

## Features of the temperature dependences of the thermal conductivity of composites and the Meyer-Neldel rule

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An analysis of the temperature dependences of thermal conductivity  $\kappa(T)$  of composite materials - graphene-multilayer graphene, semiconductor composites Bi<sub>0.5</sub>Sb<sub>1.5</sub>Te<sub>3</sub> and In<sub>0.53</sub>Ga<sub>0.47</sub>As, was carried out as well as a comparison of their temperature dependences of  $\kappa(T)$  with the thermal conductivity of similar materials, which are formed by superlattices, nanowires and hybrid nanostructures. The temperature dependence of the thermal conductivity  $\kappa(T)$  of these materials can be presented as the sum of two contributions – quasi-particle  $\kappa_p$  and coherence contributions  $\kappa_c$ :

$$\kappa = p + c, \quad (1)$$

which corresponds to two main mechanisms of heat transfer [1]. In the case of orientationally ordered crystals, thermal conductivity, as a rule, can be represented as:

$$\kappa = AT^{-1} + c, \quad (2)$$

where the first term is determined by the three-phonon scattering processes of quasiparticles (phonons), and the second term is related to the wave properties of phonons and their ability to tunnel between phonon bands corresponding to the acoustic and optical phonon branches in the real dispersion law [1].

In the case where long-range order is present, the value of the coherent contribution  $\kappa_c$  is usually small compared to the quasi-particle contribution  $\kappa_p$ , but it becomes significant when no translation order - then it takes place the glass-like behavior of thermal conductivity – and it can be presented through an exponential dependence of the Arrhenius type:

$$c = \kappa_0 \exp(-E/T) \quad (3)$$

with two characteristic parameters: pre-exponential factor  $\kappa_0$  and energy  $E$ . It was shown that the temperature dependences of thermal conductivity with glassy behavior are quite well described by expression (3). Also, it is established that the pre-exponential factor  $\kappa_0$  depends linearly on the energy  $E$ . Such a relationship between these values was previously discovered in the electrical conductivity of semiconductors (Meyer-Neldel rule) [2, 3].

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