



# Magnetorheological fluids

Figure: Magnetite particles aggregating into chains. Image from K. Jiangang et al (Miner. Enginrg. '15)

Suspension of non-colloidal ferromagnetic particles in a non-magnetizable fluid

! Brownian motion effects are neglected

.05-10  $\mu\text{m}$  size particles

! Volume fractions of 10% to 50%

Once a magnetic field is applied, the particles organize in chain structures  
Millisecond transformation from fluid to semi-solid state

# Typical modeling approaches

## Phenomenological approach

- | Jacob Rabinow (AIEE Trans., '48)
- | Basic mathematical model by Rosensweig & Neuringer (Phys. Fluids, '64)
  - F Shliomis (Sov. Phys. JETP, '72) improves model by allowing "internal rotations"
- | Classical thermodynamics approach
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# Cauchy stress

Magnetorheological fluids exhibit non-Newtonian behavior

In shear experiments the Bingham constitutive law models response of magnetorheological fluids

Newtonian incompressible fluids

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = -p\mathbf{I} + 2\eta \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{v}); \quad \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{v} + \nabla^t \mathbf{v})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^0 = 2\eta \mathbf{e}^0(\mathbf{v}); \quad A^0(\mathbf{v}) = A \frac{1}{n} \text{tr}(A)$$

Bingham incompressible fluids

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{if } \dot{\gamma} \geq \dot{\gamma}_0; \text{ then } \boldsymbol{\sigma} = 2\eta \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{v}) + \frac{\tau_0}{|\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{v})|} \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{v}) \\ \text{if } \dot{\gamma} < \dot{\gamma}_0; \text{ then } \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{v}) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Figure: stress versus strain rate



# Balance of forces and torques

The force can be written in terms of the magnetic Maxwell stress,

$$\mathbf{F} := \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{j} \mathbf{j}^T \mathbf{r} \quad \mathbf{F} = \text{div}(\overset{\text{mag}}{\mathbf{T}}) - \mathbf{B} \text{ curl}(\wedge \mathbf{B});$$

$$\overset{\text{mag}}{\mathbf{T}} := \wedge \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B} - \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{B}|^2 \mathbf{I} \quad \text{div}(\overset{\text{mag}}{\mathbf{T}}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{F}; \\ \mathbf{B} \text{ curl}(\wedge \mathbf{B}) & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{P}. \end{cases}$$

Hence, we can write the balance of forces and torques on each particle as

$$0 = \int_{\mathcal{P}(\tau)} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}, \tau) \, ds + \int_{\mathcal{P}(\tau)} \overset{\text{mag}}{\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}, \tau) \, ds - \int_{\mathcal{P}(\tau)} \mathbf{B} \text{ curl}(\wedge \mathbf{B}) \, dx;$$

$$0 = \int_{\mathcal{P}(\tau)} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}, \tau) \otimes \mathbf{x}(\tau) \, ds + \int_{\mathcal{P}(\tau)} \overset{\text{mag}}{\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}, \tau) \otimes \mathbf{x}(\tau) \, ds - \int_{\mathcal{P}(\tau)} (\mathbf{B} \text{ curl}(\wedge \mathbf{B})) \otimes \mathbf{x}(\tau) \, dx;$$

$\square = \frac{1}{V} \overline{H L} = \frac{1}{V} \overline{V}$  is the Alfvén number

# Some results regarding function spaces

Let  $O \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be any open, bounded, multiply connected set with boundary  $\partial O$  of class  $C^2$ . The exterior boundary will be denoted by  $\partial_0$  and by  $\partial_j$ ;  $j = 1, \dots, n-1$ , the other components of  $\partial O$ . Define  $Y$  to be the Hilbert space of vector fields,

$$Y := \left\{ \mathbf{u} \in L^2(O; \mathbb{R}^d) \mid \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} \in L^2(O); \operatorname{curl}(\wedge \mathbf{u}) \in L^2(O; \mathbb{R}^d); \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} \in H^{1/2}(\partial_0) \right\};$$

for the norm,

$$\|\mathbf{w}\|_Y := \|\mathbf{w}\|_{L^2(O; \mathbb{R}^d)} + \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{w}\|_{L^2(O)} + \|\operatorname{curl}(\wedge \mathbf{w})\|_{L^2(O; \mathbb{R}^d)} + \|\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{n}\|_{H^{1/2}(\partial_0)};$$

then for all  $\mathbf{w} \in Y$  we have,  $\mathbf{w}|_{O_i} \in H^1(O_i; \mathbb{R}^d)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ ; and

$$\|\mathbf{w}|_{O_i}\|_{H^1(O_i; \mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C_{O_i} \|\mathbf{w}\|_Y;$$

(small) extension of Prop. 3.1 in Foias & Temam (Ann. Sc. norm. super. Pisa, '78)

## Some results regarding function spaces

Define a new norm on  $Y$  by

$$\|\mathbf{w}\|_Y := \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{w}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|\operatorname{curl}(\wedge \mathbf{w})\|_{L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d)} + \|\mathbf{w}\|_{H^{1=2}(\Omega)};$$

then  $Y$  is also a Hilbert space with norm  $\|\cdot\|_Y$ .

There exists a constant,  $\alpha = c(\Omega)$ , such that



# The function spaces

Inner product space for the velocity,

$$V = \{ \mathbf{v} \in H^1_0(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d) \mid \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = 0 \text{ in } \Omega; \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} \text{ on } \partial\Omega \} : \\ (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{j})_V = \int_{\Omega} 2 \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{v}) : \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{j}) \, dx$$

Inner product space for the magnetic induction,

$$Y = \{ \mathbf{w} \in L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d) \mid \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{w}) \in L^2(\Omega); \operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{w}) \in L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d); \\ \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{n} \in H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega) \} : \\ (\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{j})_Y = \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{h}) \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{j}) \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{h}) \cdot \operatorname{curl}(\mathbf{j}) \, dx \\ + \int_{\partial\Omega} (\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n})(\mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \, ds$$

# Variational formulation of Stokes' equation

Multiply with an appropriate test function,

$$\int_{\partial V} \mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \, ds + \int_V 2\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{v}) : \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{v}) \, dx = 0$$

Use balance of forces and torques,

$$\int_V \mathbf{J} \, dx + \int_{\partial V} \mathbf{B} \cdot \text{curl}(\mathbf{B}) \, dx + \int_V 2\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{v}) : \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{v}) \, dx = 0$$

Find  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ ,

$$\int_V (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{j}) \, dx + \int_V \text{mag} \cdot \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{v}) \, dx = 0 \text{ for all } \mathbf{v} \in V$$

# Augmented variational formulation of Maxwell's equations

For an appropriate test function,

multiply the divergence part by  $\overline{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \text{div}(\mathbf{h})$

multiply the rotational part by  $\overline{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \text{curl}(\mathbf{h})$

multiply the exterior boundary condition by  $\overline{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \mathbf{n}$

$$(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{j})_Y = \int_P \text{div}(\mathbf{h}) \text{div}(\mathbf{h}) dx + \int_P \text{curl}(\mathbf{h}) \text{curl}(\mathbf{h}) dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} (\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n})(\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}) ds;$$

Find  $\mathbf{B} \in Y$  such that,

$$\overline{\mathbf{v}} \cdot (\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{j})_Y = \int_P [\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{B}] \text{curl}(\mathbf{h}) dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} (\mathbf{b}^0 \cdot \mathbf{n})(\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{n}) ds;$$

for all  $\mathbf{h} \in Y$ .

# Variational formulation of the problem

Find  $(\mathbf{v}; \mathbf{B}) \in V \times Y$  such that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mathbf{v}; \mathbf{j})_V + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\mathbf{B}; \mathbf{j})_Y = & \int_F \mu_0 \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{v}) \, dx + \int_P [\mathbf{v}; \mathbf{B}] \cdot \text{curl}(\mathbf{e}) \, dx \\
 & + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\mathbf{b}^0; \mathbf{n})(\mathbf{v}; \mathbf{n}) \, ds;
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(\mathbf{v}; \mathbf{B}) \in V \times Y$ . Naturally, a norm is associated to the above inner (cross-) product space denoted  $\|(\mathbf{v}; \mathbf{B})\| := \|(\mathbf{v}; \mathbf{B})\|_{V \times Y}$ .

The pair  $(\mathbf{v}; \mathbf{B})$  satisfies the strong form of Maxwell's and Stokes' equations as well as their BC if and only if it is a solution to the above weak formulation.

# Equivalence between weak and strong form of the problem

One direction is clear

Recover Maxwell's equations: introduce  $\chi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0; 1]$

$$\chi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } d(\mathbf{x}; \Omega) < \delta; \\ 0 & \text{if } d(\mathbf{x}; \Omega) > 2\delta \end{cases}$$

Using the approach of Ledyzhenskaya, define  $\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}) := (b_2^0 x_3; b_3^0 x_1; b_1^0 x_2)$ .  
Set  $\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x})$

# The test function

Construct  $\mathbf{W} := \mathbf{V} - \mathbf{r} p$  and verify,

$$\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{W}) = 0; \quad \operatorname{curl}(\wedge \mathbf{W}) = \mathbf{R}_m \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{p}; \quad \mathbf{W} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$

Construct  $\mathcal{Y} := \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{W} - \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{W}$ ,

$$\int_Z$$

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{B} \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{W} - \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{W}) \, dx$$

$$\int_Z$$

$$+ [\operatorname{curl}(\wedge \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{R}_m \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{p}] \cdot \operatorname{curl}(\wedge (\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{W} - \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{W})) \, dx$$

$$\int_Z$$

$$+ [(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{b}^0) \cdot \mathbf{n}] [(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{W} - \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{W}) \cdot \mathbf{n}] \, ds = 0$$

$$0$$

Using the properties of the vector field  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\mathbf{a}$  we obtain:

$$\int_Z$$

$$|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{B}|^2 \, dx +$$

$$\int_Z$$

$$|\operatorname{curl}(\wedge \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{R}_m \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{p}|^2 \, dx +$$

$$\int_Z$$

$$(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{b}^0) \cdot \mathbf{n}^2 \, ds = 0$$

$$0$$

# The Altman-Shinbrot fixed point theorem

Let  $H$  denote a real or complex Hilbert space,  $S_r$  and  $B_r$  denote the sphere and the closed ball of radius  $r$  centered at zero, respectively:

$$S_r = \{x \in H \mid \|x\|_H = r\}; \quad B_r = \{x \in H \mid \|x\|_H \leq r\}$$

**Theorem** (Altman, Bull. Acad. Polon. Sci. '57; Shinbrot, ARMA '64)

Let  $H$  be an operator on the separable Hilbert space  $H$  continuous in the weak topology on  $H$ . If there is a positive constant  $r$  such that  $\langle Hx; x \rangle \leq r\|x\|_H^2$  for all  $x \in B_r$ , then  $H$  has a fixed point in  $B_r$ .

**Corollary:** Let  $G$  be an operator on the separable Hilbert space  $H$  continuous in the weak topology on  $H$ . Let  $y$  be an element of  $H$ . If there exists a positive  $r$  such that either  $\langle Gx - y; x \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $x \in S_r$  OR  $\langle Gx - y; x \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $x \in S_r$  then  $y$  is in the range of  $G$ .

**Corollary:** Let  $G$  be an operator on the separable Hilbert space  $H$  continuous in the weak topology on  $H$ . Then, zero is in the range of  $G$  if  $\langle Gx; x \rangle$  is of one sign on some sphere  $S_r$ .





# Existence

## Lemma

The nonlinear operator  $F : (v; B) \mapsto F(v; B)$  is continuous in the weak topology of the product space  $V \times Y$ .

## Lemma

If the magnetic Reynolds number  $Re_m$  is small then

$$(F(v; B); (v; B)) \leq \frac{1}{2} \| (v; B) \|^2 \text{ for all } (v; B) \in V \times Y:$$

## Theorem

If the magnetic Reynolds number  $Re_m$  satisfies,

$$1 - 2 C_{FP} \mu_0 \nu \rho \leq 0$$

# Existence and comments

Apply Altman-Shinbrot theorem to the operator equation

Show there exists such that

$$(F(\mathbf{v}; \mathbf{B}) - (\mathbf{f}; \mathbf{g}); (\mathbf{v}; \mathbf{B})) = 0$$

for all  $(\mathbf{v}; \mathbf{B})$  with  $\|(\mathbf{v}; \mathbf{B})\| = r$

Select  $r = 2 \|(\mathbf{f}; \mathbf{g})\|$

The case of  $R_m \rightarrow 0$  can be thought of as a limit case of the above model.

$R_m \rightarrow 0$  the system becomes weakly coupled and, existence and uniqueness follow by invoking the Lax-Milgram lemma, once higher integrability of the magnetic induction is established

In two spatial dimensions system can also be solved analytically. Resulting behavior is of a Bingham type fluid.