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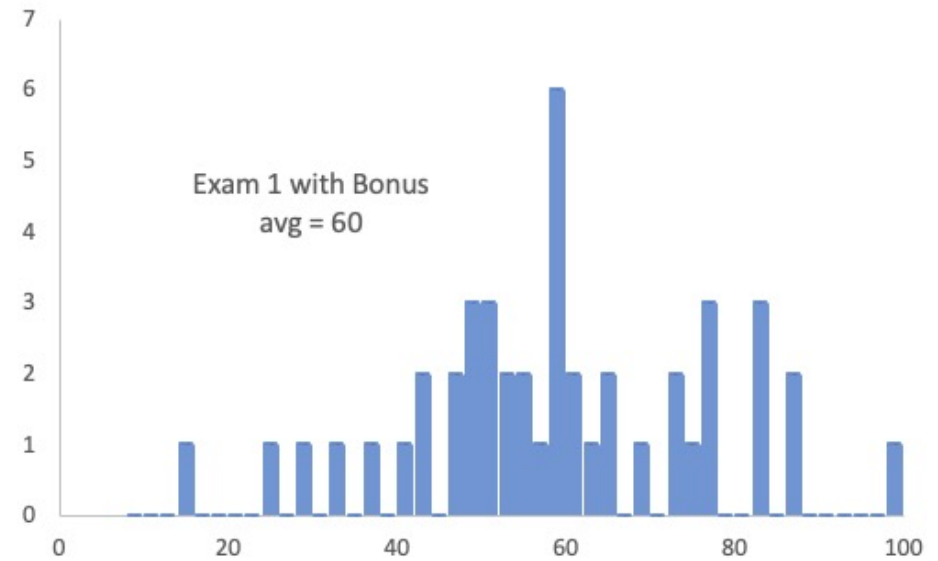
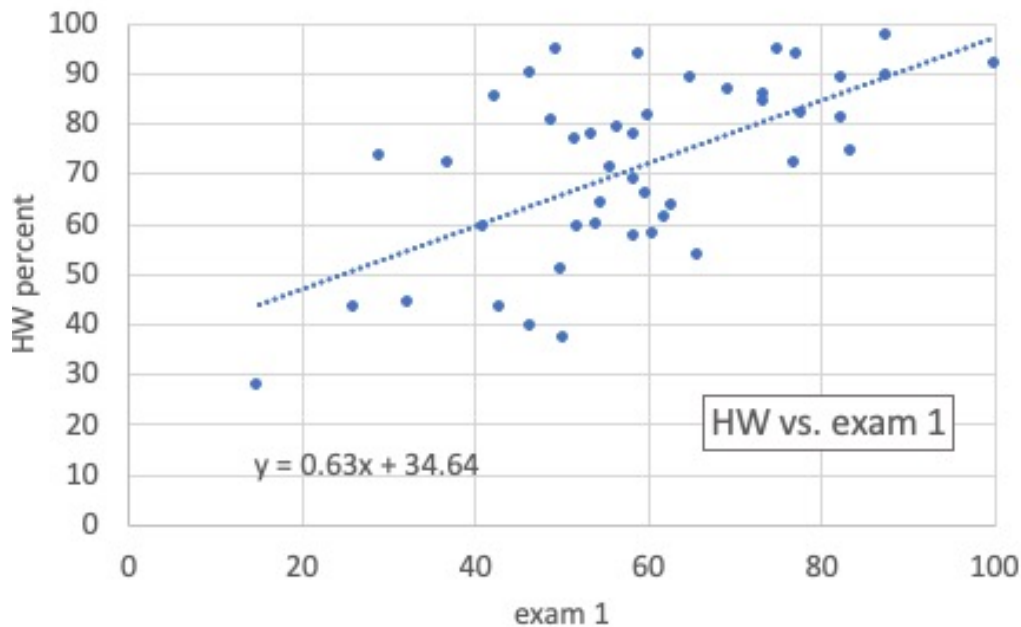
**Homework :** Set #9 due Thursday not Wednesday. Also note, more on the density of states is included in today's lecture.

**Exam:** Results with bonus points, new average = 60.

- I will post solutions later today
- Also I will post adjusted grades on Canvas. (Updated problems are stapled in your exam but I didn't write the adjusted score there, I have the results in a spreadsheet with my bonus algorithm.)
- I had points reversed, sorry, the point totals were 5, 21, 24, 26, 24. I also gave a few more bonus points: 67% of the extra points not 60%).

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Homework: Current average is 72. You can also help your cause by volunteering to present one of the HW problems.

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

$$U = \sum_{\text{all modes}} \frac{\hbar\omega_i}{(e^{\beta\hbar\omega_i} - 1)} \Rightarrow \overset{\text{phonons}}{3} \int_0^\infty \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{\# } k \text{ states} \\ \text{in } (\omega, \omega + d\omega) \end{array} \right) \times \frac{\hbar\omega}{(e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1)}$$

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

- 1) Find # states inside a sphere (octant) in  $k$  space:  $N(k)$ .
  - This includes polarizations.
  - Anisotropic situations: replace sphere by constant- $\omega$  surface
- 2) Convert to  $\omega$  units:  $N(\omega)$ .
- 3)  $D(\omega)$  is the derivative,  $D(\omega)d\omega = \frac{dN(\omega)}{d\omega} d\omega$ , equal to total # modes in  $(\omega, \omega + d\omega)$ .

← This defines density of states (similar procedure for  $D(E)$ ).

Result for phonons:  $D(\omega) = \frac{3\omega^2 V}{2\pi^2 c^3}$

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

traveling-waves

## Phonons:

$$Z = \prod_{\text{all modes}} Z_i = \prod_{\text{all modes}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta n \hbar \omega_i} = \prod_{\text{all modes}} \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\beta \hbar \omega_i}}$$

(not same as all atoms; factor of 3 here)

( $Z_i$  we saw last time)

$$\langle U \rangle = \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln(Z) = \sum_{\text{all modes}} \frac{\hbar \omega_i}{(e^{\beta \hbar \omega_i} - 1)}$$

$$D(\omega) = \frac{3\omega^2 V}{2\pi^2 c^3} \uparrow \text{ use here for sum over } \omega.$$

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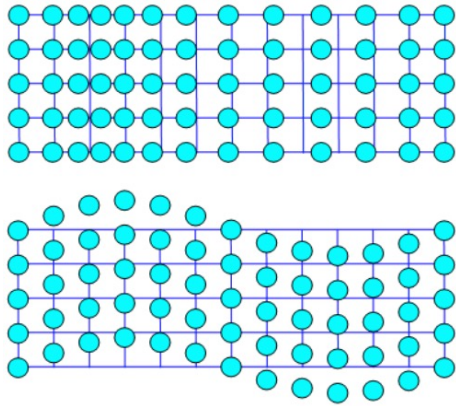
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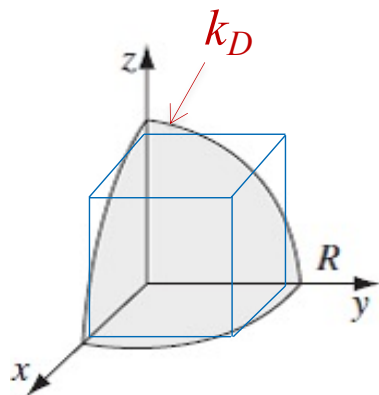
$$\text{Result: } \omega_D = c \left( 6\pi^2 \frac{N}{V} \right)^{1/3} \quad \text{need this for solutions at general } T$$

## Phonons mode counting:



### Debye Theory (“Debye approximation”):

- Modes cut off uniformly in all directions: maximum  $k = k_D$  on sphere.
- Assume constant speed of sound, doesn't change at high frequencies.
- Disregard anisotropy, e.g. for layered crystals, etc.
- Even in simple crystal geometries (cubic), cutoff is really a polyhedron in  $k$  space (this is the “Brillouin zone”; Debye approximation neglects this).



Polyhedron with  $3N$  modes;  
Sphere same volume, also  $3N$  modes.

$$\omega_D \equiv k_D c \text{ Debye frequency}$$

$$\Theta_D \equiv \hbar \omega_D / k_B \text{ Debye temperature}$$

Result:

$$\omega_D = c \left( 6\pi^2 \frac{N}{V} \right)^{1/3}$$



Phonons: combining,

$$\langle E \rangle = \sum_{\text{all modes}} \frac{\hbar\omega_i}{(e^{\beta\hbar\omega_i} - 1)} \Rightarrow \int_0^{\omega_D} \frac{3V\hbar\omega^3 d\omega}{2\pi^2 c^3 (e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1)}$$

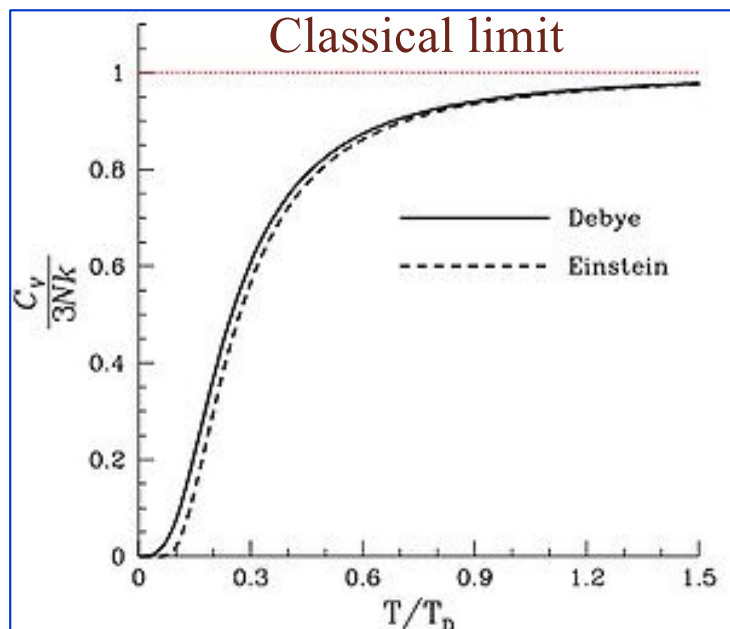
continuum limit

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{V\pi^2 (kT)^4}{10(\hbar c)^3} \quad \text{low } T \text{ limit (exact result)}$$

$c = \text{speed of sound (or directional average)}$

$$\text{Low-}T \ C_V = \frac{12}{5} N\pi^4 k_B \left(\frac{T}{\Theta_D}\right)^3 \quad \Theta_D = \frac{\hbar\omega_D}{k_B} = \frac{\hbar c}{k_B} \left(\frac{6\pi^2 N}{V}\right)^{1/3}$$

Debye Temperature



higher  $T$ : can solve integral numerically.  
Generally good agreement, Debye theory commonly used to model thermal behavior of solids.

Copper  $\Theta_D = 315 \text{ K}$

Lead  $\Theta_D = 88 \text{ K}$

Diamond  $\Theta_D = 1860 \text{ K}$

# Debye approximation: Commonly used as measure of phonon behavior (even when “real” behavior can be obtained)

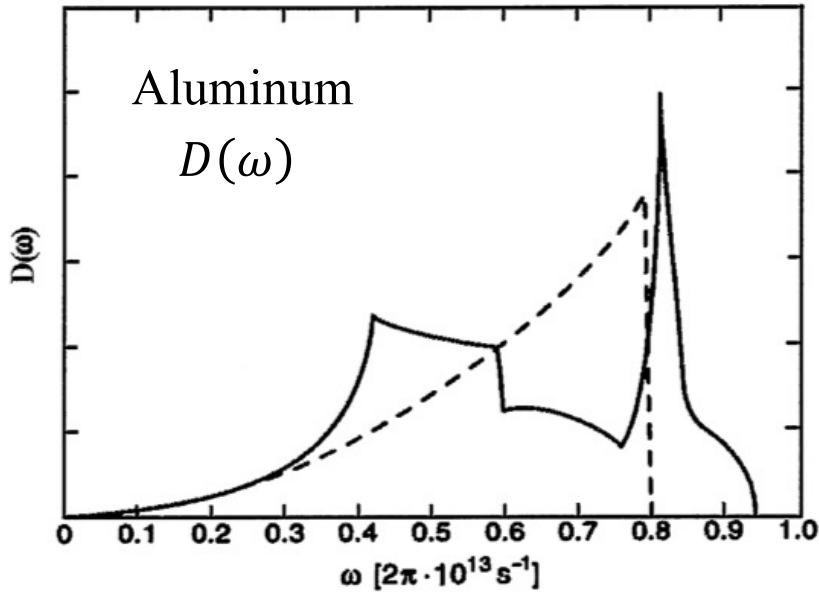
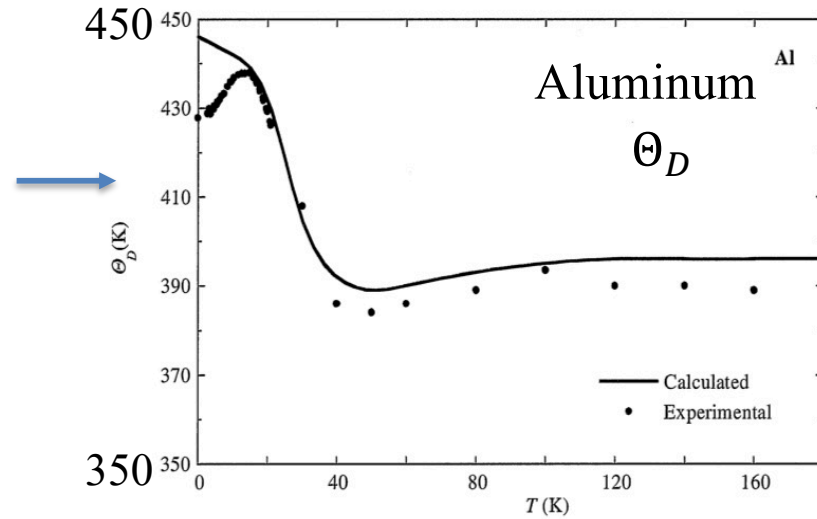
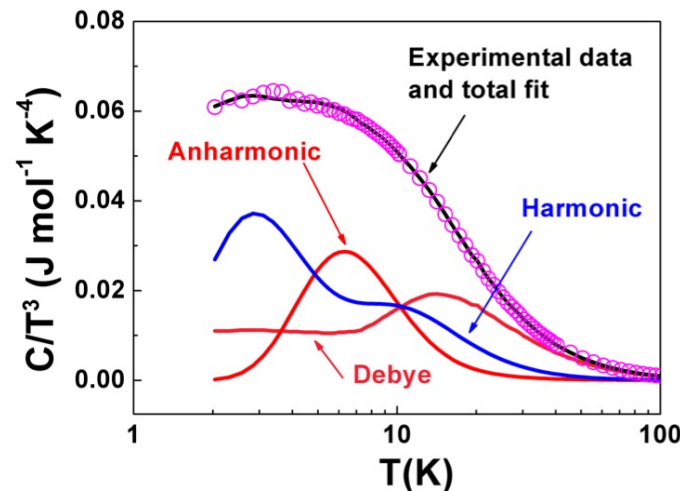
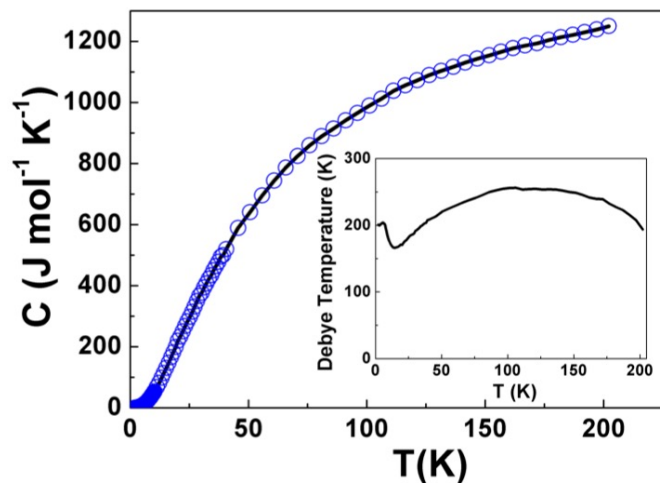


Figure 2.9. The density of frequency modes for Al at 300K (solid line) obtained by Walker [30] and that for the Debye model (dashed lines)



from “The Specific Heat of Matter at Low Temperatures” [Tari, 2003].



X Zheng et al. Phys. Rev. B 85, 214304 (2012) [my lab]:

Specific heat of thermoelectric crystal.

## Density of states:

$3 \times \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{\# } k \text{ states} \\ \text{in } (\omega, \omega + d\omega) \end{array} \right) \equiv D(\omega)$  *recall for phonons:*

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other  
systems:  
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electrons**

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  - include 2 spins.
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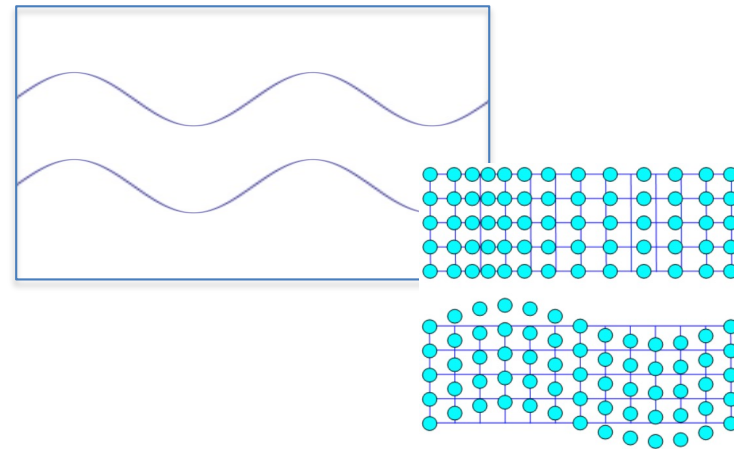
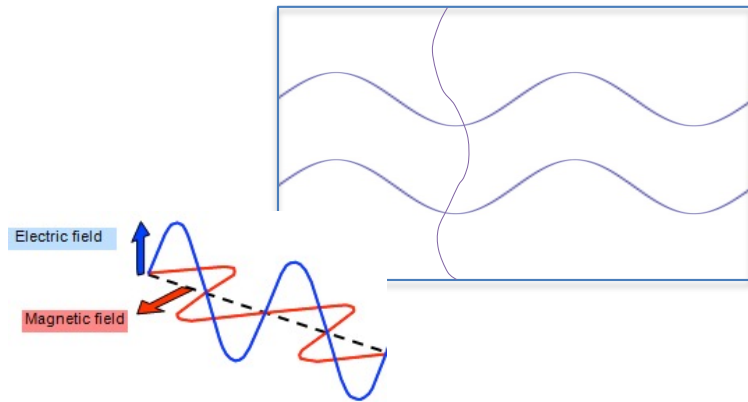
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$$\text{Result: } D(\varepsilon) = \frac{2V}{(4\pi^2)} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} \sqrt{\varepsilon}$$

- Similar procedure for relativistic gas (HW)
- For the ionization HW problem 6, previously I didn't include *spin* in the multiplicity of states. Using the result above you should arrive within a *factor of 2* vs. the prior result.
- Classical partition function can be calculated this way. Last week we did so with momentum integration, this is easier.
- Ch. does not give  $D(\varepsilon)$  with energy units, this appears later chapter 18.

## Photons vs. Phonons recall:



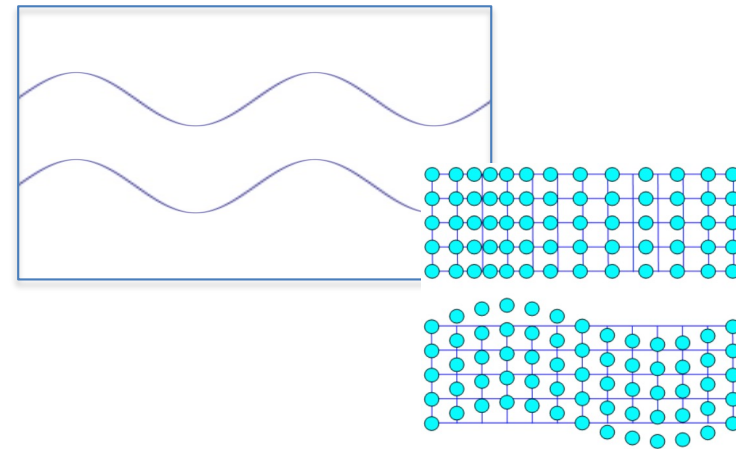
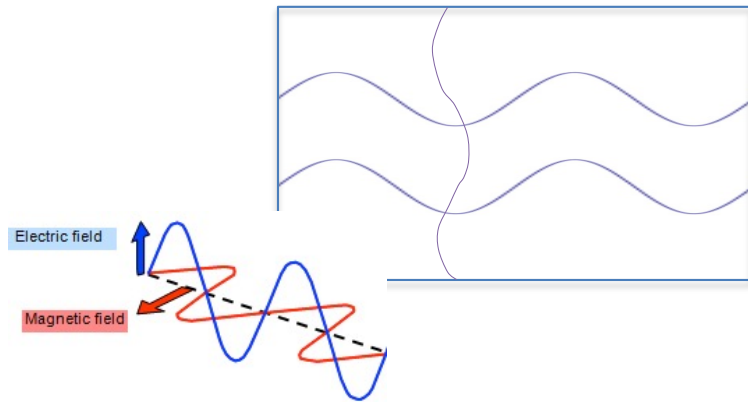
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- Cavity modes
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- Extend to  $\omega \rightarrow \infty$ .
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## Phonons vs Photons we also saw before:

- Liquids and non-crystal solids: have similar modes.
- **Einstein**: independent 3D oscillators, same  $\omega_0$ .
- **Debye**: Phonons are normal modes in a *connected* harmonic lattice.
- Debye-theory solutions identical to sound waves,  $\omega = kc$  (exact in low-frequency limit); also map onto blackbody-radiation photons.
- Except: mode counting requires finite number of phonon modes, and 3 polarizations, not 2.

