## Relation between the adhesion and elastic forces for fractal contact surfaces with different Hurst exponent

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# Outline

- Reduced dimensionality and contact problem for random surface;
- Numerically generated random potentials and numerical procedure;
- Illustrative movies;
- Mutual relation between adhesion and elastic forces;
- Conclusion

#### Reduced dimesionality (previous publications)

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- 1. Popov V.L. and S.G. Psakhie. Numerical simulation methods in tribology *Tribology International, 2007, v. 40,* 916–923
- 2. Popov V.L., Filippov A.E., Applicability of a reduced model to description of real contacts between rough surfaces with different Hurst exponents. *Tech. Phys. Lett.*, 2008, v. 34, No. 8, pp.722-724.
- 3. Popov V.L., Filippov A.E., Statistics of contacts and the dependence of their total length on the normal force for fractal surfaces with different Hurst exponents.- *Tech. Phys. Lett.*, 2008, v. 34, No. 9, pp.792-794.

#### The basic idea: reduction of dimensionality



The force is proportional to the **diameter** of the contact, not to its area.

 $E^* = \frac{E}{1 - v^2}$ 

Effective stiffness per unit length should be





 $\Delta c = E^* \Delta x$ 



#### Adhesion in the approach of reduction of dimensionality

#### (by Markus Hess)

M. Heß, Über die Abbildung ausgewählter dreidimensionaler Kontakte auf Systeme mit niedrigerer räumlicher Dimension, Dissertation an der Technischen Universität Berlin, 2010.

$$F = F_{n.a.} - \sqrt{8\pi E^* a^3 \gamma_{12}}$$
.

 $F_{na}-F=2E^*a(d_{na}-d).$ 

$$d = d_{n.a.} - \sqrt{\frac{2a\pi\gamma_{12}}{E^*}},$$

rough elastic bodies show a finite adhesion force if the condition  $l\nabla z \le \gamma_{12}/E^*$  is fulfilled, where *l* is the root mean square (RMS) height of roughness,  $\nabla z$  is the RMS value of the surface slope,  $\gamma_{12}$  is the relative surface energy of contacting bodies, and  $E^* = E/(1 - v^2)$  is the effective modulus of elasticity with *E* being Young's modulus and *v* the Poisson ratio.

> Popov, V.L.: Contact Mechanics and Friction, Physical Principles and Applications. Springer-Verlag, Berlin (2010)

Contact with adhesion is determined by the contact without adhesion by these relations.



#### Practical demands on simpler approach



Artificial tissue mimicking Gecko foot hair



Additional degree of freedom = additional dimensionality

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Adhesion of the spatula





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$$W_{elastic} = \frac{E}{24(1-\nu^2)} \iint dx dy h^3(x,y) \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \right)^2 + 2(1-\nu) \left[ \left( \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \right] \right\}$$



#### **Reduction of dimensionality for rough surfaces**



$$C_{2D}(q) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int \langle h(\vec{\mathbf{x}}) h(0) \rangle e^{-i\vec{\mathbf{q}}\cdot\vec{\mathbf{x}}} d^2 x$$

$$C_{\rm 1D}(q) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \langle h(x)h(0) \rangle e^{-iqx} dx$$



Height dispersion 2D 
$$\langle h^2 \rangle_{1D} = 2 \int_0^\infty C_{1D}(q) dq$$
  
Height dispersion 1D  $\langle h^2 \rangle_{2D} = 2\pi \int_0^\infty q C_{2D}(q) dq$   
They are equal if  $C_{1D}(q) = \pi q C_{2D}(q)$ 

Numerically generated fractal 1D "surface" and Hurst exponent

$$h(\vec{x}) = \sum_{\vec{q}} B_{2D}(\vec{q}) \exp\left(i\left(\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x} + \zeta(\vec{q})\right)\right),$$
$$h(x) = \sum_{q} B_{1D}(q) \exp\left(i\left(qx + \zeta(q)\right)\right),$$

$$B_{2D}(\vec{q}) = \frac{2\pi}{L} \sqrt{C_{2D}(\vec{q})} = \overline{B}_{2D}(-\vec{q}),$$
$$B_{1D}(q) = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{L}C_{1D}(q)} = \overline{B}_{1D}(-q).$$



Gamma/E=1 / (pi\*10<sup>4</sup>) q1=2pi\*0.02; q2=2pi\*0.25;

 $\beta = H + \frac{1}{2}$ 

*H* is the Hurst exponent of the 2D fractal surface  $f(\mathbf{x})$ 

Physical values of Hurst exponent varies in limited interval

$$0 \le H \le 1$$
, so:  $\frac{1}{2} \le \beta \le \frac{3}{2}$ .

$$Df = 3 - H$$

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**Closer view** 



The adhesion intervals are calculated in following scenario:

1.At every instant **y**-position we find all the segments of soft surface which are formally below the hard one;

2.After, we take next segments on the left and right sides (marked by green and blue points respectively) and check for them adhesion condition at given contact length between each pair of such points;

3.If the condition is satisfied, we take next pair of the segments and check the condition again, so on;

4. For every **y** value we continue this procedure while at least one of the contact regions is still expanding.

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#### Movies illustrating the numerical procedure.



Contact length loop in the system with adhesion

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Total contact force (elastic and adhesion) in the system under consideration

## Typical loops of the force and contact length



The scenario looks as follows:

Trial position *y* of the elastic surface goes down to some minimal value ymin and returns back to a position at which last segment of the elastic surface finally detaches from the hard surface.



## Adhesion force curves at varied amplitudes *h* and different Hurst exponents



### Search for a "**master curve**" (and respective "master parameter")



If "master variable" exists the curves of **F**<sup>A</sup> should partially overlap, partially continue one another to produce corresponding "master curve".

# Adhesion coefficient





On a relation between pressing and adhesion forces.

It is not universal and shows **different asymptotic behavior** of the adhesion at different standard deviation.

Application to friction



Now the model is ready to use...





# Conclusions

- In some cases 3D contact problem can be mapped by 1D calculation
- Numerically generated potentials can be used to check an applicability of the 1D approach to study **adhesion** problem;

 Some general properties of fractal adhesive surfaces are studied at different values of Hurst exponent and nontrivial relation between adhesion coefficient and surface roughness is found;