

Triple-Diffusive Convection in a Bi-viscous Bingham Fluid Layer with Temperature Modulation

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1. INTRODUCTION & OBJECTIVE

One of the effective ways to control convection is by maintaining the non-uniform temperature gradient, which solely depends on space. The thermal modulation problem, which involves solving the energy equation under appropriate time-dependent boundary conditions, arises because transient heating or cooling at boundaries is the cause of non-uniform temperature gradients in many practical settings. As a result, the basic temperature profile is explicitly dependent on time and position. By appropriately adjusting the modulation parameters, namely the amplitude and frequency, these basic temperature profiles can be used as an efficient means of controlling convective flow. There may be a noticeable increase in heat, mass, or momentum. It has widespread applications in solidifying metallic alloys in crystal growth to control the quality and structure of the solid and material processing to achieve higher efficiency. Venezian [1] was the first to examine the effect of modulation on the onset of thermal-convection using perturbation method and concluded that the shift in the critical Rayleigh number is calculated as a function of frequency, and he observed that it is feasible to progress or postpone the onset of convection by time modulation of the wall temperatures. The authors [2-13] have researched temperature modulation in double and triple diffusive convection for different scenarios.

In this study, we consider a bi-viscous Bingham fluid, a non-Newtonian fluid whose flow is not linear and exhibits yield-stress and plastic viscosity simultaneously. This fluid involves a Newtonian fluid with deformable, suspended particles that enhance viscosity and alter the stress's nature. The suspended particles impart a little more rigidity to the fluid, making it respond slowly to any force applied to it. This gives rise to the concept of a yield-stress. When the yield-stress approaches infinity, the BVBF can be considered a Newtonian fluid. The shear rate of a fluid at rest with no external forces has a zero-shear rate; once the shear rate reaches the threshold, it increases linearly with the strain rate. Because of the imposed shear rate, the fluid viscosity drops and begins to flow. This form of fluid flow is used in various industrial and everyday applications, such as drilling operations and well completion technologies. Some of the materials that manifest almost all this model's characteristics are polymeric-gels, emulsions, mud, heavy-oil and foams with nonzero yield-stress, and are often used in oil-recovery or fracking-applications. Due to the unique property of BVBF, several authors [14-22] have extended earlier works on BVBF for different conditions. Very recently, convection problems were studied for other situations by Turan et al. [23], Mahanthesh et al. [24], and Nandal et al. [25].

Therefore, the foremost objective of this paper is to study the effect of imposed temperature modulation on the stability of convection flow and heat and mass transfers in a bi-viscous Bingham fluid layer by considering free-free velocity boundaries.

2. RESULTS & HIGHLIGHTS OF IMPORTANT POINTS

A theoretical study of thermo-convective instability in a bi-viscous Bingham fluid layer is carried out when the boundary temperatures vary with time in a sinusoidal manner. By performing a linear and weakly non-linear stability analysis, we obtain the expressions for the correction Rayleigh number for the onset using the perturbation method and the Nusselt and Sherwood numbers as a function of the amplitude of convection which is governed by a non-autonomous Ginzburg Landau equation derived for the stationary mode of convection. Furthermore, the temperature modulation can either stabilize or destabilize depending on the value of the modulation frequency. Additionally, we see that average Nusselt and Sherwood numbers increase with an increase in bi-viscous Bingham fluid parameter, solutal Rayleigh numbers, and modulation frequency. In contrast, they decrease with an increase in solutal diffusivity rate and modulation amplitude. The heat and mass transfers in the interval $[0, \pi]$ decrease with an increase in the phase angle, φ for in-phase, and they increase in the interval $[\pi, 2\pi]$ for out-of-phase. The values of heat- and mass-transfers have a maximum at $\varphi \approx 2\pi$ and a minimum at $\varphi \approx \pi$.

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