

# [Parallels between electrical and thermal transport]

Electrical

thermal

$$\vec{j} = -\sigma \vec{\nabla} V$$

$$\vec{j}^q = -k \vec{\nabla} T$$

continuity

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$$

heat equation:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}^q + \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = 0$$

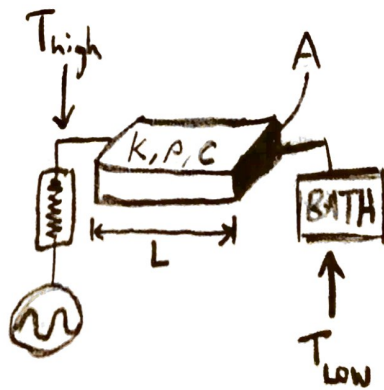
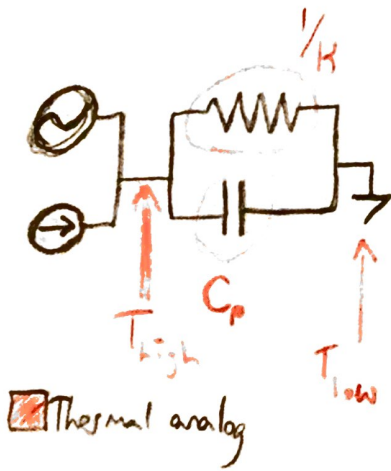
Laplace

$$\sigma \nabla^2 V = 0$$

steady-state:

$$k \nabla^2 T = 0$$

## [Comparing AC electric and AC thermal transport]



Start with heat equation:

$$-k \nabla^2 T + \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = 0$$

↑ thermal conductivity
↑ density
↑ heat capacity

Then integrate over volume:

$$\int [-k \nabla^2 T + \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}] dV = 0$$

$\nabla \cdot \vec{j}^q$

[AC Thermal cont.]

the first term, by divergence theorem, is:

$$\int dV \nabla \cdot (-k \nabla T) = \oint ds (-k \nabla T)$$

by magic? :

$$\oint ds (-k \nabla T) = -k \vec{\nabla} T \cdot \vec{A} = \dots = \boxed{KT}$$

where  $\boxed{K \equiv k \cdot A}$

the second term, since  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$  is assumed to be uniform:

$$\int \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dV = \boxed{C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}}$$

where  $\boxed{C_p = c_p \cdot m}$  or  $\int C_p \rho dV$

now:

$$\boxed{KT + C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \dot{Q}_{\text{source}}}$$

for  $\dot{Q}_{\text{source}}$  is heat supplied by heater

by joule heating, this is:

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{source}} = I^2 R = I_0^2 R_{\text{heater}} \sin^2(\omega t) = \frac{I_0^2 R_{\text{heater}}}{2} [1 - \cos(2\omega t)]$$

$$\therefore \dot{Q}_{\text{source}} = \underbrace{\left(\frac{I_0^2 R_H}{2}\right)}_{\dot{Q}_{DC}} - \underbrace{\left(\frac{I_0^2 R_H}{2}\right) \cos(2\omega t)}_{\dot{Q}_{AC}}$$

then, we can solve each part independently due to the orthogonality of  $\cos(\omega t)$

# [AC Thermal Cont.]

$$KT^{dc} + C_p \frac{dT^{dc}}{dt} = \dot{Q}_{source}^{dc}$$

$$KT^{ac} + C_p \frac{dT^{ac}}{dt} = \dot{Q}_{source}^{ac}$$

initial condition:  $\dot{Q} = 0$ , gives solution:

$$T^{dc}(t) = T_{bath} + \frac{1}{2} T_0 [1 - \exp[-t/\tau_q]]$$

where  $\frac{1}{2} T_0 \equiv \frac{I_0 R^2}{2K}$  and  $\tau_q \equiv \frac{C_p}{K}$

error in notes:  
eqn 43:  $C_p \rightarrow t$

For  $\dot{Q} \neq 0$ : Use Electrical AC w/ following replacements:

$$V \rightarrow T$$

$$\omega \rightarrow 2\omega$$

$$I_0 \rightarrow -\frac{I_0 R^2}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{R} \rightarrow K$$

$$C \rightarrow C_p$$

then,

$$R_e[T^{ac}] = \frac{-T_0}{2\sqrt{1+4\omega^2\tau_q^2}} \cos[2\omega t + \tan^{-1}(2\omega\tau_q)]$$

and the total solution is:

$$T = T^{dc} + T^{ac} = T_{bath} + \frac{1}{2} T_0 [1 - e^{-t/\tau_q}] + \frac{T_0}{2\sqrt{1+4\omega^2\tau_q^2}} \cos[2\omega t + \tan^{-1}(2\omega\tau_q)]$$

## [Limiting Cases]

Long time ( $t \gg \tau$ ):

$$T(t) \approx T_{\text{bath}} + \frac{T_0}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\cos[2\omega t + \tan^{-1}(2\omega\tau)]}{\sqrt{1+4\omega^2\tau^2}} \right)$$

dc limit ( $\omega \rightarrow 0$ ):

$$T(t) \approx T_{\text{bath}} + T_0 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} e^{-t/\tau_c} \right)$$

or, as we know experimentally:

$$T_0 - T_{\text{bath}} = I_0^2 R / K$$

low-frequency limit: ( $\omega\tau \ll 1$ ):

$$T(t) \rightarrow T_{\text{bath}} + T_0 \cos^2(\omega t)$$

high-frequency limit:

$$T(t) \rightarrow T_{\text{bath}} + \frac{T_0}{2} + \frac{T_0}{2} \frac{\sin(2\omega t)}{2\omega\tau} \rightarrow T_{\text{bath}} + \frac{T_0}{2}$$