

1. τ_d : The transmission coefficient for the diffuse radiation penetration.

$$\tau_d = 2\Delta\varphi \sum_{\varphi_i=\varphi_1}^{\varphi=n} \tau_{\varphi_i} \sin \varphi_i \cos \varphi_i$$

Where i : the i^{th} zenith angle division (n is the number of divisions selected by you)

$\Delta\varphi$: the zenith angle increment in radians

τ_{φ} : The transmission coefficient for the ray penetrations (or the fraction of the sky visible) in each zenith angle area. 0 means no sky is visible and 1 means the entire area is sky.

2. L : Leaf Area Index

$$\tau_{\varphi_i} = e^{-k\varphi_i L}$$

$$K\varphi_i = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + \tan^2 \varphi_i}}{A}$$

$$K\varphi_i = 1 \quad \text{for horizontal leaves } x \rightarrow \infty$$

$$K\varphi_i = \frac{2 \tan \varphi_i}{\pi} \quad \text{for vertical leaves } x \rightarrow 0$$

$$K\varphi_i = \frac{1}{2 \cos \varphi_i} \quad \text{for spherical leaves } x \rightarrow 1$$

Where K : The extinction coefficient of the canopy

A : a polynomial function

$$A = x + 1.774 (x + 1.182)^{-0.733}$$

Where x represents leaf angle distribution (Norman and Campbell, 1989)

3. α : The mean foliage inclination angle of the canopy.

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} x \quad (0^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 90^\circ)$$

$$x = \frac{b}{a}$$

Where b : the horizontal projection of the foliage