## Tribology of Ceramics in Different Environments

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## AGENDA

- Short introduction
- Motivation: Application
- Wear analysis in rolling contacts
- Tribological behavior in ceramic cutting tools

## **Examples of current research topics**

- Ceramics in cold and hot metalforming processes: New materials for improved lifetime and wear resistant components
- Ceramic cutting tools: Towards the understanding of tribological mechanisms in cutting operations



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#### **Ceramic materials and components for rolling mills**





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## Rolling of metal foils

(Sendzimir mill, MK Metallfolien, Hagen)



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### Tribological behaviour of new ceramic materials

Aim:

Improve wear resistance and high temperature strength

- New material variations
- Influence of cooling lubricants



R<sub>a</sub>: 0,08 μm, R<sub>z</sub>: 0,15-0,2 μm



#### Wire rolls

#### **Hot Rolling of Copper**

Wire temperature ~840°C, Velocity ~2 m/s, cooling lubricant



# Hot rolling of steel and Ni-base alloys

Wire temperature ca. 1050°C, velocity ~10 m/s, cooling lubricant



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## Ceramic guiding rolls

Surface smoothening

10 times higher lifetime Steel rolls: 60 t wire Ceramic rolls: > 600 t





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#### Tribochemical wear: Copper wire rolling

(A. Hashibon, J.-M. Albina, FhG IWM)

System	Work of separation (W <sub>sep</sub> ) [J/m <sup>2</sup> ]
Cu (111) / γ-Fe (111)	4.00
Cu (111) / β-Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> (0001)	2.72
Cu (111) / α-SiO <sub>2</sub> (0001)	4.10
Cu (111) / [Cu ML , γ-Fe (111)]	3.30
Cu (111) / Cu (111)	3.08

#### ML: monolayer



#### Tribochemical wear: Copper wire rolling



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# Multiscale simulation to model degradation in ceramic components

EU-Project (2011 – 2014): IWM, KIT, IPM, ISFK, SKF, Böhler Edelstahl, FCT



## Component testing: Wire rolling test rig





10 mm

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#### Tribochemical wear and wire rolling

Ceramic rolls: Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> - SL200 BG (oval-profile caliber) Wire: Steel 1.4310 Rolling temperature: ~900°C

Reduction: 0.3

Lubrication: Cooling lubricant (5% emulsion in water)



#### Tribochemical wear: Hot rolling of high strength steel





Hot rolling of high strength steel

#### Surface shear stresses in wire rolling



Complex sliding contact conditions in the deformaiton zone



#### Hot rolling of high strength steel





### Hot rolling of high strength steel





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#### Damage Characteristics → Reliability



microcrack formation an growth due to mechanical contact stresses



#### **Damage Models**

#### **Mechanical stresses**



#### tensile stresses

shear stress





#### Wear simulations

Experiments: Quantification of wear parameters

FE-Simulations: Stress state corresponding to modified contact conditions



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#### Wear measurement







#### **Wear Simulation**





#### **Ceramic Gears**





## Ceramics at High Temperature: Wear Mechanisms and Residual Stress Formation in Ceramic Cutting Tools

Motivation: Understanding the wear mechanisms of ceramic cutting tools

- Examination of degradation mechanisms of ceramic cutting tools
  - Chemical wear
  - Mechanical wear
  - Residual stress formation
- Model experiments
  - High temperature wear analysis



## **Ceramic Cutting Tools**

- Ceramic cutting tools for high-speed-machining of high-temperature alloys
- Cutting speeds ≤ 1000 m/min cause extreme temperatures at cutting edges
- Temperature gradients and cutting forces affect tool wear significantly
- Improved wear resistance by adjustment of material composition and morphology
- Detailed analysis of structural and chemical interface transformations necessary







#### Typical wear marks on used cutting tools

#### **Materials**:



#### Selective wear of $Si_3N_4$ : Formation of amorphous $Al_2O_3$ and AIN layer



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## Mechanical wear of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/SiC





## Analysis of built-up layer on SiAlON



#### **Assumption:**

Hafnia (HfO<sub>2</sub>) and Alumina (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) built up on the tool surface

by diffusion of alloying Hf and by flow of SiAION glass phase

 $\rightarrow$  Depletion of underlying microstructure

# Static interaction couple: Sialon on Ni-base alloy (MAR M247)



10µm

# Chemical/diffusive surface reactions after 1 h at low contact pressure (17.5 MPa) and high temperature (1300 °C, air)

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#### Specimens and experimental setup

Simplification of specimen geometry and load situation



Experiment





Normal force:



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#### Summary



Surface fatigue and chipping



Adhesive interaction of tool and workpiece material



Tribo-chemical degradation and transformation

- Temperature induced tribochemical wear was observed in both ceramics
- Reactivity of commercial SiAION with Hf-containing alloys
- Degradation of SiC at high temperatures
- Subsurface layers show fatigue cracks and residual stresses
- Wear rate and coefficient of friction of ceramic tools decrease with rising temperature



