# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Coordinate System

## 1.2 Radiative Transfer Equation

$$\vec{\omega} \cdot \nabla L(\vec{r}, \vec{\omega}) = -(a(\vec{r}) + b(\vec{r}) + b \int_{4\pi} \beta(\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{\omega'}) L(\vec{r}, \vec{\omega'}) \, d\vec{\omega'})$$
(1)

## 1.3 Boundary conditions

Downwelling light:

$$L(x, y, 0, \vec{\omega}) = f(\vec{\omega}) \tag{2}$$

Upwelling light:

$$L(x, y, M, \vec{\omega}) = 0 \tag{3}$$

1.4 All angles are coupled by scattering

#### 2 Nondimensionalization

- 2.1 Assumptions
- 2.2 Scattering constant (same for kelp/water)
- 2.3 Table of variables
- 2.4 Rescale space, time

### 3 Limitations of Discrete Ordinates

- 3.1 Memory
- 3.2 CPU
- 3.3 GMRES unreliable
- 3.4 Also, need an initial guess for GMRES

# 4 Asymptotics

- 4.1 Solve each angular problem independently
- 4.2 Relatively computationally cheap
- 4.3 Much lower memory cost
- 4.4 Known number of operations
- 4.5 Low and high accuracy available

#### 5 Mathematical Procedure

5.1 Substitute asymptotic series

$$L(\vec{r}, \vec{\omega}) = L_0(\vec{r}, \vec{\omega}) + bL_1(\vec{r}, \vec{\omega}) + b^2 L_2(\vec{r}, \vec{\omega}) + \cdots$$
(4)

$$\vec{\omega} \cdot \nabla \left[ L_0(\vec{r}, \vec{\omega}) + bL_1(\vec{r}, \vec{\omega}) + b^2 L_2(\vec{r}, \vec{\omega}) + \cdots \right] = -(a(\vec{r}) + b(\vec{r}) + b \int_{4\pi} \beta(\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{\omega'}) \left[ L_0(\vec{r}, \vec{\omega'}) + bL_1(\vec{r}, \vec{\omega'}) + b^2 L_2(\vec{r}, \vec{\omega'}) + \cdots \right] d\vec{\omega'})$$

$$(5)$$

- 5.2 Group like powers of b
- 5.3 Boundary conditions
- 5.4 Rewrite as ODE along ray path
- 5.5 Solve ODE as 1st order linear via I.F.

# 6 Numerical Implementation

- 6.1 Discrete grid
- 6.2 Numerical integration
- 6.3 Storing pole values
- 6.4 Loop rolling
- 6.5 Scattering integral