



Effect of Hump Configurations of Porous Square Cavity on Free Convection Heat Transfer

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ABSTRACT

Free convection is widely used in engineering applications, including solar energy, electronic devices, nuclear energy, and heat exchangers. A computational simulation utilizing Ansys Fluent-CFD was employed to examine the natural convection heat transfer inside a square cavity filled with pure water and saturated metal foam as a porous medium (porosity $\epsilon=0.9$). The enclosure's lower wavy wall exhibits a high temperature (T_h), while the side and upper walls have a low temperature (T_c). For different Rayleigh numbers, the study examines hump configuration and the bottom wall hump number (N). The predominant design of heat transmission was improved using the circular hump design parameters of $\epsilon=0.9$, $N=4$, and $T_c=25^\circ\text{C}$ for different Ra . The novelty of the research included determining the optimal design for the square enclosure. This involved estimating the effects of hump configuration and the number of humps for the bottom wall of the enclosure. These parameters have not been studied yet. The optimum case showed the highest heat transfer coefficient (h) at the circular hump, $N=4$ and $Ra=30\times 10^3$. While the standard case had $N=0$ and $Ra=5\times 10^3$. The CFD simulation results indicate that the primary objective of the study was achieved through the optimal design, which resulted in a significant enhancement of hydrothermal performance for both heat transfer enhancement and energy enhancement 1.13 times compared to the standard case.

1. Introduction

Due to the significant and persistent growth in energy consumption rates and the rising scarcity of conventional energy supplies and high prices, because of the industrial development that occurred after the industrial revolution in the middle of the last century. The energy crisis is considered one of the most critical problems facing the world. Researchers are thus deliberately trying to improve the performance of heat exchange systems and change their size to reduce their rates of thermal energy usage. In the subsequent studies, several

researchers concentrated on free convection inside cavities and fluid flow without magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) due to has wide applications. The re-researchers focused on several techniques that proved to be very effective in improving heat transfer. One of these techniques is manipulation and changes of the geometry of the cavities. Additionally, another technique such as nanofluid usage, porous medium and MHD.

A numerical study utilized numerical simulation to study the natural convection in a triangle enclosure filled with water and a porous

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medium for various Rayleigh numbers (Ra), heater locations (P_h), heater lengths (L_h), and inclination angles (θ). The study found an increase in heat transfer indices with higher values of (L_h) and ($\theta=0$) at high levels of (Ra). Using Response Surface Methodology (RSM) for optimization investigation of aspect ratios (L/H) (Ra) and porosity, the highest heat transfer was recorded at the lowest value of porosity and the highest value (L/H) [1]. Numerous studies have been conducted by authors on the utilization of nanofluids in containers of varying shapes, with and without the impact of magnetic field intensity. These studies revealed that an improvement in heat transfer was observed through an elevation in its indicators with an increase in Rayleigh number and nanoparticle concentration, while also considering alterations in container dimensions. These results were obtained from multiple sources [2–5]. Al-Damook et al. searched to evaluate natural convection with magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) and metal foam in an L-shaped cavity. The study found that MHD and oblique angles of a cavity have a widespread impact on heat transfer. As porosity decreases, heat transfer indicators improve, along with reduced surface temperature and entropy generation, and an increase in aspect ratio. These findings are relevant to the field of academic research on heat transfer [6]. Previous literature on heat transfer has been extensively reviewed by numerous authors, who have investigated porosity and its potential to enhance heat transfer in porous fluids. The findings indicate that porosity has a significant impact on heat transfer, and researchers are recommended to explore its utilization in future research endeavors [7–8]. Several researchers previously investigated the impact of magnetic fields on heat transfer in liquid-filled cavities with varying geometries. They observed that higher Hartman numbers (Ha) corresponded to greater electrical conductivity and vortex motion within the cavities, which ultimately resulted in improved heat transfer rates. They also studied the magneto-hydrodynamic (MHD) direction, which turns out to have a significant effect on increasing and enhancing heat transfer [9–15]. Azizul et al. studied numerically free

convection inside a square cavity filled with nanofluid and having an inner solid block. When replacing the straight bottom wall of the cavity with a wavy wall, obtained significant enhancement in free convection heat transfer [16]. Khalil et al. used computational simulation (CFD-Fluent) to study natural convection heat transfer inside a wavy porous trapezoidal enclosure. According to a study, an increase in heat transfer of 3.37 times was achieved by utilizing a combination of four waves ($N=4$) and an amplitude of 20 mm ($a=20$ mm), and further enhancement was observed at a Hartman number of 40 ($Ha=40$) [17]. A previous study was conducted to analyze free convection inside an oblique undulation-sided walls square enclosure. Based on numerical simulation findings reveal that rising the amplitude of the two-sided undulation walls of the cavity slightly tends to enhanced transfer of heat [18]. Several studies have been conducted on the utilization of square-geometry structures in order to enhance heat transfer. The results demonstrate that the implementation of this approach effectively enhances the heat transfer effect, as evidenced by previous research [19–20]. The influence of the aspect ratio of the right-side wall of a square enclosure on natural convection was studied with various numbers of waves by numerical simulation, The simulation findings showed the cooling efficiency of the heat source increased gradually with growth increasing in aspect ratio [21]. The increase of aspect ratio and Rayleigh number leads to the rising of heat transmission inside a horizontal and shallow wavy chamber that has a bottom wavy wall and upper and side straight walls, and heat transfer declined with an increase of the non-dimensional length of wave that base on simulation findings [22]. The placement of the geometry has an impact on heat transfer enhancement, the fact that the acceleration, in this case, has a clear effect on the movement of the liquid inside the enclosure, as well as increases the movement of the liquid and its mixing due to the difference in the temperature of the liquid. Moolya et al. investigate free convection within a rectangular enclosure filled with the fluid and showed there is a significant enhancement in local Nusselt number as an indicator of heat transfer due to an

inclination of the geometry of the rectangular cavity [23]. The aim of this work focuses on the enhancement of the free convection inside a porous wavy square chamber filled with pure water and saturated porous media with porosity level ($\epsilon=0.9$). The analysis also considers the impact of hump configuration for the bottom wall of the container and the number of humps (N) on heat transfer rates. Recent literature on wavy porous square cavities has not fully analyzed these parameters. The computational simulation of ANSYS FLUENT-CFD-R20 for laminar flow, 2D steady state, and single phase utilized in this investigation to explain the effect of hump configure and N on heat transfer indicators heat transfer coefficient (h) and heat transfer rate (Q).

2. Numerical methodology

2.1 Model description and problem characterization

The current study focuses on addressing heat transfer inside porous square cavity issues through the examination of some parameters to improve their thermal performance, ultimately resulting in enhanced heat transfer indicators. The model used in this study is a 2D square cavity ($H \times H$) containing pure water and a saturated metal foam porous medium Figure 1.

The cavity's side and top walls have a low temperature of $T_c=25^\circ\text{C}$. The bottom wall has a variable hot temperature (T_h) expressed in terms of Ra , with investigations into the hump configuration (circular, triangle, square, up semi-circle, down semi-circle), number of humps ($N=0, 1, 2, 3,$ and 4) with no-slip conditions ($v=u=0$).

2.2 Mesh study

In order to guarantee that the algorithms used in this analysis are unimpacted by grid size or size elements, the mesh verification study aimed to choose a suitable grid size. This would minimize the computer load, amount of time, and expense required to complete the investigation. Therefore, a porous square wavy cavity surface with the following grid size value (2, 1.75, 1.5, 1.25, 1, 0.8, 0.7, and 0.5) was divided into eight structures (triangles mesh). Heat transfer coefficient (h) and heat transfer rate (Q) at $Ra=(5 \text{ and } 30) \times 10^3$ observation values were utilized to assess this verification. It has been shown that there are no changes in (h and Q) at the size element (0.7mm) and lower; hence, all computational approaches in this work should depend on this information to produce precise results.

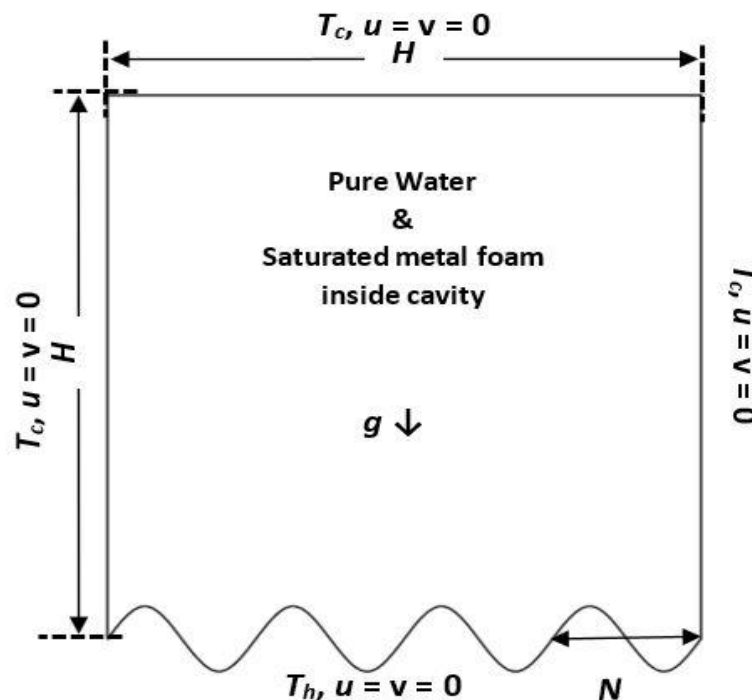


Figure 1. The model is employed with boundary conditions.

2.3 Mathematical formula and the hypotheses

The Ansys-Fluent program was employed to analyze the natural free convection heat transmission rate and thermal efficiency within a square enclosure containing pure water and saturated metal foam as a porous material. The simulations were performed with specific parameters, including 2D, laminar, steady state, incompressible flow, single-phase, and water fluid properties. The hydraulic properties of water, except for density, remain unaffected by temperature increases, thereby validating the use of the Forchheimer-Darcy law in this simulation. Additionally, given the significant inertial effects observed, the governing equations [1] outlined below were employed.

Continuity equation

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

x-momentum equation

$$\rho \left(u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = -\varepsilon^2 \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \varepsilon \mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) - \frac{\rho C \varepsilon^2}{K^{0.5}} u |U| - \frac{\mu \varepsilon^2}{K} u \quad (2)$$

y-momentum equation

$$\rho \left(u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = -\varepsilon^2 \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \varepsilon \mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right) + \varepsilon^2 \rho \beta g (T - T_c) - \frac{\rho C \varepsilon^2}{K^{0.5}} u |U| - \frac{\mu \varepsilon^2}{K} u \quad (3)$$

energy equation

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

Where $|U| = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2}$, $\alpha_e = \frac{k_e}{\rho C_p}$ or $\alpha_e =$

$\frac{\varepsilon k_w + (1-\varepsilon)k_{Al}}{\rho C_p}$ is the effective thermal diffusivity,

k_e is the effective thermal conductivity [17].

The ratio of the enhanced heat transfer coefficient ($h_{Enhanced}$) to the standard heat transfer coefficient ($h_{standard}$) called heat transfer enhancement and can be represented by the

$$\text{formula} \quad \left(\frac{h_{Enhanced}}{h_{standard}} \right). \quad (5)$$

Where ($h_{standard}$) is the standard heat transfer coefficient for a straight square chamber (N=0).

The ratio of the enhanced thermal energy transfer rate ($Q_{Enhanced}$) to the standard thermal energy transfer rate ($Q_{standard}$) called the energy enhancement and can be represented by

$$\text{the formula} \quad \left(\frac{Q_{Enhanced}}{Q_{standard}} \right). \quad (6)$$

Where ($Q_{standard}$) is standard energy enhancement for a straight square chamber (N=0).

2.4 The procedure of computational solution

Upon inputting the designated parameters, specifically the activation of energy, and imposition of laminar flow, the Ansys-Fluent was configured with the setup field. Additionally, input water flow characteristics (Density $\rho=997 \text{ kg/m}^3$, Specific heat $cp=4180 \text{ J/kg.K}$, Thermal conductivity $k=0.607 \text{ W/m.K}$, Dynamic viscosity $\mu=0.000891 \text{ Ns/m}^2$ and Thermal Expansion Coefficient $\beta=0.000247 \text{ 1/K}$) [17], activated cell zone condition (porous zone with the magnitude of porosity), added boundary condition and reference value, Coupled algorithm is the second-order upwind scheme for pressure, momentum, and energy in each X-Y direction. The aforementioned equations are then iteratively solved in several attempts to achieve convergence in the results after hybrid initialization and run calculation, and after that, the indices of the heat transfer rate are calculated in a porous square enclosure; The residual values of the monitors are established to be below 10^{-6} for the continuity, momentum, energy.

3. Results and discussion

3.1 Validation study

In order to assess the current ANSYS Fluent-CFD-R20 code, a study was conducted to compare it with the work of Calcagni et al. [24] on square cavities at $Ra=10^4$. The resulting contour graphics for isotherm lines at heat source length=1/5 (left) and isotherm lines at heat source length=4/5 (right) were found to be highly similar, as illustrated in Figure 2 (A and B). Furthermore, numerical calculations were conducted for all cases of $Ra=10^3, 10^4, 10^5$, and 10^6 for the above heat sources, based on the experimental findings of Calcagni et al. [24]. A considerable level of convergence was observed when comparing the findings with the prior research, with an error rate that did not exceed (3 to 4) %, as shown in Figure 2 (C).

3.2 Effect of hump configuration

A numerical simulation was performed to examine the effect of the lower wall hump configuration of the porous square enclosure. Figure 5 presents the graphic contours of

isotherms and stream functions that show the effect of hump configuration on heat transfer indicators (h and Q) inside the enclosure for various Ra and $\epsilon=0.9$, $T_c=25^\circ\text{C}$.

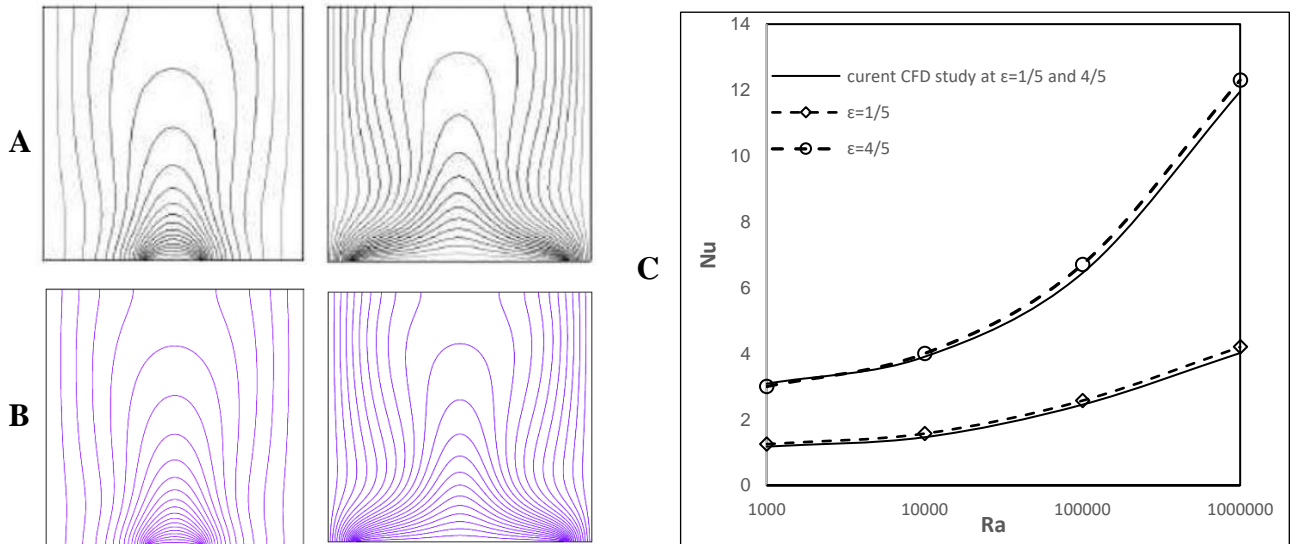


Figure 2. Validation isotherm lines at heat source length=1/5 (Left) and Isotherms at heat source length=4/5 (Right) of Calcagni et al. [24] (A), current CFD study (B), Calcagni et al. [24] with data (C).

In Figure 3 (left), it is observed that the values of h remain nearly constant for the first three values of $Ra = (5, 10, 15) \times 10^3$ for all hump configurations except square. Thereafter, h gradually increases with increasing Ra . The circular hump at $Ra = 30 \times 10^3$ resulted in the highest (h) value. The heat transfer rate inside the enclosure increased linearly with rising Ra values, as depicted in Figure 3 (right), leading to improved heat transfer. The comparison of humps showed that the square hump was the least effective in enhancing heat transfer. Furthermore, there was consistency in the magnitudes of h and Q for the straight wall (standard) and triangle hump, indicating convergence. In contrast, the circular hump achieves high heat transfer rate values at the maximum value of Rayleigh number ($Ra = 30 \times 10^3$). Furthermore, Figure 4 provides numerical estimations for the influence of hump

configuration on heat transfer enhancement and energy enhancement as functions of Ra as compared to a straight wall (standard). Figure 4 illustrates the augmentation of heat transfer and energy through different hump configurations, excluding the square hump. The values of heat transfer enhancement and energy enhancement are almost constant at all levels of Ra . There was a marginal decrease observed at a high value of Rayleigh number ($Ra = 30 \times 10^3$), indicating that the circular hump achieved more significant heat transfer convection and thermal energy enhancement. The findings from Eqs. (5) and (6) indicate that a square hump resulted in the poorest heat transfer and thermal energy when compared to a flat or straight bottom wall. Figure 5 (right) shows isotherm graphic contours for various hump configurations. The temperature gradient within the enclosure rises as the hump configuration changes, leading to

an increase in Ra. This, in turn, results in heat transfer from a hot, wavy bottom wall to the cold sides and upper walls. The circular hump and $Ra=30 \times 10^3$, are found to be the most favorable conditions for achieving optimal heat transfer, while the square hump results in the worst outcomes. These observations can be attributed to greater thermal interference occurring at higher Ra values, owing to increased flow intensity. This effect is reversed at lower Ra values. Figure 5 (left) illustrates the formation of two large-scale vortices within an enclosure, which rotate in the opposite direction while maintaining comparable dimensions and strengths, as characterized by the same Ra and hump number (N). However, flow strength is

enhanced from ($\Psi_{max}=0.001603$) at the flat bottom wall to ($\Psi_{max}=0.001616$) at the circular hump bottom wall at $Ra=5 \times 10^3$. Similarly, the maximum flow strength also improves from ($\Psi_{max}=0.01354$) at the flat bottom wall to ($\Psi_{max}=0.01617$) at the circular hump and $Ra=30 \times 10^3$. The presence of a circular hump within an enclosure results in the movement of vortices from the hot lower space to the cold upper space. In the case of a square hump, a stream function is hindered by pressure drops and collisions between vortices within the hump. Consequently, circulation in the upper space of the enclosure is impeded.

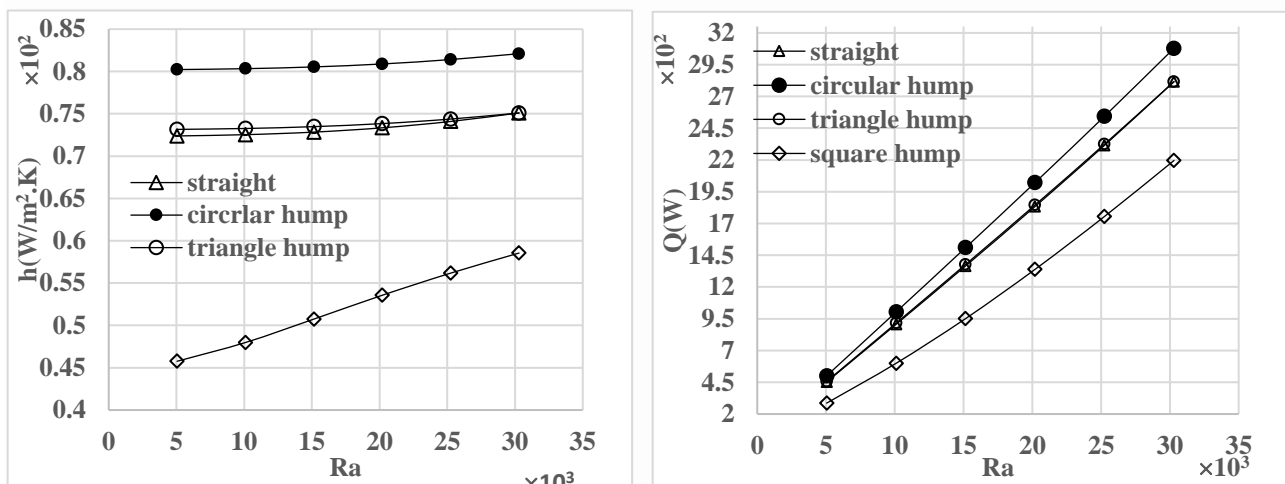


Figure 3. Heat transfer coefficient h (Left) and heat transfer rate Q (Right) for different Ra and hump configure at N=4, $T_c=25^\circ\text{C}$, $\epsilon=0.9$.

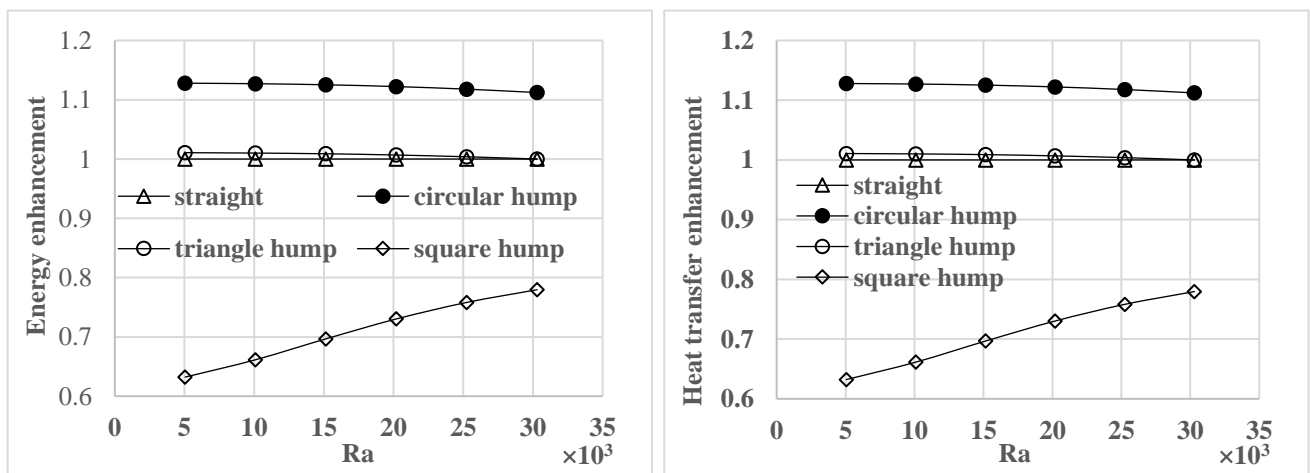


Figure 4. Energy enhancement (Left) and heat transfer enhancement (Right) for various Ra and hump configure at N=4, $T_c=25^\circ\text{C}$, and $\epsilon=0.9$.

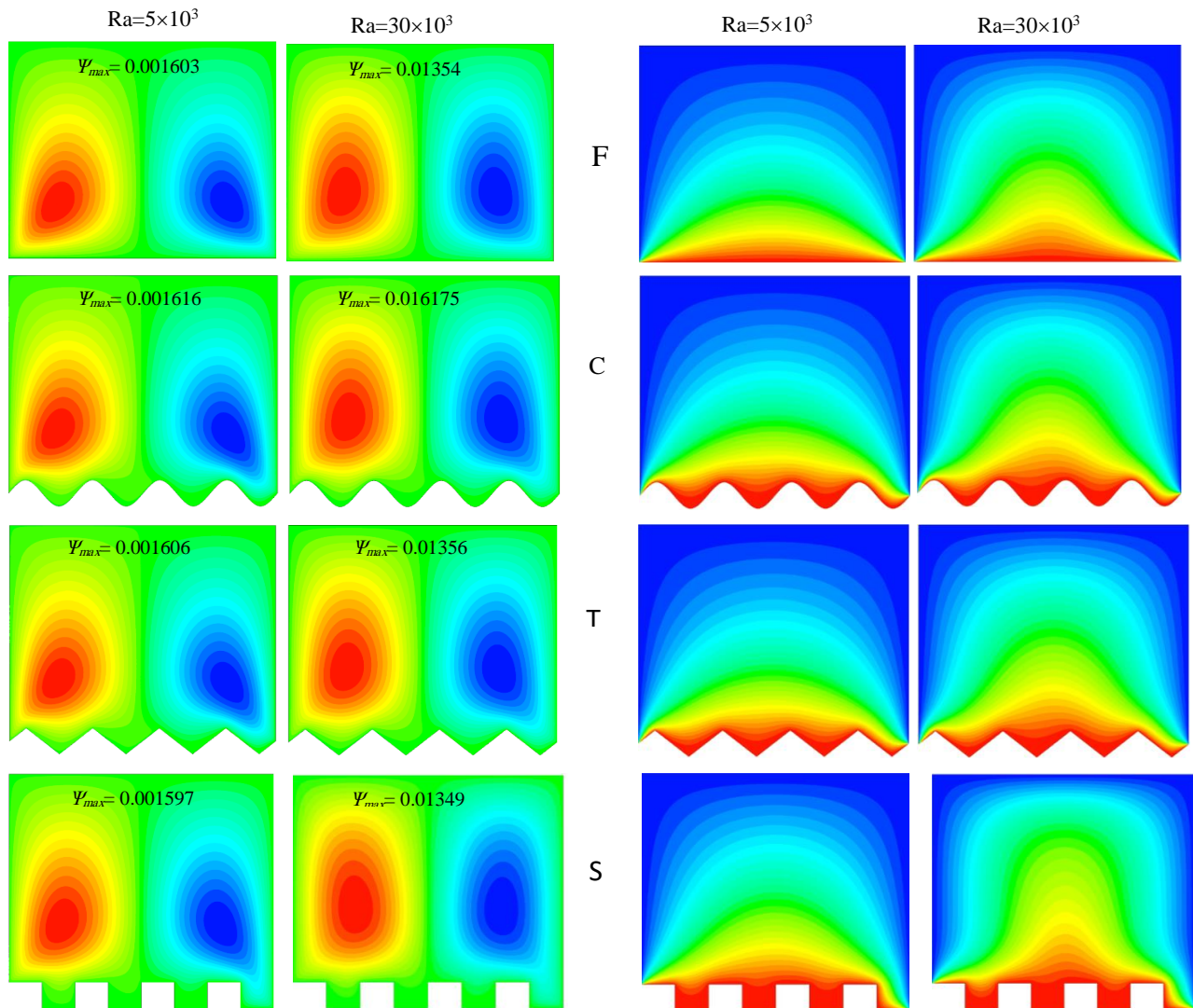


Figure 5. Stream functions (Left) and Isotherms (Right) at $Ra=(5 \text{ and } 30) \times 10^3$ for different Configuration of hump flat bottom wall (F), Circular hump (C), Triangle hump (T), and square hump (S) at $T_c=25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $N=4$, $\varepsilon=0.9$.

After identifying and selecting the optimal case from the illustrated cases in Figure 5, namely the circular hump, numerical simulations were conducted to evaluate whether there are any enhancements in heat transfer and thermal energy by comparing the upward and downward semi-circular configurations. Based on the simulation findings, the circular hump configuration remains the optimal scenario as it generates the most elevated values for both heat transfer indices, h and Q . Figure 6 (left) illustrates that the circular hump arrangement attained the greatest value of h , which remained constant for the initial three Rayleigh numbers

$Ra=(5, 10, 15) \times 10^3$ before progressively escalating with increasing Ra . The highest value of h was observed at the circular hump and $Ra=30 \times 10^3$. The heat transfer rate, as measured by parameter Q , exhibits a nearly linear increase with increasing Rayleigh numbers. Figure 6 (Right) illustrates that the highest heat transfer rate is observed at the circular hump with a Rayleigh number of 30×10^3 . Figure 7 displays streamline and isotherm contours for circular, upstream semi-circular, and downstream semi-circular humps. Figure 7 (right) depicts a thermal gradient from the hot lower wall to the cold side and top walls of the cavity, as well as

a decrease in heat transmission in the upstream semi-circular and downstream semi-circular hump configurations when compared to the circular hump. Figure 7 (left) shows how the flow strength decreased from ($\Psi_{\max}=0.001616$) at the circular hump to ($\Psi_{\max}=0.001581$) at the downstream semi-circular hump at $Ra=5 \times 10^3$, and from ($\Psi_{\max}=0.016175$) to ($\Psi_{\max}=0.0134$) at $Ra=30 \times 10^3$ due to low flow and the low influence of vortices movement. Figure 7 displays a pressure drop that arises in conjunction with the downstream semi-circular hump configuration. Regarding the effect of the circular hump on heat transfer, its details are mentioned in the above section.

3.3 Effect bottom wall's humps number (N)

The impact of the number of humps (N) on heat transfer and thermal energy was investigated using numerical simulation on a hot bottom wall. Figure 10 shows streamlines (left) and isotherms (right) of graphic contours for

$Ra=5 \times 10^3$ as the minimum Rayleigh number and $Ra=30 \times 10^3$ as the maximum with the boundary conditions $T_c=25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $\epsilon=0.9$ and circular hump. In the present study, we examined several hump numbers ($N=0, 1, 2, 3,$ and 4). The simulation results indicate that an increase in the number of humps (N) and Rayleigh number (Ra) leads to a stronger flow and higher temperature intensity. The stream functions exhibit the highest strength ($\Psi_{\max}=0.016175$) at a high Rayleigh number ($Ra=30 \times 10^3$) when $N=4$, resulting in the expansion of vortex movement towards the upper space of the enclosure, counter to the flow along the straight bottom wall ($N=0$). Figure 10 (right) depicts heat transfer from a hot lower wall to a cold, upper and side walls. The increase in the value of the parameter N leads to the dominance of heat transfer by convection, counter to in the case where $N=0$ that the conduction will be dominant. At $N=4$ and $Ra=30 \times 10^3$, a higher amount of heat is

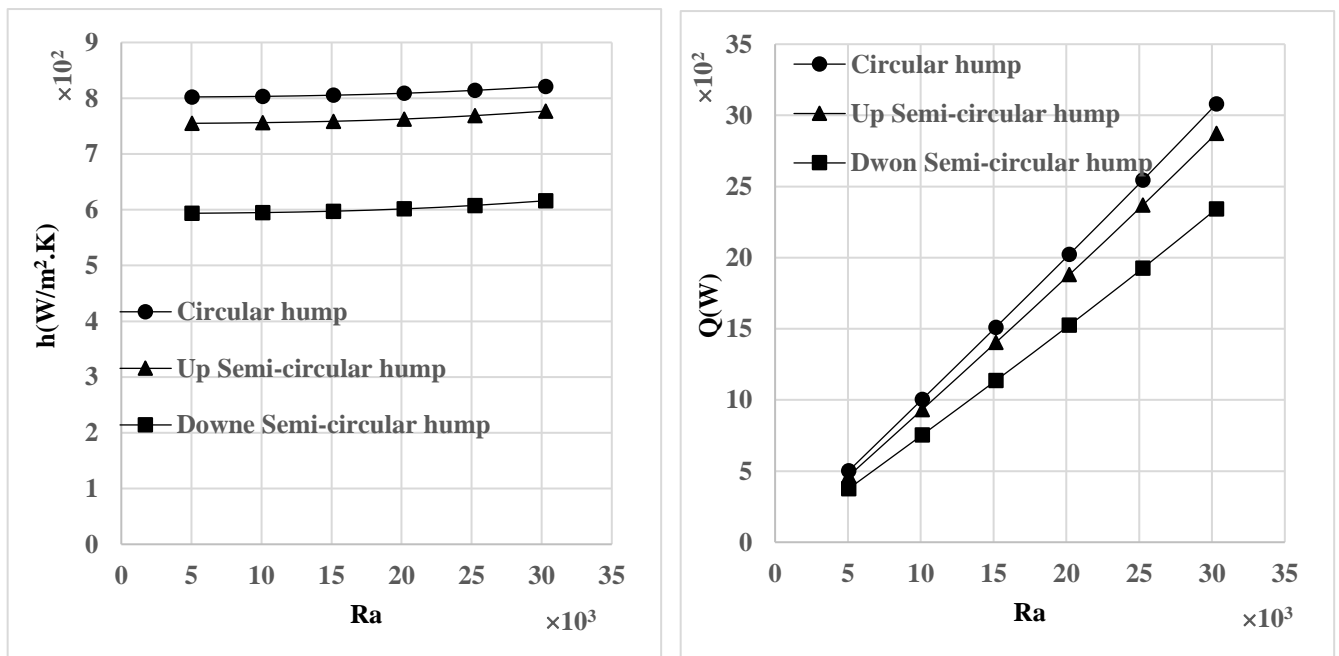


Figure 6. Heat transfer coefficient h (Left) and heat transfer rate Q (Right) for different Ra and hump configure at $N=4$, $T_c=25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $\epsilon=0.9$.

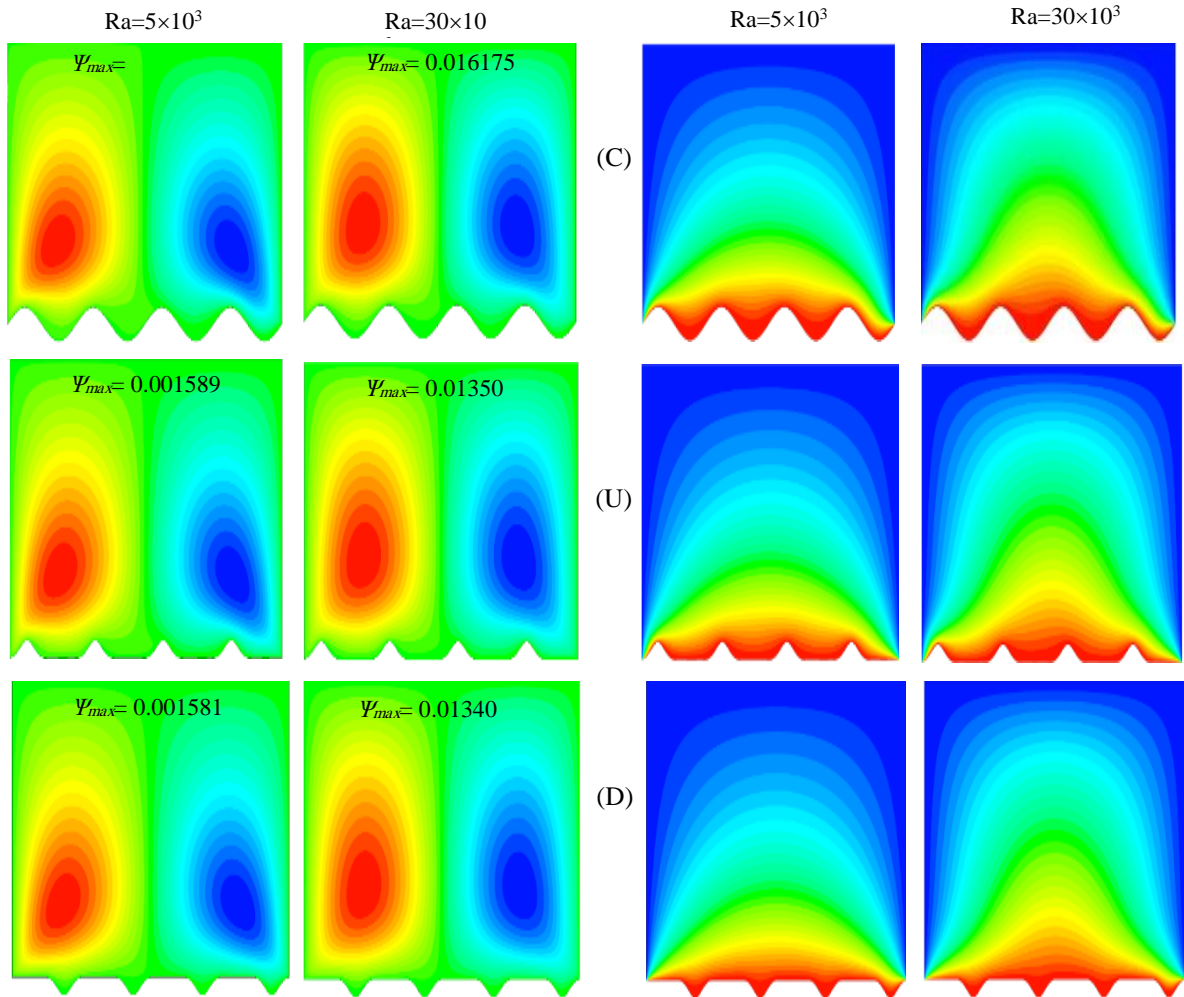


Figure 7. Stream functions (Left) and Isotherms (Right) at $Ra=(5 \text{ and } 30) \times 10^3$ for various hump configure circular hump(C), Up semi-circular hump (U), and Down semi-circular hump (D) at $N=4$, $T_c= 5^\circ \text{C}$ and $\epsilon=0.9$.

transferred in a porous square enclosure due to the presence of significant thermal advection. This phenomenon occurs at the maximum value of Rayleigh number, which corresponds to the maximum intensity of flow contrast between regions with different Ra values. Figure 8 shows the effect of the number of humps on the heat transfer coefficient and heat transfer rate. The study shows enhancements in heat transfer and thermal energy within a square cavity that contains pores, where the Rayleigh number varies. The h values remain constant for the initial three values of Ra, which are $(5, 10, 15) \times 10^3$. However, at $Ra=30 \times 10^3$, the h value peaks. This increase in convection within the cavity is directly related to an increase in N and

Rayleigh numbers, which results in improved heat transfer. The value of h was found to be lowest when additional straight walls ($N=0$) were used, while the highest value of h was observed when continuity was increased with (N), as shown in Figure 8 (left). In Figure 8 (right), it is demonstrated that as the Rayleigh number and N increases, the values of Q inside the enclosure steadily rise in behavior that resembles linearity. The highest rate of heat transfer was achieved at $Ra=30 \times 10^3$. The lowest value of Q occurred at $Ra=5 \times 10^3$ and $N=0$. The highest value of Q was observed when $N=4$, indicating that $N=4$ achieved optimal enhanced heat transfer. The emergence of upward vortices could facilitate the intermingling of fluid layers.

Figure 9 illustrates the impact of the number of humps (N) on heat transfer and thermal energy enhancement. At a constant Ra, both heat transfer enhancement and energy enhancement experience a rise as N increases. Moreover, this increment in enhancement is found to gradually lessen with increasing Ra. The similarity between the behavior of N=0 and N=1 is observed with the increase in enhancement from

1 at N=0 to 1.07 at N=1, while the heat transfer and thermal energy remain constant for all Rayleigh numbers. The highest heat transfer enhancement and energy enhancement occurred at N=4 and Ra=5×10³, which reached 1.13 times compared to the standard case at boundary conditions T_c=25 °C, ε=0.9 and circular hump indicating that N=4 is the optimal parameter.

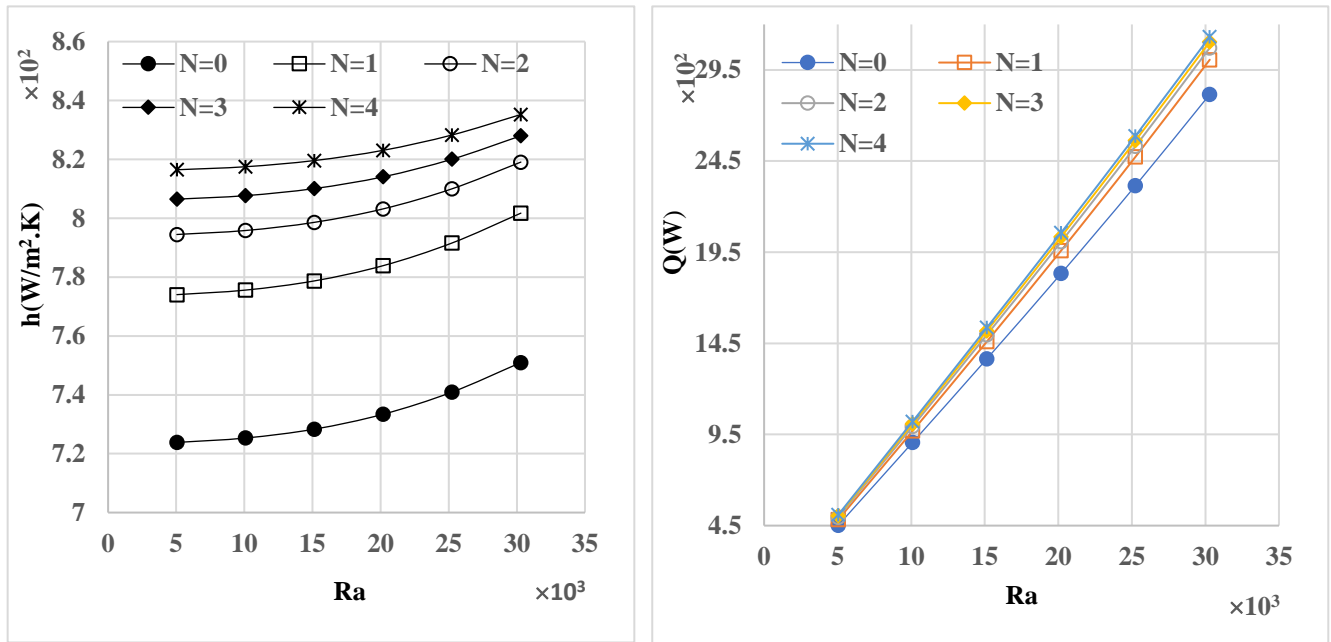


Figure 8. Heat transfer coefficient h (Left) and heat transfer rate Q (Right) for different Ra and N at $T_c=25$ °C, $\epsilon=0.9$, and Circular hump.

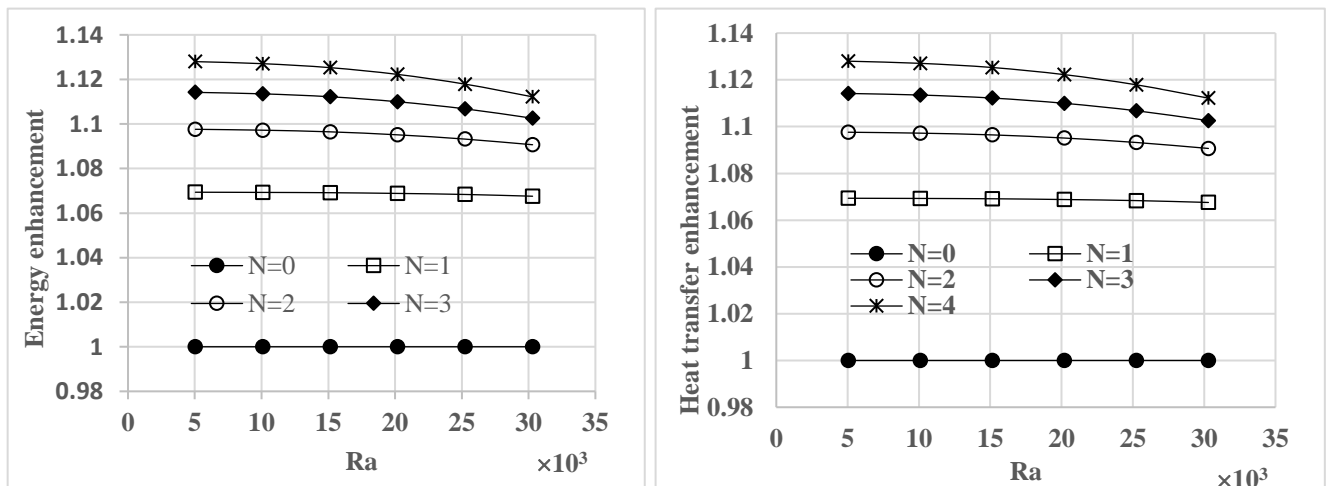


Figure 9. Energy enhancement (Left) and heat transfer enhancement (Right) for different Ra and N at $T_c=25$ °C, $\epsilon=0.9$, and Circular hump.

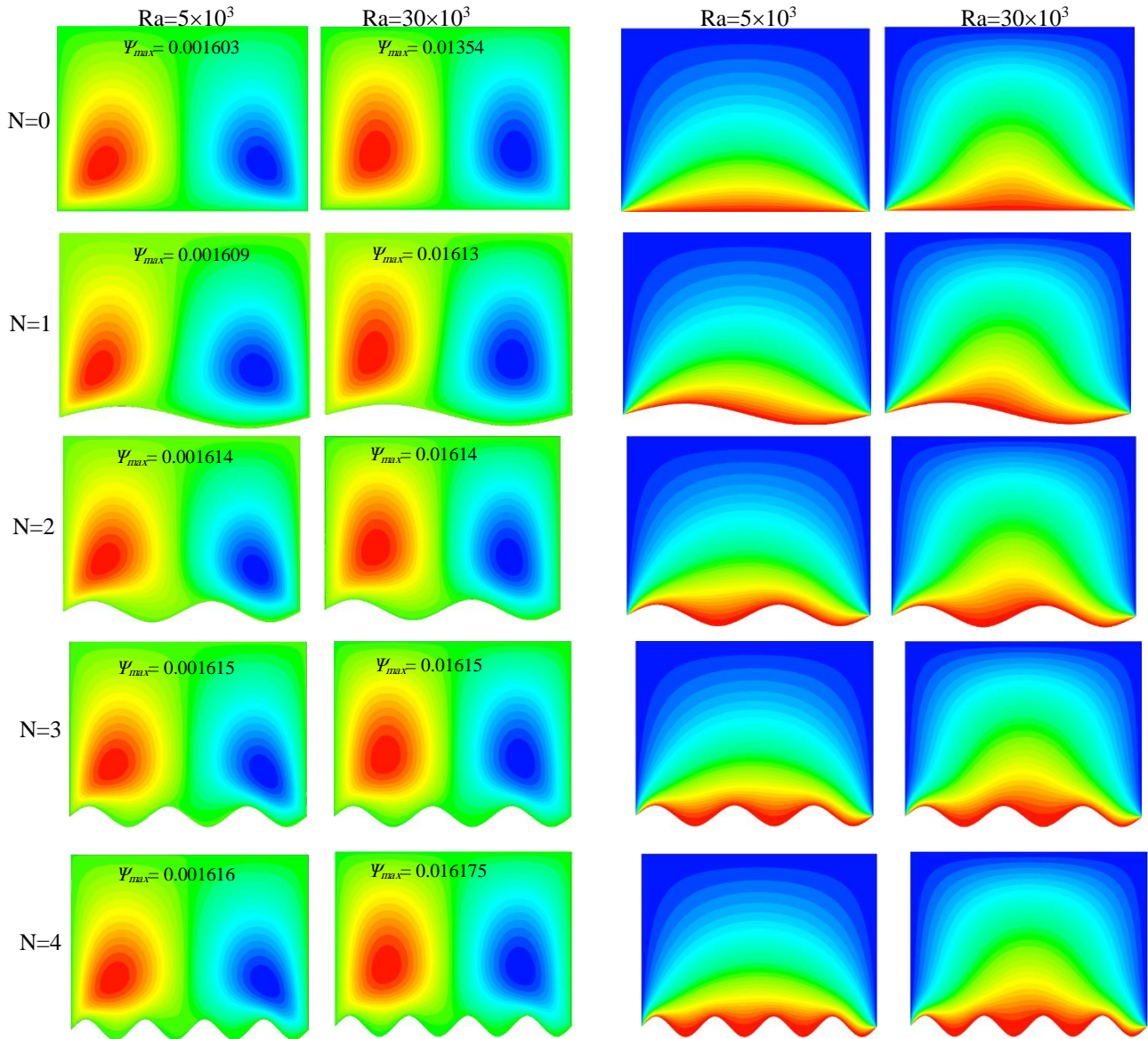


Figure 10. Stream functions (Left) and Isotherms (Right) at $Ra=(5 \text{ and } 30) \times 10^3$ for different N at $\epsilon=0.9$, $T_c=25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, and circular hump.

4. Conclusions

The current study investigated the impacts of a hump configuration and the number of humps (N) on free convection heat transfer in a porous square chamber containing pure water and saturated by a porous medium ($\epsilon=0.9$). The influence of different hump configurations (circular, triangle, square, up semi-circular, and down semi-circular), numbers of the lower wall humps ($N=0, 1, 2, 3$, and 4) are examined with a range of Rayleigh numbers ($5, 10, 15, 20, 25$, and $30) \times 10^3$, respectively. Ansys Fluent-CFD was employed in this analysis to observe the

enhancement of heat transfer indicators (heat transfer coefficient (h) and heat transfer rate (Q)).

The main conclusions are outlined below:

1. The utilization of a hump configuration instead of a straight bottom wall results in improvements in the heat transfer coefficient (h), heat transfer rate (Q), heat transfer enhancement, and thermal energy enhancement. For various Rayleigh numbers, the average improvement in h and Q at the circular hump is 1.13 times greater than that of the standard case ($N=0$).

2. Circular hump achieves the highest values of h and Q when the effect of up semi-circular and down semi-circular hump, the comparison among circular, up semi-circular, and down semi-circular hump conducted to show their influence on free convection inside the square cavity.
3. Figure 8 demonstrates that the heat transfer indicators exhibit improvement with an increase in the number of lower wall humps (N). The highest average enhancement of heat transfer indices for h and Q , compared to the standard case ($N=0$), is 1.13 times at $N=4$ across various Rayleigh numbers.

Subsequently, this experiment proved that the wavy bottom wall enclosure with a circular hump provides an enhancement in heat transfer and thermal energy more than the straight bottom wall enclosure, and it supported the hypotheses mentioned in a large number of previous literatures.

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