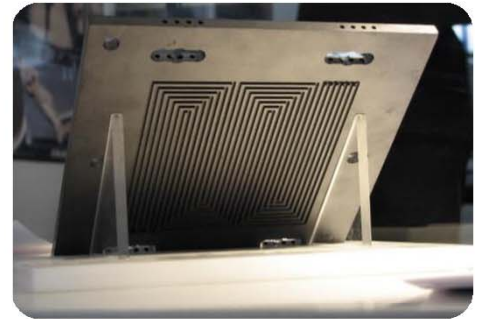


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# RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT



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# RESEARCH STRATEGY OF THE ROSEAL CO.



**ROSEAL Co. Odorheiu Secuiesc** is a SME specialized in manufacturing sealing systems, aiming permanently to fulfill the market - driven requirements for new and innovative performance products. Since 1981, activities include research, design, production and marketing of mechanical and magnetofluidic seals, manufacturing specific spare parts of various materials and services.

Roseal Co. is developing and manufacturing carbographitic materials, superaluminous ceramics, elastomers and PTFE for spare parts. Over the years a large number of specific mechanical seals and components have been designed, built and tested, which currently solve concrete cases of chemical, petrochemical and nuclear power industry. ROSEAL Co. has integrated management systems (ISO 9001-2008 quality assurance, environmental management ISO 14001-2005 and Occupational Health and Safety Management SR – ISO OHSAS 18001-2007) and is licensed for Nuclear Quality Management Systems, Class 1, ASME Code, Section III, Subsection NCA, art. 4000 and for ISCIR according to NPSM-2008.

In this context, ROSEAL Co. became a member and even a founding member of the Romanian Association for Promotion of Magnetic Fluids, Romanian Atomic Forum - ROMATOM, Association of researchers, designers, manufacturers and exporters of circulation pumps in Romania (APPR), etc.

Being highly receptive to new technologies, ROSEAL Co. has developed long-term S&T cooperation with national Research & Development institutes and high ranked universities from Romania.

The company team has gained research experience by participating and leading several national research projects (16 national projects).

Among the most important achievements obtained in collaboration with Romanian Academy – Timisoara Branch, Center for Fundamental and Advanced Technical Research, Laboratory of Magnetic Fluid is the synthesis of magnetic nanoparticles, nanofluids and nano-micro structured composite magnetizable fluids even at micropilot scale with excellent quality, used in various long-term (~ 5 years) sealing systems.

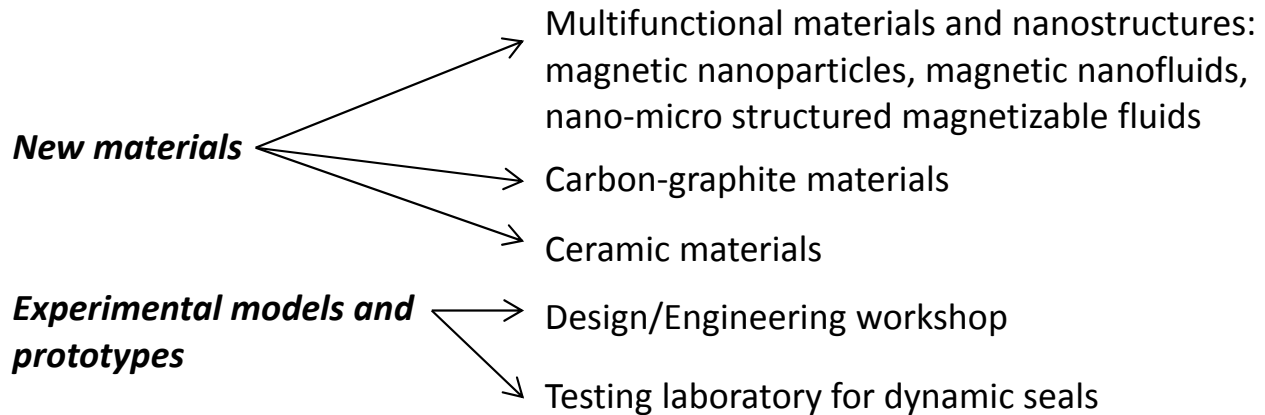
Advanced research have been performed for achieving polymeric and carbographitic heat-proof materials with increased life-time for seal gaskets exposed to radiation.

Research results were also disseminated through numerous scientific papers, posters, patents and innovations.



# RESEARCH STRATEGY OF THE ROSEAL CO.

## MAIN RESEARCH DIRECTIONS:



*Marketing and international cooperation development based on well defined research projects mainly in the field of nanomaterials and nanotechnology.*



# RESEARCH STRATEGY OF THE ROSEAL CO.

## SUCSESSES IN NANOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH

### Preparation of surface coated magnetite nanoparticles and magnetic nanocomposites for biomedical applications

- Magnetite nanoparticles (mean size less than 10 nm) with biocompatible hydrophobic coating (e.g. oleic acid monolayer)
- Magnetite nanoparticles (mean size less than 10 nm) with biocompatible hydrophilic coating (e.g., oleic acid double layer)

### Micro-pilot scale synthesis of high magnetization magnetic nanofluids and nano-micro structures magnetizable fluids

- Synthesis of magnetic nanofluids for biomedical applications
- Synthesis of high magnetization magnetic nanofluids for technical applications
- Synthesis of nano-micro structured magnetizable fluids for technical applications

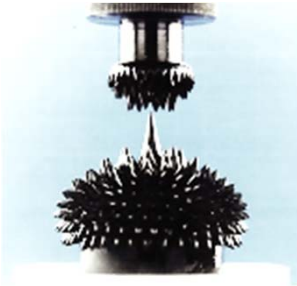
### Development of magnetic nanofluid seal systems

- Static or low speed magnetofluidic seals:
  - Magnetofluidic seal for high power electric switches
  - Magnetofluidic seals for vacuum deposition systems
- Mechanical – magnetic fluid tandem seal for liquefied gas pump
- Gas valves up to 40 bar equipped by a sealing system using high magnetization magnetic nanofluids or magnetic composite fluids

### New insulated and cooling medium for power transformers

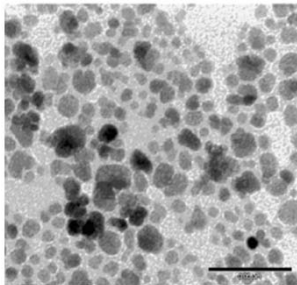
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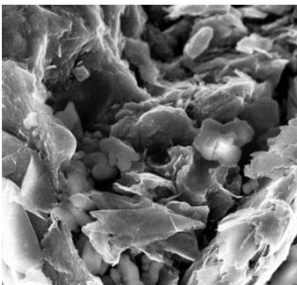
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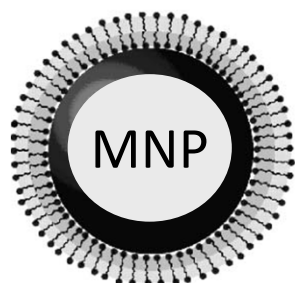
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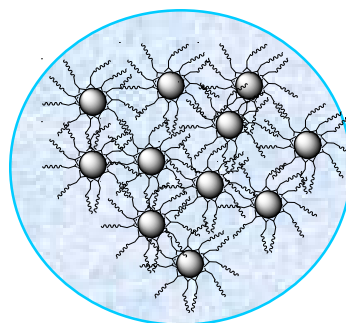
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# SURFACE COATED MAGNETITE NANOPARTICLES AND MAGNETIC NANOCOMPOSITES FOR BIOMEDICAL APPLICATIONS

1. Magnetite nanoparticles (mean size less than 10 nm) with biocompatible hydrophobic coating (e.g. oleic acid monolayer)
2. Magnetite nanoparticles (mean size less than 10 nm) with biocompatible hydrophilic coating (e.g. oleic acid double layer)
3. High magnetization magnetic nanoparticle clusters with controlled size and hydrophilic coating
4. Magnetite nanoparticle clusters encapsulated in biocompatible microgel polymer



organic polar carrier  
double layer  
sterical stabilization



## SYNTHESIS PROCEDURES

### Chemical co-precipitation+sterical stabilization

For organic non-polar carrier liquids  
- **monolayer** surfactant coated  
MNPs

### Chemical co-precipitation+sterical stabilization

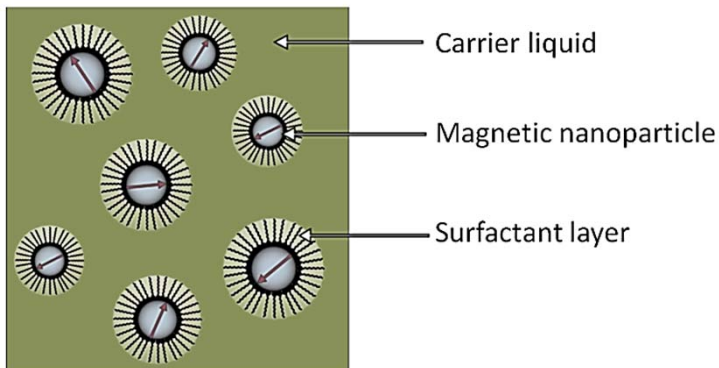
For organic polar carrier liquids - **double layer** surfactant coated MNPs

- D. Bica, R. Minea, Patent RO 97556(1989); D. Bica, Rom. Rep. Phys. 47(1995);
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# MAGNETIC NANOFLUID

## General characteristics:

- Ultrastable colloidal suspensions of magnetic **nanoparticles (3-15 nm)** in a carrier liquid → **no sedimentation**
- Quasihomogeneous magnetizable liquids
- Approximately **Langevin** type magnetic behavior and **Newtonian** flow properties, small magnetoviscous effect

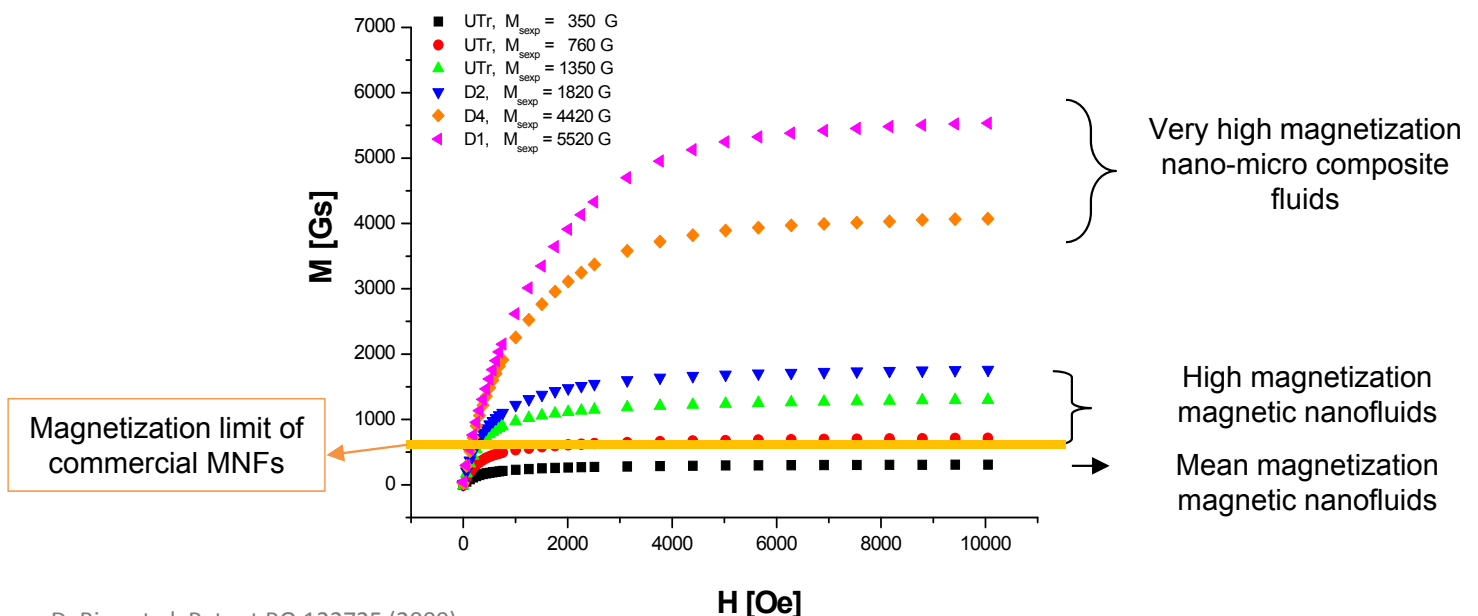


## Sterical, electrostatical or mixt stabilization prevents:

- gravitational settling of magnetic nanoparticles;
- agglomerate formation by dipolar and van der Waals interactions.

## Magnetic Fluid Laboratory, Timișoara - ROSEAL Co. Odorheiu Secuiesc

### Saturation magnetization of MNFs and nano-micro composite fluids



D. Bica et al. Patent RO 122725 (2009)

D. Bica et al. Patent RO 115533 B1 (2000); OSIM Nr. deposit 2008-00326/05.05/2008



# MAGNETIC NANOFLUID

Since 1981, Roseal Co. Odorheiu Secuiesc has started a fruitful collaboration with the Laboratory of Magnetic Fluids, Center for Fundamental and Advanced Technical Research, Romanian Academy - Timisoara Branch, led by, Dr. Phys. Ladislau Vékás, corresponding member of the Romanian Academy, which resulted the synthesis of several types of magnetic nanofluids and magnetic composite fluids, many of them even at micro-pilot scale and also the development of different types of magnetic fluid sealing systems.

Project **NanoMagneFluidSeal**



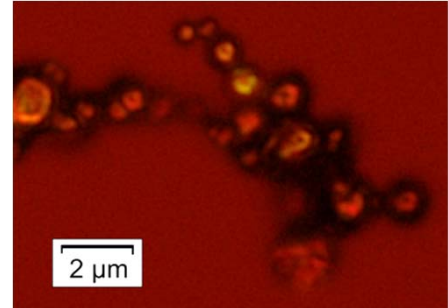
**Micro-pilot unit**  
**Technology transfer- ROSEAL Co.**

Magnetic nanofluid and magnetizable composite fluid range prepared at the Roseal Co. for leakage-free rotating seals:

<i>Magnetizable fluids</i>	<i>Magnetic particles</i>	<i>Carrier liquid</i>	<i>Surfactant</i>	<i>Saturation magnetization</i>	<i>Viscosity</i>
<b>NFM</b> <b>- laboratory -</b>	Magnetite, Maghemite ( $D = 6\div 8$ nm)	Light hydrocarbons, mineral oils, oil synthetic	Carboxylic acid, DBS, PIBSA, PIBSI	50 ÷ 1450 G (transformer oil) 50 ÷ 800 G (high vacuum oil)	0.03 Pa·s ÷ 14 Pa·s (transformer oil) 0.3 Pa·s ÷ 20 Pa·s (high vacuum oil)
<b>NFM</b> <b>- micropilot -</b>	Magnetite, Maghemite ( $D = 6\div 8$ nm)	Light hydrocarbons, mineral oils, oil synthetic	Carboxylic acid, DBS, PIBSA, PIBSI	50 ÷ 900 G	0.03 Pa·s ÷ 0.3 Pa·s (transformer oil)
<b>CMF</b> <b>- laboratory -</b>	Magnetit ( $D = 6\div 8$ nm) + Fier ( $D = 1\div 10$ μm)	Light hydrocarbons, mineral oils, oil synthetic	Carboxylic acid, DBS, PIBSA, PIBSI	1500 ÷ 6000 G	5 Pa·s ÷ 5000 Pa·s (transformer oil)

# NANO-MICRO STRUCTURED MANGETIZABLE FLUIDS

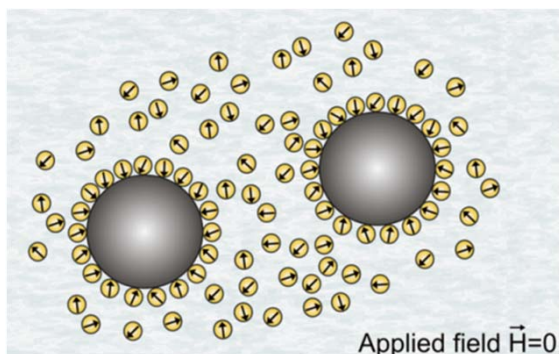
Nano-micro-structured composite magnetizable fluids (CMF) are suspensions of micron sized iron particles in magnetic nanofluids. These extremely bidisperse fluids acquire several benefits by combining the advantages of both MR fluids and MNFs: high magnetization, high magnetoviscous effect, increased stability against sedimentation and easy redispersibility. Due to the presence of the large micron sized iron particles these fluid have an extremely large saturation magnetization, which allows using them in high pressure applications with special performance, such as high pressure magnetofluidic seals. Moreover, the presence of magnetic nanoparticles improves the magnetorheological behavior of the CMFs in a significant way in comparison with a commercial MR fluid with similar magnetic solid content.



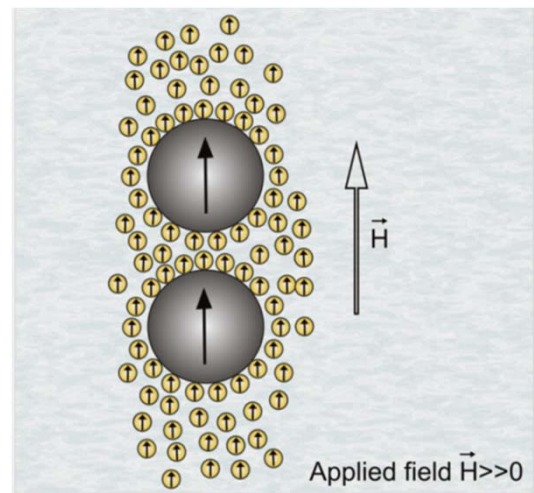
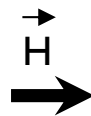
Optical microscope image of a thin film of high magnetization nano-micro composite fluid

## HIGH MAGNETIZATION + HIGH MAGNETORHEOLOGICAL EFFECT + INCREASED SEDIMENTATION STABILITY

Magnetic nanoparticles and micron sized iron particles structuring :



Highly concentrated magnetic nanofluid +  
Micron-sized ferromagnetic particles

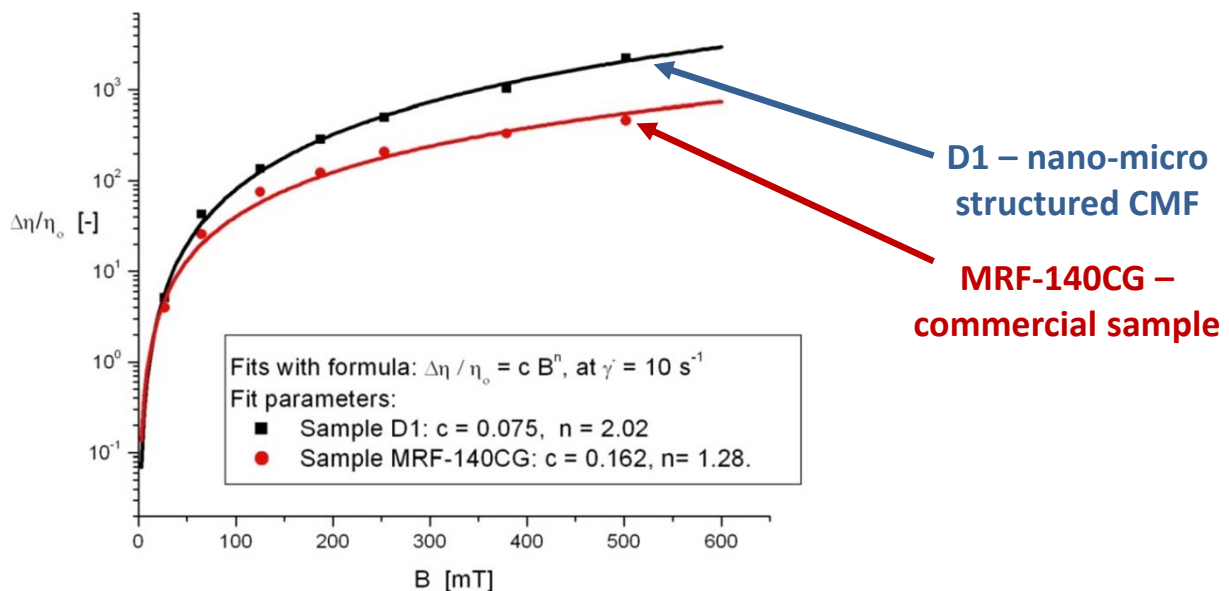


• D.Bica et al. Patent RO 122725(2009)

# NANO-MICRO STRUCTURED MANGETIZABLE FLUIDS

## HIGH MAGNETORHEOLOGICAL EFFECT

Composite magnetic fluid: D1 :  $\phi_{\text{micro}} \approx 0.2$ ;  $\phi_{\text{nano}} \approx 0.2$ ;  
Magnetorheological fluid MRF – 140 CG :  $\phi_{\text{micro}} \approx 0.4$ ;

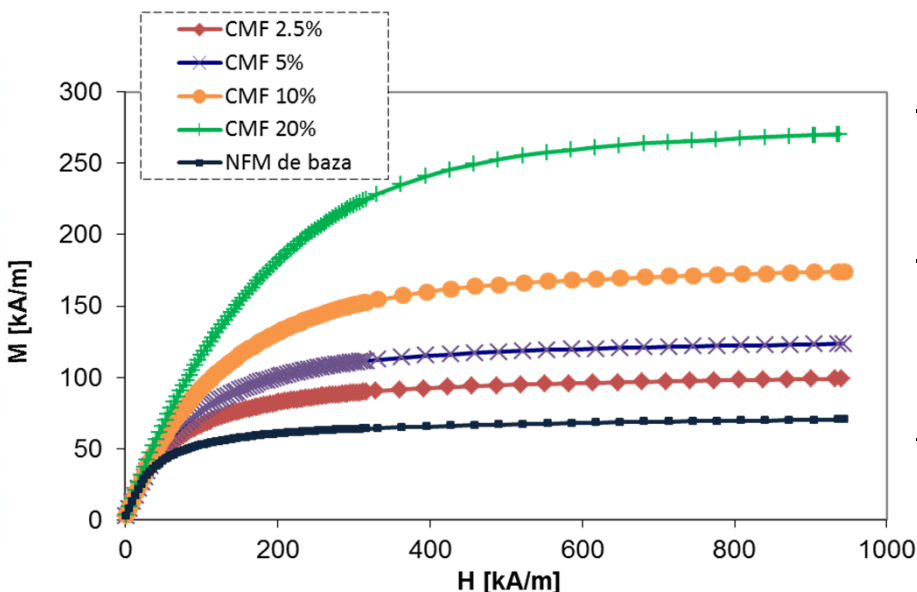


D. Bica et al. Patent RO 122725 (2009)

D. Resiga, D. Bica, L. Vékás, J. Magn. Magn. Mater., 322 (2010) 3166–3172

Adding micron-sized iron particles, the saturation magnetization (**Ms**) of magnetic fluids can be increased about **6 times**, obtaining fluids with extremely high magnetization (up to **6000 G** = 478 kA/m) especially compared to conventional magnetic fluids (up to **600 G** ~ 48 kA/m).

## INCREASED MAGNETIZATION



### Investigated CMFs:

Sample	$V_{\text{Fe}}/V_{\text{NFM}}$
CMF 2.5%	0.025
CMF 5%	0.05
CMF 10%	0.1
CMF 20%	0.2

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Magnetization curve of the composite magnetic fluids and magnetic nanofluid carrier liquid.

# NANO-MICRO STRUCTURED MANGETIZABLE FLUIDS

Project **MagNanoMicroSeal**

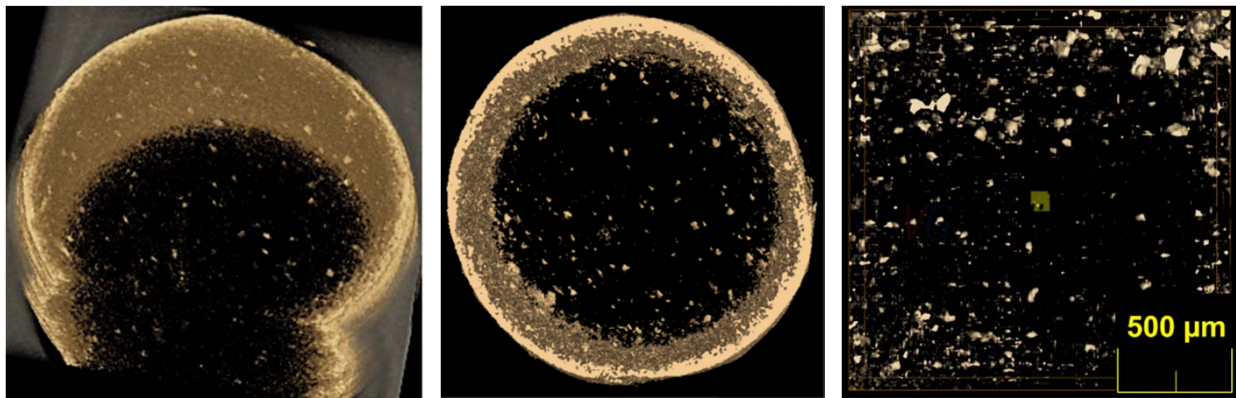
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## X-ray microcomputed tomography ( $X\mu$ CT) investigation of nano-micro composite magnetizable fluids

- Magnetic field gradient influence on the iron particle structures suspended in magnetic nanofluid

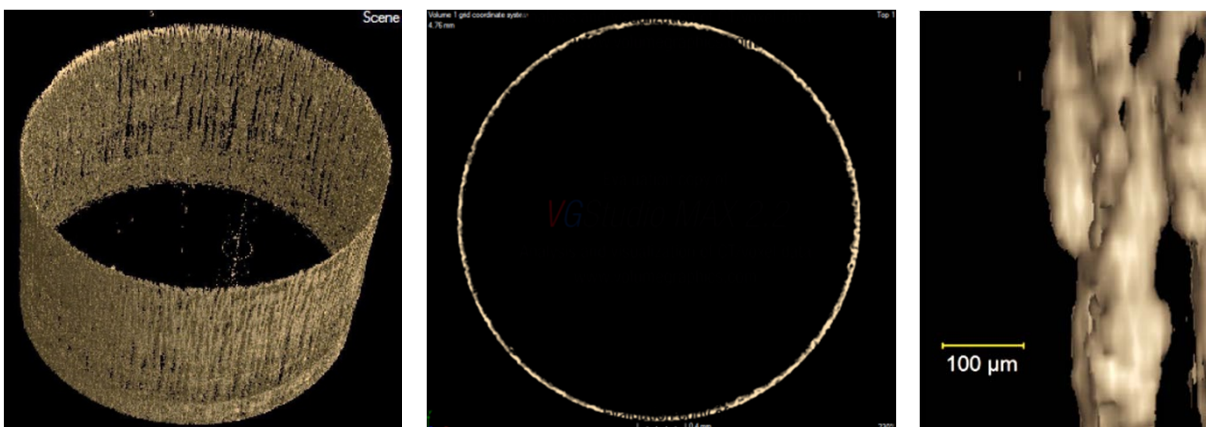
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Technical University of Dresden, Germany

### *Tomography measurements using a frozen sample*



Three-dimensional reconstructed tomography images of frozen CMF 2.5% sample

### *Tomography measurements using samples in a magnetic field*



Three dimensional reconstructed X-ray microcomputed tomography images of the magnetic field induced Fe particle structure in the nano-micro composite fluid volume

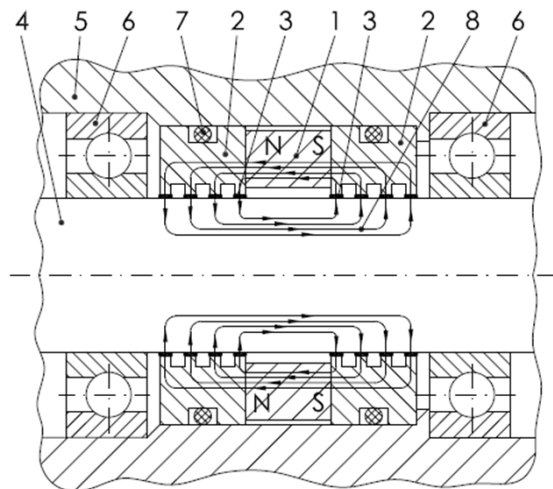
- Borbáth T., Borbáth I., Günther S., Marinica O., Vékás L., Odenbach S., Three-dimensional microstructural investigation of high magnetization nano-micro composite fluids using X-ray microcomputed tomography, Smart Mater. Struct. 23 (2014) 055018 (10pp)



# MAGNETIC FLUID SEALS

Magnetic nanofluid rotating seals with a relative simple constructions and special performance are used in many high-tech equipment, including personal computers. Magnetic liquid seals are engineered for a wide range of applications and exposure but are generally limited to sealing gases and vapors, not direct pressurized liquid.

## CONSTRUCTIVE DETAILS



### Benefits:

- Hermetic Sealing
- Long Life
- High Reliability
- Non-Contaminating
- High-Speed Capability
- Optimum Torque Transmission
- No Set-Leakage Failures
- Smooth Operation

### Main components:

- 1 – permanent magnet
- 2 – Pole pieces (soft magnetic materials)
- 3 – Magnetic nanofluid
- 4 – Shaft (ferromagnetic material)
- 5 – Housing (nonmagnetic material)
- 6 – Bearings
- 7 – “O” ring
- 8 – Magnetic flux

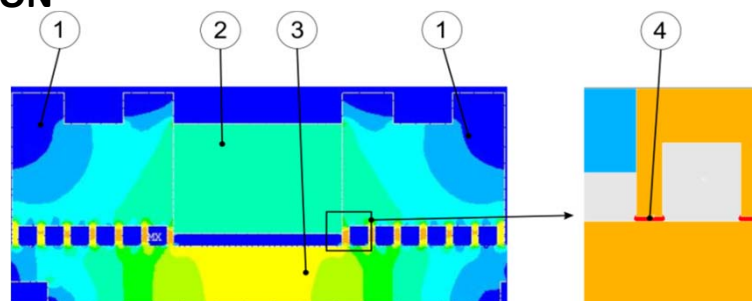
The design of magnetic nanofluid rotating seals bases on the fact, that magnetic nanofluids react as a homogenous liquid in the presence of an external magnetic field and its shape and position can be controlled by a magnetic field gradient.

## MAGNETIC FLUX DENSITY DISTRIBUTION

Magnetic circuit design is a critical point in the development of magnetic fluid seals.

Burst pressure of a sealing stage:

$$\Delta p \cong M_s (B_{max} - B_{min})$$



- 1 – pole pieces; 2 – permanent magnet; 3 – shaft;
- 4 – magnetic nanofluid;

# MAGNETIC FLUID SEALS

## Difference between using magnetic nanofluids and composite magnetic fluids in leakage-free rotating seal systems

The belowed table shows that meanwhile CFMs are adequate for low rotational speeds and for high pressure differences, MNFs can be used for high rotational speeds and for moderate pressure differences.

### Synthesis of the effect of the properties of the magnetic nanofluids and magnetic composite fluids on the operating parameters of the magnetofluidic seals

Operating parameters	Properties	MNF with moderate hydrodynamic volume fraction	MNF with high hydrodynamic volume fraction	Magnetizable composite fluid
Sealing capacity	Saturation magnetization	$\Delta p < 15 \text{ bar}$	$\Delta p < 30 \text{ bar}$	$\Delta p < 100 \text{ bar}$
	Agglomeration	Negligible effect	Negligible effect	Negligible effect
	Sedimentation	–	–	Moderate negative effect
Peripheral speed	Saturation magnetization	Strong positive effect	Strong positive effect	Strong positive effect
	Viscosity + Magnetorheological effect	$< 20 \text{ ms}^{-1}$	$< 10 \text{ ms}^{-1}$	$< 1 \div 2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$
Viscous heating	Viscosity + Magnetorheological effect	Negligible effect	Moderate negative effect	Strong negative effect
Starting torque	Viscosity + Magnetorheological effect	Negligible effect	Moderate negative effect	Strong negative effect

# MAGNETIC FLUID SEALS

## TESTING MAGNETIC FLUID SEALS

In order to determine the operating parameters of the magnetic fluid seals, an experimental stand was built at the Roseal Co. Odorheiu Secuiesc.

### Main measurement parameters:

Seal diameter: max.: 240 mm

Rotational speed: up to 3000 rot / min

Test pressure:  $10^{-7}$  bar - 50 bar

Electrical energy supplying and command module

Pressure module



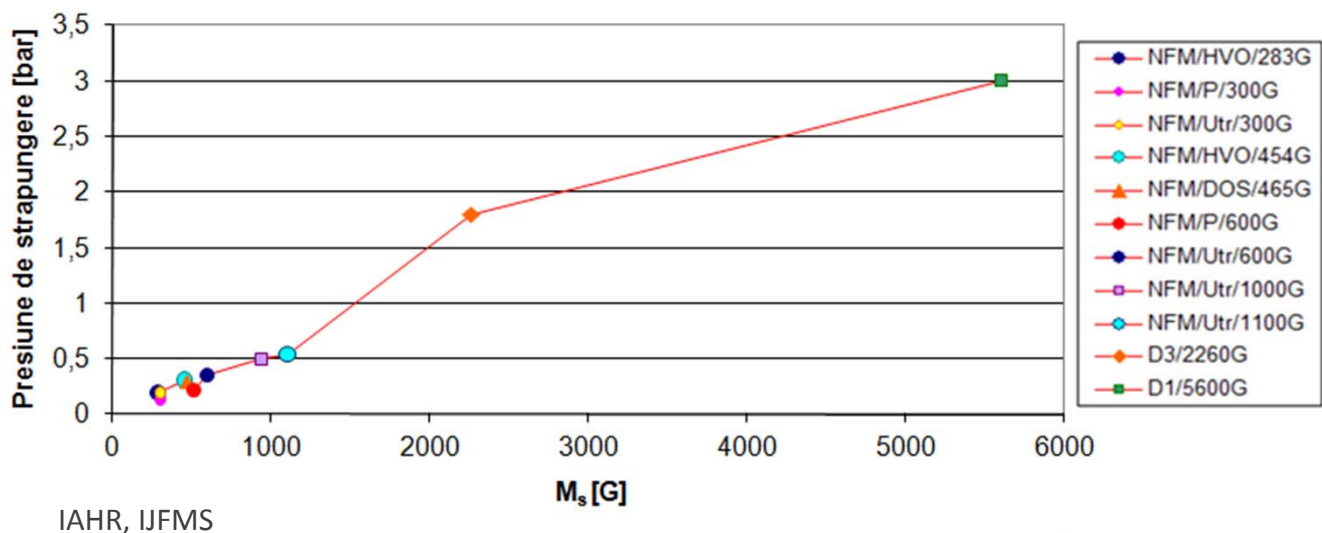
Test module



Vacuum module

Acquisition, transmission, recording and processing data module

## SEALING CAPACITIES OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF MAGNETIC NANOFUIDS AND NANO-MICRO STRUCTURED COMPOSITE MAGNETIC FLUIDS



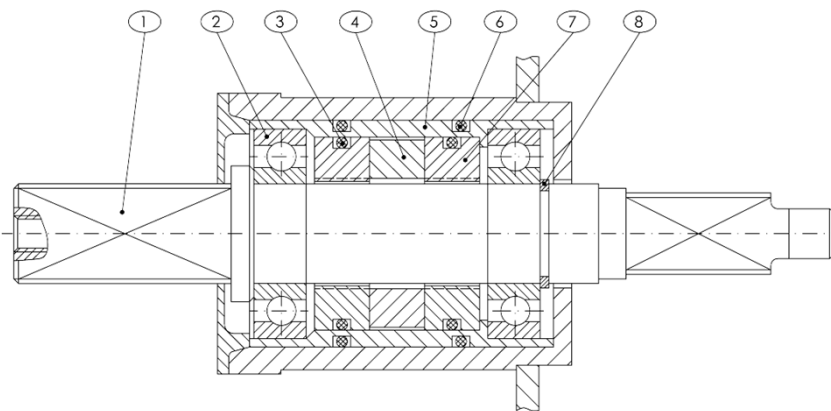
# MAGNETIC FLUID SEALS

Some example of custom engineered magnetic fluid seals designed and produced by the Roseal Co. Odorheiu Secuiesc in cooperation with the Lab. Magnetic fluids - CFATR, Romanian Academy – Timișoara Branch and the Research Center for Engineering of Systems with Complex Fluids – UP Timișoara, as well as their applications are presented below.

## *Static or low speed magnetic nanofluid seals*

### **Magnetofluidic seal for high power electric switches**

Temperature: - 33 °C..70 °C  
Pressure:  $10^{-6}$  – 7 bar



#### Components:

- 1- shaft;
- 2- ball bearing;
- 3,6- "O" ring;
- 4- permanent magnet;
- 5- non-magnetic casing;
- 7- polar piece;
- 8- safety ring.

This kind of feedthrough was designed especially for high power electric switches that use SF<sub>6</sub> gas to impede the formation of electric arc at switching-off. For safety reasons the leakage of SF<sub>6</sub> has to be avoided for the full operating period (several years) of the switch with rotating shaft in a pressure range between  $10^{-6}$  to 7 bar

### **Magnetofluidic seals for vacuum deposition systems**

To assure a hermetic sealing of high vacuum (up to  $5 \cdot 10^{-7}$  Torr) deposition systems combined seal was designed, where the pressure difference is distributed on two magnetofluidic seals. To keep a low pressure difference on the primary MF seal, the chamber between the two seals is connected to a preliminary vacuum pump.

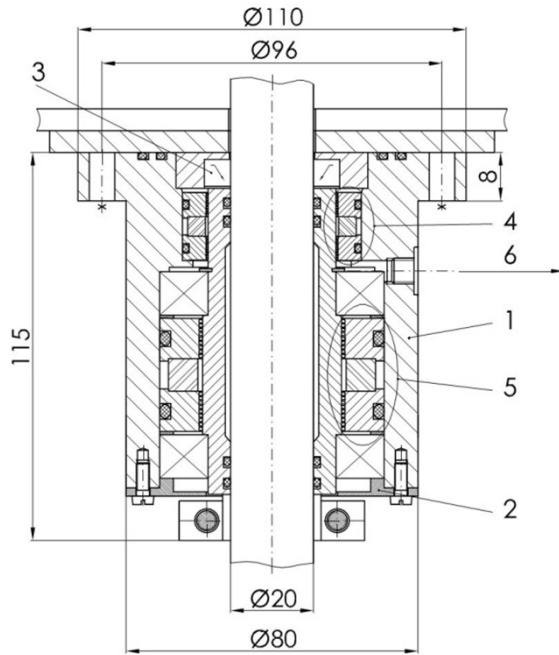




# MAGNETIC FLUID SEALS

## Tandem magnetic nanofluid seals

### Tandem magnetic nanofluid seals for vacuum deposition systems



Ultra-high vacuum:  $5 \cdot 10^{-7}$  Torr

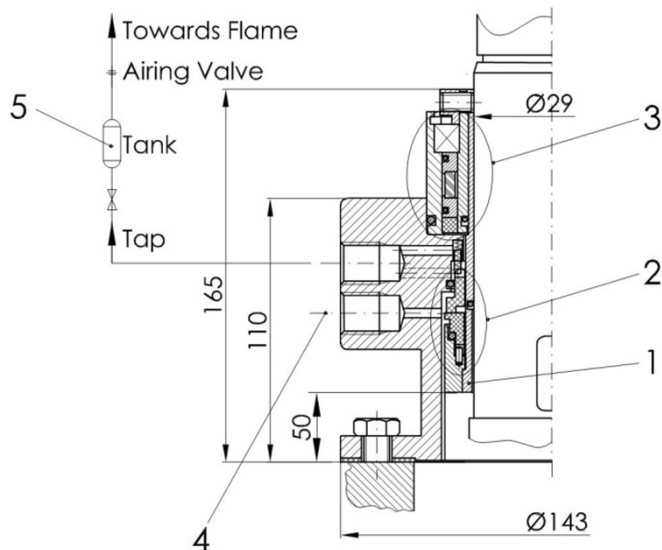
#### Components:

- 1 - non-magnetic house
- 2 - magnetically soft sleeve
- 3 - friction seal
- 4 - primary magnetic fluid seal
- 5 - secondary magnetic fluid seal
- 6 - to preliminary vacuum pump

Offers relatively high sealed pressure difference and long-term leakage-free operating regime.

## Mechanical – magnetic fluid tandem seal for liquefied gas pump

Application domain: vertical axis pumps for liquefied gas



Pressure: up to 40 bar

Rotational speed: 3000 rot/min

#### Components:

- 1- shaft
- 2- mechanical seal
- 3- magnetic nanofluid seal
- 4- inlet for cooling and lubrication fluid
- 5- system for escaped process fluid evacuation;

- Eliminate the miscibility of two liquids and/or due to foaming process



# MAGNETIC FLUID SEALS

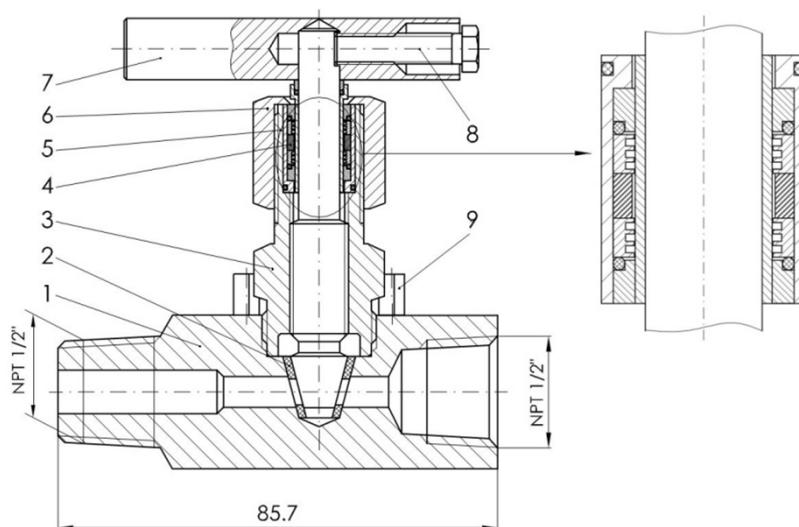
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Research project: **SEMAROGAZ**

**Gas valves up to 40 bar**

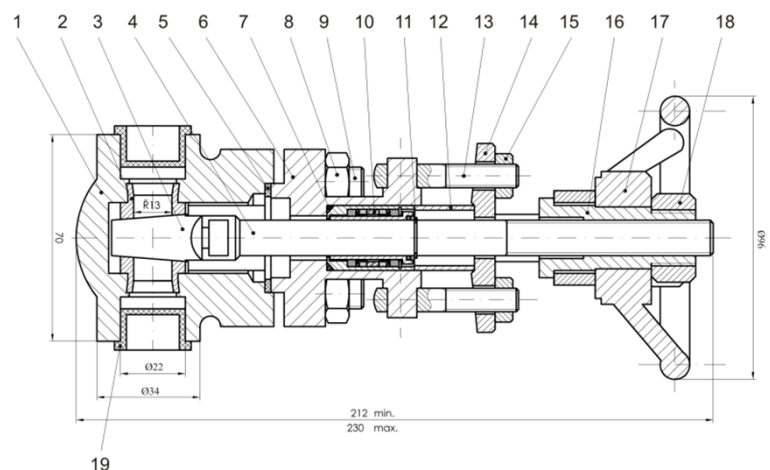
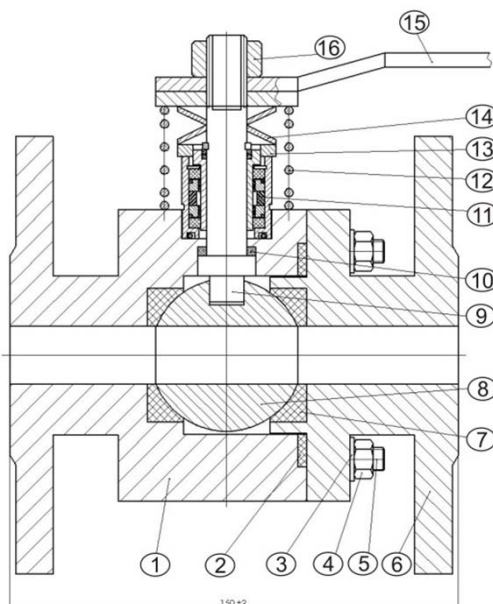
- equipped by a sealing system using high magnetization  
magnetic nanofluids or magnetic composite fluids;

- Independent open-close cycle lifetime;
- leakage-free operating regime;



## Components:

1. Body
2. Valve seat
3. Guide
4. **Magnetic fluid seal**
5. Bar (Valve stem)
6. Stuffing box
7. Valve Handle
8. Screw
9. Spiral elastic suspension pin



Borbáth T., Bica D., Potencz I., Borbáth I., Boros T., Vékás L., Int. J. Fluid Mach. Sys., 4 (2011) No. 1, p.67-75

# CARBON MATERIALS



**Managing Authority of Operational Programme  
'Increase of Economic Competitiveness'**

- Programme Co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund -

***Advanced research for preparation of thermoresistant carbon materials exposed to radiation with increased life-time for sealing gaskets***

**ID/SMIS: 1092/32296**

**“INVESTITII PENTRU VIITORUL DUMNEAVOASTRA”**

Contract no. **330/14.07.2011**

Acronym: **CARBOTIR**

Programme: **Sectoral Operational Programme “Increase of Economic Competitiveness” (POS CCE), Axa II, Operatiunea 2.1.1**

Duration: **24 months**

Contracting Authority: **co-financed by European Regional Development Fund, concluded with the National Authority for Scientific Research , as Intermediary Organisms, and in the name of the The Ministry of Economy, Commerce and Business Environment as Managing Authority.**

Main objective: increasing the level of technological development of ROSEAL Co. by promoting transfers of research results and scientific knowledge.

Total project costs: 708.946 lei

Non-reimbursable financial assistance: 258.685 lei

ERDF Grant eligible amount: 214.708,55 lei

Grant eligible amount of the national budget: 43.976,45 lei

Ineligible amount of project: 204.815 lei

Requesting company: **S.C. ROSEAL S.A. Odorheiu Secuiesc**

Project Director: eng. Istvan **Borbath**

Research organisation: **National Institute for R&D in Electrical Engineering ICPE-CA Bucharest**

Project responsible: Kappel **Wilhelm**

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# CARBON MATERIALS



CEEX Program  
Contract No. 88 / 2005  
2005-2006

Project name:

**Low cost alternative multifunctional materials for fuel cells with electrolyte polymer operating at temperatures above 180°C**

Project conductor:

**INCDIE ICPE-CA BUCHAREST**

Partners:

**S.C. ROSEAL S.A. ODORHEIU SECUIESC**

Results:

***Materials:***

- Expanded graphite type B5
- Fluorocarbon rubber type S3
- Composite graphite material type B8
- Composite graphite material type B14
- Composite graphite material type B1

***Seal gaskets and bipolar plates:***

- Seal gasket made from B5 type expanded graphite material
- Seal gasket made from T1 type sintered politetrafluoretylen material
- Seal gasket made from S3 type fluorocarbon rubber material
- Seal gasket made from S1 type silicone rubber material
- Bipolar plates made from B8 type carbon materials composite
- Bipolar plates made from B14 type carbon materials composite
- Bipolar plates made from B1 type carbon materials composite



# HYDROGEN FUEL CELLS

## Hydrogen Fuel Cells– 5KW



Programme INOVARE  
Contract no. 21-034/2007  
2007-2010

Project name:

**INTEGRATED ENERGETICAL MODULE WITH  
5KW POWER BASED ON FUEL CELLS.**

Project conductor:

**INCDIE ICPE-CA BUCHAREST**

Partners:

**POLITEHNICA UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST**

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**SC CHIMCOMPLEX SA BORZESTI**

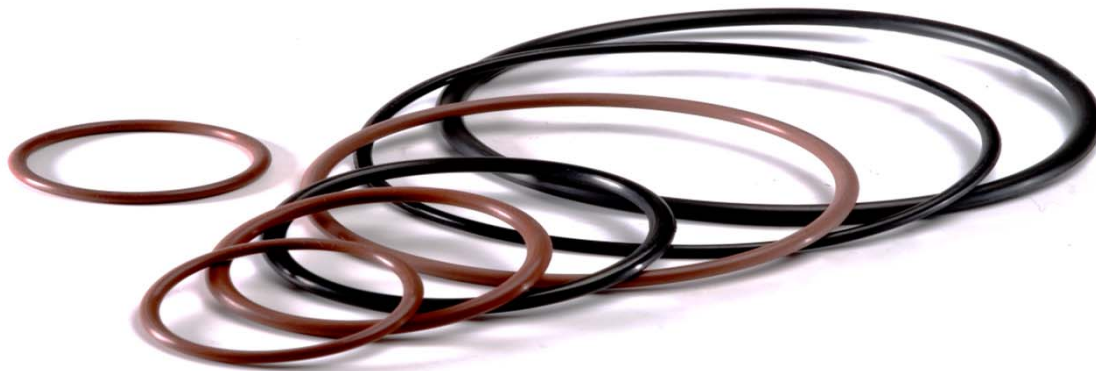
### Specific objectives

Designing the integrated energetical module, having on the basis a fuel cell stack with a total power of 2500 W (total electrical power: 100 We, total thermal power; 1500 Wt). The average working temperature is 60 °C and the maximum admissible working temperature is 80 °C. The temperature of the stack is controlled by a thermal aqueous agent (deionization water, ethylene glycol) which is recirculated in the system. Used combustible: hydrogen. Used oxidant: air. The supplied voltage of the stack is between 24V - 9 V. The maximum current is 12 0Acc.

The variable voltage of the fuel cell stack output is stabilized through a DC/DC converter and transformed through an DC/AC 220 Vac/50 Hz inverter .



# ELASTOMERS



Contract no. **235/2008**

Programme: **INNOVATION**

Project title: **“Heat-proof polymer materials with increased lifetime for seal gaskets exposed to radiation”**

Contract duration: **19 months**

Contracting Authority: **Management Agency for Research, Innovation and Technology Transfer, POLITEHNICA from Bucharest**

Acronym: **MAPOLETIR**

Consortium:

**CO S.C. ROSEAL S.A. Odorheiu Secuiesc**

Project director: eng. István **Borbáth**

**P1 INC DIE ICPE-CA București**

Project responsible: Dr. Traian **Zaharescu**

**Main objective:** Development of special quality seal gaskets with increased life-time for mechanical seal systems for a wide range of pump applications, which operate at high temperatures and are exposed to radiation, having direct application in the nuclear industry.

**Competivity level:** The project gives possibility for achieving a highly stable material in the most favorable condition, being competitive on the narrow market segment of the polymers for nuclear applications.

Materials and products characterized in this project possess appropriate quality for the current requirements of the nuclear safety.

Durability of the tested compositions (elastomer-antioxidant) allows to extend the range of application areas to the energy sector which require high resistance for degradation.

# ELASTOMERS

Innovation Program  
Contract No. 235/ 2008  
2008-2011

Research Project **MAPOLETIR**

## Degree of novelty

Compositions of ethylene-propylene elastomer have been made, composites with hindered phenolics concentration (2%), optimized, tested to extreme conditions of the nuclear area.



*Mapoletir 1* is a polymeric material, an ethylene-propylene elastomer combined with **KELTAN 5580** and stabilized with **Ethanox 330**. The concentration of the stabilizer additive is 2% by weight.

*Mapoletir 2* is a polymeric material, an ethylene-propylene elastomer combined with **KELTAN 5580** and stabilized with **Irganox 1010**. The concentration of the stabilizer additive is 2% by weight.

*Mapoletir 3* is a polymeric material, an ethylene-propylene elastomer combined with **KELTAN 834** and stabilized with **Ethanox 330**. The concentration of the stabilizer additive is 2% by weight.

Durability of materials were determined by measuring the intensity of chemiluminescence emission. The material behavior were investigated at temperatures for a thermal regime characterized by temperatures in the range 170 – 220 °C to thermal degradation initiated by prior exposure to radiation in order to know the synergistic effect of thermal energy and ionizing on the durability of the elastomers. A comparative analysis were performed of the radio-induced thermal decomposition behavior for two similar materials, which differ in the concentration of diene as a constituent of macromolecular skeleton. We assessed the stabilization efficiencies equivalent compositions without stabilizer to correlate the effect of antioxidants and molecular structures of the polymer base material. S-au evaluat eficiențele de stabilizare pentru compoziții echivalente fără stabilizatori pentru a corela efectul antioxidantilor și a structurilor moleculare ale materialelor polimerice de bază.

Hardeness [Shore A]	75±5
Tensile strength [daN/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	Min 120
Elongation at break [%]	Min 300
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<b>Material</b>	<b>Lifetime in radiation of 5 kGy (30°C) years</b>
Mapoletir 1	35
Mapoletir 2	44
Mapoletir 3	14
Mapoletir 4	22

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## WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCES

7 – 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2013, Bucharest – Romania

**2013 IEEE Workshop Integration of Stochastic Energy in Power Systems**

24 – 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2012, Bucharest – Romania

**Dorin PAVEL Conferința Hidroenergeticienilor din România**

*Presentation: Experiments on viscous heating in leakage-free rotating seal systems with magnetic nanofluid*

([http://www.scientificbulletin.upb.ro/rev\\_docs\\_arhiva/full013\\_548628.pdf](http://www.scientificbulletin.upb.ro/rev_docs_arhiva/full013_548628.pdf))

2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2011

**Workshop “Multifunctional nanoparticles, magnetically controllable fluids, complex flows and applications”, “Timișoara Academic Days”**, organized by the

Laboratory of Magnetic Fluids, Romanian Academy – Timișoara Branch

*Presentation: High magnetization magnetizable fluids used in leakage-free rotating seal systems*

24 – 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2011, Bacau – Romania

**OPROTEH - The 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference OPROTEH – 2011**

*Presentation: Influence on the leakage flow rate of the stationary seal ring shape of the mechanical seal systems used in feed pumps in the power plants*

([http://journaldatabase.org/articles/influence on leakage flow rate.html](http://journaldatabase.org/articles/influence%20on%20leakage%20flow%20rate.html)).

21 – 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2011

**EUROMECH Colloquium 526 “Patterns in Soft Magnetic Matter”**

Poster: High magnetization magnetizable fluids used in rotating seals.

20 - 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2010, Timisoara – Romania

**25th IAHR SYMPOSIUM ON HYDRAULIC MACHINERY AND SYSTEMS**

*Presentation: Magnetic fluids and magnetic composite fluids in rotating seal systems* (<http://iopscience.iop.org/1755-1315/12/1/012105>).



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## WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

2 – 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2010, Odorheiu Secuiesc – Romania

**CEM 2010 - Cel de al 7lea Workshop International de Compatibilitate Electromagnetica CEM 2010**, organized by the National Institute for R&D in Electrical Engineering ICPE-CA



10 – 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2009, Bucharest – Romania

**The Workshop “Innovation and Evolution by R&D - SMEs Strategic Partnership” 2009**

*Presentation: Research projects at Roseal Co.*

2 – 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2009, Timisoara - Romania

**Workshop on Smart Fluids and Complex Flows, “Timișoara Academic Days”**, organized by the Laboratory of Magnetic Fluids, Romanian Academy – Timișoara Branch

***Presentation: Rotating seals with magnetic fluids for special uses: some constructive details and testing procedures***

24 – 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2007

**10<sup>th</sup> Edition of Academic Days Timișoara**

29<sup>th</sup> of June – 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 1998

**8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Magnetic Fluids**

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## WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

9<sup>th</sup> of September 2008, Odorheiu Secuiesc - Romania

**Workshop of Magnetic nanofluids and applications in the field of high performance rotating seals**, organized by Roseal Co.

Presentations:

- Design, construction and operation of a test stand for testing magnetic fluid sealing capacity
- Micropilot scale production of magnetic nanofluids. Implementation of high level technologies at Roseal Co.





# EVENTS

## TRADE FAIRS

6 – 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2010, Bucharest, Romania

**Bucharest International Technical Fair– TIB INOVARE**

**Exhibition of Romanian Research Achievements**

Salon of research, Romexpo, Pavilion 13



3 - 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2010, Bucharest, Romania

**Bucharest International Technical Fair - TIB**

20-24<sup>th</sup> of April 2009 Hannover, Deutschland

**Hannover Messe**



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## TRADE FAIRS – CERTIFICATES

26 – 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2009, Bucharest, Romania

**Inventika**



2 – 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2007, Bucharest, Romania

**Bucharest International Technical Fair**

Contract CEEEX no. 83/2006



5 – 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2011, Bucharest, Romania

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the development and consolidation of magnetic fluid domain in Romania. Her many publications in international scientific journals and collaborations with research teams from the country and abroad, marked important steps towards recognition by the international scientific community of the scientific results obtained in the country regarding to the nanoparticles and magnetic nanofluids, being the current scientific trend of Nanoscience and Nanotechnologies.

She put remarkable effort for implementation on an industrial scale at the Roseal Co. Odorheiu Secuiesc of the synthesis procedures of magnetic nanofluids, that she developed, through which Romania became magnetic nanofluids and magnetofluidic rotating seals producer.



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