

# MAGNETORHEOLOGICAL FLUID: BASIC PRINCIPLE, APPLICATION, AND TRENDS

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## Abstract

Magnetorheological fluids (MRF) are used in a wide range of controlled systems. MRFs have found widespread commercial use, particularly in vibration control. MRF is a type of intelligent fluid found in oil carriers. A magnetic field raises a fluid's apparent viscosity until it becomes a viscoelastic solid. A variable magnetic field intensity controls the fluid's yield stress when it is active. Control-based applications can be created by using an electromagnet to control the fluid's ability to transmit force. In MRF, more nuanced ferrofluid particles are used. Brownian motion cannot suspend MR fluid particles in the carrier fluid due to their thickness. Brownian motion suspends nano-sized ferrofluid iron particles, which reduce sedimentation and increases the performance of the MRF. Dampers, brakes, bearings, pneumatic artificial muscles, optics finishing, fluid clutches, and aerospace all use magnetorheological fluid technology. The characteristics, applications, modes, and models of magnetorheological fluids are investigated in this paper. Understanding yielding, flow, and viscoelastic behavior in the presence of shearing fluxes are critical. Various Applications of MRF in various domain of engineering is discussed with valid examples. In a concise manner, the author discusses the utility of MRF fluid's for active and semi-active vibration control systems.

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## 26 1. Introduction

27 In Magnetorheological fluid (MRF), the identical rheological particle properties of the particles in the  
28 carrier fluid are applied with a magnetic field to alter its properties. MR fluid is an innovative fluid in a  
29 carrier fluid, typically oil and water, where a magnetic field converts a liquid into a viscoelastic solid.  
30 The magnetic field intensity is significantly used to alter the fluid's yield stress when active. Its capacity  
31 to transmit force-controlled with an electromagnet opens up a wide range of control-based applications,  
32 and its strength can be effectively controlled during transmission force [1]. MR fluid, when an magnetic  
33 field is applied, we get the apparent viscosity, increasing right from liquid to solid.

34 This article discusses the basic principles of how the MR fluid works. The magnetic particles,  
35 typically micrometres, nanometer scalesplurs, or ellipsoids suspended within the carrier oil, are  
36 distributed randomly in suspension under normal conditions/circumstances [2]. Spheres of the size of  
37 these nanoparticles are suspended within the carrier oil and distributed randomly in the viscous carrier  
38 fluid. Furthermore, under normal circumstances, the random orientation of these magnetic particles is  
39 pretty standard in any conducting and non-conducting oil [1-3]. Nevertheless, when the field is on  
40 means, i.e., the magnetic field is being applied, this microscopic particle ranging from 0.1 to 1  
41 micrometre gets aligned along the magnetic flux line.

42 Furthermore, a chain of particles restricts the fluid's movement when the fluid is between the two poles,  
43 separated between 0.5-2nm. Moreover, they are aligned perpendicular to the direction of magnetic flux,  
44 which is why there is an effective increase in the viscosity of the part [4].

45 Moreover, the states are anisotropic when the mechanical property of the fluid is in an active situation.  
46 Thus, in designing the MR device, it is crucial to ensure that these flux lines are there, and they must be  
47 perpendicular to the direction motion which is to be restricted. The applied magnetic flux should be  
48 perpendicular to that direction only.

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50 Figure.1 shows the carrier oil and the magnetic iron particles that are randomly oriented, and need to  
51 be arranged on the column-wise side, not on the row side [1,2]. The particles forming the chains in the  
52 direction of flux lines are the direction of the magnetic flux perpendicular to these lines. Moreover,  
53 they are just forming the entire column-wise structure, so we can see when it is on from the liquid to the  
54 solid phase, then we have a streamlined structure. Furthermore, when it is not on, we have the randomly  
55 oriented fluidic particles, or even we can observe them in figure 1.

56 When no field is applied, the random orientation between the carrier fluid and the fluid particles is off  
57 state [3]. When an electric field is applied, the orientation changes because we now want the resistance

in this direction, the vertical column direction. As in figure 2, we can see what the pressure change is when it is in these magnetic fields. We can also see MR fluid exhibiting a laminar flow pattern. We can clearly observe that parabolic velocity profiles are there along with that when it is off figure 2(a), but it is the magnetic field lines along with it when it is “on” figure 2(b).

The orientation along with these particles aligned with these parts, and we can say that we have the shearing layer in which the shear stress is more than the yield stress. We can also say that there is a plug feature in this part where the shearing layer is just on the top and bottom. So, suppose we look at this with the perfect laminar feature. The shear stress dominates in the top and bottom region, i.e., we can classify it as shearing mode[4]. Even when we look at this part, we have the entire feature that the particles and carrier oils form in this shearing mode.

For clear visualization, we can take the milk (no magnetic field) as in figure 3, where all the particles are randomly oriented, and water is a carrier fluid. As in Figure 3, the entire milk converts into cheese when the magnetic field is applied. This is one way we can explain the liquid form of the fluidic nature in layman's terms. It is converted into a solid form because all the magnetic particles are aligned and just show the resistance in the direction where they are aligned [2,5]. When we want to see resistance in the column direction, we can put the column feature or the row feature when we want the resistance in the row direction.

In the case of magnetorheological fluid, a magnetic field generates the chain-like arrangement of the suspended particles by simply inducing a magnetic field and exhibiting yield stress, which increases with the applied field strength and can also characterize a pre-yield region. Moreover, the post-yield region can be characterized by viscous properties [3]. In comparing the elastic and viscoelastic features, the pre and post yield regions are an essential factor in studying their behavior. Due to their qualitatively similar behavior of ER fluid and MR fluid, both fluids are used in damper. A damper, which uses MR fluid, is an advanced version of conventional dampers where the damping can be controlled due to the controllable MR fluid governing the damper [4,5].

This article discusses the principles of MR fluid, operating modes of MR damper, Models governing the working of MR fluid, and the application of MR fluid and MR damper in various engineering domains. This article's main objective is to present a clear and basic understanding of MR fluid and MR damper.

## 2. MR Damper Operating Modes

A MR fluid is used in one of the three modes of operation where we see the essential directional features [6]. The first mode is the flow/valve mode, and the second mode is the shear mode. The third mode is the squeeze flow mode, where the MR fluid operates.

When we talk about the flow model shown in figure 4, in the valve mode, the MR fluid is made to flow between the static plate by a pressure drop. The magnetic field can control the flow resistance, generally running in the flow direction. Only it is effective, and we can get proper resistance. For example, the flow/valve mode can be observed in servo valve dampers, shock absorbers, and even actuators, as shown in figure 5.

In the shear mode, the MR fluid is located between surfaces moving(sliding/rotating) about each other, with the magnetic field flowing perpendicularly to the direction of motion of the shear surface [6], as shown in figure 6.

The characteristics of the shear stress vs. shear strain, we can also say shearing rate because when the shear stresses are present, the shear strain is always present, and the strength of this magnetic field can control it.

As for the last mode, i.e., the squeeze mode, as shown in figure 7.

The distance between the parallel pole plate changes. When the distance changes, they cause the squeeze action from the magnetic particle [6]. Moreover, in this mode, a relatively higher force can be achieved because of the squeeze action of magnetic particles, and the reaction features are highly reactive. This model is especially suited for damping vibration with low amplitudes and high dynamic forces. We can observe significant forces going up to a few millimeters of the amplitude, and this squeezed part can effectively absorb the energy against that. Because of its fundamental operational features, the squeeze mode has been used in some small-amplitude vibration dampers.

We can see that all three modes can be seen straightway above. When we have a flow/valve mode in figure 4, it depicts the flow direction and the magnetic field are applied generally to it to achieve the flow features. When we have the shear mode as in figure 6, they are parallel to the surface either in the

120 rotational or any part with shear force. Furthermore, the displacement changes when we have the squeeze  
121 mode as in figure 7. Due to this, squeezing features occur at the magnetic particles, resulting in a high  
122 force with low amplitude application.

123 The application of these various modes is numerous. Flow mode can be used in dampers and shock  
124 absorbers by controlling the movement to force the fluid through channels across which a magnetic field  
125 is applied. This is a smooth point where we want to absorb or dampen the vibration, and this is one of  
126 the perfect parts to be applied here. Shear mode is mainly used in clutches and brakes where rotational  
127 motion must be controlled. It is a perfect shear motion because it ultimately puts the parallel forces in  
128 rotational or sliding actions.

129 On the other hand, the Squeeze flow mode is most suitable for controlling slight millimeter order  
130 movement involving large excitation forces. This particular flow mode has a minor investigation because  
131 of the high excitation forces with low amplitude features. Overall, between these three modes of  
132 operation, MR fluid can be applied to a wide range of applications according to the service condition  
133 and where we want to control the entire vibration or excitation features. So as far as the vibration control  
134 problem is concerned, it can act as a Damper. So, MR damper has recently become an intensive study  
135 area due to its physical features and potential applicability to control damping in the mechanical system.  
136 When exposed to a magnetic field, MR fluid changes from a free-flowing linear viscous liquid to semi-  
137 solid in milliseconds, with variable yield strength. This feature allows simple, fast interactions between  
138 electronic and mechanical systems. MR fluid dampers are novel semi-active devices that use MR fluids  
139 to deliver controlled damping forces. These devices avoid many costs and technological issues involved  
140 with prior semi-active devices. The linear MR damper design is like an actuator that allows controlling  
141 performance characteristics. The resistive force is related to the piston speed and the working gap  
142 magnetic field. Large damping force and minimal power consumption characterize MR fluid dampers.  
143 MR dampers are included in many vibration control systems.

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145 Figure 8 represents all the essential components of a complete MR damper. This is the basic  
146 arrangement in which we have the piston part, how the piston movement is there and then according to  
147 the strength, the strength of the magnetic field for good damping feature. We use the various  
148 mathematical models for the damper part when talking about this principle.

### 149 **3. Mathematical Model**

150 Mathematical models represent the mathematical function whose coefficients can be determined using

151 the rheological part. The parametric value is adjusted until the quantitative results are not closely  
152 matched with the data. The dynamic response of MR fluid devices is reproduced in a semi-empirical  
153 relationship about the damping part. It uses Numerous parametric models to justify arranging mechanical  
154 elements such as spring and viscous dashpots together.

155 The first model coming under the MR damper is the Bingham model. As in the ER fluid, two features  
156 develop (a) Newtonian behavior when under shearing action (b) Non-Newtonian behaviour after the  
157 yield limit. There is a clear relationship between shear stress and shear strain rate. So, we have here an  
158 explicit Bingham nature itself. We have a similar relationship when applying the magnetic field to these  
159 polarized particles. So, the most common behavior of this MR fluid is described by the Bingham plastic  
160 model [7,8]

### 161 3.1 Bingham Plastic Model

162 An ideal Bingham body behaves as a solid until it reaches the minimum yield stress ( $\tau_y$ ) and when  
163 it exceeds itself, they exhibit the linear relation between the stress and the rate of formation of a shearing  
164 part. The equation involving the relation of shear stress which is being developed under the action of the  
165 magnetic field with the micro particles is given by (1)

$$166 \quad \tau = \tau_y . Sgm(\dot{\gamma}) + \eta \dot{\gamma} \quad ; \quad \tau > \tau_y \quad (1)$$

167 Where,

168  $\tau = \text{shear stress} \quad ;$

169  $\tau_y = \text{shear stress at yield point} \quad ;$

170  $\dot{\gamma} = \text{shear strain rate} \quad ;$

171  $\eta = \text{plastic viscosity of fluid (newtonian viscosity)}$

172 Equation (1) shows that even if we apply the load up to a specific limit before reaching the yield point,  
173 there is no change observed in the solid. However, after exceeding the yield point, it exhibits elastic  
174 behavior.  $\tau_y . Sgm(\dot{\gamma})$  shows a linearity feature, and  $\eta \dot{\gamma}$  shows the shear strain rate, which is absorbed  
175 with the viscous plastic feature in the relationship equation given.

176 Since, it exhibits both viscous and elastic behavior from (1), we conclude by stating that the Bingham  
177 model exhibits visco-elastic features of the material.

178 In the Bingham model, if we are going below the yield stresses, then indeed, the material behaves  
179 viscoelasticity, where we can say that;

$$\tau \propto \gamma$$

$$\tau = G\gamma ; \tau < \tau_y \quad (2)$$

Where,

$\tau = \text{shear stress} ;$

$\tau_y = \text{shear stress at yield point} ;$

$G = \text{complex material modulus} ;$

$\gamma = \text{shear strain rate} ;$

G is the complex material modulus and not the shear modulus. However, there is the shear mode. The shear strain rate within the MR fluid is clearly defined when the relationship of shear strain rate is below the yield stress, and the MR material usually operates within the post-yield continuously shear or the flow regime.

We need to check out the regime and the reason below the yield point or above yield point. If it is below the yield point, it is due to the linearity behavior shown in (2), and if it is below the yield point, it is due to (1).

Figure 9 represents the basic Bingham model, which is given in the paper by Spencer et.al [8] Whenever an exciting force F is applied, We have  $C_0$  part, which is the minimum viscous part showing the plastic viscosity there itself, and afterward, a transparent portion of yield point showing the elastic feature in which we can say that  $\tau_y \cdot \text{sgm}(\gamma)$  The yield and shear stress rates vary linearly [8].

We can also put the mechanical analog of such behavior with Columb friction parallel to the viscous dashpot. So, in this model, while just talking about the columb friction features in that, the force F generated by the MR damper is given by (3)

$$F = f_c \cdot \text{sgm}(\dot{x}) + C_0(\ddot{x}) \quad (3)$$

Where,

$\dot{x} = \text{velocity attributed to the excitation}$

$C_0 = \text{damping coefficient}$

$f_c = \text{frictional force related to the fluid's viscosity and field dependent yield stress}$

207 We have here two things together, i.e., the damping, which is absolutely the function of the fluid  
208 viscosity, and the frictional forces, which depend on the yield stress along with this  $f_c$  which is the  
209 frictional force varying with the sinusoidal features  $\sin\omega$  or  $\sin x$ .

210 When we want to represent the fundamental characteristic of these MR fluids, the Bingham model,  
211 which is very close to that is accounted for its electro or magnetorheological fluid behavior beyond the  
212 yield point, which means when fully developed fluid flow is there, or the shear stresses there are  
213 sufficiently high then only we can just go for the actual fluid behavior assuming that the fluid remains  
214 rigid in the pre yield region.

215 Figure 10 represents the visco-plastic model of MR fluid. As we can see from the figure 10, it is  
216 clearly shown right from “0” up to “ $\tau_c$ ”. The vicious part is dominating and not exhibiting any flow. The  
217 energy being there is either dissipated or absorbed at this point. Beyond yield, the linear region or the  
218 elastic feature starts exhibiting. So, the viscoelastic model of the MR fluid clearly shows that if we have  
219 the Bingham models, it is mandatory to show this part first and go straight till linear propagation is  
220 observed. Moreover, if we use the Newtonian fluid model, which starts right from “0” and propagates  
221 linearly, showing a solution between shear stress and shear strain part.

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223 The experimental feature with flow and velocity shows how the damping is featured in figure 10. The  
224 green line clearly shows the variation in force concerning velocity.

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226 For MR fluid, there is various property documented by Carlson and jolly in 2000 [7] as presented in  
227 table 1. We have the typical MR fluid where minimum yield strength up to 100kPa and maximum  
228 magnetic field up to 250kA-m are observed. The plastic viscosity, the fundamental property before the  
229 yield limit, is 0.121Pa.s. It can be operated from temperature-40<sup>0</sup>C to 150<sup>0</sup>C. The response time is always  
230 less than milliseconds. This is the main characteristic of the MR fluid system and can immediately  
231 respond when excitation force is activated. The density is 3-4g/cm<sup>3</sup>, and the relation between plastic  
232 viscosity and our yield limit is 10<sup>-10</sup> to 10<sup>-11</sup> s/Pa. Other properties include the power supply of 50W,  
233 which results in maximum energy density. Bingham model is the first model which can clearly show the  
234 fundamental characteristic of Magnetorheological fluid, which can be used in Magnetorheological Fluid  
235 Damper for vibration control.

### 236 3.2 Bouc-wen Model

237 A model with a more defined part is the Bouc-wen model presented by Spencer et.al [8], shown in



figure 11. In this model, we can say only the characterized behavior of this MR fluid damper. So, again we need to produce the hysteresis system's response to the random excitation. So, we can get straight away, which we can see that the force generated by the device can be represented as shown in the figure11.

Here, we have the same as the Bingham model, the spring feature, and the damper feature. However, here we are saying that the displacement is "y" and the entire total damper movement is "x." when the external force is being applied, there are three primary devices that are being acted together according to the Bouc-wen model, i.e., C, K and this device which is all acting together. So, we are just trying to consider these three features or putting the response from the hysteresis system from the random excitations.

Equations describing the Bouc-wen algorithm for the MR damper behavior can be written as,

$$f = C_1 \dot{y} + k_1 (x_d - x_o) \quad (4)$$

$$\dot{z} = \gamma \left| x_d - \dot{y} \right| z \left| z \right|^{n-1} - \beta x \left( x_d - \dot{y} \right) \left| z \right|^n \pm A \left( x_d - \dot{y} \right) \quad (5)$$

$$\dot{y} = \frac{1}{C_o + C_1} \left\{ \alpha z + C_o \dot{x}_d + K_o (x_d - y) \right\} \quad (6)$$

Where, the primary displacement variables describe  $f$ ,  $x_d$  and  $y$  along with an evolutionary variable  $z$  that considers the history dependency. Viscous damping parameters  $C_o$  and  $C_1$  as well as the parameter  $\alpha$  depending on the field variable (voltage/ampere). Parameter  $\beta$  and  $x_o$  are constants.

$C_1 \dot{y}$  means the real characters of the damper at that time, which is related to all the damping parameters. So,  $C_o$  is the first damping and  $C_1$  is the damping occurring outside related to displacement  $y$ .

We have the damping force from  $C_1$  as well as  $C_1 \dot{y}$  plus the restoring force, which is due to the relation with  $x_d$  i.e, whatever the variable feature are there in the displacement part and  $x_o$  which is the initial part. So, the difference between the damping and the initial part is just giving into  $K_1$ . Moreover, the stiffness feature there gives the restoring force.

For the evolutionary variable, we account for whatever the previous dependency feature are there i.e  $\dot{z}$  as given in (5). When we are just trying to compute these coefficients  $\beta$  and  $x_o$  We are applying

265 here, which is the constraint part, and we are trying to put the boundary conditions.

266 So, from  $\beta x \left( \dot{x}_d - \dot{y} \right) |z|^n$  we can straightaway get these two coefficients according to what the  
267 application means, what the boundary conditions are there and what we see the operating features are  
268 there all together along with  $\dot{y}$  which is there initially as given in (6)

269 Referring to (6)  $\dot{y}$  is known as the velocity components where,

270  $C_o$  and  $C_1$  = viscous damping parameters

271  $\propto z$ ;

272  $\propto$  = field variable depending on the applied voltage into z

273 And z is the evolutionary variable depending on how the dependency features are there in the previous  
274 part of  $C_o \dot{x}_d$  because  $C_o$  is just moving along with  $\dot{x}_d$ . So, we have the viscous force with that, plus  
275  $K_o (\dot{x}_d - \dot{y})$  since the displacement considered is y. So, the Eq(4),(5)&(6), which are based on the  
276 Bouc-wen, simply shows the relation of all these parameters when the entire fluid damper model is  
277 behaving under the excitation force “ f ” and when we are trying to make the predicted part between  
278 experimental and theoretical part in Bingham model.

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280 When the whole feature is present, the hysteresis loop is represented by the figure 12 in a way that is  
281 easy to understand. When the green part of the experimental component is present, as shown in the image,  
282 the nonlinearity may be seen very clearly [8].

283 The original Constitutive Models of MR fluid, proposed by Bingham and Bouc Wen, have been  
284 modified and are presented in a tabular format for better interpretation in Table 2.

## 285 4. Application

286 Semi-active vibration control devices are MR dampers, and it has numerous applications in the  
287 automotive, defense, and medical fields. On the other hand, the MR damper system's uses are limited to  
288 shock absorbers in autos. They are being utilized in military research in defense, medical applications  
289 such as prosthetic limbs, and enormous constructions that can be thoroughly safeguarded from  
290 catastrophic events like earthquakes.

### 291 4.1 MR Fluid in Defence

292 The activity of all weapon parts and mounting during launch is covered by gun mechanical systems.  
293 Gun mechanics examines dynamic behaviour, system stress, and component stress [11]. Researchers are  
294 now conducting studies on incorporating MR damper in construction of a run recoil system couple with  
295 adaptive H-SAFC algorithm. The evaluation, depicted in figure 13 is carried out using simulation and  
296 experimentation, as well as time-domain analysis of performance metrics such as acceleration, forces  
297 and jerking of the gun recoil system [12].  
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299 Researchers are now conducting studies on the material to construct a smart bulletproof vest  
300 comprising layers of MR fluid. This vest alters its mechanical properties when passing it through a  
301 magnetic field in the blink of an eye. The vest is light and flexible when there is no magnetic field, but  
302 it may be stiffened by just flipping a switch. Defense research agencies are developing armor suits made  
303 of MR fluids to withstand the impact of explosives by preventing shrapnel from breaching the armor's  
304 surface. California United States Army is experimenting with magnetic resonance dampers in heavy  
305 vehicles like the HMMWV Hummer. It will still take more research and development in this arena to  
306 ensure that MR fluid vests stop bullets in the conflict soon [13].

#### 307 **4.2 MR Dampers in Mechanical Engineering**

308 Magnetorheological (MR) fluid dampers are becoming more and more popular in semi-active vehicle  
309 suspension applications due to their mechanical elegance, significant dynamic range, power efficiency,  
310 tremendous force capacity, and reliability. By tweaking the magnetic field strength on an MR damper,  
311 a multi-DOF vehicle system's MR damper can provide both driving experience and cruising stability. MR  
312 dampers are simple, reliable, durable, and lack moving parts. MR dampers reduce vertical and steering  
313 movement [14]. For 2-DOF car seat suspension presented in figure 14, an innovative adaptable fuzzy  
314 control unit connected with the H-infinity approach was developed by Phu et al. [15]. When compared  
315 to the performance of a fuzzy controller, the vibration control performance achieved by employing an  
316 adaptive controller was shown to be much superior. The dynamic performance of a three-wheeled  
317 vehicle with a (MR) damper has been evaluated and presented. Successfully investigated parameters of  
318 MR fluids are used to quantify the dynamic force of the MR damper using a quasi flow-mode in the MR  
319 damper model. Three-wheeler ride comfort and stability have been studied utilising an MR damper  
320 model with PID control by Tharehalli Mata et al. [16].  
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322 Apart from application in automobiles, MR Damper is also being used in stabilizing the aircraft. J.-Y.  
323 Yoon [17] developed a new control logic for landing gear systems that uses magnetorheological (MR)  
324 dampers and focuses on the absorption of variable mechanical energy by the landing gear depending on

325 landing conditions to reduce impact load by controlling the MR effect until the landing gear's initial  
326 compression stroke.

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328 SchAircraft landing gears as depicted in figure 15, serves to limit the amount of force imparted to the  
329 airplane body during landing. Because of their excellent landing efficiency per unit weight, landing gears  
330 oriented towards passive oleo-pneumatic are commonly utilized [18]. However, under all design  
331 parameters, this sort of passive landing gear cannot achieve ideal performance. To overcome the  
332 limitations of passive landing gears, MR dampers with two compartments have been proposed for use  
333 in aviation landing gear systems. A normal skyhook controller is used for controlling the MR landing-  
334 gear systems. Although the landing efficiency of a skyhook controller is superior to that of a  
335 conventional landing gear system, the improved skyhook controller limits the performance of the  
336 aircraft's velocity. To overcome this limitation as depicted in figure 16, a hybrid control system  
337 comprised of a force control and a skyhook control system has been proposed and implemented in MR  
338 landing-gear systems [19].

339 Recently, magnetorheological brakes have been employed in haptic devices for passive force/torque  
340 feedback due to their safety and low power consumption. A study by Chen et al. [20] combined the  
341 benefits of linear and rotary MR brakes to create a new rotary MR brake. The brake converts shaft  
342 rotation into piston reciprocation, enhancing torque-to-volume ratio (TVR) in the MR brake.  
343 Additionally, psychophysical investigations assessed the subjective perception of output torque from the  
344 two actuators. Research indicates that increasing torque feedback accuracy enhances haptic interactions  
345 and transparency.

346 MR fluids take a new approach to polishing and surface finishing. These unique fluids may change from  
347 liquid to semi-solid under a magnetic field, allowing precise polishing control. Magnetorheological  
348 Finishing (MRF) hardens MR fluid around a polishing tool to form a moldable abrasive head. This  
349 approach controls material removal to produce high-quality surface finishes on metals, glass, and  
350 delicate optics. Magnetorheological Jet Finishing (MRJF) uses an abrasive MR fluid jet [21]. A magnetic  
351 field controls the jet's direction and shape, enabling accurate material removal for shaping and polishing  
352 complicated geometries. MRJF is versatile in surface finishing applications, especially in hard-to-reach  
353 locations or sensitive components. A great surface finish with minimum subsurface damage is possible  
354 with MR fluids in polishing. The magnetic field may be tailored to polish complicated items with  
355 different surface characteristics, making it applicable across sectors [22]. Reusable MR fluids reduce  
356 waste and environmental effect compared to typical polishing methods. MR technology is potential for

357 surface finishing, especially for high-precision applications and delicate components [21,23].

### 358 **4.3 MR Dampers in Railways**

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360 Looking upon the various forces acting on a railway boogie, It is possible to construct a shockwave  
361 profile by utilising an MR damper as shown in figure 17. Impact tests need to be carried out in order to  
362 evaluate shock survival based on shock loading [24]. This is necessary because shockwaves that are  
363 generated by noncontact explosions are known to cause damage to the electric gadgets found in  
364 submarines. Oh et al. [25] developed a device for performing impact tests, as well as a field-dependent  
365 dual shockwave profile that was later successfully analyzed. The effectiveness of the control was  
366 evaluated in the field by Kim et al. [26]. Another form of control approach for the MR dampers used in  
367 railway systems was created by a research team. These other control methods include predictive model  
368 control and disturbance rejection control [27]. It was determined, on the basis of the control results, that  
369 the proposed semi-active suspension solutions had the potential to significantly reduce the vertical  
370 vibrations that railway vehicles experience. Jin et al. [28] have just recently developed a novel semi-  
371 active suspension that consists of an MR damper in addition to an elastomer for application in railways  
372 as depicted in figure 18.

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### 374 **4.4 MR Damper in Biomedical**

375 Many research have used MR dampers in prosthetic knees because MR fluid can adjust stiffness and  
376 damping.

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378 Park et al. [29] developed prosthetic leg for above-knee region as shown in figure 19, that included  
379 an MR damper with flat motor. The suggested device consists of a MR damper, flat motor, planetary  
380 gear, wearable connector, encoder, gyro sensor, and a hinge. MR dampers develops a resistive force,  
381 while the flat motors control knee joint angle during gait. At modest walking speeds, the knee angle  
382 matches the ideal angle. At high walking speeds, MR dampers and imprecise knee angle prediction  
383 algorithms limit the tracking performance. Pandit et al. [30] designed a prosthetic leg that included a  
384 hinged knee joint, an MR damper, and braces to support the limb assembly system. A single-MR-  
385 damper-based knee joint mechanism was presented to reduce the cost of the prosthetic limb. It can  
386 provide typical gait kinematics for the same price as passive prostheses.

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388 Wang et al. [31] recently devised an active-passive robotic finger for rehabilitation as shown in figure  
389 20. Passive training was done with an antagonistic pair of pneumatic muscle, while active training was

done with an MR damper. The MR damper's current was calibrated to give multiple damping forces to satisfy finger muscle intensity during recovery.

Magnetorheological (MR) fluids are currently in trend for its application in haptic devices. The unique property makes them exceptionally well-suited for utilization in haptic master systems, which are devices designed to provide users with a realistic sense of touch within virtual environments [32]. In these systems, MR fluids can create various haptic effects such as force feedback, texture simulation, and friction control. With advantages including fast response times, high force output, and low power consumption, MR fluids stand out from traditional haptic technologies [33]. The applications of MR fluids in haptic master systems span diverse fields, including surgical simulation for training surgeons, assisting in robot-assisted surgeries for enhanced precision, and improving virtual reality experiences through haptic gloves for users to touch and interact with virtual objects, collectively presenting a promising future for revolutionizing human-computer interactions and immersive experiences [34].

#### **4.5 MR Damper in Civil Engineering**

Seismic activity damaged RCC structures. Beam-roof-tile and beam-column connections were most damaged. Redesigning the structural system and adding shear walls, classic or dispersion rocking walls, steel or aluminum exoskeletons, and low impact interventions can improve seismic behaviour.

Passive (viscoelastic) and active (MR) dampers, frictional dampers, adjustable tuned mass dampers, tuned liquid dampers, and base isolation dampers improves structure damping. Recent study shows that Magnetorheological (MR) dampers are best for structural dampening and need less power (allowing operation under battery power). It offers controlled damping force and high force capacity. It's temperature-resistant. Durability and demand make it popular in this field. MR dampers offer non-linear characteristics, strong hysteretic dissipation capacity, and robust performance [35-39]. Chaudhuri et.al [33] performed an investigation as depicted in figure 21, on frame structure where the structure was fitted with MR damper diagonally and subjected to cyclic load for studying the vibration reduction of the structure.

Zubair Rashid et.al[36] investigated a five-story steel frame as in figure 22, using shake table incorporated with a template matching algorithm for DIC streaming. The MR dampers (ON state and OFF state) change the structural response and evaluate the DIC technique's accuracy and adaptability. Displacement, Velocity, acceleration, column base strains and inter-story drift of the floors and were measured and compared with standard transducer data. Rebecchi et.al [37] evaluated the efficiency and stability of a new servo-hydraulic Active Mass Damper (AMD) which can improve seismic performance

423 of a building at various seismic intensities. When subjected to significant ground shaking, the two case-  
424 study buildings were supposed to exhibit a soft story mechanism at the first floor, while one was outfitted  
425 with the proposed damper. Following that, the two specimens were subjected to the exact loading  
426 experiment, which comprised of a highly variable earthquake motion. AMD increases building seismic  
427 performance, according to experimental investigations. AMD absorbed 60% of the input energy and  
428 reduced peak displacement by 70%.

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430 Caterino et.al [38] investigated an innovative method as depicted in figure 23, for reducing seismic  
431 impacts on pre - cast reinforced concrete structures that uses MR damper as a semi-active control  
432 system , with the objective of lowering base bending moment without significantly increasing top  
433 displacement response. Using non-linear time history assessments versus natural earthquakes, the  
434 usefulness of the suggested technique to reduce seismic vulnerability of existing or new precast  
435 structures is emphasized. Waghmare et.al [39] investigated the application of semi-active MR dampers  
436 as depicted in figure 24, to reduce the structural behaviour of elevated liquid storage tanks made of  
437 reinforced concrete . The SSC algorithm was proposed in the study as an effective method of controlling  
438 the reaction of an RC raised tank by utilising the damper's force-capacity ratio. Control plans and the  
439 positioning of the dampers in the staging are used to evaluate the performance of the MR dampers. Both  
440 open and closed loop control system are taken into consideration. The suggested simple semi-active  
441 control algorithm is a reliable method for RC elevated liquid storage tanks using SAMRD to reduce  
442 seismic response.

## 443 5. Conclusion

444 Many researchers are already employing smart fluids in commercial applications. In the future, this trend  
445 will be driven by equipment manufacturers who want to increase the value of their products by  
446 incorporating smart fluids. Significant changes in automotive, civil, and aerospace engineering are  
447 expected in the coming years.

448 According to the preceding section, smart fluids improve the performance of the devices. Smart fluid  
449 dampers can be used in civil engineering to reduce vibrations in buildings. It could be beneficial to use  
450 smart fluids in automobiles and aircraft. Many aerospace applications are now receiving special attention  
451 as a result of MR fluids. They do not require the high voltages that ER fluids do, so they can be used in  
452 different ways. Smart fluids are also widely used in aircraft landing gear. MR fluid-based landing gear

453 is also being researched. Aerospace vehicles can easily use a wire-steering system similar to that of a  
454 forklift truck. People driving cars with wire-operated brakes, throttles, and shifters could use MR fluids  
455 to maintain tactile feedback. This would be beneficial for two reasons: safety and operator acceptance.

456           Recent research indicates that significant progress has been made in developing MR  
457 materials capable of delivering adequate force and a long stroke. This material must be thoroughly  
458 examined by researchers. There is a lot of potential for this breakthrough material to open up many new  
459 areas of use in the future, which is very intriguing, but several issues still need to be addressed and  
460 investigated. In the formulation of MR fluids, it is critical to achieve the best possible balance of  
461 attributes for specific applications or classes of applications.

462 Although MR fluids have a wide range of applications due to their unique ability to change viscosity, it  
463 is difficult to transfer this technology from the lab to the real world.

464 **Cost and Scalability:** The presence of rare earth elements in magnetic particles increases the cost of  
465 producing MR fluids. For widespread use, cost-effective and scalable production methods are required.

466 **Rheological Control:** In some applications, the magnetic field response of MR fluids must be fine-  
467 tuned. Advanced engineering and characterization are required.

468 **Long-Term Stability:** Extreme temperatures and harsh environments can degrade MR fluids.  
469 Maintaining stability and performance over a product's lifetime is difficult.

470 **System integration:** Magnets, sensors, and controls help MR fluids function. Integrating them  
471 seamlessly into existing systems requires extensive design and engineering. The lack of standardized  
472 testing procedures and performance criteria for MR fluids makes it difficult to compare products from  
473 various manufacturers.

474 MR fluids possess remarkable potential across various industries. Overcoming the challenges of cost,  
475 scalability, and integration which is crucial for their successful commercialization. As these hurdles are  
476 addressed, we can expect to see MR fluids in more enhanced fields like vibration control, haptics,  
477 prosthetics, and industrial automation.

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## NOMENCLATURE

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$\tau$	shear stress	Kpa	Kilo-Pascal
$\tau_y$	shear stress at yield point	kA/m	Kilo Amp per meter
$\gamma$	shear	$f$	Viscous force
$\eta$	plastic viscosity of fluid	$x$	Total damper movement
$\tau_y.Sgm(\gamma)$	Linearity Feature	$C_1$	damping occurring outside related to displacement
$\tau_y$	shear stress at yield point	$\dot{z}$	evolutionary variable
$G$	complex material modulus	$\infty$	field variable depending on the applied voltage into z
$\gamma$	shear strain rate	$K_1$	Stiffness
$F$	Force generated by the damper	$\beta$	Constant Parameter
$\dot{x}$	velocity attributed to the excitation	$x_d$	Displacement parameter
$C_0$	damping co – efficient	$y$	Fixed Displacement
$\sin \omega / \sin x$	sinusoidal features	$x_0$	Constant parameter
$\mu$	viscosity of the MR fluid.	$a$	shape parameter
$\mu_0$	viscosity at zero shear rate, representing the fluid's viscosity at rest	$n$	flow behavior index
$K$	consistency index	$\tau_{\infty}$	asymptotic shear stress

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Properties	Typical Value
Maximum yield strength $\tau_y$	50-100 Kpa
Maximum magnetic field $\eta$	250kA/m

Plastic viscosity (pa-s)	0.1-1
Operating Temperature	-40 °C - 150 °C
Density(g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	3-4
Contaminants	Unaffected by moist impurities
Response time	<milliseconds
$\eta / \tau_y$	10 <sup>-10</sup> - 10 <sup>-1</sup> s/pa
Maximum energy dissipation	0.1 J/cm <sup>3</sup>
Power Supply	2-2.5V @ 1-2A

Table 2. Constitutive Models of MR Fluids [9,10]

Constitutive Model	Description	Equation	Applicability	Limitations
Bingham Plastic Model	Describes MR fluids as having a yield stress below which they do not flow and exhibit linear behavior.	$\tau_y = .Sgm(\gamma) + \eta\gamma$	Suitable for MR fluids with distinct yield behavior.	Does not capture shear-thinning or shear-thickening behavior.
Bouc-Wen Model	Employs a nonlinear differential equation to describe hysteresis behavior in MR fluids, capturing rate-	Differential equation incorporating nonlinear stiffness and damping terms.	Suitable for modeling hysteresis and rate-dependent behavior in MR fluids.	Requires knowledge of system-specific

	dependent and asymmetric responses.			
Herschel-Bulkley Model	Extends the Bingham model to include shear-thinning or shear-thickening behavior.	$\tau = \tau_y + K\gamma^n$	Applicable to MR fluids exhibiting non-Newtonian behavior.	May require empirical fitting parameters.
Carreau-Yasuda Model	Generalized rheological model for viscoelastic fluids, transitioning to Newtonian behavior at high rates.	$\mu = \mu_0 + (\mu - \mu_0) \left(1 + (\lambda\gamma)^a\right)^{-(n-1)/a}$	Suitable for MR fluids with shear-thinning behavior.	May require fitting parameters and may not accurately capture transient behavior.
Modified Bingham Model	Extends Bingham model with a smooth transition between solid-like and fluid-like behavior.	$\tau = \tau_y + (\tau_\infty - \tau_0) * \tanh(\gamma / \gamma_c)$	Suitable for MR fluids with gradual yield stress behavior.	May require empirical fitting parameters.
Fractional Order Model	Describes MR fluids using fractional calculus,	Fractional derivative of stress with respect to strain, where the order of the derivative is a non-integer value.	Suitable for capturing complex viscoelastic	May be computationally intensive and require

	allowing characterization of non-integer order dynamics.		behavior in MR fluids.	specialized numerical techniques.
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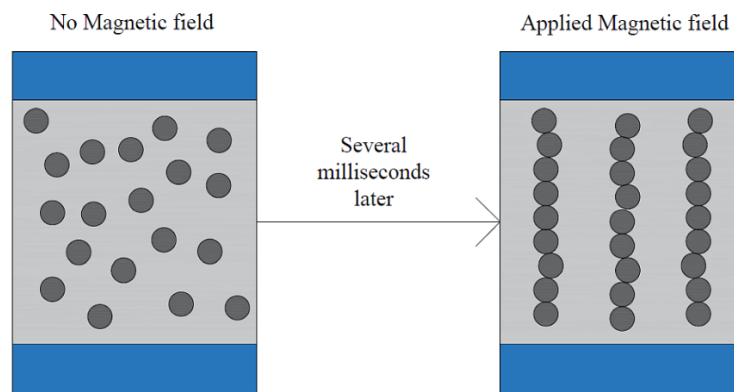


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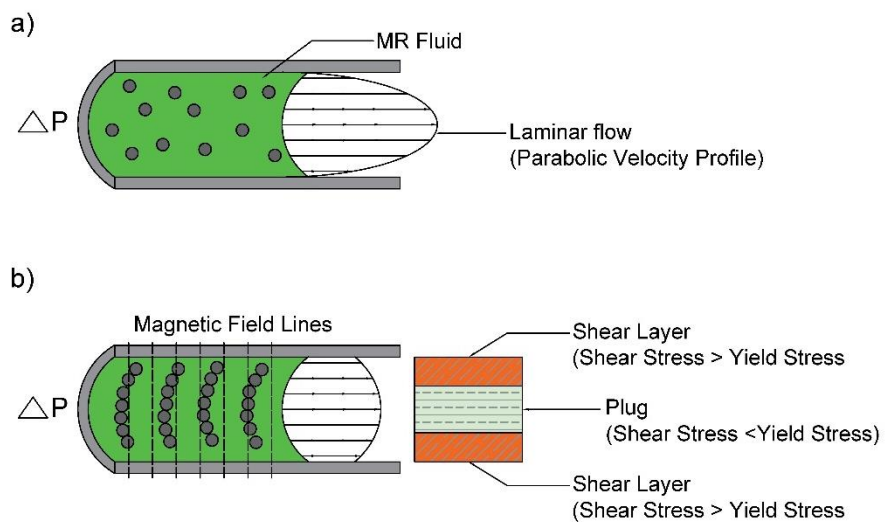


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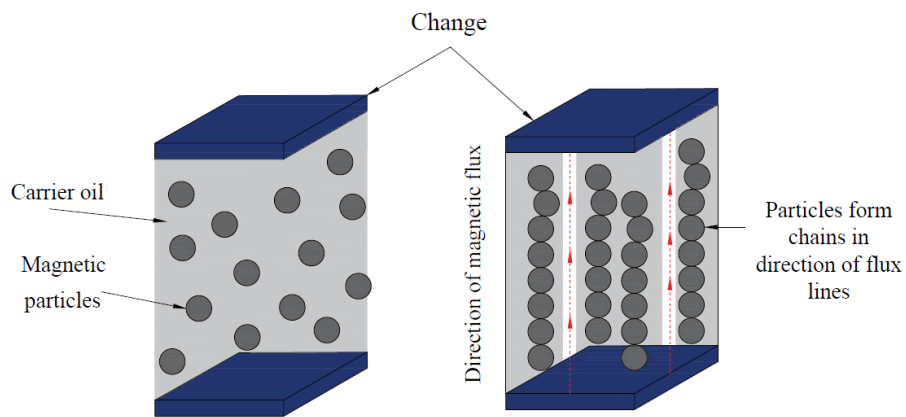


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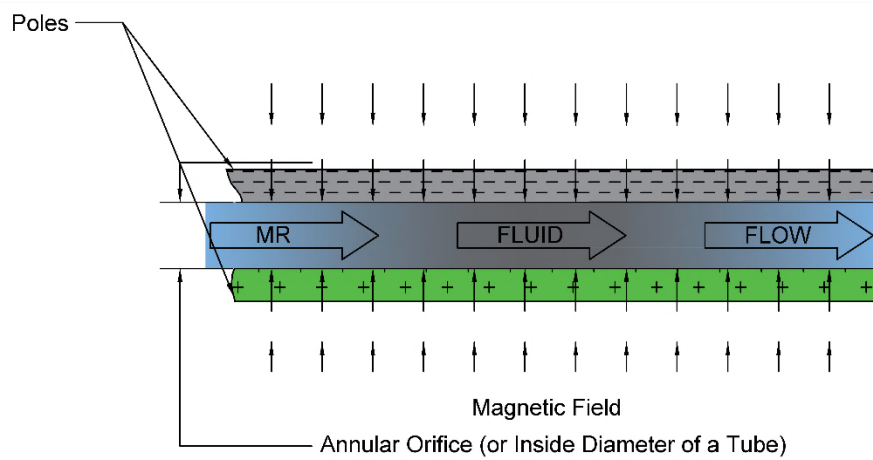


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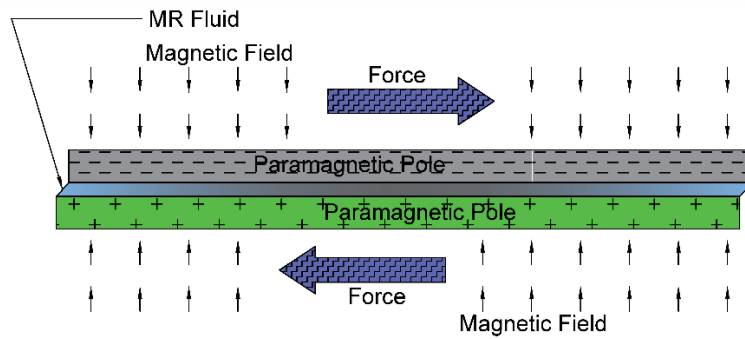


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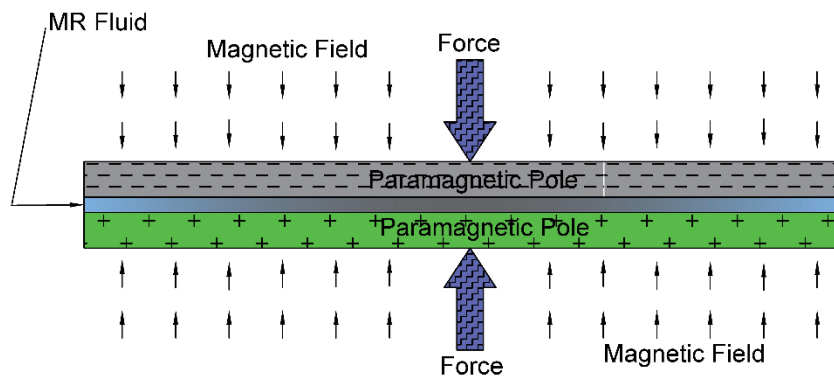


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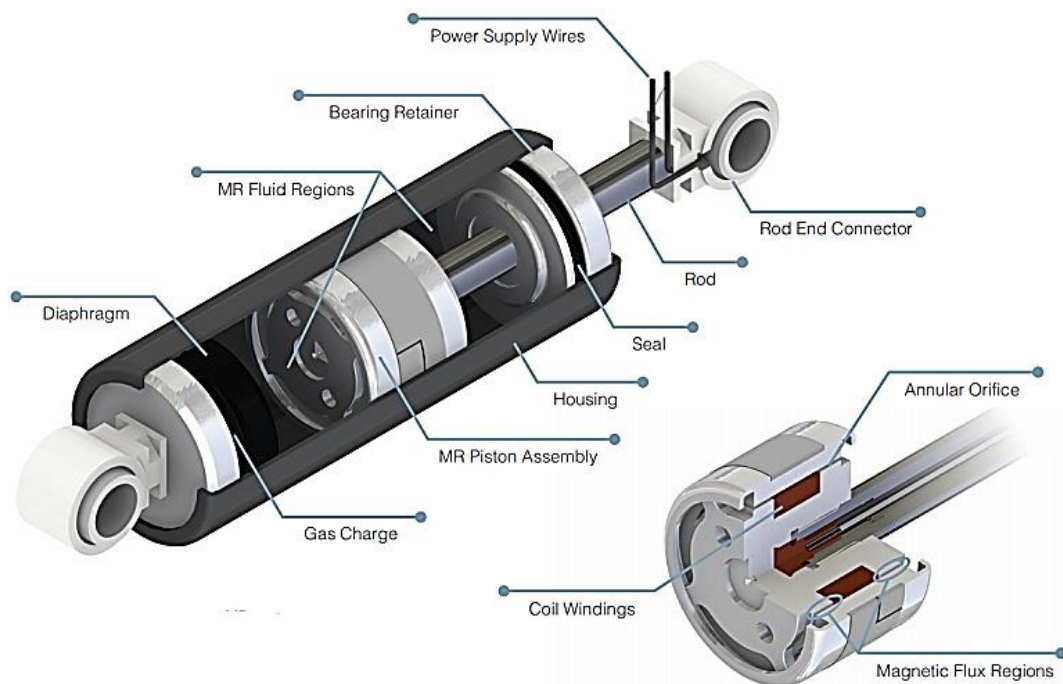


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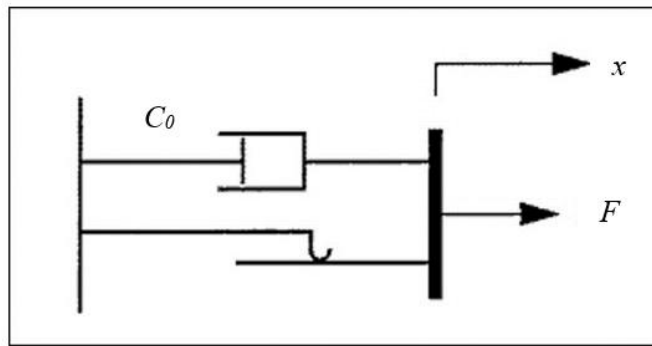


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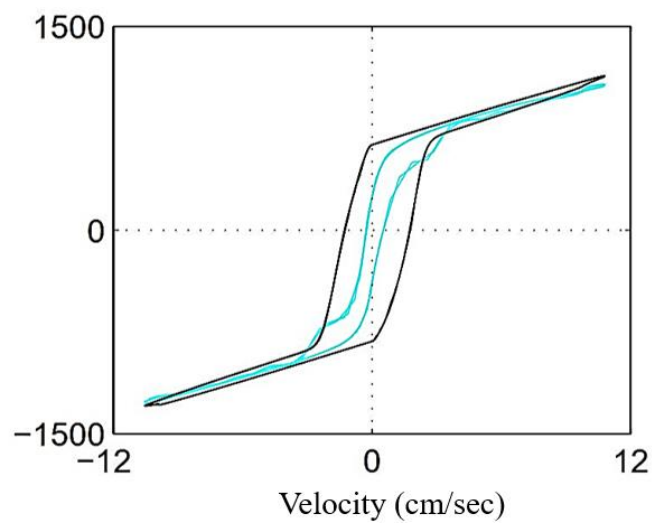


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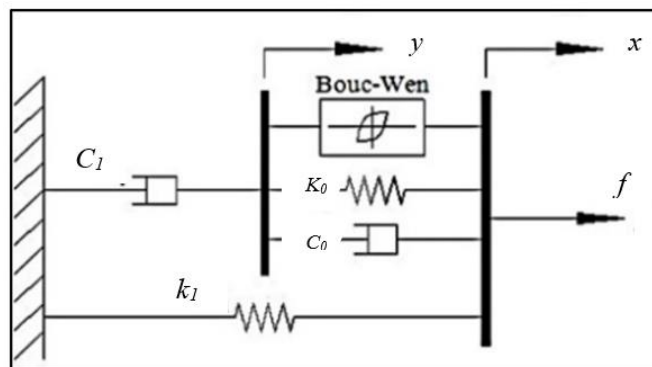


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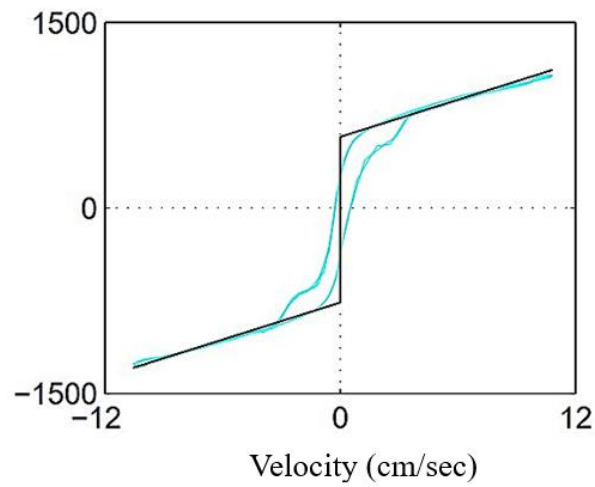


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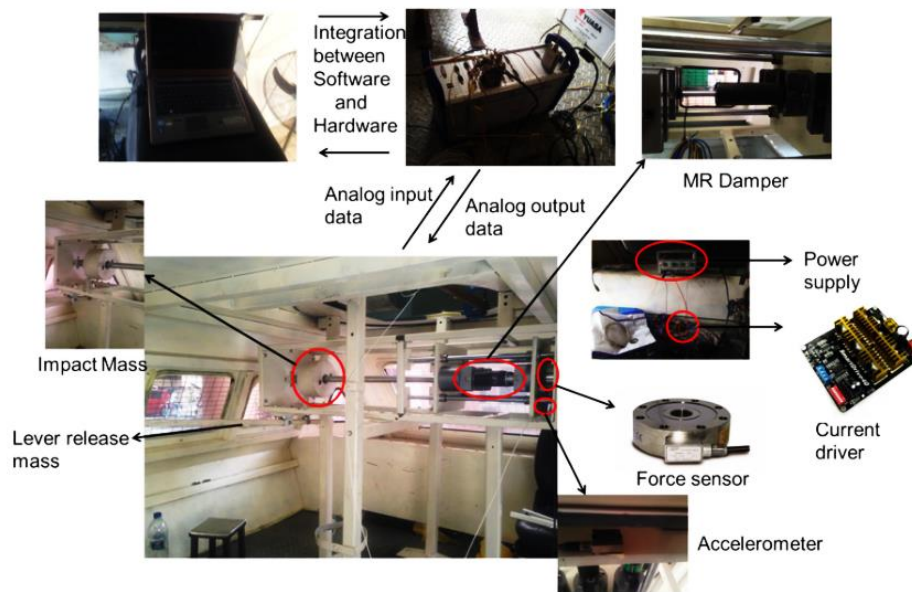


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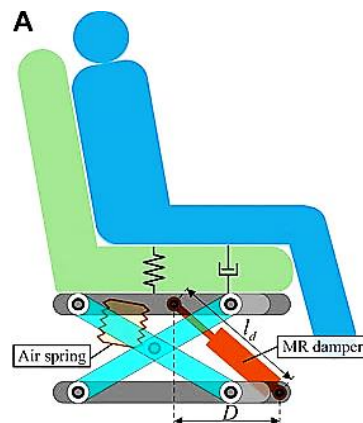


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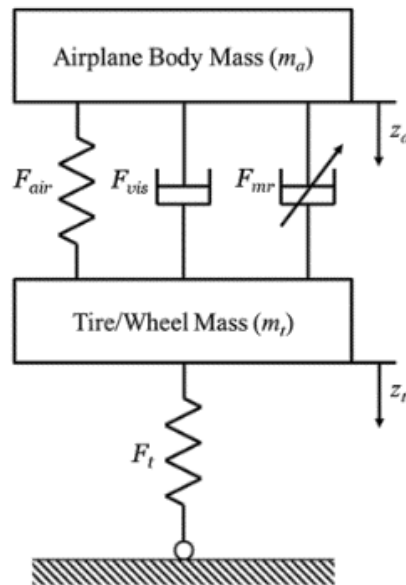


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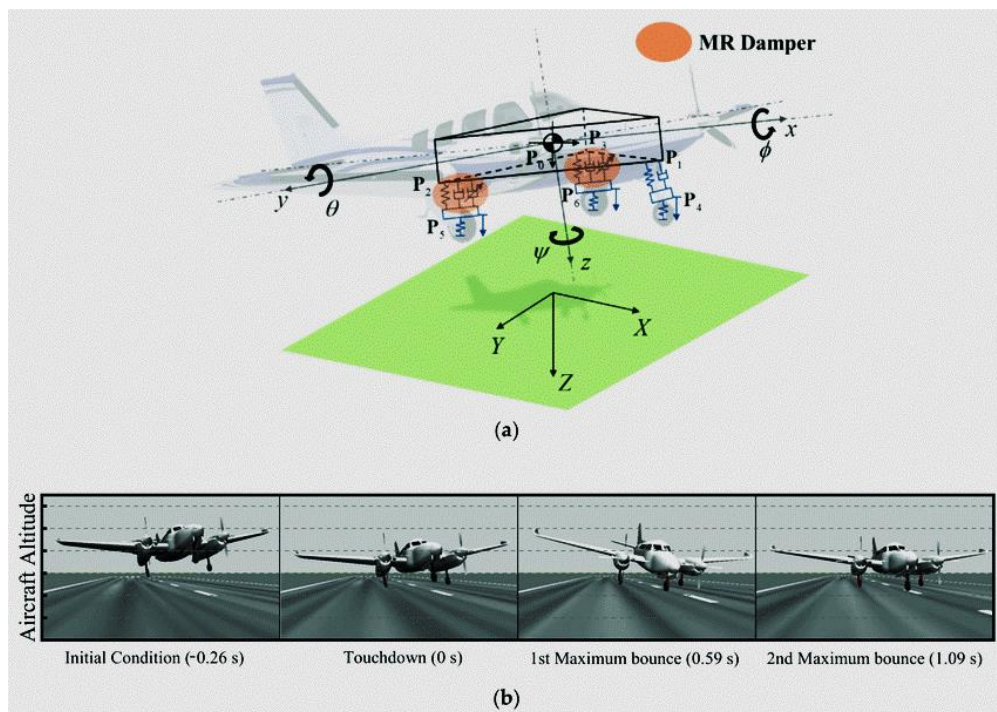


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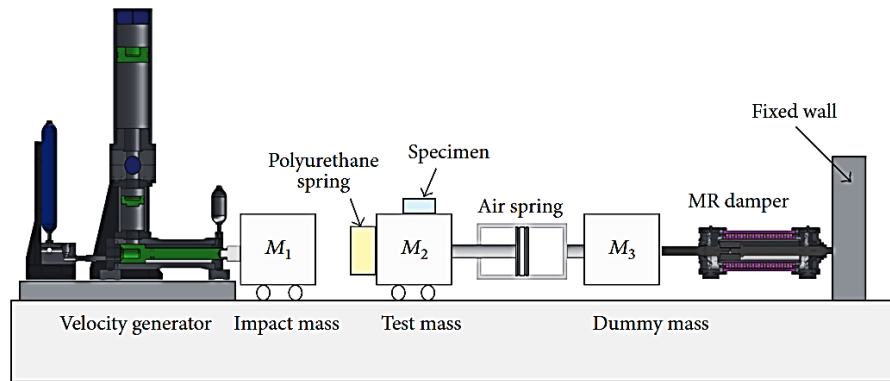


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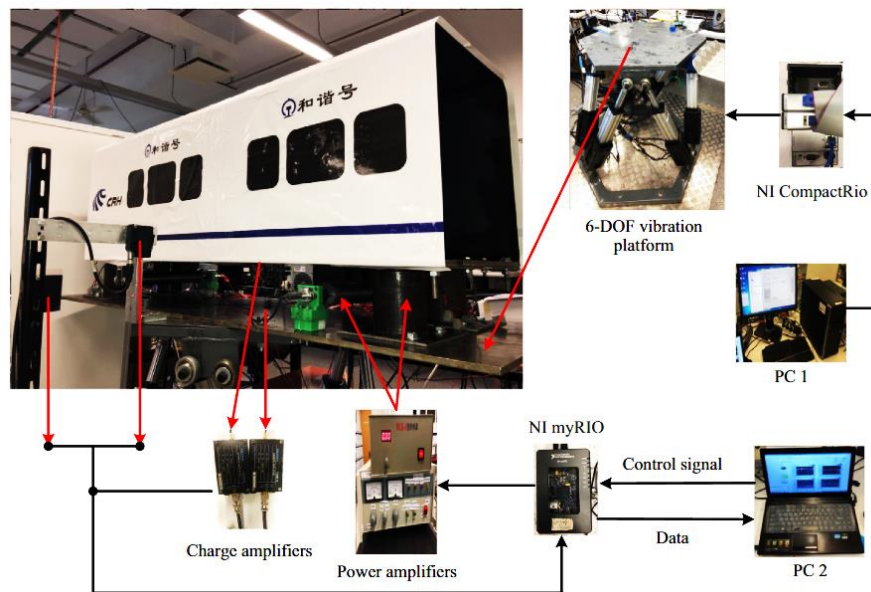


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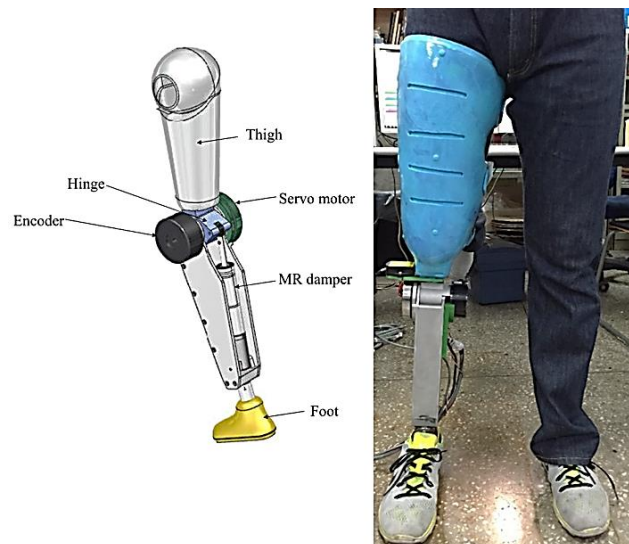


Figure 19. Prosthetic leg with MR damper [29]

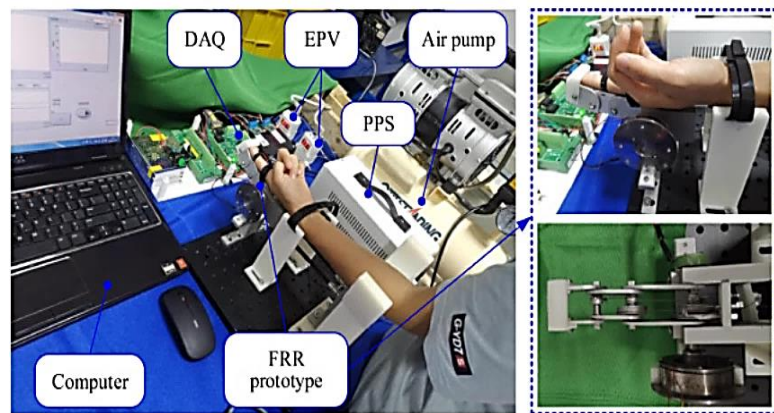


Figure 20. Active-Passive Robotic finger with MR damper [31]



Figure 21. Diagonal bracing of structure with MR damper [35]



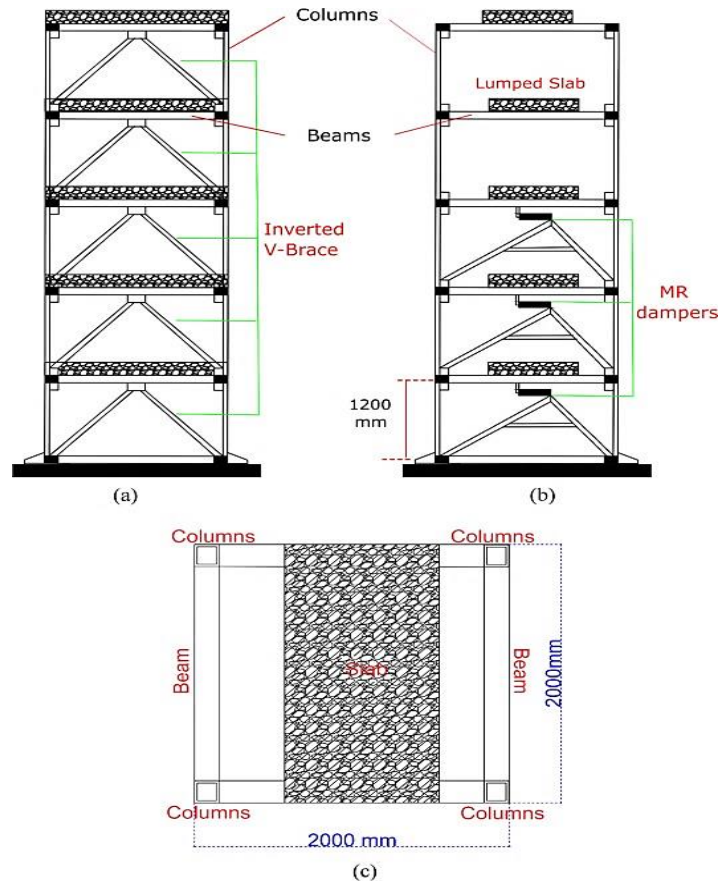


Figure 22. (a) XY elevation (b) XZ elevation (c) plan [36]

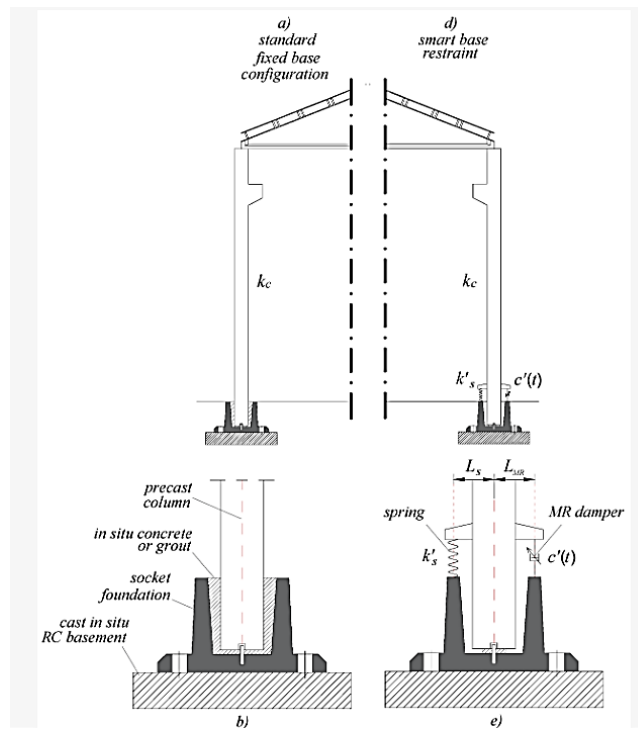


Figure 23. MR damper with precast base [38]

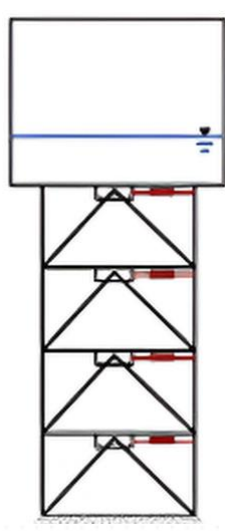


Figure 24. MR damper fitted to elevated water tank [39]

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