

# Synthesis and Physiothermal Analysis of Boron Nitride Based Nanofluid

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## Abstract

Nanofluids are nanoscale colloidal suspensions containing condensed nanomaterials. Nanofluids have been found to possess enhanced thermos-physical properties such as thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity, viscosity, and convective heat transfer coefficients compared to those of base fluids like oil or water. Boron Nitride (BN) nanoparticles - due to its high thermal conductivity, appropriate thermal expansion coefficient, high electrical insulation and high mechanical strength is a promising additive in traditional heat exchange fluids. In this work we synthesised Boron Nitride (BN) nanoparticles by hydrothermal method and the nanoparticles are characterized by XRD, EDAX and SEM. Nanofluids were prepared by different weight fractions of the nanoparticles in different ratio of water and Ethylene Glycol (EG) solution. Physiothermal properties of the fluids at different temperatures were investigated and the same is reported.

**Keywords:** Boron Nitride, Nanofluid, Nanoparticles, Thermal conductivity, Viscosity

## 1. Introduction

Cooling is a standout amongst the most vital specialized difficulties confronted by numerous different businesses, including microelectronics, transportation, strong state lighting, and assembling<sup>1</sup>. The interest for a more productive cooling process has expanded significantly in the most recent decade. The traditional strategy for upgrading heat move in a warm framework comprises of expanding the warmth exchange surface zone and additionally the stream speed of the working liquid<sup>2</sup>. The scattering of strong nanoparticles in warmth exchange liquids is a moderately new strategy. A Nanofluid is a liquid containing nanometer-sized particle that is designed colloidal suspensions of nanoparticles in a base liquid. The nanoparticles utilized as a part of nanofluids are normally made of metals, oxides, carbides, or carbon based particles. Couple of cases are Cu, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CuO, TiO<sub>2</sub>, SiC, TiC, Ag, Au, ZnO, ZrO<sub>2</sub> and Fe nanoparticles<sup>3</sup>. Metals show high warm conductivity contrasted with metal oxides due to the nearby separating of molecules inside the metal<sup>4</sup>. Carbonaceous materials exist in a wide assortment of structures including carbon, graphite, precious stone,

profoundly situated pyrolytic graphite (HOPG), strands, for example, carbon froth, and Carbon NanoTubes (CNTs). Carbon is generally modest and has a warm conductivity which is higher than most gums<sup>5</sup>. Carbon has a low thickness contrasted with metals and combinations, which makes it appropriate for smaller and lightweight applications. Copper nanofluids show an improvement of 11% for the volume part of 0.001%<sup>6</sup>. Basic base liquids incorporate water, ethylene glycol and oil. Boron nitride is known not phenomenal warm and concoction strength had potential use in high-temperature hardware. In this work we made nanofluids with enhanced weight rates of boron nitride nanoparticles and contemplated its physiothermal properties.

## 2. Thermal Conductivity Enhancement Mechanisms

The warm conductivity is the most vital parameter to exhibit the upgrade capability of warmth move in nanofluids. Warm conductivity of the nanofluid is affected by the warmth exchange properties of the base liquid and

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nanoparticle material, the volume portion, the size, and the state of the nanoparticles suspended in the fluid, and also the conveyance of the scattered particles. Different specialists proposed diverse models on the impact of the above components on warm conductivity and a distinct model is not proposed yet.

The most conspicuous components are examined here:

**Brownian motion of Nanoparticles:** The arbitrary movement of nanoparticles transports vitality specifically. Likewise, a smaller scale convection impact, which is because of the liquid blending around nanoparticles is additionally ought to be considered.

**Bunching of Nanoparticles:** Nanoparticles are known not groups, these bunches can be taken care of by utilizing fractal hypothesis. Grouping can bring about quick transport of warmth along moderately extensive separations since warmth can be led much quicker by strong particles when contrasted with fluid grid.

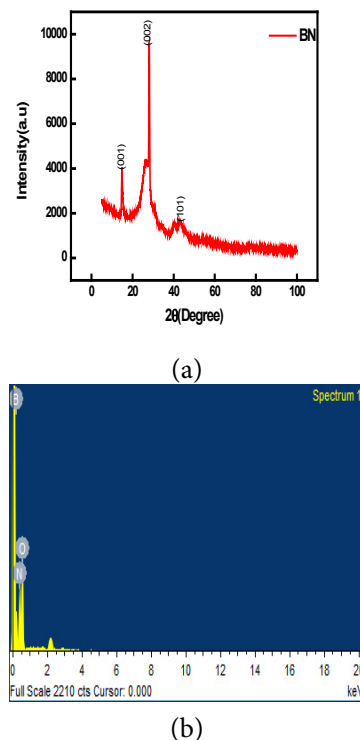
**Fluid Layering around Nanoparticles:** Liquid atoms shape layered structures around strong surfaces and it is relied upon to frame nanolayers. They have compelling warm conductivity than the fluid framework. As an after effect of this, the layered structures that conform to nanoparticles are proposed to be in charge of the warm conductivity upgrade of nanofluids.

### 3. Boron Nitride Synthesis and Characterization

Boron Nitride nanoparticles were readied utilizing 12.36 g of boric corrosive ( $\text{H}_3\text{BO}_3$ , Merck) disintegrated in 400 ml of refined water at  $100^\circ\text{C}$ . After disintegration 12.6 g of melamine ( $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{N}_6$ , Merck) was gradually added to the medium under unsettling. We watched the arrangement of encourage right on time in the response. The material was permitted to remain for 48 hours at room temperature. At that point it was separated and dried at  $37^\circ\text{C}$ . The item acquired is  $\text{B}_4\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{H}$ , which is the antecedent to BN. This forerunner material was warmed in tubular heater without gas stream at  $500^\circ\text{C}$  for 3 hours continually and took after by nitrogen gas stream, for 1 hour at  $800^\circ\text{C}$  ( $5^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ ) at a steady temperature.

The nanofluid was set up by dissolving the nanoparticles arranged in the past stride in the base liquid. Diverse weight rates of the nanoparticles were taken (0.1%, 0.2%, 0.3% and 0.4%). Every weight rate of the nanoparticle was

broken up in 50 ml of base liquid. The liquid is kept under sonication for 1 hour to upgrade uniform disintegration of the nanoparticles.



**Figure 1.** (a) XRD Pattern for BN nanoparticle, (b) EDAX Spectra of Boron Nitride

The stage and the crystallographic structure of the as integrated boron nitride nanoparticles were recorded utilizing by Philips X' Pert Pro X-Ray Diffractometer (XRD). XRD information were brought with Cu-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda=0.1540598$  nm), on the powder diffractometer worked in the  $\theta/2\theta$  mode basically in the  $10^\circ - 80^\circ$  ( $2\theta$ ) territory and step-output of  $\Delta 2\theta = 5^\circ$ . XRD result (Figure 1(a)) of the combined BN nanoparticles was alluded with the standard JCPDS document No. 34-0679. The widening in the pinnacles demonstrates that the particles are in the nanometric scale. There are principle tops at  $2\theta = 18.33^\circ$ ,  $30.39^\circ$  and  $43.02^\circ$  which relates to (0 1), (0 2) and (1 0 1). The normal size of the particles can be evaluated from the Scherer condition and was around 2.5 nm. Vitality Dispersive X-Ray Spectroscopy (EDAX) is utilized for the natural investigation and organization. In the EDAX range (Figure 1(b)) of BN, the nearness of B and N affirms the development of BN. Morphology of the material incorporated was concentrated on by utilizing HITACHI

S-4800 SEM (FE-SEM). Tests are set up by dropping/sticking a portion of the arranged nanofluids/solids onto aluminum stubs and permitting them to dry at room temperature. Checking Electron Microscopy pictures (Figure 2) demonstrates that the nanoparticles are in the scope of width 10 nm and just few in the scope of >10nm.

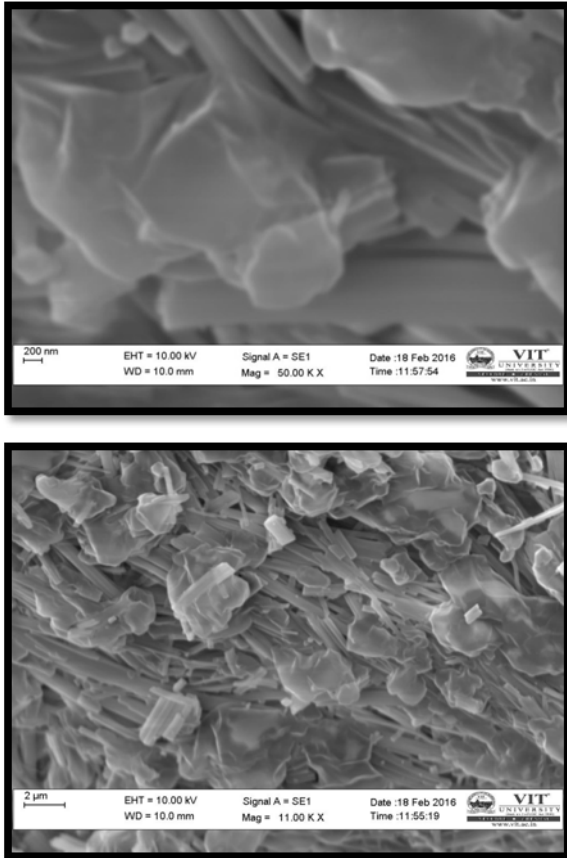


Figure 2. SEM images of Boron Nitride

## 4. Physiothermal Analysis

The warm conductivity estimations are accomplished for various weight rates of the nanoparticles and at various higher temperatures. The Thermal Conductivity is measured by an instrument called KD 2 PRO. The KD 2 PRO agrees to the ASTM D5334-08 standard. In this strategy, warmth is connected to a solitary needle for a period, «t» sec and temperature is checked in that needle amid warming and for an extra time equivalent to «th» sec in the wake of warming.

The temperature amid warming is processed from:

$$T = m_0 + m_2 t + m_3 \ln(t)$$

The temperature amid cooling is figured from:

$$T = m_0 + m_2 t + m_3 \ln \left[ \frac{t}{(t - t_h)} \right]$$

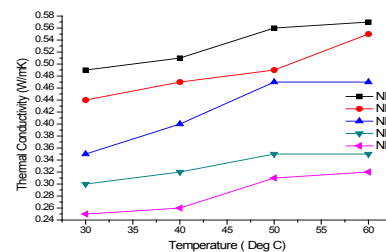
What's more, the warm conductivity is processed from:

$$k = \frac{q}{4\pi m_3}$$

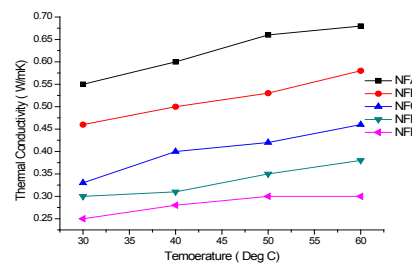
m0 is the surrounding temperature amid warming, m2 is the rate of foundation temperature float.

m3 is the incline of a line relating temperature ascend to logarithm of temperature and m1 is a steady.

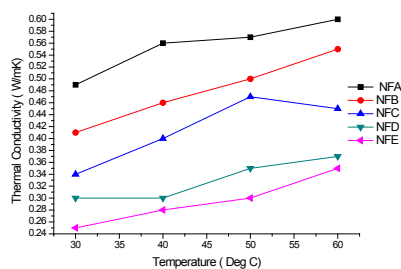
Since these conditions are long-term approximations, we utilize just the last 2/3rd of the information gathered (disregard early-time information) amid warming and cooling. The blunder esteem amid warm conductivity estimation is the relative mistake for the information set. The issues will likewise emerge because of vibrations from different sources to be specific, Vibration from PC fans, Vibration from individuals moving around, Vibration from other research centre gear and Vibration from Air conditioning frameworks. The blunder esteem amid estimation ought to be beneath 0.01%, generally the warm conductivity ought to be measured once more.



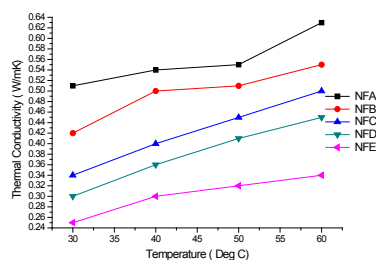
(a) 0.2wt %



(b) 0.2wt %



(c) 0.3wt%



(d) 0.3wt %

**Figure 3.** Thermal conductivity for different concentrations of BN nanoparticles at different temperatures

NFA: 50 ml of Ethylene Glycol

NFB: 40 ml of Ethylene Glycol +10 ml of Deionized water

NFC: 30 ml of Ethylene Glycol +20 ml of Deionized water

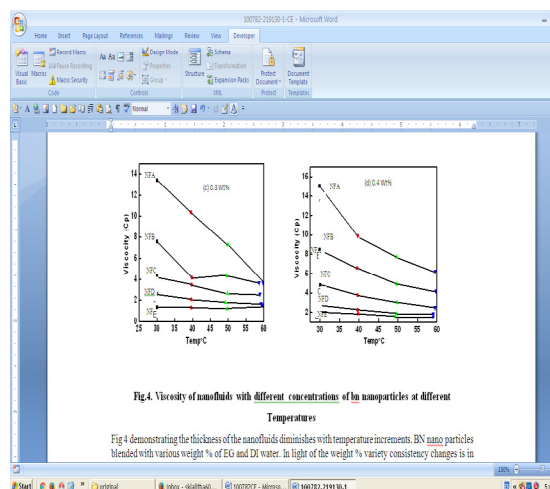
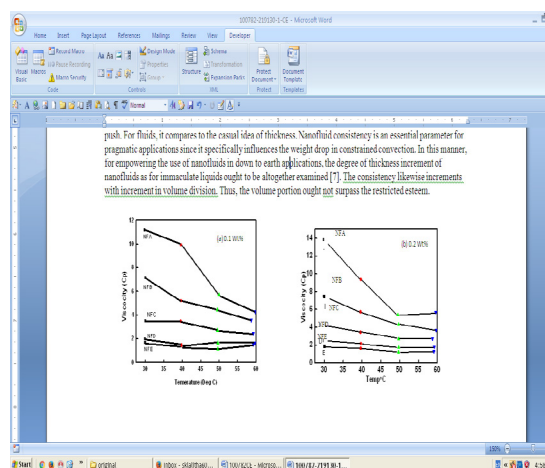
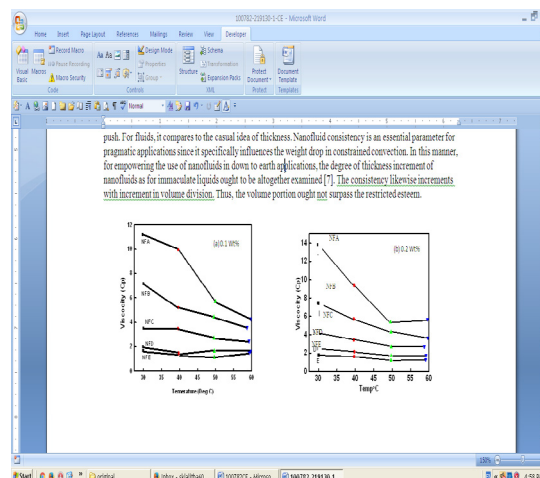
NFD: 20 ml of Ethylene Glycol +30 ml of Deionized water

NFE: 10 ml of Ethylene Glycol +40 ml of Deionized water

Because of higher molecule communication, warm conductivity increments with increment in weight rate. The warm conductivity increments with temperature due to the expansion in Brownian movement of nanoparticles with temperature. Warm conductivity improvement was most extreme (473.32%), for 0.2 wt % of BN in water and EG.

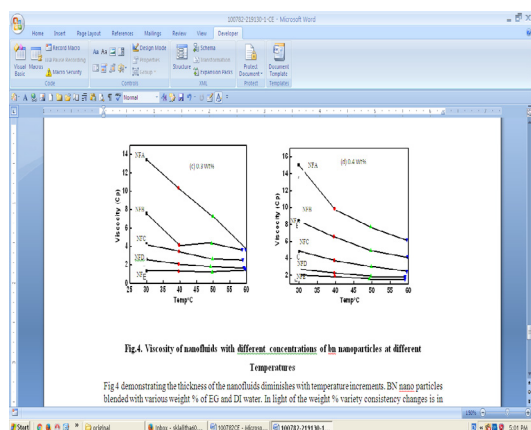
The thickness of a liquid is a measure of its imperiousness to steady miss happening by shear stretch or tractable push. For fluids, it compares to the casual idea of thickness. Nanofluid consistency is an essential parameter for pragmatic applications since it specifically influences the weight drop in constrained convection. In this manner, for empowering the use of nanofluids in down to earth applications, the degree of thickness increment of

nanofluids as for immaculate liquids ought to be altogether examined<sup>7</sup>. The consistency like-wise increments with increment in volume division. Thus, the volume portion ought not to surpass the restricted esteem.


**Fig.4** Viscosity of nanofluids with different concentrations of BN nanoparticles at different

Temperatures

Fig 4 demonstrating the thickness of the nanofluids diminishes with temperature increments. BN nano particles blended with various weight % of EG and DI water. In light of the weight % variety consistency changes in



**Figure 4.** Viscosity of nanofluids with different concentrations of bn nanoparticles at different Temperatures

Figure 4 demonstrating the thickness of the nanofluids diminishes with temperature increments. BN nanoparticles blended with various weight % of EG and DI water. In light of the weight % variety consistency changes is in nanofluids. The expansion of the BN nanoparticle did not cause much variety in the thickness of the material which is good, as we do not need to change the current framework for this coolant in light of the fact that a radical change would mean change in the pumping vitality required to pump the coolant in the motor.

## 5. Conclusion

BN powder is a promising added substance for improving the warm conductivity of conventional warmth trade liquids. In this work, four sorts of nanofluids containing BN nanoparticles were set up from ethylene glycol and water proportions, with warm conductivity upgrade were investigated. Inside the trial scope of 30-60°C temperature was found to have little impact on warm conductivity improvement proportions, since warm conductivity of nanofluid has almost the same changing pattern with

temperature as that of their base liquid. The expansion of the BN nanoparticle did not cause much variety in the thickness of the material which is great, as we do not need to change the current framework for this coolant on the grounds that an uncommon change would mean change in the pumping vitality required to pump the coolant in the motor. Because of higher molecule cooperation, warm conductivity increments with increment in weight rate. The warm conductivity increment with temperature in view of the expansion in Brownian movement of nanoparticles with temperature.

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