

Debye used kinetic theory of Gases Analogy

$$K = C_v v_m \Lambda / 3$$

$$v_m = 3^{1/3} \left(\frac{1}{v_p^3} + \frac{2}{v_s^3} \right)^{-1/3} \approx A \left(\frac{E}{\rho} \right)^{1/2}$$

longitudinal & transverse
wave velocities

$$\text{let } \frac{M}{m} = \frac{\text{Molecular mass}}{\# \text{ atoms per molecule}}$$

~~0.87~~ $A = 0.87 \pm 0.02$ but E within 20%

$$K_{\min} = 0.87 k_B N_A \frac{m^{2/3} \rho^{1/6} E^{1/2}}{M^{2/3}}$$

→ minimize K , look @ parameters

- large molecular weight
- complex crystal structure
- ~~isotropic~~ non-directional bonding
- large # of different atoms per molecule
- low modulus

→ exception: SiO_2

- dopants further scatter phonons inelastically by analogy same as Rayleigh light scattering from defects, pores, ~~etc.~~ vacancies etc.

- (isotopically pure carbon = high κ)

- alloying, mass disorder NiO - MgO

In - GaAs

Ge - Si

- flexible structures (SiO_2)

corner shared polyhedra

phonon mean free path limited to SiO_4 tetrahedra

- disorder at variety of length scales

Reducing κ in YSZ

8% Y_2O_3 has vacancy spacing $\sim 1.25 \text{ nm}$

at higher concentration clustering of vacancies occurs

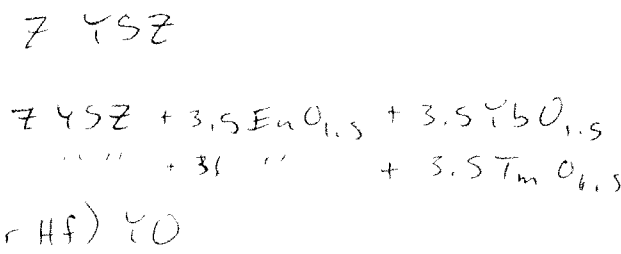
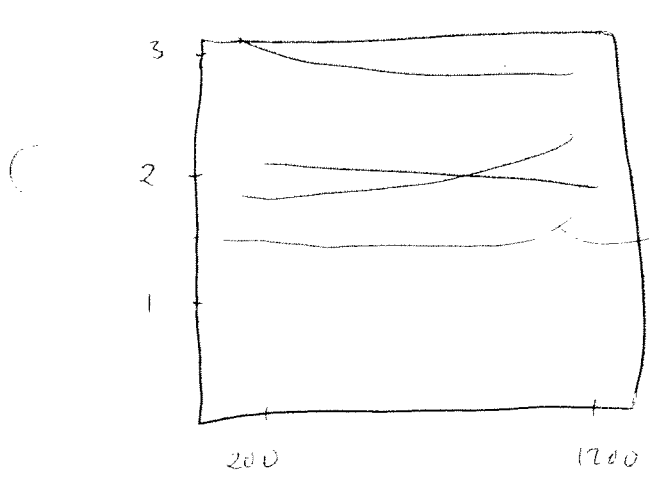
→ Zhu & Miller added other trivalent $3+$ cations

like Tm^{3+} , Er^{3+} which have ~~mass~~ $M \approx 170, 150$ $\frac{\text{amu}}{\text{amu}}$

compared to 89 $\frac{\text{amu}}{\text{amu}}$ (Y^{3+} "Cluster Doped")

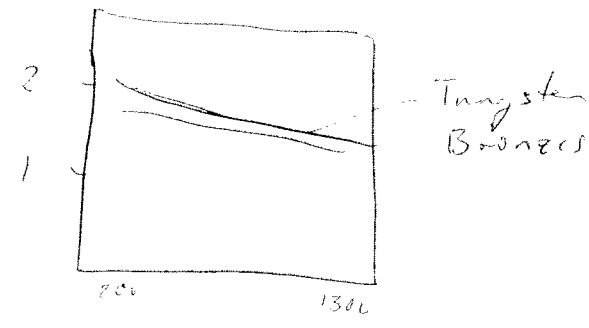
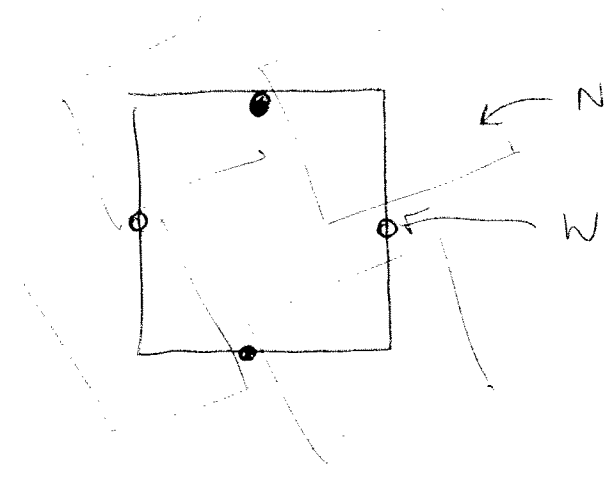
→ Clarke: try to disorder Zr^{4+} lattice! Hf^{4+} is same size, twice as heavy.

~~9) dissociation pressure $\text{SiO}_2 \leftarrow 800$~~



try "SiO₂-like" structure

Nb-W-O Tungsten bronzes

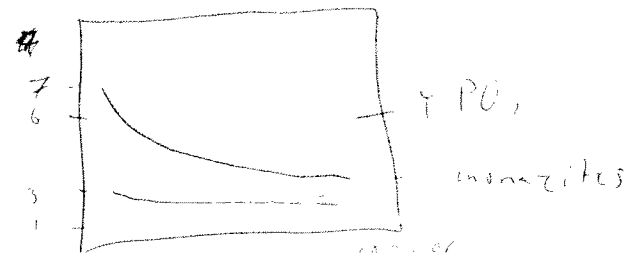


try LnPO_4 which is iso structural to SiO_2

but PO_4 instead of SiO_4

$(\text{La}_{0.5} \text{Gd}_{0.5})\text{PO}_4$ vs YPO_4 both have equal interatomic distance

it depends on how polyhedra connect!



Xenotime (YPO_4)

- REO_8 - high symmetry
- equal bond lengths
- no rotational polyhedra (all parallel)
- some edge sharing
- \Rightarrow more ordered

monazite ($GdPO_4$ or $LaPO_4$)

- REO_7 \leftarrow weaker bonds
- \leftarrow bond lengths vary
- rotated polyhedra along $[001]$
- corner sharing only
- \Rightarrow less ordered

$La_2 Mo_2 O_9 \rightarrow$ high ionic conductivity \rightarrow low K

LaO_9 } partially filled
 MoO_7 } oxygen sites

\rightarrow large mean atomic mass
 \rightarrow many vacancies and all are very mobile

$$0.75 \frac{W}{mK}$$

no T dependence

compound	Ω
$ZrSiZr$	0.1158
YPO_4	0.1194
$LaPO_4$	0.1278
$Zr_3 Y_4 O_{12}$	0.1368
$Gd_2 Zr_2 O_7$	0.1350
$W_3 Nb_4 O_{14}$	0.1385
$La_2 Mo_2 O_9$	0.1410