

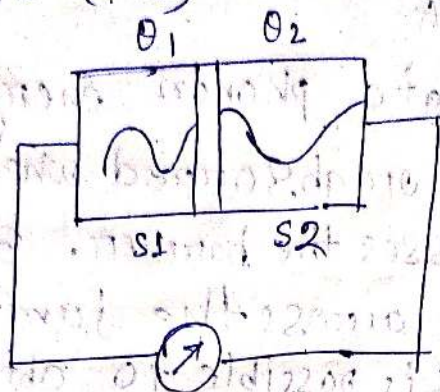


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## Josephson junction tunneling

$$J = J_0 \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$



highly coherent  
= single quantum  
state  
(macroscopic  
scale)

ACC  $J = J_0 \sin(\delta(t) - \frac{2eVt}{\hbar})$

$$\delta(t) = \delta(0) - \frac{2eVt}{\hbar}$$

A supercurrent flows between two points in the phase of the wave function are different as the points are not same.

The Josephson effect due to the fact that the phases can be changed by  $\vec{B}$  &  $V$ .

The Josephson effect are manifestation of quantum interference phenomena on a macroscopic scale.

Quantum mean:- Entire superconductor.

Is in the single quantum state.

Interference - The measured properties depend on the phase of the state which can be tuned by a  $\vec{B}$  or other agencies and states with different phases can be made by interference.

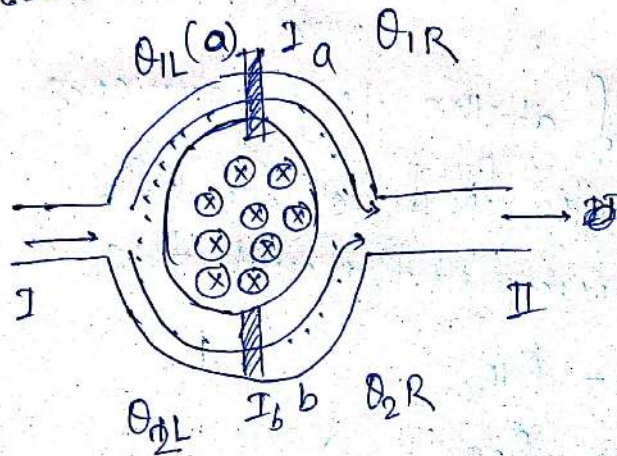


the interference results in current oscillation which can be detected electrically.

SQUID  $\rightarrow$  ~~superconducting~~ superconducting quantum Interferometric Device

Supercurrent Interference :-

The Josephson tunneling in presence of magnetic field provide strong evidence for the highly coherent nature of superconducting state.



Two Josephson junctions are arranged in parallel combination and are placed in a region in which magnetic field ( $B$ ) is imposed. A supercurrent starting in region (I) is divided into two parts and made to flow along parallel paths each of which contain Josephson tunnel junction.

The current  $I_a$  and  $I_b$  crossing the tunnel barriers 'a' and 'b' respectively reunite in region II. The combined current ~~source~~ shows oscillatory characteristics of an interference pattern produced by two coherent ~~source~~ sources. By analogy of



of interference of light  $I_a$  &  $I_b$  are regarded as two coherent sources of a current whose distributions when superposed by the way of recombination produce an interference pattern.

In view of relation JJ tunneling the tunneling of cooper pairs causes a phase shift & total wavefunction of the superconducting state in region II related to the region

I. If the phase shift at the two barriers in absence of magnetic field be  $\delta_a$  &  $\delta_b$  then the supercurrent through the junction

$$\delta_a = \theta_{1L} - \theta_{1R}$$

$$\delta_b = \theta_{2L} - \theta_{2R}$$

$$I_a = I_0 \sin \delta_a \quad I_b = I_0 \sin \delta_b \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} I_a \\ I_b \end{matrix}} \right\} \text{without applying magnetic field.}$$

The phase difference between two region I & II In the presence of magnetic field of vector product A

$J_s = 0$  deep inside the superconducting material

$$\nabla \theta = \frac{2e}{\hbar} A \quad \vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$$

taking the line integral of above equation.

$$\int_P^Q \nabla \theta \cdot d\vec{l} = \frac{2e}{\hbar} \int_P^Q \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$\boxed{\int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int \nabla \times \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l}}$$



Therefore the total phase shift wavefunction along two paths from region I to II can be expressed

$$\nabla\theta_{II}^I = \delta a + \frac{2e}{\hbar} \int_a^I \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$\nabla\theta_{II}^I = \delta b - \frac{2e}{\hbar} \int_b^I \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

Two phase shift must be identical because wavefunction has a unique value at every point

$$\text{So } \delta a + \frac{2e}{\hbar} \int_a^I \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} = \delta b - \frac{2e}{\hbar} \int_b^I \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$\cancel{\frac{2e}{\hbar} \int_a^I \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}} = (\delta b - \delta a)$$

$$\frac{2e}{\hbar} \int_a^I \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} + \frac{2e}{\hbar} \int_b^I \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r} = (\delta b - \delta a)$$

$$\delta b - \delta a = \frac{2e}{\hbar} \oint \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

Two line integrals are in opposite direction  
 Therefore when taken together they give integral over a closed path

$$\delta b - \delta a = \frac{2e}{\hbar} \oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$= \frac{2e}{\hbar} \oint \quad (\text{Using the Stoke's theorem})$$

The above relation states that the total ~~field~~ phase difference around the loop can be controlled by varying the magnetic field  $\vec{B}$ .

The general expression for  $\delta a$  &  $\delta b$

$$\delta a = \delta_0 + \frac{e}{\hbar} \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$\delta b = \delta_0 + \frac{e}{\hbar} \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$\delta = \delta_b - \delta_a = 0 \quad [\text{when } B=0]$$

$$\delta_b - \delta_a$$

when  $B \neq 0$

$$\delta_b - \delta_a = \frac{2e}{\hbar} \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{2e}{\hbar} \Phi$$

$$\Phi_0 = \left( \frac{h}{2e} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2e}{\hbar} \Phi$$

$$= 2\pi \left( \frac{2e}{h} \right) \Phi$$

$$= (2\pi) \left( \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0} \right)$$

$\Rightarrow 2\pi \times \text{times the flux}$   
in unit of  $\Phi$  flux  
quantum.

now the total current after

re ...  $\Rightarrow$  total recombined supercurrent

$$I = I_a + I_b$$

$$= I_0 \sin \delta_a + I_0 \sin \delta_b$$

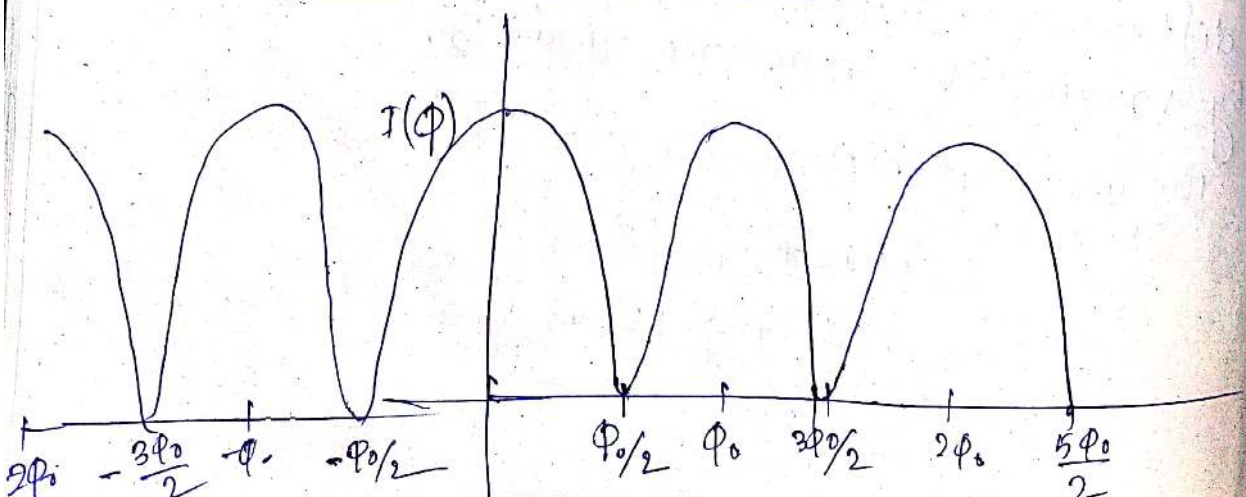
$$= I_0 \sin \left[ \delta_0 - \frac{e}{\hbar} \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} \right] + I_0 \sin \left[ \delta_0 + \frac{e}{\hbar} \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} \right]$$

$$= I_0 \sin \left[ \delta_0 - \frac{e}{\hbar} \Phi \right] + I_0 \sin \left[ \delta_0 + \frac{e}{\hbar} \Phi \right]$$

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$$\theta_1 = \theta + \frac{\pi\Phi}{\Phi_0}$$

$$\theta_2 = \theta - \frac{\pi\Phi}{\Phi_0}$$

$$I = I_0 \sin(\theta_1) + I_0 \sin(\theta_2)$$

$$= I_0 \left[ \sin\left(\theta + \frac{\pi\Phi}{\Phi_0}\right) + \sin\left(\theta - \frac{\pi\Phi}{\Phi_0}\right) \right]$$

$$= 2I_0 \sin(\theta) \cos\left(\frac{\pi\Phi}{\Phi_0}\right)$$

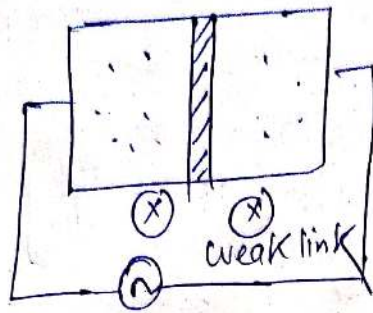
This modulation observed SQUID ring critical current is shows the current ~~and~~ essentially an ideal ~~form~~ Fraunhofer interference pattern exactly analogous to the interference pattern observed in optics with young's two slit experiment.

Here two Josephson junctions are playing the role of slits & the interference is between the supercurrent passing through the two holes of the ring. The supercurrent acquire different phases due to the magnetic field. The SQUID device provides a simple but highly accurate system for measuring magnetic flux. since the flux quantum  $\Phi_0$  only about  $2 \times 10^{-15} \text{ Wb}$  or  $\text{Tesla} \cdot \text{m}^2$  in SI unit & one can make SQUID devices  $1 \text{ cm}^2$  area  $B \approx 10^{-10} \text{ T}$ .



highly possible magnetometer  $\rightarrow$  [SQUID magnetometer]

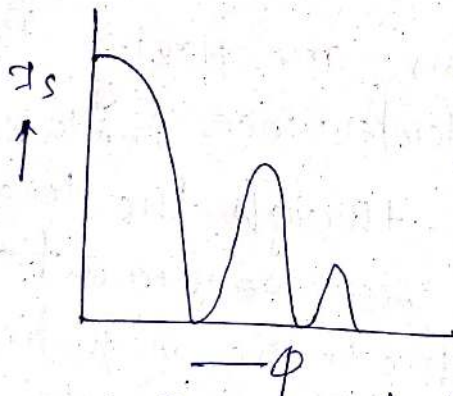
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Tunnel current through a junction

$$I_s = I_0 \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi\Phi}{\Phi_0}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi\Phi}{\Phi_0}\right)}$$

$\Phi$  = Total flux through the junction

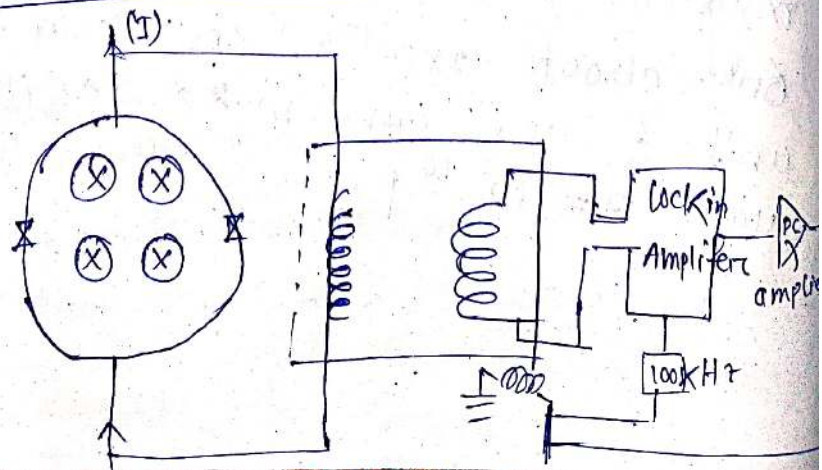


single state light diffraction.

magnetic field dependent current through a single JJ BJT tunneling.

⊗ diagram of SQUID

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BCS Theory (1957) Bardeen, Cooper & Schrieffer

BCS theory is well accepted for low  $T_c$  superconductors

(1) Isotope effect  $T_c \propto M^{-1/2}$

$\Rightarrow$  phonons are involved in superconductivity

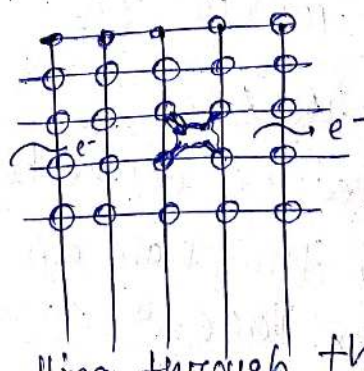
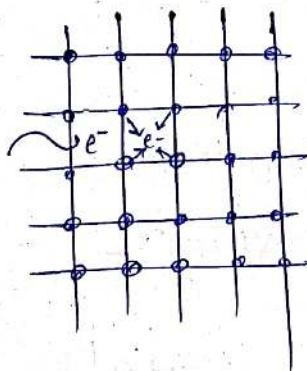
(2) Cooper remodeled idea an electron-phonon interaction into the philosophy of a (electron-phonon-electron)

Cooper ~~demostrated~~ demonstrated that with the creation of condition favourable for a net attractive interaction between two electrons in a conductor, conductor transfer from Normal state to — SC state.

Electron-phonon interaction.

— e-e interaction Coloumbic repulsion (~~instaneous~~ instantaneous)

— e-i-e i.e e-e interaction mediated by phonon (retarded) attraction.



An electron travelling through the crystal lattice leaves behind the deformation trail which can be regarded as an accumulated of



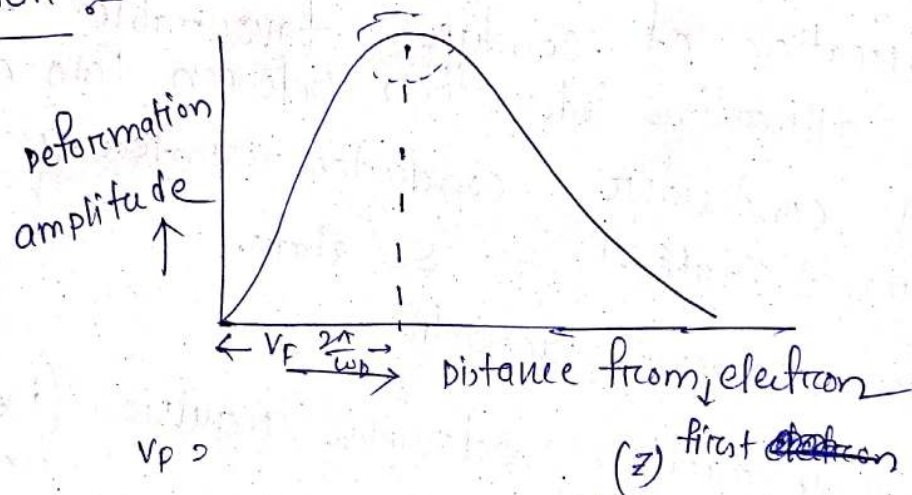
~~val~~ (+) value charge ion core.

→ Area of enhanced +ve charge compared to neutral crystal is increased behind the electron and exerts an attractive force on a second electron behind the 1st electron.

e-e ~~col~~ coulomb repulsion (weak)

e-p-e cooper pairs (~~is~~ strong)

### Instability of fermi sea and cooper pairs formation :-



phonon vibration period  $\frac{2\pi}{\omega_p} = 10^{-13}$

$$v_F > 10^8 \text{ cm/s}$$

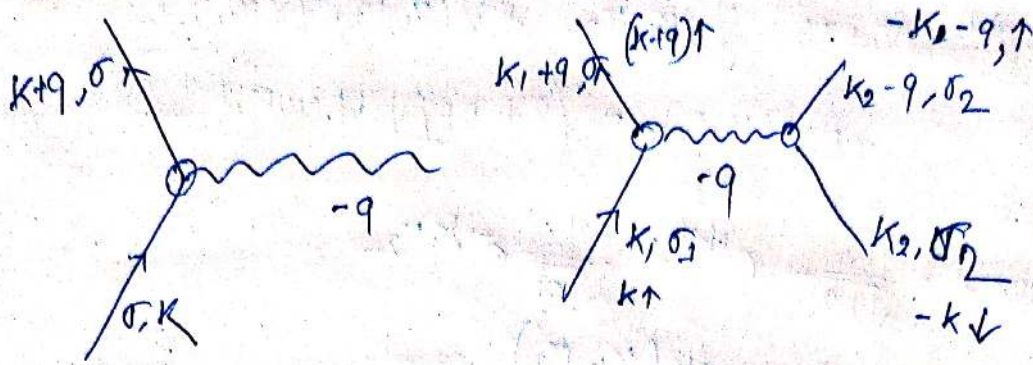
$$10^8 \times \frac{2\pi}{\omega_p} = 10^8 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm} \\ = 1000 \text{ \AA}$$

The two electron correlated by lattice deformation thus have an approximate separation by  $1000 \text{ \AA}$

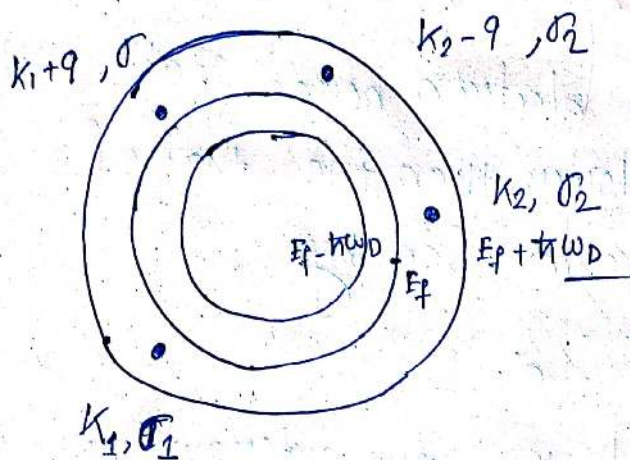
An electron travelling through crystal lattice leaves behind information trail which



can be regarded as accumulation of positive charge  
ion cores



(#)



The effective e-e interaction near the Fermi-surface  
the electron at  $k_1 \sigma_1$  &  $k_2 \sigma_2$  are scattered to  
 $k_1+q, \sigma_1+q$  &  $k_2-q, \sigma_2-q$ . The interaction is  
attracted provided all the wave vectors lie in  
the range  $\epsilon_F \pm \hbar \omega_D$  of the Fermi sphere.

$$V_{eff}(q, \omega) = |g_q|^2 \frac{1}{(\omega^2 - \omega_D^2)} \quad g_q = \sqrt{\frac{m}{M}} \sim 0.01$$

$$V_{eff}(q, \omega) = |g_{eff}|^2 \frac{1}{\omega^2 - \omega_D^2} \quad \omega < \omega_D$$

$$= -v_0 \quad (\omega < \omega_D)$$



⑧ Two particle wave function

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\nabla_1 + \nabla_2) \psi(\pi_1, \pi_2) + V(\pi_1, \pi_2) \psi(\pi_1, \pi_2) \\ & = E \psi(\pi_1, \pi_2) = (E + 2E_F^0) \psi(\pi_1, \pi_2) \end{aligned}$$

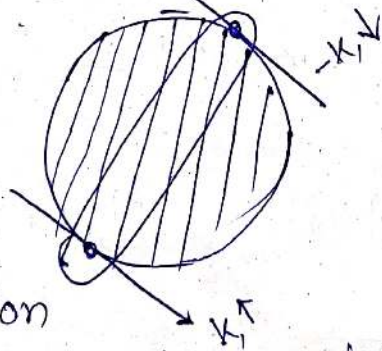
$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\pi_1, \pi_2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{L^3}} e^{ik\pi_1} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{L^3}} e^{ik\pi_2} \\ &= \frac{1}{L^3} e^{ik(\pi_1 + \pi_2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$E = -2\hbar\omega_D e^{-2/r_0 Z(E_F^0)}$$

There exist a two electron bound state whose energy is lower than the that of fully occupied Fermi Sea by

$$E - E - 2E_F^0 < 0$$

The ground state of the non-interacting free electron gas becomes unstable when any attractive interaction between electron is switched on. The instability leads to the



formation of such electron pairs such as Cooper pair  $(k\uparrow, -k\downarrow)$  and the system tries to reach the new lower energy ground state



$(k\uparrow, -k\downarrow)$   $(k'\uparrow, -k'\downarrow)$  with  
& so on the cooper pair and opposite,  $k$ -vector  
& spin.

coloumb interaction is reduced due to screening  
(presence of the electrons in  $E_F$ )

some thing new occurs the two electrons  
may attracted each other, the two electrons  
will then form bound state very close to  
the  $E_F$  surface

$E_F \pm \hbar\omega$ , the binding energy is shortest when  
electrons forming the pairs have opposite  
momentum & opposite spin  $k\uparrow$  &  $-k\downarrow$ . All  
the electrons in the neighbourhood of the  
fermi surface. A system of many cooper  
pairs.

the binding energy of electrons (1 & 2) an  
energy gap appears in the spectrum of the  
electron

An electron  $(k\uparrow)$  polarised the lattice  
creating phonon  $(q)$ . Another electron with  
wave vector  $(-k\downarrow)$  absorbs the phonon. The  
end result is two electrons  $(k-q, \uparrow)$   $(-k+q, \uparrow)$



condensate:-

At low temp. Cooper pairs are formed a favourable condition. The pair wavefunction all have form & the superposition of pair wavefunction describes  $\rightarrow$  condensate (BEC)

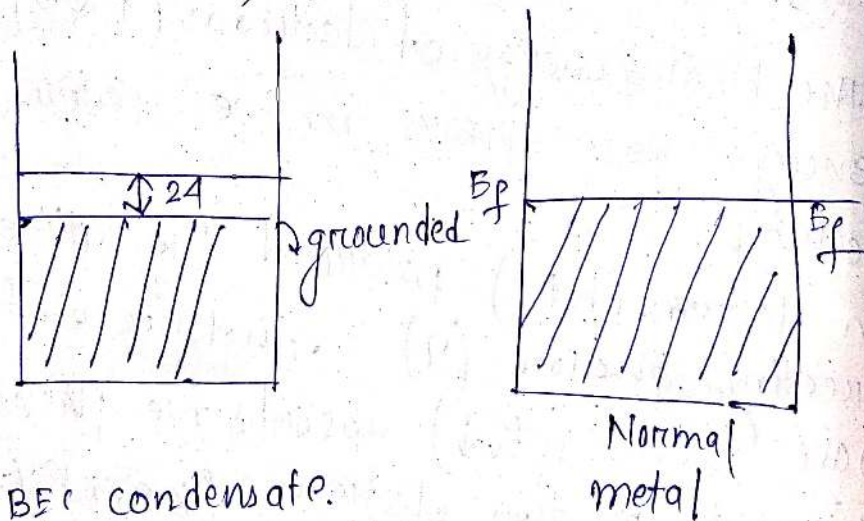
BCS energy gap relation:-

In the simplest form BCS theory

$$k_B T_c = 1.44 \cdot \hbar \omega_D \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{V \cdot N(E_F)} \right] \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$\omega_D$  effective electron-phonon interaction

$N(E_F)$  = DOS at Fermi level  
 $\omega_D$  = Debye frequency.



from BCS calculation

$$2\Delta(0) = 4 \cdot \hbar \omega_D \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{V \cdot N(E_F)} \right] \quad \text{--- (2)}$$



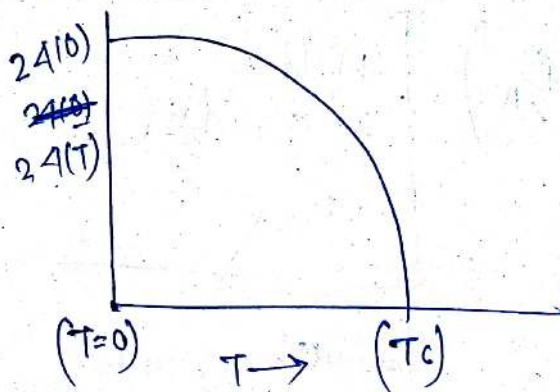
$$\hbar\omega_D \sim 10^{-2} \text{ eV} \sim 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$$

$$\frac{2\lambda(0)}{k_B T_c} = \frac{\cancel{4\hbar\omega_D} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{V N(E_F)}\right)}{\cancel{1.14 \hbar\omega_D} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{V N(E_F)}\right)}$$

$$\approx 3.53$$

$T_n$	$\frac{2\lambda(0)}{k_B T_c}$
In	4.1
Sn	3.6
Hg	4.6
Pb	4.1

Experimental measured values clearly show types of values of  $\frac{2\lambda(0)}{k_B T_c} = 3.53$  as predicted by BCS.



$$2\lambda(T) = 2\lambda(0) \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{T}{T_c} \right)^2 \right]$$



## BCS ground state.

$$\psi(\pi, s, \pi', s')$$

In a system of  $N$  electrons, the electrons are grouped into  $N/2$  pairs

$\pi$  = electron position

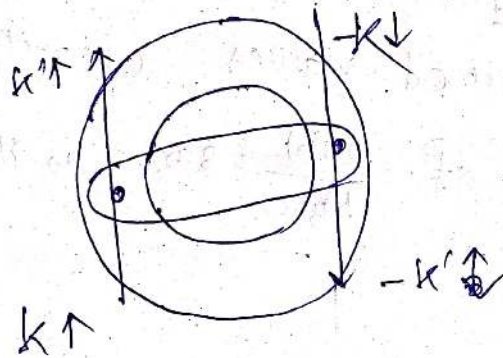
$s$  = spin

$$\Phi = (\pi_1, s_1, \pi_2, s_2, \pi_3, s_3) = \psi(\pi_1, s_1, \pi_2, s_2)$$

$$\psi(\pi_3, s_3, \pi_4, s_4)$$

$$\psi(\pi_5, s_5, \pi_6, s_6)$$

$$\Phi_{BCS} = a\Phi \quad a = \text{antisymmetrization}$$



$$|\Phi_{BCS}\rangle = \prod (u_k |0\rangle_k + v_k |1\rangle_k)$$

$$\langle \Phi_{BCS} | \Phi_{BCS} \rangle = 1$$

$$u_k^2 + v_k^2 = 1$$

$u_k, v_k$  are normalised constants.

[Ibach & Luth  
Solid state  
physics]

Cooper pair breaks if  $2\Delta(0)$  is supplied



