

WFU Physics Colloquium

TITLE: Crystal Structure, Electronic Structure and Physicochemical Characterization of Multi-Cation Diamond-Like Semiconductors

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TIME: Wednesday April 9, 2014 at 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 101 Olin Physical Laboratory

Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in the Olin Lounge. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

ABSTRACT

Diamond-like semiconductors (DLs) possess crystal structures that can be considered as derivatives of cubic or hexagonal diamond. DLs are one of the few classes of solid-state compounds, for which all chemical compositions can be calculated and a set of possible structures postulated. The use of the many elements that can adopt tetrahedral coordination leads to a multitude of possible compounds, and solid solutions thereof, that can be exploited for physical property tuning. The compositional flexibility and structural simplicity of these materials provides an avenue to develop an intimate understanding of composition-property and structure-property correlations. This seminar will cover our recent progress toward this goal made during our search for DLs with applications in non-linear optics and thermoelectrics, and as lithium ion conductors.

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The Boltzmann equation

Define the distribution function $f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t)$:

$f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t)d^3rd^3v$ represents the number of particles in the 6 dimensional phase space about \mathbf{r} and \mathbf{v} at time t .

$\int f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t)d^3rd^3v = N$

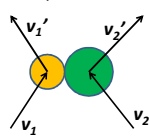
$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_r + \frac{\mathbf{F}}{m} \cdot \nabla_v \right) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{coll}$$

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Analysis of collision term

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{coll} = \left(\frac{\Delta f}{\Delta t} \right)_{added} - \left(\frac{\Delta f}{\Delta t} \right)_{removed}$$

Two-particle collision events



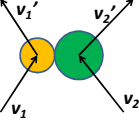
Conservation of momentum: $m_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{v}_2 = m_1 \mathbf{v}_1' + m_2 \mathbf{v}_2'$

Conservation of energy: $\frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1'^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2'^2$

$\Rightarrow |\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2| = |\mathbf{v}_1' - \mathbf{v}_2'| \equiv g$

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Two-particle collision events



$$m_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{v}_2 = m_1 \mathbf{v}_1' + m_2 \mathbf{v}_2'$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1'^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2'^2$$

$$|\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2| = |\mathbf{v}_1' - \mathbf{v}_2'| \equiv g$$

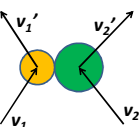
Assumptions

- Only two-particle collisions considered
- Only elastic collisions considered
- Assume that force \mathbf{F} does not effect collisions
- Assume that distribution function $f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t)$ is slowly varying in \mathbf{r} within collision volume
- In a two-particle collision, the distribution functions for the two particles are independent (uncorrelated)

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Analysis of collision term

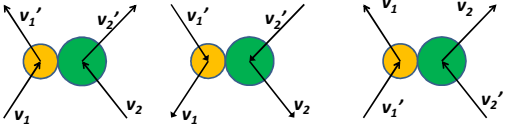
Two-particle collision events



$$\bar{\sigma}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{v}_1', \mathbf{v}_2') d\mathbf{v}_1^3 d\mathbf{v}_2^3$$

Denotes the number of particles per unit time and per unit flux of particles 1 incident on particles 2 with initial velocities $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$ and final velocities $\mathbf{v}_1', \mathbf{v}_2'$

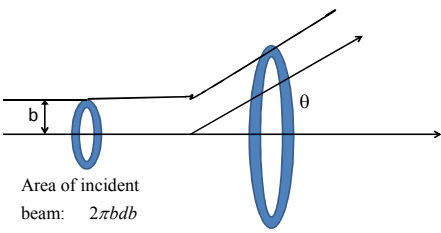
Equivalent two-particle collision events



$$\bar{\sigma}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{v}_1', \mathbf{v}_2') = \bar{\sigma}(-\mathbf{v}_1, -\mathbf{v}_2 \rightarrow -\mathbf{v}_1', -\mathbf{v}_2') = \bar{\sigma}(\mathbf{v}_1', \mathbf{v}_2' \rightarrow \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)$$

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Analysis of collision term



Area of incident beam: $2\pi b db$

As discussed in Appendix E of your textbook, the scattering cross section describes the effective area cut out of the incident beam by the scattering process.

$$\frac{d\sigma_{lab}}{d\Omega_{lab}} = \left| \frac{bdb}{\sin \theta_{lab} d\theta_{lab}} \right| \quad \frac{d\sigma_{CM}}{d\Omega_{CM}} = \left| \frac{bdb}{\sin \theta_{CM} d\theta_{CM}} \right|$$

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Analysis of collision term

Area of incident beam: $2\pi b db$

Volume of beam of particles 1 which will be scattered by particles 2 per unit time: $|\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_1| 2\pi b db$

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}\right)_{coll} = \left(\frac{\Delta f}{\Delta t}\right)_{added} - \left(\frac{\Delta f}{\Delta t}\right)_{removed}$$

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Analysis of collision term

$$\int \left(\frac{\Delta f}{\Delta t}\right)_{added} d^3v_1 = \int |\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_1| 2\pi b db f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_1', t) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2', t) d^3v_1' d^3v_2'$$

$$\int \left(\frac{\Delta f}{\Delta t}\right)_{removed} d^3v_1 = \int |\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_1| 2\pi b db f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_1, t) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2, t) d^3v_1 d^3v_2$$

Since $\frac{d\sigma_{CM}}{d\Omega_{CM}} = \left| \frac{bdb}{\sin\theta_{CM} d\theta_{CM}} \right| \Rightarrow 2\pi b db = \frac{d\sigma_{CM}}{d\Omega_{CM}} d\Omega_{CM}$

Also note that $d^3v_1' d^3v_2' = d^3v_1 d^3v_2$

$$\left(\frac{\Delta f}{\Delta t}\right)_{added} - \left(\frac{\Delta f}{\Delta t}\right)_{removed} = \int d\Omega_{CM} \int d^3v_2 |\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}| \frac{d\sigma_{CM}}{d\Omega_{CM}} (f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}', t) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2', t) - f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2, t))$$

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Summary of results:

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_r + \frac{\mathbf{F}}{m} \cdot \nabla_v\right) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}\right)_{coll}$$

With:

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}\right)_{coll} = \int d\Omega_{CM} \int d^3v_2 |\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}| \frac{d\sigma_{CM}}{d\Omega_{CM}} (f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}', t) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2', t) - f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2, t))$$

In the notation of your textbook:

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}\right)_{coll} = \int d\Omega_{CM} \int d^3v_2 g \sigma_{cm}(b, g) (f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}', t) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2', t) - f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2, t))$$

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Some rough estimates:

Number of collisions per second per unit volume for gas near equilibrium:

$$e \approx \int d\Omega_{CM} \int d^3v d^3v_2 |\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}| \sigma_{cm}(b, g) (f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2, t))$$

$$\approx \sigma_{tot} n^2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{m_1 m_2}}{2\pi kT} \right)^3 \int d^3v d^3v_2 |\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}| e^{-(m_1 v^2 + m_2 v_2^2)/(2kT)}$$

$$\approx \sigma_{tot} n^2 \langle v \rangle \frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \quad \text{where } \langle v \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2kT}{m}} \quad \text{when all particles have same mass } m$$

Mean free path: $\lambda \approx \frac{n \langle v \rangle}{2e} = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{n \sigma_{tot}}$

Collision time: $\tau \approx \frac{\lambda}{\langle v \rangle} = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{n \sigma_{tot} \langle v \rangle}$

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Properties of Boltzmann equation

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_r + \frac{\mathbf{F}}{m} \cdot \nabla_v \right) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{coll}$$

Described the time evolution of the distribution of particles in six-dimensional phase space for a dilute gas. In the absence of external fields, the system should decay to equilibrium as shown by Boltzmann's H Theorem:

Define: $H(t) \equiv \int d^3r \int d^3v f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) \ln(f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t))$

Can show that $H(t)$ always decreases with collisions:

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = \int d^3r \int d^3v \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t)}{\partial t} (\ln(f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t)) + 1)$$

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Properties of Boltzmann's H theorem continued (assume $\mathbf{F}=0$)

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = \int d^3r \int d^3v \left(-\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_r \right) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{coll} (\ln(f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t)) + 1)$$

$$\approx \int d^3r \int d^3v \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{coll} (\ln(f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t)) + 1)$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} \approx \int d^3r \int d^3v (\ln(f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t)) + 1) \times \int d\Omega_{CM} \int d^3v_2 \sigma_{cm}(b, g) (f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}', t) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2', t) - f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2, t))$$

Performing the same analysis but switching $\mathbf{v} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{v}_2$:

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} \approx \int d^3r \int d^3v_2 (\ln(f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2, t)) + 1) \times \int d\Omega_{CM} \int d^3v \sigma_{cm}(b, g) (f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}', t) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2', t) - f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2, t))$$

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Properties of Boltzmann's H theorem continued (assume $\mathbf{F}=0$)
 Adding the two expressions together and switching variables, we find:

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{4} \int d^3r \int d^3v \int d^3v_2 \int d\Omega_{cm} g \sigma_{cm}(b, g) (f' f_2' - f f_2) \ln \left(\frac{f f_2}{f' f_2'} \right)$$

Note that for all real positive y, x $(y-x) \ln \left(\frac{x}{y} \right) \leq 0$

Therefore $\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} \leq 0$

This implies that at equilibrium:

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f f_2 \rightarrow f' f_2'$$

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Conservation laws implied by Boltzmann equation

Consider some quantity (mass, momentum, etc) associated with a particle of velocity \mathbf{v} and position \mathbf{r} : $\chi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v})$

If $\chi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v})$ is conserved during a collision ($\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{v}_1', \mathbf{v}_2'$), so that $\chi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_1) + \chi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2) = \chi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_1') + \chi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2')$, it is possible to show that:

$$\int d^3v \chi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}) \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{coll} = 0$$

These results lead to identities involving the distribution function $f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t)$

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Approximate solutions to Boltzmann equation

$$f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) \approx f^0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) (1 + h(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t))$$

For free particle moving in 3 dimensions in thermal equilibrium:

$$f^0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) = f^0(\mathbf{v}) = n \left(\frac{m}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} e^{-m\mathbf{v}^2/(2kT)}$$

For $\mathbf{F} = 0$:

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_r \right) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) \approx f^0(\mathbf{v}) \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_r h \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{coll} = \int d\Omega_{cm} \int d^3v_2 g \sigma_{cm}(b, g) (f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}', t) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2', t) - f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2, t))$$

$$\approx f^0(\mathbf{v}) \int d\Omega_{cm} \int d^3v_2 g \sigma_{cm}(b, g) f^0(\mathbf{v}_2) (h(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}', t) + h(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2', t) - h(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) - h(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}_2, t))$$

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