



# A Computational Analysis of the Soret and Dufour Effects on a Rotating Hybrid Nanofluid

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**Abstract.** This paper shows the impact of the Dufour and Soret numbers on a *hybrid nanofluid* (HNF) in a boundary layer area across a spinning sheet. The collection of flow governing (PDEs) partial differential equations was turned into a system of (ODEs) ordinary differential equations, which are then solved utilising BVP4C code in MATLAB. The impact of the flow governing parameters on the flow properties were analysed and presented graphically. The Soret factor influences the thermal efficiency at the surface, while the Dufour effect reduces the mass transfer at the surface.

**Keywords.** Hybrid nanofluid, Rotating sheet, Lobatto III A technique, Soret, Dufour

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## 1. Introduction

Research is being done on the enhancement of the thermal conductivity in various materials owing to the demand in heat transfer applications. Choi and Eastman [10] used nanoparticles for the first time by incorporating a thin suspension of nano particles suspension into the liquid base. The nanofluids are widely employed in heat exchangers, nuclear reactors, microelectronics, bio-medicine, and many more (Khan [31]). To investigate thermal energy flow in nanofluids, Buongiorno [9] has created a two-piece relationship based on two major slip characters, namely “Brownian motion, and thermophoresis”. Nayak *et al.* [30] in their study, investigated the MHD nanofluids flow by connecting it with porous matrix and Patel model that provided a

significant development in the heat transfer capabilities of the nano fluid. Ali *et al.* [2], gave the experimental findings of water based ZnO nanoparticles to alter the heat changes for a car's radiator. Arshad and Ali [5] experimentally investigated the characteristics of heat transfer and pressure fall of Titanium nanoparticles through a mini-channel and explained that the thermal behaviour of  $\text{TiO}_2$  had strong impact on the heating capacity. Further, Saffarian *et al.* [40] have used nanofluid to modify a solar collector's heat transfer (HETR) across a flat surface via several pathways. Recently, Rana *et al.* [36] in their investigation examined the 3-D steady flow of an incompressible 25 nm water based Cu nano liquid over a bi-directional extended surface, also Corcione's model for dynamic viscosity and effective thermal boundary conductivity was utilised in conjunction with specific heat, electric conductivity connexions constructed on effective medium theory.

Despite varied utilitarian benefits some nanofluids have been identified as hybrid or second-grade fluids due to their advanced rheological capabilities and thermo-physical properties. These fluids are formed from two distinct nano-material suspensions in a base liquid. Various researchers have explored this innovative class of heat transmission fluids to identify answers to real-world issues and it has been widely used in many domains, such as biomedicine, drug delivery, cooling of machines and many more. Waini *et al.* [50] in their analysis discovered that only one solution was stable among the dual solutions of the dusty HNF in an existing magnetic field, along a shrinking sheet. Lund *et al.* [25] in their investigation studied the rotating 3-D flow of a HNF over an exponential sheet with suction effects and found that a symmetrical solution existed for changes in rotation parameter. Kumar *et al.* [22] estimated the Natural convection 3D hydro magnetic flow and heat transfer of hybrid nanoparticles and hybrid nanoparticles generated in Carreau hybrid base fluid consisting of the activations of thermal shapes nanoparticles using R-K Fehlberg method. Many researchers have recently explored the heat transfer trend in hybrid nano flow. A remarkable amount of research has been conducted on the production, categorization and applications of various varieties of hybrid nano fluids [1, 3, 6, 11–13, 23, 38, 45].

Great deal of research is done on the flow of fluids and heat conduction phenomenon in revolving frames. It is due to their abundant utilitarian benefits in computer storage devices, crystal growth, gas turbine propellers etc. Aziz *et al.* [7], in their investigation of an optimal study for 3D rotating flow of Oldroyd-B nanofluid fluid with convectively heated surface, and had noticed a substantial rise in temperature for improved values of Prandtl and Biot number. Kumar *et al.* [21] have investigated the flow of Se anoparticles over a rotating exponential sheet due to solar radiation and found that the rise in temperature and thermal layer thickness was due to the existence of solar radiation. Furthermore, Turkyilmazoglu [48] explored the flow and heat transfer of an incompressible electrically conducting fluid over a rotating infinite disk, using the Optimal homotopy technique. Hayat *et al.* [17]., studied thermophysical characteristics of Cu-water nano tube with engine and kerosine oils in rotating porous disk using Darcy-Forscheimer medium. Khan *et al.* [16] gave the comparison of heat transfer properties of MHD rotating nanofluid with that of emerging hybrid nanofluid. Khan *et al.* [20], have analysed

the thermophysical traits of MHD Williamson fluid under the influence of Joule heating and activation energy over a rotating sheet and observed that higher values of thermal conductivity, Eckert number and solar radiation parameters the temperature profile increases, on the other hand opposite behaviour is noticed for Prandtl number. Mustafa *et al.* [29], recently used Cattaneo-Christov heat flux theory to find the analytical solutions of 3-D rotating floes of Oldroyd-B liquid.

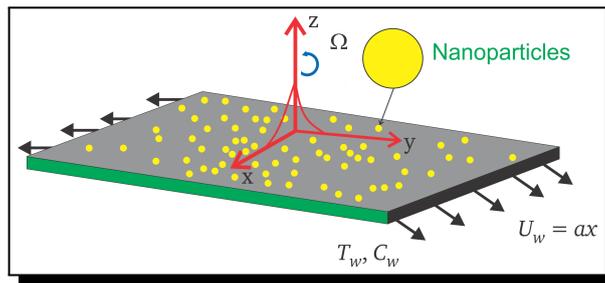
The driving potential is more complex when heat and mass transfer phenomena occur simultaneously among the fluxes as energy flux can be created not only by temperature gradients but also by composition gradients [50]. The Dufour or diffusion thermo effect is the energy flux generated by composition gradient. Correspondingly, the Soret is triggered by a temperature gradient, causing mass fluxes. The effects exhibited by Fick's or Fourier laws are of higher order than the Soret and Dufour effects [41]. Charles Soret, a Swiss chemist, was the first to use the thermo-diffusion effect to investigate the gravity of Earth in detail in 1879. Soret also noticed that a salt solution in a tube with two ends at different temperatures did not remain uniform in composition, and salt was concentrated more towards the colder end than the heated end of the tube [50]. Shaheen *et al.* [44] in their investigation explored the effects of variable characteristics on a 3-D dusty Casson fluid flow past a deformable bidirectional surface amalgamated with Arrhenius activation energy and chemical reaction. Rasool *et al.* [37], studied "the consequences of binary chemical reaction, thermal radiation, and Soret-Dufour effects on a steady incompressible Darcy-Forchheimer flow of nanofluids". Further, numerous investigations on the effects of Soret and Dufour were performed by various researchers using numerical and analytical methods on a variety of fluid flows [35, 39, 43, 47].

Shoaib *et al.* [46] investigated the flow properties of HNF over a rotational disk subjected to Joule heating implementing the Lobatto IIIA technique. Arif *et al.* [19] utilised FEM along with the Lobatto III-A to investigate the dispersion of both single and combined nanoparticles in a fluid under the influence of the magnetic field with viscosity and on a non-uniform surface. Ouyang *et al.* [32] has learned about, the radiative flow of an MHD hybrid nanofluid ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ -Cu/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) over a convectively heated stretchable rotating disc with velocity slip effects was numerically treated using the Lobatto IIIA technique. Uddin [49] explored the capability of a numerical computational structure based on the Lobatto IIIA approach for the *Darcy-Forchheimer* flow of *Sisko* nanomaterials with nonlinear thermal radiation.

As witnessed in the above-mentioned works and due to their large potential industrial applications, the Soret and Dufour effects have become a prominent field of study. Thus, our goal is to explore numerically these effects on the HNF flow over a revolving sheet through this article. Through similarity transformation, the boundary layered PDEs of the physical flow were turned into ODEs and an efficient mathematical tool BVP4C code in MATLAB was implemented to solve them. The correctness of the code was ensured by comparative study of previous works as a limiting condition.

## 2. Mathematical Formulation

Consider the 3D flow of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Cu}$ /water nano particles across a  $z = 0$  plane as the stretchy surface. The chosen hybrid nano particles and the base liquids are assumed to be in “thermal equilibrium”. The fluid is capturing the half space at  $z \geq 0$ . As seen in Figure 1, the surface extends in the  $x$ -direction with a linearly varying velocity  $U_w = ax$ , causing flow in adjacent liquid layers. Let  $\Omega$  be the rotating liquid’s constant angular velocity. The surface temperature  $T_w$  and  $T_\infty$  the ambient temperature of the hybrid nanofluid is constant. The concentration of the hybrid nanofluid is given by  $C_w$ .



**Figure 1.** Physical model of the problem

After applying the boundary layer approximations, the governing equations for the hybrid nanofluid can be stated as follows [4, 31, 42, 50, 52].

The continuity equation,

$$u_x + v_y + w_z = 0. \tag{2.1}$$

The momentum equations

$$uu_x + vv_y + ww_z = \frac{\mu_{hnf}}{\rho_{hnf}} u_{zz} + 2\Omega v, \tag{2.2}$$

$$uv_x + vv_y + ww_z = \frac{\mu_{hnf}}{\rho_{hnf}} v_{zz} - 2\Omega u. \tag{2.3}$$

The energy equation

$$uT_x + vT_y + wT_z = \frac{k_{hnf}}{(\rho C_p)_{hnf}} T_{zz} - \frac{1}{(\rho C_p)_{hnf}} q_{rz} + \frac{D_M k_T}{C_s (\rho C_p)_{hnf}} C_{zz}. \tag{2.4}$$

The equation of concentration

$$uC_x + vC_y + wC_z = D_{hnf} C_{zz} + \frac{D_M k_T}{T_M} T_{zz}. \tag{2.5}$$

The boundary restrictions are,

$$\begin{aligned} u = U_w \lambda, v = 0, w = w_w, T = T_w, C = C_w \text{ at } z = 0, \\ u \rightarrow 0, v \rightarrow 0, T \rightarrow T_\infty, C \rightarrow C_\infty \text{ as } z \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

In equations (2.1)-(2.6),  $u, v, w$  are the velocity components of the hybrid nanofluid along the  $x, y, z$ -direction.  $T, q_r, C$  are the temperature, radiative heat flux (Giresha *et al.* [14]) and concentration of the hybrid nanofluid respectively.  $\lambda$  is the stretching parameter (Anuar *et al.* [4]). Further  $D_M, D_{hnf}$  is the “mass diffusivity coefficient”, the thermal diffusion

ratio is given by  $K_T$ , and the mean fluid temperature and the concentration susceptibility are given by  $T_M$  and  $C_s$ , respectively.

The thermophysical properties of the hybrid nanofluid such as dynamic viscosity, thermal conductivity etc are given in Table 2. Further the physical relations of the hybrid nanofluid used in the above equations are stated in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Thermophysical relations of the fluid [15, 28, 46]

| Properties                     | Hybrid nanofluid  |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Density, $\rho$                | $\frac{\rho_{hnf}}{\rho_f} = [(\frac{\rho_{s1}}{\rho_f})\phi_1 + (1 - \phi_1)](1 - \phi_2) + \phi_2 \frac{\rho_{s2}}{\rho_f}$   |
| Heat capacity, $\rho C_p$      | $[\rho C_p]_{hnf} = [\rho C_p]_f [(\frac{\rho C_p s1}{\rho_f})\phi_1 + (1 - \phi_1)(1 - \phi_2) + \phi_2(\rho C_p)_{s2}]$   |
| Dynamic viscosity, $\mu$       | $\frac{\mu_{hnf}}{\mu_f} = \frac{1}{[(1-\phi_1)(1-\phi_2)]^{5/2}}$  |
| Thermal conductivity [32], $k$ | $\frac{k_{hnf}}{k_{bf}} = \frac{k_{s2} + k_{bf}(s-1) - (k_{bf} - k_{s2})(s-1)\phi_2}{k_{bf}(s-1) + (k_{bf} - k_{s2})\phi_2 + k_{s2}}$ and $\frac{k_{bf}}{k_f} = \frac{k_{s1} + k_f(s-1) - (k_f - k_{s1})(s-1)\phi_1}{k_f(s-1) + (k_f - k_{s1})\phi_2 + k_{s1}}$ |

Here,  $hnf, bf, f, s1, s2$  are the subscripts which are related to HNF, base fluid, solid nano particle1 ( $Al_2O_3$ ), “solid or fluid nano particle2 ( $Cu$ )”. The volume fraction of the nanoparticle alumina and Copper are given by  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ , to get the desired combination of the hybrid nanofluid alumina is introduced into the base fluid (water) and then the copper particles and  $\phi_1 = 0.01$  is the constant volume fraction taken throughout the analysis. The radiation term  $q_r$  which can be expressed according to the Rosseland approximation [4], [26] can be given as below,

$$q_r = -\frac{4\sigma_0}{3k^*} \frac{\partial T^4}{\partial z},$$

where  $\sigma_0$  and  $k^*$  are the Stefan-Boltzmann constant and the coefficient of mean absorption, respectively [4]. Ignoring the higher order terms and using the Taylor series,  $T^4$  is expanded about  $T_\infty$ ; hence we get  $T^4 \approx 4T_\infty^3 T - 3T_\infty^4$ , then equation (2.4) can be rewritten as

$$uT_x + vT_y + wT_z = \frac{k_{hnf}}{(\rho C_p)_{hnf}} T_{zz} + \frac{16\sigma_0 T_\infty^3}{3k^*(\rho C_p)_{hnf}} T_{zz} + \frac{D_M k_T}{C_s(\rho C_p)_{hnf}} C_{zz}. \tag{2.7}$$

The following similarity transformations [4], [27] have been utilised in this problem to modify the PDE to ODE

$$u = \alpha x f'(\eta), v = \alpha x g(\eta), w = -\sqrt{\alpha \vartheta_f} f(\eta), \theta(\eta) = \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_w - T_\infty}, \Phi(\eta) = \frac{C - C_\infty}{C_w - C_\infty}, \eta = z \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\vartheta_f}}. \tag{2.8}$$

The differentiation with respect to  $\eta$  is indicated by prime and  $w_w = -\sqrt{\alpha \vartheta_f} S$ , in which  $a$  is a constant and  $S$  is the mass flux parameter. If  $S > 0$  corresponds to suction and  $S < 0$  relates to injection. Equation (2.1) identically verified and equations (2.2), (2.3), (2.7) and (2.5) are changed to ODE’s as listed below,

$$\frac{\mu_{hnf}/\mu_f}{\rho_{hnf}/\rho_f} f''' + f f'' - (f')^2 + 2\omega g = 0, \tag{2.9}$$

$$\frac{\mu_{hnf}/\mu_f}{\rho_{hnf}/\rho_f} g'' - f' g + f g' - 2\omega f' = 0, \tag{2.10}$$

$$\frac{(\rho C_p)_f}{(\rho C_p)_{hnf}} \left\{ \frac{1}{Pr} \left[ \frac{k_{hnf}}{k_f} + \frac{4}{3} R_d \right] \theta'' + Du \Phi'' \right\} + f \theta' = 0, \tag{2.11}$$

$$\Phi'' + \frac{D_f}{D_{hnf}} Sc [f \Phi' + Sr \theta''] = 0, \tag{2.12}$$

subject to

$$\begin{aligned} f'(\eta) = \lambda, \quad g(\eta) = 0, \quad f(0) = S, \quad \theta(\eta) = 1, \quad \Phi(\eta) = 1, \quad \text{as } \eta \rightarrow 0, \\ f'(\eta) \rightarrow 0, \quad g(\eta) \rightarrow 0, \quad f(0) \rightarrow 0, \quad \theta(\eta) \rightarrow 0, \quad \Phi(\eta) \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } \eta \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

In equations (2.9)-(2.12) the non-dimensional parameters present are given as

$$\begin{aligned} \omega = \frac{\Omega}{a}, \quad Pr = \frac{\vartheta_f(\rho C_p)_f}{k_f}, \quad Sc = \frac{\vartheta_f}{D_f}, \quad R_d = \frac{4\sigma_0 T_\infty^3}{k^* k_f}, \quad Du = \frac{D_M K_T}{C_s(\rho C_p)_f \vartheta_f} \left[ \frac{C_w - C_\infty}{T_w - T_\infty} \right], \\ Sr = \frac{D_M K_T}{T_M \vartheta_f} \left[ \frac{T_w - T_\infty}{C_w - C_\infty} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

The Skin friction coefficients  $C_{fx}$  and  $C_{fy}$  along the axis  $x$  and  $y$ , as well as the local Nusselt number  $Nu_x$  and the local Sherwood number  $Sh_x$  are stated as below ([34]),

$$\begin{aligned} C_{fx} = \frac{\mu_{hnf}}{\rho_f U_w^2} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0}, \quad C_{fy} = \frac{\mu_{hnf}}{\rho_f U_w^2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0}, \\ Nu_x = \frac{x}{k_f(T_w - T_\infty)} \left[ -k_{hnf} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0} + q_r \Big|_{z=0} \right], \quad Sh_x = \frac{x}{D_f(T_w - T_\infty)} \left[ -D_{hnf} \left( \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0} \right] \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

From equations (2.8) and (2.14) the modified values of the above as

$$\begin{aligned} Re_x^{1/2} C_{fx} = \frac{\mu_{hnf}}{\mu_f} f''(0), \quad Re_x^{1/2} C_{fy} = \frac{\mu_{hnf}}{\mu_f} g'(0), \\ Re_x^{-1/2} Nu_x = - \left( \frac{k_{hnf}}{k_f} + \frac{4R_d}{3} \right) \theta'(0), \quad Re_x^{-1/2} Sh_x = - \left( \frac{D_{hnf}}{D_f} \right) \Phi'(0). \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

**Table 2.** The thermophysical properties [4, 24, 33]

| Properties  | Base fluid | Nano particles                           |             |
|---|------------|--|-------------|
|   | Water      | Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (Alumina) | Cu (Copper) |
| Thermal conductivity ( $k$ )(Wm <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> ) | 0.613      | 40                                       | 400         |
| Density ( $\rho$ ) (kgm <sup>-3</sup> )                         | 997.1      | 3970                                     | 8933        |
| Specific heat ( $C_p$ )(Jkg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )     | 4179       | 765                                      | 385         |

### 3. Method of Solution

Lobatto IIIA is integrated into MATLAB routine “BVP4C” was implemented to solve the equations (2.9) to (2.12) along the boundary conditions (2.13). In this method  $h = 0.01$  was used as the step size and the procedure is continued until the results are accurate to the desired level of precision  $10^{-6}$ . Figure 2 depicts the solution strategy for the problem.

The parameters  $A_1, A_2, A_3, B_1, B_2$  are stated below as,

$$A_1 = \frac{\mu_f}{\mu_{hnf}}, \quad A_2 = \frac{\rho_{hnf}}{\rho_f}, \quad A_3 = \frac{(\rho C_p)_{hnf}}{(\rho C_p)_f}, \quad B_1 = \frac{k_{hnf}}{k_f} + \frac{4}{3} R_d, \quad B_2 = \frac{1}{(1 - \phi_1)(1 - \phi_2)}.$$

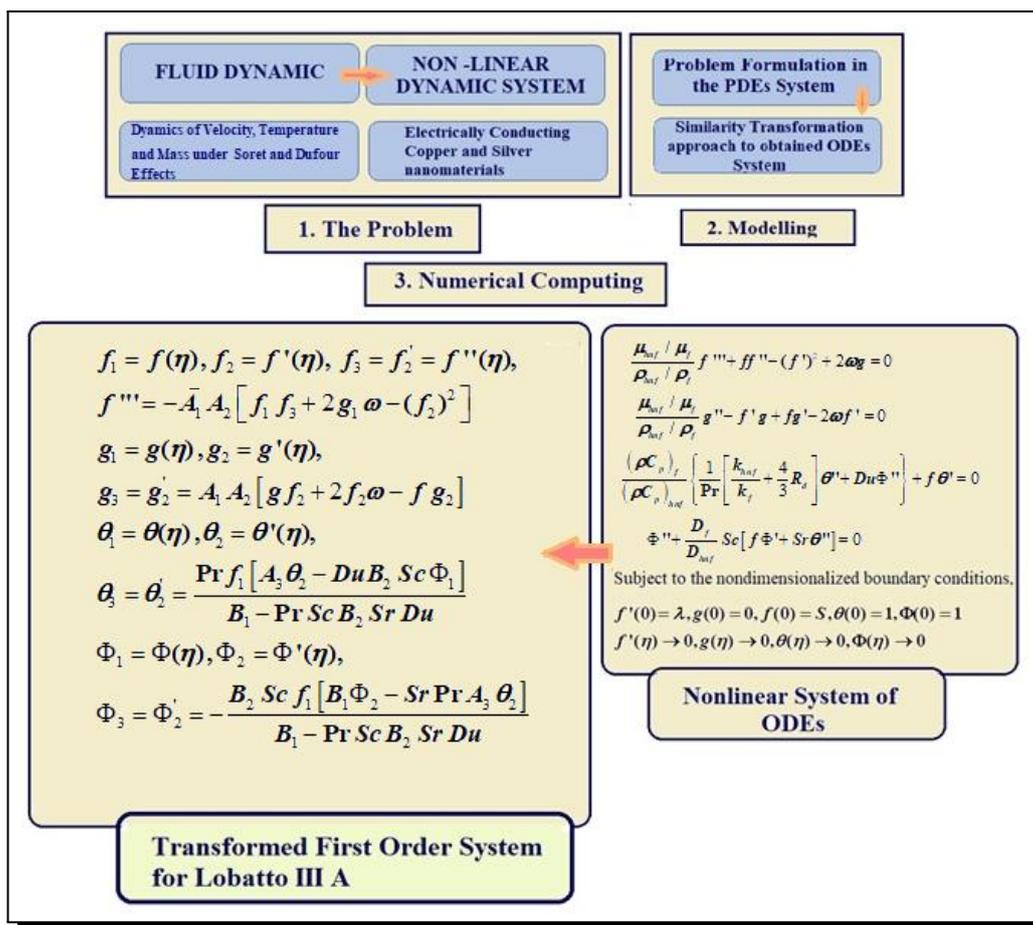


Figure 2. Graphical abstract of the problem

## 4. Results and Discussion

The numerical solution for the modified ODEs under various parameter values are displayed in Figures 3-19. The description of the behaviour of velocity, concentration, and temperature of an  $Al_2O_3$ -Cu-water based flow across a revolving sheet has been presented in detail. The results, as shown in Table 3 and Table 4 were compared and determined to be in good agreement to give the authenticity of the code.

In this segment, the effects of various significant parameters such as nano-particle volume fraction ( $\phi_2$ ), Dufour ( $Du$ ), Soret ( $Sr$ ), rotation parameter ( $\omega$ ), radiation parameter ( $R_d$ ), Suction parameter ( $S$ ), and Schmidt parameter ( $Sc$ ) on the flow parameters are described.

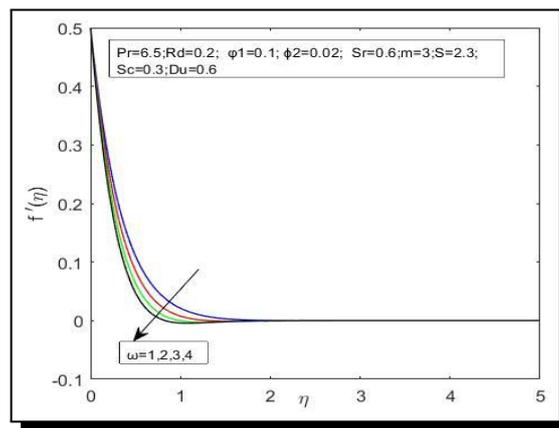
Higher rotational parameter values produce lower velocity distributions since the rotational parameter is the ratio of rotation to stretching rates in physical terms'. In Figure 3, the impact of the rotation parameter ( $\omega$ ) on the non-dimensional velocities in the x-direction was observed and found that the higher values of the rotation parameter result in a faster rotational rate, which corresponds to a decrease in the velocity distribution  $f'(\eta)$ . Figure 4 reveals that the rise in the values of  $\omega$  decays the velocity distribution  $g(\eta)$ . It is so because the rotational parameter is crucial in accelerating the flow along y-direction and the more significant rotational parameter produces an oscillating pattern in the velocity distribution.

**Table 3.** Comparison of the values of  $f''(0)$ ,  $g'(0)$ ,  $Re_x^{-1/2}Nu_x$  for base fluid when  $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2 = 0$ ,  $Du = Sr = Sc = 0$  and  $\lambda = 1$

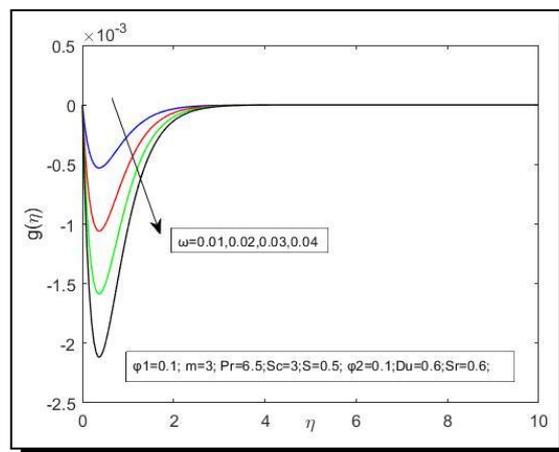
| $\omega$ | Wang [51] |         | Bachok <i>et al.</i> [8] |          |                   | Present study |           |                   |
|----------|-----------|---------|--------------------------|----------|-------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|
|          | $f''(0)$  | $g'(0)$ | $f''(0)$                 | $g'(0)$  | $Re_x^{-0.5}Nu_x$ | $f''(0)$      | $g'(0)$   | $Re_x^{-0.5}Nu_x$ |
| 0.00     | -1.00000  | 0.00000 | -1.00000                 | 0.00000  | 14.78568          | -1.0000       | 0.000000  | 14.7857           |
| 0.50     | -1.1384   | -0.5128 | -1.13838                 | -0.51276 | 14.78408          | -1.1384       | 0.5128213 | 14.7841           |
| 1.00     | -1.3250   | -0.8371 | -1.32503                 | -0.83710 | 14.78039          | -1.3250       | 0.8371426 | 14.7804           |
| 2.00     | -1.6523   | -1.2873 | -1.6524                  | -1.28726 | 17.775800         | -1.6524       | 1.287323  | 17.7758           |

**Table 4.** Comparison of the values of  $Re_x^{-1/2}Sh_x$  for base fluid when  $\varphi_1 = 0.1$ ,  $Du = Sr = Sc = 0$  and  $\lambda = 1$  for different values of  $\varphi_2$

| $\varphi_2$ | $\lambda$ | $Du$ | $Sr$ | Waini <i>et al.</i> [50] | Present study |
|-------------|-----------|------|------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 0           | 0         | 0    | 0    | 0.5739                   | 0.573879      |
| 0.02        |           |      |      | 0.5734                   | 0.573396      |
| 0.04        |           |      |      | 0.5724                   | 0.572384      |

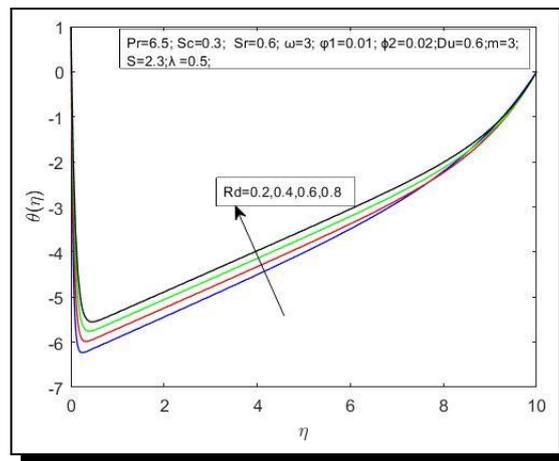


**Figure 3.** Behaviour of  $f'(\eta)$  with  $\omega$

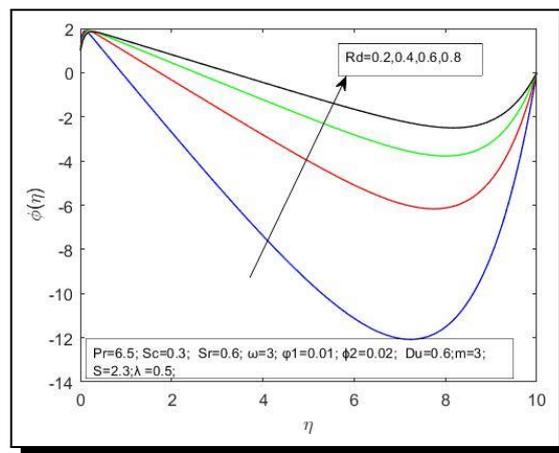


**Figure 4.** The impact of the rotational parameter ( $\omega$ ) on  $g(\eta)$

The impact of the radiation parameter ( $Rd$ ) on the temperature and concentration distribution was presented in Figure 5 and Figure 6. With the rise in the values of the thermal radiation parameter, the temperature and concentration boundary layers increase. Consequently, the boundary layers grow with the increased thermal radiation. As a result, it has been suggested that the lowering of thermal radiation must proceed at a faster diffusion rate.



**Figure 5.** Impact of  $Rd$  on the temperature profile

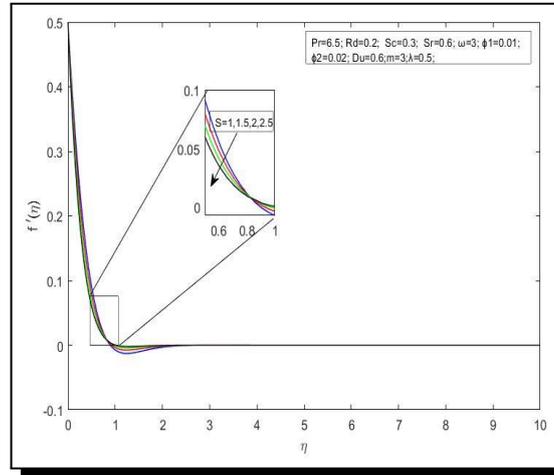


**Figure 6.** The impact on radiation parameter ( $Rd$ ) on the concentration profile

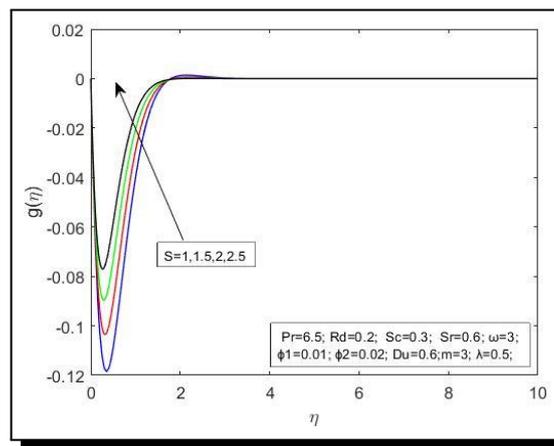
Figure 7 to Figure 10 show the influence of the mass flux parameter  $S$ , i.e., the suction parameter, on the non-dimensional distribution of velocity, temperature, and concentration. The plots reveal that velocity rate in  $x$ -direction decreases significantly with an increase in suction parameter ( $S > 1$ ) whereas the reverse effect is observed in the velocity in the  $y$ -direction. And it is noted that the increase in the values of suction parameter decrease the temperature and diffusion of the nanofluid.

Figure 11 and Figure 12 were plotted to examine the influence of the *Soret* ( $Sr$ ) and the *Dufour* ( $Du$ ) on the concentration and temperature boundary layers, respectively. From the diagrams, we observe the significant decline in nanoparticle concentration profiles for higher

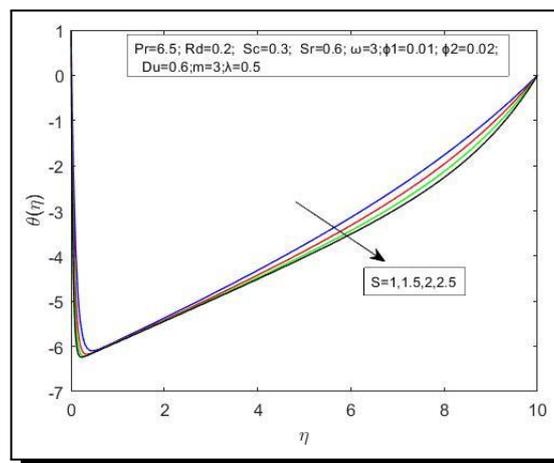
values of the  $Sr$ , under the influence of suction ( $S > 1$ ). The reduction in concentration is associated with the thermophoresis effect. Similarly, we observed that the rise in  $Du$  values decrease the temperature profiles.



**Figure 7.** Changes in  $f'(\eta)$  for different values of  $S$



**Figure 8.** The surge in transverse velocity for  $S$



**Figure 9.** Influence of  $S$  on  $\theta(\eta)$

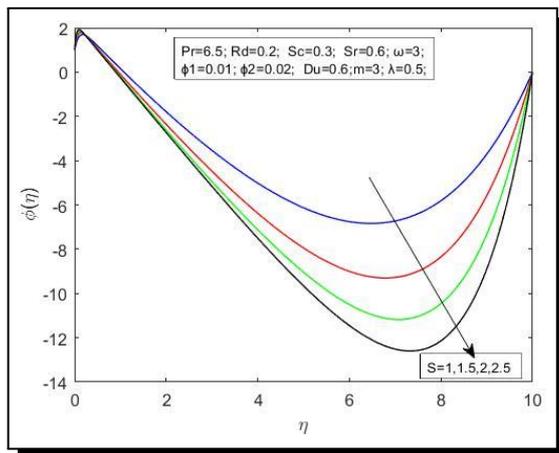


Figure 10. Impact of suction on  $\Phi(\eta)$

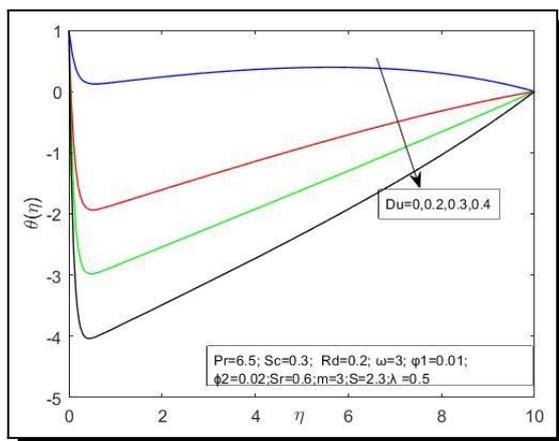


Figure 11. Impact of  $Du$  on  $\theta(\eta)$

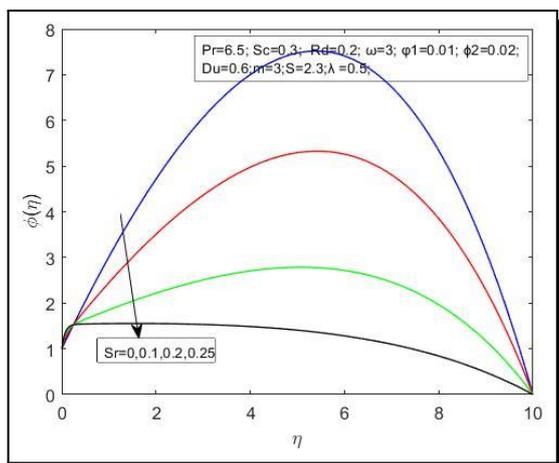
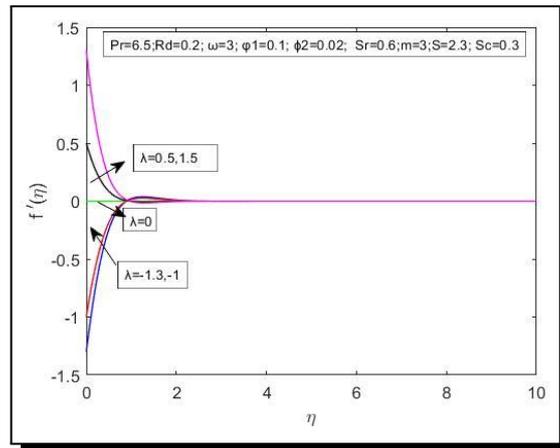
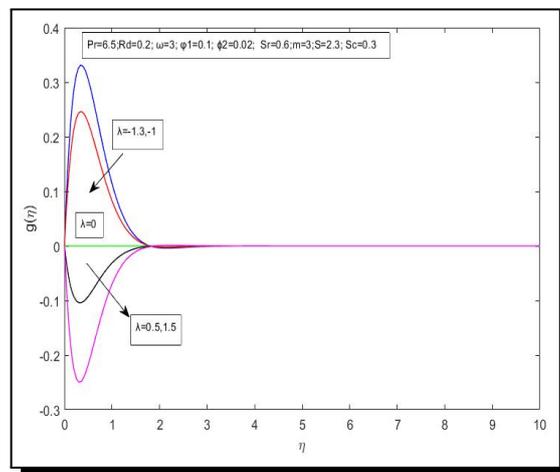


Figure 12. Impact of Soret on concentration

Figure 13 and Figure 14 display the influential variation of the stretching parameter  $\lambda$  on the velocity boundary layer and it reveals that the greater values of the stretching parameter constitute a higher velocity distribution and vice-versa for  $f'(\eta)$ . The converse effects are observed on  $g(\eta)$ .

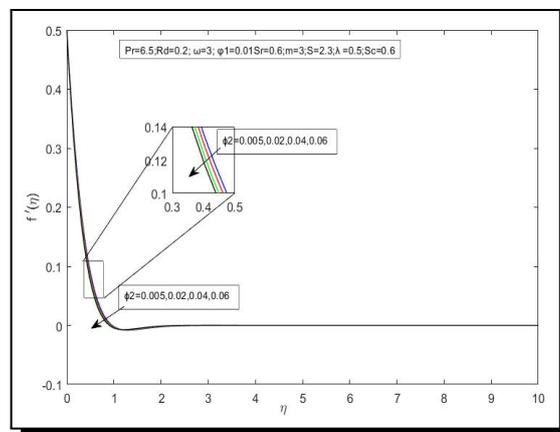


**Figure 13.** Influence of  $\lambda$  on  $f'(\eta)$



**Figure 14.** Impact of stretching parameter  $\lambda$  on  $g(\eta)$

The influence of variation in the nanoparticle volume fraction  $\phi_2(0.005, 0.02, 0.04, 0.06)$  of the Cu (Copper) in the water-based  $Al_2O_3$  nanofluid can be visualized from the plots (Figure 15 to Figure 18). They show that the rise in the concentration values of Cu enhances the profile  $g(\eta)$ ,  $\Phi(\eta)$  and reduces the profiles of  $f'(\eta)$  and  $\theta(\eta)$ .



**Figure 15.** The variation in primary velocity with  $\phi_2$

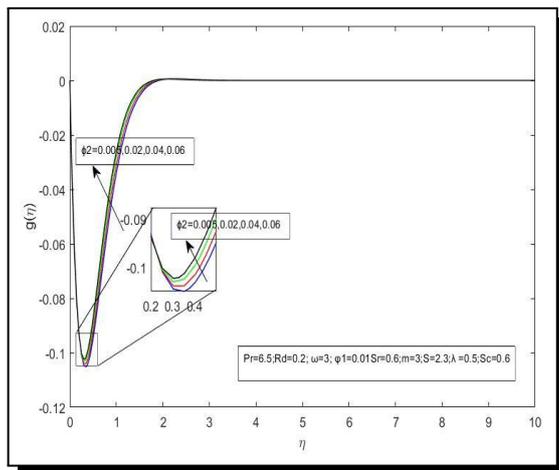


Figure 16. The transverse velocity profile variations with  $\phi_2$

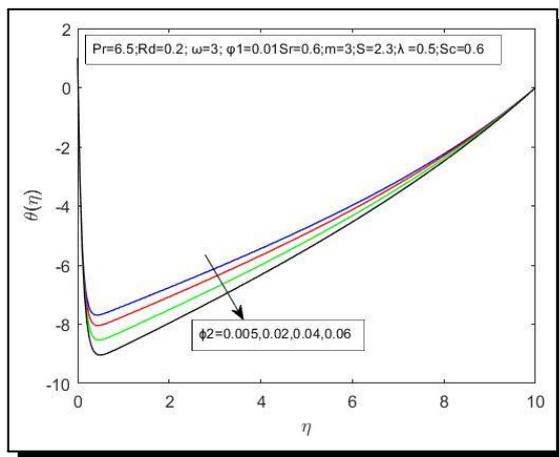


Figure 17. Influence of  $\phi_2$  on the temperature profile

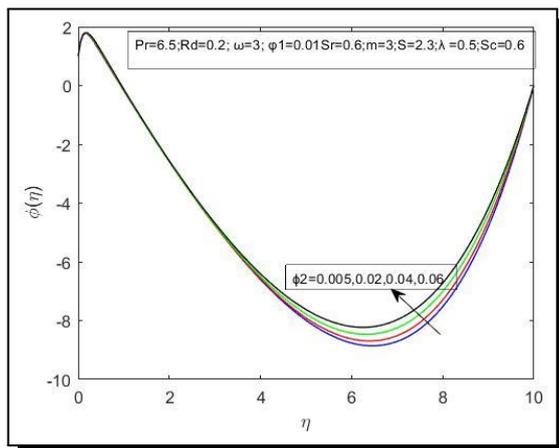


Figure 18. Impact of  $\phi_2$  on the concentration

For the increased values of the Schmidt parameter, it is anticipated from the plot that there is a decline in concentration profiles (Figure 19). It is so because the Schmidt number is defined as the ratio of momentum to mass diffusivities. Hence the rise in Sc values is responsible for reducing concentration profiles.

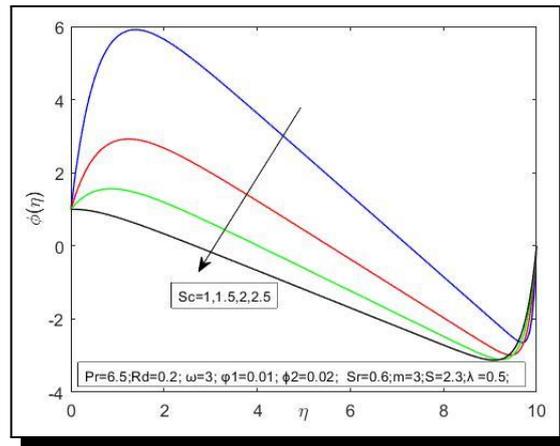


Figure 19. Impact of  $S$  on the concentration profile

Table 5 illustrates the computational values of the Nusselt Number, Mass diffusion coefficient ( $Sh_x$ ), local Skin friction values for distinct values of Soret, Dufour, the nanoparticle volume fraction of Cu, suction etc. From the above table, we observe that the  $Re_x^{-1/2}Nu_x$ ,  $-Re_x^{-1/2}Sh_x$  values shoot up with the enhancement in  $Sr$ ,  $Du$ ,  $\phi_2$ ,  $S$ , and decline with rise in the values of  $R_d$ . The local skin friction  $C_{fx}$  increase with increase in the values of  $\phi_2$ ,  $S$ , whereas  $C_{fy}$  tends to exhibit the variant behaviour for the various values of suction and volume fraction parameters.

Table 5. Computational values of  $Re_x^{1/2}C_{fx}$ ,  $Re_x^{1/2}C_{fy}$ ,  $Re_x^{-1/2}Nu_x$ ,  $Re_x^{-1/2}Sh_x$  for various values of  $Sr$ ,  $Du$ ,  $\phi_2$ ,  $S$ ,  $R_d$

| $Sr$ | $Du$ | $\phi_2$ | $S$ | $R_d$ | $-Re_x^{1/2}C_{fx}$ | $-Re_x^{1/2}C_{fy}$ | $Re_x^{-1/2}Nu_x$ | $-Re_x^{-1/2}Sh_x$ |
|------|------|----------|-----|-------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 0.0  | 0.3  | 0.02     | 0.5 | 0.2   |                     |                     | 15.076356         | 0.531949           |
| 0.1  |      |          |     |       |                     |                     | 16.311422         | 0.865588           |
| 0.2  |      |          |     |       |                     |                     | 17.828558         | 1.23013            |
| 0.3  |      |          |     |       |                     |                     | 19.603687         | 1.74362            |
| 0.3  | 0.0  | 0.02     | 0.5 | 0.2   |                     |                     | 3.971461          | 0.818473           |
|      | 0.1  |          |     |       |                     |                     | 6.571446          | 0.971720           |
|      | 0.2  |          |     |       |                     |                     | 9.401161          | 1.138839           |
|      | 0.3  |          |     |       |                     |                     | 12.491079         | 1.321664           |
| 0.3  | 0.30 | 0.02     | 0   | 0.2   | 2.183845            | 1.839443            | 3.872191          | 0.651987           |
|      |      |          | 0.5 |       | 2.489511            | 1.828564            | 11.446637         | 2.099186           |
|      |      |          | 1   |       | 2.818417            | 1.797756            | 19.716298         | 3.619574           |
| 0.3  | 0.30 | 0        | 0.5 | 0.2   | 1.289386            | 1.087367            | 9.077827          | 1.107367           |
|      |      | 0.01     |     |       | 1.345371            | 1.133068            | 9.237560          | 1.123087           |
|      |      | 0.02     |     |       | 1.401623            | 1.179011            | 9.401161          | 1.138839           |
|      |      | 0.03     |     |       | 1.458222            | 1.225273            | 9.568735          | 1.154612           |
| 0.3  | 0.3  | 0.02     | 0.5 | 0     |                     |                     | 56.750332         | 10.83257           |
|      |      |          |     | 0.2   |                     |                     | 42.374143         | 7.621294           |
|      |      |          |     | 0.4   |                     |                     | 33.583211         | 5.822552           |
|      |      |          |     | 0.6   |                     |                     | 27.656099         | 4.669863           |

## 5. Conclusion

A numerical solution has been presented for a rotating flow of  $Al_2O_3$ -Cu/water hybrid nanofluid over a stretchable sheet with thermal-diffusion and diffusion-thermo effects. The effects of Thermal radiation, Schmidt parameter, Suction, and volume fraction of Cu were considered for the flow study. Using MATLAB, a three-step finite-difference scheme called the Lobatto-IIIA was implemented to solve the governing non-linear ordinary differential equations.

The observations as a result of this study are:

- (1) The primary velocity declines with rising values of the rotational parameter ( $\omega$ ).
- (2) The temperature and concentration profile decline with an increase in the Dufour and Soret parameter values in the presence of suction.
- (3) The temperature and concentration boundary layers increase with the rise in thermal radiation.
- (4) The concentration profiles diminish with an increase in the values of the Schmidt parameter.
- (5) The enhancement in the volume fraction of Copper (Cu) nanoparticles in  $Al_2O_3$ /water nanofluid leads to the decrease of the primary velocity and temperature profiles and a rise in the shape of transverse momentum and Concentration.

### Nomenclature

|                  |   |            |  |
|------------------|---|------------|--|
| $u, v, w$        | $x, y, z$ components of velocity ( $ms^{-1}$ )  | $T_\infty$ | Ambient temperature ( $K$ )              |
| $C_w$            | Free stream concentration                       | $\rho$     | Fluid density ( $kgm^{-3}$ )             |
| $\lambda$        | Stretching parameter                            | $C_\infty$ | Uniform constant concentration           |
| $T$              | The temperature of the fluid ( $K$ )            | $\Omega$   | Angular velocity ( $ms^{-1}$ )           |
| $D$              | Mass diffusivity coefficient                    | $Rd$       | Radiation parameter                      |
| $\phi_1, \phi_2$ | Nanoparticle's volume fraction                  | $\kappa$   | Thermal conductivity ( $Wm^{-1}k^{-1}$ ) |
| $C_p$            | Specific heat constant pressure ( $Jkgk^{-1}$ ) | $\omega$   | Angular velocity                         |
| $C$              | The concentration of the species                | $S$        | Suction/injection                        |
| $T_w$            | Surface temperature ( $K$ )                     | $Re$       | Reynolds number                          |
| $\nu$            | Kinematic viscosity ( $m^2s^{-1}$ )             | $Sc$       | Schmidt number                           |
| $Du$             | Dufour number                                   | $Sr$       | Soret number                             |
| $Pr$             | Prandtl number                                  | $\mu$      | Dynamic viscosity ( $kgm^{-1}s^{-1}$ )   |
| <i>Subscript</i> |   |            |  |
| $f$              | fluid   | $b_f$      | Base fluid                               |
| $nf$             | Nano fluid                                      | $hnf$      | Hybrid nanofluid                         |
| $s1$             | First solid particle                            | $s2$       | Second solid particle                    |
| $w$              | Condition at wall                               | $\infty$   | Ambient condition                        |

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