



# MHD Flow and Heat Transfer of SiC-TiO<sub>2</sub>/DO Hybrid Nanofluid due to a Permeable Spinning Disk by a Novel Algorithm

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**Abstract.** This study intends to semi-analytically investigate the steady 3D boundary layer flow of a SiC-TiO<sub>2</sub>/DO hybrid nanofluid over a porous spinning disk subject to a constant vertical magnetic field. Here, the novel attitude to single-phase hybrid nanofluid model corresponds to considering nanoparticles and base fluid masses to compute solid equivalent volume fraction, solid equivalent density, and also solid equivalent specific heat at constant pressure. The basic PDEs are transformed into dimensionless ODEs using Von Kármán similarity transformations, which are then solved numerically using *bvp4c* function. Results indicate that mass suction and magnetic field effects diminish all hydrodynamic and thermal boundary layer thicknesses. Finally, a significant report is presented to investigate quantities of engineering interest due to governing parameters' effects.

**Keywords:** 3D boundary layer flow; Single-phase hybrid nanofluid; Spinning disk; Semi-analytical modeling; Diathermic oil.

## 1. Introduction

With the recent improvements in nanotechnology, the production of particles with sizes on the order of nanometers (nanoparticles [1]) can be achieved with relative ease. As a consequence, the idea of suspending these nanoparticles in a base liquid [2] for improving thermal conductivity has been proposed recently. Such suspension of nanoparticles in a base fluid is called a nanofluid [3]. Due to their small size, nanoparticles fluidize easily inside the base fluid, and as a consequence, clogging of channels and erosion in channel walls are no longer a problem. It is even possible to use nanofluids in porous channels [4]. When it comes to the stability of the suspension, it was shown that sedimentation of particles can be prevented by utilizing proper dispersants. Thus, nanofluids are fluids that contain suspensions of nanoparticles of high thermally conductive materials like carbon, metals, and metal oxides into heat transfer fluids to improve the overall thermal conductivity. These nanoparticles are usually of order 100 nm or less. Nanoparticles can be spherical, cylindrical, brick, platelet or blade shapes. The advantages of properly engineered nanofluids according to Ding et al. [5] include these factors: i) higher thermal conductivities than that predicted by currently available macroscopic models, ii) excellent stability, iii) little penalty due to an increase in pressure drop, and iv) little penalty due to an increase in pipe wall abrasion experienced by suspensions of millimeter or micrometer particles [6]. In spite of some inconsistency in the literature and insufficient understanding of the mechanism of the heat transfer in nanofluids, it has emerged as a promising heat transfer fluid. In the continuation of nanofluid research, the researchers have also tried to use hybrid nanofluids, recently, which are engineered by suspending dissimilar nanoparticles either in mixture or composite form. The idea of using hybrid nanofluids is to further improve heat transfer and pressure drop characteristics by a trade-off between advantages and disadvantages of individual suspension attributed to good aspect ratio, better thermal network and synergistic effect of nanomaterials. However, the long-term stability, production

process, selection of suitable nanomaterials combination to get synergistic effect and the expense of nanofluids may be major challenges behind the practical applications [7]. The hybrid nanofluids are new types of nanofluids and their performance evaluation is still in the development phase. It is expected to use hybrid nanofluids for similar applications with nanofluid and better performance is expected due to high performance of hybrid nanofluids. A lot of researches related to various applications of nanofluids have been conducted since the discovery of nanofluids. Some of the application areas include electronic cooling, heat pipes, car radiators, coolant in welding and machining, nuclear plant, heat exchanger, solar heating, etc. [8]. Most of the researches about hybrid nanofluids correspond to experimental works [9-14]. Besides, Hayat and Nadeem [15] probably is the first to analytically expand thermophysical properties of hybrid nanofluids in order to develop numerically a boundary layer flow of 3D rotating hybrid nanofluid over a stretching sheet with radiation, heat generation and chemical reaction effects. Furthermore, Chamkha et al. [16] modeled the unsteady conjugate natural convection in a semicircular cavity with a solid shell of finite thickness filled with Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Cu/water hybrid nanofluid by a finite difference method of the second-order accuracy. The obtained results have revealed essential heat transfer enhancement at solid–fluid interface with the addition of nanoparticles. Wei et al. [17] in a pioneering experimental research investigated a kind of hybrid nanoparticles (SiC/TiO<sub>2</sub>) with diathermic oil as base fluid to fabricate nanofluids with concentration up to 1 vol% and there was no visually observable sedimentation or stratification even after ten days. The diathermic oil (DO) is a kind of traditional heat transfer fluid commonly used in many fields such as energy storage systems, cooling systems and heating control system [18]. Besides, diathermic oil is very important in those applications where high temperatures are reached or where the use of water or vapor is not suitable. Therefore, an improvement of diathermic oil thermo-physical properties, by using nanoparticles, can increase the performance of the systems [19].

The study of magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) flow has received a great deal of research interest due to its importance in many engineering applications, such as plasma studies, petroleum industries, MHD power generators, cooling of nuclear reactors, the boundary layer control in aerodynamics, and crystal growth [20]. The term “MHD” was first introduced by Alfven [21]. The theory of MHD states that inducing a current in a moving conductive fluid in the presence of magnetic field exerts force on the ions of the conductive fluid [22]. Dinarvand [23] studied the steady 2D flow of an incompressible viscous and electrically conducting fluid over a non-linearly semi-infinite stretching sheet in the presence of a chemical reaction and under the influence of a magnetic field with the help of Homotopy Analysis Method (HAM). Dinarvand et al. [24] also analytically modeled a problem of the steady laminar MHD mixed convection boundary layer flow of a SiO<sub>2</sub>-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/water hybrid nanofluid near the stagnation-point on a vertical permeable flat plate with considering dual solutions. Recently, Mehryan et al. [25] worked on the natural convection heat transfer of carbon nanotube-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/water hybrid nanofluid in a complex porous T-shaped cavity with the heated bottom wall and cold upper one under the effect of inclined uniform magnetic field and local thermal non-equilibrium conditions with inertia terms in the porous model by a finite element method. Moreover, Sheikholeslami et al. [26] attempted to analyze magnetizable hybrid nanofluid of multi-walled carbon nanotube-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/water inside a circular cavity with two circular heaters. A wire carrying electrical current has been located in the center of each heater. Results show that scattering the hybrid nanoparticles of MWCNT-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> inside the base fluid increases the convective heat transfer.

The classical Von Kármán [27] problem is the flow close to a flat disk rotating in a fluid which is otherwise at rest with constant angular velocity about an axis perpendicular to its plane. Because of the no-slip condition and the viscosity, the layer of fluid directly at the disk is carried along with it and driven outwards by the centrifugal force. New fluid particles are then continuously pulled onto the disk in the axial direction and then ejected centrifugally again. This is, therefore, a fully three-dimensional flow which acts as a pump [28]. Kármán [27] used this flow to illustrate his celebrated momentum-integral relation derived in the same paper in 1921. In 1934, Cochran [29] improved the accuracy with matched inner and outer expansions. Rogers and Lance [30] in 1960 presented very accurate numerical solutions [31]. The importance of heat transfer from a rotating body can be ascertained in aeronautical science as well as in other engineering branches such as thermal-power generating systems, rotating machinery, medical equipment, computer storage devices, gas turbine rotors, air cleaning machines, electronic devices and crystal growth processes [32]. In 2009, Rashidi and Dinarvand [33] found the totally analytic solutions of the system of nonlinear ordinary differential equations derived from similarity transform for the steady three-dimensional problem of fluid deposition on an inclined rotating disk by using HAM. Moreover, in 2010, Dinarvand [34] also worked on examining the off-centered stagnation flow towards a rotating disc, analytically. Bachok et al. [35] studied the flow and heat transfer characteristics due to a rotating disk immersed in a water-based nanofluid containing different types of nanoparticles: Cu, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub> with exploiting Keller-Box method. The analysis of the second law of thermodynamics applied to an electrically conducting incompressible nanofluid flow with three types of nanoparticles (Cu, CuO and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) over a porous rotating disk in the presence of an externally applied uniform vertical magnetic field with the help of 4<sup>th</sup> order Runge-Kutta based shooting method investigated by Rashidi et al. [36].

Motivated from above paragraphs, we intend to semi-analytically model the flow and heat transfer of the MHD von Kármán problem with considering a kind of hybrid nanofluid as well as a novel computational procedure that has never utilized before. Our proposed hybrid nanofluid is considered SiC-TiO<sub>2</sub>/DO. It is worthwhile to notice that, diathermic oil has high boiling point, low vapor pressure, and low pour point. So, it has been widely used as a heat carrier in heat transfer systems [17]. Moreover, it is assumed that the rotating disk is permeable, the nanoparticles' shape are spherical and the foregoing algorithm proposes the new definition of an equivalent solid volume fraction, solid density and solid specific heat at constant pressure for a hybrid nanofluid that is computed from thermophysical properties of both base fluid and nanoparticles, simultaneously. In all the previous analytical research papers, like Refs. [15, 16, 24-26], the thermophysical properties of the hybrid nanofluid were the functions of volume fraction of first and second nanoparticles. However, in the present paper, we used those properties in terms of masses of both nanoparticles and base fluid. Needless to say, this algorithm is simpler and

better to use relatively. Hence, the exploiting of this algorithm as well as the selection of diathermic oil as the base fluid are novelties of our work. After using similarity transformation method, the nonlinear governing PDEs are altered into the dimensionless nonlinear similarity governing ODEs. Then, the resultant boundary value problem is numerically solved by a famous finite difference scheme named bvp4c built-in function from MATLAB software. Finally, the influence of the governing parameters on the flow and thermal characteristics of the problem is discussed in details.

## 2. Mathematical Formulation

Let us consider an incompressible viscous laminar and steady SiC-TiO<sub>2</sub>/DO hybrid nanofluid flow due to a permeable rotating disk with a constant angular velocity  $\omega$  which is placed at  $z = 0$  in the presence of an externally applied uniform vertical magnetic field  $B_0$  as shown in Fig. 1.

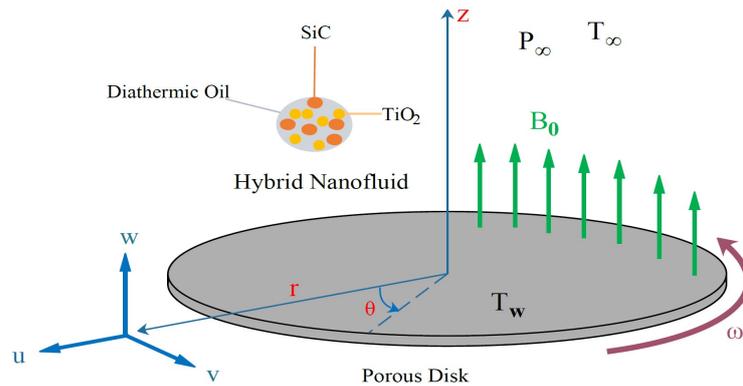


Fig. 1. The schematic diagram of the problem and the coordinate system.

Silicon carbide (SiC) and titanium oxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>) are considered as the nanoparticles with diathermic oil (DO) as Newtonian base fluid. The important hypothesis is that the base fluid and nanoparticles are in thermal equilibrium and no slip occurs between them. It is worth mentioning that to analytically develop the targeted hybrid nanofluid (SiC-TiO<sub>2</sub>/DO), SiC is initially scattered into base fluid, then, TiO<sub>2</sub> is dispersed in SiC/DO mono-nanofluid. Therefore, the subscript (1) corresponds to the first nanoparticle (SiC), while subscript (2) corresponds to the second nanoparticle (TiO<sub>2</sub>) as well as subscript (*f*) is related to the base fluid. Table 1 shows thermophysical properties of diathermic oil, water and the nanoparticles [17, 37-39].

Table 1. Thermophysical properties of the diathermic oil, water and the nanoparticles [17, 37-39].

Thermophysical properties	Water [37]	DO [38]	SiC [17,39]	TiO <sub>2</sub> [17,39]
$C_p$ (J/kgK)	4179	2030	1340	692
$\rho$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	997.1	855	3370	4230
$k$ (W/m K)	0.613	0.133	150	8.4
Particle size (nm)	–	–	30	10

According to Fig. 1, non-rotating cylindrical coordinates system ( $r, \theta, z$ ), is chosen as well as their respective components of velocity ( $u, v, w$ ). It is assumed that the fluid is infinite and extends in the positive  $z$ -direction [35]. The constant temperature of the rotating disk is  $T_w$ , while temperature and pressure of the ambient hybrid nanofluid are  $T_\infty$  and  $P_\infty$ , respectively. After using boundary layer approximations as well as the proposed nanofluid’s model by Tiwari and Das [40], the dimensional governing non-linear PDEs including conservation of in turn mass, momentum and energy can be written as follows [35,36]:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{u}{r} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0, \tag{1}$$

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \frac{v^2}{r} + \frac{1}{\rho_{hnf}} \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} = \frac{\mu_{hnf}}{\rho_{hnf}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} - \frac{u}{r^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right) - \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho_{hnf}} u, \tag{2}$$

$$u \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \frac{uv}{r} = \frac{\mu_{hnf}}{\rho_{hnf}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} - \frac{v}{r^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} \right) - \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho_{hnf}} v, \tag{3}$$

$$u \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{\rho_{hnf}} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = \frac{\mu_{hnf}}{\rho_{hnf}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \right), \quad (4)$$

$$u \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} + w \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = \alpha_{hnf} \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} \right), \quad (5)$$

Subject to these dimensional boundary conditions [35, 36]:

$$\begin{aligned} u = 0, \quad v = \omega r, \quad w = w_0, \quad T = T_w \quad \text{at} \quad z = 0, \\ u \rightarrow 0, \quad v \rightarrow 0, \quad T \rightarrow T_\infty, \quad P \rightarrow P_\infty \quad \text{as} \quad z \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

in which  $T$  and  $P$  are the temperature and the pressure of the hybrid nanofluid within the boundary layer, respectively.  $\sigma$  is the electrical conductivity,  $w_0$  is the uniform suction velocity at the surface of the rotating disk.  $\rho_{hnf}$ ,  $(\rho C_p)_{hnf}$ ,  $\mu_{hnf}$ ,  $\alpha_{hnf}$  and  $k_{hnf}$  are the density, the volumetric heat capacity, the viscosity, the thermal diffusivity, and the thermal conductivity of the hybrid nanofluid, respectively. They are defined according to Table 2.

**Table 2.** Applied models for thermophysical properties of the hybrid nanofluid [15, 24, 41].

Property	Hybrid Nanofluid
Viscosity ( $\mu$ )	$\frac{\mu_f}{(1-\phi)^{2.5}}$
Density ( $\rho$ )	$(1-\phi)(\rho_f) + \phi(\rho_s)$
Heat capacity ( $\rho C_p$ )	$[(1-\phi)(\rho_f) + \phi(\rho_s)] \times [(1-\phi)(C_p)_f + \phi(C_p)_s]$
Thermal conductivity ( $k$ )	$\frac{k_2 + 2k_{nf} - 2\phi_2(k_{nf} - k_2)}{k_2 + 2k_{nf} + \phi_2(k_{nf} - k_2)} \times \frac{k_1 + 2k_f - 2\phi_1(k_f - k_1)}{k_1 + 2k_f + \phi_1(k_f - k_1)} \times (k_f)$
Diffusivity ( $\alpha$ )	$\frac{k_{hnf}}{(\rho C_p)_{hnf}}$

In Table 2,  $k_{nf}$  is the thermal conductivity of the mono-nanofluid which is computed from Maxwell-Garnett model [42]:

$$\frac{k_{nf}}{k_f} = \frac{k_1 + 2k_f - 2\phi_1(k_f - k_1)}{k_1 + 2k_f + \phi_1(k_f - k_1)}. \quad (7)$$

In this approach, we present  $\phi$ ,  $\rho_s$  and  $(C_p)_s$  as the equivalent nanoparticle's volume fraction, the equivalent density of nanoparticles and the equivalent specific heat at constant pressure of nanoparticles, respectively.  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  as solid fraction of first and second nanoparticles, respectively, which are determined from the following formulas [17, 41, 43]:

$$\rho_s = \frac{(\rho_1 \times w_1) + (\rho_2 \times w_2)}{w_1 + w_2}, \quad (8)$$

$$(C_p)_s = \frac{\{(C_p)_1 \times w_1\} + \{(C_p)_2 \times w_2\}}{w_1 + w_2}, \quad (9)$$

$$\phi_1 = \frac{\frac{w_1}{\rho_1}}{\frac{w_1}{\rho_1} + \frac{w_2}{\rho_2} + \frac{w_f}{\rho_f}}, \quad (10)$$

$$\phi_2 = \frac{\frac{w_2}{\rho_2}}{\frac{w_1}{\rho_1} + \frac{w_2}{\rho_2} + \frac{w_f}{\rho_f}}, \quad (11)$$

$$\phi = \phi_1 + \phi_2. \tag{12}$$

In Eqs. (8) to (12),  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$  and  $w_f$  are masses of the first nanoparticle, the second nanoparticle and the base fluid, respectively. By exploiting Von Kármán [27] similarity variables [35, 36]:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta = \left(\frac{\omega}{\nu_f}\right)^{1/2} z, \quad u = \omega rF(\eta), \quad v = \omega rG(\eta), \\ w = (\omega\nu_f)^{1/2} H(\eta), \quad P - P_\infty = 2\mu_f\omega P(\eta), \quad \theta(\eta) = \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_w - T_\infty}. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Fortunately, by substituting Eq. (13) into non-linear PDEs (1) to (5) under boundary conditions (6), we get these dimensionless non-linear similarity ODEs:

$$2F + H' = 0, \tag{14}$$

$$A_1 F''' - HF' - F^2 + G^2 - MF = 0, \tag{15}$$

$$A_1 G''' - HG' - 2FG - MG = 0, \tag{16}$$

$$\frac{1}{Pr} \frac{k_{hmf}}{k_f} A_2 \theta'' - H\theta' = 0, \tag{17}$$

where

$$A_1 = \left( 1 - \frac{\frac{w_1 + w_2}{\rho_1 \rho_2}}{\frac{w_1 + w_2 + w_f}{\rho_1 \rho_2 \rho_f}} \right)^{-2.5} \left( 1 - \frac{\frac{w_1 + w_2}{\rho_1 \rho_2}}{\frac{w_1 + w_2 + w_f}{\rho_1 \rho_2 \rho_f}} + \frac{\frac{w_1 + w_2}{\rho_1 \rho_2} \rho_s}{\frac{w_1 + w_2 + w_f}{\rho_1 \rho_2 \rho_f} \rho_f} \right)^{-1} \tag{18}$$

$$A_2 = \frac{(\rho C_p)_f}{\left[ \left( 1 - \frac{\frac{w_1 + w_2}{\rho_1 \rho_2}}{\frac{w_1 + w_2 + w_f}{\rho_1 \rho_2 \rho_f}} \right) (\rho_f) + \frac{\frac{w_1 + w_2}{\rho_1 \rho_2}}{\frac{w_1 + w_2 + w_f}{\rho_1 \rho_2 \rho_f}} (\rho_s) \right]} \times \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{\frac{w_1 + w_2}{\rho_1 \rho_2}}{\frac{w_1 + w_2 + w_f}{\rho_1 \rho_2 \rho_f}} \right) (C_p)_f + \frac{\frac{w_1 + w_2}{\rho_1 \rho_2}}{\frac{w_1 + w_2 + w_f}{\rho_1 \rho_2 \rho_f}} (C_p)_s \right]$$

Subject to these dimensionless boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} F(0) = 0, \quad G(0) = 1, \quad H(0) = V_s, \quad \theta(0) = 1, \\ F(\infty) \rightarrow 0, \quad G(\infty) \rightarrow 0, \quad \Theta(\infty) \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

We notice that, the parameters that are represented into the boundary value problem (14) to (19) are called “governing parameters”. Here, the governing parameters of the problem are the Prandtl number ( $Pr$ ), magnetic parameter ( $M$ ) and suction parameter ( $V_s$ ) which can be defined as follows:

$$Pr = \frac{\nu_f}{\alpha_f}, \quad M = \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho_{hmf} \omega}, \quad V_s = \frac{w_0}{\sqrt{\nu_f \omega}}, \tag{20}$$

it should be mentioned that other governing parameters of the problem are the nanoparticle masses ( $w_1, w_2$ ), base fluid mass ( $w_f$ ), nanoparticles volume fractions ( $\phi, \phi_1, \phi_2$ ), solid density ( $\rho_s$ ) and solid specific heat at constant pressure ( $(C_p)_s$ ). The total skin friction coefficient  $C_f$  and the local Nusselt number  $Nu$  are defined as [36]:

$$C_f = \frac{\sqrt{(\tau_{wr})^2 + (\tau_{w\theta})^2}}{\rho_f (\omega r)^2}, \quad Nu = \frac{rq_w}{k_f (T_w - T_\infty)}, \tag{21}$$



where,  $\tau_{wr}$  and  $\tau_{w\theta}$  are the radial and transversal shear stresses at the surface of the disk, respectively.  $q_w$  is the surface heat flux from one, which are illustrated by [36]:

$$\tau_{wr} = \mu_{hnf} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta} \right)_{z=0}, \quad \tau_{w\theta} = \mu_{hnf} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta} \right)_{z=0}, \quad q_w = -k_{hnf} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0}, \quad (22)$$

By substituting Eq. (13) into Eqs. (21) and (22):

$$[Re]^{1/2} C_f = \left( 1 - \frac{\frac{w_1}{\rho_1} + \frac{w_2}{\rho_2}}{\frac{w_1}{\rho_1} + \frac{w_2}{\rho_2} + \frac{w_f}{\rho_f}} \right)^{-2.5} \sqrt{\{F'(0)\}^2 + \{G'(0)\}^2}, \quad [Re]^{-1/2} Nu = -\frac{k_{hnf}}{k_f} \theta'(0), \quad (23)$$

where,  $Re = \omega r^2 / \nu_f$  is the local Reynolds number. In summary, it can be depicted that the computational procedure for our proposed algorithm in Fig. 2. According to this figure, initially we must determine our novel inputs such as  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$  and  $w_f$ . In as much as  $\phi$ ,  $\phi_1$ ,  $\phi_2$ ,  $\rho_s$  and  $(C_p)_s$  are functions of aforementioned masses (see Eqs. (8) to (12)), consequently we can calculate them. Then, we intend to numerically solve the governing Eqs. (14) to (17) along with the boundary conditions (18) and (19), after selecting other governing parameters like  $M$ ,  $V_s$  and  $Pr$ . Finally, the results may be plotted through graphical or tabular forms.

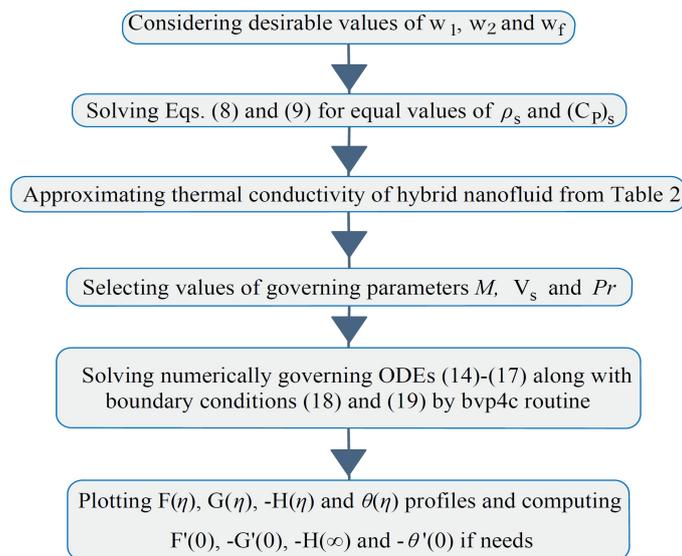


Fig. 2. Flowchart of present problem's computational procedure.

### 3. Results and Discussion

#### 3.1. Validation of the results

We have to numerically solve the similarity governing Eqs. (14) to (17) subjected to the boundary conditions (18) and (19) for some values of the governing parameters  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$ ,  $w_f$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $\phi_1$ ,  $\phi_2$ ,  $\rho_s$ ,  $(C_p)_s$ ,  $M$ ,  $V_s$  and  $Pr$  using the bvp4c built-in function from MATLAB software (see Shampine et al. [44] as well as Rosca et al. [45]). In this approach, we have considered  $5 \leq \eta_\infty \leq 11$ , a uniform initial step size of  $\eta_\infty / 100$ , and the relative tolerance that was set as default (0.001).

As much as there is no numerical work with considering diathermic oil as the working fluid, the numerical procedure must be verified by using water as the base fluid. So, Table 3 shows our validation results from the similarity radial skin friction coefficient ( $F'(0)$ ), the similarity tangential skin friction coefficient ( $-G'(0)$ ), the similarity axial velocity at far field boundary condition ( $-H(\infty)$ ) and the similarity local Nusselt number ( $-\theta'(0)$ ) for pure water ( $w_1 = w_2 = \phi = \phi_1 = \phi_2 = 0$ ), impermeable rotating disk ( $V_s = 0$ ), no magnetic field effect ( $M = 0$ ) and  $Pr = 6.2$ , respectively. Also, Table 4 illustrates them for a special case (TiO<sub>2</sub>/water mono-nanofluid) with various values of  $w_2$  and  $V_s$ , when  $w_f = 100gr$ ,  $w_1 = \phi_1 = M = 0$  and  $Pr = 6.2$ . From



Tables 3 and 4, we can clearly conclude that the present results are in good agreement with previous reports obtained by White [31], Schlichting and Gersten [28], Bachok et al. [35], Rashidi et al. [36], Turkyilmazoglu [32] and Yin et al. [46].

**Table 3.** Validation of the numerical solutions for  $F'(0)$ ,  $-G'(0)$ ,  $-H(\infty)$  and  $-\theta'(0)$ , when  $\phi = \phi_1 = \phi_2 = w_1 = w_2 = M = V_s = 0$ ,  $w_f = 100gr$  and  $Pr = 6.2$ .

	White [31]	Schlichting and Gersten [28]	Bachok et al. [35]	Rashidi et al. [36]	Turkyilmazoglu [32]	Yin et al. [46]	Present Study
$F'(0)$	0.51023	0.51023	0.5102	0.510186	0.51023262	0.51022941	0.51021367
$-G'(0)$	0.61592	0.61592	0.6159	0.61589	0.61592201	0.61591990	0.61590956
$-H(\infty)$	0.8838	0.88446	-	-	0.88447411	0.88446912	0.88229879
$-\theta'(0)$	-	-	0.9337	-	0.93387794	0.93387285	0.93384782

**Table 4.** Validation of the results for  $F'(0)$ ,  $-G'(0)$  and  $-\theta'(0)$ , with different values of  $w_2$  and  $V_s$  when  $w_f = 100gr$ ,  $w_1 = \phi_1 = M = 0$  and  $Pr = 6.2$ .

$w_2 (gr)$	$\phi = \phi_2$	$V_s$	$F'(0)$		$-G'(0)$		$-\theta'(0)$		Present study
			Bachok et al. [35]	Present study	Bachok et al. [35]	Present study	Bachok et al. [35]	Turkyilmazoglu [32]	
50	0.10	0	0.5102	0.514633	0.6159	0.621243	0.8344	0.83557817	0.83081098
50	0.10	-1	0.3896	0.387604	1.1752	1.194499	4.8254	-	4.763264
50	0.10	1	0.4896	0.492917	0.3022	0.302486	0.0013	-	0.001359
23	0.05	0	-	-	-	-	-	0.88399909	0.88264795
76	0.15	0	-	-	-	-	-	0.78891926	0.78642403
107	0.20	0	-	-	-	-	-	0.74412223	0.74208425

**3.2. Effects of the governing parameters on the dimensionless velocity and temperature profiles**

Hereafter, the effect of aforementioned governing parameters on the flow and heat transfer characteristics of the problem, are portrayed as graphical figures. At first, it is useful to determine ranges of governing parameters in the present study as shown in Table 5.

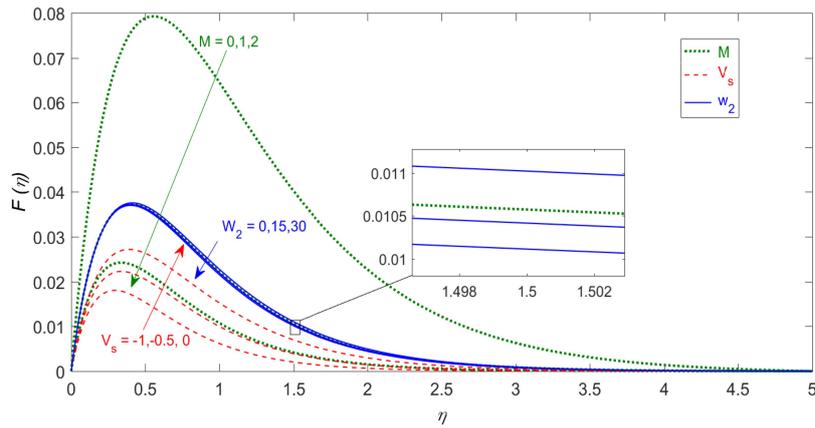
**Table 5.** The applied range of governing parameters in the present analysis.

Governing parameter	Symbol	Value
Mass of the first nanoparticle	$w_1$	{0,10}
Mass of the second nanoparticle	$w_2$	{0,10,15,23,30,50,76,107}
Mass of the base fluid	$w_f$	{100}
Magnetic parameter	$M$	{0,1,2,3}
Suction parameter	$V_s$	{-1,-0.5,0,1}
Prandtl number	$Pr$	{6.2,395}

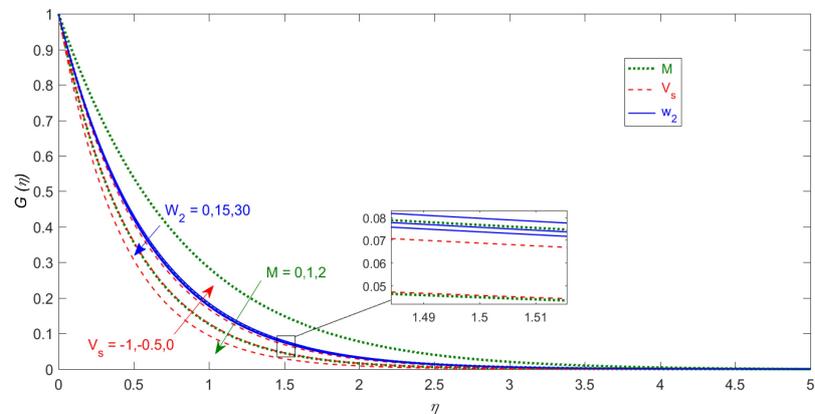
Figures 3 to 6 illustrate the effect of the magnetic parameter ( $M$ ), the suction parameter ( $V_s$ ) and the second nanoparticle’s mass ( $w_2$ ) with considering  $w_f = 100gr$ ,  $w_1 = 10gr$  and  $Pr = 395$ , on the dimensionless fluid velocity components in radial, tangential and axial directions as well as on the dimensionless temperature distribution, respectively. From Figs. 3 and 4, it can be seen that  $F(\eta)$ ,  $G(\eta)$  as well as radial and tangential dimensionless hydrodynamic boundary layer thicknesses decrease, under the same three foregoing parameters effects. Moreover, with increasing  $M$  the Lorentz force effects lead to enhancement and it affects both radial and tangential dimensionless velocity profiles. It is worth noticing that when the suction parameter enhances, the radial and tangential dimensionless hydrodynamic boundary layer thicknesses decrease, too. On the other hand, among these three governing parameters,  $M$  has the maximum influence on  $F(\eta)$  as well as  $G(\eta)$ . This is because the magnetic parameter appears directly into the similarity momentum equation along with radial and tangential directions (equations (15) and (16)).

Figure 5 (axial component of dimensionless velocity profiles) acts differently relative to Figs. 3 and 4 (radial and tangential components of dimensionless velocity field). In other words, although increasing suction parameter decreases the axial dimensionless velocity profiles, enhancing of magnetic parameter as well as second nanoparticle’s mass help to elevate  $H(\eta)$ . It is also shown that the mass suction decline at the surface of the rotating disk possesses maximum effects on  $H(\eta)$  profiles.

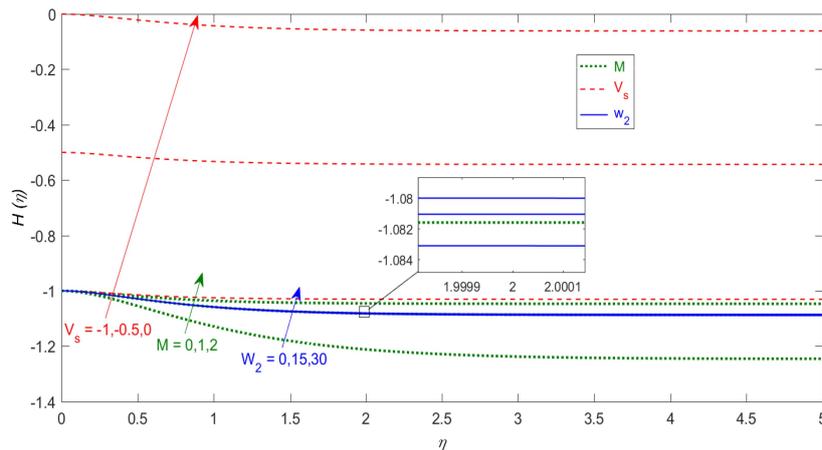




**Fig. 3.** Effect of magnetic parameter ( $M$ ), suction parameter ( $V_s$ ) and second nanoparticle's mass ( $w_2$ ) on the dimensionless velocity profiles along the radial direction ( $F(\eta)$ ), when  $w_f = 100\text{ gr}$ ,  $w_1 = 10\text{ gr}$  and  $Pr = 395$ .



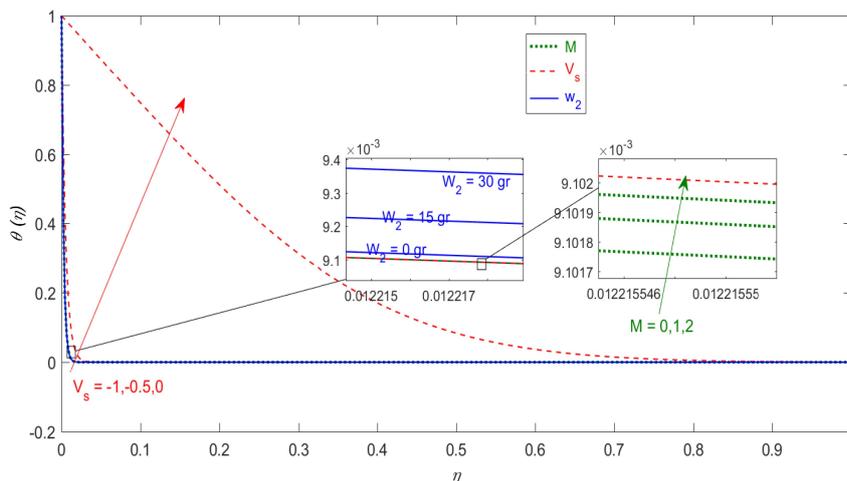
**Fig. 4.** Effect of magnetic parameter ( $M$ ), suction parameter ( $V_s$ ) and second nanoparticle's mass ( $w_2$ ) on the dimensionless velocity profiles along the tangential direction ( $G(\eta)$ ), when  $w_f = 100\text{ gr}$ ,  $w_1 = 10\text{ gr}$  and  $Pr = 395$ .



**Fig. 5.** Effect of magnetic parameter ( $M$ ), suction parameter ( $V_s$ ) and the second nanoparticle's mass ( $w_2$ ) on the dimensionless velocity profiles along axial direction ( $H(\eta)$ ), when  $w_f = 100\text{ gr}$ ,  $w_1 = 10\text{ gr}$  and  $Pr = 395$ .

As a result of Fig. 6, the influence of  $w_2$  and  $M$  on the dimensionless temperature field can be considered negligible, while the effect of  $V_s$  on it, is strongly high. Indeed, the thermal boundary layer thickness, as well as the dimensionless temperature distribution decreases with increasing in suction parameter. This behavior as will be seen subsequently leads to local heat transfer rate enhancement from the rotating disk to ambient (see Fig. 8 (b)).

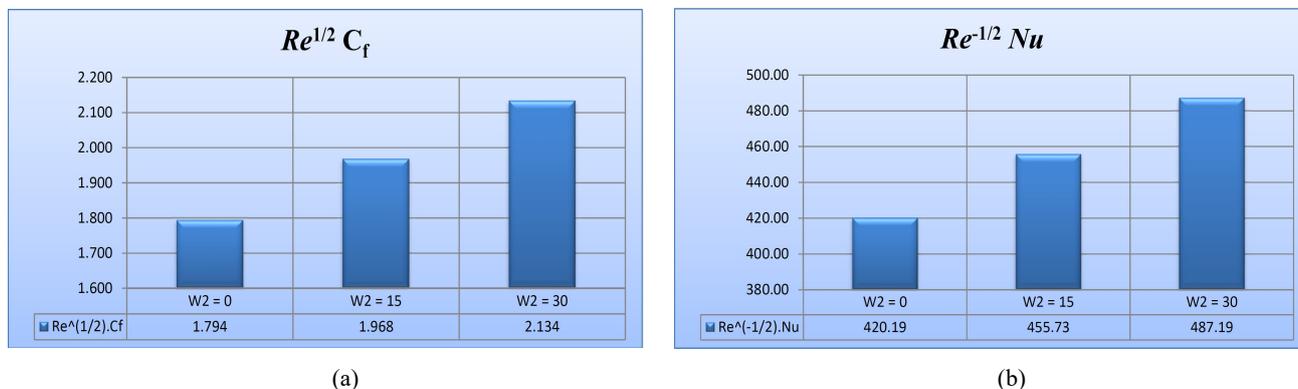




**Fig. 6.** Effect of magnetic parameter ( $M$ ), suction parameter ( $V_s$ ) and second nanoparticle’s mass ( $w_2$ ) on the dimensionless temperature distributions ( $\theta(\eta)$ ), when  $w_f = 100\text{ gr}$ ,  $w_1 = 10\text{ gr}$  and  $Pr = 395$ .

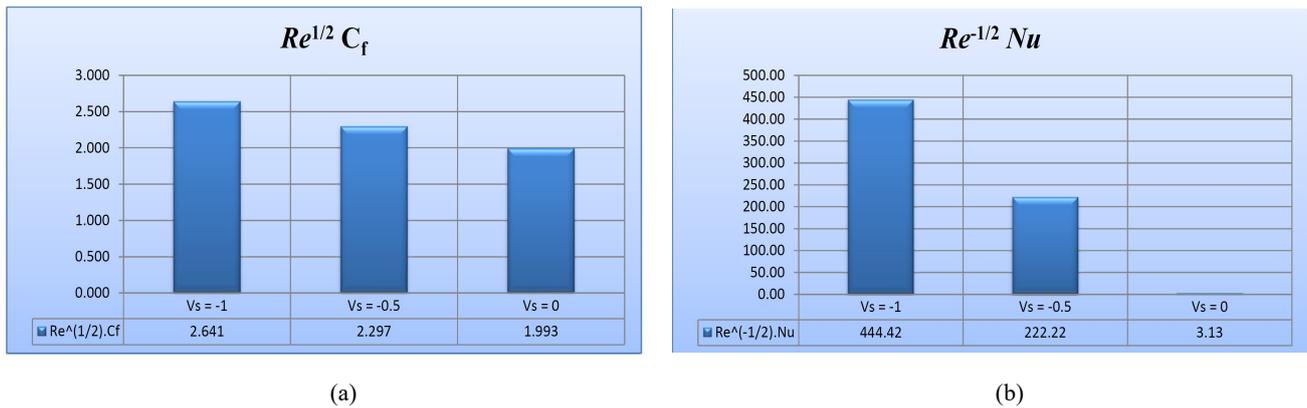
**3.3. Effects of governing parameters on skin friction and local heat transfer rate**

Figures 7 (a) and (b) are plotted to compare in turn the total skin friction coefficient ( $[Re]^{1/2} C_f$ ) and the local heat transfer rate ( $[Re]^{-1/2} Nu$ ) for various values of second nanoparticle’s mass ( $w_2$ ), when  $w_f = 100\text{ gr}$ ,  $w_1 = 10\text{ gr}$ ,  $M = 1$ ,  $V_s = -1$  and  $Pr = 395$ . As can be seen, both  $[Re]^{1/2} C_f$  and  $[Re]^{-1/2} Nu$  slowly boost under enhancing of  $w_2$ , that can be sensible physically. When  $w_2$  increases, the second nanoparticle’s volume fraction ( $\phi_2$ ) as well as the solid equivalent volume fraction ( $\phi$ ) increase, consequently, the effective thermal conductivity ( $k_{mf}$ ) enhances. So, according to Eq. (23) the local heat transfer rate elevates.



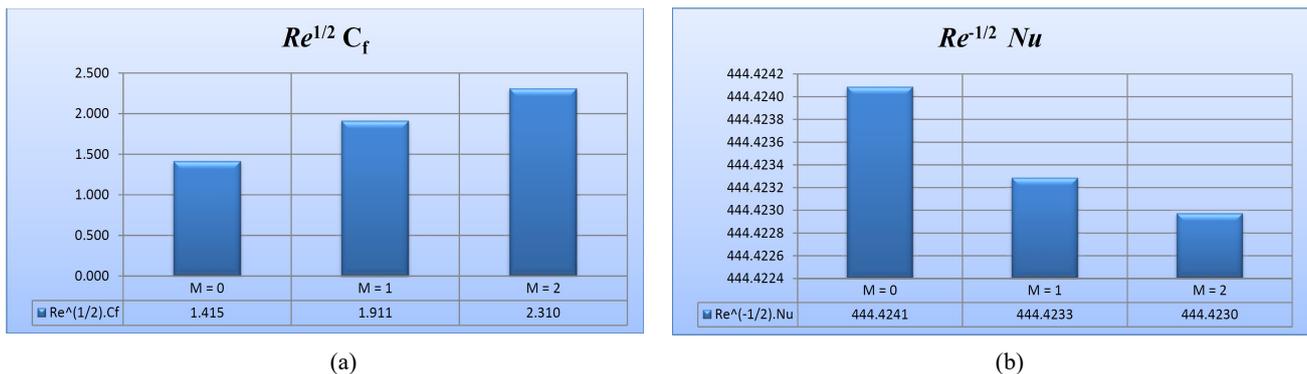
**Fig. 7.** Effect of second nanoparticle’s mass ( $w_2$ ) on (a) the total skin friction coefficient ( $[Re]^{1/2} C_f$ ) and (b) the local heat transfer rate ( $[Re]^{-1/2} Nu$ ) of the rotating disk, when  $w_f = 100\text{ gr}$ ,  $w_1 = 10\text{ gr}$ ,  $M = 1$ ,  $V_s = -1$  and  $Pr = 395$ .

Figures 8 (a) and (b) depict  $[Re]^{1/2} C_f$  and  $[Re]^{-1/2} Nu$  for various values of the suction parameter ( $V_s$ ), when  $w_f = 100\text{ gr}$ ,  $w_1 = w_2 = 10\text{ gr}$ ,  $M = 3$  and  $Pr = 395$ . It is obvious that, suction parameter affects the total skin friction coefficient as well as the local heat transfer rate enhancement, simultaneously. It should be highlighted that according to Eq. (23), another important factors that influences  $[Re]^{1/2} C_f$  and  $[Re]^{-1/2} Nu$  enhancement depends on the dimensionless velocity profiles slope at  $\eta = 0$  along the radial and tangential directions ( $F'(0)$  and  $G'(0)$ ) as well as the dimensionless temperature profile’s slope at one ( $\theta'(0)$ ). As a consequence, inasmuch as from Figs. 3, 4 and 6, the foregoing slopes generally increase, so we observed increment in  $[Re]^{1/2} C_f$  and  $[Re]^{-1/2} Nu$ .



**Fig. 8.** Effect of the suction parameter ( $V_s$ ) on (a) the total skin friction coefficient ( $[Re]^{1/2} C_f$ ) and (b) the local heat transfer rate ( $[Re]^{-1/2} Nu$ ) of the rotating disk, when  $w_f = 100gr$ ,  $w_1 = w_2 = 10gr$ ,  $M = 3$  and  $Pr = 395$ .

Finally, Figs. 9 (a) and (b) demonstrate  $[Re]^{1/2} C_f$  and  $[Re]^{-1/2} Nu$  for various values of magnetic parameter ( $M$ ), when  $w_f = 100gr$ ,  $w_1 = w_2 = 10gr$ ,  $V_s = -1$  and  $Pr = 395$ . According to our conclusions from previous figures, we can declare that  $M$  highly affects the flow field characteristics and its variations on the thermal characteristics is negligible because  $M$  does not appear in the similarity energy Eq. (17). Therefore,  $[Re]^{1/2} C_f$  only increases with magnetic field effect in the present conditions of the problem.



**Fig. 9.** Effect of magnetic field ( $M$ ) on (a) the total skin friction coefficient ( $[Re]^{1/2} C_f$ ) and (b) the local heat transfer rate ( $[Re]^{-1/2} Nu$ ) of the rotating disk, when  $w_f = 100gr$ ,  $w_1 = w_2 = 10gr$ ,  $V_s = -1$  and  $Pr = 395$ .

#### 4. Conclusions

The steady laminar 3D forced convective Von Kármán problem with considering permeable spinning disk and incompressible SiC-TiO<sub>2</sub>-DO hybrid nanofluid as the working fluid in the presence of uniform magnetic field along with vertical direction is investigated semi-analytically by a new proposed algorithm according to nanoparticle and base fluid masses. It is worth noticing that this research may be applicable in rotating MHD energy generators for new space systems and thermal conversion mechanisms for nuclear propulsion space vehicles. The Prandtl number of the base fluid (diathermic oil) is kept constant at 395 and the nanoparticles are assumed to be spherical shapes. After using boundary layer approximations as well as Tiwari-Das nanofluid model, the non-linear governing PDEs are first transformed into non-linear dimensionless ODEs using Von Kármán proposed similarity variables, before being solved numerically by a ready finite difference scheme from MATLAB software. The major conclusions of this study can be summarized as follows:

- 1) Mass suction and magnetic field effects reduce both radial and tangential hydrodynamic boundary layer thicknesses as well as thermal boundary layer thickness.
- 2) Increasing  $w_2$  and  $V_s$  cause local heat transfer rate enhancement from the rotating disk surface to the ambient and drag force increment from the ambient to the rotating disk, simultaneously; so the local heat transfer rate enhancement has a desirable effect while the skin friction coefficient increment possesses an undesirable effect because of increasing pressure drop and consequently increasing pumping power that always is managed.
- 3) The present computational algorithm successfully works for hybrid nanofluid problems with great confidence to study the flow and heat transfer characteristics in the other similar geometries.



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## Nomenclature

$B_0$	Uniform magnetic field [T]	$F(\eta)$	Dimensionless radial velocity profile
$C_f$	Total skin friction coefficient	$G(\eta)$	Dimensionless tangential velocity profile
$C_p$	Specific heat at constant pressure [J/(kg.K)]	$H(\eta)$	Dimensionless axial velocity profile
$k$	Thermal conductivity coefficient [W/(m.K)]	$\theta(\eta)$	Dimensionless temperature profile
$M$	Magnetic parameter	$\sigma$	Electrical conductivity [(m <sup>3</sup> A <sup>2</sup> )/kg]
$Nu$	Local Nusselt number	$\mu$	Dynamic viscosity [Pa.s]
$P$	Hybrid nanofluid pressure [Pa]	$\nu$	Kinematic viscosity [m <sup>2</sup> /s]
$P_\infty$	Ambient hybrid nanofluid pressure [Pa]	$\omega$	Constant angular velocity [rad/s]
$Pr$	Prandtl number	$\rho$	Density [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]
$q_w$	Surface heat flux [W/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$\rho C_p$	Volumetric heat capacity [J/(m <sup>3</sup> K)]
$r, \theta, z$	Cylindrical coordinates system	$\tau_{wr}$	Radial shear stress at the surface of the disk [Pa]
$Re$	Local Reynolds number	$\tau_{w\theta}$	Transversal shear stress at the surface of the disk [Pa]
$T$	Hybrid nanofluid temperature [K]		
$T_w$	Disk temperature [K]		
$T_\infty$	Ambient temperature [K]		
$u, v$	Velocity components along $r$ and $\theta$ axes [m/s]		
$V_s$	Suction parameter		
$w$	Mass or velocity component along $z$ axis [gr or m/s]		
$w_0$	Uniform suction velocity at the disk surface [m/s]		

### Greek symbols

$\alpha$	Thermal diffusivity [m <sup>2</sup> /s]
$\phi$	Equivalent nanoparticle volume fraction
$\phi_1$	First nanoparticle's volume fraction
$\phi_2$	Second nanoparticle's volume fraction
$\eta$	Independent similarity variable

### Subscripts

$s$	Solid phase
$w$	Condition at the surface of the disk
$\infty$	Condition at the ambient
$f$	Base fluid
$nf$	Single nanoparticle nanofluid
$hnf$	Hybrid nanofluid
1	First nanoparticle (SiC)
2	Second nanoparticle (TiO <sub>2</sub> )

### Superscript

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