Superfluidity in bosonic systems

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Strongly coupled quantum fluids

2.1 Dilute Bose gases



2.2 Liquid Helium

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When are quantum effects important??





 $2\pi\hbar$ $\lambda_{_{DB}}$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi m k_B T}}$

 $\lambda_{DB} \sim n^{-1/3} \Leftrightarrow n \lambda_{DB}^3 \sim 1$

Pfau webpage



$$f(\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{e^{(\varepsilon - \mu)/(kT)} - 1} \qquad \qquad N = \sum_{\varepsilon} f(\varepsilon)$$

$$N = N_0 + h^{-3} \int \int f(\varepsilon(\vec{r}, \vec{p})) d^3 \vec{r} d^3 \vec{p} = N_0 + \int f(\varepsilon) \rho(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$

In a 3D box

$$\frac{N_0}{N} = 1 - \left(\frac{T}{T_c}\right)^{3/2}$$

In a $\frac{N_0}{N} = 1 - \left(\frac{T}{T_c}\right)^3$ harmonic $\frac{N_0}{N} = 1 - \left(\frac{T}{T_c}\right)^3$ potential

Initial

$$T_{C} = \frac{2\pi\hbar^{2}}{mk_{B}} \left(\frac{n}{\xi(3/2)}\right)^{2/3} \qquad \Rightarrow n\lambda_{DB}^{3} \approx 2.61$$

Onset of condensation



 $n(\vec{r}) = h^{-3} \int f(\varepsilon) d^3 p$

Sudden jump of n(0) for $T=T_C$



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Gross-Pitaevski Equation



$$\left[\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m}\Delta + U_{trap}(\vec{r}) + g\left|\psi_0(\vec{r},t)\right|^2\right]\psi_0(\vec{r},t) = i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi_0(\vec{r},t)$$

$$g = 4\pi\hbar^2 a$$

Non-linear Schrödinger equation for the order parameter in zero temperature limit. The solution is the chemical potential!





FIG. 1. Estimates from the literature of the constant c in $\Delta T_c/T_0 \rightarrow can^{1/3}$. The grey bar is the result of this paper. Arnold and Moore, PRL 87 (2001)



Critical temperature decreased in ⁸⁷Rb:







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Higher critical temperature (beyond MF,non-perturbative)





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Linearize (Bogoliubov-DeGennes eqs.)



Sound wave propagation





Collective excitations

Perturbing the trapping potential of a ⁸⁷Rb BEC with a sine wave



Jin et al., PRL 77 (1996)





Superfluid behaviour





Blue detuned laser

Vortices



From GPE we get:
$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \nabla(n\vec{v}) = 0$$

with:
$$v = \frac{\hbar}{2mi} \left(\frac{\psi^* \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \psi^*}{|\psi|^2} \right)$$

use
$$\psi(\vec{r}) = \psi(r, z)e^{i\varphi}$$
: $\vec{v} = \frac{\hbar}{m}\nabla\varphi \implies \nabla \times \vec{v} = 0$

$$\Gamma = \oint v \cdot dr = 2\pi l \frac{\hbar}{m} \qquad \Rightarrow v_{\varphi} = l \frac{h}{2\pi m r}$$

$$\in_{v} = l^{2} \pi n \hbar^{2} \ln \frac{b}{\xi}$$

Vortex lattices





Ketterle et al., Science 292 (2001)





BEC-BCS crossover





Ketterle Nature (2005)







Cf. Eulers eq. For a perfect fluid

$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} - \vec{v} \times (\nabla \times \vec{v}) = -\frac{1}{mn} \nabla p - \nabla \left(\frac{v^2}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{m} \nabla V$$

Superfluidity in Helium





Yarmchuk et al., PRL 43 (1979)





Bewley et al., University of Maryland, from aps.org (2006)

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 $\begin{aligned} \lambda_{\scriptscriptstyle DB}(He) &\approx 0.4 nm > d \\ \lambda_{\scriptscriptstyle DB}(Ne) &\approx 0.07 nm < d \end{aligned}$

Helium phase diagram







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$$E_0 = \frac{3}{2}\hbar\omega_0 \approx 7meV \triangleq 70K$$



Pulsed heat method compared to PIMC simulation



$$C_{v} = \begin{cases} C(T) + A_{+} |T - T_{C}|^{-\alpha} & \text{for } (T > T_{C}) \\ C(T) + A_{-} |T - T_{C}|^{-\alpha} & \text{for } (T < T_{C}) \end{cases}$$

 $\alpha \approx -0.0128$

Nissen/Israelsson

Heat pulse method in space shuttle





Allen, Misener, Kapitza (NP 1978)

Experiments on flow through capillary

$$\frac{\Delta P}{L} \sim \eta \frac{v}{R^2}$$



Theoretical understanding of superfluids





London, Tisza and Landau

$$\vec{j} = \vec{j}_s + \vec{j}_n \qquad \qquad n_s \sim \begin{cases} B(T_c - T)^{\nu} & T < T_c \\ 0 & T > T_c \end{cases}$$

Neutron scattering experiments



Donnelly et al., J. Low Temp. Phys. 44 (1981)





$$Z = \sum_{n,N} e^{-\beta(E_n^{(N)} - \mu N)}$$

$$\langle N \rangle = k_B T \frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial \mu}$$
 $U = \langle H \rangle = \mu \langle N \rangle - \frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial \beta}$

Exact solutions for no interactions

Solve with perturbation theory for weak interactions

QMC simulations for strong interactions

$$\Rightarrow n_0 \approx 0.1n$$

Ceperley and Pollock, PRL 56 (1986) Path integral Neutron Scattering

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$$\rho_1(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_1') = N \int \psi_0^*(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, ..., \vec{r}_N) \psi_0(\vec{r}_1', \vec{r}_2, ..., \vec{r}_N) d^3 \vec{r}_2 ... d^3 \vec{r}_N$$

$$n_0 = \lim_{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_1'| \to \infty} \rho_1(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_1')$$

$$P(\vec{p})d^{3}p = \frac{Vd^{3}p}{(2\pi\hbar)^{3}} \langle \Psi | \hat{n}_{K} | \Psi \rangle$$

$$\langle \Psi | \hat{n}_{K} | \Psi \rangle = \int \rho_{1}(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{k}\vec{r}} d^{3}r \propto S(\vec{k})$$

Static structure factor





Figure 5. The static structure factor, S(Q), determined by various measurements

Woods et al., Rep. Prog. Phys. 36, 1135 (1973)



Figure 2. Schematic diagram of rotating crystal spectrometer (RCS). The collimators are denoted by C and monitor counters by M_1 and M_2 . From Cowley and Woods (1971).



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