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Heat and Mass Transfer of a Peristaltic Electro-osmotic Flow of a Couple Stress Fluid through an Inclined Asymmetric Channel with Effects of Thermal Radiation and Chemical Reaction

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Abstract

The presented article addresses the electro-osmotic peristaltic flow of a couple stress fluid bounded in an inclined asymmetric microchannel. The viscous dissipation, Joule heating and chemical reaction effects are employed simultaneously in the flow analysis. Heat and mass transfer have been studied under large wavelength and small Reynolds number. The resulting nonlinear systems are solved numerically. The influence of various dominant physical parameters is discussed for velocity, temperature distribution, concentration distribution and the pumping characteristics. Electro kinetic flow of fluids by micro-pumping through micro channels and micro peristaltic transport has accelerated considerable concern in accelerated medical technology and several areas of biomedical engineering. Deeper clarification of the fluid dynamics of such flow requires the continuous need for more delicate mathematical models and numerical simulations, in parallel with laboratory investigations.

Keywords

peristaltic flow, electro-osmotic flow, couple stress fluid, magnetic field, heat transfer, mass transfer, inclined asymmetric micro-channel

1 Introduction

Recent investigations in miniaturization and micro-fabrication have taken into assuming a lot of applications extending from organic to refrigerating of microelectronics in [1–9]. Many favors such as an important contraction in the utilization of prescribed materials, ability to achieve on the continuous motion of in-vitro experiments in a aspect similar to the absolute situation in a biological living system, being vibration-free and portable are using microfluidic devices. Electro-osmotic transports with thermal effects of liquids in micro channels are reported in [10]. The transfer of heat investigation of osmotic electro motion in a slowly varying non-symmetric micro-channel is presented in [11].

Stokes matured the model of non-Newtonian couple stress fluid. An additives are alloyed in the fluid then united forces of fluid abide additive factors. This resistance builds a mixed force and then a non-Newtonian couple stresses is made in the fluid. This fluid is called as non-Newtonian couple stress fluid. Such a model is observed as rationalization of Newtonian fluid model trading with couple stresses and body couples in fluid channel. It is important that stress tensor involves couple stress fluid. Significant studies in this order are made in the findings [12–18].

Bio-fluids send from one region to another region by unceasing process of muscle relaxation and contraction. This mechanism is called as peristaltic movement. This phenomenon is important for the flow of biological fluids in a few physiological action such as urine flow to bladder through kidney, the transport of chyme into the gastrointestinal tract, fluids in the lymphatic vessels, bile from the gallbladder into the duodenum, the embryo movement in non-pregnant uterus, the transport of spermatozoa in the ducts eccentric of the male reproductive tract, the movement of the ovum in the fallopian tube and the dissemination of blood in small blood vessels are presented in [19–37].

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Thus the important focus of this study is to investigate the viscous dissipation, Joule heating effects on MHD electro-osmotic peristaltic transport of couple stress fluid in an inclined asymmetric micro channel. Mathematical formulation of problem is an exhibited. The results are obtained after employing long wavelength and low Reynolds number approximation. The velocity, temperature, concentration, pressure gradient and pressure rise have been proposed for the pertinent parameters of interest and also trapping phenomenon has been observed. Electro kinetic flow of fluids by micro-pumping through micro channels and micro peristaltic transport has accelerated considerable concern in accelerated medical technology and several areas of biomedical engineering. Deeper clarification of the fluid dynamics of such flow requires the continuous need for more delicate mathematical models and numerical simulations, in parallel with laboratory investigations.

2 Methodology

We analyze the peristaltic electro-osmotic transport of incompressible couple stress fluid which is electrically conducting and transfers of heat through asymmetric inclined micro-channel walls with charged under the impact of a promulgated the magnetic field. The movement is considered to be asymmetric about X and the liquid is flowing in the X-direction. The hydrophobic micro-channel is bounded by slowly varying walls at $Y = h_1(X)$ and $Y = h_2(X)$ respectively, in which the length of the channel (L) is assumed to be much larger than the height, i.e., $L >> (h_1 + h_2)$.

The geometrical expression of the wavy channels are given by:

$$h_{1}'(X) = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi X}{L}\right)a_{1}' + d_{1}',$$
 (1)

$$h_{2}'(X) = -\cos\left(\frac{2\pi X}{L} + \phi\right)a_{2}' - d_{2}'.$$
 (2)

2.1 Potential - electrical distribution

The basic theory of electrostatics is related to the local net electric charge density ρ_e in the diffuse layer of EDL and charge density is coupled with the potential distribution ψ' through the Poisson-Boltzmann equation for the symmetric electrolyte is given by:

$$\frac{d^2\psi'(Y)}{dY^2} = \frac{2n_0ez_v}{\varepsilon}\sinh\left(\frac{ez_v\psi'(Y)}{k_BT_{av}}\right),\tag{3}$$

where η_o represents the concentration of ions at the bulk, ε is the charge of a proton, z_v is the valence of ions, ε is the permittivity of the medium, k_B is the Boltzmann constant and T_{av} is the boundary conditions for potential function are taken as

$$\psi'(Y) = \psi'_1$$
 at $Y = h'_1(X)$,
 $\psi'(Y) = \psi'_2$ at $Y = h'_2(X)$, (4)

where ψ'_1 and ψ'_2 are the electric potential at the upper and lower wall respectively.

Let us now introduce the following non-dimensional variables,

$$[\psi_{o},\psi_{1},\psi_{2}] = \frac{ez_{v}}{k_{B}T_{av}}[\psi',\psi'_{1},\psi'_{2}], \quad y = \frac{Y}{d'_{1}} \quad \text{and} \quad x = \frac{X}{L}.$$
(5)

The dimensionless form of Eqs. (1) and (2) and the Poisson-Boltzmann equation defined in Eq. (3) take in the following form,

$$h_1(x) = \frac{h_1'}{d_1'} = 1 + a\cos(2\pi x), \tag{6}$$

$$h_2(x) = \frac{h'_2}{d'_1} = -d - b\cos(2\pi x + \phi), \tag{7}$$

and

$$\frac{d^2 \psi_o}{dy^2} = k^2 \sinh\left(\psi_o\right),\tag{8}$$

where $a = \frac{a_1'}{d_1'}$, $b = \frac{a_2'}{d_1'}$, $d = \frac{d_2'}{d_1'}$ and $k = \frac{d_1'}{\lambda}$ is defined as the electro-osmotic parameter, λ_2 is the reciprocal of the EDL thickness and is defined by $\frac{1}{\lambda} = \left(\frac{2n_o e^2 z_v^2}{\varepsilon k_B T_{av}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Thus the electro-osmotic parameter is inversely proportional to EDL thickness λ . The dimensionless form of boundary conditions defined in Eq. (4) using the dimen-

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_o(y) &= \psi_1 \quad \text{at} \quad y = h_1(x), \\ \psi_o(y) &= \psi_2 \quad \text{at} \quad y = h_2(x). \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

sionless variables Eq. (5) reduce to

We assumed that the electric potential is much smaller than the thermal potential for which the Debye-Hückel linearization principle can be approximated as $\sinh(x) \approx x$. On the basis of this assumption, the solution of Poisson-Boltzmann Eq. (8) takes in the form:

$$\frac{d^2 \psi_o}{dy^2} = k^2 \psi_o. \tag{10}$$

Finally, by employing the boundary conditions Eq. (9), the closed form solution of the Eq. (10) is given as

$$\psi_o(y) = F_1 \cosh(ky) + F_2 \sinh(ky). \tag{11}$$

2.2 Couple stress fluid model

The given set of pertinent field equations governing the flow, in laboratory frame is [12, 33]:

$$\frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*} + \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*} = 0 \tag{12}$$

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial u^*}{\partial t} + u^*\frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*} + v^*\frac{\partial u^*}{\partial y^*}\right) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x^*} + \mu\left(\frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial x^{*2}} + \frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial y^{*2}}\right)$$
$$-\eta\left(\frac{\partial^4 u^*}{\partial x^{*4}} + 2\frac{\partial^4 u^*}{\partial x^{*2}\partial y^{*2}} + \frac{\partial^4 u^*}{\partial y^{*4}}\right) - \sigma B_0^2 u^* - \frac{\mu}{k_o}u^* \qquad (13)$$

 $+\rho g \beta_T (T-T_0) \sin \alpha + \rho g \beta_C (C-C_0) \sin \alpha + \rho_e E$

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial v^*}{\partial t} + u^* \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial x^*} + v^* \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*} \right) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial y^*} + \mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 v^*}{\partial x^{*2}} + \frac{\partial^2 v^*}{\partial y^{*2}} \right)
-\eta \left(\frac{\partial^4 v^*}{\partial x^{*4}} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 v^*}{\partial x^{*2} \partial y^{*2}} + \frac{\partial^4 v^*}{\partial y^{*4}} \right) - \frac{\mu}{k_o} v^* \tag{14}$$

 $+\rho g \beta_T (T-T_0) \cos \alpha + \rho g \beta_C (C-C_0) \cos \alpha$

$$\rho c_{p} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u^{*} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x^{*}} + v^{*} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y^{*}} \right) = k^{*} \left(\frac{\partial^{2} T}{\partial x^{*2}} + \frac{\partial^{2} T}{\partial y^{*2}} \right) + Q_{0}$$

$$- \frac{\partial q_{r}}{\partial y^{*}} + \sigma B_{0}^{2} u^{2} + \sigma E^{2}$$
(15)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + u^* \frac{\partial C}{\partial x^*} + v^* \frac{\partial C}{\partial y^*} \end{pmatrix} = D \left(\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^{*2}} + \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^{*2}} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{DK_T}{T_m} \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^{*2}} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^{*2}} \right) - k_1 \left(C - C_o \right).$$
(16)

The radiative heat flux in the X-direction is considered as negligible compared to Y-direction. By using Rosseland approximation for thermal radiation, the radiative heat flux q_r is specified by

$$q_r = -\frac{16\sigma^* T_o^3}{3k^*} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y^*}, \qquad (17)$$

where σ^* and k^* are the Stefan-Boltzmann constant and the mean absorption coefficient respectively.

The coordinates and velocities in the wave frame (x,y)and the laboratory frame (X,Y) in a coordinate system moving with the wave speed *c* in which the boundary shape is stationary and are related by

$$x = x^{*} - ct, y = y^{*}, u = u^{*} - c, v = v^{*}, p(x, y) = P(x^{*}, y^{*}, t),$$

$$\overline{T}(x, y) = T(x^{*}, y^{*}, t), \overline{C}(x, y) = C(x^{*}, y^{*}, t),$$

(18)

where u, v are the velocity components, p is the pressure, T is the temperature and C is the concentration in the wave frame.

We introduce the following non-dimensional quantities:

$$\begin{split} \overline{x} &= \frac{x}{\lambda}, \overline{y} = \frac{y}{d_{1}}, \overline{u} = \frac{u}{c}, \overline{v} = \frac{v}{c}, h_{1} = \frac{H_{1}}{d_{1}}, h_{2} = \frac{H_{2}}{d_{1}}, \\ \overline{t} &= \frac{ct}{\lambda}, \ \overline{p} = \frac{d_{1}^{2}}{\lambda\mu C} p, \ \delta = \frac{d_{1}}{\lambda}, \\ d &= \frac{d_{2}}{d_{1}}, \ a = \frac{a_{1}}{d_{1}}, b = \frac{a_{2}}{d_{1}}, \text{Re} = \frac{\rho \, cd_{1}}{\mu}, \\ M &= \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\mu}} B_{0} d_{1}, \ Da = \frac{k_{0}}{d_{1}^{2}}, \ \gamma = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\eta}} d_{1}, \\ \text{Gr} &= \frac{\rho \, gd_{1}^{2} \beta_{T} \left(T_{1} - T_{0}\right)}{\mu C}, \ \overline{\psi} = \frac{\psi}{cd_{1}}, \text{Pr} = \frac{\mu c_{p}}{k^{*}}, \\ \theta &= \frac{\overline{T} - \overline{T}_{0}}{\overline{T}_{1} - \overline{T}_{0}}, \ \beta = \frac{Q_{0} d_{1}^{2}}{k^{*} \left(\overline{T}_{1} - \overline{T}_{0}\right)}, \\ Gc &= \frac{\rho \, gd_{1}^{2} \beta_{C} \left(\overline{C}_{1} - \overline{C}_{0}\right)}{\mu C}, \ \phi = \frac{\overline{C} - \overline{C}_{0}}{\overline{C}_{1} - \overline{C}_{0}}, \\ Sc &= \frac{\mu}{\rho D}, \ Sr = \frac{\rho D K_{T} \left(\overline{T}_{1} - \overline{T}_{0}\right)}{\mu T_{m} \left(\overline{C}_{1} - \overline{C}_{0}\right)}, \\ \gamma_{1} &= k_{1} \frac{d_{1}^{2}}{\upsilon}, \ Rd = \frac{16\sigma^{*} T_{0}^{3}}{3k^{*} \overline{\mu}_{o} c_{f}}, C_{o} = \frac{\left(-\frac{d\overline{p}}{d\overline{X}}\right) d_{1}^{2}}{\mu U_{HS}}. \end{split}$$

Using the above transformations Eqs. (17) and (18) and non-dimensional quantities Eq. (19), the governing flow field equations Eqs. (13) to (15), after dropping the bars, we get the dimensional equations of the couple stress fluid are:

$$\frac{\partial^4 \psi}{\partial y^4} - \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \frac{\partial^6 \psi}{\partial y^6} - \left(M^2 + \frac{1}{Da} \right) \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{d^3 \psi_o}{dy^3} + \operatorname{Gr} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \sin \alpha + \operatorname{Gr} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \sin \alpha = 0$$
(20)

$$\frac{(1+Rd)}{\Pr}\frac{\partial^{2}\theta}{\partial y^{2}} + Ec\left[\left(\frac{\partial^{2}\psi}{\partial y^{2}}\right)^{2} + \frac{1}{\gamma^{2}}\left(\frac{\partial^{3}\psi}{\partial y^{3}}\right)^{2}\right] + EcM^{2}\left(\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y}\right)^{2} + A = 0$$
(21)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} - Sc\gamma_1 \phi + ScSr \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} = 0.$$
(22)

The corresponding boundary conditions are:

$$\psi = \frac{F}{2}, \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} + L \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = -1, \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial y^3} = 0, \theta = 0, \phi = 0$$

at

$$y = h_1 = 1 + a\cos(2\pi x),$$
 (23)

$$\psi = -\frac{F}{2}, \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} - L \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = -1, \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial y^3} = 0, \theta = 1, \phi = 1$$

at

$$y = h_2 = -d - b\cos(2\pi x + \phi),$$
 (24)

where *L* is the velocity slip parameter and *F* is the flux in the wave frame and the constants *a*, *b*, ϕ and *d* should satisfy the relation

$$a^{2} + b^{2} + 2ab\cos\phi \le (1+d)^{2}.$$
 (25)

The dimensionless mean flow rate Θ in the fixed frame is related to the non-dimensional mean flow rate *F* in wave frame by:

$$\Theta = F + 1 + d, \tag{26}$$

and in which:

$$F = \int_{h_1}^{h_2} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \, \mathrm{d}y. \tag{27}$$

The Nusselt number and Sherwood number are presented in Eqs. (28) and (29):

$$Nu = -\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \bigg|_{y=h_1,h_2},$$
(28)

$$\mathbf{Sh} = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \bigg]_{y=h_1,h_2}.$$
(29)

3 Numerical solution

The solution of system of coupled non-linear Eqs. (20) to (22) with corresponding boundary conditions in Eqs. (23) and (24) are obtained using NDSolve in Mathematica computational software.

This section contains the plots and related analyses for different embedded parameters. This section includes the graphs for velocity distribution, temperature distribution, concentration distribution, pumping characteristics, heat transfer coefficient, mass transfer coefficient and trapping phenomenon.

3.1 Velocity distribution

Fig. 1 presents the illustrative diagram of the problem under present study. Fig. 2 displays the velocity profile for various values of Hartmann number. The velocity decreases and drops with Hartmann number *M*. Fig. 3 depicts velocity profiles of different values of parameter for osmosis parameter. Velocity profile is seen to raise as osmosis parameter *k* enlarges. Fig. 4 depicts that the consequences of the parameter λ_1 on the profile of velocity. It is clear that enhance the strength of λ_1 resulted in enhancing the velocity. Fig. 5 indicates that the velocity rises with increasing values of *Da*. Fig. 6 reveals that velocity is seen to decrease with the higher values of couple stress parameter. Fig. 7 shows that velocity diminishes with increasing values of *L*.

3.2 Temperature distribution

Figs. 8 to 11 depict the deviations in temperature profiles for various values of parameters A, k, Rd and Ec. Fig. 8 presents the consequences of the parameter A on the







profile of temperature. It is clear that enhance the strength of A resulted in increasing the temperature. Fig. 9 shows that temperature rises with enhancing k. Fig. 10 shows that the temperature diminishes significantly with a rise in Rd whereas the temperature increases as the higher values of Ec from Fig. 11.

Fig. 12 shows a very significant effect of Pr on the temperature profiles. It is clear from Fig. 12 that the Brinkman number has an impulse to diminish the temperature in the



micro-channel. It may be offered that the conductivity of thermal of the fluid drops by increasing the ratio of the diffusivity of the momentum to diffusivity of the thermal.



3.3 Concentration distribution

Figs. 13 to 15 present the consequences of the parameter *Sc*, *Sr* and γ_1 on the profile of concentration. It is clear that enhance the strength of *Sc* resulted in diminishing the concentration in Fig. 13. Fig 14 depicts that the





concentration enhances with an increasing the values of *Sr*. Fig 15 reveals that the concentration is seen to decrease with the enhancing the values of γ_1 .

3.4 Pumping characteristics

Figs. 16 to 18 represent the profiles of pressure gradient $\left(\frac{dp}{dx}\right)$ for the effects of Slip parameter (*L*), Osmosis parameter (*k*) and the couple stress parameter (γ). The pres-

sure gradient has oscillatory behavior in the whole range of the x-axis. From all figures, it is clear that the pressure gradient diminishes with the higher values of L, k and γ .

The pressure rise is a significant physical measure in the peristaltic mechanism. The results are prepared and discussed for different physical parameters of interest through Figs. 19 to 22 and which are plotted for dimensionless pressure rise ΔP_i versus the dimensionless flow





-1

-36

0.2

0.4

x

Fig. 18 $\frac{dp}{dx}$ for γ

= 5.0

y = 5.5

0.6

0.8

rate Θ to the effects of Hartmann number M, chemical reaction parameter γ_1 , heat generation parameter β and couple stress parameter y. The pumping regions are peristaltic pumping are ($\Theta > 0, \Delta P_{\lambda} > 0$), augment pumping $(\Theta < 0, \Delta P_1 < 0)$, retrograde pumping $(\Theta < 0, \Delta P_1 > 0)$, co-pumping ($\Theta > 0, \Delta P_{\lambda} < 0$) and free pumping $(\Theta = 0, \Delta P_{\lambda} = 0)$. Fig. 19 is depicted that the pressure rise ΔP_{λ} depressing with an enhance in Hartmann number M in the both peristaltic pumping region and free pumping region. Fig. 20 is observed that the dimensionless pressure rise per wave length ΔP_{λ} against the dimensionless average flux Θ to the influence of chemical reaction parameter γ_1 . It is observed that the pressure rise decreases when the chemical reaction parameter γ_1 increases. Fig. 21 depicts quite the opposite nature of the effect of the heat generation parameter β . The influence of couple stress fluid parameter γ on the pressure rise is decreases and which is elucidated from Fig. 22.



Fig. 21 ΔP_{λ} for β





3.5 Nusselt number

Figs. 23 to 25 exhibit the influence of incorporated parameters such as Hartmann number M, Osmosis parameter kand Joule heating parameter A respectively on magnitude of Nusselt number. The heat transfer coefficient has oscillatory in nature due to peristaltic motion of walls. The heat transfer rate enhances for M, k and A from Figs. 23 to 25.

3.6 Sherwood number

The mass transfer coefficient shows the impact of different parameters of λ_1 and *k* from Figs. 26 and 27. Fig. 26 depicts the Sherwood number depresses with the impact of λ_1 whereas it observes the mass transfer coefficient enhances as the parameter *k* rises from Fig. 27.



Fig. 27 Sh for k

3.7 Trapping phenomenon

The phenomenon of trapping in flow of fluid is trapping and is presented by drawing streamlines in the Figs. 28 to 31. A bolus is having by splitting of a streamline under important conditions and it is followed along with the wave in the wave frame. This process is called trapping. The bolus of trapping is observed to expand by enhancing M from Figs. 28 to 29. However the size of bolus decreases by the rising effects of λ_1 as shown in Figs. 30 to 31.



Fig. 28 Effect of M on stream lines for M = 1.5



Fig. 29 Effect of M on stream lines for M = 1.6



Fig. 30 Effect of λ_1 on stream lines for $\lambda_1 = 1.5$

The numerical results got by Mathematica software is validated with the Reddy et al. [26] and Hayat et al. [37]. To endorse the numerical results, Table 1 is shown for Nusselt number verses couple stress parameter. It is revealed that numerical results have a good agreement with the solutions of existing literature [26, 37] for the entire set of parametric values.



Fig. 31 Effect of λ_1 on stream lines for $\lambda_1 = 1.6$

	Table 1	Comparison	of values	for Nusselt	number
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	Nu	Reddy et al. [26]	Hayat et al. [37]
2	-0.13297	-0.13298	-0.13298
	-0.08374	-0.083745	-0.083745
	-0.03412	-0.034123	-0.034123
2.5	-0.02528	-0.025289	-0.025289
	0.012862	0.012863	0.012863
	0.051613	0.051614	0.051614
3	-0.05475	-0.054754	-0.054754
	-0.01328	-0.013277	-0.013277
	0.028704	0.028705	0.028705

4 Conclusion

We have investigated the peristaltic transport of a heat and mass transfer of couple stress fluid on the combined impacts of electro-osmotically and pressure driven flow in an inclined asymmetric micro channel whose walls are varying sinusoidally with different wave trains. Effects of thermal radiation, chemical reaction and Joule heating have been accounted. The numerical solution for velocity, temperature distribution, concentration distribution and pumping characteristics are presented using small wave length and small Reynolds number. The important findings of present study are summarized as follows:

- The electro-osmotic flow of couple stress fluids in an inclined asymmetric channel is strongly depend on Debye length.
- Velocity diminishes with an enhance of L and γ .
- Temperature rises with an strength of *A* whereas depresses with an enhance of *Rd*.
- Concentration decreases with enhance of γ_1 .
- It is observed that pressure gradient has oscillatory behavior.
- Pressure rise decreases with an effect of increasing γ .
- The absence of electro-osmosis, our results are in good agreement with Reddy et al. [26].

- As the couple stress parameter increases, axial velocity increases in core part of the channel.
- Behaviors of axial velocity component and temperature profile are qualitatively similar for Hartmann number.

Nomenclature

Symbol Description

- (a'_1,b'_2) Amplitude of left and right of the micro asymmetric vessel (m)
- (*a*,*b*) Dimensionless amplitude of left and right of the micro asymmetric vessel
- c Wave speed (m/s)
- c_p Specific heat capacity (J/(kg K))(Kelvin⁻¹ sec⁻² m²)
- *d* Half channel width (m)
- E_x Applied electrical field
- \overline{E} Electric potential
- *E* Dimensionless electric potential
- *e* Fundamental charge
- *F* Dimensionless mean flows
- Gr Thermal Grashof number
- g Acceleration due to gravity (m s⁻¹)
- (h_1,h_2) Heat transfer coefficients for left and right walls (kg sec⁻³ Kelvin⁻¹)
- k' Permeability of the porous walls (Darcy number) (W/m Kelvin)
- k^* Mean absorption coefficient (m⁻¹)
- *L* Slip parameter
- \overline{p} Dimensional pressures (kg/m s²)
- *P* Dimensionless pressure
- Pr Prandtl number
- \overline{q}_r Uni-directional thermal radiative flux
- \overline{Q}_0 Constant viscous dissipation function (kg m⁻¹ sec⁻³)
- *Rn* Thermal radiation parameter
- Re Reynolds number
- *t* Dimensional time (sec)
- \overline{T} Temperature (Kelvin)
- T_m Average temperature (Kelvin)
- (T_0, T_1) Temperature at the left and right walls respectively (Kelvin)
- (u^*, v^*) Wave frame velocity components of ((X, Y), m)(m sec⁻¹)
- (U,V) Fixed frame velocity components of (x,y)
- (u,v) Dimensionless velocity components of (x,y)

Greek symbols

- $\bar{\rho}_e$ Electric charge density per unit volume
- μ Fluid dynamic viscosity (kg m⁻¹ sec⁻¹)
- γ_{v} Spin gradient viscosity (kg m sec⁻¹)

- k_v Kinematic rotational viscosity (m² sec⁻¹)
- λ Wavelength (m)
- κ_{ef} Thermal conductivity (W/(m K)),
- σ^* Stefan-Boltzmann constant (W m⁻² Kelvin⁻⁴)
- ε Dielectric permittivity of the medium (F m⁻¹)
- ζ Zeta potential (v)
- ϕ Phase difference
- σ Dimensionless solute concentration
- α_m Thermal diffusivity

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- α' Slip coefficient at the surface of the porous walls
- β Non-dimensional heat source/sink parameter
- Θ Dimensionless time average flux
- γ Rescaled nano particle volume fraction
- κ Electro-osmotic parameter (Debye length)
- Ω Axial micro rotation velocity
- θ Dimensionless temperature
- ψ Stream function
- δ Wave number
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