SEMI-ACTIVELY CONTROLLED SUSPENSION OF RAILWAY VEHICLE

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- Developing high-speed tracks in Europe
 - passenger and freight transport
 - ecological, economical
 - best for longer intercontinental paths





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Increasing requirements

- higher speeds
 - safety, stability
- passenger comfort
 - carbody vibration, tilting
- infrastructure requirements
 - wear, fees for track unfriendly vehicles

→ Higher requirements on damping system



Unstable ride

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STATE OF THE ART **APPROACHES TO IMPROVE PASSENGER COMFORT**



2005

- simulations
- improve 39 %
- Hudha et al.

2011

- simulations
- Shyhook
- improve 39 %



2012

- simple real model
- Mix-Skyhook-ADD
- improve 34 %

Shin et al.

2014

simple real model

Time(sec)

Boller rig t

- Skyhook
- improve 67 %

Sumary:

- lateral dampers
- Skyhook
- improve 30 40 %
- neglected or unstated response time
- not verified in real vehicle

Lack of knowledge

influence of damper dynamic behaviour









TATE OF THE ART APPROACHES TO IMPROVE PASSENGER COMFORT

Damper force response time

Dynamic force range



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APPROACHES TO IMPROVE PASSENGER COMFORT

Dynamic force range



Damper force response time

Lack of knowledge: impact and the acceptable value of force response time and dynamic range for different S/A algorithms and for railway vehicle are unknown



TATE OF THE ART APPROACHES TO IMPROVE MR VALVE BEHAVIOUR



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STATE OF THE ART

Material approach X Shape approach



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APPROACHES TO IMPROVE MR VALVE BEHAVIOUR



2013

STATE OF THE ART

- Iaminated stacks
- concept only

Kubík et al.

2017

- external MR valve
- feritte (iron oxid)
- *τ* = 4 ms, dr = 8

- Choi et al.
- grooved

2019

- *τ* = 2 ms
- dr = 2.5



2019

- structured
- τ = 1.3 ms
- dr = 5

Sumary:

- short response causes small dynamic range?
- common dynamic range 10-20 (Spelta 2012, Shin 2014),
- common response time 15-100ms (Spelta 2012, Koo 2006)
- 300 ms for railway MR damper (Guo 2015)

Lack of knowledge: influence of different materials and shapes of magnetic circuit on damper dynamic behaviour









STATE OF THE ART **FAIL-SAFE MR DAMPER**

Power failure \rightarrow low damping \rightarrow dangerous situation (derailment)







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FAIL-SAFE MR DAMPER



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Sumary:

- permanent magnet in piston core
- fail-safe force 1/3 of max force

Lack of knowledge

 completely unknown dynamic behaviour of MR damper with permanent magnet

Lack of knowledge:

- influence of different materials and shapes of magnetic circuit on damper dynamic behaviour
- dynamic behaviour of MR damper with permanent magnet
- influence of damper dynamic behaviour on S/A control efficiency

Investigate the possibilities of improving the MR damper dynamic behaviour and the effect of damper dynamic behaviour on the performance of the semi-actively controlled suspension of railway vehicle



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Scientific questions

Q1: How does the material and geometry of the MR damper magnetic circuit affect force response time and dynamic range? Is a shorter damper force response time always associated with a smaller force dynamic range?

H1: Short response time causes small force dynamic range when only material or only shape approach is used.

The highest electrical resistivity \rightarrow the shortest response time.

The highest magnetic saturation \rightarrow the highest dynamic range

Shape approach \rightarrow 5 times shorter response time





Investigate the possibilities of improving the MR damper dynamic behaviour and the effect of damper dynamic behaviour on the performance of the semi-actively controlled suspension of railwav vehicle

Scientific questions

Q2: Will the permanent magnet in the MR valve affect the response time of the MR damper? Will the response time of the force rise and force drop be different?

H2: Permanent magnet only shift B-I curve in the gap, but don't affect generation of the magnetic field in the magnetic circuit. Response time of the force rise will be slower than the response time of the force drop.



Investigate the possibilities of improving the MR damper dynamic behaviour and the effect of damper dynamic behaviour on the performance of the semi-actively controlled suspension of railway vehicle

Scientific questions

Q3: How does damper behaviour affect the S/A control of railway vehicle lateral secondary MR dampers? Is there a difference between the effect of the force rise response time and force drop response time? What are the acceptable values of damper force response time and dynamic range for this control?

H3: The algorithms switch once at zero piston velocity and once at non-zero, so that **the response time for force rise will have a different effect than the response time for force drop**. An acceptable force **dynamic range is assumed to be about 10**. An acceptable **force response time is assumed to be about 10 ms**, due low vibration frequency of railway vehicle carbody.

 Necessary to answer these 3 questions before designing an MR damping system for a railway vehicle







Q1: What is the effect of the material and the shape approach?

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Material approach

Material	Electrical resistivity (10 ⁻⁶ Ω·m)	Magnetic saturation (T)
11SMn30 – cutting steel	0.17	1.9
N87 ferrite – iron oxide	10,000,000	0.5
Sintex SMC – soft magnetic composites	2800	1.45
AISI 420A – stainless steel	0.5	1.6
Pure iron – SLM	0.13	1.7
Vacoflux 50 – CoFe alloy	0.42	2.35

Shape approach

- for materials with low electrical resistivity
- grooved core and cylinder of damper piston
- grooves intersect the flow of eddy curents
- final variant was selected using FEM analysis







Measuring of magnetic flux density and MR damper dynamic behaviour

- magnetic flux in the gap
 - Hall probe, teslameter
- pistons → MR damper
 → hydralulic pulsator







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Damper force response time and dynamic range

- Ferrite and SMC: the shortest force response time
 - the highest electric resistivity
 - bad mechanical properities
- Vacoflux: the highest dynamic range
 - the highest magnetic saturation
- 11SMn30 6 times shorter force response time by grooves

Conclusion

- H1: verified
- Best option: SMC, grooved 11SMn30







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Novel Approaches to the Design of an Ultra-Fast Magnetorheological

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Abstract: This article presents a list of suitable techniques and materials leading to the design of an ultra-fast magnetorheological (MR) valve. Two approaches for achieving the short response time are proposed: (a) by means of material, and (b) by means of the shape. Within the shape approach, the revolutionary technique of 3D metal printing using a selective laser melting (SLM) method was tested. The suitability of the materials and techniques is addressed based on the length of the response time, which is determined by the FEM. The simulation results determine the response time of the magnetic flux density on the step signal of the current. Subsequently, the response time is verified by the measurement of the simple magnetorheological valve. The following materials were tested: martensitic stainless steel AISI 420A (X20Cr13), cutting steel 11SMn30, pure iron for SLM, Sintex SMC STX prototyping material, ferrite N87, and Vacoflux 50. A special technique involving grooves was used for preventing eddy currents on materials with a high electrical conductivity. The simulation and experimental results indicate that a response time shorter than 2.5 ms can be achieved using materials such as Sintex SMC prototyping, ferrite N87, and grooved variants of metal pistons.

Keywords: magnetorheological valve; response time; eddy currents; magnetic simulations; SMC material



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Geometry of magnetic circuit

- core and cylinder from 11SMn30
- two neodymum magnets

 $B_{max} = B_{mag} + B_{coil}$

 $B_{min} = B_{mag} - B_{coil}$

 $B_{fail} = B_{mag}$









Q2: What is the effect of the permanent magnet in the fail-safe MR damper?

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Damper dynamic behaviour

fail-safe force is 1/3 of on-state force







Damper dynamic behaviour

- fail-safe force is 1/3 of on-state force
- permanent magnet influence but does not degrade transient behaviour of MR damper
- damping force rise is faster than force drop

Conclusion

H2: falsified

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Insight into the response time of fail-safe magnetorheological damper

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Abstract

The significant problem of magnetorheological (MR) dampers is their poor fail-safe ability. In the case of power supply failure, the damper remains in a low damping state which is dangerous for several technical applications. This can be solved by accommodating a permanent magnet to the magnetic circuit of the damper. Currently, the MR dampers are used in progressive semiactive (S/A) control of suspension systems. The dynamics (force response time) of the damper is an important parameter that affects the performance of S/A control. The main goal of this paper is to introduce the dynamic behavior of MR damper with a permanent magnet. The damper design with the permanent magnet in the magnetic circuit, transient magnetic simulation including magnetic hysteresis and eddy currents, and experiments are presented. The magnetic field response time and MR damper force response time are measured and also determined from magnetic simulation. The permanent magnet significantly influences the MR damper dynamics. The decrease of the damping force from a fail-safe state-medium damping to off-state-low damping is significantly faster (2 ms, -1 A) than the increase to on-state-high damping (12 ms, 1 A). The exact value is depending on the electric current magnitude and piston velocity. The damper achieved fail-safe damping force approximately 1/3 of the maximum damping force. The exact value of the fail-safe force is magnetization history-dependent. The maximum dynamic force range is 8.5 which is comparable with the common design of MR damper.

Keywords: magnetorheological valve, MR damper, response time, permanent magnet, fail-safe, transient response, damper dynamics

H2.2: 11SMn30 cutting steel causes excessive eddy current development and a longer response time. A combination of the eddy current effect and the permanent magnet effect probably causes the behaviour described.

The response time could behave as hypothesis H2, i.e., the **force drop could be faster than the force rise** if the 11SMn30 cutting steel was **grooved** or if the magnetic circuit was made of a material more resistant to eddy currents, such as **SMC**.

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Vehicle model

- lateral movement of railway vehicle suspension
- 2 degrees of freedom
- 1 wheelset, 1/2 of bogie frame, 1/4 of vehicle carbody
- kinematic excitation y₀
- 1:5 scale

Parameter	Symbol	Original	1:5 scale
1/2 bogie frame weight	m1	5000 kg	1000 kg
1/4 carbody weight	m2	13,750 kg	2750 kg
wheelset-bogie frame bond stiffness	k1	10 kN/mm	2 kN/mm
bogie frame-carbody bond stiffness	k2	1 kN/mm	0.2 kN/mm
wheelset-bogie frame bond damping	c1	10 kNs/m	2 kNs/m

Hardware-in-the-loop simulation

- real damper on pulsator
- virtual model on dSpace

MR damper

- magnetic circuit from SMC
- max. force of 1900 N (0.2 m/s)
- dynamic range of 7.6 (0.1 m/s)
- force rise response time of $\tau = 1.8$ ms
- force drop response time of $\tau = 1.1$ ms
- tested response time
 - 1.8 ms 56 ms
- tested dynamic range
 - 2 7.8

T₃₆ = 1.1 ms

time (ms)

2

I (A)

2

1.5

0.5

10

Q3: What is the effect of the MR damper dynamic behaviour on the S/A control efficiency?

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Semi-active control

four S/A strategies

Skyhook – linear

• Shyhook – two states $F(v) = \begin{cases} F_{max}(v), & \dot{y}_2(\dot{y}_2 - \dot{y}_1) \ge 0\\ F_{min}(v), & \dot{y}_2(\dot{y}_2 - \dot{y}_1) < 0 \end{cases}$

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Acceleration Driven Damper – two states

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Results

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- ideal response time about $\tau = 8 \text{ ms}$
- best force-drop response time for ADD
 τ = 45 ms

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- improve 34 % by ADD-L

Mode	RMS (m/s²)	Improvement (%)
passive	0.416	0
SH-2	0.298	28.3
SH-L	0.282	32.2
ADD-2	0.282	32.2
ADD-L	0.276	33.6

Conclusion

H3: verified

Results

- excitation: straight track, 160
- force drop response time m than the force rise response
- ideal response time about τ
- best force-drop response time $\tau = 45 \text{ ms}$
- improve 34 % by ADD-L

Conclusion

H3: verified

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	the-loop simulation with a real magnetorheological damper l	has been used to get clos	se to reality. A	
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	damper response time. Furthermore, the force drop response t	time has been more impo	ortant than the	
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check for	semi-active; magnetorheological; damper; railway vehicle; lat	teral vibration		

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-∎-passive

-@-ADD-2 -*-ADD-L

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CONCLUSION

S/A control of railway vehicle suspension significantly improves passenger comfort

- MR damper with great response time and dynamic range
- improvement using the material and the shape approach
- permanent magnet in fail-safe damper does not degrade damper behaviour
- damper scaled 1:5 was used → larger railway MR damper
 longer response time!!

CONCLUSION

MR bogie yaw damper

grooved 11SMn30

CONCLUSION

MR bogie yaw damper

- grooved 11SMn30
- dynamic range of 25 8.5
- response time τ = 7.8 ms
 (Guo 2015, 300 ms)
- suitable for use on a railway vehicle!

APPLICATION

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Simulations and tests

- reduction of axle box force RMS on straight track by 40 % (stability)
- reduction of maximal guiding forces in S-curce by 9 % (wear)

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Semi-active yaw dampers in locomotive running gear: new control algorithms and verification of their stabilising effect

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Abstract

It is generally accepted that semi-actively controlled dampers can significantly improve the behaviour of a road or rail vehicle. In the case of a railway vehicle, this offers the possibility of solving a contradiction in the damping requirements for different driving modes. This paper deals with applying magnetorheological dampers with semiactive control in the locomotive bogie to reduce hunting oscillation. The magnetorheological bogie yaw damper design, selected algorithms for its control, and application on a complex multi-body locomotive model that simulates fast running on a real straight track are shown. The important part of the paper is focused on the effect of the damping force level and the damper force response time. The results have shown that using the semi-active control of the yaw dampers makes it possible to reduce carbody lateral oscillation by 60 % and wear in the wheel-rail contact by 80 % and improve running stability for higher equivalent conicity and subcritical speed. The critical speed can be increased by more than 60 km/h. The efficiency of the proposed semi-active control is most effective under conditions of low equivalent conicity.

Keywords: semi-active, magnetorheological, damper, hunting oscilation, railway vehicle, bogie, running stability

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The Influence of Semi-actively Controlled Magnetorheological Bogie Yaw Dampers on Guiding Behaviour of a Railway Vehicle in an S-Curve: Simulation and On-track test

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Abstract

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Keywords

semi-active, magnetorheological, yaw, damper, railway vehicle, S-curve, guiding force, wear

passive

APPLICATION

MR lateral and vertical damping system

- Škoda 10Ev InterPanter
- best algorithm
 Shykook-linear
- comfort increased by 50 %
- first test runs May 2024

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