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Axis 1: Interaction between vehicle and infrastructure

A dynamic multi-asperity contact model for tyre/road noise

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□ Results on a small sample of road surface

□ Tyre/road contact forces on real road surfaces

Conclusions



Context

□ Tyre/road contact noise



• Texture influence on dynamic contact forces and on tyre/road noise ?



Hypotheses

□ 2 possible approaches

- Finite dimension of the problem: FEM, BEM
- Elastic solid can be considered as a half-space around the contact area

□ Hypotheses of the developed model:

- > Tyre tread:
 - 3D elastic half-space
- Road surface:
 - perfectly rigid asperities
- Small strain
- No friction
- No dynamic of the half-space



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Contact model



Boussinesq's potential theory

$$\forall M \in \Sigma, \ u(M) = \int_{\Sigma} T(M,S) p(S) d\Sigma$$

Signorini's contact conditions

$$\forall M \in \Sigma_c, \ u(M) = z_r(M) - \delta - z_t(M) \qquad p(M) > 0$$

$$\forall M \in \overline{\Sigma}_c, \ u(M) > z_r(M) - \delta - z_t(M) \qquad p(M) = 0$$

Equilibrium condition



 $y \otimes y$

Half-space

Road

Multipoint contact model (MCM)

Partitioning of the road surface $\forall l \in [1, N], \ \Sigma = \bigcup_{l=1}^{N} \Sigma_l$ \Box Contact law for the asperity *k* $\delta_k = z_{r,k}^s - \delta - z_{t,k}^s - \sum_{kl}^N T_{kl} P_l$ $\substack{l=1\\l\neq k}$ Resolution by Newton-Raphson algorithm



A portion of about 7 cm² of a Dense Asphalt Concrete 0/10



$\textbf{MCM} \; \forall \textbf{s} \; \textbf{MIM}$

- Young modulus: 2.5 MPa
- Poisson coefficient: 0.5
- No curvature of the tyre
- 23 asperities for MCM
- 4400 square elements for the $\ensuremath{\text{MIM}}$
- Loading: from 0 to 175 N
 - in 280 load steps for MCM
 - in 15 load steps for MIM



Results on a small sample of road surface



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$$\varepsilon_{M} = 100 \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{N} |P_{k} - P_{k_{ref}}|^{2}}{\sum_{k=1}^{N} |P_{k_{ref}}|^{2}} \qquad \varepsilon_{M} < 5\%$$

Results

- MIM:

15 load steps \rightarrow pressure distribution in 1h15min

- MCM:

280 load steps \rightarrow contact force distribution in 1s

MCM seems good enough to predict tyre/road noise at low-frequency (f < 1000 Hz)

Tyre/road contact forces on real road surfaces Calculation data Rectangular area of interest V L $M_{|}$ $dt = \frac{dx}{V}$ L Example of contact print - Young modulus: 2.5 MPa F(N)100 - Poisson coefficient: 0.5 80 120 70 - Slick Tyre with curvature 140 60 160 - ~12000 asperities (IIII) 180 50 40 - Loading: loading phase from 0 to 3000 N > 200 30 and then 3000 N for all steps 220 20 240 10 260 55.104 x (mm)



Example of three temporal results at **three different positions** on the same sample of road surface



Correlation between contact force and noise levels



Seven road surfaces of the test track of IFSTTAR (Nantes, France)



Correlation between contact force and noise levels

CPX noise measures with a slick tyre (Michelin Racer Slick, 186/57R/15)



Correlation between contact force and noise levels

Contact force spectra calculated for the seven road surfaces at 90 km/h

Correlation between **recomposed noise levels** and **recomposed contact force levels** from 315 to 1000 Hz



Correlation between contact force and noise levels

Iso-correlation curves between **noise levels** and **contact force levels** at 90 km/h

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Conclusions:

- Validation of MCM on real road surface
- Calculation of dynamic contact forces for a slick tyre on real road surfaces
- Good correlation between calculated contact force levels and measured noise levels from 315 to 1000 Hz

Grand Future work:

- Calculation of dynamic contact forces for a patterned standard tyre with the introduction of tyre vibration
- Confirmation of the correlation between calculated contact force and noise levels







Thanks for your attention



