

Thermal conductivity

Weidemann & Franz observation: (1853)

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

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

electrical cond.

Recall: σ has no T dependence

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

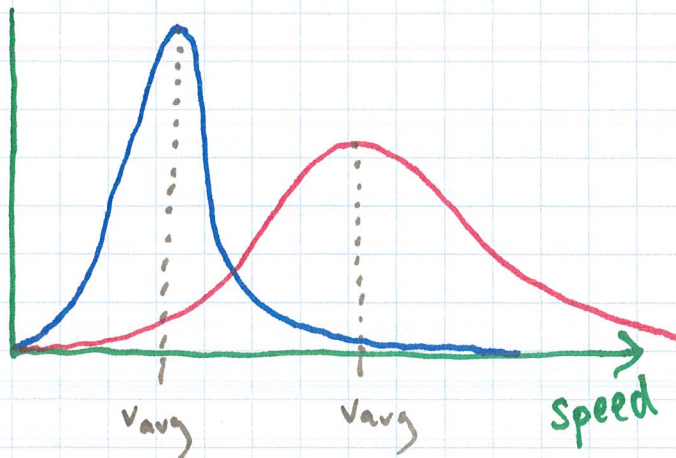
Fourier's Law:

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

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

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

Recall: Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution for a gas 3D



Low T
HIGH T

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

but $v_{\text{avg}} \neq 0$

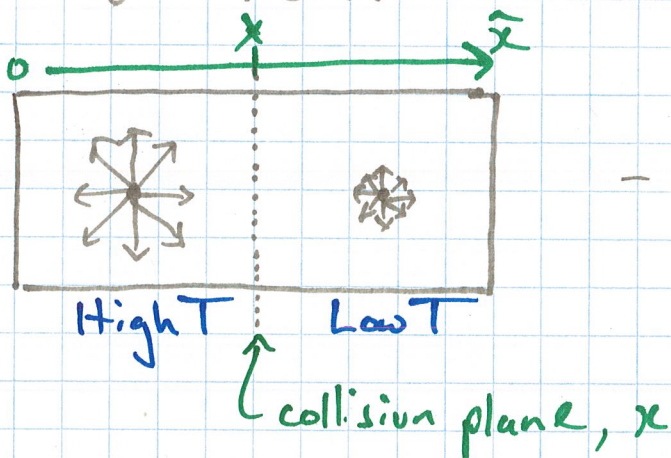
→ after collision $v \propto T$, but direction is random.

Key assumption:

$$E(T(x))$$

thermal energy of \bar{e} is a function of the temperature @ 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

$$x - v_H \tau$$

$$E(T(x - v_H \tau))$$

Last Collision

$$x$$

$$E$$

Low T

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

$$E(T(x + v_L \tau))$$

→ assume slow gradient (∇T small) s.t. $v_H = v_L$

ADD left & right to get thermal current density

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

$$\bar{j}_q = n e \bar{v}$$

analogous to electrical:

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

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

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

$$\therefore \bar{j}_q = \bar{j}_{qH} + \bar{j}_{qL}$$

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

→ 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 vz is small

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

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

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

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

Thermal current:

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

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

$$j_1 = -n v^2 z \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial x} = -n v^2 z \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial T} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$$

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

$$\& C_v = \frac{1}{V} \frac{dE}{dT} = \frac{N}{V} \frac{dE}{dT} = n \frac{dE}{dT}$$

$\therefore E = U$
total internal energy
 $= NE$

$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$
e^- avg
per e^-

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

Thermal conductivity

Wie demann & Franz:

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

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:

$$v_c \neq v_R$$

IRL: $C_v \rightarrow 100 \times$ smaller

$v^2 \rightarrow 100 \times$ bigger

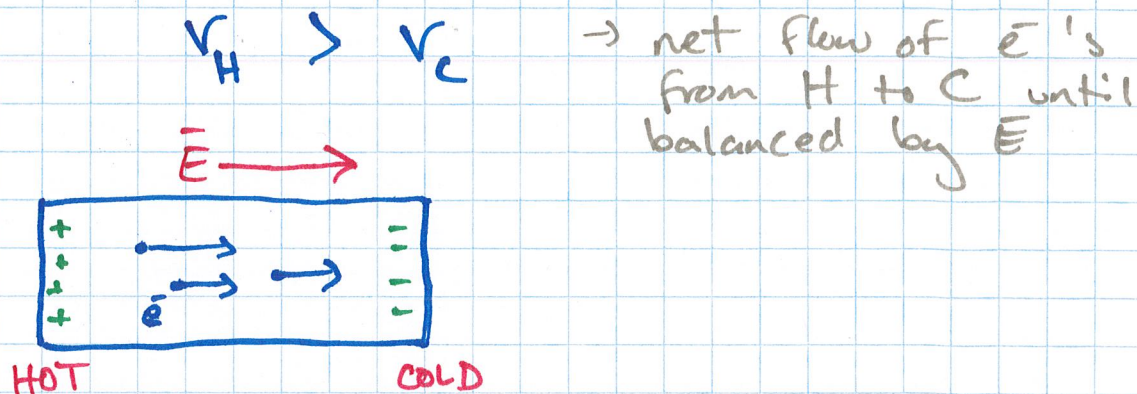
$\approx \frac{1}{2}$ exp. value.

Table. 1.6.

Seebeck effect: direct evidence of the Drude failure

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

- Thermoelectric effect.



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

↳ thermopower (Thompson coefficient)
 → can be easily measured. ($V \cdot K^{-1}$)

→ using same method as for j_z :

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

$$\bar{v}_Q = -\frac{\tau}{6} \frac{dv^2}{dT} (\nabla T)$$
 3D

In steady-state v_D is balanced by \bar{E}
drift velocity:

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

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

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

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

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

\Rightarrow 100 x's too big.

DRUDE OUT!