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**"Variational Monte Carlo:
Shadow wave function for boson excited states"**

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**VARIATIONAL MONTE CARLO:
SHADOW WAVE FUNCTION FOR
BOSON EXCITED STATES**

Low temperature $\Rightarrow$ low-lying states

Elementary Excitations in Liquid ^4He

The Phonon-Rotom Spectrum

Feynman trial function

- $\Psi_0(R)$ the ground state representation
- To construct low-lying excited states
 - promote 1 particle to a state with momentum $\mathbf{k}$
 - symmetrize

$$\rho_{\mathbf{k}} = \sum_{j=1}^N e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_j}$$

- Excitation as a density fluctuation

$$\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(R) = \rho_{\mathbf{k}} \Psi_0(R)$$

The excitation spectrum

$$\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} = E_{\mathbf{k}} - E_0$$

The Ground State Trial Function

The pair product structure

Liquid phase: $\Psi_J(R) = \prod_{i < j} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\frac{b}{r_{ij}})^5}$

Capture the dominant character of the particle-particle interaction

Three-Body Correlations: $\Psi_T(R) = \prod_{i < j < k} f_{ijk} \prod_{i < j} f(r_{ij})$

The shadow wave function

Liquid-solid phases

$$\Psi_{sh}(R) = \int ds \Xi(R, S)$$

$$\Xi(R, S) = \prod_{i < j} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\frac{b}{r_{ij}})^5} \prod_i e^{-c|r_i - s_i|^2} \prod_{i < j} e^{-\beta v(\delta s_{ij})}$$

where v is the He-He potential

b, c, β and δ variational parameters

$\{s_i\}$ coordinates of quantum holes or shadow particles

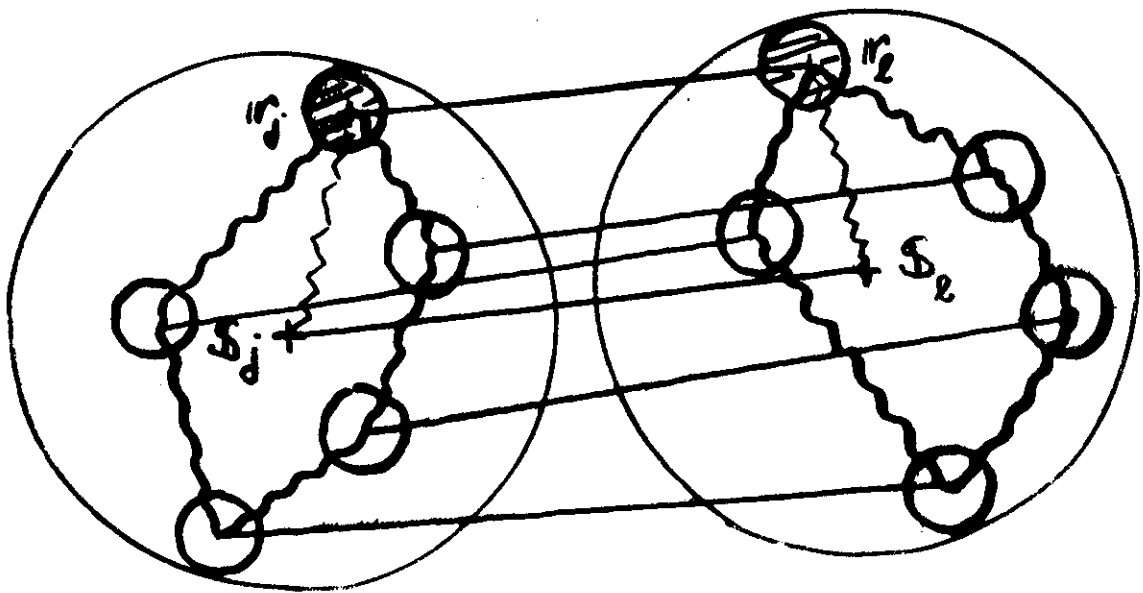
Introduces High-order correlations

Takes into account the quantum delocalization

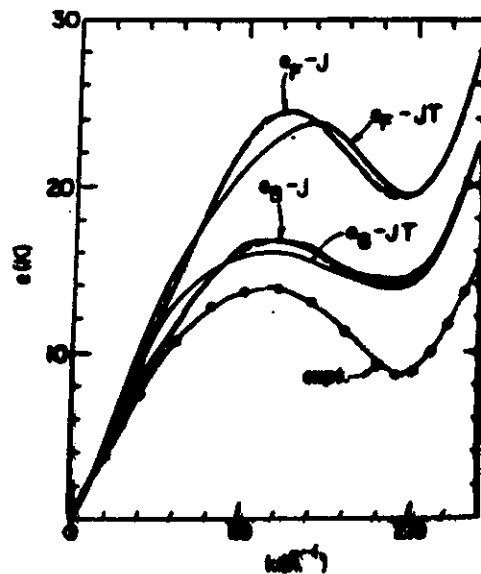
PHYSICAL MOTIVATION

Discretized path-integral of the density matrix

- each particle $\Longleftrightarrow$ “polymer”
- path of a particle $\Longleftrightarrow$ “center of mass” + fluctuations
- $e^{-C(r_j - s_j)^2} \Longleftrightarrow$ model for the fluctuations along the path with respect to the CM
- $s_j \Longleftrightarrow$ center of mass
- The CM behave as quasi-classical particles



Excitation Spectrum



The Feynman-Cohen Ansatz

A wave-packet built out of Feynman states does not satisfy conservation of probability

Correction: dipolar backflow centered on each particle

- Backflow coordinates the motion of the surrounding atoms
- It is very important at high values of k



The Trial Function

$$\Psi_{B\mathbf{k}}(R) = \sum_j \exp i\mathbf{k} \cdot [\mathbf{r}_j - \sum_{\ell \neq j} \eta(\mathbf{r}_{j\ell}) \mathbf{r}_{j\ell}] \Psi_0$$

$$\approx \sum_j \exp i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_j \left[1 - \sum_{\ell \neq j} \eta(\mathbf{r}_{j\ell}) \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{j\ell} \right] \Psi_0$$

$\eta(r)$ a variational function

Feynman-Cohen choice: $\eta(r) = \frac{A}{r^3}$, A a parameter

Backflow $\Rightarrow$ mixing $\begin{cases} \rho_{\mathbf{k}} \\ \rho_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}} \rho_{\mathbf{q}} \end{cases}$

$$\rho_{B\mathbf{k}} = \rho_{\mathbf{k}} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{q} \eta(\mathbf{q}) [\rho_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}} \rho_{\mathbf{q}} - \rho_{\mathbf{k}}]$$

$$\eta(\mathbf{q}) = \rho \int d^3r e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}} \eta(r)$$

The Feenberg approach determines η by perturbation theory

The FC trial function improves significantly the results

Mamoussakis - Pandharipande

Integral equation method

Terms up to the 4th order in $\{p_{ik}\}$

Calculation	Roton Energy
M-P	10 K
F-C	14 K
F	20 K

The Shadow Particle Approach to The Phonon-Roton Spectrum

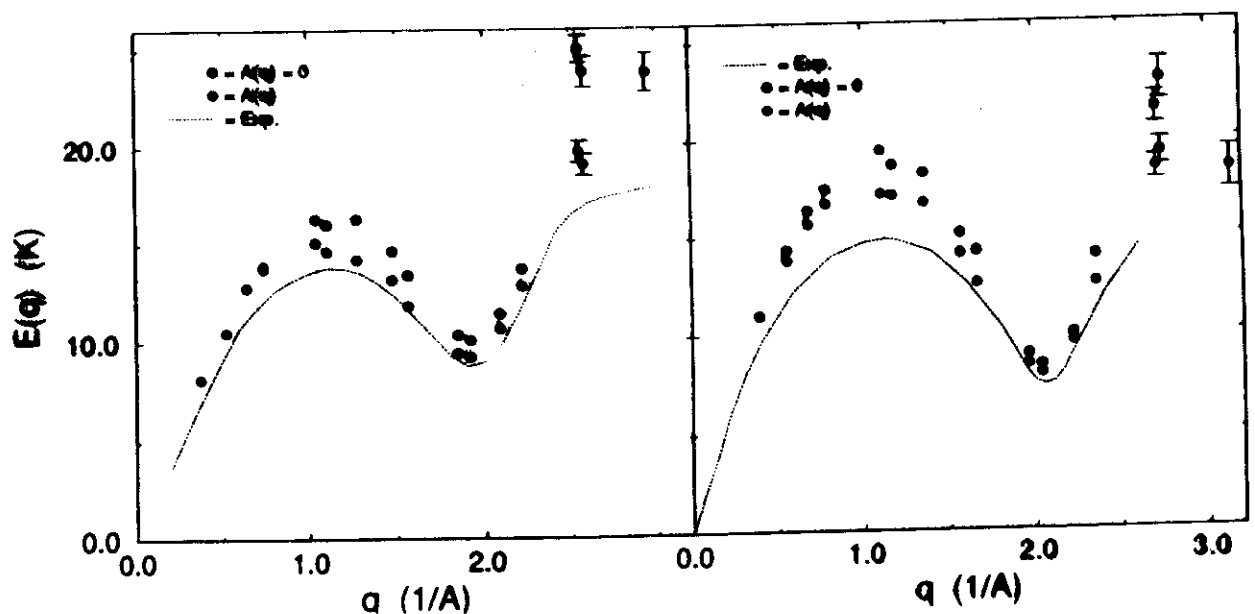
$$\Psi_{\text{sh } \mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{R}) = \prod_{i < j} f(r_{ij}) \int d\mathbf{s} \sigma_{\mathbf{k}} \prod_i \pi e^{-c|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{s}_i|^2} \prod_{i < j} \pi e^{-\beta v(r_{ij})}$$

$$\sigma_{\mathbf{k}} = \sum_j e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{s}_j}$$

zero-point motion } quantum holes or
hard core potential } SHADOW PARTICLES

Consequences

- Imposes particle modulations in a flexible way
- Backflow is introduced in a nonpolynomial structure in $\rho_{\mathbf{k}}$
- The amount of backflow is not controlled

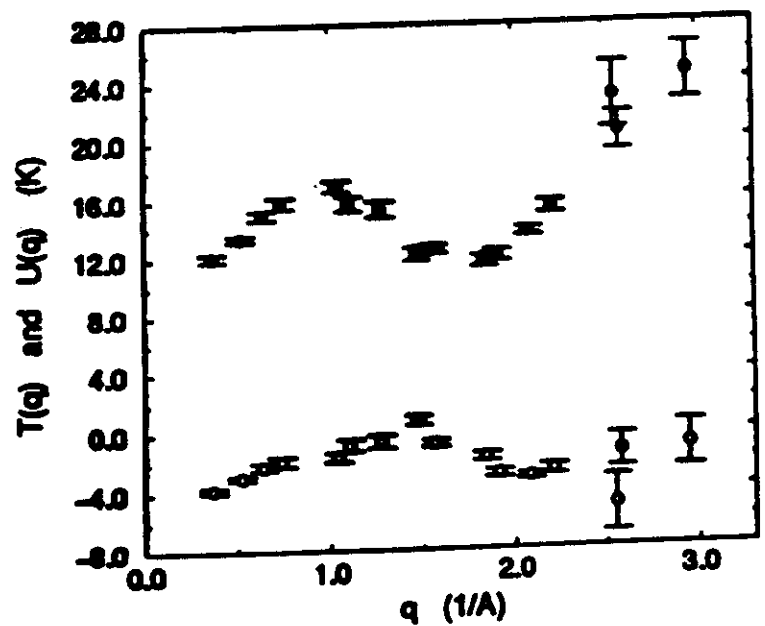


Contributions of The Kinetic And Potential Energies to The Excitation Spectrum

The roton region

$$\Delta \approx 9 \text{ K} \approx \underbrace{12 \text{ K}}_{\text{Kinetic}} - \underbrace{3 \text{ K}}_{\text{Potential}}$$

Roton: • a strongly anharmonic
excitation
• increases the local order



The Shadow Particle Approach to The Phonon-Roton Spectrum With Explicit Backflow

$$\Psi_{BSH\mathbf{K}}^{(R)} = \prod_{i < j} f(r_{ij}) \int ds \sigma_{B\mathbf{K}} \prod_i \pi e^{-c|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{s}_i|^2} \prod_{i < j} \pi e^{-\beta v(r_{s_{ij}})}$$

$$\sigma_{B\mathbf{K}} = \sum_j e^{i\mathbf{K} \cdot [\mathbf{s}_j - \frac{\sum_{l \neq j} \lambda_{\mathbf{K}}(s_{jl}) \mathbf{s}_{jl}]}{2}}$$

$$\lambda_{\mathbf{K}}(s) = \begin{cases} A_{\mathbf{K}} \left(\frac{s}{s_0} - 2 \right)^2 e^{-\left(\frac{s-s_0}{\omega} \right)^2} & \text{if } s \leq s_0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$A_{\mathbf{K}}$, s_0 and ω parameters

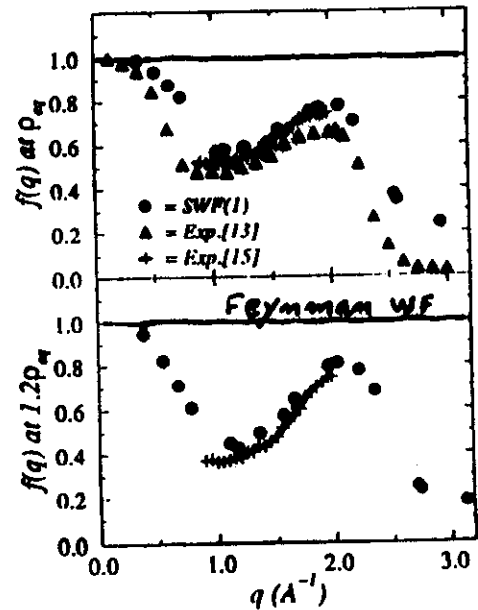
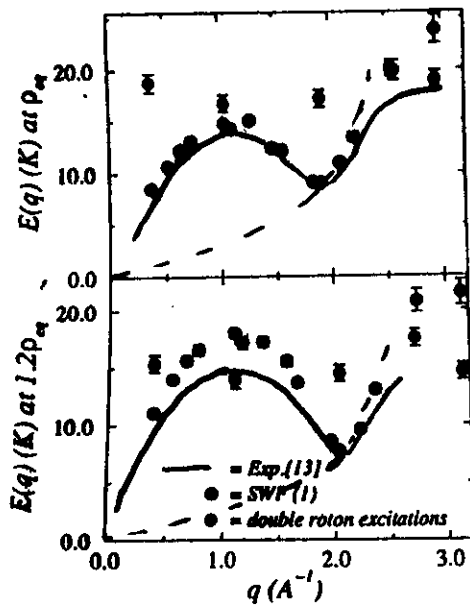
- The amount of backflow is a function of $\mathbf{K}$

Density	WF	E_{roton}	E_{maxon}
ρ_0	Sh	10.0	16.2
	Sh-B	9.2	14.8
	Exp	8.6	13.9
$1.2\rho_0$	Sh	8.5	18.2
	Sh-B	7.9	17.1
	Exp	7.3	15.0

Optimized Shadow Wave Function

(Galli, Cecchetti & Reatto, PRL 77, 5401, 1996)

$$\Psi_{\text{BSH}}(R) = \prod_{i < j} f(r_{ij}) \int d\mathbf{s} \sigma_{\text{Bik}} \prod_i f(|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{s}|) \prod_{i < j} e^{-\beta v(\delta \mathbf{s}_{ij})}$$



$$f(q) = \frac{Z(q)}{S(q)}$$

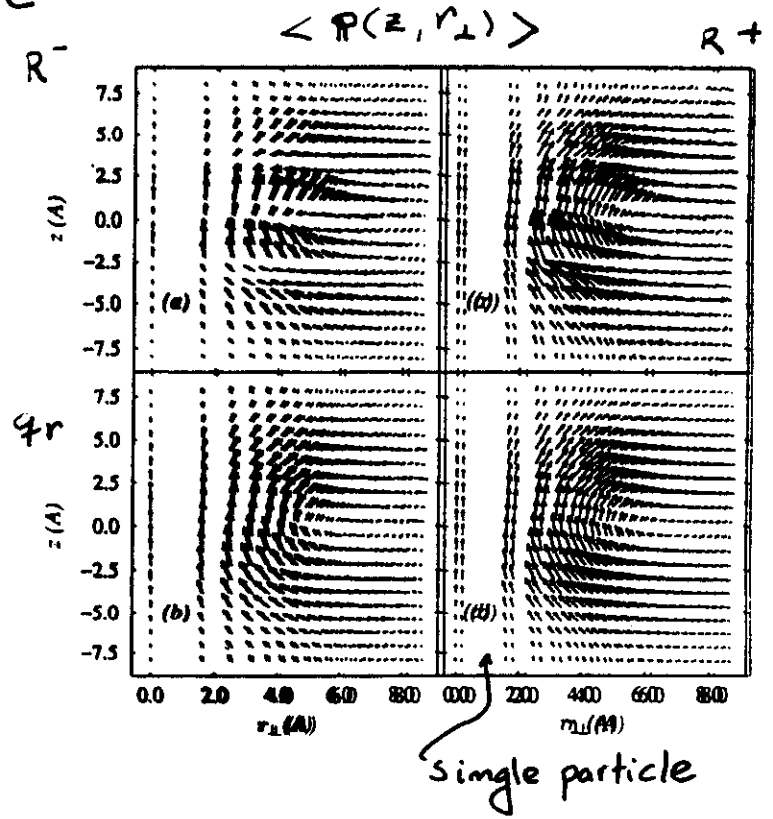
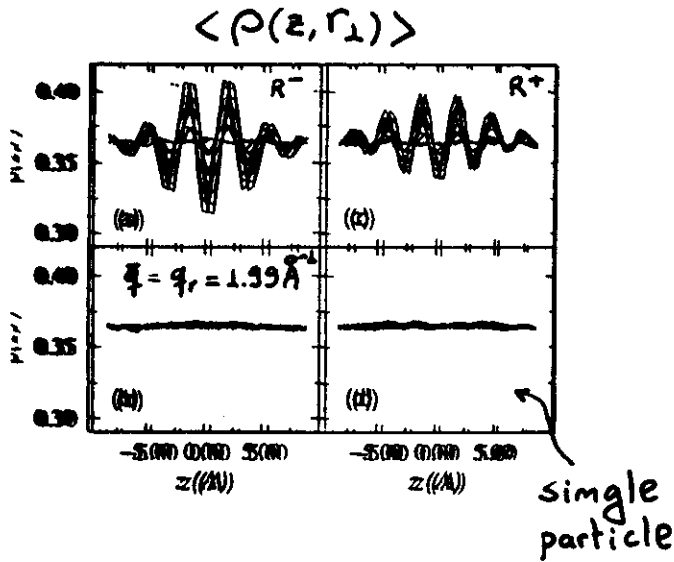
Double roton excited state

$$\sigma_{\text{Bq}} \rightarrow \sigma_{\text{Bq}} \sigma_{\text{Bq}-K}$$

Roton Wave Packets

$$\sigma_q \rightarrow \sigma_{r_0, q_0, \Delta} = \sum_j f(|\tilde{s}_j - r_0|) e^{iq_0(\tilde{s}_j - r_0)}$$

$$f(s) = e^{-\Delta^2 s^2} + e^{-\Delta^2 (s-L)^2} - 2e^{-\Delta^2 (\frac{L}{2})^2}$$



Gaussian wave packet $\begin{cases} q_0 = q_0 \hat{k} \text{ wave vector} \\ \Delta = 0.25 \text{ \AA} \text{ spread} \end{cases}$

At $q = q_r$

- backflow $\Rightarrow$ simple dipolar flow $\equiv$ vortex ring
- equivalent excitations $\begin{cases} \cdot \text{distinguished particle} \\ \cdot \text{collective} \end{cases}$

The nonpolynomial structure in ρ_{ik}

$$\Psi_{shik}(R) = \sum_{\{j\}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_j} \prod_{i < j} f(r_{ij}) \prod_{i < j} e^{-\beta V(r_{ij})}$$

$$\text{Cumulant} \int d\mathbf{s} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{s}_j - \mathbf{r}_j)} \prod_i e^{-c|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{s}_i|^2} \prod_{i < j} e^{-\beta V(r_{ij})}$$

$$\langle e^{\varphi(r)} \rangle = e^{\langle \varphi(r) \rangle + \dots}$$

$$\text{Cumulant expansion}$$

$$\Psi^{(P)} = \sum_j e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_j - \sum_{\ell \neq j} \varphi(r_{j\ell})} \Psi(R)$$

$$\langle e^{\frac{\varphi(r)}{2\alpha}} \rangle_r = e^{\langle \varphi(r) \rangle + \dots}$$

$$\Psi_{shik}(R) = \sum_j e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot [\mathbf{r}_j - \sum_{\ell \neq j} \varphi(r_{j\ell}) \mathbf{r}_{j\ell}]} \Psi(R)$$

$$\varphi(r) = \frac{1}{2c} \beta \frac{V'}{r}$$

Backflow is not treated as a perturbation

The Ground State Energy

The Hamiltonian

for a system of ^4He atoms

$$H = \sum_j T_j + V_j$$

$$T_j = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_j^2 \quad \text{and} \quad V_j = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{l \neq j} v(|\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_l|)$$

$$\Psi_T(\mathbf{R}) = \int d\mathbf{s} \Xi(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{s})$$

$$E_T = \frac{\int d\mathbf{R} \Psi_T(\mathbf{R}) H \Psi_T(\mathbf{R})}{\int d\mathbf{R} \Psi_T^2(\mathbf{R})} \geq E_0$$

$$= \frac{\int d\mathbf{R} d\mathbf{s} d\mathbf{s}' \Xi(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{s}') H \Xi(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{s})}{\int d\mathbf{R} d\mathbf{s} d\mathbf{s}' \Xi(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{s}') \Xi(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{s})}$$

$$= \int d\mathbf{R} d\mathbf{s} d\mathbf{s}' f(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}') E_L(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{s})$$

$$f(R, S, S') = \frac{\Xi(R, S) \Xi(R, S')}{\int dR ds ds' \Xi(R, S) \Xi(R, S')}$$

$$\Xi(R, S, S') = \prod_{i < j} f(r_{ij}) \prod_i e^{-c|r_i - S_i|^2} \prod_{i < j} e^{-\beta v(r_{ij})}$$

$$E_L(R, S) = \frac{H \prod_{i < j} f(r_{ij}) \prod_i e^{-c|r_i - S_i|^2}}{\prod_{i < j} f(r_{ij}) \prod_i e^{-c|r_i - S_i|^2}}$$

$$\hat{E}_T = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M E_L(R_i, S_i)$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{E}_T)_f$$

$$E_T = \langle E_L(R, S) \rangle$$

The Excited State Energy

$$E_K = \frac{\int dR ds ds' \bar{\sigma}_K' \sigma_K \Xi(R, S') H \Xi(R, S)}{\int dR ds ds' \bar{\sigma}_K' \sigma_K \Xi(R, S') \Xi(R, S)}$$

$$= \frac{\int dR ds ds' \bar{\sigma}_K' \sigma_K \Xi(R, S') \Xi(R, S) \frac{H \Xi(R, S)}{\Xi(R, S)}}{\int dR ds ds' \Xi(R, S') \Xi(R, S)}$$

$$= \frac{\int dR ds ds' \bar{\sigma}_K' \sigma_K \Xi(R, S') \Xi(R, S)}{\int dR ds ds' \Xi(R, S') \Xi(R, S)}$$

$$= \frac{\int dR ds ds' f(R, S, S') \bar{\sigma}_K' \sigma_K E_L(R, S)}{\int dR ds ds' f(R, S, S') \bar{\sigma}_K' \sigma_K}$$

$$= \frac{\langle \bar{\sigma}_K' \sigma_K E_L(R, S) \rangle}{\langle \bar{\sigma}_K' \sigma_K \rangle}$$

The Excitation Spectrum

$$\mathcal{E}_K = E_K - E_T$$

Shadow Density Matrix

A model to compute properties at finite temperature

An extension of the Penrose-Realto-Chester density matrix

$$\langle R | \rho_T | R' \rangle = \sum_m \Psi_m^*(R) \Psi_m(R') e^{-\beta E_m}$$

At $T=0$ R and R' are uncoupled

$$\langle R | \rho_0 | R' \rangle = \Psi_0(R) \Psi_0(R')$$

Independent excitations at Low T

Total energy: $E_{\{n_k\}} = E_0 + \sum_k n_k E_k$

↙ ground state energy
↘ number of excitations
↘ excitation spectrum

The shadow particle approach to a multiple excited state

$$\Psi_{Sh\{n_k\}}(R) = \prod_{i < j} f(r_{ij}) \int ds \prod_k \sigma_{ik}^{n_k} \prod_i e^{-c|r_i - s_i|^2} \prod_{i < j} e^{-\beta v(r_{ij})}$$

Shadow Density Matrix

$$\langle R | \rho_T | R' \rangle =$$

$$= \int ds ds' \equiv (R, s) \equiv (R', s') \prod_{i,j} e^{-\chi_i^T(s_{ij}) - \chi_i^T(s'_{ij})} \prod_{i,j} e^{-\chi_2^T(|s_i - s'_j|)}$$

$$\chi_i^T(s) = \frac{\rho^{-1}}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3k \chi_i^T(k) e^{i k \cdot s}$$

$$\chi_1^T(k) = \frac{e^{-\beta \epsilon_k}}{e^{\beta \epsilon_k} - e^{-\beta \epsilon_k}} \frac{N}{\langle \sigma_k' \sigma_k \rangle} \quad \chi_2^T(k) = \frac{-1}{e^{\beta \epsilon_k} - e^{-\beta \epsilon_k}} \frac{N}{\langle \sigma_k' \sigma_k \rangle}$$

- Contributions to χ_i^T come from k regions where ϵ_k is small

- The roton region: $\epsilon_k = \epsilon_r + \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} (k - k_r)^2$
(from experiment)

- The phonon region: disregarded
long range function

Results

All quantities are easily computed

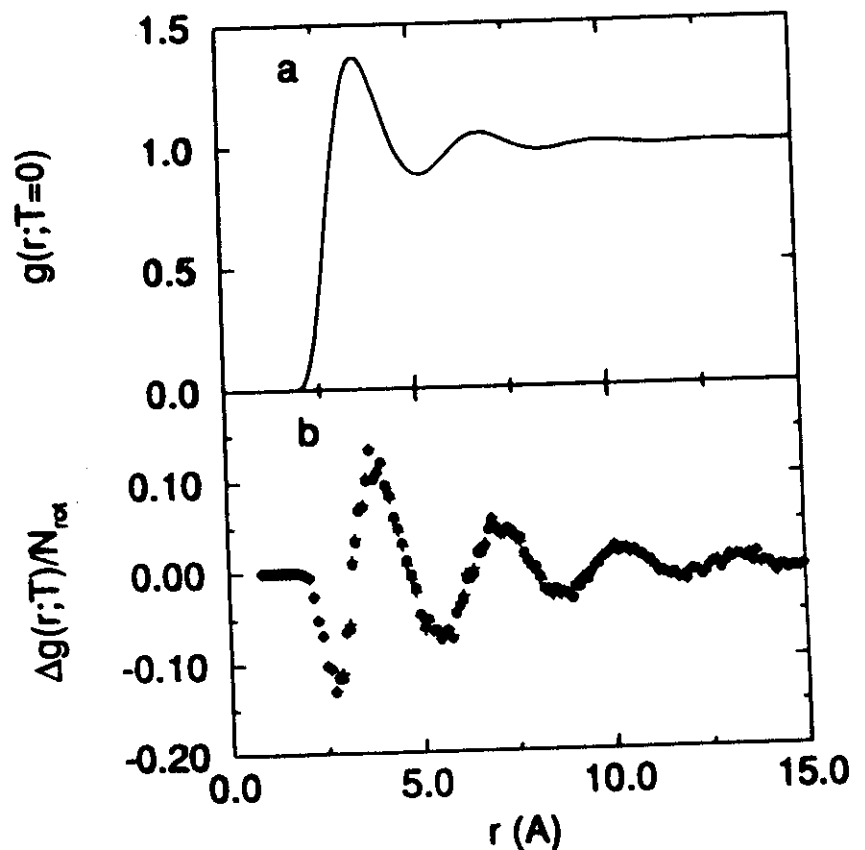
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} E(T) \text{ from Landau formula} \\ E(T) = E_0 + \frac{1}{N} \sum E_k \frac{1}{e^{\beta E_{k-1}}} \\ E(T) \text{ from simulations} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{agreement} \\ \text{better than} \\ 1\% \end{array}$$

$$\Delta g(r; T) = g(r; T) - g(r; T=0)$$

$$\Delta g(r; T) \propto N_{\text{rot}}$$

A roton excitation lowers the potential energy

$$\begin{aligned} & \bullet \Delta g(r; T=1.4)/N_r \\ & + \Delta g(r; T=2.1)/N_r \end{aligned}$$

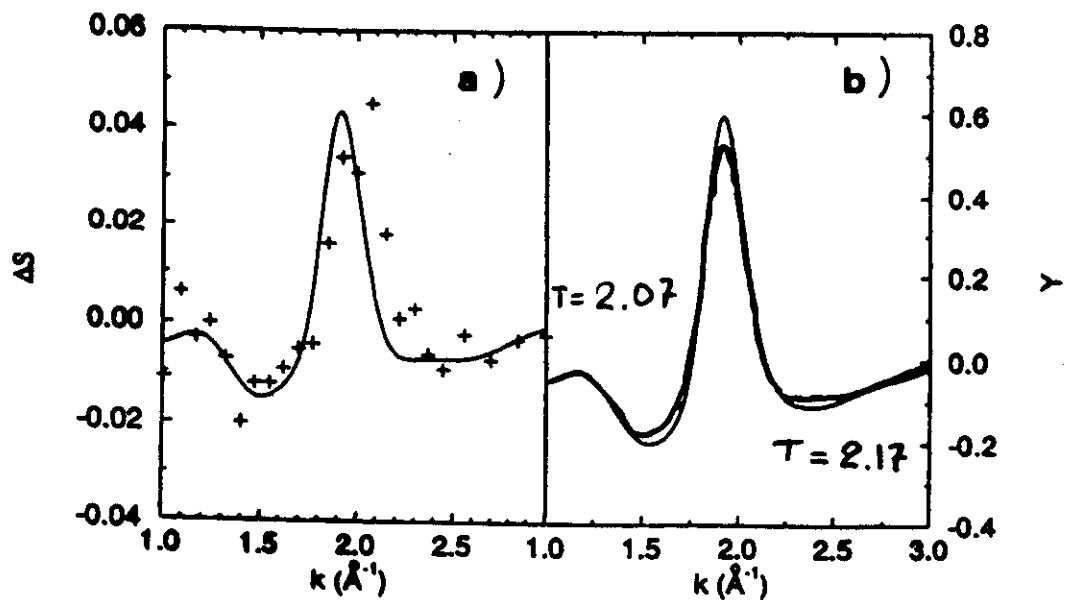


The Structure Factor

$$\Delta S(k; T) = S(k; T) - S(k; T=0)$$

$$Y(k; T) = \Delta S(k; T) / N_r$$

+ Exp. $S(k; 2.07) - S(k; 1.00)$



The Roton

At $q = q_R$

- Behavior of a vortex ring scaled down to atomic size
- Is essentially the same as a single particle excitation

As q moves away from q_R

- Interference effects between atoms modifies the properties of the collective excitation

Large effects of backflow in the full roton minimum

Five to ten rotoms are needed to deplete the condensate by one particle

Quantum Vortices

We want to clarify

- How the vorticity is distributed
- How the fluid density varies

FEYNMAN'S APPROACH TO A VORTEX LINE

$$\Psi_F(R) = \prod_{j=1}^N f(\rho_j) e^{i\theta} \Psi_0(R)$$

$\Psi_0(R)$ is the ground-state wave function

$$R \equiv \{r_j \mid j = 1, \dots, N\}$$

$$\theta = \sum_{j=1}^N \theta_j$$

θ_j is the cylindrical angle of particle j

$$\lim_{\rho \rightarrow 0} f(\rho) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} f(\rho) = 1$$

$$\rho_j = \sqrt{x_j^2 + y_j^2}$$

ρ_j is the radial distance to the vortex axis

THE SHADOW WAVE APPROXIMATION

$$\Psi_{\mathbf{r}}(R) = \prod_{j=1}^N f(\rho_j) e^{i\theta} \Psi_T(R)$$

$$f(\rho) = 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{\rho}{a}\right)^2}$$

a is a variational parameter

$$\Psi_0(R) \simeq \Psi_T(R)$$

$\Psi_T(R)$ is a trial shadow wave function

Empty core - Localized vorticity

THE SHADOW WAVE FUNCTION FOR THE GROUND-STATE

$$\Psi_T(R) = \psi(R) \int k(R, S) \psi_s(S) dS$$

$$S \equiv \{s_j \mid j = 1, \dots, N\}$$

$$dS = ds_1 ds_2 \cdots ds_N$$

$$\psi(R) = \prod_{j < l} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u(r_{jl})} \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_s(S) = \prod_{j < l} e^{-u_s(s_{jl})}$$

$$u(r_{jl}) = \left(\frac{b}{|\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_l|} \right)^5 \quad \text{and} \quad u_s(s_{jl}) = \left(\frac{b_s}{|\mathbf{s}_j - \mathbf{s}_l|} \right)^9$$

$$k(R, S) = \prod_j e^{-C(\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{s}_j)^2}$$

b , b_s and C are variational parameters

CYLINDRICAL CONTAINER

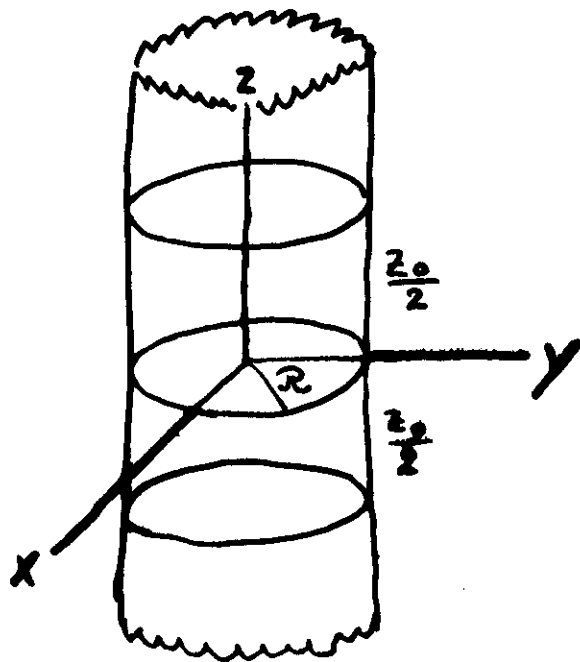
1-body terms for particles and
for shadow particles

$$\phi(R) = \prod_{j=1}^N \tanh d(\mathcal{R}^2 - \rho_j^2)$$

$$\varphi(R) = \prod_{j=1}^N \tanh d_s(\mathcal{R}^2 - \varrho_j^2)$$

d and d_s are variational parameters

$\mathcal{R}$ is the cylinder's radius



VORTEX LINE WAVE FUNCTION WITH DELOCALIZED VORTICITY

$$\Psi_d(R) = \psi(R) \int e^{i\vartheta} k(R, S) \psi_s(S) dS$$

$$\vartheta = \sum_{j=1}^N \vartheta_j$$

ϑ_j - cylindrical angle of shadow particle j

$\Psi_d(R)$ is an eigenstate of $\hat{L}$

$$\hat{L}\Psi_d(R) = N\hbar\Psi_d(R)$$

- distributed vorticity
- non vanishing density at the vortex axis
- no extra variational parameters

The Ground State Energy

The average number of particles

$$\bar{N}_0(\rho) = z_0 \int_0^\rho n(\rho') d^2 \rho'$$

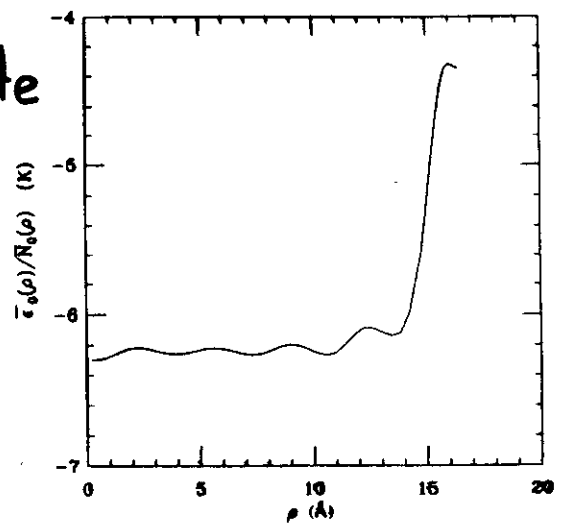
The energy function

$$\bar{E}_0(\rho) = \left\langle \sum_j \theta(\rho - \rho_j) \frac{(T_j + V_j) \Xi(R, S)}{\Xi(R, S)} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{where } \theta(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\frac{\bar{E}_0(R)}{\bar{N}_0(R)}$ is the estimate

ground state energy
per particle



SUMMARY

FEYNMAN WAVE FUNCTION

$$\Psi_F(R) = \prod_{j=1}^N f(\rho_j) e^{i\theta} \Psi_T(R)$$

$$f(\rho) = 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{\rho}{a}\right)^2}$$

a is a variational parameter

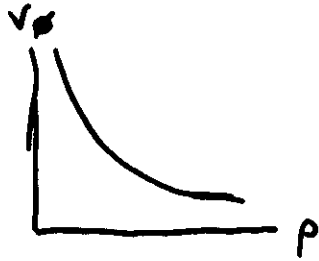
VORTEX LINE WAVE FUNCTION WITH DELOCALIZED VORTICITY

$$\Psi_L(R) = \psi(R) \int e^{i\vartheta} k(R, S) \psi_s(S) dS$$

Vortex Lines in Superfluid ^4He

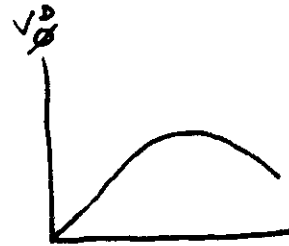
Feynman-Omsager

$$v_\phi = \frac{\hbar}{m} \frac{1}{\rho}$$

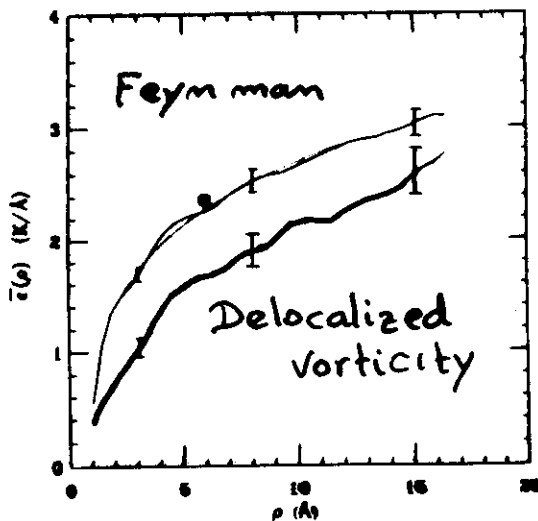


Delocalized vorticity

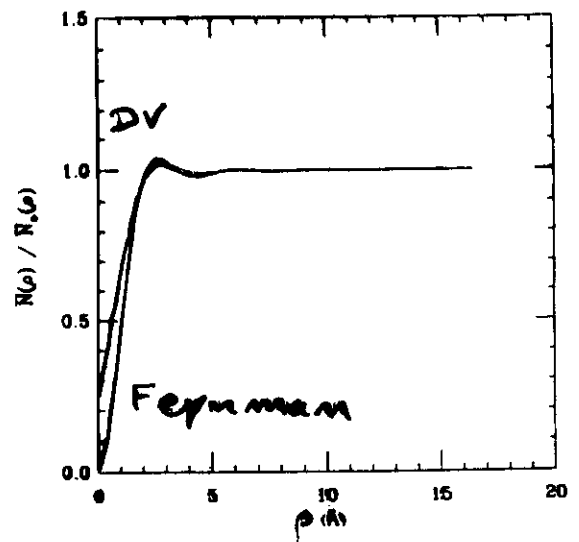
$$v_\phi^D = \frac{\hbar}{2m} \int d^3s \frac{n(r|s)}{n(r)} \frac{1}{\ell}$$



The energy per unit length



The density profile



- To investigate properties of the roton spectrum and roton wave packets
- To construct a density matrix and compute properties at finite temperature
- To investigate vortex lines with distributed vorticity

Why use a Shadow Wave Function?

- To model the crystallization of a quantum many-body system
- To understand quantitative differences between theory and experiment
- To impose particle modulations in a very flexible way

For the low-lying states

- Introduces backflow in all orders of the density fluctuations in the roton spectrum
- Allows the investigation of vortices with distributed vorticity

In summary: The shadow particle approach is a very powerful tool to describe many different aspects of quantum liquids and solids

Conclusions

The Shadow Wave Function

- Introduces quantum delocalization of the particles explicitly in a variational description
- Describes the crystalline order as a spontaneously broken symmetry
- Allows the investigation of self-bound states of inhomogeneous systems
- A simple way of introducing high-order correlations

