

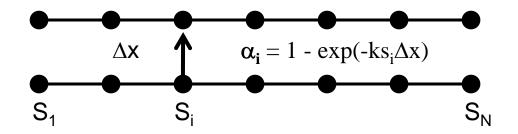
## 3D Smoke

 $\Delta x$  distance between adjacent grid planes

S<sub>i</sub> soot density

 $\alpha_i$  opacity

- •FDS computes  $\alpha$  for each grid node
- •Smokeview combines  $\alpha$ 's using the video card



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## Correcting $\alpha$

FDS computed:

$$\alpha = 1 - \exp(-ks\Delta x)$$

Smokeview computed:

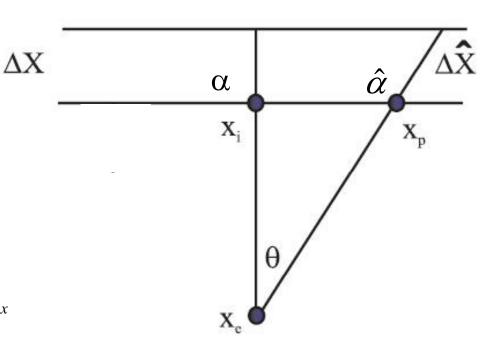
$$\hat{\alpha} = 1 - \exp(-ks\Delta\hat{x})$$

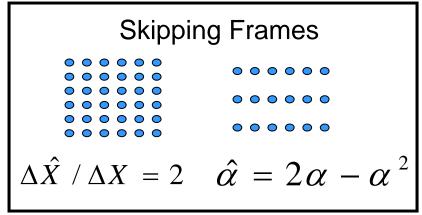
Solve for exp(-ks):

$$(1 - \hat{\alpha})^{1/\Delta \hat{x}} = \exp(-ks) = (1 - \alpha)^{1/\Delta x}$$

Solve for  $\hat{\alpha}$ 

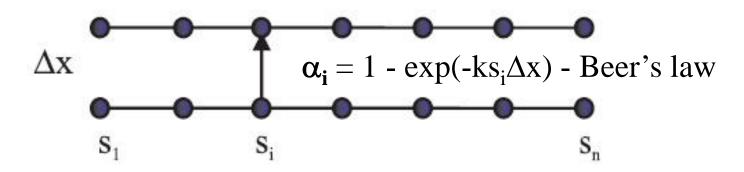
$$\hat{\alpha} = 1 - (1 - \alpha)^{\Delta \hat{x}/\Delta x}$$





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Problems can occur for large grids ( $\Delta X$  small)



$$\alpha$$
 < 1/256 = 0

More refined grids  $\rightarrow$  smaller  $\Delta x \rightarrow$  smaller  $\alpha \rightarrow$  increased error

