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Effect of rotation on ferromagnetic porous convection with a thermal non-equilibrium model

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Abstract The effect of rotation on the onset of thermal convection in a horizontal layer of ferrofluid saturated Brinkman porous medium is investigated in the presence of a uniform vertical magnetic field using a local thermal non-equilibrium (LTNE) model. A twofield model for temperature representing the solid and fluid phases separately is used for energy equation. The condition for the occurrence of stationary and oscillatory convection is obtained analytically. The stability of the system has been analyzed when the magnetic and buoyancy forces are acting together as well as in isolation and the similarities as well as differ-

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Keywords Ferromagnetic convection · Porous medium · Rotation · Thermal non-equilibrium model

1 Introduction

Ferromagnetic fluids are colloidal suspensions of permanently magnetized nanoparticles in carrier liquids like water, heptane, kerosene or various oils. The nanoparticles typically have sizes of about $3 \sim 10$ nm and each particle is encapsulated by a surfactant to provide short range steric repulsion between particles to prevent particle agglomeration in the presence of magnetic field. These fluids are also termed as magnetic fluids or magnetic nanofluids and they are not found in nature but are artificially synthesized in the

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laboratory. The peculiarity of ferrofluids is the combination of normal liquid behavior with a magnetic control of their flow and properties. This possibility originates from the fact that each of the particles can be treated as a thermally agitated single domain particle in the carrier liquid. The continuum description of the ferrofluid flow termed as ferrohydrodynamics has been in existence since 1960s and the field of ferrofluid research has gained its momentum over the years because of the importance of these wonder fluids in many technological applications of commercial value (Rosensweig [1]; Berkovsky et al. [2]; Blums et al. [3]; Hergt et al. [4]; Alexiou et al. [5]).

Thermal convection of ferrofluids in non-porous and porous domains heated uniformly from below in the presence of a uniform magnetic field, known as ferromagnetic convection, has attracted considerable attention in the literature. Ganguly et al. [6] have given an overview of prior research on heat transfer in ferrofluid flows and also discussed the heat transfer augmentation due to the thermomagnetic convection. In his review article, Odenbach [7] has focused on recent developments in the field of rheological investigations of ferrofluids and their importance for the general treatment of ferrofluids. Thermal convective instability in a ferrofluid saturated porous domain has also been investigated extensively owing to their importance in controlled emplacement of liquids or treatment of chemicals, and emplacement of geophysically imageable liquids into particular zones for subsequent imaging etc. Rosensweig et al. [8] have studied experimentally the penetration of ferrofluids in the Hele-Shaw cell. The stability of the magnetic fluid penetration through a porous medium in high uniform magnetic field oblique to the interface is studied by Zahn and Rosensweig [9]. The thermal convection of ferrofluid saturating a porous medium in the presence of a vertical magnetic field is studied by Vaidyanathan et al. [10] by employing the Brinkman equation. The experimental results of the behavior of ferrofluids in porous media consisting of sands and sediments are presented in detail by Borglin et al. [11]. Sunil and Mahajan [12] have used generalized energy method to study nonlinear convection in a magnetized ferrofluid saturated porous layer heated uniformly from below for the stress-free boundaries case. Shivakumara et al. [13, 14] have investigated theoretically the onset of convection in a layer of ferrofluid saturated porous medium for various types of velocity and temperature boundary conditions. Nanjundappa et al. [15] have investigated the onset of buoyancy-driven convection in a ferromagnetic fluid saturated sparsely packed porous medium with fixed heat flux condition at the lower rigid boundary and a general thermal boundary condition at the upper free boundary.

In many practical applications involving hyperporous materials and also media in which there is a large temperature difference between the fluid and solid phases, it has been realized that the assumption of local thermal equilibrium (LTE) is inadequate for proper understanding of the heat transfer problems. In such circumstances, the local thermal nonequilibrium (LTNE) effects are to be taken into consideration. Therefore, the recent trend in the study of thermal convective instability problems in porous media is to account for LTNE effects by considering a two-field model for energy equation each representing the fluid and solid phases separately. Copious literature is available on natural convection in an ordinary viscous fluid saturating a porous layer using a LTNE model (Rees and Pop [16], Nield and Bejan [17]; Shivakumara et al. [18] and references therein). Nonetheless, limited attention has been given to assess LTNE effects on the criterion for the onset of ferromagnetic convection in a porous medium despite its relevance and importance in many heat transfer problems as mentioned above [19–22].

Ferrofluids are known to exhibit strange characteristics when they are set to rotation and hence investigating the effects of rotation on ferromagnetic convection in a rotating porous medium is scientifically and technologically important. Sekar et al. [23] and Vaidyanathan et al. [24] have discussed the effect of rotation on convective instability in a ferrofluid saturated porous layer heating uniformly from below. In the latter paper, the effect of magnetic field dependent viscosity is also taken into consideration. Subsequently, many researchers have extended these works to include various additional effects. Sunil and Mahajan [25] have performed nonlinear stability analysis for rotating magnetized ferrofluid heated from below saturating a porous medium for free boundaries. Shivakumara et al. [26] have studied the effect of Coriolis force on the onset of ferromagnetic convection in a rotating horizontal ferrofluid saturated porous layer in the presence of a uniform vertical magnetic field considering the bounding surfaces of the porous layer to be either stress-free or rigid. Contrary to their stabilizing effect in the absence of rotation, they have shown that increasing the ratio of viscosities A and decreasing the Darcy number Da hasten the onset of stationary ferromagnetic convection in the presence of rotation. All the above studies are based on LTE model.

The combined effect of rotation and LTNE on linear and nonlinear thermal convection in an ordinary viscous fluid saturating a porous medium has been studied by Straughan [27]. He has established the equivalence of the linear instability and nonlinear stability boundaries for the thermal convection in a rotating porous layer with the Darcy law using a LTNE model. Malashetty et al. [28] have studied linear and weakly nonlinear thermal convection in a rotating densely packed porous layer using a LTNE model. Nonetheless, the problem involving the simultaneous effect of rotation and LTNE on ferromagnetic convection has not been given due attention despite its importance in many heat transfer related problems except the study undertaken by Sunil et al. [29].

The intent of the present study is, therefore, to perform the linear stability analysis of thermal convection in a rotating sparsely packed horizontal ferromagnetic fluid saturated Brinkman porous layer using a LTNE model and to elucidate that the dynamical system considered is capable of supporting some new results not observed in the absence of rotation and also in the previous investigation. The criterion for the onset of stationary and oscillatory convection is obtained analytically and some interesting observations on the stability characteristics of the system have been unfolded through numerical calculations. In addition, the veracity of LTNE model over the LTE model is also analyzed. Besides, the asymptotic analysis has been carried out for very small and large values of interphase heat transfer coefficient to calculate critical Rayleigh and wave numbers. Since the ferromagnetic fluids are considered to be good carriers of heat, a possible engineering application of the findings of the current study may be useful in understanding the cooling of electronic circuits found in rotating radars. Besides, the study helps in understanding control of ferroconvection by the Coriolis force due to rotation.

2 Formulation of the problem

We consider an initially quiescent incompressible constant viscosity ferromagnetic fluid saturated horizontal porous layer of characteristic thickness d in the presence of a uniform applied magnetic field H_0 in the vertical direction as shown in Fig. 1. The lower surface is



Fig. 1 Physical configuration

held at constant temperature T_L , while the upper surface is at T_U (< T_L). A Cartesian co-ordinate system (x, y, z) is used with the origin at the bottom of the porous layer and the z-axis directed vertically upward in the presence of gravitational field. The entire system is rotating with constant angular velocity $\dot{\Omega} = \Omega k$, where \hat{k} is the unit vector in the vertical direction. It is assumed that the rotation does not disrupt the isotropy of the porous medium. The flow in the porous medium is described by the Brinkman-extended-Darcy equation with fluid viscosity different from effective viscosity and the Boussinesq approximation on the density is made. The solid and fluid phases of the porous medium are assumed to be in LTNE and a two-field model for temperatures is used. The basic equations are:

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{q} = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$\rho_{0} \left[\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{2}} (\vec{q} \cdot \nabla) \vec{q} \right]$$

$$= -\nabla \left(\frac{\rho_{0}}{2} (|\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{r}|) + p \right)$$

$$+ \rho_{f} \vec{g} - \frac{\mu_{f}}{k} \vec{q} + \tilde{\mu}_{f} \nabla^{2} \vec{q} + \mu_{0} (\vec{M} \cdot \nabla) \vec{H}$$

$$+ \frac{\rho_{0} c_{F}}{\sqrt{k}} |\vec{q}| \vec{q} + 2 \frac{\rho_{0}}{\varepsilon} (\vec{q} \times \vec{\Omega})$$
(2)

$$\varepsilon(\rho_0 c)_f \frac{\partial T_f}{\partial t} + (\rho_0 c)_f (\vec{q} \cdot \nabla) T_f = \varepsilon k_f \nabla^2 T_f$$

$$+h(T_s-T_f) \quad (3)$$

$$(1-\varepsilon)(\rho_0 c)_s \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial t} = (1-\varepsilon)k_s \nabla^2 T_s - h(T_s - T_f)$$
(4)

$$\rho_f = \rho_0 \Big[1 - \alpha_t (T_f - T_a) \Big] \tag{5}$$

where, \vec{q} the velocity vector, p the pressure, \vec{M} the magnetization, \vec{H} the magnetic field intensity, ρ_f the fluid density, k the permeability of the porous medium,

 c_F the dimensionless form drag constant, ε the porosity of the porous medium, μ_f the fluid viscosity, $\tilde{\mu}_f$ is the effective viscosity, μ_0 the magnetic permeability of vacuum, T_f the temperature of the fluid phase, T_s the temperature of the solid phase, c the specific heat, k_f the thermal conductivity of the fluid, k_s the thermal conductivity of the solid, h is the inter-phase heat transfer coefficient, ρ_0 the reference value, α_t the thermal expansion coefficient, $T_a = (T_L + T_U)/2$ the average temperature. It may be noted that large values of h correspond to a rapid transfer of heat between the phases which represents the LTE case, while moderate values of h correspond to relatively strong LTNE effects. In other words, it measures the ease with which heat is transferred between the phases. In (3) and (4), T_f and T_s are intrinsic averages of the temperature fields, and this allows one to set $T_f = T_s = T_b$ whenever the boundary of the porous medium is maintained at the temperature T_b .

The Maxwell equations in the magnetostatic limit are:

$$\nabla . B = 0 \tag{6a}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \vec{H} = \nabla \phi$$
 (6b)

where, \vec{B} is the magnetic induction and ϕ is the magnetic potential. Further, \vec{B} , \vec{M} and \vec{H} are related by

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0(\vec{M} + \vec{H}).$$
 (7)

It is assumed that the magnetization is aligned with the magnetic field, but allowed a dependence on the magnitude of the magnetic field as well as temperature (Finlayson [30]) and thus

$$\vec{M} = M(H, T_f) \frac{\vec{H}}{H}$$
(8)

where $M = |\vec{M}|$ and $H = |\vec{H}|$. The magnetic equation of state, following (Finlayson [30]), is taken as

$$M = M_0 + \chi (H - H_0) - K (T_f - T_a)$$
(9)

where, $\chi = (\partial M/\partial H)_{H_0,T_a}$, the magnetic susceptibility, $K = -(\partial M/\partial T_f)_{H_0,T_a}$, the pyromagnetic coefficient and $M_0 = M(H_0,T_a)$.

2.1 Basic state

The basic state is quiescent and there exists the following solution for the basic state:

 $\vec{q}_b = 0$

$$p_{b}(z) = p_{0} - \rho_{0}gz - \frac{1}{2}\rho_{0}\alpha_{t}g\beta z(z-d) - \frac{\mu_{0}M_{0}K\beta}{1+\chi}z - \frac{\mu_{0}K^{2}\beta^{2}}{2(1+\chi)^{2}}z(z-d)$$

$$T_{fb}(z) = T_{a} - \beta(z-d/2) = T_{sb}(z)$$

$$\vec{H}_{b}(z) = \left[H_{0} - \frac{K\beta}{1+\chi}\left(z-\frac{d}{2}\right)\right]\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{M}_{b}(z) = \left[M_{0} + \frac{K\beta}{1+\chi}\left(z-\frac{d}{2}\right)\right]\hat{k}$$
(10)

where, $\beta = \Delta T/d = (T_L - T_U)/d$ is the temperature gradient, \hat{k} is the unit vector in the *z*-direction and the subscript *b* denotes the basic state. It may be noted that the fluid and solid phases have the same temperatures at the bounding surfaces of the porous layer.

2.2 The perturbed state

To investigate the conditions under which the quiescent solution is stable against small disturbances, we consider a perturbed state in the form

$$\vec{q} = \vec{q}', \qquad p = p_b(z) + p', \qquad T_f = T_{fb}(z) + T'_f,$$

 $T_s = T_{sb}(z) + T'_s, \qquad \vec{H} = \vec{H}_b(z) + \vec{H}', \qquad (11)$
 $\vec{M} = \vec{M}_b(z) + \vec{M}'$

where, $\vec{q}' = (u', v', w')$, $p', T'_f, T'_s, \vec{H}' = (H'_x, H'_y, H'_z)$ and $\vec{M}' = (M'_x, M'_y, M'_z)$ are perturbed variables and are assumed to be small.

Substituting Eq. (11) into Eqs. (7) and (8), and using Eqs. (6a), (6b), we obtain (after dropping the primes)

$$H_{x} + M_{x} = (1 + M_{0}/H_{0})H_{x}$$

$$H_{y} + M_{y} = (1 + M_{0}/H_{0})H_{y}$$

$$H_{z} + M_{z} = (1 + \chi)H_{z} - KT_{f}.$$
(12)

Using Eq. (11) in Eq. (2), linearizing and taking curl on the resulting equation (after neglecting primes), the *z*-component can be written as

$$\frac{\rho_0}{\varepsilon}\frac{\partial\zeta}{\partial t} = \tilde{\mu}_f \nabla^2 \zeta - \frac{\mu_f}{k} \zeta + 2\frac{\rho_0}{\varepsilon} \Omega \frac{\partial w}{\partial z}$$
(13)

which is the vorticity transport equation and $\zeta = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ is the *z*-component of vorticity.

Again substituting Eq. (11) into momentum Eq. (2), linearizing, eliminating the pressure term by taking

curl twice and using Eq. (12) the *z*-component of the resulting equation can be obtained as (after dropping the primes):

$$\left(\frac{\rho_{0}}{\varepsilon}\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\mu_{f}}{k} - \tilde{\mu}_{f}\nabla^{2}\right)\nabla^{2}w$$

$$= -2\frac{\rho_{0}}{\varepsilon}\Omega\frac{\partial\zeta}{\partial z} - \mu_{0}K\beta\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\nabla_{h}^{2}\phi)$$

$$+ \frac{\mu_{0}K^{2}\beta}{1+\chi}\nabla_{h}^{2}T_{f} + \rho_{0}\alpha_{t}g\nabla_{h}^{2}T_{f} \qquad (14)$$

where, $\nabla_h^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$ is the horizontal Laplacian operator.

Equations (3) and (4), after using Eq. (11) and linearizing, take the following form (after dropping the primes):

$$\varepsilon(\rho_0 c)_f \frac{\partial T_f}{\partial t} + (\rho_0 c)_f w \frac{dT_{fb}}{dz}$$

= $\varepsilon k_f \nabla^2 T_f + h(T_s - T_f)$ (15)
 $(1 - \varepsilon)(\rho_0 c)_s \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial t} = (1 - \varepsilon)k_s \nabla^2 T_s - h(T_s - T_f).$ (16)

Equations (6a), (6b), after substituting Eq. (11) and using Eq. (12), may be written as (after dropping the primes)

$$\left(1 + \frac{M_0}{H_0}\right) \nabla_h^2 \phi + (1 + \chi) \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} - K \frac{\partial T_f}{\partial z} = 0.$$
(17)

3 Linear stability theory

To solve the above linear stability equations, we assume the normal mode expansion of the dependent variables in the form

$$\{w, T_f, T_s, \phi, \zeta\} = \{W(z), \Theta_f(z), \Theta_s(z), \Phi(z), Z(z)\}$$
$$\times \exp[i(\ell x + my + \sigma t)]$$
(18)

where, ℓ and *m* are wave numbers in the *x* and *y* directions, respectively, W(z) is the amplitude of vertical component of perturbed velocity, $\Theta_f(z)$ is the amplitude of perturbed fluid temperature, $\Theta_s(z)$ is the amplitude of perturbed solid temperature, $\Phi(z)$ is the amplitude of perturbed magnetic potential and Z(z) is the amplitude of perturbed vertical component of vorticity and σ is the growth rate which is complex, in general.

Substituting Eq. (18) into Eqs. (13)–(17), and nondimensionalizing the variables by setting

$$(x^*, y^*, z^*) = \left(\frac{x}{d}, \frac{y}{d}, \frac{z}{d}\right), \qquad t^* = \frac{\kappa_f}{d^2}t,$$

$$W^* = \frac{d}{\varepsilon \kappa_f} W, \qquad \Theta_f^* = \frac{1}{\beta d} \Theta_f \qquad (19)$$

$$\Theta_s^* = \frac{1}{\beta d} \Theta_s, \qquad \Phi^* = \frac{(1+\chi)}{K\beta d^2} \Phi, \qquad Z^* = \frac{d^2}{\nu} Z$$

where $\kappa_f = k_f / (\rho_0 c)_f$ is the effective thermal diffusivity of the fluid, we obtain (after dropping the asterisks for simplicity)

$$\left[\Lambda (D^2 - a^2) - Da^{-1} - \frac{\sigma}{Pr}\right] (D^2 - a^2) W$$

= $-a^2 R [M_1 D \Phi - (1 + M_1) \Theta_f] + Ta^{1/2} D Z$ (20)

$$(D^2 - a^2 - \sigma)\Theta_f + H_t(\Theta_s - \Theta_f) = -W$$
(21)

$$\left(D^2 - a^2 - \alpha\sigma\right)\Theta_s + \gamma H_t(\Theta_f - \Theta_s) = 0$$
(22)

$$\left(D^2 - a^2 M_3\right)\Phi - D\Theta_f = 0 \tag{23}$$

$$\left[\Lambda (D^2 - a^2) - Da^{-1} - \frac{\sigma}{Pr}\right] Z = -Ta^{1/2} DW. \quad (24)$$

Here, D = d/dz is the differential operator, a = $\sqrt{\ell^2 + m^2}$ is the overall horizontal wave number, R = $\rho_0 \alpha_t g \beta d^4 / \varepsilon \mu_f \kappa_f$ is the Rayleigh number and it is the ratio of buoyant to viscous forces, $Ta = 4\Omega^2 d^4 / v^2 \varepsilon^2$ is the Taylor number and it is the ratio of Coriolis to viscous forces, $Pr = v/\varepsilon \kappa_f$ is the Prandtl number, $\Lambda = \tilde{\mu}_f / \mu_f$ is the ratio of viscosities, $Da = k/d^2$ is the Darcy number, $M_1 = \mu_0 K^2 \beta / (1 + \chi) \alpha_t \rho_0 g$ is the magnetic number and it is the ratio of magnetic to gravitational forces, $M_3 = (1 + M_0/H_0)/(1 + \chi)$ is the measure of nonlinearity of magnetization and $M_3 = 1$ corresponds to linear magnetization, $H_t =$ $hd^2/\varepsilon k_f$ is the scaled inter-phase heat transfer coefficient, $\alpha = \kappa_f / \kappa_s$ is the ratio of diffusivities, and $\gamma = \varepsilon k_f / (1 - \varepsilon) k_s$ is the porosity modified conductivity ratio and σ is the growth rate.

The boundaries are considered to be stress-free, ferromagnetic, and perfect conductors of heat. The corresponding boundary conditions are:

$$W = 0 = D^2 W, \qquad \Theta_f = 0 = \Theta_s,$$

$$D\Phi = 0 = DZ \quad \text{at } z = 0, 1.$$
(25)

Equations (20)-(24) admit solution satisfying the boundary conditions in the form

 $W = A_1 \sin \pi z, \qquad \Theta_f = A_2 \sin \pi z,$ $\Theta_s = A_3 \sin \pi z, \qquad (26)$ $\Phi = -(A_4/\pi) \cos \pi z, \qquad Z = -(A_5/\pi) \cos \pi z$ where A_1 - A_5 are constants. Substitution of (26) into (20)–(24) and eliminating the constants A_1 - A_5 from the resulting equations yields the following characteristic equation:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \delta^{2}(\frac{\sigma}{P_{r}} + \Lambda\delta^{2} + Da^{-1}) & -a^{2}R(1 + M_{1}) & 0 & a^{2}RM_{1} & -\sqrt{Ta} \\ -1 & (\alpha\sigma + \delta^{2} + H_{t}) & -H_{t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\gamma H_{t} & (\sigma + \delta^{2} + \gamma H_{t}) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \pi^{2} & 0 & -(\pi^{2} + M_{3}a^{2}) & 0 \\ \pi^{2}\sqrt{Ta} & 0 & 0 & 0 & (\frac{\sigma}{P_{r}} + \Lambda\delta^{2} + Da^{-1}) \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (27)$$

where, $\delta^2 = \pi^2 + a^2$. Expanding the above determinant gives the following expression for the Rayleigh number *R*:

$$R = \frac{\left[(\pi^{2} + M_{3}a^{2})\{\pi^{2}Pr^{2}Ta + \delta^{2}(Da^{-1}Pr + Pr\delta^{2}\Lambda + \sigma)^{2}\} \times \right]}{(\delta^{2} + \sigma)(\delta^{2} + \sigma\alpha) + H_{t}(1 + \gamma)\delta^{2} + H_{t}(\alpha + \gamma)\sigma\}}$$

$$(28)$$

To examine the stability of the system, the real part of σ is set to zero and we take $\sigma = i\omega$. Substituting $\sigma = i\omega$ in (28) and clearing the complex quantities from the denominator, we get

$$R = \frac{(\pi^2 + M_3 a^2)}{Pra^2 \{\pi^2 + M_3(1 + M_1)a^2\} \{(\delta^2 + \gamma H_t)^2 + \alpha^2 \omega^2\} \{Pr^2 (Da^{-1} + \delta^2 \Lambda)^2 + \omega^2\}} (\Delta_1 + i\omega \Delta_2)$$
(29)

where the expressions for Δ_1 and Δ_2 are given in the Appendix. Since the Rayleigh number *R* is a physical quantity, it must be real. Hence, from (29) it implies either $\omega = 0$ or $\Delta_2 = 0$ ($\omega \neq 0$), and accordingly the condition for the onset of stationary and oscillatory convection is obtained.

3.1 Stationary convection ($\omega = 0$)

The stationary convection occurs at $R = R^s$, where

$$R^{s} = \frac{(\pi^{2} + M_{3}a^{2})\delta^{2}\{\pi^{2}Ta + \delta^{2}(Da^{-1} + \delta^{2}\Lambda)^{2}\}\{H_{t}(1+\gamma) + \delta^{2}\}}{\{\pi^{2} + M_{3}(1+M_{1})a^{2}\}a^{2}(\delta^{2} + \gamma H_{t})(Da^{-1} + \delta^{2}\Lambda)}.$$
(30)

The critical Rayleigh number R_c^s and the corresponding critical wave number a_c are determined numerically for various values of Ta, Da, A, M_1 , M_3 , γ and H_t because the expression for the Rayleigh number is complicated for analytical treatment. Equation (30) coincides with the one obtained by Sunil et al. [29]. It is also interesting to check (30) under some limiting cases. When $M_1 = 0$ (i.e., ordinary viscous fluid case), (30) reduces to

$$R^{s} = \frac{\delta^{2} \{\delta^{2} + H_{t}(1+\gamma)\} \{\pi^{2} Ta + \delta^{2} (Da^{-1} + \delta^{2} \Lambda)^{2}\}}{a^{2} (\delta^{2} + \gamma H_{t}) (Da^{-1} + \delta^{2} \Lambda)}.$$
(31)

The above expression coincides with those of Straughan [27] and Malashetty et al. [28] when $\Lambda = 0$

and after rescaling the Rayleigh and Taylor numbers with the Darcy number. When Ta = 0, (30) reduces to

$$R^{s} = \frac{\delta^{4}(Da^{-1} + \delta^{2}\Lambda)\{H_{t}(1+\gamma) + \delta^{2}\}(\pi^{2} + M_{3}a^{2})}{a^{2}\{\pi^{2} + M_{3}(1+M_{1})a^{2}\}(\delta^{2} + \gamma H_{t})}$$
(32)

which coincides with the expression obtained by Shivakumara et al. [20].

When $H_t = 0$ (LTE case) and $M_1 = 0$, (30) reduces to

$$R^{s} = \frac{\delta^{2} \{\pi^{2} Ta + \delta^{2} (Da^{-1} + \delta^{2} \Lambda)^{2}\}}{a^{2} (Da^{-1} + \delta^{2} \Lambda)}$$
(33)

which coincides with the one given by Shivakumara et al. [31].

When $H_t \to \infty$, (30) reduces to

$$R^{s}\left(\frac{\gamma}{1+\gamma}\right) = \frac{\rho_{0}\alpha_{t}g\beta d^{4}}{\{\varepsilon\kappa_{f} + (1-\varepsilon)\kappa_{s}\}\mu}$$
$$= R^{s}_{Mp} = \frac{\delta^{2}\{\pi^{2}Ta + \delta^{2}(Da^{-1} + \delta^{2}\Lambda)^{2}\}}{a^{2}(Da^{-1} + \delta^{2}\Lambda)}$$
$$\times \frac{(\pi^{2} + M_{3}a^{2})}{\{\pi^{2} + M_{3}(1+M_{1})a^{2}\}}.$$
(34)

Here, it may be noted that the expression for the Rayleigh number is based on the mean properties of the porous medium and coincides for the LTE case. When $M_1 = 0 = \Lambda$, then the above equation coincides with the classical result obtained by Palm and Tyvand [32] for the problem of thermal instability in a rotating viscous fluid saturated porous layer. For very large M_1 , the results for the magnetic mechanism alone operating in the absence of buoyancy effects is obtained. The corresponding magnetic Rayleigh number $R_m(=R^s M_1)$ is expressed as follows:

$$R_{m} = R^{s} M_{1}$$

$$= \frac{\delta^{2} \{\delta^{2} + H_{t}(1+\gamma)\} \{\pi^{2} Ta + \delta^{2} (Da^{-1} + \delta^{2} \Lambda)^{2}\}}{a^{2} (\delta^{2} + \gamma H_{t}) (Da^{-1} + \delta^{2} \Lambda)}$$

$$\times \frac{(\pi^{2} + M_{3} a^{2})}{M_{3} a^{2}}.$$
(35)

In addition, when $M_3 \rightarrow \infty$, we note that (35) turns out to be the same as (31) (i.e., $R_m = R^s$).

3.2 Oscillatory convection ($\omega \neq 0$)

The oscillatory onset corresponds to $\Delta_2 = 0$ ($\omega \neq 0$) in (29) and this gives a dispersion relation of the form

$$A_1(\omega_i^2)^2 + A_2(\omega_i^2) + A_3 = 0$$
(36)

where,

$$\begin{split} A_{1} &= \alpha^{2} \delta^{2} \{ H_{t} + Da^{-1}Pr + \delta^{2}(1 + PrA) \} \\ A_{2} &= (Da^{-1})^{3} Pr^{3} \alpha^{2} \delta^{2} + H_{t}^{2} \gamma \delta^{4}(1 + \gamma) \\ &+ Pr\alpha \Lambda + Pr\gamma \Lambda) + (Da^{-1})^{2} Pr^{2} \alpha^{2} \delta^{2} \\ &\times \{ H_{t} + \delta^{2}(1 + 3Pr\Lambda) \} \\ &+ \delta^{2} \{ \pi^{2} Pr^{2} \alpha^{2} Ta(Pr\Lambda - 1) \\ &+ \delta^{6}(1 + Pr\Lambda)(1 + Pr^{2} \alpha^{2} \Lambda^{2}) \} \\ &+ H_{t} \{ \delta^{6}(1 + 2\gamma + 2Pr\Lambda\gamma + Pr^{2} \alpha^{2} \Lambda^{2}) \\ &- \pi^{2} Pr \alpha^{2} Ta \} \\ &+ Da^{-1} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \pi^{2} Pr^{2} \alpha^{2} Ta + \delta^{2}(H_{t}^{2} Pr\Lambda(\alpha + \gamma)) \\ + 2H_{t} Pr \delta^{4}(\gamma + Pr \alpha^{2} \Lambda) \\ &+ \delta^{6}(1 + 2Pr \alpha^{2} \Lambda + 3Pr^{2} \alpha^{2} \Lambda^{2}) \end{array} \right\} \\ A_{3} &= (Da^{-1})^{3} Pr^{2} \delta^{2} \{ H_{t}^{2} \gamma Pr(\alpha + \gamma) + 2H_{t} \gamma \delta^{2} \\ &+ \delta^{4} \} + (Da^{-1})^{2} Pr^{2} \delta^{8}(1 + 3Pr\Lambda) \\ &+ (Da^{-1})^{2} Pr^{2} \delta^{4} \{ H_{t}^{2} \gamma(1 + \gamma + 3Pr\alpha\Lambda + 3Pr\gamma\Lambda) \} \\ &+ Da^{-1} Pr^{2} \{ \delta^{4} \pi^{2} PrTa + \delta^{10} \Lambda(2 + 3Pr\Lambda) \\ &+ 2H_{t} \{ \pi^{2} PrTa \delta^{2} + \delta^{8} \Lambda(1 + 2\gamma + 3Pr\Lambda\gamma) \} \} \\ &+ Da^{-1} Pr^{2} \{ \delta^{4} \pi^{2} PrTa + \delta^{10} \Lambda(2 + 3Pr\Lambda) \\ &+ 2H_{t} \{ \pi^{2} PrTa \delta^{2} + \delta^{8} \Lambda(1 + 2\gamma + 3Pr\Lambda\gamma) \} \\ &+ \delta^{6} \Lambda(2 + 2\gamma + 3Pr\alpha\Lambda + 3Pr\gamma\Lambda) \} \\ &+ \delta^{6} \Lambda^{2} \alpha^{2} Ta(Pr\Lambda - 1) \} \\ &+ \delta^{8} \Lambda^{2} Pr^{2}(1 + Pr\Lambda) \\ &+ \delta^{2} H_{t}^{2} \gamma \{ \pi^{2} Ta(\gamma(Pr\Lambda - 1) - 1 + Pr\gamma\Lambda) \} \\ &+ \delta^{6} \Lambda^{2}(1 + \gamma + Pr\alpha\Lambda + Pr\gamma\Lambda) \} \\ &+ H_{t} \delta^{2} Pr^{2} \{ \pi^{2} Ta(2\gamma(Pr\Lambda - 1) - 1) \\ &+ \delta^{6} \Lambda^{2}(1 + 2\gamma(1 + Pr\Lambda)) \} . \end{split}$$

The oscillatory convection occurs at $R = R^{o}$, where

$$R^{o} = \frac{(\pi^{2} + M_{3}a^{2})\Delta_{1}}{Pra^{2}\{\pi^{2} + M_{3}(1 + M_{1})a^{2}\}\{(\delta^{2} + \gamma H_{t})^{2} + \alpha^{2}\omega^{2}\}\{Pr^{2}(Da^{-1} + \delta^{2}\Lambda)^{2} + \omega^{2}\}}$$
(37)

and ω^2 is given by (36). For the existence of oscillatory convection, ω_i^2 should be positive. From (36) it can be seen that the occurrence of oscillatory convection depends on the values of various physical parameters involved therein. In the absence of rotation (i.e., Ta = 0), a glance at (36) reveals that ω_i^2 will not have any positive roots since $A_i > 0$ (i = 1, 2, 3). Thus the occurrence of oscillatory convection does not depend on LTE or LTNE model but it is only due to the presence of Coriolis force due to rotation. For the LTE model in the presence of rotation, it is shown that oscillatory convection is not a preferred mode of instability unless the value of the Prandtl number is less than unity and the Taylor number exceeds a threshold value (Shivakumara [26]). Under the circumstances, it is obvious to reason out that for the problem under investigation oscillatory convection will be a preferred mode of instability only if the Prandtl number is less than unity. Since the Prandtl number is greater than unity for ferromagnetic fluids (whether they are water based or any other organic liquid based), oscillatory

convection is not a preferred mode of instability and hence we have limited our discussion to only stationary onset.

4 Asymptotic values of R^s for small and large values of H_t

An asymptotic analysis is being carried out to obtain an expression for the Rayleigh number R^s and the corresponding wave number for small as well as large values of H_t .

4.1 Case 1: $H_t \ll 1$

For this case, the Rayleigh number R^s is slightly above the corresponding value for the LTE case. Accordingly, we expand R^s given by (30) in a power series in H_t as

$$R^{s} = \frac{(\pi^{2} + a^{2})\{\pi^{2}Ta + (\pi^{2} + a^{2})(Da^{-1} + (\pi^{2} + a^{2})\Lambda)^{2}\}(\pi^{2} + M_{3}a^{2})}{a^{2}\{Da^{-1} + (\pi^{2} + a^{2})\Lambda\}\{\pi^{2} + M_{3}(1 + M_{1})a^{2}\}} \times \left[1 + \frac{H_{t}}{(\pi^{2} + a^{2})} - \frac{\gamma H_{t}^{2}}{(\pi^{2} + a^{2})^{2}} + \cdots\right]$$
(38)

To minimize R^s up to $O(H_t^2)$, we set $\partial R^s / \partial a = 0$ and obtain an expression of the form

$$B_1 \gamma H_t^2 + B_2 H_t + B_3 \dots = 0 \tag{39}$$

where B_1 , B_2 and B_3 are lengthy expressions and they are not given here.

We also expand a in power series of H_t as

$$a = a_0 + a_1 H_t + a_2 H_t^2 + \dots$$
 (40)

where, a_0 is the critical wave number for the LTE case. Substituting (40) into (39) and equating the coefficients of like powers of H_t , we find a_1 and a_2 and

are given by

$$a_1 = \frac{\Delta'_1}{\Delta'}, \qquad a_2 = \frac{\Delta'_2}{\Delta'} \tag{41}$$

where Δ' , Δ'_1 and Δ'_2 are lengthy expressions and they are not given here but these expressions are used during numerical calculations. With the values of a_0 , a_1 and a_2 , (40) gives the critical wave number and consequently using this in (38) one can obtain the critical Rayleigh number for small H_t .

Table 1 Comparison of the asymptotic (A) and exact (E) values of the critical Rayleigh number (R_c^s) and the critical wave number (a_c) for different values of $\log_{10} H_t$ with $M_1 = 1$, $M_3 = 1$, $Da^{-1} = 100$, Ta = 100, A = 1 and $\gamma = 1$

$\log_{10} H_t$	$R_c^s(A)$	$a_c(A)$	$R_c^s(E)$	$a_c(E)$
-2.0	3144.52	3.366	3144.51	3.372
-1.0	3157.75	3.373	3157.74	3.378
0.0	3282.81	3.426	3283.09	3.431
1.0	3963.00	3.098	4122.12	3.630
2.0	5754.34	3.488	5726.71	3.495
3.0	6220.59	3.381	6220.55	3.386
4.0	6279.42	3.368	6279.4	3.373
5.0	6285.41	3.366	6285.39	3.371

4.2 Case 2: $H_t \gg 1$

For this case, the Rayleigh number takes the form

$$R^{s} = \frac{(\pi^{2} + a^{2})\{\pi^{2}Ta + (\pi^{2} + a^{2})(Da^{-1} + (\pi^{2} + a^{2})\Lambda)^{2}\}(\pi^{2} + M_{3}a^{2})}{a^{2}(Da^{-1} + (\pi^{2} + a^{2})\Lambda)\{\pi^{2} + M_{3}(1 + M_{1})a^{2}\}} \times \left(\frac{1 + \gamma}{\gamma}\right) \left[1 - \frac{(\pi^{2} + a^{2})}{\gamma(1 + \gamma)H_{t}} + \frac{(\pi^{2} + a^{2})^{2}}{\gamma^{2}(1 + \gamma)H_{t}^{2}} + \cdots\right]$$
(42)

We minimize this with respect to a in a similar way as we did in the small H_t case and obtain the following expression:

$$C_1 \frac{1}{\gamma^3 H_t^2} + C_2 \frac{1}{\gamma^2 H_t} + C_3 \frac{1+\gamma}{\gamma} + \dots = 0$$
(43)

where C_1 , C_2 and C_3 are lengthy expressions and not presented here.

Similarly, we expand a in the form

$$a = a_0 + \frac{a_1'}{H_t} + \frac{a_2'}{H_t^2} + \dots$$
(44)

where a_0 is the critical wave number for the LTE case and a'_1 and a'_2 are to be determined. Substituting (44) into (43) and equating the coefficients of like powers of H_t , we find a'_1 and a'_2 and are given by

$$a'_{1} = \frac{\Delta''_{1}}{\Delta''}, \qquad a'_{2} = \frac{\Delta''_{2}}{\Delta''}$$
 (45)

where, $\Delta''\Delta''_1$ and Δ''_2 are quite lengthy expressions and they are not given here. But they are used during numerical calculations of the critical wave number. Again with the values of a_0 , a'_1 and a'_2 , we compute the critical wave number a_c from (44) and finally using this value of a_c one can obtain the critical Rayleigh number from (42) for large H_t .

The critical Rayleigh number R_c^s (i.e., the critical value of R^s obtained with respect to the wave number a) and the corresponding critical wave number a_c are obtained for both small as well as large H_t using the asymptotic formulae. The critical stability parameters (R_c^s, a_c) so obtained are compared with the exact values obtained from (30) in Table 1 for representative values of $M_1 = 1$, $M_3 = 1$, $Da^{-1} = 100 = Ta$, $\Lambda = 1$ with $\gamma = 1$. From the table, it is observed that an increasingly good agreement amongst the critical stability parameters as the value of H_t either decreases or increases. The asymptotic (A) and exact (E) critical Darcy-Rayleigh ($R_{Dc}^s = R_c^s Da$) and the corresponding wave numbers obtained under the limiting case of an ordinary viscous fluid (i.e., $M_1 = 0$, $M_3 = 0$) saturating a densely packed (i.e., $\Lambda = 0$) rotating porous layer for two values of Darcy-Taylor number $Ta_D = 0$ and 25 with $\gamma = 1$ are compared with those of Malashetty et al. [28] in Table 2. It may be

Ta _D	$\log_{10} H_t$	Malashetty	et al. [28]			Present ana	lysis		
		$\overline{R_c^s(A)}$	$a_c(A)$	$R_c^s(E)$	$a_c(E)$	$R_c^s(A)$	$a_c(A)$	$R_c^s(E)$	$a_c(E)$
0	-2.0	39.498	3.142	39.498	3.142	39.498	3.142	39.498	3.142
	-1.0	39.677	3.149	39.677	3.149	39.677	3.149	39.677	3.149
	0.0	41.356	3.211	41.362	3.211	41.358	3.210	41.362	3.211
	1.0	49.346	3.131	52.360	3.436	49.752	2.829	52.360	3.436
	2.0	72.622	3.250	72.340	3.271	72.625	3.270	72.340	3.271
	3.0	78.191	3.157	78.191	3.157	78.191	3.157	78.191	3.157
	4.0	78.879	3.143	78.879	3.143	78.879	3.143	78.879	3.143
	5.0	78.949	3.142	78.949	3.142	78.949	3.142	78.949	3.142
25	-2.0	397.191	7.096	397.191	7.096	397.191	7.096	397.191	7.096
	-1.0	367.738	7.112	367.738	7.112	367.738	7.112	367.738	7.112
	0.0	373.012	7.262	373.014	7.262	373.012	7.261	373.014	7.262
	1.0	414.289	8.141	414.019	8.198	414.416	7.611	414.019	8.198
	2.0	644.433	6.744	576.92	9.280	644.02	6.145	576.92	9.280
	3.0	712.760	7.421	712.665	7.426	712.760	7.428	712.665	7.426
	4.0	732.055	7.127	732.055	7.127	732.055	7.127	732.055	7.127
	5.0	734.039	7.097	734.039	7.097	734.039	7.097	734.039	7.097

Table 2 Comparison of the asymptotic (A) and exact (E) values of the critical Darcy-Rayleigh number (R_{Dc}^s) and the critical wave number (a_c) for different values of $\log_{10} H_t$ with $\gamma = 1$, $M_1 = 0$, $M_3 = 0$, $\Lambda = 0$ and $Ta_D = 0$ and 25

seen that the results presented for different values of $\log_{10} H_t$ agree very well with each other.

5 Results and discussion

The combined effect of LTNE and Coriolis force due to rotation on thermal convection in a ferromagnetic fluid saturated horizontal Brinkman porous layer in the presence of a uniform vertical magnetic field is investigated. The condition for the occurrence of stationary and oscillatory onset is established analytically. It is observed that oscillatory convection is not a preferred mode of instability and the results are discussed for stationary convection. By performing careful numerical calculations it is shown that the rotating ferrofluid saturated porous layer is capable of supporting some new results which are not found in the previous investigation.

From (30), we note that $\partial R^s / \partial Ta > 0$, $\partial R^s / \partial M_1 < 0$ and $\partial R^s / \partial M_3 < 0$. Hence, the effect of increasing Ta is to delay and increasing M_1 as well as M_3 is to hasten the onset of ferromagnetic convection. Further,

it is observed that

$$\frac{\partial R^s}{\partial Da^{-1}} = \frac{(a^2 M_3 + \pi^2) \{H_t(1+\gamma) + \delta^2\} \delta^2}{a^2 \{a^2(1+M_1)M_3 + \pi^2\} (H_t\gamma + \delta^2)} \\ \times \left[2\delta^2 - \frac{\pi^2 Ta + \delta^2 (Da^{-1} + \delta^2 \Lambda)^2}{(Da^{-1} + \delta^2 \Lambda)^2} \right] (46)$$

$$\frac{\partial R^s}{\partial \Lambda} = \frac{(a^2 M_3 + \pi^2) \{H(1+\gamma) + \delta^2\} \delta^4}{a^2 \{a^2(1+M_1)M_3 + \pi^2\} (H\gamma + \delta^2)} \\ \times \left[2\delta^2 - \frac{\pi^2 Ta + \delta^2 (Da^{-1} + \delta^2 \Lambda)^2}{(Da^{-1} + \delta^2 \Lambda)^2} \right].$$
(47)

When Ta = 0, from the above equations it is seen that R^s is an increasing function of Da^{-1} and Λ indicating their effect is to stabilize the system. When $Ta \neq 0$, however, it is observed that the right-hand side of (46) and (47) may be either negative or positive depending on the parametric values. That is to say that an increase in the value of Da^{-1} and Λ might lead to instability of a rotating ferromagnetic fluid saturated porous layer.

To visualize this behavior, the variation of R_c^s as a function of Da^{-1} is shown in Fig. 2 for different values of Λ when Ta is fixed at 10^6 for $M_1 = 1$, $M_3 = 1$,



Fig. 2 Variation of R_c^s with Da^{-1} for different values of Λ with $Ta = 10^6$, $M_1 = 1$, $M_3 = 1$, $\gamma = 0.5$ and $H_t = 100$

 $\gamma = 0.5$ and $H_t = 100$. From the figure, it is observed that the destabilization due to Da^{-1} manifests itself as minimum in the $R_c^s - Da^{-1}$ curve. The range of Da^{-1} up to which the system becomes destabilized decreases with an increase in the value of Λ . This may be due to a delicate balance between the Coriolis and Darcy frictional forces, while elsewhere a strong 'two-dimensionality' prevails, being provided at lower values of Da^{-1} by Coriolis forces, and at higher values of Da^{-1} by frictional forces. This phenomenon is similar to the one observed by Chandrasekhar [33] in the study of thermal convective instability in a rotating fluid layer in the presence of vertical magnetic field; where it is observed that rotation/magnetic field destabilizes the system although their individual effect is to make the system more stable. Moreover, it is found that R_c^s attains its minimum value with Da^{-1} , denoted by $(R_c^{\tilde{s}})_{\min}$, at $Da^{-1} = Da_m^{-1}$, where

$$Da_m^{-1} = \frac{\pi\sqrt{Ta}\sqrt{\pi^2 + a_c^2} - a_c^4\Lambda(\pi^4 + 1) - 2\pi^2 a_c^2\Lambda}{\pi^2 + a_c^2}.$$
(48)

It is evident that Da_m^{-1} decreases with an increase in the value of Λ but increases with an increase in the value of *Ta*. The above expression is same as the one obtained for an ordinary viscous fluid case and also independent of H_t and γ explicitly. The numerically



Fig. 3 Variation of R_c^s with Λ for different values of Da^{-1} with $Ta = 10^6$, $M_1 = 1$, $M_3 = 1$, $\gamma = 0.5$ and $H_t = 100$

calculated values of $(R_c^s)_{\min}$ and Da_m^{-1} are tabulated in Tables 3a, 3b for different values of Λ when $M_1 = 1$, $M_3 = 1$, $H_t = 100$, 0 (LTE case) and $\gamma = 0.5$ for two values of $Ta = 10^6$ (see Table 3a) and 2×10^6 (see Table 3b). From the tables, it is seen that increasing Λ is to decrease Da_m^{-1} , while increase in Ta is to increase the value of Da_m^{-1} . An interesting and important point to be noted here is that there is a coupling between the values of Λ and Da_m^{-1} such that $(R_c^s)_{\min}$ remains unaltered for a fixed value of Ta and also increase in the value of Ta is to increase the value of $(R_c^s)_{\min}$. That is, rotation has a stabilizing effect on the system.

A similar type of behavior is observed by varying Λ and the results are presented in Fig. 3. The dual role of viscosity ratio Λ on the onset of ferromagnetic convection in a rotating ferromagnetic fluid saturated porous layer is evident from this figure, where we note that R_c^s passes through a minimum with an increase in the value of Λ . In this case, R_c^s attains its minimum value with Λ (i.e., $(R_c^s)_{\min}$) at $\Lambda = \Lambda_m$, where

$$\Lambda_m = -\frac{Da^{-1}}{(\pi^2 + a_c^2)} + \frac{\pi\sqrt{Ta}}{(\pi^2 + a_c^2)\sqrt{(\pi^2 + a_c^2)}}.$$
 (49)

From the above equation, it is noted that Λ_m decreases with an increase in the value of Da^{-1} , while it increases with increasing *Ta*. The numerically calculated values of Λ_m and the corresponding $(R_c^s)_{\min}$ for different values of Da^{-1} when $\gamma = 0.5$, $H_t = 100$, 0 (LTE case), $M_1 = 1$ and $M_3 = 1$ for two values of

H_t	Λ	Simultaneous presence of buoyancy and magnetic forces $(M_1 = 1)$		Buoyancy forces alone present $(M_1 = 0)$		Magnetic forces alone present $(M_1 \rightarrow \infty)$	
		$(R_c^s)_{\min}$	Da_m^{-1}	$(R_c^s)_{\min}$	Da_m^{-1}	$(R_{mc})_{\min}$	Da_m^{-1}
100	1	60349.023	300.08	110707.454	398.773	128860.00	227.995
	1.5	60349.023	264.34	110707.454	374.18	128860.00	180.62
	2	60349.023	228.59	110707.454	349.588	128860.00	133.245
	2.5	60349.023	192.85	110707.454	324.996	128860.00	85.87
	3	60349.023	157.11	110707.454	300.404	128860.00	38.495
0	1	30065.000	471.590	51284.000	547.741	68966.00	397.866
	1.5	30065.000	452.587	51284.000	532.937	68966.00	373.192
	2	30065.000	433.584	51284.000	518.133	68966.00	348.518
	2.5	30065.000	414.581	51284.000	503.328	68966.00	323.844
	3	30065.000	395.578	51284.000	488.524	68966.00	299.170

Table 3a Values of $(R_c^s)_{\min}$, $(R_{mc})_{\min}$ and Da_m^{-1} for various vales of Λ and M_1 when $M_3 = 1$, $\gamma = 0.5$ and $Ta = 10^6$

Table 3b Values of $(R_c^s)_{\min}$, $(R_{mc})_{\min}$ and Da_m^{-1} for various vales of Λ and M_1 when $M_3 = 1$, $\gamma = 0.5$ and $Ta = 2 \times 10^6$

<i>H</i> _t	Λ	Simultaneous p buoyancy and p $(M_1 = 1)$	Simultaneous presence of buoyancy and magnetic forces $(M_1 = 1)$		Buoyancy forces alone present $(M_1 = 0)$		Magnetic forces alone present $(M_1 \rightarrow \infty)$	
		$(R_c^s)_{\min}$	Da_m^{-1}	$(R_c^s)_{\min}$	Da_m^{-1}	$(R_{mc})_{\min}$	Da_m^{-1}	
100	1	85346.407	453.989	156564.00	584.322	182235.193	361.681	
	1.5	85346.407	418.245	156564.00	559.73	182235.193	314.306	
	2	85346.407	382.502	156564.00	535.138	182235.193	266.931	
	2.5	85346.407	346.759	156564.00	510.546	182235.193	219.556	
	3	85346.407	311.015	156564.00	485.954	182235.193	172.180	
0	1	42518.400	682.671	72526.50	786.888	97532.000	583.108	
	1.5	42518.400	663.668	72526.50	772.083	97532.000	558.433	
	2	42518.400	644.665	72526.50	757.279	97532.000	533.759	
	2.5	42518.400	625.663	72526.50	742.475	97532.000	509.085	
	3	42518.400	606.660	72526.50	727.670	97532.000	484.411	

 $Ta = 10^6$ and 2×10^6 corroborate the above observations (see Tables 4a and 4b). As observed earlier, here a coupling between Da^{-1} and Λ_m is found such that $(R_c^s)_{\min}$ value remains unaltered for a fixed value of Ta and coincides with the one obtained previously by varying Λ (see Tables 3a, 3b).

The variation of critical Darcy-Rayleigh number R_c^s as a function of $\log_{10} H_t$ for different values of γ with Ta = 100, $M_1 = 1$, $M_3 = 1$, $\Lambda = 2$ and $Da^{-1} = 100$ is presented in Fig. 4. We note that the curves of different γ coalesce and asymptote to a single R_c^s value

when H_t is small and the critical Rayleigh number remains almost independent of H_t for $\gamma \ge 10$. This is because, for very small values of H_t and higher values of γ there is no significant transfer of heat between the fluid and solid phases, and hence the condition for the onset of convection is not affected by the properties of the solid phase. This corresponds to classical LTE limit. However, R_c^s varies with γ as the value of H_t goes on increasing and remains independent of H_t at higher values of H_t . The figure also indicates that for moderate and large values of H_t , the critical Rayleigh

Table 4a Values of $(R_c^s)_{\min}$, $(R_{mc})_{\min}$ and Λ_m for various vales of Da^{-1} and M_1 when $M_3 = 1$, $\gamma = 0.5$ and $Ta = 10^6$

H _t	Da^{-1}	Simultaneous presence of buoyancy and magnetic forces $(M_1 = 1)$		Buoyancy forces alone present $(M_1 = 0)$		Magnetic forces alone present $(M_1 \rightarrow \infty)$	
		$(R_c^s)_{\min}$	Λ_m	$(R_c^s)_{\min}$	Λ_m	$(R_{mc})_{\min}$	Λ_m
100	10	60349.023	5.058	110707.454	8.904	128860.00	3.301
	20	60349.023	4.918	110707.454	8.701	128860.00	3.195
	30	60349.023	4.778	110707.454	8.498	128860.00	3.099
	50	60349.023	4.498	110707.454	8.091	128860.00	2.879
	100	60349.023	3.799	110707.454	7.075	128860.00	2.351
0	10	30065.000	13.145	51284.000	19.162	68966.00	8.860
	20	30065.000	12.882	51284.000	18.824	68966.00	8.657
	30	30065.000	12.619	51284.000	18.486	68966.00	8.455
	50	30065.000	12.093	51284.000	17.811	68966.00	8.049
	100	30065.000	10.777	51284.000	16.122	68966.00	7.036

Table 4b Values of $(R_c^s)_{\min}$, $(R_{mc})_{\min}$ and Λ_m for various vales of Da^{-1} and M_1 when $M_3 = 1$, $\gamma = 0.5$ and $Ta = 2 \times 10^6$

H _t	Da^{-1}	Simultaneous presence of buoyancy and magnetic forces $(M_1 = 1)$		Buoyancy forces alone present $(M_1 = 0)$		Magnetic forces alone present $(M_1 \rightarrow \infty)$	
		$(R_c^s)_{\min}$	Λ_m	$(R_c^s)_{\min}$	Λ_m	$(R_{mc})_{\min}$	Λ_m
100	10	85346.407	7.211	156564.00	12.677	182235.193	4.712
	20	85346.407	7.071	156564.00	12.474	182235.193	4.606
	30	85346.407	6.931	156564.00	12.270	182235.193	4.501
	50	85346.407	6.651	156564.00	11.814	182235.193	4.290
	100	85346.407	5.952	156564.00	10.847	182235.193	3.762
0	10	42518.400	18.699	72526.50	27.238	97532.000	12.614
	20	42518.400	18.436	72526.50	26.901	97532.000	12.411
	30	42518.400	18.173	72526.50	26.563	97532.000	12.208
	50	42518.400	17.647	72526.50	25.887	97532.000	11.803
	100	42518.400	16.331	72526.50	24.199	97532.000	10.790

number decreases with the increasing values of γ . In other words, increasing γ is to hasten the onset of ferromagnetic convection because heat is transported to the system through both by solid and fluid phases. Figures 5 and 6 respectively show that increasing M_1 (i.e., increasing magnetic force) and decreasing Ta is to hasten the onset of ferromagnetic convection but for small values of H_t the curves of different M_1 and Tado not coalesce. A similar trend is noticed on the stability characteristics of the system with increasing M_3 . The variation of critical modified Rayleigh number R_{Mpc}^s , which is defined in terms of the mean properties of the porous medium, is represented in Fig. 7 as a function of $\log_{10} H_t$ for different values of γ for two values of Ta(=0, 1000) with $M_1 = 1$, $M_3 = 1$, $Da^{-1} = 100$ and $\Lambda = 2$. From the figure, it is noted that R_{Mpc}^s approaches a common limit for different values of γa . It is also interesting to note that the critical Rayleigh number based on the mean properties remains almost



Fig. 4 Variation of R_c^s with $\log_{10} H_t$ for different values of γ with Ta = 100, $M_1 = 1$, $M_3 = 1$, $\Lambda = 2$ and $Da^{-1} = 100$



Fig. 5 Variation of R_c^s with $\log_{10} H_t$ for different values of M_1 with $\gamma = 0.5$, Ta = 100, $M_3 = 1$, A = 2 and $Da^{-1} = 100$

invariant for very small values of H_t as well as large γ indicating the complete suppression of ferromagnetic convection under these conditions.

It will be interesting and intuitive to know the response of the system when the magnetic forces alone are present (i.e., in the absence of buoyancy forces). In such a case, the magnetic Rayleigh number R_m $(= R^s M_1)$ turns out to be the eigenvalue. From (27), we note that $\partial R_m / \partial T_a > 0$ and $\partial R_m / \partial M_3 < 0$. Thus



Fig. 6 Variation of R_c^s with $\log_{10} H_t$ for different values of *Ta* with $\gamma = 0.5$, $M_1 = 1$, $M_3 = 1$, $\Lambda = 2$ and $Da^{-1} = 100$



Fig. 7 Variation of R^s_{MPc} with $\log_{10} H_t$ for different values of γ and Ta with $M_1 = 1$, $M_3 = 1$, $\Lambda = 2$ and $Da^{-1} = 100$

increasing Ta is to make the system more stable, while increasing M_3 is to make the system more unstable. We further note that,

$$\frac{\partial R_m}{\partial Da^{-1}} = \frac{(a^2 M_3 + \pi^2) \{H_t(1+\gamma) + \delta^2\} \delta^2}{a^4 M_3 (H_t \gamma + \delta^2)} \\ \times \left[2\delta^2 - \frac{\pi^2 Ta + \delta^2 (Da^{-1} + \delta^2 \Lambda)^2}{(Da^{-1} + \delta^2 \Lambda)^2} \right]$$
(50)



Fig. 8 Variation of R_{mc} with Da^{-1} for different values of Λ with $\gamma = 0.5$, $Ta = 10^6$, $M_3 = 1$ and $H_t = 100$

$$\frac{\partial R_m}{\partial \Lambda} = \frac{(a^2 M_3 + \pi^2) \{H_t(1+\gamma) + \delta^2\} \delta^4}{a^4 M_3 (H_t \gamma + \delta^2)} \times \left[2\delta^2 - \frac{\pi^2 Ta + \delta^2 (Da^{-1} + \delta^2 \Lambda)^2}{(Da^{-1} + \delta^2 \Lambda)^2} \right].$$
(51)

It is seen that the right hand side of (50) and (51) may be either positive or negative depending on the choices of parametric values. In other words, Da^{-1} and A can have a destabilizing effect on the system even in this case. However, R_m is an increasing function of Da^{-1} and A when Ta = 0 and thus their effect is to delay the onset of ferromagnetic convection in a ferromagnetic fluid saturated porous layer.

The variation of R_{mc} (i.e., the critical value of R_m with respect to the wave number *a*) as a function of Da^{-1} for various values of Λ and as a function of Λ for various values of Da^{-1} when $Ta = 10^6$, $M_3 = 1$, $\gamma = 0.5$ and $H_t = 100$ is shown in Figs. 8 and 9, respectively. From the figures, it is observed that R_{mc} passes through a minimum with increasing Da^{-1} and Λ indicating their destabilizing effect on ferromagnetic convection in a rotating layer of ferromagnetic fluid saturated porous medium. Moreover, there is a coupling between the values of Da^{-1} and Λ in destabilizing the system with respect to these parameters. Also, the coupling between Λ and Da_m^{-1} or Da^{-1} and Λ_m is such that the $(R_{mc})_{min}$, the minimum value of R_{mc} with respect to Da^{-1} or Λ , as the case may be, is



Fig. 9 Variation of R_{mc} with Λ for different values of Da^{-1} with $Ta = 10^6$, $M_3 = 1$, $\gamma = 0.5$ and $H_t = 100$



Fig. 10 Variation of R_{mc} with $\log_{10} H_t$ for different values of γ with Ta = 100, $M_3 = 1$, $\Lambda = 2$ and $Da^{-1} = 100$

the same for a fixed value of Taylor number. The values tabulated in Tables 3a, 3b and 4a, 4b for different values of Λ and Da^{-1} for two values of $Ta = 10^6$ and 2×10^6 confirm this result. Except for a quantitative change, the effect of γ and Ta on R_{mc} is akin to their behavior on R_c^s (see Figs. 10 and 11).

To identify the similarities and differences between the magnetic mechanism alone and the combined ef-



Fig. 11 Variation of R_{mc} with $\log_{10} H_t$ for different values of Ta with $\gamma = 0.5$, $M_3 = 1$, $\Lambda = 2$ and $Da^{-1} = 100$

fect of magnetic and buoyancy mechanisms on the onset of ferromagnetic convection in a rotating layer of porous medium, the values of R_{mc} as well as R_c^s and the corresponding critical wave numbers obtained as a function of $\log_{10} H_t$ are compared in Figs. 12 and 13, respectively for two values of γ and M_3 when $Ta = 100, M_1 = 1, A = 2$ and $Da^{-1} = 100$. It is seen that $R_{mc} > R_c^s$ (see Fig. 12) and hence the system is more stabilizing when the magnetic mechanism alone is present (i.e., in the absence of buoyancy force). Similar is the case with the critical wave number (see Fig. 13). From the figures it is also observed that the effect of γ and M_3 on R_{mc} and a_c is found to be more pronounced when the magnetic mechanism alone is present.

The values tabulated in Tables 3a, 3b and 4a, 4b for different values of Λ and Da^{-1} for two values of *Ta* (= 10⁶ and 2 × 10⁶) and H_t (= 100 and 0) also confirm the above observed behavior. From Tables 3a, 3b and 4a, 4b, it is further seen that the results obtained when the buoyancy and magnetic forces are acting together or in isolation as well as for LTNE ($H_t = 100$) and LTE cases ($H_t = 0$) exhibit similar behavior. However, the values of Da_m^{-1} for different values of Λ and the values of Λ_m for different values of Da^{-1} as well as for LTNE and LTE cases for a fixed value of Taylor number are not the same when these forces are acting together and in isolation despite the expressions for Da_m^{-1} and Λ_m (cf. (48) and (49)) are the same in all the cases. This is because of change in the values of



Fig. 12 Variation of R_c^s and R_{mc} with $\log_{10} H_t$ for two values of γ and M_3 with Ta = 100, $M_1 = 1$, A = 2 and $Da^{-1} = 100$



Fig. 13 Variation of a_{mc} and a_c with $\log_{10} H_t$ for different values of γ and M_3 with Ta = 100, $M_1 = 1$, $\Lambda = 2$ and $Da^{-1} = 100$

critical wave number in all these different cases considered. Also, we note that

$$[(R_{mc})_{\min}]_{magnetic} > [(R_c^s)_{\min}]_{buoyancy}$$
$$> [(R_c^s)_{\min}]_{buoyancy+magnetic}$$

for a fixed value of Taylor number in both LTNE and LTE cases. This indicates that the onset of ferromagnetic convection in a rotating porous layer is delayed the most when the magnetic forces alone are present. In other words, the combined effect of buoyancy and magnetic forces is to reinforce together and to hasten the onset of ferromagnetic convection in a rotating ferrofluid saturated porous layer. Also, values of $(R_c^s)_{min}$ for the LTNE case are higher than those of the LTE case. In addition,

$$\begin{split} \left[Da_m^{-1} \right]_{buoyancy} &> \left[Da_m^{-1} \right]_{buoyancy+magnetic} \\ &> \left[Da_m^{-1} \right]_{magnetic} \end{split}$$

for all values of Λ considered, and

$$[\Lambda_m]_{buoyancy} > [\Lambda_m]_{buoyancy+magnetic}$$

> $[\Lambda_m]_{magnetic}$

for all values of Da^{-1} considered. It is also seen that Da_m^{-1} and Λ_m values for the LTNE case are lower than those of LTE case.

The critical wave number remains the same for different values of γ in both the small and large H_t limits and this is evident from Fig. 13. However, at moderate values of H_t , the critical wave number reaches its peak value and increasing γ decreases the value of a_c . In other words, increase in the value of γ is to enlarge the size of convection cells only at moderate values of H_t and the size of convection cells remains independent of γ when $H_t \ll 1$ and $H_t \gg 1$. We note that increasing M_3 is to decrease the critical wave number (i.e., to diminish the size of convection cells). Further inspection of these figures reveals that the value of critical wave number is higher when the onset of ferromagnetic convection is due to magnetic forces alone as compared to the simultaneous presence of buoyancy and magnetic forces.

6 Conclusions

The criterion for the onset of thermal convection in a ferromagnetic fluid saturated horizontal rotating Brinkman porous layer in the presence of a uniform magnetic field with a thermal non-equilibrium model is studied. Condition for the onset of stationary and oscillatory onset is obtained analytically. Contrary to their usual influence on the onset of convection in the absence of rotation, both Da^{-1} and Λ show destabilizing effects on the stationary onset at high rotation rates. In other words, decrease in the permeability of

the porous medium and increase in the viscosity of the fluid have destabilizing effect on the system. The numerically computed double minimum of R^s or R_m with respect to a and Da^{-1} or a and A, denoted by $(R_c^s)_{\min}$ or $(R_{mc})_{\min}$, as the case may be, shows that there is a coupling between the values of Da_m^{-1} and Λ or Λ_m and Da^{-1} such that $(R_c^s)_{\min}$ and $(R_{mc})_{\min}$ remain the same for a fixed value of Taylor number. Increase in the value of Taylor number Ta is to reinforce stability on the system and the LTNE case is found to have more stabilizing effect on the system as compared to the LTE case. The porosity modified conductivity ratio γ has no effect on the onset of ferromagnetic convection in the small- H_t limit, while for the other values of H_t increase in the value of γ is to hasten the onset of ferromagnetic convection. At higher values of γ , the onset of convection remains independent of H_t and tends to classical LTE case. The effect of increase in the magnetic number M_1 and the nonlinearity of magnetization parameter M_3 is to advance the onset of ferromagnetic convection. The system is more stabilizing when the magnetic force alone is present and in that case M_3 and γ show prominence effect on the onset of ferromagnetic convection when compared to the simultaneous presence of buoyancy and magnetic forces. The critical Rayleigh number R^s_{Mpc} based on the mean properties of the porous medium approaches a common limit as $H_t \rightarrow \infty$ for different values of γ and for any fixed value of Da^{-1} , Λ , Ta, M_1 and M_3 . The critical wave number for different values of γ in the small- H_t and large- H_t limits coincide, but attain a maximum value at the intermediate values of H_t and in that case increasing γ is to decrease the critical wave number. The critical wave number is higher when the onset of convection is only due to magnetic forces as compared to the simultaneous presence of buoyancy and magnetic forces.

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Appendix

The expressions for Δ_1 and Δ_2 appearing in (21) are:

$$\Delta_1 = (\delta^4 + \alpha^2 \omega^2) \{ \pi^2 P r^2 Ta (Pr \delta^4 \Lambda + \omega^2) + \delta^2 (Pr^3 \delta^8 \Lambda^3 + Pr \delta^4 \Lambda \omega^2) \}$$

)

$$-Pr^{2}\delta^{4} A^{2}\omega^{2} - \omega^{4})\}$$

$$+ (Da^{-1})^{3}Pr^{3}\delta^{4}H_{t}^{2}\gamma(1+\gamma) + (Da^{-1})^{3}$$

$$\times Pr^{3}\delta^{2}\{\delta^{6} + \alpha^{2}\delta^{2}\omega^{2}$$

$$+ H_{t}(1+2\gamma)\delta^{4} + \alpha^{2}\omega^{2}\}$$

$$+ H_{t}^{2}\gamma\delta^{2}(Pr^{2}\delta^{4}A + \omega^{2})$$

$$\times \{Pr(1+\gamma)\delta^{4}A - (\alpha+\gamma)\omega^{2}\}$$

$$+ H_{t}^{2}\gamma\pi^{2}Pr^{2}Ta\{Pr(1+\gamma)\delta^{4}A + (\alpha+\gamma)\omega^{2}\}$$

$$+ H_{t}\delta^{2}\pi^{2}Pr^{2}Ta\{\delta^{4}APr(1+2\gamma)$$

$$+ (2\gamma + Pr\alpha^{2}A)\omega^{2}\}$$

$$+ H_{t}\delta^{4}(Pr^{2}\delta^{4}A^{2} + \omega^{2}) - 2\gamma\omega^{2}\}$$

$$+ (Da^{-1})^{2}Pr^{2}\delta^{2}(3Pr\delta^{4}A - \omega^{2})(\delta^{4} + \alpha^{2}\omega^{2})$$

$$+ (Da^{-1})^{2}\delta^{2}H_{t}^{2}\gamma\{3Pr\delta^{4}A(1+\gamma)$$

$$- (\alpha+\gamma)\omega^{2}\}$$

$$+ (Da^{-1})^{2}\delta^{4}H_{t}\{3PrA(\delta^{4} + 2\gamma\delta^{4} + \alpha^{2}\omega^{2})$$

$$- 2\gamma\omega^{2}\}$$

$$+ Da^{-1}Pr\delta^{2}(\delta^{4} + \alpha^{2}\omega^{2})\{\pi^{2}Pr^{2}Ta$$

$$+ \delta^{2}(3Pr^{2}\delta^{4}A^{2} + \omega^{2} - 2PrA\omega^{2})\}$$

$$+ Da^{-1}\delta^{4}H_{t}^{2}\gamma\{(1+\gamma)(3Pr^{2}\delta^{4}A^{2} + \omega^{2})$$

$$- 2Pr(\alpha+\gamma)A\omega^{2}\}$$

$$+ Da^{-1}H_{t}\alpha^{2}Pr^{2}Ta\{(1+2\gamma)\delta^{4} + \alpha^{2}\omega^{2}\}$$

$$\times (3Pr^{2}\delta^{4}A^{2} + \omega^{2})Pr - 4\gamma\delta^{4}APr^{2}\omega^{2}\}$$

$$\Delta_{2} = (Da^{-1})^{3}Pr^{3}\delta^{2}\{H_{t}^{2}\gamma(\alpha+\gamma) + 2H_{t}\gamma\delta^{2} + \delta^{4}$$

$$+ \alpha^{2}\omega^{2}\} + \delta^{2}(\delta^{4} + \alpha^{2}\omega^{2})\{\pi^{2}Pr^{2}Ta$$

$$\times (PrA - 1)\}$$

$$+ \delta^{4}H_{t}^{2}\gamma\{(1+\gamma)(SPr^{2}A^{2} + \omega^{2})$$

$$+ \delta^{2}H_{t}^{2}\gamma\{\pi^{2}Pr^{2}Ta(\gamma(PrA - 1) - 1$$

$$+ \alpha APr)\}$$

$$\begin{split} & \left(Pr^{2}\delta^{4}\Lambda^{2} + \omega^{2} \right) + H_{t} \left\{ \pi^{2}Pr^{2}Ta \left(2\gamma (\Lambda Pr - 1) - 1 \right) \delta^{4} - \alpha^{2}\omega^{2} \right\} \\ & + H_{t}\delta^{2} \left\{ (1 + 2\gamma + 2\gamma Pr\Lambda)\delta^{4} + \alpha^{2}\omega^{2} \right\} \\ & \times \left(Pr^{2}\delta^{4}\Lambda^{2} + \omega^{2} \right) \\ & + \left(Da^{-1} \right)^{2}Pr^{2}\delta^{4} \left\{ H_{t}^{2}\gamma (1 + \gamma + 3Pr\alpha\Lambda + 3Pr\gamma\Lambda) \right\} \\ & + \left(Da^{-1} \right)^{2}Pr^{2} \left\{ \delta^{4} (1 + 3Pr\Lambda) \left(\delta^{4} + \alpha^{2}\omega^{2} \right) \right\} \\ & + H_{t} \left((1 + 2\gamma + 6Pr\gamma\Lambda)\delta^{6} \right) + \alpha^{2}\omega^{2}\delta^{2} \right\} \\ & + Da^{-1}Pr \left(\delta^{4} + \alpha^{2}\omega^{2} \right) \left\{ \pi^{2}Pr^{2}Ta + Pr\delta^{6}\Lambda (2 + 3Pr\Lambda) + \omega^{2}\delta^{2} \right\} \\ & + 2Da^{-1}H_{t}\pi^{2}Pr^{2}Ta\delta^{2} \\ & + 2Da^{-1}H_{t}\delta^{4} \left\{ \delta^{4} (\gamma\omega^{2} + 3Pr^{2}\delta^{4}\Lambda) + Pr\Lambda \left(\delta^{4} + 2\gamma\delta^{4} + \alpha^{2}\omega^{2} \right) \right\} \\ & + Da^{-1}H_{t}^{2}\gamma \left\{ \pi^{2}Pr^{2}Ta(\alpha + \gamma) \right\} \\ & + Da^{-1}H_{t}^{2}\gamma \delta^{2} \left\{ \delta^{4}\Lambda Pr(2 + 2\gamma + 3Pr\alpha\Lambda + 3Pr\gamma\Lambda) + (\alpha + \gamma)\omega^{2} \right\}. \end{split}$$

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