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# Thermodynamic analysis of irreversibilities in thin heat conducting films

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### Motivation

- In small electronic structures heat is generated in a concentrated way which causes high temperatures operation
- This can affect their performance and reliability.
- Yet little has been done to analyze entropy generation in solids at length scales comparable with or smaller than the mean free path of heat carriers

- A fundamental knowledge of the entropy generation processes provides a thermodynamic understanding of heat transport in solid structures
- this is particularly important for the performance evaluation of thermal systems and microdevices



FIG. 1. Amplitude of the dimensionless velocity  $\langle V^* \rangle$  (dashed line) and global entropy generation rate  $\langle \dot{S}^* \rangle$  (solid line) as functions of the dimensionless frequency  $\omega^*$  with  $\alpha = 0.01$  and under isothermal conditions.

#### del Río et al., PRE 2004.

Figure 5. Global entropy production vs. plates separation.  $\omega = 100$  Hz,  $h_1 = 5000$  J/m<sup>2</sup>K,  $h_2 = 1000$  J/m<sup>2</sup>K.



Vázquez et al., Entropy 2011.



## Heat conducting film



## Effects of size reducing

 A) Heat transport is no longer described by Fourier law (large space-time scales)
 Other models (Cimmelli, JNET 2009): Cattaneo
 Guyer and Krumhansl

B) K depends on size

## A) Heat transport model

### Limiting cases

$$q = \lambda \frac{\Delta T}{L} \qquad \text{(diffusive transport)} \quad \frac{\ell/L \ll 1}{\ell/L \gg 1}$$
$$q = \Lambda \Delta T \qquad \text{(ballistic transport)} \quad \ell/L \gg 1$$

# Crossover from diffusive to ballistic heat transport

Generalized heat conductivity

(Jou et al. AML 2005)

$$q = \lambda(T, \ell/L) \frac{\Delta I}{L}$$

Properties

λ

$$\lambda(T, \ell/L) \to \lambda(T) \quad \text{for } \ell/L \to 0,$$
  

$$\lambda(T, \ell/L) \to \frac{\lambda(T)}{a} \frac{L}{\ell} \equiv \Lambda(T)L \quad \text{for } \ell/L \to \infty$$
  
(T, \ell/L) a generalized heat conductivity  
Or (Chen, J. Heat Transfer 2002).

$$\boldsymbol{q}=\boldsymbol{q}_d+\boldsymbol{q}_b$$

# Heat transport models linking diffusive and ballistic regimes

Ballistic-diffusive equations (Chen, J. Heat Transfer 2002).

$$\boldsymbol{q}=\boldsymbol{q}_d+\boldsymbol{q}_b$$

$$C\left(\tau \,\frac{\partial^2 T_m}{\partial t^2} \,+\, \frac{\partial T_m}{\partial t}\right) = \nabla(k\nabla T_m) \,-\, \nabla \,\cdot\, \mathbf{q}_b$$

**q**<sub>b</sub> given by solutions of Boltzmann's equation

Lebon et al. model (Lebon et al., Proc. R. Soc. A 2011). $q=q_d+q_b$ 

$$\tau_d \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{q}_d}{\partial t} + \boldsymbol{q}_d = -\lambda_d \nabla T \qquad \text{Cattaneo}$$

$$\tau_b \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{q}_b}{\partial t} + \boldsymbol{q}_b = -\lambda_b \nabla T + l_b^2 (\nabla^2 \boldsymbol{q}_b + 2\nabla \nabla \boldsymbol{q}_b)$$

**Guyer and Krumhansl** 

#### The C-F- model (Anderson and Tamma, PRL 2006).

$$q = q_C + q_F,$$

$$q_C + \tau \frac{dq_C}{dt} = -(1 - F_T)K \frac{dT}{dx},$$

$$q_F = -F_T K \frac{dT}{dx}.$$

$$F_T := \frac{K_F}{(K_F + K_C)}$$

# GENERIC (Öttinger and Grmela, PRE 1997)

- Mesoscopic view
- Gas of phonons
- State variable: one-phonon distribution function
- Two level description for small systems
- State variables: energy density, heat flux and one-phonon distribution function
- GENERIC  $\rightarrow$  Chen's equations plus non linear terms and terms involving gradients

Grmela et al., APL 2005.

B) K dependent on size

**Extended Irreversible Thermodynamics** 

Dynamics of higher order fluxes

$$\lambda(\omega,k) = \frac{\lambda_0(T)}{1 + i\omega\tau_1 + k^2l_1^2/\{1 + i\omega\tau_2 + k^2l_2^2/[1 + i\omega\tau_3 + k^2l_3^2/(1 + i\omega\tau_4 + \dots)]\}}$$

### Size dependent heat conductivity





FIG. 2. Evolution of the heat flux through the *x*=0 wall in a device with Knudsen number of 10. The dashed line represents the Fourier law, the solid line is the Maxwell-Cattaneo equation, the dotted line is the EIT equation, and the dash-dotted lines are Chen model Ref. 19 and model by Joshi and Majumdar Ref. 4.

# We use C-F model $\boldsymbol{q}=\boldsymbol{q}_d+\boldsymbol{q}_b$ Fourier Cattaneo + $\mathbf{K} = \frac{\lambda_0 L^2}{2\pi^2 l^2} \left[ \sqrt{1 + 4\left(\frac{\pi l}{L}\right)^2} - 1 \right]$ and $F_T$ Model parameter

# Jeffrey like model

## C-F model →

$$q + \tau \frac{dq}{dt} = -K \left[ \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \tau F_T \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) \right] + \hat{f}$$

 $\widehat{f}$  is a  $\delta$ -correlated function with zero mean.

with 
$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{\lambda_0 L^2}{2\pi^2 l^2} \left[ \sqrt{1 + 4\left(\frac{\pi l}{L}\right)^2} - 1 \right]$$

Jeffrey's equation has been obtained from different theoretical schemes

- Double-lag method (Tzou, 1997),
- Extended Irreversible Thermodynamics (Jou et al. 2011),
- Internal variables formalism (Mauguin, 1990),

Kernel (Joseph and Preziosi, 1989)

$$Q(s) = k_1 \delta(s) + \frac{k_2}{\tau} e^{-s/\tau}$$

# Jeffrey's model and the ballisticdiffusive transition

## Temperature equilibrium fluctuations

#### **FD** Theorem

$$<\widehat{f}(k,\omega)\widehat{f}^{*}(k',\omega')>=(2k_{B}T_{0}^{2}/\tau^{2})\lambda_{0}\delta(k-k')\delta(\omega-\omega')$$

#### Power spectrum

$$S(K_n, k, \omega) = \frac{(2k_B T_0^2 / \tau^2) \lambda_0 k^2}{(K(K_n)\tau F_T k^2 - (1 + \tau^2 \omega^2)\rho c_v)^2 \omega^2 + (K(K_n)k^2 - \rho c_v \tau \omega^2)^2}$$

# Power spectrum of temperature fluctuations



As a function of Kn (Knudsen number) and frequency. Red line corresponds to Kn = 0.2 (diffusive transport) and the black one to Kn = 2.5 (wave propagation). The WP –DT transition occurs at Kn = 2.3 and FT = 0.1. The material is Silicon.

# Power spectrum of temperature fluctuations



## Diffusive transport and wave propagation

Physical meaning of the maxima:

They appear at  $\pm \omega_{max}$ If  $\omega_{max} = 0$  one maximum exists. Other case:

There exists propagation of thermal waves with velocity  $\omega_{max}/k$ Transition Knudsen number:

$$dS(K_n,\omega)/d\omega = 0$$

For  $K_n < K_{nt}$  the transport of thermal signals is diffusive and ballistic otherwise.



As a function of Kn (Knudsen number) and delay time. Red line corresponds to Kn = 0.2 (diffusive transport) and the black one to Kn = 2.5 (wave propagation). The WP – DT transition occurs at Kn = 2.3 and FT = 0.1. The material is Silicon.

# Summary

	$F_T$	Transition
Fourier	1	NO
Cattaneo	0	YES
Jeffrey		YES
Guyer-Krumhansl		NO

# Power spectrum of heat flux equilibrium fluctuations



# Power spectrum of heat flux fluctuations vs. Knudsen number



# Spectral thermodynamic susceptibility vs. Knudsen number



Entropy production

$$s(u,q) = s_{eq}(u) + \frac{\tau}{2K(K_n)T^2}q^2$$

#### Compatibilidad termodinámica

$$\sigma(q) = \frac{1}{K(K_n)T^2}q^2$$

Álvarez et al., PRE 2008

In the stationary state:

$$\sigma(q) = \frac{K(K_n)}{T_0^2 L^2} (\Delta T)^2$$

Entropy production in the volume:

$$\dot{s}(K_n) = \frac{lK_0 \left[\sqrt{1 + 4\pi^2 K_n^2} - 1\right]}{T_0^2 K_n} \left(\frac{\Delta T}{L}\right)^2$$

# Entropy production in stationary state vs. Knudsen number



Jeffrey's like model

## Equation of phonon radiative transfer results

### Bright, J. Heat Transfer 2010

Kn	Medium (radiation)	Left wall	Right wall	Percentage of walls (%)	Total	Medium (diffusion)	Relative difference (%)
1000	$1.612 \times 10^{4}$	$2.320 \times 10^{7}$	$2.036 \times 10^{6}$	99.98	$2.524 \times 10^{7}$	$6.754 \times 10^{3}$	58
100	$1.177 \times 10^{5}$	$2.297 \times 10^{7}$	$1.934 \times 10^{6}$	99.50	$2.503 \times 10^{7}$	$6.496 \times 10^{4}$	45
10	$6.285 \times 10^{5}$	$2.109 \times 10^{7}$	$1.415 \times 10^{6}$	97.26	$2.314 \times 10^{7}$	$4.695 \times 10^{5}$	25
1	$1.491 \times 10^{6}$	$1.211 \times 10^{7}$	$3.511 \times 10^{5}$	89.33	$1.395 \times 10^{7}$	$1.230 \times 10^{6}$	17
0.1	$8.723 \times 10^{5}$	$2.080 \times 10^{6}$	$1.188 \times 10^{4}$	70.58	$2.964 \times 10^{6}$	$7.447 \times 10^{5}$	15
0.01	$2.037 \times 10^{5}$	$1.272 \times 10^{5}$	$1.416 \times 10^{2}$	38.46	$3.311 \times 10^{5}$	$1.933 \times 10^{5}$	5.1
0.001	$3.015 \times 10^{4}$	$3.389 \times 10^{3}$	$1.443 \times 10^{0}$	10.11	$3.354 \times 10^{4}$	$3.013 \times 10^{4}$	0.07
0.0001	$3.323 \times 10^{3}$	$4.359 \times 10^{1}$	$1.445 \times 10^{-2}$	1.30	$3.367 \times 10^{3}$	$3.315 \times 10^{3}$	0.26
0.00001	$3.365 \times 10^{2}$	$4.501 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.444 \times 10^{-4}$	0.13	$3.369 \times 10^{2}$	$3.351 \times 10^{2}$	0.40

# Group velocity of propagating Fourier modes Vg ballistic diffusive $2.0 \times 10^{6}$ $1.5 \times 10^{6}$ $1.0 \times 10^{6}$ 500 000 $K_n$ 5 3 2 $\omega = \frac{1}{2\rho C_v \tau} \left( -i\left(\rho C_v + \tau F_T K k^2\right) + \left(4\rho C_v \tau K k^2 - \sqrt{\rho C_v + \tau F_T K k^2}\right)^2 \right)$

# Phase velocity of propagating Fourier modes





# Conclusions

- When the size of the film is reduced, the Kn=1 crossover shows
  - 1) A transition in the power spectrum of temperature fluctuations
  - 2) A transition in the autocorrelation function of temperature fluctuations
  - 3) A quick increasing of the entropy production when Kn  $\longrightarrow 1$
  - 4) A regime of high entropy production when Kn > 1
  - 5) The features of a dynamical phase transition

# Thank you!

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