

c) grain boundaries

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sapphire single crystal: 1.5 mm

Temperature T / K

Sintered Al₂O₃

10

• Sapphire, single crystal

100

1000

• sintered Al_2O_3 powder 5 ... 30 μ m



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N-processes are visible in heat transport experiments under special circumstances

- ultralow temperatures (no umklapp processes) and low defect scattering
 - phonon flow in a thin crystal can be described like viscose flow of atoms in capillaries

condition:

$$d \ll \ell_{\rm R}$$
 $\ell_{\rm R}^{-1} = \ell_{\rm U}^{-1} + \ell_{\rm D}^{-1}$

classical gas: Hagen-Poiseuille law

 $\ell_{\rm N} \ll$

analog equation for phonon transport (phonon gas)

$$-\frac{\dot{m}}{\pi r^2} \frac{1}{|\nabla p|} = \frac{\varrho}{8} \frac{r^2}{\eta} = \frac{3}{8} \frac{1}{\overline{v}_{\rm th}} \frac{r^2}{\ell_{\rm g}}$$
$$\searrow \eta = \frac{1}{3} \varrho \, \overline{v}_{\rm th} \, \ell_{\rm g}$$

parabolic velocity profile

 $\ell_q < r$

$$-\frac{\dot{Q}}{\pi r^2} \frac{1}{|\nabla T|} = \Lambda = \frac{1}{3} C_V v \ell_{\text{eff}}$$

$$\dot{Q} = \dot{Q} \cdot \dot{Q} + \frac{1}{|\nabla T|} = \Lambda = \frac{1}{3} C_V v \ell_{\text{eff}}$$

 $Q \cong \dot{m}$ $\Delta T \cong \Delta p$

effective mean free path for N-processes for heat transport

Interpretation: heat resistance by scattering at the surface, but each phonon has to travel the statistical path $l_{\rm eff} \approx r^2/\ell_{\rm N}$ because of very frequent N-processes before it reaches the surface

• the observed mean free path in transport measurements are longer than the sample diameter

exact calculation

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3 phonon process $\sigma \propto \prod_{i} \omega_{i} \propto \omega_{1} \omega_{2} \omega_{3} \propto T^{3}$ $D(\omega) \propto \omega^{2} \propto T^{2}$ $\longrightarrow \ell_{N} \propto T^{-5}$



experimental evidence

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- steeper than T^3 temperature dependence observed
- temperature dependence is T^6 instead of T^8
- only small temperature range



- A,B,C crystals with different densities
- ▶ D contains 100 ppm ⁴He
- slightly steeper temperature dependence as T^3

analysis of ⁴He data

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- separation of $\ell_{
 m N}$ and $\ell_{
 m U}$ $\ell_{
 m N} \propto T^{-3}$ instead of $\ell_{
 m N} \propto T^{-5}$ possible explanation: influence of dislocations
- reduces the temperature dependence

Why is the Poiseuille flow not always observed?

 $\ell_{\rm N} < d \longrightarrow$ means high temperature, can be fulfilled easily in addition: momentum must be carried to wall \longrightarrow random walk $r \approx \sqrt{p} \, \ell_{\rm N}$ crystal radius numb

number of scattering processes necessary to reach surface



at the same time no scattering processes leading to heat resistance should occur

$$\rightarrow \ell_{\mathrm{R}} > p \ell_{\mathrm{N}} \qquad \text{(i)}$$

$$\ell_{\mathrm{R}}^{-1} = \ell_{\mathrm{U}}^{-1} + \ell_{\mathrm{D}}^{-1}$$

and $\ell_{\rm R} > \ell_{\rm eff} \approx r^2/\ell_{\rm N}$ (ii) mean free path for Poiseuille flow

conditions (i) and (ii) are difficult to fulfill at the same time

b) Second sound

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second sound in "phonon gas" $\hat{=}$ first sound in classical gas

density wave in classical gases $\ \ell < \lambda_{
m sound}$: $v_{
m s} pprox rac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \, \overline{v}_{
m th}$

sound velocity

analog for phonon gas:

$$v_2 \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} v_{\rm s}$$

velocity of second sound

conditions:

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- ► T = 9 K → ballistic propagation: τ_N too long
- ► $T > 17 \text{ K} \rightarrow \text{diffusive phonon scattering}$
- ▶ 9 K < T < 17 K \rightarrow indications for second sound

second sound so far observed in: ³He, ⁴He, NaF, Bi

second sound in NaF



Experimental techniques

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time resolved measurements

$$t_i = d/v_i$$

time of phonon with polarization *i* from heater to detector

position dependent measurement



a) time resolved measurements

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Example: InSb, investigation of electron-phonon coupling



- samples with different doping level
- electrons interact with phonons via density variation
- ▶ longitudinal phonons: density variation \rightarrow strong coupling
- ▶ transverse phonons: no density variation \rightarrow no coupling



2nd example: GaAs:O, GaAs:Cr, phonon-defect coupling is investigated free electrons are unimportant



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- ▶ [110] 3 branches L, FT, ST
- ▶ [100], [111], FT, ST degenerate



- [100] no change
- [111] FT, ST disappear
- ▶ [110] ST disappears, FT reduced
- diffused phonons appear in [110], [111]
- reason: resonant scattering with Cr defects