

# Heat Transfer Research of Magnetic Fluid in a Hele-Shaw Cell of Different Aspect Ratios

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## ABSTRACT

The Rayleigh-Benard instability, occurring in the nature convection of magnetic fluid in a Hele-Shaw cell with different aspect ratios, heated from below with an imposition of an even vertical magnetic field was studied experimentally.. An automatic data acquisition system was set-up, along with a high-accuracy resistance heater and K-type thermocouples for assuring the constant-temperature boundary conditions on the top and bottom walls of the Hele-Shaw cell. The results of the research show that the unsteady flow fields can be visualized with liquid crystal, thermography and magnetic fields of different strengths can enhance the Rayleigh- Benard instabilities for Hele-Shaw cell flows with different aspect ratios. The critical magnetic Rayleigh Numbers,  $Ram_c$ , for different aspect ratios are found. We also discovered that the value of  $Dh$  has a relatively influence to  $Ra$  value.

Keywords : Magnetic Fluid, Natural Convection, Hele Shaw Cell , Aspect ratios, Rayleigh-Benard Convection Instability, Liquid Crystal Thermography,magnetic fluid

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