

(3) Debye Theory (Quantum Theory) :-

Einstein theory assumed that N oscillators, oscillates with same natural freq. ω independently but as they are coupled their freq. of vibration can not be same & also a solid can propagate a large no. of frequencies from low freq. to (sound waves) to high freq. (visible radiation). This means a crystal can have a no. of modes. And density of modes

$$D(\nu) \propto \nu^2$$

It is called Density of states.

Density of states of EM radiation $\Rightarrow D(E) \propto E^2$

Density of state $\rightarrow$ No. of energy states available per unit energy interval. As $\nu \uparrow$, $D(\nu) \uparrow$

A crystal can propagate two types of wave :-

(i) Longitudinal Waves (Sound Waves) :- A longitudinal wave can have only 1 mode of vibration per harmonic oscillator. (propagation of wave along the dirⁿ of wave)

(ii) Transverse Wave :- A transverse wave have 2 mode of vibration $\perp$ to the dirⁿ of propagation.
Specific heat from this theory comes out to be

$$C_V = 3R \left(\frac{\theta_D}{T} \right) F_D$$

$F_D \rightarrow$ Debye funcⁿ

$$C_V = 3R \left(\frac{\Theta_D}{T} \right)^3 \left(\frac{T}{\Theta_D} \right)^4 \int_0^{\frac{\Theta_D}{T}} \frac{e^x x^4}{(e^x - 1)^2} dx$$

where $\Theta_D \rightarrow$ Debye temp.

$\omega_D \rightarrow$ Debye ang. freq.

$$K_B \Theta_D = \hbar \omega_D = \hbar \nu_D$$

$$\boxed{\Theta_D = \left(\frac{\hbar \nu_D}{K_B} \right)}$$

It behaves as ~~the~~ reference temp. inside the crystal (solid)

Case 1 :- At High temp.

$$\hbar \omega_D = \hbar \nu_D \ll K_B T$$

$$\boxed{\Theta_D \ll T}$$

for this region,

$$\int_0^{\Theta_D/T} \frac{e^x x^4}{(e^x - 1)^2} dx = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\Theta_D}{T} \right)^3$$

$$\text{so } \boxed{C_V = 3R}$$

At high temp., Debye theory matches with classical theory.

Case 2 :- At low temp. $\hbar \omega_D = \hbar \nu_D \gg K_B T$

$$\boxed{\Theta_D \gg T}$$

$$\int_0^{\Theta_D/T} \frac{e^x x^4}{(e^x - 1)^2} dx = \frac{\pi^4}{15}$$

$$\text{so } \boxed{C_V = 12R \left(\frac{T}{\Theta_D} \right)^3 \frac{\pi^4}{15}} \quad \text{imp.}$$

$$\text{At low temp. } C_V \propto \left(\frac{T}{\Theta_D} \right)^3 \Rightarrow \boxed{C_V \propto T^3}$$

& this result matches with the experimental result.