Transient and Mixed Convection From a Variable Tilt Angle Duct With a Built in Electric Module

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Abstract

The present work represents experimental and numerical work to study the natural, transient, mixed and forced convection heat transfer from a cube which represent an electric module fixed in a relatively long duct tilted at different angles of θ=0° (horizontal), θ=30°, θ=45° and θ=90°. Module side length (L=30mm) fixed at different locations of (X/L=5,10 and 15) with different input power of (0.147, 0.51, 0.96, 1.65, 2.34 and 3.075) watt, which represent a heat flux of (32.67, 113.33, 213.33, 366.67, 520 and 683.33) W/m² respectively. A fan fixed at duct end is operated to move the air within the duct with different air velocities of (0.2, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7 and 0.8) m/s giving Reynolds number values of (381.9, 763.7, 954.7, 1336.6 and 1527.5) respectively. The system is operating in a transient heat transfer is calculated till steady state is reached. The heat transfer coefficient is estimated in this case. Testing the Gr/Re² values shows that the operating mode is in the mixed convection reaching a forced convection when operating of the highest velocity within the duct. Operating the system in transient and steady state mixed convection mode show that higher air velocities enhances the heat transfer due to giving a chance for the air to transfer the heat during its flow around the cube.
The study shows that a little effect is recognized for the module position and the tilt angle especially at mixed convection operation.

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