

## Thermal conductivity

Weidemann & Franz observation: (1853)

$$\frac{K}{\sigma} \propto T$$

thermal cond.  
 $(W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1})$

Recall:  
 $\sigma$  has no T dependence

electrical cond.

Thermal conductivity: - assume thermal current is carried by conduction  $e^-$ 's.

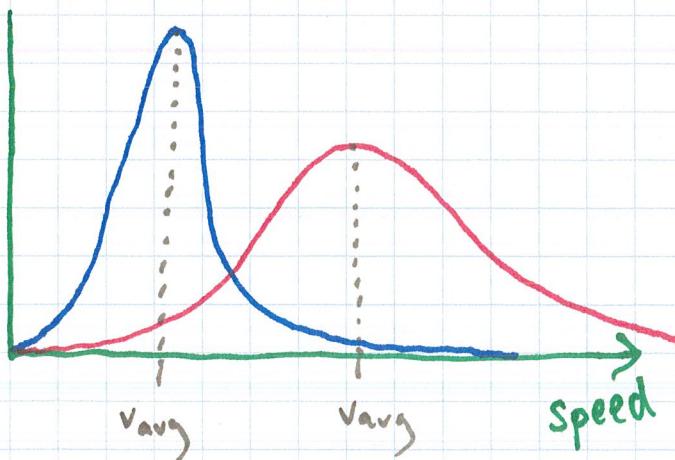
Fourier's Law:

$$\vec{j}_q = -K \vec{\nabla} T$$

temp. gradient  
 $(K \cdot m^{-1})$

↳ thermal current density (or heat flux)  
 $(W \cdot m^{-2})$

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Recall: Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution for a gas 3D



Low T  
HIGH T

For both  $\langle \vec{v} \rangle = 0$

but  $v_{avg} \neq 0$

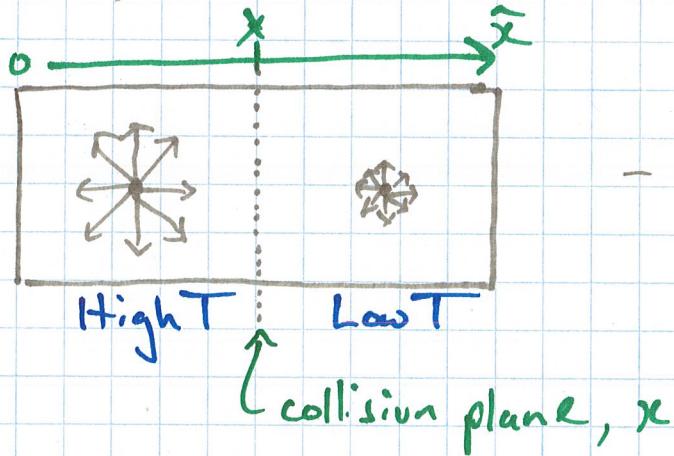
→ after collision  $v \propto T$ , but direction is random.

Key assumption:

$$\mathcal{E}(T(x))$$

thermal energy of  $\bar{e}$  is a function of the temperature at the position of the  $\bar{e}$ 's previous collision

→ using this we can approximate the heat transfer in the metal.



- choose collision plane s.t.  $\frac{1}{2} \bar{e}$ 's come from left/right

High T

$$x - v_H \tau$$

$$\mathcal{E}(T(x - v_H \tau))$$

Last Collision

$$x$$

$$\mathcal{E}$$

Low T

$$x + v_L \tau \rightarrow \tau \neq \tau(T)$$

$$\mathcal{E}(T(x + v_L \tau))$$

→ assume slow gradient (~~if  $\tau$  small~~) s.t.  $v_H = v_L$

ADD left & right to get thermal current density

$$\bar{J}_q = \frac{\# e^-}{\text{vol.}} \times \begin{matrix} \text{e therm.} \\ \text{energy} \end{matrix} \times \text{e velocity}$$

$\downarrow$

$$\bar{J}_q = n \varepsilon \bar{v}$$

analogous to electrical:

$$\bar{J} = n q \bar{v}$$

$\rightarrow$  at collision plane,  $n_H = \frac{n}{2}$

$$n_L = \frac{n}{2}$$

$$\therefore \bar{J}_q = \bar{J}_{q,H} + \bar{J}_{q,L}$$

$$j_q = \frac{1}{2} n v [E(T(x-vz)) - E(T(x+vz))]$$

$\rightarrow$  assume  $vz$  (MFP) is small. We can expand  $E$  about  $x$ .

$$j_q = n v^2 z \frac{dE}{dT} \left( -\frac{dT}{dx} \right)$$

1D

$$j_q = \frac{1}{3} v^2 c_v (-\nabla T)$$

3D

Energy Expansion: assume  $\nu\tau$  is small

$$\mathcal{E}(T(x - \nu\tau)) = \mathcal{E}(T(x)) + (x - \nu\tau - x) \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial x} + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{E}(T(x + \nu\tau)) = \mathcal{E}(T(x)) + (x + \nu\tau - x) \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial x} + \dots$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{E}(T(x - \nu\tau)) \approx \mathcal{E}(T(x)) - \nu\tau \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial x}$$

$$\mathcal{E}(T(x + \nu\tau)) \approx \mathcal{E}(T(x)) + \nu\tau \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial x}$$

Thermal current:

$$j_1 = \frac{n\nu}{2} [\mathcal{E}(T(x - \nu\tau)) - \mathcal{E}(T(x + \nu\tau))]$$

$$= \frac{n\nu}{2} \left[ \mathcal{E}(T) - \nu\tau \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial x} - \left( \mathcal{E}(T) + \nu\tau \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial x} \right) \right]$$

$$j_2 = -n\nu^2 \tau \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial x} = -n\nu^2 \tau \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial T} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$$

$$\text{where: } \langle v_x^2 \rangle + \langle v_y^2 \rangle + \langle v_z^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{3} v^2$$

$$\therefore C_V = \frac{1}{V} \frac{dE}{dT} = \frac{N}{V} \frac{dE}{dT} = n \frac{dE}{dT}$$

$\therefore E = U$

total internal energy

$$= N\epsilon$$

# $\epsilon$  arg per  $\epsilon$

$$K = \frac{1}{3} v^2 \tau C_V$$

Thermal conductivity

Wie demann & Franz:

$$\frac{K}{\sigma} = \frac{mv^2 \tau C_V}{3ne^2} \propto v^2 \propto C_V$$

Classical gas:  $C_V = \frac{3}{2} n k_B$

(IGL)

$$\frac{1}{2} mv^2 = \frac{3}{2} k_B T$$

$$\therefore \frac{K}{\sigma} = \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{k_B}{e} \right)^2 T \propto T$$

Satisfies W-F observation: prop. const.  $\approx 1.1 \times 10^{-8} \frac{W \Omega}{K^2}$

Some LARGE oversights:

$$v_e \neq v_R$$

IRL:  $C_V \rightarrow 100 \times$  smaller

$v^2 \rightarrow 100 \times$  bigger

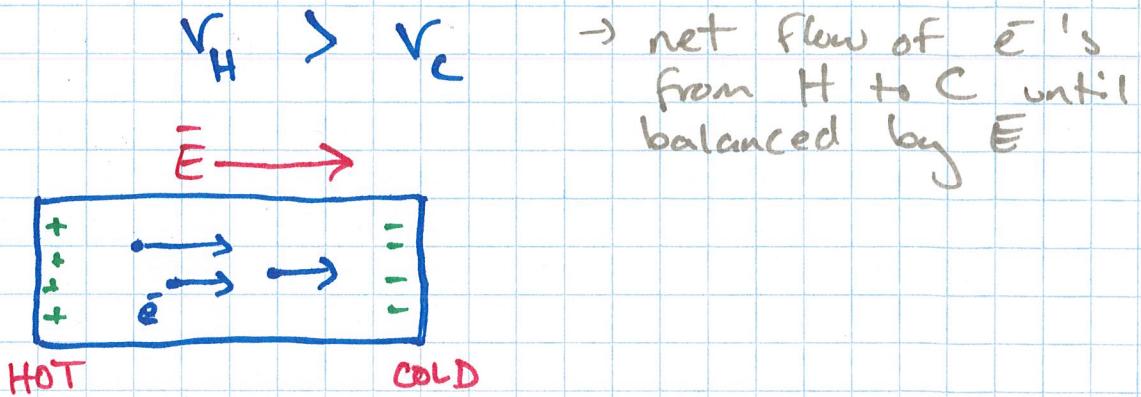
$\approx \frac{1}{2}$  exp. value.

Table. 1.6.

Seebek effect: direct evidence of the Drude failure

→ a temperature gradient should be associated with an electric field in opposite direction.

- Thermoelectric effect.



$$\bar{E} = Q \bar{\nabla} T$$

↳ Thermo power (Thompson coefficient)  
→ can be easily measured. ( $V \cdot K'$ )

→ using same method as for  $j_2$ :

average  $\bar{v}_Q$  →  $\bar{V}_Q = -V \tau \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\tau \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^2$  1D

$$\bar{V}_Q = -\frac{\tau}{6} \frac{dv^2}{dT} (\nabla \bar{T})$$

3D

In steady-state  $\bar{v}_Q$  is balanced by  $\bar{E}$   
drift velocity:

$$\bar{v}_Q + \bar{v}_E = 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{drift velocity } \bar{v}_E = -\frac{e\bar{E}\gamma}{m}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\epsilon}{6} \frac{dv^2}{dT} (\nabla \bar{T}) = -\frac{e\bar{E}\gamma}{m}$$

$$\therefore \bar{E} = -\frac{1}{3e} \frac{d}{dT} \frac{mv^2}{2} \nabla T$$

$$\therefore Q = -\frac{Cv}{3ne} \approx -0.4 \times 10^{-4} \frac{V}{K}$$

$\Rightarrow 100$ 's too big.

DRUDE OUT!