HEAT TRANSFER AUGMENTATION IN DIFFERENT GEOMETRIES OF DIMPLED SURFACE UNDER NATURAL CONVECTION AN EXPERIMENTAL APPROACH

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Abstract

The prime objective of present work is to study experimentally the heat transfer augmentation through various geometries of dimpled surfaces in longitudinal and lateral directions. In this paper horizontal rectangular plates of copper and aluminum with different dimpled geometries (like square, circular and triangular) for in-line arrangements were studied in natural convection with steady laminar external flow condition. The various parameters considered for study are Nusselt number, heat transfer coefficient and heat transfer rate for a constant Prandtl number (0.7) and Grashof number (10^4 - 10^7). It has been found that the heat transfer coefficient and heat transfer rate increases for various dimpled surfaces as compared to plane surface. It has been also found that the heat transfer coefficient and heat transfer rate is maximum for triangular shape dimple when the apex of triangle is faced towards inlet of air flow Finally it is concluded that heat transfer enhancement takes place along the dimpled surface.

Index Terms: Dimpled plates, Natural Convection, Heat transfer augmentation.

1. INTRODUCTION

Heat transfer Enhancement techniques are commonly used in areas such as process industries, heating and cooling in thermal power plants, air-conditioning evaporators, equipment, refrigerators, radiators for space vehicles, automobiles, Electronic devices, Chemical process etc. Over the past couple of years the focus on using dimples on surface for intensifying the heat transfer has been documented by many researchers. A variety of experimental, analytical and Numerical research work has been carried out on augmentation of heat transfer. In 1971 Kuethe [1] was first to suggest the use of dimple on surface for heat transfer enhancement, according to him the dimples are expected to promote vortex generation which results in heat transfer enhancement. V.N Afnasyev [2] have conducted experimental study on surfaces shaped by systems of spherical cavities and they found that heat transfer was increased by 150% as compared to plane surface.Nikolai Kornev[3] have studied vortex structure and heat transfer enhancement in turbulent flow over staggered dimple array in narrow channel by using Large Eddy Simulation. Mahmood and Ligrani [4] have analyzed experimentally the influence of dimple aspect ratio, temperature ratio, Reynolds Number, and flow structure in dimple channel. Z Wang [5] carried out Numerical simulation of laminar channel flow over dimple surface and identified a symmetric 3D horseshoe vortex inside a single dimple. S.L.Borse and I.H Patel [6] carried out an experimental study on effect of dimples on heat transfer over flat surface under forced convection. They reported the use of dimples on surface results in heat transfer enhancement with lesser pressure drop and also stated that heat transfer enhancement is more effective in staggered arrangement compared to in line arrangement. Moon [7] studied the channel height effect on heat transfer over the dimpled surfaces. Heat transfer coefficient and friction factors were computationally investing-ated in rectangular channels, which had dimples on one wall. Although abundant studies have been accomplished in this field, but there are not many Papers that have investigated the effect of different dimple geometries on heat transfer rate under laminar external flow Natural convection.

2. EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

The block diagram shown below is experimental set up for present study. The set up mainly consist of heater with capacity of 200 watts, Dimmer stat, Digital temperature, voltmeter, and ammeter with J type thermocouple. The test plates were placed on heater in a rectangular duct open to atmosphere at inlet and outlet. A constant heat is supplied through dimmer stat to heater. Air flows parallel to the dimpled test surface. The plate heater is fixed at the bottom of the test plate, and was connected to power socket through dimmer stat. Dimmer stat readings were varied to give the

required heat input to the test plate. Only top dimpled surface of the test plate was exposed to the air stream from which the convective heat transfer to the air stream takes place. After reaching a steady state the inlet and outlet temperature of air with surface temperature of plate and dimples were measured with the help of thermocouple.





Fig-1b

Fig-1(a & b): Experimental Set Up

2.1 TEST PLATES





100 m

Triangular dimple

Circular Dimple Square Dimple

Fig-2: Different dimple geometries

The three different geometries were used for present study i.e. Square, Triangular and Circular. Above Figure shows different dimple geometries on rectangular plate of size 100mm x 120mm. The size of square dimple is 10mmX10mm. triangular dimple is 11mmX 16mm, circular dimple of dia 10mm were used. The depth of all the dimples is kept constant and six dimples on each plate with inline arrangement were used.

2.2 DATA REDUCTION

The study is carried out under natural convection for external laminar flow condition. Steady state value of the plate and air temperatures in the channel, at various locations for a given heat flux is used to determine the values of performance parameters.

- A) Grash of number
- $Gr = g * \beta * L3 * \Delta T / v2$
- Where
- g = Acceleration due to gravity 9.81 m/s2
- L = Length of the Plate in meters
- v = Kinematic Viscositv at film temp in m2/s.
- β = Coefficient of volumetric expansion in K-1
- ΔT = Temperature difference in K

B) Nusselt number Nu = 0.54(Gr*Pr) 1/4Pr is Prandtl number

C) Average heat transfer coefficient ha= Nu* Kair/ L Kair= Thermal conductivity of air at film temperature in W/m°c

D) Rate of heat transfer $Oa = ha A (Ts-T\infty)$ Qa = Average heat transfer rate in Watts

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

From figure 3, it has been found that heat transfer coefficient for plane surface is more in copper plate as compared to aluminum plate for same surface area. And it is also found that the heat transfer coefficient is high for triangular dimpled surface facing apex towards flow in copper plate compared to aluminum plate. But for square and triangular (base facing towards flow) dimpled surface the heat transfer coefficient is more in aluminum plate compared to copper plate





Table-1: Results for Copper Plate

	plane	circular	Square	Tri(H)	Tri(B)	Tri(A)
h _a	3.98	4.51	4.024	4.119	4.313	5.02
N _u	17.82	19.90	17.78	18.18	15.93	18.47
0.	0.375	0.778	0.429	0 444	0.508	1.08
Qa	0.375	0.778	0.429	0.444	0.508	1.08

From figure 4, it has been found that the Nusselt number for copper plate with plane surface, circular and triangular (apex facing towards flow) dimpled surface is found to be more compare to aluminum plate. It is also found that the Nusselt number for aluminum plate with square and triangular (base and hypotenuse facing towards flow) dimpled surface is more compared to copper plate.



Fig-4: Variation of Nusselt number with Different geometries

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	plane	circular	Square	Tri(H)	Tri(B)	Tri(A)
ha	3.557	3.964	4.094	4.075	4.413	4.81
Nu	15.84	17.60	18.31	18.32	16.252	17.64
Qa	0.213	0.409	0.489	0.454	0.564	0.874

From figure 5, it has been found that the heat transfer rate for copper plate with plane surface, circular and triangular (apex facing towards flow) dimpled surface is found to be more compare to aluminum plate. It is also found that the heat transfer rate for aluminum plate with square and triangular (base and -hypotenuse facing towards flow) dimpled surface is more compared to copper plate.



Fig-5: Variation of heat transfer rate with Different geometries

CONCLUSIONS

From the present study the following conclusion were made:

- It is found that the heat transfer rate is more for different dimpled geometry compare to plane plates (both for aluminum and copper).
- It is concluded that the maximum heat transfer rate will takes place in triangular dimpled surface with apex facing towards inlet of air flow in both plates.
- It is also concluded that the minimum heat transfer rate takes place in square dimpled surface of copper plate compared to other geometries.
- It is found that the Nusselt number is high for circular dimpled surface in copper plate and triangular dimpled surface (hypotenuse facing towards air flow) in aluminum plate.
- The Nusselt number is low both in aluminum and copper plate for triangular dimpled surface with base facing towards air flow.
- The heat transfer coefficient is maximum for both aluminum and copper plate in triangular dimpled surface with apex facing towards air flow.

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