

# Investigation of the Three-Dimensional Hybrid Casson Nanofluid Flow: A Cattaneo–Christov Theory

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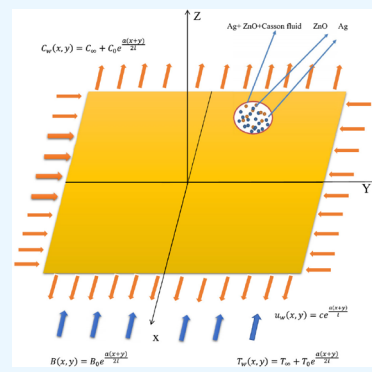
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**ABSTRACT:** We consider the Casson hybrid nanofluid (HN) (ZnO + Ag/Casson fluid) that flows steadily along a two-directional stretchable sheet under the influence of an applied changing magnetic flux and is electrically conducting. The basic Casson and Cattaneo–Christov double diffusion (CCDD) formulations are used for the simulation of the problem. This is the first study on the analysis of the Casson hybrid nanofluid by using the CCDD model. The use of these models generalize basic Fick's and Fourier's laws. The current produced due to the magnetic parameter is taken into consideration by using the generalized Ohm law. The problem is formulated and then transformed to a coupled set of ordinary differential equations. The simplified set of equations is solved using the homotopy analysis method. The obtained results are presented through tables and graphs for various state variables. A comparative survey in all the graphs is presented for the nanofluid (ZnO/Casson fluid) with the HN (ZnO + Ag/Casson fluid). These graphs depict the effect of various pertinent parameters, like  $Pr$ ,  $M$ ,  $Sc$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $Nt$ ,  $m$ ,  $Nb$ ,  $\delta_1$ , and  $\delta_2$ , varying values over the flow. The Hall current parameter  $m$  and stretching ratio parameter  $\gamma$  show increasing trends for the velocity gradient, while the magnetic parameter and the flux of mass depict opposite trends for the same profile. The increasing values of the relaxation coefficients show an opposite trend. Furthermore, the ZnO + Ag/Casson fluid shows a good performance in the transfer of heat and thus can be used for cooling purposes to increase the efficiency of the system.



## 1. INTRODUCTION

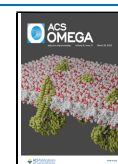
The study of the phenomena of heat energy and mass transport has attracted researchers for the last few decades. The main idea behind this trend is their applications in various fields of technology. With the passage of time, new ideas were introduced and the effectiveness of tools is strengthened day by day. One such tool is the suspension of nanomaterial(s) in host fluid. This idea is given by Choi.<sup>1</sup> The size of these nanoparticles varies from 1 to 100 nm. Results in the literature have proved that the smaller the size of the nanoparticles, more effective are its results.<sup>2</sup> The idea of nanofluids opened a new door, where investigations have been started to prepare these nanofluids both at industry and laboratory levels. Rashidi et al.<sup>3</sup> studied the roughness of the surface for condensation flow inside microchannels. In that work, they established a relation between surface roughness and condensation and reported that condensation varies only with the height and roughness of the surface. Mansoury et al.<sup>4</sup> analyzed  $Al_2O_3 + H_2O$  nanofluid flow inside the parallel heat exchangers. In this analysis, they reported a 26% increase in the transfer rate of heat energy for 1% addition of the nanoparticles. A T-shape square cavity having pores was examined by Hatami et al.<sup>5</sup> for the optimal heat transfer rate by using the finite element method (FEM). The impact of various nanoparticles on the Nusselt number is discussed with contour plots by implementing response surface methodology. A more recent survey can be found in refs 6–8.

The results discussed above form the aim in the literature to elaborate a single type of nanoparticle mixed with a conventional fluid. Recently, the thermal conduction capability of a hybrid type fluid was studied by Jin et al.<sup>9</sup> This work plays a key role in providing a base for the use of the hybrid nanofluid (HN; fluid that contains nanoparticles of different kinds) in academia. A comparative analysis of hybrid and common nanofluids is presented in this study. Furthermore, they recommended a massive enhancement in the transfer of heat analysis for the HN. Hybrid nanofluids are less expensive, are easily available, and have many applications in industry as well as in engineering and technology.<sup>10</sup> The aluminum and  $SiO_2$  composition of  $H_2O$  based HNs for the impact of the nanoparticle concentration on the transfer of heat is examined by Yıldız et al.<sup>11</sup> This study recommends a higher thermal energy transfer subject to improved nanoparticle concentration. Also, the nanoparticle volume fraction augments the transfer of heat with its minimal size. An experimental analysis

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of a hybrid nanofluid (Cu–Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/water) for studying the rheological properties and the transfer of heat is performed by Asokan et al.,<sup>12</sup> followed by Ho et al.,<sup>13</sup> who performed a comparative analysis of microencapsulated phase change material (MEPCM) and phase change material (PCM) nanoparticles for the transfer of heat and concentration. Their study shows a better performance of MEPCM nanoparticles in both analyses. A more brief survey on HNs including experimental analysis can be found in refs 14–19.

In the last few decades various approaches, geometries, and assumptions have been made for the analysis of fluid flow problems. Among them, one inclusion is boundary layer conducting magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) fluid flow. Khan<sup>20</sup> analyzed molybdenum disulfide nanofluid flow impacted by the presence of a magnetic field for heat transfer enhancement treatment. Similarly, Chamkha et al.<sup>21</sup> undertook the mixed convection motion through a square enclosure by employing a magnetic field. The non-Newtonian Buongiorno model for two-phase flow inside a pipe is reported by Alsabery et al.<sup>22</sup> They considered aluminum nanoparticles inside water and analyzed the impact of a magnetic field on various state variables. The enhancing trend due to the impact of a magnetic field in the analysis of the non-Newtonian fluid flow past a wedge is reported by Muhammad et al.<sup>23</sup> This study recommends an increasing velocity profile with higher microorganisms. The MHD flow through a perforated medium was studied by Siddiqui and Sheikholeslami.<sup>24</sup> The results are displayed through contour plots for parameters, like Hartmann and Reynolds numbers. The study recommends a decreasing pattern in the boundary layer thickness for larger values of the volume fraction and the Reynolds number. Sheikholeslami<sup>25</sup> used the lattice Boltzmann method (LBM) for the three-dimensional flow in the existence of a magnetic field. In this study, he analyzed the impact of Lorentz forces on the temperature profile. The generation of entropy inside an enclosure during three-dimensional natural convective flow was studied by Seyyedi et al.<sup>26</sup> by using control volume FEM (CVFEM). Also, a briefer survey of nanofluid flow and entropy generation during the rotating frame is presented by Khan et al.<sup>27</sup>

In the past few years boundary layer flow past a stretchable surface has been examined by different researchers. The aim behind this analysis is the applications of the boundary layer flow that varies from metallurgy, to coatings of various sheets, to drawing and tinning of wires. This idea was first given by Sakiadis,<sup>28</sup> which was further undertaken by Crane<sup>29</sup> in the case of stretching sheet. A more physical description with inclusion of the boundary restriction is given in refs 30 and 31. The cases of suction/injection and the to-and-fro motion of the sheet are analyzed by Magyari et al.<sup>32</sup> and Wang<sup>33</sup> for the liquid film. A few years later Miklavčič and Wang<sup>34</sup> explained the exact solution of the unstable sheet. In their reports they found that the surface stability is directly linked with the mass suction. Similar reports were presented by Bhattacharyya<sup>35</sup> for the exponential expanding surface. The case of stagnation point motion of a nanofluid along an extendable sheet is presented by Bachok et al.<sup>36</sup> A more recent survey by considering the same geometry is presented in refs 37–40.

Models used to study fluid flow are constituted to explain the flow of a certain fluid in a more accurate way. These models are classified as Newtonian and non-Newtonian fluids in the literature.<sup>41</sup> Some basic laws, like Fourier's and Fick's, play a vital role in fluid flow problems.<sup>42</sup> These laws are

modified for the convection derivative of time to obtain the Cattaneo–Christov model.<sup>43</sup> Irfan et al.<sup>44</sup> examined Carreau fluid migration by considering the Cattaneo–Christov double diffusion (CCDD) model for varying thermal conduction. The thermal transport of Burgers nanofluid is examined by Iqbal et al.<sup>45</sup> using the CCDD model. The applications of non-Newtonian fluids are in abundance in the literature as compared to the common Newtonian fluids. In this class one such an important fluid is the Casson fluid, which has a mathematical relation for the shear stress. The relation was introduced by Casson<sup>46</sup> for the analysis of a printing ink–oil suspension. High shear viscosity, thinning, and yield stress are the most important properties of this fluid.<sup>47</sup> This model behaves like a Newtonian fluid at higher wall stress as compared to the yield stress. In 2007, Mitsoulis<sup>48</sup> presented details of the behavior of the deformation rate of the Casson stress tensor. Some of the benchmark problems are reviewed and the flow over different surfaces are analyzed in this work. This work plays a key role in the area of fluid mechanics. Non-Newtonian fluid flow past a stretching sheet has many applications in the area of heat and mass transfer analysis.<sup>49</sup> The Soret and Dufour effects for a magnetohydrodynamic fluid flow past an expanding surface were investigated by Reddy et al.<sup>50</sup> Goud Bejawada et al.<sup>51</sup> studied the heat and mass transfer for the Casson fluid flow past an inclined Forchheimer porous moving plate. The thermophysical properties of the Casson fluid flow past an inclined surface are reported by Ramzan et al.<sup>52</sup> In this work they studied various effects, like Dufour, Soret, and chemical reaction. More relevant work on this fluid can found in refs 53 and 54. The CCDD model for the to-and-fro and oscillatory motion of the sheet by considering the stretched and micropolar fluid migration was studied by Ahmad et al.<sup>55</sup> and Rauf et al.,<sup>56</sup> respectively. For the analysis of the expanding surface by taking the Walters-B and Prandtl fluid flow, Hayat et al.<sup>57,58</sup> used the CCDD model. In these reports the source and sink of heat are explained. A more detailed survey on the CCDD model can be found in refs 59–62.

The behavior of the Casson fluid flow and its applications at higher and lower shear rates attract researchers. These applications vary from drilling processes to bioengineering and food processing. Mabood et al.<sup>63</sup> studied the magnetic field impact of the Casson fluid flow past a stretching surface. They examined the thermal radiation impact by considering the surface as porous. Anwar et al.<sup>64</sup> analyzed the variable wall temperature for the natural convective unsteady MHD Casson fluid flow. The impact of radiation and suction/injection are described in this study. Sandeep et al.<sup>65</sup> presented a detailed survey by analyzing the chemically reactive Casson fluid flow past a curved heated surface. Saleem et al.<sup>66</sup> studied the Casson fluid flow inside a tube. The tube wall was considered wavy and stretchable. Hafeez et al.<sup>67</sup> presented the impact of rotation during the MHD Casson fluid flow though a surface having an inclination. In this work, the peristaltic transport is also considered for fluid flow. Alzahrani et al.<sup>68</sup> studied the viscous impact of the Casson fluid flow past a rotating channel. The variable thermal conductivity and thermal radiation impact are briefly explained by Rehman et al.<sup>69</sup> In this work they examined non-Newtonian behavior in various flow regimes.

In view of the literature presented above, the goal of this work is to elaborate the conducting 3D Casson fluid flow past a bistretching sheet by considering the CCDD model in a

variable magnetic field. The thermal energy and mass transfer analysis with the impact of the current produced during the HN migration are taken into account. The work aims to generalize the Fourier and Fick laws. This is the first attempt to analytically study the 3D Casson fluid flow for the two-way-stretching surface in a variable magnetic field by considering the CCDD model. The article is divided into five main sections, where sections 2 and 3 explain the formulation of the problem and solution strategy. The obtained results are discussed in section 4, whereas discussion of the tables and conclusions are presented in sections 5 and 6, respectively.

## 2. PROBLEM FORMULATION

Assume the non-Newtonian Casson HN (Ag + ZnO + Casson fluid) motion past an expanding surface in the  $x$ - and  $y$ -directions with  $u_w = ce^{(x+y/l)}$  and  $v_w = de^{(x+y/l)}$ , respectively. In  $u_w$  and  $v_w$ ,  $l$  is the sheet length and  $c$  and  $d$  are the velocity references. The flow is incompressible and steady. The schematic diagram is assumed in such a way in the Cartesian system of coordinates that its midpoint originates at the origin as presented in Figure 1. A time dependent magnetic field is

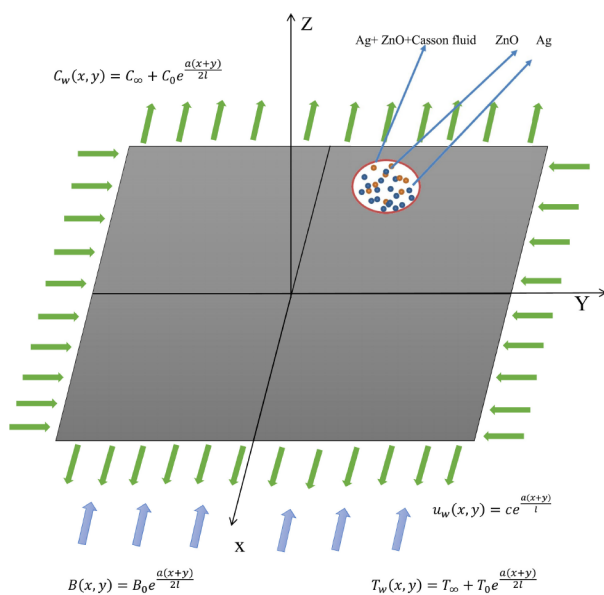


Figure 1. Problem geometry.

applied at an angle of  $90^\circ$  to the surface of the geometry chosen. The concentration and wall temperature are given by the relations

$$C_w - C_\infty = C_0 \exp\left(\frac{a(x+y)}{2l}\right)$$

and

$$T_w - T_\infty = T_0 \exp\left(\frac{a(x+y)}{2l}\right)$$

respectively. The current produced due to the applied magnetic field is taken into account. This current is mathematically given by the following relations.<sup>70</sup>

$$\tilde{j} + \frac{\omega_e}{B_0 t_e} \times (\tilde{j} \times \tilde{B}) = \sigma_{\text{hnf}} (\tilde{E} + \tilde{V} \times \tilde{B}) - \frac{\sigma_{\text{nf}} P_e}{en_e} \quad (1)$$

where  $\tilde{B}$  is the magnetic field having strength  $B_0$ ,  $\tilde{V}$  is the velocity,  $\tilde{E}$  is the electric field strength,  $\tilde{j}$  is the current density,  $n_e$  and  $e$  are the electron number density and charge,  $P_e$  is the pressure of electrons,  $\sigma_{\text{hnf}}$  is the HN electrical conductivity,  $t_e$  is the electron collision time, and  $\omega_e$  is the electron frequency, respectively. There is no external voltage applied to the fluid flow, so as a result we take  $\tilde{E} = 0$ . Also,  $\tilde{j}$  is constant; therefore,  $\nabla \cdot \tilde{j} = 0$ . Furthermore, the current density is constant during the flow region and is zero along the  $z$ -axis.

Furthermore, we assume the rheological relation for the incompressible Casson fluid as follows:<sup>71</sup>

$$\tau_{ij} = \begin{cases} 2e_{ij} \left( \mu_b + \frac{p_y}{\sqrt{2\varpi}} \right) & \text{for } \varpi > \varpi_c \\ 2e_{ij} \left( \mu_b + \frac{p_y}{\sqrt{2\varpi_c}} \right) & \text{for } \varpi < \varpi_c \end{cases}$$

Here,  $\varpi_c$  is the non-Newtonian model critical value,  $e_{ij}$  is the rate of deformation,  $p_y$  is the stress yield, and  $\varpi = e_{ij} e_{ij}$ .

The heat transfer and mass transfer are formulated with the CCDD model for the generalization of the Fick and Fourier laws:<sup>43,72</sup>

$$\tilde{q} + k \nabla T = -\lambda_c (\tilde{q}_t + \tilde{V} \cdot \nabla \tilde{q} - \tilde{q} \cdot \nabla \tilde{V} + (\nabla \cdot \tilde{V}) \tilde{q}) \quad (2)$$

$$\tilde{J} + D_B \nabla C = -\lambda_c (\tilde{J}_t + \tilde{V} \cdot \nabla \tilde{J} - \tilde{J} \cdot \nabla \tilde{V} + (\nabla \cdot \tilde{V}) \tilde{J}) \quad (3)$$

Here,  $\tilde{J}$  and  $\tilde{q}$  represent the mass and heat fluxes,  $D_B$  represents the Brownian motion,  $T$  (C) denotes the temperature (concentration),  $k$  is the thermal conductivity, and  $\lambda_c$  ( $\lambda_c$ ) represents the concentration (energy relaxation) parameter, respectively.

In view of the above assumptions, the steady Casson hybrid nanoflow with the CCDD model takes the following forms:<sup>57,73</sup>

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \quad (4)$$

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \nu_{\text{hnf}} \left( \frac{1}{\xi} + 1 \right) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} - \frac{\sigma_{\text{hnf}} B^2}{\rho_{\text{hnf}} (1 + m^2)} (u - mv) \quad (5)$$

$$u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = \nu_{\text{hnf}} \left( \frac{1}{\xi} + 1 \right) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} - \frac{\sigma_{\text{hnf}} B^2}{\rho_{\text{hnf}} (1 + m^2)} (v + mu) \quad (6)$$

$$u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} + \kappa_e \lambda_c = \alpha_m \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} + \tau \left( T_z \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} + \frac{D_T}{T_\infty} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right) \quad (7)$$

$$u \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} + \kappa_c \lambda_c = D_B \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial z^2} + \frac{D_T}{T_\infty} \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial z^2} \quad (8)$$

where  $\kappa_e$  and  $\kappa_c$  are the Cattaneo–Christov steady relations, given by<sup>61</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_e &= u^2 \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} + v^2 \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + w^2 \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \\ &+ 2 \left( uv \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial xy} + vw \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial yz} + uw \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial xz} \right) \\ &+ \left( u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \\ &+ \left( u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \\ &+ \left( u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_c &= u^2 \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2} + v^2 \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} + w^2 \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial z^2} \\ &+ 2 \left( uv \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial xy} + vw \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial yz} + uw \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial xz} \right) \\ &+ \left( u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \\ &+ \left( u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \\ &+ \left( u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Here,  $\rho$  is the density,  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  are the components,  $\nu$  is the viscosity,  $\tau$  is the heat capacity ratio,  $\xi = \frac{\mu_b(2\pi)^{0.5}}{P_y}$  is the Casson parameter, and  $D_T$  is the thermophoretic parameter. As per the geometry chosen, the boundary restrictions under the imposed assumptions can be given as

$$\begin{aligned} u &= u_w, \quad v = v_w, \quad w = w_0 e^{((x+y)/2l)}, \quad T - T_w = 0, \\ C - C_w &= 0, \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned} \quad (11a)$$

$$u \rightarrow 0, \quad v \rightarrow 0, \quad C \rightarrow C_\infty, \quad T \rightarrow T_\infty \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow \infty \quad (11b)$$

where  $w_0 = -\left(\frac{c\nu_f}{2l}\right)^{0.5} S_1$ , in which  $S_1$  represents the suction or injection case demonstrates the flux of mass. The following similarity variables are introduced:<sup>61</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} u &= ce^{((x+y)/2l)} f', \quad v = de^{((x+y)/2l)} g', \\ w &= -\left(\frac{c\nu_f}{2l}\right)^{0.5} e^{((x+y)/2l)} (f + g + \eta f' + \eta g'), \\ T - T_\infty &= T_0 e^{(a(x+y)/2l)}, \\ C - C_\infty &= C_0 e^{(a(x+y)/2l)}, \quad \eta = \left(\frac{c}{2l\nu_f}\right)^{0.5} e^{((x+y)/2l)}, \\ T - T_\infty &= (T_f - T_\infty)\theta(\eta) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Here, the prime represents the derivative with respect to  $\eta$ .

Using eq 12 in eqs 4–11b, we have<sup>72,74</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{\xi} + 1\right) f''' + \frac{\rho_{\text{hnf}}}{\mu_f} (f''(g+f) - 2f'^2 - 2f'g') \\ - \left(\frac{\sigma_{\text{hnf}}}{\mu_f}\right) \frac{M}{1+m^2} (f' - mg') = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{\xi} + 1\right) g''' + \frac{\rho_{\text{hnf}}}{\mu_f} (g''(g+f) - 2g'^2 - 2f'g') \\ - \left(\frac{\sigma_{\text{hnf}}}{\mu_f}\right) \frac{M}{1+m^2} (g' + mf') = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{k_{\text{hnf}}}{k_f} \theta'' + \theta'(g+f) - a\theta(g'+f') \\ \text{Pr} \frac{(\rho C_p)_{\text{hnf}}}{(\rho C_p)_f} \theta'' + \delta_1 [(\zeta(f'+g') + (2a+1)(f+g))(f'+g')\theta' \\ - a((2+a)(f'+g')^2 - (f''+g'')(g+f)) \\ \theta - \theta''(g+f)^2] + Nb\phi'\theta' + Nt\theta'^2 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{Sc} \left(\phi'' + \frac{Nt}{Nb}\theta''\right) + \phi'(f+g) - a(f'+g')\phi' \\ + \delta_2 [(\zeta(f'+g') + (2a+1)(f+g))(f'+g')\phi' \\ - a((a+2)(f'+g')^2 - (f''+g'')(f+g)) \\ \phi - (f+g)^2\phi''] = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

with boundary conditions

$$f = 0 = g, \quad f' = 1, \quad g' = \gamma, \quad \theta = 1, \quad \phi = 1 \\ \text{at } \zeta = 0 \quad (17a)$$

$$f' \rightarrow 0, \quad g' \rightarrow 0, \quad \theta \rightarrow 0, \quad \phi \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \zeta \rightarrow \infty \quad (17b)$$

where  $M = \frac{2L\sigma_f B_0^2}{\rho C_p}$ ,  $\text{Pr} = \frac{\nu_f}{\alpha_f}$ ,  $m$ ,  $Sc = \frac{\nu}{D_B}$

$$Nb = \frac{\tau D_B (C_w - C_\infty)}{\nu}$$

$$Nt = \frac{\tau D_T (T_w - T_\infty)}{\nu T_\infty}$$

$\gamma = \frac{d}{c} \delta_1 = \lambda_c a$ , and  $\delta_2 = \lambda_c a$  represent the magnetic parameter, Prandtl number, Hall current parameter, Schmidt number, Brownian motion parameter, thermophoretic parameter, stretching ratio, and thermal and concentration variables for energy and mass flows, respectively. In like manner the HN density, specific heat, and viscosity are denoted by  $\rho_{\text{hnf}}$ ,  $(\rho C_p)_{\text{hnf}}$  and  $\mu_{\text{hnf}}$  respectively. The basic hybrid nanofluid models are defined as<sup>75</sup>

$$\frac{k_{\text{hnf}}}{k_{\text{bf}}} = (1 - \Phi_2) + 2\Phi_2 \left(\frac{k_{m2}}{k_{m2} - k_{\text{bf}}}\right) \ln\left(\frac{k_{m2} + k_{\text{bf}}}{2k_{\text{bf}}}\right) \quad (18a)$$

$$\frac{k_{\text{bf}}}{k_f} = (1 - \Phi_1) + 2\Phi_1 \left( \frac{k_{m1}}{k_{m1} - k_f} \right) \ln \left( \frac{k_{m1} + k_f}{2k_f} \right) \quad (18b)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{hnf}}}{\sigma_{\text{bf}}} = \left[ 1 + \frac{3 \left( \frac{\sigma_{m2}}{\sigma_{\text{bf}}} - 1 \right) \Phi_2}{\left( \frac{\sigma_{m2}}{\sigma_{\text{bf}}} + 2 \right) - \left( \frac{\sigma_{m2}}{\sigma_{\text{bf}}} - 1 \right) \Phi_2} \right] \quad (19a)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{bf}}}{\sigma_f} = \left[ 1 + \frac{3 \left( \frac{\sigma_{m1}}{\sigma_f} - 1 \right) \Phi_1}{\left( \frac{\sigma_{m1}}{\sigma_f} + 2 \right) - \left( \frac{\sigma_{m1}}{\sigma_f} - 1 \right) \Phi_1} \right] \quad (19b)$$

$$\frac{(\rho C_p)_{\text{hnf}}}{(\rho C_p)_f} = \left[ (1 - \Phi_2) \left( 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{(\rho C_p)_{m1}}{(\rho C_p)_f} \right) \Phi_1 \right) + \Phi_2 \frac{(\rho C_p)_{m2}}{(\rho C_p)_f} \right] \quad (20)$$

$$\frac{\mu_{\text{hnf}}}{\mu_f} = \frac{1}{(1 - \Phi_1)^{2.5} (1 - \Phi_2)^{2.5}} \quad (21)$$

$$\frac{\rho_{\text{hnf}}}{\rho_f} = \left[ (1 - \Phi_2) \left( 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{\rho_{m1}}{\rho_f} \right) \Phi_1 \right) + \Phi_2 \frac{\rho_{m2}}{\rho_f} \right] \quad (22)$$

The important engineering parameters are

$$C_{\text{fx}} (2Re_x)^{1/2} = \frac{\mu_{\text{hnf}} f''(0)}{\mu_f} \quad (23)$$

$$C_{\text{fy}} (2Re_y)^{1/2} = \frac{\mu_{\text{hnf}}}{\mu_f} \left( \frac{d}{c} \right)^{-1.5} g''(0) \quad (24)$$

$$Sh_x (Re_x)^{-1/2} = -\phi'(0) \quad (25)$$

$$Nu_x (Re_x)^{-1/2} = -\frac{k_{\text{hnf}} \theta'(0)}{k_f} \quad (26)$$

here  $Re_x = \frac{u_\infty x}{\nu}$  and  $Re_y = \frac{V_\infty y}{\nu}$  are Reynolds numbers. Table 1 tabulates the properties of the components of the chosen HN.

**Table 1. Nanomaterials and Base Fluid Properties**<sup>61,76</sup>

property	Ag	ZnO	Casson fluid
$k$ (W/(m K))	429	19	0.6376
$C_p$ (J/(kg K))	235	540	4175
$\rho$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10500	5606	989

### 3. SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM USING THE HOMOTOPY ANALYSIS METHOD (HAM)

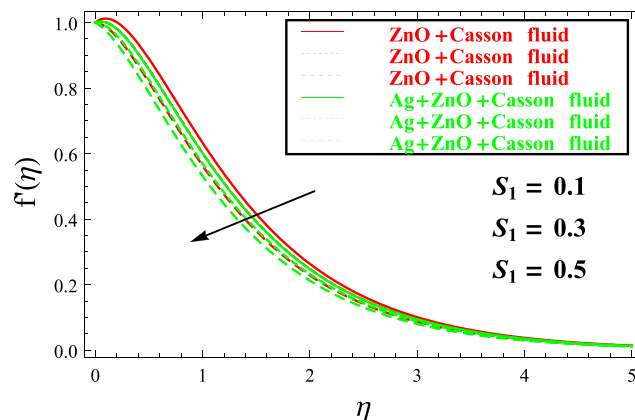
This particular section deals with the solution of the reduced system of eqs 13–17b. We will use the semianalytical method HAM for the solution. The idea behind the use of this procedure is its fast convergence and degree of freedom in choosing the initial guess. This method was originally introduced by Liao<sup>77</sup> by using the concept of homotopy. He established a mapping given in eq 27, in two continuous functions in the topological spaces  $\bar{X}$  and  $\bar{Y}$ .<sup>78</sup>

$$\tilde{\Psi}: \bar{X} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \bar{Y} \quad (27)$$

Here,  $\tilde{\Psi}[\bar{X}, 0] = \xi_1(\bar{X})$  and  $\tilde{\Psi}[\bar{X}, 1] = \xi_2(\bar{X})$  holds  $\forall \bar{x} \in \bar{X}$ .

### 4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results achieved by solving the above equations through HAM are displayed through graphs and tables here. The graphs in Figures 2–19 show the effects of different quantities on the state functions. The quantities of engineering importance are displayed in Tables 2 and 3.



**Figure 2.**  $f'(\eta)$  variation with  $S_1$ .

**Table 2. Computed Values of  $C_{\text{fx}}$  and  $C_{\text{fy}}$  with Varying  $\gamma$**

	$\gamma$				
	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0
$-C_{\text{fx}}$	1.03012	1.06423	1.09045	1.22346	1.12778
$-C_{\text{fy}}$	2.12532	1.78099	1.50623	1.29478	1.19564

**Table 3. Computation of  $\theta'(0)$  and  $\phi'(0)$  with Changing  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$**

	$\delta_1, \delta_2$				
	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8
$-\theta'(0)$	0.49043	0.50881	0.51841	0.52961	0.52986
$-\phi'(0)$	0.50984	0.50982	0.50899	0.52012	0.52982

The influence of mass flux  $S_1$  over the velocity gradient  $f'(\eta)$  of the selected nanofluid (ZnO + Casson fluid) and HN (Ag + ZnO + Casson fluid) is portrayed in Figure 2. The  $S_1$  parameter values are 0.1, 0.3, and 0.5. It is evident from Figure 2 that the addition of Ag to a simple nanofluid reduces the  $f'(\eta)$  profile in comparison with the simple nanofluid. Furthermore, the increasing  $\gamma$  strength drops the velocity profile of both fluids. The drop with enhancing  $\eta$  is more prominent at smaller values of  $\eta$  as displayed by the greater distance between these curves. The separation in the curves decreases at higher  $\eta$  values. Both fluids follow approximately the same pattern. It is therefore concluded that the augmenting flux reduces the  $f'(\eta)$  distribution.

The dynamics of both fluids for changing magnetic flux strength  $M$  are exhibited in Figure 3. The  $M$  values are 0.1, 0.5, and 0.9. Figure 3 displays that the enhancing strength of  $M$  causes a drop in  $f'(\eta)$  distribution. The reduction in  $f'(\eta)$  is higher for middle  $\eta$  values. The separation in the curves depreciates with enhancing  $\eta$ . The increasing  $M$  causes a

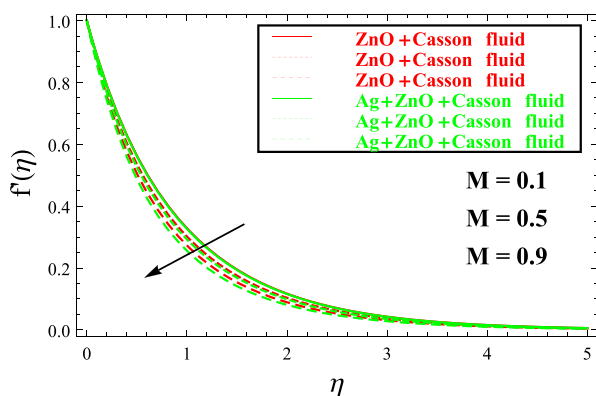


Figure 3.  $f'(\eta)$  variation with  $M$ .

decrease in  $f'(\eta)$  at a higher rate in the HN in comparison with the normal nanofluid. Thus, the augmenting Lorentz force due to high  $M$  restricts the velocity distribution.

The  $f'(\eta)$  dependence on  $m$  is exhibited in Figure 4. The  $m$  values are 0.1, 0.5, and 0.9. Figure 4 exhibits that the rising

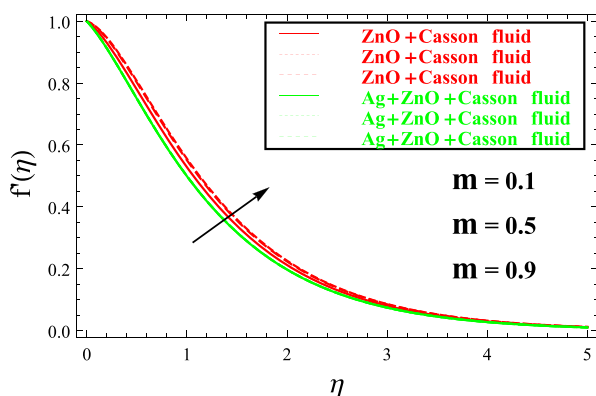


Figure 4.  $f'(\eta)$  variation with  $m$ .

strength of  $m$  augments  $f'(\eta)$  for both fluids. The uplift is higher at intermediate  $\eta$  values. Thus, the higher values of  $m$  augment the velocities of both fluids.

The  $f'(\eta)$  variation with the changing strength of the stretching ratio  $\gamma$  is graphed in Figure 5. The  $\gamma$  values are 0.1, 0.5, and 0.9. Figure 5 shows that larger  $\gamma$  causes  $f'(\eta)$

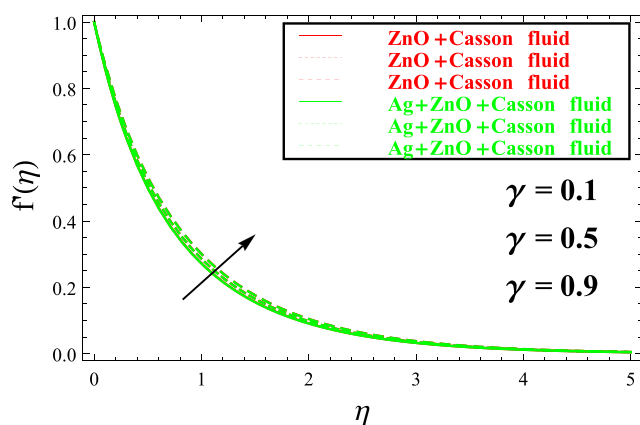


Figure 5. Dependence of  $f'(\eta)$  on  $\gamma$ .

enhancement. The overlapping profiles of both fluids show that the rising  $\gamma$  has similar effects on the fluid velocity.

The influence of Casson fluid parameter ( $\xi$ ) over the velocity gradient is displayed in Figure 6. It is clear that  $f'(\eta)$

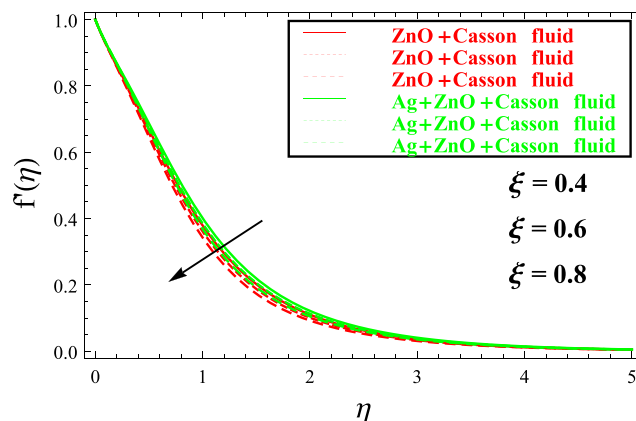


Figure 6.  $f'(\eta)$  dependence on  $\xi$ .

falls with enhancing  $\xi$ . Physically, the larger the Casson fluid parameter, the more viscous is the fluid. Furthermore, the viscosity augments the elasticity of the HN that causes the decline of the momentum boundary layer.

The impacts of  $S_1$  and  $\gamma$  over  $g'(\eta)$  are plotted in Figures 7 and 8, respectively. The  $S_1$  values are 0.1, 0.3, and 0.5, and

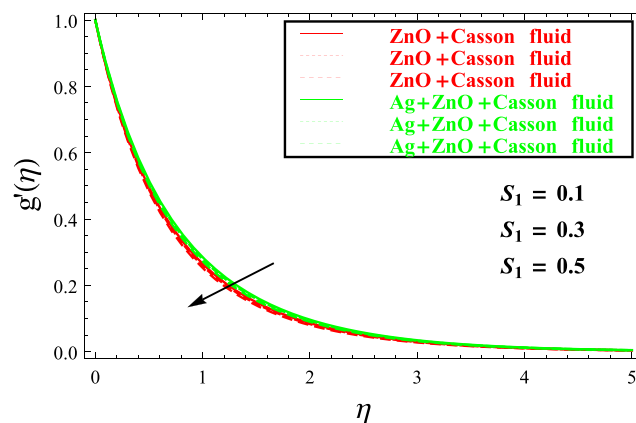


Figure 7.  $g'(\eta)$  variation with  $S_1$ .

those of  $\gamma$  are 0.1, 0.5, and 0.9. It is evident from Figure 7 that the addition of Ag to the simple nanofluid drops the  $g'(\eta)$  profile. Furthermore, increasing  $\gamma$  causes mitigation of the vertical component of the velocity gradient. The drops in the profiles of both fluids have similar dependences on the mass flux parameter. The augmenting  $\gamma$  causes enhancement of the  $g'(\eta)$  profile for both fluids as exhibited in Figure 8. The enhancement rate is higher for the HN in comparison with the simple nanofluid. Thus, the addition of Ag drastically changes the  $g'(\eta)$  profile. The separation between the two profiles with augmenting  $\gamma$  is more obvious at the central region of the graph.

The impact of  $\xi$  is exhibited in Figure 9 over  $g'(\eta)$ . The enhancement in  $\xi$  increases the thickness of the fluid parameter, which further flattens along the  $y$ -axis. The viscosity

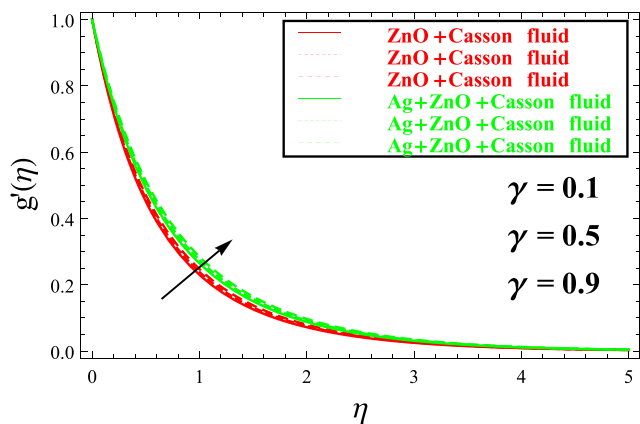


Figure 8. Variation in  $g'(\eta)$  with  $\gamma$ .

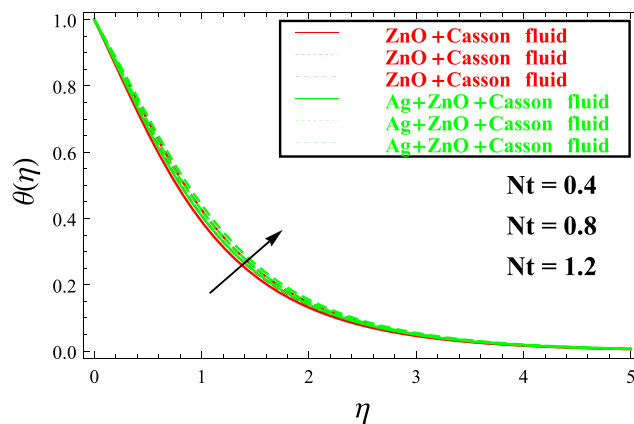


Figure 11. Variation in  $\theta(\eta)$  with  $Nt$ .

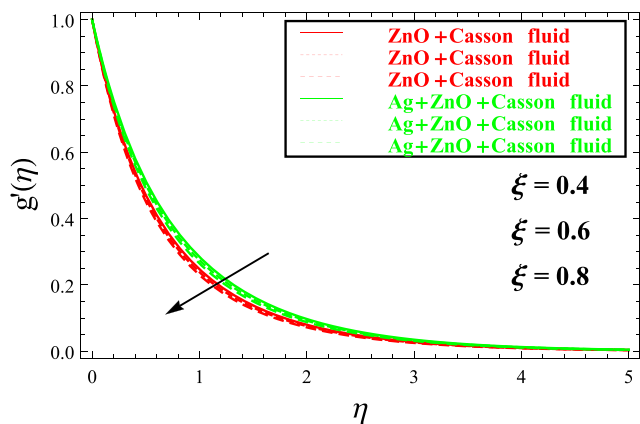


Figure 9. Dependence of  $f'(\eta)$  on  $\xi$ .

of the fluid enhances, which further slows down the motion; as a result the momentum boundary layer falls.

The variations of temperature  $\theta(\eta)$  of both fluids with changing  $Pr$  and  $Nt$  are graphed in Figures 10 and 11,

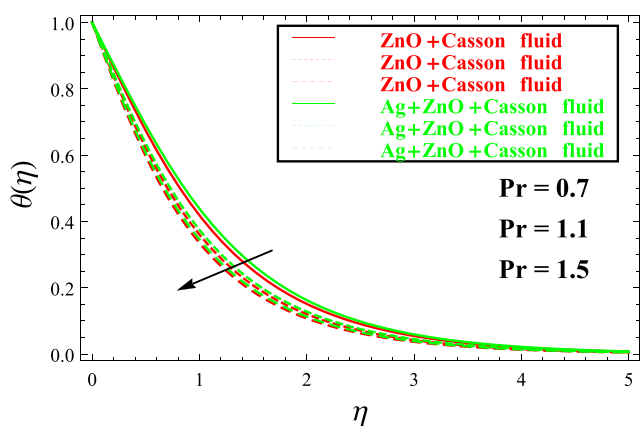


Figure 10.  $\theta(\eta)$  dependence on  $Pr$ .

respectively. The chosen values of  $Pr$  are 0.7, 1.1, and 1.5. Figure 10 displays that the addition of Ag with the simple nanofluid raises the temperature distribution of the resultant HN. In addition, the temperature of both fluids mitigates with rising  $Pr$  values. The drop in temperature displays a strange dependence on rising  $Pr$ . At smaller  $Pr$ , the temperature of the

simple nanofluid drops quickly in comparison with HN. The temperature drop enhances with increasing  $Pr$ . Hence the lower thermal diffusivity due to higher  $Pr$  reduces the temperature of both fluids. Figure 11 depicts the effect of augmenting thermophoresis has on the fluid temperature. The increase in temperature with rising  $Nt$  is greater for the HN. The temperature enhancement is more drastic at intermediate  $\eta$  values.

The variations of  $\theta(\eta)$  with augmenting  $Nb$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta_1$  are plotted in Figures 12, 13, and 14, respectively. Figure 12 shows

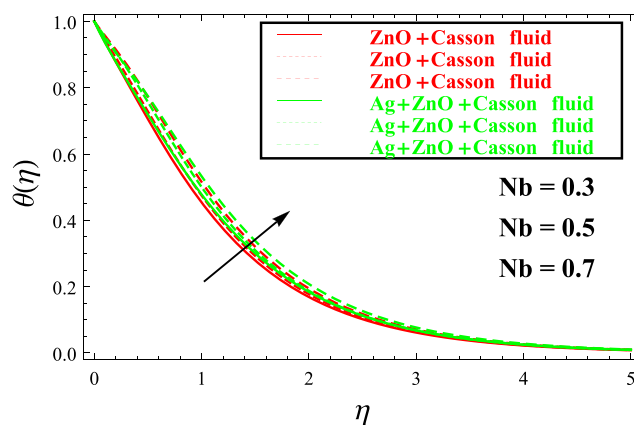


Figure 12. Impact of variation in  $Nb$  on  $\theta(\eta)$ .

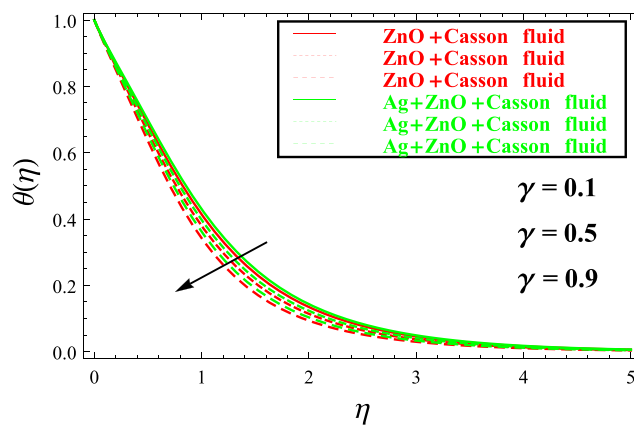


Figure 13. Variation in  $\theta(\eta)$  with  $\gamma$ .

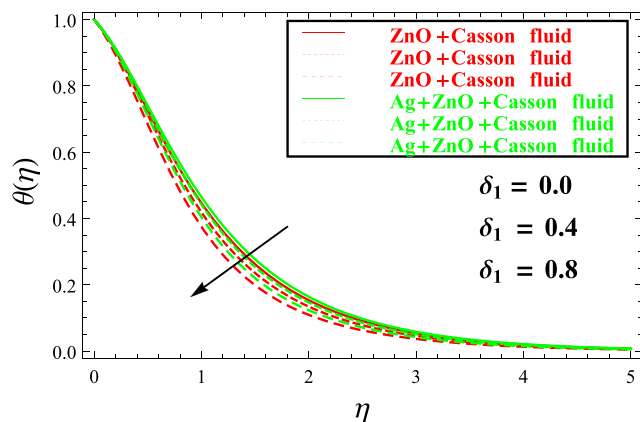


Figure 14.  $\theta(\eta)$  dependence on  $\delta_1$ .

that the enlarging randomness due to larger  $Nb$  augments the temperature. The enhancement in temperature of HN is higher with augmenting  $Nb$  in comparison with the nanofluid. The increasing  $\gamma$  reduces the temperature as displayed in Figure 13. The drop displays almost the same pattern for both fluids. The difference is more obvious at intermediate  $\eta$  values. The increasing  $\delta_1$  also displays a reduction in  $\theta(\eta)$ . The drop rates for both fluids follow almost the same trend. Thus, the increasing relaxation in thermal energy causes reduction of the temperature of both fluids.

The fluid concentration ( $\phi(\eta)$ ) variations with the increasing mass flux relaxation parameter ( $\delta_2$ ) and  $\gamma$  values are exhibited in Figures 15 and 16, respectively. The  $\delta_2$  values

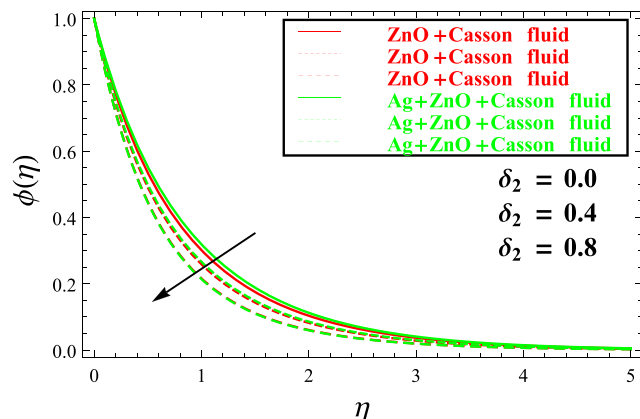


Figure 15. Influence of variation in  $\delta_2$  on  $\phi(\eta)$ .

are 0.0, 0.4, and 0.8, whereas the  $\gamma$  values are 0.1, 0.5, and 0.9. The augmenting  $\delta_2$  drops the temperature of the fluids. Initially, the drop is higher for the nanofluid. As  $\delta_2$  increases, the drop rate enhances as is evident from the increasing distance between the curves. At the largest  $\delta_2$ , the drop in concentration for the hybrid nanofluid becomes larger as compared to the simple nanofluid. The increasing  $\gamma$  also causes a fall in  $\phi(\eta)$  as displayed in Figure 16. The decline in the HN concentration is higher than that in the simple nanofluid.

The variations of  $\phi$  with enhancing  $Nb$ ,  $Nt$ , and  $Sc$  are exhibited in Figures 17, 18, and 19, respectively. The chosen values of  $Nb$  are 0.3, 0.5, and 0.7. Figure 17 shows a complex dependence of  $\phi(\eta)$  with changing  $Nb$ . At smaller  $\eta$ , the concentration first enhances, reaches a maximum, and then

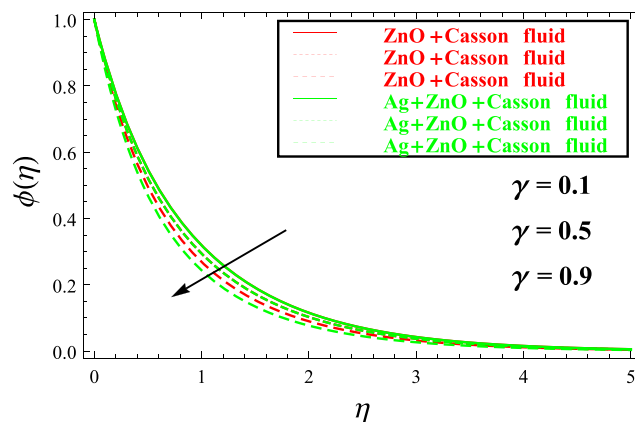


Figure 16. Impact of  $\gamma$  on  $\phi(\eta)$ .

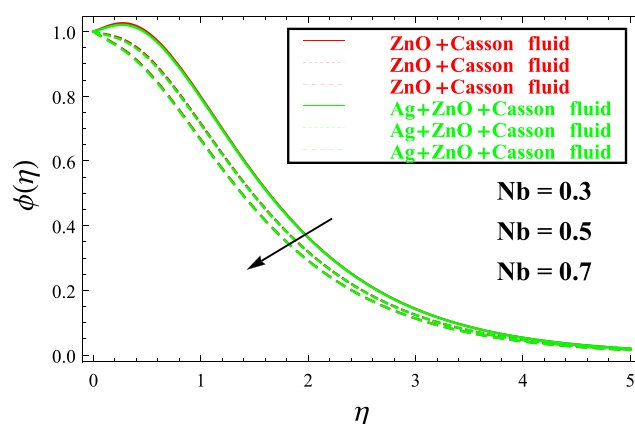


Figure 17.  $Nb$  impact on  $\phi(\eta)$ .

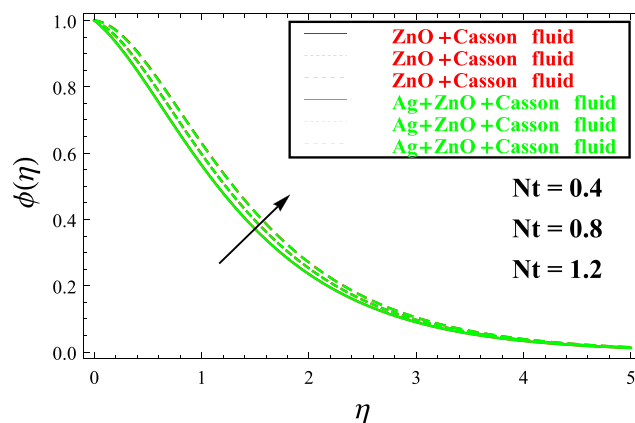


Figure 18. Impact of variation in  $Nt$  on  $\phi(\eta)$ .

decreases with higher  $\eta$  values. The concentration drop depreciates with the larger randomness due to larger  $Nb$  values as shown by the mitigating spacing of the curves. The enhancing thermophoresis due to higher values of  $Nt$  results in an increase in  $\phi(\eta)$ . The increasing rate is more obvious at smaller  $\eta$ . The increasing  $Nt$  affects the fluid concentrations of the fluids exactly in the same manner as cleared from the overlapping curves. The effect of varying  $Sc$  over  $\phi(\eta)$  is depicted in Figure 19. The  $Sc$  values are 0.4, 1.0, and 1.6. Figure 19 displays a reduction in  $\phi(\eta)$ . The drop for the nanofluid is higher with the enhancing  $Sc$  than the drop for



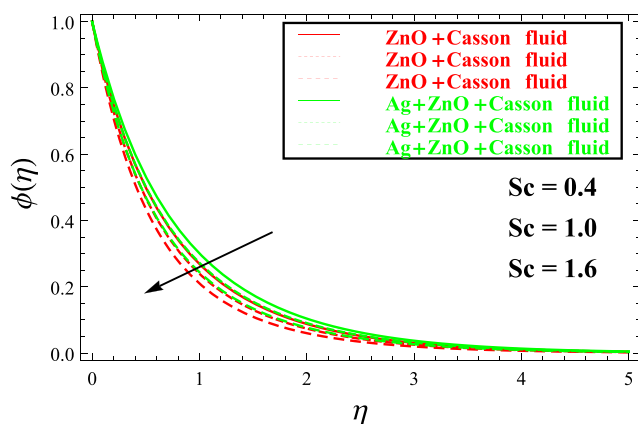


Figure 19. Variation in  $\phi(\eta)$  with  $Sc$ .

HN. Therefore, the enhancing viscosity due to higher values of  $Sc$  changes the  $\phi(\eta)$  profile of nanofluid more drastically.

Figure 20 displays the variation of  $\phi(\eta)$  with changing  $\xi$ . It displays a decreasing trend with the higher  $\xi$  strength.

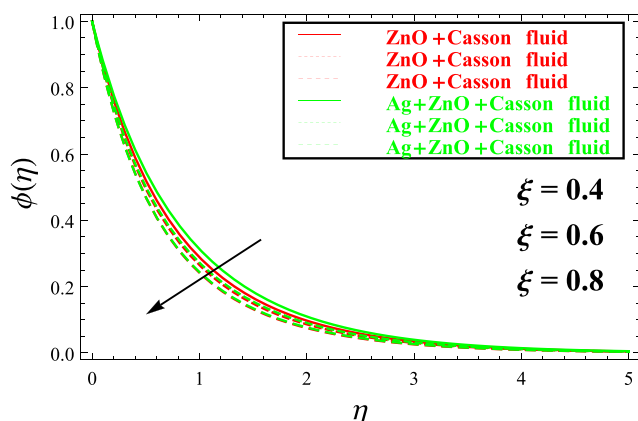


Figure 20. Impact of  $\xi$  on  $\phi(\eta)$ .

Physically, the larger values decline the thickness of the momentum of the boundary layer as the viscosity increases as a result the intermolecular bond increase that results in the decline of the concentration profile.

## 5. TABLES DISCUSSION

This portion expresses the numerical computation of coefficients of interest in Tables 2 and 3 with changing values of the selected parameters namely,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta_1$ , and  $\delta_2$ .<sup>61</sup> Table 2 exhibits the opposite behavior with rising  $\gamma$  for the coefficient of friction. Table 3 displays that the heat transfer enhances with the increasing relaxation parameter and displays a similar behavior for mass transfer.

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

This section is devoted to the results obtained for the hybrid Casson nanofluid flow. Here, we explained the combination of Casson fluid with ZnO and with Ag + ZnO for the formation of nanofluid and hybrid nanofluid. The CCDD model is taken into account for modeling the problem. The problem is solved with the semianalytical method HAM, and the results are plotted for the impacts of various parameters. The results show that the common nanofluid is weaker than the hybrid

nanofluid. The main outcomes of this work are summarized as follows:

- The velocity gradients fall with increasing values of the dimensionless mass flux ( $S_1$ ).
- The Casson fluid parameter  $\xi$  with its increasing trend decreases the velocity  $f'$  and concentration  $\phi$  profiles. An opposite trend has been reported for  $g'$ .
- The larger values of the Prandtl number ( $Pr$ ) result in a decline of the thermal boundary layer.
- $Nt$  and  $Nb$  increase the concentration of the moving nanoparticles, and as a result with its increasing value, heat transport becomes dominant.
- The Hall current produced due to the influence of the magnetic parameter and the mass flux with its larger values decrease the velocity profile.
- Both the thermal and concentration profiles decline with larger values of the thermal and concentration relaxation parameters.
- The ratio parameter  $\gamma$  shows an opposite trend for both the temperature and concentration profiles.

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### Data Availability Statement

The data used to support the findings of this study are available within the article.

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