

Physical properties of materials at low temperatures

1 Resistivity/Conductivity

Free electron model with scattering

$$\sigma = \frac{\bar{j}}{\bar{E}} = \frac{n \cdot e \bar{v}_D}{\bar{E}} \quad n = \frac{N}{V}$$

v_D Drift velocity

$$m \cdot \dot{\vec{v}} = e \cdot \vec{E}$$

$$\int_0^{v_D} d\vec{v} = \int_0^t \frac{e \vec{E}}{m} dt$$

$$\vec{v}_D = \frac{e \vec{E} \tau}{m}$$

$$\frac{\bar{v}_D}{\bar{E}} = \frac{e \tau}{m}$$

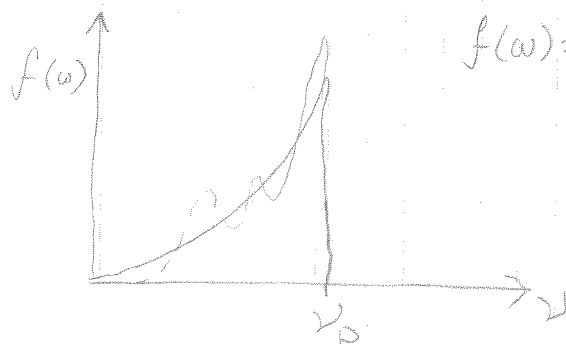
$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{n e^2 \tau}{m}$$

$$\rho = \frac{m}{n e^2 \tau}$$

τ is determined by scattering
the dominating process is

$$\rho = \rho(T) + \rho_0$$

Debye spectrum



$$f(\omega) = \begin{cases} kv^2 & \omega < \omega_D \\ 0 & \omega > \omega_D \end{cases}$$

$$f(\omega) = k \cdot V \cdot \omega^2 = 4\pi \left(\frac{1}{v_l^3} + \frac{2}{v_t^3} \right) \cdot V \cdot \omega^2$$

Atoms in volume $V \Rightarrow 3N$ modes

$$3N = \int_0^{\nu_0} f(\nu) d\nu = k \cdot V \frac{\nu_0^3}{3}$$

$$\nu_0^3 = \frac{3N}{k} = \frac{3N}{4\pi \left(\frac{1}{v_l^3} + \frac{2}{v_t^3} \right)}$$

$$\Theta_D = \frac{h \nu_0}{k_B} = \frac{h}{k_B} \sqrt[3]{\frac{3N}{4\pi \left(\frac{1}{v_l^3} + \frac{2}{v_t^3} \right)}} \approx \frac{h}{k_B} \sqrt[3]{\frac{3n}{4\pi}} v_s$$

Sound velocity

Grüneise-Bloch equation

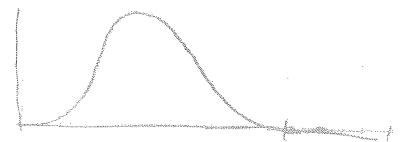
$$S \propto \frac{T^5}{\Theta_D^6} \int_0^{\Theta/T} \frac{x^5 dx}{(e^x - 1)(1 - e^{-x})}$$

low T
 $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$S \approx k \frac{T^5}{\Theta_D^6} \int_0^{\Theta/T} \frac{x^5}{e^x} dx = 6 \cdot 5! \cdot T^5$$

$$\sim \Gamma(6) = 5!$$

high T
 $x \ll 1$



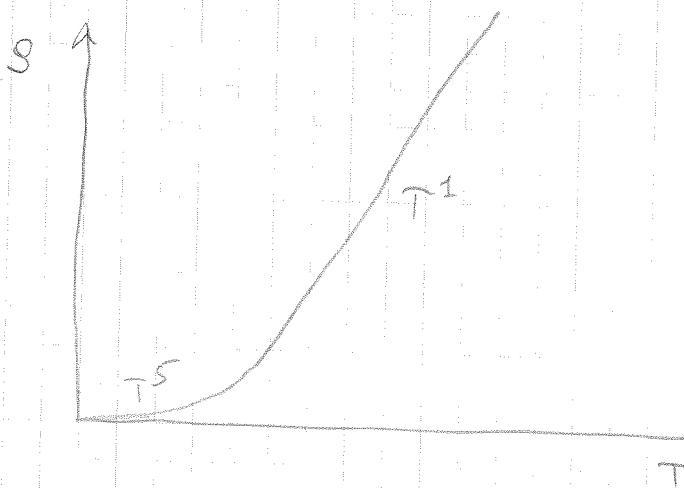
high $T \rightarrow x \ll 1$

$$e^x \approx 1 + x$$

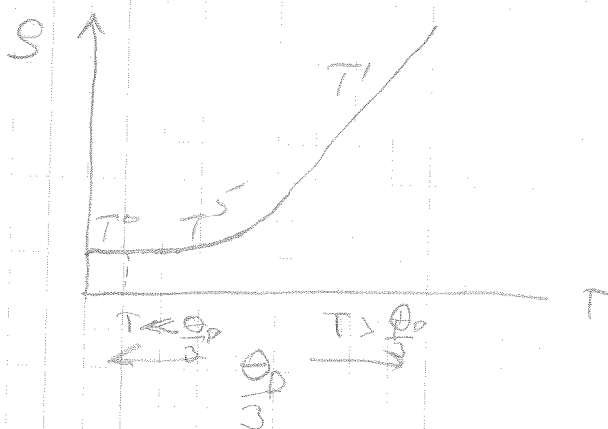
$$e^{-x} \approx 1 - x$$

$$g = \epsilon \frac{T^5}{\Theta_D^6} \int_0^{\Theta_D/T} \frac{x^5}{x \cdot x} dx = \epsilon \frac{T^5}{\Theta_D^6} \left[\frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^{\Theta_D/T}$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon}{4} \cdot \frac{T^5}{\Theta_D^6} \cdot \frac{\Theta_D^4}{T^4} = \frac{\epsilon}{4} \cdot \frac{T}{\Theta_D^2} \propto T$$



Add impurities Temperature indep. scattering



$$\Theta_D \sim 100 - 400 \text{ K}$$

Valid also for SC above T_c

Heat capacity

$$C_V = \left. \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right|_V = T \left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right|_V$$

calculated

$$C_P = \left. \frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right|_P + P \left. \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right|_P = \left. \frac{\partial H}{\partial T} \right|_P$$

measured

Thermal expansion

$$H = U + PV$$

$$C_P = \gamma C_V \quad \gamma \sim 1$$

$$C_P - C_V = \frac{T \cdot V \beta^2}{\beta_T} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Volume exp} \\ \text{Kompressibility} \end{array}$$

No big difference if T low

Lattice heat capacity

High Temp $T > \Theta_D$

$$U = 3 \cdot N \cdot k_B T \quad \text{atoms per unit cell}$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial T} = 3Nk_B = 3 \cdot l \cdot R = 2.5 \text{ J/mole K} \quad \text{monatomic}$$

$$C_{Vl} = 9Nk_B \left(\frac{T}{\Theta_D} \right)^3 \int_0^{\Theta_D/T} \frac{x^4}{x^2 + x^2} dx = 9Nk_B \left(\frac{T}{\Theta_D} \right) \left(\frac{\Theta_D}{T} \right)^3 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 3Nk_B = 3lR$$

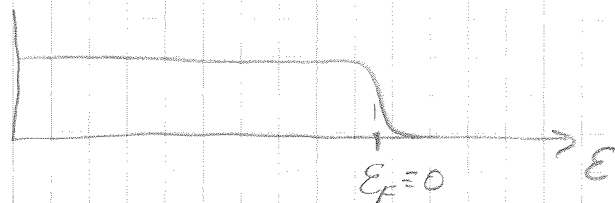
low temp $T < \Theta_D \Rightarrow x \rightarrow \infty$

$$C_{Vl} = 9Nk_B \left(\frac{T}{\Theta_D} \right)^3 \int_0^{\Theta_D/T} \frac{x^4 dx}{(e^x - 1)(1 - e^{-x})}$$

$$C_{Vl} \approx 9Nk_B \left(\frac{T}{\Theta_D} \right)^3 \int_0^{\Theta_D/T} \frac{x^3}{e^x} dx$$

Electronic heat capacity

$$U_e = \sum_k E_k$$



$$U_e = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E \cdot N(E) \cdot f(E, T) \cdot dE$$

$$N(E) = N(0) = N_0$$

$$f(E, T) = \frac{1}{e^{E/kT} + 1}$$

$$x = \frac{E}{kT} \quad E = kT \cdot x \quad dE = kT dx$$

$$U_e = 2 N_0 \left(\frac{kT}{2}\right)^2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{e^x + 1} dx = 2 N_0 k^2 T^2 \cdot \frac{\pi^2}{12}$$

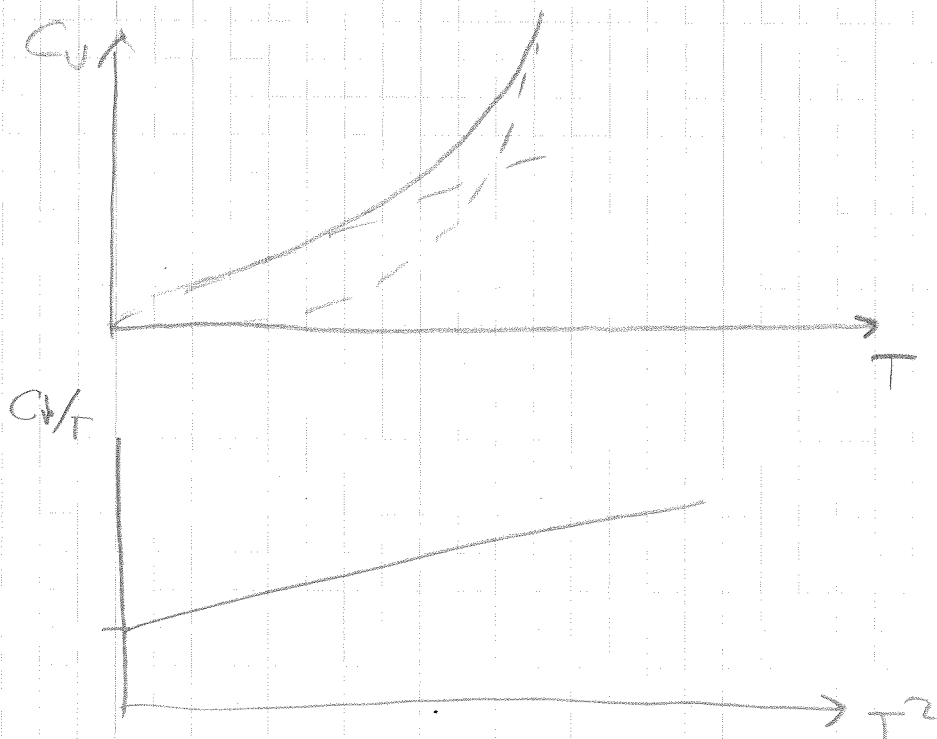
$$= \frac{\pi^2}{6} N_0 \cdot k^2 T^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{4} N \cdot \frac{k_B^2 T^2}{E_F}$$
$$\frac{3}{2} \frac{N}{E_F}$$

$$C_{ve} = \frac{\pi^2}{2} N k_B^2 \frac{T}{E_F} = \frac{\pi^2}{2} N k_B \frac{T}{T_F}$$

Summary C_V for low T

$$C_V = C_{ve} + C_{ve} =$$

$$C_V = N \cdot k_B \left(\frac{\pi^2}{2} \frac{T}{T_F} + \frac{3\pi^4}{5} \frac{T^3}{\Theta_D^3} \right) = \gamma T + \alpha T^3$$

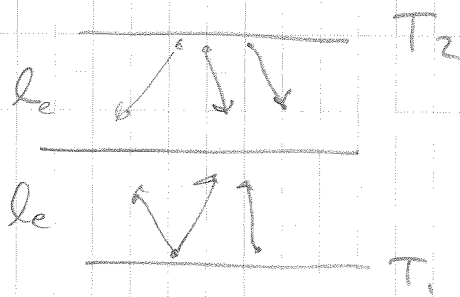


Thermal conductivity of electrons

Dominates at low T for metals

$$\kappa = \frac{\bar{j}}{\nabla T}$$

consider 3 planes



$$c_v = \frac{C_v}{N}$$

$$\bar{j} = \frac{1}{6} n \cdot v_e \cdot c_v \cdot \Delta T$$

$$\nabla T = \frac{T_2 - T_1}{2l_e} = \frac{\Delta T}{2l_e}$$

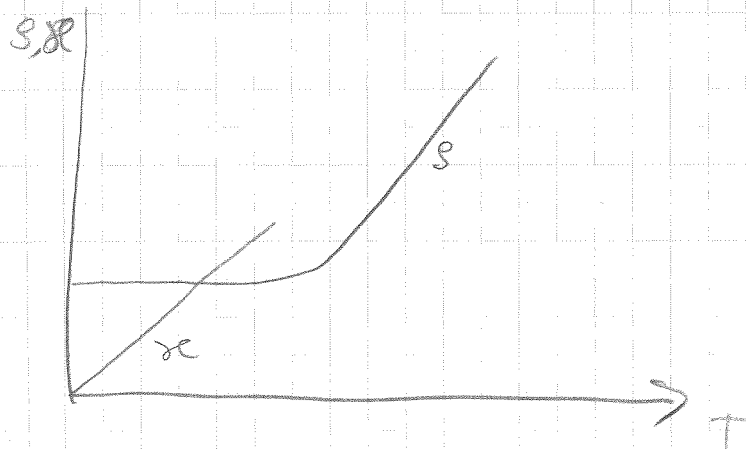
$$\kappa = \frac{N v_e}{6V} \cdot \frac{C_v}{N} \cdot \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta T} \cdot 2l_e = \frac{C_v}{V} \cdot \frac{v_e}{3} \cdot l_e = \underline{\underline{\frac{C_v}{V} \cdot \frac{v_e^2}{3}}}}$$

$$= \frac{\pi^2}{6} n k_B^2 v_e^2 \cdot \tau \frac{T}{E_F}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{n e^2 \tau}{m}$$

$$\frac{\kappa}{\sigma} = \frac{\pi^2 n k_B^2 v_e^2 \tau T}{6 \cdot \frac{1}{2} m v_e^2 \cdot n e^2 \tau} = \frac{\pi^2}{3} \frac{k_B^2}{e^2} T \equiv L_0 T$$

Wiedemann-Franz Law



Lattice Heat conductivity

$$\kappa = \frac{C_v}{V} \cdot \frac{V_s^2 \tau}{3} = \frac{C_v}{V} \frac{V_s \ell}{3} \propto T^3 \text{ at low } T \ll \theta_D$$

Scattering of phonons is much complicated

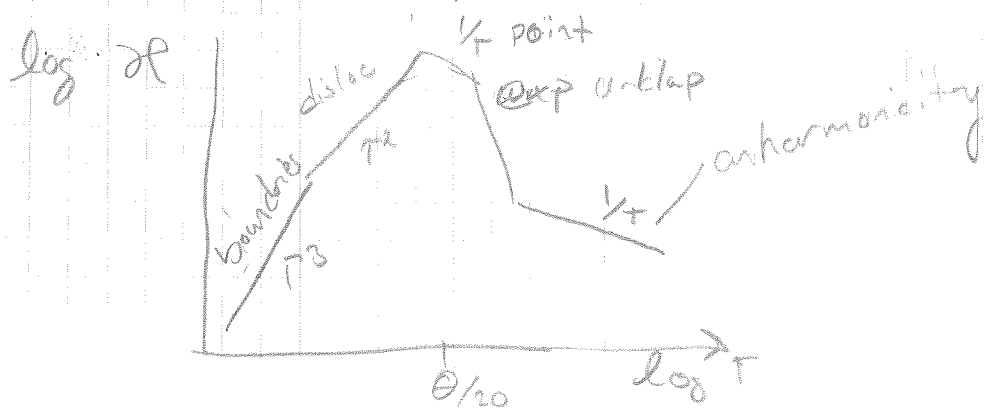
$\tau_{\text{phon-phon}}$

$\tau_{\text{ph-e}}$

$\tau_{\text{p-def}}$

— many different types
grain boundaries, vacancies,
dislocations...

These all give different T dep.



Non metals

$$\rho = \frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{(R_B + R_D + R_P + R_U)}$$

$\begin{array}{cccc} | & | & | & | \\ T^{-3} & T^{-2} & T & T^{-1} e^{-\frac{\theta}{kT}} \end{array}$

Summary how T

Metals

$$S = S_0 + kT^5$$

$$C_V = \underbrace{\gamma T}_{\text{el}} + \underbrace{\alpha T^3}_{\text{Latt}}$$

$$\rho = \underbrace{a \cdot T}_{\text{el}} + \underbrace{b T^2}_{\text{Latt}}$$

Nonmetals

$$S = \infty$$

$$C_V = \alpha T^3$$

$$\rho = b T^3$$

$b T^2$ for some

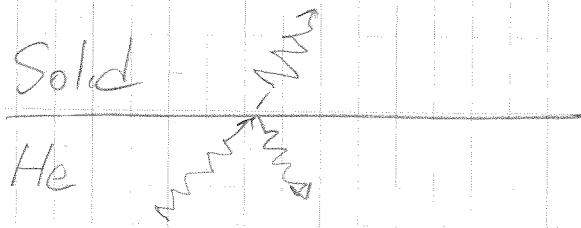
Supercond

$$S = 0 \quad T < T_c$$

$$C_{Ve} = C_{Ve}(T_c) e^{-\frac{\Delta}{kT}} + \alpha T^3$$

$$\rho = a T e^{-\frac{\Delta}{kT}} + b T^3$$

Kapitza resistance



$$R_K = \frac{15 \hbar^3 \rho_{\text{solid}} v_s^3}{2\pi^2 k_B^4 \rho_{\text{He}} v_{\text{He}}} \frac{1}{T^3}$$

Thermal integrals

$$\frac{dP}{dT} = K(T)$$

$$P = \int_{T_1}^{T_2} K(T) dT \equiv \bar{K}_{T_1 T_2} \cdot \Delta T$$

$$\bar{K}_{T_1 T_2} = \frac{1}{\Delta T} \int_{T_1}^{T_2} K(T) dT$$