

The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics



2023-16

Workshop on Topics in Quantum Turbulence

16 - 20 March 2009

Experiments on Large Vibrating Structures in 4He

L. Skrbek Charles University, Dept. Low Temperature Physics Prague Czech Republic

#### **Experiments on Large Vibrating Structures in 4He**







L. Skrbek Faculty of Mathematics and Physics Charles University in Prague M. Blažková, T. Chagovets, V. Pilcová, D. Schmoranzer



Workshop on topics in quantum turbulence Trieste, March 16-20, 2009



# Outline

- Introduction- transition to turbulence in steady viscous flows and oscillatory boundary layer flows due to various oscillating objects
- A bit of history
- Drag on oscillating objects (in viscous flows and in superflows)
- Baker visualization technique
- Irregular, "virgin" versus "regular" behaviour
- Conclusions





# Discs and piles of discs

# Torsional oscillators



#### The cryostat designed by Hollis Hallett for oscillating disk experiments A.C. Hollis Hallett: Proc. R. Soc. A210 (1952) 404

#### E.L. Andronikashvili J. Phys. (Moscow) 10 201 (1945) Design by P.L. Kapitza





The variation with amplitude of the damping of an oscillating disk with a period of 11.0 s



Amplitude,  $\phi$ , Radians

The cryostat of Benson and Hollis Hallett for torsionally oscillating sphere experiments C.B. Benson and A.C. Hollis Hallett: Can. J. Phys. 34 (1956) 668



U-tubes used by Donnelly and Penrose R.J. Donnelly, O. Penrose Phys Rev. 103 (1956) 1137

R.J. Donnelly, A.C. Hollis Hallett: Annals of Physics 3 (1958) 320

The variation with amplitude of the damping of gravity oscillations of liquid helium in a U – tube at a period of 0.94 sec.



#### Grid

#### P.V.E. McClintock et al









#### **Quartz tuning forks**







Lancaster, Košice





Regensburg, Kharkov





Commercially produced piezoelectric oscillators, used as frequency standards in watches ( $2^{15}$  Hz = 32 768 Hz at room temperature)

• a probe to investigate physical properties of cryogenic fluids, especially gaseous He, He I, He II and <sup>3</sup>He-B

•Cheap, robust, widely available, easy to install and use, extremely sensitive ( $Q \approx 10^5 - 10^6$  in vacuum at low T)



An electron micrograph of the quartz tuning fork (a) and details of its side (b) and top (c) quartz surface.

Birmingham, Helsinki



Standard fork, type B, 32 kHz Smallest commercially available fork, 32 kHz

Middle sized fork, type U2, 8 kHz Big fork, type U1, 4 kHz Torsional fork, 74 kHz

### **Oscillatory (laminar) boundary layer flow**

•Simplest case – a plane oscillating along itself in a viscous fluid



There is a viscous wave with rapidly decreasing amplitude inside the fluid

$$\mathbf{v}_{y} = \mathbf{v}_{0} \exp\left\{-\frac{x}{\delta}\right\} \exp\left\{i\left[\frac{x}{\delta} - \omega t\right]\right\} \qquad \text{Drag force ~ (i+1),} \\ \text{phase shifted by } \pi/4$$

## Oscillations of a submerged body in a viscous fluid laminar flow

Simple harmonic oscillator:  $m\ddot{x} + kx = 0$  $m\ddot{x} + F_{damp} + kx = 0$ 

$$m\ddot{x} + F_{damp} + kx = F_0 \cos(\omega t) \leftarrow \text{harmonic drive}$$

Damping in a Newtonian viscous fluid:

$$F_{damp} = \Delta m \ddot{x} + \gamma \dot{x} - \text{viscous drag}$$

hydrodynamic mass enhancement

These depend on liquid density and viscosity.

!  $F_{damp}$  is phase-shifted relative to velocity Equation of motion:  $m_{eff} \ddot{x} + \gamma \dot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos(\omega t)$ 

# Influence of surrounding medium on the oscillating fork



$$\left(\frac{f_{0vac}}{f_0}\right)^2 = 1 + \frac{\rho}{\rho_f} \left(\beta + B\frac{S}{V}\sqrt{\frac{\eta}{\pi\rho f_0}}\right)$$

$$\Delta f - \Delta f_{vac} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\rho \eta f_0}{\pi}} \frac{CS}{m_{vac}} \left(\frac{f_0}{f_{0vac}}\right)^2$$

- $\rho_f$  Fork's density
- $\rho$  Density of the working fluid
- $\eta$  Dynamic viscosity
- S Surface of the oscillating body
- V Volume of the oscillating body

 $\beta$ , **B**, **C** numerical constants ~ geometry

β, B, C – fitting parameters, characterize determined fork

#### Quartz fork as a generator and detector of turbulence



The in-phase resonant response of the driven quartz fork versus applied frequency measured for various drive voltage levels (in  $mV_{rms}$ ) as indicated. The solid curves are Lorentzian fits to the data.



Experiments with forks in the same experimental pressure cell using the same sample of He throughout, starting with the highest density which was gradually released in order to prevent gathering of any solid particles on the fork's surface

In a flow due to an oscillating object there is an important length scale:  $\delta = \sqrt{2\nu/\omega}$ Exactly soluble example – an oscillating sphere in the limit  $\delta \ll R$ Laminar drag force  $F_{lam} = \lambda U = 6\pi\eta R U \left(1 + \frac{R}{\delta}\right) \simeq 6\pi\eta R \frac{R}{\delta} U$ Turbulent drag force  $F_{turb} = \gamma U^2 = 0.5 \text{ C}_{\text{D}} \pi \rho \text{R}^2 U^2$  $U_{C} = \frac{\lambda}{\gamma} = \frac{6}{C_{D}} \sqrt{2\nu\omega} \simeq 21\sqrt{\nu\omega}$ Crossover This gives about: 10 cm/s for a sphere of any size, oscillating at 200 Hz 1.3 m/s for a sphere of any size, oscillating at 32 kHz (factor of 4 higher than what is observed for our forks) in He I at SVP right above the superfluid transition



velocity enhancement at the corner (L&L)

$$U_{enh} \approx (d/r)^{1/3} U \approx 5 U$$

gives better agreement with the experiment

# **Critical velocities (classical fluids)**

#### **Critical velocity scaling:**



U 10

It is experimentally verified (using He I at SVP and elevated pressures and He gas at nitrogen temperature as working fluids) that this scaling indeed holds.

The logarithmic graph gives a gradient  $0.48 \pm 0.04$ 

M. Blažková, D. Schmoranzer, L. Skrbek, *Phys. Rev. E75, 025302R (2007)* 





**Assumption** – transition is a two-step process:

First: at  $U_{cS}$  a dense random vortex tangle is created resulting in building up of an effective kinematic viscosity and He II behaves quasiclassically, mimicking the classical boundary layer flow

**Second:** This quasiclassical flow displays transition from (quasi)laminar to (quasi)turbulent drag regime

Mathematical expression of these ideas is:

$$C_{\rm D} = 2\alpha \frac{S}{A} \left(\omega x_{\rm e} \nu_{\rm e}\right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{U} + x_{\rm e}\beta \,,$$

where

$$x_{\rm e} = x + (1 - x)\Phi(U - U_{\rm cS})\frac{(U - U_{\rm cS})^2}{\varepsilon + (U - U_{\rm cS})^2};$$
  
$$\nu_{\rm e} = \nu + (\nu_{\rm c} - \nu)\Phi(U - U_{\rm cS})\frac{(U - U_{\rm cS})^2}{\varepsilon + (U - U_{\rm cS})^2};$$

**Classical viscous fluids** 

$$C_D = 2\alpha \frac{S}{A} \sqrt{\omega\nu} \frac{1}{U} + \beta$$

U velocity amplitude

- $\Phi(y)$  Heaviside step function
- $u_{\rm C} = {\rm Eff.~kin.~visc.~of~fully~coupled~fluids}$

$$\alpha, \beta \text{ and } \varepsilon$$
 constants

 $\nu = \eta_{\rm n}/\rho$ 

L. Skrbek, W.F. Vinen: "The Use of Vibrating Structures in the Study of Quantum Turbulence" Chapter 4 in Progress in Low Temp. Physics XVI, Halperin Tsubota ed., Springer 2009 Detailed approach see Blazkova, Schmoranzer, Skrbek, Vinen: Phys. Rev. B79, 054522 (2009)





 $\begin{array}{l} \alpha, \beta \text{ and } \varepsilon \\ \text{do not depend} \\ \text{on temperature} \end{array}$ 

Fork	Freq	L	Т	W	D	α	β	ε
	kHz	$\mathrm{mm}$	$\mathrm{mm}$	$\mathrm{mm}$	$\mathrm{mm}$			
A1	32	3.71	0.42	0.35	0.21	0.72	0.85	0.015
B1	32	3.65	0.68	0.46	0.18	0.65	0.43	0.045
C3	32	2.51	0.25	0.10	0.13	0.36	0.42	0.075
U1	4	19.70	2.20	0.80		0.26	0.52	0.14
U2	8	9.50	0.45	0.90	0.50	0.27	0.5	
L2	32	2.17	0.21	0.10	0.12	0.4	0.63	0.85
L1	32	2.17	0.21	0.10	0.12	0.38	0.63	0.95
K1	32	3.9	0.39	0.28		0.55	0.85	0.003

#### **Classical and quantum cavitation in liquid 4He**





M. Blažková a dr., J. Low Temp. Phys. **150**, 154 (2008) On cavitation in liquid helium in a flow due to a vibrating quartz fork M. Blazkova, D. Schmoranzer, L. Skrbek: Low Temp. Physics **34**, 380–390 (2008)



 $\gamma(0.43 \text{ K}) = 0.001 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ 

Below 1 K our model has to be modified

1. Internal damping is withdrawn

2. We put x=0 and add a linear damping term of the form

U to represent the effect of the ballistic phonon scattering  $\gamma$ 

#### Observed drag coefficients in classical fluids and superfluid <sup>4</sup>He - "regular behaviour" with drag coefficient of oder unity at high velocities



Sphere Regensburg – Schoepe et al



Grid Lancaster – McClintock et al

Forks Prague + Kharkov





Thus we predict that the critical velocity is proportional to the square root of the frequency only if the parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , S/A and  $v_c$  are constant. The critical velocity seems to depend to a significant extent on the detailed geometry of the structure, perhaps also on the state of roughness of the surface and it may depend also on the form of the remanent vortices.

#### To describe an oscillatory boundary layer flow, two dimensionless numbers are needed:

Reynolds number Strouhal number

 $\mathcal{V}$ 

 $St = \frac{U\tau}{T}$ 



Professor Čeněk Strouhal, Charles University, Prague

Stokes number

 $\operatorname{Re} = \frac{UD}{U}$ 

Keulegan-Carpenter number

$$S = \frac{\omega D^2}{2\pi \nu}$$

$$K_C = St = \frac{2\pi a}{D}$$

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2\nu}{\omega}} \quad c$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{\tau}$$





# The pH Baker visualization technique

Veronika Pilcova, David Schmoranzer

•solution of a pH indicator (thymol blue), an acid (HCI) and an alkali (NaOH)

•bluff body made of a conducting material is placed inside the liquid (+)

•set of metal electrodes located usually at the walls of the tank (-)

•bias 10-15 V  $\rightarrow$  pH in the vicinity of the body changes, colour from orange to dark blue •fairly precise way of studying flow patterns at low velocities of order 1 cm/s

•critical amplitudes for frequencies 2-11 Hz by recording the position of the cylinder's central shaft by a standard 25 Hz digital video camera

•camera movies are processed by VideoMach software with suitable video filters providing a series of monochromatic images, which are further processed by self-made software













The quasiclassical description seems to work ....

Does it work at very low T, where there is no normal fluid???

#### Lancaster group unpublished fork data, courtesy of Rich Haley

D.I. Bradley, C. Lawson, A.M. Guénault, M.J. Fear, S.N. Fisher, R.P. Haley, G.R. Pickett, R. Schanen,

V. Tsepelin, L.A. Wheatland



At very low T, no dependence on pressure (in agreement with the Lancaster grid data)

•Different phenomenological expression is used to fit the drag data (works well below 1K but poorly above it)

•There is a claim that by withdrawing the linear damping term the data indicate a temperature independent critical velocity of order 6 cm/s



# Lancaster group of P.V.E. McClintock

H. Nicol, D. Charalambous, P. Hendry, D. Garg, V. Efimov, M. Giltrow, Joe Vinen, LS

Several grids used over years

Recently quartz tuning forks added

Experimental cell containing 1.5 litre of spectrally pure He II, attached to the dilution refrigerator (base T about 10 mK)



H.A. Nichol, L. Skrbek, P.C. Hendry, P.V.E. McClintock: Phys. Rev. Lett **92** (2004) 244501; Phys. Rev. E **70** (2004) 065307 D. Charalambous, P.C. Hendry, L. Skrbek, P.V.E. McClintock, W.F. Vinen: Phys. Rev. E **74**, 036307 (2006)

# "Virgin" versus "regular" behaviour

"virgin" behaviour
obtained immediately after the desired pressure in the cell is established.
Irreproducible effects observed, such as changes in resonant frequency and linewidth.

**"regular" – reproducible behaviour** of the grid, after applying the highest available drive 10Vpp. After applying this **"cleaning" procedure**, all\* observed effects found stable within time scale of days.





#### Two critical velocities, hysteresis and history dependent effects



# Standard 32 kHz fork, ultra-pure 4He, base temperature of the dilution fridge (Lancaster, McClintock's group, unpublished data)



D.I. Bradley · S.N. Fisher · A.M. Guénault · R.P. Haley · V. Tsepelin · G.R. Pickett · K.L. Zaki: The Transition to Turbulent Drag for a Cylinder Oscillating in Superfluid 4He: A Comparison of Quantum and Classical Behavior J Low Temp Phys (2009) 154: 97



#### Drag coefficient for high velocities << 1





L. Skrbek, W.F. Vinen: chapter 4 "The Use of Vibrating Structures in the Study of Quantum Turbulence", Progress in Low Temp. Physics, Springer 2009

# Conclusions

- A number of experiments has been performed over more that half a Century displaying the transition from laminar to turbulent drag regime in boundary layer flows due to oscillating submerged objects (discs, spheres, wires, grids, tuning forks) in gaseous helium, He I and He II:
- Complementary experiments in classical fluids (mostly air and water) exist and provide both qualitative (visualization) and quantitative data
- Experiments in He II, in two fluid regime above about 1 K, in most cases behave in a regular reproducible way, they display similarity with their classical counterparts and, on a phenomenological level, seem to be fairly well understood
- He II experiments in the zero temperature limit, performed even with "large" vibrating structure display additional features such as intermittent switching, hysteresis, and possibly two critical velocities
- There is a clear call for more carefully planned systematic measurements and theoretical support that should lead to better understanding of an interesting problem of generation of quantum turbulence by various vibrating structures