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DEPARTMENT OF AUTOMOBILE ENGINEERING

COURSE NAME : 19AUB301 – AUTOMOTIVE FUELS AND LUBRICANTS

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Unit 2- Theory of Lubrication

Topic : Mechanism of Lubrication



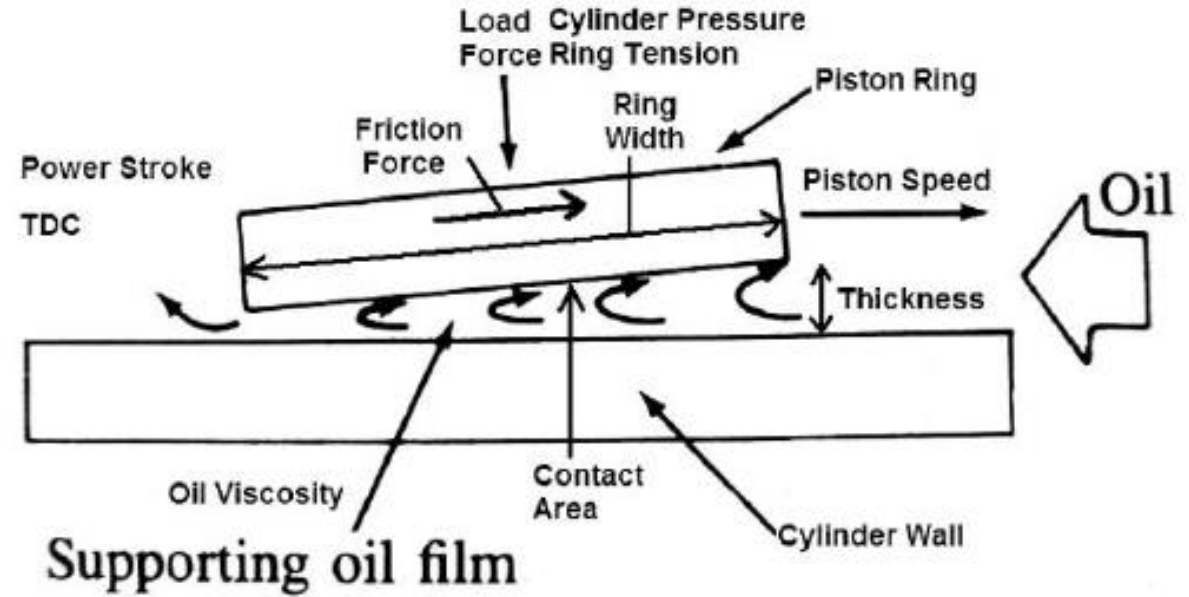
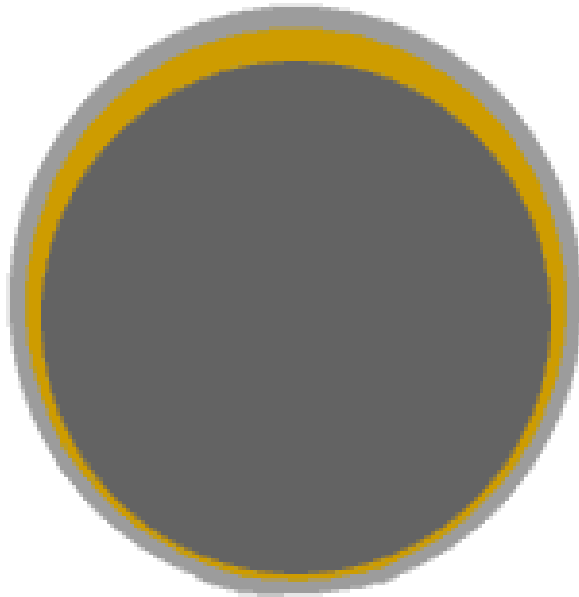
FLUID FILM OR THICK FILM OR HYDRODYNAMIC LUBRICATION



- In this, the moving or sliding Surfaces are separated from each other by a thick-film of fluid, so that direct surface-to surface contact rarely occurs.
- The lubricant film covers or fills the irregularities of the sliding or moving surfaces and forms a thick layer in between them, so that there is no direct contact between the material surfaces.
- This consequently reduces wear.
- The lubricant chosen should have the minimum viscosity.



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BOUNDARY LUBRICATION



- If the film thickness between the two surfaces in relative motion becomes so thin that formation of hydrodynamic oil film is not possible.
- The surface high spots or asperities penetrate this thin film to make metal to metal contact then such lubrication is called boundary lubrication.
- This happens when
 - ❖ A shaft starts moving from rest
 - ❖ The speed is very low
 - ❖ The load is very high
 - ❖ Viscosity of the oil is too low.
- As the speed increases it switches on to hydrodynamic lubrication.



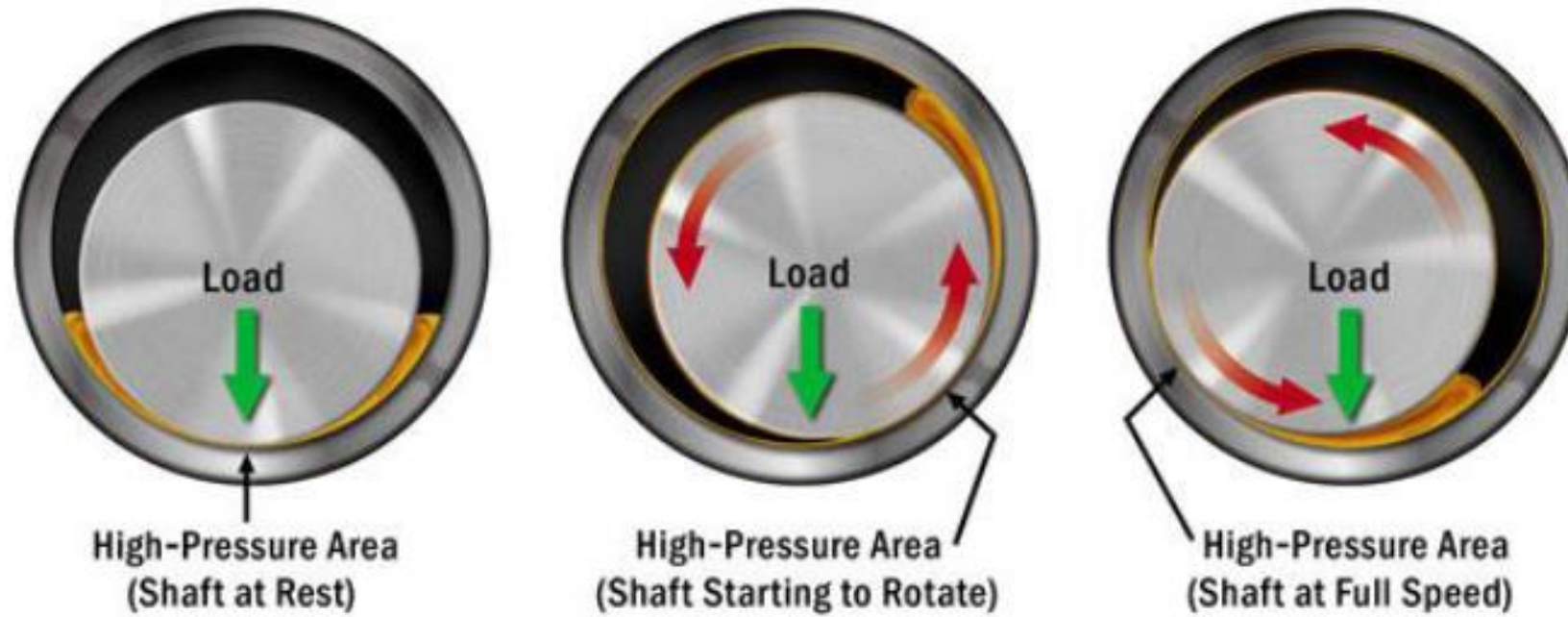
ELASTO HYDRODYNAMIC LUBRICATION



- When the load acting on the bearings is very high, the material itself deforms elastically against the pressure built up of the oil film.
- This type of lubrication is called elasto hydrodynamic lubrication
- It occurs between cams and followers, gear teeth, and rolling bearings where the contact pressures are extremely high.



BEARING LUBRICATION





REFERENCE



- <https://learnmech.com/lubrication-purpose-lubricants-method-of-lubrication/>



THANK YOU !!!