

## **Original Research Article**

# **Estimation of Dynamic Viscosity for Cobalt Oxide/Glycol Nano fluid**

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### **ABSTRACT**

In this study the effects due to temperature and shear rate on viscosity for  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ /glycol based Nano fluids at different concentration of metal oxide and different temperatures were experimentally investigated. The structure of the prepared  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ /glycol nanoparticles was confirmed using XRD technique. All viscosity measurements were conducted using a capillary viscometer, the viscosity experiment were carried out at wide temperatures ranging between  $20^\circ\text{C}$  and  $80^\circ\text{C}$  to determine their applicability in such range. The viscosity data were collected using a programmable rheometer. The result showed that The  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  glycol exhibit increasing viscosity with increasing nanoparticle loading and decreasing viscosity with increasing temperature.

*Keywords:* Dynamic viscosity, Cobalt oxide, Glycol, Nanofluid, Nanoparticle

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Nano fluids are a new class of fluids engineered by dispersing nanometer-sized materials (nanoparticles, Nano fibers, nanotubes, nanowires, Nano rods, Nano sheet, or droplets) in base fluids. In other words, Nano fluids are Nano scale colloidal suspensions containing condensed nanomaterial. They are two-phase systems with one phase (solid phase) in another (liquid phase) [1]. Nano fluids have been found to possess enhanced thermo physical properties such as thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity, viscosity, and convective heat transfer coefficients compared to those of base fluids like oil or water. It has demonstrated great potential applications in many fields [2].one of the significant characteristics that are highly practical in fluid mechanics and heat transfer systems is the dynamic viscosity which highly affects pressure drop and also has an influence on the heat transfer performance. Viscosity of Nano fluid is measured by Viscometer. A particular measuring device called Brookfield programmable viscometer was used for measuring viscosity of some particles Nano fluid, the viscometer drives a spindle immersed in test fluid [3]. When the spindle is rotated, the viscous drag of the fluid against the spindle is measured by the deflection of the calibrated spring. Viscosity is measure of the tendency of a liquid to resist flow. It is the ratio of the shear stress to shear rate. When the viscosity is constant at different values of shear rate, the liquid is known as Newtonian while that varies as a function of shear rate then the liquid is known as non-Newtonian [4]. Einstein [5] was the first to calculate the effective viscosity of a suspension of spherical solids using the phenomenological hydrodynamic equations, Garg, Poudel, Chiesa et al. [6] conducted an experiment to test the viscosity of copper nanoparticles [7], great enhancement of heat transfer was observed, and also they reported that the friction factor has a very meager part in the application process. Other scholars [8] have concluded that a systematic and definite deterioration of the natural convective heat transfer occurs for the forced convection reliant on the solution concentration, the particle density, and the aspect ratio of the cylinder. Experimental investigation on  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  nanofluids using water as base fluid has been studied by various research groups, and they concluded that the heat transfer coefficient in laminar flow [9–11] increases up to 12–15% and in the case of turbulent flow, it ranges up to 8% [12, 13]. CNT, CuO, SiO, and  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanofluids using water have been investigated [14–16]. Among these, CNT nanofluid produced similar results to that of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  nanofluid. Ding et al [17] have concluded that the enhancement of heat transfer could be

obtained by varying the flow condition and the fluid concentration. Alternatively, CuO has been investigated for several wall boundary conditions, and it has reached good results [18]. The objectives of the present paper was to estimate the dynamic viscosity for cobalt oxide/glycol nanofluid, before measuring the dynamic viscosity the prepared nanofluid and its particles was subjected to different tests to confirm its preparation.

## 2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

The metal oxides nanoparticles was prepared using sol-gel method. Firstly, the sodium alkoxides were prepared and react with metal salt to give metal alkoxide, the second step involve the conversion of alkoxide to metal oxide by heating. Nano fluids was prepared using dispersion methods in which different loads(amount) g/L of the prepared metal oxides is dispersed in to ethylene glycol liquid such as 2, 4, 6, or 5,10 ,...etc

### 2.1 Preparation of $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ nanoparticle:

#### 2.1.1 Chemicals

Potassium hydroxide, Cobalt acetate, ethylene glycol, Acetone and Ethanol.

#### 2.1.2 Methods

The aquas solution was prepared by mixing the calculated amount of KOH (5,61gm 100mmole) and cobalt acetate (7, 08 gm. 4m mole) and stirred for 2 h followed by refluxing for 4 hours. After filtration the residue was washed with distilled water until the solution reach pH 7. The residue calcinated at  $45^\circ\text{C}$  for 4h in dry nitrogen, black powder was obtained with 58% yield.

### 2.2 Preparation of $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ /Glycol nanofluid

Specific amount of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  glycol nanofluids (0,1gm) were dispersed in 40 ml of Glycol and subjected to ultrasonic vibration instrument for about 2h.

Four different concentration of nanofluids were prepared following the above method as shown in table (1) below:  
Table 1: Four different concentration of nanofluids

Sample	Weight of $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$	Volume of glycol
Sample 1	0,1	40 ml
Sample 2	0,2	40 ml
Sample 3	0,05	40 ml
Sample 4	0,025	40 ml

### 2.3 Viscosity of $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ /Glycol nanofluid Measurement

The viscosity and rheological behaviour of nanofluids were obtained by conducting tests under steady state conditions using a Haake RheoStress 1 rotational rheometer (Thermo Scientific). A cylinders system composed of two concentric cylinders was used. In the gap between the inner cylinder (diameter = 34 mm) and the outer cylinder (diameter = 36.88 mm) the sample was introduced. Before each test, a pre-treatment, in which the samples were submitted to a constant shear stress, was applied to the nanofluids for 30 seconds to ensure similar starting conditions for all the measurements. Used Brookfield DV-III+ Programmable Rheometer. The Brookfield DV-III+ Programmable Rheometer measures fluid parameters of Shear Stress and Viscosity at given Shear Rates. Viscosity is a measure of a fluid's resistance to flow. The principle of operation of the DV-III+ is to drive a spindle (which is immersed in the test fluid) through a calibrated spring. The viscous drag of the fluid against the spindle is measured by the spring deflection. Spring deflection is measured with a rotary transducer. The measuring range of a DV-III+ (in centipoise) is determined by the rotational speed of the spindle, the size and shape of the spindle, the container the spindle is rotating in, and the full scale torque of the calibrated spring. All units of measurement are displayed according to either the CGS system or the SI system.

1. Viscosity appears in units of centipoise (shown as "cP") or milliPascal-seconds (shown as  $\text{mPa}\cdot\text{s}$ ) on the DV-III Rheometer display.

2. Shear Stress appears in units of dynes/square centimeter (" $\text{D}/\text{cm}^2$ ") or Newtons/square meter (" $\text{N}/\text{m}^2$ ").

3. Shear Rate appears in units of reciprocal seconds (" $1/\text{SEC}$ ").

4. Torque appears in units of dyne-centimeters or Newton-meters (shown as percent “%” in both cases) on the DV-III Rheometer display)

This item is set up a cone and plate device however note does not include a cone or spindles, a spare cup is included though

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ /glycol nanoparticles was characterized by using XRD Diffraction Pattern Graphic in fig. 1.

The XDR measuring by using EXPLORER, GNR S.r.l, under the condition at room temperature, generator setting 30 mA and 40 KV, Cu  $\text{K}\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.154 \text{ nm}$ ) wave length  $1.540598 \text{ \AA}$ , angle range from  $10^\circ - 80^\circ$  and the XRD peaks were recorded at  $2\theta$  in position ( $2\theta = 18.89^\circ, 31.29^\circ, 36.93^\circ, 38.52^\circ, 44.93^\circ, 59.31^\circ$  and  $65.12^\circ$ ). The XRD fig (1) is identical to prepared  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles. The peak shape and intensity are agreed with the reported literature [1].)

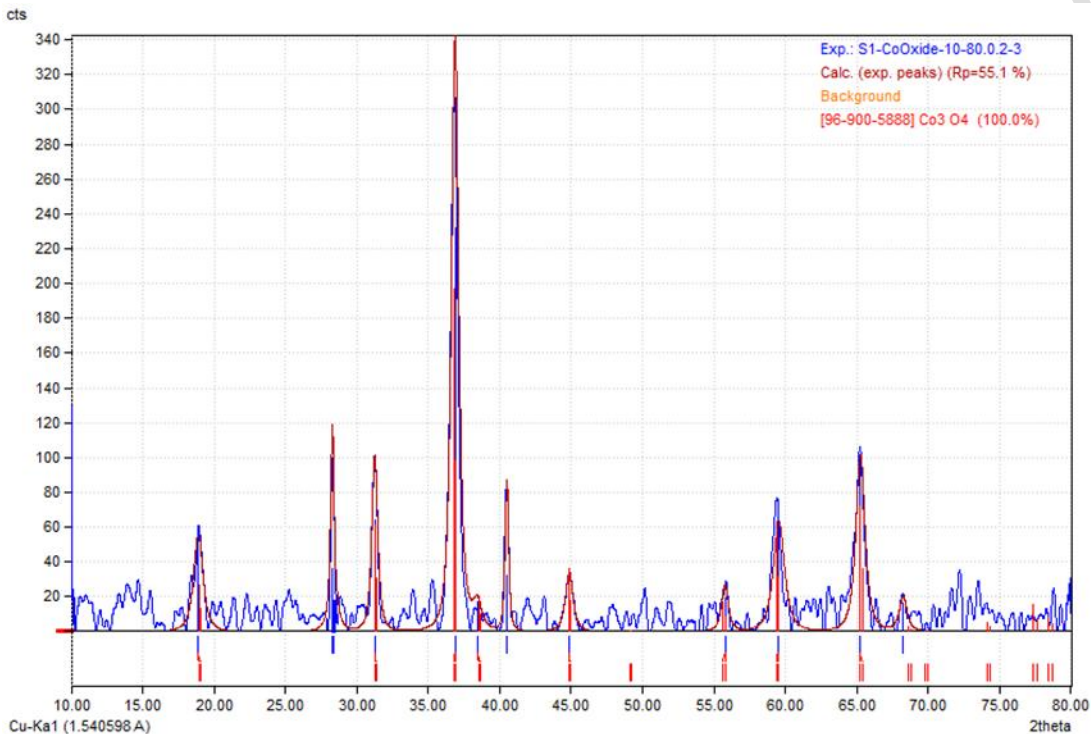


Fig (1). XRD Diffraction Pattern Graphic of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$

The average particles size of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles calculated by using Deby\_Scherrer formula  $D = 0.9\lambda / \beta \cos \theta$

Where

$\lambda$  is the wave length of the x-ray used for diffraction

$\beta$  is full width at half maximum (FWHM) of peak.

The average particles size of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles is estimated to be 44, 8 nm.

The  $\text{Co}_2\text{O}_3$ /glycol Nano fluid was obtained by dispersion of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  Nano particles in glycol. Fig (2) showed the viscosity of four samples of  $\text{Co}_2\text{O}_3$ /glycol with different concentration in wide shear rate ranging from 1 to 45, it's clear that the viscosity is fluctuate in low shear rate and when shear rate reaches 20 the viscosity beings stabilize, in shear rate value 35, the viscosity is stable which means that all the four concentration of  $\text{Co}_2\text{O}_3$ /glycol Nano fluids has the same behavior in high shear rate.

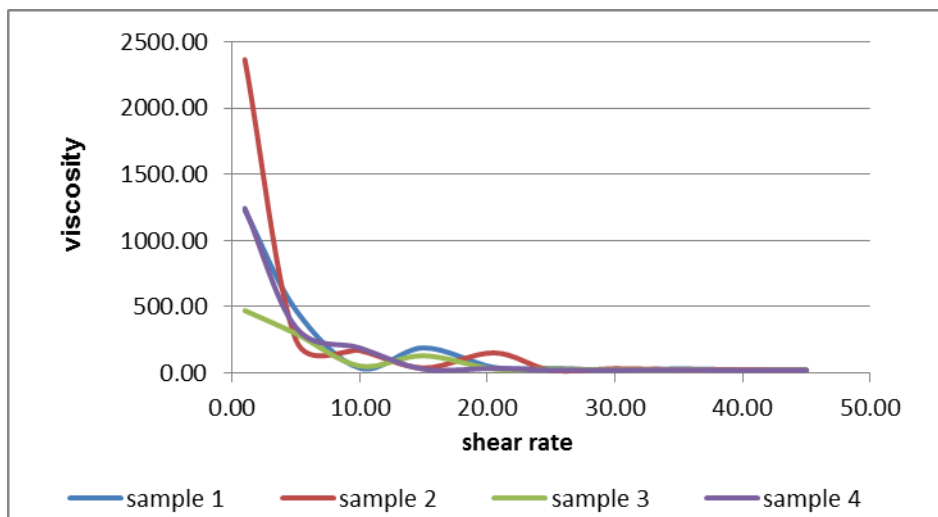


Fig (2). Viscosity of Co2O3/glycol in multi shear rate

In different condition where the shear rate 40 and heating range between 0 to 80 the Viscosity of Co2O3/glycol Nano fluid was also measured, the viscosity was decreased according to increase of temperature and take a value in range 3 to 15. it also showed the concentration effect in viscosity in which sample 1 the highest concentration achieves largest viscosity value and sample 4 the lowest concentration recorded less value of viscosity, but sample 3 and sample 4 record same value of viscosity.

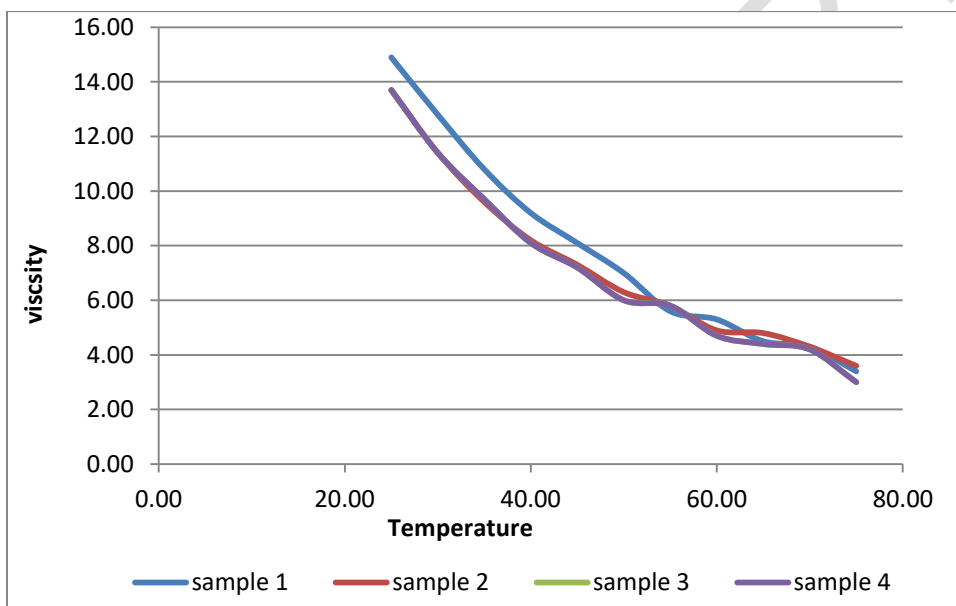


Fig (3). Viscosity of Co2O3/glycol at different temperature and high shear rate

#### 4. CONCLUSION

The Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Nano fluid was prepared using sol gel method and dispersion of the Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Nano particles via ultrasonic vibration in glycol. The nanoparticle formed confirmed by XRD Diffraction Pattern Graphic and the obtained XRD data for 2θ positions identifies the sample as Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Nano particles, the d-spacing values, lattice constant and cell volume, all confirm the sample to be Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Nano particles. The suitable shear rate to study viscosity behavior of Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Nano fluid was determined by testing the viscosity in wide range of shear rate from 1 to 45 which showed vibrated of viscosity in low shear rate and stabilized at shear rate 25. In low shear rate the viscosity was not in harmony behavior, this may be related to the fact that no surfactant or chemical additives were used during Nano fluid preparation. It seems that the enhancement in viscosity does not only depend on the temperature, but also primarily on the volume concentration. The result of viscosity when measured at high shear rate 30 and temperature range from 20° to 80° showed decreasing in

viscosity by increasing of temperature and increases with increasing of nanoparticles concentration until reaches certain concentration.

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