Computational Code Development of a Collisional-Radiative Model for Nonequilibrium Flows

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1. Objective
This project is aimed at:
In most aerospace applications of air plasma flow (hypersonic flow around a reentry body, laser-driven blast wave, plasma processing techniques using electric discharges, and so on), it is well known that plasma internal states do not achieve local thermodynamic equilibrium. By considering the non-equilibrium properties of the population distribution in each plasma internal state, more reliable numerical prediction can be provided, because the properties directly affect radiative emissivities and opacities, partition functions of internal energy modes, and thermal relaxations processes. The goal of this computational work is to develop a collisional-radiative solver coupled with flow equations and radiative heat transfer equations to clarify the fundamental physics in the non-equilibrium flowfields.

2. Project Outline
To that end, the project will consist of the following phases:
(a) Multi-physics numerical simulation of plasma flows
(b) Development of a comprehensive understanding of non-equilibrium properties
(c) Numerical analysis of the radiative heat transfer

3. Expected Performance
In this project, the successful candidate would be expected to:
(a) Working independently, develop a code for compressible flowfields
(b) Develop the coupling code for hypersonic flow, collisional-radiative models, and radiation transfer
(c) Assist with the maintenance/repair of our workstation clusters

4. Required Skills and Knowledge
The successful candidate for this project will have the following knowledge and skills:
(a) Fundamental knowledge of compressible CFD (computational fluid dynamics)
(b) Fundamental knowledge of plasma physics, thermodynamics, statistical physics, chemical reactions, and molecular quantum mechanics
(c) Resilient character and abundant intellectual curiosity

References
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