

Results HPHT YBCO

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0.0.1 YBCO specific heat measurments - analysis

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[2]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import tools
import fitutils as ft
import schottky_analysis
import near0_linear_analysis
import near0_nonlinear_analysis
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[3]: # Data import

from data import temperature
from data import sample_HC
from data import err_sample_HC
from data import err_temperature

squared_temperature = temperature**2 # K**2
C_div_T = sample_HC/temperature # mJ/K**2.mol
err_C_divT = sample_HC*((err_temperature/temperature) **
                        2 + (err_sample_HC/sample_HC)**2) # error on C/T
err_squared_temperature = (temperature)*2*err_temperature # error on T2
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[4]: # Constants

k = 1.380649e-23 # Boltzmann, J/K
delta = 2.9461005*k*2.4
r = 8.31446261815324 # J/mol.K
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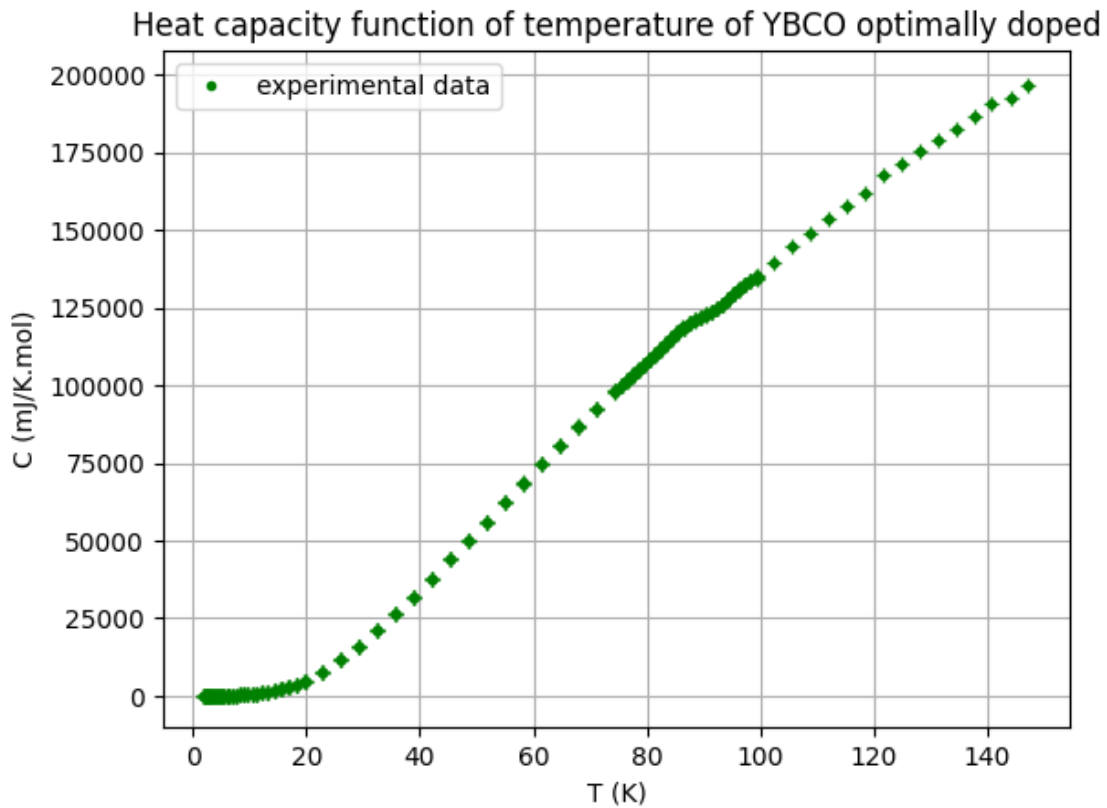
0.0.2 I. Plotting data

Visualization of the measured data : plot of C(T) and C/T(T²).

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[5]: # Plot of HC(T)

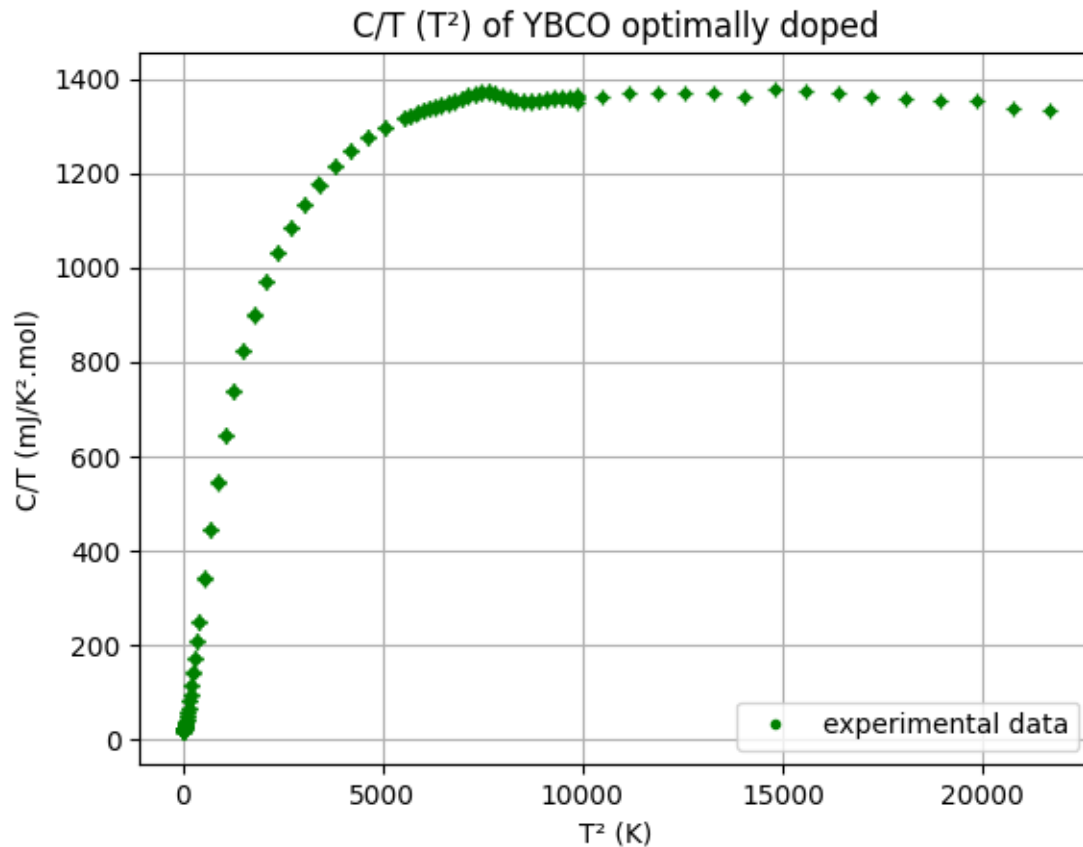
plt.figure()
plt.plot(temperature, sample_HC, ".g", label="experimental data")
plt.errorbar(temperature, sample_HC, err_sample_HC, err_temperature, "+g")
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plt.grid(True)
plt.xlabel("T (K)")
plt.ylabel("C (mJ/K.mol)")
plt.title("Heat capacity function of temperature of YBCO optimally doped")
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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[6]: *# Plot of HC/T (T**2)*

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plt.figure()
plt.plot(squared_temperature, C_div_T, ".g", label="experimental data")
plt.errorbar(squared_temperature, C_div_T, err_C_divT,
             err_squared_temperature, "+g")
plt.grid(True)
plt.xlabel("T2 (K)")
plt.ylabel("C/T (mJ/K2.mol)")
plt.title("C/T (T2) of YBCO optimally doped")
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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[7]: # Plot of HC/T (T²) near 0

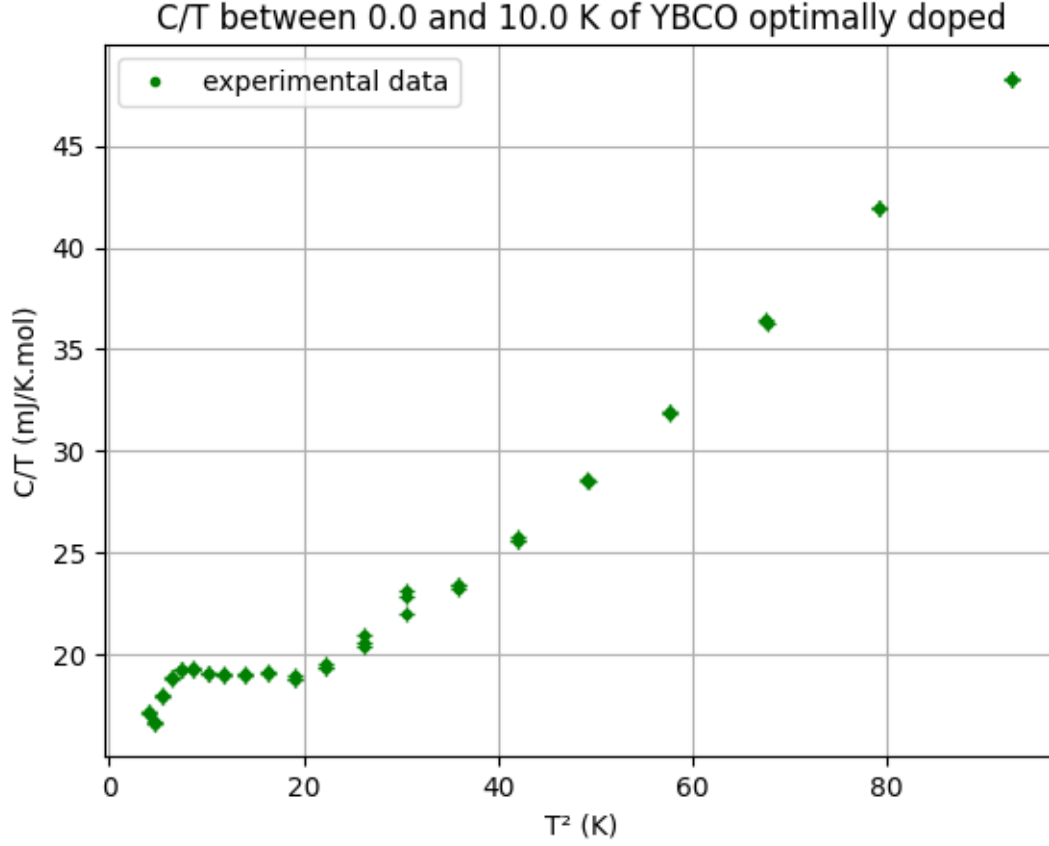
# Choose of bounds

a = int(input("Input the lower bound of T² : "))
b = int(input("Input the higher bound of T² : "))
x, y = tools.tab_interval(squared_temperature, C_div_T, a, b)
x_err, y_err = err_squared_temperature[0:len(x)], err_C_divT[0:len(y)]
a_sqrt = str(np.sqrt(a))
b_sqrt = str(np.sqrt(b))
title = "C/T between " + a_sqrt + " and " + b_sqrt + " K of YBCO optimally_
↳doped"

# Plotting

plt.figure()
plt.plot(x, y, ".g", label="experimental data")
plt.errorbar(x, y, y_err, x_err, "+g")
plt.grid(True)
plt.xlabel("T² (K)")
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plt.ylabel("C/T (mJ/K.mol)")
plt.title(title)
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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0.0.3 II. Schottky anomaly study

The Schottky anomaly is a term appearing in the expression for the specific heat of certain solids at low temperature; it arises from the presence of a two-level energy system and is modeled accordingly. Its expression is therefore:

$$C_s = nR \left(\frac{E}{k_B T} \right)^2 \frac{\exp\left(\frac{E}{k_B T}\right)}{(\exp\left(\frac{E}{k_B T}\right) + 1)^2}$$

The parameters to be defined are n (the fraction of atoms participating in the two-level system) and E , the energy gap between the two levels.

To determine E , one can establish a relation between the abscissa of the maximum of the curve, T_{max} , and E , such that $E = \alpha T_{max} B$. To find α , one computes the derivative of the Schottky

contribution,

$$\frac{dC_s}{dT} = \frac{(2T + \frac{E}{k})\exp(\frac{E}{KT}) + (2T - \frac{E}{k})\exp(\frac{2E}{KT})}{T^4(1 + \exp(\frac{2E}{KT}))^3}$$

and sets it to zero at the condition $(2T + \frac{E}{k})\exp(\frac{E}{KT}) + (2T - \frac{E}{k})\exp(\frac{2E}{KT}) = 0$. This equation admits no closed-form solution and must be solved numerically; here it was treated with the Newton–Raphson algorithm, yielding $\alpha = 2.512$.

Next, the maximum of the curve and the corresponding temperature T_{max} are obtained from experimental low-temperature data (< 4 K). One finds $T_{max} = 2.9461005K$ and $C_s(T_{max}) = 19.3365mJ.K^{-2}.mol^{-1}$

Concerning n , the fraction of sites involved in the two-level system, its order of magnitude can be estimated for each experimental point once E is known. Although these values may be noisy due to contributions from other terms, the average of the n values calculated over the range $1K$ to $4K$, where the Schottky anomaly dominates, can provide a reliable approximation. We find : $n_{experimental} = 2,08.10^{-3}$

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[8]: # Find the relation between the extremum of Schottky anomaly and T_max

alpha = schottky_analysis.alpha()

T_max, maximum = schottky_analysis.max_schottky(temperature, C_div_T, 0, 4.5)

# Determination of E parameter

E_experimental = k*alpha*T_max

# Determination of n parameter

n_experimental = schottky_analysis.n_experimental(temperature[0:25], C_div_T[0:
↪25], E_experimental) #approximation de n entre 0 et 4 K

print("alpha, T_max, maximum, E_experimental, n_experimental : ", alpha, T_max, ↪
↪maximum, E_experimental, n_experimental)
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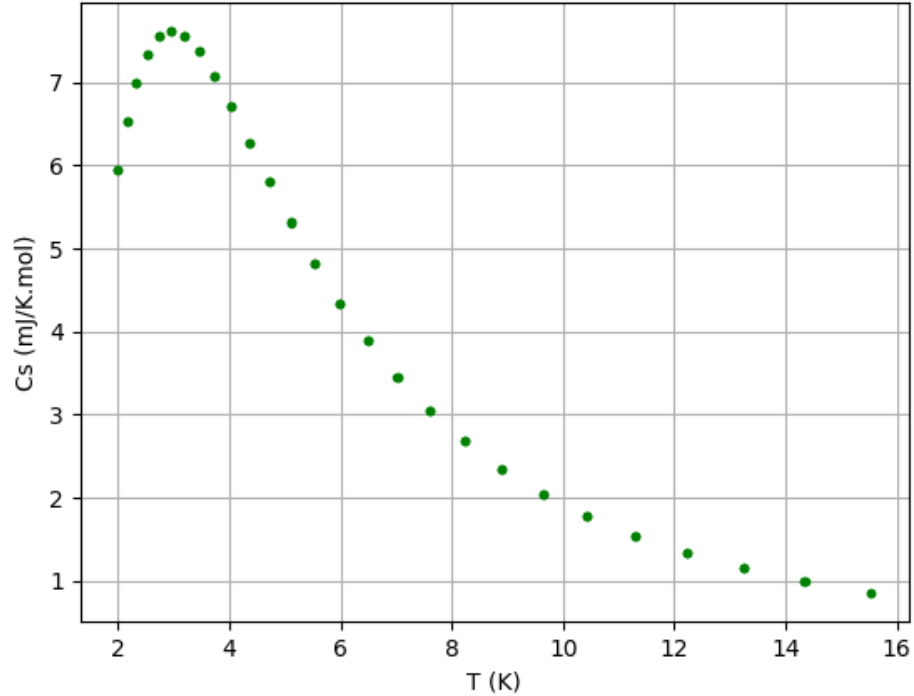
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alpha, T_max, maximum, E_experimental, n_experimental : 2.399357557296753
2.9461005 19.33658610763618 9.759460546714425e-23 0.002086138736124589
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[9]: # Plotting Schottky contribution

plt.figure()
plt.plot(temperature[0:80], schottky_analysis.schottky(temperature[0:80], ↪
↪E_experimental, n_experimental), ".g")
plt.grid(True)
plt.xlabel("T (K)")
plt.ylabel("Cs (mJ/K.mol)")
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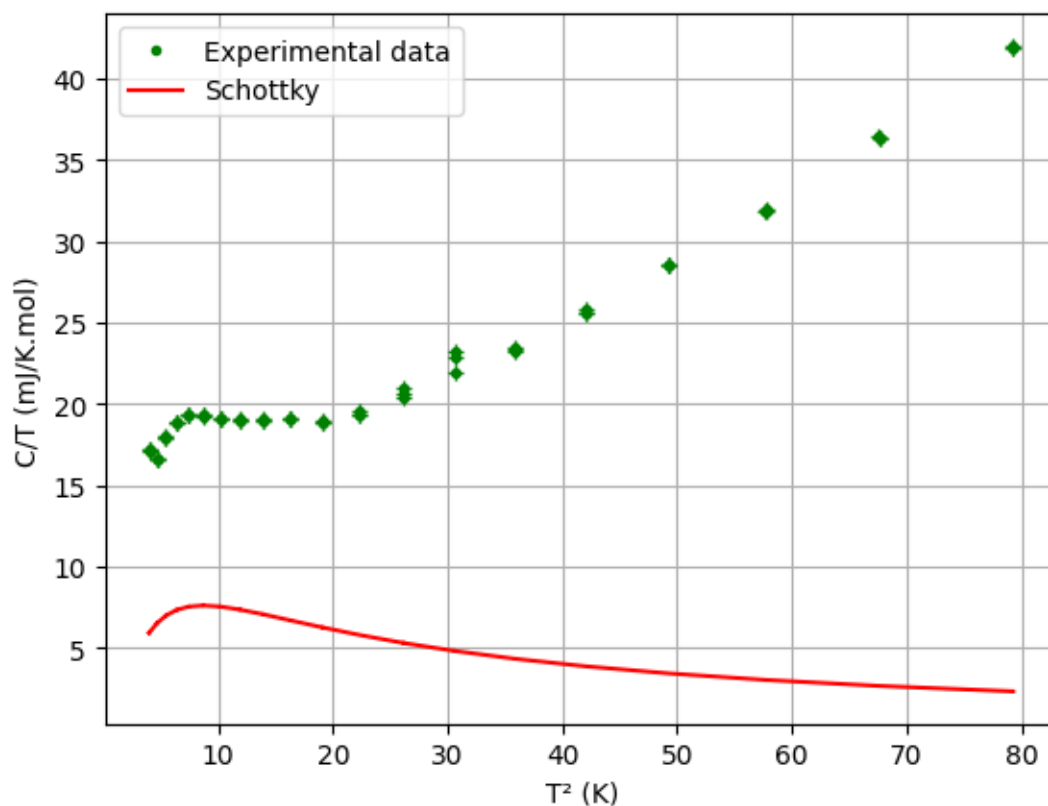
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plt.title("Schottky anomaly, theoretical expression with experimental parameters_□  
↪E and n")  
plt.show()
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Schottky anomaly, theoretical expression with experimental parameters E and n



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[10]: # Plot of HC/T and Cs (T²) near 0  
  
# Choose of bounds  
  
a = int(input("Input the lower bound of T² : "))  
b = int(input("Input the higher bound of T² : "))  
x, y = tools.tab_interval(squared_temperature, C_div_T, a, b)  
x_err, y_err = err_squared_temperature[0:len(x)], err_C_divT[0:len(y)]  
  
# Plotting  
  
plt.figure()  
plt.plot(x, y, ".g", label="Experimental data")  
plt.plot(x, schottky_analysis.schottky(temperature[0:len(x)], E_experimental, □  
↪n=n_experimental), "r-", label="Schottky")  
plt.errorbar(x, y, y_err, x_err, "+g")  
plt.grid(True)  
plt.xlabel("T² (K)")  
plt.ylabel("C/T (mJ/K.mol)")
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plt.legend()
plt.show()
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0.0.4 III. Linear regression

The theoretical expression for $\frac{C}{T}$ is given by: $\gamma + T^2 + C_{\text{schottky}}$. By subtracting the Schottky contribution and plotting the remaining data as a function of T^2 , one obtains a linear relation: $\frac{C-C_s}{T} = \gamma + \beta x$, ($x = T^2$)

A linear fit of $\frac{C-C_s}{T}$ versus T^2 then yields the parameters γ and β .

The parameter β is related to the Debye temperature T_D of the compound by $T_D = \left(\frac{12R\pi^4}{5\beta}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

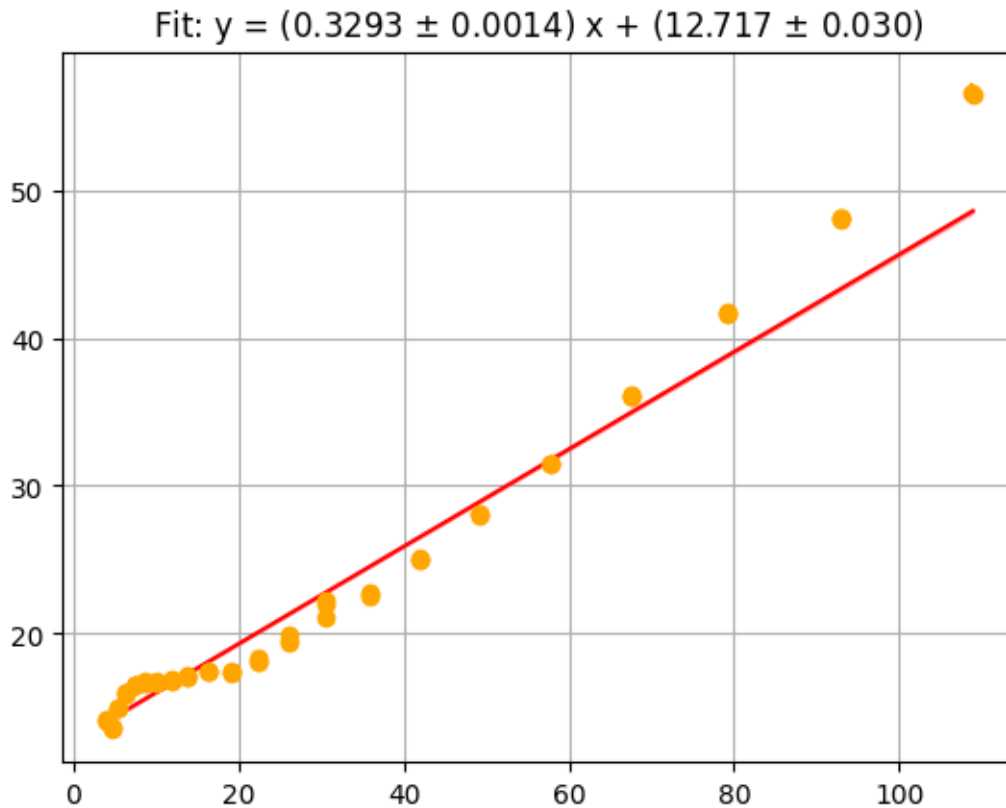
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[11]: # Linear fit of experimental data, with the 65st values (0-15 K)

print(near0_linear_analysis.plot_linear_fit(65, E=E_experimental,
      ↪n=n_experimental))

# Debye temperature

TDebye, gamma, u_TDebye, u_gamma = near0_linear_analysis.debye_temperature(65,
      ↪E=E_experimental, n=n_experimental)
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print(TDebye, gamma, u_TDebye, u_gamma )
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[3.29312074e-01 1.27167499e+01 1.43909118e-03 3.01372041e-02]
180.73254998623332 0.012717543227454315 0.28306328620966514
3.0679718206979344e-05
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One obtains a Debye temperature $T_D = 180 \pm 0.27 K$ and an intercept $\gamma = 13.3 \pm 0.0289 mJ.K^{-2}.mol^{-1}$.

The linear fit is not visually very satisfactory, as a Schottky contribution appears to remain. We therefore propose to repeat the same procedure but by manually choosing a larger value of nn . For $n = 10^{-2}$, we obtain :

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[12]: # Linear fit of experimental data, with the 65st values (0-15 K) and n=1e-2

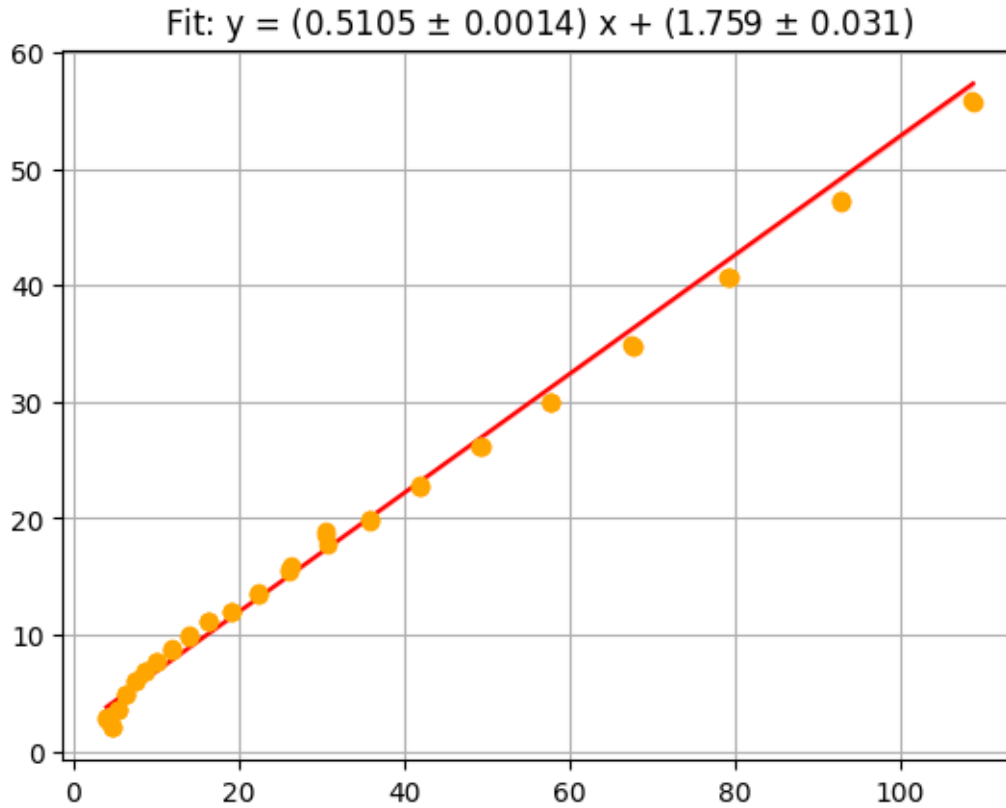
print(near0_linear_analysis.plot_linear_fit(65, E=E_experimental, n=1e-2))

# Debye temperature

TDebye, gamma, u_TDebye, u_gamma = near0_linear_analysis.debye_temperature(65,
↪E=E_experimental, n=1e-2)
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print("TDebye, gamma, u_TDebye, u_gamma : ", TDebye, gamma, u_TDebye, u_gamma)
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[5.10467150e-01 1.75922564e+00 1.42279762e-03 3.07577802e-02]
TDebye, gamma, u_TDebye, u_gamma : 156.1421134557674 0.0017555037859347557
0.15080999806799195 3.0090066593134403e-05
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We now obtain a Debye temperature $T_D = 182.56 \pm 0.151 K$ and an intercept $\gamma = 13.3 \pm 0.02917 mJ.K^{-2}.mol^{-1}$, This result is in fact very close to what was previously obtained. We can therefore conclude that the value of n has little influence on the Debye temperature—within a factor of 10.

0.0.5 IV. Non-linear regression

The data can also be directly fitted using the theoretical expression.

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[13]: # Non linear fit of experimental data, with the 65st values (0-15 K) and n=1e-2

beta_curve, gamma_curve, n_curve = near0_nonlinear_analysis.nonlinear_fit(65)

print("Beta, Gamma, n : ", beta_curve, gamma_curve, n_curve)
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# Plotting non linear fit

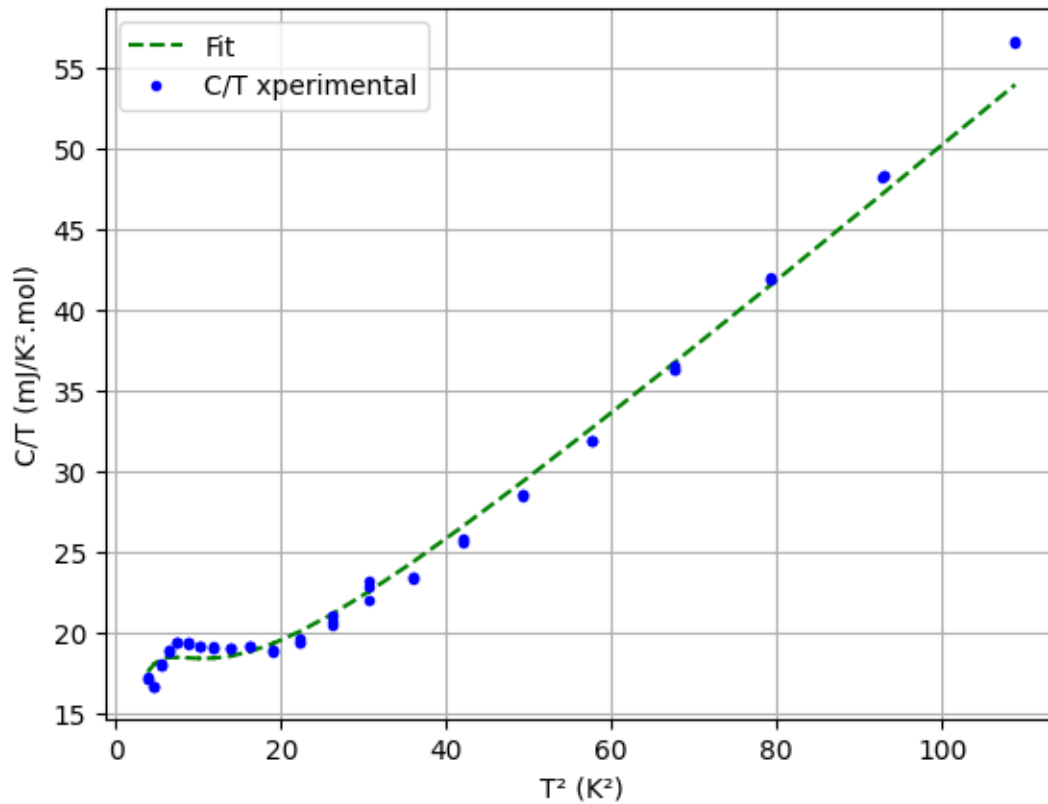
near0_nonlinear_analysis.plot_fit(65,beta_curve, gamma_curve, n_curve)

# Debye temperature

TDebye_curvefit = near0_nonlinear_analysis.debye_temperature(65)

print("Debye temperature : ", TDebye_curvefit)
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Beta, Gamma, n : 0.42973361391098025 6.643992011420609 0.006470405531165617



Debye temperature : 165.37957211855118

Here, a Debye temperature of 165 K is obtained. This value is of the same order of magnitude as that found through the linear analysis. The corresponding value of n is $6,4 \cdot 10^{-3}$, which is closer to the previously determined value ($2 \cdot 10^{-3}$) than to the one used in the linear fit