

9th lecture week: Superfluid transition, Superconductivity, London equations

Off Diagonal Long Range Order in the Bose Hubbard Model

$$\hat{H}_{BH} = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_j + U \sum_j \hat{n}_j (\hat{n}_j - 1) - \mu \sum_j \hat{n}_j$$

$$G_1(i-j) = \langle \hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_j \rangle$$

Mean Field Ansatz

$$\hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_j = \hat{a}_i^\dagger \langle \hat{a}_j \rangle + \langle \hat{a}_i^\dagger \rangle \hat{a}_j - \langle \hat{a}_i^\dagger \rangle \langle \hat{a}_j \rangle$$

$$\langle \hat{a}_j \rangle = \psi$$

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Mean Field Calculation

$$\hat{H}_{MF} = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} (\hat{a}_i^\dagger \psi + \psi^* \hat{a}_j - |\psi|^2) + U \sum_j \hat{n}_j (\hat{n}_j - 1) - \mu \sum_j \hat{n}_j$$

Condition at phase transition: $\langle \hat{a}_j \rangle = \psi \rightarrow 0$

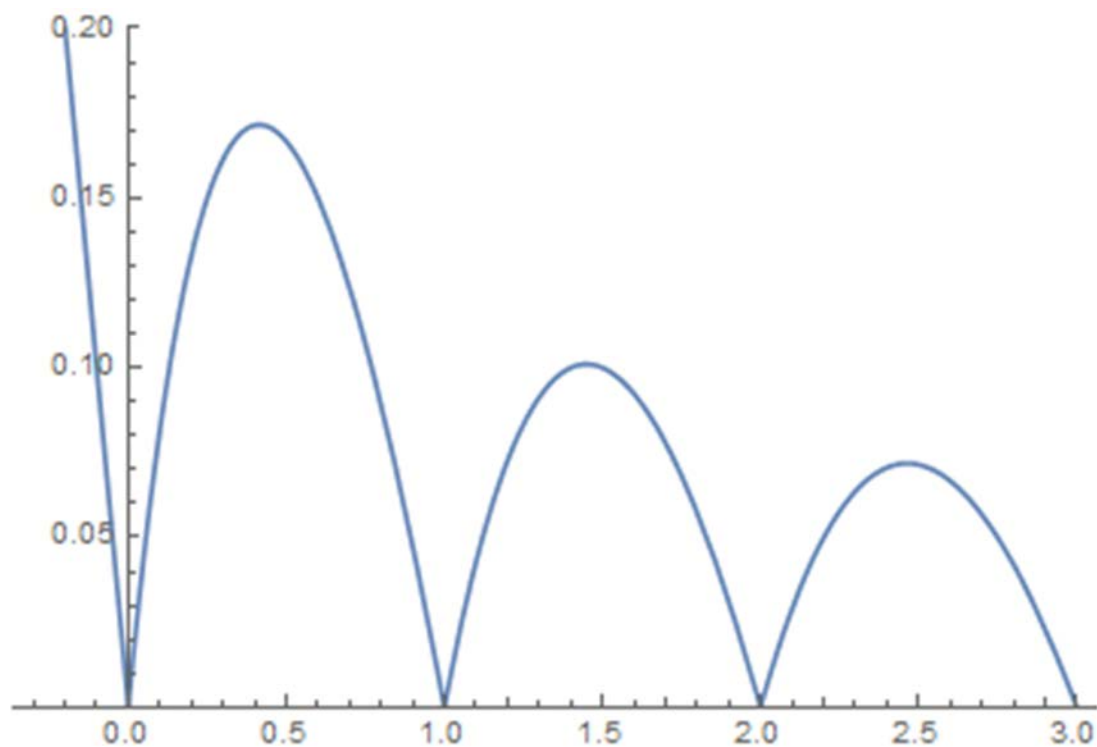
$$\hat{H}_0 = U\hat{n}(\hat{n}-1) - \mu\hat{n}$$

$$\hat{H}_1 = -tz(\hat{a}^\dagger\psi + \psi^*\hat{a} - |\psi|^2)$$

Phase transition line

$$zt = \frac{(\mu - nU)((n-1)U - \mu)}{U + \mu}$$

Boson localization and the superfluid-insulator transition
Matthew P. A. Fisher, Peter B. Weichman, G. Grinstein, and Daniel S. Fisher
Phys. Rev. B 40, 546 – Published 1 July 1989



Superconductivity

History

1911 Onnes (and Holst) discover superconductivity in mercury

Nobel prize 1913

1933 Meissner Effect

1935 London equations.

1935 Shubnikov: Type-II Superconductivity

1950 Ginzburg-Landau equations

Nobel prize 1962 and 2003

1950 Isotope effect

1952 Fröhlich Hamiltonian

1955 Bardeen predicts gap

Nobel prize 1956 and 1972

1956 Gap confirmed

1956 Cooper pairing

1957 Schrieffer wave function. BCS Theory

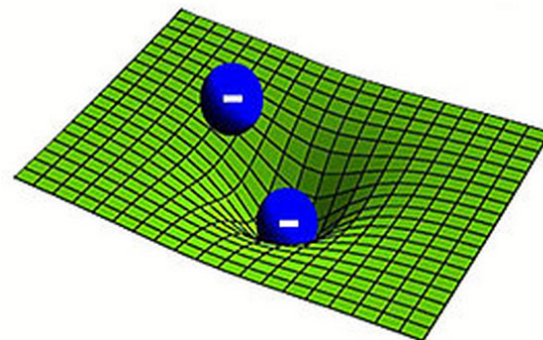
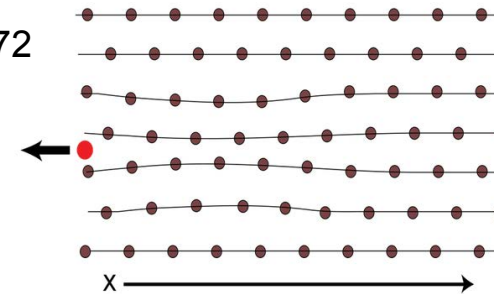
Nobel prize 1972

1962 Josephson effect

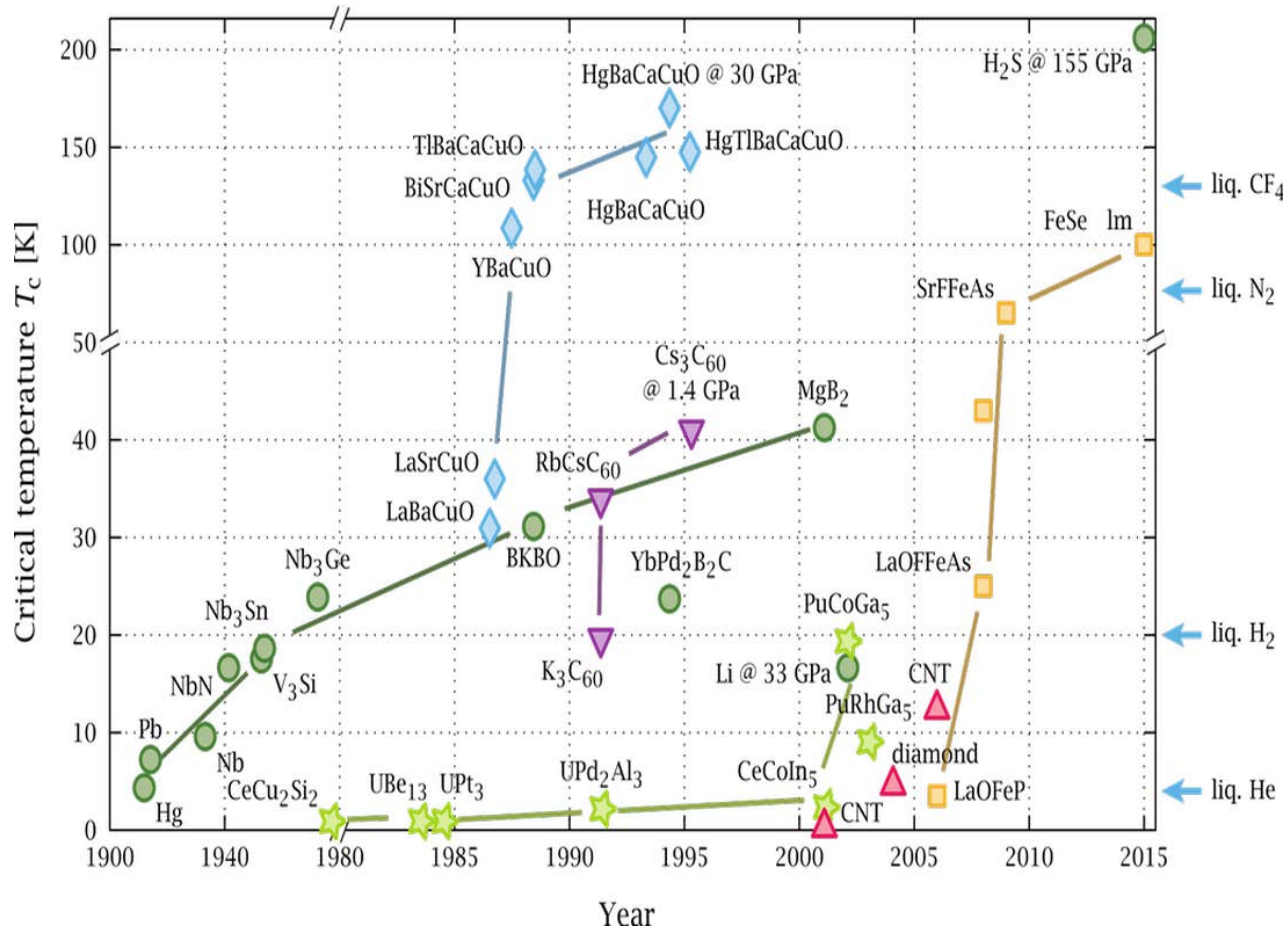
Nobel prize 1973

1986 High temperature superconductivity

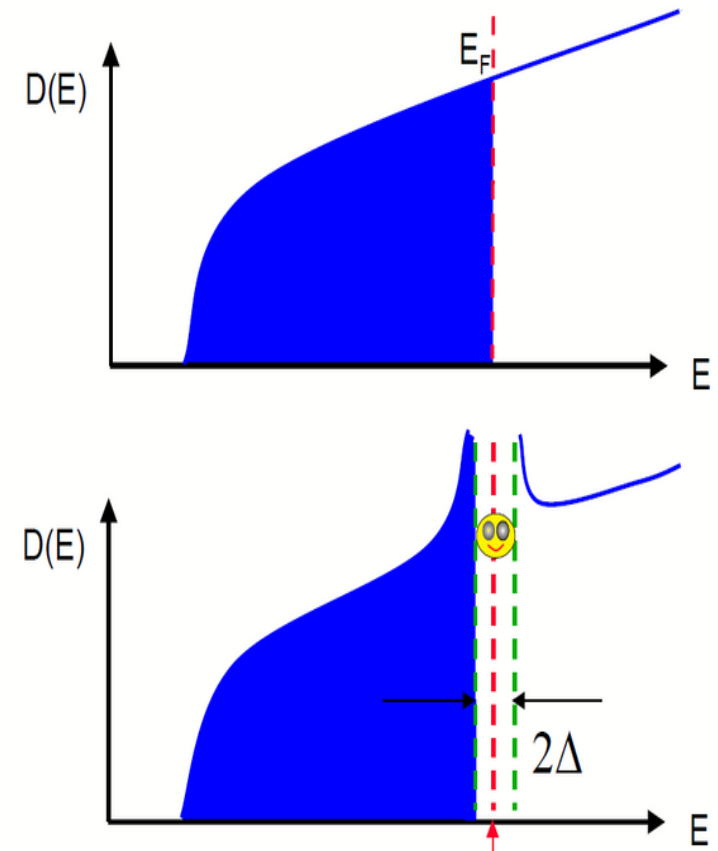
Nobel prize 1987



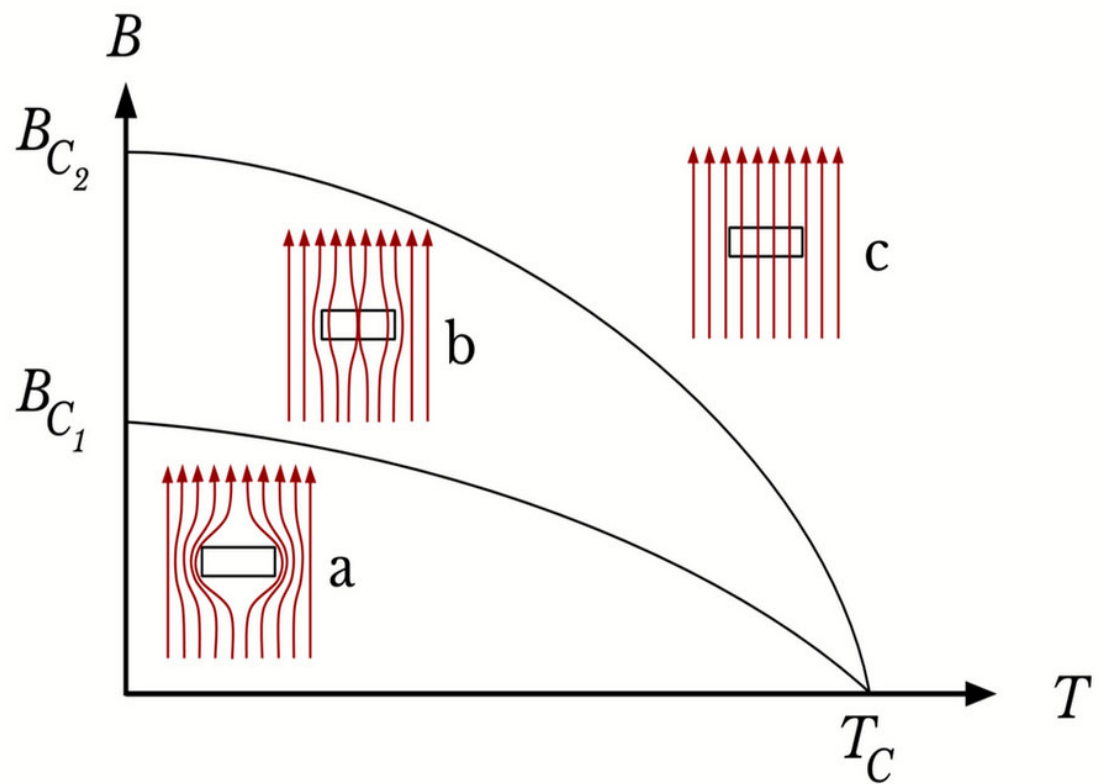
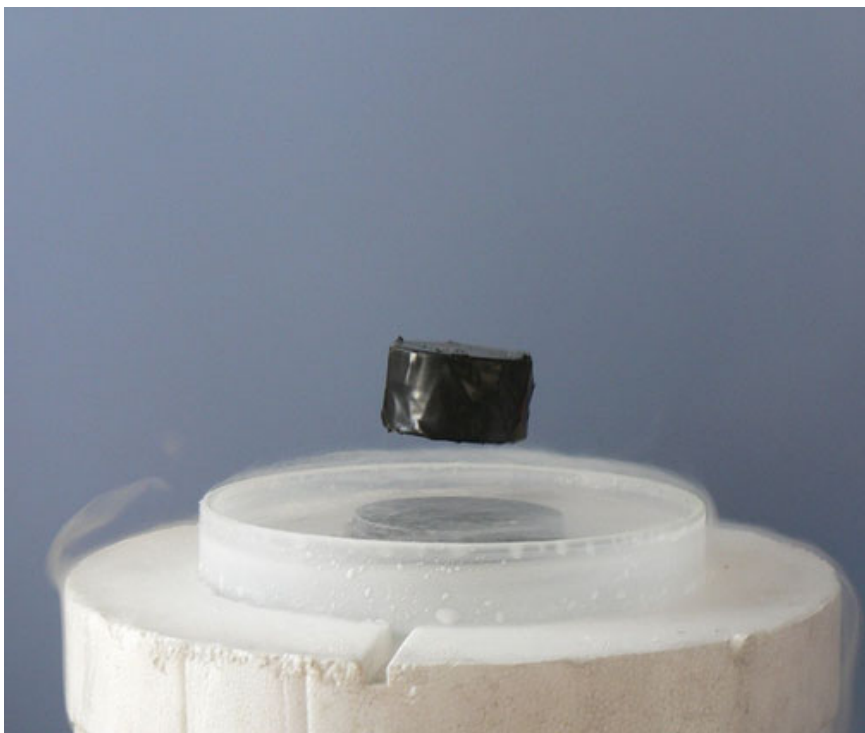
Superconducting Materials



superconductor gap



Meisner effect and type-I and type-II superconductivity



Phenomenological approach: London equations (1935)

Background: Maxwell equations

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \qquad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi\rho$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j} \qquad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

Assumption: Some electrons can move without scattering

For superconducting density n_s

$$\frac{\partial \vec{j}}{\partial t} = \frac{n_s e^2}{m} \vec{E}$$

Vector potential

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \phi - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}$$

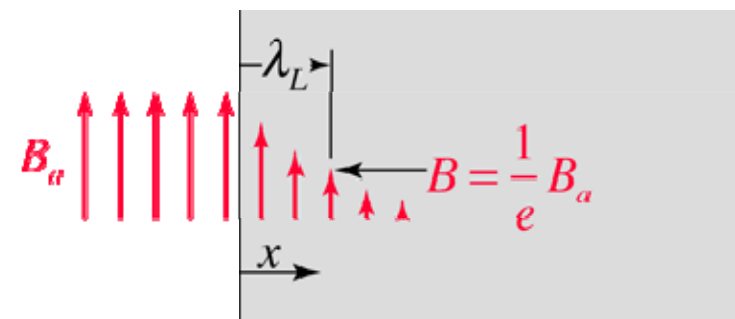
$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{j} = -\frac{n_s e^2}{mc} \vec{B}$$

Steady state solution of London equations

$$\frac{n_s e^2}{m} \vec{E} = \frac{\partial \vec{j}}{\partial t}$$

$$-\frac{n_s e^2}{mc} \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{j}$$



Material	Coherence length ξ_0 (nm)	London penetration depth λ_L (nm)	Ratio λ_L/ξ_0
Sn	230	34	0.16
Al	1600	16	0.010
Pb	83	37	0.45
Cd	760	110	0.14
Nb	38	39	1.02

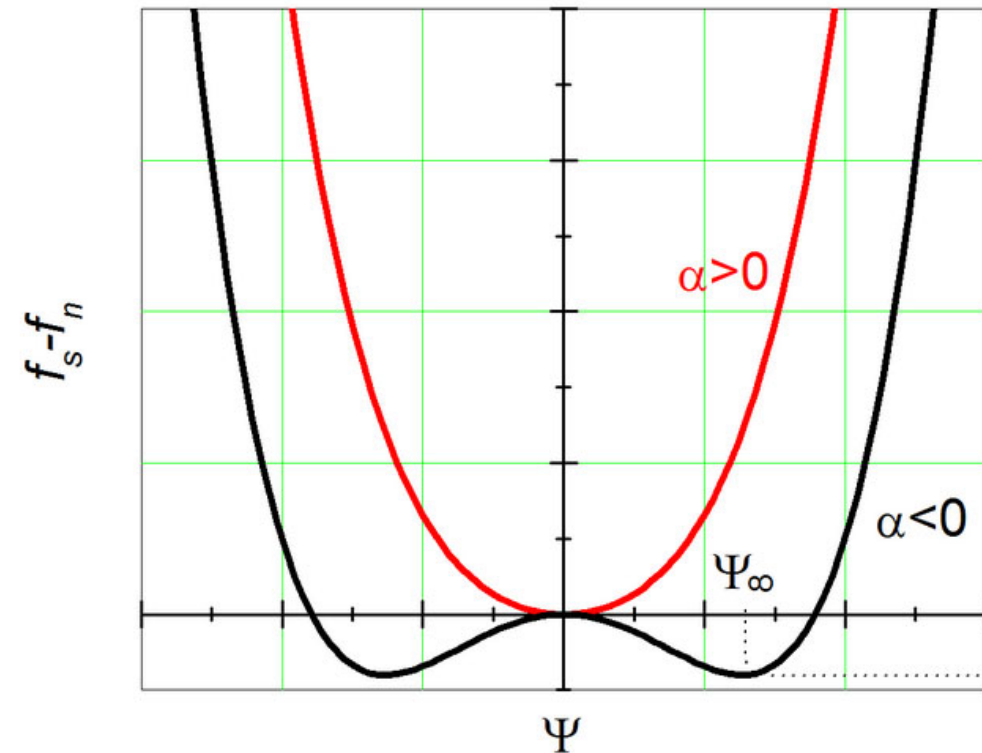
Current as an expectation value of a wave-function ψ

$$\vec{j} = \frac{e}{2m} (\psi^* \vec{P} \psi + \psi (\vec{P} \psi)^*)$$

$$\vec{P} = -i\hbar \vec{\nabla} - \frac{e}{c} \vec{A}$$

Ginzburg Landau effective free energy density for ψ

$$f = \frac{|\vec{P}\psi|^2}{2m} + \alpha|\psi|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2}|\psi|^4$$



The healing length: differential equation for ψ

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \psi^*} f = 0 = \frac{\vec{P}^2}{m} \psi + 2\alpha\psi + 2\beta|\psi|^2 \psi$$

