

# superconductivity

$$\vec{E} = 0 \quad \vec{j} \neq 0, \quad \vec{E} = R \vec{j} \quad \text{Ohm's law} \Rightarrow R = 0$$

electron  $\longleftrightarrow$  lattice (phonon)  $\longleftrightarrow$  electron

low temperature  
strong coupling  $\rightarrow$  confinement of electrons.



Cooper pair  $\phi(x)$

Landau-Ginzberg free energy of mean field theory

$$-F = \int d^3x \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})^2 + |(\vec{\nabla} - ie\vec{A})\phi|^2 + \mu|\phi|^2 + \lambda|\phi|^4 \right] \quad (\text{2nd order phase transition})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})^2 + |(\vec{\nabla} - ie\vec{A})\phi|^2 + \mu|\phi|^2 + \lambda|\phi|^4$$

$$\mu = \alpha(T - T_c), \quad T_c: \text{critical temperature}, \quad \alpha > 0$$

gauge sym.  $\phi \rightarrow e^{i\Lambda(x)} \phi, \quad \vec{A} \rightarrow \vec{A} + \frac{1}{e} \vec{\nabla} \Lambda$

order parameter:  $\phi$

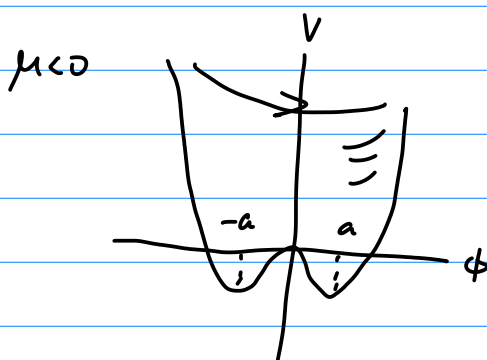
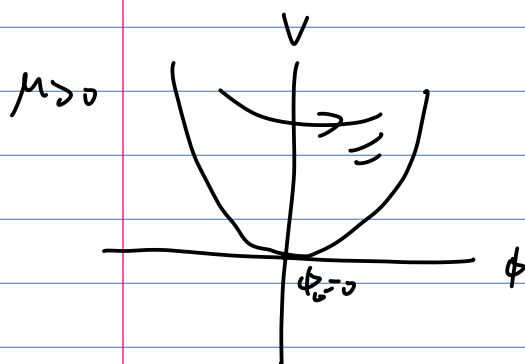
ground state: minimize free energy  $\rightarrow$  Ginzberg-Landau Eqn.

$$\mu\phi + 2\lambda|\phi|^2\phi - (\vec{\nabla} - ie\vec{A})^2\phi = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \vec{j}, \quad \vec{j} = -ie(\phi^* \vec{\nabla} \phi - \phi \vec{\nabla} \phi^*)$$

$$(\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \quad - 2e^2 |\phi|^2 \vec{A}$$

ground state:  $\vec{A} = 0, \quad \phi = \phi_0 \text{ const.} \rightarrow \mu\phi_0 + 2\lambda|\phi_0|^2\phi_0 = 0$



$$\phi_0 = \sqrt{\frac{-\mu}{2\lambda}} \quad \text{or} \quad \phi_0 = 0$$

$$\equiv a = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{2\lambda}} (T_c - T)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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symmetric phase  $\phi_0 = 0$

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sym phase  $\phi_0 = a \neq 0$

$$\phi(x) = \left( a + \frac{\phi_1(x)}{\sqrt{2}} \right) e^{i\theta(x)}$$

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removed by gauge transf

→ eaten by  $\vec{A}$  and give mass to  $\vec{A}$

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

$$\vec{j} = -ie (\phi^* \vec{\nabla} \phi - \phi \vec{\nabla} \phi^*) - 2e^2 |\phi|^2 \vec{A}$$

$$= -2e^2 a^2 \vec{A} - ie \left[ \left( a + \frac{\phi_1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \vec{\nabla} \left( a + \frac{\phi_1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) - \left( a + \frac{\phi_1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \vec{\nabla} \left( a + \frac{\phi_1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right] + O(\phi_1 A)$$

$$\simeq -2e^2 a^2 \vec{A} = -\frac{e^2 \alpha}{\lambda} (T_c - T) \vec{A} \quad \text{"London Eqn"}$$

$$\left( \phi_0 = a, \vec{A} = 0 \right) \\ \text{ground state}$$

U(1) gauge sym is spontaneously broken

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correspond to the mass term of  $\vec{A}$

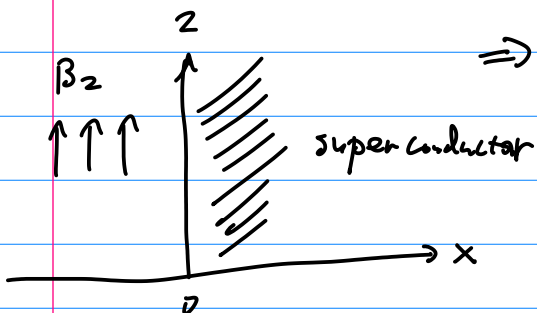
$$\vec{E} = \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \text{but we have} \quad \vec{j} = -\frac{e^2 \alpha}{\lambda} (T_c - T) \vec{A} \neq 0$$

$$\vec{E} = R \vec{j} \Rightarrow R = 0 \quad \text{superconductivity}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \vec{j} = -2e^2 a^2 \vec{A} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}}_{\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) - \nabla^2 \vec{B}} = -2e^2 a^2 \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}}_{\vec{B}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{B} = 2e^2 a^2 \vec{B}$$

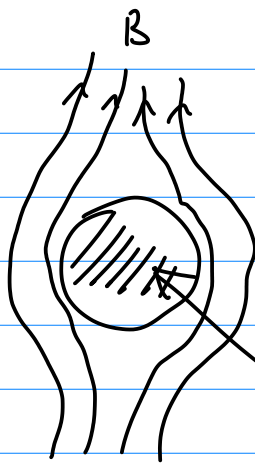


$$\vec{B} = B^x(x) \hat{x} + B^y(x) \hat{y} + B^z(x) \hat{z}$$

$$\partial_x^2 B^i = 2 a^2 e^2 B^i \rightarrow B^i(x) = C e^{-\sqrt{2} a^2 e^2 x}$$



$T > T_c$



$T < T_c$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2} a^2 e^2} = \text{London penetration depth}$$

Meissner effect

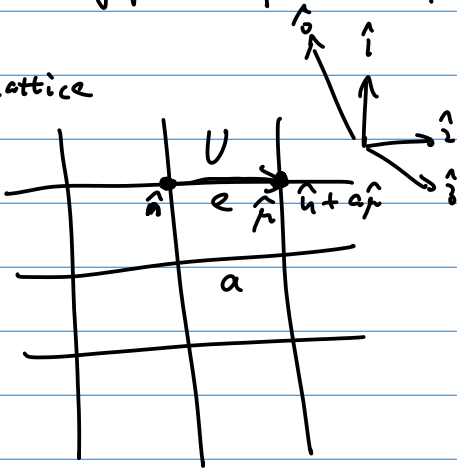
zero magnetic flux

## Lattice gauge theory (QCD)

- Wilson action
- fermion coupling (species doubling)

Motivation: Asymptotic freedom of QCD.

4d lattice



$$S_{QCD} = \frac{1}{4} F^2 + \bar{\psi} \not{D} \psi$$

$$\int D A_\mu D \bar{\psi} D \psi e^{-S_{QCD}}$$

$$U_\mu(\hat{u}) = P e^{ig \int_{\hat{u}} A_\mu \hat{e}^\mu dt} \in SU(N)$$

$T^a$  Hermitian  $\text{tr}(T^a T^b) = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ab}$

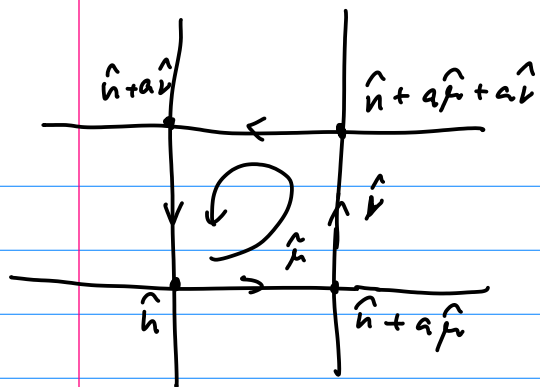
$$A_\mu = A_\mu^a T^a, \quad T^a \in su(N)$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu + ig [A_\mu, A_\nu]$$

$$U_{-\mu}(\hat{u} + a\hat{\mu}) = U_\mu(\hat{u})^\dagger = U_\mu(\hat{u})^{-1}$$

$$\text{gauge transformation: } U_\mu(\hat{u}) \rightarrow g(\hat{u}) U_\mu(\hat{u}) g(\hat{u} + a\hat{\mu})^\dagger$$

$$A_\mu \rightarrow g A_\mu g^\dagger + g \partial_\mu g^\dagger$$



$$U_\mu(\hat{n}) \downarrow U_\nu(\hat{n} + a\hat{\mu}) \downarrow U_\mu(\hat{n} + a\hat{\mu} + a\hat{\nu}) \downarrow U_\nu(\hat{n} + a\hat{\nu}) \\ = U_\nu(\hat{n})$$

$$\text{gauge transf } U_\nu(\hat{n}) \rightarrow g(\hat{n}) U_\nu(\hat{n}) g(\hat{n})^{-1}$$

$$P_{\mu\nu} \text{ plaquette in } (\mu, \nu) \text{ plane } F_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow g(x) F_{\mu\nu}(x) g(x)^{-1}$$

$$\text{tr}(U_\nu(\hat{n}) \dots U_\nu(\hat{n})) \text{ gauge inv.}$$

$$\text{tr}(U_\nu(\hat{n})) \text{ Wilson loop.}$$

Wilson action

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{P_{\mu\nu}} \frac{1}{g^2} \text{tr} \left( U_\nu(\hat{n}) + U_\nu(\hat{n})^\dagger - 2 \right)$$

$$P_{\mu\nu} \leftrightarrow \hat{n} \text{ base pt. of } P_{\mu\nu}$$

Non abelian stocks then

$$\text{for } P_{\mu\nu}. U_\nu(\hat{n}) = \exp \left[ i a^2 g U (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu + i g [A_\mu, A_\nu]) U^\dagger \right] \\ = \exp (i a^2 g U F_{\mu\nu}(\hat{n}) U^{-1}) \quad \text{as } a \rightarrow 0$$

$a \rightarrow 0$  classically : Naive continuum limit

$$U_\nu(\hat{n}) = 1 + i a^2 g U F_{\mu\nu} U^{-1} - \frac{a^4 g^2}{2} U F_{\mu\nu}^2 U^{-1} \\ + O(a^6)$$

$$S \simeq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu\nu} \frac{1}{g^2} \text{tr} \left[ -\frac{a^4 g^2}{2} U F_{\mu\nu}^2 U^{-1} \times 2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu\nu} a^4 \text{tr} (F_{\mu\nu}^2) \quad a \rightarrow 0$$

$$\rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \text{Tr} (F_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu})$$

Euclidean path integral of QCD.

$$\int \prod_e dU_\mu(\hat{n}) \exp(S) \xrightarrow{a \rightarrow 0} \int DA_\mu e^{-\frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \text{Tr}(F^2)}$$

intuitively

$dU_\mu(\hat{n})$  Haar measure on  $SU(N)$

$\int dU_\mu(\hat{n}) = 1$  and left & right inv.