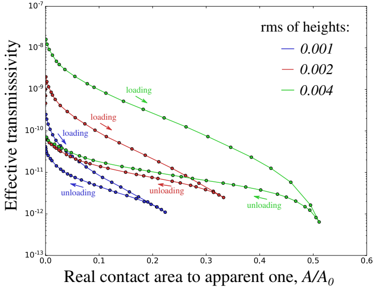

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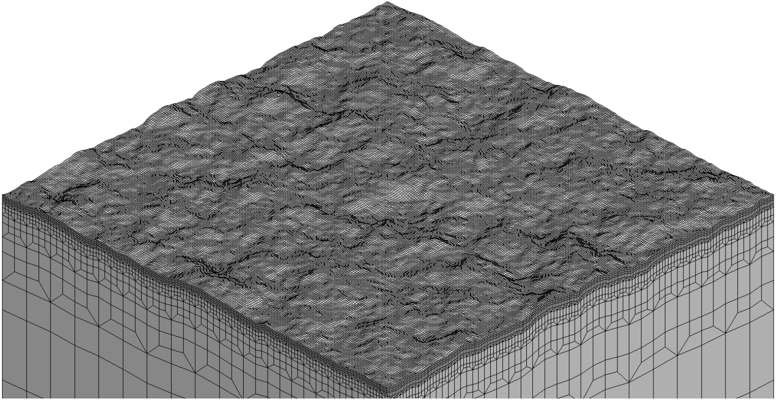

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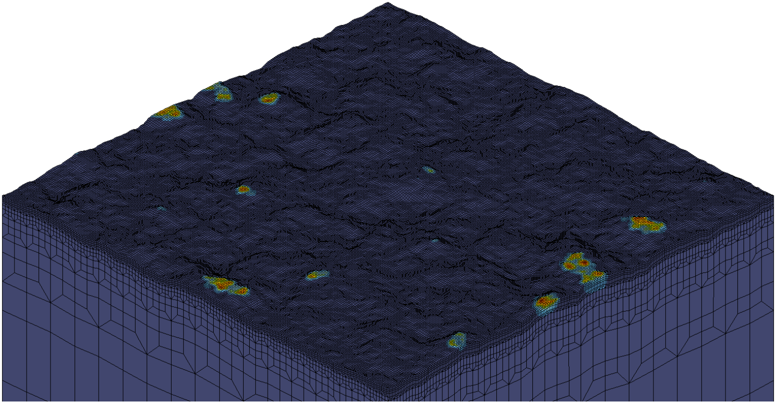

Accumulated plastic strain during *loading*

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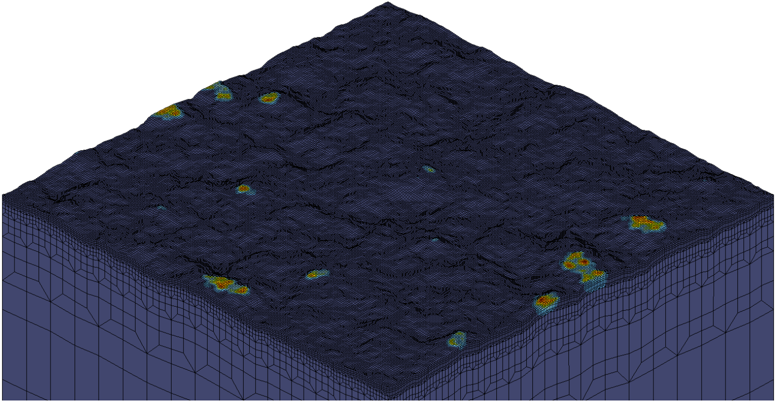

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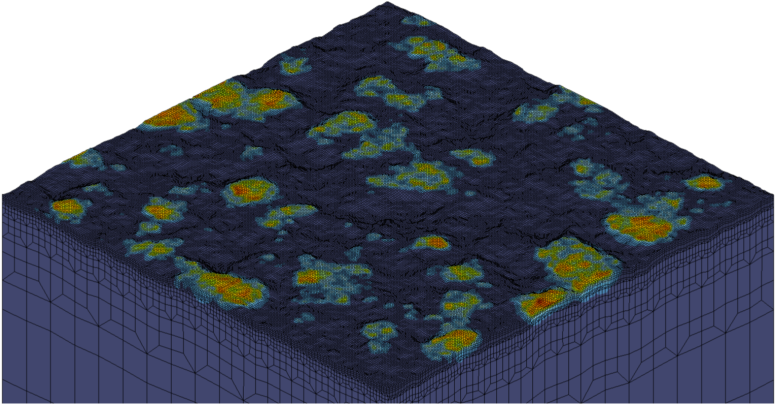

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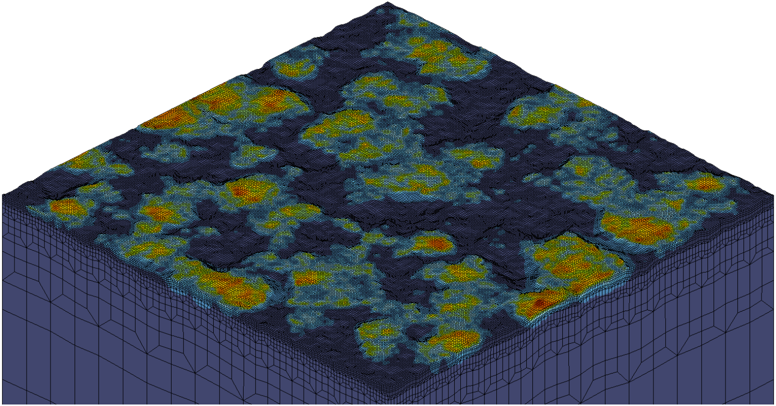

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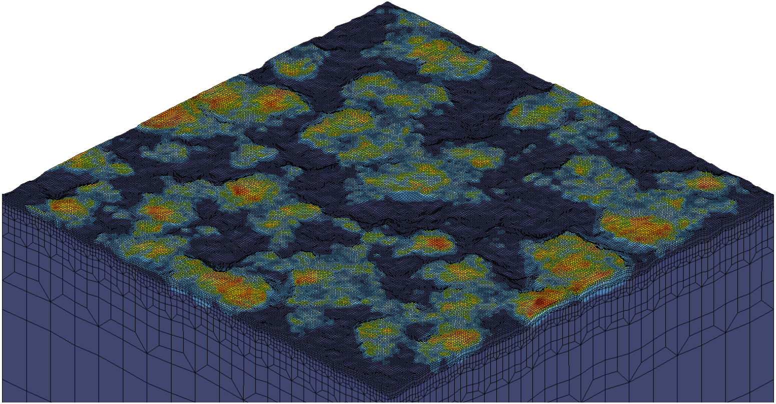

Accumulated plastic strain during *unloading*

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