2.1.2 Flame model

The fraction of heat release rate perturbation per volume, $q_1(x,t)$ and mean heat release rate, q_{tot} can be defined as using local n- τ model;

$$\frac{q_1(\mathbf{x},t)}{q_{tot}} = \frac{nh(\mathbf{x}) \int_{\Omega} w(\chi) \mathbf{u}_1(\chi, t - \tau(\mathbf{x})) \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ref} d\chi}{U_{bulk}}$$
(2.20)

where n is a constant with a unit of J.m⁻¹, $h(\mathbf{x})$ is heat release rate distribution, $\tau(\mathbf{x})$ is a time delay distribution and (\mathbf{x}) is a distribution of measurement region.

Moving q_{tot} to the right hand side and converting into frequency space leads;

$$q_1(\mathbf{x},t) = \frac{q_{tot}}{U_{bulk}} nh(\mathbf{x}) \int_{\Omega} w(\boldsymbol{\chi}) \mathbf{u}_1(\boldsymbol{\chi},t-\tau(\mathbf{x})) \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ref} d\boldsymbol{\chi}$$
(2.21a)

$$\hat{q}_1 = \frac{q_{tot}}{U_{bulk}} nh(\mathbf{x}) \int_{\Omega} w(\chi) \hat{u}(\chi) e^{i\omega\tau(\mathbf{x})} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ref} d\chi$$
 (2.21b)

$$\hat{q_1} = \frac{q_{tot}}{U_{bulk}} nh(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\omega\tau(\mathbf{x})} \int_{\Omega} w(\chi) \hat{u}(\chi) \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ref} d\chi$$
 (2.21c)

Since $\hat{u} = \nabla \hat{p}/(-i\omega \rho_0)$ from momentum equation (2.3b);

$$\hat{q}_{1} = \frac{q_{tot}}{-i\omega U_{bulk}} nh(\mathbf{x})e^{i\omega\tau(\mathbf{x})} \int_{\Omega} \frac{w(\chi)}{\rho_{0}} \nabla \hat{p} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ref} d\chi$$
 (2.22)

The thermoacoustic Helmholtz equation with unhomogeneous flame part becomes;

$$\nabla \cdot (c^2 \nabla \hat{p}) + \omega^2 \hat{p} = (\gamma - 1) \frac{q_{tot}}{U_{bulk}} nh(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\omega \tau(\mathbf{x})} \int_{\Omega} \frac{w(\chi)}{\rho_0} \nabla \hat{p} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ref} d\chi$$
 (2.23)

In Helmholtz solver, the components of unhomogeneous part are sub-labelled after finite element discretization;

$$\underbrace{(\gamma - 1) \frac{q_{tot}}{U_{bulk}} \int_{\Omega} \phi_i nh(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\omega \tau(\mathbf{x})} d\mathbf{x}}_{\text{left vector}} \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \frac{w(\chi)}{\rho_0(\chi)} \nabla \phi_j \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ref} d\chi}_{\text{right vector}}$$
(2.24)

where ϕ_i and ϕ_i are trial and test functions.