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# Heat transfer augmentation of Jeffery–Hamel hybrid nanofluid in a stretching convergent/divergent channel through porous medium

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**Abstract:** The primary objective of the present study was to investigate the enhancement of heat transfer in a Jeffery–Hamel hybrid nanofluid through a porous medium, within stretching/shrinking and convergent/divergent channels. The Darcy–Forchheimer (DF) law was employed to model the flow and thermal behavior of the nanofluid. The governing system of equations was derived using appropriate transformations. Numerical computations were performed using the NDSolve method in Mathematica-11. Results are presented through numerical data and graphical representations, illustrating the effects of various physical parameters on the flow profiles. Key findings indicate that increasing the inertia coefficient and nanoparticle volume fraction accelerates the velocity of the nanofluid in both divergent and convergent channels. Furthermore, higher porosity and inertia coefficients lead to increased drag forces exerted by the channel. Jeffery–Hamel hybrid nanofluids are significantly enhanced by increasing nanoparticle volume fraction, inertia coefficient, porosity, and the presence of radiation and heat source parameters, with a notably higher rate observed in the case of an expanding channel compared to a contracting one.

**Keywords:** heat transfer enhancement; convergent/divergent channel; MHD; Darcy–Forchheimer space; stretching sheet **Mathematics Subject Classification:** 76-10 x

Symbols	Unit	Expressions	Symbols	Unit	Expressions
$(r, \theta)$	$\frac{m}{s}$	polar coordinates	Ec		Eckert number
Fr		inertia coefficient	$C_b$		drag coefficient
Кр		porosity parameter	п		solid nanoparticles
k		porous permeability	Re		Reynolds number
Pr		Prandtl number	α		channel angle
$k_{hnf}$		thermal conductivity of hybrid nanofluid	nf	K	nanofluid
U	$\frac{m}{s}$	velocity	$T_{_{_{W}}}$		channel temperature
$k_{nf}$		thermal conductivity of nanofluid	S		stretching/shrinking rate
Т	K	temperature	C <sub>p</sub>	$\frac{kgm^2}{s.K}$	specific heat
$\phi_1, \phi_2$		hybrid nanomaterial volume friction	$U_{_W}$		central line velocity
$\mu_{\scriptscriptstyle hnf}$	<u>kg</u> ms	dynamic viscosity of hybrid nanomaterial	$ ho_{{}_{h\!n\!f}}$	$\frac{kg}{m^3}$	density of hybrid nanomaterial
р	$\frac{N}{m^2}$	pressure	S	$\frac{m^2}{s}$	stretching/shrinking rate

## Nomenclature

## 1. Introduction

When nanometer-sized (1–100 nm) particles mix with base fluids such as water, oil, or ethylene glycol, nanofluids are formed. Nanoparticles are incredibly small particles used in a variety of applications, such as medical skin creams, environmental preservation and remediation, chemotherapy drugs, or bacterial sensors by mixing antibodies with nanotubes. Mineral particles, such as titanium oxide, are utilized in sunscreens within the cosmetics industry due to their superior long-term stability compared with conventional chemical protection. Nanomaterials are also used in athletic competitions and military applications, for instance, to create new disguise techniques by inserting mobile paint nanocrystals into the materials of soldiers' uniforms. Sensor systems also make use of nanomaterials to boost the heat capacity of a base liquid. Conductivity is the initial heat constraint when increasing heat in nanomaterials, which are made up of aluminum, oxides, carbides, iron, and carbon, among other components.

Choi [1] was the first to work with nanomaterials, and Eastman et al. [2] examined their extraordinarily high thermal conductivities. Mahanthesh et al. [3] computed the numerical solution of a magnetized nanofluid flow over a nonlinear broadened surface, and Alsabery et al. [4] described nano-liquid free conjugate convection. Nasrin et al. [5] examined the free convection of nano-liquids through a chamber and observed uncertain variations in flow patterns at various volume fraction levels. Bhatti and Rashidi [6] investigated the sound effects of thermo dispersal over a sheet in Williamson nano-liquids, and Parvin et al. [7] analyzed the complimentary convection of nano-liquids via a warped hollow space. Selimefendigil and Oztop [8] investigated nano-liquid flow through a

titled hole using a conjugated convection method. Bilal et al. [9] examined the magneto-bioconvection properties of chemically reactive nanofluids in a Darcy–Forchheimer flow. Ketchate et al. [10] analyzed magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) mixed convection flow instability of nanofluids in a porous channel, improving electronics cooling systems, heat exchangers, and car radiators.

Nanomaterials are used in medicine to provide accurate targeted heating for cancer hyperthermia therapy. Furthermore, hybrid nanofluids improve solar thermal systems' energy conversion efficiency and heat dissipation in industrial processes like metal cutting and welding. The performance of this thermal system, when exposed to a magnetic field, was investigated by Oudina et al. [11] through numerical analysis of hybrid nanofluid flow inside a porous cavity, heat transfer attributes, and entropy generation. Jamaludin et al. [12] analyzed the flow and heat transfer characteristics of hybrid nanofluids in the presence of magnetohydrodynamics and heat sources. Other models have explored nanofluid applications [13–17].

Porous media are hard mixtures with connected voids (pores) that transfer liquids under pressure gradients. This allows improved combustion efficiency and minimizes pollution due to the homogeneous radioactive heat flow. Porous media has different industrial applications, including residential heaters, gas turbines, automobile heaters, fuel cells, and energy management. Verma et al. [18] showed that the suction effect in nanofluids with porous media enhances heat transfer rates and the skin friction coefficient. Kapen et al. [19] found that suction in porous media reduces drag and maintains steady flow. The intricate flow patterns produced by the interaction of suction and porous media may aid in cooling effectiveness and heat transfer augmentation. Through numerical analysis, researchers investigated the steady boundary layer free convection flow over a horizontal flat plate inserted into a porous medium containing two salts and a water-based nanofluid. Khan et al. [20] investigated the dual nature of the solution for heat transfer and fluid flow across a stretching/shrinking sheet in porous media, and Uddin et al. [21] evaluated the bio-nano-convection flow in a porous media with blowing effects.

Jeffery-Hamel flow refers to a two-dimensional, incompressible fluid flow between non-parallel, divergent/convergent (CD) channels that are inclined at a fixed angle and determined by a line inflow or outflow located at the end. This flow configuration can also involve stretching/shrinking of the channels, adding complexity to fluid dynamics. Jeffery-Hamel flow is essential in aerospace engineering for estimating fluid behavior in a variety of channel geometries, aiding the design of effective rocket nozzles and supersonic wind tunnels. It also has applications in the non-Newtonian fluid optimization of reactors and mixers in chemical engineering, enhancing process efficiency, and in the study of blood flow in artery narrowing for biomedical applications to improve the design of medical devices (e.g., stents). In addition, this flow model is utilized in heat transfer and microfluidics systems to maximize cooling and fluid distribution. George Barker Jeffery [22] in 1915 and Georg Hamel [23] in 1917 worked in the Jeffery–Hamel flow model. Ara et al. [24] explored heat transfer in Jeffery-Hamel flow under Lorentz forces, and Turkyilmazoglu et al. [25] extended the conventional Jeffery-Hamel flow to stretchable convergent/divergent channels. Hafeez et al. [26] examined heat transfer characteristics of Jeffery-Hamel flow of hybrid nanofluids in divergent and convergent channels. The wavelet technique was employed by Kumbinarasaiah and Raghunatha [27] to examine the numerical solution of the Jeffery–Hamel flow. Biswal et al. [28] characterized the flexibility of nanofluids using flexible inclined plates. Qadeer et al. [29] examined the convergent/divergent aspects of nanofluid flow using irreversibility analysis. Abdelouahab et al. [30] investigated the combined effects of rotation and thermal radiation on heat and mass transfer in magnetohydrodynamic flow within converging/diverging walls. Mohamed et al. [31] investigated heat in electro-magnetohydrodynamic ternary hybrid nanofluid flow transfer through extending/narrowing walls with stretching/shrinking channels.

Based on this literature review, this study aims to enhance heat transfer in Jeffery–Hamel hybrid nanofluids through porous media in stretching/shrinking and convergent/divergent channels. The Darcy–Forchheimer (DF) law is employed to model the flow and thermal properties of the nanofluid, with the governing equations derived using appropriate transformations. Numerical computations are conducted using the NDSolve method in Mathematica-11, and the results are analyzed through numerical data and graphical representations. Key findings reveal that increasing the nanoparticle volume fraction and inertia coefficient significantly accelerates nanofluid velocity in both divergent and convergent channels. Additionally, higher porosity and inertia coefficients enhance drag forces, and the presence of radiation and heat source parameters further boost the heat transfer rate. A notable higher enhancement is observed in expanding channels compared to contracting ones. This study introduces novel insights into the interplay of hybrid nanofluids and porous media in varying channel geometries, presenting valuable contributions for optimizing heat transfer in engineering applications.

## 2. Materials and methods

Let us consider the non-Newtonian behavior of incompressible Jeffrey fluids in the presence of two anisotropic, divergent/convergent, and stretching/shrinking channels. In this scenario, the polar coordinate system is applied since there is an angle of two between two walls. The velocity field for Jeffery fluid is  $V = [u(r, \theta), 0, 0]$ . The channel walls contract and expand with radial velocity  $u = u_w = \frac{s}{r}$ , as show in Figure 1. Liquid unleading only occurs at a radial path. The channel stretches when s > 0.

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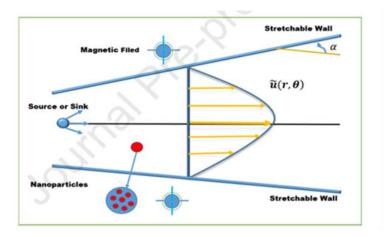


Figure 1. Geometrical visualization of the model.

## 2.1. Continuity equation

$$\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(ru) = 0, \tag{1}$$

#### 2.2. Velocity equation

$$u\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = -\frac{1}{\rho_{hnf}}\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + \frac{\mu_{hnf}}{\rho_{hnf}}\left(\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} - \frac{u}{r} + \frac{\partial^2 u_r}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2}\right) - \frac{v_f}{\rho_{hnf}}\frac{u}{k} - Fu^2,$$
(2)

$$\frac{2}{r^2}\frac{\mu_{hnf}}{\rho_{hnf}}\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - \frac{1}{r\rho_{hnf}}\frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} = 0.$$
(3)

#### 2.3. Energy equation

$$u\frac{\partial T}{\partial r} = \frac{k_{hnf}}{(\rho c_p)_{hnf}} \left(\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial T}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \theta^2}\right) + \mu_{hnf} \left(\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{r}\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \Theta}\right)^2\right). \tag{4}$$

Equations (1)–(3) are the main equations of continuity, momentum, and energy [32].

#### 2.4. Boundary conditions

The boundary conditions are as follows [33]:

$$u = \frac{U}{r}, \ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = 0, \ \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} = 0 \ at \ \theta = 0, u_r = U_w = \frac{s}{r}, \ T = \frac{T_w}{r^2} \ at \ \theta = \alpha.$$
(5)

Here, p designates pressure, U represents the center line velocity, and  $U_w$  depicts the velocity of the channel wall. Furthermore, k is the porous media permeability, and F represents the irregular inertia parameter.  $T_w$  is the wall temperature. Additionally,  $\rho_{hnf}$ ,  $\mu_{hnf}$  represent the thermal conductivity and heat capacity of the hybrid nanomaterial, respectively.

The thermophysical properties of hybrid nanomaterials are described as follows [34]:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mu_{hnf}}{\mu_{f}} &= \frac{1}{\left(1 - \phi_{1}\right)^{2.5} \left(1 - \phi_{2}\right)^{2.5}}, \\ \frac{\rho_{hnf}}{\rho_{f}} &= \left(1 - \phi_{2}\right) \left(\left(1 - \phi_{1}\right) + \phi_{1}\left(\frac{\rho_{s1}}{\rho_{f}}\right) + \phi_{2}\left(\frac{\rho_{s2}}{\rho_{f}}\right)\right), \\ \frac{\left(\rho c_{p}\right)_{hnf}}{\left(\rho c_{p}\right)_{f}} &= \left(1 - \phi_{2}\right) \left(\left(1 - \phi_{1}\right) + \phi_{1}\left(\frac{(\rho c_{p})_{s1}}{(\rho c_{f})_{f}}\right)\right) + \phi_{2}\left(\frac{(\rho c_{p})_{s2}}{(\rho c_{p})_{f}}\right), \\ \frac{k_{hnf}}{k_{bf}} &= \frac{2k_{bf} + k_{s2} - 2\phi_{2}\left(k_{f} - k_{s2}\right)}{2k_{bf} + k_{s2} + \phi_{2}\left(k_{f} - k_{s2}\right)}. \end{aligned}$$

Where

$$\frac{k_{bf}}{k_f} = \frac{k_{s1} + 2k_f - 2\phi_1(k_f - k_{s1})}{k_{s1} + k_f + \phi_1(k_f - k_{s1})}.$$

In the above equations, *n* represents solid nanoparticles of the base fluid,  $(\rho c_p)_f$  designates the heat capacity, and  $(\rho c_p)_{s1}$ ,  $(\rho c_p)_{s2}$  are the heat capacitance of hybrid nanomaterials. Furthermore,  $\phi_1$ ,  $\phi_2$  describe the volume friction of the hybrid nanomaterial.  $\rho_f$  represents the density of the base fluid, and  $\rho_{s1}$ ,  $\rho_{s2}$  designate the densities of the hybrid nanoparticles. Similarly,  $k_f$  depicts the thermal conductivity of the base fluid, and  $k_{s1}$ ,  $k_{s2}$  describe the thermal conductivities of hybrid nanoparticles.

$$F(\theta) = ru(r,\theta). \tag{6}$$

The similarity variable can be written as:

$$f(\eta) = \frac{F(\theta)}{U}, \ \eta = \frac{\theta}{\alpha}, \ \Phi = r^2 \frac{T}{T_w}.$$
(7)

$$f''' + 2\alpha \operatorname{Re}(1-\phi_{1})^{2.5}(1-\phi_{2})^{2.5}\left((1-\phi_{2})\left((1-\phi_{1})+\phi_{1}\left(\frac{\rho_{s_{1}}}{\rho_{f}}\right)+\phi_{2}\left(\frac{\rho_{s_{2}}}{\rho_{f}}\right)\right)\right)ff' + \left(4-k_{p}\left((1-\phi_{1})^{2.5}(1-\phi_{2})^{2.5}\right)(1-\phi_{2})(1-\phi_{1})+\phi_{1}\left(\frac{\rho_{s_{1}}}{\rho_{f}}\right)+\phi_{2}\left(\frac{\rho_{s_{2}}}{\rho_{f}}\right)\right)\alpha^{2}f' + 2\alpha^{2}Fr(1-\phi_{1})^{2.5}(1-\phi_{2})^{2.5}\left((1-\phi_{2})(1-\phi_{1})+\phi_{1}\left(\frac{\rho_{s_{1}}}{\rho_{f}}\right)+\phi_{2}\left(\frac{\rho_{s_{2}}}{\rho_{f}}\right)\right)f'^{2} = 0,$$
(8)

$$\frac{k_{hnf}}{k_{f}} \left( \Phi'' + 4\alpha^{2} \Phi \right) + 2 \Pr\left( \left( 1 - \phi_{2} \right) \left( 1 - \phi_{1} \right) + \phi_{1} \frac{\left( \rho c_{p} \right)_{s1}}{\left( \rho c_{p} \right)_{f}} \right) + \phi_{2} \left( \frac{\left( \rho c_{p} \right)_{s2}}{\left( \rho c_{p} \right)_{f}} \right) \alpha^{2} \Phi f + \frac{\Pr Ec}{\operatorname{Re} \left( 1 - \phi_{1} \right)^{2.5} \left( 1 - \phi_{2} \right)^{2.5}} \left( \left( 1 - \phi_{1} \right) + \phi_{1} \frac{\left( \rho c_{p} \right)_{s1}}{\left( \rho c_{p} \right)_{f}} \right) + \phi_{2} \left( \frac{\left( \rho c_{p} \right)_{s2}}{\left( \rho c_{p} \right)_{f}} \right) \right) \left( 4\alpha^{2} f^{2} + f'^{2} \right) = 0. \right) \tag{9}$$

Applying the transformation to the initial and boundary conditions,

$$f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 0, \Phi'(0) = 0, f(1) = S, \Phi(1) = 1.$$
 (10)

Here,  $K_p = \frac{v_f}{kU}$  is the porosity parameter,  $Ec = \frac{U^2 \alpha}{K_{hnf}}$  represents the Eckert number,  $Fr = \frac{cb}{\sqrt{k}}$  is the Darcy-Forchheimer law,  $\Pr = \frac{(\rho c_p)_f U}{k_{hnf}}$  is the Prandtl number, and  $S = \frac{s}{U}$  is the stretching parameter. When  $(\alpha < 0)$ , the channel is convergent; otherwise, it is divergent.

## 2.5. Physical quantities

The physical quantities are as follows:

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$$\operatorname{Re} C_{f} = \frac{f'(1)}{\left(1 - \phi_{1}\right)^{2.5} \left(1 - \phi_{2}\right)^{2.5} \left(\left(1 - \phi_{2}\right) \left(\left(1 - \phi_{1}\right) + \phi_{1} \left(\frac{\rho_{s1}}{\rho_{f}}\right)\right) + \phi_{2} \left(\frac{\rho_{s2}}{\rho_{f}}\right)\right)},$$
(11)  
$$\alpha N u = \frac{k_{hnf}}{k_{f}} \Phi'(1).$$
(12)

#### 3. Numerical techniques

The main system of Eqs (8) and (9) with associated boundary conditions (10) are solved numerically using the NDSolve method with Mathematica-11 software. The main system of ordinary differential equations (ODEs) covers various expressions represented by  $(H_1, H_2, H_3, \dots, H_n)$  with the independent variable  $\xi$  and the dependent variable *n* with  $(K_1, K_2, K_3, \dots, K_n)$ . The reputable partial differential equation (PDE) system also presents boundary conditions. NDSolve [{ $(H_1, H_2, H_3, \dots, H_n)$ , BCs},  $(K_1, K_2, K_3, \dots, K_n)$ , { $\xi$ ,  $\xi$ min,  $\xi$ max}].

The suggested mathematical model is shown in Figure 2.

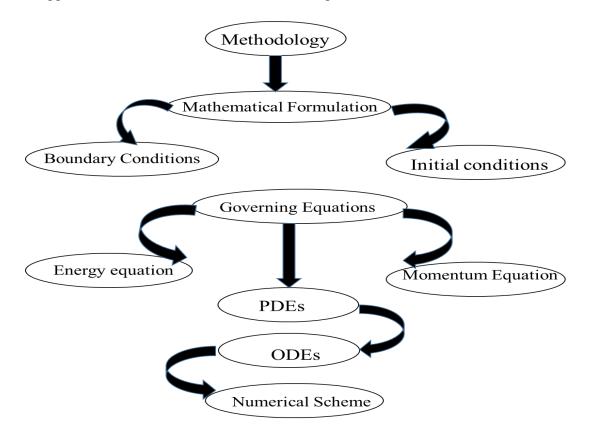


Figure 2. Flowchart of the mathematical model.

# 4. Discussion outcomes

In this section, the behavior of the physical parameters porosity, Reynolds number, inertia, and

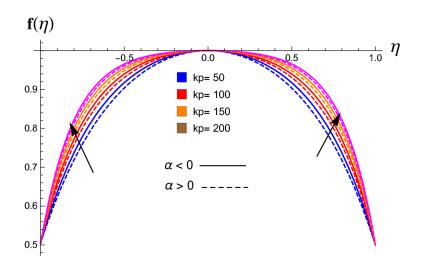
volume friction ( $K_p$ , Re, Fr,  $\phi_1$ ,  $\phi_2$ ) and the Eckert number (Ec) is investigated against the velocity  $f(\eta)$  and temperature  $\Theta(\eta)$  profiles. Results show ranging values as follows:  $K_p = (50-200)$ , Re = (05-20), Ec = (0.2-0.8),  $\phi_1 = (0.01-0.04)$ ,  $\phi_2 = Fr = (10-40)$ . Significant physical quantities such as the Nusselt number  $N_u$  and skin friction  $C_f$  are analyzed based on different variables such as  $K_p$ , Fr, Re, and Ec in Tables 1 and 2.

# 4.1. Velocity profile

In this section,  $K_P$ , Re,  $Fr, \phi_1, \phi_2$  are examined against velocity  $f(\eta)$  for both convergent and divergent  $(\alpha < 0, \alpha > 0)$  channels. Figure 3 depicts the porosity parameter  $K_P$ , ranging from 50 to 200 against  $f(\eta)$  for converging/diverging  $(\alpha < 0, \alpha > 0)$  channels. This shows that higher values of  $K_P$  result in enhanced velocity in both extending and narrowing  $(\alpha < 0, \alpha > 0)$  channels. Where the thermophysical properties of base fluids and nanoparticles is represented in Table 1. Figure 4 shows that the velocity profile  $f(\eta)$  increases in convergent cases when the Reynolds number increases; on the other hand, there is an opposite trend in the divergent case. By increasing the Reynolds number Re,  $f(\eta)$  decreases as a result of reverse motion generating new drag forces in the flow, which increases resistance to velocity away from the channel wall. When the inertia parameter increases,  $f(\eta)$  is enhanced in both extending and narrowing channels (Figure 5). Figures 6 and 7 show the behavior of volume friction parameters  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  for extending and narrowing walls, showing a similar influence against velocity variations  $f(\eta)$  for both divergent/convergent channels.

Physical properties	$c_p\left(\frac{J}{kgK}\right)$	K	$ \rho\left(\frac{kg}{m^3}\right) $	$\frac{\beta \times 10^{-5}}{K}$	Pr
Kerosene oil	2090	0.145	783	99	21
Gold	717	5000	1800	28.4	
Water	4179	0.613	997.1	21	6.2
Ag	235	429	10,500	1.89	

Table 1. Thermophysical properties of base fluids and nanoparticles [35].



**Figure 3.** Behavior of velocity ( $f(\eta)$ ) against the porosity parameter (*Kp*).

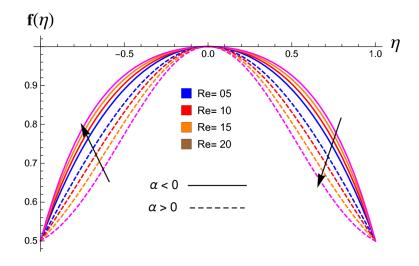
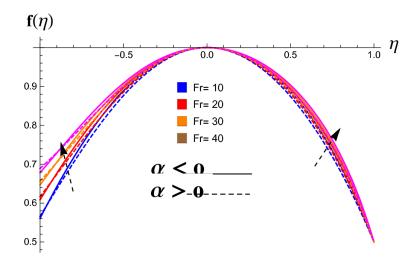
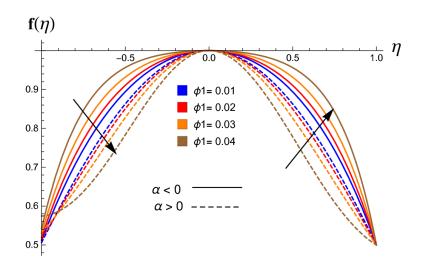


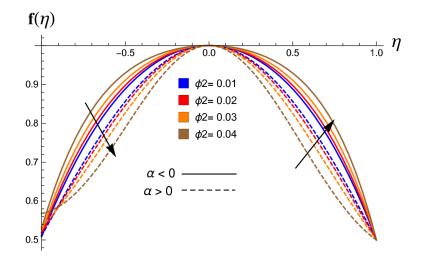
Figure 4. Behavior of velocity (  $f(\eta)$  ) against the Reynolds number ( Re ).



**Figure 5.** Behavior of velocity  $(f(\eta))$  against the inertia parameter (Fr).



**Figure 6.** Behavior of velocity ( $f(\eta)$ ) against volume friction ( $\phi_1$ ).



**Figure 7.** Behavior of velocity  $(f(\eta))$  against volume friction  $(\phi_2)$ .

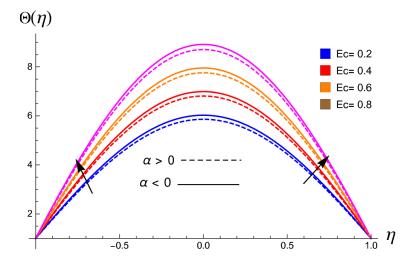
## 4.2. Temperature profile

The influence of Eckert number (*Ec*) and Reynolds number (Re) on the temperature ( $\Theta(\eta)$ ) profile for divergent and convergent channels is illustrated in Figures 8 and 9, respectively. *Ec* ranges from 0.2 to 0.8; the higher the Eckert number, the higher the temperature for extending and narrowing ( $\alpha < 0, \alpha > 0$ ) walls. Physically, the nanoparticle temperature increases with higher values of *Ec* in both convergent and divergent walls. Viscosity and dissipative energy are physically enhanced by higher Eckert number estimations.

A higher Reynolds number results in higher temperatures in the convergent case, while the opposite is true in the divergent case. This distinction is critical; in a convergent channel, the temperature rises with increasing Reynolds number due to enhanced fluid compression and heat accumulation. In contrast, in a divergent channel, the temperature decreases as the flow expands, leading to heat dissipation and reduced thermal energy concentration. These opposing effects emphasize the differential thermal dynamics in varying channel geometries. This notion is essential

for understanding and optimizing heat transfer in diverse engineering applications.

Table 2 analyzes the Nusselt number for both extending/narrowing  $(\alpha < 0, \alpha > 0)$  channels; the convergent channel has higher capability to improve the heat transfer rate than the divergent channel.



**Figure 8.** Behavior of temperature ( $\Theta(\eta)$ ) against the Eckert number (*Ec*).

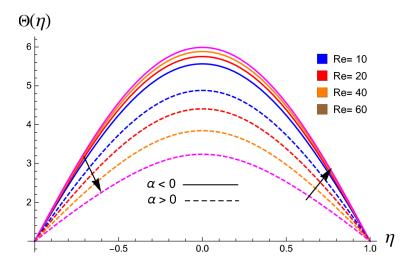


Figure 9. Behavior of temperature ( $\Theta(\eta)$ ) against the Reynolds number (Re).

	Divergent	Divergent channel ( $\alpha > 0$ )		Convergent channel ( $\alpha < 0$ )		
$\phi$	Nu	%age	Nu	%age		
0.00	1.706		1.053			
0.01	1.906	11.72333	1.253	18.99335		
0.02	1.936	13.48183	1.283	21.84236		
0.03	1.966	15.24033	1.313	24.69136		
0.04	1.996	16.99883	1.343	27.54036		

 Table 2. Analysis of the Nusselt number in divergent/convergent channels.

# 5. Conclusions

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This study investigates the enhancement of heat transfer in Jeffery–Hamel hybrid nanofluids in the presence of porous media within stretching/shrinking and convergent/divergent ( $\alpha < 0, \alpha > 0$ ) channels. Utilizing the Darcy–Forchheimer (DF) law, the flow and thermal behaviors of the nanofluid are modeled, and the governing equations are derived through suitable transformations. Numerical solutions are obtained using the NDSolve method in Mathematica-11, with results presented in both numerical and graphical formats. The findings reveal that increasing the inertia coefficient and nanoparticle volume fraction accelerates fluid velocity in both channel types, while drag forces are amplified by higher porosity and inertia coefficients. Notably, the heat transfer rate is improved by radiation and heat source parameters; this is more significant in expanding channels. These insights provide a deeper understanding of hybrid nanofluids' dynamics and their potential for engineering applications. The most important results are listed below:

- Velocity increased for both convergent/divergent channels due to larger values of  $K_p$ .
- Velocity was enhanced in the convergent case and reduced in the divergent case for several Reynolds number.
- Hybrid nanofluids make a more significant contribution to the velocity field.
- Temperature is enhanced for greater values of the Eckert number in both convergent/divergent channels.
- Greater values of Reynolds number lead to increases in temperature in convergent channels and decreased temperature in divergent channels.
- This phenomenon has important applications for environmental science and medical engineering.
- The current research work may be applied to improve the efficiency and structure of heat exchangers by modified designs. It can also be applied to solar energy systems.

**Future directions:** Future researchers can build on this work by exploring alternative nanofluid compositions, including eco-friendly or biodegradable materials, to enhance performance while maintaining environmental sustainability. Extending the study to three-dimensional flows or more complex geometries could provide greater applicability to real-world scenarios. Experimental validation of numerical findings would also be valuable in bridging theoretical models with practical outcomes. Investigating transient or turbulent flow conditions and incorporating nonlinear effects such as temperature-dependent properties or nanoparticle interactions could lead to more comprehensive models.

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