

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUDING REMARKS

A transient three-dimensional numerical simulation has been carried out in the present study to investigate the vortex flow resulting from an air jet impinging onto a large horizontal heated disk with an upper plate confinement. Effects of the jet flow rate, temperature difference across the horizontal disks, and jet-to-disk separation distance have been investigated in detail. Attention is focused on the possible presence of the new vortex flow patterns aside from the circular rolls. Major results obtained here can be briefly summarized in the following.

1. For the cases with the target plate unheated, two steady circular rolls are induced by the impinging jet, which are the primary and secondary inertia-driven rolls. These rolls are stronger and larger at high jet Reynolds numbers and longer jet-to-disk separation distance.
2. The typical buoyancy induced secondary flow is in the form several circular rolls in the outer region of the space between the two disks. These rolls are unsteady and deformed to a certain degree even at low and subcritical Rayleigh numbers. At intermediate Rayleigh numbers the rolls are significantly deformed and the roll termination and splitting appear.
3. At a certain high jet Reynolds number, the primary inertia-driven roll may split into a number of short radial rolls under the action of the upward buoyancy associated with the heated disk.

More computations are needed to explore the full picture of the new vortex roll patterns in the impinging jet.



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