

# Thermodynamic Behavior of an Ideal Bose-Gas

An assembly of bosons is termed as Bose-Einstein gas, where bosons are identical, indistinguishable elementary particles of zero or integral spin.

Example - of bosons particles are photons, helium atoms at low temperature.

As the gas is assumed to be perfect (ideal), the interaction bet<sup>n</sup> its particles is negligible so that energy may be regarded as entirely translational in character.

We consider a perfect BE gas of  $N$  bosons

Let these particles be distributed among quantum groups or states are  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_i$

where approximate constant energies are  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_i$  respectively

From the Grand Canonical partition function

$$Z_G = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \exp(\beta \mu N) \sum_{n_i} e^{-\beta \epsilon_i n_i}$$

$$Z_G = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \exp(\beta \mu N) Z_c$$

$$\log Z_G = \frac{PV}{KT} = - \sum_i \ln(1 - z e^{-\beta \epsilon_i})$$

$P \rightarrow$  Pressure

$V \rightarrow$  Volume

$T \rightarrow$  Temperature

$z \rightarrow$  fugacity

$$z = \exp(\beta \mu)$$

$$z = \exp(\mu / kT)$$



$$N = \sum_i (n_i) = \sum_i \frac{1}{z^{-1} e^{\beta \epsilon_i} - 1} \quad (2)$$

We convert it into integral for this we need density of states

eq<sup>n</sup> (1) and (2) can be written as

$$\frac{P}{KT} = - \frac{2\pi}{h^3} (2m)^{3/2} \int_0^\infty \epsilon^{1/2} \ln(1 - z e^{-\beta \epsilon}) d\epsilon - \frac{1}{V} \ln(1-z)$$

(3)

$$\frac{N}{V} = \frac{2\pi}{h^3} (2m)^{3/2} \int_0^\infty \frac{\epsilon^{1/2} d\epsilon}{z^{-1} e^{\beta \epsilon} - 1} + \frac{1}{V} \frac{z}{1-z}$$

(4)

Density of states taken as for

- 3 Dimensional  $\sim \epsilon^{1/2}$
- 2 Dimensional  $\sim \epsilon^0$  (constat)
- 1 Dimensional  $\sim \epsilon^{-1/2}$

$\epsilon = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$

9m eq<sup>n</sup> (3) & (4) 2<sup>nd</sup> term of eqn. (9)

$$Z \ll 1$$

$$Z \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

This corresponds to very large temperature

So the no. of particles is very low,  
Z is small  $N_0$  is very small

$$N = N_0 + N_{ex}$$

$N_0 \rightarrow$  no. of particles in ground state

$N_{ex} \rightarrow$  no. of particles in excited state

So the condensation is not possible

If Z values close to  $\rightarrow 1$

then no. of particles  $N_0$  is increases

then eq<sup>n</sup> (2) second term is not negligible

this can be written as

$$\frac{Z}{1-Z} = N_0$$

$$N_0 = \frac{e^{\beta \mu}}{1 - e^{\beta \mu}}$$

$$Z = \frac{N_0}{N_0 + 1}$$

$$-\frac{1}{V} \ln(1-Z) = \frac{1}{V} \ln(N_0 + 1)$$

This term is negligible



in eqn (3) & (4)

substituting

$$\beta \epsilon = \frac{p^2}{2mkT} = x$$

$$= \frac{-2\pi (2mkT)^{3/2}}{h^3} \int_0^{\infty} x^{1/2} \ln(1 - ze^{-x}) dx$$

$$\frac{P}{kT} = \frac{1}{\lambda^3} g_{5/2}(z) \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

$$\frac{N - N_0}{V} = \frac{2\pi (2mkT)^{3/2}}{h^3} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{1/2} dx}{z^{-1} e^x - 1}$$

$$\frac{N - N_0}{V} = \frac{1}{\lambda^3} g_{3/2}(z) \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{(2\pi mkT)^{1/2}} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

$g_n(z)$  are BE function.

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$$f_n(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{n-1}}{z^{-1}e^x - 1} dx$$

$$= z + \frac{z^2}{2^n} + \frac{z^3}{3^n} + \dots$$

$$f_{3/2}(z) = \zeta(3/2) = 2.612$$

Reimann Zeta Function

eq<sup>n</sup> (7) can be written as

$$\frac{N - N_0}{V} \leq \left( \frac{2\pi m k T}{h^3} \right)^{3/2} \zeta(3/2)$$

$$N_0 = N - \left\{ V \left( \frac{2\pi m k T}{h^3} \right)^{3/2} \zeta(3/2) \right\}$$

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BEC

$$N > V T^{3/2} \frac{(2\pi m k)^{3/2}}{h^3} \zeta(3/2)$$

(10)

if  $N$  and  $V$  constant and vary  $T$

$$T < T_c = \frac{h^2}{2\pi m k} \left\{ \frac{N}{V \zeta(3/2)} \right\}^{2/3}$$

(11)

$T_c$  → a characteristic temperature that depends upon the particle mass  $m$  and the particle density  $N/V$  in the system.

i)  $N_e \left\{ = N \left( \frac{T}{T_c} \right)^{3/2} \right\}$  → normal phase particles distributed in excited state ( $\epsilon \neq 0$ )

ii)  $N_0 \left\{ = (N - N_e) \right\}$  → a condensed phase particles accumulated in the ground state ( $\epsilon = 0$ )

If  $T \rightarrow T_c$  Then we have

(8)

$$\frac{N_0}{N} = 1 - \left(\frac{T}{T_c}\right)^{3/2} \approx \frac{3}{2} \frac{T_c - T}{T_c}$$

(12)

$$N_0 = N \left[1 - \frac{T}{T_c}\right]^{3/2}$$

(13)

When the temperature of a B-E gas is lowered below the critical temperature  $T_c$  the number of particles in the ground state rapidly increases. This rapid increase in the population of the ground state for B-E gas is called the Bose-Einstein condensation.

At the ground state  $\epsilon = 0$ , particles do not contribute to the energy.



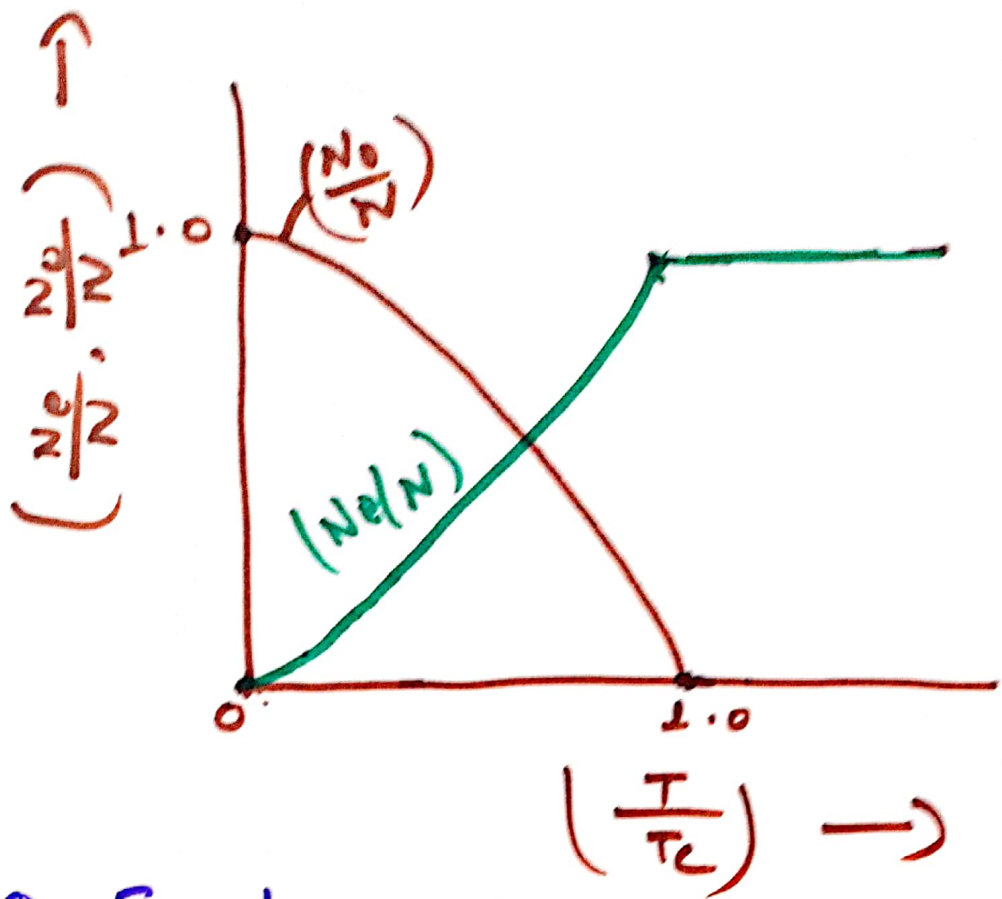


Fig ① Fraction of the normal phase and the condensed phase in an Ideal Bos Gas as a function of the temperature parameter  $(T/T_c)$

For  
 He liquid  $T_c$  calculated  $\rightarrow 3.12 \text{ K}$   
 but observed value  $\rightarrow 2.19 \text{ K}$   
 which is close to calculated value.

The internal energy of the system is given by (10)

$$= -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln Z_G = kT^2 \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left( \frac{PV}{kT} \right) \right\}_V$$

$$U = \frac{3}{2} kT \frac{V}{\sqrt{3}} g_{5/2}(z)$$

(14)

$$U \propto T^{5/2}$$

For NET

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U ∝ T

$$U = AT^{5/2}$$

$$P = \frac{2}{3} \frac{U}{V}$$

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$$C_V = \frac{dU}{dT} = \frac{5}{2} AT^{3/2}$$

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$$\frac{C_V(T_c)}{Nk} \approx 1.925$$

$$\frac{C_V}{P} = \frac{3}{2}$$



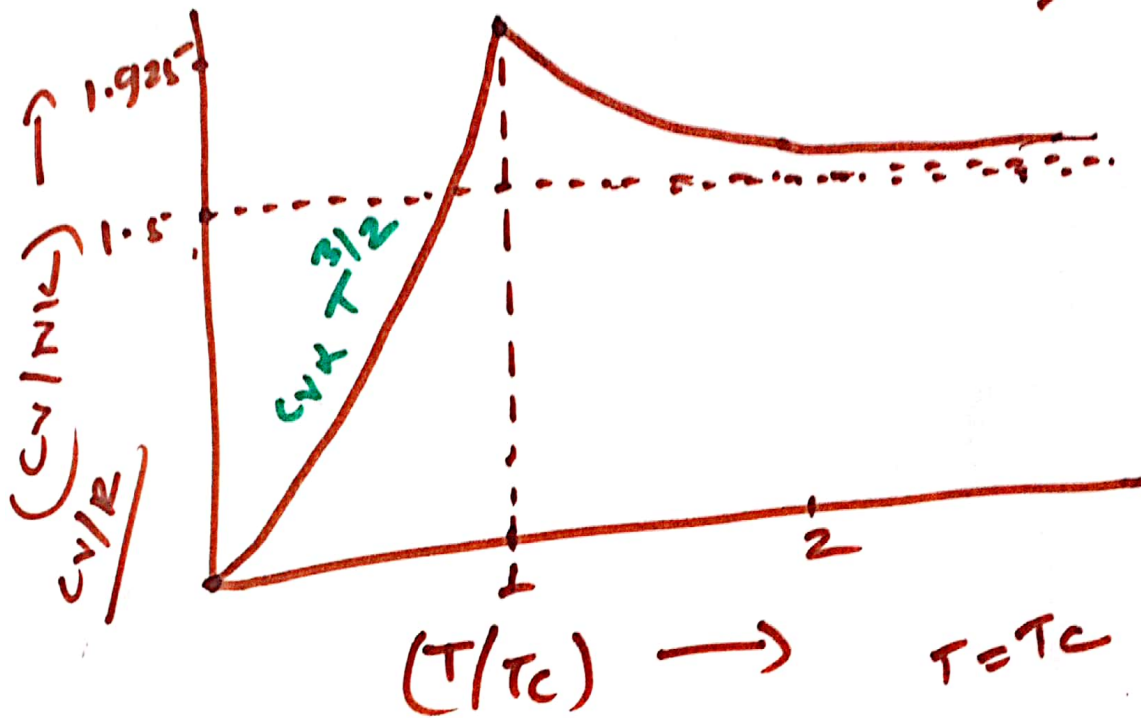


Fig ② The specific heat of an ideal Bose gas as a function of the temperature parameter  $(T/T_c)$ .

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