



# Magnetic Fluids

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## Lecture

in the framework of the topic

**From fundamental properties of matter to magnetic materials and applications**

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# **Outline**

**Introduction**

**Synthesis**

**Particle sizes**

**Langevin model**

**Characterization**

**Ferrohydrodynamics**

**Applications**

**Kinetic arts**

# Magnetoresponsive liquids?

Magnetism and fluid behavior combined in one medium

Paramagnetic salt solutions  
(rare-earth salt solutions)

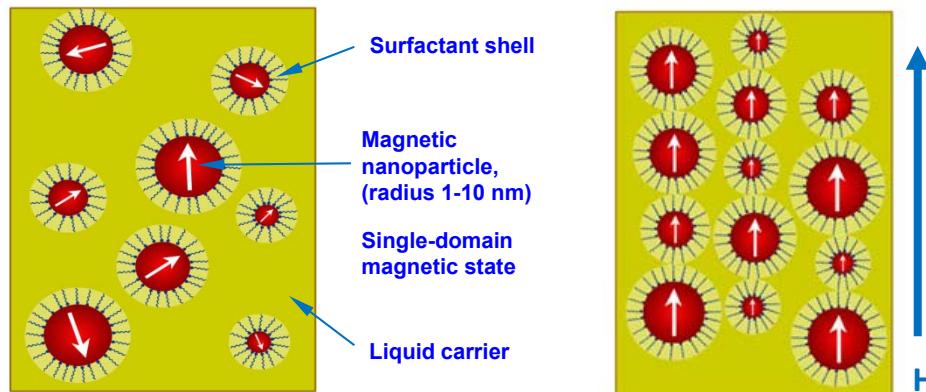
The *magnetic force* three orders of magnitude  
smaller  
than the gravitational force  
**Too small for engineering applications**



**FERROFLUIDS / MAGNETIC FLUIDS**

# Magnetic fluids/Ferrofluids

## Composition and basic behavior



*Ultrastable colloidal suspension of magnetic nanoparticles (5-10 nm) in a carrier liquid*

### Colloidal stability

ensured by Brownian motion and by screening attractive interactions between nanoparticles

$$\lambda_{int} = \frac{\mu_0 M_s^2 \pi d^3 \varphi}{6 k_B T}$$

$\lambda_{int}$   
the ratio between the dipole-dipole interaction energy and the thermal energy  
(non-dimensional dipolar interaction energy)

**Magnetizable fluid continuum- a valid approximation**

$$\lambda_{int} < 1 \implies d_m \leq 10 \text{ nm}$$

(magnetite)

**Newtonian flow behavior**

**No particle clustering**

## Magnetically controllable fluids

### Particle size-an essential parameter

Colloidal suspensions of subdomain **nanometer size**  
magnetic nanoparticles

### Magnetic fluids (ferrofluids)

$$\lambda_{int} \leq 1$$

Negligible attractive interactions

Suspensions of multidomain **micron size** magnetic particles

### Magnetorheological fluids

$$\lambda_{int} \gg 1$$

Very strong attractive interactions

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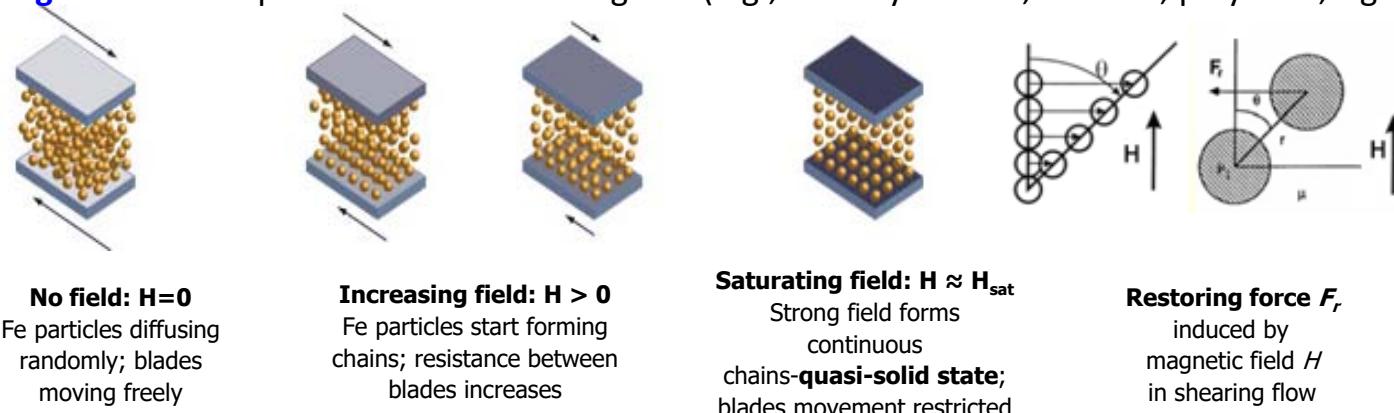
# Magnetorheological Fluids

## Composition and particle structuring mechanism

**Magnetic particles:** magnetically soft **multi-domain** Fe, Fe alloys of **1-10  $\mu\text{m}$**

**Carrier liquids:** petroleum based oils, silicon oils, mineral oils, synthetic oils, water

**Suspension agents:** thixotropic and surface active agents (e.g., carboxylic acids, stearats, polymers, organoclays)



**Field dependent magnetic moment of particles**  $m = 4\pi\mu_0\mu_f\beta a^3 H_0$ ;  $\beta = (\mu_p - \mu_f) / (\mu_p + 2\mu_f)$

**Field dependent magnetic coupling parameter**

$$\lambda_{\text{int}}^{\text{MR}} = \pi\mu_0\mu_f\beta a^3 H_0^2 / (2kT)$$

$$\lambda_{\text{int}}^{\text{MR}} = 1 \text{ for } H_0 = 127 \text{ A/m; } 2a = 1 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{int}}^{\text{MR}} \sim 10^8 \gg 1 \text{ for usual } H \text{ values}$$

Intense particle clustering

**Strongly non-Newtonian flow behavior**

**Yield stress:** 50-100 kPa

**Large MR effect:**  $10^2 - 10^3$  times increase of effective viscosity

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# Introduction

## Magnetic fluids/Ferrofluids-Early history

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# **Synthesis of magnetic fluids**

# Synthesis procedures

## I. Synthesis of magnetic nanoparticles-bottom-up approaches

- Chemical co-precipitation; thermal decomposition

## II. Stabilization/dispersion in non-polar or polar carrier liquids

- Steric stabilization (organic carriers)
- Electrostatic and electro-steric stabilization (water)

## III. Stabilization/dispersion in ionic liquids and liquid metals



### Magnetic fluids/Ferrofluids-longterm colloidal stability

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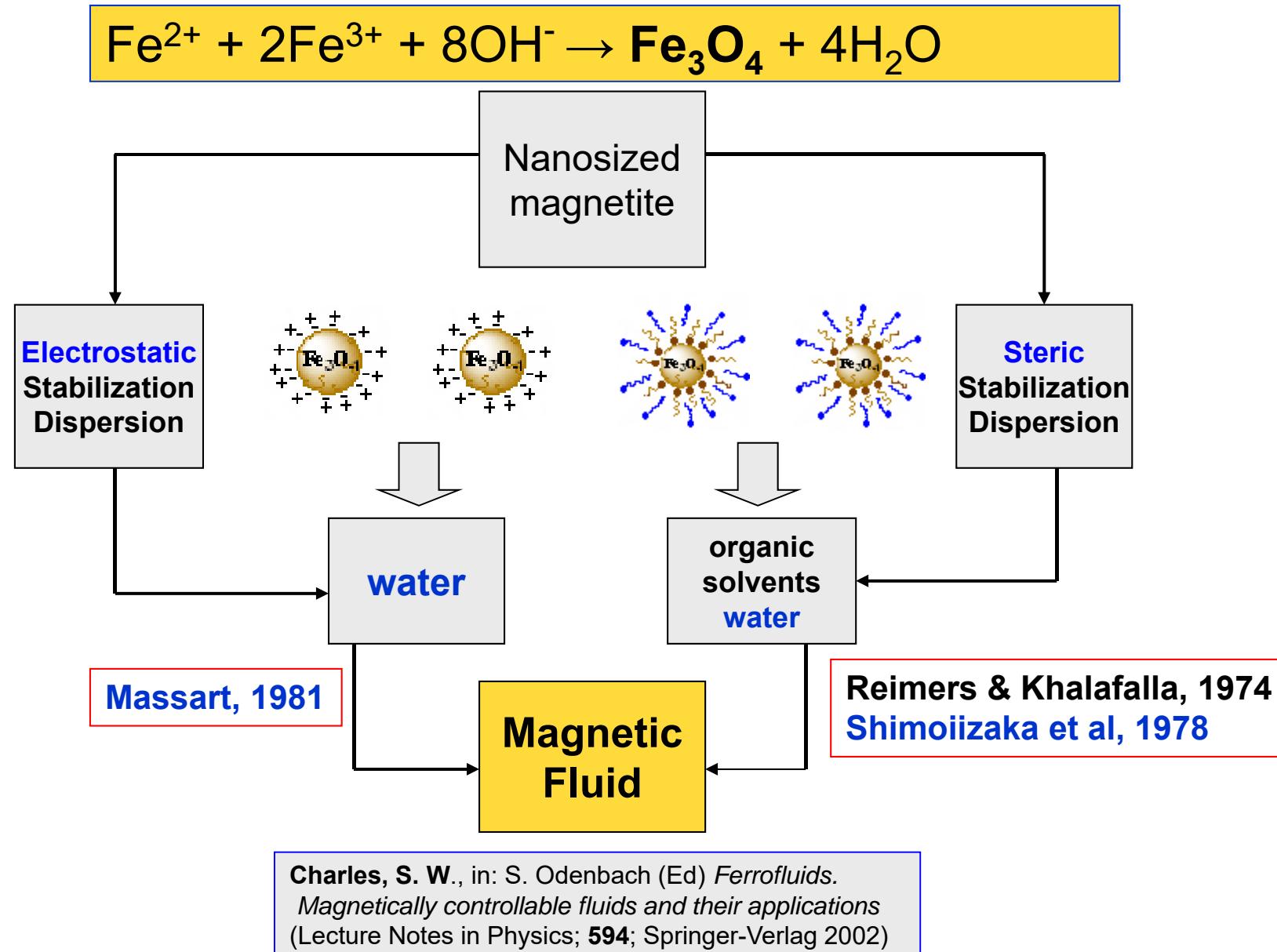
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## Magnetic fluid preparation by chemical co-precipitation



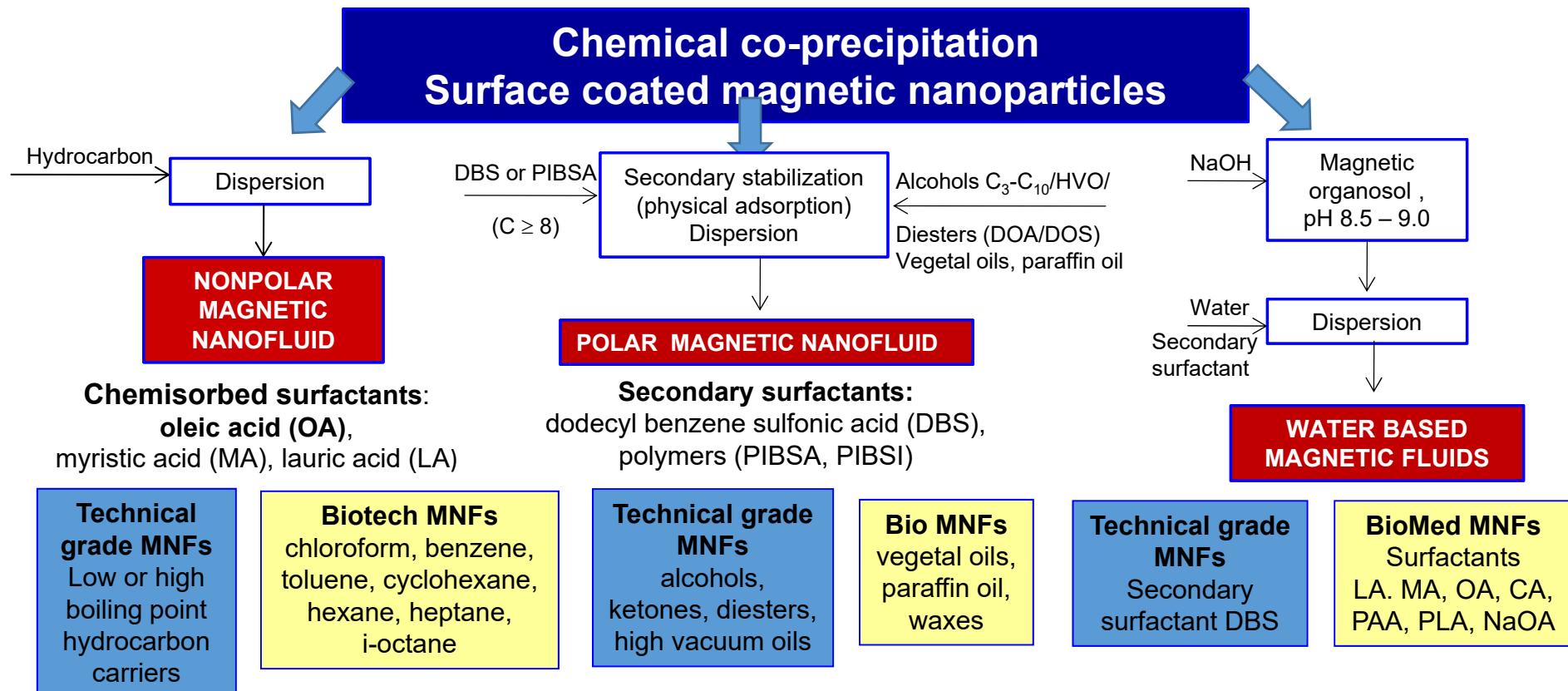
## Good vs bad ferrofluid *Stability in magnetic field*



Illustration from Prof. Etelka Tombácz-Physical chemistry of colloids-Univ. of Szeged

# Engineering and bio-ferrofluids

*Synthesis*



**Laboratory of Magnetic Fluids Timisoara (Romania)**  
Over 50 types of ferrofluids

**Doina Bica et al., Romanian Patents:**  
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An example of “long-term high colloidal stability” magnetic fluid....



Long-term highly stable magnetic fluid  
in non-uniform magnetic field

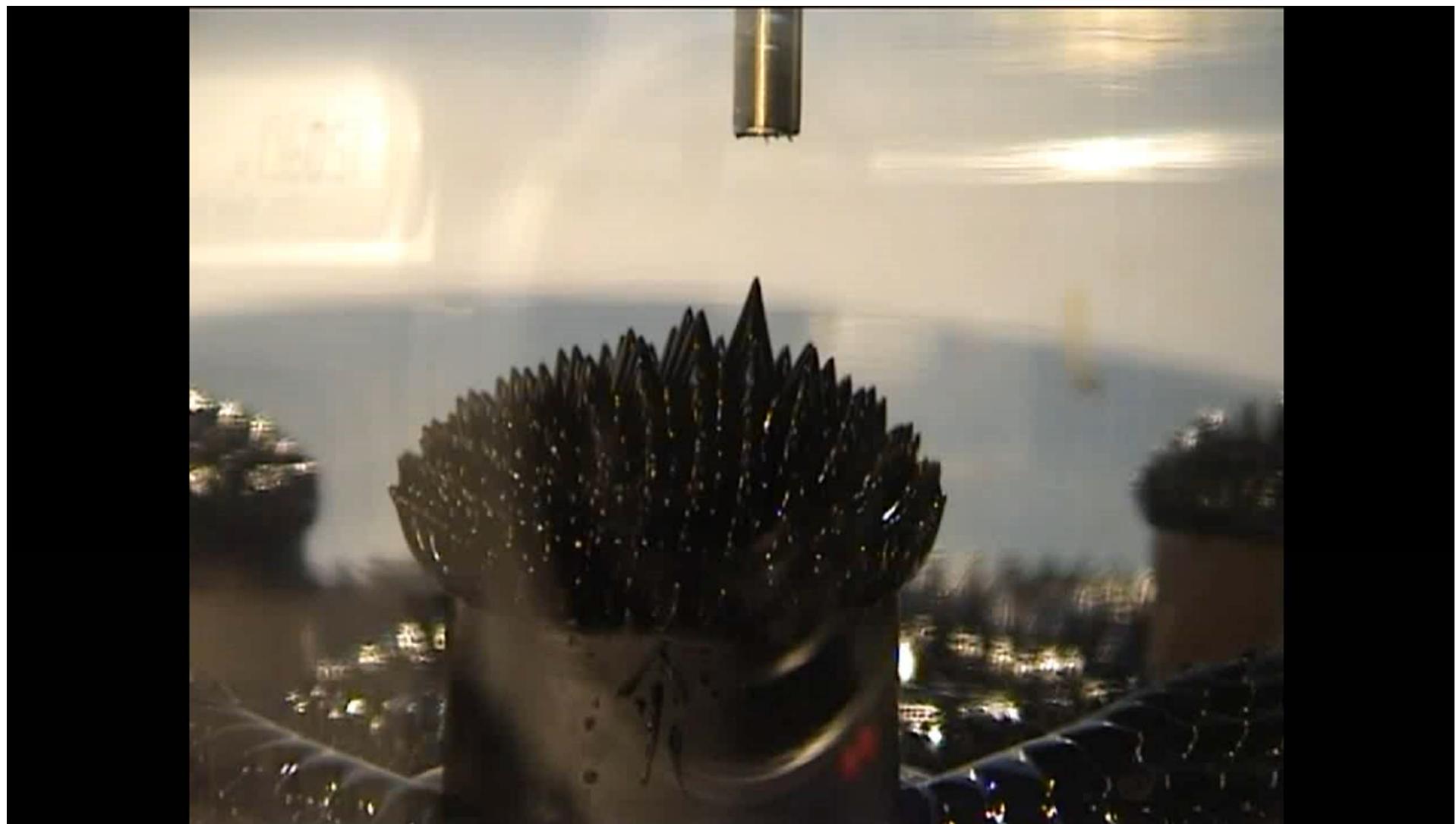
...stable over 39 years in  
non-uniform magnetic field...

About one liter sealing MF:  
Low vapor pressure organic carrier  
Saturation magnetization  $M_s \approx 500$  G



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*Synthesis*

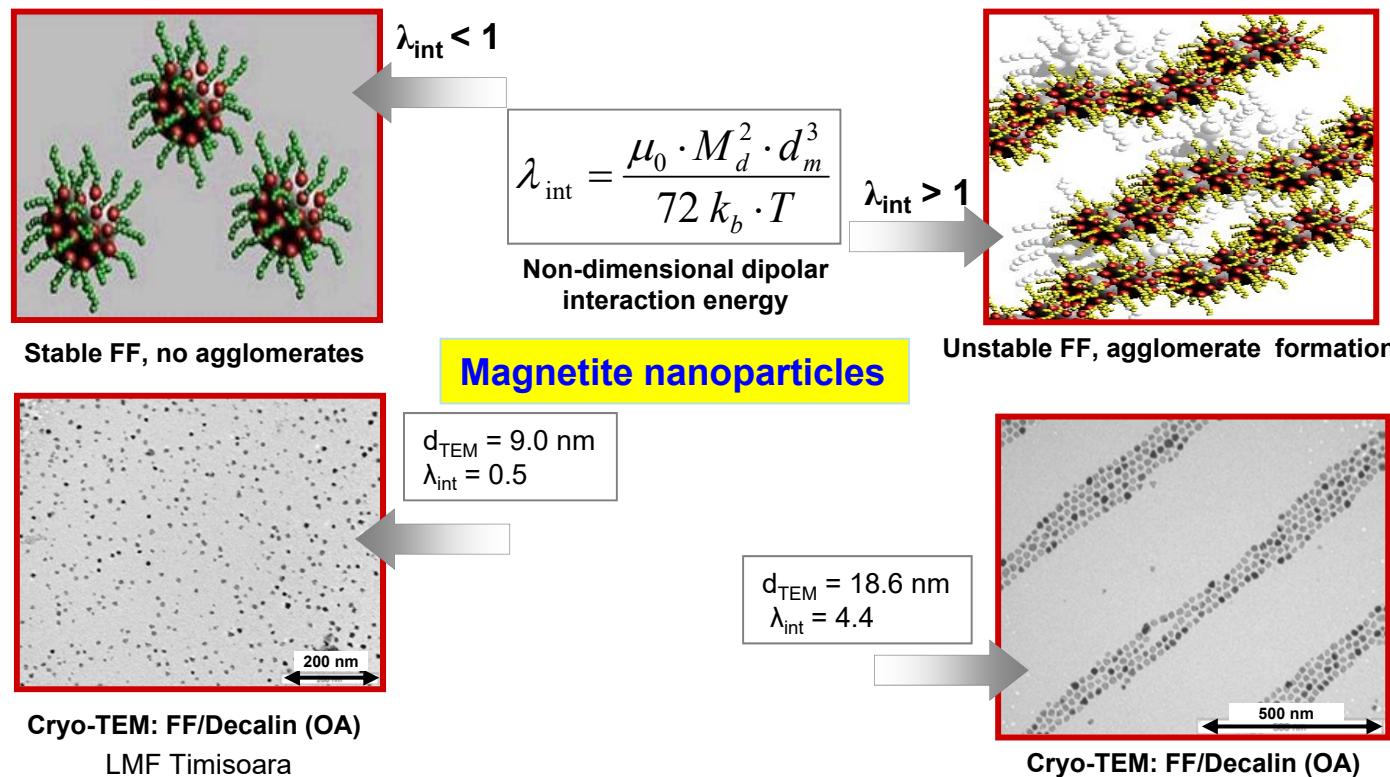


# **Particle sizes**

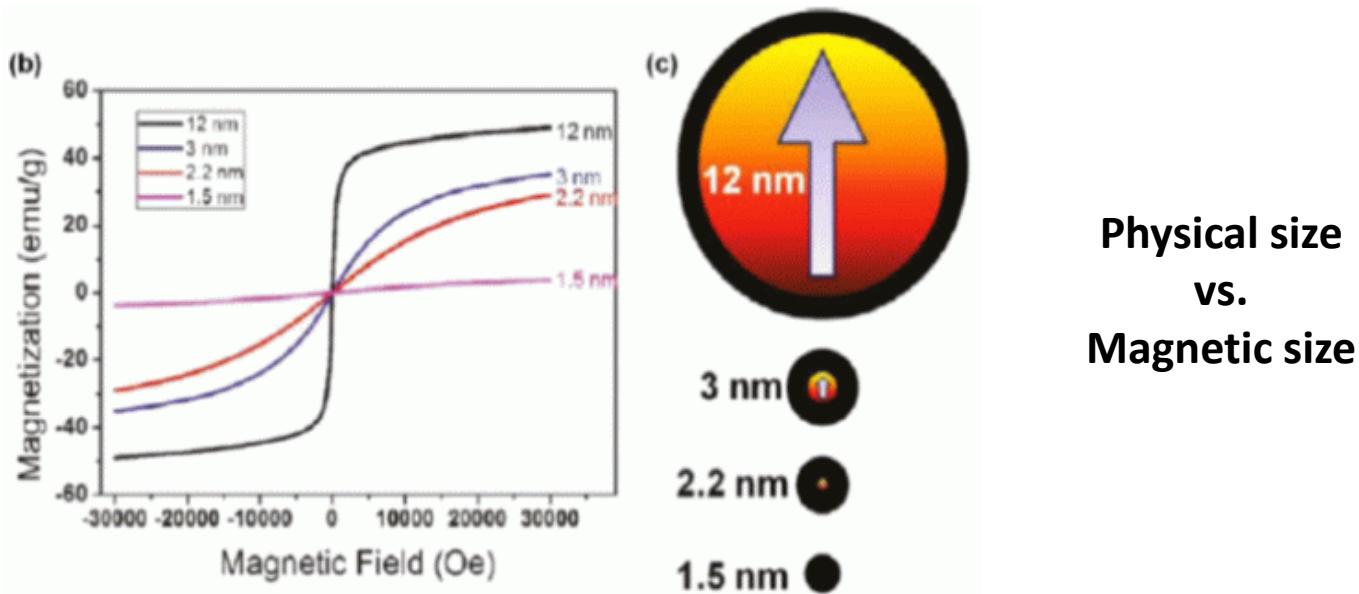
## Particle sizes and colloidal stability

### Size of magnetic nanoparticles-an essential parameter

Optimal particle size and adequate stabilizing layer prevent gravitational settling and agglomerate formation by magnetic and van der Waals interactions



## Particle size and magnetic properties “Magnetic” size of nanoparticles



### Size-dependent magnetization – the spin-canting effect

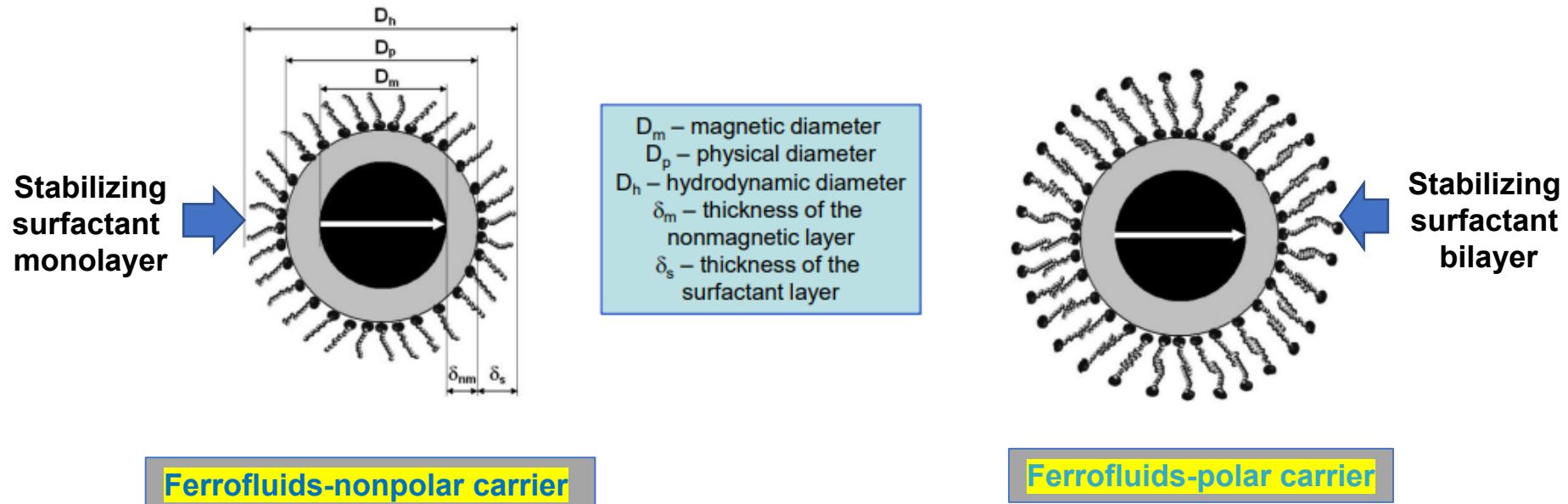
(b) Field-dependent magnetization curves for various-sized NPs. The iron oxide USNPs were nearly paramagnetic

(c) Schematic illustration of the **spin-canting effect**. The spin-canted surface layers are assumed to be 0.9 nm thick, therefore **the magnetic size is less than the physical size** (TEM) of magnetic nanoparticles

Kim B.H., Hackett M.J., Park J., **Hyeon T.**, Synthesis, Characterization, and Application of Ultrasmall Nanoparticles, *Chemistry of Materials*, 26(1), 59-71 (2014).

## Characteristic particle sizes

### Magnetic, physical and hydrodynamic sizes of dispersed magnetic nanoparticles



**Magnetic size**

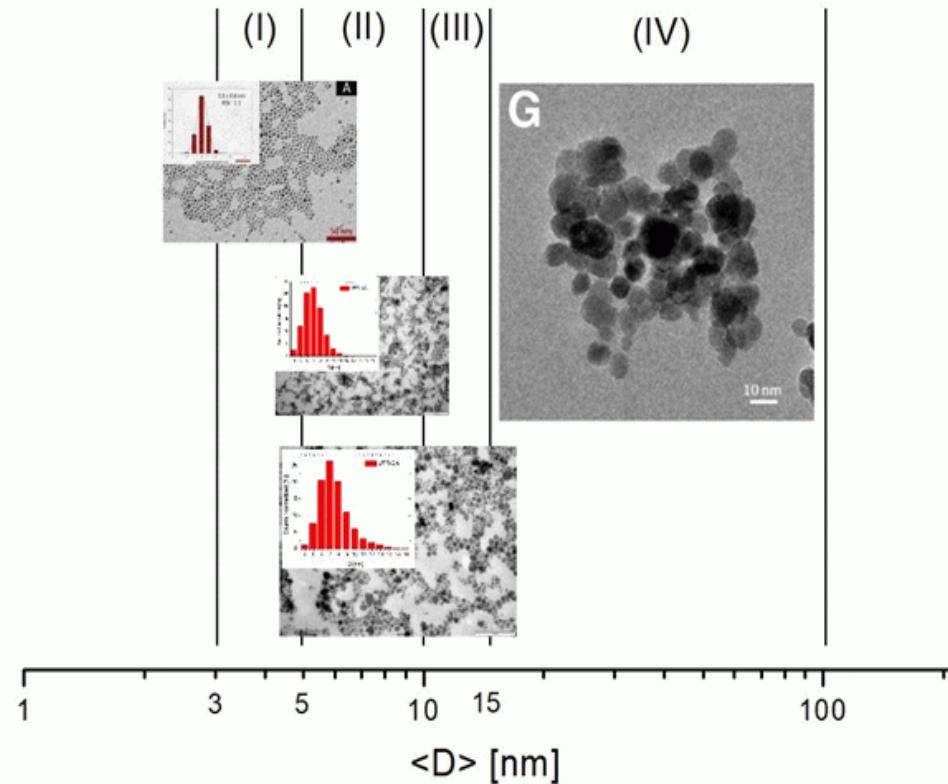
**Magnetic properties**

**Hydrodynamic size**

**Flow properties**

## Particle sizes and classification of ferrofluids Engineering and bio-ferrofluids

(I) & (IV) - bio FF, (II) - ideal FF, and (III) - real FF



### Characteristic physical particle size ranges:

- (I) **bio-ferrofluids (2-5 nm)** [Vangijzegem et al, NANOMATERIALS 10 (2020) 757(pp.17)];
- (II) **ideal ferrofluids (5-10 nm)** and
- (III) **conventional (real) ferrofluids (5-15 nm)** [Socoliuc et al 2021 (to be published)];
- (IV) **bio-ferrofluids (15-100 nm)** [Ludwig et al, IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON MAGNETICS, VOL. 50(2014)]

# **Langevin model**

# Ideal ferrofluids-Monodisperse Langevin model

## Magnetostatic properties

Identical size non-interacting MNPs dispersed in the carrier liquid;  $n$  particles in unit volume

### Superparamagnetic gas approximation

$$U = -\mu_0 m H \cos \theta \quad \langle m \cos \theta \rangle = mL(\xi) \quad \text{Particle with magnetic moment } m \text{ in magnetic field } H$$

$$L(\xi) = \coth \xi - \frac{1}{\xi} \quad \xi = \frac{\mu_0 m H}{k_B T} \quad \leftarrow \text{Langevin function; Langevin parameter}$$

$$M = n \langle m \cos \theta \rangle \quad \leftarrow \text{Magnetization of FF in magnetic field H}$$

n-number density of MNPs

$$M_s = nm \quad \leftarrow \text{Saturation magnetization}$$

$$\phi_M = \frac{M_s}{M_d} \quad \leftarrow \text{Volume fraction of magnetic NPs}$$

$$M_L = \phi_M M_d \left( \coth \xi - \frac{1}{\xi} \right) \quad \leftarrow \boxed{\text{Langevin formula FF magnetization}}$$

$$\xi = \frac{\pi \mu_0 M_d D_m^3 H}{6 k_B T} \quad D_m \quad \leftarrow \text{Magnetic diameter}$$

$$L_\xi \rightarrow \frac{\xi}{3} \quad \text{weak magnetic field}$$

$$\chi_{iL} = \frac{\pi \mu_0 M_d^2 D_m^3 \phi_m}{18 k_B T}$$

initial susceptibility

$$L_\xi \rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{\xi} \quad \text{strong magnetic field}$$

$$M_L \approx \phi_M M_d \left( 1 - \frac{6 k_B T}{\pi \mu_0 M_d H D_m^3} \right)$$

magnetization

## Real ferrofluids-polydisperse approximation Magnetic granulometry-Chantrell model, 1978

Log-normal distribution of magnetic size x

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{xS\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{\ln^2 \frac{x}{D_0}}{2S^2}\right)$$

$$\ln(D_0) = \langle \ln(x) \rangle$$

S is the deviation of  $\ln(x)$  from  $\ln(D_0)$

$$S = \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\ln \frac{3\chi_{iL}H_0}{M_s}}$$

$$D_0^3 = \frac{18k_B T}{\mu_0 \pi M_d} \sqrt{\frac{\chi_{iL}}{3H_0 M_s}}$$

$$M_L = M_s \int_0^\infty L(\xi) f(x) dx$$

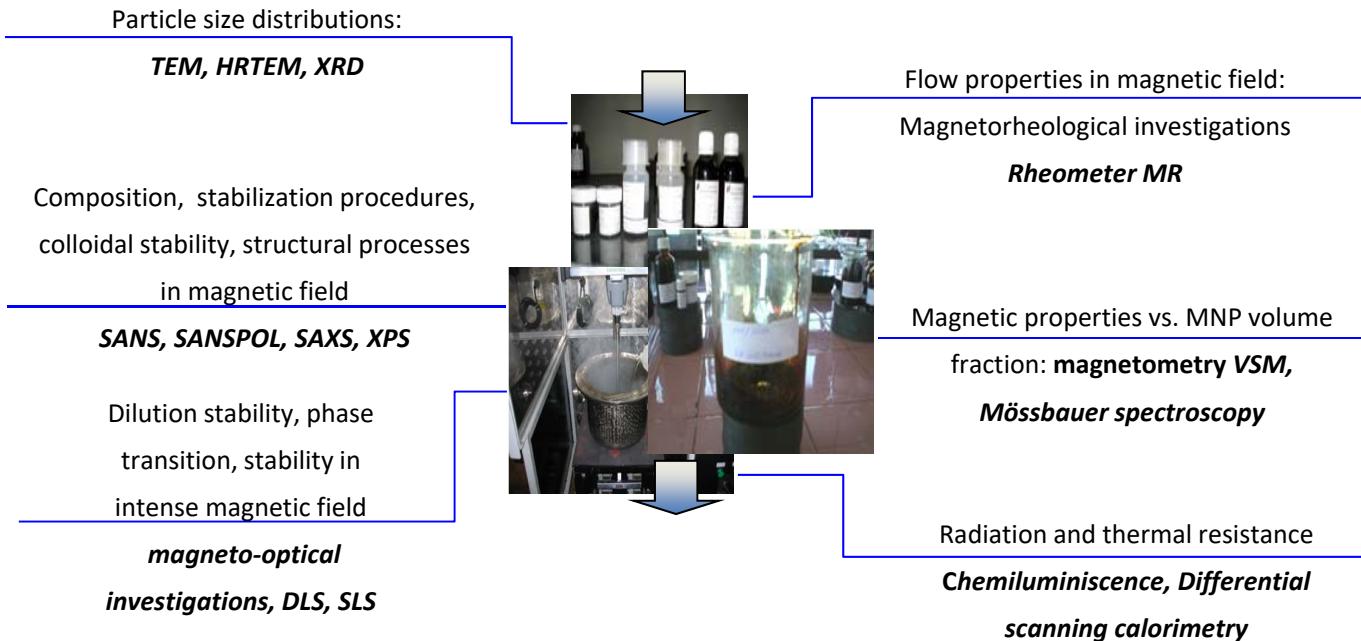
$f(x)dx$  probability to have the magnetic size  $(x, x + dx)$

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IEEE Trans.Magn., 14, 975-977 (1978).

# **Characterization**

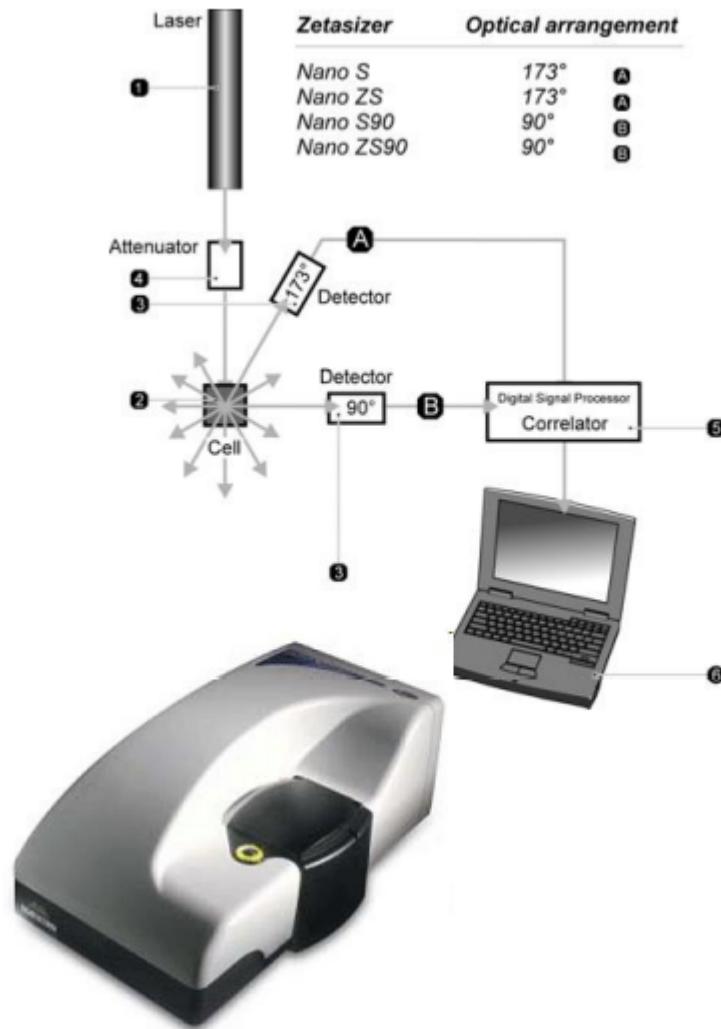
# Characterization methods and equipments

## Measurement & evaluation of properties



Application orientated selection  
of magnetic fluids

## Nano Zetasizer-Malvern



## Principle of DLS

Particles in suspension undergo Brownian motion. This is the motion induced by the bombardment by solvent molecules that themselves are moving due to their thermal energy.

If the particles are illuminated with a laser, **the intensity of the scattered light fluctuates at a rate that is dependent upon the size of the particles** as smaller particles are “kicked” further by the solvent molecules and move more rapidly.

Analysis of these intensity fluctuations yields the velocity of the Brownian motion and hence the particle size using the **Stokes-Einstein relationship**:

$$d(H) = kT/(3\pi\eta D)$$

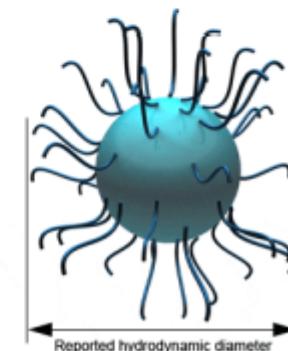
$d(H)$  = hydrodynamic diameter

$D$  = translational diffusion coefficient

$k$  = Boltzmann's constant

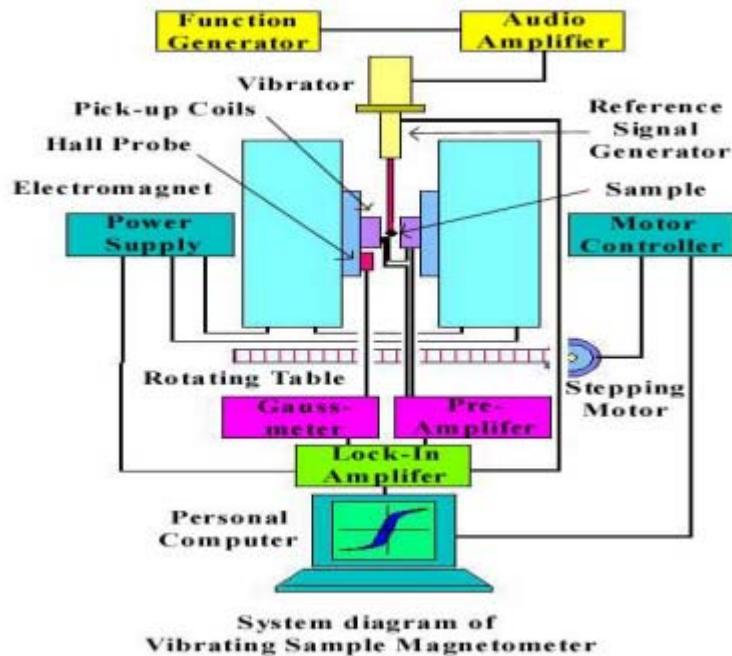
$T$  = absolute temperature

$\eta$  = viscosity

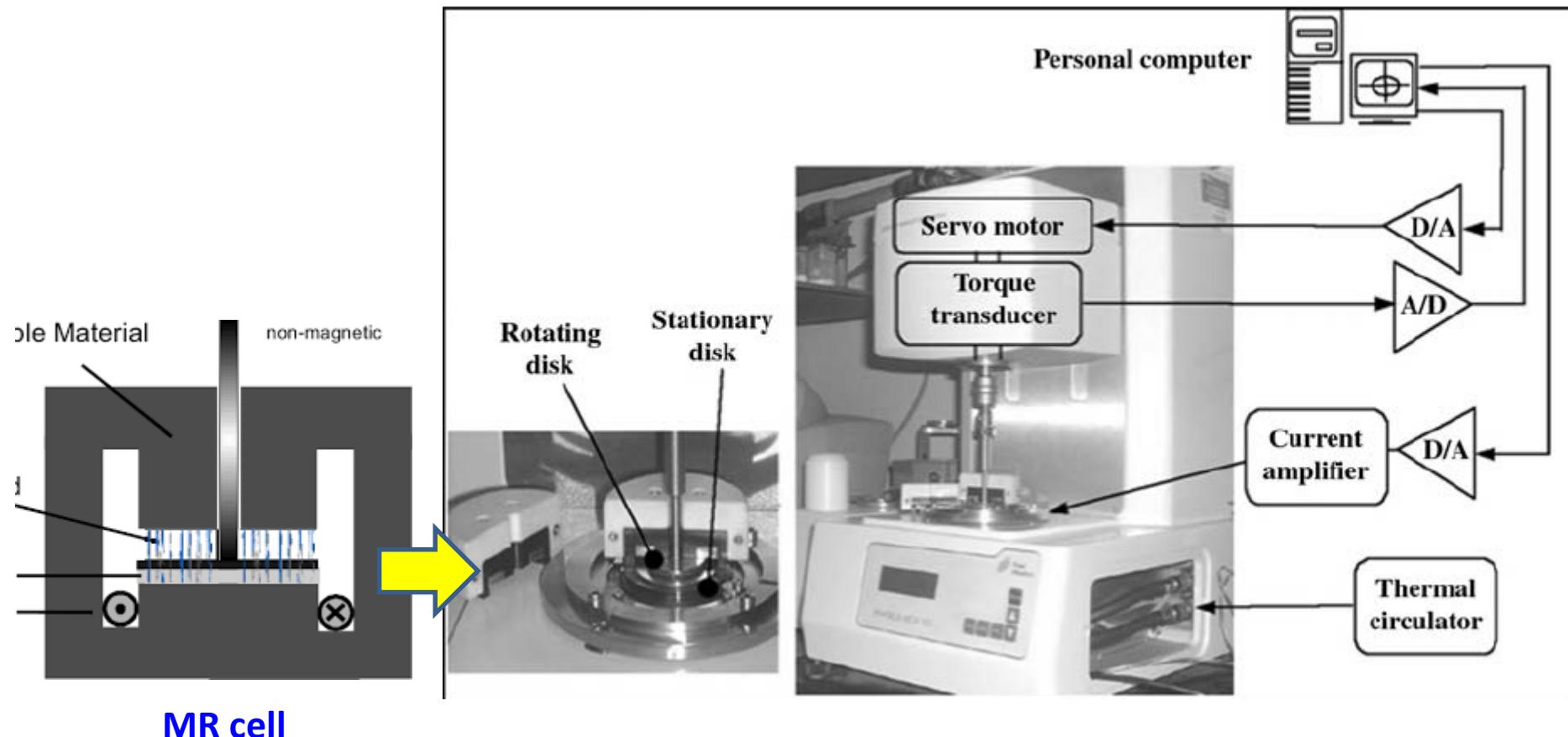


**The method is applicable only for relatively dilute samples!**

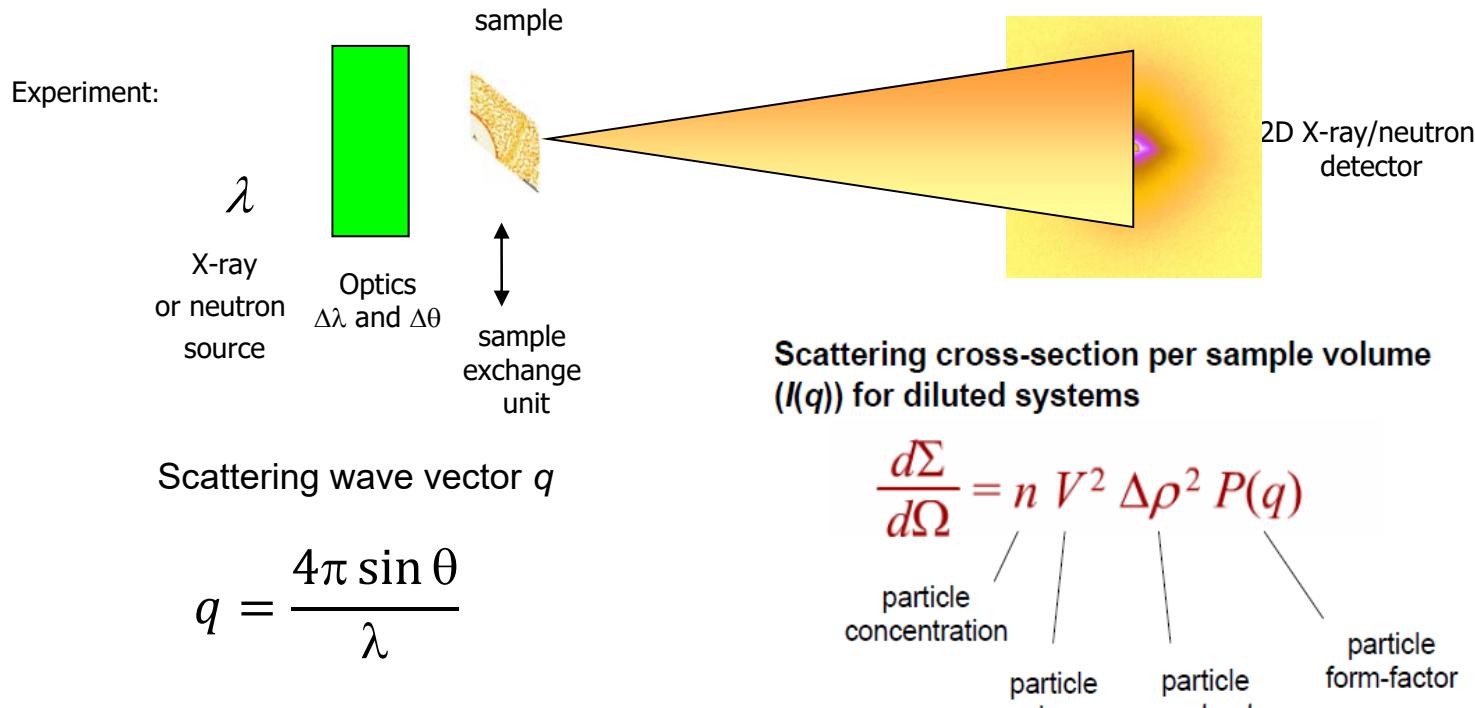
## Vibrating sample magnetometer



## Rotational rheometer with magnetorheological cell



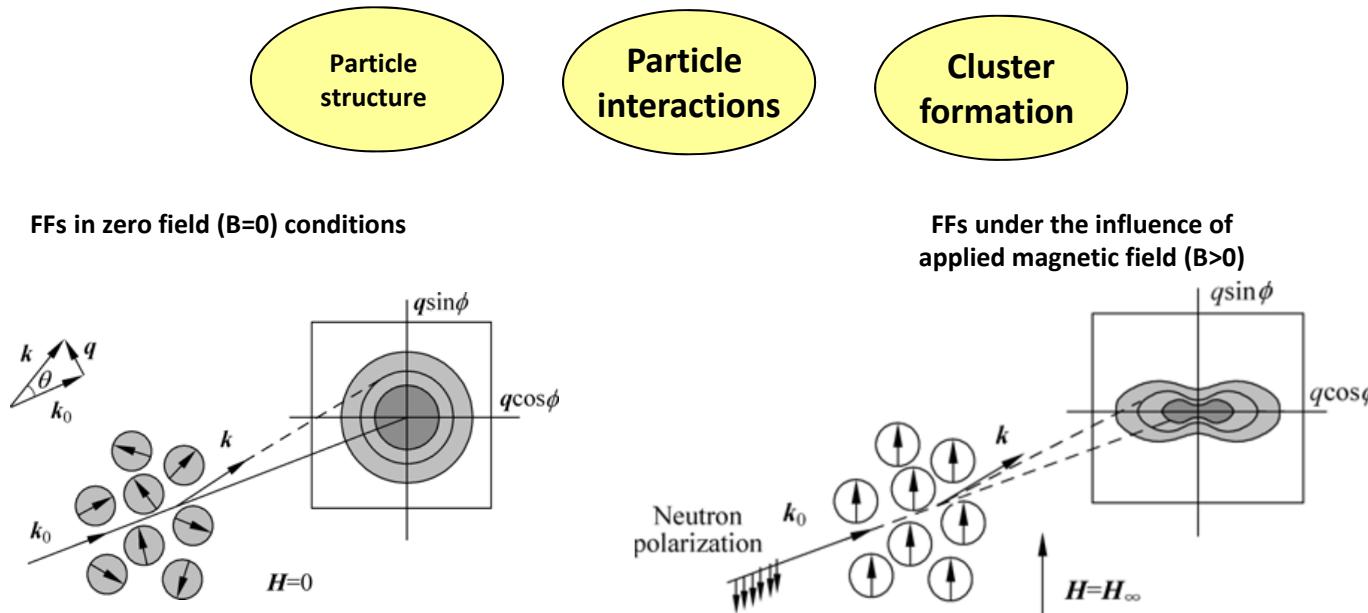
# Small Angle Neutron and X-ray Scattering facilities for structural investigations



Structural investigations up to high volume concentration of as-prepared samples  
 These techniques evidence nanoparticles and agglomerates in the size range 1-100 nm

Important! The samples do not need any previous treatment (e.g., diluting and drying as for TEM)  
 "In vivo" investigations of magnetic fluids

# SANS: Particle interactions & structure formation



Schematic view of **SANS** experiment on system of magnetic nanoparticles. In case of unmagnetized system scattering pattern is **isotropic** over radial angle  $\varphi$  on detector plane

1-100 nm range

Schematic view of **SANSPOL** experiment on system of magnetic nanoparticles. **Anisotropy** in the scattering pattern over radial angle  $\varphi$  is caused by magnetization of the system

M.V. Avdeev, V.L. Aksenov, **SANS in structure research of magnetic fluids**, Physics-Uspekhi 2010

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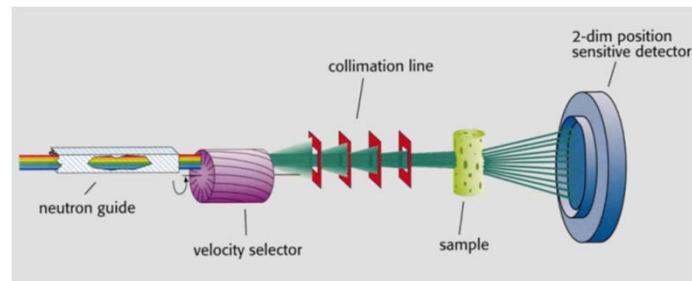
## Neutron scattering facilities used (1)

(with applied magnetic field)

SANS-1 GKSS Geesthacht



SANS SzFKI Budapest



GKSS Research Center, Geesthacht  
SANS-1 and SANS-2

B= 2.5 T

Budapest Neutron Center  
“Yellow Submarine”

B= 1.7 T

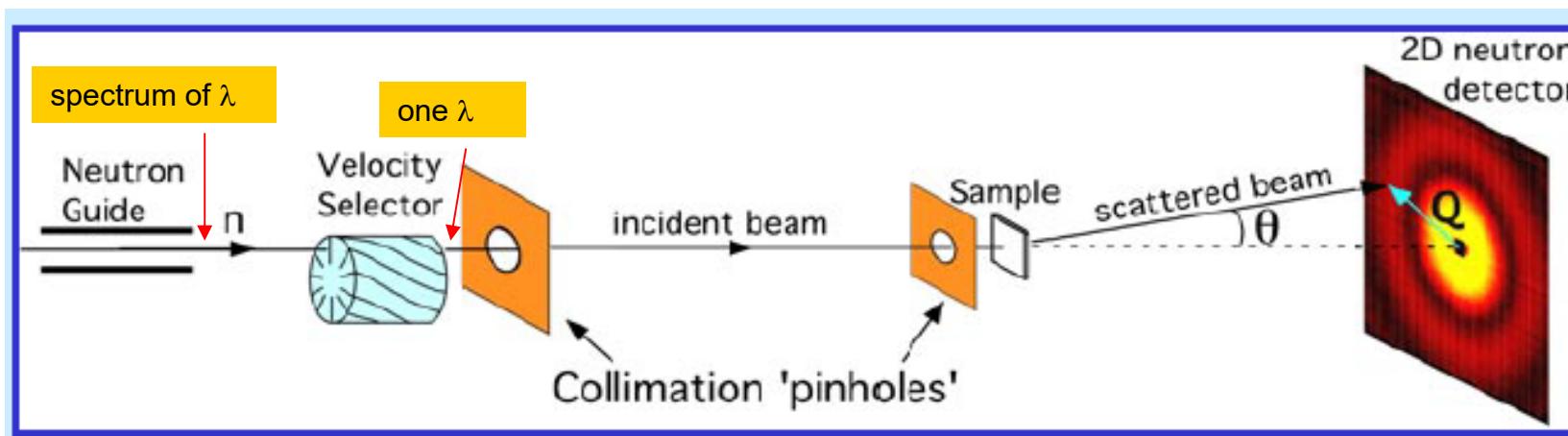
# SANS facilities used (2)

Characterization

IFE Kjeller-Norway



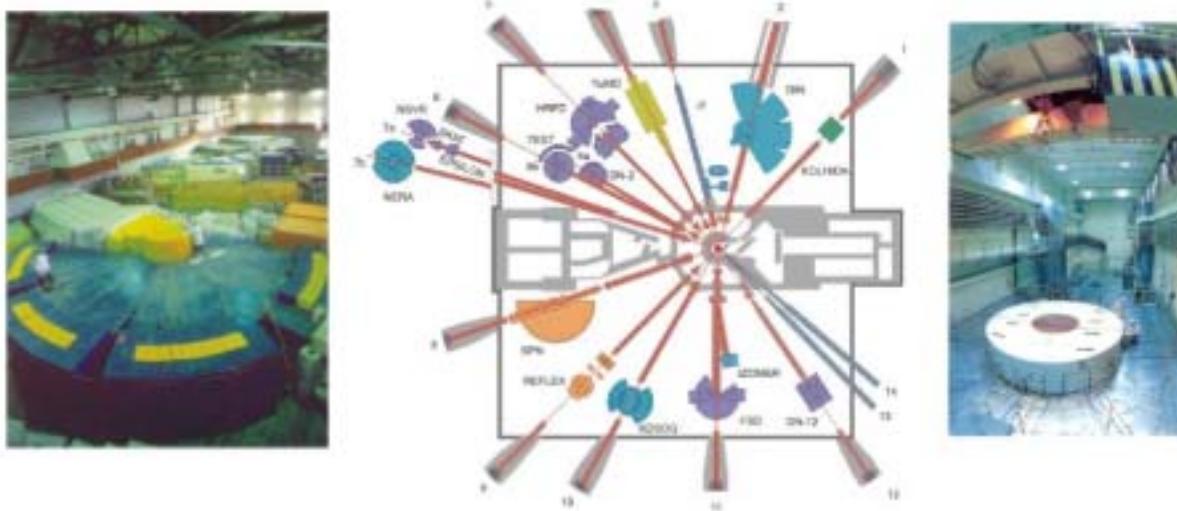
- Liquid H<sub>2</sub> cold source
- Long wavelengths (5-10 Å)
- Q-range: 0.008-0.35 Å<sup>-1</sup>
- 7-position sample chamber



## SANS facilities used (3)

## IBR-2 Reactor Spectrometers Complex – the main JINR basic facility for condensed matter physics research with neutrons

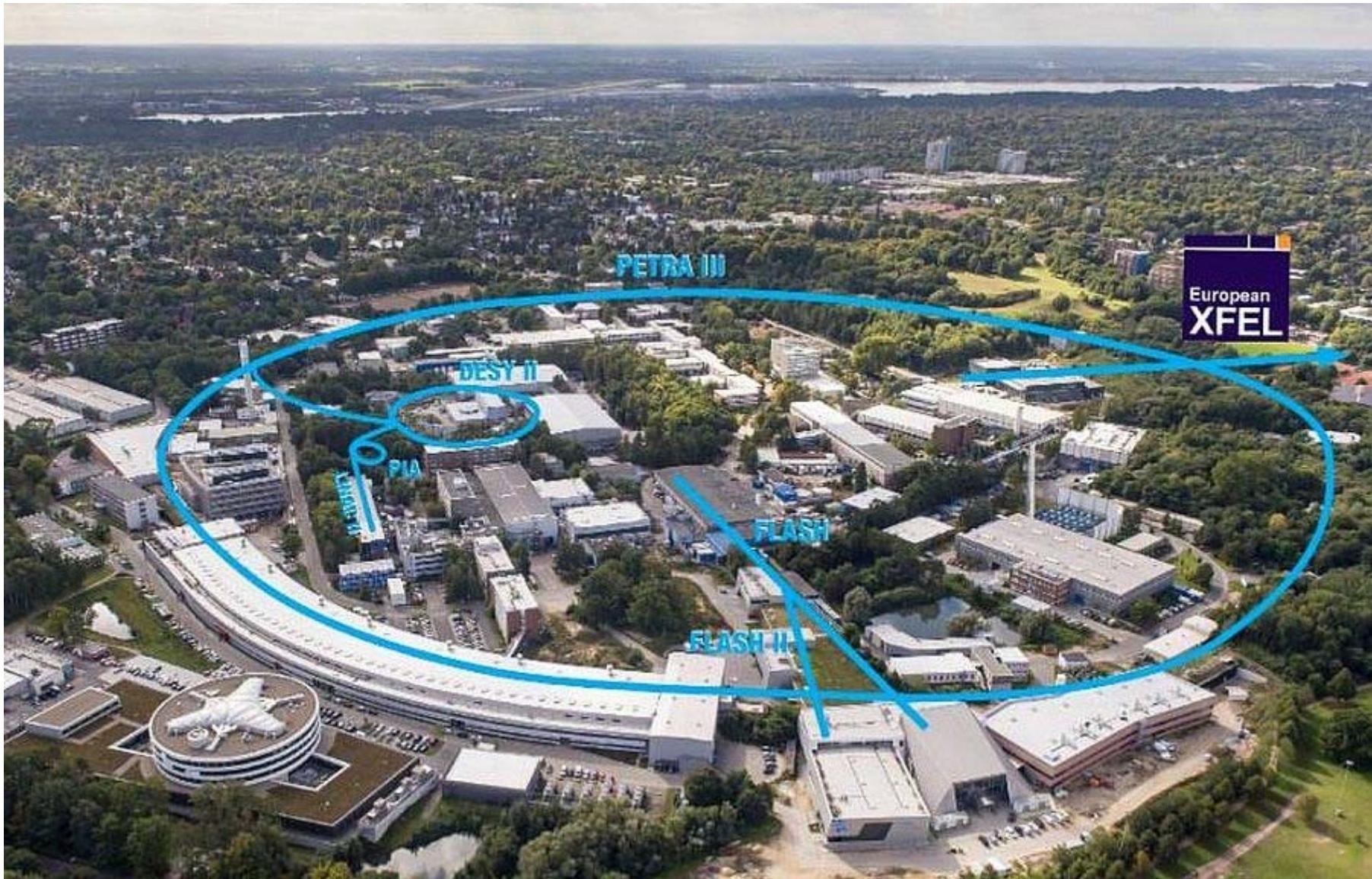
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**YuMo SANS facility; neutron reflectometer GRAINS**

<http://flnph.jinr.ru/en/facilities/ibr-2>

## German Electron Synchrotron-DESY Hamburg



# Small Angle X-ray Scattering (SAXS)

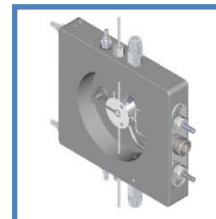
P12 BioSAXS facility at PETRA 3  
HZG/EMBL/DESY Hamburg

- photon energy 4-20 keV
- flux  $\sim 10^{13}$  ph/s
- beam size on sample  $200 \times 110 \mu\text{m}^2$

- sample volume  $\sim 20 \mu\text{L}$
- typical measurement time 1 s
- check of radiation damage



Automatic sample changer,  
1 min per sample including  
cleaning and drying



Controlling heating  
and cooling with rate  
up to  $20^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$   
(Linkam Heating Stage)



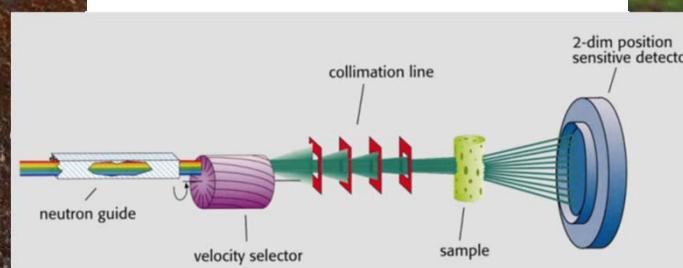
Variable sample to detector distance from 1.5 m to 6 m  
for length scale of studied objects from about 1000 to 0.1 nm

[https://www.desy.de/index\\_eng.html](https://www.desy.de/index_eng.html)

<https://www.embl-hamburg.de/biosaxs/p12/>

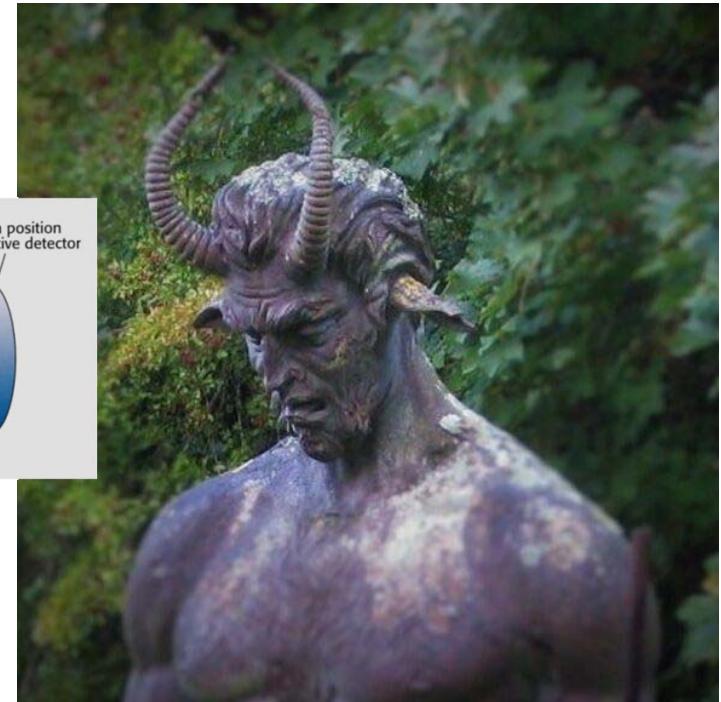
## A joke! .... about the PRECISION of scattering techniques

Material supposed  
to nuclear scattering



Venus from Milo  
The Louvre Museum

Result of scattering  
data interpretation

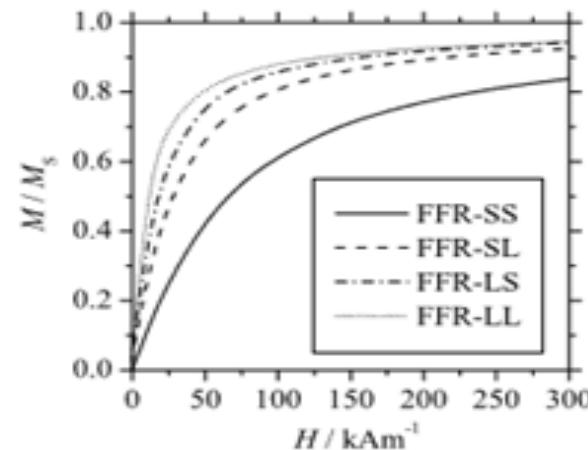
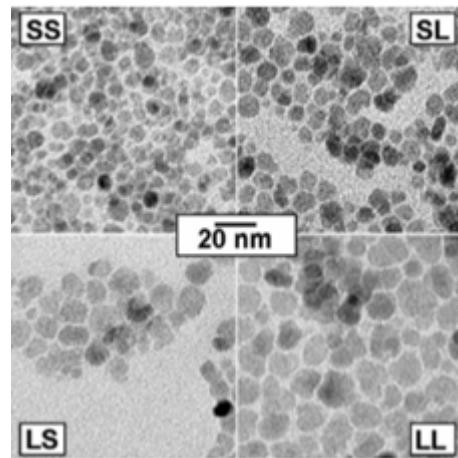


CERN preprint  
Early sixties  
last century  
(adapted)

Statue at Devil's Hole in Jersey,  
the largest of the Channel Islands  
between England and France

# Polydisperse real ferrofluid Particle size analysis-an example

High colloidal stability cyclohexane based ferrofluid (FFR)



Sample	$d_c(nm)^a$	$d_M(nm)^b$	$\rho_{dry}(kg\ m^{-3})$	$\lambda$
Unfractionated FFR	9.1	11.3	2900	0.40
Fraction FFR-SS	7.9	7.7		0.25
Fraction FFR-SL	9.7	9.9		0.55
Fraction FFR-LS	11.4	11.7		1.0
Fraction FFR-LL	15.0	15.22	3630	2.7

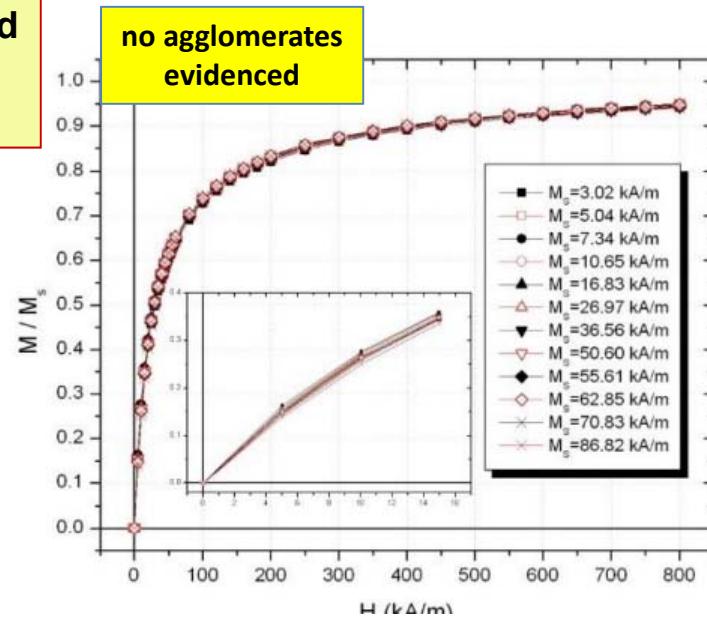
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J. Phys.: Condens. Matter. 14 (2002) 4915–4925

Van't Hoff lab of Colloids  
Univ. Utrecht

# Real ferrofluids

## Magnetization curves-influence of particle agglomerates

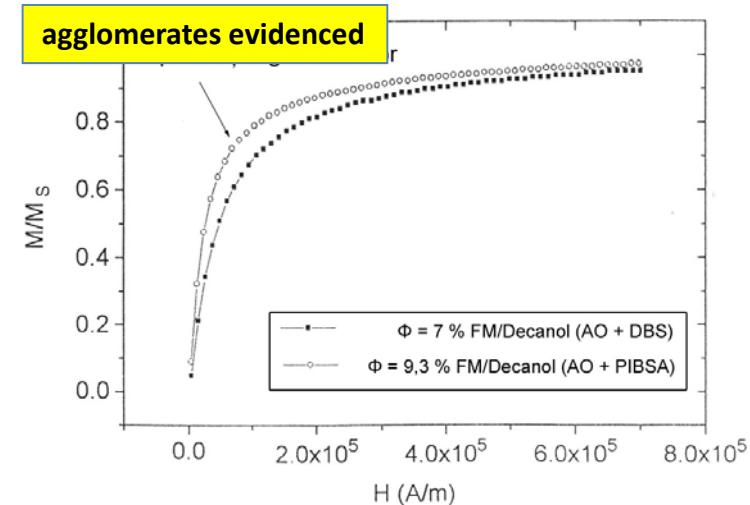
**Well screened  
particle  
interactions**



**High colloidal stability magnetic fluid (non-polar hydrocarbon, low vapor pressure).** Non-dimensional magnetization curves for samples having different values of saturation magnetization  $M_s = 3.02\text{--}86.82 \text{ kA/m}$

Raşa M., Bica D., Philipse A., Vékás L., Dilution series approach for investigation of microstructural properties and particle interactions in high-quality magnetic fluids,  
Eur.Phys.J.E, 7, 209-220 (2002).

**Irreversible particle agglomerates  
Practically absent up to close packing**



**Polar (decanol) based FFs**

Oleic acid (AO) + dodecylbenzene sulphonic acid (DBS)  
double layer; physical vol fraction 7%

Oleic acid (AO) + Polyisobutylene Succinic Anhydride (PIBSA) double layer; physical vol fraction 9.3%

**Secondary stabilizant PIBSA less efficient than DBS**

**Effect of less efficient stabilization**

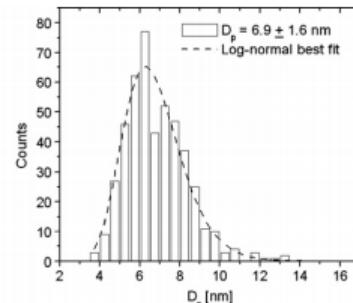
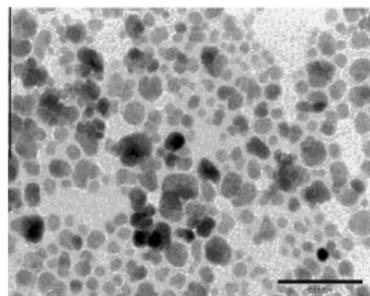
# Real ferrofluid-magnetic, physical and hydrodynamic sizes

Transformer oil based ferrofluids-about the quality of particle surface coating  
Micropilot scale samples (13) (ROSEAL Co-Romania)

Physical vol fraction = 0.8% ... 21% (magnetite NPs)

Carrier liquid: transformer oil (MOL TO 40A)

Surfactant: **vegetable oleic acid**, product 100471 Merck,  
approx. 10% saturated carboxylic acids (stearic, palmitic)

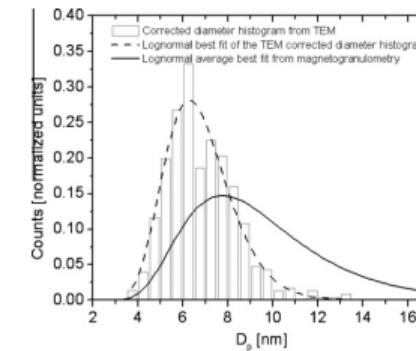


The use of  
a relatively  
cheap surfactant

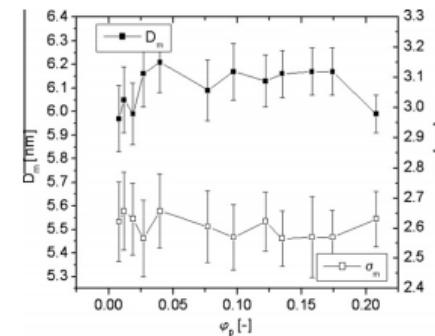
TEM picture of the magnetite nanoparticles  
and the physical diameter distribution  
of the magnetic nanoparticle

The mean hydrodynamic diameter obtained  
from DLS is between 17.4-18.9 nm

Reduced  
particle clustering  
approx. 2 particles/cluster



Physical diameter distributions as obtained  
from TEM and magnetogranulometry



Fit results for the magnetic diameter distribution  
(the bars represent the fit errors)

Susan-Resiga D., Socoliu V., Boros T., Borbáth T., Marinică O.,  
Han A., Vékás L., The influence of particle clustering on the  
rheological properties of highly concentrated magnetic nanofluids,  
J. Coll. Interface Sci., 373, 110-115 (2012).

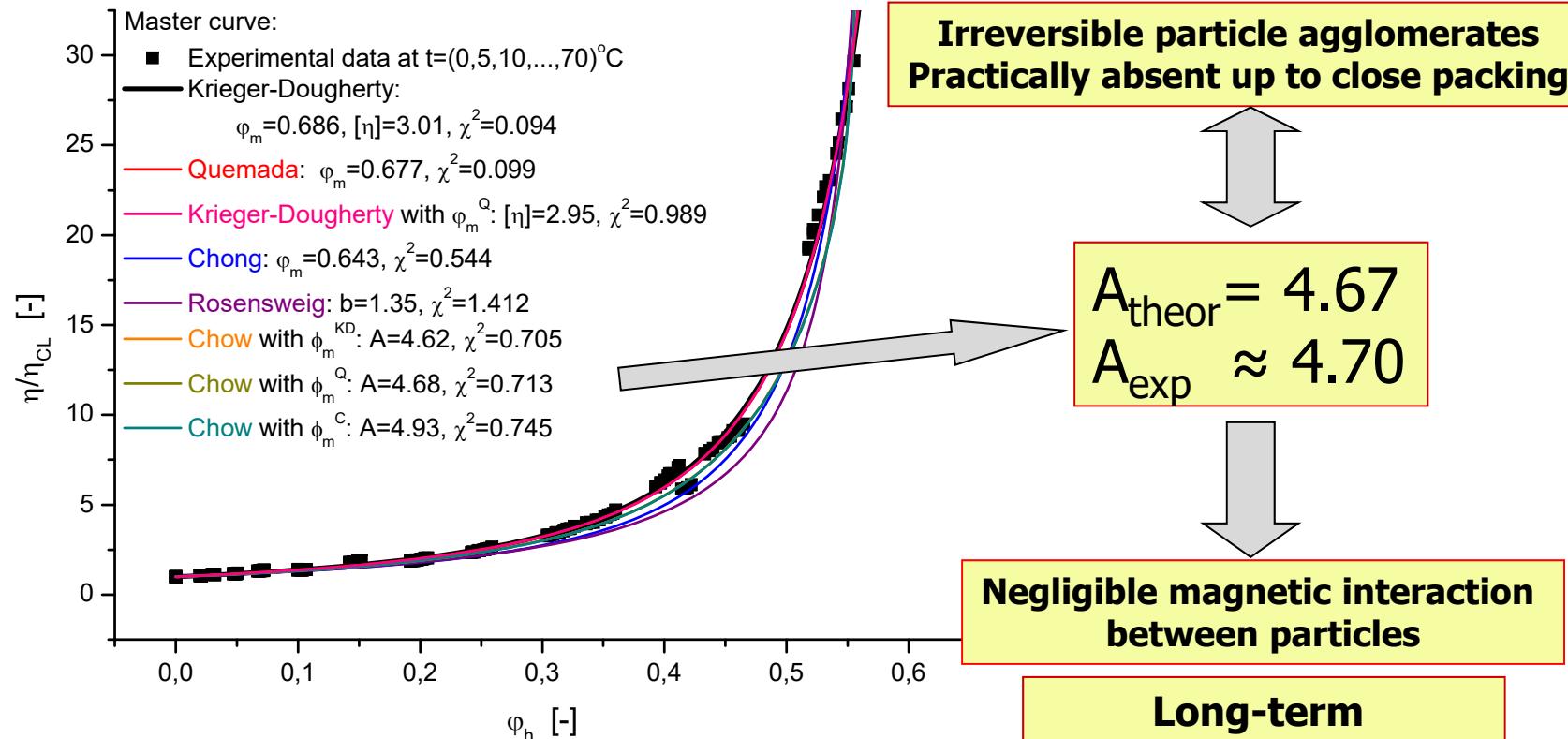
# Real ferrofluids-Flow test

## Efficiency of stabilization

Characterization

Ferrofluid samples/Hydrocarbon carrier (transformer oil; technical oleic acid surfactant)

Non-dimensional dynamical viscosity vs. hydrodynamic volume fraction: 0 - 0.60  
 Saturation magnetization:  $M_s = 40 - 1100 \text{ G}$  Temperature range  $t = 0 - 70 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$



**Formula of Chow,**  
**PhysRev E 1994**

$$\eta = \eta_{CL} \left[ \exp\left(\frac{2.5 \varphi_h}{1-\varphi_h}\right) + \frac{A \varphi_h^2}{1-A \varphi_h^2 \varphi_m} \right]$$

Daniela Susan-Resiga, L. Vekas, RomRepPhys 2018

Susan-Resiga D. et al,  
 J. Coll. Interface Sci (2012)

# Concentrated aqueous ferrofluids

## An example of manifold comparative analysis

### Electrostatic vs electrosteric stabilization

Electrostatic stabilization  
Massart 1981



Chemical coprecipitation  
Atmospheric conditions

**XPS analysis**  
 $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+} = 2.08$  for  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{CA}$   
 $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+} = 2.20$  for  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{OA+OA}$

Electrosteric stabilization  
Shimoizaka et al 1980

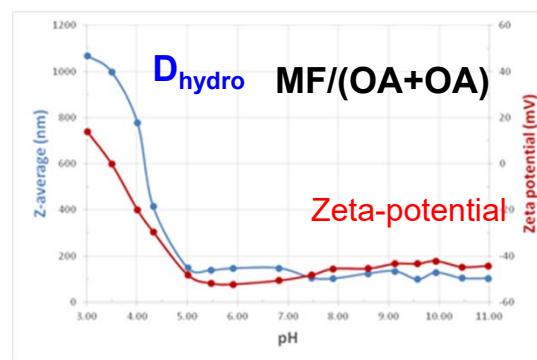
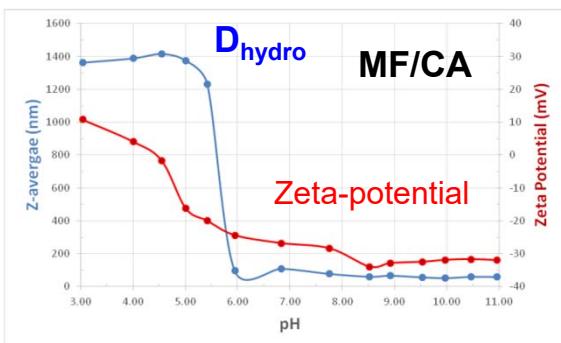


Magnetic nanoparticles: **magnetite**  
Physical vol fraction: 20% v/v  
Particle size:  $5.9 \pm 2.5$  nm  
Stabilizant: citric acid (CA)  
Stabilizant layer thickness: approx 0.5 nm  
Hydrodynamic vol fraction: approx 30% v/v  
Saturation magnetization: 78.20 kA/m (**982 G**)  
Timonen J V I et al., Science 2013  
Sahoo Y et al., J. Phys. Chem. B 2005

Aalto Univ.  
Finland

Magnetic nanoparticles: **magnetite**  
Physical vol fraction: 14% v/v  
Particle size:  $7.8 \pm 1.9$  nm  
Stabilizant: oleic acid double layer (OA+OA)  
Stabilizant layer thickness: approx 3.5 nm  
Hydrodynamic vol fraction: approx 30% v/v  
Saturation magnetization: 48.73 kA/m (**612 G**)  
Bica D et al., J Magn Magn Mater 2007  
Tombácz E, Bica D et al., J Phys Condens Matter 2008

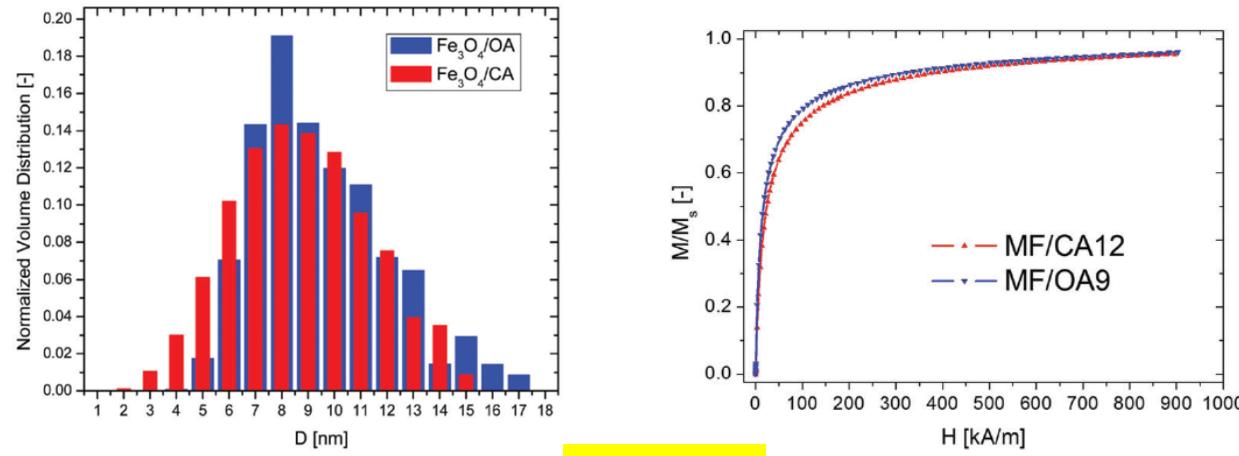
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Romania



Dynamical Light Scattering investigation

# Concentrated aqueous ferrofluids

## MF/CA and MF/OA+OA – Magnetization & Particle sizes



### Physical size

Sample	Number of particles	Mean [nm]	St.Dev [nm]	Skewness [-]
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{CA}$	1215	5.9	2.5	0.6
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{OA+OA}$	1014	7.8	1.9	1.0

### Magnetic size

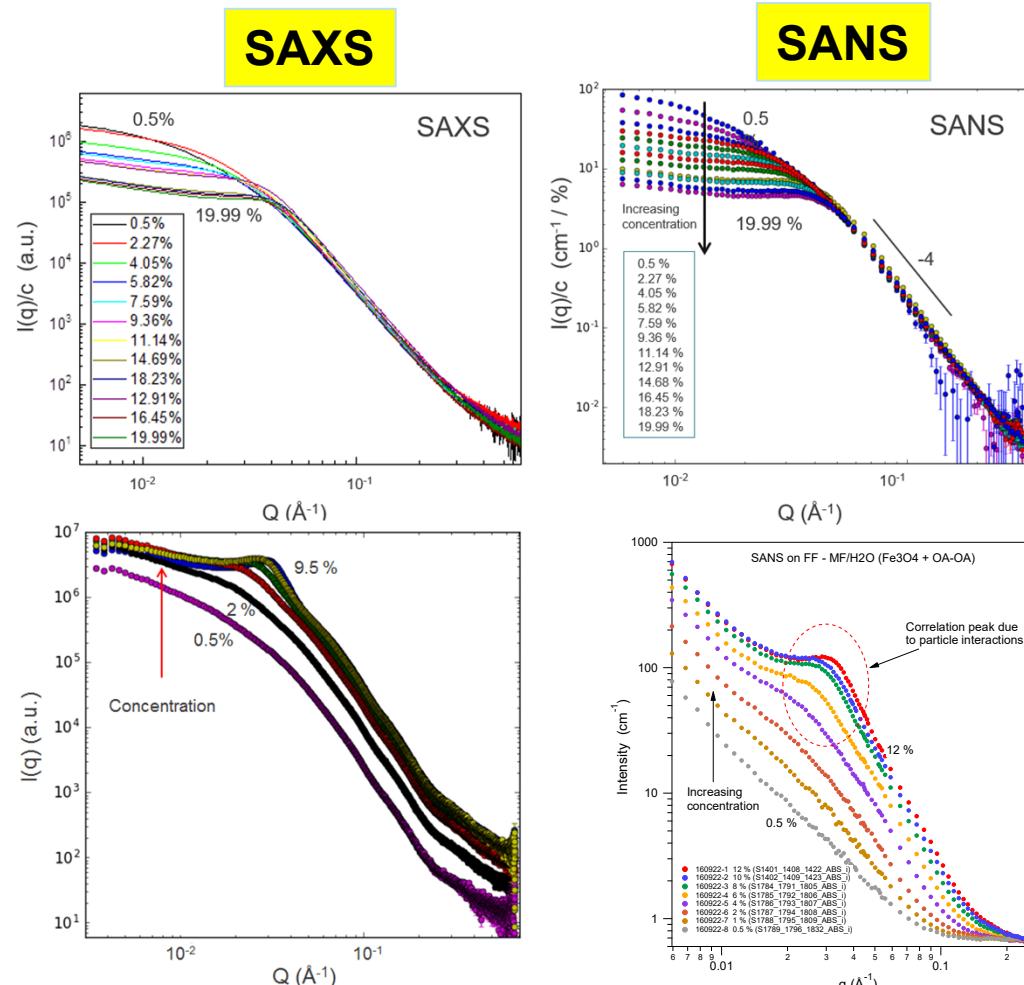
Sample	$\chi_0$ [-]	$M_s$ [kA/m]	$M(1/H)$ Lin. Fit R <sup>2</sup>	n [x10 <sup>22</sup> part/m <sup>3</sup> ]	$D_0$ [nm]	$\sigma$ [-]	Fit R <sup>2</sup>	$\Phi_m$ [-]	$\langle D_m \rangle$ [nm]	$\delta_m$ [nm]
MF/CA12	3.0	78.20	0.996	86.72	5.35	0.39	0.999	0.14	5.8	2.3
MF/OA9	3.6	48.73	0.991	39.91	6.23	0.39	0.999	0.10	6.7	2.7

# Concentrated aqueous ferrofluids

Characterization

## Particle interactions-SAXS and SANS investigations

Electrostatic stabilization  
MF/Citric Acid  
No agglomerates



SAXS-DESY Hamburg

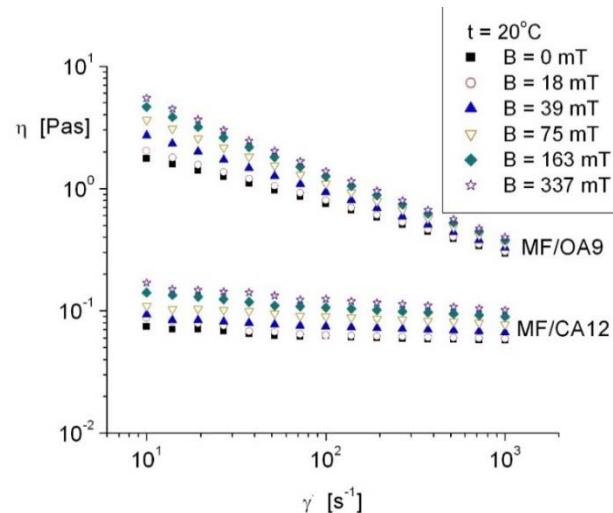
SANS-IFE Kjeller

# Concentrated aqueous ferrofluids

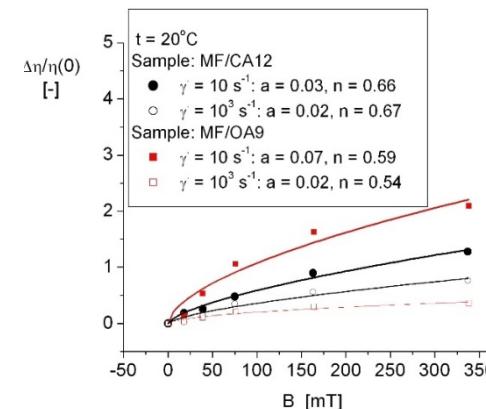
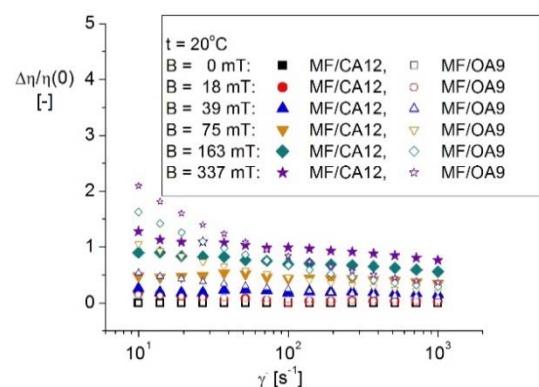
*Characterization*

## Particle interactions-Magnetorheological investigations

The role of stabilization mechanism-MF-water/CA and MF-water/(OA+OA)



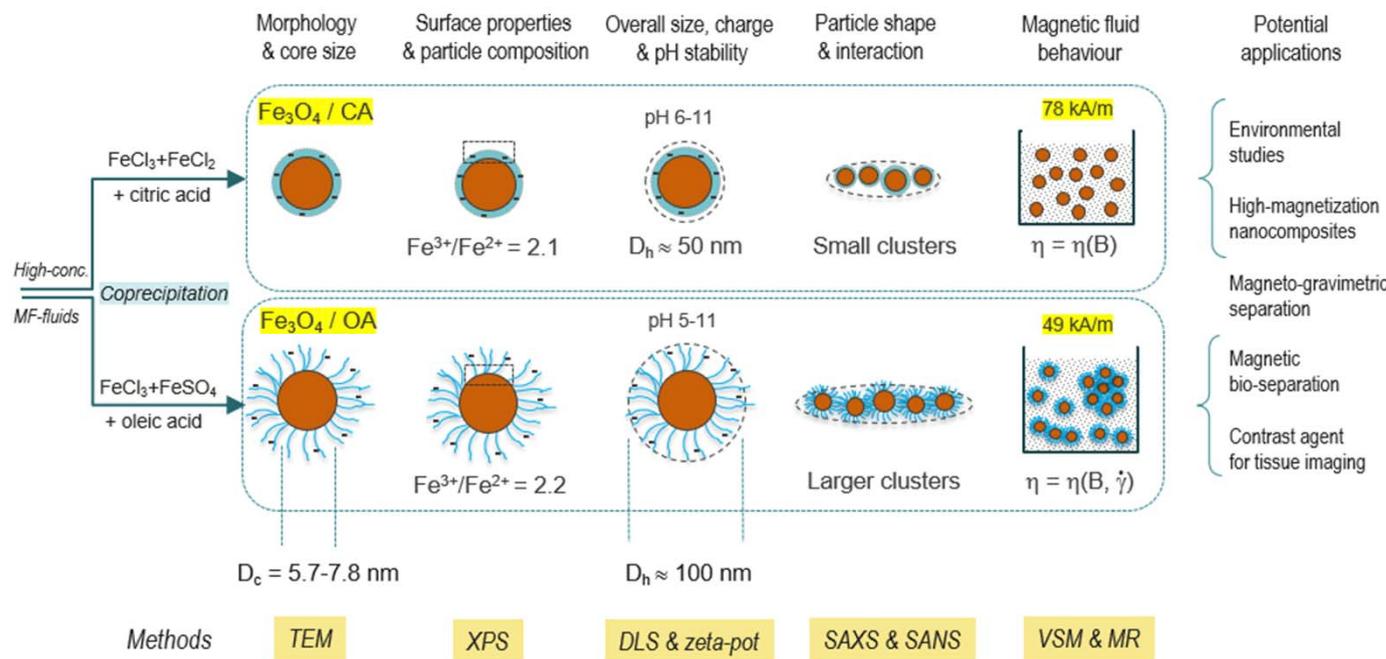
Magnetorheology  
clearly differentiate between  
**electrostatic** (citric acid-electric double layer)  
and  
**electrosteric** stabilization (oleic acid double layer)



Viscosity curves and magnetoviscous effect for the highest concentration MF/CA (physical vol fraction 20%) and MF/(OA+OA) (physical vol fraction 14%) samples at different magnetic field strengths

# Concentrated aqueous ferrofluids

## Electrostatic vs electrosteric stabilization Manifold comparison



Corina Vasilescu, M. Latikka, K. D. Knudsen, V.M. Garamus, V. Socoliuc, Rodica Turcu, Etelka Tombácz, Daniela Susan-Resiga, R.H.A. Ras, L. Vékás, Soft Matter (2018)

# Ferrohydrodynamics

## Relaxation of magnetization

**Response of MNPs suspended in a viscous carrier to a.c. magnetic fields**

Orientation of magnetization vector  $\mathbf{M}$  relative to the a.c. applied field  $\mathbf{H}$  strongly dependent on magnetic material, particle size and carrier viscosity

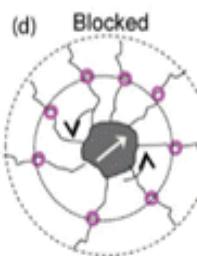
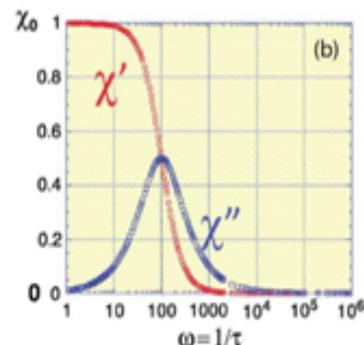


$$\tau_N = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \tau_0 \frac{\exp(KV_m/k_B T)}{(KV_m/k_B T)^{\sigma}}$$

**Néel relaxation time**

$$\tau_N = \tau_0 e^\sigma$$

$$\sigma = \frac{KV_m}{k_B T}$$



$$\tau_B = \frac{3\eta V_H}{k_B T}$$

**Brown relaxation time**

$$\frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{\tau_B} + \frac{1}{\tau_N}$$

**Effective relaxation time**

$\chi'$ - real (in phase) component  
 $\chi''$ - imaginary (loss) component

K-magnetic anisotropy constant  
 $\eta$ - carrier liquid viscosity

R.E. Rosensweig, *Ferrohydrodynamics*, Cambridge Univ Press 1985

K. M. Krishnan, *Biomedical Nanomagnetics: A Spin Through Possibilities in Imaging, Diagnostics, and Therapy*, IEEE Trans Magn 2010;

Stierstadt K, Liu M, Maxwell's stress tensor

and the forces in magnetic liquids, ZAMM•Z. Angew. Math. Mech., 1–34 (2014);

Shliomis M I, Ferrohydrodynamics: Retrospective and Issues,  
 in: S. Odenbach, Ed., *Ferrofluids. Lecture notes in Physics 594* (Springer Verlag, 2002) pp.85-111

## Quasistationary approximation

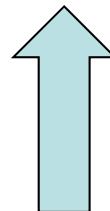
$$\vec{M} \parallel \vec{H}$$

Relaxation time-  
Negligible/very short

$$\bar{\mathbf{f}}_v = \mu_0 M \nabla H$$

Magnetic force/ unit volume

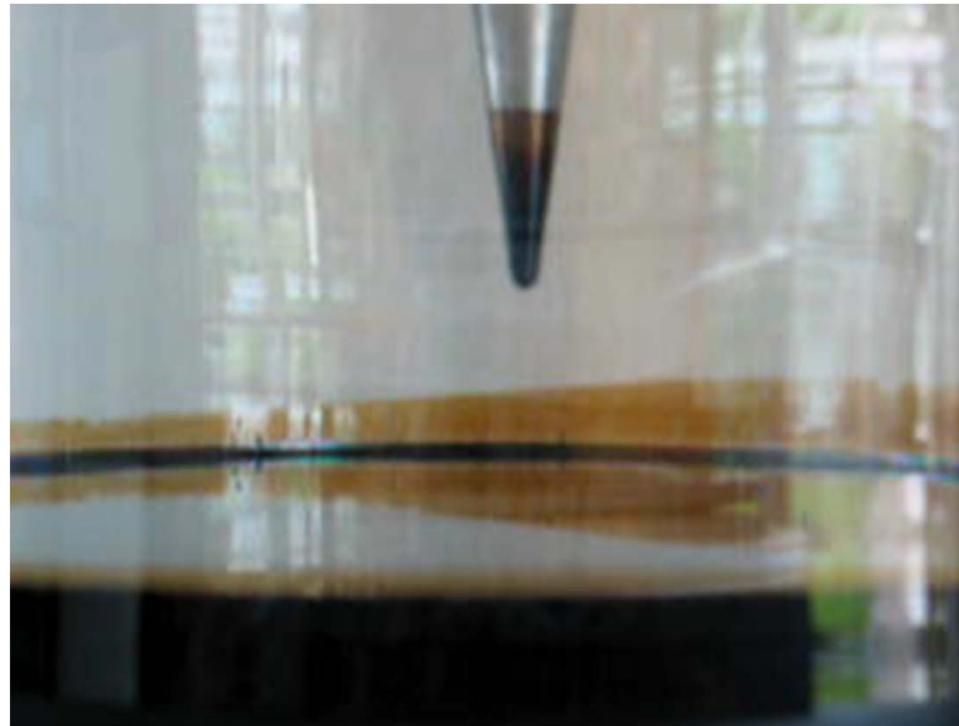
$$\rho \left[ \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial t} + (\bar{v} \nabla) \bar{v} \right] = -\nabla p + \mu_0 M \nabla H + \rho \bar{g} + \eta \nabla^2 \bar{v}$$



Navier-Stokes equation in quasistationary ferrohydrodynamics

R.E. Rosensweig, Ferrohydrodynamics,  
Cambridge Univ Press 1985

## **Magnetic force much higher than gravitational force**

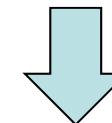


Normal field instabilities induced by a magnetic field  
mineral oil based Ferrofluid-Doina Bica-Lab MF Timisoara  
**Exhibition-100 years anniversary of the van't Hoff laboratory-University Utrecht-2004**  
Courtesy of Prof. Albert Philipse

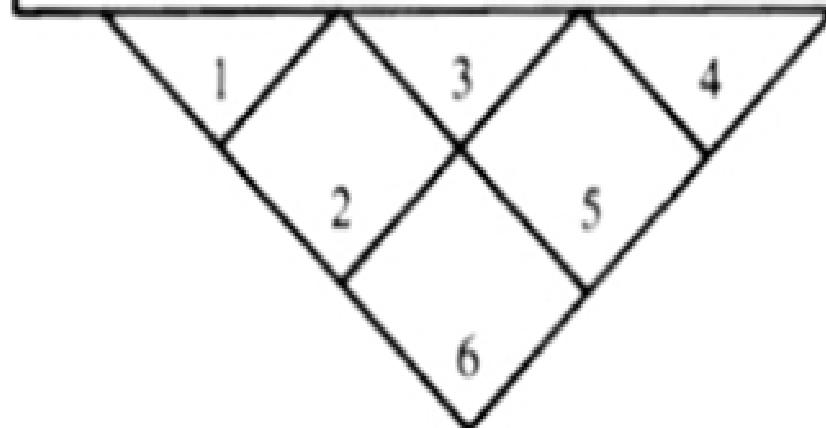
## Bernoulli relationship in ferrohydrodynamics

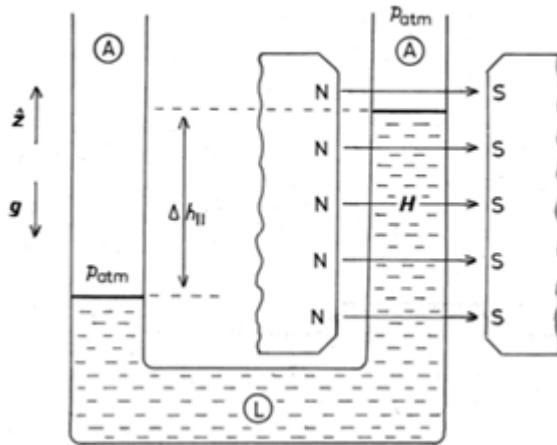
Magnetic  
pressure

$$p_m = \mu_0 \int_0^H M dH = \mu_0 \bar{M} H$$

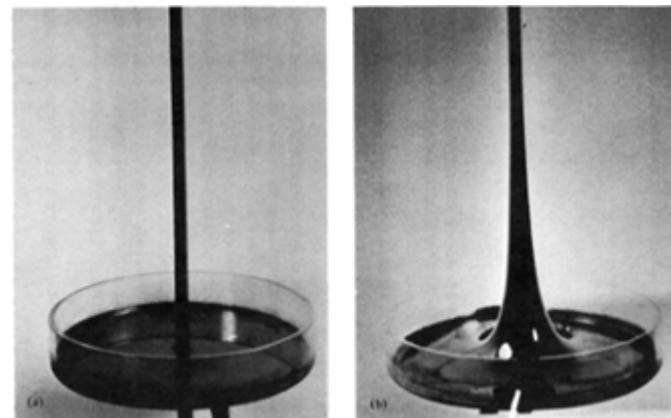
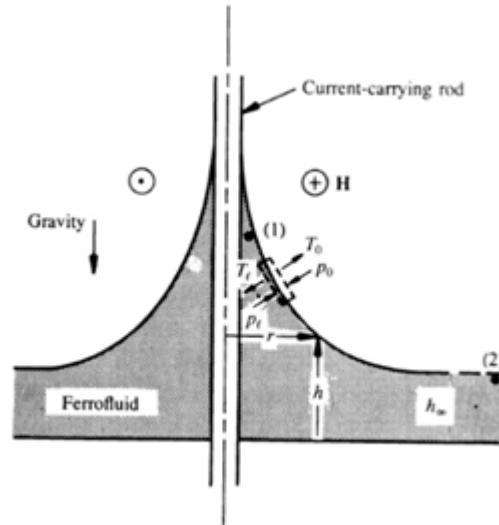


$$p^* + \rho \frac{v^2}{2} + \rho gh - \mu_0 \bar{M} H = \text{constant}$$





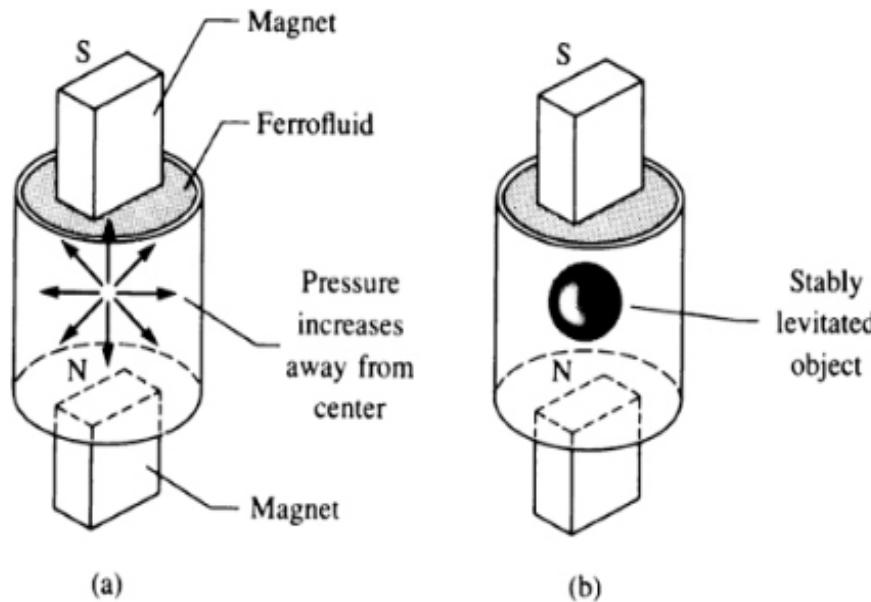
The classical **Quincke experiment**  
(magnetic susceptibility of liquids)  
Rise of magnetic fluid between the poles  
of a magnet-category 4 of FF behavior



The conical meniscus in ferrohydrostatic equilibrium (scheme). Balance of magnetic and gravitational energies at any point on the free liquid surface is demonstrated when an electric current is passed through a vertical rod running through a pool of ferrofluid:

**At each point in the bulk ferrofluid, the sum of the magnetic, gravitational, and pressure terms in the ferrohydrodynamic Bernoulli equation equals the same constant**

## First order levitation effect

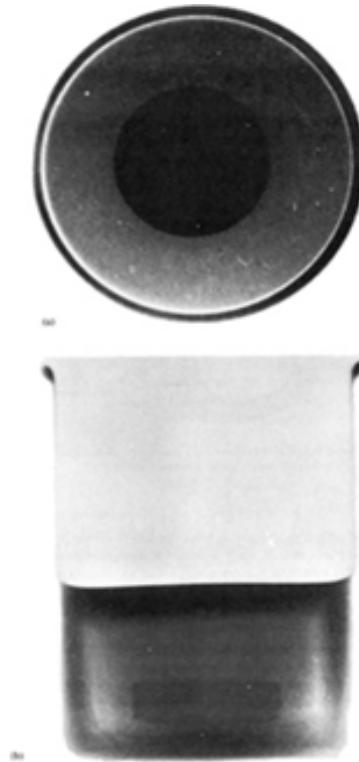


### Levitation of a nonmagnetic body in a magnetized fluid

is a demonstration of the generalized Bernoulli equation:

- (a) pressure in the fluid is lowest at the center and increases with distance from it;
- (b) when a **nonmagnetic object** is placed in the container,  
it moves to the center and remains there in equilibrium

## Second order levitation effect



### Self-levitation of a magnetic object in magnetic fluid

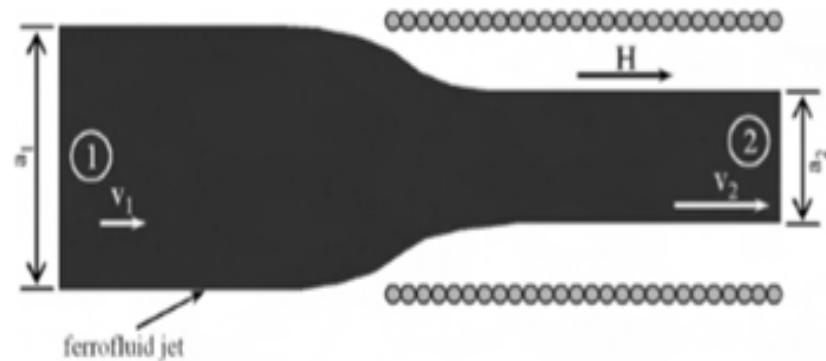
The X-ray images show a disk magnet stably suspending itself in a baker of ferrofluid.

The magnet, which is nearly four times as dense as the fluid,

is seen hovering above the bottom of the beaker in the side view (b).

As the plan view illustrates, the magnet is repulsed from the surrounding beaker wall

## Horizontal ferrofluid jet

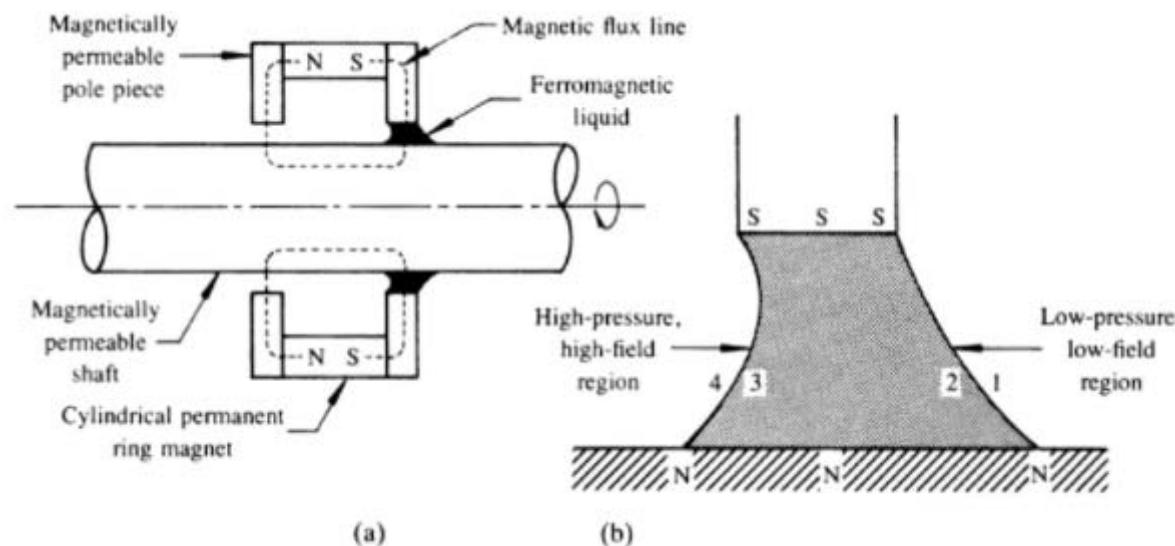


**Magnetic nozzle:** reduction of the cross section of jet  
entering in non-zero magnetic field region

# **Applications**

## Leakproof dynamic sealing

### Operating principle-1



The only **leakproof** rotating seal on the market

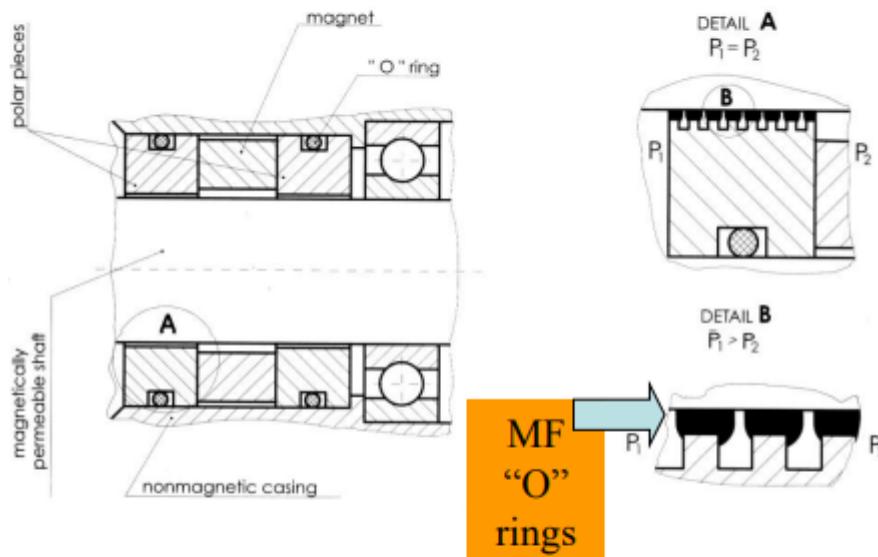
Rosensweig R.E., Magnetic fluid seals, US Patent 3,260,584 (1971)

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# Applications

## Operating principle-2

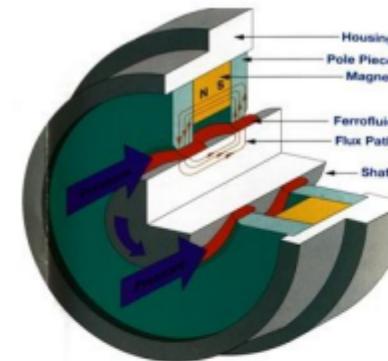
### Magnetofluidic rotating seals



### Main requirements for sealing MFs

#### ➤ Magnetization: high / very high

- Viscosity: as low as possible
- Magnetoviscous effect: reduced, below 50%
- Evaporation rate: low/very low



Sealed medium: gas  
Friction: only viscous  
**No leakage**  
No wear  
Years long operating life

### Sealing capacity $\sim M_s$

$$\Delta p = nM_s(B_{\max} - B_{\min})$$

10<sup>-8</sup> mbar – 50 bars

Long-term colloidal stability in strong non-uniform magnetic field

$$B_{\max} \sim 1-1.5\text{T}$$

$$I_{grad} H \sim 10^9 \text{A/m}^2$$

## **MF rotating seals in high-tech processes and devices A highly successful commercial application**

**Semiconductor industry - Fabrication** of high quality silicon integrated circuits for electronic devices sputtering systems (**vacuum integrity** up to  $10^{-7}$ - $10^{-9}$  torr), **crystal growing systems** (e.g., defect-free mono-crystalline silicon); X-ray rotating anode, tire pressure for **all-terrain vehicles**, production of **optical fibers**, high altitude **telescope** for deep space exploration, excimer laser systems, electron beam evaporators, **computer memory drives**, bearing protection, angle of attack sensor of aircrafts, airborne infrared **imaging cameras**, manipulators for **robotics**, fabrication and handling of **nuclear fuel assemblies**, precision ball bearing and **disk drive spindles**

**Ferrotec Company**, the largest manufacurer: “The Ferrofluid That We Use in Our Ferrofluidic Seals is not Available for Purchase as a Stand-alone Product”

<https://seals.ferrotec.com/technology/>



# Leakage-free magneto-fluidic rotating seals Manufactured in Romania



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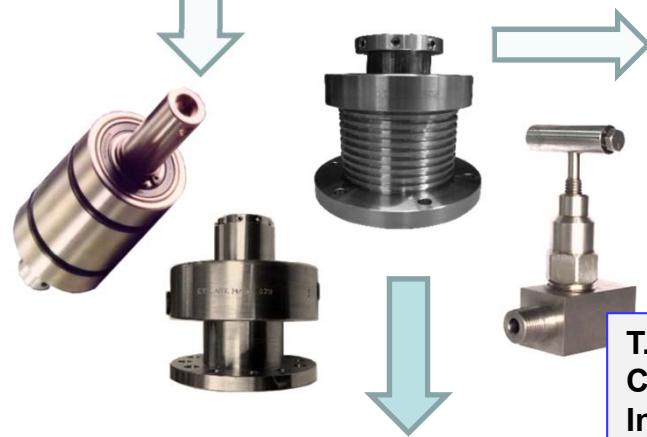
## Technology Transfer



Magnetic fluids  
for seals  
Qualification for  
Environment,  
Radiation and  
Thermal resistance



Nuclear Power Units (2012-)  
High power electric switches  
Vacuum technology  
Gas compressors



### Projects

*NanoMagneFluidSeal* (2006-2008)  
*Semarogaz* (2007-2009)  
*MagNanoMicroSeal* (2012-2016)  
*HiSpeedNanoMagSeal* (2014-2017)

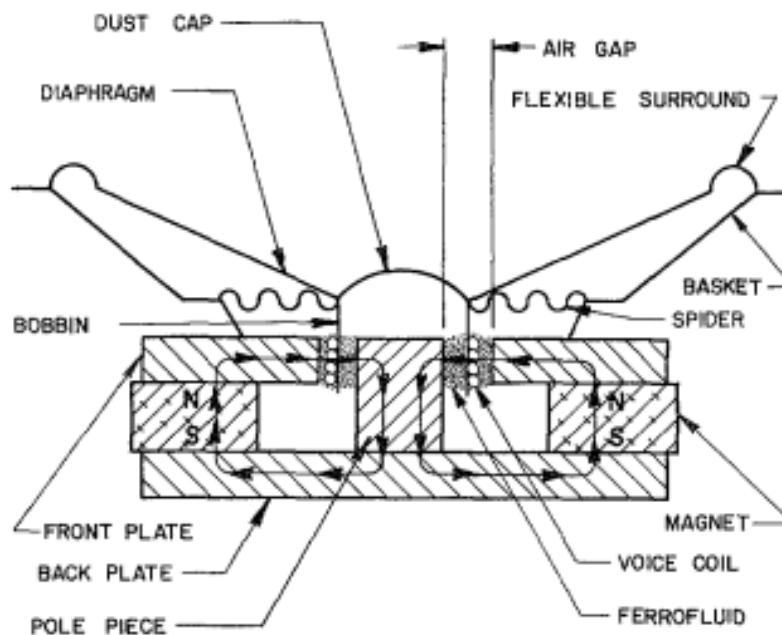
T. Zaharescu, R. Setnescu, I. Borbath,  
Cent.Eur.J.Chem.12(2014); T. Borbath et al,  
Int.J. Fluid Machinery and Systems, 4(2011)

Helium leakage  
less than  $10^{-7}$  cm<sup>3</sup>/sec

Highly limiting any radioactive escape much below the  
admissible level, resistance to radiation,  
several years long maintenance-free operation 58

## Ferrofluid improved loudspeakers Another highly successful application

### Applications



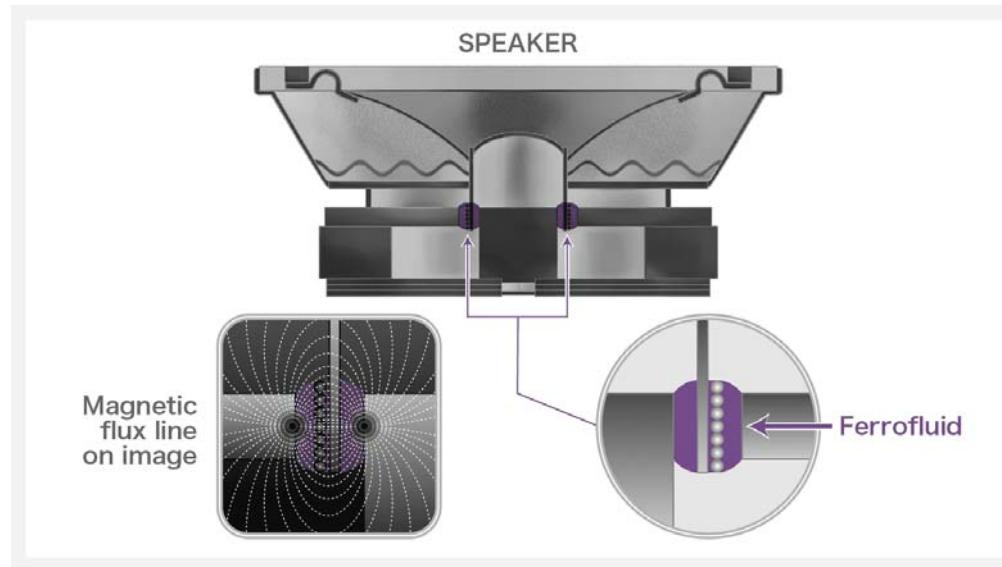
Bottenberg et al 1980; Raj and Moskowitz 1980

#### Improvements by displacement of a small volume of ferrofluid in the air gap:

- a) **cooling** (ferrofluid is 4-5 times more thermally conductive as the air, lowering the voice coil operating temperature under both transient and steady state conditions);
- (b) **damping** (proportional to the viscosity of ferrofluid);
- (c) **voice coil centering** (the restoring force is enough to ensure the centering the coil ; the first order levitation force constant is proportional to the ferrofluid magnetization and the maximum field strength in the gap);
- (d) **reduced harmonic distortion** and spectral contamination due to centering force;
- (e) reduced thermal power compression effects and **better linearity**.

## Ferrofluid improved loudspeakers

### A highly successful commercial application



[https://ft-mt.co.jp/en/product/electronic\\_device/ferrofluid/audio/](https://ft-mt.co.jp/en/product/electronic_device/ferrofluid/audio/)

Multi-media computers, laptops, cellular phones, portable DVD player and headphones, imposed significant size reduction of the dynamic speaker, while keeping high the requirements on sound quality: cellular phones or hearing aids which employ a few millimeter size speakers with tight radial gap

<https://www.sony.com/electronics/support/articles/00045726>

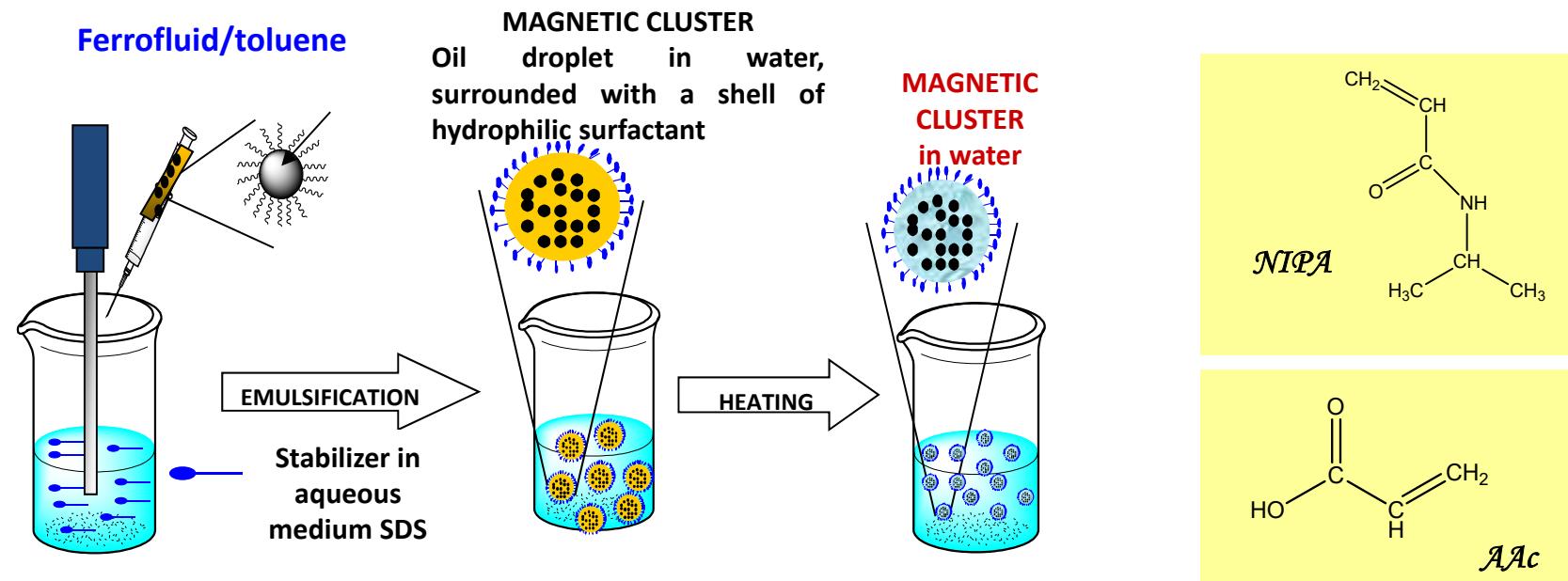
## *Applications*

### **Tunable and adaptive multifunctional materials derived from ferrofluids**

## Magnetic microgels-1

-preparation by ferrofluid-in-water miniemulsion method-

*1<sup>st</sup> step:* Nanoparticle clusters (NPCs) by toluene FF in water miniemulsion



*2<sup>nd</sup> step:* Encapsulation of NPCs into cross-linked polymers by free radical polymerization in water (p-NIPA, pNIPA-pAAc, pAPTAC) → magnetic microgels

E.g., Magnetite NP clusters encapsulated in poly(N-isopropylacrylamide-co-acrylic acid)

INCDTIM Cluj-Napoca

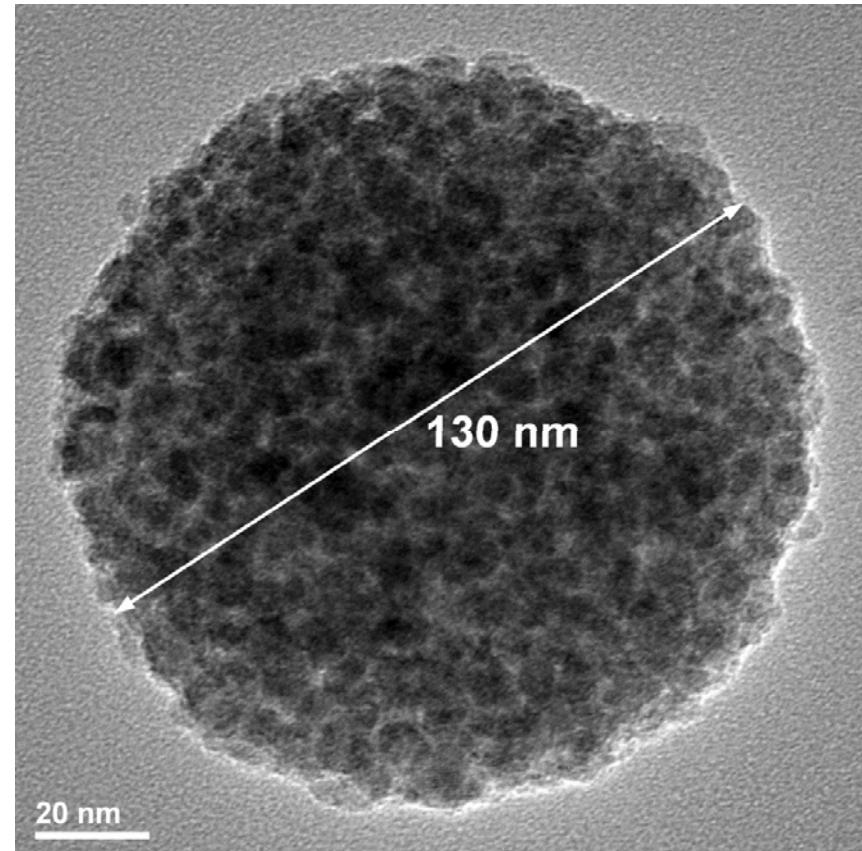
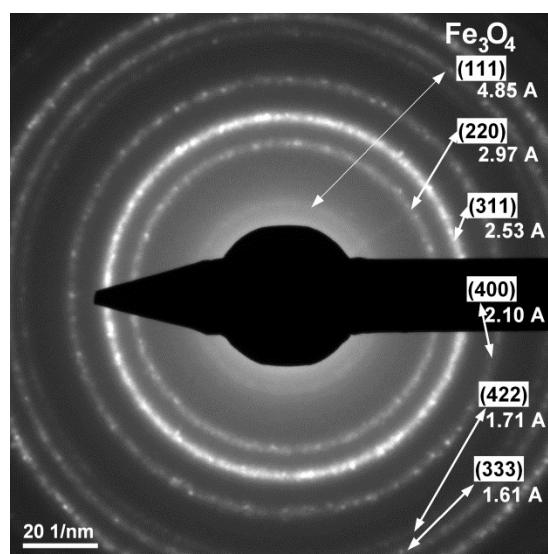
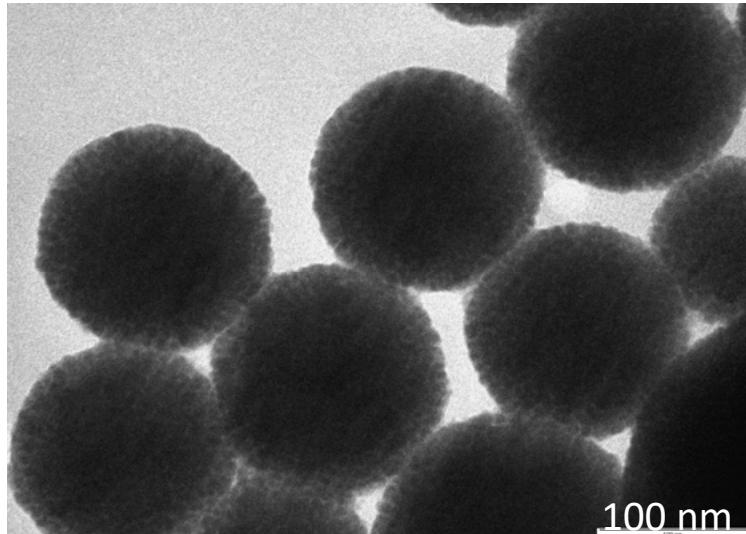
R. Turcu, I. Craciunescu, A. Nan, in: Upscaling of Bio-Nano-Processes, H. Nirschl and K. Keller (Eds.) Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg 2014, pp.57-76

# Magnetic microgels-2

*Applications*

## Morphological characterization

NPCs stabilized with SDS prepared by oil-in-water miniemulsion method

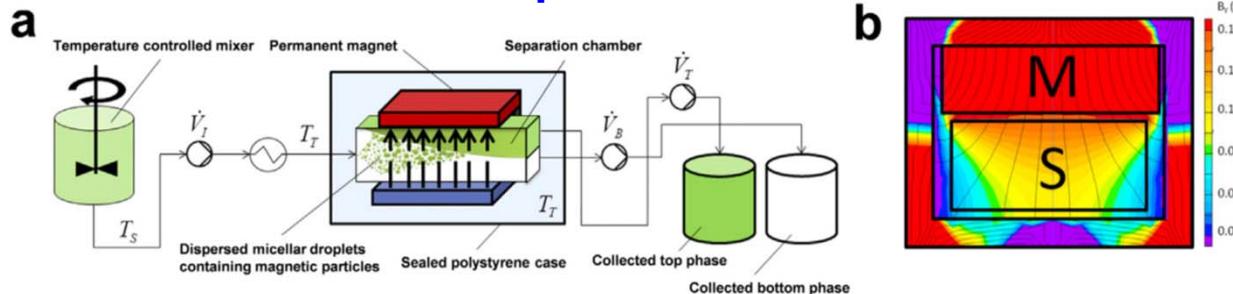


R Turcu, V Socoliuc, I Craciunescu, A Petran, A Paulus, M Franzreb, E. Vasile, L. Vékás, Soft Matter 11(2015)

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Biochem.Biophys.Res.Comm. 468(2015)

# Applications

## Magnetic microgels for Magnetic bioseparation Comparative tests



Continuous magnetic extraction (CME) using cation exchange functionalized magnetic particles. The magnet consists of the magnetic ferrite material (M) and a surrounding pole shoe, imposing a lifting force on any magnetic particles within 'S'.

**Institute of Functional Interfaces - Karlsruhe Institute of Technology**

Magnetic support (Manufacturer)	Description of particle materials	Mean size (nm)	Flow rate (L/h)	Separation efficiency (%)
MagPrep Silica 25 (Merck KGaA)	Magnetite crystals coated with a thin layer of silica	25	5	>95
MagPrep SO <sub>3</sub> 100 (Merck KGaA)	Magnetite crystals coated with a thin layer of silica	100	5	>99
Poly(NIPAA-co-AAc) (INCDTIM Cluj-Napoca, Romania)	Magnetite embedded within a poly(N-isopropylacrylamide-co-acrylic acid) matrix	200	9	>99
M-PVA-DEAP (PerkinElmer Chemagen Technologie GmbH)	Spherical beaded polyvinyl alcohol – magnetite composite particle functionalized with diethylaminopropyl groups	2000	9	>99

Fischer I., Hsu C.-C., Gärtner M., Müller C., Overton T. W., Thomas O.R.T., Franzreb M.,  
*Continuous protein purification using functionalized magnetic nanoparticles in aqueous micellar two-phase systems*, Journal of Chromatography A, 1305, 7–16(2013)

Useful supplementary information on  
magnetoresponsive nanocomposite manufacturing  
for biotechnology and nanomedicine

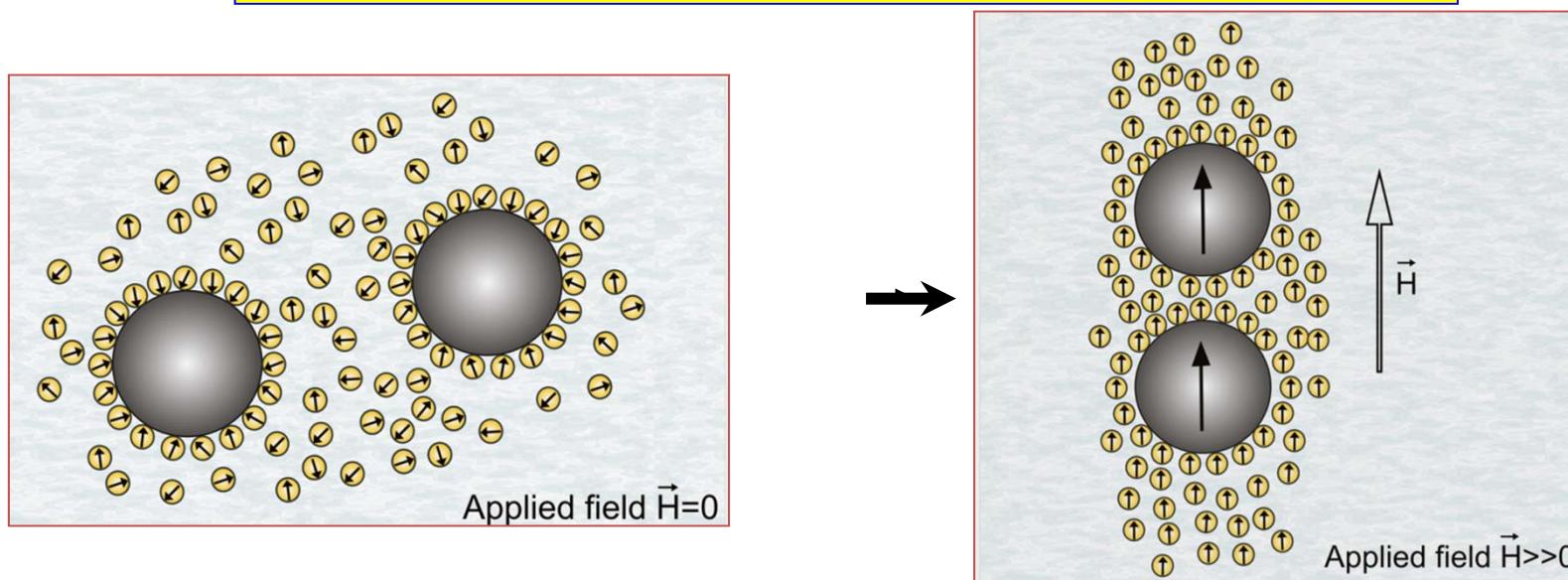
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Vlad Socoliuc, Davide Peddis, Viktor I. Petrenko, Mikhail V. Avdeev, Daniela Susan-Resiga, Tamas Szabó, Rodica Turcu, Etelka Tombácz, Ladislau Vékás, *Magnetic Nanoparticle Systems for Nanomedicine—A Materials Science Perspective* (review; feature paper), Magnetochemistry, **6**, 2(2020)

# Ferrofluid based very high magnetization nano-micro fluids

Applications

Micrometer size Fe particles dispersed in a ferrofluid carrier  
Extremely bidisperse magnetizable suspensions

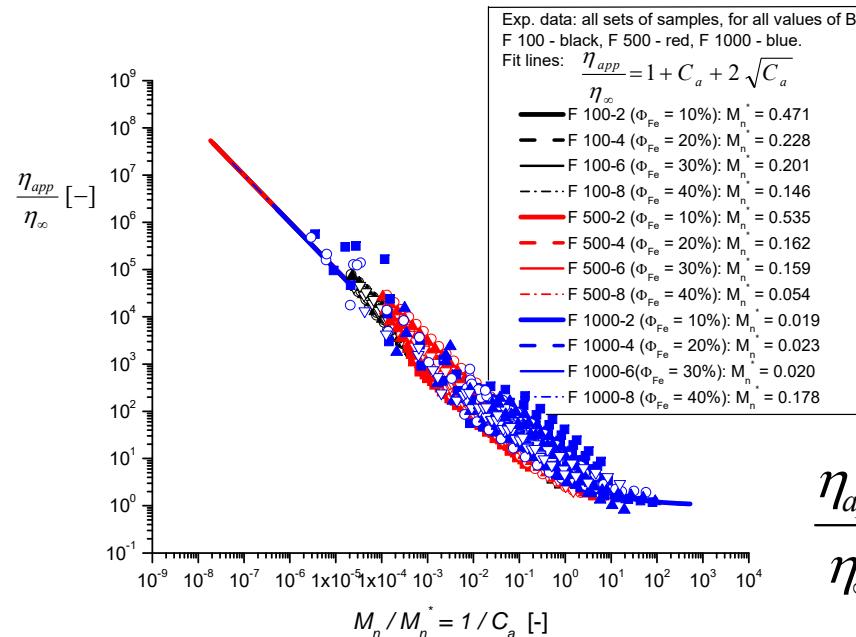


The magnetic nanoparticles – *tiny permanent magnets* – cover the surface of the micrometer size Fe particles and impede their direct surface-to-surface contact => **increased sedimentation stability and very high magnetization**  
**Excellent sealing and magnetorheological fluids**

Doina Bica et al. Patent RO 122725(2009); Tünde Borbáth et al Int J Fluid Machinery and Systems, 2011; Daniela Susan-Resiga et al J Magn Magn Mater 2010; Rheol. Acta 2014; Rheol. Acta 2016; J. Rheology 2017

# Ferrofluid based MRF-tuning the composition

Non-dimensional apparent viscosity vs. Mason Mn/Casson Ca number



$$\frac{\eta_{app}}{\eta_{\infty}} = f \left( \frac{M_n}{M_n^*} = \frac{1}{C_a} \right)$$

$$M_n = 72 \frac{\eta_{FF} \dot{\gamma} \Phi^2}{\mu_o \mu_{rFF} [\langle M_{FF-MRF} \rangle - \langle M_{FF} \rangle]^2}$$

$$\frac{\eta_{app}}{\eta_{\infty}} = C_a + 2\sqrt{C_a} + 1 \quad C_a = \frac{\tau_c}{\eta_c \dot{\gamma}} = \frac{\tau_c}{\eta_{\infty} \dot{\gamma}},$$

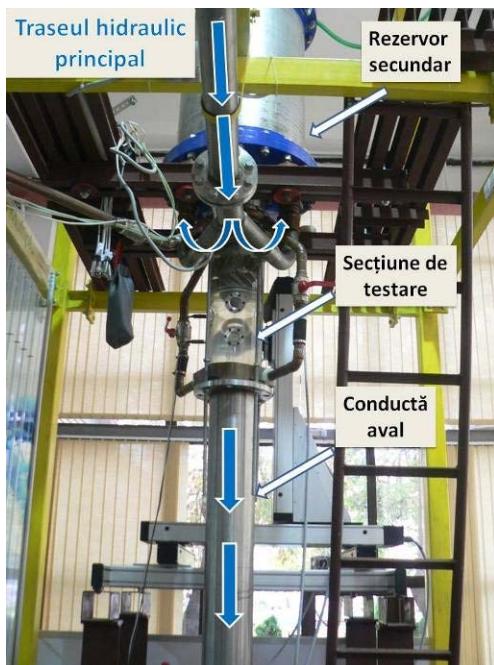
Collapse of experimental points on a **master curve**  
for different values **Fe microparticle** volume fraction  $\phi$   
and **magnetite nanoparticle** volume fraction  $\varphi$ .  
(yield stress; shear rate)

**Basics for design of MR devices**

**Daniela Susan-Resiga, L. Vékás, Ferrofluid based composite fluids:  
magnetorheological properties correlated by Mason and Casson numbers  
J of Rheology, 2017**

# MR controller devices in hydraulic machinery

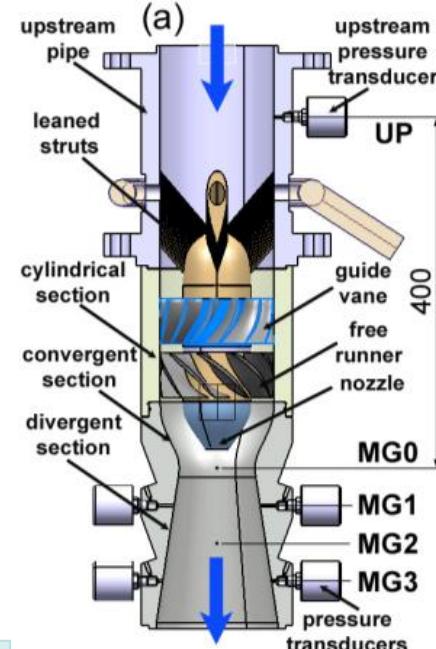
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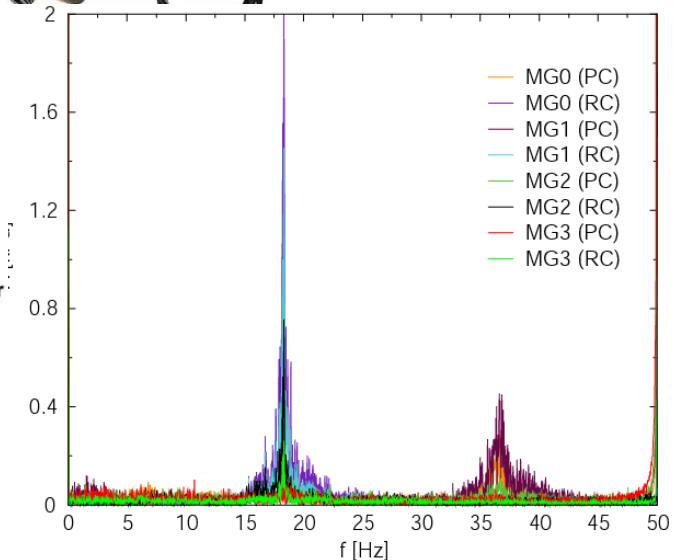
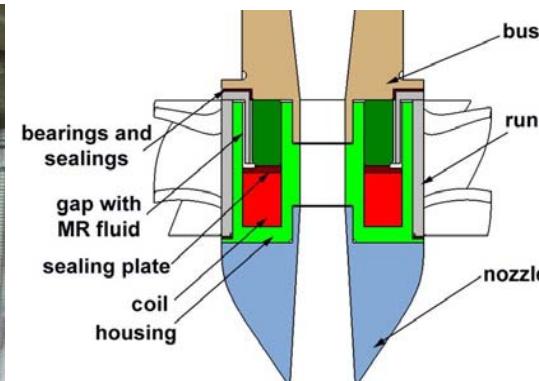
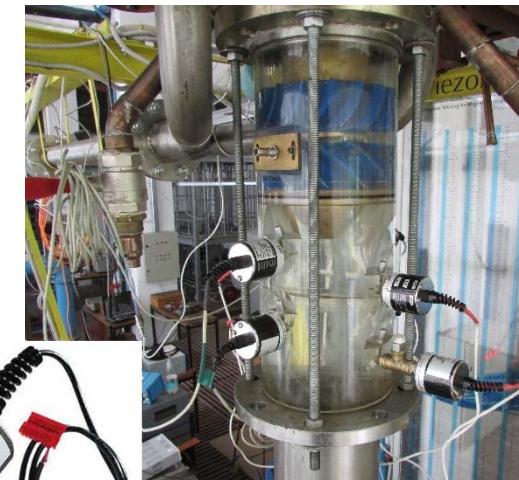
Lab Hydraulic Machines-Timisoara



## Testing an MR brake



## Swirl generator



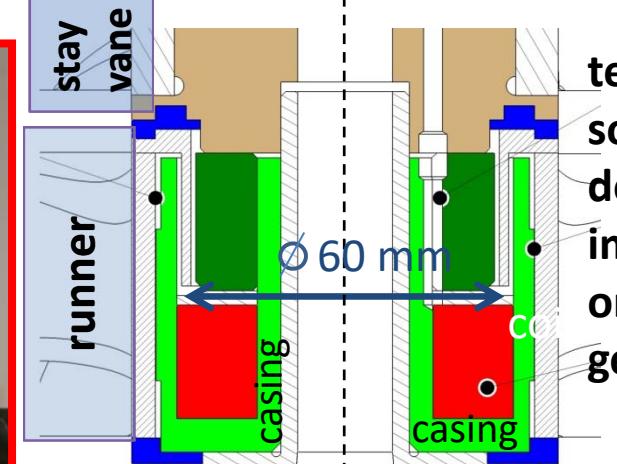
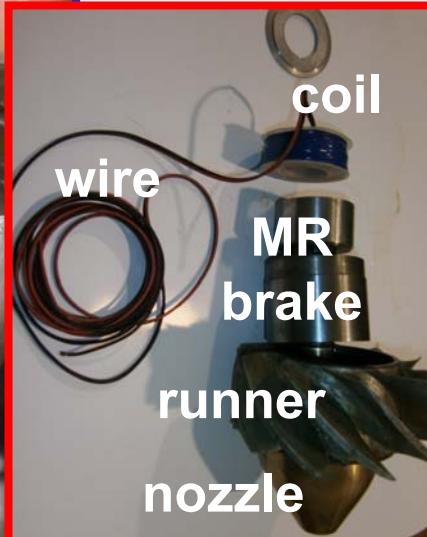
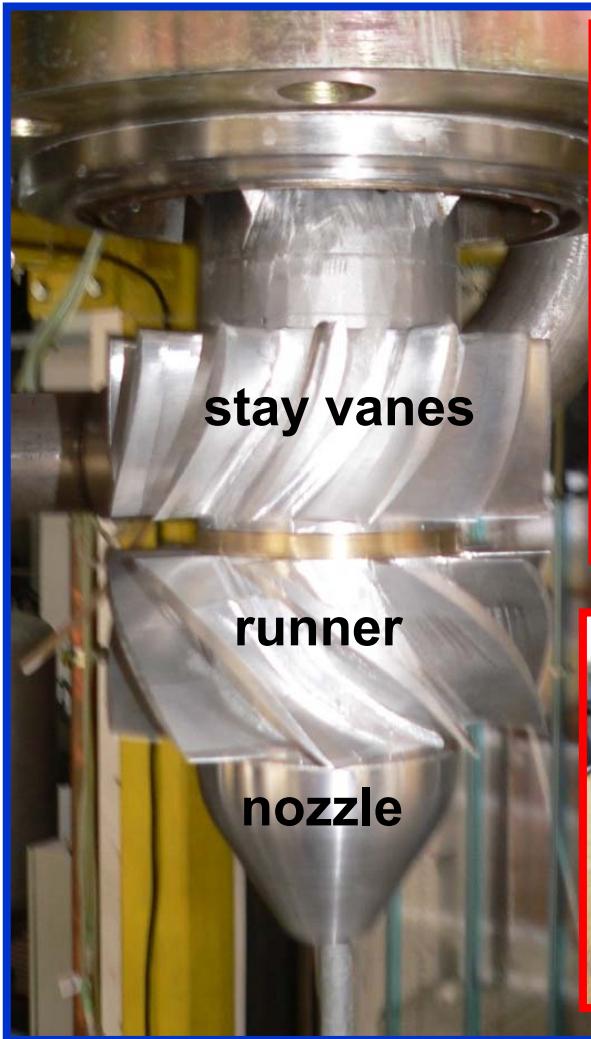
Fourier transform of pressure signals (amplitude&frequency)  
associated with free runner rotation **without MR brake**- at 1020 rpm  
**Intense vibrations are induced**

# MR controller devices in hydraulic machinery

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## MR brake implemented on swirl generator

→ slow down runner speed → **control hydrodynamic instabilities**



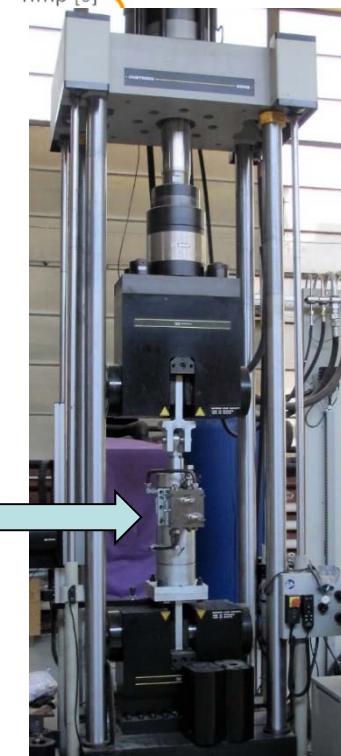
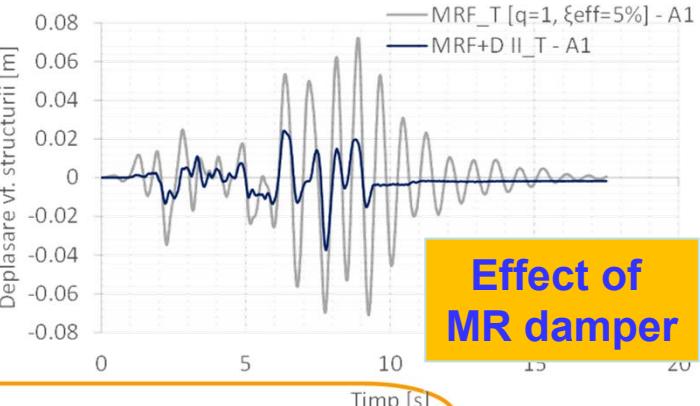
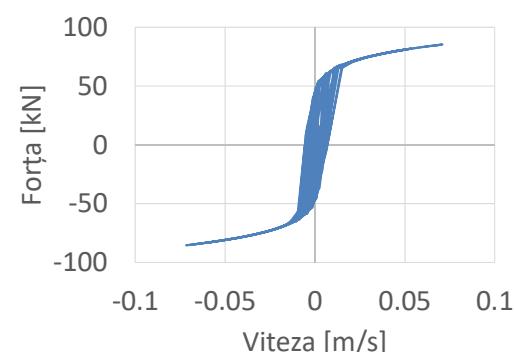
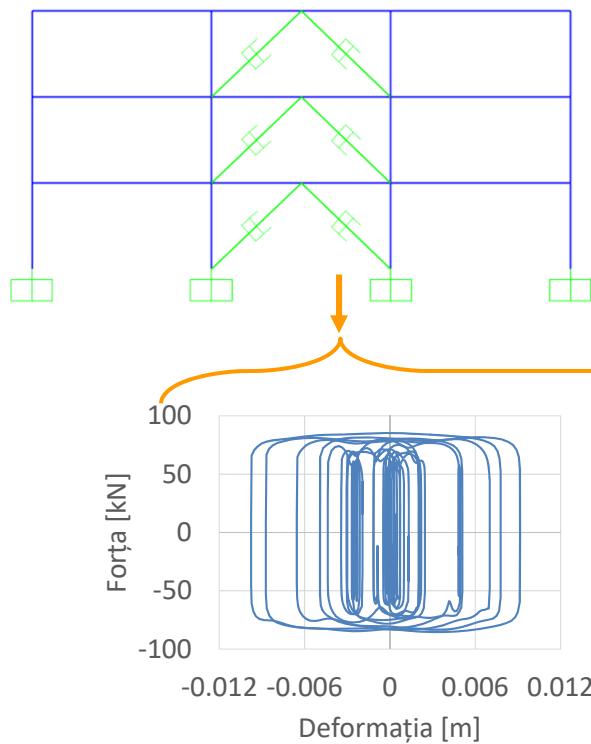
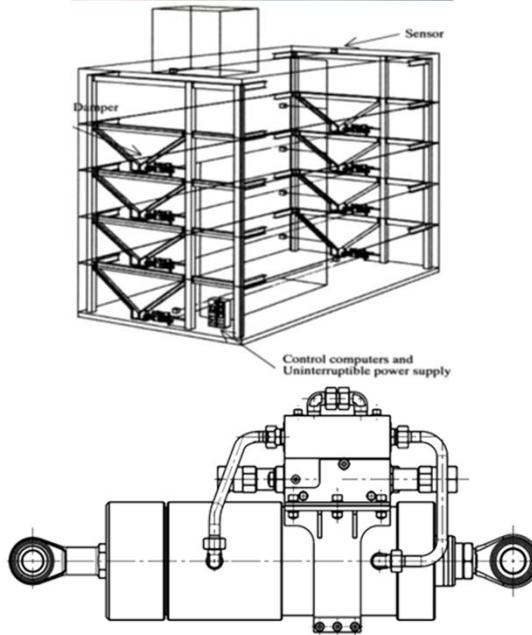
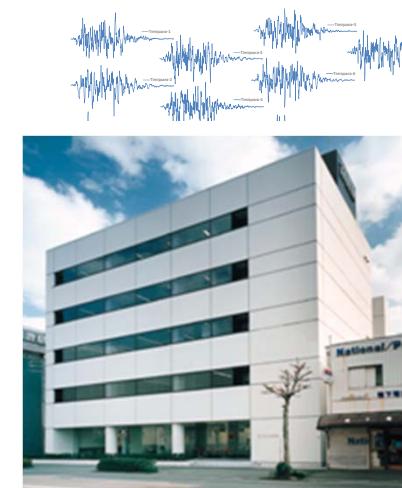
technical solution designed and implemented on swirl generator



**MR brake control**

# Applications

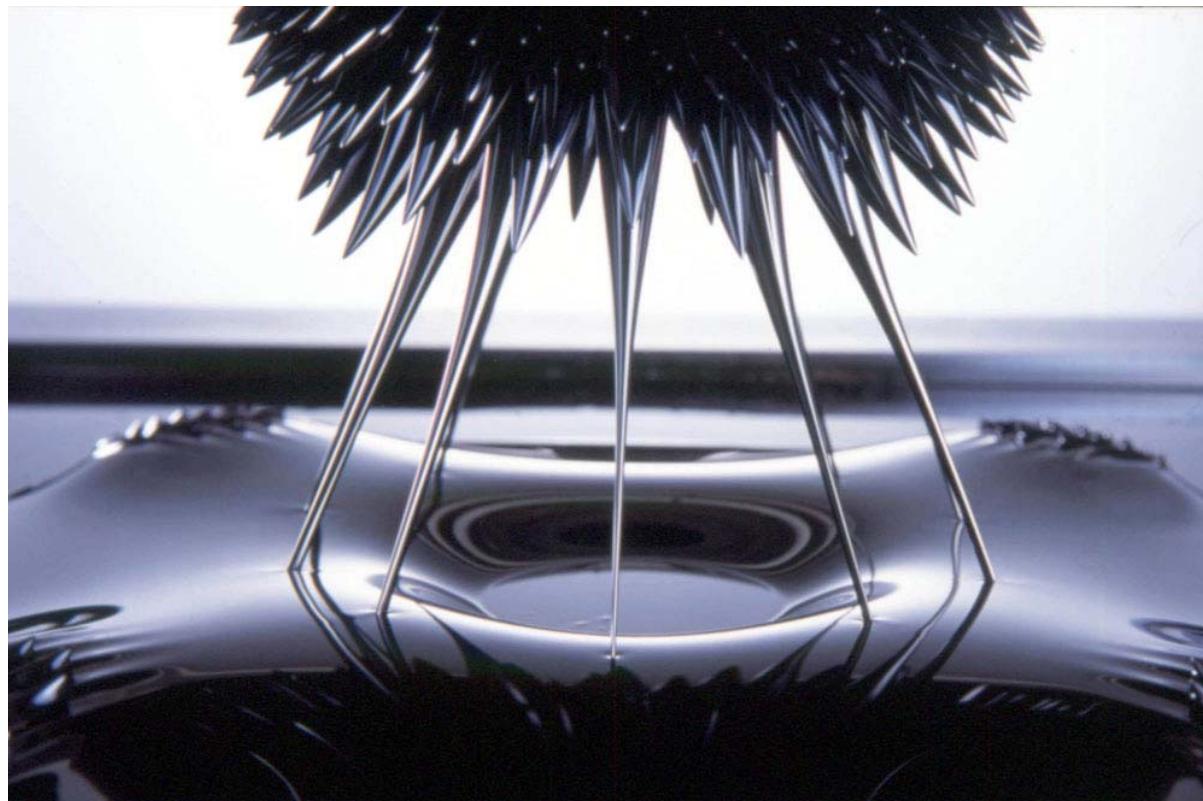
## Semi-active MR dampers for seismic protection



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# Ferrofluids in kinetic arts



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