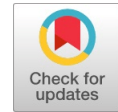


# Computational Modeling on Fuel Cell Cooling with Water Based Copper Oxide Nanofluid

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**Abstract:** In the smart investigation, CFD programmes got developed and executed with water-CuO nanofluid to envision the thermal concerns of fuel cell. The convective governing equalities of mass, force and drive are computed for predicting the thermal issues of fuel cell. The time step selected throughout the intact computation is 0.0001 s. The soundings affect CFD forecasts of temperature field, temperature contour plus fluid-solid boundary temperature of fuel cell. The fluid-solid boundary temperature of fuel cell is noticed as 340 K. This stands far less than the hazardous limit of 356 K temperature desired for the objective of beating thermal cataclysm of fuel cell. The temperature of water-CuO nanofluid stands peak contiguous to the fuel cell vicinity. Additionally, the temperature of water-CuO nanofluid gently drops with improvement in remoteness from fuel cell. Subsequently, this becomes surrounding temperature within the distant arena precinct. The equivalent temperature curve stands accessible. In addition, the congruent plot of temperature against distance from fuel cell stands publicized. The establishment of CFD revelations stay alongside the backgrounds of capacities.

**Index Terms:** Fuel Cell, Cooling, CFD Codes, Water-CuO Nanofluid.

## I. INTRODUCTION

A gesture of thermal rakishness in fuel cell stands established in figure 1. Fuel cell heat dissipation caught numerous routines for illustration. The standard heat dissipation arrayed heretofore for instance, atmospheric convection is inappropriate for extreme thermal flux treatments. Still, in the preceding years the strange way of heat dissipation has compelled the researchers' ubiquitously in the scope for the humdrum of nanofluid thermal control.

In addition, the nanofluid thermal dissipation is unequivocally spirited as ambient heat dissipation is poor to deliver the drive. Numerical and experimental reviews on heat spreading over rectangular domain are existent in texts [1-7]. Computational and experimental work with solidification also stand illustrated [8-20].

All the same of the realities that the nanofluid cooling equivocates the issues about the extreme heat battle as to ambient heat dissipation and hence, the treatment of nanofluid remains the significant drive of the extant exploration. Here, the heat dissipations of fuel cell through water-CuO nanofluid stay sightseen numerically.

## II. ILLUSTRATION OF PHYSICAL PROBLEM

Figure 2 discloses the physical theme course problem covering a heat generation from fuel cell indicating the top and bottom edges. Rest two edges are signposted through ambient situations. Here, the thermal dissipations from fuel cell is completed over water-CuO nanofluid.

Furthermore, the thermophysical plus model data of CuO nanoparticles are reflected in the existent analysis plus the ambient situation involved in the current course computations, stand agglomerated remarkably in Table 1.

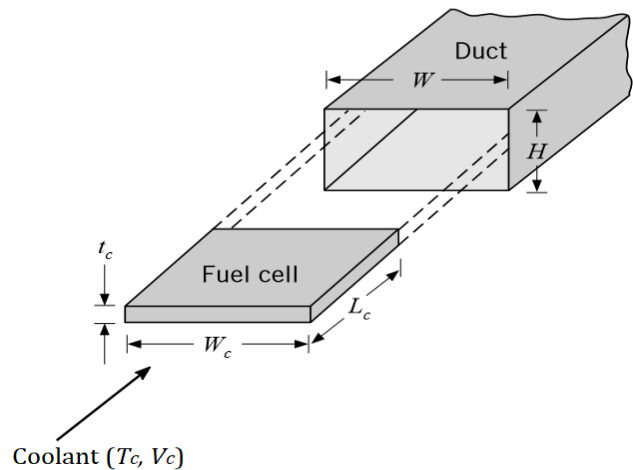


Figure 1. Fuel cell with enclosure

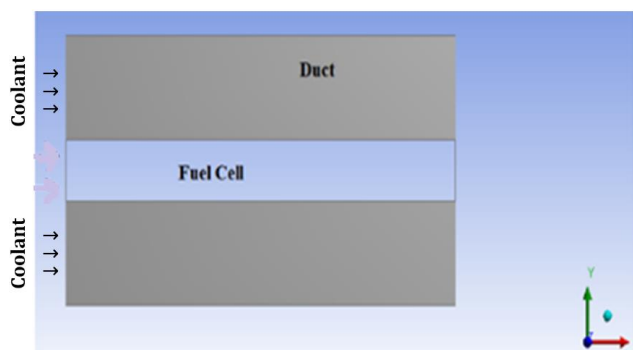


Figure 2. Computational domain

## III. NUMERICAL PRACTICES

As professed above, the figure 2 discloses the CFD worktable aimed at computing the physical topic course. To facilitate the CFD forecasts the binding stages such as constructing geometry and purview, meshing and initialization are followed to run the simulation.

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Here, the fundamental equalities (as termed below through equalities 1-4) of mass, force and drive beside the edge states are chosen. Linearized equalities are computed through the CFD codes. After the development of computations, CFD codes form the shapes and curls through that numerous graphs stand strained to amalgam the CFD forecasts through the prognoses. With the later dispensation the forecasts are scrupulously explored aimed at receiving profuse comprehensions.

Continuity:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (1)$$

X-momentum:

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad (2)$$

Y-momentum:

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right) + \rho g \quad (3)$$

Energy:

$$\left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) = \alpha \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad (4)$$

Table 1. Thermophysical and model data.

Nanoparticle Properties	CuO
Density, $\rho$ (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	6316
Specific heat, $C_p$ (J.Kg <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup> )	533
Thermal conductivity, $k$ (W/m-K)	34
Model Data	Values
Enclosure height (H)	25 mm
Fuel cell length (L <sub>c</sub> )	51 mm
Thickness of fuel cell (t <sub>c</sub> )	5 mm
Fuel cell width (W <sub>c</sub> )	51 mm
Enclosure width (W)	51 mm
Atmospheric temperature	300 K
Fuel cell heat flux	10 W/cm <sup>2</sup>
Coolant velocity	8 m/s

In the enduring investigation, CFD codes are established and executed with water-CuO nanofluid to visualize the thermal concerns of fuel cell. The convective governing equalities of mass, force and drive are computed for envisaging the thermal issues of fuel cell. The time step selected in the integral iteration is 0.0001 s.

#### IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

CFD programmes stand established and executed with water-CuO nanofluid. It envisages the impacts on heat dissipation of fuel cell. The soundings affect CFD forecasts of temperature field, temperature contour plus fluid-solid boundary temperature of fuel cell.

#### Influence of Water-CuO Nanofluid on Fuel Cell Cooling

To accelerate the reconnaissance for the stimulus of water-CuO nanofluid on fuel cell cooling, the contemporaneous corporeal archetype stands computed numerically bearing in mind both thermophysical and model data regarding the standing positions.

Figure 3 unveils the CFD prediction of temperature field besides the tinted measuring scale screening the temperature values over K. It stands viewed at the documented archetype statuses bearing in mind the water-CuO nanofluid for fuel cell heat dissipation. The fluid-solid boundary temperature of fuel cell is viewed as 340 K. This stands far less than the chancy limit of 356 K temperature wished for the objective of outwitting thermal cataclysm of fuel cell. Tritely, the temperature of water-CuO nanofluid stands peak contiguous to the fuel cell locality. Further, the temperature of water-CuO nanofluid gently drops with improvement in aloofness from fuel cell. Afterwards, this becomes surrounding temperature in the remote field zone.

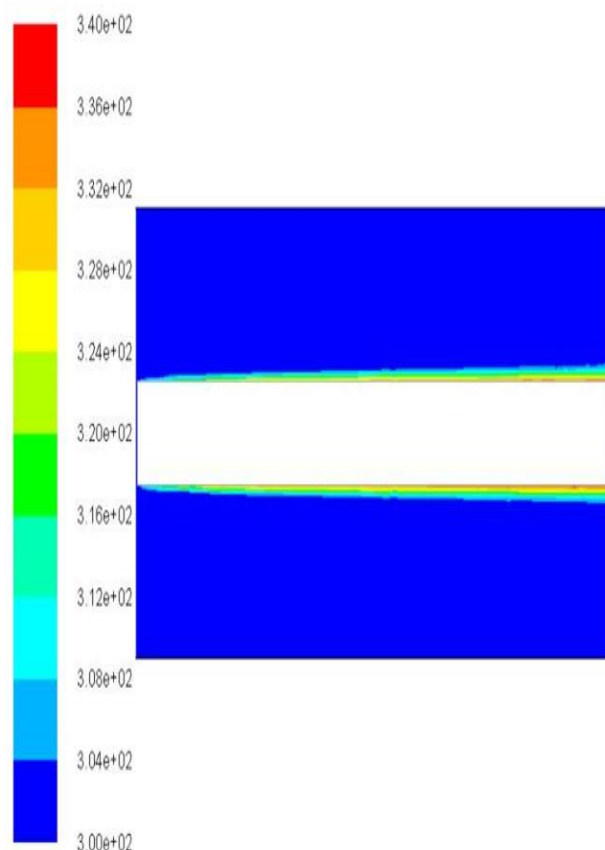


Figure 3. Temperature field with water-CuO nanofluid

The corresponding tinted temperature contour stands accessible in figure 4 onwards. Besides, the harmonizing graph of temperature against distance from fuel cell stands revealed in figure 5. Tritely, the development of CFD elucidations stand along the arrangements of predictions.

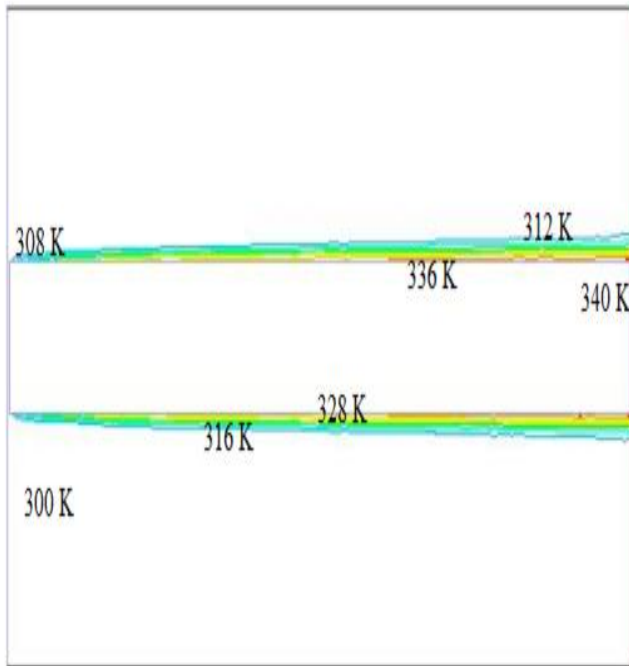


Figure 4. Temperature contour for water-CuO nanofluid

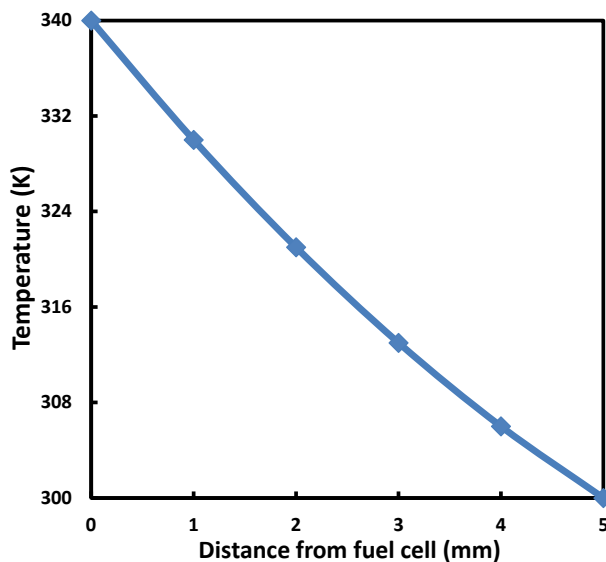


Figure 5. Temperature vs. distance from fuel cell

### V. CONCLUSION

In the prevalent exploration, CFD codes got developed and run with water-CuO nanofluid to predict the thermal concerns of fuel cell. The convective governing equalities of mass, force and drive are computed for predicting the thermal issues of fuel cell. The time step selected throughout the intact computation is 0.0001 s. The soundings affect CFD forecasts of temperature field, temperature contour plus fluid-solid boundary temperature of fuel cell. The fluid-solid boundary temperature of fuel cell is noticed as 340 K. This stands far less than the hazardous limit of 356 K temperature desired for the objective of beating thermal cataclysm of fuel cell. The temperature of water-CuO nanofluid stands peak contiguous to the fuel cell vicinity. Additionally, the temperature of water-CuO nanofluid gently drops with improvement in remoteness from fuel cell. Subsequently, this

becomes surrounding temperature inside the distant turf precinct. The consistent tinted temperature curve stands accessible. Furthermore, the congruent plot of temperature against distance from fuel cell stays revealed. The development of CFD revelations stand together with the authorizations of accomplishments.

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