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$$\rho_{\text{ph}} \propto T^5/\theta^6 \tag{38}$$

where θ is the characteristic lattice temperature of the metal. If the volume of the metal is changed by pressure, θ alters and this provides one important mechanism for the change in resistivity with pressure at low temperatures.

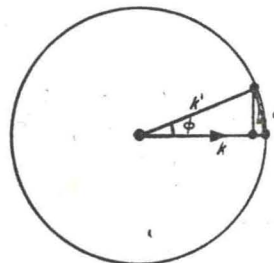


Fig. 19. Small angle scattering by phonons.

C. EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE AND PRESSURE ON ELECTRICAL RESISTIVITY AT HIGH TEMPERATURES

At high temperatures, i.e., $T \gtrsim \theta$, most of the phonons that are excited are of large q vector (typically about half the dimensions of the Brillouin zone) so that all collisions with phonons can produce a large change in the momentum of the conduction electrons. We may therefore expect that the electrical resistivity due to phonon scattering will depend directly on the number of phonons excited at a given temperature. Alternatively, looking at the problem in classical rather than quantum terms, we may expect the resistivity due to the lattice vibrations to be proportional to the mean square amplitude of these vibrations. In either case we write:

$$\rho_{\text{ph}} = K \frac{T}{M\theta^2} \tag{39}$$

where M is the mass of the ions that make up the lattice and K is a parameter that involves all the complex interactions between the conduction electrons and the ions.

If we compare equations (38) and (39) we see that at high temperatures ρ_{ph} depends inversely on θ^2 and at very low temperatures inversely on θ^6 . We also know that, in general, θ increases with in-