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This paper presents a new wide-ranging correlation for the thermal conductivity of ammonia based on critically evaluated experimental data. The correlation is designed to be used with a recently published equation of state that is valid from the triple-point temperature to 680 K and pressures up to 80 MPa. We estimate the uncertainty at a 95% confidence level to be 6.8% over the aforementioned range, with the exception of the dilute-gas range where the uncertainty is 4% over the temperature range 285 K-575 K. The uncertainties will be larger outside of the validated range and also in the critical region. © 2018 by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce on behalf of the United States. All rights reserved. https://doi.org/10.1063/1.5053087

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1. Introduction

In a series of recent papers, new reference correlations for the thermal conductivity of some simple fluids, ^{1–4} hydrocarbons, ^{5–13} alcohols, ¹⁴ and refrigerants^{15,16} were reported. In this paper, the methodology adopted in the aforementioned papers is extended to developing a new reference correlation for the thermal conductivity of ammonia.

In 1984, Tufeu et al.¹⁷ reported measurements of the thermal conductivity of ammonia, in the temperature range 381-578 K and up to 80 MPa pressure, with an estimated uncertainty of 2%. They further attempted to develop a semiempirical correlation to be employed to calculate the thermal conductivity in the supercritical region. Following this, in 1988, Clifford and Tufeu¹⁸ extended those measurements down to 300 K. Since then, new thermal-conductivity data have been published by Shamsetdinov et al.,¹⁹ and a new Helmholtz equation of state of Gao et al.²⁰ has been developed. Furthermore, in Paper I,²¹ a new reference correlation for the viscosity of ammonia was proposed. The goal of this work is to critically assess the available literature data and provide a wide-ranging correlation for the thermal conductivity of ammonia that is valid over gas, liquid, and supercritical states and that incorporates densities provided by the new equation of state of Gao *et al.*²⁰

The analysis will be applied to the best available experimental data for the thermal conductivity. Thus, a prerequisite to the analysis is a critical assessment of the experimental data. For this purpose, two categories of experimental data are defined: primary data, employed in the development of the correlation, and secondary data, used simply for comparison purposes. According to the recommendation adopted by the Subcommittee on Transport Properties (now known as The International Association for Transport Properties) of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, the primary data are identified by a well-established set of criteria.²² These criteria have been successfully employed to establish standard reference values for the viscosity and thermal conductivity of fluids over wide ranges of conditions, with uncertainties in the range of 1%. However, in many cases, such a narrow definition unacceptably limits the range of the data representation. Consequently, within the primary dataset, it is also necessary to include results that extend over a wide range of conditions, albeit with poorer accuracy, provided they are consistent with other more accurate data or with theory. In all cases, the accuracy claimed for the final recommended data must reflect the estimated uncertainty for the primary information.

2. The Correlation

The thermal conductivity λ can be expressed as the sum of three independent contributions as

$$\lambda(\rho, T) = \lambda_{\rm o}(T) + \Delta\lambda(\rho, T) + \Delta\lambda_{\rm c}(\rho, T), \tag{1}$$

where ρ is the density, *T* is the temperature, and the first term, $\lambda_o(T) = \lambda(0,T)$, is the contribution to the thermal conductivity in the dilute-gas limit, where only two-body molecular interactions occur. The final term, $\Delta\lambda_c(\rho,T)$, the critical enhancement, arises from the long-range density fluctuations that occur in a fluid near its critical point, which contribute to divergence of the thermal conductivity at the critical point. Finally, the term $\Delta\lambda(\rho,T)$, the residual property, represents the contribution of all other effects to the thermal conductivity of the fluid at elevated densities.

Table 1 summarizes, to the best of our knowledge, the experimental measurements^{17–19,23–38} of the thermal conductivity of ammonia reported in the literature. As already mentioned, in 1984 Tufeu *et al.*¹⁷ reported measurements of the thermal conductivity of ammonia, while in 1988 Clifford and Tufeu¹⁸ extended those measurements down to 300 K. Both these experiments were performed in the same concentric-cylinders instrument with an uncertainty of 2% and are probably the best measurements today. Hence they are part of our primary dataset. However, we note that Clifford and Tufeu¹⁸ stated that the measurements of Tufeu *et al.*¹⁷ performed at 385 K and the highest density point at 412.4 K are considered to be in error, and thus these are not included in the present primary dataset.

Four other sets of measurements were investigated by Tufeu et al.:¹⁷ those of Srivastava and Das Gupta,²³ Needham and Ziebland,²⁴ Golubev and Sokolova,²⁵ and Keyes.²⁶ The measurements of Srivastava and Das Gupta²³ and Golubev and Sokolova²⁵ were performed in hot-wire instruments, while the measurements of Needham and Ziebland²⁴ were performed in a concentric-cylinders instrument. These three sets, obtained with a 2% quoted uncertainty, were also included in our primary dataset. It should, however, be pointed out that Tufeu et al.¹⁷ observed discrepancies in the critical region between their measurements and those of Golubev and Sokolova²⁵ and Needham and Ziebland.²⁴ For this reason, and since we have the very accurate measurements by Tufeu et al.¹⁷ in the critical region, it was preferred not to include the near-critical isotherms of Golubev and Sokolova²⁵ (T = 406, 414, and 423 K) and Needham and Ziebland²⁴ (411 K). Finally, since dissociation of ammonia has been observed above 700 K,²¹ it was decided not to include the last two measurements of Golubev and Sokolova²⁵ (at T = 723 K and 773 K). The measurements of Keyes,²⁶ performed in an axial heat-flow instrument, were also included in the primary dataset, as they are the only other set of gaseous measurements obtained up to T = 523 K.

Since the work of Clifford and Tufeu,¹⁸ Shamsetdinov *et al.*¹⁹ in 2013 measured the thermal conductivity of gaseous and liquid ammonia over a wider range of conditions with

TABLE 1.	. Thermal	conductivity	measurements of	f ammonia
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1st author	Year of publication	Technique employed ^a	Purity (%)	Uncertainty (%)	No. of data	Temperature range (K)	Pressure range (MPa)
Primary data							
Shamsetdinov ¹⁹	2013	HW	99.95	1.5	55	285-354	0.1 - 20
Clifford ¹⁸	1988	CC	99.96	2.0	20	295-387	0.94 - 51
Tufeu ¹⁷	1984	CC	99.96	2.0	122	381-578	1 - 80
Srivastava ²³	1966	HW	na	2.0	9	311-473	0.02
Needham ²⁴	1965	CC	99.98	2.0	98	293-450	0.1 - 49
Golubev ²⁵	1964	HW	na	2.0	133	198-674	0.1 - 40
Keyes ²⁶	1954	AHF	na	na	9	323-523	0-0.9
Secondary data							
Afshar ²⁷	1981	THW	99.99	4.8-1.5	38	359-924	0.01 - 0.05
Barua ²⁸	1968	HW	na	na	3	247-293	0.1
Correia ²⁹	1968	HW	na	1	6	276-767	0.1
Gutweiler ³⁰	1968	HW	99.50	2.0	5	339-531	0.1
Baker ³¹	1965	THW	na	0.3	4	299-475	0.1
Senftleben ³²	1965	na	na	2	8	273-673	0.1
Richter ³³	1964	CS	na	3.0	38	277-477	0.1-36
Varlaskin ³⁴	1963	AHF	na	na	5	199-236	0.1
Gray ³⁵	1961	HW	na	1.0	4	298-422	0.1
Franck ³⁶	1951	HW	na	1.0	6	394-584	0.02 - 0.06
Dickins ³⁷	1934	HW	purified	0.4	1	285	0.01
Kardos ³⁸	1934	HW	na	na	4	263-293	1.18

^aAHF, axial heat flow; CC, concentric cylinders; CS, concentric spheres; HW, hot wire; na, not available; THW, transient hot wire.

a steady-state hot wire and a 1.5% uncertainty. These measurements, backed by a full theory in a well-known instrument, are also included in the primary dataset. The remaining measurements were not considered in the primary dataset.

Figures 1 and 2 show the ranges of the primary measurements outlined in Table 1, and the phase boundary may be observed as well. The development of the correlation requires densities; Gao et al.²⁰ very recently developed an accurate, wide-ranging equation of state that is valid from the triple point up to T = 725 K and pressures up to 1000 MPa. The equation of state has an uncertainty in density of 0.05% for the vapor phase at temperatures between 200 K and 404 K, an uncertainty of 0.1% for saturated liquid density at temperatures between 195 K and 400 K, and uncertainties in saturated vapor density of 2% for temperatures between 220 K and 395 K. We also adopt the values for the critical point from their equation of state: the critical temperature, T_c , and the critical density, ρ_c , are 405.56 K and 233.250 kg m⁻³, respectively.²⁰ The triple-point temperature employed is 195.49 K.²⁰ Note that the value of the critical density of 233.25 kg m^{-3} proposed by the new correlation of Gao et al.²⁰ is different from the value of 225.00 kg m⁻³ employed by the previous Tillner-Roth and Harms-Watzenberg³⁹ equation of state.



Fig. 1. Temperature–pressure range of the primary experimental thermal conductivity data for ammonia: (--) saturation curve.

2.1. The dilute-gas limit

In order to extrapolate the temperature range of the measurements, a theoretically based scheme was used to correlate the dilute-gas limit thermal conductivity, $\lambda_o(T)$, over a wide temperature range. The traditional kinetic approach for thermal conductivity results in an expression involving three generalized cross sections.^{40,41} However, it is possible to derive an equivalent kinetic theory expression for thermal conductivity by making use of the approach of Thijsse *et al.*⁴² and Millat *et al.*,⁴³ where one considers expansion in terms of total energy, rather than separating translational from internal energy as is done traditionally. In this case, the dilute-gas limit thermal conductivity, $\lambda_o(T)$ (mW m⁻¹ K⁻¹), of a polyatomic gas can be shown to be inversely proportional to a single generalized cross section,^{40–43} S(10E) (nm²), as

$$\lambda_{\rm o}(T) = 1000 \frac{5k_{\rm B}^2(1+r^2)T}{2m\langle\nu\rangle_{\rm o}\,S(10E)} f_{\lambda},\tag{2}$$

where $k_{\rm B}$ is the Boltzmann constant, T (K) is the absolute temperature, f_{λ} (-) is the dimensionless higher-order correction factor, m (kg) is the molecular mass of ammonia, and $\langle \nu \rangle_{\rm o} = 4\sqrt{k_{\rm B}T/\pi m}$ (m/s) is the average



Fig. 2. Temperature–density range of the primary experimental thermal conductivity data for ammonia: (- -) saturation curve.

relative thermal speed. The dimensionless quantity r^2 is defined by $r^2 = 2C_{int}^o/5k_B$, where C_{int}^o is the contribution of both the rotational, C_{rot}^o , and the vibrational, C_{vib}^o , degrees of freedom to the isochoric ideal-gas heat capacity C_v^o .

The classical trajectory calculations^{44–46} confirm that, for most molecules studied, the higher-order thermalconductivity correction factor is near unity. One can take advantage of this finding to define the effective generalized cross section S_{λ} (= $S(10E)/f_{\lambda}$) (nm²) and rewrite Eq. (2) for the dilute-gas limit thermal conductivity of ammonia, $\lambda_{o}(T)$ (mW m⁻¹ K⁻¹), as

$$\lambda_0(T) = 0.135\,176\,7 \frac{\left(C_p^{\rm o}/k_{\rm B}\right)\sqrt{T}}{S_{\lambda}}.$$
 (3)

The ideal-gas isobaric heat capacity per molecule, $C_{\text{int}}^{\text{o}} = C_{\text{int}}^{\text{o}} + 2.5 k_{\text{B}}$ in (J/K), can be obtained from Gao *et al.*²⁰

$$\frac{C_p^o}{k_{\rm B}} = c_0 + \sum_{k=1}^3 \nu_k \left(\frac{u_k}{T}\right)^2 \frac{\exp(u_k/T)}{\left[\exp(u_k/T) - 1\right]^2},\tag{4}$$

where the values of the coefficients of Eq. (4) are $c_0 = 4$, $\nu_1 = 2.224$, $\nu_2 = 3.148$, $\nu_3 = 0.9579$, $u_1 = 1646$, $u_2 = 3965$,

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and $u_3 = 7231$. It has been previously noted, and recently confirmed⁴¹ for smaller molecules, that the cross section S(10E) exhibits a nearly quadratic dependence on the inverse temperature. Hence, in order to develop the correlation, we have employed dilute-gas thermal-conductivity measurements to fit the effective cross section S_{λ} (nm²), by means of Eqs. (3) and (4), as a function of the inverse temperature. For this task, we employed the dilute-gas thermal-conductivity measurements of Tufeu *et al.*,¹⁷ as well as the dilute-gas measurements of Needham and Ziebland,²⁴ Keyes,²⁶ and Srivastava and Das Gupta²³ and the more recent measurements of Shamsetdinov *et al.*¹⁹ The equation obtained is

$$S_{\lambda} = 0.07152 + \frac{130.228}{T} - \frac{9569.817}{T^2}.$$
 (5)

Equations (3)–(5) form a consistent set of equations for the calculation of the dilute-gas limit thermal conductivity of ammonia.

The values of the dilute-gas limit thermal conductivity, $\lambda_0(T)$ in mW m⁻¹ K⁻¹, obtained by the scheme of Eqs. (3)–(5), were fitted as a function of the reduced temperature $T_r = T/T_c$ for ease of use to the following equation:

$${}_{-0}(T) = \frac{86.9294 - 170.5502\ T_{\rm r} + 608.028\ 7\ T_{\rm r}^2 - 100.976\ 4\ T_{\rm r}^3 + 85.198\ 6\ T_{\rm r}^4}{4.689\ 94\ + 9.213\ 07\ T_{\rm r}\ - 1.536\ 37\ T_{\rm r}^2 + T_{\rm r}^3}.$$
(6)

The values calculated by Eq. (6) do not deviate from the values calculated by the scheme of Eqs. (3)–(5) by more than 0.07% over the temperature range from 285 K to 575 K. Equation (6) is hence employed in the calculations that will follow.

Figure 3 shows the dilute-gas limit thermal conductivity of the selected investigators and the values calculated by Eq. (6), as a function of the temperature. In Fig. 4, percentage deviations of the dilute-gas limit thermal conductivity of ammonia from Eq. (6) are shown. The 1984 Tufeu *et al.*¹⁷ dilute-gas thermal-conductivity correlation is also shown in Figs. 3 and 4. Considering that Tufeu's correlation is a fourth-order polynomial, valid between 300 and 580 K with a standard uncertainty of 2% (i.e., 4% at the 95% confidence level), the agreement is excellent. Furthermore, since the present correlation has a theoretical background, it can be safely extrapolated from the triple point up to 700 K, a temperature at which dissociation of ammonia has been observed.⁴⁷

Based on these measurements, the uncertainty (standard deviation) of the correlation at the 95% confidence level over the temperature range 285 K–575 K is 4%. The correlation behaves in a physically reasonable manner over the entire range from the triple point to the highest temperature of the experimental data, 575 K; however, we anticipate that the uncertainty may be larger in the areas where data are unavailable and the correlation is extrapolated up to 700 K.

2.2. The residual term

The thermal conductivities of pure fluids exhibit an enhancement over a large range of densities and temperatures around the critical point and become infinite at the critical point. This behavior can be described by models that produce a smooth crossover from the singular behavior of the thermal conductivity asymptotically close to the critical point to the residual values far away from the critical point.^{48,49} The



FIG. 3. Dilute-gas limit thermal conductivity of ammonia as a function of temperature: Tufeu *et al.*¹⁷ (\blacklozenge), Shamsetdinov *et al.*¹⁹ (\diamondsuit), Srivastava and Das Gupta²³ (\circlearrowright), Needham and Ziebland²⁴ (\blacklozenge), Keyes²⁶ (\Box), correlation of Tufeu *et al.* (--) (valid between 300 and 580 K), and Eq. (6) (––).

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FIG. 4. Percentage deviations of the dilute-gas limit thermal-conductivity measurements of ammonia from Eq. (6) as a function of temperature: Tufeu *et al.*¹⁷ (\blacklozenge), Shamsetdinov *et al.*¹⁹ (\diamond), Srivastava and Das Gupta²³ (\circ), Needham and Ziebland²⁴ (\blacklozenge), Keyes²⁶ (\Box), and correlation of Tufeu *et al.* (--) (valid between 300 and 580 K).

density-dependent terms for thermal conductivity can be grouped according to Eq. (1) as $[\Delta\lambda(\rho,T) + \Delta\lambda_c(\rho,T)]$. To assess the critical enhancement theoretically, we need to evaluate, in addition to the dilute-gas thermal conductivity, the residual thermal-conductivity contribution. The procedure adopted in this analysis used ODRPACK⁵⁰ to fit all the primary data simultaneously to the residual thermal conductivity and the critical enhancement, while maintaining the values of the dilute-gas thermal-conductivity data already obtained. The density values employed were obtained by the equation of state of Gao *et al.*²⁰ The primary data were weighted in inverse proportion to the square of their uncertainty.

The residual thermal conductivity was represented with a polynomial in temperature and density

$$\Delta\lambda(\rho,T) = \sum_{i=1}^{5} (B_{1,i} + B_{2,i}(T/T_{\rm c}))(\rho/\rho_{\rm c})^{i}.$$
 (7)

Coefficients $B_{1,i}$ and $B_{2,i}$ are provided in Table 2.

2.3. The critical enhancement term

The theoretically based crossover model proposed by Olchowy and Sengers^{48,49} is complex and requires solution of a quartic system of equations in terms of complex variables. A simplified crossover model has also been proposed by Olchowy and Sengers.⁵¹ The critical enhancement of the thermal conductivity from this simplified model is given by

$$\Delta\lambda_{\rm c} = \frac{\rho C_p R_{\rm D} k_{\rm B} T}{6\pi \overline{\eta} \xi} \left(\overline{\Omega} - \overline{\Omega}_0 \right),\tag{8}$$

with

$$\overline{\Omega} = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\left(\frac{C_p - C_v}{C_p} \right) \arctan(\overline{q}_{\rm D}\xi) + \frac{C_v}{C_p} \overline{q}_{\rm D}\xi \right]$$
(9)

TABLE 2. Coefficients of Eq. (7) for the residual thermal conductivity of ammonia

	$B_{1,i} (\mathrm{mW} \mathrm{m}^{-1} \mathrm{K}^{-1})$	$B_{2,i} (\mathrm{mW} \mathrm{m}^{-1} \mathrm{K}^{-1})$
	$0.103~432 imes 10^{0}$	$-0.283\ 976 imes 10^{-1}$
2	-0.112597×10^{0}	$0.482~520 imes 10^{-1}$
;	$0.233\ 301 imes 10^{0}$	$-0.644\ 124 imes 10^{-1}$
Ļ	$-0.112536 imes 10^{0}$	$0.529~376 \times 10^{-2}$
i	$0.141\ 129 imes 10^{-1}$	$0.891\ 203 \times 10^{-2}$

$$\overline{\Omega}_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\left(\overline{q}_{\rm D}\xi\right)^{-1} + \left(\overline{q}_{\rm D}\xi\rho_{\rm c}/\rho\right)^2/3}\right) \right].$$
(10)

In Eqs. (8)–(10), $\overline{\eta}$ (Pa s) is the viscosity, and C_p and C_v (J kg⁻¹ K⁻¹) are the isobaric and isochoric specific heat obtained from the equation of state, respectively. The correlation length ξ (m) is given by

$$\xi = \xi_0 \left(\frac{p_c \rho}{\Gamma \rho_c^2} \right)^{\nu/\gamma} \left[\frac{\partial \rho(T, \rho)}{\partial p} \bigg|_T - \left(\frac{T_{\text{ref}}}{T} \right) \frac{\partial \rho(T_{\text{ref}}, \rho)}{\partial p} \bigg|_T \right]^{\nu/\gamma}.$$
(11)

As already mentioned, the coefficients $B_{1,i}$ and $B_{2,i}$ in Eq. (7) were fitted with ODRPACK⁵⁰ to the primary data for the thermal conductivity of ammonia. This crossover model requires the universal amplitude, $R_{\rm D} = 1.02$ (-), the universal critical exponents, $\nu = 0.63$ and $\gamma = 1.239$, and the system-dependent amplitudes Γ and ξ_0 . For this work, we adopted the values Γ = 0.053 (-) and $\xi_0 = 0.140 \times 10^{-9}$ m, using the universal representation of the critical enhancement of the thermal conductivity by Perkins et al.⁵² When there are sufficient experimental data available in the critical region, the remaining parameter \overline{q}_{D}^{-1} may be found by regression. The dataset of Tufeu et al.¹⁷ contains data in the critical region, which were used to fit the effective cutoff wavelength $\overline{q}_{\rm D}^{-1}$ (m) simultaneously with the coefficients of Eq. (7) and to obtain the value for $\overline{q}_{\rm D}^{-1}$ of 4.0 $\times 10^{-10}$ m. The viscosity required for Eq. (8) was obtained by the recent correlation of Monogenidou et al.²¹ The reference temperature T_{ref} , far above the critical temperature where the critical enhancement is negligible, was calculated by $T_{ref} = (^{3}/_{2})$ $T_{\rm c}$,³¹ which for ammonia is 608.34 K.

Table 3 summarizes comparisons of the primary data with the correlation. The average absolute percent deviation (AAD) of the fit is 2.67%, and its bias is -0.18%. We estimate the uncertainty (standard deviation) in thermal conductivity at a 95% confidence level to be 6.8% for the temperature range 200 K–680 K at pressures up to 80 MPa.

Figure 5 shows the percentage deviations of all primary thermal conductivity data from the values calculated by Eqs. (1) and (6)–(11) as a function of temperature, while Figs. 6 and 7 show the same deviations but as a function of the pressure and the density. Although the experimental data cover a fairly wide range of temperatures and pressures, as indicated in Fig. 1, there are few cases where the exact same range of conditions has been measured by more than one investigator. For example, in the liquid phase, Shamsetdinov *et al.*¹⁹ measured an isotherm at approximately 290 K over 10.1–20.3 MPa, while Needham and Ziebland²⁴ measured at 293 K from 1.4 MPa to 29.9 MPa. Both sets of measurements

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First author	Year of publication	AAD (%)	BIAS (%)	MAX (%)
Shamsetdinov ¹⁹	2013	1.83	0.19	5.9
Clifford ¹⁸	1988	2.26	0.09	6.9
Tufeu ¹⁷	1984	1.74	-0.63	9.8
Srivastava ²³	1966	1.90	-0.58	-4.3
Needham ²⁴	1965	2.80	2.31	13.2
Golubev ²⁵	1964	3.98	-1.87	12.3
Keyes ²⁶	1954	2.08	0.50	4.0
Enti	re dataset	2.67	-0.18	

TABLE 3. Evaluation of the ammonia thermal conductivity correlation for the primary data

are in agreement with the model to within 4%. Shamsetdinov *et al.*¹⁹ also measured an isotherm at approximately 330 K from 0.1 MPa to 20.3 MPa, while Needham and Ziebland²⁴ measured at 332.5 K from 4.5 MPa to 29.9 MPa. Clifford and Tufeu¹⁸ measured a total of 4 points at 332.4 K to 334.7 K at pressures from 2.9 MPa to 40.5 MPa. These measurements all are in agreement with the model to within 4%. In the



FIG. 5. Percentage deviations of primary thermal conductivity experimental data of ammonia from the values calculated by the present model as a function of temperature. Tufeu *et al.*¹⁷ (\bigoplus), Clifford and Tufeu¹⁸ (\square), Shamsetdinov *et al.*¹⁹ (\bullet), Srivastava and Das Gupta²³ (\triangle), Needham and Ziebland²⁴ (\blacktriangle), Golubev and Sokolova²⁵ (\blacksquare), and Keyes²⁶ (\diamondsuit).



FIG. 6. Percentage deviations of primary thermal conductivity experimental data of ammonia from the values calculated by the present model as a function of pressure. Tufeu *et al.*¹⁷ (\bigoplus), Clifford and Tufeu¹⁸ (\square), Shamsetdinov *et al.*¹⁹ (\bigstar), Srivastava and Das Gupta²³ (\triangle), Needham and Ziebland²⁴ (\blacktriangle), Golubev and Sokolova²⁵ (\blacksquare), and Keyes²⁶ (\bigoplus).

supercritical region, at approximately 450 K, three investigators^{17,24,25} performed measurements that cover 0.1 MPa to 48 MPa. The measurements of Needham and Ziebland²⁴ generally are in agreement with those of Tufeu *et al.*¹⁷ to within about 4%, with those of Golubev and Sokolova²⁵ exhibiting larger deviations, as shown in Fig. 5.

Table 4 shows the average absolute percent deviation (AAD), bias, and maximum percent deviation for the secondary data. Figure 8 shows a plot of the thermal conductivity of ammonia as a function of the temperature for different pressures. The plot demonstrates the smooth extrapolation behavior at conditions outside of the range of experimental



FIG. 7. Percentage deviations of primary thermal conductivity experimental data of ammonia from the values calculated by the present model as a function of density. Tufeu *et al.*¹⁷ (\bigoplus), Clifford and Tufeu¹⁸ (\square), Shamsetdinov *et al.*¹⁹ (\bigcirc), Srivastava and Das Gupta²³ (\triangle), Needham and Ziebland²⁴ (\blacktriangle), Golubev and Sokolova²⁵ (\blacksquare), and Keyes²⁶ (\bigoplus).

TABLE 4. Evaluation of the ammonia thermal conductivity correlation for the secondary data

First author	Year of publication	AAD (%)	BIAS (%)	MAX (%)
Afshar ²⁷	1981	4.57	-4.57	-9.4
Barua ²⁸	1968	6.61	-6.61	-8.0
Correia ²⁹	1968	2.01	-1.62	-4.9
Gutweiler ³⁰	1968	2.95	2.59	4.8
Baker ³¹	1965	1.39	-1.39	-2.0
Senftleben ³²	1965	7.65	6.13	20.0
Richter ³³	1964	2.92	-0.52	9.3
Varlaskin ³⁴	1963	21.61	-21.61	-32.4
Gray ³⁵	1961	6.84	-6.84	-9.2
Franck ³⁶	1951	3.93	-3.93	-9.1
Dickins ³⁷	1934	1.96	-1.96	-2.0
Kardos ³⁸	1934	15.61	-15.61	-20.4



Fig. 8. Thermal conductivity of ammonia as a function of temperature for selected pressures.



Fig. 9. Thermal conductivity of ammonia as a function of density for selected temperatures.

data (above 680 K and 80 MPa). The equation of state of Gao *et al.*²⁰ is valid up to 1000 MPa, but we recommend limiting the use of the present correlation to 100 MPa. Finally, Fig. 9 shows the thermal conductivity of ammonia as a function of the density for different temperatures, including the critical enhancement.

3. Recommended Values

In Table 5, thermal conductivity values are given along the saturation boundary for liquid and vapor, calculated from the

 $T_{\text{ABLE}} \ 6. \ Thermal \ conductivity \ values \ of \ ammonia \ at \ selected \ temperatures \ and \ pressures, \ calculated \ by \ the \ present \ correlation$

p (MPa)	T (K)	ho (kg m ⁻³)	$\lambda \ (\mathrm{mW} \ \mathrm{m}^{-1} \ \mathrm{K}^{-1})$
0.1	200	728.70	610.47
	300	0.68976	25.369
	400	0.51384	37.467
	500	0.41028	51.987
	600	0.341 64	68.601
25	200	737.51	643.79
	300	620.59	514.89
	400	456.48	295.99
	500	169.57	114.01
	600	102.47	96.121
50	200	745.67	677.40
	300	637.43	563.26
	400	509.08	358.57
	500	347.35	211.24
	600	221.15	144.69

present proposed correlations between T = 200 K and 600 K, while in Table 6, thermal conductivity values are given for temperatures between 200 and 600 K at selected pressures. Saturation pressure and saturation density values for selected temperatures, as well as the density values for the selected temperature and pressure, are obtained from the equation of state of Gao *et al.*²⁰ For checking of computer calculations, for T = 390 K, at $\rho = 415.0$ kg m⁻³, the dilute-gas contribution from Eq. (6) is 35.969 501 mW m⁻¹ K⁻¹, the residual contribution from the critical enhancement in Eqs. (8)–(11) is 9.409 965 mW m⁻¹ K⁻¹, leading to a value for the thermal conductivity of 264.129 743 mW m⁻¹ K⁻¹.

4. Conclusions

A new wide-ranging correlation for the thermal conductivity of ammonia was developed based on critically evaluated experimental data. The correlation is expressed in terms of temperature and density and is designed to be used with the equation of state of Gao *et al.*²⁰ The estimated uncertainty at a 95% confidence level is estimated to be 6.8% from the triple-point temperature to 680 K and pressures up to 80 MPa, with the exception of the dilute-gas range where the uncertainty is 4% over the temperature range 285 K to 575 K. The correlation may be used in an extrapolation mode up to

 $T_{\mbox{\scriptsize ABLE}}$ 5. Thermal conductivity values of ammonia along the saturation curve, calculated by the present correlation

T (K)	p (MPa)	$ ho_{ m liq}~(m kg~m^{-3})$	$ ho_{\rm vap} ({\rm kg} \ {\rm m}^{-3})$	$\lambda_{liq}~(mW~m^{-1}~K^{-1})$	$\lambda_{vap} (mW \; m^{-1} \; K^{-1})$
200	0.008 609 8	728.67	0.088 673	610.35	16.028
225	0.045 452	699.55	0.42076	595.66	18.086
250	0.164 89	668.97	1.403 8	563.72	20.632
275	0.459 75	636.11	3.6887	518.92	23.870
300	1.061 1	600.17	8.244 3	465.89	28.116
325	2.1324	559.80	16.567	408.61	33.938
350	3.865 2	512.42	31.336	350.12	42.760
375	6.485 3	451.52	58.892	291.57	60.174
400	10.297	344.01	130.89	238.10	142.34

100 MPa, but the uncertainties will be larger outside of the validated range and also in the critical region. In addition, the correlation does not consider dissociation and should not be extrapolated to temperatures above 700 K.

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