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## **OPEN** Uniform magnetic force impact on water based nanofluid thermal behavior in a porous enclosure with ellipse shaped obstacle

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In the present research, aluminum oxide- water (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O) nanofluid free convection due to magnetic forces through a permeable cubic domain with ellipse shaped obstacle has been reported. Lattice Boltzmann approach is involved to depict the impacts of magnetic, buoyancy forces and permeability on nanoparticles migration. To predict properties of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>- water nanofluid, Brownian motion impact has been involved. Outcomes revels that considering higher magnetic forces results in greater conduction mechanism. Permeability can enhance the temperature gradient.

By suggesting nanoparticles from nanoscience as useful working fluid, thermal performance enhances. Nano sized metallic particles are dispersed into common fluid to generate such fluid. Nanofluids must be utilized to augment the conduction and can be more stable with better mixing<sup>1,2</sup>. Nano science can suggest appropriate working fluid to reach thermal efficiency enhancement<sup>3-6</sup>. The furthermost current publications on nanofluids with new applications can be demonstrated in<sup>7-12</sup>. Kumar *et al.*<sup>13</sup> involved the Brownian motion impact on char-acteristics of nanoparticles in bioconvective flow. Irfan *et al.*<sup>14</sup> displayed the roles of chemical terms on transient energy equation. Ahmed et al.<sup>15</sup> illustrated the carbon nanotubes flow between Riga sheets in existence of viscous dissipation. Kumar et al.<sup>16</sup> employed the non-Fourier heat flux model for investigation of magnetic force effect on Carreau fluid convective transient flow. Ali et al.<sup>17</sup> demonstrated hidden events during magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) migration in a permeable media. Soomro et al.<sup>18</sup> employed Finite difference method (FDM) for dual solution of nanoparticle migration over a cylinder. They used water as pure fluid. Reddy et al.<sup>19</sup> depicted the impact of magnetic terms on fluid flow along a sheet considering heat sink. Raizah et al.<sup>20</sup> illustrated the power law nanofluid natural convection inside a titled permeable duct. The furthermost recent articles about Nano sized particles transportation by involving various methods were reported by Shah et al.<sup>9,21,22</sup>. Choosing active working fluid becomes popular subject in recent decade<sup>23-51</sup>.

The main aim of current research is to simulate and examine nanoparticles migration within a cubic porous cavity under the influence of constant magnetic force. Hydrothermal behaviors for various permeability, Lorentz and buoyancy forces are mainly focused and shown through graph.

#### Geometry Explanation

Figure 1 displays the permeable cubic cavity which is full of alumina. Cold, adiabatic and hot surfaces are depicted in this graph. One direction magnetic force has been involved. ( $\theta_z = 0.5 \pi = \theta_x$ ).

#### Simulation by Mesoscopic Method

**Mesoscopic method.** To find the temperature and velocity, distribution functions were used namely (g and f). Boltzmann equations help to find functions g and f. According to assumptions exist in<sup>38</sup>, we have:

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Figure 1. Current porous cubic cavity.



**Figure 2.** Diagram of  $D_3Q_{19}$  model.

	$\sigma(\Omega \cdot m)^{-1}$	k(W/m.k)	C <sub>p</sub> (j/kgk)	$\rho(kg/m^3)$
Pure water	0.05	0.613	4179	997.1
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10 <sup>-12</sup>	25	765	3970

### **Table 1.** Properties of Water, $Al_2O_3$ .

Coefficient values	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -Water
a <sub>6</sub>	-298.19819084
a <sub>7</sub>	-34.532716906
a <sub>8</sub>	-3.9225289283
a <sub>9</sub>	-0.2354329626
a <sub>10</sub>	-0.999063481
a <sub>1</sub>	52.813488759
a <sub>2</sub>	6.115637295
a <sub>3</sub>	0.6955745084
a <sub>4</sub>	4.174555527E-02

#### Table 2. Related coefficient for alumina.

Mesh size	$51 \times 51 \times 51$	$61\times 61\times 61$	$71 \times 71 \times 71$	$81 \times 81 \times 81$	$91\times91\times91$
Nu <sub>ave</sub>	0.13622	0.14805	0.15061	0.15073	0.15097

**Table 3.**  $Nu_{ave}$  over the hot surface with various grid sixes when Da = 100,  $\phi = 0.04$ ,  $Ra = 10^5$ , and Ha = 60.

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**Figure 3.** Verification of current LBM code for (**a**) free convention<sup>40</sup>; (**b**) nanofluid flow<sup>41</sup>.

$$\Delta t \tau_{C}^{-1}[-g_{i}(x, t) + g_{i}^{eq}(x, t)] = g_{i}(x + \Delta t c_{i}, t + \Delta t) - g_{i}(x, t)$$
(1)

$$\Delta t \, \tau_{\nu}^{-1} [-f_i(x, t) + f_i^{eq}(x, t)] + f_i(x, t) + \Delta t c_i F_k = f_i(x + \Delta t \, c_i, t + \Delta t) \tag{2}$$

Here  $\tau_{c}$ ,  $\Delta t$ ,  $\tau_{v}$  and  $c_{i}$  are, relaxation time for T, time step, relaxation time for u and lattice velocity. D<sub>3</sub>Q<sub>19</sub> model is good method for such problem (as shown in Fig. 2):

$$c_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(3)

 $g_i^{eq} \& f_i^{eq}$  are:

$$g_i^{eq} = w_i T \left[ 1 + \frac{c_i \cdot u}{c_s^2} \right]$$
(4)

$$f_i^{eq} = \left[\frac{1}{2}\frac{(c_i \cdot u)^2}{c_s^4} - \frac{1}{2}\frac{u^2}{c_s^2} + 1 + \frac{c_i \cdot u}{c_s^2}\right] w_i \rho$$
(5)

$$w_i = \{i = 7: 18 \ 1/36; i = 0 \ 1/3; i = 1: 6 \ 1/18\}$$
 (6)

Body forces can calculate as:

$$F = F_{y} + F_{z} + F_{x}$$

$$F_{y} = \frac{3Aw_{i}\rho[-(-\sin(2\theta_{z})\sin(\theta_{x})(0.5)w + v\cos^{2}(\theta_{z})) + (-v\cos^{2}(\theta_{x})\sin^{2}(\theta_{z}) + 0.5u\sin(2\theta_{x})\sin^{2}(\theta_{z}))] - 3BBw_{i}\rho v,$$

$$F_{x} = 3w_{i}A\rho[-\sin(\theta_{x})(-v\sin^{2}(\theta_{z})\cos(\theta_{x}) + \sin(\theta_{x})u\sin^{2}(\theta_{z})) - (u\cos^{2}(\theta_{z}) + w\cos(\theta_{x})(\frac{1}{2})\sin(2\theta_{z}))] - BB(3)\rho w_{i}u,$$

$$F_{z} = 3w_{i}\rho\left[A\cos(\theta_{x})\left(-\cos(\theta_{x})\sin^{2}(\theta_{z})w + (\frac{u}{2})\cos(2\theta_{z})\right) + \sin(\theta_{x})A\left(-\sin(\theta_{x})\sin^{2}(\theta_{z})w + \sin(2\theta_{z})\frac{v}{2}\right) + \beta(T - T_{m})g_{z}\right] - BB(3w_{i})w\rho,$$

$$Ha = LB_{0}\sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\mu}}, \quad A = Ha^{2}\mu L^{-2},$$

$$Da = \frac{K}{L^{2}}, \quad BB = \frac{v}{Da L^{2}}$$
(7)

To calculate scholars we have:



**Figure 4.** Impacts of magnetic forces on (**a**) isotherm, (**b**) *x* velocity, (**c**) *z* velocity, (**d**) isokinetic energy at Y = y/L = 0.5 when  $\phi = 0.04$ , Da = 0.001,  $Ra = 10^3$ .

Flow density: 
$$\rho = \sum_{i} f_{i}$$
,  
Momentum:  $\rho u = \sum_{i} c_{i} f_{i}$ ,  
Temperature:  $T = \sum_{i} g_{i}$ .

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(8)



**Figure 5.** Impacts of magnetic forces on (**a**) isotherm, (**b**) *x* velocity, (**c**) *z* velocity, (**d**) isokinetic energy at Y = y/L = 0.5 when  $Ra = 10^3$ , Da = 100,  $\phi = 0.04$ .

**Working fluid.** Density,  $(\rho\beta)_{n\beta}$   $(\rho C_p)_{n\beta}$   $\sigma_{n\beta}$   $\mu_{nf}$  and  $k_{nf}$  are (<sup>39</sup>):

$$\frac{\rho_{\rm nf}}{\rho_f} = -\phi + \frac{\rho_{\rm s}}{\rho_f}\phi + 1, \tag{9}$$



**Figure 6.** Impacts of magnetic forces on (**a**) isotherm, (**b**) *x* velocity, (**c**) *z* velocity, (**d**) isokinetic energy at Y = y/L = 0.5 when  $Ra = 10^5$ , Da = 0.001,  $\phi = 0.04$ .

$$(\rho\beta)_{nf} = \phi(\rho\beta)_s + (1-\phi)(\rho\beta)_f \tag{10}$$

$$\left(\rho C_p\right)_{nf} / \left(\rho C_p\right)_f = -\phi + 1 + \left(\rho C_p\right)_s / \left(\rho C_p\right)_f \phi \tag{11}$$



**Figure 7.** Impacts of magnetic forces on (**a**) isotherm, (**b**) *x* velocity, (**c**) *z* velocity, (**d**) isokinetic energy at Y = y/L = 0.5 when  $Ra = 10^5$ , Da = 100,  $\phi = 0.04$ .

$$\frac{\sigma_{nf}}{\sigma_f} = 1 + \left(\frac{(\Delta+2) - \phi(\Delta-1)}{3\phi(-1+\Delta)}\right)^{-1}, \ \Delta = \sigma_s/\sigma_f$$
(12)

$$\mu_{nf} = \frac{\mu_f}{(1-\phi)^{2.5}} + \frac{\mu_f}{\Pr} \frac{k_{Brownian}}{k_f}$$
(13)



**Figure 8.** Various values of  $Nu_{ave}$  for different Ra, Da, Ha.

$$\frac{k_{nf}}{k_{f}} = 1 + 5 \times 10^{4} g'(\phi, T, d_{p}) \phi \rho_{f} c_{pf} \sqrt{\frac{\kappa_{b}T}{d_{p}\rho_{p}}} + \frac{3\left(-1 + \frac{k_{p}}{k_{f}}\right) \phi}{\left(\frac{k_{p}}{k_{f}} + 2\right) - \left(\frac{k_{p}}{k_{f}} - 1\right) \phi},$$

$$R_{f} = 4 \times 10^{-8} km^{2} / W, R_{f} = -d_{p}(1/k_{p} - 1/k_{p,eff}),$$

$$g'(\phi, d_{p}, T) = Ln(T) \left(a_{1} + a_{3}Ln(\phi) + Ln(d_{p})^{2}a_{5} + a_{2}Ln(d_{p}) + a_{4}Ln(d_{p})Ln(\phi)\right)$$

$$+ \left(a_{8}Ln(\phi) + Ln(d_{p})a_{7} + a_{6} + a_{10}Ln(d_{p})^{2} + Ln(d_{p})a_{9}Ln(\phi)\right)$$
(14)

Tables 1 and  $2^{39}$  can be used to find needed parameters.  $Nu_{ave}$  and  $Nu_{loc}$  over the hot surface are:

$$Nu_{loc} = -\frac{k_{nf}}{k_f} \frac{\partial T}{\partial X}\Big|_{X=0} \text{ and } Nu_{ave} = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 Nu \, dY dZ$$
(15)

The fluid kinetic energy is:

$$E_c = 0.5[(w)^2 + (v)^2 + (u)^2]$$
(16)

#### Mesh Independency and Validation

No alter should be seen in outputs by changing mesh sizes. So, various sizes must be employed. As an example, we presented Table 3. Figure 3 illustrates the agreement of Lattice Boltzmann Method (LBM)<sup>40,41</sup>. Also, previous paper<sup>42</sup> indicates that this code is verified for MHD flow.

#### **Results and Discussion**

Water-Aluminum oxide mixture hydrothermal behavior in a permeable three dimensional domain was modeled with mesoscopic method. Numerical outputs are depicted the variations of magnetic force (Ha = 0 to 60), buoyancy term ( $Ra = 10^3$ ,  $10^4$  and  $10^5$ ) and Darcy number (Da = 0.001 to 100).

Nanofluid behavior with change of Ra, Ha and Da are displayed in Figs 4–7. In cases with low Ra and Da, convection mode is not strong enough to change flow style and isotherms has shape of geometry. Convection enhancements with increase of permeability and isotherms convert to complex shape. Thermal plume appears as a result of strong convection mode. Employing magnetic forces makes conduction to be more sensible and thermal plumes vanish. Due to reduction effect of Ha on velocity,  $E_c$  detracts with rise of Ha. By augment of buoyancy force, main vortex stretch in z direction and convection mode rises.

Changes in  $Nu_{ave}$  due to altering variables are illustrated in Fig. 8. Equation (17) is extracted for  $Nu_{ave}$ :

$$Nu_{ave} = 0.14 + 0.017 \log(Ra) + 6.8 \times 10^{-3} Da - 7.2 \times 10^{-3} Ha + 9 \times 10^{-3} (\log(Ra))(Da) - 9 \times 10^{-3} (\log(Ra))(Ha) - 4.7 \times 10^{-3} (Da)(Ha) + 0.012 (\log(Ra))^2.$$
(17)

Due to augment in temperature gradient with rise of permeability and buoyancy terms,  $Nu_{ave}$  is enhancing function of Da, Ra. Furthermore, conduction mode boosts with augment of Hartmann number. Thus,  $Nu_{ave}$  detracts with rise of magnetic force.

#### Conclusions

In the current article, uniform magnetic force impacts on momentum equations were considered in a 3D porous enclosure. Mesoscopic approach was applied to analyze alumina nanofluid in these conditions. Brownian motion impact can changes the properties of working fluid. LBM was involved to report the impacts of *Ha*, *Ra*, *Da* on nanofluid behavior. Outcomes display that interaction of nanoparticles augments with augment of *Da*,*Ra*. Isotherms become less complex with applying magnetic force.

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