

Bose-Einstein Condensation

Fermions

$$S = n + \frac{1}{2}$$

Ψ antisymmetric

Pauli principle

Fermi Dirac stat.
Distribution func.

$$f(\epsilon, T) = \frac{1}{e^{(\epsilon - \mu)/kT} + 1}$$

Bosons

$$S = n$$

Ψ symmetric

No Pauli principle

Bose Einstein statistics
Distribution func.

$$n(\epsilon, T) = \frac{1}{e^{(\epsilon - \mu)/kT} - 1}$$

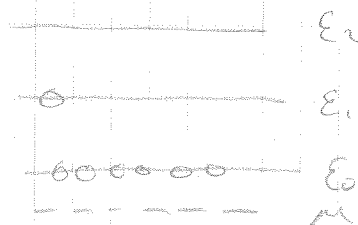
The ideal Bose gas (non-interacting)

⁴He atoms are Bosons

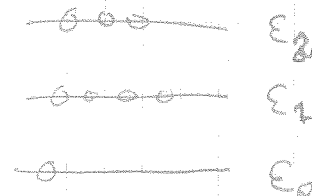
$$\sum_i n(\epsilon_i, T) = N = \text{total number of particles}$$

many particles $N \sim 10^{23}$

Low T



High T



Energies

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 \vec{k}^2}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{\pi}{V^{1/3}} \right)^2 (l^2 + m^2 + n^2)$$

$$E_0 = E_{l=0} = 0$$

$$E = E_{l=mn} - E_{l=0}$$

$$N(E) = \frac{V}{4\pi^2} \frac{(2m)^{3/2}}{\hbar^3} \sqrt{E}$$

$$\sum_{l=mn} n_l(E_{l=mn}, T) = N \quad \rightarrow \quad \int_0^{\infty} N(E) \cdot n(E, T) dE$$

integral does not include the lowest energy level
since $N(E=0) = 0$, we add manually

$$N = n(0, T) + \int_0^{\infty} N(E) n(E, T) dE$$

$$= N_0 + N'(T)$$

particles
in groundstate

excited
particles

S_0

S_n

$$N'(T) = \frac{V}{4\pi^2} \frac{(2m)^{3/2}}{\hbar^3} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{E}}{e^{(E-\mu)/kT} - 1} dE$$

For a fixed T $N'(T)$ is maximum
 if $\mu = 0$, thus

$$N'(T) \leq N'_{\max}(T) = K \cdot \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{\epsilon}}{e^{\epsilon/kT} - 1} d\epsilon$$

Substitute $x = \frac{\epsilon}{kT}$

$$dx = \frac{d\epsilon}{kT} \quad d\epsilon = kT \cdot dx \quad \sqrt{\epsilon} = \sqrt{kT} \cdot \sqrt{x}$$

$$N'_{\max}(T) = K(kT)^{3/2} \cdot \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{e^x - 1} dx$$

$$= K \cdot (kT)^{3/2} \cdot \underbrace{\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)}_{\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}} \cdot \underbrace{\zeta\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)}_{\text{Riemann zeta function}} \cdot 2.612$$

$\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$ Riemann zeta function
2.612...

$$N'_{\max}(T) = \frac{V}{4\pi^2} \frac{(2m \cdot kT)^{3/2}}{h^3} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \cdot 2.612$$

$$= 2.612 \cdot V \cdot \left(\frac{m kT}{2\pi h^2} \right)^{3/2}$$

Fix N and V and increase T until all particles are excited this happens at $T = T_B$ when $N'(T_B) = N$

$$N'(T_B) \approx N'_{\max}(T_B) = N$$

$$2,612 \cdot V \left(\frac{m k_B T_B}{2\pi \hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} = N$$

$$T_B = \left(\frac{N}{2,62 V} \right)^{2/3} \frac{2\pi \hbar^2}{m k_B}$$

Note

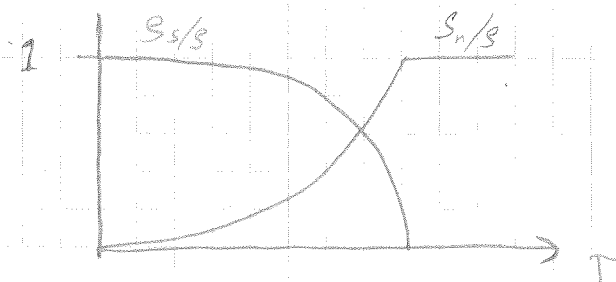
$$S = \frac{N}{V}$$

$$N'_{\max}(T) \propto T^{3/2}$$

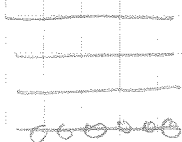
$$N'_{\max}(T) = N \cdot \left(\frac{T}{T_B} \right)^{3/2} \quad T \leq T_B$$

$$S_n = \frac{N'(T)}{V} \approx \frac{N'_{\max}(T)}{V} = \frac{N}{V} \cdot \left(\frac{T}{T_B} \right)^{3/2} = S \left(\frac{T}{T_B} \right)^{3/2}$$

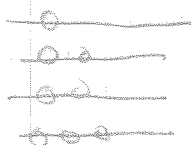
$$S_s = \frac{N_0(T)}{V} = \frac{1}{V} (N - N'_{\max}) = S' \left(1 - \left(\frac{T}{T_B} \right)^{3/2} \right)$$



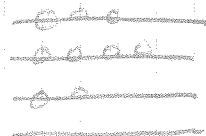
$T=0$



$0 < T < T_B$



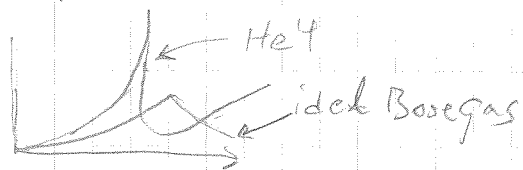
$T > T_B$



Apply to Helium 4

Gas $\left. \begin{array}{l} m = m_4 \\ S = S_{\text{gas}} \end{array} \right\} T_B = 0,5 \text{K} < 4,2 \text{K}$
 no superfluid gas

Liquid $\left. \begin{array}{l} m = m_4 \\ S = S_{\text{liquid}} \end{array} \right\} T_B = 3,1 \sim 2,17 \text{K}$



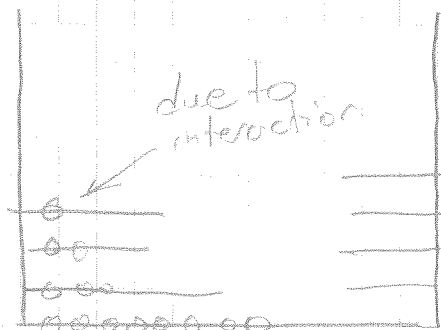
To describe He II better we need to take interactions (van der Waals forces) into account

Ideal Bose gas \rightarrow Non-ideal Bose gas

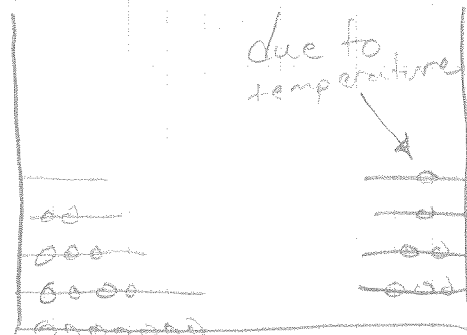
\Rightarrow two consequences

- 1) Number of particles in E_0 reduced
- 2) Nature of the excited levels is modified

$T = 0$



$0 < T < T_B$



The Wavefunction of the condensate

He II similar to SCs

$$\Psi = |\Psi| e^{i\theta} = \sqrt{\rho_s} e^{i\theta}$$

$$\bar{p}\Psi = -i\hbar \nabla \Psi = -i\hbar i \nabla \theta \Psi = \hbar \nabla \theta \Psi$$

$$\bar{p} = \hbar \nabla \theta = m_4 \bar{v}_s$$

$$\bar{v}_s = \frac{\hbar}{m_4} \nabla \theta$$

$$\bar{J}_4 = \rho_s \cdot m_4 \cdot \bar{v}_s$$

mass flow density

Compare SC

$$\bar{J} = \rho_s e^2 \bar{v}_s$$

$$\Lambda \bar{J} = -\left(\frac{\hbar}{2e} \nabla \theta + \bar{A}\right) \quad \Lambda = \frac{m}{\rho_s e^2}$$

$$\bar{J} = \rho_s e \bar{v}_s = -\frac{\rho_s e^2}{m} \frac{\hbar}{2e} \nabla \theta + \frac{m}{\rho_s e^2} \bar{A}$$

$$\bar{v}_s = -\frac{\hbar}{2m} \nabla \theta - \frac{m}{\rho_s e^2} \bar{A}$$

He II

$$\nabla \times \bar{v}_s = 0$$

SC

$$\nabla \times \bar{v}_s + \frac{e}{m} \bar{B} = 0$$

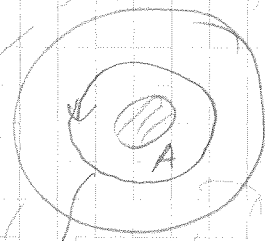
$$\Leftrightarrow \text{LE2} \quad \nabla \times (\Lambda \bar{J}) = -\bar{B}$$

Quantization of circulation

The circulation

$$\mathcal{K} = \oint_C \vec{v}_s \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_A \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \, dA$$

Stokes theorem \hookrightarrow



He II

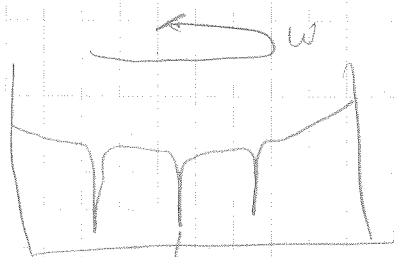
$$= \oint_C \frac{\hbar}{m_4} \cdot \nabla \theta \, dl = \frac{\hbar}{m_4} \cdot \Delta \theta = \frac{\hbar}{m_4} \cdot n \cdot 2\pi$$

$$|\vec{v}_s| (r) = \frac{\mathcal{K}}{2\pi r}$$

$$\mathcal{K} = n \cdot \frac{\hbar}{m_4} \equiv n \mathcal{K}_0$$

$$\mathcal{K}_0 = \frac{\hbar}{m_4} = \text{quantum of circulation}$$

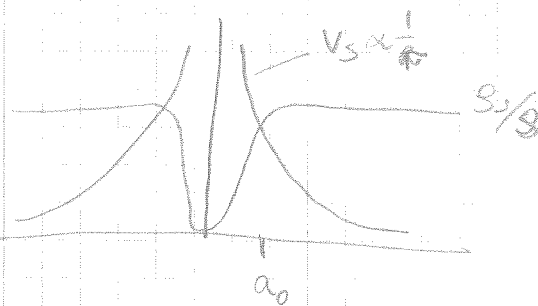
$$= 9.98 \cdot 10^{-8} \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}$$



vortex

Vortex density
number

$n_v =$



Energy of a single
vortex

— distance between
vortices

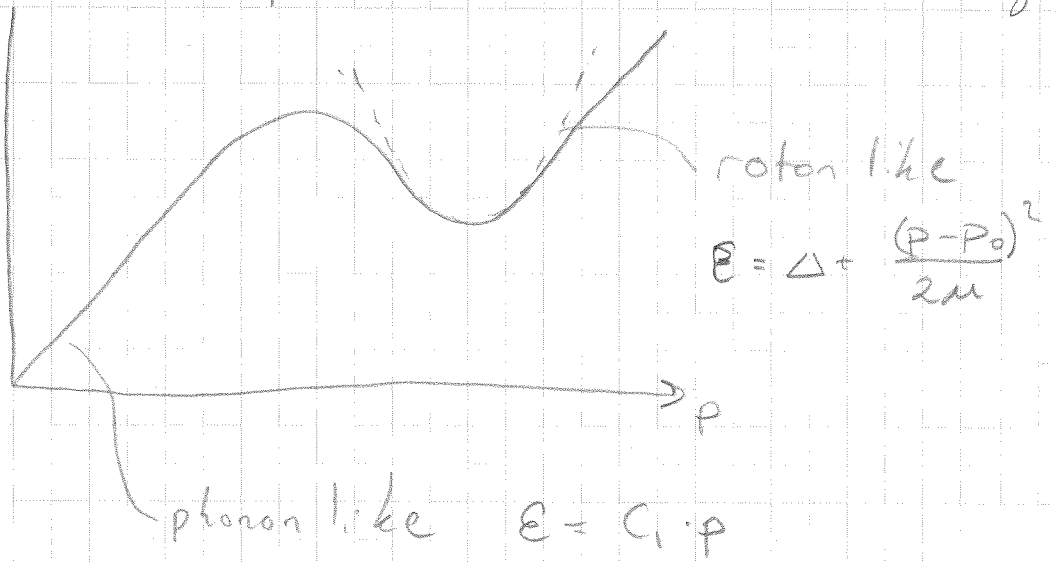
$$E = \int_{a_0}^b \frac{1}{2} \rho_s v_s^2 \cdot 2\pi r \, dr$$

$$= \rho_s \pi \frac{\mathcal{K}_0^2}{4\pi^2} \int \frac{1}{r} \, dr$$

$$= \frac{\rho_s \mathcal{K}_0^2}{4\pi} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a_0}\right)$$

Excitations in He II

From experiment with neutron scattering



$$c_1 \approx 239 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\Delta/k_B \approx 8,65 \text{ K}$$

$$p_0/\hbar = 19,1 / \text{nm}$$

$$\mu = 0,16 m_4$$

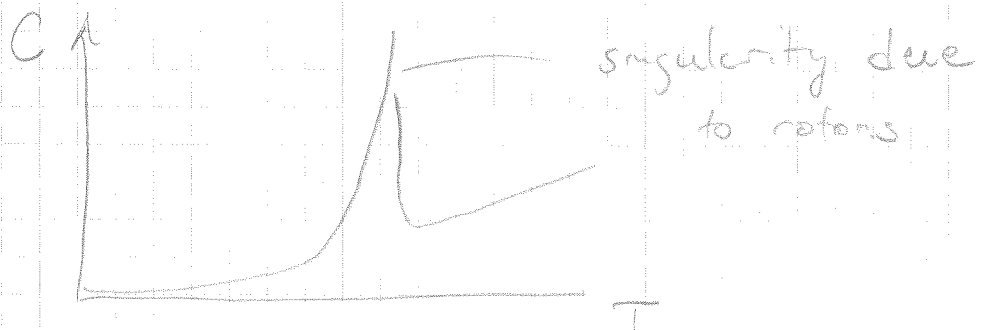
$$N_{ph} \propto T^3$$

$$N_{rot} \propto e^{-\Delta/k_B T}$$

Dominates at $T < 0,6 \text{ K}$

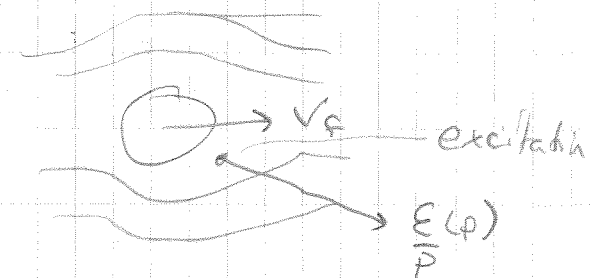
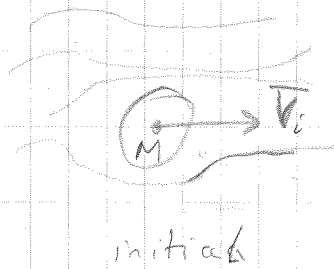
Dominates at $T > 0,6 \text{ K}$

$$C = C_{ph} + C_{rot} = \frac{k_B}{9} \left[10,8 N_{ph} + N_{rot} \left(\frac{3}{4} + \frac{\Delta}{k_B T} + \frac{(\Delta/k_B T)^2}{4} \right) \right]$$



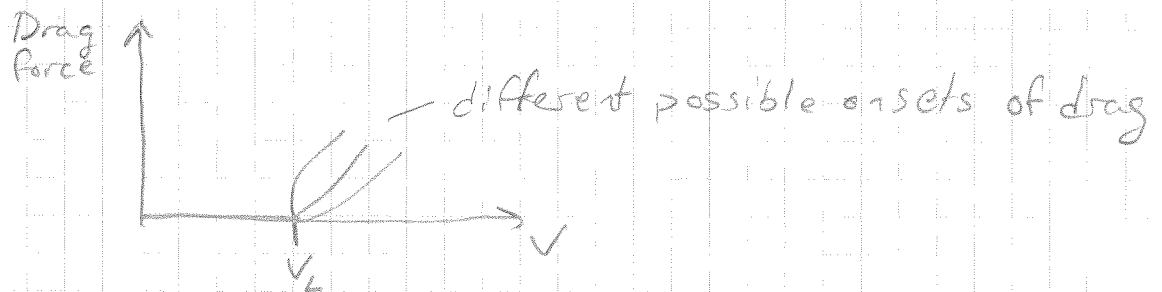
The critical velocity

Assume a massive object moving in He II



As long as \bar{v} is low there is no drag

Landau suggested that when v reaches a certain value (later called the Landau velocity v_L , or the critical velocity) excitation will be generated



Energy conservation

$$\frac{1}{2} M \bar{v}_i^2 = \frac{1}{2} M \bar{v}_f^2 + E(\bar{p})$$

Momentum conservation

$$M \bar{v}_i = M \bar{v}_f + \bar{p}$$

Eliminate v_f

$$\bar{v}_f = \bar{v}_i - \frac{\bar{p}}{M}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} M \bar{v}_i^2 - \frac{1}{2} M \left(\bar{v}_i - \frac{\bar{p}}{M} \right)^2 = E(\bar{p})$$

$$E(p) = \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{p} - \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2M}$$

M large means we can neglect last term

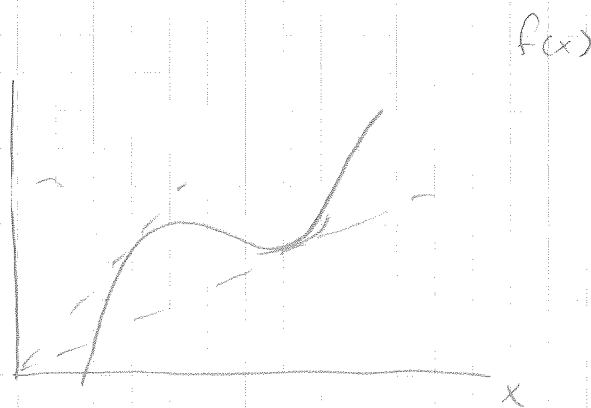
$$E(p) = \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{p} = v_i \cdot p \cdot \cos \theta$$

$$v_i = \frac{E(p)}{p \cos \theta} \geq \frac{E_p}{p}$$

Lowest velocity that can generate an excitation is

$$v_{\min} = v_{i\min} = \left. \frac{E(p)}{p} \right|_{\min}$$

Finding the minimum



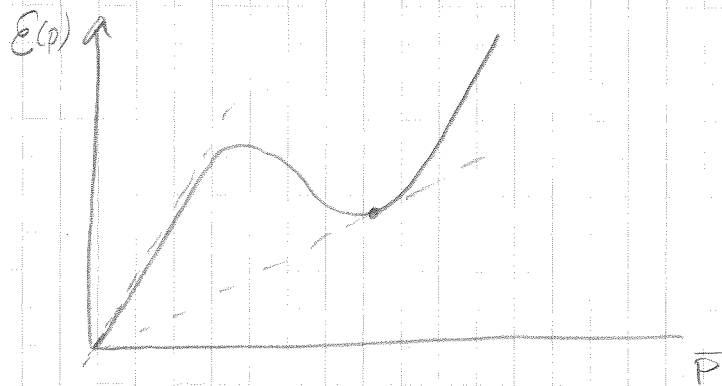
$$\frac{d}{dp} \left(\frac{E(p)}{p} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\frac{dE(p)}{dp} \cdot p - E(p) \cdot 1}{\left(\frac{E(p)}{p} \right)^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{dE(p)}{dp} = \frac{E(p)}{p}$$

equivalent of finding a line going through the origin which touches the curve

Apply to He II



Two possibilities

phonon branch

$$v_L = \frac{E(p)}{p} = c_1 = 239 \text{ m/s}$$

rotons

$$v_L = \frac{E(p)}{p} = \frac{\Delta}{p_0} \approx 58 \text{ m/s}$$

rotons generated first



$$v_L = \left. \frac{E(p)}{p} \right|_{\min} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{No SF.}$$