

resonance frequency of a coating specimen alone;  $\rho_1$ , density of the coating material;  $v$ , acoustic velocity in the coating material;  $\eta$ , viscosity of the coating material;  $H$ , hysteresis constant;  $Q$ ,  $Q$ -factor of a coating (film) specimen;  $\omega$ , radian frequency;  $\text{XYS} + 1^\circ 30'$ , cut of a piezoelectric cell in this study;  $C_{44}$ , shear modulus; and  $L_1$ , equivalent inductance of a piezoelectric cell.

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#### THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY OF INERT GASES OVER A WIDE TEMPERATURE RANGE

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We present the results of correcting and correlating experimental data on the thermal conductivity of inert gases in the temperature range 90-6000°K.

The thermal conductivity of monatomic gases at atmospheric pressure has been rather well investigated over a wide range of temperatures. The experimental material accumulated up to 1976 was systematized and correlated [1, 2] in the form of smoothed empirical relations or tables of reference data for temperatures up to ~2000°K. In [3, 4] the high-temperature experimental data on the thermal conductivity of neon, argon, krypton, and xenon were correlated and represented by a power-law dependence on the temperature in the range from 500-800 to 5000°K. It was noted that the results of shock-tube measurements in [5-8] are systematically lower than values obtained by steady-state methods in the overlapping temperature range as a result of the improper use in [5-8] of a power-law dependence of the thermal conductivity on the temperature

$$\lambda = \lambda_0 \left( \frac{T}{T_0} \right)^b \quad (1)$$

with a constant value of the exponent in the temperature range 300-5000°K. On this basis the results in [5-8] were increased in the correlation by a certain amount for each gas [3, 4].

The presently available experimental data on the thermal conductivity of inert gases in the temperature range 90-6000°K plotted in Fig. 1 show definite regularities in the difference between the results obtained by steady and unsteady methods.

At temperatures above 1000°K there is a small (in principle within the 3-4% limits of experimental error), but systematic divergence of the data, with the values of the conduc-

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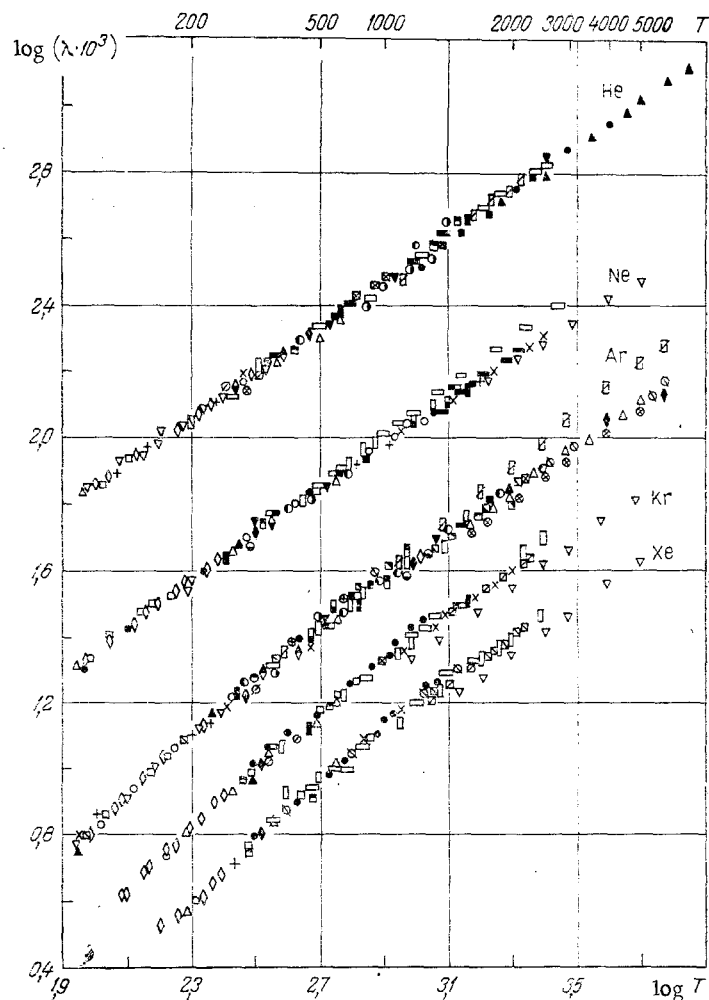


Fig. 1. Experimental temperature dependence of the thermal conductivity of inert gases (for notation see Fig. 2).

tivity found recently [21, 42, 43, 46, 61, 76] by the column method lying below the values obtained by using coaxial cylinders and hot-wire methods [29, 37, 38, 54, 75, 79, 80].

The values of the thermal conductivity measured at high temperatures by the shock-tube method diverge appreciably from the main mass of data in the overlapping temperature range 1500–2500°K: the data of Matula [5] for Ar and Xe; Collins et al. [6, 7] for He, Ne, Ar, Kr; the data of Zemlyanykh [8] for He are systematically lower (the data of [7] for He by ~5%, data of [6] for Ne by ~4%, data of [5, 8] for Ar by ~5–6%, data of [6] for Kr by ~11%, data of [5] for Xe by ~12%) and the results of Saxena's shock-tube measurements [9] on the thermal conductivity of Ar and Ne are considerably higher.

The reasons for this divergence are apparently both the large error (10–20%) in the shock-tube measurements and the fact that the shock-tube experiments [5–9] were performed in the temperature range from 1000–1600 to 5000–6700°K, and the power law (1) approximating the behavior of the thermal conductivity in this temperature range was extended over a broader range because the authors used values of the reference point  $\lambda_0$  at temperatures  $T_0 \approx 300$ –320°K. Figure 1 shows that the deviations of the temperature dependence of the thermal conductivity of inert gases from a power law increase with increasing molecular weight of the gas, and that a power-law approximation is sufficiently accurate only over small temperature ranges.

Results [83] obtained for Ar by another variant of the shock-tube method (developed in the Thermodynamics Branch of the Institute of Thermomechanics of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences) in which a power-law approximation was not used agree satisfactorily with data obtained by steady-state methods in the overlapping temperature range (1500–2500°K). The values of the exponent in Eq. (1) to describe the results in [9] for neon and argon must be significantly larger ( $b_{\text{Ne}} = 0.75$ ,  $b_{\text{Ar}} = 0.8$ ) than in [5–8], probably because they were deter-

TABLE 1. Results of Correcting Experimental Data on the Thermal Conductivity of Inert Gases Obtained by the Shock-Tube Method in the Form of the Power Law  $\lambda = \lambda_0(T/T_0)^b$

Gas	Reference	Temp. range, °K	b	Parameters of reference point [5-8]		Param. of ref. point corrected acc. to [1-4]		$\delta\lambda, \%$
				$T_0, K$	$\lambda_0, Wm^{-1}K^{-1}$	$T'_0, K$	$\lambda'_0, Wm^{-1}K^{-1}$	
He	Collins, Greif [7]	1600-6700	0,69	320	0,159	1600	0,498	3,1
	Zemlyanykh [8]	1000-4000	0,70	300	0,149	1000	0,355	2,5
Ne	Collins, Menard [6]	1500-5000	0,637	300	0,0492	1500	0,143	4,1
Ar	Collins, Menard [6]	1500-5000	0,703	300	0,0177	1500	0,0560	2,0
	Matula [5]	1500-4800	0,68±0,01	300	0,0177	1500	0,0560	5,6
Kr	Zemlyanykh [8]	1000-6000	0,71	300	0,0177	1000	0,0436	4,6
	Collins, Menard [6]	1000-5000	0,695	300	0,00946	1000	0,0247	11,6
Xe	Matula [5]	1400-5000	0,72±0,01	303,15	0,00578	1400	0,0198	12,2

TABLE 2. Coefficients of Polynomials (3) Approximating the Experimental Temperature Dependence of the Thermal Conductivity of Inert Gases over a Wide Range of Temperatures

Gas	Temp. range, °K	$a_1 \cdot 10^3$	$a_2 \cdot 10^4$	$a_3 \cdot 10^7$	$a_4 \cdot 10^{11}$	$a_5 \cdot 10^{15}$	$a_6 \cdot 10^{19}$
He	90-273	27,51	4,912	-2,585			
	273-6700	48,50	3,5880	-0,6042	0,844	-0,47	
Ne	90-273	-1,816	3,0560	-7,516	100,7		
	273-5000	14,620	1,24700	-0,35360	0,7328	-0,582	
Ar	90-273	0,453	0,5940	0,297	-12,5		
	273-5000	2,136	0,57710	-0,21790	0,6466	-0,945	0,53
Kr	120-273	0,518	0,3027				
	273-5000	0,484	0,33531	-0,11121	0,2555	-0,216	
Xe	170-273	0,604	0,1644				
	273-5000	-0,059	0,20790	-0,06485	0,1499	-0,128	

mined from sparse experimental material; from 15 and 25 points in two series of measurements for Ar and 6 experimental points for Ne, as compared with 50-100 data points in [5-8].

The experimental values in [5-8] which are systematically too low can be corrected by limiting the range of application of the power law (1) to the temperature range of the shock-tube measurements, retaining the values of the exponent determined by the authors and using as a reference point a value  $\lambda'_0$  corresponding to the lower limit ( $T'_0 \approx 1000-1600^\circ K$ ) of the temperature range they investigated. Then the values of the thermal conductivity in [5-8] increase by the amount

$$\delta\lambda = \frac{\lambda_{\text{corr}} - \lambda_{\text{exp}}}{\lambda_{\text{corr}}} = 1 - \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda'_0} \left( \frac{T'_0}{T_0} \right)^b, \quad (2)$$

where  $\lambda_0$  and  $T_0$  are the parameters of the reference point used in [5-8], and  $\lambda'_0$  and  $T'_0$  are the corrected parameters of this point.

The values of  $\delta\lambda$  listed in Table 1 show that the experimental results in [5-8] are increased on the average by 3% for He, 4% for Ne, 5% for Ar, 11.6% for Kr, and 12.2% for Xe, and in the overlapping temperature range they "join" with the data obtained by steady-state methods.

The shock-tube results in [5-8] corrected in this way and other experimental data (except for the results in [9]) were processed by the method of least squares and approximated by the polynomials

$$\lambda = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i T^{i-1} \quad (3)$$

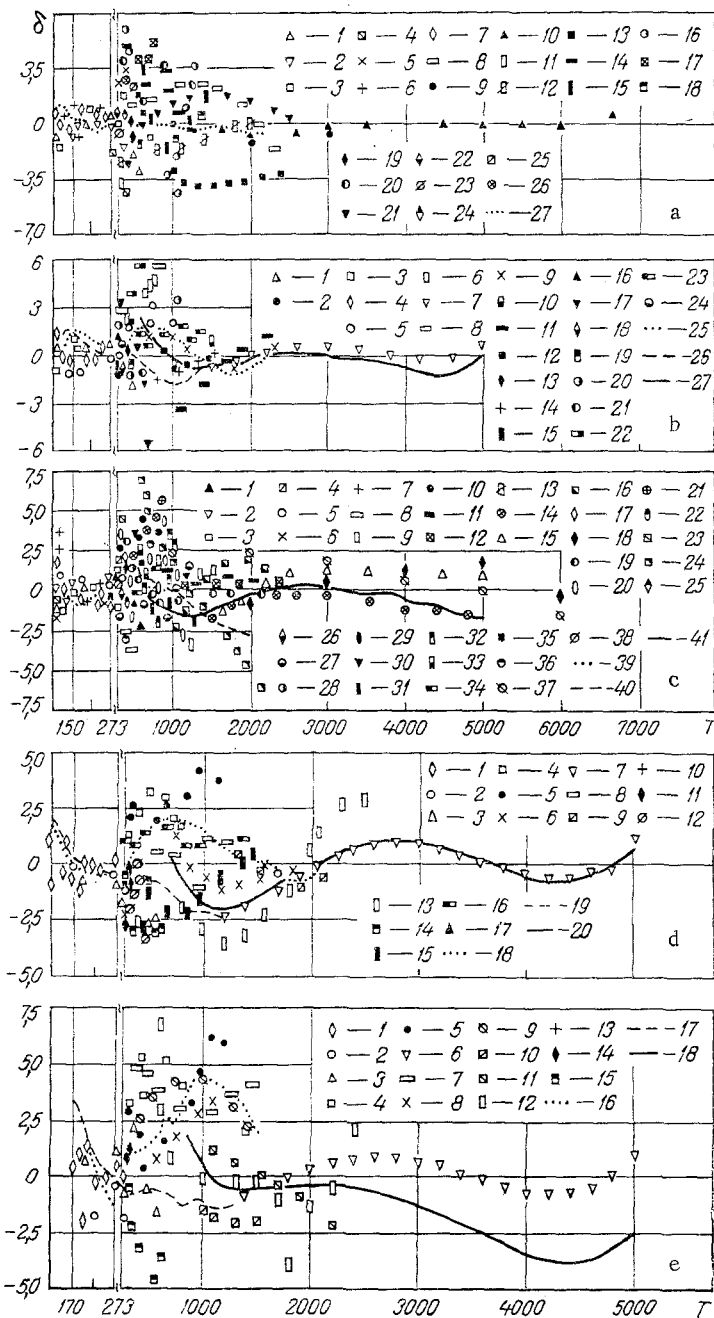


Fig. 2. Deviation of values of thermal conductivity gases from the results of correlation.  $\delta = (\lambda - \lambda_{cr}) / \lambda_{cr}$ , %. Experimental values: a-1-[10]; 2-[11]; 3-[12]; 4-[13, 14]; 5-[15]; 6-[16]; 7-[17]; 8-[18, 19]; 9-[8]; 10-[7]; 11-[20]; 12-[21]; 13-[22]; 14-[23]; 15-[24]; 16-[25]; 17-[26]; 18-[27]; 19-[28]; 20-[29]; 21-[30]; 22-[31]; 23-[32]; 24-[33]; 25-[50, 87]; 26-[84]; b-1-[10]; 2-[34]; 3-[35]; 4-[36]; 5-[37, 38]; 6-[26]; 7-[6]; 8-[9]; 9-[39-41]; 10-[42]; 11-[43]; 12-[44]; 13-[45]; 14-[46]; 15-[47]; 16-[31]; 17-[48]; 18-[49]; 19-[50, 51]; 20-[28]; 21-[52]; 22-[53]; 23-[54]; 24-[84]; c-1-[10]; 2-[55]; 3-[56]; 4-[13, 14]; 5-[57]; 6-[58]; 7-[59]; 8-[20]; 9-[60]; 10-[26]; 11-[61]; 12-[42]; 13-[9]; 14-[5]; 15-[6]; 16-[43]; 17-[17]; 18-[8]; 19-[62]; 20-[63]; 21-[64]; 22-[28, 65]; 23-[49]; 24-[66]; 25-[67]; 26-[68]; 27-[69]; 28-[70]; 29-[31]; 30-[71]; 31-[72]; 32-[73]; 33-[34]; 34-[74]; 35-[32]; 36-[29]; 37-[83]; 38-[84]; d-1-[36]; 2-[57]; 3-[10]; 4-[26]; 5-[37, 38]; 6-[61]; 7-[6]; 8-[75]; 9-[43]; 10-[47]; 11-[67]; 12-[65]; 13-[76]; 14-[77]; 15-[78]; 16-[72]; 17-[84]; e-1-[17]; 2-[57]; 3-[10]; 4-[26]; 5-[37, 38]; 6-[5]; 7-[78]; 8-[79]; 9-[80]; 10-[42]; 11-[43]; 12-[81]; 13-[47]; 14-[51]; 15-[82]. Recommended values: a-27-[1]; b-25-[1]; 26-[2]; 27-[4]; c-39-[1]; 40-[2]; 41-[4]; d-18-[1]; 19-[2]; 20-[3]; e-16-[1]; 17-[2]; 18-[3]. T, K

in the temperature ranges 90-273 and 273-6000°K. The coefficients  $a_i$  of the empirical relations (3) are listed in Table 2.

The possible error in the values of the thermal conductivity calculated with Eq. (3) is: for helium, 1.5% for  $T < 273^\circ\text{K}$ , 3% in the range  $T = 273-1200^\circ\text{K}$ , 4% in the range 1200-2500°K,

and 5% for  $T > 2500^\circ\text{K}$ ; for neon, 1.3% for temperatures below  $273^\circ\text{K}$ , 1.5% in the temperature range  $273\text{--}1200^\circ\text{K}$ , 2% in the temperature range  $1200\text{--}2200^\circ\text{K}$ , and 3% for  $T = 2200^\circ\text{K}$ ; for argon, 3% for  $T = 90\text{--}100^\circ\text{K}$ , 1.5% for  $T = 100\text{--}273^\circ\text{K}$ , 2% for  $T = 273\text{--}1200^\circ\text{K}$ , 3% in the range  $1200\text{--}2500^\circ\text{K}$ , 4% for  $T > 2500^\circ\text{K}$ ; for krypton, 1.5% for  $T < 273^\circ\text{K}$ , 2% in the range  $273\text{--}1200^\circ\text{K}$ , 3% in the temperature range  $1200\text{--}2500^\circ\text{K}$ , and 4% for  $T > 2500^\circ\text{K}$ ; for xenon, 1.8% for  $T < 273^\circ\text{K}$ , 2.5% for  $T = 273\text{--}1200^\circ\text{K}$ , 3% for  $T = 1200\text{--}2500^\circ\text{K}$ , and 5% for  $T > 2500^\circ\text{K}$ .

The values of the thermal conductivity at  $273^\circ\text{K}$  calculated by using both polynomials agree within 0.2% for He and Ne, 0.3% for Ar, 0.9% for Kr, and 1.4% for Xe. These values lie within the limits of error of the correlated data indicated above.

Figure 2 shows the deviation  $\delta = (\lambda - \lambda_{\text{cr1}}) / \lambda_{\text{cr1}}$ , % of the experimental data and the recommended values [1-4] from the results of the correlation presented. The spread of most of the experimental data is  $\sim 3\text{--}4\%$  for He, Ne, Ar, and Kr, and 5% for Xe; the maximum deviation of individual results from the correlated data does not exceed 6% for He, Ne, and Ar, 4% for Kr, and 7% for Xe.

The results of the correlation for helium are in very good agreement ( $\pm 1\%$ ) with the values recommended in [1]; for neon the deviation from the values in [1, 2] does not exceed 1.5%; for argon the divergence from the data in [2] lies within the same limits, and the divergence from the data in [1] reaches 2.5% at  $T = 2000^\circ\text{K}$ ; for krypton the results of the correlation lie mainly between the values recommended in [1, 2]; the deviation does not exceed  $\pm 2.5\%$ ; for xenon the correlated data lie 1.5% above the values recommended in [2], while the results in [1] at  $T = 1000^\circ\text{K}$  are 4% above the correlated values. Thus, except for the thermal conductivity of xenon in the temperature range  $900\text{--}1500^\circ\text{K}$ , the divergence does not exceed the errors of the values recommended in [1, 2].

For neon, argon, and krypton our correlated data agree within  $\pm 1.5\%$  with the results of the correlation in [3, 4] for high temperatures; the values in [3, 4] are generally higher in the initial temperature range ( $500\text{--}800^\circ\text{K}$ ) due to the character of the power-law approximation of the experimental data in these papers. For xenon the divergence from the data in [1] increases to  $-3.5\%$  for temperatures above  $4000^\circ\text{K}$ .

The results of the correlation (Table 2) of the thermal conductivity of inert gases in the temperature range  $90\text{--}6000^\circ\text{K}$  in the form of the empirical relations (3) are recommended for various technical applications.

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