



# Development of a Network Analogy and Evaluation of Mean Beam Lengths for Multidimensional Absorbing/Isotropically Scattering Media

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*Based on Hottel's zonal formulation, a network analogy is developed for the analysis of radiative transfer in general multidimensional absorbing/isotropically scattering media. Applying the analogy to the analysis of an isothermal medium and assuming that the incoming and outgoing flux density is homogeneous within the medium, the effect of scattering on the evaluation of mean beam lengths is illustrated. Two concepts of mean beam length, an absorption mean beam length (AMBL) and an extinction mean beam length (EMBL), are introduced and shown to be important for the analysis of radiative transfer in practical systems. Both mean beam lengths differ significantly from the conventional mean beam length in systems of moderate and large optical thickness. Relations between AMBL and EMBL and their limiting behavior are developed analytically. Numerical results for a sphere radiating to its surface and an infinite parallel slab radiating to one of its surfaces are presented to demonstrate quantitatively the mathematical behavior of the two mean beam lengths.*

## 1 Introduction

Radiative transfer in an absorbing/scattering medium is an important aspect in many practical engineering problems such as the modeling of energy transport in combustion chambers and furnaces. Mathematically, an exact solution to the radiative equation of transfer, coupled with the fluid flow and convective heat transfer occurring inside a furnace, can be extremely complicated and therefore unsuitable for practical engineering applications. A great deal of research effort in radiative transfer in the past fifty years has thus been directed toward the development of approximation methods. Sarofim (1986) and Viskanta and Menguc (1987) have given excellent reviews of the various available techniques.

One of the most important concepts utilized in practical radiative transfer calculations, particularly in applications for nongray media, is mean beam length (MBL). Introduced originally by Hottel (1927, 1967), the MBL of a gas volume radiating to a boundary is defined as the radius of an "equivalent" hemisphere that produces a flux to the center of its base equal to the average flux radiated to the area of interest by the actual volume of gas. Since spectral absorption data for all common gaseous species are generally measured in one-dimensional line-of-sight experimental systems, the MBL concept provides an important theoretical link through which the existing one-dimensional spectral absorption data can be applied to radiative transfer calculations in complex multidimensional systems.

In recent years, scattering has been recognized to be important in many particle-laden combustion systems such as fires and pulverized coal furnaces (DeRis, 1978; Wessel, 1985; Menguc and Viskanta, 1986). While it is well known that scat-

tering can have a significant effect on the total radiative heat transfer, its effect on MBL has not yet been established. To the best of the author's knowledge, an approximate expression for the scattering mean beam length in the limit of an optically thin weakly scattering medium (Cartigny, 1986) appears to be the only reported work addressing this important issue. Indeed, the lack of an accurate definition for MBL in an absorbing/scattering medium has led to large uncertainty on the result of many existing furnace calculations (Menguc and Viskanta, 1986; Viskanta and Menguc, 1987).

In this work, a theoretical formulation of MBLs in an absorbing/scattering medium is derived. In section 2, a network analogy for the calculation of radiative transfer in an emitting, absorbing, and isotropically scattering medium is developed. By applying the analogy to an isothermal medium and assuming that the incoming and outgoing flux density is homogeneous, two concepts of MBL, an "absorption" mean beam length (AMBL) and an "extinction" mean beam length (EMBL), are introduced in section 3. Mathematically, AMBL is defined as the radius of a purely absorbing hemisphere with the same absorption coefficient as the medium under consideration, which produces a flux at the center of its base equal to the average heat flux radiated to the area of interest. The concept of AMBL is important in estimating the emission from nongray gaseous species in the presence of scattering particles. EMBL, on the other hand, is defined as the radius of an absorbing/scattering hemisphere with the same extinction coefficient and scattering albedo as the medium under consideration that produces the equivalent heat flux. The concept of EMBL is important in the scaling of scattering/absorbing media. Based on evaluation of AMBL for an absorbing/scattering hemispherical medium radiating to its base, a universal relation between AMBL and EMBL is also presented in section 3. In section 4, exact mathematical expression for the two MBLs are generated for two enclosures, a sphere and an in-

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finite parallel slab. Numerical results are presented to illustrate parametrically the importance of scattering on the evaluation of MBLs. Finally, a conclusion of the present work and some comments on the future direction of research in this general area are presented in section 5.

## 2 Network Analogy for an Absorbing/Scattering Medium

The analogy between electrical network and radiative transfer in an enclosure with a nonparticipating medium was first developed by Oppenheim (1956). Bevans and Dunkle (1960) extended the idea to include the effect of an isothermal absorbing medium. The extension, however, is quite complicated mathematically and applicable only for a homogeneous isothermal absorbing medium. The practical application for the Bevans and Dunkle formulation is thus limited. Utilizing results generated by the two-flux model, Tong and Tien (1980) noted that the heat transfer in a planar absorbing/scattering medium can be expressed by a network representation. But they did not consider extension to general multidimensional systems. To the best of the author's knowledge, formulation of the network analogy for a general nonisothermal multidimensional enclosure with an absorbing/scattering medium has not appeared in the literature.

For an isotropically scattering and absorbing medium, the set of radiative exchange relations generated by Hottel's zonal method (Hottel and Sarofim, 1967) is a natural basis for the development of the network analogy. Specifically, in an enclosure with  $N$  isothermal surface zones and  $M$  gas zones, the energy balance on each zone can be written as

$$A_i H_i - \sum_{j=1}^N \overline{s_i s_j} W_j + \sum_{j=1}^M \overline{s_i g_j} W_{g,j} \quad (1)$$

$$4KV_i H_{g,i} = \sum_{j=1}^N \overline{g_i s_j} W_j + \sum_{j=1}^M \overline{g_i g_j} W_{g,j} \quad (2)$$

In the above expressions,  $H_i$  and  $W_i$  are the irradiation and radiosity (emission plus reflection) of surface  $A_i$  while  $4H_{g,i}$  and  $4KW_{g,i}$  can be interpreted as the incoming and outgoing (emission plus scattering) flux density of a volume element  $V_i$ .  $K$  is the extinction coefficient.  $\overline{s_i s_j}$ ,  $\overline{s_i g_j}$ , and  $\overline{g_i g_j}$  are the direct exchange factors between  $A_i$  and  $A_j$ ,  $A_i$  and  $V_j$ , and  $V_i$  and  $V_j$ , respectively. The mathematical expressions for these ex-

change factors are given by Hottel and Sarofim (1967) and will not be repeated here. In general, they satisfy the following reciprocity and closure relations:

$$\overline{s_i s_j} = \overline{s_j s_i} \quad (3a)$$

$$\overline{s_i g_j} = \overline{g_j s_i} \quad (3b)$$

$$\overline{g_i g_j} = \overline{g_j g_i} \quad (3c)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \overline{s_i s_j} + \sum_{i=1}^M \overline{g_i s_j} = A_j \quad (4a)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^M \overline{g_i g_j} + \sum_{i=1}^N \overline{s_i g_j} = 4KV_j \quad (4b)$$

The parameters  $W_i$ ,  $H_i$ ,  $W_{g,i}$  and  $H_{g,i}$  are related to the surface emissive power  $E_i$  and the gaseous emissive power  $E_{g,i}$  by

$$W_i = \epsilon_i E_i + (1 - \epsilon_i) H_i \quad (5a)$$

$$W_{g,i} = (1 - \omega_0) E_{g,i} + \omega_0 H_{g,i} \quad (5b)$$

$Q_i$  and  $Q_{g,i}$ , the net heat transfer from surface  $A_i$  and volume  $V_i$ , respectively, can be written as

$$Q_i = A_i (W_i - H_i) = \frac{A_i \epsilon_i}{1 - \epsilon_i} (E_i - W_i) \quad (6a)$$

$$Q_{g,i} = 4V_i (W_{g,i} - H_{g,i}) - 4KV_i \left( \frac{1 - \omega_0}{\omega_0} \right) (E_{g,i} - W_{g,i}) \quad (6b)$$

where  $\epsilon_i$  is the surface emissivity of  $A_i$  and  $\omega_0$  is the scattering albedo of the medium.

To develop the necessary equation for the network analogy, the first half of equations (6a) and (6b), together with the reciprocity and closure relations, can be readily combined with equations (1) and (2) to yield

$$Q_i = \sum_{j=1}^N \overline{s_i s_j} (W_i - W_j) + \sum_{j=1}^M \overline{s_i g_j} (W_i - W_{g,j}) \quad (7a)$$

and

$$Q_{g,i} = \sum_{j=1}^N \overline{g_i s_j} (W_{g,i} - W_j) + \sum_{j=1}^M \overline{g_i g_j} (W_{g,i} - W_{g,j}) \quad (7b)$$

Based on equations (6a), (6b), (7a), and (7b), the analogy

## Nomenclature

$A_i$ = $i$ th surface area in an enclosure	$4H_{g,i}$ = incoming flux density into volume $V_{g,i}$	change factor between $A_i$ and $V_j$
$D$ = thickness of the parallel slab system	$K$ = extinction coefficient	$V_{g,i}$ = $i$ th gas volume in an enclosure
$E_i$ = blackbody emissive power of surface $A_i$	$L_{ab}$ = absorption mean beam length	$W_i$ = radiosity from surface $A_i$
$E_{g,i}$ = blackbody emissive power of volume $V_{g,i}$	$L_c$ = conventional mean beam length (defined for a pure absorption medium)	$4KW_{g,i}$ = outgoing flux density from volume $V_{g,i}$
$E_i(x)$ = exponential integral function	$L_{ex}$ = extinction mean beam length	$\alpha$ = angle defined in Fig. A1
$F(\beta)$ = function defined in equation (A9)	$q$ = heat flux	$\beta$ = angle defined in Fig. A1
$\overline{g_i g_j}$ = volume-volume direct exchange factor between $V_{g,i}$ and $V_{g,j}$	$Q_i$ = total heat transfer from surface $A_i$	$\epsilon_i$ = emissivity of surface $A_i$
$\overline{g_i s_j}$ = volume-gas direct exchange factor between $V_{g,i}$ and $A_j$	$Q_{g,i}$ = total heat transfer from volume $V_{g,i}$	$\theta$ = angle defined in Fig. A1
$H_i$ = irradiation into surface $A_i$	$R$ = radius	$\theta_1$ = angle defined by equation (A10a)
	$\overline{s_i s_j}$ = surface-surface direct exchange factor between $A_i$ and $A_j$	$\theta_2$ = angle defined by equation (A10a)
	$\overline{s_i g_j}$ = surface-gas direct ex-	$\phi$ = azimuthal angle used in equations (A6), (A7), and (A9)
		$\phi_m$ = angle defined by equation (A11)
		$\omega_0$ = scattering albedo

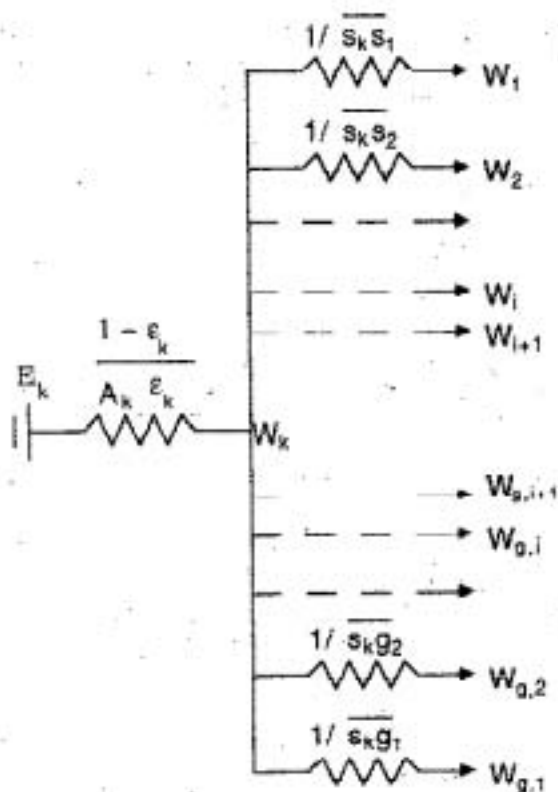


Fig. 1(a) Network representation for a surface element  $A_k$

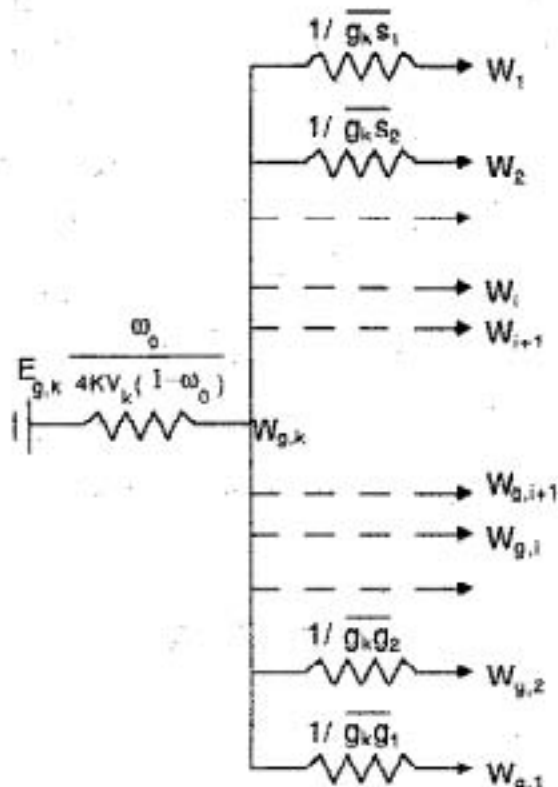


Fig. 1(b) Network representation for a volume element  $V_k$

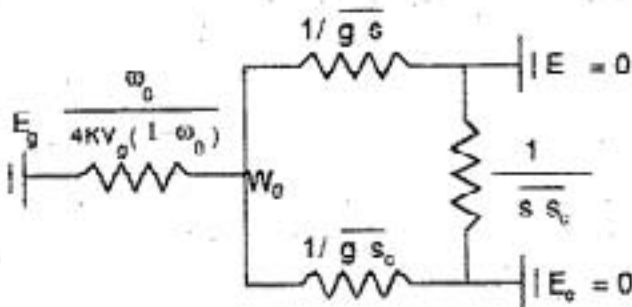


Fig. 2 Network representation for the mean beam length calculation

between electrical network and radiative heat transfer in an absorbing/scattering medium is quite apparent. Specifically

$E_i$  = internal potential of surface  $A_i$

$W_i$  = external potential of surface  $A_i$

$\frac{1 - \epsilon_i}{A_i \epsilon_i}$  = internal resistance at surface  $A_i$

$E_{v,i}$  = internal potential of volume  $V_i$

$W_{v,i}$  = external potential of volume  $V_i$

$\frac{\omega_0}{4KV_i(1 - \omega_0)}$  = internal resistance at volume  $V_i$

$1/\overline{s_i s_j}$  = resistance between surfaces  $A_i$  and  $A_j$

$1/\overline{s_i g_j}$  = resistance between surfaces  $A_i$  and  $V_j$

$1/\overline{g_i g_j}$  = resistance between surfaces  $V_i$  and  $V_j$

Schematic representations of the network analogy for a surface element  $A_i$  and a volume element  $V_i$  are shown in Figs. 1(a) and 1(b), respectively. Note that in contrast to Bevans and Dunkle (1960), the present network analogy does not require the restrictive assumption of an isothermal gas volume. It can be applied to any enclosure containing an absorbing/isotropically scattering medium.

### 3 Formulation of Mean Beam Lengths

In the formulation of mean beam lengths, the problem of interest is to determine the radiative heat flux incident on an area  $A$  from a homogeneous isothermal gas volume (with volume  $V_g$ , emissive power  $E_g$ , extinction coefficient  $K$ , and scattering albedo  $\omega_0$ ). The area  $A$ , in general, is a part of the total boundary of the enclosure. Let  $A_r$  be the remaining area of the enclosure and assuming that  $H_g$  and  $W_g$  are uniform in the gas volume, the network analogy is applicable with an equivalent network as shown in Fig. 2. The corresponding network equations can be readily solved to yield the following heat flux expression at surface  $A$ :

$$q = \frac{(E_g \overline{sg} / A)(1 - \omega_0)}{1 - \frac{\omega_0 \overline{gg}}{4KV_g}} \quad (8)$$

**3(a) Concept of Absorption Mean Length (AMBL).** The absorption mean beam length (AMBL),  $L_{ab}$ , is defined as the radius of a hemispherical volume of purely absorbing gas (with the same temperature and absorption coefficient as that of the actual mixture), which produces a flux to the center of its base equal to the actual heat flux. Mathematically,  $L_{ab}$  is given by the relation

$$1 - e^{-(1 - \omega_0)KL_{ab}} = \frac{(1 - e^{-KL_e})(1 - \omega_0)}{1 - \frac{\omega_0 \overline{gg}}{4KV_g}} \quad (9)$$

where the exchange factor  $\overline{sg}$  is written in term of the conventional mean beam length  $L_e$  as

$$\frac{\overline{sg}}{A} = 1 - e^{-KL_e} \quad (10)$$

The concept of AMBL is useful when it is necessary to estimate the effect of scattering particles on the emission of a second species (e.g., the evaluation of the strength of a gaseous absorption band in the presence of scattering particles in furnace calculation). Note that the mean beam length expression considered by Cartigny (1986) is the absorption mean beam length.



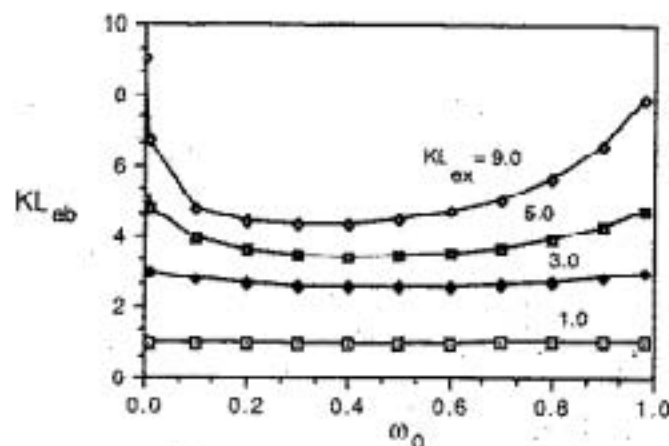


Fig. 3 Universal relation between  $KL_{ab}$ ,  $KL_{ex}$ , and  $\omega_0$

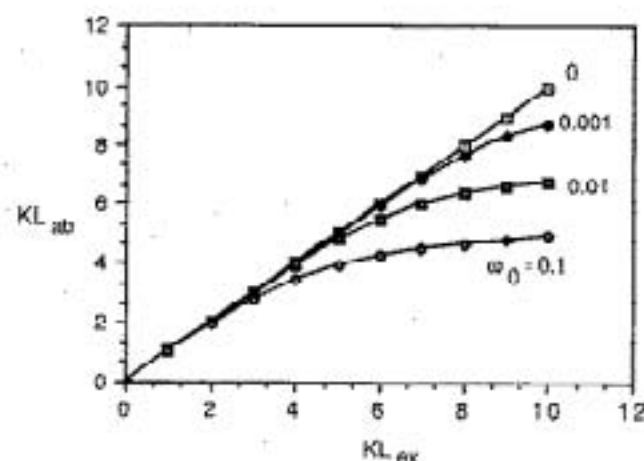


Fig. 4 Relation between  $KL_{ab}$  and  $KL_{ex}$  in the weak scattering limit

**3(b) Concept of Extinction Mean Beam Length (EMBL).** The extinction mean beam length (EMBL),  $L_{ex}$ , is defined as the radius of a hemispherical volume of scattering and absorbing gas (with the same temperature, extinction coefficient, and scattering albedo as that of the actual mixture), which produces a flux to the center of its base equal to the actual heat flux. This concept is important for the scaling of a mixture in which the effects of absorption and scattering are not readily separable (e.g., the assessment and comparison of optical thicknesses for two geometrically dissimilar sooty flames). Unlike  $L_e$  and  $L_{ab}$ , a closed-form expression for  $L_{ex}$  is not available for an arbitrary enclosure since the heat flux to the center of the base of an absorbing/scattering hemisphere cannot be expressed in closed form. A universal relation between  $L_{ab}$  and  $L_{ex}$ , however, can be readily generated based on the expression of  $L_{ab}$  for a hemispherical volume of gas radiating to the center of its base. Since  $L_{ex}$  for a hemisphere radiating to its base is simply its radius,  $L_{ex}$  and  $L_{ab}$  for an arbitrary enclosure are related by

$$1 - e^{-(1-\omega_0)KL_{ab}} = \frac{(1 - e^{-KL_{ex}})(1 - \omega_0)}{1 - \omega_0 \left( \frac{\overline{gg}}{4KV_g} \right)_{\text{hemisphere}}} \quad (11)$$

where  $(\overline{gg}/4KV_g)_{\text{hemisphere}}$  is the self-exchange factor per unit volume for a hemispherical volume of gas with optical radius  $KL_{ex}$ . Specifically, the evaluation of EMBL for an arbitrary enclosure requires first the evaluation of AMBL based on equation (9) and then the evaluation of EMBL based on equation (11).

The evaluation of  $(\overline{gg}/4KV_g)_{\text{hemisphere}}$ , which has not appeared in the literature, is presented in Appendix A. Numerical values for  $KL_{ab}$  for different values of  $KL_{ex}$  and  $\omega_0$

are presented in Fig. 3. It can be readily observed that, in general,  $L_{ab} \leq L_{ex}$ . In a hemispherical geometry, the primary effect of scattering is to reduce heat transfer. A larger absorbing/scattering hemisphere is required to generate the same heat flux to the center of its base as that of a purely absorbing hemisphere.

**3(e) Limiting Behavior of  $L_{ex}$  and  $L_{ab}$ .** In the optically thin limit ( $KL_{ex} \rightarrow 0$ ) and independent of  $\omega_0$ , equations (9) and (11) are reduced to

$$L_e = L_{ex} = L_{ab} \quad (12)$$

Based on numerical data presented in Fig. 3,  $L_{ex}$  and  $L_{ab}$  are essentially identical for  $KL_{ex} \leq 1.0$ .

Physically, the three mean beam lengths are also expected to be identical in the limit of no scattering ( $\omega_0 = 0$ ). Numerical data, however, show that the convergence of  $L_{ab}$  to  $L_{ex}$  is quite slow in the optically thick limit. In Fig. 4, the relation between  $L_{ab}$  and  $L_{ex}$  in the weak-scattering limit ( $\omega_0 \leq 0.1$ ) is presented. Note that even for a "small" scattering albedo (say,  $\omega_0 = 0.01$ ), the difference between  $L_{ex}$  and  $L_{ab}$  can be quite substantial in systems with moderate and large optical thicknesses. Equation (12), in the more restrictive optically thin weakly scattering limit ( $KL_{ab} \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\omega_0 \rightarrow 0$ ), is also deduced by Cartigny (1986).

In the strongly scattering limit ( $\omega_0 \rightarrow 1.0$ ), equation (9) can be simplified to yield

$$KL_{ab} = \frac{\overline{sg}/A}{1 - \frac{\overline{gg}}{4KV_g}} \quad (13)$$

and the relation between  $L_{ab}$  and  $L_{ex}$  becomes

$$KL_{ab} = \frac{(1 - e^{-KL_{ex}})}{1 - \omega_0 \left( \frac{\overline{gg}}{4KV_g} \right)_{\text{hemisphere}}} \quad (14)$$

Note that AMBL and EMBL are both nonzero even in the pure scattering limit ( $\omega_0 = 1.0$ ). Similar to the conventional MBL,  $L_e$ ,  $L_{ab}$ , and  $L_{ex}$  are fundamental geometric parameters of the enclosure.

If  $A$  is the total surface to the enclosure (i.e.,  $A_e = 0$  in Fig. 2), equation (13) can be further simplified (using the reciprocity and closure relations) to yield

$$L_{ab} = \frac{4V_g}{A} \quad (13a)$$

which is identical to the optically thin limiting expression for  $L_e$ . Physically, this result is not surprising because from the pure absorption consideration, a pure scattering medium is optically thin. It is important to emphasize that equation (13a) holds for all strongly scattering media independent of optical thickness.  $L_{ex}$ , in the pure scattering limit, must still be evaluated using equation (14).

## 4 Numerical Examples

To illustrate quantitatively the effect of scattering on AMBL and EMBL, numerical values are tabulated for two specific geometries, a sphere and an infinite parallel slab. These two cases are selected because many practical furnaces can be approximated by these geometries and closed-form expressions for the necessary exchange factors  $\overline{sg}/A$  and  $\overline{gg}/(4KV_g)$  are available from standard references (Hottel and Sarofim, 1967).

For an absorbing-scattering spherical medium radiating to its surface,  $L_{ab}$  is given by

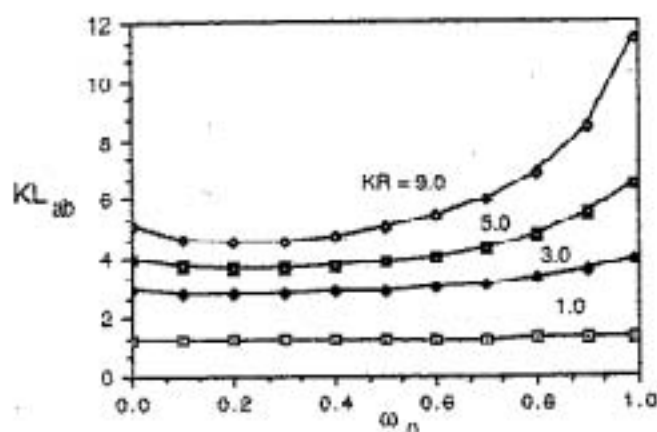


Fig. 5(a) Absorption mean beam length for a sphere radiating to its surface for different optical radii ( $KR$ ) and albedos ( $\omega_0$ )

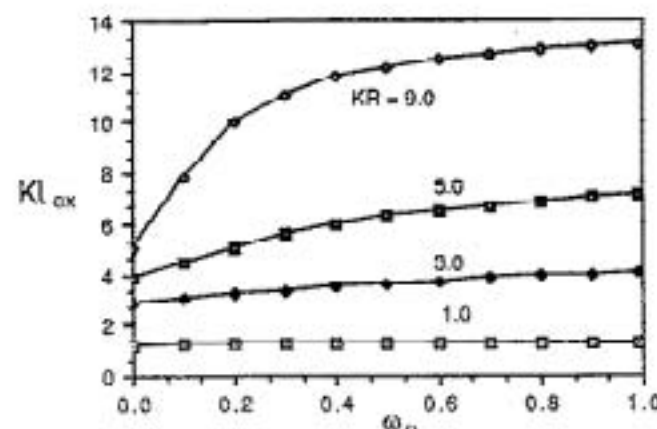


Fig. 5(b) Extinction mean beam length for a sphere radiating to its surface for different optical radii ( $KR$ ) and albedos ( $\omega_0$ )

$$1 - e^{-(1-\omega_0)KL_{ab}} = \frac{\frac{\overline{sg}}{A} (1-\omega_0)}{1 - \omega_0 \left( 1 - \frac{3}{4KR} \frac{\overline{sg}}{A} \right)} \quad (14)$$

where

$$\frac{\overline{sg}}{A} = 1 - \frac{1}{2(KR)^2} (1 - (2KR + 1)e^{-2KR}) \quad (15)$$

with  $R$  being the radius of the sphere. Numerical values of AMBL and EMBL for different  $KR$  and  $\omega_0$  are presented in Figs. 5(a) and 5(b). While  $L_{ex}$ , in general, increases monotonically with  $\omega_0$ ,  $L_{ab}$  first decreases and then increases with increasing  $\omega_0$ . Physically, the slight decrease in  $L_{ab}$  with  $\omega_0$  at small albedo can be attributed to the slight enhancement of heat transfer by scattering in an optically thick medium. As  $\omega_0$  increases, the effect of extinction by scattering becomes dominant and  $L_{ab}$  increases. A comparison between Figs. 5(a) and 5(b) also shows that, in general,  $L_{ex}$  is much greater than  $L_{ab}$ , particularly in the limit of large albedo.

For a parallel slab of absorbing-scattering medium radiating to one of its two bounding surfaces,  $L_{ab}$  is given by

$$1 - e^{-(1-\omega_0)KL_{ab}} = \frac{\frac{\overline{sg}}{A} (1-\omega_0)}{1 - \omega_0 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2KD} \frac{\overline{sg}}{A} \right)} \quad (16)$$

where

$$\frac{\overline{sg}}{A} = 1 - 2E_3(KD) \quad (17)$$

with  $D$  being the thickness of the slab and  $E_3(x)$  the exponen-

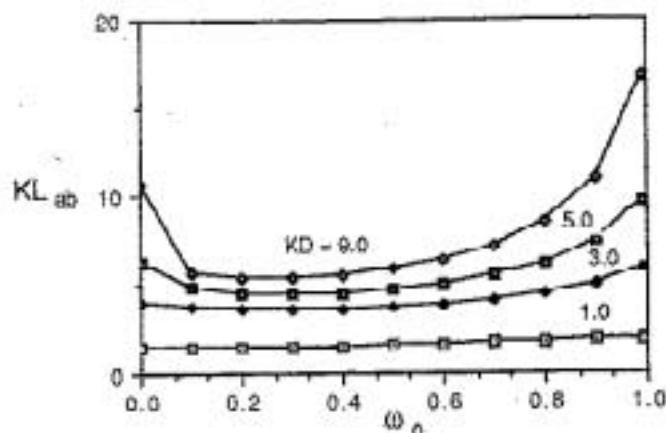


Fig. 6(a) Absorption mean beam length for an infinite parallel slab radiating to one of its surfaces for different optical slab thicknesses ( $KD$ ) and albedos ( $\omega_0$ )

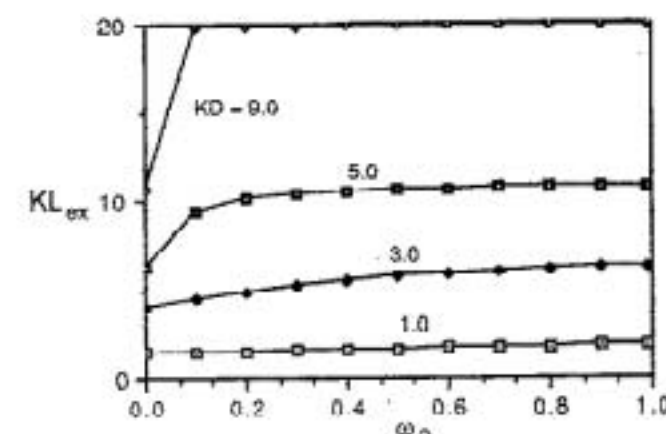


Fig. 6(b) Extinction mean beam length for an infinite parallel slab radiating to one of its surfaces for different optical slab thicknesses ( $KD$ ) and albedos ( $\omega_0$ )

tial integral function (Hottel and Sarofim, 1967). Numerical results of  $L_{ex}$  and  $L_{ab}$  for a slab are shown in Figs. 6(a) and 6(b). Their qualitative behavior is similar to that for the sphere presented in Figs. 5(a) and 5(b).

## 5 Conclusions

A network analogy is developed for the analysis of radiative transfer in an absorbing and isotropically scattering medium. Based on a network analysis for an isothermal medium and assuming that the incoming and outgoing flux density are homogeneous, the traditional concept of mean beam length is extended to include the effect of scattering. Two concepts of mean beam length (an absorption mean beam length, AMBL, and an extinction mean beam length, EMBL) are shown to be useful in characterizing the radiative transfer in a scattering medium. Based on an analysis of a hemispherical absorbing/scattering medium, a universal relation between AMBL and EMBL is developed. Numerical values for AMBL and EMBL for two enclosures are presented to show that the two mean beam lengths differ significantly from each other and also from the conventional mean beam length in systems with moderate or large optical thickness. The use of the conventional definition of mean beam length in general absorbing/scattering media can thus lead to significant error, except in the optically thin limit.

The general behavior of AMBL and EMBL is illustrated by numerical results generated by two specific systems, a spherical medium radiating to its surface and an infinite parallel slab radiating to one of its surfaces. For a fixed extinction coefficient and physical dimension, EMBL is shown to increase monotonically with scattering albedo while AMBL first decreases and then increases with scattering albedo.

Since an isothermal absorbing/scattering medium can, in general, have nonuniform incoming and outgoing flux density, expressions for AMBL and EMBL developed in the present work are approximate. Additional exact numerical calculations must also be carried out to develop a more precise relation between the two mean beam lengths and their mathematical behavior. Systems with different geometric shapes must be analyzed in order to generate quantitative relations, which are useful for practical applications. These efforts are currently under way and the results will be presented in future publications.

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## APPENDIX

The evaluation of  $gg/4KV_g$  for a hemispherical volume of gas is presented in this section. Let  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  be the hemispherical surface and the base surface, respectively; equations (4a) and (4b) can be readily utilized to yield

$$\frac{\bar{g}\bar{g}}{4KV_g} = 1 - \frac{\bar{g}s_1}{4KV_g} - \frac{\bar{g}s_2}{4KV_g} \quad (A1)$$

where the two surface-gas exchange factors can be written as

$$\frac{\bar{s}_1\bar{g}}{A_1} = 1 - \frac{\bar{s}_1s_1}{A_1} - \frac{\bar{s}_1s_2}{A_1} \quad (A2)$$

and

$$\frac{\bar{s}_2\bar{g}}{A_2} = 1 - \frac{\bar{s}_2s_1}{A_2} \quad (A3)$$

The evaluation of  $\bar{g}\bar{g}/4KV_g$  thus requires the evaluation of the two surface exchange factors  $\bar{s}_1s_1$  and  $\bar{s}_1s_2$ .

The relevant geometry and coordinate system utilized in the evaluation of  $\bar{s}_1s_2$  is shown in Fig. A1. For the differential areas  $dA_1$  and  $dA_2$  as shown, the differential exchange factor  $ds_1ds_2$  is given by

$$ds_1ds_2 = dA_1dA_2 \frac{\cos\theta \cos\alpha e^{-kd}}{\pi d^2} \quad (A4)$$

where  $d$  is the distance between  $dA_1$  and  $dA_2$  and  $\theta$  and  $\alpha$  are as defined in Fig. A1.

Mathematically, it can be readily shown that a direct

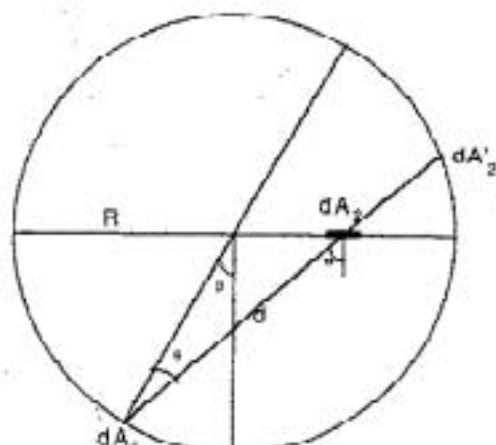


Fig. A1 Geometry and coordinate system for the evaluation of  $(gg/4KV_g)_{\text{hemisphere}}$

Table 1 Numerical values for the various exchange factors for a hemispherical gas volume

KR	$s_1s_1/A_1$	$s_1s_2/A_1$	$\bar{g}\bar{g}/4KV_g$
0.00	0.5000e+00	0.5000e+00	0.0000e+00
0.01	0.4944e+00	0.4962e+00	0.7716e-02
0.05	0.4727e+00	0.4813e+00	0.2858e-01
0.10	0.4471e+00	0.4633e+00	0.5266e-01
0.20	0.4006e+00	0.4301e+00	0.1029e+00
0.30	0.3597e+00	0.3999e+00	0.1490e+00
0.40	0.3241e+00	0.3724e+00	0.1917e+00
0.50	0.2920e+00	0.3474e+00	0.2301e+00
0.60	0.2641e+00	0.3245e+00	0.2665e+00
0.70	0.2392e+00	0.3037e+00	0.2998e+00
0.80	0.2171e+00	0.2845e+00	0.3308e+00
0.90	0.1976e+00	0.2670e+00	0.3597e+00
1.00	0.1802e+00	0.2510e+00	0.3867e+00
2.00	0.8044e-01	0.1458e+00	0.5770e+00
5.00	0.1740e-01	0.5283e-01	0.7935e+00
10.00	0.4681e-02	0.2382e-01	0.8914e+00

numerical integration based on a Cartesian coordinate is ineffective in the evaluation of  $s_1s_1$  and  $s_1s_2$  because the integrand becomes singular as  $d \rightarrow 0$ . To overcome this difficulty, equation (A4) is rewritten in terms of a differential solid angle  $d\omega_2$  as

$$ds_1ds_2 = dA_1d\omega_2 \frac{\cos\theta e^{-kd}}{\pi} \quad (A5)$$

where  $d\omega_2$  is given by

$$d\omega_2 = \frac{dA_2 \cos\alpha}{d^2} = \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \quad (A6)$$

with  $\phi$  being the azimuthal angle measured on the surface