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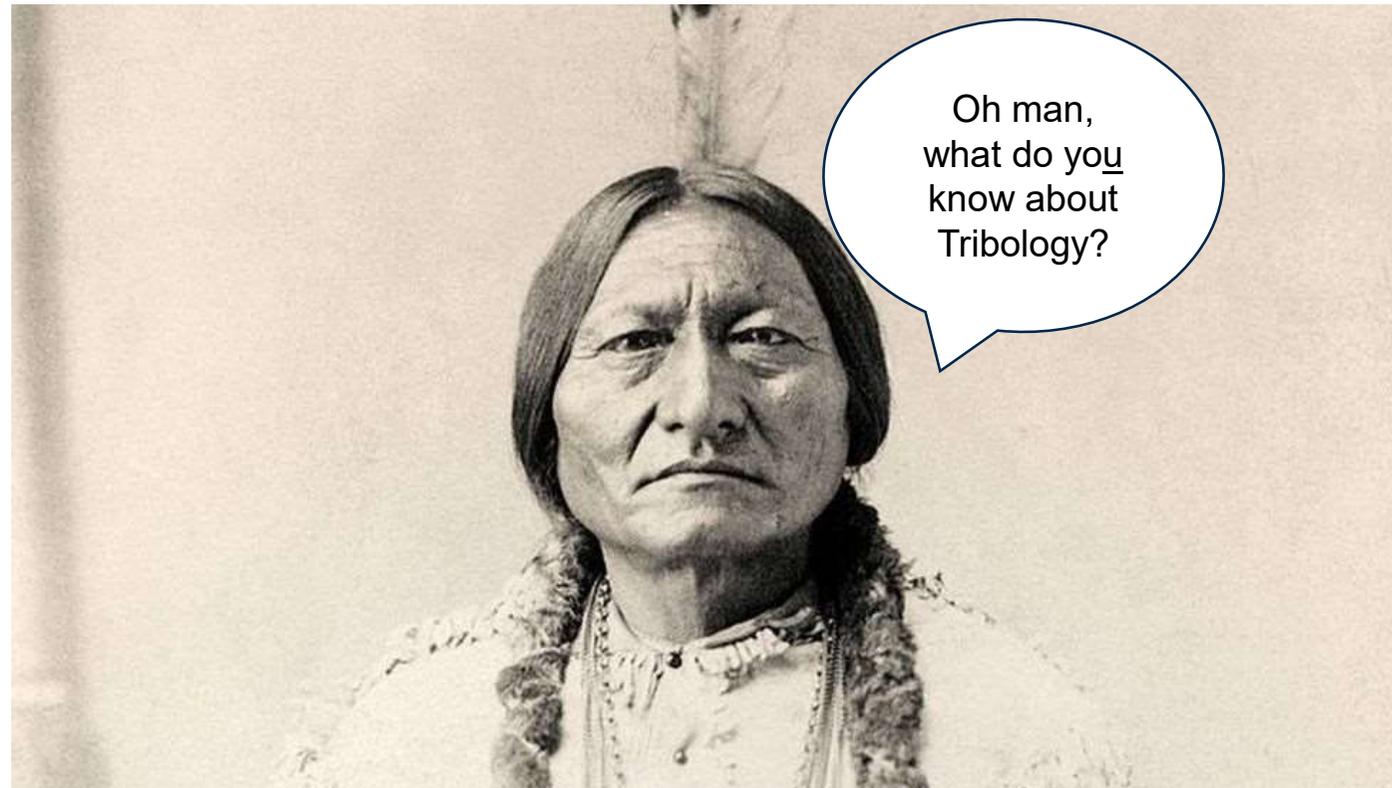
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Tribology

Tribology is the science and engineering of interacting surfaces in relative motion. It includes the study and application of the principles of friction, lubrication and wear.



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Early beginnings



Experimental tests of water lubricated bearings with installation-ready propeller shaft and stern tube in 2000 – just before installation on small fishing vessel



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Facility and five test rigs

- System of three multipurpose test rigs
- High power test rig
- Rudder bearings test rig



Our lab building was fully renovated in 2018

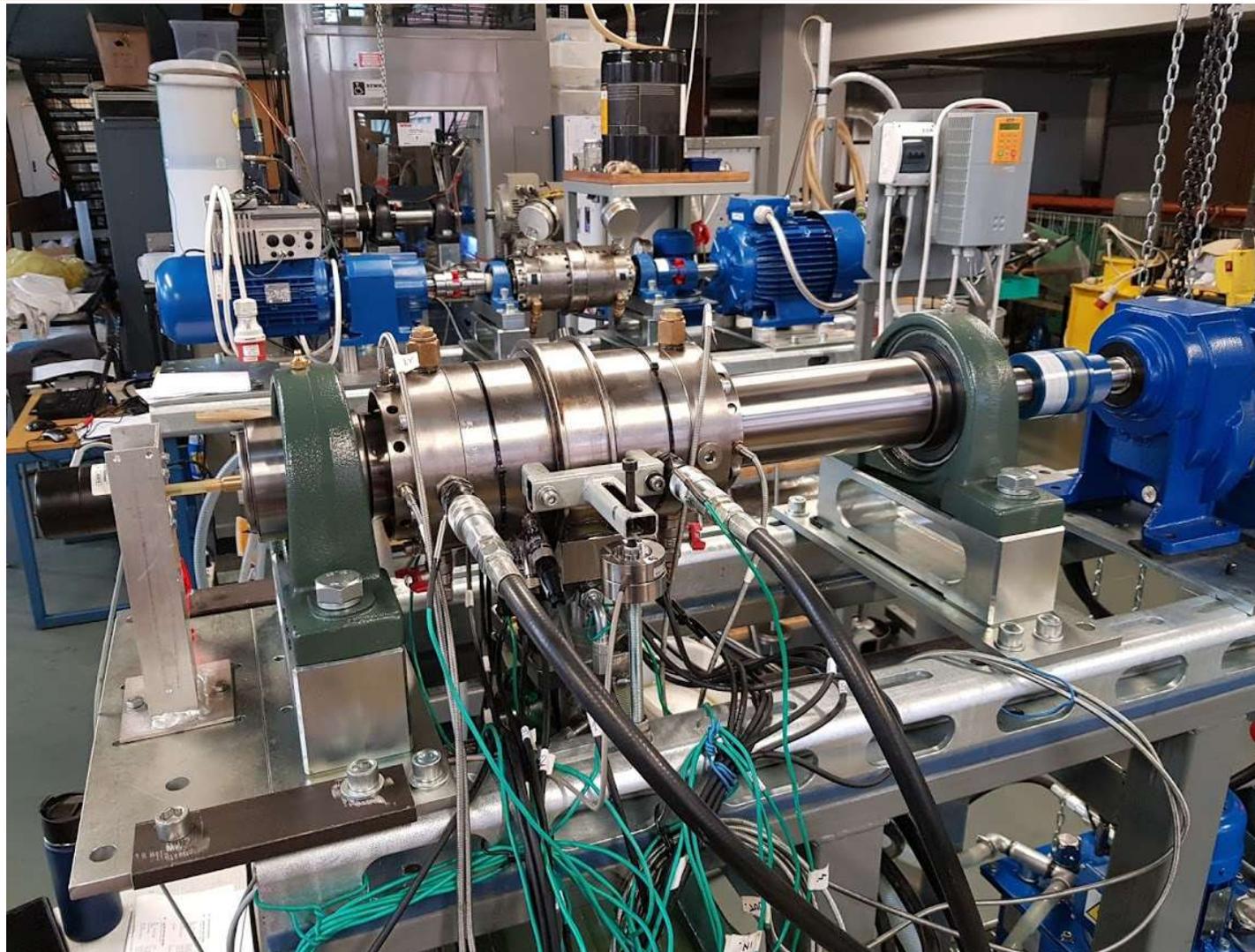


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System of three multipurpose test rigs





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Bearings properties tests



Water lubricated bearings test rig, with possibility of testing water / bio / water base liquids
Shaft diameter 100 mm, bearing specific pressure up to 2 MPa, speed 0 ÷ 3000 rpm

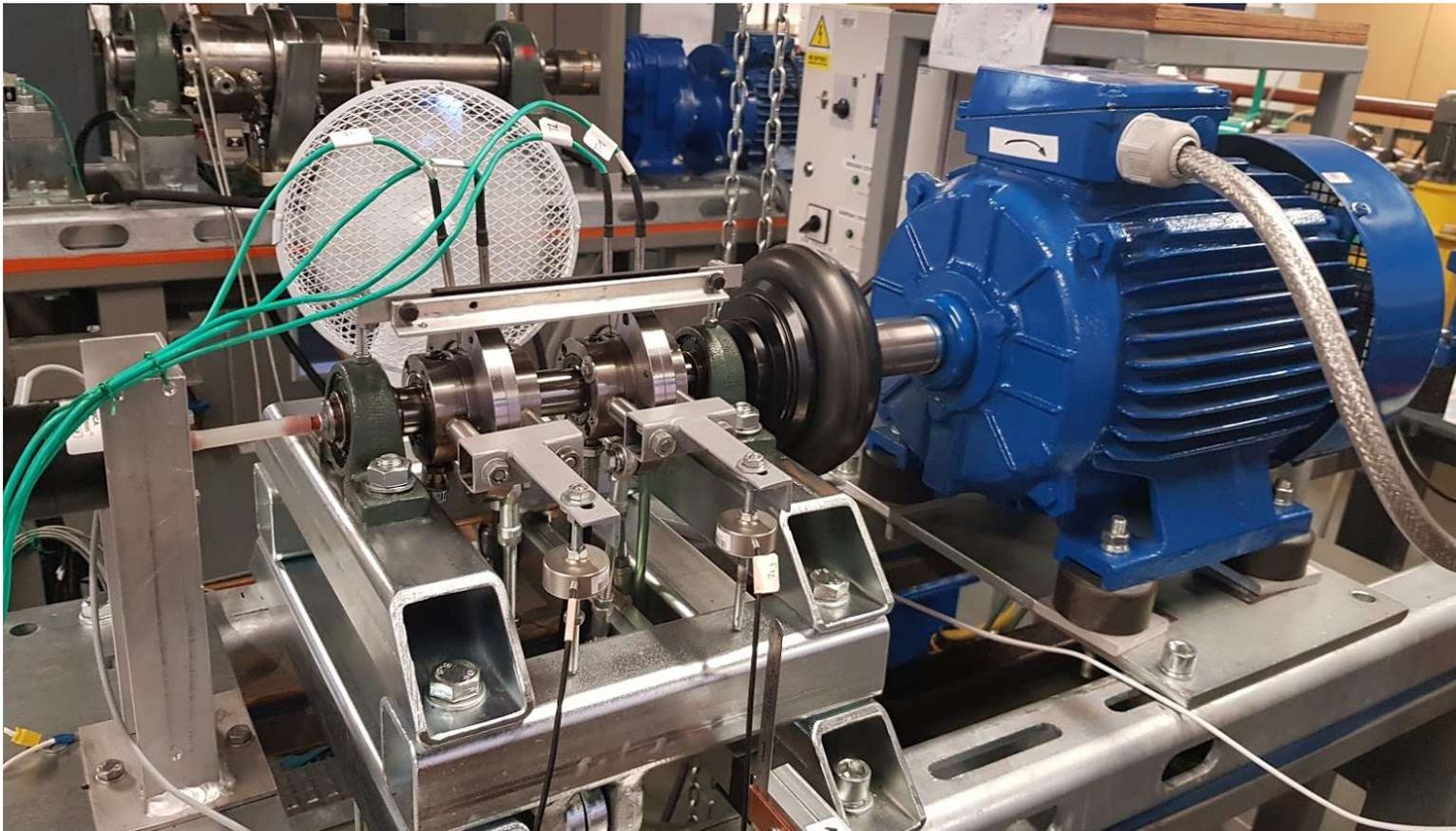


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Wear tests



Long time wear tests – constant speed or start – stop cycle
EAL / water base liquids wear test

Shaft diameter 30 mm, bearing specific pressure up to 5 MPa, speed 0 – 3000 rpm

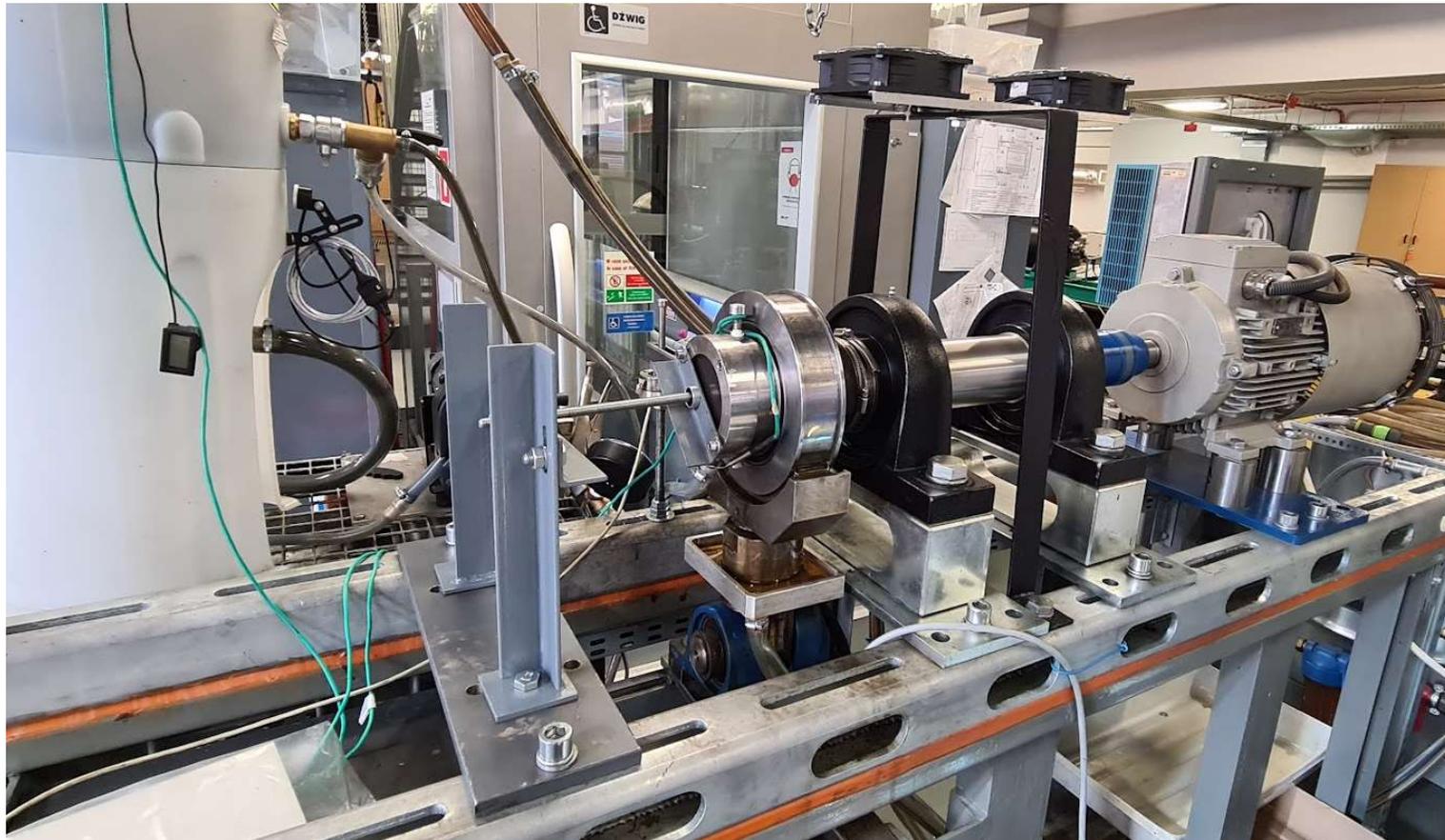


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Wear tests – water with particles



Long time wear tests – constant speed or start – stop cycle
Contaminated lubricant with particles

Shaft diameter 60 ÷ 70 mm, bearing specific pressure up to 2 MPa, speed 0 – 3000 rpm

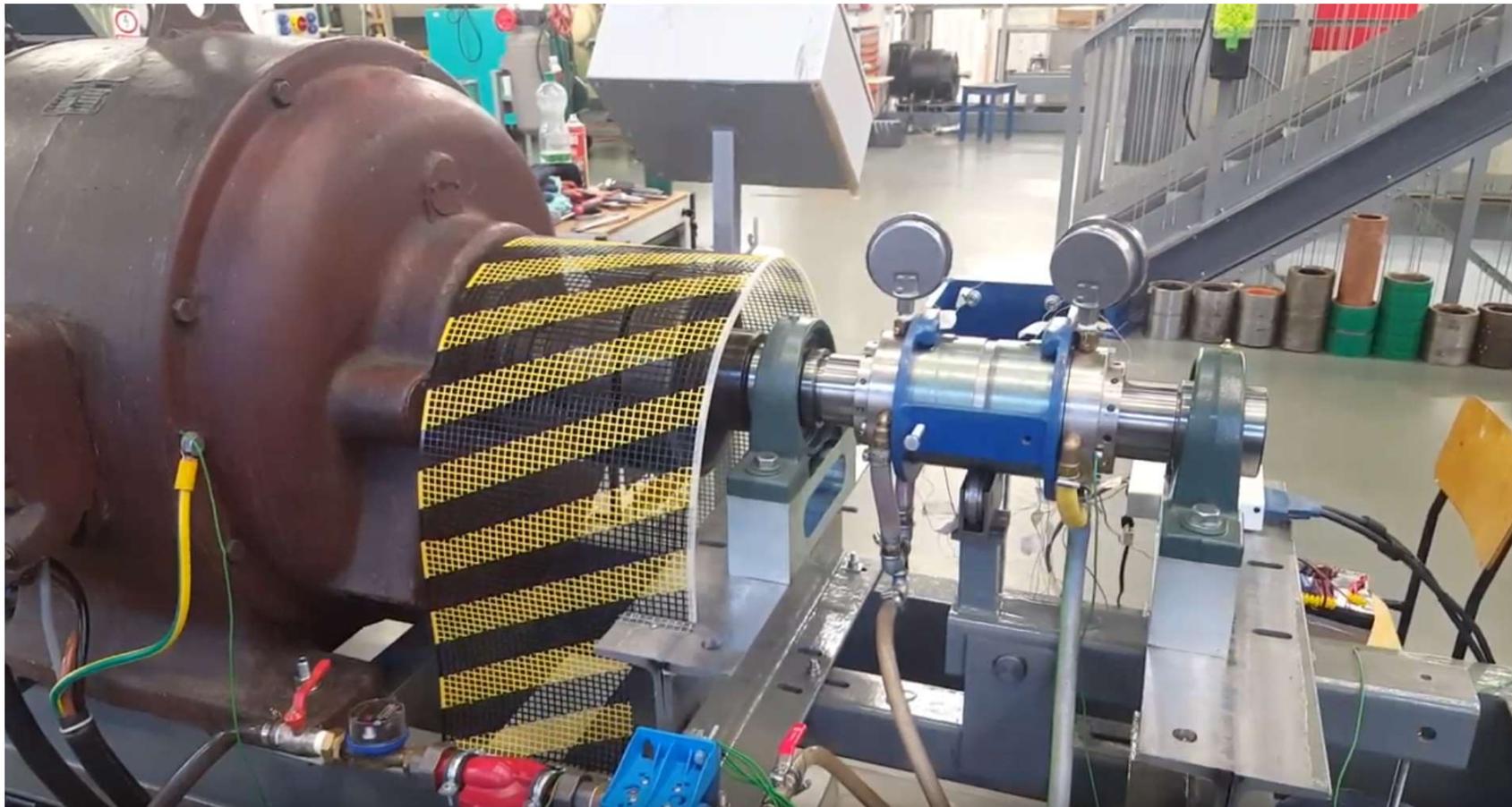


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Destructive tests - lack of lubricant flow etc.



High power water lubricated bearings test rig (240kW), With possibility of testing bio / water base liquids, Shaft diameter 100 mm, bearing specific pressure up to 1 MPa, speed 0 – 12 rev/s

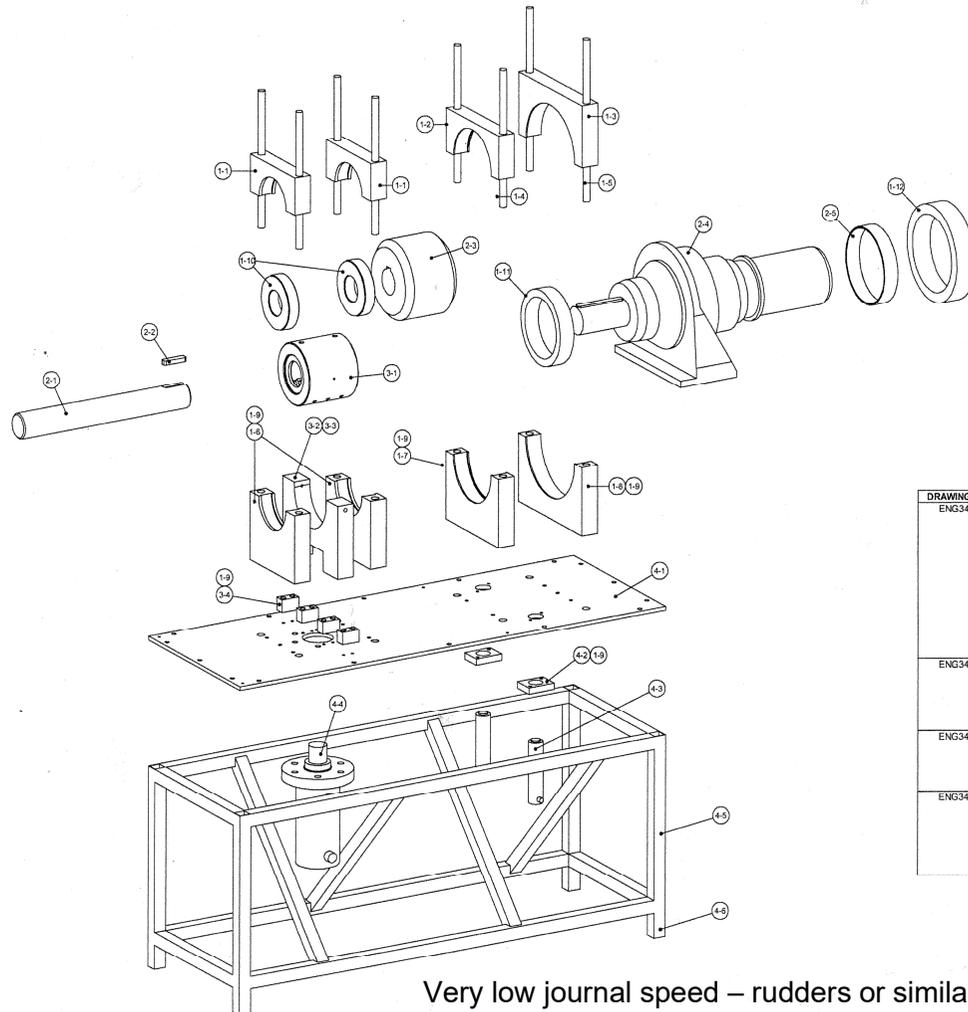


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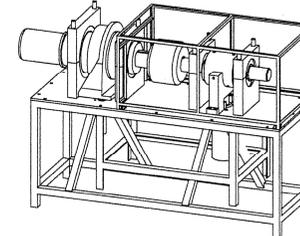
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Rudder bearings



NOTES:

1. ALL DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETRES
 2. TOLERANCES, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED:
- LINEAR: H7/g6
- ANGULAR: 11°
 3. ASSEMBLY: TABLE TOP TO BE BOLTED TO TABLE FRAME USING M10 NUTS AND BOLTS (HOLES TO BE DRILLED IN FRAME AT 'WARTSILA'). HYDRAULIC RAMS TO BE SCREWED INTO UNDERSIDE OF TABLE TOP. HOUSING CRADLE PADS TO BE SCREWED TO TABLE TOP. GEARBOX AND HOUSING ROLLER BEARING SUPPORT FRAMES TO BE LOOSELY SCREWED IN PLACE. GEARBOX SLEEVE TO BE HEATED UP AND PUSHED ONTO BACK END OF GEARBOX. ROLLER BEARINGS TO THEN BE SLID OVER SLEEVES AND TURNED DIAMETER AT THE FRONT END OF GEARBOX. GEARBOX WITH ROLLER BEARINGS FITTED TO BE PLACED INTO LOWER ROLLER BEARING SUPPORTS. UPPER SUPPORTS FOR GEARBOX ROLLER BEARINGS TO BE ADDED (M27 STUDBAR AND NUTS TO BE USED TO SECURE THEM), COUPLING TO BE ADDED TO END OF GEARBOX SHAFT.
- SHAFT TO BE PLACED INSIDE OF HOUSING ASSEMBLY AND THE TWO ROLLER BEARINGS SLID INTO PLACE OVER SHAFT - THIS IS THEN TO BE PLACED ON TOP OF ROLLER BEARING LOWER SUPPORTS AND HOUSING CRADLE (ALREADY PLACED ONTO TABLE TOP). HOUSING TO BE SECURED TO HOUSING CRADLE USING M8 SCREWS. SHAFT TO BE COUPLED TO GEARBOX. ROLLER BEARING UPPER SUPPORTS TO BE ADDED TO ASSEMBLY AND SECURED USING M27 STUDBAR AND NUTS. SHAFT/GEARBOX/HOUSING ALIGNMENT TO BE CHECKED AND ONCE ACCEPTABLE SCREWS FROM UNDERSIDE OF TABLE TOP TO BE TIGHTENED, ONCE PROPERLY ALIGNED.

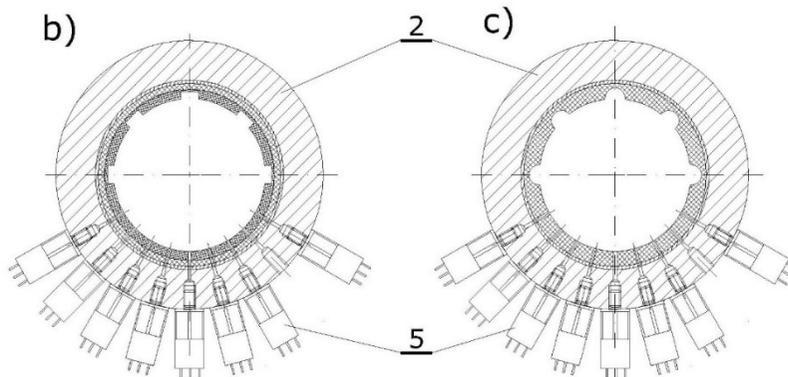
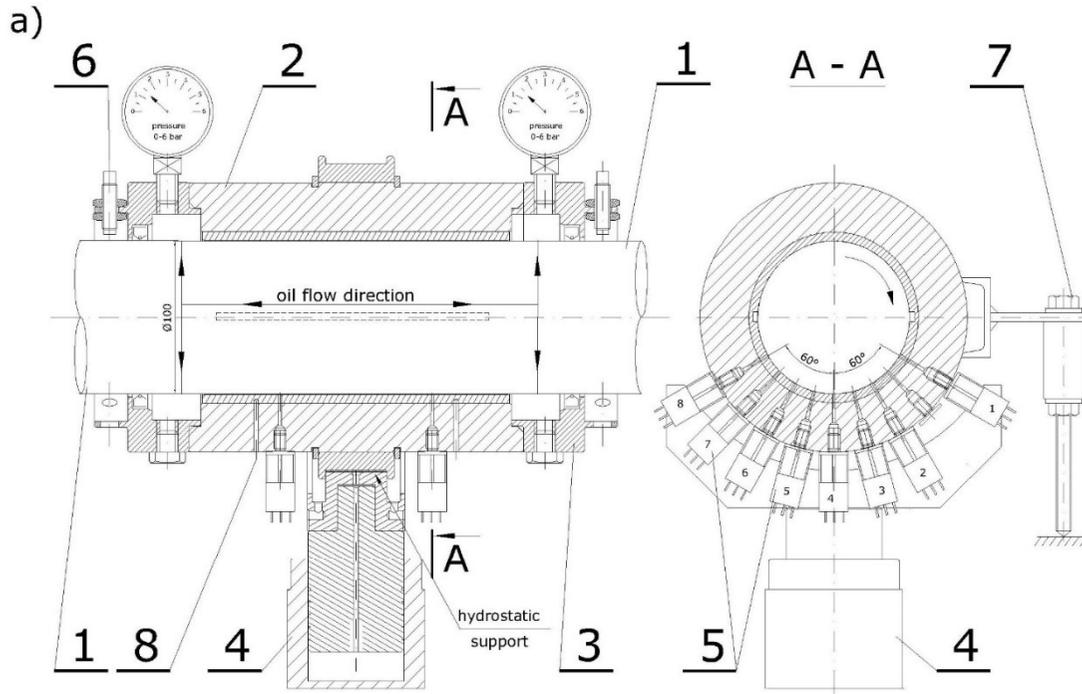


DRAWING POSN	DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL
ENG3447-1	ROLLER BEARINGS AND SUPPORTS	EPOXY GLASS
-1-1	SMALL ROLLER BEARING SUPPORT UPPER - H95170	COMPOSITE
-1-2	MIDDLE ROLLER BEARING SUPPORT UPPER - H95172	COMPOSITE
-1-3	LARGE ROLLER BEARING SUPPORT UPPER - H95174	COMPOSITE
-1-4	STUDING M27 x 550 LONG	STAINLESS STEEL
-1-5	STUDING M27 x 650 LONG	STAINLESS STEEL
-1-6	SMALL ROLLER BEARING SUPPORT LOWER - H95169	COMPOSITE
-1-7	MIDDLE ROLLER BEARING SUPPORT LOWER - H95171	COMPOSITE
-1-8	LARGE ROLLER BEARING SUPPORT LOWER - H95173	COMPOSITE
-1-9	SOCKET SCREW M12 x 35 LONG	STAINLESS STEEL
-1-10	ROLLER BEARING - FAG 20320 MB	STAINLESS STEEL
-1-11	ROLLER BEARING - FAG N4848	STAINLESS STEEL
-1-12	ROLLER BEARING - FAG N4860	STAINLESS STEEL
ENG3447-2	SHAFT ASSY	STAINLESS STEEL
-2-1	Ø100 SHAFT - H95184	STAINLESS STEEL
-2-2	SHAFT KEY - H95185	STAINLESS STEEL
-2-3	COUPLING - REXOLD C122BB K CHAINFLEX	STAINLESS STEEL
-2-4	GEARBOX - BONFIGLIONI 310 L4 FOR MOD. SEE ENG3449	
-2-5	GEARBOX SLEEVE - H95183	COMPOSITE
ENG3447-3	HOUSING ASSY	EPOXY GLASS
-3-1	HOUSING ASSY - ENG3448	COMPOSITE
-3-2	HOUSING CRADLE - H95179	STAINLESS STEEL
-3-3	SOCKET SCREW M8 x 30 LONG	STAINLESS STEEL
-3-4	HOUSING CRADLE PAD - H95180	COMPOSITE
ENG3447-4	BASE	STEEL
-4-1	TABLE TOP - H95164	STEEL
-4-2	HYDRAULIC CYLINDER MOUNTING BLOCK 'ENERPAC RB-10' SEE DRAWING ENG3450	STAINLESS STEEL
-4-3	HYDRAULIC CYLINDER ENERPAC RC-106	STEEL
-4-4	MAIN HYDRAULIC RAM	STAINLESS STEEL
-4-5	TABLE FRAME - H95165	STEEL
-4-6	TABLE FEET - RS 688-228 (M20, OD: 160)	STEEL

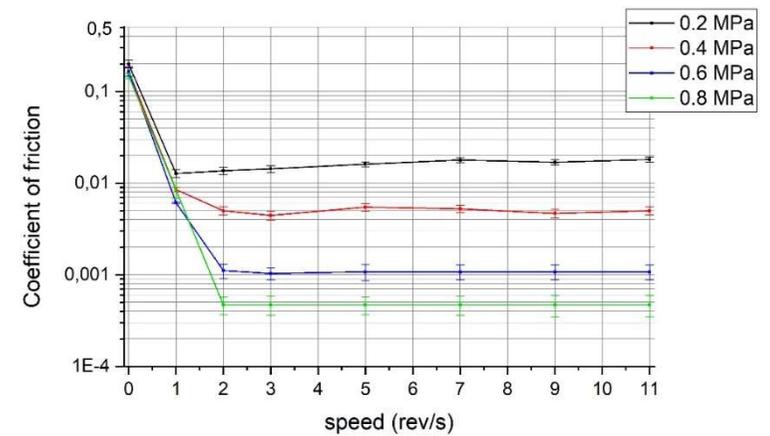
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DRAWN BY		CHECKED BY	MAX. MASS	
R. STRODLAND		G. SPILLER	0.0 kg	
DRAWN DATE		DATE REVISION	SHEET	
28 Sep 2012			1 OF 1	
REAL COORDINATED ON:				
TITLE				
SLOUGH RUDDER BEARING TEST				
RIO - GENERAL ASSEMBLY				
SIZE	DRAWING NUMBER	REV.		
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Very low journal speed – rudders or similar application
Dry / water / oil / EHL lubrication

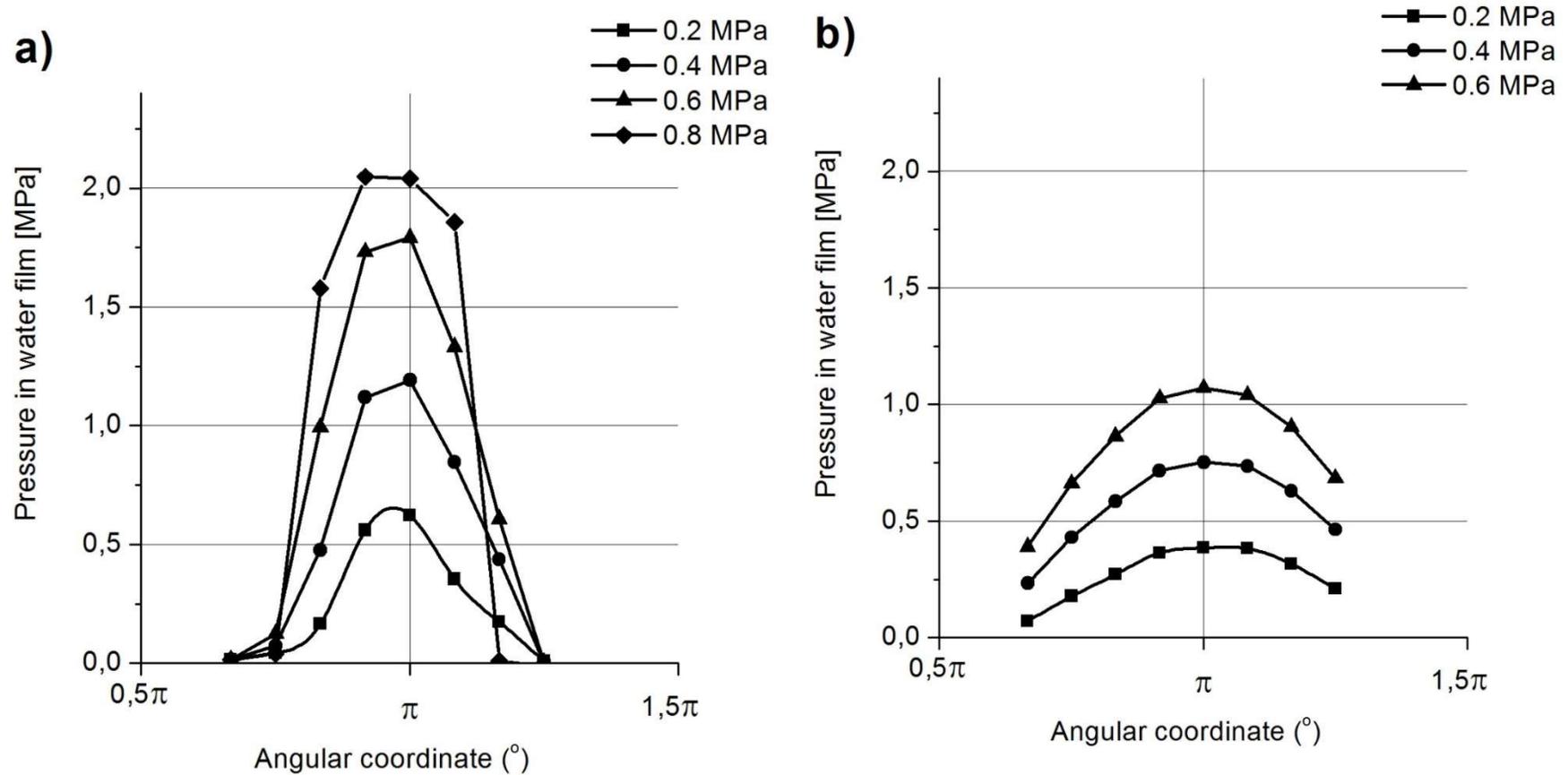
EXAMPLE 1: Friction measurements



- Precise friction measurements possible thanks to hydrostatic support
- Measurements of lip seal friction for precise measurements



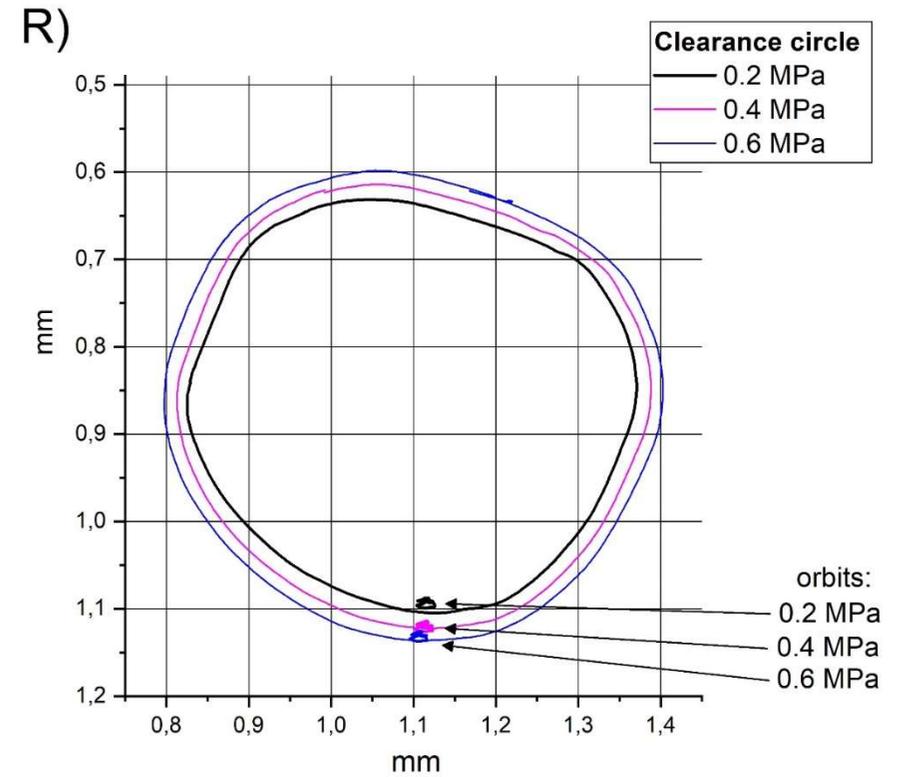
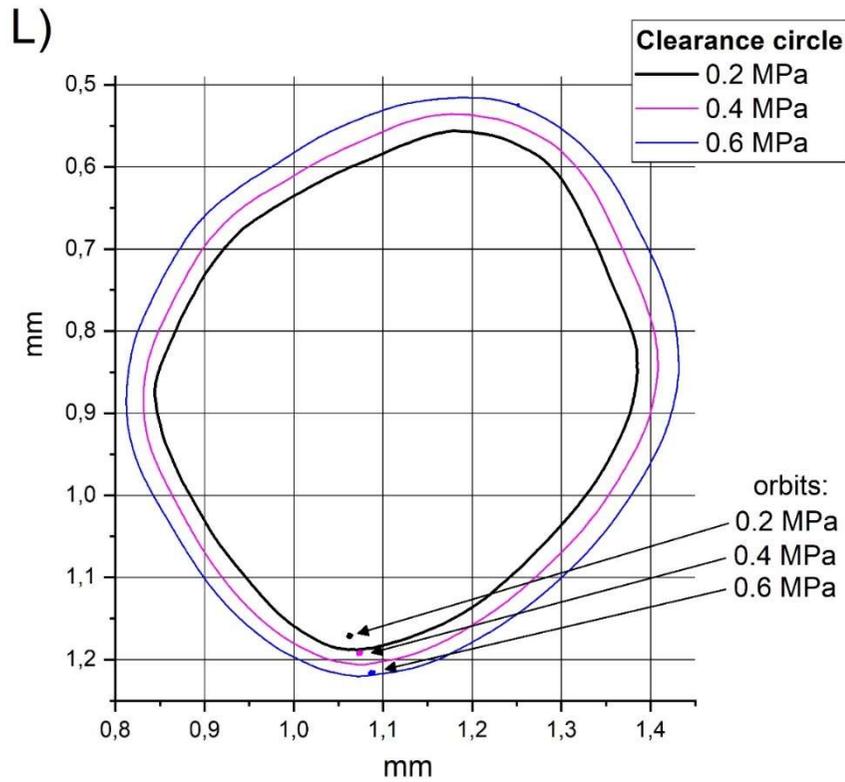
EXAMPLE 2: Measured hydrodynamic pressure distribution



The same operational conditions – stiff vs. elastic bearing bush

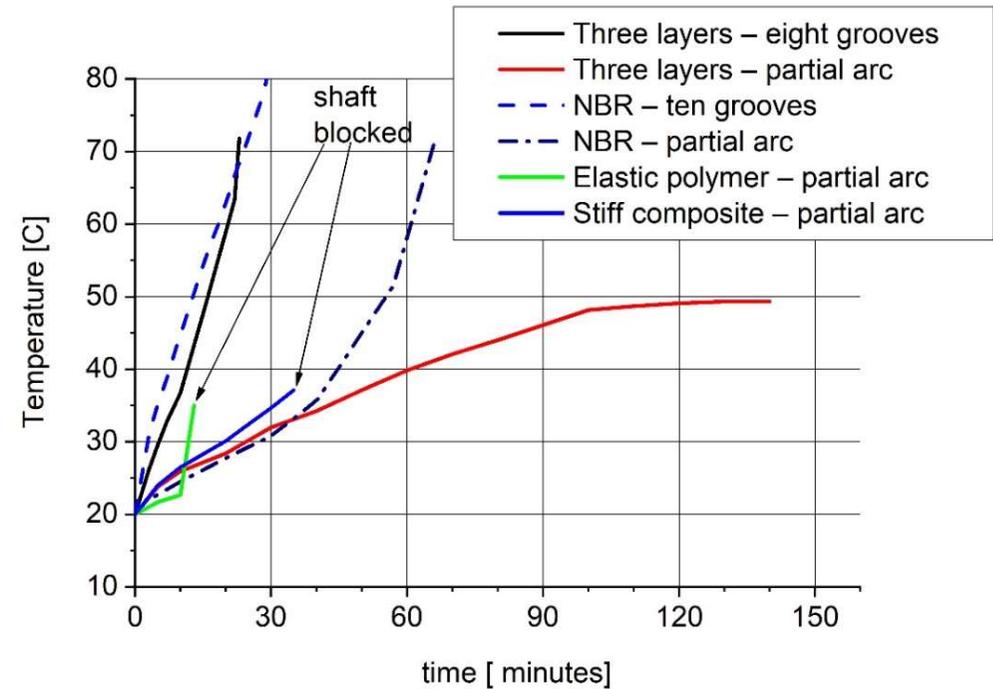
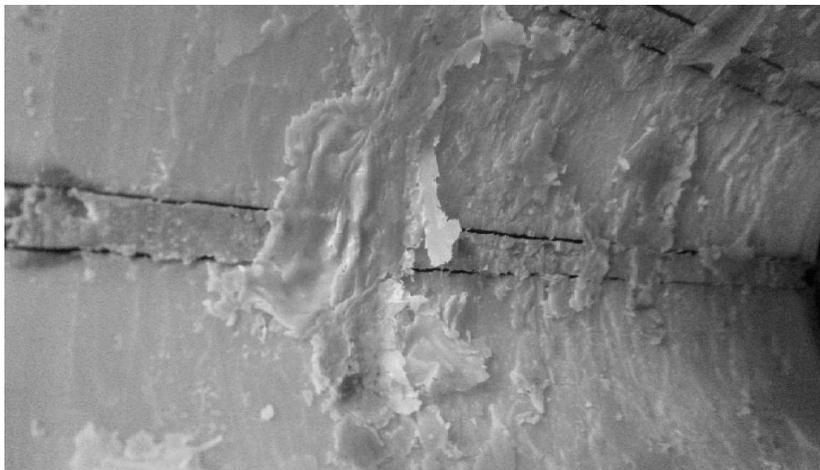


EXAMPLE 3: Shaft orbits and clearance circles – unique possibility of film thickness estimation



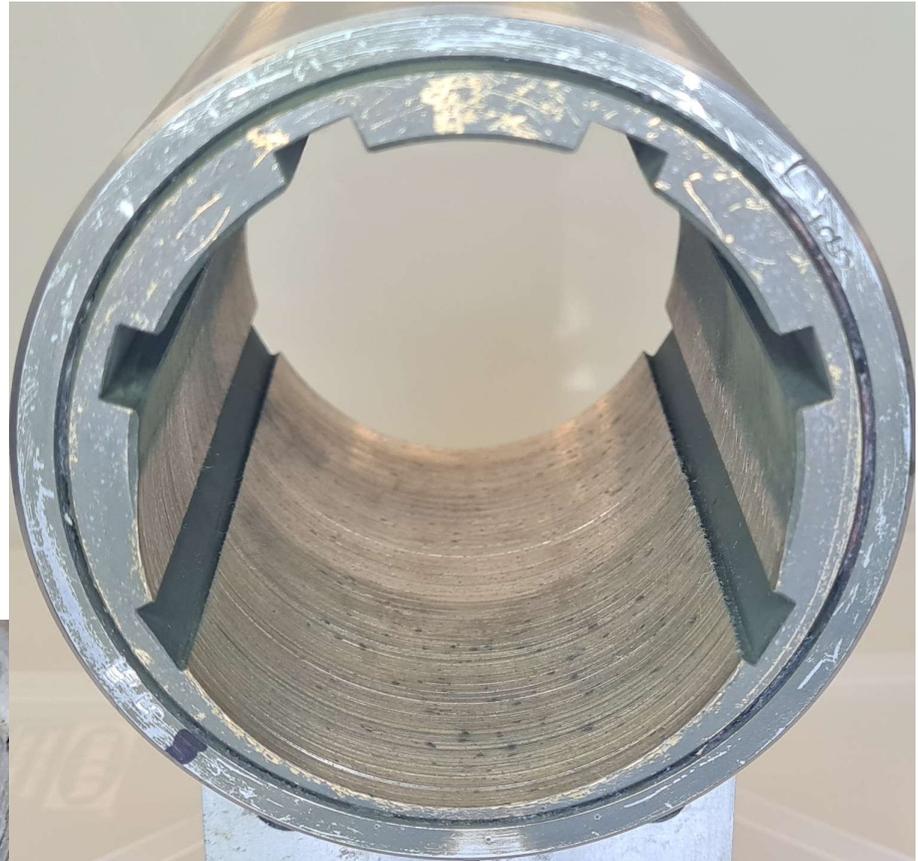


EXAMPLE 4: INSUFFICIENT LUBRICATION – lack of flow or others



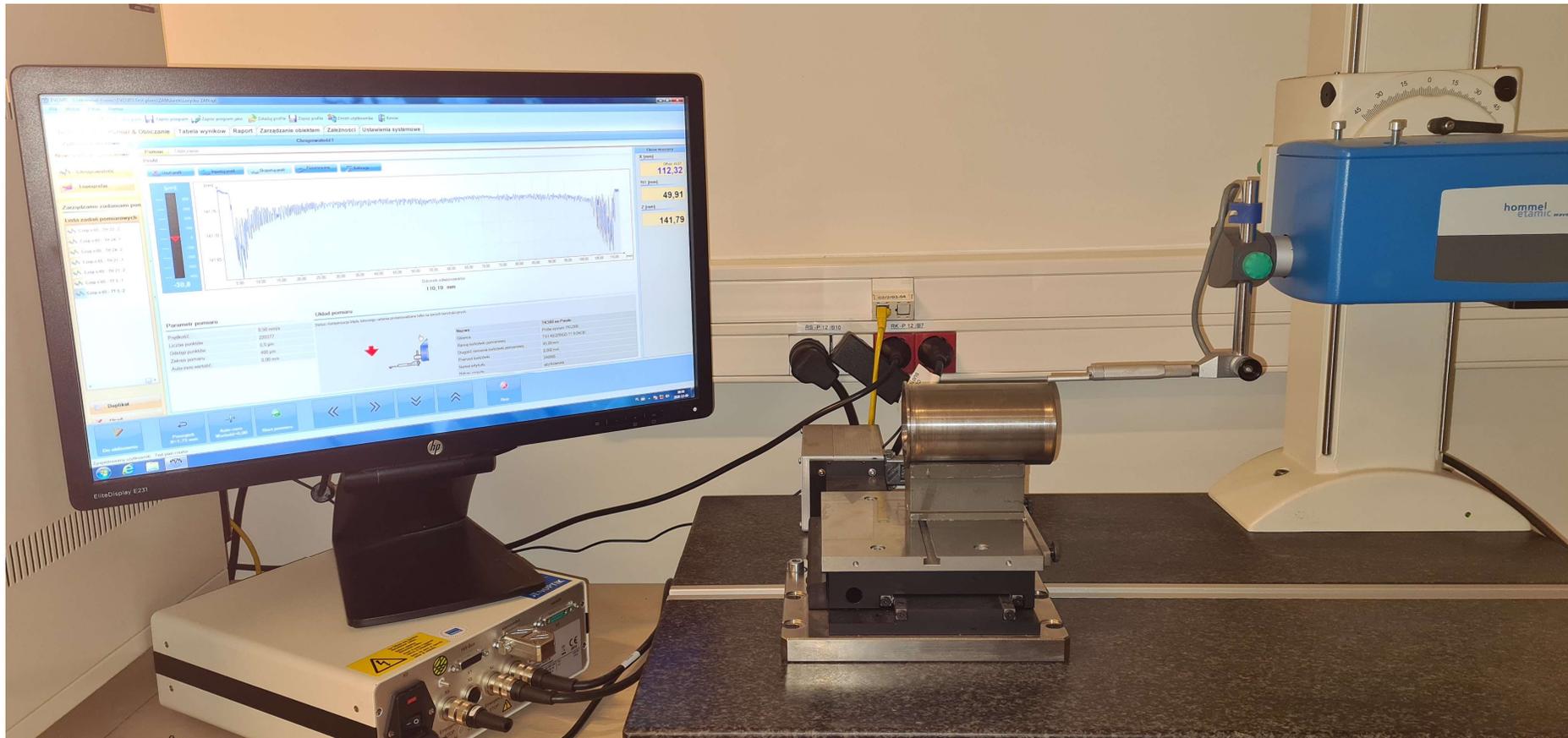


EXAMPLE 5: Bearing bush wear measurements





EXAMPLE 5: Shaft wear measurements





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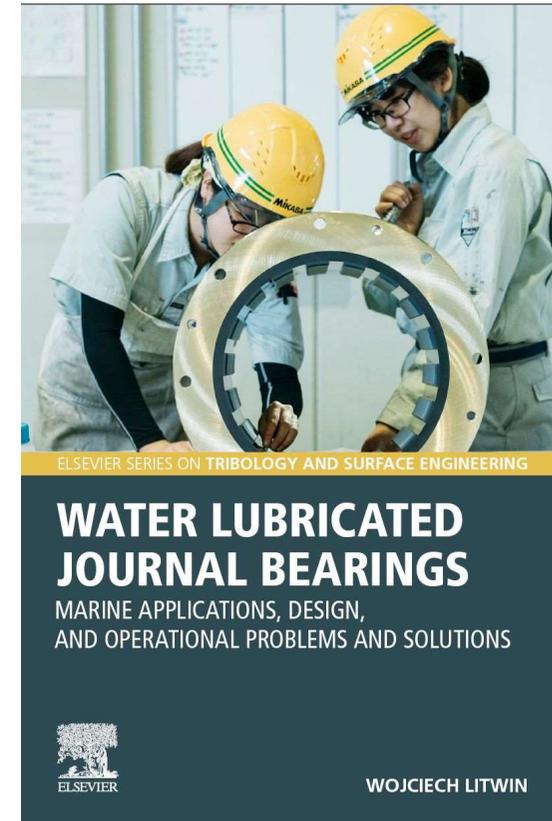
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Results of scientific work

Publications in high rank scientific journals like: Wear, Tribology International, Tribology Transactions

Papers published in 2023:

- “Experimental comparison of the transition speed of a hydrodynamic journal bearing lubricated with oil and magnetorheological fluid”, Tribology International, vol. 189, 2023r
- “Environmentally acceptable lubricants (EAL) compared with a reference mineral oil as marine stern tube bearing lubricant – Experimental and theoretical investigations”, Tribology International, vol. 189, nr. 11, 2023r
- “Sliding bearings with sintered bronze bush lubricated by contaminated water with solid particles – Theoretical and experimental studies”, Wear, nr. 11, 2023r
- “Comparative wear test of journal sliding bearings with sintered bronze and Babbitt alloy bushes lubricated by environmentally acceptable/adapted lubricants (EAL)”, Tribology Transactions, vol. 66, nr 3, 2023r.
- “The influence of polymer bearing material and lubricating grooves layout on wear of journal bearings lubricated with contaminated water”, Tribology International, vol. 179, 2023r.





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