

# Assignment

## SUPER CONDUCTIVITY.

$$(1.) \lambda_L = \sqrt{\frac{m_e}{n_s e^2 \mu_0}}$$

Assumption: (1) All valence  $e^-$  are SC type

$$\therefore n_s = n.$$

(2) All  $e^-$  in  $E_F \pm \Delta$ .

$$(a) \lambda_L = \sqrt{\frac{m_e}{e^2 \mu_0} \cdot \frac{1}{n_{Al}}}$$

For, 0K (absolute zero) there is no Boltzmann thermal distribution

$$n = \left( z \cdot \frac{\rho}{M_{Al}} \right) \cdot N_A$$

$z$ : Valency.

$\rho$ : density

$\rho = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}}$

$\rho = \frac{\#}{\text{Mass unit}}$

$$= 3 \times \frac{2700 \text{ kg m}^{-3}}{27 \text{ g mol}^{-1}} \times 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$= 3 \times \frac{27}{27} \times 10^3 \times 10^3 \text{ g m}^{-3} \times 6.022 \times 10^{23}$$

$$= 18.066 \times 10^{28} = 1.806 \times 10^{29} \text{ m}^{-3}$$

$$\lambda_L = \sqrt{\frac{9.11 \times 10^{-31}}{(4\pi \times 10^{-7}) \times (1.8 \times 10^{29}) \times (1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2}}$$

$$= 0.39664 \times 10^{-10} \times \sqrt{10}$$

$$\lambda_L = 1.254 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 12.54 \text{ nm (ans)}$$

(b) Fraction of the valence  $e^-$  concentration that contributes to this phenomenon is:



This case says that a fraction of the total concentration is available in the supercurrent in the energy interval  $E = [E_F - \Delta, E_F + \Delta]$ .

This would give a different value for  $J_L$ .

$n$  = number of electrons. = INTEGRAL of density of states from  $E=0$  to  $E=E_F$ .

$$n = \int_0^{E_F} N(E) dE = \int_0^{E_F} \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \left( \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \sqrt{E} dE$$

$$\therefore n(E_F) = \sum (m) \frac{2}{3} E_F^{3/2} = \sum (m) \frac{2}{3} E_F^{3/2}$$

$$\Delta n = \sum (m) \frac{1}{2} E_F^{1/2} \Delta E$$

$\therefore$  In the neighbourhood  $\Delta$  of  $E_F$ .

$$n(E_F + \Delta) - n(E_F - \Delta) = 2n(\Delta E_F)$$

$$\therefore \text{Number} = \left( \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \left( \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} E_F^{1/2} \Delta \right) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left( \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} E_F^{1/2} \Delta$$

$$\therefore \text{Fraction} = \frac{\sum (m) E_F^{1/2} \Delta}{\sum (m) \frac{2}{3} E_F^{3/2}} = \left( \frac{3}{2} \frac{\Delta}{E_F} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Fraction} = \frac{3 \times 0.18 \times 10^{-3}}{11.7}$$

For Al,  $\Delta \sim 0.18 \text{ meV}$   
 $E_F \sim 11.7 \text{ meV}$

$$= 0.046 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$= 4.6 \times 10^{-5}$$

Number in  $E_F \pm \Delta = 0.29 \times 10^{23}$   
 $\therefore J_L = 0.31 \times 10^{10} = 3.1 \text{ pA}$



1(b) Number of electrons =  $1 \mu \cdot f$   
 in  $(E_F - \Delta$  &  $E_F + \Delta)$

$$= 1.806 \times 10^{29} \times 4.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3$$

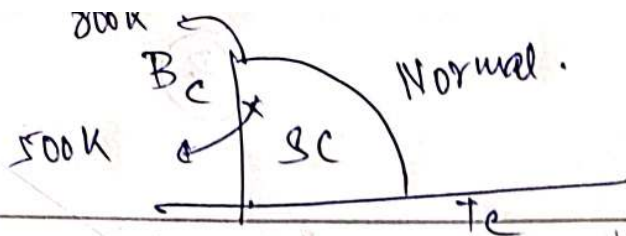
$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{p}} = \frac{1.254 \times 10^{-8}}{\sqrt{4.6 \times 10^{-5}}} = 0.184 \times 10^{-5}$$

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$$= \boxed{1.848 \text{ } \mu\text{m.}}$$

(\*) The penetration depth increases for fewer number of electrons as  $\lambda \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$





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(2) Pb is a superconductor with  $T_c = 7.2 K$  and  $B_{c0} = 800 G$ .

$$B_c = B_{c0} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{T}{T_c} \right)^2 \right] \quad \therefore \text{At } T = 0.1 K, \quad B_c \approx 800 G.$$

Magnetic energy density

$$P = -\frac{1}{2} \chi \frac{B^2}{\mu_0}$$

Now @ 7.5 K, both Cu & Pb act as normal metals.  
But @  $T < 7.2 K$ , Cu acts as metal while Pb acts as SC.

$\therefore$  (a) 7.5 K.

$$Cu = +\frac{1}{2} \chi + 9.63 \times 10^{-6} \times 500 \times 500 \times 10^{-8} \text{ Jm}^{-3} = 9.57 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Jm}^{-3}$$

$$Pb = +\frac{1}{2} \chi + 1.58 \times 10^{-5} \times 500 \times 500 \times 10^{-8} = 1.571 \times 10^{-2} \text{ Jm}^{-3}$$

Magnetic energy (P) :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P_{Cu} = 9.57 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Jm}^{-3} \\ P_{Pb} = 1.571 \times 10^{-2} \text{ Jm}^{-3} \end{array} \right.$$

For, Pb ( $T < T_c$  @ 0.1 K)  $\rightarrow \chi = -1$

$$Pb = -\frac{1}{2} \chi (\chi = -1) \times \frac{B^2}{\mu_0} = 9.947 \times 10^{-2} \text{ Jm}^{-3}$$

$$= 9.947 \times 10^2 \text{ Jm}^{-3}$$

$\therefore$  @ 0.1 K  $\rightarrow P_{Cu} = 9.57 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Jm}^{-3}, P_{Pb} = 9.94 \times 10^2 \text{ Jm}^{-3}$



(3) BCC gap <sup>energy</sup> ~~voltage~~ of Pb @ 4K = 2 meV.

$$\therefore \text{Gap voltage} = \phi V = 2 \text{ meV} \\ = 2 \text{ mV} = 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ V.}$$

$$\therefore \text{frequency} = \frac{2 \times e \times V}{h} = \frac{2e \times 2 \text{ mV}}{h}$$

$$= \frac{2 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 2 \times 10^{-3}}{6.68 \times 10^{-34}} = 0.96 \times 10^{-19+34-3} \\ = 0.96 \times 10^{12}.$$

$$\therefore f = 958 \times 10^9 \text{ Hz} \\ = 958 \text{ GHz.}$$

$$\text{Gap @ 4.2 K} \Rightarrow \Delta(T) = \Delta_0 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{T}{T_c} \right)^4 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} T = 4.2 \text{ K} \\ T_c = 7.2 \text{ K} \\ \Delta_0 = 2 \text{ meV} \end{array} \right] \\ = 1.88 \text{ meV.}$$

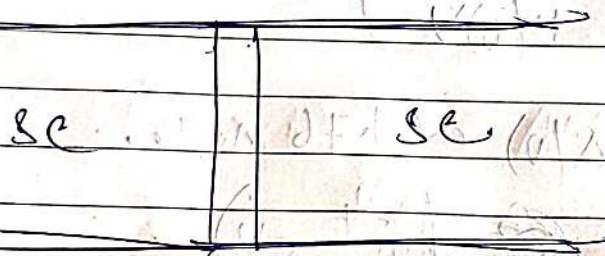


(4)  $B = B_0 \hat{z}$ .

In the absence of magnetic field,  $\Delta\phi = 0$ . [DC Josephson]  
In the presence of a magnetic field,  $\Delta\phi \neq 0$ .  
Temporal phase gradient:

$$\phi + \frac{2eVt}{\hbar} \Rightarrow \Delta\phi = \frac{2eVt}{\hbar}$$

$$\Phi_B = B \times \text{Area} = B_0 b d.$$



$$\Delta\phi = \frac{2\pi\Phi}{\Phi_0}$$

$$\left[ \Phi_0 = \frac{h}{2e} \right]$$

$$\Delta\phi = \frac{2\pi}{\Phi_0} B_0 d b$$

Spatial phase gradient:

$$\Delta\phi = \frac{2\pi}{\Phi_0} B_0 d b = \frac{2\pi B_0 d b}{\hbar / 2e}$$

$$\phi = \phi_0 + \frac{2\pi B_0 d b}{\hbar} y$$

$$I = \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} J(y) dy = \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} j_c \sin[\phi(y)] dy = j_c \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \sin\left(\phi_0 + \frac{2\pi B_0 d b}{\hbar} y\right) dy$$

$$\therefore I = j_c \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \sin(\phi_0 + Ky) dy = j_c \left[ \frac{\cos(\phi_0 - Ky) - \cos(\phi_0 + Ky)}{K} \right]_{-b/2}^{b/2}$$

$$= j_c \frac{2 \sin(\phi_0) \sin(Ky)}{K} \quad \left[ \phi_0 = \pi/2 \right]$$

$$= j_c \frac{2 \sin(\pi/2) \sin(Kb/2)}{K} = j_c \frac{2 \sin(Kb/2)}{K}$$

$$= j_c \frac{2 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi B_0 d b}{\hbar} \cdot \frac{b}{2}\right)}{\frac{2\pi B_0 d b}{\hbar}} = j_c \frac{\hbar}{2\pi B_0 d b} \sin(\pi B_0 d b)$$



$$= \left[ \cancel{2} j c \frac{\sin(Ky)}{K} \right]^{b/2}$$

$$K = \frac{2eB_0 d}{\hbar}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{2} j c \sin\left(\cancel{\frac{2eB_0 d}{\hbar}} \cdot \cancel{\frac{b}{2}}\right)}{\cancel{\frac{2eB_0 d}{\hbar}} \left(b \cdot \frac{1}{b}\right)} = \left(jc \cdot b\right) \frac{\sin\left(\frac{eB_0 db}{\hbar}\right)}{\frac{eB_0 db}{\hbar}}$$

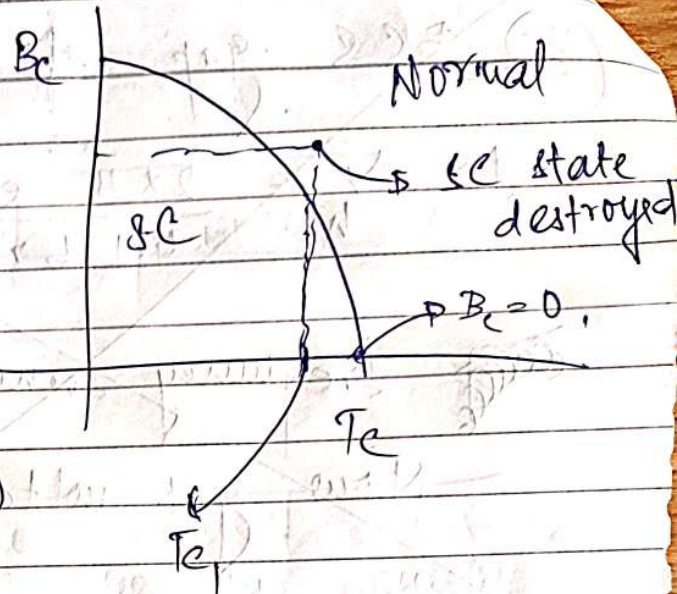
$$I = I_0 \frac{\sin\left(\frac{eB_0 db}{\hbar}\right)}{\left(\frac{eB_0 db}{\hbar}\right)} \text{ (a.u.)}$$

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(5) Initial  $T = \alpha T_c$ .

We need to calculate the temperature drop. The process is ADIABATIC, and hence entropy



change in free energy ( $\neq$ ) is given by:

$$F_n(T) - F_s(T) = \frac{B_c^2(T)}{2\mu_0}$$

$$\therefore C_n(T) - C_s(T) = -\frac{d}{dT} [F_n(T) - F_s(T)] = -\frac{d}{dT} \left[ \frac{B_c^2(T)}{2\mu_0} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow B_c^2(T) = B_c^2(0) \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{T}{T_c} \right)^2 \right]^2 \quad (\text{we know})$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dT} [B_c^2(T)] = \frac{d}{dT} \left[ B_c^2(0) \left( 1 - \frac{T^2}{T_c^2} \right)^2 \right] = B_c^2(0) \cdot 2 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{T}{T_c} \right)^2 \right] \left( -\frac{2T}{T_c^2} \right)$$

$$= 2 B_c^2(0) \left( -\frac{2\alpha T_c}{T_c^2} \right) (1 - \alpha^2)$$

$$= -4\alpha B_c^2(0) (1 - \alpha^2)$$

$$\therefore \Delta S = -\frac{1}{2\mu_0} \left[ \frac{d}{dT} B_c^2(T) \right] = \frac{2\alpha B_c^2(0) (1 - \alpha^2)}{\mu_0 T_c}$$

Phase transition latent heat

Let specific heat  $\rightarrow C_v$  & Heat released  $\geq 0$  In Normal state  $T > T_c$

$$C_v dT = T dS$$

$$\therefore \Delta S = \int_0^T \frac{C_v(T')}{T'} dT'$$

$$C_v = \gamma T$$

Specific Heat coeff.

$\Delta T = 0$   
since Heat change happening at  $T = T_c$

Latent Heat



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$$\therefore \Delta S = \int_0^T \frac{\gamma T'}{T'} dT' = \gamma T \quad \rightarrow S_N$$

$$\therefore S_N = \gamma T + S_0 \quad [\text{Normal state is more disordered}]$$

$$\therefore S_S = \gamma T - \frac{2\alpha B_c^2(0)}{\mu_0 T_c} (1 - \alpha^2)$$

We know the process is adiabatic.

$$\text{Hence, } S_S(T_f) = S_N(T_f)$$

$$\therefore S_S(T_f) = S_N(T_f) = \gamma T_f$$

$$\therefore \gamma T_f = \gamma T_i - \frac{2\alpha B_c^2(0)}{\mu_0 T_c} (1 - \alpha^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma \Delta T = \frac{2\alpha B_c^2(0)}{\mu_0 T_c} (1 - \alpha^2)$$

$$\therefore \Delta T = \frac{2\alpha B_c^2(0)}{\mu_0 \gamma T_c} (1 - \alpha^2) \quad (\text{au})$$

temperature drop



(a) By BCS theory

$$\Delta(0) \sim 2\hbar\omega_p \exp\left(-\frac{1}{N(0)V}\right)$$

Using approximation

$$\Delta(0) \sim 1.76 k_B T_c$$

usually this value  $\sim 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$

$$\therefore \hbar\omega_p = 10^{-4}$$

$$f_{\text{low}} = \frac{1.5 \times 10^{14} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{2\pi}$$

$$= 1.9 \times 10^{12} \text{ Hz}$$

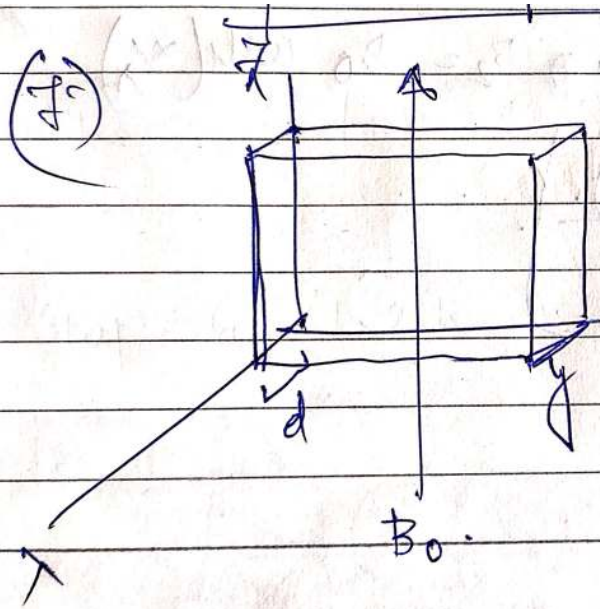
$$= 241 \text{ GHz}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\text{high}} &= \frac{1.5 \times 10^{14} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{2\pi} \\ &= 1.9 \times 10^{12} \text{ Hz} \\ &= 241 \text{ GHz} \end{aligned}$$

microwave frequency  $\rightarrow 300 \text{ MHz} - 300 \text{ GHz}$

Hence, radiation to break Cooper pair lies in microwave frequency range.





$$\nabla^2 B(x) = 1/B(x).$$

Solving we get

$$B(x) = B_1 e^{-x/\lambda} + B_2 e^{+x/\lambda}.$$

$$B\left(\frac{d}{2}\right) = B\left(-\frac{d}{2}\right) = B \quad [\text{boundary}].$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 B(-d/2) &= B_1 e^{-d/2\lambda} + B_2 e^{d/2\lambda} = B \\
 B(d/2) &= B_1 e^{d/2\lambda} + B_2 e^{-d/2\lambda} = B
 \end{aligned}$$

solving this set of equations we get

$$B_1 = B_2 = \frac{B}{2 \cosh\left(\frac{d}{2\ell}\right)}$$

similarly for any  $x$  the value of  $B_1$  &  $B_2$  will be symmetric, since the slab geometry is symmetric, isotropic & uniform.

$$B(x) = B(-x)$$

~~$$B(x) = \frac{B_1 \cosh(x/\ell)}{\cosh(d/2\ell)}$$~~

$$\therefore B_1 e^{-x/\ell} + B_2 e^{x/\ell} = B_1 e^{x/\ell} + B_2 e^{-x/\ell}$$

$$= B_1 \left( \frac{e^{-x/\ell} - e^{x/\ell}}{2} \right) = B_2 \left( \frac{e^{-x/\ell} - e^{x/\ell}}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow -B_1 \cosh\left(\frac{x}{\ell}\right) = -B_2 \cosh\left(\frac{x}{\ell}\right)$$

$$\text{If } B_1 = B_2, \text{ then } B_1 = B_2 = B_0 \cosh\left(\frac{x}{\ell}\right)$$

$$\therefore B(x) = \frac{B_0 \cosh(x/\ell)}{2 \cosh(d/2\ell)}$$

$$\text{Expansion of } \cosh(z) = 1 + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \dots$$





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$$B(x) = \frac{B_0 \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2\lambda^2}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{d^2}{8\lambda^2}\right)} \rightarrow B_0 \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2\lambda^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{d^2}{8\lambda^2}\right) \cdot [dL] \\ = B_0 \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2\lambda^2} - \frac{d^2}{8\lambda^2}\right).$$

$$\mu_0 M = B(x) - B_0.$$

$$\mu_0 M = B_0 \left(\frac{x^2}{2\lambda^2} - \frac{d^2}{8\lambda^2}\right) = \frac{B_0^2}{8\lambda^2} (4x^2 - d^2).$$

$$\therefore \text{effective magnetization: } M(x) = \frac{B_0^2}{2\mu_0 \lambda^2} (4x^2 - d^2).$$

(a) critical field required for onset of type 2 vortex

$$\Phi_0 = \frac{h}{2e}, \quad \Phi = n\Phi_0.$$

$$\nabla^2 B = B/\lambda^2.$$

for cylindrical symmetry:

$$B = B_2(r).$$

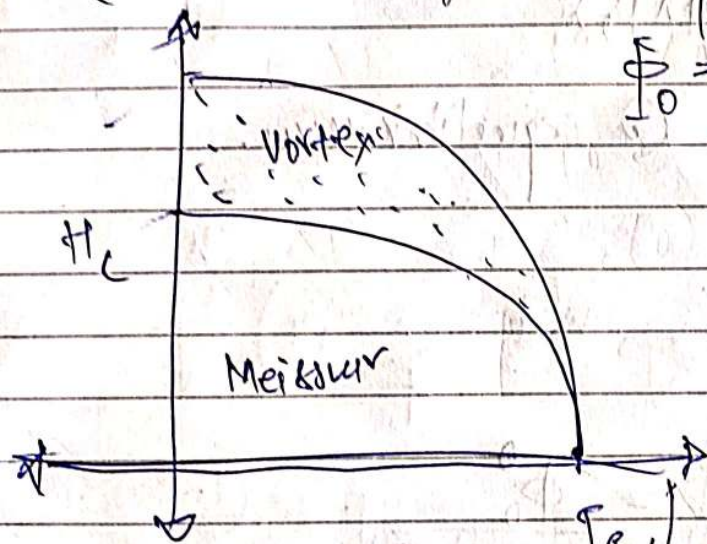
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{dB_2}{dr} \right) = \frac{B_2}{\lambda^2}.$$

$$\Rightarrow B_2(r) = B_0 K_0\left(\frac{r}{\lambda}\right) \text{ modified Bessel func.}$$

Total flux:

$$\Phi = \int_0^{\infty} B_2(r) 2\pi r dr$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{dB_2}{dr} \right) 2\pi r dr = 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} d \left( r \frac{dB_2}{dr} \right) \approx 2\pi \lambda^2 B_0.$$



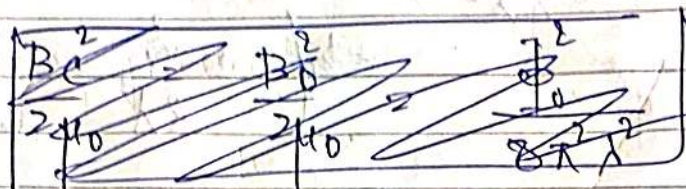


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$$B_0 \approx \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi\lambda^2}$$

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Now, energy lost by the vortices (/vortex) =

$$P(B) \times [\text{Area of (vortex)}]$$

$$= \frac{B_c^2}{2\mu_0} \times \pi \xi^2$$

magnetic energy stored in the vortex (/vortex)

$$= \frac{\Phi_0^2}{4\pi\mu_0\lambda^2}$$

equating loss & gain @ equilibrium.

$$\frac{B_c^2}{2\mu_0} \pi \xi^2 = \frac{\Phi_0^2}{2\pi\mu_0\lambda^2}$$

$$B_c^2 = \frac{\Phi_0^2}{2\pi^2\lambda^2\xi^2} \Rightarrow B_c = \frac{\Phi_0}{\sqrt{2}\pi\lambda\xi}$$

$$\frac{B_c^2}{2\mu_0} = \frac{\Phi_0^2}{4\pi^2\lambda^2\xi^2\mu_0}$$

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