

# **Keg Cooler Problem**

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# Beer

- Beer is not the problem, keeping it cold is
- Ground temperature changes seasonally, daily and depending on local geology
- What depth should our cellars be in the cities of San Diego, CA and Bend, OR?
- According to CNN, #3 and #7 for “best beer towns in USA”

# Problems with Warm Beer

- Warm beer is not fun
- If you are going to spend ~150 dollars on a keg, might as well give it some love
- Causes it to go flat faster



# Problems with Cold Beer

- Running out
- .....?

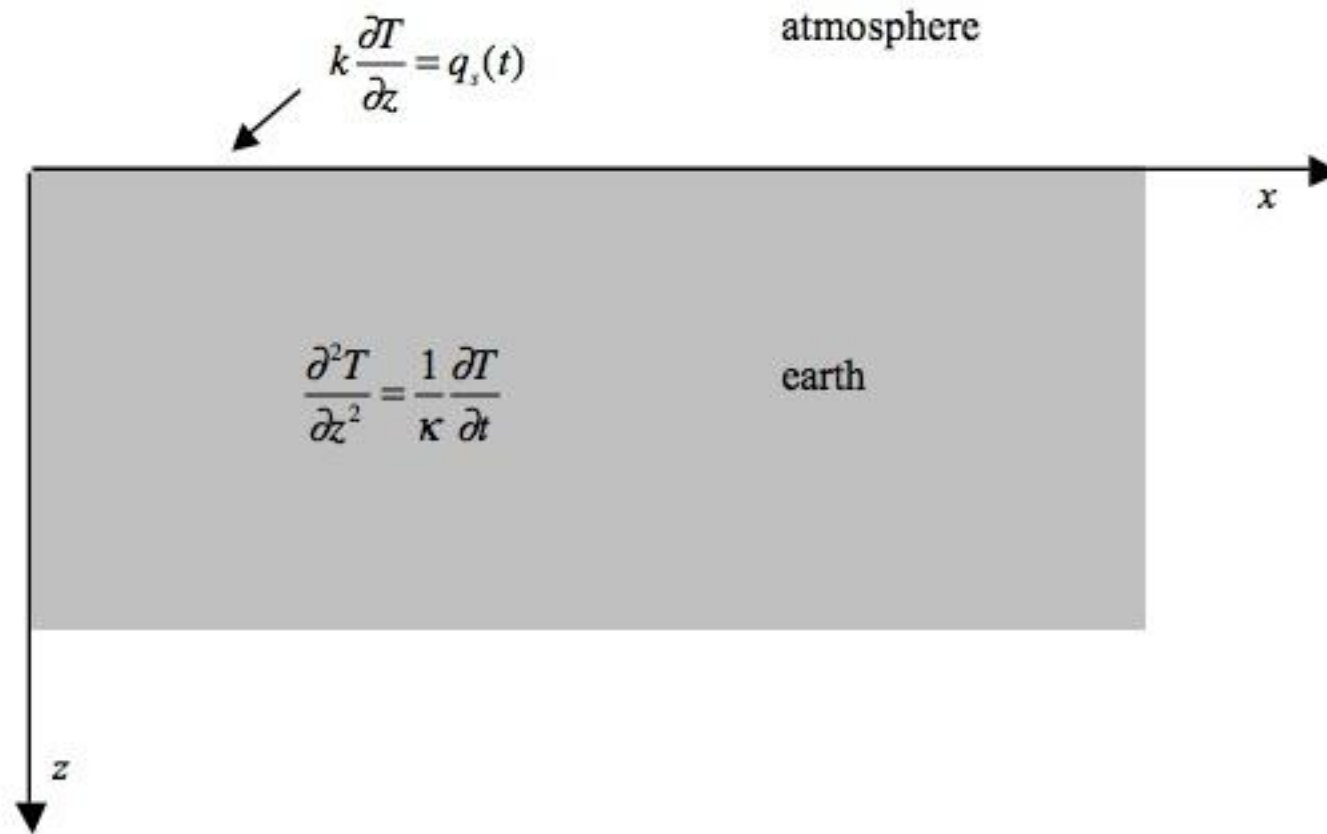


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# Proper Temperature

- 4 Degrees C to store kegged beer (the fridge)
- But for longer term storage, 7 Degrees C is acceptable (~45F)
- Dark is also a plus for bottles
- Unlike wine, 5-10 years should be max storing length

# The Problem



# Math Time

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

$$T(z, t) = T_o + \Delta T(z, t)$$

$$\Delta T = Z(z)\tilde{T}(t)$$

$$\tilde{T}(t) = \cos(\omega t) + \sin(\omega t)$$

$$T(z, t) = T_o + Z_1(z)\cos(\omega t) + Z_2(z)\sin(\omega t)$$

# More Math

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = -\frac{\omega}{\kappa} Z_1 \sin(\omega t) + \frac{\omega}{\kappa} Z_2 \cos(\omega t)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} = \frac{d^2 Z_1}{dz^2} \cos(\omega t) + \frac{d^2 Z_2}{dz^2} \sin(\omega t)$$

$$\left( \frac{d^2 Z_1}{dz^2} - \frac{\omega}{\kappa} Z_2 \right) \cos(\omega t) + \left( \frac{d^2 Z_2}{dz^2} + \frac{\omega}{\kappa} Z_1 \right) \sin(\omega t) = 0$$



# Coupled 2<sup>nd</sup> Order ODEs

$$\frac{d^2 Z_1}{dz^2} - \frac{\omega}{\kappa} Z_2 = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 Z_2}{dz^2} + \frac{\omega}{\kappa} Z_1 = 0$$

$$Z_1 = -\frac{\kappa}{\omega} \frac{d^2 Z_2}{dz^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dz^2} \left( \frac{\kappa}{\omega} \frac{d^2 Z_2}{dz^2} \right) + \frac{\omega}{\kappa} Z_2 = 0$$

$$\frac{d^4 Z_2}{dz^4} = -\frac{\omega^2}{\kappa^2} Z_2$$

# Solution for Z

$$Z_2 = ce^{\alpha z}$$

$$\alpha^4 = -\frac{\omega^2}{\kappa^2}$$

$$\alpha^2 = i\frac{\omega}{\kappa}$$

$$\alpha = \pm \sqrt{i\frac{\omega}{\kappa}}$$

$$\alpha = \pm \left( \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\kappa}}$$

# Solution for Z

$$Z_2 = e^{-z\gamma} (c_1 e^{-iz\gamma} + c_2 e^{iz\gamma})$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{2\kappa}}$$

$$Z_2 = e^{-z\gamma} [b_1 \cos(z\gamma) + b_2 \sin(z\gamma)]$$

$$b_1 = c_2 - c_1$$

$$b_2 = c_1 + c_2$$

Similarly

$$Z_1 = e^{-z\gamma} [b_3 \cos(z\gamma) + b_4 \sin(z\gamma)]$$

$$b_3 = b_2$$

$$b_4 = -b_1$$

# Final T

$$b_1 = -b_4 = 0$$

$$b_2 = b_3 = \Delta T$$

$$Z_2 = e^{-z\gamma} [\Delta T \sin(z\gamma)]$$

$$Z_1 = e^{-z\gamma} [\Delta T \cos(z\gamma)]$$

$$T = T_o + \Delta T e^{z\gamma} [\cos(\omega t) \cos(z\gamma) + \sin(\omega t) \sin(z\gamma)]$$

$$T = T_o + \Delta T e^{-z\gamma} \cos(\omega t - z\gamma)$$

# Attenuation Depth

$$d_{\omega} = \sqrt{\frac{2\kappa}{\omega}} \quad \kappa = \frac{k}{\rho c}$$

Attenuation depth is related to thermal conductivity, density, specific heat, and frequency.

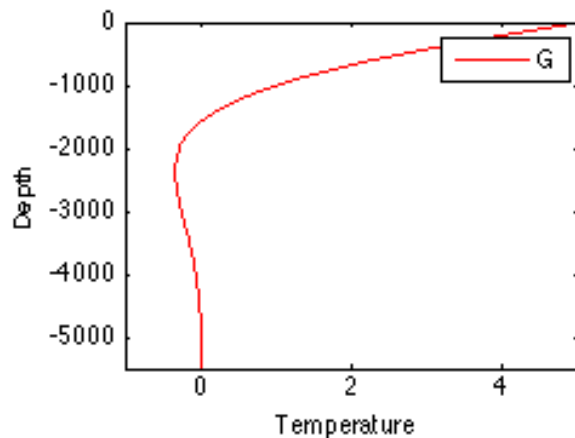
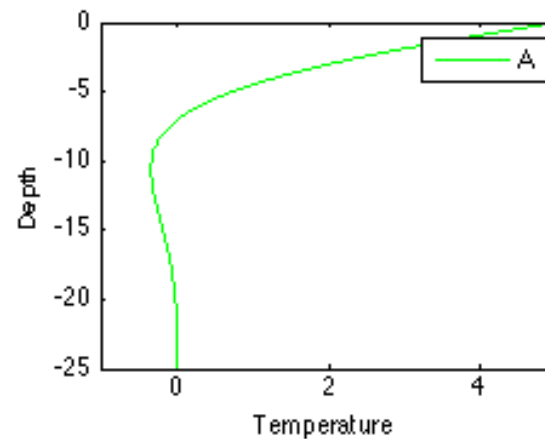
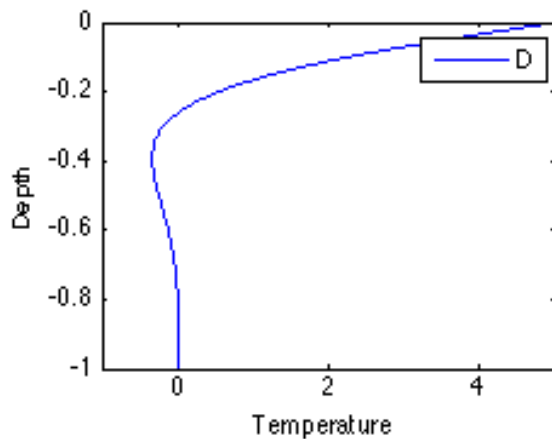
- $d_{\omega d} = 0.05 \text{ m}$

- $d_{\omega a} = 1.4 \text{ m}$

- $d_{\omega g} = 316 \text{ m}$

$$\kappa = 1 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$$

# Attenuation Depth



$$\kappa = 1 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$$

$$T_o = 0^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\Delta T = 5^\circ\text{C}$$

# Surface Heat Flux

$$k \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = q_s(t)$$

$$q_s(t) = -k\Delta T\gamma [\sin(\omega t) - \cos(\omega t)]$$

$$q_s(t) = \Delta q [\sin(\omega t) - \cos(\omega t)] \qquad \Delta q = -k\Delta T\gamma$$

- There is a delay of  $\pi/4$  between a change in heat flux at the surface and the change in temperature due to it.

# Time Variation

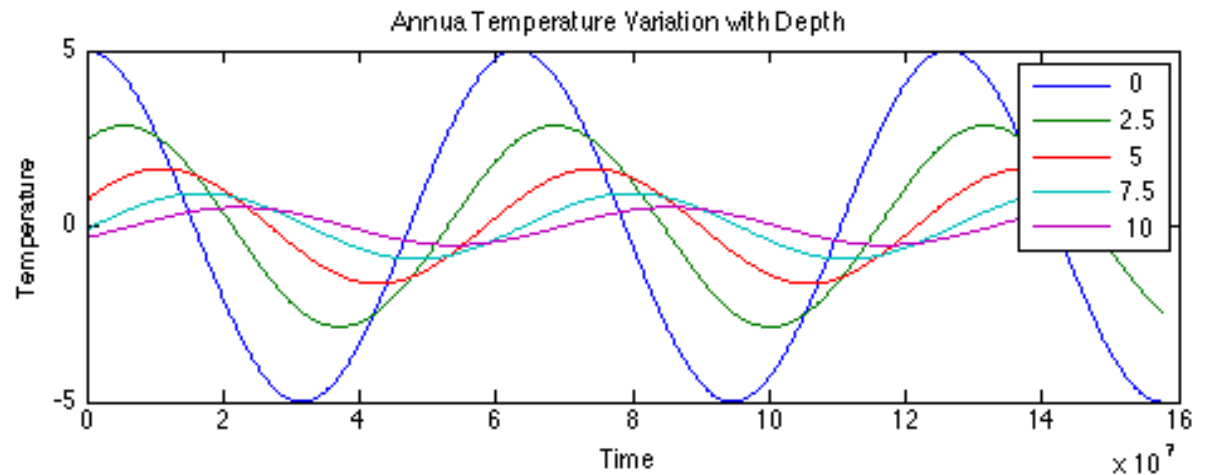
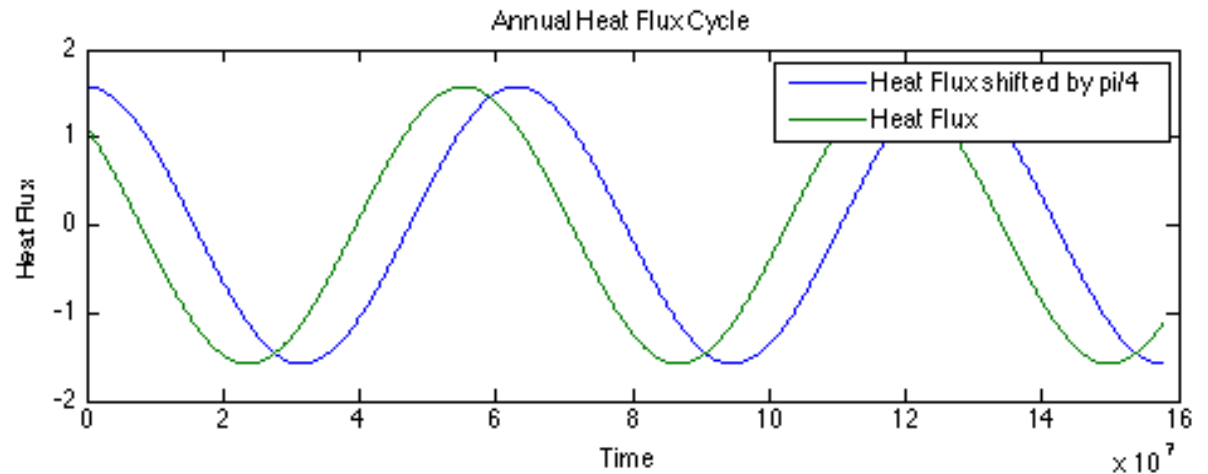
- Diurnal Variation
  - $\tau = 1 \text{ day}$
  - $\omega = 7.27 \times 10^{-5} \text{ rad/s}$
- Annual Variation
  - $\tau = 1 \text{ year}$
  - $\omega = 1.99 \times 10^{-7} \text{ rad/s}$
- Glacial Variation
  - $\tau = 100,000 \text{ years}$
  - $\omega = 1.99 \times 10^{-12} \text{ rad/s}$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{\tau}$$



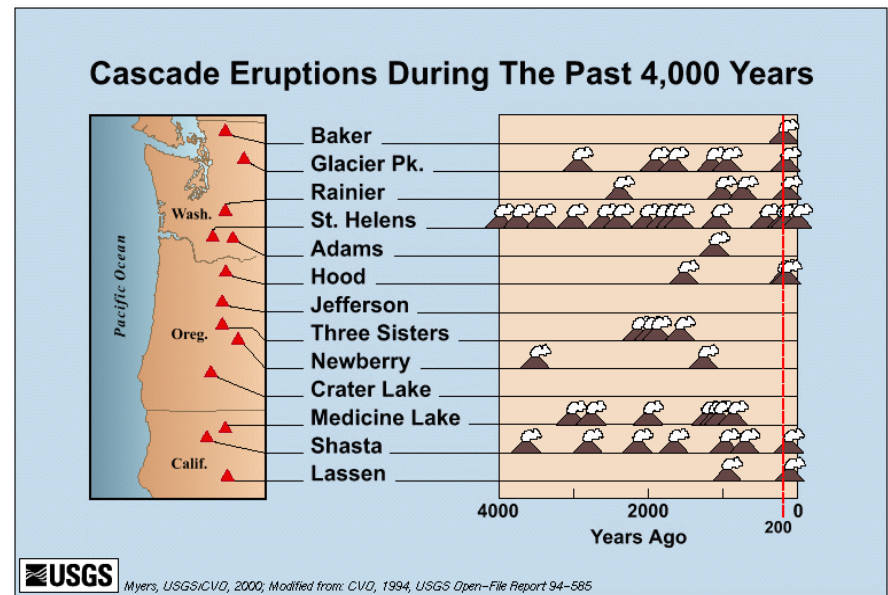
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# Necessary Constants (Bend/Basalt)

- Mean Temperature
  - 8 °C
- Density
  - Basalt: 2900 kg\*m<sup>-3</sup>
- Specific heat
  - Basalt: 0.84  
kJ\*(kg\*K)<sup>-1</sup>
- Heat Capacity
  - Basalt: 1.5 W\*(m\*K)<sup>-1</sup>



# Results (Bend)

- $T_o = 8^\circ C$                        $\Delta T = 16^\circ C$
- To reach a temperature of  $7^\circ C$  we have to dig  $\sim 8.2$  m
  - really deep
- Very little temperature fluctuation
  - Too deep for diurnal
  - Not deep enough to be affected by glacial
  - Small ( $\sim 20\%$ ) of surface variation for annual
- Too deep for realistic storage

# Necessary Constants (San Diego/Sandstone)

- Mean Temperature
  - 17.6 °C
- Density
  - Sandstone: 2650 kg\*m<sup>-3</sup>
- Specific Heat
  - Sandstone: 0.92  
kJ\*(kg\*K)<sup>-1</sup>
- Heat Capacity
  - Sandstone: 4 W\*(m\*K)<sup>-1</sup>



# Results (San Diego)

- $T_o = 17.6^\circ C$        $\Delta T = 8^\circ C$
- Unfortunately the lowest temperature attainable is  $17^\circ C$ 
  - still too hot
- Just use a refrigerator because the ground just doesn't get cold enough

# Head North

- Need an overall colder location
- Several cities in Alaska as well as Canada provide the necessary climate
  - Juneau, AK; Skagway, AK; Calgary, AB; etc
- All these locations would allow a keg cooler to be built within 3 m of the surface providing temperatures around 7°C or colder
- Don't go too far north (frozen beer = bad)



# Three Sisters (Cascades)





**THANKS!**

