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

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21 I. INTRODUCTION

22 Flow around a circular cylinder is usually accompanied with heat exchange in engineering
23 applications. Based on the Richardson number ($Ri = Gr/Re^2$, where Gr and Re are the Grashof and
24 Reynolds numbers, respectively), the heat exchange could be classified into three main categories:
25 forced convection, natural convection and mixed convection. The vortex shedding of a circular
26 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 street¹ 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,² Abernathy and
 35 Kronauer,³ Berger and Wille,⁴ Bearman⁵ and Williamson⁶). Before the onset of flow transition (e.g.
 36 Re approximately equals to 180 for a circular cylinder⁷⁻⁹), 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 Wenner¹⁰ 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 points¹¹⁻¹⁴ 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:¹⁵⁻
 54 ¹⁶(1) parallel flow, (2) contra-flow, and (3) horizontal cross-flow.

55 For the parallel flow, Joshi and Sukhatme¹⁷ 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 ($Nu_{(0)}$)
 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 $Ri > 2$.¹⁷ Chatterjee¹⁸ 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.¹⁹ By comparing the results in
 66 literature,^{20–21} 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 Koochesfahani²³ 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,^{24–26} 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 Sa²⁴ 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.²⁷

86 For the horizontal cross-flow, one obvious phenomenon reported in experiments²⁸⁻³⁰ and
 87 numerical simulations^{15, 31-32} 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.²⁸ 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.¹⁵ 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.²⁹ Kieft et al.³⁰,
 95³³⁻³⁴ carried out many experiments and simulations to explain the reason of deflected vortex wake
 96 structure and the phenomenon of flow transition in wake.^{35,36} 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.³⁷ Biswas and Sarkar³⁸ and
 99 Sarkar et al.¹³ 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).¹⁸ Recently, Garg et al.³⁹ 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 Zhu³² 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.⁴⁰ 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 Yu⁴¹ 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.⁴²⁻⁴³ 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:

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

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

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

$$140 \quad \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}; \quad T = T_0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_D^f(t) \quad (1d)$$

$$141 \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0; \quad \alpha (\nabla T) \cdot \mathbf{n} = q_0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_N^f(t) \quad (1e)$$

$$142 \qquad \qquad \qquad \boldsymbol{u} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_0 \ ; \quad T = \tilde{T}_0^c \qquad \qquad \forall x \in \Omega^f(0) \qquad (1f)$$

where \mathbf{u} is the flow velocity vector, \mathbf{x} is the position vector, ρ is the fluid density, p is the pressure, t is the flow time, $\mathbf{g} = [0, -g]' = [0, -9.81]'$ is the gravitational acceleration vector, σ is the Cauchy stress tensor, T is the temperature, α is the thermal diffusivity, \mathbf{u}_p represents the prescribed flow velocity imposed along the boundaries, T_p represents the prescribed temperature imposed along the boundaries, \mathbf{n} is the unit outward normal vector of the element's edge, κ and q are the prescribed convection transfer coefficient and heat flux along the boundaries, respectively, \mathbf{u}_0 represents the initial flow velocity, T_0 represents the initial temperature, and Γ_D and Γ_N denote the Dirichlet and Neumann domain boundaries, respectively. The term $\partial_t(\cdot)$ represents the partial derivative with respect to time. The Cauchy stress tensor (σ) is a function of \mathbf{u} and p and defined as:

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

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

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

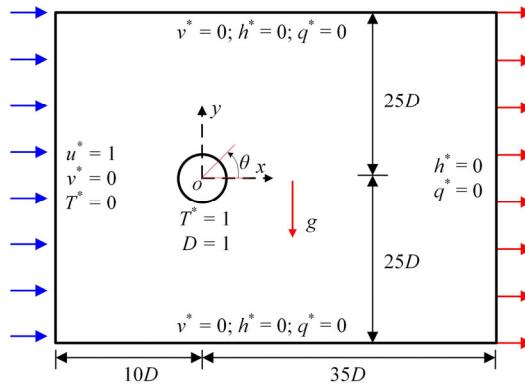
The non-dimensional force component is $C_D = 2F_D/\rho U_\infty^2 D$ and $C_L = 2F_L/\rho U_\infty^2 D$, where $F(F_D, F_L)$ is the fluid force imparted to the elastically mounted cylinder in the streamwise and transverse directions. The temperature is normalized by the maximum temperature differences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

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

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

Figure 1 illustrates the employed computational domain and associated boundaries. The circular cylinder is initially placed at the origin ($x = 0, y = 0$), and the computational domain extends $35D$ 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%.⁴⁴⁻⁴⁵



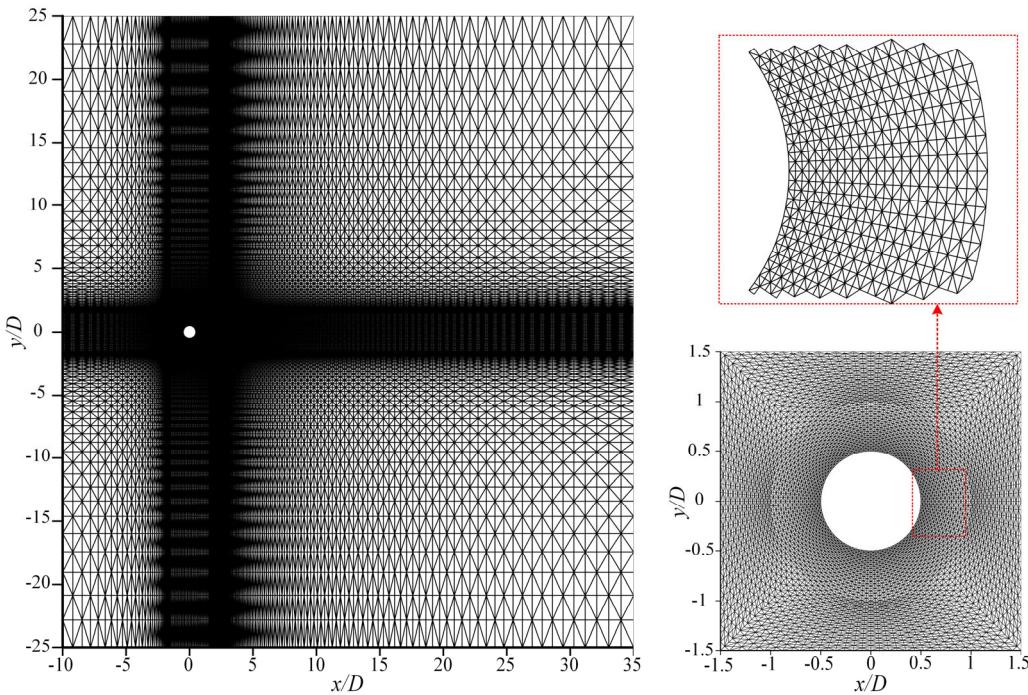
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171 Figure 1. Schematic of the computational domain and associated boundary conditions.

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 $Re = 60\text{--}160$
 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
194 D^{mean} , C_L^{RMS} , St and Nu^{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 $dt = 0.01$ ($dt = \Delta t U_\infty / D$, Δt 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^{mean}	C_L^{RMS}	St	Nu^{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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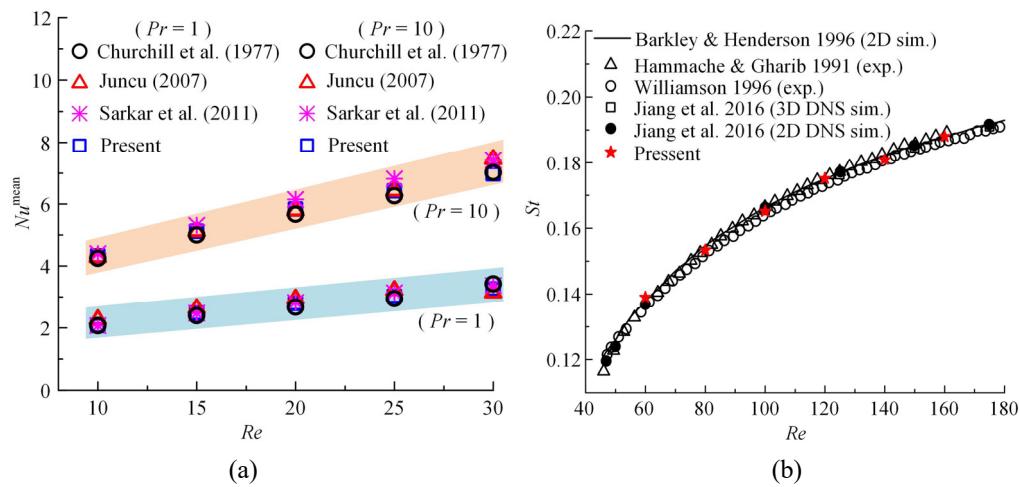
205 Table II. Time step convergence analysis for flow past a circular cylinder in mixed convective flow
 206 at $Re = 100$, $Pr = 0.71$ and $Ri = 1.0$ with M2 mesh.

Time step	C_D^{mean}	C_L^{RMS}	St	Nu^{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 isolated
 211 cylinder in the literature.³² It can be seen that the obtained mean Nusselt numbers from the derived
 212 formulation for heat convection flow match well with the literature.^{13,46,47} Furthermore, it is also
 213 validated with the experimental and simulation results^{7,48-50}, as shown in Fig. 3(b), the Strouhal
 214 number (St) consisting with literature well for the flow around a heated isolated circular cylinder in
 215 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

cylinder's surface is recorded in Fig. 4 and Fig. 5. Figure 4 shows that the time-averaged distribution of the $Nu_{(0)}$ number is symmetric about the streamwise centerline behind the cylinder in forced convection ($Ri = 0$), which agrees well with the observations in literature.¹² The maximum value of the $Nu_{(0)}^{\text{mean}}$ is found around the front stagnation point ($\theta = 180^\circ$). However the minimum value of the $Nu_{(0)}^{\text{mean}}$ is not at the rear stagnation point ($\theta = 0^\circ$), but at $\theta = 50^\circ$ approximately.³⁸ Figure 4(a) also shows that the heat convection can be significantly enhanced by increasing the value of Pr number, especially for the cases of low Pr numbers within the range of 0.7–10.¹³ As shown in Fig. 4(b), the maximum $Nu_{(0)}^{\text{mean}}$ on the front stagnation point at $Pr = 0.71$ is 3.92 % higher than that at $Pr = 0.7$ reported by Sarkar et al.¹³ Furthermore, Fig. 4(b) also shows that the distribution of the $Nu_{(0)}^{\text{mean}}$ along the cylinder's surface increases proportionally with the Re number, especially for the locations around the front and back stagnation points.

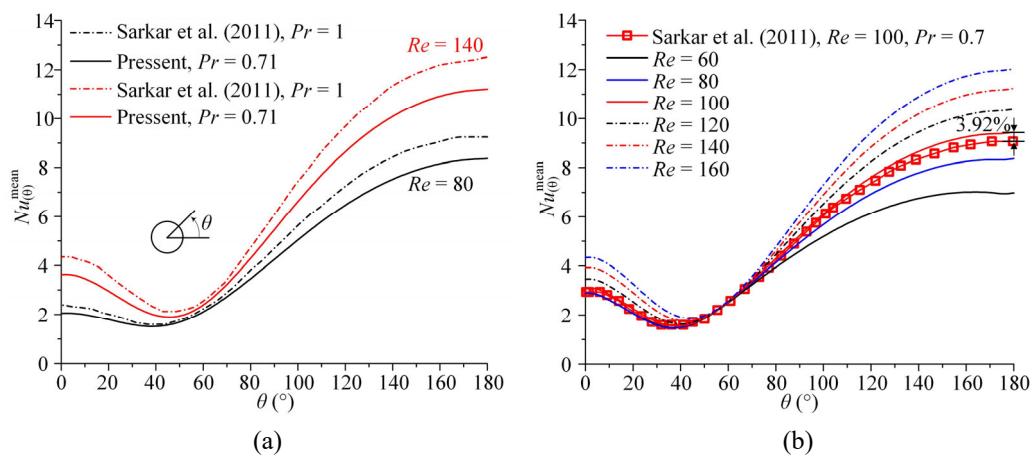
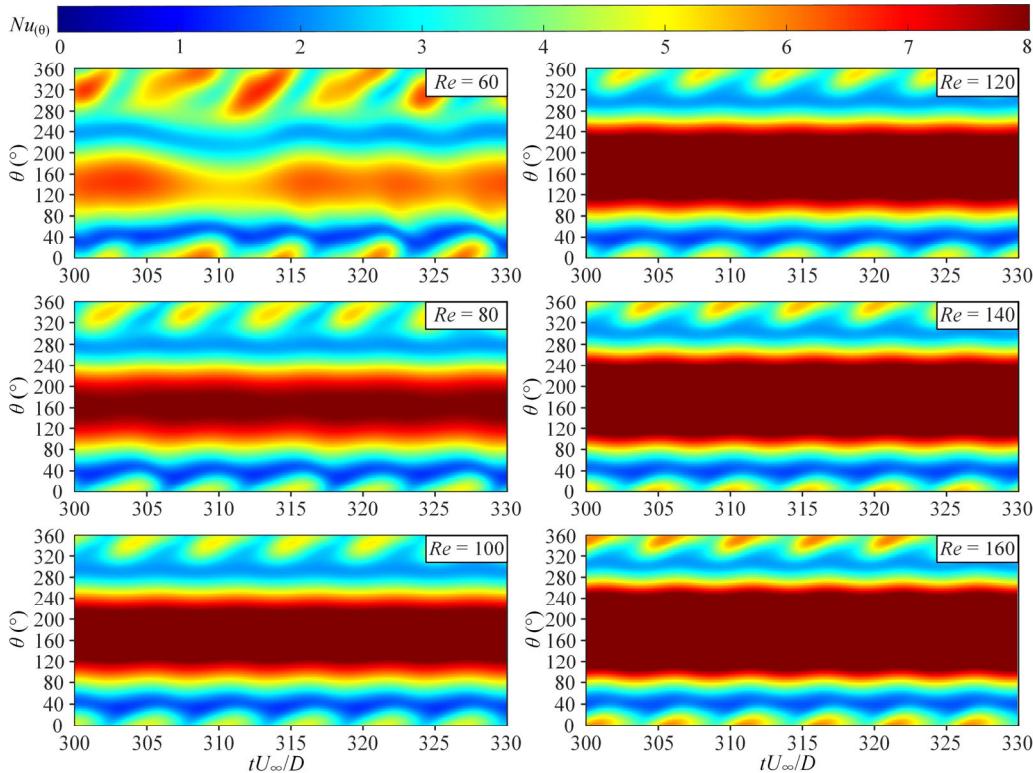


Figure 4. The distribution of the time-averaged Nusselt number $Nu_{(0)}^{\text{mean}}$ around the cylinder in forced convection ($Ri = 0$): (a) comparison with reported results; (b) comparison at different Re .

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

The periodic and alternatively shed vortices causes the continuous exchange of fluid momentum and thermal energy in wake and induces the fluctuation of the local $Nu_{(0)}$ along the

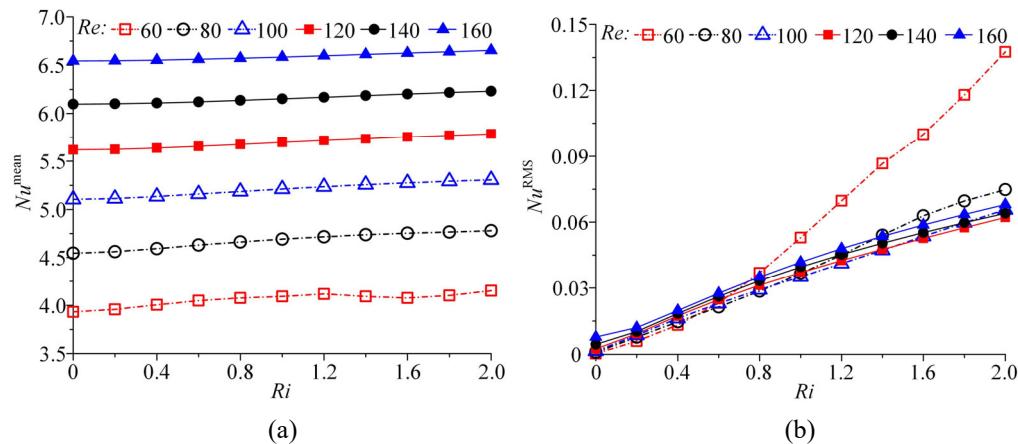
246 cylinder's surface. Consequently, the most of the variation of $Nu_{(0)}$ usually occurs around the back
 247 stagnation point of the cylinder ($\theta = 0^\circ$ and 360°), as shown in Fig. 5. It is also found that the
 248 shedding process starts with the generation of an upper vortex blob identified 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.³⁸ Consequently, the value of local
 251 $Nu_{(0)}$ fluctuates periodically around $\theta = 0^\circ$ and 360° in Fig. 5.



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 253 Figure 5. The spatial-temporal evolution of $Nu_{(0)}$ 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^{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^{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^{RMS}
 261 is found increasing linearly with the Ri number for $Re = 80\text{--}160$. However, in the case of $Re = 60$,

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



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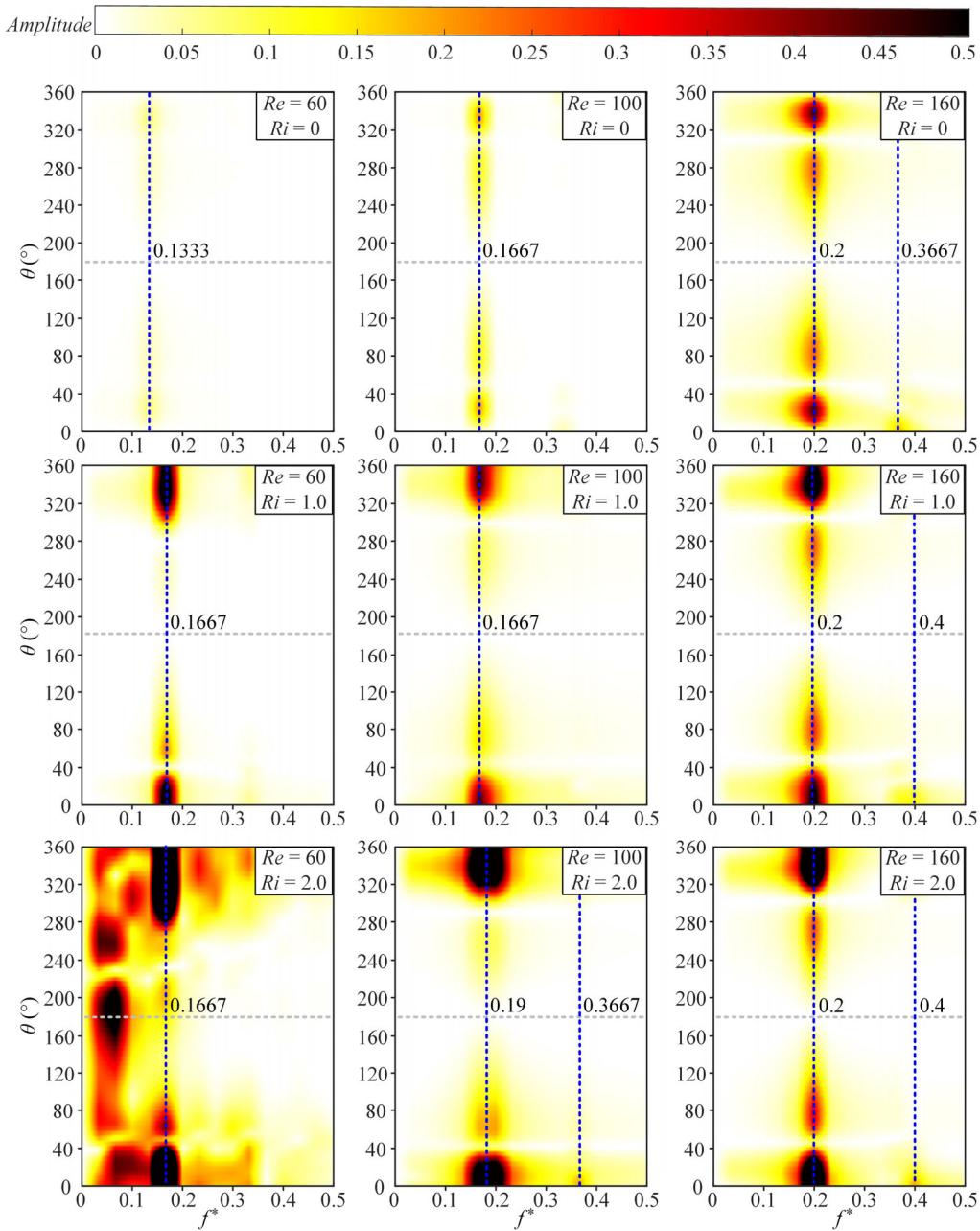
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266 Figure 6. Variation of Nusselt number along the cylinder's surface with respect to Re and Ri numbers:
 267 (a) the variation of the time-averaged Nusselt number Nu^{mean} with respect to Ri number; (b) the
 268 variation of the root-mean-square Nusselt number Nu^{RMS} with respect to Ri number.

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

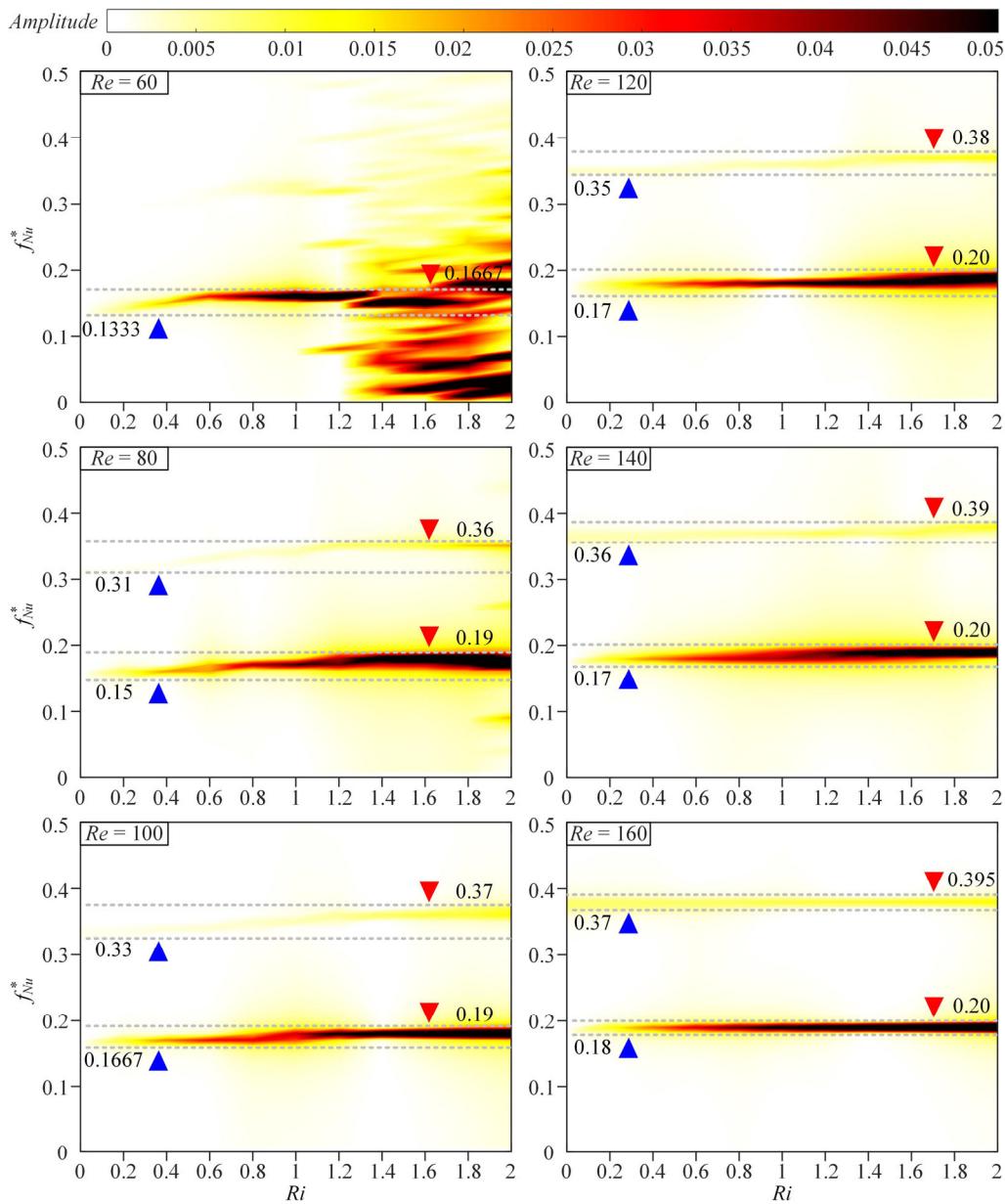


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285 Figure 7. The spatial distribution of the frequency of $Nu_{(\theta)}$ in time domain for different Ri and Re
286 numbers.

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

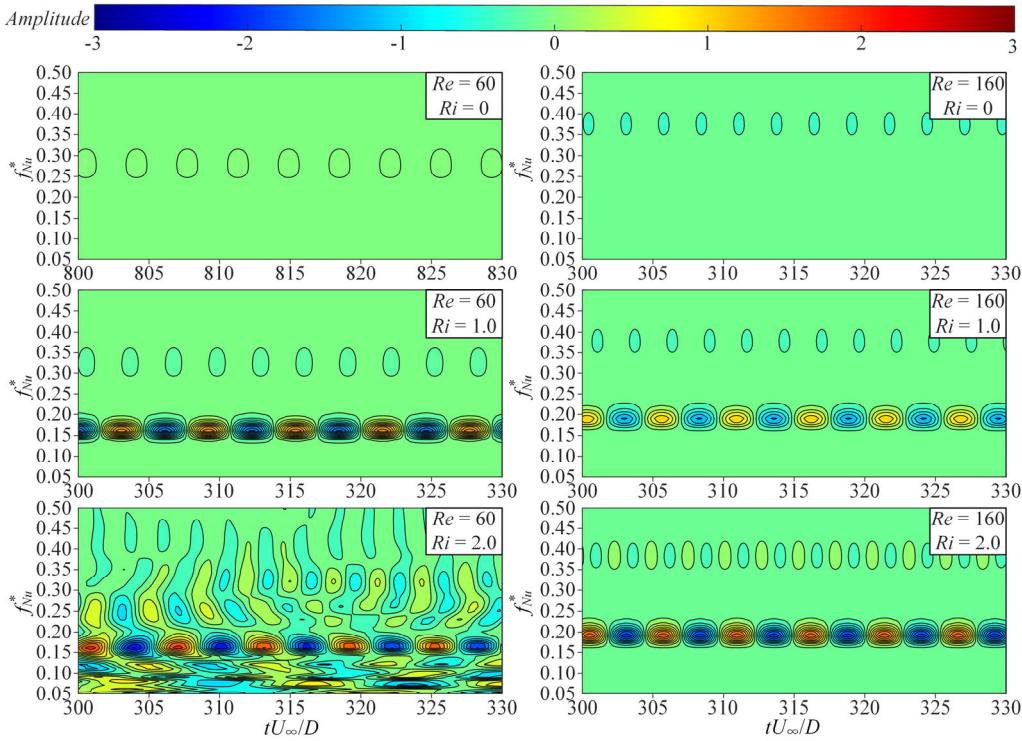
292 number (heat convection across the cylinder), except for the case of $Re = 60$. In the case of $Re = 60$
 293 in Fig. 8, the strong nonlinear features in heat convection dynamics are observed and manifest as
 294 multiple frequency modes of Nu for $Ri > 1.4$ approximately. This observation can be 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.^{51,52} 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,³⁸ 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^{mean} and C_L^{mean}) and the root-mean-squared
 319 hydrodynamic coefficients (C_D^{RMS} and C_L^{RMS}) are defined as:

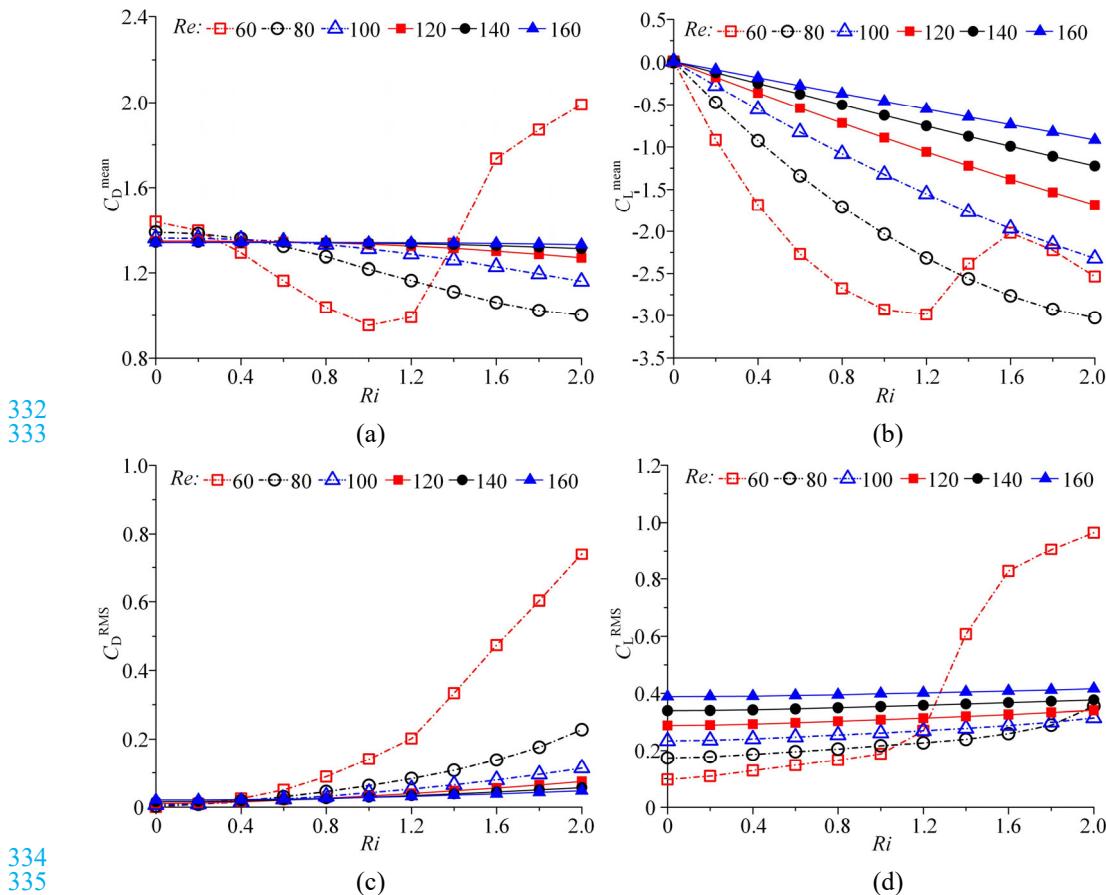
$$320 \quad C_D^{\text{mean}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{h_x^{*cyl}}{0.5\rho_0 U_\infty^2 D}; \quad C_L^{\text{mean}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{h_y^{*cyl}}{0.5\rho_0 U_\infty^2 D} \quad (4a)$$

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

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^{mean} and C_L^{mean} decrease progressively as

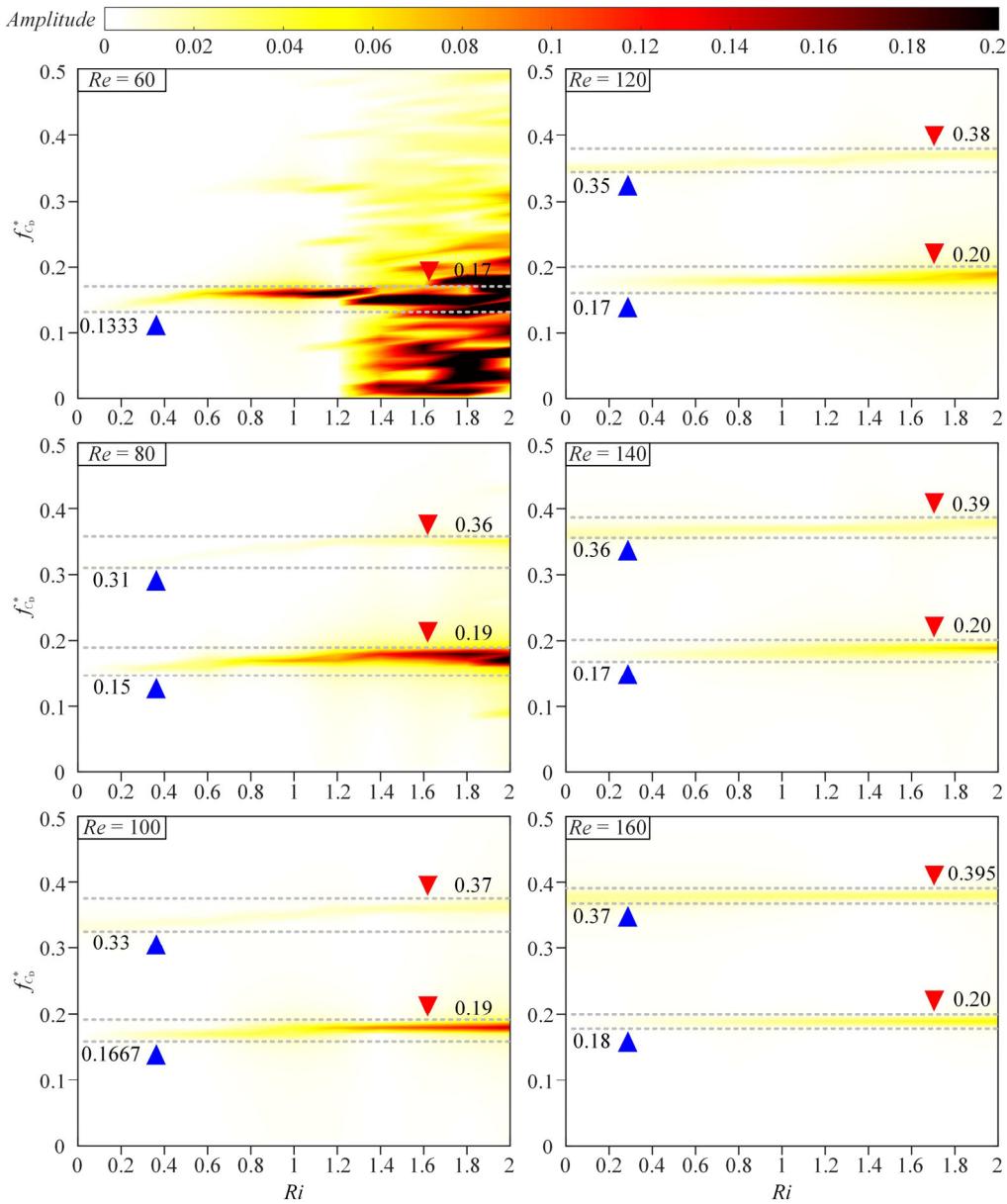
325 the Ri number increases for $Re = 80\text{--}160$. In contrast the values of both C_D^{RMS} and C_L^{RMS} increase
 326 gradually for $Re = 80\text{--}160$ instead. However, different from the value of C_D^{mean} in Fig. 10(a), the
 327 values of C_L^{RMS} in Fig. 10(b) are very different for different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



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

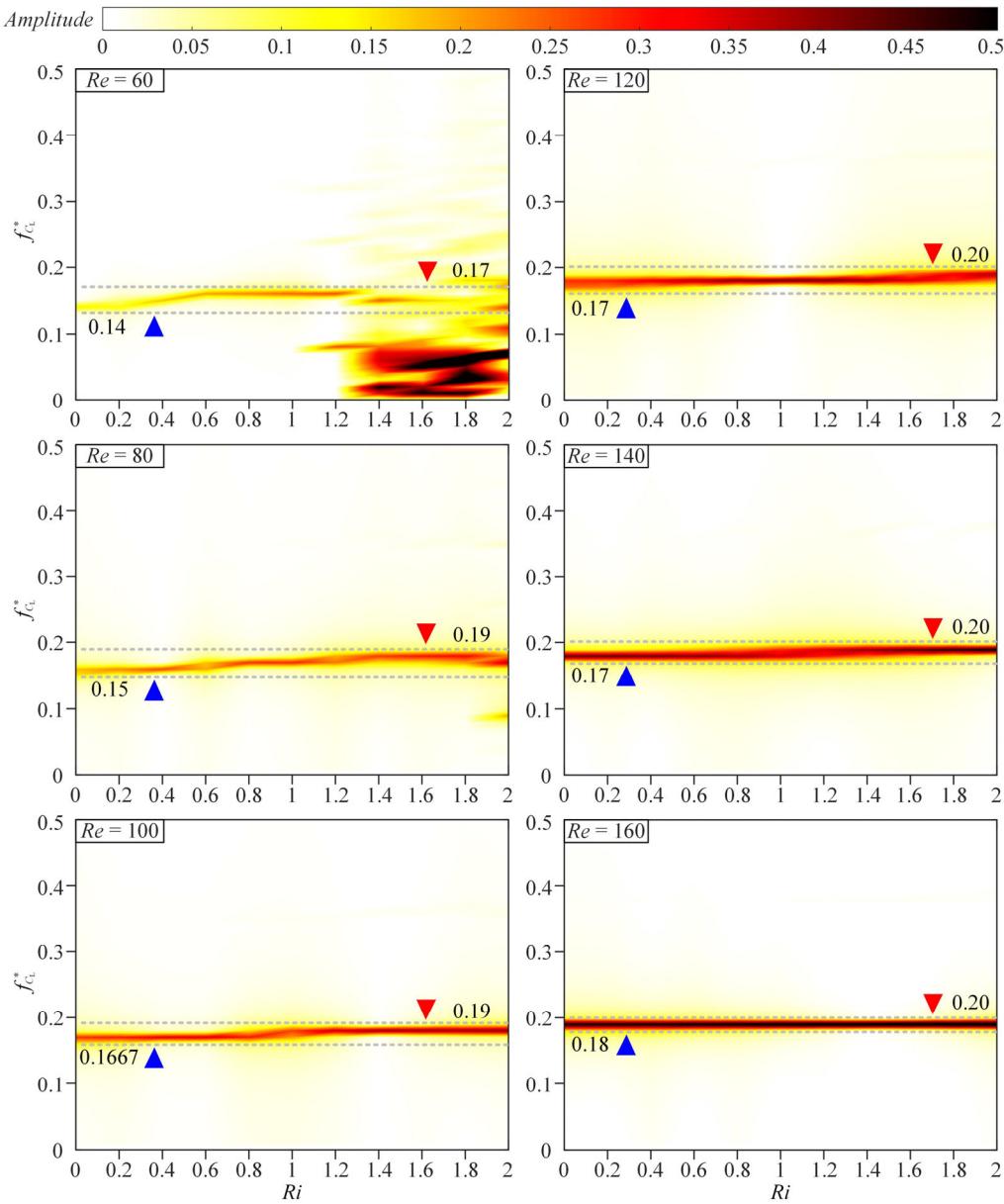


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352 Figure 11. Variation of the frequency of drag coefficient for different Ri and Re numbers.

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.¹³ 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

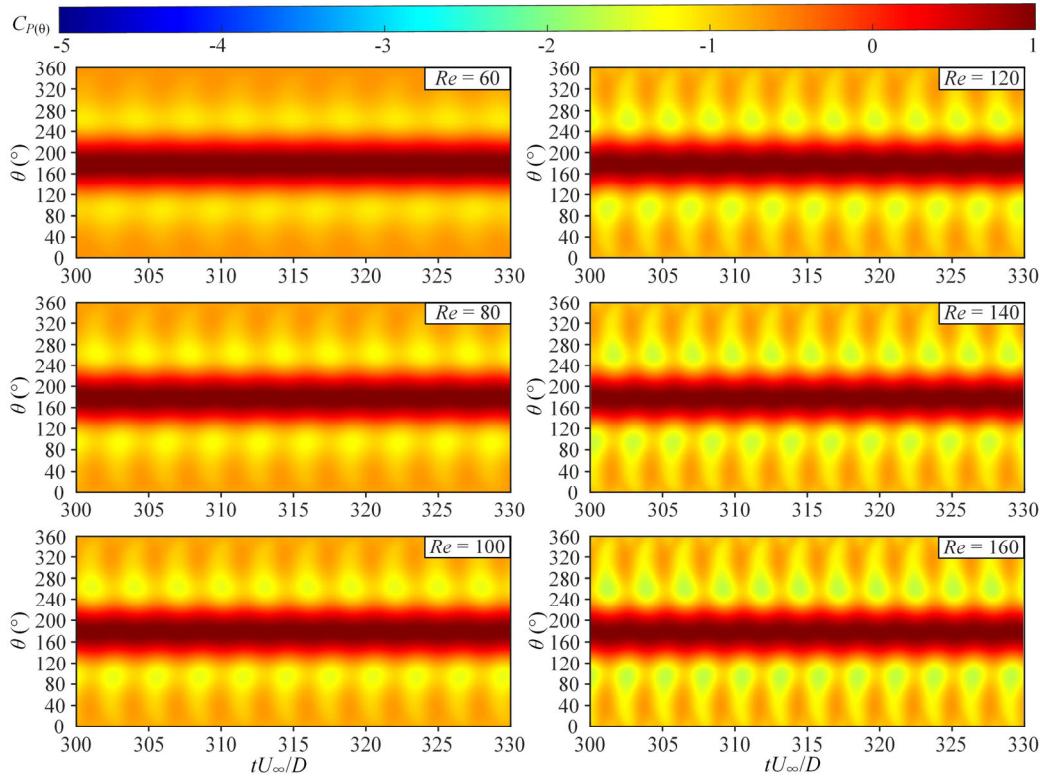
360 of the C_L is associated with the vortex shedding process of the heated cylinder.



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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 ($C_{P(0)}$) in time domain, the space–time
 364 plots of $C_{P(0)}$ 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.⁵³ It was found that the dynamics of vortex
 366 shedding is a periodic process with alternating values of low and high pressure.⁵³ In this study, it is
 367 also realized that as the vortex shedding frequency St increases, the fluctuation of $C_{P(0)}$ in Fig. 13
 368 also increases in the case of forced convection ($Ri = 0$).

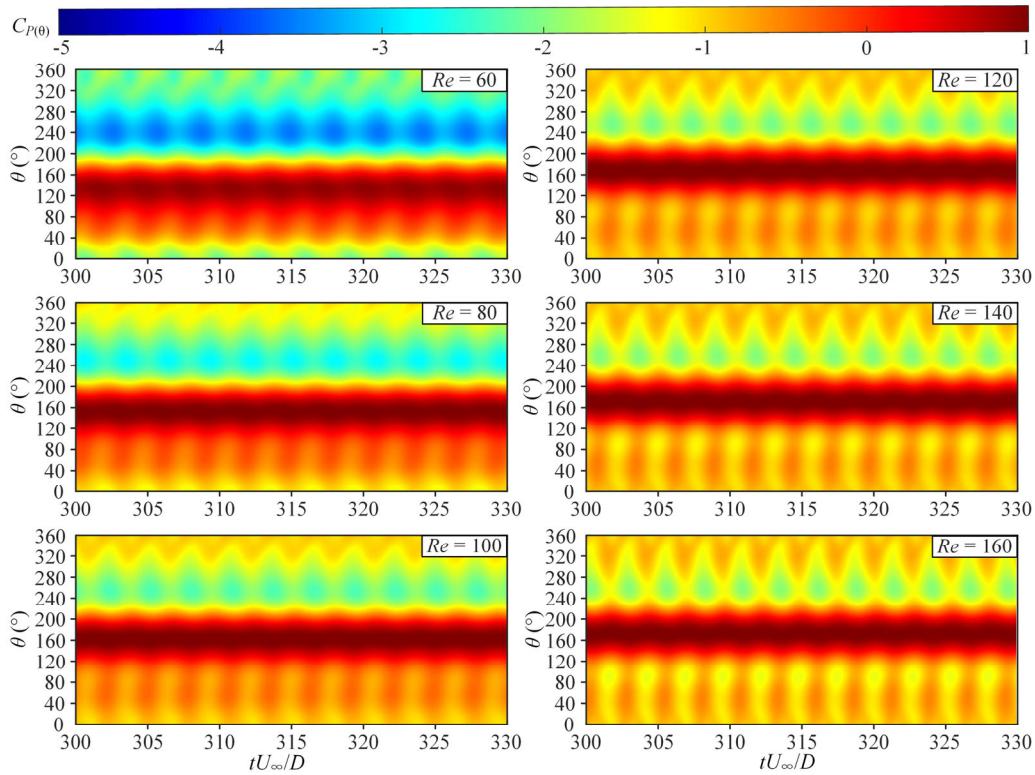


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370 Figure 13. The space-time variation of the pressure coefficient ($C_{P(\theta)}$, t) around the cylinder's surface
 371 for $Ri = 0$ (forced convection).

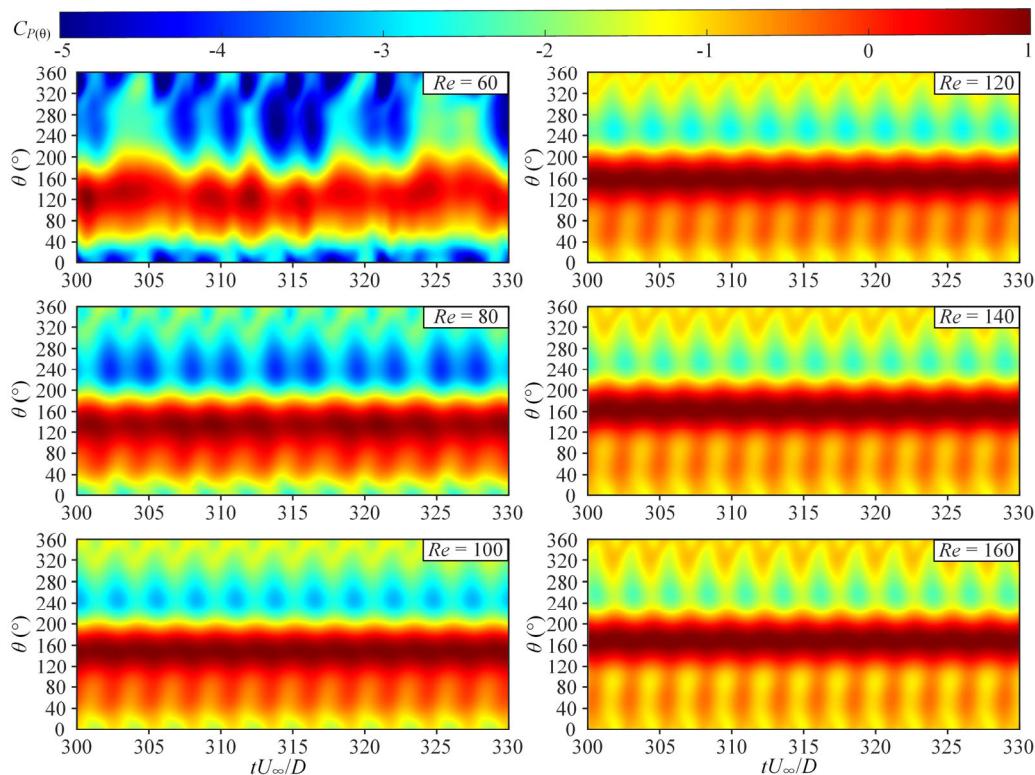
372 Different from the case of forced convection, the wake behind the cylinder becomes
 373 significantly asymmetric due to the existence of cross buoyancy in mixed convection. Consequently,
 374 the pressure distributions along the cylinder's surface for $Ri = 1\text{-}2$ and $Re = 60\text{--}160$ are 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^{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^{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^{RMS} .

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385 Figure 14. The space-time variation of pressure coefficient ($C_{P(\theta)}$, t) around the cylinder surface for
386 $Ri = 1$.



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388 Figure 15. The space-time variation of pressure coefficient ($C_{P(0)}$, t) around the cylinder surface for

389 $Ri = 2$.

390 Compared with the normalized frequency distribution of $Nu_{(0)}$ in Fig. 7, the fundamental

391 frequency of the $C_{P(0)}$ in the case of $Ri = 2$ in Fig. 16 is about twice of $Nu_{(0)}$. 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 $C_{P(0)}$, the origin of the form

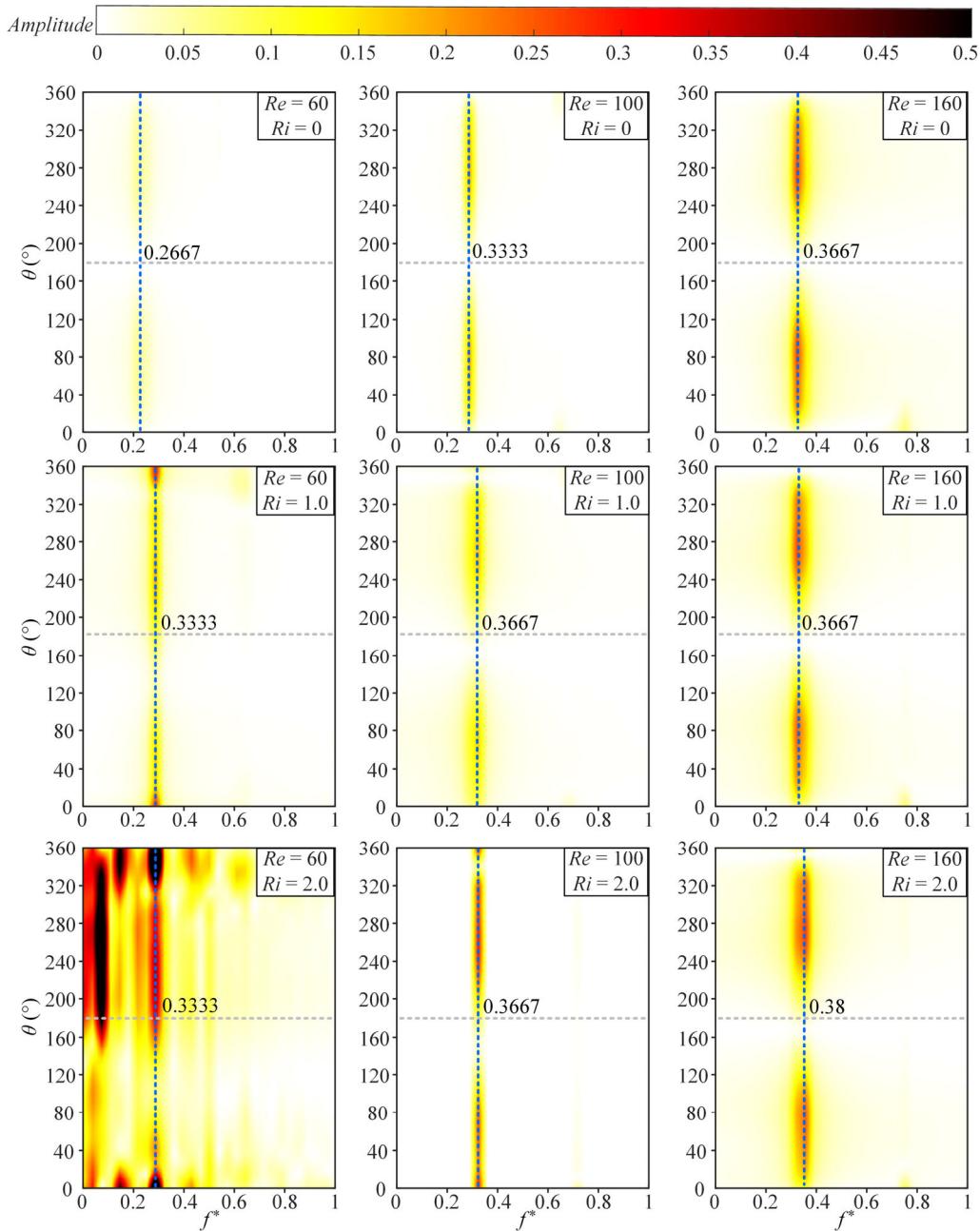
394 drag. In addition, it is also found that the amplitude of the $C_{P(0)}$ is bounded between 0–0.5 uniformly.

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 $C_{P(0)}$ 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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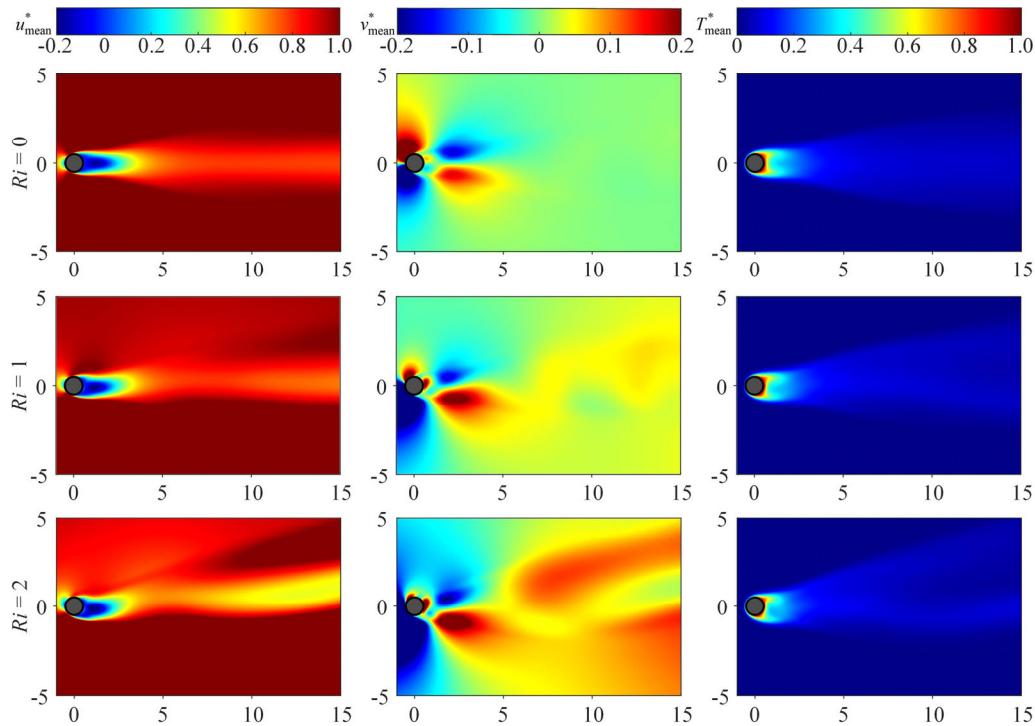
400 Figure 16. The spatial distribution of the frequency component of $C_{P(0)}$ for different Ri and Re
401 numbers.

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_{mean}^* and v
405 * mean , and the time-averaged temperature field T_{mean}^* are defined as:

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$$\bar{u}_{\text{mean}}^* = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \bar{u}_i^* ; \quad \bar{v}_{\text{mean}}^* = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \bar{v}_i^* ; \quad \bar{T}_{\text{mean}}^* = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \bar{T}_i^* \quad (5)$$

407 Where N is the number of sampled data in the time series. \bar{u}_i^* , \bar{v}_i^* and \bar{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.



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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$$\bar{u}_i^* = \bar{u}_{\text{mean}}^* + \bar{u}'_i^* ; \quad \bar{v}_i^* = \bar{v}_{\text{mean}}^* + \bar{v}'_i^* ; \quad \bar{T}_i^* = \bar{T}_{\text{mean}}^* + \bar{T}'_i^* \quad (6)$$

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,⁵⁴ they are defined as :

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

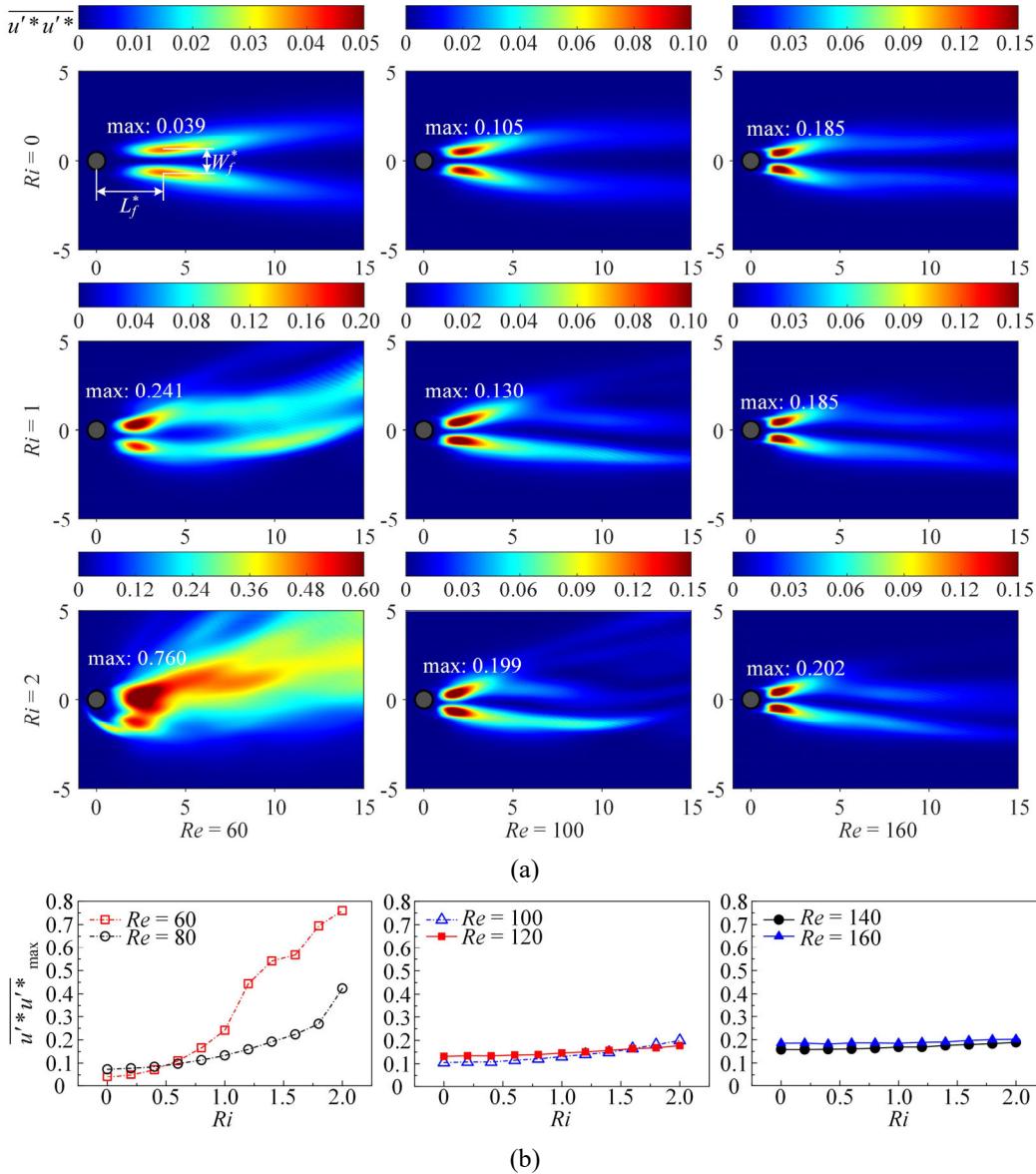
$$429 \quad \overline{v'^*v'^*} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N v'_i \square v'_i \quad (7b)$$

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

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

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

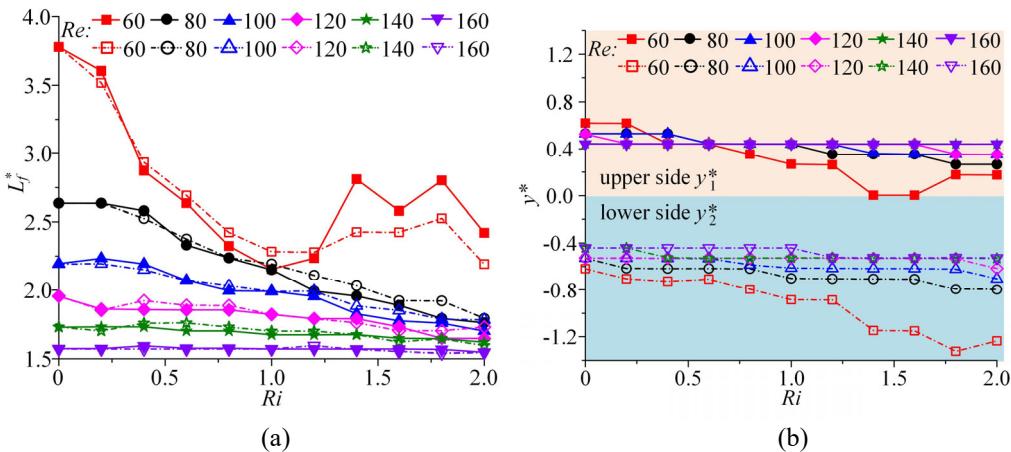
433 Figure 18(a) shows the contours of Reynolds normal stress $\overline{u'^*u'^*}$ for the cases of $Ri = 0, 1,$
 434 2.0 and $Re = 60, 100, 160$. It is observed that there are two peaks in the contour of $\overline{u'^*u'^*}$ in the
 435 wake behind the cylinder. These peaks are associated with the strong vortices formed by the
 436 separated boundary layers from the upper and lower sides of the cylinder.⁵⁴ 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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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 Alam⁵⁵
 454 illustrates that the vortex formation length L_f^* may have a great influence on the value of Nu^{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^{mean} . Based on this discussion, it is believed that
 457 the Nu^{RMS} along the cylinder's surface is also effected, as shown previously in Fig. 6. Furthermore,

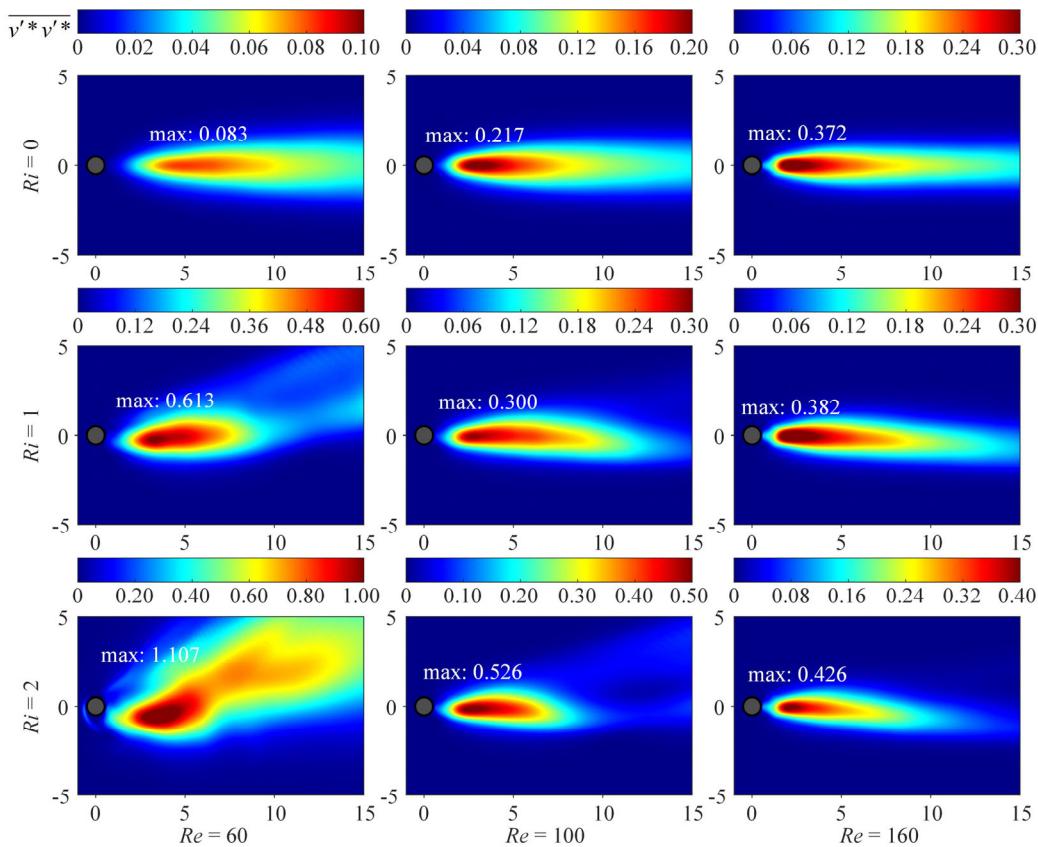
458 it is shown by the peaks of $\overline{u'^*u'^*}$ in Fig. 18(a) that the distribution of Reynolds normal stresses
 459 are symmetric about the streamwise centerline in forced convection. Whereas this symmetry breaks
 460 down in mixed convection, because of the presence of strong cross buoyancy. 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.

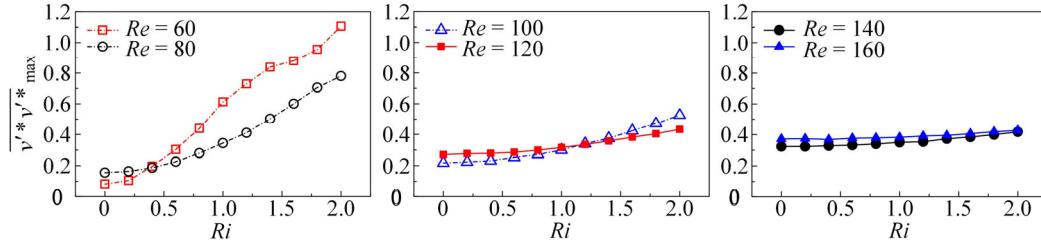
473 In contrast to the Reynolds normal stress, the contours of Reynolds transverse stress $\overline{v'^*v'^*}$
 474 manifests itself as a single peak in wake. In forced convection ($Ri = 0$), the distribution of $\overline{v'^*v'^*}$
 475 is symmetric and located along the streamwise centerline of cylinder. 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.⁵⁴ 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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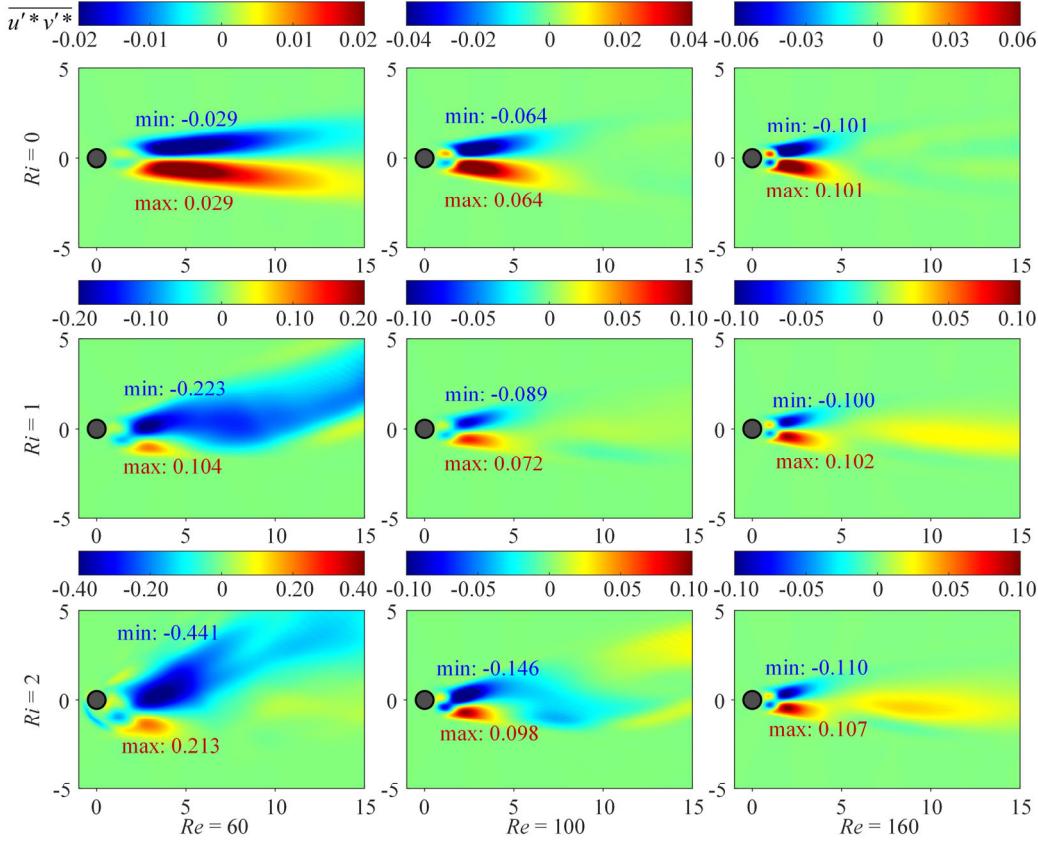


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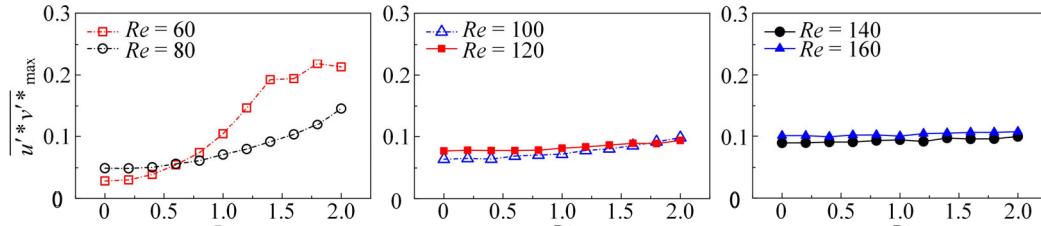
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486 Figure 20. Reynolds transverse stresses: (a) contours of the Reynolds transverse stresses $\bar{v' * v'^*}$
487 for different Re numbers; (b) variation of the maximum Reynolds transverse stresses $\bar{v' * v'^*}_{\max}$
488 with respect to Ri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

489 Figure 21(a) displays the variation in Reynolds shear stress $\bar{u' * v'^*}$ with respect to Ri and Re
490 numbers. The value of $\bar{u' * v'^*}$ gives a degree of correlation between the streamwise and transverse
491 fluctuating velocity components. It is found that the contours of $\bar{u' * v'^*}$ 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 $\bar{u' * v'^*}$

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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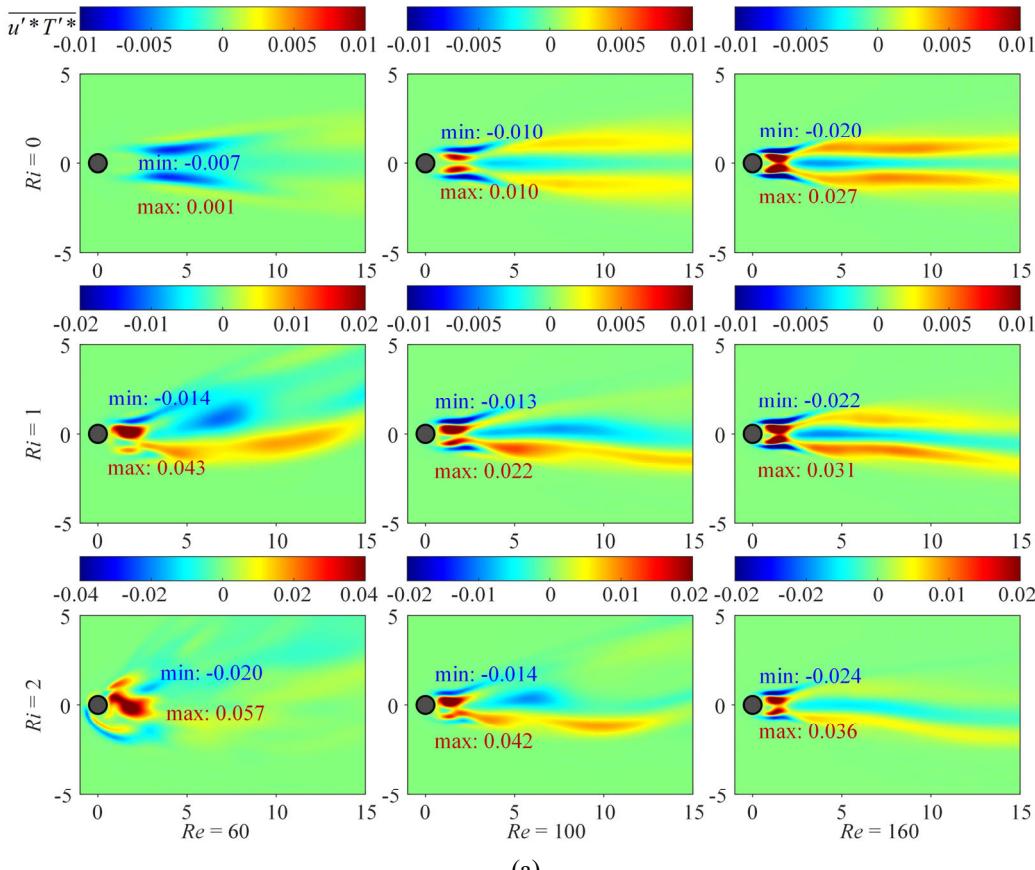


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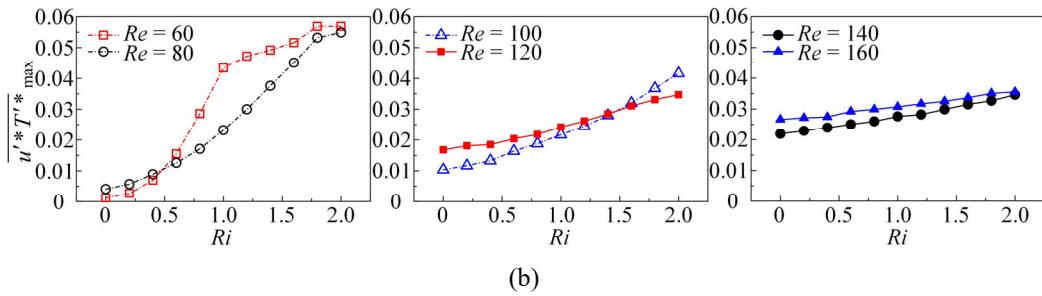
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 500 Figure 21. Reynolds shear stresses $\overline{u' * v'^*}$: (a) contours of $\overline{u' * v'^*}$ for different Re numbers; (b)
 501 variation of the maximum value $\overline{u' * v'^*}_{\max}$ with respect to Ri number.

502 Figure 22(a) shows the distribution of $\overline{u' * T'^*}$ contours for different Ri and Re numbers.
 503 Similar to the Reynolds normal and transverse stresses, the contours of $\overline{u' * T'^*}$ are symmetrically
 504 distributed in wake in forced convection ($Ri = 0$) and asymmetrically distributed in mixed
 505 convection ($Ri > 0$) in Fig. 22(a). For $Ri = 0$, a strong peak (positive) and a small peak (negative)
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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.⁵⁵ 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,³⁸ 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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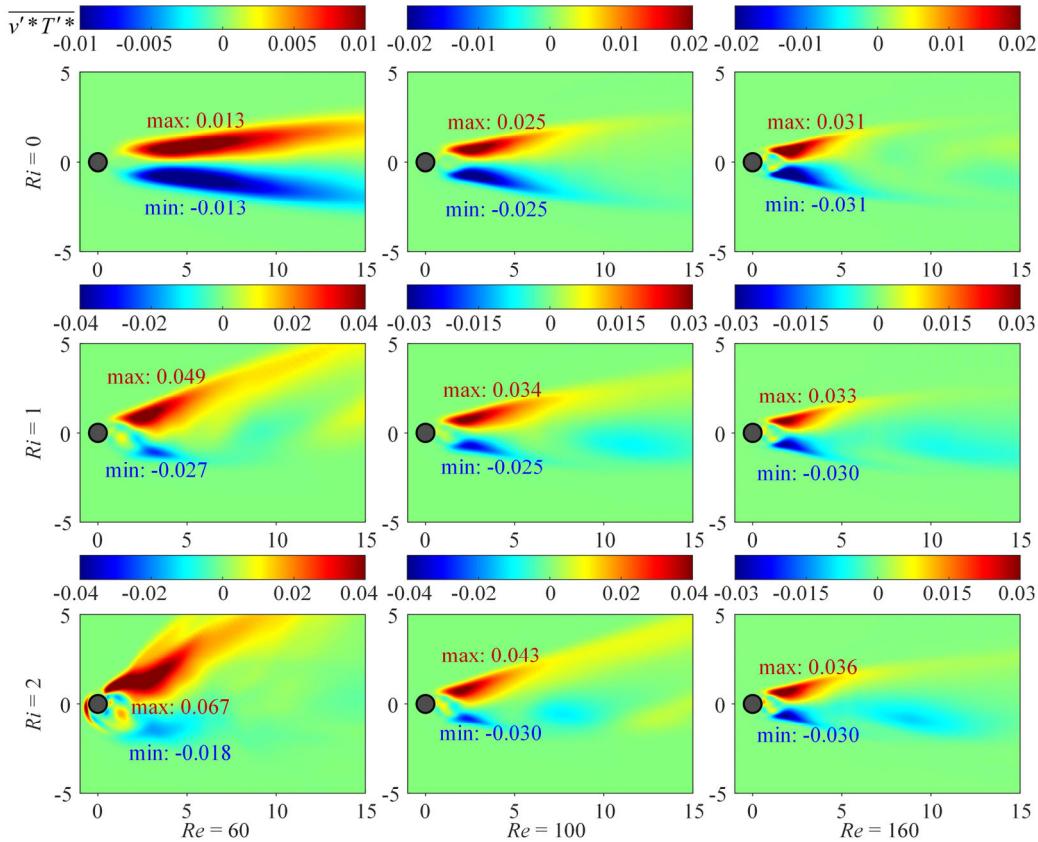
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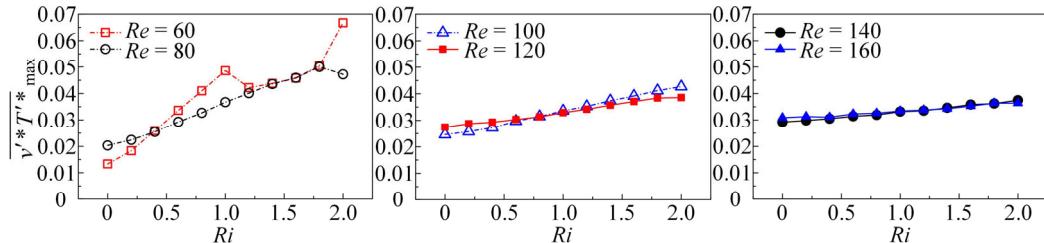
521 Figure 22. The time-averaged heat fluxes in the streamwise direction ($\overline{u' * T' *}$): (a) contours of
 522 $\overline{u' * T' *}$ for different Re numbers; (b) variation of the maximum value $\overline{u' * T' *}_{\max}$ with respect to
 523 Ri numbers.

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



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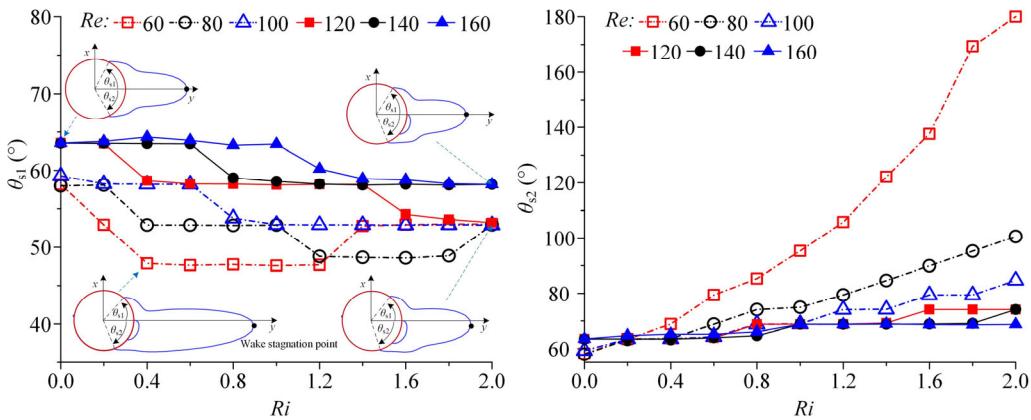


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Figure 23. Time-averaged heat fluxes in the transverse direction ($\overline{v'^* T'^*}$): (a) contours of $\overline{v'^* T'^*}$ for different Re numbers; (b) variation of the maximum value $\overline{v'^* T'^*}_{\max}$ with respect to Ri number.

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

549 the cylinder in mixed convection. Particularly, θ_{s2} reaches 180° 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.³⁸



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554 Figure 24. Variation of the boundary layer separation points with Ri .

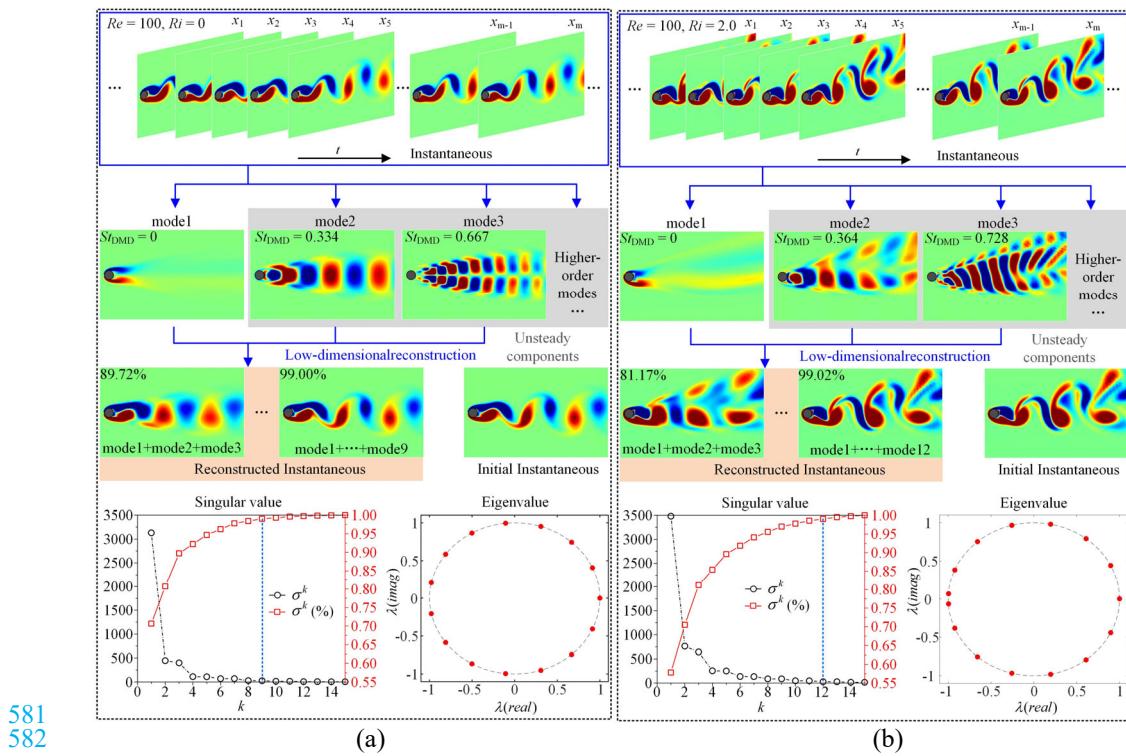
555 D. Dynamic mode decomposition

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.⁵⁶ 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 ω_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 model 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

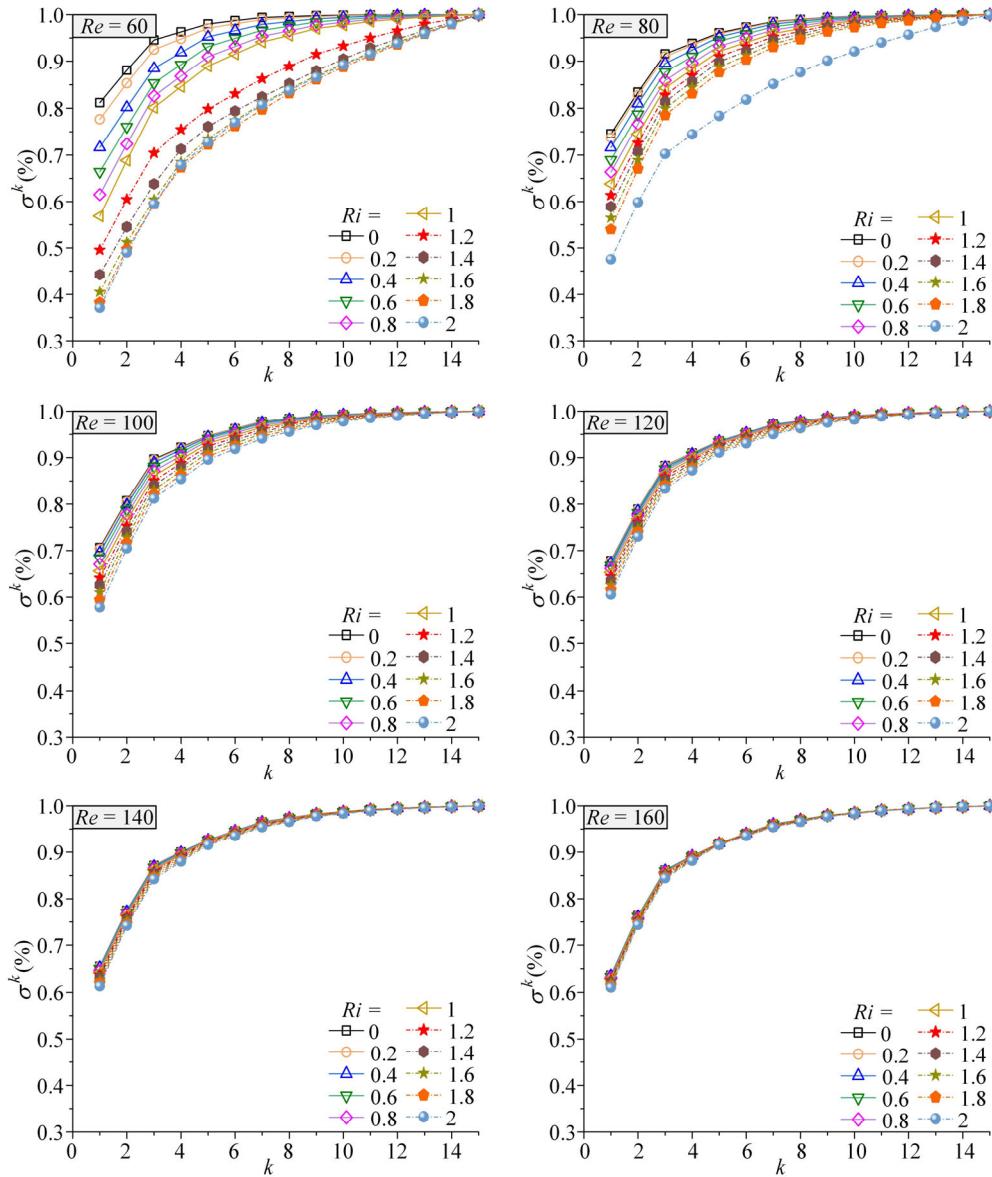
571 DMD modes are symmetric and similar to the Bagheri's simulation works⁵⁷ and Tu et al.'s
 572 experimental results⁴³. Figure 25(a) further demonstrates that the first 9 modes account for the 99.00%
 573 of cumulative energy. As a result, the vorticity structure reconstructed by these modes is able 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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 582 Figure 25. Schematic diagram of the data processing with DMD algorithm for the spanwise vorticity
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 584 ω_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 (ω_z) field is presented in Fig. 26. It is observed that when $Ri > 1$, the cumulative energy
 589 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^{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 σ^k (%) on the value of k for the spanwise vorticity ω_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

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

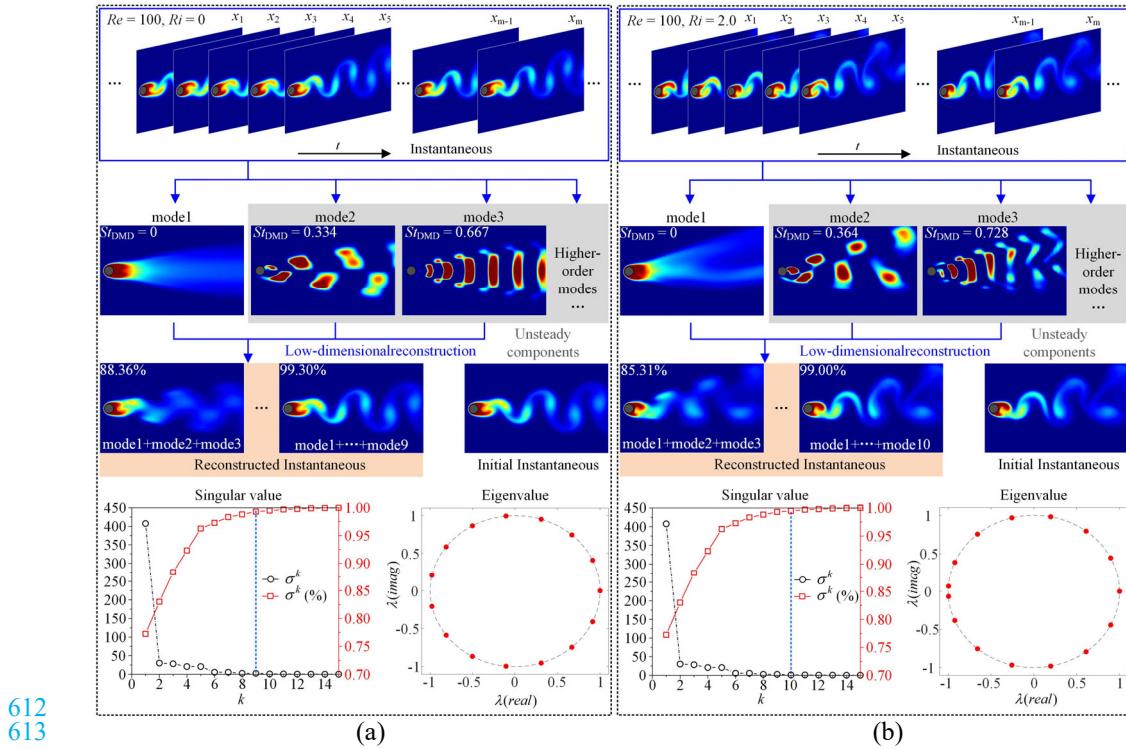
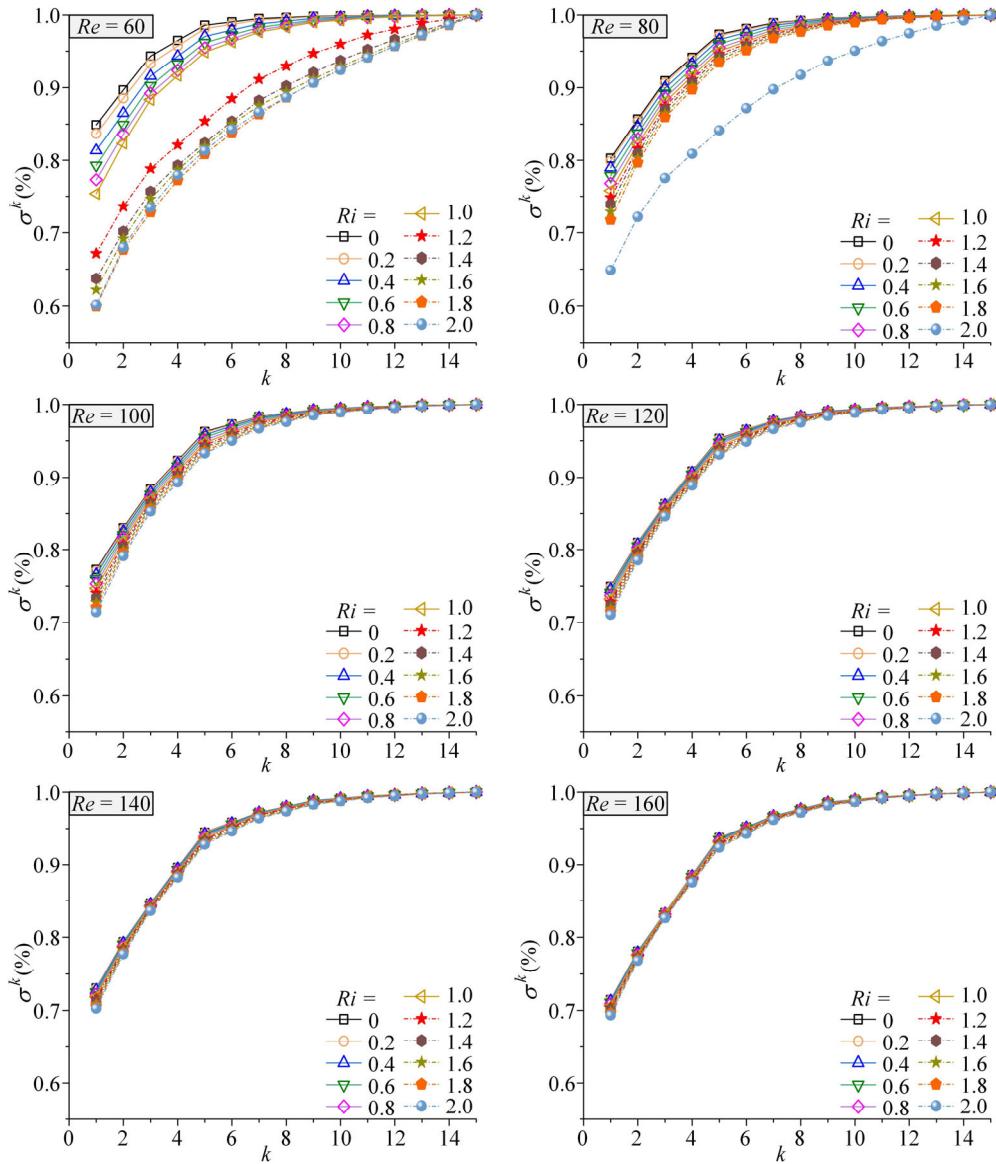


Figure 27. Schematic diagram of the data processing with DMD algorithm for the normalized temperature (T^*) for (a) $Ri = 0$ and (b) $Ri = 2$.

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

Similar to the discussion of ω_z field, an appropriate value of k parameter should be chosen for the reconstruction of T^* field in advance. Overall, Fig. 28 shows that a higher value of k (more DMD modes) should be chosen for a larger Ri number (strong cross buoyancy) to accurate reconstruct the 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 $Nu_{(0)}^{\text{mean}}$ and $C_{P(0)}$ along the cylinder's
 645 surface and the wake structure are symmetric, including the fluid momentum and thermal energy
 646 transport (\bar{u}_{mean}^* , \bar{v}_{mean}^* , \bar{T}_{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^{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^{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 $Nu_{(0)}$, 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^{mean} . The higher the value of Ri number, the smaller the
 661 value of C_L^{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^{RMS} and C_L^{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
 679 exchangers.

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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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