

An Extensive Investigation of Difficulties of Preparing Magneto-rheological Fluids

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Abstract

There has been a surge in interest in the use of smart material technologies in recent years. The capacity to offer multifunctional behaviour is one of the most important characteristics of smart materials. Magnetorheological fluids (MRFs) are one of the smart materials technologies that have been successfully used in a wide range of applications, including mechanical vibration engineering. Magnetorheological fluids may react to external stimuli by changing their physical characteristics, allowing for numerous improvements in current technologies and increasing their application flexibility and usefulness. Thus, magnetorheological fluid, a rheological substance whose viscosity changes visibly when a magnetic field is applied, is regarded as a smart material. These materials may be utilised to regulate engineering systems in both active and semi-active modes. The regulation of magnetorheological fluids and the relevant applications are also discussed. The paper discusses additives for overcoming difficulties in the production and use of magnetorheological fluids, such as particle incrustation, sedimentation, agglomeration, and oxidation. This highly sought property of field dependent yield stress and their fast reaction time to the applied magnetic field has piqued the interest of thousands of people who want to use such technology in a variety of applications. MR fluid technology has been shown to be useful in engineering and medical applications, and new uses are constantly being developed. These new applications, as well as many existing ones, expose the fluid to severe flow conditions. High shear and high velocity flow are two examples of flow settings or situations. The difficulty with such devices is the lack of knowledge about the behaviour of MR fluid under these unfavourable working circumstances. This article will examine the basic behaviour of MR fluid and show some of the current and upcoming MR fluid devices, providing important information to aspiring MR fluid researchers.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Magnetic suspensions (magnetorheological fluids and ferrofluids), electrorheological fluids (including conductive substances), and shape-memory metals [1] are among the most important wise compounds discovered thus far. Suspensions are fluids whose properties vary greatly depending on whether or not a magnetic field is present. Fluids manufactured by the American National Bureau of Standards were present in significant quantities. When a magnetic field is applied to contaminants in an MRF, it creates a dipole in each of the particles, which causes them to interact. The formation of an agglomeration system may potentially occur during the suspension. As a result of the magnetorheological reversible variations when the magnetic field is present [2]. For the aim of providing petroleum assets, MRF viscosity is used to suspend representatives and measure the volume percentage of impurities [5]. Features of fluids like viscosity and generating pressure may be altered by utilising a magnetic region. In the presence of the outside magnetic field, the liquid shows behaviour that's characterised by means of a generated strain and also a rise in viscosity [1, 6]. The magnetic field strength and management, as well as the liquid's speed, all influence the viscosity [7]. By varying the intensity of the magnetic field, one may regulate MRF rheological properties, including viscosity and stiffness [8]. The response period of MRFs is most relevant in the vast majority of applications for magnetorheological fluids. This time varies between 10 and 20 ms depending on the magnetic circuit architecture.

MRFs are still among the software's mechanical electromeports. If the fluid is made of regular density and

magnetorheology, it may have a vigorous return strain of up to 100 kPa [9]. Suspension software and a few characteristics are combined. Research has been conducted on magnetorheology since its discovery, as well as MRFs and other variables, in new buildings of the faculties of the researchers. Charles [10] categorised and studied fluid properties after a thorough examination. Inside this function, the synthesis procedures of these aggregations in addition to particles have been examined. Vicente et al. [1-1] investigated how MR suspension behaviour develops from its arrangement. They are devoted to regulating versions of MRFs and discussing this in detail. Carlson and Jolly [5] have studied the characteristics of magnetorheological fluids, including magazine netorheological foams along with magnetorheological elastomers, as well as his or her own programme. Their studies showed that software technological innovation that was magnetorheological contributed to building construction of such substances. Bossis et al. studied magnetorheological fluids to better understand their rheology. On account of this breakthrough in MR engineering studies, findings have improved recently, and several inspection publications have now been published in this area [1,5]. Generally, in the bulk of the publications, software and preparation of all MRFs are evaluated. The literature on stabilisation methods for these fluids has not yet been completed. Comprehensive research on the improvement and foundation of MRFs, as well as their own impact, seems essential in light of the growing use of magnetorheological fluid in current companies. The problem stated concerns fluids that are directly linked to the carrier fluid with sedimentation of iron impurities. Within this study, the goal will always be to offer an all-inclusive overall investigation and to show

the fluids' stabilising procedures. Because the MR results in each specific programme and the equilibrium are distinct from other software, a few of the MRF software have previously been presented. More in-depth understanding of the results and factors that were fruitful is needed to describe why MRF habits and rheological behaviour are handled in this situation. affects the effect of magnetorheological influence. They concluded that hydrodynamic and thermal forces are both influencing factors that must be taken into account when evaluating influence. Rheometry has been shown to be one of the most often encountered processes in magnetorheology in both Newtonian and goal-oriented research on non-Newtonian fluids. Theoretically, Zhang and Li examined the impact of friction on fluids. Their work showed that friction and force strength, in particular, had an impact on the MR outcome. Friction has been shown to have a greater impact on anxiety during shear deformations, even though it only accounts for a third of the total anxiety experienced during shear deformations. That's why the brute pressure in most 14 can't be discounted, the reason being. Yamaguchi et al. conducted a follow-up study to look into the first findings. Magnetorheological fluid rheology at a magnetic field is the focus of this website. Elasticity and viscosity were discovered to be related to particle area and focus in MRFs.

II. GENERAL PREPARATION OF MAGNETORHEOLOGICAL FLUIDS

Magnetorheological fluids are made up of a solid phase and a liquid phase that must be prepared separately. To improve the volume-to-mass ratio of the magnetic particles, the solid phase is coated with additives like guar gum in a specific

composition. Adding additives in a certain way and amount to the carrier fluid increases its density, and this is done in the liquid phase.

After that, the solid phase is introduced to the liquid phase and thoroughly mixed for a predetermined amount of time. of time.

The resultant mixture is then allowed to settle for a period of time to examine the magnetic particles' settling properties.

Sedimentation may easily be addressed by adding stabilisers and additives.

When exposed to a magnetic field, the solid phase particles act as tiny magnets and align along the magnetic field lines, creating lengthy chains in the magneticorheological fluid. Particles usually re-disperse in the solution when the ON switch is turned off, although this is not always the case. In magnetic fields, magnetorheological fluids' apparent viscosity changes, and this is how MR-based devices function.

III. CHALLENGES IN PREPARATION AND USE OF MAGNETORHEOLOGICAL FLUIDS

A number of issues arise in the manufacture and use of magnetorheological fluids. A few of the challenges and solutions are addressed in the sections that follow.

HARD CAKE FORMATION PROCESS.

As a consequence of the aggregation of iron particles and residual magnetism, this defect in magnetorheological fluids results in the development of a hard cake.

Magnetorheological fluids behave in a non-homogeneous manner because the cake

remains after the magnetic field is removed. A considerable amount of mechanical energy is required to break the chain structure of the agglomerates due to the strong connection formed by magnetic dipole forces coupled with Van der Waal's interactions between the particles (Ashtiani et al., 2015a). Even in the OFF state, large shear rates are needed to get the fluid to flow. By using a surfactant, Lopez-Lopez et al. (2006) were able to prevent the hard cake from clumping together. In the off state, silica nanoparticles were used to create some re-dispersion. However, in the ON state, the gel collapsed, resulting in a clump of particles that complicated separation. As a consequence, a surfactant must be able to separate particles in an OFF state while simultaneously withstanding the force generated by a strong magnetic field over a significant number of cycles.

Additionally, surfactants have been used to increase particle re-dispersion by extending the time it takes for the particles to settle (Kuzhir et al., 2009), Bossis et al., 2008), and Bombard et al., 2009). It was discovered that the use of oleic acid and tetramethylammonium hydroxide as surfactants reduced the amount of iron that clumped together (Chiranjit Sarkar et al., 2013). It has been shown that thickeners added to magnetorheological fluids may help slow down the sedimentation of magnetic particles. Fluorocarbon grease, colloidal clays (organoclays) (Foister et al. (Foister et al., 2003), Hato et al. (Hato et al., 2011), Munoz et al. (Munoz, 1997), and fumed silica are some of the thickening materials utilised in research. When magnetorheological fluids were suspended in synthetic clay, the settling rate was found to be substantially decreased.

Although the settling rate was slowed by the addition of silica particles in small volume fractions (2–3 percent), the particles showed abrasive properties toward damper seals and the building's walls.

Another surfactant, lecithin, was tried to counteract the development of hard cakes. Though it reduced particle settling time, it also reduced magnetorheological fluids' permeability, reducing the device's efficiency (Powell et al., 2013). In other words, it's a big deal. A strand or chain-like structure has been created using thixotropic agents and carbon fibres to separate the magnetic particles. This keeps the particles contained and separates them (Zhang et al., 2009). According to the findings of Zhang et al.

As an alternative to surfactants, coatings were investigated. Polyvinyl butyral coating on iron particles was studied by Jang et al. (Jang et al., 2005). Apart from reducing particle density, it demonstrated improved magnetorheological fluid anti-corrosion capabilities, preventing the formation of hard cake.

A solution containing magnetic nanoparticles (up to 3 percent volume) and particles (up to 32 percent volume) showed remarkable stability, avoiding hard cake formation (Iglesias et al., 2012).

When a magnetic field is applied, nanoparticles fill up the spaces between smaller particles and form regular chains. The fluid's yield stress is increased as a result (Ashtiani et al., 2015a). When nanoparticles were added to magnetorheological fluids, Portillo (Portillo & Iglesias, 2017) measured the shear stress and strain rate. The shear stress was found to be greater in the nanoparticle-containing sample than in the control sample. Because

of this, agglomeration was avoided and re-dispersion was facilitated by the nanoparticle "halo" around the magnetic iron particles. The inclusion of nanoparticles increased magnetic field-driven viscosity variation and solved sedimentation problems better than adding surfactants.

Effect of clumping

This happens when a very strong magnetic field lasts for a long period, trapping particles in chains and enabling the carrier fluid to flow freely. Chains are clinging to one other as they are brought together in a circle. Shear deformation leads to shear thinning as a result of applied shear force. In contrast to agglomeration, which occurs at low currents, clumping occurs at high currents, trapping iron particles along the magnetic field lines. However, the carrier fluid is permitted to flow unhindered, evicting the iron particles along the way. This cluster of iron particles forms when force is applied to the individual iron atoms that are holding them in place. Clumps, it might be claimed, are causing agglomeration. Because of the remaining magnetism of iron particles, agglomeration may occur even at low currents. In order to make a hard cake, iron particles must first aggregate and then sediment as their density increases. It's thus possible that clumping is also the cause of hard cake formation. According to Huang et al. (Huang et al., 2012), when the clumping effect in an MR damper is missing, the squeezing force required to display a rising trend with increasing magnetic field increases. There is no such increase in the squeeze force when the clumping effect is present. This reduces the damper's effectiveness.

Separation of fluid particles when particles or liquid separate out radially perpendicular to the compressive force, compression in

squeeze mode causes fluid particle separation

A study by Ismail et al. (Ismail & Aqida, 2014) examined the fluid's behaviour under compressive pressure and discovered that when fluid separates from particles owing to an increase in resistance to compressive pressures, the particle chain structure changes. The fluid's strength distribution likewise diminishes, resulting in less squeezing force when the piston is squeezed. Low viscosity, low compression speed, and high applied current were found to cause fluid particle separation, with viscosity being the primary cause. To prevent fluid particle separation, the viscosity of the fluid must be high enough while it is compressed.

The process of particle oxidation

As long as there's air and moisture around, particle oxidation will take place. This results in the rusting of the magnetorheological fluid's iron particles, which may have a substantial negative impact on the fluid's function. When particles are exposed to the environment and high temperatures, their magnetization decreases, increasing the off-state viscosity as the volume of the solid increases. Using magnetorheological fluids over a prolonged period of time, it was hypothesised that oxidation could be a factor in their thickening (Wahid et al., 2016). In accordance with Wahid et al. Using corroded iron particles to synthesise magnetorheological fluids and their performance in MR devices was studied by Young-Min Han et al. (Goncalves et al., 2005). Shear stress levels were found to be very low, as was response time. Corrosion-damaged particles also exhibited lower shear stress values because of the extended period they had been exposed to corrosion. The MR device's performance is directly influenced

by the device's shear stress levels. The higher the shear stress, the better the MR device performs, whereas the lower the shear stress, the worse the MR device performs. One solution for iron particles is to use organic coatings (Jang et al., 2005) or electro-less nickel plating (Ulicny & Mance, 2004) on them to reduce the time they are in the environment. Sodium nitrite, according to Carlson [69], was used in magnetorheological fluid fast mix to avoid corrosion and rust.

The importance of stability cannot be overstated.

Magnetorheological fluids' stability refers to their capacity to withstand magnetic particle sedimentation and aggregation. Magnetorheological fluids have a property known as sedimentation stability, which prevents the magnetic particles from settling to the bottom of the fluid. In the absence of a magnetic field, a fluid's agglomerative stability refers to its ability to remain dispersed and not cluster. By weight, adding 3% stearic acid increases sedimentation stability by 92%. (Rabbani et al., 2015). The study by Rabbani et al. (2015). Iron naphthalate and iron stearate may help with iron particle dispersibility (Olabi & Grunwald, 2007). The authors, Olabi and Grunwald (2007), state that Studies conducted on the impact of the gum addition on magnetorheological fluid sedimentation stability by Wu et al. (Wu et al., 2006) found that just 2–3 percent of the fluid sedimented over a three-month period. According to the work of Jang et al. (Jang et al., 2015), the yield stress of micrometer-sized CI-based magneto-rheological fluids could be increased while sedimentation was reduced by adding magnetic -Fe₂O₃ nanoparticles.

It's common to employ thixotropic agents (such as xanthan gum) and surfactants (such

silica gel, stearates, and carboxylic acids) to control sedimentation. Even at low shear rates the thixotropic networks block flow, and as the shear rate increases, so does the viscosity. Using synthetic and mineral oils, stearates form a network of swelling strands that assist capture and immobilise particles in suspension.

The addition of nanoclay to magnetorheological fluids reduces sedimentation as well. Premalatha et al. added grease to improve sedimentation stability (Premalatha et al., 2012). In other words, it's a lot of work. Despite its outstanding performance, it fell short of encasing the magnetic particles to the same extent that guar gum was able to. Improved sedimentation stability of the carrier fluid was achieved by using thixotropic additives such as sodium and lithium stearates (Olabi & Grunwald, 2007). Researchers at Ashtiani et al. (Ashtiani et al., 2014) tested the effects of adding stearic acid. The carrier fluid was fortified with stearic acid, which formed a gelatinous network and increased density, allowing the magnetic particles to be captured and sedimentation to be prevented. The stability of magnetorheological fluids is also strongly influenced by the particle size. Magnetorheological fluids cannot operate properly if they include particles smaller than a millimetre in diameter.

When compared to fine-grained particles alone, combined fine-and-coarse particles exhibit lower OFF state viscosity (Ierardi et al., 2009). It was found that Lopez-Lopez et al. (2006) created magnetorheological fluids with particles as small as 100 nm, but that the yield stress was much lower than expected, and that the fluids could not cause any meaningful damping effect. Large particle sizes might be used by Carlson et al. (Goncalves & Carlson, 2009) without affecting the magnetorheological fluids'

performance. Large-sized particles are used in the synthesis of magnetorheological fluids using MR brakes in order to provide the necessary shear stress (Sarkar & Hirani, 2013). As a result of Sarkar and Hirani (2013), Carbonyl iron particles of different sizes have been shown to improve magnetorheological fluid rheology by increasing the yield stress and decreasing OFF state viscosity, according to Bombard and colleagues (Bombard et al., 2003). There are a number of researchers who have shown that adding nano and micro wires instead of round particles improves sedimentation stability and yield stress, including Bell et al. (Bell and colleagues, 2007), de Vincente and associates (Vicente and colleagues, 2011), and Jiang et al. (Jiang and colleagues, 2011).

They found that coating particles with polymers improves fluid dispersion stability, as reported by Choi et al. In addition to particle size and form, the concentration of the particles has an impact on the magnetorheological fluids' stability. Magnetorheological fluids' concentration is usually determined by the application in which they are used. Typical concentrations range from 20 to 40 percent by volume for particles 3–5 metres in size, whereas particles more than 100 metres induce wear, friction and erosive deterioration. The use of particles as large as 120 m in brakes and other applications requiring strong shear forces is not uncommon (Sarkar & Hirani, 2013). As a result of Sarkar and Hirani (2013),

Effects of temperature

Magnetorheological fluids' viscosity has changed as a result of temperature effects, because this fluid is temperature-dependent. Depending on the application, magnetorheological fluids may operate at

temperatures ranging from 20°C to 150°C. Beyond this point, the magnetorheological fluid's viscosity cannot be regulated and the semi-active control is compromised. The effects of temperature on magnetorheological fluids were studied by Chen et al. (Chen et al., 2015) and a link between the two variables was proposed by Chen et al. Shear stress is shown to be unaffected by temperature (over 100 °C) in the optimum operating range, but fluctuates erratically afterwards. Temperature has an effect on viscosity since it is linked to shear stress. Additionally, if the temperature is raised enough, oxidation processes may be induced, resulting in significant spalling of the iron particles. According to the Bingham plastic model, Sahin et al. (2009) found that temperature has an impact on the MR effect. Lord Corporation's MR damper was used by Mohammad Meftahul Ferdous et al. (Ferdous, 2014) to show how viscosity decreases as temperature rises. Attempts were made to reduce the impact of temperature on the electromagnet and external magnet, with some success.

leakage issues with the caulk

Magnetorheological fluid sealing issues are often caused by a drop in oil viscosity, which occurs as the temperature rises. Temperature effects on magnetorheological fluids may be countered using solutions. To prevent fluid loss caused by fast viscosity changes, cylinder seals have been used (Bajkowski et al., 2007). This study was conducted by Bajkowski et al. In addition, leaks may be caused by seal degradation from particle shape and specific additives.

It's now or never for a reply.

Semi-active control necessitates fast reaction times for magnetorheological fluids. Magneto rheological fluids may be used for a variety of different things, depending on what they're used for. Many experiments have been carried out by Koo et al. (Koo et al., 2006) on an MR damper to determine the variables affecting the magnetorheological fluids. Increases in piston velocity result in a reduction in response time that is proportional to the increase in piston velocity. These results were attributed to the intrinsic system compliance at the test fixtures or the damper, and experimental confirmation of this conclusion followed. The response time grows in lockstep with compliance. Using electrorheological and magnetorheological fluid valves, Yoo and Wereley (2002) compared the temporal responsiveness of the valves. Electrorheological valves have a faster response time than magnetic resonance valves.

Electrorheological valves, on the other hand, are restricted by high voltage requirements and a small adjustment range. MR valves, on the other hand, although having a slower reaction time, are more precise.

Thickening when in usage (IUT)

At high stress and high shear rate, magnetorheological fluids exhibit an increase in OFF state viscosity when subjected to a large number of loading cycles. Also, the force in the OFF state tends to increase. As a result, the fluid turns into a paste and the MR damper can no longer be used for semi-active control. There have been investigations to identify the nature of IUT and possible reasons proposed by

Carlson et al. During prolonged usage, spalling of microscopic size particles, oxides, etc., formed a network-like structure, resulting in secondary particle bonding. Magnetic fluids become more viscous when they are turned off because of the secondary bond. There are a number of remedies to this problem, including the use of chemicals that increase hardness and anti-wear or anti-friction compounds in a small percentage, between 0.5 and 2 percent of volume (Goncalves et al., 2005). For further information, see Gonçalves and colleagues' (2005) Magnetorheological fluids' damping performance may be severely harmed by IUT phenomena, which can be tolerated by a good magnetorheological fluid. As a result of the formation of hydro clusters under high shear stresses, Jie Ding et al. (Ding et al., 2011) believe the IUT phenomena may be caused by shear thickening processes Using spherical particles as a solution to IUT means avoiding the use of rough particles that may generate IUT in the form of flakes or spalls.

IUT has decreased as a result of the inclusion of additives such as fumed silica, surface coatings, and antioxidants (Foister et al., 2003; Munoz, 1997). Forster, Munoz, and colleagues (2003).

Erosion

Friction between moving particles causes erosion. Shock or friction, or both, cause structural changes in carbonyl iron particles, researchers discovered. The authors of the paper are Ashtiani et al. (2015). (Ashtiani et al., 2015b).

It's possible that magnetorheological fluids, which function in containers, contribute to the erosion of such containers' walls. Magnetorheological fluid erosion has been helped by the insertion of spherical-shaped iron particles with a specific hardness.

Anti-friction additives help to reduce erosion's impact. Oleic acid (Kumbhar et al., 2015), zinc dialkyldithiophosphate, and organomolybdenum are all examples of anti-friction additives (Foister et al., 2003). The authors (Foister et al., 2003) state that

Stress on the yield

Magnetorheological fluids may be used as dampers because of a property known as yield stress, which is high. The relationship between temperature, magnetic field intensity, and maximum yield stress was shown by Rabbani et al. (Rabbani et al., 2015). The Arrhenius analogy was used, albeit with a few alterations made by them. The maximum yield stress significantly increases as the magnetic field intensity is increased. In contrast, as the temperature rose, so did the yield stress and the viscosity. Because there was no discernible rise in yield stress when the temperature was decreased, this suggests that the decrease in yield stress that comes with raising the temperature is permanent. There is a decrease in yield stress due to the disruption of the fluid's gel structure due to increasing temperature. Even if the gel structure isn't rebuilt when the temperature is lowered, it doesn't exhibit a rise in yield stress. The impact of temperature was likewise shown to be secondary to that of magnetic field strength.

encrustation on the inside wall

The magnetorheological fluids form a crust and stick to the container walls during long-term storage. As a result, the fluid can no longer be used. Crumb formation is most likely caused by particle aggregation and adherence to container walls. Guar gum is thought to be the cause of the adhesion. Over time, it's been discovered that the crust hardens. This may be because to the evaporation-induced loss of oil from the crust. Those who studied the effects of nanoparticles floating partially on the liquid's surface and offering some weak adsorption sites discovered an increase in evaporation when using Zhang et al.

CONCLUSION

One of the smart materials was magnetorheological fluids, which were studied in the past and reviewed in this article. Several research projects have looked at the creation and use of MRFs in detail. MRFs are easy to make, even down to mixing the ingredients together. Carrier fluid, magnetisable particles, and stabiliser additives make up the three main components of a standard MRF combination. The carrier fluid is crucial in suspending the magnetic particles since it acts as a liquid. Carrier fluids most frequently used include silicone oils, petroleum-based oils, and mineral oils. Due to its availability on the market and low viscosity, silicone oil was selected as one of the best options for the carrier fluid. Because petroleum-based and mineral oils are neither biodegradable or environmentally benign, as well as being more expensive than synthetic oils, all of them have been identified as

unsustainable materials for use in the environment. More research is expected to be done on biodegradable and low-cost carrier fluids to meet the increasing demand for MRFs in real-world engineering.

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