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# Magneto-Diffusive Convection in Dufour-Soret Induced Couple Stress Nanofluid Layer

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## Abstract

Rayleigh Benard triply diffusive magneto convection in a couple stressed nanofluid layer incorporated with Dufour -Soret effects has been studied in this paper. The effects of Soret parameter and magnetic field on the stability of the system have been investigated. A comparison has been done with the results obtained for a nanofluid without couple stress factor.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

With the growing importance of non-Newtonian fluid in modern technology and industries, Stokes [6] gave the theory of couple-stress fluid. Because of use of couple-stress fluid in study of the mechanisms of lubrication of synovial joints, it has become the object of scientific research. Walicki and Walicka [7] modelled synovial fluid as a couple-stress fluid in human joints.

For the detection and cure of certain diseases the use of magnetic field is being made with help of magnetic field instruments. Magneto-hydrodynamics has several scientific and practical applications in astrophysics, geophysics, space sciences etc. Thermosolutal convective problem for a couple-stress fluid through a porous medium under influence of vertical magnetic field and vertical rotation has been studied by Kumar [2] and was found that magnetic field and couple-stress have both stabilizing and destabilizing effects on stability of system.

In fluid flow problems, the phenomenon of generation of the concentration flux by temperature gradient is termed as Soret effect and the energy flux caused by a composition gradient is called the Dufour or diffusion thermo effect. Study on the Soret induced convective instability of a regular Newtonian fluid saturated in a porous medium has been done by many researchers. Wang and Tan [8] analysed the convective instability in Benard cells in a non-Newtonian fluid incorporating Soret factor. The impact of Soret parameter induced by the temperature gradient studied by Singh et al. [5], Bahlowl et al. [1] and Mansour et al. [3] also have much research work on Soret effect in different forms of stability.

Recently triple diffusive convection with Soret-Dufour effects in a Maxwell nanofluid saturated in Darcy porous medium was studied by Singh et al. [5] demonstrating the effects of different parameters on heat transfer. Triple diffusive magneto convection in nanofluid layers incorporating Dufour-Soret factor was studied by the author [4] and the effects of all parameters on stability of system were investigated analytically as well as graphically.

The above literature survey shows that no investigation has been done to study the effect of magnetic field on triple diffusive convection in a couple stressed nanofluid layer with Dufour-Soret factor. Keeping in mind the importance of couple stress fluids, the present study attempts to study the effect of vertical magnetic

field on Dufour-Soret induced triple diffusive convection in a couple stressed nanofluid layer. To find the behaviour of different parameters in presence of couple stress, a comparison has been made with nanofluid without couple stress factor.

## II. MATHEMATICAL FORMULATIONS

A couple stressed nanofluid layer is confined between two infinite horizontal surfaces separated by a distance  $a$ , with  $z$ -axis vertically upward. Lower surface is maintained at higher temperature  $T_l^*$  and upper surface is maintained at temperature  $T_r^*$ . A uniform vertical magnetic field  $M^* = (0, 0, M_0^*)$  is applied (See Fig. 1)

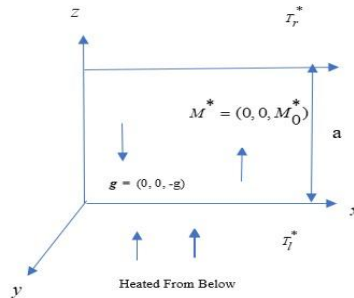


Fig. 1: Physical configuration of the problem

The governing equations for conservation of mass, momentum, energy and concentration of salt and nanoparticles in non-dimensional form on defining  $(X, Y, Z) = \frac{(x^*, y^*, z^*)}{a}$ ,  $t = \frac{t^* \alpha_m}{\sigma a^2}$ ,

$$(u_{1d}, u_{2d}, u_{3d}) = \frac{(u_{1d}^*, u_{2d}^*, u_{3d}^*)a}{\alpha_m}, \quad p = \frac{p^* K}{\mu \alpha_m}, \quad \psi = \frac{\psi^* - \psi_0^*}{\psi_0^*}, \quad (M_x, M_y, M_z) = \frac{(M_x^*, M_y^*, M_z^*)}{M_0^*},$$

$$S = \frac{S^* - S_r^*}{S_l^* - S_r^*}, \quad T = \frac{T^* - T_r^*}{T_l^* - T_r^*}, \quad \lambda = \frac{\lambda^* \alpha_m}{a^2} \quad \text{and} \quad S = \frac{S^* - S_r^*}{S_l^* - S_r^*} \text{ are as follows:}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$(\mathbf{q} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{q}) = \left(1 + \frac{\lambda}{\sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right) \left[ -\nabla p - R_m \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z - R_n \psi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z + R_a T \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z + \frac{R_s}{Ln} S \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \right] + \frac{P_1}{P_{1M}} QD_a (\nabla \times \mathbf{M}) \times \mathbf{M}, \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{q} \cdot \nabla) T = \nabla^2 T + \frac{N_b}{Le} \nabla \psi \cdot \nabla T + \frac{N_a N_b}{Le} \nabla T \cdot \nabla T + N_{tc} \nabla^2 S, \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} (\mathbf{q} \cdot \nabla) S = \frac{1}{Ln} \nabla^2 S + N_{ct} \nabla^2 T, \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} (\mathbf{q} \cdot \nabla) \psi = \frac{1}{Le} \nabla^2 \psi + \frac{N_a}{Le} \nabla^2 T, \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} (\mathbf{q} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} (\mathbf{M} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{q} + \frac{P_1}{P_{1m}} \nabla^2 \mathbf{M}, \quad (6)$$

Here  $R_a (= \frac{\rho g \beta K a (T_l^* - T_r^*)}{\mu \alpha_m})$ ,  $R_n (= \frac{(\rho_p - \rho) \psi_0^* g K a}{\mu \alpha_m})$ ,  $R_m (= \frac{\rho_p \psi_0^* + \rho(1 - \psi_0^*) g K a}{\mu \alpha_m})$ ,

$R_s (= \frac{\rho \beta_c g a K (S_l^* - S_r^*)}{\mu S_d})$  are thermal, concentration, basic density and solutal Rayleigh Darcy number

respectively,  $P_1 (= \frac{\mu}{\rho \alpha_m})$  and  $P_{1m} (= \frac{\mu}{\rho \eta})$  are Prandtl numbers,  $Q (= \frac{\mu_e M_0^{*2} a^2}{4 \pi \mu \eta})$  is Magnetic

Chandrasekhar number,  $D_a (= \frac{K}{a^2})$  is Darcy number,  $\square (= \frac{\mu_{cs}}{\mu l^2})$  is couple-Stress parameter,

$N_{ct} (= \frac{S_{ct} (T_l^* - T_r^*)}{\alpha_m (S_l^* - S_r^*)})$  is Soret parameter,  $N_{tc} (= \frac{S_{tc} (S_l^* - S_r^*)}{\alpha_m (T_l^* - T_r^*)})$  is Dufour parameter,  $N_a (= \frac{B_l (T_l^* - T_r^*)}{B_d T_r^* \psi_0^*})$

and  $N_b (= \frac{(\rho c)_p \psi_0^* \epsilon}{(\rho c)_f})$  are modified diffusivity ratio and modified particle density increment respectively,

$Le (= \frac{\alpha_m}{B_d})$  and  $Ln = \frac{\alpha_m}{S_d}$  are Lewis numbers for nanofluid and salt respectively. The boundary conditions are

given as

$$\mathbf{q} = 0, \quad T=1, \quad S=1, \quad \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial Z} + N_a \frac{\partial T}{\partial Z} = 0 \quad \text{at } Z=0 \quad (7)$$

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On the basic state, we superimpose perturbations in the form

Let  $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q}'$ ,  $p = p_{bs} + p'$ ,  $T = T_{bs} + T'$ ,  $S = S_{bs} + S'$ ,  $\psi = \psi_{bs} + \psi'$ , and  $\mathbf{M} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z + \mathbf{M}'$ ,

where the primes denote infinitesimal small quantities. Ignoring the products of primed quantities and their derivatives, following linearised form of equations is obtained:

$$\left( \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{P_1}{P_{1M}} \nabla^2 \right) \left[ (\nabla^2 - \square \nabla^4) u'_{3d} - \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda}{\sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \left( R_a \nabla_H^2 T' - R_n \nabla_H^2 \psi' + \frac{R_s}{Ln} \nabla_H^2 S' \right) \right] \quad (9)$$

$$= \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda}{\sigma} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) Q \frac{P_1}{P_{1M}} \frac{D_a}{\epsilon} \nabla^2 \frac{\partial^2 u'_{3d}}{\partial Z^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial T'}{\partial t} - u'_3 = \nabla^2 T' - \frac{N_a N_b}{Le} \frac{\partial T'}{\partial Z} - \frac{N_b}{Le} \frac{\partial \phi'}{\partial Z} + N_{tc} \nabla^2 S', \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial S'}{\partial t} - \frac{u'_3}{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{Ln} \nabla^2 S' + N_{ct} \nabla^2 T', \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial \psi'}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} (\mathbf{q}' \cdot \nabla) \psi' + \frac{1}{\epsilon} N_a u'_3 = \frac{1}{Le} \nabla^2 \psi' + \frac{N_a}{Le} \nabla^2 T', \quad (12)$$

$$u'_3 = 0, T' = 0, S' = 0, \frac{\partial \psi'}{\partial Z} + N_a \frac{\partial T'}{\partial Z} = 0 \quad \text{at } Z=0 \text{ and } Z=1 \quad (13)$$

### III. LINEAR STUDY

Following the linear stability theory by Chandrasekhar [5], the perturbations are taken of the form

$$(\psi', T', u'_3, S') = [\Phi(Z), \Theta(Z), \Omega(Z), \Psi(Z)] e^{st + iLX + iMY}, \quad (14)$$

where  $L$  and  $M$  are dimensionless wave numbers in  $X$  and  $Y$  directions respectively. On substituting the above values and employing Galerkin method to solve equations (9)-(12) together with the boundary condition (13) and taking first estimation as  $N=1$ , we have  $\Omega = A_1 \sin \pi Z$ ,  $\Theta = B_1 \sin \pi Z$ ,  $\Phi = -N_a C_1 \sin \pi Z$ ,

$\Psi = D_1 \sin \pi Z$ . Taking the determinant of above matrix equation as zero, the following Rayleigh number is obtained

$$R_a = \frac{\sigma}{\alpha^2} \left[ \frac{R_s \alpha^2 (\lambda s + \sigma)(\sigma A \chi^2 + s)(\sigma \chi^2 + sLe)(\chi^2 + s)\{\chi^2 (\in N_{ct} - 1) - s\}}{-R_s N_a \alpha^2 (\lambda s + \sigma)(A \chi^2 \sigma + s)[(\chi^2 \sigma + sLn)\{\chi^2 (\in + Le) + sLe\} - \chi^4 N_{ic} Ln \sigma (1 + Le N_{ct})]} + \frac{\in (\chi^2 \sigma + sLn)(\chi^2 \sigma + sLe)(\chi^2 + s)\{A \sigma \chi^4 + B \pi^2 \chi^2 (\sigma + \lambda s) + s \chi^2\}\{(\chi^2 \sigma + sLn)(\chi^2 + s) - \chi^4 N_{ic} N_{ct} Ln \sigma\}}{(\sigma \chi^2 \in + sLn \in - \chi^2 N_{ic} Ln \sigma)(\sigma \chi^2 + sLe)(\lambda s + \sigma)(A \chi^2 \sigma + s)} \right], \quad (15)$$

where,  $A = \frac{P_1}{P_{1m}}, B = Q \frac{P_1}{P_{1m}} \frac{D_a}{\in}, \chi^2 = \pi^2 + \alpha^2$ .

Taking  $s=0$  in equation (15),

$$R_a^{st} = \frac{\chi^2 (\in \chi^2 + Q D_a \pi^2 + \square \in \chi^4)(1 - Ln N_{ct} N_{ic}) - R_n N_a \alpha^2 \{\in + Le - Ln N_{ic} (1 + Le N_{ct})\} - R_s \alpha^2 (1 - \in N_{ct})}{\alpha^2 (\in - Ln N_{ic})} \quad (16)$$

The above relation expresses the stationary Rayleigh number as a function of the parameters  $\square, Ln, Le, Q, N_a, R_n, \in, D_a, R_s, N_{ct}, N_{ic}$  and dimensionless wave number  $\alpha$ .

To obtain critical Rayleigh number putting  $\frac{dR_a^{st}}{d\alpha} = 0$ , critical wave number is given by equation

$$2\square (\alpha^2)^3 + (3\pi^2\square + 1)(\alpha^2)^2 - (\pi^4 + \square \pi^6 + \frac{Q D_a}{\in} \pi^4) = 0 \quad (17)$$

which shows that critical wave number depends on Couple Stress parameter, Darcy number, Porosity and Magnetic field.

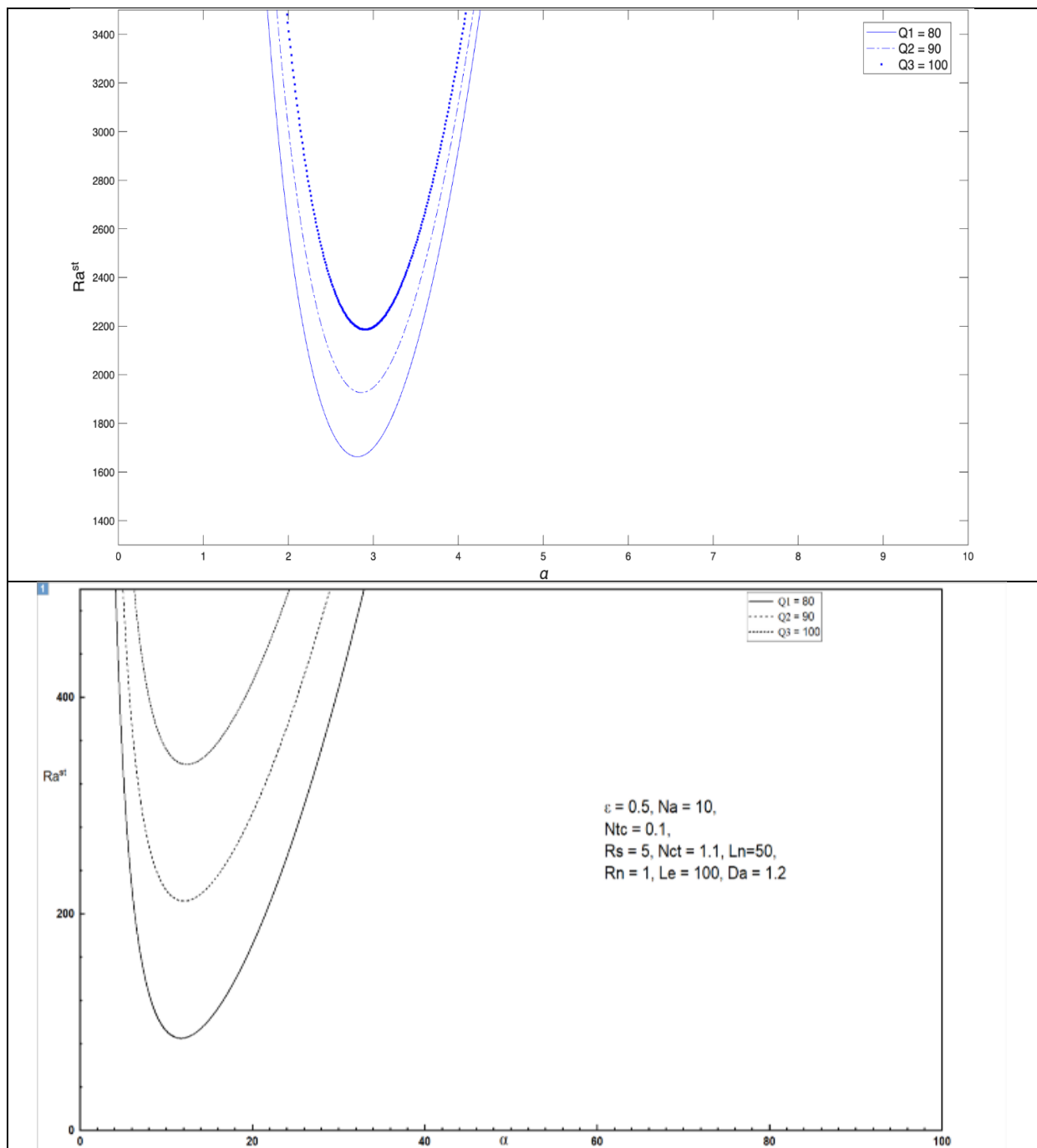
#### IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The effect of magnetic field and Soret factor on the stability of the system for stationary convection has been studied. It has been found that the magnetic field has stabilizing nature whereas the destabilizing behaviour of Soret parameter in absence of magnetic field [17] does not persist here in presence of magnetic field and converts to the stabilizing agent.

In Fig.2 and Fig.3, a comparison between the two Rayleigh numbers for a nanofluid with Dufour-Soret effect and a couple stress nanofluid with Dufour-Soret effect for stationary convection has been made for fixed values of the concerned parameters. It is found that for stationary convection, for  $\in = 0.5, Le = 100, N_a = 10, Ln = 50, R_s = 5, N_{ct} = 1.1, N_{ic} = 0.1, D_a = 1.2$ . It has been observed that

$$R_a^{st} (\text{Couple Stress nanofluid with Dufour-Soret effect}) > R_a^{st} (\text{Nanofluid with Dufour-Soret induced convection})$$

It confirms the early convection in a nanofluid in comparison to convection sets in a nanofluid with couple stress



**Fig. 2: Comparison of Linear stationary convection for a couple-stress nanofluid and ananofluid for different values of  $Q$**

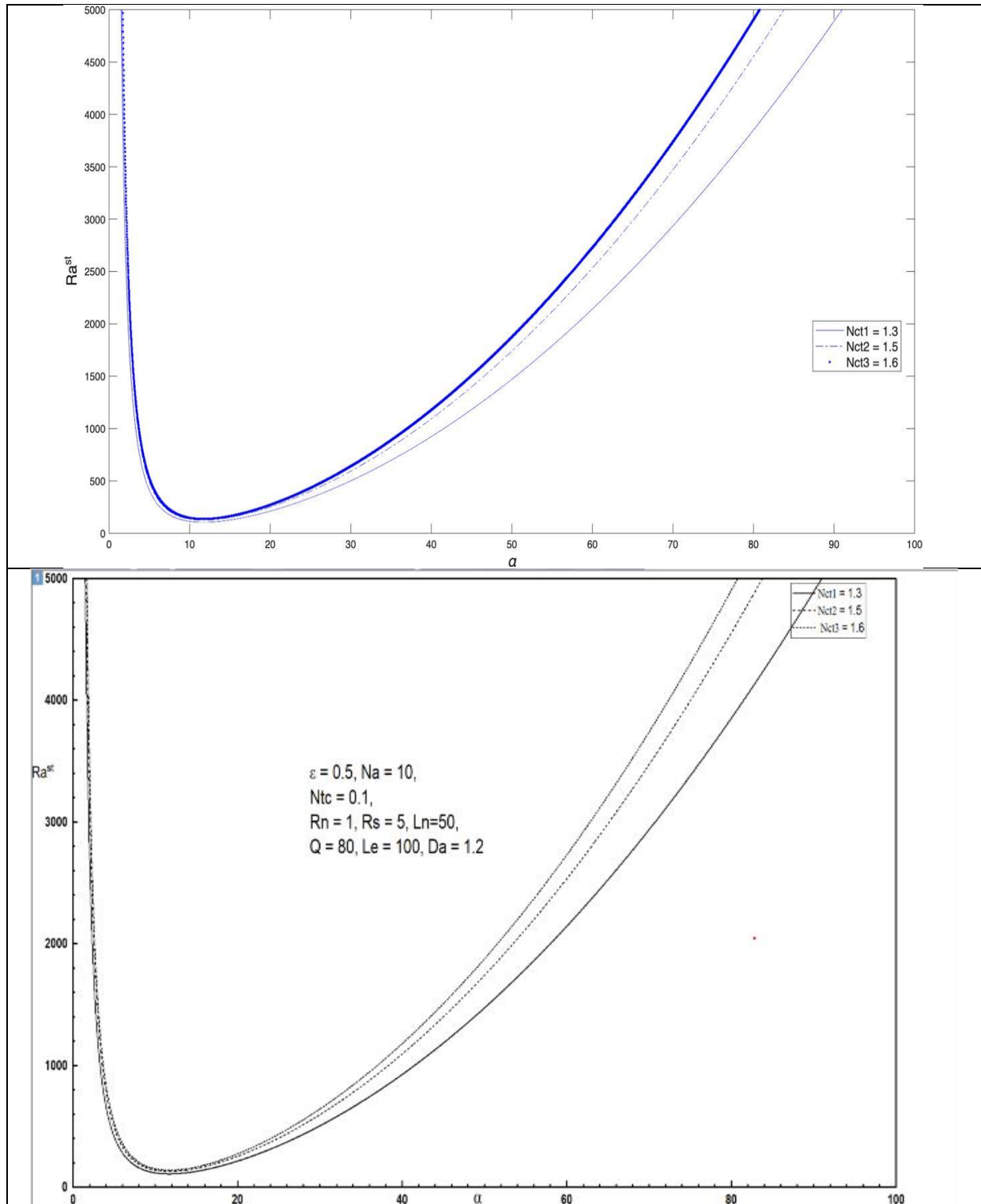


Fig. 3: Comparison of Linear stationary convection for a couple-stress nanofluid and a nanofluid for different values of  $N_{ct}$

## V. CONCLUSION

This paper presents an analytical study of linear Rayleigh Benard triply diffusive magnetoconvection in a Maxwell nanofluid layer with Soret-Dufour effects. We reach at the following conclusions:

- For the stationary mode the Soret parameter, Dufour parameter, couple stress and magnetic field have a stabilizing effect.

- A comparison between the two Rayleigh numbers for a nanofluid with Dufour-Soret effect and a couple stress nanofluid with Dufour-Soret effect for stationary convection confirms the early convection in a nanofluid in comparison to convection sets in a nanofluid with couple stress.

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