Metal as classical gas: Drude model



resistivity measurements



thermoelectrics



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Outline

1. Structure of crystals

- direct lattice / reciprocal lattice
- symmetry
- crystal structure / structure factor

2. Atoms in crystals

- types of bonding
- elasticity and thermodynamics
- phonons (lattice vibrations)

3. Electrons in crystals

- free electron gas / Drude metal
- electronic band structure
- Fermi surface







Resistivity = specific resistance



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Electron concentrations

ELEMENT	Z	$n(10^{22}/\text{cm}^3)$	Z = 1		
Li (78 K)	1	4.70	Z = 2		
Na (5 K)	1	2.65	1 2		
K (5 K)	1	1.40			
Rb (5 K)	1	1.15	lithium beryllium		
Cs (5 K)	1	0.91	11 22.99 12 24.31*		
Cu	1	8.47		4	5
Ag	1	5.86	19 39.10 20 40.08 21 44	.96 22 47.87	23 50.94
Au	1	5.90	K Ca So	: Ti	V
Be	2	24.7	potassium calcium scandiu	m titanium	vanadium 41 92.91
Mg	2	8.61	Rb Sr Y	Zr	Nb
Ca	2	4.61	rubidium strontium yttriur	n zirconium	niobium
Sr	2	3.55	55 132.9 56 137.3 57-71-	72 178.5	73 180.9
Ba	2	3.15	caesium barium	hafnium	tantalum

Source: Ashcroft and Mermin, Solid State Physics

Valence of metals



Resistivity of metals

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Resistivity: $\rho (10^{-8} \,\Omega \cdot m)$

ELEMENT	77 K	273 K	373 K	n
Li	1.04	8.55	12.4	Ť
Na	0.8	4.2	Melted	
K	1.38	6.1	Melted	Z = 1
Rb	2.2	11.0	Melted	
Cs	4.5	18.8	Melted	
Cu	0.2	1.56	2.24	•
Ag	0.3	1.51	2.13	
Au	0.5	2.04	2.84	n _e
Be		2.8	5.3	1
Mg	0.62	3.9	5.6	
Ca		3.43	5.0	Z = 2
Sr	7	23		
Ba	17	60		



Experimental technique

resistivity measurements

Two-probe vs. four-probe



Two-probe method

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Two-probe vs. four-probe



Two-probe method contact resistance

Four-probe method

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Lorenz number

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	к (watt/cm-K)	$\kappa/\sigma T$ (watt-ohm/K ²)	κ (watt/cm-K)	$\kappa/\sigma T$ (watt-ohm/K ²)	
Li	0.71	2.22×10^{-8}	0.73	2.43×10^{-8}	
Na	1.38	2.12			
K	1.0	2.23			
Rb	0.6	2.42			
Cu	3.85	2.20	3.82	2.29	
Ag	4.18	2.31	4.17	2.38	
Au	3.1	2.32	3.1	2.36	
Be	2.3	2.36	1.7	2.42	
Mg	1.5	2.14	1.5	2.25	
Nb	0.52	2.90	0.54	2.78	
Fe	0.80	2.61	0.73	2.88	
Zn	1.13	2.28	1.1	2.30	

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Person

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- 1887: PhD on reflection and diffraction of light in crystals
- 1894–1900 associate professor in Leipzig
- 1890's: optical properties of metals
- 1900: formulated first theory of metals (Drude model)

Paul Drude 1863–1906

Physics Institute in Leipzig



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new building (Linnéstraße) opens 1905

botanical garden

old building (Talstraße 35)

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- since 1905: director of the Physics Institute in Berlin
- 1906: member of the Prussian Academy of Sciences

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Einstein vs. Drude



Albert Einstein 1879–1955



Paul Drude 1863–1906

Albert Einstein about Paul Drude: "What you say about German professors is unfortunately true. Drude discarded two objections, which I raised against his theory and which demonstrate a direct mistake in his conclusions, by pointing out that another (infallibe) colleague of his shares his opinion.

Authority gone to one's head is the greatest enemy of truth"

English translation per Ann. Phys. (Leipzig) 15, 449 (2006)

Physics Colloquium

Tuesday, 12 Dec 2023 at 16:30

Prof. Dr. Krzysztof Wohlfeld

University of Warsaw

Spinons or magnons? A quest for the correct quasiparticle description of quantum magnets

One of the main paradigms of quantum magnetism is that collective excitations in systems with long-range order, such as ferro/antiferro-magnets, are well described in terms of bosonic quasiparticles – magnons. This approach is extremely successful, since these magnons interact very weakly. On the other hand, once the long-range order collapses, for instance due to geometric frustration of spin couplings, magnons interact and such a description seems to fail. In contrast, the low-energy magnetic excitations are typically described in terms of fermionic spinons.



Unfortunately, the latter quasiparticles are less intuitive, for they carry fractional quantum numbers and, most of the time, they also do interact.



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Material

Thermoelectrics

Thermocouple (Seebeck effect)



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Peltier effect



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Peltier element



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