

$$\hat{A}\hat{B} - \hat{B}\hat{A} = [\hat{A}, \hat{B}]$$

$$[\hat{B}, \hat{A}] = -[\hat{A}, \hat{B}]$$

$$[\hat{A}, \hat{B} + \hat{C}] = [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] + [\hat{A}, \hat{C}]$$

$$[\hat{A}, \hat{B}\hat{C}] = \hat{B}[\hat{A}, \hat{C}] + [\hat{A}, \hat{B}]\hat{C}$$

$$[\hat{A}\hat{B}, \hat{C}] = \hat{A}[\hat{B}, \hat{C}] + [\hat{A}, \hat{C}]\hat{B}$$

$$[\hat{J}_x, \hat{J}_y] = i\hbar\hat{J}_z$$

$$[\hat{J}_z, \hat{J}_x] = i\hbar\hat{J}_y$$

$$[\hat{J}_y, \hat{J}_z] = i\hbar\hat{J}_x$$

# Commuting Hermitian Operators

$$[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{A}\hat{B} - \hat{B}\hat{A} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{A}\hat{B} = \hat{B}\hat{A}$$

$$\hat{A}|a_1\rangle = a_1|a_1\rangle$$

Non-degenerate:

$$\hat{A}|a_2\rangle = a_2|a_2\rangle$$

$$\hat{A}|a_3\rangle = a_3|a_3\rangle$$

$$\hat{A}(\underbrace{\hat{B}|a_1\rangle}_{b|a_1\rangle}) = \hat{B}\hat{A}|a_1\rangle = \hat{B}a_1|a_1\rangle = a_1(\underbrace{\hat{B}|a_1\rangle}_{b|a_1\rangle})$$

$$\hat{B}|a_1\rangle = b|a_1\rangle$$

$$[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{A}\hat{B} - \hat{B}\hat{A} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{A}\hat{B} = \hat{B}\hat{A}$$

Degenerate:

$$\hat{A}|a_1\rangle = a|a_1\rangle$$

$$\hat{A}|a_2\rangle = a|a_2\rangle$$

$$\hat{A}|a_3\rangle = a|a_3\rangle$$

$$\hat{A}(\hat{B}|a_1\rangle) = \hat{B}\hat{A}|a_1\rangle = \hat{B}a|a_1\rangle = a(\hat{B}|a_1\rangle)$$

$\hat{B}|a_1\rangle \neq b|a_1\rangle$

$b|a_1\rangle?$   
 $b|a_2\rangle?$   
 $b|a_3\rangle?$

$$\hat{J}^2 = \hat{J}_x^2 + \hat{J}_y^2 + \hat{J}_z^2$$

$$[\hat{J}_z, \hat{J}^2] = 0$$

$$[\hat{J}_x, \hat{J}^2] = 0$$

$$[\hat{J}_x, \hat{J}_y] = i\hbar \hat{J}_z \neq 0$$

$$[\hat{J}_y, \hat{J}^2] = 0$$

$|\lambda, m\rangle$  shared eigenstate of  $\hat{J}_z$  and  $\hat{J}^2$

$$\hat{J}^2 |\lambda, m\rangle = \lambda \hbar^2 |\lambda, m\rangle$$

$$\hat{J}_z |\lambda, m\rangle = m \hbar |\lambda, m\rangle$$

$$\hat{J}_+ = \hat{J}_x + i \hat{J}_y$$

$$\hat{J}_- = \hat{J}_x - i \hat{J}_y$$

$$\hat{J}_+^\dagger = \hat{J}_x^\dagger - i \hat{J}_y^\dagger = \hat{J}_x - i \hat{J}_y = \hat{J}_-$$

$$\hat{J}_-^\dagger = \hat{J}_+$$

$$[\hat{J}_x, \hat{J}_y] = i\hbar \hat{J}_z$$

$$[\hat{J}_z, \hat{J}_x] = i\hbar \hat{J}_y$$

$$[\hat{J}_y, \hat{J}_z] = i\hbar \hat{J}_x$$

$$[\hat{J}_z, \hat{J}_+] = [\hat{J}_z, \hat{J}_x + i\hat{J}_y] = \underbrace{[\hat{J}_z, \hat{J}_x]}_{i\hbar \hat{J}_y} + i \underbrace{[\hat{J}_z, \hat{J}_y]}_{-i\hbar \hat{J}_x} = i\hbar \hat{J}_y + \hbar \hat{J}_x = \hbar \hat{J}_+$$

$$[\hat{J}_z, \hat{J}_-] = [\hat{J}_z, \hat{J}_x - i\hat{J}_y] = \underbrace{[\hat{J}_z, \hat{J}_x]}_{i\hbar \hat{J}_y} - i \underbrace{[\hat{J}_z, \hat{J}_y]}_{-i\hbar \hat{J}_x} = i\hbar \hat{J}_y - \hbar \hat{J}_x = -\hbar \hat{J}_-$$

$$[\hat{J}_z, \hat{J}_\pm] = \pm \hbar \hat{J}_\pm$$

$$[\hat{J}_z, \hat{J}_\pm] = \pm \hbar \hat{J}_\pm \quad \hat{J}_z |\lambda, m\rangle = m\hbar |\lambda, m\rangle \quad \hat{J}^2 |\lambda, m\rangle = \lambda\hbar^2 |\lambda, m\rangle$$

$$\hat{J}_z \hat{J}_+ - \hat{J}_+ \hat{J}_z = \hbar \hat{J}_+ \quad \Rightarrow \quad \hat{J}_z \hat{J}_+ = \hat{J}_+ \hat{J}_z + \hbar \hat{J}_+$$

$$\hat{J}_z (\hat{J}_+ |\lambda, m\rangle) = (\hat{J}_+ \hat{J}_z + \hbar \hat{J}_+) |\lambda, m\rangle = (\hat{J}_+ m\hbar + \hbar \hat{J}_+) |\lambda, m\rangle = (m+1)\hbar \underbrace{(\hat{J}_+ |\lambda, m\rangle)}_{c_+ \hbar |\lambda, m+1\rangle}$$

$$\hat{J}_z (\hat{J}_+ |\lambda, m\rangle) = (m+1)\hbar (\hat{J}_+ |\lambda, m\rangle) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \hat{J}_+ |\lambda, m\rangle = c_+ \hbar |\lambda, m+1\rangle$$

$$\hat{J}_z \hat{J}_- = \hat{J}_- \hat{J}_z - \hbar \hat{J}_-$$

$$\hat{J}_z (\hat{J}_- |\lambda, m\rangle) = (\hat{J}_- \hat{J}_z - \hbar \hat{J}_-) |\lambda, m\rangle = (\hat{J}_- m\hbar - \hbar \hat{J}_-) |\lambda, m\rangle = (m-1)\hbar \underbrace{(\hat{J}_- |\lambda, m\rangle)}_{c_- \hbar |\lambda, m-1\rangle}$$

$$\hat{J}_z (\hat{J}_- |\lambda, m\rangle) = (m-1)\hbar (\hat{J}_- |\lambda, m\rangle) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \hat{J}_- |\lambda, m\rangle = c_- \hbar |\lambda, m-1\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{J}_- \hat{J}_+ &= (\hat{J}_x - i\hat{J}_y)(\hat{J}_x + i\hat{J}_y) = \hat{J}_x^2 + i\hat{J}_x\hat{J}_y - i\hat{J}_y\hat{J}_x + \hat{J}_y^2 \\ &= \hat{J}_x^2 + \hat{J}_y^2 + i(\hat{J}_x\hat{J}_y - \hat{J}_y\hat{J}_x) = \hat{J}^2 - \hat{J}_z^2 + i[\hat{J}_x, \hat{J}_y] = \hat{J}^2 - \hat{J}_z^2 - i\hbar\hat{J}_z\end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{J}_- \hat{J}_+ = \hat{J}^2 - \hat{J}_z^2 - \hbar\hat{J}_z \qquad \hat{J}_+ \hat{J}_- = \hat{J}^2 - \hat{J}_z^2 + \hbar\hat{J}_z$$

Assume  $j$  is max  $m$ :  $\hat{J}_+ |\lambda, j\rangle = 0$

Assume  $j'$  is min  $m$ :  $\hat{J}_- |\lambda, j'\rangle = 0$

$$\hat{J}_- \hat{J}_+ |\lambda, j\rangle = (\hat{J}^2 - \hat{J}_z^2 - \hbar\hat{J}_z) |\lambda, j\rangle = (\lambda\hbar^2 - j^2\hbar^2 - j\hbar^2) |\lambda, j\rangle = (\lambda - j^2 - j)\hbar^2 |\lambda, j\rangle = 0$$

$$\hat{J}_+ \hat{J}_- |\lambda, j'\rangle = (\hat{J}^2 - \hat{J}_z^2 + \hbar\hat{J}_z) |\lambda, j'\rangle = (\lambda\hbar^2 - j'^2\hbar^2 + j'\hbar^2) |\lambda, j'\rangle = (\lambda - j'^2 + j')\hbar^2 |\lambda, j'\rangle = 0$$

$$\lambda - j^2 - j = 0$$

$$\lambda - j'^2 + j' = 0$$

$$\lambda - j^2 - j = 0$$

$$\lambda = j^2 + j = j'^2 - j'$$

$$1) j' = j + 1$$

$$2) j' = -j$$

Max  $m$  is  $j$

Min  $m$  is  $-j$

$$\lambda = j^2 + j = j(j+1)$$

$$m = -j, -j+1, -j+2, \dots, j-1, j$$

$$j = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, 2, \dots$$



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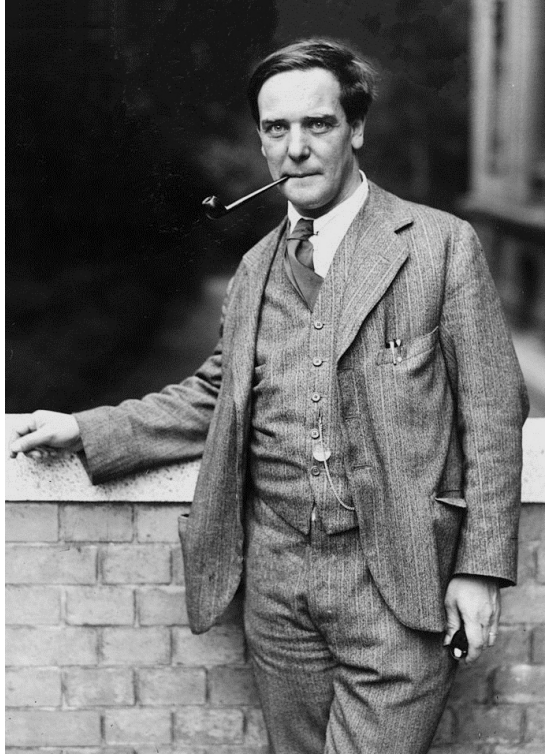

$$j = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Bosons


$$j = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}, \dots$$

Fermions

# SUPERFLUIDITY



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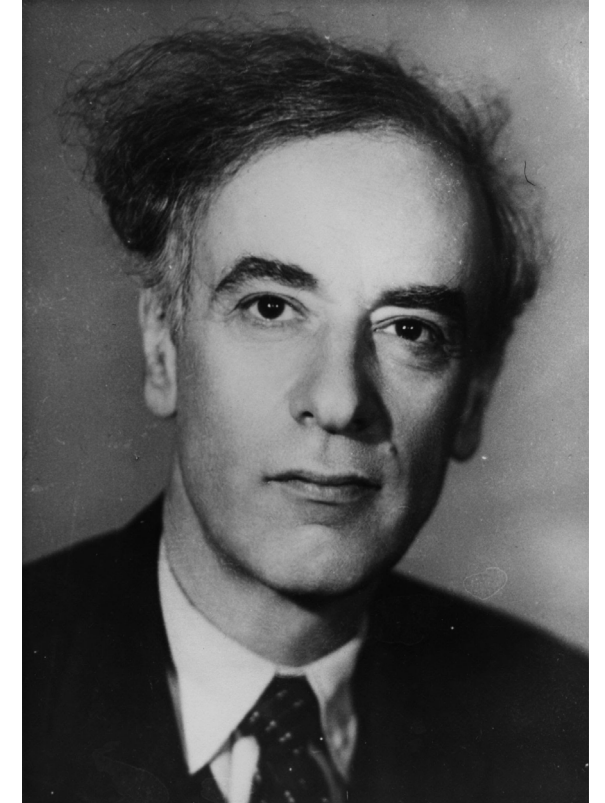
**1978**



**John Frank (Jack) Allen**



**Don Misener**

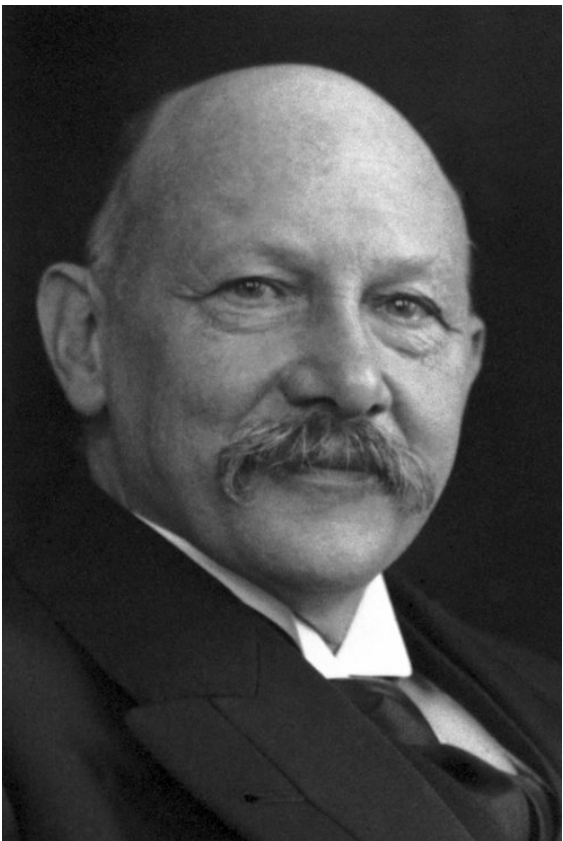


**Lev Landau**



**1962**

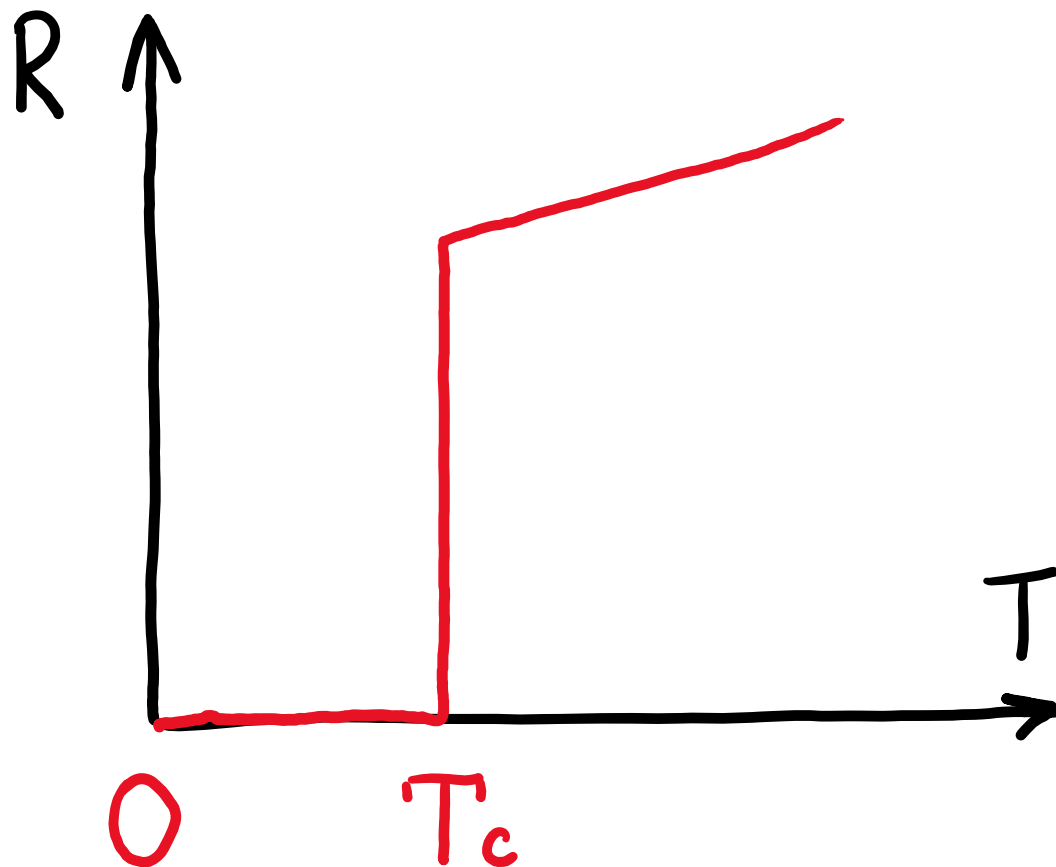
# SUPERCONDUCTIVITY



Heike Kamerlingh Onnes



1913



Leon Cooper



1972

with John Bardeen and  
John Robert Schrieffer

