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SPH Simulation of Couette Flow with Sinusoidally Moving Solid Boundary

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1.1 Application of internal combustion engine



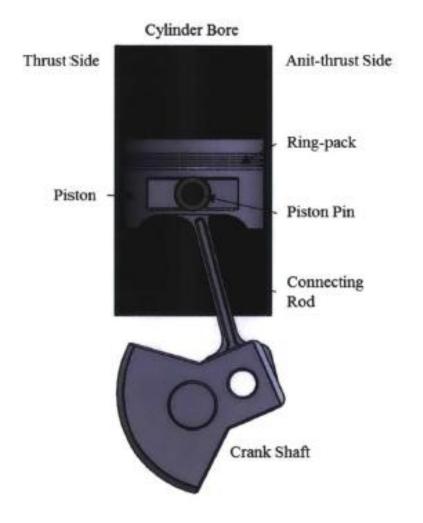


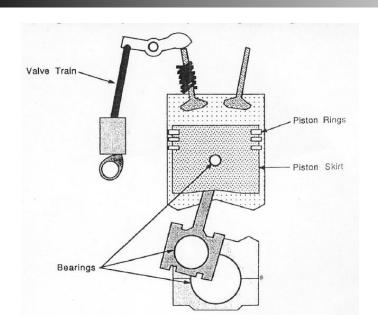
Fig. 1 internal combustion engine

- transportation means
 Automobile
 Ship
 Submarine
 Motorcycle and so on
- 2) Power Generation
- 3) Agricultural Production Harvester
- 4) Industrial production Excavator Bulldozer
- 5) Military IndustryTankArmored Vehicle

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1.2 mechanical friction in internal combustion engine







★ 3 Main Friction Pairs

- 1) piston-liner Piston Ring and Cylinder piston skirt and Cylinder
- 2) Axis and Bearing crank shaft and Bearing connecting rod and Bearing Piston Pin and Bearing
- 3) Valve System cam tappet and rocker arm

Fig. 2 Friction Pairs in internal combustion engine

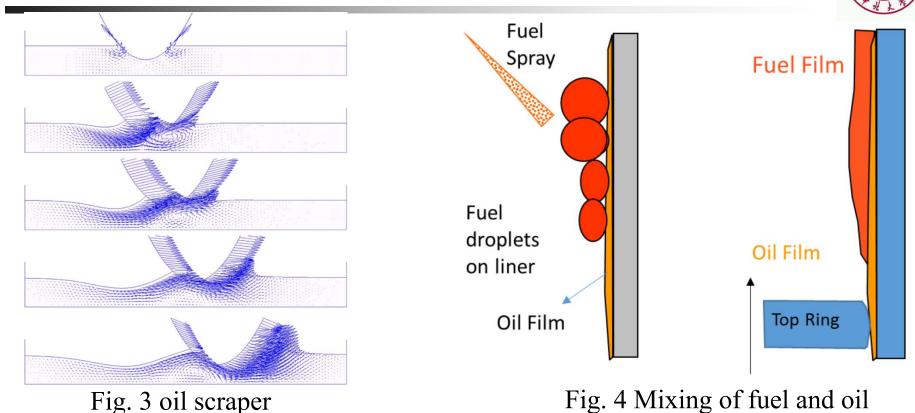
Mechanical friction loss accounts for around 10% of the total energy in the fuel for a diesel engine.

- 40 55% of power cylinder system; 25 47% of piston.
- 28 45% of ring-pack; 18 33% of connecting-rod bearings.
- friction loss generated at the piston skirt-liner interface can be about 40% of total piston assembly friction.

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1.3 Phenomenon of Lubrication at Piston Skirt

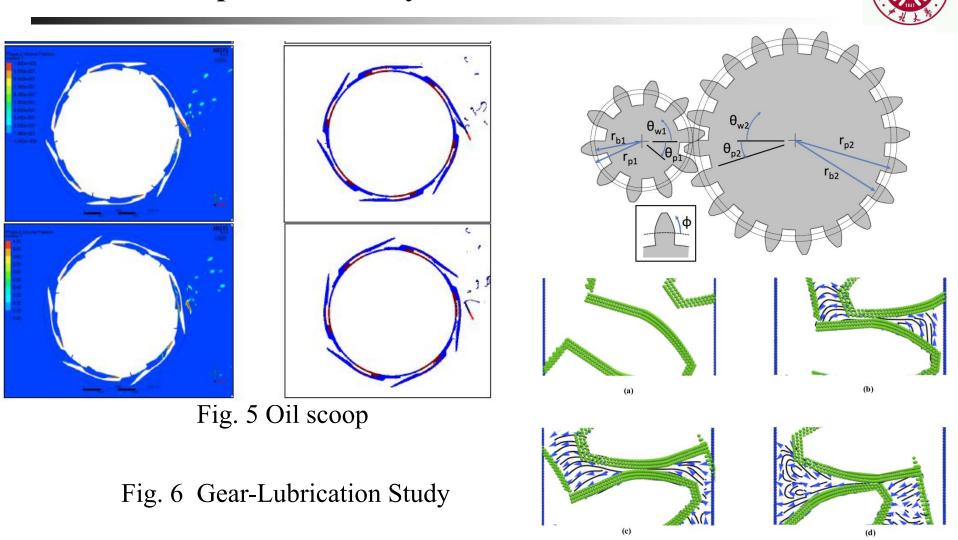




The phenomenon of oil scrape, mixing of fuel and oil, oil supply etc. with free surface and large deformation. Simulation these phenomenon, which is the advantage of the SPH method.

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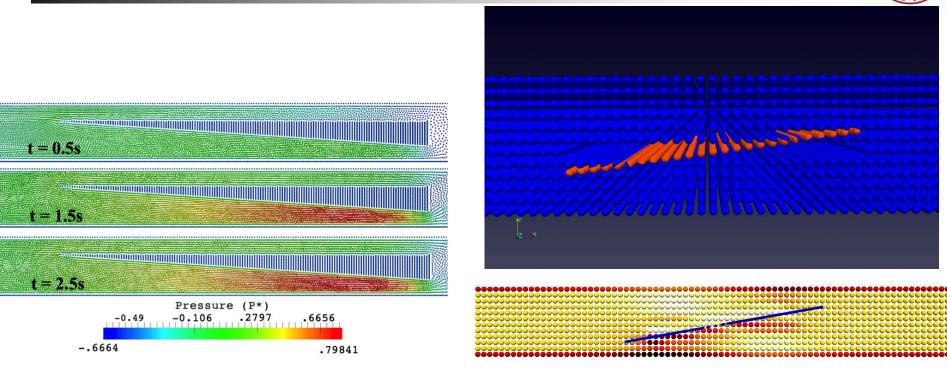


Fig.7 Full Film Lubrication

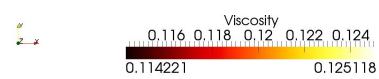


Fig. 8 Nanocomposite Lubrication

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1.5 Summarize briefly



- 1) There is a large potential in improving the engine efficiency by reducing the friction between the piston skirt and the cylinder liner. It has great significance to study this problem.
- 2) The lubrication between the piston skirt and cylinder includes complex oil transport process, including splash, fracture and free surface evolution.
- 3) There are only limited studies about the lubrication have been done at different scales. It shows that SPH method can studied the lubrication phenomena in many ways, including the lubrication in internal combustion engine.



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2.1 Theoretical source



Oil transport at the skirt-liner interface can be simplified as two simple models:

- 1) **Couette flow (shear flow)** which is driven by the viscous drag force and the inertia acting on the fluid due to the relative movement of the surfaces.
- 2) Poiseuille flow (pressure flow), which is driven by the pressure gradient. Oil transport between the piston and the piston skirt is closer to the Couette flow.

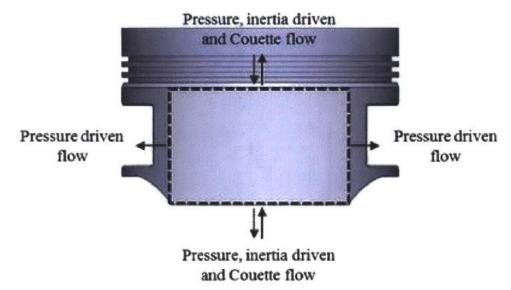


Fig.9 oil flow at the skirt's boundaries

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2.2 model simplification



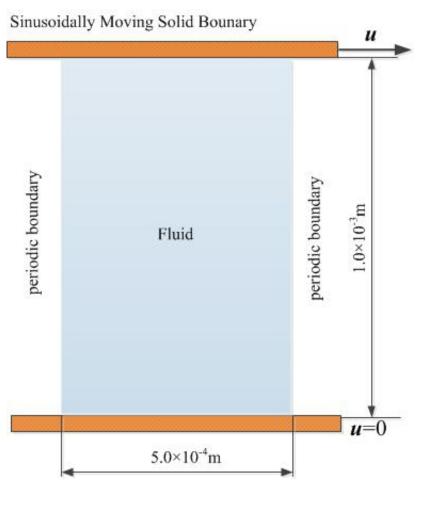


Fig. 10 Calculation Model

important parameters

 $u = u_0 \times \sin 2\pi (ft + \theta)$

$$f = R/60$$
 R rotational speed (r/min)
 u_0 amplitude of the velocity
 f frequency of velocity evolution
 t time
 T period of velocity change
 θ initial phase
 Y height of channel
$$\mu = 1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{N} \cdot \text{s/m}^2 \sim 1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{N} \cdot \text{s/m}^2$$
 $u_0 = 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{m/s} \sim 5.0 \text{m/s}$
 $t_{\text{max}} = 25 \text{ T}$
 $f = 10 \text{ Hz} \sim 100 \text{ Hz}$
 $\theta = 0$
 $\rho = 800 \text{kg/m}^3$

2.3 Simulation Method: SPH method

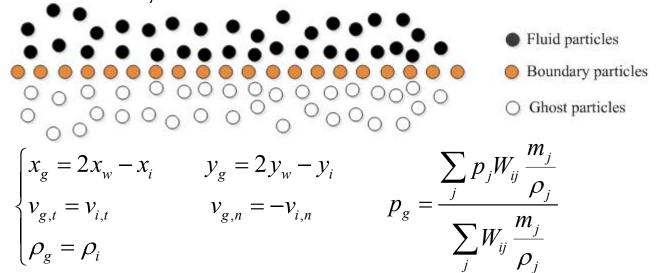


governing equations

$$\frac{d\rho_{i}}{dt} = \sum_{j} m_{j} \mathbf{v}_{ij} \frac{\partial W_{ij}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{i}}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}_{i}}{dt} = -\sum_{j} m_{j} \left(\frac{p_{i}}{\rho_{i}^{2}} + \frac{p_{j}}{\rho_{j}^{2}} \right) \cdot \nabla_{i} W_{ij} + \sum_{j} \frac{m_{j} (\mu_{i} + \mu_{i}) \mathbf{r}_{ij} \cdot \nabla_{i} W_{ij}}{\rho_{i} \rho_{j} (\mathbf{r}_{ij}^{2} + 0.01h^{2})} \mathbf{v}_{ij}$$

Boundary Treatment



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3.1 Couette flow



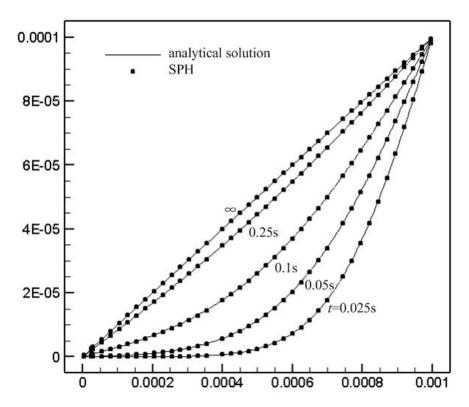


Fig. 11 Comparison of SPH and analytical solution.

The flow was simulated using SPH for $\mu=1.0\times10^{-6} \text{ N}\cdot\text{s/m}^2$, $\rho=10^3\text{kg/m}^3$, $u_0=1.0\times10^{-4}\text{m/s}$. The results are in close agreement (within 0.2%), confirming the accuracy of the approach.

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3.2 Effect of viscosity



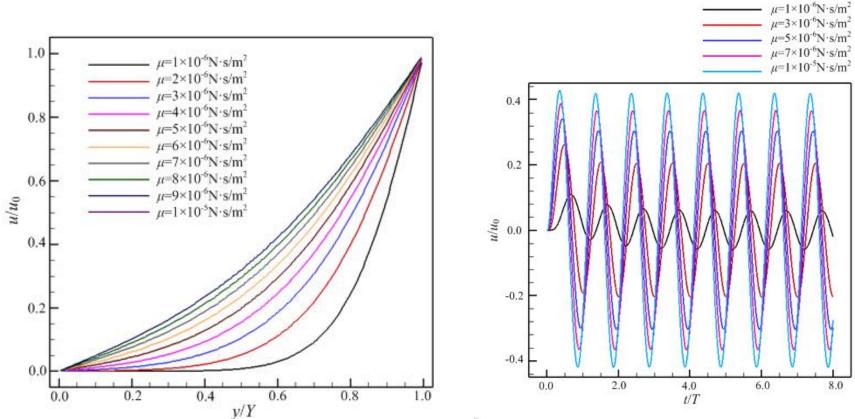


Fig. 12 Velocity of the vertical direction at f=10, $u_0=1\times 10^{-4}\text{m/s}$, t=T/4.

Fig. 13 Velocity change at *Y*/2 with time.

When the velocity amplitude is small and the velocity change frequency is constant, the viscous drag force plays a leading role in the oil transport process, and while the velocity is stabilized after two cycles.

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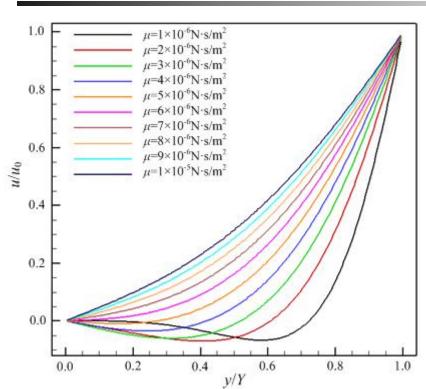


Fig. 14 Velocity of the vertical direction at f=10, $u_0=1\times 10$ -4m/s, t=97T/4.

When the velocity variation frequency and the dynamic viscosity coefficient keep unchanged, the inertial force become more and more obvious with the increase of the velocity amplitude, while the speed is stable with more cycles.

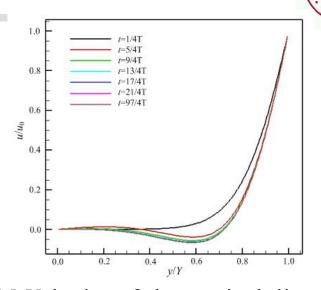


Fig. 15 Velocity of the vertical direction at μ =1.0×10-6N·s/m², different time.

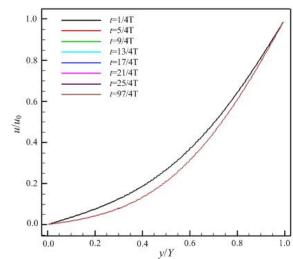


Fig. 16 Velocity of the vertical direction at μ =7.0×10⁻⁶N·s/m², different time.

3.3 Effect of frequency



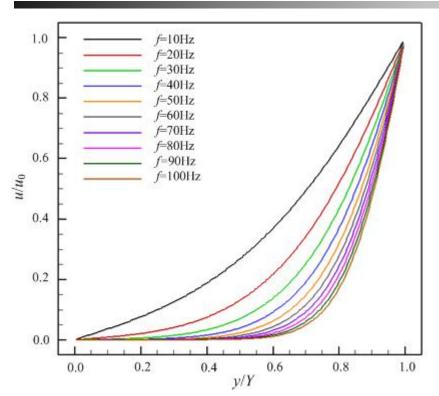


Fig. 17 The velocity distribution along the y-direction of calculation area at T/4 under different velocity change frequency, μ =7.0×10⁻⁶ N·s/m², u_0 =1×10⁻⁴m/s

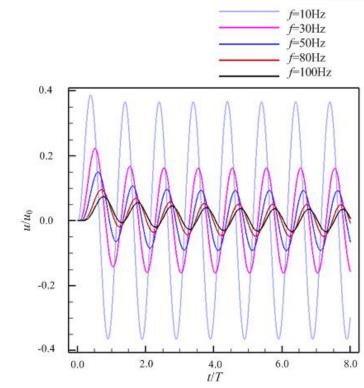


Fig. 18 Velocity change at *Y*/2 with time.

When the speed amplitude and the dynamic viscosity coefficient maintain constant, the inertial force become more and more obvious with the increase of the velocity variation frequency.

3.4 Effect of velocity



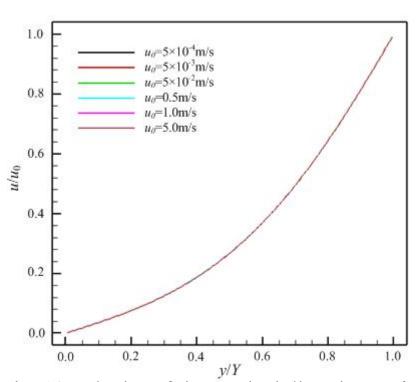


Fig. 19 Velocity of the vertical direction at f=10, $\mu=7.0\times10^{-6} \,\mathrm{N\cdot s/m^2}$, t=T/4.

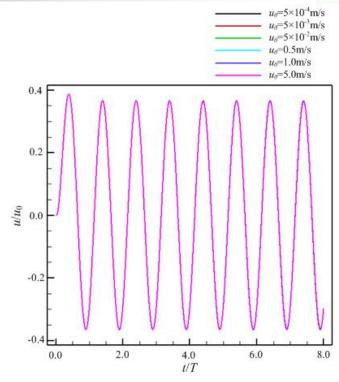


Fig. 20 Velocity change at Y/2 with time.

When the viscosity coefficient and frequency are constant, the velocity distribution is only related to the magnitude of the velocity amplitude, and is proportional to the vertical position.

3.5 Comprehensive Analysis



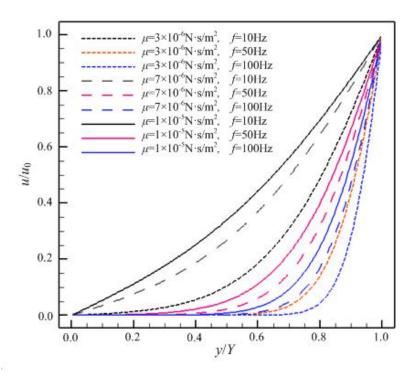


Fig. 21 Velocity of the vertical direction with different parameters

- 1) The viscosity of the oil plays a leading role of velocity distribution.
- 2) The velocity is close to the linear distribution with larger viscosity and smaller frequency, namely the viscous force plays a major role.
- 3) The Inertia force effect was significantly enhanced with smaller viscosity and greater frequency.



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- 1) The SPH method is used to simulate the Couette flow under the sinusoidal period dragged speed for the first time.
- 2) The flow of the oil is related to many physical parameters under external drag force, and it is the most important parameters is dynamic viscosity.
- 3) It is try to choose an oil with smaller viscosity when the oil meet the lubrication requirements. In order to reduce the oil viscosity dissipation.

The end!

