



# A review of aircraft antiskid system and hydraulics application for brake system

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# Aircraft Brake Systems

- Aircraft brake system functions:
  - Stop the aircraft during landing or rejected take-off runs;
  - Allow aircraft ground maneuvers during taxiing;
  - Park the aircraft;
  - Halt the wheels rotation during landing gear retraction.
- Brake system types:
  - Drum-and-Shoe Brakes:
    - Early brakes, similar to automobile ones.
    - Drum-and-shoe types:
      - Metal shoe with a riveted lining of asbestos composition.
      - Cast iron drum.
    - Brake actuation:
      - Mechanical actuation (cables, coil springs).
      - Hydrostatic pressure (master cylinders).
    - A/C Examples: Piper Cub, Boeing B-29, etc.

# Aircraft Brake Systems

- Brake system types:
  - Disk-Types Brakes
    - Higher thermal energy dissipation capacity.
    - Single-disk brakes:
      - Small aircraft.
      - A/C Examples: EMB-312, etc.
    - Multiple-disk brakes
      - Large aircraft.
      - A/C Examples: EMB-170, Boeing 747, etc.
    - Disk materials
      - Steel, berilium, carbon composite.
    - Brake actuation:
      - Hydraulic system pressure.
      - Pilot input by means of brake pedals.
      - Pressure modulation through proportional valves (hydraulically or electrically operated).



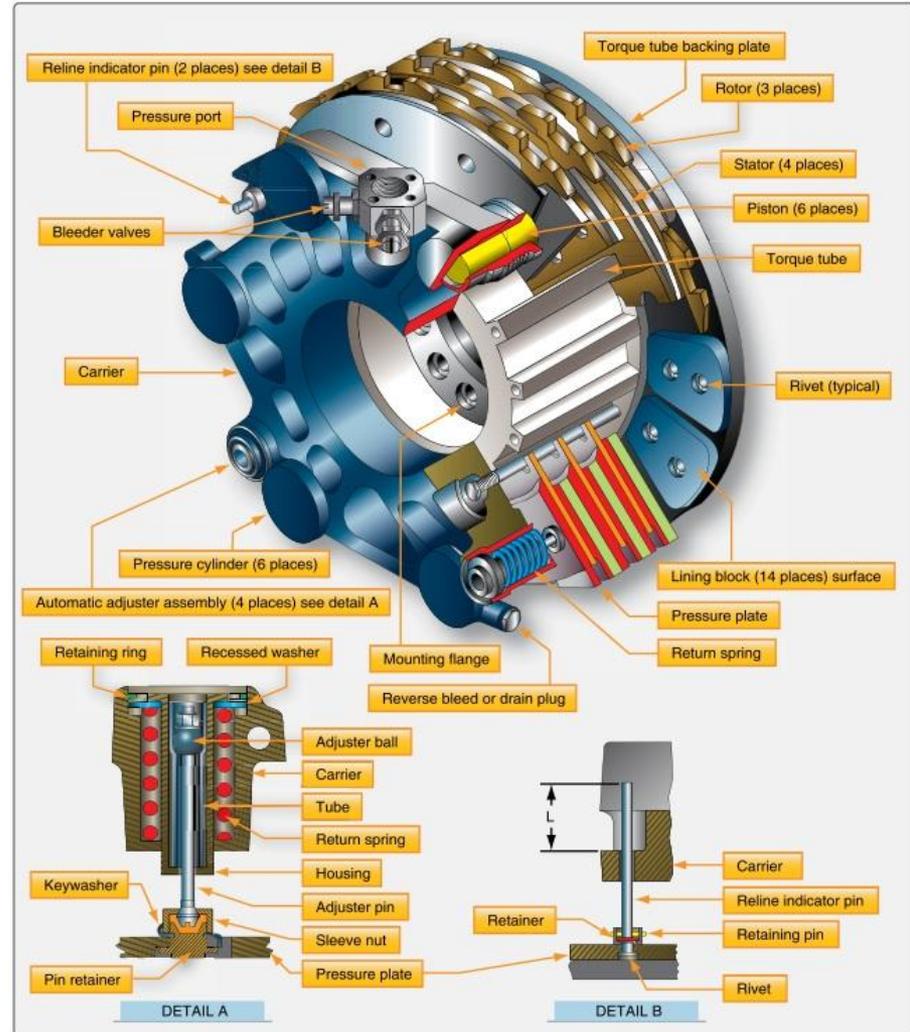
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# Aircraft Brake Systems

- Brake system types:
  - Disk-Types Brakes
    - Boeing 737 brake assembly.



Source: [UNITED STATES, 2012b]

# Aircraft Brake Systems

- Brake system types:
  - Electric Brakes
    - Current studies and innovative applications.
    - Brake actuation and control:
      - Digital electronics.
      - Electromechanical actuators.
    - Claimed advantages:
      - Absence of hydraulic leakages (maintenance gains).
      - Good reliability.
      - Data record and monitoring facilities.
    - A/C Examples: RQ-4B Global Hawk, Boeing 787 Dreamliner, etc.



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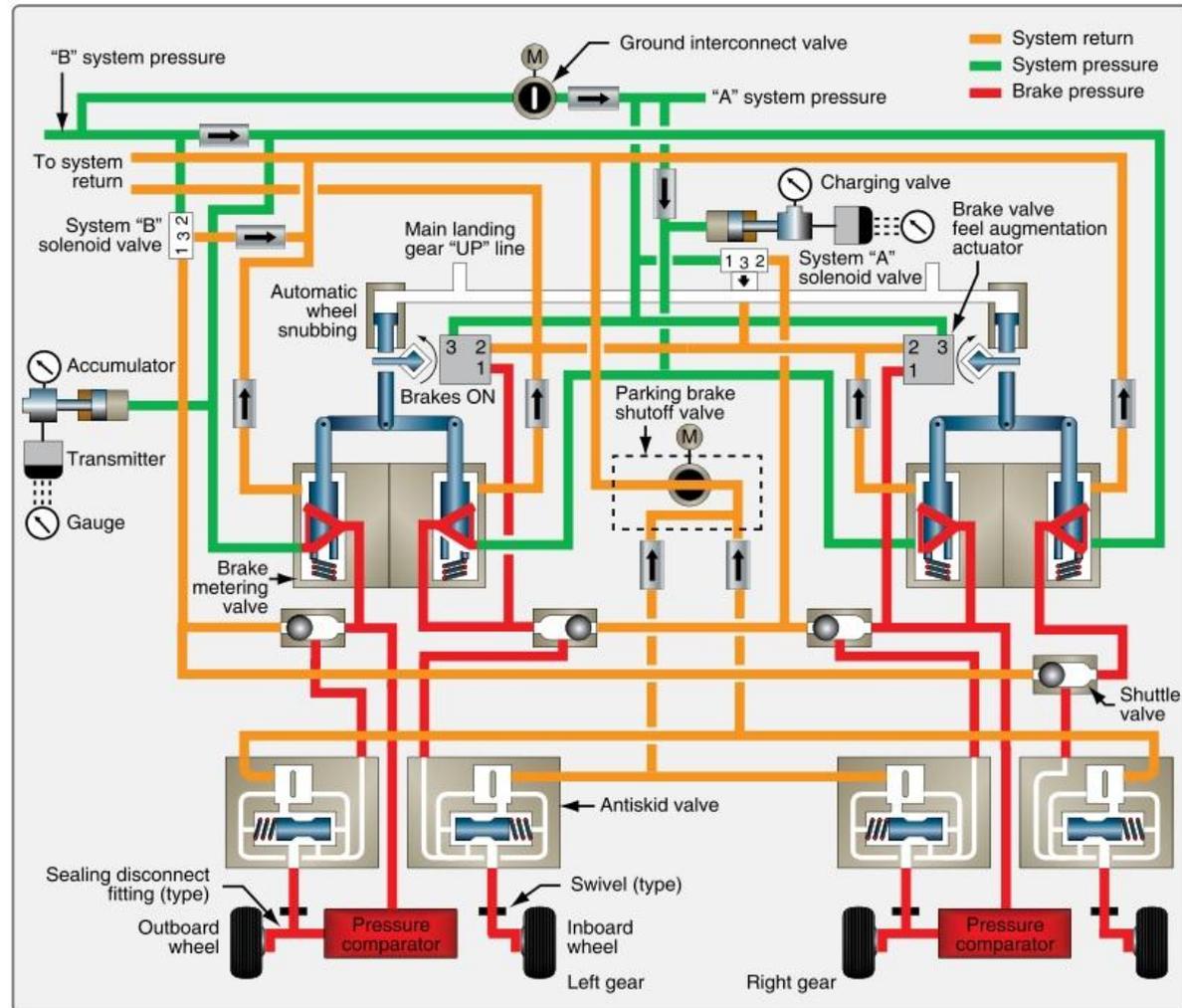


# Hydraulics for Brake System Operation

- Characteristics:
  - Introduction on aircraft in the early 1930s.
  - Most currently applied throughout the world.
- Hydraulic power advantages:
  - High power-to-weight ratio;
  - Relatively low initial costs;
  - Acceptable maintenance costs;
  - Flexibility of installation;
  - Good reliability;
  - Self-lubrication.
- Main components found:
  - Tubing, hoses, fittings.
  - Hydraulic accumulators.
  - Several types of valves: proportional, check, shuttle, restrictor, shutoff, etc.
  - Master cylinders.

# Hydraulics for Brake System Operation

Boeing 737  
brake system



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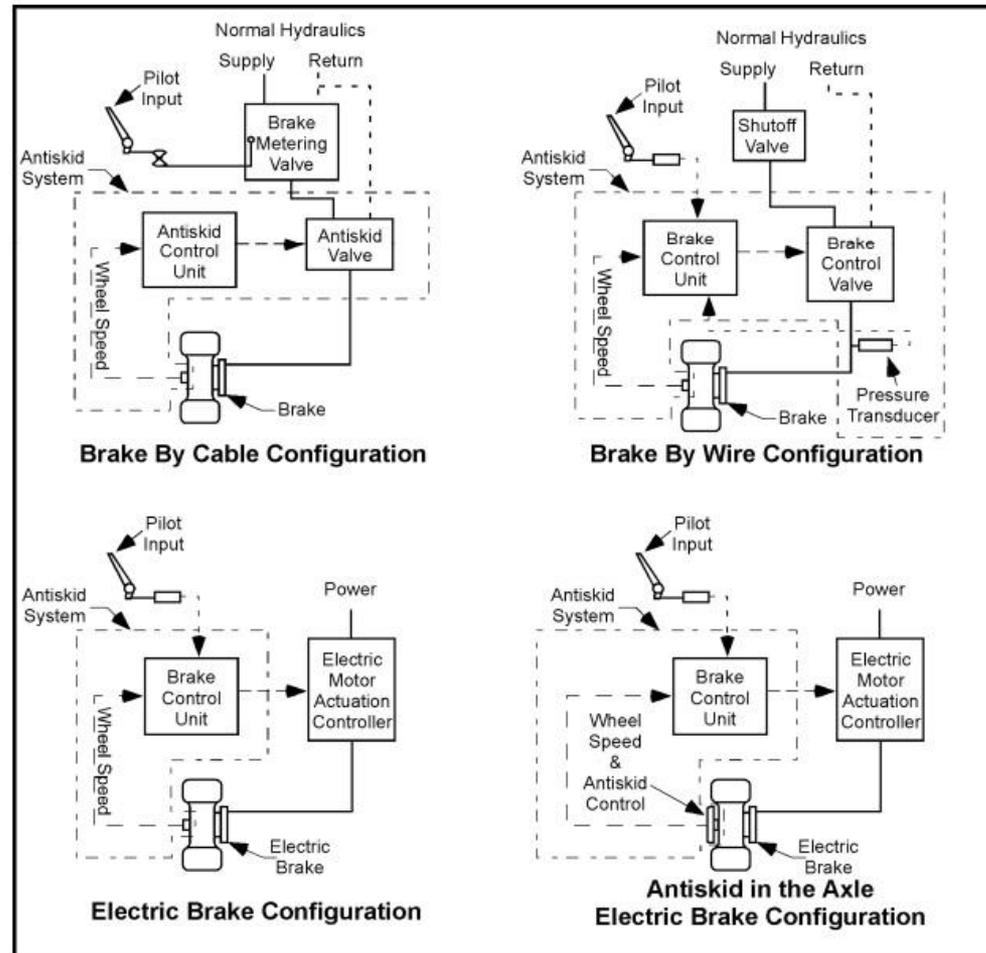
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# Review of Antiskid Systems

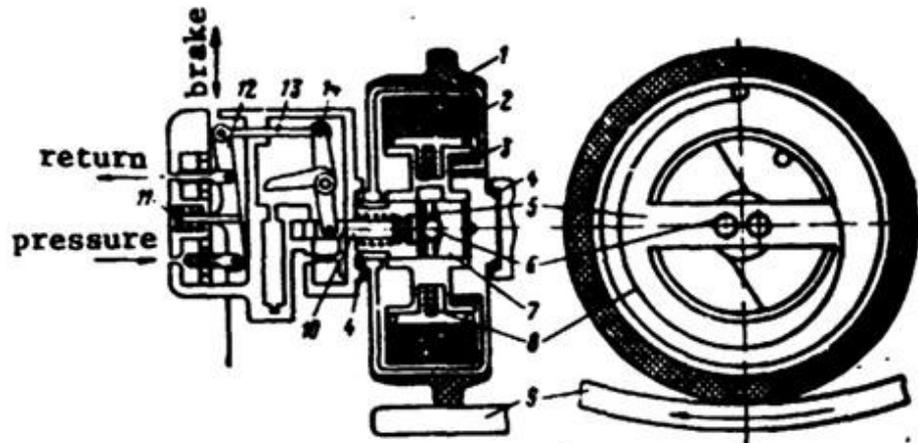
- Antiskid system schematics:

Source: [SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS, 2012]

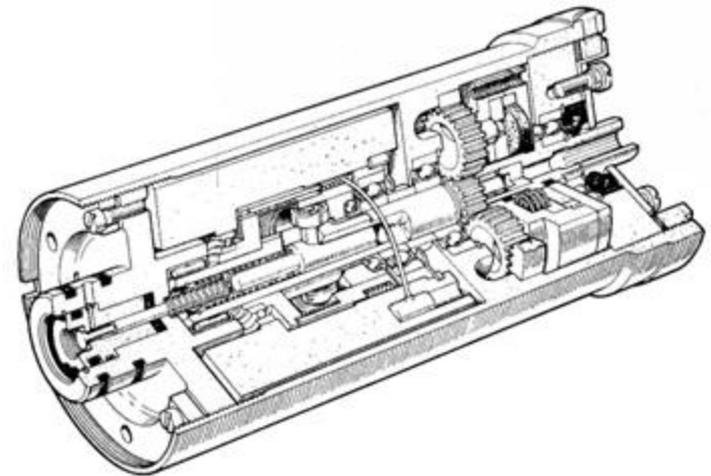


# Review of Antiskid Systems

- Early systems:
  - Remote actuation
    - Electrical or electroinertial controller.
    - Hydro-Aire Mark I (1948): mechanical device or relay-operated solenoid valve.
  - Direct actuation
    - Sensor and valve: unique component on brake assembly.
    - Dunlop Maxaret.



Source: [ZVEREV; KOKONIN, 1975]



Source: [MOIR; SEABRIDGE, 2001]



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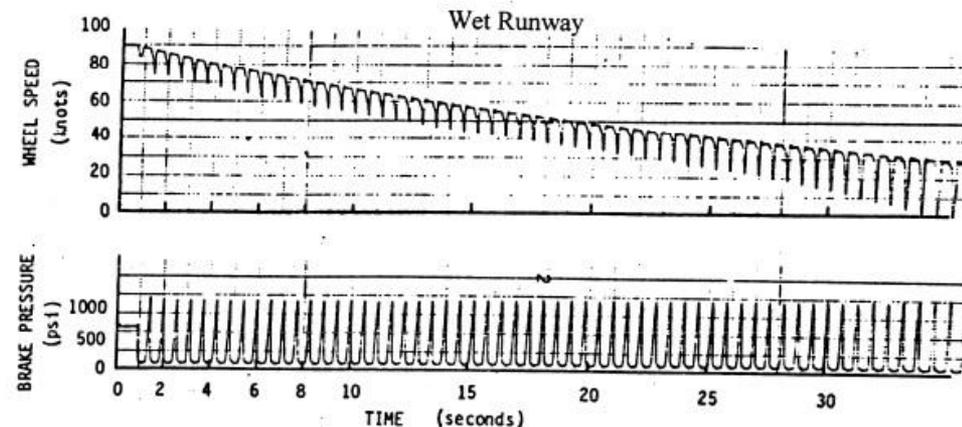
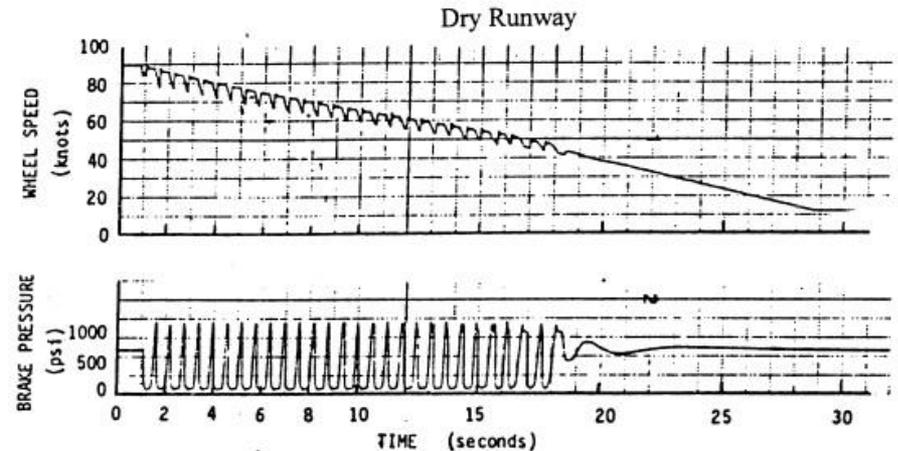
- Electronics development (20th century):
  - Segregation between controller and sensors:
    - Electronic controller: input circuit and power amplifier.
    - Tachogenerators: DC or AC generator (AC/DC converter).
  - More complex control algorithm:
    - Hydro-Aire Mark II (1958).
    - Hydro-Aire Mark III (1967).
    - Goodyear Adaptive Brake Control System.
- Digital systems:
  - Microprocessor-based system:
    - Control over a broader range of aircraft performance.
  - Improved control algorithm:
    - Hydro-Aire Mark IV and V.



# Review of Antiskid Systems

- Antiskid system types:
  - ON-OFF (Open-closed) Systems:
    - Incipient locked-wheel condition: brake pressure release.
    - Spin-up to synchronous speed: brake pressure reapplication.
    - Significant brake pressure oscillation and slow time response.
    - A/C example: B-52.

On-Off System



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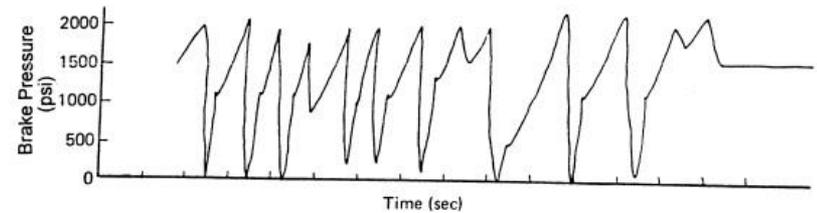
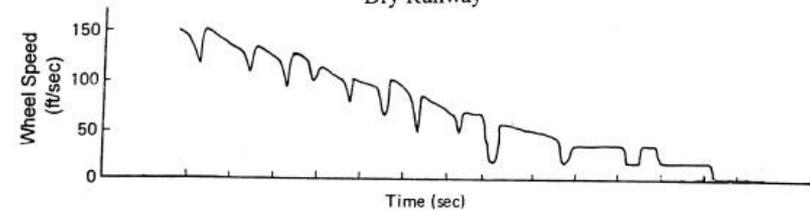
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- Antiskid system types:
  - Modulating (Quasi-Modulating) Systems:
    - Pre-programmed sequence.
    - Incipient locked-wheel condition: brake pressure release.
    - Brake pressure held off according to skid depth.
    - Brake pressure reapplied to a lower level and ramped up until a new skid starts: Pressure Bias Modulation (PBM).
    - Efficient on dry runways.
    - A/C example: Convair 990.

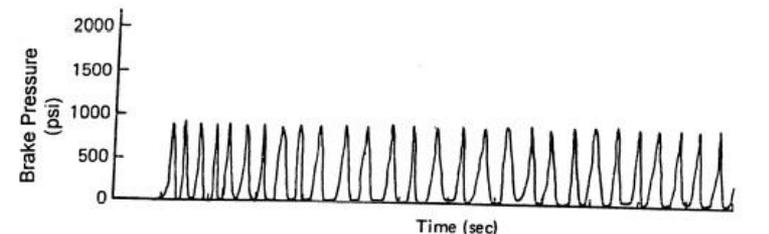
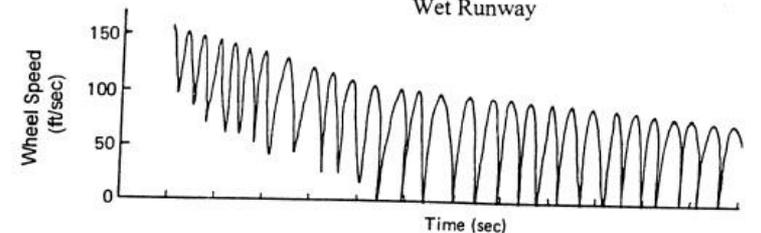
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Quasi-Modulating System

Dry Runway



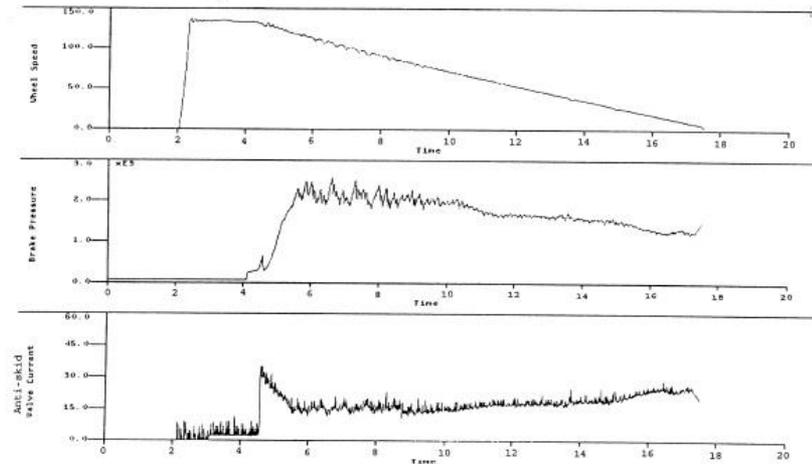
Wet Runway



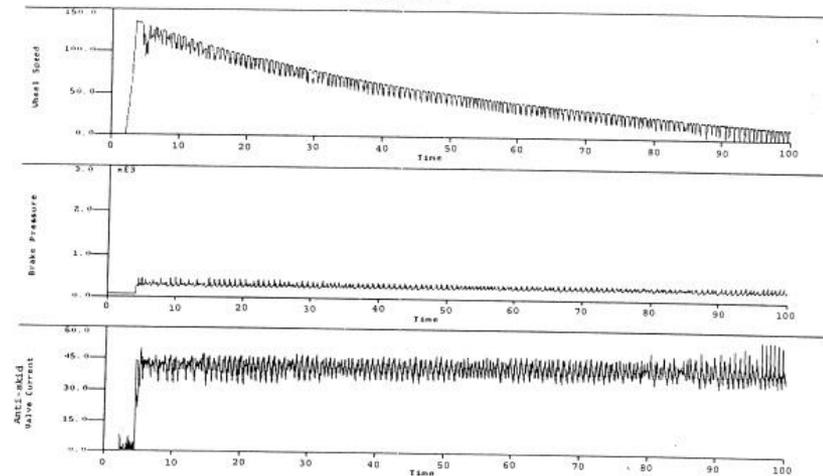
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- Antiskid system types:
  - Adaptive (Fully-Modulating) Systems:
    - Advanced control logic: high frequency wheel speed transducers, multiple data control functions and nonlinear computing elements.
    - Based on wheel-speed time history.
    - Control over the optimum braking: slip ratio.
    - Efficient on dry and wet runways.
    - A/C examples: DC9-30, Boeing 747, B757 and B767.

Fully Modulating System  
Dry Runway



Wet Runway



Source: [UNITED STATES, 2012a]

# Review of Antiskid Systems

- Antiskid system functionalities:
  - Basic function:
    - Prevent a locked-wheel condition and optimize braking performance (“ABS”).
    - Control criterion:
      - Deceleration rate / Slip velocity / Slip ratio.
  - Additional functions:
    - Touchdown Protection:
      - Prevent brake application during touchdown at wheels spin-up;
      - Tires subjected to a high load / acceleration condition.
    - Locked-Wheel Protection:
      - Compare the deceleration of paired-wheels or combination of wheels;
      - Avoid inadvertent yaw moments due to asymmetrical braking.
    - Hydroplaning Protection:
      - Hydroplaning condition;
      - Release brake pressure in the wheel whose speed is inferior to a percentage of aircraft speed.
    - Drop-out Function:
      - System becomes inactive below a threshold value (10 kt to 20 kt);
      - Allow ground taxiing maneuvers.
    - BIT (Built-in Test) Function:
      - System monitoring circuit;
      - Identify electrical failures.



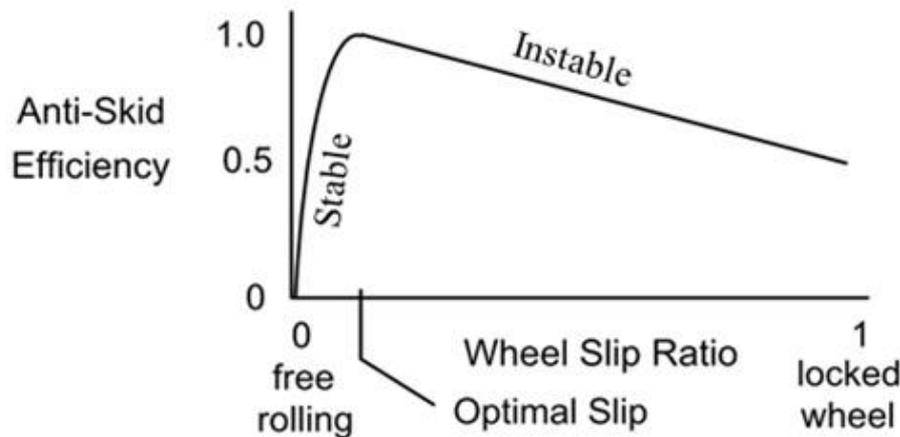
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# Main Antiskid System Requirements

- System performance:
  - Stop the aircraft within the required runway length;
  - Operation on dry and wet runways;
  - Good efficiency for all hydraulic system operational conditions.

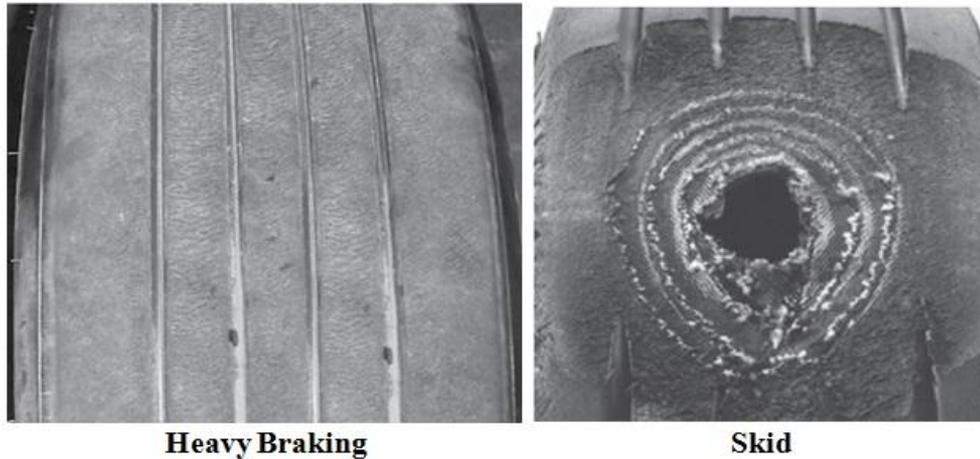


Source: [Adapted from UNITED STATES, 2012a]

- Comfort:
  - Smooth braking.

# Main Antiskid System Requirements

- Tire wear:
  - Avoid uneven tire wear;
  - Prevent a locked-wheel condition and tire blow-out.



Source: [GOODYEAR, 2011]

- Safety Assessment:
  - Reliability, adequate installation and robust design.
- Landing gear interaction:
  - Do not result in landing gear instabilities.

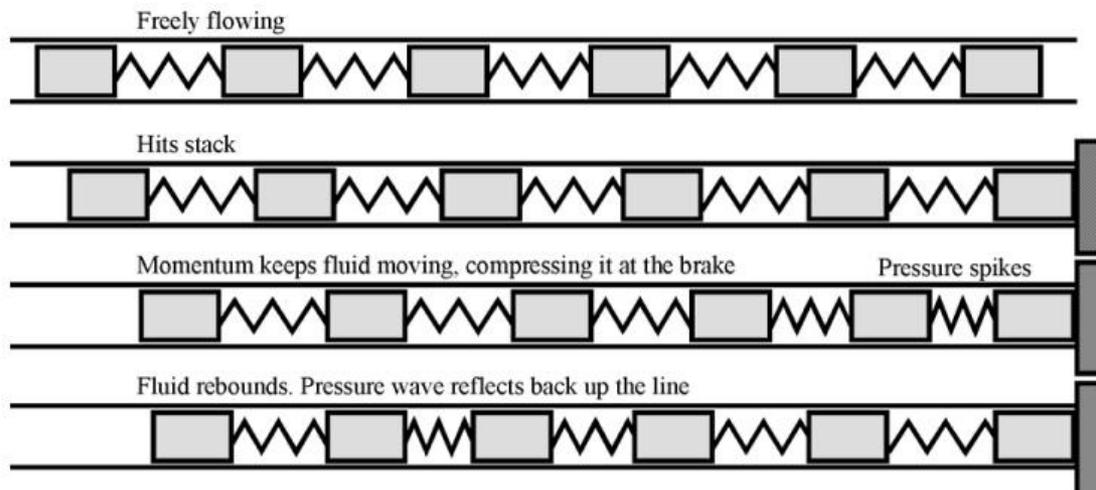


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# Hydraulic Dynamics-Related Issues

- Hydraulic installation layout:
  - High tubing length:
    - Pressure drop, fluid inertance and fluid compliance:
      - Influence on system frequency and time response;
      - Impacts on antiskid efficiency.
    - Water hammer effect:
      - Pressure surge (deep skid);
      - Loss of antiskid efficiency or asymmetric braking;
      - Delta pressure varies with temperature: control algorithm difficulties.



Source: [SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS, 2012]



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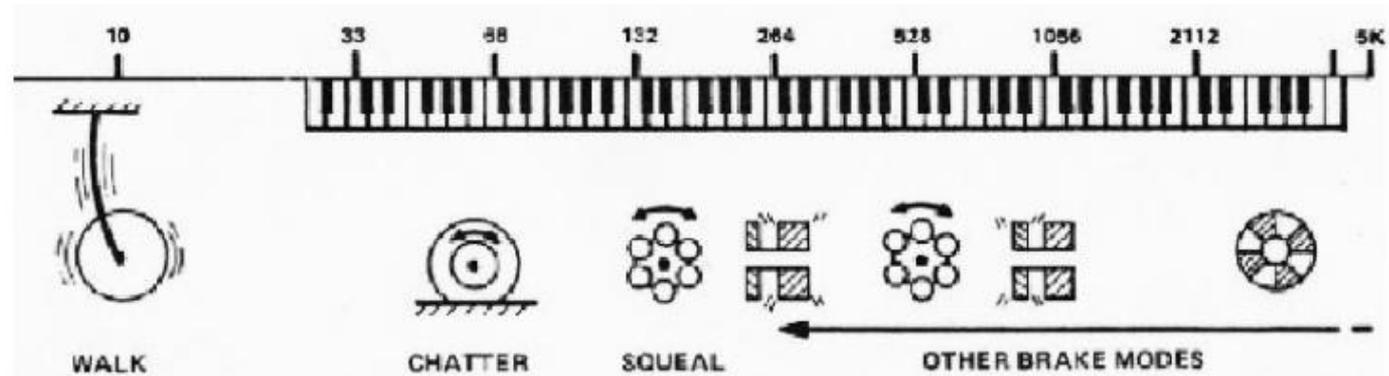
- Hydraulic installation components:
  - May reduce antiskid system efficiency:
    - Flexible lines and hoses;
    - Tubing with too small or too large diameter;
    - Components with high pressure drop: valves, swivel fittings, etc.
    - Line entrapped air;
    - Inadequate hydraulic system return line design.
- Landing gear instabilities:
  - Hydro-Aire Mark I / II: not a concern ( $f = 3.5$  Hz);
  - From Hydro-Aire Mark III on: a significant concern ( $f > 50$  Hz);
  - Brake system hydraulic dynamics influence;
  - Main phenomena: shimmy, gear walk, brake squeal, brake chatter.

# Hydraulic Dynamics-Related Issues

- Landing gear instabilities:



Source: [LERNBEISS, 2003 apud KHAPANE, 2008]



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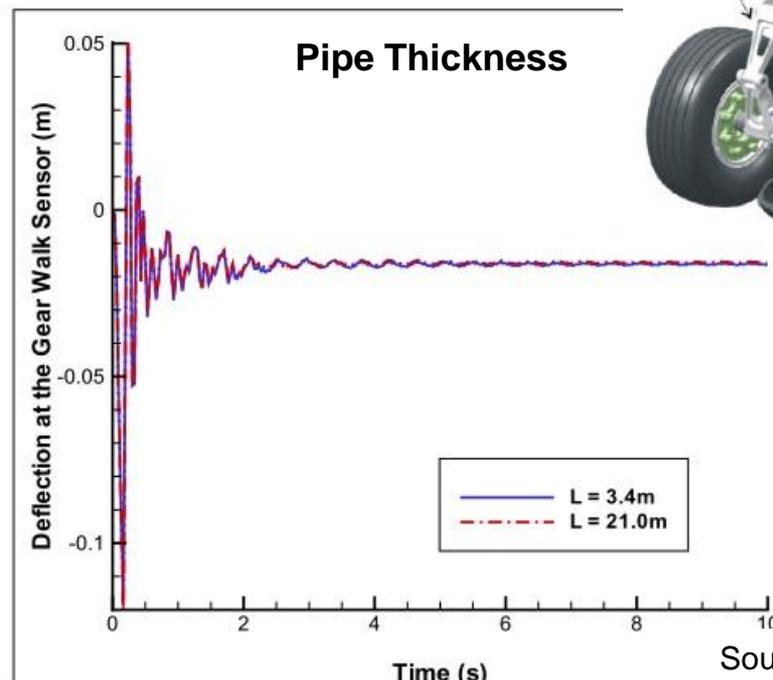
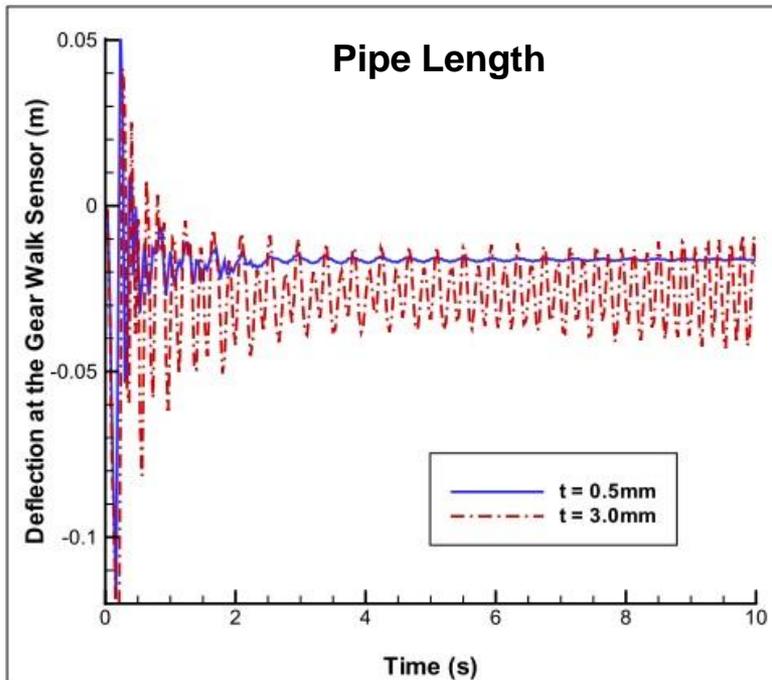
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- Landing gear instabilities:
  - Case Study (KHAPANE, 2008):
    - Two-mass model of a flexible landing gear;
    - Hydraulic line parameters considered: pipe length and thickness;
    - Effect evaluated: gear walking.

Landing gear type:



Source: [KHAPANE, 2008]



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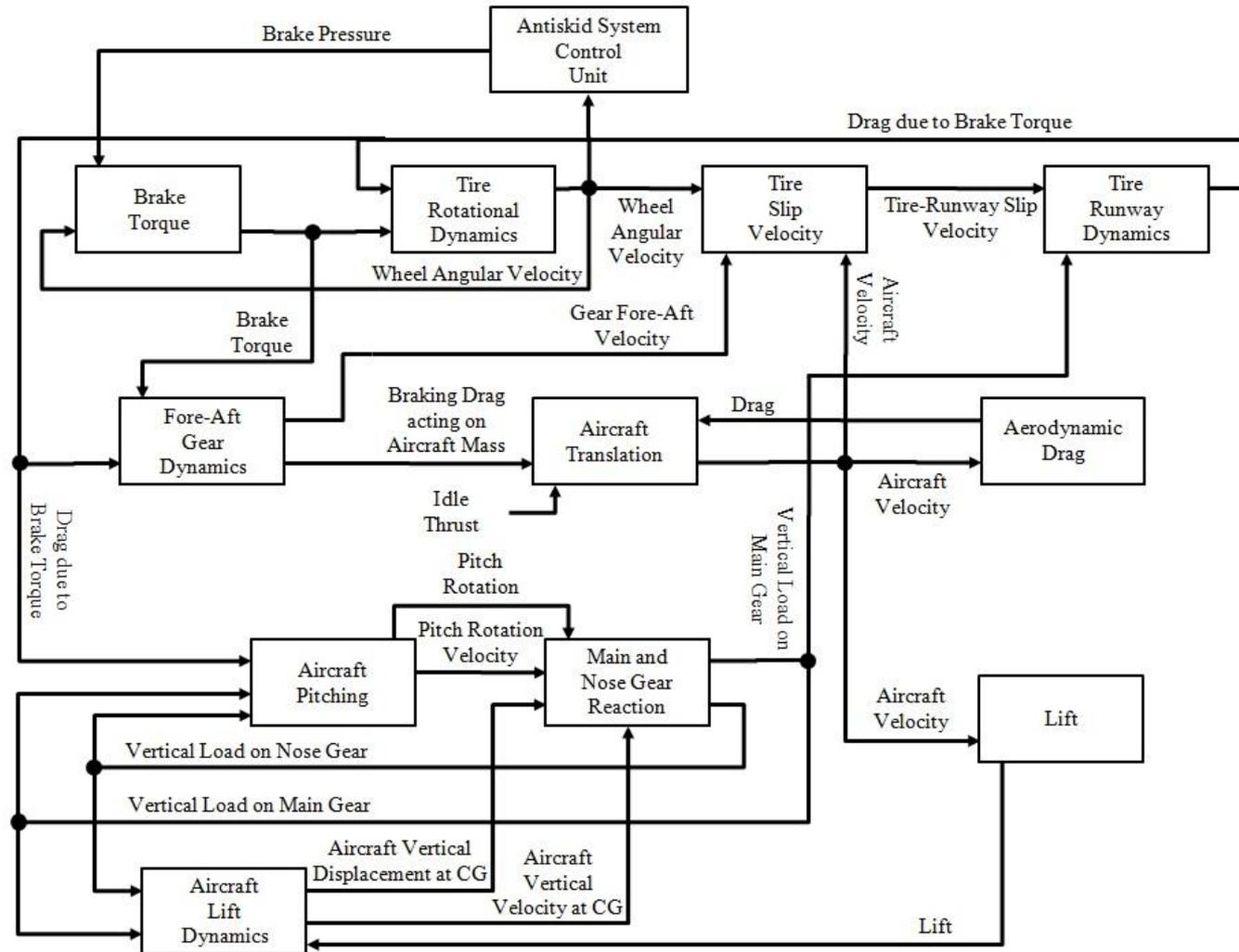
# Modeling and Simulation

- System Model:
  - “Executable specification” (ANTHONY; FRIEDMAN, 2014).
- Industry application:
  - Early systems: cut-and-try methods with extensive test campaign;
  - Modulated systems: introduction of system simulation (system interface).
- Current Practices:
  - System tuning:
    - Use of simulation to adjust system controller gains;
    - Optimize system performance throughout operational envelope.
  - Failure simulation:
    - Simulation of critical conditions and/or component failures.
  - Simulation types:
    - “Pure” simulation;
    - “Hardware in the loop”: rig (mock-up).



# Modeling and Simulation

- Complete Block Diagram:



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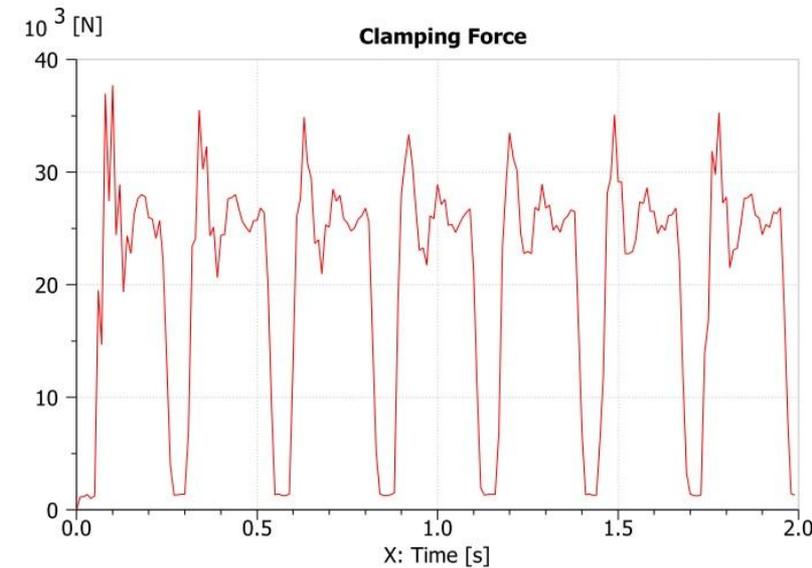
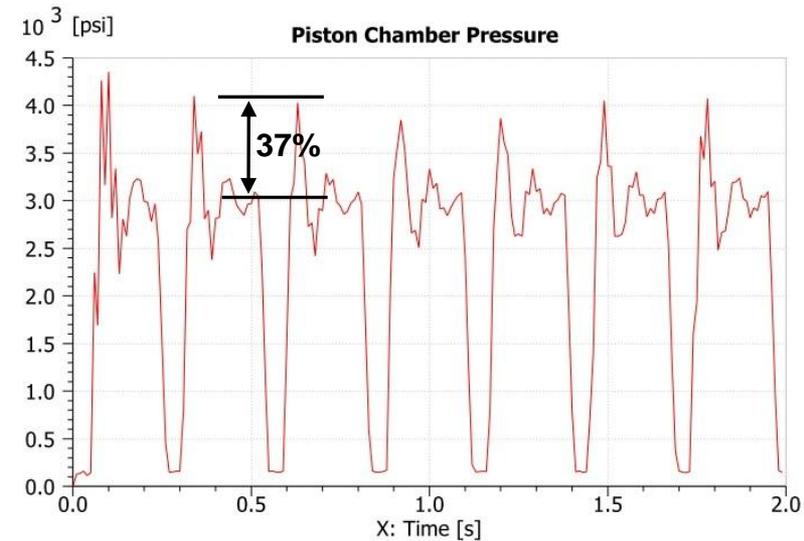
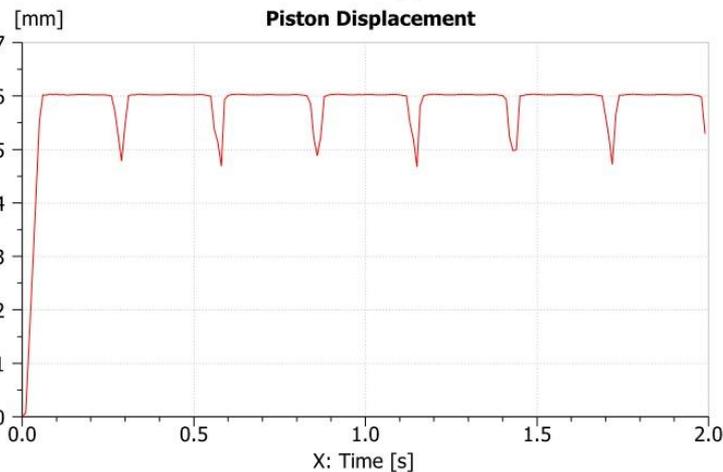
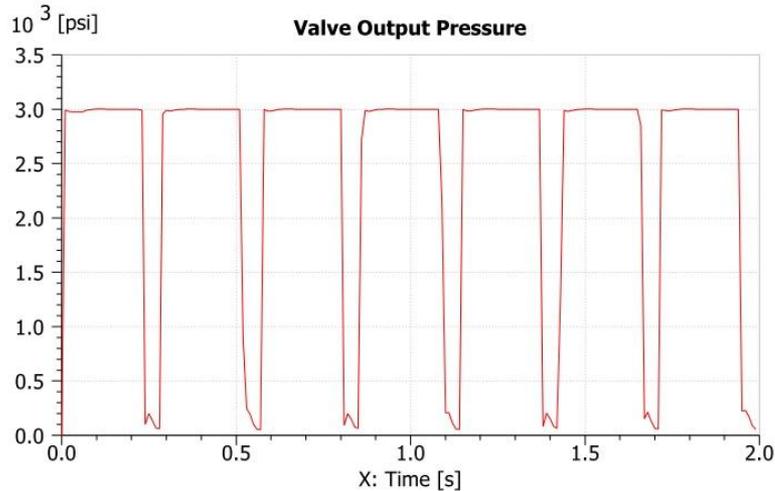
# Modeling and Simulation

- Example of a simplified brake system:
  - Impacts of hydraulic system geometry on system response.
  - Software: LMS® Imagine.Lab AMESim
  - Brake assembly: 4 piston multiple-disk type.
  - Pipe model: HLG0020D (hydraulic line CFD 1D Lax-Wendroff):
    - Continuous model;
    - Rigid tube;
    - 1D Navier-Stokes equations;
    - Developed to compute wave effects with a high level of accuracy.
  - Hose model: HH04R (simple wave equation hydraulic pipe/hose: C-IR):
    - Lumped model;
    - Compressibility, friction and fluid inertia are considered;
    - Effective bulk modulus: fluid compressibility and hose wall flexibility.
  - Valve Actuation: Square wave.
    - Frequency: 3.5 Hz;
    - Pulse ratio: 80% (1 cycle: 80% operated, 20% no signal);
    - Simulates an “on-off” antiskid system.



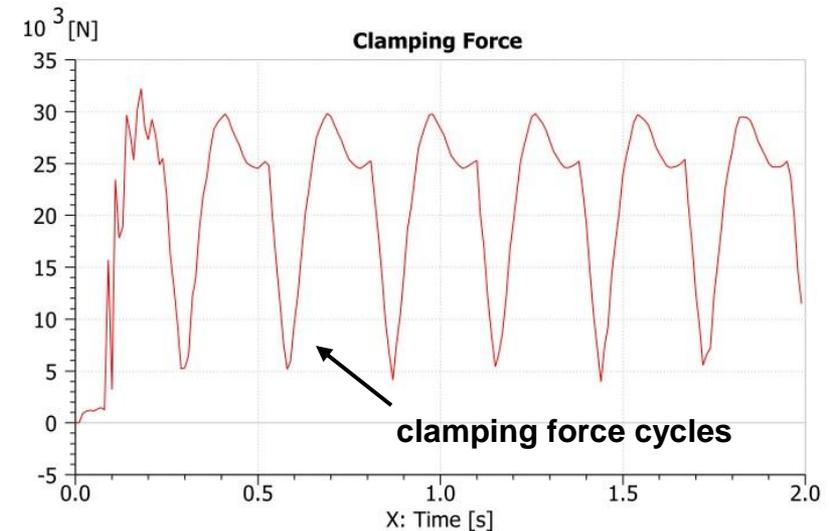
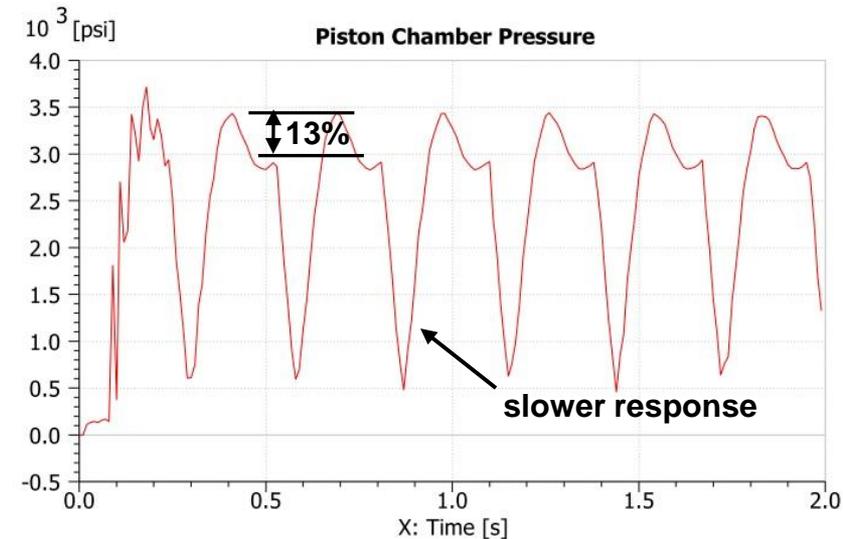
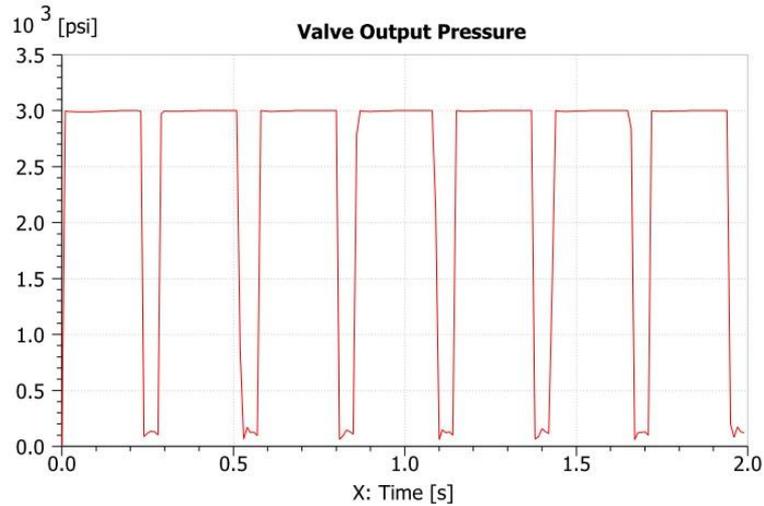
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- Nominal conditions.



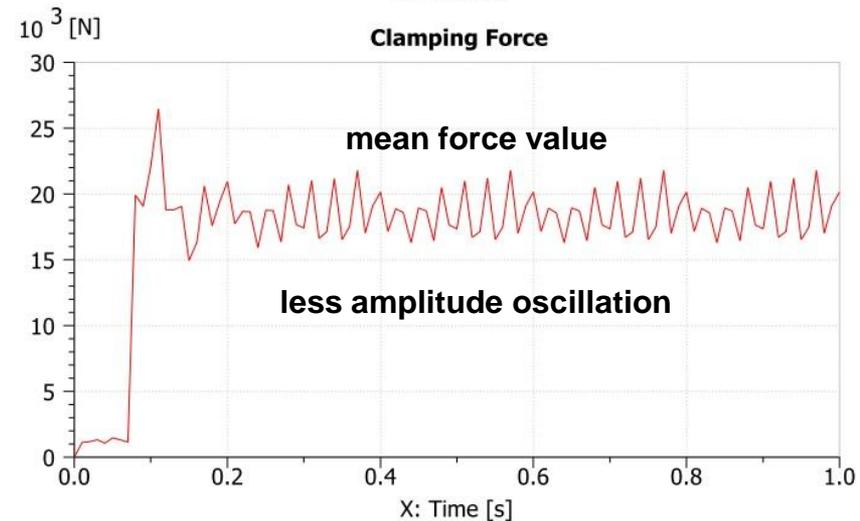
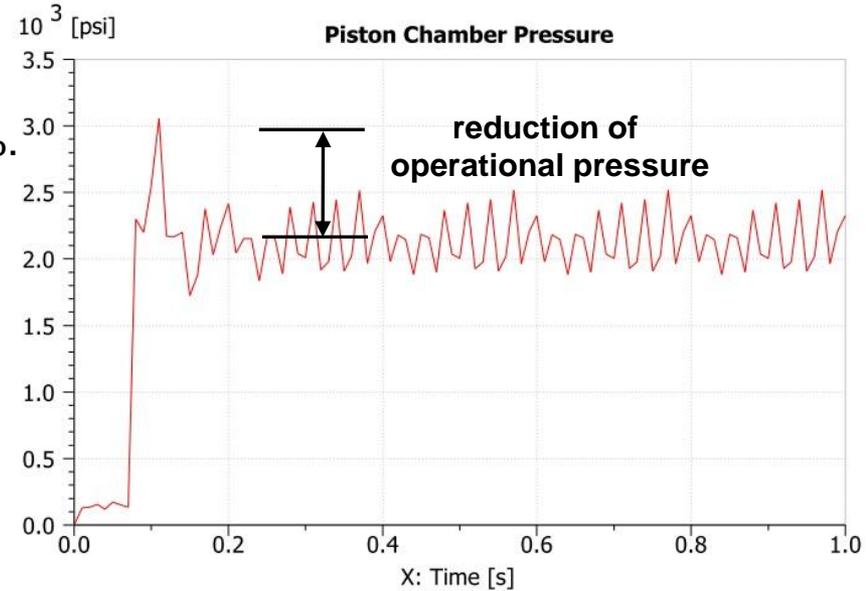
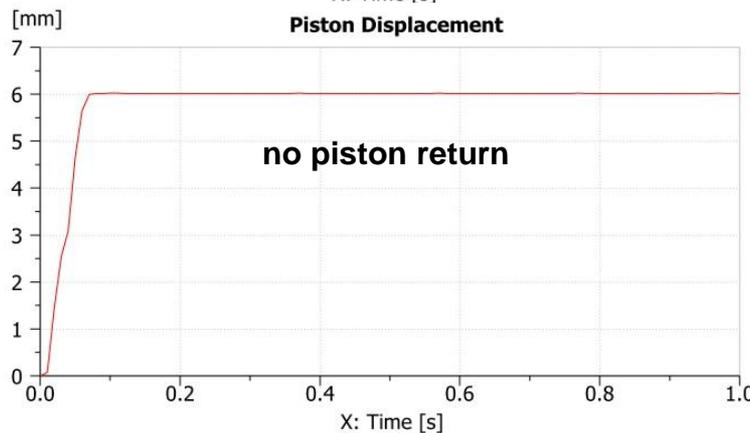
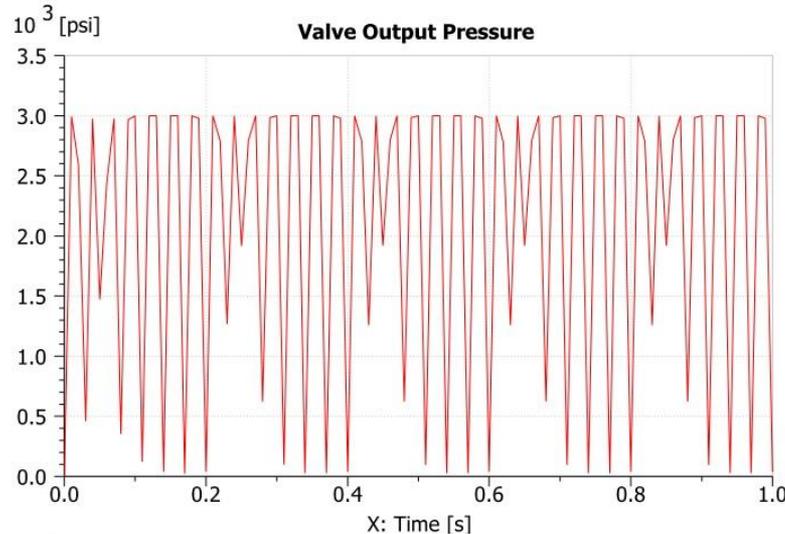
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- Tubes/Hoses: 100% increased length.



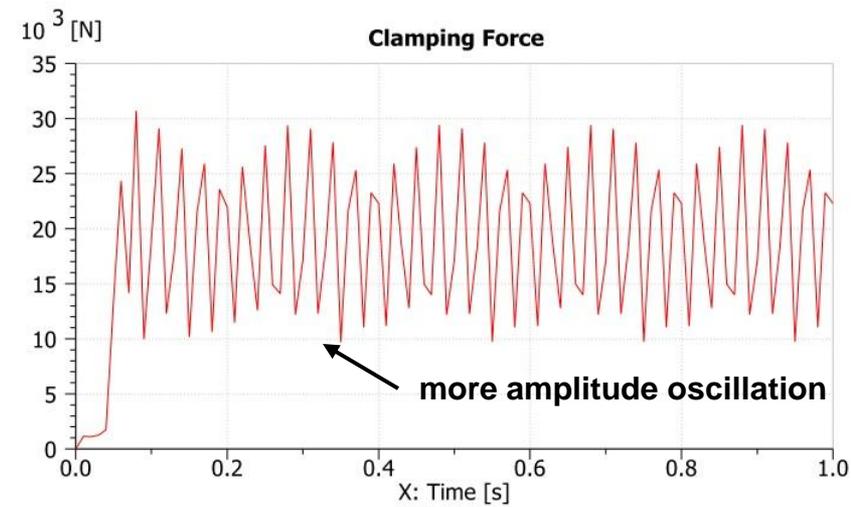
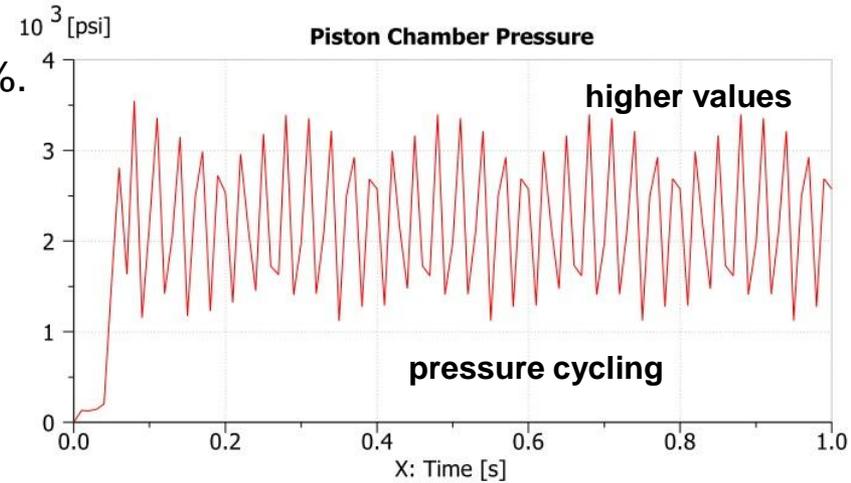
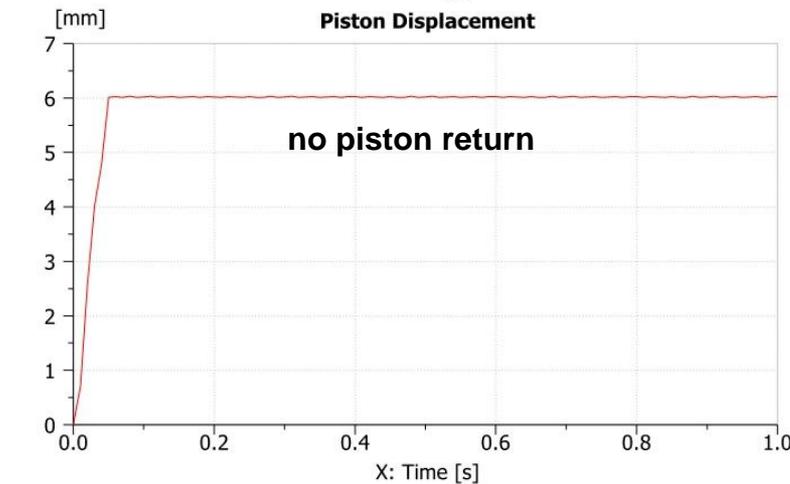
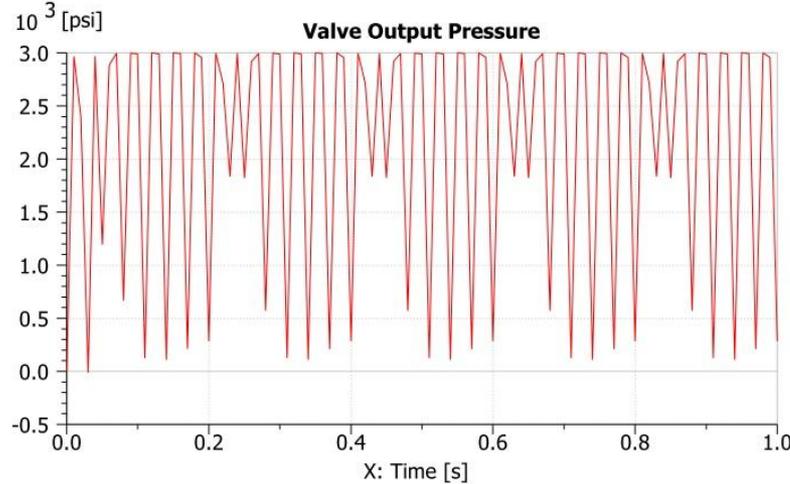
# Modeling and Simulation

- Nominal dimensions, 35 Hz, pulse ratio = 60 %.



# Modeling and Simulation

- Tubes/Hoses: 50% reduced length, 35 Hz, 60 %.





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# Conclusions

- Hydraulic power for aircraft brake systems:
  - Most currently applied throughout the world;
  - Considerable advantages.
- Antiskid system:
  - Significant development since early systems;
  - Several functionalities;
  - Important requirements: efficiency, safety, comfort, tire wear, landing gear stability.
- Impacts of hydraulic dynamics on antiskid system:
  - May affect system response and its efficiency;
  - May result in landing gear instability problems.
- System modeling and simulation:
  - Powerful tool for antiskid system design, tuning and sensibility analysis;
  - An example of the impacts of hydraulic system geometry on system response has been provided: shows the importance of system optimization.



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