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The monograph provides a systematic consideration of diverse problems of thermal radiation in disperse systems. A set of problems discussed in some details includes the thermal radiation of two-phase combustion products in rocket engines, the spectral radiative properties of advanced thermal insulations, the microwave thermal radiation of disperse systems on the sea surface, and the thermal radiation in a multiphase medium, formed in the case of hypothetic severe accident of a nuclear reactor. The theoretical models developed by the authors are mainly based on the Mie theory for the radiative properties of single particles and approximate methods for the radiation transfer in anisotropically scattering media. The experimental characterization of dispersed materials like foams, porous ceramics, fibrous and nanoporous insulations is based on directional-hemispherical measurements in a wide infrared spectral range and the mathematical identification procedure for the material radiative properties.

A wide use of simplified theoretical models and relatively simple computational and experimental procedures form the so-called engineering approach which appears to be very useful in solving many practical problems. The examples for the solutions of several particular problems are also presented in the book. Therefore, this book can be considered as a manual on applied radiative and combined heat transfer problems. It is destined for students, engineers, and researchers in the field of heat transfer. Numerous references presented in the book enable an interested reader to undertake a further study of specific thermal radiation problems in disperse systems.

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There are only two ways to live your life.

One is as though nothing is a miracle.

The other is as though everything is a miracle.

Albert Einstein



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