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It is pointed out here that the conclusions drawn from the gas temperature discussion on p. 822 were erroneous due to a computational error in the gas temperature calculations and so also the curves given for the gas temperature in Figs. 3 and 4 (p. 824). The corrected version is as follows:



Gas temperature: For  $\eta = 1$ , the gas temperature shows a monotonic increase for all the three values of  $\varepsilon_0$  viz.,  $\varepsilon_0 = 0$ , 0.05, and 0.1. However, for  $\eta = 5$ , the gas temperature increases initially, attains a maximum and then decreases to its equilibrium value for  $\varepsilon_0 = 0$ , 0.05 and 0.1.

The gas temperature graphs are shown in Figs. 3A ( $\eta = 1$ ) and 4A ( $\eta = 5$ ).