# Low-density helium monolayers as two-dimensional imperfect gases: An analysis employing the second virial coefficient\*

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The quantum second virial coefficient of two-dimensional systems interacting with a hard-core or Lennard-Jones 6-12 potential are calculated together with the contribution this coefficient makes to the specific heat of such systems. The results are compared with experimental data from low-density He<sup>3</sup> and He<sup>4</sup> monolayers adsorbed on graphite. The calculation provides a qualitative and quantitative understandiang of the experimental measurements. In particular it illuminates the manner in which the interaction and the difference in statistics cause the very different specific-heat measurements in the two isotopes. The magnetic susceptibility of low-density He<sup>3</sup> monolayers is predicted.

## I. INTRODUCTION

There has been considerable interest in the recent experiments performed on systems of helium adsorbed on graphite.<sup>1</sup> This interest is merited because such systems are easily prepared over a wide range of densities and temperatures thereby permitting a methodical study of the effects of the interaction, as the system varies from a weakly to a strongly interacting one, and of the quantum mechanics, as it varies from a classical to a highly degenerate state. In addition, the helium behaves as a two-dimensional (2D) system at low temperatures so that a study of the effects of reduced dimensionality upon such phase transitions as solidification<sup>2</sup> and superfluidity<sup>2, 3-</sup>can be made. The manner in which these transitions vary with film thickness is also easily investigated.<sup>4</sup>

Heat-capacity-measurement results from highdensity monolayer systems of He<sup>3</sup> and He<sup>4</sup> are substantially the same for both isotopes and are qualitatively understood as indicating the existence of solid phases which, depending upon the density, are either in or out of registry with the array of adsorption sites provided by the graphite.<sup>5</sup>

Data from low-density samples, however, have received conflicting interpretations, and the difference in the signals from each isotope has received no satisfactory explanation.

It is the purpose of this paper to show that a study of the virial expansion of the thermodynamic properties of a two-dimensional system of bosons or fermions interacting with a potential appropriate to helium provides a qualitative and quantitative understanding of the experimental data in the low-density regime. In particular, such a study illuminates the manner in which the interparticle interaction and the difference in statistics combine to produce very different signals for the isotopes. The analysis also provides a basis for predictions relevant to future experiments, such as on the magnetic susceptibility of He<sup>3</sup> films.

In Sec. II we provide a brief review of the heatcapacity data from low-density samples of adsorbed He<sup>3</sup> and He<sup>4</sup>, and indicate those features which we believe need to be understood. Section III is devoted to a formulation of the virial expansion of the thermodynamic properties of a twodimensional system. In the Sec. IV the formalism is applied to systems interacting with a hard-core or Lennard-Jones 6-12 potential. The results of the latter are compared with experimental data in Sec. V. The possibility of a liquid-gas transition is investigated in Sec. VI. Section VII provides a summary of our understanding of the low-density systems. We conclude with a discussion of the virial expansion of the magnetic susceptibility of He<sup>3</sup> films and a prediction for its behavior at low densities.

# **II. REVIEW OF EXPERIMENTAL DATA**

We shall examine here the heat-capacity data taken from low-density systems of He<sup>3</sup> and He<sup>4</sup> adsorbed on graphite. In order to give meaning to the term "low density" we note the following. The number densities at which the first helium layer adsorbed on graphite is completed and the second layer begins to form are 0.115 and 0.017 Å<sup>-2</sup> for He<sup>4</sup> and He<sup>3</sup>, respectively. The largest density of any system whose behavior we shall compare with theory is 0.0483 Å<sup>-2</sup>, somewhat less than onehalf a monolayer. A lower limit to the densities of interest to us is provided by the observation<sup>6</sup> that inhomogeneities in the graphite substrate make substantial contributions to the heat capacity at densities less than 0.025 Å<sup>-2</sup>.

Figure 1 shows the specific heat for two samples of He<sup>3</sup> of densities 0.0279 (circles) and 0.0415 Å<sup>-2</sup> (plusses) from 1 to 4 K.<sup>7</sup> That the data appear to

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FIG. 1. Specific heats of adsorbed He<sup>3</sup> at densities of 0.0279 (circles) and 0.0415 Å<sup>-2</sup> (pluses).

become asymptotic at high temperatures to a value near unity is evidence for the gaslike nature of the system. The density-dependent deviations from unity are noteworthy as they are much larger than those expected from an ideal Fermi gas. That model yields specific heats which, at 4 K, are within 0.003 and 0.008 of unity for the densities cited above. The solid curves in Fig. 1 are fits to the data made by Bretz and Dash.<sup>7</sup> They used the ideal-Fermi-gas model but accounted for the deviation by assuming that the number of atoms in the gas phase was less than the number of atoms in the system. The Fermi temperatures needed to fit the data, 3.4 and 4.8 K, are in poor agreement with the values calculated from the measured density and bare mass, 1.39 and 2.11 K. As the temperature is lowered, the specific heat continues to fall until about 0.2 K at which temperature a "shoulder" appears as shown<sup>8</sup> in Fig. 2. This feature is very similar to one appearing in bulk He<sup>3</sup> which has been attributed to an ordering of the nuclear spins.9

The specific-heat data from  $He^4$  samples are quite different from the above as can be seen from Fig. 3 which shows the signal<sup>7</sup> from  $He^4$  systems of densities 0.0273 and 0.0399 Å<sup>-2</sup>. At high temperatures the data become asymptotic to a value near unity indicating a gaslike phase. However there again occurs a significant density-dependent deviation from unity. By comparing the 0.0273  $\text{\AA}^{-2}$ signal of Fig. 3 with that of the 0.0279  $Å^{-2}$  He<sup>3</sup> signal in Fig. 1, it is seen that for the same density, the He<sup>3</sup> signal shows a greater deviation from unity. As the temperature is lowered, the  $He^4$  data rise. We note that the curves cross one another at 2.2 K. Finally, they reach a maximum and begin to fall. This signal has been variously interpreted as indicating the presence of long-range inhomogeneities in the graphite<sup>10</sup> or a liquid-gas transition.<sup>11</sup> It is natural to enquire whether any of the features of the heat-capacity signals can be attributed to the band structure induced by the periodic substrate potential. This structure has been calculated by Hagen, Milford, and Novaco.<sup>12</sup> They find that for energies within 70 K of the bottom of the lowest band, the band structure is little changed from that of a free particle. The small changes which do occur consist of the introduction of narrow band gaps and the splitting of degeneracies. Assuming that the He atoms interact only with the substrate, Hagen et al. calculate the specific heat of the system. Because the effects of the periodic potential on the bands is small, the heat capacity resembles that of an ideal gas with small deviations. Of interest to us is the fact that the specific heat is reduced by about 10% of the ideal value at 4 K, so that the deviation from unity observed in the data might be attributable to the band structure. The effect of the assumption of zero interparticle interaction is unknown however. Further, the specific heat of ideal bosons and spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  fermions are very similar (they would be identical in 2D if the two systems had the same spin<sup>13</sup>) so that the band structure, which produces only small differences from the ideal results, cannot account for the dif-



FIG. 2. Low-temperature specific heats of adsorbed He<sup>3</sup> systems.



FIG. 3. Specific heats of adsorbed He<sup>4</sup> at densities of 0.0273 (pluses) and 0.0399 Å<sup>-2</sup> (crosses).

ferences in the experimental signals.

We are therefore led to an investigation of the effects of the two-particle interaction in order to explicate the significant features of the experimental specific-heat signals which, for the reader's convenience, we summarize below.

(i) At 4 K the specific heat of both isotopes is significantly less than unity with greater deviations occurring for samples of greater density. For equal densities, the signal from  $He^3$  deviates more than that of  $He^4$ .

(ii) With decreasing temperature the  $He^4$  signals rise and cross one another at about 2 K. They reach a peak at about 1.5 K and then fall.

(iii) With decreasing temperature the  $He^3$  signals fall. Near 0.2 K a "shoulder" in the signal appears.

## III. THEORY

## A. Virial expansion

The problem of the interacting classical gas with pair interactions was first put into tractable form by means of a cluster-expansion technique developed by Ursell and Mayer.<sup>14</sup> Their method was subsequently generalized by Kahn and Uhlenbeck<sup>15</sup> who introduced a cluster-expansion formulism, valid for classical or quantum-mechanical systems with a general interaction potential. Another method was later developed by Kilpatrick.<sup>16</sup> His procedure is described as follows.

The definition of the grand partition function is

$$\mathscr{Q}(z, A, T) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} Z_{l}(A, T) z^{l},$$
 (3.1)

where  $Z_1(A, T)$  is the canonical partition function for l particles and z is the fugacity. If the logarithm of the grand partition function is expanded in a power series in z, called the cluster expansion,

$$\frac{1}{A}\ln Q(z, A, T) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i(A, T) z^i, \qquad (3.2)$$

then the coefficient  $b_1(A, T)$ , called the *l*th cluster integral, can be found by comparing the series expansion of  $\exp[\ln \varrho(z, A, T)]$  with Eq. (3.1). The procedure is straightforward and the result is

$$b_{l}(A, T) = \frac{1}{A} \sum_{\{m\}} (-1)^{\delta - 1} (\delta - 1)! \prod_{j=1}^{l} Z_{j}^{m_{j}}(A, T) / m_{j}!,$$
(3.3)

where  $\delta \equiv \sum_{j=1}^{l} m_j$  and the summation is over all sets of positive integers  $m_j$  including zero such that  $\sum_{j=1}^{l} jm_j = l$ .

The expansion of the logarithm of the grand par-

tition function, Eq. (3.2), with  $b_i(A, T)$  given by Eq. (3.3) is the principal result of the cluster-expansion technique. The thermodynamic functions of the system are found by eliminating the quantity z from the parametric equations of state for the spreading pressure

$$\beta \varphi = \frac{1}{A} \ln \mathfrak{Q}(z, A, T) = \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l(A, T) z^l, \qquad (3.4)$$

with  $\beta = 1/kT$ , and particle density

$$n = \frac{1}{A} z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \ln \varrho(z, A, T) = \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} l b_l(A, T) z^l .$$
 (3.5)

In particular, eliminating z by expressing the pressure in a power series in the density yields the socalled virial expansion of the equation of state,

$$\beta \varphi = \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} B_l(A, T) n^l, \qquad (3.6)$$

where  $B_1(A, T)$  is called the *l*th virial coefficient. The first virial coefficient is identically unity. If the density, given by Eq. (3.5), is substituted into the virial expansion and the resulting expression compared with Eq. (3.4), then the virial coefficient can be found by solving in succession the system of equations

$$b_{l}(A, T) = \sum_{\{m\}} B_{\delta}(A, T) \delta!$$

$$\times \prod_{j=1}^{l} [jb_{j}(A, T)]^{m_{j}}/m_{j}!. \qquad (3.7)$$

The virial coefficients are given in terms of the partition functions by eliminating the cluster integrals in the above expression, using Eq. (3.3).

In the thermodynamic limit, the area and number of particles of the system become infinite while the density N/A remains finite. As this is the case of interest, the virial coefficient is redefined by

$$B_{l}(T) = \lim_{A \to \infty} B_{l}(A, T),$$

and is assumed to exist in the limit.

It follows from the expansion of the pressure, Eq. (3.6), together with the fact that in the limit of zero density all thermodynamic functions must reduce to their noninteracting classical values (denoted below by the subscript zero), that for the interacting system, the Helmholtz free energy is

$$\beta F/N = \beta F_0/N + \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} l^{-1} B_{l+1}(T) m^l.$$

The other thermodynamic functions can be found

from this result. Of particular interest to us is the specific heat at constant area:

$$\frac{C}{Nk} = \frac{C_0}{Nk} - \beta^2 \frac{d^2}{d\beta^2} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} B_{l+1}(T) \frac{n^l}{l}.$$
(3.8)

The presence of the substrate greatly complicates the calculation of the virial coefficients. In order to make our problem tractable we shall henceforth ignore the periodic potential due to the substrate. The substrate potential appears only implicitly in that we treat the adsorbed helium as a 2D system.

With the above assumptions

$$F_0 = N\beta^{-1} \{ \ln[n\lambda^2/(2s+1)] - 1 \}, \quad C_0 = Nk, \qquad (3.9)$$

where  $\lambda \equiv (2\pi\hbar^2\beta/M)^{1/2}$  is the thermal wavelength, and s is the spin of the particle.

The *l*th virial coefficient, being related to the *l*-particle partition function, requires the solution of the *l*-body problem. For most problems therefore, expansions of the thermodynamic quantities are truncated after the second virial coefficient.<sup>17</sup> In particular, the specific heat becomes

$$\frac{C}{Nk} = 1 - n\beta^2 \, \frac{d^2 B_2(T)}{d\beta^2}, \tag{3.10}$$

where Eq. (3.9) has been used. The range of temperature and density for which this expression is adequate must be investigated.

#### B. Second virial coefficient

The second virial coefficient, henceforth denoted  $B(\beta)$ , can, from Eqs. (3.3) and (3.7), be written in the form

$$B(\beta) = -\lim_{A \to \infty} A[Z_2(A, \beta) - \frac{1}{2}Z_1^2(A, \beta)]/Z_1^2(A, \beta). \quad (3.11)$$

For purposes of orientation, it should be noted that, from the expansion of the virial equation of state [Eq. (3.6)]

$$\beta \varphi / n = 1 + nB + \cdots$$

B is expected to be positive for repulsive potentials thereby causing an increase in the pressure over its ideal-gas value, and negative for attractive potentials, causing a decrease in the pressure.

For potentials which only depend on the magnitude of the relative separation between particles, and the potentials with which we are concerned are of this kind, the following *classical* expression is easily obtained from Eq. (3.10):

$$B(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty (1 - e^{-\beta V(r)}) 2\pi r \, dr \, .$$

Substituting this classical approximation into Eq.

(3.10), one obtains

$$C/Nk - 1 = n\beta^2 \int_0^\infty V(r)^2 e^{-\beta V(r)} 2\pi r dr$$

We observe that, in the classical approximation, the deviation of the specific heat from unity is always positive. However, it was noted that the observed deviations of the specific heat of the helium monolayers are negative. As the classical approximation can not explain these deviations or the  $He^3$ specific heat, it is necessary to turn to the quantum-mechanical expression for the second virial coefficient.

The quantum-mechanical partition function for N identical particles is

$$Z_{N}(A, \beta) = \int d\vec{\mathbf{r}}_{1} \cdots d\vec{\mathbf{r}}_{N} \sum_{\alpha} \psi_{\alpha} * (\vec{\mathbf{r}}_{N})$$
$$\times e^{-\beta H(\vec{\mathbf{p}}_{N}, \vec{\mathbf{t}}_{N})} \psi_{\alpha}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}_{N}), \qquad (3.12)$$

where the  $\psi_{\alpha}(\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_N)$  are any complete orthonormal set of wave functions. For bosons (fermions) the summation is only over those states which are totally symmetric (antisymmetric) under exchange of particle coordinates, including spin. As the spin dependence of our problem is trivial, we consider first spinless particles and insert the appropriate spin factors at the end of the development. As the single-particle partition function  $Z_1(A, T)$  is simply  $A/\lambda^2$ , the second virial coefficient for spinless particles is, from Eqs. (3.11) and (3.12),

$$B(\beta) = \lim_{A \to \infty} \frac{1}{2A} \int \int \left( 1 - 2\lambda^4 \sum_{\alpha} \psi_{\alpha} * (\vec{\mathbf{r}}_1, \vec{\mathbf{r}}_2) \right) \times e^{-\beta H} \psi_{\alpha} (\vec{\mathbf{r}}_1, \vec{\mathbf{r}}_2) d\vec{\mathbf{r}}_1 d\vec{\mathbf{r}}_2$$

For convenience, the wave functions  $\psi_{\alpha}$  are taken to be eigenfunctions of the two-body Hamiltonian with eigenvalues  $E_{\alpha}$ . As usual,  $\psi_{\alpha}$  can be factored into a center-of-mass wave function multiplied by the relative wave function. Upon carrying out the sum over all center-of-mass momenta, the expression for  $B(\beta)$  becomes

$$B(\beta) = \lim_{A \to \infty} \frac{1}{2} \int \left( 1 - 4\lambda^2 \sum_n |\psi_n(\mathbf{\tilde{r}})|^2 e^{-\beta E_n} \right) d\mathbf{\tilde{r}},$$
(3.13)

where  $\psi_n$  and  $E_n$  are the relative eigenfunctions and eigenvalues. In the absence of any two-body potential, the virial coefficient is given by its ideal value  $B^0(\beta)$ , where

$$B^{0}(\beta) = \lim_{A \to \infty} \frac{1}{2} \int \left( 1 - 4\lambda^{2} \sum_{n} |\psi_{n}^{0}(\vec{\mathbf{r}})|^{2} e^{-\beta E_{n}^{0}} \right) d\vec{\mathbf{r}} .$$
(3.14)

Using properly symmetrized plane waves, one can easily evaluate this expression and obtain

$$B^{0}(\beta) = \mp \frac{1}{4}\lambda^{2}, \qquad (3.15)$$

where the minus sign is for bosons and reflects the statistical attraction which decreases the pressure from its classical ideal value. Similarly the positive sign for fermions is due to the statistical repulsion.

By subtracting Eqs. (3.13) and (3.14) and using the fact that the relative wave functions are normalized, the second virial coefficient can be written

$$B(\beta) = B^{0}(\beta) + \lim_{A \to \infty} 2\lambda^{2} \sum_{n} \left( e^{-\beta E_{n}^{0}} - e^{-\beta E_{n}} \right). \quad (3.16)$$

Because of the cylindrical symmetry of the potential the relative quantum numbers can be taken to be the usual azimuthal quantum number m and a radial quantum number k which is related to the relative energy according to

$$E_k = \hbar^2 k^2 / 2\mu$$
,

where  $\mu$  is the reduced mass. The resulting sums over the azimuthal quantum number contain only even values of  $m(0, \pm 2, \pm 4, \ldots)$  for bosons and odd values of  $m(\pm 1, \pm 3, \ldots)$  for fermions. Equation (3.16) is further simplified by writing the sum over any bound states of the potential explicitly and replacing the sum over the quasicontinuum of states by an integration weighted with a density of states. The resulting expression is

$$B(\beta) = B^{0}(\beta) - 2\lambda^{2} \sum_{B}' e^{-\beta E_{B}}$$
$$- 2\lambda^{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} \sum_{k}' [g_{m}(k) - g_{m}^{0}(k)] e^{-\beta \hbar^{2} k^{2}/2 \mu} dk,$$
(3.17)

where the subscript B stands for bound states and prime on the sum denotes a restriction to even or odd values of m.

The difference in density of states is usually related to the scattering phase shifts by the following argument.<sup>18</sup> The relative wave function  $\psi_{m,k}(r)$ can be factored into a product of a trivial azimuthal part and nontrivial radial wave functions  $R_{m,k}(r)$ which satisfies the equation

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{d}{dr} R_{m,k}(r) \right) + (k^2 - m^2/r^2) R_{m,k}(r)$$
$$= [2\mu V(r)/\hbar^2] R_{m,k}(r) . \quad (3.18)$$

For large value of r where the potential is assumed negligible,

$$R_{m,k}(r) \sim \cos[kr - \frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{2}m\pi + \delta_m(k)], \qquad (3.19)$$

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which defines the phase shift  $\delta_m(k)$  of the *m*th partial wave. If the system is placed within a cylinder of radius R, the vanishing of the wave function at the boundary requires, for the noninteracting system, that

$$\cos(kR - \frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{2}m\pi) = 0,$$

so that the allowed values of k are given by

$$kR - \frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{2}m\pi = (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

The change in k,  $\Delta k$ , with a change in n,  $\Delta n = 1$ , is easily obtained from the above as is  $g^{0}(k)$  which is the limit of  $\Delta n/\Delta k$  as R becomes infinite and  $\Delta k$ vanishes. One obtains

$$g_m^0(k) = R/\pi$$
.

The same argument applied to the interacting system yields

$$kR - \frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{2}m\pi + \delta_m(k) = (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi$$

and

$$g_m(k) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( R + \frac{\partial \delta_m(k)}{\partial k} \right),$$

so that

$$g_m(k) - g_m^0(k) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\partial \delta_m(k)}{\partial k},$$

which is the quantity which appears in Eq. (3.17). The above expression is substituted into Eq. (3.17) and a partial integration is carried out. Using the fact<sup>19</sup> that the number of bound states with azimuthal quantum number m is equal to  $\delta_m(0)/\pi$ , we obtain the final expression for the second virial coefficient of a spinless Bose or Fermi system:

$$B(\beta) = \mp \frac{1}{4} \lambda^{2} - 2\lambda^{2} \sum_{B}' (e^{-\beta E_{B}} - 1) - \frac{2\lambda^{4}}{\pi^{2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} dk \, k \, \sum_{m}' \delta_{m}(k) \, e^{-\beta \hbar^{2} k^{2} / 2 \, \mu} \,.$$
(3.20)

The origin of the first, ideal, term has already been discussed. Since  $E_B$  is negative, the contribution of the second term, which reflects the possibility of forming bound pairs, is negative. Thus, this possibility causes a decrease in the pressure as expected. That the last term, which contains all other effects of the interaction, has the correct sign is seen when it is recalled that the phase shifts of repulsive potentials are negative and those of attractive potentials are positive. Thus this term is positive for repulsive potentials and negative for attractive potentials as expected.

The virial coefficient for a system of spin s can

now be related to those for spinless Bose and Fermi systems. There are  $(2s+1)^2$  spin states of which a fraction (s+1)/(2s+1) are symmetric and s/(2s+1) are antisymmetric. For a fermion system, the symmetric spin states must be multiplied by antisymmetric spatial states which enter into the spinless-fermion virial coefficient  $B_F(\beta)$ . Similarly the antisymmetric spin states multiply symmetric spatial states which enter into the spinlessboson virial coefficient  $B_B(\beta)$ . Thus

$$B_F^{(s)}(\beta) = \frac{s+1}{2s+1} B_F(\beta) + \frac{s}{2s+1} B_B(\beta).$$

In particular, for spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  fermions

$$B_{F}^{(1/2)}(\beta) = \frac{3}{4} B_{F}(\beta) + \frac{1}{4} B_{B}(\beta) . \qquad (3.21)$$

A similar argument for bosons yields

$$B_{B}^{(s)}(\beta) = \frac{s+1}{2s+1} B_{B}(\beta) + \frac{s}{2s+1} B_{F}(\beta) .$$

Lastly we state without proof that the second virial coefficient of a binary mixture of components C and D having second virial coefficients  $B_C^{(s)}, B_D^{(s')}$  and densities  $n_C, n_D$ , respectively, is<sup>20</sup>

$$B(\beta) = \left(\frac{n_c}{n}\right)^2 B_c^{(s)} + \left(\frac{n_c n_p}{n^2}\right) B_{cD} + \left(\frac{n_p}{n}\right)^2 B_b^{(s')},$$

where

$$n = n_C + n_D,$$

and  $B_{CD}$  can be put in the form

$$B_{CD} = -\lambda_{\mu}^{2} \sum_{B} (e^{-\beta E_{B}} - 1) - (\lambda_{\mu}/\pi)^{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} dk \, k \, \sum_{m} \delta_{m}(k) \, e^{-\beta \hbar^{2} k^{2}/2 \, \mu} \,.$$
(3.22)

In this expression  $E_B$  and  $\delta_m(k)$  are the bound states and phase shifts of the two-particle (one *C*, one *D*) problem, the sum is over all values of *m* and

$$\begin{split} \lambda_{\mu}^2 &= 2\pi \hbar^2 \beta/2\mu \ , \\ \mu &= M_C M_D/(M_C + M_D) \ . \end{split}$$

It is easily shown that  $B_{CD}$  is simply the second virial coefficient of a system of distinguishable particles of mass  $2\mu$ .

In Sec. IV we calculate the phase shifts, second virial coefficient, and the contribution to the specific heat from two interactions of interest to us: the hard-core and Lennard-Jones 6-12 potentials.

## **IV. APPLICATION OF THEORY**

## A. Hard-core interaction

We choose to study first the infinitely repulsive hard-core potential [V(r)] is infinite for r < a and

vanishes otherwise] because any realistic helium interaction will contain a strong short-range repulsion. The effects of this repulsion can more easily be separated from the effects of an additional weak attraction by examining a simple case which consists solely of repulsion.

The solution of the radial equation, Eq. (3.18), for r greater than a is

$$R_{m,k}(r) = C_m(k) [J_m(kr) \cos \delta_m(k) - Y_m(kr) \sin \delta_m(k)],$$

where  $\delta_m(k)$  is the phase shift defined previously by Eq. (3.19), and  $J_m(kr)$ ,  $Y_m(kr)$  are the cylindrical Bessel functions of order *m* of the first and second kind, respectively. The condition that the relative wave function vanishes at r equal to *a*, determines the phase-shift modulo  $\pi$  according to

$$\tan \delta_m(q) = J_m(q) / Y_m(q), \qquad (4.1)$$

where  $q \equiv ka$ .

Since  $\delta_m(0)$  is equal to the number of bound states with azimuthal quantum number *m* and the hardcore potential has no bound states, we know that  $\delta_m(0)$  vanishes. The absolute value of the phase shift at any other value of *q* can then be obtained by requiring that  $\delta_m(q)$  be a continuous function of *q*.

These phase shifts are used to calculate the second virial coefficient according to Eq. (3.20). The third term in that equation was evaluated numerically. For a given value of k, the phase-shift sum included all even or odd values of m whose absolute value was less than some integer  $\nu$  which was determined by the condition

$$\delta_{u}(q) \leq 10^{-5} \text{ rad}$$
.

The integral over k was evaluated numerically with the upper limit replaced by a large value of k determined as follows. The error made in truncating the integral depends on the asymptotic form of the phase-shift sum for large k. This form is found by noting that

$$\frac{d}{dq} \tan \delta_m(q) = \frac{d\delta_m(q)}{dq} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \delta_m(q)}$$
$$= \frac{d\delta_m(q)}{dq} \frac{\left[Y_m^2(q) + J_m^2(q)\right]}{Y_m^2(q)}$$

using Eq. (4.1). However, differentiating this equation directly yields

$$\frac{d}{dq}\tan\delta_m(q)=-\frac{2}{\pi q Y_m^2(q)}.$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\delta_m(q)}{dq} = -\frac{2}{\pi q} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{J_m^2(q) + Y_m^2(q)}$$

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	18,500 00	1.44749	0.24116	-0.10343		18,500 00	1.44749	0.24116	-0.10343
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22.000 00         1.407 70         0.218 54         -0.094 87         22.000 00         1.407 70         0.218 54         -0.094 87	22.000 00	1.407 70	0.218 54	-0.094 87		22,000 00	1.40770	0.21854	-0.09487
22.500 00         1.402 82         0.215 78         -0.093 84         22.500 00         1.402 82         0.215 78         -0.093 84	22,500 00	1.40282	0.21578	-0.093 84		22,500 00	1.40282	0.21578	-0.093 84
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<u>30.000 00 1.345 49 0.183 88 -0.085 00</u> <u>30.000 00 1.345 49 0.183 89 -0.085 01</u>	30,000 00	1.345 49	0.183 88	-0.085 00	_	30.000 00	1.34549	0.183 89	-0.085 01

$$\lim_{q\to\infty}\sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty}\,\delta_m(q)=-\tfrac{1}{4}\,\pi q^2\;.$$

The limit of the sum over even or odd values is just  $\frac{1}{2}$  of this. When this asymptotic dependence is used in Eq. (3.20), it is seen that the error made in the dimensionless quantity  $B(\beta)/a^2$ , upon truncating the integral at a value  $k_c \equiv q_c/a$  is of order

$$\int_{q_c^2/T^{\bigstar}}^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx = e^{-q_c^2/T^{\bigstar}} (q_c^2/T^{\bigstar}+1),$$

where  $T^{\star} \equiv kTM a^2/\hbar^2$  and M is the particle mass. A cut off of  $q_c = 20$  was used for  $T^{\star}$  up to 30. From the above, the error in  $B(\beta)/a^2$  is of the order of  $2 \times 10^{-5}$ . It is convenient to measure  $B(\beta)$  in units of its classical value, which, from Eq. (3.11) is simply  $\frac{1}{2}\pi a^2$ . We therefore define

 $B^{\bigstar} \equiv 2B/\pi a^2$ .

A tabulation of  $B^{+}$  versus  $T^{+}$  appears in Tables I and II. These values are in good agreement with those calculated by Steele and Derderian.<sup>22</sup> The results are shown graphically in Fig. 4. There are at least two interesting features. First, the virial coefficient is substantially larger than its classical value even out to  $T^{+}$  of 30. Second, the effects of statistics is negligible for  $T^{+}$  greater than about one. The reason for this is well understood and has been investigated in detail by Boyd, Larsen, and Kilpatrick.<sup>23</sup> The essence of the argument is that exchange effects are only important

FIG. 4. Second virial coefficients for 2D hard-core systems.

when the particles are within a thermal wavelength of one another. This is impossible when the thermal wavelengths are smaller than the hard-core diameter and this condition occurs for  $T^*$  greater than or on the order of unity. It will be seen later that this suppression of exchange effects by the potential will be important in the interpretation of our results for the susceptibility of He<sup>3</sup>.

The contribution of the second virial coefficient to the specific heat,

$$-\beta^2 \frac{d^2 B^*}{d\beta^2} \approx 2 \frac{C/Nk-1}{n\pi a^2}$$

was obtained by performing the differentiations with respect to  $\beta$  on Eq. (3.20) and evaluating the resulting expression numerically. The results for this quantity, as well as those for  $\beta dB^*/d\beta$  which enters the virial expansion of the entropy, are presented in Tables I and II. Figure 5 shows the quantity  $-\beta^2 d^2 B^*/d\beta^2$  vs  $T^*$ . From this figure it can be seen that the specific heats for both bosons and fermions are essentially identical above  $T^*$  of unity and that C/Nk is greater than unity. With decreasing temperature, the specific heats increase. Ultimately the specific heat of the quantum-mechanical system must fall to zero but this decrease is not contained in the second virial coefficient. It can be stated from the above results, however, that at low densities, the specific heat of hardcore boson or fermion systems will have a rounded peak. This behavior is similar to the experimental signals from He<sup>4</sup> films and gives a clue as to its origin. However the analysis of the hard-core systems sheds no light on the negative deviation of the heat capacity at high temperatures or the great difference between the He<sup>3</sup> and He<sup>4</sup> signals.



FIG. 5. Deviation of the specific heat from unity per unit density for a hard-core system.



We can only hope that a more realistic potential will elucidate these features and therefore turn to the Lennard-Jones potential.

# B. Lennard-Jones 6-12 potential

The Lennard-Jones 6-12 potential defined by

$$V(r) = 4\epsilon \left[ (\sigma/r)^{12} - (\sigma/r)^6 \right]$$
(4.2)

is very often used to represent the interaction between two inert atoms. Approximation methods have been employed to calculate the second virial coefficient of a 2D system interacting with such a potential,<sup>22</sup> but we believed that these methods yield inaccurate results in the temperature range of primary interest to us.<sup>24</sup> We have therefore applied the procedure outlined in the Sec. IV A to the above potential.

The solution of the radial Schrödinger equation containing the Lennard-Jones potential are not common tabulated functions and must therefore be calculated numerically. The Schrödinger equation was integrated using the Numerov process<sup>25</sup> for given values of  $q = k\sigma$  and m. By starting the integration well within the repulsive part of the potential, the solution becomes independent of the precise starting values. The integration is carried out to a cut off  $r_c$  and the phase shift is determined modulo  $\pi$  from the usual matching condition which gives

$$\tan \delta_{m}(q) = \frac{qR_{m,q}(x_{c})J'_{m}(qx_{c}) - J_{m}(qx_{c})R'_{m,q}(x_{c})}{qR_{m,q}(x_{c})Y'_{m}(qx_{c}) - Y_{m}(qx_{c})R'_{m,q}(x_{c})},$$
(4.3)

where  $x \equiv r/\sigma$  and the prime denotes a derivative with respect to the argument. Once the number of bound states is known, the absolute value of the phase shift can be found as outlined in the discussion of the hard-core problem. It was desired that the cut off be chosen so that the contribution to the phase shift of that part of the potential beyond the cut off was less than  $10^{-5}$  rad. It can be shown<sup>20</sup> that this requires that, for a given q,

 $x_c \ge 10(p^2/5q)^{1/5}$ ,

where

$$p^2 \equiv 8\mu \epsilon \sigma^2/\hbar^2$$

For sufficiently large values of |m|, the phase shifts approach those given by the Born approximation

$$\delta_m^{\mathrm{Born}} = -(\mu \pi/\hbar^2) \int_0^\infty V(r) J_m^2(kr) dr,$$

which for the Lennard-Jones potential are given by

$$\begin{split} \delta_{m}^{\text{Born}} &= -\frac{\pi p^{2} q^{10}}{2^{12}} \quad \frac{\Gamma(11)\Gamma(|m|-5)}{\Gamma^{2}(6)\Gamma(|m|+6)} \\ &+ \frac{\pi p^{2} q^{4}}{2^{6}} \quad \frac{\Gamma(5)\Gamma(|m|-2)}{\Gamma^{2}(3)\Gamma(|m|+3)}, \quad |m| > 5 \; . \end{split}$$

The phase-shift sums were obtained by summing the results from the numerical routine until the Born approximation was accurate to within 10<sup>-5</sup> rad. The Born phase shifts were then summed until the contribution from the largest |m| was less than  $10^{-5}$  rad. The error in the phase-shift sum, for a particular value of q, due to all effects, is estimated to be less than  $4 \times 10^{-4}$  rad. The phaseshift sums were calculated for values of q from 0.1 to 20.0 in steps of 0.1. The integral appearing in Eq. (3.20) for the second virial coefficient was computed using a cut off in the range of integration of  $q_c = 20$ . To determine the error caused by this truncation the asymptotic form of the phase shift sum for large q must be obtained. This was done by comparing the quantum-mechanical expression for the second virial coefficient of a gas of distinguishable particles, given by Eq. (3.22), with the classical expression which, for the Lennard-Jones 6-12 potential, is

$$B_{CL} = -\pi \sigma^2 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{12j!} (4\beta\epsilon)^{(3j+1)/6} \Gamma\left(\frac{3j-1}{6}\right).$$

The comparison shows that

$$\lim_{q\to\infty} \sum_{m} \delta_{m}(q) = -\frac{3}{10} \pi p^{1/3} q^{5/3} .$$

It follows that the error in the second virial coefficient owing to a cut off  $q_c$  is approximately

$$\frac{3}{5}\pi\sigma^2(4\beta\epsilon)^{1/6} \int_y^\infty x^{5/6} e^{-x} dx,$$

where

$$y = 4\beta\epsilon q_c^2/p^2$$
.

With the de Boer-Michels parameters for helium of  $\sigma = 2.556$  Å,  $\epsilon/k = 10.22$  K the values of  $p^2$ for He<sup>4</sup>, He<sup>3</sup> and the He<sup>4</sup>-He<sup>3</sup> problem are 22.05, 16.61, and 18.95, respectively. With these values of  $p^2$  the average value of the error in the second virial coefficient due to a cut off  $q_c$  of 20 is negligible (~10<sup>-4</sup> Å<sup>2</sup>) for helium at 60 K, the maximum temperature which we considered.

The bound states of the Lennard-Jones potential are found by equating the logarithmic derivatives of the inside and outside radial solution at some cut off  $x_c$ . This yields the following equation which determines the characteristic values of q and the bound-state energies  $E_B = -4\epsilon q^2/p^2$ ,

$$\frac{R'_{m,q}(x_c)}{R_{m,q}(x_c)} = \frac{qK'_{m}(qx_c)}{K_{m}(qx_c)},$$

where  $K_m$  is the modified Bessel function of the second kind of order *m*. The radial cut off was chosen such that the first-order perturbation correction to any energy level due to the potential beyond the cut off was less than  $10^{-8}\epsilon$ . The radial

TABLE III. Second virial coefficients for two-dimensional  $He^3$ .

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<i>T</i>	В	$\beta \frac{dB}{d\beta}$	$\beta^2  \frac{d^2 B}{d \beta^2}$	Т
0.100 00	24,981 87	76,633 95	14.288 03	0.100
0.200 00	-9.73568	28.112 49	23.752 79	0.200 (
0.400 00	-18.954 12	1.42483	24.883 58	0.400 (
0,600 00	-17.71466	-6.72439	20.998 54	0.600 (
0.800 00	-15.29034	-9.79718	17.13717	0.800 (
1.000 00	-12.95903	-10.938 62	13.99543	1.000 (
1,200 00	-10.930 06	-11.234 76	11.53833	1.200 (
1.400 00	-9.20225	-11.135 90	9,626 62	1.400 (
1,600 00	-7.73254	-10.850 05	8,131 82	1.600 (
1.800 00	-6.47545	-10.48000	6.953 07	1.800 (
2,000 00	-5.391 92	-10.078 64	6.014 44	2.000 (
2.200 00	-4.450 36	-9.673 63	5,25930	2.200 (
2.400 00	-3.62566	-9.27932	4.64539	2.400 (
2,600 00	-2.897 91	-8.902 85	4.141 05	2.600 (
2.800 00	-2.25129	-8.54733	3.722 40	2,800 (
3,000 00	-1.673 09	-8.213 62	3.37128	3.000 (
3.200 00	-1.153 07	-7.901 43	3,073 82	3.200 (
3.400 00	-0.68290	-7,60978	2,81936	3.400 (
3.600 00	-0.25574	-7.337 40	2,59960	3,600 (
3.800 00	0.134 08	-7.082 89	2.408 08	3.800 (
4.000 00	0.49126	-6.84485	2.23973	4.000 0
4.200 00	0.81977	-6.621 94	2.090 55	4.200 (
4.400 00	1.12295	-6.41288	1.95733	4.400 (
4,600 00	1.403 63	-6.216 52	1.83752	4.6000
4.800 00	1.66427	-6.031 77	1.72905	4.800 (
5,000 00	1,906 93	-5.857 65	1,63026	5.000 (
6.000 00	2,906 57	-5.118 61	1.24119	6.000 (
7.000 00	3.65071	-4.543 90	0,963 78	7.000 (
8.000 00	4.22630	-4.082 60	0.751 98	8.000 (
9.000 00	4.68455	-3.70282	0.583 08	9.000 (
10.000 00	5.05770	-3.383 70	0.44441	10.000 (
11.000 00	5.367 09	-3.11106	0.32811	11.000 (
12.000 00	5.62743	-2.87491	0.229 00	12.000 (
14.000 00	6.040 09	-2.48496	0.068 74	14.000 (
16.000 00	6.350 93	-2.17487	-0.05540	16.000 (
18.000 00	6.591 98	-1.92136	-0.154 49	18.000 (
20.000 00	6.78314	-1.70959	-0.23543	20,000 (
22.000 00	6.937 42	-1.52963	-0.302 78	22.000 (
24.000 00	7.063 70	-1.37449	-0.35969	24.000 (
26.000 00	7.16827	-1.23917	-0.40838	26,000 (
28,000 00	7.255 64	-1,119 95	-0.45049	28.000 (
30.000 00	7.32923	-1.014 00	-0.48724	30,000 (
32.000 00	7.391 59	-0.91914	-0.51959	32.000 0
34.000 00	7.444 70	-0.833 65	-0.54825	34.000 (
36,000,00	7.490 12		-0.573 81	36.000 (
38.000.00	7.529.09	-0.00004	-0.59673	38,000 (
40.000.00	7,004 00	-0.020 91	-0.01738	40.000 (
40,000 00	1.02730	-0.48080	-0.000 98	45.000 (
55,000,00	7 701 80	-0.304 02	-0.030 04	50,000 (
60 000 00	7 791 44	-0.20703	-0.124.00	55,000 (
00,000 00	1. (41 44	-0.10331	-0.14920	00.0000

wave functions and the first derivatives were calculated from the Numerov process.

For the two-particle He<sup>4</sup>, He<sup>3</sup>, and He<sup>4</sup>-He<sup>3</sup> problems, we find one bound state with m=0. The energies of this state are

TABLE IV. Second virial coefficients for two-dimensional  $\mbox{He}^4.$ 

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Т	В	$\beta \frac{dB}{d\beta}$	$eta^2  {d^2 B \over d eta^2}$
0.100 00	-1134.80984	-1761.561 88	-1195.24276
0.200 00	-401,72809	-584,42558	-307,12340
0.400 00	-150,06639	-207.85780	-97.01788
0.600 00	-86.43571	-115,38814	-49.767 72
0.800 00	-59,171 63	-76,984 87	-28.983 53
1.000 00	-44.34907	-57.03024	-17.61925
1.200 00	-35.08115	-45.20074	-10.82229
1.400 00	-28.72871	-37.52406	-6.56985
1.600 00	-24.08582	-32.19523	-3.840 03
1.800 00	-20.52989	-28.29711	-2.06059
2.000 00	-17.70896	-25.323 87	-0.891 07
2,200 00	-15.40948	-22.97815	-0.12077
2.400 00	-13.49440	-21.07578	0.38437
2,600 00	-11.871 61	-19.497 64	0.71146
2,800 00	-10.47681	-18.16373	0.91801
3.000 00	-9.263 65	-17.01854	1.042 50
3.200 00	-8.197 82	-16.02242	1.110 96
3.400 00	-7.25330	-15.14631	1.14116
3,600 00	-6.410 00	-14.36846	1.14529
3.800 00	-5.65213	-13.67222	1,13182
4.000 00	-4.96706	-13.044 60	1,106 60
4.20000	-4.344 61	-12.47537	1.07371
4.400 00	-3.77641	-11.95627	1.03601
4.60000	-3.255 58	-11,480 60	0.99549
4,800 00	-2.77634	-11.042 85	0.95352
5,000 00	-2.33386	-10.63843	0.91107
6.000 00	-0.547 58	-8.999 96	0.70822
7.000 00	0.74546	-7.80267	0.53487
8.000 00	1.724 94	-6.88492	0.39079
9,000 00	2,49226	-6.15647	0.27046
10.000 00	3.10917	-5.562 65	0.16879
11,000,00	3,61548	-5.06824	0.081 83
12,000,00	4.03804	-4.64950	0.006 62
14,000 00	4.701 85	-3.977 03	-0.11696
18,000 00	5,197.69	-3.458 97	-0.21428
18,000 00	5,58042	-3.04632	-0.292 91
20,000 00	0.00000	-2.70906	-0.35775
22.000.00	0.147 90	-2.42771	-0.41212
24.000 00	0.340 /1	-2.18908	-0.45835
28,000,00	6 625 07	-1.903.07	-0.49011
28.000 00	6 755 06	-1,80532	-0.532 65
32,000,00	6 856 93	-1.04043	-0.562 92
34 000 00	6 944 64	-1.30937	
36,000,00	7 020 60	-1.00010	-0.610.040
38,000.00	7.08670	-1 172 61	-0.653.83
40,000 00	7.144 48	-1 080 84	-0.67125
45,000 00	7 260 01	-0 883 99	-0.70932
50,000 00	7.344 54	-0.722.93	-0.743 97
55,000 00	7.406 94	-0.587 91	-0.781 75
60.000 00	7.453 00	-0.471 84	-0.83048

$$E_B/k = -4.63 \times 10^{-7} \text{ K} \quad (\text{He}^3),$$
  
= -2.36×10<sup>-2</sup> K (He<sup>4</sup>),  
= -1.45×10<sup>-3</sup> K (He<sup>3</sup>-He<sup>4</sup>)

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The bound states for He<sup>3</sup> and He<sup>4</sup> have been calculated by Bagchi<sup>26</sup> who finds  $-1.8 \times 10^{-7}$  K for He<sup>3</sup> and  $-2.57 \times 10^{-2}$  K for He<sup>4</sup>. In the calculation of the second virial coefficient, we employed the binding energies calculated by us.

Our results for the second virial coefficients are presented in Tables III-V. Those for the He<sup>3</sup> and He<sup>4</sup> are shown in Fig. 6 together with the classical result. The general features of all three results are as expected. At high temperatures, the virial coefficient is positive due to the effect of the hard core. As the temperature is lowered, the attractive part of the potential has a greater effect and causes *B* to become negative. By calculating *B* for a hypothetical spinless boson of the mass of He<sup>3</sup>, we have determined that above 3 K the difference in the He<sup>3</sup> and He<sup>4</sup> virial coefficients shown in Fig. 6 is due to the difference in mass. The effects of spin and statistics, given in the quantity

$$B_B(M_3) - B_F^{(1/2)}(M_3) = \frac{3}{4} \left[ B_B(M_3) - B_F(M_3) \right],$$

are significant only below this temperature. The relevance of this statement to the magnetic susceptibility of  $He^3$  will be explored later.

Our results for the quantity of interest in the specific heat

$$-\beta^2 \, \frac{d^2 B}{d\beta^2} \approx \frac{C/Nk - 1}{n}$$

are given in Tables III and IV and shown in Fig. 7. We immediately see several points of qualitative agreement with the experimental data. First, at 4 K the predicted specific heat is less than unity. Second, for equal densities the specific heat of  $He^3$  is predicted to deviate more from unity than that of  $He^4$ . Third, and most important, the  $He^4$ specific heat increases with decreasing temperature crossing unity at 2.2 K, while the  $He^3$  specific heat decreases with temperature. It is of interest to investigate the origins of this behavior.

We begin by noting that Eq. (3.20) indicates that the low-temperature behavior of *B* is dominated by those phase shifts which are significant at small *k*. In general, these are the phase shifts with small values of |m|. Thus the boson virial coefficient which depends only on even values of *m* is dominated by  $\delta_0$  at low temperatures. This phase shift is dominated by the hard-core interaction since there is no angular momentum. It is not surprising then that the He<sup>4</sup> signal increases with decreasing temperature as this was precisely the behavior found in the hard-core interaction. The interesting question then is why the  $He^3$  specific heat falls. Clearly it must be due to the attractive part of the interaction as we have seen that the hard core also causes the fermions specific heat to rise.

TABLE V. The quantity  $B_{34}$  needed for the second virial coefficients for two-dimensional He<sup>3</sup>-He<sup>4</sup> mixture.

Т	В	$\beta \frac{dB}{d\beta}$	$\beta^2  {d^2 B \over d \beta^2}$
0.100 00	-245.74779	-257,244 32	-56.05606
0.200 00	-123,61801	-116.821 97	-5.72129
0.400 00	-64.98674	-60.31021	7.838 80
0.600 00	-44.29382	-42.94140	8.073 80
0.800 00	-33.26511	-34,10810	7,11723
1.000 00	-26.28578	-28.61686	6.21423
1.200 00	-21,422 94	-24.81976	5,48139
1,400 00	-17.81764	-22.01354	4.89176
1,600 00	-15.025 62	-19.84223	4.40971
1.800 00	-12.79242	-18,104 55	4.00810
2.00000	-10.96110	-16.67744	3.66771
2.200 00	-9.42926	-15.48111	3.37495
2.400 00	-8.12708	-14.46141	3,12001
2.60000	-7.00517	-13.58018	2.89565
2.800 00	-6.02757	-12.80975	2,69643
3,000 00	-5.16746	-12.12948	2.51813
3.200 00	-4.404 34	-11.52367	2.35747
3.400 00	-3.72232	-10.98013	2.21183
3.600 00	-3.108 84	-10.48926	2.07910
3.800 00	-2.55385	-10.04337	1.957 57
4.000 00	-2.04920	-9.63625	1.845 80
4.200 00	-1.58821	-9.26279	1.742 61
4.400 00	-1.16535	-8.91876	1.647 02
4.600 00	-0.77601	-8.600 65	1.55817
4.800 00	-0.41628	-8.30546	1.47535
5.000 00	-0.08287	-8.03069	1,397 94
6.000 00	1.27571	-6.897 03	1,075 55
7.000 00	2.272 19	-6.04719	0.83113
8.000 00	3.034 61	-5.38272	0.63881
9.000 00	3.636 60	-4.846 68	0.48319
10.000 00	4.12362	-4.40370	0.35447
11.000 00	4.52536	-4.03053	0.24613
12.000 00	4.862 02	-3.71121	0.153 60
14.000 00	5.393 34	-3.19180	0.00375
16.000 00	5.792 01	-2.78574	-0.11247
18.000 00	6.100 57	-2.45838	-0.20529
20.000 00	6.34517	-2.18810	-0.28114
22.000 00	6.542 75	-1.96067	-0.34427
24.000 00	6.704 81	-1.76630	-0.397 62
26.000 00	6.83939	-1.59805	-0.44327
28.000 00	6.95231	-1.45080	-0.48275
30.000 00	7.04788	-1.32072	-0.51722
32.000 00	7.12935	-1.204 88	-0.54755
34,000 00	7.19922	-1.100 99	-0.57442
36,000 00	7.25945	-1.00724	-0.59838
38.000 00	7.311 60	-0.92215	-0.61987
40.000 00	7.35689	-0.844 56	-0.63924
45.000 00	7.44637	-0.67733	-0.68028
50.000 00	7.51040	-0.53985	-0.713 66
55.000 00	7.55629	-0.424 55	-0.742 79
60.000.00	7.58891	-0.32609	-0.77140



FIG. 6. Second virial coefficients for 2D systems of  $\mathrm{He}^3$  and  $\mathrm{He}^4$ .

At low temperatures, the most important contributions to the He<sup>3</sup> virial coefficient will come from  $\delta_0$  which is weighted by a factor of  $\frac{1}{4}$  and reflects the hard core, and  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_{-1}$  which give identical contributions and which are each weighted by a factor of  $\frac{3}{4}$ . The phase shift  $\delta_1$  is dominated by collision which occur with an average impact parameter b which is approximately

 $b \approx \hbar/\mu v$ ,

where v is an average velocity. With  $\mu v^2 \sim kT$  we find  $b \sim \lambda$ . The thermal wavelength of He<sup>3</sup> is  $10/\sqrt{T}$  in angstroms so that at 4 K,  $\lambda$  is 5 Å. Since the minimum of the Lennard-Jones potential occurs at



FIG. 7. Deviation of the specific heat from unity per unit density for 2D  $\text{He}^3$  and  $\text{He}^4$  systems.

2.87 Å, these collisions are dominated by the attractive part of this interaction which strengthens our suspicion that it is the attraction which causes the specific heat to fall. To verify this, we have calculated the contribution to the He<sup>3</sup> virial coefficient from  $\delta_0,\ \delta_{\pm 1}$  up to  $\delta_{\pm 4}.$  These contributions are shown in Fig. 8. It is to be noted that the curve labeled  $\delta_1$  is the contribution from both  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_{-1}$ , and similarly for higher m values. It is seen that the  $\delta_0$  contribution by itself would cause the specific heat to rise but that the major contribution comes from  $\delta_1$  which reflects the attraction. We conclude therefore that the He<sup>4</sup> specific heat rises with decreasing temperature while the He<sup>3</sup> specific heat falls due to the fact that the difference in statistics causes the different isotopes to see different parts of the interaction; the He<sup>4</sup> signal is dominated by the hard core while the He<sup>3</sup> signal is dominated by the attraction.

The dominance of the attractive part of the interaction cannot be maintained indefinitely with decreasing temperature. As noted earlier, collisions characterized by |m| equal to unity have an average impact parameter of order  $\lambda$ . As the temperature decreases,  $\lambda$  increases and the impact parameter greatly exceeds the range of the attraction. Thus the contribution of  $\delta_1$  must fall and that of  $\delta_0$  must dominate at sufficiently low temperature. From Fig. 8 it can be seen that this occurs at a temperature of about 0.3 K. This leads us to suspect that this occurrence may be responsible for the shoulder observed in the low-temperature He<sup>3</sup> specific heats.



FIG. 8. Contribution from different angular-momentum states to the  $He^3$  specific-heat deviation per unit density.



FIG. 9. Comparison of calculated and observed specific heats for two densities of  $He^3$  and  $He^4$ .

## V. COMPARISON WITH EXPERIMENT

Figure 9 shows a comparison between our calculated results and the experimental data shown previously in Figs. 1 and 3. In addition to the points of qualitative agreement noted in the Sec. IV, Fig. 9 shows that the predicted deviations from unity increase with increasing density as is observed. In addition, as a consequence of the vanishing of  $-\beta^2 d^2 B/d\beta^2$  at 2.2 K, all He<sup>4</sup> specific heats are predicted to cross one another there at a value of C/Nk equal to 1. The experimental He<sup>4</sup> signals do

cross one another at this temperature but at a value of C/Nk somewhat less than unity. Figure 9 also shows that the quantitative agreement with the experimental data is rather good, particularly for the He<sup>3</sup>. In fact, the agreement down to temperatures of the order of 1 K is initially disturbing as the values of  $n\lambda^2$  for the He<sup>3</sup> densities shown are 2.82 and 4.19 at 1 K and it might be surmised that the truncation of the expansion for the specific heat is invalid. To determine the range of temperature and densities for which the truncated series remains a good approximation, we have employed the following procedure. We note that, if the contributions of the third virial coefficient to the specific heat can be ignored then

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$$(C/Nk-1)/n = -\beta^2 \frac{d^2B}{d\beta^2}.$$

The right-hand side is a function of temperature only. Therefore if the experimental data are plotted as on the left-hand side and the truncated series is adequate, then the data for different densities will fall on a universal curve depending only on temperature. Data from He<sup>3</sup> samples at seven different densities are plotted in this manner in Fig. 10 and compared with our theoretical results. The experimental uncertainty in the data shown can be inferred from the estimated 2% uncertainty in C/Nk. It can be seen that down to about 0.6 K a virial description containing only the contribution of the second virial coefficient is completely adequate for the specific heat of the He<sup>3</sup> samples shown. The agreement with the calculated values is very good. Below 0.6 K contributions from higher coefficients can be seen. We shall discuss this



FIG. 10. Comparison of calculated and observed specific-heat deviation per unit density for He<sup>3</sup>.



FIG. 11. Comparison of calculated and observed specific-heat deviation per unit density for He<sup>4</sup>.



FIG. 12. Observed specific heat deviation per unit density plotted versus density.

region below.

A similar plot of data from  $He^4$  samples at three different densities is shown in Fig. 11. This figure shows that the truncated virial expansion of the specific heat is completely adequate at these densities down to 2 K. The agreement with the calculated results is good.

We next examine the low-temperature  $He^3$  heat capacity. We note that if the contributions to C from the third virial coefficient are included that, from Eq. (3.8),

$$(C/Nk-1)/n = -\beta^2 \frac{d^2B}{d\beta^2} - \frac{1}{2}n\beta^2 \frac{d^2B_3}{d\beta^2}.$$

If the data in the form of the left-hand side are plotted versus density at a given temperature, a



FIC. 13. Comparison of calculated and observed specific-heat deviation per unit density for  $He^3$  at low temperatures.

straight line will result provided that this description is adequate. Such a plot is shown for the He<sup>3</sup> data in Fig. 12. It can be seen that a virial description which includes contributions from the third virial coefficient is completely satisfactory at these densities down to 0.3 K. We note in passing that the value of  $\beta^2 d^2 B_3/d\beta^2$  obtained from the slope of the straight line in Fig. 12 is -400 Å<sup>4</sup> at 0.4 K, which is far from the value of this quantity for an ideal Fermi gas. That value obtained from  $B_3^0 = +\frac{1}{128} \lambda^4$ , is +996 Å<sup>4</sup>.

Figure 13 shows the low-temperature He<sup>3</sup> data plotted as in Fig. 11 together with the calculated contribution from the second virial coefficient. From the fact that the data do not lie on a universal curve, it is clear that higher virial coefficients are contributing. We know from Fig. 12 that at 0.2 K at least the contribution from the third and fourth virial coefficients can not be ignored. It might be argued, therefore, that the shoulder indicates a collective effect, such as liquefaction, taking place in the He<sup>3</sup>. That this shoulder also occurs in the bulk liquid mitigates this point of view. We believe that the fact that the shoulder appears at just the temperature at which the contribution from the second virial coefficient is rising indicates that the signal is due to the effect of the hard core in precisely the same way in which the rise of the He<sup>4</sup> signal can be attributed to it. Thus, the shoulder in the He<sup>3</sup> signal and the rise in the He<sup>4</sup> signal have precisely the same origin. They occur at different temperatures due to the difference in statistics.

# **VI. LIQUEFACTION**

We have argued that a system of hard discs would exhibit a rounded peak in its specific heat



FIG. 14. Second virial coefficient of 2D systems of  $He^3$  and  $He^4$  plotted versus inverse temperature.

due to the interactions without a phase transition occurring. We have also argued that the rise in the  $He^4$  specific heat with decreasing temperature is also due to the two-body interaction. We now address ourselves to the question of whether the lowtemperature fall of the  $He^4$  specific heat is due to higher virial coefficients as in the hard-disc systems or to liquefaction in the  $He^4$  as has been suggested by Novaco.<sup>11</sup> There are several ways to examine this question.

The method we choose is to fit the calculated second virial coefficient to the form of a van der Waals second virial coefficient

$$B(\beta) = b - a\beta$$

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The values of a and b so obtained may be substituted into the expression for the critical temperature and density of a van der Waal gas

$$T_c = 8a/27b, \quad n_c = 1/3b$$

Such a procedure for the bulk system<sup>27</sup> yields  $T_c = 7.2$  K,  $n_c = 0.0215$  cm<sup>3</sup>/mole for He<sup>4</sup> compared to the experimental values of 5.2 K and 0.0169 cm<sup>3</sup>/mole. The predictions for He<sup>3</sup> are 5.7 K, 0.0215 cm<sup>3</sup>/mole compared to the experimental values of 3.3 K and 0.0139 cm<sup>3</sup>/mole.

Our calculated values of B for He<sup>4</sup> and He<sup>3</sup> plotted vs  $\beta$  are shown in Fig. 14. It is clear that the 2D He<sup>3</sup> virial coefficient does not have the van der Waal form. On the other hand, the He<sup>4</sup> virial coefficient can be remarkably well fit by a straight line from 1 to 10 K in spite of the fact that there are two points of inflection shown by arrows in the figure. The resulting prediction for  $T_c$  and  $n_c$  are 1.93 K and 0.0437  $\AA^{-2}$ . If these results are adjusted downwards by the ratio of the observed bulk properties to the predicted bulk properties of He<sup>4</sup>, we obtain a  $T_c$  of 1.4 K and  $n_c$  of 0.034 Å<sup>-2</sup>. A glance at Fig. 9 shows that the He<sup>4</sup> peaks in samples of density near  $n_c$  do occur very near 1.4 K. We therefore believe that a liquid-gas transition occurs in the He<sup>4</sup> system.

## VII. SUMMARY

The study of the second virial coefficient has provided many clues to the interpretation of the specific-heat measurements from adsorbed helium films and it is perhaps wise at this point to summarize our interpretation of these signals.

In the He<sup>3</sup> system at 4 K the fact that the specific heat is appreciably less than unity is due simply to the interactions within the system. Effects of spin and statistics are unimportant but the remaining quantum effects are still appreciable as the classical signal is always greater than unity. As the temperature is lowered, the effect of spin and statistics is to cause the signal to be dominated by those collisions which are most strongly affected by the attractive part of the interaction. As a result the signal falls. As the temperature continues to fall, the effect of these attractive interactions becomes progressively weaker until, at 0.3 K, the collision in the m equal to zero state, affected by the hard core, begin to dominate the signal. This causes the signal to rise, producing a shoulder. Although it can be argued that the subsequent fall of the signal to zero is due to a cooperative transition, we feel there is little compelling evidence for this at this time and attribute the fall to higher-order terms in the virial series as in the hard-disc gas. The striking agreement of the experimental data with our results which posit a featureless passive substrate indicates that the substrate potential has little effect on the specific heat. It also indicates that the substrate is either very uniform or that inhomogeneities have little effect on the signal in the density range studied.

In the He<sup>4</sup> system the signal at 4 K is again less than unity for the same reasons as in the He<sup>3</sup> case. As the temperature is lowered, the effect of statistics is to cause the signal to be dominated by collisions with m equal to zero which are affected by the hard core. As a result, the signal rises. As the temperature is lowered still further to about 1 K. a gas-liquid phase boundary is encountered and the system undergoes a phase separation. This is precisely the behavior expected in experiments on low-density bulk helium vapor. On encountering the phase boundary, one expects to see in general a discontinuity in the specific-heat signal instead of the rounded peak observed. The rounding of the peak has been attributed by Novaco<sup>11</sup> to inhomogeneities. It could also be due to a lack of equilibrium in the sample. This is easily understood when it is recalled that there is no external force which tends to separate the 2D liquid from the vapor. Consequently, equilibrium may take a very long time to achieve.<sup>28</sup> Below the transition, the signal is simply that from a two-phase 2D liquid-gas system. The agreement between the data and our calculated results, while not as striking as in the He<sup>3</sup> case, is still quite good. Whether the differences are due to the use of the Lennard-Jones potential instead of a more accurate model potential or reflect contributions from the substrate is a question we shall examine in a subsequent note.

## VIII. MAGNETIC SUSCEPTIBILITY

We conclude this paper with an additional piece of information that can be gleaned from the second virial coefficients, the zero-field magnetic suscep922

tibility per particle of 2D  $\text{He}^3$  films. It is shown in the Appendix that this quantity has the virial expansion

$$\chi(\beta) = \chi_0(\beta) \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{2} n [B_B(\beta) - B_F(\beta)] + O(n^2) \right\},\$$

where  $\chi_0$  is the Curie susceptibility, and  $B_B$ ,  $B_F$ are the second virial coefficients of spinless bosons or fermions of He<sup>3</sup> mass. The above expression indicates that in a density and temperature region in which higher virial coefficient can be ignored

$$(\chi/\chi_0 - 1)n^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} [B_B(\beta) - B_F(\beta)], \qquad (8.1)$$

so that the data plotted as on the left should fall on a common function of temperature. Our results for this function are shown in Fig. 15 together with its ideal-quantum-gas limit of  $-\frac{1}{4}\lambda^2$ . It is immediately seen that the deviations from the Curie susceptibility are predicted to be much less than those occurring in the ideal gas. This behavior is precisely what is observed in the bulk vapor<sup>29</sup> and in He<sup>3</sup> trapped in surface states.<sup>30</sup> The reason for this behavior can be seen from the following argument.

If the He<sup>3</sup> atoms were distinguishable (Boltzman) particles then the scattering in any angular-momentum state could occur with any relative spin orientation. Thus the spins would be completely unaffected by the spin-independent interaction and the susceptibility would be that of independent spins  $\chi_0$ . It is only through the requirement of statistics that scattering in an even m state be singlet and that in an odd m state be triplet that the interaction affects the susceptibility. This is the reason that Eq. (8.1) depends on the difference between the spinless-boson and -fermion coefficients. For the effects of statistics to be important, the particles must be within a certain length, which is on the order of a thermal wavelength, of one another. Above a temperature for which this length is smaller than the hard-core diameter, the statistics can play no role and the susceptibility must take the Curie value. At this same temperature the difference in the He<sup>4</sup> and He<sup>3</sup> virial coefficients is due solely to their mass difference. As noted earlier and seen from Fig. 15, this temperature is approximately 3 K.

In summary, the hard-core repulsions tend to decrease the effects of statistics. The ideal-gas model overemphasizes the role of statistics and thus gives a larger deviation from the Curie value. The above argument is probably also applicable to bulk liquid  $He^3$  in the temperature region for which it is not a Landau Fermi liquid. It is well known that in this range the susceptibility is much nearer the Curie value than an ideal-gas model predicts.

A fruitful approach for the liquid would then appear to be to expand the susceptibility about the Curie value in a power series in which the effect of statistics is the small parameter. Such an approach has recently been taken by Sykes<sup>31</sup> with encouraging results.

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#### APPENDIX

We outline below the derivation of the virial expansion for the zero-field magnetic susceptibility of a spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  fermion system. An alternative derivation can be found in Ref. 29.

Let  $H_0$  be the spin-independent part of the twoparticle Hamiltonian and define the thermodynamic potential  $\Omega(A, \beta, H)$  according to

$$e^{\beta A\Omega} = \mathrm{Tr} \, e^{-\beta (H_0 - \mu N - M \mathcal{K})}.$$

where  $\mathcal{H}$  is a magnetic field and M is the magnetization of the *N*-particle system

$$M = \gamma \sum_{i}^{N} \sigma_{i}^{z},$$

with  $\gamma$  an uninteresting constant. The *l*th cluster integral for this system will be denoted  $c_i^F$  and is



FIG. 15. Predicted deviation of the 2D  $\text{He}^3$  zero-field magnetic susceptibility from the Curie value per unit density.

defined by the expansion

$$\beta \Omega(\beta, z, A, \mathcal{K}) = \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} z^{l} c_{l}^{F} (A, \beta, \mathcal{K})$$

It follows that the density, magnetization per unit area, and susceptibility per unit area have the following cluster expansions:

$$n = \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} lc_l^F z^l , \qquad (A1)$$
$$M/A = \beta^{-1} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} z^l \frac{\partial c_l^F}{\partial \Im C} ,$$
$$\chi_A = \beta^{-1} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} z^l \frac{\partial^2 c_l^F}{\partial \Im C^2} . \qquad (A2)$$

Upon solving Eq. (A1) for z in terms of n and substituting in Eq. (A2) one obtains

$$\beta \chi_A = \frac{n}{c_1^F} \frac{\partial^2 c_1^F}{\partial \mathcal{H}^2} + n^2 \frac{c_2^F}{(c_1^F)^2} \left( \frac{1}{c_2^F} \frac{\partial^2 c_2^F}{\partial \mathcal{H}^2} - \frac{2}{c_1^F} \frac{\partial^2 c_1^F}{\partial \mathcal{H}^2} \right) + O(n^3) .$$
(A3)

In a manner completely analogous to that discussed in Sec. III, the cluster integrals  $c_1^F$  and  $c_2^F$ may be expressed in terms of the one- and twoparticle partition functions of spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  fermions. Because of the form of the Hamiltonian  $H_0 - M\mathcal{K}$ , these partition functions are products of spatial and spin factors. The spatial factors are simply  $Z_1$ ,  $Z_2^B$ , or  $Z_2^F$ , the one or two particle partition functions of spinless bosons or fermions. One finds  $c_1^F(\mathcal{H}) = c_1(\mathcal{H}) = 2Z_1/A$ ,

which is independent of statistics, and

$$c_2^F(\mathcal{K}) = A^{-1} \left[ Z_2^F \left( e^{2\beta\gamma \mathcal{K}} + 1 + e^{-2\beta\gamma \mathcal{K}} \right) \right. \\ \left. + Z_2^B - 2Z_1^2 \cosh^2\beta\gamma \mathcal{K} \right].$$

The appropriate derivatives can now be taken and substituted into Eq. (A3). In the limit of vanishing magnetic field, one finds the following simple relationships between  $c_1(0)$ ,  $c_2^F(0)$ , and the first or second cluster integrals of spinless-boson or -fermion systems  $b_1$ ,  $b_2^B$ ,  $b_2^F$ :

$$c_{1}(0) = 2b_{1},$$

$$c_{2}^{F}(0) = 3b_{2}^{F} + b_{2}^{B},$$

$$\frac{\partial^{2}c_{1}(0)}{\partial \mathcal{G}^{2}} = 2\beta^{2}\gamma^{2}b_{1},$$

$$\frac{\partial^{2}c_{2}^{F}(0)}{\partial \mathcal{G}^{2}} = 8\beta^{2}\gamma^{2}b_{2}^{F}.$$

Lastly we use the fact that the second virial coefficient of spinless-boson system can be expressed in terms of the cluster integrals as discussed in Sec. III and has the form  $B^B = -b_2^B/b_1^2$ . Similarly, for a spinless-fermion system,  $B^F = -b_2^F/b_1^2$ . From Eq. (A3) one then obtains, for the zero-field magnetic susceptibility per particle  $\chi = \chi_A/n$ , the result

$$\chi = \chi_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} n (B_B - B_F) + O(n^2) \right],$$

where  $\chi_0$  is the Curie susceptibility  $\beta \gamma^2$ .

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