

# Is Partial Slip Under Transverse Oscillatory Loading a Transient Event?

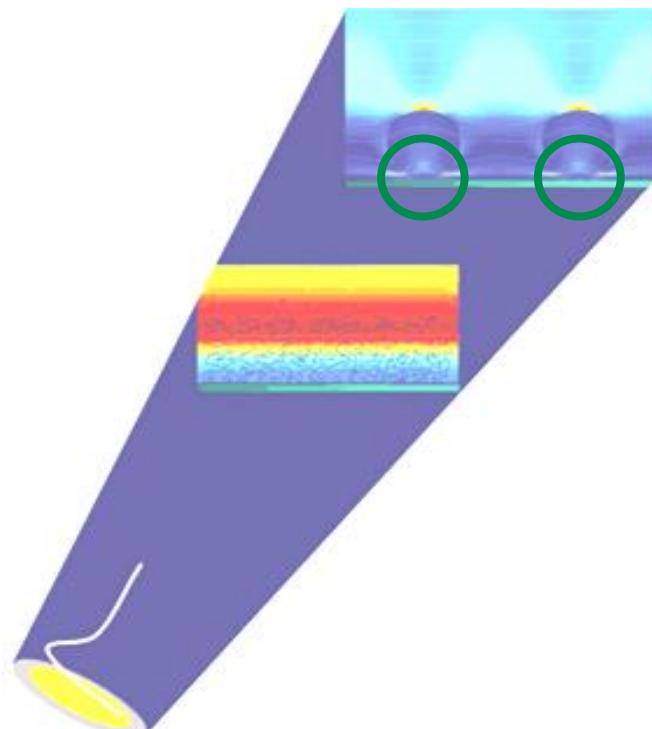
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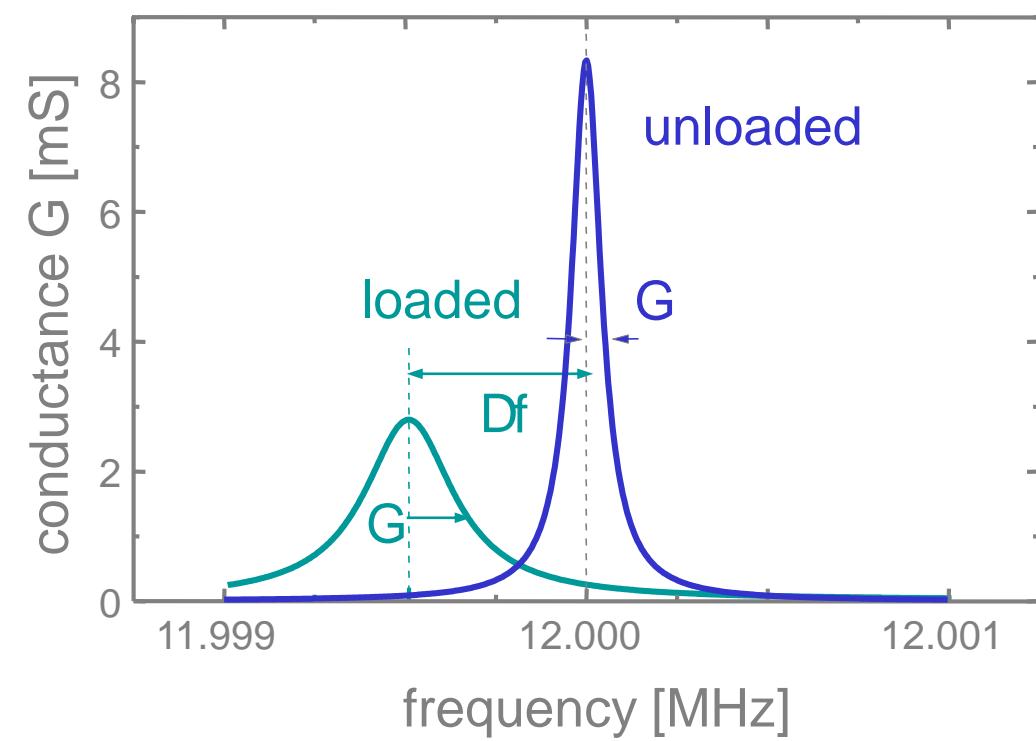
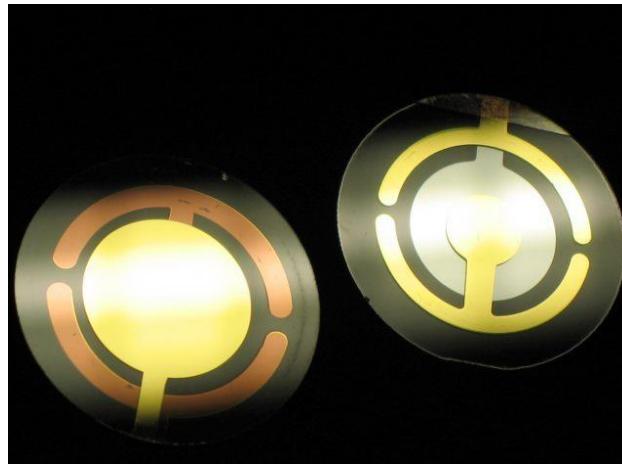
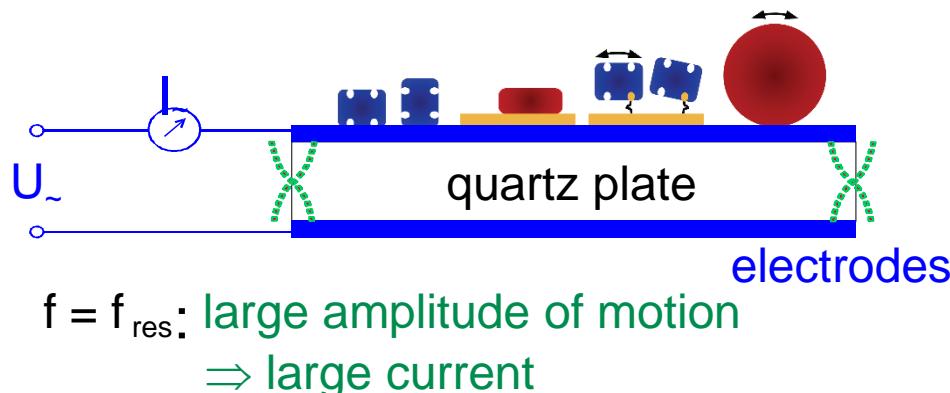
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- High-frequency nonlinear contact mechanics
- Intermodulation products
- Sudden impacts
- Crystallization

- High-frequency micromechanics:  
*Sylvia Hanke, Rebekka König, Judith Petri,  
Jana Vlachová, Frederick Meyer*
- Intermodulation: *Daniel Forchheimer*
- QCM work in general: *Arne Langhoff*



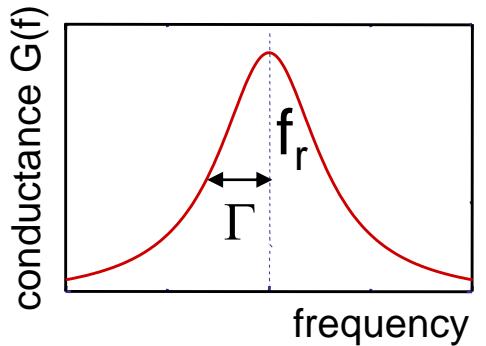
# The 2<sup>nd</sup>-Generation Quartz Crystal Microbalance



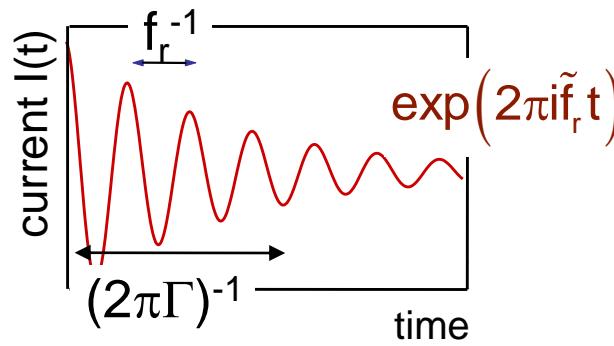
- Shifts in frequency and bandwidth:  $\Delta f$ ,  $\Delta \Gamma$
- many overtones  $\Delta f(n)$ ,  $\Delta \Gamma(n)$
- dependence on amplitude  $\Delta f(n, u_0)$ ,  $\Delta \Gamma(n, u_0)$
- Higher harmonics
- Intermodulation products

# Small Load Approximation

Complex Resonance Frequency  $\tilde{f}_r = f_r + i\Gamma$



Fourier  
Transform



Small-load approximation

$$\frac{\Delta \tilde{f}}{f_0} \approx \frac{i}{\pi Z_q} \tilde{Z}_L = \frac{i}{\pi Z_q} \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\hat{v}}$$

$$Z_L = \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\hat{v}} \text{ "load impedance"}$$

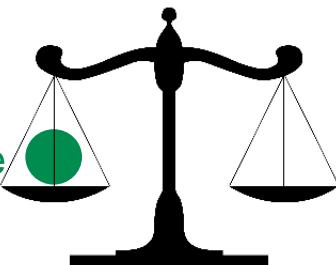
$\hat{\sigma}$  stress

$\hat{v}$  velocity

$\wedge$ : complex amplitude ( $\sigma(t) = \hat{\sigma} \exp(i\omega t)$ )

QCM: The Quartz Crystal  
Micro *Stress*-Balance

periodic stress,  
in-phase, out-of-phase



Mason, W.P., *Piezoelectric Crystals and their Applications to Ultrasonics* 1948

Pechhold, W *Acustica* 1959, 9, 48

Johannsmann, D., *The Quartz Crystal Microbalance in Soft Matter Research*, Springer 2014

Analogous equations exist in atomic force microscopy, valid if the perturbations are small

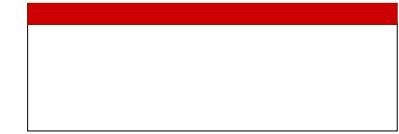
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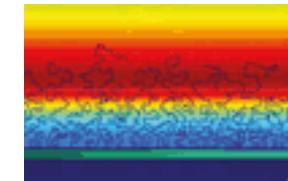
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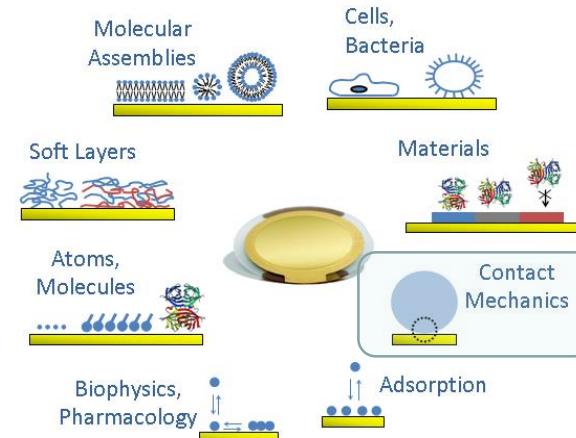
acoustic multilayers, interfacial high-frequency rheology



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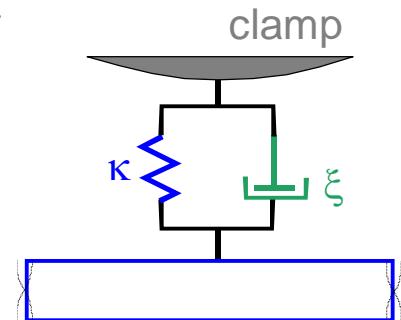
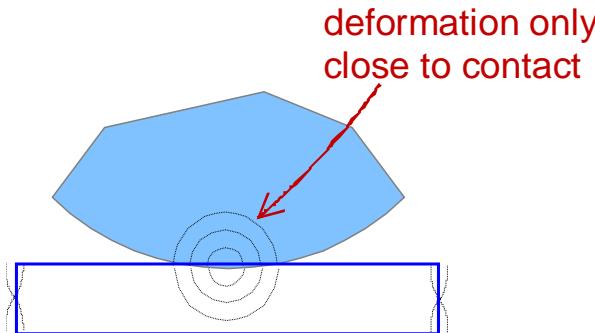
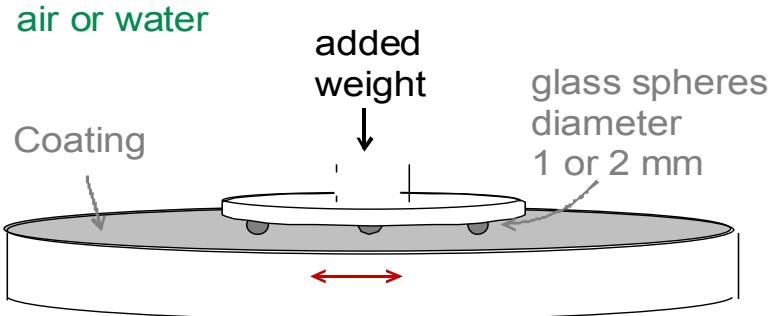


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# Stiffness of Sphere-Plate Contacts



soft link, heavy sphere

$$\rightarrow \tilde{\omega}_p \ll \omega$$

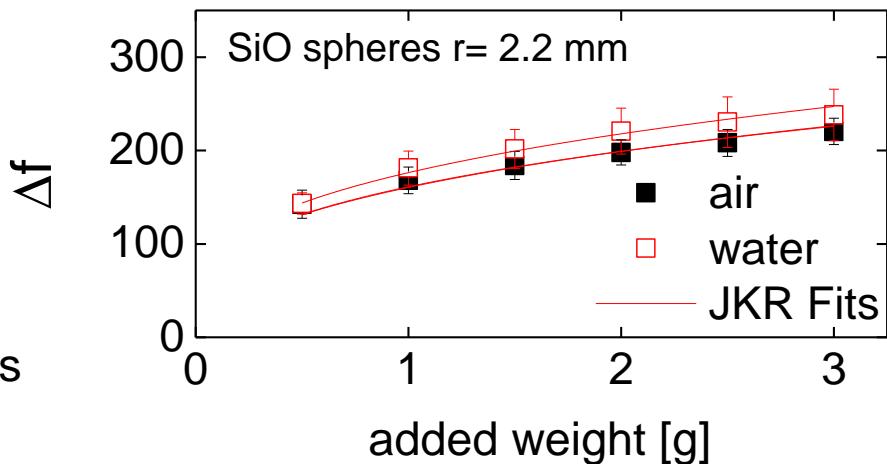
$$\frac{\Delta f}{f_0} = \frac{N}{A\pi Z_q} \tilde{\kappa}$$

**Elastic Load**

Hertz-Mindlin:  $\kappa = 2G^* a$

$a$ : contact radius

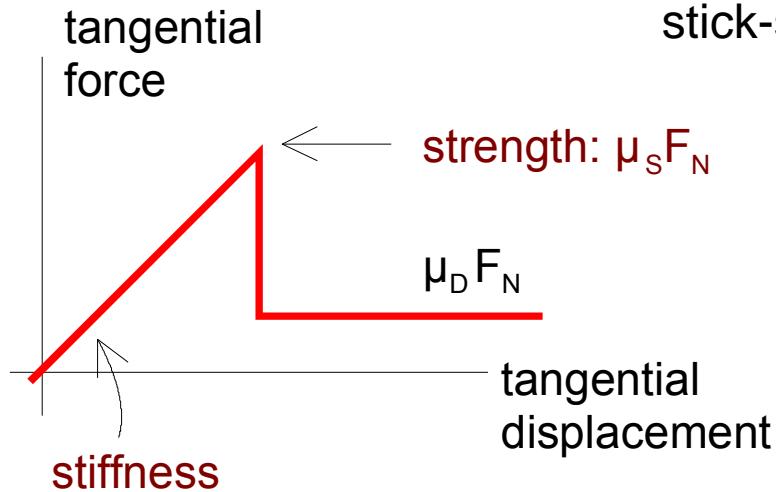
$$\frac{1}{G^*} = \frac{1-2v_1}{4G_1} + \frac{1-2v_2}{4G_2} : \text{effective modulus}$$



Vlachová, J.; König, R.; Johannsmann, D.  
Beilstein J. Nanotechnol. 2015, 6, 845.

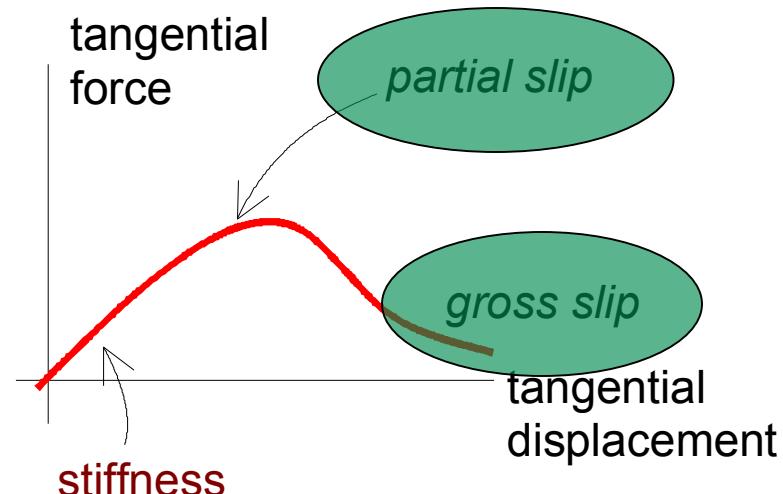
# Contact Stiffness → Contact Strength

Coulomb friction



Quasi-static, force control:  
stick-slip transition is an instability

**Oscillatory** motion, strain control:  
⇒ Partial slip *not* an instability



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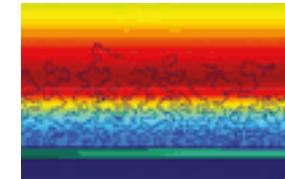
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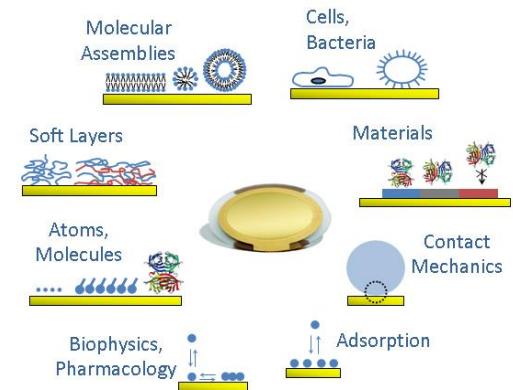
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# The QCM and Nonlinear Response

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Loads are small → *strain – control*

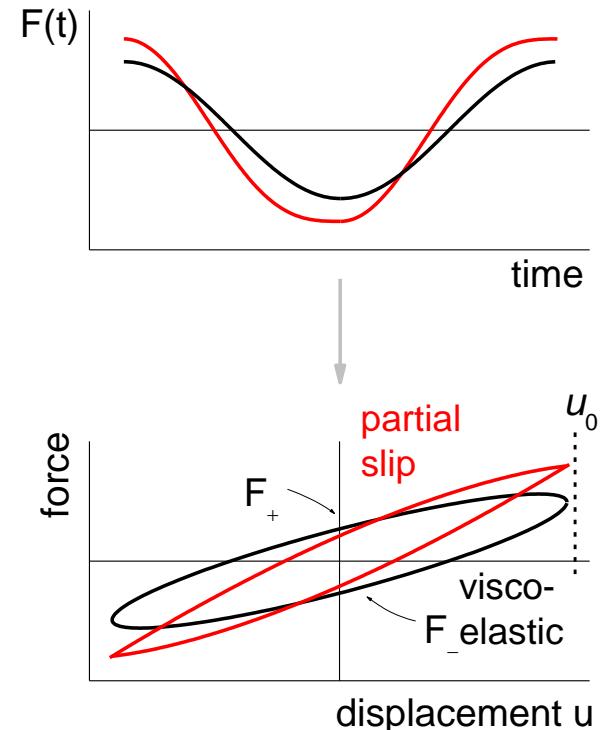
$$u \approx u_0 \cos(\omega t) \Rightarrow dt = \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (u/u_0)^2}} du$$

Stress and force can be averaged over displacement,  $u$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \Delta f &\sim \langle F(t) \cos(i\omega t) \rangle_{\text{time}} \\ &= \left\langle (F_+(u, u_0, \omega) + F_-(u, u_0, \omega)) \frac{u/u_0}{\sqrt{1 - (u/u_0)^2}} \right\rangle_u \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \Gamma &\sim \langle F(t) \sin(i\omega t) \rangle_{\text{time}} \\ &= \left\langle (F_+(u, u_0, \omega) - F_-(u, u_0, \omega)) \right\rangle_u \end{aligned}$$

$\Delta f, \Delta \Gamma$  are weighted averages of friction loop  
**shape of friction loop uncertain**

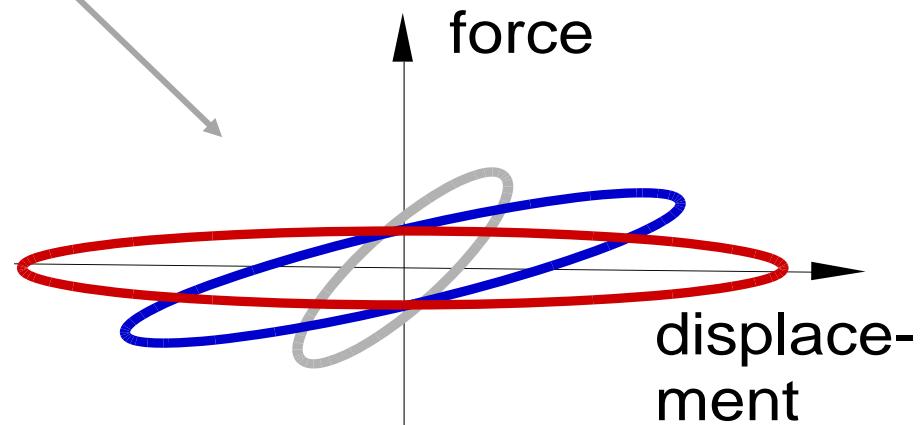
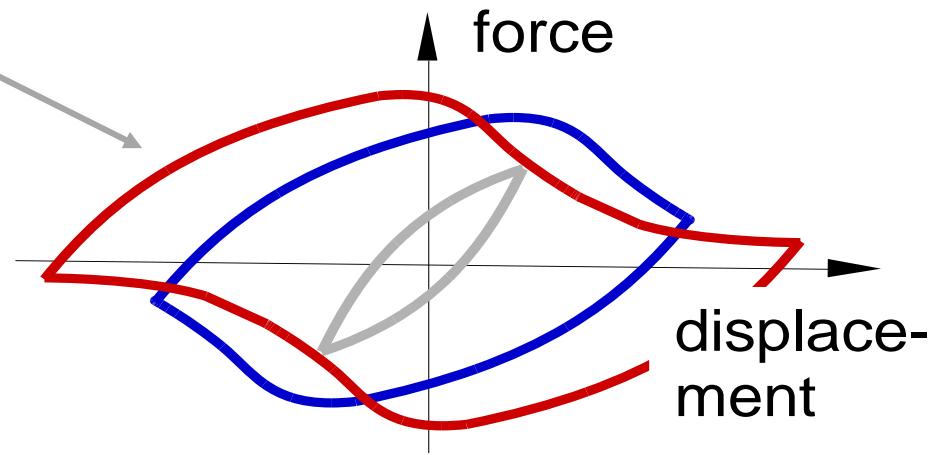


# Shape of Friction Loop?

Data fit to Mindlin model

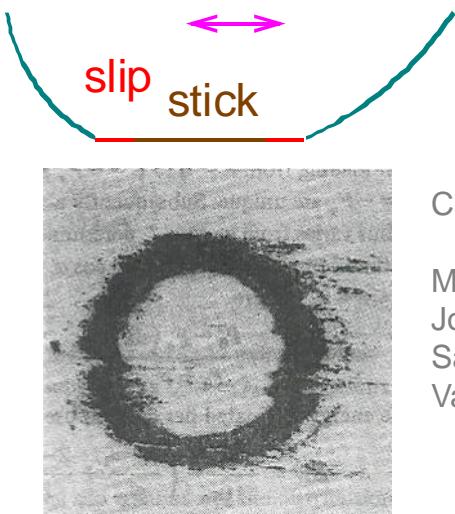
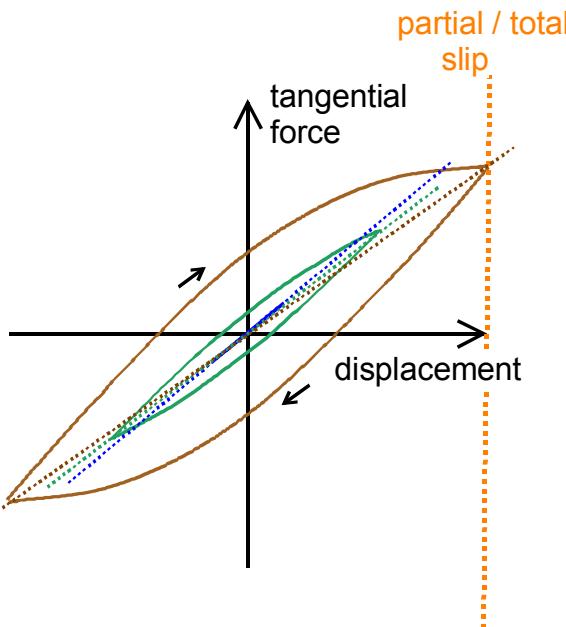
They might also be explained by a temperature-induced softening of the contact

This question can be answered with 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic generation



Ghosh, S. K. et al. ; *Biosensors & Bioelectronics* 2011, 29, 145  
Berg, S.; DJ, *Surface Science* 2003, 541, 225

# Partial Slip



Cattaneo, C.,

Rendiconti dell' Academia Nazionale dei Lincei 1938

Mindlin, R.D.; Deresiewicz H.: J. Appl. Mech. 1953

Johnson, K. L., Contact Mechanics 1985

Savkoor, A. R. Tech. University Delft, 1987

Varenberg, M.; Etsion, I.; Halperin, G.,

Tribology Letters 2005

When transient:  $\Rightarrow$  Transition state between stick and slip, mixed lubrication, ...

When slow:  $\Rightarrow$  Contact aging, compaction, soil mechanics, granular media, ...

When oscillatory:  $\Rightarrow$  **Fretting wear**

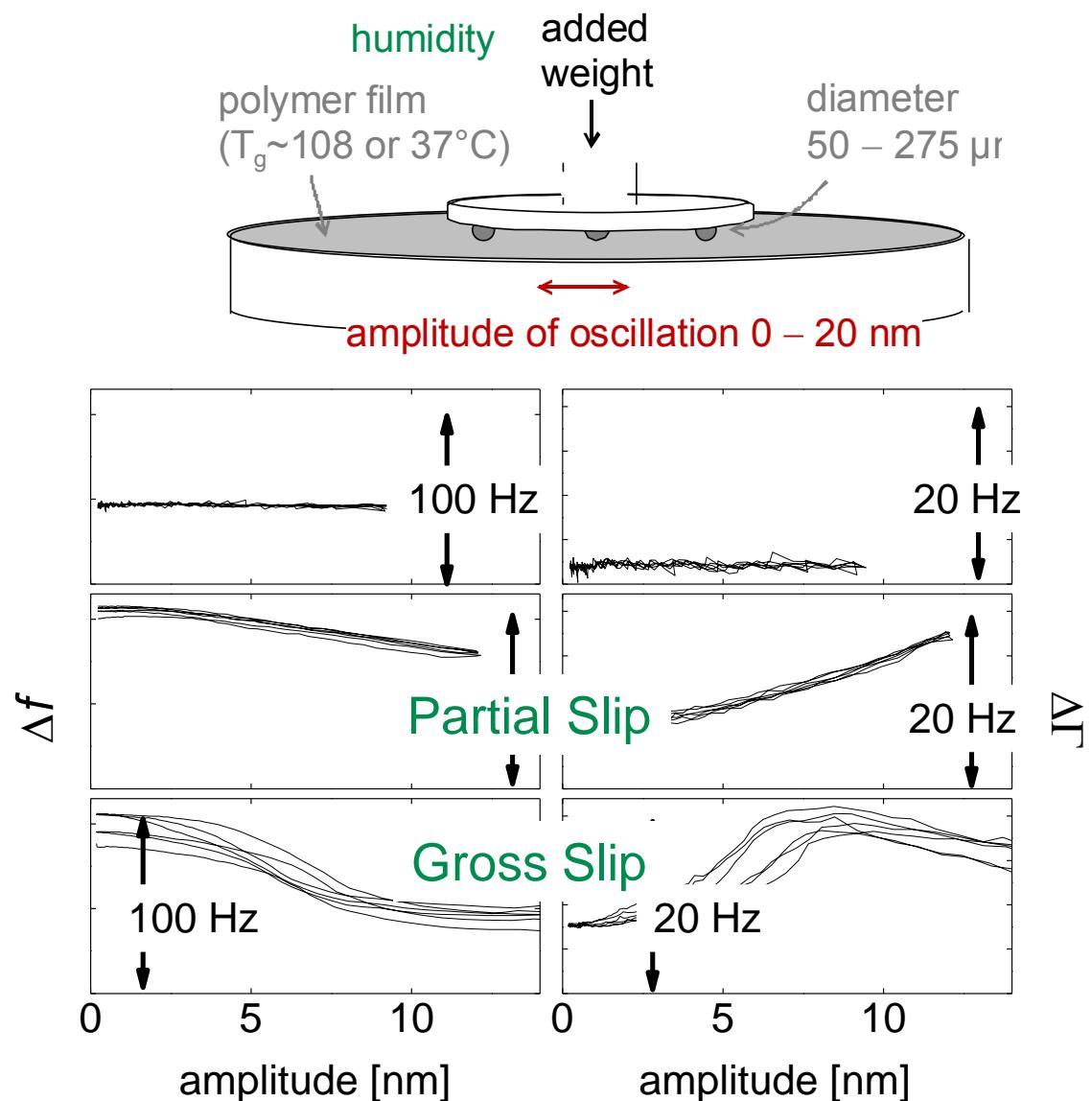


# Partial Slip and Gross Slip

Small spheres ( $d = 50 \mu\text{m}$ )  
soft substrate ( $T_g \sim 37^\circ\text{C}$ )

Medium size spheres ( $140 \mu\text{m}$ )  
soft substrate ( $T_g \sim 37^\circ\text{C}$ )

Large spheres ( $275 \mu\text{m}$ )  
hard substrate ( $T_g \sim 108^\circ\text{C}$ )



# Partial Slip $\Rightarrow$ Nonlinear Stress-Strain Relations

Quantitative models for the force-displacement relation exist  
(but: quasi-static)

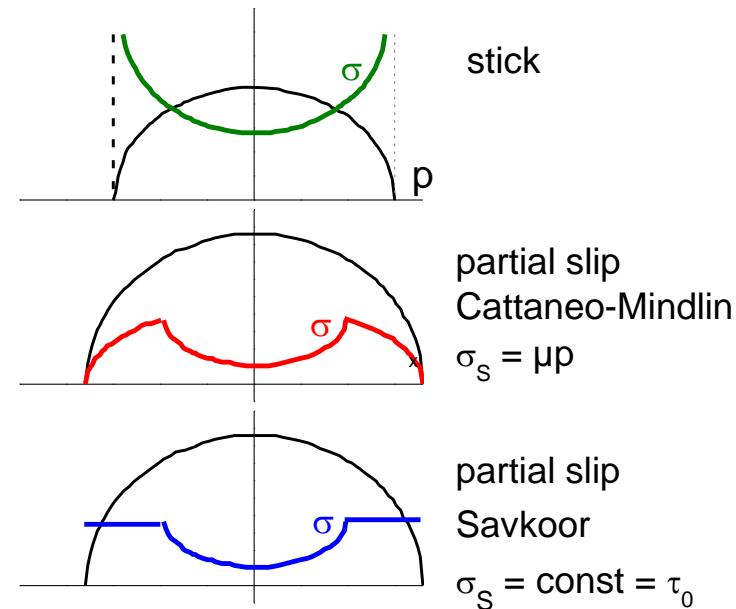
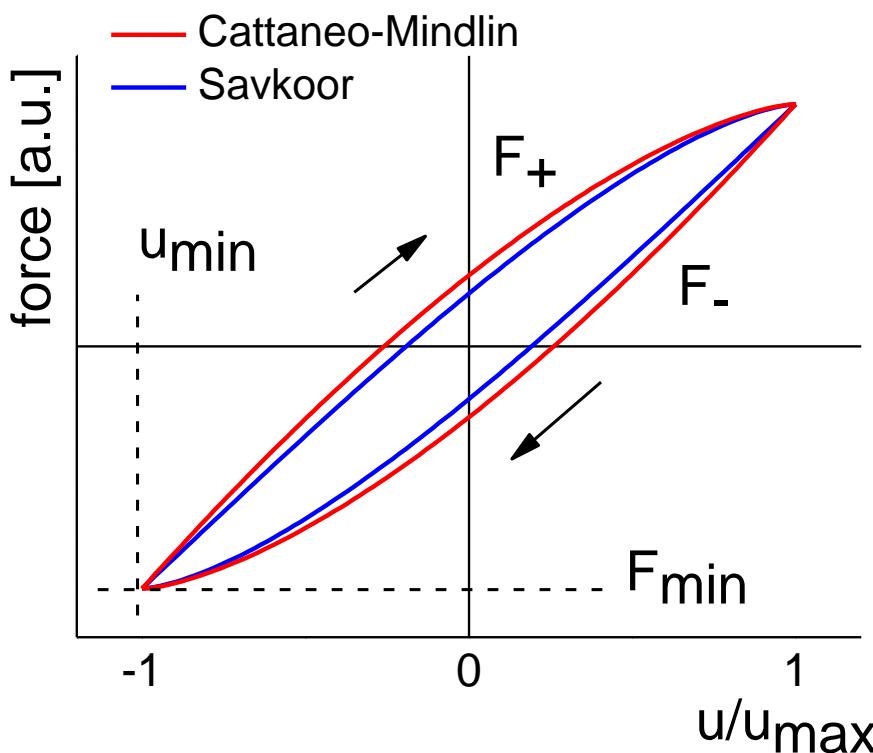
Stress in sliding zone follows Coulomb ( $\sigma_s = \mu p$ )

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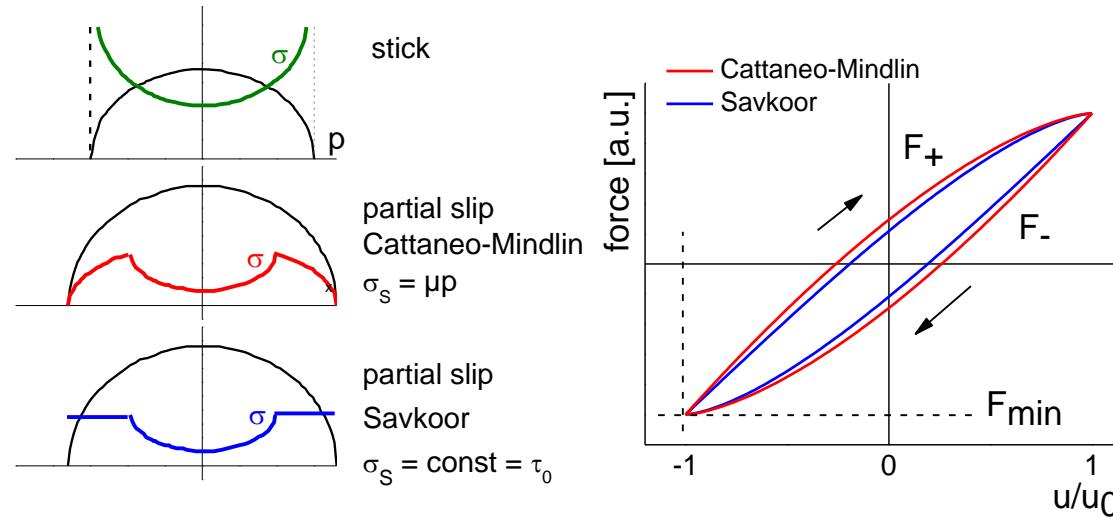
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Stress in sliding zone constant ( $\sigma_s = \text{const.}$ )

Savkoor, A. R. Tech. University Delft, 1987



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## Cattaneo-Mindlin

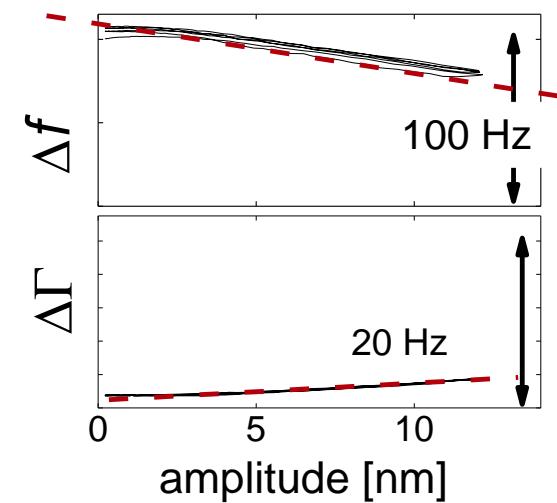
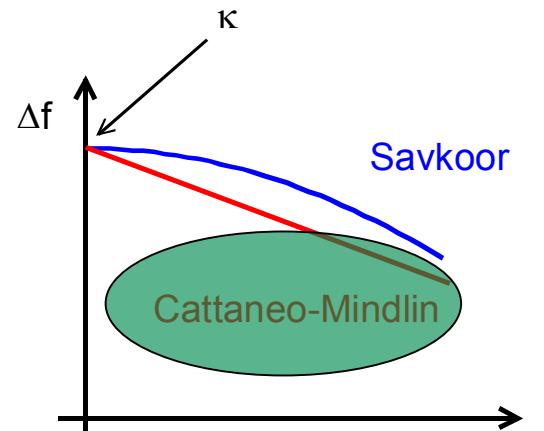
$$\Delta f(u_0) \approx \frac{N}{A2n\pi^2 Z_q} \kappa \left( 1 - \frac{\kappa}{3\mu F_N} u_0 \right)$$

$$\Delta \Gamma(u_0) \approx \frac{N}{A2n\pi^2 Z_q} \kappa \frac{4}{9\pi} \frac{\kappa}{\mu F_N} u_0$$

## Savkoor

$$\Delta f(u_0) \approx \frac{N}{A2n\pi^2 Z_q} \kappa \left( 1 - \frac{5}{8} \left( \frac{\kappa u_0}{4\tau_0 a^2} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$\Delta \Gamma(u_0) \approx \frac{N}{A2n\pi^2 Z_q} \kappa \frac{8}{6\pi} \left( \frac{\kappa u_0}{2\tau_0 a^2} \right)^2$$



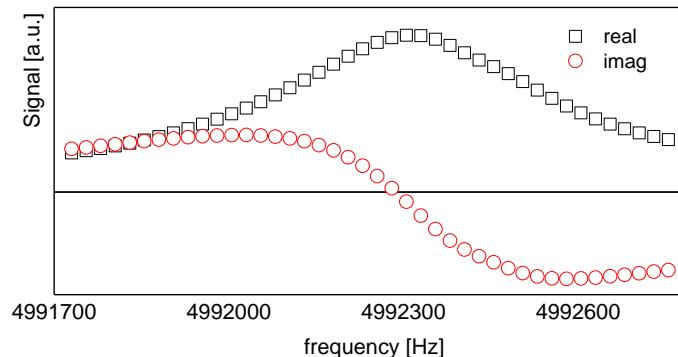
Also: Leopoldes, J.; Jia, X.,  
PRL 2010

# Multifrequency Lockin Analysis

Intermodulation Products AB, Sweden

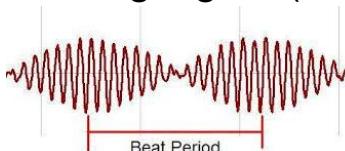
## A) Frequency combs

A fast (milliseconds) way to probe resonances  
42 freqs, fit Lorentzians  $\rightarrow \Delta f, \Delta \Gamma$   
(no calibration required)



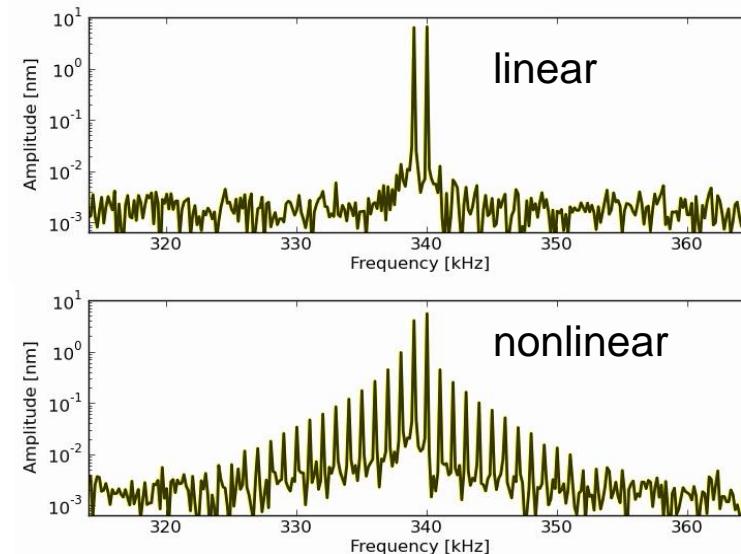
## B) Intermodulation products

Excite with 2 frequencies  
→ beating signal (fast amplitude ramps)



Nonlinearities  $\rightarrow$  signals at  $f = 2f_1 - f_2$  and  $2f_2 - f_1$

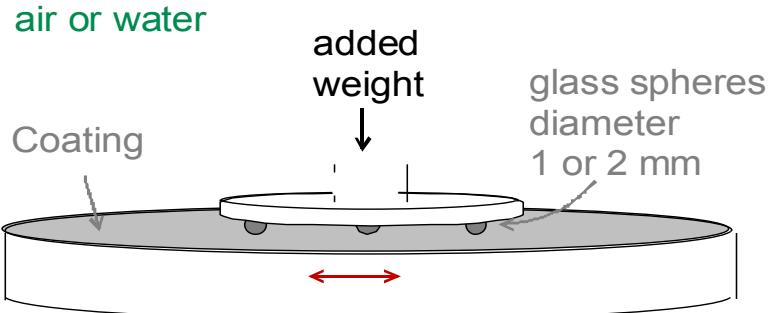
- Fast
- Signal resonantly enhanced,  
response function well understood
- C. Hutter *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. 2010, 104, 050801
- Calibration issues



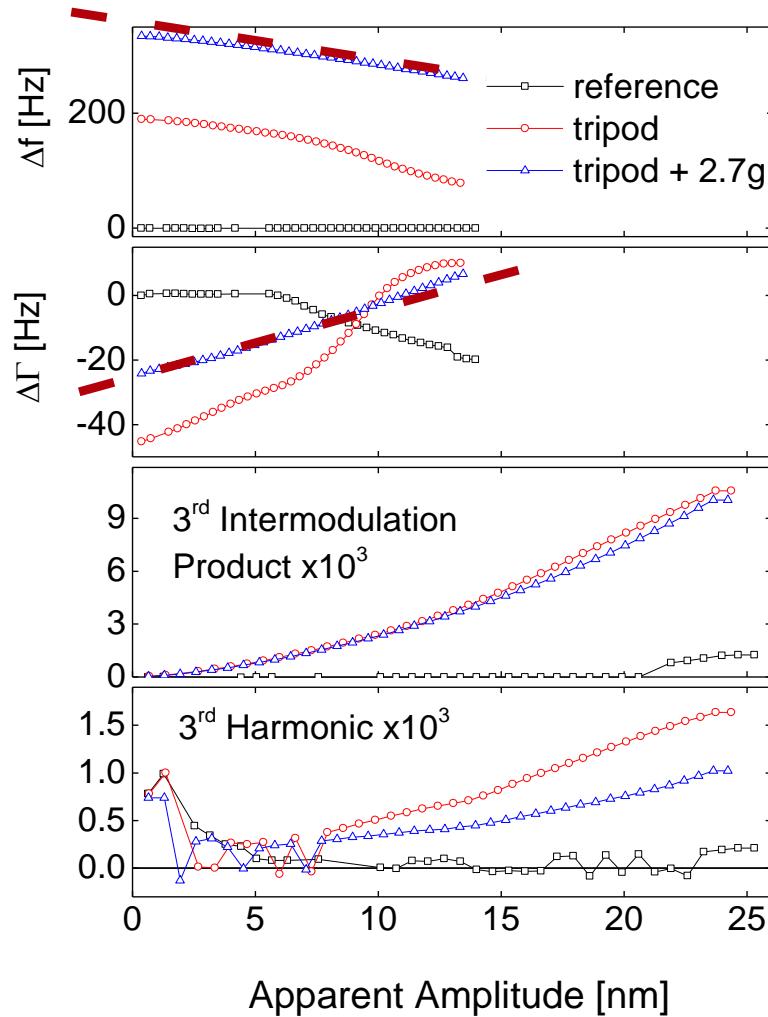
## C) 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Harmonic Generation

- Excite at  $f$ , probe at  $2f, 3f$ , etc... (also: determine background)
- Signal *not* resonantly enhanced
- Probes MHz dynamics

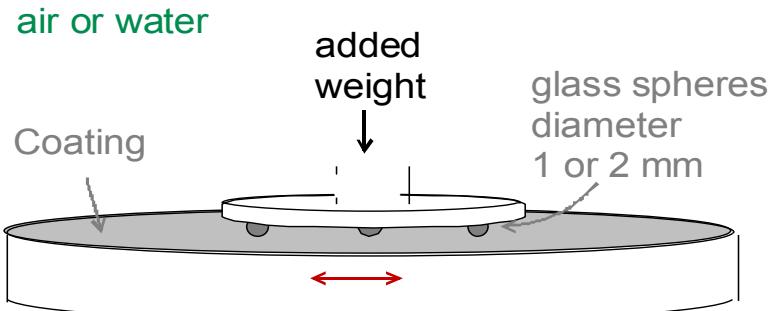
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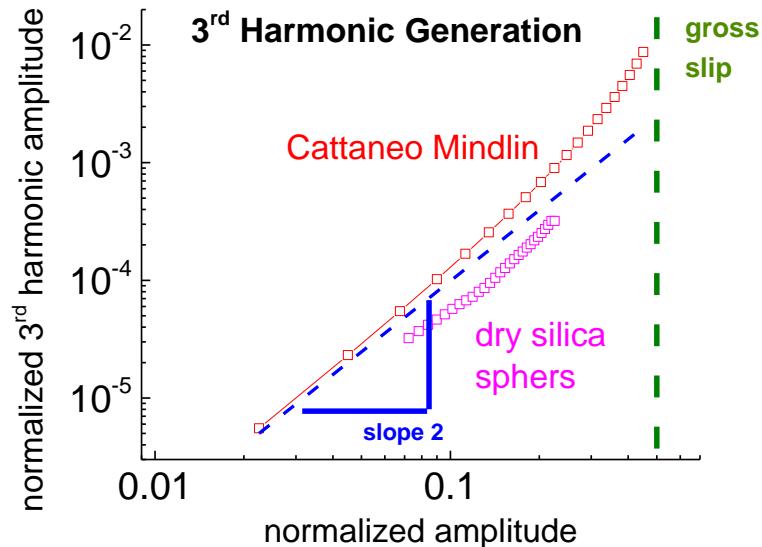
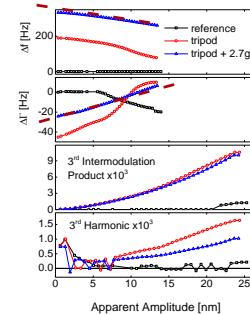
- Mindlin model works here (does not always work)
- There *is* a 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic signal
- There *is* a weak 2<sup>nd</sup> harmonic signal (normal forces involved)
- Here: 5 MHz (fundamental mode) results are different on overtones
- Strong intermodulation products



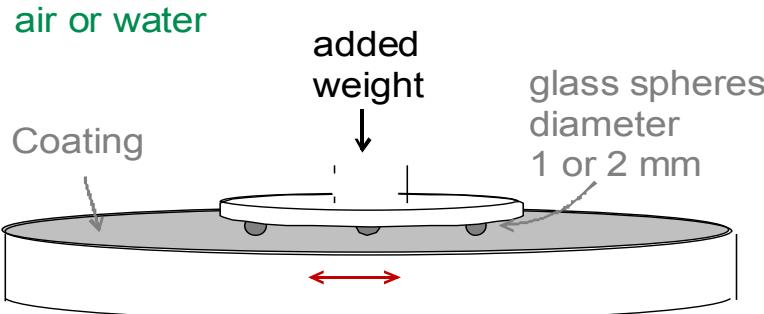
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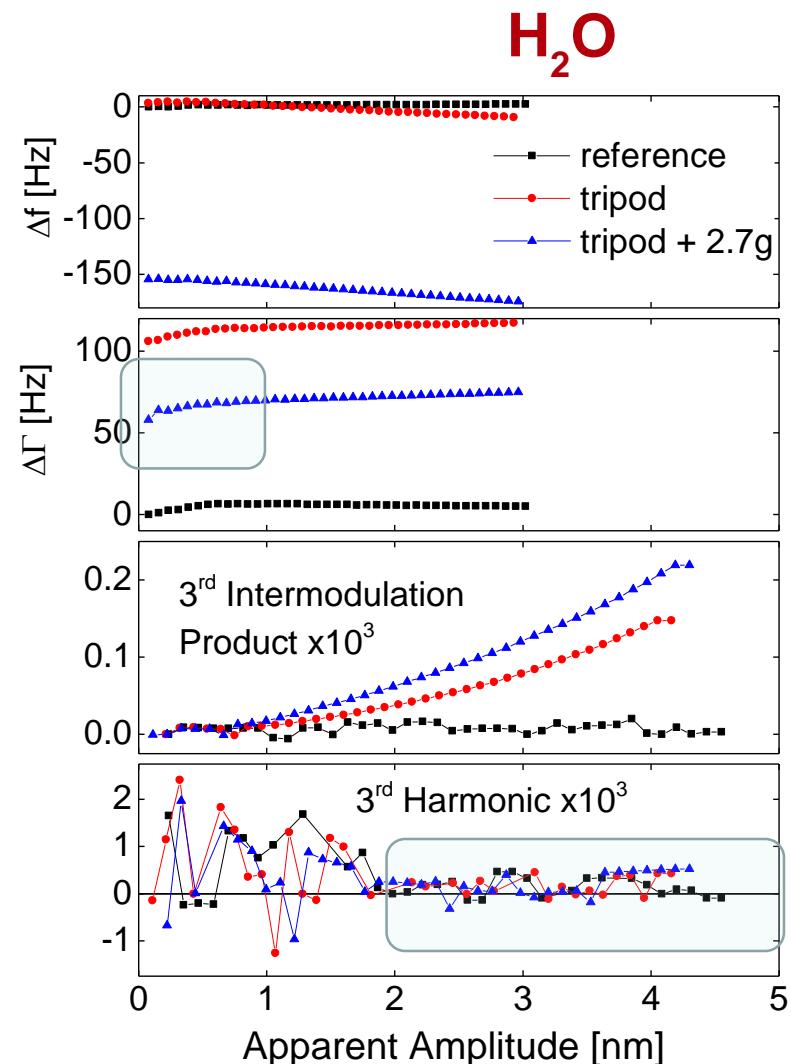
- Mindlin model works here  
(does not always work)
- Red: Mindin-Theory
- Calibration issues
- Partial slip is at least partially transient



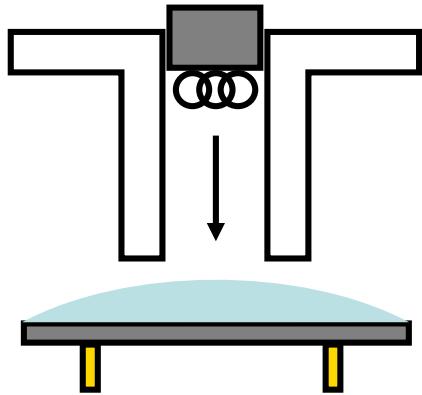
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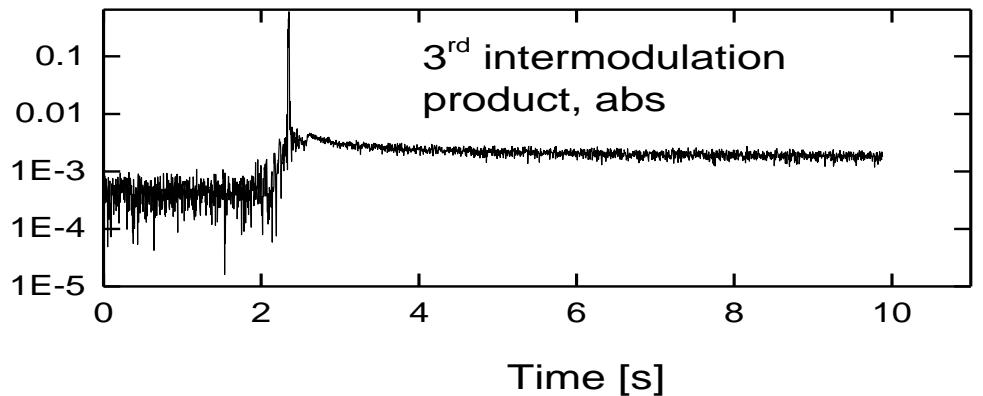
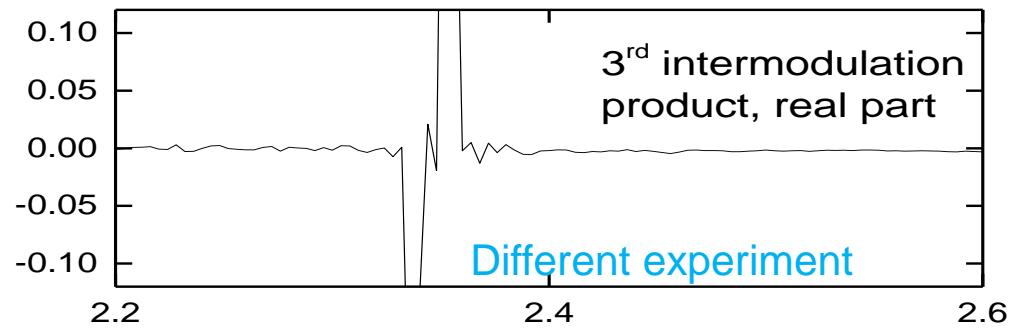
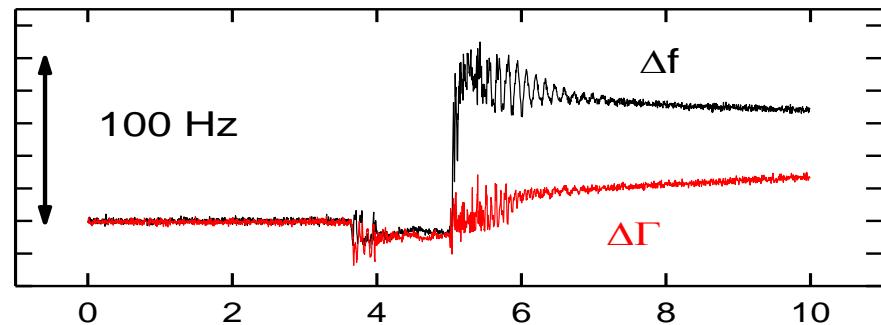
- Rich phenomenology at small amplitudes
- No 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic generation
- Intermodulation products seen



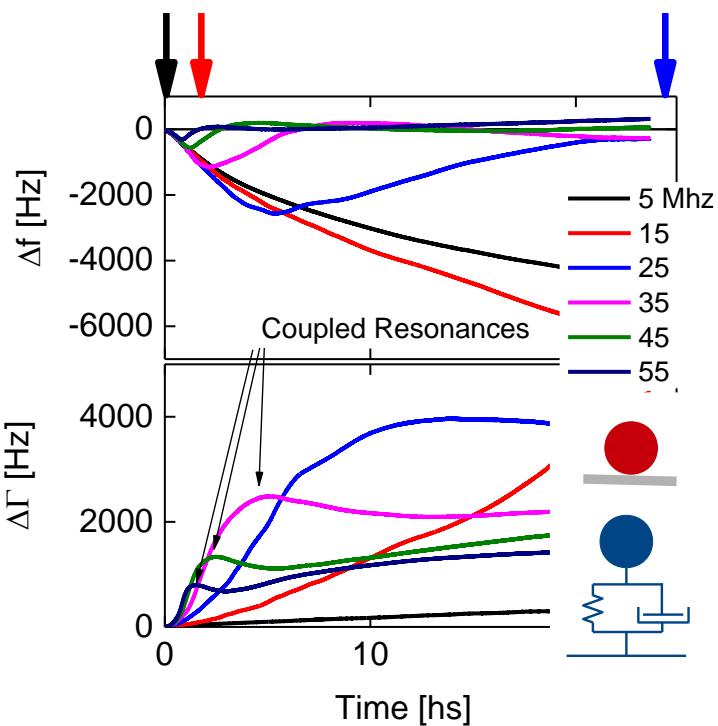
# Sudden Impacts



- Transient friction events accessible
- Nonlinearities only *at* impact

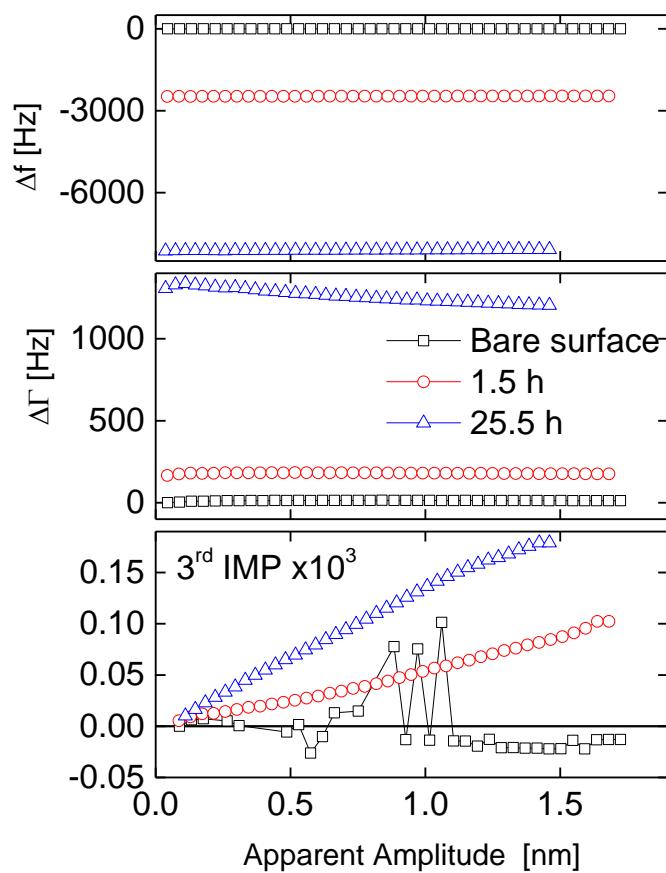


# Crystallization



- $\text{CaCO}_3(\text{aq})$ ,  $T = 23^\circ\text{C}$   
thiolated gold surface, quiescent solution  
initial supersaturation  $S = 1.5$

- Conventional QCM: Coupled Resonances



Multifrequency Lockin Amplifier  
(separate experiment)

- $\Delta f(u)$ ,  $\Delta \Gamma(u)$  do *not* fit Mindlin model
- no 3rd harmonic generation
- Intermodulation products seen

# Conclusions

- Fast QCM measurements ( $\Delta t = 4$  ms)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic generation: Partial slip *is* a transient event.
- Intermodulation products probe nonlinear mechanics.
- Impact of particles on QCM surface can be monitored.  
Nonlinearities are most pronounced during first impact.
- CaCO<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles (crystals) formed as individual objects  
Undergo rocking motion with nonlinear response.