

quantum effects introduce an effective "interaction" between particles. In the last chapter (about interacting particles), we learned that

$$\ln Z = \ln Z_0 + \frac{N^2}{2V} \int d^3\vec{r} \left( e^{-\beta U(\vec{r})} - 1 \right) + \dots$$

Thus the "effective potential" due to quantum effect is

$$U(\vec{r}) = -k_B T \ln \left( 1 + \eta e^{-2\pi r^2/\lambda^2} \right) \approx -k_B T \eta e^{-2\pi r^2/\lambda^2}$$

this is a Gaussian form with range of interaction equal  $\lambda$  - the thermal length!

### Grand canonical formulation

Calculating  $Z_N$  with all possible permutations is a formidable task. It's much easier to use grand canonical formulation and energy basis.

$$Z_N = \text{Tr} \left[ \exp(-\beta \hat{H}) \right] = \sum_{\{\vec{k}\}} \exp \left[ -\beta \sum_{i=1}^N \epsilon_{\vec{k}_i} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{\{\vec{n}_k\}} \exp \left[ -\beta \sum_{\vec{k}} \epsilon_{\vec{k}} n_{\vec{k}} \right]$$

sum is restricted to  $\sum_{\vec{k}} n_{\vec{k}} = N$ . This restriction can

be removed by looking at grand canonical partition function

$$\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} e^{\beta \mu N} Z_N = \sum_{\{\vec{n}_k\}} \exp \left[ -\beta \sum_{\vec{k}} (\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu) n_{\vec{k}} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{\{n_k\}} \prod_{\vec{k}} \exp \left[ -\beta (\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu) n_{\vec{k}} \right]$$

$$= \prod_{\vec{k}} \left\{ \sum_{\{n_k\}} \exp \left( -\beta (\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu) n_{\vec{k}} \right) \right\}$$

For Fermions,  $n_k$  can have only 2 values 0 and 1. So the term in the  $\{ \}$  is  $1 + \exp \left[ -\beta (\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu) \right]$

$$\text{and } \mathcal{Z}^- = \prod_{\vec{k}} \left( 1 + \exp \left[ -\beta (\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu) \right] \right)$$

For bosons,  $n_k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  so the term inside  $\{ \}$  is

$$\left\{ 1 - \exp \left[ -\beta (\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu) \right] \right\}^{-1} \text{ and}$$

$$\mathcal{Z}^+ = \prod_{\vec{k}} \left( 1 - \exp \left[ -\beta (\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu) \right] \right)^{-1}$$

We can write for both cases:

$$\ln \mathcal{Z}^\eta = -\eta \sum_{\vec{k}} \ln \left\{ 1 - \eta \exp \left[ -\beta (\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu) \right] \right\}$$

again  $\eta = +1$  for bosons  $\eta = -1$  for Fermions.

one can use the set  $\{n_{\vec{k}}\}$  to specify one quantum microstate. In grand canonical ensemble, the probability for a microstate

$$\text{is } P_\eta(\{n_{\vec{k}}\}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}^\eta} \cdot \prod_{\vec{k}} \exp \left[ -\beta (\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu) n_{\vec{k}} \right]$$

The average occupation number  $n_{\vec{k}}$  for a particular one-particle state  $|\vec{k}\rangle$  is then

$$\langle n_{\vec{k}} \rangle_\eta = \sum_{\{n_{\vec{k}}\}} n_{\vec{k}} P_\eta(\{n_{\vec{k}}\})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{Z^\eta} \cdot \frac{\partial Z^\eta}{\partial (\beta \epsilon_{\vec{k}})} = -\frac{\partial \ln Z^\eta}{\partial (\beta \epsilon_{\vec{k}})}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial (\beta \epsilon_{\vec{k}})} \left\{ -\eta \ln(1 - \eta \exp[-\beta(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)]) \right\}$$

$$\boxed{\langle n_{\vec{k}} \rangle_\eta = \frac{1}{z^{-1} e^{\beta \epsilon_{\vec{k}}} - \eta}}$$

$$z = e^{\beta \mu} \text{ - fugacity}$$

Since this is an important result, we write explicitly the occupation number for bosons:

$$\langle n_{\vec{k}} \rangle_+ = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)} - 1}$$

and fermions

$$\langle n_{\vec{k}} \rangle_- = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)} + 1} \leq 1.$$

The average number of particles in grand canonical is

$$N_\eta = \sum_{\vec{k}} \langle n_{\vec{k}} \rangle_\eta = \sum_{\vec{k}} \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)} - \eta}$$

The average energy in grand canonical is

$$E_\eta = \sum_{\vec{k}} \epsilon_{\vec{k}} \langle n_{\vec{k}} \rangle_\eta = \sum_{\vec{k}} \frac{\epsilon_{\vec{k}}}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)} - \eta}$$

Note that quantum particles are often characterized further by spin  $s$ . In this case the degeneracy factor  $g = 2s+1$  has to multiply the above formulae. when there's no external magnetic field

$$N_\eta = g \sum_{\vec{k}} \frac{1}{z^{-1} e^{\beta \epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \eta}}, \quad E_\eta = g \sum_{\vec{k}} \frac{\epsilon_{\vec{k}}}{z^{-1} e^{\beta \epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \eta}}$$

And the high  $T$  virial expansion

$$P_\eta = n_\eta kT \left[ 1 - \frac{\eta}{2^{5/2}} \left( \frac{n_\eta \lambda^3}{g} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{8} - \frac{2}{3^{5/2}} \right) \left( \frac{n_\eta \lambda^3}{g} \right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

For low  $T$ , Bose & Fermi gas behave very differently and we'll consider them in more detail.