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This compendium is devoted to investigations in the fields of physics of high energy densities and thermal physics of extreme states of matter. Interaction of intense laser, x-ray and microwave radiation, powerful particle beams with matter, techniques of intense energy fluxes generation, experimental methods of diagnostics of ultrafast processes, physics of shock and detonation waves, different models and results of theoretical calculations of equations of state for materials at high pressures and temperatures, low-temperature plasma physics, issues of physics and power engineering, as well as technology projects are considered. The majority of the works has been presented at the XXVIII International Conference on Interaction of Intense Energy Fluxes with Matter (March 1–6, 2013, Elbrus, Kabardino-Balkaria, Russia). The edition is intended for specialists in physical and technical problems of power engineering.

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KINETIC COEFFICIENTS OF METALS ABLATED UNDER THE ACTION OF FEMTOSECOND LASER PULSES

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Kinetic coefficients of metals in two-temperature state arising under the action of femtosecond laser pulses are calculated in dependence on electron temperature. Among metals, used as targets for the investigation of their ablation under the action of laser irradiation, simple, with s- and p-electrons, as well as noble and transition metals with laser-excited d-electrons are considered.

Keywords: femtosecond laser ablation, kinetic coefficients

Introduction. Dynamics of ablation of metals under the action of ultrashort laser pulses essentially depends upon their transport properties such as electron thermal conductivity and energy exchange between electrons and ions. At the early stage of laser pulsemetal target interaction the metal state can be characterized by electron and ion temperatures, which differ to a great extent from one another, and by the minor change of a target volume. Electron kinetic characteristics of a metal define the depth of the surface layer of a metal target heated by the laser pulse. This heated layer is produced by the electron heat propagation and heat trans mission from electrons to ions resulting in the equalization of electron and ion temperatures. Because of its high temperature, target surface layer has a high pressure giving rise to the onset of ablation. We have calculated electron heat conductivity coefficient and electron-phonon coupling factor, governing the electron-ion energy relaxation. Among metals used as the targets, when laser ablation is investigated, we consider metals with dif-ferent electron energy bands: simple metals with only s- and p- electrons excited under the action of laser irradiation and also rare and transition metals with laser-excited d-electrons.

Electron-ion scattering frequencies. According to the two-temperature approach, we suggest that phonons (in the Debye approximation) are described by their partition function in dependence of their momentum \mathbf{q} as $N(q) = [e^{\hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}}/k_BT_i} - 1]^{-1}$ with the ion temperature T_i different from the electron temperature T_e . Electron temperature T_e define Fermi partition function of s-, p- electrons (commonly called by selectrons) and d-electrons with the dispersion laws

$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{p}) = \varepsilon_s + p^2/2m_s, \ \varepsilon(\mathbf{p}') = \varepsilon_1 + p'^2/2m_d.$$
 (1)

and effective masses m_s and m_d . d-electron energy lies within the d-band width $\varepsilon_1 \leq \varepsilon(\mathbf{p}') \leq \varepsilon_2$. Parabolic dispersion law for s- and d-electrons approximates

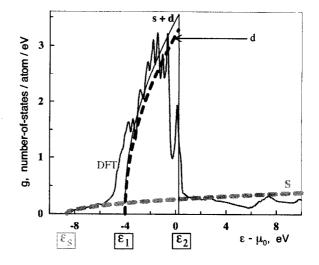


Figure 1. Ni density of state, obtained by the density functional method and parabolic approximation of the density of state of s- and d-electrons.

more real energy spectra and electron density of state which we obtained for metals under consideration by the density functional method [1]. Results of density functional theory application and parabolic approach for the density of state of Ni are presented in Fig.1.

Ion temperature T_i in our calculation lies within the interval from the Debye temperature θ to the temperature value T_{\star} of the order of several melting temperature T_m . In single temperature (1T) case $(T_e = T_i = T)$, when $\theta < T < T_{\star}$, electron heat conductivity coefficient $\kappa_{1T} = \kappa(T)$ is defined by the electron-ion scattering (e-e collisions give negligible contribution under these conditions).

In Fig. 2 experimental data on dependence of the resistivity of some noble and transition metals on the temperature in single temperature case is shown. These experimental data are obtained in modern mea-

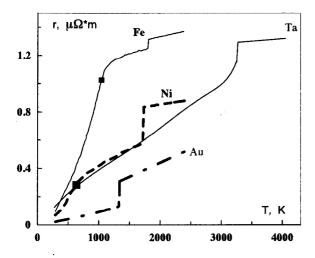


Figure 2. Dependence r(T) of the resistivity of some noble and transition metals on the temperature in the single temperature case.

surements of resistivity of thin wires, heated by the electric current pulse [2]. Experiments of this kind allows to reach the temperature values much more than the melting temperature. In solid state of pure metals above the Debye temperature resistivity r increases proportionally to T increase because of the phonon number growth. In magnetic metals (Ni, Fe in Fig. 2) linear rise of resistivity lasts up to Curie temperature (squares in Fig.2). For the iron this linear on T dependence takes place at large resistivity values, comparable with the limit metallic resistivity values, comparable with the limit metallic resistivity $r_{m,m} \sim m_e v_F/n_s e^2 a \sim \hbar a/e^2 \sim 1~\mu\Omega \cdot m$; here the collision frequency ν has its maximum value of the order of v_F/a , where v_F is the Fermi velocity, a is the lattice constant.

We take into account the change of the slope of r(T) curves after the melting and their approach the maximum metallic values by writing the resistivity via its linear approximation $r_s = a + bT$ before melting and this limit metallic resistivity $r_{m,m}$ as the interpolation expression $r(T_i) = (r_s^{-2} + r_{m,m}^{-2})^{-1/2}$. The resistivity obtained by this means define the effective electron-ion collision frequency as a function of the ion temperature from the Drude relation:

$$\nu_{si} = \frac{n_s(T_e) e^2 r(T_i)}{m_s}.$$
 (2)

Here $n_s(T_e)$ is the concentration of s-electrons, depending upon the electron temperature because of the excitation of d-electrons into the s-band.

s-s and s-d electron-electron scattering. Effective frequency of s-electron collisions with other electrons ν_{se} in metals with d-electrons can be written as $\nu_{se} = \nu_{ss} + \nu_{sd}$, with consequently s-s collision frequency ν_{ss} and s-d collision frequency ν_{sd} . Influence of s-s electron scattering onto the electron heat conductivity of simple metals was considered in [3]. Additional effective frequency of scattering of s-electrons on d-electrons is now calculated by the following manner. First we calculate the depending upon the s-electron momentum p its collision frequency $\nu_{sd}(\mathbf{p})$. It can be

written as

$$\nu_{sd}(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \int \frac{u^2(q) d^3 q}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \int \frac{2d^3 p'}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} S \,\delta. \tag{3}$$

Here s-electron having the momentum **p** interacts with d-electron having the momentum **p**'. **q** is a transferred momentum. Function

$$\delta = \delta[\varepsilon(\mathbf{p}) + \varepsilon \prime(\mathbf{p}\prime) - \varepsilon(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}) - \varepsilon \prime(\mathbf{p}\prime - \mathbf{q})].$$

stands for the energy conservation. Statistical factor S in (3) has the form

$$S(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}\prime, \mathbf{q}) = f_d(\mathbf{p}\prime)[1 - f_s(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q})][1 - f_d(\mathbf{p}\prime - \mathbf{q})] +$$

$$+f_s(\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q})f_d(\mathbf{p}\prime-\mathbf{q})[1-f_d(\mathbf{p}\prime)],$$

where f_s and f_d are Fermi distribution functions of s- and d-electrons with the chemical potential μ . Equation (3) includes a Fourier transform u(q) of electron-electron screened Coulomb interaction $u(r) = e^2 \exp(-r/\lambda)/r$, where $\lambda(T_e)$ is the screening length in Thomas-Fermi approximation [4, 5]. Frequency $\nu_{sd}(\mathbf{p})$ obtained from (3) is then used to calculate the heat conduction coefficient $\kappa_{sd}(T_e)$, due to the s-d scattering. Within the τ - approach

$$\kappa_{sd} = \int (\varepsilon - \mu)(-f_s') \left(\mu' + \frac{\varepsilon - \mu}{T_e} \right) \frac{v_s^2(p)}{\nu_{sd}(p)} \frac{p^2 dp}{3\pi^2 \hbar^3}, (4)$$

where $f_s' = \partial f_s(\varepsilon)/\partial \varepsilon$, $\mu' = \partial \mu/\partial T_e$, $v_s(p)$ is the velocity of s-electron. Sixfold integration in (3) is reduced to double integration in $q = |\mathbf{q}|, p' = |\mathbf{p}'|$ - plane. Taking it into account, expression (4) can be written as a threefold integral over p', q and p. Effective frequencies $\nu_{sd}(T_e)$ then can be defined as those to give the same value of the heat conductivity coefficient κ_{sd} from the Drude formula: $\nu_{sd} = C_s \bar{v}_s^2/3\kappa_{sd}$. Analogously effective s-s collision frequency $\nu_{ss} = C_s \bar{v}_s^2/3\kappa_{ss}$.

Effective s-electron collision frequencies $\nu_{se}(T_e) = \nu_{ss} + \nu_{sd}$ for some simple, noble and transition metals are presented in Fig. 3. As it can be seen, at electron temperatures T_e under consideration s-e contribution exceeds that one from s-i scattering only at ion temperatures T_i less than ~ 1 kK. Depending upon electron and ion temperatures electron heat conductivity coefficient $\kappa(T_e, T_i)$, taking into account s-i, s-s and s-d scattering, is shown in Fig. 4 for T_i to be a room temperature. Fig. 5 illustrates dependence on the electron temperature of the heat conductivity coefficient of nickel at different values of ion temperature T_i .

The rate of electron-ion heat transfer. The energy transferred from electrons to ions in the unit volume in the unit time can be written as [6]

$$\dot{E} = \int \hbar \omega_{\mathbf{q}} \dot{N}_{\mathbf{q}} V \, d\mathbf{q} / (2\pi \hbar)^3 = \alpha(T_e) \left(T_e - T_i \right). \quad (5)$$

Expression (5) defines the electron-phonon coupling factor α . The quantity

$$\dot{N}_{f q} = 2\int \Phi\,W_{f q}\,\delta(arepsilon_{f p-q} + \hbar\omega_{f q} - arepsilon_{f p})\,d{f p}/(2\pi\hbar)^3$$

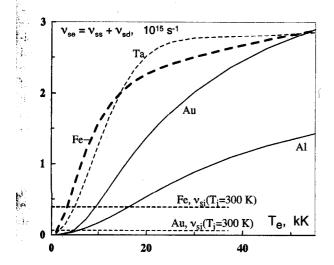


Figure 3. Effective collision frequency of s-electrons with other electrons in some simple, noble and transition metals. Horizontal lines stand for the electron-ion collision frequencies of Au and Fe at the ion temperature $T_i = 300 \text{ K}$.

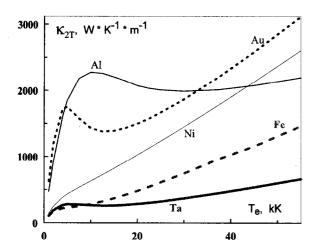


Figure 4. s-electron heat conductivity coefficient $\kappa(T_e, T_i)$ for simple (Al), noble(Au) and transition (Ni, Fe, Ta) metals. Ion temperature $T_i = 300$ K.

in equation (5) is a rate of change of longitudinal phonons with momentum \mathbf{q} and energy $\hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}}$ concentration $N_{\mathbf{q}}(t)$.

$$\Phi = (1 - f_{\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}}) f_{\mathbf{p}} + N(\mathbf{q}) [(1 - f_{\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}}) f_{\mathbf{p}} - (1 - f_{\mathbf{p}}) f_{\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}}]$$

is the statistical factor with Fermi $f_{\mathbf{p}}$ and Bose $N(\mathbf{q})$ distribution functions. Phonon frequencies are taken in the Debye approach: $\omega_{\mathbf{q}} = c_s |\mathbf{q}|/\hbar$. Probability for the electron in the metal to change the momentum from \mathbf{p} to $\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}$ in a unit time under the interaction with longitudinal phonons is

$$W_{\mathbf{q}} \, \delta(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q}} + \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}})$$

with

$$W_{\mathbf{q}} = \pi \omega_{\mathbf{q}} / (\rho V c_s^2) \cdot n_{at}^2 U^2(\mathbf{q})$$

Here $U(\mathbf{q}) = 4\pi e^2 \hbar^2 Z_i/(q^2 \epsilon(\mathbf{q}))$, and $\epsilon(\mathbf{q})$ is the dielectric permeability in the Lindhard approach [4, 5],

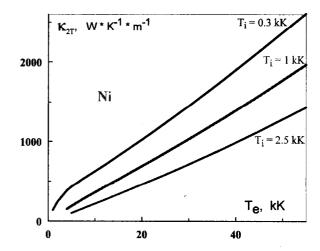


Figure 5. s-electron heat conductivity coefficient $\kappa(T_e, T_i)$ of nickel. Ion temperatures in kK above the curves correspond both to solid and liquid states.

 Z_i is the effective charge of ion, n_{at} - concentration of atoms, ρ - mass density. Total electron-phonon coupling factor in (5) is a sum of separate s- and d-electron factors α_s and α_d : $\alpha = \alpha_s + \alpha_d$. For the case of α_s the effective ion charge $Z_i = n_s(T_e)/n_{at}$, and in α_d case $Z_i = Z_s(T_e) + Z_d(T_e) = \text{const.}$ Electron-phonon coupling factor α_d can be written as

$$\alpha_d = \frac{m_d^2}{4\pi^3 \hbar^7} \frac{k_B^2 T_e}{\rho c_s} \times \int_0^{q_D} dq \cdot q^2 U^2(\mathbf{q}) \ln \frac{e_1 + e_2}{e_1 + 1} \Big|_{\epsilon=a}^{\epsilon=b}, (6)$$

with

$$e_1 = \exp rac{arepsilon - \mu - \hbar \omega_q}{k_B T_e}, \ \ e_2 = \exp \left(-rac{\hbar \omega_q}{k_B T_e}
ight),$$

$$a=arepsilon_1+rac{1}{2m_d}\left(rac{q}{2}+m_dc_s
ight)^2,\;\;b=arepsilon_1+rac{p_d^2}{2m_d},$$

 q_D is the Debye momentum. Electron-phonon coupling factor α_s is expressed by the formula, similar to (6). At temperatures exceeding the Debye temperature α depends only on the electron temperature but not the ion temperature. As a function of electron temperature it is shown in Fig. 6 for aluminum (simple metal) and gold (noble metal). Curves Au₁ and Au_{0.6} differ by the value of the effective mass of s-electrons (1 and 0.6 a.u. correspondently). Curve Au_{corr} is obtained by the multiplying Au_{0.6} by the factor reducing α to the experimental value [7–9] at the room temperature.

Analogously electron-phonon coupling factor for transition metals (nickel, iron and tantalum) as a function of electron temperature is presented in Fig.7.

Fig. 6 demonstrates the significant increase of electron-phonon coupling factor with electron temperature growth in gold, similar to the results of the works [10, 11]. Of partial electron-phonon coupling factors α_s and α_d in this noble metal α_d dominantly contributes to the total α at electron temperatures greater than 5 kK.

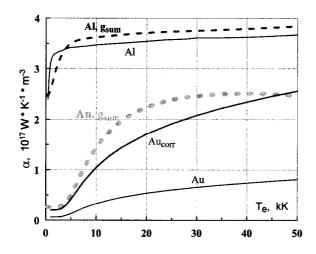


Figure 6. Electron-phonon coupling factor $\alpha(T_e)$ of Al and Au in dependence on the electron temperature. Comparison is made with the work [11] data (marked by g_{sum}).

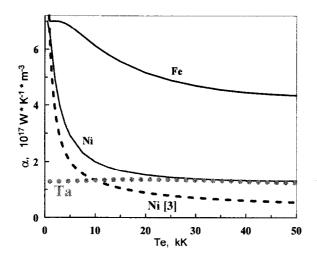


Figure 7. Electron-phonon coupling factor of transition metals (Ni, Fe and Ta) in dependence on the electron temperature. The curve Ni[3] is taken from the work[11].

In the case of transition metals α_d gives the main

contribution into the full electron-phonon coupling factor at all electron temperatures T_e . Different transition metals differ with respect to the position of Fermi level within the d-band. Three typical cases can be observed: a) Fermi level is slightly (several percents of d-band width) lower than the upper edge of d-band; b) difference between Fermi level and the upper edge of d-band has the moderate value of the order of ten percents of d-band width; c) Fermi level is essentially lies within the d-band. Band structure of Ni belongs to the case a). Here we can see a drastic decrease of $\alpha(T_e)$ coefficient at $k_B T_e > \varepsilon_2$. In the case b) (it is presented by Fe) the $\alpha(T_e)$ decrease with electron temperature increase has a smooth fall character. And in the last case, when the Fermi level lies within the d-band (Ta), $\alpha(T_e)$ function is approximately constant.

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In this paper, drawing on the data calculated the radiation resistance of sodium chloride in the range of the laser pulse duration of 1 ps-50 fs. It was found that for $\tau=200$ fs critical field strength in sodium chloride and other inorganic optically transparent material is practically the same.

Keywords: Radiation resistance, sodium chloride, laser pulse duration.

Radiation resistance of optically transparent solids numerically characterized radiation damage threshold (voltage breakdown): critical flux density of optical radiation, from which the volume or on the surface of irreversible changes occur as a result of anomalous absorption of the light flux.

For transparent solids is a certain dependence of the breakdown threshold and, consequently, the radiation resistance of the duration of short laser pulses. The experiments showed that, as a rule, with decreasing pulse radiation resistance increases. Study of the nature of this dependence helps to understand the mechanisms and patterns of breakdown.

This paper was given the task to calculate the values of radiation resistance of sodium chloride in the femtosecond laser pulse duration range.