

# Eðlisfræði þéttfnis I

## Dæmablað 7

Skilafrestur 12. October 2017 kl. 15:00

### 1. Grafín bogunarháttur – Graphene bending mode (20)

Til viðbótar við hina venjulegu hljóð- og ljóshætti, þá er í frístandandi grafín þynnu líka bogunarháttur. Þetta er þversum háttur með tvístrun  $\omega(q) = aq^2$ , þar sem  $a = \text{fasti}$ . Gera skal ráð fyrir að tvístrunarlögmálið gildi fyrir  $0 \leq q \leq q_D$ . Finna skal framlag þessa bogunarháttar til eðlisvarmans í tveimur jaðar tilfellum:

(a)  $k_B T \gg \hbar \omega_D$

(b)  $k_B T \ll \hbar \omega_D$

þar sem  $\omega_D \equiv \omega(q_D)$ .

In addition to the usual acoustic and optical modes, a free-standing membrane of graphene supports a bending mode. This is a transverse mode with dispersion  $\omega(q) = aq^2$ , where  $a = \text{const}$ . Assume that this dispersion law holds for  $0 \leq q \leq q_D$ . Find the contribution of the bending mode to the specific heat in two limiting cases:

(a)  $k_B T \gg \hbar \omega_D$

(b)  $k_B T \ll \hbar \omega_D$

where  $\omega_D \equiv \omega(q_D)$ .

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## 2. Specific heat (20)

Hljóðeiginleikar rafsvara yfirgnæfa varmahegðan og aðra eiginleika eins og ljósleiðni. Demantur er einnar atóma rafsvari úr kolefni sem hefur  $10^{21}$  atoms/cm<sup>-3</sup>.

- (a) Rissaðu, varmarýmd (á atóm) sem fall af hitastigi.
- (b) Hvernig er  $T_{\text{Debye}}$  tengt Debye tíðninni  $\omega_D$  ?
- (c) Ef að hljóðhraðinn við lágur tíðnir er  $5 \times 10^5$  m/s, hvað er þá góð nálgun fyrir  $\omega_D$  ?

Acoustic properties of dielectric solids dominate their thermodynamic behavior and other properties such as photoconducting resistance. Diamond is a monoatomic dielectric solid of carbon having  $10^{23}$  atoms/cm<sup>-3</sup>.

- (a) Sketch, roughly, its specific heat (per atom) as a function of absolute temperature.
- (b) How is  $T_{\text{Debye}}$  related to the Debye frequency  $\omega_D$  ?
- (c) If the acoustic velocity at low frequencies is  $5 \times 10^5$  m/s, what is approximately the value of  $\omega_D$  ?



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## 3. Thermal conduction (10)

Explain why electrons carry a net energy but not a net current in the case of thermal conduction.

**4. Low-temperature specific heat in  $d$  dimensions and for nonlinear dispersion (15)**

Consider small lattice vibrations in a  $d$ -dimensional crystal in harmonic approximation.

(a) For the Debye model, i.e. a linear dispersion  $\omega = c|k|$  of all phonon modes, calculate the phonon density of states and show that it varies as  $\omega^{d-1}$ . What is the Debye frequency ?

(b) Determine the phonon contribution to low-temperature specific heat.

(c) Investigate what would happen for a nonlinear phonon dispersion  $\omega \sim |k|^\nu$  (anomalous sound). Show that the low-temperature specific heat would vanish as  $T^{d/\nu}$  in  $d$  dimensions.