

## Effect of surface texturing on friction under starved lubrication conditions

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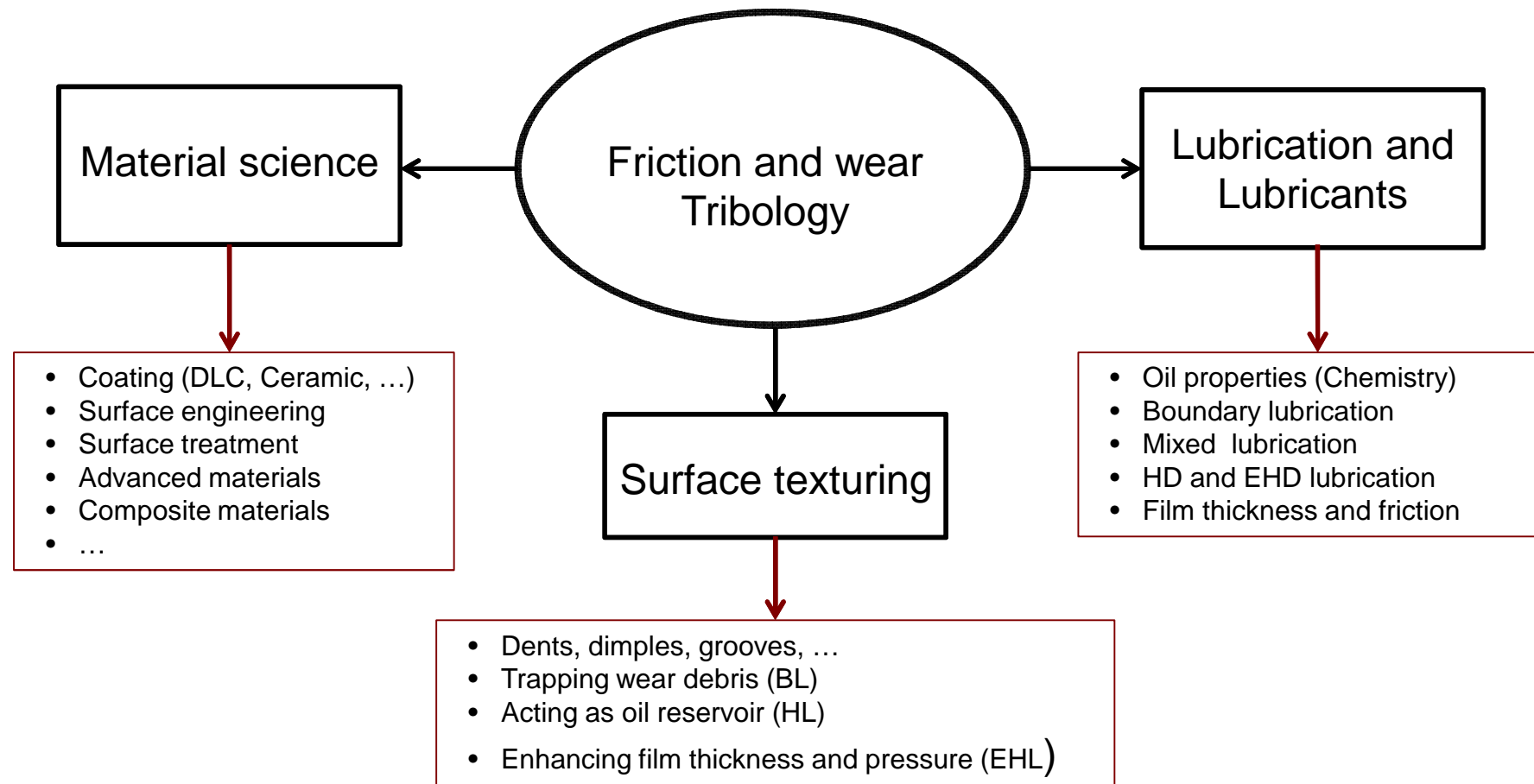
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# INTRODUCTION

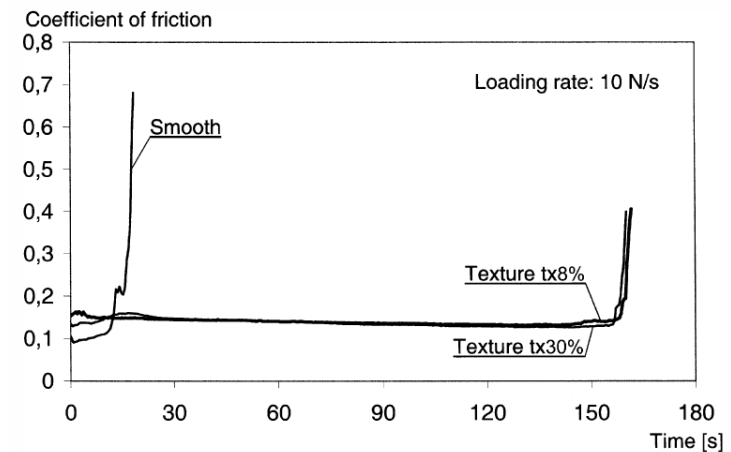
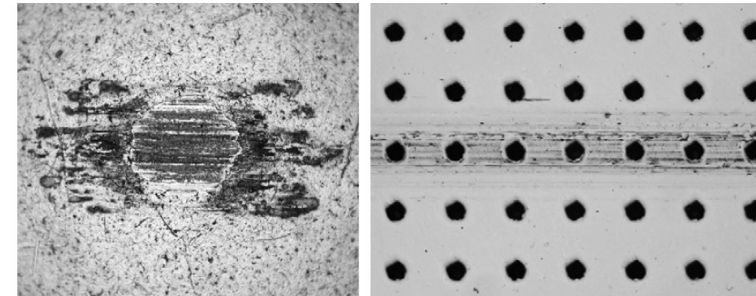


- Effect of micro-textures on the coefficient of friction and wear

## RESULTS

- Reducing friction and wear under lubricated sliding conditions, in comparison with smooth surfaces.

Andersson et al. 2007



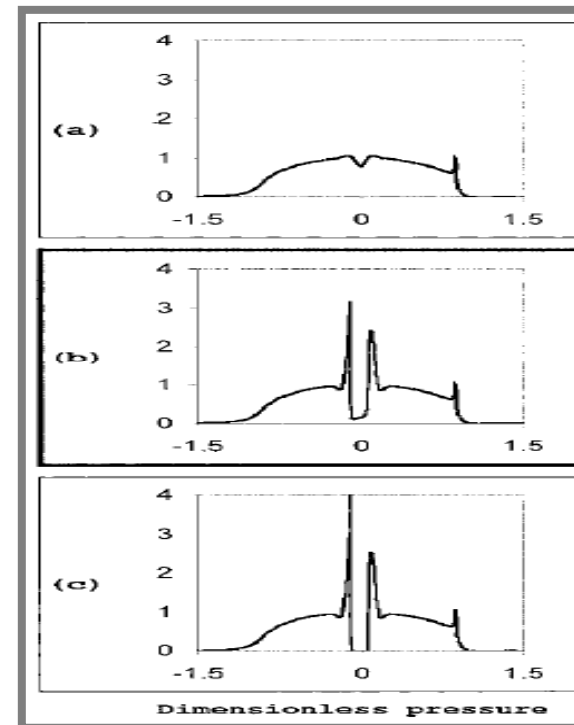
Friction graphs obtained with the SRV tribometer, for a smooth steel disc and for laser-textured discs

- Effect of micro-textures size on the pressure distribution and film thickness profile in EHL contacts.

## RESULTS

- No effect for small size of micro-dents.
- Positive effect for intermediate size(no cavitations)
- Negative effect for large size due to the cavitations.

Nélias et al. 2000



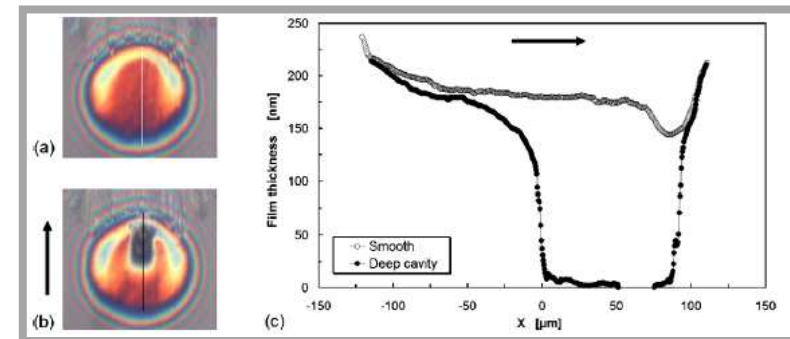
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- Effect of micro-dents depth

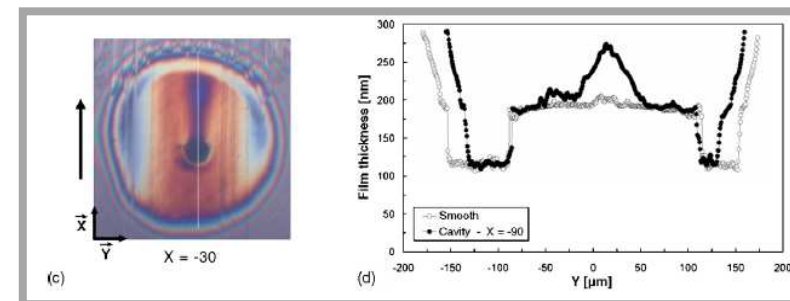
## RESULTS

- Deep micro-cavities cause a reduction in film thickness.
- Shallow micro-cavities enhance film thickness.

Mourier et al. 2008



Deep micro-cavities



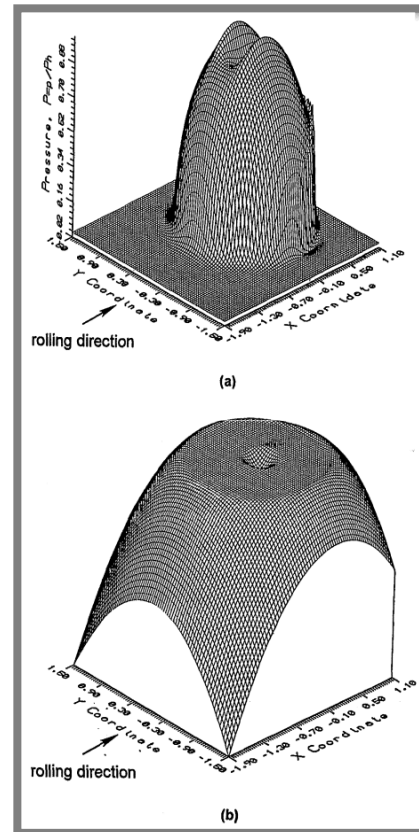
Shallow micro-cavities

- Effect of slide-to-roll ratio (SRR)

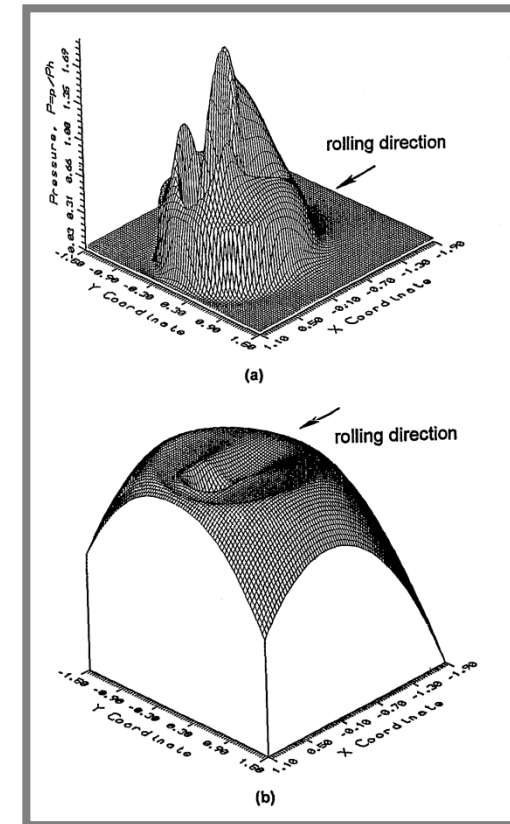
## RESULTS

- Limited effect under pure rolling conditions.
- Positive effect when the sliding is introduced.

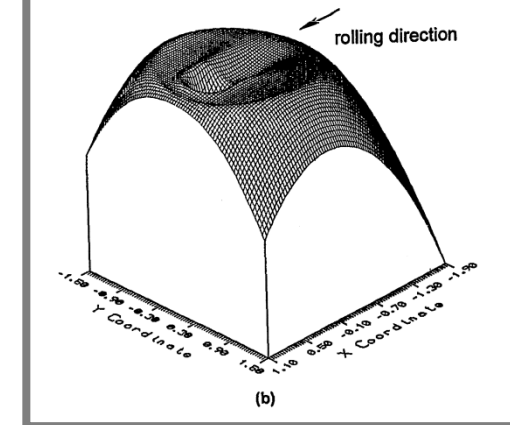
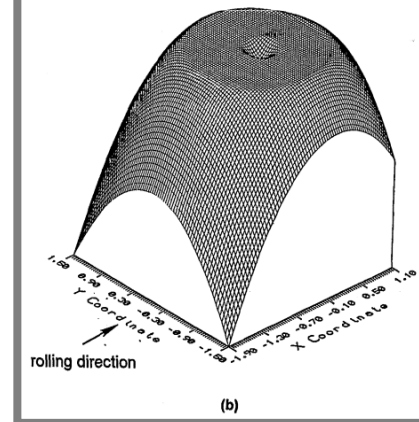
Ai et al. 1994



SRR=0



SRR=2

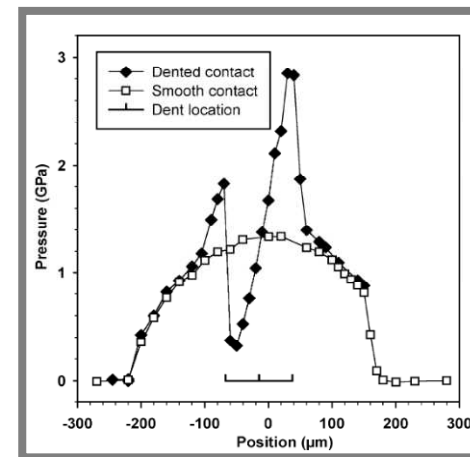


- **Effect of micro-dents on rolling contact fatigue (RCF)**

## RESULTS

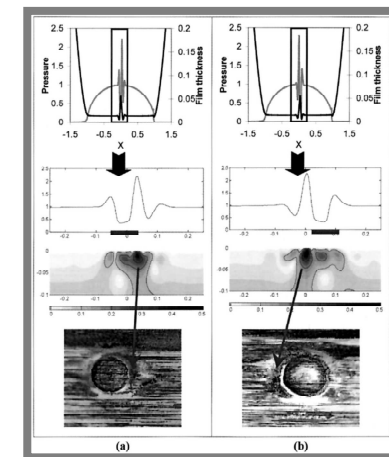
- Low stress concentration was found under pure rolling. Slide-to-roll ratio increases the stress level .
- Location of concentrated pressure depends on the direction of sliding.

Coulon et al. 2004



Pressure profiles for smooth and dented contact

Nélias et al. 2000



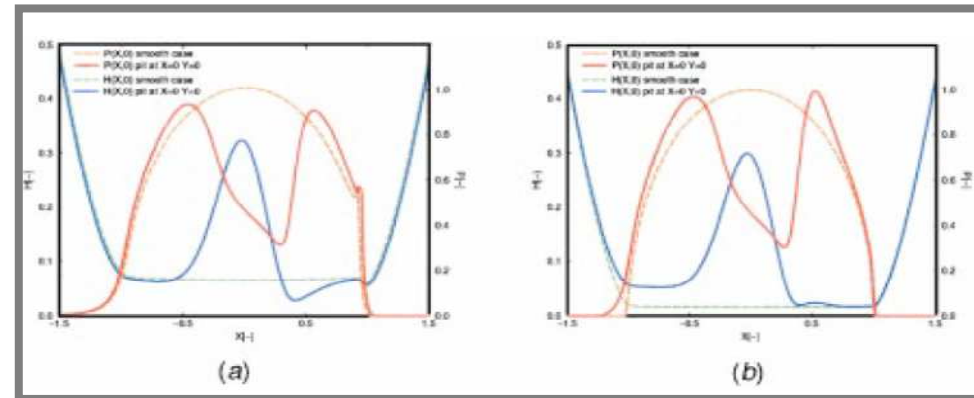
stress field in the vicinity of micro-dent

- Effect of micro-dents under starved conditions

## RESULTS

- The beneficial increase of film thickness is lost if the contact becomes fully flooded.

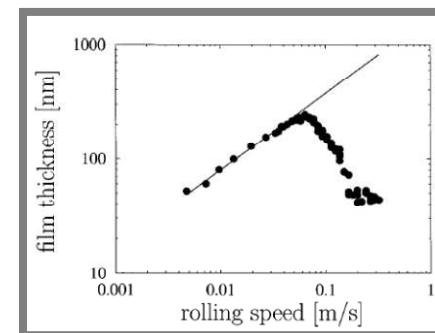
Dumont et al. 2002



a) Fully flooded contact

b) Starved contact

Damiens et al. 2004



Film thickness under starved lubrication

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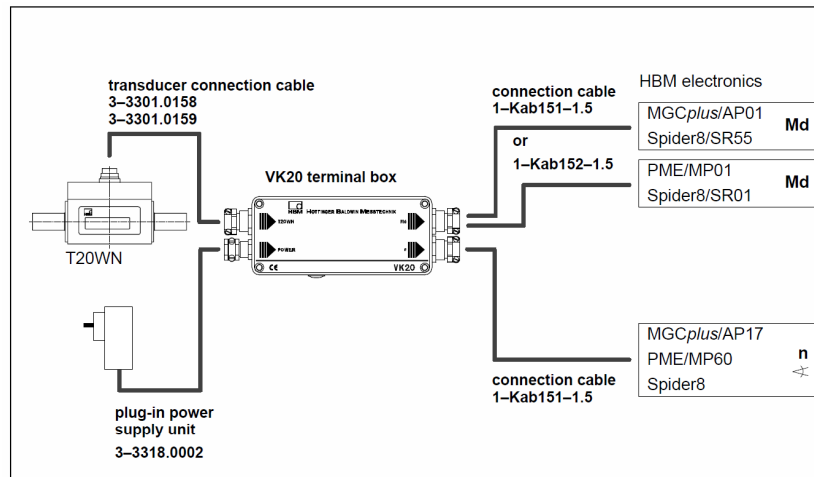
- Effect of surface texturing on friction under starved lubrication conditions.

### AIM OF THESIS

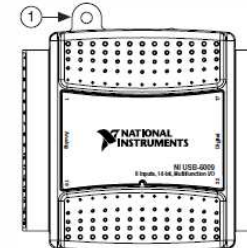
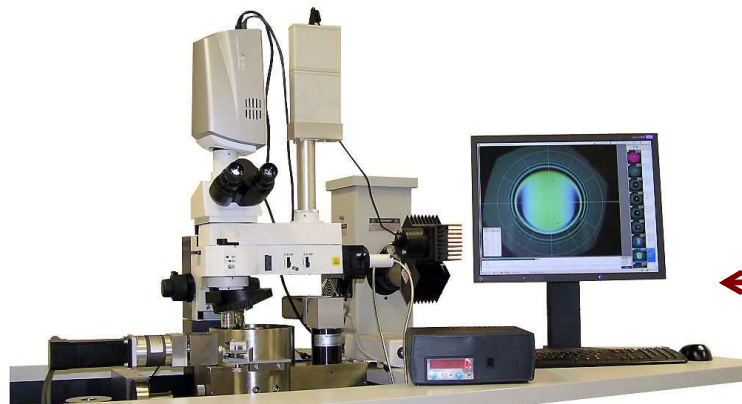
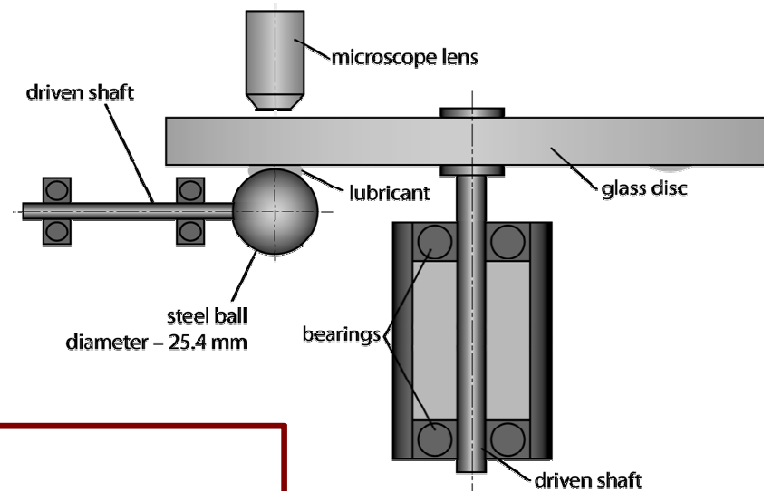
- Studying experimentally the effect of artificial micro-dents on reducing the coefficient of friction in sliding motion between non-conformal surfaces under starved lubrication
- Experimental investigation of micro-textures on pressure and film thickness in starved EHL
- Micro-textures in reciprocating motion with starved EHL
- Optimizing the distribution of micro-dents by means of experimental approach

# METHODS

## Torque sensor with amplifier circuit



## EHL contact



D/A Card

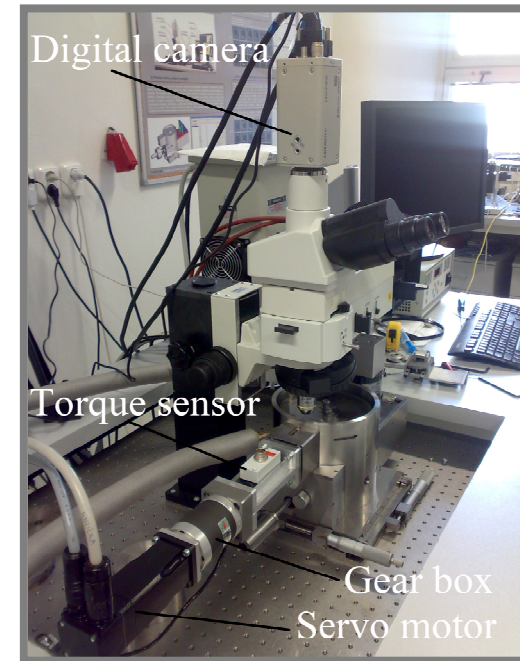
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Advantage of setup:

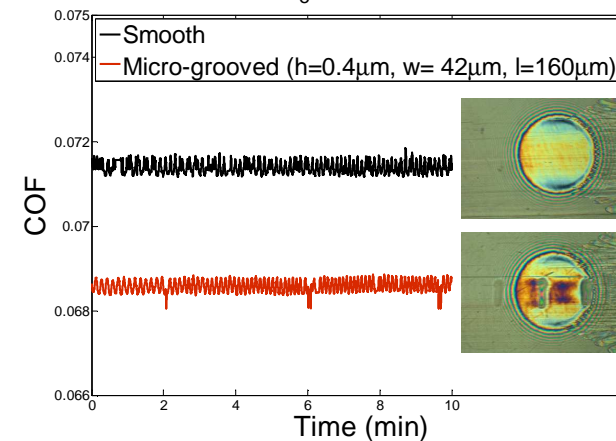
- Possibility of measuring friction and film thickness simultaneously

Disadvantage of setup:

- Calibration for friction measurements
- Low sensitivity for low loads ( $W < 10$  N)

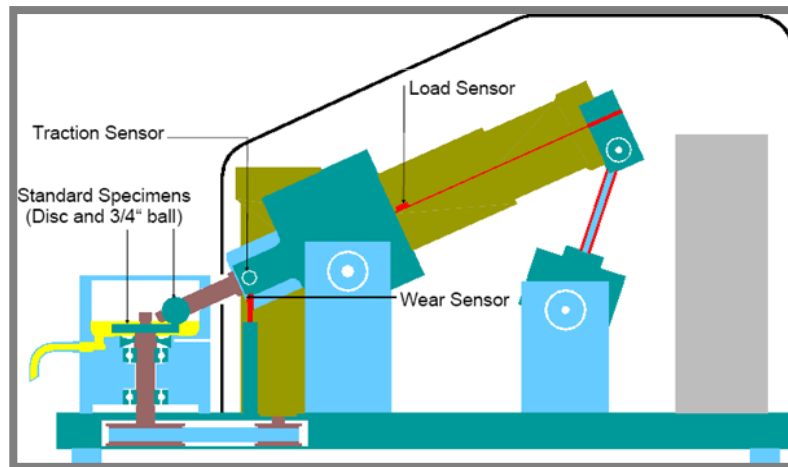


Load=40 N,  $u_e = 6.2$  mm/s, SRR= -1.58



Disadvantage of MTM:

- No film thickness measurements

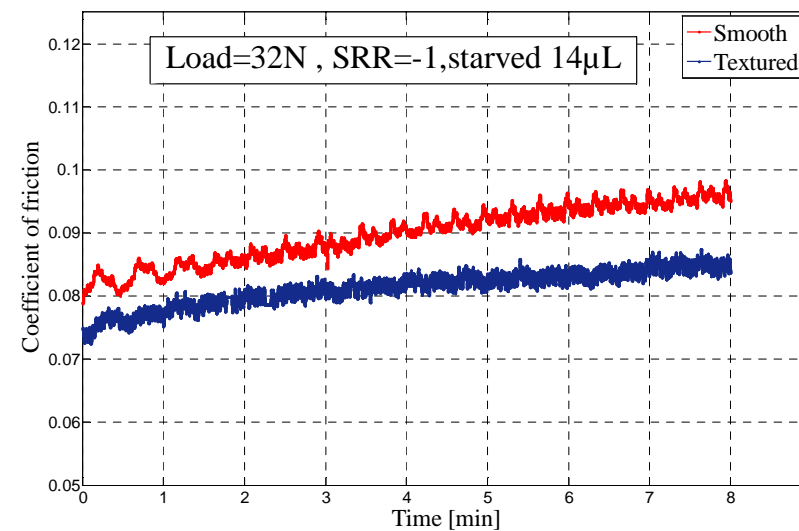
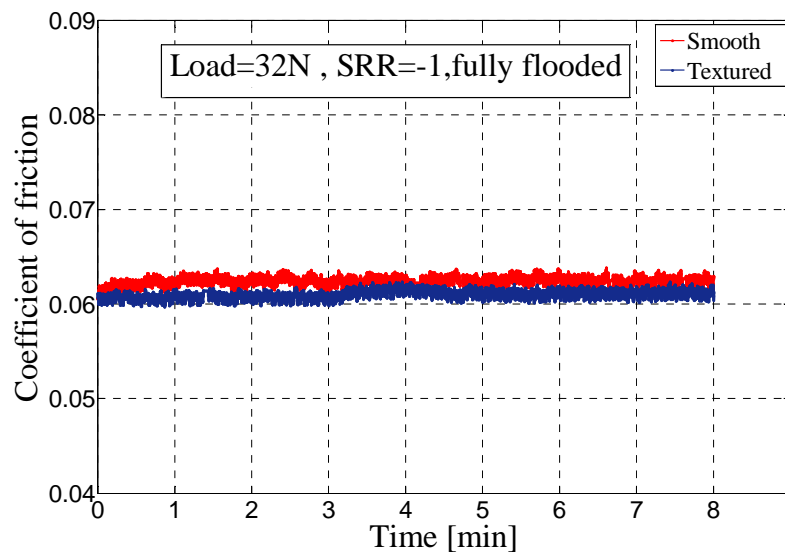
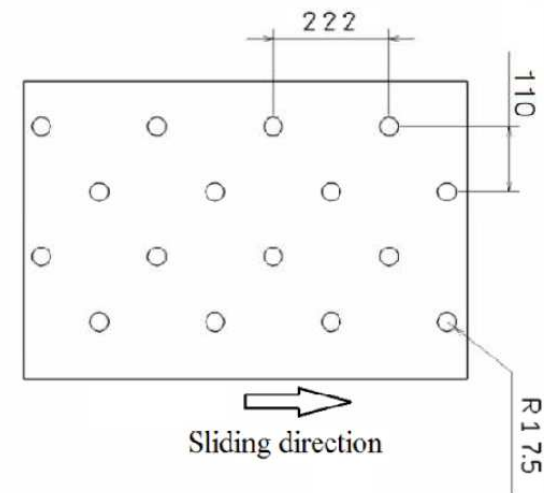


Mini Traction Machine (MTM)

# PRELIMINARY RESULTS

## Micro-dents in starved EHL

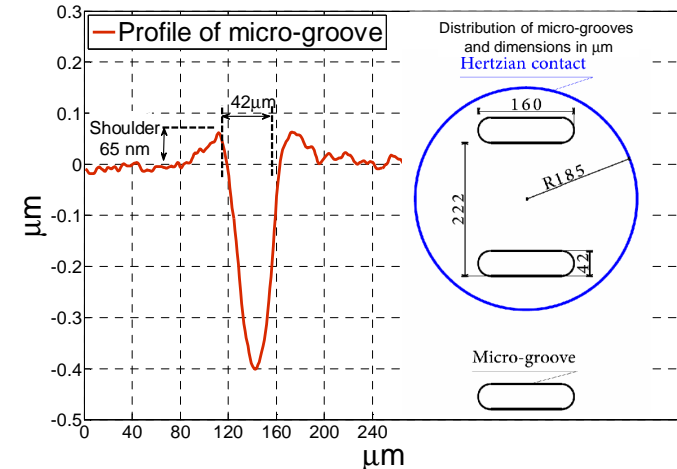
- Reducing friction under starved condition
- Negligible benefits under fully flooded



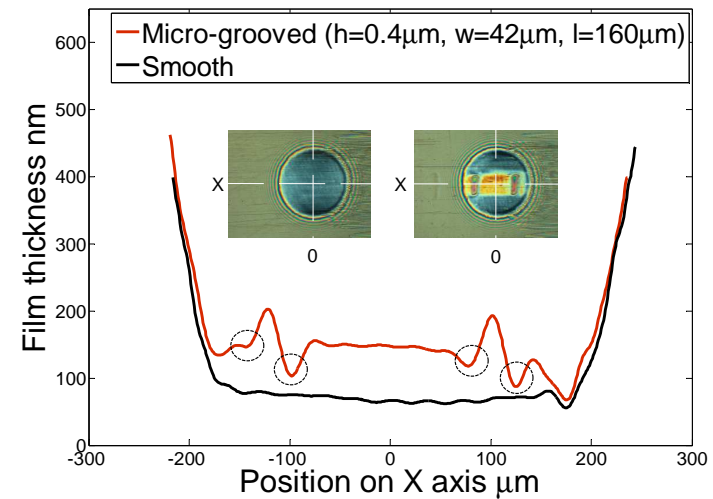
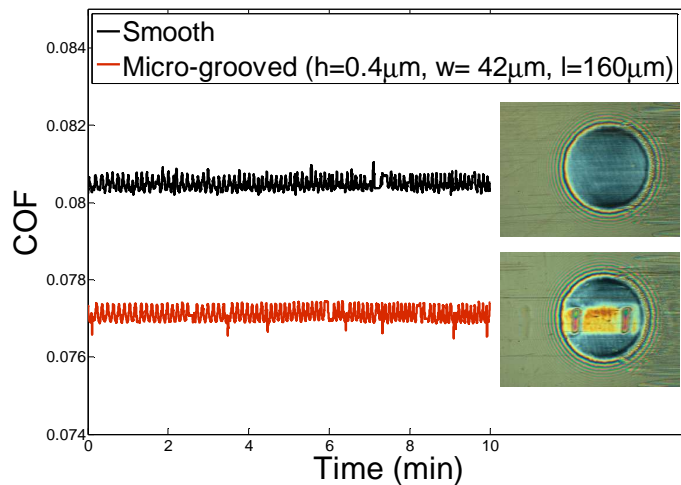
# PRELIMINARY RESULTS

## Transverse micro-grooves in starved EHL

- Reducing friction under starved condition
- Enhancing film thickness



Load=40 N,  $u_e = 2.9$  mm/s, SRR= -5.6 (Reverse motion)




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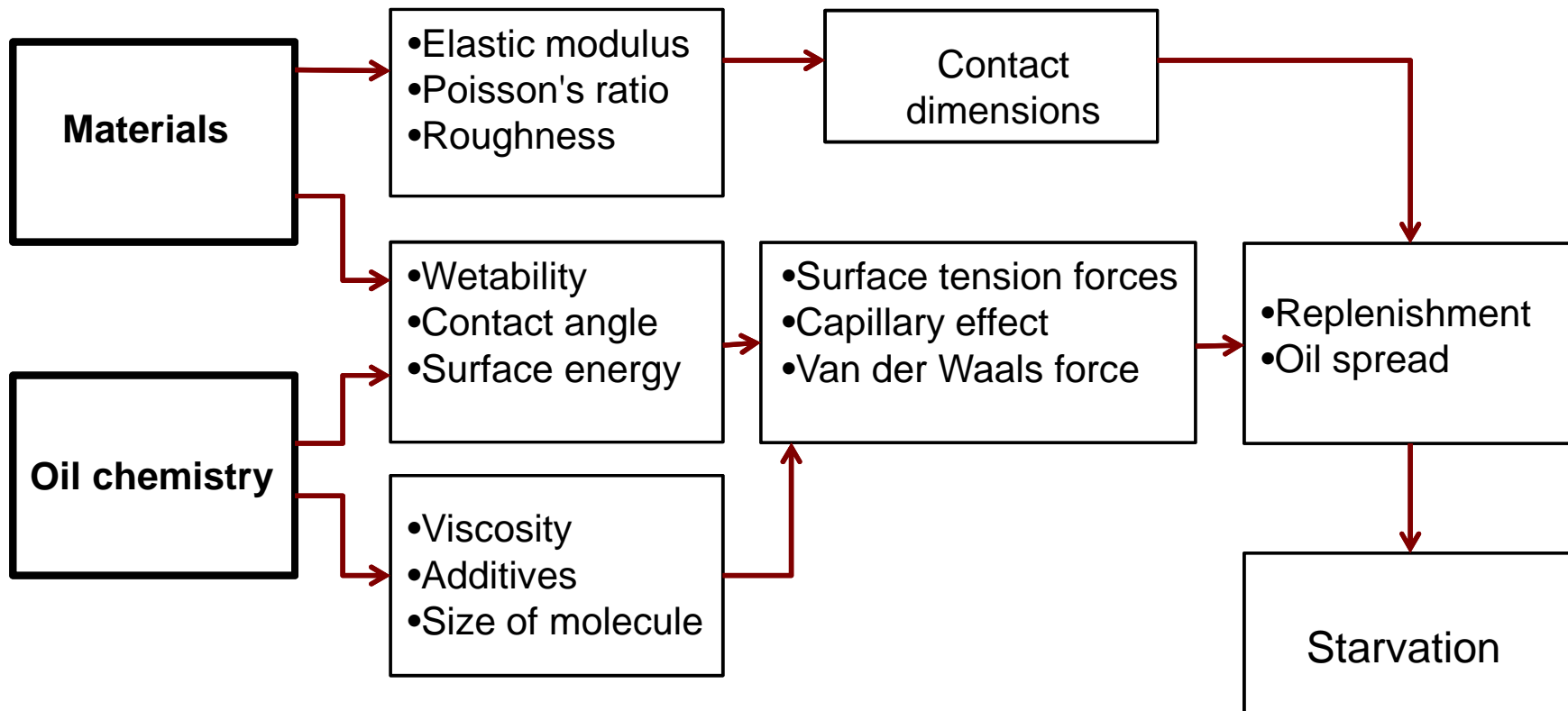
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Priority of parameters  
after introducing sliding  
from starvation point of  
view

1. Viscosity
2. Oil amount
3. Operating conditions (speed)
4. Temperature
5. Surface tension forces
6. Capillary effect
7. Contact geometry
8. Van der Waals force
9. Surface energy
10. Contact angle
- 11....
- 12....

→ Considered  
In my thesis

## Questions:

### 2- Is there any algorithm to optimize the distribution of micro-textures? What is the optimum distribution?

- In EHL contacts (even in the starved regime) wear is minimum since separation is larger than the scale of roughness (adhesive wear is minimum)
- The optimum distribution of micro-textures results in the lowest friction (not wear) for given operating conditions.
- Distribution of micro-textures can be optimized by modifying the density of textured area and dimensions (**a**, **b**) between dents. This approach is experimental but it could be also mathematical.

