

EFFICIENCY AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENT OF LARGE-SCALE HYDROSTATIC BEARINGS

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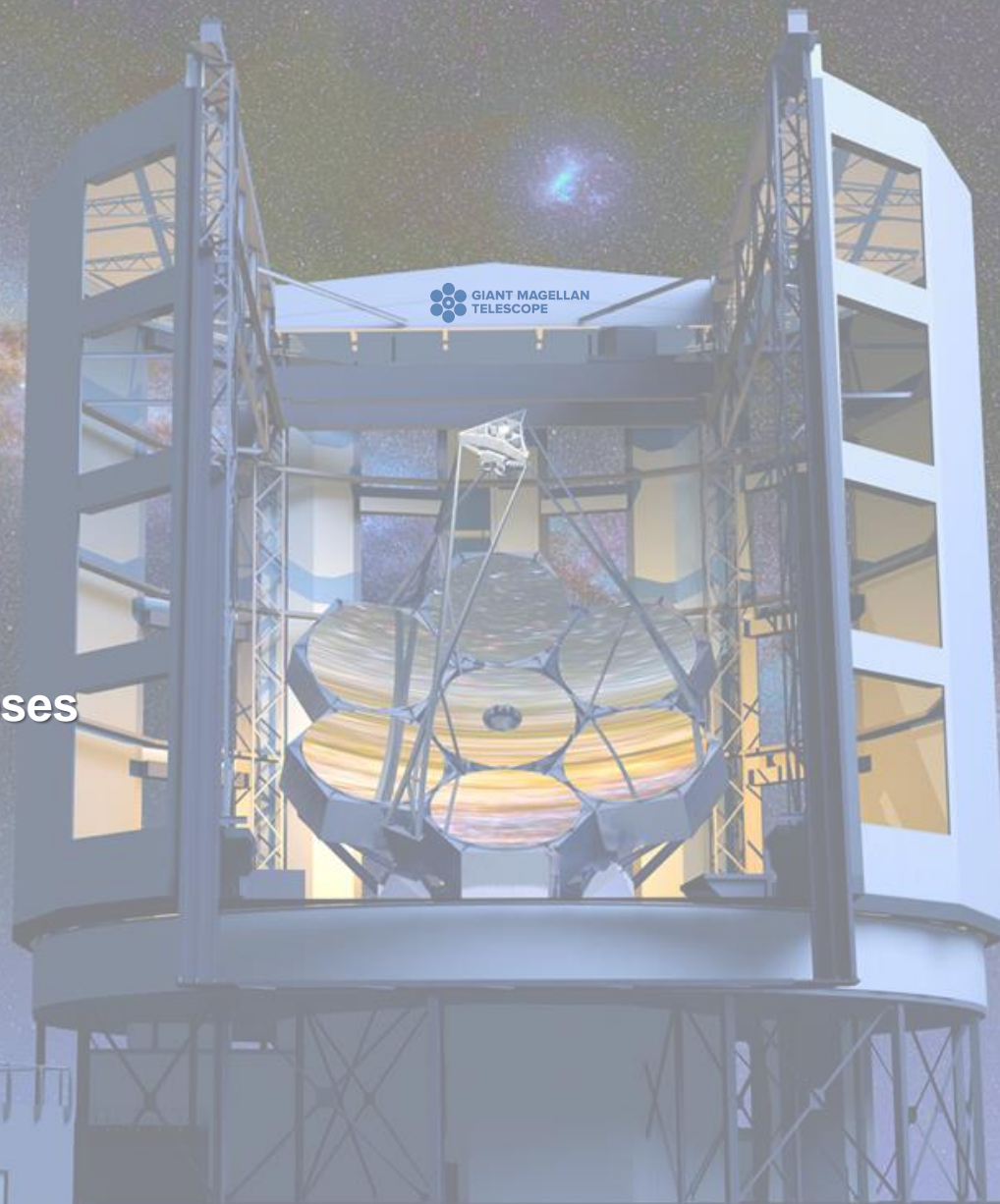
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- State of the art
- Problem analysis
- Goals of the thesis
- Scientific questions & hypotheses
- Material & methods
- Results & discussion
- Conclusion

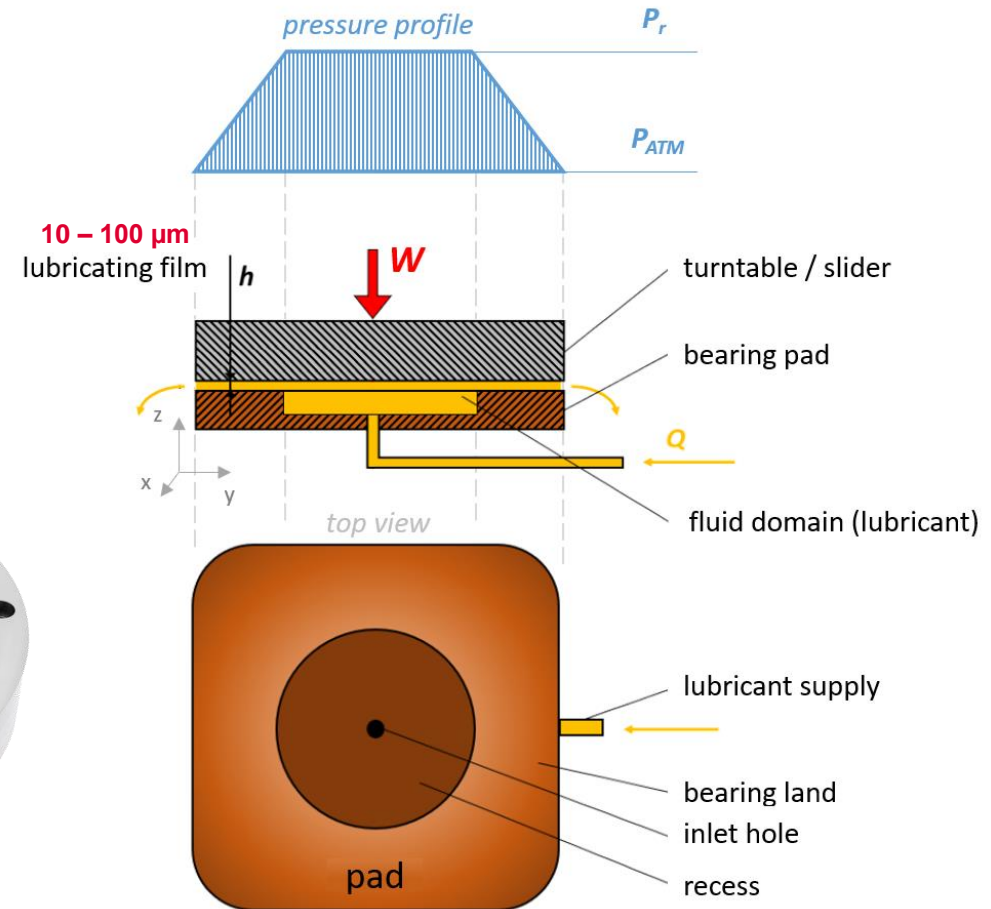
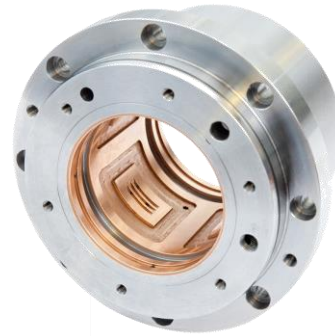


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HYDROSTATIC BEARINGS

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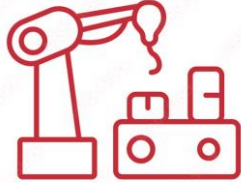
- Machining centres
- High-precision machines
- Turntables
- Industrial guideways
- Antennas & telescopes
- Potential use in high-demand areas (energetics, logistics, production,...)



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CHALLENGES

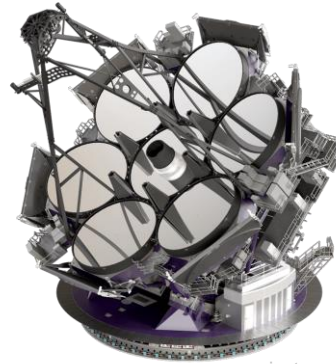
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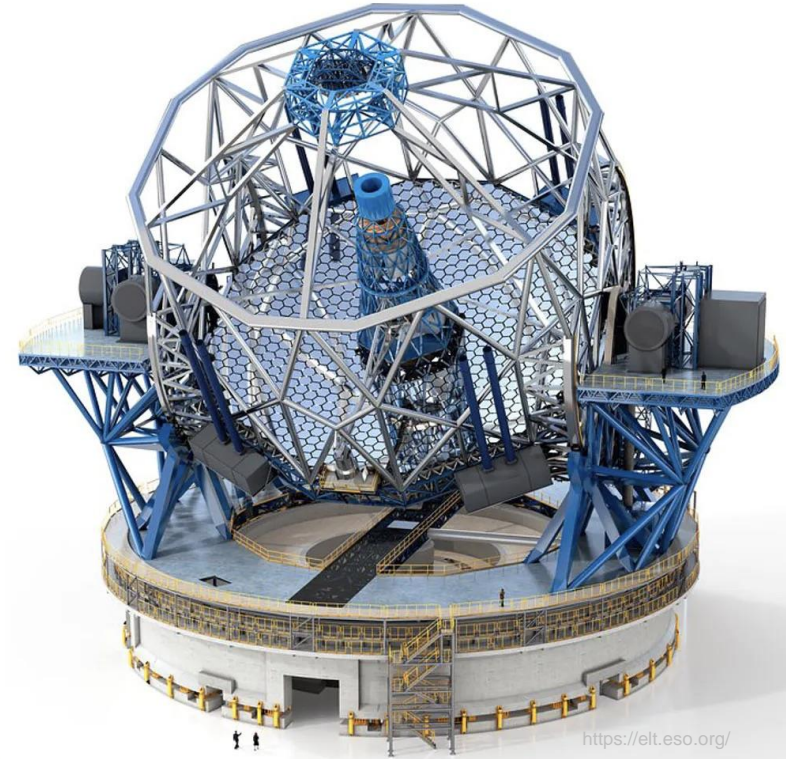
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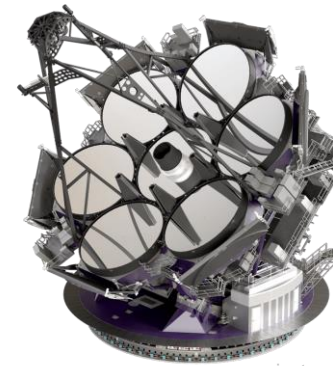
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	2 m rotary table	20 m GMT	50 m ELT	<i>bearing size</i>
	30 t	900 t	3700 t	<i>load capacity</i>
	10 l/min	150 l/min	720 l/min	<i>flow rate</i>

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Challenges:

- High initial and energetic demands (ELT est. 100 000 € / year)
- High maintenance costs (HSB repair 1.15 milion €, NASA 2010)
- Limited market availability
- High potential for megaprojects



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By Professor OSBORNE REYNOLDS, LL.D., F.R.S.
Received December 29, 1885,—Read February 11, 1886.

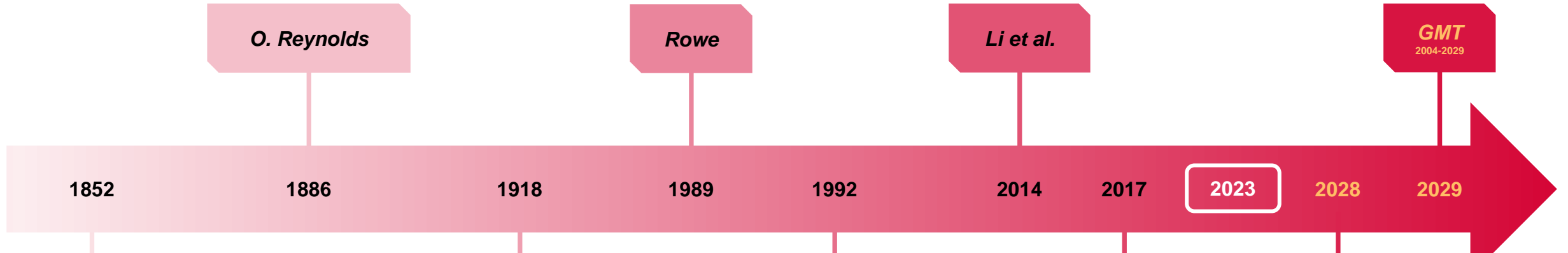
Donald Julius Groen Prize Paper
Advances in hydrostatic and hybrid bearing technology
W. Rowe, BSc, PhD, DSc, CEng, FIMechE
School of Engineering and Technology Management, Liverpool Polytechnic
This review outlines the highlights in the development of hydrostatic and hybrid bearing technology from early plane and cylindrical designs to the wide range of configurations now utilized. The last 20 years have seen increasing application of software for bearing analysis accompanied by application of hybrid bearings to more demanding situations, involving high loads, high speeds and high accuracy. The emphasis in this review is on advances in the realization of the distinctive characteristics of this important group of bearings and on the selection of the design approach for different situations. Applications discussed range from recording and machine tools to aerospace and heavy power generation equipment. Aspects covered include load coefficients, film stiffness, flow control, hydrodynamic effects and dynamic behaviour.

Review Article
The Research Status and Progress of Heavy/Large Hydrostatic Thrust Bearing

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NOUVEAU SYSTÈME
DE LOCOMOTION SUR LES CHEMINS DE FER.
PAR M. L. D. GIRARD,
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Lord Rayleigh

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Bassani & Piccigallo

HYDROSTATIC LUBRICATION
R. BASSANI
B. PICCIGALLO
ELSEVIER

Liu et al.

Year	Published researches
1990	15
1992	12
1994	14
1996	16
1998	13
2000	11
2002	18
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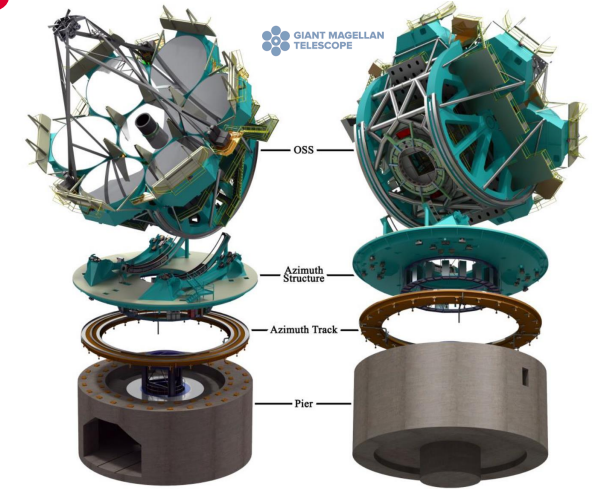
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ADVANTAGES

- + low friction, no wear
- + zero speed operation
- + precise & smooth movement
- + damping

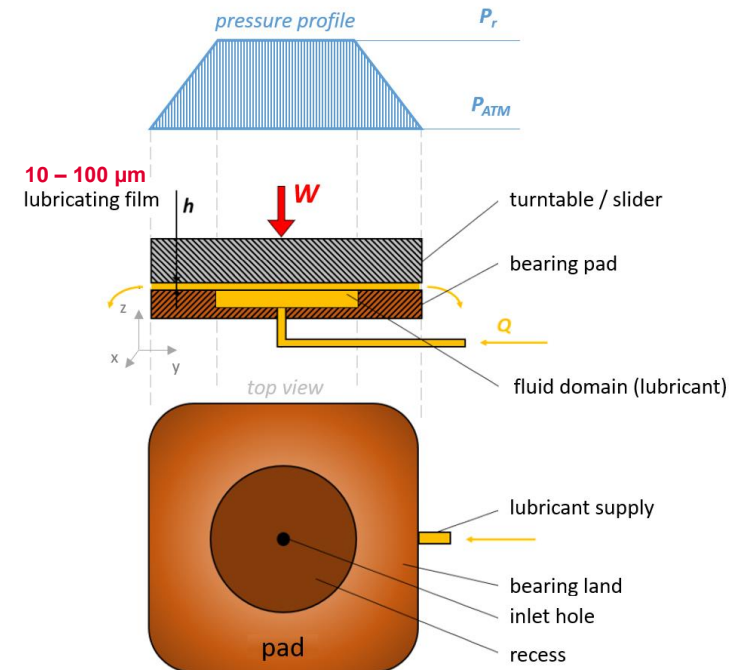
DISADVANTAGES

- high cost
- continuous supply
- energy consumption
- misalignment sensitivity

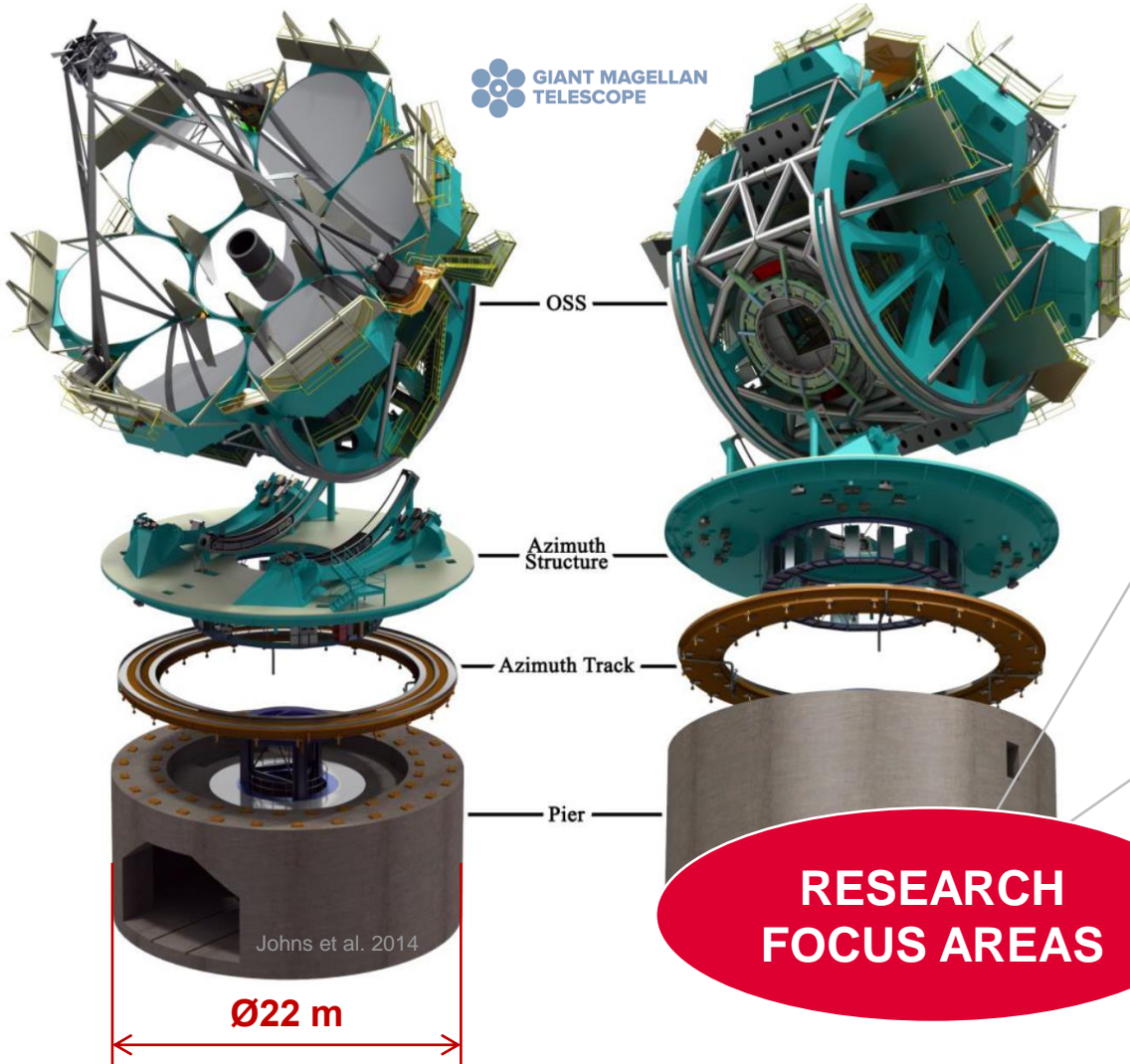


$$W = \frac{3\mu Q (R_2^2 - R_1^2)}{h^3}$$

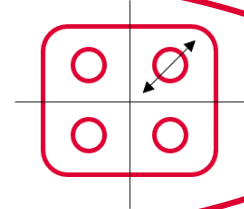
Load capacity W = Dynamic viscosity μ Supplied flow Q Pad geometry $(R_2^2 - R_1^2)$ / Film thickness h^3



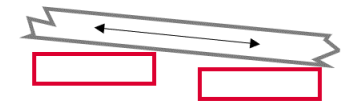
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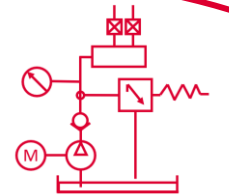
PAD GEOMETRY OPTIMIZATION



ALIGNMENT & MOVEMENT PRECISION

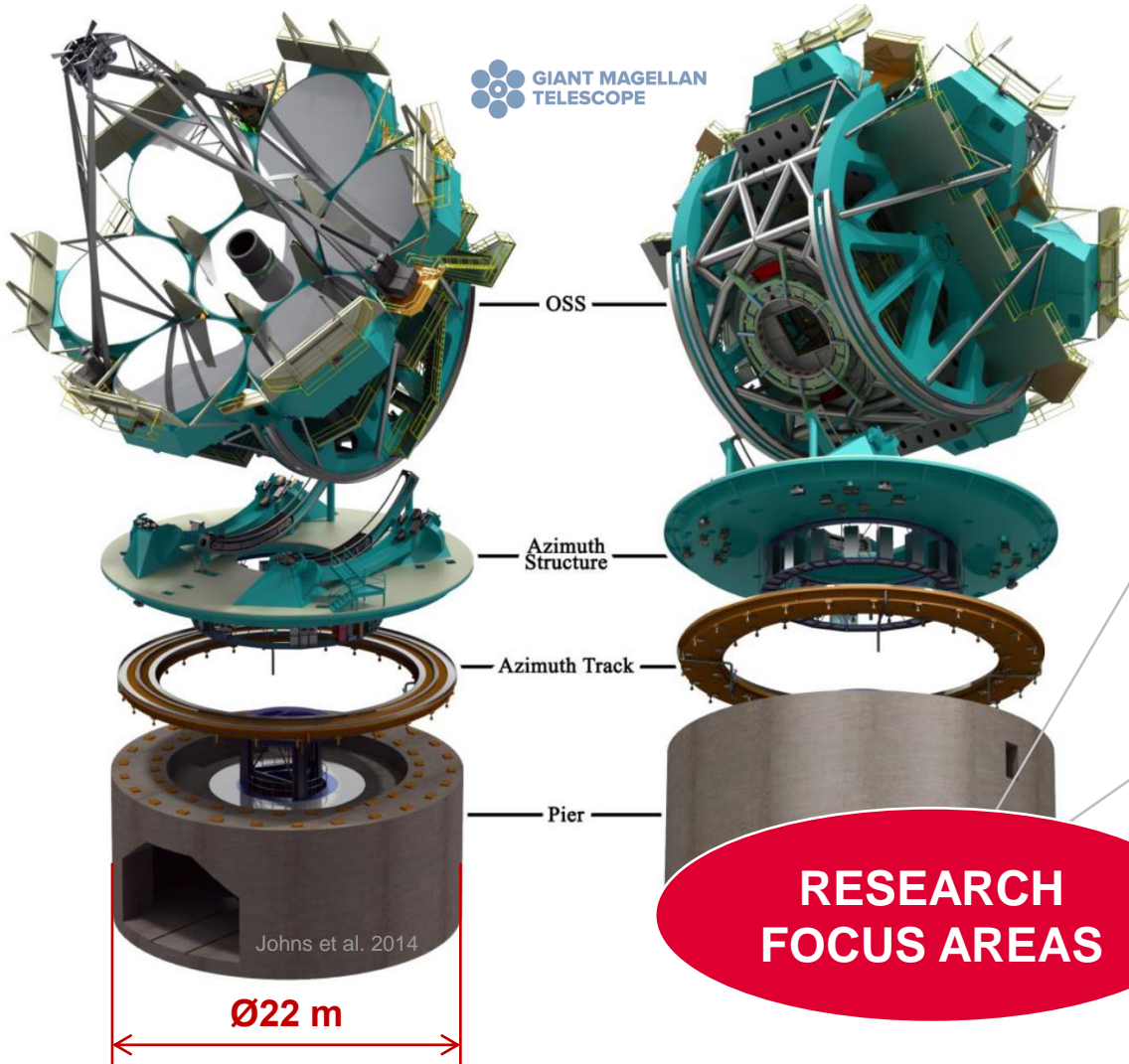


SUPPLY SYSTEM

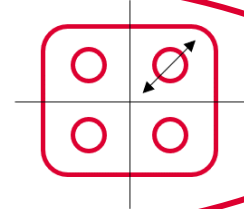


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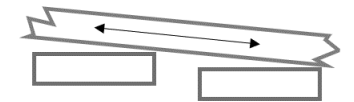
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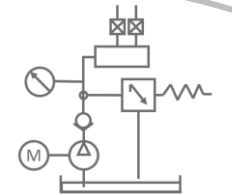
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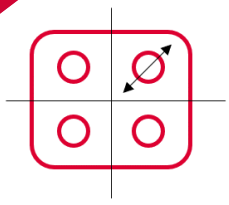
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Analytical approach

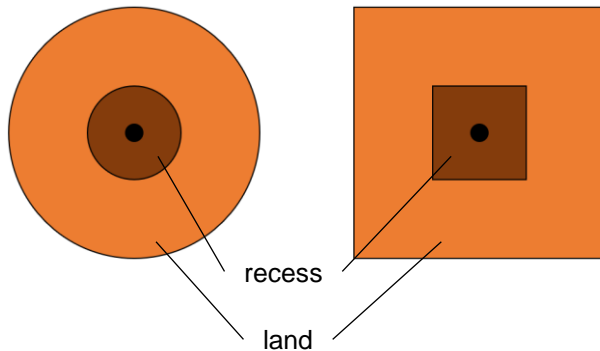
- Based on N -S equation
- Simplifications – Reynolds
- Only for simple geometry
- Recommended H/h (20-50x)
- Methodology on HSL design (Bassani & Piccigallo 1992)

Experimental approach

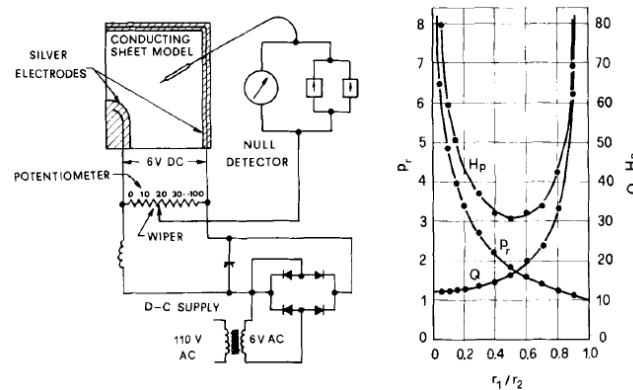
- Real behaviour of the bearing
- Validation of derived equations
- Demanding for time and cost
- Electric field analogy (Loeb, 1957)

Numerical approach

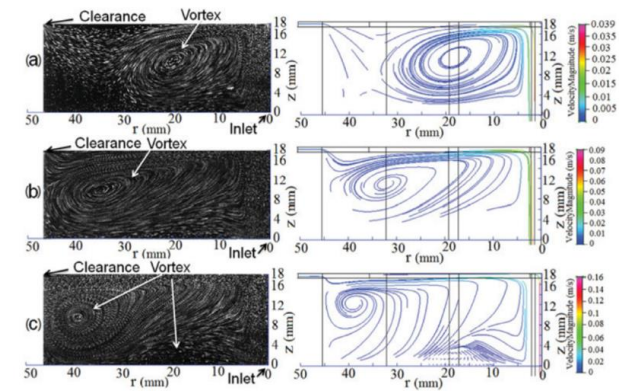
- Modelling of any geometry
- Time and cost efficient
- Reduction of development costs
- Model verification (Horvat, 2011)



Circular and rectangular pad geometry

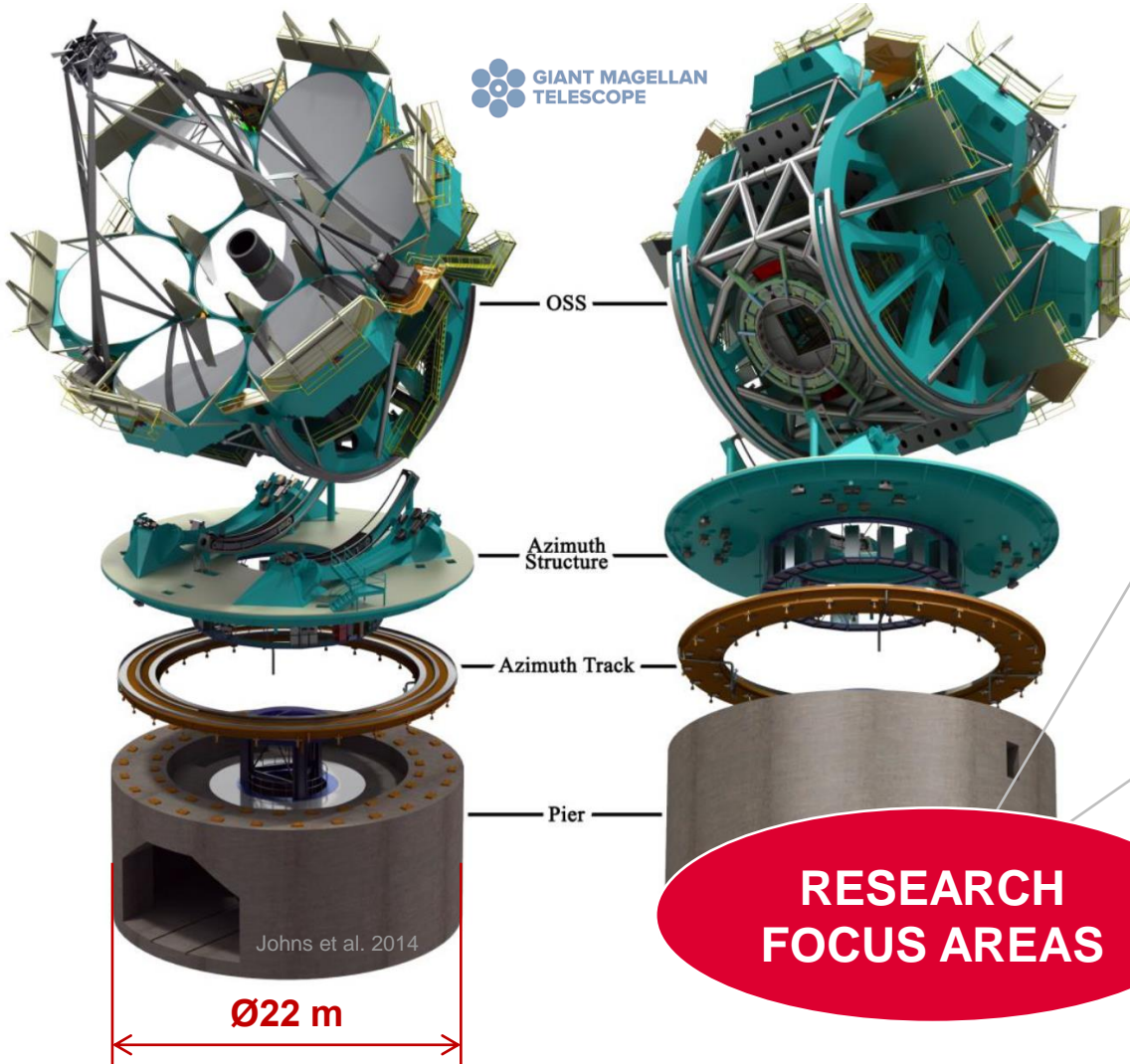


LOEB and RIPPEL (1958)

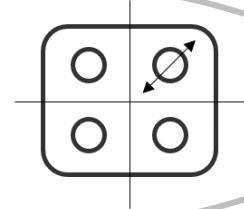


SHEN et al. (2014)

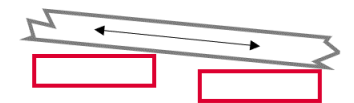
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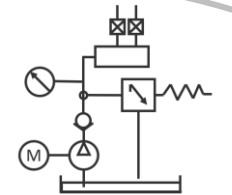
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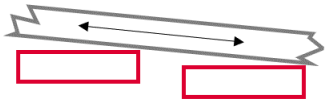
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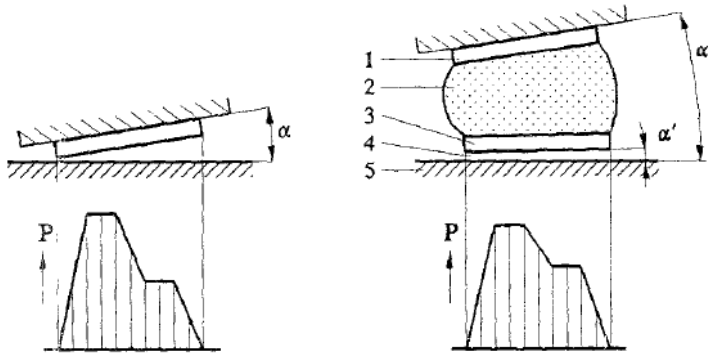
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- Challenging manufacturing, transportation & assembly
- Film thickness in range **20-100 μm**
- Pad misalignment might lead to surface damage & seizure

SELF-ALIGNING

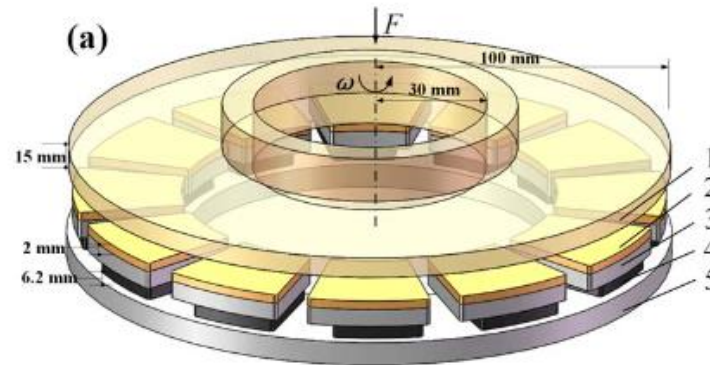
Van Beek et al. (1996)

- Numerical model
- More uniform pressure distribution



Liang et al. (2019)

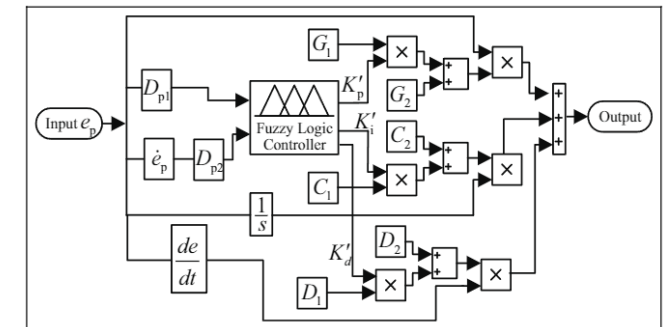
- Numerical & experimental model
- HD pad compliant support



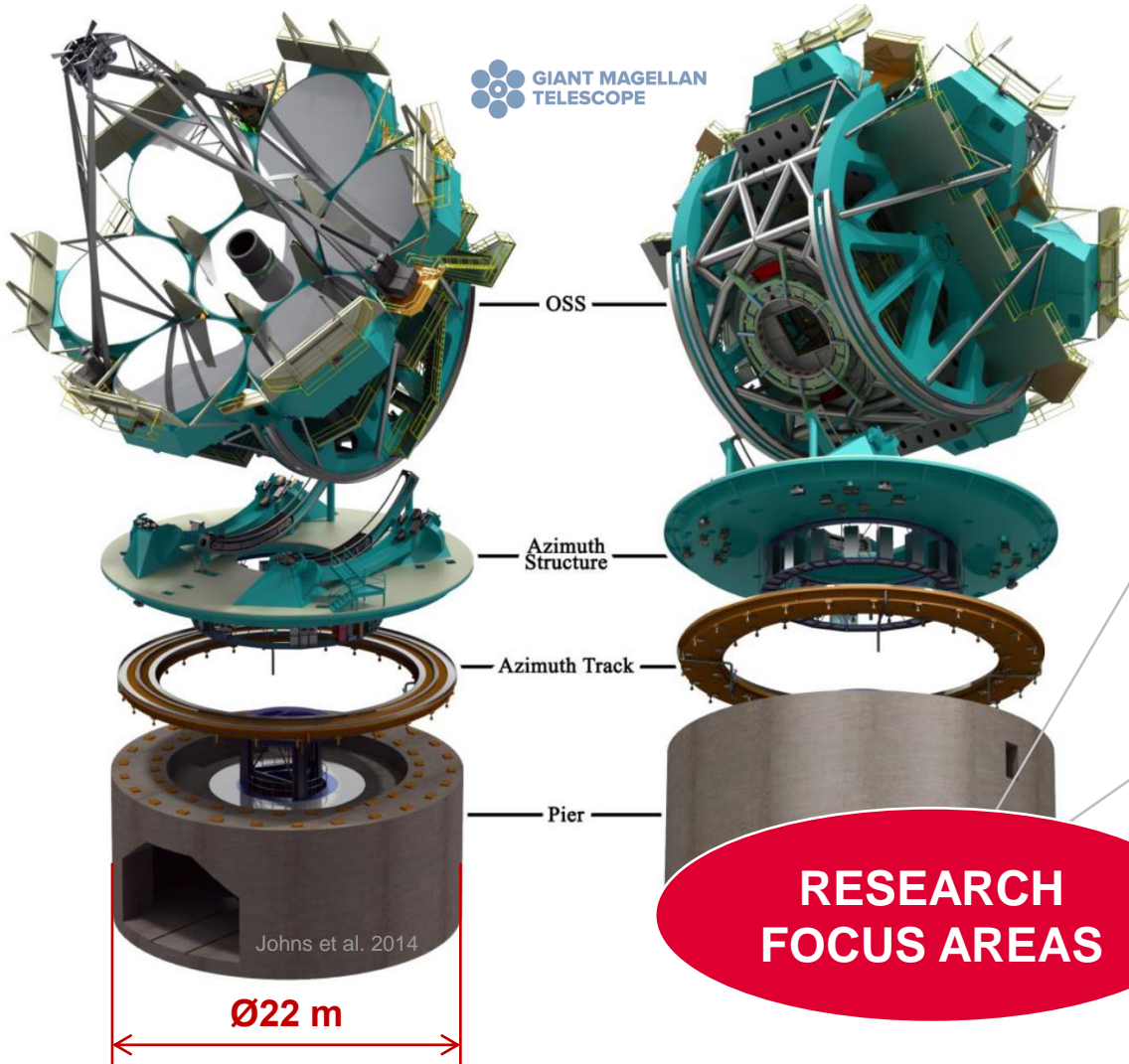
FEEDBACK CONTROL

Rehman et al. (2019)

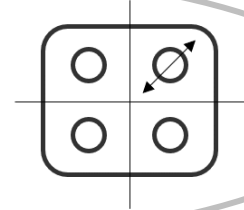
- Experimentally verified
- Higher precision than PID controller



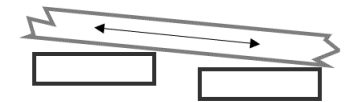
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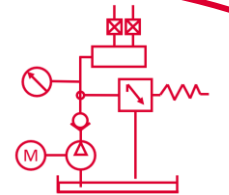
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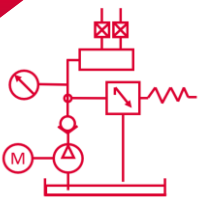
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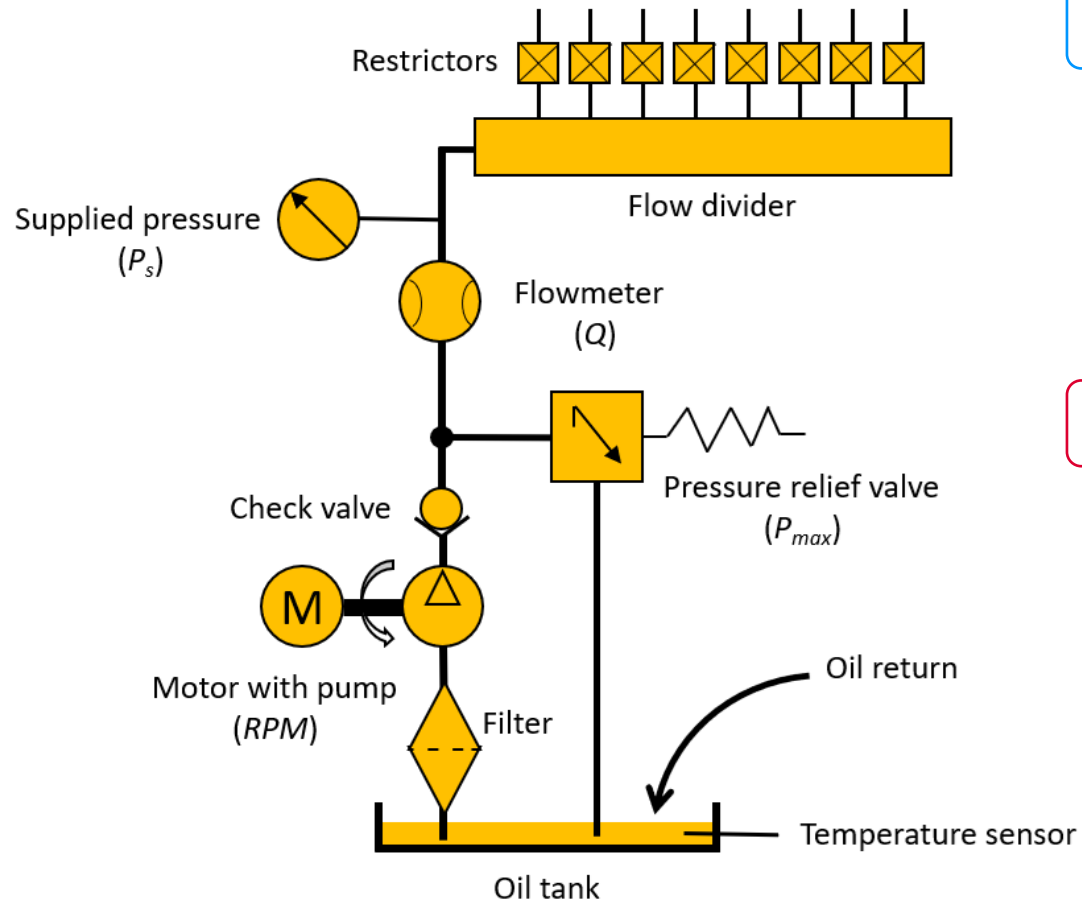
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HYDROSTATIC BEARING LUBRICATION SYSTEM



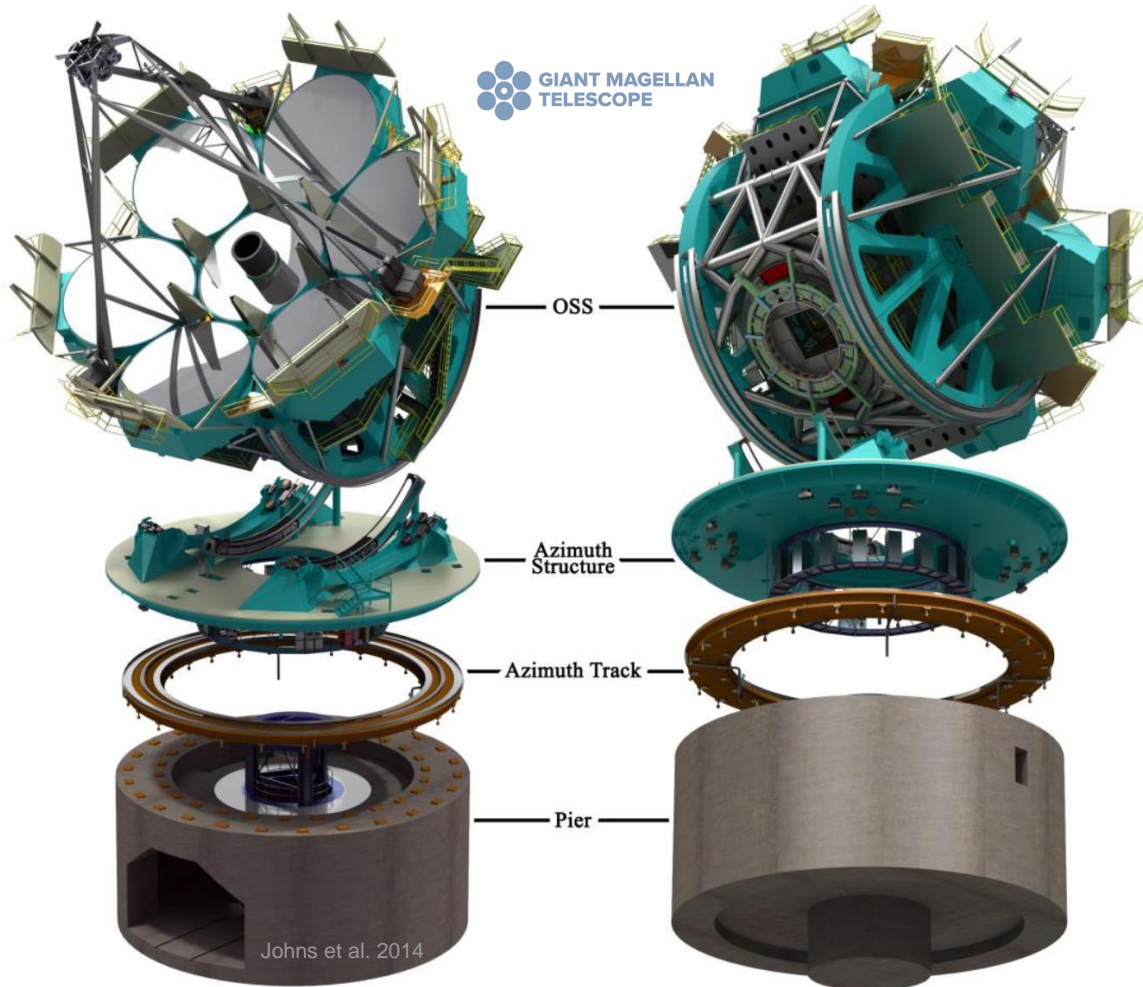
PRESSURIZED OIL SUPPLY

- Continuous supply of pressurized lubricant
- Flow control & adjustment (Rehman 2021)
- Research mainly focused on restrictors (Childs 2019)

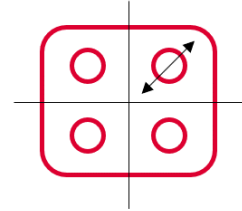
RESTRICTORS

- Necessary in multi-pad single-pump HSB systems (Khonsari 2017)
- Most common types (Bassani & Piccigallo 1992):
 - Fixed:** Orifice, capillary
 - Variable – passive:** compliant elements, control valves
 - Variable – active:** EM valves

SUMMARY OF LITERATURE REVIEW

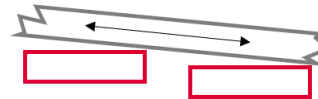


Pad geometry optimization



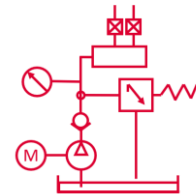
- ✓ Optimization methods
- ✓ Multi-criteria optimization
- ✗ Multi-parametric shape optimization

Alignment & movement precision



- ✓ Surface topography influence
- ✗ Compliant support experiments
- ✗ Assembly error tolerancing

Supply system



- ✓ Flow control devices
- ✓ Feedback systems
- ✗ Energy consumption reduction

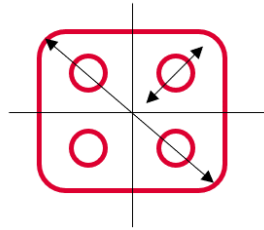
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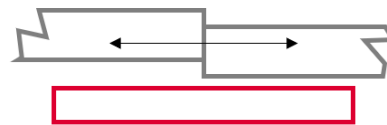
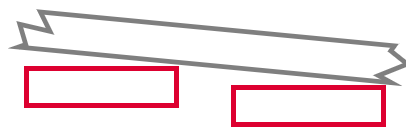
Introduce **performance** and **safety** improvements to the large-scale hydrostatic bearing design methodology.

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2. How is the hydrostatic lubricating film affected by assembly errors of the bearing bodies?

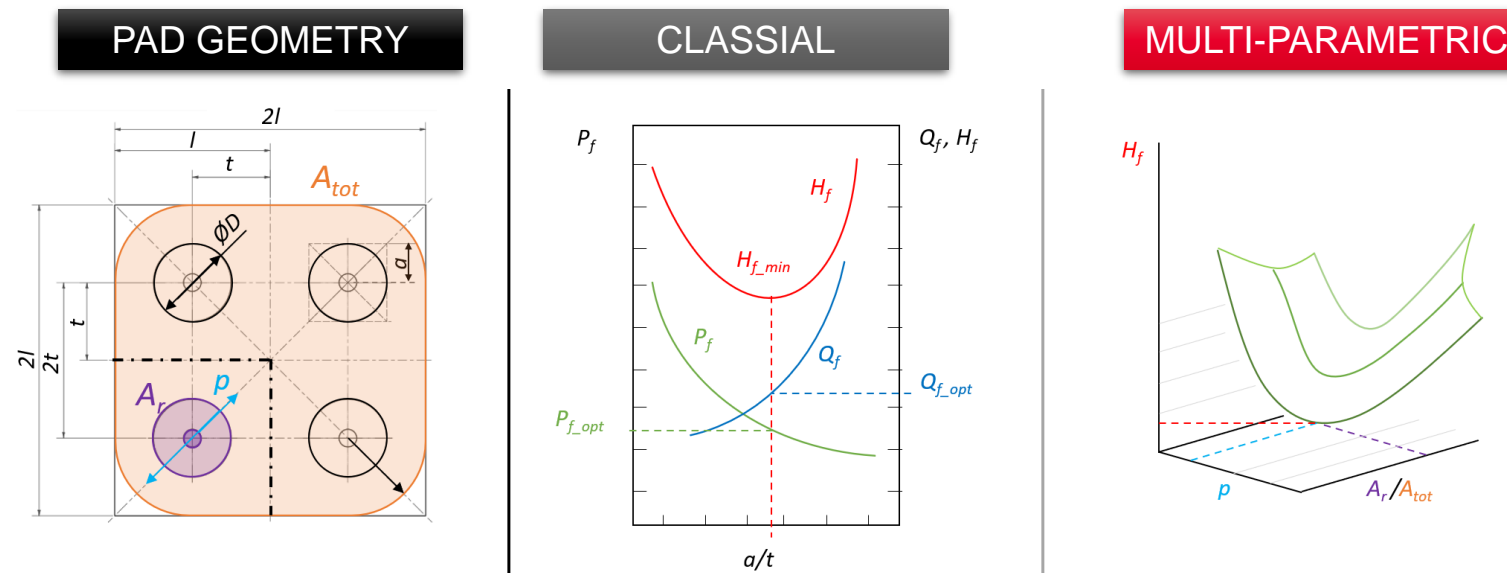
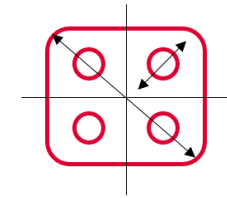


SCIENTIFIC QUESTIONS

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HYPOTHESIS 1 (SQ 1):

Recess size and layout optimization are usually done according to one parameter classical approach, in which the geometric parameters are linked together. Separating the two parameters, size and layout, can lead to improved pad performance and lower energetic losses.

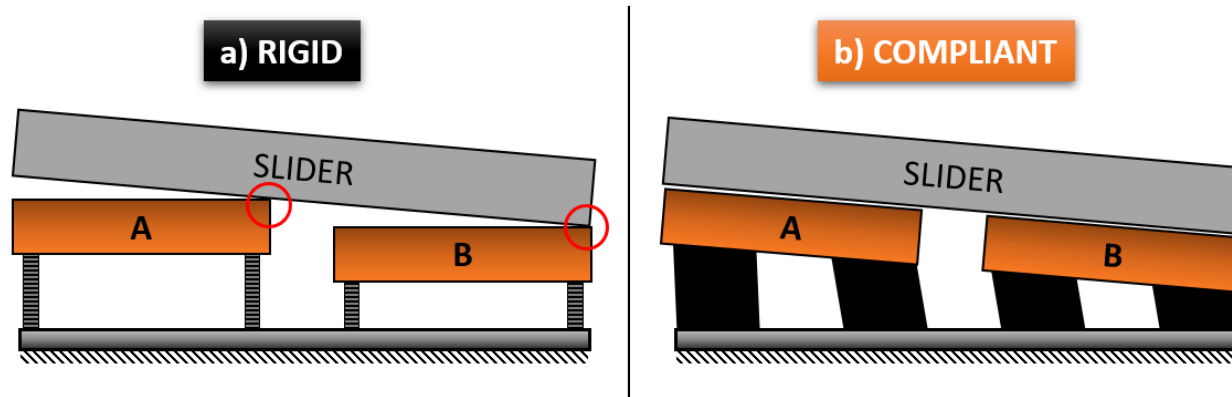
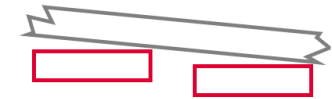


SCIENTIFIC QUESTIONS

2. How is the hydrostatic lubricating film affected by assembly errors of the bearing bodies?

HYPOTHESIS 2 (SQ 2):

Pad misalignment can significantly affect the generation and uniformity of the HS lubricating film. The lubricating film is able to compensate certain magnitude of pad misalignment. The bearing performance during eccentric loading can be improved using a compliant member. But the compliant support is also able to compensate larger misalignment compared to rigid support.

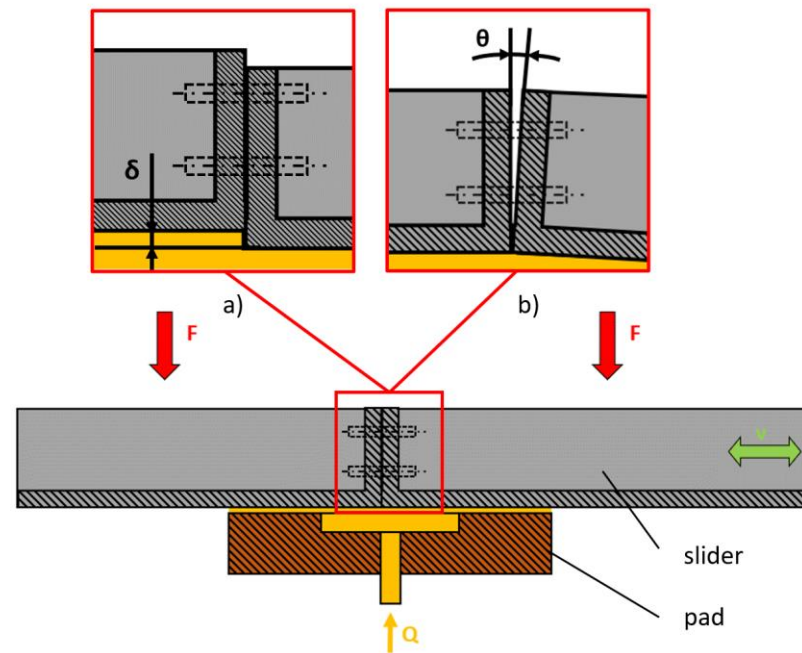
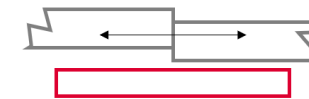


SCIENTIFIC QUESTIONS

2. How is the hydrostatic lubricating film affected by assembly errors of the bearing bodies?

HYPOTHESIS 3 (SQ 2):

Assembly errors of segmented sliders were not studied, even though HS bearings have a great potential in large-scale applications. Assembly errors of a segmented slider can lead to HS lubricating film non-uniformity and disruption. The maximal allowed error of the segmented sliders must be smaller than the film thickness to secure safe operation of the bearing.



MATERIALS & METHODS

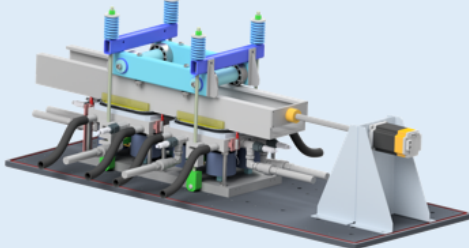
EXPERIMENTAL

MODELLING

SUPPLEMENTARY

APPROACH

2-PAD



DATA FOR MODEL CALIBRATION

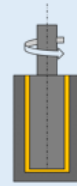
CFD



MATLAB



RHEOLOGY



OBJECTIVES

Offset, tilt and incline of pads.



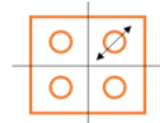
PAD MISALIGNMENT

Offset of slider bodies.



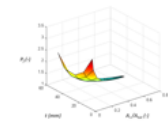
SLIDER ASSEMBLY ERROR

Recess position and size variation.



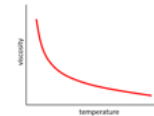
GEOMETRY OPTIMIZATION

3D chart interpretation.



DATA EVALUATION

Rotational viscometer measurement.



DYNAMIC VISCOSITY

EVALUATION

Measured data from sensors:

- Load
- Film thickness
- Recess pressure
- Supplied flow
- Lubricant temperature

Obtained data:

- Recess pressure
- Resulting force
- Pressure patterns

Data post-processing :

- Performance factors
- Power loss evaluation
- Data interpolation
- Searching for minimum

Measurement procedures:

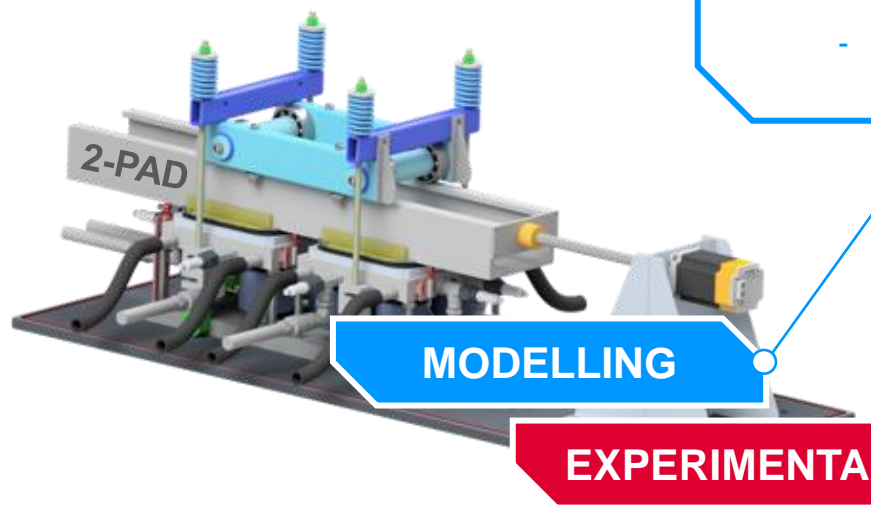
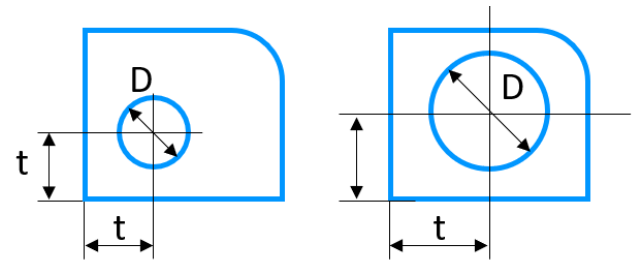
- Oil shear force measurement
- Data fitting
- Temperature-viscosity dependence

SOLUTION METHODOLOGY

BEARING EFFICIENCY

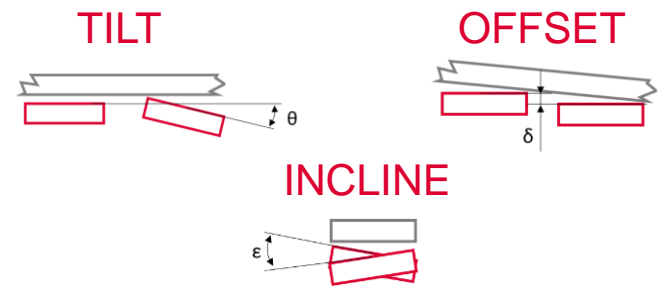
PAD GEOMETRY OPTIMIZATION

- STATIC



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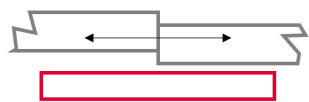
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BEARING SAFETY

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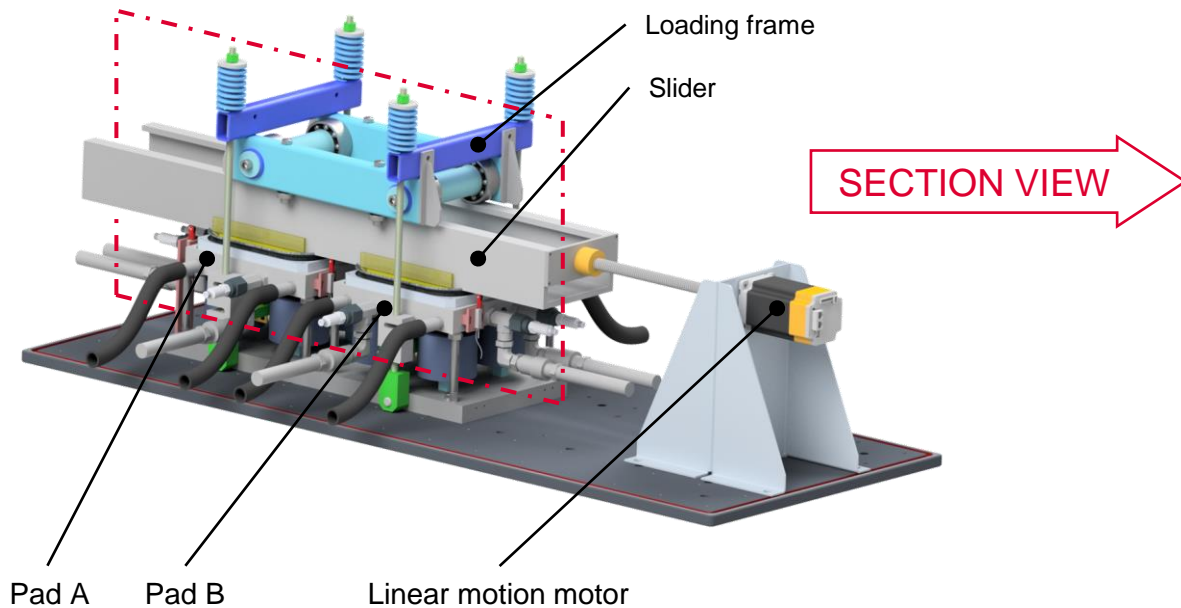
OFFSET



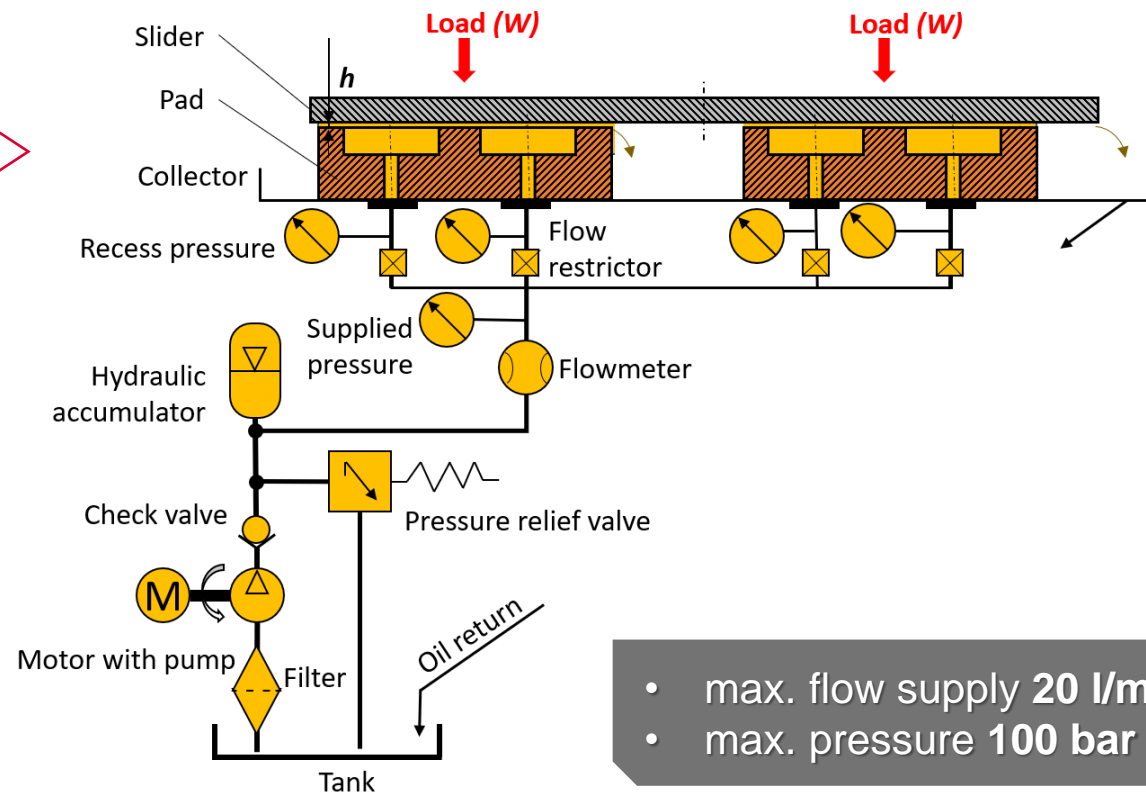
- STATIC
- LOW-SPEED (38 mm/s)

EXPERIMENTAL DEVICE – 2PAD

THE BEARING



HYDRAULIC CIRCUIT



- **in-gap** oil temperature measurement
- **four-recess** configuration
- max. load **40 kN**
- distance sensors **0 – 4 mm** (0.01 mm res.)

- max. flow supply **20 l/min**
- max. pressure **100 bar**

- max. flow supply 20 l/min
- max. pressure 100 bar

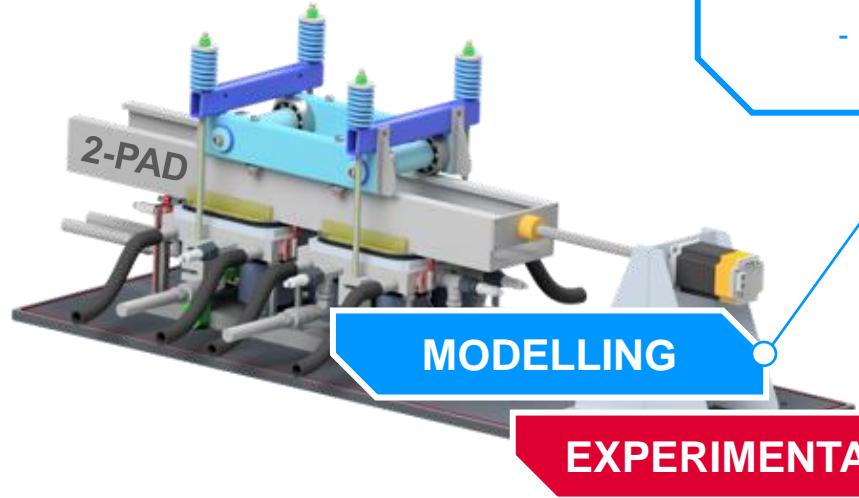
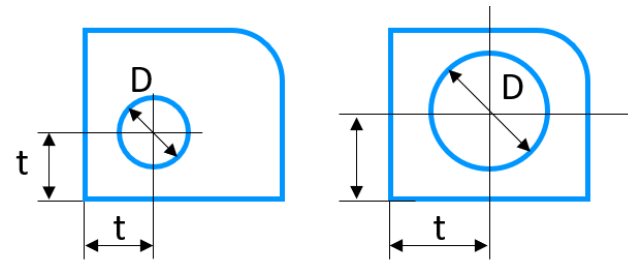
- in-gap oil temperature measurement
- four-recess configuration
- max. load 40 kN
- distance sensors 0 – 4 mm (0.01 mm res.)

SOLUTION METHODOLOGY

BEARING EFFICIENCY

PAD GEOMETRY OPTIMIZATION

- STATIC



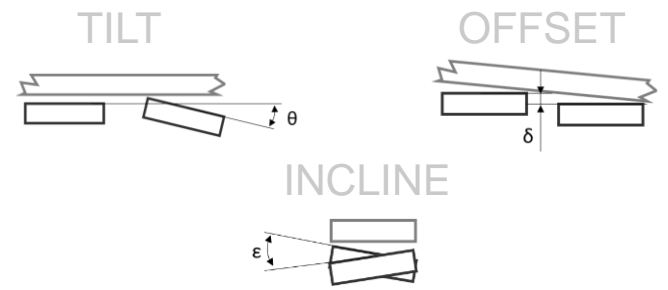
MODELLING

EXPERIMENTAL

CFD MODEL VALIDATION

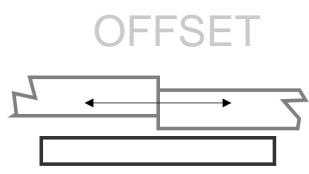
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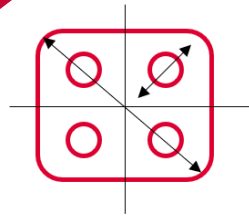


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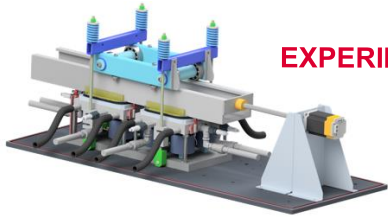
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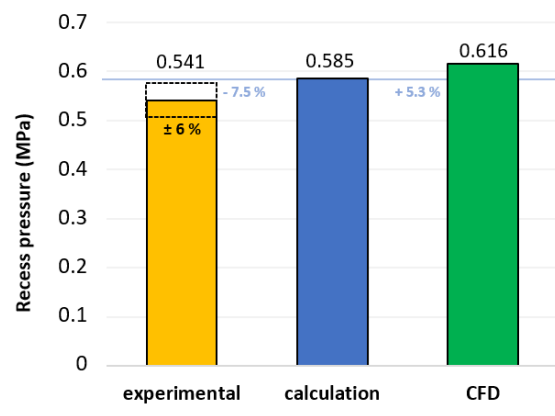
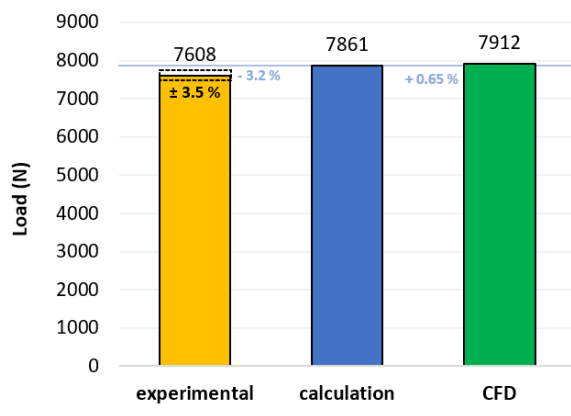


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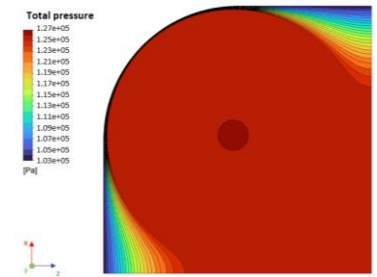
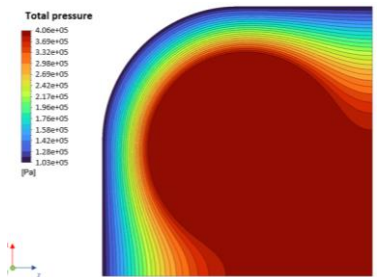
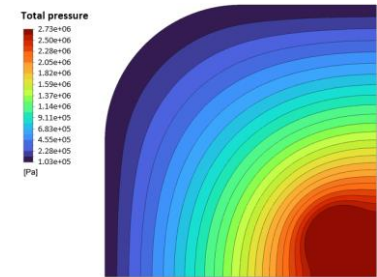
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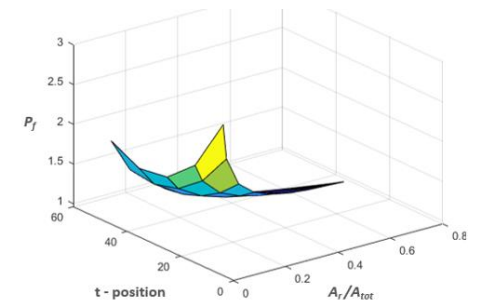
- Static conditions
- Total load: 16 kN
- Total supplied flow: 8.5 l/min



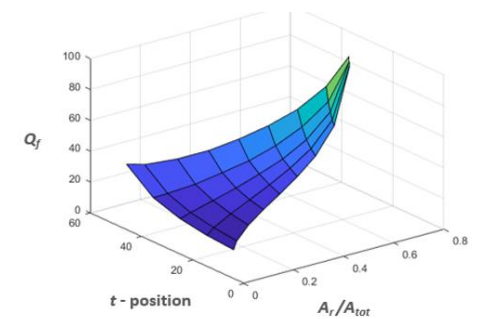
Comparison of results for initial pad geometry.



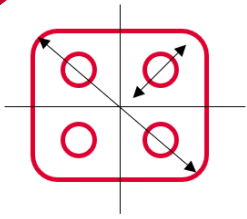
PRESSURE FACTOR



FLOW FACTOR



Pad geometry variations of recess size and position.



PAD GEOMETRY OPTIMIZATION

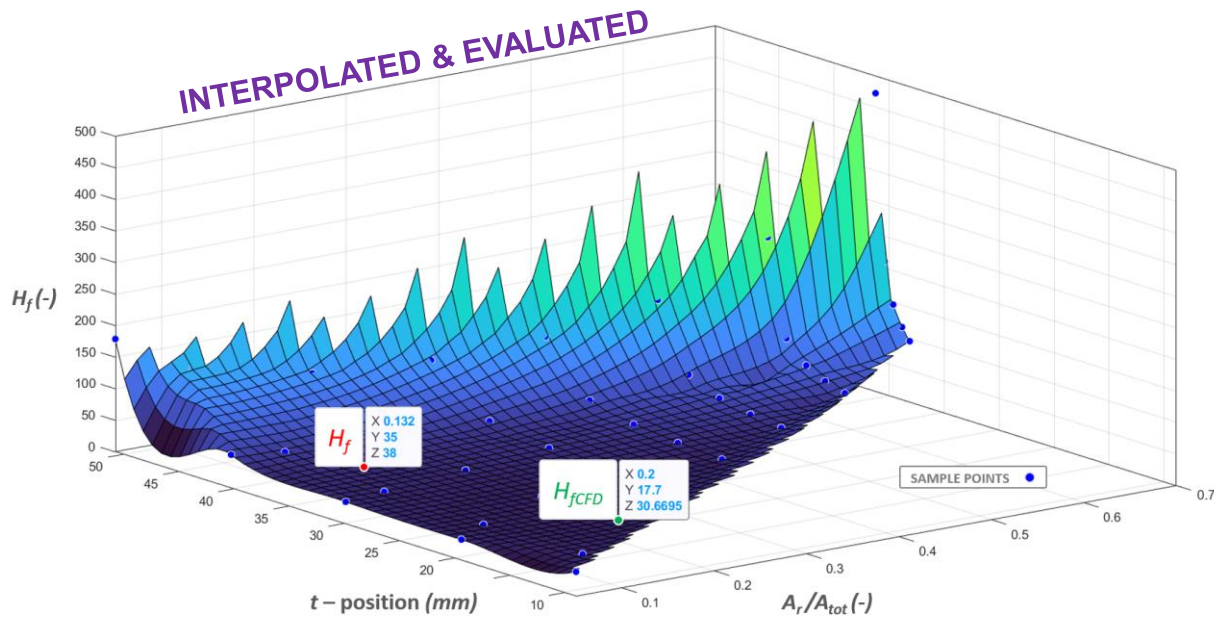
SIMULATION RESULTS



PERFORMANCE FACTORS

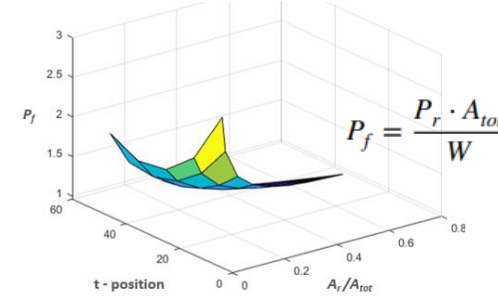


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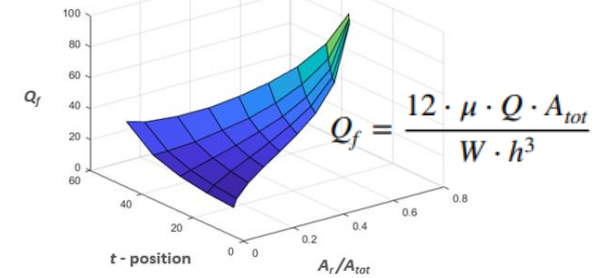


Interpolated power loss factor data with optimal recess size and position using novel and classical approaches.

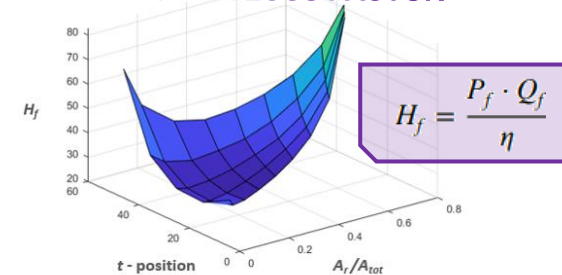
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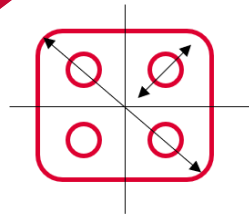


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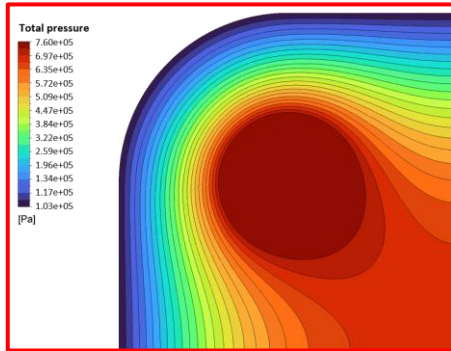
POWER LOSS FACTOR



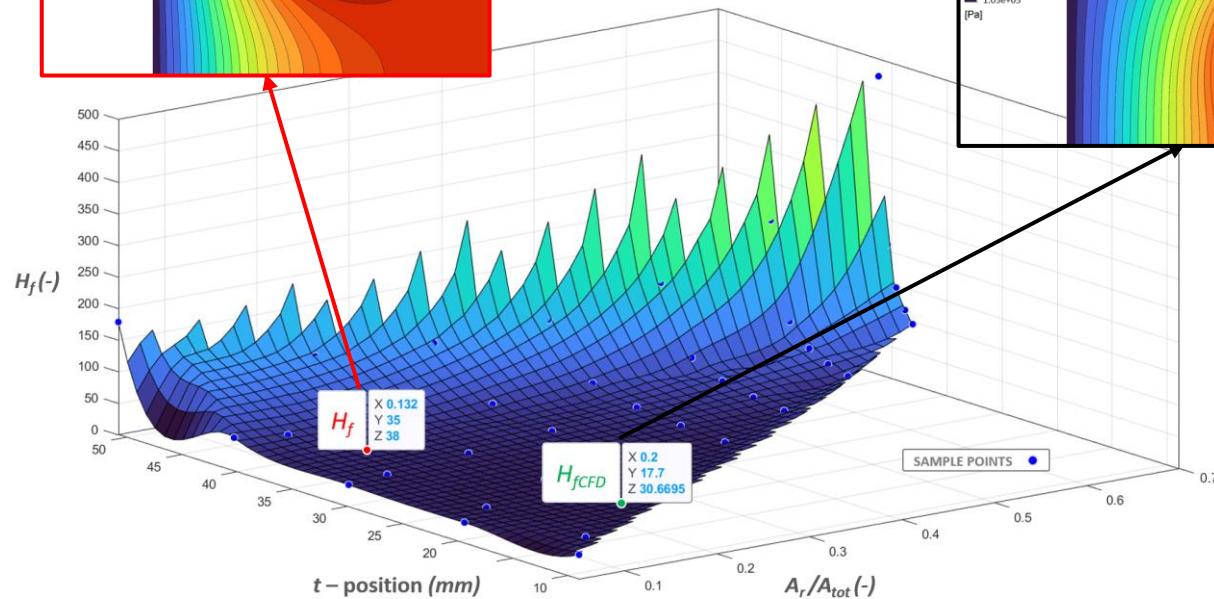
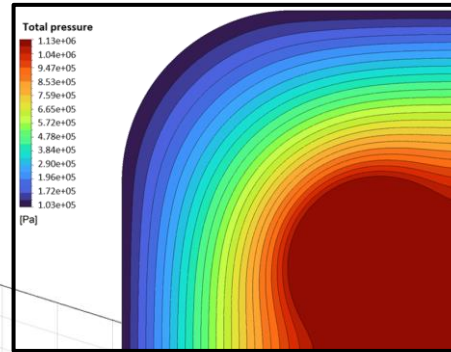


PAD GEOMETRY OPTIMIZATION

CLASSICAL



NEW APPROACH



PROS:

- + 20 % lower power loss
- + Uniform pressure distribution
- + Usable for any shape
- + Suitable for any software

CONS:

- Connected recesses
- Require decent hardware

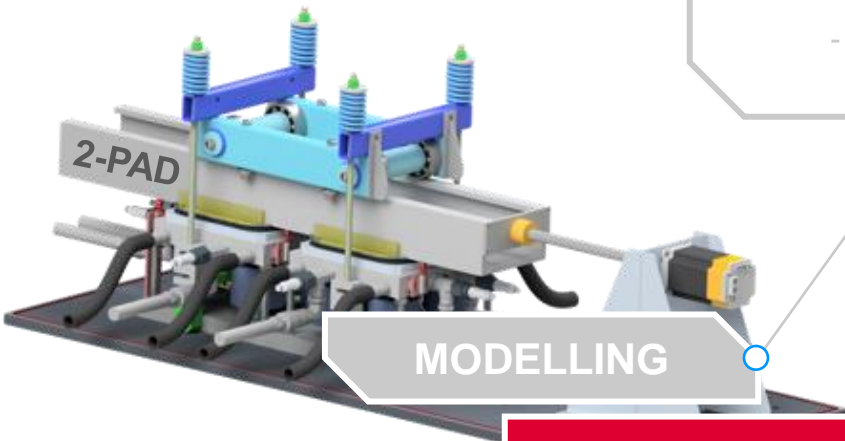
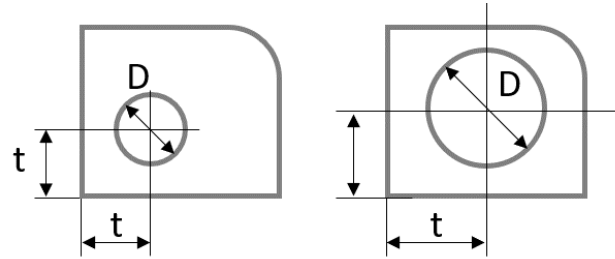
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BEARING EFFICIENCY

PAD GEOMETRY OPTIMIZATION

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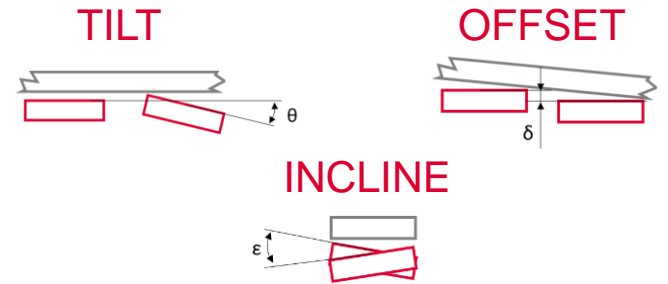
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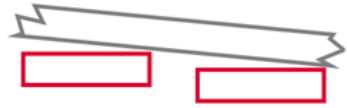


BEARING SAFETY

SLIDER ASSEMBLY ERROR



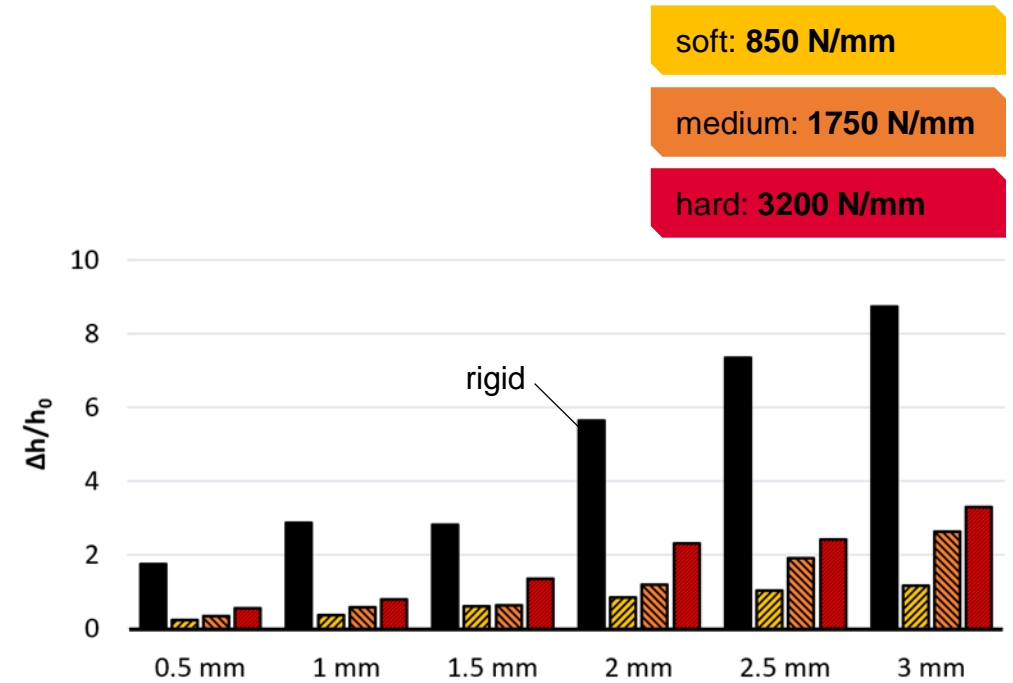
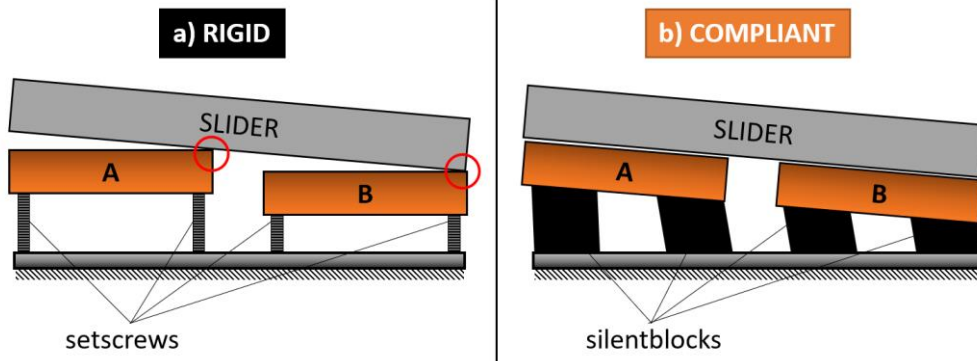
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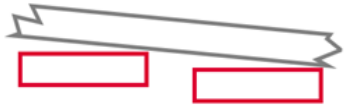


PAD MISALIGNMENT – SUPPORT STIFFNESS

COMPLIANT SUPPORT STIFFNESS

- Slider adjustment to the misalignment
- Relative change in film thickness
- Film stiffness: **17 kN/mm**

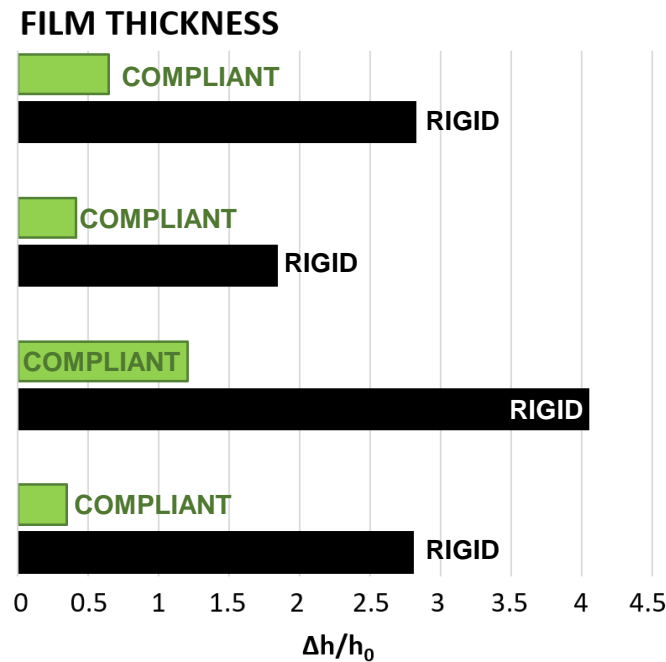
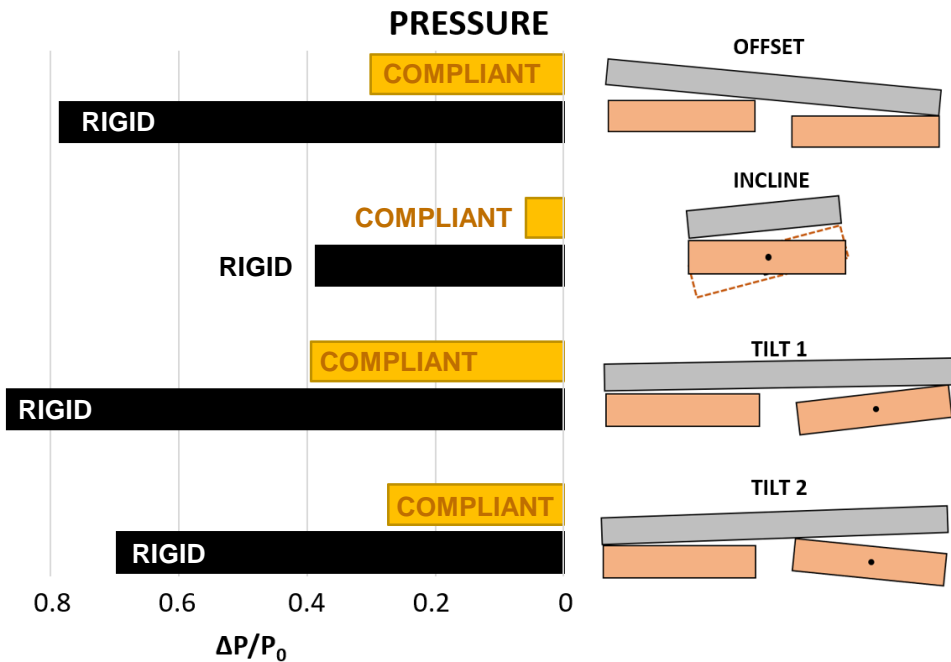
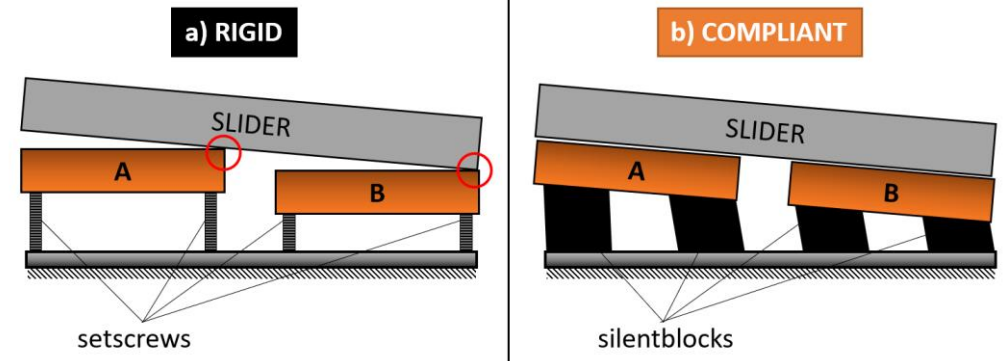




PAD MISALIGNMENT - ASSESSMENT

COMPLIANT SUPPORT

- Self-aligning
- 4-6x better performance
- Not suitable for high-precision apps

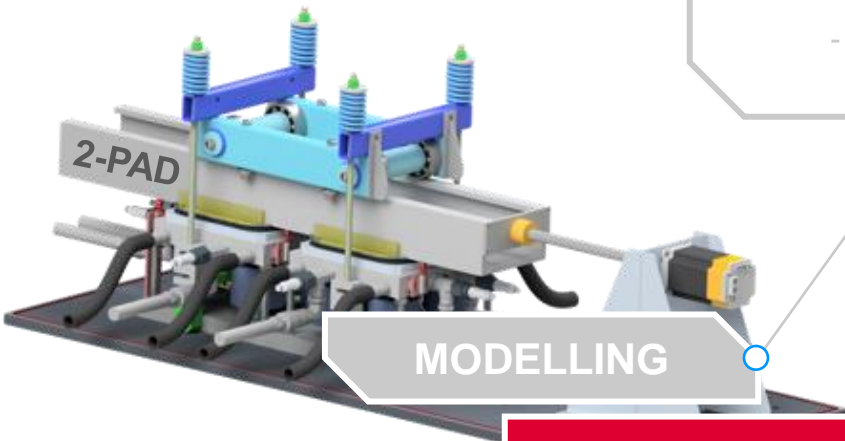
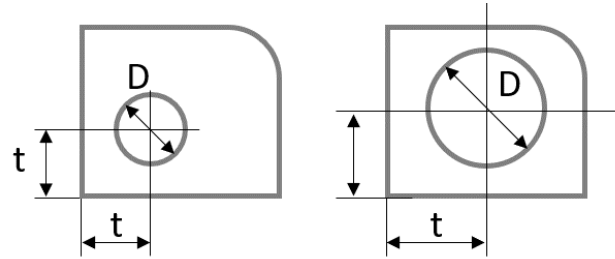


SOLUTION METHODOLOGY

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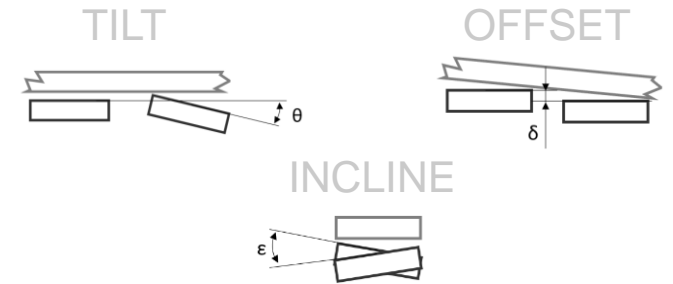
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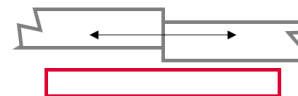
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BEARING SAFETY

SLIDER ASSEMBLY ERROR

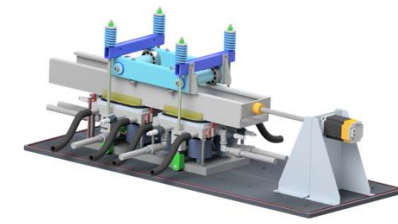
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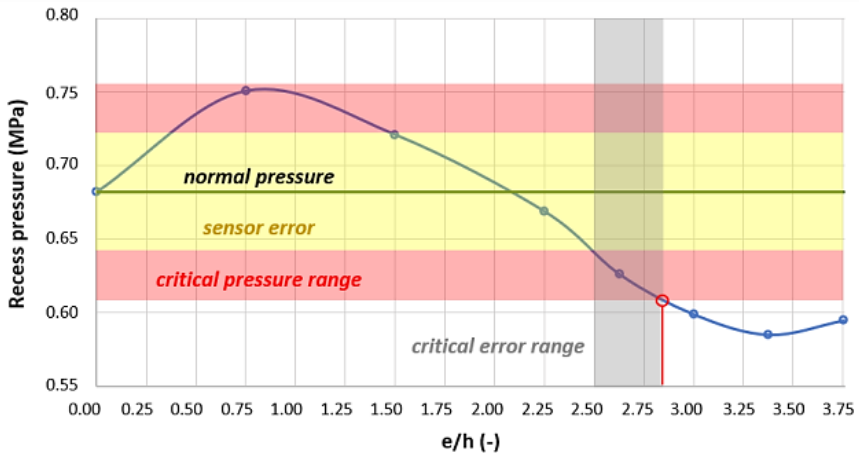
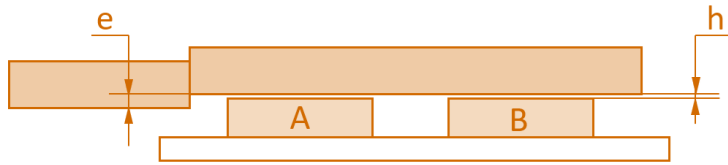
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SLIDER MISALIGNMENT - STATIC

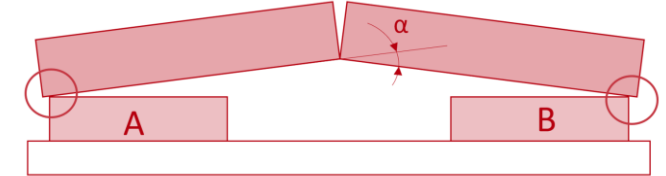
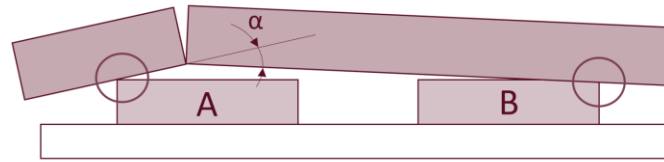


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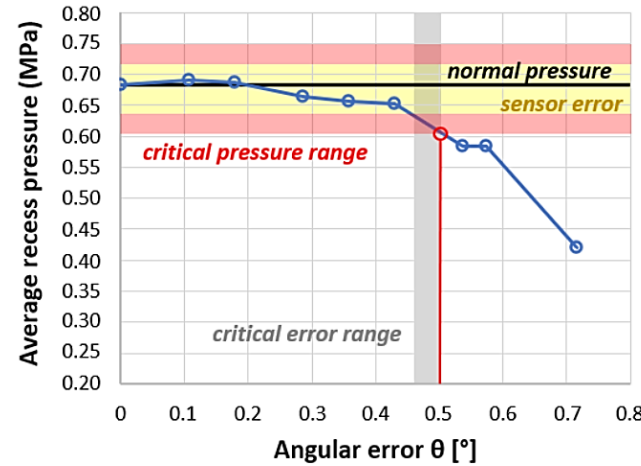


- Critical $e/h = 2.75$
- Dependent on connection position

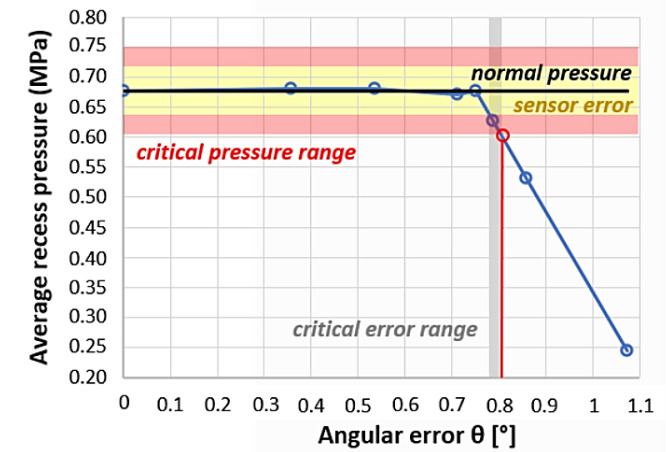
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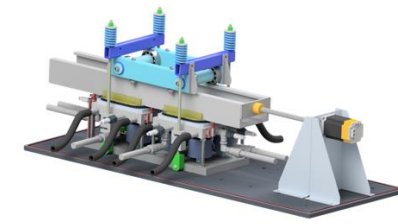
B) mid-bearing



- Limit error 0.46°
- Dependent on pad distance



SLIDER MISALIGNMENT - DYNAMIC

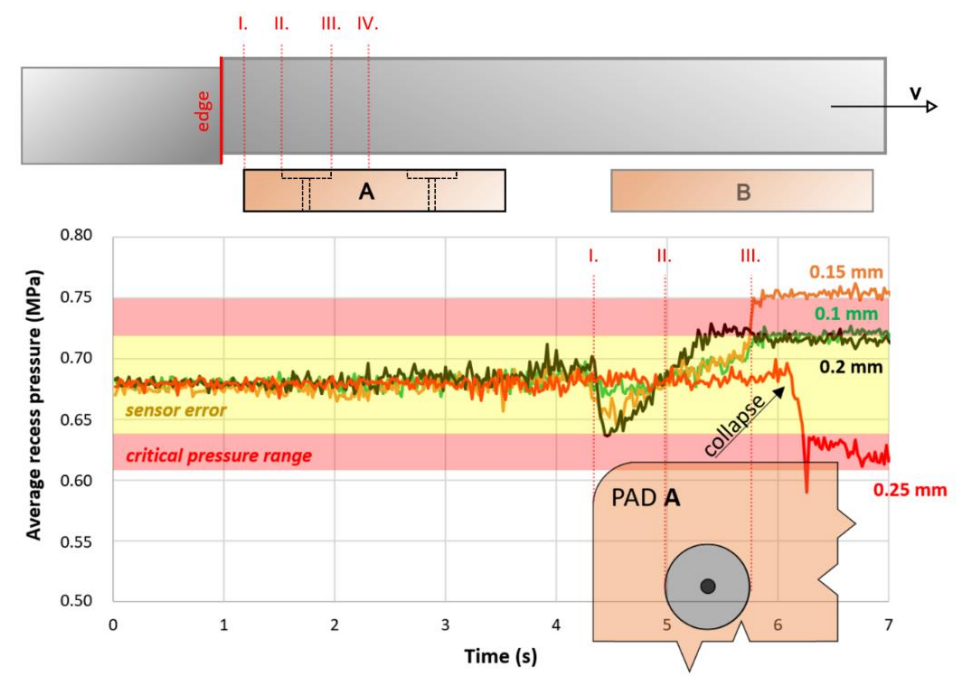
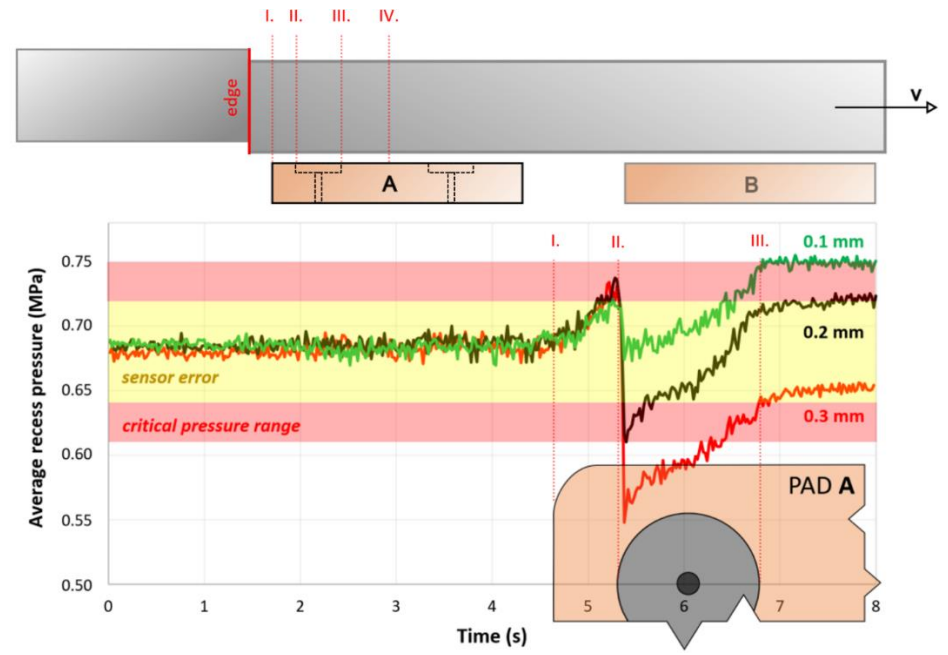


STEP-UP

- Critical $e/h = 1.5$
- Gradual loss of load-carrying ability

STEP-DOWN

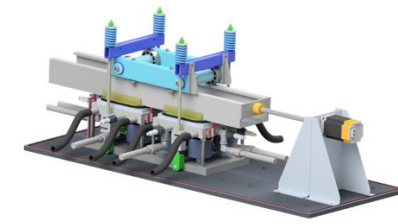
- Critical $e/h = 1$
- High risk of collision



$h = 0,14 \text{ mm}$

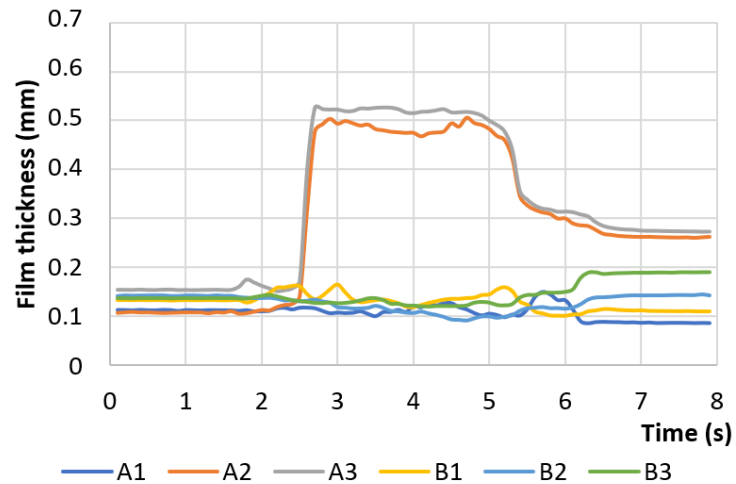
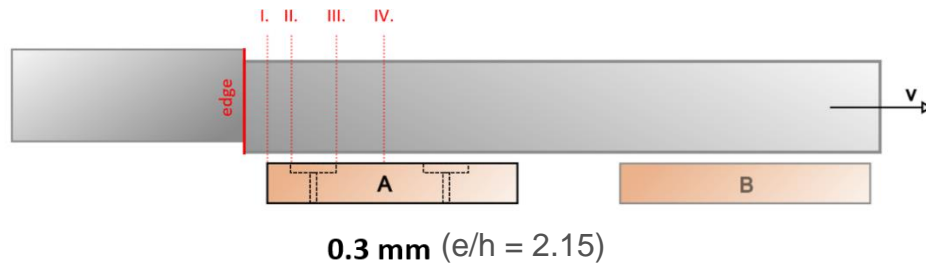


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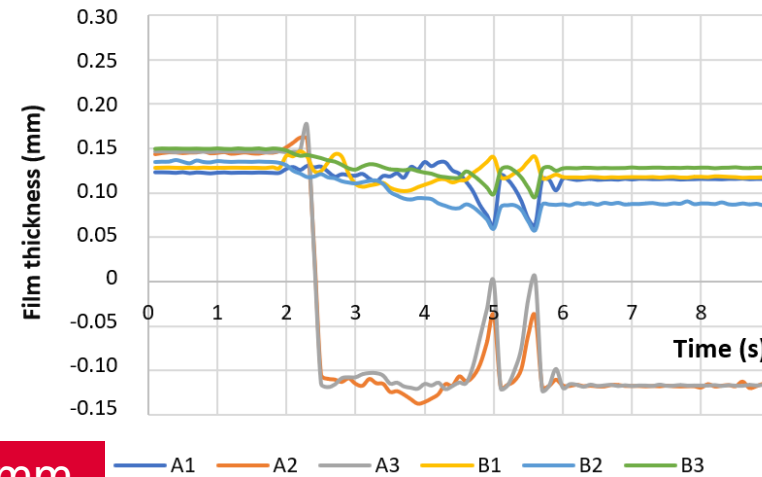
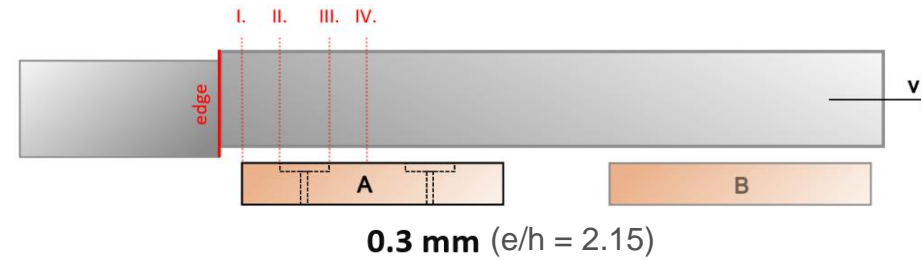
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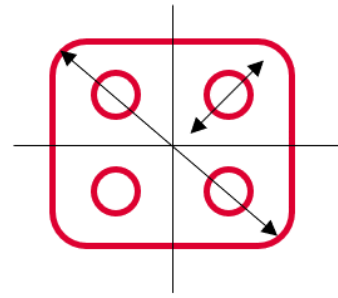
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CONCLUSIONS - HYPOTHESES



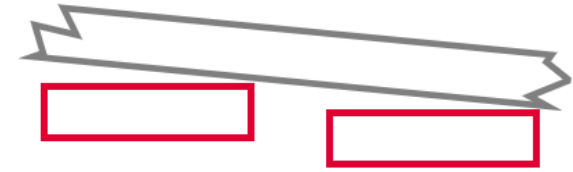
Q1: „What is the influence of hydrostatic bearing recess position and size on the bearing performance?“

H1 (Q1): „Recess size and layout optimization are usually done according to one parameter classical approach, in which the geometric parameters are linked together. Separating the two parameters, size and layout, can lead to improved pad performance and lower energetic losses.“

VERIFIED

„HSB pad geometry is one of the key parameters influencing its performance. The proposed two parameter method shows that by adjusting recess size and position separately can reduce energy losses up to 20 %, compared to the classical approach.“

CONCLUSIONS - HYPOTHESES



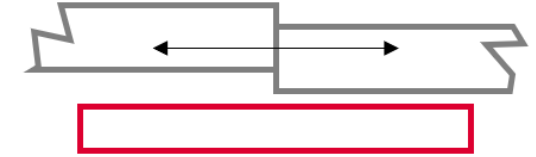
Q2: „How is the hydrostatic lubricating film affected by assembly errors of the bearing bodies?“

H2 (Q2): Pad misalignment can significantly affect the generation and uniformity of the HS lubricating film. The lubricating film is able to compensate certain magnitude of pad misalignment. The bearing performance during eccentric loading can be improved using a compliant member. But the compliant support is also able to compensate larger misalignment compared to rigid support.

VERIFIED

„Compared to a rigid support, compliant pad support for multi-pad HSB allows 4 to 6 times larger misalignment depending on the misalignment type.“

CONCLUSIONS - HYPOTHESES



Q2: „How is the hydrostatic lubricating film affected by assembly errors of the bearing bodies?“

H3 (Q2): Assembly errors were not studied, even though HS bearings have a great potential in large-scale applications. Assembly errors of a segmented slider can lead to HS lubricating film non-uniformity and disruption. The maximal allowed error of the segmented sliders must be smaller than the film thickness to secure safe operation of the bearing.

VERIFIED

The maximal allowed error of slider segmented bodies to avoid collision must be smaller than the film thickness.

THESIS LAYOUT

Literature review

2021

A Review of the Design and Optimization of Large-scale Hydrostatic Bearing Systems



IF: 5.7 (Q1)
AIS: 0.789 (Q2)

STATE-OF-THE-ART

New experimental device & compliant support experiments

2022

The prediction of large-scale hydrostatic bearing pad misalignment error and its compensation using compliant support



IF: 3.6 (Q2)
AIS: 0.665 (Q2)

CFD pad geometry optimization

2023

A novel geometry optimization approach for multi-recess hydrostatic bearing pad operating in static and low-speed conditions using CFD simulation



IF: 3.2 (Q1)
AIS: 1.02 (Q2)

Segmented slider assembly errors

2023

Assembly error tolerance estimation for large-scale hydrostatic bearing segmented sliders under static and low-speed conditions



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AIS: 0.64 (Q3)

BEARING EFFICIENCY

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OTHER RESULTS



UTILITY MODEL

SVOBODA, P.; V. POLNICKÝ, M. MICHALEC, D. ROBENEK. Brno University of Technology, Antonínská 548/1, 60200 Brno, Veveří, Czech Republic, IČ: 216305 (40 %) Bosch Rexroth, spol. s r.o., Těžební 1238/2, 62700 Brno, Černovice, Czech Republic (60 %): Device for testing the operating conditions of segmental axial hydrostatic bearings. 35880, utility model (2022).




FUNCTIONAL SAMPLE


POLNICKÝ, V.; M. MICHALEC, P. SVOBODA, D. ROBENEK: Experimental stand for testing hydrostatic bearing of large structures in the area of special equipment. Laboratory A3/109 Institute of Machine and Industrial Design, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Brno University of Technology, Technická 2896/2 616 69 Brno, functional sample (2020).

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Contactless measurement of hydrostatic bearing lubricating film using optical point tracking method

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1 Motivation

- Investigation of the applicability of optical methods for hydrostatic (HS) bearing lubricating film thickness measurement.

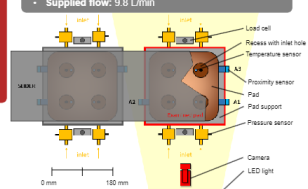
2 Background

- Previous research indicated challenges connected with large-scale HS bearings levelling and big data evaluation from a huge number of sensors.
- A versatile method with sufficient precision could help simplifying the assembly process, or investigate the bearing performance during operation of the bearing.
- Optical methods based on point tracking measurement have already been presented. However, none of them have aimed at HS bearing film thickness measurement.
- The present study aims at the use of optical point tracking method to evaluate hydrostatic bearing lubricating layer thickness.

3 Methods

2-PAD (Dual pad HS bearing experimental rig):

- Load: 16 kN
- Supplied flow: 9.8 L/min



OPT (Optical point tracking method):

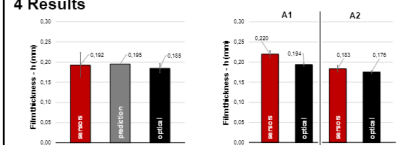
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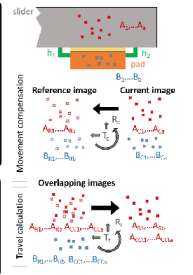
- Monochromatic ZWO ASI 1600 MM
- 16 Mpx CMOS
- 35 mm Zeiss Interlock Compact lens

4 Results

Film thickness prediction formula:

$$h = \sqrt[3]{\frac{12 \cdot Q \cdot \mu \cdot A}{F - q_f}}$$





5 Conclusions

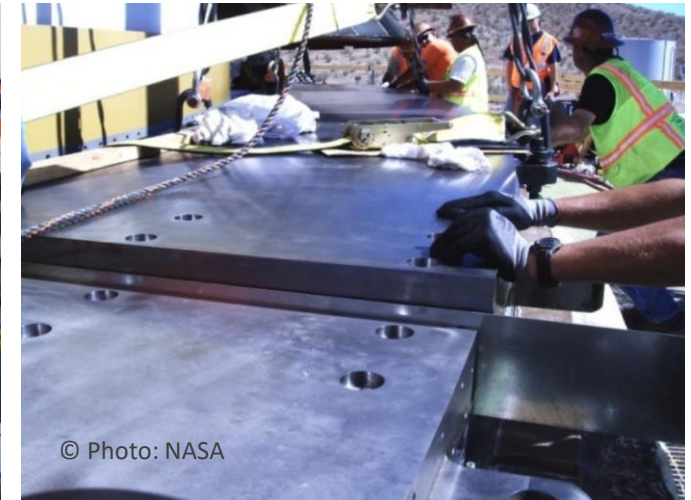
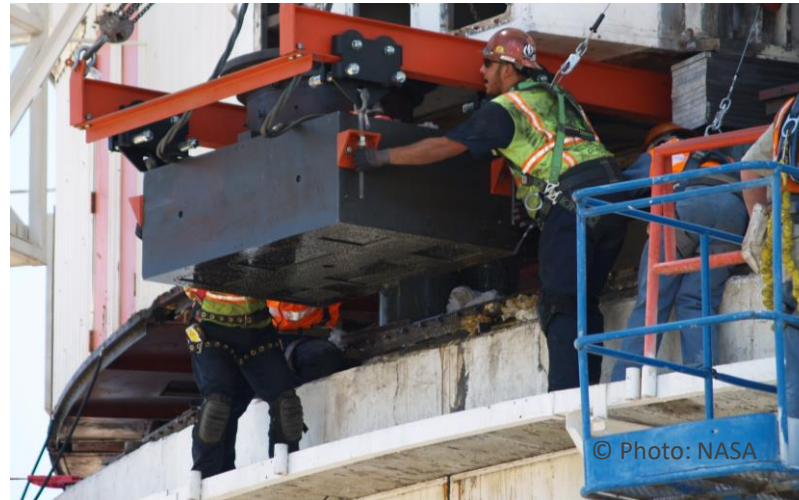
- Achieved **good agreement** of predicted and measured film thickness by sensors and OPT.
- The OPT method provides data with **smaller deviation** compared to sensors.
- Potential precision of OPT **up to 0.001 mm**.
- Suitable also for deformation investigation **after method customization**.
- Field measurements** might prove the versatility of the proposed OPT method.

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PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF RESULTS

Potential improvement of large-scale HSL bearings:

- Reduced power consumption by 20 % → 20 000 € (at est. ELT operation 100 000 € / year)
- Simplified design and assembly process – limits of pad & segmented slider assembly errors
- Improved safety (HS bearing repair cost 1.15 million €, made by NASA in 2010)



QUESTIONS, REMARKS, DISCUSSION

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