

BEARINGS — allow relative motions in some direction

- ① Support load
- ② Reduce Friction
- ③ Avoid, reduce wear
- ④ Minimize heating

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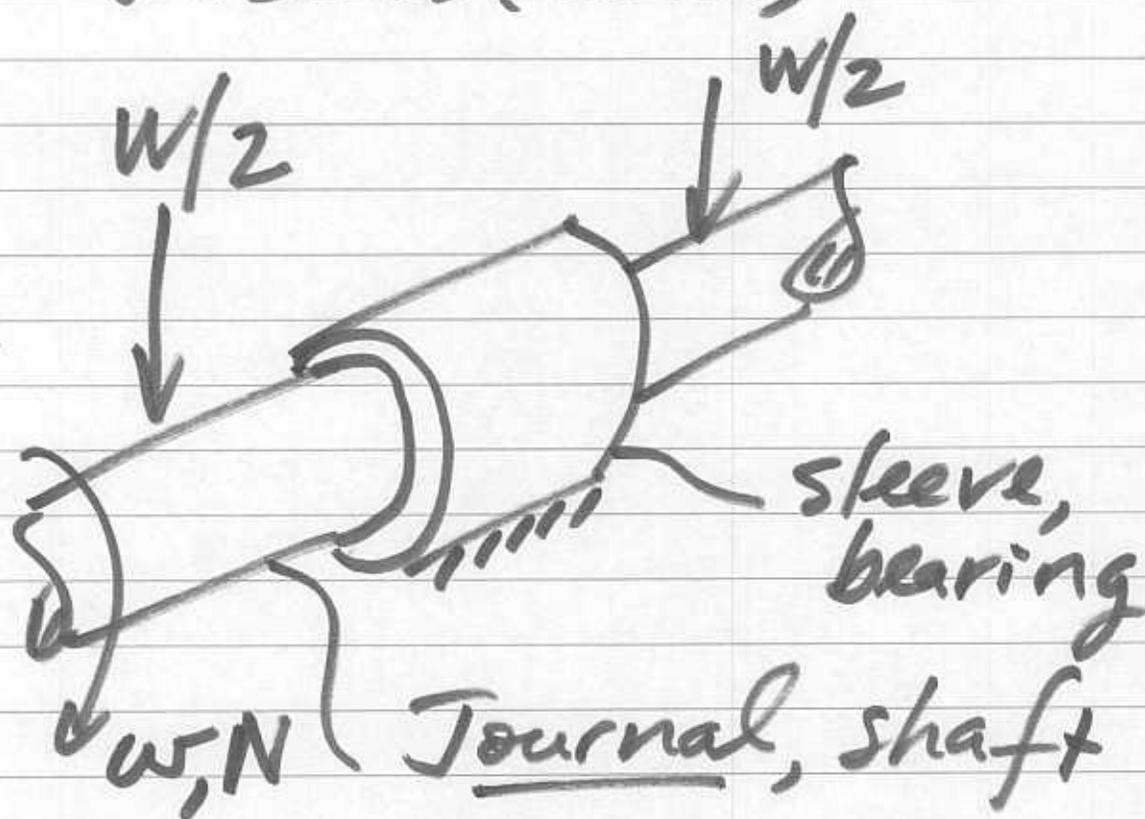
Sliding bearings Ch 12

Rolling bearings Ch 11

Support radial or axial (thrust) loads

# Journal bearing

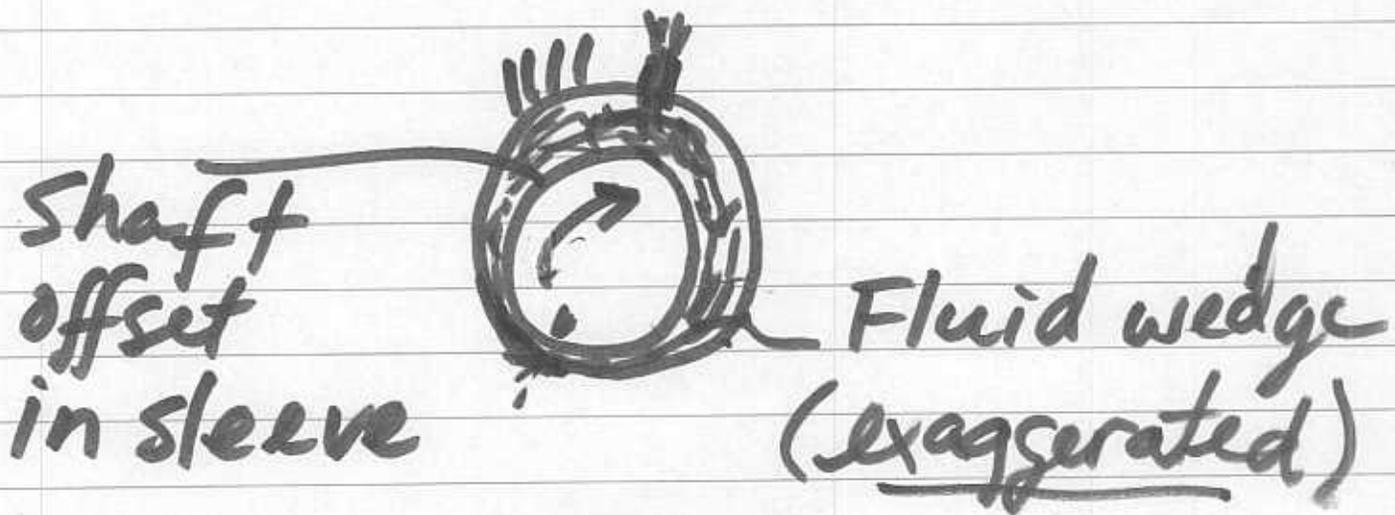
- automotive crankshafts
- electric motors
- turbines (some)



# TYPES OF LUBRICATION

## HYDRODYNAMIC.

- relatively thick fluid films ( $10^{-5}$  to  $10^{-2}$  in) (0.0001 in  $\rightarrow$  0.010 in)
- pressure in film (to carry load) generated by relative motion between sleeve & shaft



## HYDROSTATIC

Pressure in bearing due to lubricant supplied at high pressure (100's or 1000's of psi, 10's of MPa)

(We won't look at these in detail)

## ELASTO HYDRODYNAMIC

- shape of film/wedge determine by elastic deformation
- still hydrodynamic

# ELASTO HYDRO DYNAMIC, cont'd

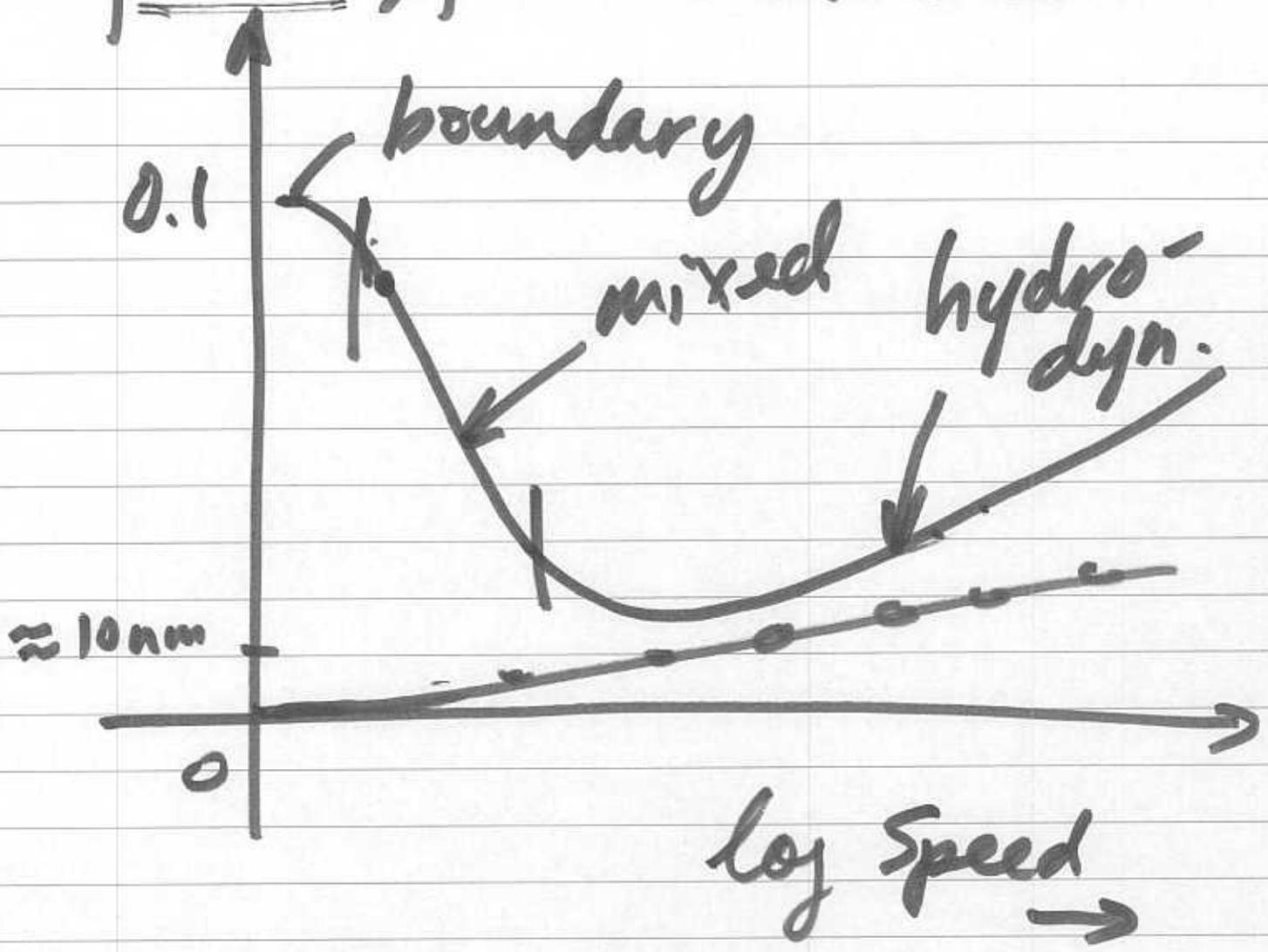
- rolling bearings
  - gears
  - some piston rings
- $0.1 < h < 10 \mu m$

## BOUNDARY, SOLID FILM

- solid to solid contact separated by additives, powders, solid films
- some hydrodynamic bearings at low speed

"  $1 < h < 100 nm$

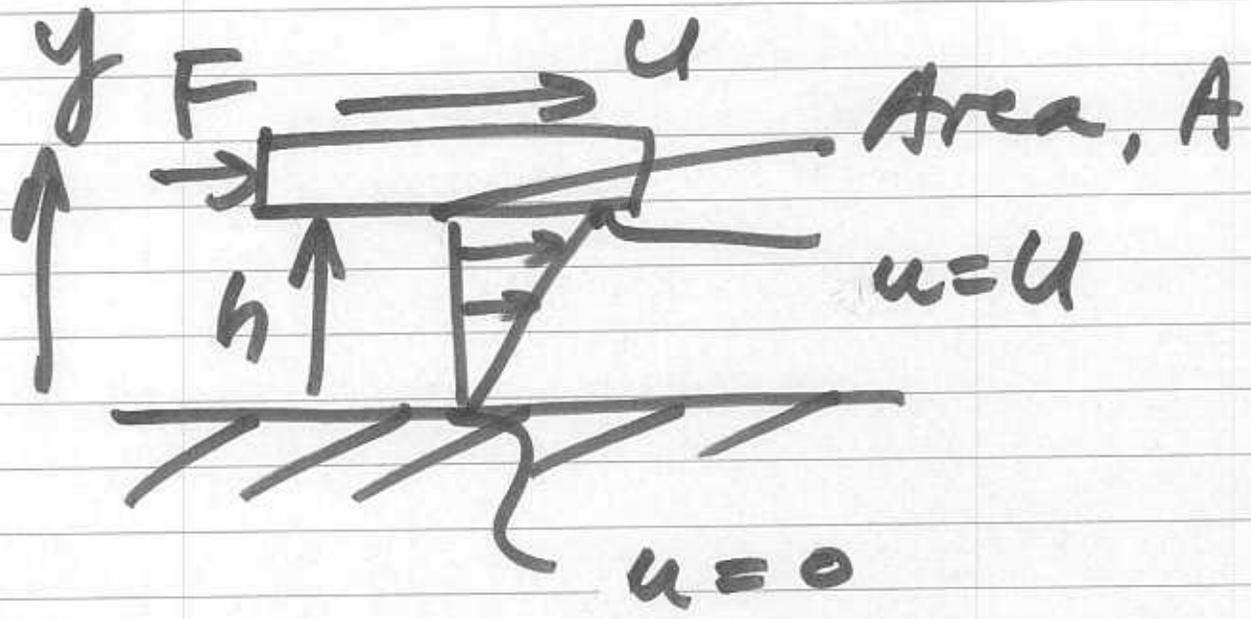
# friction, film thickness



- mixed → some solid to solid contact

- in mixed regime  $h <$  surface roughness

# Viscosity - key parameter



## Newtonian fluid

$$\tau = \frac{F}{A} = \mu \frac{du}{dy}$$

Shear Stress

absolute viscosity

$\mu = \frac{\tau}{\dot{\gamma}}$

# Units of viscosity

$$\mu = \frac{\tau h}{U} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} \approx \frac{U}{h}$$

$$= \text{Pressure} \times \text{time}$$

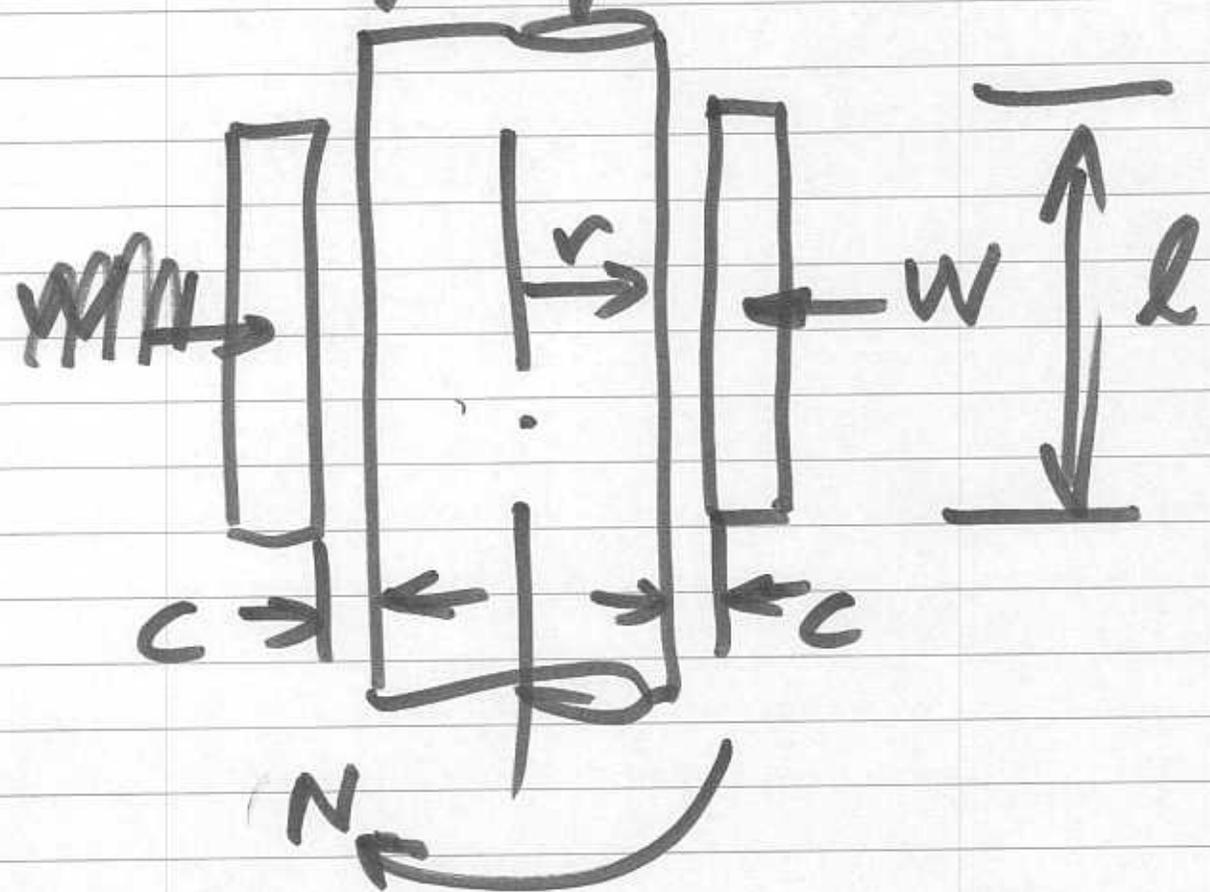
IPS  $\rightarrow \frac{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}}{\text{in}^2} \Rightarrow \text{reyn}$

SI  $\rightarrow \frac{\text{mPa} \cdot \text{s}}{10^{-3}} \Rightarrow \text{centipoise (cP)}$

Pascal

# Petroff's Law

- just a point of reference
- helps define dimensionless groups.



$c$  clearance       $r$  radius  
 $N$  revs/sec, rps

Assume  $W$  very small  
so shaft is centered  
in sleeve:

Surface velocity

$$U = 2\pi r N$$

Shear Stress

$$\tau = \mu \frac{U}{h} = \frac{2\pi r N \mu}{c}$$

Shear Torque, friction

$$T = A \tau r = 2\pi r l \left( \frac{2\pi r \mu N}{c} \right) r$$
$$= \frac{4\pi^2 r^3 l \mu N}{c}$$

# Sommerfeld Number, S

$$S = \frac{\mu N}{P} \left(\frac{r}{c}\right)^2$$

(Most) Impt dimensionless # in bearing design

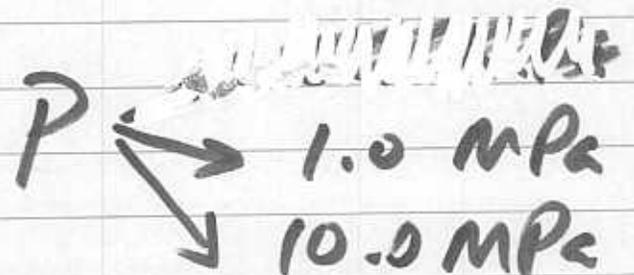
## Example

$$f = 2\pi^2 \left(\frac{\mu N}{P}\right) \left(\frac{r}{c}\right)$$

$$\frac{r}{c} = 500$$

$$\mu = 10 \text{ mPas}$$

$$N = 1000 \text{ rps}$$



$$f = \frac{27^2 (10 \times 10^{-3}) (1000) (500)}{P}$$

$$f \approx \frac{10^5}{P}$$

(very lightly loaded)

$$P = 1.0 \times 10^6$$

$$f \Rightarrow 0.1$$

$$P = 10 \times 10^6$$

$$f = 0.01$$

etc

(0.001 → 0.02 typical.)

$$f = \frac{\text{Friction Force}}{\text{Normal load}}$$

# Blauchamp Tower's Expts

Railway axle bearings  
ca 1884

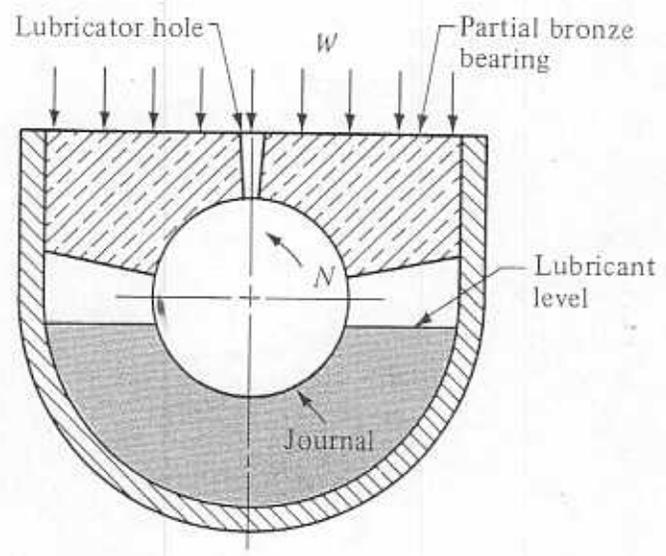
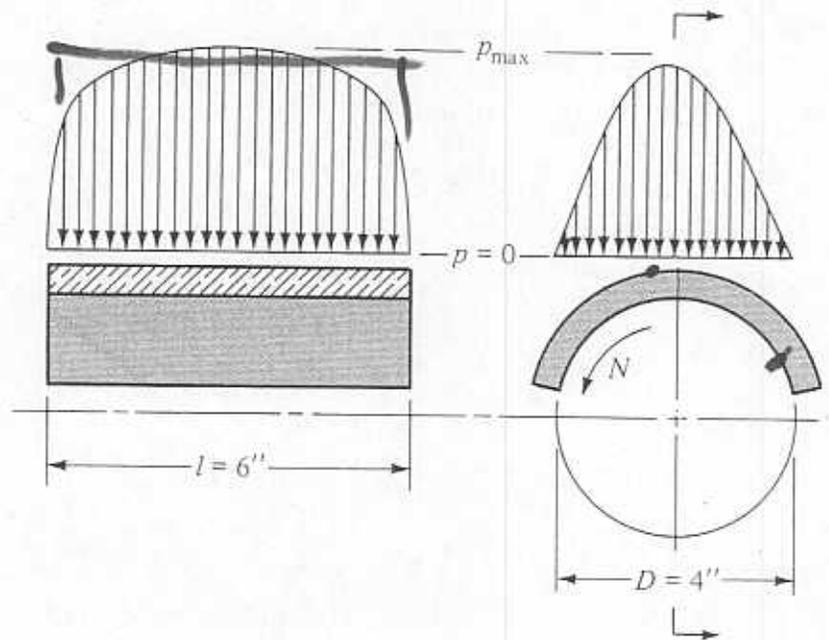


FIGURE 12-7

Schematic representation of the partial bearing used by Tower.

Discovered high pressures in oil films

Reynolds developed "solution" <sup>equation</sup>



(1-D) Reynolds eq.

$x$  is along surface of shaft ... i.e. circumference

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{h^3}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} \right) = -6U \frac{dh}{dx}$$

$h(x) \rightarrow$  film thickness

$U \rightarrow$  surface velocity

$p(x) \rightarrow$  variation in pressure in direction of motion.

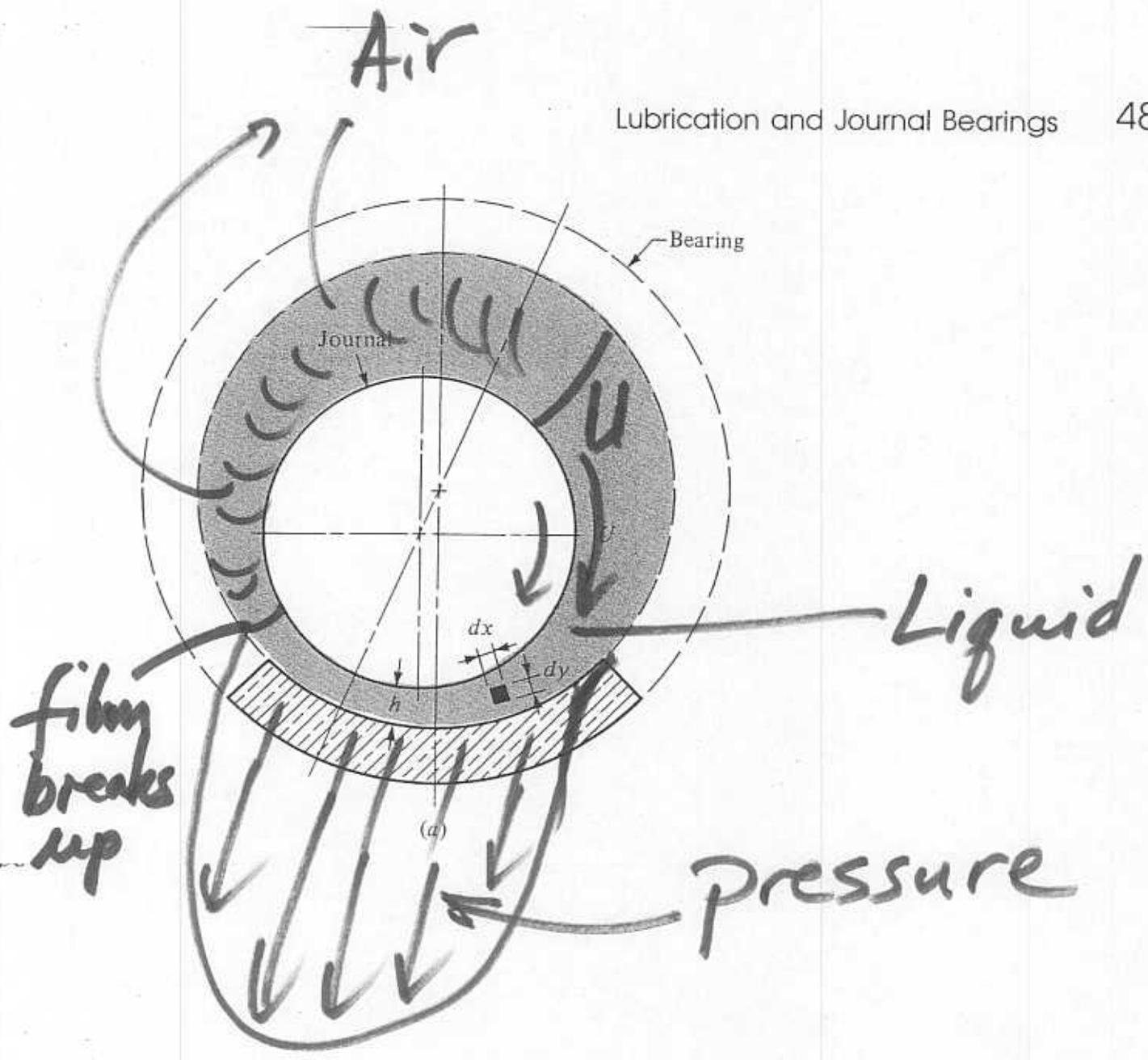
$\Rightarrow$  relates  $p(x)$  to  $h(x)$  for any  $\mu$  &  $U$  ... i.e. given film shape,  $\mu$  &  $U$ , solve for  $p(x)$

# Journal bearing analysis

- I DERIVE 1-D Reynolds Eq  
(infinitely wide bearing)
- II USE Raimondi & Boyd solutions  
for finite (real) bearings

## Basic Assumptions in bearing analysis:

1. Newtonian fluid ( $\tau = \mu \frac{du}{dy}$ )
2. No fluid inertia forces & laminar flow
3. Incompressible flow
4. Constant viscosity along film
5. Constant pressure across film



To analyse bearing we invoke:

1. Equilibrium

$$\sum_i F_x = 0 \quad \text{on a fluid element}$$

2. Constitutive relation,  
Newtonian viscosity

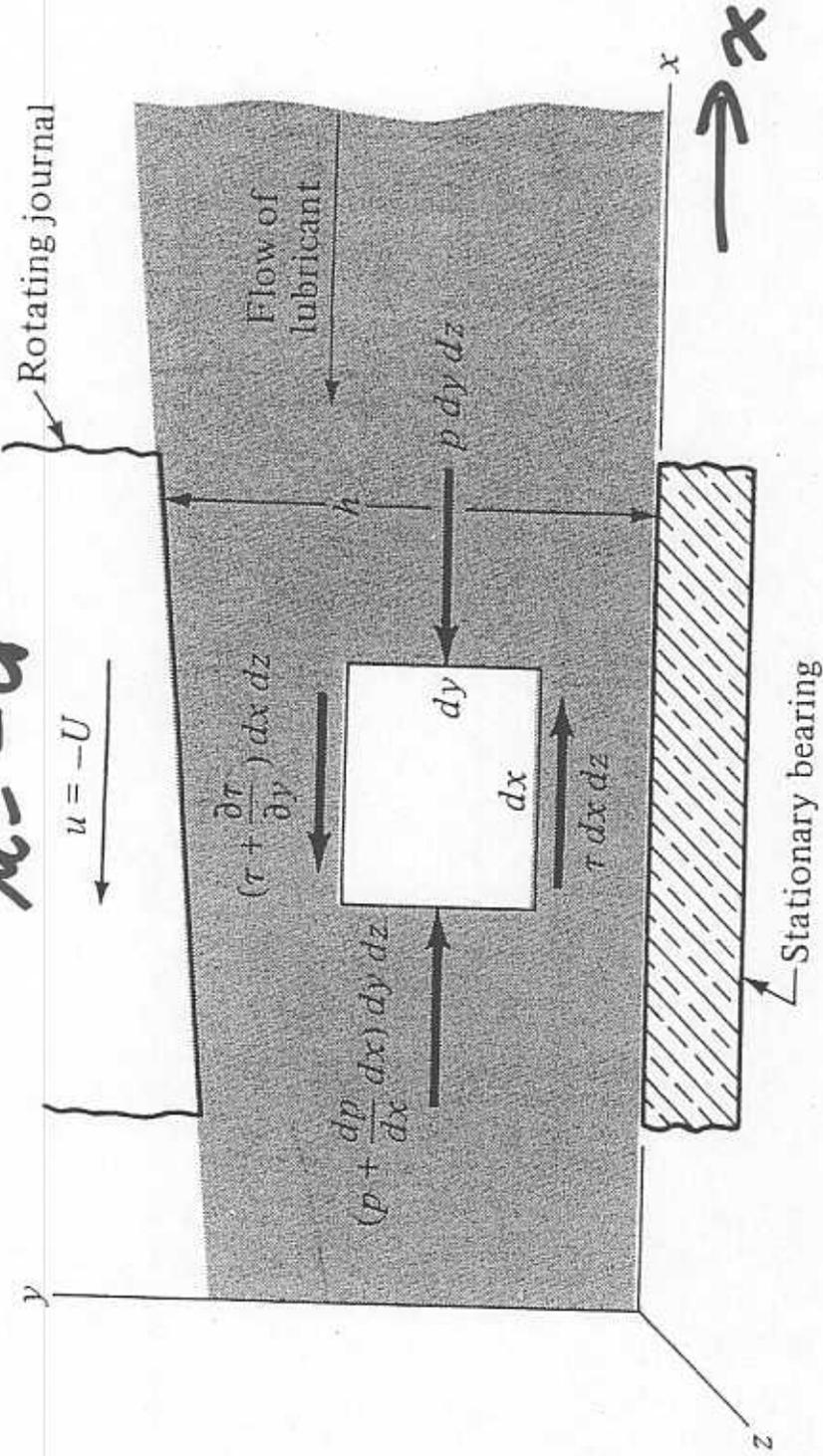
$$\tau = \mu \frac{du}{dy}$$

3. Conservation of mass, volume  
flow  $\implies$  continuity

4. Boundary conditions

# I-D Reynolds's Equation:

$$\mu = -U$$



(b)

$$\sum F_x = 0 = \left[ \frac{dp}{dx} dx \right] dy dz - \left[ \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y} dy \right] dx dz$$

Pressure difference (x direction)

Area

Area

Shear stress difference (y direction)

$$\left[ \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y} dy \right] dx dz$$

Area

Shear stress difference (y direction)

Leads to:

$$\boxed{\frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y}} \dots (1)$$

From Newtonian Viscosity:

$$\tau = \mu \frac{du}{dy}$$

(local velocity  $u \Rightarrow u(x, y)$ )

substitute into (1)

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

integrate @  $x = \text{constant}$ .  
with respect to  $y$  (twice)

First:

$$\frac{du}{dy} = \frac{1}{\mu} \left[ \frac{dp}{dx} \right] y + C_1 \dots (a)$$

Second

$$u = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} y^2 + C_1 y + C_2 \dots (b)$$

↗

Apply boundary conditions  
at walls:

$$y = 0 \Rightarrow u = 0$$

$$y = h(x) \Rightarrow u = -U$$

from (a) + (b) above

$$C_1 = -\frac{U}{h} - \frac{h}{2\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} \quad C_2 = 0$$

∴

$$u = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} (y^2 - hy) + \frac{U}{h} y$$

Anywhere:

$$Q = \int_0^h u \, dy \quad \dots \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}$$

Volume

flow per

unit width (in x direction)

Performing the integration of  $u$ , get

$$Q = -\frac{uh}{2} + \frac{h^3}{12\mu} \frac{dp}{dx}$$

But, due to incompressible flow, conservation of volume continuity,

$$\frac{dQ}{dx} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{dQ}{dx} = -\frac{4}{2} \frac{dh}{dx} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{h^3}{12\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} \right) = 0$$

and

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{h^3}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} \right) = -6U \frac{dh}{dx}}$$

- which can be solved with appropriate b.c.'s of  $p$  @  $x_1$  &  $\frac{dp}{dx}$  @  $x_1$ ?
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- Quite simple to do for some situations

e.g.  $h(x) = ax + b$



linear wedge  
(not applicable to journal bearings)

- With side "leakage"  
 ... i.e. flows in  $z$   
 direction.

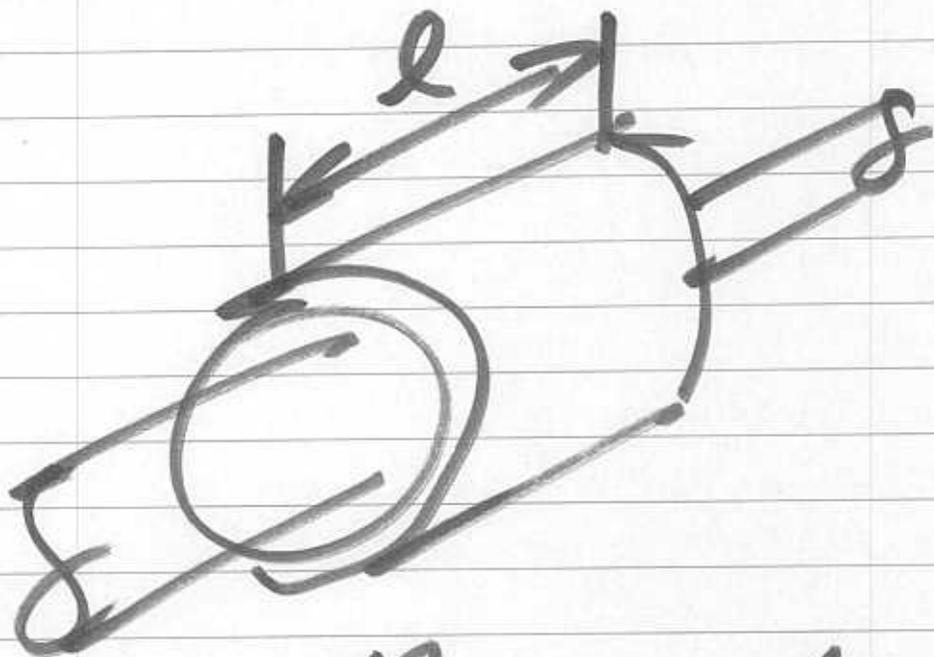
- Get 2-D Reynolds eq.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{h^3}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{h^3}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dz} \right) = -6U \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$$

$h \Rightarrow h(x)$   
 $p \Rightarrow p(x, z)$

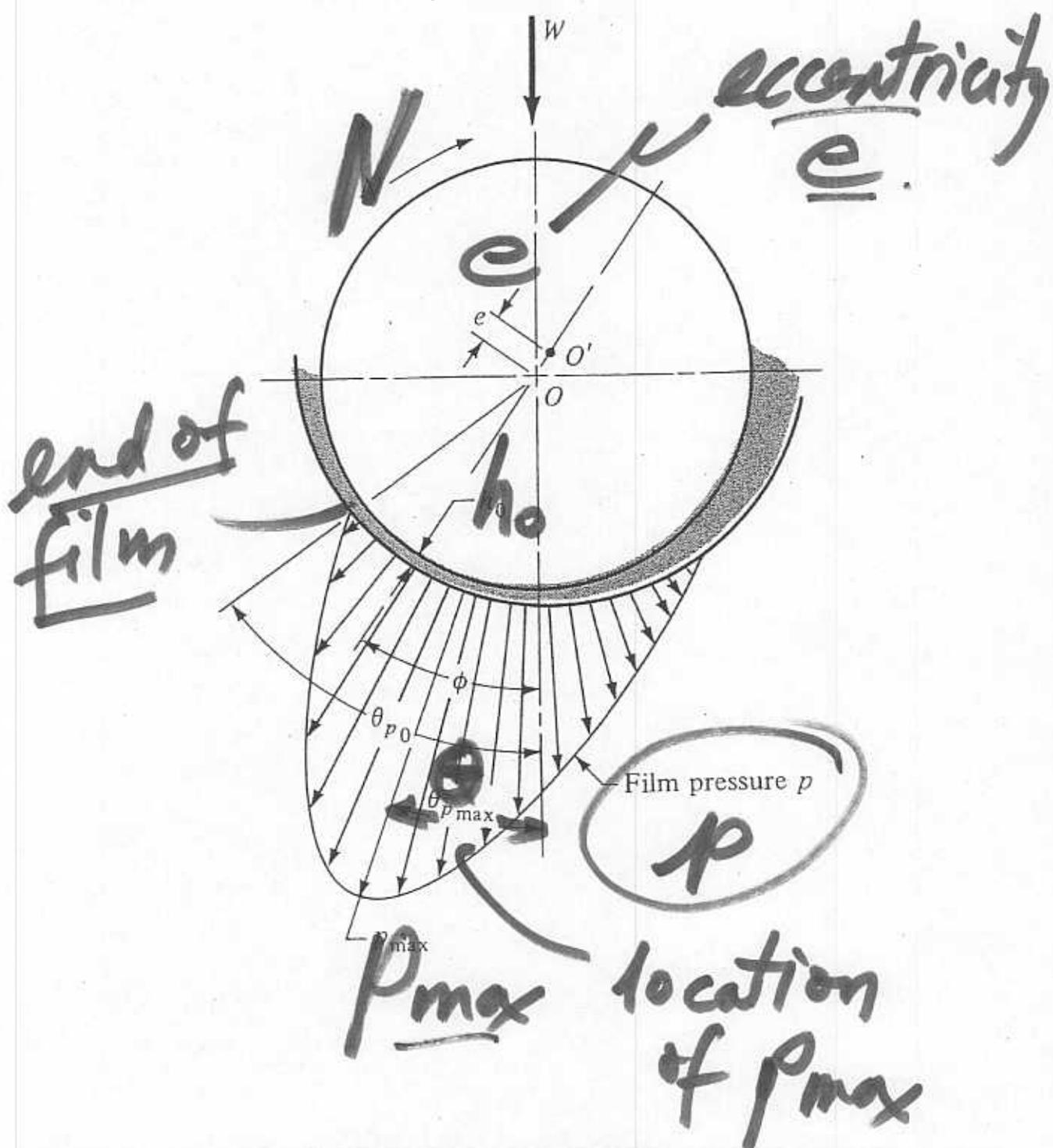
} NOTE

- The 2-D Reynolds eq. was solved for journal bearing geometries



by Raimondi & Boyd  
in 1950's

- Results presented in graphical form.



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eccentricity ratio  $\epsilon = \frac{e}{c}$

Eccentricity ratio  $e$  (dimensionless)

0

0.1

0.2

0.3

0.4

0.5

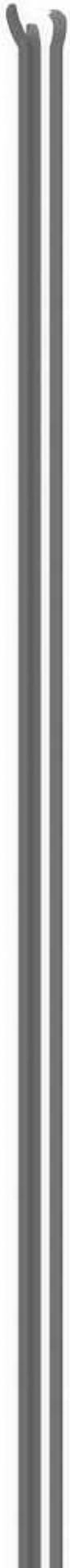
0.6

0.7

0.8

0.9

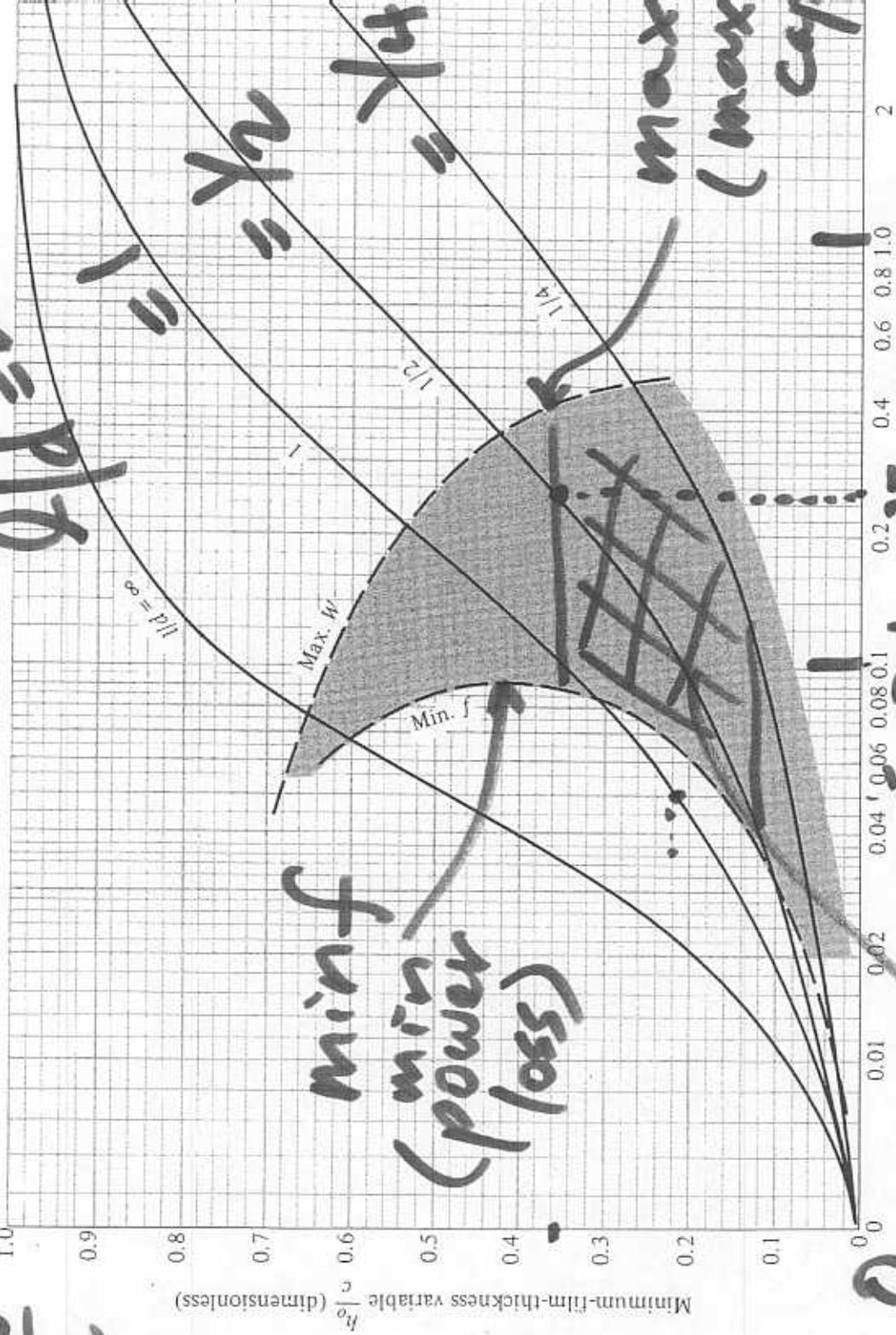
1.0



# FILM THICKNESS

$$\frac{h_0}{c}$$

$$Q/D = \rho$$

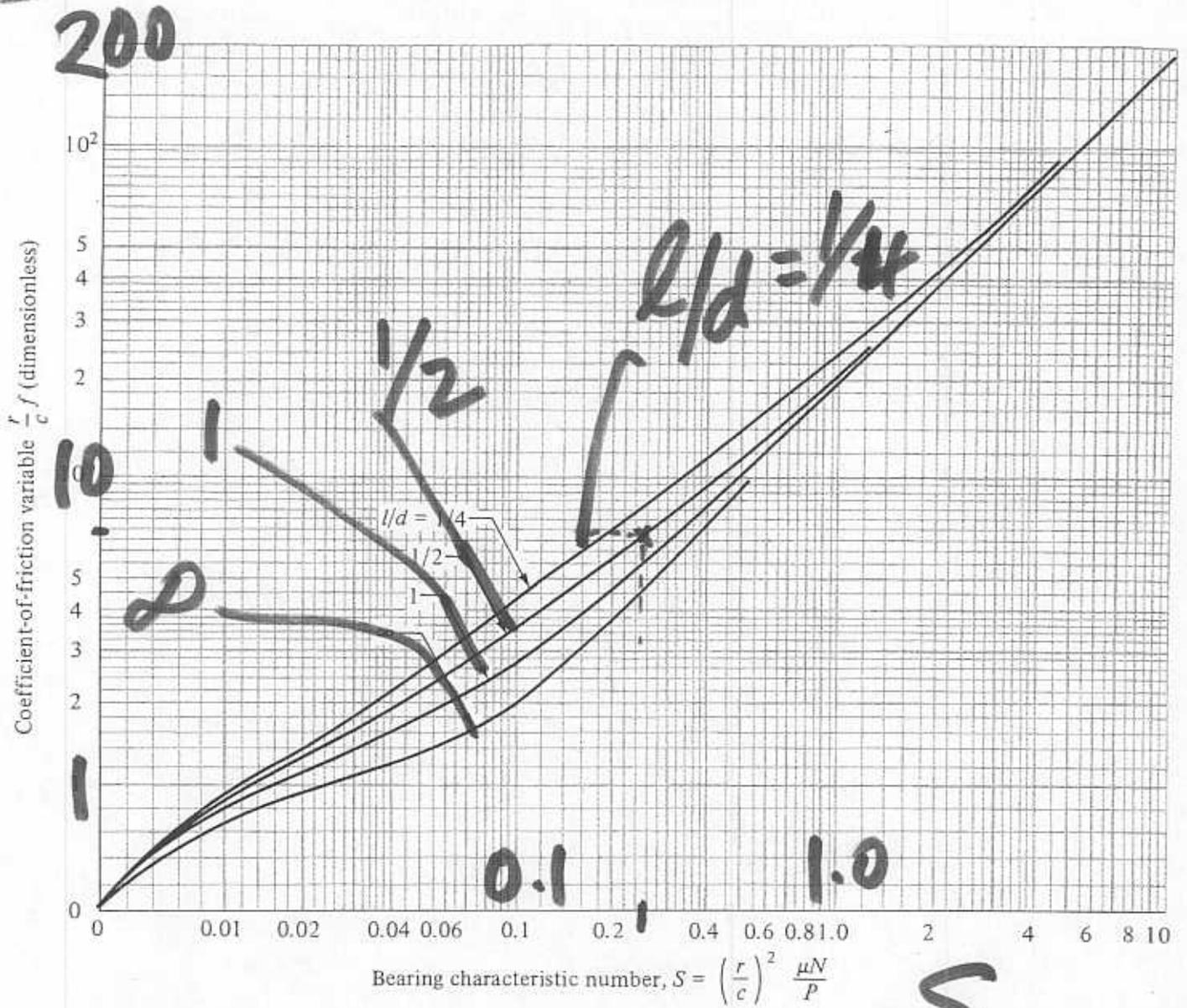


$$S = \left(\frac{r}{c}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\mu N}{P}\right)$$

Typical design range

# FRICTION

$\frac{\tau f}{c}$

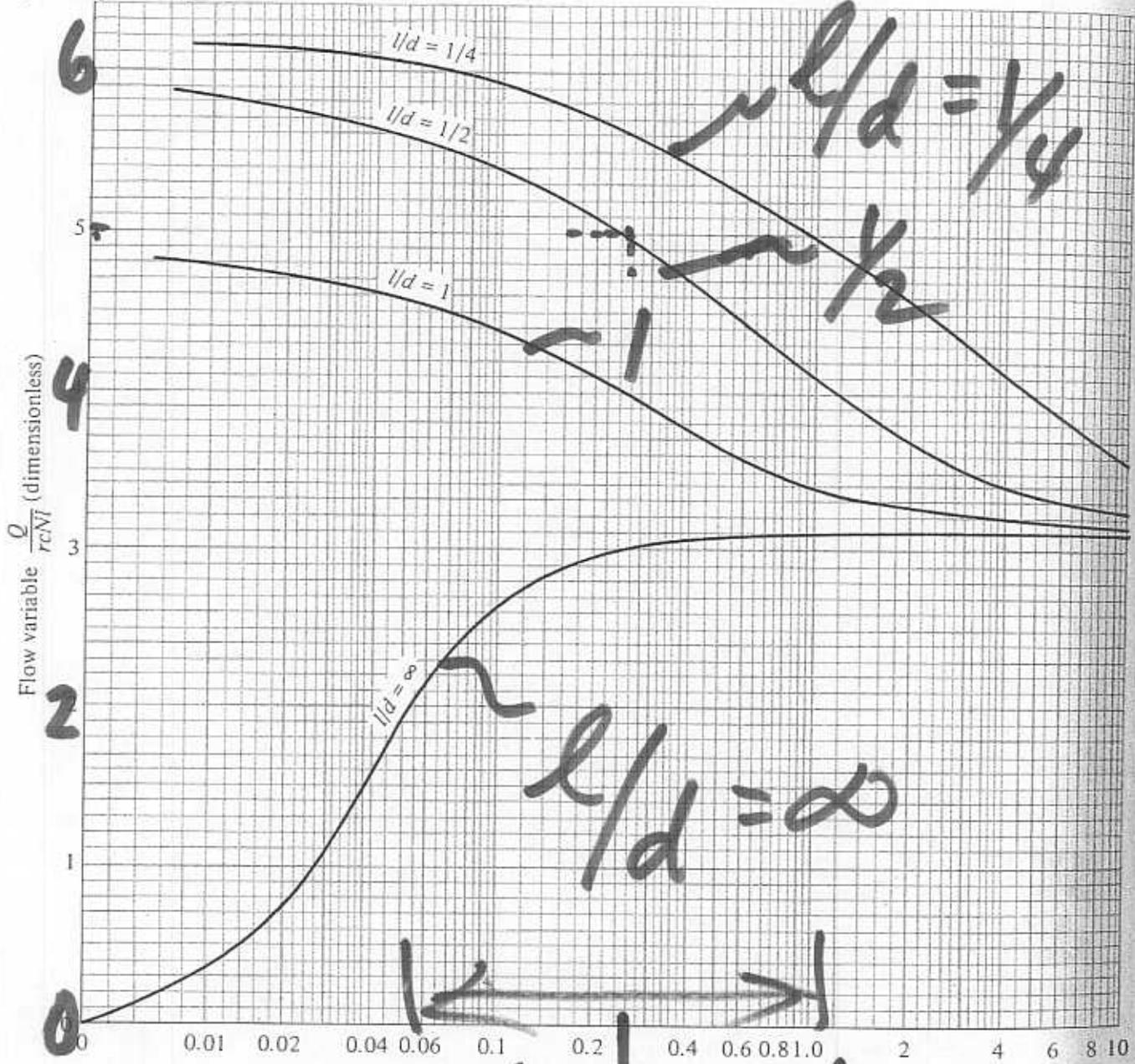


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# FLOW (TOTAL)

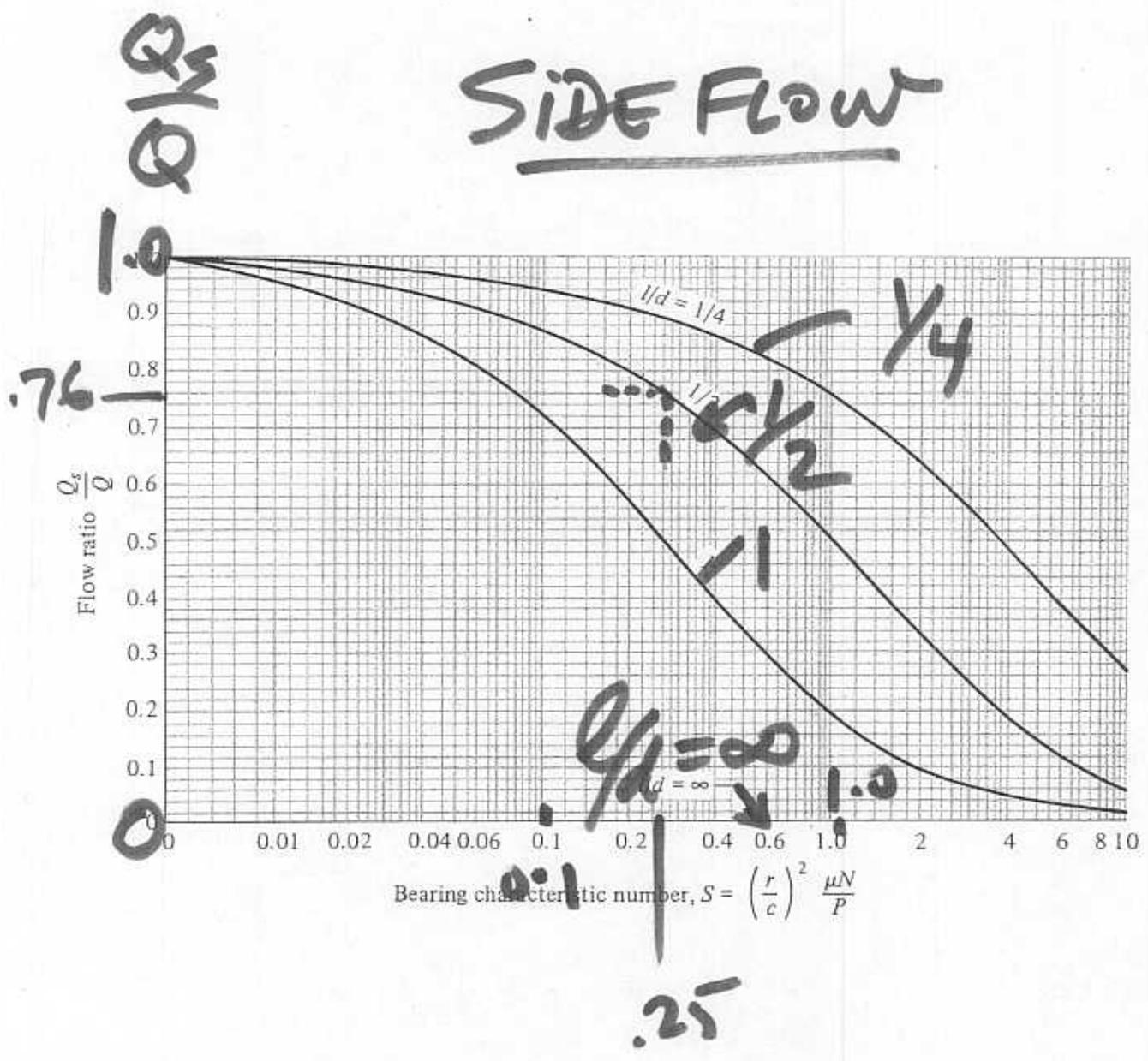
$\frac{Q}{rcNl}$



Bearing characteristic number,  $S = \left(\frac{r}{c}\right)^2 \frac{\mu N}{P}$

0.1 | 0.25 | 1 | 5

# SIDE FLOW

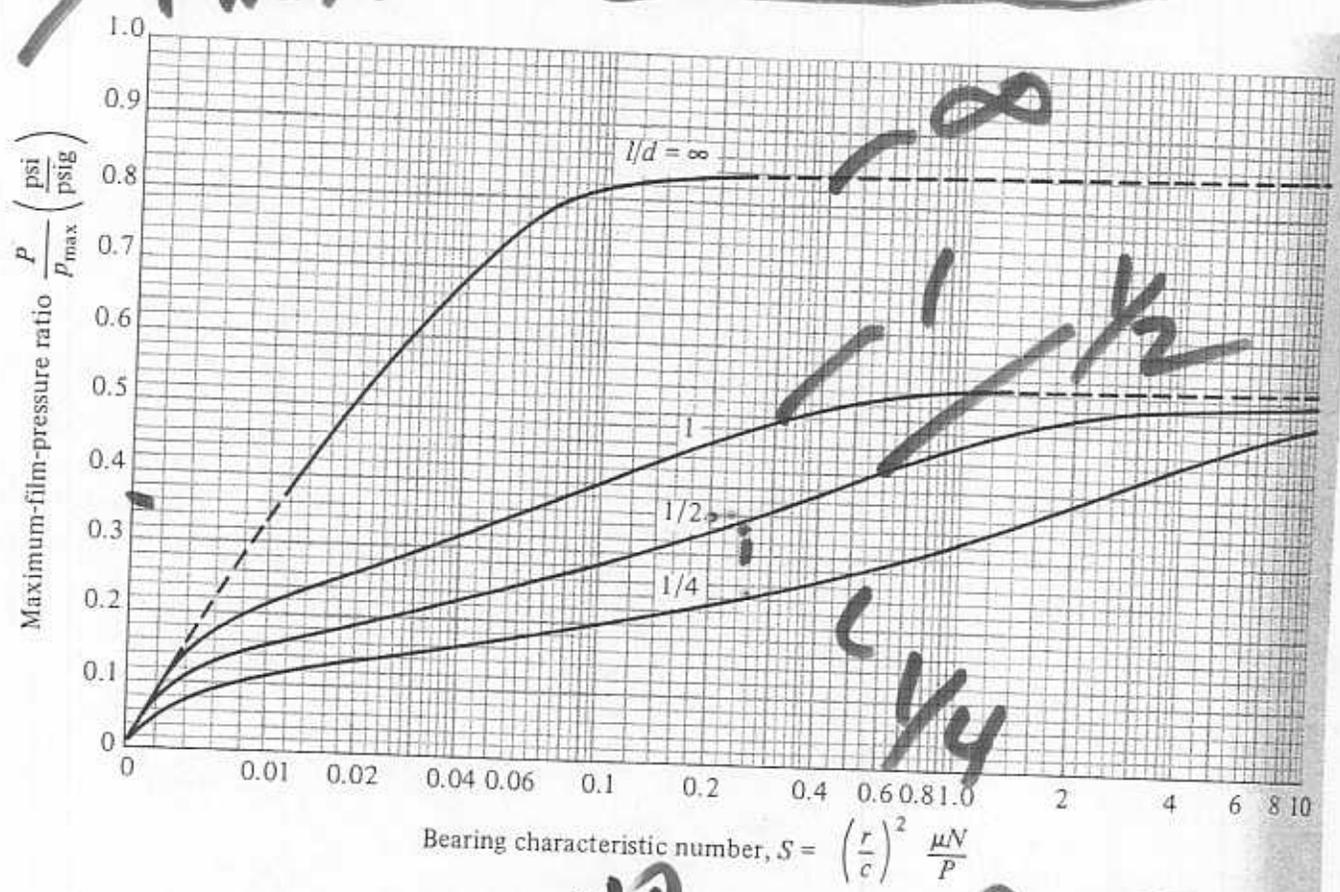


Bearing characteristic number,  $S = \left(\frac{r}{c}\right)^2 \frac{\mu N}{P}$

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$P/P_{max}$

MAX PRESSURE



10

1.0

5

Example:

$$S = \left(\frac{r}{c}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\mu N}{P}\right)$$

e.g.  $\frac{r}{c} = 500$

$$\mu = 100 \text{ mPas}$$

$$N = 100 \text{ rps}$$

$$P = 10 \text{ MPa}$$

$$S = \frac{(500)^2 (100 \times 10^{-3}) (100)}{10 \times 10^6}$$

$$\boxed{S = 0.25}$$

Obtain bearing info if:

$r = 12.5 \text{ mm}$  ( $d = 25 \text{ mm}$ )

and  $\frac{l}{d} = \frac{1}{2}$

1. Film thickness (minimum)

$\frac{r}{c} = 500$       $r = 12.5 \text{ mm}$

$\therefore c = 0.025 \text{ mm.}$

$c = 25 \mu\text{m. (0.001 in)}$

From Fig 12-14

$\frac{h_0}{c} = 0.36$  |  $h_0 = 9 \mu\text{m}$

$\epsilon = 0.64 = \frac{e}{c}$       $e = 16 \mu\text{m}$

## 2. Coefficient of friction

$$\frac{r}{c} f = 6.75 \quad \text{Fig 12-17}$$

$$f = \frac{6.75}{500} = \underline{0.0135}$$

## 3 Flow through bearing

$Q \Rightarrow \text{in}^3/\text{sec}, \text{mm}^3/\text{sec}, \text{l}/\text{sec}$   
etc.

$$\frac{Q}{r c N l} = 5.0$$

$$Q = (5.0) \overset{\text{mm}}{(12.5)} \overset{\text{rps}}{(100)} \overset{\text{mm}}{(0.025)} \overset{\text{mm}}{(12.5)}$$

$$Q = 1953 \text{ mm}^3/\text{sec}$$

#### 4. Side flow

$$\boxed{\frac{Q_s}{Q} = 0.76}$$

Fig 12-19

∴ 76% of flow through

bearing goes to side flow

$$\boxed{Q_s = 1484 \text{ mm}^3/\text{sec}}$$

∴ Must be "resupplied" to bearing via oil pump.

#### 5. Max pressure

$$\frac{P}{P_{\max}} = 0.35 \quad P_{\max} = \frac{P}{0.35}$$

Fig 12-20

$$\boxed{P_{\max} = 28.6 \text{ MPa}}$$

# $\mu$ VS T FOR SAE OILS

$\mu$   
Viscosity

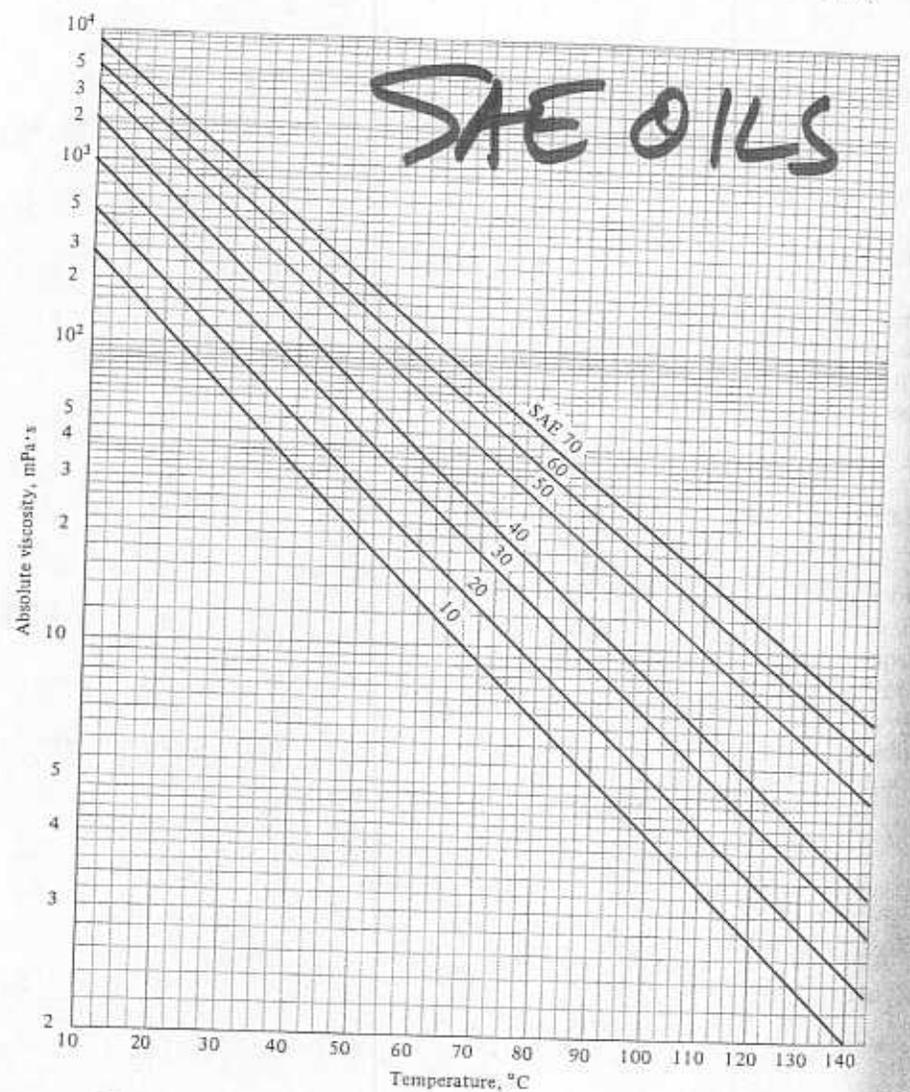


FIGURE 12-12  
Viscosity-temperature chart in SI units. (Adapted from Fig. 12-11.)

10°C                      T<sub>c</sub>                      140°C  
Temperature

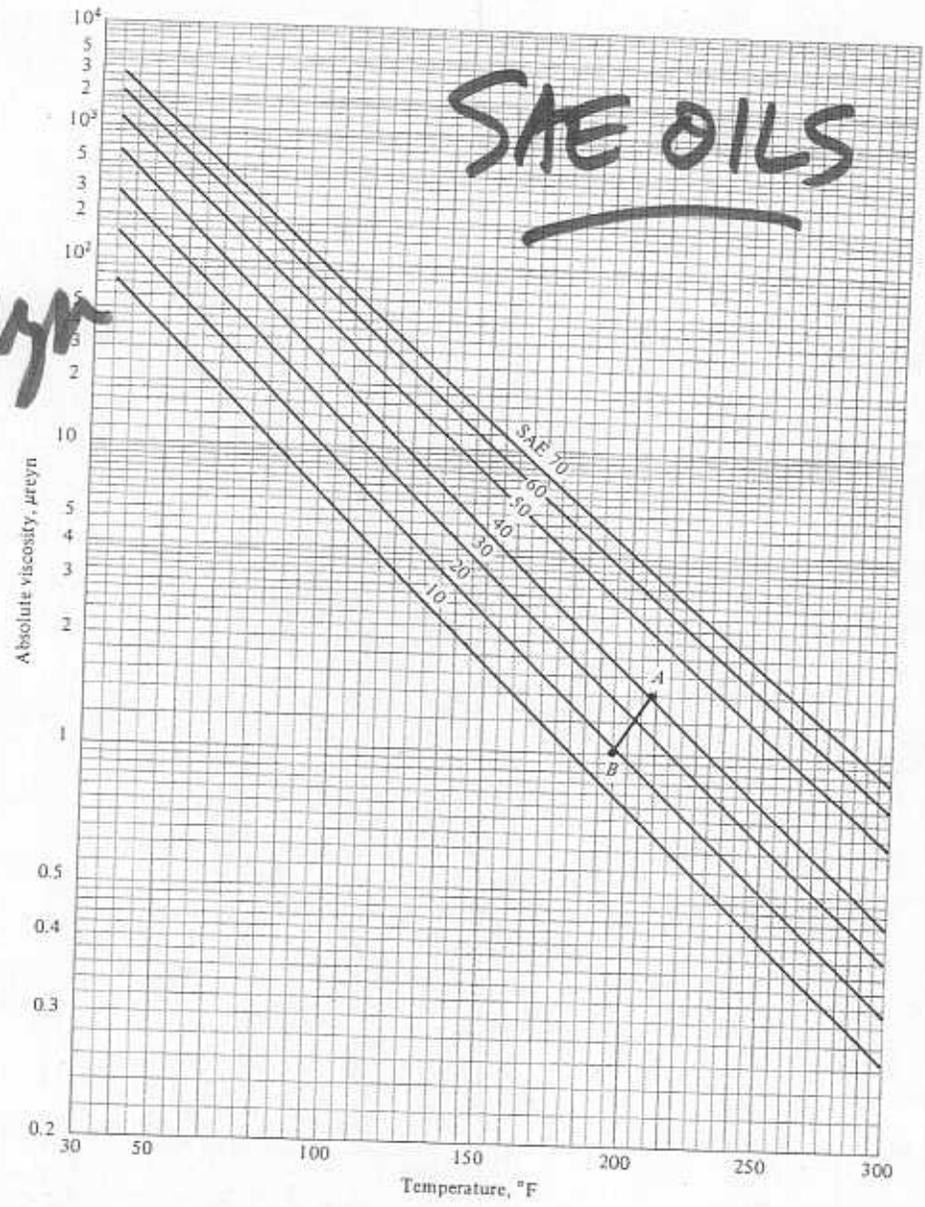
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$\Delta\mu > 90\%$  when  $\Delta T_c \approx 50^\circ\text{C}$

# SAE OILS

$\mu$

$\mu$

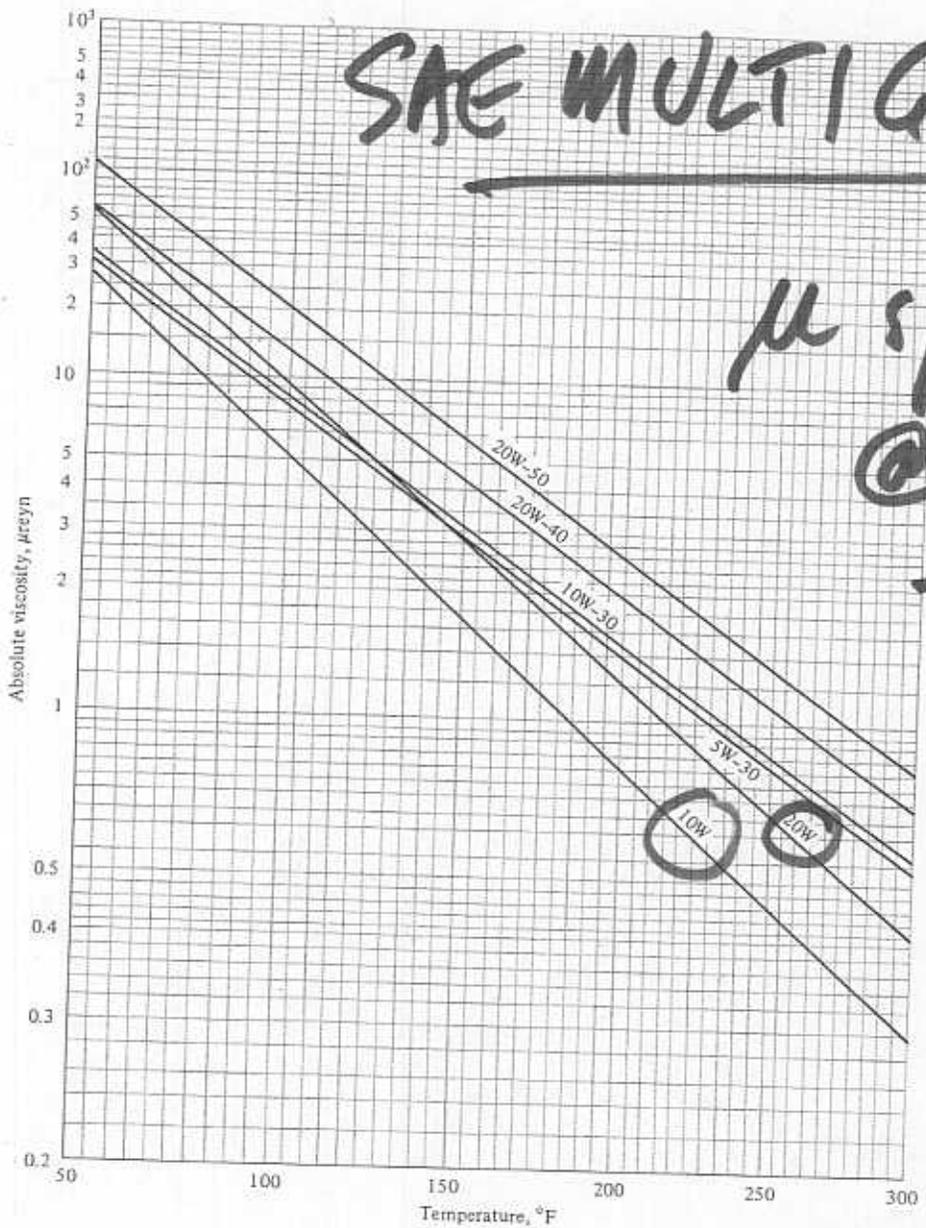


$^{\circ}\text{F}$

$\mu$  specified in standard  
 @ one temp FOR SAE 20+  
 20W, 10W, 5W are specified  
 ↳ winter @ two temps

$\mu$

# SAE MULTI GRADE OILS



$\mu$  specified  
 @ two temps  
 - 18°C & 100°C  
 20W-50  
 meets -18°C  
 spec for 20W  
 oil & 100°C spec  
 for 50 oil

Multi-grade oils have lesser dependence of  $\mu$  on T vs. single grade



also,

$$H = \frac{2\pi f W r N}{J} \quad \left( \frac{\text{BTU}}{\text{s}} \text{ (or WATTS in SI)} \right)$$

H ⇒ heat to fluid  
 also, from Heat Transfer

$$\Delta T_F = \frac{H}{\gamma C_H Q}$$

Temp. Rise in oil.

weight per unit volume

specific heat

(NO SIDE FLOW)

$$\therefore \Delta T_F = \frac{2\pi f W_r N}{J \gamma C_H Q}$$

Substituting for J,  
 $\gamma$ ,  $C_H$  we obtain:

↑ ↑  
 Typical  
 values  
 for oil  
 (see p 504)

$$\Delta T_F = \frac{2\pi f W_r N}{Q(9336)(0.031)(.42)}$$

$\frac{\text{lb}_f\text{-in}}{\text{Btu}} \quad \frac{\text{lb}_f}{\text{in}^3} \quad \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lb}_f\text{ } ^\circ\text{F}}$

and  $\Delta T_F = \frac{0.103 P [(r/c) F]}{[Q/rcNl]}$

# Accounting for side flow (leakage):

SIDE FLOW IS AT  
MEAN OIL TEMP IN BRG

$$\therefore \Delta T_F = 0.103P \left[ \left( \frac{\pi}{c} \right) F \right] \left[ \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{Q_s}{Q} \right] \left[ \frac{Q}{reNe} \right]}{\dots} \right] \quad \text{..... (a)}$$

ITEMS IN [ ] can be obtained from Rainaldi and Boyd sol'n Figs

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$$\left[ \left( \frac{\pi}{c} \right) F \right] \left[ \frac{Q}{reNe} \right] \left[ \frac{Q_s}{Q} \right]$$

In SI units, MPa

$$\Delta T_c = 8.30 P [(r/c)f]$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{Q_s}{Q}\right]\right) \left[\frac{Q}{rcNE}\right]$$

Continuing Previous Example:

$$P = 10 \text{ MPa} \quad (r/c)f = 6.75$$

$$\frac{Q}{rcNE} = 5.0$$

$$\frac{Q_s}{Q} = 0.76$$

(TOO BIG)

$$\therefore \Delta T_c = \frac{8.30(10)[6.75]}{\left[1 - \frac{0.76}{2}\right][5]} = \frac{180.7^\circ \text{C}}{\text{HUGE!!}}$$

÷ Problem in example was  
 That an unrealistically high  
 viscosity (100 mPas) was  
 assumed .... normally operating  
 viscosity for this type of  
 bearing would be 10 mPas  
 or less, resulting in an  
 order of magnitude lower  
 $\Delta T$

## BEARING OPERATING (DESIGN) TEMPERATURE

$$T_{AV} = T_1 + \frac{\Delta T}{2}$$

$(T_2 - T_1)$   
 ↑  
 AVG TEMP RISE

←  
 INLET TEMP

↑  
 AVG OIL TEMP

## TWO TYPES OF (ACADEMIC) BEARING DESIGN PROBLEMS:

### I OPERATING TEMP, $T_{AV}$ IS SPECIFIED

...  $\mu$  is known if oil specified

... with values of  $P, N$

$r, c,$  and  $l$  (rules of thumb, design)

ALL KEY BEARING PARAMETERS

$f, \Delta T, Q, h_o, Q_s/Q$  etc

CAN BE OBTAINED.

### II INLET TEMP, $T_1$ IS GIVEN

... need to estimate / guess  $\mu$

... iterate to sol'n

P

TABLE 12-4  
Range of Unit Loads in  
Current Use for Sleeve  
Bearings

APPLICATION	UNIT LOAD	
	psi	MPa
Diesel engines:		
Main bearings	900-1700	6-12
Crankpin	1150-2300	8-15
Wristpin	2000-2300	14-15
Electric motors	120-250	0.8-1.5
Steam turbines	120-250	0.8-1.5
Gear reducers	120-250	0.8-1.5
Automotive engines:		
Main bearings	600-750	4-5
Crankpin	1700-2300	10-15
Air compressors:		
Main bearings	140-280	1-2
Crankpin	280-500	2-4
Centrifugal pumps	100-180	0.6-1.2

Typical loads (pressures)  
on journal bearings for  
different applications

TABLE 12-5  
Some Characteristics of  
Bearing Alloys

ALLOY NAME	THICKNESS, in	SAE NUMBER	CLEARANCE RATIO $r/c$	LOAD CAPACITY	CORROSION RESISTANCE
Tin-base babbitt	0.022	12	600-1000	1.0	Excellent
Lead-base babbitt	0.022	15	600-1000	1.2	Very good
Tin-base babbitt	0.004	12	600-1000	1.5	Excellent
Lead-base babbitt	0.004	15	600-1000	1.5	Very good
Leaded bronze	Solid	792	500-1000	3.3	Very good
Copper-lead	0.022	480	500-1000	1.9	Good
Aluminum alloy	Solid		400-500	3.0	Excellent
Silver plus overlay	0.013	17P	600-1000	4.1	Excellent
Cadmium (1.5% Ni)	0.022	18	400-500	1.3	Good
Trimetal 88*				4.1	Excellent
Trimetal 77†				4.1	Very good

\*This is a 0.008-in layer of copper-lead on a steel back plus 0.001 in of tin-base babbitt.  
†This is a 0.013-in layer of copper-lead on a steel back plus 0.001 in of lead-base babbitt.

Soft metal coatings to avoid steel against steel contact at low speeds (e.g. start-up)

Typical Clearances

Temp RANGES

Recommend design guidelines next page

FIGURE 12-23

Temperature limits for mineral oils. The lower limit is for oils containing antioxidants and applies when oxygen supply is unlimited. The upper limit applies when insignificant oxygen is present. The life in the colored zone depends on the amount of oxygen and catalysts present. [Source: M. J. Neale (ed.), Tribology Handbook, Section B1, Newnes-Butterworth, London, 1975.]

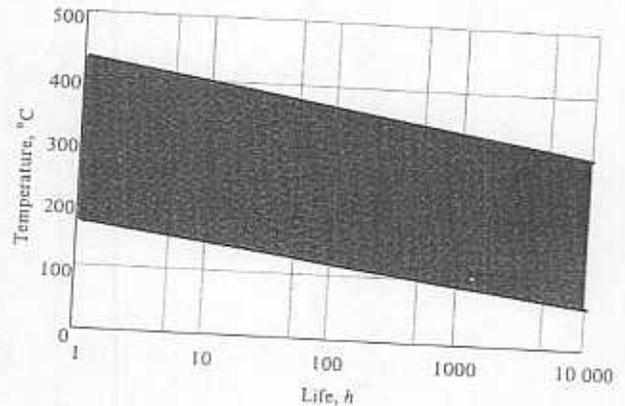


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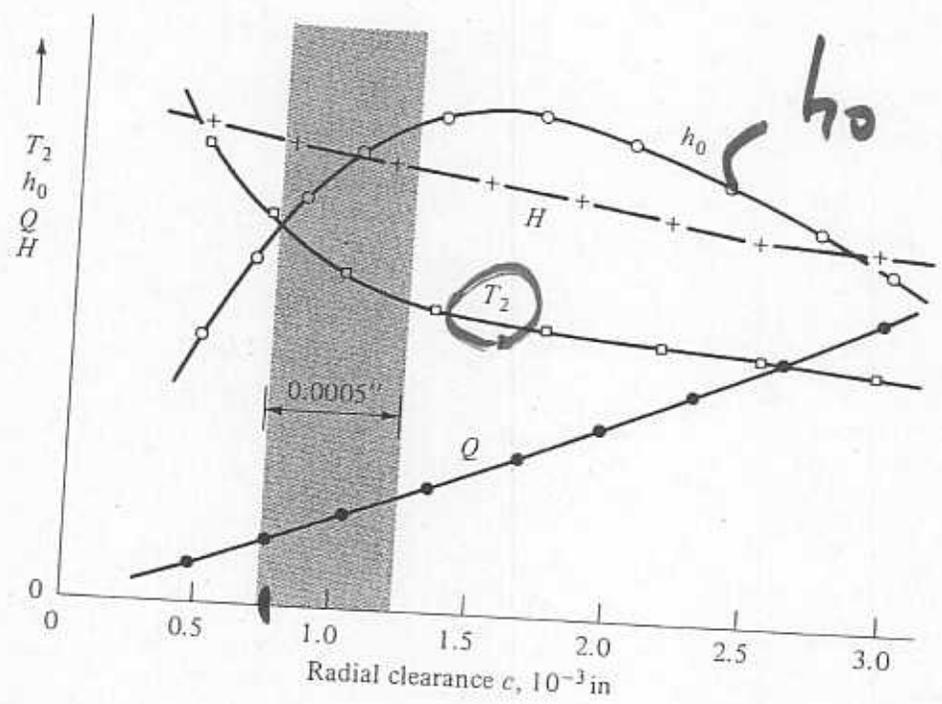
Performance of 1.5-in-Diameter Journal Bearing with Various Clearances. (SAE 20 Lubricant,  $T_1 = 100^\circ\text{F}$ ,  $N = 30$  rev/s,  $W = 500$  lb,  $L = 1.5$  in)

$c$ , in	$T_2$ , °F	$h_o$ , in	$f$	$Q$ , m <sup>3</sup> /s	$H$ , Btu/s
0.000 5	226	0.000 38	0.011 3	0.061	0.086
0.001 125	142	0.000 65	0.009 0	0.153	0.068
0.001 55	133	0.000 77	0.008 7	0.218	0.066
0.001 75	128	0.000 76	0.008 4	0.252	0.064
0.002 75	118	0.000 73	0.007 9	0.419	0.060
0.003 95	113	0.000 69	0.007 7	0.617	0.059

Performance @ different clearances (see also Fig 12-22)

FIGURE 12-22

A plot of some performance characteristics of the bearing of Example 12-1 for radial clearances of 0.0005 to 0.003 in. The bearing outlet temperature is designated  $T_2$ . New bearings should be designed for the shaded zone, because wear will move the operating point to the right.



# BEARING DESIGN GUIDELINES

$$T_{OUTLET} = T_{INLET}$$

## ÷ TEMP LIMITS ON OIL

< 120°C mineral oils

< 150°C synthetics

$$\div \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{MIN FILM THICKNESS} \\ h_o \geq (5 + 400d) \times 10^{-6} \text{ m.} \end{array} \right]$$

diam in m

## CLEARANCE

$$\div 500 < \frac{\tau}{c} < 1000$$

( Sometimes apply safety factor Bg. 2 to load. WE WON'T )

# Returning to previous Example

- ① Change  $\mu$  to 10 mPas (Operating) ... (Need to reduce  $\Delta T$ )
- ② Reduce P to 5 MPa  $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = 1$
- ③ Specify oil inlet temp to be 60°C = T,

$$S = \left(\frac{r}{c}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\mu N}{P}\right)$$

$$= (500)^2 \left(\frac{(10 \times 10^{-3})(100)}{5 \times 10^6}\right)$$

$S = 0.05$

# I FILM THICKNESS

$$\frac{h_0}{c} = 0.24 \quad \& \quad h_0 = 0.24 \times 25 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\boxed{h_0 = 6 \mu\text{m}} \quad \epsilon = \underline{\underline{0.76}}$$

by design guideline

$$\rightarrow h_0 < [5 + 40(0.025)] \mu\text{m}$$

$$= 5 + 1 = \underline{\underline{6 \mu\text{m}}}$$

$0.7 < \epsilon < 0.9$   
desirable, calcul.  
to be 0.76

BARELY OK

BUT OK

## OP & MAX TEMP

$$\Delta T_c = \frac{(8.3)(5)(1.8)}{\left(1 - \frac{0.82}{2}\right)(4.5)} = \underline{\underline{28.1^\circ\text{C}}}$$

II

OPERATING TEMP

$$60^{\circ} + \frac{\Delta T}{2} = \underline{74^{\circ}C}$$

MAX TEMP

$$T_1 + \Delta T_c = \underline{\underline{88.1^{\circ}C}}$$

This is less than  $120^{\circ}C$

So O.K.

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