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Abstract

Thermal radiation properties from non-uniform temperature distribution are investigated and the effective temperature for non-uniform distribution is defined. The thermal radiation spectra for non-uniform temperature distributions are shown as a function of frequency and are compared to the effective temperature. The thermal radiation from arbitrary size of particle is derived and the effective temperature of the body is shown as a function of the particle size.

Thermal radiation from non-uniform temperature distribution

- The thermal radiation intensity coming from two different temperatures can be expressed as

$$I(\nu, T) = \frac{h\nu^3}{Vc^2} \left[\frac{V_1}{\exp\left(\frac{h\nu}{k_B T_1}\right) - 1} + \frac{V_2}{\exp\left(\frac{h\nu}{k_B T_2}\right) - 1} \right] \quad (1)$$

- The total energy density can be calculated as

$$u_B(T) = \frac{4\sigma}{c} T_{eff}^4 \quad (2)$$

where $\sigma = \frac{2\pi^5 k_B^4}{15h^3 c^2}$

- From Eqs. (1) and (2), the effective temperature of the body having two different temperature distributions can be expressed as

$$T_{eff} = \left[\left(\frac{V_1}{V}\right)T_1^4 + \left(\frac{V_2}{V}\right)T_2^4 \right]^{1/4} \quad (3)$$

- For n segments of different temperature distribution, the effective temperature of the body can be generalized as

$$T_{eff} = \left[\frac{1}{V} \sum_n V_n T_n^4 \right]^{1/4} \quad (4)$$

- By considering the minimum energy, the energy density is changed to

$$u(T) = \frac{8\pi}{(hc)^3} \int_{E_{min}}^{\infty} \left(\frac{E^3 dE}{\exp(E/k_B T) - 1} \right) \quad (5)$$

where $E_{min} = \frac{\sqrt{3}hc}{2L}$

- Effective temperature of the thermal radiation for arbitrary size can be expressed as

$$T_{eff} = \left[\left(\frac{15}{\pi^4}\right) [6Li_4(e^{-x}) + 6xLi_3(e^{-x}) + 3x^2Li_2(e^{-x}) - x^3 \ln(1 - e^{-x})] \right]^{1/4} T \quad (6)$$

Thermal Radiation Spectrum

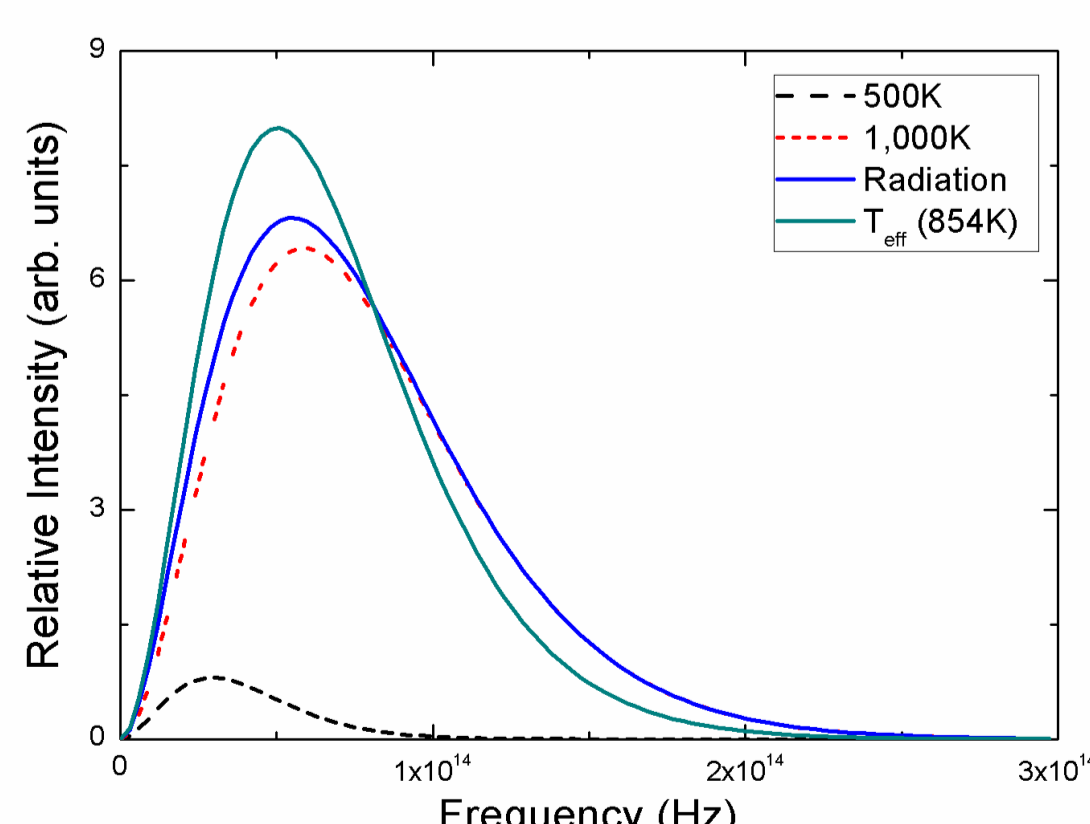


Fig. 1 Thermal radiation spectrum from two different temperatures, 500 K and 1,000 K.

- The effective temperature calculated from Eq. (3) is 854 K.
- The peak frequency of the effective temperature is almost same as that of the total thermal radiation spectrum.

Relative Intensity vs. Frequency

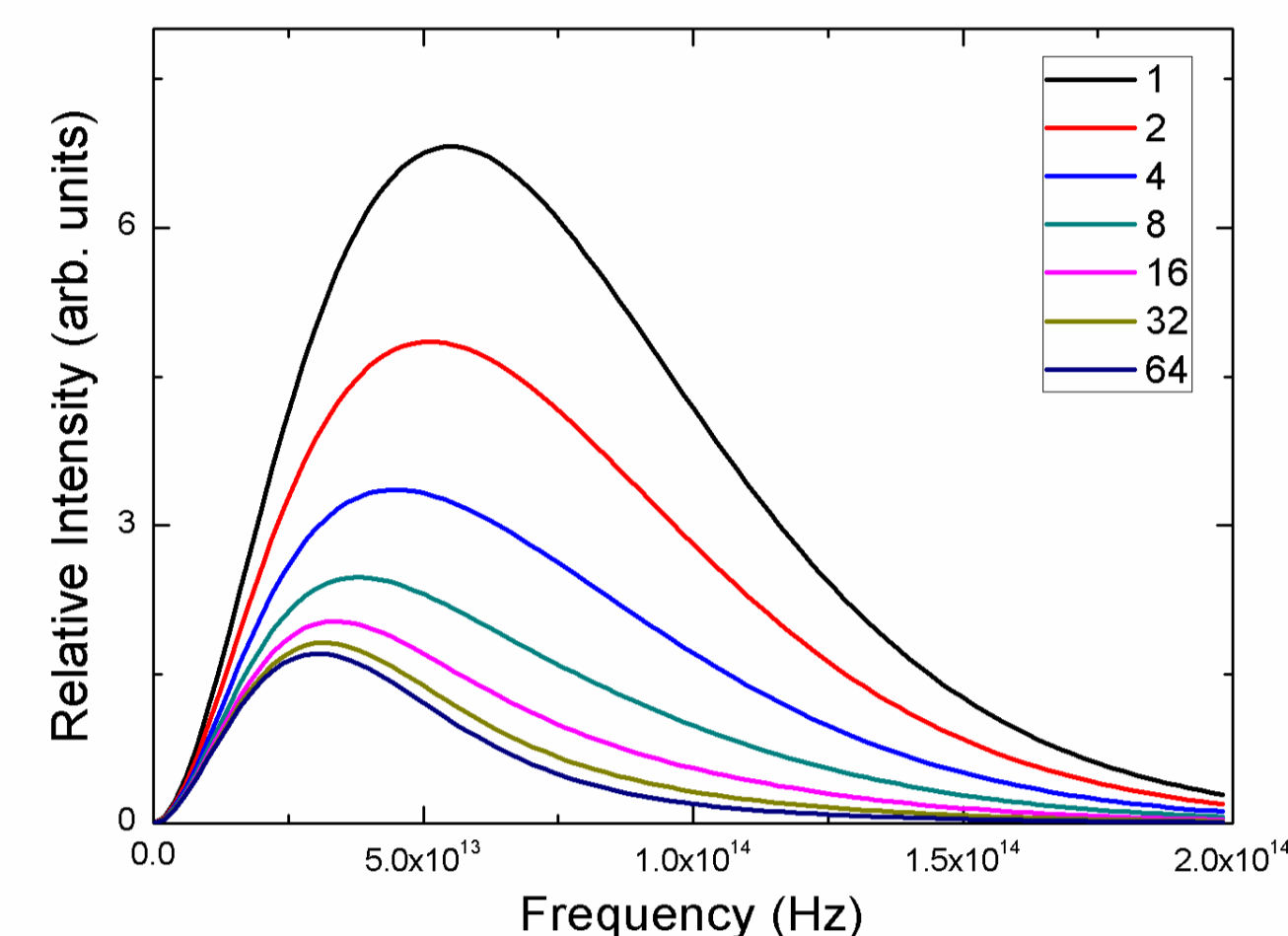


Fig. 2 Thermal radiation spectrum vs. volume ratio for regions at 500 K and 1,000 K.

- Fig. 2 represents thermal radiation spectrum as a function of volume ratio for two different temperatures.
- Two temperatures are 500 K and 1,000 K. The volume ratios of 500 K to 1,000 K are 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, and 64.
- As the volume ratio increases, the peak frequency decreases.

Effective Temperature vs. Particle Size

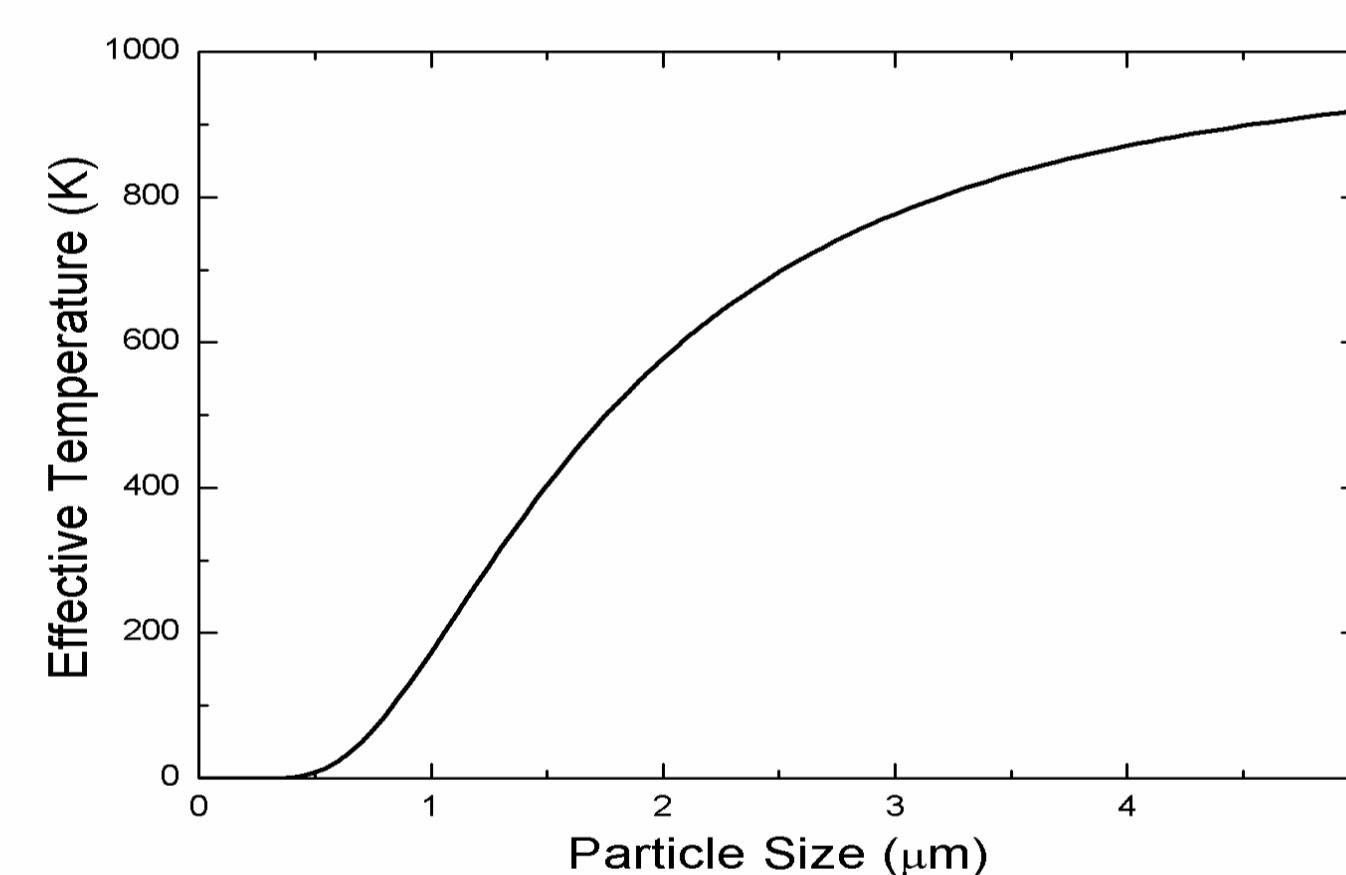


Fig. 3 Effective temperature as a function of particle size.

- Fig. 3 shows the effective temperature as a function of particle size. Here, the body temperature is 1,000 K.
- The energy density of thermal radiation from a small particle is reduced due to the size effect.
- Thus, the effective temperature is decreased as the size of the body decreases..

Conclusions

- The effective temperature of thermal radiation was derived from two different temperatures and was generalized for non-uniform temperature distributions.
- Thermal radiation properties from two different temperature regions were compared with the effective temperature.
- The energy density of thermal radiation from nanoparticles was derived and the effective temperature was shown as a function of particle size.
- The effective temperature can be useful to understand the thermal radiation from non-uniform temperature distribution.

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