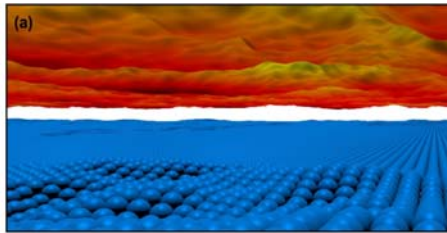


A Rough View of Friction and Adhesion

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Friction and Every Day Life

- ☞ Allows us to walk and drive
- ☞ Holds thread, nails, screws, bolts, bricks, ...
- ☞ Holds fabric and knots together
- ☞ Determines how things feel, texture of food

☞ **Wastes energy** → ~20% in car engine

☞ **Produces wear** → abrades material

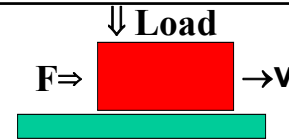
→ destroys lubricants



☞ **Central to earthquake triggering, dynamics**

**Economic cost of poor friction control
more than 2% of GNP**

Friction Laws ?



Static friction F_s

→ minimum force needed to initiate sliding.

Kinetic friction $F_k(v)$

→ force to keep sliding at velocity v .

Typically, $F_k(v)$ varies only as $\log(v)$ and $F_s > F_k(v)$ at low v

Amontons' Laws (1699):

- Friction \propto load → constant $\mu = F/\text{Load}$.
- Friction force independent of **apparent** contact area A_{app} .

But: Amontons coated all surfaces with pork fat

$F \propto A_{\text{app}}$ for soft, flat solids, polymers, tape

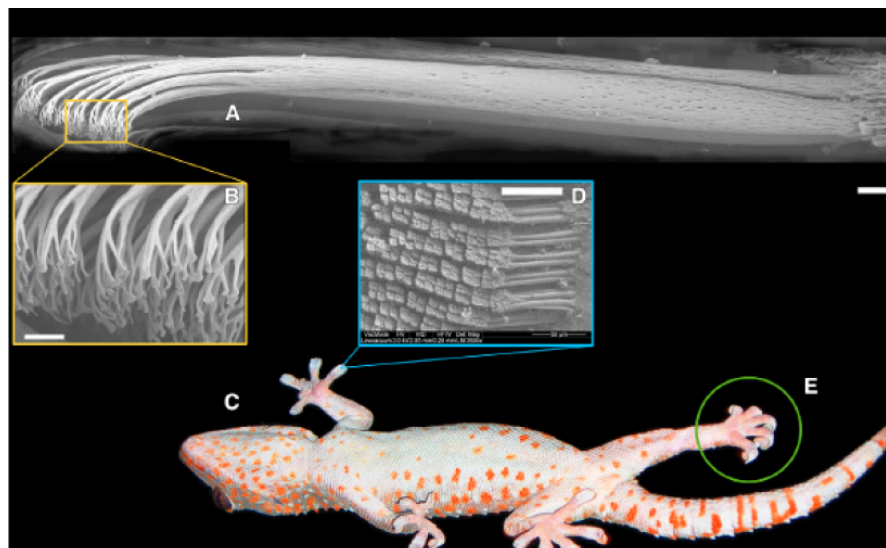
μ often changes with load \Rightarrow friction for load ≤ 0

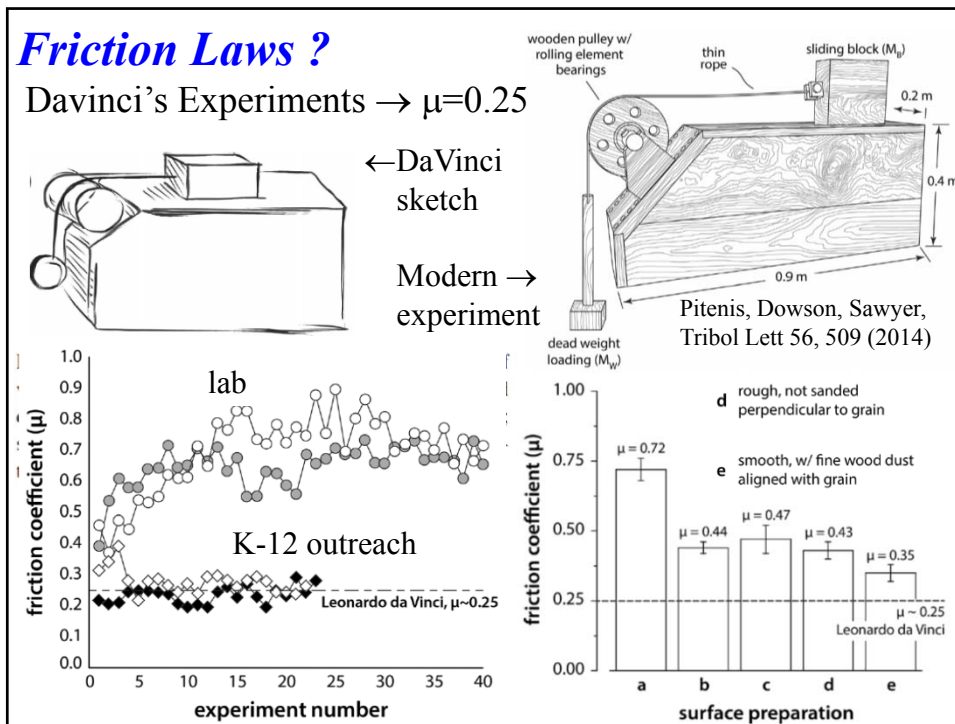
Friction depends on history (rate-state models)

Laws violated in nanoscale experiments & simulations

\Rightarrow solids slide like fluids, fluids stick like solids

Many Systems Have Friction with Load ≤ 0
Geckos, tape, putty, ... stick on walls or ceilings

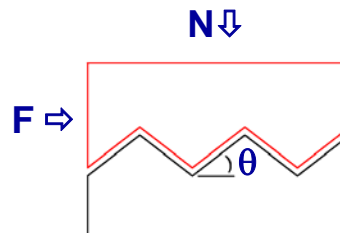




Why Friction \propto Load & Independent of Apparent Area?

Geometric explanation (Amontons, Parents, Euler, Coulomb)

- Surfaces are rough
- Friction = force to lift up ramp formed by bottom surface
- $F = N \tan \theta \Rightarrow \mu = \tan \theta$



Problems:

- Most surfaces can't mesh
- Roughening can reduce μ (hard disks)
- Monolayer of grease changes μ not roughness
- Once over peak, load favors sliding \Rightarrow kinetic friction=0
- Friction proportional to apparent area not load in some cases

Static friction \Rightarrow Force to escape metastable state

How can two surfaces always lock together?

Kinetic friction \Rightarrow Energy dissipation as slide

Why is this correlated to static friction? Why does T matter?

Many Mysteries Remain About Friction's Origins

Friction determined by processes on wide range of scales

- Friction comes from interactions between atoms in repulsive contact $< \text{nm}$ \rightarrow sensitive to exact chemistry, atomic geometry, ... that is often unknown
- Surfaces rough on nm to mm scales
Area and geometry of contacting regions determined by roughness and long-range elastic and plastic deformation.
- Adhesion typically ignored in determining contact & friction

No general theory for behavior far from equilibrium

Equilibrium \Rightarrow stable state minimizes free energy

Far from equilibrium \Rightarrow must solve dynamical equations

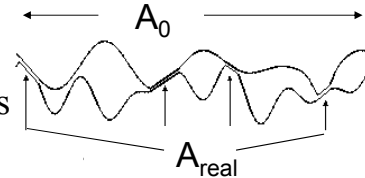
Computer simulations allow controlled "experiments"

Explore trends, discover unanticipated mechanisms

Is Friction Proportional to Real Area?

Common view since mid 1900's

Surfaces rough on many length scales
and usually find $A_{\text{real}} \ll A_0$



Measurements and theory $\Rightarrow A_{\text{real}} \propto \text{Load}$ in many cases

\Rightarrow get Amontons' laws if constant shear stress τ_{shear}

$$\text{friction} = A_{\text{real}} \tau_{\text{shear}} \propto \text{Load}$$

Also explains many exceptions to Amontons' laws

Adhesion $\Rightarrow A_{\text{real}}$ nonzero at zero load, still have friction

Friction $\propto A_0$ for soft materials because $A_{\text{real}} \approx A_0$

Friction $\propto A_{\text{real}}$ predicted by continuum theory for
single asperities with radii from nm to mm

$\propto N^{2/3}$ for non-adhesive solids (Hertz theory)

Bowden & Tabor – hard sphere on polymer

Surfaces Often Rough on Many Scales \Rightarrow Self-Affine



Artificial landscape – computer generated self-affine fractal
http://thornyissues2.blogspot.com/2014/06/beauty-in-nature-fractals_21.html

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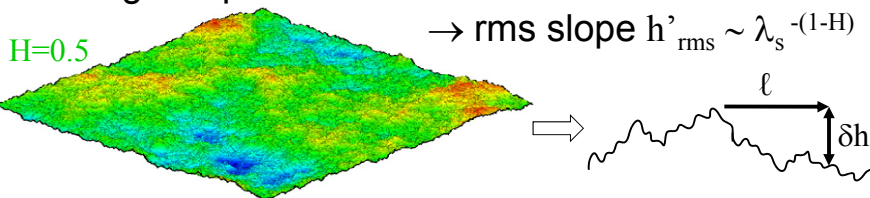
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for wavelengths $\lambda_s < \ell < \lambda_L$ - range can matter

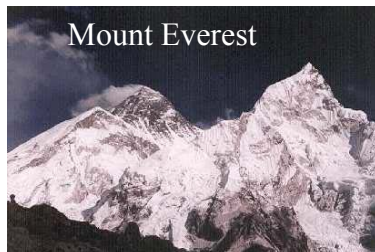
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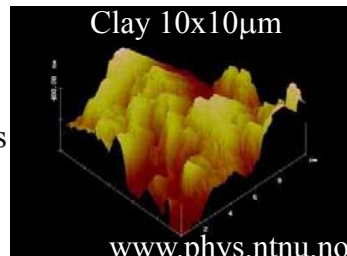


$H=0.5$



Mount Everest

Examples with $H=0.8$



Clay 10x10 μm

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Surfaces Often Rough on Many Scales \Rightarrow Self-Affine

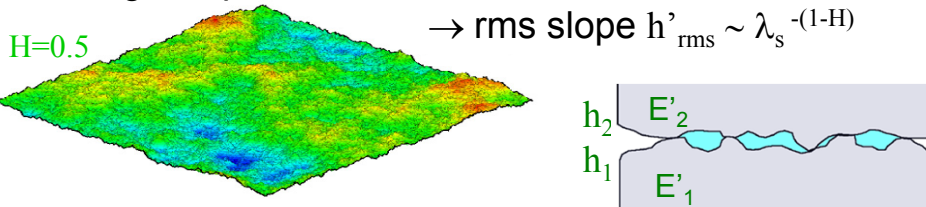
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Continuum theory (contact not friction):

2 rough elastic solids \Rightarrow rough rigid and elastic flat

heights $h_1, h_2 \Rightarrow h = h_2 - h_1$

Moduli $E'_1, E'_2 \Rightarrow E' = 1/(1/E'_1 + 1/E'_2)$

$E' = E/(1-\nu^2)$; E = Young's modulus, ν = Poisson ratio

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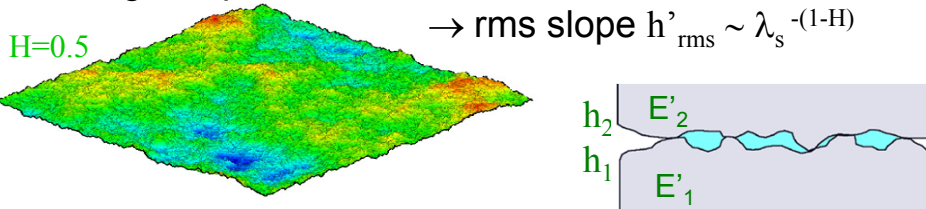
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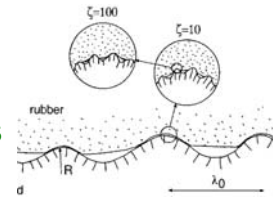
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Nonadhesive Elastic Contact of Rough Surfaces

- Hertz - Single spherical contact $A_{\text{real}} \propto N^{2/3}$, N =normal load
- Many spheres, different heights-Greenwood & Williamson Contact where undeformed surfaces overlap (Bearing area model)
 - $N \Rightarrow$ force to flatten each asperity
 - \rightarrow Predicts $A_{\text{real}} \propto N$, explains friction $\propto N$?
 - BUT $A_{\text{real}} \propto N$ only at very small $A_{\text{real}}/A_{\text{app}} < 10^{-4}$ (Carbone & Bottiglione)
 - Wrong long-range correlations.
- **Scaling Theory: Persson 2001**
 Area & pressure as increase resolution
 Gives $A_{\text{real}} \propto N$, right spatial correlations
- **Finite-element continuum for wide range of H , etc..** Hyun, Pei, Molinari, & Robbins, PRE70, 026117, '04; JMPS 53, 2385, '05; Trib Int. 40, 1413, '07
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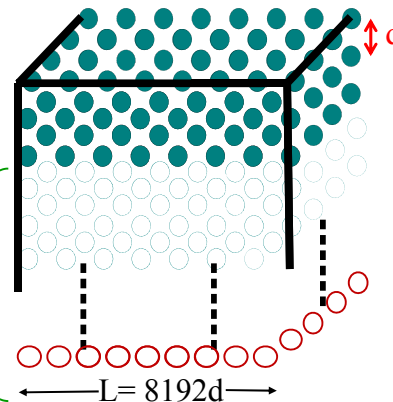


Molecular Dynamics up to Micrometer Scales

Challenge: elastic interactions - long-range \rightarrow need cube of size L^3
 Use multiscale approach for $L \sim 3 \mu\text{m} \sim 10^{12}$ atoms

At surface - molecular dynamics (MD) simulations of $\sim 10^8$ atoms
 At depth where displacements are small only need linear response
 \rightarrow Use atomic Greens function in bulk

Seamless boundary conditions
 Similar to Campana & Muser
 Extended to long range interactions, analytic GF, multibody potentials
 EAM, Stillinger-Weber, ...
 Periodic boundaries or semi-infinite



Campana, Muser, Phys. Rev. B 74, 075420 (2006); Pastewka, Sharp, Robbins, Phys. Rev. B 86, 075459 (2012)

Area \propto Load \Rightarrow Dimensional Analysis

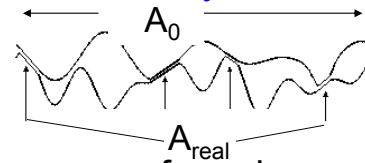
Only material property is contact modulus $E' = E/(1-\nu^2)$

$A_{real} E'/Load$ is dimensionless

rms slope h'_{rms} – dimensionless measure of roughness

$A_{real} = \kappa Load/ E' h'_{rms}$ - steeper \rightarrow less area

\rightarrow independent of $\lambda_L, h_{rms}, system\ size$



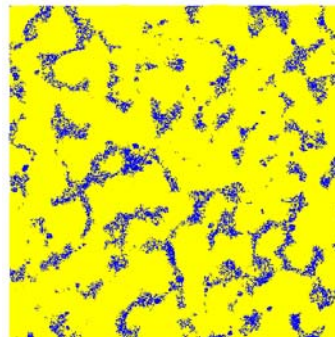
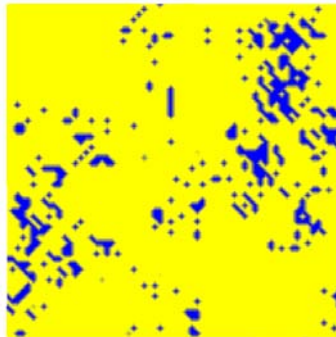
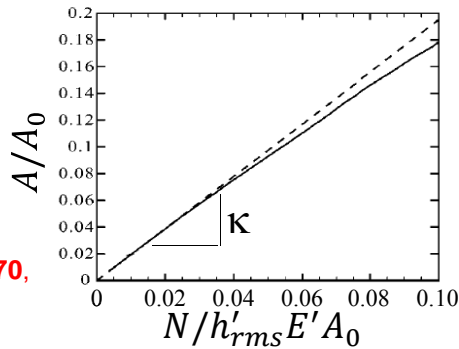
Numerical solution:

$\kappa \sim 2$ for all H, h'_{rms}, ν, \dots

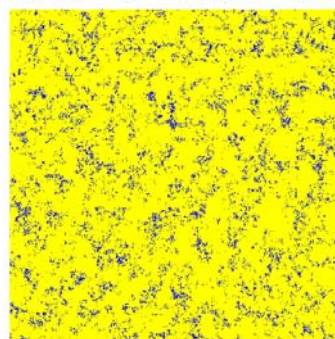
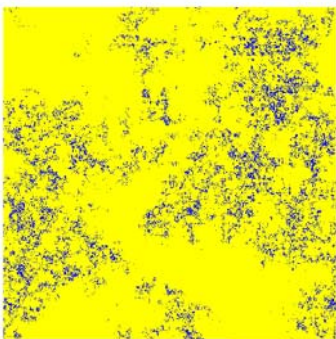
Fixed pressure in contact

$$p_{rep} = E' h'_{rms} / \kappa$$

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Very different surface roughness profiles give same $\kappa=2.0$



Results for different synthetic & experimental surfaces at $A/A_0 \sim 0.1$

Dimensional Analysis- Elastic, No Adhesion

Only material property is
 contact modulus $E' = E / (1 - \nu^2)$

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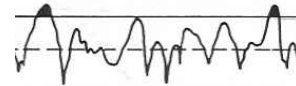
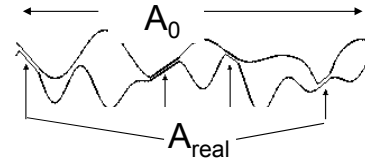
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Very different analytic models \rightarrow predict similar κ

Bearing area – Greenwood-Williamson $\kappa = (2\pi)^{1/2} \approx 2.5$

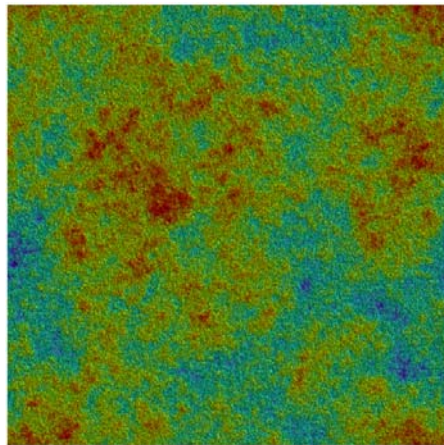
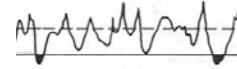
Persson's scaling theory $\kappa = (8/\pi)^{1/2} \approx 1.6$

Bearing area – contact where undeformed surfaces overlap \rightarrow no asperity interactions
 \rightarrow wrong spatial structure

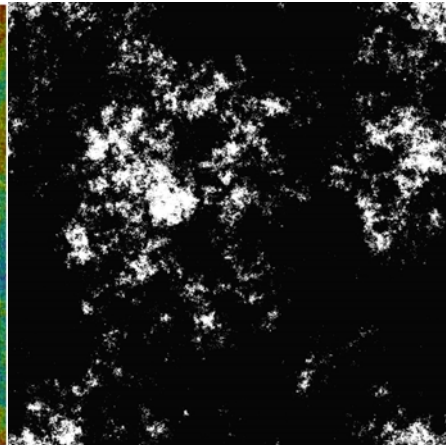


Models Predict Very Different Contact Geometry For Same Rough Surface and A_{real}

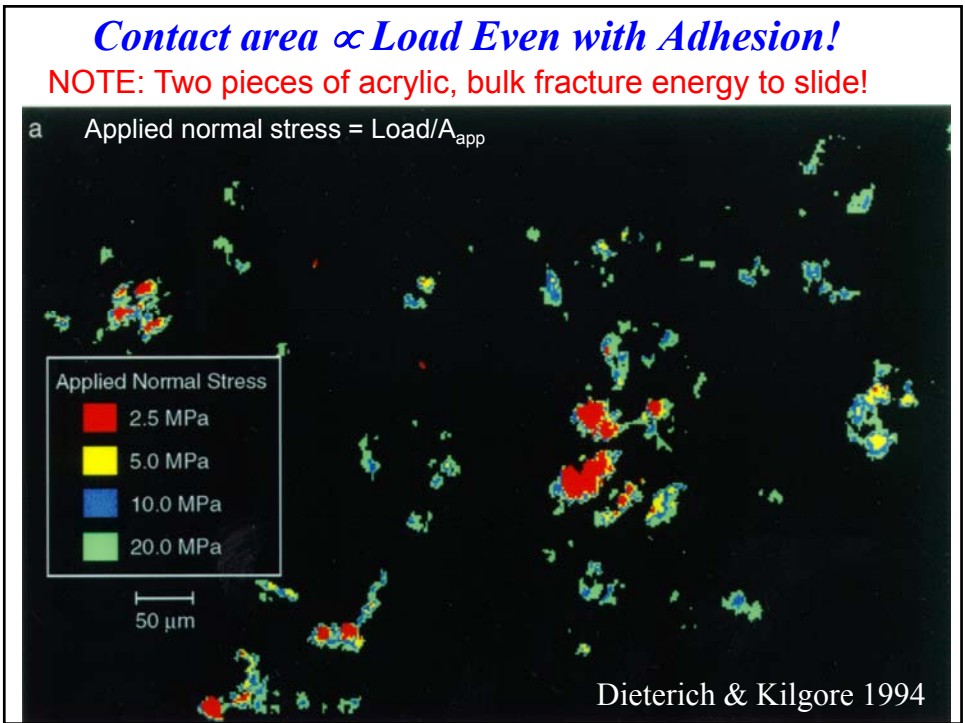
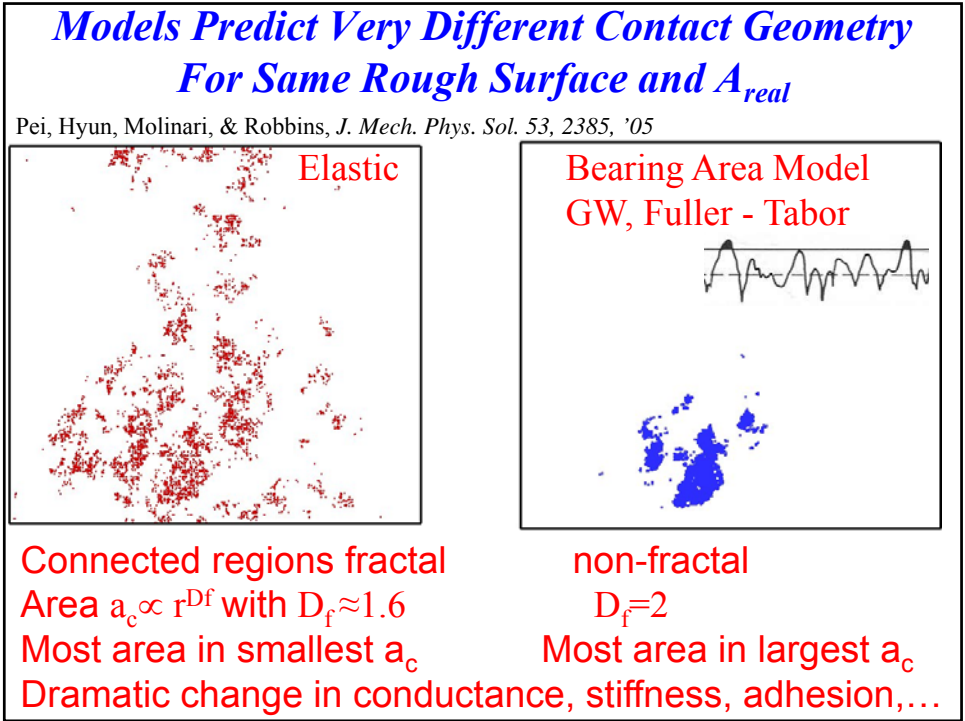
Bearing area model \Rightarrow Contacts like lakes
 on fractal landscape – area \propto diameter²



Red higher, blue lower



White regions contacts=lakes



Why aren't all surfaces sticky?

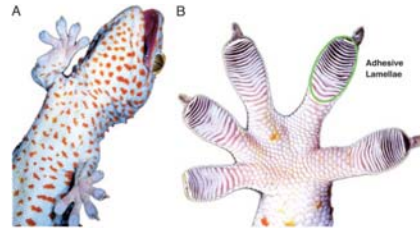
Adhesion Paradox (Kendall)

At atomic scales – surfaces feel van der Waals attraction

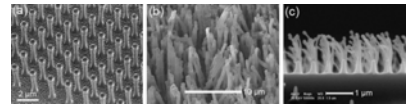
→ ~10MPa → 1cm² supports 100kg

At macroscopic scales – surfaces not sticky

→ no force to separate, contact theories ignore adhesion



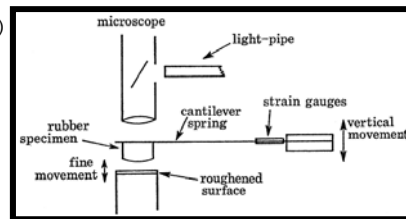
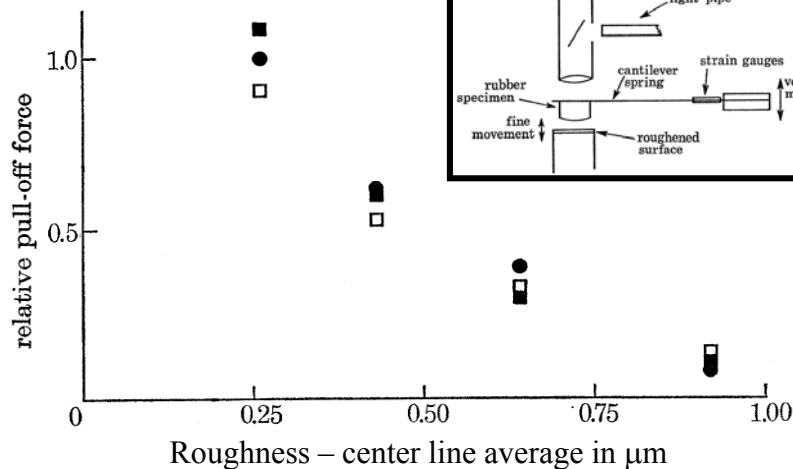
Hansen, Autumn, PNAS 102, 385 (2005)



Jeong, Suh, Nano Today 4, 335 (2009)

Roughness Eliminates Adhesion

Fuller & Tabor, Proc. R. Soc. A 345, 327 (1975)



Roughness lowers area close enough to adhere
 Only see adhesion here because use soft material, rubber

Past theories – qualitatively wrong ⇒ h' not h_{rms}

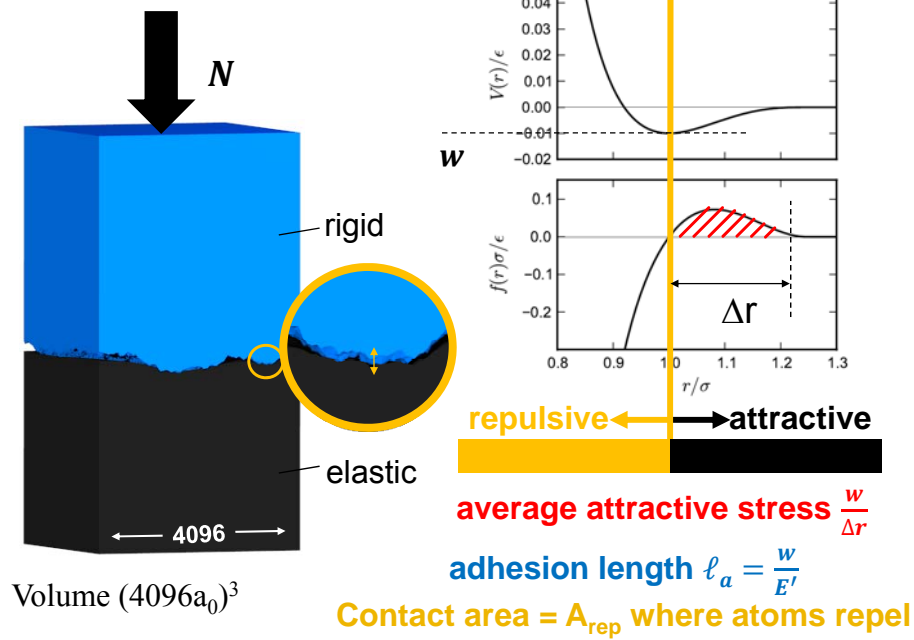
Roughness and Superhydrophobicity

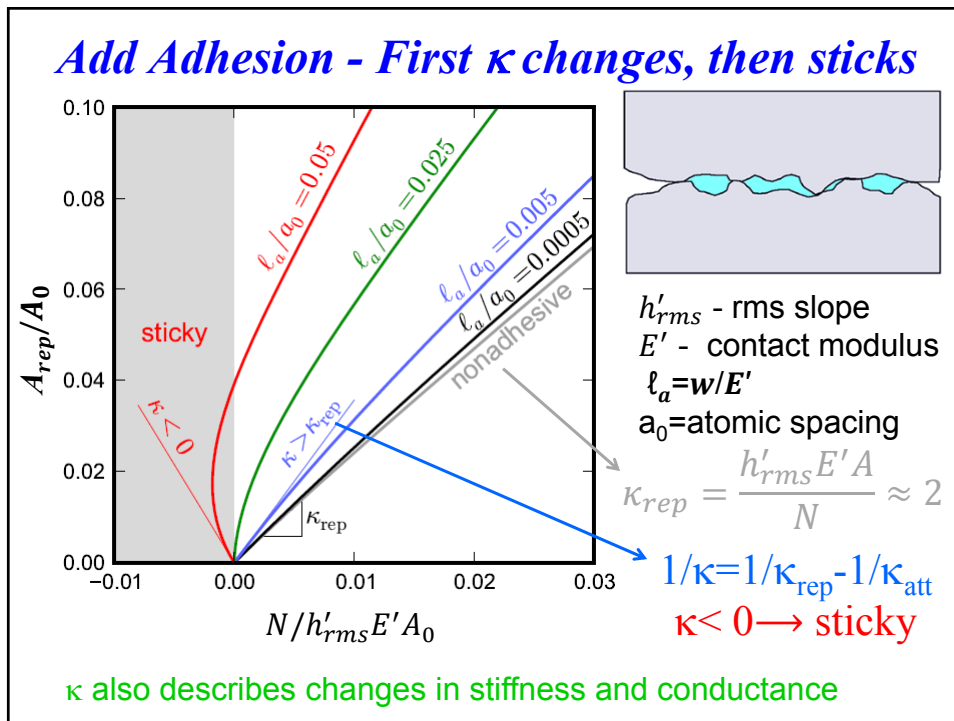
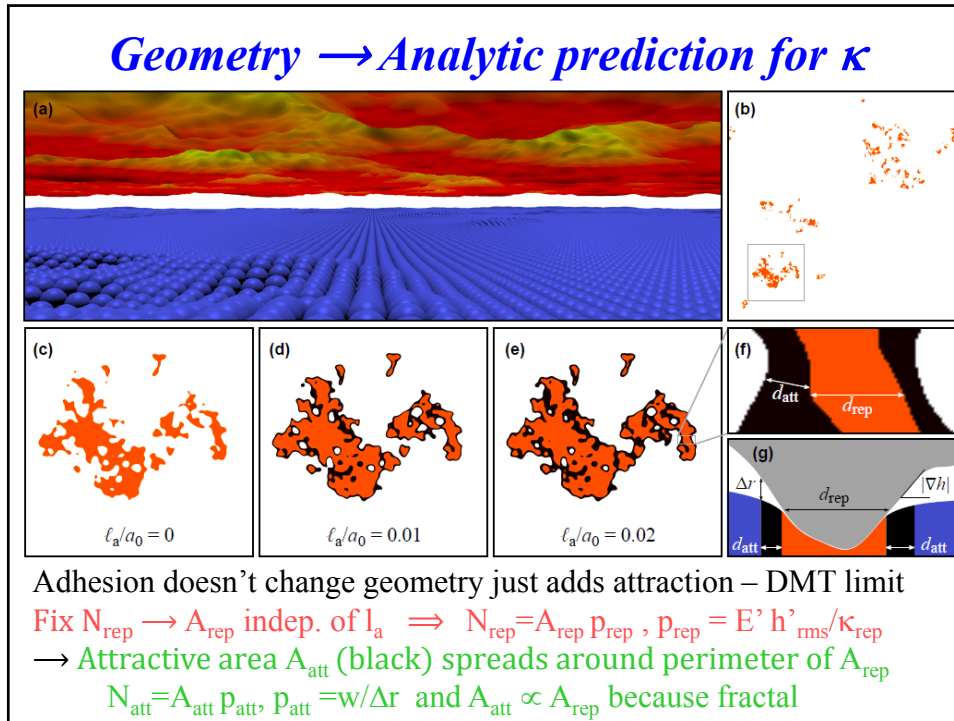
Roughness also limits spreading of liquid on solid, but need very high surface slope >1 to make nonwetting

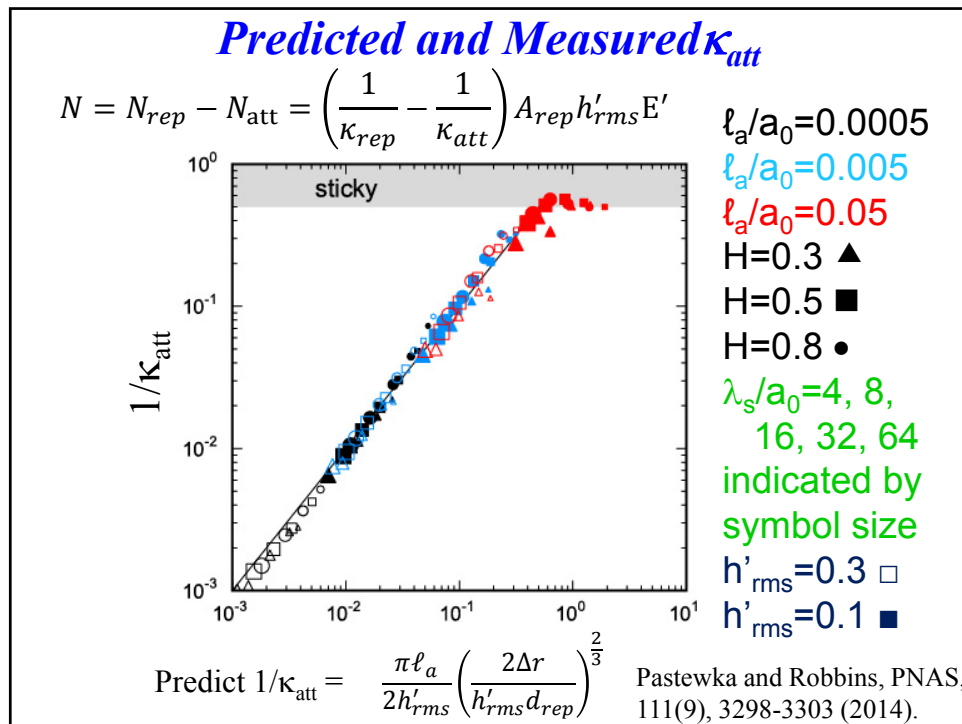


http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lotus_effect

Calculation Methods







Consequences

Necessary condition for atomic surfaces

Ratio of adhesive to repulsive pressure $\frac{w/\Delta r}{E' h'_{rms}/\kappa_{rep}} = \frac{\kappa_{rep} \ell_a}{\Delta r h'_{rms}} > 1$

$\Delta r \sim a_0$ – atomic spacing $\rightarrow w/(E' a_0) = \ell_a/a_0 > 0.5 h'_{rms}$

- Diamond/diamond bond $\ell_a/a_0 = 0.06$, LJ $\ell_a/a_0 = 0.05$
Adhesion if $h'_{rms} < 0.1$
- Passivated surface – van der Waals at interface
Reduce ℓ_a/a_0 100-fold
 \rightarrow Adhesion if $h'_{rms} < 0.001$ (wafer bonding)

Almost none of the surfaces around us show macroscopic adhesion even if nm scale attraction

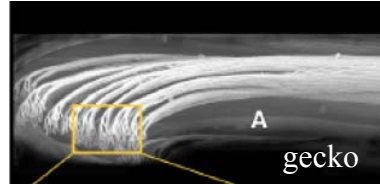
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 - or sparse network of beams in compliant shell



- Elastomers – $\ell_a = \text{nm to } \mu\text{m}$ vs. 3pm
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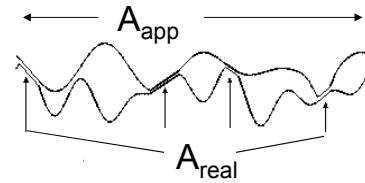
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Is Friction Proportional to *Real Area*?



Is $F = A_{\text{real}} \tau_{\text{shear}}$?

Problems \Rightarrow What determines τ_{shear} ?

Why $\mu \approx$ constant for given materials?

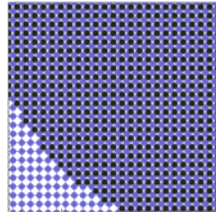
Macroscale $\Rightarrow A_{\text{real}}/\text{Load}$ not material property $\sim 1/h_{\text{rms}}$

Nanoscale $\Rightarrow A_{\text{real}}$ hard to define, τ_{shear} often zero,
depends on pressure, variables not controlled in experiment

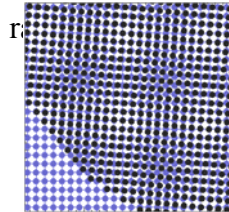
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Rigid Incommensurate Surfaces – No Net Friction!

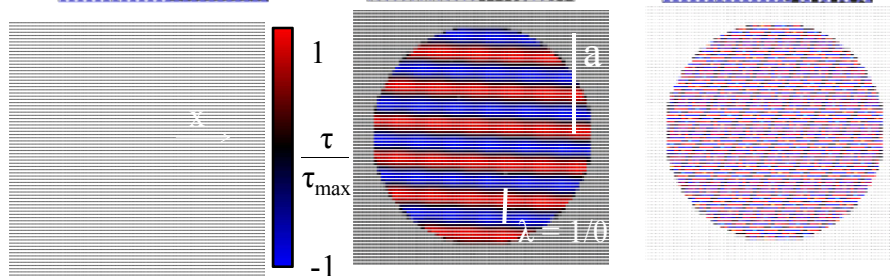
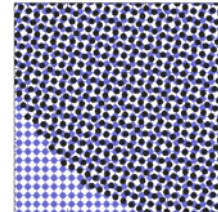
Commensurate



Rotated $\theta = 0.1$



Rotated $\theta = 0.44$



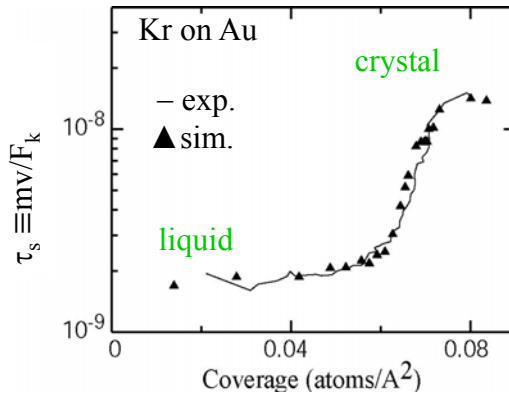
Structural Superlubricity – Rigid Surfaces

Hirano & Shinjo – Contacting crystals typically incommensurate,
 \Rightarrow No common period \rightarrow lateral force averages to zero, $F_s=0$
 Even identical surfaces become incommensurate if rotated

Consistent with many experiments & simulations

$F_s=0$ for incommensurate monolayers on substrate (Krim et al.)

Solids more slippery than fluid of same element



Friction proportional to velocity - $F_k = v m / \tau_s$

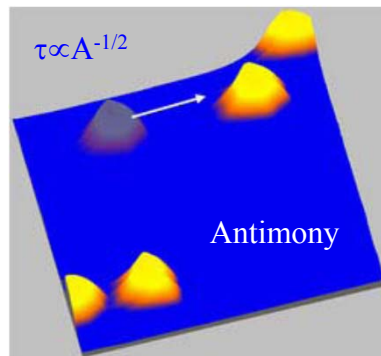
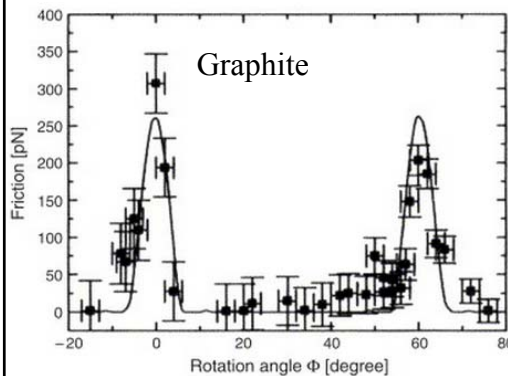
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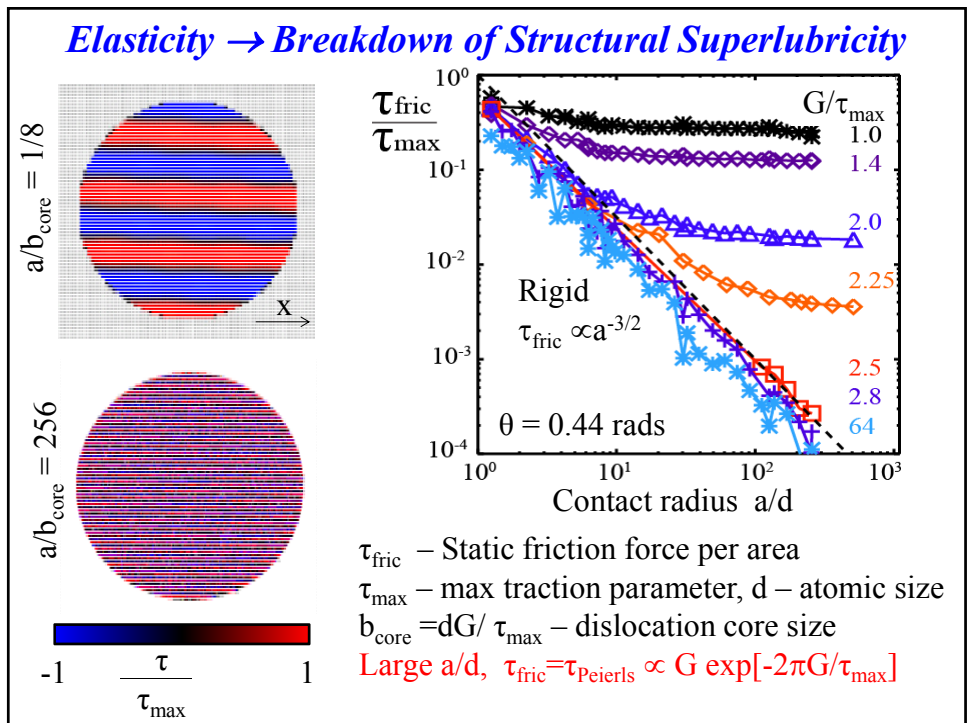
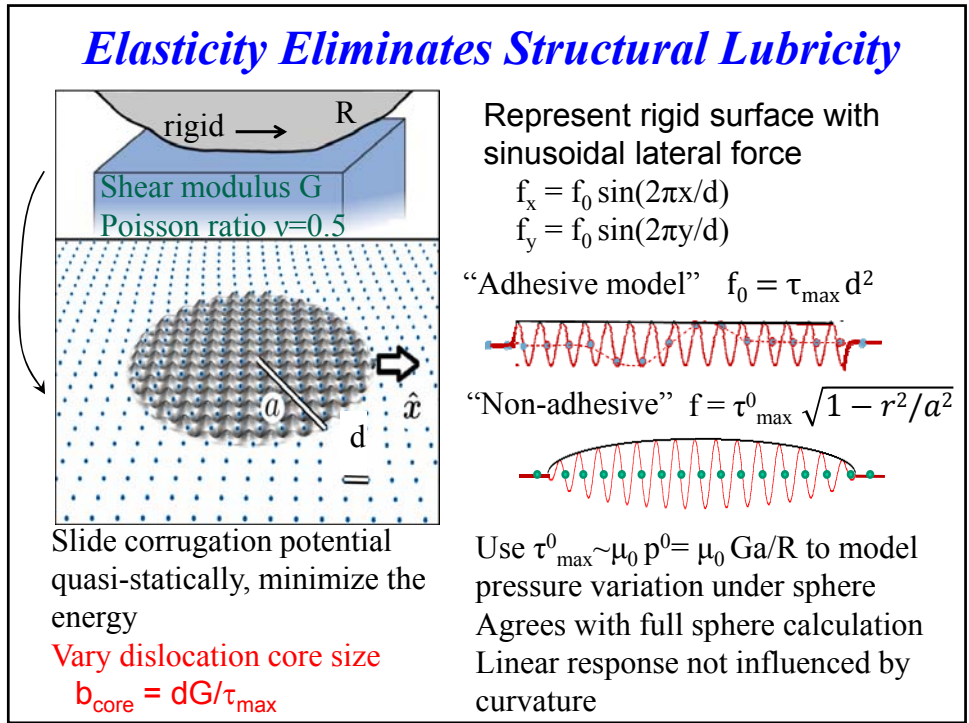
Consistent with many experiments & simulations *in vacuum*

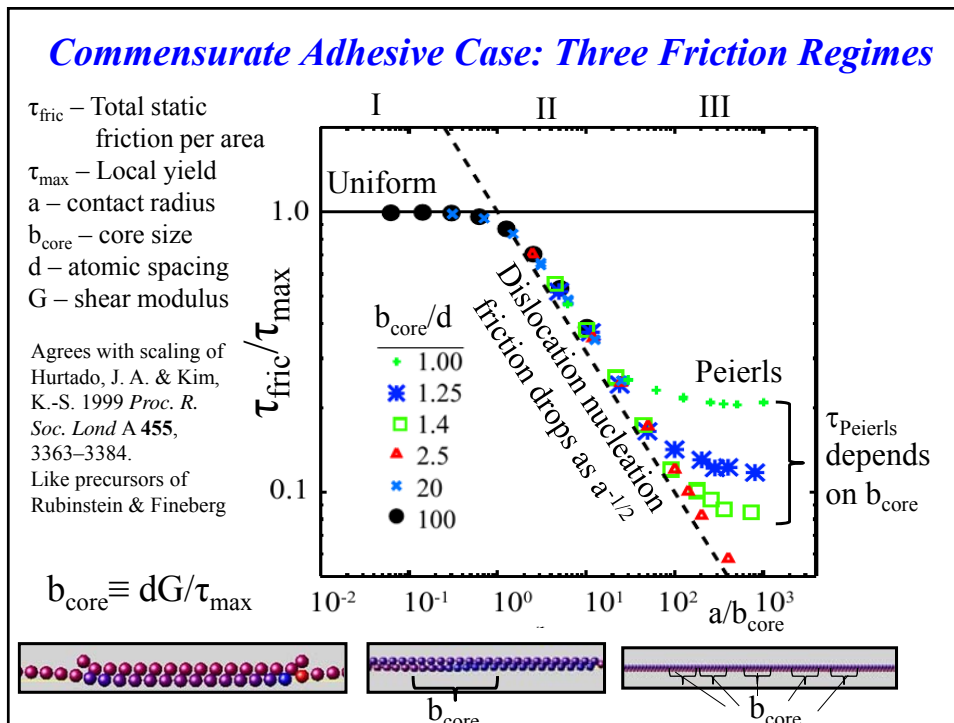
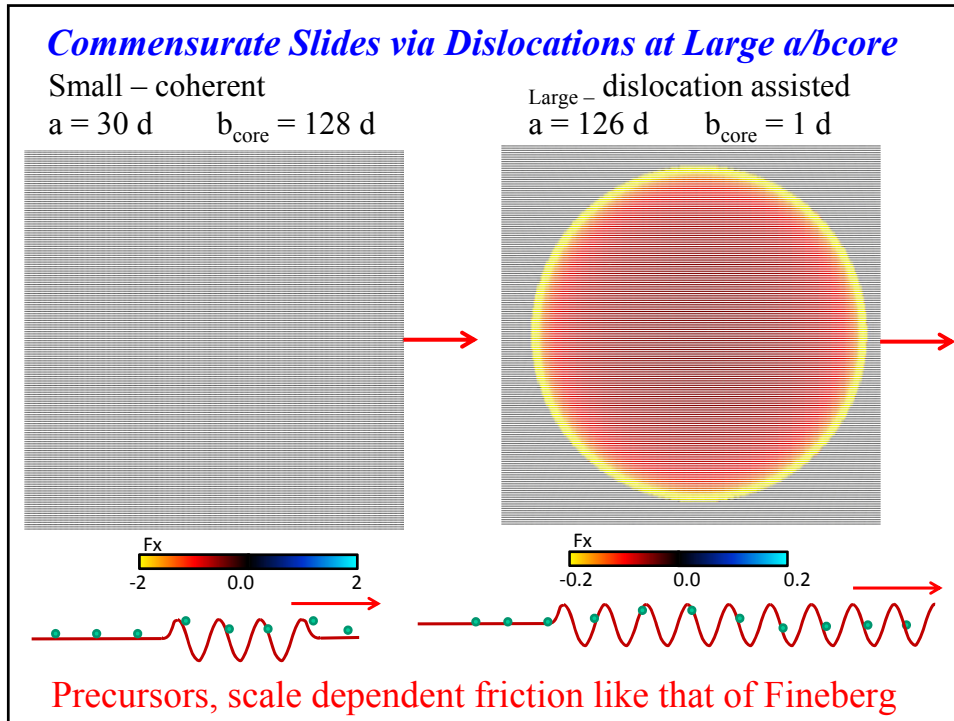
$F_s \sim 0$ for misaligned mica, graphite, MoS₂, antimony, adsorbed gas (Hirano et al. '91, Krim et al., Dienwiebel et al. '04, Martin et al., Dietzel et al. '08)

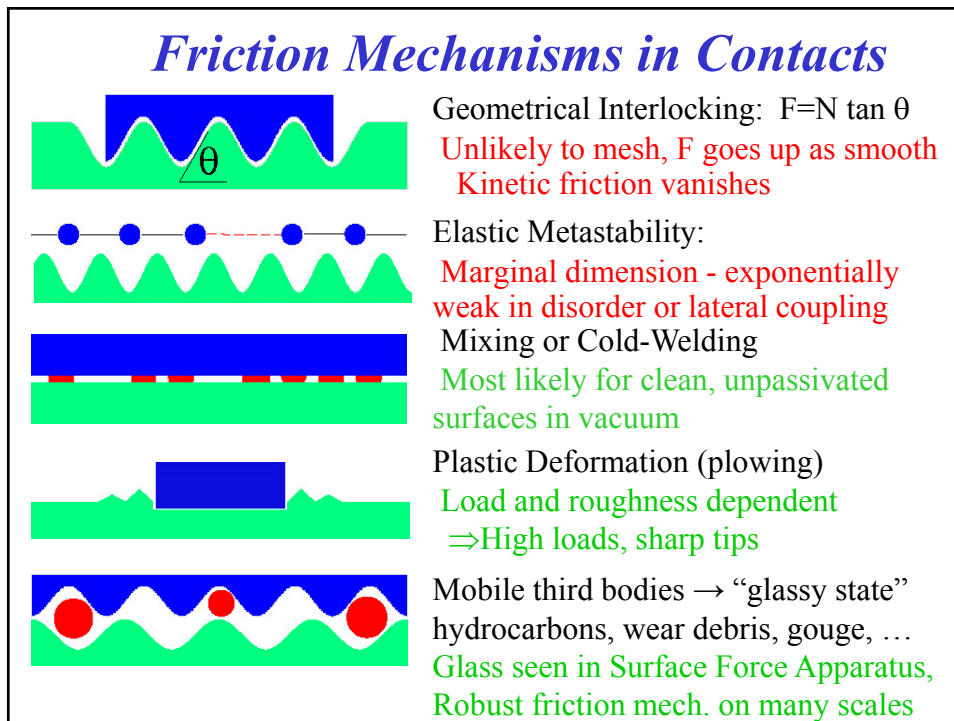
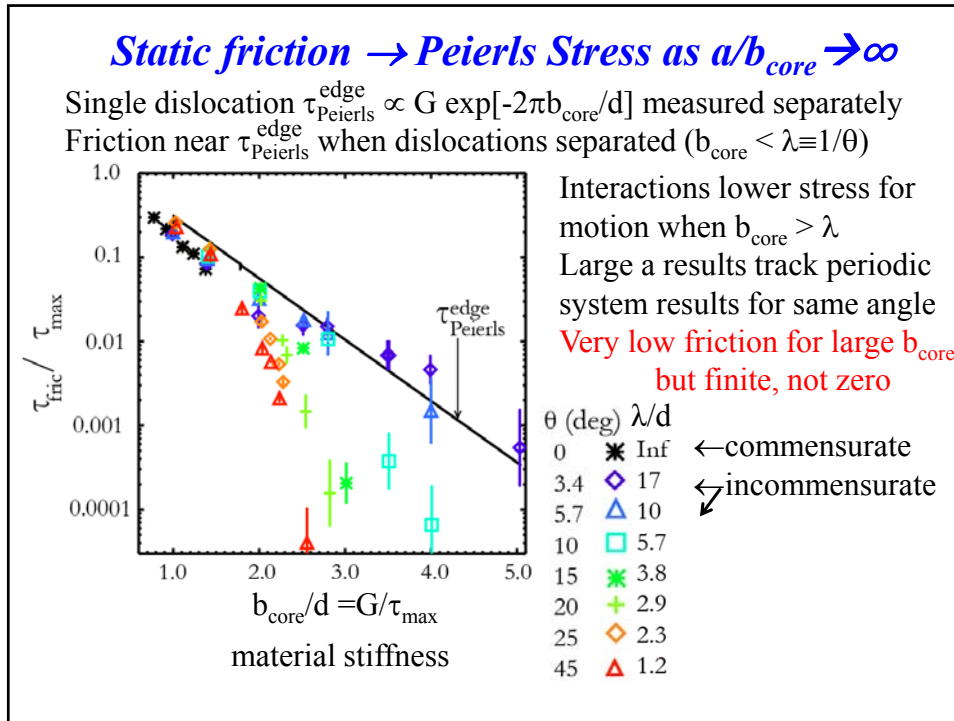


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Dietzel et al. PRL 101, 125505, '08

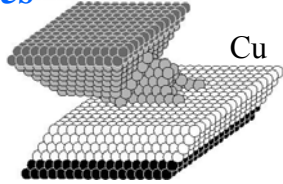
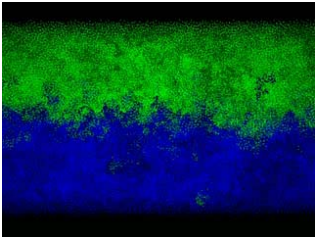
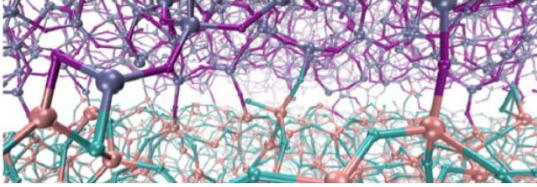






Welding at Interfaces

Metals weld in vacuum conditions
 - Scale, orientation dependence
 Sørensen, Jacobsen & Stoltz, Phys. Rev. B 1996
 Bowden and Tabor for many metal pairs
 Landman, Fujita, Matsukawa, ...
 PMMA in Fineberg experiments
 – energy release ~ fracture energy
 Strength of polymer weld depends on contact time and pressure
 Ge, Pierce, Perahia, Grest, Robbins
 PRL 110, 098301 (2013)
 Thermally activated covalent bonding of silica: friction ~log(time)
 Li, Liu, Szlufarska,
 Trib. Lett. 56: 481 (2014)
 Li, Tullis, Goldsby, Carpick
 Nature 480, 233 (2011)

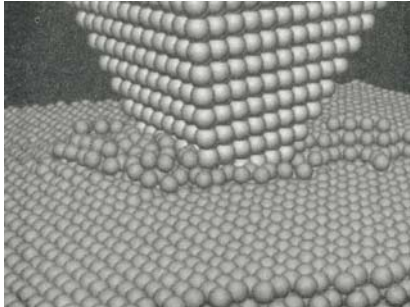
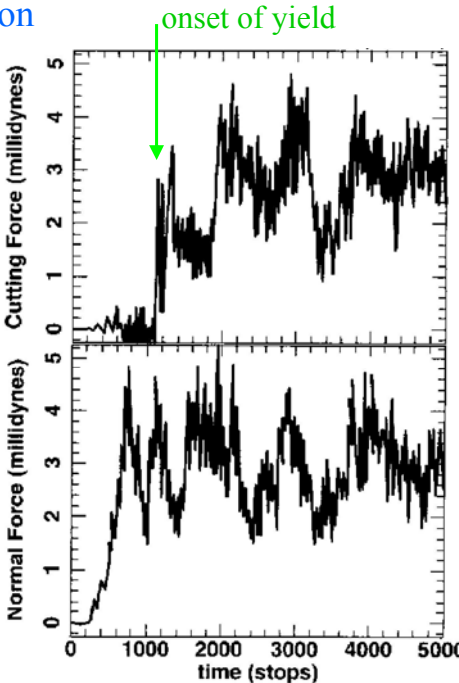




Friction from Plastic Deformation

Belak and Stowers, Fundamentals of Friction, 1992
 Many other examples at meeting
 Molinari, Szlufarska, ...

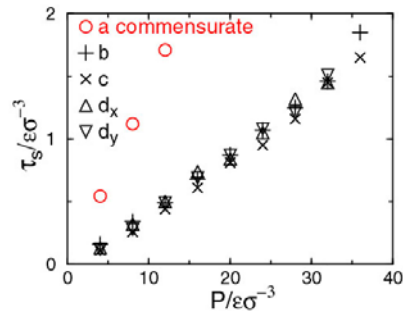
No sliding friction (cutting force)
 until plastic deformation occurs

Geometry dependent

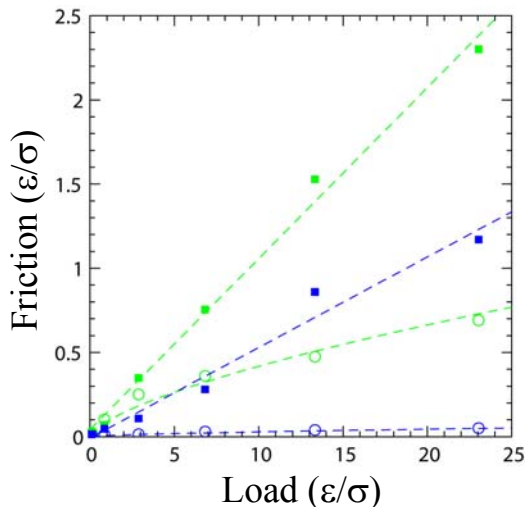



“Dirt” Leads to Static Friction

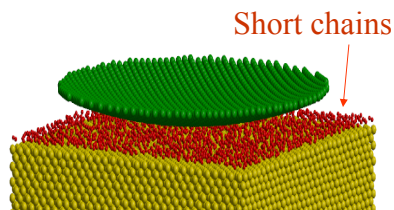
Molecules adsorbed from air, wear debris, elastomer segments, and other mobile “third bodies” lock surfaces together, $F_s \neq 0$
 Find $\tau_s = \tau_0 + \alpha p \Rightarrow F_s = \tau_0 A_{\text{real}} + \alpha N$ (He, Müser, Robbins, Science ‘99)
 \Rightarrow can explain Amontons’s laws without a constant τ_{shear}
 $\Rightarrow \alpha \sim \mu$ is indep. of many parameters not controlled in experiment
 Reflects slope of ramp formed by adsorbed molecules
 \Rightarrow Ramp keeps rearranging so always uphill
 \Rightarrow Thermal activation model explains why kinetic friction near static and rises like $(k_B T/V^*) \log(v)$ with atomic scale volume V^*



Adsorbed layers give $F \propto \text{load}$ for AFM tips and decrease variability of friction with tip geometry



- amorphous with adsorbed layer
- incommens. with adsorbed layer
- bare amorphous
- bare incommens.



Conclusions

- Have analytic understanding of relation between contact area and load: $p_{\text{rep}} = N/A = E'/\kappa_{\text{rep}} h'$ *← please measure*
- Parameter-free theory for onset of adhesion
Adhesion rare, typical $w/E' \equiv l_a \ll$ atomic spacing
- Parameter-free theory for sphere on flat contact
- Proportionality between area and load is not enough to explain Amontons' laws even in nonadhesive case
 - Is h' a material parameter?
 - Clean surfaces - friction exponentially weak
 - Plowing, wear, ... geometry changes τ
 - Welding may give constant τ for polymers?
- Third bodies give $\tau_s = \tau_0 + \alpha p$, material property of body
 $\alpha \Rightarrow \mu$ independent of uncontrolled exp. parameters
gives rate state behavior with right energy scale