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# Magneto-Hydro-Convective Nanofluid Flow in Porous Square Enclosure

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#### ABSTRACT

In this work, a steady mixed convection in a two-dimensional enclosure filled viananoliquid Cu/H2O through a porous medium was numerically analyzed. The nanoliquid flow is designated utilizing the Brinkman-Forchheimer model. The upper and the bottom horizontal walls are considered to be hot (Th) and cold temperature (Tc), respectively, whereas the other walls are thermally insulated. The impact of various dimensionless terms such as the Grashof number (Gr) in the ranges (0.01–20), the Reynolds number (Re) in the ranges (50–500), the Hartman number (Ha) in the ranges (0–20), and three different location cases (0.25, 0.5, and 0.75) are carefully analyzed. The obtained outcomes are established in the form of isotherms, streamlines, and the average Nusselt number. It has been found that heat transport increases significantly through rising Reynolds number (Re). For the location cases L = 0.25, Re = 50, and Gr =  $10^5$ , the heat transfer is maximum.

## **KEYWORDS**

Magneto-hydro-dynamic; convection; Cu-water nanoliquid; heat transfer; inner obstacle cylinder location

#### Nomenclature

C <sub>P</sub>	Specific heat (J kg $^{-1}$ K $^{-1}$ )
g	Gravitational acceleration (m $s^{-2}$ )
Gr	Grashof number
k	Heat conductivity (W $m^{-1} K^{-1}$ )
Nu <sub>avg</sub>	Average Nusselt number
Nu	Local Nusselt number
р	Static pressure (N/m <sup>2</sup> )
Р	Non-dimensional pressure
Pr	Prandtl number
Re	Reynolds number
Ri	Richardson number, Gr/Re <sup>2</sup>
На	Hartman number



Da	Darcy number $(\kappa/H^2)$
Н	Height of the cavity (m)
1	Cavitylength (m)
L	location of inner elliptical cylinder
х, у	Dimensional space coordinates (m)
X,Y	Dimensionless space coordinates
Т	Local temperature (K)
$T_h - T_c$	Temperatures gradient
$\Delta T$	Temperature difference (K)
u, v	Dimensional velocity components (m $s^{-1}$ )
U,V	Non-dimensional velocity components
$\mathbf{U}_0$	Velocity of the flow at the inlet (m $s^{-1}$ )
$h_i, h_0$	Height inlet and outlet of the enclosure (m)
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## Greek Symbols

α	Thermal diffusivity (m <sup>2</sup> /s)
В	Coefficient of thermal expansion (1/K)
$\phi$	Volume fraction of the NPs
$\theta$	Dimensionless temperature
ρ	liquid density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
ν	Kinematic viscosity (m <sup>2</sup> /s)
μ	Dynamic viscosity (kg/ms)
$\epsilon$	Porosity
κ	Permeability of porous medium
σ	Electrical conductivity

## Subscripts

nf	Nanofluid
c	Cold
h	Hot
avg	Average
S	Solide
f	Fluid

#### 1 Introduction

The convective heat transport problem receives much attention from scientists [1,2]. Ben-Nakhi et al. [3] have demonstrated a computed analysis of convection inside an enclosure. Saeid [4] examined the heat transport in a permeable enclosure with a heated wall. Varol et al. [5] have reconnoitered the coupling between conduction and convection in a triangular enclosure. Chamkha et al. [6] have scrutinized the warm execution of a square walled-in area, which contains a warmed triangular strong divider. In addition, various experimental trainings have been carried out [7–9], and there are several theoretical studies of convection in closed cavities with local heaters [10,11]. In an endeavor to synthesize and scrutinize the impact of NF on liquid motion and heat transport rate, various simulations have been carried out in diverse enclosures. Recently, several researches were conducted to analyze the addition of magnetic hybrid nanofluids (HNFs) in porous enclosures [12–14].

They have examined the exploitation of HNFs in thermal systems used in engineering applications. Sheremet et al. [15] explored the convection transient in an undulated-walled cavity filled with nanoparticles and fluid. They found that the average Nu decreased via a rise in the nanoparticle volume fraction. Bouselsal et al. [16] analyzed the convection inside a tube/shell heat exchanger of various tube shapes filled with Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-MWCNT hybrid nanofluid. Ramesh et al. [17] explored different problems of free convection in various cavities filled with nanofluid. They presented different techniques to boost heat transport (HT). Ismael et al. [18] analyzed the HT in a square medium filled with anNF. The amelioration of HT is reached for very low (Da) numbers and greater than 0.5 of the porous layer thickness. Ismael et al. [19] exposed the coupled convection and conduction modes in a square enclosure. In recent times, the influence of NP volume fractions on the free convection in several cavities under a Lorentz force has enticed the attention of numerous scientists. Ali et al. [20] inspected the impact of Lorenz force with a heat source on ciliated micro-vessels through hybrid nano-blood. Esfe et al. [21] analyzed the effect of distinctive terms on the warm convection in distinctive walled in areas beneath attractive areas with NFs. They stated that Nu decreased with the Ha effect. Mebarek-Oudina et al. [22] scrutinized the thermal-convective performance of the HNF in porous media and its contribution to entropy generation under the power of the Lorentz force. Molana et al. [23] conducted an analysis of convection within a creatively shaped permeable cavity. Their study delved into examining the influence of several physical terms such as Ha, Da, and Ra numbers, alongside geometrical terms, on both the velocity and temperature fields. Giwa et al. [24] delved into the convection study within a square enclosure with a hybrid NF under the influence of magnetic fields. Their research focused on exploring the impact of physical and geometrical terms on both temperature and velocity fields. Hdhiri et al. [25] focused their research on convection within a square-porous cavity. Their findings encompassed a range of parameters including Darcy numbers, porosity, and Richardson numbers and provided insights into the outcomes of their study. Rajarathinam et al. [26] investigated the convection of a Cu-H<sub>2</sub>O NF in a porous enclosure. They made a significant observation that the orientation of the moving divider has a direct impact on thermal transport in the system. Mebarek-Oudina et al. [27] considered a modified Buongiorno model to verify the influence of magnetite-water NF on hydromagnetic flow. Fayz-Al-Asad et al. [28] studied the heat transfer performance with convection in a wavy surface enclosure adjusted through the fin, they found that the fin size had a significant impact on HT. Abolbashari et al. [29] conducted entropy generation research in a porous enclosure filled with NF. Kameswaran et al. [30] studied the influence of homogeneous-heterogeneous reactions in NF flow. They studied two types of NFs, Cu-H<sub>2</sub>O and Ag-H<sub>2</sub>O. Swamy et al. [31] considered the conjugate (conduction-convection) Magneto-Hydro-Dynamic (MHD) incompressible flow in an annular cavity filled via MWCNT-Ag water HNF. It appeared that the most extreme stream quality and warm dissemination rate have been accomplished for a higher conductivity proportion with a lower divider thickness. They found that increasing nanoparticle concentration leads to maximum heat transport. Keerthi Reddy et al. [32] examined the numerical think-about of buoyant convection and warm scattering forms of nanoliquids soaked in a slanted permeable annulus. They found that an increase in Darcy's number increases the average Nu. In addition, they noticed a substantial control of the magnetic field on liquid flow and heat transport rate. The convection in a square cavity is numerically studied. The 2D Navier-Stokes equations are computed utilizing a control-volume technique based on the model of Darcy-Forchheimer. The solution is achieved for diverse (Gr) numbers, (Ha) numbers, Reynolds numbers (Re), and three locations of the inner cylinder. These studies are attended to improve the impact of physical and geometrical terms on the velocity field, temperature field, and heat transport. Recently, many researches [33-36] were published to examine the convective flow and entropy generation of NF in various cavities. The novelty here and similar works is to study the magnetohydrodynamic

convective flow that occurs in a square enclosure with NF made of  $Cu/H_2O$  in a porous medium with inlet and outlet ports and variously located inner elliptical obstacle. Considering an extensive review of the authors' expertise and the literature, this particular issue has not yet been studied. Walls are retained at temperatures of hot Th and cold Tc (Th > Tc), respectively, while the left and right vertical walls and the inner elliptical cylinder are considered to be adiabatic.

#### 2 Materials and Methods

The physical geometry of the current investigation is displayed in Fig. 1. It is a 2D porous square enclosure filled with Cu-water NF under radial electromagnetic force. The top and bottom horizontally are minted at hot and cold temperatures, respectively. While the vertical walls are adiabatic. The liquid enters the cavity via an inlet port of width ( $h_i$ ) that is positioned on the left vertical wall, prolonging from  $y = (H-h_i)$  to y = H. An exit port of width ( $h_o$ ) is located on the right vertical wall, scattering from  $y = \text{zero to } y = h_o$ . The widths of the inlet and outlet ports are identical ( $h_i = h_o = h$ ). Here, the convection of NF is analyzed by considering three varied locations of the inner cylinder (L).



Figure 1: Physical sketch

The NF physical properties are expected to be constant except for the density variation in the buoyancy parameter due to the Boussinesq estimate. Table 1 presents the constant thermo-physical properties of both the NPs and the base liquid. These assumptions are used:

The considered geometry is axisymmetric.

The NF is assumed to be Newtonian and incompressible, and the flow is laminar and unsteady.

The permeable medium is suspicious to be isotropic, homogeneous, and in warm harmony with the fluid.

The NF in the porous enclosure is presumed to be in a single phase. That is, the liquid and NPs are in a warm balance, and no-slip condition happens among them.

	$\rho$ (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	C <sub>p</sub> (J/kg k)	K (W/m k)	σ (S/m)	$\beta$ (K <sup>-1</sup> )
Pure water	997.1	4179	0.613	$5.5 \times 10^{-6}$	$21 \times 10^{-5}$
Cu	8933	385	401	$59.6 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.67 \times 10^{-5}$

Table 1: Thermophysical properties of base liquid and NPs [37]

With the above expectations and the Boussinesq estimations, 2D equations comprising mass, momentum, and energy can be articulated utilizing the Darcy-Brinkman-Forchheimer model as [22]:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{\rho_{nf}}{\epsilon^2} \left( u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{1}{\rho_{nf}} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\mu_{nf}}{\epsilon} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) + (\rho \beta)_{nf} g \left( T - T_c \right) - \frac{\mu_{nf}}{K} u - \frac{1.75 \rho_{nf}}{\sqrt{150K} \epsilon^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left( \sqrt{u^2 + v^2} \right) u$$
(2)

$$\frac{\rho_{nf}}{\epsilon^2} \left( u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{1}{\rho_{nf}} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{\mu_{nf}}{\epsilon} \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right) + (\rho \beta)_{nf} g \left( T - T_c \right) - \frac{\mu_{nf}}{K} v - \frac{1.75\rho_{nf}}{\sqrt{150K}\epsilon^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left( \sqrt{u^2 + v^2} \right) v + \sigma \beta_0^2 v, \tag{3}$$

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

# 2.1 The Dimensionless Governing Equations

The system is transformed using these variables:

$$X = \frac{x}{H}, Y = \frac{y}{H}, U = \frac{u}{u_o}, V = \frac{v}{u_o}, \theta = \frac{T - T_c}{T_H - T_c}, P = \frac{p}{\rho_{nf}u_0^2}, Da = \frac{\kappa}{H^2}, \text{Re} = \frac{\rho_f u_o H}{\mu_f}, Gr = \frac{g\beta\Delta TL^3}{v_f^2},$$
$$Pr = \frac{v_f \rho_f \left(C_\rho\right)_f}{K_f}, Ri = \frac{Gr}{Re^2}.\text{H}_a = \beta_0 l\sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\mu_{nf}}}$$
(5)

The Eqs. (1)–(4) are shortened by being changed into dimensionless form as shown below:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial X} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial Y} = 0,$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( U \frac{\partial U}{\partial X} + U \frac{\partial U}{\partial Y} \right) = \frac{\partial P}{\partial P} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \rho_f - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial Y} + \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial Y} \right) \right)$$
(6)

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon^{2}} \left( U \frac{\partial U}{\partial X} + V \frac{\partial U}{\partial Y} \right) = -\frac{\partial F}{\partial X} + \frac{1}{\epsilon \operatorname{Re}} \frac{\rho_{f}}{\rho_{nf}} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \phi\right)^{2.5}} \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial X^{2}} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial Y^{2}} \right) + Ri \frac{\rho_{f}}{\rho_{nf}} \left( 1 - \phi + \frac{\rho_{s} \beta_{s} \phi}{\rho_{f} \beta_{f}} \right) \theta - \frac{\mu_{nf}}{\rho_{nf} v_{f}} \frac{1}{\operatorname{ReDa}} U - \frac{1.75}{\sqrt{150Da}\epsilon^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left( \sqrt{U^{2} + V^{2}} \right) U,$$
(7)

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon^{2}}\left(U\frac{\partial V}{\partial X}+V\frac{\partial V}{\partial Y}\right) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial Y}+\frac{1}{\epsilon Re}\frac{\rho_{f}}{\rho_{nf}}\frac{1}{(1-\phi)^{2.5}}\left(\frac{\partial^{2}V}{\partial X^{2}}+\frac{\partial^{2}V}{\partial Y^{2}}\right) +Ri\frac{\rho_{f}}{\rho_{nf}}\left(1-\phi+\frac{\rho_{s}\beta_{s}\phi}{\rho_{f}\beta_{f}}\right)\theta-\frac{\mu_{nf}}{\rho_{nf}v_{f}}\frac{1}{\text{ReDa}}V-\frac{1.75}{\sqrt{150Da}\epsilon^{\frac{3}{2}}}\left(\sqrt{U^{2}+V^{2}}\right)V +PrH_{a}^{2}V,$$
(8)

$$U\frac{\partial\theta}{\partial X} + V\frac{\partial\theta}{\partial Y} = \frac{1}{\text{RePr}}\frac{\alpha_{nf}}{\alpha_{f}}\frac{k_{m}}{k_{nf}}\left(\frac{\partial^{2}\theta}{\partial X^{2}} + \frac{\partial^{2}\theta}{\partial Y^{2}}\right)$$
(9)

The problem is convoyed by boundary conditions which are:

On the inlet side of the enclosure (X = 0, Y = (1-h/H) to 1)
 U = 1, V = 0, θ = 0
 (10)

• On the outlet side of the enclosure (X = 1, Y = 0 to h/H)

$$U = 1, V = 0 (11)$$

• On the vertical left and right walls of the enclosure are adiabatic (X = 0 and X = 1) and the perimeter of the inner cylinderis all so isolated

$$U = 0, V = 0, \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial X} = 0$$
(12)

$$U = 0, V = 0, \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial X} = 0 \tag{13}$$

• On the outlet side of the cavity

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial X} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial Y} = \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial X} = 0$$
(14)

#### 2.2 Effective NF Properties

The thermophysical properties of basic liquid water and Cu are defined in Table 1.

Where:

$$\begin{cases} \rho_{nf} = (1 - \phi) \rho_f + \phi \rho_p \\ (\rho \beta)_{nf} = \phi (\rho \beta)_p + (1 - \phi) (\rho \beta)_f \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \left(\rho C_p\right)_{nf} = (1 - \phi) \left(\rho C_p\right)_f + \phi \left(\rho C_p\right)_p \\ k_f \end{cases}$$
(15)

$$\left\{\alpha_{nf} = \frac{k_{nf}}{\left(\rho C_p\right)_{nf}}\right\}$$
(16)

In the above equations,  $C_p$  is the specific heat,  $\phi$  is the solid volume fraction, and k is the thermal conductivity. The subscripts f and p representliquid and NP, respectively.

The effective dynamic viscosity and thermal conductivity of the NF can be modeled by Khanafer et al. [38] and Jou et al. [39].

$$\mu_{nf} = \mu_f \left(1 - \phi\right)^{-2.5} \tag{17}$$

$$k_{nf} = k_f \left[ \frac{\left(k_{eff} + 2k_f\right) - 2\emptyset \left(k_f - k_{eff}\right) + (1+\delta)^3}{\left(k_{eff} + 2k_f\right) + \emptyset \left(k_f - k_{eff}\right) + (1+\delta)^3} \right]$$
(18)

$$\delta = \frac{\omega_{nl}}{r_p} \tag{19}$$

$$k_{eff} = k_p \left[ \gamma \frac{2(1-\gamma) + (1+2\gamma)(1+\delta)^3}{-(1-\gamma) + (1+2\gamma)(1+\delta)^3} \right]$$
(20)

$$\gamma = \frac{k_{nl}}{k_p} \tag{21}$$

## 2.3 Heat Transport Characterization

The transferred energy from the heated wall of the annulus is presented in values to obtain the local and average Nu.

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$$Nu = -\frac{k_{nf}}{k_f} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial Y} \text{ Local Nusselt number}$$

$$Nu_{avg} = \int_0^1 Nu \partial x \text{ Average Nusselt number}$$
(22)
(23)

#### 2.4 Validation Process & Grid Independence

The investigation of grid independence has successfully confirmed the accuracy of the numerical code with benchmark research published by Saeidi et al. [40]. According to Fig. 2, the comparison between our results and the obtained outcomes from the referred reference shows a respectable agreement.



Figure 2: Validation of streamlines and isotherms among the (a) outcomes of Saeidi et al. [40] and (b) current results for Pr = 5, Re = 500

The grid test has been displayed to determine the value of the average Nu via Re = 100, Gr =  $10^5$ , Da =  $10^{-3}$ , and  $\phi = 0.04$ , as presented in Table 2.

Grid number	2301	4169	9383	11504	37401	58402
Nu <sub>avg</sub>	3.251494	3.313706	3.425275	3.452993	3.636256	3.70833
$\psi_{ m max}$	0.00673	0.00665	0.00659	0.00658	0.00656	0.00656

Table 2:	Outcome	of the	grid	indep	pendence
			4.7		

#### **3** Outcomes and Discussion

In this study, 2D magneto-convective flow in a square enclosure filled through Cu-water NF soaked with porous medium with an inner circular obstacle is numerically analyzed. The numerical study is performed in order to scrutinize the impacts of some physical and geometrical terms in the

specific ranges, such as the Gr in ranges  $(10^3-10^5)$ , the Rein ranges (50-500), the Hartman number (Ha) in the ranges (0-20), and three different location cases L (0.25, 0.5, 0.75) for the fixed Darcy number Da =  $10^{-3}$  on the plots of streamlines, isotherms, and Nu.

#### 3.1 Effect of Reynolds Number

To distinguish the heat transport and flow field features of this problem, various parameters were considered. First, we start studying the effect of Re in the range 50, 100, 250, and 500 for a fixed position of the inner cylinder L = 0.5. The streamlines corresponding case (L = 0.5) with different Grashoft numbers ( $Gr = 10^3$ ,  $10^4$ , and  $10^5$ ) are presented in Fig. 3. Similar isotherms patterns are shown in Fig. 4.



Figure 3: Influence of Re on the streamlines for  $Da = 10^{-3}$ , Ha = 0,  $\phi = 0.04$  and  $\epsilon = 1$ 



Figure 4: Influence of Re on the isotherms for  $Da = 10^{-3}$ , Ha = 0,  $\phi = 0.04$  and  $\epsilon = 1$ 

It is detected initially for Re = 50 that the flow along the superior inlet port of the cavity is weak. The fresh fluid entering the enclosure travels the shortest distance possible before leaving the enclosure, passing through the lower hemisphere of the cylinder. The magnitude of velocity in the direction of the flow is specified through colors extending from red to blue. Once the colors convert to red, the amplitude of the liquid velocity in the direction of the flow rises. Whereas, colors close to blue specify low-velocity areas. The low-velocity area is focused in the vicinity of the cylinder, which occupies the upper hemi-circle of the cylinder. This area is located in the vicinity of the upper hemisphere of the cylinder. Nonetheless, the magnitude of the velocity is higher in the lower adjacent hemisphere of the cylinder. For Re = 100, the low-velocity region rises via a rising Grashof number (Gr). This region occupies half of the cavity between the upper horizontal wall and the cylinder. Whereas, for  $Re \ge 250$ , the area of this region decreases via rising Gr and becomes smaller. The isotherm plots are illustrated in Fig. 4. The inertial buoyancy forces are not as sturdy at low Re; the temperature isotherms are parallel to the active upper horizontal walls and are scattered uniformly from bottom to top. The heat transport regime is purely diffusive in this case (conductive). Rising Re up to 250, the inertial buoyancy forces become noticeably stronger, and the heat transfer regime has been removed to the convective mode. The isothermal contours are demolished in the flow direction and clearly indicate a gradient at the top horizontal wall. Due to the hot temperature of the upper horizontal wall of the enclosure, a greater temperature region is concentrated in the vicinity of the upper horizontal wall and the right vertical wall. The reason for the addition of the right-side wall in the hot zone can be attributed to the drying, which enters from the top of the left vertical wall. The ventilation effect confines the high-temperature zones in the upper right corner of the enclosure.

#### 3.2 Effect of Location Cases of the Inner Cylinder

Fig. 5 presents the effect of location cases on the streamlines. The displacement of the elliptical obstacle has a major impact on the velocity and temperature fields. When the elliptical obstacle is near both the horizontal upper wall and bottom, one large vortex can be seen. However, in the case of L = 0.5, the vortices diminish in size, and numerous small vortices can be seen near the cylinder, mostly in the lower section and at the corner of the enclosure. For L = 0.25, we observe a large vortex over most of the cavity. When the cylinder moves upwards, L = 0.5, this large vortex splits into two vortices. The size of this vortex is lost with the displacement of the inner cylinder. At L = 0.75, the cylinder is directly exposed to entering flow through the inlet orifice.



**Figure 5:** Influence of location cases elliptical cylinder on the streamlines for Re = 100, Ha = 0, Da =  $10^{-3}$ ,  $\phi = 0.04$  and  $\epsilon = 1$ 

The isotherms are stratified at the upper horizontal wall of the enclosure (Fig. 6). When the cylinder moves upwards close to the upper wall at L = 0.75, we observe a plume progressing in the lower part of the enclosure. The isotherms tend to fluctuate. It can be deduced that the displacement of the position of the inner cylinder has a positive impact on the heat transport in the enclosure. The isotherms are confined to the upper horizontal wall of the enclosure for L = 0.25.



Figure 6: Influence of location cases cylinder on the isotherms for Re = 100, Ha = 0, Da =  $10^{-3}$ ,  $\phi = 0.04$  and  $\epsilon = 1$ 

#### 3.3 Hartman Number Impact

Figs. 7 and 8 show the behavior of the streamlines and the isothermal contours regarding a range of Ha from 0 to 20. In fact, when the Ha rises, it means that the magnetic field is stronger and affects the NPs, so the motions of the NPs under this stronger field will be lessened. As Hartman number (Ha) increases, the thermal cells become larger, indicating a decrease in the convective flow because the Lorentz forces oppose buoyancy effects. Also, at higher Ha numbers, natural convection occurs more slowly and has a horizontal stratification of temperature.

While a slight deviation exists in the temperature field with arising Ha, the temperature profile is not significantly pretentious with the rise in Ha.



**Figure 7:** Streamlines for different Ha (Re = 100, Da =  $10^{-3}$ , and  $\epsilon = 1$ )



Figure 8: Isopleths of temperature for different Ha (Re = 100, Da =  $10^{-3}$ , and  $\epsilon = 1$ )

#### 3.4 Re on the Average Nu Impact

The effect of Re and Gr on the average Nu is presented in Fig. 9. It is noted that the average Nu increases with the augmentation of Gr for all three cases. The average Nu increases with the intensification of Re due to laminar forced convection domination. The max heat transfer is detected at Re = 50 and L = 0.25 due to the cold flow circulations in the vicinity of this hot area.



**Figure 9:** Average Nu *vs.* Gr and Reynold number Re for three different cases (a) L = 0.5 (b) L = 0.25 (c) L = 0.75 at (Da =  $10^{-3}$ ,  $\phi = 0.04$  and  $\epsilon = 1$ )

Fig. 10 represents the variation of  $Nu_{avg}$  with Gr for various Ha. The heat transfer rates are an increasing function of Gr. It is shown from this figure that boosting the magnitude of the applied magnetic field diminishes the heat transport rates from the heated wall to the NF.



**Figure 10:** Average Nu *vs.* Gr and Hartman number (Ha) for the cases L = 0.25 at (Da =  $10^{-3}$ , Re =  $50, \phi = 0.04$  and  $\epsilon = 1$ )

#### 4 Conclusion

In the analysis of 2D, steady mixed convective flow in a square enclosure filled with Cu NF in a porous medium, a numerical study was conducted utilizing the Darcy-Brinkman-Forchheimer model. The results highlighted significant findings regarding the impact of various physical and geometrical terms on liquid flow and HT within the system:

- 1. At Reynolds numbers (Re)  $\leq$  100, higher velocities were observed in the region adjacent to the lower hemisphere of the cylinder.
- 2. Increasing the Reynolds number to  $Re \ge 250$  led to a noticeable enhancement in heat transfer.
- 3. Heat transfer rates exhibited a decrease with rising Hartmann (Ha) numbers.
- 4. The Ha number significantly influenced the heat transfer of NFs, with heightened Ha values leading to the immobilization of nanoparticles due to Lorentz forces, ultimately affecting Nusselt number plots and emphasizing the role of the magnetic field in altering heat transport.
- 5. While temperature profiles did not exhibit remarkable changes with increasing Ha numbers, variations in vortex shapes were observed in streamlined profiles.
- 6. The velocity flow was impacted with rising Ha, primarily due to the intensified magnetic field resulting from Lorentz forces, which restricted NP motions.
- 7. The positioning of the inner cylinder positively affected heat transfer within the cavity, with a lower cylinder location being preferable in the current physical model.
- 8. Maximum heat transfer was observed at L = 0.25 for Re = 50 and  $Gr = 10^5$ .

Although this study raises various intriguing questions regarding the interactions of NF and porous medium in a magnetic field, future research will focus on exploring the influence of hybrid NFs on entropy production in the system.

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