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**ABSTRACT:** The fluid-thermal-structure interaction (FTSI) of a heated circular cylinder is numerically investigated at  $Pr = 0.71$ ,  $Re = 60\text{--}160$ , and  $Ri = 0\text{--}2.0$  in this article using the stabilized finite element method (FEM). The heat convection characteristics along the cylinder's surface in both forced and mixed convection subject to cross buoyancy are discussed and linked to the fluid instabilities. Additionally, the hydrodynamic characteristics are investigated in both time and frequency domains according to the strength of thermal cross buoyancy. Multiple harmonics of hydrodynamic coefficients and heat convection are identified from their frequency domains. Reynolds stresses are utilized to study the energy cascade of fluid kinetic energy and thermal energy via the fine-scale fluid fluctuation in the wake. Furthermore, the dynamic mode decomposition (DMD) technique is employed to extract the dominant spatial-temporal modes from the original field data. It is found that more linear DMD modes are required to accurately reconstruct the vorticity and temperature contours. It implies that strong nonlinear features exist in the wake and are influenced by the thermal buoyancy.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Flow around a circular cylinder is usually accompanied with heat exchange in engineering applications. Based on the Richardson number ( $Ri = Gr/Re^2$ , where  $Gr$  and  $Re$  are the Grashof and Reynolds numbers, respectively), the heat exchange could be classified into three main categories: forced convection, natural convection and mixed convection. The vortex shedding of a circular cylinder in mixed convection is physically more complicated in comparison with that in forced or

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27 natural convection owing to the combined effects of buoyancy and viscous force. The purpose of  
28 this article is not only to characterize the hydro-thermal mechanism of the wake subject to strong  
29 cross buoyancy but also to evaluate the feasibility of dynamic mode decomposition analysis in flow-  
30 temperature field reconstruction and prediction.

31 The von Kármán vortex street<sup>1</sup> behind a circular cylinder is frequently employed as a canonical  
32 case in literature to study the hydrodynamic instability in wake and has drawn a great attention  
33 among the fluid community. In the past, the studies of this wake instability primarily focus on the  
34 study of the isothermal flow in a wide range of Reynolds number (e.g. Roshko,<sup>2</sup> Abernathy and  
35 Kronauer,<sup>3</sup> Berger and Wille,<sup>4</sup> Bearman<sup>5</sup> and Williamson<sup>6</sup>). Before the onset of flow transition (e.g.  
36  $Re$  approximately equals to 180 for a circular cylinder<sup>7-9</sup>), the flow is two dimensional, periodic and  
37 behaves as a dynamic system of limited circle. A sequence of alternatively shedding vortices from  
38 the upper and lower shear layers of the cylinder is observed. Because of the negligible influence of  
39 buoyancy effect on the fluid inertia, the hydrodynamics in forced convection is practically identical  
40 to those in an isothermal incompressible flow, except for the heat convection across the thermal  
41 boundary layers of a heated cylinder.

42 In thermal engineering, the hot and cool fluid media are usually separated by metal tubes. The  
43 primary objective in engineering design is to improve the heat exchange efficiency across the metal  
44 tubes. Schmidt and Wenner<sup>10</sup> were the first to report the local heat transfer along a circular cylinder.  
45 It is known that the maximum heat transfer can be found around the forward and rear stagnation  
46 points<sup>11-14</sup> and the distribution of heat convection and pressure in wake are symmetric with respect  
47 to the incoming flow in the forced convection. Whereas for the mixed convection, the thermal  
48 buoyancy effect is critical and can significantly perturb the vortex dynamics in wake. Therefore, the  
49 vortex formation and wake structure are completely dependent on  $Re$ ,  $Ri$  and  $Pr$  numbers together  
50 and are influenced by the gravitational force. A strong cross-buoyancy effect may cause a significant  
51 asymmetry of the wake in the gravitational direction, because the direction of thermal buoyancy is  
52 opposite to the direction of gravity (same direction for a cooled cylinder). Hence, the most of the  
53 research done in the past can be divided into three areas, following the terminology used by Badr:<sup>15-</sup>  
54 <sup>16</sup> (1) parallel flow, (2) contra-flow, and (3) horizontal cross-flow.

55 For the parallel flow, Joshi and Sukhatme<sup>17</sup> compared the difference of the heat transfer

56 characteristics between two types of thermal boundary conditions over a cylinder's surface: a  
57 constant temperature and a variable heat flux. They analyzed the heat transfer within the cylinder's  
58 boundary layer and the wall shear stress. It was found that the local Nusselt number ( $Nu_{(\theta)}$ )  
59 distribution, the wall shear stress and the separation point all increase proportionally with  $Ri$  number.  
60 Therefore the thermal buoyancy force must be considered when  $Ri > 2$ .<sup>17</sup> Chatterjee<sup>18</sup> also reported  
61 two phenomena in parallel flow: the suppression of flow separation occurring at relatively low  
62 Reynolds numbers (10–40) and the suppression of vortex shedding at a moderate Reynolds numbers  
63 (50–150). Further numerical simulations were carried out for  $Re = 10$ –40 and three different Prandtl  
64 numbers  $Pr = 0.71, 7$  and 50 to compute the critical  $Ri$  number for the complete suppression of flow  
65 separation around the bluff bodies of circular and square shapes.<sup>19</sup> By comparing the results in  
66 literature,<sup>20-21</sup> it is realized that as the  $Re$  number increases, a higher  $Ri$  number (the thermal  
67 buoyancy effect in parallel flow) is required to suppress the vortex shedding behind a cylinder.

68 For the contra-flow, Hu and Koochesfahani<sup>23</sup> studied the vortex shedding and the wake  
69 structure behind a cylinder in both forced and mixed convection by changing the direction of gravity  
70 with respect to the incoming flow. When the  $Ri$  number is relatively small ( $Ri \leq 0.31$ ), the vortex  
71 shedding process in the wake behind a heated cylinder is similar to that of an unheated cylinder. As  
72 the  $Ri$  number increases to 0.50, the wake vortex shedding process is "delayed" and the vortex  
73 structures are shed much further downstream. As the value of  $Ri$  number is close to the unity ( $Ri >$   
74 0.72), the concurrent shedding of smaller vortex structures is observed in the near wake of the heated  
75 cylinder. The smaller vortex structures are found to behave more like the "Kelvin–Helmholtz"  
76 vortices instead of the Kármán vortices. Therefore, the adjacent small vortices are found coalescing  
77 into the larger vortical structures further downstream. It is also found that the shedding frequency  
78 of the vortical structures in wake decreases with the increase of  $Ri$ . In practice, this result is the same  
79 as those reported in the previous works,<sup>24-26</sup> changing the temperature of cylinder instead of the  
80 direction of gravity. By changing the heated ( $Ri > 0$ ) cylinder into a cooled ( $Ri < 0$ ) one, the effect  
81 of countercurrent thermal buoyancy can also be achieved in parallel flow. Chang and Sa<sup>24</sup> reported  
82 that vortex stops shedding when  $Gr > 1500$  ( $Ri > 0.15$ ) at  $Re = 100$ . This is identified as a  
83 "breakdown of the Kármán vortex street" in wake. Parallel flow thermal buoyancy can inhibit the  
84 vortex shedding, whereas the contra-flow thermal buoyancy can induce the vortex-shedding



85 mechanism. The same conclusion is also drawn by Hatanaka and Kawahara.<sup>27</sup>

86 For the horizontal cross-flow, one obvious phenomenon reported in experiments<sup>28-30</sup> and  
87 numerical simulations<sup>15, 31-32</sup> is that the coherent structure in wake is deflected aside due to the  
88 thermal cross buoyancy. In the early seventies last century, this effect was investigated to determine  
89 the global effects of the induced heat on the heat exchange coefficient.<sup>28</sup> It was reported that the heat  
90 transfer coefficient was influenced considerably by the buoyancy-driven flow when  $Ri > 0.2$ .  
91 Furthermore the variation of vorticity, pressure and local Nusselt number around the cylinder surface  
92 in horizontal cross-flow can be acquired from Badr's result.<sup>15</sup> By studying the temperature  
93 distribution within the wake, the researchers also concluded that this temperature distribution can  
94 be quite well approximated by the theoretical distribution for a diffusing line vortex.<sup>29</sup> Kieft et al.<sup>30</sup>,  
95 <sup>33-34</sup> carried out many experiments and simulations to explain the reason of deflected vortex wake  
96 structure and the phenomenon of flow transition in wake.<sup>35,36</sup> In literature, it was found that the  
97 deflection of wake is caused by the baroclinic vorticity. The difference of vortex strength will lead  
98 to the drift rotation of the lower side vortex around the upper side vortex.<sup>37</sup> Biswas and Sarkar<sup>38</sup> and  
99 Sarkar et al.<sup>13</sup> also reported in their works that the thermal buoyancy makes the steady flow  
100 separation unsteady. By comparing with literature and experiments, they noticed that boundary layer  
101 overpassed the leading edge separation phenomenon at low  $Re$ , and the vortex formed on the upper  
102 wall boundary due to the high block ratio, 0.05. In the cross buoyancy configuration, the onset of  
103 vortex shedding induced by the thermal buoyancy is shown at relatively low Reynolds numbers  
104 (10–40).<sup>18</sup> Recently, Garg et al.<sup>39</sup> reported that when  $Ri$  number is between 1 and 2, the thermal  
105 buoyancy can inhibit the vortex-induced vibration (VIV) at a low  $Re$  number ( $Re=50$ ) until a critical  
106 high  $Re$  number ( $Re=150$ ). However, while the  $Ri$  number is between 3 and 4, the galloping of  
107 cylinder is observed for different  $Re$  numbers. Recently Liu and Zhu<sup>32</sup> also noticed a secondary VIV  
108 lock-in phenomenon in mixed convection and reported the energy transfer characteristics of a  
109 vibrating cylinder subject to the cross buoyancy.

110 Nowadays, as the advancement of computing technique, the availability of large-scale high-  
111 fidelity data is significantly boosted and widely accessible. The reduced order modeling techniques  
112 have been developed as a reliable and robust analytical tool to study the complex dynamics  
113 embedded in the high-fidelity data in the community of fluid mechanics.<sup>40</sup> Dynamic mode

114 decomposition (DMD) is a robust and widely-accepted reduced order technique to extract and  
 115 analyze the spatial-temporal modes of a dynamic system based on the time sequence of high-fidelity  
 116 data. In the study of flow over a cylinder, Wang and Yu<sup>41</sup> used the DMD method to analyze the  
 117 vortex shedding of a vibrating square column, and studied the effects of  $St$  and  $Re$  on the vibration  
 118 modes. Tu et al.<sup>42-43</sup> applied the DMD method to experimental and numerical results of flow behind  
 119 a plate with an elliptic front, and discussed the interaction between shear layers in wake.

120 In summary, the combined effect of Reynolds and Richardson numbers on the hydrodynamics  
 121 and thermodynamics characteristics of a circular cylinder in mixed convective flow is far from well  
 122 understood. Furthermore, to the best of the authors' knowledge, the modal analysis of the wake  
 123 behind a heated cylinder in mixed convection flow subject to cross-buoyancy effect has not been  
 124 studies in the past. Therefore, the main objectives of this article are to reveal the intrinsic relationship  
 125 between the thermodynamics and hydrodynamics characteristics for a heated cylinder subject to  
 126 cross buoyancy and to evaluate the nonlinear features in the wake using the DMD technique. The  
 127 results in the reconstruction and prediction of flow-temperature field will provide a reference for the  
 128 subsequent data mining analysis or AI of thermal-fluid-structure interaction. The structure of this  
 129 article is organized as follow. The governing equations, problem setup, numerical formulations and  
 130 code validation are introduced in Section II. Subsequently the results and discussion are presented  
 131 in Section III. Finally the conclusions are drawn in Section IV.

## 132 II. PHYSICAL MODEL AND GOVERNING EQUATIONS

### 133 A. Governing equations and problem description

134 The unsteady Navier–Stokes equations are coupled with the conservation of energy equation  
 135 via Boussinesq approximation in this work to simulate the heat transfer and flow around the circular  
 136 cylinder. The governing equations and associated boundary and initial conditions are expressed as:

$$137 \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega^f(t) \quad (1a)$$

$$138 \quad \rho(\partial_t \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}) = \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \rho \mathbf{g} \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega^f(t) \quad (1b)$$

$$139 \quad \partial_t T + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) T = \alpha \nabla^2 T \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega^f(t) \quad (1c)$$

$$140 \quad \mathbf{u} = \mathcal{U}^0, \quad T = \mathcal{T}^0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_D^f(t) \quad (1d)$$

$$141 \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathcal{H}^0, \quad \alpha(\nabla T) \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathcal{Q}^0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_N^f(t) \quad (1e)$$

$$142 \quad \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_0 ; \quad T = T_0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega^f(0) \quad (1f)$$

143 where  $\mathbf{u}$  is the flow velocity vector,  $\mathbf{x}$  is the position vector,  $\rho$  is the fluid density,  $p$  is the pressure,  
 144  $t$  is the flow time,  $\mathbf{g} = [0, -g]' = [0, -9.81]'$  is the gravitational acceleration vector,  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  is the  
 145 Cauchy stress tensor,  $T$  is the temperature,  $\alpha$  is the thermal diffusivity,  $\mathbf{u}$  represents the prescribed  
 146 flow velocity imposed along the boundaries,  $T$  represents the prescribed temperature imposed  
 147 along the boundaries,  $\mathbf{n}$  is the unit outward normal vector of the element's edge,  $h$  and  $q$  are the  
 148 prescribed convection transfer coefficient and heat flux along the boundaries, respectively,  $\mathbf{u}_0$   
 149 represents the initial flow velocity,  $T_0$  represents the initial temperature, and  $\Gamma_D$  and  $\Gamma_N$  denote the  
 150 Dirichlet and Neumann domain boundaries, respectively. The term  $\partial_t(\cdot)$  represents the partial  
 151 derivative with respect to time. The Cauchy stress tensor ( $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ ) is a function of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $p$  and defined as:

$$152 \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma} = -p\mathbf{I} + 2\mu\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \quad (2a)$$

$$153 \quad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{2}[\nabla\mathbf{u} + (\nabla\mathbf{u})'] \quad (2b)$$

154 where  $\mathbf{I}$  is the Kronecker matrix,  $\mu$  is the dynamic viscosity,  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  is the strain rate tensor, and the  
 155 superscript (') is a transpose operator.

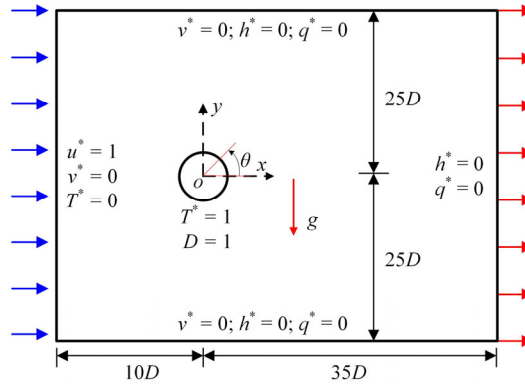
156 The non-dimensional force component is  $C_D = 2F_D/\rho U_\infty^2 D$  and  $C_L = 2F_L/\rho U_\infty^2 D$ , where  $\mathbf{F}$  ( $F_D$ ,  
 157  $F_L$ ) is the fluid force imparted to the elastically mounted cylinder in the streamwise and transverse  
 158 directions. The temperature is normalized by the maximum temperature differences expressed as  $T^*$   
 159  $= (T - T_{in})/(T_w - T_{in})$ , where the  $T^*$  is the normalized temperature,  $T_w$  and  $T_{in}$  represent the cylinder  
 160 surface (maximum) and inlet (minimum) temperatures in the computational domain, respectively.  
 161 The local Nusselt number  $Nu_{(\theta)}$  of a specific location on the cylinder surface and the  $Nu$  of the entire  
 162 cylinder surface are defined as:

$$163 \quad Nu_{(\theta)} = -\nabla T^*_{(\theta)} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{(\theta)} \quad (3a)$$

$$164 \quad Nu = \frac{1}{\ell} \int_{\theta=0}^{\ell} Nu_{(\theta)} d\theta \quad (3b)$$

165 Figure 1 illustrates the employed computational domain and associated boundaries. The  
 166 circular cylinder is initially placed at the origin ( $x=0, y=0$ ), and the computational domain extends  
 167  $35D$  downstream and  $10D$  upstream from the cylinder center. The cylinder are placed centrally in

168 the transverse direction,  $25D$  from both the upper and lower boundaries. Consequently, the blocking  
 169 ratio is 2%, meeting the requirement of blocking ratio less than 6%.<sup>44-45</sup>



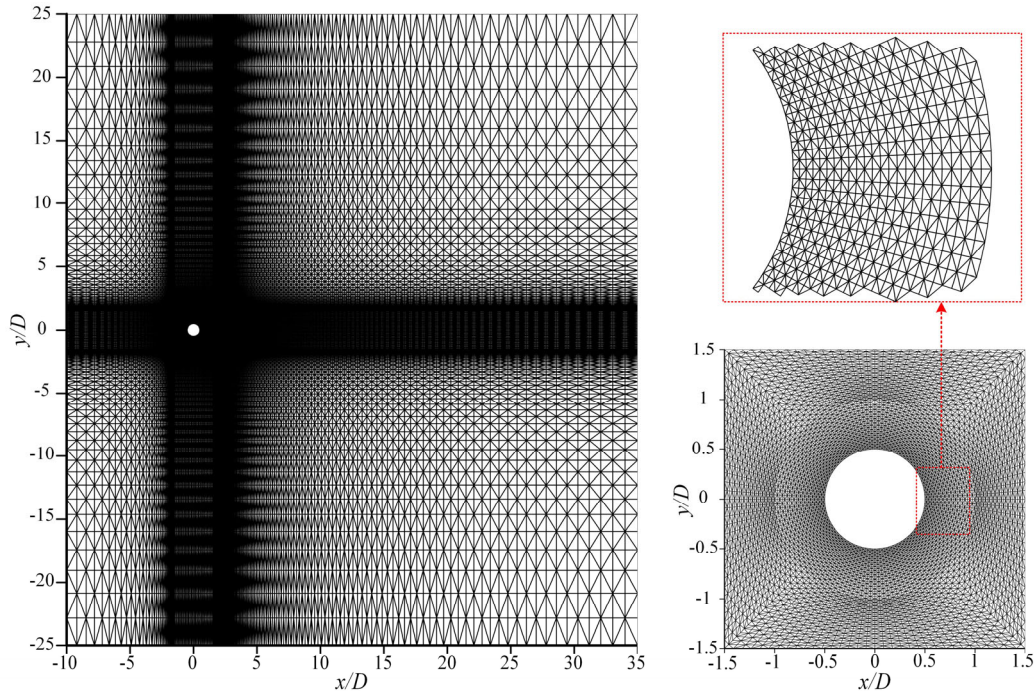
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171 Figure 1. Schematic of the computational domain and associated boundary conditions.

172 The configuration of research in this article consists of a horizontal heated cylinder with  
 173 constant wall temperature  $T^* = 1$  and no-slip velocity boundary conditions, which is exposed to a  
 174 uniform horizontal cross-flow with velocity  $u^* = 1$ ,  $v^* = 0$  and temperature  $T^* = 0$ . The Neumann-type  
 175 boundary conditions ( $h^* = 0$  and  $q^* = 0$ ) are applied along the outlet. The two lateral boundaries are  
 176 defined as the symmetry boundary condition with  $v^* = 0$ ,  $h^* = 0$  and  $q^* = 0$ . The Prandtl number are  
 177 fixed at  $Pr = 0.71$ , and the Reynolds number of the heated cylinder is examined for  $Re = 60-160$   
 178 with the Richardson number ranging from 0 to 2.

### 179 B. Finite-element mesh structure

180 In this investigation, the computational domain,  $45D \times 50D$ , is meshed by Gmsh in Fig. 2,  
 181 where  $D$  is the diameter of the cylinder. A non-uniform grid distribution was employed with a more  
 182 refined grid generated around three circular cylinders wall, and the smallest normalized grid height  
 183 near the cylinder surface is set to 0.02 with  $y^+ = 0.35$  less than 1. The grid was further refined along  
 184 a rectangular region encompassing the cylinder to accurately capture the wake and vortex street  
 185 behind the cylinder. A close-up view of the mesh around the cylinder is shown in Fig. 2. The mesh  
 186 is made up of a structured part near the cylinder's surface, which is adequately refined to capture the  
 187 boundary layer. The unstructured part of the mesh is created via Delaunay's triangulation technique.



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189 Figure 2. Finite-element mesh structure of the entire computational domain and grid distribution  
190 around the circular cylinder with zoom-in view of the boundary-layer elements.

191 A mesh independence check was carried out to determine a reasonable mesh resolution. The  
192 influence of mesh resolution on the key results is summarized in Table I. The relative deviations in  
193 parentheses represent the difference between the present result and that obtained with M3, where  $C_D^{\text{mean}}$ ,  
194  $C_L^{\text{RMS}}$ ,  $St$  and  $Nu^{\text{mean}}$  are the time-mean drag coefficient, the root-mean-squared lift coefficient,  
195 Strouhal number and the mean Nusselt number, respectively. It is evident that the errors of  
196 hydrodynamic and thermal coefficients are within 1 % for M2. Thus, M2 is adopted in the  
197 subsequent calculation. After that, the results of time step convergence analysis together with the  
198 maximum Courant–Friedrichs–Lewy (CFL) number in the entire computational domain are listed  
199 in Table II. It shows that the normalized time step of  $dt = 0.01$  ( $dt = \Delta t U_\infty / D$ ,  $\Delta t$  is the time step) is  
200 reasonable, where the errors are within 1% compared with the referential values at  $dt = 0.005$ . Hence,  
201 the normalized time step  $dt = 0.01$  is employed for the simulations.

202 Table I. Mesh independence check for flow past a circular cylinder in mixed convective flow at  $Re$   
203  $= 100$ ,  $Pr = 0.71$  and  $Ri = 1.0$  with normalized time step of  $dt = 0.01$ .

Mesh	Elements	$C_D^{\text{mean}}$	$C_L^{\text{RMS}}$	$St$	$Nu^{\text{mean}}$
M1	36738	1.302 (0.68%)	0.257 (1.53%)	0.175 (0.00%)	5.119 (1.93%)

M2	58812	1.310 (0.07%)	0.261 (0.00%)	0.175 (0.00%)	5.212 (0.15%)
M3	80246	1.311	0.261	0.175	5.220

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205 Table II. Time step convergence analysis for flow past a circular cylinder in mixed convective flow

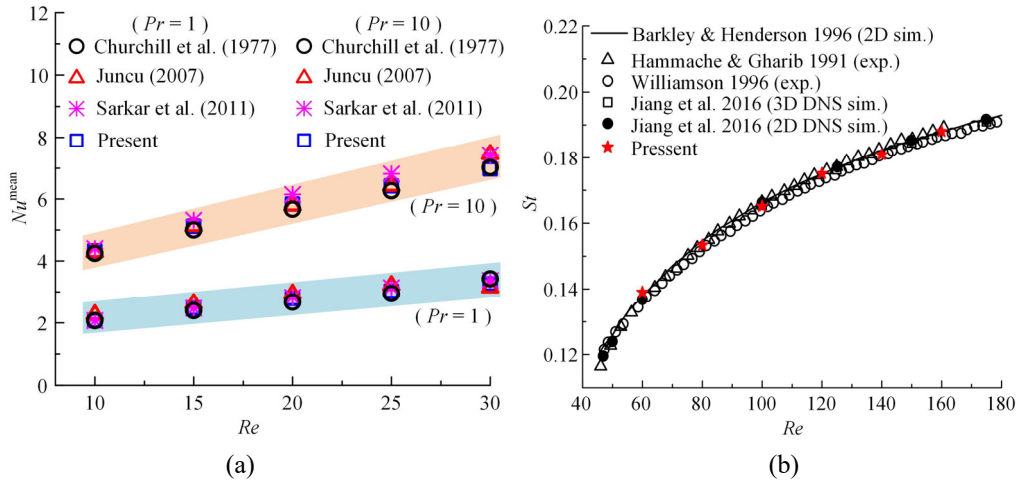
206 at  $Re = 100$ ,  $Pr = 0.71$  and  $Ri = 1.0$  with M2 mesh.

Time step	$C_D^{\text{mean}}$	$C_L^{\text{RMS}}$	$St$	$Nu^{\text{mean}}$	Max CFL
$dt = 0.020$	1.289 (1.60%)	0.257 (1.91%)	0.175 (0.00%)	5.126 (1.80%)	1.21
$dt = 0.010$	1.310 (0.00%)	0.261 (0.38%)	0.175 (0.00%)	5.212 (0.15%)	0.61
$dt = 0.005$	1.310	0.262	0.175	5.220	0.30

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208 **C. Code Validation**

209 The derived numerical formulation is validated for the flow around a heated isolated circular

210 cylinder at  $Pr = 1$  and  $10$ , as illustrated in Fig. 3(a). Detailed code validation is done for an isolated211 cylinder in the literature.<sup>32</sup> It can be seen that the obtained mean Nusselt numbers from the derived212 formulation for heat convection flow match well with the literature.<sup>13,46,47</sup> Furthermore, it is also213 validated with the experimental and simulation results<sup>7,48-50</sup>, as shown in Fig. 3(b), the Strouhal214 number ( $St$ ) consisting with literature well for the flow around a heated isolated circular cylinder in215 forced convection with the  $Re$  at ranging of 60–160 in this study.

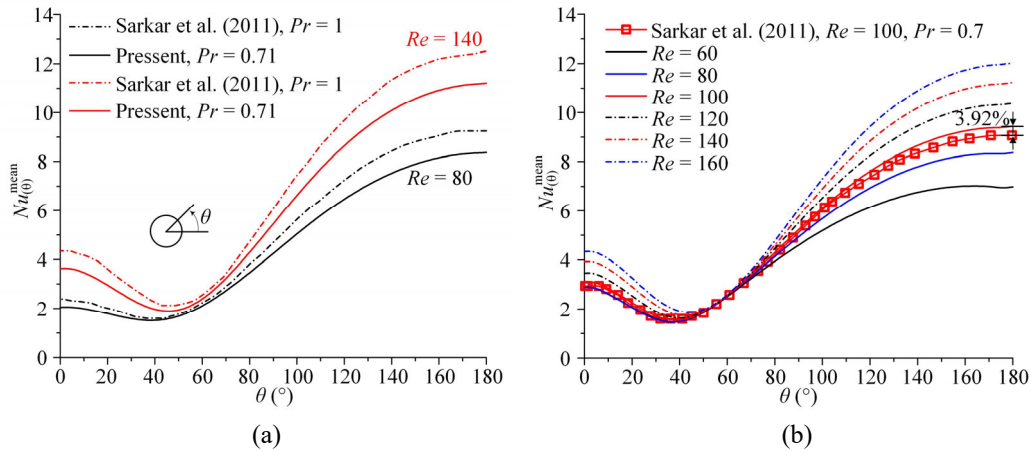
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218 Figure 3. Validation of the implemented numerical algorithm for flow past a circular cylinder in

219 forced convection flow at: (a)  $Pr = 1$  and  $Pr = 10$ ; (b)  $Re = 60$ –160.220 **III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**221 **A. Characteristics of heat convection**222 To explore the details of heat convection mechanism, the local Nusselt number  $Nu_{(0)}$  along the

223 cylinder's surface is recorded in Fig. 4 and Fig. 5. Figure 4 shows that the time-averaged distribution  
 224 of the  $Nu_{(\theta)}$  number is symmetric about the streamwise centerline behind the cylinder in forced  
 225 convection ( $Ri = 0$ ), which agrees well with the observations in literature.<sup>12</sup> The maximum value of  
 226 the  $Nu_{(\theta)}^{\text{mean}}$  is found around the front stagnation point ( $\theta = 180^\circ$ ). However the minimum value of  
 227 the  $Nu_{(\theta)}^{\text{mean}}$  is not at the rear stagnation point ( $\theta = 0^\circ$ ), but at  $\theta = 50^\circ$  approximately.<sup>38</sup> Figure 4(a)  
 228 also shows that the heat convection can be significantly enhanced by increasing the value of  $Pr$   
 229 number, especially for the cases of low  $Pr$  numbers within the range of 0.7–10.<sup>13</sup> As shown in Fig.  
 230 4(b), the maximum  $Nu_{(\theta)}^{\text{mean}}$  on the front stagnation point at  $Pr = 0.71$  is 3.92 % higher than that at  
 231  $Pr = 0.7$  reported by Sarkar et al.<sup>13</sup> Furthermore, Fig. 4(b) also shows that the distribution of the  $Nu$   
 232  $^{\text{mean}}$  along the cylinder's surface increases proportionally with the  $Re$  number, especially for the  
 233 locations around the front and back stagnation points.



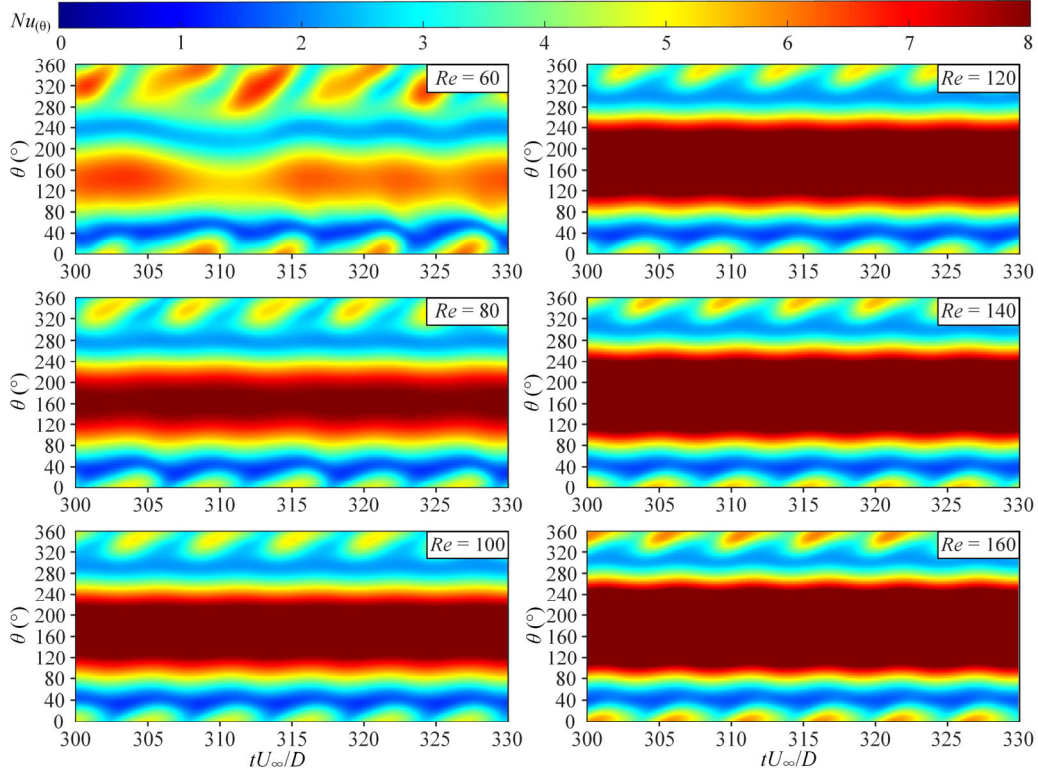
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 236 Figure 4. The distribution of the time-averaged Nusselt number  $Nu_{(\theta)}^{\text{mean}}$  around the cylinder in forced  
 237 convection ( $Ri = 0$ ): (a) comparison with reported results; (b) comparison at different  $Re$ .

238 Figure 5 shows the time histories of the  $Nu_{(\theta)}$  distribution along the cylinder's surface measured  
 239 counterclockwise from the back of the cylinder ( $\theta = 0^\circ$ ). It can be seen that the fluctuation of heat  
 240 convection on both sides of the cylinder is asymmetric in mixed convection. However this  
 241 asymmetry can be significantly suppressed by increasing the  $Re$  number alone. Meanwhile, it is also  
 242 noticed that the thermal boundary layer at the front stagnation point is very thin and results in a  
 243 strong temperature gradient around these local region.

244 The periodic and alternatively shed vortices causes the continuous exchange of fluid  
 245 momentum and thermal energy in wake and induces the fluctuation of the local  $Nu_{(\theta)}$  along the



246 cylinder's surface. Consequently, the most of the variation of  $Nu_{(\theta)}$  usually occurs around the back  
 247 stagnation point of the cylinder ( $\theta = 0^\circ$  and  $360^\circ$ ), as shown in Fig. 5. It is also found that the  
 248 shedding process starts with the generation of an upper vortex blob identified by the stretching of  
 249 the vorticity strand at the upper cylinder shoulder, e.g., the case of  $Re = 60$  and  $Ri = 2.0$ . This  
 250 observation agrees well with the findings of Biswas and Sarkar.<sup>38</sup> Consequently, the value of local  
 251  $Nu_{(\theta)}$  fluctuates periodically around  $\theta = 0^\circ$  and  $360^\circ$  in Fig. 5.



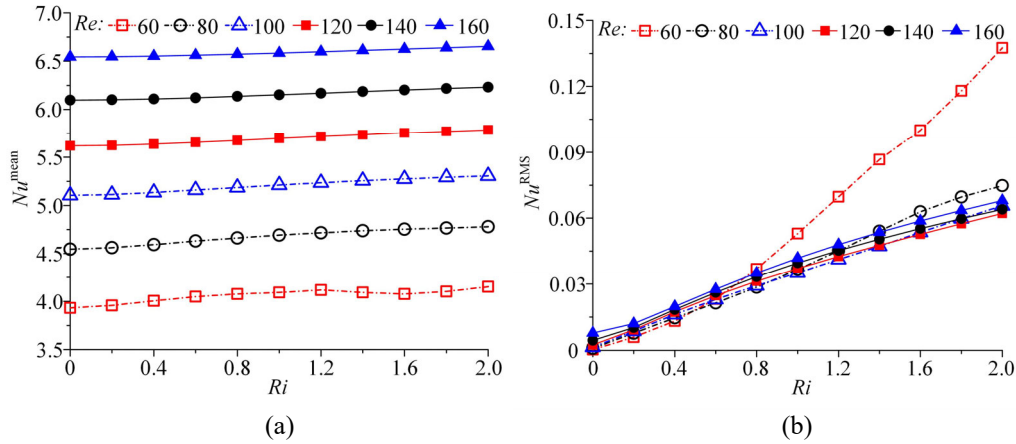
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253 Figure 5. The spatial-temporal evolution of  $Nu_{(\theta)}$  around the cylinder's surface in mixed convection  
 254 ( $Ri = 2$ ) for  $Re$  number ranging from 60 to 160.

255 The time-averaged and root-mean-square (RMS) values of the  $Nu$  number along the cylinder's  
 256 surface are plotted in Fig. 6. It shows that the value of  $Nu^{\text{mean}}$  increases slowly with the increase of  
 257  $Ri$  number. Comparing with the  $Re$  number, the changes of  $Ri$  number (cross buoyancy) have very  
 258 little influence on the efficiency of heat transfer across the cylinder's surface. On the other hand it  
 259 is also found that the value of  $Nu^{\text{mean}}$  arises significantly with the increase of  $Re$  number (stronger  
 260 fluid momentum) for a particular  $Ri$  number. Moreover, as illustrated in Fig. 6(b), the value of  $Nu^{\text{RMS}}$   
 261 is found increasing linearly with the  $Ri$  number for  $Re = 80$ – $160$ . However, in the case of  $Re = 60$ ,



262 the value of  $Nu^{\text{RMS}}$  increases exponentially with the  $Ri$  number instead.

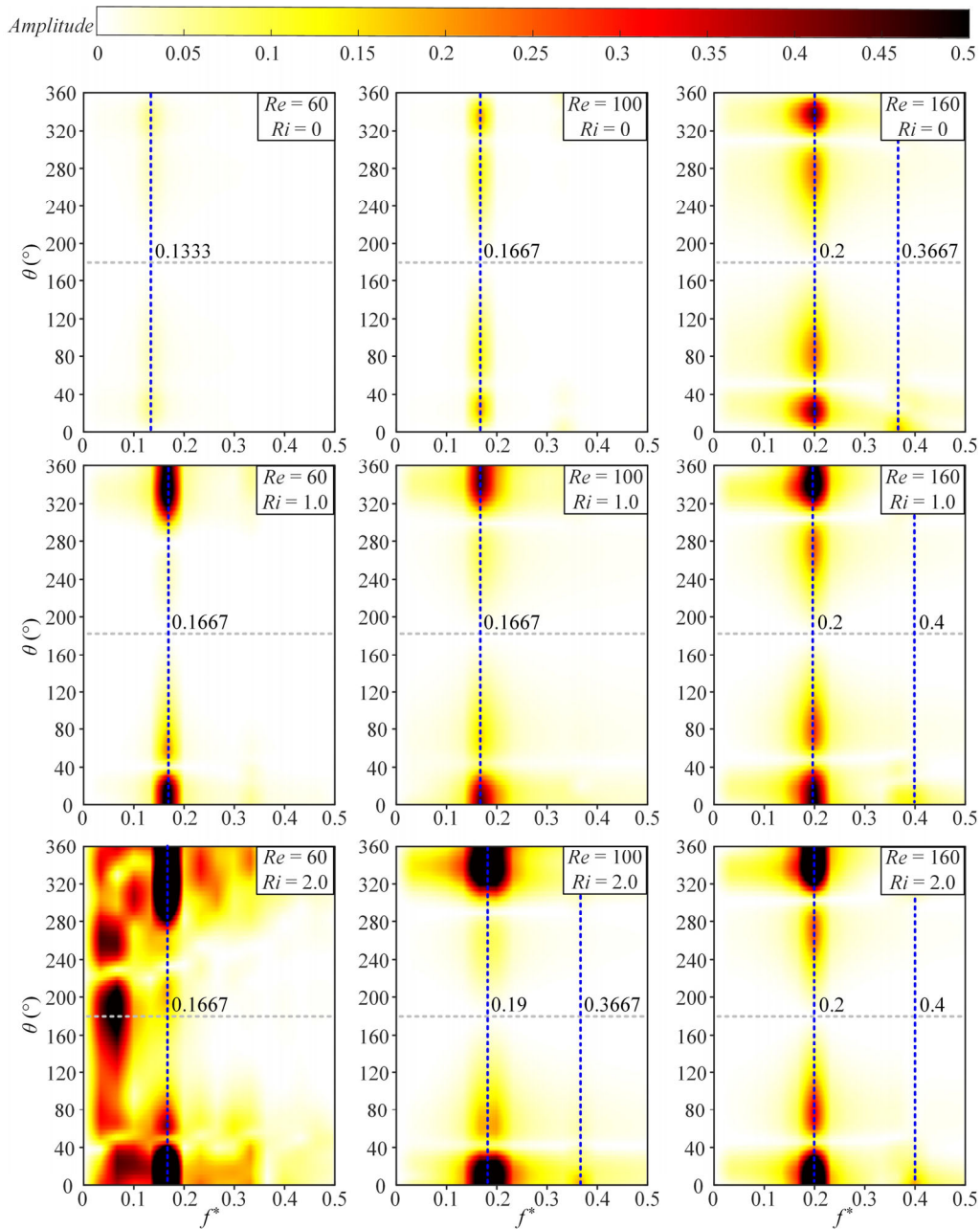


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Figure 6. Variation of Nusselt number along the cylinder's surface with respect to  $Re$  and  $Ri$  numbers:

266 (a) the variation of the time-averaged Nusselt number  $Nu^{\text{mean}}$  with respect to  $Ri$  number; (b) the  
267 variation of the root-mean-square Nusselt number  $Nu^{\text{RMS}}$  with respect to  $Ri$  number.

268 The normalized frequency amplitude spectral density (ASD) contours of  $Nu_{(\theta)}$  along the  
269 cylinder's surface are shown in Fig. 7. It shows that the ASD contours are distributed symmetrically  
270 around the cylinder's surface in forced convection ( $Ri = 0$ ). The frequency of the dominant mode  
271 increases gradually with the increase of  $Re$  number. The second frequency component of  $Nu_{(\theta)}$   
272 (around  $f^* = 0.3667$ ) also appears in the case of  $Re = 160$  and  $Ri = 0$  in Fig. 7. In mixed convection,  
273 similar to the results in Fig. 5, the ASD contours of  $Nu_{(\theta)}$  become asymmetric, because of the  
274 existence of cross buoyancy. It is also noticed that the amplitudes of the frequency components of  
275 the  $Nu_{(\theta)}$  mode increase progressively as the  $Ri$  number increases and are generally bounded by 0.5.  
276 Furthermore, compared with the frontal area of the cylinder ( $\theta = 180^\circ$ ), the frequency spectrum of  
277  $Nu_{(\theta)}$  is much wider around the back area of the cylinder ( $\theta = 0^\circ$  or  $360^\circ$ ). On the other hand, the  
278 dominant frequency component around the frontal area of the cylinder is found to be  $f^* = 0.08$  in  
279 Fig. 7. In contrast, the dominant frequency component of the  $Nu_{(\theta)}$  mode around the back area of the  
280 cylinder are about  $f^* = 0.16$  instead. Furthermore, the distribution of frequency modes of local  $Nu_{(\theta)}$   
281 is found generally symmetric on both sides of the cylinder. This observation is confirmed in the  
282 representative cases of the forced and mixed convection, in which the most of the strong frequency  
283 modes are concentrated around the back area of the cylinder where the strong mixing of fluid occurs.

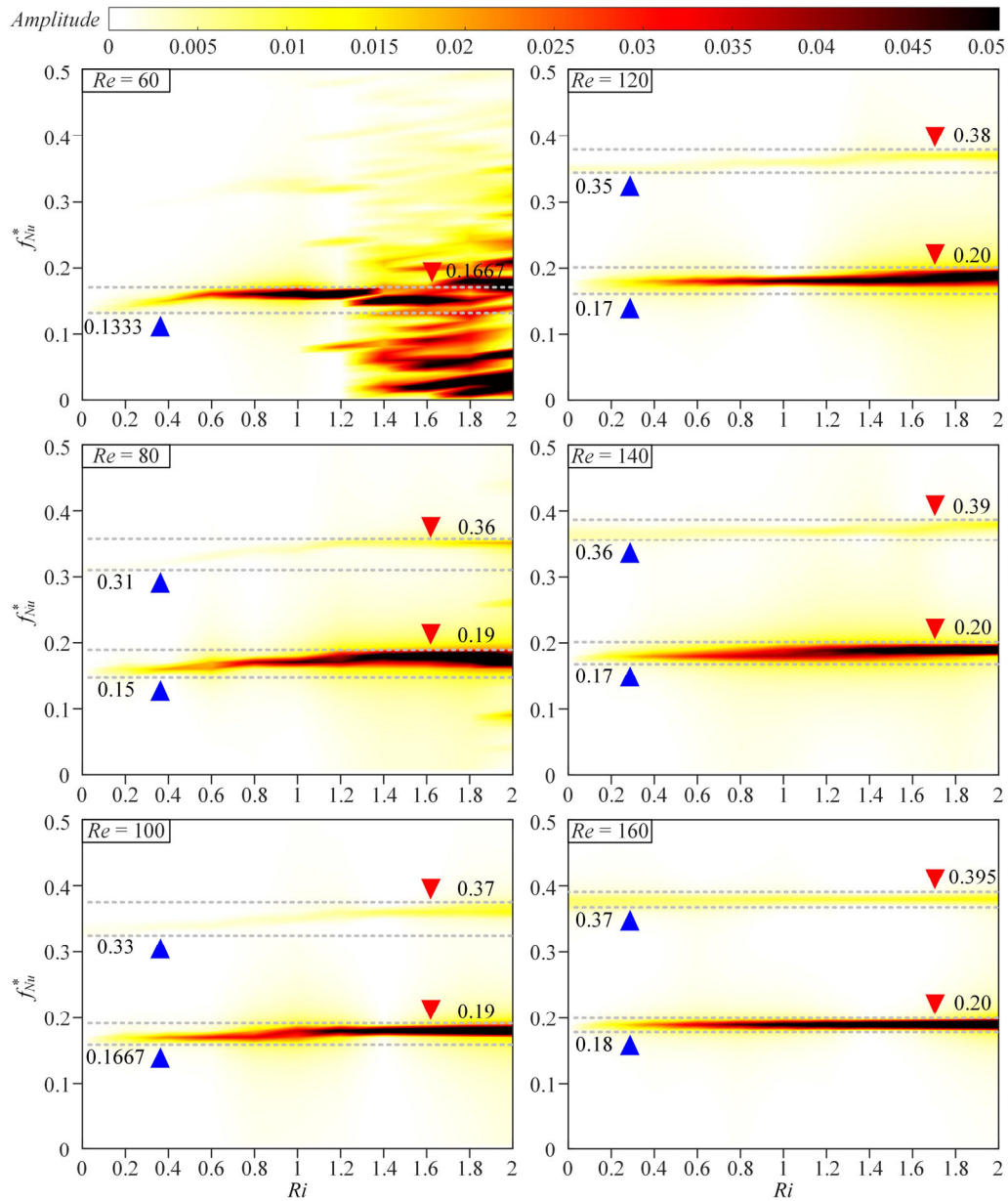


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285 Figure 7. The spatial distribution of the frequency of  $Nu_{(0)}$  in time domain for different  $Ri$  and  $Re$   
 286 numbers.

287 In mixed convection, the heat convection across the cylinder's surface is affected by both  $Re$   
 288 (fluid inertia) and  $Ri$  (buoyancy) numbers. In frequency domain, Fig. 8 shows the variation of the  
 289 frequency spectrum of  $Nu$  with respect to  $Re$  and  $Ri$  numbers in mixed convection flow subject to  
 290 cross buoyancy. The normalized frequency amplitude spectral density (ASD) contours in Fig. 8  
 291 suggest that the  $Ri$  number (thermal cross buoyancy) has limited influence on the frequency of  $Nu$

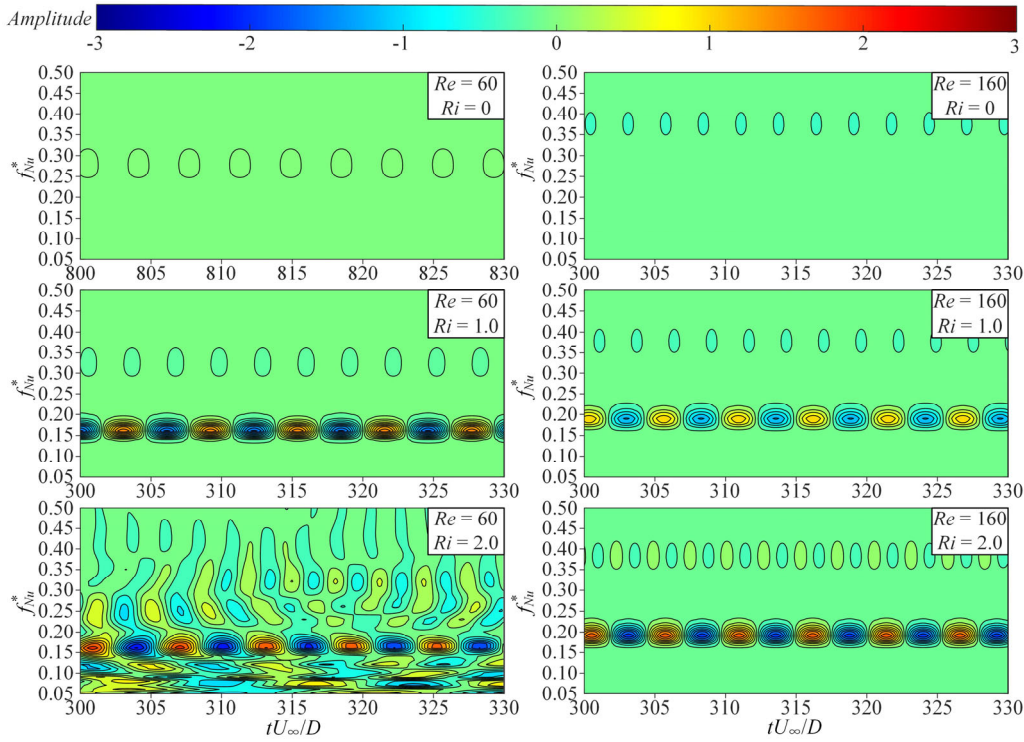
292 number (heat convection across the cylinder), except for the case of  $Re = 60$ . In the case of  $Re = 60$   
293 in Fig. 8, the strong nonlinear features in heat convection dynamics are observed and manifest as  
294 multiple frequency modes of  $Nu$  for  $Ri > 1.4$  approximately. This observation can be confirmed  
295 from the time history of the frequency contours of  $Nu$  number computed using the wavelet  
296 scalogram in Fig. 9. In the wavelet scalogram, when the resolution of frequency is important, the  
297 Gabor wavelet can be used to plot the real part of the wavelet analysis and trace the minima and  
298 maxima of a signal.<sup>51,52</sup> Comparing the cases of  $Re = 60$  and  $Re = 160$  in Fig. 9, it can be seen that  
299 the frequency contours for  $Re = 160$  are very regular in time for different  $Ri$  numbers. In contrast,  
300 the frequency contours for  $Re = 60$  become unsteady in time for  $Ri = 2.0$ , which agrees with the  
301 observation in Fig. 7 and Fig. 8 for the case of  $Re=60$ . Figure 9 also shows that the real-valued  
302 wavelet isolates the local minima and maxima of the frequency contours of  $Nu$ . In addition, it is also  
303 noticed that the dominant frequency of  $Nu$  in forced convection is about twice of that in the mixed  
304 convection. Compared with the analysis in literature,<sup>38</sup> when the generation of an upper vortex blob  
305 is identified by the stretching of the vorticity strand at the upper cylinder shoulder ( $Ri \geq 1$  for  $Re =$   
306 60 in this study), the overall response of heat convection becomes oscillatory in time domain and  
307 possesses multiple modes in frequency domain.



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309 Figure 8. Variation of the frequency of Nusselt number with respect to different  $Ri$  and  $Re$  numbers,

310 where the blue and red triangles highlight the upper and lower limit values, respectively.



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312 Figure 9. Time history of the frequency contours of Nusselt number for different  $Re$  and  $Ri$  numbers.313 **B. Hydrodynamic response subject to cross buoyancy**

314 The vortex dynamics in mixed convection is rich of physics, since the hydrodynamics and  
 315 buoyancy effect are strongly coupled in the wake. Figure 10 shows the variations of hydrodynamic  
 316 coefficients of the heated cylinder with respect to the  $Ri$  number. In this study, a number statistical  
 317 quantities are defined to quantify the complexity of dynamics in mixed convection. For instance,  
 318 the time-averaged hydrodynamic coefficients ( $C_D^{\text{mean}}$  and  $C_L^{\text{mean}}$ ) and the root-mean-squared  
 319 hydrodynamic coefficients ( $C_D^{\text{RMS}}$  and  $C_L^{\text{RMS}}$ ) are defined as:

$$320 \quad C_D^{\text{mean}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{h_x^{*cyl}}{0.5\rho_0 U_\infty^2 D}; \quad C_L^{\text{mean}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{h_y^{*cyl}}{0.5\rho_0 U_\infty^2 D} \quad (4a)$$

$$321 \quad C_D^{\text{RMS}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{h_x^{*cyl}}{0.5\rho_0 U_\infty^2 D} \right]^2}; \quad C_L^{\text{RMS}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{h_y^{*cyl}}{0.5\rho_0 U_\infty^2 D} \right]^2} \quad (4b)$$

322 where  $N$  is the number of sample data in the time series. The  $h_x^{*cyl}$  and  $h_y^{*cyl}$  are the dimensionless  
 323 traction force exerted on the cylinder in the x and y directions, respectively.

324 Figure 10(a) and Figure 10(b) show that the values of  $C_D^{\text{mean}}$  and  $C_L^{\text{mean}}$  decrease progressively as

325 the  $Ri$  number increases for  $Re = 80-160$ . In contrast the values of both  $C_D^{\text{RMS}}$  and  $C_L^{\text{RMS}}$  increase  
 326 gradually for  $Re = 80-160$  instead. However, different from the value of  $C_D^{\text{mean}}$  in Fig. 10(a), the  
 327 values of  $C_L^{\text{RMS}}$  in Fig. 10(b) are very different for different  $Re$  numbers. In the cases of  $Re = 60$ , the  
 328 value of  $C_D^{\text{mean}}$  decreases for  $Ri = 0-1$  and increases for  $Ri = 1-2$ . On the other hand, in the case of  
 329  $Re = 60$ , the value of  $C_L^{\text{mean}}$  increases for  $Ri = 1-1.6$  and decreases for  $Ri = 1.6-2$ . Overall, the values  
 330 of both  $C_D^{\text{RMS}}$  and  $C_L^{\text{RMS}}$  increase significantly for  $Ri = 1-2$ . Among the three values of  $Ri$  number,  
 331 the maximum value of  $C_L^{\text{RMS}}$  is found in the case of  $Ri = 2$  and  $Re = 60$  in Fig. 10(d).

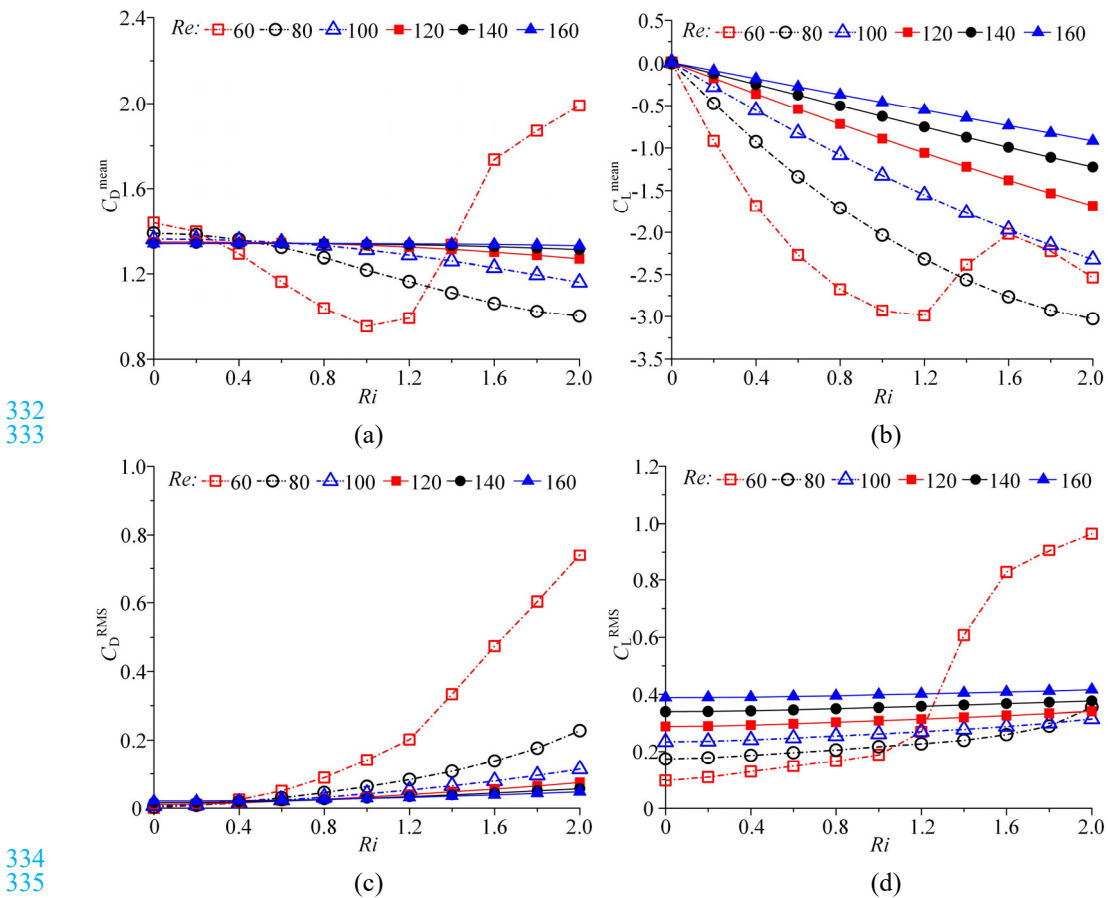
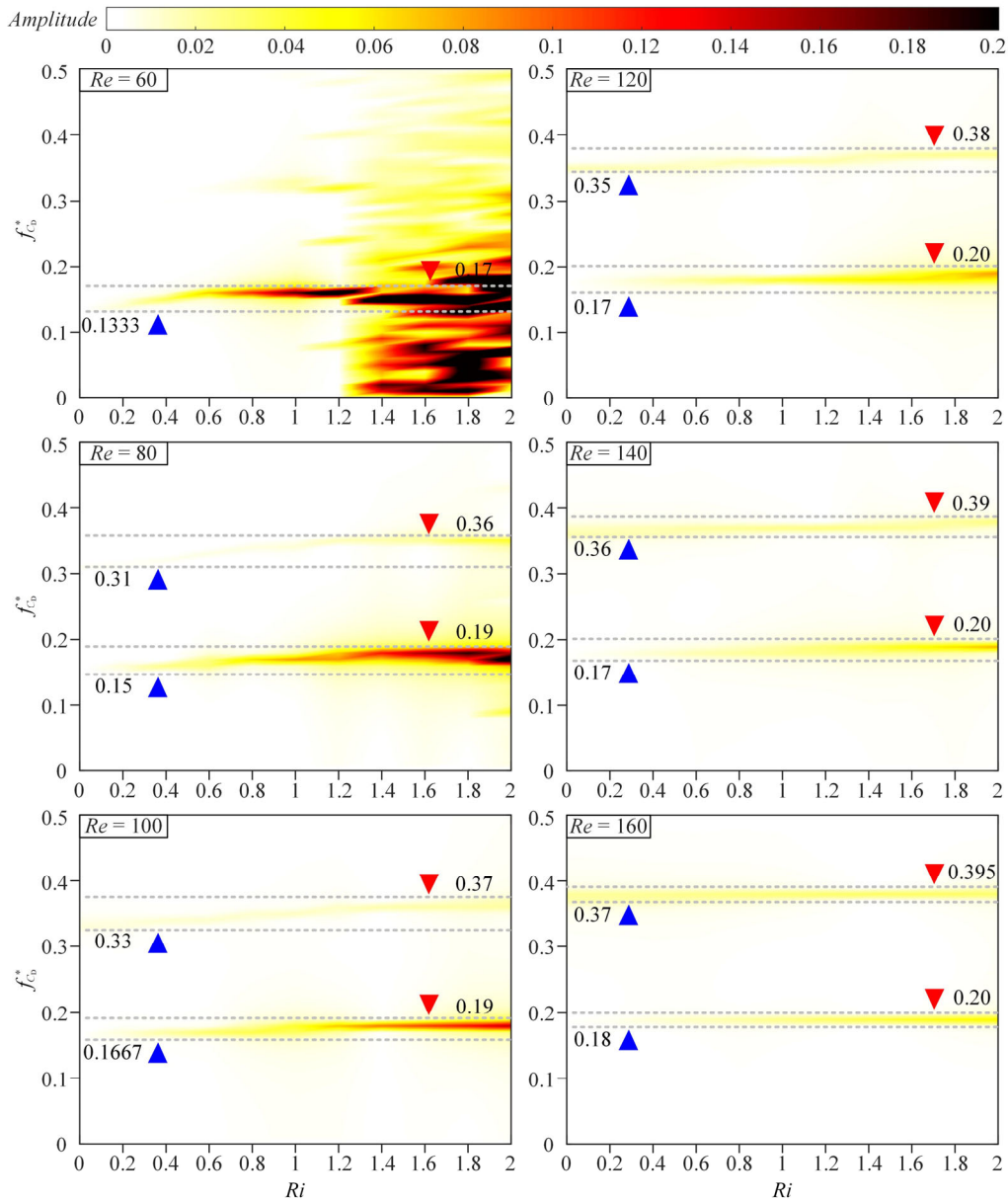


Figure 10. Variation of hydrodynamic coefficients with respect to  $Ri$  number: (a) the time-averaged drag coefficient  $C_D^{\text{mean}}$ ; (b) the time-averaged lift coefficient  $C_L^{\text{mean}}$ ; (c) the root-mean-square drag coefficient  $C_D^{\text{RMS}}$ ; (d) the root-mean-square lift coefficient  $C_L^{\text{RMS}}$ .

339 Similarly, the amplitude spectral density (ASD) contours of the hydrodynamic coefficients ( $C_D$   
 340 and  $C_L$ ) are plotted in Fig. 11 and Fig. 12. Figure 11 shows that the ASD contours of  $C_D$  increases  
 341 with the  $Ri$  number for the cases of a fixed  $Re$  number. On the other hand, in the canonical case of

342 flow over a cylinder, the periodic vortex shedding results in a periodic change of hydrodynamic  
343 forces. It is known that the plot of  $C_D$  vs.  $C_L$  is a typical figure "8" graph and satisfies the relationship  
344 that the dominant frequency of the  $C_D$  is twice of the  $C_L$ . However, in the case of mixed convection,  
345 due to the existence of cross buoyancy, the dynamics of  $C_D$  consists of multiple harmonics of the  
346 fundamental frequency. By comparing Fig. 11 and Fig. 12, it is noticed that the fundamental  
347 frequency of the  $C_D$  is synchronized with the  $C_L$ . The second frequency component of the  $C_D$  is  
348 about twice of its fundamental frequency. Furthermore, comparing the ASD contours of the drag  
349 coefficient  $C_D$  in Fig. 11 and those of the heat convection  $Nu$  in Fig. 8, it is found that the dynamics  
350 of  $C_D$  and  $Nu$  are also synchronized together in time domain.





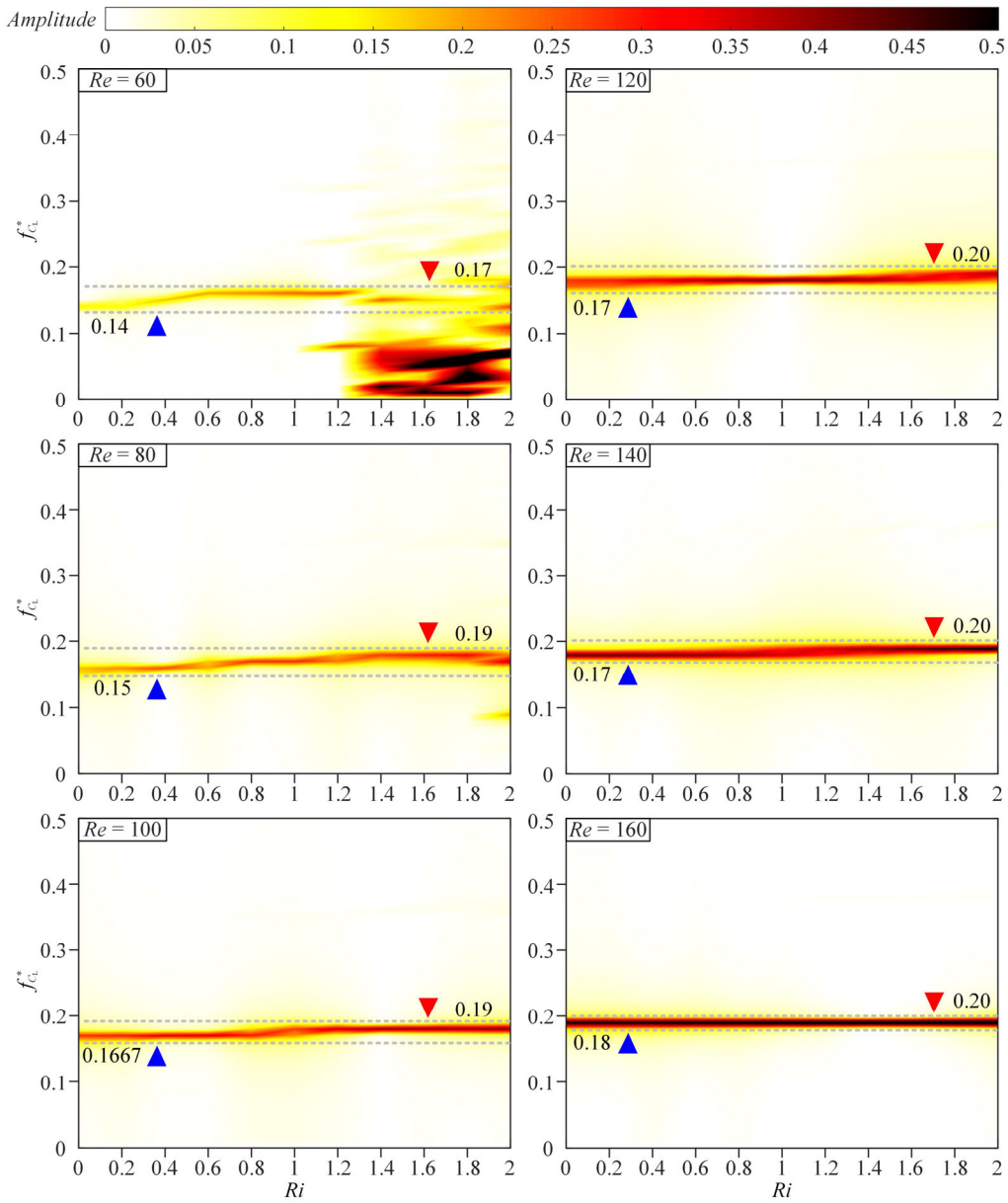
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352 Figure 11. Variation of the frequency of drag coefficient for different  $Ri$  and  $Re$  numbers.

353 It is known that the frequency of vortex shedding is characterized by Strouhal number. Generally,  
 354 the value of  $St$  is calculated by taking the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) of the temporal evolution  
 355 of the lift force and the highest peak of the harmonics in the FFT portrait represents the  
 356 corresponding  $St$  number.<sup>13</sup> Recollecting results in Fig. 3, it can be confirmed that the value of  $St$   
 357 falls in the range of 0.136–0.188 for  $Re = 60$ – $160$ . Apart from the multiple harmonics of the  
 358 fundamental frequency of  $C_D$  in Fig. 11, the responses of  $C_L$  only consist of one dominating  
 359 frequency for each  $Ri$  number in Fig. 12. It is believed that this dominating frequency component



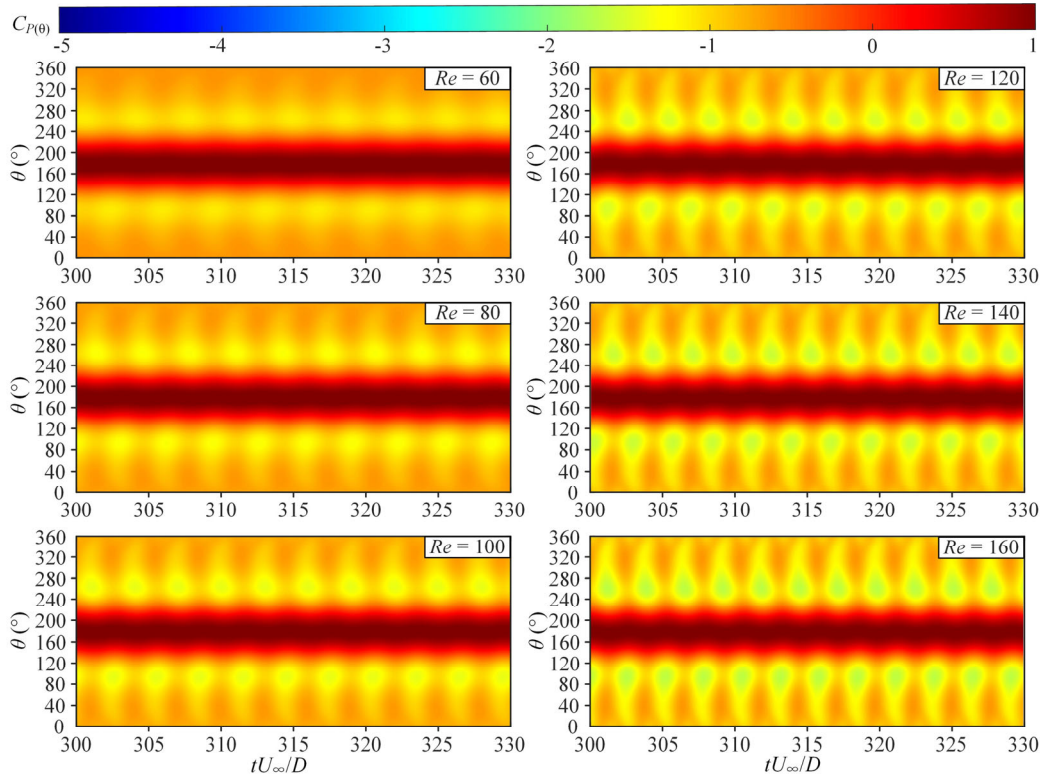
360 of the  $C_L$  is associated with the vortex shedding process of the heated cylinder.



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362 Figure 12. Variation of the frequency of lift coefficient for different  $Ri$  and  $Re$  numbers.

363 To explore the evolution of the local pressure coefficient ( $C_{P(\theta)}$ ) in time domain, the space–time  
 364 plots of  $C_{P(\theta)}$  for  $Ri = 0–2$  and  $Re = 60–160$  are plotted in Figs. 13–15. The similar results were  
 365 reported recently by Chopra and Mittal in the past.<sup>53</sup> It was found that the dynamics of vortex  
 366 shedding is a periodic process with alternating values of low and high pressure.<sup>53</sup> In this study, it is  
 367 also realized that as the vortex shedding frequency  $St$  increases, the fluctuation of  $C_{P(\theta)}$  in Fig. 13  
 368 also increases in the case of forced convection ( $Ri = 0$ ).

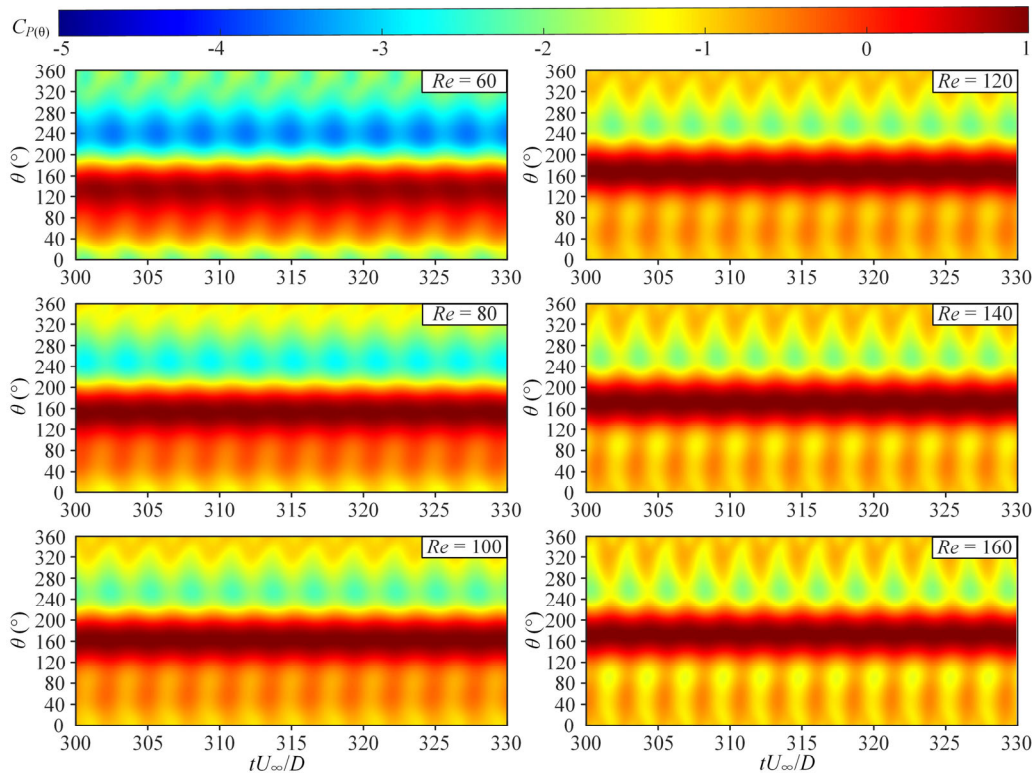


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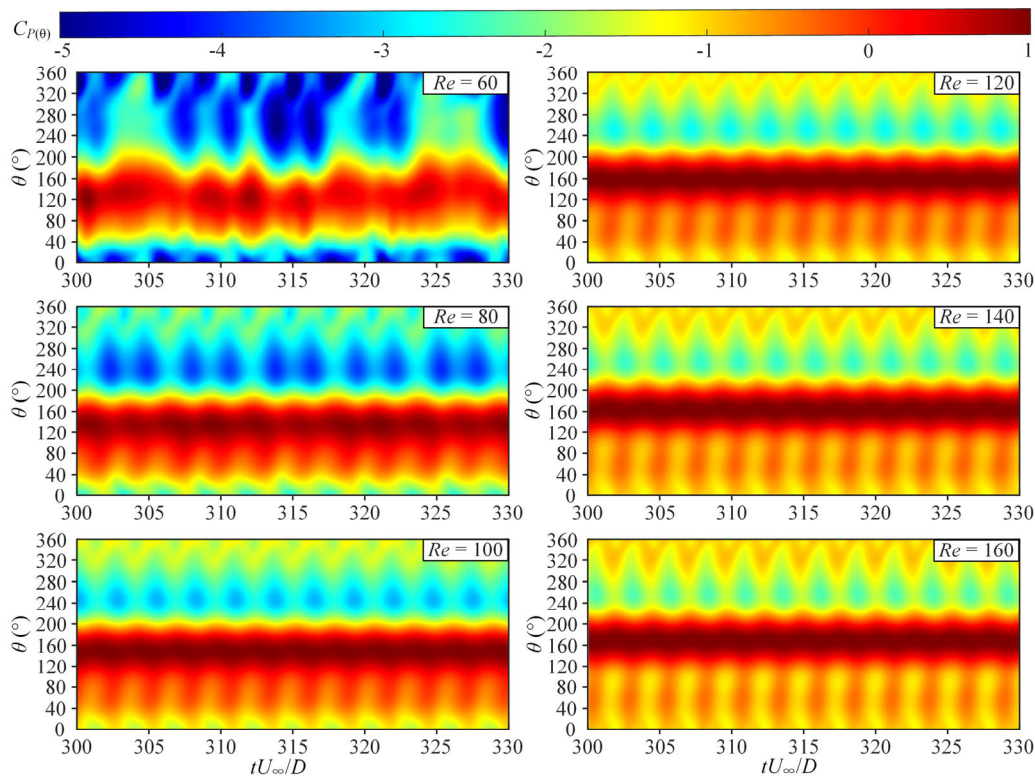
370 Figure 13. The space-time variation of the pressure coefficient ( $C_{P(\theta)}$ ,  $t$ ) around the cylinder's surface  
 371 for  $Ri = 0$  (forced convection).

372 Different from the case of forced convection, the wake behind the cylinder becomes  
 373 significantly asymmetric due to the existence of cross buoyancy in mixed convection. Consequently,  
 374 the pressure distributions along the cylinder's surface for  $Ri = 1-2$  and  $Re = 60-160$  are asymmetric  
 375 in Figs. 14–15 in this study. It is found that the pressure on the lower side of the cylinder is lower  
 376 than those on upper side. Hence it results in the negative values of  $C_L^{\text{mean}}$ . Therefore, as shown in Fig.  
 377 10(b), the higher the value of  $Ri$  number is, the larger the difference of  $C_{P(\theta)}$  between the upper and  
 378 lower sides of cylinder is and the smaller the value of  $C_L^{\text{mean}}$  becomes. For the cases of the same  $Ri$   
 379 number, the symmetry of the  $C_{P(\theta)}$  distribution on the upper and lower sides of the cylinder is  
 380 enhanced as the  $Re$  number increases. Similar to the cases of forced convection in Fig. 13, as  $Re$   
 381 number increases, the oscillation of local  $C_{P(\theta)}$  distribution along the cylinder's surface becomes  
 382 stronger. This implies that the occurrence of vortex shedding and a large value of  $C_L^{\text{RMS}}$ .

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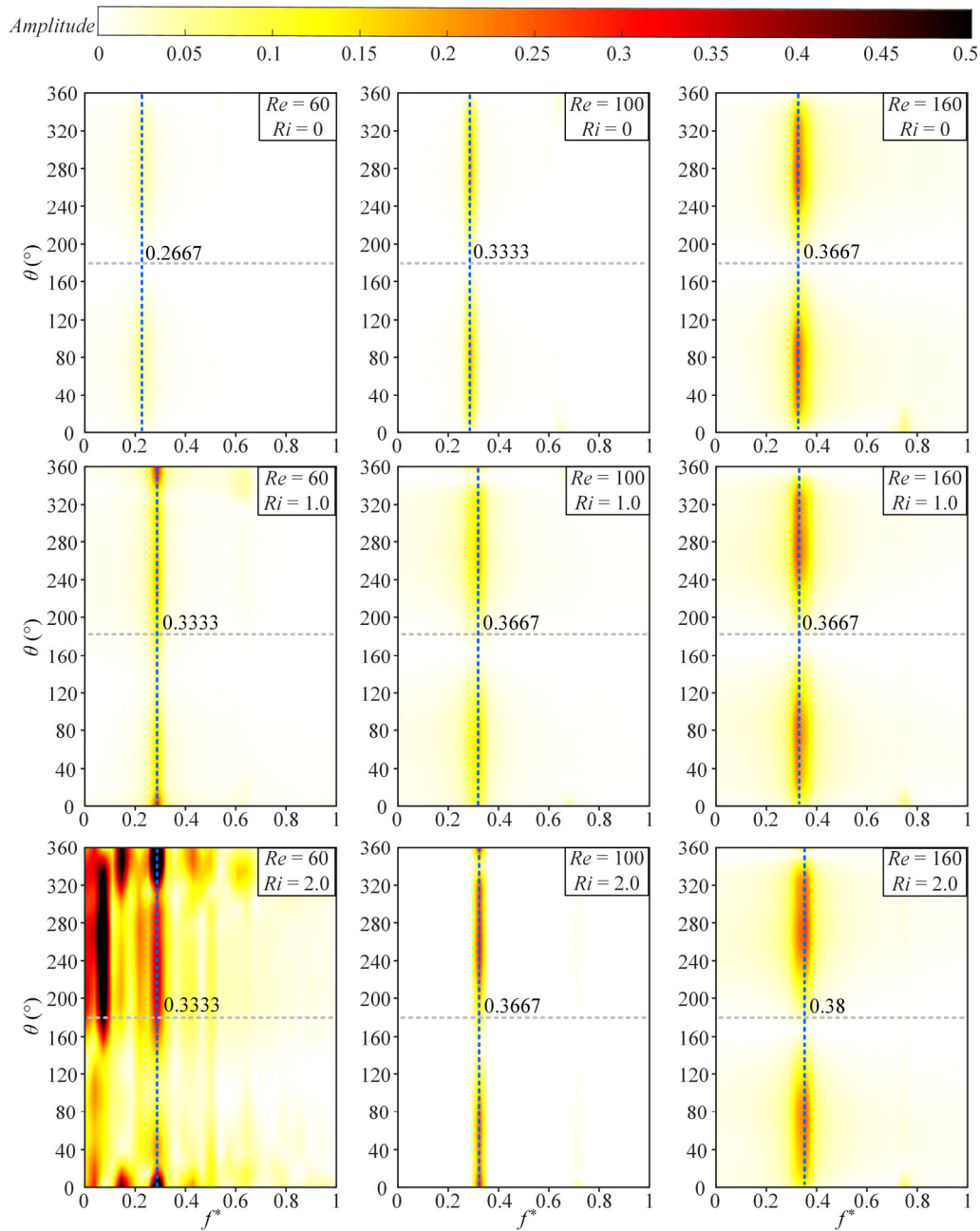
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385 Figure 14. The space-time variation of pressure coefficient ( $C_{P(\theta)}, t$ ) around the cylinder surface for386  $Ri = 1$ .

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388 Figure 15. The space-time variation of pressure coefficient ( $C_{P(\theta)}, t$ ) around the cylinder surface for  
389  $Ri = 2$ .

390 Compared with the normalized frequency distribution of  $Nu_{(\theta)}$  in Fig. 7, the fundamental  
391 frequency of the  $C_{P(\theta)}$  in the case of  $Ri = 2$  in Fig. 16 is about twice of  $Nu_{(\theta)}$ . Similar to the ASD  
392 contours of the drag coefficient  $C_D$  in Fig. 11, it is believed that the second frequency component of  
393 the  $C_D$  is closely associated with the dominant frequency component of  $C_{P(\theta)}$ , the origin of the form  
394 drag. In addition, it is also found that the amplitude of the  $C_{P(\theta)}$  is bounded between 0–0.5 uniformly.  
395 The dominant frequency will increase progressively with the increase of  $Re$  number for the cases of  
396 the same  $Ri$  number. On the other hand, it is also realized that the amplitude of frequency component  
397 of  $C_{P(\theta)}$  increases gradually with the increase of  $Ri$  number for the cases of the same  $Re$  number, and  
398 the frequency bandwidth is increasing as well.



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400 Figure 16. The spatial distribution of the frequency component of  $C_{P(\theta)}$  for different  $Ri$  and  $Re$   
 401 numbers.

### 402 C. Characteristics of fluid kinetic energy and thermal energy in wake

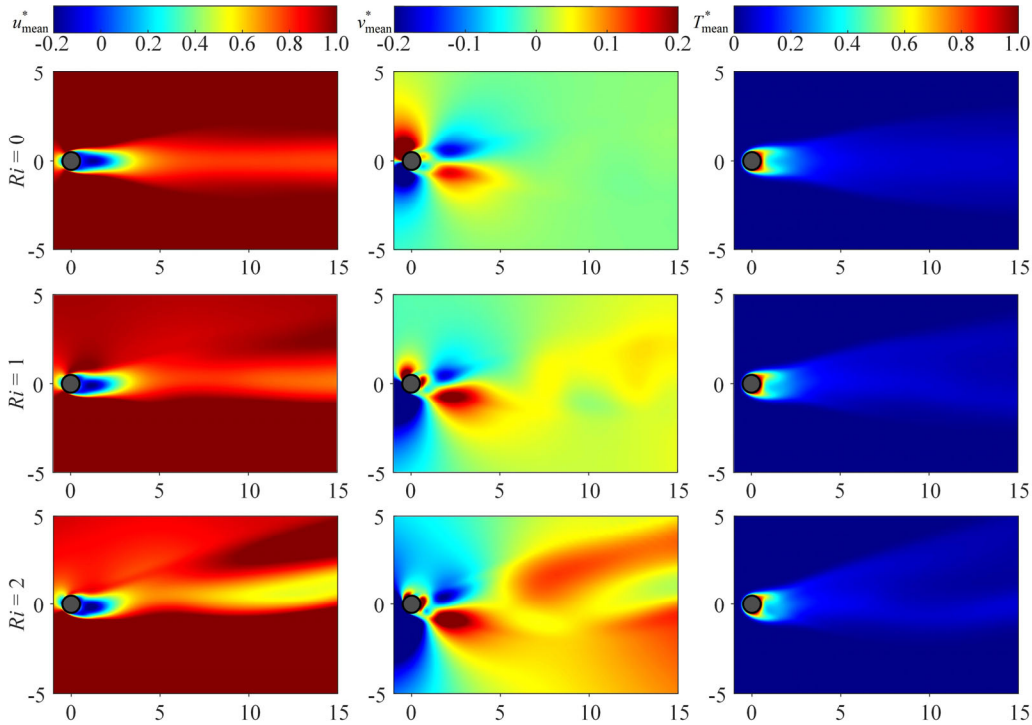
403 In this session, the transportation of fluid kinetic energy and thermal energy in fine scale in  
 404 forced and mixed convection are studied. The normalized time-averaged velocity field  $u_{\text{mean}}^*$  and  $v$   
 405  $^*_{\text{mean}}$ , and the time-averaged temperature field  $T^*_{\text{mean}}$  are defined as:



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$$u_{\text{mean}}^* = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N u_i^* ; v_{\text{mean}}^* = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N v_i^* ; T_{\text{mean}}^* = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N T_i^* \quad (5)$$

407 Where  $N$  is the number of sampled data in the time series.  $u_i^*$ ,  $v_i^*$  and  $T_i^*$  are the dimensionless  
408 streamwise velocity component, transverse velocity component and temperature fields, respectively.

409 In forced convection ( $Ri = 0$ ), the coherent structures of the vortex dynamics and thermal diffusion  
410 in wake are symmetric. Although in mixed convection ( $Ri > 0$ ), Fig. 17 shows that the cross  
411 buoyancy effect has a limited effect on the length of the recirculation region. However, as  $Ri$  number  
412 increases, the strong asymmetries are observed in the velocity and temperature fields due to the  
413 existence of cross buoyancy, e.g. the mean streamwise velocity component, the asymmetric flux of  
414 mean transverse velocity component in wake and the heat convection in wake in Fig. 17.



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416 Figure 17. Contours of the normalized time-averaged flow field at  $Re = 100$ .

417 Besides the study of the mean flow, the study of Reynolds stresses provides an analytical  
418 approach to quantify the dynamics of the cascades of the fluid kinetic energy and thermal energy in  
419 fine scale in wake and the characteristics of the associated fluid stability. Based on the Reynolds  
420 decomposition, the Reynolds stresses can be computed as:

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$$u_i^* = u_{\text{mean}}^* + u_i'^* ; v_i^* = v_{\text{mean}}^* + v_i'^* ; T_i^* = T_{\text{mean}}^* + T_i'^* \quad (6)$$

422 where the  $(u_i'^*, v_i'^*, T_i'^*)$  is the fluctuating component. Various Reynolds averaged quantities  
 423 (Reynolds normal stresses:  $\overline{u'^*u'^*}$ ,  $\overline{v'^*v'^*}$  and the shear stresses:  $\overline{u'^*v'^*}$  are calculated).  
 424 Similarly, the streamwise ( $\overline{u'^*T'^*}$ ) and the transverse ( $\overline{v'^*T'^*}$ ) velocity-temperature  
 425 correlations are also computed, because these quantities are associated with the cascade of  
 426 thermal energy transported by the fine-scale streamwise and transverse fluid fluctuations in wake.  
 427 Refer to Zafar and Alam's definition,<sup>54</sup> they are defined as :

$$428 \quad \overline{u'^*u'^*} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N u_i'^* \square u_i'^* \quad (7a)$$

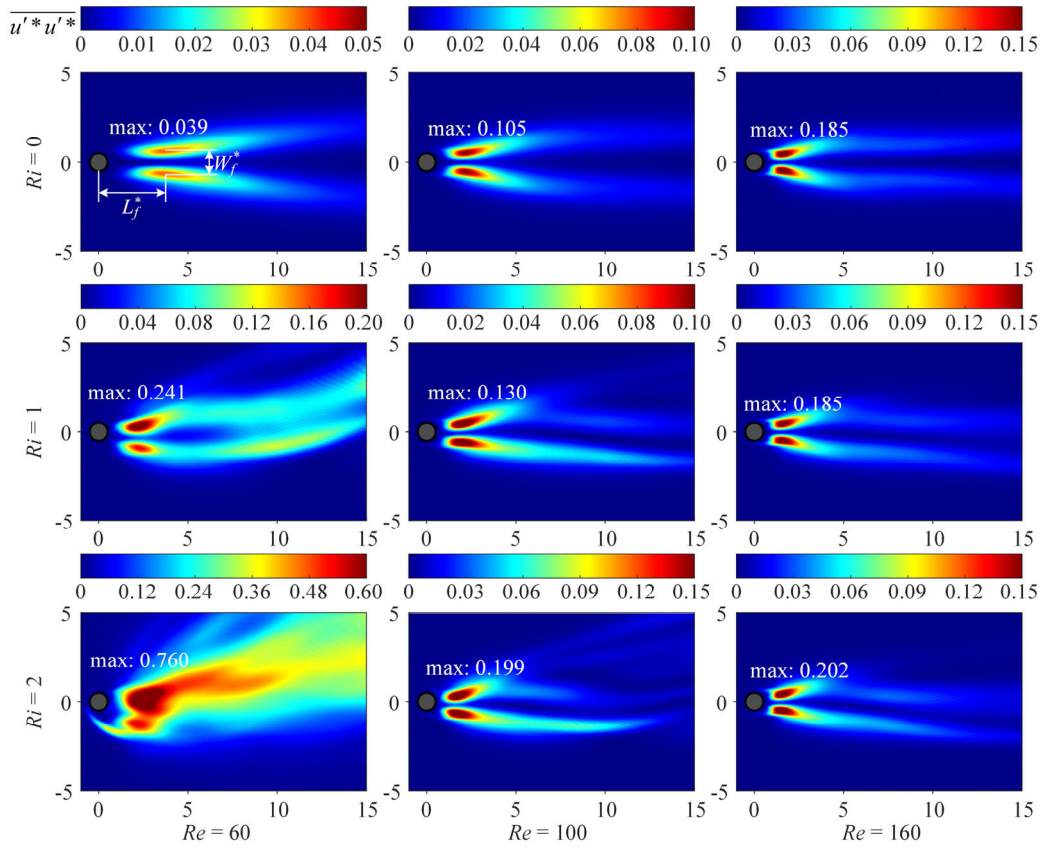
$$429 \quad \overline{v'^*v'^*} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N v_i'^* \square v_i'^* \quad (7b)$$

$$430 \quad \overline{u'^*v'^*} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N u_i'^* \square v_i'^* \quad (7c)$$

$$431 \quad \overline{u'^*T'^*} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N u_i'^* \square T_i'^* \quad (7d)$$

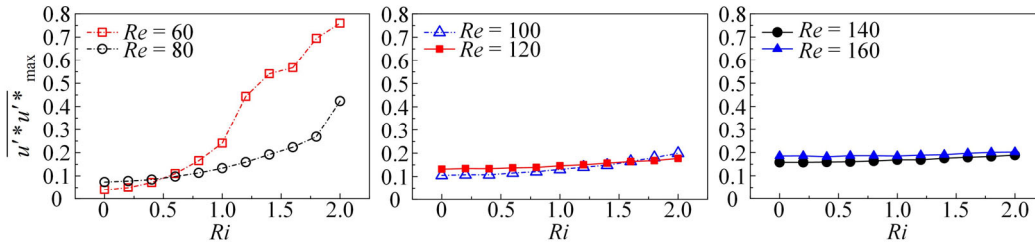
$$432 \quad \overline{v'^*T'^*} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N v_i'^* \square T_i'^* \quad (7e)$$

433 Figure 18(a) shows the contours of Reynolds normal stress  $\overline{u'^*u'^*}$  for the cases of  $Ri = 0, 1,$   
 434  $2.0$  and  $Re = 60, 100, 160$ . It is observed that there are two peaks in the contour of  $\overline{u'^*u'^*}$  in the  
 435 wake behind the cylinder. These peaks are associated with the strong vortices formed by the  
 436 separated boundary layers from the upper and lower sides of the cylinder.<sup>54</sup> In forced convection,  
 437 the peaks of  $\overline{u'^*u'^*}$  are symmetric about the streamwise centerline. As the  $Ri$  number keeps  
 438 increasing, Fig. 18(a) shows that the fluid kinetic energy is further transferred by the fine-scale fluid  
 439 fluctuation upward in wake because of the cross-buoyancy effect. Furthermore, Fig. 18(b) also  
 440 shows that the cascade of fluid kinetic energy, a large value of  $\overline{u'^*u'^*}_{\max}$ , is much more stronger in  
 441 the case of larger  $Ri$  number and smaller  $Re$  number. In these cases, the wake is more prone to be  
 442 'turbulent', because of the presence of strong thermal cross-buoyancy against a weaker fluid inertia.  
 443 Especially when  $Re < 100$  and  $Ri > 1$ , the value of the  $\overline{u'^*u'^*}_{\max}$  increases proportionally with the  
 444  $Ri$  number.



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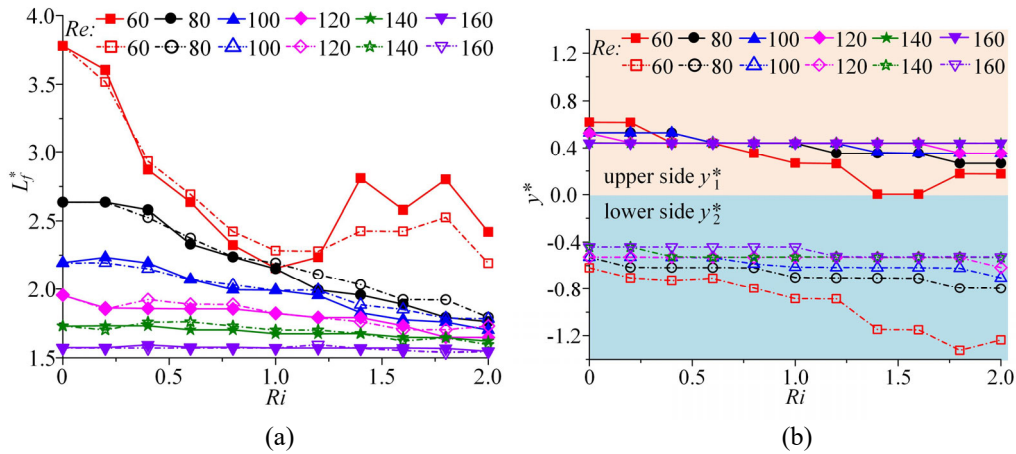
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449 Figure 18. Reynolds normal stresses: (a) contours of the Reynolds normal stresses  $\overline{u'^*u'^*}$  for  
450 different  $Re$  numbers; (b) variation of the maximum Reynolds normal stresses  $\overline{u'^*u'^*}_{\max}$  with  
451 respect to  $Ri$  number.

452 The longitudinal distance from the cylinder center to the  $\overline{u'^*u'^*}_{\max}$  coincides with the vortex  
453 formation length  $L_f^*$  ( $= L_f/D$ ) and width  $W_f^*$  ( $= W_f/D$ ), as marked in Fig. 18(a). Zafar and Alam<sup>55</sup>  
454 illustrates that the vortex formation length  $L_f^*$  may have a great influence on the value of  $Nu^{\text{mean}}$   
455 along the cylinder's surface since a shorter  $L_f^*$  means that the core of the recirculating flow is close  
456 to the cylinder and results in a higher value of  $Nu^{\text{mean}}$ . Based on this discussion, it is believed that  
457 the  $Nu^{\text{RMS}}$  along the cylinder's surface is also effected, as shown previously in Fig. 6. Furthermore,



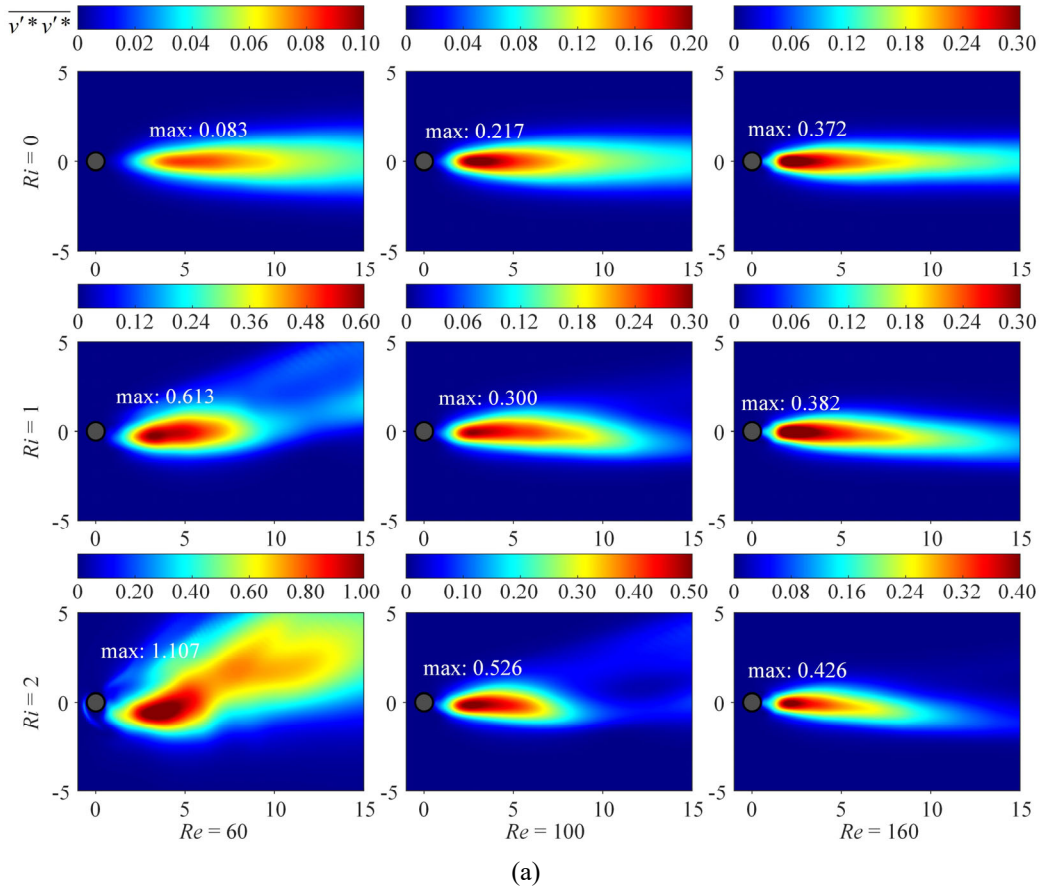
458 it is shown by the peaks of  $\overline{u'^*u'^*}$  in Fig. 18(a) that the distribution of Reynolds normal stresses  
 459 are symmetric about the streamwise centerline in forced convection. Whereas this symmetry breaks  
 460 down in mixed convection, because of the presence of strong cross buoyancy. As a result, the vortex  
 461 formation length  $L_f^*$  and width  $W_f^*$  on upper and lower side of the cylinder are also asymmetric in  
 462 mixed convection. A summary of influence of thermal cross buoyancy on the vortex formation  
 463 length  $L_f^*$  and width  $W_f^*$  is plotted in Fig. 19, in which the values of  $L_f^*$  and width  $W_f^*$  on both the  
 464 upper and the lower sides of the cylinder (the solid line for the upper side, the dotted line for the  
 465 lower side) are presented. It can be seen that the value of  $L_f^*$  keeps reducing as the cross-buoyancy  
 466 effect becomes stronger and implies a stronger heat convection over the cylinder's surface. On the  
 467 other hand, the overall width  $W_f^*$  does not change remarkably as the  $Ri$  number increases.



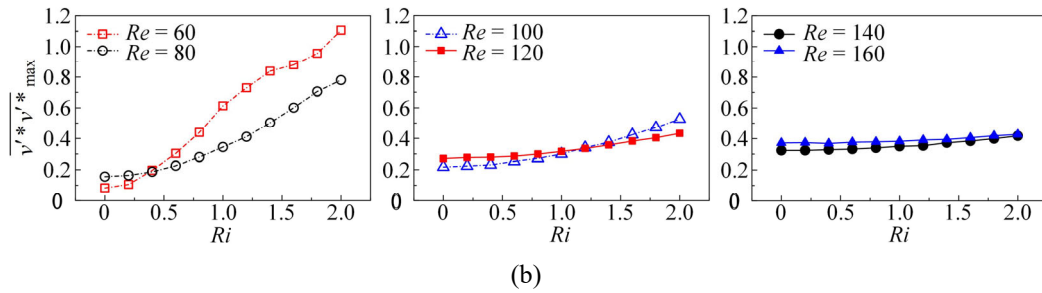
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 470 Figure 19. Variation of (a) normalized vortex formation length  $L_f^*$  and (b) wake width  $W_f^*$  ( $= y_1^* - y_2^*$ )  
 471 with respect to  $Ri$  number, where  $y_1^*$  (solid line) and  $y_2^*$  (dotted line) represent the distance from the  
 472 upper and lower peak of  $\overline{u'^*u'^*}$  to the wake centerline, respectively.

473 In contrast to the Reynolds normal stress, the contours of Reynolds transverse stress  $\overline{v'^*v'^*}$   
 474 manifests itself as a single peak in wake. In forced convection ( $Ri = 0$ ), the distribution of  $\overline{v'^*v'^*}$   
 475 is symmetric and located along the streamwise centerline of cylinder. Whereas the distribution of  
 476  $\overline{v'^*v'^*}$  becomes asymmetric and deflects upward in mixed convection in Fig. 20(a). The peak value  
 477 of  $\overline{v'^*v'^*}$  shifts to the lower side as the  $Ri$  number increases.<sup>54</sup> Similarly to the maximum Reynolds  
 478 normal stress  $\overline{u'^*u'^*}_{\max}$ , the maximum transverse stress  $\overline{v'^*v'^*}_{\max}$  increases significantly with  
 479 the increase of  $Ri$  number for  $Re = 60-80$ , and grows gradually for  $Re = 100-160$  in Fig. 20(b). It is  
 480 also found that the lateral spread of  $\overline{v'^*v'^*}$  becomes narrow for  $Ri = 0$  and is enlarged as the  $Ri$

481 number further increases.



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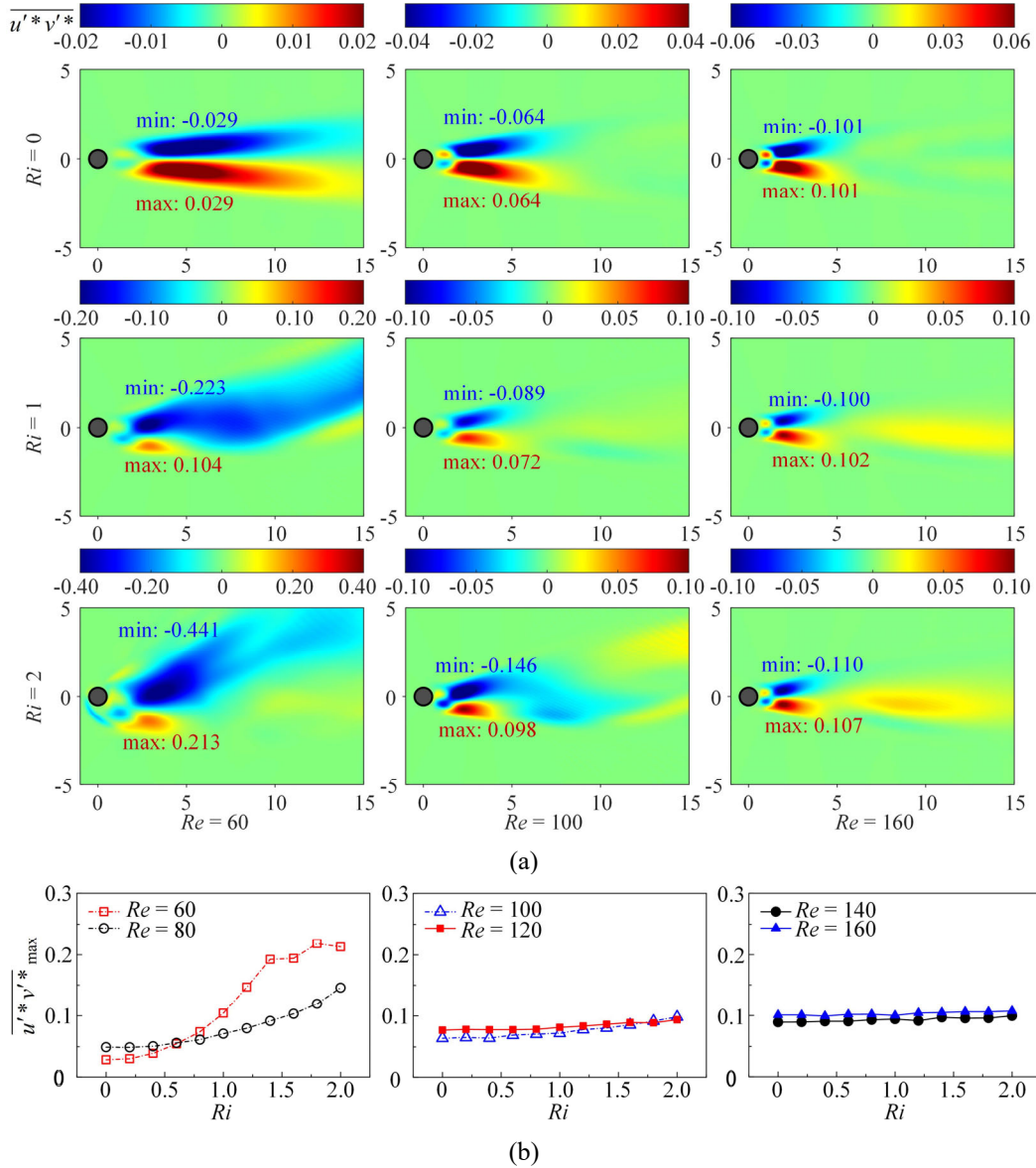


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486 Figure 20. Reynolds transverse stresses: (a) contours of the Reynolds transverse stresses  $\overline{v'v'}$   
 487 for different  $Re$  numbers; (b) variation of the maximum Reynolds transverse stresses  $\overline{v'v'_{max}}$   
 488 with respect to  $Ri$  number.

489 Figure 21(a) displays the variation in Reynolds shear stress  $\overline{u'v'}$  with respect to  $Ri$  and  $Re$   
 490 numbers. The value of  $\overline{u'v'}$  gives a degree of correlation between the streamwise and transverse  
 491 fluctuating velocity components. It is found that the contours of  $\overline{u'v'}$  is symmetrically  
 492 distributed along the centerline in wake in force convection ( $Ri = 0$ ), but becomes asymmetric in  
 493 mixed convection in Fig. 21(a) because of the presence of cross buoyancy. Two peaks of  $\overline{u'v'}$

494 contour emerge in the field because of the alternative vortex shedding process. The values of  
 495  $\overline{u'^*v'^*}_{\max}$  increases significantly with the increase of  $Ri$  number for  $Re = 60$  and  $80$ , and grows  
 496 gradually for  $Re = 100$ – $160$  in Fig. 21(b).



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501 Figure 21. Reynolds shear stresses  $\overline{u'^*v'^*}$ : (a) contours of  $\overline{u'^*v'^*}$  for different  $Re$  numbers; (b)

502 variation of the maximum value  $\overline{u'^*v'^*}_{\max}$  with respect to  $Ri$  number.

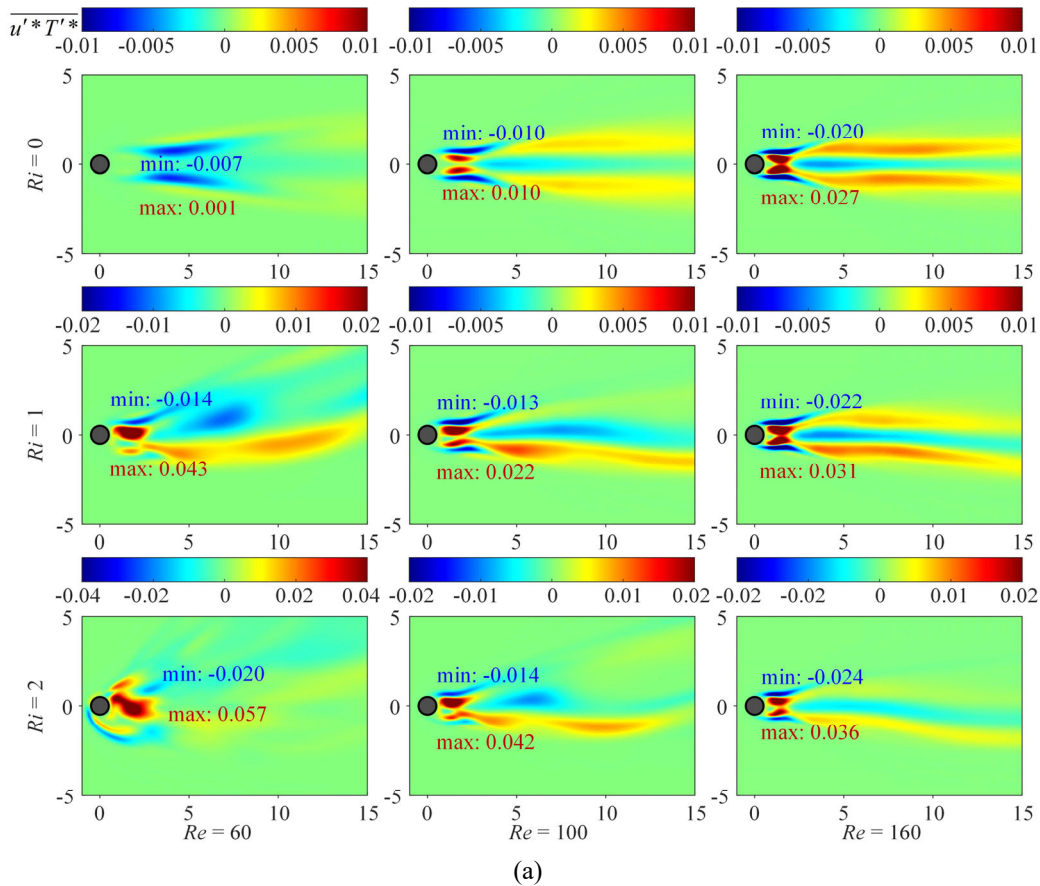
503 Figure 22(a) shows the distribution of  $\overline{u'^*T'^*}$  contours for different  $Ri$  and  $Re$  numbers.

504 Similar to the Reynolds normal and transverse stresses, the contours of  $\overline{u'^*T'^*}$  are symmetrically

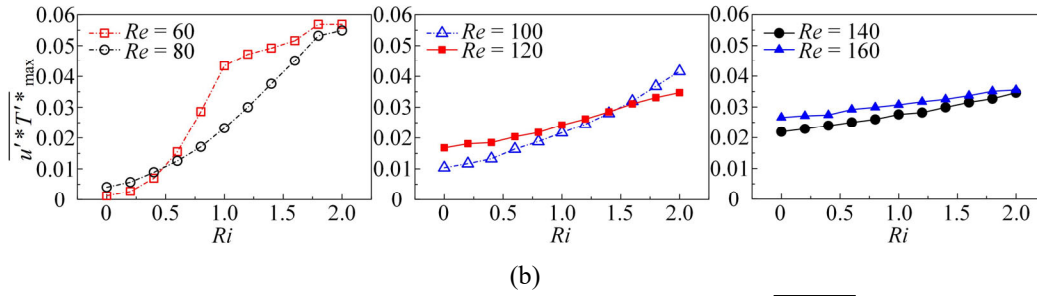
505 distributed in wake in forced convection ( $Ri = 0$ ) and asymmetrically distributed in mixed

506 convection ( $Ri > 0$ ) in Fig. 22(a). For  $Ri = 0$ , a strong peak (positive) and a small peak (negative)

507 form on each side of the cylinder. The streamwise positions of the positive peak match with that of  
 508 Reynolds normal stress  $\overline{u'^*u'^*}$  in Fig. 18. It means that the heat convection in wake is primarily  
 509 driven by the vortex shedding and fluid momentum in forced convection.<sup>55</sup> However, this conclusion  
 510 does not apply to the cases of low  $Re$  number and high  $Ri$  number in this study. In accordance to the  
 511 study in the literature,<sup>38</sup> it is believed that when the formation of an upper vortex blob originates  
 512 from the stretching of the vorticity strand at the upper cylinder shoulder ( $Ri \geq 1$  for  $Re = 60$ , in this  
 513 study), the entire heat convection becomes unsteady and oscillates in time. This results in a dynamics  
 514 of mixing process involving multiple frequency components, as shown previously in Figs. 7–9. In  
 515 addition, Fig. 22(b) also shows that the values of  $\overline{u'^*T'^*}_{\max}$  increases significantly with the  
 516 increase of the  $Ri$  number for  $Re = 60$  and 80, and grows gradually for  $Re = 100$ –160.



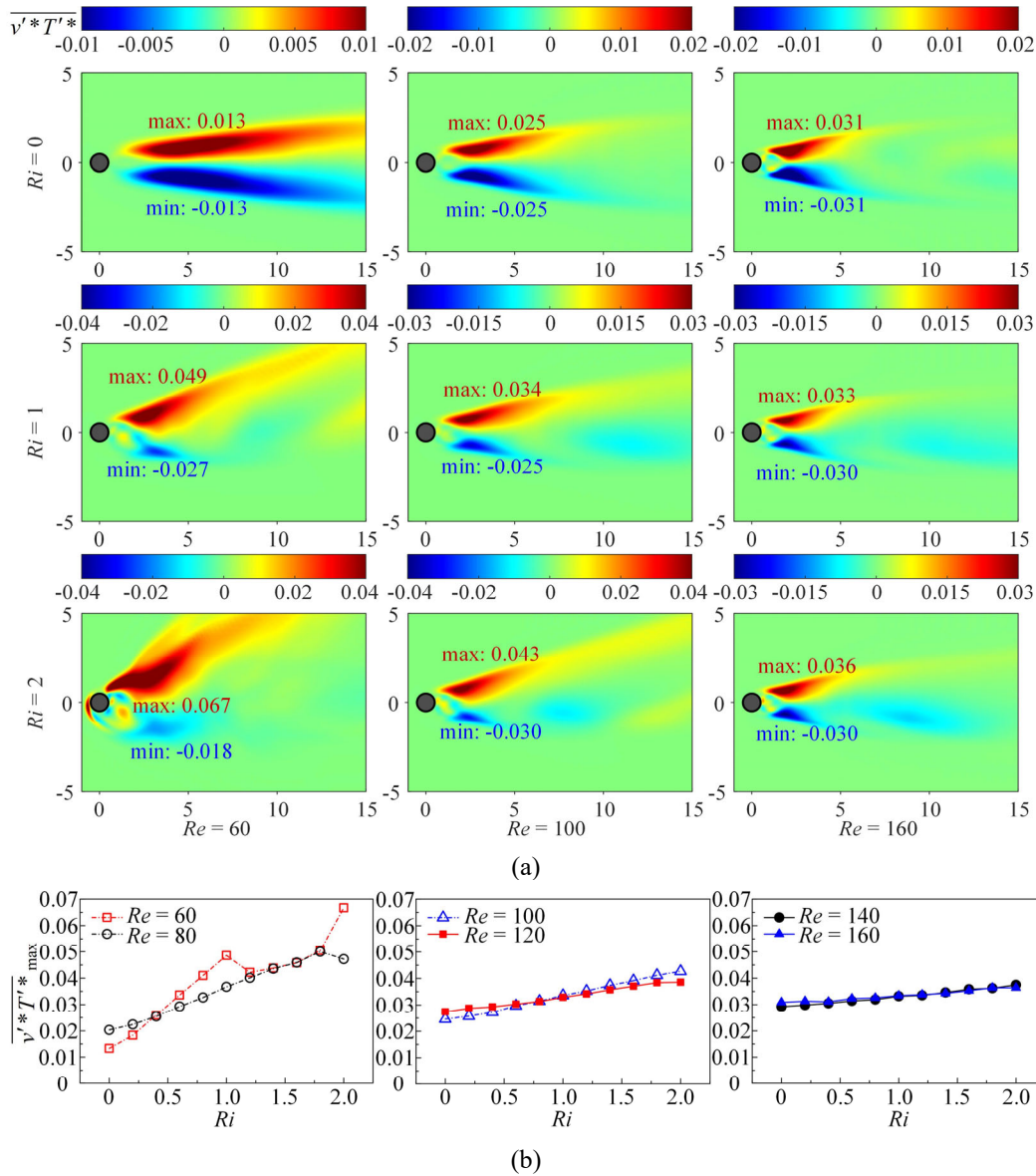
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521 Figure 22. The time-averaged heat fluxes in the streamwise direction ( $\overline{u'^* T'^*}$ ): (a) contours of  
522  $\overline{u'^* T'^*}$  for different  $Re$  numbers; (b) variation of the maximum value  $\overline{u'^* T'^*}_{\max}$  with respect to  
523  $Ri$  numbers.

524 In terms of the thermal energy dissipation in the transverse direction, Fig. 23(a) shows that the  
525 positive and negative contours of  $\overline{v'^* T'^*}$  appear in pairs in wake, a positive peak on the upper side  
526 and a negative peak on the lower side of the cylinder. It means that the fluid momentum brings in  
527 more cold fluid into the wake towards the centerline behind the cylinder. It can be seen that the  
528 contour of  $\overline{v'^* T'^*}$  is symmetrically distributed in wake in forced convection ( $Ri = 0$ ) and  
529 asymmetrically distributed in mixed convection ( $Ri > 0$ ) as shown in Fig. 22(a). As  $Ri$  number  
530 increases in the cases of  $Re = 60-160$ , the positive peak of  $\overline{v'^* T'^*}$  contour is strengthened and  
531 stretched upward due to the thermal cross-buoyancy effect. Whereas the negative contour of  
532  $\overline{v'^* T'^*}$  is vanishing instead. It means that there is a stronger heat exchange happening on the upper  
533 side of the cylinder. A summary of the dependency of  $\overline{v'^* T'^*}_{\max}$  on the  $Ri$  number is plotted in  
534 Figure 23(b). It shows that the value of  $\overline{v'^* T'^*}_{\max}$  increases significantly with the  $Ri$  number for  
535  $Re = 60-80$ , and grows gradually for  $Re = 100-160$  instead.

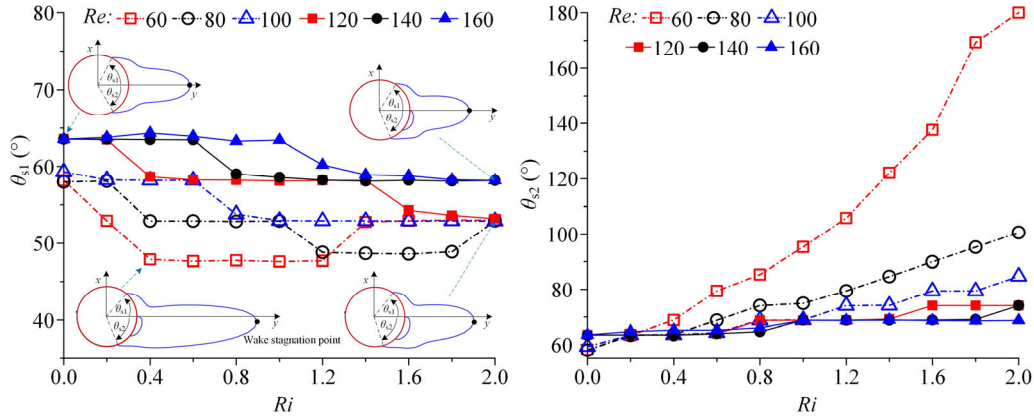
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540 Figure 23. Time-averaged heat fluxes in the transverse direction ( $\overline{v'^*T'^*}$ ): (a) contours of  
 541  $\overline{v'^*T'^*}$  for different  $Re$  numbers; (b) variation of the maximum value  $\overline{v'^*T'^*}_{\max}$  with respect to  
 542  $Ri$  number.

543 Figure 24 shows the variation of the boundary layer separation points with  $Ri$ , where  $\theta_{s1}$  and  
 544  $\theta_{s2}$  represent the locations of the upper and lower separation points, respectively, measured from the  
 545 rear stagnation point. On account of the crossflow thermal buoyancy, the two separation points are  
 546 asymmetrically distributed in mixed convection ( $Ri > 0$ ). For the same  $Re$ , the values of  $\theta_{s1}$  at  $Ri >$   
 547 0 are generally smaller than that at  $Ri = 0$ . In contrast, the value of  $\theta_{s2}$  gradually increases with  $Ri$  at  
 548 the same  $Re$ . Consequently, the asymmetrical recirculation region and wake are generated behind



549 the cylinder in mixed convection. Particularly,  $\theta_{s2}$  reaches  $180^\circ$  at  $Ri = 2.0$  when  $Re = 60$ , signifying  
 550 the separation point of the lower boundary layer shifts to the front stagnation point. It implies that  
 551 the thermal buoyancy at  $Ri = 2.0$  overcomes the inertia force at  $Re = 60$ . The same phenomenon was  
 552 observed by Biswas and Sarkar.<sup>38</sup>



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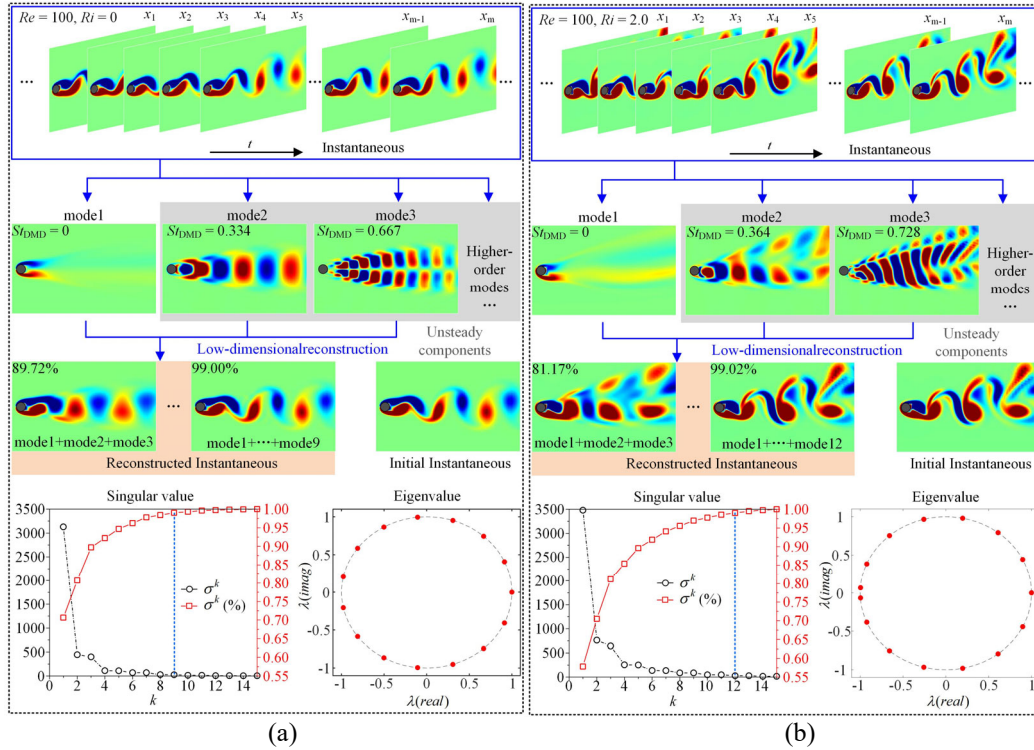
554 Figure 24. Variation of the boundary layer separation points with  $Ri$ .555 **D. Dynamic mode decomposition**

556 In this section, a modal analysis is conducted based on the dynamic mode decomposition  
 557 (DMD) technique so as to extract the spatial-temporal modes that play an important role in flow and  
 558 heat convection processes. Since the application of DMD technique in fluid flow, it has been widely  
 559 accepted in the fluid community for modal analysis of flow field, especially the isothermal flow  
 560 over a bluff body.<sup>56</sup> In this study, one of the primary focus is to explore the fundamental mechanism  
 561 in fluid-thermal-solid interaction by extracting the dominant spatial-temporal modes.

562 Figure 25(a, b) shows that the step-by-step procedures to apply the DMD algorithm on the  
 563 spanwise vorticity  $\omega_z$  in forced convection ( $Ri = 0$ ) and mixed convection ( $Ri = 2$ ), respectively.  
 564 Unlike the proper orthogonal decomposition (POD), the DMD algorithm can not only extract the  
 565 spatial-temporal modes but also a set of eigenvalues associated with each one of them to  
 566 approximate their temporal characteristics, e.g., delay or growth. The mean flow mode is not  
 567 subtracted in the DMD calculation in this study. Therefore, the first mode (shown as mode1 in the  
 568 DMD process) presents the background mode (mean flow) that does not change in time (i.e., it has  
 569 zero eigenvalue), as shown in Fig. 25.

570 For the case of forced convection in Fig. 25(a), it is found that the spatial distribution of the

571 DMD modes are symmetric and similar to the Bagheri's simulation works<sup>57</sup> and Tu et al.'s  
 572 experimental results<sup>43</sup>. Figure 25(a) further demonstrates that the first 9 modes account for the 99.00%  
 573 of cumulative energy. As a result, the vorticity structure reconstructed by these modes is able to  
 574 precisely approximate the original field data. However, due to the influence of thermal cross  
 575 buoyancy, it is noticed in Fig. 25(b) that the spatial distribution of DMD modes is asymmetric in  
 576 wake in mixed convection ( $Ri = 2$ ). Furthermore it is also noticed that the first 12 DMD modes  
 577 account for 99.02% of the cumulative energy in the case of mixed convection. The requirement of  
 578 relatively more DMD modes means that stronger non-linear features exist in wake compared with  
 579 the case of forced convection. Consequently more linear DMD modes are required to accurately  
 580 reconstruct the original vorticity field in mixed convection.

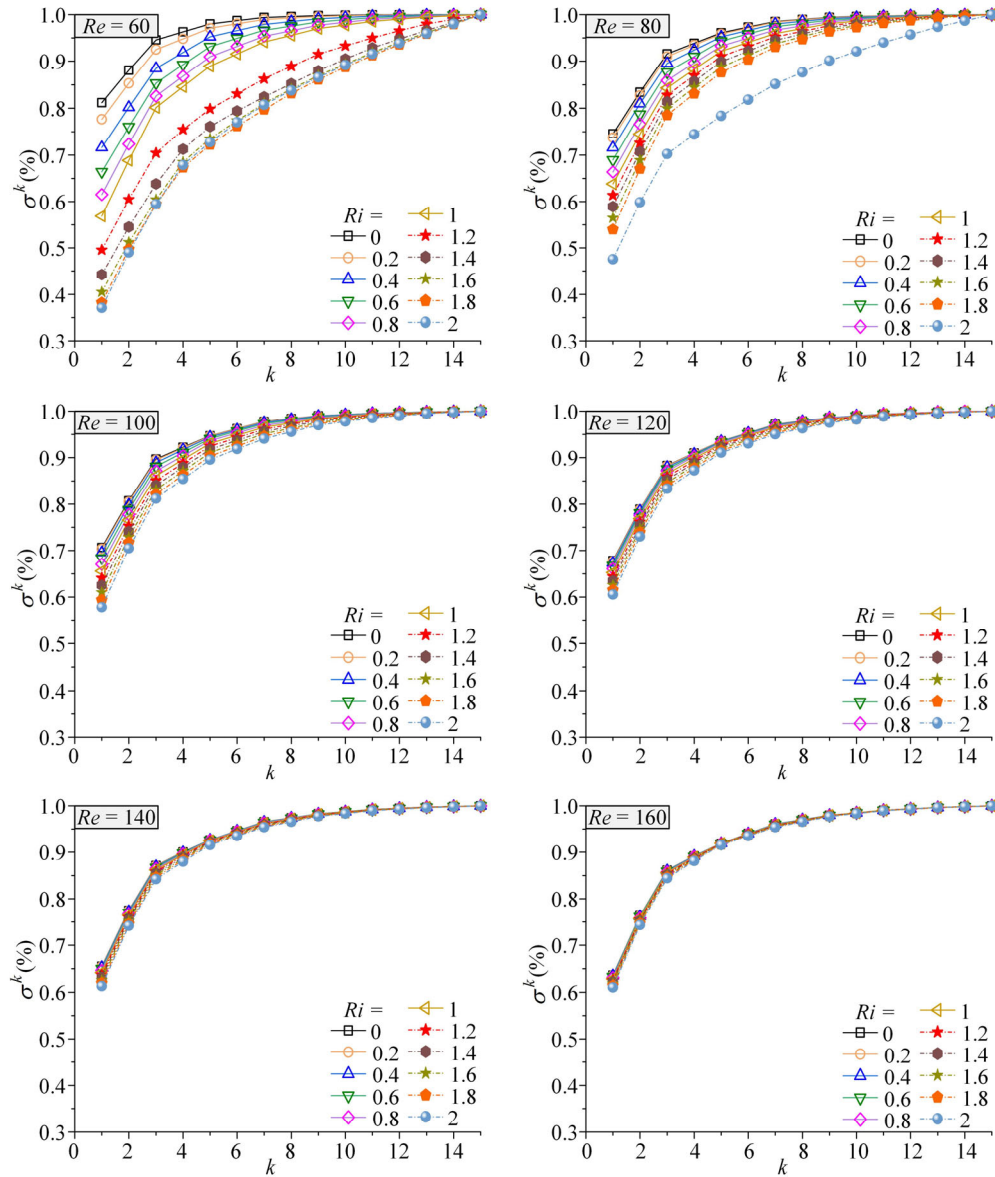


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 583 Figure 25. Schematic diagram of the data processing with DMD algorithm for the spanwise vorticity  
 584  $\omega_z$  for (a)  $Ri = 0$  and (b)  $Ri = 2$ .

585 The value of  $k$  in DMD algorithm is an important parameter. Normally the condition  $\sigma^k(\%) \geq$   
 586 99.0% ( $k < 15$ ) is chosen to determine a suitable value of  $k$  to accurately reconstruct the original  
 587 field data. Based on the aforementioned criteria, the spatial distribution of the DMD modes of the  $Z$   
 588 vorticity ( $\omega_z$ ) field is presented in Fig. 26. It is observed that when  $Ri > 1$ , the cumulative energy  
 589  $\sigma^k(\%)$  of the first 14 modes cannot reach 99% for  $Re = 60$  because of the existence of strong cross



590 buoyancy. Therefore, it is believed that the much stronger nonlinear features exist in mixed  
591 convection and require more linear DMD modes to reconstruct the original field. The modal analysis  
592 in the case of  $Ri = 2$  and  $Re = 80$  also agree with this observation. This can also be linked to the  
593 aforementioned multiple harmonics characters of  $C_L^{\text{RMS}}$  in Fig. 10(d) and the ASD contours of  $C_L$  in  
594 Fig. 12, in which multiple modes are induced by cross-buoyancy effect in frequency domain. In  
595 addition, it is also found that the energy of the first DMD mode decreases with the increase of  $Ri$   
596 number in the case of the same  $Re$  number. On the other hand, the number of DMD modes required  
597 to reconstruct the original field data is also found increased as  $Re$  number increases in the case of  
598 the same  $Ri$  number.

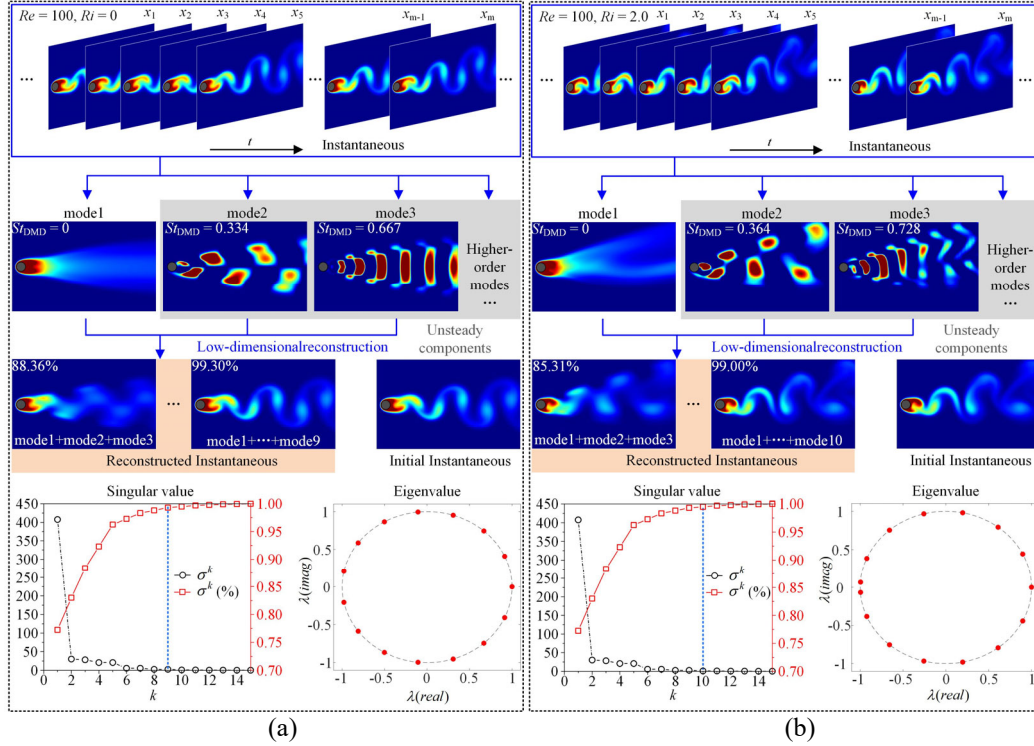


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600 Figure 26. Dependence of  $\sigma^k$  (%) on the value of  $k$  for the spanwise vorticity  $\omega_z$  field.

601 In terms of the normalized temperature field  $T^*$ , Fig. 27(a, b) shows that the modal analysis  
 602 conducted for the  $T^*$  field in forced convection ( $Ri = 0$ ) and mixed convection ( $Ri = 2$ ), respectively.  
 603 As shown in Fig. 27(a), the first 9 modes account for 99.30% of the cumulative and represents an  
 604 accurate reconstruction of the temperature field. However, due to the influence of cross-buoyancy  
 605 effect, for instance the case of  $Ri = 2$ , the instantaneous temperature field and the associated DMD  
 606 modes are significantly perturbed and asymmetrically distributed in space. Furthermore, it is also  
 607 noticed that the first 10 modes of  $T^*$  account for 99.00% of the cumulative energy in mixed  
 608 convection, which is slightly higher than those in forced convection. It suggests that there exist

609 stronger the nonlinear features in the temperature field. Whereas, compared with the spanwise  
 610 vorticity field in Fig. 25(b), the normalized temperature field requires less DMD modes to  
 611 reconstruct the original field data instead.

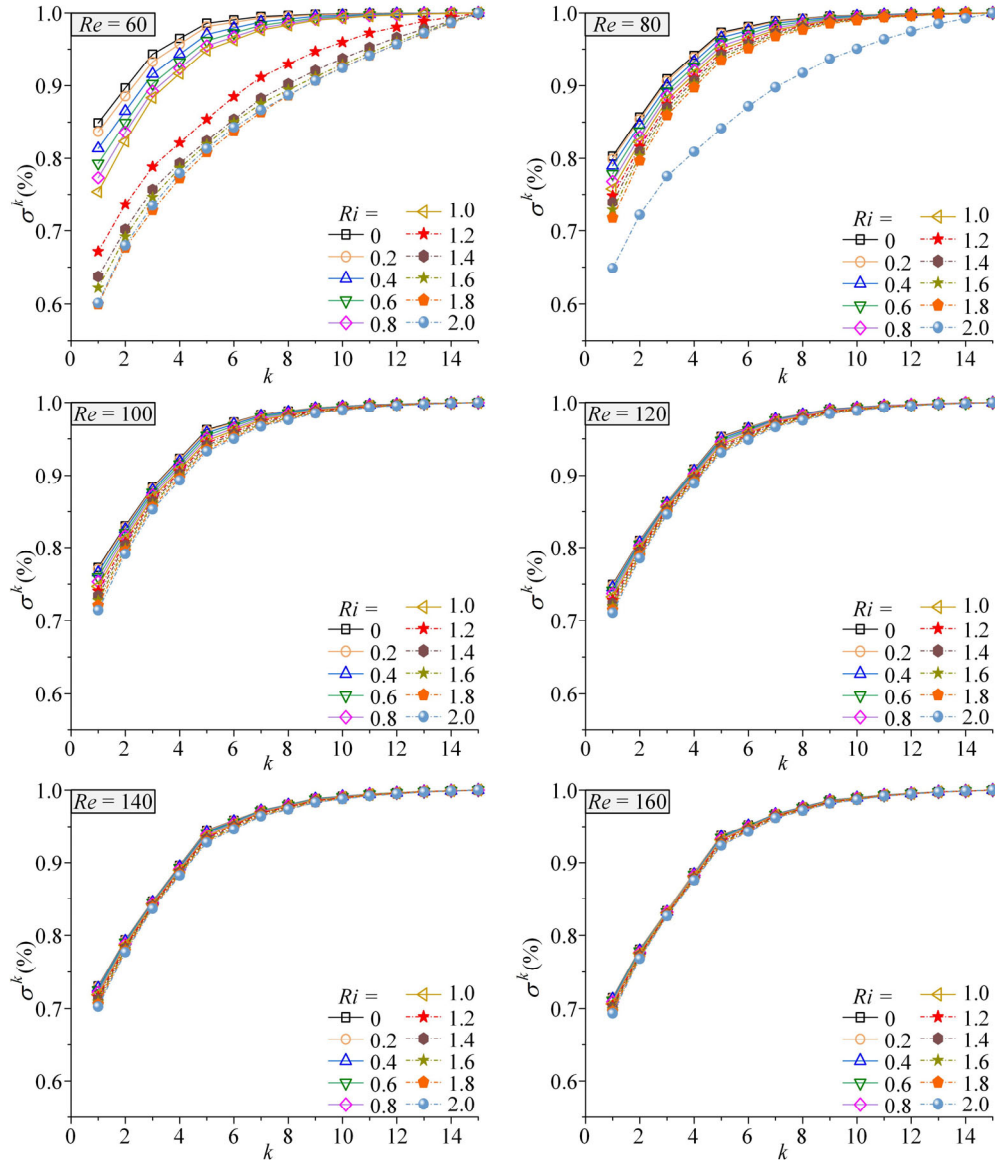


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 614 Figure 27. Schematic diagram of the data processing with DMD algorithm for the normalized  
 615 temperature ( $T^*$ ) for (a)  $Ri = 0$  and (b)  $Ri = 2$ .

616 The spatial distribution of the DMD modes of the normalized temperature ( $T^*$ ) field can be  
 617 found in Fig. 28. Analogous to the criteria used to determine the value of  $k$  for the vorticity field, a  
 618 suitable value of  $k$  is also chosen to reconstruct the instantaneous temperature field based on the  
 619 criteria  $\sigma^k (\%) \geq 99.0\%$  ( $k < 15$ ). Figure 28 shows that when  $Ri > 1$ , the cumulative energy  $\sigma^k (\%)$  of  
 620 the first 14 modes cannot reach 99% for  $Re = 60$ . It means that stronger nonlinear feature exist in  
 621 the temperature field for the wake subject to the cross-buoyancy effect and more linear DMD modes  
 622 are required to accurately reconstruct the original temperature field. The same conclusion applies  
 623 for the case of  $Ri = 2$  and  $Re = 80$  as well.

624 Similar to the discussion of  $\omega_z$  field, an appropriate value of  $k$  parameter should be chosen for  
 625 the reconstruction of  $T^*$  field in advance. Overall, Fig. 28 shows that a higher value of  $k$  (more DMD  
 626 modes) should be chosen for a larger  $Ri$  number (strong cross buoyancy) to accurate reconstruct the  
 627 original temperature field. On the other hand, it is also realized that influence of the cross-buoyancy

628 effect is weakened as the fluid inertia force keeps increasing (higher Reynolds number). This can  
 629 be observed from the curves in Fig. 28, which are converging for different values of  $Ri$  numbers.  
 630 Overall, it is found that the value of  $k > 15$  can return an accurate approximation of the original field  
 631 data in this study.



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 633 Figure 28. Dependence of  $\sigma^k$  (%) on the value of  $k$  for the normalized temperature  $T^*$  field.

#### 634 IV. CONCLUSIONS

635 Flow over a heated circular cylinder is a canonical issue in thermal engineering. In comparison  
 636 with the isothermal fluid flow, the buoyancy effect introduced by mixed convective flow may  
 637 enhance the hydrodynamic instability of a circular cylinder and hence complicated flow regimes in

638 wake. To investigate the hydro- and thermo-dynamic characteristics of a circular cylinder, a  
 639 numerical study was conducted to investigate the complex mechanism of vortex dynamics in wake  
 640 and the heat convection along a heated cylinder in mixed convection flow subject to cross buoyancy  
 641 at  $Pr = 0.71$ ,  $Re = 60\text{--}160$ , and  $Ri = 0\text{--}2.0$ . The employed numerical formulation was validated with  
 642 the numerical and experimental data in literature.

643 Since the cross-buoyancy effect is negligible in forced convection ( $Ri = 0$ ), similar to the  
 644 isothermal fluid flow, it was found that both the distributions of  $Nu_{(\theta)}^{\text{mean}}$  and  $C_{P(\theta)}$  along the cylinder's  
 645 surface and the wake structure are symmetric, including the fluid momentum and thermal energy  
 646 transport ( $u_{\text{mean}}^*$ ,  $v_{\text{mean}}^*$ ,  $T_{\text{mean}}^*$ ,  $\overline{u'^*u'^*}$ ,  $\overline{v'^*v'^*}$ ,  $\overline{u'^*v'^*}$ ,  $\overline{u'^*T'^*}$  and  $\overline{v'^*T'^*}$ ). In contrast, because  
 647 of the presence of thermal cross buoyancy in mixed convection ( $Ri > 0$ ), the wake behind a heated  
 648 cylinder became significantly asymmetric and deflected against the gravitational direction. In mixed  
 649 convection, the heat convection across the cylinder's surface is affected by both  $Re$  (fluid inertia)  
 650 and  $Ri$  (buoyancy) numbers. In comparison with the  $Re$  number, the change of  $Ri$  number has less  
 651 influence on the efficiency of heat transfer across the cylinder's surface. Nevertheless, the value of  
 652  $Nu^{\text{RMS}}$  increases exponentially with the  $Ri$  number at  $Re = 60$ , where the thermal buoyancy  
 653 overcomes the inertia force with the results of strong nonlinear features and multiple frequency  
 654 modes. The maximum  $C_L^{\text{RMS}}$  of 0.96 is found in the case of  $Ri = 2$  and  $Re = 60$ . Due to the thermal  
 655 cross buoyancy, multiple harmonics exist in the frequency domain for the dynamics of  $Nu_{(\theta)}$ ,  $Nu$ ,  $C_D$   
 656 and  $C_L$ . The fundamental frequency of  $C_D$  is synchronized with the  $C_L$  and the second frequency  
 657 component is about twice of the fundamental one. Furthermore, the dynamics of  $C_D$  and  $Nu$  are  
 658 synchronized together in time domain, suggesting the strong coupling between the hydrodynamics  
 659 and buoyancy effects. The pressure on the lower side of the cylinder is lower than that on the upper  
 660 side, resulting in the negative value of  $C_L^{\text{mean}}$ . The higher the value of  $Ri$  number, the smaller the  
 661 value of  $C_L^{\text{mean}}$ .

662 By quantifying the Reynolds stresses, the cascade of fluid kinetic energy and thermal energy  
 663 via the fine-scale fluid fluctuation in wake were studied. As  $Ri$  number increases, amplified  
 664 asymmetries are observed in both the velocity and temperature fields. Larger Reynolds stresses are  
 665 observed in the cases of larger  $Ri$  number and smaller  $Re$  number, indicating the presence of strong  
 666 thermal cross-buoyancy against a weaker fluid inertia. As the cross-buoyancy effect becomes

667 stronger, the vortex formation length is reduced, contributing to the enhanced  $Nu^{\text{RMS}}$  and  $C_L^{\text{RMS}}$ .

668 A number of dominant spatial-temporal modes of vorticity and temperature fields were  
669 extracted by applying the dynamic mode decomposition technique. It was realized that stronger  
670 nonlinear features exist in the wake in mixed convection subject to cross buoyancy as  $Ri$  number  
671 increases, compared with the forced convection. For the reconstruction of spanwise vorticity field  
672 at  $Ri = 2$  and  $Re = 100$ , the first 9 DMD modes account for 99.00% of the cumulative energy in the  
673 case of forced convection, while the first 12 DMD modes are required in mixed convection. The  
674 energy of the first DMD mode decreases with the increase of the  $Ri$  number. The same phenomenon  
675 is found in the reconstruction of temperature field.

676 In general, the present study reports an insight into the hydro- and thermo-dynamic  
677 characteristics of a heated circular cylinder in mixed convection subject to cross buoyancy. The  
678 numerical results may provide references for the design of heat exchange tubes and the operation of  
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687 The data that support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author upon  
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