

## Free convection of magnetic nanofluid considering MFD viscosity effect



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### ABSTRACT

In this study effect of magnetic field dependent (MFD) viscosity on free convection heat transfer of nanofluid in an enclosure is investigated. The bottom wall has constant flux heating element. Single phase nanofluid model is utilized considering Brownian motion. Control Volume based Finite Element Method is applied to simulate this problem. The effects of viscosity parameter, Hartmann number and Rayleigh number on hydrothermal behavior have been examined. Results show that Nusselt number is an increasing function of Rayleigh number and volume fraction of nanoparticle while it is a decreasing function of viscosity parameter and Hartmann number. Also it can be found that reduction of Nusselt number due to MFD viscosity effect are more sensible for high Rayleigh number and low Hartmann number.

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### Nomenclature

$B$	Magnetic field
$C_p$	Specific heat
$Gr_f$	Grashof number
$Ha$	Hartmann number ( $= LB_x \sqrt{\sigma_f/\mu_f}$ )
$Nu$	Nusselt number
$Pr$	Prandtl number ( $= v_f/\alpha_f$ )
$T$	Fluid temperature
$U, V$	Dimensionless velocity components in the X-direction and Y-direction
$X, Y$	Dimensionless space coordinates
$k$	Thermal conductivity
$L$	Length of the enclosure
$\vec{g}$	Gravitational acceleration vector
$q''$	Heat flux
$Ra$	Rayleigh number ( $= g\beta q'' L^4 / (k\alpha_f v_f)$ )

### Greek symbols

$\omega, \Omega$	Vorticity & dimensionless vorticity
$\theta_M$	Angle of magnetic field

$\sigma$  Electrical conductivity

$\delta^*$  Viscosity parameter

$\alpha$  Thermal diffusivity

$\phi$  Volume fraction

$\mu$  Dynamic viscosity

$v$  Kinematic viscosity

$\psi & \Psi$  Stream function & dimensionless stream function

$\Theta$  Dimensionless temperature

$\rho$  Fluid density

$\beta$  Thermal expansion coefficient

### Subscripts

$c$  Cold

$h$  Hot

$loc$  Local

$ave$  Average

$nf$  Nanofluid

$f$  Base fluid

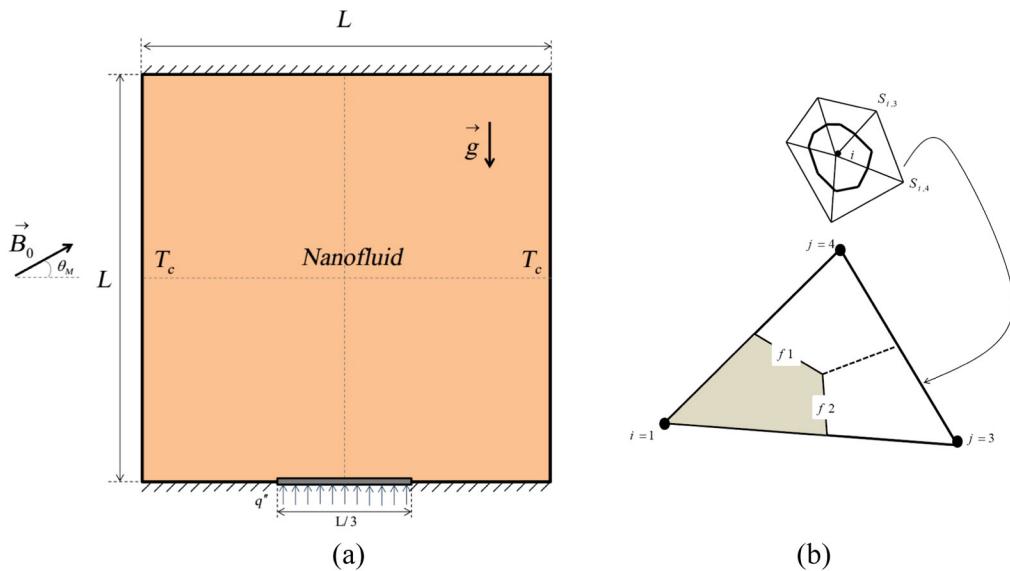
$s$  Solid particles

### 1. Introduction

Magnetohydrodynamic has attracted noteworthy attention due to its numerous applications in petroleum industries and agricultural

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**Fig. 1.** (a) Geometry and the boundary conditions; (b) a sample triangular element and its corresponding control volume.

engineering. Sheikholeslami et al. [1] used two phase model for simulation of magnetic nanofluid forced convective heat transfer in the presence of variable magnetic field. Rudraiah et al. [2] investigated numerically magnetic field effect on natural convection in a rectangular enclosure. They found that the magnetic field reduces the rate of heat transfer. Hayat et al. [3] investigated the magnetohydrodynamic two-dimensional flow with heat and mass transfer over a stretching sheet in the presence of Joule heating and thermophoresis. Force convective heat transfer of magnetic nanofluid in a lid driven semi annulus enclosure has been investigated by Sheikholeslami et al. [4]. Their results showed that Nusselt number has a direct relationship with Reynolds number, nanoparticle volume fraction while it has reverse relationship with Hartmann number. Ferrofluid heat transfer treatment in the presence of variable magnetic field has been studied by Sheikholeslami and Rashidi [5]. They found that Nusselt number increases by considering magnetic field dependent viscosity. Nanjundappa et al. [6] studied the effect of magnetic field dependent (MFD) viscosity on the onset of ferro convection in a ferrofluid saturated horizontal porous layer. Sheikholeslami et al. [7] investigated the effect of variable magnetic field on force convection heat transfer. Their results indicated that the effects of Kelvin forces are more pronounced for high Reynolds number. Thermal radiation effects on MHD forced convection flow adjacent to a non-isothermal wedge were investigated by Chamkha et al. [8]. They showed that local Nusselt number was predicted to decrease as the thermal radiation parameter increased.

Natural convection heat transfer in partitioned cavity has several applications such as: cooling of electronic components, designing building and solar collectors. Kandaswamy et al. [9] studied the free convective flow arising in a closed square cavity. They showed that heat transfer becomes strengthened when the vertical plate is hotter. Sheikholeslami and Ellahi [10] studied three dimensional mesoscopic simulation of magnetic field effect on natural convection of nanofluid. They found that thermal boundary layer thickness increases with the increase of Lorentz forces. Pal and Mondal [11] have investigated radiation effects on combined convection over a vertical flat plate embedded in a porous medium of variable porosity. Sheikholeslami Kandelousi [12] used KKL correlation for simulation of nanofluid flow and heat transfer in a permeable channel. He found that heat transfer enhancement has direct relationship with Reynolds number when power law index is equal to zero.

Conventional heat transfer fluids, including oil, water, and ethylene glycol mixture are poor heat transfer fluids, since the thermal conductivity of these fluids plays an important role on the heat transfer

coefficient between the heat transfer medium and the heat transfer surface. An innovative technique for improving heat transfer by using solid particles in the fluids has been used widely during the last decade. Khanafer et al. [13] seem to be the first who have examined heat transfer performance of nanofluids inside an enclosure taking into account the solid particle dispersion. Ellahi [14] studied the MHD flow of non-Newtonian nanofluid in a pipe. He observed that the MHD parameter decreases the fluid motion. Hakeem et al. [15] studied the magnetic field effect on a steady two dimensional laminar radiative flow of an incompressible viscous water based nanofluid over a stretching/shrinking sheet. They found that the lower branch solution vanishes in the presence of higher magnetic field.

Control Volume based Finite Element Method (CVFEM) is a scheme that uses the advantages of both finite volume and finite element methods for simulation of multi-physics problems in complex geometries [16–17]. Sheikholeslami et al. [18] investigated ferrofluid hydrothermal behavior in the presence of thermal radiation. Sheikholeslami Kandelousi [19] studied the effect of spatially variable magnetic field on ferrofluid flow and heat transfer considering a constant heat flux boundary condition. He found that enhancement in heat transfer decreases with increase of Rayleigh number and Magnetic number but it increases with increase of Hartmann number. Recently several authors used different numerical methods in order to simulate nanofluid flow and heat transfer [20–41].

The main purpose of the present paper is to examine the effect of MFD viscosity on MHD nanofluid flow and heat transfer. CVFEM is used to simulate this problem. New single phase model (Koo-Kleinstreuer-Li) was utilized to simulate nanofluid properties. Effects

**Table 1**  
The coefficient values of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  – Water nanofluid [12].

Coefficient values	$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ – Water
$a_1$	52.813488759
$a_2$	6.115637295
$a_3$	0.6955745084
$a_4$	4.17455552786E-02
$a_5$	0.176919300241
$a_6$	-298.19819084
$a_7$	-34.532716906
$a_8$	-3.922528983
$a_9$	-0.2354329626
$a_{10}$	-0.999063481

**Table 2**

Thermo physical properties of water and nanoparticles [12].

	$\rho(\text{kg}/\text{m}^3)$	$C_p(\text{J}/\text{kg}\text{K})$	$k(\text{W}/\text{m}\cdot\text{K})$	$\beta \times 10^5(\text{K}^{-1})$	$d_p(\text{nm})$	$\sigma(\Omega\cdot\text{m})^{-1}$
water	997.1	4179	0.613	21	—	0.05
$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	3970	765	25	0.85	47	$1 \times 10^{-10}$

of viscosity parameter, Rayleigh number and Hartmann number on the flow and heat transfer characteristics have been examined.

## 2. Geometry definition and boundary conditions

The geometry of this problem is shown in Fig. 1(a). The heat source is centrally located on the bottom surface and its length  $L/3$ . The cooling is achieved by the two vertical walls. The heat source has a constant heat flux  $q''$  while the cooling walls have a constant temperature  $T_c$ ; all the other surfaces are adiabatic. Also, it is also assumed that the uniform magnetic field ( $\vec{B} = B_x \vec{e}_x + B_y \vec{e}_y$ ) of a constant magnitude  $B = \sqrt{B_x^2 + B_y^2}$  is applied, where  $\vec{e}_x$  and  $\vec{e}_y$  are unit vectors in the Cartesian coordinate system. The orientation of the magnetic field form an angle  $\theta_M$  with horizontal axis such that  $\theta_M = \cot^{-1}(B_x/B_y)$ . The electric current  $J$  and the electromagnetic force  $F$  are defined as  $J = \sigma(\vec{V} \times \vec{B})$  and  $F = \sigma(\vec{V} \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{B}$ , respectively.

## 3. Mathematical modeling and numerical procedure

### 3.1. Problem formulation

The flow is steady, two-dimensional, laminar and incompressible. The induced electric current and Joule heating are neglected. The magnetic Reynolds number is assumed to be small so that the induced magnetic field can be neglected compared to the applied magnetic field. Neglecting displacement currents, induced magnetic field, and using the Boussinesq approximation, the governing equations of heat transfer and fluid flow for nanofluid can be obtained as follows:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\rho_{nf} \left( u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = - \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \eta \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) + \sigma_{nf} B_0^2 \left( v \sin \theta_M \cos \theta_M - u \sin^2 \theta_M \right) \quad (2)$$

$$\rho_{nf} \left( u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + \eta \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right) + \rho_{nf} \beta_{nf} g(T - T_c) + \sigma_{nf} B_0^2 (u \sin \theta_M \cos \theta_M - v \cos^2 \theta_M) \quad (3)$$

$$u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \alpha_{nf} \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad (4)$$

where  $\eta = (1 + \vec{\delta} \cdot \vec{B}) \mu_{nf}$ , the variation of MFD viscosity ( $\delta$ ) has been taken to be isotropic,  $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = \delta_3 = \delta$ . The effective density ( $\rho_{nf}$ ), the

**Table 3**

Comparison of the average Nusselt number  $Nu_{ave}$  for different grid resolutions at  $Ra = 10^5$ ,  $\phi = 0.04$ ,  $\delta^* = 1$ ,  $Ha = 60$  and  $Pr = 6.2$ .

Mesh size	$81 \times 81$	$91 \times 91$	$101 \times 101$	$111 \times 111$	$121 \times 121$
$Nu_{ave}$	2.041	2.053	2.065	2.067	2.071

**Table 4**

Average Nusselt number versus at different Grashof number under various strengths of the magnetic field at  $Pr = 0.733$ .

$Ha$	$Gr = 2 \times 10^4$		$Gr = 2 \times 10^5$	
	Present	Rudraiah et al. [2]	Present	Rudraiah et al. [2]
0	2.5665	2.5188	5.093205	4.9198
10	2.26626	2.2234	4.9047	4.8053
50	1.09954	1.0856	2.67911	2.8442
100	1.02218	1.011	1.46048	1.4317

thermal expansion coefficient ( $\beta_{nf}$ ), heat capacitance ( $\rho C_p$ )<sub>nf</sub> and electrical conductivity of nanofluid ( $\sigma_{nf}$ ) of the nanofluid are defined as [12]:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{nf} &= \rho_f(1-\phi) + \rho_s\phi \\ \beta_{nf} &= \beta_f(1-\phi) + \beta_s\phi \\ (\rho C_p)_{nf} &= (\rho C_p)_f(1-\phi) + (\rho C_p)_s\phi \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{nf}}{\sigma_f} = 1 + \frac{3(\sigma_s/\sigma_f - 1)\phi}{(\sigma_s/\sigma_f + 2) - (\sigma_s/\sigma_f - 1)\phi}. \quad (6)$$

Koo-Kleinstreuer-Li (KKL) is used to simulate thermal conductivity of nanofluid [12]:

$$k_{\text{eff}} = k_{\text{static}} + k_{\text{Brownian}} \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{k_{\text{static}}}{k_f} = 1 + \frac{3(k_p/k_f - 1)\phi}{(k_p/k_f + 2) - (k_p/k_f - 1)\phi} \quad (8)$$

$$k_{\text{Brownian}} = 5 \times 10^4 \phi \rho_f C_{p,f} \sqrt{\frac{\kappa_f T}{\rho_p d_p}} g'(T, \phi, d_p) \quad (9)$$

$$R_f + \frac{d_p}{k_p} = \frac{d_p}{k_{p,\text{eff}}}, R_f = 4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ km}^2/\text{W} \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} g'(T, \phi, d_p) &= (a_1 + a_2 \ln(d_p) + a_3 \ln(\phi) + a_4 \ln(\phi) \ln(d_p) + a_5 \ln(d_p)^2) \ln(T) \\ &+ (a_6 + a_7 \ln(d_p) + a_8 \ln(\phi) + a_9 \ln(\phi) \ln(d_p) + a_{10} \ln(d_p)^2) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

with the coefficients  $a_i$  ( $i = 0.10$ ) are based on the type of nanoparticles,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ -water nanofluids have an  $R^2$  of 98%, respectively [12] (Table 1).

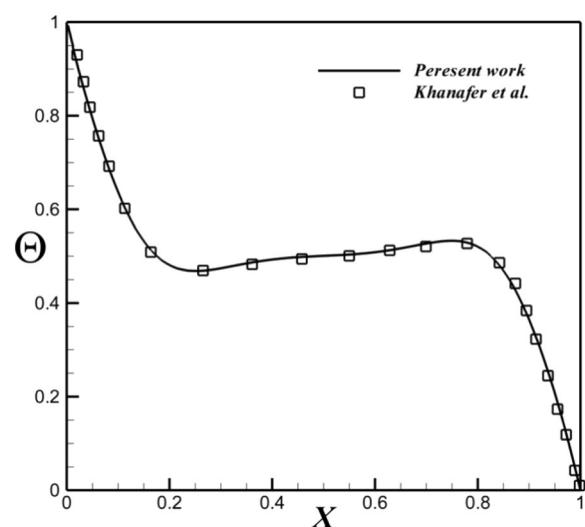
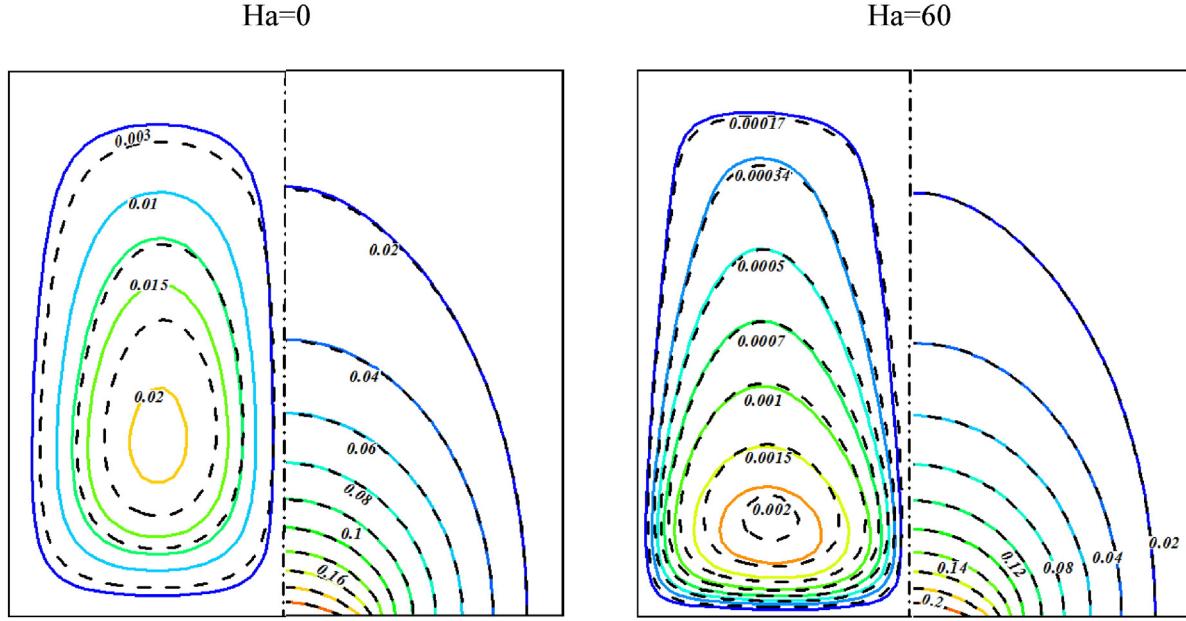


Fig. 2. Comparison of average Nusselt number between the present results and numerical results by Khanafer et al. [13]  $Gr = 10^4$ ,  $\phi = 0.1$  and  $Pr = 6.2$  ( $\text{Cu-Water}$ );



**Fig. 3.** Effects of viscosity parameter ( $\delta^* = 1$  (---) and  $\delta^* = 0$  (—)) and Hartmann number on isotherms (right) and streamlines (left) when  $\phi = 0.04, Ra = 10^3$ .

The effective viscosity due to micromixing in suspensions, can be obtained as follows [12]:

$$\mu_{\text{eff}} = \mu_{\text{static}} + \mu_{\text{Brownian}} = \mu_{\text{static}} + \frac{k_{\text{Brownian}}}{k_f} \times \frac{\mu_f}{\text{Pr}_f} \quad (12)$$

where  $\mu_{\text{static}} = \frac{\mu_f}{(1-\phi)^{2.5}}$  is viscosity of the nanofluid, as given originally by Brinkman.

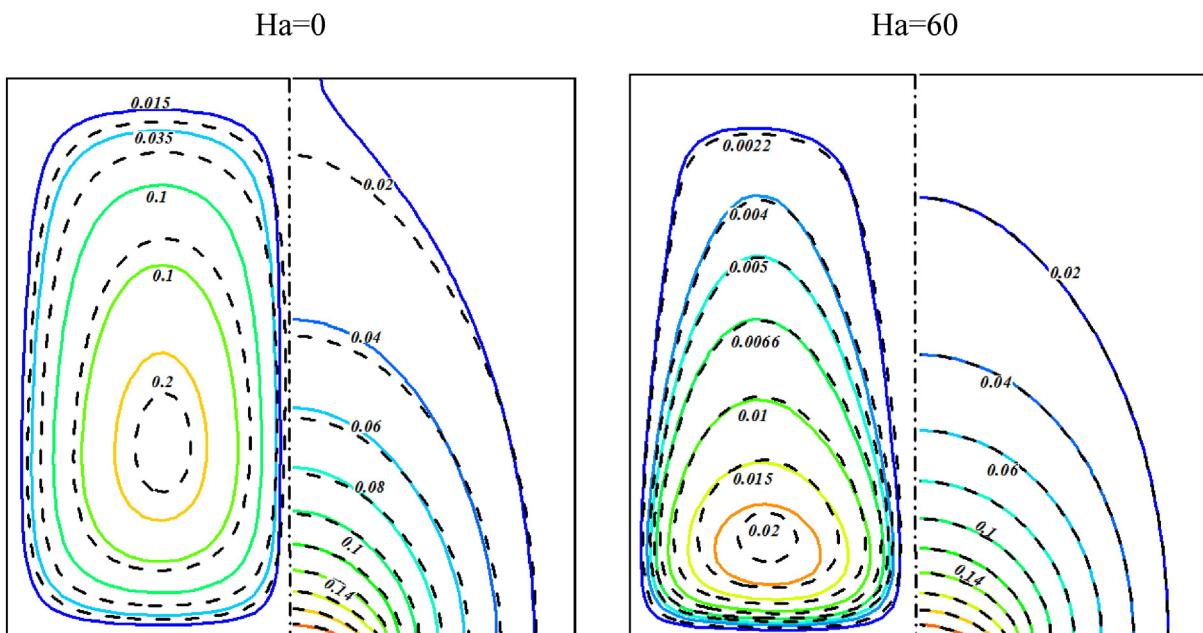
The stream function and vorticity are defined as:

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}, v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}, \omega = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad (13)$$

The stream function satisfies the continuity Eq. (1). The vorticity equation is obtained by eliminating the pressure between the two momentum equations, i.e. by taking  $y$ -derivative of Eq. (2) and subtracting from it the  $x$ -derivative of Eq. (3). This gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial y} &= v_{nf}(1 + \delta B_0(\cos \theta_M + \sin \theta_M)) \left( \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial y^2} \right) + \beta_{nf} g \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) \\ &+ \frac{\sigma_{nf} B_0^2}{\rho_{nf}} \left( -\frac{\delta v}{\delta y} \sin \theta_M \cos \theta_M + \frac{\delta u}{\delta y} \sin^2 \theta_M \right. \\ &\left. + \frac{\delta u}{\delta x} \sin \theta_M \cos \theta_M - \frac{\delta v}{\delta x} \cos^2 \theta_M \right) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \alpha_{nf} \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad (15)$$



**Fig. 4.** Effects of viscosity parameter ( $\delta^* = 1$  (---) and  $\delta^* = 0$  (—)) and Hartmann number on isotherms (right) and streamlines (left) when  $\phi = 0.04, Ra = 10^4$ .

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = -\omega \quad (16)$$

by introducing the following non-dimensional variables:

$$X = \frac{x}{L}, Y = \frac{y}{L}, \Omega = \frac{\omega L^2}{\alpha_f}, \Psi = \frac{\psi}{\alpha_f}, \Theta = \frac{T - T_c}{(q' L/k_f)}, U = \frac{uL}{\alpha_f}, V = \frac{vL}{\alpha_f} \quad (17)$$

using the dimensionless parameters, the equations now become:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial X} - \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial Y} &= \\ \text{Pr}_f \left( \frac{\mu_{nf} \rho_f k_f (\rho C_p)_{nf}}{\mu_f \rho_{nf} k_{nf} (\rho C_p)_f} \right) (1 + \delta^* (\cos \theta_M + \sin \theta_M)) \left( \frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial X^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial Y^2} \right) \\ + Ra_f \text{Pr}_f \frac{\beta_{nf}}{\beta_f} \left( \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial X} \right) \\ + Ha^2 \text{Pr}_f \frac{\sigma_{nf} \rho_f}{\sigma_f \rho_{nf}} \left( -\frac{\partial V}{\partial Y} \tan \theta_M + \frac{\partial U}{\partial Y} \tan^2 \theta_M + \frac{\partial U}{\partial X} \tan \theta_M - \frac{\partial V}{\partial X} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial Y} - \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial X} = \frac{k_{nf}}{k_f} \frac{(\rho C_p)_f}{(\rho C_p)_{nf}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial X^2} \right) \quad (19)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial X^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial Y^2} = -\Omega \quad (20)$$

where  $Ra_f = g \beta L^4 q'' / (k_f \alpha_f v_f)$  is the Rayleigh number for the base fluid,  $Ha = LB_x \sqrt{\sigma_f / \mu_f}$  is the Hartmann number and  $\text{Pr}_f = v_f / \alpha_f$  is the Prandtl number for the base fluid. Also  $\delta^* = \delta B_0$  is the viscosity parameter. The thermo physical properties of the nanofluid are given in Table 2 [12]. The boundary conditions as shown in Fig. 1 are:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial n} &= -1.0 && \text{on the heat source} \\ \theta &= 0.0 && \text{on the left and right} \\ \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial n} &= 0.0 && \text{on all the other adiabatic surfaces} \\ \Psi &= 0.0 && \text{on all solid boundaries.} \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

The values of vorticity on the boundary of the enclosure can be obtained using the stream function formulation and the known velocity

conditions during the iterative solution procedure. The local Nusselt number of the nanofluid along the heat source can be expressed as:

$$Nu_{local} = \left( \frac{k_{nf}}{k_f} \right) \frac{1}{\theta} \Big|_{L/3 < X < 2L/3, Y=0}. \quad (22)$$

The average Nusselt number is evaluated as:

$$Nu_{ave} = \frac{1}{L/3} \int_{L/3}^{2L/3} Nu_{loc}(X) dX. \quad (23)$$

Nusselt ratio is defined as follows:

$$Nu_{ratio} = \frac{Nu_{ave}|_{\delta^*=1}}{Nu_{ave}|_{\delta^*=0}}. \quad (24)$$

### 3.2. Numerical procedure

The Control Volume based Finite Element Method is used in this work. The building block of the discretization is the triangular element and the values of variables are approximated with linear interpolation within the elements. The control volumes are created by joining the center of each element in the support to the mid points of the element sides that pass through the central node  $i$  which creates a close polygonal control volume (see Fig. 1(b)). The set of governing equations is integrated over the Control Volume with the use of linear interpolation inside the finite element and the obtained algebraic equations are solved by the Gauss-Seidel Method. A FORTRAN code is developed to solve the present problem using a structured mesh of linear triangular. The details of this method are mentioned in [16].

### 4. Grid testing and code validation

To assure the grid-independency of the present solution a mesh testing procedure was conducted. Different mesh combinations were explored for the case of  $Ra = 10^5$ ,  $\phi = 0.04$ ,  $\delta^* = 0.03$ ,  $Ha = 60$  and  $\text{Pr} = 6.2$  as shown in Table 3. The present code was tested for grid independence by calculating the average Nusselt number on hot bottom

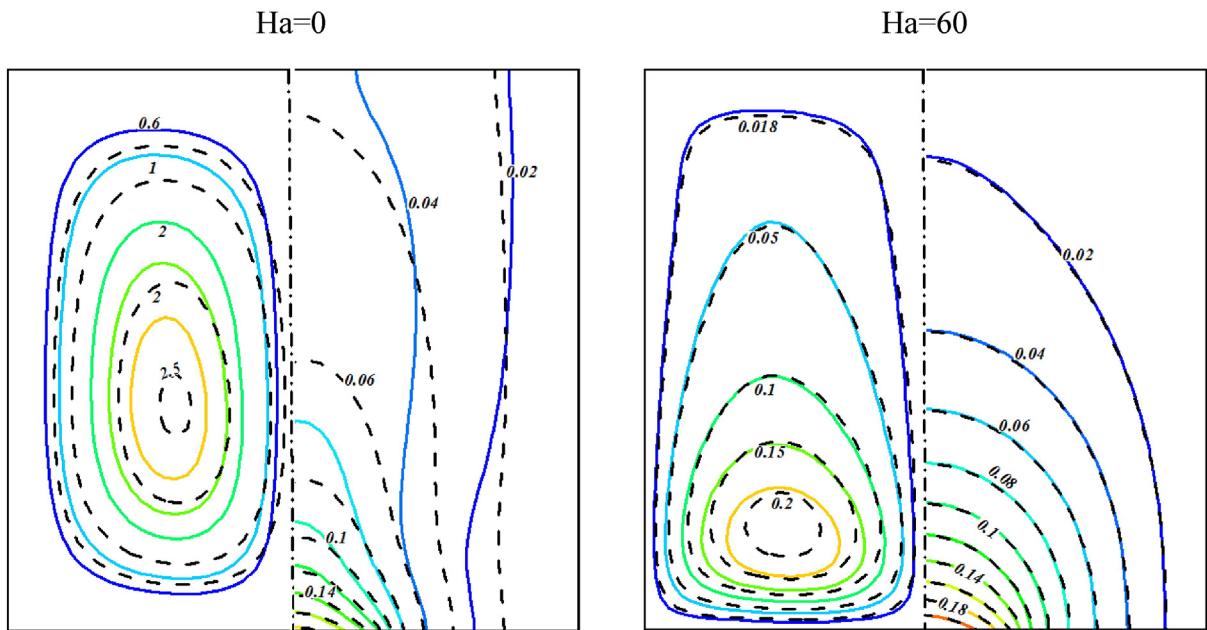


Fig. 5. Effects of viscosity parameter ( $\delta^* = 1$  (---) and  $\delta^* = 0$  (—)) and Hartmann number on isotherms (right) and streamlines (left) when  $\phi = 0.04, Ra = 10^5$ .

wall. In harmony with this, it was found that a grid size of  $101 \times 101$  ensures a grid-independent solution. The convergence criterion for the termination of all computations is:

$$\max_{\text{grid}} |\Gamma^{s+1} - \Gamma^s| \leq 10^{-7} \quad (25)$$

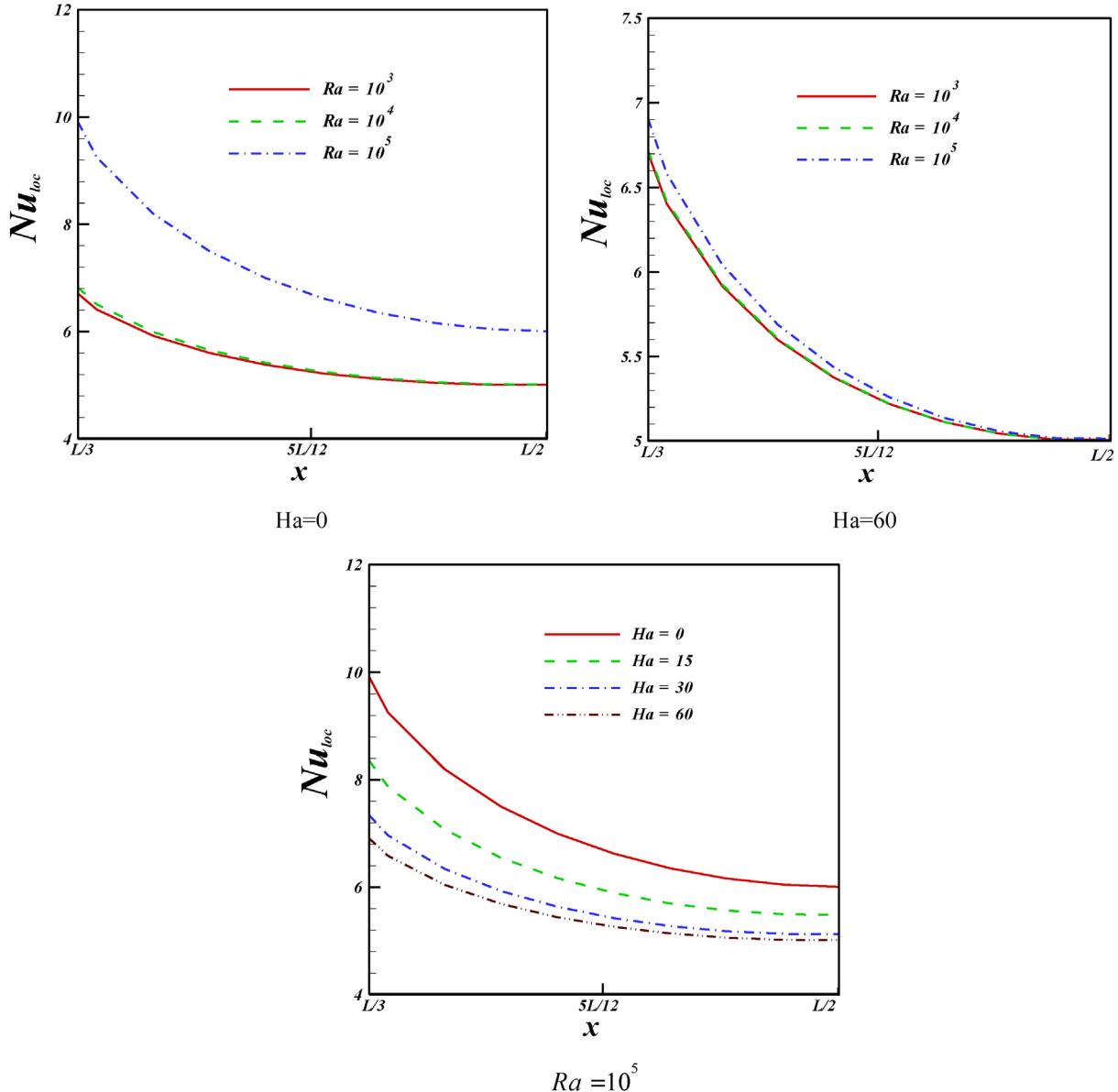
where  $s$  is the iteration number and  $\Gamma$  stands for the independent variables ( $\Omega, \Psi, \Theta$ ). The average Nusselt number using different  $Gr$  and  $Ha$  numbers has been compared with those obtained by Rudraiah et al. [2] as shown in Table 4. In Fig. 2, the present computation is validated against the results of Khanafer et al. [13] carried for natural convection in an enclosure filled with Cu–water nanofluid. These comparisons prove an excellent agreement between the present calculations and the previous works.

## 5. Results and discussion

In this study magnetohydrodynamic natural convective heat transfer in a cooling system of electronic components is investigated.

Magnetic field dependent (MFD) viscosity effect is taken into account. Brownian motion effect is considered for simulating effective thermal conductivity and viscosity. Influence of active parameters such as: Rayleigh number ( $Ra = 10^3, 10^4$  and  $10^5$ ), Hartmann number ( $Ha = 0, 15, 30$  and  $60$ ) and viscosity parameter ( $\delta^* = 0, 1$ ) on flow and heat transfer is examined when  $\phi = 0.04$ ,  $Pr = 6.2$ .

Effects of viscosity parameter, Hartmann number and Rayleigh number on isotherms and streamlines are shown in Figs. 3, 4 and 5. At low Rayleigh number, the streamlines take the enclosure geometry. By increasing Rayleigh number the prominent heat transfer mechanism is turned from conduction to convection. When the magnetic field is imposed on the enclosure, the velocity field suppressed owing to the retarding effect of the Lorenz force. So intensity of convection weakens significantly. The decelerating effect of the magnetic field is observed from the maximum stream function value. The core vortex is shifted downward vertically as the Hartmann number increases. Also imposing magnetic field leads to omit the thermal plume over the bottom wall. At high Hartmann number the conduction heat transfer mechanism is more pronounced. For this reason the isotherms are parallel to each other. Considering MFD viscosity effect increases the thermal boundary



**Fig. 6.** Effects of Hartmann number and Rayleigh number on local Nusselt number when  $\phi = 0.04, \delta^* = 1, Pr = 6.2$ .

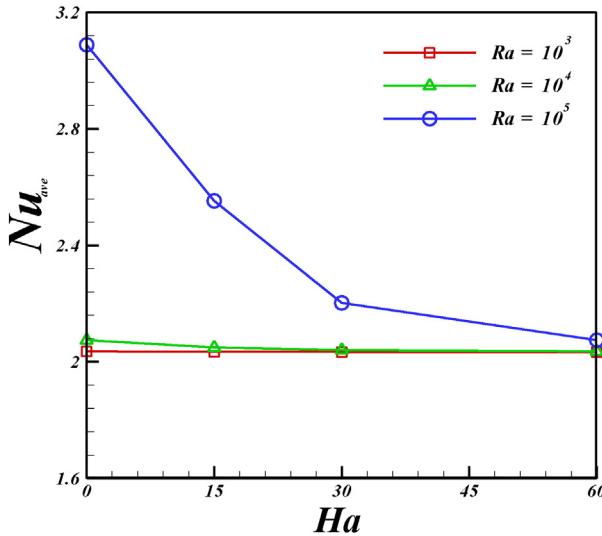


Fig. 7. Effects of Hartmann number and Rayleigh number on average Nusselt number when  $\phi = 0.04$ ,  $\delta^* = 1$ ,  $Pr = 6.2$ .

layer thickness and in turn Nusselt number decreases with increase of viscosity parameter. Also it can be seen that flow circulation increases with increase of this parameter.

Effects of Hartmann number and Rayleigh number on local and average Nusselt number are shown in Figs. 6 and 7. Increasing Rayleigh number leads the Nusselt number to enhance. Increasing Lorentz forces makes the thermal boundary layer thickness to increase and in turn Nusselt number decreases with enhancement of Hartmann number. Fig. 8 depicts the effect of Hartmann number and Rayleigh number on Nusselt number ratio. As viscosity parameter increases the rate of heat transfer decreases. This reduction is more pronounced for higher values of Rayleigh number and lower values of Hartmann number. It is an interesting observation that increasing Lorentz forces increases the effect of MFD viscosity of Nusselt number. At low Rayleigh number, considering MFD viscosity has no significant effect on Nusselt number.

## 6. Conclusions

MFD viscosity effect on magnetohydrodynamic nanofluid hydrothermal behavior is investigated numerically using the Control Volume

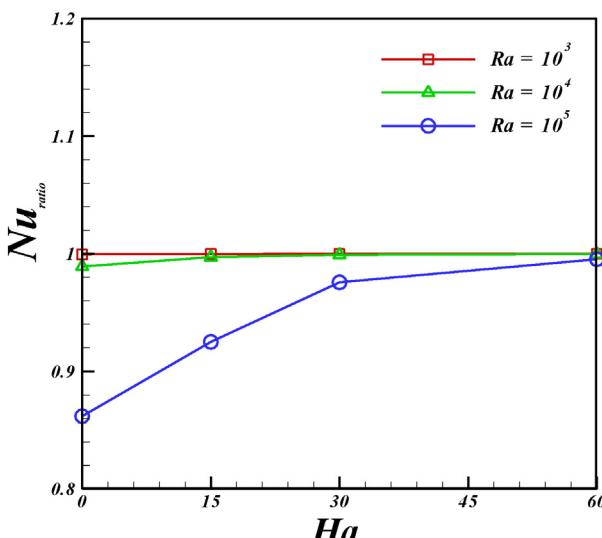


Fig. 8. Effects of Hartmann number and Rayleigh number on Nusselt number ratio when  $\phi = 0.04$ ,  $Pr = 6.2$ .

based Finite Element Method. The bottom wall has constant flux heating element. Brownian motion is taken into account in nanofluid model. This geometry can be considered as a system for the cooling of electronic components. Results indicate that Nusselt number increases with enhancement of Rayleigh number and volume fraction of nanoparticle while it decreases with increase of viscosity parameter and Hartmann number. Also it can be concluded that reduction in heat transfer due to MFD viscosity is an increasing function of Rayleigh number but it is a decreasing function of Hartmann number.

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