



# Multi-Phase Nano Fluid Natural Convection in A Partially Divided Cavity for Cooling of Radioactive Waste Containers

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**Abstract:** The innovation of this investigation is fins arrangement effects on Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-water Nano fluid natural convection in a partially divided cavity for energy storage systems and cooling of radioactive waste containers. Simulation of fluid velocity and temperature fields done based on the Lattice Boltzmann Model using the D2Q9 and D2Q5 methods, respectively. Streamline, isotherm, Nusselt number, velocity and temperature fields have been studied for different shapes of fins. In this investigation, we surveyed 4 shape of fins that arranged in three cases; case 1:  $y_L=0.25 L$ ,  $y_R=0.75 L$ , case 2:  $y_L=0.5 L$ ,  $y_R=0.5 L$  and Case 3:  $y_L=0.75 L$ ,  $y_R=0.25 L$ . The results illustrated, assuming case 2:  $y_L=0.5 L$ ,  $y_R=0.5 L$  is base case, so with changing arrangement of fins for case 1:  $y_L=0.25 L$ ,  $y_R=0.75 L$ , rate percentage of average Nusselt number for cavities arranged with rectangular, circle, vertical and horizontal Ellipse fins were %26, %8, %4 and %8, respectively. Furthermore, with changing arrangement of fins to case 3:  $y_L=0.75 L$ ,  $y_R=0.25 L$ , these percentages were %62, %24, %14 and %22.

**Keywords:** Fins shape effects, fins arrangement effects, lattice Boltzmann method, multi-phase Nano fluid, natural convection, partially divided cavity

## 1. Introduction

Multi-phase Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-water Nano fluid natural convection with fins arrangement effects in a partially divided cavity practically investigated for energy storage systems and cooling of radioactive waste containers. So, experimentally, numerically or analytically results represented as follows.

researchers performed the investigation with periodic boundary conditions in the direction of developed flow with the production of hydrodynamic and heat source [1, 2]. Scholars Investigated the hybrid natural convection heat transfer between saturated fluid in porous media with thermal surfaces [3, 4]. researchers solved internal flow problem involving fluid-solid hybrid natural convection heat transfer with new compressible particle hydrodynamics method [5, 6]. Scientists modeled hybrid natural convection heat transfer on steam Reforming of Ethanol (SRE) to produce hydrogen in a micro-channel system [7, 8]. Scholars simulated coupled hybrid natural convection heat transfer and heat generation in open-cell ceramic foams used in a turbulent system with constant temperature of surface [9, 10]. researchers analyzed the high-temperature behavior in a double-pipe heat exchanger filled with open-cell porous foam [11, 12]. Scientists analyzed in-tube thermodynamic development on incomplete and complete condensation inside finned tube condensers [13, 14]. researchers investigated experimentally and numerically, hybrid natural convection heat transfer and overall

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cooling effectiveness of a vane end surface for a high-pressure turbine [15, 16]. Scientists modeled hybrid natural convection heat transfer characteristics of the cryo-supersonic air-quenching on collocated curvilinear grids [17]. Recently, authors numerically and experimentally simulated hybrid natural convection Nano fluid through a horizontal microchannel and fluid flow transitions of a heating element on the enclosure [18].

In the present study, a combination of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-water Nano fluid natural convection with fins arrangement effects in a partially divided cavity practically surveyed for energy storage systems and cooling of radioactive waste containers. The fluid velocity and temperature fields on the rectangular, Circle, vertical and horizontal Ellipse fins simulated based on the Lattice Boltzmann Model using the D2Q9 and D2Q5 methods, respectively in Matlab software.

Nomenclature	
$k_b$	Boltzmann constant
$C_i$	lattice velocity
$C_s$	speed of sound
$x, y$	coordinates (m)
$L$	dimensions of cavity (m)
$f_i$	particle density distribution function
$f_i^{eq}$	equilibrium particle density distribution function
$g_i$	particle energy distribution function
$g_i^{eq}$	equilibrium particle energy distribution function
$g_y$	gravitational acceleration (m/s <sup>2</sup> )
$n_1, n_2$	relaxation time constants
$Nu_m$	mean Nusselt number
$Nu_y$	local Nusselt number (h.x/k)
$d_s$	spherical particle diameter of the solid (m)
$d_f$	spherical particle diameter of the fluid (m)
$d_{nf}$	nanofluid spherical particle diameter (m)
$\omega_i$	lattice grade weight
$T_c$	temperature of the cold wall (K)
$T_h$	temperature of the hot wall (K)
$\alpha_{nf}$	nanofluid thermal diffusivity of the fluid (m <sup>2</sup> /s)
$\beta_{nf}$	nanofluid thermal expansion (1/K)
$\rho_{nf}$	nanofluid density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
$\mu_{nf}$	nanofluid dynamic viscosity (kg/m. s)

## 2. Problem Definition

In this paper, the multi-phase Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-water Nano fluid natural convection heat transfer in a partially divided cavity with arrangement of different shape of fins is presented. The flow and heat transfer characteristics are optimized with arrangement rectangular, Circle, vertical and horizontal Ellipse fins. The boundary conditions for the mentioned problem with multi-phase Nano fluid in a partially divided cavity L×L are illustrated in Fig. 1.

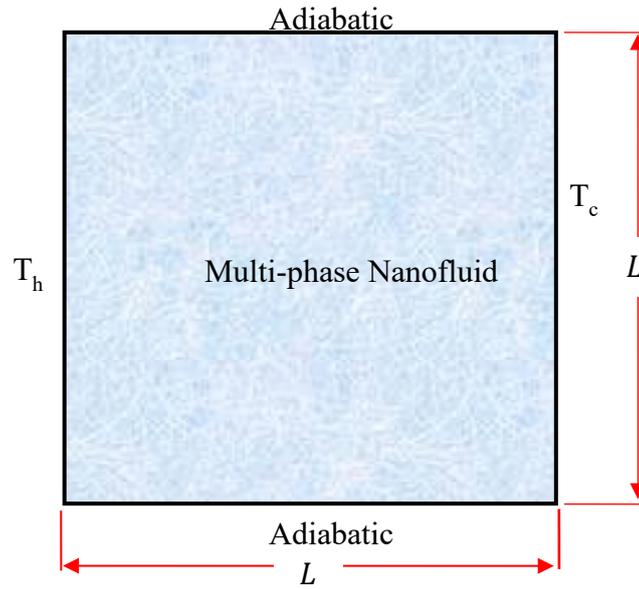
Hydrodynamic and temperature boundary conditions for incompressible flow in cavity, respectively are as follows:

$$\begin{cases} u = 0 \\ v = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{at} \quad \begin{cases} x = 0 & y = 0 \\ x = L & y = L \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$T = T_h \quad \text{at} \quad x = 0, \quad 0 < y < L$$

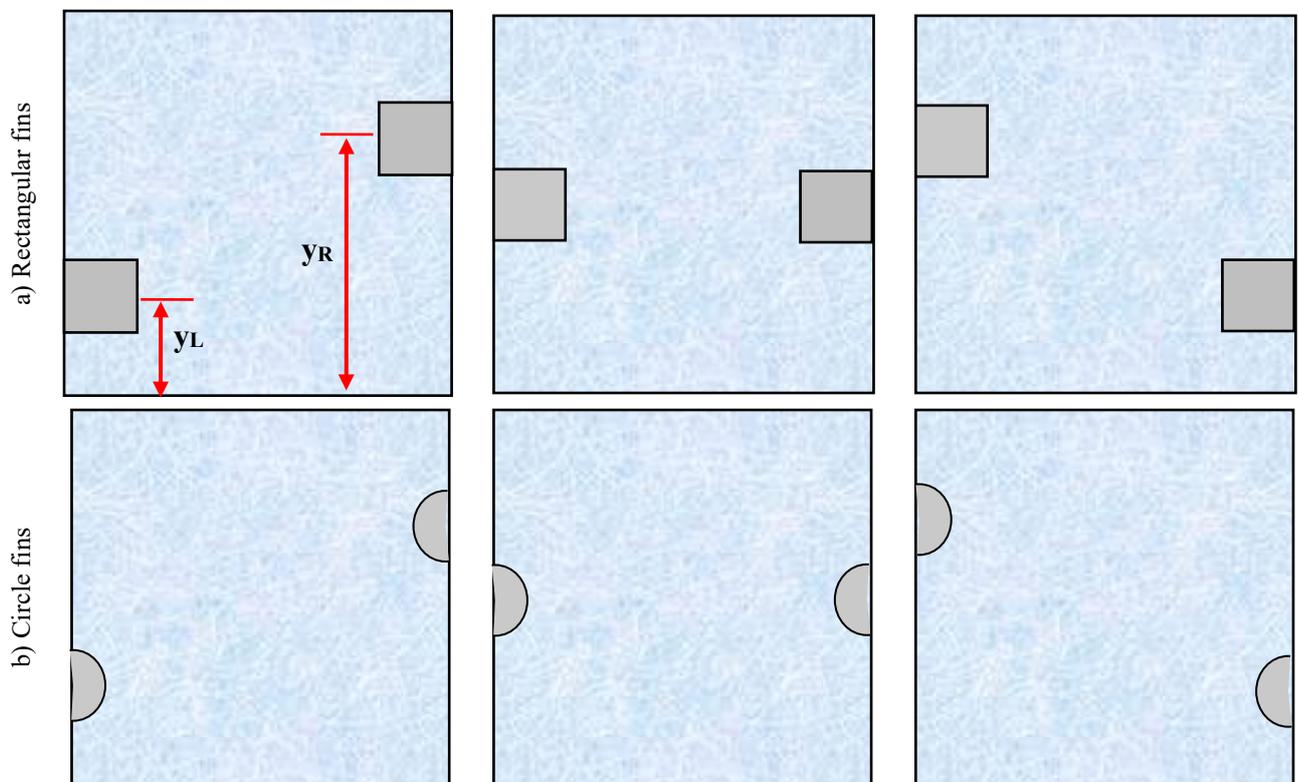
$$T = T_c \quad \text{at} \quad x = L, \quad 0 < y < L \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad y = 0, \quad y = L, \quad 0 < x < L$$



**Fig. 1 - Schematic of Nano fluid solid – fluid cavity**

In this investigation, we surveyed 4 shape of fins that arranged in three cases. Fig. 2 illustrated arrangement of rectangular, circle, vertical and horizontal ellipse fins in a partially divided cavity.



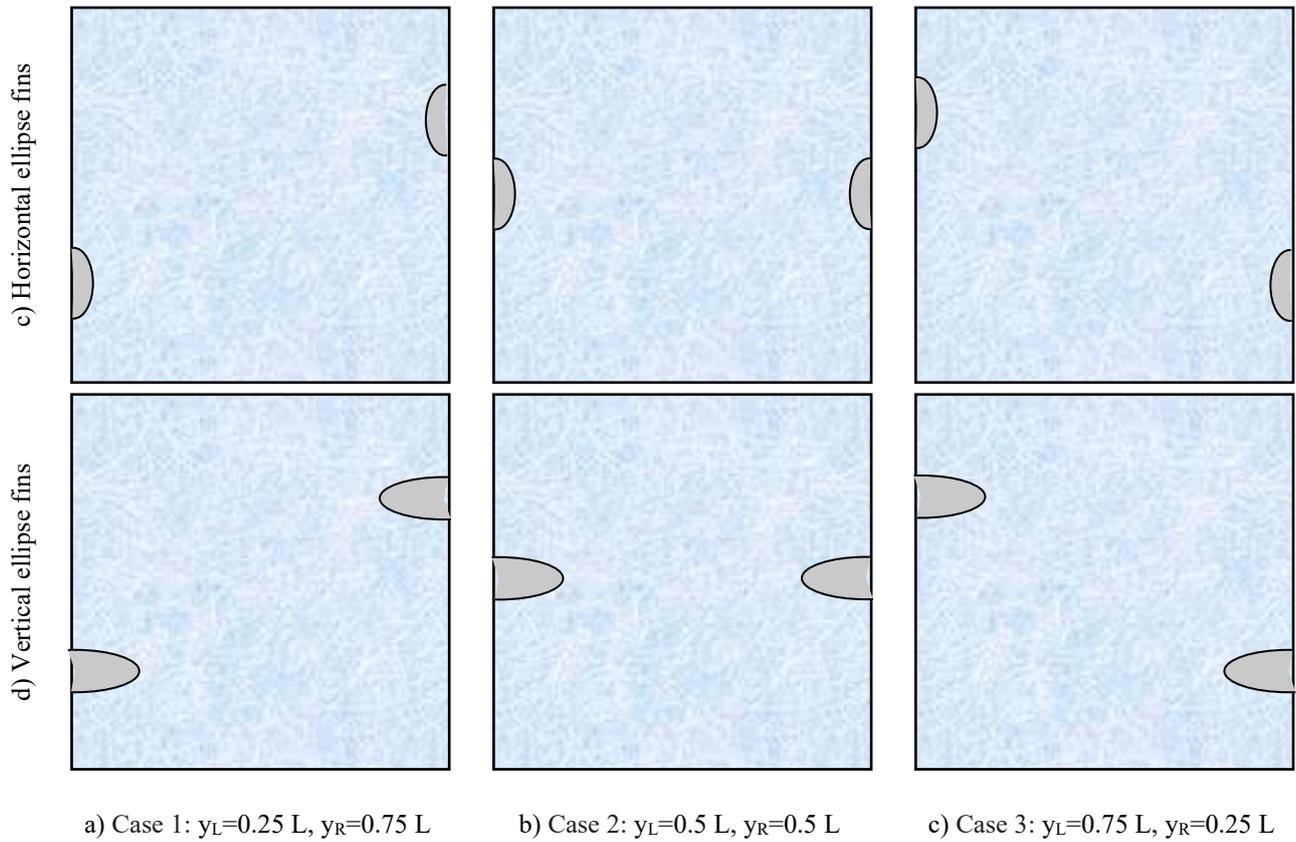


Fig. 2 - Schematics of different arrangement of fins in cavity

### 3. Simulation Methodology

#### 3.1 Lattice Boltzmann Method

The present study examined two-dimensional flow by a 2D square lattice with nine velocities (D2Q9 model) and five temperature vectors (D2Q5 model) for modeling velocity of fluid and temperature fields, respectively. The velocity vectors  $c_0 \dots c_8$ , of the D2Q9 model and temperature vectors  $c_0 \dots c_4$ , of the D2Q5 model are shown in Fig. 3.

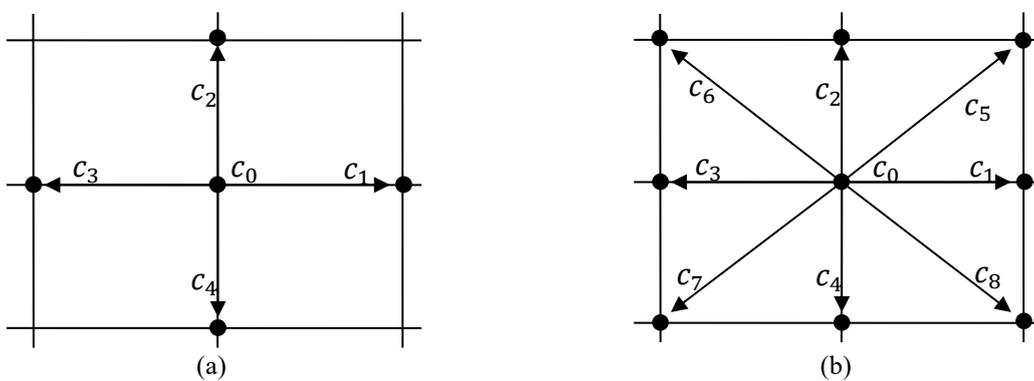


Fig. 3 - Two-dimensional vectors for (a) 5-temperature lattice; (b) 9-velocity lattice

The velocity and temperature vectors of the D2Q9 and D2Q5 models, respectively are represented in Table 1.

**Table 1 - Velocity and temperature vectors of the D2Q9 and D2Q5 models**

	<b>K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
D2Q9	$c_k$	(0,0)	(1,0)c	(0,1)c	(-1,0)c	(0,-1)c	(1,1)c	(-1,1)c	(-1,-1)c	(1,-1)c
D2Q5		(0,0)	(1,0)c	(-1,0)c	(0,1)c	(0,-1)c				

Where  $c = \Delta x/\Delta t$  and  $k$  is the Lattice velocity direction. The two-phase Boltzmann's equation for a Nano fluid can be expressed as follows [20]:

$$f_i^\sigma(x + e_i \Delta t, t + \Delta t) - f_i^\sigma(x, t) = -\frac{1}{\tau^\sigma} (f_i^\sigma(x, t) - f_i^{\sigma,eq}(x, t)) + \left(\frac{2\tau^\sigma - 1}{2\tau^\sigma}\right) \left(\frac{F_i^\sigma \cdot e_i \Delta t}{B_i c^2}\right) + \Delta t F_i \tag{3}$$

Where  $\sigma = 1, 2$  represent the base fluid and the nano-particle components of the nanofluid and  $\tau_f^\sigma$  is the relaxation time of component  $\sigma$ , respectively. The equilibrium density distribution functions of the  $\sigma$ th component,  $f_i^{\sigma,eq}$  for the current 2D application, based on D2Q9 model, are expressed as:

$$f_i^{\sigma,eq}(x,t) = \omega_i \rho^\sigma \left[ 1 + \frac{3e_i \cdot u^{\sigma,eq}}{c^2} + \frac{9(e_i \cdot u^{\sigma,eq})^2}{2c^4} - \frac{3(u^{\sigma,eq})^2}{2c^2} \right] \tag{4}$$

The weight of velocity factors of the D2Q9 model are represented in Table 2.

**Table 2 - Velocity vectors of the D2Q9 model**

<b>i</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
$\omega_i$	$\frac{4}{9}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{1}{36}$

The macroscopic density, kinematic viscosity and velocity of the  $\sigma$ th component are given by  $\rho^\sigma(x,t) = \sum_i f_i^\sigma(x,t)$ ,  $\nu^\sigma = \frac{2\tau_f^\sigma - 1}{6} c^2 \Delta t$  and  $u^\sigma = \sum_i f_i^\sigma(x,t) e_i$  respectively. so, the equilibrium velocities  $u^{\sigma,eq}$  is given as:

$$u^{\sigma,eq} = \frac{1}{\rho^\sigma} \sum_i f_i^\sigma e_i + \frac{F^\sigma \tau_f^\sigma \Delta t}{\rho^\sigma} \tag{5}$$

The energy equation for Nano fluid, based on D2Q9 model represented as:

$$g_i^\sigma(x + e_i \Delta t, t + \Delta t) - g_i^\sigma(x,t) = \frac{1}{\tau_\theta^\sigma} [g_i^{\sigma,eq}(x,t) - g_i^\sigma(x,t)] \tag{6}$$

The equilibrium energy based on D2Q9 model represented as:

$$g_i^{\sigma,eq} = \omega_i T^\sigma \left[ 1 + \frac{e_i \cdot u^{\sigma,eq}}{c^2} + \frac{9(e_i \cdot u^{\sigma,eq})^2}{2c^4} - \frac{3(u^{\sigma,eq})^2}{2c^2} \right], \tag{7}$$

The weight of temperature factors of the D2Q5 model are represented in Table 3.

**Table 3 - Velocity vectors of the D2Q5 model**

<b>i</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
$\omega_i$	$\frac{2}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$

Where  $g_i^\sigma$  is the  $i$ th energy distribution function and  $\tau_\theta^\sigma$  is the thermal relaxation time and  $T^\sigma = \sum_i g_i^\sigma$  is the temperature of the component  $\sigma$ . The corresponding thermal diffusivity is calculated as  $\alpha^\sigma = \frac{2\tau_\theta^\sigma - 1}{6} c^2 \Delta t$ . The buoyancy term is represented as:

$$F_H = \rho g \beta \Delta T \tag{8}$$

Where  $\beta$  is the thermal expansion coefficient and  $\Delta T$  is the temperature difference. Thermophoresis force is [19]:

$$F_T = 3\pi\mu d_p \left( 2A \frac{k}{2k + k_p} \frac{\mu}{\rho T} \right) \nabla T \tag{9}$$

Where  $A$  is the coefficient and  $(k, \mu, \rho)$  and  $(k_p)$  are thermophysical properties of Nano fluid and particles, respectively. The drag force is obtained from Stokes law for small particles as follows [19]:

$$F_D = 3\pi\mu d_p (V - V_p) \tag{10}$$

Brownian motion is the random motion and the Brownian force represented as [19]:

$$F_B = C \frac{KT}{R} \tag{11}$$

Where  $C$  is a coefficient,  $K$  is the Boltzmann constant. In this survey, we used  $Al_2O_3$  nanoparticles. So, Thermo-physical properties of  $Al_2O_3$  nanoparticles are represented in Table 4.

**Table 4 - Thermo-physical properties of water and  $Al_2O_3$  nanoparticles**

Material	$\rho$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	$C_P$ (J/kgK)	$k$ (W/mK)	$\beta \times 10^5$ (K <sup>-1</sup> )
Pure water	997.10	4179	0.61	21
Alumina ( $Al_2O_3$ )	3970	765	40	0.85

### 3.2 Parameters Specification

As an assessment way of natural convection problems, Nusselt number (Nu) is defined here by the temperature gradient as walls maintained at a constant temperature.

$$Nu_y = -\frac{H}{\Delta T} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)_{wall} \tag{12}$$

$$Nu_m = \frac{1}{H} \int_0^H Nu_y dy \tag{13}$$

### 3.3 Validation for LBM

Figs. 4 and table 5 represented comparison of the temperature and velocity profiles. According to Figs. 4 the present simulation had acceptable accuracy and good agreement with M. Eslamian [21] in  $Ra=10^4$  and  $Ra=10^6$ .

**Table 5 - Comparison of the results with previous work on the symmetry plane of  $x=0.5$**

Ra	$10^3$	$10^4$	$10^5$	$10^6$	$10^7$	$10^8$
Grid used	80×80	80×80	80×80	80×80	80×80	100×100
$Nu_m$ in present study	1.113	2.231	4.520	8.845	16.499	29.590
$Nu_m$ in Ref. [46]	1.108	2.252	4.596	8.822	16.424	29.094

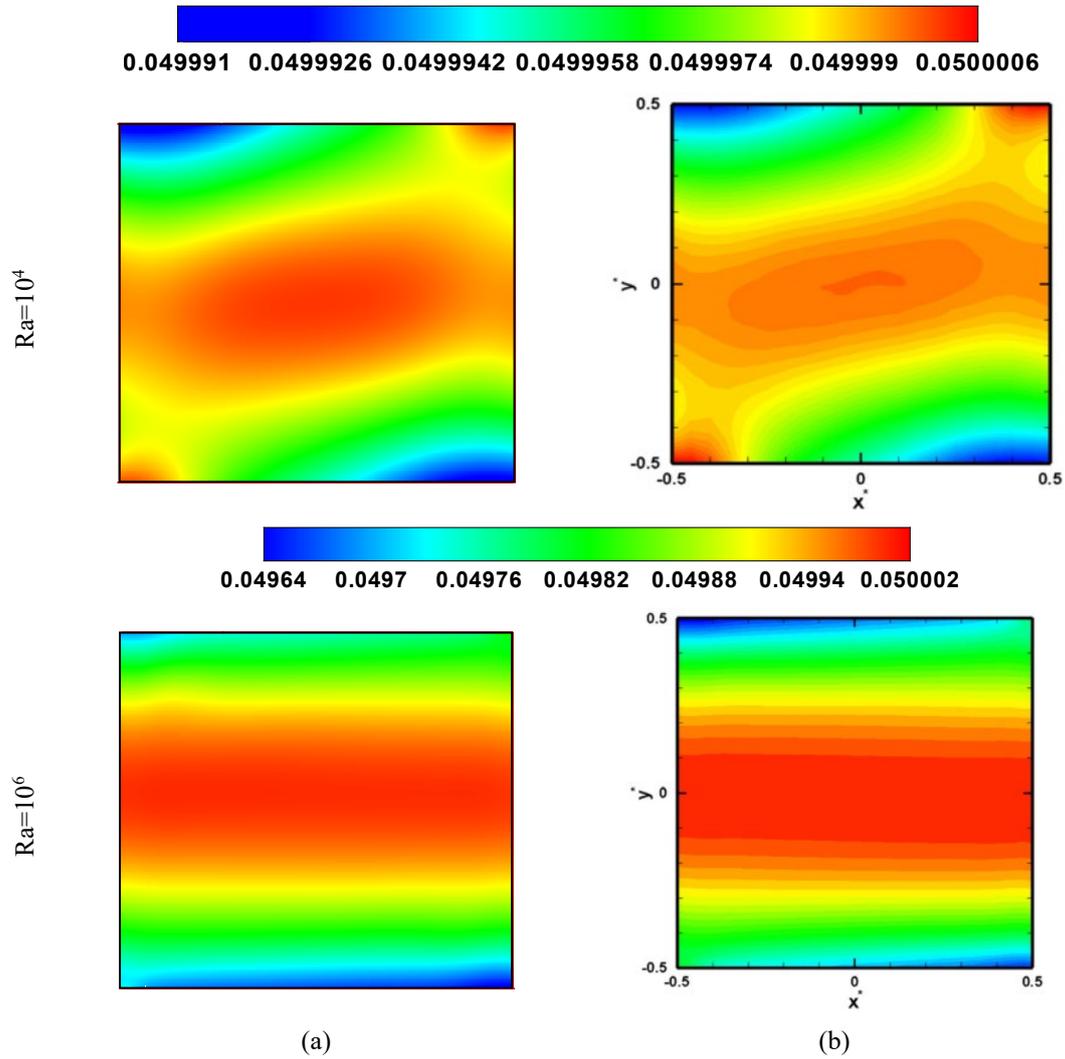
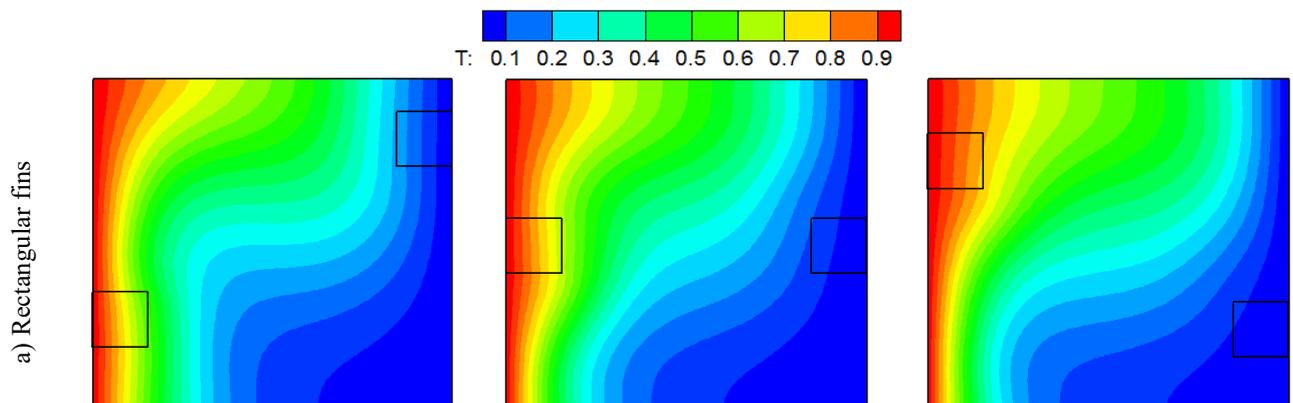
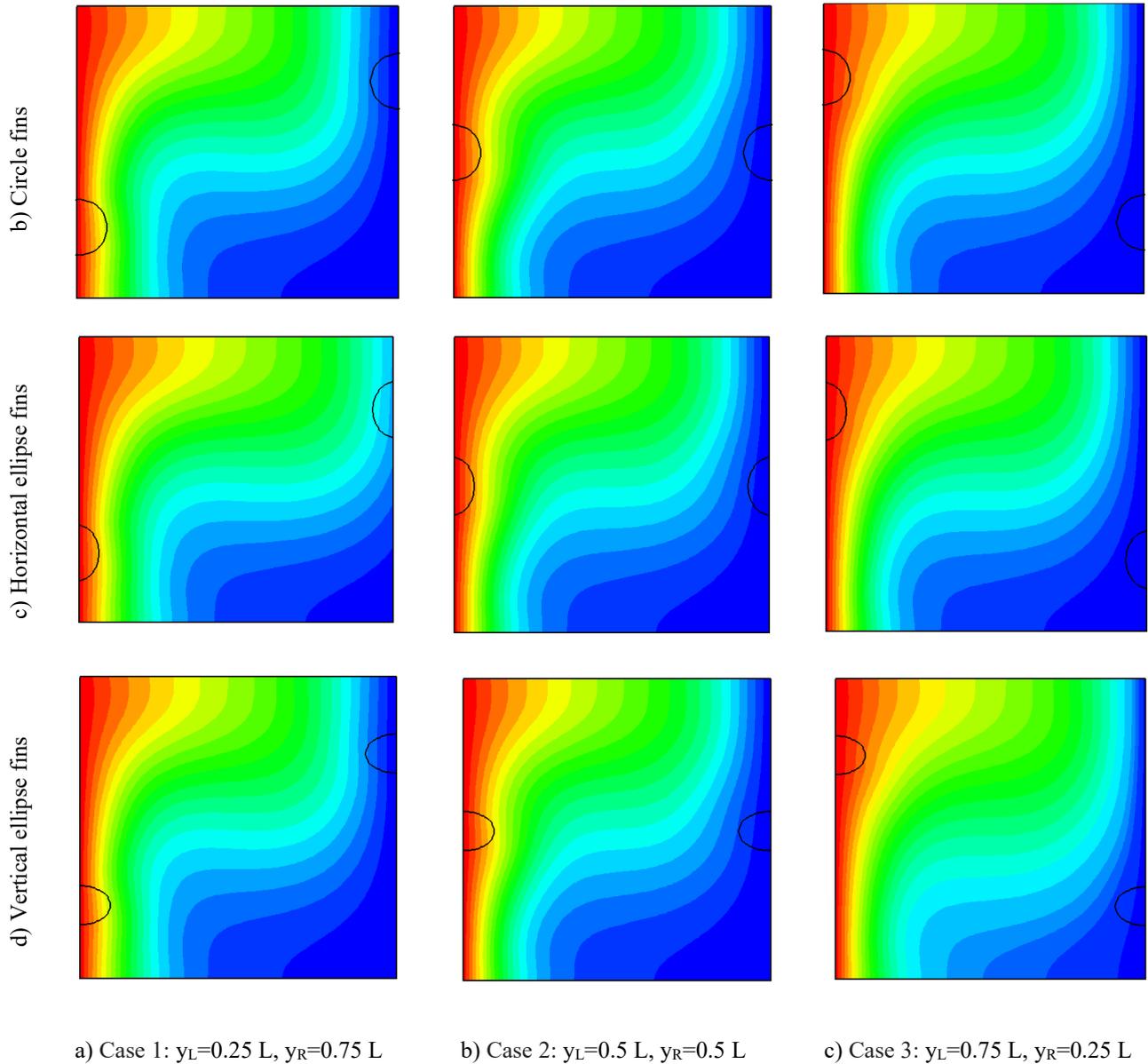


Fig. 4 - Nanoparticle volume fraction distribution at  $Ra=10^6$  in (a) present study; (b) Ref. [21]

#### 4. Results and Discussion

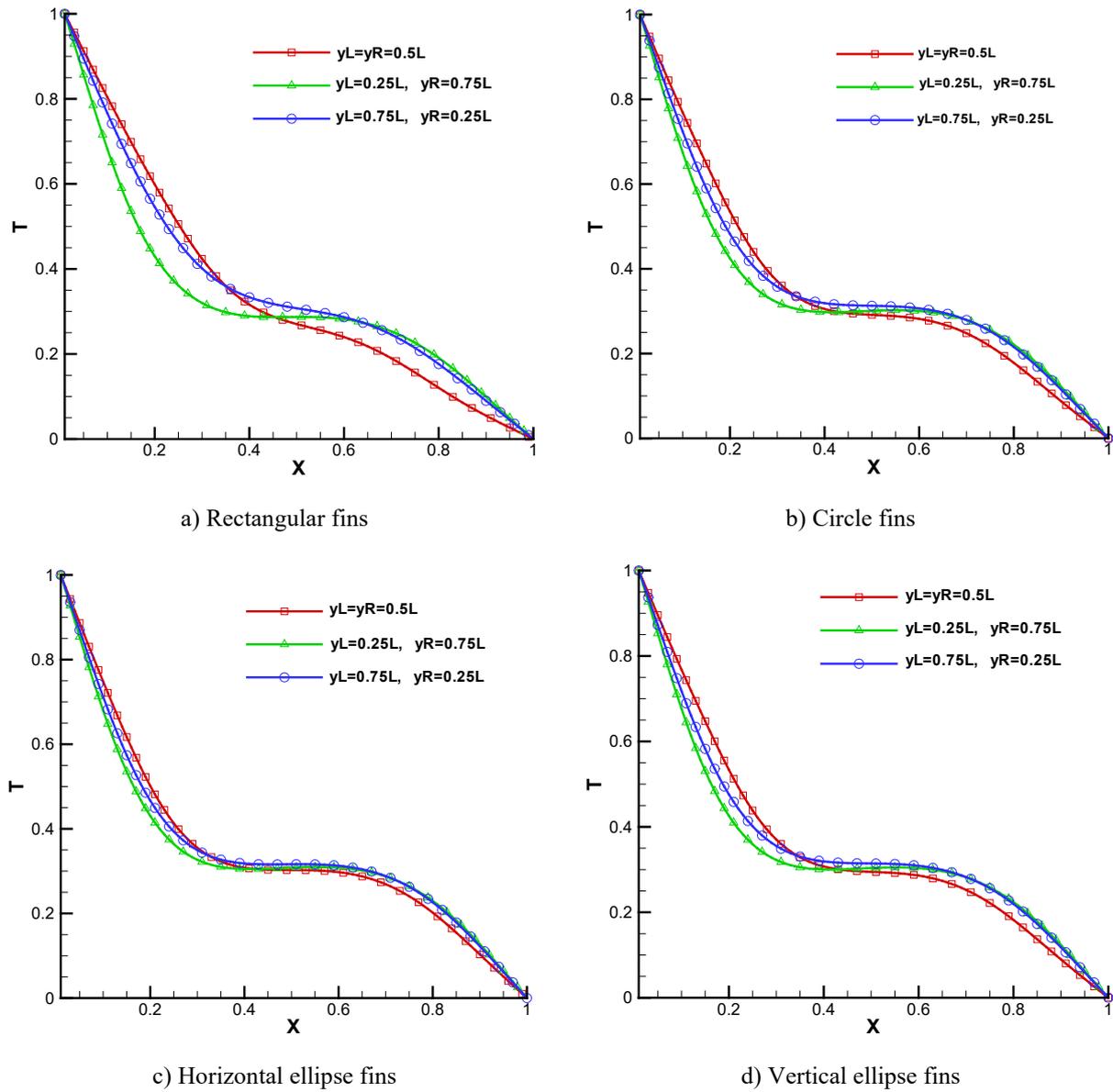
Fig. 5 illustrated in cavity arranged with rectangular, circle, vertical and horizontal Ellipse fins, temperature fields in case 2:  $y_L=0.5 L$ ,  $y_R=0.5 L$  are transferred more and faster than Case 3:  $y_L=0.75 L$ ,  $y_R=0.25 L$  and Case 1:  $y_L=0.25 L$ ,  $y_R=0.75 L$ , respectively. Also, temperature fields in cavity arranged with rectangular fins are transferred more and faster than cavity arranged with circle, vertical and horizontal Ellipse fins. Moreover, temperature fields in cavity arranged with vertical Ellipse fins are close to cavity with circle fins.





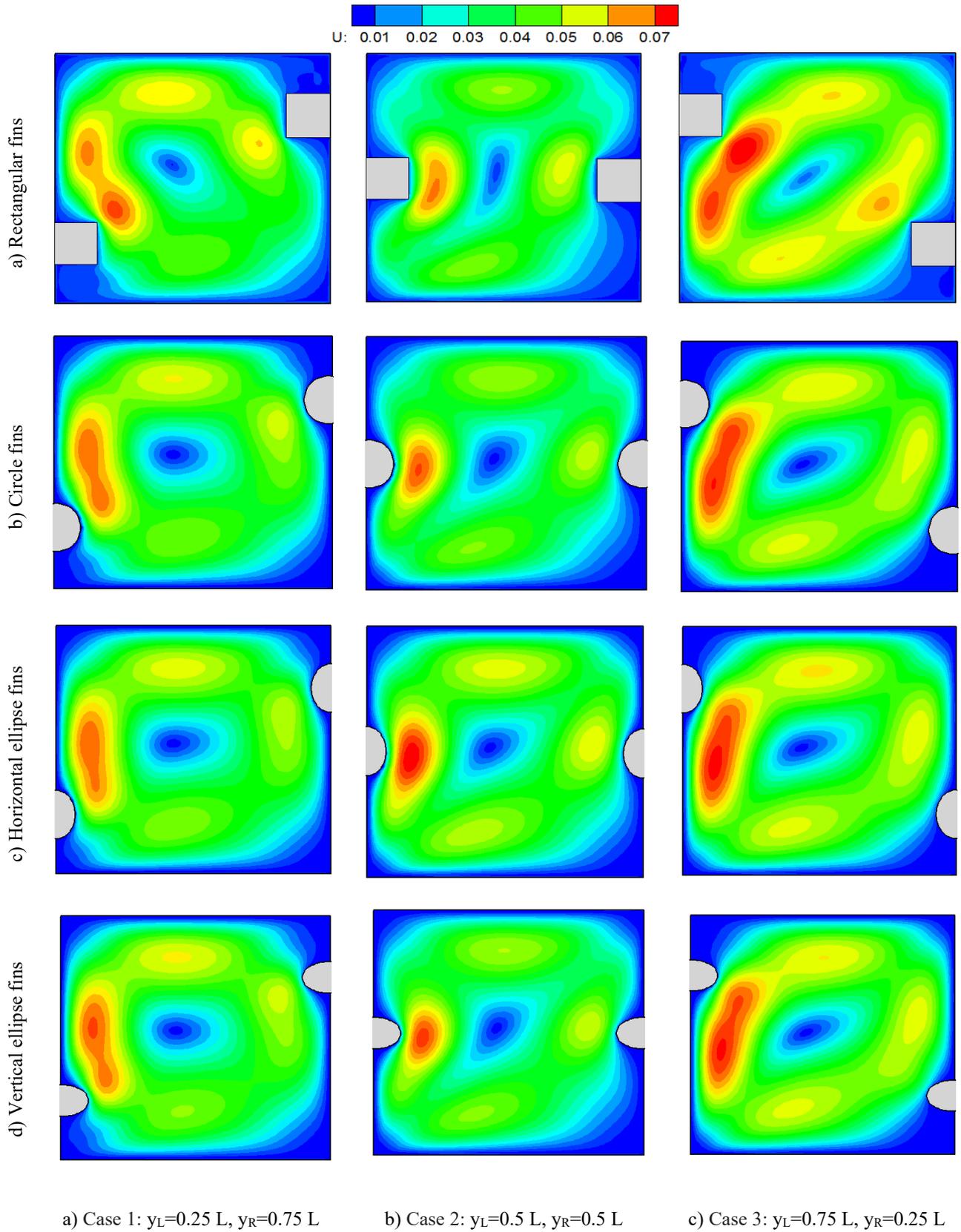
**Fig. 5 - Comparison between temperature field in cavity with arrangement of different fins**

In Fig. 6, temperature field on the middle surface of cavity ( $y/L = 0.5$ ) arranged with rectangular, circle, vertical and horizontal Ellipse fins are illustrated. All of cavities arranged with fins, in  $0 < x < 0.5$ , temperature fields on the middle surface of cavity in case 2:  $y_L=0.5 L, y_R=0.5 L$  are transferred more and faster than case 3:  $y_L=0.75 L, y_R=0.25 L$  and case 1:  $y_L=0.25 L, y_R=0.75 L$ , respectively. Also, in  $0.5 < x < 1$ , temperature fields on the middle surface of cavity are vice versa but these variations of temperature fields are less than position  $0 < x < 0.5$ . So, totally in  $0 < x < 1$ , variations of temperature fields are agreed with observations in Fig. 5.



**Fig. 6 - Temperature field on the middle surface of cavity ( $y/L=0.5$ ) with arrangement of different fins**

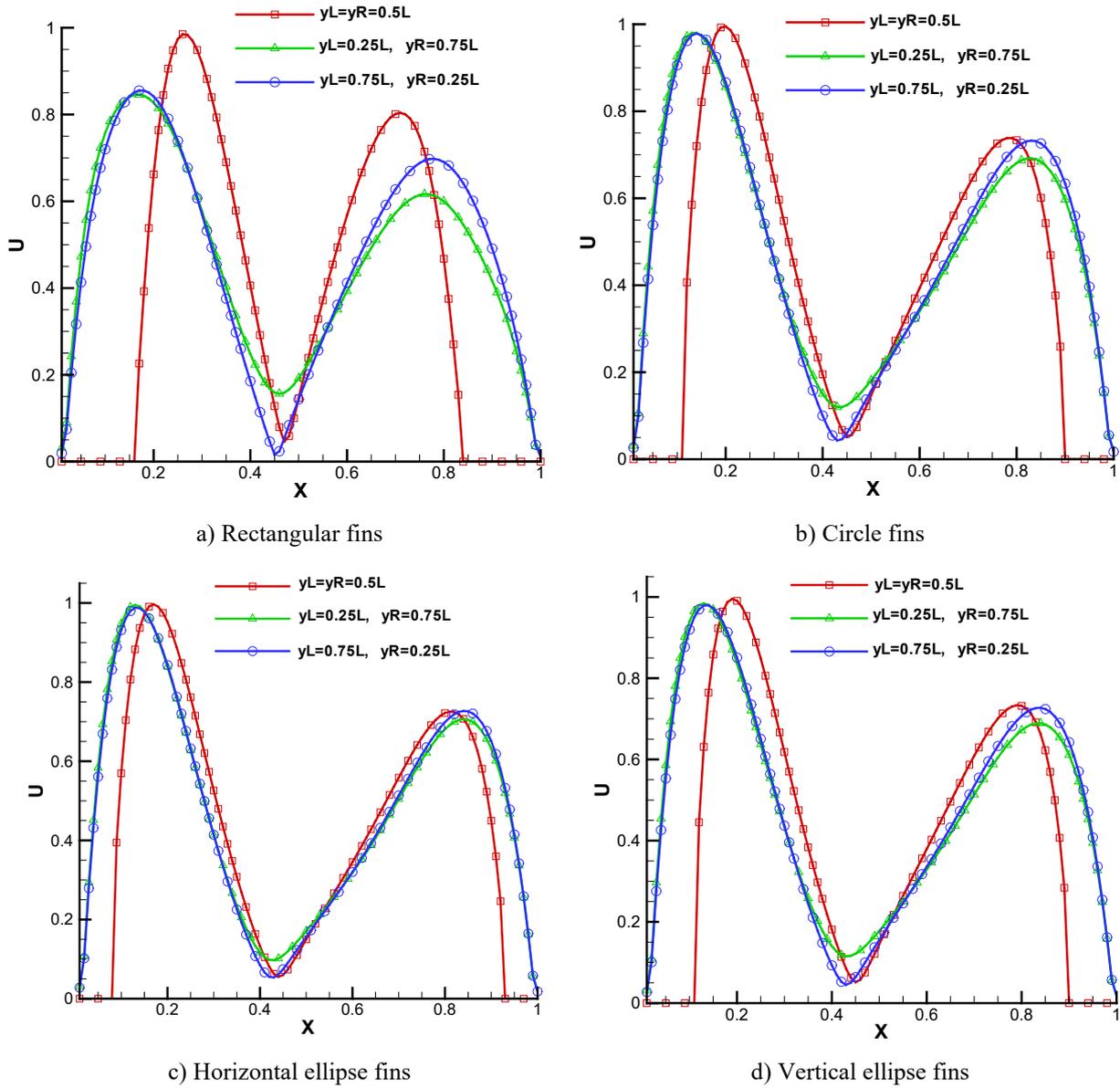
Fig. 7 presented in all of cavities arranged with fins, velocity fields in case 2:  $y_L=0.5L, y_R=0.5L$  are transferred more and faster than other cases. Because Vortex flow in case 2 are less than other cases. Also, velocity fields in cavity arranged with rectangular fins are transferred more and faster than cavity arranged with circle, vertical and horizontal Ellipse fins, respectively.



**Fig. 7 - Comparison between velocity field in cavity with arrangement of different fins**

In Fig. 8, velocity field on the middle surface ( $y/L = 0.5$ ) of cavities arranged with all of fins are presented. According to observations, velocity fields on the middle surface of cavity in case 2:  $y_L=0.5 L, y_R=0.5 L$  are transferred more and faster than case 3:  $y_L=0.75 L, y_R=0.25 L$  and case 1:  $y_L=0.25 L, y_R=0.75 L$ , respectively. Also, in  $0 < x <$

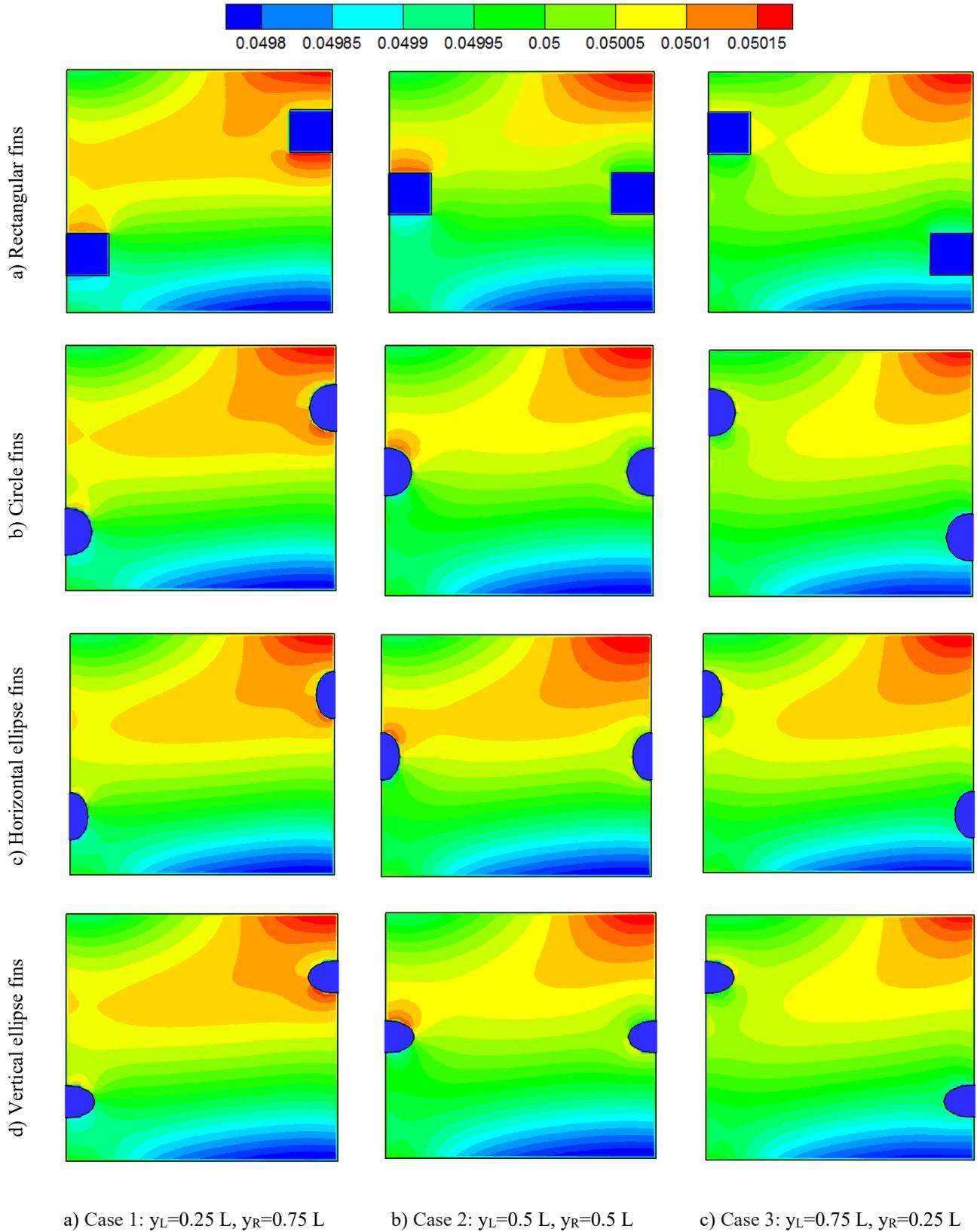
0.5, velocity fields on the middle surface of cavity in case:  $y_L=0.75 L$ ,  $y_R=0.25 L$  are close to case 1:  $y_L=0.25 L$ ,  $y_R=0.75 L$  in cavities arranged with all of fins. Moreover, velocity fields in cavity arranged with vertical Ellipse fins are almost similar to cavity with circle fins. So, consequently in  $0 < x < 1$ , variations of velocity fields are agreed with results in Fig. 7.



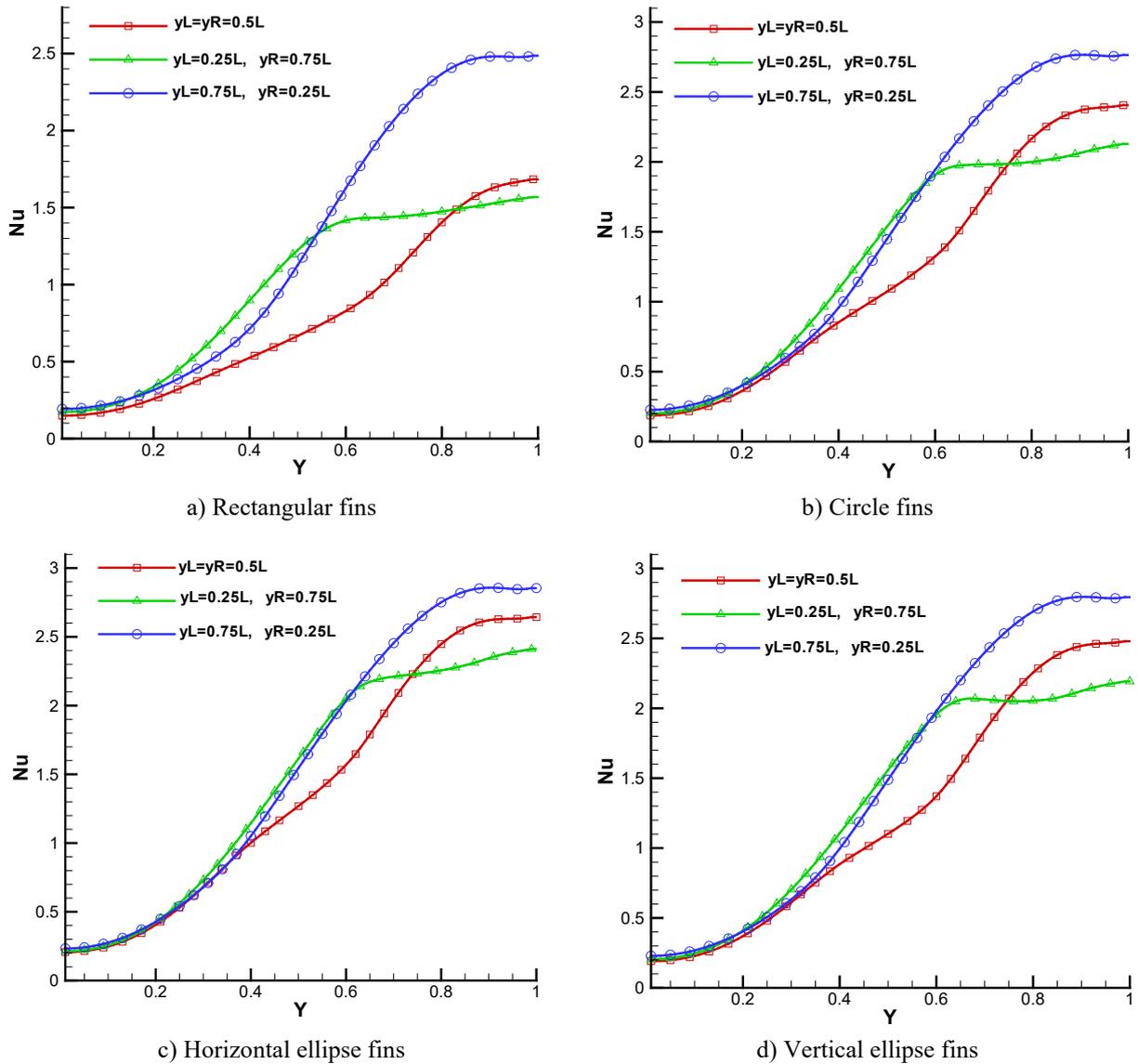
**Fig. 8 - Velocity field on the middle surface of cavity ( $y/L=0.5$ ) with arrangement of different fins**

In Fig. 9 illustrated in cavity arranged with rectangular, circle, vertical and horizontal Ellipse fins,  $Al_2O_3$ -water nanoparticles volume fraction in case 2:  $y_L=0.5 L$ ,  $y_R=0.5 L$  was transferred to cold wall more than Case 1:  $y_L=0.25 L$ ,  $y_R=0.75 L$  and Case 3:  $y_L=0.75 L$ ,  $y_R=0.25 L$ , respectively. Also, nanoparticles volume fraction in cavity arranged with rectangular fins was transferred to cold wall more than cavities with other fins.

Fig.10 represented Nu number in cavities arranged with rectangular, circle, vertical and horizontal Ellipse fins. It is observed that in  $0 < y < 0.5$ , local Nusselt number in cavities arranged with all of fins, case 1:  $y_L=0.25 L$ ,  $y_R=0.75 L$  was transferred to cold wall more than case 3:  $y_L=0.75 L$ ,  $y_R=0.25 L$  and case 2:  $y_L=0.5 L$ ,  $y_R=0.5 L$ , respectively. Also, in  $0.5 < y < 1$ , local Nusselt number in cavities arranged with all of fins, case 3:  $y_L=0.75 L$ ,  $y_R=0.25 L$  was transferred to cold wall more than case 2:  $y_L=0.5 L$ ,  $y_R=0.5 L$  and case 1:  $y_L=0.25 L$ ,  $y_R=0.75 L$ , respectively.



**Fig. 9 - Distribution of nanoparticle in cavity with arrangement of different fins**



**Fig. 10 - Local Nu on the cold surface with arrangement of different fins**

Table 6 is presented for Comparison Changes the mean Nu on the cold surface in cavities with the effect of fins and two-phase  $Al_2O_3$ -water Nano fluid. According to table, in all of cavities with different arrangement of fins, mean Nu on the cold surface in case 3:  $y_L=0.75 L$ ,  $y_R=0.25 L$  was more than case 1:  $y_L=0.25 L$ ,  $y_R=0.75 L$  and case 2:  $y_L=0.5 L$ ,  $y_R=0.5 L$ . Also, cavities with horizontal ellipse fins had maximum Nusselt number more than vertical ellipse, circle and rectangular fins, respectively. Moreover, assuming case 2:  $y_L=0.5 L$ ,  $y_R=0.5 L$  is base case, so with changing arrangement of fins for case 1:  $y_L=0.25 L$ ,  $y_R=0.75 L$ , rate percentage of average Nusselt number for cavities arranged with rectangular, circle, vertical and horizontal Ellipse fins were %26, %8, %4 and %8, respectively. Furthermore, with changing arrangement of fins to case 3:  $y_L=0.75 L$ ,  $y_R=0.25 L$ , these percentages were %62, %24, %14 and %22.

**Table 6 - Mean Nu on the cold surface with arrangement of different fins**

	Rectangular fins	Circle fins	Horizontal ellipse fins	Vertical ellipse fins
$y_L = y_R = 0.5L$	0.793	1.211	1.383	1.256
$y_L = 0.25L, y_R = 0.75L$	1.003	1.318	1.446	1.352
$y_L = 0.75L, y_R = 0.25L$	1.284	1.505	1.575	1.529

## 5. Conclusion

In this paper, a comprehensive numerical analysis fins shape and arrangement effects on  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ -water multi-phase nanofluid natural convection heat transfer in a partially divided cavity was investigated. The D2Q9 and D2Q5 LB method was used to solve the fluid flow and temperature field, respectively. Streamline, isotherm, nanoparticle volume fraction, Nusselt number, velocity and temperature fields were exhibited for arrangement rectangular, Circle, vertical and horizontal Ellipse fins. Finally, the main results summarized:

- Temperature, velocity and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ -water nanoparticles volume fraction fields in case 2:  $y_L=0.5$  L,  $y_R=0.5$  L are transferred more and faster than Case 3:  $y_L=0.75$  L,  $y_R=0.25$  L and Case 1:  $y_L=0.25$  L,  $y_R=0.75$  L, respectively.
- Temperature fields in cavity arranged with rectangular fins are transferred more and faster than cavity arranged with circle, vertical and horizontal Ellipse fins.
- Assuming case 2:  $y_L=0.5$  L,  $y_R=0.5$  L is base case, so with changing arrangement of fins for case 1:  $y_L=0.25$  L,  $y_R=0.75$  L, rate percentage of average Nusselt number for cavities arranged with rectangular, circle, vertical and horizontal Ellipse fins were %26, %8, %4 and %8, respectively.
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