

## ONSET OF INSTABILITY IN MAGNETO-ROTATORY THERMAL CONVECTION IN COUPLE-STRESS FLUID

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### ABSTRACT

The thermal instability of a couple-stress fluid acted upon by uniform vertical rotation and heated from below is investigated. Following the linearized stability theory and normal mode analysis, the paper mathematically established the condition for characterizing the non-oscillatory motions which may be neutral or unstable for rigid boundaries at the top and bottom of the fluid. It is established that all nondecaying slow motions starting from rest, in a couple-stress fluid of infinite horizontal extension and finite vertical depth, which is acted upon by uniform vertical rotation opposite to gravity and a constant vertical adverse temperature gradient, are necessarily non-oscillatory, in the regime

$$\left( \frac{Qp_2\pi^2}{2\pi^2 - 1} \right) + \frac{T_A}{\{2\pi^2(1 + \pi^2 F) - 1\}} \leq 1,$$

Where  $T_A$  is the Taylor number,  $Q$  is the Chandrasekhar number is,  $p_2$  is the magnetic Prandtl number and  $F$  is the couple-stress parameter. The necessary condition for the existence of instability as oscillatory modes and that of ‘overstability’ in a couple-stress fluid heated from below and sufficient condition for the validity of ‘principle of exchange of stability’ are derived.

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### INTRODUCTION

The thermal instability of a fluid layer with maintained adverse temperature gradient by heating the underside plays an important role in Geophysics, interiors of the Earth, Oceanography and Atmospheric Physics etc. A detailed account of the theoretical and experimental study of the onset of Bénard Convection in Newtonian fluids, under varying assumptions of hydrodynamics and hydromagnetics, has been given by Chandrasekhar (1981). The use of Boussinesq approximation has been made throughout, which states that the density changes are disregarded in all other terms in the equation of motion except the external force term. Sharma et al (1976) has considered the effect of suspended particles on the onset of Bénard convection in hydromagnetics. The fluid has been considered to be Newtonian in all above studies. With the growing importance of non-Newtonian fluids in modern technology and industries, the investigations on such fluids are desirable. Stokes (1966) proposed and postulated the theory of couple-stress fluid. One of the applications of couple-stress fluid is its use to the study of the mechanism of lubrication of synovial joints, which has become the object of scientific research. According to the theory of Stokes (1966), couple-stresses are found to appear in noticeable magnitude in fluids having very large molecules. Since the long chain hylauronic acid molecules are found as additives in synovial fluid, Walicki and Walicka(1999) modeled synovial fluid as couple-stress fluid in human joints. An electrically conducting couple-stress fluid heated from below in porous medium in the presence of uniform horizontal magnetic field has been studied by Sharma and Sharma (2001). Sharma and Thakur (2000) have studied the thermal convection in couple-stress fluid in porous medium in hydromagnetics. Sharma and Sharma (2004) and Kumar and Kumar (2011) have studied the effect of dust particles, magnetic field and rotation on couple-stress fluid heated from below and for the case of stationary convection, found that dust particles have destabilizing effect on the system, where as the rotation is found to have stabilizing effect

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on the system, however couple-stress and magnetic field are found to have both stabilizing and destabilizing effects under certain conditions.

However, in all above studies the case of two free boundaries which is a little bit artificial except the stellar atmospheric case is considered. Banerjee et al (1981) gave a new scheme for combining the governing equations of thermohaline convection, which is shown to lead to the bounds for the complex growth rate of the arbitrary oscillatory perturbations, neutral or unstable for all combinations of dynamically rigid or free boundaries and, Banerjee and Banerjee (1984) established a criterion on characterization of non-oscillatory motions in hydrodynamics which was further extended by Gupta et al.(1986). However no such result existed for non-Newtonian fluid configurations, in general and for couple-stress fluid configurations, in particular. Banyal (2011) and Banyal and Singh (2012) have characterized the non-oscillatory motions in couple-stress fluid.

Keeping in mind the importance of non-Newtonian fluids, the present paper is an attempt to characterize the onset of instability analytically, in a layer of incompressible couple-stress fluid heated from below in the presence of uniform vertical rotation opposite to force field of gravity, when the bounding surfaces of infinite horizontal extension, at the top and bottom of the fluid are rigid. It is shown that for the

configuration under consideration that, if  $\left(\frac{Qp_2\pi^2}{2\pi^2-1}\right) + \frac{T_A}{\{2\pi^2(1+\pi^2F)-1\}} \leq 1$ , then an arbitrary neutral

or unstable modes of the system are definitely non-oscillatory and, in particular the PES is valid, where  $T_A$  is the Taylor number,  $Q$  is the Chandrasekhar number,  $p_2$  is the magnetic Prandtl number and  $F$  is the couple-stress parameter.

## Formulation of the Problem and Perturbation Equations

Considered an infinite, horizontal, incompressible couple-stress fluid layer, of thickness  $d$ , heated from below so that, the temperature and density at the bottom surface  $z = 0$  are  $T_0, \rho_0$  respectively and at the

upper surface  $z = d$  are  $T_d, \rho_d$  and that a uniform adverse temperature gradient  $\beta \left( = \left| \frac{dT}{dz} \right| \right)$  is maintained.

The fluid is acted upon by a uniform vertical rotation  $\vec{\Omega}(0,0,\Omega)$  and uniform vertical magnetic field  $\vec{H}(0,0,H)$ . Let  $\rho, p, T$  and  $\vec{q}(u,v,w)$  denote respectively the density, pressure, temperature and velocity of the fluid. Then the momentum balance, mass balance equations of the couple-stress fluid in the presence of uniform vertical magnetic field and rotation (Stokes (1966) and Chandrasekhar (1981)) are

$$\frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} + \left( \vec{q} \cdot \nabla \right) \vec{q} = -\nabla \left( \frac{p}{\rho_0} - \frac{1}{2} \left| \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{r} \right|^2 \right) + g \left( 1 + \frac{\delta \rho}{\rho_0} \right) + \left( \nu - \frac{\mu'}{\rho_0} \nabla^2 \right) \nabla^2 \vec{q} + 2 \left( \vec{q} \times \vec{\Omega} \right) + \frac{\mu_e}{4\pi\rho_0} \left( \nabla \times \vec{H} \right) \times \vec{H}, \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{q} = 0, \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \left( \vec{q} \cdot \nabla \right) T = \kappa \nabla^2 T, \quad (3)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{H} = 0, \quad (4)$$

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$$\frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} = \left( \nabla \cdot \vec{H} \right) \vec{q} + \eta \nabla^2 \vec{H}, \quad (5)$$

The equation of state

$$\rho = \rho_0 [1 - \alpha(T - T_0)], \quad (6)$$

Here  $\vec{g}(0,0,-g)$  is acceleration due to gravity. The kinematic viscosity  $\nu$ , the magnetic permeability  $\mu_e$ ,

the electrical resistivity  $\eta$ , couple-stress viscosity  $\mu'$ , thermal diffusivity  $\kappa = \frac{q}{\rho_0 c_v}$ , and coefficient of

thermal expansion  $\alpha$  are all assumed to be constants and  $c_v$  denote the heat capacity of the fluid at constant volume.

The basic motionless solution is

$$\vec{q} = (0,0,0), \quad T = T_0 - \beta z, \quad \vec{\Omega} = (0,0,\Omega) \quad \text{and} \quad \rho = \rho_0(1 + \alpha\beta z). \quad (7)$$

Assume small perturbations around the basic solution state and let  $\delta\rho, \delta p, \theta, \vec{h}(h_x, h_y, h_z)$

and  $\vec{q}(u, v, w)$  denote respectively the perturbations in density  $\rho$ , pressure  $p$ , temperature  $T$ , magnetic field  $\vec{H}(0,0,H)$  and perturbation fluid velocity  $(0,0,0)$ .

The change in density  $\delta\rho$  caused mainly by the perturbation  $\theta$  in temperature is given by

$$\delta\rho = -\alpha\rho_0\theta, \quad (8)$$

Then the linearized perturbation equations of the couple-stress fluid becomes

$$\frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla \delta p - \vec{g} \alpha \theta + \left( \nu - \frac{\mu'}{\rho_0} \nabla^2 \right) \nabla^2 \vec{q} + 2 \left( \vec{q} \times \vec{\Omega} \right) + \frac{\mu_e}{4\pi\rho_0} \left( \nabla \times \vec{h} \right) \times \vec{H}, \quad (9)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{q} = 0, \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = \beta w + \kappa \nabla^2 \theta, \quad (11)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{h} = 0, \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{h}}{\partial t} = \left( \vec{H} \cdot \nabla \right) \vec{q} + \eta \nabla^2 \vec{h}, \quad (13)$$

Within the framework of Boussinesq approximation, equations (9) - (13), gives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla^2 w = \left( \nu - \frac{\mu'}{\rho_0} \nabla^2 \right) \nabla^4 w + \frac{\mu_e H}{4\pi\rho_0} \nabla^2 \left( \frac{\partial h_z}{\partial z} \right) + g\alpha \left( \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} \right) - 2\Omega \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z}, \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} = \left( \nu - \frac{\mu'}{\rho_0} \nabla^2 \right) \nabla^2 \zeta + 2\Omega \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} - \frac{\mu_e H}{4\pi\rho_0} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial z}, \quad (15)$$

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$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = \beta w + \kappa \nabla^2 \theta, \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{\partial h_z}{\partial t} = H \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} + \eta \nabla^2 h_z, \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} = H \frac{\partial \varsigma}{\partial z} + \eta \nabla^2 \xi, \quad (18)$$

Where  $\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$  and,  $\xi = \frac{\partial h_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial h_x}{\partial y}$  and  $\varsigma = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$  denote the z-component of current density and vorticity, respectively.

#### Normal Mode Analysis

Analyzing the disturbances into normal modes, we assume that the Perturbation quantities are of the form  $[w, \theta, \varsigma, h_z, \xi] = [W(z), \Theta(z), Z(z), K(z), X(z)] \text{Exp}(ik_x x + ik_y y + nt)$ , (19)

Where  $k_x, k_y$  are the wave numbers along the x and y-directions respectively  $k = (k_x^2 + k_y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , is the resultant wave number and n is the growth rate which is, in general, a complex constant.

Using (19), equations (14) – (18), in non-dimensional form, become

$$(D^2 - a^2) \left[ \sigma + F(D^2 - a^2)^2 - (D^2 - a^2) \right] W = -Ra^2 \Theta - T_A DZ + QD(D^2 - a^2)K, \quad (20)$$

$$\left[ \{1 - F(D^2 - a^2)\} (D^2 - a^2) - \sigma \right] Z = -DW - QDX, \quad (21)$$

$$(D^2 - a^2 - p_1 \sigma) \Theta = -W, \quad (22)$$

$$(D^2 - a^2 - p_2 \sigma) K = -DW, \quad (23)$$

$$(D^2 - a^2 - p_2 \sigma) X = -DZ, \quad (24)$$

Where we have introduced new coordinates  $(x', y', z') = (x/d, y/d, z/d)$  in new units of length d and  $D = d/dz'$ . For convenience, the dashes are dropped hereafter. Also we have substituted

$a = kd, \sigma = \frac{nd^2}{\nu}$ ,  $p_1 = \frac{\nu}{\kappa}$ , is the thermal Prandtl number;  $p_2 = \frac{\nu}{\eta}$ , is the magnetic Prandtl number;

$P_l = \frac{k_1}{d^2}$  is the dimensionless medium permeability,  $F = \frac{\mu' / (\rho_0 d^2)}{\nu}$ , is the dimensionless couple-

stress viscosity parameter;  $R = \frac{g\alpha\beta d^4}{\kappa\nu}$ , is the thermal Rayleigh number;  $Q = \frac{\mu_e H^2 d^2}{4\pi\rho_0\nu\eta\epsilon}$ , is the

Chandrasekhar number and  $T_A = \frac{4\Omega^2 d^4}{\nu^2 \epsilon^2}$ , is the Taylor number. Also we have Substituted  $W = W_{\oplus}$ ,

$\Theta = \frac{\beta d^2}{\kappa} \Theta_{\oplus}$ ,  $Z = \frac{2\Omega d}{\nu\epsilon} Z_{\oplus}$ ,  $K = \frac{Hd}{\epsilon\eta} K_{\oplus}$ ,  $X = \left( \frac{Hd}{\epsilon\eta} \right) \left( \frac{2\Omega d}{\epsilon\nu} \right) X_{\oplus}$  and  $D_{\oplus} = dD$ , and dropped  $(\oplus)$

for convenience.

We now consider the case where both the boundaries are rigid and perfectly conducting and are maintained at constant temperature, and then the perturbations in the temperature are zero at the

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boundaries. The appropriate boundary conditions with respect to which equations (20)--(24), must possess a solution are

$$W = DW = 0, \Theta = 0, Z=0, K=0 \text{ and } DX = 0 \text{ at } z = 0 \text{ and } z = 1. \quad (25)$$

An equation (20)--(24), along with boundary conditions (25), poses an eigenvalue problem for  $\sigma$  and we wish to characterize  $\sigma_i$  when  $\sigma_r \geq 0$ .

We first note that since  $W$  and  $Z$  satisfy  $W(0) = 0 = W(1)$ ,  $K(0)=0=K(1)$  and  $Z(0) = 0 = Z(1)$  in addition to satisfying to governing equations and hence we have from the Rayleigh-Ritz inequality (1973)

$$\int_0^1 |DW|^2 dz \geq \pi^2 \int_0^1 |W|^2 dz; \int_0^1 |DK|^2 dz \geq \pi^2 \int_0^1 |K|^2 dz \text{ and } \int_0^1 |DZ|^2 dz \geq \pi^2 \int_0^1 |Z|^2 dz, \quad (26)$$

Further, for  $W(0) = 0 = W(1)$ ,  $K(0)=0=K(1)$  and  $Z(0) = 0 = Z(1)$ , Banerjee et al (1992), have show that

$$\int_0^1 |D^2 W|^2 dz \geq \pi^2 \int_0^1 |DW|^2 dz \int_0^1 |D^2 K|^2 dz \geq \pi^2 \int_0^1 |DK|^2 dz \text{ and } \int_0^1 |D^2 Z|^2 dz \geq \pi^2 \int_0^1 |DZ|^2 dz, \quad (27)$$

### Mathematical Analysis

We prove the following lemmas:

**Lemma 1:** For any arbitrary oscillatory perturbation, neutral or unstable

$$\int_0^1 \left\{ |DK|^2 + a^2 |K|^2 \right\} dz \leq \frac{\pi^2}{(2\pi^2 - 1)} \int_0^1 |DW|^2 dz$$

**Proof:** Multiplying equation (23) by  $K^*$  (the complex conjugate of  $K$ ), integrating by parts each term of the resulting equation on the left hand side for an appropriate number of times and making use of boundary conditions on  $K$  namely  $K(0) = 0 = K(1)$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \left\{ |DK|^2 + a^2 |K|^2 \right\} dz + \sigma_r p_2 \int_0^1 |K|^2 dz &= \text{Real part of } \left\{ \int_0^1 K^* DW dz \right\} \leq \left| \int_0^1 K^* DW dz \right| \leq \int_0^1 |K^* DW| dz, \\ &\leq \int_0^1 |K^*| |DW| dz \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (|K|^2 + |DW|^2) dz, \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

This gives that

$$\int_0^1 |DK|^2 dz \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (|K|^2 + |DW|^2) dz, \quad (29)$$

Inequality (28) on utilizing (26), gives

$$\int_0^1 |K|^2 dz \leq \frac{1}{(2\pi^2 - 1)} \int_0^1 |DW|^2 dz, \quad (30)$$

Since  $\sigma_r \geq 0$  and  $p_2 > 0$ , hence inequality (28) on utilizing (30), give

$$\int_0^1 (|DK|^2 + a^2 |K|^2) dz \leq \frac{\pi^2}{(2\pi^2 - 1)} \int_0^1 |DW|^2 dz, \quad (31)$$

This completes the proof of lemma 1.

**Lemma 2:** For any arbitrary oscillatory perturbation, neutral or unstable

$$\int_0^1 |Z|^2 dz \leq \frac{1}{\{2\pi^2 (1 + \pi^2 F) - 1\}} \int_0^1 |DW|^2 dz.$$

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**Proof:** Multiplying equation (21) by  $Z^*$  (the complex conjugate of  $Z$ ), integrating by parts each term of the resulting equation on the left hand side for an appropriate number of times on utilizing equation (24) and appropriate boundary conditions (25), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \left\{ |DZ|^2 + a^2 |Z|^2 \right\} dz + F \int_0^1 \left( |D^2 Z|^2 + 2a^2 |DZ|^2 + a^4 |Z|^2 \right) dz \\ & + \sigma_r \int_0^1 |Z|^2 dz + Q \int_0^1 \left\{ |DX|^2 + (a^2 + p_2 \sigma_r) |X|^2 \right\} dz = \text{Real part of } \left\{ \int_0^1 DWZ^* dz \right\}, \\ & \leq \left| \int_0^1 DWZ^* dz \right| \leq \int_0^1 |DW^* Z| dz \leq \int_0^1 |DW^*| |Z| dz, \\ & = \int_0^1 |DW| |Z| dz \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (|Z|^2 + |DW|^2) dz, \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

(Utilizing Cauchy-Schwartz-inequality),

This gives that

$$\int_0^1 |DZ|^2 dz + F \int_0^1 |D^2 Z|^2 dz \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (|Z|^2 + |DW|^2) dz, \quad (33)$$

Inequality (33) on utilizing inequalities (26) and (27), gives

$$\pi^2 (1 + \pi^2 F) \int_0^1 |Z|^2 dz \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (|Z|^2 + |DW|^2) dz, \quad (34)$$

Since  $\sigma_r \geq 0$  and  $p_2 > 0$ , hence inequality (32) on utilizing (34) and (27), give

$$\int_0^1 |Z|^2 dz \leq \frac{1}{\{2\pi^2 (1 + \pi^2 F) - 1\}} \int_0^1 |DW|^2 dz, \quad (35)$$

This completes the proof of lemma 2.

We prove the following theorem:

**Theorem 1:** If  $R > 0$ ,  $F > 0$ ,  $Q > 0$ ,  $T_A > 0$ ,  $p_1 > 0$ ,  $p_2 > 0$ ,  $\sigma_r \geq 0$  and  $\sigma_i \neq 0$  then the necessary condition for the existence of non-trivial solution  $(W, \Theta, K, Z, X)$  of equations (20) – (24), together with boundary conditions (25) is that

$$\left( \frac{Q p_2 \pi^2}{2\pi^2 - 1} \right) + \frac{T_A}{\{2\pi^2 (1 + \pi^2 F) - 1\}} > 1.$$

**Proof:** Multiplying equation (20) by  $W^*$  (the complex conjugate of  $W$ ) throughout and integrating the resulting equation over the vertical range of  $z$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma \int_0^1 W^* (D^2 - a^2) W dz + F \int_0^1 W^* (D^2 - a^2)^3 W dz - \int_0^1 W^* (D^2 - a^2)^2 W dz \\ & = -R a^2 \int_0^1 W^* \Theta dz - T_A \int_0^1 W^* D Z dz + Q \int_0^1 W^* D (D^2 - a^2) K dz, \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

Taking complex conjugate on both sides of equation (22), we get

$$(D^2 - a^2 - p_1 \sigma^*) \Theta^* = -W^*, \quad (37)$$

Therefore, using (37), we get

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$$\int_0^1 W^* \Theta dz = - \int_0^1 \Theta (D^2 - a^2 - p_1 \sigma^*) \Theta^* dz, \quad (38)$$

Also taking complex conjugate on both sides of equation (21), we get

$$\left[ \left( 1 - F(D^2 - a^2) \right) (D^2 - a^2) - \sigma^* \right] Z^* = -DW^* - QDX^*, \quad (39)$$

Therefore, using (39) and (24), we get

$$\int_0^1 W^* DZ dz = - \int_0^1 DW^* Z dz = \int_0^1 Z \left\{ (D^2 - a^2) - F(D^2 - a^2)^2 - \sigma^* \right\} Z^* dz + Q \int_0^1 (D^2 - a^2 - p_2 \sigma) X^* dz, \quad (40)$$

Also taking complex conjugate on both sides of equation (23), we get

$$\left[ D^2 - a^2 - p_2 \sigma^* \right] K^* = -DW^*, \quad (41)$$

Therefore, equation (41), using appropriate boundary condition (25), we get

$$\int_0^1 W^* D(D^2 - a^2) K dz = - \int_0^1 DW^* (D^2 - a^2) K dz = \int_0^1 K (D^2 - a^2) (D^2 - a^2 - p_2 \sigma^*) K^* dz, \quad (42)$$

Substituting (38), (40) and (42) in the right hand side of equation (36), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma \int_0^1 W^* (D^2 - a^2) W dz + F \int_0^1 W^* (D^2 - a^2)^3 W dz - \int_0^1 W^* (D^2 - a^2)^2 W dz \\ &= Ra^2 \int_0^1 \Theta (D^2 - a^2 - p_1 \sigma^*) \Theta^* dz - T_A \int_0^1 Z \left\{ (D^2 - a^2) - F(D^2 - a^2)^2 - \sigma^* \right\} Z^* dz, \\ &+ Q \int_0^1 K (D^2 - a^2) (D^2 - a^2 - p_2 \sigma^*) K^* dz - T_A Q \int_0^1 X (D^2 - a^2 - p_2 \sigma) X^* dz \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

Integrating the terms on both sides of equation (43) for an appropriate number of times by making use of the appropriate boundary conditions (25), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma \int_0^1 \left\{ |DW|^2 + a^2 |W|^2 \right\} dz + F \int_0^1 \left\{ |D^3 W|^2 + 3a^2 |D^2 W|^2 + 3a^4 |DW|^2 + a^6 |W|^2 \right\} dz \\ &+ \int_0^1 \left\{ |D^2 W|^2 + 2a^2 |DW|^2 + a^4 |W|^2 \right\} dz = Ra^2 \int_0^1 \left\{ |D\Theta|^2 + a^2 |\Theta|^2 + p_1 \sigma^* |\Theta|^2 \right\} dz - T_A \int_0^1 \left\{ |DZ|^2 + a^2 |Z|^2 \right\} dz \\ &- T_A F \int_0^1 \left\{ |D^2 Z|^2 + 2a^2 |DZ|^2 + a^4 |Z|^2 \right\} dz - T_A \sigma^* \int_0^1 |Z|^2 dz - T_A Q \int_0^1 \left\{ |DX|^2 + a^2 |X|^2 \right\} dz, \\ &- T_A Q p_2 \sigma \int_0^1 |X|^2 dz - Q \int_0^1 \left\{ |D^2 K|^2 + 2a^2 |DK|^2 + a^4 |K|^2 \right\} dz - Q p_2 \sigma^* \int_0^1 \left\{ |DK|^2 + a^2 |K|^2 \right\} dz \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

And equating imaginary parts on both sides of equation (44), and cancelling  $\sigma_i (\neq 0)$  throughout from imaginary part, we get

$$\int_0^1 \left\{ |DW|^2 + a^2 |W|^2 \right\} dz = -Ra^2 p_1 \int_0^1 |\Theta|^2 dz + T_A \int_0^1 |Z|^2 dz + Q p_2 \int_0^1 \left\{ |DK|^2 + a^2 |K|^2 \right\} dz - T_A Q p_2 \int_0^1 |X|^2 dz, \quad (45)$$

Now  $R > 0, Q > 0$  and  $T_A > 0$ , utilizing the inequalities (31) and (35), the equation (45) gives,

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$$\left[ 1 - \frac{T_A}{\{2\pi^2(1+\pi^2 F) - 1\}} - \left( \frac{Qp_2\pi^2}{2\pi^2 - 1} \right) \right] \int_0^1 |DW|^2 dz + a^2 \int_0^1 |W|^2 dz + Ra^2 p_1 \int_0^1 |\Theta|^2 dz + T_A Qp_2 \int_0^1 |X|^2 dz < 0, \quad (46)$$

and therefore, we must have

$$\left( \frac{Qp_2\pi^2}{2\pi^2 - 1} \right) + \frac{T_A}{\{2\pi^2(1+\pi^2 F) - 1\}} > 1. \quad (47)$$

Hence, if

$$\sigma_r \geq 0 \text{ and } \sigma_i \neq 0, \text{ then } \left( \frac{Qp_2\pi^2}{2\pi^2 - 1} \right) + \frac{T_A}{\{2\pi^2(1+\pi^2 F) - 1\}} > 1. \quad (48)$$

And this completes the proof of the theorem.

Presented otherwise from the point of view of existence of instability as stationary convection, the above theorem can be put in the form as follow:-

**Theorem 2:** The sufficient condition for the onset of instability as a non-oscillatory motions of non-growing amplitude in a couple-stress fluid heated from below, in the presence of uniform vertical magnetic field and rotation is that,  $\left( \frac{Qp_2\pi^2}{2\pi^2 - 1} \right) + \frac{T_A}{\{2\pi^2(1+\pi^2 F) - 1\}} \leq 1$ , where  $T_A$  is the Taylor number,  $Q$  is the Chandrasekhar number and  $F$  is the couple-stress parameter, when both the boundaries are perfectly conducting and rigid.

or

The onset of instability in a couple-stress fluid heated from below, in the presence of uniform vertical magnetic field and rotation, cannot manifest itself as oscillatory motions of growing amplitude if the Taylor number  $T_A$ , the Chandrasekhar number  $Q$ , and the couple-stress parameter  $F$ , satisfy the

inequality  $\left( \frac{Qp_2\pi^2}{2\pi^2 - 1} \right) + \frac{T_A}{\{2\pi^2(1+\pi^2 F) - 1\}} \leq 1$ , when both the bounding surfaces are perfectly conducting and rigid.

The sufficient condition for the validity of the 'PES' can be expressed in the form:

**Theorem 3:** If  $(W, \Theta, K, Z, X, \sigma)$ ,  $\sigma = \sigma_r + i\sigma_i$ ,  $\sigma_r \geq 0$  is a solution of equations (20) – (24), with  $R > 0$  and,

$$\left( \frac{Qp_2\pi^2}{2\pi^2 - 1} \right) + \frac{T_A}{\{2\pi^2(1+\pi^2 F) - 1\}} \leq 1,$$

Then  $\sigma_i = 0$ .

In particular, the sufficient condition for the validity of the 'exchange principle' i.e.,  $\sigma_r = 0 \Rightarrow \sigma_i = 0$

if  $\left( \frac{Qp_2\pi^2}{2\pi^2 - 1} \right) + \frac{T_A}{\{2\pi^2(1+\pi^2 F) - 1\}} \leq 1$ .

In the context of existence of instability in 'oscillatory modes' and that of 'overstability' in the present configuration, we can state the above theorem as follow:-

**Theorem 4:** The necessary condition for the existence of instability in 'oscillatory modes' and that of 'overstability' in a couple-stress fluid heated from below, in the presence of uniform vertical magnetic field and rotation is that the Taylor number  $T_A$ , the Chandrasekhar number  $Q$  and the couple-stress



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parameter of the fluid  $F$  must satisfy the inequality  $\left(\frac{Qp_2\pi^2}{2\pi^2-1}\right) + \frac{T_A}{\{2\pi^2(1+\pi^2F)-1\}} \leq 1$ , when both the

bounding surfaces are perfectly conducting and rigid

**Special Cases:** It follows from theorem 1 that an arbitrary neutral or unstable mode is non-oscillatory in character and 'PES' is valid for:

(i). Thermal convection in couple-stress fluid heated from below i. e. when  $Q = 0 = T_A$ .

(Sharma and Sharma (2004)),

(ii). Magneto-thermal convection in couple-stress fluid heated from below ( $T_A = 0$ ), if

$$\left(\frac{Qp_2\pi^2}{2\pi^2-1}\right) \leq 1.$$

(iii). Rotatory-thermal convection in couple-stress fluid heated from below ( $Q = 0$ ), if

$$\frac{T_A}{\{2\pi^2(1+\pi^2F)-1\}} \leq 1.$$

## Conclusion

This theorem mathematically established that the onset of instability in a couple-stress fluid in the presence of uniform vertical rotation, cannot manifest itself as oscillatory motions of growing amplitude if the Taylor number  $T_A$ , the Chandrasekhar number  $Q$  and the couple-stress parameter of the fluid  $F$

satisfy the inequality  $\left(\frac{Qp_2\pi^2}{2\pi^2-1}\right) + \frac{T_A}{\{2\pi^2(1+\pi^2F)-1\}} \leq 1$ , when both the bounding surfaces are

perfectly conducting and rigid. The essential content of the theorem, from the point of view of linear stability theory is that for the configuration of couple-stress fluid of infinite horizontal extension heated from below, having rigid boundaries at the top and bottom of the fluid, in the presence of uniform vertical magnetic field and rotation, parallel to the force field of gravity, an arbitrary neutral or unstable modes of

the system are definitely non-oscillatory in character if  $\left(\frac{Qp_2\pi^2}{2\pi^2-1}\right) + \frac{T_A}{\{2\pi^2(1+\pi^2F)-1\}} \leq 1$ , and in particular PES is valid.

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