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**Thermal insulation — Heat transfer by  
radiation — Vocabulary**

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The main changes are as follows:

- deleted the unit where two units existed ([4.5](#), [4.6](#), [4.8](#), [4.9](#), [4.10](#), [5.3](#), [5.6](#), [6.2](#), [6.4](#));
- added the mean of  $d$  and  $d_{\infty}$  ([7.15](#));

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## Introduction

This document is intended to be used in conjunction with other vocabularies related to thermal insulation. These include:

- ISO 7345
- ISO 9229
- ISO 9251
- ISO 9346

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# Thermal insulation — Heat transfer by radiation — Vocabulary

## 1 Scope

This document defines physical quantities and other terms in the field of thermal insulation relating to heat transfer by radiation.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions (General terms)

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

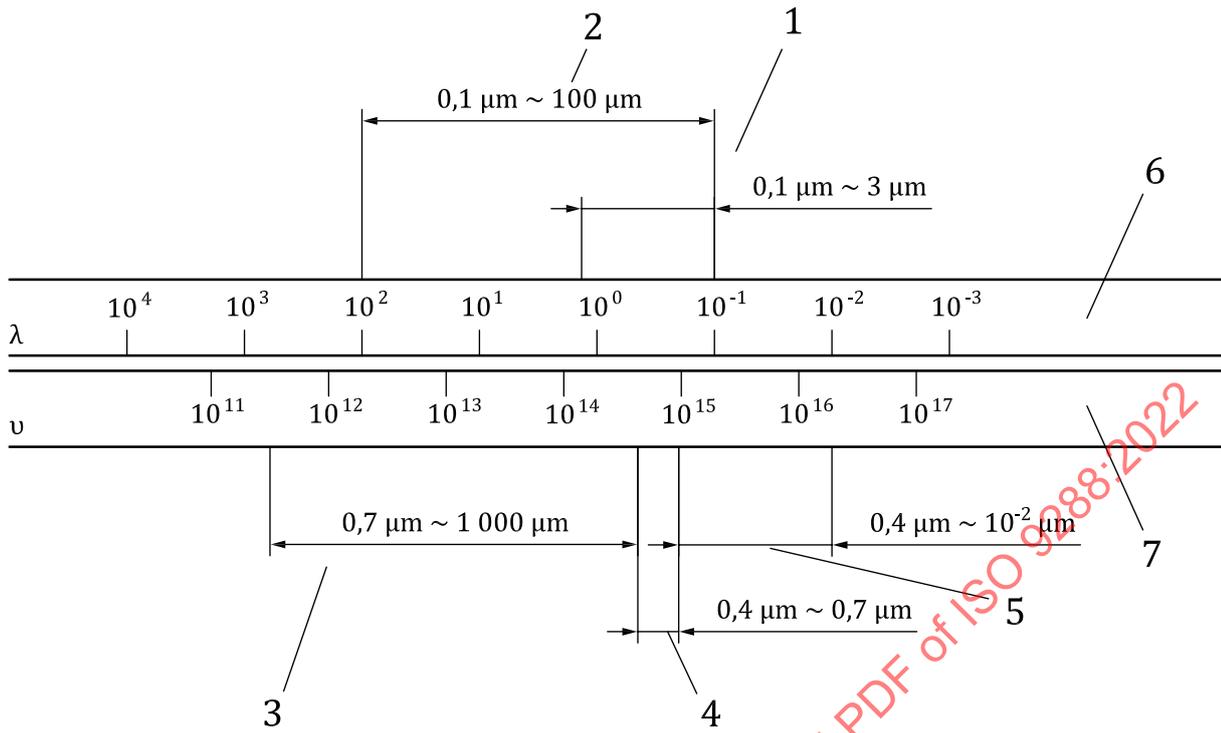
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### **thermal radiation**

electromagnetic radiation emitted at the surface of an opaque body or inside an element of a semi-transparent volume

Note 1 to entry: The thermal radiation is governed by the temperature of the emitting body and its radiative characteristics. It is interesting from a thermal viewpoint when the wavelength range falls between 0,1  $\mu\text{m}$  and 100  $\mu\text{m}$  (see [Figure 1](#)).



- Key**
- 1 solar radiation
  - 2 thermal radiation
  - 3 infrared
  - 4 visible
  - 5 ultraviolet
  - 6 wavelength  $\mu\text{m}$
  - 7 frequency  $\text{s}^{-1}$

**Figure 1 — Electromagnetic wave spectrum**

**3.2 heat transfer by radiation**  
 energy exchanged between bodies by means of electromagnetic waves

Note 1 to entry: These exchanges can occur when the bodies are separated from one another by vacuum or by a transparent or a semi-transparent medium. To evaluate these radiation heat exchanges it is necessary to know how opaque and semi-transparent bodies emit, absorb and transmit radiation as a function of their nature, relative position and temperature.

**3.3 total radiation**  
 entire spectrum of thermal radiation

**3.4 spectral radiation**  
**monochromatic radiation**  
 spectral interval centred on the wavelength  $\lambda$  of thermal radiation, according to spectral distribution

**3.5 hemispherical radiation**  
 all directions of thermal radiation along which a surface element can emit or receive radiation, according to spatial distribution (directional)

**3.6****directional radiation**

thermal radiation whose directions of propagation are defined by a solid angle around the defined direction, according to spatial distribution

**3.7****opaque medium**

medium, which does not transmit any fraction of the incident radiation

Note 1 to entry: The absorption, *emission* (5.1) and reflection of radiation can be handled as surface phenomena

**3.8****semi-transparent medium**

medium, in which the incident radiation is progressively attenuated inside the material by absorption or scattering, or both

Note 1 to entry: The absorption, scattering and *emission* (5.1) of radiation are bulk (volume) phenomena.

Note 2 to entry: The radiative properties of an opaque or semi-transparent medium are generally a function of the spectral and directional distribution of incident radiation and of the temperature of the medium.

Note 3 to entry: Thermal insulating materials are generally semi-transparent media.

## 4 Terms related to surfaces either receiving, transferring or emitting a thermal radiation

**4.1****radiant heat flow rate****radiant flux**
 $\Phi$ 

heat flow rate emitted, transferred or received by a system in form of electromagnetic waves

Note 1 to entry: This is a total hemispherical quantity. See [Table 1](#).

Note 2 to entry: Expressed in W.

**4.2****total intensity**
 $I_{\Omega}$ 

radiant heat flow rate (4.1) divided by the solid angle around the direction  $\vec{\Delta}$ :

$$I_{\Omega} = \frac{d\Phi}{d\Omega}$$

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in W/sr.

**4.3****total radiance**
 $L_{\Omega}$ 

radiant heat flow rate (4.1) divided by the solid angle around the direction  $\vec{\Delta}$  and the projected area normal to this direction:

$$L_{\Omega} = \frac{d^2\Phi}{d\Omega d(A\cos\theta)}$$

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in  $W/(m^2 \cdot sr)$ .

**4.4  
spectral radiant heat flow rate**

$\Phi_\lambda$   
radiant heat flow rate (4.1) divided by the spectral interval centred on the wavelength  $\lambda$  :

$$\phi_\lambda = \frac{d\phi}{d\lambda}$$

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in W/m.

**4.5  
spectral intensity**

$I_{\Omega\lambda}$   
total intensity (4.2) divided by the spectral interval centred on the wavelength  $\lambda$  :

$$I_{\Omega\lambda} = \frac{dI_\Omega}{d\lambda}$$

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in W / (sr · m).

**4.6  
spectral radiance**

$L_{\Omega\lambda}$   
total radiance (4.3) divided by the spectral interval centred on the wavelength  $\lambda$  :

$$L_{\Omega\lambda} = \frac{dL_\Omega}{d\lambda}$$

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in W / (m<sup>3</sup> · sr).

Note 2 to entry: Each spectral term  $A_\lambda$  is related to the corresponding total term  $A$  by a relation of the type

$$A_\lambda = \frac{dA}{d\lambda} \text{ or } A = \int_0^\infty A_\lambda d\lambda$$

Note 3 to entry: Each directional term  $A_\Omega$  is related to the corresponding hemispherical term  $A$  by a relation of the type

$$A_\Omega = \frac{dA}{d\Omega} \text{ or } A = \int_{\Omega=4\pi} A_\Omega d\Omega$$

and

$$A_{\Omega\lambda} = \frac{d^2 A}{d\Omega d\lambda} \text{ or } A = \int_{\Omega=4\pi} \int_0^\infty A_{\Omega\lambda} d\lambda d\Omega$$

Note 4 to entry: Total radiance and spectral radiance are oriented quantities (vectors) defined in each point of space where radiation exists (see Figure 3), moreover their values are independent of the particular surface used to define them. Sources which radiate with constant  $L_\Omega$  (see 4.3) are called isotropic or diffuse.

Note 5 to entry: Intensities are oriented quantities too, but belong to a surface (see Figure 2).

Note 6 to entry: Radiant flows (total or spectral) are not oriented quantities and belong to a surface.

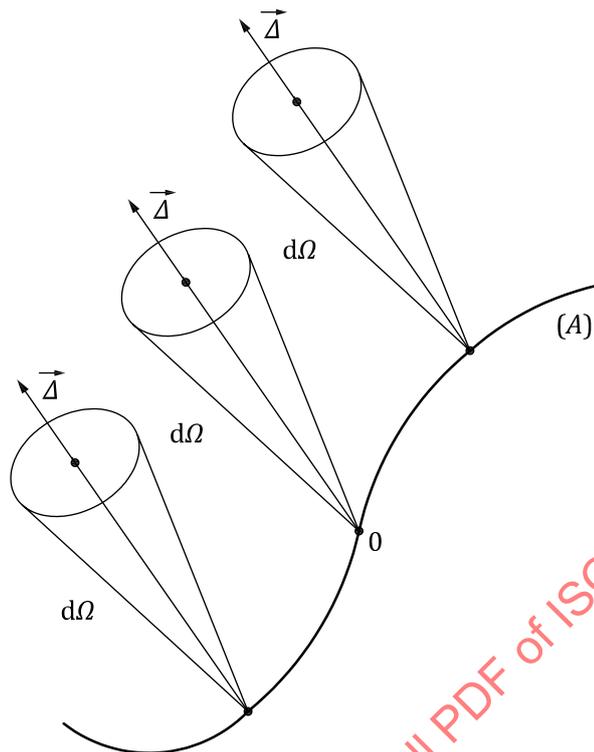


Figure 2 — Definition of the intensity

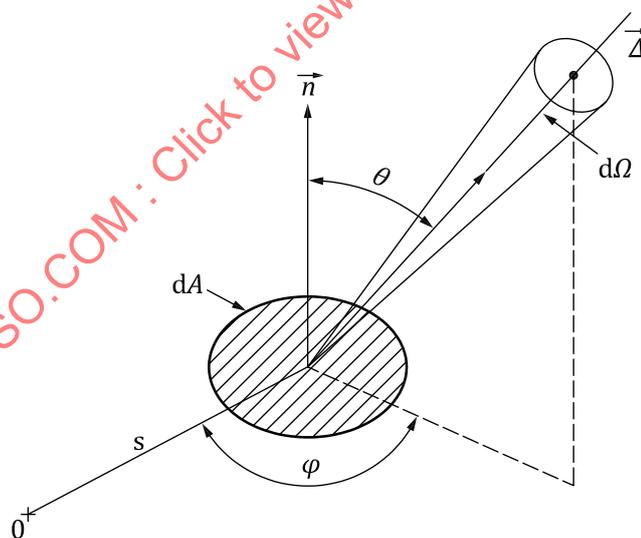


Figure 3 — Definition of the radiance

**4.7**  
**spectral radiant density of heat flow rate vector**

$$q_{r,\lambda}$$

$$\overline{q_{r,\lambda}} = \int_{\Omega=4\pi} L_{\Omega\lambda} \bar{\Delta} d\Omega$$

where

$L_{\Omega\lambda}$  is the *spectral radiance* (4.6);

$\bar{\Delta}$  is the solid angle around the direction.

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in  $W/m^3$ .

**4.8**  
**total radiant density of heat flow rate vector**

$\overline{q_r}$

$$\overline{q_r} = \int_0^\infty \int_{\Omega=4\pi} L_{\Omega\lambda} \bar{\Delta} d\Omega d\lambda$$

where

$L_{\Omega\lambda}$  is the *spectral radiance* (4.6);

$\bar{\Delta}$  is the solid angle around the direction;

$\lambda$  is the wavelength.

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in  $W/m^3$ .

**4.9**  
**spectral radiant density of heat flow rate**

$q_{r,\lambda n}$

$$q_{r,\lambda n} = \vec{n} \cdot \overline{q_{r,\lambda}} = \int_{\Omega=4\pi} L_{\Omega\lambda} \bar{\Delta} \cdot \vec{n} d\Omega$$

where

$L_{\Omega\lambda}$  is the *spectral radiance* (4.6);

$\bar{\Delta}$  is the solid angle around the direction;

$\vec{n}$  is the heat flow rate in the direction.

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in  $W/m^3$ .

Note 2 to entry: Heat flow rate in the direction  $\vec{n}$ .

**4.10**  
**forward component of the spectral radiant density of heat flow rate**

$q_{r,\lambda n}^+$

$$q_{r,\lambda n}^+ = \vec{n} \cdot \overline{q_{r,\lambda}^+} = \int_{\Omega=2\pi} L_{\Omega\lambda} \bar{\Delta} \cdot \vec{n} d\Omega$$

where

$L_{\Omega\lambda}$  is the *spectral radiance* (4.6);

$\bar{\Delta}$  is the solid angle around the direction;

$\vec{n}$  is the heat flow rate in the direction.

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in  $W/m^3$ .

#### 4.11 backward component of the spectral radiant density of heat flow rate

 $q_{r,\lambda n}^-$ 

$$q_{r,\lambda n}^- = \vec{n} \cdot \overline{q_{r,\lambda}^-} = - \int_{\Omega=2\pi} L_{\Omega\lambda} \bar{\Delta} \cdot \vec{n} d\Omega$$

where

$L_{\Omega\lambda}$  is the *spectral radiance* (4.6);

$\bar{\Delta}$  is the solid angle around the direction;

$\vec{n}$  is the heat flow rate in the direction.

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in  $W / (m^3)$ .

Note 2 to entry:  $q_{r,\lambda n}$  is expressed by the following:

$$q_{r,\lambda n} = q_{r,\lambda n}^+ - q_{r,\lambda n}^-$$

in combined unidirectional conduction and radiation heat transfer along a direction  $\vec{n}$ , gives

$$\overline{q_n} = \overline{q_{cd,n}} + \overline{q_{r,n}}$$

where

$\overline{q_n}$  is the density of heat flow rate as defined in ISO 7345;

$\overline{q_{cd,n}}$  is the density of heat flow rate by conduction;

$\overline{q_{r,n}}$  is the *total radiant density of heat flow rate vector* (4.8);

$\overline{q_n}$  can be determined experimentally with the guarded hot plate or heat flow meter method.

## 5 Terms related to surfaces emitting a thermal radiation

### 5.1 emission

process in which heat is transformed into electromagnetic waves

Note 1 to entry: Heat is from molecular agitation in, e.g. gases or atomic agitation in solids.

### 5.2 total exitance

$M$

*radiant heat flow rate* (4.1) emitted by a surface divided by the area of the emitting surface:

$$M = \frac{d\phi}{dA} = q_r^+ \text{ or } q_r^-$$

Note 1 to entry:  $M$  is the areal density of the heat flow rate in each point of an emitting surface. It is a total hemispherical quantity. See [Table 1](#).

Note 2 to entry: Expressed in  $W / m^2$ .

**5.3  
spectral exitance**

$M_\lambda$

total exitance (5.2) divided by the spectral interval, centred on the wavelength  $\lambda$ :

$$M_\lambda = \frac{dM}{d\lambda} = q_{r,\lambda}^+ \text{ or } q_{r,\lambda}^-$$

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in  $W/m^3$ .

**5.4  
black body  
full radiator  
Planck radiator**

BB

object that absorbs all the incident radiation for all wavelengths, directions and polarizations

Note 1 to entry: At a given temperature, for each wavelength it emits the maximum thermal energy [maximum spectral exitance (5.3)]. For this reason and because rigorous laws define its emission (5.1), the emission of real bodies (5.7) is compared with that of the black body.

Note 2 to entry: Terms related to black body bear a superscript notation (°).

**5.5  
black body total exitance**

$M^o$

quantity defined by the formula:

$$M^o = \sigma T^4$$

where

$\sigma$  is equal to  $5,67 \times 10^{-8} W/(m^2 \cdot K^4)$ ;

$T$  is the absolute temperature of the black body (5.4).

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in  $W/m^2$ .

Note 2 to entry: Expressed by the Stefan-Boltzmann law.

Note 3 to entry: Terms related to black body bear a superscript notation (°).

**5.6  
black body spectral exitance**

$M_\lambda^o$

quantity defined by the formula:

$$M_\lambda^o = \frac{C_1 \lambda^{-5}}{\exp(C_2 / \lambda \cdot T) - 1}$$

where

$C_1 = 2\pi hc_0^2 = 3,741 \times 10^{16} W/m^2$  ;

$C_2 = hc_0 / k = 0,014 388 m \cdot K$  ;

$h$  Planck constant;

$k$  Boltzmann constant;

$c_0$  is the speed of electromagnetic waves in vacuum.

Note 1 to entry: A curve  $M_\lambda^o = f(\lambda)$  with a maximum at  $\lambda_m$  can be drawn for each temperature.  $\lambda_m$  is a function of temperature, but the product  $\lambda_m \cdot T$  is constant (Wien's "displacement law"):

$$\lambda_m \cdot T = 2,898 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} \cdot \text{K}$$

Note 2 to entry:  $M^o$  and  $M_\lambda^o$  are hemispherical terms.

Note 3 to entry: The *emission* (5.1) of a black body is isotropic or diffuse, i.e.  $L^o$  and  $L_\lambda^o$  are independent of the direction (Lambert's law).

Note 4 to entry: The total and the *spectral radiance* (4.6) of the black body are expressed by:

$$L^o = \frac{M^o}{\pi}$$

$$L_\lambda^o = \frac{M_\lambda^o}{\pi}$$

Note 5 to entry: Expressed in  $\text{W} / \text{m}^3$ .

Note 6 to entry: Expressed by Planck's law which relates  $M_\lambda^o$  to the wavelength  $\lambda$  and to the absolute temperature of the *black body* (5.4).

Note 7 to entry: Terms related to black body bear a superscript notation ( $^o$ ).

## 5.7

### emission of real bodies

*emission* (5.1) properties of real materials compared with that of the *black body* (5.4) placed in the same conditions of temperature

Note 1 to entry: In general, these properties depend on the nature and surface aspect of the body and vary with wavelength, direction of emission and surface temperature.

## 5.8

### total directional emissivity

$\varepsilon_\Omega$

*total radiance*,  $L_\Omega$  (4.3) emitted by the considered surface, divided by total radiance emitted by the *black body*,  $L_\Omega^o$  (5.4) at the same temperature:

$$\varepsilon_\Omega = \frac{L_\Omega}{L_\Omega^o}$$

## 5.9

### spectral directional emissivity

$\varepsilon_{\Omega\lambda}$

*spectral radiance*,  $L_{\Omega\lambda}$  (4.6) of the considered surface divided by the spectral radiance emitted by the *black body*,  $L_{\Omega\lambda}^o$  (5.4) at the same temperature:

$$\varepsilon_{\Omega\lambda} = \frac{L_{\Omega\lambda}}{L_{\Omega\lambda}^o}$$

5.10

**total hemispherical emissivity**

$\varepsilon$

total hemispherical exitance,  $M$ , of the considered surface divided by the total hemispherical exitance of the *black body*,  $M^o$  (5.4) at the same temperature:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{M}{M^o}$$

5.11

**spectral hemispherical emissivity**

$\varepsilon_\lambda$

spectral exitance,  $M_\lambda$ , (5.3) of the considered surface divided by the spectral exitance of the *black body*,  $M_\lambda^o$  (5.6) at the same temperature:

$$\varepsilon_\lambda = \frac{M_\lambda}{M_\lambda^o}$$

5.12

**grey body**

thermal radiator whose hemispherical or directional spectral emissivity is independent of wavelength

$$\varepsilon_\lambda = \varepsilon, \varepsilon_{\Omega\lambda} = \varepsilon_\Omega$$

5.13

**isotropically emitting body**

thermal radiator whose total or spectral emissivity is independent of the direction:

$$\varepsilon_\Omega = \varepsilon, \varepsilon_{\Omega\lambda} = \varepsilon_\lambda$$

5.14

**isotropically emitting grey body**

thermal radiator whose emissivity is independent of both wavelength and direction:

$$\varepsilon_\lambda = \varepsilon_{\Omega\lambda} = \varepsilon_\Omega = \varepsilon$$

Note 1 to entry: These emissivities can vary with temperature:  $\varepsilon(T)$ .

Note 2 to entry: The hypothesis of grey surfaces and isotropic emission (5.1), with an emissivity independent of wavelength and direction is generally accepted in computations. In this case, the different emissivities of a surface reduce to a single parameter,  $\varepsilon$ .

**6 Terms related to opaque or semi-transparent surfaces receiving a thermal radiation**

6.1

**total irradiance**

$E$

radiant heat flow rate (4.1) received by a surface divided by the area of this surface:

$$E = \frac{d\phi}{dA} = q_r^+ \text{ or } q_r^-$$

Note 1 to entry:  $E$  is the areal density of the radiant heat flow rate in each point of a receiving surface. It is a total hemispherical quantity. See Table 1.

Note 2 to entry: Expressed in  $W / m^2$ .

Note 3 to entry: When radiant energy of a wavelength  $\lambda$  strikes a material surface along a direction  $\bar{\Delta}$  inside the solid angle  $\Omega$

- a part  $\rho_{\Omega\lambda}$  of the total incident radiation is reflected;
- a part  $\alpha_{\Omega\lambda}$  is absorbed inside the material; and
- a part  $\tau_{\Omega\lambda}$  may be transmitted.

The three terms  $\alpha_{\Omega\lambda}$ ,  $\rho_{\Omega\lambda}$ ,  $\tau_{\Omega\lambda}$  follow the relationship

$$\alpha_{\Omega\lambda} + \rho_{\Omega\lambda} + \tau_{\Omega\lambda} = 1$$

Similar relations can be written for spectral, directional and total hemispherical terms. Spectral and total terms imply isotropic and incident radiation.

$\alpha = 1$  for the black body;

$\tau = 0$  for opaque bodies;

$\alpha = \alpha_{\lambda}$ ;  $\rho = \rho_{\lambda}$ ;  $\tau = \tau_{\lambda}$  for grey bodies;

$\alpha = \alpha_{\Omega\lambda}$ ;  $\rho = \rho_{\Omega\lambda}$ ;  $\tau = \tau_{\Omega\lambda}$  for isotropic or diffuse grey bodies.

Note 4 to entry: For a radiation of given direction and wavelength, all cases apply expression of the Kirchhoff law:

$$\alpha_{\Omega\lambda}(T) = \varepsilon_{\Omega\lambda}(T)$$

expression of the Kirchhoff law: for each wavelength and each direction of propagation of the radiation emitted or received by a surface, at a given temperature, the *spectral directional emissivity* (5.9) and absorptivity are equal.

The Kirchhoff law holds also for monochromatic hemispherical terms:

$$\varepsilon_{\lambda}(T) = \alpha_{\lambda}(T)$$

but generally, this relation cannot be extended to the total radiation emitted and absorbed by a body. Thus, it is not possible to write  $\varepsilon = \alpha$ , except for grey and black bodies and/or in the case where the spectral distribution of the incident radiation is identical to the one of the *black body* (5.4) at the same temperature as the considered surface.

## 6.2 spectral irradiance

$E_{\lambda}$

irradiance divided by spectral interval centred on the wavelength  $\lambda$ :

$$E_{\lambda} = \frac{dE}{d\lambda} = q_{r,\lambda}^+ \text{ or } q_{r,\lambda}^-$$

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in  $W / m^3$ .

## 6.3 total radiosity

$J$

radiant heat flow rate (4.1) emitted and reflected by an opaque surface divided by the area of the surface:

$$J = \frac{d\phi}{dA} = q_r^+ \text{ or } q_r^-$$

Note 1 to entry:  $J$  is the areal density of radiant heat flow rate in each point of an opaque surface as a result of the *emission* (5.1) and the reflection of the surface.

Note 2 to entry: Expressed in  $W/m^2$ .

**6.4  
spectral radiosity**

$J_\lambda$   
total radiosity (6.3) divided by the spectral interval centred on the wavelength  $\lambda$ :

$$J_\lambda = \frac{dJ}{d\lambda}$$

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in  $W/m^3$ .

**6.5  
total absorptance**

$\alpha$   
radiant heat flow rate (4.1) absorbed by a surface,  $\phi_a$ , divided by the incident radiant heat flow rate  $\Phi_i$ :

$$\alpha = \frac{\phi_a}{\Phi_i}$$

**6.6  
total reflectance**

$\rho$   
radiant heat flow rate (4.1) reflected by a surface,  $\Phi_r$ , divided by the incident radiant heat flow rate  $\Phi_i$ :

$$\rho = \frac{\Phi_r}{\Phi_i}$$

**6.7  
total reflectance**

$\tau$   
radiant heat flow rate (4.1) transmitted by a surface,  $\phi_t$ , divided by the incident radiant heat flow rate,  $\Phi_i$ :

$$\tau = \frac{\phi_t}{\Phi_i}$$

**6.8  
spectral absorptance**

$\alpha_\lambda$   
spectral radiant heat flow rate (4.4) absorbed by a surface  $\phi_{\lambda a}$ , divided by the incident spectral radiant heat flow rate, assuming that the incident radiation is isotropic:

$$\alpha_\lambda = \frac{\phi_{\lambda a}}{\phi_{\lambda i}}$$

**6.9****spectral reflectance** $\langle \rho_{\lambda} \rangle$ 

spectral radiant heat flow rate (4.4) reflected by a surface  $\phi_{\lambda r}$ , divided by the incident spectral radiant heat flow rate, assuming that the incident radiation is isotropic:

$$\rho_{\lambda} = \frac{\phi_{\lambda r}}{\phi_{\lambda i}}$$

**6.10****spectral transmittance** $\langle \tau_{\lambda} \rangle$ 

spectral radiant heat flow rate (4.4) transmitted by a surface  $\phi_{\lambda t}$ , divided by the incident spectral radiant heat flow rate, assuming that the incident radiation is isotropic:

$$\tau_{\lambda} = \frac{\phi_{\lambda t}}{\phi_{\lambda i}}$$

**6.11****spectral directional absorptance** $\alpha_{\Omega\lambda}$ 

spectral radiance (4.6) absorbed by a surface,  $L_{\Omega\lambda a}$ , divided by the spectral directional incident radiance,  $L_{\Omega\lambda i}$ :

$$\alpha_{\Omega\lambda} = \frac{L_{\Omega\lambda a}}{L_{\Omega\lambda i}}$$

**6.12****spectral directional reflectance** $\rho_{\Omega\lambda}$ 

spectral radiance (4.6) reflected by a surface in the direction  $\Omega'$ ,  $L_{\Omega'\lambda r}$ , divided by the spectral directional incident radiance,  $L_{\Omega\lambda i}$ :

$$\rho_{\Omega\lambda} = \frac{L_{\Omega'\lambda r}}{L_{\Omega\lambda i}}$$

Note 1 to entry: The reflection can be either diffuse or specular.

**6.13****spectral directional transmittance** $\tau_{\Omega\lambda}$ 

spectral radiance (4.6) transmitted by a surface in the direction  $\Omega'$ ,  $L_{\Omega'\lambda t}$ , divided by the spectral incident radiance,  $L_{\Omega\lambda i}$ :

$$\tau_{\Omega\lambda} = \frac{L_{\Omega'\lambda t}}{L_{\Omega\lambda i}}$$

Note 1 to entry: The transmission can be either unidirectional or diffuse.

## 7 Terms related to a semi-transparent medium receiving a thermal radiation — Combined conduction and radiation heat transfer

### 7.1 spectral directional extinction coefficient

$\beta_{\Omega\lambda}$   
*spectral radiance* (4.6) linear attenuation due to absorption along the direction  $\vec{\Delta}$  and scattering along any other direction, divided by the incident spectral radiance:

$$\beta_{\Omega\lambda} = \frac{dL_{\Omega\lambda}^E}{ds} \times \frac{1}{L_{\Omega\lambda}}$$

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in  $\text{m}^{-1}$ .

### 7.2 spectral directional absorption coefficient

$x_{\Omega\lambda}$   
*spectral radiance* (4.6) linear attenuation due to absorption along the direction  $\vec{\Delta}$ , divided by the incident spectral radiance:

$$x_{\Omega\lambda} = \frac{dL_{\Omega\lambda}^A}{ds} \times \frac{1}{L_{\Omega\lambda}}$$

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in  $\text{m}^{-1}$ .

### 7.3 spectral directional scattering coefficient

$\sigma_{\Omega\lambda}$   
*spectral radiance* (4.6) linear attenuation along the direction  $\vec{\Delta}$ , due to scattering along any other direction, divided by the incident spectral radiance:

$$\sigma_{\Omega\lambda} = \frac{dL_{\Omega\lambda}^S}{ds} \times \frac{1}{L_{\Omega\lambda}}$$

Note 1 to entry: The terms  $\beta_{\Omega\lambda}$ ,  $x_{\Omega\lambda}$  and  $\sigma_{\Omega\lambda}$  follow the relationship

$$\beta_{\Omega\lambda} = x_{\Omega\lambda} + \sigma_{\Omega\lambda}$$

Note 2 to entry: Expressed in  $\text{m}^{-1}$ .

### 7.4 mass spectral directional extinction coefficient

$\beta'_{\Omega\lambda}$   
*spectral directional extinction coefficient* (7.1) divided by the density of the semi-transparent medium:

$$\beta'_{\Omega\lambda} = \frac{\beta_{\Omega\lambda}}{\rho}$$

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in  $\text{m}^2 / \text{kg}$ .

## 7.5

**mass spectral directional absorption coefficient** $x'_{\Omega\lambda}$ 

spectral directional absorption coefficient (7.2) divided by the density of the semi-transparent medium:

$$x'_{\Omega\lambda} = \frac{x_{\Omega\lambda}}{\rho}$$

Note 1 to entry: Expressed in  $\text{m}^2 / \text{kg}$ .

## 7.6

**mass spectral directional scattering coefficient** $\sigma'_{\Omega\lambda}$ 

spectral directional scattering coefficient (7.3) divided by the density of the semi-transparent medium:

$$\sigma'_{\Omega\lambda} = \frac{\sigma_{\Omega\lambda}}{\rho}$$

Note 1 to entry: If the semi-transparent medium is an isotropic material it gives

$$\beta_{\Omega\lambda} = \beta_{\lambda}, x_{\Omega\lambda} = x_{\lambda}, \sigma_{\Omega\lambda} = \sigma_{\lambda}$$

If it is an isotropic and grey material it gives

$$\beta_{\Omega\lambda} = \beta, x_{\Omega\lambda} = x, \sigma_{\Omega\lambda} = \sigma$$

Note 2 to entry: Expressed in  $\text{m}^2 / \text{kg}$ .

## 7.7

**spectral directional optical thickness** $\tau_{\Omega\lambda}$ 

value defined by

$$\tau_{\Omega\lambda}(d) = \int_0^d \beta_{\Omega\lambda}(s) ds$$

Note 1 to entry: A layer of thickness  $d$ , is a measure of the ability of a given path length of semi-transparent material to attenuate thermal radiation of wavelength  $\lambda$  and for homogeneous isotropic and isothermal layers  $\beta_{\Omega\lambda}(d) = \text{constant}$ , and  $\tau_{\lambda} = \beta_{\lambda} \cdot d$ .

## 7.8

**phase function** $P_{\lambda}$ 

mathematical function describing the space distribution of the scattered radiation:

$$\frac{P_{\lambda}(\vec{\Delta}' \rightarrow \vec{\Delta}) d\Omega}{4\pi}$$

Note 1 to entry: It represents the probability for an incident radiation inside the solid angle  $d\Omega'$  around the direction  $\vec{\Delta}'$  to be scattered in the unit solid angle around direction  $\vec{\Delta}$ .

Note 2 to entry: It characterizes an anisotropic scattering material if the scattered radiation is isotropic  $P_{\lambda}(\vec{\Delta}' \rightarrow \vec{\Delta}) = 1$ .

**7.9  
spectral directional albedo**

$\omega_{\Omega\lambda}$   
spectral directional scattering coefficient (7.3) divided by the spectral directional extinction coefficient (7.1):

$$\omega_{\Omega\lambda} = \frac{\sigma_{\Omega\lambda}}{\beta_{\Omega\lambda}}$$

Note 1 to entry: For isotropic media,  $\omega_{\Omega\lambda}$  is independent of the direction and the spectral term  $\omega_{\lambda}$  may replace it. For absorbing, non-scattering media ( $\sigma_{\lambda} = 0$ ),  $\omega_{\lambda} = 0$ , and for non-absorbing scattering media ( $x_{\lambda} = 0$ ),  $\omega_{\lambda} = 1$ .

**7.10  
semi-transparent plane layer**

semi-transparent layer of thickness  $d$ , limited by two infinite, plane and parallel boundaries of given thermal and optical characteristics

**7.11  
equation of radiative transfer**

mathematical relation describing the variation along a path of the spectral radiance (4.6) in an absorbing, emitting and scattering medium

Note 1 to entry: The solution of this equation depends on the radiative properties of the medium, e.g. spectral extinction coefficient, spectral albedo and spectral phase function (7.8), and on the thermal and optical boundary conditions.

**7.12  
Rosseland diffusion approximation**

approximation of the equation of radiative transfer (7.11) considering the medium optically thick and without taking into consideration the boundary conditions

**7.13  
Schuster-Schwartzschild two-flux approximation**

approximation of the equation of radiative transfer (7.11) for one dimensional planar geometry based on the assumption that the spectral radiances (4.6) with positive components of direction can be integrated in a single term,  $q_{r\lambda}^+$ , while spectral radiances with negative components can be integrated in a single term,  $q_{r\lambda}^-$

Note 1 to entry: One dimensional planar geometry is a semi-transparent plane layer (7.10).

**7.14  
radiative thermal conductivity**

$\lambda_r$   
quantity defined by the following relation:

$$\overline{q_r} = -\lambda_r \text{grad } T$$

rewritten in the following way for a plane layer:

$$q_r = -\lambda_r \frac{\partial T}{\partial n}$$

where  $n$  is the normal to the layer

Note 1 to entry: These relations are the consequence of Rosseland approximation (7.12) and their advantage is that they provide simple relations to express the total radiative density of heat flow rate, similar to Fourier's law for pure conductive heat transfer.

Note 2 to entry: Expressed in  $W/(m \cdot K)$ .

### 7.15

#### transfer factor

*g*

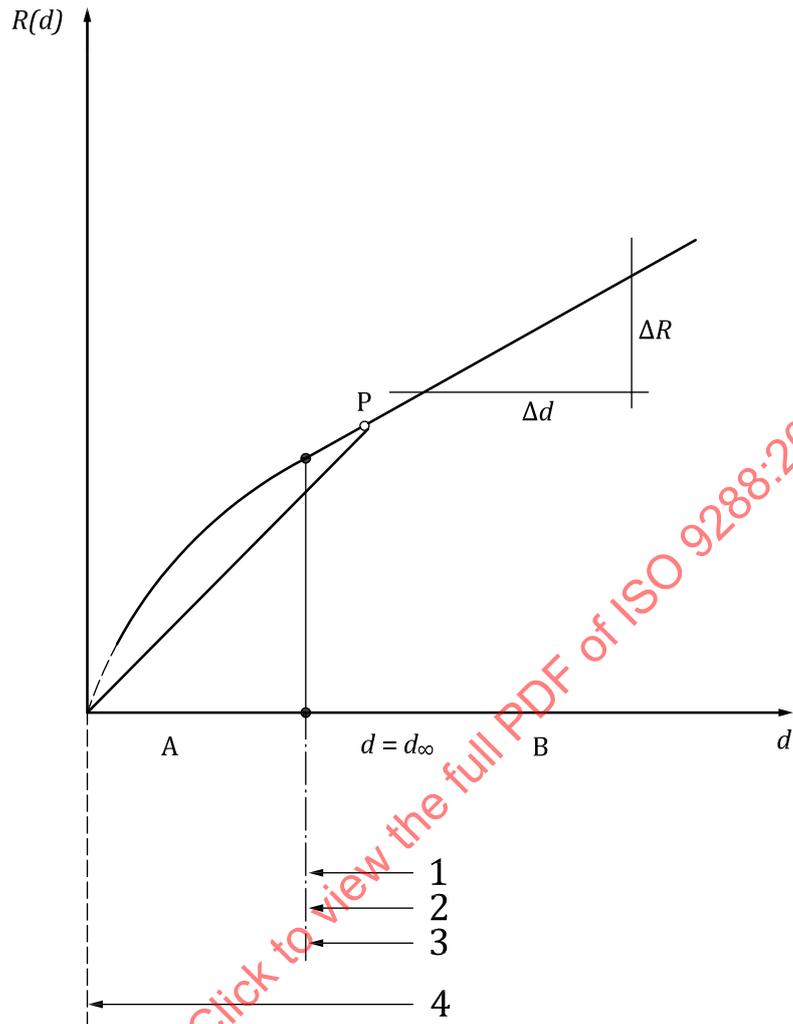
material property of a semi-transparent insulating product in relation with the combined conduction and radiation heat transfer, which depends on experimental conditions, expressed by:

$$g = \frac{qd}{\Delta T} = \frac{d}{R}$$

Note 1 to entry: It can be derived from the measurement of  $q$ ,  $d$  and  $\Delta T$  in a guarded hot plate; it is a material property only when  $d \gg d_{\infty}$  (see [Figure 4](#)), where  $d$  is thickness and  $d_{\infty}$  is the thickness when  $d/\Delta R$  become constant.

Note 2 to entry: Expressed in  $W/(m \cdot K)$ .

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**Key**

- 1 radiativity,  $\lambda_r$
- 2 gaseous and solid conductivity,  $\lambda_{cd}$
- 3 thermal transmissivity,  $\lambda_t = \lambda_{cd} + \lambda_r$
- 4 transfer factor,  $g$

Zone A ( $d < d_\infty$ ): The ratio  $\Delta d / \Delta R$  is not constant,  $\lambda_t$  cannot be measured; the transfer factor,  $g$ , is not an intrinsic material property as it depends on experimental conditions.

Zone B ( $d \geq d_\infty$ ): The ratio  $\Delta d / \Delta R$  is constant; the thermal transmissivity,  $\lambda_t$ , that is an intrinsic material property independent of the experimental conditions, can now be measured. In this case we can also define  $\lambda_r$  and  $\lambda_{cd}$  as material properties and put  $\lambda_t = \lambda_{cd} + \lambda_r$ . Nevertheless,  $g = d / R$  is not yet independent of the thickness  $d$ ; see point P.  $g = \lambda_t$  will take place only for  $d \gg d_\infty$ .

**Figure 4 — Thermal resistance versus thickness**