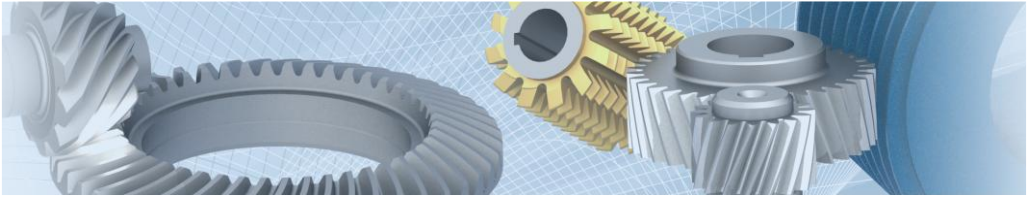


V. Investigation of the Influence of Waviness on the Excitation Behavior of Gears in the Tooth Contact Analysis –

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The aim of the report is to investigate the effects of waviness on the acoustics behavior of gear pairs. In this paper, an analytical model is used to explain the effects in theory. Afterwards the FE-based tooth contact analysis software ZAKO3D is used to calculate the behavior in detail. Key takeaways are, that a difference between β_b and β_w does not immediately lead to a reduction of the amplitude of the waviness order. The effect depends on the wavelength and the tooth width. Also, it is shown, that there are cross influences between width crowning and waviness.



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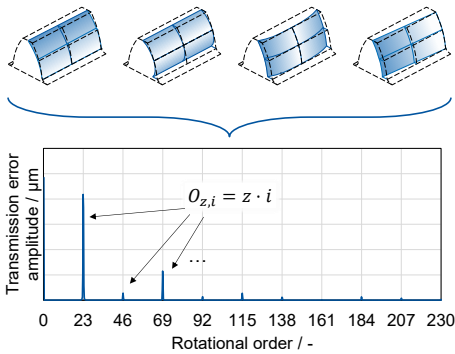
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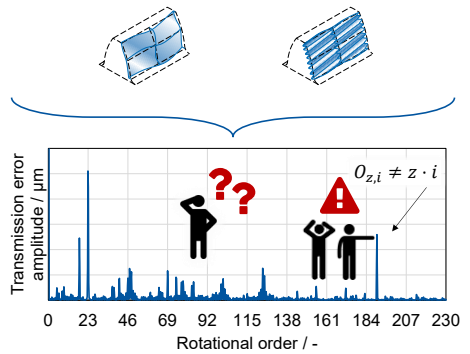
Introduction and Motivation

Ghost Frequencies

„Normal“ Excitation



„Ghost“ Excitation



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Objective and Approach

Definition of Objective

Objective

Developing an understanding of the excitation behavior of waviness on tooth flanks



Objective and Approach

Questions to be Answered

Objective

Developing an understanding of the excitation behavior of waviness on tooth flanks

- What does a waviness look like and how can it be described?
- How does an excitation arise from a wavy tooth flank?
- What cross influence do other micro geometries and torque have on the excitation?

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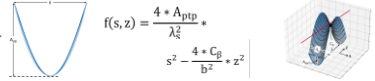
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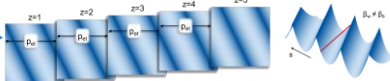
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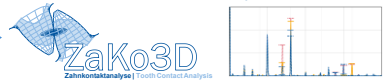
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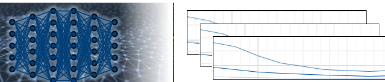
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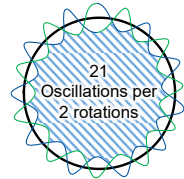
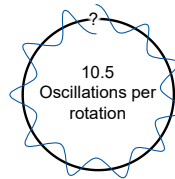
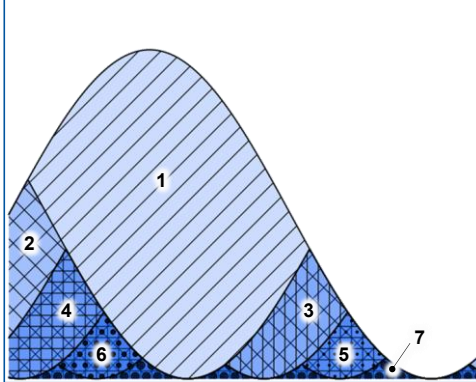
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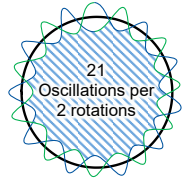
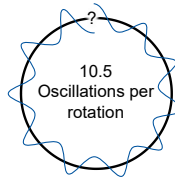
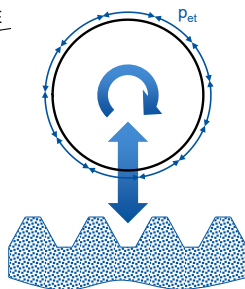
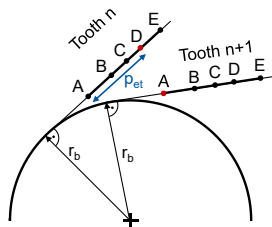
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Description of Waviness Formation

Material Removal over Several Workpiece Rotations

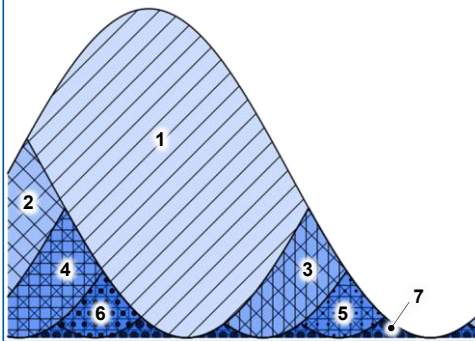


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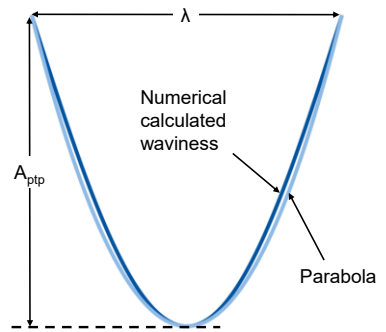


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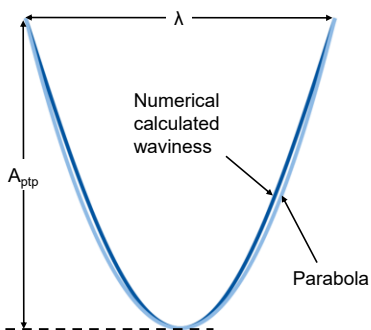


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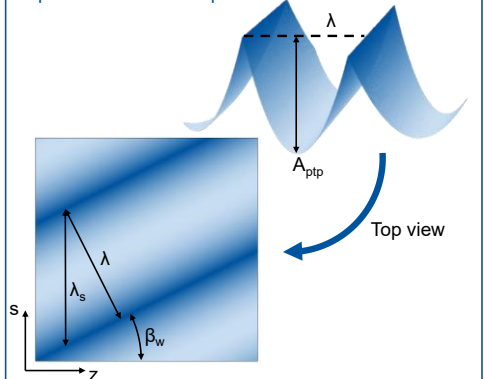


Description of Waviness Parameterization

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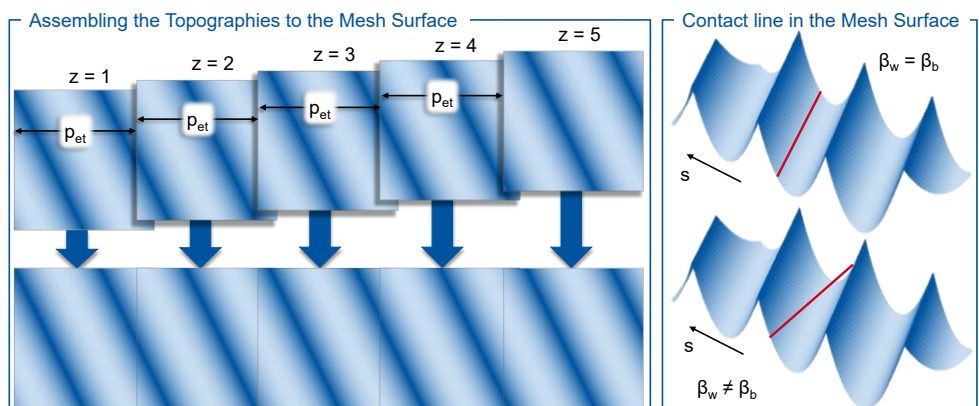


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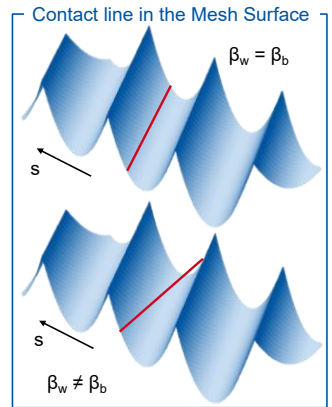
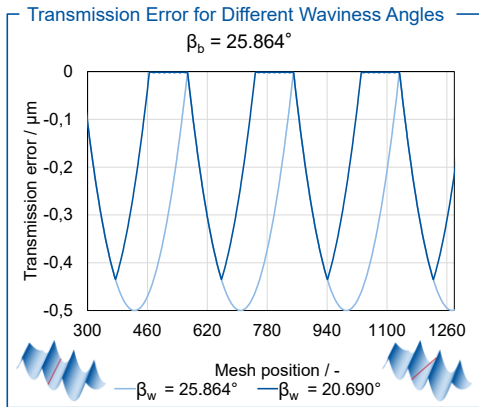
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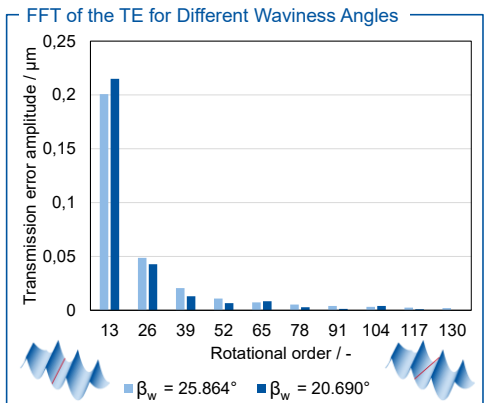
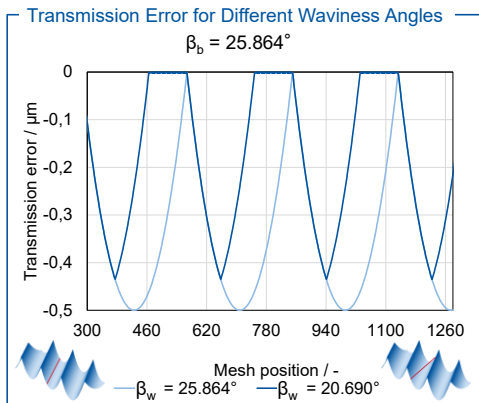
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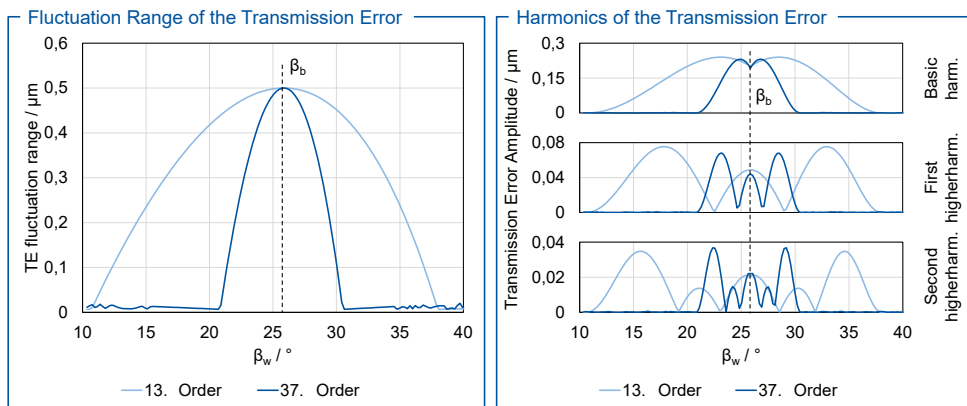
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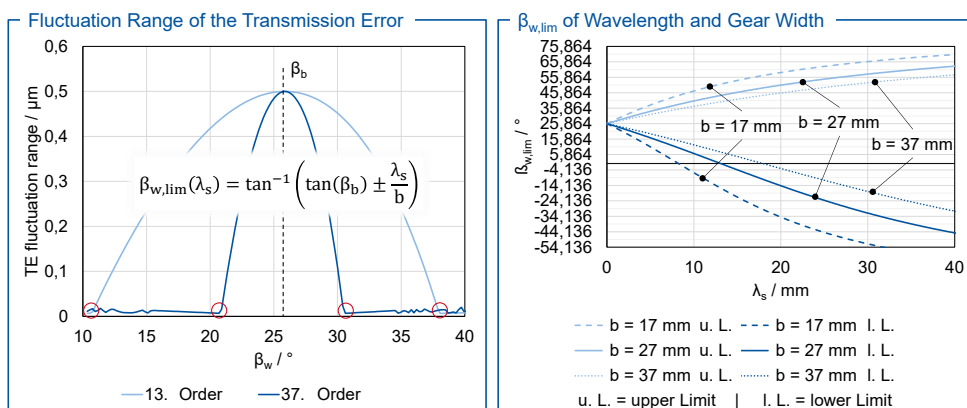
Wavelength Dependency of the Angular Influence of the Waviness on the Transmission Error



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Calculation of the Limiting Wavelength / Influence of the Tooth Width



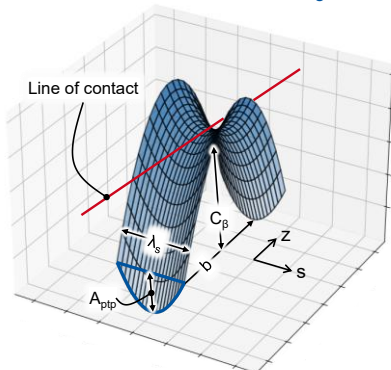
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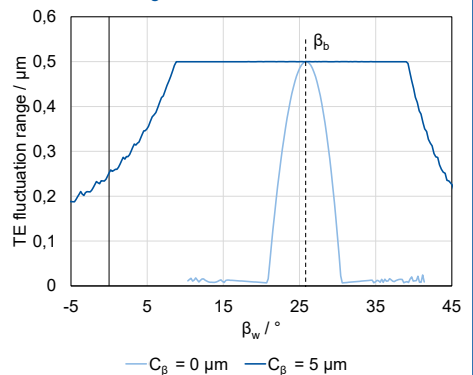
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Influence of Micro Geometries and Load Influence of Width Crowning Load-Free

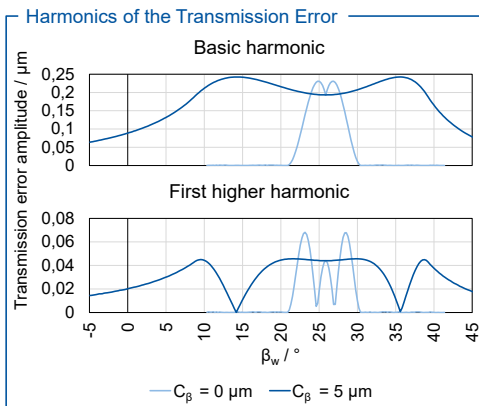
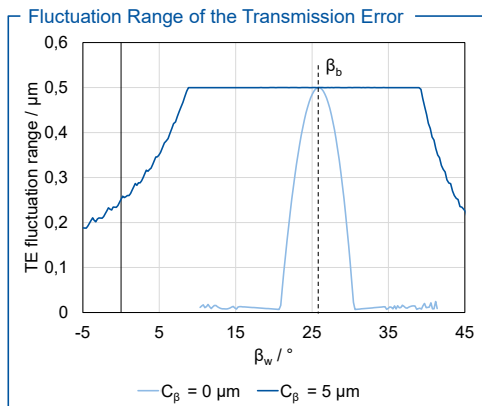
Double Parabola: Waviness + Crowning



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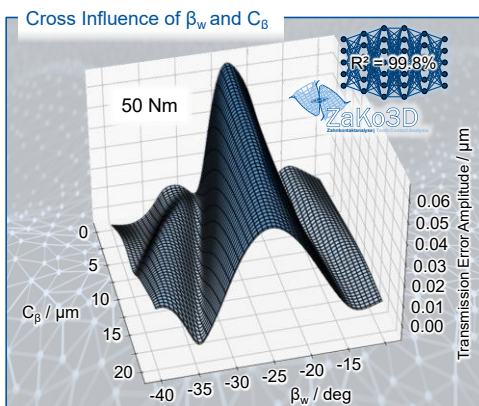
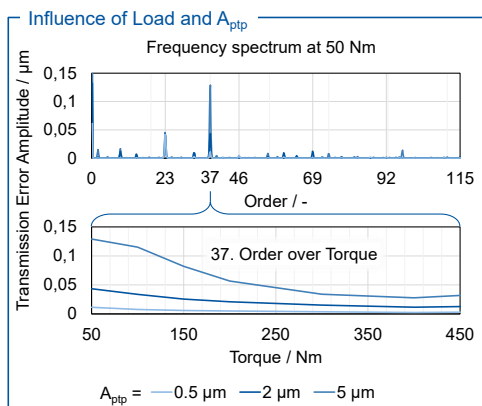


Influence of Micro Geometries and Load Influence of Width Crowning Load-Free in the Frequency Domain



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Influence of Micro Geometries and Load Behavior of the Waviness Amplitude under Load



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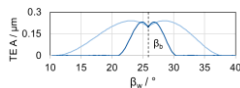
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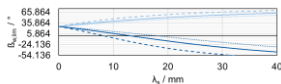
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Summary

- A difference between β_b and β_w doesn't immediately lead to a reduction of the amplitude of the waviness order



- The effect depends on the wavelength and the tooth width



- There are cross influences between width crowning and waviness

Outlook

- Investigation of the cross influences of other micro geometries with waviness under load

