

## Notes:

**Exam:** You can make up some points:

1. Choose 2 problems; blank exam is posted.
2. Work out the solutions from scratch on your own.
3. Turn in the problems by Thursday in class or Friday afternoon 3:30-4 PM; I will arrange to be at my office or you can email if necessary. Not in my mailbox
4. You will get 60% of the made-up points back.

**Homework:** Problem set 8 due Tomorrow. I am looking for volunteers for problems 1 and 2 for Thursday presentation.

**Reading:** This week we continue with chapter 16 (continuum systems densities of states; Debye model for vibrations). Next up, phase transformations (chapters 8-9).

## Canonical ensemble Recall:

**Partition  
function**

$$Z = \sum_{\text{states } i} \text{Exp}[-E_i/kT]$$



$$F \equiv -k_B T \ln Z$$

$$S = - \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial T} \right)_{V,N}$$

$$\langle E \rangle = k_B T^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \ln Z$$

Etc ....

Last time:  $Z$  as a product for independent sub-systems, e.g.:

$$Z = \frac{1}{N!} \prod_i Z_i$$

# Equipartition theorem

- Classical systems (continuum not discrete energies)
- Works in cases having separable variables.
- Requires energy quadratic in position and/or momentum:  $E = cq^2$

$$Z = \frac{1}{h^{3N}} \iiint d^{3N}r d^{3N}p e^{-\beta E} \quad \leftarrow \quad Z = \prod_i Z_i; \text{ includes all cross terms.}$$

Classical partition function

systems of distinguishable particles, non-interacting.

or:

$$Z = \frac{1}{N!} \prod_i Z_i \quad \text{systems of **indistinguishable** particles, still non-interacting case.}$$

Result:  $U = \frac{f}{2} kT$

$(1/2)kT$  for each “degree of freedom”  $f$ .

## Harmonic oscillator systems (N independent 1D oscillators)

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Vibrational term in product-form partition function, Z:

$$Z_{vibr} = \left( \frac{1}{h} \iint dp du e^{-\beta \left( \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{\kappa u^2}{2} \right)} \right)^N$$

$$Z_{vibr} = \left( \frac{kT}{h\omega} \right)^N \quad \langle E \rangle = NkT$$

effectively  $f = 2$

N independent oscillators  
([Einstein solid approximation](#),  
[ideal gas molecules, etc.](#)) all  
with same  $\omega = \sqrt{\kappa/m} = \omega_0$

### Equipartition theorem:

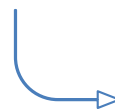
- Classical systems (continuum not discrete energies)
- Works in cases having separable variables.
- Requires energy quadratic in position and/or momentum (or other coordinate)
- Vibrations, rotations, translational states. Rotational case in text, won't show here.

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classical-limit solution

Quantum version / general case:

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Quantum vibrational partition function

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$$

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zero point  
term no effect  
on entropy

$$\frac{\hbar\omega}{e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1} \equiv \hbar\omega \langle n \rangle$$

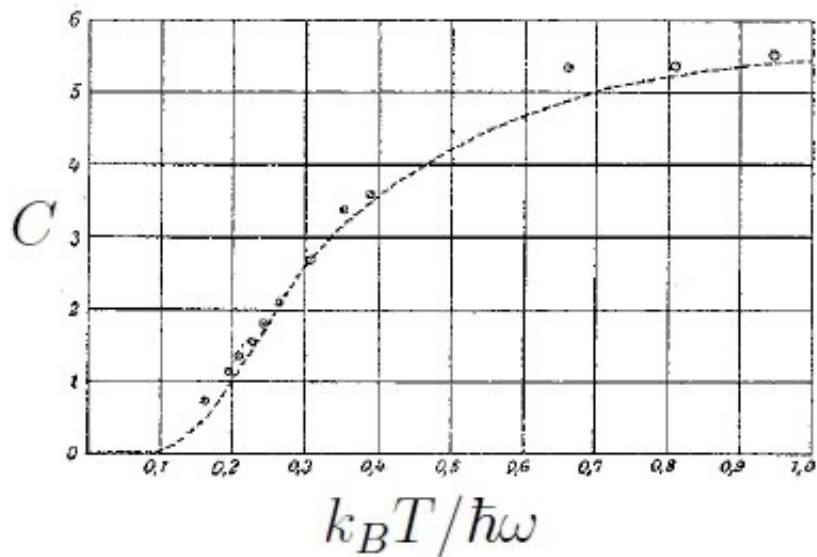
$\langle n \rangle$  = Bose-Einstein occupation number (photon statistics) we saw before, derived using  $S$  &  $U$  to find  $T$ .

- $Z$  shown with zero point motion term.
- Indistinguishable cases: we grouped  $1/N!$  factor with  $Z_{trans}$  last time.
- Equivalent to “ $3N + q - 1$ ” counting method for fixed- $U$  case, large- $N$  limit.
- Here, easy to extend to a distribution of different oscillator frequencies.

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Quantum version

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Einstein Ann Phys 1907 [for solids;  $3N$  identical oscillators. Specific heat of diamond fit to  $\omega = 1310$  K.]

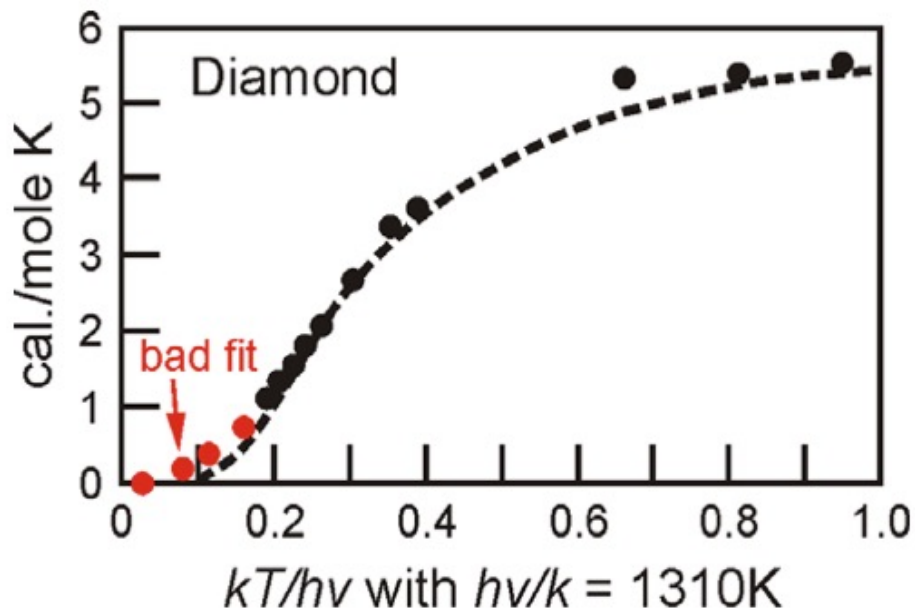
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Debye model:  $T^3$  behavior at low  $T$  agrees well with data.

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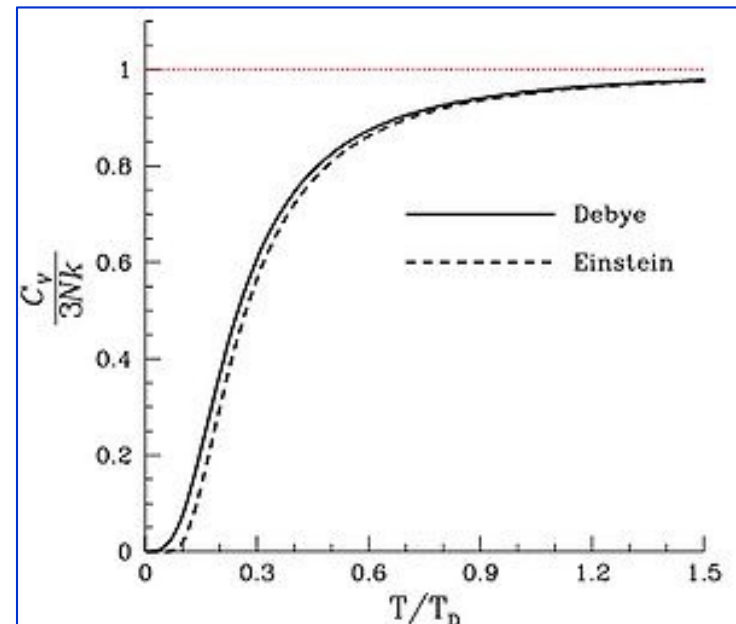
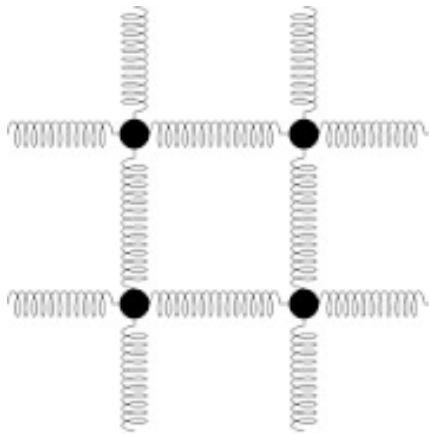
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<< assumes a specific distribution of vibrational frequencies (normal modes).



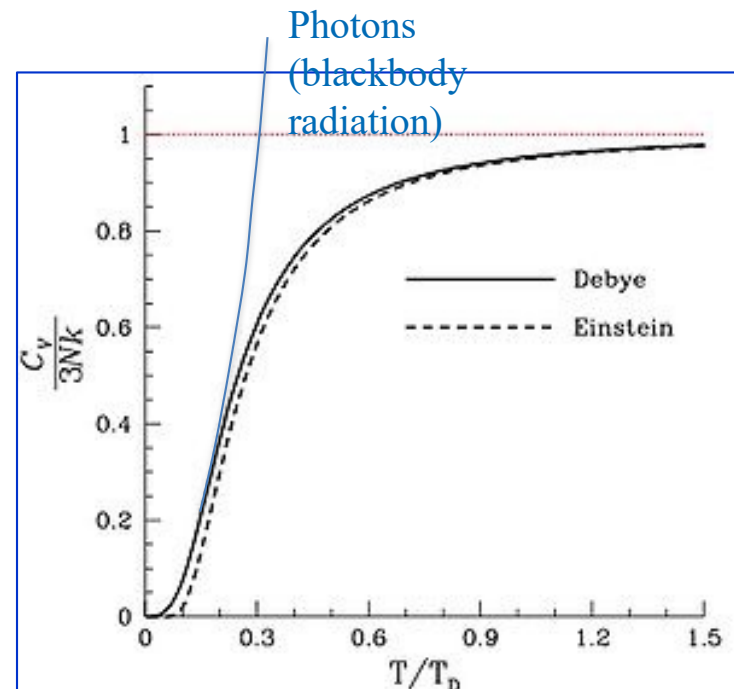
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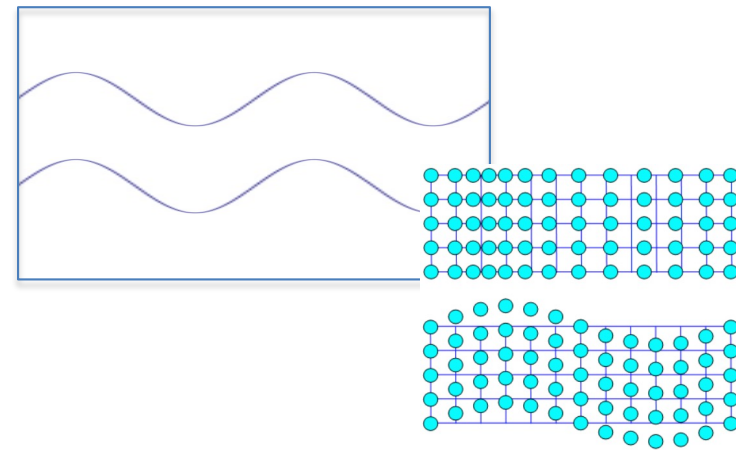
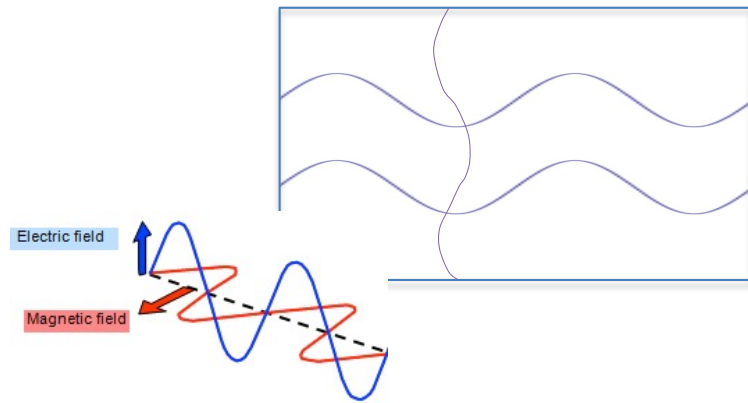


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- Except: mode counting requires finite number of phonon modes, and 3 polarizations, not 2.



## Photons vs. Phonons:



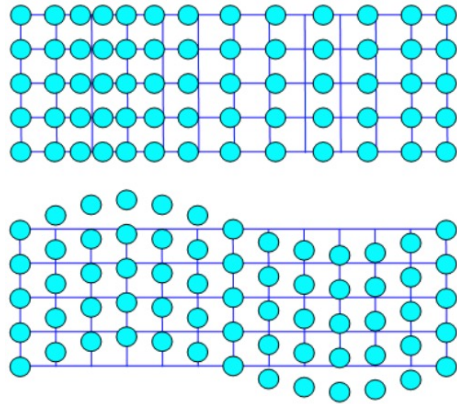
### Photons:

- Cavity modes
- 2 polarizations
- $\omega = kc$ .
- Extend to  $\omega \rightarrow \infty$ .
- $e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}-\omega t}$  free space solution
- Bose statistics ( $\mu = 0$ ).
- Energies quantized,  $\hbar\omega(n + \frac{1}{2})$ .
- Speed of light:  $c$ .

### Phonons:

- elastic (standing) waves
- **3 polarizations**
- **$\omega \cong kc$ , exact for low  $k$**
- **Bounded:  $N$  values of  $k$ .**
- $e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}-\omega t}$  [or  $\sin(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}) \sin(\omega t)$ ]
- Bose statistics ( $\mu = 0$ ).
- Energies quantized,  $\hbar\omega(n + \frac{1}{2})$ .
- Speed of sound:  $c$

# Phonons & mode counting:



1) General elastic solid (isotropic case):  
wave equation

$$\ddot{\mathbf{u}} = \underbrace{\alpha^2 \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})}_{P \text{ wave}} - \underbrace{\beta^2 \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{u})}_{S \text{ wave}}$$

has wave solutions,  $\omega = kc$ .  
(actually may have 2 or more frequencies)

2) Quantization of energies: won't  
show this; result is analogous to familiar  
SHO solution in quantum mechanics,

$$E = \hbar\omega\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right).$$



3) Wave-vector cutoff:  
maximum wavenumber  $\sim$   
frequency in THz range

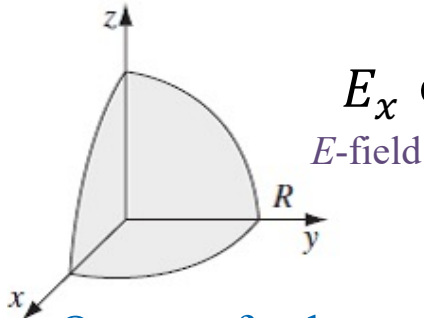


**$N$   $k$ -vectors in 1D, leads to a  
cutoff for phonon wavenumber.**

**$3N$  total phonon modes in  
general 3D crystal.**

## State counting: I showed this slide before for *photons*.

- Start with **cavity modes** in a box with perfectly conducting sides, dimensions  $L$ .



$$E_x \propto \cos\left(n_x \frac{\pi}{L} x\right) \sin\left(n_y \frac{\pi}{L} y\right) \sin\left(n_z \frac{\pi}{L} z\right) \text{ etc.}$$

Cavity mode  
Counting: one  
 TM + one TE  
 per  $k$ -vector

$$\Delta k = \frac{\pi}{L} \rightarrow V_k = \left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^3$$

Octant of sphere;  
 but with  $8\times$  state density.  
 (3D sphere radius will go to infinity)

One  $k$ -vector per volume element;  
 same as “Phase space volume”  $h^3/8$

Consider continuum limit (large cavity, very small  $\Delta k$ )

Also recall  $\omega = kc$

$$U = \sum_{\text{all modes}} \frac{\hbar\omega_i}{(e^{\beta\hbar\omega_i} - 1)} \Rightarrow 2 \int_0^\infty \underbrace{\frac{\pi V k^2 dk}{2 \pi^3}}_{\text{\# modes in thin shell, thickness } dk = d\omega/c} \frac{\hbar kc}{(e^{\beta\hbar kc} - 1)}$$

# modes in thin  
 shell, thickness  $dk = d\omega/c$

Mode counting  
 directly in  $k$ -space  
 (similar to number  
 space for Einstein  
 summation, ch. 15)

## Density of states: for summations involving only $\omega$ (or $E$ ).

Example for energy sum:

$$U = \sum_{\text{all modes}} \frac{\hbar\omega_i}{(e^{\beta\hbar\omega_i} - 1)} \Rightarrow 2 \int_0^\infty \underbrace{\frac{\pi V k^2 dk}{2 \pi^3}}_{\substack{\# \text{ modes in thin} \\ \text{shell, thickness } dk = d\omega/c}} \frac{\hbar kc}{(e^{\beta\hbar kc} - 1)}$$


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$$U = \sum_{\text{all modes}} \frac{\hbar\omega_i}{(e^{\beta\hbar\omega_i} - 1)} \Rightarrow \overset{\text{photons}}{2} \int_0^\infty d\omega \times \left( \begin{array}{c} \# \text{states} \\ \text{in } (\omega, \omega + d\omega) \end{array} \right) \times \frac{\hbar\omega}{(e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1)}$$

$$\equiv \int_0^\infty \frac{\hbar\omega D(\omega) d\omega}{(e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1)}$$

$$\Delta k = \frac{\pi}{L} \rightarrow V_k = \left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^3 \text{ for octant;}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2\pi}{L}\right)^3 \text{ for complete sphere traveling-waves}$$