

Review On Heat Transfer Enhancement In Car Radiator Using Nano Fluids

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Abstract

A colloidal mixture of nano-sized (<100 nm) particles in a base liquid called Nanofluid, which is the new generation of heat transfer fluid for various heat transfer applications where thermo-physical characteristics are substantially higher than the base liquid. In the present study, the effects due to temperature and concentration on thermo-physical properties (thermal conductivity, viscosity and density) for hybrid Nano fluids are discussed. The present work focuses on thermal conductivity and viscosity measurement of fluid mixture. This however, has not been addressed properly so far. It shows that thermal conductivity increases with nanoparticles concentration as well as with the temperature. Whereas, viscosity and density decreases with temperature and increases with nanoparticles concentration. Still more research is necessary to understand the mechanism behind the augmentation of heat transfer with hybrid nanofluids and to make use of hybrid nanofluids in real life applications.

Keywords

Hybrid Nanofluids, Car Radiator, thermo-physical characteristics, Al_2O_3 .

Introduction

In a car engine heat is produced due to the combustion and some portion of heat is utilized to produce the power rest of heat is wasted in the form of exhaust heat. If this excess heat is not removed, the engine temperature becomes too high which results in overheating and viscosity breakdown of the lubricating oil, wear of the engine parts, due to thermal stress of the engine components failure may occurs in engine. So that an effective cooling system is necessary. The car engine utilizes a heat exchanger device, termed as radiator, in order to remove the heat from the cooling jacket of the engine. The radiator considered as an important component of the cooling system of the engine. Normally, it is used as a cooling system of the engine and generally water is the heat transfer medium. For this liquid-cooled system, the waste heat is removed via the circulating coolant surrounding the devices or entering the cooling channels in devices. The coolant is propelled by pumps and the heat is carried away mainly by radiator.

Now a days, alumina is one of the most used oxides due to its use in many areas such as thin film coatings, heat-resistant materials, and advanced ceramic abrasive grains. Improved devices using nanoscale structures requires the understanding of thermal, mechanical electrical and optical properties of nanostructures involved and also their manufacturing process. Task is to use selective nanofluids as a coolant to enhance heat transfer rate. Nanofluids are a relatively new classification of fluids which consist of a base fluid with nanosized particles (1-100 nm) suspended within them. These particles generally a metal or metal oxide, increase conduction and convection coefficients, allowing for more heat transfer out of the coolant. There have been several advancements recently which have made the nanofluids more stable and ready for use in real world applications.

Conventional fluids, such as water, engine oil, ethylene glycol, etc. have poor heat transfer performance and therefore high compactness and effectiveness of heat transfer systems are necessary to achieve the required heat transfer. Among the efforts for enhancement of heat transfer the application of additives to liquids is more noticeable. Recent advances in nanotechnology have allowed development of a new category of fluids termed

hybrid nanofluids. Such fluids are liquid suspensions containing particles that are significantly smaller than 100 nm, and have a bulk solids thermal conductivity higher than the base liquids. Nanofluids are formed by suspending metallic or non-metallic oxide nanoparticles in traditional heat transfer fluids. These so called nanofluids display good thermal properties compared with fluids conventionally used for heat transfer. Nanofluids are the new window which was opened recently and it was confirmed by several authors that these working fluid can enhance heat transfer performance.

Literature Review

Dattatraya G. Subhedar^{a,*}, Bharat M. Ramani^b, Akhilesh Gupta^c, [1] In this research paper the heat transfer potential of Al_2O_3 / water-Mono Ethylene Glycol nanofluid is investigated experimentally as a coolant for car radiators. In this study nanoparticle volume fraction, coolant flow rate inlet temperatures are used. Also the estimation of reduction in frontal area of radiator if base fluid is replaced by nanofluids is done which will make lighter cooling system, produce less drag and save the fuel cost.

Alhassan Salami Tijani *, Ahmad Suhail bin, [2] In this research paper the base fluid, a mixture of water and ethylene glycol were used with concentration of 50% for each of the fluid. Al_2O_3 and CuO nano particles of concentration 0.05%, 0.15%, and 0.3% were added to the base fluid and then evaluate the heat transfer characteristics of the nanofluid. In this research efforts have been conducted to improve the performance of cooling system in cars specifically the radiator and coolant fluid. And finally they concluded that the heat transfer performance of both H_2O and CuO nanofluid by comparing each other and select best nanofluid to be used as coolant in the car radiator.

J.A. RangaBabu, K. Kiran Kumar, S. Srinivasa Rao, [3] The researcher prepared hybrid nanofluids by dispersing dissimilar nanoparticles as individual constituents or by dispersing nano composite particles in the base fluid. This hybrid nanofluids may possess better thermal network and rheological properties due synergistic effect. This review summarizes contemporary investigation on behavior properties of these hybrid nanofluids.

Nor Azwadi Che Sidik^{a,*}, Muhammad Mahmud Jamil^b, Wan Mogd Arif Aziz Japar^a, Isa Muhammad Adamu^a, [4] they concluded hybrid nanofluids are potential fluids that offer better heat transfer performance and thermo-physical properties than conventional heat transfer fluids. Their research on recent progress related to preparation methods of hybrid nanofluids. However, they used the excess amount of surfactant which affects the viscosity, thermal conductivity and stability of hybrid nanofluid.

H.W. Chiam^a, W.H. Azmi^{b,c,*}, N.M. Adam^a, M.K.A.M. Ariffin^a [5] In this research the heat transfer performance of a system can be improved using combination of passive methods, namely nanofluids and various type of tube geometries with the help of this method the heat transfer coefficient and consequently reduce the weight of the system. In this paper, the effect of tube geometry and nanofluids towards the heat transfer performance in the numerical system is reviewed. The different tube geometries in simulation work are analyzed but the flat tube has greater heat transfer coefficient with a higher friction factor compared to the circular tube.

K. Goudarzi^{*}, H. Jamali, [6] In their research Aluminium Oxide (Al_2O_3) in ethylene glycol (EG) as nanofluid was used for heat transfer enhancement in car radiator together with wire coil inserts. They used two wire coils inserts with different geometry and nanofluid with volume concentration of 0.08%, 0.05% and 1% were investigated. The results indicated that the use of coils inserts enhanced heat transfer rates up to 9%. The coil wire inserts with different configuration and Al_2O_3 nanofluid with different volume concentration were tested.

R.B. Ganvir^{*}, P.V. Walke, V.M. Kriplani, [7] The heat transfer characteristics of nanofluids are tremendously improved by suspending nano-sized solid particles and are considered as prospective working fluids for many applications. In this they have studied on convective heat transfer performance of nanofluids and their thermophysical properties. Also their most of the studies have been performed with oxides of metals. Heat transfer enhancement is much higher in case of metallic nanoparticles and enhancement is large even at very low volume fraction.

Nor Azwadi Che Sidik^{a,*}, Isa Muhammad Adamu^a, Muhammad Mahmud Jamil^a, G.H.R. Kefayati^b,

Rizalman Mamat^c, G. Najafi^d, [8] they have written a comprehensive literature on synthesis of hybrid nanofluids have been compiled and review. Finally, the challenges and future trend in the application of hybrid nanofluids in heat transfer application are discussed.

Paison Napon, [9] paper reports on investigation of heat transfer and flow characteristics of the nanofluids in the horizontally spirally coil tubes. In his set up spirally coiled tubes are fabricated by bending a 8.50 mm inner diameter straight copper tube into a spiral coil of five turns. He tested three different curvature ratios of 0.035, 0.043, 0.06. Effects of curvature, nanofluid concentration and hot water temperature on the nanofluid heat transfer characteristics and pressure drop are considered by him. The results he got that Nusselt number is about 21.29%, 29.02%, 34.07% for (0.01%, 0.025%, 0.05% by volume concentration resp.) higher than the Nusselt number obtained for water as working fluid. He got that the friction factor as working fluid increase slightly compared that of water as working fluid. Further he had proposed two correlations for nusselt number and friction factor.

Aditya Choure et al., [10] in this research paper effect of adding Al₂O₃ nanoparticle as a base fluid in radiator is investigated experimentally. They had studied forced convective heat transfer of water and ethylene glycol based nanofluid and compared them experimentally with water, water + ethylene glycol (60:40), water + ethylene glycol + nanoparticles had carried out. They got the results that Al₂O₃ based coolant show better heat transfer as compared to other coolants.

Rahul A. Bhogare et al., [11] focused on applications and challenges of nanofluids as coolant in automobile radiator. They had studied latest up to date literatures on the applications and challenges in terms of PhD and master thesis, journal articles, conference proceedings, reports and web materials. Relent researchers have indicated that substitution of conventional coolants by nanofluids appears promising in automobile radiator. Nanofluids have great potential to improve automotive and heavy duty engine cooling rates by increasing the efficiency, lowering the weight and reducing the complexity of thermal management.

Summary of Review:

Sr. No.	Year of Publication	Title of paper	Methodology used	Conclusion
01	2018	Experimental investigation of heat transfer potetional of Al ₂ O ₃ -water-ethylene Glycol nanofluids as car radiator coolant	Nano particle volume fraction, coolant flow rate, inlet temp. used in range of 0.2 – 0.8%, 4 – 9 lpm & 65 – 85 °C	1) Enhancement of Nusselt no. increases from 3.89% to 28.47% 2) Nanofluids make possible to design compact size radiator
02	2018	Thermo-physical properties & heat transfer characteristics of water-Al ₂ O ₃ -CuO base nanofluid as a coolant for car radiator	Mixture of water-ethylene Glycol were used with concentration 50% each & nano particles of Al ₂ O ₃ & CuO of concentration 0.05%, 0.15% & 0.3% with additives in flat tube radiator	Thermal conductivity of base fluid was 0.415 W/Mk & with addition of nano particles it increases to 1.287 W/Mk. CuO nanofluid exhibited higher heat transfer rate compared to Al ₂ O ₃ nanofluid
03	2017	State of art review on hybrid nanofluids	Ultrasonic vibration technique was used to prepare nanofluids and also different surfactants like sodium Dodecyl sulphate & Trimethyl Ammonium Bromide are used	It gives information about preparation of nano particles & nanofluids. Adding surfactants with nanofluids increases heat transfer rate.

04	2017	A review on preparation methods, stability & applications of hybrid nanofluids	Preparation methods of hybrid nanofluids, factors affecting their stability and methods of enhancing thermal properties	Further research are needed to find the upper limits of volume fraction and the ratio of nano particles in the composite powder
05	2017	Numerical study of nanofluid heat transfer for different tube geometries	The thermo-physical properties such as density, Specific heat & thermal conductivity of nanofluid are measured	In this research only circular, oval & flat geometry tubes are considered. There is no study about helical twisted tube to enhance heat transfer rate of radiator using nanofluids
06	2017	Heat transfer enhancement of Al ₂ O ₃ -EG nanofluid in car radiator with wire coil inserts	In this experiment Al ₂ O ₃ -EG nanofluid was used for heat transfer enhancement in car radiator together with wire coil inserts	Results indicated that use of coil inserts enhanced heat transfer rates up to 9%
07	2017	Heat transfer characteristics in nanofluids	Preparation of nanofluid was done using one step method & two step method. Also surfactants are used as polyvinylpyrrolidone	Heat transfer enhancement is higher in case of metallic nano particles compared to metallic oxide nano particles
08	2016	Recent progress on hybrid nanofluids in heat transfer applications: A comprehensive review	In this paper comprehensive survey on synthesis of hybrid nanoparticles, hybrid nanofluids and thermo-physical properties have been compiled and reviewed	Heat transfer enhancement was achieved by using hybrid nanofluids but still there is scope to increase the heat transfer rate using hybrid nanofluids with helical twisted tube radiator.
09	2016	Experimental investigation of nanofluids heat transfer characteristics in horizontal spirally coiled tubes	The spirally coiled tubes are fabricated by bending copper tube of 8mm dia & used nanofluid with different concentration to improve heat transfer characteristics	Nusselt number increases was about 21.29%, 29.02% & 34.07% for 0.01%, 0.025% & 0.05% concentration of nanofluids
10	2016	Performance evaluation of automobile radiator using Al ₂ O ₃ as base nanofluid	Effect of adding Al ₂ O ₃ nano particles as a base fluid in radiator experimentally investigated	Experimental results shows that Al ₂ O ₃ based coolant shows better heat transfer as compared to other coolants
11	2013	A review on applications & challenges of nanofluids as coolant in automobile radiator	Flat tube radiator with different concentration of nanofluids were used to experimentally investigate the heat transfer rate	Nanofluids stability are major factor that hinder commercialization of nanofluids

Table 1. Thermal Conductivity of some materials, base fluids and nanofluids

	Materials	Thermal conductivity (W/mK)
Metallic Materials	Copper	401
	Silver	429
Nonmetallic Materials	Silicon	148
	Alumina (Al ₂ O ₃)	40
Carbon	Carbon Nano Tubes (CNT)	2000
Base fluids	Water	0.613
	Ethylene glycol (EG)	0.253
	Engine oil (EO)	0.145
Nanofluids (Nanoparticle concentration %)	Water/Al ₂ O ₃ (1.50)	0.629
	EG/ Al ₂ O ₃ (3.00)	0.278
	EG-Water/Al ₂ O ₃ (3.00)	0.382
	Water/TiO ₂ (0.75)	0.682
	Water/ CuO (1.00)	0.619

Table 2. Preparation methods of different nanofluids

S. No.	Nanofluid	Method	Surfactant	Stability	Reference
1.	Al ₂ O ₃ -Water	Two-Step	No	24h	Eastman et al (1997)
2.	TiO ₂ -Water	Two-Step	Oleic Acid and CTAB		Murshed et al (2010)
3.	Cu-Water	Two-Step	Laurate salt	30h	Xuan and Li (2000)
4.	MWCNT-Water	Two-Step	SDS		Hong et al (2000)
5.	Ag-Water	Two-Step	No	24h	Godson et al (2005)

Table 3. Contribution of Scientist in various fields

Scientist	Flow	Performed With	Concentration	% Gain Than Base Fluids
Wen & Ding	Laminar	Al ₂ O ₃	0.6-1.6	41
Yung	Laminar	Al ₂ O ₃ & H ₂ O	1.8	32
Yu	Laminar	ZnO+EG	0.3	26.5
Eastman	Laminar	CuO+H ₂ O	1-3.4	40
DurgeshChavan	Turbulent	Al ₂ O ₃ +pure H ₂ O	1	45

Table 4. Specification of Different Nanofluids

Nanofluids	Mean Diameter	Density	Thermal Conductivity
Al ₂ O ₃	20	3700	46
TiO ₂	10	3840	11.7
CuO	20	6510	18
Fe ₃ O ₄	36	5180	80.4

Experimental Setup:

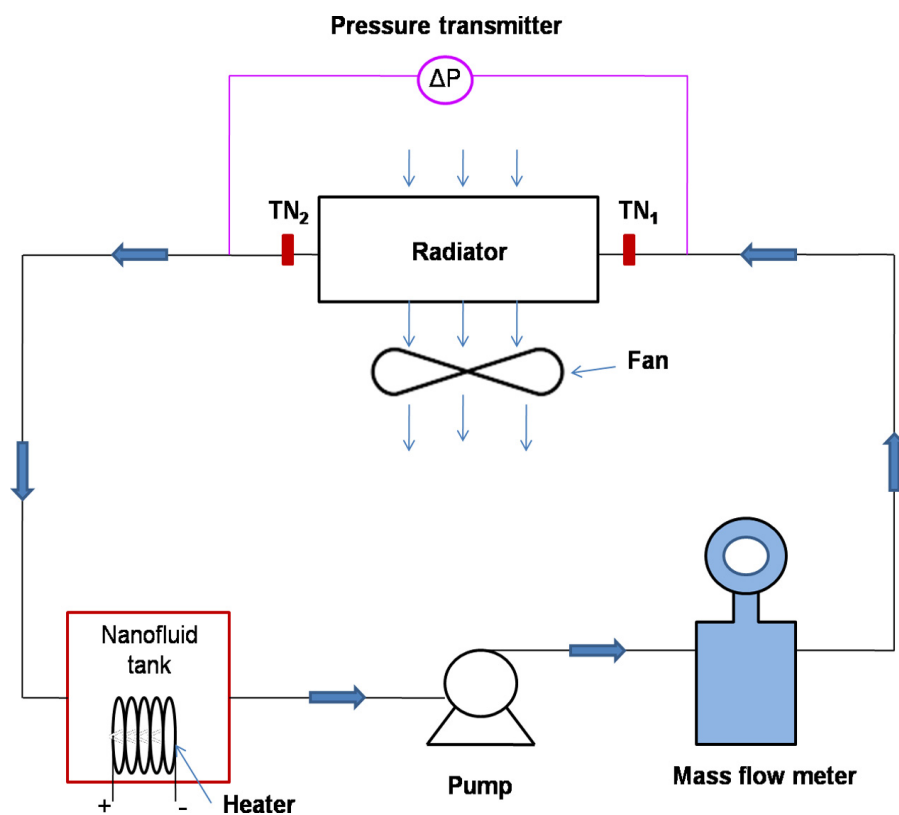


Figure 1.0 Schematic view of Experimental setup

Results:

Table 5 : Heat transfer performance of base fluid as coolant

Material	Prandtl Number	Velocity (m/s)	Reynolds Number	Nusselt Number	Heat transfer coefficient (W/m ² K)
Water + EG	6.54	0.0387	16238.0	94.36	7550.36
	6.54	0.0516	21650.7	118.78	9504.27
	6.54	0.0645	27063.4	141.99	11361.79

Table 6: Heat transfer performance of Al₂O₃ nanofluid as coolant

Material	% Al ₂ O ₃	Prandtl Number	Velocity (m/s)	Reynolds Number	Nusselt Number	Heat transfer coefficient (W/m ² K)
Water + EG + % Al ₂ O ₃	0.05	4.92	0.0387	18564.44	96.41	8898.68
	0.15	2.94	0.0387	23217.57	98.87	11969.69
	0.3	1.49	0.0387	30197.25	99.47	17808.21
	0.05	4.92	0.0516	24764.96	121.41	11205.99
	0.15	2.94	0.0516	30972.24	124.51	15073.28
	0.3	1.49	0.0516	40283.14	125.26	22425.65
	0.05	4.92	0.0645	30928.36	145.03	13386.45
	0.15	2.94	0.0645	38680.47	148.74	18006.24
	0.3	1.49	0.0645	50308.62	149.63	26789.24

Table 7: Heat transfer performance of CuO nanofluid as coolant

Material	% CuO	Prandtl Number	Velocity (m/s)	Reynolds Number	Nusselt Number	Heat transfer coefficient (W/m ² K)
Water + EG + % CuO	0.05	4.49	0.0387	20564.47	101.80	9351.62
	0.15	2.42	0.0387	29217.75	111.99	13374.84
	0.3	1.14	0.0387	42197.66	119.87	20897.36
	0.05	4.49	0.0516	27433.00	128.20	11776.37
	0.15	2.42	0.0516	38976.48	141.02	16842.75
	0.3	1.14	0.0516	56291.67	150.95	26315.77
	0.05	4.49	0.0645	34260.41	153.15	14067.82
	0.15	2.42	0.0645	48676.71	168.46	20120.02
	0.3	1.14	0.0645	70301.29	180.32	31436.02

Conclusion

In this review article, experimental heat transfer coefficients in the automobile radiator have been reviewed with fluids as pure water, Ethylene glycol, Al₂O₃ and CuO based nanofluid at different concentrations and following conclusions were made.

1. From the data it can be concluded that CuO nanofluid exhibited higher heat transfer performances compared to Al₂O₃ nanofluid with the highest concentration of nano particle which was 0.3% and at maximum flow rate of 06 L/min.
2. From the above study it is seen that with increasing the fluid flow rate, of nano fluid heat transfer rate increases with little pressure drop.
3. Study of Brownian motion of nanoparticles can be the way in the enhancement of heat transfer rate.
4. There is no research found on hybrid nanofluids with surfactants using helical twisted tube in automobile radiator to enhance heat transfer rate.

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