

# Design and Modeling of Fluid Power Systems

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The lubricating gap as a basic design element of displacement machines

Gap flow calculation. Gap with a constant gap height

Gap with variable gap height (slipper)

Gap between piston and cylinder, numerical solution of gap flow equations

Non-isothermal gap flow

Aim: Derivation of basic equations for gap flow and calculation of  
Gap flow parameters (pressure and velocity distribution, load ability,  
gap flow and viscous friction)

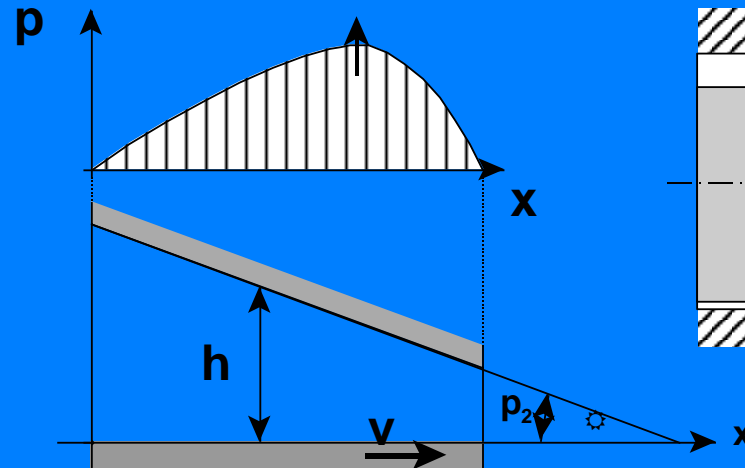
Basic knowledge about the gap design and simulation models

# Lubricating Gap



## Basic Design Element of Displacement Machines

### Gaps in Displacement Machines



With Variable Gap Height

Design & operating  
parameter

Gap height

Gap flow

Load ability

Leakage

Viscous friction

Performance & Losses

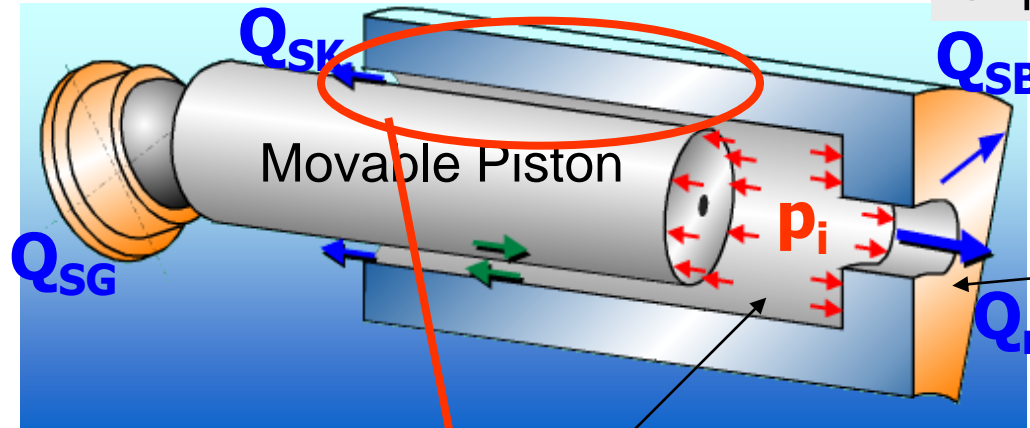
- Sealing Function
- Bearing Function

# Lubricating Gaps -examples

## Swash plate axial piston machine



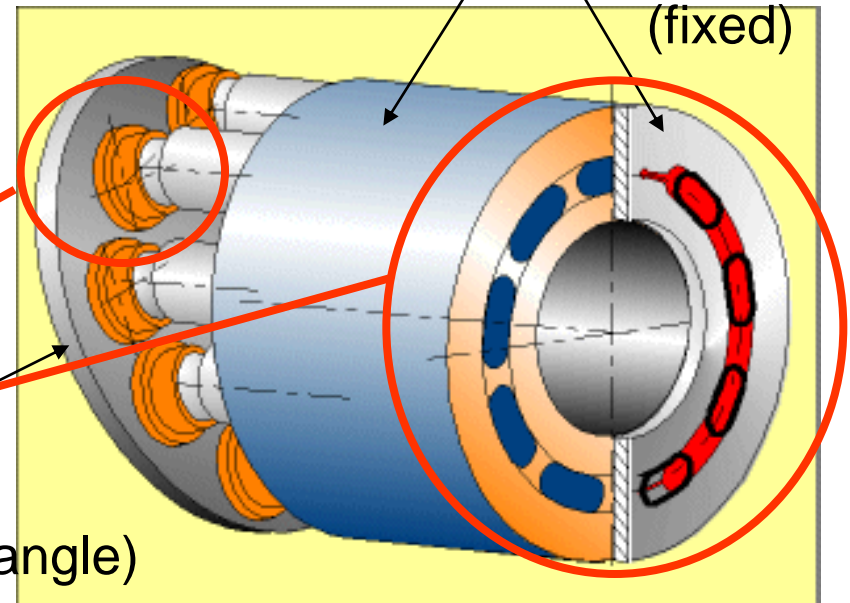
Gaps seal the displacement chamber



Displacement chamber

Rotating cylinder block

Valve plate  
(fixed)



Gaps between:  
piston and cylinder  
slipper and valve plate  
cylinder block and valve plate

Swash plate (fixed or with adjustable angle)

# Gap Flow Calculation



Aim: High load carrying ability

Low friction

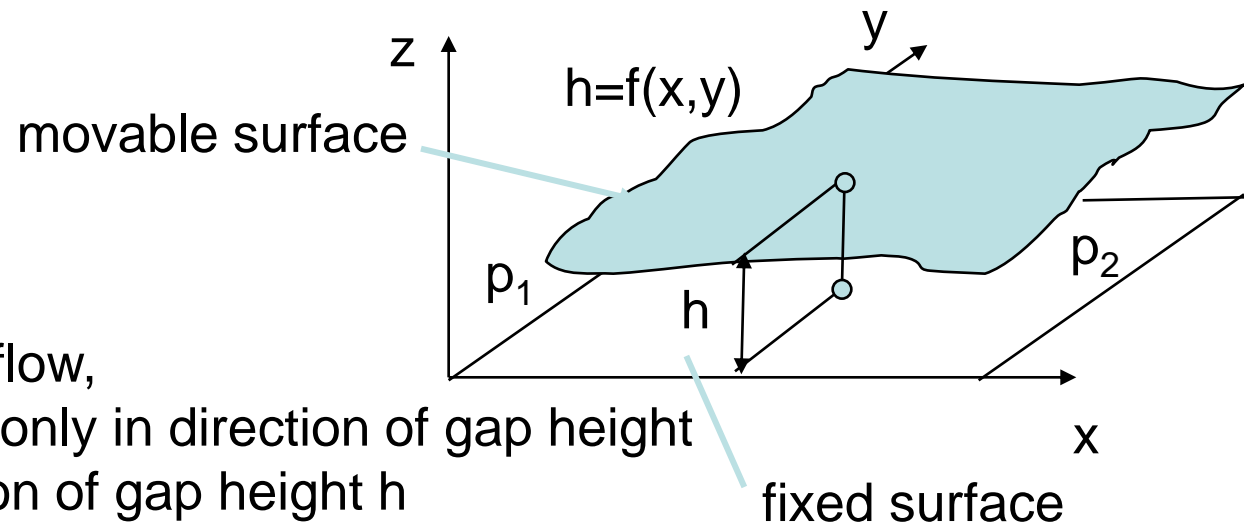
Low leakage flow

➡ Gap height lies in a range of some micrometers, whereas all other dimensions are in a range of millimeters

Laminar flow of an incompressible fluid in the gap can be described using Navier-Stokes-Equation:

Assumptions:

- neglecting mass forces
- assuming steady state flow,
- change of fluid velocity only in direction of gap height
- pressure is not a function of gap height  $h$



$$\text{Pressure Force} + \text{Viscosity Force} = 0$$

# Gap with constant gap height



Forces applied on a fluid element:

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial z} \quad \text{with} \quad \tau = \mu \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial z}$$

after double integration velocity yields:

$$v = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} z^2 + c_1 \cdot z + c_2$$

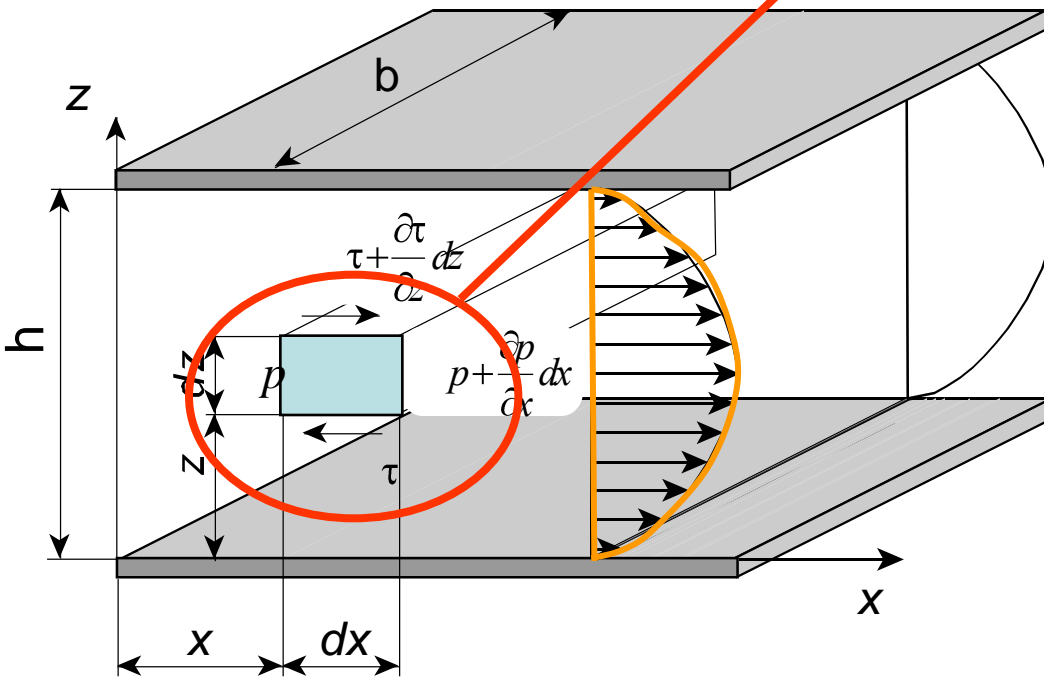
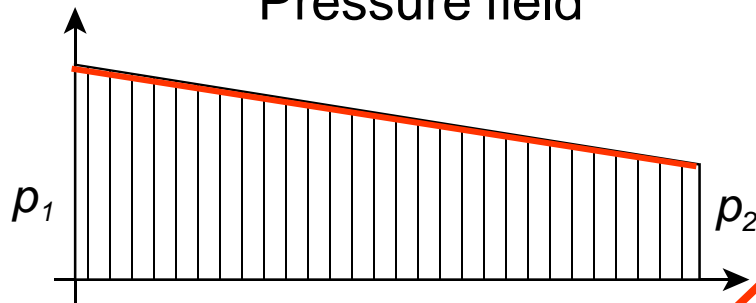
boundary conditions:

$$z=0 \quad \dots \quad v=0$$

$$z=h \quad \dots \quad v=0$$

$$v = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \left( z^2 - h \cdot z \right)$$

Pressure field



# Gap with constant gap height



Gap flow:  $Q = b \int_0^h v \cdot dz = -\frac{1}{12\mu} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \cdot b \cdot h^3$

for pressure:  $p = \frac{p_2 - p_1}{l} \cdot x + p_1$

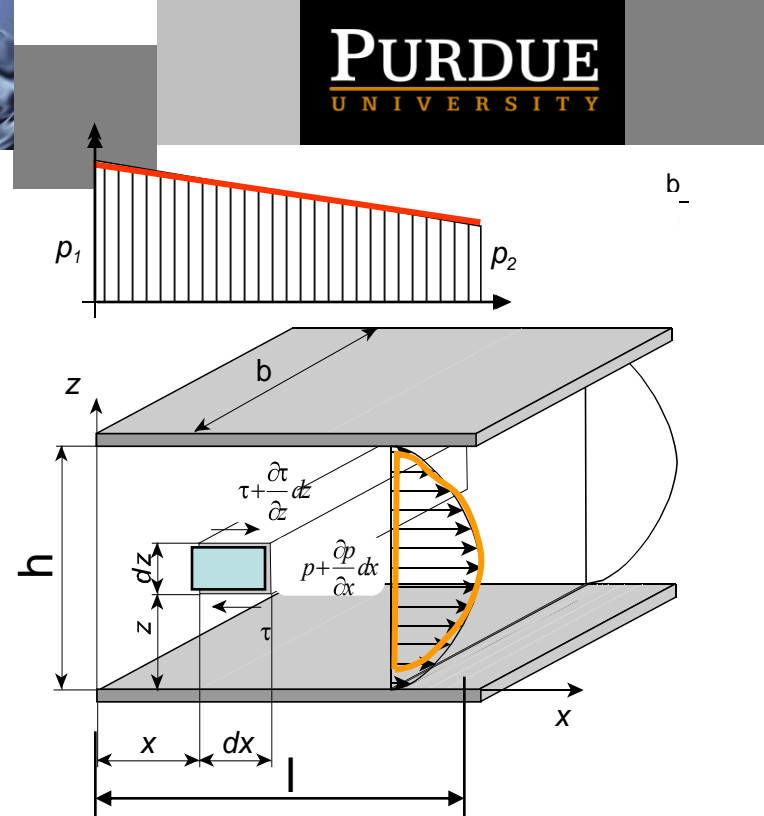
Shear stress on surfaces:  $\tau = \mu \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \bigg|_{z=0}^{z=h}$

$$\tau_{z=0} = \frac{\Delta p}{l} \cdot \frac{h}{2} \quad \tau_{z=h} = -\frac{\Delta p}{l} \cdot \frac{h}{2}$$

with:  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \frac{p_2 - p_1}{l} = -\frac{\Delta p}{l}$

Viscous friction:  $F_v = \tau \cdot b \cdot l$

Power loss due to gap flow:  $P_{SQ} = Q \cdot \Delta p = \frac{1}{12 \cdot \mu} \cdot b \cdot h^3 \frac{\Delta p^2}{l}$



$$v = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} (h^2 - h \cdot z)$$

# Gap with constant gap height



boundary conditions:

$$\begin{array}{llll} z=0 & \dots & v=0 & x=0 \dots p=p_1 \\ z=h & \dots & v=v_0 & x=l \dots p=p_2 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial z} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial z} = 0$$

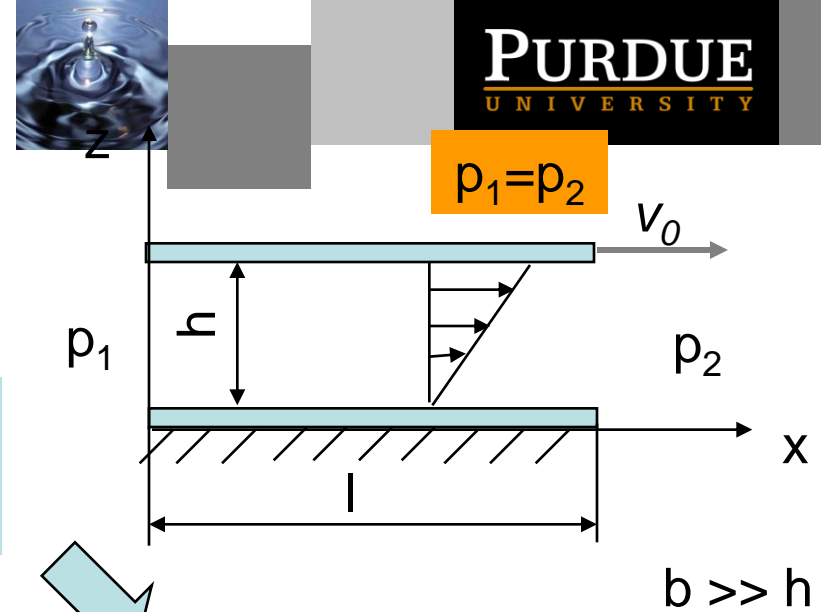
Flow velocity:  $v = \frac{v_0}{h} \cdot z$

Shear stress on surfaces:  $\tau = \mu \cdot \frac{v_0}{h}$

Gap flow:  $Q = b \int_0^h v \cdot dz = b \cdot \frac{v_0}{h} \int_0^h z \cdot dz = b \cdot \frac{v_0}{h} \cdot \frac{h^2}{2} = b \cdot \frac{v_0}{2} \cdot h$

Viscous friction:  $F_v = \tau \cdot l \cdot b = \mu \cdot \frac{v_0}{h} \cdot l \cdot b$

Power loss due to viscous friction:  $P_{Sv} = F_v \cdot v_0 = \mu \cdot \frac{l \cdot b}{h} \cdot v_0^2$



$$\tau = \text{const}$$

$$\tau = \mu \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial z}$$

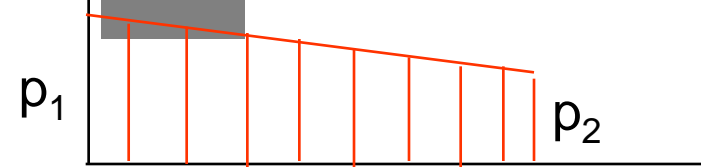


# Gap with constant gap height



Boundary conditions:

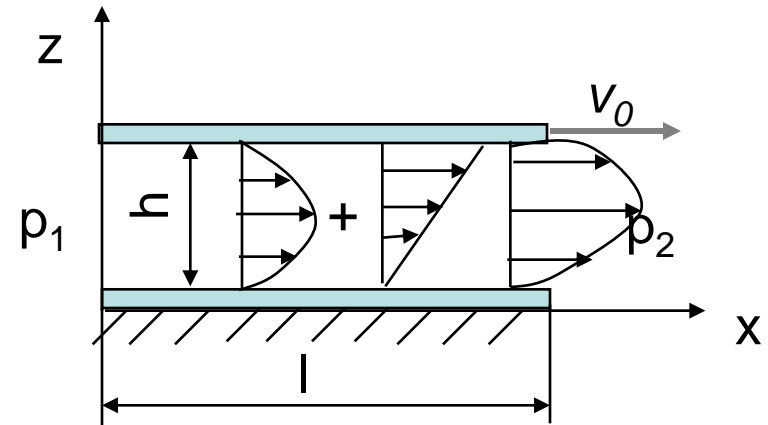
$$\begin{array}{llll} z=0 & \dots & v=0 & x=0 \dots p=p_1 \\ z=h & \dots & v=v_0 & x=l \dots p=p_2 \end{array}$$



Flow velocity:

$$v = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \left( z^2 - h \cdot z \right) + \frac{v_0}{h} \cdot z$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \mu \cdot \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2}$$



Gap flow:

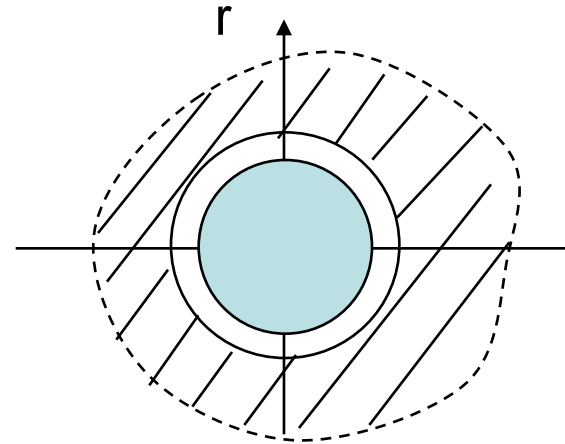
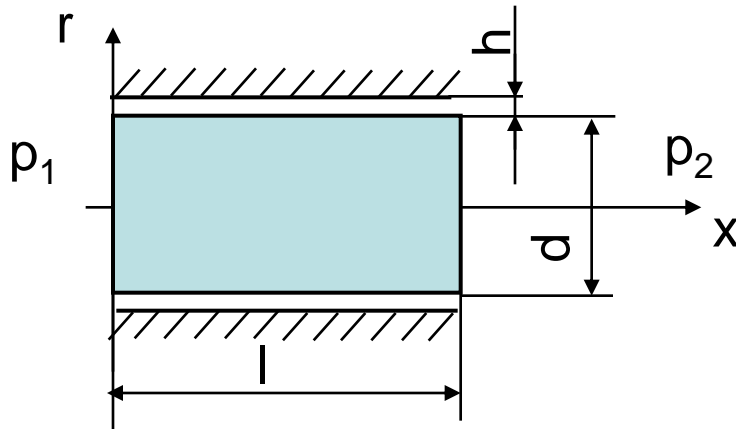
$$Q = b \int_0^h v \cdot dz = -\frac{1}{12\mu} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \cdot b \cdot h^3 + v_0 \cdot \frac{h}{2} \cdot b$$

Shear stress on surfaces:  $\tau = \mu \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = \frac{p_2 - p_1}{l} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left( z - h \right) + \frac{v_0}{h} \cdot \mu$

Power losses:  $P_s = P_{sQ} + P_{sv} = Q \cdot \Delta p + F_v \cdot v_0$

$$P_s = \frac{1}{12 \cdot \mu} \cdot \frac{\Delta p^2}{l} \cdot b \cdot h^3 + \mu \frac{v_0^2}{h} \cdot b \cdot l$$

# Radial Gap with constant gap height



Gap width:  $b = \pi \cdot d$

Equations from gap with constant gap height can be applied:

Gap flow: 
$$Q = b \int_0^h v \cdot dz = -\frac{\pi \cdot d}{12\mu} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \cdot h^3$$

# Gap with variable gap height



Hydrodynamic force

Boundary conditions:

$$\begin{array}{ll} z=0 & \dots \quad v=v_0 \\ z=h & \dots \quad v=0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ll} x=0 & \dots \quad p=p_1 \\ x=l & \dots \quad p=p_2 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial z} \quad \text{with} \quad \tau = \mu \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial z}$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \mu \cdot \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2}$$

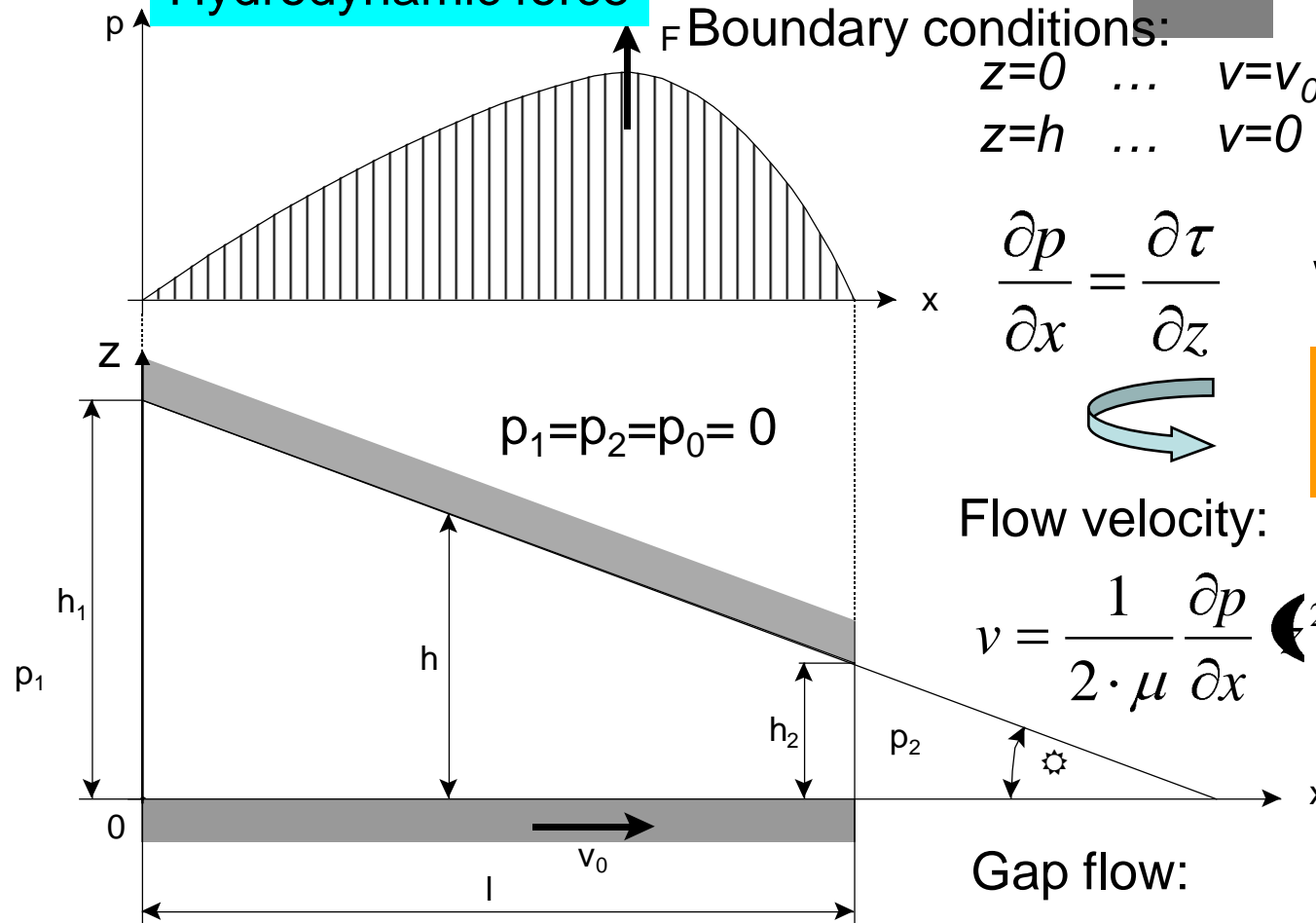
Flow velocity:

$$v = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \left( \frac{z^2}{2} - h \cdot z \right) + \frac{v_0}{h} \cdot z + v_0$$

Gap flow:

$$Q = b \int_0^h v \cdot dz = -\frac{1}{12\mu} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \cdot b \cdot h^3 + v_0 \cdot \frac{h}{2} \cdot b$$

$$h = \frac{h_2 - h_1}{l} x + h_1$$



# Gap with variable gap height



Pressure distribution in x-direction:

$$p \Leftarrow \int \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx \quad (1)$$



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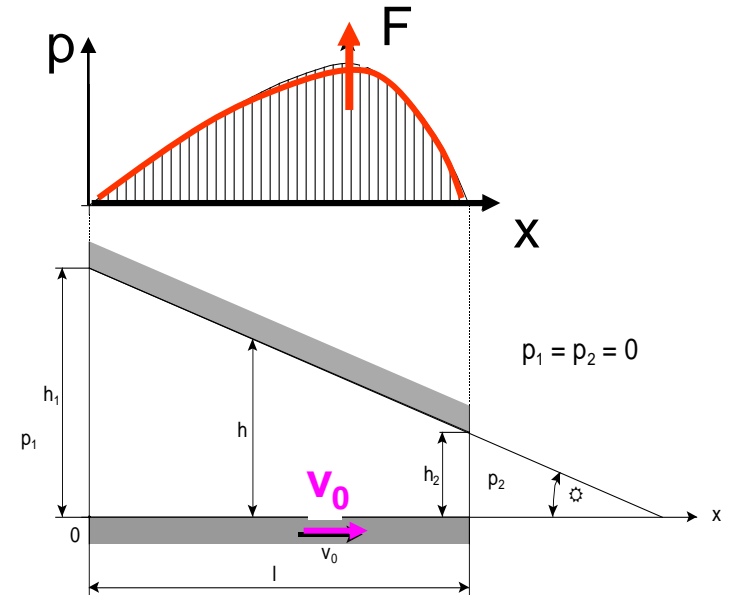
$$Q = -\frac{1}{12 \cdot \mu} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \cdot b \cdot h^3 + v_0 \cdot \frac{h}{2} \cdot b \quad (2)$$

we obtain:

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = -\frac{12 \cdot \mu \cdot Q}{b \cdot h^3} + \frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot v_0}{h^2} \quad (3)$$

$$p \Leftarrow \int \left( \frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot v_0}{h^2} - \frac{12 \cdot \mu \cdot Q}{b \cdot h^3} \right) dx \quad (4)$$

with: 
$$h = \frac{h_2 - h_1}{l} x + h_1 \quad (5)$$



# Gap with variable gap height



$$p(x) = \int \left( \frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot v_0}{h^2} - \frac{12 \cdot \mu \cdot Q}{b \cdot h^3} \right) dx \quad (4) \quad \text{with: } h = \frac{h_2 - h_1}{l} x + h_1 \quad (5)$$

using:

$$\int X^n dx = \frac{1}{a(n+1)} X^{n+1} \quad \text{with } X = ax + b \quad (6)$$

in our case:  $a = \frac{h_2 - h_1}{l}$  and  $b = h_1$  (7)

where  $n=-2$  for the first term in Eq. (4) and  $n=-3$  for the second term in Eq. (4)  
and after integration:

$$p(x) = \frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot v_0}{\frac{h_2 - h_1}{l} \cdot \left( \frac{h_2 - h_1}{l} \cdot x + h_1 \right)} - \frac{12 \cdot \mu \cdot Q}{b \cdot \frac{h_2 - h_1}{l} \cdot \left( \frac{h_2 - h_1}{l} \cdot x + h_1 \right)^2} + c \quad (8)$$

h
h

Boundary conditions:  $x=0$   $p=p_0$

# Gap with variable gap height



$$p(x) = \frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot v_0}{\frac{h_2 - h_1}{l} \cdot \left[ \frac{h_2 - h_1}{l} \cdot x + h_1 \right]} \cdot \frac{1}{b \cdot \frac{h_2 - h_1}{l} \cdot \left[ \frac{h_2 - h_1}{l} \cdot x + h_1 \right]^2} - \frac{12 \cdot \mu \cdot Q}{b \cdot \frac{h_2 - h_1}{l} \cdot \left[ \frac{h_2 - h_1}{l} \cdot x + h_1 \right]^2} + c \quad (8)$$

$$c = p_0 + \frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot v_0 \cdot l}{\left[ \frac{h_2 - h_1}{l} \right] h_1} - \frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot Q \cdot l}{b \cdot \left[ \frac{h_2 - h_1}{l} \right] h_1^2} \quad (9)$$

$$h = \frac{h_2 - h_1}{l} x + h_1 \quad (11)$$

$$p = \frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot l}{h_2 - h_1} \cdot \left( -\frac{v_0}{h} + \frac{Q}{b \cdot h^2} + \frac{v_0}{h_1} - \frac{Q}{b \cdot h_1^2} \right) + p_0 \quad (10)$$

$$h_2 - h_1 = \left[ \frac{h_2 - h_1}{l} \right] \frac{l}{x} \quad (12)$$

$$p = \frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot x}{h - h_1} \left[ v_0 \cdot \frac{h - h_1}{h_1 \cdot h} + \frac{Q}{b} \cdot \frac{h_1^2 - h^2}{h^2 \cdot h_1^2} \right] + p_0 \quad (13)$$

finally we get:

$$p = \frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot x}{h_1 \cdot h} \left[ v_0 - \frac{Q}{b} \cdot \frac{h + h_1}{h \cdot h_1} \right] + p_0 \quad (14)$$

Boundary conditions:  $x=0$   $p=p_0$

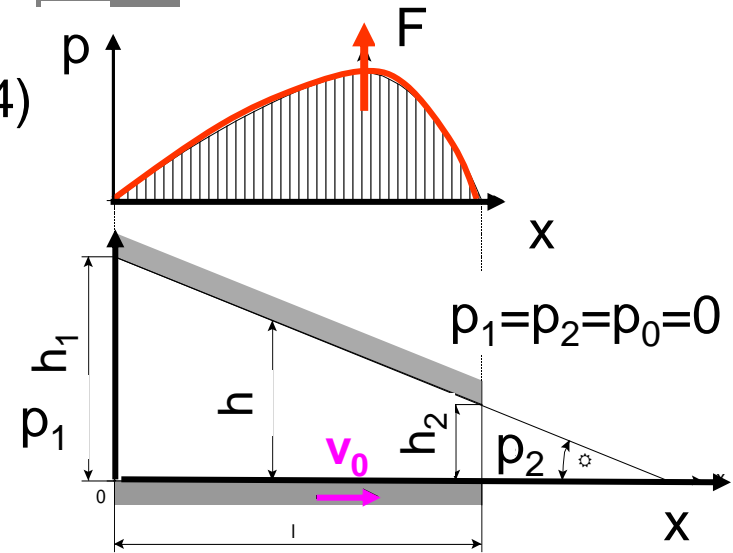
# Gap with variable gap height



$$p(x) = \frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot x}{h_1 \cdot h} \left[ v_0 - \frac{Q}{b} \cdot \frac{h + h_1}{h \cdot h_1} \right] + p_0 \quad (14)$$

Using boundary conditions for  $x=l$  is  $p=p_0$  and  $h=h_2$  from Eq. (14) follows :

$$Q = \frac{v_0 \cdot b \cdot h_2 \cdot h_1}{h_2 + h_1} \quad (15)$$



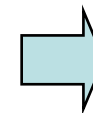
Substituting Eq. (15) into Eq. (14) the pressure  $p(x)$  yields:

$$p(x) = \frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot x \cdot v_0}{h^2} \cdot \frac{h - h_2}{h_2 + h_1} + p_0 \quad (16)$$

when  $h=h_1=h_2$



$p(x)=p_0$



No load ability!

# Gap with variable gap height



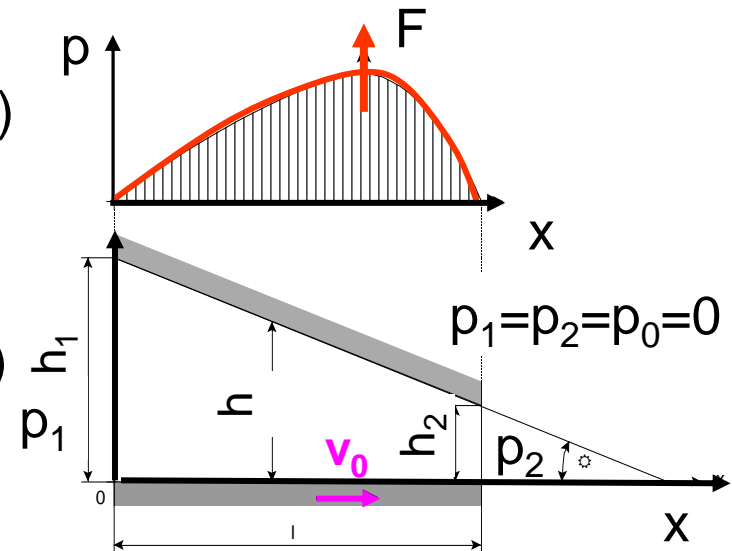
Load capacity due to hydrodynamic pressure field generated in the gap:

$$F = \int_0^l b \cdot (p - p_0) dx \quad (17)$$

$$p = \frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot x \cdot v_0}{h^2} \cdot \frac{h - h_2}{h_2 + h_1} + p_0 \quad (16)$$

$$F = b \int_0^l 6 \cdot \mu \cdot v_0 \cdot \frac{h - h_2}{h^2 (h_2 + h_1)} x \cdot dx \quad (18)$$

$$F = \frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot b \cdot l^2}{(h_1 - h_2)^2} \cdot \left[ \ln \frac{h_1}{h_2} - 2 \cdot \frac{h_1 - h_2}{h_1 + h_2} \right] \cdot v_0 \quad (19)$$



Maximum pressure force for  $h_1/h_2=2.2$  yields:

$$F_{\max} = \frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot l^2}{1.2^2 \cdot h_2^2} \cdot \left[ \ln 2.2 - \frac{2.4}{3.2} \right] \cdot v_0 = \frac{0.16 \cdot \mu \cdot l^2}{h_2^2} \cdot v_0 \quad (20)$$



# Example



A gap between two circular plain and parallel surfaces with a central inflow as shown in Fig.1 is given. Both surfaces are fixed. The inner radius is  $R_1$  and the outer radius is  $R_2$ .

Calculate the flow  $Q$  through the gap for a given gap height  $h$ , when the pressure at the inner radius is  $p_1$  and the pressure at the outer radius is  $p_2$ . And determine the pressure on the radius  $r = 15$  mm.

The following parameters are given:

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &= 20 \text{ MPa} & R_1 &= 12 \text{ mm} \\ p_2 &= 0.5 \text{ MPa} & R_2 &= 25 \text{ mm} \\ h &= 20 \text{ }\mu\text{m} \end{aligned}$$

Dynamic viscosity of the fluid:  
 $\mu = 0.0261 \text{ Pa}\cdot\text{s}$

Boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} z=0 & \quad \dots \quad v=0 & r=R_1 & \quad \dots \quad p=p_1 \\ z=h & \quad \dots \quad v=0 & r=R_2 & \quad \dots \quad p=p_2 \end{aligned}$$

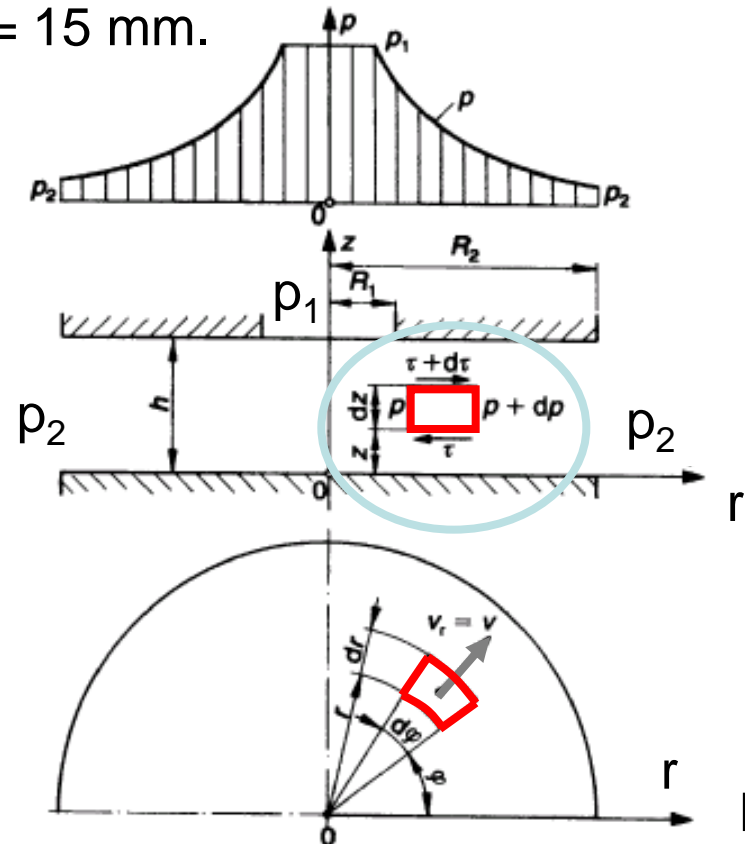


Fig.1

# Example



From force balance on a fluid element follows:

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial z} \quad \text{with} \quad \tau = \mu \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial z}$$

Boundary conditions:

$$\begin{array}{llll} z=0 & \dots & v=0 & r=R_1 \dots p=p_1 \\ z=h & \dots & v=0 & r=R_2 \dots p=p_2 \end{array}$$

After double integration the velocity yields:

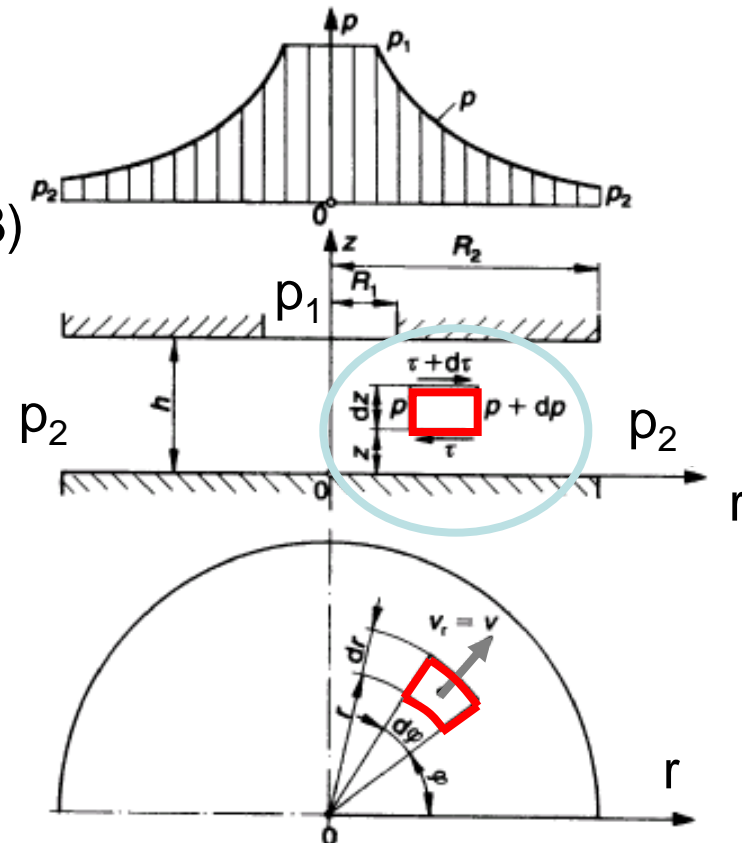
$$v = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} \left( z^2 - h \cdot z \right) \quad (1)$$

Gap flow:  $Q = \int_0^h 2 \cdot \pi \cdot r \cdot v \cdot dz = -\frac{\pi \cdot r \cdot h^3}{6 \cdot \mu} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} \quad (3)$

Therefore:  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} = -\frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot Q}{\pi \cdot r \cdot h^3} \quad (4)$

and  $\int_{p_1}^{p_2} dp = \int_{R_1}^{R_2} -\frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot Q}{\pi \cdot r \cdot h^3} \cdot dr \quad (5)$

$$p_2 - p_1 = -\frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot Q}{\pi \cdot h^3} \cdot \left( \ln R_2 - \ln R_1 \right) \quad (6)$$



# Example



$$p_2 - p_1 = -\frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot Q}{\pi \cdot h^3} \cdot \ln R_2 - \ln R_1 \quad (6)$$

From Eq. (6) follows for the gap flow:

$$Q = \frac{p_2 - p_1 \cdot \pi \cdot h^3}{6 \cdot \mu \cdot \ln \frac{R_1}{R_2}} \quad (7)$$

$$Q = \frac{p_2 - p_1 \cdot \pi \cdot h^3}{6 \cdot \mu \cdot \ln \frac{R_1}{R_2}} = \frac{1 \cdot 10^5 \text{ Pa} - 2 \cdot 10^7 \text{ Pa} \cdot \pi \cdot (1 \cdot 10^{-5})^3 \text{ m}^3}{6 \cdot 0.0261 \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s} \cdot \ln \frac{12 \cdot 10^{-3}}{25 \cdot 10^{-3}}} = 4.264 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1} = 0.256 \text{ l/min}$$

For the pressure distribution in radial direction we obtain integrating Eq. (4):

$$p = -\frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot Q}{\pi \cdot h^3} \cdot \ln r + c \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} = -\frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot Q}{\pi \cdot r \cdot h^3} \quad (4)$$

And using boundary conditions for c follows:

$$p_1 = -\frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot Q}{\pi \cdot h^3} \cdot \ln R_1 + c \quad (8)$$



$$p = \frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot Q}{\pi \cdot h^3} \cdot \ln \frac{R_1}{r} + p_1 \quad (9)$$

# Example



The pressure distribution in radial direction yields:

$$p = \frac{6 \cdot \mu \cdot Q}{\pi \cdot h^3} \cdot \ln \frac{R_1}{r} + p_1 \quad (9)$$

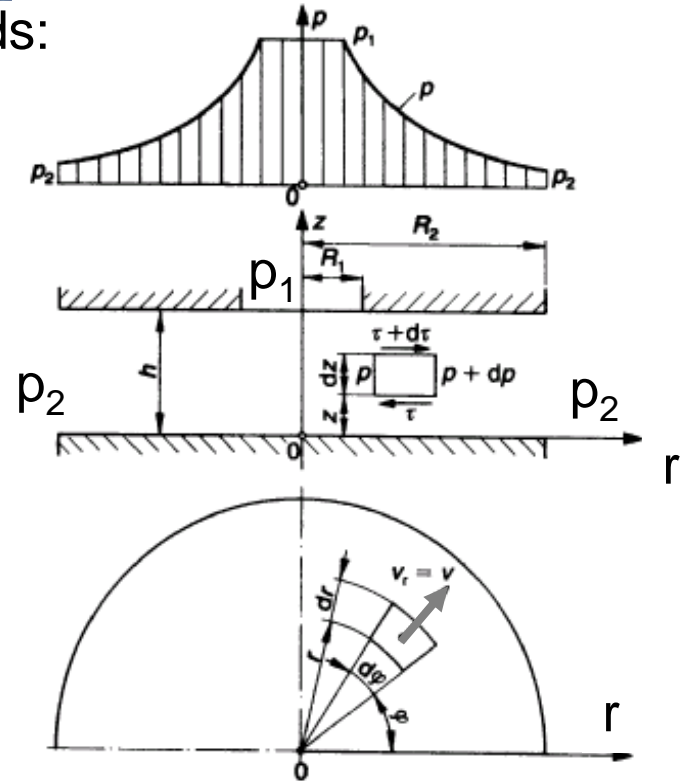
Substituting the volume flow equation Eq. (7) into Eq. (9) we obtain:

$$Q = \frac{(p_2 - p_1) \pi \cdot h^3}{6 \cdot \mu \cdot \ln \frac{R_1}{R_2}} \quad (7)$$



$$p = \frac{p_2 - p_1}{\ln \frac{R_1}{R_2}} \cdot \ln \frac{R_1}{r} + p_1 = \frac{5 \cdot 10^5 \text{ Pa} - 2 \cdot 10^7 \text{ Pa}}{\ln \frac{12 \cdot 10^{-3}}{25 \cdot 10^{-3}}} \cdot \ln \frac{12 \cdot 10^{-3}}{15 \cdot 10^{-3}} + 2 \cdot 10^7 \text{ Pa} =$$

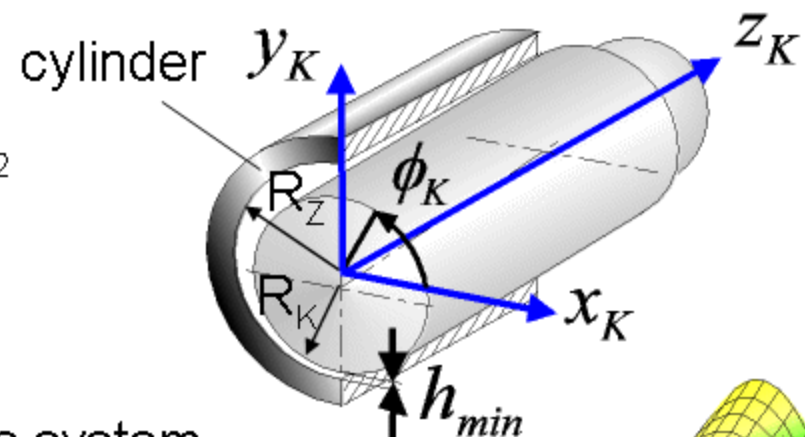
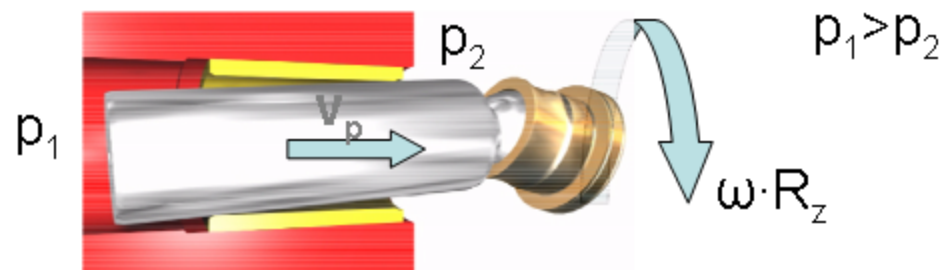
$$p = 14.071 \text{ MPa}$$



# Gap between piston & cylinder



Axial and radial piston motion



Unrolled gap in Cartesian co-ordinates system

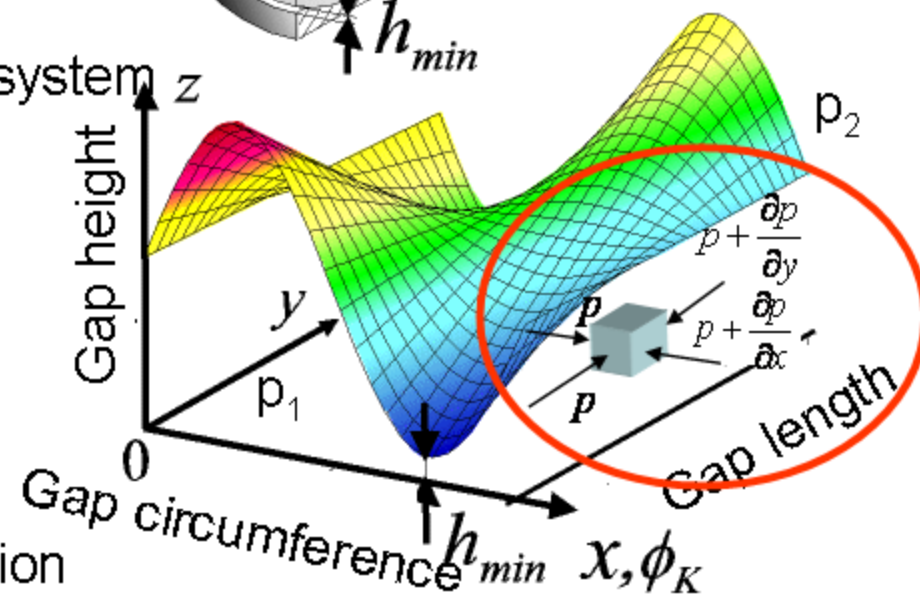
$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 v_y}{\partial z^2}$$

$$x = \phi_K R_z$$

$$y = z_K$$

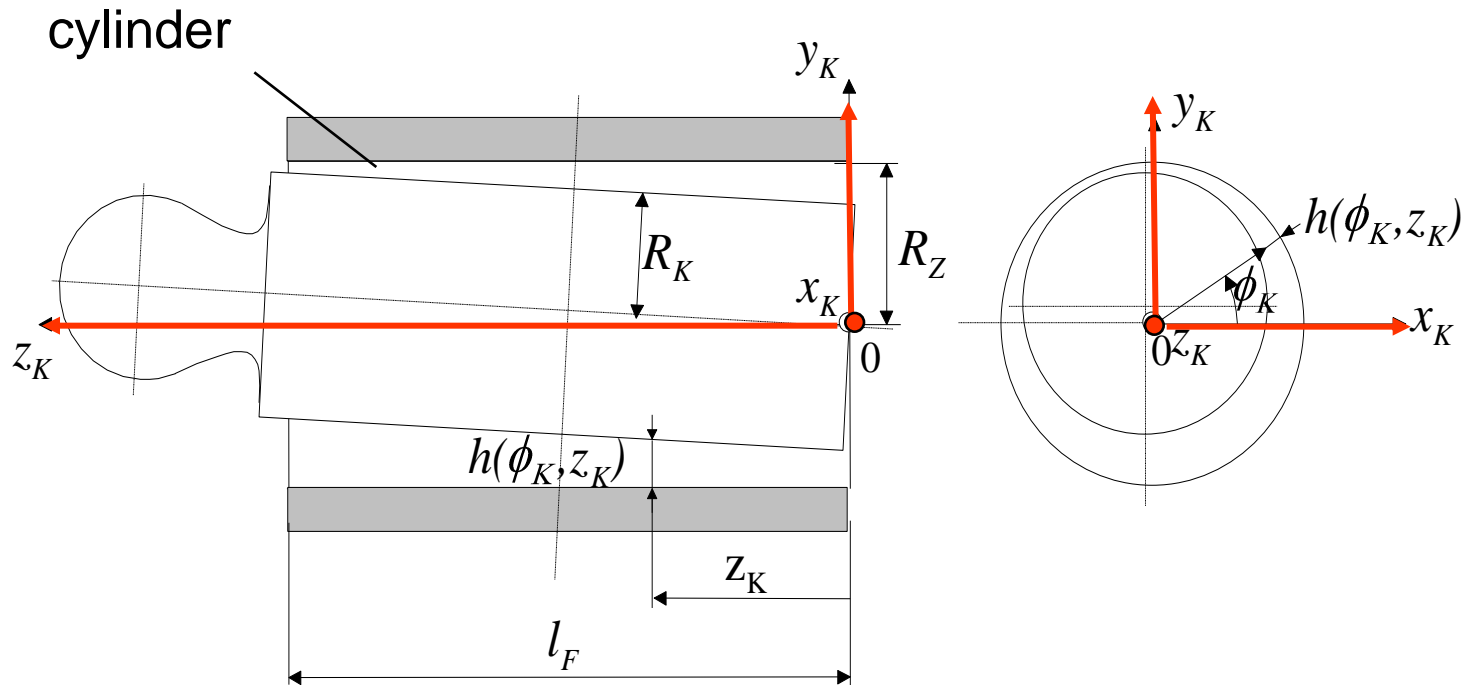
$$z = h(\phi_K, z_K)$$



Gap height due to inclined piston position

$$h(z_K, \phi_K) = \sqrt{(R_z \cos \phi_K - x_m(z_K))^2 + (R_z \sin \phi_K - y_m(z_K))^2} - R_K(z_K)$$

# Gap height function



$$h(z_K, \phi_K) = \sqrt{(R_Z \cos \phi_K - x_m(z_K))^2 + (R_Z \sin \phi_K - y_m(z_K))^2} - R_K(z_K)$$

# Gap between piston & cylinder



After double integration flow velocity yields:

$$v_x = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} z^2 + C_1 z + C_2$$

$$v_y = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} z^2 + C_3 z + C_4$$

$$v_x = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \mu} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \cdot (z^2 - h \cdot z) + \omega \cdot R_z \cdot \frac{z}{h}$$

$$v_{xmi} = \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h v_x dz = -\frac{1}{2 \cdot \mu} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{h^3}{6} + \omega \cdot R_z \cdot \frac{h}{2}$$

$$v_{ymi} = \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h v_y \cdot dz = -\frac{1}{2 \cdot \mu} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{h^3}{6} + v_p \cdot \frac{h}{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 v_y}{\partial z^2}$$

Boundary conditions:

$$\begin{array}{lll} z=0 & \dots & v_x=0 \quad v_y=0 \\ z=h & \dots & v_x=\omega \cdot R_z \quad v_y=v_p \end{array}$$

$$v_y = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \mu} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \cdot (z^2 - h \cdot z) + v_p \cdot \frac{z}{h}$$



Considering the continuity equation for incompressible fluid:

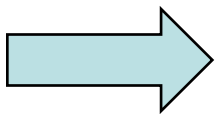
$$\text{div } \mathbf{v} = \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} = 0$$

After substituting the mean velocities the Reynolds-equation can be derived:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{h^3}{\mu} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{h^3}{\mu} \right) = 6 \cdot \left( \omega \cdot R_z \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + v_p \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \right)$$

and taking into account time dependent change of gap height the Reynolds equation becomes:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{h^3}{\mu} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{h^3}{\mu} \right) = 6 \cdot \left( \omega \cdot R_z \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + v_p \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} + 2 \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \right)$$



This partial differential equation has to be solved numerically



# Numerical solution of gap flow

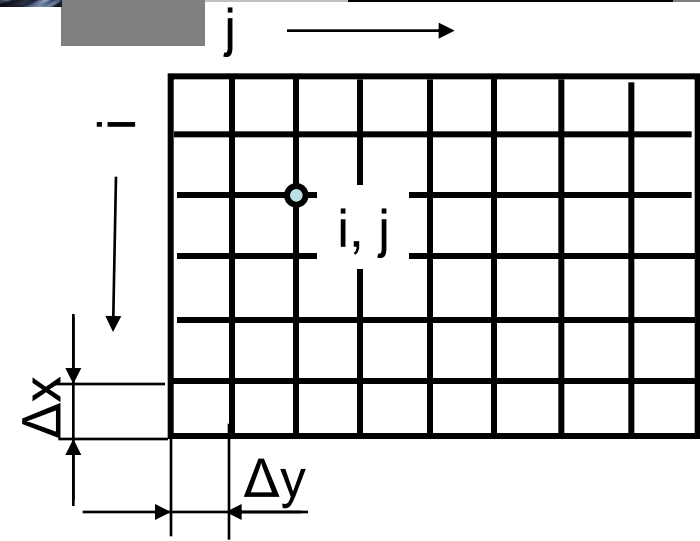


Applying the method of finite differences the Reynolds equation can be written:

$$\frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} = \frac{p_{i+1,j} - 2 \cdot p_{i,j} + p_{i-1,j}}{\Delta x^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial y^2} = \frac{p_{i,j+1} - 2 \cdot p_{i,j} + p_{i,j-1}}{\Delta y^2} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \frac{p_{i+1,j} - p_{i-1,j}}{2 \cdot \Delta x} \quad (3) \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = \frac{p_{i,j+1} - p_{i,j-1}}{2 \cdot \Delta y} \quad (4)$$



Different methods available:

- finite differences
- finite volumes
- finite elements

Substituting Eq. (1), (2), (3) and (4) into the Reynolds- equation we obtain:

$$p_{i,j} = A \cdot p_{i+1,j} + B \cdot p_{i-1,j} + C \cdot p_{i,j+1} + D \cdot p_{i,j-1} + E \quad (5)$$

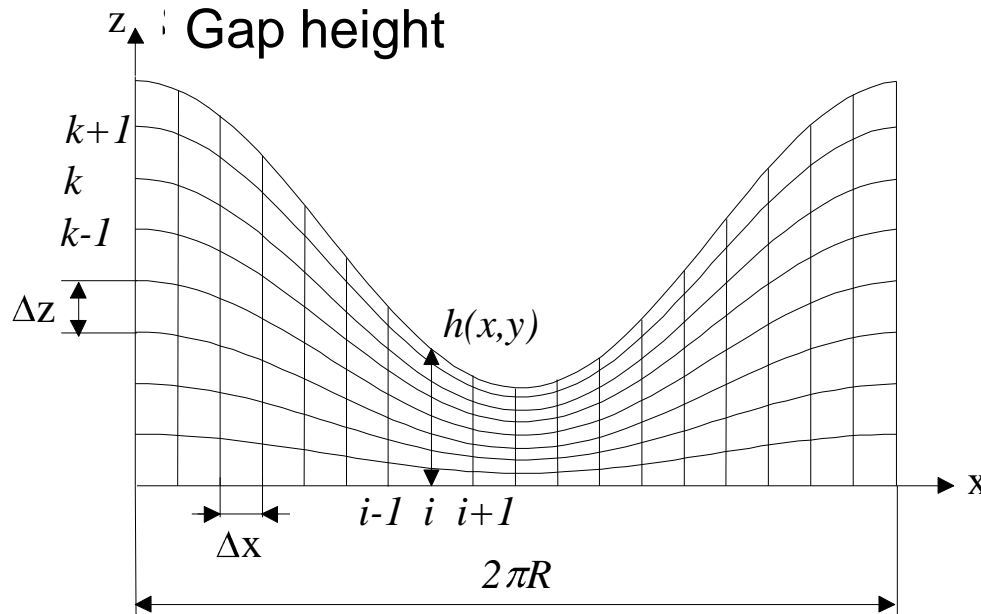
Iterative solution of Eq. (5) to calculate the pressure  $p_{i,j}$

# Numerical solution of gap flow

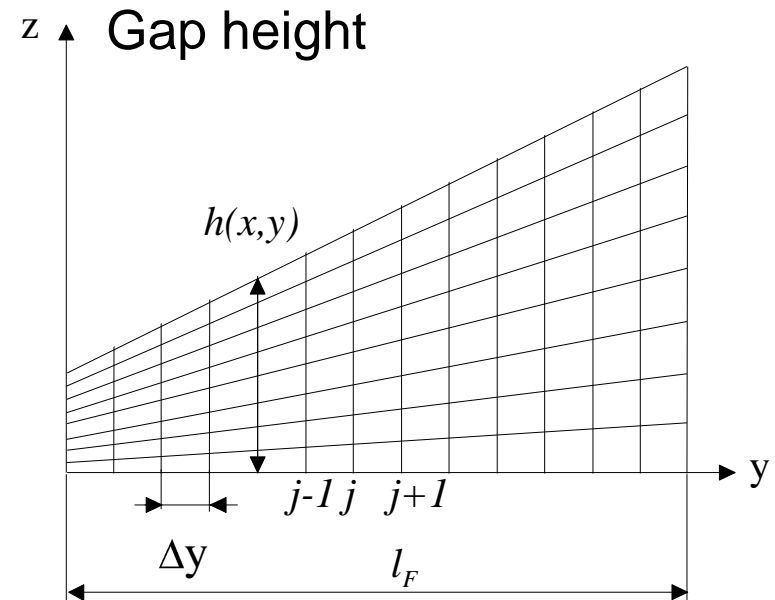


The gap grid

$$i=0,1,\dots,L \quad j=0,1,\dots,M \quad k=0,1,\dots,N$$



Gap circumference



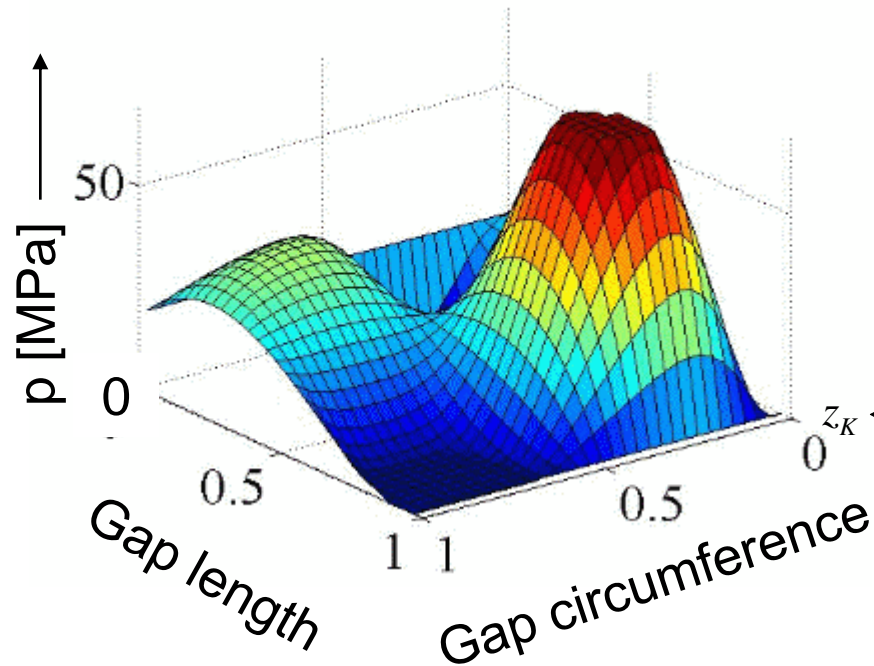
Gap length

$$\Delta x = \frac{2\pi R_z}{L} \quad \Delta y = \frac{l_F}{M} \quad \Delta z = \frac{h(x, y)}{N}$$

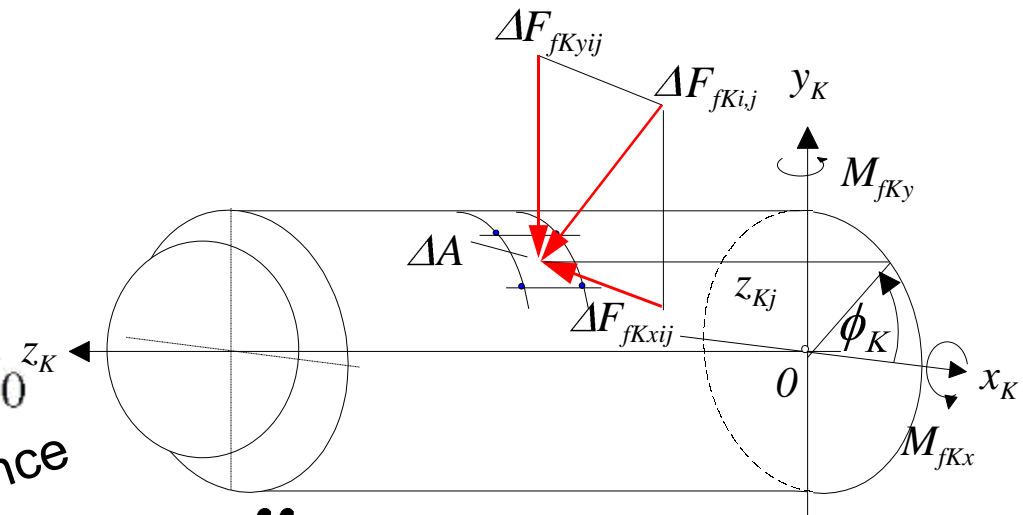
# Gap Parameter



Pressure field between piston and cylinder



Load capacity of the gap



$$F_{fK} = \iint_A p \cdot dx \cdot dy$$

$$\Delta F_{fKij} = \bar{p}_{ij} \cdot \Delta A = \bar{p}_{ij} \cdot \Delta x \cdot \Delta y$$

with:  $\bar{p}_{i,j} = \frac{1}{4}(p_{i,j} + p_{i+1,j} + p_{i,j+1} + p_{i+1,j+1})$

# Contact between piston and swash plate

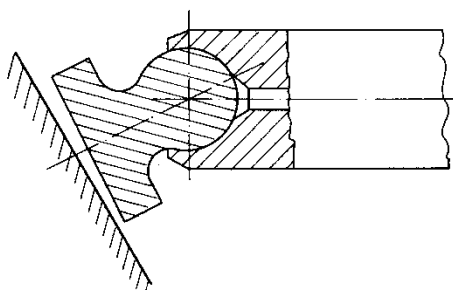
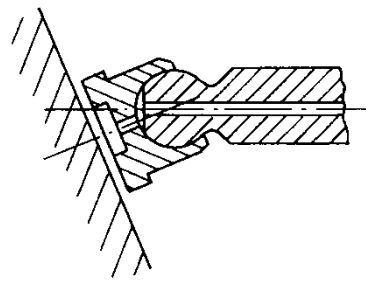
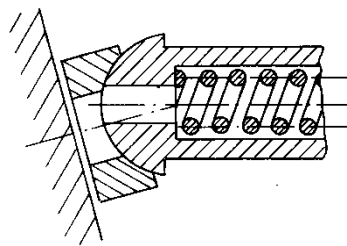


Support by slippers

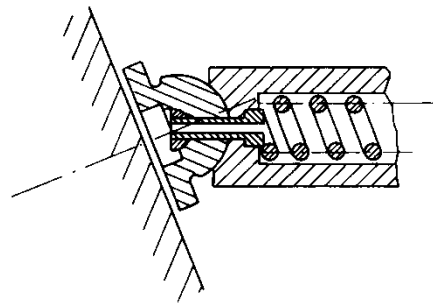
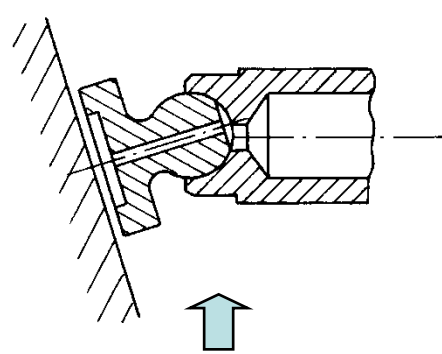
→ Increase of volumetric losses

Hydrostatically balanced

Hydrodynamically balanced



Additional hydrodynamic effect usable



Requires oil filled case

Special surface geometry can support hydrodynamic effect

Lower loading of piston-cylinder

→ Suitable for high pressure and high speed

# Slipper Design

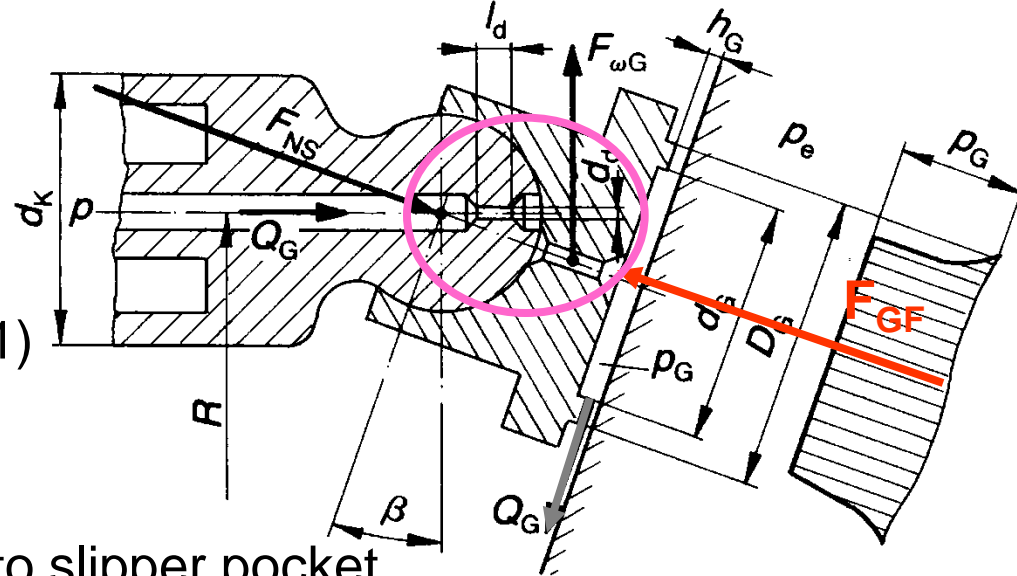


$$F_{GF} = B_G \cdot F_{NS}$$

$B_G$ ... slipper balance (0.95 – 0.99)

Gap flow assuming constant gap height

$$Q_G = \frac{\pi \cdot h_G^3}{6 \cdot \mu \cdot \ln \frac{D_G}{d_G}} \cdot (p_G - p_e) \quad (1)$$



Flow from displacement chamber to slipper pocket

Through a small orifice

or laminar throttle  $Q_G = \frac{\pi \cdot d_d^4}{128 \cdot \mu \cdot l_d} \cdot (p - p_G) \quad (3)$

$$Q_G = \frac{\pi \cdot d_d^2}{4} \cdot \alpha_D \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho}} \cdot \sqrt{p - p_G} \quad (2)$$

$$Q_G = \frac{\pi \cdot h_G^3 \cdot d_d^4}{\mu \cdot \left( 6 \cdot d_d^4 \cdot \ln \frac{D_G}{d_G} + 128 \cdot h_G^3 \cdot l_d \right)} \cdot (p - p_e)$$

# Slipper Design



Load ability  $F_{GF}$  due to pressure field under the slipper

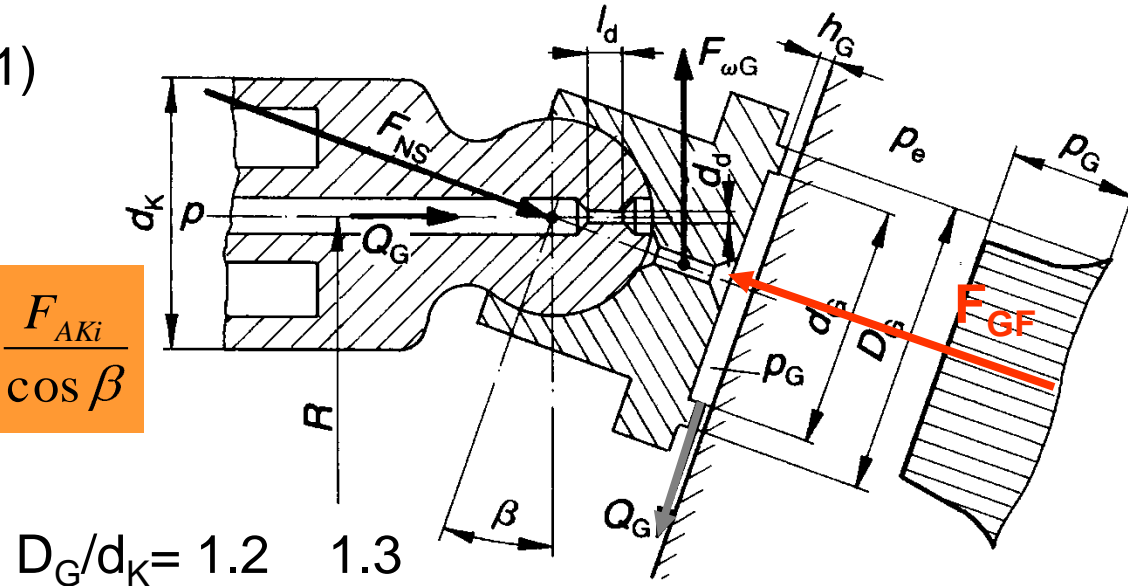
$$D_G/d_G = 1.2 \quad 1.3$$

$$F_{GF} = \frac{1}{8} \cdot p_G \cdot \pi \cdot \frac{D_G^2 - d_G^2}{\ln \frac{D_G}{d_G}} \quad (1)$$

$$F_{GF} = B_G \cdot F_{NS} \quad (2)$$

$$p_G = \frac{8 \cdot F_{NS} \cdot \ln \frac{D_G}{d_G}}{\pi \cdot (D_G^2 - d_G^2)} \cdot B_G$$

$$F_{NSi} = \frac{F_{AKi}}{\cos \beta}$$



$$\tau = \mu \cdot \frac{\omega \cdot R}{h_G}$$

Viscous friction force:

$$F_{TG} = \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot (D_G^2 - d_G^2) \cdot \mu \cdot \frac{\omega \cdot R}{h_G}$$

Losses due to friction:

$$P_{ST} = F_{TG} \cdot \omega \cdot R = \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot (D_G^2 - d_G^2) \cdot \mu \cdot \frac{\omega^2 \cdot R^2}{h_G}$$

Losses due to gap flow:

$$P_{SQ} = Q_G \cdot p$$

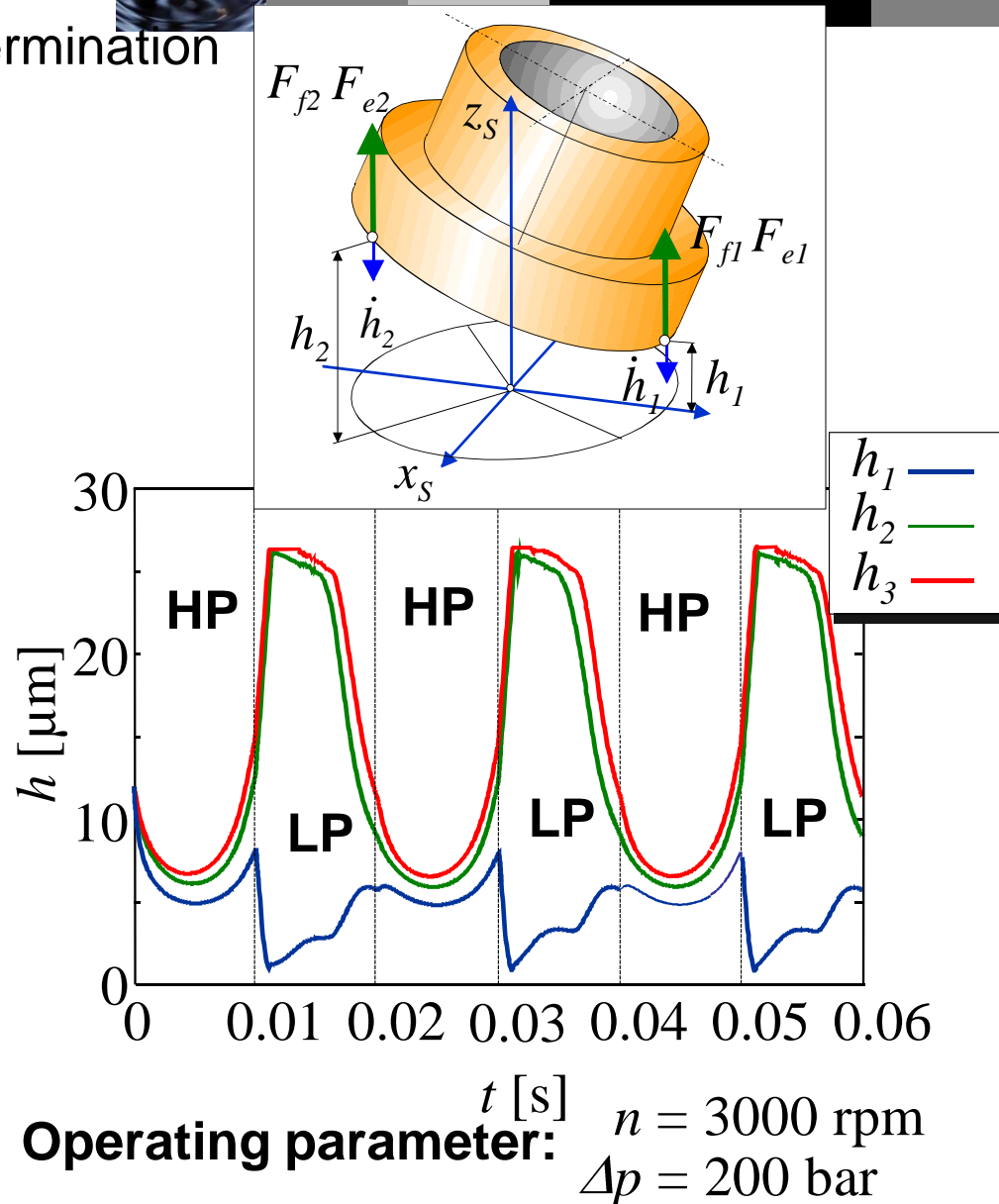
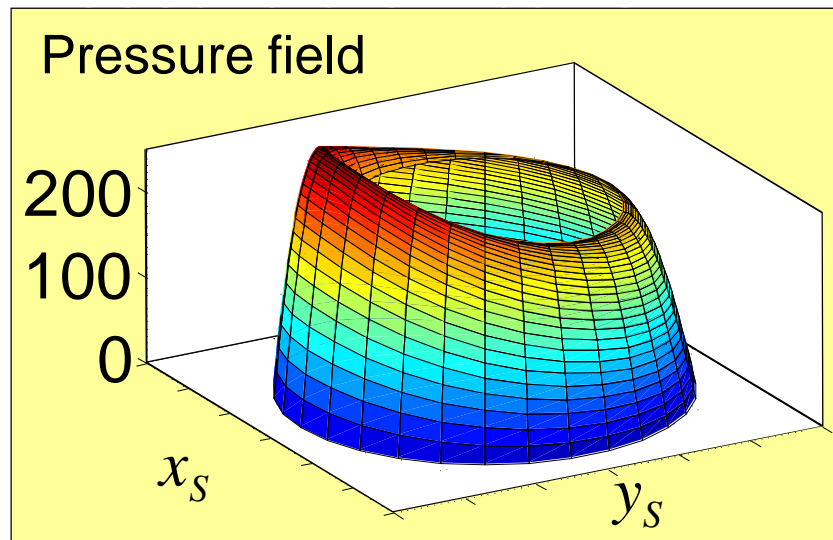
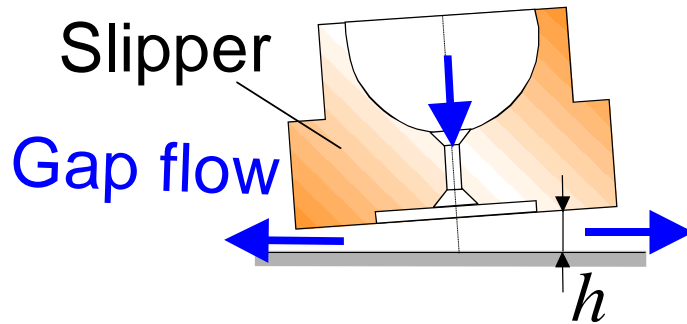
Power loss:

$$P_{SG} = P_{SQ} + P_{ST}$$

$$\left[ \frac{dP_{SG}}{dh_G} \right]_{h_G=h_{Gopt}} = 0$$



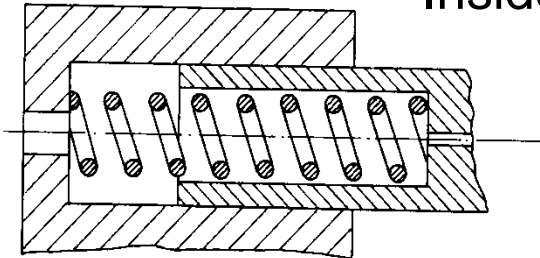
Gap flow simulation requires the determination of gap height



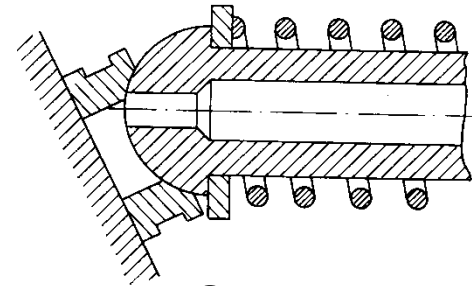
# Slipper hold down using springs



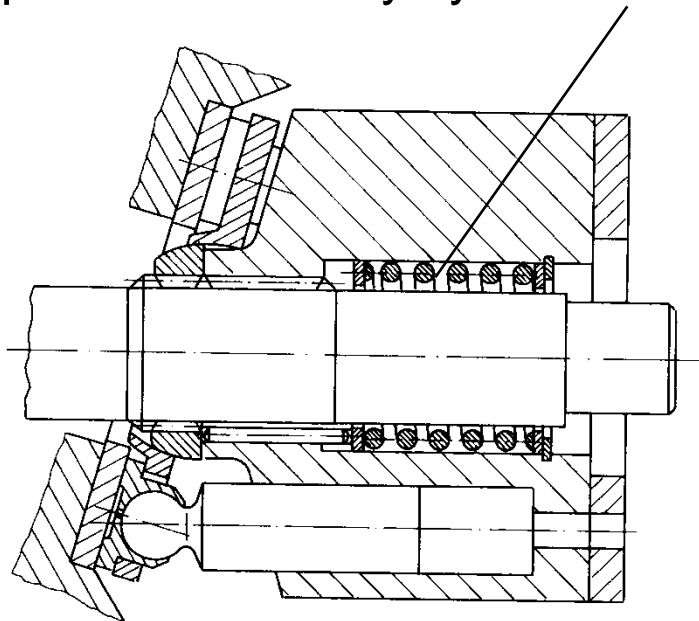
Inside the piston



Outside the piston

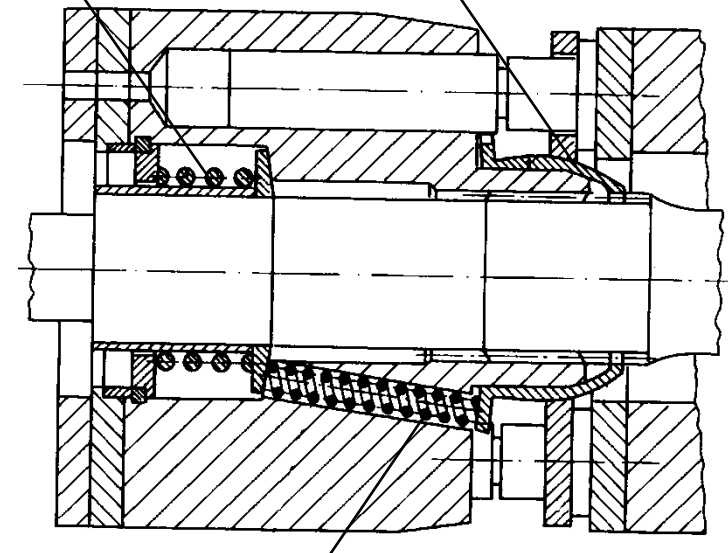


Slipper hold down by cylinder block spring



Slipper hold down device

Cylinder block spring



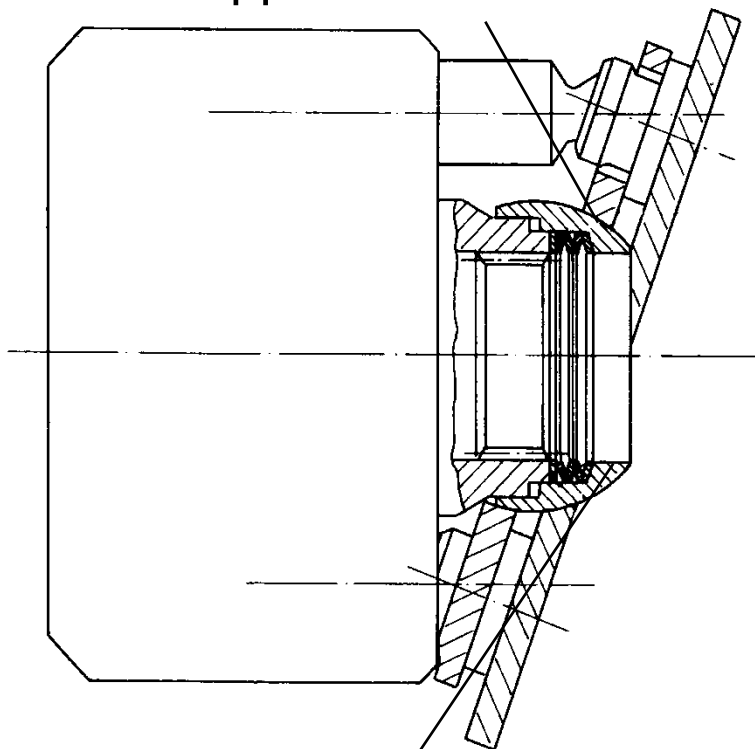
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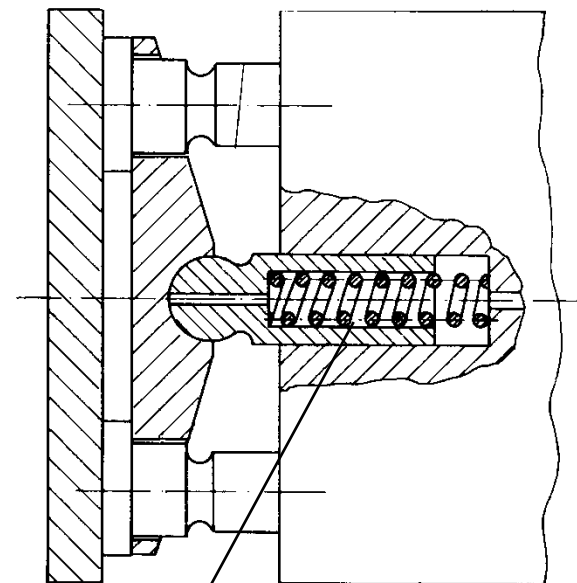
## Slipper hold down using springs



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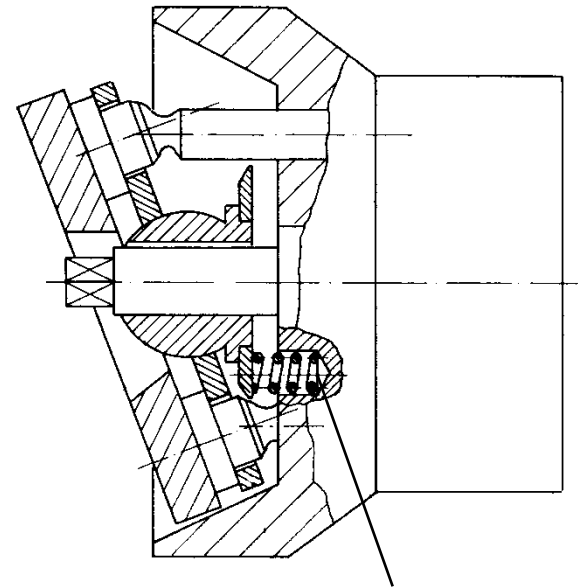
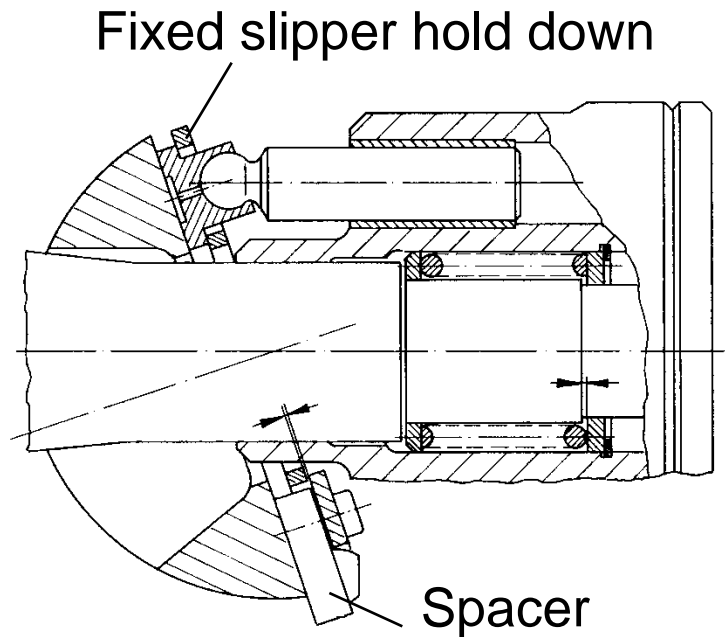


Slipper hold down spring



Slipper hold down spring

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