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Numerical Analyses of the Non-Newtonian Flow Performance and Thermal Effect on a Bearing Coated with a High Tin Content

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ABSTRACT

The hydrodynamic bearings are stressed by severe workings conditions, such as speed, load, and the oil will be increasingly solicit by pressure and shear. The Newtonian behavior is far from being awarded in this case, the most loaded bearings operating at very high speeds; the shear rate of the oil is of higher order.

A numerical analysis of the behavior of non-Newtonian fluid for plain cylindrical journal bearing finite dimension coated with antifriction material with a high tin content, for to facilitate the accommodation of the surfaces and save the silk of the shaft in the case of a contact. this analyses is implemented using the code-ANSYS CFX, by solving the energy equation with the finite difference method, considering that laminar regime and the fluid is non Newtonian by using the power law Ostwald model, the coefficient n is equal to 1.25 and for different model such as Bingham, cross and Hereshek-Bulkley model.

This study aims to better predict the non-Newtonian behavior of the oil film in bearings operating under more severe conditions. The purpose conducted during this study is to predict the effect of non-Newtonian behavior of the film; the journal bearing operating under severe conditions, the speed of rotation varies from 1000 to 9000 rpm and the bearing working under radial load 2 to 10 kN. Temperature and the pressure within the fluid film assumed non-Newtonian are high, with a coefficient n greater than 1 that is to say for viscoelastic fluids.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The non-Newtonian effects can be of two kinds: the shear-thinning effects and viscoelastic effects. The shear-thinning effects, often simply called non-Newtonian effects, result in a variation of the viscosity versus shear rate. The viscoelastic effects are more complex, but in simple terms, we can say that the viscoelastic fluids have a memory of their deformities. There are several models that can represent the viscoelastic behavior. Among them, the simplest and most used is the Maxwell model, which takes into account two parameters: viscosity and relaxation time.

The plain journal bearing have been largely used in industrial applications for more than a century. However, the thermal behaviour in the journal bearing became only recently the object for the researchers, while considering the fluid has a non-Newtonian behaviour.

Hirst and Moore [1] present a study in 1974 on non-Newtonian behavior in the elastohydrodynamic lubrication, they stated in their study that low values, the shear rate is directly proportional to the shearing force, but higher values, the shear rate increases faster than the shear stress, this phenomenon depends on the pressure and molecular size of the fluid film.

In 1985, Hutton [2] performs an experimental study on the effect of lubricant on the u performance sliding bearing, the experimental results performed on a bearing in order to verify the theory that the capacity of the load is generated by the elasticity viscoelastic lubricants.

Gecim [3] published in 1990 a review of the literature on shear-thinning effects. He shows some examples and technical solutions for the treatment of non-Newtonian effects in plain bearings. He introduced a new incorporating act, based on the Cross of law. The advantage of this law is that it has a single parameter to adjust (the stability coefficient), compared to the Cross equation which uses three parameters.

During the same period, Rastogi and Gupta [4,5] analyze the importance of viscoelastic effects in bearings subjected to dynamic loads that they use the Maxwell model. They showed a decrease Load carrying capacity in the presence of a viscoelastic behavior.

Lemaitre and Berker [6] realized two years later a study on the modeling of non-Newtonian effects in plain bearings. They propose an extension of the cavitation Elrod algorithm for a non-Newtonian behavior of the fluid, using the finite volume method.

In 2000, Zhang and Cheng [7] propose a non-Newtonian thermohydrodynamic analysis in conditions of mixed lubrication. Both non-Newtonian effects (shear thinning and viscoelastic) are included. They show that there is significant influence of the shear thinning effect on the minimum thickness on the power loss and leakage flow dynamic bearings. However, the viscoelastic effect has no significant influence on these parameters and can more or months influence the load capacity bearings, compared to operating conditions.

In 2001 and 2002 Wang et al. [8,9] have also addressed the influence of shear thinning effects in dynamic bearings, while taking into account the non-Newtonian behavior and the effect of the geometry of the elliptical -form palier- ave rough surfaces. They show that it has a significant reduction in the minimum film thickness and power dissipation.

In the same year, Zhang [10] continues the study with an analysis TEHD dynamic bearings. It happens almost the same conclusions as in the THD study. Moreover, he argues that the viscoelastic effect tends to reduce the variation of pressure over time and thus reduce the pressure peaks and the elastic deformation.

In 2003 Kane [11] show the effect of the roughness and non-Newtonian effects in severe contact lubricated such as bearings. He presented a new modified Reynolds equation called non-Newtonian, using the rheological laws and the basics of continuum mechanics applied to thin film. Solving this equation gives the influential parameters on geometry and rheology, these results were validated with the non-Newtonian theory.

Fatu [12] in 2005 present a numerical and experimental modeling of the lubrication of motor bearings subjected to severe operating conditions with the laws of variation of the suitable viscosity, it stinks meter highlight the respective influence of non-effects Newtonian and piezovisqueux in the complex case of big end bearings. Fatu showed that piezovisqueux effect turns out to be most significant effect on the behavior of the bearing, the non-Newtonian effect.

In 2012, Singh and al [13], present a study on the performance of pivoted curved slider bearings by suggest that the fluid is non Newtonian, by using the Rabinowitsch Fluid Model. The results show that steady state film pressure, load carrying capacity and centre of pressure, calculated numerically for various values of viscosity index, have been significant with the non-Newtonian behavior of the fluid.

Javorova and his colaborators, have been presented in 2016 [14], a study on hydrodynamics Journal Bearings Considering Elastic Deformation and Non-Newtonian fluid, by using the Rabinowitsch fluid model. They have showed that higher values of film pressure and load carrying capacity have been obtained for dilatant lubricants, while for pseudoplastic lubricants; pressure in oil film is less significant.

The present study investigates the effect of temperature in laminar regime by resolution of the energy equation with the finite difference method. This analysis studied the impact the behavior non-Newtonian fluid for journal bearing working under sever operating condition. The non-Newtonian behavior of lubricants (oils containing polymers PM3) was analyzed numerically. Moreover, the fact that the oils containing polymers should have a decrease in viscosity and normal stress at a high shear rate, so having a non-Newtonian behavior, rheological properties were examined according to the levels of operating conditions by Moritsugu KASAI in 2010 [15].

2. THEORETICAL ANALYSES

In order to theoretically predict the temperature field throughout a plain bearing, one ought to create a 3D thermohydrodynamic theoretical model. The schematic representation of the journal bearing is presented in Fig. 1.



Fig. 1. Schematisation of plain journal bearing.

2.1 Basic Equations

The equation describing the flow in the gap is the generalized Reynolds equation (Dowson, [16]).

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\overline{Gh}^3 \frac{\partial \overline{p}}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{Ra^2}{L^2} \left(\overline{Gh}^3 \frac{\partial \overline{p}}{\partial z} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[\overline{h} \left(1 - \frac{\overline{I_2}}{\overline{J_2}} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial \overline{h}}{\partial \overline{t}}$$
(1)

where:

$$\overline{h} = h/C, \quad \overline{y} = y/h, \quad \overline{\mu} = \mu/\mu_0, \quad \overline{t} = \omega \ t,$$

$$\overline{p} = p \frac{C^2}{\mu_0 \omega R_s^2}, \quad \overline{z} = z/L$$

$$\overline{G} = \int_0^1 \frac{\overline{y}}{\overline{\mu}} \left(\overline{y} - \frac{\overline{I_2}}{\overline{J_2}} \right) d\overline{y},$$

$$\overline{I_2} = \int_0^1 \frac{\overline{y}}{\overline{\mu}} \ d\overline{y},$$

$$\overline{J_2} = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\overline{\mu}} \ d\overline{y}$$
(2)

In order to get pressure field, Reynolds type boundary conditions are considered. The boundary conditions for pressure are summarized by the following equations:

- at the bearing sides:

$$p(\theta, \pm L/2) = 0 \tag{3}$$

- At the limit of the rupture zone traditional Reynolds boundary conditions are applied:

$$p(\theta_r) = \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} \Big|_{\theta = \theta r} = 0$$
(4)

The temperature in the bush is given by the bidimensional energy equation in polar coordinates:

$$\rho_B c_B \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = k_B \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \theta^2} \right]$$
(5)

The temperature in the shaft is supposed to be uniform in the circumferential direction, due to its rotation; the energy equation reduces to a unidimensional form:

$$\rho_{s}c_{s}\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = k_{s}\left[\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r\frac{\partial T}{\partial r}\right)\right]$$
(6)

Heat flux continuity condition was imposed at the interface between the oil film and the shaft:

$$2\pi k_s \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=Rs} = \int_{\partial I}^{\partial o} k_F \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0} d\theta \qquad (7)$$

While at the interface between the oil film and the bush the heat flux continuity condition is:

$$k_B \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \mid_{y=h} = k_B \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \mid_{r=R_B}$$
 (8)

The initial temperature condition for the transient problem is:

$$T \mid_{t=0} = T_0$$

2.2 Empirical relationships for viscosity

When the viscosity is not independent of shear rate, it is necessary to use several parameters to describe the mechanical behavior of the fluid. A number of empirical models provide this description.

2.2.1 Pseudo plastic Fluids

Fluid conducting a pseudo-plastic viscosity decreases when the shear stress increases, their rheological behavior are not linear these are monophasic oils such as heavy oils.

a) **Model of power law Ostwald**: In a certain range of shear rates, the viscosity can be represented as a power law, $\frac{1}{\gamma}$ particularly for molten polymers:

$$\mu = \mu_0 \gamma \tag{1}$$

Newtonian fluid corresponds to n = 1 and a shear-thinning fluid is represented by n < 1.

The model of the power law can be used for fluids such as rubber, adhesive, polymers or certain body fluids for isothermal flow. In the case where the temperature varies in the field, it is possible to introduce the temperature T:

$$\mu = \mu_0 \gamma^{\bullet^{n-1}} e^{e^T}$$
 (2)

b) Carreau model: The tile model is an extension of the power law model that involves five parameters:

$$\frac{\eta - \eta_{\infty}}{\eta_0 - \eta_{\infty}} = \left[1 + (\lambda \gamma)^a\right]^{n - 1/a} \qquad (3)$$

where η_0 is the zero shear viscosity, η_{∞} viscosity at infinite shear, time constant, λ is an exponent of power law and is a parameter that describes the transition from the low shear and power law behavior region.

2.2.2 Viscoplastic oils

The nonlinear viscoplastic oil are characterized by a shear threshold it has two phases: liquid and solid as example fats. In this section we present the fluids and Bingham Hereshek-Bulkley.

a) Bingham model

The Bingham fluid viscoplastic are characterized by a single elastic ι_0 , over which the said fluids behave as Newtonian fluids. The viscosity is is expressed by:

$$\mu = \frac{\tau_0}{\underbrace{\bullet}}_{\gamma} + \mu_0 \tag{4}$$

where μ_0 reference viscisity.

b) Hereshek-Bulkley model

The model Hereshek-Bulkley presents the nonlinear case from that of Bingham, this model is a combination of yield strength and plastic nickname behavior of the power law, this law is presented in the following form:

$$\mu = K \frac{\gamma}{\gamma}^{n-1} + \frac{\tau_0}{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma}}$$
(5)

2.2.3 Expression of the pressure field with non-Newtonian behavior oil film

Eg the power model Ostwald, the relationship of the pressure field is given in the following form:

$$p_{(\theta,z)} = -\frac{6C\omega\mu_0 \gamma^{n-1}}{(h+\delta_r)^3} \varepsilon \sin\theta \left[Z^2 - \frac{L^2}{4} \right]$$
(6)

2.3 Thermal Deformations

The thermal deformations of the bush and shaft may have important influence on the bearing behaviour, the thermal displacement relative to the shaft radius the initial temperature, T_0 , is Timoshenko and Goodier in 1974 [17]:

$$u_{s}(t) = \frac{2\alpha_{s}}{R_{s}} \int_{0}^{R_{s}} [T(r,t) - T_{0}] r dr$$
(9)

The thermal displacement of the bush $u_B(\theta)$ is computed using the Finite element method.

2.4 Film thickness

Due to the thermal deformations of both the shaft and the bush, the film thickness is given by the following expression:

$$h(\theta) = C[1 + \varepsilon \cos(\theta - \varphi)] + \delta(\theta) \qquad (10)$$

with:

$$\delta(\theta) = u_{R}(\theta) - u_{s} \tag{11}$$

3. NUMERICAL RESOLUTION ON THE THERMOOHYDRODYNAMIC EFFECT OF THE BEARING ON TRANSIENT REGIME

In this part, we present the transient analysis on speed effect for plain journal bearing and for thermohydrodynamic behaviour in lubricated mechanism.

This study is carried out by the ANSYS CFX code for obtain the pressure field distribution with energise equation resolution, by using the Finite Differential Method. The both shaft and bush deformation is obtained with displacement equation resolution by Finite Elements Method. The discretization of the geometry in a number of elements finished well is presented in Fig. 2. In this meshing, nodes number is 31200 and element number is 244201.





Fig. 2. Finite element mesh of the bearing.

3.1 Results and Discussed

The main features of the bush are presented in Table 1.

Table	1.	Operating	conditions	and	geometric
characteristics of the journal bearing.					

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Pressure/Temperature

1) Velocity variation for load 2000 N and n=1.25

Pressure



Fig. 3. 3D view for pressure distribution.

Maximum pressure according rotational velocity for radial load 2000 N and for power law Ostwald model, the coefficiet *n* is equal to 1.25, Is preseted in Fig. 4a. Import values for pressure is noted for higly velocity (9000 rpm). Increses is estimated of 90 per cent for velocity ranging of 1000 to 9000 rpm.



Fig. 4a. Maximum pressure according rotational velocity for radial load 2000 N and *n*=1.25 Model of power law Ostwald.



Fig. 4b. Circumferentiel pressure for different rotational velocity and for radial load 2000 N and *n*=1.25 (Model of power law Ostwald).

Pressure distribution of the median plain cylindrical journal bearing for rotational velocity 1000 to 9000 rpm and for radial load 2000 N, is illustrates in Fig. 4b, for power law Ostwald model with n = 1.25.

The maximum pressure increases up to 180000 Pa for rotational speed ranging from 1000-9000 rpm, the increase is estimated by 76 per cent. It is situated at angular coordinate 170° and 190°.

There is the creation of the rupture zone of highly significant oil film, for Angular coordinate 200° to 250° for a bearing operating under velocity of 9000 rpm and for radial load 2000 N. The pressure drop reaches 0.08 MPa.

Figure 5 show the pressure distribution of the median plain cylindrical journal bearing for radial load 2000, 6000 and 10000 N and for rotational velocity 9000 rpm, for power law Ostwald model with n = 1.25.



Fig. 5. Circumferentiel pressure for different radial load for velociy 9000 rpm and *n*=1.25 (Model of power law Ostwald).

The significate pressure values is noted for radial load of 10000 N, and the rupture zone is highly significant for radial load 10000 N.

Temperature

Temperature evolution in medi n plain journal bearing for velocity ranging of 1000 to 9000 rpm is presented in Fig. 6. This figure shows clearly that sigignificat temperature is obtain for velocity 7000 and 9000 rpm, for bearing subjected to radial load 2000 N and lubricat by non newtonein fluid with coefficient *n* equal to 1.25.



Fig. 6. 3D view for temperature distribution.

The Average temperature according rotational velocity for radial load 2000 N and n=1.25 (Model of power law Ostwald), is shown in Fig. 7a, obtained from the numerical analysis in 6000, 9000, 11 000, 13 000 and 15 000 rpm and a radial load of 2000 N. The feeding condition is presented in the Table 1. An increase of temperature is estimated of 4 per cent with increases the velocity from 1000 to 9000 rpm.



Fig. 7a. Average temperature according rotational velocity for radial load 2000 N and *n*=1.25 (Model of power law Ostwald).



Fig. 7b. Average temperature for different rotational velocity for radial load 2000 N and *n*=1.25 (Model of power law Ostwald).

However, the Fig. 7b illustrates the distribution of the average temperature in median plan for journal bearing. Rotational velocity is ranging of 1000 to 9000 rpm. The bearing is subjected to radial load of 2000 N and fluid low is considered non-Newtonian fluid. This figure shows clearly that the significant temperature is located for angular coordinate 50° to 120°. The import values are noted for velocity of 9000 rpm. Figure 8 presents the circumferentiel distribution of temperature for different radial load (2000, 6000 and 10 000N) and for rotational velocity 9000 rpm, n=1.25 (power law Ostwald model). The maximum values for temperature is noted for low radial load (2000 N).



Fig. 8. Circumferentiel temperature for different radial load and for rotational velocity 9000 rpm n=1.25 (Model of power law Ostwald).

These digital temperature results were validated with experimental results; that were presented by the Bendaoud and al in 2012 [17] while considering the fluid is Newtonian, Fig. 9.

Figure 9 present circemfereciel temperature ditribution for radial load 2000 N and rotational velocity 5000 rpm for experiment data and Numerical resul for fluid newtonian. The Search result is a reasonable agreement, the gap is estimated 6 per cent.



Fig. 9. circemfereciel temperature ditribution for radial load 2000 N and rotational velocity 5000 rpm.

2) Pressure and temperature for different (*n*) for load 2000N and velocity 1000 rpm

Maximum pressure for different n for power law Ostwald model is presented in figure 10, for radial load of 2000N and rotational speed 1000 rpm. The maximum value for pressure is obtain for n equal to 1.5 and is estimates by 250000 Pa. Pressure increase with increases of the coefficient n, this increase's is estimated by 65 per cent.



Fig. 10. Maximum pressure for different n (Model of power law Ostwald).

For the variation of the average temperature (Fig. 11), Temperature is significate for coefficient *n* equal to 1.5.



Fig. 11. Average temperature for different *n* (Model of power law Ostwald).

Figure 12 presents the variation of the friction coefficient according rotational speed 1000 to 9000 rpm and for radial loads of 2000 N, this variation is carried out by power law Ostwald with n = 1.25. Friction coefficient has an increase (0.005-0.064), is estimated of 80 per cent.

Maximum value obtains for velocity of 9000 rpm is 0.064; this value is between 0.05 and 0.2 (limit lubrication).



Fig. 12. Friction coefficient according rotational velocity for *n*=1.25 (Model of power law Ostwald).

Figure 13 presents the variation of the maximum pressure with velocity variation of 1000 to 9000 rpm, for tree different radial load (2000, 6000 and 10000 N), the fluid is considered non-Newtonian with n=1.25. Important values are obtained for radial loads 10000 kN.



Fig. 13. Maximum pressure variation according rotational velocity for different radial load (Model of power law Ostwald).

Average temperature according velocity for tree different radial load (2000, 6000 and 10000N) for power law Ostwald model with n = 1.25, is presented in Fig. 14. The significate values for temperature are noted for bearing operating under radial load 2000 N. The maximum value is 328 K.



Fig. 14. Average temperature according velocity for different radial load (Model of power law Ostwald).

Figures 15 and 16 illustrates respectively the maximum pressure and average temperature variation according rotational velocity for different non-Newtonian model and for radial load of 2000 N.



Fig. 15. Maximum pressure variation according rotational velocity for different model and load 2000 N.



Fig. 16. Average temperature according velocity for different model and for load 2000 N.

The power law Ostwald model gives a realistic temperature variation unlike the other model. Knowing that the temperature increases with increasing the rotation speed of the bearing.

4. CONCLUSION

Most oils are considered to have a linear variation in the shear stress versus shear rate, for some highly additive oils and which operate under severe stress; the behavior is no longer Newtonian. One speaks in this case, a non-Newtonian behavior.

To represent these behaviors, we expose a numerical study on the behavior of non-Newtonian fluid with several rheological models such as the simplest model of Oswald (also known as the power law), Bingham, cross and Hereshek-Bulkley model. The thermal effect has been included on the behavior of the bearing to obtain the temperature map. The bearing alloy coated with an anti-friction high tin content (Babbitt 88 % Tin).

Temperature is high and reaches a maximum value of 328 K, a bearing for operating at a speed of 9000 rpm and which is subjected to a radial load of 2000 N. The temperature increases 15 K.

However, the maximum pressure reached a value of 0.18MPa and it is noted in the angular position of the bearing of from $170 \circ$ to $190 \circ$ by varying the rotation speed of bearing of 1000 rpm to 9000.

Temperature and the pressure within the fluid film assumed non-Newtonian are high, with a coefficient n greater than 1 that is to say for viscoelastic fluids.

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NOMENCLATURE

c_s: specific heat [J/kg.k] e: eccentricity [m] h: film thickness [m] k: thermal conductivity[w/m.K] p: pressure [MPa] t: time [s] us:thermal deformation of the shaft [m] u_B:thermal deformation of the bush [m] x, y: Cartesian coordinate, x = $R_s \theta$ C: bearing clearance [m] L: bearing length [m] O_B: bush center Os: shaft center R_s: shaft radius [m] R_B: bush radius [m] T: temperature [°C] T_0 : initial temperature [°C] W: load [N]