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Experimental study of viscosity and thermal conductivity of water based Fe₃O₄ nanofluid with highly disaggregated particles

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles can be disaggregated by surface modification and pH adjustment.
- The viscosity of the nanofluid agrees well with the Einstein equation when nanoparticles are highly disaggregated.
- The thermal conductivity of the disaggregated Fe₃O₄ nanofluid is consistent with the Maxwell model.
- The contribution of dispersed nanoparticles to enhance the thermal conductivity is limited.

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ABSTRACT

This work aims to experimentally study the viscosity and thermal conductivity of water based Fe₃O₄ nanofluid with highly disaggregated nanoparticles. The citric acid is modified on Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles with carboxyl groups, which enables particles to be disaggregated by enhancing the surface potential of nanoparticles through increasing pH values. To study the highly disaggregated Fe₃O₄ nanofluid, we firstly investigate the effect of volume fraction, pH value, and temperature on the viscosity of modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid. The experimental results show that the viscosity of the modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid is in good agreement with the Einstein equation when nanoparticles are highly disaggregated. At a pH of 8, We then study the effect of volume fraction and temperature on the thermal conductivity of modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid. While the enhancement of modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid is not significant, the highest thermal conductivity can be achieved when nanofluid is at a highly disaggregated level with a volume fraction of 0.32%, and thermal conductivity is consistent with the classic Maxwell model.

Nomenclature

k	Thermal conductivity
μ	Dynamic viscosity
σ	Uncertainty
x	Dependent variable
y	Dependent variable
I	Current value
R	Wire resistance

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<i>L</i>	Length of wire
<i>a</i>	Temperature coefficient of the wire resistance
<i>S</i>	Fitting error of slope curve between filament voltage variation and time

Abbreviations

TEM	Transmission electron microscopy
XRD	X-ray powder diffraction
DLS	Dynamic light scattering
TGA	Thermogravimetric analysis

Greek symbols

φ	Volume fraction
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Subscripts

nf	Nanofluid
bl	Base liquid
p	Nanoparticle

1. Introduction

Nanofluid is defined as a nano-size suspension, and nanoparticles (1–100 nm) are typically made of metal, metal oxide and semiconductor. Traditionally, heat transfer liquids, which include water, oil and ethylene glycol mixture, are used as a base liquid to disperse particles and make the suspension flowable. Since Choi et al. [1] introduced nanofluids in 1995, a large number of repetitive experiments demonstrated the effectiveness of nanofluids in thermophysical properties. Many similar reports also proved the significant enhancement of thermal conductivity of a nanofluid was caused by the increasing volume fraction. Among them, Philip et al. [2] even experimentally observed a 300% enhancement of thermal conductivity from a Fe₃O₄ nanofluid which is with a volume fraction of 6.3%.

However, aggregation is a significant challenge that impedes the practical application of nanofluids. It is widely accepted that magnetic nanoparticles have a great tendency to aggregate in the solution due to van Der Waals force of attraction [3]. It is reported that particle aggregation leads to significant enhancement in the viscosity of nanofluid [4], which is not desirable in real thermal applications due to additional power consumption. Therefore, some researchers study the relationship between the degree of aggregation and viscosity. Philip et al. [5] related highly aggregated nanofluid to the anomalous enhancement of viscosity. Mahbubul et al. [6] demonstrated that particle aggregation made volume fraction bigger than that of individual nanoparticles, leading to the enhancement of viscosity [7]. They also found that long-term sonication is a useful method to reduce viscosity. Prasher et al. [8] reported that the aggregated size is responsible for the viscosity of nanofluid by modifying Dougherty and Krueger's model. They found that decreasing aggregated size can decrease the viscosity of nanofluid and the viscosity of highly disaggregated nanofluid is in good agreement with the Einstein equation [9]. However, there is still confusion about whether the Einstein equation is reliable for the disaggregated nanofluid.

Some studies show that the viscosity of nanofluid decreases with the increase of shear rate during rheological measurements. To explore the shear thinning, Zhou et al. [10] made a hypothesis that the reduction of viscosity at a high shear rate was caused by particle aggregates being broken under shear force. This hypothesis well explains why shear thinning often becomes more obvious with the increase of particle volume fraction [11,12]. Pastoriza-Gallego et al. [13] studied the viscoelastic behaviour of Fe₂O₃ nanofluids. They observed a peak showing on the profile of loss modulus against strain. They interpreted the peak as some kinds of the structures formed by particles within the fluid that is lost during the increase of strain. If shear thinning of nanofluid has to do with the aggregates being broken under shear, the nanoparticles which are highly dispersed should make the viscosity less dependent on shear rate.

Additionally, the effect of disaggregation on the thermal conductivity of nanofluid is also an attractive feature for researchers in thermal engineering. Generally, there are two dimensions for the enhancement of thermal conductivity. The first is that thermal conductivity is increased by microconvection due to the Brownian motion of nanoparticles [14,15]; the other is the enhancement of thermal conductivity, which is caused by the aggregation leading to local percolation behaviour [16,17]. Bigdeli et al. [18] suggested that most enhancements beyond predictions of effective medium theories were caused by the formation of thermal percolating paths, which is due to the aggregation of nanoparticles [14,19,20]. Singh et al. [21] found that the thermal conductivity of Fe₃O₄ nanofluid increased by 33%–46% at 60 °C when particle volume fraction was 2%. Although the thermal conductivity of nanofluid increases by adding more nanoparticles, lots of evidence also demonstrates the mismatch between the experimental results and the data calculated by established theoretical models [22–25]. Prasher et al. [2] reported that there should be an optimal aggregated scale to enhance the thermal conductivity of nanofluid by modelling the contribution of aggregations to thermal conduction. They found that both fully aggregated and well-dispersed nanofluid should generate thermal conductivity comparable to that predicted by the Maxwell model. If the particles undergo uncontrolled aggregation, no models can predict the thermal conductivity of nanofluid.

The important role of nanofluid in thermal applications is that it has the potential to adjust rheological behaviour, thermal conductivity and other thermal physical properties to adapt to the relevant thermal applications [26]. Viscosity and thermal conductivity of nanofluid is related to the degree of aggregation. However, the research in this field is limited. The present work aims to investigate

the effect of particle disaggregation on the viscosity and thermal conductivity of water based Fe₃O₄ nanofluid. Citric acid, as a modification, is used to cover the surfaces of the prepared Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles with carboxyl groups so that disaggregation can be promoted by improving the surface potential of the particles through increasing pH values. It has been suggested that the Light scattering technique is a good approach to characterise the aggregation condition of nanofluids [27]. Thus, DLS measurement is carried out to investigate the disaggregation at different pH values. Rheological measurement is conducted to figure out the relationship between viscosity and particle concentration at different temperatures. Moreover, at a pH of 8, we also studied the effect of volume fraction and temperature on the thermal conductivity of Fe₃O₄ nanofluid. In this work, the experimental results of both viscosity and thermal conductivity of Fe₃O₄ nanofluid are compared with the Einstein equation and the Maxwell equation, respectively.

2. Methods

2.1. Synthesis of citric acid modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid

Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles are synthesised by the co-precipitation method. In a typical procedure, 8.8 g FeCl₂·4H₂O (≥99%, Sigma Aldrich) and 24 g FeCl₃·6H₂O (≥99%, Sigma Aldrich) are added into 100 ml water at first. The suspension is stirred at 50 °C and bubbled under the protection of N₂ for 2 h to remove O₂. 50 ml of ammonium hydroxide (25%, Sigma Aldrich) is then dissolved under vigorous stirring for 30 min. The black precipitate is magnetised to the bottom of the flask and washed with HCl solution (37%, Sigma Aldrich) for 5 times. 30 min later, after dumping the supernatant, the prepared precipitate is dissolved into 120 ml water by ultrasonic treatment. To cover particle surfaces with carboxyl groups, particles are coated with citric acid (≥99.5%, Sigma Aldrich) which is a small molecule with three carboxyl groups. Citric acid can be chemically attached to the surface of a nanoparticle via the formation of a coordination bond between a metal atom and a carboxyl group, leaving one or two carboxyl groups stretching out forward into the surrounding liquid phase [28]. The pH value of Fe₃O₄ nanofluid is controlled by adding diluted HCl solution during sample preparation. Finally, a certain number of coated nanoparticles in an aqueous solution are dispersed into DI water.

2.2. Characterisations

TEM images are captured under an electron microscope (JEOL-2000) operating at 200 kV. The samples for the TEM test are prepared by dropping diluted particle dispersion onto a TEM copper grid followed by drying overnight. XRD pattern is carried out by applying a Bruker D8 Advance Powder X-ray diffractometer. TGA is conducted by using a TGA-SDTQ600 thermogravimetric analyser. The citric acid modified Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles are heated at 1000 °C with the protection of Nitrogen. The heating temperature increases remaining at 10 °C per minute. The density of modified and unmodified Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles is measured by using an Occupy 1330 pycnometer. Before the test, the particle sample is dried under reduced pressure for 3 days. The equipment is calibrated by conducting 10 purges and 10 runs for the empty cell followed by 10 purges and 10 runs for the cell and two calibration balls. Zeta potential and dynamic light scattering measurements are obtained by a Zetasizer (Malvern Zen 3600). All samples prepared for zeta potential and dynamic light scattering are diluted to 0.002 vol% and then pH is adjusted to the desired value. The samples are sonicated for 2–3 min prior to each measurement.

The viscosity of prepared nanofluid and base liquid can be obtained by rheometer (Anton Paar MCR 302) with a measuring cone (CP50-1). Typically, the viscosity of the prepared samples is tested under the shear rate from 50 to 2500 s⁻¹, respectively at a specific temperature. For every measurement, the shear rates are carried out under stable shear conditions for 2 min. The measurement of the viscosity is captured every 6 s and the average viscosity is defined as the viscosity at a fixed shear rate. Additionally, the final viscosity of the prepared sample at a certain volume fraction and temperature is calculated by averaging the viscosity of each shear rate. As shown in eq. (1), μ refers to the average value of viscosity. The error can be obtained by the standard deviation of the viscosities at different shear rates. μ_{nf}/μ_{bl} refers to the relative viscosity. The error can be obtained by applying the error propagation formula reported by Moffat [29],

$$\frac{\mu_{nf}}{\mu_{bl}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\mu_{bl}^2} \cdot \sigma_{nf}^2 + \frac{\mu_{nf}^2}{\mu_{bl}^4} \cdot \sigma_{bl}^2} \quad (1)$$

In terms of the thermal conductivity of the modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid, it is measured by a TC3020 Liquid thermal conductivity meter (Xi'an Xiotech Electronic Technology Co., China), the thermal conductivity meter is based on the transient hot-wire method. A water bath is used to generate a circulation flow to maintain the sample at a certain temperature during the measurement. After setting the temperature for a test, the sample needs to be heated for over half an hour to achieve thermal stabilisation. Finally, the thermal conductivity is measured 5 times to obtain the mean value. The experimental error of thermal conductivity of nanofluids is mainly originated from the measuring errors of parameters, such as current value, wire resistance, the length of wire, temperature coefficient of the wire resistance, fitting error of the slope curve between filament voltage variation and time. The error can be calculated as follows,

$$\frac{\delta k}{k} = \sqrt{3\left(\frac{\Delta I}{I}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{\Delta R(0)}{R(0)}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta L}{L}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta a}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta S}{S}\right)^2} \quad (2)$$

According to the experimental condition, the measurement errors of the current value are $\Delta I/I \leq 0.1\%$, the measurement error of wire resistance is $\Delta R(0)/R(0) \leq 0.1\%$, the measurement error of the length of wire $\Delta L/L \leq 0.5\%$, the measurement error of

temperature coefficient of the wire resistance $\Delta a/a \leq 0.5\%$, the measurement error of fitting error of the slope curve is $\Delta S/S \leq 0.5\%$. Therefore, the error of thermal conductivity is $\delta k/k \leq 1\%$.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Characterisations of Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles

Fig. 1 presents the TEM image and the size distribution of bare Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles that are synthesised by the co-precipitation approach. The nanoparticles are spheric in shape. As shown in Fig. 1(b), the size distribution of nanoparticles ranges from 4 to 22 nm, and the average size of the nanoparticles is approximately 10 nm. To cover the surfaces of bare particles with carboxyl groups, the particles are modified with citric acid which is a small molecule with three carboxyl groups. It can be chemically attached to the surface of particles via the formation of a coordinate bond between the metal atom and carboxyl group (Fig. 2(c)), leaving carboxyl groups stretching out forward into the surrounding liquid phase [30]. These free carboxyl groups are expected to dissociate, generating a negatively charged group COO^- on the surface of the particle. To test the colloidal stability of modified particles, nanofluids with both modified and unmodified particles are stored at ambient temperature. Despite the pH is not adjusted, the modified nanoparticles remain suspended in the mixture for 8 months. As shown in Fig. 2(b), the modified Fe_3O_4 nanofluid is well dispersed in the vial, while unmodified Fe_3O_4 nanofluid has precipitated down to the bottom of the vial. Fig. 2(a) presents the TEM measurement of citric acid coated Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles.

There is no significant difference between modified and unmodified nanoparticles in shape and size. XRD pattern (Fig. 3(a)) presents the characteristic peaks of the cubic inverse spinel structure. The results show that there is no change in the crystal structure of Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles, indicating that there are no detectable changes between modified and unmodified nanoparticles. TGA measurement suggests that the weight fraction of grafted citric acid is 4.2% as shown in Fig. 3(b). The density of particles decreases to 4.36 g/cm^3 , compared to that of unmodified particles, 4.51 g/cm^3 . It is known that the density of citric acid is 1.66 g/cm^3 . Thus, the volume fraction of citric acid modified is calculated to be 5.3% based on the densities of modified and unmodified particles and citric acid.

3.2. Viscosity of modified Fe_3O_4 nanofluid

The viscosity of citric acid modified Fe_3O_4 nanofluid is investigated after nanoparticles are dispersed by ultrasonic treatment. The rheological behaviour is measured when the temperature is fixed at 30°C . Fig. 4(a) presents the effect of shear rate on the viscosity at different volume fractions. Except for the base liquid, all the nanofluids exhibit apparent shear thinning despite the particle volume fraction. For the volume fraction below 1%, the viscosity decreases by 4–6% as the shear rate reaches 2500 s^{-1} . The viscosity keeps decreasing with shear rate and a 40% decrease is found when the volume fraction exceeds 1%.

The pH value of Fe_3O_4 nanofluid is measured prior to rheological measurements and it keeps at 3–4 for all particle volume fractions. It is known that citric acid has three dissociation constants, which include $\text{pKa}1 = 3.13$, $\text{pKa}2 = 4.76$, and $\text{pKa}3 = 6.40$, respectively. A pH of 3–4 is supposed to hamper the dissociations of attached citric acid and hinders particle disaggregation as well. As shown in Fig. 4(b), the viscosity increases to $1.87 (\pm 20\%)$ when the particle volume fraction reaches 1.15%. The measured viscosity is also compared to the Einstein equation as follows,

$$\mu_{nf} = \mu_b(1 + 2.5\phi) \quad (3)$$

But experimental results show that the Einstein equation cannot predict the of the prepared Fe_3O_4 nanofluid.

To investigate the disaggregation of modified Fe_3O_4 particles, DLS measurements are conducted at different pH values. Fig. 5 presents the zeta potential and hydrodynamic diameter of modified particles as a function of pH values. In Fig. 5(a), as the pH value increases to 7, zeta potential decreases quickly from -5.2 mV to -48.8 mV . When pH value comes to 7, 8 and 9, zeta potential reaches the maximum range. At this range, particle disaggregation is promoted caused by the increase of the ionic strength of suspension due to

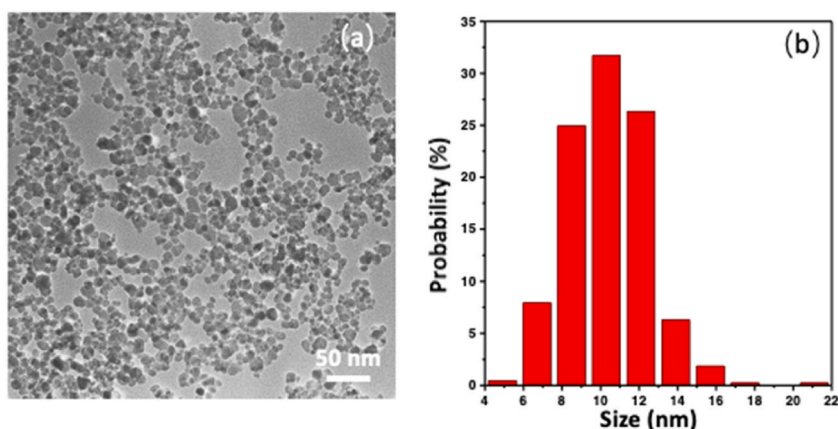


Fig. 1. (a) TEM measurement of bare Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles; (b) size distribution of bare Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles.

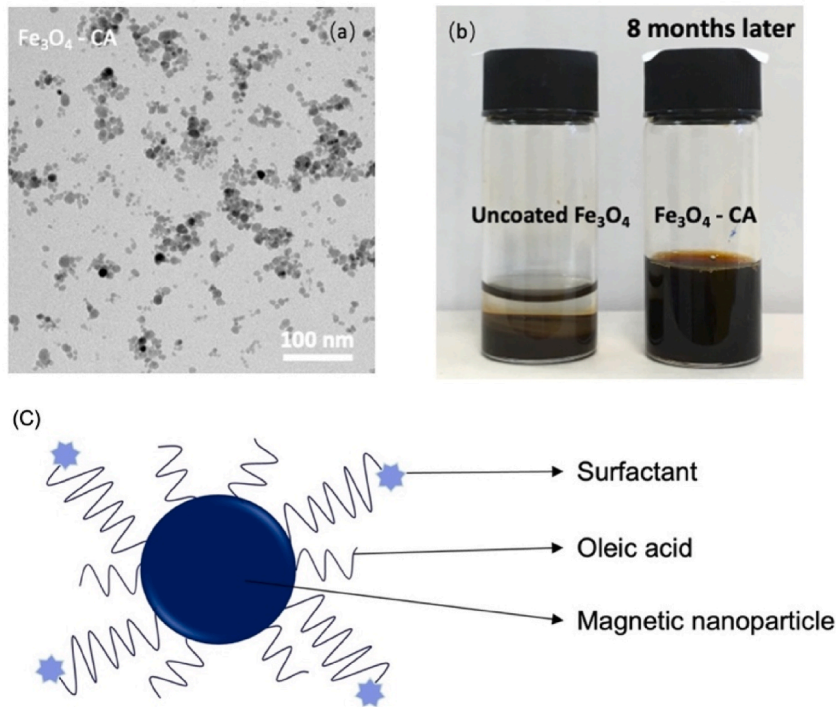


Fig. 2. (a) TEM measurement of citric acid modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid. (b) Stability comparison between modified and unmodified water based nanofluids. (c) The schematic structure of the modified Fe₃O₄ nanoparticle.

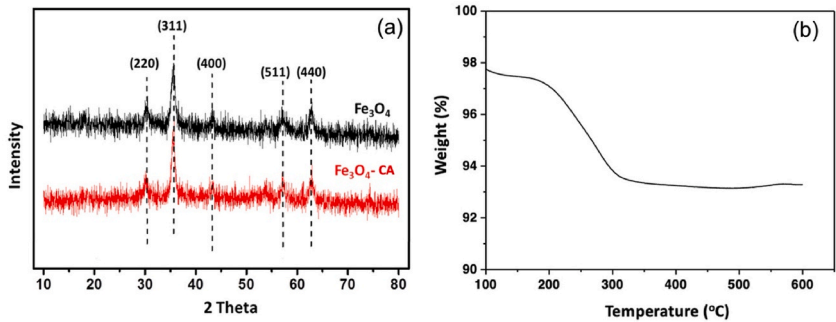


Fig. 3. (a) XRD characterisation of unmodified and modified Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles. (b) TGA characterisation of modified Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles.

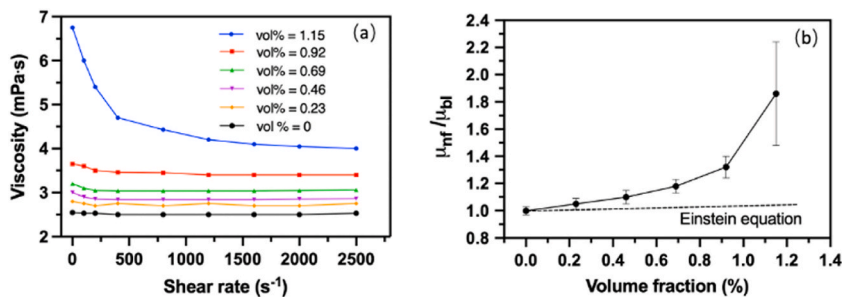


Fig. 4. (a) Effect of the shear rate on citric acid modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid at different particle volume fractions. (b) Effect of volume fraction on the relative viscosity.

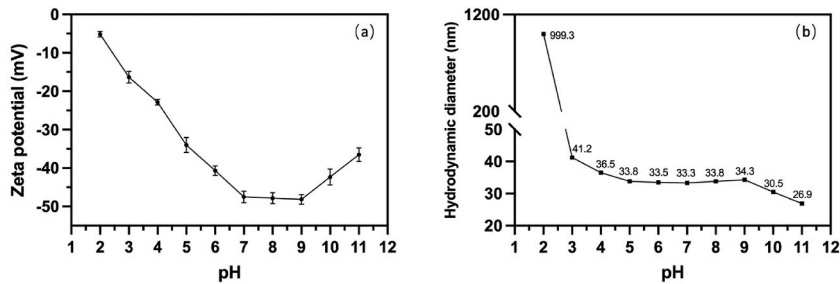


Fig. 5. (a) Effect of pH on zeta-potential of modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid. (b) Effect of pH on DLS measurements of modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid.

the increase of Na⁺ during the pH adjustment. When the pH value further increases to 11, although zeta potential comes to -36 mV (Fig. 5(a)), the hydrodynamic diameter drops further to 26.9 nm (Fig. 5(b)). This phenomenon results from the increased ionic strength, which reduces the thickness of the electric double layer.

The viscosity of modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluids is also investigated at different pH values at 30 °C. The particle volume fraction is fixed at 0.23%. As shown in Fig. 6(a), when the pH value is at 5, 7 and 9, the viscosity of modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid does not change after the shear rate increase to 400 s⁻¹, nanofluid exhibits more like Newtonian fluid when the pH is raised up. Fig. 6(b) presents as a function of the pH value. With the increase of pH, decreases from 4.0 (±22%) to 2.8 (±0.9%) mPa·s, which is consistent with the Einstein equation, and remains almost the same when pH is at 5, 7 and 9. Therefore, disaggregating nanoparticle is a feasible method to manipulate shear thinning and reduce the viscosity of the nanofluid.

Furthermore, it is known that the pH value of a thermal working fluid needs to be carefully considered, this is because pH value has a direct impact on the corrosion of radiators and tubes. On one hand, an alkaline working fluid is more desired in engineering applications [31]; on the other hand, according to the abovementioned experimental results, increased ionic strength caused by pH adjusting can reduce the surface potential of particles as shown in Fig. 5(a). Consequently, a pH of 8 is selected for investigating the viscosity of modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid whose particles are highly dispersed. Fig. 7 presents the effect of relative viscosity on particle concentration at 30 °C. The increment in the viscosity obeys the Einstein equation exactly with the maximum deviation of 1.6%. The amount of this increment is lower than reported results whose nanoparticles are disaggregated by only sonication [32].

Moreover, at a pH of 8, rheological measurements are also comprehensively carried out to investigate the relationship between experimental data of the viscosity of the modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid and the Einstein equation at different temperatures. Fig. 8 presents as a function of volume fraction. The temperature of the measured sample ranges from 10 to 50 °C. As shown in Fig. 8, the solid line indicates the viscosity that is calculated by the Einstein equation. The experimental results show that data are in good agreement with the Einstein equation. The mean percentage difference is 1.3%. Moreover, the increment in viscosity is relatively low. The viscosity increased by less than 3% at 1% of particle volume fraction. Therefore, when nanoparticles are highly disaggregated, the Einstein equation can accurately predict the viscosity of a Fe₃O₄ nanofluid.

3.3. Thermal conductivity of the modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid

The thermal conductivity of modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid is also comprehensively investigated. The measured sample is required to preheat for 30 min for the thermal equilibrium. Fig. 9 presents the effect of different temperatures and volume fractions on the thermal conductivity of modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid. The pH value of modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid all remains at 8. The volume fraction changes from 0 to 1.15%. The experimental results show that thermal conductivity increase with both temperature and volume fraction. When the volume fraction is at 1.15%, the enhancement of thermal conductivity increases by 2.2%, 2.3%, 2.3% and 1.6%, when the temperature is at 30 °C, 40 °C, 50 °C and 60 °C, respectively. At present, there are several well recognised theories that can illustrate the enhancement mechanism of the thermal conductivity of nanofluid, which includes Brownian motion [15,33], interfacial thermal resistance [34], the formation of solid-like 'nanolayer' on the nanoparticle surface [35–37] and thermal percolating paths due to nanoparticle aggregations [14,19]. Bigdeli et al. et al. [18] reported that there should be an optimum degree of aggregation for optimum thermal conduction of the nanofluid. Uncontrolled aggregations will result in the nanoparticle precipitation in solution, thus, thermal conduction only accounts for the base fluid. On the other hand, if nanoparticles are ideally disaggregated, there will be no thermal percolation paths formed to enhance the thermal conduction. Additionally, Prasher et al. [14] also supported that there should be an optimal nanoparticle aggregation range to obtain the optimal thermal conduction of nanofluid. They reported that the highly disaggregated nanofluid exhibited a thermal conductivity comparable to that predicted by the Maxwell model. Furthermore, the experimental results have proved that the thermal conductivity enhancement of the highly disaggregated nanoparticle suspension cannot be very significant [38]. Our experimental results, as shown in Fig. 9, are verified by the classic Maxwell model. Thermal conduction of the modified nanofluid shows that there is no more difference from a two-phase mixture when the prepared nanofluid exhibits a highly disaggregated condition. The measured thermal conductivity is consistent with the Maxwell model. The model can be described as follows,

$$k_{nf} = k_{bl} \left[\frac{k_p + 2k_{bl} + 2\varphi(k_p - k_{bl})}{k_p + 2k_{bl} - \varphi(k_p - k_{bl})} \right] \quad (4)$$

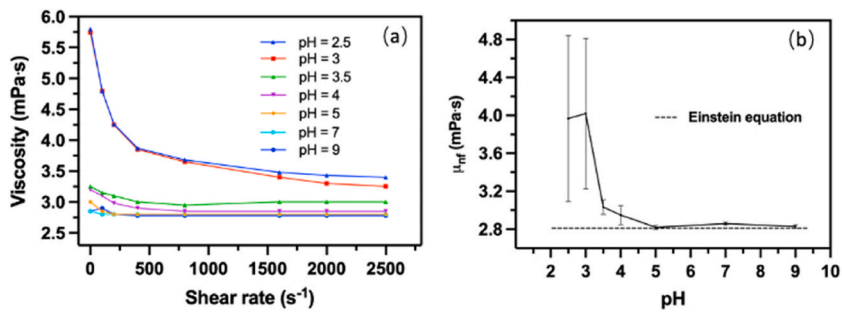


Fig. 6. (a) Effect of shear rate on the viscosity of citric acid modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluids at different pH values. (b) Effect of pH values on the viscosity of modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid.

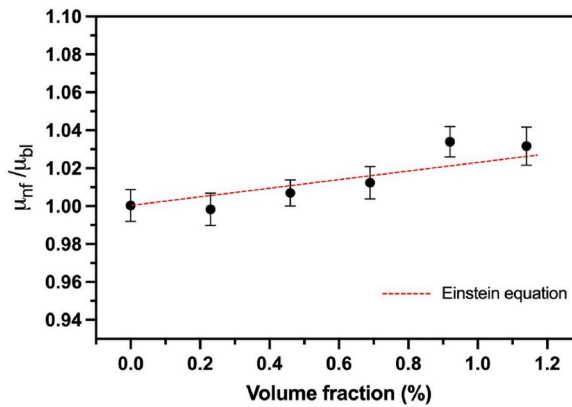


Fig. 7. Effect of particle volume fraction on the relative viscosity of modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluids at 30 °C.

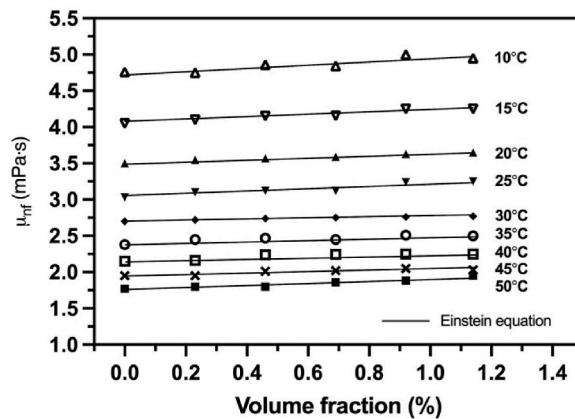


Fig. 8. Viscosity of citric acid modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid as a function of volume fraction at a fixed pH of 8 with the temperature from 10 to 50 °C. The solid line indicates the viscosity that is calculated by the Einstein equation.

The maximum deviation between the result calculated by the measured one and the Maxwell model is only 1.4%. Therefore, the Maxwell model can well predict the effective thermal conductivity of a two-phase mixture that consists of a continuous as well as discontinuous phase. Such a good match demonstrates that it is not necessary to consider the effects of the formation of solid-like “nanolayer”, interfacial thermal resistance and Brownian motion if the prepared nanofluid is kept in a highly disaggregated condition.

4. Conclusion

In this work, we study the effect of nanoparticle disaggregation on both viscosity and thermal conductivity of citric acid modified Fe₃O₄ nanofluid. Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles are coated with citric acid. By increasing the pH value of the nanoparticle suspension, the

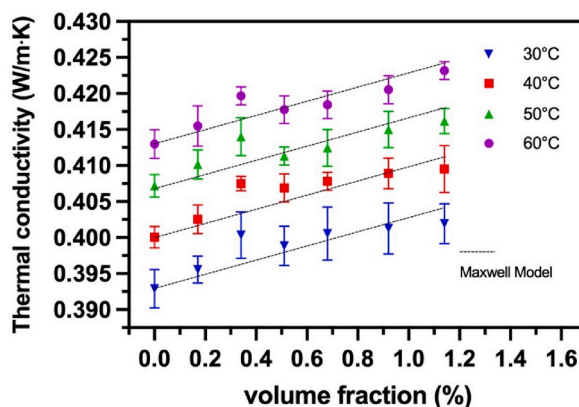


Fig. 9. The effect of particle volume fraction and temperature on the thermal conductivity of modified Fe_3O_4 nanofluid at pH of 8. The dashed line represents the predicted value of the Maxwell model.

disaggregation of the nanoparticle is promoted because the surface potential becomes stronger due to the dissociation of the grafted carboxyl groups. The experimental results suggest that highly disaggregation is a feasible method for controlling the shear thinning and reducing the viscosity of Fe_3O_4 nanofluid. When Fe_3O_4 particles are highly dispersed, the viscosity of nanofluid does not change with the shear rate, and the viscosity is in good agreement with the Einstein equation. At temperatures ranging from 10 to 50 °C, the average percentage difference between experimental data and the Einstein equation is only 1.3%. It is found that, at the pH of 8, the thermal conductivity of highly dispersed nanofluid is consistent with the classic Maxwell model, while the enhancement of the thermal conductivity of a highly disaggregated nanofluid is relatively low. Small viscosity and better colloidal stability should be competitive when nanofluid is considered for thermal engineering. Additionally, once nanoparticles undergo uncontrolled aggregations, it could be difficult to predict the thermal conductivity and viscosity at a specific temperature and particle concentration.

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