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## **TRIBOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS FROM ANTON PAAR**

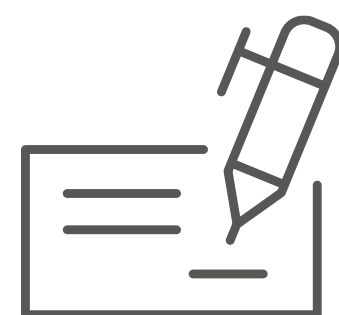
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# FACTS AND FIGURES



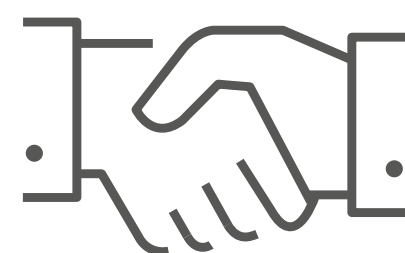
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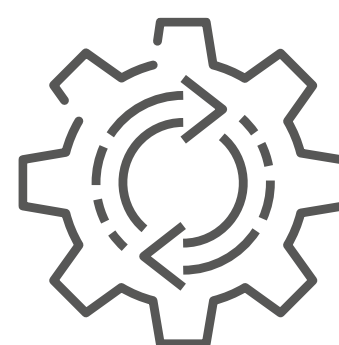
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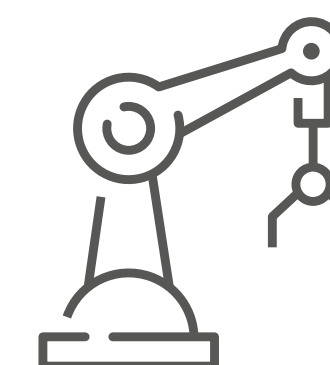


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# BASICS OF TRIBOLOGY

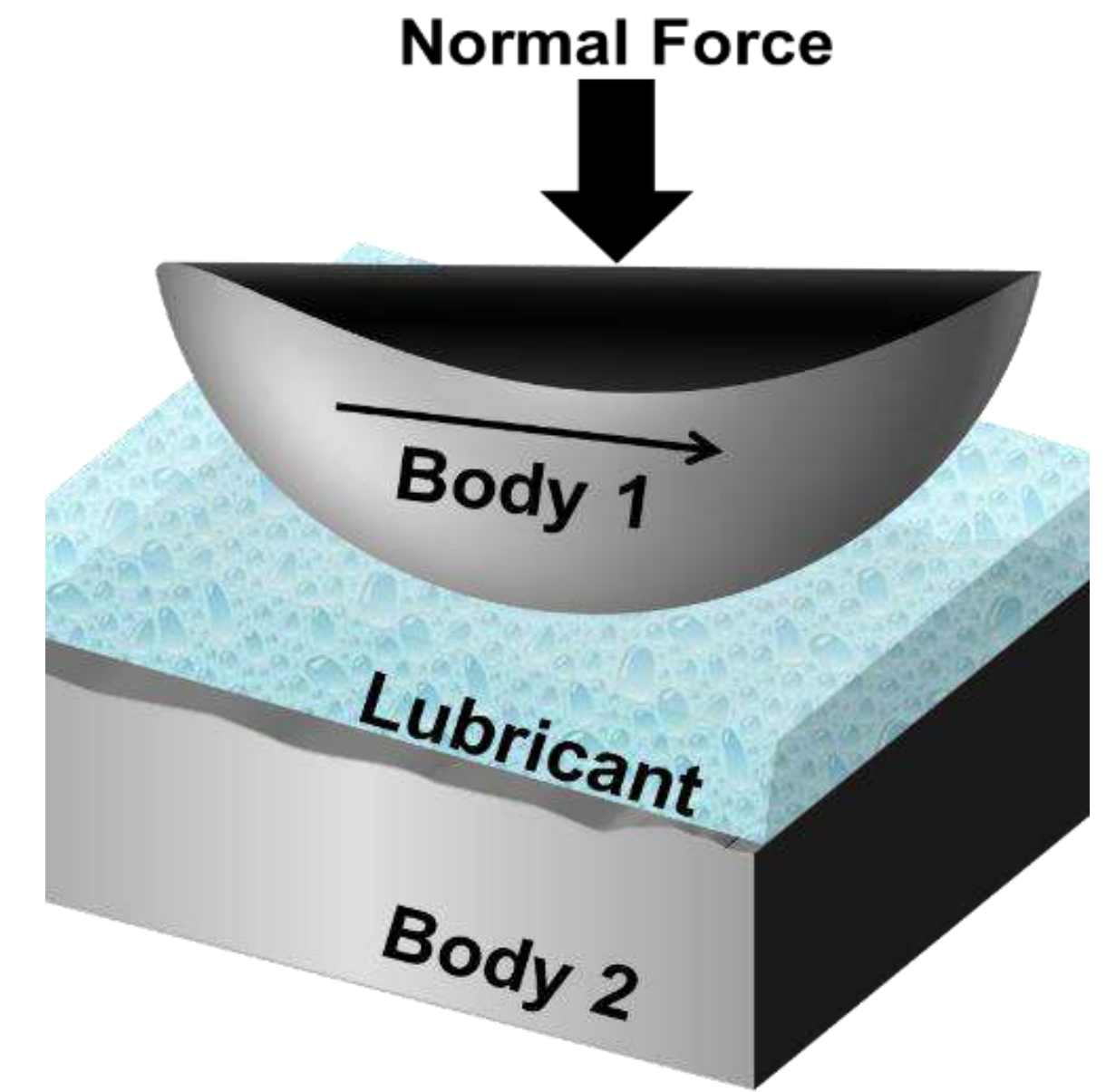


# TERMINOLOGY

## Tribology

“Tribo(s)” + “logy”  
(I rub) (Science)

... scientific study of friction, wear, and lubrication.

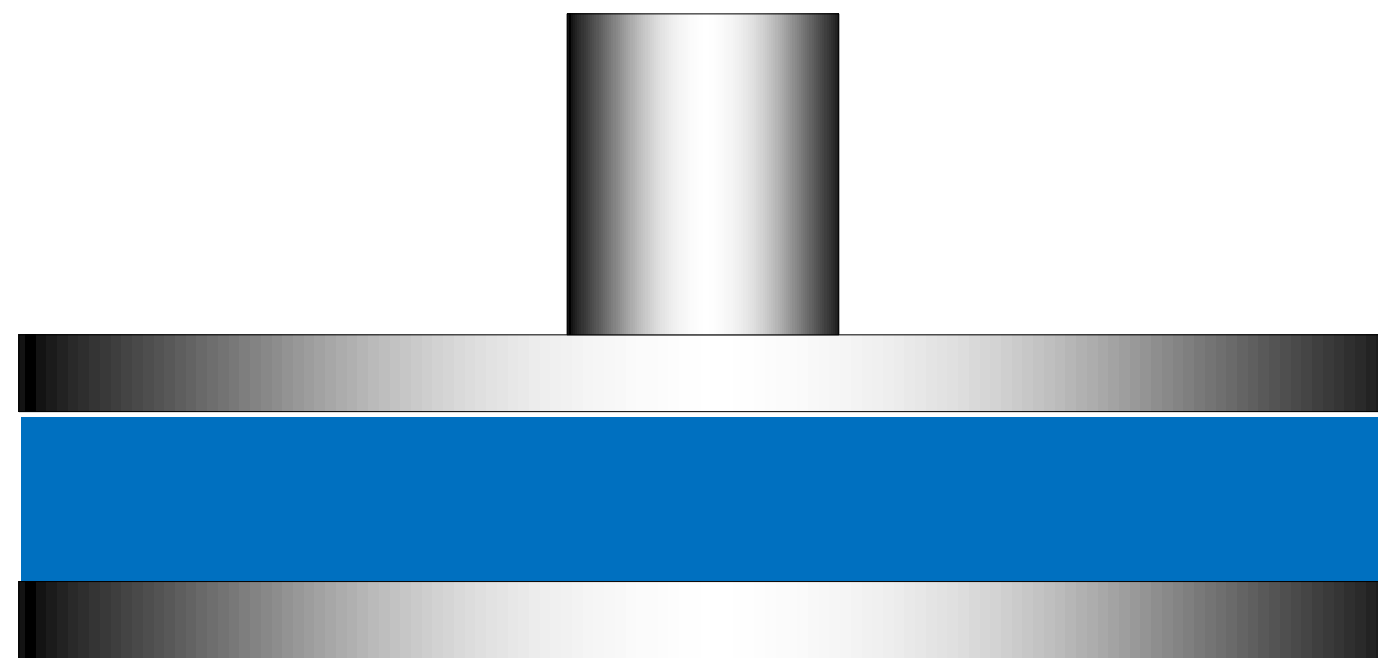


## Tribosystem:

Two bodies (surfaces) moving relative to each other, with or without a medium separating them.

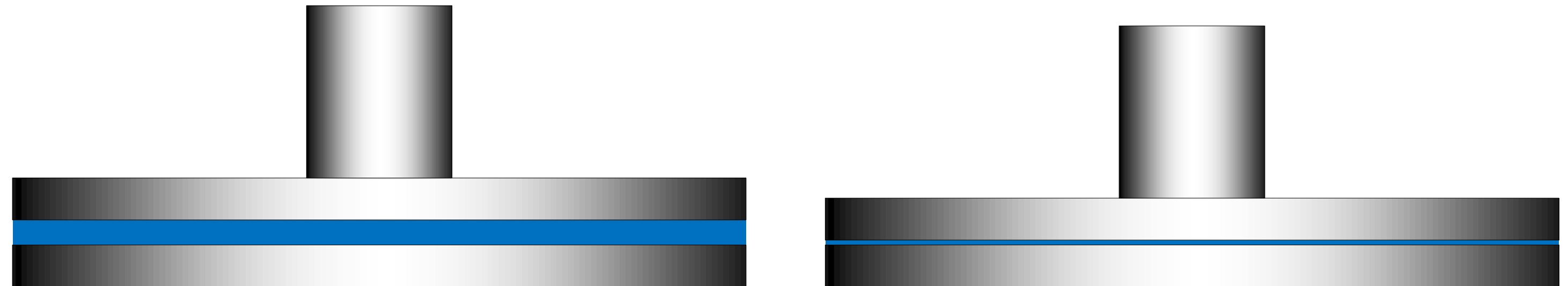
# RHEOLOGY ↔ TRIBOLOGY

## Rheology



- *Inner friction*
- *Rheology characterizes material properties*

## Tribology



- *Friction between surfaces*
- *Tribology characterizes system properties*

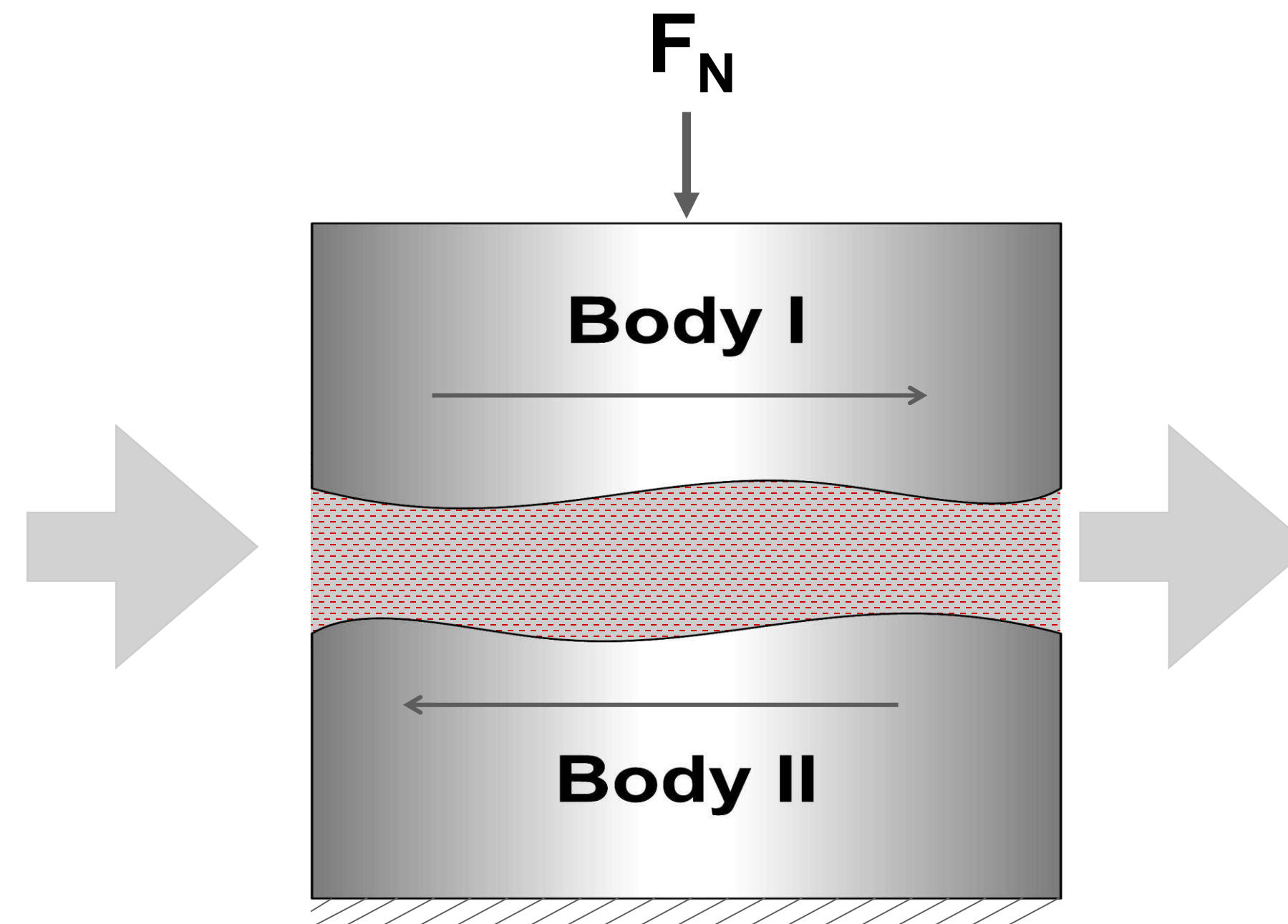
# TRIBOLOGICAL INTERACTIONS

## What happens...

- Friction losses
- Surface change
- Tribochemical reactions
- Energy dissipation

## What we set...

- Environmental conditions  
*temperature, humidity, ...*
- Contact conditions  
*pressure, contact type, lubricated/dry, ...*
- Motion  
*linear, rotation, oscillation, ...*



## What we measure...

- Coefficient of friction
- Frictional torque
- Wear  
*volume, height, rate, ...*
- Vibrations
- ...

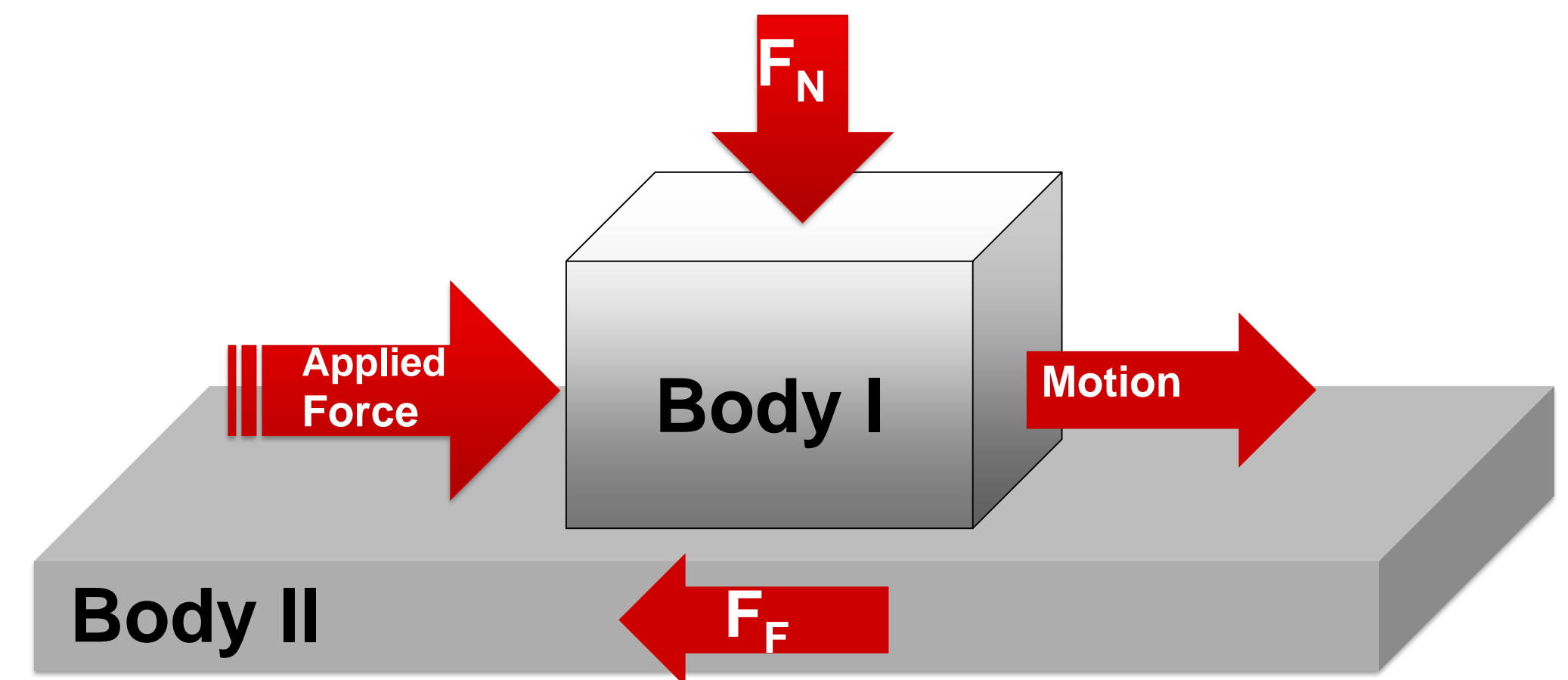
# FRICITION COEFFICIENT – FRICTION FACTOR – COF...

- The friction factor  $\mu$  is the ratio between the frictional force between two bodies (Frictional or Tangential Force  $F_F$ ) and the force pressing them together (Normal Force  $F_N$ ).
- $\mu$  is defined as

$$\mu = \frac{F_F}{F_N}$$

$F_F \rightarrow$  Friction Force

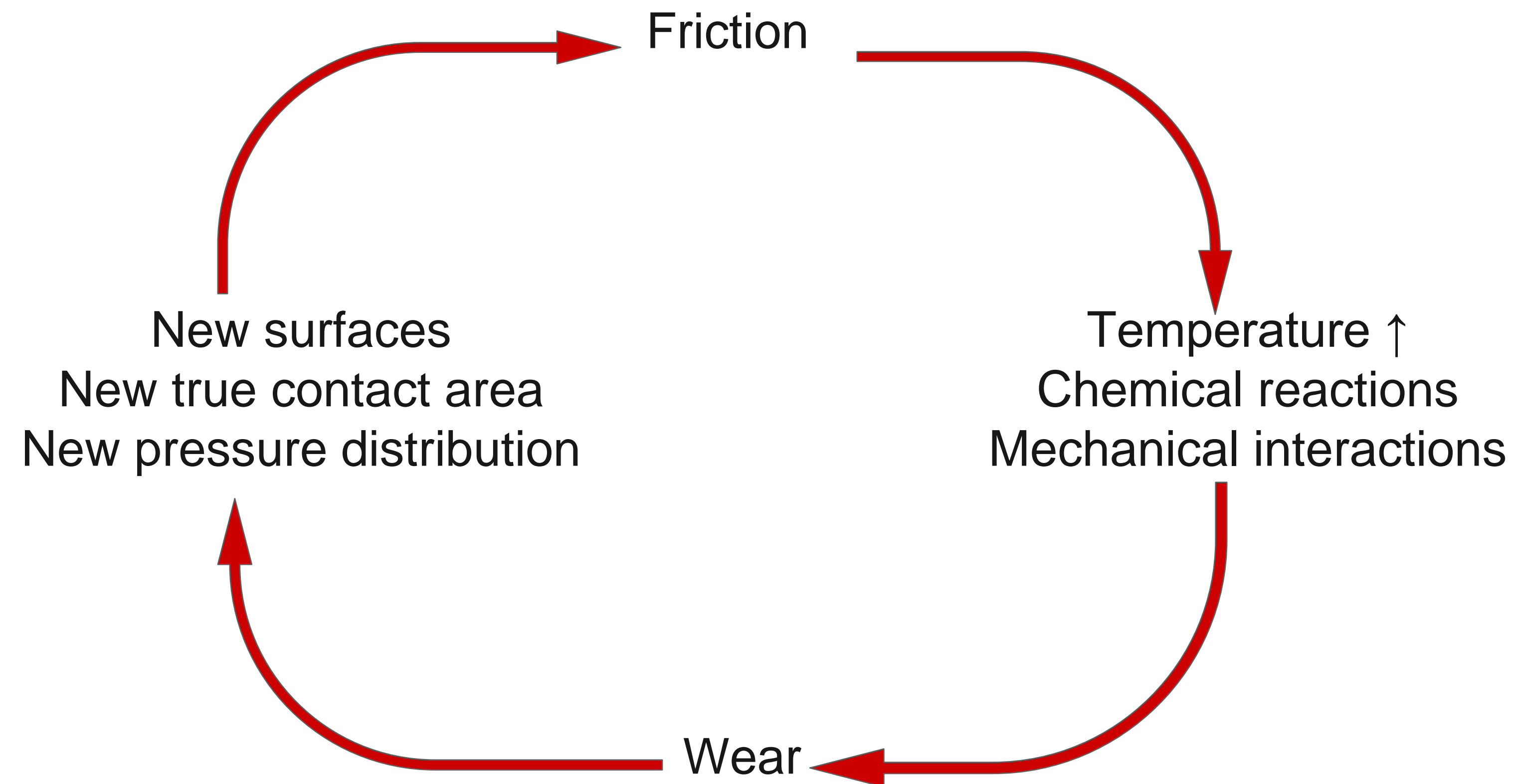
$F_N \rightarrow$  Normal Force



***Friction Factor, Friction Coefficient, Coefficient of Friction, and  $\mu$  refer to the same measure.***



# CYCLE OF TRIBOLOGICAL INTERACTION



**Dynamic nature of Tribology**

Typical Measurements

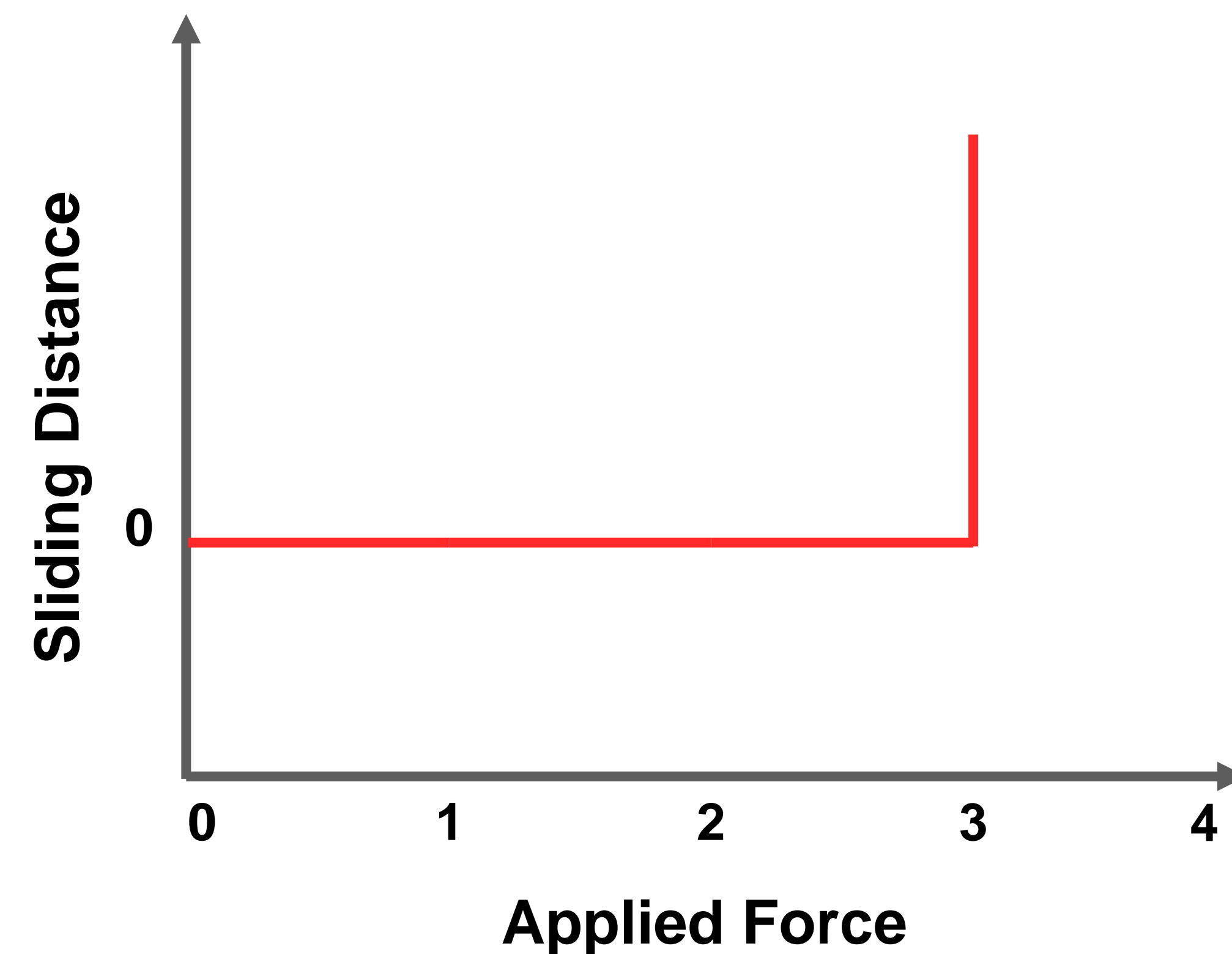
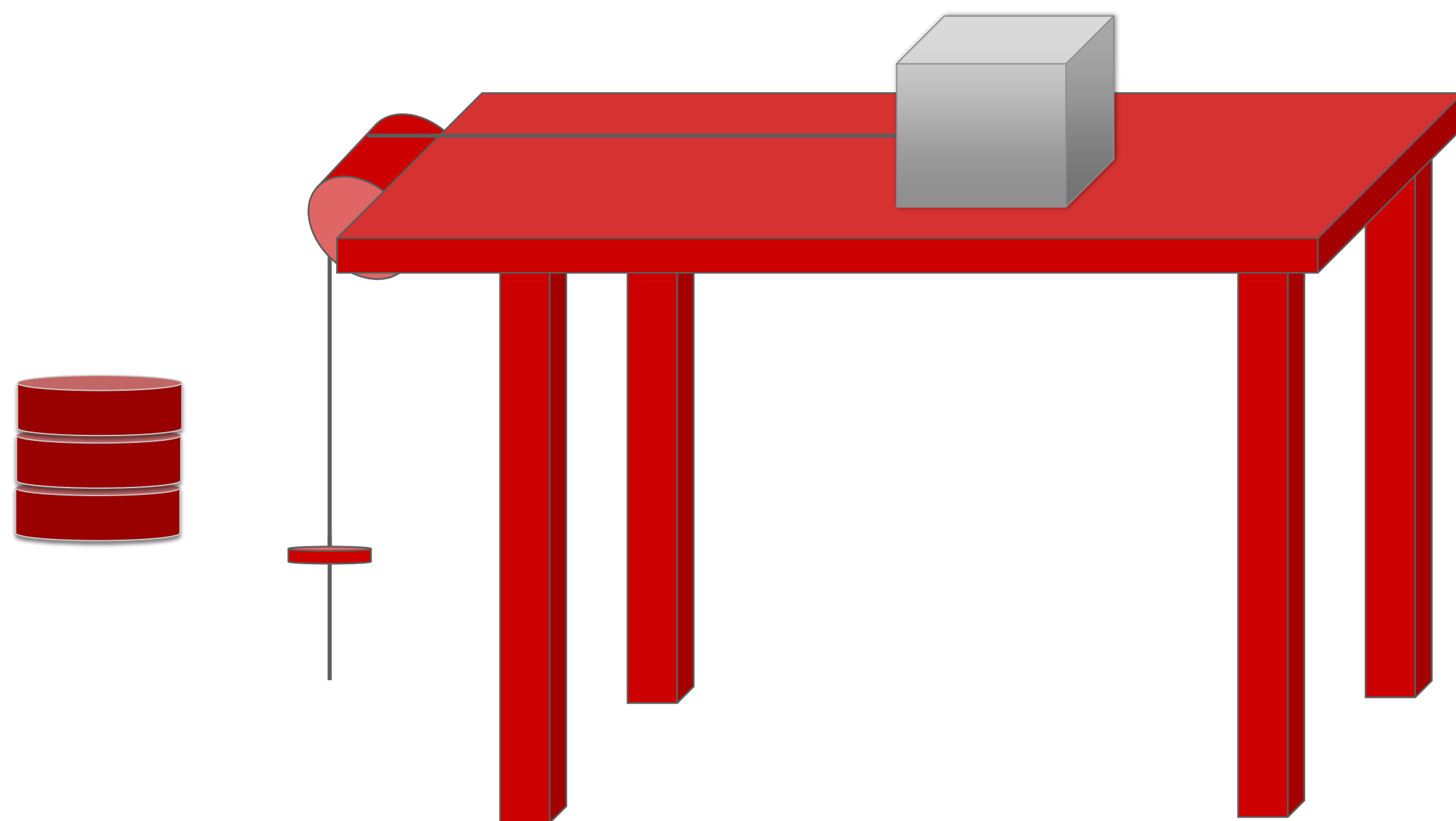
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# **LIMITING FRICTION**

## LIMITING FRICTION (STATIC FRICTION)

- What is Static Friction?
  - In simple terms, it is the friction that inhibits relative motion between two interacting surfaces at rest.
- What is Limiting Friction?
  - It is the peak value of static friction. To initiate relative motion between two interacting surfaces, it is necessary to overcome the limiting frictional force prevailing at the contact.
- How to measure Limiting Friction?
  - Consider sliding a block on a table (see next slide). Here, the applied force on the block is gradually increased and the corresponding displacement observed. Once the applied force exceeds the limiting force inhibiting sliding between the surfaces, the object begins to slide.

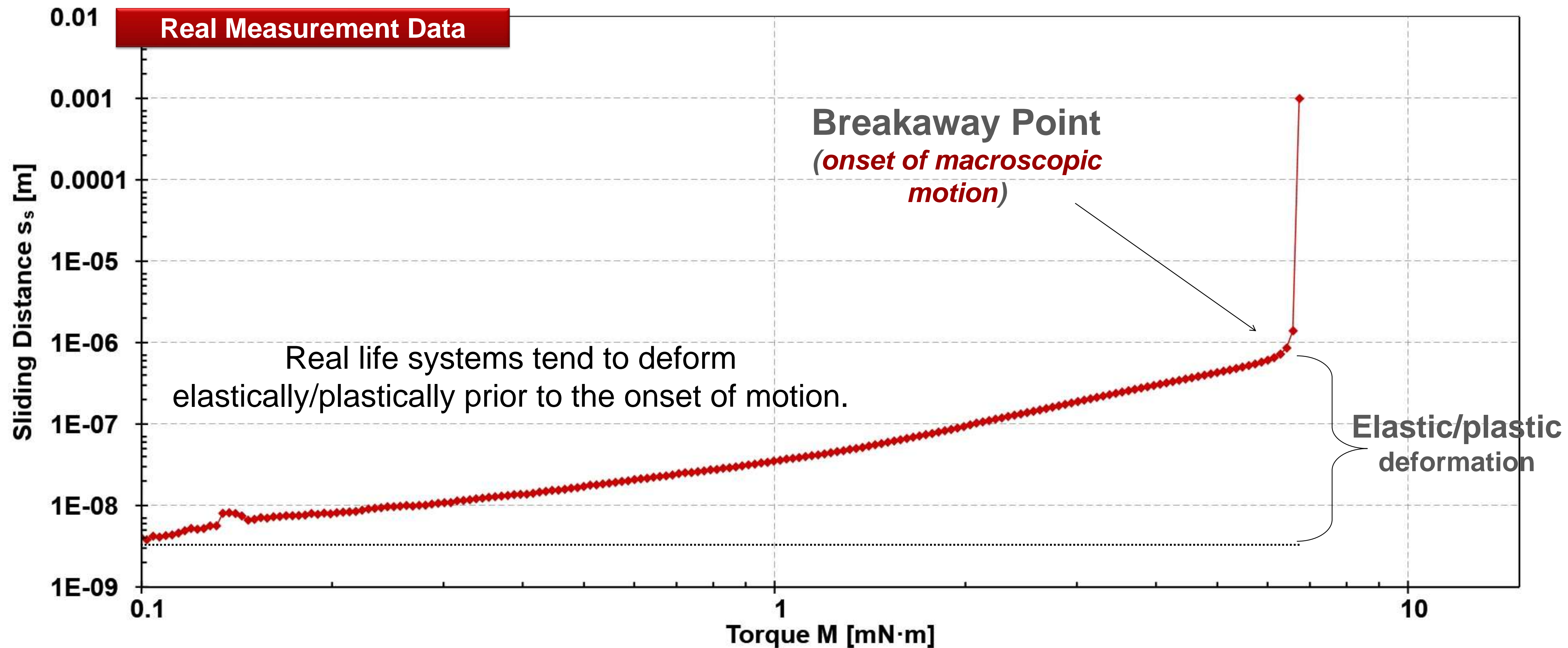
# LIMITING FRICTION (STATIC FRICTION)



**A particular minimum amount of force is required to generate macroscopic motion!**

# BREAKAWAY TORQUE DATA

Steel vs. Steel with 10W40 Oil





Typical Measurements

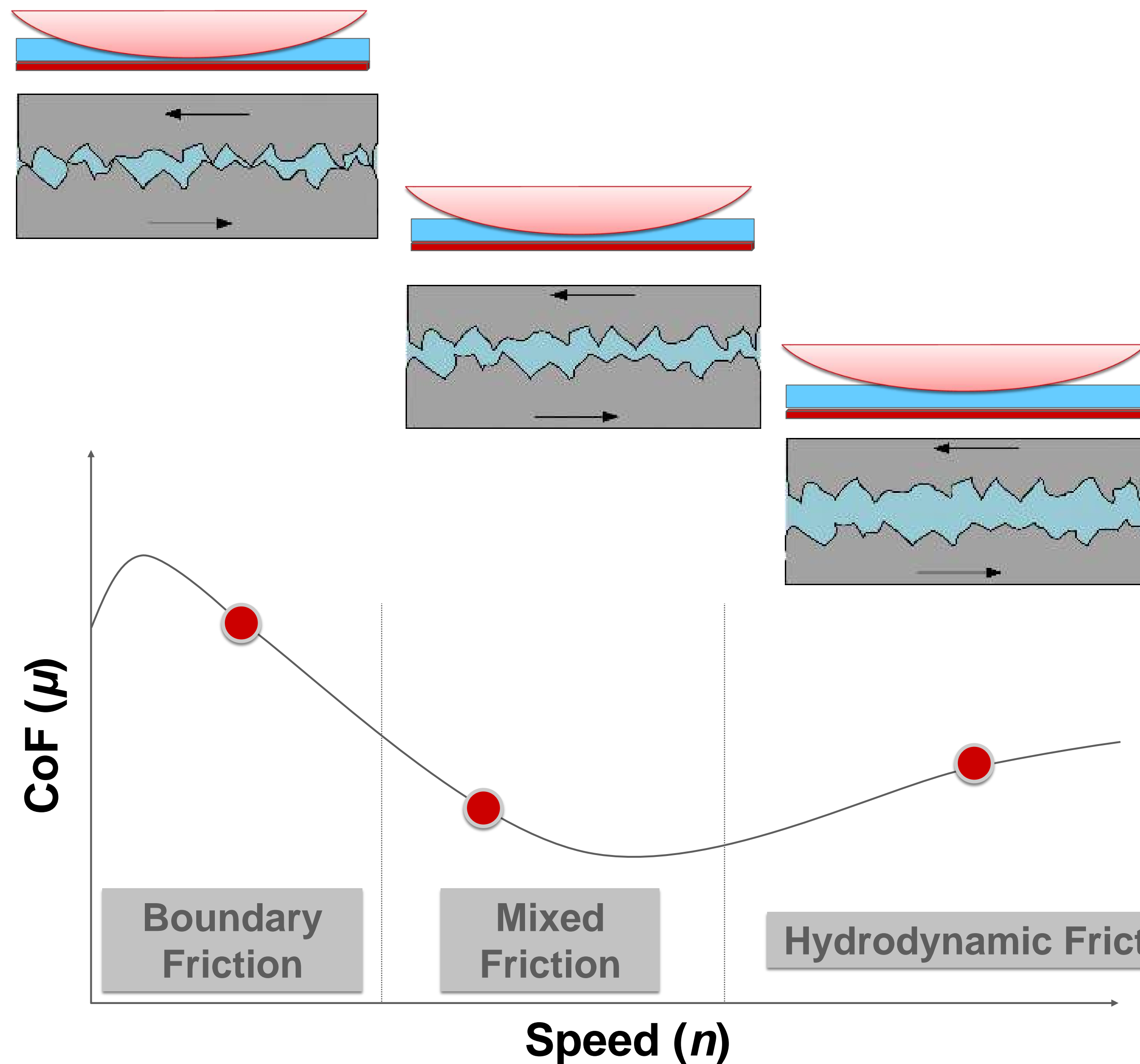
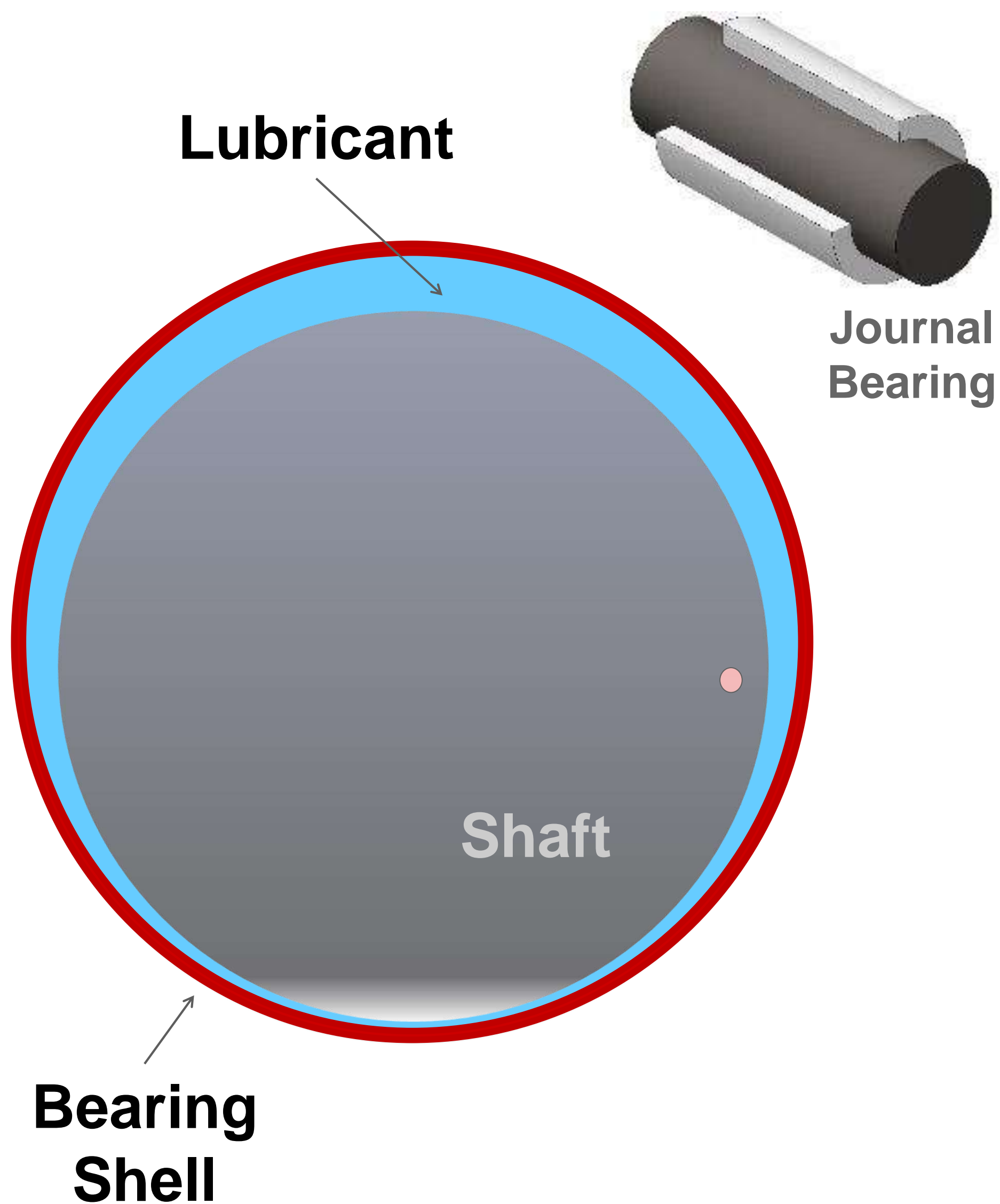
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# STRIBECK CURVES

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- What is a Stribeck Curve?
  - In their simplified form, Stribeck curves depict friction coefficient as a function of sliding velocity. With a lubricated tribosystem, a Stribeck curve offers insights into their friction or lubrication regimes – see next slide.

# STRIBECK CURVE



# LUBRICATION REGIMES

## Boundary Friction

- No fluid/lubricant film
- Asperity (body/body) contact
- High friction and wear...

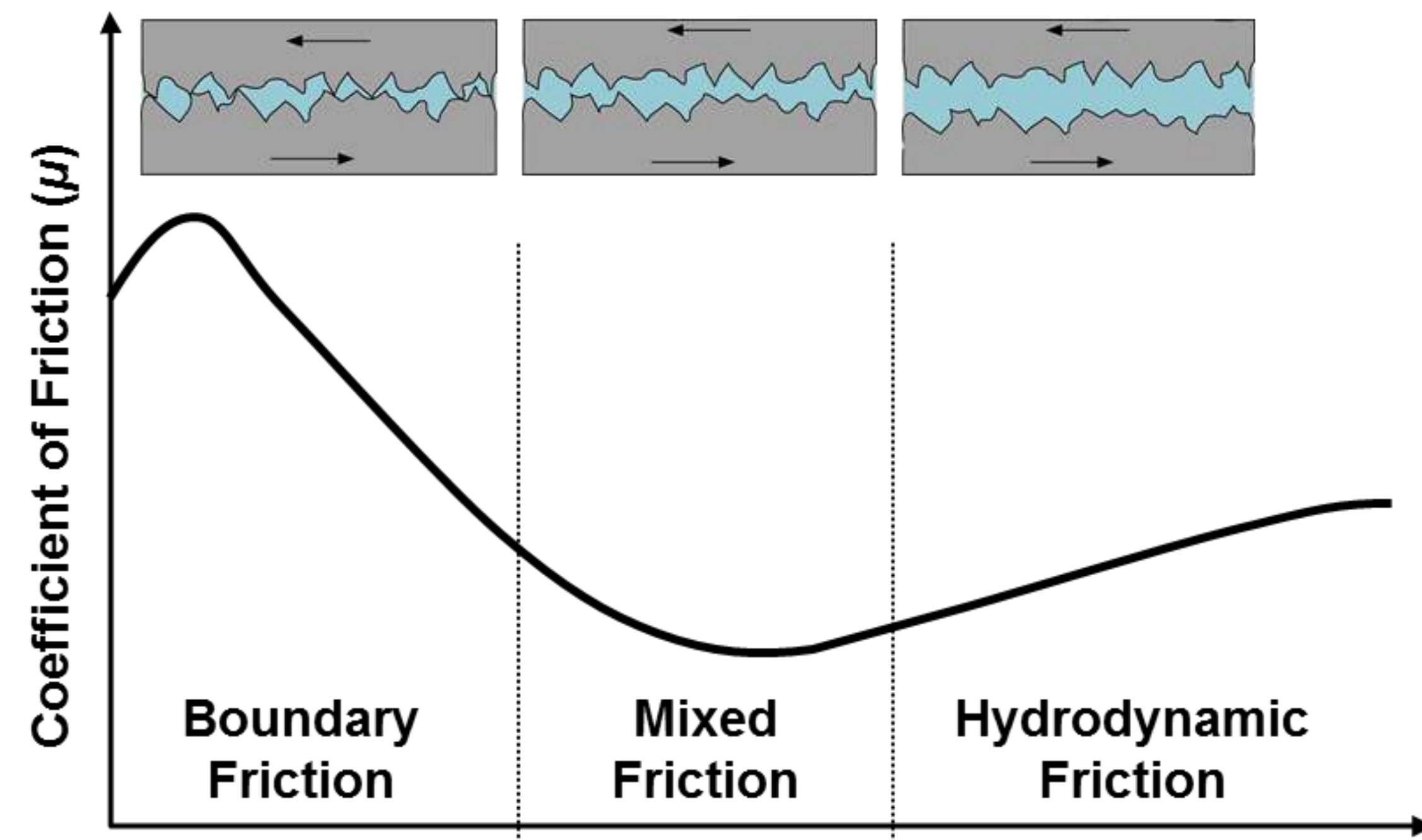
At low speed, the lubricant is squeezed out of the contact and does not offer effective lubrication. As the speed increases, more of the lubricant is entrained into the contact. At high speeds, there is a sufficiently thick load-bearing lubricant film which hinders surface to surface contact.

## Mixed Friction

- Lubricant film just thick enough to separate the surfaces
- Asperities come in contact occasionally
- Low friction and wear ...

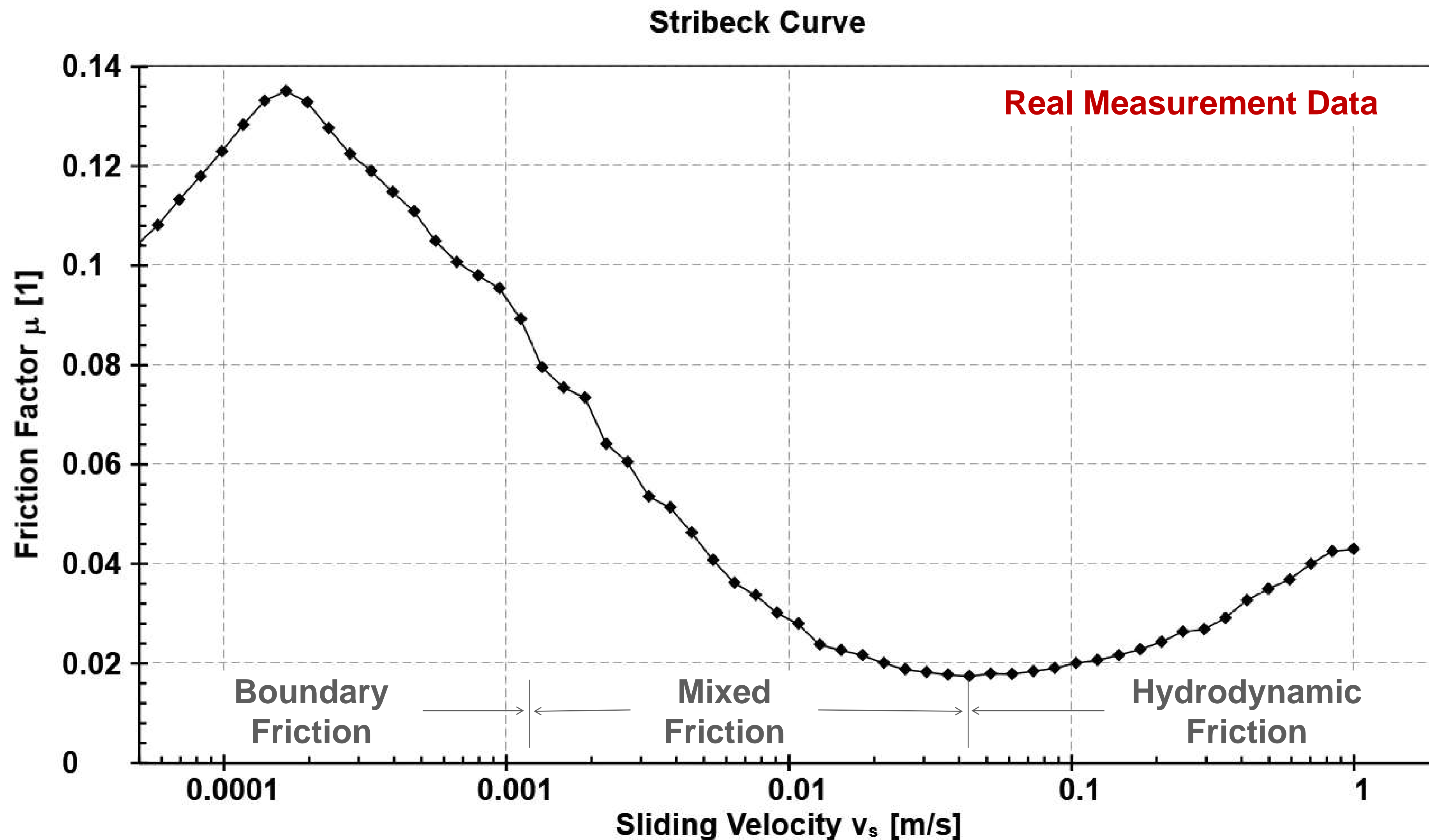
## Hydrodynamic Friction

- Lubricant film totally separates the surfaces
- No asperity contact
- Friction only due to viscosity
- No wear\*...



\* while there is absence of wear due to asperity contact, other types of wear such as erosion, cavitation, etc. can still occur.

# STRIBECK CURVE



Glass ball vs. PDMS with sunflower oil as lubricant

- Normal Force: 3 N
- Temperature: 22 °C

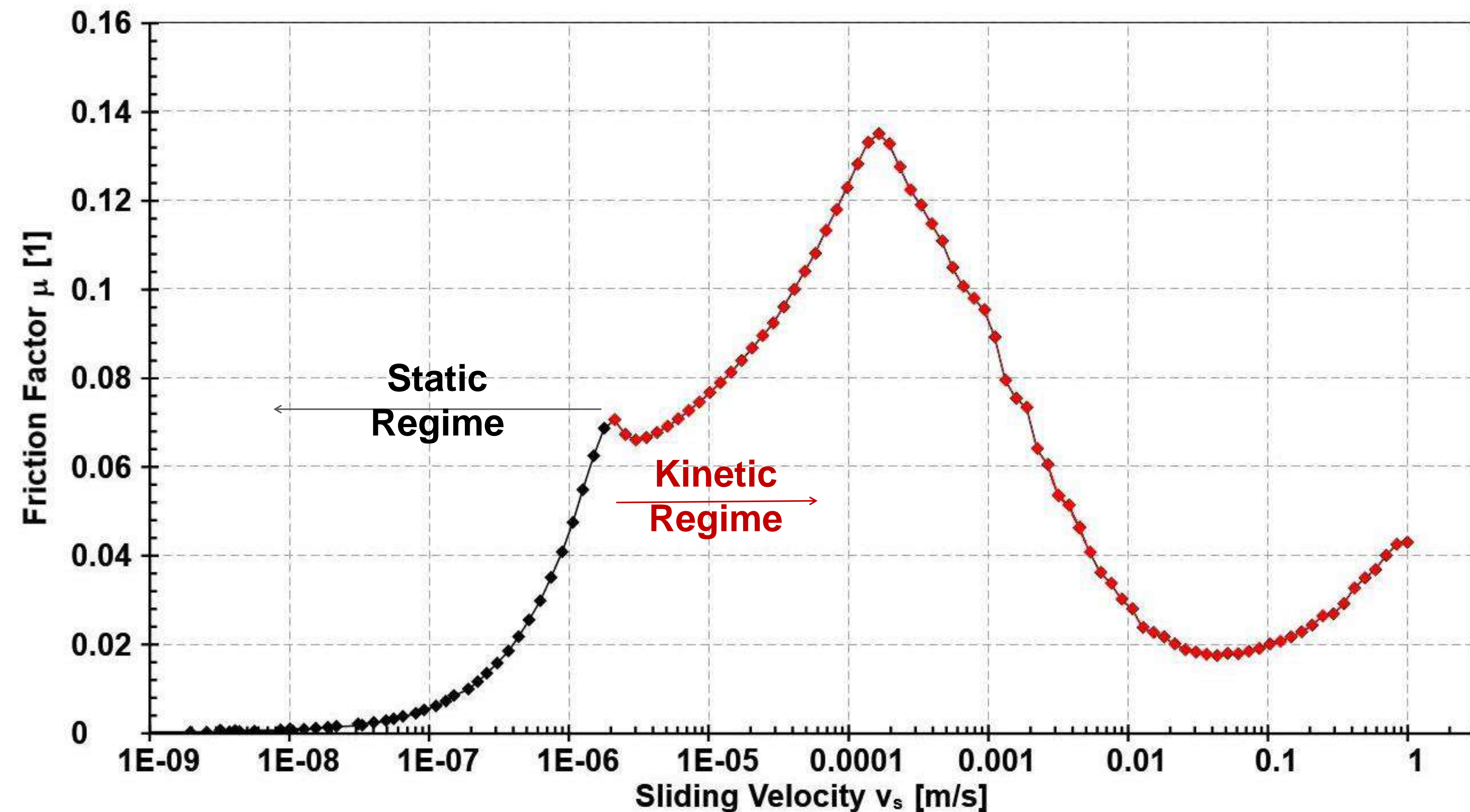
The uniqueness of this setup is presented in the next slide.



## EXTENDED STRIBECK CURVES

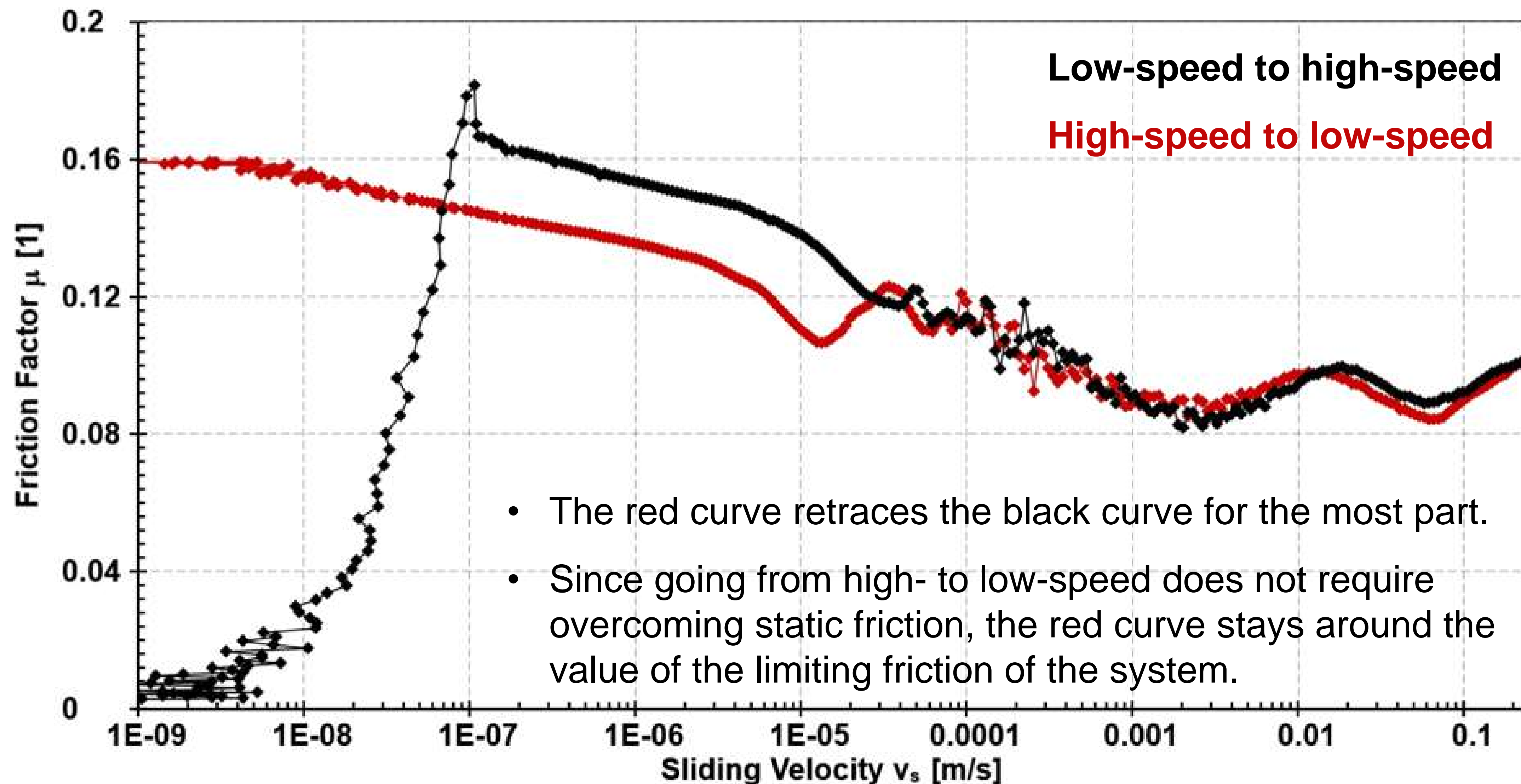
- What is an Extended Stribeck Curve?
  - While Stribeck curves provide information about the frictional resistance of a lubricated tribosystem in the kinetic regime, extended Stribeck curves, like the name suggests, extends the Stribeck curves into the static regime – see next slide.
- What is the advantage of Extended Stribeck Curves?
  - These curves give information about the evolution of friction in the static regime, and the transition into kinetic regime.
  - It is also possible to obtain values of limiting friction of the tribosystem from these curves.

# EXTENDED STRIBECK CURVE



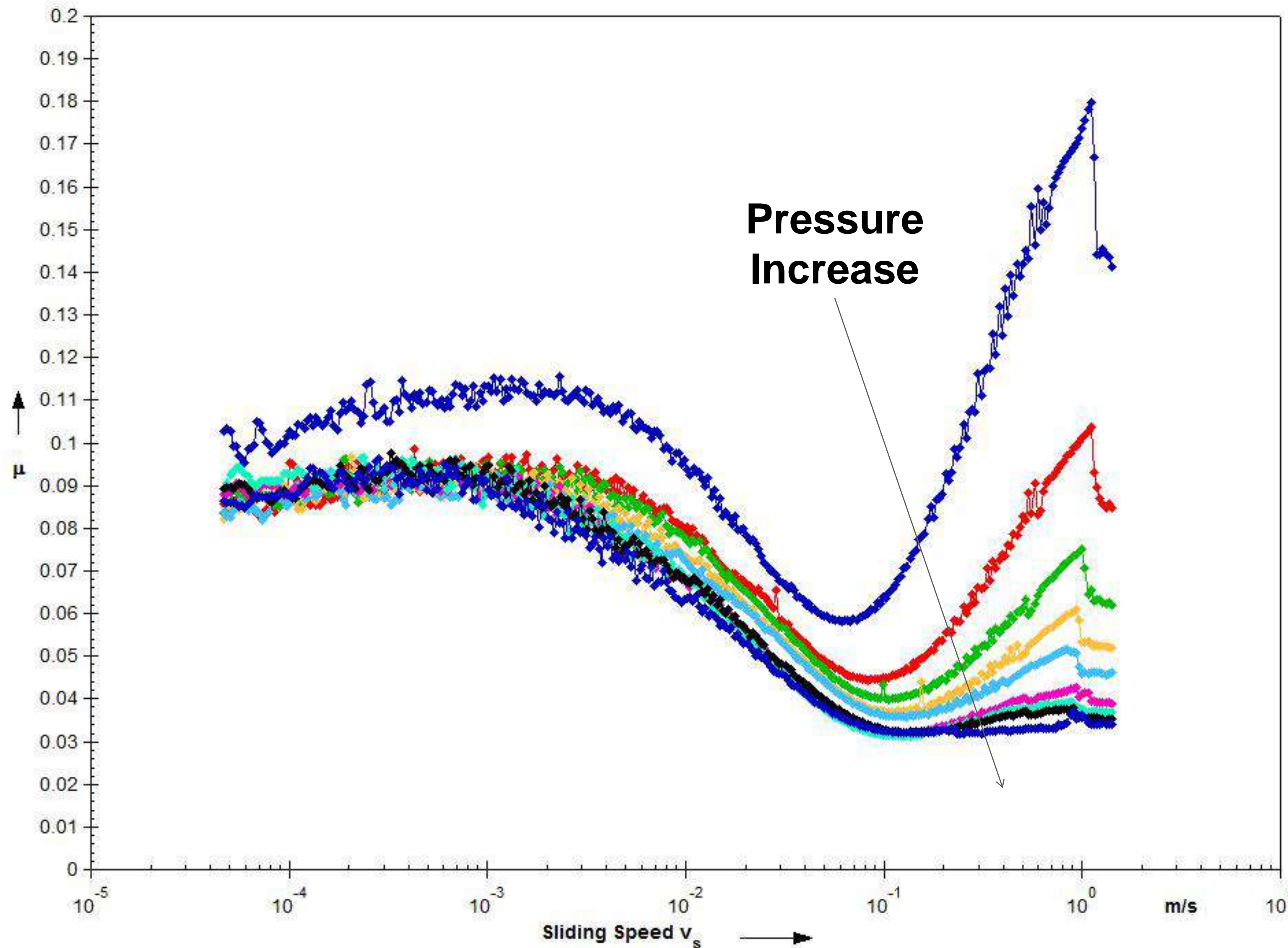
In addition to measuring friction in the kinetic regime, this setup is can also capture the evolution of friction in the static regime.

## EXTENDED STRIBECK CURVE (III)





# EFFECT OF PRESSURE



As the contact pressure increases:

- transition from mixed to fluid friction shifts to higher rotational speeds
- friction coefficient in fluid friction regime decreases (due to a thinner fluid film)

Typical Measurements

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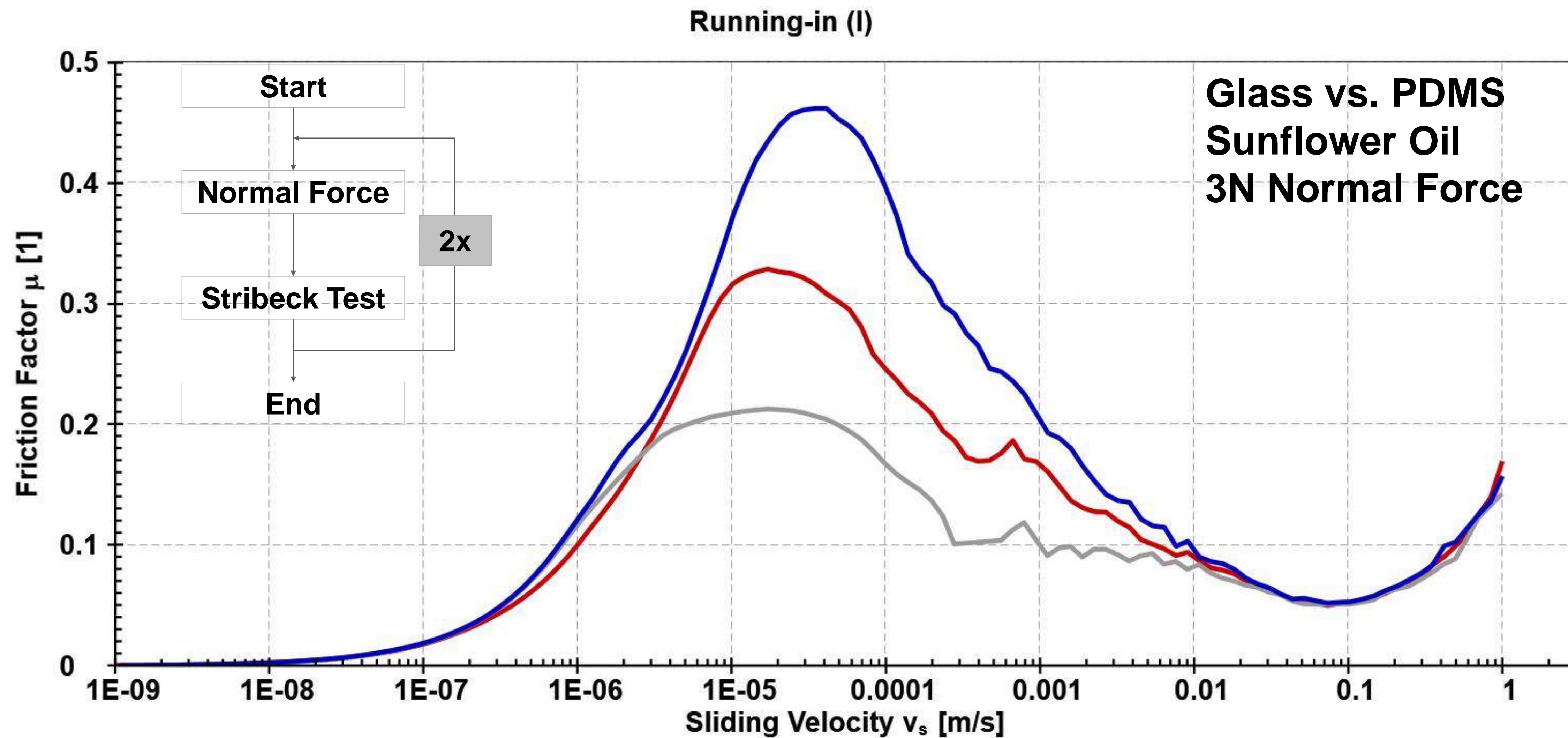
# **RUNNING-IN**



## RUNNING-IN (I)

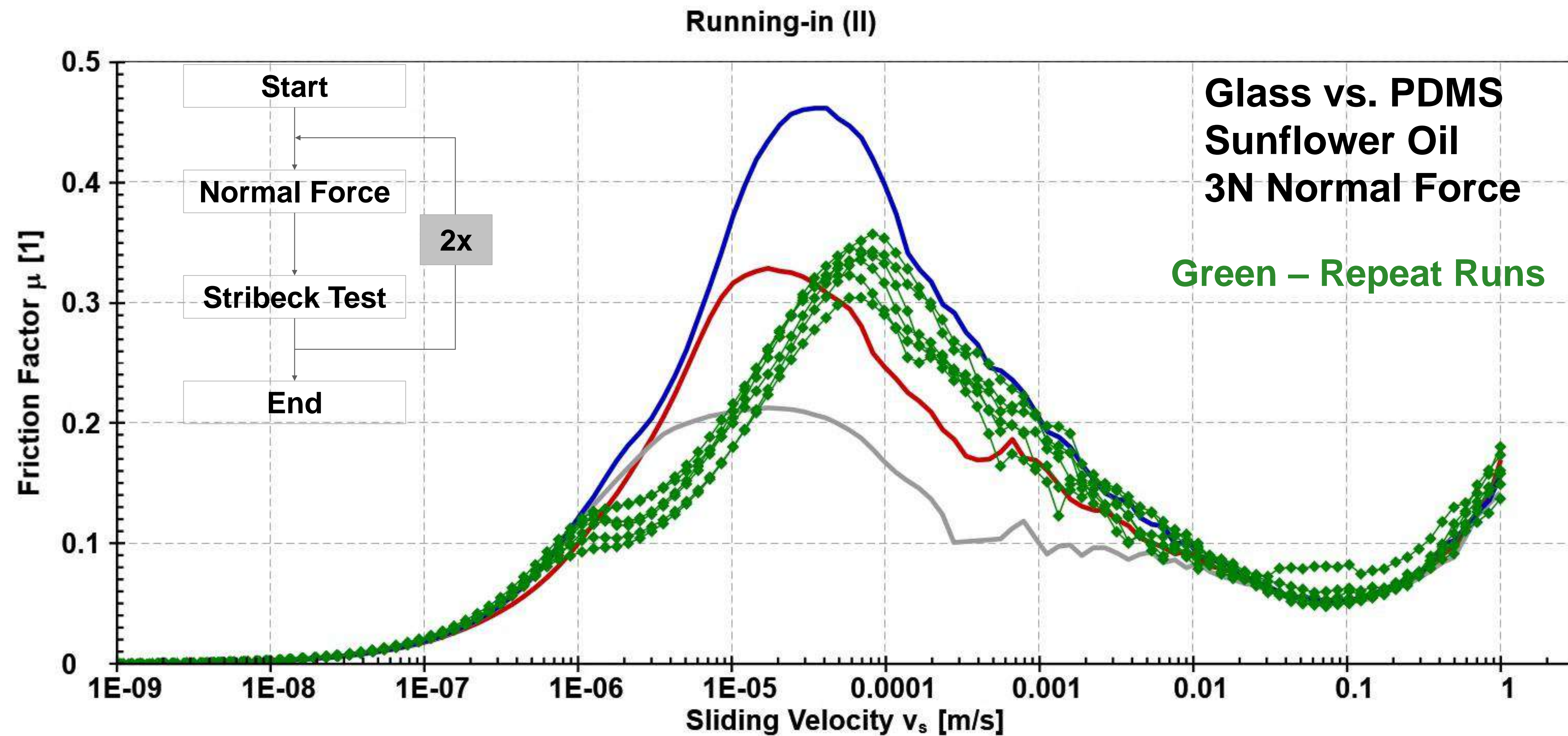
- What is Running-in?
  - It is the process of flattening/removal of surface asperities at a newly established tribocontact through a combination of wear and/or elastic/plastic deformation.
- Next Slide – (Running-in (II))
  - The three curves are from three individual tests with glass ball vs. PDMS pins with sunflower oil as a lubricant.
  - Since the fresh surfaces are not always identical due to differences in their surface properties, especially their roughness, the data from the first runs could at times not be reproducible.
- Slide After – (Running-in (III))
  - The green curves in this curve are repeat runs (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Runs) which show decent reproducibility after the running-in process.

# RUNNING-IN (II)





# RUNNING-IN (III)



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# TEST SETUP

# MODULAR COMPACT RHEOMETER

Up to 1000 bar

**Pressure**

**Electric Field**

**Magnetic Field**

Up to 1.3 T

**Temperature**

-160 to 1000 °C

**Influencing Parameters**

**Humidity...**

5 to 95% RH



**DMTA**

**Tribology**

**Powder**

**Starch...**

**Transforming  
Movement**

**Structural Information**

**Microscopy**

**Spectroscopy**

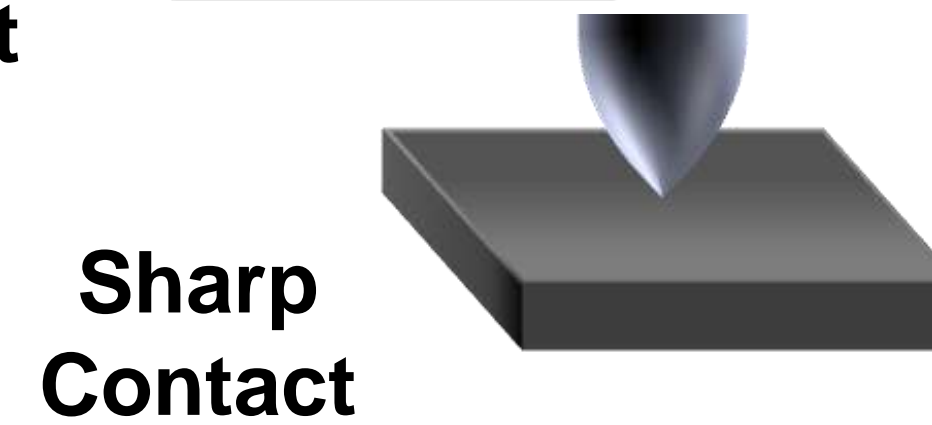
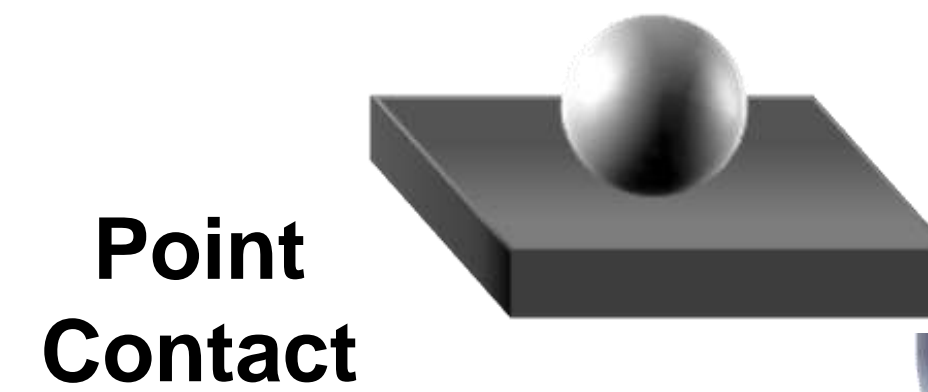
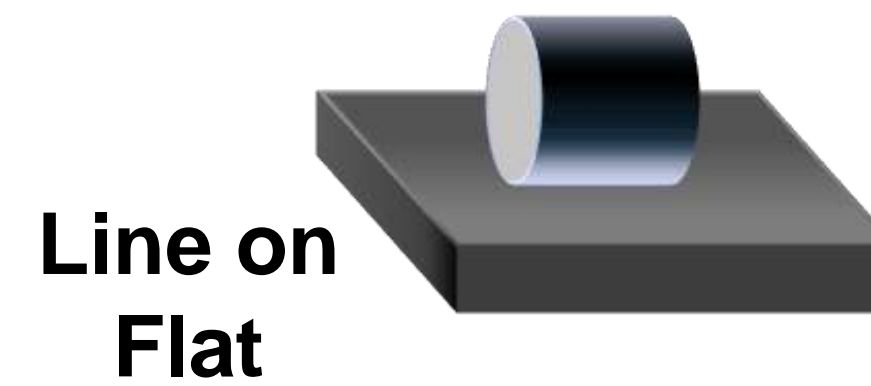
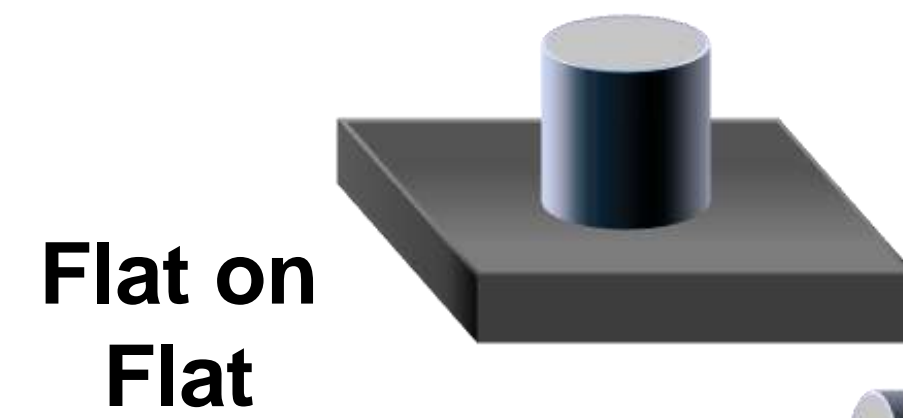


# TEST CONFIGURATIONS – MCR TRIBOLOGY



Torque	230 mN.m
Speed (RPM)	$10^{-6}$ – 3000
Temperature	-160 – 600 °C
Normal Force	0.1 – 50 N

# CONTACT GEOMETRIES



or: customized holder or specimen

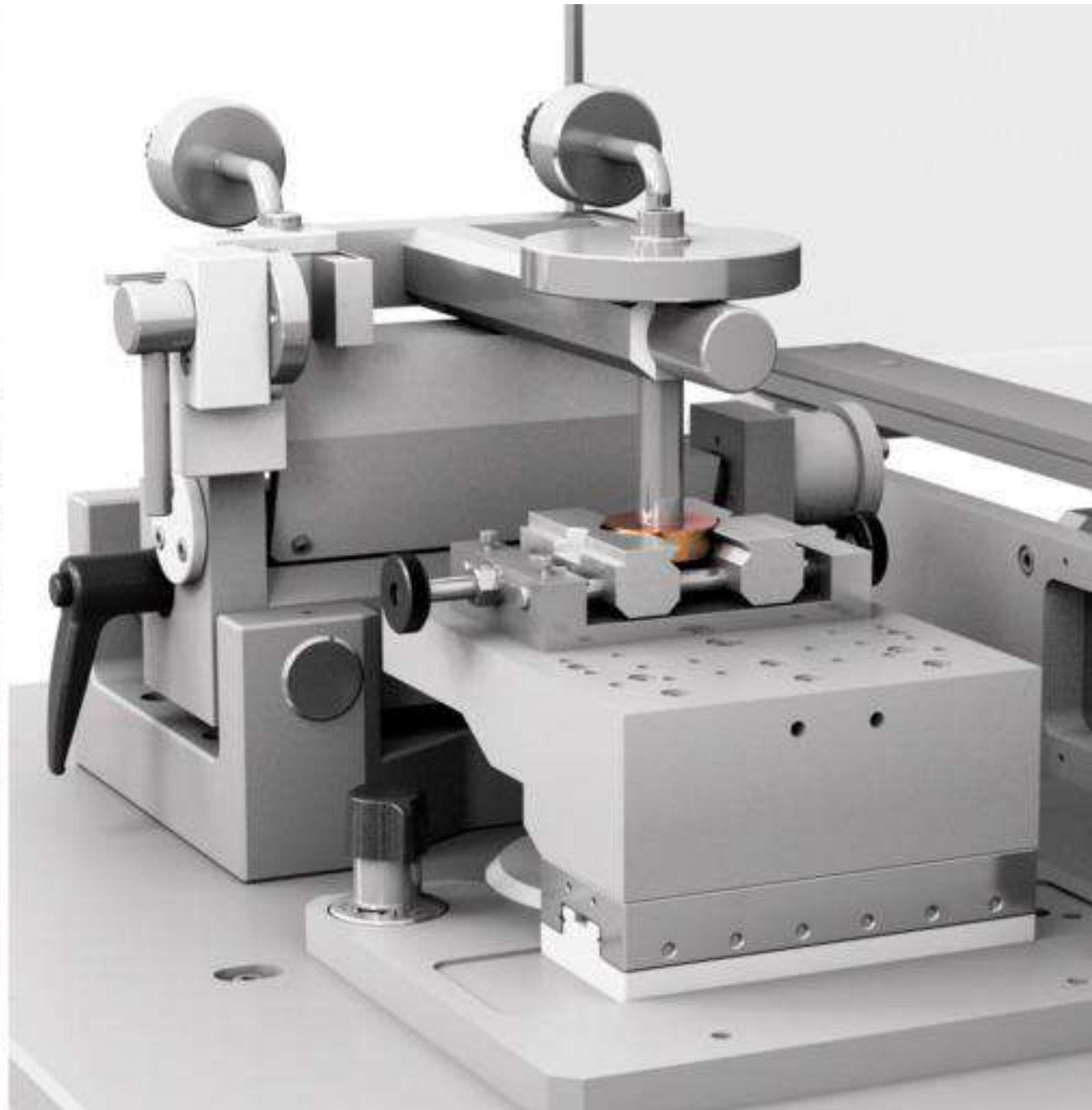


**TRB<sup>3</sup>**

Rotation Mode



Linear Mode

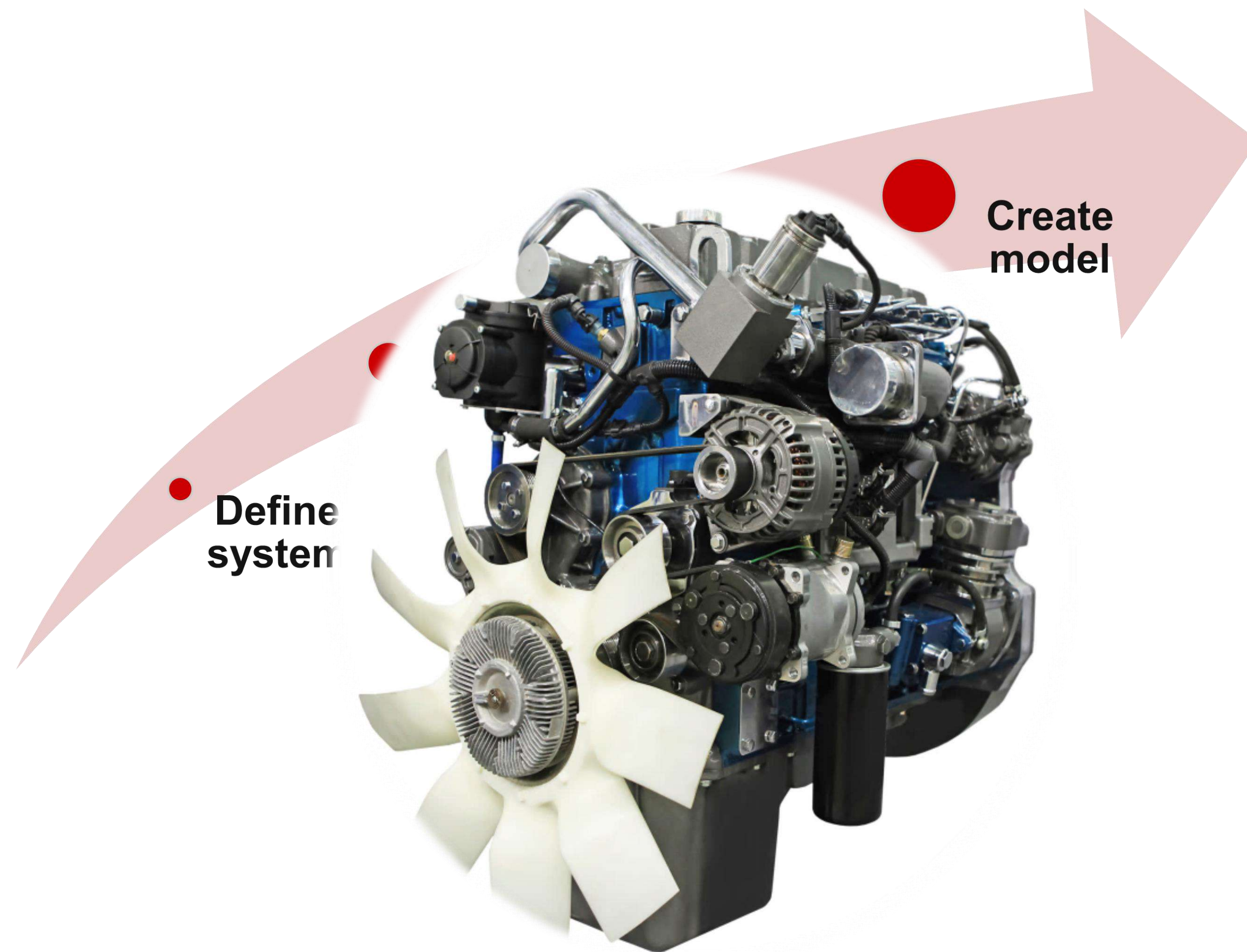
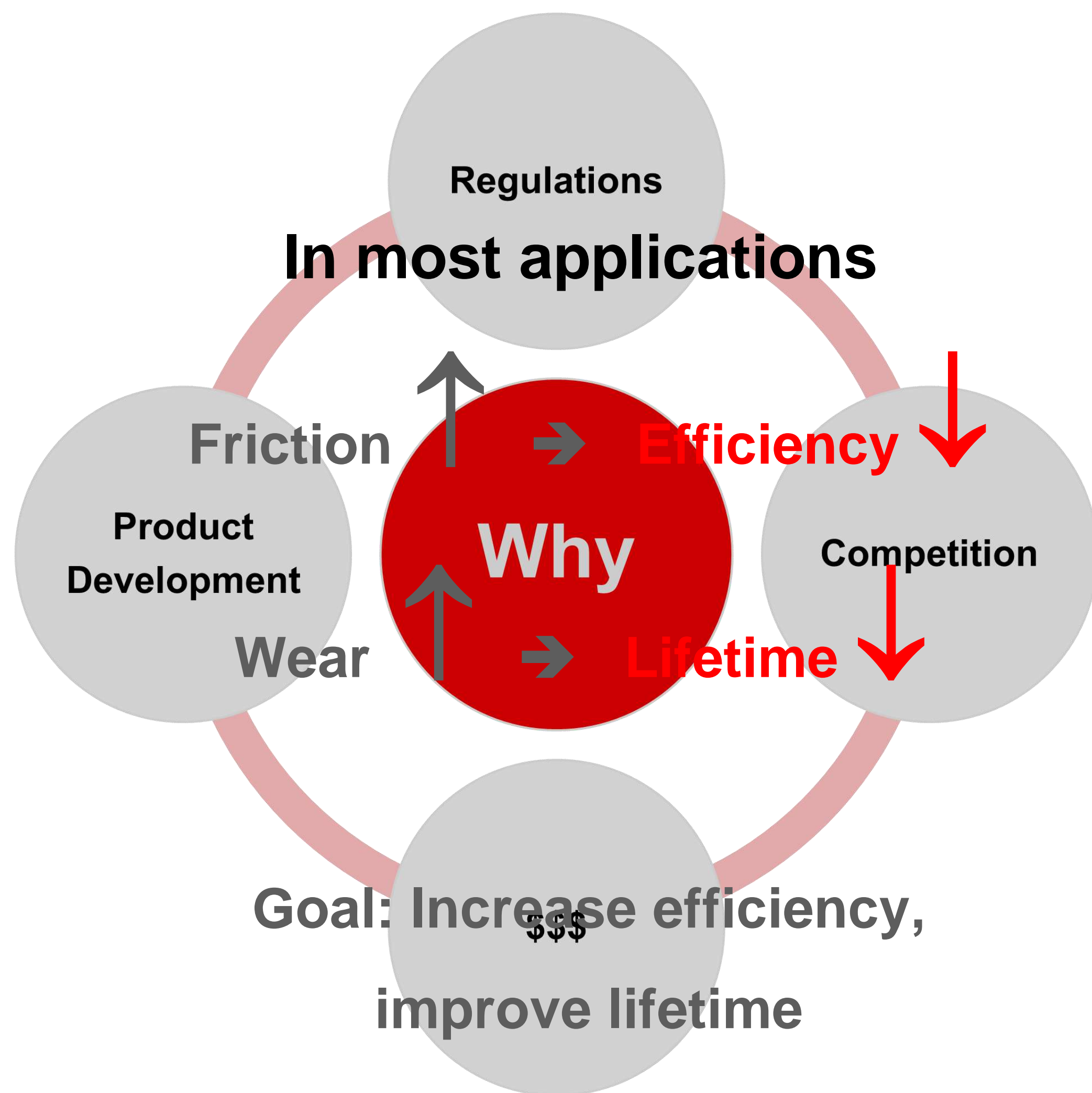


**Full conformity to the standards**

- ASTM G99
- G133
- DIN 50324

# WHY TRIBOLOGY

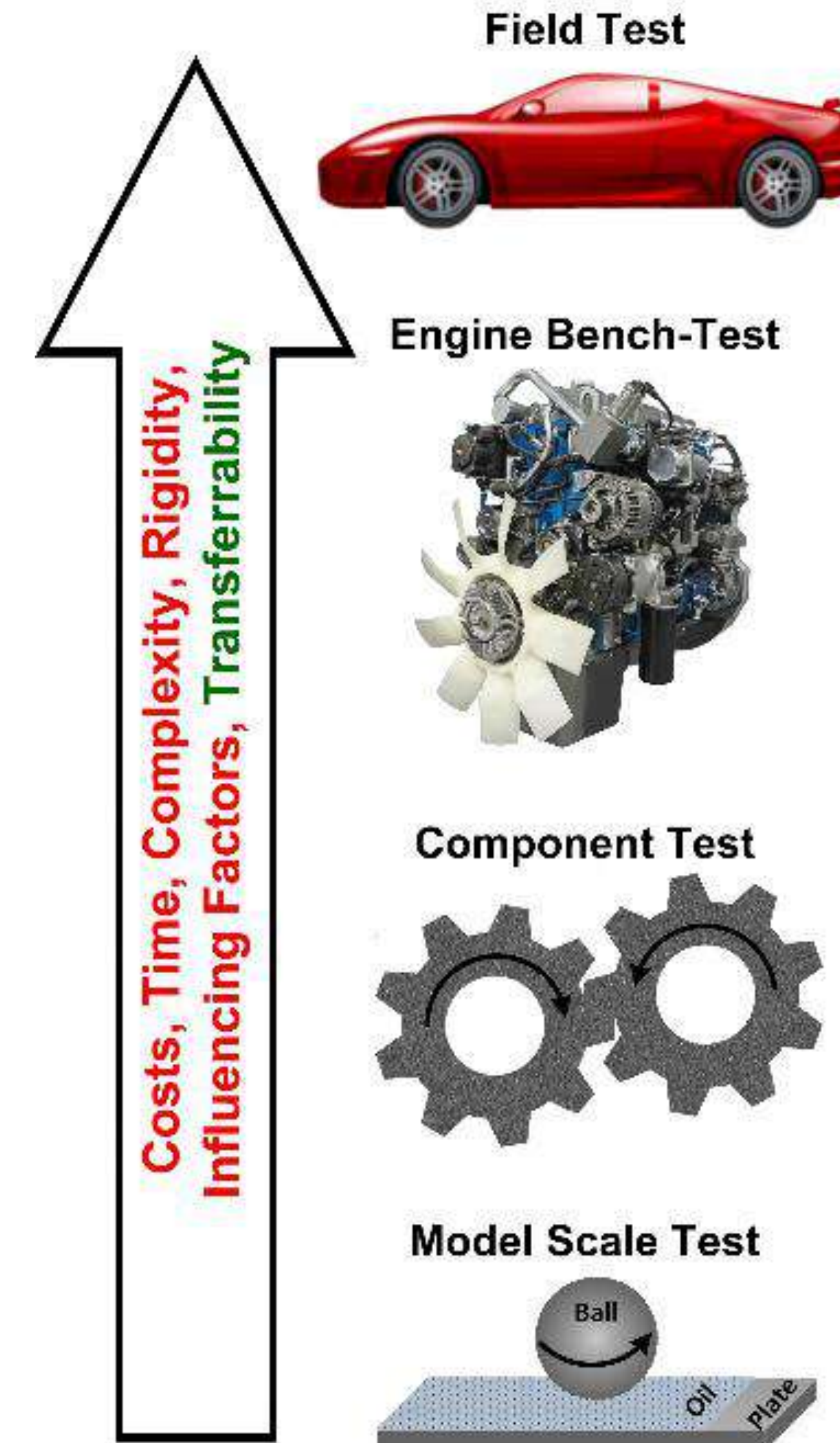






# MODEL-SCALE TESTING

- Cost and time efficient
  - Individual parameter study possible
  - “Easier” data interpretation
  - Can be used for prescreening
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- Most often, far from real-life conditions
  - Transfer of results conditional



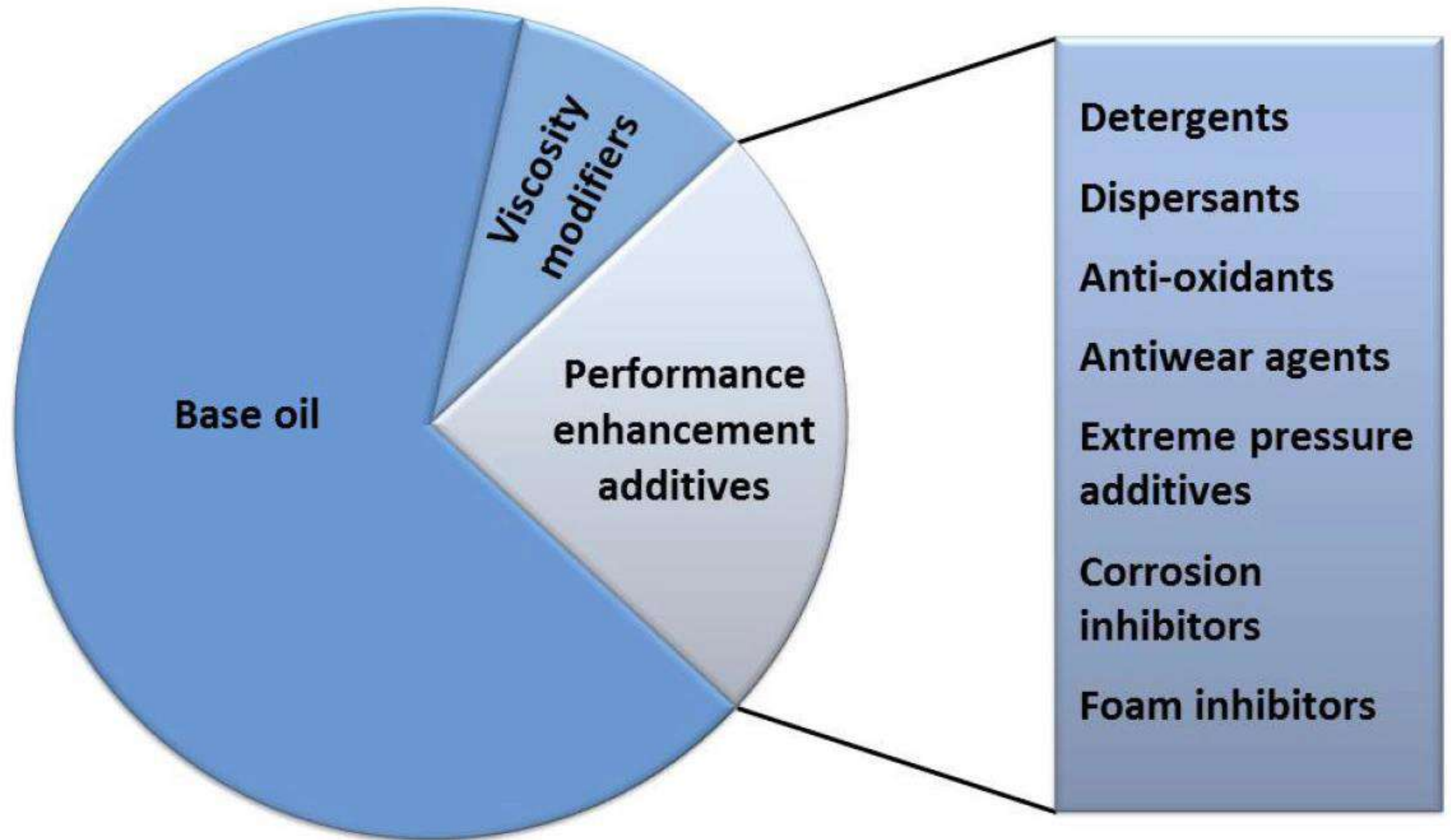
# APPLICATIONS

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# ENGINE OILS

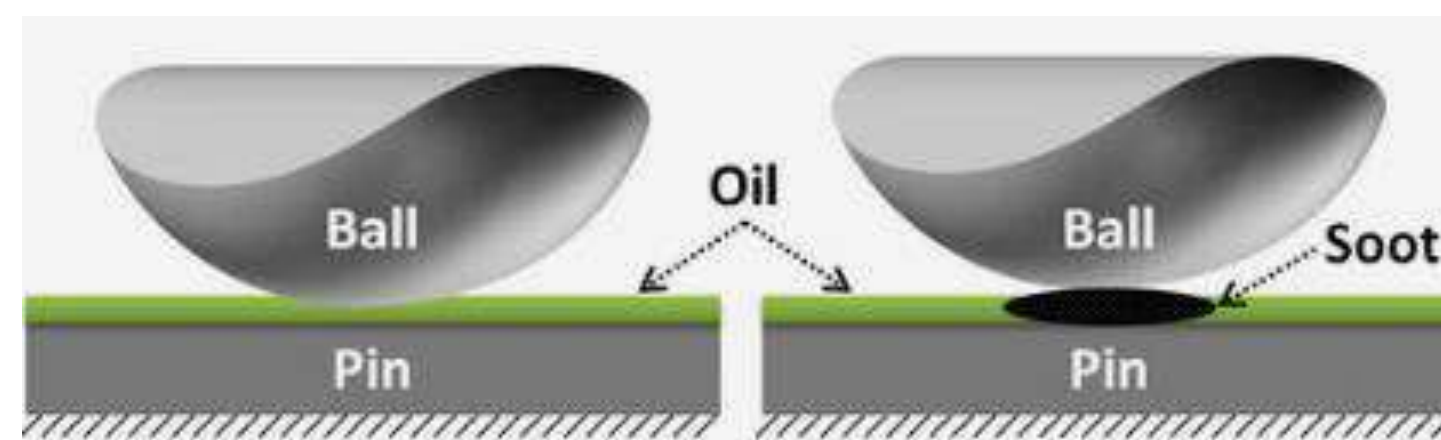
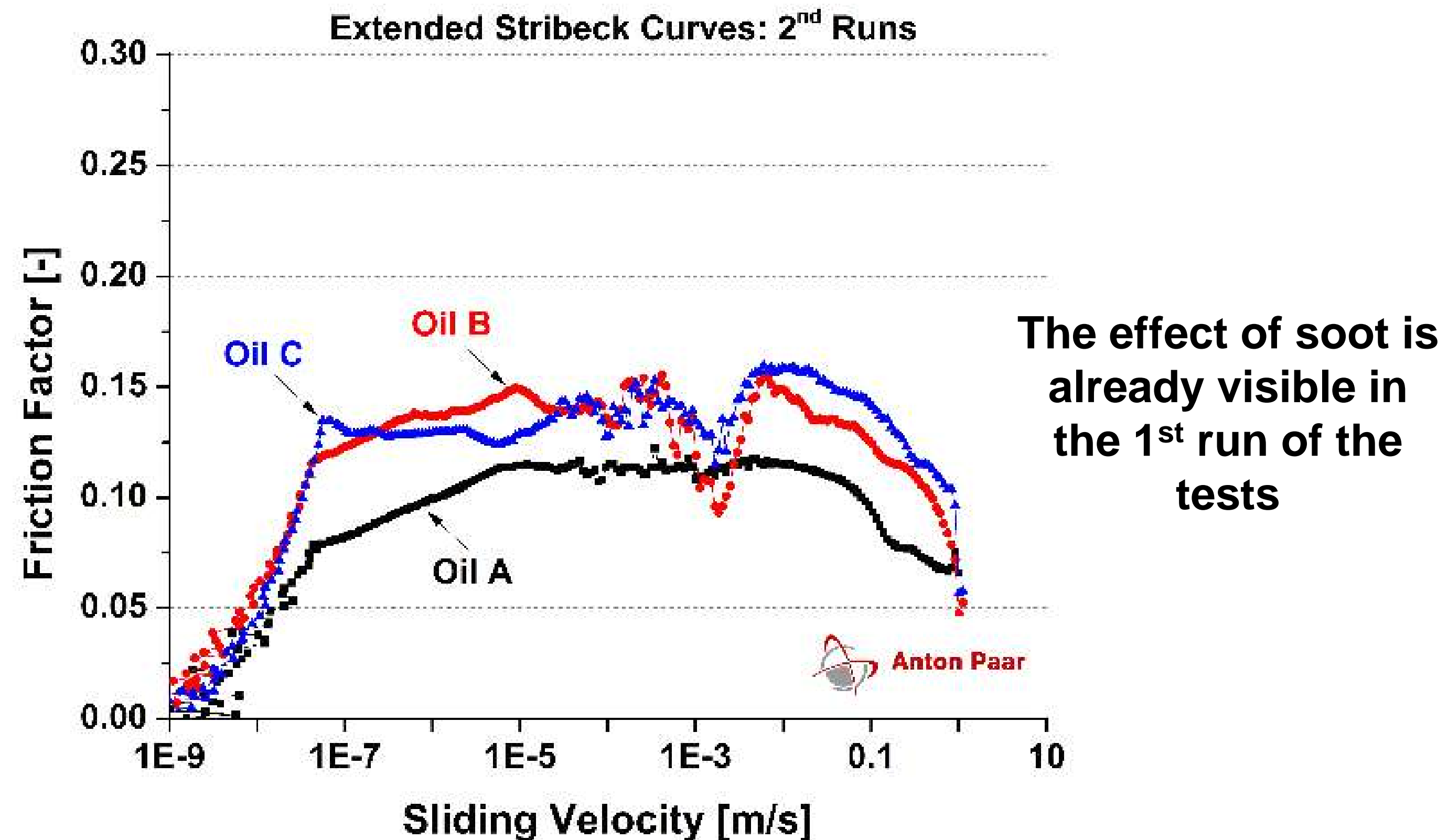
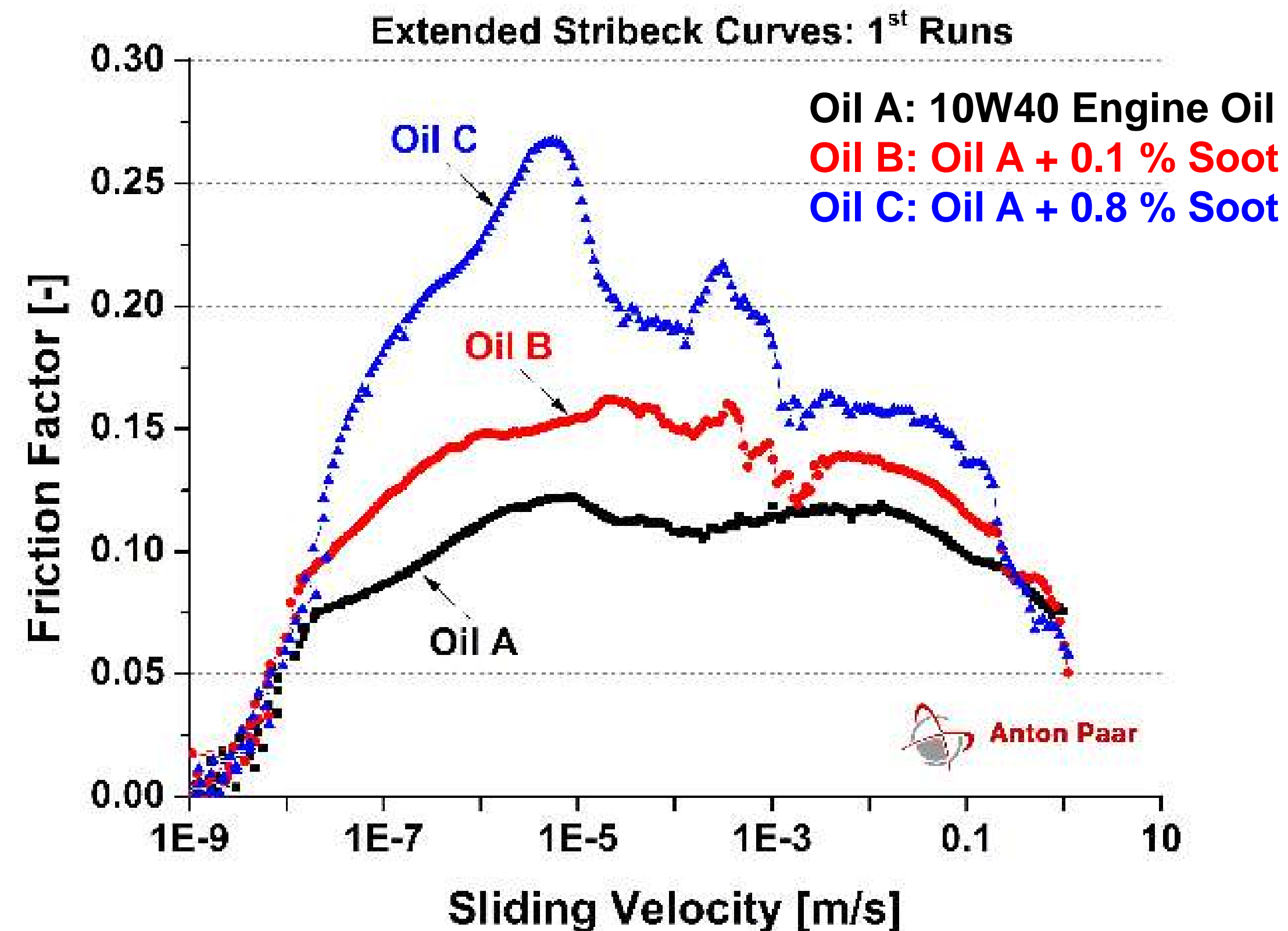




An Engine Oil comprises of multiple components which might have a synergistic or antagonistic effect among themselves.



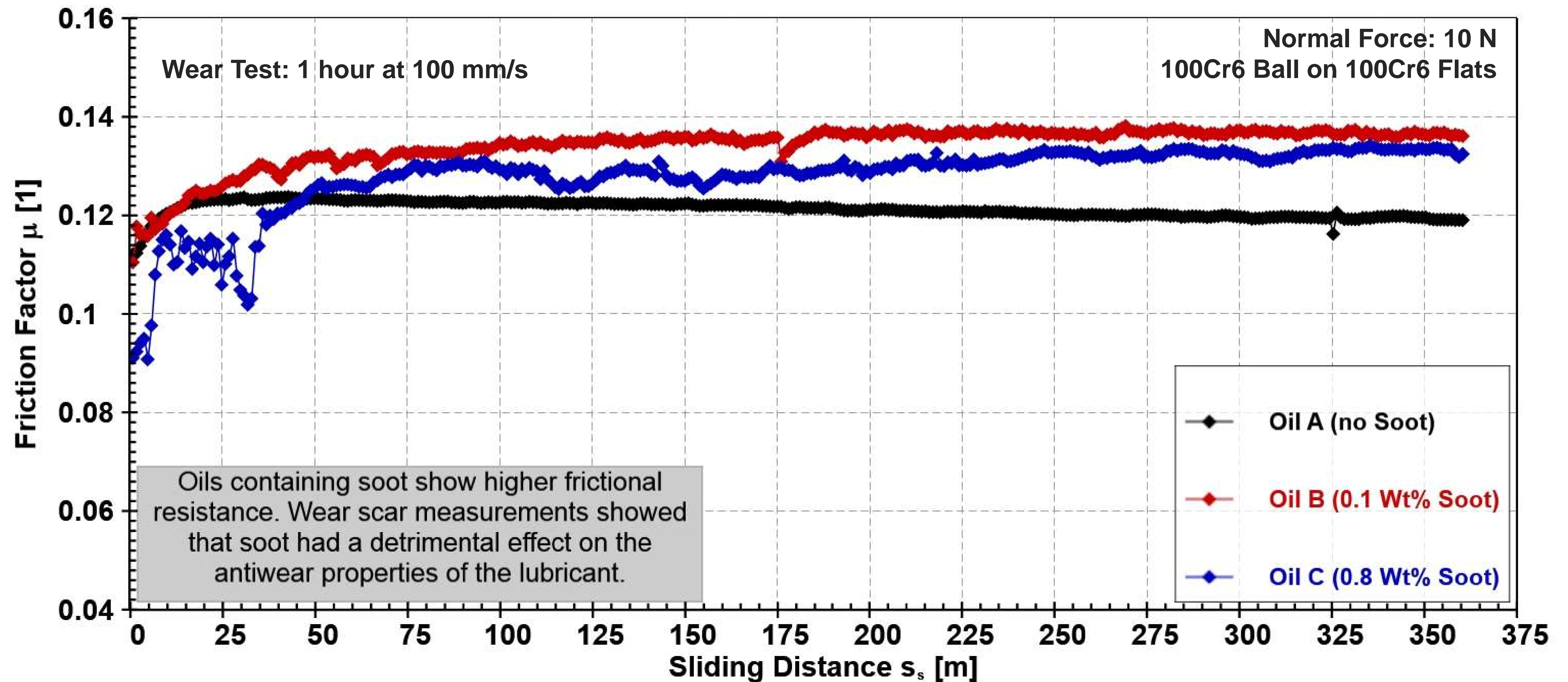
# CONTAMINATION OF ENGINE OIL (SOOT)



Soot particles at the contact interface are harder to shear, as compared to oil, which would explain the higher frictional resistance for oils with soot.

# CONTAMINATION OF ENGINE OIL (SOOT) – WEAR TEST

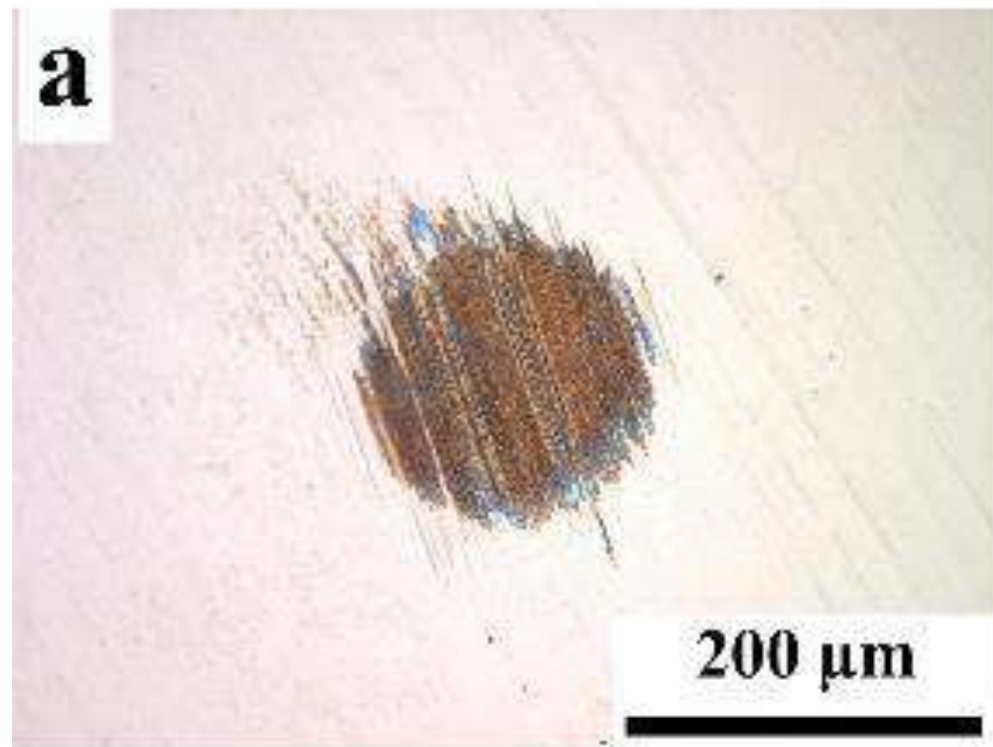
## Soot: Wear Test



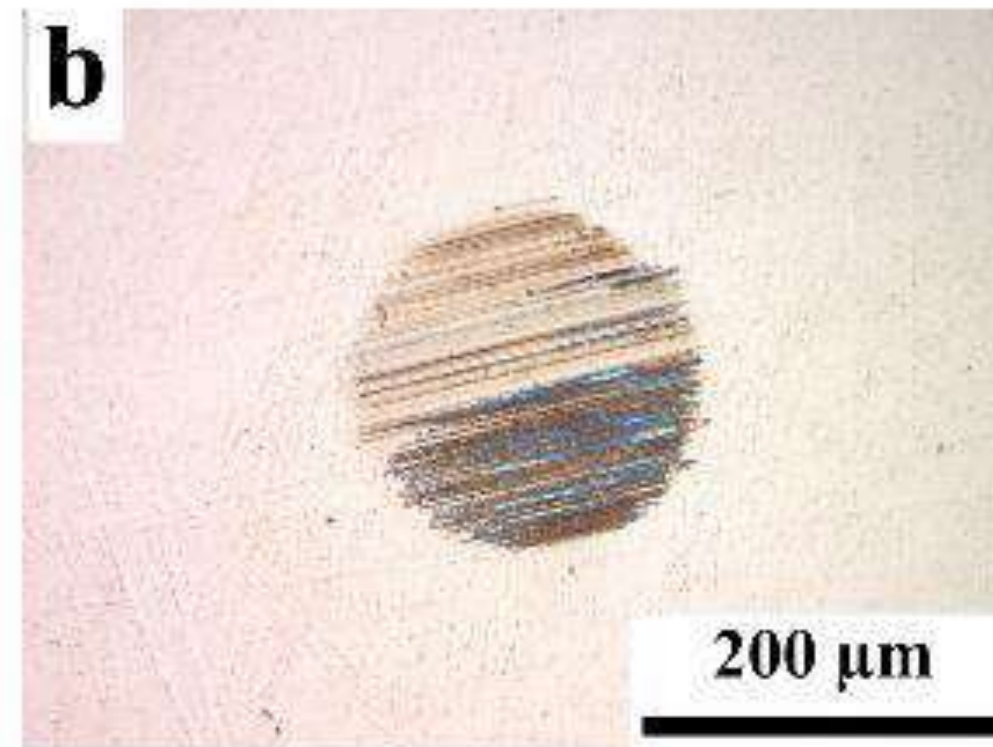


# LIGHT AND SEM MICROGRAPHS

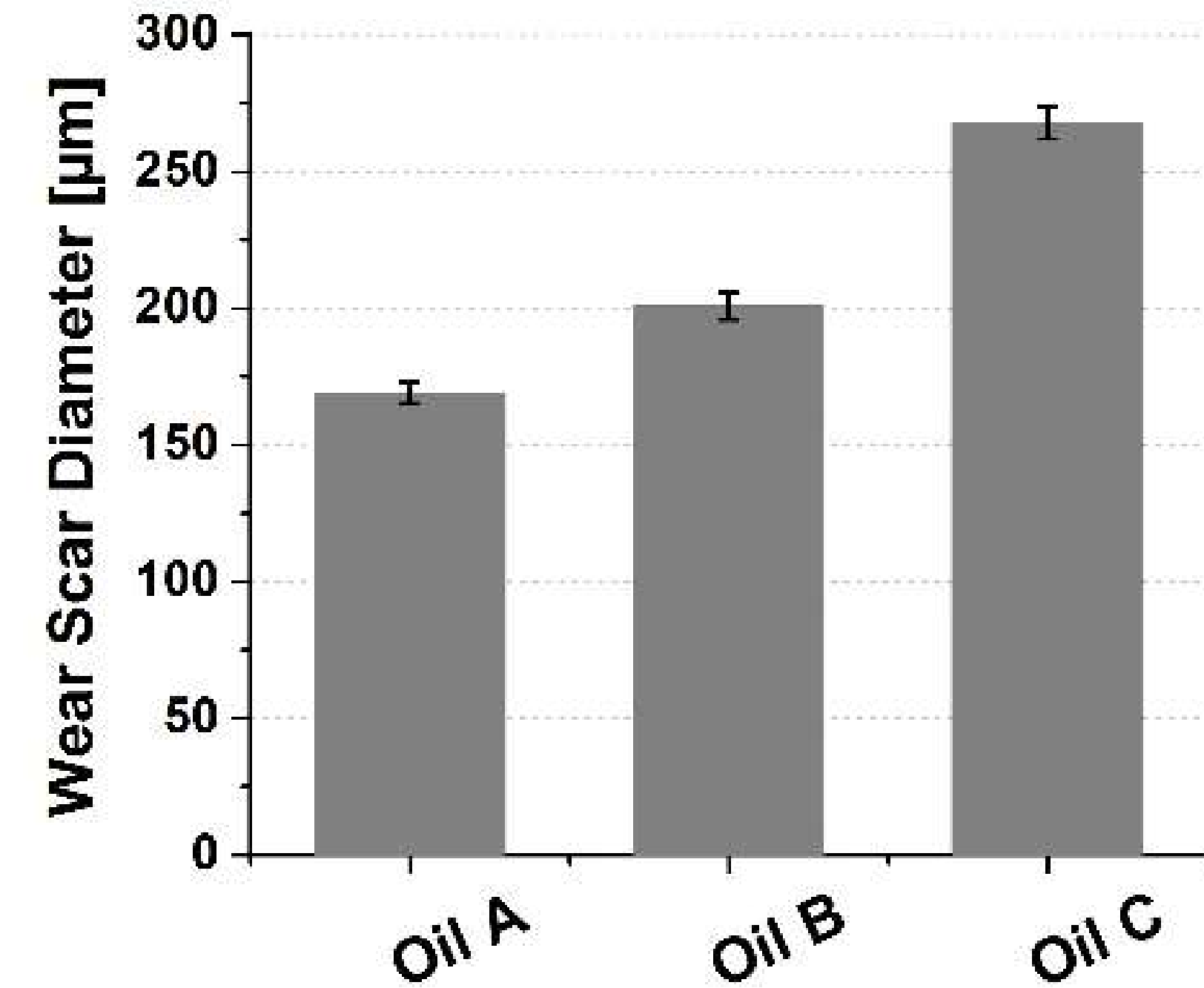
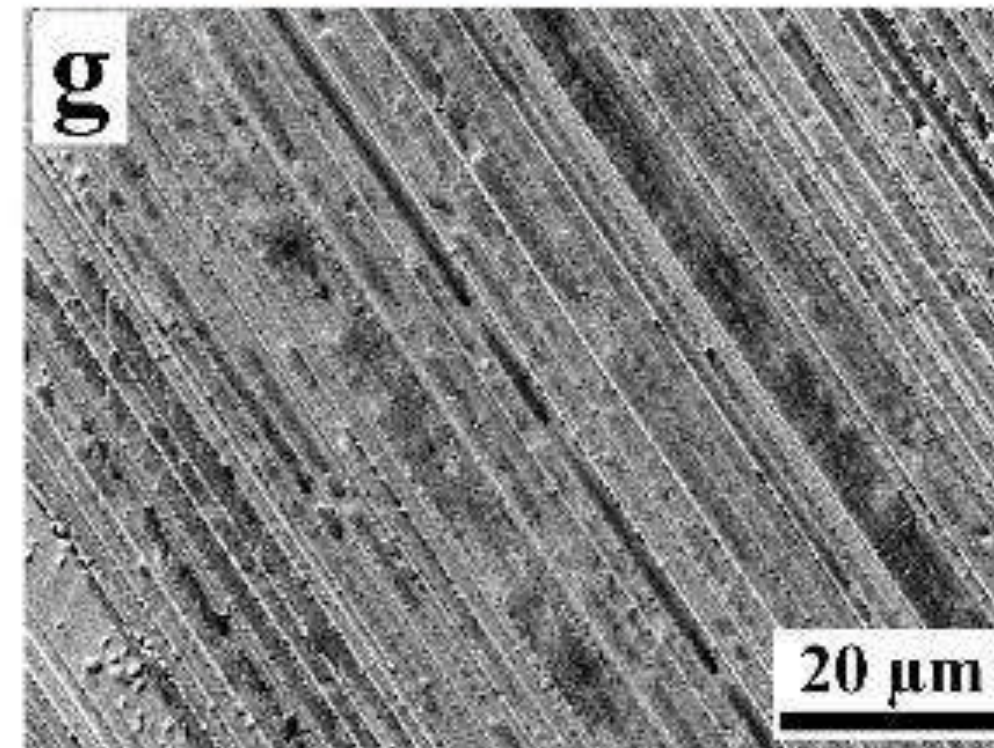
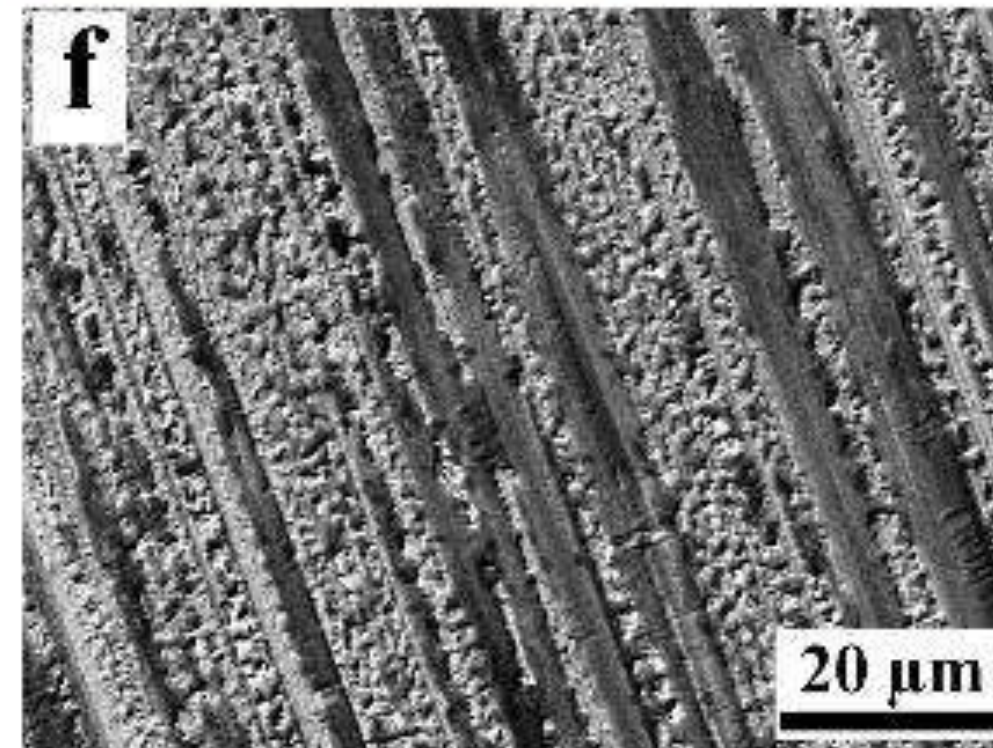
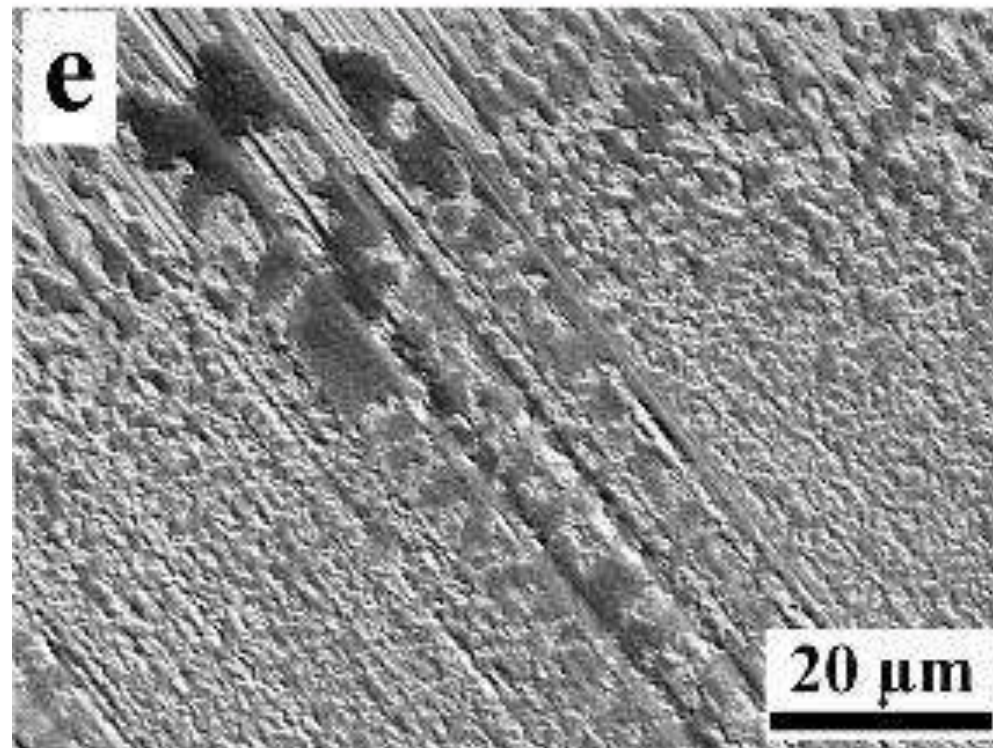
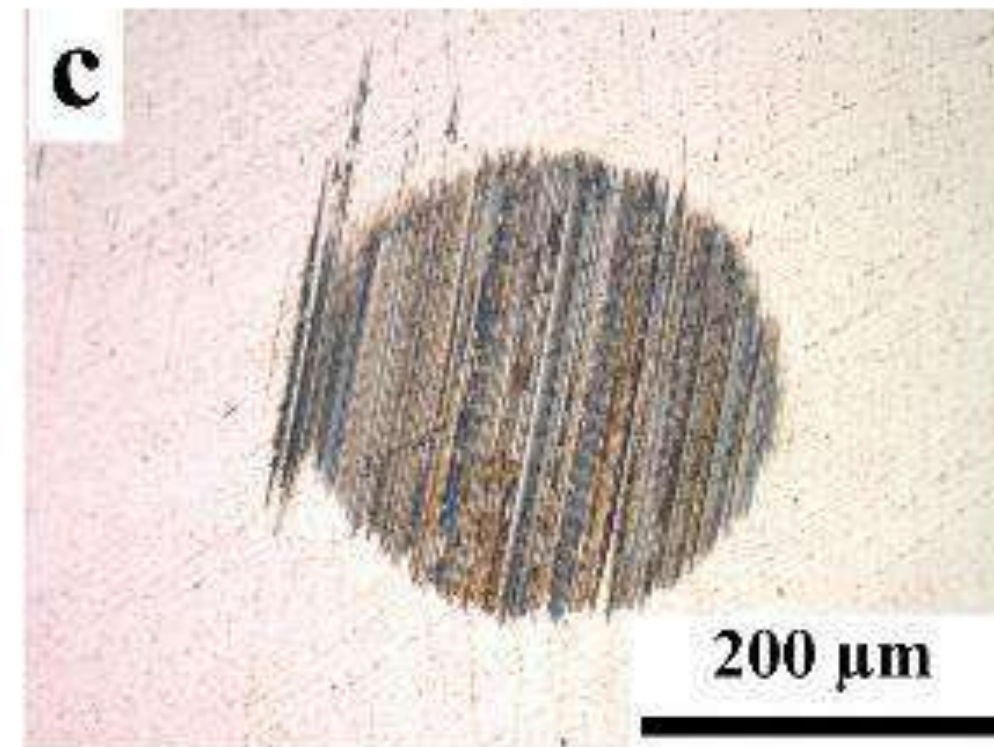
**Oil A (no Soot)**



**Oil B (0.1% Soot)**



**Oil C (0.8% Soot)**



Tribofilms help increase wear resistance of the surfaces



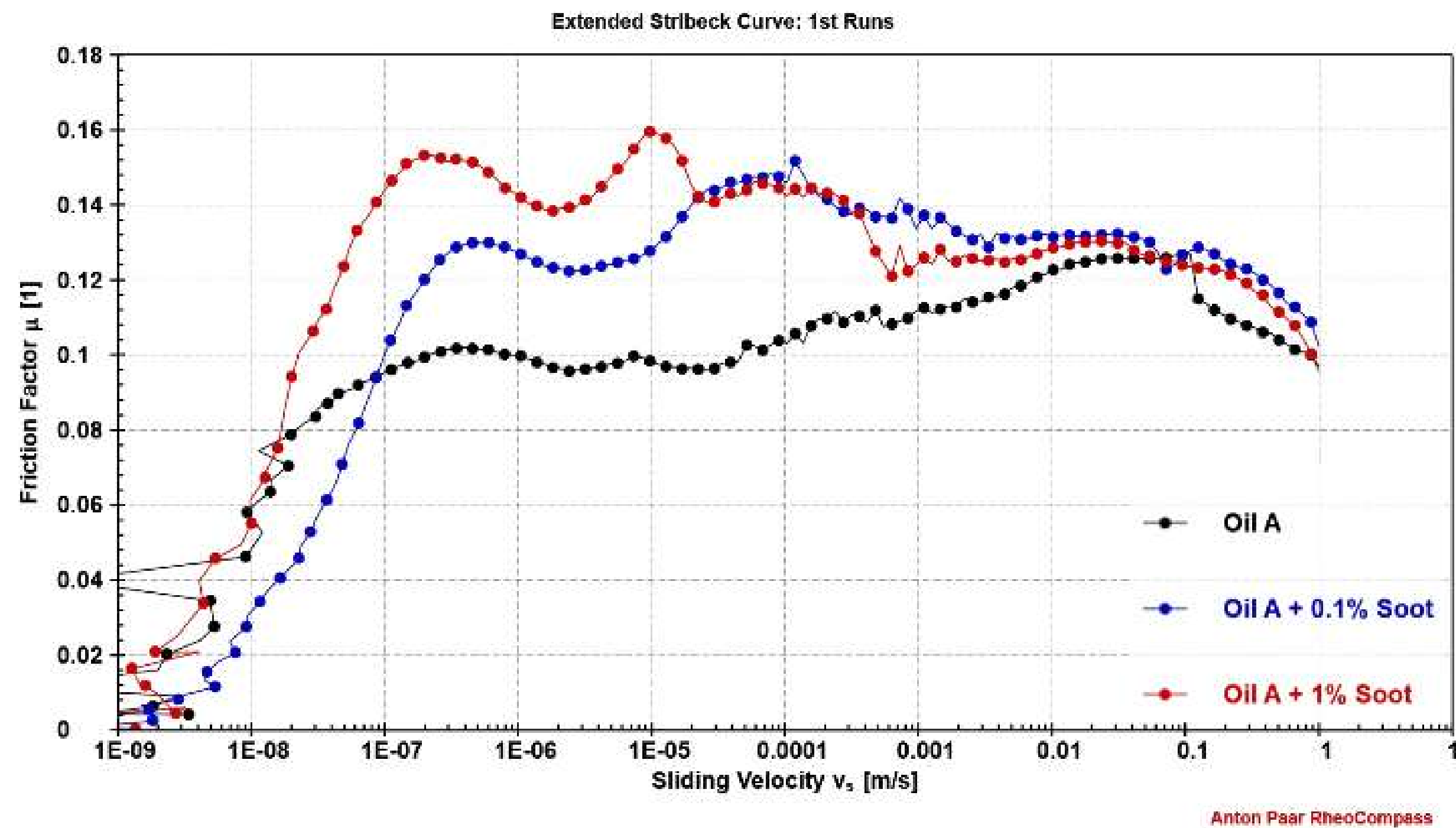
Engine Oil - Soot

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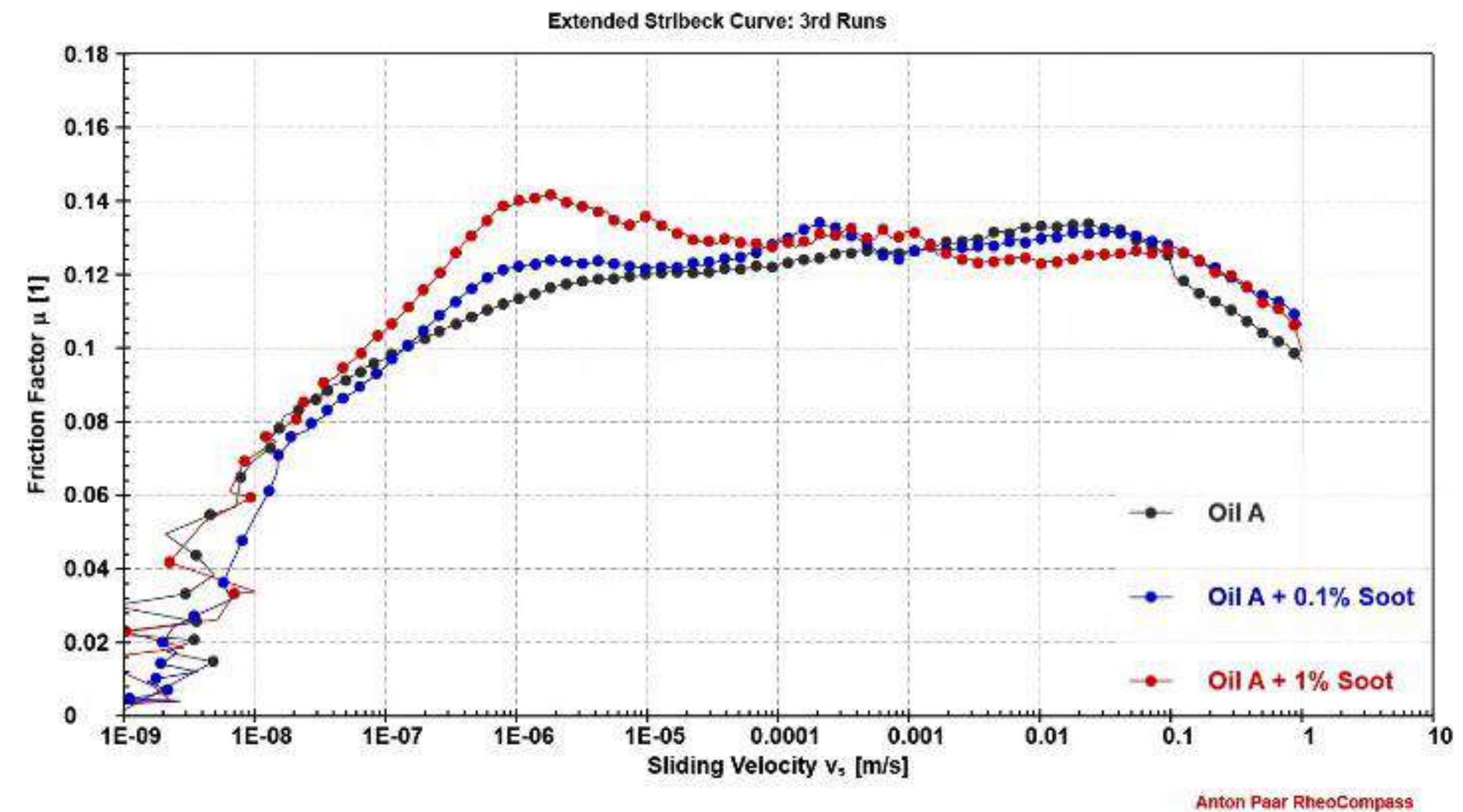
# PART II

# EFFECT OF SOOT (PART II)

## 1<sup>st</sup> Runs



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Runs

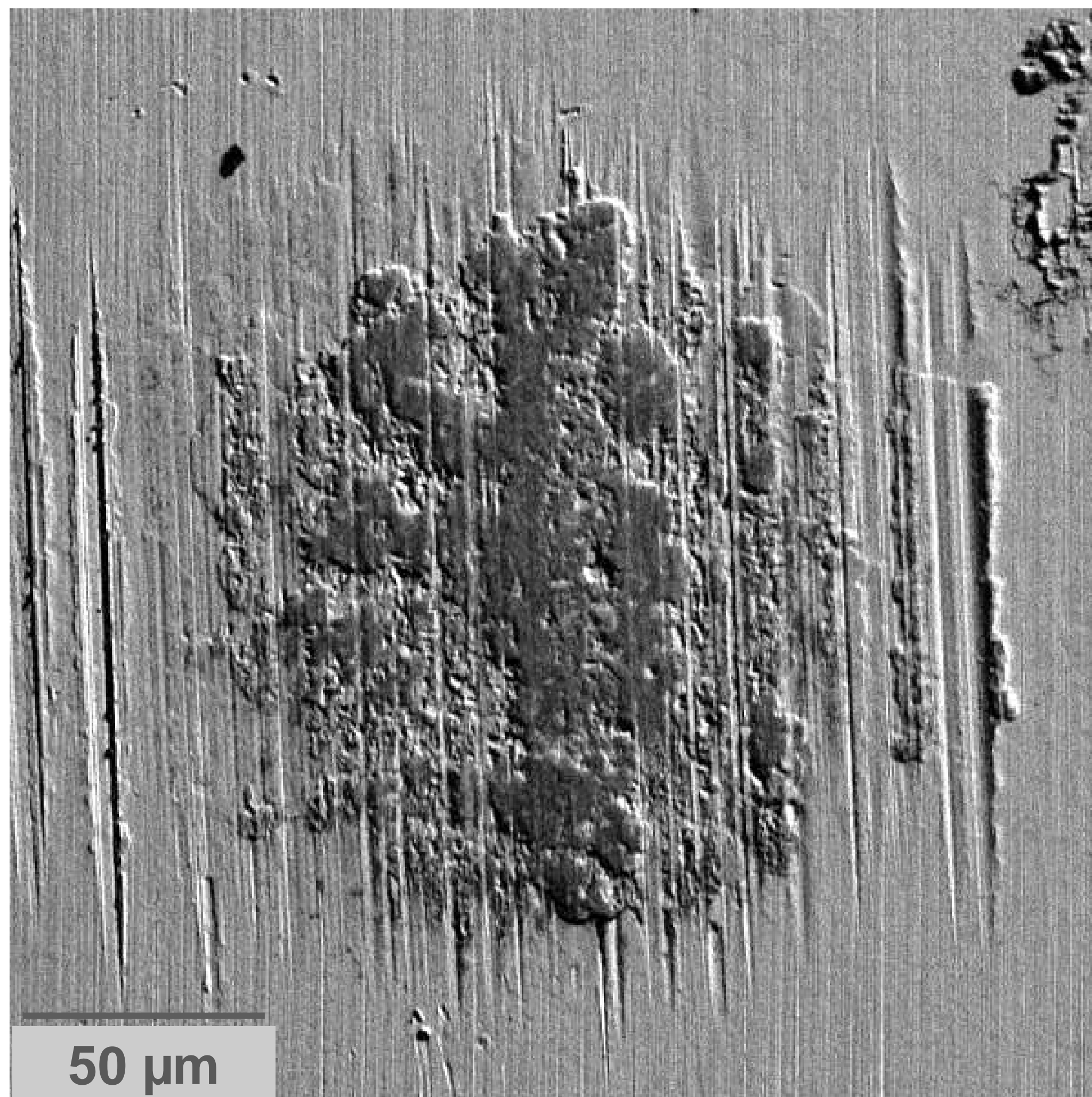


Boundary and Mixed regimes are of primary concern

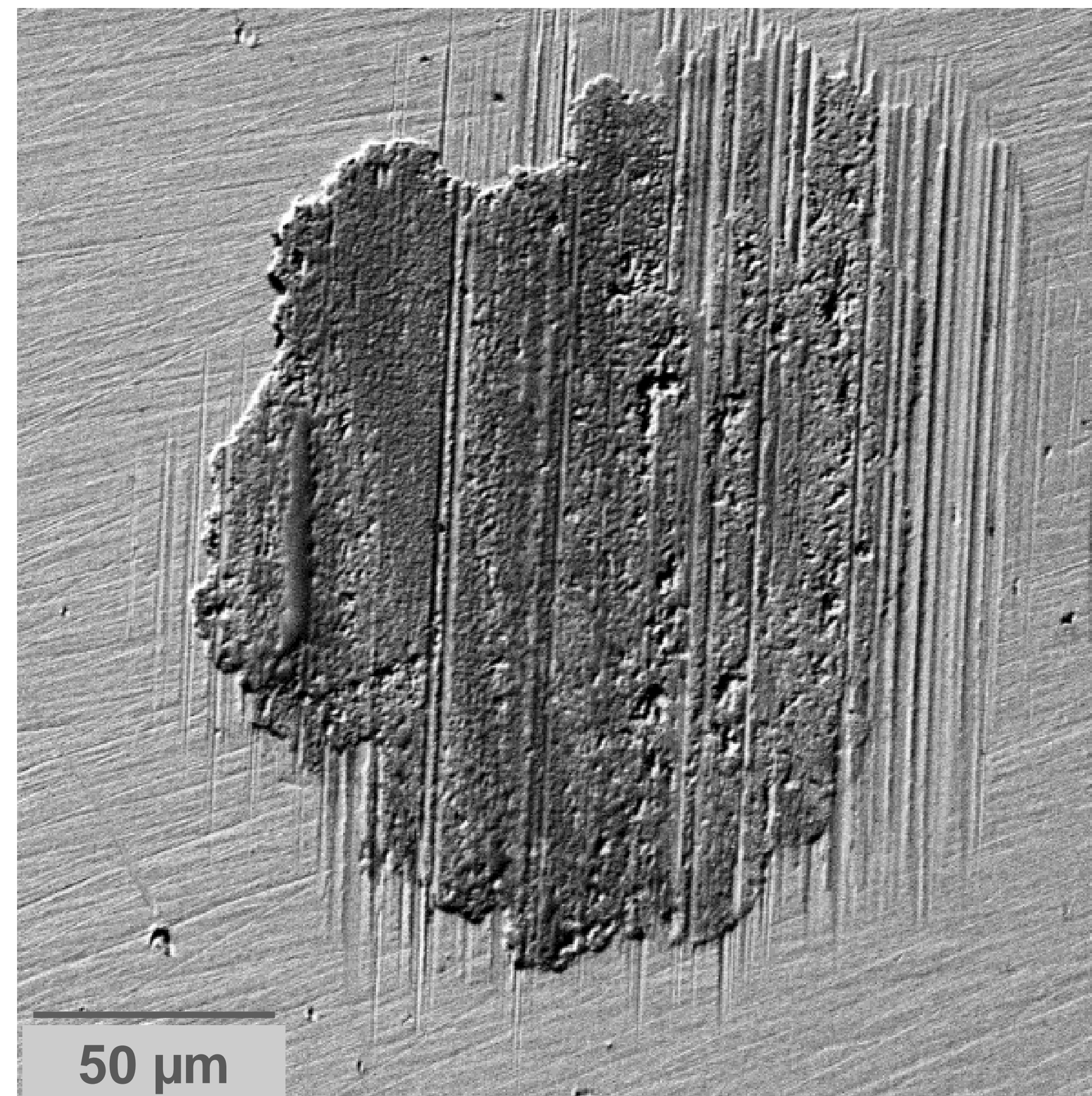
So... again... why the 3<sup>rd</sup> Runs???

## EFFECT OF RUNNING-IN

After 1x Stribeck Run



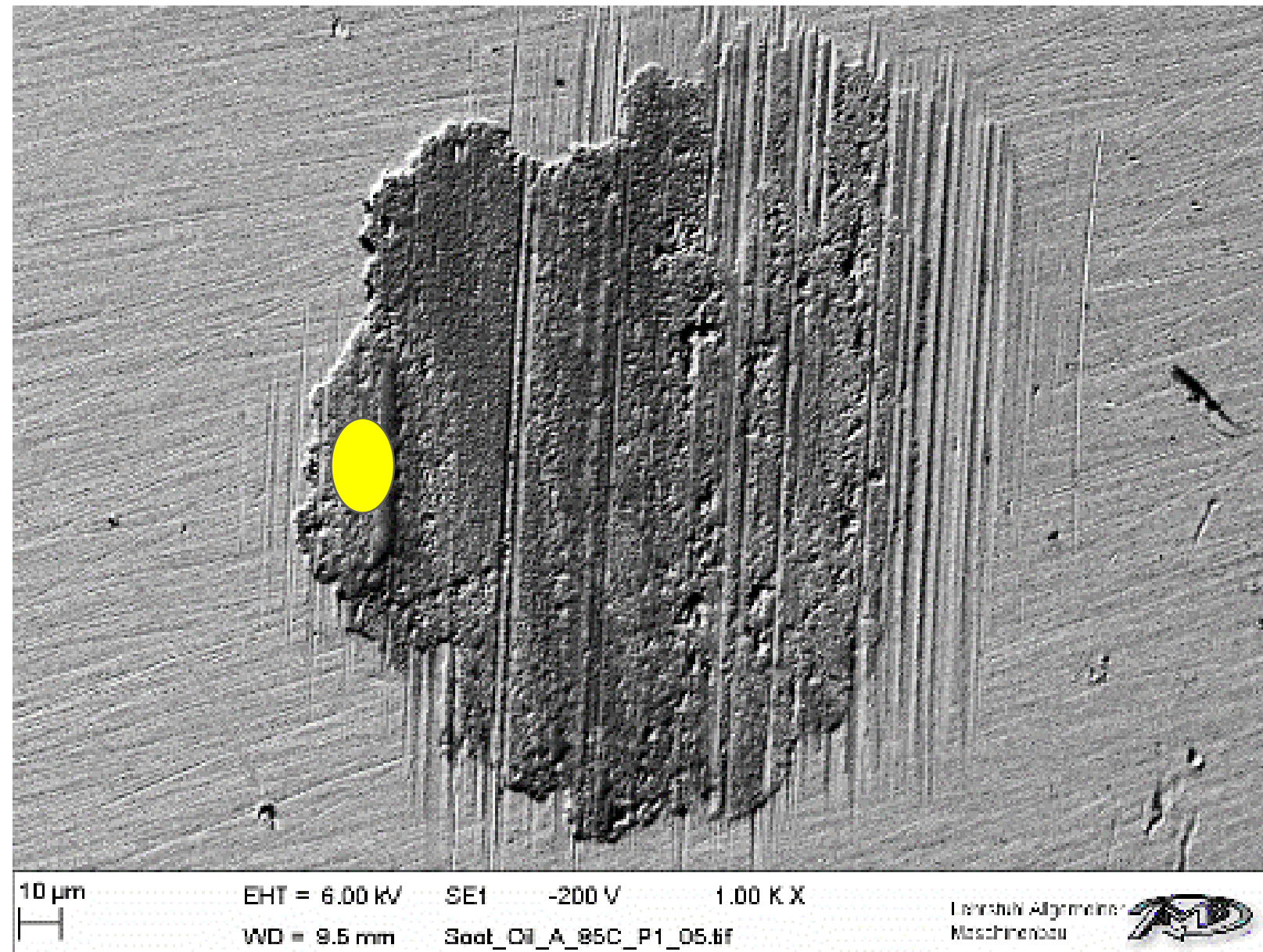
Test End (3x Stribeck + Wear Test)



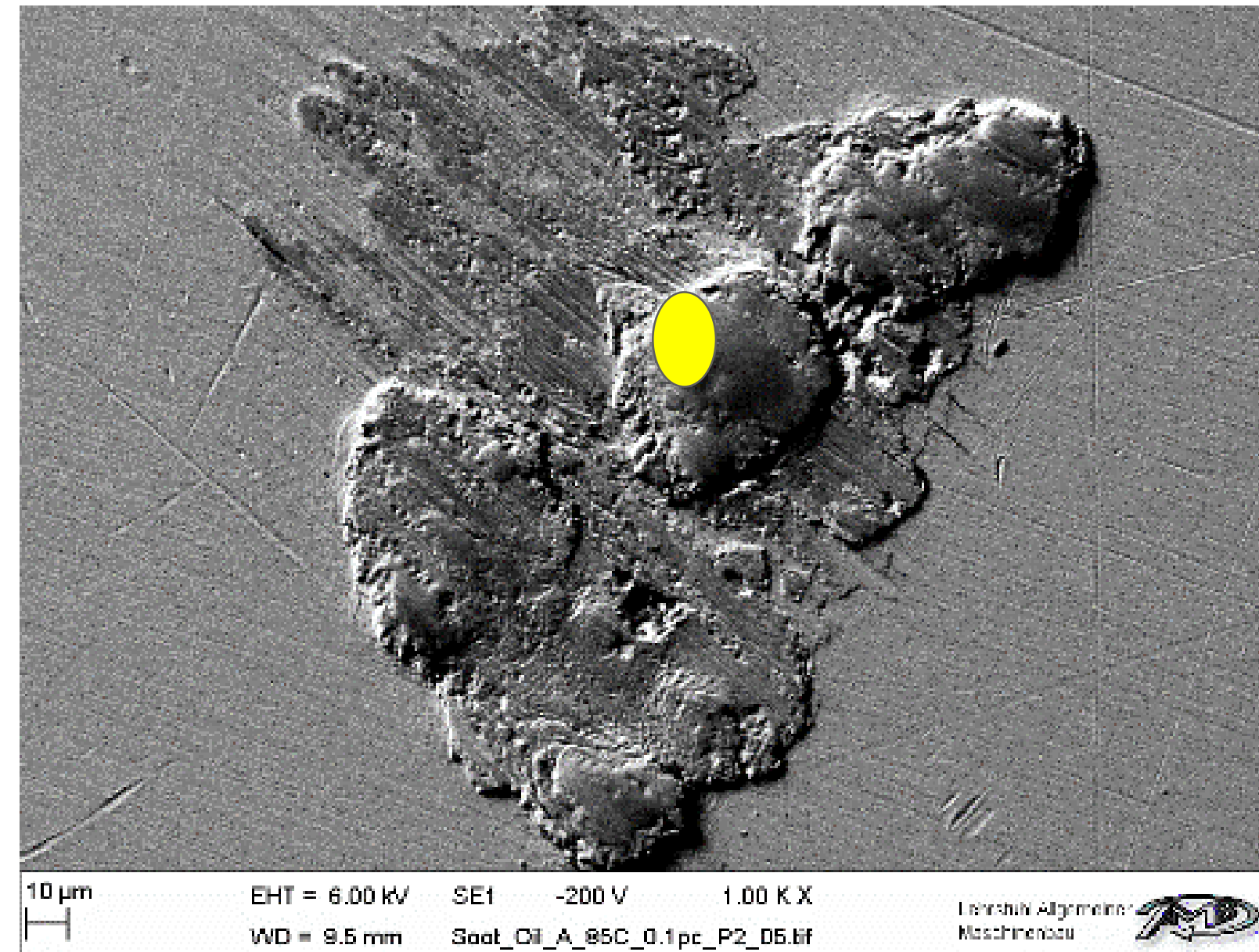


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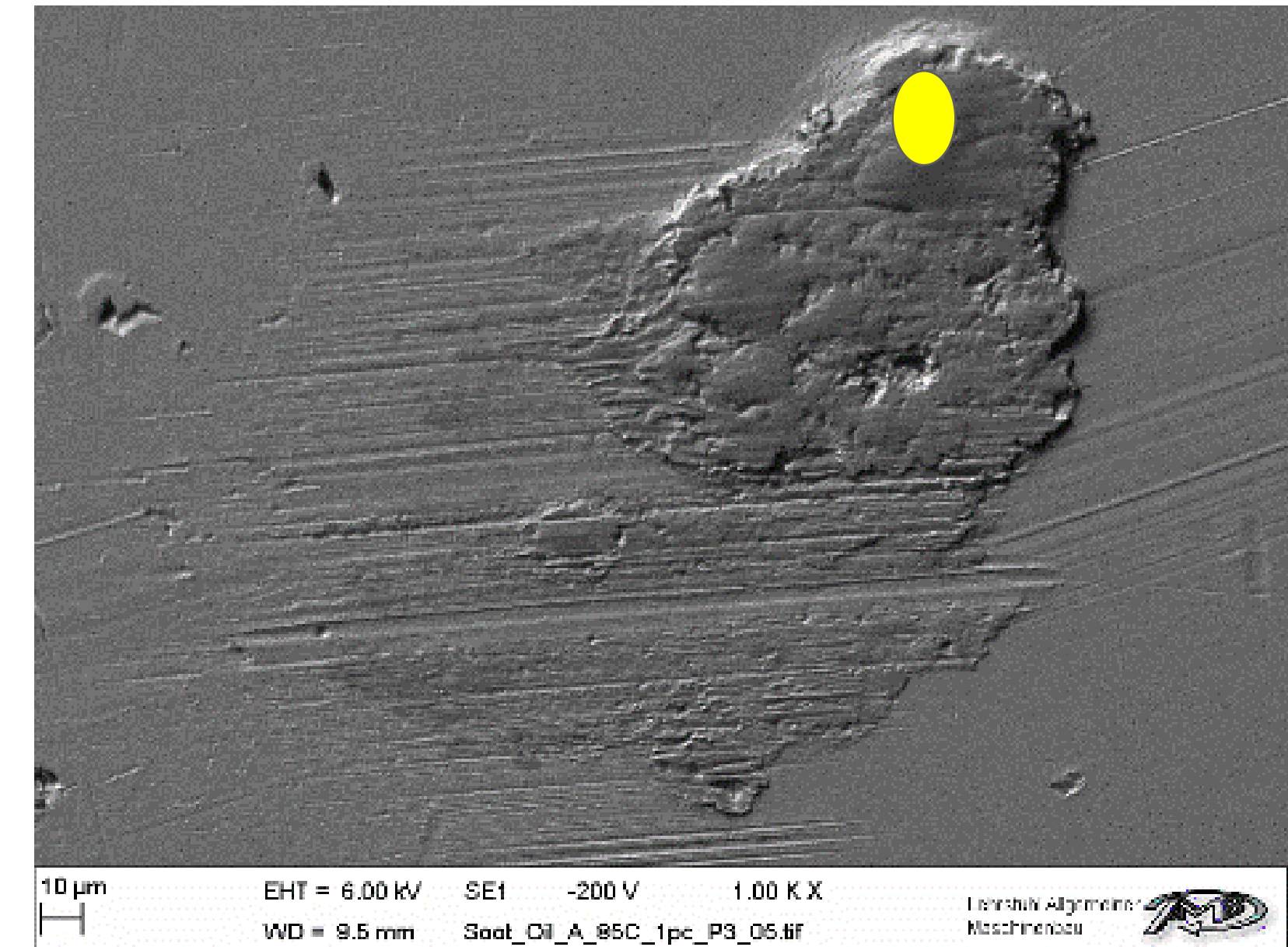
Oil A



Oil A + 0.1% Soot



Oil A + 1% Soot

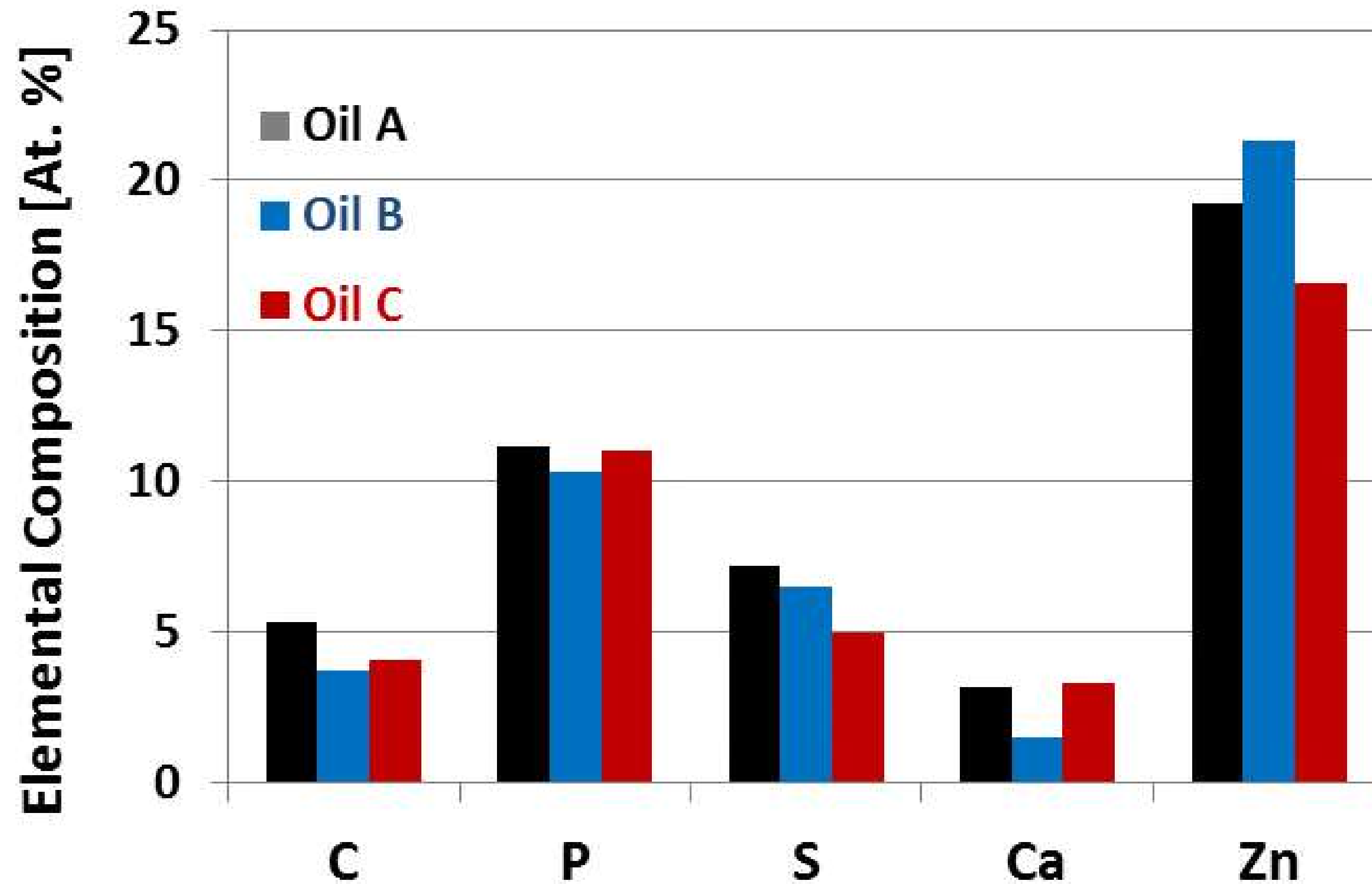


- Soot competes with the additives in the oil – surface activity
- Presence of soot hinders proper adhesion of the tribofilms at the surface  
→ Lower wear protection



# EDX ANALYSIS

## Surface Analysis (EDX)



Composition of tribofilms did not change with the presence of soot

Applications

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# CLUTCH



## MODEL-SCALE – OPTION I



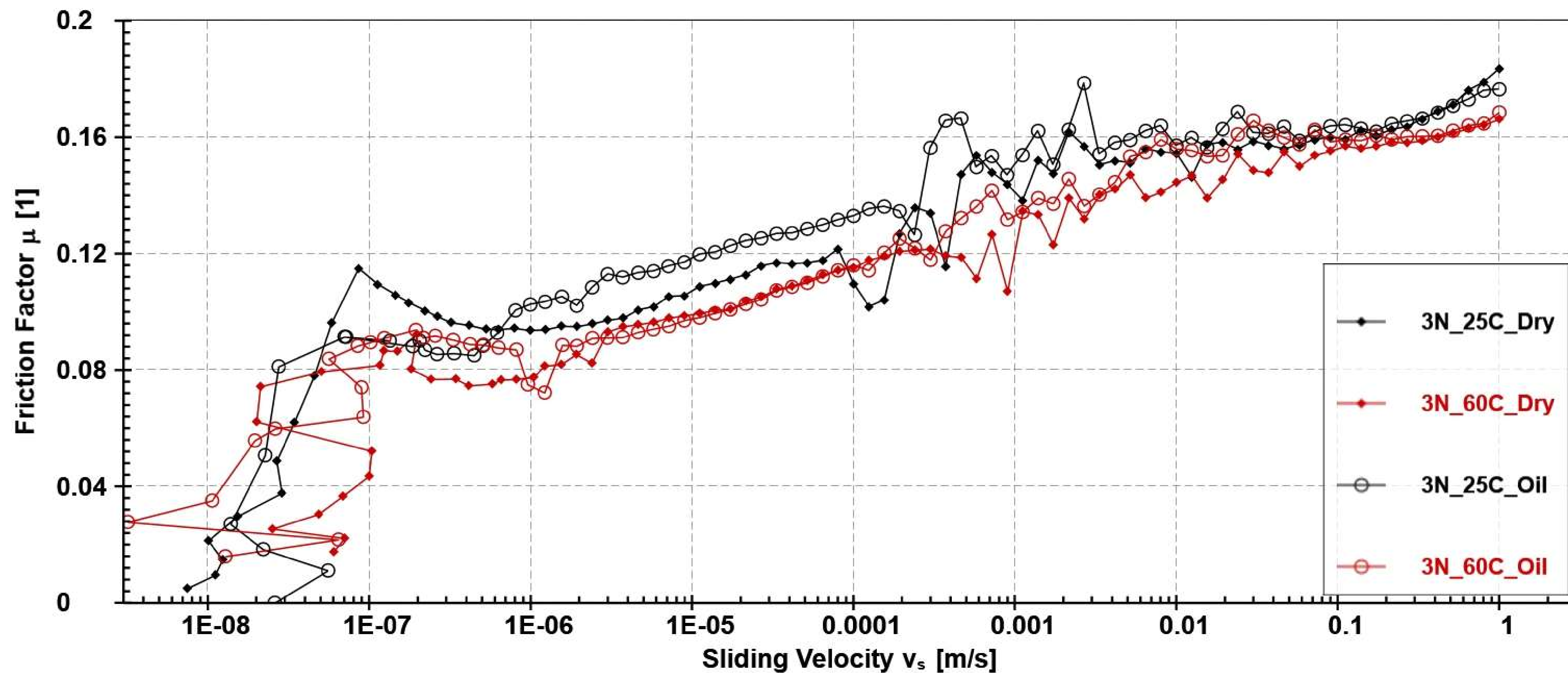
**Pins on Disc**





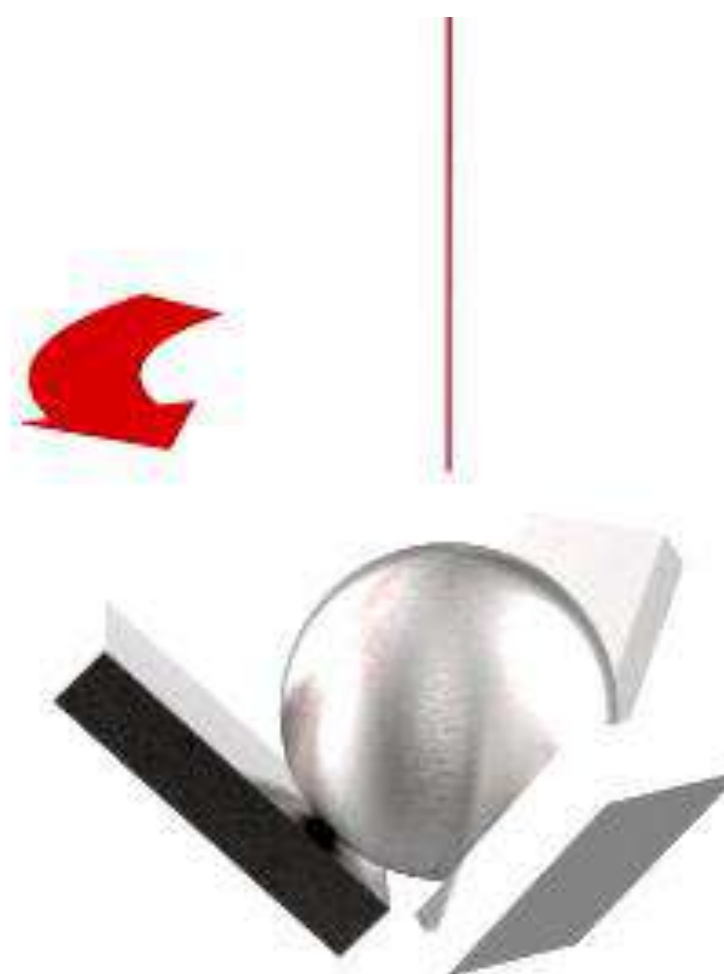
# CLUTCHES – TEST DATA

Tests at 3N of Normal Force



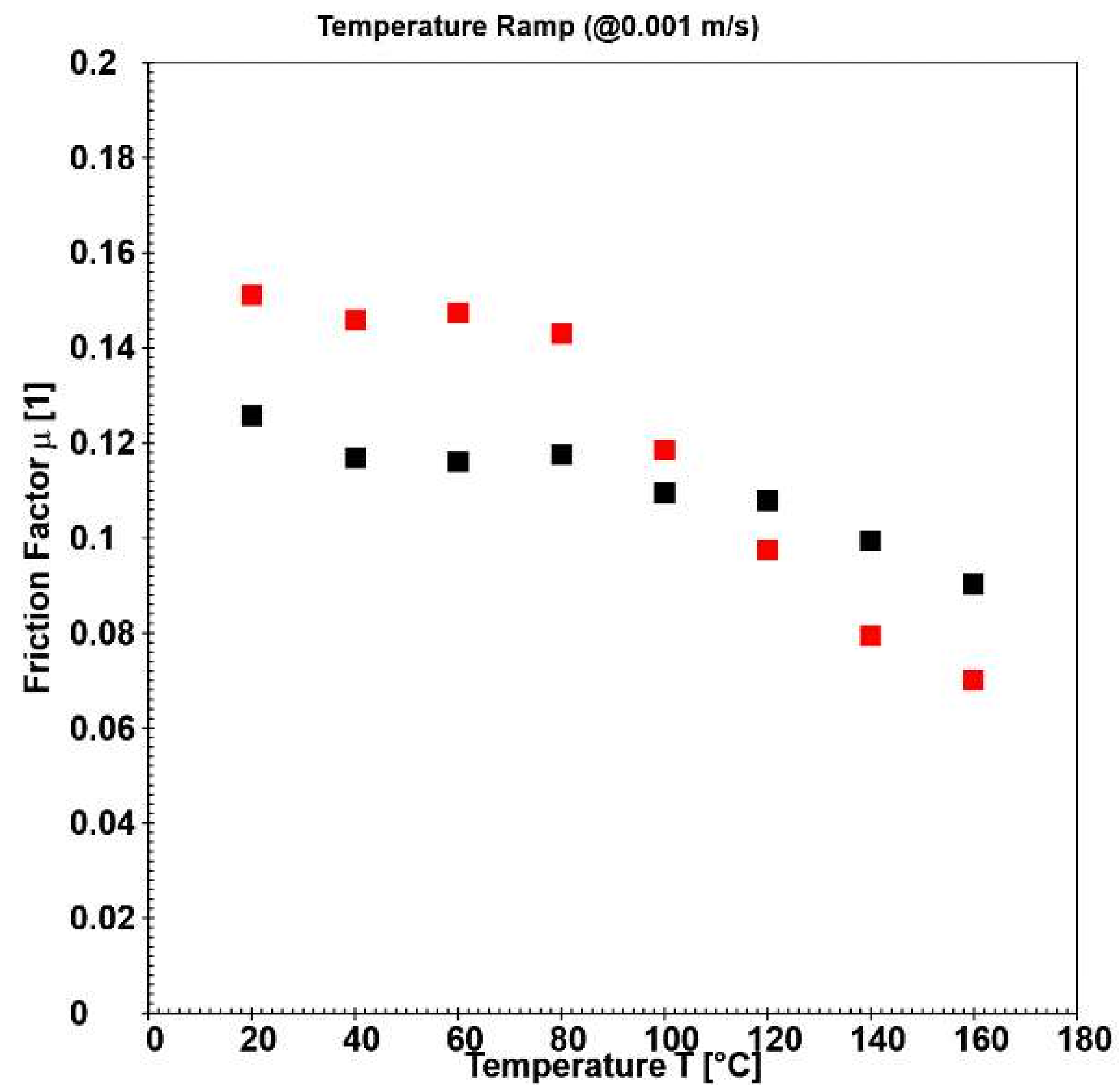


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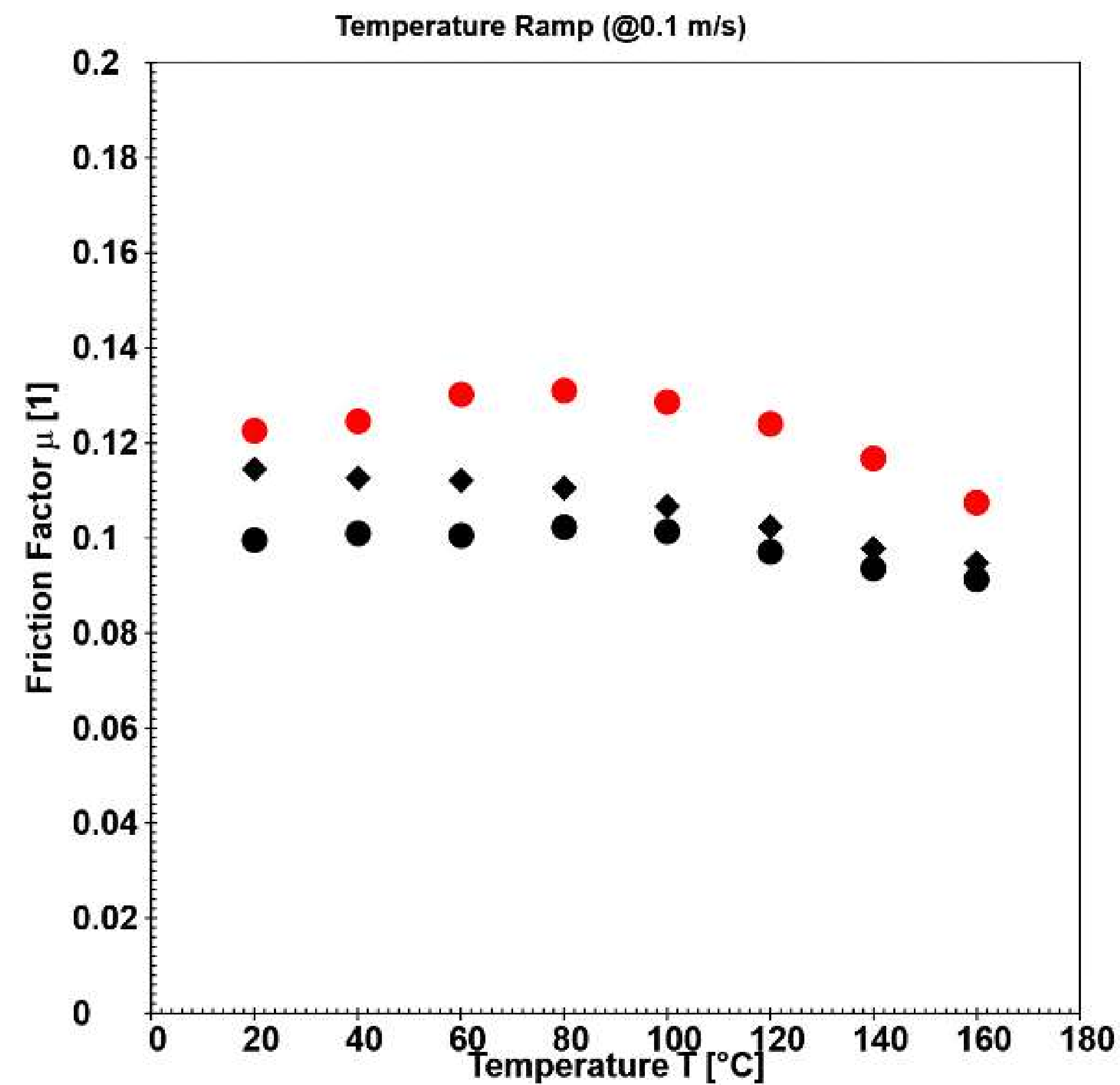


**Ball on Three Plates**

# TEMPERATURE TESTS



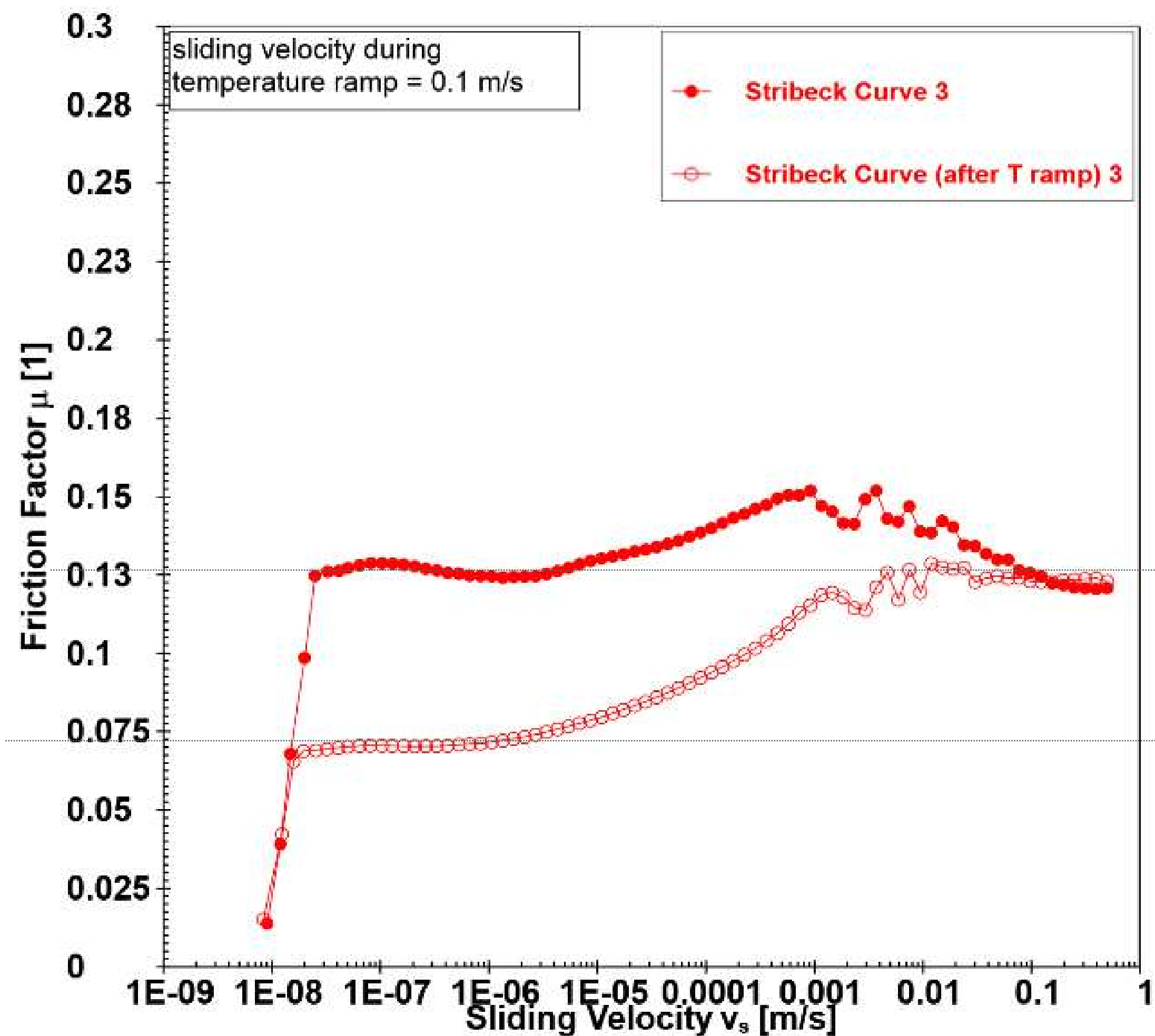
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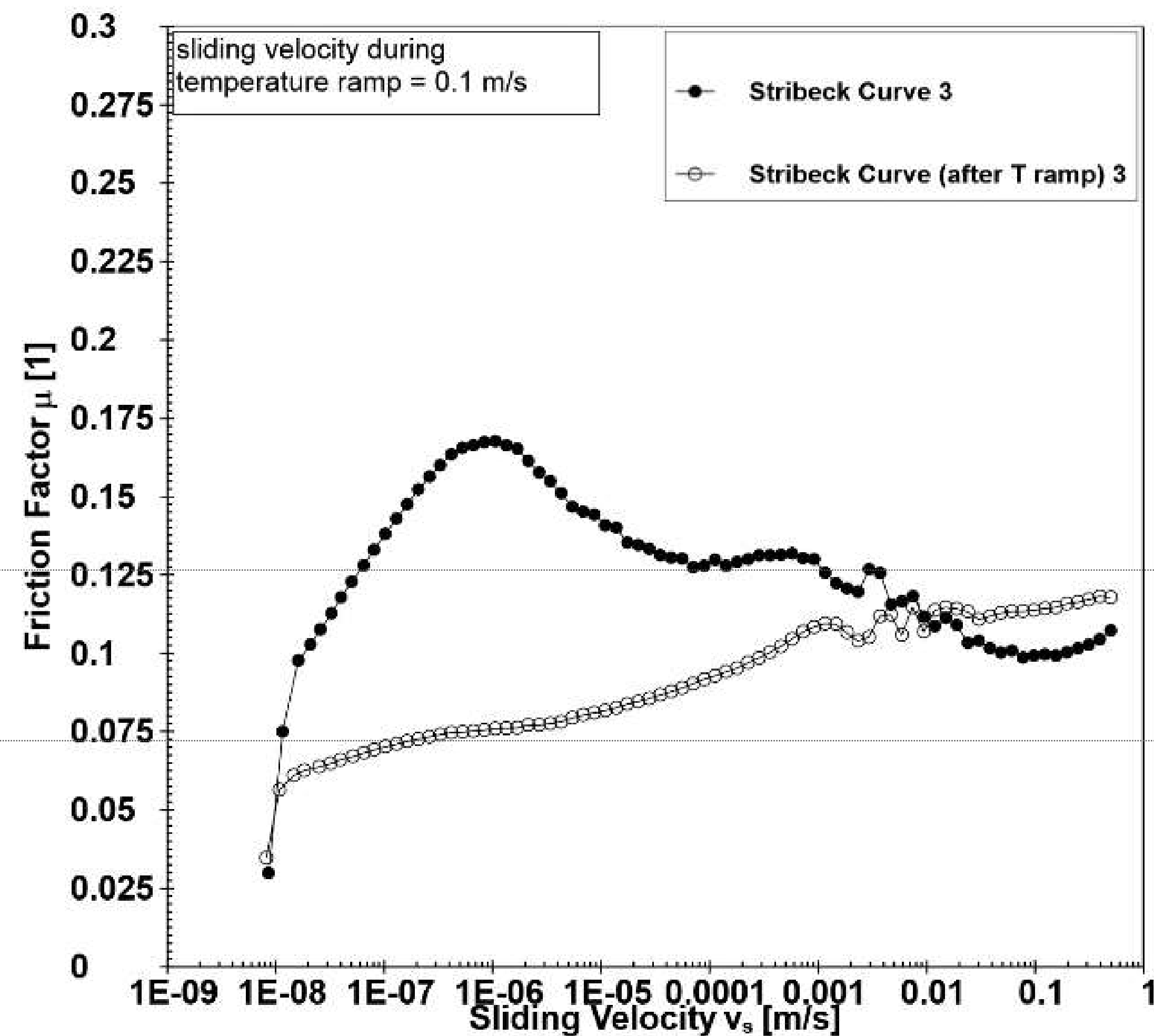
# CLUTCH – STRIBECK CURVES

**Clutch 1**



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**Clutch 2**



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# SLIDEWAY OIL

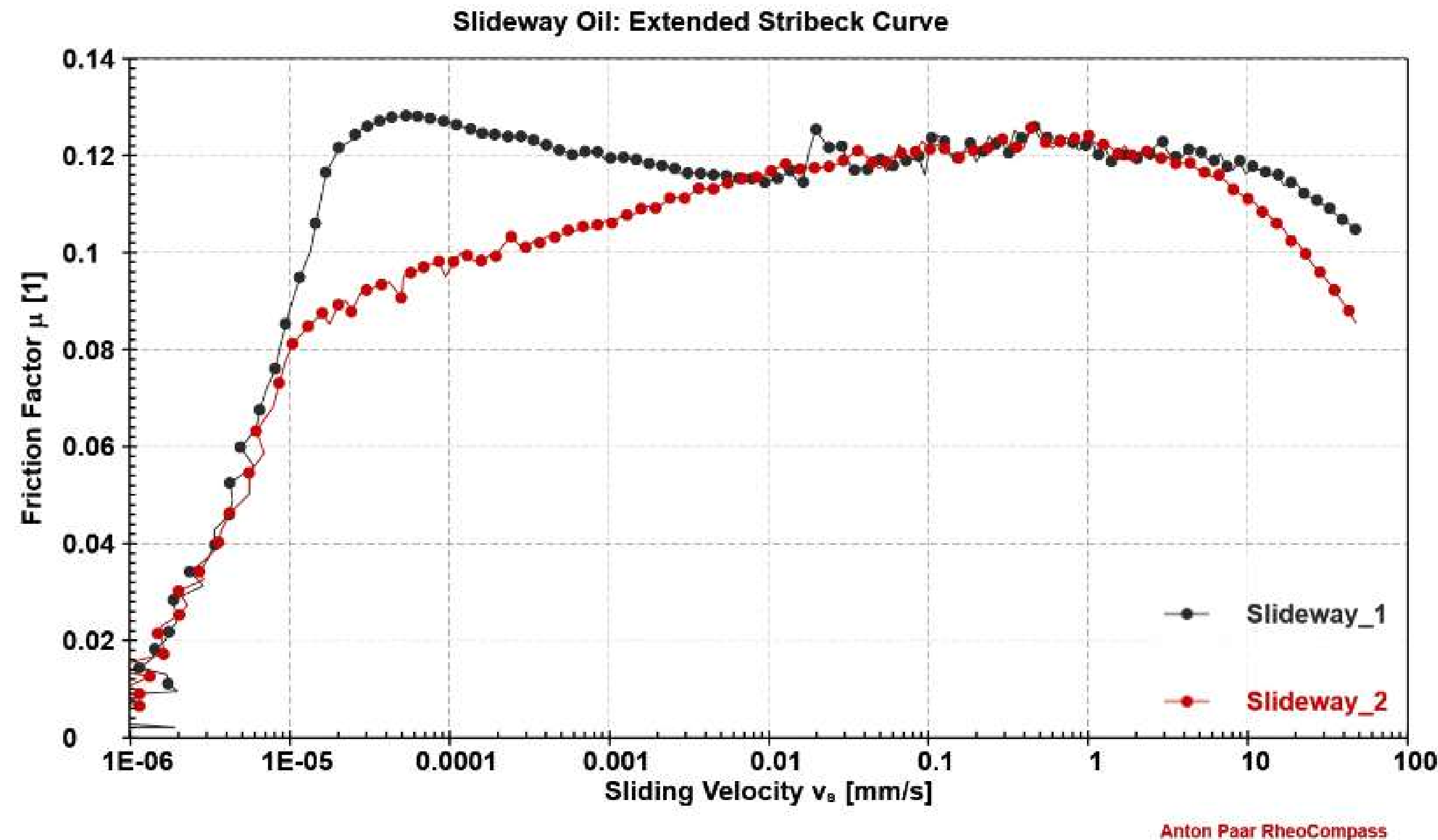






## SLIDEWAY OIL – TEST DATA

- Used for rails and guides in machines
- In addition to providing lubrication, corrosion protection, etc., they must **overcome stick-slip**



One way to avoid stick-slip

$$\mu_k > \mu_s$$

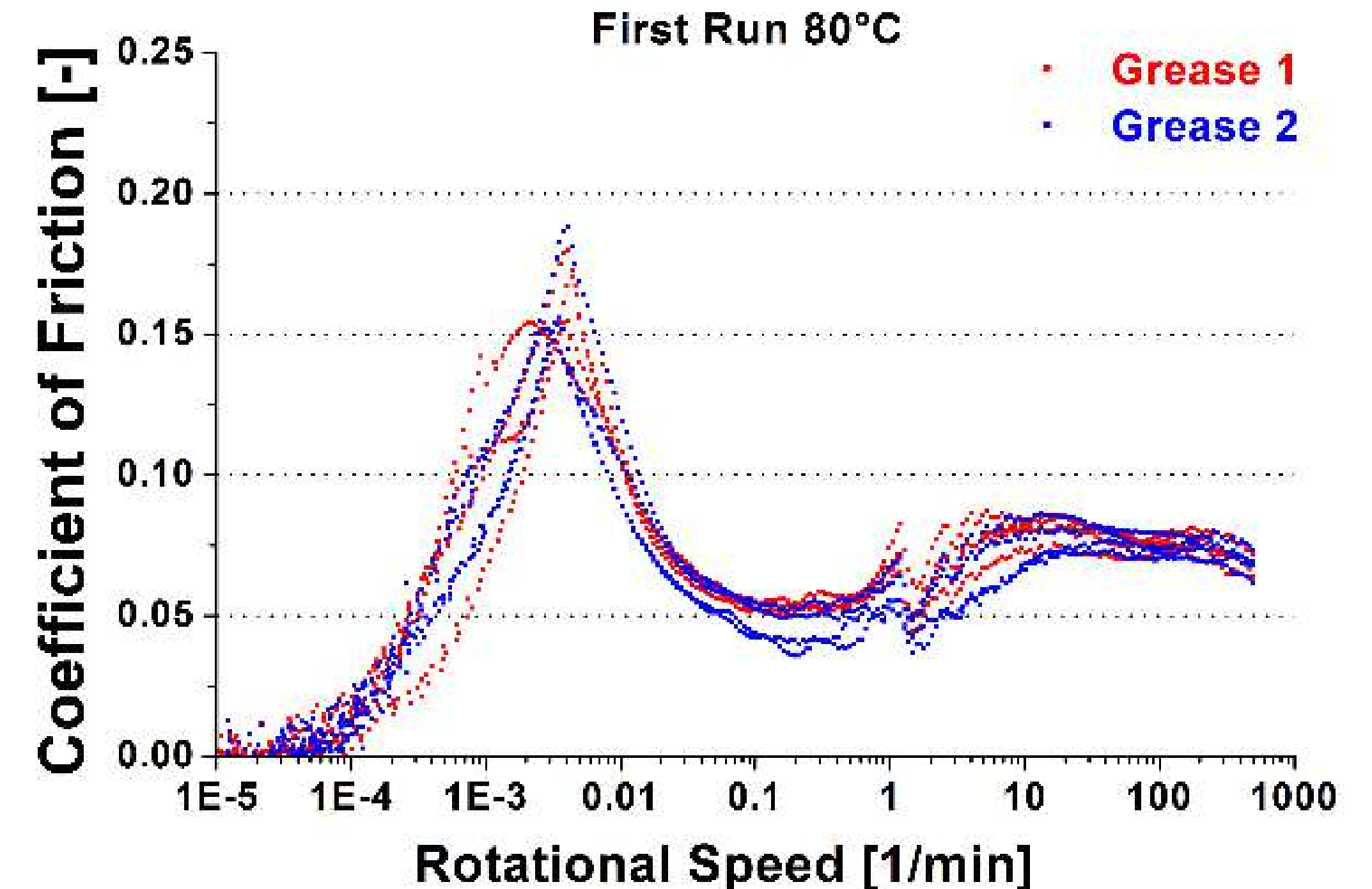
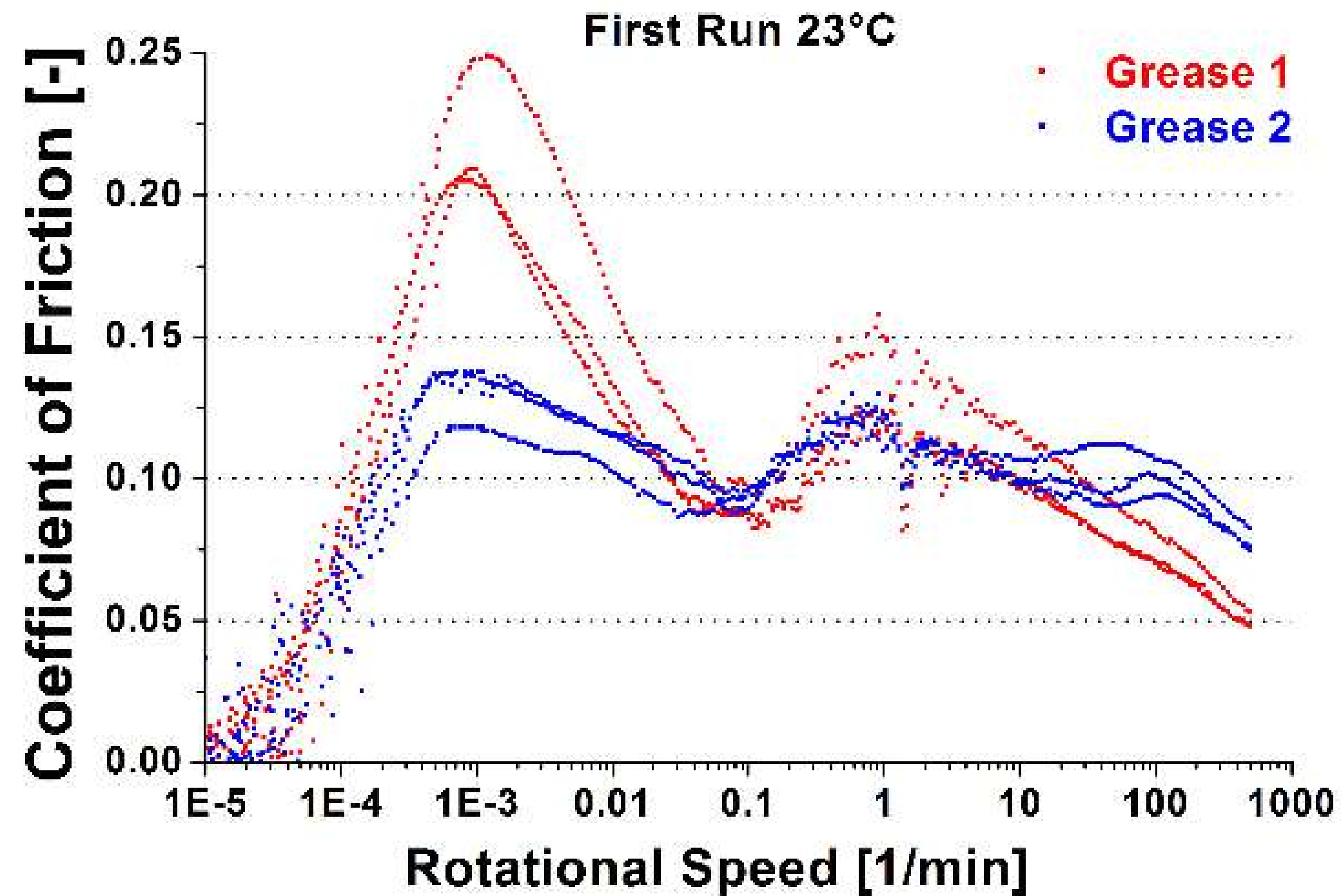
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# **GREASE (I)**

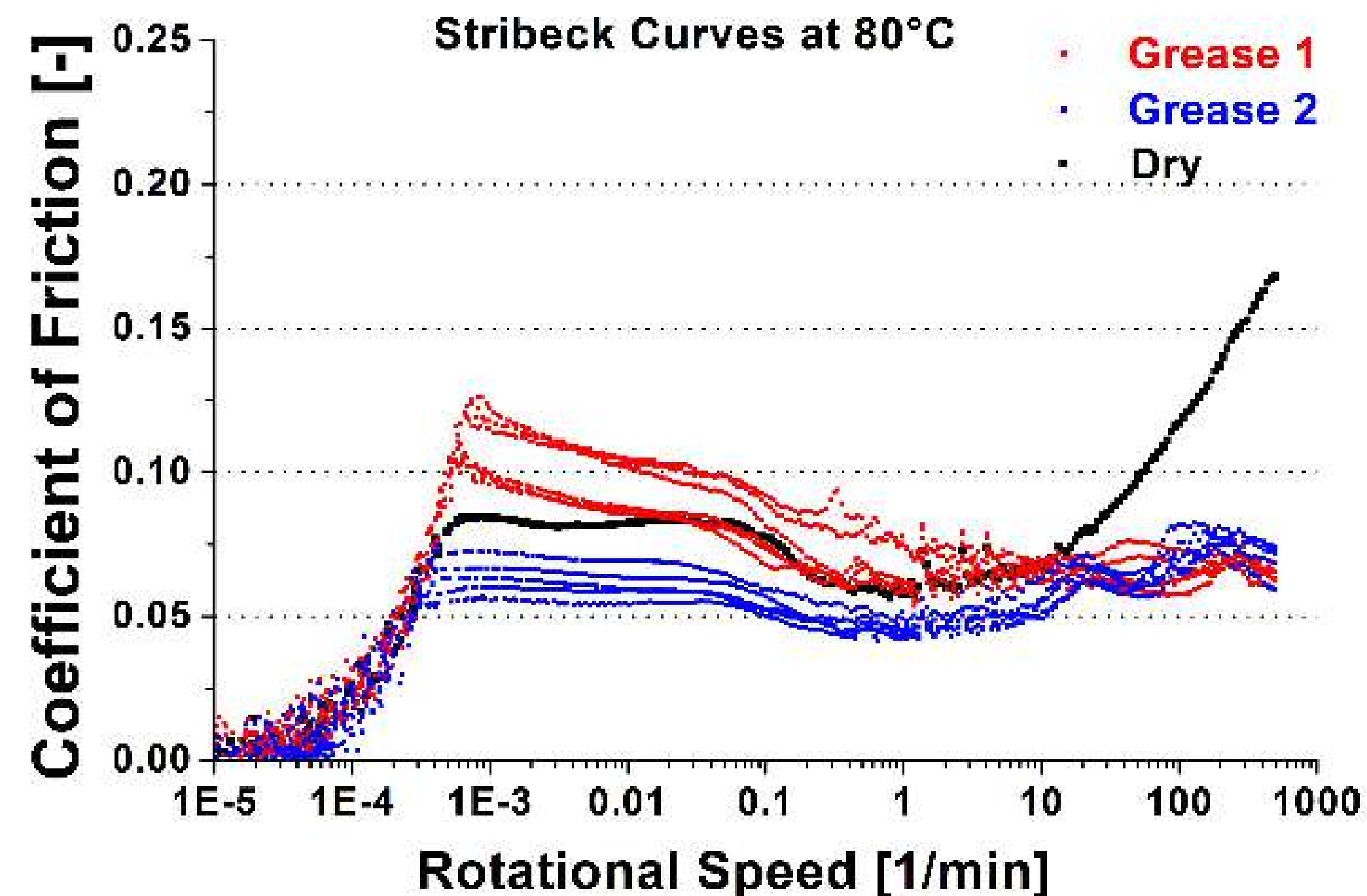
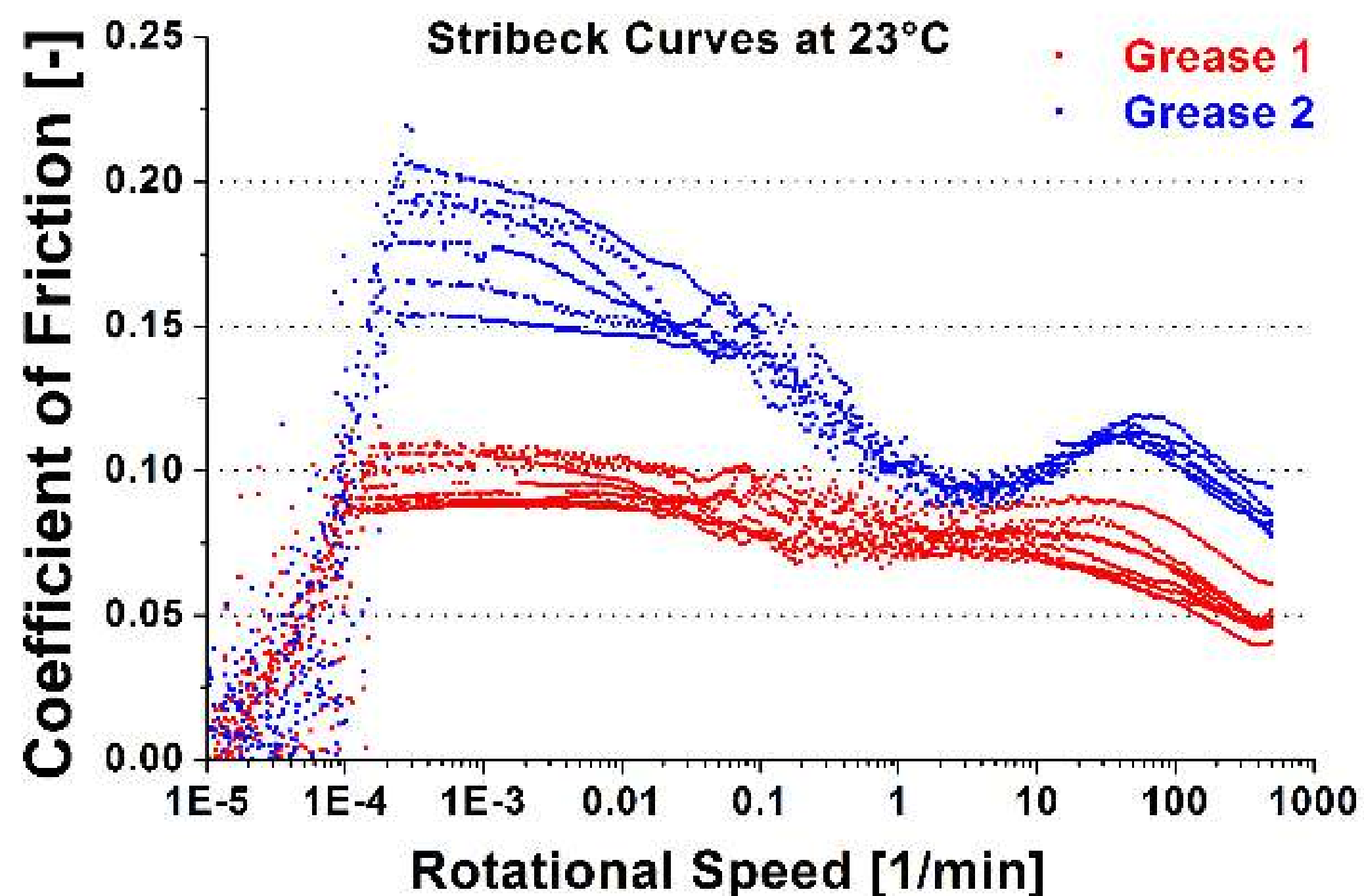


## STRIBECK CURVE – 1<sup>ST</sup> RUNS



- At 23 °C, **grease 1** has higher limiting friction
- At 80 °C, there is no difference between **grease 1** and **grease 2**

## STRIBECK CURVE – 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> RUNS

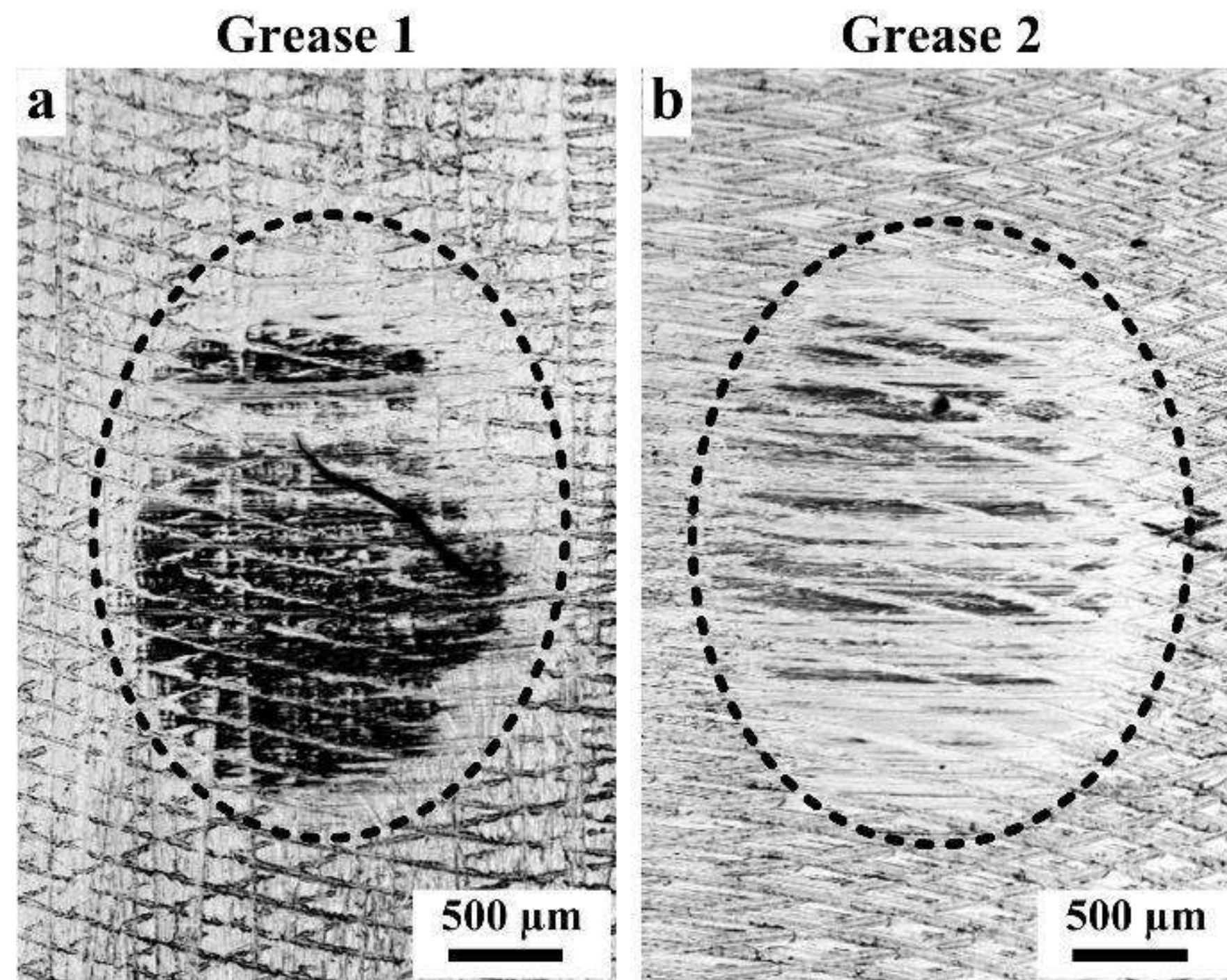


- **Grease 1** maintains its frictional resistance over the temperature range
- **Grease 2** is affected greatly by increase in temperature (formation of reactive films at the contact interface – see next slide)

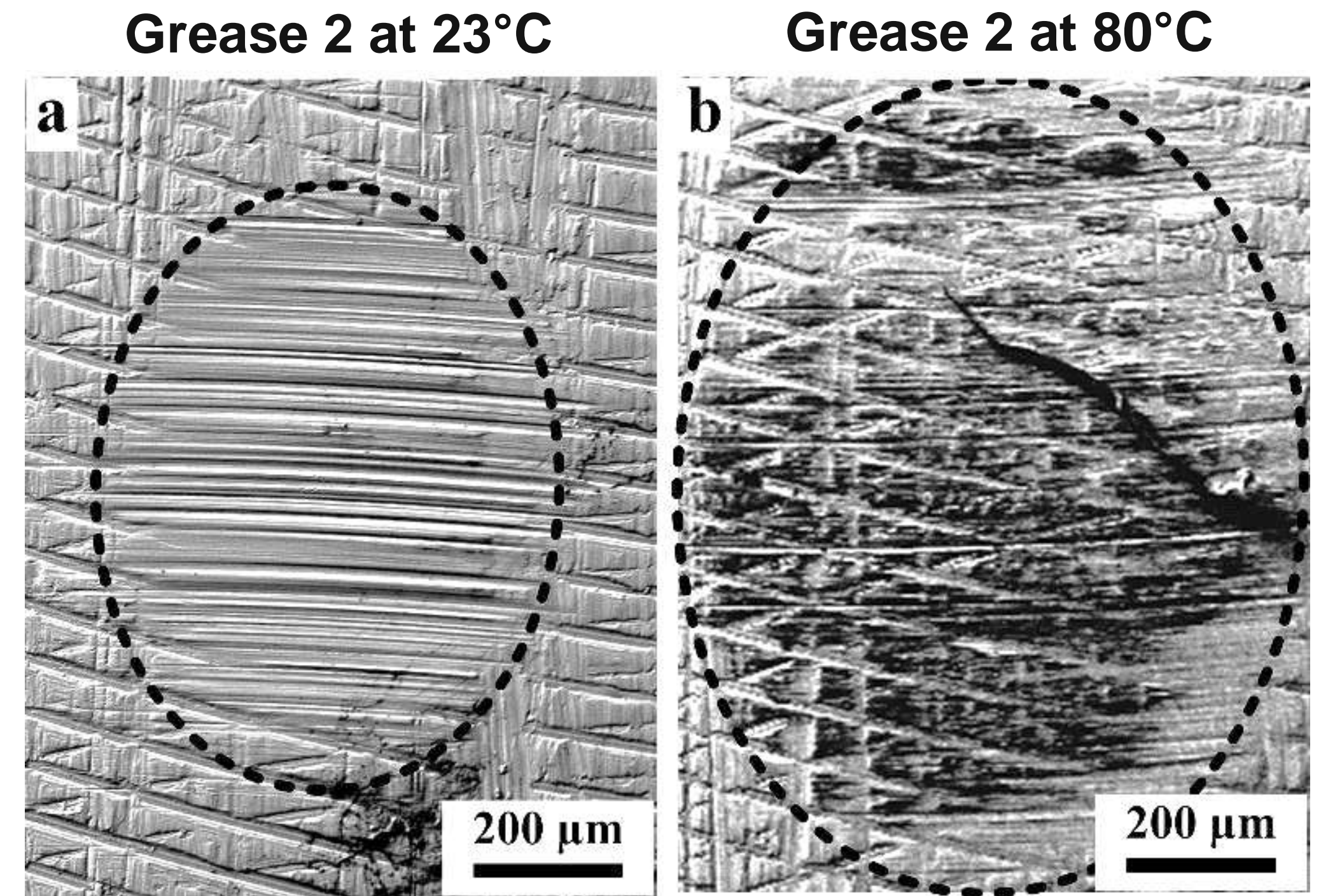


# SEM MICROGRAPHS

## Tests at 80°C



## Only Grease 2



Formation of carbonatious layer at 80°C causes drop in the breakaway friction of Grease 2.



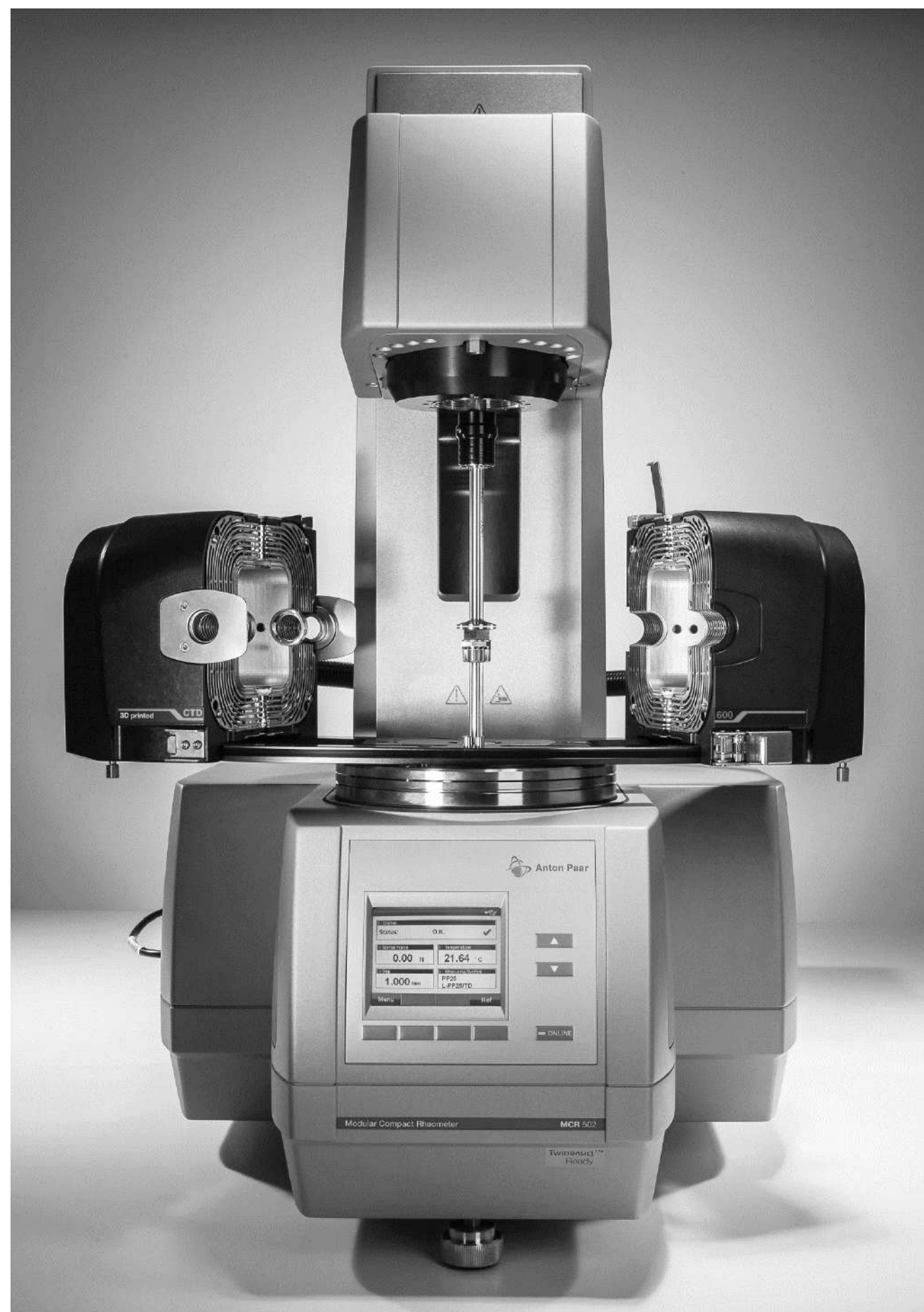
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# **GREASE – LOW TEMPERATURE**



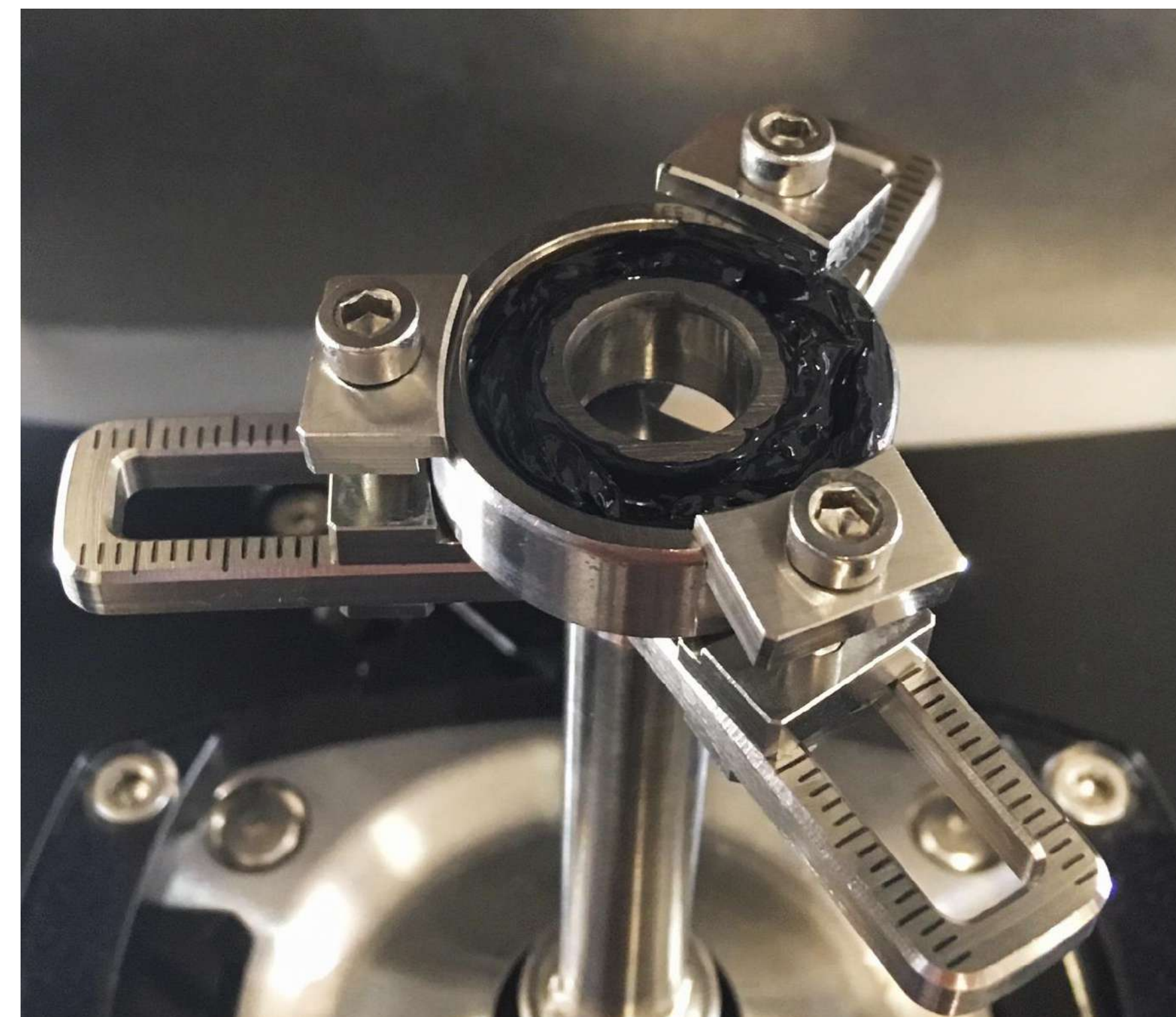
# LOW-TEMPERATURE TESTING – SETUP (I)



**MCR Tribometer**



**Bearing Adapter**



**The Tribosystem**

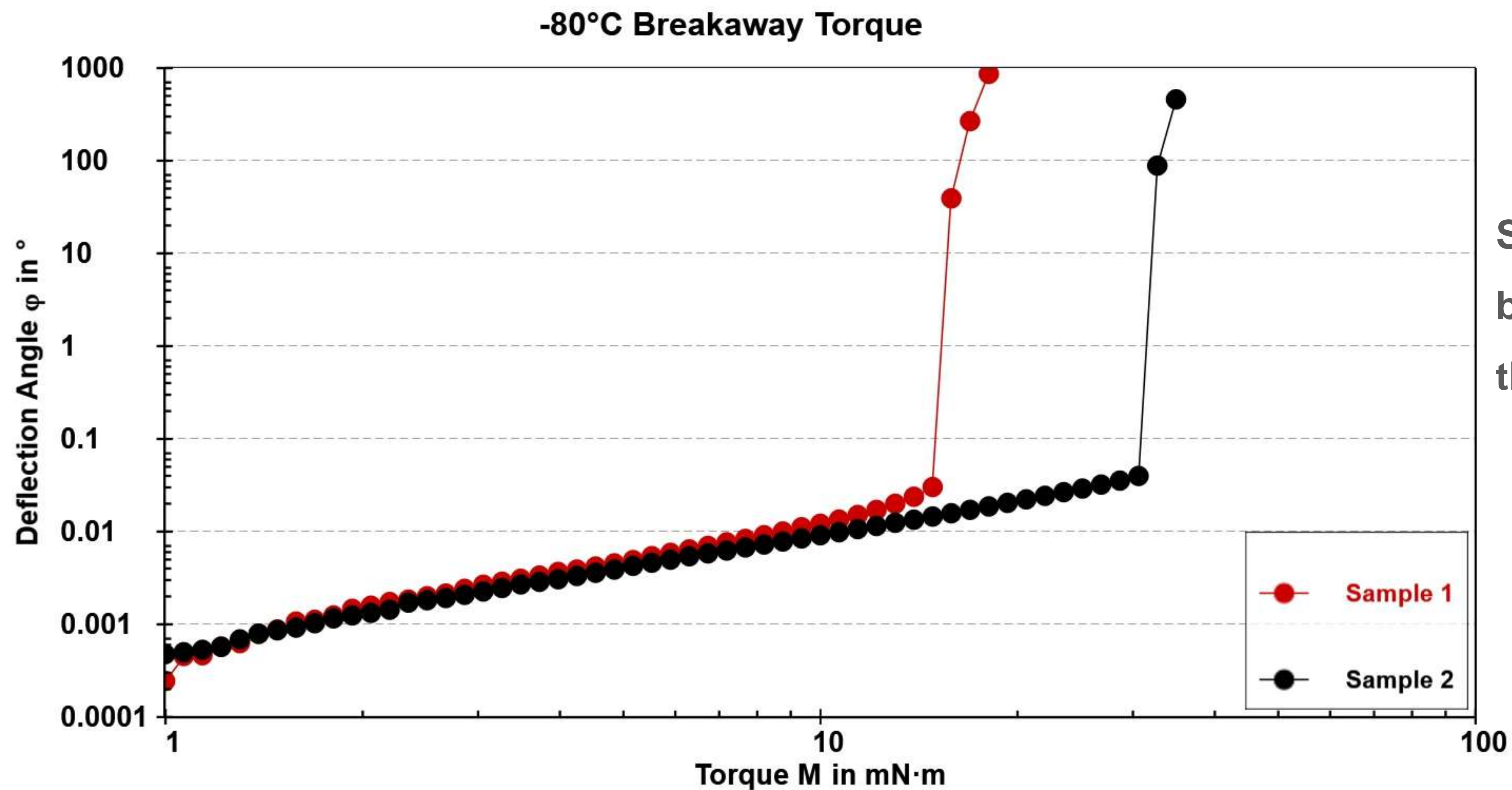


## LOW-TEMPERATURE TESTING – SETUP (II)



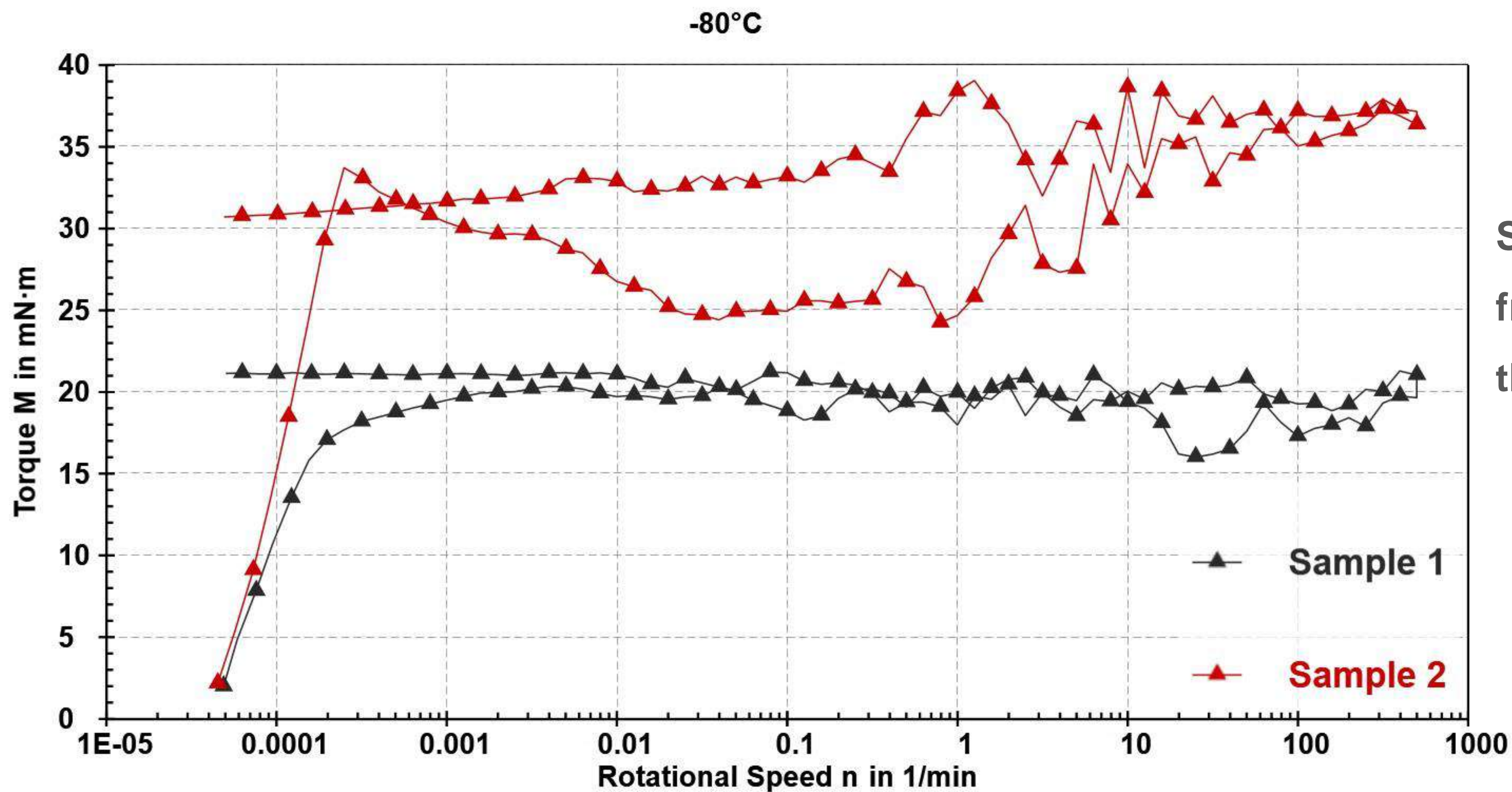


# BREAKAWAY TORQUE (-80°C)



**Sample 1 has lower breakaway torque over the entire speed range**

# STRIBECK CURVES (-80°C)



**Sample 1 has lower frictional torque over the entire speed range**



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# ELECTRO-TRIBOLOGY

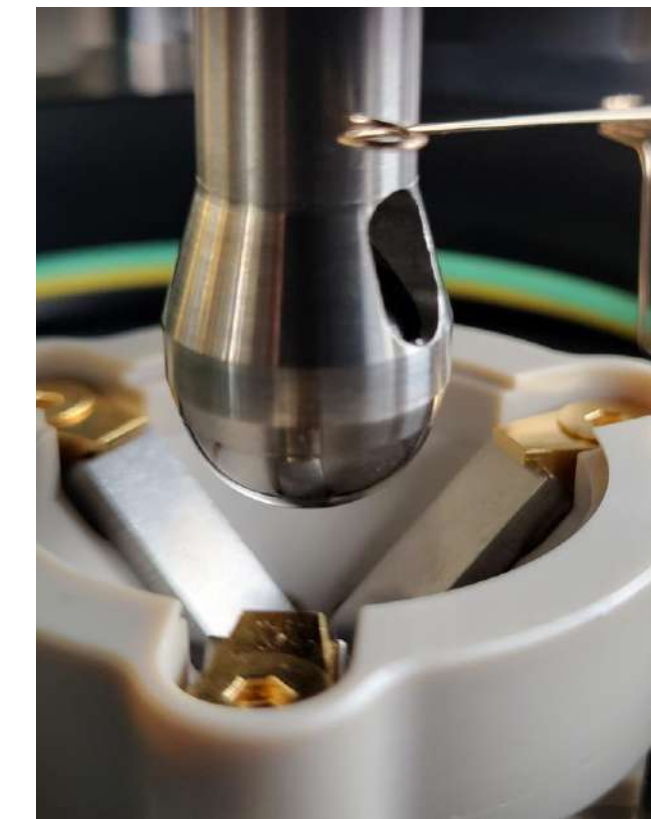
# SSTUP



T-PTD200 +  
H-PTD220 +  
Spacer ring  
with HV  
connector,  
spring  
contact,  
safety  
switches

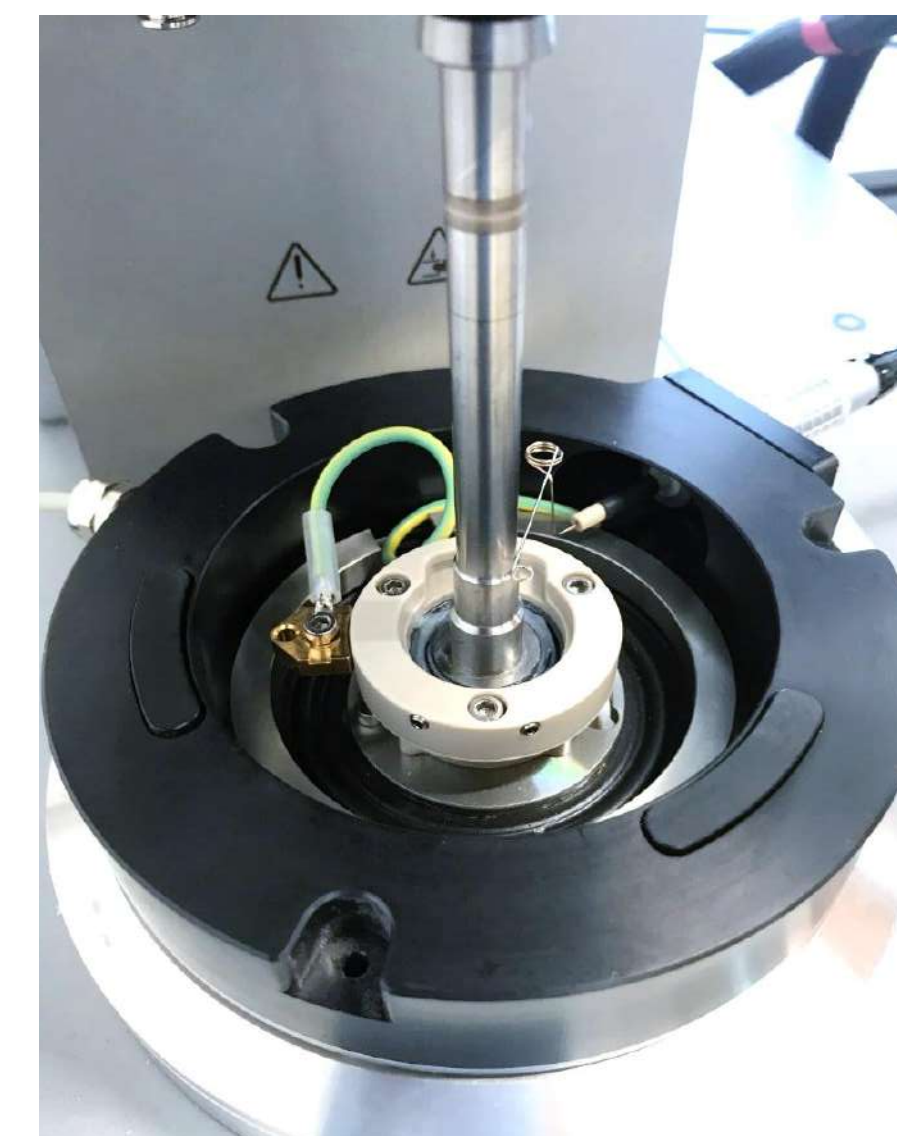


Ball on 3 flats



OR

Rolling bearing option



The Tribo ERD uses a H-PTD220 instead of a separate ERD hood. As a consequence the Setup is limited to 4 kV.

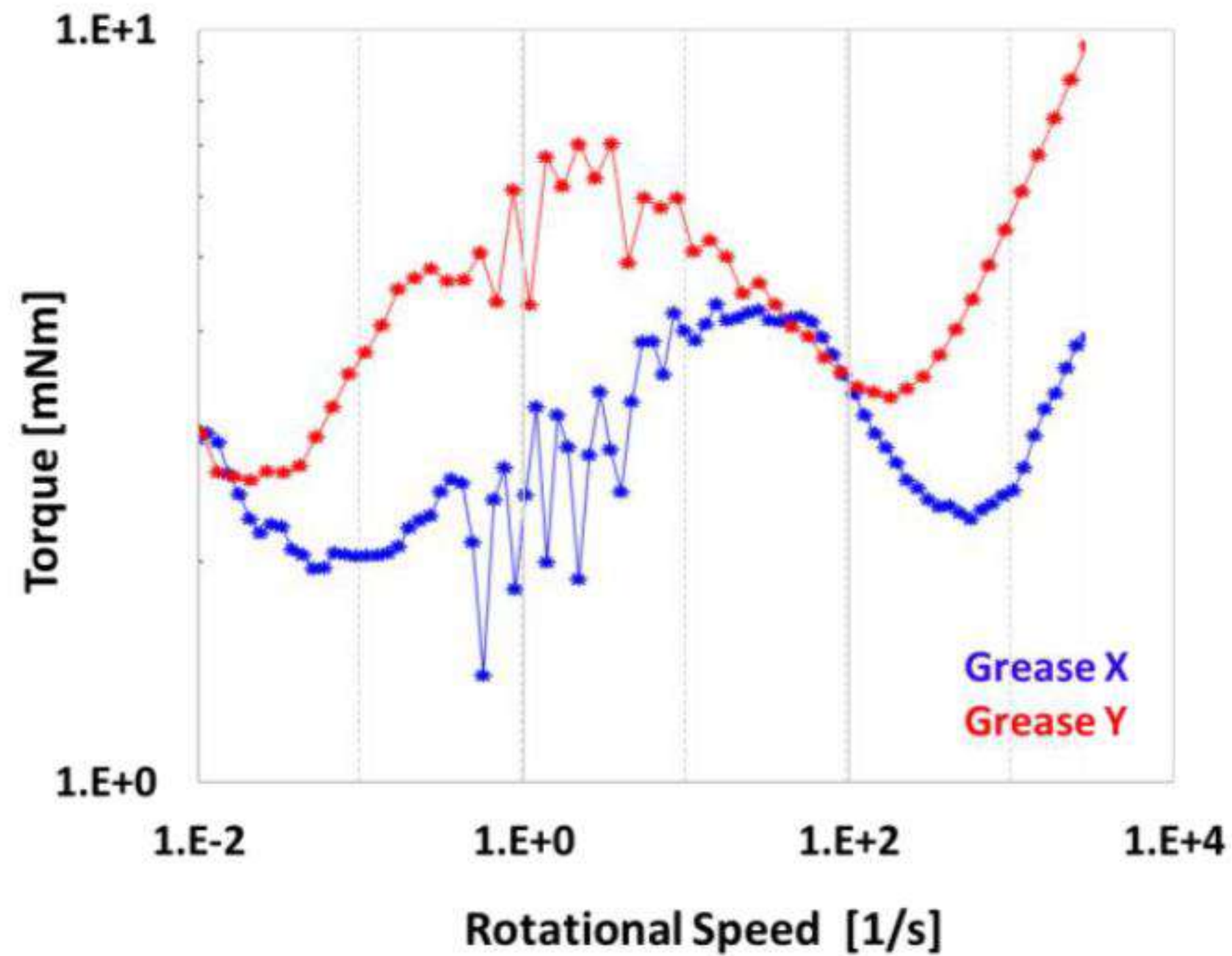
MCR 302e

+ High voltage power supply 12.7 kV DC

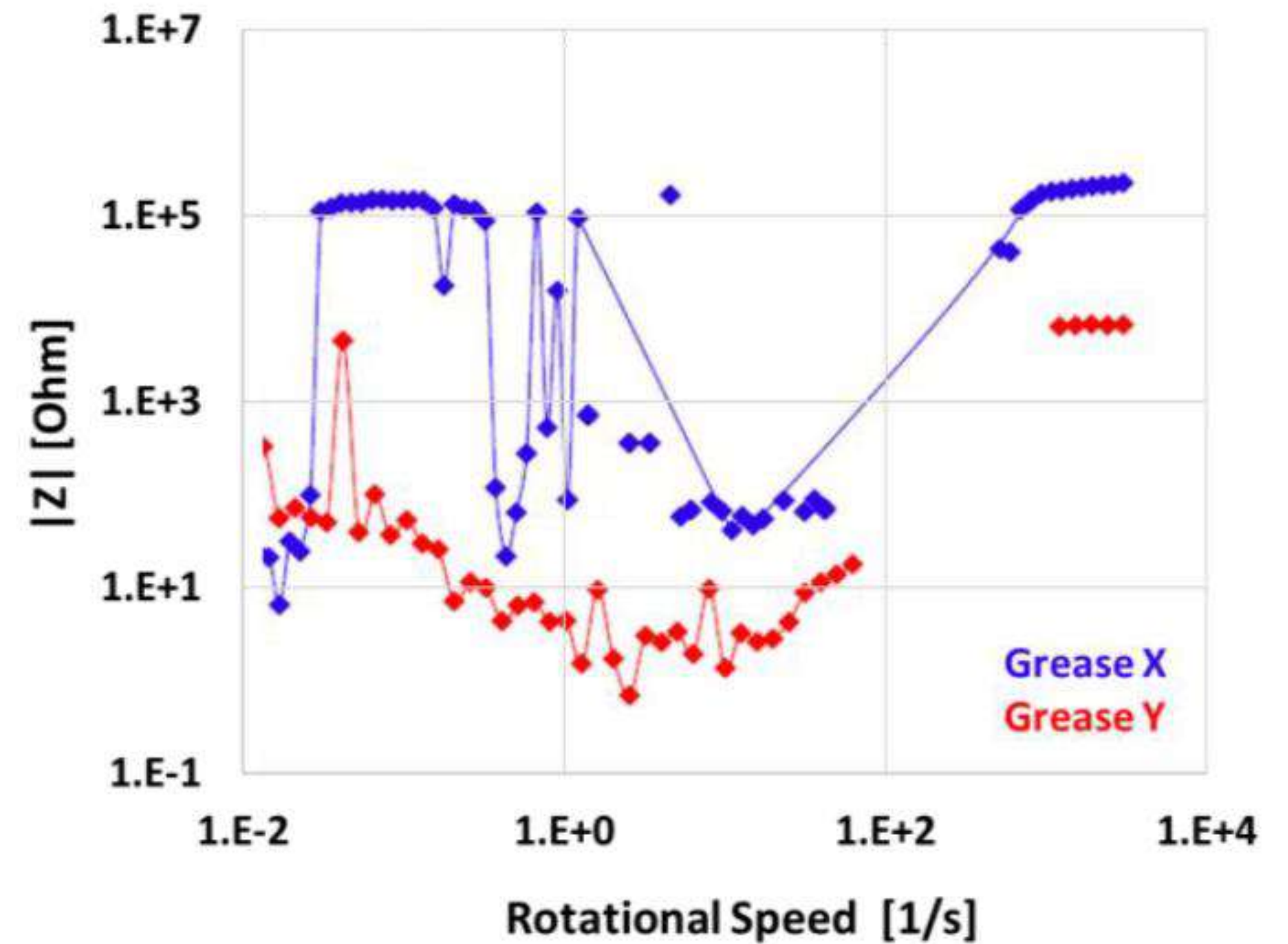


# ELECTRO-TRIBOLOGICAL DATA

Torque Data



Impedance Data

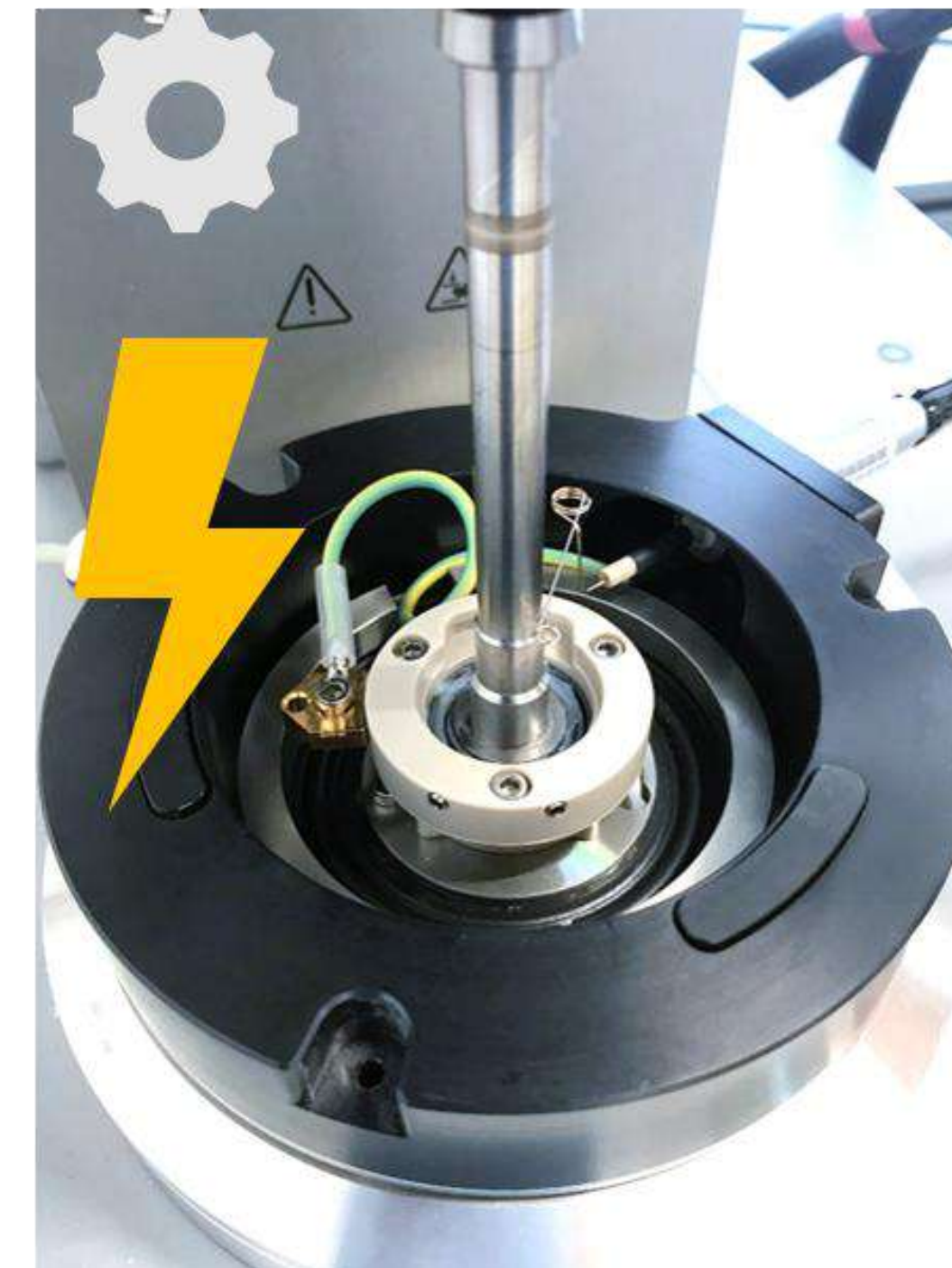
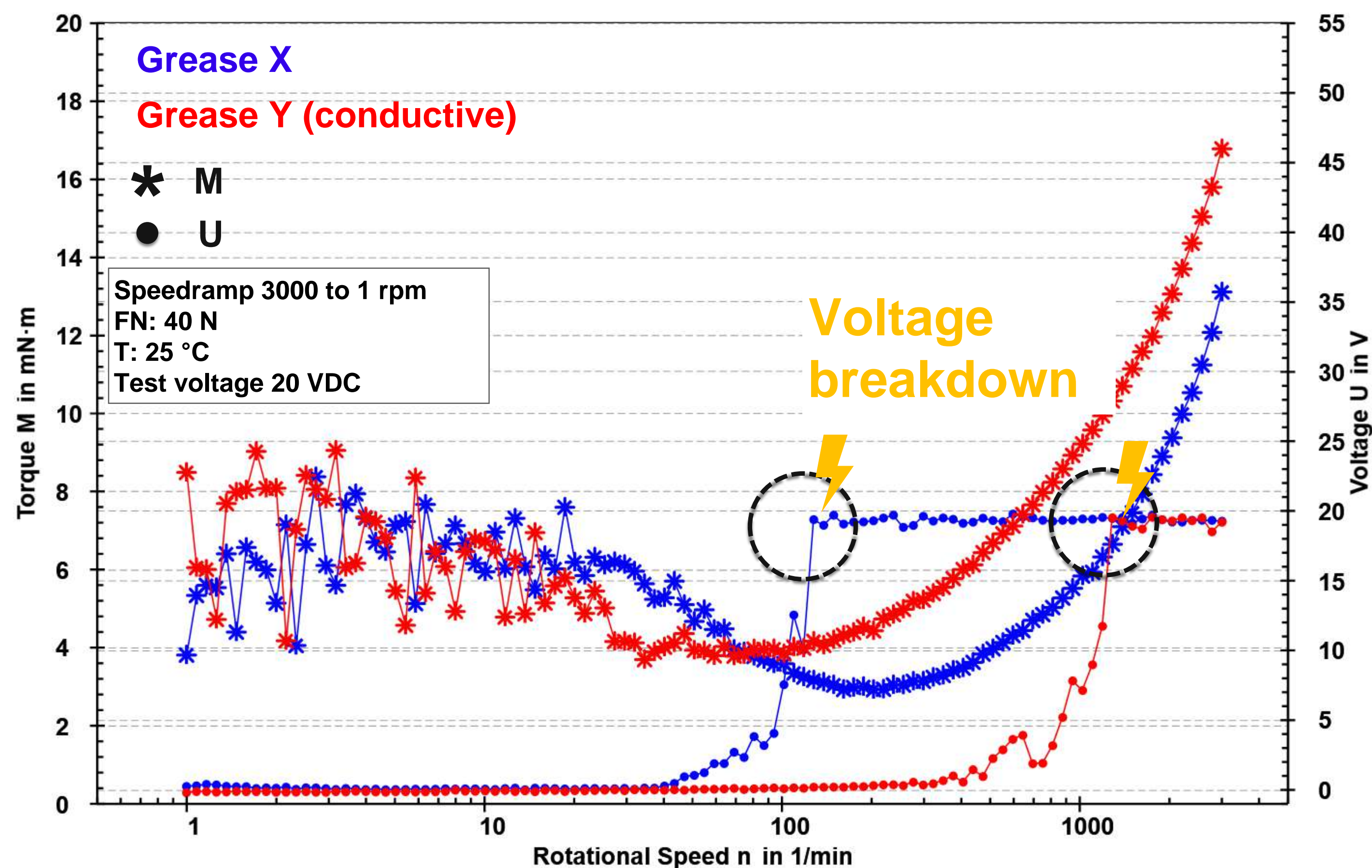


- The Ionic liquid present in Grease Y is the reason for the lower impedance recorded during the test



# BREAK DOWN VOLTAGE

Tribo ERD Setup with rolling bearing option.

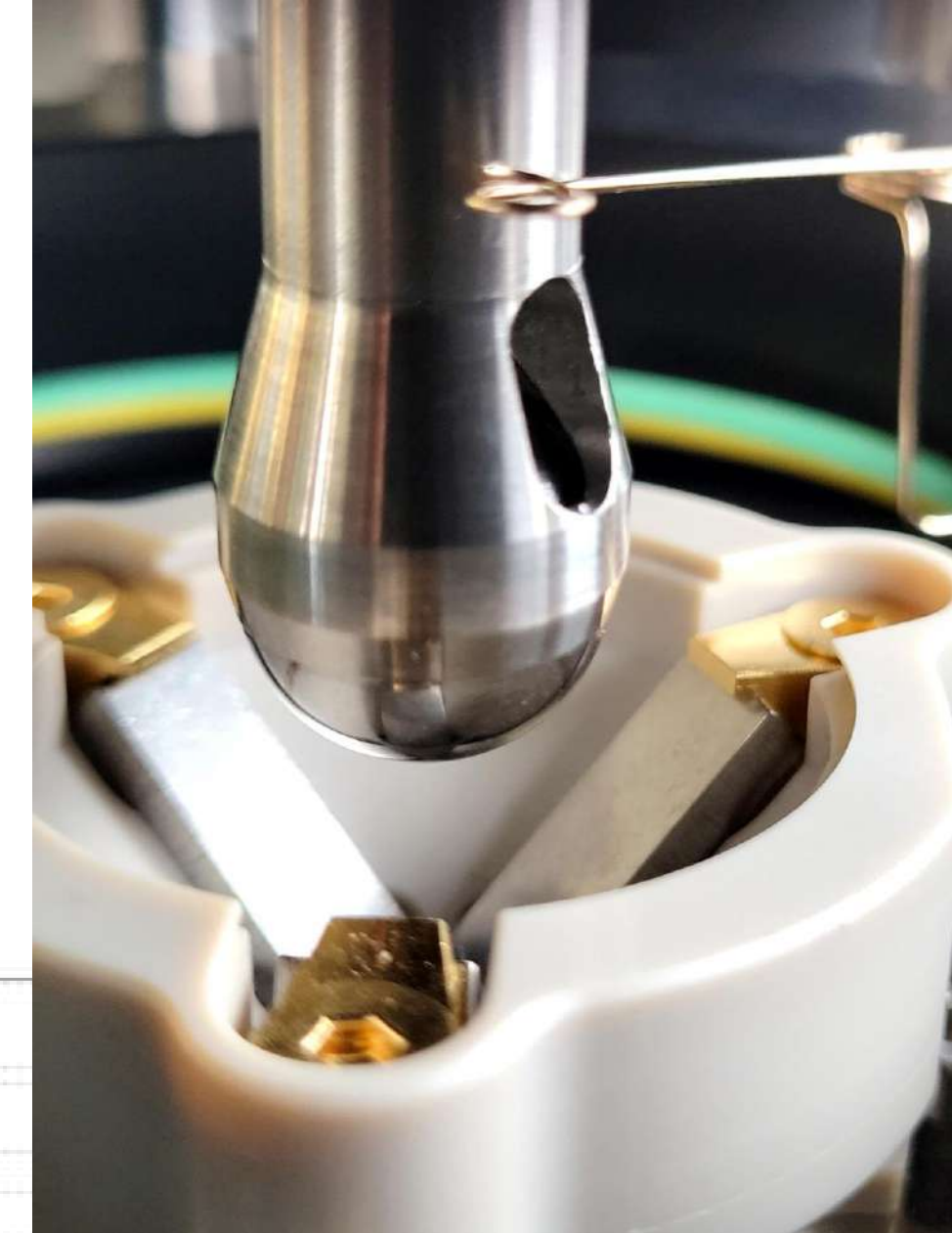
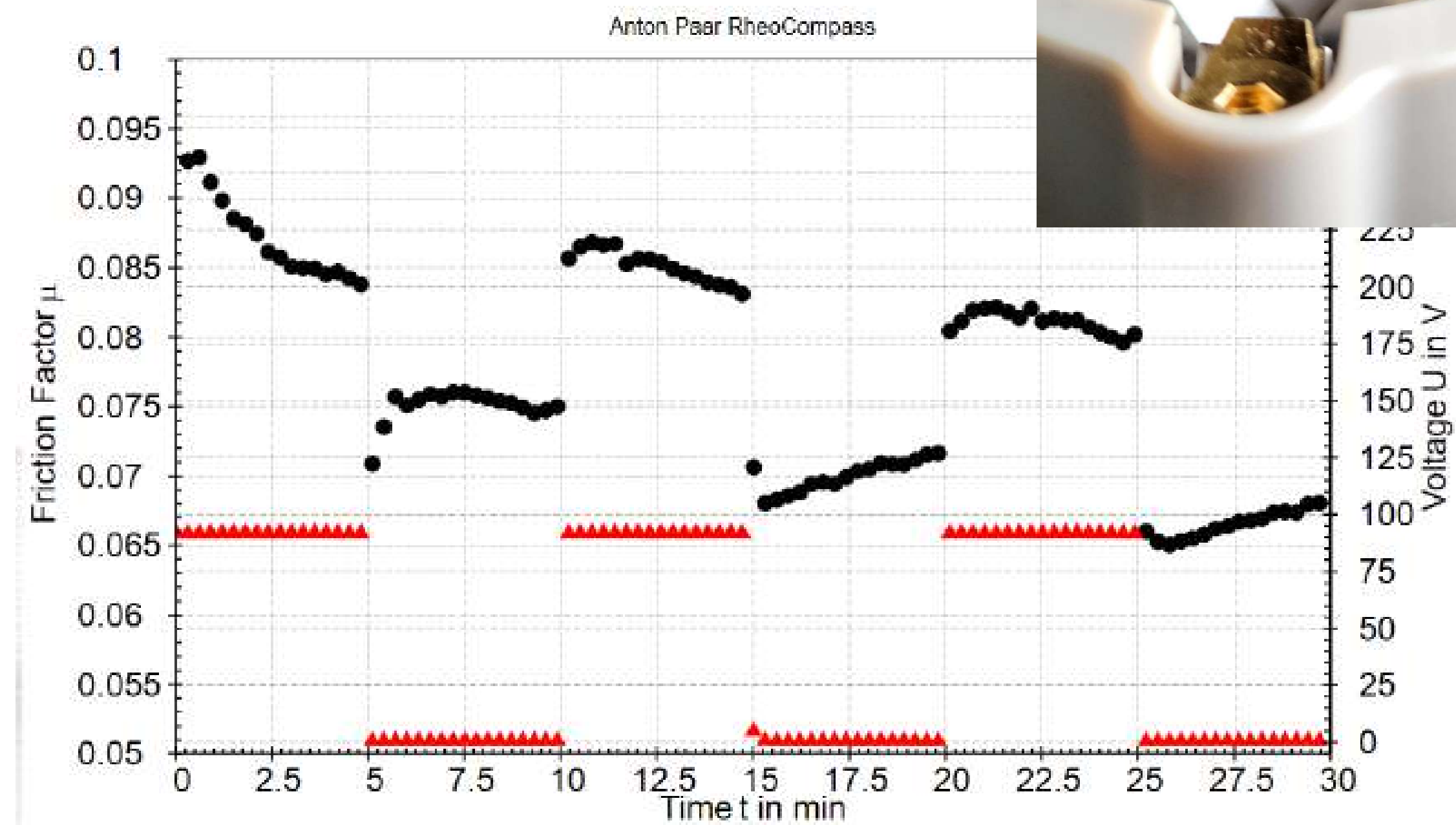
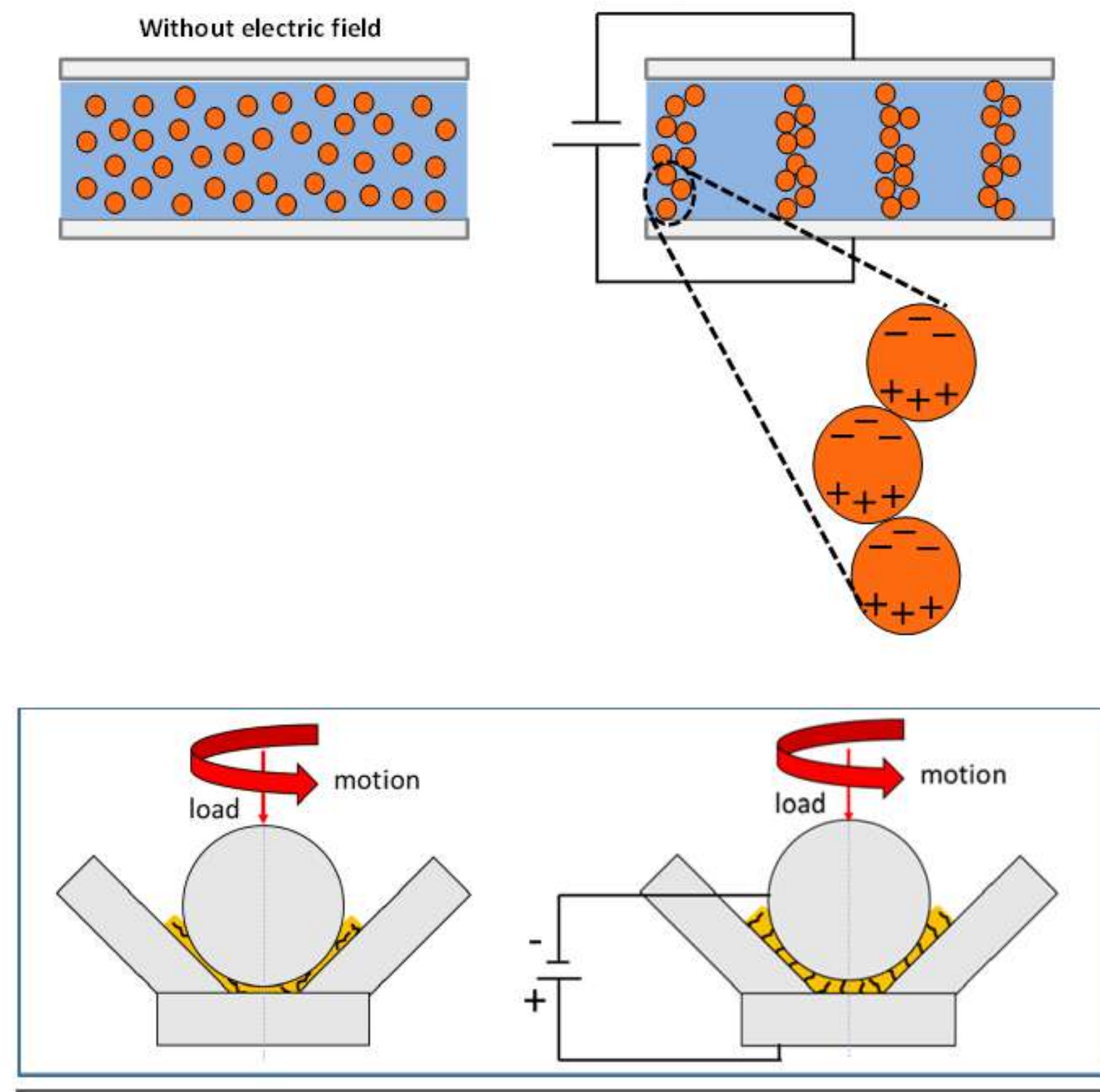


Rotational speed ramp with decreasing speed at a constant voltage of 20 V.

Voltage break down  
Grease X: 105 rpm  
Grease Y: 1010 rpm



# SMART FLUID



Tribo ERD Setup with ball on 3 plates measurement (dispersion of polarizable nanoparticles in vegetable oil).  
See Application Report: Active Control of Friction Coefficient with Electro-sensitive Biolubricants.

# Thank You!

## Questions?

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