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3 experimental confirmations of Maurer & Tabeling 1998 paper

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Local investigation of superfluid turbulence, J. Maurer and P. Tabeling, EPL (1998)



Motivations



- So why spend time, effort and \in trying to confirm it ?
 - Our first pressure probe : developed to check another local probe
 - Maurer & Tabeling paper : Unconfirmed decade-old experiment ; unique flow and probe
 - Statistical analysis of velocity fluctuations in He-I vs. He-II

Parameters explored in the present study :

- Types of flow
 - ⇒ "chunk" turbulence + wake turbulence + grid turbulence
- Reynolds number
 - \Rightarrow estimated R_{λ} from 150 to 1400 (Maurer et Tabeling $R_{\lambda} \sim 1400$)
- Turbulence intensity v_{rms} / V_0
 - For 30 % turbulence intensity, based on classical turbulence estimation, the signal from a stagnation-pressure probe consists in :
 - the expected velocity contribution (~75% of total signal)
 - *a quadratic correction term* (~11%)
 - a static pressure term (~15%)
 - events with flow-probe angle of attack (yaw angle) exceeding 15°
 - \Rightarrow Turbulence intensity varied from 1.5% to 35%
- Pressurisation of flow
 - \Rightarrow to prevent bubbles in He-I

A word on probes

- Commercial piezo-resistive probes with nozzle of diameter $\Phi_e \sim 1 \text{ mm}$
- Space resolution : nozzle diameter Φ_e
- Useful Time resolution = min (Φ_e/V , f_{nozzle}) where f_{nozzle} is determined by
 - organ pipe resonance
 - orifice + cavity resonance (Helmoltz)
 - transmitting tube + cavity resonance
- Sensitivity : $\delta P \sim \delta(\rho . V^2/2)$
 - taking V~1 m/s , $\delta V \sim V_{rms} \sim 10\%.V$, $\rho \sim 145$ kg/m³ $\delta P_{rms} \sim 1$ Pa ~ 100 dB acoustic
 - typical microphone sensitivity





"Chunk" turbulence in a pipe



- High Re (Re ~ 10^6 in He-I)
- Fixed mean direction
- Turbulence intensity ~ 30 %







Spectra are compatible with -5/3 scaling over the 1 decade in the upper inertial range frequency

TSF : a pressurised He-I / He-II Loop with mass flow up to 700 g/s



Cooling power : 400W @ 1.8K Test sectionHeat exchanger : $\Phi=30 \text{ mm}$, L > 10 mBarber et Nichols centrifugal pump ($\Delta P=300 \text{ mbar}$)





Confined wake Turbulence







Confined wake Turbulence



Nearly overlapping spectra in He-I and He-II over ~ 2 decades of frequency



- very well known & very "clean" flow (isotropic,...)
- low turbulence intensity
 - -> fluctuation of stagnation pressure ~ fluctuations of velocity





Grid Turbulence (preliminary results) He-I



Grid Turbulence (preliminary results) He-I versus He-II



 \Rightarrow Similarity between the 2 spectra above and below T_{λ}

Grid Turbulence (preliminary results) He-II



Conclusions & Perspectives

- Maurer & Tabeling observation (= identical spectra above and below T_{λ}) is confirmed, in particular with :
 - $-\,$ a nearly pure velocity signal, thanks to a turbulence intensity < 2 %
 - various flows
- Short-term perspective (2009)
 - Repeat the Grid turbulence measurements with increased resolution and sensitivity
 - -> statistical analysis of intermittency







« Bad », « inefficient », « archaic », « ideologues », « partisans », « conservatives », « blind », « immobile », « refusing to face reality », « installed in the comfort of self-evaluation » « working in obsolete, archaic and rigid structures »,...



from Nicolas Sarkozy, Jan. 22nd 2009 public speech on French researchers and French research system