

zero angular momentum, such pairs must obey Bose-Einstein statistics. If the effective mass does not exceed twice the electron mass by an extremely large factor, then the calculated degeneration temperature⁶ at the concentrations in question is relatively high—of the order of a few hundred degrees absolute. It is postulated that the liquid-liquid phase separation which occurs on slow cooling (upper consolute temperature 232°K) is the device adopted by the systems to avoid the Bose-Einstein condensation, with its unfavorable free energy change. In the more dilute phase the electron constituent is still predominantly the trapped pair, but at a concentration low enough to raise the degeneracy temperature to just above the prevailing temperature. In the more concentrated phase, the trapped electron pairs have become unstable because of the greater ionic forces, and one has essentially a liquid metal, the trapped single electrons being below the Fermi-Dirac degeneration temperature. The small, temperature independent paramagnetism⁴ of very concentrated solutions would appear to support this latter model.

By sufficiently rapid cooling, it appears that the liquid-liquid phase separation is prevented, and that the system becomes frozen and hence metastable in the "forbidden" concentration region, which is thus characterized by the Bose-Einstein condensation of trapped electron pairs. From the discussion of London,⁵ apparently such a state must display the phenomenon of electrical superconductivity, in agreement with the above experimental observations.

The extension of the above model to explain previously observed superconductivity is apparent, and is the more plausible in view of the essentially only quasi-metallic character of the large number of alloys and compounds which display the phenomenon.⁶

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Concerning Some New Methods of Acceleration of Relativistic Particles

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IN two papers^{1,2} appearing in 1944 under the above title the author of the present letter pointed out two new principles of acceleration of relativistic particles which generalize the resonance method.

New possibilities for the resonance acceleration of particles in a constant magnetic field are described in the first of these papers, and the possibility of resonance acceleration in magnetic fields which increase with time is also noted.

This latter case is specially examined in the second paper. It is shown that phase stability automatically sets in if

the time variation of the field is sufficiently small; relation between the amplitude of the variable electric fields and the rate of variation of the magnetic field is established.

It is also pointed out that the radiation losses in such acceleration do not violate phasing mechanism. Finally in a detailed paper³ an accelerator of heavy particles based on a variation in frequency is analyzed.

Thus the foregoing papers cover completely the contents of the note by McMillan⁴ in which no reference is made to my investigations.

Construction of a 30-Mev accelerator with varying magnetic field is now nearing completion at the Physical Institute of the Academy of Sciences, U.S.S.R.

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Erratum: A Method for Measuring Effective Contact e.m.f. between a Metal and a Semi-Conductor

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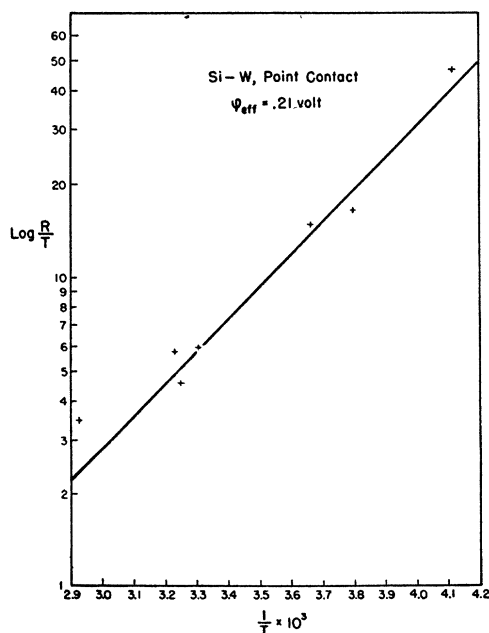


FIG. 1