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## ABSTRACT

Enhancement of heat transfer performance in nucleate boiling has become one of the prominent topics due to the demand of high cooling density in industry applications. Recently, various types of nanofluids have been researched in terms of their cooling performance in the multiphase system. For instance,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  nanofluids gave a completely different Heat Transfer Coefficient (HTC) performance compared to  $\text{SiO}_2$  nanofluids in various concentration levels. The reasons of the inconsistencies are still elusive. In addition, the HTC performances of those single nanofluids in steady state conditions have not been well reported in literature. The present work aims to evaluate the HTC performance, the steady state conditions, and the relation between surface properties towards the HTC of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{SiO}_2$  nanofluids in saturated pool boiling of single and hybrid  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{SiO}_2$  water-based nanofluids. Two types of single nanofluid dispersions ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{SiO}_2$ ) were prepared. Their hybrid nanofluids were mixed in different volume concentration ratios of 0:100, 25:75, 50:50, 75:25, and 100:0 percent to achieve three final concentrations of  $C = 0.001$  vol. %, 0.01 vol. %, 0.025 vol. %. Later, experiments were conducted to obtain the heat transfer coefficients (HTCs) and steady state conditions of the HTC within a prescribed time, as well as evaluation of surface roughness properties. The present work demonstrated the HTC values for single and hybrid nanofluids in a series of time variation of wall superheat,  $\Delta T_w$ . Next, considering the significance of the clarification of heat transfer steadiness in the system, experiment for the quasi steady state was extended up to 5 hours to reveal the dependencies of HTC over time in single and hybrid nanofluids with low concentration  $C = 0.001$  vol. %. Finally, due to the occurrence of nanoparticle deposition in the present experiment, surface roughness measurements were conducted to investigate the surface structure evolution with respect to the boiling time in nanofluids using  $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  nanofluids of low concentration  $C = 0.001$  vol. %. The HTC results were found to enhance considerably for  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and on the contrary, deteriorate for  $\text{SiO}_2$  nanofluids. Notably, for the hybrid nanofluids ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{SiO}_2$ : 50/50 vol. %), the HTCs were dramatically enhanced at the initial stage after 5 seconds, whilst slowly deteriorated once the time variation increased up to  $\Delta T_w = 16$  °C, especially in a higher ratio of  $\text{SiO}_2$  nanofluids. In addition, it should be noted that the HTC performance of hybrid nanofluids was found to be in between those of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{SiO}_2$  in the time variation of 1 hour. For the single and hybrid nanofluids in low concentration,  $\text{SiO}_2$  nanofluids achieved the steady state conditions after 5 hours at 17 °C except for single  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  nanofluids which did not achieve steady state condition even after 5 hours with a slight gradual increase with respect to the time variation of wall superheat ( $\Delta T_w$ ). Meanwhile, the surface roughness of heater surface, Ra values were 1.7995  $\mu\text{m}$  for  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and 1.7507  $\mu\text{m}$  for  $\text{SiO}_2$  after boiling in nanofluids. However, the HTC values were different where they increased in  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  nanofluids but deteriorated for  $\text{SiO}_2$  nanofluids. The surface roughness results of heater surface for both nanofluids were nearly the same but different HTC performances were reported. Therefore, surface roughness was not a significant factor to the HTC performance in the present work.

## ABSTRAK

Peningkatan prestasi pemindahan haba dalam pendidihan nukleat telah menjadi salah satu topik penting kerana permintaanya yang tinggi untuk aplikasi industry penyejukan. Terbaru, pelbagai jenis cecair nano telah diteliti dari segi prestasi penyejukannya dalam sistem yang kepelbagaian fasa. Sebagai contoh, cecair nano yang mengandungi  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  memberikan prestasi Pekali Pemindahan Haba (HTC) yang sangat berbeza berbanding dengan cecair nano  $\text{SiO}_2$  bagi semua tahap kepekatan. Punca ketidaksamaan ini masih belum diketahui secara mendalam. Di samping itu, prestasi HTC cecair nano yang tunggal dalam keadaan stabil tidak pernah dilaporkan secara mendalam berdasarkan kajian-kajian sebelum ini. Kajian ini bertujuan untuk menilai prestasi HTC, kestabilan prestasi HTC, dan hubungan antara sifat permukaan terhadap HTC yang disebabkan oleh cecair dan zarah  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  dan  $\text{SiO}_2$  bersaiz nano di dalam sistem kolam mendidih berasaskan cecair nano  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 / \text{SiO}_2$  yang tunggal dan gabungan. Dua jenis cecair nano yang tunggal ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  dan  $\text{SiO}_2$ ) telah siap disediakan. Cecair nano hibrid pula dicampur dalam nisbah isipadu kepekatan yang berbeza iaitu 0: 100, 25:75, 50:50, 75:25, dan 100: 0 peratus untuk mencapai tiga kepekatan akhir iaitu  $C = 0.001$  vol. %, 0.01 jilid %, 0.025 jilid %. Kemudian, eksperimen dijalankan untuk mendapatkan pekali pemindahan haba (HTCs) dan kestabilan HTC dalam masa yang ditentukan, serta penilaian terhadap keadaan permukaan pemanas. Kajian ini menunjukkan nilai HTC untuk cecair nano tunggal dan hibrid dalam rangkaian variasi suhu permukaan pemanas,  $\Delta T_w$ . Seterusnya, eksperimen untuk keadaan separa stabil HTC dilanjutkan hingga 5 jam untuk mendedahkan sifat HTC dari masa ke masa untuk cecair nano tunggal dan hibrid dengan kepekatan rendah  $C = 0.001$  vol. %. Akhirnya, berlaku pemendapan partikel nano di atas permukaan pemanas di dalam eksperimen ini, ketebalan pemendapan pada permukaan pemanas dilakukan untuk mengkaji perubahan struktur permukaan sehubungan dengan masa mendidih dalam cecair nano menggunakan cecair nano  $\text{SiO}_2$  dan  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  dengan kepekatan rendah  $C = 0.001$  vol. %. Hasilnya, HTC didapati bertambah baik untuk cecair nano  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  dan sebaliknya, merosot untuk cecair nano  $\text{SiO}_2$ , terutama, untuk cecair nano hibrid ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{SiO}_2$ : 50/50 vol.%), HTC meningkat secara dramatic pada peringkat seawal 5 saat, sementara perlahan-lahan merosot setelah suhu yang diambil meningkat hingga  $\Delta T_w = 16$  °C, terutama jika cecair hybrid nano yg mempunyai nano partikel  $\text{SiO}_2$  yang lebih banyak. Di samping itu, berdsarkan pemerhatian, didapati prestasi HTC cecair nano untuk hibrid didapati berada di paras antara prestasi HTC oleh  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  dan  $\text{SiO}_2$  untuk lingkungan masa 1 jam. Manakan untuk cecair nano yang tunggal dan hibrid dalam kepekatan rendah, cecair nano  $\text{SiO}_2$  mencapai keadaan yang stabil selepas 5 jam pada 17 °C kecuali untuk cecair nano  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  yang tunggal gagal untuk mencapai keadaan yang stabil walaupun setelah 5 jam dengan hanya sedikit peningkatan secara beransur-ansur sehubungan dengan masa suhu ( $\Delta T_w$ ). Sementara itu, kekasaran permukaan permukaan pemanas, nilai Ra adalah 1.7995  $\mu\text{m}$  untuk  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  dan 1.7507  $\mu\text{m}$  untuk  $\text{SiO}_2$  setelah mendidih dalam cecair nano. Walau bagaimanapun, nilai HTC berbeza di mana ia meningkat dalam cecair nano  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  tetapi merosot untuk cecair nano  $\text{SiO}_2$ . Hasil kekasaran permukaan pemanas untuk kedua-dua nanofluid hampir sama tetapi prestasi HTC yang berbeza dilaporkan. Oleh itu, dalam kajian ini, kekasaran permukaan didapati bukan faktor yang utama yang menyumbang kepada kelainan prestasi HTC dalam kajian sekarang.

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## LIST OF SYMBOLS

$\mu$	Dynamic viscosity of liquid
$\rho_l$	Density of liquid
$\rho_v$	Density of vapor
$r$	Enthalpy of evaporation
$d$	Equilibrium break-off diameter
$h_{fg}$	Enthalpy of vaporization
$\Delta T$	Excess temperature
$g$	Gravitational acceleration
$q$	Heat flux
$\dot{q}$	Heat flux density
$\lambda$	Heat conductivity
$\rho$	Mass density
$Pr$	Prandtl number of liquids
$p$	Pressure
$p_c$	Critical Pressure
$C_1$	Specific heat of liquid
$C_{sf}$	Surface liquid factor,
$\sigma$	Surface tension liquid vapor interface
$T_s$	Saturation temperature
$c'_p$	Specific heat capacity
$a$	Thermal diffusivity
$\Delta T_w$	Time variation of wall superheat



## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Alumina oxide
BHTC	Boiling heat transfer coefficient
CHF	Critical heat flux
CNT	Carbon nanotube
Cu	Copper
CuO	Copper oxide
COOH	Carboxylic acid
DLS	Dynamic light scattering
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
EG	Ethylene glycol
EPD	Electrophoretic deposition
AuNP	Gold nanoparticle
HTC	Heat transfer coefficient
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Iron oxide
MWCNT	Multiwall carbon nanotube
MgO <sub>2</sub>	Magnesium oxide
PTFE	Polytetrafluoroethylene
SiO <sub>2</sub>	Silica Oxide
TiO <sub>2</sub>	Titanium oxide
USB	Universal Serial Bus
H <sub>2</sub> O	Water
ZnO	Zinc oxide

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