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**Pensum: Introduction to Solid State Physics
by Charles Kittel (Chapters 1-9 and 17, 18, 20)**

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2016 FYS3410 Lectures (based on C.Kittel's Introduction to SSP, Chapters 1-9, 17,18,20)

Module I – Periodic Structures and Defects (Chapters 1-3, 20)

M18/1: 9-12 am	Introduction. Crystal bonding. Periodicity and lattices, Brag diffraction and Laue condition, reciprocal space	3h
<i>W20/1 cancelled</i>		
M25/1: 9-12 am	Ewald construction, interpretation of a diffraction experiment , Brag planes, and Brillouin zones	3h
<i>W27/1 cancelled</i>		
M01/2: 10-12 am	Elastic strain and structural defects in crystals	2h
W03/2: 9-10 am	Atomic diffusion in solids	1h
M08/2: 10-12 am	Summary of Module I	2h

Module II – Phonons (Chapters 4 and 5)

W10/2: 9-10 am	Vibrations in monoatomic and diatomic chains of atoms	1h
M15/2: 10-12am	Periodic boundary conditions, phonons and density of states (DOS)	2h
W17/2: 9-10 am	Planck distribution	1h
M22/2 : 10-12am	Lattice heat capacity: Dulong-Petit, Einstein, and Debye models	2h
<i>W24/2 cancelled</i>		
M29/2: 9-12am	Comparison of different models for lattice heat capacity, thermal conductivity with phonons	3h
W02/3: 9-10 am	Thermal expansion	1h
M07/3: 10-12am	Summary of Module II.	2h

Module III – Electrons (Chapters 6, 7, 18 - pp.528-530, and Appendix D)

W09/3: 9-10 am	Free electron gas (FEG) versus free electron Fermi gas (FEFG)	1h
M14/3: 10-12am	DOS of FEFG in 3D. Effect of temperature – Fermi-Dirac distribution	2h
W16/3: 9-10 am	Heat capacity of FEFG in 3D	1h
W30/3: 9-10 am	DOS in 2D - quantum wells	1h
M04/4: 10-12am	DOS in 1D and 0D, i.e. quantum wires and quantum dots; transport properties of electrons	2h
W06/4: 9-10 am	Origin of the energy band gap	
M11/4: 10-12am	Nearly free electron model. Kronig-Penney model. Empty lattice approximation.	2h
W13/4: 9-10 am	Number of orbitals in a band	1h
M18/4: 10-12am	Summary of Module III.	2h

Module IV – Semiconductors and interfaces (Chapters 8, 9-pp 223-231, 17)

W20/4: 9-10 am	Metals versus semiconductors. Surfaces and interfaces.	1h
M25/4: 9-12 am	Effective mass method.	3h
W27/4: 9-10 am	Intrinsic carrier generation – elctrons and holes.	1h
M02/5: 9-12 am	Localized levels for hydrogen-like impurities – donors and acceptors. Doping.	3h
W04/5: 9-10 am	Carrier statistics in semiconductors	1h
M09/5: 9-12 am	p-n junctions	3h
W11/5: 9-10 am	Optoelectronic semiconductor properties and devices	1h
M18/5: 9-12 am	Device demonstrations. Summary of Module IV	3h

Repetition

M23/5 9-12 am	The course in a nutshell	2h
<i>W25/5, M30/5 and W1/6 cancelled</i>		

Exam during week 22 (tentatively 30-31/5)

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Phenomenological description of thermal conductivity

When thermal energy propagates through a solid, it is carried by lattice waves or phonons. If the atomic potential energy function is harmonic, lattice waves obey the superposition principle; that is, they can pass through each other without affecting each other. In such a case, propagating lattice waves would never decay, and thermal energy would be carried with no resistance (infinite conductivity!). So...thermal resistance has its origins in an anharmonic potential energy.



Classical definition of thermal conductivity

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{3} C_V v \Lambda$$

Thermal energy flux
(J/m²s)

$$J = -\kappa \frac{dT}{dx}$$

C_V heat capacity per unit volume

v wave velocity

Λ mean free path of scattering
(would be ∞ if no anharmonicity)

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¹⁾ Please note, that the temperature dependence of T^1 for Λ at the high temperature limit results from considering n_{ph} , which is the total phonon occupancy, from 0 to ω_D . However, already intuitively, we may anticipate that low energy phonons, i.e. those with low k -numbers in the vicinity of the center of the 1st BZ may have quite different appearance comparing with those having bigger k -numbers close to the edges of the 1st BZ.

Temperature dependence of thermal conductivity in terms of phonon properties

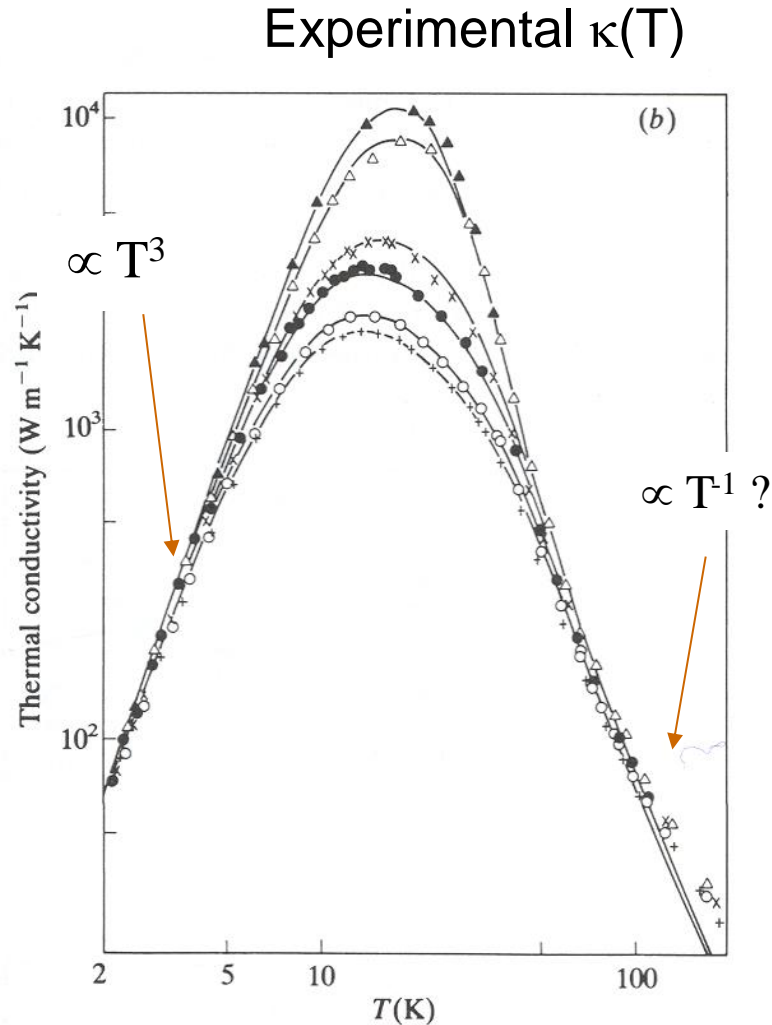
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How well does this match experimental results?

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T^3 estimation for κ the low temperature limit is fine!



However, T^{-1} estimation for κ in the high temperature limit has a problem. Indeed, κ drops much faster – see the data – and the origin of this disagreement is because – when estimating Λ – we accounted for all excited phonons, while a more correct approximation would be to consider “high” energetic phonons only. But what is “high” in this context?

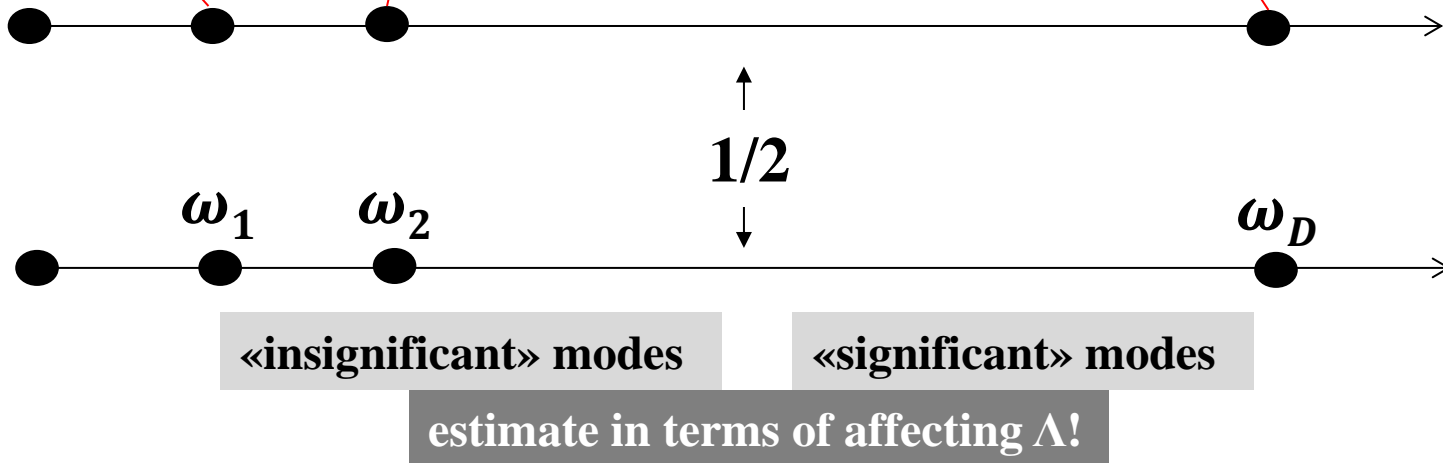
Figure 5.27 (a) The principal form for the variation of thermal conductivity. (b) Experimental data for LiF crystals containing different amounts of the isotope ${}^6\text{Li}$: \blacktriangle , 0.02% ${}^6\text{Li}$; \triangle , 0.01%; \times , 4.6%; \bullet , 9.4%; \circ , 25.4%; $+$, 50.1%. (After Berman and Brock 1965.)

Better estimation for Λ in high temperature limit

$$k_1 = \frac{2\pi \cdot 1}{Na} = \frac{2\pi}{Na}$$

$$k_2 = \frac{2\pi \cdot 2}{Na} = \frac{4\pi}{Na}$$

$$k_N = \frac{2\pi \cdot N}{Na} = \frac{2\pi}{a}$$



The fact that «low energetic phonons» having k -values $\ll \pi/a$ do not participate in the energy transfer, can be understood by considering so called N- and U-phonon collisions readily visualized in the reciprocal space. Anyhow, we account for modes having energy $E_{1/2} = (1/2)\hbar\omega_D$ or higher. Using the definition of $\theta_D = \hbar\omega_D/k_B$, $E_{1/2}$ can be rewritten as $k_B\theta_D/2$. Ignoring more complex statistics, but using Boltzman factor only, the propability of $E_{1/2}$ would of the order of $\exp(-k_B\theta_D/2k_B T)$ or $\exp(-\theta_D/2T)$, resulting in $\Lambda \propto \exp(\theta_D/2T)$.

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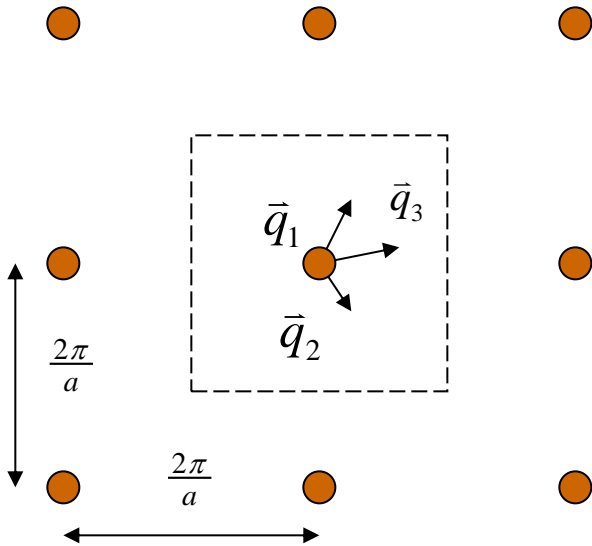
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Phonon collisions: N and U processes

How exactly do phonon collisions limit the flow of heat?

2-D lattice \rightarrow 1st BZ in k-space:



$$\hbar\vec{q}_1 + \hbar\vec{q}_2 = \hbar\vec{q}_3$$

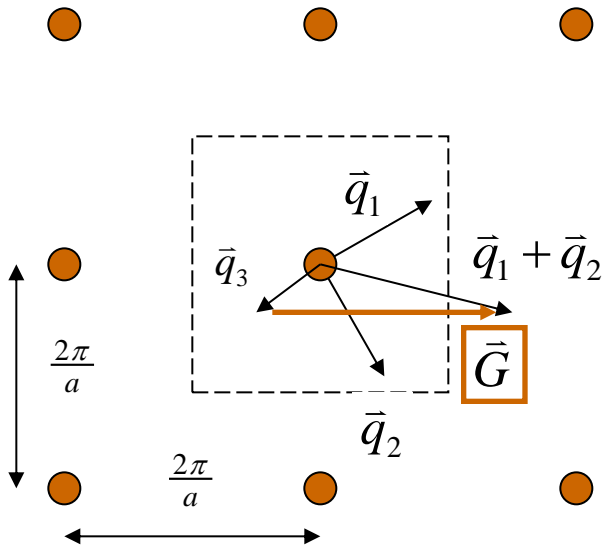
No resistance to heat flow
(N process; phonon momentum conserved)

\rightarrow Predominates at low $T \ll \theta_D$ since ω
and q will be small

Phonon collisions: N and U processes

What if the phonon wavevectors are a bit larger?

2-D lattice \rightarrow 1st BZ in k-space:



Umklapp = “flipping over” of wavevector!

$$\hbar\vec{q}_1 + \hbar\vec{q}_2 = \hbar\vec{q}_3 + \hbar\vec{G}$$

Two phonons combine to give a net phonon with an opposite momentum! This causes resistance to heat flow.

(U process; phonon momentum “lost” in units of $\hbar\vec{G}$.)

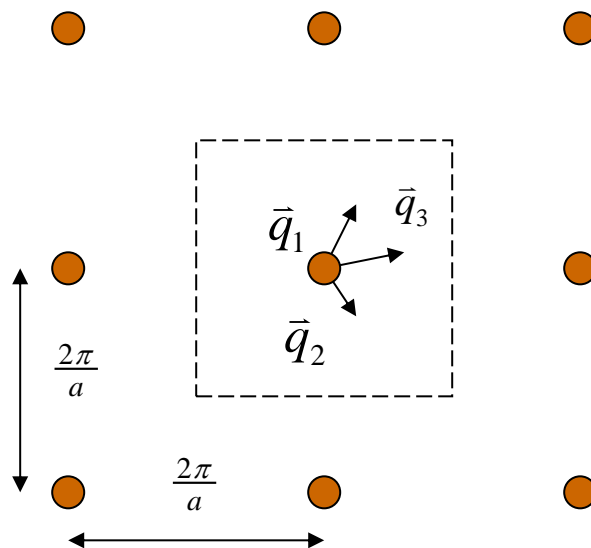
\rightarrow More likely at high $T \gg \theta_D$ since ω and q will be larger

Explanation for $\kappa \propto \exp(\theta_D/2T)$ at high temperature limit

The temperature dependence of T^{-1} for Λ results from considering the total phonon occupancy, from 0 to ω_D . However, interactions of low energy phonons, i.e. those with low k -numbers in the vicinity of the center the 1st BZ, are not changing energy. These are so called N-processes having little impact on Λ .

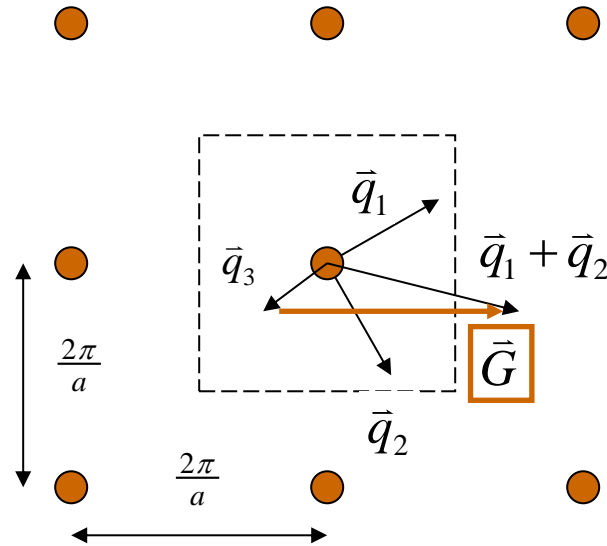
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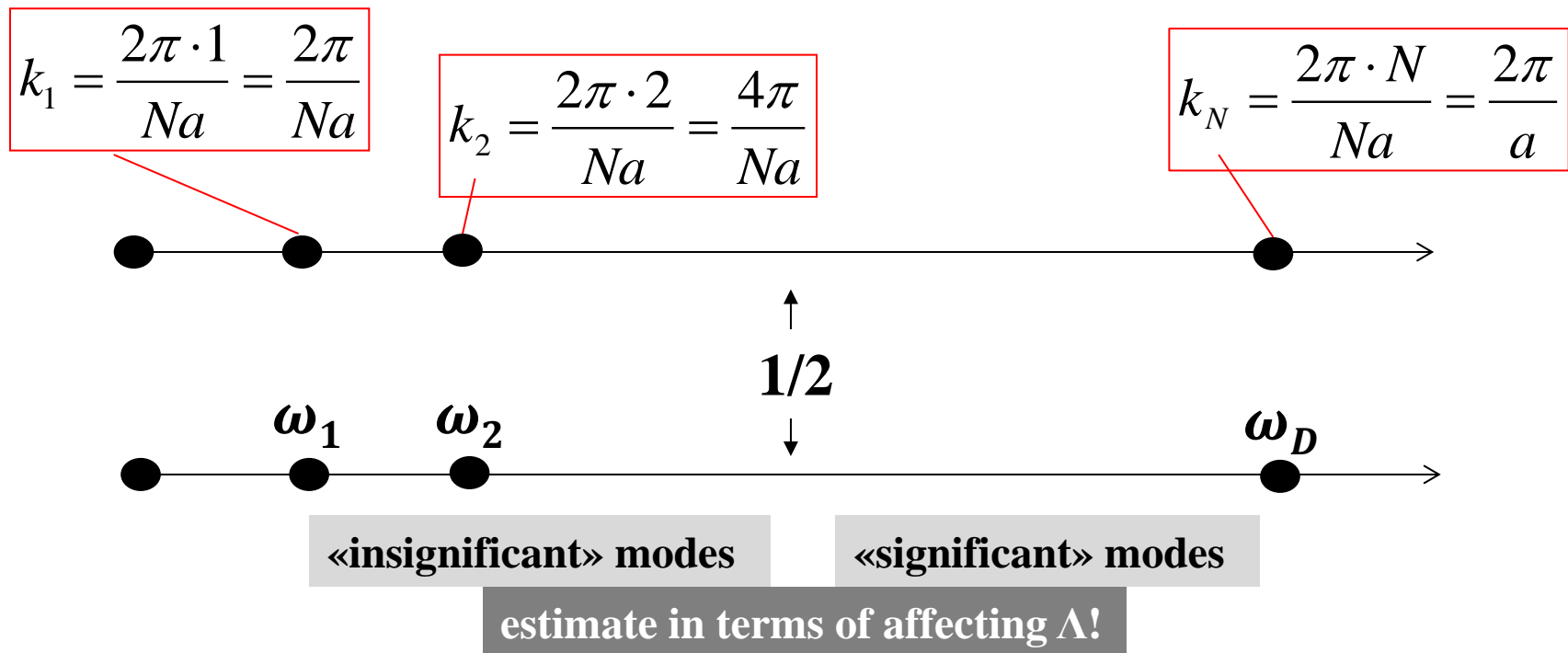
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A more correct approximation for Λ (in high temperature limit) would be to consider “high” energetic phonons only, i.e those participating in U- processes.



U-process , i.e. to turn over the wavevector by \vec{G} , from the German word *umklappen*.

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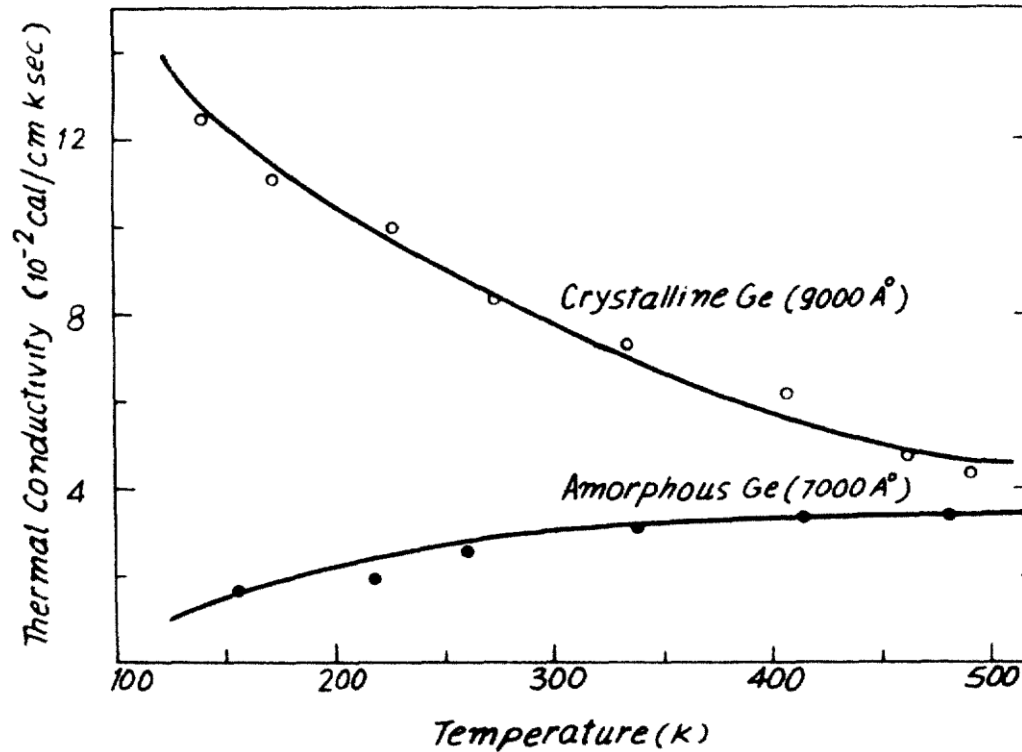


FIG. 2. Thermal conductivity vs temperature for amorphous and crystalline Ge films.