

## Energy gap of superconductor close to $T_c$ without $CC^+$

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**Abstract** We derived the energy gap of superconductor close to  $T_c$ , without using the usual methods of creation-annihilation operators  $CC^+$ . our approximations are in good agreement with the numerical estimates and theoretical results.

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### 1 Introduction

the superconductors coherence length  $\xi(T)$  can be treated as the size of the cooper pair [1] and  $\xi(0)$  represents the smallest size of the wave packet that the superconducting charge carries can form. a fact which allows the calculation of the energy cost of breaking the cooper-pairs in radius  $\xi$ .

the minimum energy  $E_g = 2\Delta(T)$  should be required to break a pair, creating two quasiparticle excitations. this  $\Delta(T)$  was predicted to increase from zero at  $T_c$  to a limiting value  $E_g(0) = 2\Delta(0)$ . [2]

in this work, we proposed a simple method to obtain  $\Delta(T)$  close to  $T_c$  as function in the interacting range, where the interaction effect is modeled by a complex term added to the hamiltonian. We also discuss the conditions which must be satisfied for our method to be applicable.

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## 2 Calculation

we will try to determine the exchange energy of particle by enclosing it in Box and letting the volume  $v$  of the box shrink ( $\delta v < 0$ ) or expands ( $\delta v > 0$ ) under the influence of the interaction. the normalization condition  $\int |\Psi|^2 dv = 1$  expresses the fact that the probability of finding the particle any where is just 1. particles are temporally trapped in the volume  $v$ , to create a short-lived intermediate state, if the life time of such a state is  $\tau$ , we can write close the particle position  $x$  :

$$\Psi(x, t)\Psi(x, t)^* \sim v^{-1}. \quad (1)$$

the Hamiltonian of the system is given by sum of  $H_0$  and  $H_I$  where:

$$H_I\Psi \sim (\delta\varepsilon_0 + i\delta\varepsilon)\Psi \quad (2)$$

now let us acting on both sides of equation (1) by the operator  $i\hbar\partial_t$ , we obtain:

$$i\hbar\partial_t\Psi\Psi^* + i\hbar\partial_t\Psi^*\Psi = i\hbar\partial_tv^{-1}. \quad (3)$$

hence, as the box becomes smaller the kinetic energy and momentum will grown according to the position-momentum uncertainty relation and vice versa [3]. there for the complex variation in eigenvalue can now be written as follows:

$$\varepsilon - \varepsilon_0 = \delta\varepsilon_0 + i\delta\varepsilon \quad (4)$$

where  $\delta\varepsilon_0$  its real part and  $\delta\varepsilon$  its imaginary part, using equations from (2)to(4) and the time dependent Schrodinger equation we obtain:

$$\delta\varepsilon = -\frac{\hbar}{2}\partial_t \log v. \quad (5)$$

particle is temporally trapped in the volume  $v$  means  $\hbar\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\nabla}v = 0$ , where  $\hbar\vec{k}$  is the particle's momentum[4]. we can easily verify that:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \frac{\delta v}{\delta t}. \quad (6)$$

substituting equation (6) into equation (5) gives:

$$\delta t \delta\varepsilon = -\frac{\hbar}{2} \frac{\delta v}{v}. \quad (7)$$

from (7) we can see that, if  $\delta v$  is positive then  $\delta\varepsilon < 0$  : the system (volume) loses (emitted) energy, and vice versa if  $\delta v$  is negative then  $\delta\varepsilon > 0$  the system gain (absorbed) energy. the expectation value of  $\delta\varepsilon$  in interval of time  $\tau$  is defined by:

$$\Delta E = \int_0^\tau \frac{\delta t}{\tau} \delta\varepsilon = -\frac{\hbar}{2\tau} \int_{v_0}^v \frac{\delta v}{v}. \quad (8)$$

the energy-time relationship can then be written as:

$$\Delta E = -\frac{\hbar}{2\tau} \log \frac{v}{v_0}. \quad (9)$$

let us consider the macroscopic volume  $V$ , which contains  $N$  microscopic volume  $V = Nv$ . when neglecting the interactions between  $N$  volume  $v$ , we find that the change in internal energy of the volume  $V$  is  $\Delta U = N\Delta E$ . using equation (9) we find:

$$\Delta U = -N \frac{\hbar}{2\tau} \log \frac{V}{V_0} \quad (10)$$

the comparison of (10) with the adiabatic change in internal energy of an ideal gas[5] gives an equation with the same shape of energy-time uncertainty relation but with thermodynamic energy  $k_B T$  [6–11]:

$$\tau \cdot k_B T = \frac{\hbar}{2} \quad (11)$$

where  $T$  is the temperature and  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant.

### 3 Energy gap

the BCS and GL coherence lengths [12] are related by:

$$\xi \sim \xi_0 (1 - t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad (12)$$

where  $t$  being the reduced temperature  $t = \frac{T}{T_c}$ . the system (volume) loses energy  $\Delta E = -\Delta$  to create one quasiparticle. using equation (9) and (11) with volumes  $v \sim \xi^3$  and  $v_0 \sim (\xi - \xi_0)^3$  (see Figure.1) we obtain:

$$\Delta \sim 3k_B T \log (1 - \sqrt{1 - t})^{-1} \quad (13)$$

at the limit when  $t \rightarrow 1$ , ( $T \sim T_c$ ), the equation (13) becomes:

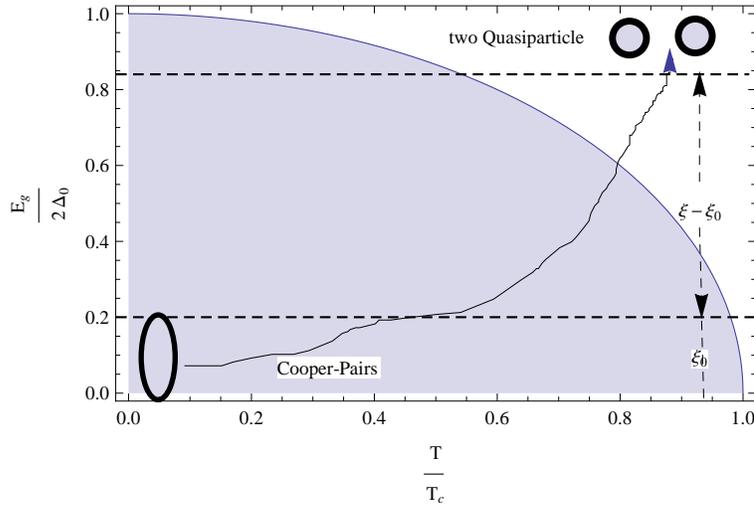
$$\Delta \sim 3k_B T_c \sqrt{1 - t} \quad (14)$$

the energy gap is very good agreement with these other results [13] where :

$$\Delta \sim 3.06k_B T_c \sqrt{1 - t} \quad (15)$$

### 4 Discussion

Energy-Time uncertainty relation determine the conditions on  $t$  under which equations (13) and (14) are true. if we consider equation (9) as energy-time uncertainty relation  $-2\Delta E\tau \sim \hbar$ , then we must have  $v \sim ev_0$  where  $e \simeq 2.718$  this means that there are a critical region, using equation (12) we obtain  $t \sim 0.92$  for  $v \sim \xi^3$  and  $v_0 \sim (\xi - \xi_0)^3$ .



**Fig. 1** A schematic view to show the dimension order of two free volumes:  $v \sim \xi^3$  where the breaking of cooper-pair in radius  $\xi$  at energy  $\sim 2\Delta(0)$ , and  $v_0 \sim (\xi - \xi_0)^3$  before the breaking.

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