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STUDY OF CONJUGATE HEAT TRANSFER IN ELECTROMAGNETIC LIQUID METAL DREAM PIPE

The combined effect of conjugation, external magnetic field and oscillation on the enhancement of heat transfer in the laminar flow of liquid metals between parallel plate channels is analyzed. In order to make our results useful to the design engineers, we have considered here only the wall materials that are widely employed in liquid metal heat exchangers. Indeed, all the results obtained through this mathematical investigation are in excellent agreement with the available experimental results. The effective thermal diffusivity κ_e is increased by $3 \cdot 10^6$ times due to oscillation and that the heat flux as high as $1.5 \cdot 10^{10}$ (W/m²) can be achieved. Based on our investigation, we have recommended the best choice of liquid metal heat carrier, wall material and its optimum thickness along with the optimum value of the frequency to maximize the heat transfer rate. At the optimum frequency, by choosing a wall of high thermal conductivity and optimum thickness, an increase of 19.98% in κ_e can be achieved. Our results are directly relevant to the design of a heat transfer device known as electromagnetic dream pipe which is a very recent development.

1. Introduction

The rapid changes in modern technology quite often demand the scientists and engineers to deal with very high temperature and hence there is an ever increasing need to develop devices for enhancement of heat transfer. Heat pipe is one such device. The interest in analytical studies and experimental designs of heat pipes started growing rapidly following the seminal publication by Grover et al. [1]. Kurzweg [2] designed a heat transfer device called dream pipe, for the enhancement of heat transfer, in which heat is transported from a hot to a cold reservoir by means of sinusoidal oscillations of viscous fluid contained within open ended capillary

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tubes connecting the reservoirs. It should be noted here that the problem on the enhancement of heat transfer by sinusoidal oscillations of the fluid is called a dream pipe problem and Kurzweg [3] established that the same heat transfer process can take place in the oscillatory flow in an array of parallel plate channels. Heat transfer through capillary tubes connecting two fluid reservoirs having different temperatures was examined analytically and experimentally by Kurzweg and Ling de Zhao [4]. Effective thermal diffusivity is increased up to 17900 times than that in the non oscillation case. Ozawa and Kawamoto [5] who carried out a numerical simulation and thermal flow visualization of the dream pipe provided phenomenological explanations of the fundamental heat transfer mechanism in this novel heat transfer process. They concluded that the enhancement of heat transfer is mainly owing to the lateral diffusion of heat, accumulation capacity of heat in a region of depth of penetration formed near the wall and convective motion forced by the oscillation. Similar explanation was also rendered earlier by Kurzweg [6].

Indeed, this oscillation technique is based upon the periodic longitudinal convective and lateral diffusive thermal energy transport in the presence of a constant axial temperature gradient. Since this heat transfer process involves no net convective mass transfer, this is suitable for the removal of heat from hazardous substances like radioactive fluids [3]. Also, since devices based on this thermal pumping process are driven by external oscillations, it is possible to construct devices based on the technique of thermal valves which find applications in the field of cryogenics [6]. It also finds applications in the accelerated cooling devices for removing heat in combustion processes [3]. Some more remarkable advantages of dream pipes are explained elaborately in [2] and [7].

Incidentally, Kurzweg [3] suggested that it is better to use the liquid metals in the heat exchangers since their density, temperature gradient and specific heat capacity are very large. Heat transmission by oscillating the liquid metals is a topic of current interest owing to its tremendous applications in transporting thermal energy from Sterling and Brayton engines [8, 9] and cooling of space nuclear reactors [10], high power electrical and electronic equipments. Further details on the designs of heat removal devices using liquid metals for fission surface power for Mars Moon and surface missions are well explained in [11].

Further, in these heat pipes with Na, NaK and K, the only relevant and mostly used wall materials are nickel, niobium and stainless steel [12, 13]. In such heat transfer devices, not only the fluid properties but also the properties of the wall such as its thermal conductivity and thickness also influence the heat flux transported by the fluid and hence the problem becomes a conjugate heat transfer problem. Further, if the wall thickness is equal to or larger than the hydraulic diameter, the effect of heat conduction in the wall on the heat flux transported in the fluid cannot be neglected, and hence the level of conjugation becomes predominant [14]. Therefore, in the present investigation, as we are considering the channels with small hydraulic diameters, the effect of conjugation has to be considered.

Several authors have considered the effect conjugation on the augmentation of heat transfer in the laminar and oscillatory flows. Kurzweg and de Zhao [4] investigated the effect of wall thermal conductivity on the effective thermal diffusivity of the fluid in a circular tube with infinite wall thickness and showed that the large amount of heat is transported when the frequency and amplitude are large. Kurzweg [3] analyzed the hydrodynamics of enhanced longitudinal heat transfer through a sinusoidally oscillating viscous fluid in an array of thermally conducting parallel plate channels analytically. Even though it is modelled as a conjugate heat transfer problem, the conjugation effect has not been carried out since the ratio of wall to fluid thickness is fixed as two and the wall and the fluid are considered to have similar thermal properties. Kaviany [15] extended the above problem of Kurzweg by including the effects of viscous dissipation, the presence of harmonics other than the fundamental harmonics, channel spacing and wall thickness and analysed the effect of wall thickness. Inaba et al. [16] examined the effect of conjugation on the heat transfer enhancement in an oscillatory flow through a circular pipe with conducting wall. Puvaneswari and Shailendra [17] studied the effect of conjugation on the heat flux transported in a laminar liquid metal flow past a thermally conducting and sinusoidally oscillating infinite flat plate and concluded that the heat flux is increased by 46.14% by increasing the wall thickness to an optimum value.

The variations in the heat transfer characteristics with respect to the tube wall thickness were analysed by Kaviany [18] in an oscillatory flow through capillary tubes connecting two reservoirs having different temperatures. Inaba et al. [19] investigated the case of enhancement of heat transfer in the flow through bundles of conductive pipes of various regular polygonal cross sections including a circle. Takahashi [20] proposed a double-pipe heat exchange model to analyse the effect of oscillation on the effective thermal diffusivity of the fluid. However, in all these problems the authors have not considered the effect of conjugation.

In recent years, there is a great resurgence in the investigation of heat transfer in hydromagnetic oscillatory flows of liquid metals as these investigations are essential to design liquid metal magnetohydrodynamics heat exchange devices. The electromagnetic version of dream pipe is becoming a topic of current interest owing to its tremendous applications. Masao Furukawa et al. [21] examined the feasibility of an electromagnetic driven dream pipe by the analyses from both thermal and electrical points of view and showed that this novel heat transfer device may possibly replace the existing mechanically-driven dream pipes. Heat transfer studies with magnetohydrodynamic liquid metal flows are of great interest in the conceptual design of fusion power reactor [22] as liquid metals have incomparable heat transfer characteristics such as high thermal conductivity, high melting point and boiling point which eliminates the probability of local boiling [23]. The mentioned properties of liquid metals make them a good choice for the vacuum environment of space. Moreover, in the design of lithium blankets of thermo-nuclear reactors, the liquid metal has to be circulated in the presence of a strong magnetic field [24].

Shailendhra and Anjali Devi [25] analysed the effect of transverse magnetic field on the heat transfer enhancement in the flow past an oscillating flat plate immersed within a viscous fluid. The spatial variation of axial heat flux in various time intervals of the oscillation cycle in the case of hydromagnetic liquid metal flows in dream pipe with insulated walls was investigated by Shailendhra and Anjali Devi [26]. Moreover, studies on the heat transfer in the hydromagnetic flow of liquid metals are important in the development and design of metallurgical plants and electromagnetic stirring devices [27].

Many experiments on hydromagnetic thermo-hydraulics were mainly carried out from 1970's to 80's and Kirillov et al. [28] have summarized all these works. For further details on the current status and future scope of Liquid Metal Magneto Hydrodynamic Heat Transfer Systems, one may refer to the survey article by Morley et al. [29].

Recently, Puvaneswari and Shailendhra [30] have investigated the effects of magnetic field, wall thickness and wall thermal conductivity on the enhancement of heat transfer in a hydromagnetic laminar flow of liquid metals past an oscillating and thermally conducting infinite flat plate.

Motivated by the above investigations and applications, it is proposed to extend the earlier work of Kurzweg [3] by considering the combined effects of conjugation and a transverse magnetic field when the working fluids are exclusively liquid metals like Na, K and NaK. The walls are considered to be of finite thickness and made up of compatible materials like Ni, Nb, AISI 316, which are commonly used in liquid metal heat pipes [12, 13].

To the best of the knowledge of the authors, this is the very first attempt to investigate the combined effects of conjugation, oscillation and magnetic field on the enhancement of heat transfer in the flow between parallel plates. This investigation provides phenomenological explanations about the effect of conjugation and magnetic field on the enhancement of heat transfer. The new insights gained will be of immense use in the design, construction, control and improvement of a corresponding Liquid Metal Magneto Hydrodynamic Heat Transfer systems that can be designed using this oscillation technique. Such a heat transfer system can possibly be employed in nuclear reactors and also can be coupled with solar thermal systems.

2. Mathematical formulation and solution

Consider the laminar flow of a liquid metal, induced by a sinusoidal pressure gradient, within an array of channels, bounded by a long thermally-conducting infinite parallel plates, connecting a hot and a cold reservoir. The x axis is chosen to be the axis of fluid motion and the y axis is chosen normal to it. A constant axial temperature gradient $\gamma = \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$ is maintained both within the fluid and the plates. The thickness of the fluid layers and solid walls are assumed to be $2a$ and $2b$

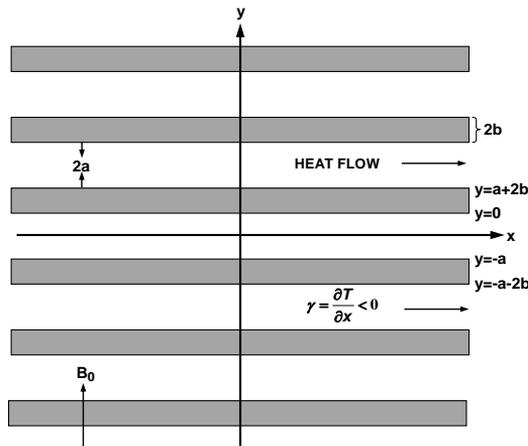


Fig. 1. Schematic representation of the problem

respectively. In parallel flows, neglecting the end effects is a fair approximation to reality provided the flow oscillation amplitude and the hydraulic diameter are both small compared to the plate length and hence the end effects present at points where the fluid enters and leaves the channels are neglected [31]. A uniform magnetic field with strength B_0 is applied in a direction transverse to the fluid motion.

The continuity equation is

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{q} = 0 \quad (1)$$

where \vec{q} is the velocity of the fluid represented as $\vec{q} = [u, 0, 0]$ which gives

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (2)$$

and hence $u = u(y, t)$.

The momentum equation is

$$\rho_f \frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \vec{q} + \vec{j} \times \vec{B}, \quad (3)$$

$$\vec{B} = B_0 \vec{j} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{j} \times \vec{B} = -\sigma_e u B_0^2 \vec{i}$$

where ρ_f is the density of the fluid, p – the pressure, μ – the dynamic viscosity, B_0 – the strength of transverse magnetic field, σ_e – the electrical conductivity of the fluid, \vec{j} – the current density vector, and $\vec{j} \times \vec{B}$ – the Lorentz force due to the transverse magnetic field.

The boundary condition for the velocity is

$$u = 0, \quad y = a. \quad (4)$$

It must be noted here that the induced magnetic field is neglected in equation (3). This is because, under laboratory conditions, in the flow of liquid metals,

induced magnetic field cannot be realized unless the flow becomes turbulent [32]. That is, magnetic Reynolds number, which is the ratio of the induced magnetic field to the applied magnetic field, in the case of liquid metal flows, is considerable enough to take into account the induced magnetic field only when the corresponding Reynolds number becomes very large that makes the flow to become turbulent. It should be noted here that the fluid flow is considered to be laminar in the present investigation.

The physical quantities are cast in non-dimensional form using $U = \frac{u}{U_0}$, $\eta = \frac{y}{a}$ where U_0 is the representative axial velocity and η is the non-dimensional vertical coordinate.

Assuming $\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = [A_0 e^{i\omega t}]_R$ and accordingly $U(\eta, t) = [f(\eta) e^{i\omega t}]_R$ where ω is the frequency of oscillation and A_0 is the magnitude of the pressure gradient, from equations (3) and (4) we obtain

$$f(\eta) = \frac{i\lambda}{\alpha^2 - iM^2} \left[1 - \frac{\cosh(C\eta)}{\cosh(C)} \right] \quad (5)$$

where $\lambda = \frac{a^2 A_0}{\nu \rho U_0}$ – the non-dimensional magnitude of imposed sinusoidal pressure gradient, $M = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_e a^2 B_0^2}{\rho \nu}}$ – Hartmann number, $\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{a^2 \omega}{\nu}}$ – Womersley number and $C = \sqrt{M^2 + i\alpha^2}$.

The tidal displacement Δx is defined as

$$\Delta x = U_0 \left| \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2\omega}}^{\frac{\pi}{2\omega}} e^{i\omega t} dt \int_0^1 f(\eta) d\eta \right| = \frac{2U_0 \lambda}{\omega} \left| \frac{1}{\alpha^2 - iM^2} \left[1 - \frac{\tanh C}{C} \right] \right|$$

The heat equation in the fluid and solid are given by

$$\frac{\partial T_f}{\partial t} + \gamma [U_0 f(\eta) e^{i\omega t}]_R = \frac{\kappa_f}{a^2} \frac{\partial^2 T_f}{\partial \eta^2}, \quad 0 < \eta < 1 \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial T_s}{\partial t} = \frac{\kappa_s}{a^2} \frac{\partial^2 T_s}{\partial \eta^2}, \quad 1 < \eta < 1 + 2\varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon = \frac{b}{a} \quad (7)$$

where T_f , κ_f and T_s , κ_s are the temperature distribution and thermal diffusivity of the fluid and solid respectively.

As liquid metals have low Prandtl numbers, viscous dissipation term is neglected in equation (6). Following the lines of Kurzweg [6] it is to be noticed that

the axial temperature gradient $\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$ is small compared to the very large time dependent transverse temperature gradient $\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}$ that exists during most of the sinusoidal cycles which means that $\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2}$ is much larger than $\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$ and hence $\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$ is taken as γ which is actually the time averaged value of $\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$.

As the heat flow is symmetrical with respect to x axis, there is no heat flow along y direction across planes located in the middle of the fluid channels and in the middle of the bounding walls so that

$$\left(\frac{\partial T_f}{\partial \eta}\right)_{\eta=0} = 0, \quad (8)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial T_s}{\partial \eta}\right)_{\eta=1+\varepsilon} = 0. \quad (9)$$

Both the temperature and the heat flux are continuous on the fluid-solid interface at $\eta = 1$ so that

$$T_f(1) = T_s(1) \quad (10)$$

$$k \left(\frac{\partial T_f}{\partial \eta}\right)_{\eta=1} = \left(\frac{\partial T_s}{\partial \eta}\right)_{\eta=1}, \quad k = \frac{k_f}{k_s}, \quad (11)$$

where k_f and k_s represent the thermal conductivities of the fluid and the wall respectively.

In fact, it has been firmly established that the effect or level of conjugation, in general, is more pronounced in the case of unsteady, laminar flow of low Prandtl number fluids such as liquid metals [33] and the present problem satisfies all these requirements for a typical conjugate heat transfer problem.

To solve (6) and (7) for T , a temperature distribution of the following form [34] is assumed for both the fluid and the solid:

$$T[x, \eta, t] = \gamma [x + ag(\eta)e^{i\omega t}]_R \quad (12)$$

It should be noted that this form of solution is locally valid that has a physically realistic time averaged constant axial temperature gradient and that it exhibits a time dependent cross-stream variation in temperature [3]. This form has been already used by many authors like [4, 6, 7, 15–17] and [30].

From equations (6), (7) and (12) it is evident that

$$g_f''(\eta) - i\alpha^2 Pr g_f(\eta) = Pe f(\eta), \quad 0 < \eta < 1, \quad (13)$$

$$g_s''(\eta) - i\alpha^2 Pr \sigma g_s(\eta) = 0, \quad 1 < \eta < 1 + 2\varepsilon \quad (14)$$

where $Pe = \frac{aU_0}{\kappa_f}$, Peclet number.

Solving (13) and (14) subject to conditions (8)–(11) it is found that

$$g_f(\eta) = Pe \lambda [a_3 b_1(\eta) + a_4 + a_5 b_2(\eta)] \quad (15)$$

$$g_s(\eta) = Pe \lambda [a_1(a_2 - C)] b_3(\eta) \quad (16)$$

where the constants defined in the above expression are given in the appendix.

2.1. Effective (enhanced) thermal diffusivity

The effective (enhanced) averaged thermal diffusivity κ_e , can be defined by the equality [3]

$$-\kappa_e \gamma = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{\omega}} dt \int_0^1 [T[x, \eta, t]]_R [U_0 f(\eta) e^{i\omega t}]_R d\eta \quad (17)$$

where the subscript R represents the real part of the terms shown. It is to be noted here that the quantities in this integrand do not average out to zero when integrated over one period of oscillation, so that there will be a net heat flow, although, obviously the time average of the velocity will be zero, so that there can be no net accompanying mass transport. However, there will be some axial diffusion mass transfer but this will be small for the fluids with high Schmidt number such as liquid metals [3].

Using (5) and (15) and performing the time integration in (17), the ratio of enhanced thermal diffusivity to the molecular thermal diffusivity is obtained as

$$\frac{\kappa_e}{\kappa_f} = \frac{-1}{4} Pe \int_0^1 (f \bar{g}_f + g_f \bar{f}) d\eta \quad (18)$$

where the bars represent the complex conjugate of the functions shown.

The effective (enhanced) thermal diffusivity κ_e is obtained from (18) as

$$\kappa_e = \frac{-U_0 a}{2} \int_0^1 [\bar{f} g_f]_R d\eta \quad (19)$$

$$\text{where } \bar{f} g_f = Pe \lambda^2 z_1, \quad (20)$$

where z_1 defined in the above expression is given in the appendix.

Using (20) and the definition of tidal displacement (Δx), the final expression for the effective thermal diffusivity is obtained as

$$\kappa_e = \frac{-\omega(\Delta x)^2 \alpha^2 Pr (M^4 + \alpha^4)}{8 \times a_{14}} \int_0^1 [\bar{f} g_f]_R d\eta \quad (21)$$

where the expression for a_{14} is given in the appendix.

The non-dimensional effective (enhanced) thermal diffusivity is given by

$$\kappa_e^* = \frac{\kappa_e}{\omega(\Delta x)^2} \quad (22)$$

2.2. Transverse temperature difference

The non-dimensional transverse temperature difference (*NTTD*), obtained from (12) is given by

$$NTTD = \frac{T(x, 1, t) - T(x, 0, t)}{\gamma \Delta x} = \frac{\alpha^2 Pr g(\tau)}{2h_{31}}, g(\tau) = h_{38} \cos \tau - h_{39} \sin \tau$$

where $\tau = \omega t$. The constants occurring in the above equation are provided in the appendix.

3. Results and discussion

The objective of the present study is to analyse the combined effects of wall thickness, wall thermal conductivity, the Hartmann number and the Womersley number on the enhancement of heat transfer.

As stated above, K, Na and NaK (22% Na, 78% K) are used as the heat exchange fluids and the wall is considered to be made up of Ni, Nb and stainless steel of grade AISI 316. The operating temperature range ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) of heat pipes with K, Na and NaK as the working fluids are 500-1000, 600-1200 and 425-825, respectively [13]. Hence, all the properties of the fluids and the wall materials are selected at 600°C for the sake of comparing the results. Accordingly, the following values are fixed for the various physical quantities. The thermal conductivities k_f (W/(m K)) and the thermal diffusivities κ_f (m^2/s) of K, Na, NaK (22% Na, 78% K) are 35.50, 63.63, 28.28 and $6.765 \cdot 10^{-5}$, $6.220 \cdot 10^{-5}$, $4.408 \cdot 10^{-5}$ respectively. The Prandtl numbers of these fluids are 0.003143, 0.004202 and 0.00579 respectively. The electrical conductivities (S/m) of the same fluids are 1893939.39, 3215434.08 and 1468428.78. The thermal conductivities k_s (W/(m K)) of the above-mentioned wall materials (Ni, Nb and stainless steel of grade AISI 316) are 65.6, 58.2, 18.3 and the corresponding thermal diffusivities κ_s (m^2/s) are $1.39071 \cdot 10^{-5}$, $2.39969 \cdot 10^{-5}$ and $4.03893 \cdot 10^{-6}$, respectively [35]. In this context, ε is varied from 0.4 to 2; α is

varied from 10^{-2} to 50. The strength of magnetic field is varied from 0 mT to 100 mT, which is the usual range of magnetic field applied on the laminar flow of liquid metals [36]. Accordingly, the Hartmann number varies from 0 to 79, 0 to 86 and 0 to 62 for K, Na and NaK respectively.

Computing the value of κ_e^* by varying the parameters as mentioned above, the optimum ε , the optimum α corresponding to the maximum value of κ_e^* are obtained and presented in Table. 1 for all the fluids and solids under consideration, when $M = 0$ and $M = 60$. Maximum enhancement has been observed for the fluid NaK with the wall material Ni and the corresponding maximum value of the non-dimensional effective (enhanced) thermal diffusivity is 0.047.

Table 1.

Optimum ε , optimum α , the corresponding maximum value of κ_e^*

Fluid		Wall material		
		Ni	Nb	AISI 316
K	$M = 0$	0.75	1	0.5
		25.73	24.7	22.69
		0.046	0.043	0.041
	$M = 60$	0.75	1	0.5
		25.89	24.9	22.87
		0.045	0.042	0.040
Na	$M = 0$	1	1.5	0.75
		19.6	17.25	14.91
		0.042	0.038	0.036
	$M = 60$	1	1.5	0.75
		19.76	17.47	15.06
		0.041	0.037	0.034
NaK	$M = 0$	1	1.5	0.5
		18.54	17.4	17.62
		0.047	0.044	0.042
	$M = 60$	1	1.5	0.5
		18.90	17.64	17.9
		0.046	0.043	0.040

Even though the analysis has been carried out and the discussions are made for a wide range of M , from 0 to 62, the graphs are presented only for $M = 10$ to minimize the number of graphs.

3.1. Effect of magnetic field

With the fluid *NaK* and the wall material *Ni*, it is found that at any frequency κ_e^* decreases with increasing M from 0 to 62 (Fig. 2a), which corresponds to the typical *MHD* deterioration of heat transfer. One of the reasons for the reduction

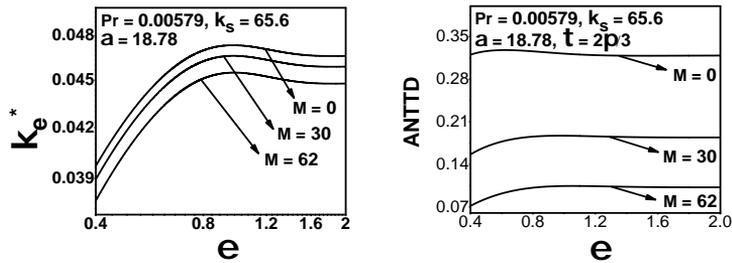


Fig. 2. Effect of M on κ_e^* and $ANTTD$ at optimum frequency

in κ_e^* is the reduction in velocity due to the action of the Lorentz force. It is in good agreement with Shailendhra and Anjali Devi [25, 26] and Puvaneswari and Shailendhra [17]. Even though this analysis has been carried out for all possible values of α , the results are presented only for optimum α to reduce the number of graphs. For the fluid NaK with the wall material Ni the optimum value of α is 18.78, which is the average of the optimum values of α for $M = 0, 30, 62$, by selecting $\varepsilon = 1$, the optimum wall thickness which is found to be the same for each M when the fluid is NaK and the wall material is Ni.

Earlier, Kurzweg [6] established that the large transverse temperature gradient generated by the fluid vibration is the main reason for the heat transfer augmentation. To justify this result, the non-dimensional transverse temperature difference ($NTTD$) between $\eta = 0$ and $\eta = 1$ is calculated for all possible combination of fluids and solids. It should be noted here that larger the value of $NTTD$, larger in the conduction heat flux in the transverse direction. The sign of $NTTD$ merely decides the direction in which the heat flows. That is, $NTTD$ is positive when the heat flows from the wall to the fluid core and it is negative when the heat flows from the center of the pipe to the wall. Hence, all our discussions are based on the absolute value of $NTTD$ denoted by $ANTTD$.

It is found that $ANTTD$ decreases with increasing M from 0 to 62 almost all the times. This result is shown in Fig. 2b when $\tau = \pi/3$. τ is varied continuously from 0 to 2π and similar observations were made for almost all the values of τ . As the effects of M on $ANTTD$ and κ_e^* are similar, we conclude that the effect of M on κ_e^* depends on the effect of M on $ANTTD$. This result has been already reported by Shailendhra and Anjali Devi [25] in the non-conjugate case of the hydromagnetic flow between counter-oscillating plates and by Puvaneswari and Shailendhra [17] in the conjugate case of hydromagnetic flow past an oscillating and thermally conducting flat plate.

3.2. Effect of Womersley number

The Womersley number (α) is defined as the square root of the ratio of the viscous penetration time scale to the oscillation time scale. Fig. 3a shows the effect of α on κ_e^* for the fluid NaK with the wall material Ni for $M = 10$. It is observed

that when α increases, κ_e^* increases initially and then it starts decreasing from a particular value of α onwards whatever may be the wall thickness. This result is valid for all values of M from 0 to 62. This is because, for small frequencies κ_e^* is directly proportional to α^2 , while for high frequency, it is inversely proportional to α , as observed by Kurzweg [3].

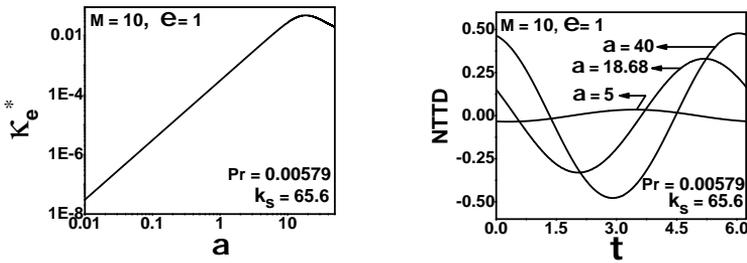


Fig. 3. Effect of α on κ_e^* and $NNTD$ at optimum ϵ

To understand the effect of α on κ_e^* , we examined the effect of α on the non-dimensional transverse temperature difference ($ANNTD$) between the interface at $\eta = 0$ and $\eta = 1$. It is observed that, when α increases, $ANNTD$ also increases at most all the times when $M = 10$ and $\epsilon = 1$ (Fig. 3b). The same result is observed whatever may be the strength of magnetic field and wall thickness. As α increases both κ_e^* and $ANNTD$ increase up to an optimum value of α and hence the main reason for the enhancement of heat transfer up to optimum α is due to the increase in $ANNTD$. However, even though $ANNTD$ increases after optimum α , that is, in the case of large frequency, κ_e^* decreases. This can be explained as follows.

Incidentally, $\beta^2 = \frac{\alpha^2 Pr}{\kappa_f}$ is defined as the ratio of the thermal diffusion time scale to the oscillation time scale. When $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ i.e., when $\beta \rightarrow \infty$, thermal diffusion time \gg oscillation period. Then most of the times the fluid oscillates between the reservoirs without carrying heat. In other words, the fluid behaves as a non-conductor. As a result of this, the axial convection heat flux decreases. Therefore, in the case of large frequency, even if $ANNTD$ increases κ_e^* decreases. Moreover, when α decreases to zero (i.e., when $\beta \rightarrow 0$) thermal diffusion time \ll oscillation period. In this case, the fluid oscillates between the reservoirs very slowly and the heat flows from the core to the wall very fast. As a result, there is a huge loss in transverse conduction heat flux which is reflected in κ_e^* . Therefore, when α decreases to zero κ_e^* decreases. Further, physically at higher frequencies the velocity distribution in the channel changes and an inertial core with uniform velocity is formed around the axis of the channel. The presence of such an inertial core dominates over the viscous force and hence reduces the effectiveness of the fluid to store heat and, as a consequence, the heat flux transported by the fluid decreases [37].

Thus, in general, the effect of α on κ_e^* depends on its effect on *ANTTD* only from $\alpha = 0$ to $\alpha = \alpha$ optimum. Also, it is observed that the optimum value of α at which maximum κ_e^* is obtained depends on the fluid chosen as well as the thermal conductivity and thickness of the wall.

3.3. Effect of wall thickness

The wall thickness plays a significant role in the enhancement of heat transfer because the thermal energy is stored in the wall and then released during one cycle of operation. Indeed, the walls absorb the heat energy from the hot fluid and give it off to the cold fluid, during various phases of the oscillation cycle. Following are the effects of ε at low, optimum and high frequencies for $M = 10$.

At low frequency as ε increases κ_e^* increases. On the other hand, at optimum frequency as ε increases κ_e^* increases initially but when ε is increased further it has no effect on κ_e^* . However, when the frequency is very large κ_e^* is independent of ε . These results are depicted in Fig. 4 for $M = 10$. Similar observations were made for all the values of M from 0 to 62. These results have been already observed by [15–17] in the absence of magnetic field and by [30] in the presence of magnetic field. However, they have not rendered any physical justification for the above observation and hence we provide one here. The wall does not play any role on the heat transfer process in the fluid if the period of oscillation is less than the time required for heat to diffuse across the wall. That is, the wall thickness has no effect on κ_e^* if $\frac{2\pi}{\omega} < \frac{b^2}{\kappa_s}$ which is equivalent to $2\pi < \alpha^2 \varepsilon^2 Pr \sigma$. Therefore, given a fluid and a wall material, larger the value of α smaller will be the value of ε for the above condition to be satisfied. This fact is illustrated in Fig. 4 for three different values of α , one corresponding to the optimum frequency at which the maximum κ_e^* is obtained, and the other two corresponding to the low and high frequencies. Moreover, at the optimum frequency and the optimum wall thickness, κ_e^* is increased by 19.98% while using a wall with high thermal conductivity.

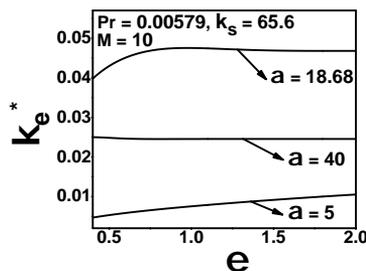
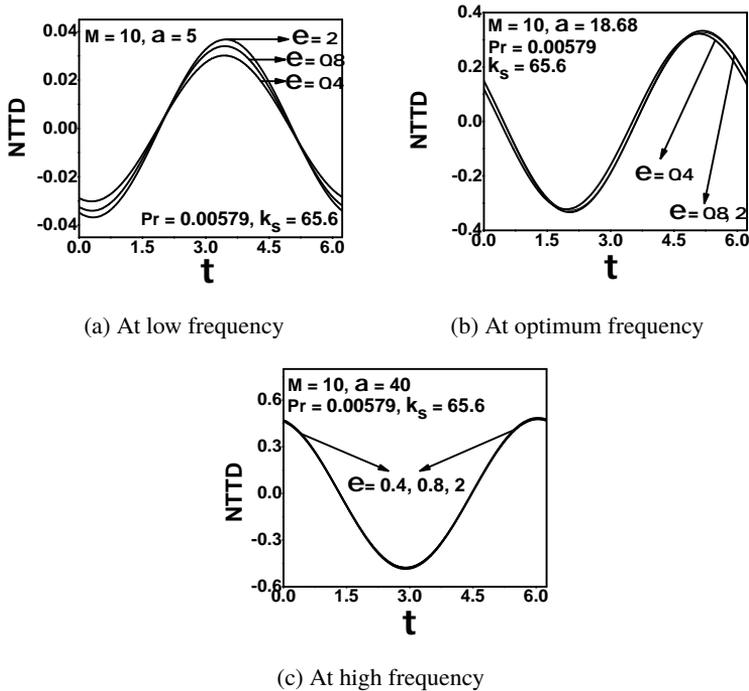


Fig. 4. Influence of ε on κ_e^* for three different α corresponding to the low, optimum and high frequencies

Fig. 5. Effect of ε on $NNTD$

It is also observed that, by and large, $ANNTD$ behaves in the same way as κ_e^* due to the effect of ε which is explained as follows. $ANNTD$ is observed to increase as ε increases when the frequency is small (Fig. 5a). At optimum frequency as ε increases the $ANNTD$ also increases up to a certain ε and the effect is saturated beyond that ε (at some values of τ) (Fig. 5b). In the case of large frequency $ANNTD$ becomes a constant with increasing ε (Fig. 5c). Thus, the effect of ε on κ_e^* almost depends on its effect on $ANNTD$ when $M = 10$. The same results are obtained for all values of M from 0 to 62. Also this result is consistent with the results reported by Puvaneswari and Shailendhra [30].

We further observe from Fig. 4 that κ_e^* is independent of ε when α is sufficiently large. This was shown analytically by [3]. We provide a physical justification for this result as follows. The wall thermal penetration distance is defined as $d = \sqrt{\frac{2\kappa_s}{\omega}}$. For a given wall material, in the limiting case of α tending to infinity, this penetration distance tends to zero and hence there won't be any thermal interaction between the wall and the fluid and the wall thickness has no effect on κ_e^* . This can also be reasoned out as follows. In the case of large frequency, it is observed that $ANNTD$ is independent of ε as in Fig. 5c. As the transverse temperature gradient plays a vital role in this heat exchange process and since $ANNTD$ is independent of ε , κ_e^* is also independent of ε when the frequency is large.

3.4. Effect of the wall thermal conductivity

Kaviany [18] mentioned that, in the case of oscillatory flows heat transfer rate is increased by the unsteady heat transfer between the pipe wall and the oscillating fluid. During the forward part of the oscillation, hotter fluid within the core causes a heat flow to the colder portions of the fluid within the boundary layers and to the colder solid walls bounding the fluid. During the other half of the cycle, heat from the hotter fluid in the boundary layers and the walls will diffuse into the fluid core, which is now colder [3]. Hence, the wall thermal conductivity plays a significant role in this heat transfer process.

Kurzweg and de Zhao [4] conducted experiments to investigate the effect of wall thermal conductivity on the effective thermal diffusivity of the fluid in a circular tube with infinite wall thickness by considering three interesting cases of zero, infinite wall conductivity and the case where the thermal conductivities and thermal diffusivities of the fluid and wall are equal. They reported that the performance of dream pipe is better when the thermal conductivity of the wall is higher. Inaba et al. [16] observed that the amount of heat transported by the fluid is increased when the conductivity of the pipe wall is increased. Following are the results obtained in the present study and the same are presented in Fig. 6 for $M = 10$.

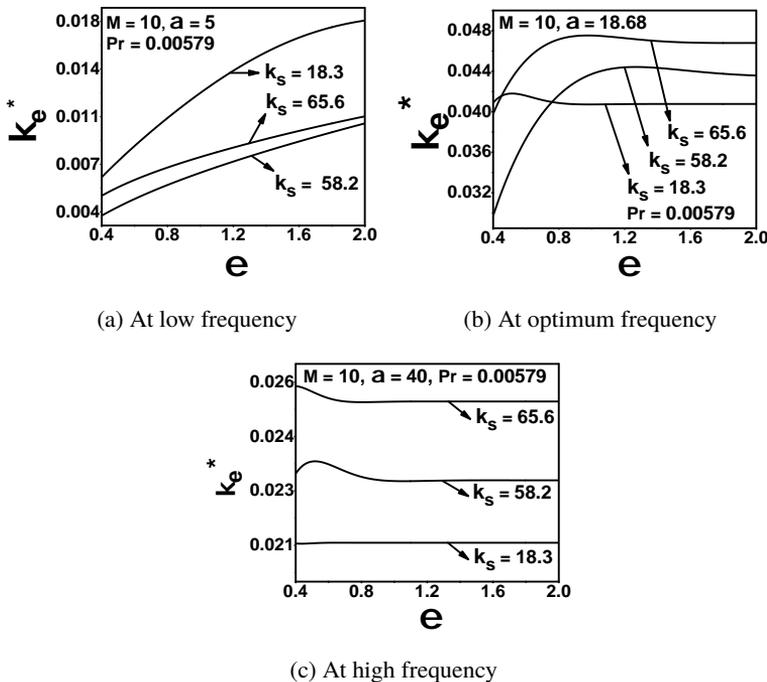


Fig. 6. Effect of wall thermal conductivity on κ_e^*

In the case of large frequency, κ_e^* increases as k_s is increased whatever may be the value of ε (Fig. 6c). Also, at optimum frequency, κ_e^* increases as k_s is increased (Fig. 6b). But this result is valid only beyond a particular value of ε . However, the above observations are not valid when the frequency is small (Fig 6a). Therefore, our results are in good agreement with the experimental results of Kurzweg and de Zhao [4] and the analytical results of Inaba et al. [16] beyond a particular wall thickness only when the frequency is either optimum or large.

The same trend is observed for *ANTTD* also. At low frequency, *ANTTD* doesn't increase in the increasing order of k_s at any wall thickness (Fig. 7a). At optimum frequency, *ANTTD* increases as k_s increases only after a certain value of ε (Figs. 8a, b). Moreover, at high frequency *ANTTD* increases as k_s is increased at any wall thickness (Fig. 7b).

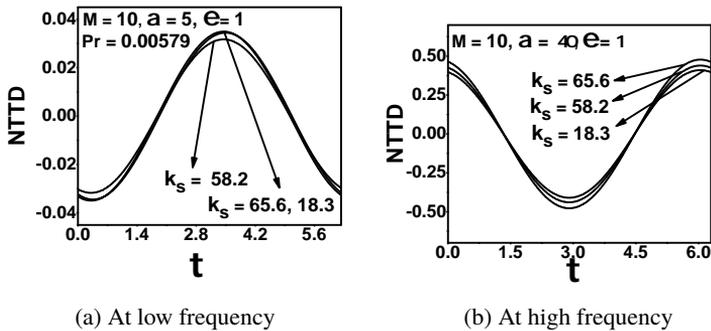


Fig. 7. Effect of wall thermal conductivity on *NTTD* at low and high frequency

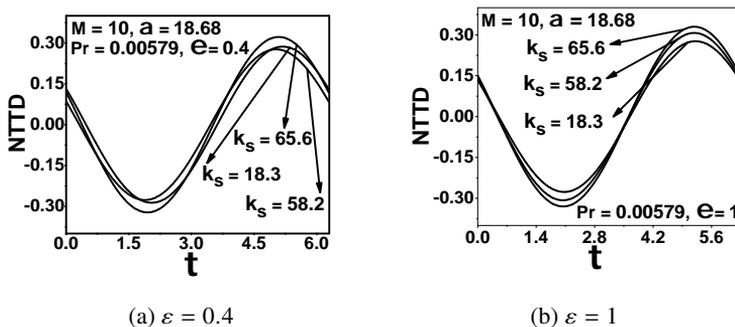


Fig. 8. Effect of wall thermal conductivity on *NTTD* at optimum frequency

Thus, from the above observations, it is concluded that the effect of k_s on κ_e^* depends on its effect on *ANTTD* and these effects depend on the range of values of α and ε as explained above. The same observations are made for all values of M from 0 to 62.

During simulation it is found that, for the other fluid and solid combinations all the results obtained in the present study are qualitatively the same but there is a quantitative change in the optimum values of α and ε .

3.5. Total heat flux transported from the hot to the cold reservoir

Total amount of heat transported between the axes of symmetry namely, $y = 0$ ($\eta = 0$) (in the fluid) and $y = a + b$ ($\eta = 1 + \varepsilon$) (in the solid) per unit time for a channel of width W is the sum of the amount of heat transported by the fluid per unit time between $y = 0$ and $y = a$ and the amount of heat transported by the solid per unit time between $y = a$ and $y = a + b$.

That is,

$$Q(a + b)W = k_e a W \gamma + k_s b W \gamma \quad (23)$$

where k_e is the effective thermal conductivity of the fluid and Q is the net heat transported (W/m^2).

By neglecting the axial conduction in the solid since it is negligibly small as compared to the heat flux transported by the conduction in the fluid in the axial direction, the above equation gives the net heat flux transported as follows.

$$Q = k_e \frac{a}{a + b} \gamma = \frac{\kappa_e^* \rho_f c_f \gamma}{1 + \varepsilon} \quad (\text{W/m}^2) \quad (24)$$

where ρ_f and c_f represent the density and the specific heat capacity of the fluid, respectively.

The values of Q corresponding to the maximum value of κ_e^* , and the optimum value of α and ε (refer Table 1) are computed for various fluids and solids under consideration and are presented in Tables 2-3.

It is to be noted that, an axial heat flux of $1.3 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ W/m}^2$ was achieved experimentally by Kurzweg [2] with liquid Sodium heat carrier at an oscillation amplitude of 10 cm at a frequency of 30 Hz. Moreover, Kurzweg [3] predicted an axial heat flux of $1.8 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ W/m}^2$ using pressurized water with $\rho_f c_f = 1$ (cgs units), temperature gradient = $\gamma = 10^\circ\text{C}$, $\mu = \sigma = 1$, $\varepsilon = 2$, $\omega = 300 \text{ rad/s}$ and $\Delta x = 100 \text{ cm}$. In order to calculate the maximum net heat flux transported (Q) and to compare our results with those of Kurzweg [2, 3], we consider $\omega = 300 \text{ rad/s}$. In this case of high oscillation frequency ($\omega = 300 \text{ rad/s}$), there is a decrease in Q when $M = 60$ and the percentage of decrease varies from 2.1% to 4.01% (refer Table 2). As the percentage of reduction in Q is very small, the magnetic field of strength up to 100 mT can be effectively used as an additional control mechanism to maintain Q at a desired level and to postpone the onset of transition to turbulence, thereby stabilizing the flow, if necessary. However, when ω is fixed as 300 rad/s the corresponding value of a , calculated from the optimum value of α , becomes so small ($0.44 \text{ mm} \leq a \leq 0.69 \text{ mm}$), which is less than 3 mm. This value of a corresponds to mini-channel heat exchangers [38]. In this case, the pressure

Table 2.

Maximum net heat flux Q per unit area and the percentage of change in Q due to the applied magnetic field when $\omega = 300$ rad/s

Fluid		Wall material		
		Ni	Nb	AISI 316
K	$M = 0$ (10^{10} W/m ²)	0.87	0.71	0.90
	$M = 60$ (10^{10} W/m ²)	0.85	0.70	0.88
	%	-2.10	-2.19	-2.38
Na	$M = 0$ (10^{10} W/m ²)	1.51	1.11	1.47
	$M = 60$ (10^{10} W/m ²)	1.46	1.07	1.42
	%	-3.13	-3.32	-3.45
NaK	$M = 0$ (10^{10} W/m ²)	1.09	0.82	1.29
	$M = 60$ (10^{10} W/m ²)	1.05	0.78	1.24
	%	-3.84	-4.01	-3.93

gradient required to drive the fluid through a channel of such a small hydraulic radius will become sufficiently large since $\partial p/\partial x$ is proportional to $1/a^4$ for a constant mass flux. It is to be noted that, Kurzweg has recommended a hydraulic diameter of 3 mm with the frequency in the range of 2 to 50 Hz, when the working fluid is liquid metal [2].

However, if we would like to have the dream pipe as a conventional heat pipe and take $a = 3$ mm [38], the angular frequency ω takes values only between 6.46 to 15.83 (rad/s). In this case, the percentage of decrease in Q when $M = 60$ varies from 0.1% to 1.57% (refer Table 3). Moreover, in this case, as the oscillation frequency varies from 1.03 Hz to 2.52 Hz, a high rate of heat transfer is achieved even at low frequency. This result is in good agreement with Masao Furukawa et al. [21].

From Tables 2-3, it is inferred that the heat flux of order of 10^{10} W/m² can be achieved in dream pipe with liquid metals with compatible wall materials of finite thickness with $\omega = 300$ rad/s (as fixed by Kurzweg [3]) only if the dream pipe becomes a mini-channel heat exchanger and that the maximum heat flux obtained is $1.5 \cdot 10^{10}$ W/m². Moreover, in this case, κ_e is increased by 31,39,383 times than that existing in the absence of oscillations. However, as a conventional heat exchanger, the maximum heat flux that can be achieved in dream pipe is only of the order of 10^8 W/m² and the maximum heat flux obtained is $5.62 \cdot 10^8$ W/m². In this case, κ_e is increased by 1,03,600 times than that existing in the absence of oscillations.

Table 3.

The optimum frequency of oscillation, the corresponding maximum net heat flux Q per unit area and the percentage of change in Q due to the applied magnetic field when $a = 3$ mm

Fluid		Wall material		
		Ni	Nb	AISI 316
K	$M = 0$			
	ω	15.64	14.41	12.16
	$Q(10^8 \text{ W/m}^2)$	4.54	3.43	3.66
	$M = 60$			
	ω	15.83	14.65	12.36
	$Q(10^8 \text{ W/m}^2)$	4.50	3.41	3.63
	%	-0.91	-0.56	-0.78
Na	$M = 0$			
	ω	11.16	8.64	6.46
	$Q(10^8 \text{ W/m}^2)$	5.62	3.18	3.17
	$M = 60$			
	ω	11.34	8.86	6.59
	$Q(10^8 \text{ W/m}^2)$	5.54	3.16	3.13
	%	-1.57	-0.86	-1.50
NaK	$M = 0$			
	ω	9.75	8.59	8.8
	$Q(10^8 \text{ W/m}^2)$	3.54	2.34	3.77
	$M = 60$			
	ω	10.13	8.83	9.09
	$Q(10^8 \text{ W/m}^2)$	3.54	2.31	3.74
	%	-0.1	-1.33	-0.77

4. Comparison of our results with the results reported in the literature

All the results obtained in the present investigation have been compared, in section 3, with the earlier works by [4, 15–18] and [30] in the non magnetic case and [25, 26] in the magnetic case, without the effect of conjugation.

Now, we would like to compare our results with those of Kurzweg [3], which is the basis for the present analysis. Kurzweg [3] analyzed the effect of Womersley number on the effective thermal diffusivity when the thermal conductivity and diffusivity of the fluid and wall are equal and $\varepsilon = 2$. This result can be recovered from the present investigation by taking the limit as $M \rightarrow 0$ (nonmagnetic case) which is depicted in Fig. 9.

In the work of Kurzweg [3], the interface boundary condition should have been $g'_s(\varepsilon + 1) = 0$ instead of $g'_s(\varepsilon) = 0$ (as given by Kurzweg [3]). Similarly, the formula for net heat flux per unit area should have been $Q = \frac{\kappa_e \rho_f C_f \gamma}{1 + \varepsilon}$ and not

$Q = \frac{\kappa_e \rho_f C_f \gamma}{\varepsilon}$ (as given by Kurzweg [3]). The curves drawn by us, incorporating the above conditions, given in Fig. 9 are neither qualitatively nor quantitatively different from those presented by Kurzweg [3] since κ_e^* is independent of ε for higher values of ε , viz; ($\varepsilon \geq 0.75$).

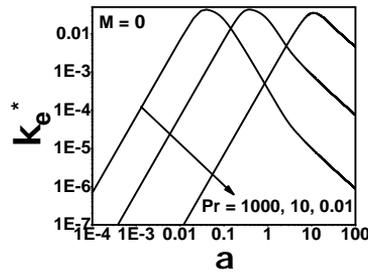


Fig. 9. Effect of α on κ_e^* for three different Prandtl numbers when $\mu = \sigma = 1$ and $\varepsilon = 2$

5. Conclusions

Elaborate discussions along with appropriate physical explanations on the combined effects of conjugation and uniform transverse magnetic field on the enhancement of heat transfer in the hydromagnetic version of the dream pipe have been rendered in the previous section. Here we highlight only the results that are hitherto not reported in the literature that are useful to the research community.

- At any frequency, Q decreases with increasing M , which corresponds to the typical MHD deterioration of heat transfer. In particular, when $M = 60$, Q decreases by about 2.10% to 4.01%, respectively, depending on the fluid, the wall and the oscillation frequency.
- An axial heat flux of $1.5 \cdot 10^{10}$ W/m² can be achieved with $\omega = 300$ rad/s as stated by Kurzweg only when $0.44 \leq a \leq 0.69$, which corresponds to mini-channel heat exchanger [38] and the effective thermal diffusivity is increased by 31,39,383 times than that existing in the absence of oscillations. On the other hand, the maximum heat flux of $5.62 \cdot 10^8$ W/m² can be achieved in the case of dream pipe as a conventional heat pipe ($a = 3$ mm) [38] and κ_e is increased by 1,03,600 times than that existing in the absence of oscillations. Therefore, mini-channel heat exchangers with $\omega = 300$ rad/s can be used to achieve a heat flux of order of 10^{10} W/m².
- The optimum wall thickness, the corresponding optimum frequency of oscillation for achieving maximum value of κ_e^* are presented.
- As ε is increased up to a critical value which depends on the frequency of oscillation, the fluid and the wall material used, κ_e^* is also increased. However, when ε is increased beyond the critical value, κ_e^* becomes constant. At the optimum frequency, by choosing a wall of high thermal conductivity, an

increase of 19.98% in κ_e^* can be achieved by optimizing the wall thickness. When the frequency is very large, κ_e^* is independent of wall thickness.

- As k_s is increased κ_e^* is also increased only after the optimum frequency.
- In general, the substantial increase in the transverse temperature gradient due to oscillation is the main cause for the enhancement of heat transfer. The effects of all the parameters on the effective thermal diffusivity depend on their effects on the absolute value of the transverse temperature gradient.

A. Appendix

$$k_1 = \sqrt{\frac{M^2 + \sqrt{M^4 + \alpha^4}}{2}} \quad k_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{M^4 + \alpha^4} - M^2}{2}}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{-C}{(\alpha^2 Pr)(\alpha^2 - iM^2)(i\alpha^2 Pr - C^2) \cosh \sqrt{iPr}\alpha}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{C\sqrt{\sigma} \tanh \sqrt{iPr\sigma}\alpha\varepsilon + \mu\alpha\sqrt{iPr} \tanh C}{\mu \tanh \sqrt{iPr}\alpha + \sqrt{\sigma} \tanh \sqrt{iPr\sigma}\alpha\varepsilon}$$

$$a_3 = a_1 a_2 \quad a_4 = \frac{-1}{(\alpha^2 Pr)(\alpha^2 - iM^2)}$$

$$a_5 = \frac{-i}{(\alpha^2 - iM^2)(C^2 - i\alpha^2 Pr)} \quad a_6 = \frac{\cosh \sqrt{iPr}\alpha}{\cosh \sqrt{iPr\sigma}\alpha\varepsilon}$$

$$a_7 = \cosh k_1 \cos k_2, \quad a_8 = \sinh k_1 \sin k_2$$

$$a_9 = a_7 - ia_8 \quad a_{10} = a_7 + ia_8$$

$$a_{11} = \cosh 2k_1 + \cos 2k_2 \quad a_{12} = \sinh^2 2k_1 + \sin^2 2k_2$$

$$a_{13} = k_1 \sinh 2k_1 + k_2 \sin 2k_2 \quad a_{14} = 1 + \frac{[(a_{12}/a_{11}) - 2a_{13}]}{a_{11}\sqrt{M^4 + \alpha^4}}$$

$$b_1(\eta) = \cosh \sqrt{iPr}\alpha\eta \quad b_2(\eta) = \frac{\cosh C\eta}{\cosh C}$$

$$b_3(\eta) = \cosh \sqrt{iPr\sigma}\alpha(\varepsilon + 1 - \eta) \quad b_4(\eta) = \cosh k_1\eta \cos k_2\eta$$

$$b_5(\eta) = \sinh k_1\eta \sin k_2\eta \quad b_6(\eta) = b_5(\eta) + ib_4(\eta)$$

$$b_7(\eta) = b_4(\eta) + ib_5(\eta)$$

$$z_1 = \left[a_3 b_1(\eta) + a_4 + \frac{a_5}{a_{10}} b_7(\eta) \right] \left[\frac{1}{\alpha^2 + iM^2} \left(-i + \frac{b_6(\eta)}{a_9} \right) \right]$$

$$h_1 = \alpha^2 M^2 (Pr - 2)$$

$$h_2 = M^4 + \alpha^4 (Pr - 1)$$

$$h_3 = \cosh\left(\sqrt{\frac{Pr}{2}}\alpha\right) \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{Pr}{2}}\alpha\right)$$

$$h_4 = \sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{Pr}{2}}\alpha\right) \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{Pr}{2}}\alpha\right)$$

$$h_5 = h_1 \times h_3 - h_2 h_4$$

$$h_6 = h_1 \times h_4 + h_2 h_3$$

$$h_7 = \frac{k_1 h_5 + k_2 h_6}{h_5^2 + h_6^2}$$

$$h_8 = \frac{-k_1 h_6 + k_2 h_5}{h_5 h_5 + h_6 h_6}$$

$$h_9 = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma} \sinh(\sqrt{2Pr\sigma\varepsilon}\alpha)}{\cosh(\sqrt{2Pr\sigma\varepsilon}\alpha) + \cos(\sqrt{2Pr\sigma\varepsilon}\alpha)}$$

$$h_{10} = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma} \sin(\sqrt{2Pr\sigma\varepsilon}\alpha)}{\cosh(\sqrt{2Pr\sigma\varepsilon}\alpha) + \cos(\sqrt{2Pr\sigma\varepsilon}\alpha)}$$

$$h_{11} = \frac{\mu \sinh(\sqrt{2Pr}\alpha)}{\cosh(\sqrt{2Pr}\alpha) + \cos(\sqrt{2Pr}\alpha)}$$

$$h_{12} = \frac{\mu \sin(\sqrt{2Pr}\alpha)}{\cosh(\sqrt{2Pr}\alpha) + \cos(\sqrt{2Pr}\alpha)}$$

$$h_{13} = \frac{\mu\alpha\sqrt{\frac{Pr}{2}}(\sinh(2k_1) - \sin(2k_2))}{\cosh(2k_1) + \cos(2k_2)}$$

$$h_{14} = \frac{\mu\alpha\sqrt{\frac{Pr}{2}}(\sinh(2k_1) + \sin(2k_2))}{\cosh(2k_1) + \cos(2k_2)}$$

$$h_{15} = k_1 h_9 - k_2 h_{10}$$

$$h_{16} = k_1 h_{10} + k_2 h_9$$

$$h_{17} = h_{13} + h_{15}$$

$$h_{18} = h_{14} + h_{16}$$

$$h_{19} = h_9 + h_{11}$$

$$h_{20} = h_{10} + h_{12}$$

$$h_{21} = \frac{h_{17} h_{19} + h_{18} h_{20}}{h_{19}^2 + h_{20}^2}$$

$$h_{22} = \frac{-h_{17} h_{20} + h_{18} h_{19}}{h_{19}^2 + h_{20}^2}$$

$$h_{23} = h_7 h_{21} - h_8 h_{22}$$

$$h_{24} = h_7 h_{22} + h_8 h_{21}$$

$$h_{25} = -h_1 a_7 + h_2 a_8$$

$$h_{26} = -h_1 a_8 - h_2 a_7$$

$$h_{27} = \frac{k_1 \sin h(2k_1) + k_2 \sin(2k_2)}{a_{11}(k_1^2 + k_2^2)}$$

$$h_{28} = \frac{k_1 \sin(2k_2) - k_2 \sin h(2k_1)}{a_{11}(k_1^2 + k_2^2)}$$

$$h_{29} = \frac{\alpha^2(1 - h_{27}) + M^2 h_{28}}{M^4 + \alpha^4}$$

$$h_{30} = \frac{M^2(1 - h_{27}) - \alpha^2 h_{28}}{M^4 + \alpha^4}$$

$$h_{31} = \sqrt{h_{29}^2 + h_{30}^2}$$

$$h_{32} = h_3 - 1$$

$$h_{33} = h_{32} h_{23} - h_4 h_{24}$$

$$h_{34} = h_4 h_{23} + h_{32} h_{24}$$

$$h_{35} = a_7 - 1$$

$$h_{36} = h_{25} a_8 - h_{35} h_{26}$$

$$h_{37} = -h_{26} a_8 - h_{35} h_{25}$$

$$h_{38} = \frac{-h_{33}}{\alpha^2 Pr} + \frac{h_{36}}{h_{25}^2 + h_{26}^2}$$

$$h_{39} = -\frac{h_{34}}{\alpha^2 Pr} + \frac{h_{37}}{h_{25}^2 + h_{26}^2}$$

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