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# EFFECT OF MAGNETIC FIELD INCLINATION ON MAGNETO-CONVECTIVE INDUCED IRREVERSIBILITIES IN A CNT-WATER NANOFLUID FILLED CUBIC CAVITY

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#### **ABSTRACT**

A finite volume based three dimensional numerical analysis is performed on the effect of angle of inclination of the external magnetic force on entropy generation due to natural convection inside the cubical cavity filled with CNT - water nanofluid. The governing equations are numerically solved by vorticity - vector potential formalism. The vertical walls of enclosure are differentially heated and the horizontal walls are adiabatic. The effect due to Rayleigh number ( $10^3 \le Ra \le 10^5$ ), Hartmann number ( $0 \le Ha \le 100$ ), angle of inclination of external magnetic field ( $0^\circ \le \alpha \le 90^\circ$ ) and volumetric fraction ( $0 \le \varphi \le 0.05$ ) of CNT particles are investigated. The results of irreversibility process with single phase model are illustrated with entropy generation and Bejan number. The effect of angle of inclination is more pronounced when Rayleigh number is  $10^5$ .

Keywords: Magnetoconvection, Entropy generation, Natural convection, Inclined Magnetic field

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) flow inside the enclosure is the attraction of many recent researchers due its applications in many vital industries like astrophysics, geophysics, aeronautics, metallurgy, chemical and petroleum industries, crystal growth in liquid, cooling of nuclear reactor, microelectronic devices and solar technology (Seth et al., 2016; Mahmoudi et al., 2013). To conserve the energy, it is essential to reduce the entropy generation inside the system. The reduction of process of irreversibility in a system indicates that it is energetically more efficient. In a MHD natural convection, the flow is influenced by the magnetically induced Lorentz forces and thermally generated buoyancy forces. Some studies on the entropy generation due to natural convection flow were performed by (Bejan, 1979; Oztop and Al-Salem, 2012; Mahian et al., 2012; Khorasanizadeh et al., 2013).

Many fluids like water have very low thermal conductivity and consume more energy. The easiest way to improve the thermal conductivity of the fluid is adding an ultra-fine solid like nano particles. The ferrous nanoparticles have high electrical conductivity and generate more Lorentz forces. The studies using CNT as nanoparticles were carried by (Glory et al, 2008; Ding et al., 2006; Kalidasan and Kanna, 2016; Esfe et al., 2016). Abolbashari *et al.* (2014) performed entropy analysis for an unsteady MHD flow using different nanofluid indicates that Joule dissipation irreversibility and the averaged entropy generation

number are the increasing function of the Hartmann number. Mahmud and Fraser (2004) investigated numerically the First and Second Laws of thermodynamics aspects of fluid flow and heat transfer inside a porous cavity subjected to a magnetic field acting along the direction of the gravity and indicated that increases in the value of Ha retards the fluid motion inside the cavity. Abu - Nada and Oztop (2009) studied the effect of inclination angle of enclosure on natural convection and proposed the inclination angle as a control parameter for fluid flow and heat transfer. Ching - Chang Cho (2016) investigated the influence of magnetic field on natural convection and entropy generation using nanofluid on a wavy surface and reported that the Bejan number increases with an increasing Hartmann number due to the repression of convective heat transfer. Ellahi et al. (2015) analyzed the shape effects of nano particles on entropy generation and revealed that the velocity decreases maximum by bricks shaped nanoparticles than other shapes like cylindrical and platelets. Ibanez et al. (2006) applied entropy generation minimization method to the optimization of a magnetohydrodynamic flow between two infinite parallel walls of finite electrical conductivity and indicated that the energy loss in the system can be minimized by cooling the walls externally in an asymmetric way. Kefayati (2016) performed the research on entropy generation in an open cavity filled with power - law fluids and concluded that Bejan number declines significantly with the augmentation of thermal Rayleigh number due to fluid friction. Mejri et al. (2014) examined the laminar natural convection and entropy generation in a square enclosure filled with water Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanofluid and

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subjected to a magnetic field.

They informed that for all the phase deviation, the strength of the local entropy generation decreases with the increases of the Hartmann number. Aghaei *et al.* (2016) performed the MHD mixed convection with nanofluid inside the trapezoidal enclosure and reported that increasing the strength of magnetic field reduced the strength of flow and the flow tends toward the natural convection and finally toward pure conduction. Mojumder *et al.* (2016) studied the entropy generation in a half - moon shaped cavity with ferrouid and reported that *Ra* should be kept as high as possible while *Ha* should be kept as low as possible at moderate inclination angle to escalate the heat transfer rate while optimizing the entropy.

Most of the researches in the past were performed with two dimensional analyses. But three dimensional analysis represents the true picture of the system and yields accurate results. Kolsi et al. (2010) investigated the effect of external magnetic field on natural convection in a cubical cavity and found that the entropy generated by friction and Joule effect is more influenced by the magnetic field than that generated by thermal dissipation. Havat et al. (2015) three dimensionally analyzed the MHD flow of nanofluid in convective conditions and concluded that the velocity profile decreased at higher volumetric fractions of nanoparticles. Kolsi et al. (2016a) numerically performed the studies on entropy generation on a cubical cavity with twin adiabatic blocks and found that the locally generated entropy due to friction surges due to the increase in the volumetric fraction of nanoparticles. Maatki et al. (2014) examined the entropy generation in a three dimensional double diffusive natural convection and highlighted that entropy is a good tool to observe the energy losses and to control the system efficiency.

The combined effects of gravitational force, Lorentz force and buoyancy force on the entropy generation needs to be investigated to design an economical and efficient system. CNT possess high thermal as well as electrical conductivity and combined well with water during convection by virtue of its lower density and particle distribution. Also, MHD induced natural convection is used in many industrial applications like crystal growth, polymer industries and metallurgy. The nuclei of the present research is to enhance the efficiency of the magneto-thermofluidic systems by minimizing the process of irreversibility on the cubical enclosure filled with CNT-nanofluid and exposed to an inclined external magnetic field.

#### 2. PROBLEM STATEMENT

The graphical representation of the system is illustrated in fig. 1. The enclosure has a hot wall on the left side and cold wall on the right side. The horizontal walls are adiabatic. An external magnetic field is located at the center of the left hot wall which induced the magnetic convection at an angle of  $\alpha$ . The enclosure is filled with CNT-water nanofluid with Pr=6.2. The thermophysical properties pure fluid (water) and CNT particles are presented in table 1. The flow is considered as three-dimensional, laminar, incompressible and unsteady. Boussinesq approximation is applied to assume the constant density of the nanofluid.

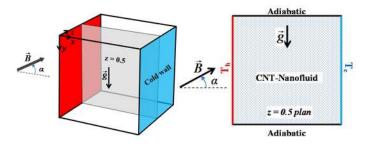


Fig. 1 Geometrical representation of the Problem

## 2.1 Governing Equations

Equations governing the studied configuration were written using the 3D vorticity-vector potential formalism. This formalism allows the elimination of the pressure which is delicate to treat. Vorticity and vector potential are defined respectively by the following two relations:  $\vec{\omega}' = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V}'$  and  $\vec{V}' = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\psi}'$ 

t',  $\vec{V'}$ ,  $\vec{\psi'}$ ,  $\vec{\omega'}$ ,  $\vec{J'}$ ,  $\vec{B'}$  and  $\Phi'$  are put in their dimensionless form by  $l^2/\alpha$   $\alpha/l$ ,  $\alpha l^2/\alpha$ ,  $\sigma.\nu_0.B_0$   $B_0$  and  $l.\nu_0.B_0$  respectively, and the dimensionless temperature is written as:  $T = (T' - T_c')/(T_b' - T_c')$ 

**Table 1**. Thermophysical properties of water and CNT nanoparticles (Job and Gunakala (2016))

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Physical properties		Water	CNT
	$C_p$ ( $J/kg.K$ )	4179	425
	$\rho$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	997.1	2600
	k (W/m.K)	0.613	6600
$\beta$ (K <sup>-1</sup> )		21x10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.6x10 <sup>-6</sup>
	$\sigma \left(\Omega^{-1}.m^{-1}\right)$	0.05	4.8.10-7

The system of equations governing the phenomenon is:

$$-\vec{\omega} = \nabla^2 \vec{\psi} \tag{4}$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{\omega}}{\partial t} + (\vec{V}.\nabla)\vec{\omega} = (\vec{\omega}.\nabla)\vec{V} + \frac{v_{nf}}{v_f} \Pr.\nabla^2 \vec{\omega} - \frac{\beta_{nf}}{\beta_f} Ra \Pr \nabla \times T\vec{g}$$
(5)

$$+\frac{\rho_f}{\rho_{nf}} \cdot \frac{\sigma_{nf}}{\sigma_f} Ha^2 \cdot \Pr \cdot \nabla \times (\vec{j} \times \vec{e}_B)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \vec{V} \cdot \nabla T = \frac{\alpha_{nf}}{\alpha_f} \nabla^2 T \tag{6}$$

$$\vec{j} = -\vec{\nabla}\Phi + \vec{V} \times \vec{e}_R \tag{7}$$

$$\vec{\nabla}^2 \Phi = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{V} \times \vec{B}) = -\vec{e}_B \cdot \vec{w} \tag{8}$$

With 
$$\vec{e}_R = \cos(\alpha) \cdot \vec{e}_x + \sin(\alpha) \cdot \vec{e}_y$$
 (9)

In these equations, the dimensionless Pr, Ra and Ha numbers are respectively defined as:

$$Pr = \frac{v_f}{\alpha_f}, \quad Ra = \frac{g.\beta_f.\Delta T I^3}{v_f.\alpha_f} \quad \text{and} \quad Ha = B_0 L \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_f}{\rho_f v_f}}$$
 (10)

A detailed description of the mathematical formulation of MHD natural convection is presented in the work of Kolsi *et al* (2016.b) The effective density of the nanofluid is given by Kahveci (2010) as:

$$\rho_{nf} = (1 - \varphi)\rho_f + \varphi \rho_s \tag{11}$$

The heat capacitance of the nanofluid is expressed as Kahveci (2010):

$$\left(\rho C_p\right)_{nf} = \left(1 - \varphi\right)\left(\rho C_p\right)_f + \varphi\left(\rho C_p\right)_s \tag{12}$$

The effective thermal conductivity of the nanofluid is approximated by Xue (2005) as:

$$\frac{k_{nf}}{k_f} = \frac{1 - \varphi + 2\varphi \frac{k_s}{k_s - k_f} \ln\left(\frac{k_s + k_f}{2k_f}\right)}{1 - \varphi + 2\varphi \frac{k_f}{k_s - k_f} \ln\left(\frac{k_s + k_f}{2k_f}\right)}$$
(13)

The effective dynamic viscosity of the nanofluid is given by Brinkman model as:

$$\mu_{nf} = \frac{\mu_f}{(1 - \varphi)^{2.5}} \tag{14}$$

The electrical conductivity of a nanofluid is given by Mahmoudi *et al.* (2013):

$$\sigma_{nf} = \sigma_f \left[ 1 + \frac{3.\varphi \left( \frac{\sigma_s}{\sigma_f} - 1 \right)}{\left( \frac{\sigma_s}{\sigma_f} + 2 \right) - \varphi \left( \frac{\sigma_s}{\sigma_f} - 1 \right)} \right]$$
(15)

In the presence of a magnetic field the generated entropy is written in the following form Kolsi *et al.* (2010):

$$S'_{gen} = \left\{ \frac{k_{nf}}{T_0^2} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial T'}{\partial x'} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial T'}{\partial y'} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial T'}{\partial z'} \right)^2 \right] \right\} +$$

$$\frac{\mu_{nf}}{T_0} \left\{ 2 \left[ \left( \frac{\partial V'_x}{\partial x'} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial V'_y}{\partial y'} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial V'_z}{\partial z'} \right)^2 \right] +$$

$$\left( \left( \frac{\partial V'_y}{\partial x'} + \frac{\partial V'_x}{\partial y'} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial V'_z}{\partial y'} + \frac{\partial V'_y}{\partial z'} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial V'_x}{\partial z'} + \frac{\partial V'_z}{\partial x'} \right)^2 \right\}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{T_0} \frac{1}{\sigma_{nf}} \left( J'_x^2 + J'_y^2 + J'_z^2 \right)$$

$$(16)$$

The first term represents the generated entropy due to temperature gradient, the second that due to the friction effects and the last that due to the presence of the magnetic field (Joule effect).

The dimensionless local generated entropy  $(N_s)$  is written in the following way:

$$N_{s} = \frac{k_{nf}}{k_{f}} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right)^{2} \right] + \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_{z}}{\partial z} \right)^{2} + \left( \frac{\partial V_{z$$

Where  $\varphi_S = \left(\frac{\alpha}{l\Delta T}\right)^2 T_0$  is the irreversibility coefficient.

The local generated entropy is the sum of three types of entropies; the first one is due to temperature gradients ( $N_{s-th}$ ), the second is due to viscous effects ( $N_{s-fr}$ ) and the third due to Joule effect.

The total generated entropy ( $S_{tot}$ ) is given by:

$$S_{tot} = \int_{v} N_s dv = \int_{v} (N_{s-th} + N_{s-fr} + N_{s-J}) dv = S_{th} + S_{fr} + S_J$$
 (18)

The Bejan number (*Be*) is the ratio of heat transfer irreversibility to the total irreversibility as:

$$Be = \frac{S_{th}}{S_{th} + S_{fr} + S_{J}} \tag{19}$$

The local Nusselt number (Nu) is defined as follows:

$$Nu = \left(\frac{k_{nf}}{k_f}\right) \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \bigg|_{x=0,1}$$
 (20)

The average Nusselt number on the hot wall ( $Nu_{av}$ ), is expressed by:

$$Nu_{av} = \int_{0}^{1} \int_{0}^{1} Nu \cdot dy \cdot dz \tag{21}$$

For each time step, the following convergence criterion is satisfied:

$$\sum_{i}^{1,2,3} \frac{\max \left| \psi_{i}^{n} - \psi_{i}^{n-1} \right|}{\max \left| \psi_{i}^{n} \right|} + \max \left| T_{i}^{n} - T_{i}^{n-1} \right| \le 10^{-5}$$
 (22)

## 2.2 Boundary Conditions

The boundary conditions for the present problem are given as follows:

#### Temperature:

$$T = 0$$
 for  $x = 1$ ,  $T = 1$  for  $x = 0$   
 $\frac{\partial T}{\partial n} = 0$  on other walls (i.e., adiabatic).

#### Vorticity:

$$\omega_x = 0$$
,  $\omega_y = -\frac{\partial V_z}{\partial x}$ ,  $\omega_z = \frac{\partial V_y}{\partial x}$  at  $x = 0$  and 1  
 $\omega_x = \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial y}$ ,  $\omega_y = 0$ ,  $\omega_z = -\frac{\partial V_x}{\partial y}$  at  $y = 0$  and 1  
 $\omega_x = -\frac{\partial V_y}{\partial z}$ ,  $\omega_y = \frac{\partial V_x}{\partial z}$ ,  $\omega_z = 0$  at  $z = 0$  and 1

#### Vector potential:

$$\frac{\partial \psi_x}{\partial x} = \psi_y = \psi_z = 0 \quad \text{at } x = 0 \text{ and } 1$$

$$\psi_x = \frac{\partial \psi_y}{\partial y} = \psi_z = 0 \quad \text{at } y = 0 \text{ and } 1$$

$$\psi_x = \psi_y = \frac{\partial \psi_z}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \text{at } z = 0 \text{ and } 1$$

#### Velocity:

$$V_x = V_y = V_z = 0$$
 on all walls

## Electric potential:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} = 0 \text{ on all walls}$$

## **Current density**

 $\vec{J} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$  on all walls

Where  $\vec{n}$  is the unit vector normal to the wall.

## 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A finite volume based three dimensional numerical analysis on natural convection is performed on a differentially heated cubical enclosure filled with CNT-water nanofluid and subjected to an inclined external magnetic field. Numerical simulations are performed with single phase model and the results of processes of irreversibility are quantified by entropy generation. The FORTRAN language was used to solve the mathematical model. The result of entropy generation due to thermal, friction, Joule effect and total entropy generation are presented for various values of Rayleigh number ( $10^3 \le Ra \le 10^5$ ), Hartmann number  $(0 \le Ha \le 100)$ , volumetric fractions of CNT  $(0 \le \varphi \le 0.05)$  and angle of inclination of external magnetic force ( $0^{\circ} \le \alpha \le 90^{\circ}$ ). Bejan number is used as an indicator for identifying the influence parameter behind the entropy generation. The time step (10<sup>-4</sup>) and spatial mesh (81<sup>3</sup>) were used during the numerical analysis. The numerical simulations were performed till the convergence criterion given in the equation (22) was satisfied.

The grid independence test has been performed with,  $Ra = 10^5$ ,  $\varphi = 0.05$ , Ha = 50 and an angle of inclination of magnetic field as 90°. The tests were conducted for the spatial meshes of  $61^3$ ,  $71^3$ ,  $81^3$  and  $91^3$ . The total entropy generation is selected as a sensitive parameter. The results of the grid sensitivity analysis were presented in Table 2. The incremental increase in percentage of  $Nu_{av}$  for the grid  $81^3$  to  $91^3$  is only 0.136%.

Table 2. Grid sensitivity analysis for: Pr = 6.2,  $Ra = 10^5$ ,  $\varphi = 0.05$ , Ha = 50 and  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ 

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Grid size	$Nu_{\mathrm{avg}}$	Percentage increase	Incremental increase
603	7.4213	-	-
	7.4213	-	-
$71^{3}$	7.368	0.7182	-
81 <sup>3</sup>	7.31101	1.48613	0.77348
91 <sup>3</sup>	7.301095	1.61974	0.13562

Figure 2 illustrates the entropy generation inside the closed enclosure without the presence of magnetic force. The entropy generation is purely due to the effect of buoyancy forces and in the absence of magnetically induced Lorentz forces. When  $Ra = 10^5$  and irreversibility coefficient is  $10^{-5}$ , the entropy generation due to thermal reflects only along the vertical walls with higher intensities reported on the diagonal corners. The high magnitude of inertia forces moved up the entropy generation on the right side wall. When CNT are 5%, the intensity of thermally generated inertia forces are enhanced resulting three times increase in magnitude of entropy generation. The entropy generation due to friction is comparatively lower in magnitude for both the pure fluid and nanofluid. But entropy is generated on all the four walls with higher intensity on the vertical walls due to the presence of viscous forces.

**Fig. 2** Entropy generations at z = 0.5 plan for Ra =  $10^5$ ; Ha = 0,  $\varphi_s = 10^{-5}$ 

Fig. 3 illustrates the entropy generation due to higher Rayleigh number and Hartmann number when the angle of inclination of external magnetic field is  $0^{\circ}$ . At this angle, the magnetically induced Lorentz forces are orthogonal to the gravitational forces. The Lorentz forces are attracted towards the external magnetic force and acts against the direction of thermally induced buoyancy forces. This is clearly visible in the diagram representing the entropy generation due to the heat transfer. The reduction in intensity is nearly seven times when comparing with the results in the absence of a magnetic force. The generation is diagonally

symmetric with higher intensities around the corners. The processes of irreversibility due to friction are evenly distributed along the four walls and its magnitude is extremely low.

The entropy generation due to electrical conductance is symmetrical along the vertical walls and extends up to the middle of the cavity. Its magnitude is in between the thermal and friction generated entropy. When the angle of inclination of the magnetic force is  $30^{\circ}$ , the entropy generation reduces slightly due to the suppressing effect by the Lorentz forces in all the cases and represented in fig. 4.

The entropy generation due to Joule effect is symmetrical and shifted towards the horizontal walls. When the angle of inclination of the magnetic force is 60°, the entropy generation is enhanced due to the reduction of Lorentz forces and presented in fig. 5. The entropy generation due to Joule effect is again shifted towards the vertical walls. When the angle of inclination of the magnetic force is moved to 90° (fig. 6), the electrical conductivity is parallel to the gravitational forces. The net result is the reduction in magnitude of entropy generation but the Joule effect again shifted the entropy generation towards the horizontal walls. The addition of nanoparticles reduced the entropy generation by the Joule effect due to the increasing electrical conductance by the enlarged surface area of CNT.

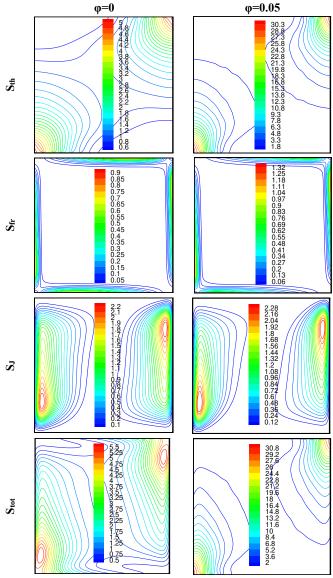
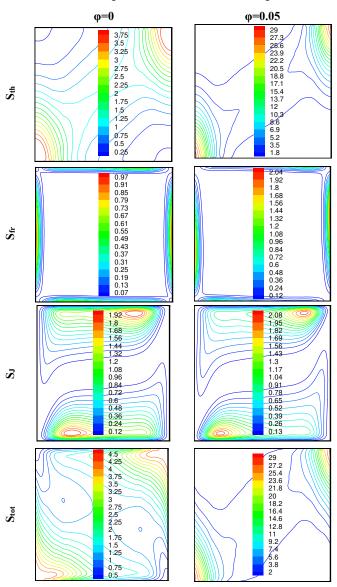


Fig. 3 Entropy generations at z = 0.5 plan for Ra =  $10^5$ ; Ha = 100;  $\phi_s = 10^{-5}$ ;  $\alpha = 0^{\circ}$ 

The isometric view of the total entropy generation inside the enclosure is illustrated in fig. 7. In the absence of magnetic field (Ha = 0), stratified layers are formed along the vertical walls with high magnitude of total entropy generated near the corners. By virtue of low buoyancy forces, the stratified layers are tends to move downwards on the left side wall and the highly generated buoyancy inside the enclosure tends to move the stratified layers upwards on the right side wall. The effect of the angle of inclination of the external magnetic force as discussed in the two-dimensional section is distinguishably visible in the iso-view of the total entropy generation when Ha = 100.

The effect of angle of inclination on the electric potential is more pronounced and is exemplifiable in the fig. 8. The increase in angle of inclination of the magnetic field has a prodigious effect on the electrical conductance and rotates the stratifications alternatively along the vertical and horizontal walls. The change of direction of Lorentz forces due to the inclination of the magnetic field is illustrated in the fig. 9.

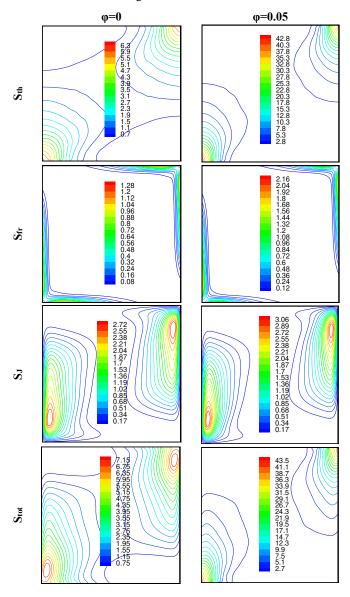


**Fig. 4** Entropy generations at z = 0.5 plan for Ra =  $10^5$ ,  $\phi_s = 10^{-5}$ ; Ha = 100;  $\alpha = 30^{\circ}$ 

The Bejan number (Be) indicates whether the thermally generated entropy is the dominant in the total entropy generation. Fig. 10 represents the Bejan number inside the cavity in the absence of magnetic field. Hence the flow is influenced either by thermal or friction only. The contour magnitude of greater than 0.5 indicates that the entropy

generation is influenced by the thermal forces. When  $Ra=10^5$ , buoyancy is maximum and it reflects on the Be inside the cavity. The lines are densely backed around the walls. The vertical walls are exposed to more thermal convection than the horizontal walls with maximum intensity of Be is reported in the zone between middle of the enclosure and top wall. The addition of CNT enhanced the intensity of buoyancy forces and increases the value of Be.

The influence of magnetic field on entropy generation is illustrated in fig. 11. When  $\alpha$  is zero, the Lorentz forces attracted the flow towards the magnetic force and suppress the effects of thermal and viscous forces. Since the horizontal walls and right wall are far away from the source of magnetic force, the effect of Lorentz forces are minimum on these walls and Be is higher on these walls.



**Fig. 5** Entropy generations at z = 0.5 plan for Ra =  $10^5$ ,  $\phi_s$ = $10^{-5}$ ; Ha = 100;  $\alpha = 60^\circ$ 

Maximum intensity of Be is reported at the middle of the enclosure. The introduction of nanoparticles increased the thermal convection and also the Bejan number. The contours are tilted diagonally towards the right wall. When the angle of inclination of magnetic force is increased, the direction of Lorentz forces are altered as indicated in the fig. 9. Depending upon the direction of magnetically induced Lorentz forces, the contours representing the Be are rotated either towards vertically or horizontally.

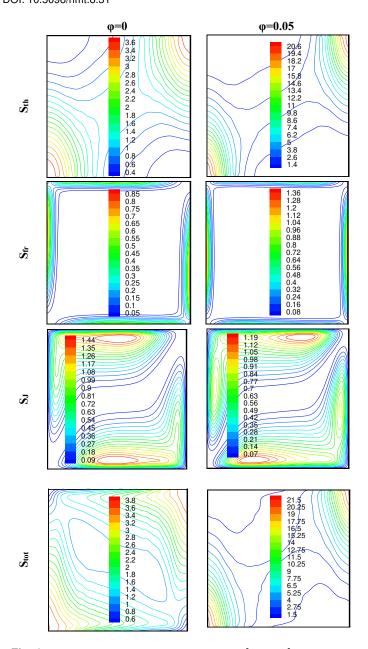
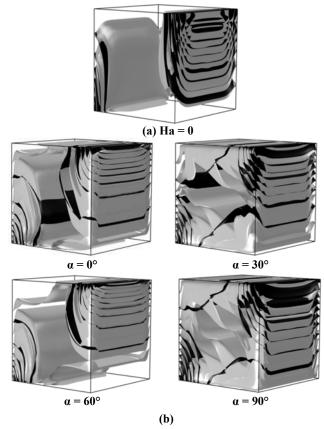


Fig. 6 Entropy generations for at z = 0.5 Ra =10<sup>5</sup>,  $\phi_s$ =10<sup>-5</sup>; Ha = 100;  $\alpha$  = 90°

Fig. 12 describes the effect of the angle of inclination of magnetic field on the entropy generation due to thermal gradient. The angle of inclination does not have much influence at high Ha (100). When Ha is 50, drastic changes are observed in the curves. The effect is clearly noticeable when  $Ra = 10^5$ ,  $\varphi = 0.05$  and Ha = 50. The angle of inclination does not have much effect on the entropy generation due to friction when Ra is  $10^3$  and  $10^4$  (Fig. 13). Significant changes are observed in the graph at  $Ra = 10^5$  for both the pure and nanofluid when Ha is 50. Fig.14 shows the Joule effect on the entropy generation for various angles of inclination. The ferrous CNT particles are attracted by the magnetic force and hence entropy generation due to Joule effect decreases when  $\varphi = 0.05$ . In most of the cases, apex of the entropy generation is observed when α is 60°. Fig.15 indicates the total entropy generation for various angles of inclination. While for  $Ra = 10^3$  and  $10^4$ , highest entropy generation is observed at  $\alpha = 60^{\circ}$  for both the pure and nanofluid. When  $Ra = 10^5$ , the highest entropy generation is shifted to 30° angle of inclination. The effect of angle of inclination on the total entropy generation is more sensible when Ha =50 than Ha =100 and the variation of Stot versus the inclination is similar to that od Sth, this is due to the produced Lorentz force that oppose the natural convection and thus reduces the velocity and  $S_{\rm fr}$ . Fig.16 represents the effect of the angles of inclination on the Bejan number. When Ra is increased, the Bejan number decreases. Even though the increasing of Ra increases the thermal forces, the cumulative effort of viscous and magneto forces reduced the Bejan number.



**Fig. 7** S<sub>tot</sub>; Ra =  $10^5$  for  $\phi$ =0 (gray),  $\phi$  = 0.05 (Black); (a) Ha = 0 and (b) Ha = 100 (for different magnetic field inclinations);

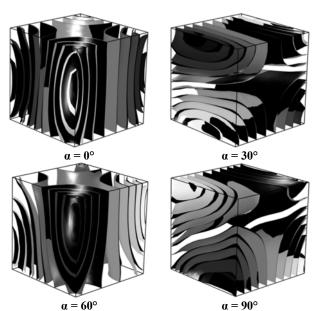
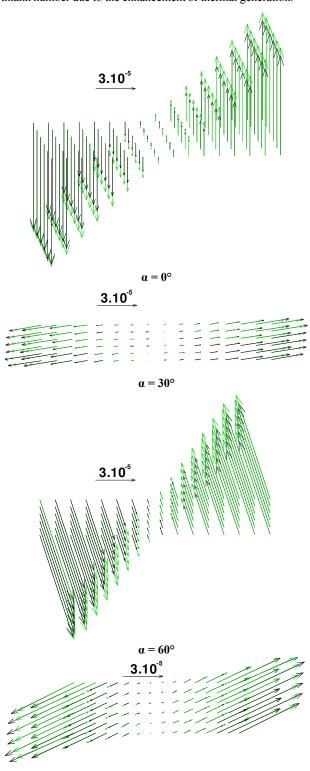


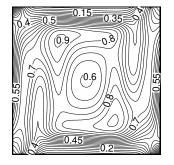
Fig. 8 Iso-view of electric potential Ra =  $10^5$ ; Ha = 100;  $\phi = 0$  (gray),  $\phi = 0.05$  (Black)

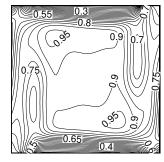
The rate of declination is more in the pure fluid than the nanofluid. The angle of inclination of the magnetic field have a notorious effect at  $Ra=10^5$ . For pure fluid, Be declines up to  $\alpha$  is 30° and then surges when Ha=50. The declination is up to 60° when Ha is increased to 100. For the nanofluid, the declination is up to 30° for both the Hartmann number due to the enhancement of thermal generation.



 $\alpha = 90^o$  Fig. 9 Lorentz force at y = 0.5 plan  $\phi$ =0 (Green),  $\phi$ =0.05 (Black)

$$\phi = 0 \qquad \qquad \phi = 0.05$$





**Fig. 10** Bejan Number for Ha = 0 and  $Ra = 10^5$ 

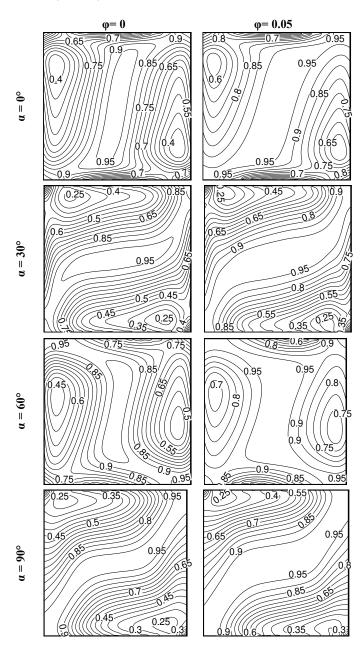


Fig. 11 Bejan Number for Ha=100 and Ra=10<sup>5</sup>

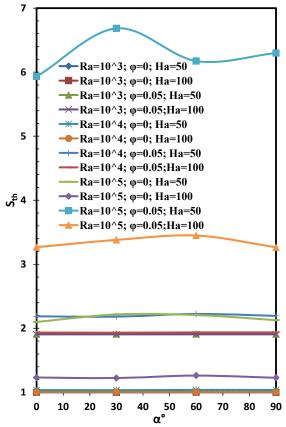


Fig. 12 Thermal Entropy versus Angle of inclination

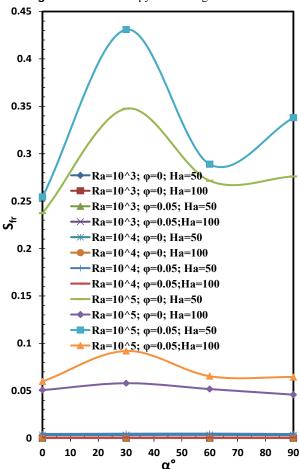
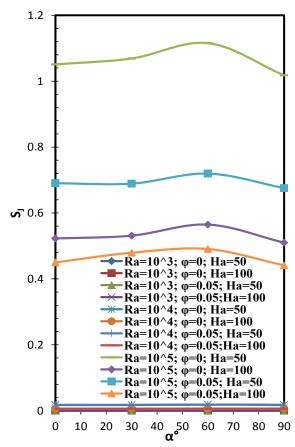


Fig. 13 Entropy due to friction versus Angle of inclination



**Fig. 14** Joule effect entropy versus Angle of inclination

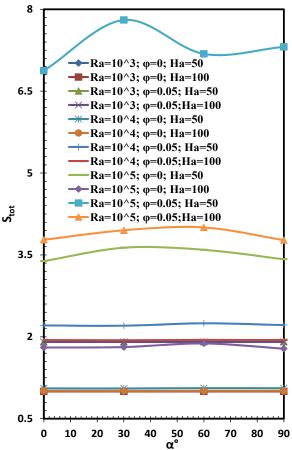


Fig. 15 Total Entropy versus Angle of inclination

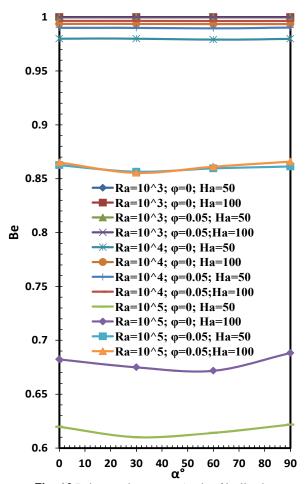


Fig. 16 Bejan number versus Angle of inclination

### 4. CONCLUSIONS

Three dimensional numerical simulations were performed on the cubical cavity filled with CNT-water nanofluid and exposed to external magnetic field at different angle of inclinations. The effects of nanoparticles, angle of inclination of magnetic field, Rayleigh number and Hartmann number on natural convection were investigated. Based on the research, the following findings are obtained.

- The effect of angle of inclination is more pronounced when Rayleigh number is 10<sup>5</sup>.
- At high Ra (10<sup>5</sup>), the increase in percentage of CNT increased the effect of angle of inclination for both the pure and nanofluid.
- The effect of angle of inclination on the total entropy generation is more sensible when Ha =50.
- The entropy generation due to Joule effect is shifted alternatively towards the vertical and horizontal walls when the angle of inclination of the magnetic field is increased
- The influence of magnetic field increased the Bejan number during the increase of  $\phi$  for all the Rayleigh numbers.

#### **NOMENCLATURE**

B Magnetic field $(=B')/B'$	

Be Bejan number

 $C_p$  Specific heat at constant pressure (J/kg. K)

 $\vec{E}$  Dimensionless electric field

 $\vec{e}_B$  Direction of magnetic field

g	Gravitational acceleration (m/s <sup>2</sup> )	
$rac{g}{ec{J}}$	Dimensionless density of electrical current	
k	Thermal conductivity (W/m.K)	
l	Enclosure width	
n	unit vector normal to the wall.	
$N_s$	Dimensionless local generated entropy	
Nu	Local Nusselt number	
Pr	Prandtl number	
Ra	Rayleigh number	
$S'_{gen}$	Generated entropy (kJ/kg. K)	
t	Dimensionless time ( $t'.\alpha/l^2$ )	
T	Dimensionless temperature $[(T'-T'_c)/(T'_h-T'_c)]$	
$T'_c$	Cold temperature (K)	
$T'_h$	Hot temperature (K)	
$T_o$	Bulk temperature $[T_o = (T'_c + T'_h)/2]$ (K)	
$ec{V}$	Dimensionless velocity vector ( $\vec{V}$ ' $l/\alpha$ )	
<i>x</i> , <i>y</i> , <i>z</i>	Dimensionless coordinates ( $x'/l$ , $y'/l$ , $z'/l$ )	
Greek symbols		
α	Thermal diffusivity (m <sup>2</sup> /s)	
$\beta$	Thermal expansion coefficient (1 / K)	
ho	Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	
$\mu$	Dynamic viscosity (kg./m.s)	

μ Dynamic viscosity (kg./m.s)
 ν Kinematic viscosity (m²/s)
 φ Nanoparticle volume fraction

γ Cavity inclinationσ Electrical conductivity

 $\vec{\psi}$  Dimensionless vector potential  $(\vec{\psi}'/\alpha)$ 

 $\vec{\omega}$  Dimensionless vorticity  $(\vec{\omega}' \cdot \alpha / l^2)$ 

 $\Delta T$  Dimensionless temperature difference

## **Subscripts**

av Average
f Fluid
fr Friction
j Joule effect
nf Nanofluid

s solid (nanoparticle) x, y, z Cartesian coordinates

## Superscript

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Dimensional variable

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