

16.512, Rocket Propulsion  
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**Lecture 11: Radiation Heat Transfer and Cooling**

**Radiative Losses**

At throat of a RP1-LOX rocket, evaluate radiation heat flux

$$P_c = 70 \text{ atm}$$

$$D_c = 0.21 \text{ m}$$

$$T_c = 3500 \text{ K}$$

$$O / F = 2.2$$

$$\gamma = 1.25$$

$$M = 25 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$x_{c_o} \approx 0.38$$

$$x_{H_2O} = 0.31$$

$$x_{H_2} \approx 0.14$$

$$x_{co_2} \approx 0.11$$

$$P_{\text{throat}} = \left( \frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1}}$$

$$P_c = 38.85 \text{ atm}$$

$$P_{co} = 14.8 \text{ atm}$$

$$P_{H_2O} = 12.0 \text{ atm}$$

$$P_{H_2} = 5.4 \text{ atm}$$

$$P_{co_2} = 4.3 \text{ atm}$$

$$T_{\text{throat}} = \frac{2}{\gamma + 1} T_c = 3111 \text{ K} = 5600 \text{ R}$$

Assume slab if thickness  $L = 0.9 D_t = 0.191 \text{ m} = 0.63 \text{ ft}$

$$(PL)_{co} = 9.2 \text{ ft atm}$$

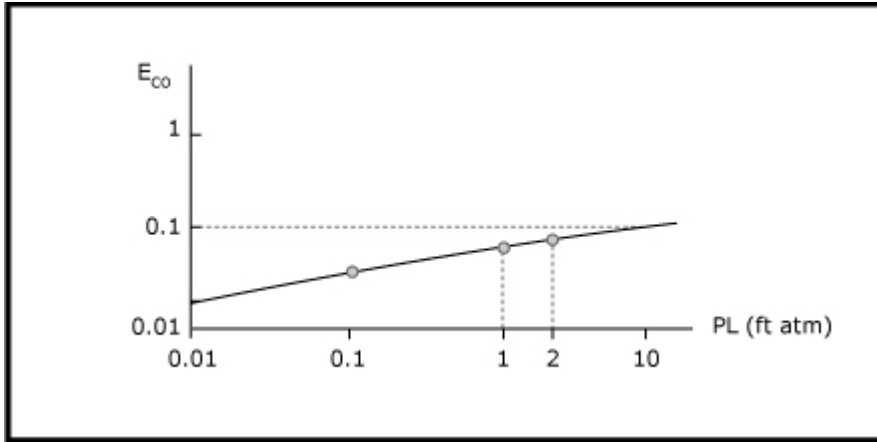
$$(PL)_{H_2O} = 7.5 \text{ ft atm}$$

$$(PL)_{H_2} = 3.4 \text{ ft atm}$$

$$(PL)_{co_2} = 2.7 \text{ ft atm}$$

## CO

Fig 4-22 for CO gas only to 2400 R  
2 ft atm



So, extrapolated to 9.2 ft atm,  $\epsilon(2400R) \approx 0.1$  at 2400 R. But  $\epsilon$  falls rapidly with T. If we conservatively extrapolate linearly in  $\log \epsilon(T)$ ,  $\epsilon_{CO}$  would appear to go to  $\sim 0.005$  or so. Hence, even though the gas is CO-rich, radiation by CO is negligible.

## H<sub>2</sub>O

At  $P_T = 1$  atm,  $PL = 7.5$  ft atm, Fig 4.15 gives  $\epsilon_{H_2O}(5000R) = 0.18$ , and extrapolating a bit to  $T=5600R$ ,  $\epsilon_{H_2O} \approx 0.15$ .

Fig 4.15 gives  $\epsilon_w$  for  $P_w \rightarrow 0, P_T = 1$  atm. To correct for finite  $P_w$  and higher  $P_T$ , use 4.16. Here, for  $P_w L = 7.5$  ft atm, there is some significant effect of  $\frac{P_w + P_T}{2}$ . We have

$$\frac{P_w + P_T}{2} = \frac{12 + 38.9}{2} = 25.5 \text{ atm way beyond the graph.}$$

$\beta = \frac{P_w + P_T}{2}$	$c_w$
0.5	1 (1)
0.8	1.18 (1.14)
1	1.23 (1.21)
1.2	1.28 (1.28)
0	0.57

$$c_w = c(\bar{P} + B)^n$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 0.57 &= cB^n \\ 1 &= c(B + 0.5)^n \\ 1.28 &= c(B + 1.2)^n \end{aligned} \right\} \left\{ \begin{aligned} \left(\frac{B + 0.5}{B}\right)^n &= \frac{1}{0.57} \\ \left(\frac{B + 1.2}{B}\right)^n &= \frac{1.28}{0.57} \end{aligned} \right\} n = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{0.57}\right)}{\ln\left(1 + \frac{0.5}{B}\right)} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1.28}{0.57}\right)}{\ln\left(1 + \frac{1.2}{B}\right)}$$

$$n = \frac{0.562}{\ln\left(1 + \frac{0.5}{B}\right)} = \frac{0.809}{\ln\left(1 + \frac{1.2}{B}\right)} \quad \frac{\ln\left(1 + \frac{1.2}{B}\right)}{\ln\left(1 + \frac{0.5}{B}\right)} = 1.439 \quad \left. \begin{aligned} B &= 0.105 \\ n &= 0.321 \end{aligned} \right\} c = 1.175$$

$$c_w = 1.175(\bar{P} + 0.105)^{0.321}$$

Then, for  $\bar{P} = 25.5$ ,  $c_w = 3.33 \rightarrow \varepsilon_w = 3.33 \times 0.15 = \underline{0.499}$  Suspect!  
toomuch

## CO<sub>2</sub>

For PL=2.7 ft atm, T=5600 R  $\varepsilon_{CO_2} \approx 0.056$

From fig 4.14, Correction  $c_c \approx 1.1 \rightarrow \varepsilon_{CO_2} \approx 0.062$

For interference, use Fig 4.17

$$\frac{P_w}{P_w + P_c} = \frac{12}{12 + 4.3} = 0.736$$

$$(P_r + P_w)L = 7.5 + 2.7 = 10.2 \text{ ft atm}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta\varepsilon \approx 0.06$$

$$\text{So } \varepsilon_{\text{gas}} \approx 0.499 + 0.062 - 0.06 \approx 0.5$$

This is likely to be an over estimate, because  $\varepsilon_{H_2O}$  must saturate as  $P_T$  increases, not grow as  $P_T^{0.3}$ .

With this  $\epsilon_g \sigma T_t^4 = 0.5 \times 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \times 3111^4 = 2.66 \times 10^6 \text{ W / m}^2$

Compare to Convection:

Say  $T_w = 1000\text{K}$   $c^* = \frac{\sqrt{R_s T}}{\delta}$

$$h_g = \frac{(\rho u)_{\diamond}^{0.8} c_p \mu_{\diamond}^{0.2}}{D_t^{0.2} P_r^{0.6}} (0.026)$$

$$c^* = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{8.314}{0.025} \times 3500}}{0.658} = 1640 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\langle T \rangle = \frac{3111 + 1000}{2} = 2056$$

$$(\rho u)_e = \frac{P_c}{c^*} = \frac{70 \times 10^5}{1640} = 4269 \text{ Kg / m}^2 / \text{s}$$

$$(\rho u)_{\diamond} = 4269 \frac{3111}{2856} = 6460 \text{ Kg / m}^2 / \text{s}$$

$$\mu_{\diamond} \approx 6 \times 10^{-5} \left( \frac{2056}{3000} \right)^{0.6} = 4.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Kg / m / sec}$$

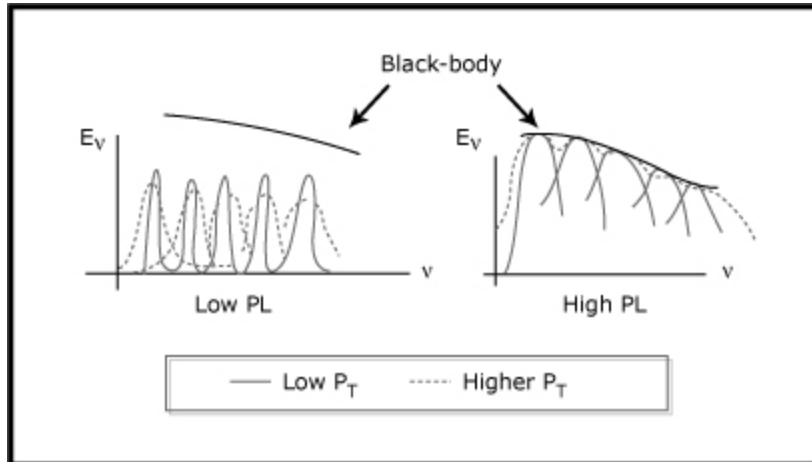
$$S_p = 1663 \text{ J / Kg / K} \quad P_r = 0.8$$

$$h_g = \frac{6460^{0.8} \times 1663 \times (4.8 \times 10^{-5})^{0.2} \times 0.026}{0.21^{0.2} 0.8^{0.6}} = 345,000 \times 0.026 = 8960 \text{ W / m}^2 / \text{K}$$

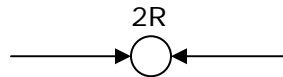
$$(q_w)_{\text{conv}} \approx 8960 (3500 - 1000) = 2.24 \times 10^7 \text{ W / m}^2$$

So  $\frac{q_{\text{rad}}}{q_{\text{conv}}} = 0.12$

As  $P_T$  increases, each individual emission line is broadened by collisions, and  $\epsilon$  increases. However, when PL is relatively large ( $\gtrsim 2.5 \text{ ft atm}$ ), Figure 4.14 shows the effect is small; this is because at that PL the bands are largely overlapped already and only the broadening of their edges matters anymore. So, we ignore the  $P_T$  effect.



### Effect of Particulates



For  $\frac{2\pi R}{\lambda} \gg 1$ , geometrical optics

For  $\frac{2\pi R}{\lambda} \ll 1$ , Rayleigh regime, particle appear to be smaller by  $\sim \left(\frac{2\pi R}{\lambda}\right)^4$ .

For 3000 K, peak of spectrum at  $\lambda \sim 1.2 \mu\text{m}$

$$R_{\text{cross over}} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \sim 0.4 \mu\text{m}$$

Particles tend to be near (somewhat below) this value. For conservatism, assume geometrical occultation.

$$\alpha = \text{Prob. of absorption} = 1 - \text{Prob. of transmission} = 1 - e^{-\frac{L}{mfp}} = 1 - e^{-n_p Q_p L}$$

$$n_p = \frac{x}{1-x} \frac{\rho_{\text{gas}}}{\frac{4\pi}{3} R_p^3 \rho_s} \quad Q_p = \pi R_p^2$$

$$\epsilon_p \approx 1 - e^{-\frac{x}{1-x} \frac{\rho_g}{\rho_s} \frac{3L}{4R_p}}$$

Say  $L = R_t = 0.3 \text{ m}$      $R_p = 1 \mu\text{m} = 10^{-6} \text{ m}$

$$\rho_g = \frac{38.9 \times 10^5 \times 0.025}{8.314 \times 3111} = 3.75 \text{ Kg/m}^3$$

$$\rho_s = 3000 \text{ Kg/m}^3$$

$$x = 0.3$$

$$\varepsilon_p \approx 1 - e^{-\frac{0.3 \cdot 3.75 \cdot 3 \cdot 0.3}{0.7 \cdot 3000 \cdot 4 \cdot 10^{-6}}} = 1 - e^{-120} = 1$$

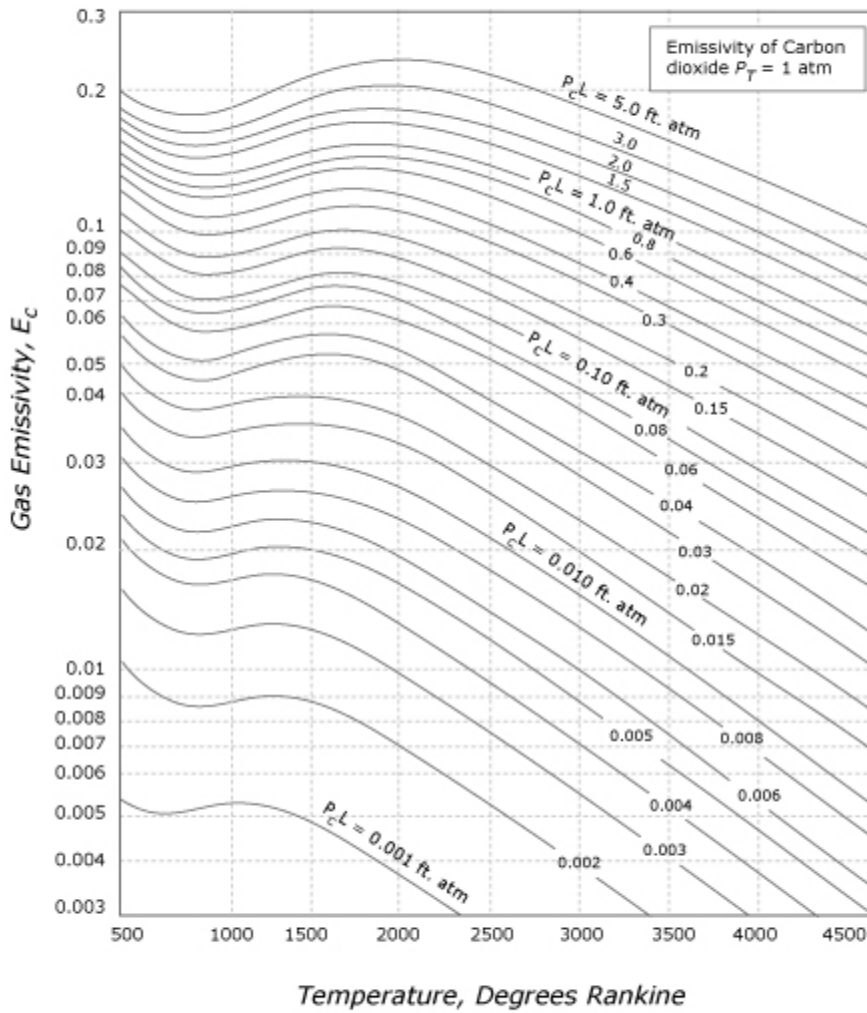
Now, suppose  $R_p = 0.1 \mu\text{m}$  instead. Exponent has a factor  $\left(\frac{2\pi R_p}{\lambda}\right)^4 = \left(\frac{0.1}{0.4}\right)^4 = \frac{1}{256}$ ,

and has a  $\frac{1}{R_p}$ , which is another  $\frac{1}{0.1} = 10 \rightarrow 25.6$  smaller  $\rightarrow 1 - e^{-4.69} = 0.991$  still  $\sim 1$

In this case

- (a) In flame looks solid (black body radiator)
- (b) Radiative losses double ( $\varepsilon = 1$  instead of 0.5), to  $\sim 20\%$  of loss

FIGURE 4-13 EMISSIVITY OF CARBON DIOXIDE



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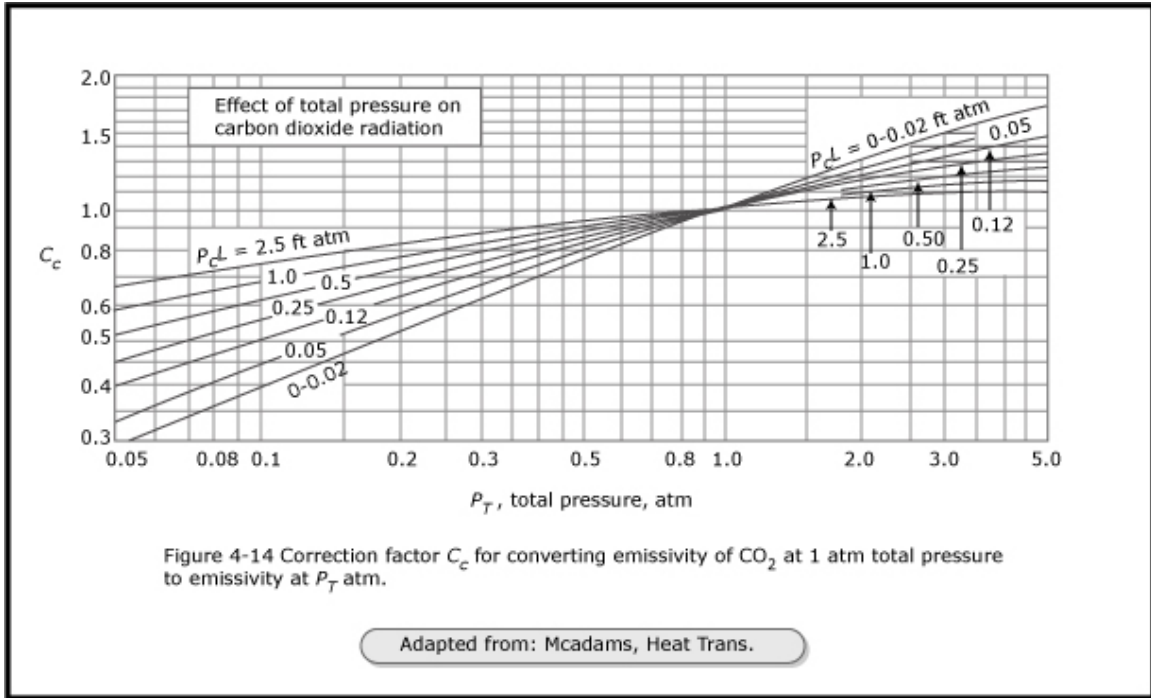
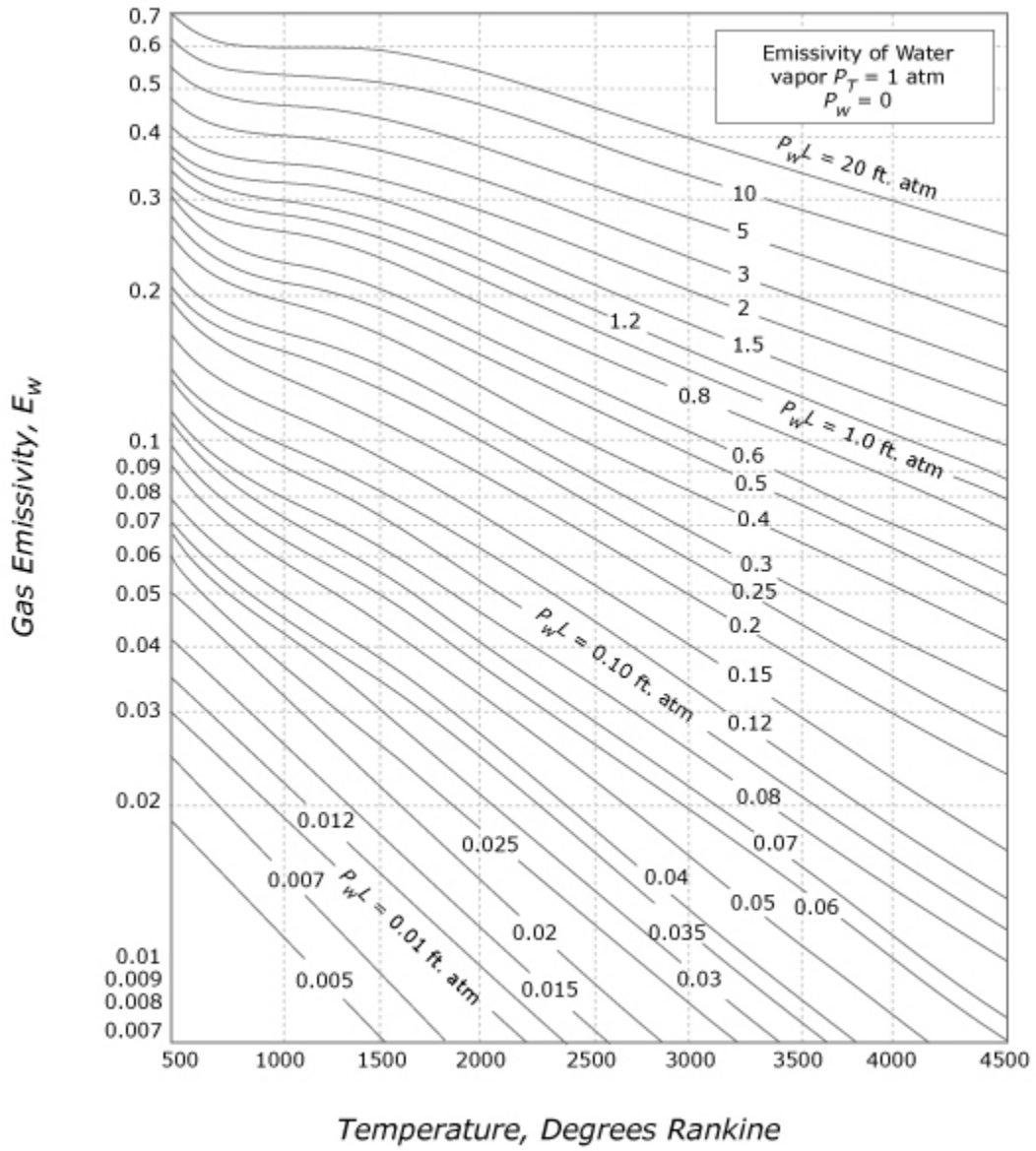




FIGURE 4-15 EMISSIVITY OF WATER VAPOR



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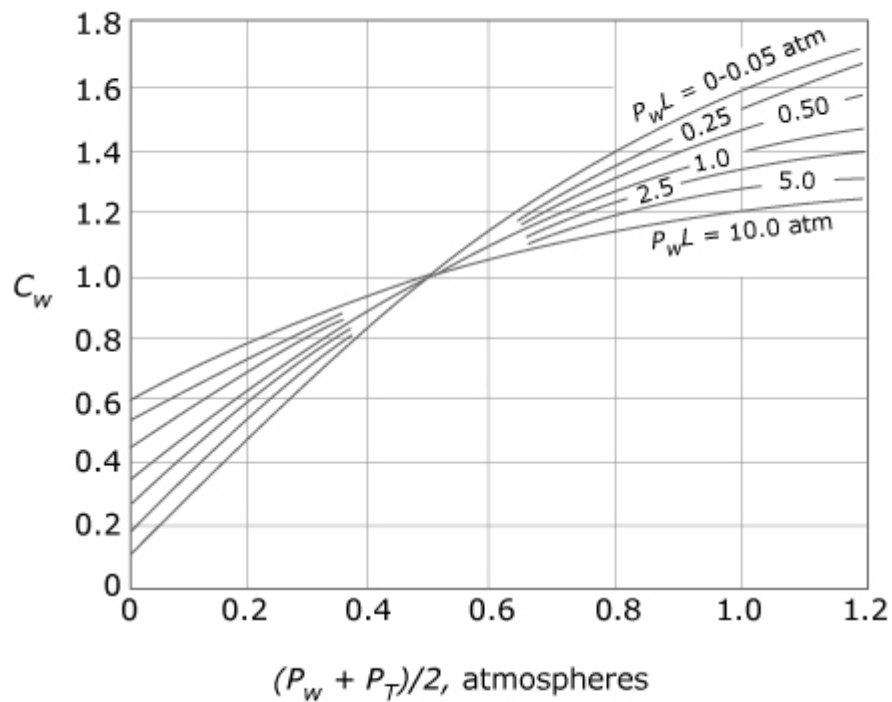


Figure 4-16 Correction factor  $C_w$  for converting emissivity of  $H_2O$  to values of  $P_w$  and  $P_T$  other than 0 and 1 atm, respectively.

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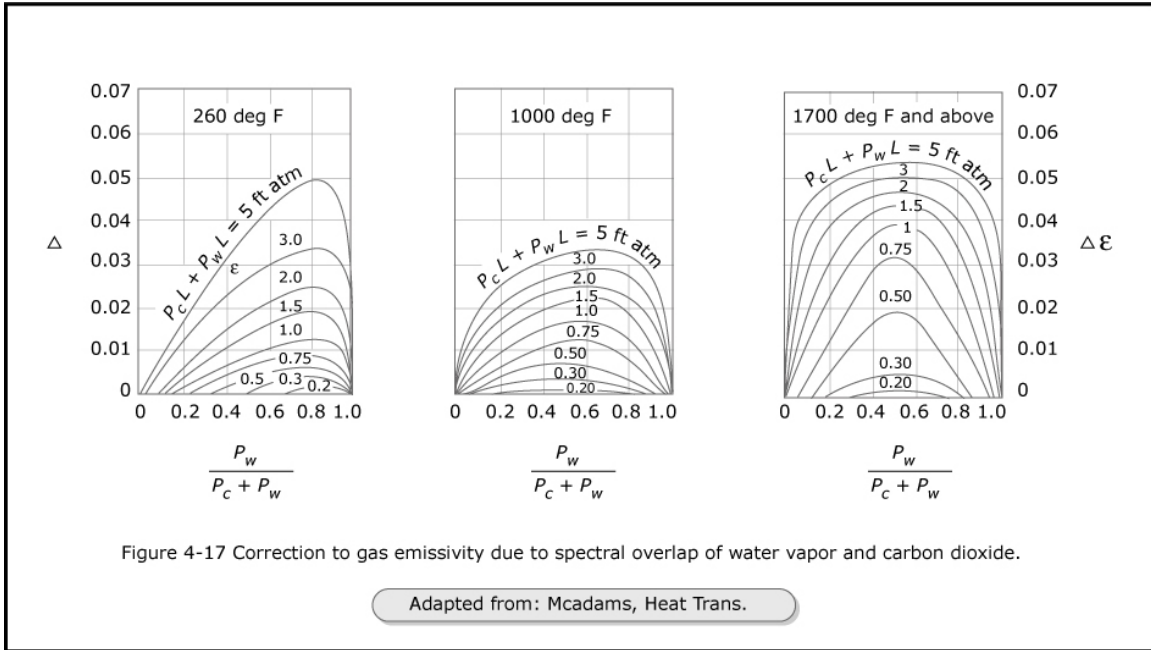
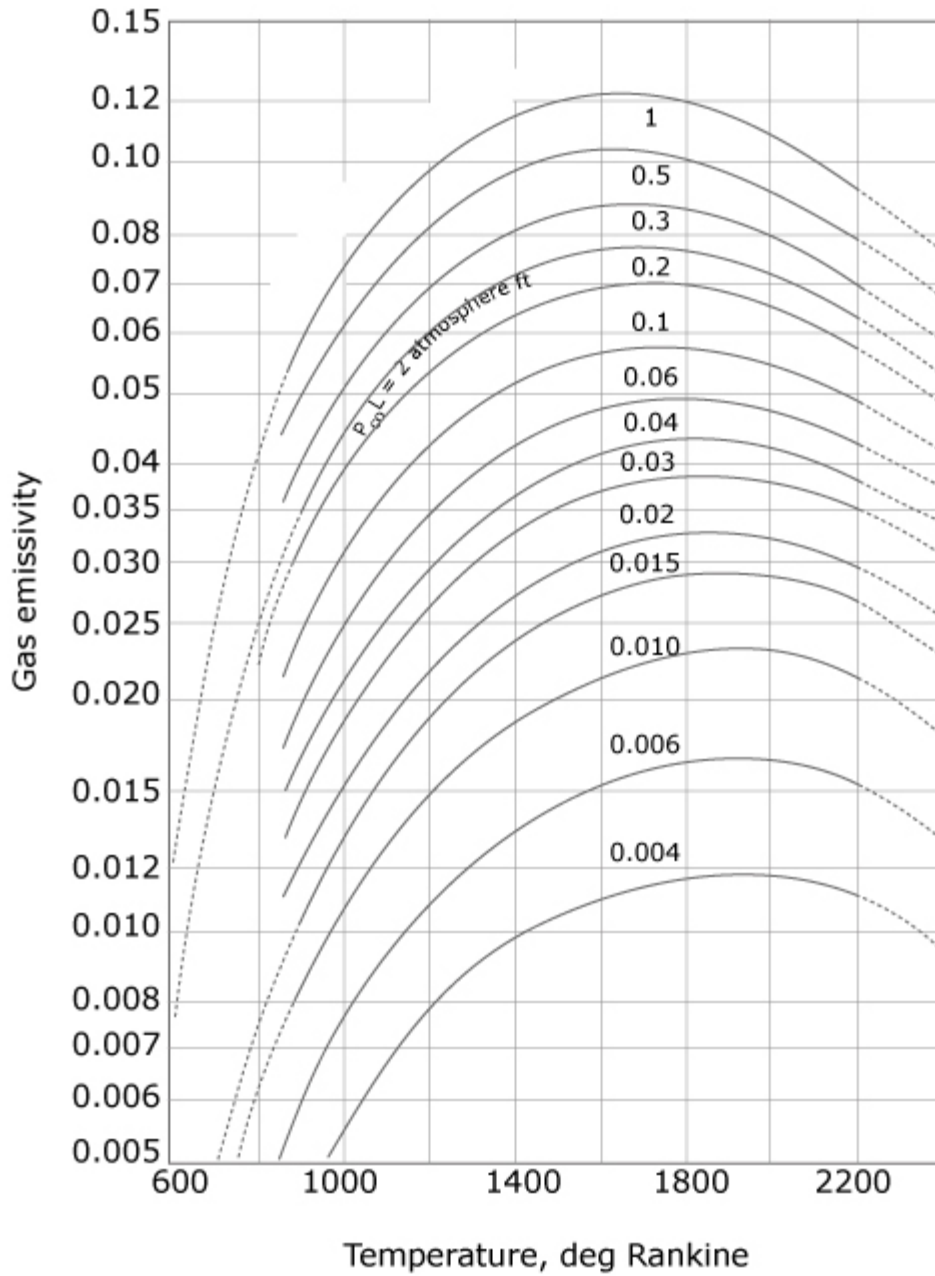
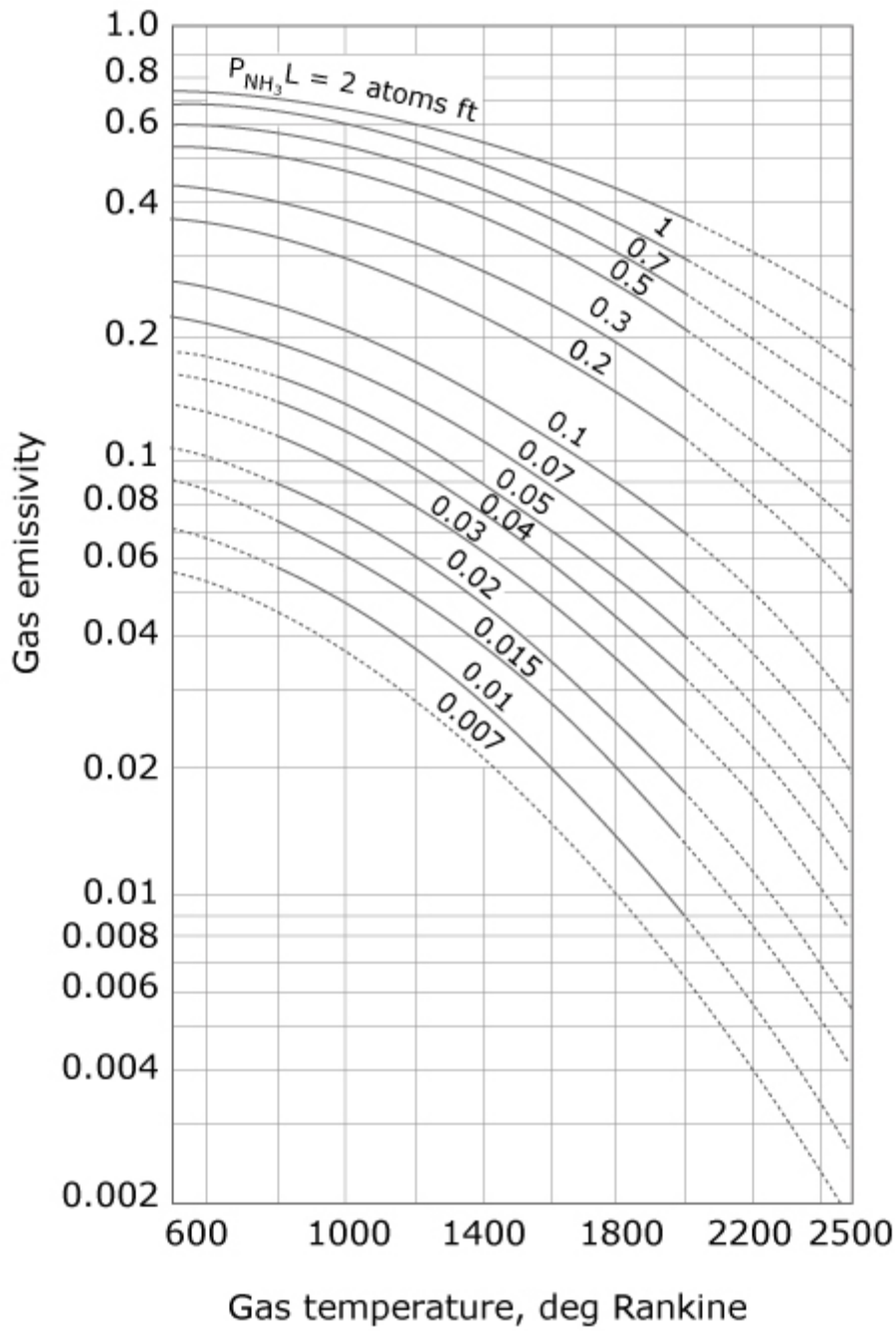


FIGURE 4-22 EMISSIVITY OF CARBON MONOXIDE



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FIGURE 4-23 EMISSIVITY OF AMMONIA



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