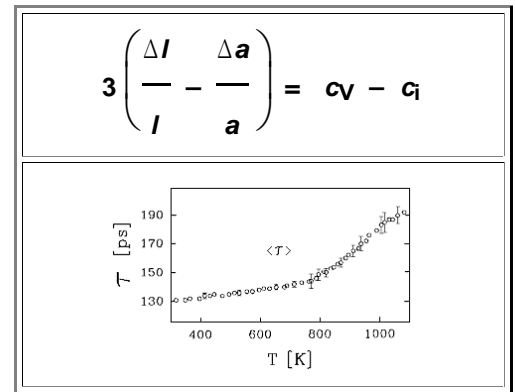


4.1.2 Essentials to Chapter 4.1: Experimental Techniques for Studying Point Defects in Equilibrium

- Essentially we have two rather direct methods
 - Differential Thermal Expansion (or $\Delta l/l - \Delta a/a$ -method).
 - Positron annihilation
- Both methods will not give results if the vacancy concentration at the melting point is below, roughly, 10^{-7} .

$$\langle T \rangle = T_2 \cdot \frac{1 + T_2 V \cdot c_V}{1 + T_1 V \cdot c_V}$$



- Most numbers for point defects in metals and some other crystals were obtained by these two methods.
- There are many other methods, but always either limited to certain crystals, expensive, hard to evaluate, and so on.
- In essence, there are still no reliable and undisputed numbers for, e.g., the formation and migration enthalpies for vacancies (and interstitials) in **Si** or other semiconductors like **GaAs**.