











# Tribology in focus - process optimisation as a driver of competitiveness

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### Introduction

#### Change in production processes

- Widespread use of modern press technology => higher stroke rates
- Progress of industrialisation in the pressing plant
- Shorter set-up times due to smaller batch sizes
- Increased use of integrated processes
- Scarcity of resources, sustainability, etc. => energy-optimised production



Tribology is a key focus for improving process conditions in sheet metal forming, as friction conditions have a major influence on process reliability.

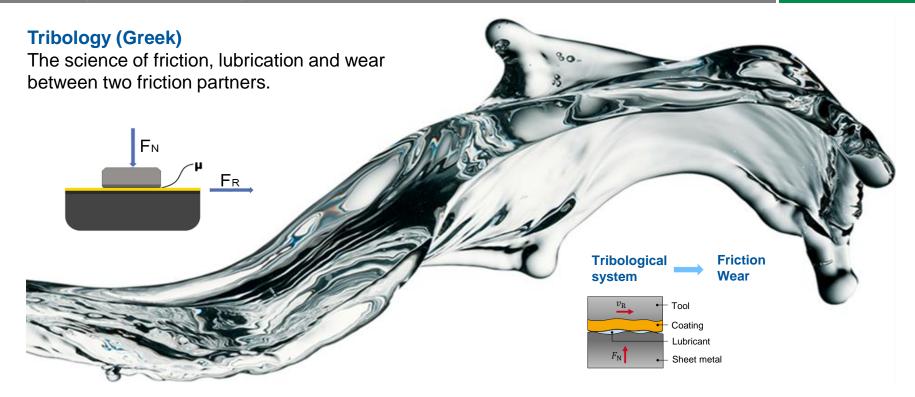








### Tribology as an influencing factor







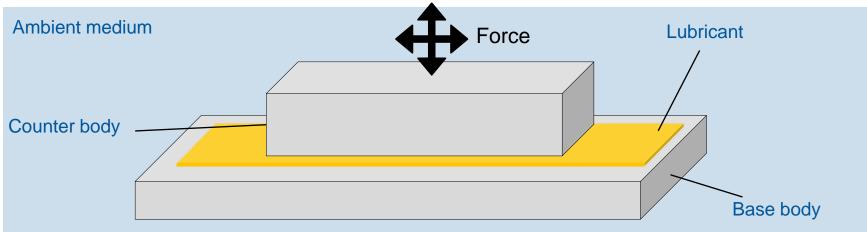




#### Basic elements of the tribological system

#### **Tribology (Greek)**

The science of friction, lubrication and wear between two friction partners.



The science of tribology deals with the causes and manifestations of friction on the one hand, but also with the consequences and possibilities of influencing friction on the other.



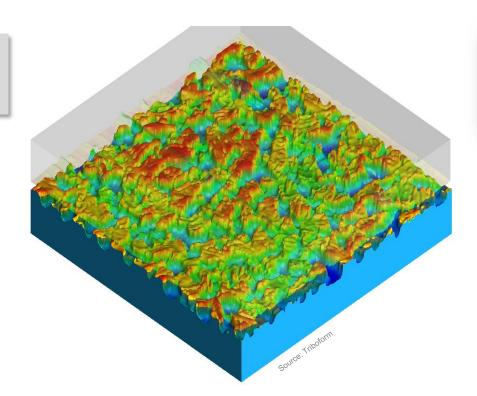


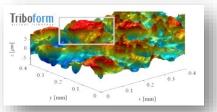


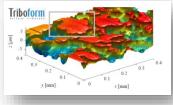


#### Smoothing behaviour of surfaces under pressure

Plastic changes have a direct influence on the stored lubricant volume!













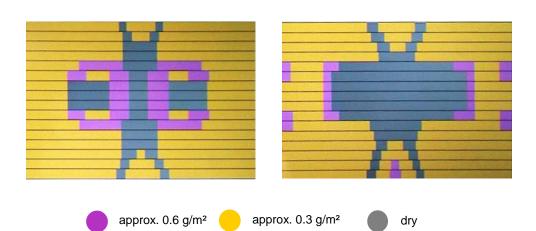






#### Influence of the amount of lubricant on the surface

The lubrication pattern has a direct influence on the friction behaviour between the blank and the tool. The targeted use of lubricant means that the sink can be manufactured to the required quality.





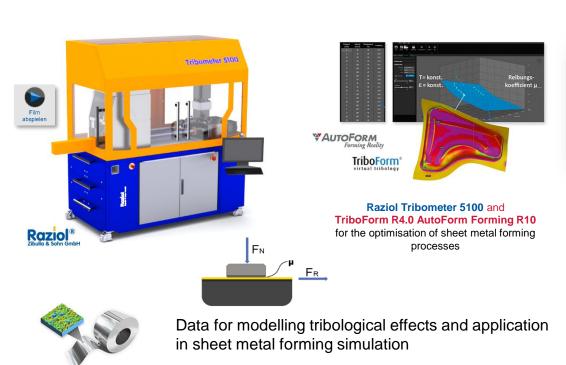


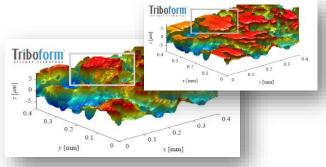


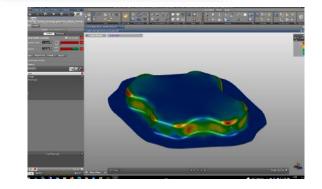




#### Tribology tests - Tribometer 5100 test system

















## Challenges in forming technology

#### Determination of friction states in the model test + transfer

#### Initial situation



Sheet metal



Tools & Coatings

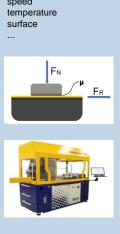


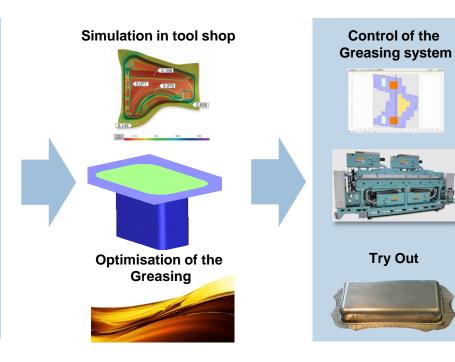
Lubricants

#### Strip drawing tests

Friction coefficient dependent on:

- **lubrication**
- contact pressure
- speed







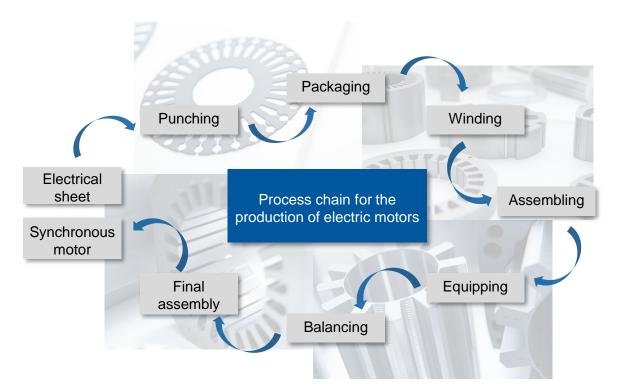


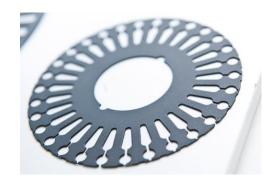






Process chain for the production of electric motors







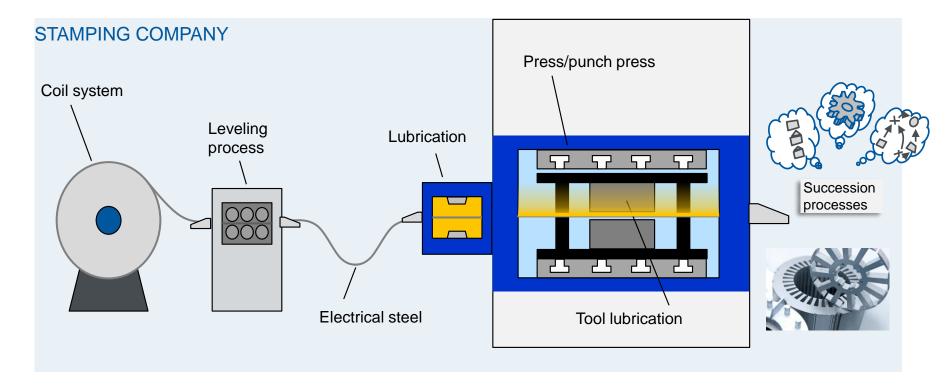








The influence of the lubricant and the lubrication technology plays a major role











#### The customer's task

- Reduction of the hazard potential
- **Ensuring quality**
- Cost reduction in production 3.











Carrying out real tests

Proposal for product design (application and lubricant)

Tribology and process tests

Definition of the task/problem









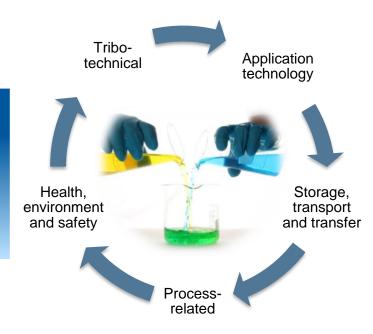
### Criteria for optimum lubricant determination

**Carrier medium Additive** packages **Procedure** 

Water Mineral oils Ester Polyglycols Polyalphaolefins

Corrosion inhibitors Defoamer

Grease components **EP/AW Additives** Emulsifiers, demulsifiers



Raziol lubricant









Product design proposal for implementation (lubricant)

	Raziol approach
Viscosity (20°C)	3.3 mm <sup>2</sup> /s
Flash point	84°C
Dangerous goods	no
TRbF 01	-/-
VOC-containing (EU)	0.0 g/l
Symbol	GHS08 Danger



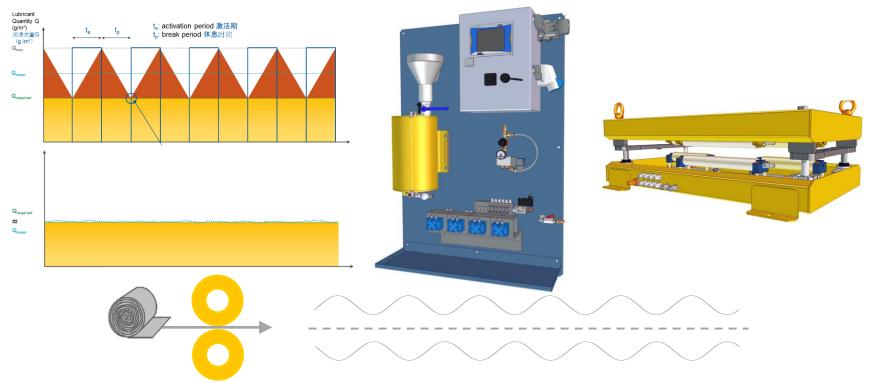








Proposal of the product design for implementation (application)











Press with mould and peripherals - Carrying out real tests

Straightener Reel

Strip welding

Strip thickness measurement

Feed

Lubrication

Press & Packaging

Tool

Packing device



Provision of lubricant (special customer development)







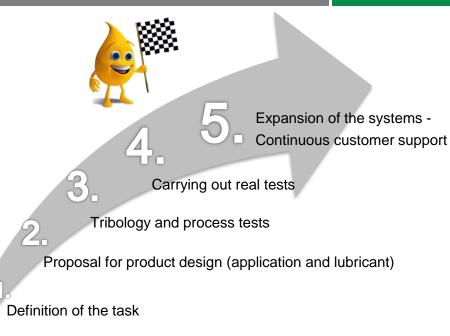




#### Conclusion and comments

#### Result:

- Decreased oil consumption (lubricant reduction of 40%)
- Better conditions for follow-up processes
  - Reproducible oil quantities
- Documentation of consumption quantities
  - Integrated consumption recording
- Reduction of the risk potential for employees
- Cost reduction in the general process











#### Lubricants for the production of bipolar plates

- Utilising the savings potential of tribology
- Enlarge process window
- Reduce the risk potential of employees
- Sustainable and energy-efficient production

We at Raziol support our customers in all aspects of tribology and lubrication technology.

We offer "tailored lubricants" especially for your application!









#### Expertise of the Raziol company



- Development of customised, innovative lubricants for customers worldwide
- Provision of standard products, even in very small quantities
- Comprehensive knowledge in the field of additives and tribology
- Answering questions relating to chemicals legislation
- Close cooperation with the field of application technology
- Accompaniment of tests on site or via video conferencing
- Offering training on the topics of lubricants and chemicals legislation





















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