Dynamics of viscous thin films interacting with slender elastic media

The seminar will be given in Hebrew

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The 2nd part of the talk will focus on the transient dynamics of a lubrication film contained in a narrow gap between a rigid surface and a parallel elastic plate. The elastic plate is deformed due to an externally applied time-varying pressure-field (Tulchinsky & Gat 2016 JFM). The analysis yields the pressure and deformation fields during and after application of external point forces. Furthermore, impact mitigation capabilities of such configurations are examined. The analysis reveals that order of magnitude reduction of liquid pressure compared with the external pressure may be realized.

In the 3rd part of the talk I will present results on the study of steady-state oscillations of parallel elastic sheets containing a thin liquid film. The upper sheet is excited by a traveling pressure wave and the bottom sheet may be supported by a linear elastic substrate. The analysis focuses on the effect of inertia (both solid and liquid) and the asymmetry of the elastic sheets. The analytical results exhibit the response dynamics of the configuration for a wide range of excitation parameters as well as reveal a new resonance frequency related to the interaction between parallel fluid flow and elastic transverse deformations.

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