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# MHD FLOW AND HEAT TRANSFER IN A WILLIAMSON FLUID FROM A VERTICAL PERMEABLE CONE WITH THERMAL AND MOMENTUM SLIP EFFECTS: A MATHEMATICAL STUDY

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# **ABSTRACT**

A theoretical and computational study of the magneto hydrodynamic flow and free convection heat transfer in an electro-conductive polymer on the external surface of a vertical permeable cone under radial magnetic field is presented. Thermal and velocity (hydrodynamic) slip are considered at the vertical permeable cone surface via modified boundary conditions. The Williamson viscoelastic model is employed which is representative of certain industrial polymers. The non-dimensional, transformed boundary layer equations for momentum and energy are solved with the second order accurate implicit Keller box finite difference method under appropriate boundary conditions. Validation of the numerical solutions is achieved via benchmarking with earlier published results. The influence of Weissenberg number (ratio of the relaxation time of the fluid and time scale of the flow), magnetic body force parameter, stream wise variable and Prandtl number on thermo-fluid characteristics are studied graphically and via tables. A weak elevation in temperature accompanies increasing Weissenberg number whereas a significant acceleration in the flow is computed near the cone surface with increasing Weissenberg number. Nusselt number is reduced with increasing Weissenberg number. Skin friction is increased whereas Nusselt number is reduced with greater stream wise coordinate. The study is relevant to smart coating transport phenomena.

Keywords: Magneto-hydrodynamics; Thermal convection; Weissenberg number; Vertical Permeable Cone; thermal and momentum slip.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

Magneto-hydrodynamics has found ever-increasing applications in modern smart technologies. The application of magnetic fields (static or alternating) has been shown to manipulate successfully the material characteristics of electro-conductive polymers which are finding new applications in aerospace, offshore and naval industries. Interesting studies in this regard addressing various systems employing magnetic polymers include environmental engineering (2011), thin film fabrication processes (2014) and design of shock dissipation systems with magnetic elastomers (2007). Coating applications and energy systems enhancement with smart magnetic polymers have also grown substantially in recent years. Relevant technologies in this regard are nuclear engineering (1998), medical engineering exploiting stimulibased polymers (2010) and hydromagnetic energy generation (2008). In the context of coating applications, it is critical to regulate heat transfer conditions which lead to improved bonding and homogeneity in engineered polymeric surfaces. Many studies have therefore examined the transport phenomena (i.e. coupled heat and momentum transfer) from different geometrical shapes including cones, pipes, disks and truncated bodies and spheres. The spherical geometry is particularly relevant to chemical engineering processes. Investigators have applied a variety of different material models for the coatings and also numerical methods to solve the associated boundary value problems. Bég et al. (2012) used the homotopy analysis method (HAM) to analyze flow from a sphere in a porous medium. Na and Chiou (1979) used a Ouasilinearization method to simulate the laminar natural convection over frustum convection about a truncated cone. Noghrehabadi et al. (2013) studied the natural convection flow of nanofluids over a vertical cone embedded in non-Darcy porous media.

The above studies were confined to Newtonian fluids. However, generally polymers are known to exhibit non-Newtonian characteristics. Engineers have therefore developed a variety of constitutive models to analyse the shear stress-strain characteristics of these fluids, including viscoplastic, viscoelastic, micro-structural and power-law models. Both purely fluid flow and heat transfer from a sphere to non-Newtonian fluids have been reported in a number of theoretical investigations. Radiation effect on natural convection about a truncated cone were examined by Yih (1999). Harish Babu and Satya Narayana (2016) examined the radiative flow of Jeffery fluid in a stretching porous sheet with power law heat flux and heat source. Satya Narayana and Venkateswarlu (2016) have studied heat and mass transfer on MHD nanofluid flow past a vertical porous plate in a rotating system. Fluid flow and radiative nonlinear heat transfer over a stretching sheet has been investigated by Satya Narayana and Harish Babu (2016). Venkateswarlu and Satya Narayana (2016) have analysed the chemical reaction, Soret and Dufour effects on the flow and heat transfer of a Casson fluid in a stretching surface. Hossain and Paul (2001) reported the free convection past a vertical permeable circular cone with nonuniform surface temperature. Amanulla et al. (2017) investigated slip effects on non-Newtonian Nanofluid flow from an Isothermal sphere. They analyzed the behavior of fluid on velocity and temperature distributions when thermal and velocity slips are considered. Pop and Na (1999) presented the heat and mass transfer by natural convection about a truncated cone in the presence of magnetic field and radiation effects. Cheng (2011) studied the natural convection boundary layer flow of a micropolar fluid over a vertical permeable cone with variable temperature. Nadeem and Saleem (2015) presented analytical solutions of third grade fluid over a rotating vertical cone in the presence of nanoparticles.

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These studies however did not consider the Williamson model. This is a shear-thinning non-Newtonian model which quite accurately simulates polymer viscoelastic flows over a wide spectrum of shear rates. In Williamson fluids the viscosity is reduced with rising shear stress rates. This model has found some popularity in engineering simulations. Prasannakumara et al. (2016) used the Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg shooting algorithm to analyse reactive-radiative flow of Williamson viscoelastic nanofluid from a stretching sheet in a permeable material. Khan and Khan (2014) investigated Blasius, Sakiadis, stretching and stagnation point flows of Williamson fluid using the homotopy analysis method, over a range of Weissenberg numbers. Bég et al. (2013) presented extensive numerical solutions for hydromagnetic pumping of a Williamson fluid using a modified differential transform method, observing that a change in Weissenberg number strongly modifies the pressure difference and axial velocity. Further studies of transport phenomena in Williamson fluids include Rao and Rao (2014), Rao et al. (2017) and Dapra and Scarpi (2007).

In the present investigation, we consider the magnetohydrodynamic convection boundary layer flow of a Williamson polymeric fluid external to a vertical permeable cone with multiple slip effects. Magnetic fields have been found to profoundly influence heat transfer and velocity characteristics in curved body flows. Relevant examples include Bég et al. (2014) (for cylindrical geometries), Alkasasbeh et al. (2014) who addressed radiative effects also, Rao et al. (2017) who considered Partial Slip effects and Kasim et al. (2013) who used a viscoelastic model. Slip effects have been shown to be prominent in certain polymeric flow processes. Momentum (hydrodynamic) slip relates to the non-adherence of the polymer to a solid boundary and arises in polymer melts, emulsions, petro-chemical suspensions and also foams (1998, 1994, 1995, 1989, 1993, 1992, 2000, 1991, 1992). The presence of momentum slip invalidates the classical "no-slip" boundary condition. Thermal slip may also arise in heat transfer problems and can also significantly modify both velocity and temperature characteristics both at the solid surface and deeper into the boundary layer. Several researchers have examined multi-physical flows with velocity and/or thermal slip effects including Jamil and Khan (2001), Tripathi et al. (2014) (for viscoelastic fluids), Bég et al. (2014) for magnetohydrodynamic heat and mass transfer and Devi and Devi (2011) for swirling disk hydromagnetic flows with cross diffusion. Sreenadha et al. (2014) have studied analytically the wall slip effects in peristaltic propulsion and heat transfer of Williamson fluids in inclined conduits. The present study employs a finite difference numerical method due to Keller for solving the two-dimensional steady slip flow and heat transfer in a Williamson polymeric liquid boundary layer from a vertical permeable cone. Verification of the computations is conducted for the special case of non-magnetic, Newtonian flow in the absence of slip with earlier published literature. The study finds applications in electro-conductive thermal polymer processing systems.

### 2. MAGNETOHYDRODYNAMIC VISCOELASTIC SLIP THERMOFLUID MODEL

The regime under investigation is illustrated in Fig. 1. Steady, incompressible hydromagnetic Williamson non-Newtonian boundary layer flow and heat transfer from vertical cone body under radial magnetic field is considered. For an incompressible Williamson fluid, the continuity (mass conservation) and momentum equations are given as:

$$div V=0, (1)$$

$$\rho \frac{dV}{dt} = \text{divS} + \rho b, \tag{2}$$

Where  $\rho$  is the density of the fluid, V is the velocity vector, S is the Cauchy stress tensor, *b* represents the specific body force vector, and

d/dt represents the material time derivate. The constitutive equations of the Williamson fluid model (2016, 2014, 2013, 2007) are given as:

$$S = -pI + \tau$$
(3)

$$\tau = \left[\mu_{\infty} + \frac{(\mu_0 - \mu_{\infty})}{1 - \Gamma \dot{\gamma}}\right] A_{l,} \tag{4}$$

Here **p** is the pressure, I is the identity vector,  $\tau$  is the extra stress tensor,  $\mu_0$  are the limiting viscosities at zero and at infinite shear rate,  $\Gamma$  is the time constant (>0), A<sub>1</sub> is the first Rivlin-Erickson tensor and  $\dot{\gamma}$  is defined as follows:

$$\dot{\gamma} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\pi} \tag{5}$$

$$\pi = trace(A_l^2) \tag{6}$$

Here we considered the case for which  $\mu_{\infty} = 0$  and  $\Gamma \dot{\gamma} < 1$ . Thus eq. (4) can be written as:

$$\tau = \left[\frac{(\mu_0 - \mu_\infty)}{1 - \Gamma \dot{\gamma}}\right] A_1 \tag{7}$$

Or by using binomial expansion we get:

$$\tau = \mu_0 \left[ 1 + \Gamma \dot{\gamma} \right] A_1 \tag{8}$$



Fig. 1 Magnetohydrodynamic non-Newtonian heat transfer from a vertical permeable cone

The two-dimensional mass, momentum and energy boundary layer equations governing the flow in an (x,y) coordinate system may be shown to take the form:

$$\frac{\partial(ru)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(rv)}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \sqrt{2} v \Gamma \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

$$+ g \beta (T - T_{\infty}) \cos A - \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho} u$$
(10)

$$u\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2}$$
(11)

The boundary conditions for the considered flow with velocity and thermal slip are:

At 
$$y = 0, u = N_0 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, v = 0, T = T_w + K_0 \frac{\partial T}{\partial y}$$
  
As  $y \to \infty, u \to 0, v \to 0, T \to T_\infty$  (12)

Here  $N_0$  is the velocity slip factor,  $K_0$  is the thermal slip factor and  $T_{\infty}$  is the free stream temperature. For  $N_0 = 0 = K_0$ , one can recover the no-slip case. The stream function  $\psi$  is defined by  $ru = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}$ 

and  $rv = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$ , and therefore, the continuity equation is automatically

satisfied. In order to write the governing equations and the boundary conditions in dimensionless form, the following non-dimensional quantities are introduced:

$$\xi = \frac{V_0 x}{\nu G r^{1/4}}, \eta = \frac{y}{x} (Gr)^{1/4}, \psi = \nu (Gr)^{1/4} \left( f(\xi, \eta) + \frac{\xi}{2} \right)$$
$$\theta(\xi, \eta) = \frac{T - T_{\infty}}{T_w - T_{\infty}}, Gr_x = \frac{g \beta_T (T_w - T_{\infty}) x^3 \cos A}{4\nu^2}, M = \frac{\sigma B_0^2 x^2}{\rho \nu G r^{1/2}}$$
(13)

The emerging momentum and heat (energy) conservation equations in dimensionless from assume the following form:

$$f''' + \frac{7}{4} ff'' - \frac{1}{2} f'^{2} + Wef'' f''' + \theta - Mf'$$

$$= \frac{7}{4} \xi \left( f' \frac{\partial f'}{\partial \xi} - f'' \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi} \right)$$

$$\frac{\theta''}{\Pr} + \frac{7}{4} f \theta' = \frac{7}{4} \xi \left( f' \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \xi} - \theta' \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi} \right)$$
(14)
(15)

The transformed dimensionless boundary conditions are reduced to:

At 
$$\eta = 0, f = 0, f' = S_f f''(0), \theta = 1 + S_T \theta'(0)$$
  
As  $\eta \to \infty, f' \to 0, \theta \to 0$  (16)

The skin-friction coefficient (cone surface shear stress) and the local Nusselt number (cone surface heat transfer rate) can be defined, respectively, using the transformations described above with the following expressions:

$$\frac{1}{2}Gr^{-3/4}C_f = f''(\xi,0) + \frac{We}{2}(f''(\xi,0))^2$$
(17)

$$Gr^{-1/4}Nu = -\theta'(\xi, 0)$$
 (18)

All parameters are defined in the nomenclature.

### 3. COMPUTATIONAL SOLUTION WITH KELLER BOX IMPLICT METHOD

The transformed, nonlinear, multi-physical boundary value problem defined by Eqns. (14) - (16) can be solved via a number of numerical schemes. Here we implement a popular, second order accurate implicit finite difference method originally developed by Keller (1976). Recent studies featuring this method in the context of Magnetohydrodynamic and rheological flows include Sajid et al. (2016) who studied Ferro fluid flows in curved conduits, Gaffar et al. (2016) who investigated hydromagnetic tangent hyperbolic non-Newtonian convection from a cone and convective boundary layer flows by Rao et al. (2017). In the Keller box scheme, the multi-degree, multi-order coupled partial differential equations defined in (14) and (15) are first reduced to a system of first order equations. These equations are then discretized with the finite difference approximations with appropriate step lengths in each coordinate direction. Introducing the new variables:

$$u(x, y) = f', v(x, y) = f'', s(x, y) = \theta$$
(19)

$$f' = u \tag{20}$$

$$u' = v \tag{21}$$

$$\theta' = t \tag{22}$$

Eqns. (14) - (15) reduce then to the form:

$$v' + \frac{7}{4}fv + Wevv' - \frac{1}{2}u^2 + s - Mu = \frac{7}{4}\xi \left(u\frac{\partial u}{\partial\xi} - v\frac{\partial f}{\partial\xi}\right)$$
(23)

$$\frac{t'}{\Pr} + \frac{7}{4}ft = \frac{7}{4}\xi \left(u\frac{\partial s}{\partial\xi} - t\frac{\partial f}{\partial\xi}\right)$$
(24)

where primes denote differentiation with respect to  $\eta$ . In terms of the dependent variables, the boundary conditions (16) become:

At 
$$\eta = 0, f = 0, f' = S_f f''(0), \theta = 1 + S_T \theta'(0)$$
  
As  $\eta \to \infty, f' \to 0, \theta \to 0$  (25)

A two-dimensional computational mesh (grid) is imposed on the  $\xi$ - $\eta$  plane as shown in **Fig.2**. The stepping process is defined by:

$$\eta_0 = 0, \eta_j = \eta_{j-1} + h_j, j = 1, 2, ..., J, \eta_J \equiv \eta_\infty$$
(26)

$$\xi^{0} = 0, \ \xi^{n} = \xi^{n-1} + k_{n}, \ n = 1, 2, ..., N$$
<sup>(27)</sup>

where  $k_n$  and  $h_j$  denote the step distances in the  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  directions respectively.



Fig. 2 Keller Box element and boundary layer mesh

If  $g_j^n$  denotes the value of any variable at  $(\eta_j, \xi^n)$ , then the variables and derivatives of Equations. (20) – (24) at  $(\eta_{j-1/2}, \xi^{n-1/2})$  are replaced by:

$$g_{j-1/2}^{n-1/2} = \frac{1}{4} \left( g_j^n + g_{j-1}^n + g_j^{n-1} + g_{j-1}^{n-1} \right)$$
(28)

$$\left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial \eta}\right)_{j-1/2}^{n-1/2} = \frac{1}{2h_j} \left(g_j^n - g_{j-1}^n + g_j^{n-1} - g_{j-1}^{n-1}\right)$$
(29)

$$\left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial \xi}\right)_{j=1/2}^{n-1/2} = \frac{1}{2k^n} \left(g_j^n - g_{j-1}^n + g_j^{n-1} - g_{j-1}^{n-1}\right)$$
(30)

The finite-difference approximation of equations. (20) – (24) for the mid-point  $(\eta_{j-1/2}, \xi^n)$  assume the form given below:

$$h_j^{-1}\left(f_j^n - f_{j-1}^n\right) = u_{j-1/2}^n \tag{31}$$

$$h_j^{-1}\left(u_j^n - u_{j-1}^n\right) = v_{j-1/2}^n$$
(32)

$$h_j^{-1}\left(s_j^n - s_{j-1}^n\right) = t_{j-1/2}^n \tag{33}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_{j} - v_{j-1} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{We}{2} \begin{pmatrix} v_{j} + v_{j-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_{j} - v_{j-1} \end{pmatrix} + (1+\alpha) \frac{7h_{j}}{16} \Big[ (f_{j} + f_{j-1}) (v_{j} + v_{j-1}) \Big] - \frac{(2+7\alpha)h_{j}}{16} (u_{j} + u_{j-1})^{2} - \frac{Mh_{j}}{2} (u_{j} + u_{j-1}) + \frac{h_{j}}{2} (s_{j} + s_{j-1}) - \frac{7\alpha h_{j}}{8} f_{j-1/2}^{n-1} (v_{j} + v_{j-1}) + \frac{7\alpha h_{j}}{8} v_{j-1/2}^{n-1} (f_{j} + f_{j-1}) = [R_{1}]_{j-1/2}^{n-1}$$
(34)

$$\frac{1}{\Pr} (t_{j} - t_{j-1}) + (1 + \alpha) \frac{7h_{j}}{16} \Big[ (f_{j} + f_{j-1}) (t_{j} + t_{j-1}) \Big] 
- \frac{7\alpha h_{j}}{16} \Big[ (u_{j} + u_{j-1}) (s_{j} + s_{j-1}) \Big] + \frac{7\alpha h_{j}}{8} s_{j-1/2}^{n-1} (u_{j} + u_{j-1}) 
- \frac{7\alpha h_{j}}{8} u_{j-1/2}^{n-1} (s_{j} + s_{j-1}) - \frac{7\alpha h_{j}}{8} f_{j-1/2}^{n-1} (t_{j} + t_{j-1}) 
+ \frac{7\alpha h_{j}}{8} t_{j-1/2}^{n-1} (f_{j} + f_{j-1}) = [R_{2}]_{j-1/2}^{n-1}$$
(35)

Here the following abbreviations apply:

$$\alpha = \frac{\xi^{n-1/2}}{k_n} \tag{36}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_1 \end{bmatrix}_{j=1/2}^{n-1} = -h_j \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{v_j - v_{j-1}}{h_j}\right) + W_e v_{j-1} v_{j-1/2}' + \left(\frac{7\alpha - 2}{4}\right) \left(u_{j-1/2}\right)^2 \\ + \frac{7}{4} \left(1 - \alpha\right) \left(f_{j-1/2} v_{j-1/2}\right) + \left(s_{j-1/2}\right) - M\left(u_{j-1/2}\right) \end{bmatrix}$$
(37)

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_2 \end{bmatrix}_{j=1/2}^{n-1} = -h_j \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\Pr} \left( \frac{t_j - t_{j-1}}{h_j} \right) + \frac{7}{4} \alpha \left( u_{j-1/2} s_{j-1/2} \right) \\ + \frac{7}{4} \left( 1 - \alpha \right) \left( f_{j-1/2} t_{j-1/2} \right) \end{bmatrix}$$
(38)

The boundary conditions take the form:

$$f_0^n = u_0^n = 0, \theta_0^n = 1, u_J^n = 0, v_J^n = 0, \theta_J^n = 0$$
(39)

The emerging non-linear system of algebraic equations is *linearized* by means of Newton's method and then solved by the *block-elimination* method. The accuracy of computations is influenced by the number of mesh points in both directions. After experimenting with various grid sizes in the  $\eta$ -direction (radial coordinate) a larger number of mesh points are selected whereas in the  $\xi$  direction (tangential coordinate) significantly less mesh points are utilized.  $\eta_{max}$  has been set at 10 and this defines a sufficiently large value at which the prescribed boundary conditions are satisfied.  $\xi_{max}$  is set at 1.0 for this flow domain. *Mesh independence* is therefore achieved in the present computations. The computer program of the algorithm is executed in **MATLAB** running on a PC.

# 4. VALIDATION OF KELLER BOX SOLUTIONS

The present Keller box solutions have been validated for the special case of non-magnetic (M = 0) Newtonian flow (We = 0) in the absence of thermal and partial slip ( $S_f = S_T = 0$ ). This case was considered earlier by Alam et al. (2007). Furthermore, when non-uniform surface temperature is ignored in the model of Hossain and Paul (2001) in addition to prescribing  $M=We=S_f=S_T=0$  in the present model, it is also possible to make a comparison as the momentum equation and boundary conditions assume the following reduced form:

$$f''' + \frac{7}{4}ff'' - \frac{1}{2}f'^2 + \theta = \xi \left(f'\frac{\partial f'}{\partial \xi} - f''\frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi}\right)$$
(40)

At  $\eta = 0$ ; f = 0; f' = 0,  $\theta = 1$ At  $\eta \rightarrow \infty$ :  $f' \rightarrow 0$ ;  $\theta \rightarrow 0$ .

The energy equation (15) is identical to that considered in Alam *et al.* (2007). The comparison of solutions is documented in **Table 1**. Excellent correlation is achieved and confidence in the present solutions is therefore justifiably high.

**Table. 1** Comparison values of  $f''(\xi, 0)$  and  $-\theta'(\xi, 0)$  for various values of  $\xi$ .

	$f''(\xi$	5,0)	$- heta'(\xi,0)$		
ξ	Alam et al. (2007)	Present Solutions	Alam et al. (2007)	Present Solutions	
0	0.891936	0.891940	0.420508	0.420502	
0.5	0.896407	0.896403	0.620748	0.620744	
1.0	0.856963	0.856965	0.848025	0.848030	
1.5	0.779210	0.779211	1.129365	1.129369	
2.0	0.674111	0.674110	1.441742	1.441747	
3.0	0.434152	0.434151	2.202662	2.202661	

### 5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Extensive computations have been conducted using the Keller box code to study the influence of the key thermo-physical parameters on velocity, temperature, skin friction and Nusselt number. These are visualized in **figs. 3a-b** to **8a-b** and **tables 2-3**.

**Figs 3a-b** illustrate the influence of Weissenberg number (*We*) on velocity and temperature profiles. We arises only in the momentum eqn. (14) in the mixed derivative Wef f'f'''. Weissenberg number (*We*) measures the relative effects of viscosity to elasticity. Weissenberg number of zero corresponds to a purely **Me** wtonian fluid, and infinite

Weissenberg number corresponds to a purely elastic solid. Intermediate values correlate quite well with actual polymeric viscoelastic properties. With increasing *We*, there is a general increase through the boundary layer in velocity magnitudes. The boundary layer flow is therefore accelerated as viscous effects are depleted since resistance to the flow is reduced.

The momentum boundary layer is therefore depleted with greater Weissenberg number. We note that in fig. 3a the magnetic body force parameter, M, is set at unity implying that the Lorentzian magnetic drag and viscous hydrodynamic force are of the same magnitude. Fig. 3b shows that a consistent elevation is computed in temperature of the viscoelastic fluid with greater values of Weissenberg number, We. The acceleration in the flow aids in momentum development which also assists in thermal diffusion, leading to heating of the boundary layer. Thermal boundary layer thickness is therefore enhanced with increasing We values i.e. decreasing viscosity and increasing elastic effects. Effectively therefore Newtonian fluids (We = 0) achieve lower velocities and temperatures than Williamson fluids. Similar trends have been reported by Hayat et al. (2016) and Khan and Khan (2014).



Fig. 3 Effect of We on (a) velocity profiles and (b) temperature profiles

Figs. 4a-b depict the evolution in velocity and temperature characteristics with transverse coordinate i.e. normal to the vertical cone surface for various Prandtl numbers. Pr. Relatively high values of Pr are considered since these physically correspond to industrial polymers (2004). Prandtl number embodies the ratio of momentum diffusivity to thermal diffusivity in the boundary layer regime. It also represents the ratio of the product of specific heat capacity and dynamic viscosity, to the fluid thermal conductivity. For polymers momentum diffusion rate greatly exceeds thermal diffusion rate. The low values of thermal conductivity in most polymers also result in a high Prandtl number. With increasing Pr from 7 to 100 there is evidently a substantial deceleration in boundary layer flow i.e. a thickening in the momentum boundary layer (fig. 4a). The effect is most prominent close to the vertical cone surface. Also fig. 4b shows that with greater Prandtl number the temperature values are strongly decreased throughout the boundary layer transverse to the vertical cone surface. Thermal boundary layer thickness is therefore significantly reduced. The asymptotically smooth profiles in the free stream (high  $\eta$  values) confirm that an adequately large infinity boundary condition has been imposed in the Keller box numerical code.



Fig. 4 Effect of Pr on (a) velocity profiles and (b) temperature profiles

Figs. 5a-b present the evolution in velocity and temperature functions with a variation in magnetic body force parameter (M). The radial magnetic field generates a transverse retarding body force. This decelerates the boundary layer flow and velocities are therefore reduced as observed in fig. 5a. The momentum development in the viscoelastic coating can therefore be controlled using a radial magnetic field. The effect is prominent throughout the boundary layer from the cone surface to the free stream. Momentum (hydrodynamic) boundary layer thickness is therefore increased with greater magnetic field. Fig. 5b shows that the temperature is strongly enhanced with greater magnetic parameter. The excess work expended in dragging the polymer against the action of the magnetic field is dissipated as thermal energy (heat). This energizes the boundary layer and increases thermal boundary layer thickness. Again the influence of magnetic field is sustained throughout the entire boundary layer domain. These results concur with other investigations of magnetic non-Newtonian heat transfer including Kasim et al. (2013) and Megahed (2010).



Fig. 5 Effect of *M* on (a) velocity profiles and (b) temperature profiles

**Figs. 6a-b** illustrate the impact of the momentum (hydrodynamic) slip parameter  $(S_f)$  on the velocity and temperature distributions. Near the cone surface there is a distinct elevation in velocity with greater momentum slip effect.  $S_f$  features in the velocity

wall boundary condition in eqn. (16) i.e.  $f'(0)=S_f f''(0)$ . With increasing values of  $S_f$  the polymer slips i.e. shears more easily against the cone surface. This boosts momentum in the boundary layer and accelerates the flow (fig. 6a). However, with progressive penetration into the boundary layer, this effect is reversed (as expected) and the flow is decelerated with greater momentum slip further from the cone surface.

The velocity slip effect is strongest at the cone surface ( $\eta = 0$ ). A similar observation has been made by Yarin and Graham (1998) and also by Jamil and Khan (2011). The momentum slip effect is prominent and substantially modifies the velocity growth structure. Temperature is conversely reduced consistently throughout the boundary layer with greater momentum slip. The viscoelastic polymer is therefore cooled with wall momentum slip and this reduces thermal boundary layer thickness. The implication is therefore that with an absence of velocity slip in mathematical models, temperature is overpredicted (the maximum value corresponds to  $S_f = 0$ ). It is therefore important in more realistic simulations of polymer coating dynamics to incorporate wall slip effects.



**Fig. 6** Effect of  $S_f$  on (a) velocity profiles and (b) temperature profiles

**Figs. 7a-b** present the response in velocity and temperature distributions to a modification in the thermal jump (slip) parameter ( $S_T$ ). A marked depletion in velocity (fig. 7a) accompanies an increase in

thermal slip effect and this trend is sustained throughout the boundary layer. The thermal slip parameter indirectly influences the momentum field via coupling to the energy equation (thermal slip is only simulated in the wall thermal boundary condition in eqn. 16). With greater thermal slip, there is also a very profound depletion in temperature at the cone surface and in close proximity to it (fig. 7b). However, this effect weakens considerably with further distance from the cone surface and is effectively eliminated before reaching the free stream. Temperature profiles decay from a maximum at the cone surface to the free stream. All profiles converge at a large value of transverse coordinate, again showing that a sufficiently large infinity boundary condition has been utilized in the numerical computations. Again the absence of thermal slip achieves higher temperatures indicating that without this modification in the thermal boundary condition at the wall (cone surface) the temperature is over-predicted, which can be critical to heat treatment of polymeric coatings (2015).



**Fig. 7** Effect of  $S_T$  on (a) velocity profiles and (b) temperature profiles

**Figs. 8a-b** illustrate the influence of the stream wise (tangential) coordinate,  $\xi$ , on the velocity and temperature distributions. A weak deceleration in the boundary layer flow is experienced with greater  $\xi$ , as shown in fig. 8a. Momentum boundary layer thickness is therefore increased marginally with  $\xi$  values. Conversely a weak

enhancement in temperature is computed in fig. 8b, with increasing  $\xi$  values. Thermal boundary layer thickness is increased therefore as we progress from the lower stagnation point on the cone surface around the cone periphery upwards.



**Fig. 8** Effect of  $\xi$  on (a) velocity profiles and (b) temperature profiles

Table 2-3. Illustrate the skin friction and Nusselt number distributions with various values of momentum slip parameter  $(S_f)$  and thermal slip effect  $(S_T)$ . A marked depreciation in skin friction is observed with greater momentum slip. Conversely a strong elevation in Nusselt number is generated with greater momentum slip effect. The momentum slip effect is consistent for all values of stream wise parameter ( $\xi$ ). The influence of momentum (hydrodynamic) slip is nontrivial and demonstrates that a sizeable modification in surface thermofluid characteristics is induced with slip and indeed that the methodology employed to simulate it quite realistically simulates real macroscopic effects of certain molecular phenomena at polymer/solid interfaces. Both skin friction and Nusselt number are strongly reduced with an increase thermal slip  $(S_T)$ . The boundary layer is therefore decelerated and heated with stronger thermal slip. With thermal slip absent therefore the skin friction is maximized at the cone surface. The inclusion of thermal slip, which is encountered in various slippy

polymer flows, is therefore important in more physically realistic simulations.

Table. 2 Values of	of $f''$	$(\xi, 0)$	for different	$S_{f}$	, $S_T$ and	٤
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G	S <sub>T</sub>	$f''(\xi,0)$			
$\boldsymbol{\delta}_{f}$		$\xi = 1.0$	$\xi{=}2.0$	$\xi = 3.0$	
0.0		0.3473	0.4415	0.4506	
0.1		0.3376	0.4280	0.4344	
0.2		0.3280	0.4144	0.4182	
0.3	1.0	0.3183	0.4009	0.4020	
0.5		0.2989	0.3738	0.3694	
0.8		0.2699	0.3330	0.3204	
1.0		0.2504	0.3058	0.2876	
	0.0	0.3382	0.4241	0.4218	
	0.5	0.3187	0.3991	0.3957	
0.5	1.5	0.2790	0.3481	0.3427	
0.5	2.0	0.2587	0.3222	0.3157	
	2.5	0.2381	0.2958	0.2884	
	3.0	0.2172	0.2690	0.2606	

**Table. 3** Values of  $-\theta'(\xi, 0)$  for different  $S_f, S_T$  and  $\xi$ 

$S_{f}$	$S_T$	$- heta'(\xi,0)$				
		$\xi = 1.0$	$\xi = 2.0$	$\xi = 3.0$		
0.0		0.6521	0.5687	0.4466		
0.1	1.0	0.6641	0.5795	0.4554		
0.2		0.6761	0.5904	0.4638		
0.3		0.6883	0.6013	0.4727		
0.5		0.7125	0.6234	0.4904		
0.8		0.7492	0.6563	0.5173		
1.0		0.7726	0.6786	0.5351		
	0.0	0.8421	0.7374	0.5814		
	0.5	0.7767	0.6798	0.5355		
0.5	1.5	0.6494	0.5678	0.4462		
0.5	2.0	0.5875	0.5134	0.4029		
	2.5	0.5272	0.4601	0.3607		
	3.0	0.4680	0.4080	0.3194		

Tables 4-5, presents the influence of magnetic parameter (M) and Weissenberg number (We), on skin friction and Nusselt number, along with a variation in the Prandtl number (Pr). A significant depletion is caused in skin friction with greater magnetic field, which corresponds to a retardation of the boundary layer flow. The maximum skin friction therefore is achieved only in the absence of a radial magnetic field i.e. M = 0. For M < 1, the magnetic body force is exceeded by the viscous hydrodynamic force in the regime. For M > 1the contrary is the case. The reduction in Nusselt number with greater M values implies that the transfer of heat from the boundary layer to the wall (cone surface) is reduced. This physically indicates therefore that greater heat is conveyed away from the cone surface to the fluid which explains the higher temperatures associated with strong magnetic field in the earlier computations. Magnetic field is therefore a potent mechanism for controlling thermal and velocity characteristics in electrically-conducting polymer dynamics. With progressively greater We values the elasticity in the polymer is increased. This aids in

momentum development and accelerates the boundary layer flow. The Weissenberg number indicates the degree of anisotropy or orientation generated by the deformation, and is appropriate to describe flows with a constant stretch history, and therefore appropriate for polymers. A strong reduction in Nusselt number arises with an elevation in Weissenberg number i.e. heat is transferred from the cone surface to the boundary layer, wherein temperature (and thermal boundary layer thickness) are found to be enhanced with Wiessenberg number. The cone surface is therefore effectively cooled with greater Weissenberg numbers. Increasing Prandtl number (Pr) reduces skin friction but enhances heat transfer rate (Nusselt number) and furthermore provide benchmarks against which other researchers may validate extensions of the present model.

**Table. 4** Values of  $f''(\xi, 0)$  for different values of *We*, *M* and Pr

117	М	$f''(\xi,0)$				
we		Pr = 7	Pr = 10	Pr = 20	Pr = 25	
0.0		0.2960	0.2730	0.2294	0.2157	
0.5		0.3008	0.2769	0.2316	0.2176	
1.0	1.0	0.3049	0.2803	0.2341	0.2198	
2.0	1.0	0.3122	0.2864	0.2382	0.2234	
3.0		0.3185	0.2916	0.2417	0.2265	
4.0		0.3240	0.2964	0.2449	0.2294	
	0.0	0.3760	0.3444	0.2870	0.2698	
	0.5	0.3302	0.3029	0.2529	0.2376	
0.3	1.0	0.2989	0.2753	0.2308	0.2170	
0.5	2.0	0.2538	0.2352	0.1988	0.1872	
	3.0	0.2203	0.2052	0.1745	0.1645	
	4.0	0.1936	0.1809	0.1546	0.1457	

**Table. 5** Values of  $-\theta'(\xi, 0)$  for different values of We, M and Pr

117	М	$- heta'(\xi,0)$				
we		Pr = 7	Pr = 10	Pr = 20	Pr = 25	
0.0		0.7145	0.8098	1.0370	1.1239	
0.5		0.7104	0.8063	1.0322	1.1190	
1.0	1.0	0.7072	0.8028	1.0289	1.1158	
2.0		0.7012	0.7966	1.0226	1.1095	
3.0		0.6961	0.7912	1.0168	1.1036	
4.0		0.6917	0.7865	1.0117	1.0986	
	0.0	0.8013	0.9019	1.1364	1.2267	
	0.5	0.7497	0.8463	1.0747	1.1628	
03	1.0	0.7125	0.8089	1.0330	1.1213	
0.5	2.0	0.6568	0.7512	0.9736	1.0593	
	3.0	0.6144	0.7072	0.9277	1.0122	
	4.0	0.5799	0.6710	0.8902	0.9735	

#### 6. CONCLUSIONS

Motivated by applications in thermal processing of magnetic polymers in coating systems, a mathematical model has been developed for the magneto-hydrodynamic flow and heat transfer in an electroconductive viscoelastic Williamson fluid from a vertical permeable cone body under radial magnetic field. To simulate slippery polymer

interfacial effects, both thermal and momentum slip have been incorporated into the model. The normalized, nonlinear twodimensional, steady state boundary layer equations for momentum and heat (energy) have been solved with a finite difference scheme, with verification of computational accuracy demonstrated via benchmarking with earlier non-magnetic, no slip, Newtonian solutions in the literature. The present computations have shown that increasing Weissenberg number accelerates the near-wall flow and also increases temperatures (i.e reduces Nusselt number). Stronger magnetic parameter serves to decelerate the flow and to elevate temperatures i.e. decreases Nusselt numbers. With greater momentum slip the flow is accelerated near the cone surface whereas temperatures are depressed i.e. Nusselt numbers are increased. With greater thermal slip surface skin friction and Nusselt number are both significantly suppressed. The present work has ignored transient and porous medium effects in viscoelastic flow (2010) which will be considered in the future.

# NOMENCLATURE

Α	Half angle of the cone
$B_0$	externally imposed radial magnetic field
$C_f$	skin friction coefficient
f	non-dimensional steam function
Gr	Grashof number
g	acceleration due to gravity
k	thermal conductivity of fluid
$K_0$	thermal jump factor
Nu	local Nusselt number
М	magnetic body force parameter
Pr	Prandtl number
$N_0$	velocity (momentum) slip factor
$S_f$	non-dimensional velocity slip parameter
$\check{S_T}$	non-dimensional thermal jump parameter
Т	temperature
и, v	non-dimensional velocity components along the x- and y-
	directions, respectively
We	Weissenberg (viscoelasticity) number
x	stream wise coordinate
у	transverse coordinate

Greek Symbols

α	thermal diffusivity
$\beta$	coefficient of thermal expansion
$\eta$	dimensionless transverse coordinate
V	kinematic viscosity
$\theta$	non-dimensional temperature
ho	density of viscoelastic fluid
$\sigma$	electrical conductivity of viscoelastic fluid
ξ	dimensionless steam wise coordinate
Ψ	dimensionless stream function
Γ	time-dependent material constant

#### *Subscripts*

w	conditions on the wall
$\infty$	Free stream conditions

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