

# Numerical investigation on thermophoretic deposition of particles in turbulent duct flow with conjugate heat transfer: Analysis of influencing factors

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## Abstract

Thermophoretic deposition of particles in turbulent duct flow is of significant relevance in energy and thermal engineering applications. However, conjugate heat transfer (CHT) was commonly not considered in the previous studies, but may have crucial influences on particle deposition behaviors. Therefore, thermophoretic particle deposition in turbulent duct flow with and without CHT was numerically investigated by using  $\overline{v'^2} - f$  turbulence model and discrete particle model (DPM) with a modified discrete random walk method. After grid independence study and numerical verification, several important influencing factors on particle deposition velocity were studied, such as flow Reynolds number, temperature difference between inlet hot air and cool wall, thermal conductivity ratio and width ratio of solid and fluid domain. The thermophoresis greatly increases deposition velocity of small particles but has no influence on large particles. The critical particle relaxation time  $\tau_p^+$  for thermophoresis effect is 20, which is the same for all the cases in this study. The corresponding particle diameter is 28  $\mu\text{m}$ . The thermophoretic deposition is enhanced when the flow Reynolds number and temperature difference between air and wall increase. This is because the wall-normal temperature variety is higher for large Reynolds number and temperature difference, which can enhance thermophoretic deposition. However, CHT reduces the thermophoretic deposition by decreasing temperature difference in fluid region. Besides, higher thermal conductivity ratio and width ratio of solid and fluid domain will decrease the thermophoretic deposition, as thermal conduction in solid domain becomes more intense.

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## 1 Introduction

Thermophoretic deposition of particles in turbulent duct flow is a basic and crucial process in numerous energy and thermal engineering applications, such as building ventilation system, air cleaner, heat exchanger and powdered coal burner (Zhao et al. 2008; Olufade and Simonson 2018; Chen et al. 2018). During particle deposition process with thermophoresis, conjugate heat transfer (CHT) always occurs between fluid domain and solid wall domain, which may have significant influences on the thermal distribution of turbulent flow and also particle deposition characteristics. However, very limited studies considered the effects of CHT on thermophoretic particle deposition in duct flow. Therefore, the objective of

this paper is to investigate thermophoretic deposition of particles in duct airflow with CHT, as it is of great significance on a large number of engineering applications.

The fundamental research on particle deposition commonly considered vertical turbulent duct flow without thermophoresis. The process is mainly determined by several influencing factors including the forces on particles, turbophoresis, the Brownian and turbulent diffusion (Shimada et al. 1993; Lai 2002; Zhang 2015). However, particle deposition behaviors are greatly modified with the increase of particle relaxation time. When particle relaxation time is low, the Brownian and turbulent diffusions are the dominant mechanisms on particle deposition. Nevertheless, turbulent eddies and particle inertia become significant for deposition

## List of symbols

$A$	area of particle deposition	$t_d$	time period of dust deposition
$B$	thickness of solid wall	$T_s$	temperature of solid domain
$C_C$	Cunningham correction factor	$T_f$	temperature of fluid domain
$C_0$	mean particle concentration	$U_{\text{mean}}$	mean velocity of air
$C_D$	drag coefficient of particle	$U_{\text{free}}$	freestream velocity of air
$C_{ps}$	specific pressure heat of solid wall	$u_g$	velocity of fluid
$d_p$	diameter of dust particle	$u_p$	velocity of particle
$f$	an elliptic equation for the relaxation function	$u^*$	frictional velocity of air
$f_c$	fanning friction factor	$v'$	wall-normal fluctuating velocity of air
$g$	gravitational acceleration	$\overline{v'^2}$	wall-normal stress of flow
$H$	width of half duct	$V$	volume of duct flow
$J$	particle deposition number	$V_d$	particle deposition velocity
$k$	turbulent kinetic energy	$V_d^+$	dimensionless particle deposition velocity
$K_c$	Saffman's lift force coefficient	$\rho_g$	density of fluid
$N_d$	number of dust deposited on the walls	$\rho_p$	density of particle
$N_0$	total particle number	$\rho_s$	density of solid wall
$Re$	Reynolds number	$\zeta$	normal distributed random number
$Re_p$	particle Reynolds number	$\nu$	kinetic viscosity of air
$s_{ij}$	deformation tensor	$\tau$	particle relaxation time
$S$	ratio of particle-to-fluid density	$\Delta t$	time step
$S_0$	spectral intensity of a Gaussian white noise random process	$\lambda_s$	thermal conductivity of solid domain
$S_E$	volumetric heat source in solid domain	$\lambda_f$	thermal conductivity of fluid domain
		$\tau_p^+$	dimensionless particle relaxation time

characteristics with the increase of particle relaxation time. Finally, particle inertia is the main factor to control deposition process when particle relaxation time is large enough (Bakanov 1991; Cheng 1997; Sippola and Nazaroff 2004; Zhao and Wu 2006).

When temperature difference presents in the airflow fields, particles would experience a thermophoretic force and the force direction is toward the colder side. Thermophoretic particle deposition is widely encountered in numerous thermal and energy engineering application and was attracted much attentions of researchers (Romay et al. 1998; Lee et al. 2006; Wang et al. 2011; Lu and Lu 2017). Lee et al. (2006) experimentally investigated thermophoresis of small particles in turbulent duct flow. The results showed that thermophoretic deposition is a dominant mechanisms for deposition of small particles. Wang et al. (2011) measured thermophoretic deposition process of polydispersed particles in turbulent duct flow. A new prediction model was developed from the measurement results. Romay et al. (1998) studied thermophoresis in turbulent duct flow. The results showed that turbulent deposition is more important than thermophoresis for large particles.

Numerical simulation based on computational fluid dynamics (CFD) has becoming a powerful tool to study

thermophoresis process of particles in turbulent flow (Lu and Lu 2015a, 2016). He and Ahmadi (1998) simulated particle thermophoresis in duct flow by the Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes equations (RANS) model and discrete particle model (DPM). It was found that deposition velocity obviously increases for small particle due to the thermophoretic deposition. Furthermore, Dong and Chen (2011) studied thermophoresis effect on particle deposition in turbulent duct flow by CFD. They found that thermophoretic deposition enhances particle deposition in the near-wall region of cold side. Liu et al. (2010) predicted thermophoresis of inhalable particles in turbulent flow. The results showed that thermophoretic deposition is crucial for small particle deposition. Thakurta et al. (1998) investigated thermophoretic deposition process in turbulent flow by direct numerical simulation (DNS). The results showed that turbophoresis and thermophoresis are both important for deposition characteristics.

Although thermophoresis of particles in turbulent duct flow was well studied by the previous researches, effects of CHT on particle deposition behaviors has been seldom investigated according to the authors' knowledge. However, the influence of CHT between the airflow and solid wall on particle deposition occurs in real engineering application

and needs to be well investigated. Therefore, this study aims to numerically investigate the thermophoretic deposition of particles in turbulent duct flow with CHT. Moreover, several important influencing factors on particle deposition behaviors were studied, such as flow Reynolds number, temperature difference between the inlet air and solid wall, the thermal conductivity ratio and width ratio of solid and fluid domain. Besides, the thermal fields in different cases were obtained and compared to analyze thermophoretic particle deposition.

## 2 Numerical methods

The ANSYS FLUENT 15.0 combined with user-defined function (UDF) code was adopted to predict thermophoretic deposition of particles in duct airflow with and without CHT, as its capacity and reliability have been widely proved by the a large number of previous researches (Zhang and Chen 2009; Majlesara et al. 2013).

### 2.1 Two-phase flow models

For airflow fields, the Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes equations (RANS) model were resolved to predict turbulent flow. The governing equations for the airflow are described as follows:

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}_i}{\partial x_i} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}_i}{\partial t} + \bar{u}_j \frac{\partial \bar{u}_i}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x_i} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \mu \frac{\partial \bar{u}_i}{\partial x_j} - \overline{\rho u'_i u'_j} \right) \quad (2)$$

where  $\bar{u}_i$  is the time-averaged velocity,  $\bar{p}$  is the time-averaged pressure,  $\mu$  is the dynamic viscosity of air. The  $\overline{v'^2} - f$  model was developed by Durbin (1995) for predicting the anisotropy of Reynolds stresses and the wall-normal velocity fluctuation without using wall functions. The  $\overline{v'^2} - f$  model was successfully used to predict thermophoretic deposition of particles in duct flow by Zhang and Chen (2009). Thus this turbulence model was adopted in the present study. The detailed  $\overline{v'^2} - f$  governing equations can be found in the literature (Durbin 1995).

For particle motion, discrete particle model (DPM) was used to predict particle deposition behaviors by tracking trajectories of particles. As the particle concentration is dilute enough in this study (particle volume fraction is less than  $10^{-6}$ ), one-way coupling was used in the simulation. The effects of particle motions on airflow fields were ignored and particle-particle collisions were also neglected in the study. The particle motion equation can be written as follows

(FLUENT 2009):

$$\frac{du_p}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau} \frac{C_D Re_p}{24} (u_g - u_p) + \frac{g(\rho_p - \rho_g)}{\rho_p} + \zeta \sqrt{\frac{\pi S_0}{\Delta t}} + \frac{2\rho_g K_c v^{0.5}}{\rho_p d_p (S_{rk} S_{kl})} s_{ij} (u_g - u_p) + F_x \quad (3)$$

Drag coefficient  $C_D$  can be calculated by (FLUENT 2009):

$$C_D = \begin{cases} \frac{24}{Re_p} & \text{for } Re_p < 1 \\ \frac{24}{Re_p} (1 + 0.15 Re_p^{0.687}) & \text{for } 1 < Re_p < 400 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Particle deposition velocity was computed by (FLUENT 2009):

$$V_d = \frac{J}{C_0} = \frac{N_d / (t_d \cdot A)}{N_0 / V} \quad (5)$$

where  $J$  is particle deposition number. The non-dimensional deposition velocity can be computed by:

$$V_d^+ = \frac{V_d}{u^*} \quad (6)$$

where frictional velocity  $u^*$  can be calculated by:

$$u^* = \sqrt{\tau_w / \rho_g} = U_{\text{mean}} \sqrt{f / 2} \quad (7)$$

where  $f$  is the fanning friction factor and is computed by:

$$f = 0.0791 \cdot Re^{-0.25} \quad (2,800 < Re < 105^2) \quad (8)$$

The non-dimensional particle relaxation time can be computed by:

$$\tau_p^+ = \frac{C_c S d_p^2 u^{*2}}{18 \nu^2} \quad (9)$$

The most crucial influencing factors on deposition velocity include particle forces and turbulent flow fields. The main particle forces are drag force, pressure gradient force, Basset force, Brownian force, Saffman's lift force, virtual mass force and thermophoretic force. The magnitude of these particle forces were analyzed carefully by Zhao et al. (2004). They found that the drag force, Brownian force and Saffman's lift force are relatively large compared with the other forces. These three forces are taken into account in the present study. The thermophoretic force is mainly determined by the temperature gradient and particle mass. The influence of thermophoretic force is more intense for higher temperature gradient and smaller particle size, as shown in the following equation:

$$F_x = -D_{\tau,p} \frac{1}{m_p T} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \quad (10)$$

For turbulent flow fields, the flow structures and turbulent fluctuations defined by DRW are the main influencing factors for particle deposition. In our simple duct flow, the flow structures are not very complex and turbulent fluctuations are the dominate factor for particle deposition. It can be seen that the influence of turbulent fluctuation on particle deposition velocity (the so-called particle turbulent dispersion) is very important on particle deposition, especially for small particles (Tian and Ahmadi 2007; Gao et al. 2012; Lu and Lu 2015b). The radiation heat transfer was neglected in the study because the surface area of particle is quite small. This assumption was also adopted in many previous related literature (Majlesara et al. 2013).

## 2.2 Turbulent dispersion of particles

Turbulent dispersion of particles is crucial for particle deposition behaviors in turbulent flow. The discrete random walk model (DRW) was adopted to predict turbulent dispersion of particles. The isotropic DRW model considers turbulent velocity fluctuation by turbulent kinetic energy, as follows:

$$u'_i = \zeta_i \sqrt{2k/3} \quad (11)$$

where  $u'_i$  is the turbulent velocity fluctuation.  $\zeta$  is a Gaussian random number with zero mean and unit variance.  $k$  is turbulent kinetic energy. It was found that over prediction of particle deposition velocity will be appeared by directly using the isotropic DRW model in duct flow, as the turbulent flow near the wall is intensely anisotropic (Tian and Ahmadi 2007; Gao et al. 2012). The  $\overline{v'^2} - f$  model directly predicts the wall-normal velocity fluctuation, which is crucial for turbulent dispersion of particles. Therefore, this study adopted  $\overline{v'^2} - f$  model to correct the isotropic DRW model. The corrected DRW model considering turbulent anisotropy can be described by (Zhang and Chen 2009):

$$u'_\perp = \zeta_\perp \sqrt{v'^2} \quad (12)$$

$$u'_\parallel = \zeta_\parallel \sqrt{(2k - \overline{v'^2})/2}; \quad y^+ \leq y_{\text{Lim}}^+ \quad (13)$$

$$u'_i = \zeta_i \sqrt{u'_i u'_i} = \zeta_i \sqrt{2k/3}; \quad \text{otherwise} \quad (14)$$

where the subscripts  $\perp$  and  $\parallel$  represent the spatial coordinates normal or parallel to the wall, respectively. The  $y_{\text{Lim}}^+$  is the upper bound of the anisotropic region.  $y^+$  is dimensionless distance from the wall, which can be defined as follows:

$$y^+ = \frac{y u^*}{\nu} \quad (15)$$

The instantaneous turbulent velocity fluctuation generated by the Eqs. (12)–(14) will be used for predicting turbulent dispersion of particles.

## 2.3 Conjugate heat transfer

The conjugate heat transfer was considered in the present study, as the thermal conduction in the solid domain may influencing thermophoretic deposition characteristics of particles in duct flow. The Fourier thermal conduction equation for solid region can be described as,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho_s C_{ps} T_s) = \nabla \cdot (\lambda_s \nabla T_s) + S_E \quad (16)$$

where  $C_{ps}$  is the specific pressure heat of solid wall.  $\lambda_s$  is the thermal conductivity of solid domain.  $S_E$  is an option volumetric heat source, which is zero in this study. The conjugate boundary conditions on the interface of the fluid domain and solid domain can be written as

$$\lambda_s \left( \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0} = \lambda_f \left( \frac{\partial T_f}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0} \quad (17)$$

$$(T_s)_{y=0} = (T_f)_{y=0} \quad (18)$$

where  $y = 0$  is the interface between airflow and inner solid wall.

## 2.4 Boundary conditions

The fully developed velocity distribution was adopted and imposed at inlet in ANSYS FLUENT by using UDF code, as follows (Tian and Ahmadi 2007):

$$U = U_{\text{free}} \left( \frac{y}{H} \right)^{1/7} \quad \text{for } y \leq H \quad (19)$$

$$U_{\text{free}} = \frac{8}{7} U_{\text{mean}} \quad (20)$$

Moreover, fully developed TKE distribution was imposed at inlet (Tian and Ahmadi 2007):

$$k = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho_g \sqrt{C_\mu}} + \frac{y}{H} \left( 0.002 U_{\text{free}}^2 - \frac{\tau_w}{\rho_g \sqrt{C_\mu}} \right) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq y \leq H \quad (21)$$

$$\tau_w = \frac{\rho_g U_{\text{mean}}^2}{2} \cdot f_c \quad (22)$$

No-slip boundary condition was adopted on the wall. Pressure outlet condition was used in the outlet and symmetry

condition was employed in the upper boundary. Particles were released from duct inlet with uniform spatial distribution. The initial particle velocity was equal to the mean air velocity. Moreover, the escape condition was used in the upper and outlet boundary. Tian and Ahmadi (2007) investigated particle deposition in turbulent duct flow by CFD method. They assumed that particles will all deposit on the duct wall surfaces in the simulation. The results showed their numerical particle deposition velocity is in good agreement with the related experimental data. This is because the adhesion force is much larger than the rebound force when the particle velocity is small enough. The assumption was widely used in the CFD simulation of particle deposition under low airflow velocity (Tian and Ahmadi 2007; Zhang and Chen 2009; Gao et al. 2012; Majlesara et al. 2013; Lu and Lu 2015b). Thus particles were assumed to deposit on the wall when touch the wall surface in the present study.

### 3 Case description and solution strategy

#### 3.1 Computational geometry

Schematic of thermophoretic particle deposition in duct airflow with and without CHT was shown in Fig. 1. Tian and Ahmadi (2007) investigated particle deposition in two-dimensional turbulent duct flow. The numerical results were in good agreement with the experimental data. Thus the two-dimensional gas-particle flow was predicted in the present study to reduce the computational cost. For the case without CHT, the length of the air duct was 0.5 m and the width of the duct was 0.01 m. As the flow is symmetric, only half of the duct was predicted to reduce the computational

cost. The inlet airflow was hot while the wall was cool, as shown in the Fig. 1(a). The temperature of inlet air was 300, 350 or 400 K and the wall temperature was 300 K. Thus the temperature difference between inlet air and cool wall was 0, 50 or 100 K, respectively. When CHT was considered, the width ratio of solid and fluid domain  $B/H$  was 1, 2 or 4, respectively. The outer surface of the solid domain was 300 K. The inlet air velocity was 5 or 10 m/s, the corresponding Reynolds number was 3425 or 6850 based on inlet flow velocity and duct height, respectively. The thermal conductivity ratio of solids and fluids  $\lambda_s/\lambda_f$  was 1, 10 or 100, respectively. The dynamic viscosity of air was  $1.789 \times 10^{-5}$  kg/(m·s). The density of air is related to the temperature. The Boussinesq model is employed to consider the buoyancy effect. A total number of 15,000 particles were released from duct inlet. The particle-air density ratio  $S$  was 2,000. Particle size in the study was 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 30 or 50  $\mu\text{m}$ . The corresponding particle relaxation time of 1  $\mu\text{m}$  is 0.071.

#### 3.2 Computational grids

Computational grids were developed to discretize airflow domain and solid wall domain, as shown in Fig. 2. The structured grids become fine in the near-wall region of the fluid flow while uniform grids were adopted for solid domain. Furthermore, a grid independence study was conducted to predict particle deposition velocity in duct flow without thermophoretic deposition and CHT, as displayed in Fig. 3(a). The grid number for coarse, medium and fine grids was  $300 \times 60$ ,  $400 \times 70$  or  $500 \times 80$  respectively. It can be found that the deposition velocity profiles between the medium and the coarse grid cases are quite different. However, the particle

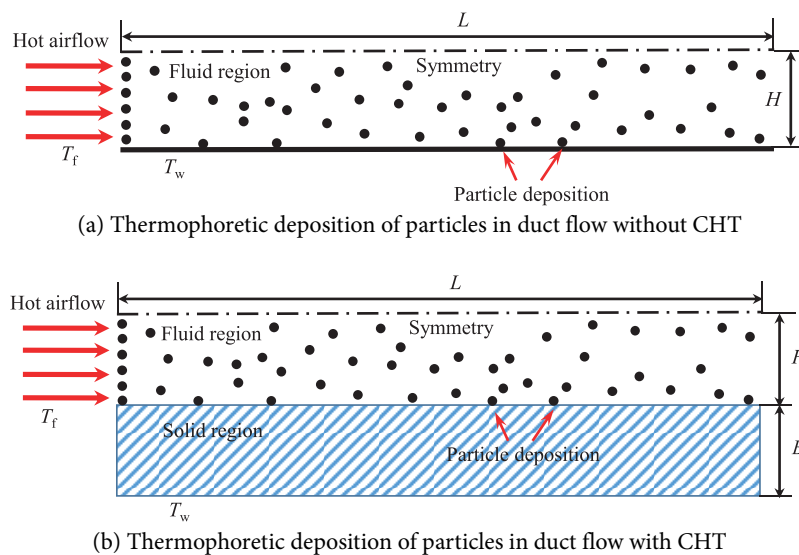


Fig. 1 Schematic of thermophoretic deposition of particles in duct flow with and without CHT

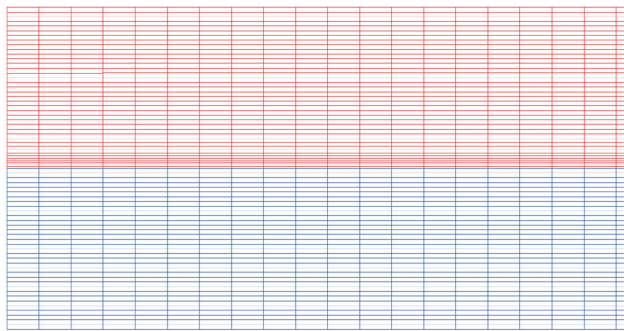
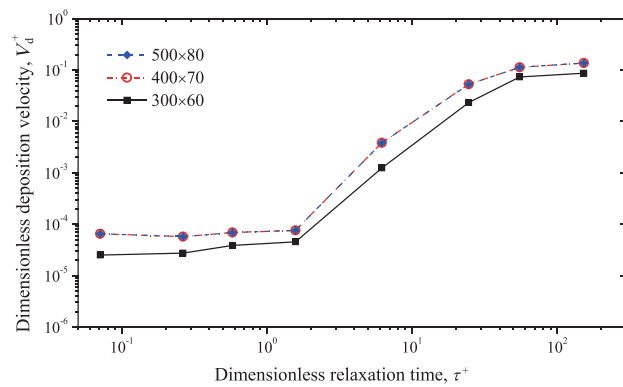
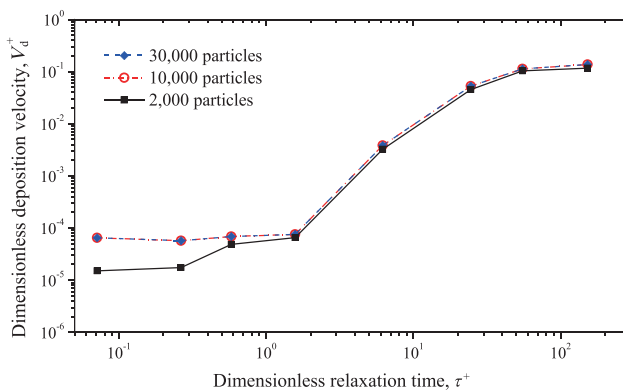


Fig. 2 Computational grids for fluid region and solid region



(a) Grid independence study for particle deposition velocity in duct flow



(b) Independence study of particle number for particle deposition velocity in duct flow

Fig. 3 Independence study of grid number and particle number on deposition velocity

deposition velocity profiles are almost the same between the medium and fine grid cases. Thus the fine grid was used in the study. The grid number was 40,000 for fluid domain and 30,000 for solid domain. Moreover, an independency test of particle number on particle deposition velocity was conducted as shown in the Fig. 3(b). It can be seen that the computational results are the same when particle number is larger than 10,000.

The DRW model was adopted in the simulation. The particle deposition velocity fluctuations can be obtained by repeating particle trackings. The results showed that

the deposition velocities for large particles are almost not influenced by the turbulent fluctuation defined by DRW model due to the high particle inertia. However, the deposition velocities are little changed by the turbulent fluctuation for small particles.

### 3.3 Solution strategy

The governing equations of airflow were resolved by the finite volume method (FVM). The convection term and the diffusion terms were discretized by the second-order upwind scheme and the second-order central difference scheme, respectively. The SIMPLE algorithm (Partankar 1980) was used to decouple the velocity and pressure fields. The governing equation of particle motion was resolved by the Runge-Kutta scheme. The modified anisotropic particle-eddy interaction model as well as the fully developed velocity and TKE distributions in inlet were imposed into ANSSY FLUENT by UDF codes.

## 4 Results and discussions

### 4.1 Numerical validation

Particle deposition velocity profile in vertical duct airflow without thermophoretic deposition was obtained and compared with related literature’s results (Friedlander and Johnstone 1957; Postma and Schwendiman 1960; Well and Chamberlain 1967; Liu and Agarwal 1974; El-Shobokshy 1983; Shimada et al. 1993; Lee and Gieseke 1994), as shown in Fig. 4. From the figure, particle deposition velocity firstly increases and then becomes invariable when particle diameter increases. Besides, the present deposition profile agrees well with the results collected from the literatures. Therefore, the present two-phase flow model as well as computational grids can accurately predict particle deposition characteristics in turbulent duct flow.

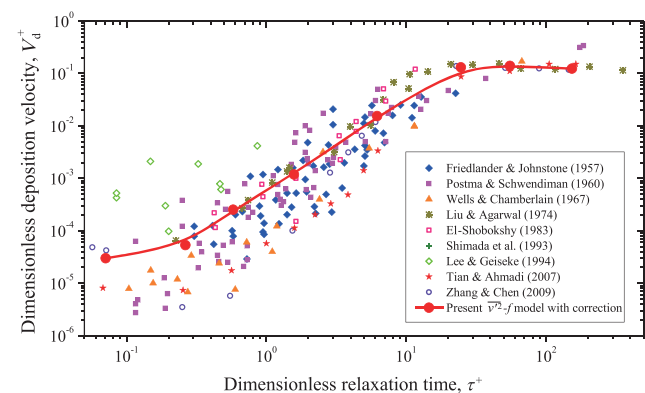


Fig. 4 Numerical validation of particle deposition velocity in turbulent duct flow

#### 4.2 Effects of Reynolds number on particle deposition with and without CHT

Reynolds number has great influences on airflow fields and thermal distributions in duct flow, and then further affect particle deposition characteristics. Figure 5 shows effects of Reynolds number on particle deposition velocity in duct airflow with and without CHT. The temperature difference between inlet hot air and cool wall  $\Delta T$  is 100 K for all the cases. For CHT cases, the thermal conductivity ratio  $\lambda_s/\lambda_f$  is 10 and the solid and fluid width ratio  $B/H$  is 1. It can be observed that particle deposition velocity firstly decreases slightly, then dramatically increases and finally keeps constant with the increase of particle relaxation time when  $\Delta T = 0$  K. When  $\Delta T = 100$  K, particle deposition velocities are obviously increased by thermophoresis for small particles ( $\tau_p^+ < 20$ ). However, deposition velocities of large particles ( $\tau_p^+ > 20$ ) almost keep the same. It can be found that the critical particle size is  $28 \mu\text{m}$ . Therefore, thermophoresis has significant influences on deposition characteristics of small particles while almost no effects on large particle deposition. The maximum increase ratio of deposition velocity can reach 7.5 for  $\Delta T = 100$  K and  $Re = 3425$ , when particle size is  $1 \mu\text{m}$ . Moreover, particle deposition velocity is decreased for small particles ( $\tau_p^+ < 20$ ) but keeps the same for large particles ( $\tau_p^+ > 20$ ) when CHT is considered, as shown in Fig. 5. This indicates that CHT only has influence on deposition behaviors of small particles, as thermophoresis is one of the dominant mechanisms for deposition of small particles. When  $Re$  is higher, it can be seen that the effects of CHT on particle deposition velocity reduction is larger. This is because the thermal convection in fluid region becomes more intense for higher  $Re$  case. Furthermore, particle deposition velocity is significantly increased for all sizes of particles when  $Re$  increases. The turbulent vortex will be greatly enhanced for higher  $Re$  case. Thus more particles will be captured by flow eddies and entrained to wall surface for deposition.

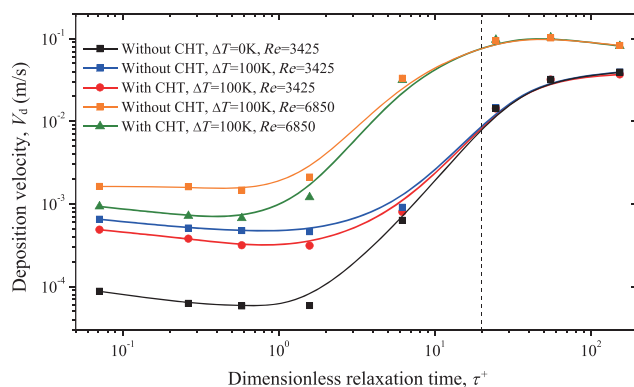


Fig. 5 Effects of Reynolds number on particle deposition in duct flow with and without CHT

Thermophoretic deposition behaviors of particles are greatly influenced by air temperature fields. Figure 6 shows effects of Reynolds number on thermal fields in duct flow with and with CHT. The temperature difference between inlet hot air and cool wall is 100 K in the figure. It can be seen that thermal boundary layer for  $Re = 3425$  is much thicker than that for  $Re = 6850$ . Therefore, the temperature variety in the near-wall region is much dramatic for high  $Re$  case. The thermophoretic force of particle is directly proportional with the temperature gradient. As the thermophoretic force is towards to the wall in the present study, the dramatic temperature variety is useful for thermophoretic deposition. Moreover, when CHT is considered, it can be found that the temperature of inner wall surface is higher than 300 K due to the conjugate thermal conduction of solid wall domain. Therefore, the wall-normal temperature difference in the airflow region for CHT case is reduced compared with no CHT case. This would reduce the thermophoresis effect of particles, especially for small particles. Thus deposition velocity of small particles is greatly decreased by considering CHT. Besides, the thermal convection in fluid domain and thermal conduction in solid domain are both enhanced for higher  $Re$  case. Therefore, thermophoretic deposition of small particles is more reduced by CHT in condition of higher flow velocity.

#### 4.3 Effects of temperature difference on particle deposition with and without CHT

Effects of temperature difference on particle deposition with and without CHT were displayed in Fig. 7. The flow Reynolds number is 3425. The thermal conductivity ratio and width ratio of solid and fluid domain are 10 and 1, respectively. The temperature difference  $\Delta T$  between inlet hot air and cool wall is 0, 50 or 100 respectively. It can be found that thermophoretic deposition is obvious for small particles but very limited for large particles for different  $\Delta T$ . The critical particle diameter is both  $28 \mu\text{m}$ , no matter the  $\Delta T$  is 50 or 100 K. This indicates that the influencing range of particle diameter is the same when temperature difference changes. Moreover, deposition velocity of small particles obviously increases due to enhancement of thermophoretic deposition when temperature difference increases. Thus temperature difference is a dominant factor for thermophoresis effect. When CHT was considered, deposition velocity is decreased for small particles for the both cases ( $\Delta T = 50$  K and  $\Delta T = 100$  K). The conclusions are consistent with the discussion in the Section 3.2.

Figure 8 shows effects of temperature difference on thermal fields in duct flow with and with CHT. The flow Reynolds number is 3425. The thermal conductivity ratio and width ratio of solid and fluid domain are 10 and 1,

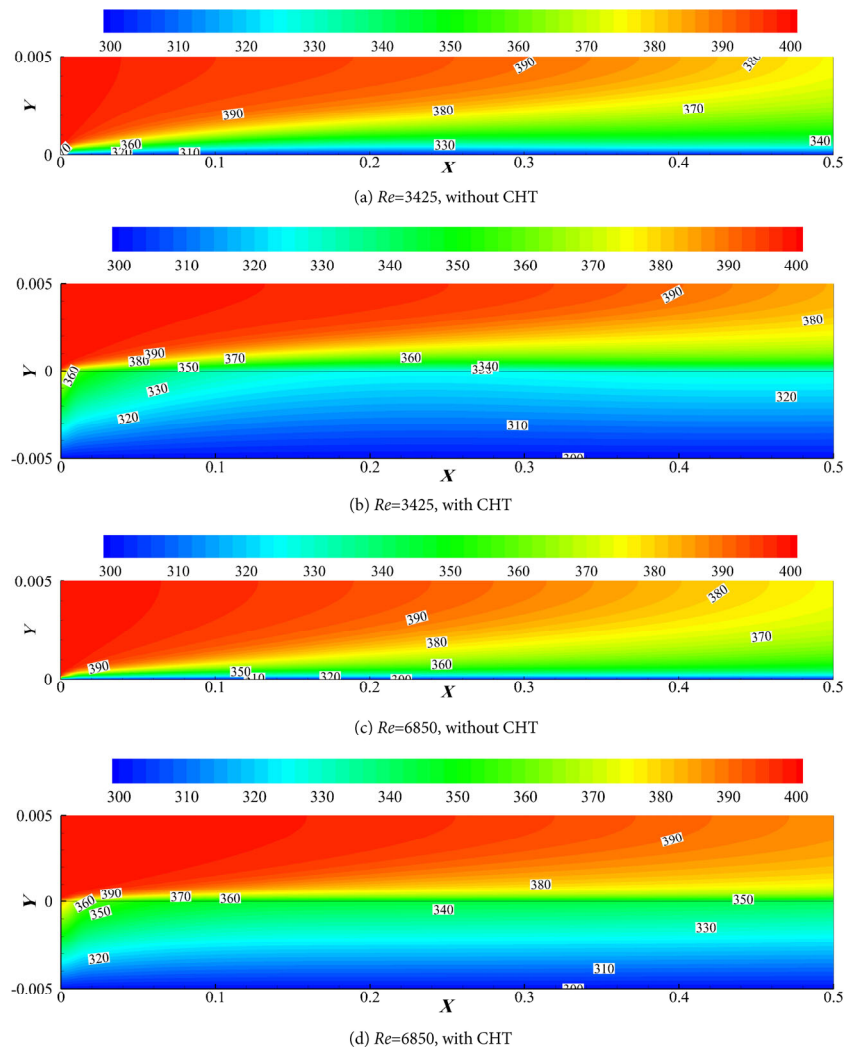


Fig. 6 Effects of Reynolds number on thermal fields in duct flow with and with CHT

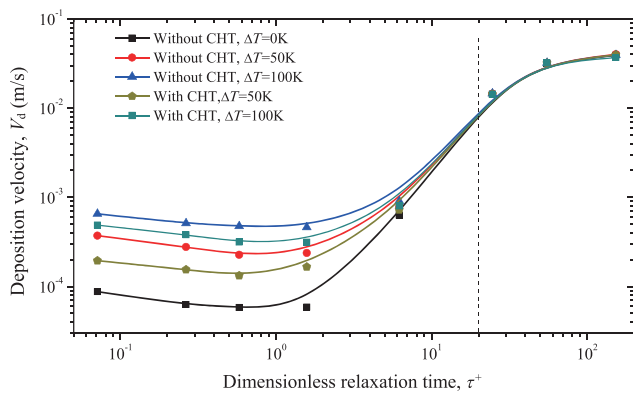


Fig. 7 Effects of temperature difference on particle deposition in duct flow with and with CHT

respectively. The temperature difference  $\Delta T$  between inlet hot air and cool wall is 50 or 100 respectively. From the figure, it can be observed that the thermal distribution patterns for different  $\Delta T$  cases are quite similar, although

the actual temperature is higher for large  $\Delta T$  case. The temperature variety for  $\Delta T = 100$  K in the wall-normal direction is higher compared with the case of  $\Delta T = 50$  K. Therefore, thermophoretic particle deposition is increased when  $\Delta T$  increases. When CHT was considered, it can be found that the temperature distribution patterns are also similar for different  $\Delta T$  cases. Thus CHT has the same influence on thermophoresis of particles when  $\Delta T$  changes.

#### 4.4 Effects of thermal conductivity ratio on particle deposition with CHT

The thermal conductivity ratio of solid and fluid domain may have significant influence on CHT, and then further affect particle deposition characteristics. Effects of thermal conductivity ratio on particle deposition in duct flow with CHT were displayed in Fig. 9. The flow Reynolds number is 3425. The width ratio of solid and fluid domain is 1 and



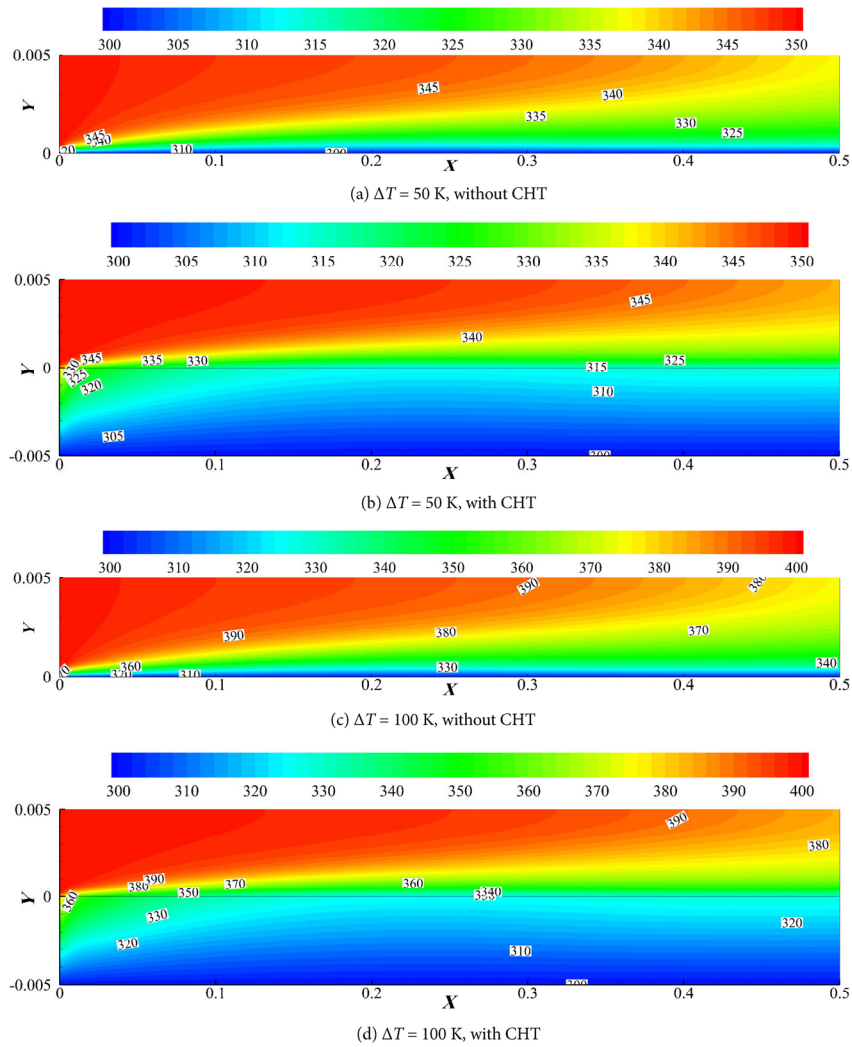


Fig. 8 Effects of temperature difference on thermal fields in duct flow with and with CHT

the temperature difference  $\Delta T$  between inlet hot air and cool wall is 100. The thermal conductivity ratio of solid and fluid region  $\lambda_s/\lambda_f$  is 1, 10 or 100, respectively. It can be found that particle deposition velocity profile almost doesn't change

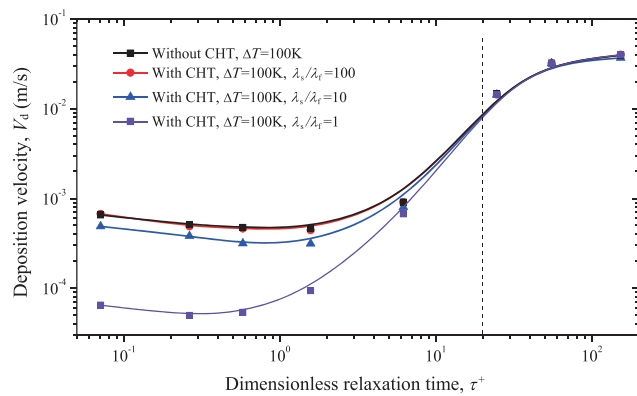


Fig. 9 Effects of thermal conductivity ratio on particle deposition in duct flow with CHT

when thermal conductivity ratio is 100, as shown in Fig. 9. However, particle deposition velocity is dramatically decreased for small particles ( $\tau_p^+ < 20$ ) when thermal conductivity ratio is 10 or 1. The deposition velocity of large particles ( $\tau_p^+ > 20$ ) keeps the same when thermal conductivity ratio changes from 1 to 100. These indicate that CHT has great influence on deposition velocity of small particles when thermal conductivity of solid domain is close to that of fluid domain. Nevertheless, deposition behaviors of large particles are not modified by CHT with small thermal conductivity ratio.

Figure 10 illustrates effects of thermal conductivity ratio on thermal fields in duct flow with CHT. The flow Reynolds number is 3425. The width ratio of solid and fluid domain is 1 and the temperature difference  $\Delta T$  between inlet hot air and cool wall is 100. The thermal conductivity ratio of solid and fluid region  $\lambda_s/\lambda_f$  is 1, 10 or 100, respectively. It can be seen that the temperature distributions for different thermal conductivity ratio are quite different. When thermal

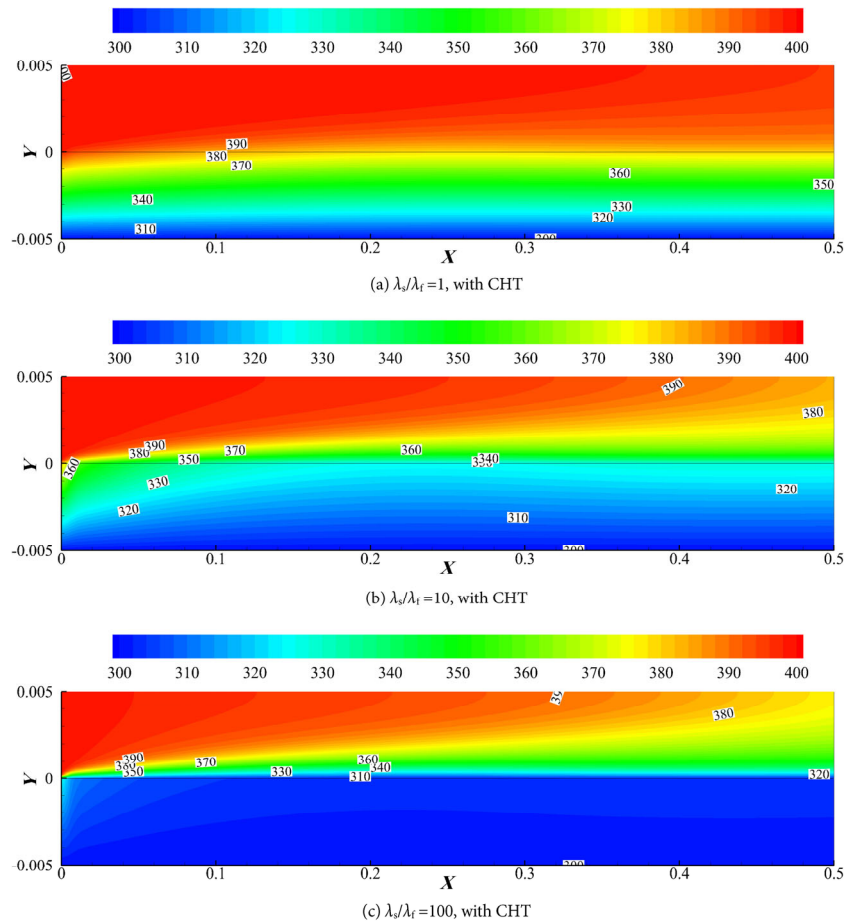


Fig. 10 Effects of thermal conductivity ratio on thermal fields in duct flow with CHT

conductivity ratio is 100, the temperature in solid domain is close to 300 K and the temperature variety is small. This indicates that thermal conduction in solid wall is very fast due to high thermal conductivity. The temperature field in fluid region is almost the same from the case without CHT. Thus particle deposition velocity doesn't change when thermal conductivity ratio is 100. However, temperature difference in solid domain is dramatically increased when thermal conductivity ratio decreases to 10 or 1. The temperature distribution in fluid region is greatly modified by CHT and temperature difference in wall-normal direction is decreased because of thermal conduction in solid wall. Thus particle deposition velocity is decreased with decrease of thermal conductivity ratio.

#### 4.5 Effects of solid and fluid width ratio on particle deposition with CHT

Effects of solid and fluid width ratio on particle deposition in duct flow with CHT were illustrated in Fig. 11. The flow Reynolds number is 3425. The temperature difference  $\Delta T$  between inlet hot air and cool wall is 100 and the thermal

conductivity ratio of solid and fluid region is 10. The width ratio of solid and fluid domain is 1, 2 or 4 respectively. It can be found that particle deposition velocity uniformly decreases with the increase of width ratio  $B/H$ , when particle relaxation time is less than 20. However, deposition velocity doesn't change by CHT when particle relaxation time is larger than 20. When width ratio  $B/H$  is 1, the maximum decrease ratio of particle deposition velocity is 75% for 1  $\mu\text{m}$  particles.

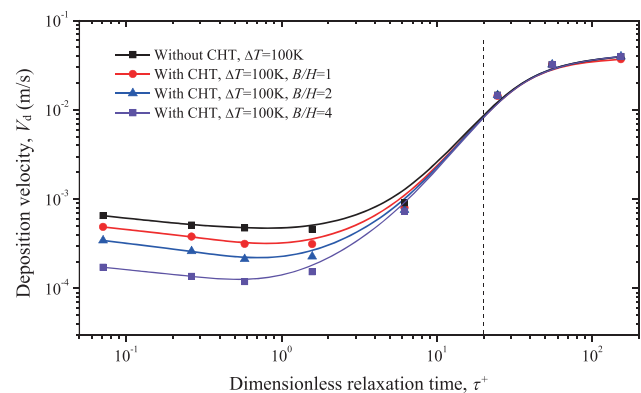


Fig. 11 Effects of solid and fluid width ratio on particle deposition in duct flow with CHT

Nevertheless, the maximum decrease ratio of deposition velocity can reach 26% for 1  $\mu\text{m}$  particle when width ratio  $B/H$  is 4.

Moreover, Fig. 12 displays effects of solid and fluid width ratio on particle deposition in duct flow with CHT. The flow Reynolds number is 3425. The temperature difference  $\Delta T$  between inlet hot air and cool wall is 100 and the thermal conductivity ratio of solid and fluid region is 10. The width ratio of solid and fluid domain is 1, 2 or 4 respectively. It can be found that the temperature fields are obviously changed when width ratio  $B/H$  is different. The temperature is significantly increased when width ratio  $B/H$  increases. On the contrary, the temperature difference of fluid domain in wall-normal direction is decreased with increase of width ratio  $B/H$ . Therefore, particle deposition velocity would decrease when width ratio  $B/H$  is higher.

### 5 Conclusions

Particle deposition with thermophoresis in turbulent duct airflow with and without CHT was studied by  $v'^2 - f$  model and discrete particle model with a modified discrete

random walk method. The grid independence test and numerical verification were conducted in the study. The effects of flow Reynolds number, temperature difference between inlet hot air and cool wall, thermal conductivity ratio and width ratio of solid and fluid domain on particle deposition velocity were investigated and analyzed in details. Moreover, the thermal fields for both solid and flow domain in different conditions were analyzed and discussed in the study. The following conclusions can be drawn,

- 1) The CHT reduces deposition velocity of small particles ( $\tau_p^+ < 20$ ) but no effect on large particle deposition ( $\tau_p^+ > 20$ ), as thermophoresis is one of the dominant mechanisms for deposition of small particles. The effects of CHT on particle deposition velocity become more intense when  $Re$  is higher, as thermal convection in fluid domain and thermal conduction in solid domain are both enhanced for higher  $Re$  case.
- 2) Deposition velocity of small particles ( $\tau_p^+ < 20$ ) obviously increases for both CHT and no CHT cases due to enhancement of thermophoretic deposition when temperature difference increases. The wall-normal temperature variety for higher  $\Delta T$  is more dramatic compared with

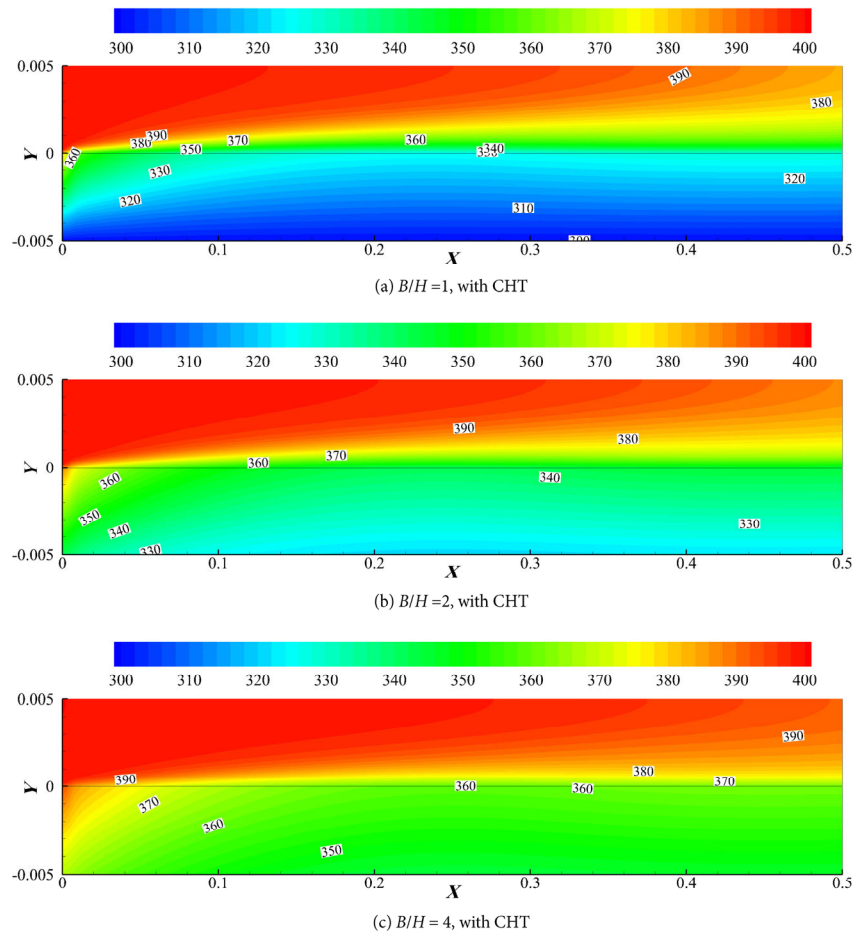


Fig. 12 Effects of solid and fluid width ratio on thermal fields in duct flow with CHT

the case of lower  $\Delta T$ . Therefore, thermophoretic particle deposition is increased when  $\Delta T$  increases.

- 3) The CHT has great influence on deposition velocity of small particles ( $\tau_p^+ < 20$ ) when thermal conductivity of solid domain is close to that of fluid domain. Nevertheless, deposition behaviors of large particles are not modified by CHT even with small thermal conductivity ratio. This is because temperature difference is dramatically increased in solid domain while greatly decreased in fluid domain when thermal conductivity ratio decreases.
- 4) Particle deposition velocity uniformly decreases with the increase of width ratio  $B/H$  when  $\tau_p^+ < 20$ . The temperature difference of fluid domain in wall-normal direction is decreased with increase of width ratio  $B/H$ . Therefore, particle deposition velocity would decrease when width ratio  $B/H$  is higher.
- 5) For all the cases, thermophoresis only influences deposition behaviors of small particles but doesn't affect large particle deposition. The maximum increase ratio of deposition velocity can reach 7.5 for  $\Delta T = 100$  K and  $Re=3425$ , when particle size is  $1 \mu\text{m}$ . The critical particle relaxation time  $\tau_p^+$  is 20, which is the same for all the cases in this study. The corresponding particle diameter is  $28 \mu\text{m}$ .

Therefore, CHT has significant influences on particle deposition characteristics in turbulent duct flow. The numerical simulation would over-predict the deposition velocity on the cooler walls if the CHT is not considered. Moreover, the influencing factors studied in the present study can be used to modify thermophoretic deposition of particles in realistic engineering application.

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