

# Investigating the sensitivity of tetra–hybrid microfluidic flow under magnetic field localization

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## Abstract

This study explores the sensitivity of tetra–hybrid microfluidic flow to localized magnetic fields, focusing on their impact on flow dynamics, stress distribution, and thermal behavior. A rectangular cavity (aspect ratio 4:1) filled with a tetra–hybrid nanofluid is analyzed, with the top and bottom walls moving in the same direction. A confined magnetic field, structured in horizontal and vertical strips, is introduced to assess its influence. An Alternating–Direction Implicit (ADI) method has been used to enhance numerical stability and efficiently solve the discretized governing equations, and the Single–Phase Model (SPM) has been used to model the fluid. Furthermore, custom MATLAB codes, employing the Stream–Vorticity formulation and a finite difference method, are used to solve the governing equations. The findings demonstrate that increasing the magnetic field strength up to 500 enhances heat transfer by 65%. Among nanostructures, a 20% silver concentration yields the greatest improvement, increasing the Nusselt number (Nu) by 313%, followed by Single-Walled Carbon Nanotube (SWCNT) (54%), TiO<sub>2</sub> (43%), and Cu (31%). Regarding skin friction, silver and TiO<sub>2</sub> reduce it by 65%, while Cu lowers it by 52%. However, SWCNT exhibits an opposite effect, increasing skin friction by 138% due to its elongated structure, which enhances flow resistance.

## 1. Introduction

Vortices play a crucial role in fluid mixing and mass transport, making them essential in flow studies. They form due to velocity differences and appear in hurricanes, tornadoes, and airflow over wings. Understanding vortices helps explain various natural phenomena across different environments. Common examples include smoke rings, dust devils, and cyclones. Studying vortices is crucial due to their

natural presence and technical applications. The investigation of vortex dynamics in lid–driven cavities holds significant practical value across various industries, particularly in improving mixing efficiency and optimizing thermal regulation. In chemical engineering, managing vortex formation enhances the performance of mixing reactors by ensuring a more uniform distribution of reactants.

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Similarly, in thermal management, insights into vortex behavior contribute to the development of advanced cooling systems for electronic devices, facilitating more effective heat dissipation. Ahmad et al. [1] applied the Alternating Direction Implicit (ADI) method to study the influence of localized magnetic fields on the flow dynamics and thermal behavior of nanofluids. Using a stream–vorticity formulation, they solved the dimensionless form of the governing Partial Differential Equations (PDEs). Their findings revealed that higher Reynolds numbers enhance both the magnetic field effects and heat transfer rates, while the Lorentz force induces parallel vortices along the vertical walls. In a related study, Ali et al. [2] examined the impact of localized magnetic fields on the flux distribution of hybrid nanofluids within a magnetically driven enclosure. They employed a Single–Phase Model (SPM) to classify hybrid nanofluids and numerically solved the governing PDEs to evaluate the system's behavior. The findings show that a counter–rotating vortex created by the localized magnetic field in the flow splits apart the other vortex and becomes stronger as a result. The vortex tends to fill a large portion of the cavity and elongates along the direction of the localized magnetic field. In the heat gradient close to the enclosure's horizontal walls, the magnetic field weakens. The regularity of the isotherm pattern is distorted by the more vigorous mixing of the fluid layer at varying temperatures brought on by the faster–moving lids.

The application of a magnetic field, particularly in electrically conducting fluids, can significantly influence the fluid motion through the Lorentz force. This interaction can suppress turbulence, alter vortex structures, and control heat and mass transfer within the cavity. Such effects are not only important in fundamental fluid dynamics research but also have direct industrial relevance. Wang et al. [3] developed a permanent magnet–based flow velocity meter that uses electrode current rather than voltage for measurement. A theoretical model was derived linking output current with velocity, conductivity, magnet properties, and electrode placement, supported by finite element simulations. Experiments confirmed that the new design reduces output drift by 92% compared to voltage sensors, achieving an  $R^2=0.998$  over 0–0.875 m/s. The effect of bidirectional magnetic field modulation on Spoke–Type Permanent Magnet (STPM) machines with fractional–slot concentrated windings was analyzed by Wang et al. [4]. Using an equivalent Permanent Magnet–Magnetomotive Force (PM–MMF) permeance model, torque components were quantified, considering stator/rotor slotting and validated via Maxwell stress tensor analysis to explain torque production. Luo et al. [5] developed a simplified parametric model to predict the nonlinear hysteresis behavior of magnetorheological fluids containing micron–sized carbonyl iron particles. Large–amplitude shear tests at varying currents were used for parameter identification through genetic optimization. Compared with Bouc–Wen and hyperbolic tangent models, the new approach required fewer parameters while improving predictive accuracy for automotive damping and suspension systems. By

incorporating temperature into feature sequences, Jiang et al. [6] enhanced hybrid prediction models for magnetic encoders. Feature engineering minimized error interference, yielding superior compensation accuracy in experiments and demonstrating a practical method for improving encoder reliability. Two Asymmetric Flux–Reversal Permanent Magnet Linear Machines (AFR–PMLMs) for long–stroke applications were proposed by Shen et al. [7]. Asymmetric excitation allowed effective utilization of second–order harmonic MMF, significantly increasing thrust force density. Analytical modeling based on an improved MMF–permeance approach was validated with finite element analysis. Shen et al. [8] introduced Dual–Excitation Permanent Magnet Linear Machines (DEPMLMs) for extended travel applications. By generating second–order harmonics in both primary excitation MMF and secondary excitation permeance, thrust force density was markedly enhanced. Analytical models and finite element results showed performance improvements exceeding 98.1% and 79.1% over AFR–PMLM and switched–flux PMLM designs, respectively. Further studies can be found in the following literature [9–11].

Hybrid nanofluids offer greater stability, combined material effects, and improved heat transfer performance compared to conventional nanofluids. These unique features make them highly useful across diverse fields, including materials science, transportation, medical technologies, and energy systems. Ahmad et al. [12] numerically investigated the flow and thermal behavior of hybrid nanofluids using a finite volume approach in MATLAB, considering parameters like magnetic field strength, Reynolds number, and nanoparticle concentration. Results reveal that magnetic fields induce vortex structures, significantly affecting skin friction and heat transfer. Silver nanoparticles show the highest enhancement, while alumina and titanium dioxide exhibit weaker effects. Additionally, localized magnetic fields have a stronger influence on flow behavior than uniform fields. Grace et al. [13] investigated heat transfer in a stenosed artery, where the governing fluid transport equations were transformed into ordinary differential equations using similarity variables. The resulting system was solved in MATLAB with the Boundary Value Problem Solver in MATLAB (BVP4C). According to the study, magnetic fields stabilize flow patterns and facilitate heat transfer by aligning nanoparticles, while higher curvature improves convective heat transfer despite initial flow resistance. Furthermore, thermal radiation increases heat transmission through improving energy absorption and decreasing the thickness of the boundary layer. The flow dynamics and heat transfer properties of a Cu–CNT–Graphene–TiO<sub>2</sub>/WEG–Blood hybrid nanofluid were examined by Kumar et al. [14] in the presence of linear thermal radiation and an angled magnetic field. This research has important implications for military, biomedical, and engineering applications. The Ordinary Differential Equation solver based on the 4th–5th Order Runge–Kutta Method (ODE45) integration technique was used to solve the governing nonlinear differential equations for momentum,

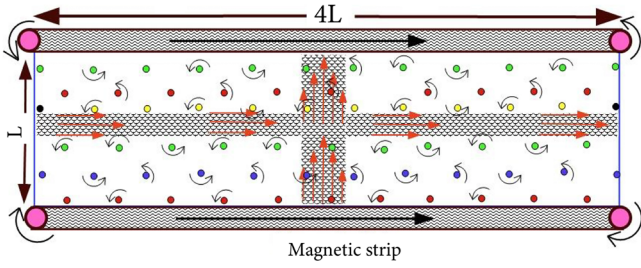
energy, and concentration using the Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy Inference System – Particle Swarm Optimization (ANFIS–PSO) model. This resulted in important information about the hybrid nanofluid's flow and thermal behavior. Ahmad et al. [15] used machine learning to investigate vortex dynamics in a 2:1 horizontal cavity under localized magnetic fields. The ADI method and the Stream–vorticity formulation resolve the governing equations. According to the results, the Nusselt number (Nu) is greatly increased by stronger magnetic fields; Ag and Cu show the greatest increases (53%), while TiO<sub>2</sub> shows the least impact (37%).

In an enclosure with movable lids, Ali et al. [16] examined the effects of the Lorentz force and nanoparticle concentration on heat transmission and discovered that both factors improve heat transfer and raise shear stress on the lower wall. The term "localized magnetic fields" refers to magnetic fields that are contained inside specific regions or places. Localized magnetic fields differ from uniform magnetic fields in that they are concentrated and focused within certain places. The scientific community is very interested in this topic because of its importance and applicability. Kumar et al. [17] studied the flow of boundary layers over porous wedges in nanofluids, ternary hybrid nanofluids, and hybrid nanofluids, under heat radiation and a transverse magnetic field. Aluminum Alloy 7072 (AA7072), magnesium oxide, zirconium oxide, and various combinations of polyethylene glycol–water are used as base fluids in the cases. The 4th–order Runge–Kutta method with the Shooting technique is used to solve the governing ODEs. Results show that ternary hybrid nanofluids achieve higher Nusselt number transfer rates, while hybrid nanofluids exhibit greater skin friction. Elboughdiri et al. [18] investigated the stagnation point Darcy–Forchheimer flow of a Trihybrid Nanofluid (THNF) comprising oxytactic and gyrotactic microorganisms around a spinning sphere in the presence of a magnetic field, viscous dissipation, and Joule heating. *n* order to compare performance, it takes into account heat generation, higher–order chemical interactions, and the Hamilton–Crosser model. The results have implications for environmental applications, biomedical engineering, and sophisticated cooling systems. Elboughdiri et al. [19] investigated the two–dimensional, continuous flow of a ferrofluid through a porous substance whose thermal conductivity varies with temperature. Using Nield's boundary conditions, they examined how magnetic dipoles, Brownian motion, radiation, and thermophoresis affected a stretching sheet. The results reveal that raising the ferrofluid parameter boosts temperature but decreases velocity, whilst increasing viscosity further reduces velocity. Elboughdiri et al. [20] analyzed the thermal and flow characteristics of radiating copper–ethylene glycol nanofluids in an unsteady 2D stagnation point flow over a horizontal electromagnetic actuator, and developed a new Electro Magneto Hydro Dynamics (EMHD) – based dissipative second–grade nanofluid model. The findings demonstrate that flow and heat transfer are significantly impacted by nanoparticle size and loading. Elboughdiri et al. [21] examined the impact of

magnetic devices on the peristaltic transport of a viscoelastic nanofluid in curved concentric tubes, resembling endoscopic flow in living organs. A non–Newtonian Casson liquid polymer governs the fluid dynamics, with silver and alumina nanoparticles dispersed in a clay–based fluid.

Tri–hybrid nanofluids are distinguished by their composition, which consists of the dispersion of three different types of nanoparticles inside a base fluid. Metals, carbon–based compounds, and metal oxides are all possible materials for nanoparticles to be made of. The integration of multiple nanoparticle types provides a chance to increase thermal and physical properties beyond those seen in typical nanofluids. Trihybrid nanofluids have been extensively studied for their potential applications in a wide range of sectors, including electronic cooling, heat transfer, biomedical engineering, and energy storage systems. Ongoing research focusses on the potential applications of nanofluids. The major goal is to improve their performance and develop innovative applications across multiple disciplines. Kumar et al. [22] studied a tri–hybrid AA7072 + Single-Walled Carbon Nanotube (SWCNT) + Multi-Walled Carbon Nanotube (MWCNT) nanofluid model with H<sub>2</sub>O as the base fluid under magnetohydrodynamic flow at 100°C and 500°C. Elboughdiri et al. [23] investigated, under long–wavelength and low Reynolds number assumptions, how chemical reactions affect heat transfer and peristaltic pumping of nanofluids in a convergent channel. Mathematica 11.0 is used to derive numerical solutions for temperature, velocity, nanoparticle concentration, and stream function, which are then examined for a range of rheological parameters. The findings indicate that while raising the heat source parameter increases temperature and concentration of nanoparticles, it slows flow. Raju et al. [24] explored the flow and heat transfer properties of a nanofluid in a porous channel that expands or contracts with different permeabilities when exposed to heat radiation. In cylindrical, spherical, and platelet configurations, two ternary hybrid nanofluids—one containing graphene, carbon nanotubes, and aluminum oxide, and the other including copper, silver, and copper oxide are examined. The BVP5C solver in MATLAB is used to solve the highly nonlinear system after it has been modified using similarity transformations. In their analysis of the heat and velocity transfer rate, Dinesh Kumar et al. [25] looked at a number of factors, including buoyancy and suction, on a stretching sheet through a porous medium. The resulting Ordinary differential equations were solved using the ODE45 numerical technique and the boundary value problem solver. Elboughdiri et al. [26] explored innovative microchannel heat sinks Microchannel Heat Sink (MCHSs) with arc–curved microchannels carved on segmented circular heat sinks, which had six separate spiral microchannel segments. The impact of these partitions on the pressure drops ( $\Delta P$ ) and Nusselt number is examined. The results demonstrate much greater Nusselt number values than traditional MCHSs, followed by increased  $\Delta P$ .

The novelty of this study lies in investigating tetra–hybrid nanofluid flow under localized magnetic fields with a



**Figure 1.** Illustration of magnetic field sections using straight arrows.

combined horizontal and vertical strip configuration, which has not been explored previously. The work highlights the synergistic effects of multiple nanoparticles on heat transfer and skin friction, identifying the most effective combinations for thermal enhancement and flow control. Additionally, the integration of the ADI method with custom stream-vorticity MATLAB codes provides a robust and efficient numerical framework for analyzing complex microfluidic behavior.

## 2. Problem description

Figure 1 depicts a 2D horizontal cavity with a 4:1 aspect ratio, featuring magnetic strips integrated into the cavity. These strips generate a magnetic field that significantly influences the system's behavior. To analyze this, researchers use the SPM, a thermodynamic-based tool, combined with the stream-vorticity formulation. This approach solves the momentum, energy, and mass conservation equations in a 2D Cartesian coordinate system.

### 2.1. Basic assumptions

The study is based on several key assumptions. The magnetic field intensity  $H$  is confined within specified horizontal and vertical strips. The cavity has vertically insulated walls, while the horizontal walls are maintained at different temperatures, with both lids moving along the positive  $x$ -axis. The working fluid is a tetra-hybrid nanofluid composed of Ag, SWCNT,  $\text{TiO}_2$ , and Cu nanoparticles.

## 3. Mathematical formulation

The dimensional representation of the following equations is given below [27]:

*Continuity equation:*

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial y} = 0. \quad (1)$$

*Momentum equation:*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial t'} + \left( \tilde{V} \frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial y} + \tilde{U} \frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial x} \right) &= -\frac{1}{\bar{\rho}_{tet-hnf}} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \left( \bar{\nu}_{tet-hnf} + \frac{\kappa}{\rho} \right) \\ &\left( \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{U}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{U}}{\partial x^2} \right) + \frac{\bar{\mu}_o \tilde{M}}{\bar{\rho}_{tet-hnf}} \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial x} + \frac{\kappa}{\rho} \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial y}, \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial t'} + \left( \tilde{U} \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial x} + \tilde{V} \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial y} \right) &= -\frac{1}{\bar{\rho}_{tet-hnf}} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + \left( \bar{\nu}_{tet-hnf} + \frac{\kappa}{\rho} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{V}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{V}}{\partial y^2} \right) + \frac{\bar{\mu}_o \tilde{M}}{\bar{\rho}_{tet-hnf}} \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial y} + \frac{\kappa}{\rho} \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial x}. \quad (3)$$

*Angular Momentum:*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial t'} + \left( \tilde{U} \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial x} + \tilde{V} \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial y} \right) &= -\frac{2\kappa}{\rho j} \tilde{\phi} + \frac{\gamma}{\rho j} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\phi}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\phi}}{\partial y^2} \right) \\ &+ \frac{\kappa}{\rho} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial y} \right) - \frac{\kappa}{\rho} \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial x}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

*Energy Equation:*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t'} + \frac{(\bar{\rho} c_p)_{tet-hnf}}{k_{tet-hnf}} \left( \tilde{U} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \tilde{V} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) &+ \left( \frac{\bar{\mu}_o}{k_{tet-hnf}} \right) \\ T \frac{\partial \tilde{M}}{\partial T} \left( \tilde{V} \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial y} + \tilde{U} \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial x} \right) &= \nabla^2 T + \left( \frac{\tilde{\mu}_{tet-hnf}}{k_{tet-hnf}} \right) \\ \left\{ 2 \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial y} \right)^2 + 2 \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Upon eliminating the pressure component, the following is obtained:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial x} \right) + \tilde{V} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial x} \right) + \tilde{U} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial x} \right) \\ = \bar{\nu}_{tet-hnf} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\kappa}{\rho} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) \\ + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\bar{\mu}_o \tilde{M}}{\bar{\rho}_{tet-hnf}} \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\bar{\mu}_o \tilde{M}}{\bar{\rho}_{tet-hnf}} \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial y} \right) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

### 3.1. Boundary conditions

The analysis is constrained by the following dimensional boundary conditions.

*Right and left vertical walls (adiabatic):*

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \tilde{U}(0, y) = \tilde{U}(4L, y) &= 0 \\ \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)_{x=0} = \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)_{x=4L} &= 0 \\ \tilde{V}(0, y) = \tilde{V}(4L, y) &= 0 \\ \tilde{\phi}(0, y) = \tilde{\phi}(4L, y) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad 0 < y < L, \quad (7a)$$

*Upper horizontal wall:*

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \tilde{U}(x, L) = V_0, \quad T(x, L) &= T_c, \\ \tilde{V}(x, L) = 0, \quad \tilde{\phi}(x, L) &= n_0 \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial y} \right)_{y=L} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad 0 < x < 4L, \quad (7b)$$

*Lower horizontal wall:*

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \tilde{U}(x, 0) = V_0, \quad T(x, 0) &= T_h, \\ \tilde{V}(x, 0) = 0, \quad \tilde{\phi}(x, 0) &= n_0 \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad 0 < x < 4L. \quad (7c)$$

**Table 1.** Thermophysical property comparison between tetra-hybrid and traditional nanofluids [34].

| Properties            | Tetra-hybrid microfluid                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Density               | $\hat{\rho}_{tet\_hnf} = \left\{ (1-\hat{\varphi}_4) \left[ (1-\hat{\varphi}_3) \left[ (1-\hat{\varphi}_1) \left\{ (1-\hat{\varphi}_2) \hat{\rho}_f + \hat{\varphi}_1 \hat{\rho}_{S1} \right\} + \hat{\varphi}_2 \hat{\rho}_{S2} \right] + \hat{\varphi}_3 \hat{\rho}_{S3} \right] + \hat{\varphi}_4 \hat{\rho}_{S4} \right\}$                                                        |
| Heat capacity         | $(\hat{\rho}c_p)_{tet\_hnf} = \left\{ (1-\hat{\varphi}_4) \left[ (1-\hat{\varphi}_3) \left[ (1-\hat{\varphi}_1) \left\{ (1-\hat{\varphi}_2) c_{pf} \hat{\rho}_f + \hat{\varphi}_1 c_{pS1} \hat{\rho}_{S1} \right\} + \hat{\varphi}_2 c_{pS2} \hat{\rho}_{S2} \right] + \hat{\varphi}_3 c_{pS3} \hat{\rho}_{S3} \right] + \hat{\varphi}_4 c_{pS4} \hat{\rho}_{S4} \right\}$            |
| Viscosity             | $\mu_{tet\_hnf} = \frac{\mu_f}{(1-\hat{\varphi}_1)^{2.5} (1-\hat{\varphi}_2)^{2.5} (1-\hat{\varphi}_3)^{2.5} (1-\hat{\varphi}_4)^{2.5}}$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Thermal conductivity  | $\frac{k_{tet\_hnf}}{k_{thnf}} = \frac{k_{S4} + (n-1)(k_{thnf} - (n-1)\hat{\varphi}_{S4})(k_{thnf} - k_{S4})}{k_{S4} + (n-1)k_{thnf} + \hat{\varphi}_{S4}(k_{thnf} - k_{S4})}$                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                       | $\frac{k_{thnf}}{k_{hnf}} = \frac{k_{S3} + (n-1)(k_{hnf} - (n-1)\hat{\varphi}_{S3})(k_{hnf} - k_{S3})}{k_{S3} + (n-1)k_{hnf} + \hat{\varphi}_{S3}(k_{hnf} - k_{S3})}$                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                       | where $\frac{k_{hnf}}{k_{nf}} = \frac{k_{S2} - (n-1)\hat{\varphi}_2(k_{nf} - k_{S3}) + (n-1)k_{nf}}{k_{S2} + \hat{\varphi}_2(k_{nf} - k_{S3}) + (n-1)k_{nf}}$ and $\frac{k_{nf}}{k_f} = \frac{k_{S1} - (n-1)\hat{\varphi}_1(k_f - k_{S1}) + (n-1)k_f}{k_{S1} + \hat{\varphi}_1(k_f - k_{S1}) + (n-1)k_f}$                                                                             |
|                       | $\frac{\sigma_{tet\_hnf}}{\sigma_{thnf}} = \frac{\sigma_{S4} - 2\hat{\varphi}_4(\sigma_{thnf} - \sigma_{S4}) + 2\sigma_{thnf}}{\sigma_{S4} + \hat{\varphi}_4(\sigma_{thnf} - \sigma_{S4}) + 2\sigma_{thnf}}$                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                       | $\frac{\sigma_{thnf}}{\sigma_{hnf}} = \frac{\sigma_{S3} - 2\hat{\varphi}_3(\sigma_{hnf} - \sigma_{S3}) + 2\sigma_{hnf}}{\sigma_{S3} + \hat{\varphi}_3(\sigma_{hnf} - \sigma_{S3}) + 2\sigma_{hnf}}$                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Electric conductivity | where $\frac{\sigma_{hnf}}{\sigma_{nf}} = \frac{\sigma_{S2} - 2\hat{\varphi}_2(\sigma_{nf} - \sigma_{S2}) + 2\sigma_{nf}}{\sigma_{S2} + \hat{\varphi}_2(\sigma_{nf} - \sigma_{S2}) + 2\sigma_{nf}}$ and $\frac{\sigma_{nf}}{\sigma_f} = \frac{\sigma_{S1} - 2\hat{\varphi}_1(\sigma_f - \sigma_{S1}) + 2\sigma_f}{\sigma_{S1} + \hat{\varphi}_1(\sigma_f - \sigma_{S1}) + 2\sigma_f}$ |

### 3.2. Thermophysical analysis of tetra-hybrid versus conventional nanofluids

In this section, we elucidate the thermophysical qualities of the tetra-hybrid nanofluids, which are an integral part of our analysis of heat transport phenomena. Specifically, we focus on a unique set of thermophysical properties relevant to tetra-hybrid nanofluids comprising Ag-SWCNT-TiO<sub>2</sub>-Cu nanoparticles. These properties, including specific heat, density, viscosity, and thermal conductivity, are validated based on existing literature [28-32]. Table 1 presents a comparison of the thermophysical properties of tetra-hybrid nanofluids and conventional nanofluids.

The analysis is carried out using the following dimensionless variables:

$$\xi = \frac{x}{L}, \quad y = \frac{y}{L}, \quad u = \frac{\tilde{U}}{V_0}, \quad v = \frac{\tilde{V}}{V_0},$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{T - T_c}{\Delta T}, \quad H = \frac{\tilde{H}}{H_0}, \quad t = \frac{V_0}{L} t'. \quad (8)$$

Eqs. (3) and (4) lead us to conclude that:

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial J}{\partial \xi} + v \frac{\partial J}{\partial \eta} = \left( \frac{\hat{\rho}_{tet\_hnf}}{\hat{\rho}_f} \right) \left( \frac{\mu_f}{\mu_{tet\_hnf}} \right) \frac{1}{\text{Re}} (1+C) \nabla^2 J$$

$$+ \frac{Mn}{\left( \frac{\hat{\rho}_{tet\_hnf}}{\hat{\rho}_f} \right)} H \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial \eta} \cdot \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}}{\partial \xi} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial \xi} \cdot \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}}{\partial \eta} \right) + \frac{C}{\text{Re}} \nabla^2 N, \quad (9)$$

$$\nabla^2 \hat{\theta} = \text{Pr} \times \left( \frac{\hat{\rho}_{tet\_hnf}}{\hat{\rho}_f} \right) \left( \frac{\mu_f}{\mu_{tet\_hnf}} \right) \times \left( \frac{(\hat{\rho}c_p)_{tet\_hnf}}{(\hat{\rho}c_p)_f} \right) \text{Re}$$

$$\times \left( \frac{1}{\left( \frac{\mu_f}{\mu_{tet\_hnf}} \right) \left( \frac{\hat{\rho}_{tet\_hnf}}{\hat{\rho}_f} \right)} \right) \left\{ \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial \tilde{\psi}}{\partial \eta} - \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \tilde{\psi}}{\partial \xi} \right\}$$

$$+ \text{Pr} \times \left( \frac{\mu_f}{\mu_{tet\_hnf}} \right) \left( \frac{\hat{\rho}_{tet\_hnf}}{\hat{\rho}_f} \right) \times \left( \frac{(\hat{\rho}c_p)_{tet\_hnf}}{(\hat{\rho}c_p)_f} \right)$$

$$\times \frac{Mn}{\left( \frac{\hat{\rho}_{tet\_hnf}}{\hat{\rho}_f} \right)} \text{Re} \times \left( \frac{1}{\left( \frac{\mu_f}{\mu_{tet\_hnf}} \right) \left( \frac{\hat{\rho}_{tet\_hnf}}{\hat{\rho}_f} \right)} \right)$$

$$EcH(\varepsilon - \tilde{\psi}) \left\{ \frac{\partial H}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial \tilde{\psi}}{\partial \eta} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \tilde{\psi}}{\partial \xi} \right\} + \text{Pr}$$

$$\times \left( \frac{\hat{\rho}_{tet\_hnf}}{\hat{\rho}_f} \right) \left( \frac{\mu_f}{\mu_{tet\_hnf}} \right) \times \left( \frac{(\hat{\rho}c_p)_{tet\_hnf}}{(\hat{\rho}c_p)_f} \right)$$

$$Ec \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\psi}}{\partial \eta^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\psi}}{\partial \xi^2} \right)^2 + 4 \left( \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\psi}}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} \right)^2 \right\}, \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial t} + \left( u \frac{\partial N}{\partial \xi} + v \frac{\partial N}{\partial \eta} \right) = -\frac{2C}{\text{Re}} \phi + \left( 1 + \frac{C}{2} \right) \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 N}{\partial \xi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 N}{\partial \eta^2} \right) + \frac{C}{\text{Re}} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial \xi} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} \right), \quad (11)$$

where,

$$H_1(\xi, \eta) = H_0 \{ \tanh A_1 (\xi - \xi_1) - \tanh A_2 (\xi - \xi_2) \},$$

$$H_2(\xi, \eta) = H_0 \{ \tanh A_1 (\eta - \eta_1) - \tanh A_2 (\eta - \eta_2) \},$$

in the strips defined by  $\xi_1 \leq \xi \leq \xi_2$ ;  $0 \leq \eta \leq 1$ , and  $\eta_1 \leq \eta \leq \eta_2$ ;  $0 \leq \xi \leq 1$ , respectively.

Finally,

$$H(\xi, \eta) = H_1(\xi, \eta) + H_2(\xi, \eta). \quad (12)$$

We utilize the stream-vorticity formulation, which modifies Eqs. (1)–(3) as follows:

$$\hat{u} = \frac{\partial \tilde{\psi}}{\partial \eta}, \quad \hat{v} = \frac{\partial \tilde{\psi}}{\partial \xi},$$

and

$$\left( \frac{\partial \hat{u}}{\partial \eta} - \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \xi} \right) = -\hat{\omega},$$

or

$$\left\{ \left( \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\psi}}{\partial \xi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\psi}}{\partial \eta^2} \right) = -\hat{\omega} \right\}. \quad (13)$$

Similarly, the non-dimensional boundary conditions are as follows:

**Left and right vertical walls (Thermally insulated)**

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \hat{u}(0, \eta) = \hat{u}(4, \eta) = 0, \\ \left( \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \xi} \right)_{\xi=0} = 0, \quad \left( \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \xi} \right)_{\xi=4} = 0, \\ \hat{v}(0, \eta) = \hat{v}(4, \eta) = 0, \\ N(0, \eta) = N(4, \eta) = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad 0 < \eta < 1. \quad (14a)$$

**Upper horizontal wall**

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \hat{u}(\xi, 1) = 1, \quad \hat{\theta}(\xi, 1) = 0, \\ \hat{v}(\xi, 1) = 0, \quad N = n \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} \right)_{\eta=1} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad 0 < \xi < 4. \quad (14b)$$

**Lower horizontal wall**

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \hat{u}(\xi, 0) = 1, \quad \hat{\theta}(\xi, 0) = 1, \\ \hat{v}(\xi, 0) = 0, \quad N = n \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} \right)_{\eta=0} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad 0 < \xi < 4. \quad (14c)$$

### 3.3. Relevant physical quantities

In this study, the primary variables examined are the Skin-friction coefficient multiplied by the Reynolds number (CfRe) and the Nusselt number, defined as follows:

$$Nu = \frac{\hat{q}L}{k_{\text{tet\_hnf}} \Delta T} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{CfRe} = \frac{2\tau}{\bar{\rho}_{\text{tet\_hnf}} v_0^2},$$

where,

$$\tau = \tilde{\mu}_{\text{tet\_hnf}} \left( \frac{\partial \hat{U}}{\partial \eta} \right) \bigg|_{\eta=0,L} \quad \text{shear stress}$$

$$\hat{q} = -k_{\text{tet\_hnf}} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \eta} \right) \bigg|_{\eta=0,L} \quad \text{heat flux}$$

The dimensionless parameters yield the following results:

$$\text{CfRe} = \left( \frac{\bar{\rho}_f}{\bar{\rho}_{\text{tet\_hnf}}} \right) \left( \frac{\mu_{\text{tet\_hnf}}}{\mu_f} \right) \frac{\partial \hat{u}}{\partial y}, \quad \text{and} \quad Nu = \left( \frac{k_{\text{tet\_hnf}}}{k_f} \right) \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}}{\partial y}.$$

## 4. Numerical methodology

The transformed Eqs. (9)–(13), along with the boundary conditions Eq. (14), are numerically solved using the pseudo-transient approach. In this method, time serves as an iteration parameter until convergence is reached. For further details, refer to [15]. Further, Figure 2 depicts the numerical model used for the ADI scheme.

### 4.1. Comparing the numerical scheme with benchmarks

Figure 3 presents a comparative analysis of horizontal velocity profiles at various horizontal locations ( $x = 0.25$ ,

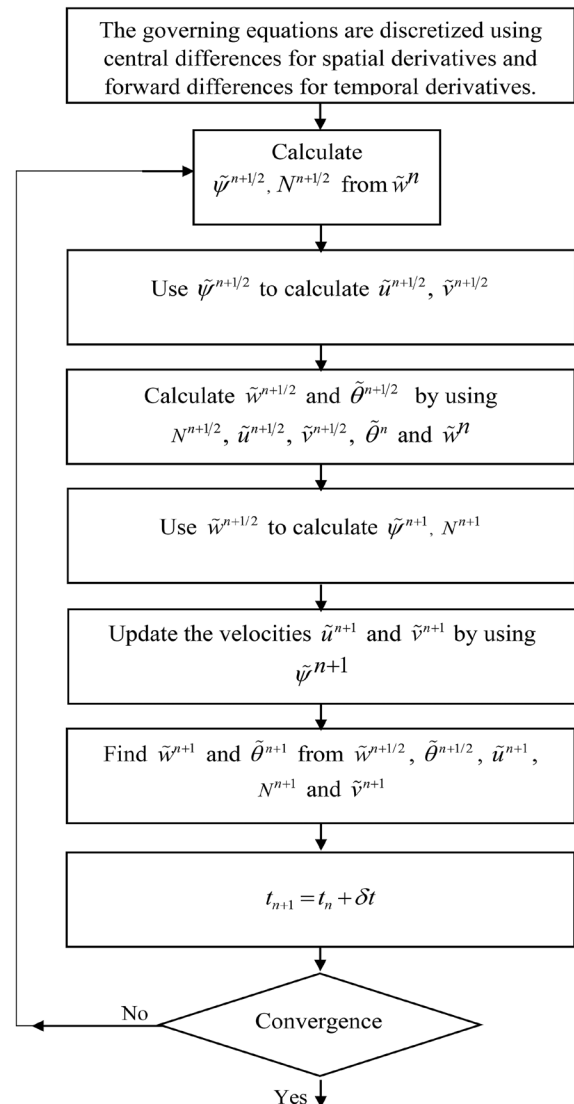
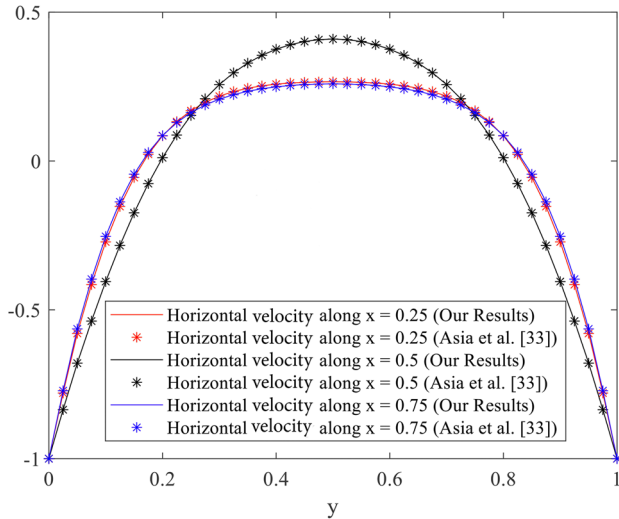


Figure 2. A flow chart regarding Pseudo-Transient scheme.

**Table 2.** Analysis of thermophysical behavior of Ag-SWCNT-TiO<sub>2</sub>-Cu nanofluids in a water base.

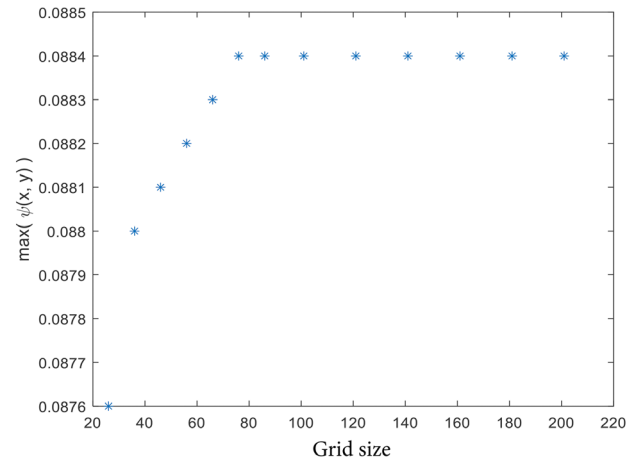
|                                    | $C_p(Jkg^{-1}K^{-1})$ | $\beta(K^{-1})$       | $\bar{\rho}(kgm^{-3})$ | $\sigma(S \times m^{-1})$ | $k(Wm^{-1}K^{-1})$ |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Silver (Ag)                        | 235                   | $1.89 \times 10^{-5}$ | 10.5                   | $3.6 \times 10^7$         | 429                |
| SWCNT                              | 425                   | $0.85 \times 10^{-5}$ | 2600                   | $1 \times 10^6$           | 6600               |
| Titanium oxide (TiO <sub>2</sub> ) | 670                   | 1.3                   | 5200                   | 25,000                    | 6                  |
| Copper (Cu)                        | 385                   | $1.67 \times 10^{-5}$ | 8933                   | $5.96 \times 10^7$        | 401                |
| Water                              | 4179                  | $21 \times 10^{-5}$   | 997.1                  | $5.5 \times 10^{-6}$      | 0.613              |

**Figure 3.** Validation of numerical results against the analytical method of Asia et al. [33].

0.5, and 0.75) within a given fluid domain. The plot juxtaposes "Our Results" with benchmark data from "Ahmad et al. [33]" at each  $x$ -location. Solid lines represent "Our Results," while dashed lines with asterisks correspond to the "Ahmad et al. [33]" data. Consistent color coding (red for  $x = 0.25$ , black for  $x = 0.5$ , and blue for  $x = 0.75$ ) facilitates easy visual comparison between the two datasets at each respective  $x$ -location. This direct comparison allows for the assessment of the agreement between "Our Results" and the established data from Asia et al. crucial for validating the numerical simulation of fluid flow behavior. The excellent agreement observed between the two datasets confirms the accuracy and reliability of our numerical procedure.

Table 2 presents a comprehensive overview of the key thermophysical properties of the constituent materials used in the formulation of Ag-SWCNT-TiO<sub>2</sub>-Cu-water-based nanofluids. These properties are critical for evaluating and optimizing their performance in specific applications. The table highlights essential parameters, including particle size, which influences dispersion stability and heat transfer behavior; thermal conductivity, a determinant of heat transport efficiency; specific heat capacity, which affects the nanofluid's energy storage capability; viscosity, which plays a vital role in fluid flow and pumping power requirements; and density, which impacts buoyancy and flow dynamics. A uniform grid has been carefully selected for the numerical simulations, ensuring an evenly spaced distribution of points across the computational domain.

The grid step size  $h = 0.01$  has been chosen based on the findings from a comprehensive grid independence study, as illustrated in Figure 4. This study was conducted to determine the optimal balance between computational accuracy and efficiency by evaluating how changes in grid resolution impact the stability and convergence of the solution.

**Figure 4.** Grid independence study.

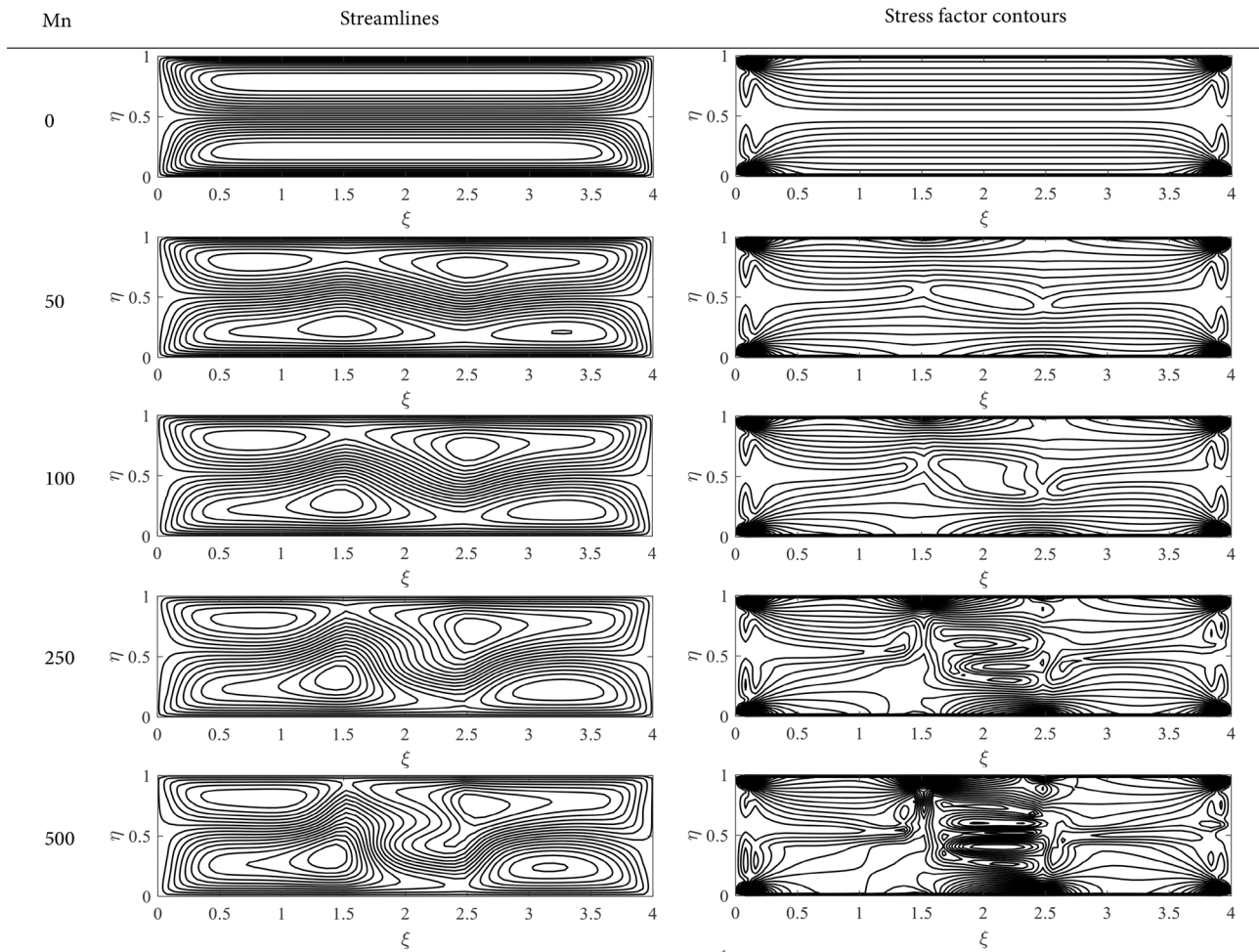
The selected step size provides sufficient accuracy while minimizing computational cost, ensuring that the numerical results are not significantly influenced by further refinement of the grid.

## 5. Results and discussion

This section presents a visual and analytical representation of streamlines, isotherms, and microrotation patterns within a cavity, utilizing both tables and figures. These visualizations provide insight into temperature distribution and fluid flow characteristics. To further contextualize the numerical results, contours of stress factors and gradients for streamlines, isotherms, and microrotations are also generated. The stress factor, directly related to the shear stress at any given point in the flow, is visualized across the entire flow domain using contour plots. Tabulated data include the skin friction coefficient ( $Cf_{Re}$ ) and Nusselt number calculated at the top and bottom horizontal walls. These data are specific to a configuration where both the lower and upper horizontal lids of the enclosure translate in the positive  $x$ -direction. Within the enclosure, a unique magnetic field configuration is employed, consisting of discrete strips, designated as  $\xi_1 \leq \xi \leq \xi_2; 0 \leq \eta \leq 1$ , and  $\eta_1 \leq \eta \leq \eta_2; 0 \leq \xi \leq 4$ . This study investigates the influence of several key parameters on the flow and heat transfer characteristics. These parameters include: Reynolds number ( $1 \leq Re \leq 10$ ), Magnetic Number ( $Mn$ ) ( $0 \leq Mn \leq 500$ ), and Microrotation Parameter ( $0 \leq C \leq 5$ ).

### 5.1. Effects of magnetizing force

Figure 5 illustrates the impact of magnetic field strength, shown by strips in region  $1.5 - L \leq \xi \leq 2.5 + L; 0 \leq \eta \leq 1$ , and  $0.4 - L \leq \eta \leq 0.6 + L; 0 \leq \xi \leq 4$  on parameters like isotherms, streamlines, microrotation, temperature gradients, stress factors, and microrotation gradients. Vortex rotation is linked to the movement of a horizontal cavity's lids, driven



**Figure 5.** Streamlines and its gradients for different  $Mn$  at  $Pr = 6.8$ ,  $Re = 3$ , and  $C = 1$ .

by a mechanical setup. Without a magnetic field, the flow remains simple and follows a predictable pattern, resulting in uniform stress contours due to the absence of external forces disrupting the motion. As the Magnetic number increases, the applied magnetic force interacts with the fluid, altering its movement and introducing complexities in the flow. This leads to irregular stress contours as different regions experience varying magnetic influences. Stronger magnetic fields intensify these effects, creating more intricate flow structures and increasing stress in areas where the fluid deforms around the magnetic field lines. This behavior highlights the significant role of magnetic fields in manipulating flow dynamics and stress distribution in microfluidic systems. Figure 6 shows that at  $Mn=0$ , isotherms are closer to the cavity's upper lid, with even spacing and smooth temperature gradients, indicating consistent fluid temperature. As  $Mn$  increases from 50 to 500, isotherms become irregular, and temperature gradients turn non-uniform, suggesting reduced temperature uniformity within the fluid. The physical reasoning behind this behavior lies in the interaction between the magnetic field and the fluid's motion. At  $Mn = 0$ , there is no magnetic influence, so heat transfer occurs primarily through conduction and natural convection, leading to smooth and evenly spaced isotherms near the upper lid. As  $Mn$  increases,

the Lorentz force alters the fluid flow by introducing additional resistance and modifying the velocity field. This disrupts the natural convection patterns, causing localized variations in heat transfer rates. Consequently, isotherms become irregular, and temperature gradients become non-uniform, indicating areas of enhanced and suppressed thermal transport within the cavity. Figure 7 shows that magnetic fields strongly influence microrotation, with higher Magnetic numbers increasing its strength and spread. This is due to the magnetic force disrupting flow dynamics. The study highlights that magnetic fields alter microrotation gradient distribution. Accurate flow prediction requires considering magnetic effects on microrotation and other flow parameters. The overall suppression of microrotation is due to the stabilizing effect of the magnetic field, which dampens rotational motion. However, localized enhancements occur in regions where magnetic field gradients induce secondary flow structures.

### 5.2. Impact of the Reynolds number

Figure 8 shows streamlines and stress factor contours for flow at varying Reynolds numbers with  $Mn = 50$ ,  $Pr = 6.8$ ,  $\hat{\phi}_1 = \hat{\phi}_2 = \hat{\phi}_3 = \hat{\phi}_4 = 0.02$  and  $C = 1$ . As Reynolds number increases, streamlines grow more complex and disordered due to stronger inertial forces, potentially causing turbulence.

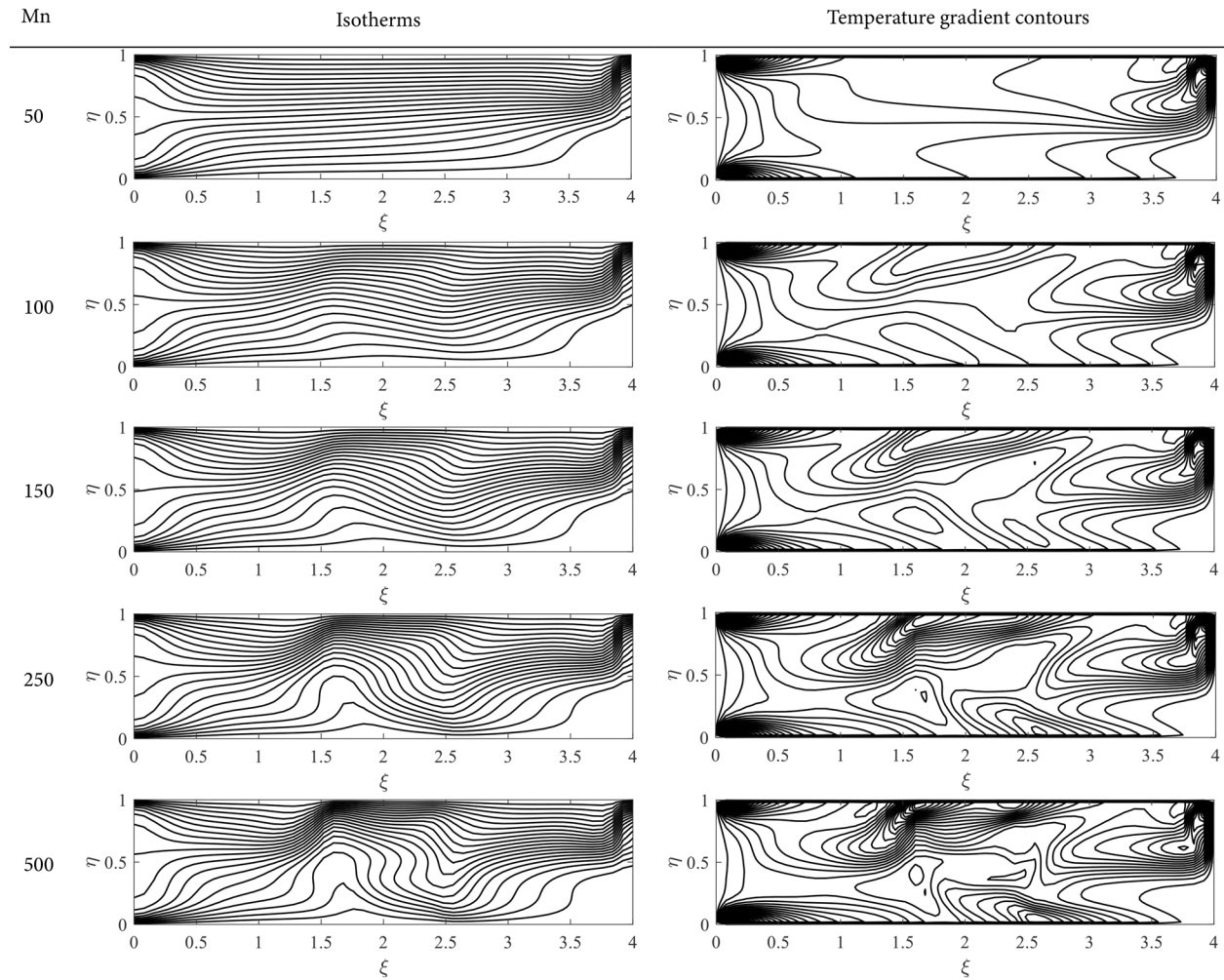


Figure 6. Isotherms and its gradients for different  $Mn$  at  $Pr = 6.8$ ,  $Re = 3$ , and  $C = 1$ .

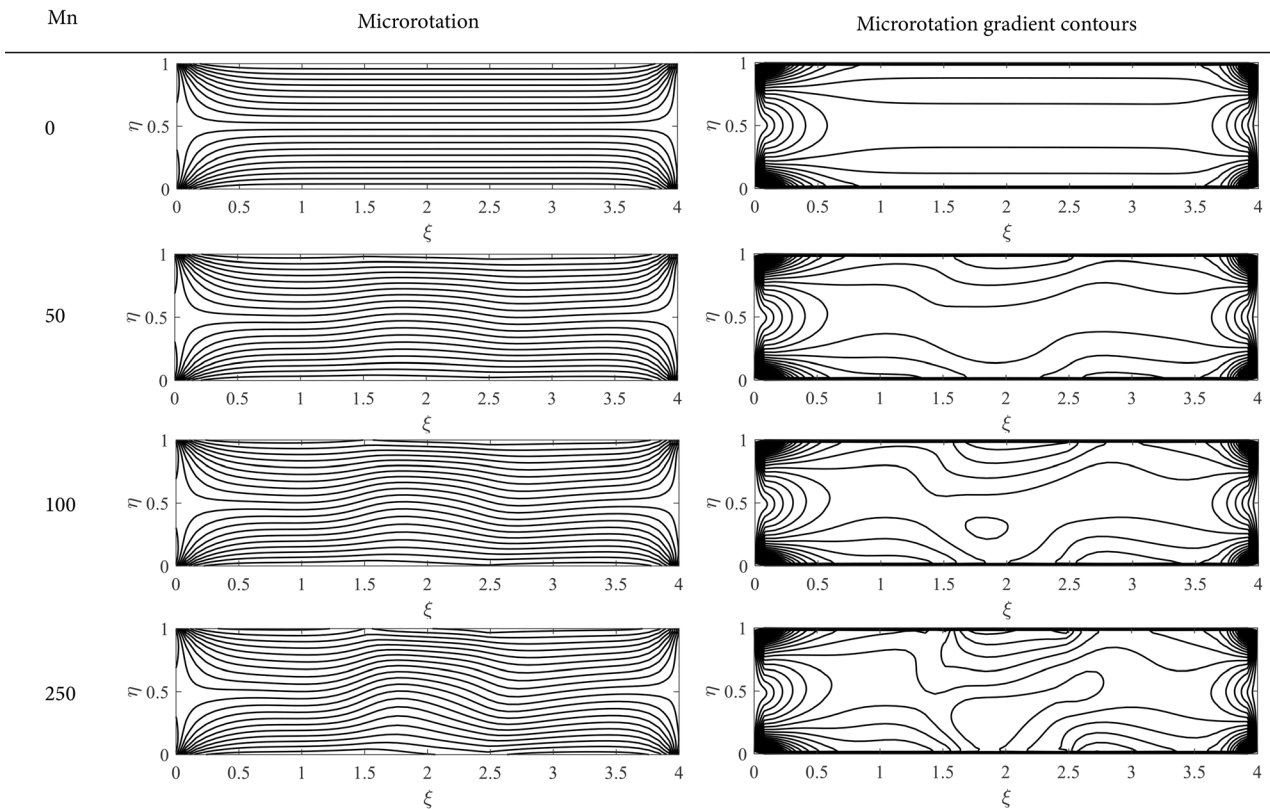


Figure 7. Microrotation and its gradients for different  $Mn$  at  $Pr = 6.8$ ,  $Re = 3$ , and  $C = 1$ .

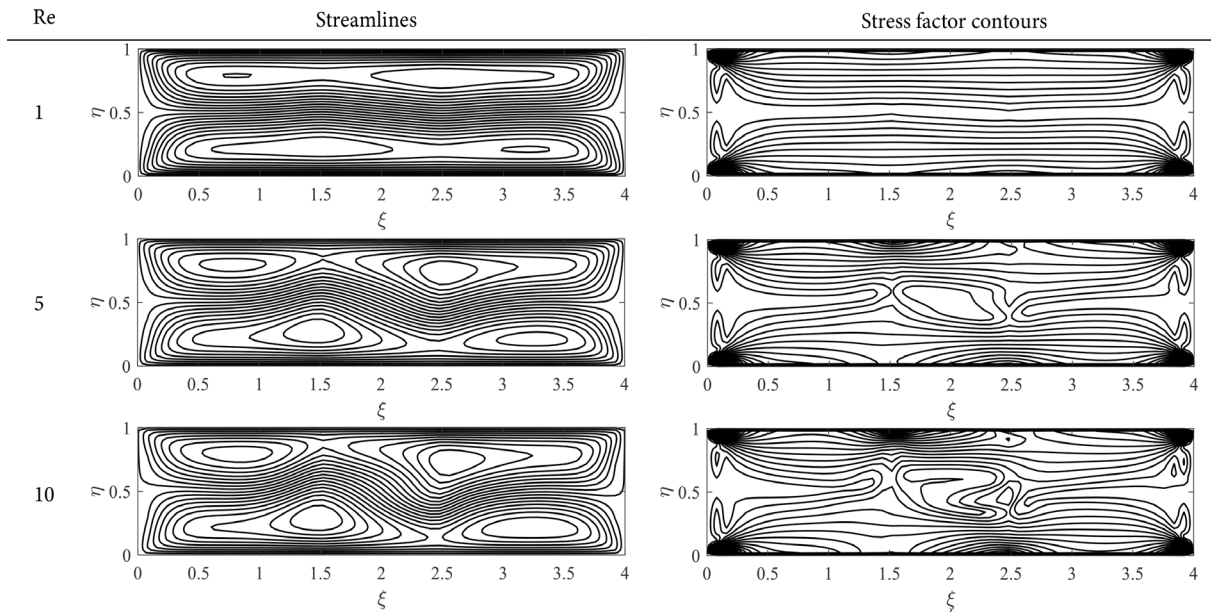


Figure 8. Streamlines and its gradients for different Reynolds numbers in the flow regime.

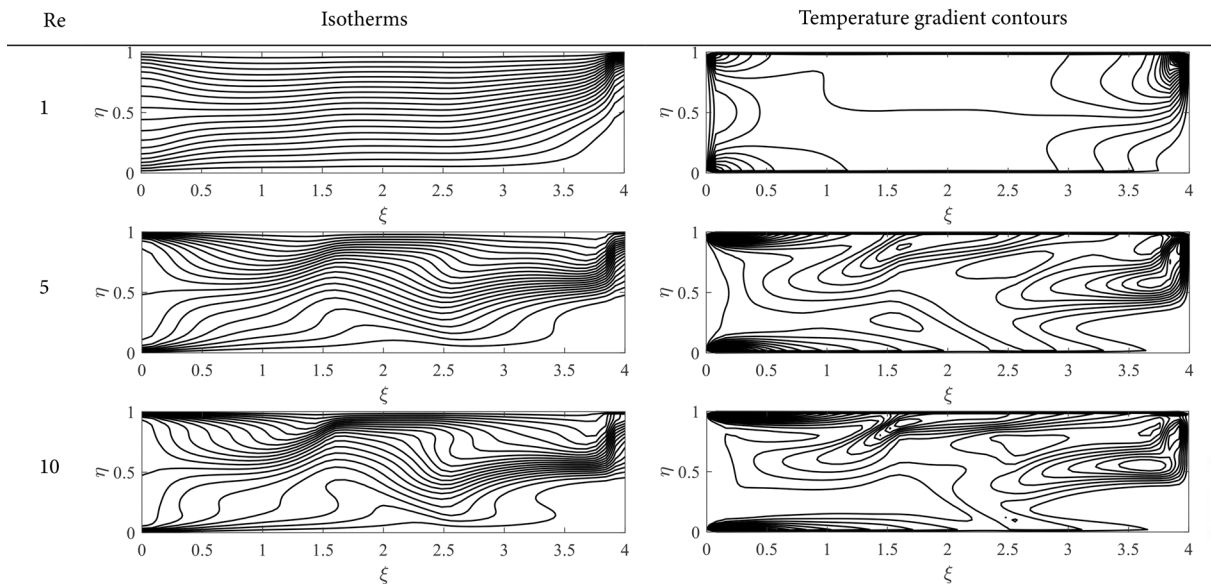


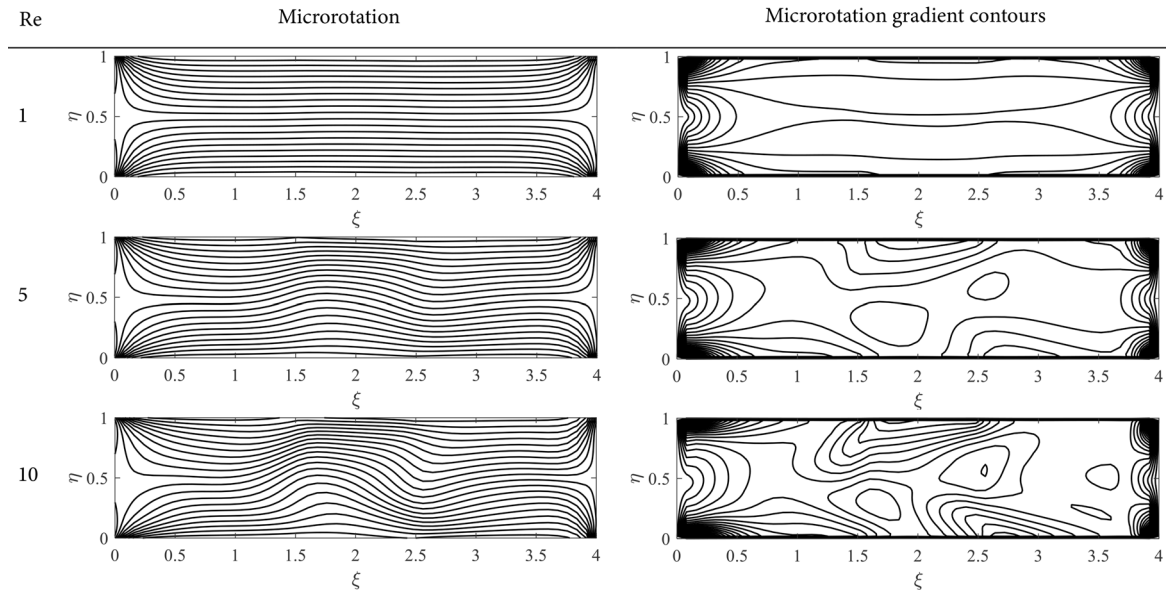
Figure 9. Isotherms and its gradients for different Reynolds numbers at  $Pr = 6.8$ ,  $Mn = 50$ , and  $C = 1$ .

Stress factor contours reveal higher stress near walls, where shear stress is most pronounced. Figure 9 demonstrates that the Reynolds number has a significant impact on the temperature distribution within the flow regime. At lower Reynolds numbers, the temperature profile remains relatively smooth, with steep gradients localized in specific regions. As the Reynolds number increases, the distribution becomes more complex and uneven. Understanding this behavior is essential for accurately predicting temperature fields, particularly in engineering applications such as heat exchangers or combustion chambers, where it directly influences heat transfer efficiency and overall performance. Figure 10 presents the microrotation and its gradient contours in a fluid-filled enclosure for  $Mn = 5$ ,  $Pr = 6.8$ , and  $C = 1$  at various Reynolds numbers. An increase in Reynolds number leads to higher microrotation in both the upper and lower regions, indicating faster rotation of fluid particles, likely due to dominant flow effects outweighing microstructural influences. Moreover, higher Reynolds

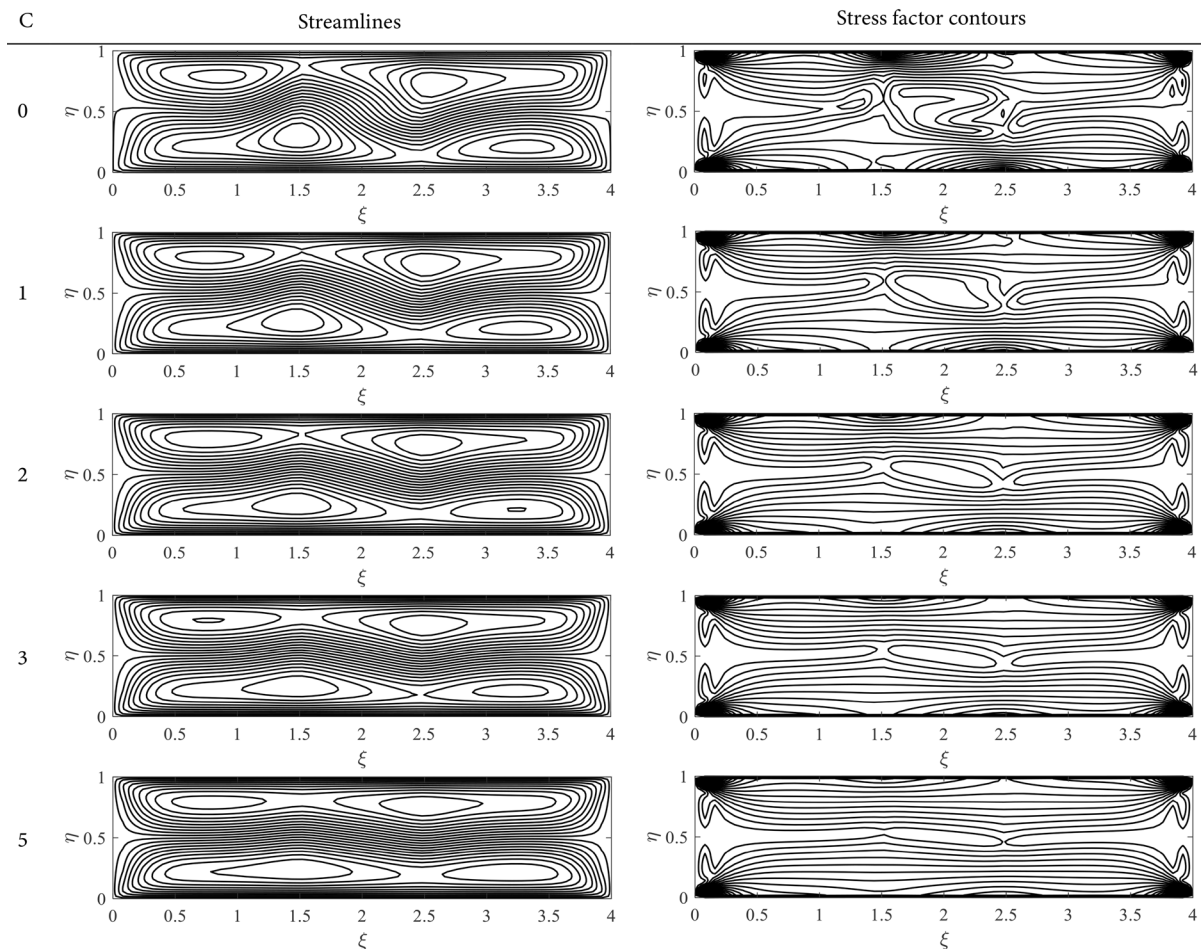
numbers produce more irregular and distorted contours, reflecting increased flow complexity and affecting the spatial distribution of microrotation and its gradients.

### 5.3. Role of the micropolar parameter

Figure 11 shows that the micropolar characteristics of fluids significantly affect flow patterns and stress distribution. When microrotation is absent, the streamlines and stress factor contours appear more distinct and well-defined. However, with the introduction of microrotation, the flow becomes smoother and more uniform. This can also lead to the laminar nature of the flow, causing modifications in both the flow pattern and stress distribution. Figure 12 shows that the micropolar parameter influences temperature distribution. As the parameter decreases, isotherms become more distorted, and temperature gradient contours cluster near the upper horizontal wall, indicating rapid temperature changes in that region. This occurs because microrotation increases fluid particle collisions, enhancing heat transfer



**Figure 10.** Microrotation and its gradients for different Reynolds numbers at  $Pr = 6.8$ ,  $Mn = 50$ , and  $C = 1$ .



**Figure 11.** Streamlines and its gradients for different microrotation parameter ( $C$ ) at  $Re = 5$ ,  $Mn = 50$ , and  $Pr = 6.8$ .

from warmer to cooler areas. Figure 13 illustrates the effects of the micropolar parameter on microrotation and its gradient in a flow. The results indicate that variations in the parameter substantially affect both the microrotation patterns and their gradients. Higher parameter values encourage a laminar flow by aligning particles along the field lines, reducing rotational motion, and promoting a more organized flow structure.

These findings are particularly valuable for refining models in fields such as astrophysics, engineering, and energy production, especially in the analysis of dusty fluid flows.

#### 5.4. Effect of different parameters on physical quantities

Table 3 illustrates the effect of increasing the magnetic field strength from zero to 500. As the magnetic field strengthens,

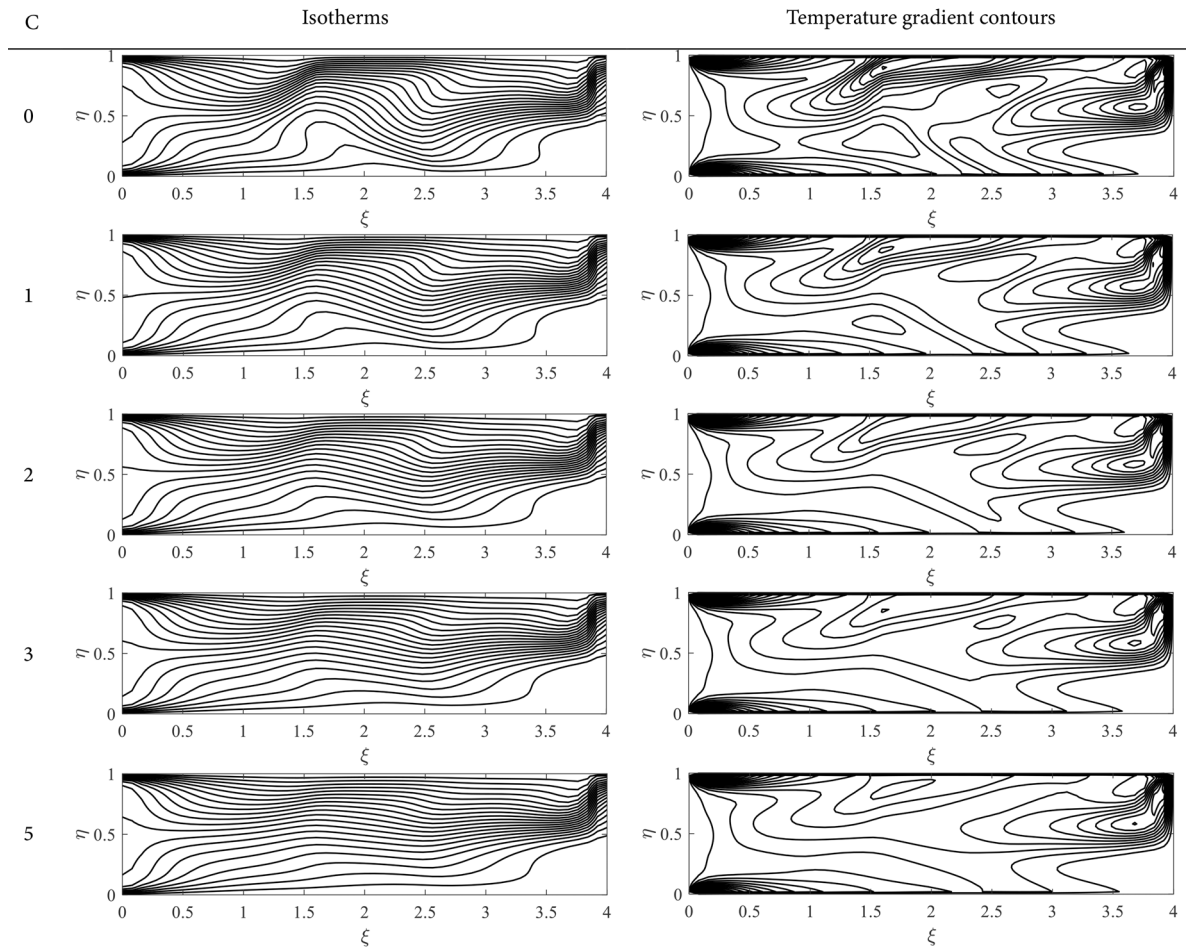


Figure 12. Isotherms and its gradients for different microrotation parameter (C) at  $Re = 5$ ,  $Mn = 50$ , and  $Pr = 6.8$ .

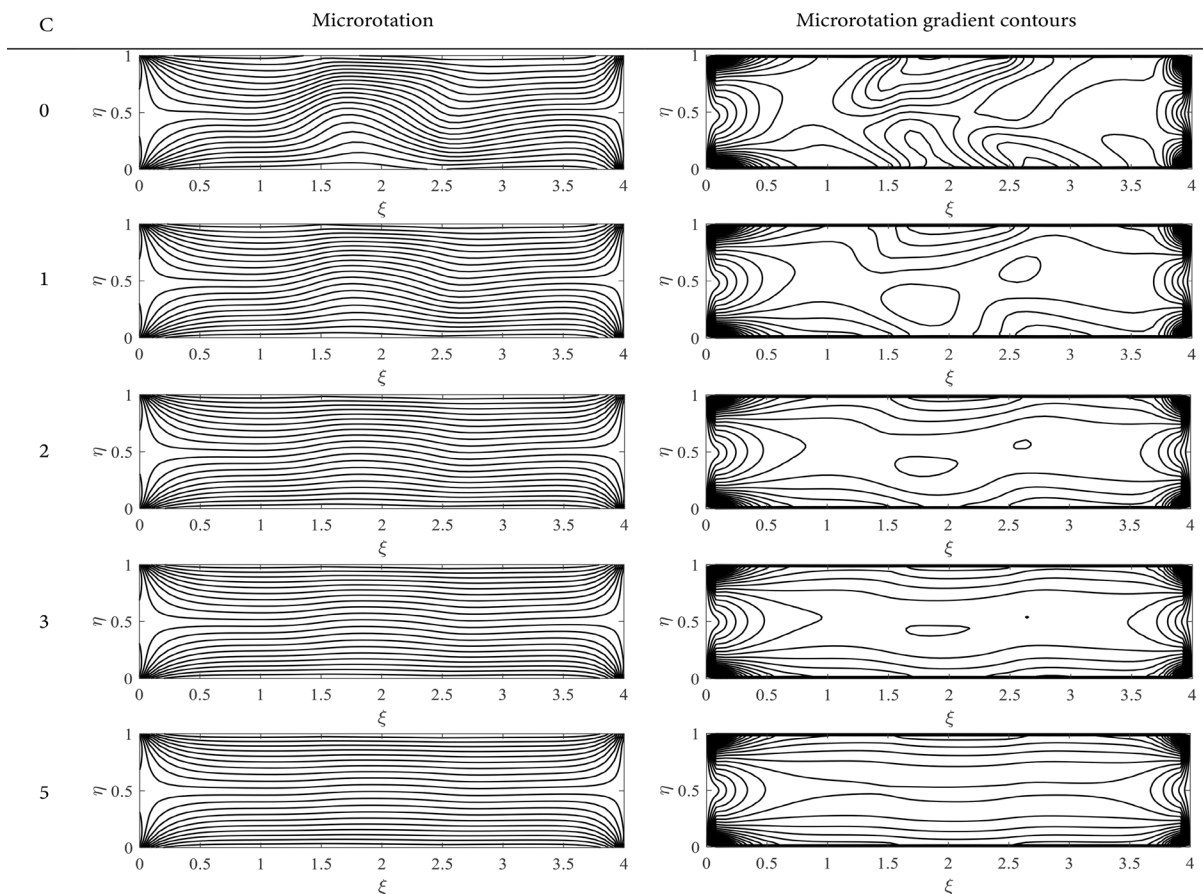


Figure 13. Microrotation and its gradients for different microrotation parameter (C) at  $Re = 5$ ,  $Ti = 50$ , and  $Pr = 6.8$ .

**Table 3.** Examining the Impact of  $Mn$  on  $Nu$ , and  $CfRe$ , at  $C=1$ ,  $Re = 1$ , and  $Mn = 3$ .

| $Mn$ | $ Nu $ | $ CfRe $ |
|------|--------|----------|
| 0    | 0.366  | 0.009    |
| 100  | 0.386  | 1.191    |
| 200  | 0.426  | 2.179    |
| 300  | 0.454  | 3.743    |
| 500  | 0.602  | 9.116    |

**Table 4.** Examining the Impact of  $Re$  on  $Nu$ , and  $CfRe$ , at  $C=1$ ,  $Re = 1$ , and  $Mn = 3$ .

| $Re$ | $ Nu $ | $ CfRe $ |
|------|--------|----------|
| 01   | 0.280  | 0.056    |
| 02   | 0.519  | 0.272    |
| 04   | 0.876  | 0.814    |
| 06   | 1.061  | 1.583    |
| 10   | 1.870  | 2.652    |

**Table 5.** Examining the Impact of Microrotation on  $Nu$ , and  $CfRe$ , at  $C=1$ ,  $Re = 1$ , and  $Mn = 3$ .

| $C$ | $ Nu $ | $ CfRe $ |
|-----|--------|----------|
| 0.0 | 0.817  | 2.103    |
| 1.0 | 0.723  | 1.087    |
| 2.0 | 0.677  | 0.701    |
| 3.0 | 0.531  | 0.589    |
| 5.0 | 0.416  | 0.438    |

**Table 6.** Examining the impact of silver particles on  $Nu$ , and  $CfRe$ , at  $C=1$ ,  $Re = 1$ , and  $Mn = 3$ .

| $\hat{\phi}_1$ (Silver) | $ Nu $ | $ CfRe $ |
|-------------------------|--------|----------|
| 0.00                    | 0.380  | 0.097    |
| 0.05                    | 0.529  | 0.071    |
| 0.10                    | 0.856  | 0.057    |
| 0.15                    | 1.061  | 0.046    |
| 0.20                    | 1.570  | 0.033    |

the Nusselt number rises noticeably, indicating enhanced heat transfer. The impact on skin friction, however, is even more significant, demonstrating a substantial increase. This indicates that the magnetic field has a stronger influence on skin friction than on the Nusselt number. Similarly, Table 4 shows the effect of the Reynolds number on both the Nusselt number and skin friction. It is clear that higher Reynolds numbers lead to a marked increase in both quantities, emphasizing the critical role of Reynolds number in determining heat transfer and surface shear stress. Table 5 presents the effect of the microrotation parameter ( $C$ ), which measures the intensity of microrotation in the fluid. An increase in  $C$  results in a decrease in both the Nusselt number and the skin friction coefficient ( $CfRe$ ). This decline results in lower heat transfer efficiency and a decrease in shear stress. A higher value of  $C$  diminishes the temperature gradient and enhances fluid viscosity. By adjusting  $C$ , it is possible to regulate heat transfer rates and fluid flow accordingly. Tables 6–9 clearly indicate that increasing the concentration of nanostructures leads to an increase in the Nusselt number at varying rates, while skin friction generally follows an inverse trend. Among the tested nanostructures, silver exhibits the highest enhancement in the Nusselt number. A 20% increase in silver concentration in water results in a 313%

**Table 7.** Examining the impact of SWCNT on  $Nu$ , and  $CfRe$ , at  $C=1$ ,  $Re = 1$ , and  $Mn = 3$ .

| $\hat{\phi}_2$ (SWCNT) | $ Nu $ | $ CfRe $ |
|------------------------|--------|----------|
| 0.00                   | 0.324  | 0.071    |
| 0.05                   | 0.353  | 0.081    |
| 0.10                   | 0.414  | 0.095    |
| 0.15                   | 0.453  | 0.115    |
| 0.20                   | 0.500  | 0.172    |

**Table 8.** Examining the impact of titanium dioxide particles on  $Nu$ , and  $CfRe$ , at  $C=1$ ,  $Re = 1$ , and  $Mn = 5$ .

| $\hat{\phi}_3$ (Titanium dioxide) | $ Nu $ | $ CfRe $ |
|-----------------------------------|--------|----------|
| 0.00                              | 0.323  | 0.096    |
| 0.05                              | 0.357  | 0.067    |
| 0.10                              | 0.405  | 0.054    |
| 0.15                              | 0.441  | 0.033    |
| 0.20                              | 0.464  | 0.024    |

**Table 9.** Examining the impact of copper particles on  $Nu$ , and  $CfRe$ , at  $C=1$ ,  $Re = 1$ , and  $Mn = 3$ .

| $\hat{\phi}_4$ (Copper) | $ Nu $ | $ CfRe $ |
|-------------------------|--------|----------|
| 0.00                    | 0.365  | 0.090    |
| 0.05                    | 0.388  | 0.082    |
| 0.10                    | 0.396  | 0.066    |
| 0.15                    | 0.414  | 0.052    |
| 0.20                    | 0.478  | 0.043    |

rise in the Nusselt number, whereas SWCNT, titanium dioxide, and copper lead to enhancements of 54%, 43%, and 31%, respectively. This highlights the significant influence of silver nanostructures on heat transfer performance. The primary reason for this behavior is the superior thermal conductivity of silver compared to other nanoparticles, which facilitates enhanced convective heat transfer by reducing thermal resistance and promoting efficient energy exchange between fluid layers. Conversely, a 20% concentration of silver nanoparticles results in a 65% reduction in skin friction, a similar decrease is observed with titanium dioxide, while copper nanostructures reduce skin friction by 52%. However, an opposite trend is noted for SWCNT, which increases skin friction by 138% at the same concentration. This increase in skin friction with SWCNT can be attributed to its elongated tubular structure, which induces additional flow resistance and turbulence near the boundary layer, thereby elevating shear stress. In contrast, the reduction in skin friction observed for silver, titanium dioxide, and copper is primarily due to their ability to enhance fluid lubrication and reduce velocity gradients at the solid-liquid interface.

### 5.5. Comparative analysis for the thermal characteristics of different nanomaterials

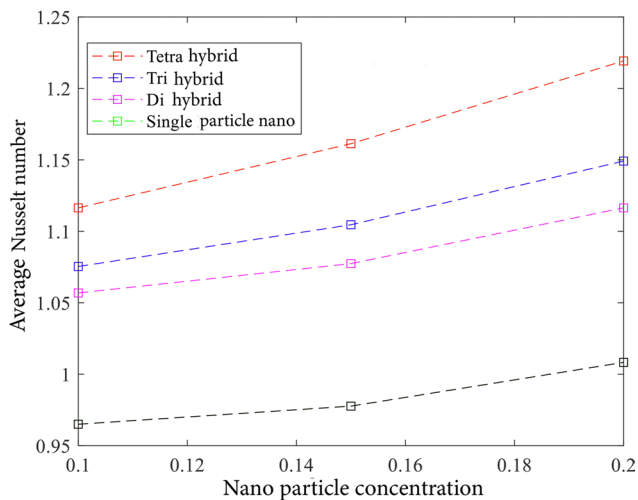
Figure 14 reveals that penta-hybrid fluids outperform in terms of the average Nusselt number, which gives a clear higher performance compared to nano/hybrid or tetra-hybrid nanofluids.

### 5.6. Role of the confined magnetic field

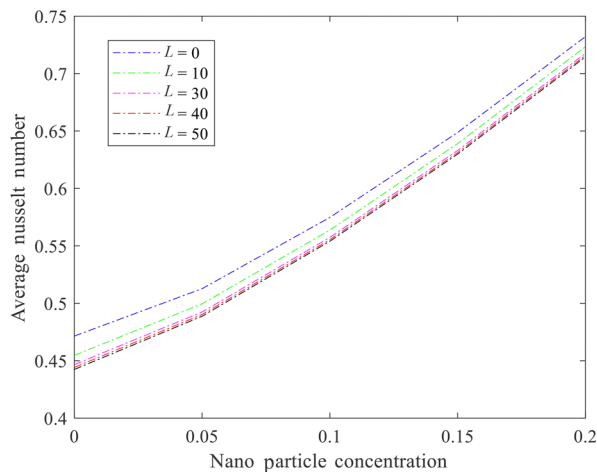
The magnetic strips can be defined as:

$$0.5 - L < \xi < 1.0 + L; \quad 0 < \eta < 1,$$

$$2.0 - L < \xi < 3.0 + L; \quad 0 < \eta < 1,$$



**Figure 14.** Assessing hybrid nanofluid in comparison to the tetra-hybrid nanoparticles.



**Figure 15.** Effect of magnetic strip on the average  $Nu$ .

and  $4.0 - L < \xi < 4.5 + L$ ;  $0 < \eta < 1$ . When  $L$  is zero, the left and right-hand strips exhibit a fixed width of 0.5 units, while the central strip has a width of 1.00 units. What's interesting is that the nano-structure affects the Nusselt number differently as the parameter  $L$  grows, indicating a broader strip, as shown in Figure 15.

## 6. Concluding remarks

This study presents a numerical investigation of the interaction between micropolar tetra-hybrid flow in an enclosed domain and an externally applied magnetic field, generated through a configuration of horizontal and vertical strips. The results demonstrate that magnetic field strength, Reynolds number ( $Re$ ), microrotation parameter, and nanoparticle concentration significantly influence heat transfer and skin friction. An increase in magnetic field strength improves heat transfer, with an even more pronounced effect on skin friction. Similarly, higher Reynolds numbers result in notable rises in both the Nusselt number ( $Nu$ ) and skin friction, highlighting their key role in controlling flow behavior. The Microrotation parameter ( $C$ ) adversely impacts heat transfer and skin friction by increasing fluid viscosity. Moreover, the type and concentration of nanoparticles critically affect thermal

performance: Silver nanoparticles provide the greatest heat transfer enhancement due to their high thermal conductivity, while Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes (SWCNTs) increase skin friction owing to their tubular geometry. These findings offer valuable guidance for optimizing fluid flow and thermal management in microfluidic and engineering applications.

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