

# “Educational Courseware for Understanding Metal Heating Processes”

## ➤ Development Background

Designed to help users intuitively understand how differences in heat input distributions affect temperature distributions within metals.

## ➤ Key Features

Runs entirely in **Excel-VBA** (no external software required)

Provides **interactive simulation and visual representation** of heat diffusion

Users can freely set **material properties** and **geometric parameters** to perform simulations

Enables learners to **create customized graphs** from simulation results for deeper insight



### 『Metal Temperature Distribution Analysis Courseware (Heat Input Model Edition)』

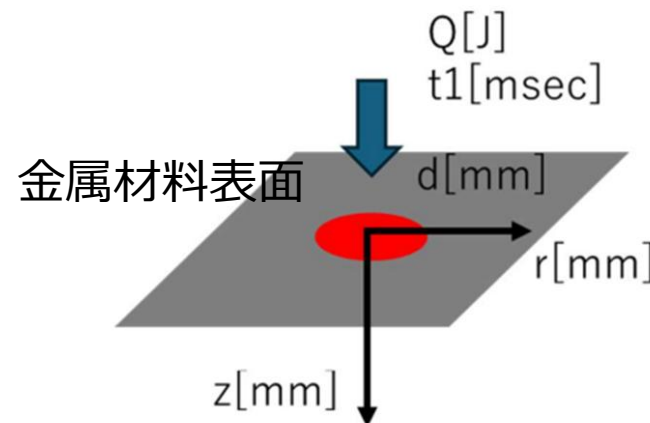
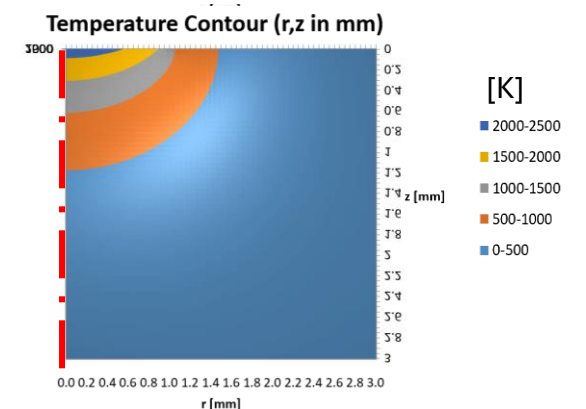
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System Requirements (Compatible with Microsoft Excel 2021 or later)

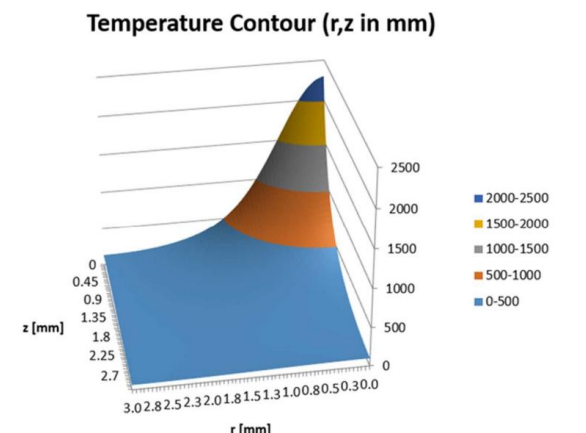
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| Temperature distribution in a semi-infinite metal plate (axisymmetric r-z model) under a circular pulse heat source calculated using the |                                         | Calculate                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Thermal conductivity: k                                                                                                                  | 80 W m <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>    |                                                           |
| Specific heat: c                                                                                                                         | 450 J kg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>  |                                                           |
| Density: ρ                                                                                                                               | 7860 kg m <sup>-3</sup>                 |                                                           |
| Thermal diffusivity: D (= k/ρc)                                                                                                          | 2.26E-05 m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> |                                                           |
| Melting point: T <sub>m</sub>                                                                                                            | 1811 K                                  |                                                           |
| Boiling point: T <sub>b</sub>                                                                                                            | 3134 K                                  |                                                           |
| Room / base temperature: T <sub>0</sub>                                                                                                  | 298.15 K                                |                                                           |
| Thermal spot diameter: d                                                                                                                 | 2 mm                                    |                                                           |
| Super-Gaussian coefficient: m                                                                                                            | 1                                       |                                                           |
| Input energy: Q                                                                                                                          | 100 J                                   |                                                           |
| Irradiation duration: t <sub>pulse</sub>                                                                                                 | 100 ms                                  | 1 = Normal Gaussian    20, 50 = Top-hat-like distribution |
| Average power: P <sub>avg</sub>                                                                                                          | 1,000 W                                 |                                                           |
| Reference value of heat flux at the cen                                                                                                  | 6.366E+08 W/m <sup>2</sup>              |                                                           |
| Radial analysis range: R <sub>max</sub>                                                                                                  | 3 mm                                    |                                                           |
| Depth analysis range: Z <sub>max</sub>                                                                                                   | 3 mm                                    |                                                           |
| Radial grid spacing: Δr                                                                                                                  | 0.1 mm                                  |                                                           |
| Axial grid spacing: Δz                                                                                                                   | 0.1 mm                                  |                                                           |
| Time step: Δt                                                                                                                            | 100 μs                                  |                                                           |
| Output time: t <sub>output</sub>                                                                                                         | 100 ms                                  |                                                           |



Run  
Simulation

Input Heat Source Conditions



Visualize Results through  
Graphs

# Operation Screen and Functional Overview

## ➤ Intended Users:

Engineers in technical training / Students in engineering fields

## ➤ What You Can Do

⇒ Set heat input conditions and select materials

⇒ Generate and visualize results as temperature distribution graphs

⇒ Quickly display results in the *Coordinate-system* sheet

⇒ Create customized graphs directly from Excel cells

Red-colored regions indicate areas where the temperature exceeds the material's melting point

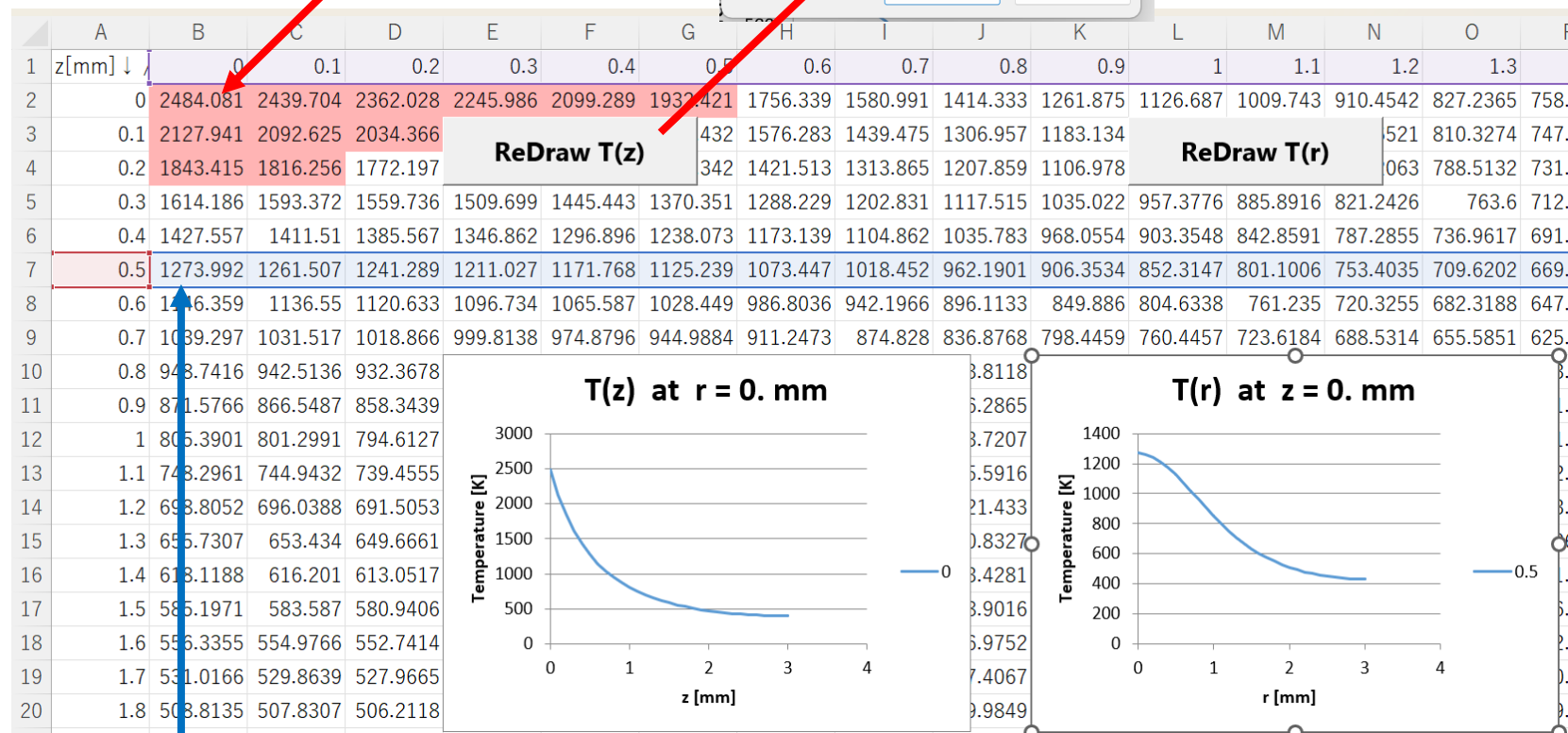
Popup menu for T(z) slice position

Slice position of T(z)  
Please enter r [mm]

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OK キャンセル

Popup menus appear with a button click, allowing direct input of coordinate parameters



Temperature distribution along the **depth direction** (z-axis) from the surface  
– Deviation from the center is represented by r [mm]

Temperature distribution along the **radial direction (r-axis)**  
– Corresponding depth position indicated by z [mm]

## Interactive Graph Update

By selecting **row or column data**, users can modify parameters such as r [mm] or z [mm] and instantly **update the plots** to examine temperature variations along depth or radial directions.

Because all data exist within Excel, you can easily make your own plots !!

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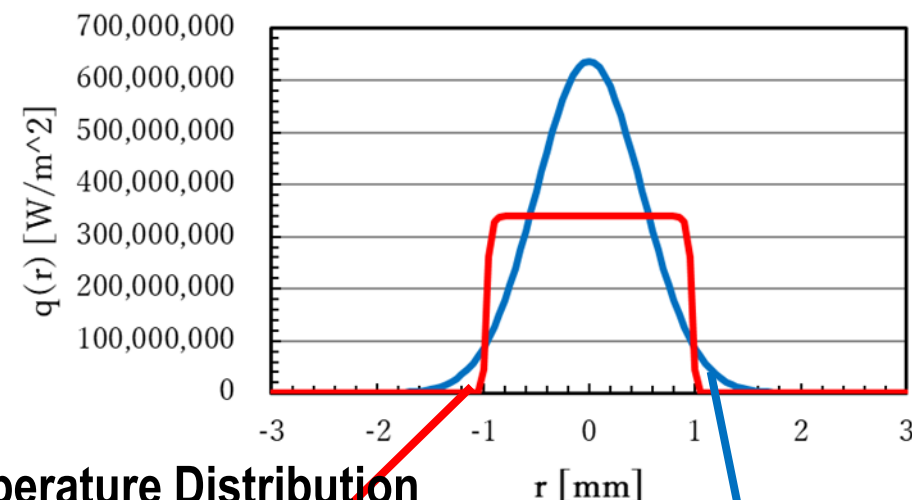
Visualization of the balance among heat input, heat conduction, cooling based on parameters such as thermal conductivity.



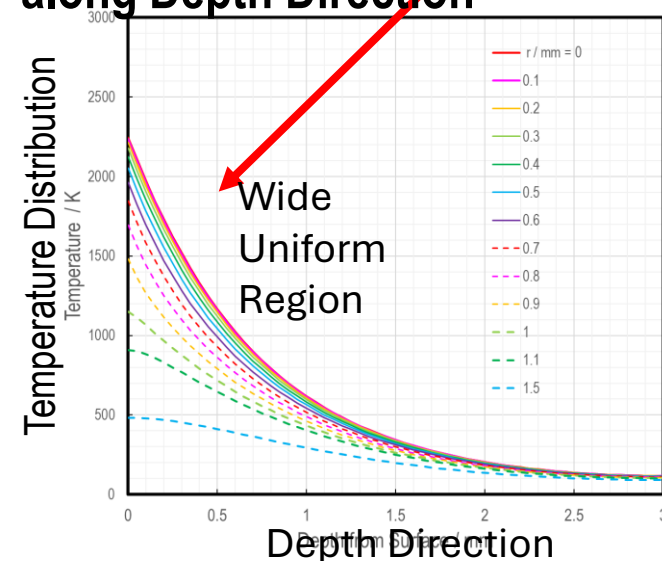
# Visualization and Learning Effect

- Heat Input Profiles:  
Gaussian vs. Top-Hat Distribution

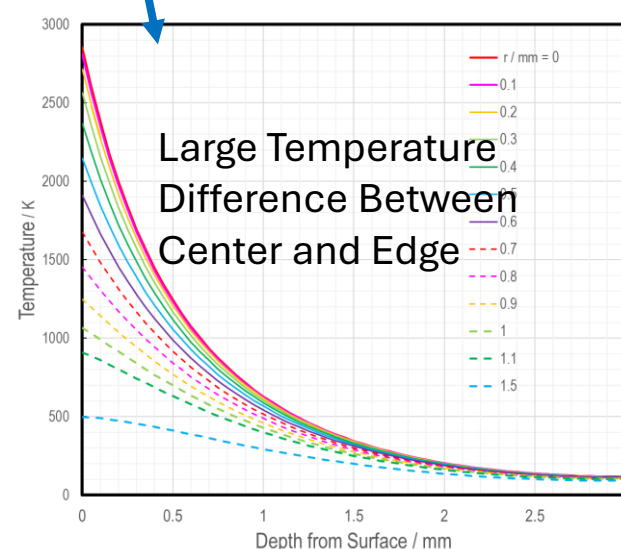
Now Supports  
Ring-Shaped Beams!



Temperature Distribution  
along Depth Direction

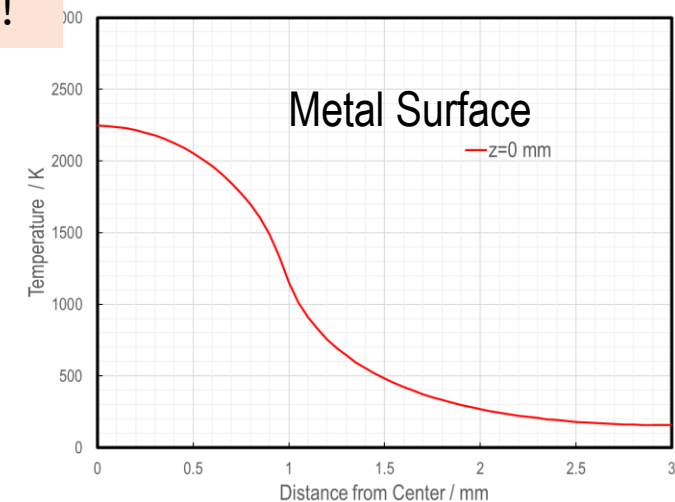


Top-Hat-Like Heat Input  
Temperature Distribution

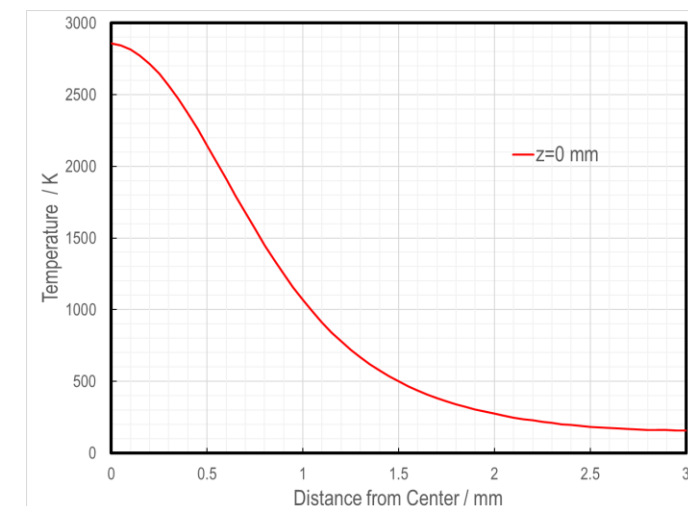


Gaussian Heat Input  
Temperature Distribution

Temperature Distribution  
along Radial Direction (r-axis)



Top-Hat-Like Heat Input  
Temperature Distribution



Gaussian Heat Input  
Temperature Distribution

- Pulse vs (Quasi-)CW (Same Average Power Condition)
- Intuitive Understanding of Heat Diffusion
- Graphs and Temperature Distribution Maps for Each Example (with Color Scale)
- Comparison of Cooling Characteristics of Materials (Fe, Al, Cu)

# Future Development and Applications

## ➤ Summary:

**A Visualization Tool Bridging Education and Research**

## ➤ Future Development

1. **Cooling process simulation** now available — complementing the heat input model! (*Freshly released!*)
2. **Solid-to-liquid phase model** under development, incorporating **temperature-dependent material properties**. (*Coming soon!*)
3. **Ring-shaped heat input** model now supported. (*Now available!*)
4. Planned expansion to include **laser heating simulation** with **temperature-dependent absorption coefficients**.
5. To be released as an **educational courseware** for **engineer training and engineering students**.