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The usual macroscopic concepts used to deal with energy transfer are no longer valid at the nanoscale. Using two examples, I will show that the nature of heat transfer changes as the size of the systems becomes smaller than some relevant length scales. Fourier law is no longer valid at small distances, the radiative heat flux between two parallel surfaces can be orders of magnitude larger than $\frac{s(T_1 - T_2)}{T_1 T_2}$, an incandescent source can be monochromatic, it is possible to use visible light to heat spots as tiny as 50 nm. Studying these systems requires to revisit the usual concepts. It is also a formidable opportunity for novel technologies. I will give a brief survey of recent advances in heat transfer at the nanoscale with a particular emphasis on radiative heat transfer and some illustrations and practical applications.

Heat Transfer at the Nanoscale

In the second part of the talk, I would like to share some thoughts about innovation. Our society is facing tremendous challenges regarding energy. It is the responsibility of scholars to train creative engineers that will be able to address these issues by introducing disruptive technologies. Although I am not aware of any general recipe to develop creativity, I believe that it is possible to get inspiration from experience.

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