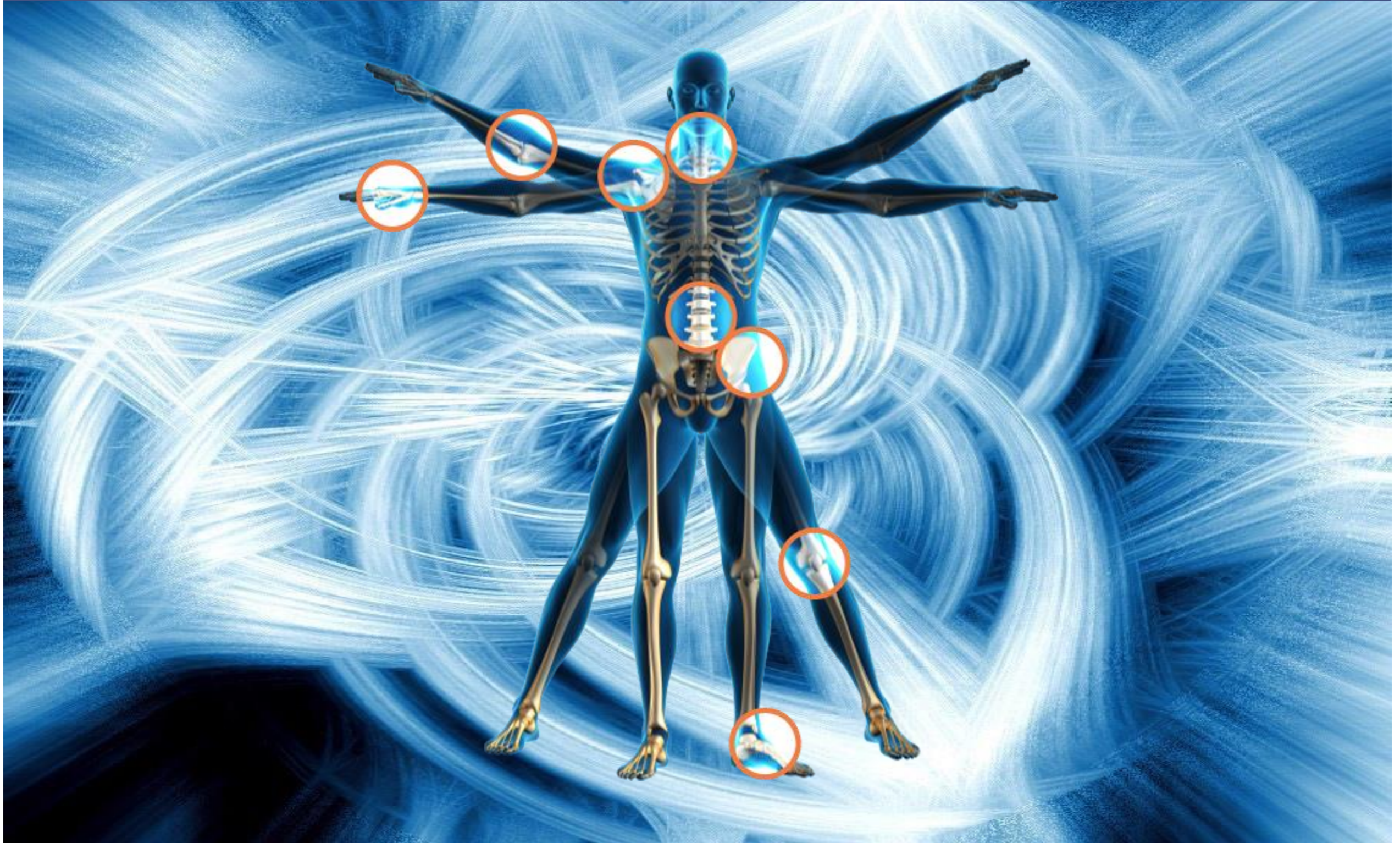


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**Fundamentals of Wear and Corrosion**



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### Research Grants & Contracts from Industry

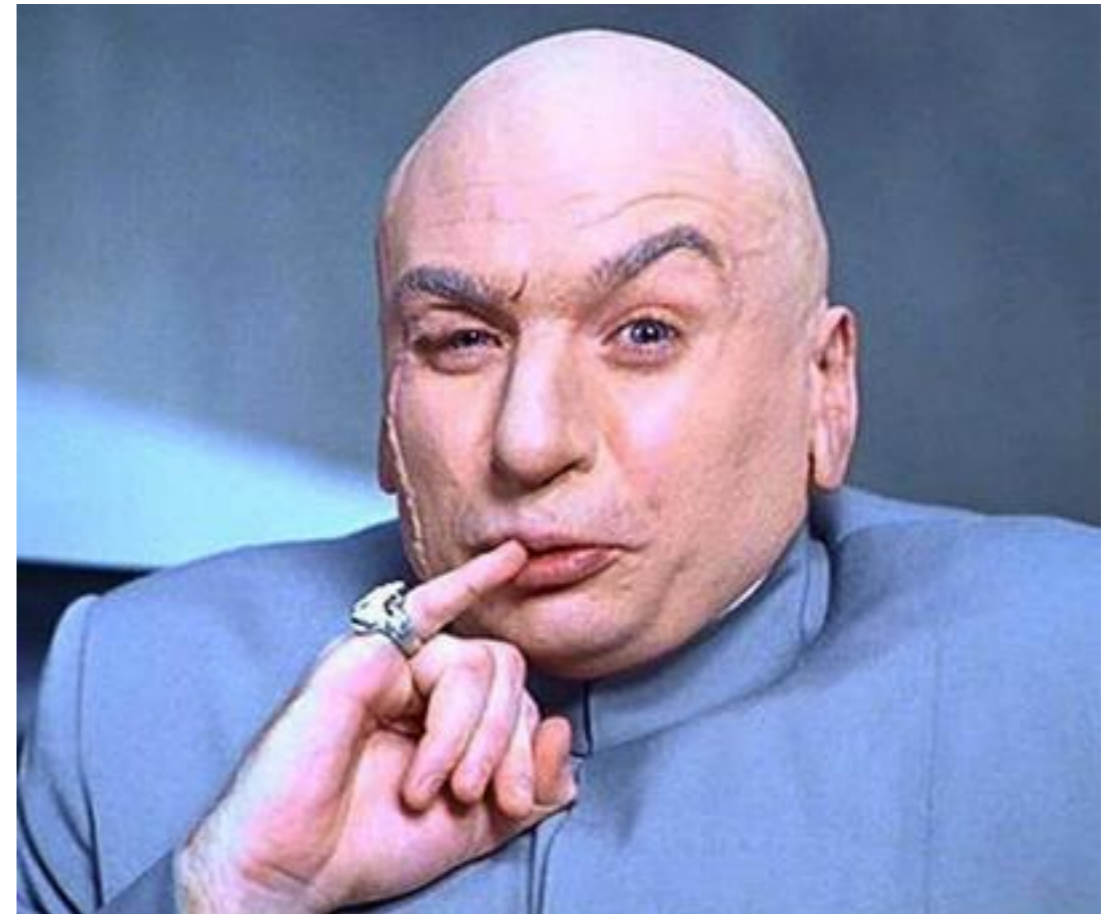
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# WEAR & CORROSION

to say nothing about metal ion release



# WEAR

“The removal and deformation of material on a surface as a result of mechanical action of the opposite surface.”

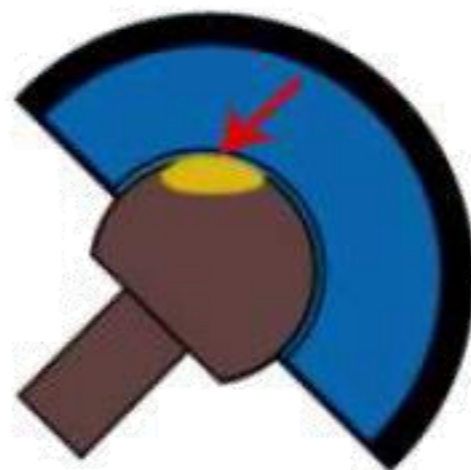
“Wear is a function of **use**, not time.”

*TP Schmalzried, The John Charnley Award, 2000*

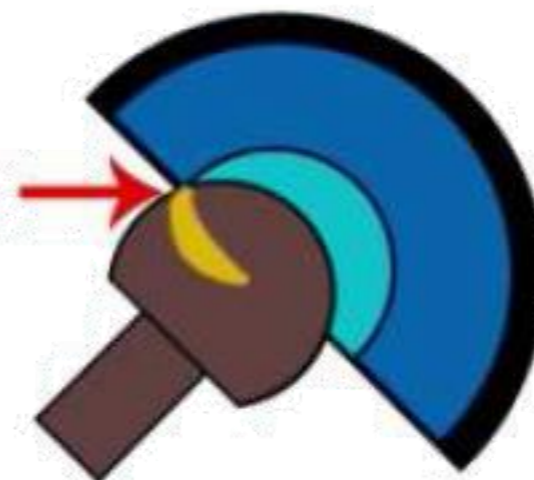


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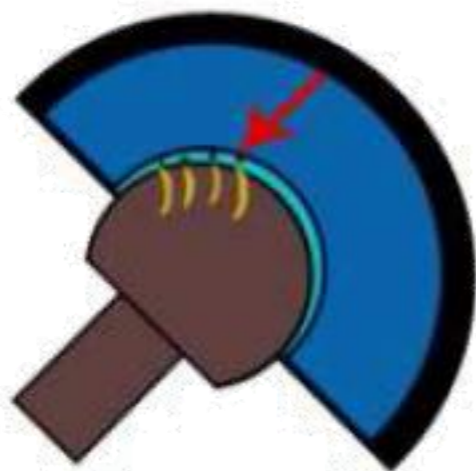




MODE 1: normal wear



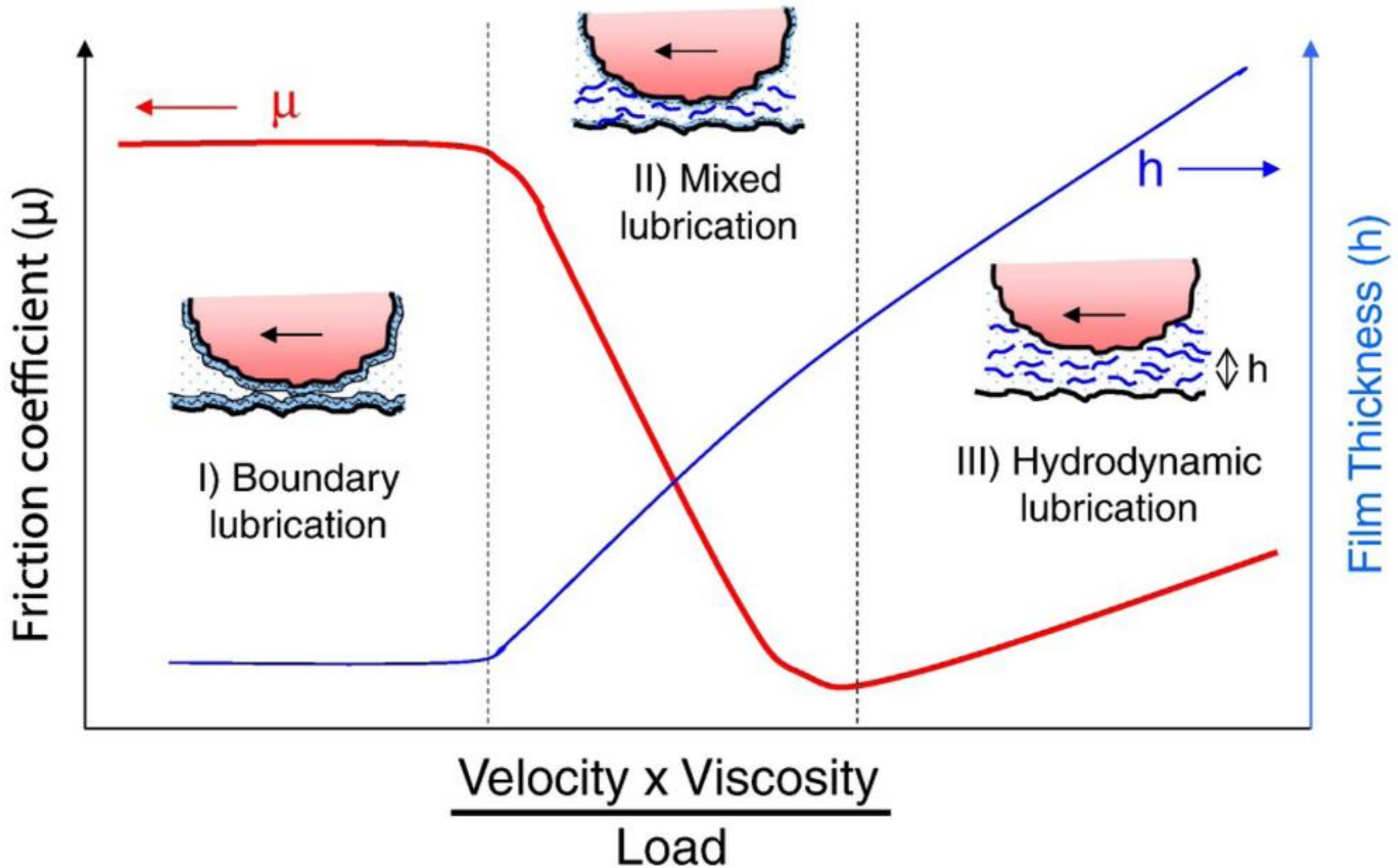
MODE 2: wear between bearing and non-bearing surface



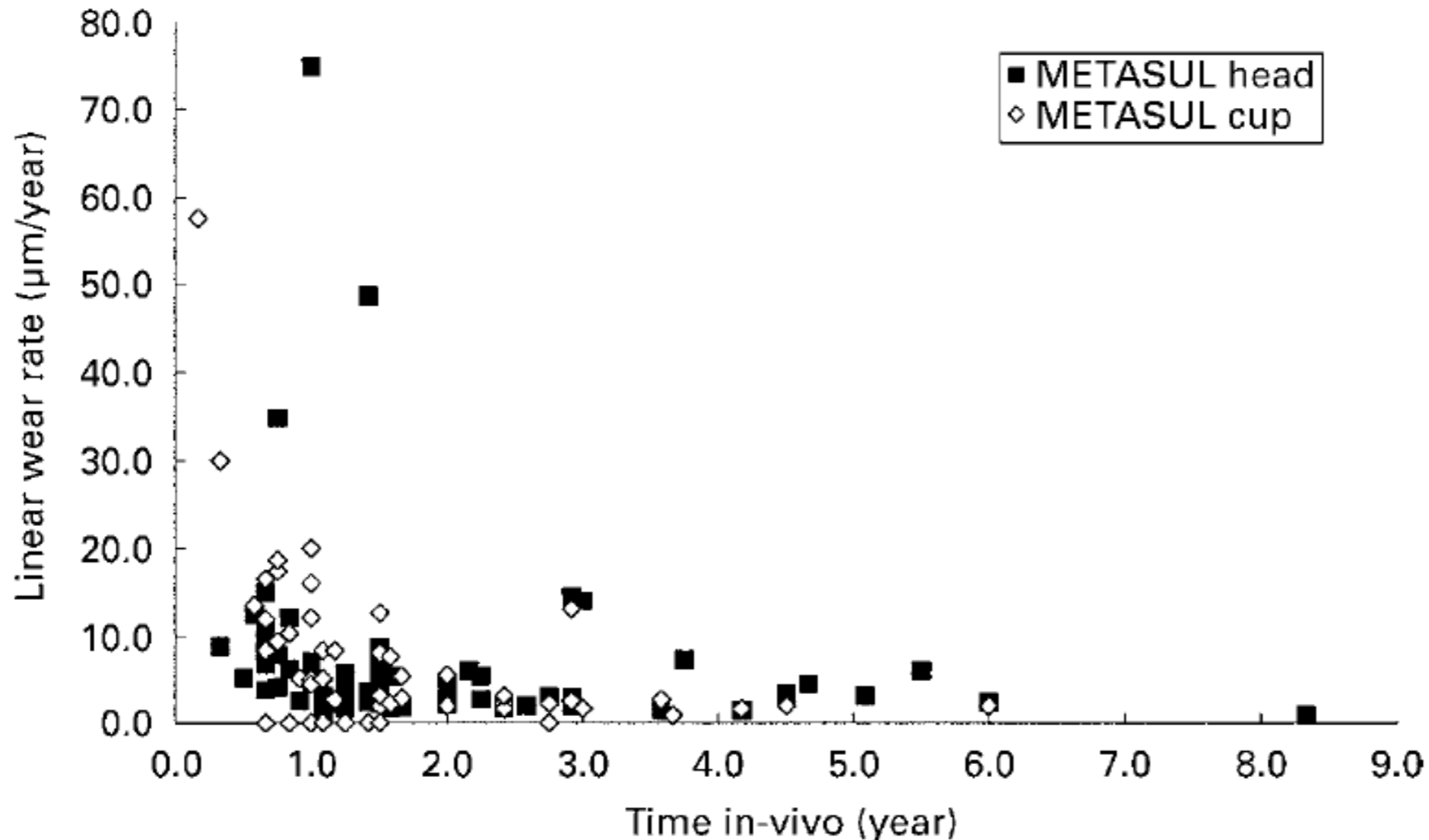
MODE 3: third-body abrasive wear



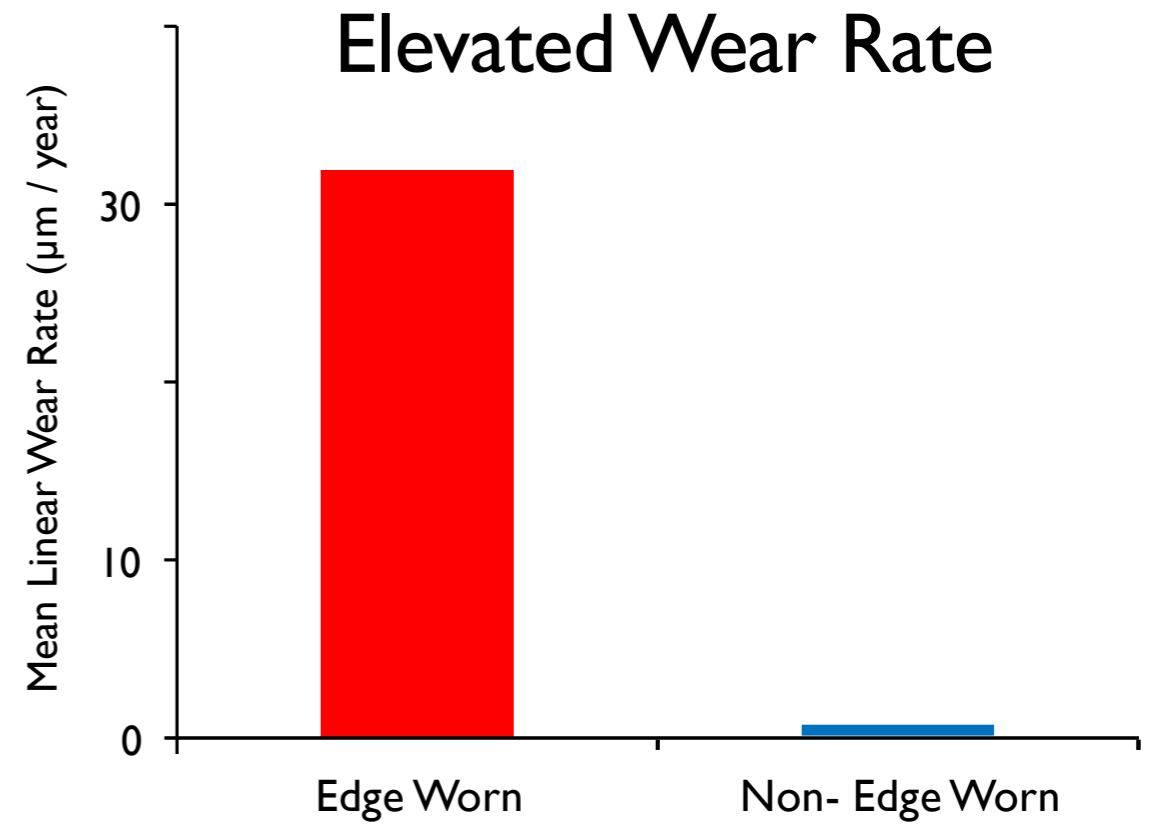
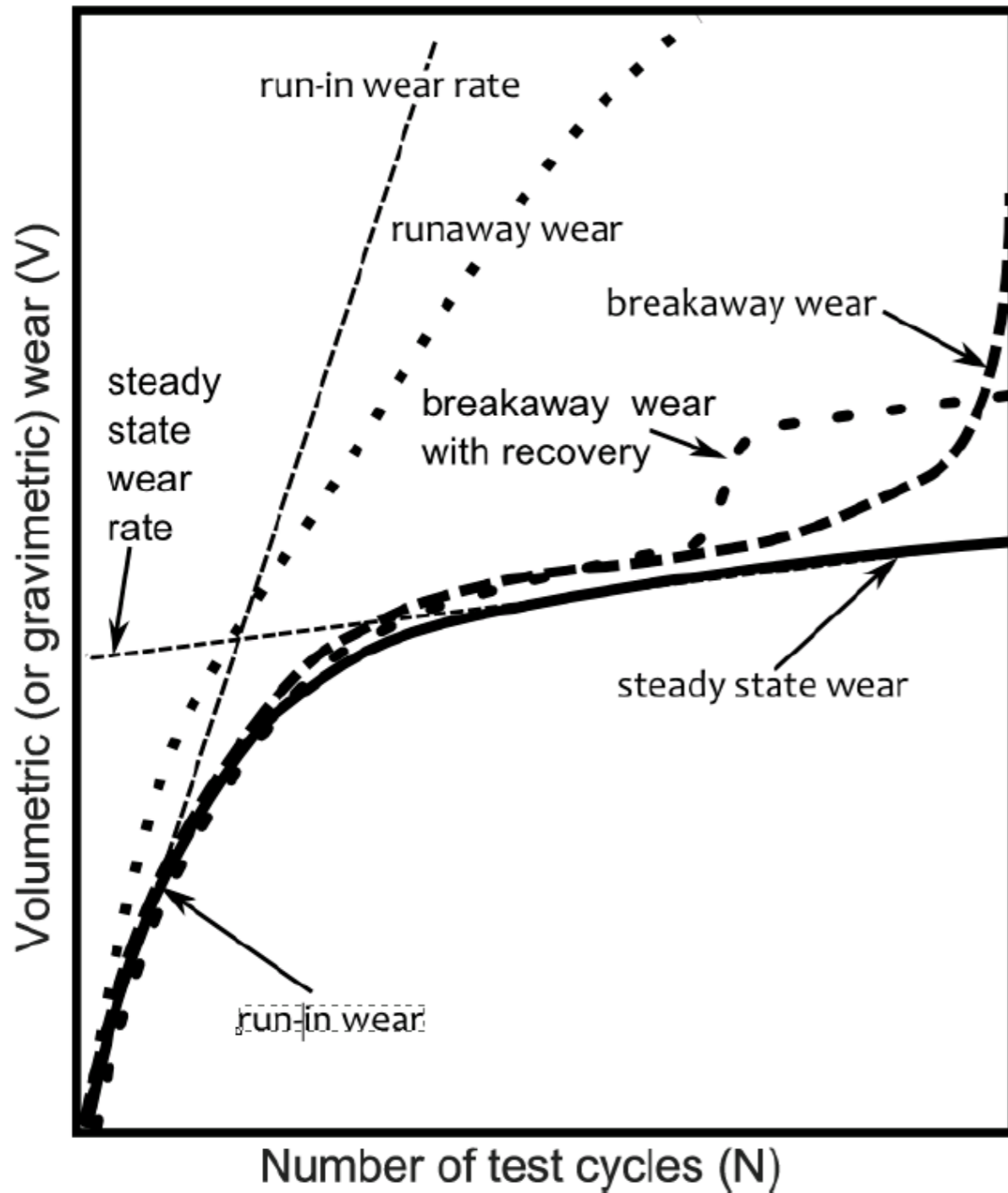
MODE 4: refers to two secondary (non-primary) surfaces.



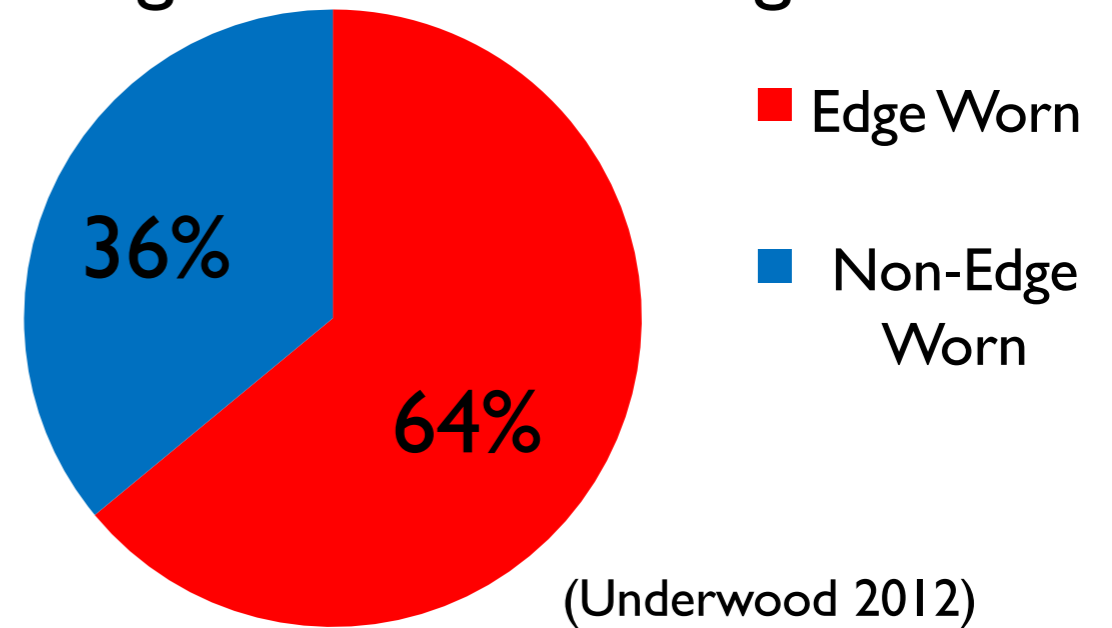
# Some MoM designs have shown very low wear rate



Sieber HP et al., Analysis of 118 second-generation metal-on-metal retrieved hip implants. *J Bone Joint Surg Br.* 1999 Jan; 81(1):46-50.

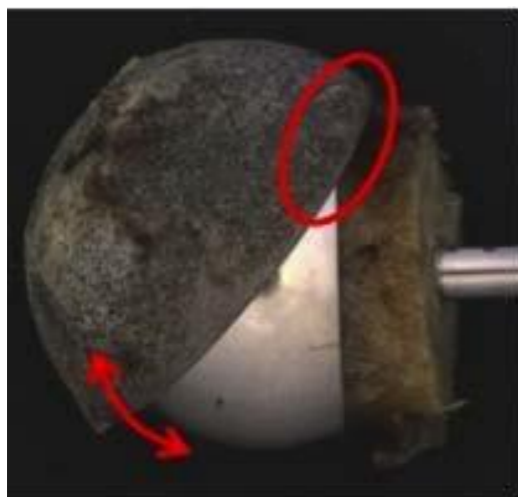


### High Incidence of Edge Wear





## Three Causes of Edge Wear



### Impingement

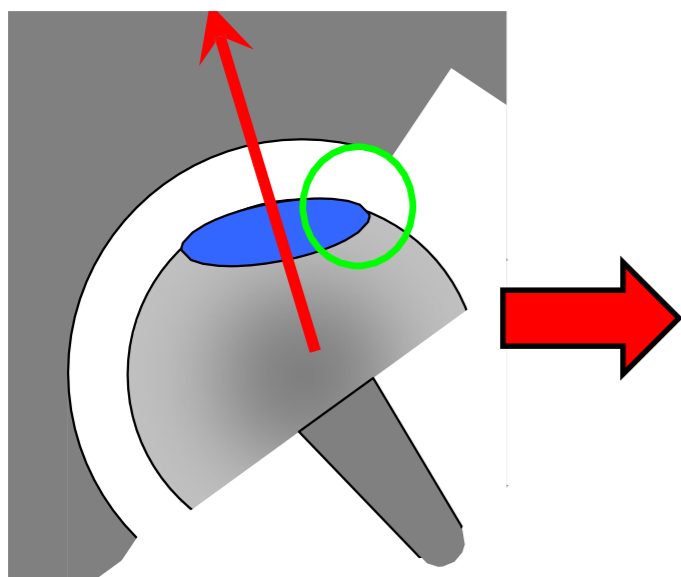
(Matthies 2011)



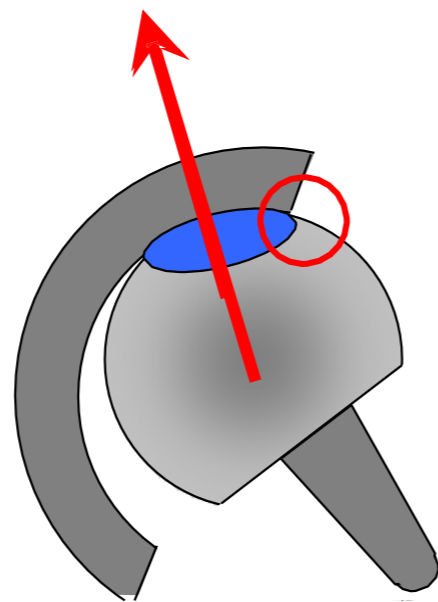
### Micro Separation

(Underwood 2011a)

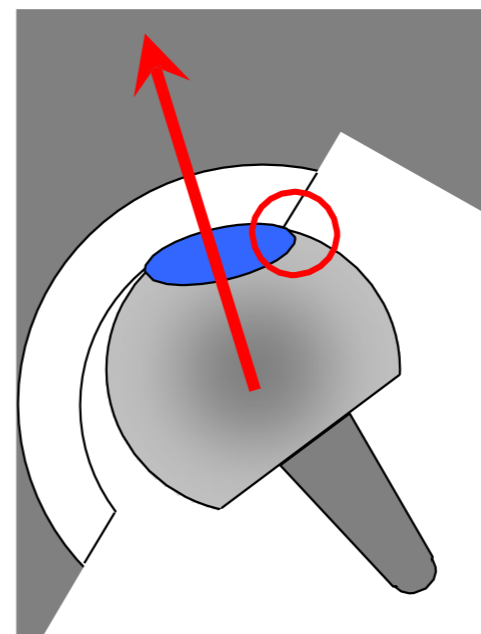
### Edge Loaded Hip



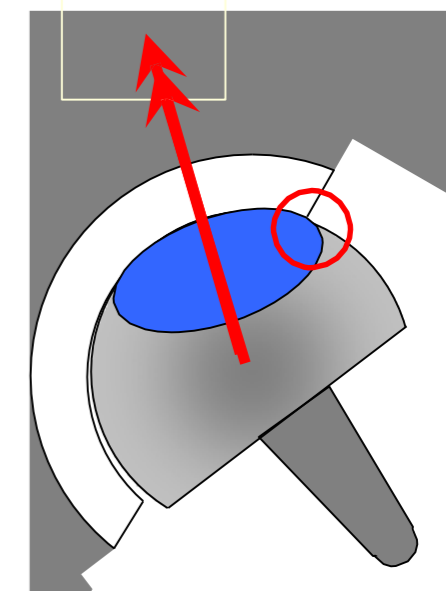
### Steep Inclination



### Reduced Coverage



### Reduced Clearance



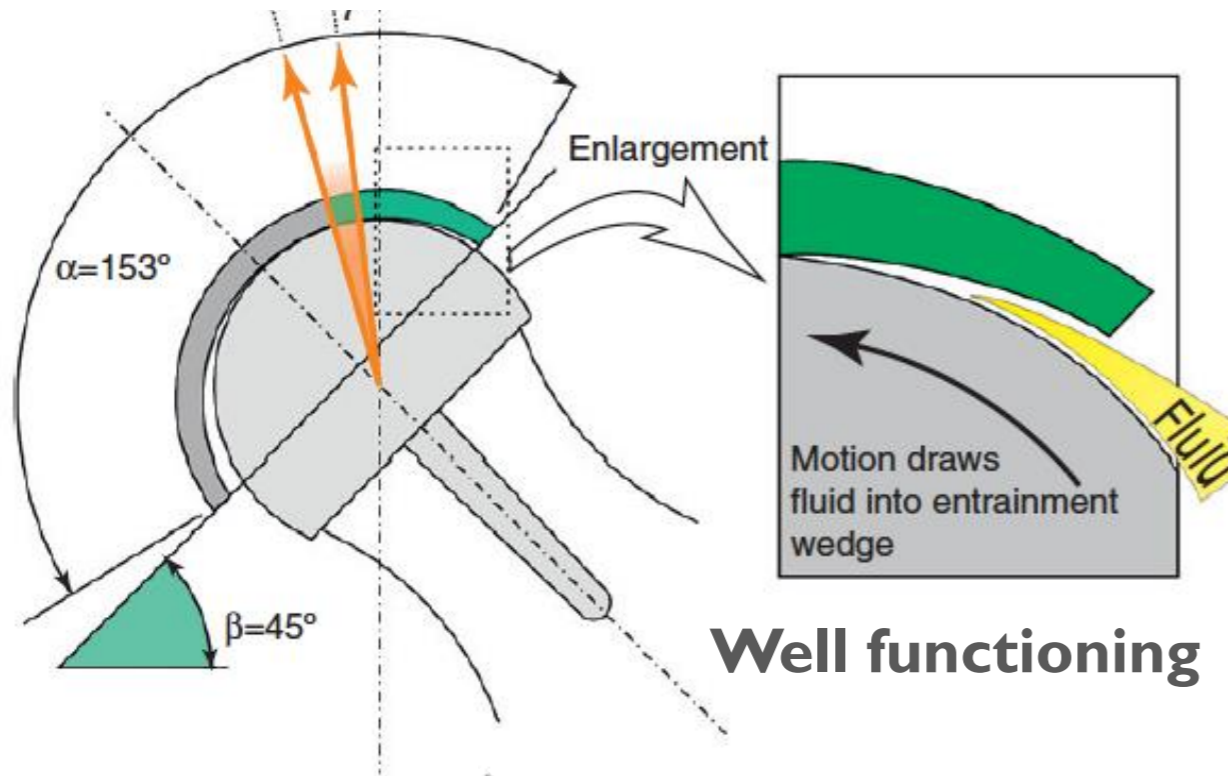
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Matthies et al, "Retrieval analysis of 240 MoM hip components, comparing modular THR with hip resurfacing," JBJS[Br] 2011;93-B:307-14.

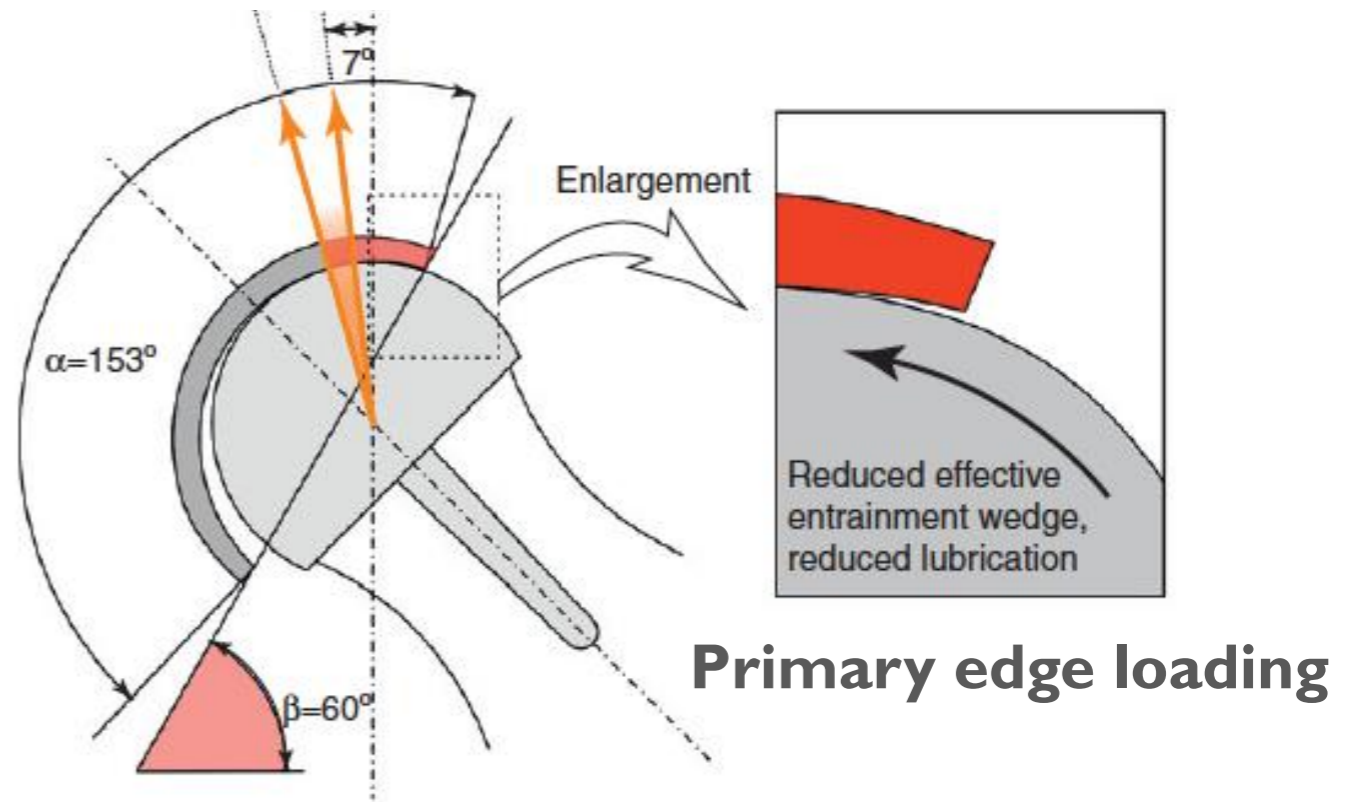
Underwood et al, "What Are The mechanisms of Edge Loading In MoM Hips? A study of 400 Explanted Hip Components" 2011 ORS Annual Meeting

Underwood et al, "Edge loading in metal-on-metal hips: low clearance is a new risk factor," Proc. IMechE Part H 2012 226(3) 217-226

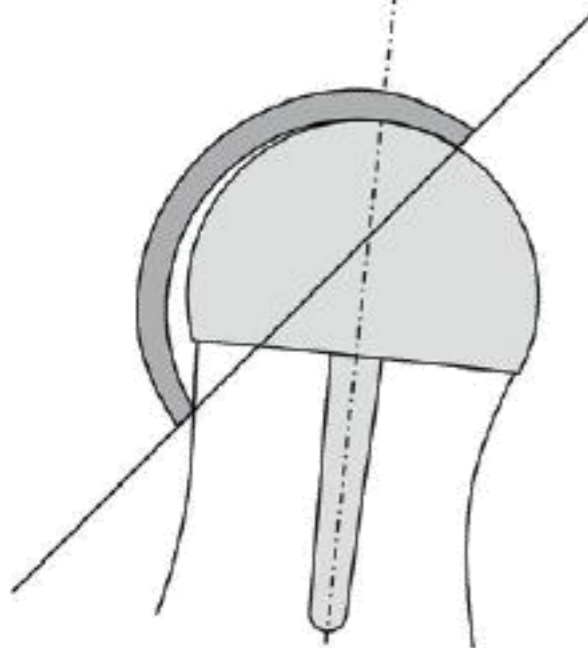
## Cup positioning



Well functioning



Primary edge loading

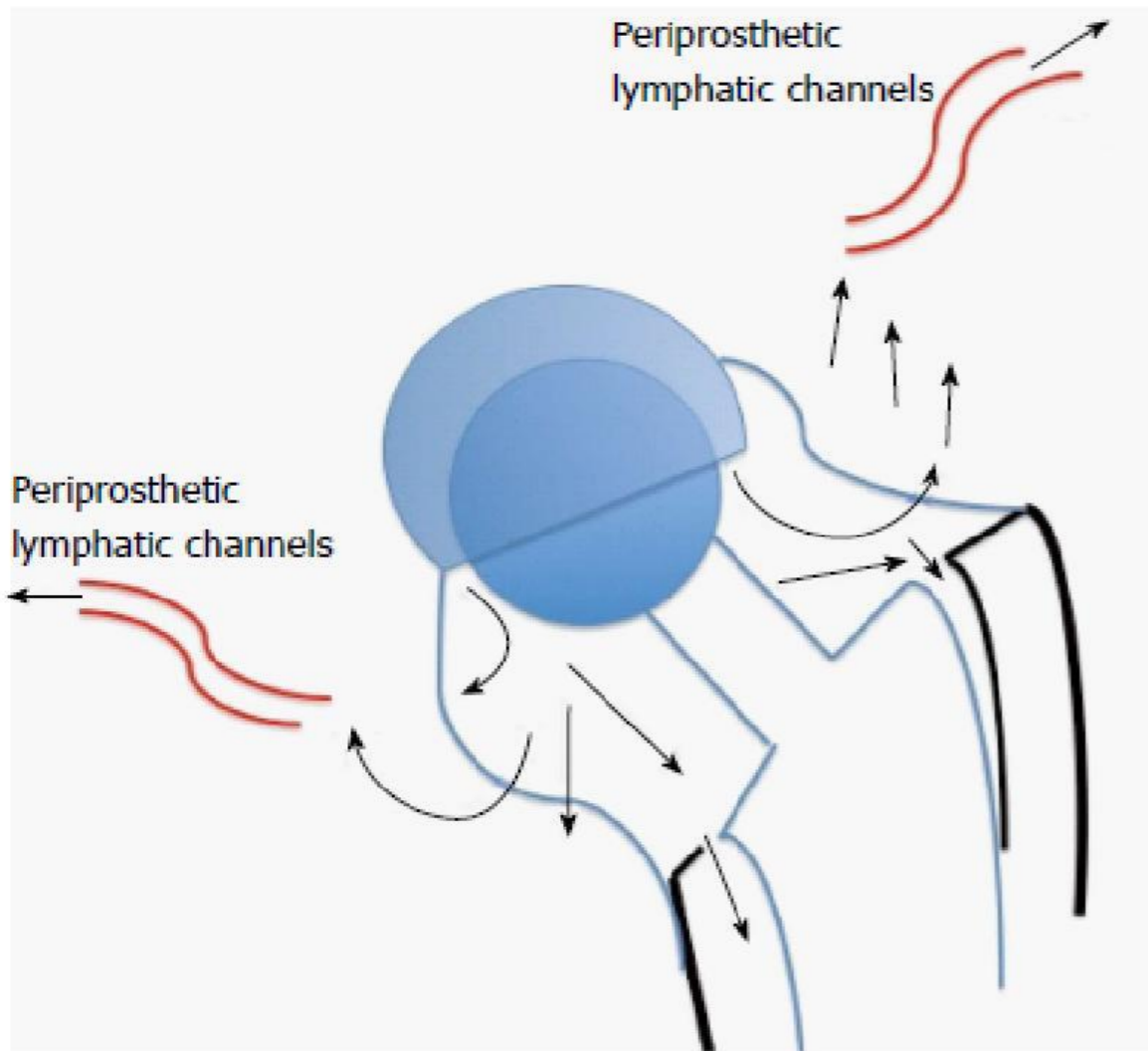


Secondary edge loading

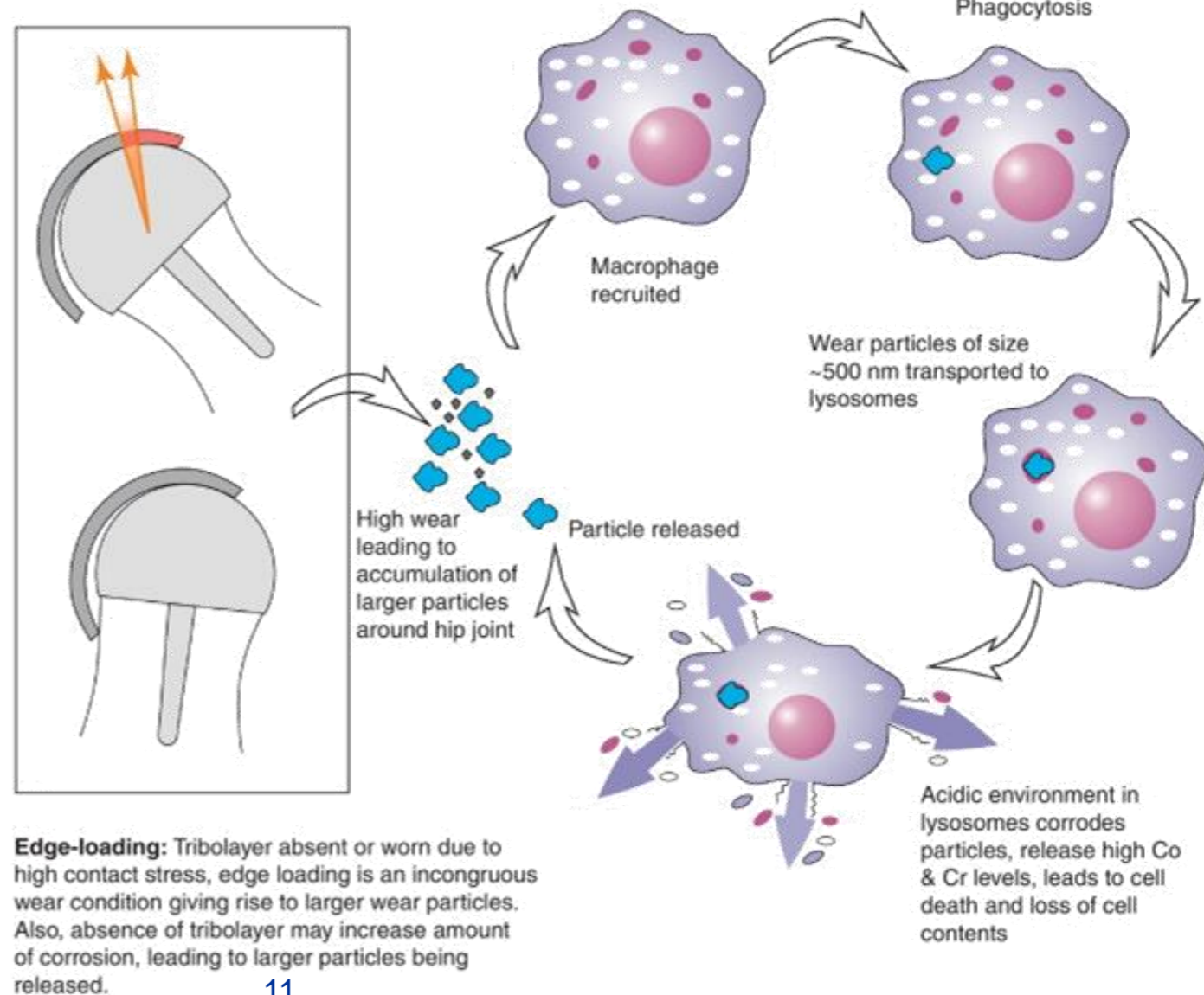
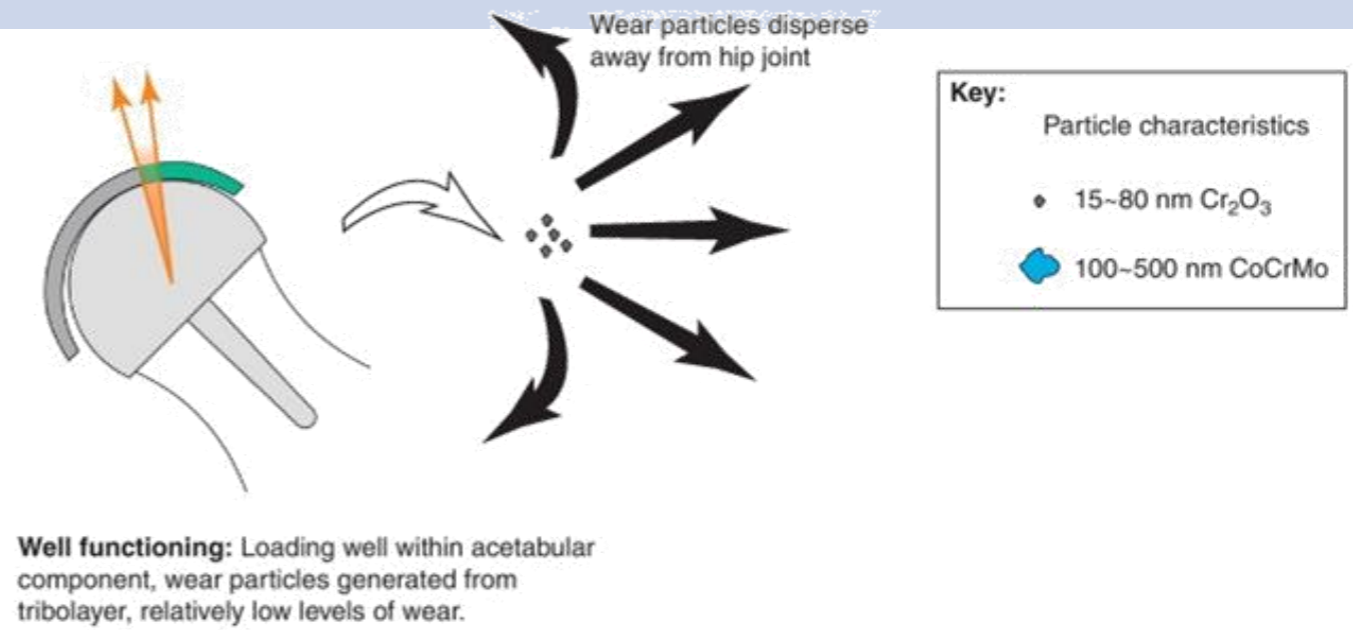
Lesson learnt:  
metal-metal bearing wear is all about **position and kinematics** that lead to edge loading and wear.



## Willert-Semlitsch Concept



If production of wear debris exceeds the ability of the lymph channels to clear it, the debris then “spills” over into the effective joint space and initiates osteolytic pathways.



# CORROSION

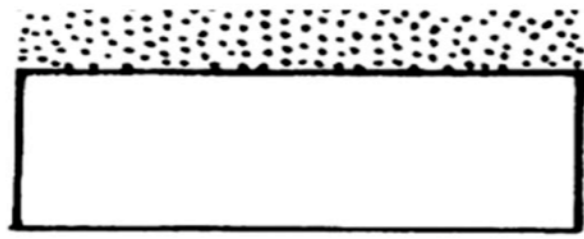
“**Corrosion** is the deterioration of a metal as a result of chemical reactions between it and the surrounding environment.”

“The fundamental cause or driving force for all corrosion is the lowering of a system’s Gibbs energy.”

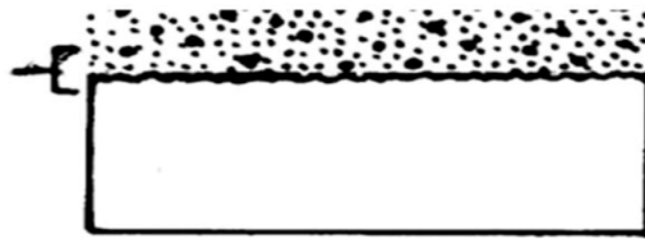
“**Corrosion of most metals is inevitable.**”

“This type of damage typically produces **oxide(s)** or **salt(s)** of the original metal.”





Uniform



Intergranular



Galvanic

Surface cracks

Internal voids



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# DISRUPTION OF THE PROTECTIVE OXIDE LAYER



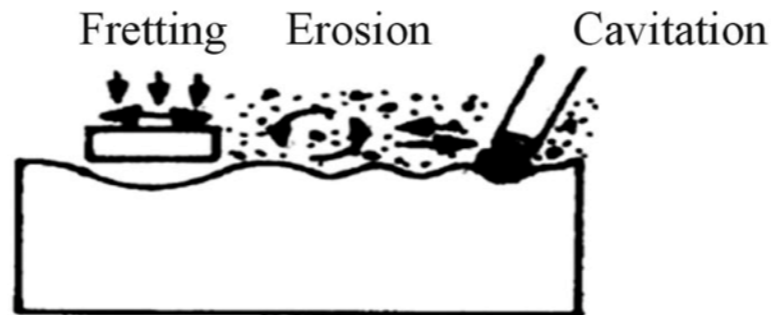
Stress corrosion



Corrosion fatigue



Hydrogen induced cracking

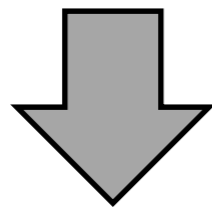


Cavitation, erosion and fretting

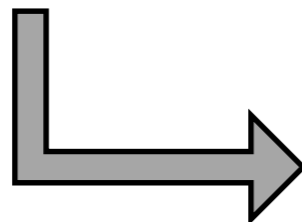
# How does this oxide layer get disrupted?

## MECHANICAL DAMAGE

- Load/Pressure
- Wear
- Fretting
- Micromotion
- Scratching



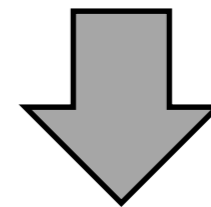
- Wear Particles



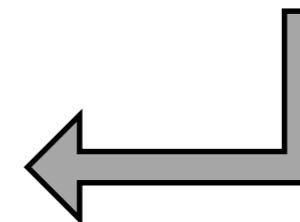
- Corrosion Particles
- Metal Ions

## CHEMICAL DAMAGE

- pH
- T
- Cl ions
- proteins



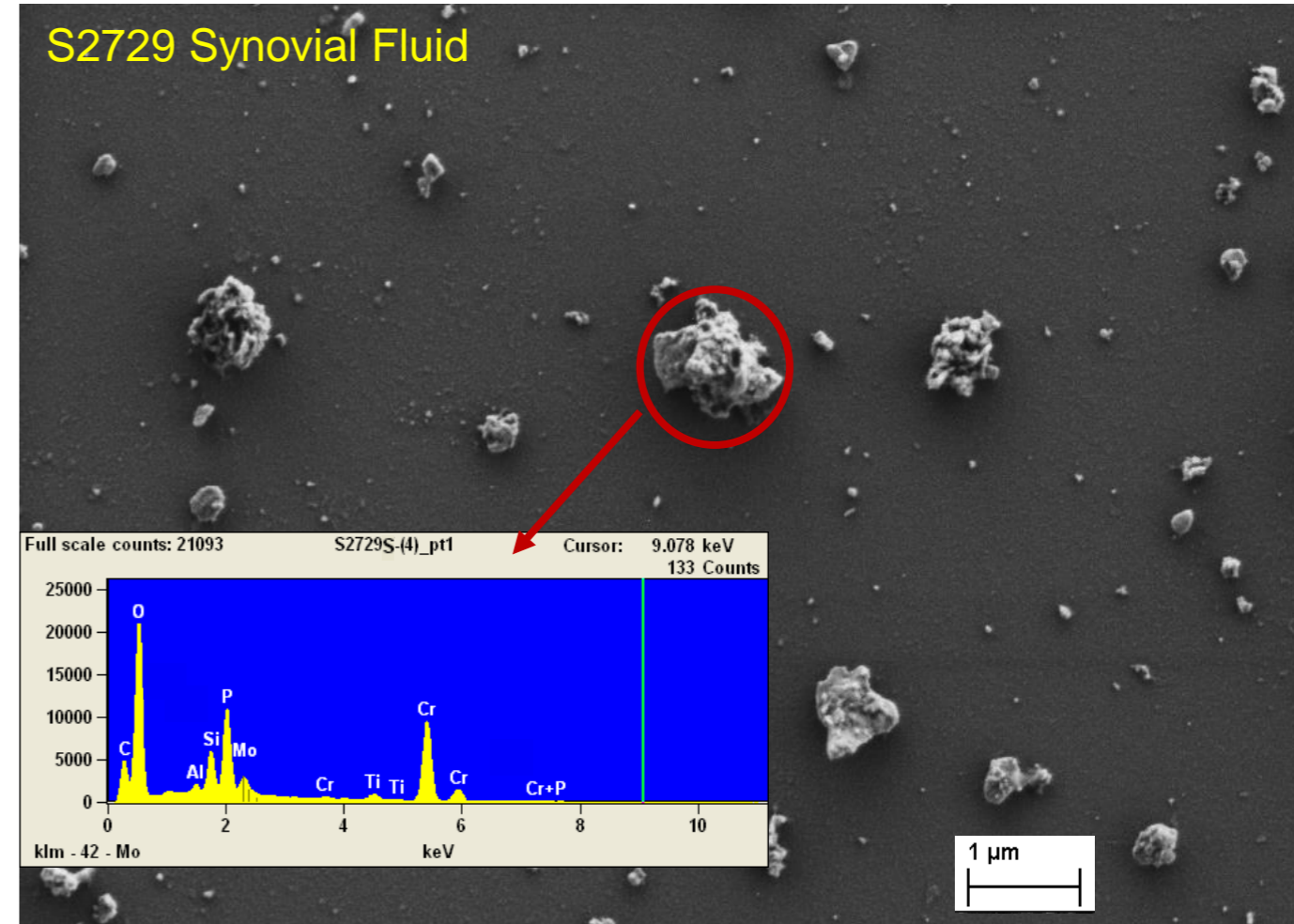
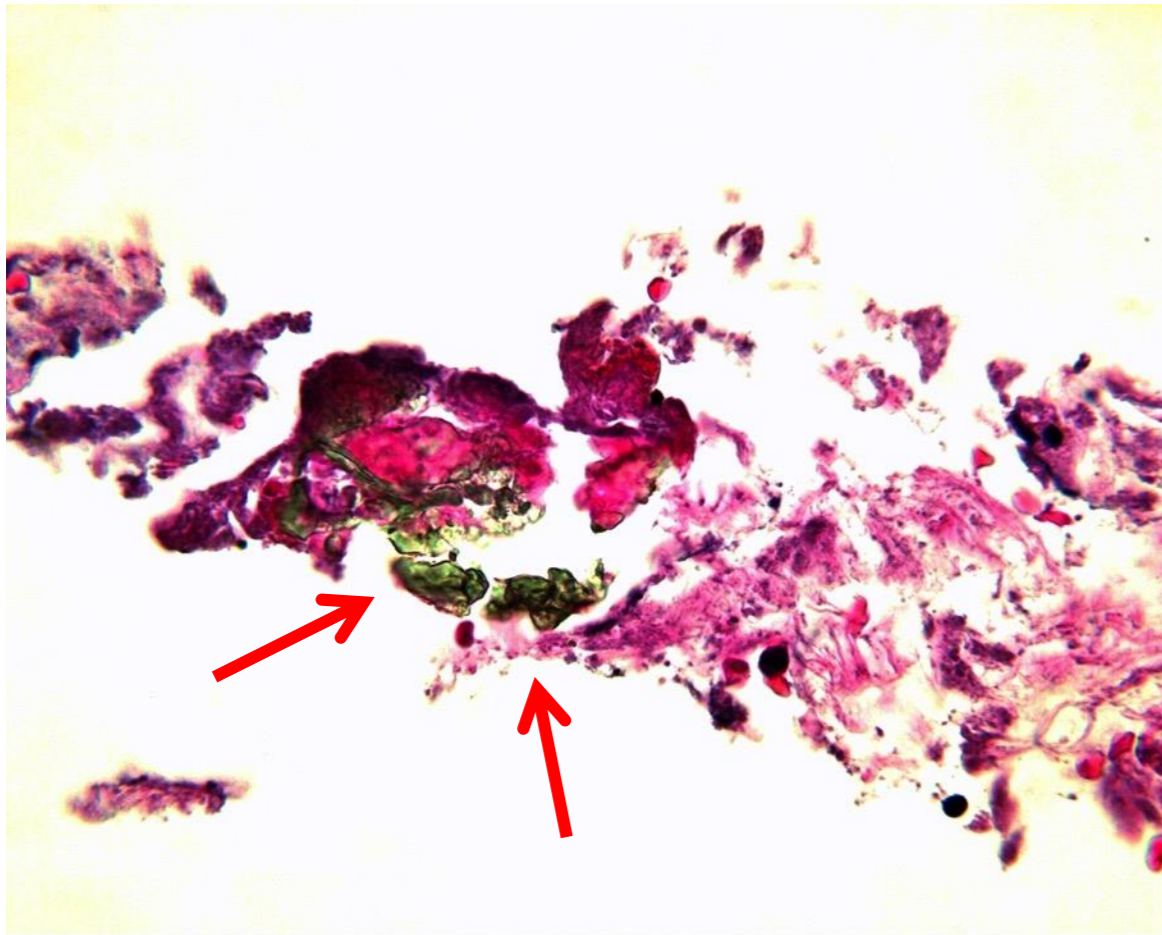
- Corrosion Products
- New "Oxide" Layer



**Tribocorrosion**

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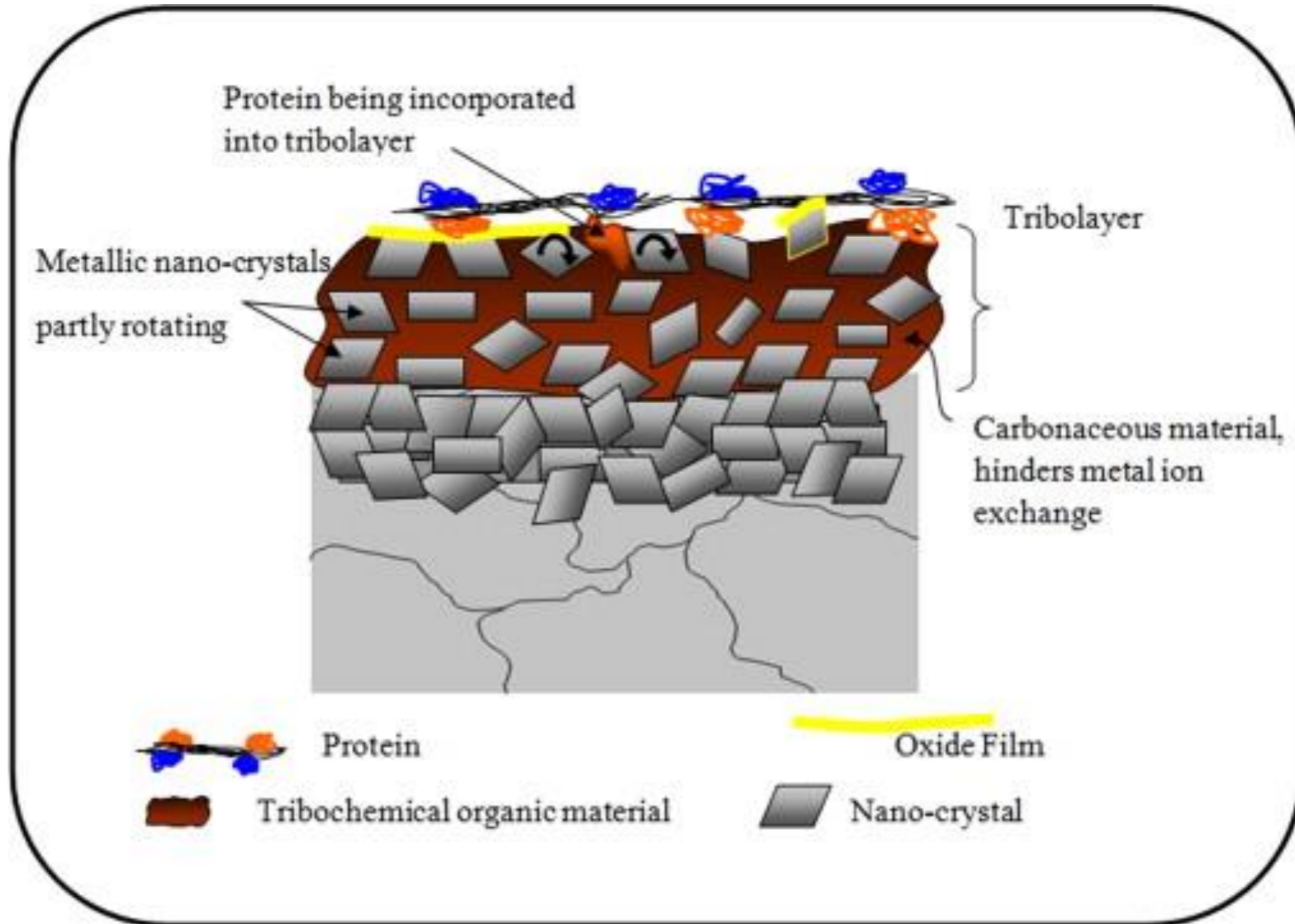
## The Relationship Between Activity and Ions in Patients with Metal-on-Metal Bearing Hip Prostheses

Christian Heisel, MD; Mauricio Silva, MD; Anastasia K. Skipor, MS; Joshua J. Jacobs, MD; Thomas P. Schmalzried, MD

*J Bone Joint Surg Am*, 2005 Apr; 87 (4): 781 -787 . <http://dx.doi.org/10.2106/JBJS.D.01820>

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## Tribolayer formation in a metal-on-metal (MoM) hip joint





# The Synergistic Effect of Wear and Corrosion

## TRUNNION AND MODULAR INTERFACES





SYMPOSIUM: ABJS CARL T. BRIGHTON WORKSHOP ON IMPLANT WEAR AND  
TRIBOCORROSION OF TOTAL JOINT REPLACEMENTS

### What is the Trouble With Trunnions?

**Christina I. Esposito PhD, Timothy M. Wright PhD,  
Stuart B. Goodman MD, PhD, Daniel J. Berry MD,  
The Clinical, Biological and Bioengineering Study Groups from the Carl T. Brighton Workshop**

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EDITORIAL

### Trunnionosis: A pain in the neck

Philip S Pastides, Matthew Dodd, Khaled M Sarraf, Charles A Willis-Owen

# Source of relative motion - fretting

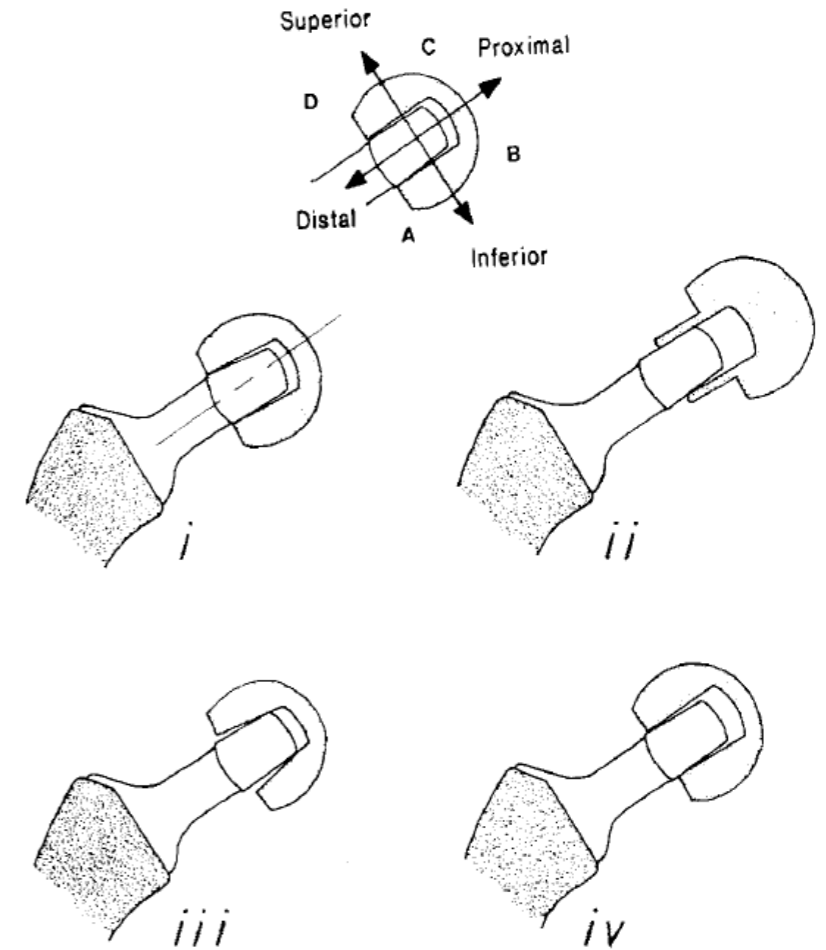
- i. Bending in the cone
- ii. Bending of the long neck extension (skirt) with proximal-distal slipping
- iii. Bore angle too large
- iv. Bore angle too small

## Contributing design features:

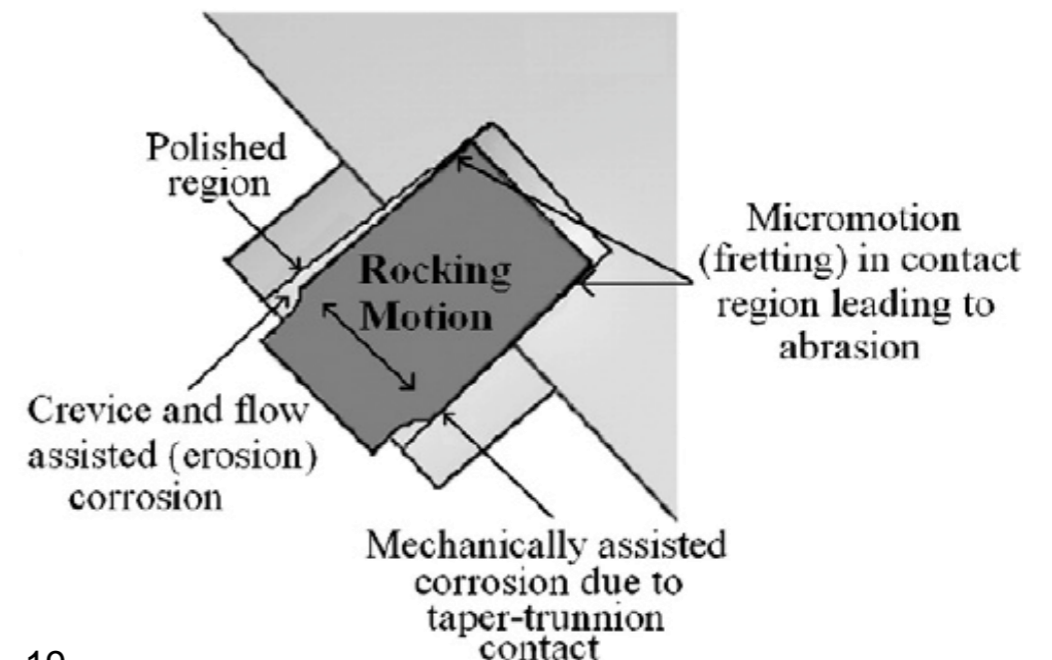
- head diameter
- off-set
- length
- surface roughness

## Contributing environmental factors:

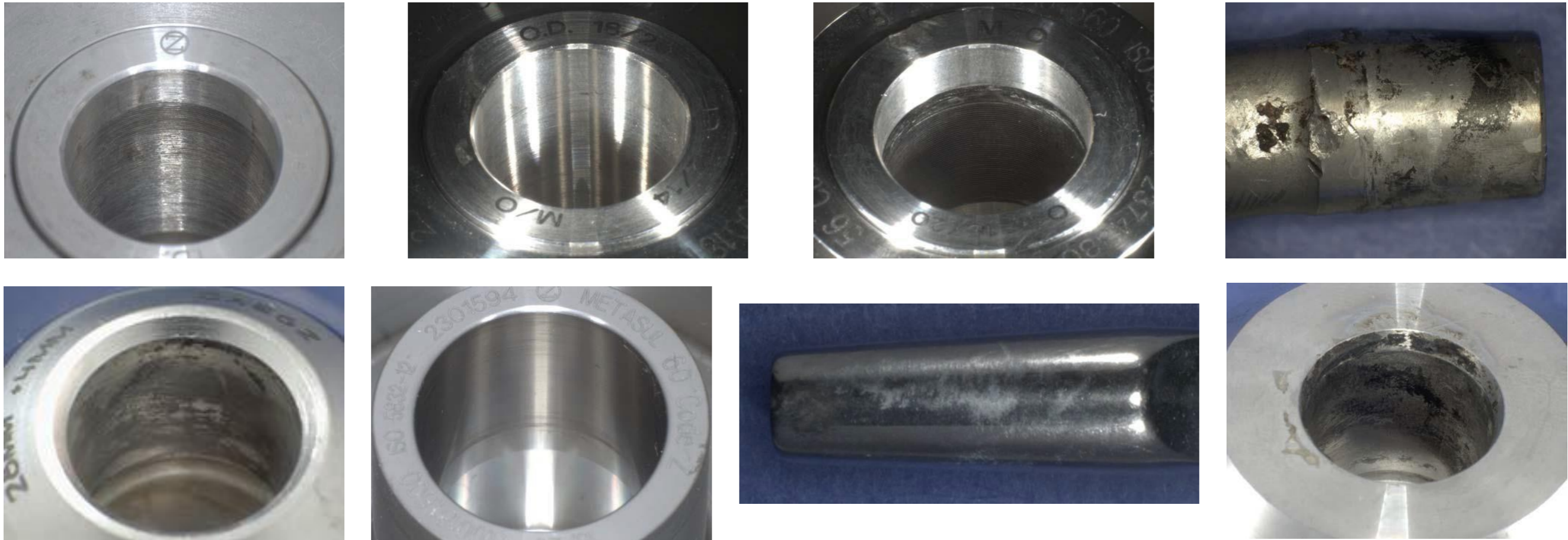
- Fluid penetration
- pH (inflammation)
- Tissue contamination



Brown *et al.*, Journal of Applied Biomaterials, 1995



# Taper Corrosion is Not New



<sup>1</sup>Goldberg et al, "A multicenter retrieval study of the taper interfaces of modular hip prostheses," CORR. 2002;401:149.

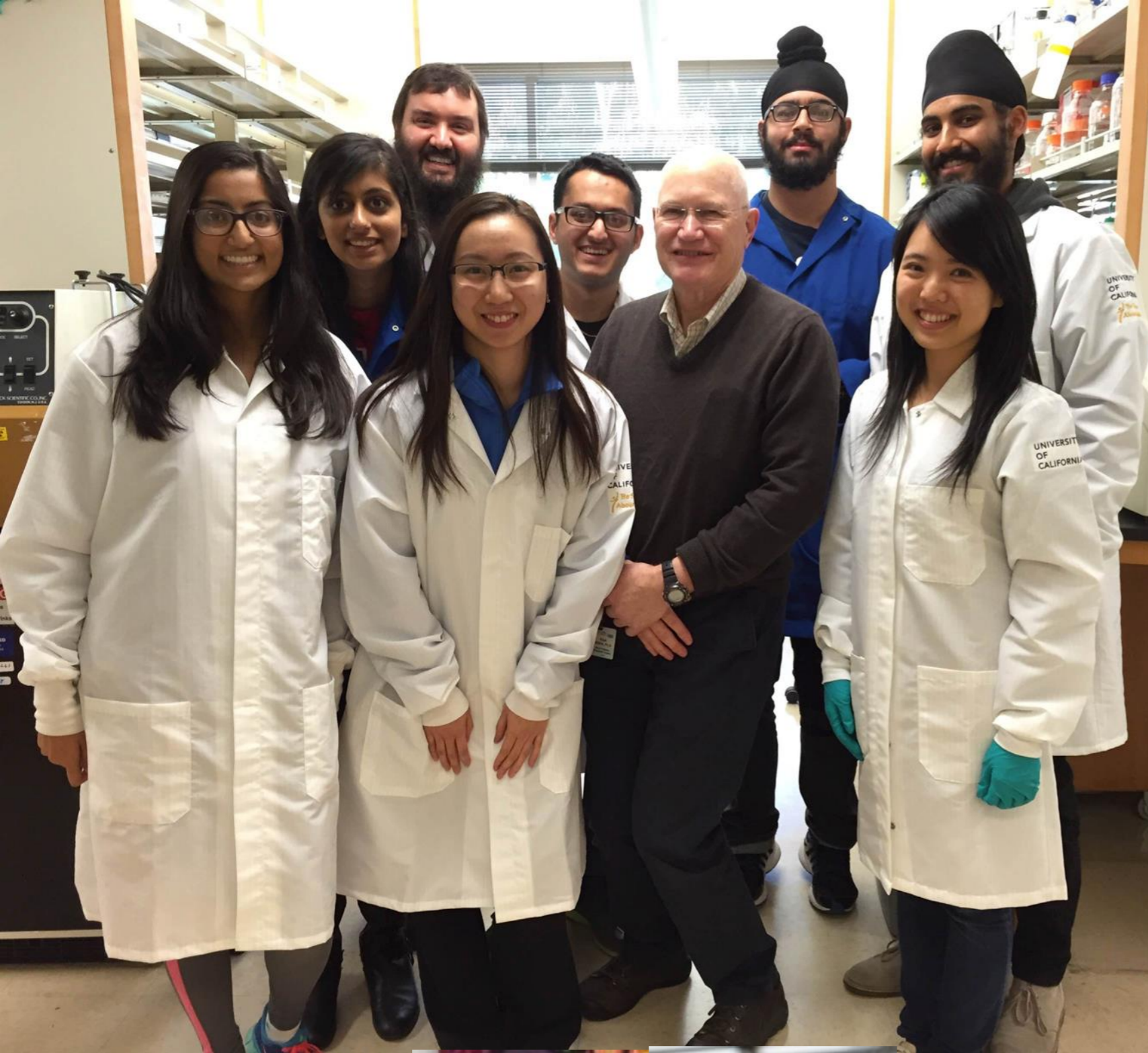
- Corrosion can occur at any modular junction, with the potential for release of metal debris and ions into the surrounding local environment.
- Is multifactorial: taper geometry, constituent materials, forces applied to the junction, femoral head size, component offset, and method of assembly.
- Local effects include: ALTR, component fracture or failure, instability, and osteolysis and loosening.



# Conclusions

- 1) Metal-metal wear is position sensitive.
- 2) Although most modular connections work as expected modular parts needs to be assembled clean, dry, and forceful.
- 3) There is no wear without corrosion but corrosion can occur without wear.
- 4) The implant wear and corrosion debris, and metal ions influence the extent of reaction in the patients but the patient may affect the extend of corrosion of an implant.
- 5) Corrosion needs to be kept on the list of pathologies when a joint isn't doing as well as expected. Blood ion tests are a good screening tool.





# THANKS!



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