

Eðlisfræði þéttefnis I

Dæmablað 7

Skilafrestur 12. October 2017 kl. 15:00

1. Grafín bognunarháttur – Graphene bending mode (20)

Til viðbótar við hina venjulegu hljóð- og ljóshætti, þá er í frístandandi grafín þynnu líka bognunarháttur. 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 bognunarháttar 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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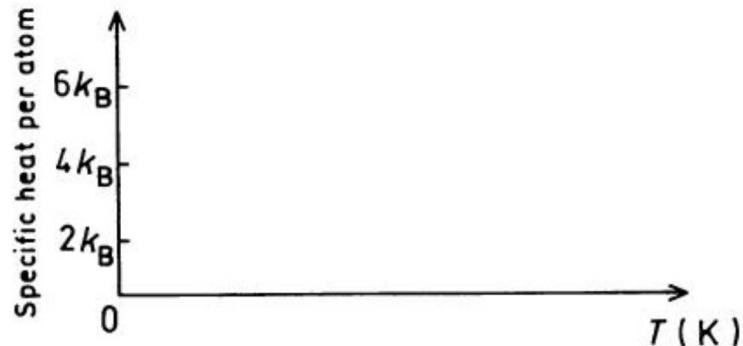
2. Specific heat (20)

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

- Rissaðu, varmarýmd (á atóm) sem fall af hitastigi.
- Hvernig er T_{Debye} tengt Debye tíðninni ω_D ?
- Ef að hljóðhraðinn við lágar tíðnir er 5×10^5 m/s, hvað er þá góð nálgun fyrir ω_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⁻³.

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