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Abstract.—Using the recent experimental data for liquid aluminum, copper, lead, tin, gallium and bismuth, the effective interatomic potential \( \Psi(r) \) has been calculated by inverting the Week-Chandler-Anderson (WCA) perturbation theory. Also, the first and second derivatives of interatomic potential \( \Psi(r) \), along with different correlation functions as \( g(r), c(r) \), have been calculated for the mentioned liquid metals. With knowledge of the above quantities and their products, different transport coefficients, such as self-diffusion \( D \), viscosity \( \eta \) and conductivity \( \sigma \) have been studied, for the group of transition and non-transition elements, and their results compared with classical measurements of the macroscopic quantities.

Our aim in this work was to study the transport processes in the transition and non-transition elements from the aspects of their microscopic static properties. The transport coefficients \( D \) can be defined in terms of the intermolecular forces through the relations of Rice and Kirkwood /1-3/,

\[
D = \frac{K_b T}{\int} \int \frac{\Psi(r) + 2 \Psi(r)}{r} \frac{g(r)}{dr} dr \tag{1}
\]

\[
\frac{d}{dr} \left[ \frac{2 \int_{r_0}^{r} \Psi(r) + \frac{\Psi(r)}{r} g(r) dr}{r} \right] \tag{2}
\]

Here \( \Psi(r) \) and \( \Psi(r) \) denote the derivatives of the effective pair potential \( \Psi(r) \), \( g(r) \), \( m \), \( n \) are respectively the pair correlation function, mass and density of the system. In a similar manner the shear viscosity coefficient \( \eta \), the bulk viscosity \( \eta_b \) and the coefficient of the conductivity \( \sigma \) can be expressed as /3-4/,

\[
\eta = \frac{2 \int_{r_0}^{r} \left[ \frac{\Psi(r) + \frac{\Psi(r)}{r} g(r)}{r} \right] g(r) dr}{\int_{r_0}^{r} \frac{\Psi(r) + \frac{\Psi(r)}{r} g(r)}{r} g(r) dr} \tag{3}
\]

\[
\eta_b = \frac{2 \int_{r_0}^{r} \left[ \frac{\Psi(r) + \frac{\Psi(r)}{r} g(r)}{r} \right] g(r) dr}{\int_{r_0}^{r} \frac{\Psi(r) + \frac{\Psi(r)}{r} g(r)}{r} g(r) dr} \tag{4}
\]

and

\[
\sigma = \frac{4 K_b T}{3} \frac{d}{dr} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3} \right) \int_{r_0}^{r} \frac{\Psi(r) + \frac{\Psi(r)}{r} g(r)}{r} g(r) dr \right] \tag{5}
\]

From the above equations, it can be shown that all the transport properties can be obtained if the shape of the effective interatomic potential \( \Psi(r) \) is known.

In the present work we extract \( \Psi(r) \) from the measured data of the structure factor \( S(q) \). The problem is of fundamental importance and many different theoretical approaches were used in order to study this problem. In this paper we use an inverted perturbation scheme of Weck's, Chandler and Anderson /5-6/ (recently used by Mitra /7/ for liquid Ne and Pb) to derive the effective pair potential \( \Psi(r) \) for six liquid metals, namely copper /8/, aluminum /9/, gallium /10/, tin /11/, lead /12/ and bismuth /13/ since we had a recent structure data of those metals for several temperatures. However, due to limitations of space we shall present here only the results for copper and aluminum.

In WCA approximation, \( \Psi(r) \) is divided into a short-range repulsive \( \Psi_{\text{rep}}(r) \) and long-range attractive part \( \Psi_{\text{at}}(r) \) as

\[
\Psi(r) = \begin{cases} \Psi_{\text{rep}}(r), & r \leq r_0 \\ \Psi_{\text{at}}(r), & r > r_0 \end{cases} \tag{6}
\]

where \( r_0 \) is the distance at which \( \Psi(r) \) has a minimum. Then instead of calculating the actual system directly, one starts with a trial (\( T \)) system with hard spheres fluid as the reference system and treats the effect of attractive interaction as a small perturbation to this reference system. Thus the trial pair potential can be written as

\[
\Psi_{\text{T}}(r) = \Psi_{\text{d}}(r) + \Psi_{\text{f}}(r) \tag{7}
\]

where \( \Psi_{\text{d}}(r) \) is the hard sphere potential, \( d \) being the hard core diameter. The trial pair potential is made

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close to the actual pair potential by choosing the hard core diameter through an optimized method. Therefore this method is also applicable to systems - like liquid metals, where long range part of the potential is a large one.

Our approach differs from that of Mitra /14/ who used random phase approximation (RPA) for the structure factor of the trial system. As it is well known, RPA does not include the effect of correlation between atoms which is important in determination of the structure factor at small wave vectors. The shape of $S(q)$ and the location of the first peak ($q_0$) have very different effects on the pair potential of a liquid state. For example, shape of $S(q)$ for $q > q_0$ as well as the position of first peak (but not its height) determine the repulsive part of the potential, especially for high densities. On the contrary, values of $S(q)$ for $q < q_0$ and the height of the first peak (but not its affect to the long-range part of the pair potential $\tilde{V}(r)$.

Therefore, we consider a trial structure $S_T(q)$

$$S_T(q) = \frac{S_d(q)}{\left[1 + n_0 \Psi_1(q) S_d(q)\right]}$$

(8)

where $S_d(q)$ is the hard sphere structure factor and $\Psi_1(q)$ is the Fourier transform of the effective attractive field $\tilde{\Psi}(r)$. Recently, Evans and Schirmacher /15/ and also Gaskell /16/ have tried to calculate $\Psi_1(q)$ through a perturbation procedure. In this work we use the expression due to Gaskell /16/

$$\beta^2 \Psi_1(q) = \Psi_1(q) + \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int 4 \Psi_0^2(q) S_0^2(q) S_d(q) ds$$

(9)

where $S_d(q)$ was replaced by $S_{\exp}(q)$.

In order to calculate $S_T(q)$ from Eqs. (8) and (9) the hard sphere structure factor and the attractive part of the pair potential is needed. For $S_d(q)$, we useAshcroft and Lekner /17-18/ solution of the Percus-Yevick equation of the hard sphere structure factor and for $\Psi_1(q)$ we make the ansatz

$$\beta \tilde{\Psi}_1(q) = -c(r), \quad r > d$$

(10)

where $c(r)$ is the direct correlation function. In the physically inaccessible region, $r < d$, $\Psi_1(q)$ is assumed of the form /19/

$$\beta \tilde{\Psi}_1(q) = A + (1-\omega) B + (1-\omega) \frac{1}{n_0} C_n P_n (2u - 1)$$

(11)

where $P_n$ are the Legendre Polynomials and $u = \frac{r}{d}$.

The physical reasons for choosing such a form and the determination of the parameters $A$, $B$, $C_n$, etc. have already been discussed by WCA and Ailawadi et al. /19-20/. The pair correlation function of the real system - liquid metal is now obtained by the approximation

$$\tilde{\psi}_1(q) = \exp \left[-\beta \tilde{\Psi}_1(q)\right] \Psi_1(q)$$

(12)

where $\Psi_1(q)$ is related to the pair correlation function of the trial system

$$\Psi_1(q) = \exp \left[\beta \tilde{\Psi}_1(q)\right] \Psi_1(q)$$

(13)

Finally, we obtained an optimum value of the hard core diameter $d$, using the condition

$$\int S(q) \, dr = \int S_T(q) \, dr$$

(14)

Numerical procedure

Due to experimental limits the structure factor can not be precisely measured both for small and large wave vectors. Therefore, we extrapolate $S(q)$ to the exact value of $S(0)$, determined by the isothermal compressibility $K_T$ as

$$S(0) = \frac{\rho}{\beta} K_T$$

(15)

For $q > q_{\text{max}}$ (max. measured $q$), we used the expression

$$c(q) = c_1 + c_2 \cos \left[c_3 q - c_4 \right] \exp \left[-c_5 q^2 \right]$$

(16)

Parameters $C_n$, $n = 1, \ldots, 5$ are determined by the least square fit of eq. (16) with $S_{\exp}(q)$ for $q$ greater than the first minimum position. We also defined $S_{\exp}(q)$ for $0 < q < 20 \, \text{Å}^{-1}$, which is sufficient to obtain $q(r)$ by the Fourier transform.

For numerical calculations of a transport coefficients we started with the Ashcroft-Lekner expression for the hard sphere structure factor. The initial values of the hard core diameters, now denoted as $d^{(1)}$, are obtained for all liquid metals by comparing the $S_d(q)$ with the respective $S_{\exp}(q)$ through the last square method. The next step is to obtain $\Psi_1(q)$ from Eqs. (10) and (11). This requires the data of $c(r)$, for which we use the relation

$$c(r) = \left[2\pi^2 n_0 r^2 \right] \int \left[1 - \frac{1}{s^2} \right] \sin 2r \, dz$$

(17)
Then we tested its accuracy through another compressibility equation
\[
\frac{B}{n k T} = 4 \pi n \int C(r) r^2 dr
\]  
(18)

By means of Eqs. (8) and (9) we obtained \( S(q) \), \( T \) and its Fourier transform \( \hat{g}(r) \). By substitution of \( 1/g(r) \) and \( \hat{PT}(r) \) in (13) and \( \hat{PT}(r) \) in (12) one gets \( T(2) \), a pair potential, denoted as \( \hat{y}(r) \), corresponding to \( g_{\text{exp}}(r) \). Finally, the condition (14) determines an improved value of the hard-core diameter \( d(2) \), where \( g_{d}(r) \) is again split up as described in eq. (6) to obtain a new \( \hat{y}(2)(r) \). With new values of \( S_{d}(2)(q) \) (corresponding to \( d(2) \) and \( \hat{y}(2)(q) \)) as input, we calculate \( S_{d}(2)(q) \) and repeated the whole procedure until a satisfactory convergence for \( \hat{y}(r) \) is achieved.

After this, the first and the second derivatives of the potential with the pair correlation function determine the transport coefficients as given in Eqs. (1) - (5).

Results and Discussion

By the above procedure we calculated the effective interaction potential in liquid copper and aluminum. The experimental structure factor data \( S(q) \) for liquid copper have been measured by O. Eder, B. Kunsch et al. (1979), at two temperatures: 1393 K and 1833 K. The structure factor \( S(q) \) for liquid aluminum has also been measured by D. Jovic et al. (1977) at two temperatures: 939 K and 1073 K. The structure factor data both for Cu and Al were extended up to \( 20 \hbar^{-1} \) in order to get more accurate Fourier transform to calculate the correlation functions. For long wave vectors of momentum transfer the variation of \( S(q) \) is small and less than 0.1%. According to this procedure the ripples in \( g(r) \) for small \( r \) almost disappear. The calculated direct correlation function \( c(r) \) shows very small fluctuations for large \( r \) but \( c(r) \) exhibits small positive values when \( r \) increases. This means that a long-range attractive part of \( \hat{y}(r) \) is also small; pronounced bumps disappear through iteration process. To get the short-range component of \( \hat{y}(r) \) one has to solve a linear integral equation of the Fredholm type. This equation has to be converted into a system of linear equations /21/

\[
\left[ \lambda_i \right] = \left[ S_{ij} + G_{ij} \right] \left[ \lambda_j \right]
\]

(19)

where \( \lambda_i \) and \( \lambda_j \) are variables proportional to the pair potential \( \hat{y}(r) \) in RPA and GRPA approximation respectively. The matrix element \( G_{ij} \), i.e. the kernel of Fredholm's equation \( G(q', q) \), is expressed as

\[
G(q', q) = -\frac{1}{4\pi n} \int S_{\text{exp}}(q') \left( \int S_{\text{exp}}(q) - \frac{1}{2} \right) dq
\]

(20)

where \( h \) is a variable of the integration interval. A special program was used for solving the matrix equation (19). The details of this program and the results will be presented in the next paper.

In the Figs. 1 and 2 is shown, for two different temperatures the pair interaction potential \( \hat{y}(r) \). Both figures show the expected behaviour for data at higher temperature where potential \( \hat{y}(r) \) is softer and the steepness is smaller than near the melting point.

As it can be seen from Eqs. 1-5 the transport coefficients generally depend on the shape of \( \hat{y}(r) \) and \( \hat{Q}(r) \) which again are sensitive on the profile of \( \hat{y}(r) \).

Table 1 contains numerically calculated transport coefficients and compared with experimental ones for two metals and given temperatures.

Since we have data for two temperatures only, the value of the thermal conductivity coefficient should be considered as a preliminary one.

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It should be pointed out that transport coefficients are very sensitive to the values of $S(q)$ at low $q$, what has been improved in calculation by GRPA. The differences in Table 1 between calculated and experimental values are caused by neglect of electron contribution.

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