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On the role of mutual friction in He-II Turbulence

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- Introduction of effective characteristic scales and Reynolds numbers
- Intermittency and anomalous scaling laws ; temperature dependence

PART A

Brief introduction on superfluid He⁴ (called He-II)



Superfluid He⁴– general features

Superfluid He⁴ is an archetype of quantum fluid



A superfluid is not a « perfect » Euler fluid with kinematic viscosity $\nu \rightarrow 0$ but behaves as if it consists of two components (co-penetrating fluids) :

• inviscid superfluid component (quantum ground state : vortex line)



• normal fluid component (excited states : phonons and rotons)



Length scales in the problem



Coarse-grained dynamics of He-II at 1K < T < T_{λ} = 2.17K



HVBK closure condition for the mutual coupling Hall-Vinen-Bekharevich-Khalatnikov (1956, 1961)

•He-II is considered isothermal and incompressible



Limitations and alternatives to HVBK closure condition

HVBK was originally designed for regular pattern of quantized vortices with parallel orientation



In the context of QT, it is expected to capture only the *locally polarized* contribution of the superfluid vortex tangle : $|\omega^s| = \kappa L_{\parallel}$ Randomly oriented quantized vortices also participate to mutual friction : $\kappa L = \kappa (L_{\parallel} + L_{\chi})$ but are not taken into account

Vinen's model accounts for *locally non-polarized* superfluid vortex tangle :

$$\boldsymbol{F}_{\text{Vinen}} = -\alpha(T) \,\rho_s \,\kappa \,L_{\chi}(\boldsymbol{u}^n - \boldsymbol{u}^s) \qquad \qquad \frac{\mathrm{d}L_{\chi}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \alpha_V |\boldsymbol{u}^n - \boldsymbol{u}^s| \,L_{\chi}^{\frac{3}{2}} - \beta_V \,L_{\chi}^2$$
production decay

Attempts to unify Vinen's model and HVBK closure condition (T. Lipniacki) :

 $q = \frac{\nabla \times u^s}{\kappa L}$ measure of local anisotropy of the superfluid vortex tangle q = 1: polarized vortices q = 0: isotropic, unpolarized tangle

PART B

Quantum Turbulence under HVBK closure conditions



Mainstream consensus

Quantum Turbulence is probably very similar to Classical Turbulence

To what extent : scale-by-scale comparison ; dependence on temperature ?





Coarse-grained dynamics of QT under HVBK closure conditions Mathematical framework of our study

No temperature effect

Momentum equation for normal fluid and superfluid components:

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}^{n}}{\partial t} + (\boldsymbol{u}^{n} \cdot \nabla) \boldsymbol{u}^{n} = -\frac{1}{\rho_{n}} \nabla p_{n} + \frac{\rho_{s}}{\rho} \boldsymbol{F}^{ns} + \nu_{n} \nabla^{2} \boldsymbol{u}^{n} \qquad \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u}^{n} = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}^{s}}{\partial t} + (\boldsymbol{u}^{s} \cdot \nabla) \boldsymbol{u}^{s} = -\frac{1}{\rho_{s}} \nabla p_{s} - \frac{\rho_{n}}{\rho} \boldsymbol{F}^{ns} + \nu_{s} \nabla^{2} \boldsymbol{u}^{s} \qquad \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u}^{s} = 0$$

to account for dissipation beyond inter-vortex scale: reconnection, Kelvin waves, sound emission, etc.

 $\frac{\rho_n \rho_s}{\rho^2} F^{ns}$ is the mutual coupling force per unit mass of He-II with

$$\boldsymbol{F}^{ns} = -\frac{B}{2} |\boldsymbol{\omega}^{s}| \left(\boldsymbol{u}^{n} - \boldsymbol{u}^{s}\right)$$

for the HVBK closure condition ; $\boldsymbol{\omega}^s = \nabla \times \boldsymbol{u}^s$ is the coarse grained superfluid vorticity

$$\boldsymbol{F}^{ns} = -\frac{B}{2}\kappa L\left(\boldsymbol{u}^n - \boldsymbol{u}^s\right)$$

in a *mean-field approximation* with *L* being the (uniform) vortex line density

Wavenumber-by-wavenumber energy budget of QT



FIG. 1. Scale-by-scale spectral energy fluxes in (a) the superfluid component, (b) the normal fluid component, and (c) the two-fluid mixture. Blue solid lines, energy flux $\Pi(k)$ through wave number k; orange dashed lines, viscous dissipation $\mathcal{D}(k)$; green dotted lines, energy transfers due to mutual friction. Results obtained from HVBK simulations at T = 1.96 K (case > in Table I).









Scale-by-scale energy budget in classical turbulence

$$u_i(x',t)$$

 $r = x' - x$ spatial increment
 $u_i(x,t)$

 $\delta u_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{r}, t) \equiv u_i(\mathbf{x}', t) - u_i(\mathbf{x}, t)$ velocity increment

 $\delta u_{\parallel}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{r}, t) = \delta \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{r}, t) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{r}|}$ longitudinal velocity increment

Under the assumption of **stationary homogeneous and isotropic turbulence**, an **exact scale-by-scale energy budget** can be derived from the Navier-Stokes equations,

 $\epsilon = \epsilon_{inj}$

 ϵ refers to the mean dissipation rate (per unit mass)

$$<|\delta u_i|^2(r)\delta u_{\parallel}(r)> = -\frac{4}{3}\epsilon_{inj}r + 2\nu \frac{d < |\delta u_i|^2(r) >}{dr}$$
energy cascade viscous dissipation
for $r \ll L_0$: energy injection scale

This eventually yields the famous Kolmogorov's four-fifth law

$$<\delta u_{\parallel}^{3}(r)>=-rac{4}{5}\epsilon_{\mathrm{inj}}r+6\nurac{\mathrm{d}<\delta u_{\parallel}^{2}(r)>}{\mathrm{d}r}$$



Scale-by-scale energy budget in Quantum Turbulence for **normal fluid and superfluid components individually**

•
$$F_i^{ns}(x',t)$$

• r : spatial increment
 $u_i(x,t)$

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Normal fluid:

$$<|\delta u_{i}^{n}|^{2}(r)\delta u_{\parallel}^{n}(r)> = -\frac{4}{3}\epsilon_{\text{inj}}^{n}r - \frac{\rho_{s}}{\rho}\frac{2}{r^{2}}\int_{0}^{r} (< u_{i}^{n'}F_{i}^{ns}> + < u_{i}^{n}F_{i}^{ns'}>)r'^{2}dr' + 2\nu_{n}\frac{d}{dr} < |\delta u_{i}^{n}|^{2}(r)>$$

for $r \ll L_0$: energy injection scale

 $\epsilon_{\rm inj}^n = \epsilon^n - \frac{\rho_s}{\rho} < u_i^n F_i^{ns} >$

Superfluid:

$$\epsilon_{inj}^s = \epsilon^s + \frac{\rho_n}{\rho} < u_i^s F_i^{ns} >$$

$$<|\delta u_{i}^{s}|^{2}(r)\delta u_{\parallel}^{s}(r)> = -\frac{4}{3}\epsilon_{inj}^{s}r + \frac{\rho_{n}}{\rho}\frac{2}{r^{2}}\int_{0}^{r} \left(< u_{i}^{s'}F_{i}^{ns}> + < u_{i}^{s}F_{i}^{ns'}>\right)r'^{2}dr' + 2\nu_{s}\frac{d}{dr} < |\delta u_{i}^{s}|^{2}(r)$$

for $r \ll L_0$: energy injection scale

Scale-by-scale energy budget in Quantum Turbulence for the **two-fluid He-II mixture**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\rho_n}{\rho} < |\delta u_l^n|^2 \delta u_{\parallel}^n > + \frac{\rho_s}{\rho} < |\delta u_l^s|^2 \delta u_{\parallel}^s > = \\ -\frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{\rho_n}{\rho} \epsilon_{inj}^n + \frac{\rho_s}{\rho} \epsilon_{inj}^s \right) r \\ + 2 \left(\frac{\rho_n}{\rho} v_n \frac{d}{dr} < |\delta u_l^n|^2 > + \frac{\rho_s}{\rho} v_s \frac{d}{dr} < |\delta u_l^s|^2 > \right) \\ -\frac{\rho_s \rho_n}{\rho^2} \frac{2}{r^2} \int_0^r < u_l^{ns'} F_l^{ns} + u_l^{ns} F_l^{ns'} > r'^2 dr' \\ \text{with } u_l^{ns} \equiv u_l^n - u_l^s \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Supplementary term compared to Classical Turbulence} \\ & \text{At which scale is it effective?} \end{aligned}$$

Mutual coupling – energy budget

$$\varphi_{ns}(r) = -\frac{\rho_s \rho_n}{\rho^2} \frac{2}{r^2} \int_0^r \langle u_i^{ns'} F_i^{ns} + u_i^{ns} F_i^{ns'} \rangle r'^2 dr'$$

$$\epsilon_{ns} = \frac{\rho_s \rho_n}{\rho^2} \langle u_i^{ns} F_i^{ns} \rangle$$

$$\varphi_{ns}(r) = -\frac{4\epsilon_{ns}}{r^2} \int_0^r \frac{\langle u_i^{ns'} F_i^{ns} + u_i^{ns} F_i^{ns'} \rangle}{2 \langle u_i^{ns} F_i^{ns} \rangle} r'^2 dr'$$

f **HVBK**:
$$F_i^{ns} = -\frac{B}{2} |\boldsymbol{\omega}^s| u_i^{ns}$$
 with $|\boldsymbol{\omega}^s| \simeq \sqrt{\langle |\boldsymbol{\omega}^s|^2 \rangle} = \kappa L$
mean-field approximation

$$\varphi_{ns}(r) = 2\epsilon_{ns} \frac{2}{r^2} \int_0^r \frac{\langle u_i^{ns'} u_i^{ns} \rangle}{\langle |u^{ns}|^2 \rangle} r'^2 dr'$$

Mutual coupling – scale behaviour

$$\varphi_{ns}(r) = 2\epsilon^{ns} \frac{2}{r^2} \int_0^r \frac{\langle u_l^{ns'} u_l^{ns} \rangle}{\langle |u^{ns}|^2 \rangle} r'^2 dr'$$
As $r \to 0$: $\varphi_{ns}(r) \to \frac{4}{3}\epsilon_{ns}r$

$$\int_0^{1} \frac{4}{3}\epsilon_{ns}r$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{4}{3}} \epsilon_{ns}r \quad (\epsilon_{ns} < \epsilon_{inj})$$

$$\varphi_{ns}(r) \text{ negligible compared to } \frac{4}{3}\epsilon_{inj}r$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{4}{3}} \epsilon_{inj}r$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{4}{3}}$$

Effective Kolmogorov's scale for He-II

In **classical turbulence**: Kolmogorov's scale is obtained by equaling • $S_2(r) \sim \langle \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x}\right)^2 \rangle r^2 \sim \frac{\epsilon}{\nu} r^2$ in the ``dissipative range" where <u>velocity field is regular (smooth)</u> • and $S_2(r) \sim \epsilon^{2/3} r^{2/3}$ in the ``inertial range" where <u>velocity field is irregular</u> This yields $\eta \sim \left(\frac{\nu^3}{\epsilon}\right)^{1/4}$

Analogously in quantum turbulence : effective Kolmogorov's scale would be obtained by equaling

•
$$\overline{S_2}(r) \sim \frac{\langle \rho_n \nu_n \left(\frac{\partial u_x^n}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \rho_s \nu_s \left(\frac{\partial u_x^s}{\partial x}\right)^2 \rangle}{\rho_n \nu_n + \rho_s \nu_s} r^2 \sim \frac{\overline{\epsilon}_{\nu}}{\overline{\nu}} r^2$$
 in the ``dissipative range'' where velocity field is regular
• and $\overline{S_2}(r) \sim \overline{\epsilon_{\text{ini}}^{2/3}} r^{2/3}$ in the ``inertial range'' where velocity field is regular

This yields

$$\bar{\eta} \sim \left(\frac{\bar{\nu}^3}{\bar{\epsilon}_{inj}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \times \left(\frac{\bar{\epsilon}_{inj}}{\bar{\epsilon}_{inj} - \epsilon_{ns}}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}}$$
 by considering $\bar{\epsilon}_{inj} = \bar{\epsilon}_{\nu} + \epsilon_{ns}$

Or equivalently :

$$\overline{\eta} \sim \left(\frac{\overline{\nu}_{eff}^{3}}{\overline{\epsilon}_{inj}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$
 with $\overline{\nu}_{eff} = \overline{\nu} \times \left(\frac{\overline{\epsilon}_{inj}}{\overline{\epsilon}_{inj} - \epsilon_{ns}}\right)$

enhanced viscosity that accounts for mutual friction

Effective Reynolds number for He-II

Effective Reynolds number:

$$\mathbf{Re} = \frac{u_{\rm rms}L_0}{\overline{\nu}_{\rm eff}} \sim \left(\frac{L_0}{\overline{\eta}}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}}$$
$$\bar{\eta} \sim \left(\frac{\bar{\nu}_{\rm eff}^3}{\bar{\epsilon}_{\rm inj}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \text{ with } \bar{\nu}_{\rm eff} = \bar{\nu}\left(\frac{\bar{\epsilon}_{\rm inj}}{\bar{\epsilon}_{\rm inj}-\epsilon_{\rm ns}}\right) = \bar{\nu}\left(1 + \frac{\epsilon_{\rm ns}}{\epsilon_{\overline{\nu}}}\right)$$

Effective Taylor microscale $\overline{\lambda}$ is defined by

$$\overline{\epsilon}_{
m inj} = 15 \ \overline{\nu}_{
m eff} \ \left(\frac{u_{
m rms}}{\overline{\lambda}} \right)^2$$

or equivalently

$$\overline{\epsilon}_{\nu} = 15\overline{\nu} \left(\frac{u_{\mathrm{rms}}}{\overline{\lambda}}\right)^2$$

$$R_{\overline{\lambda}} = rac{u_{\mathrm{rms}}\overline{\lambda}}{\overline{\nu}_{\mathrm{eff}}} \sim \sqrt{\mathrm{Re}}$$

Numerical Results from Pseudo-Spectral Simulations

TABLE I. Simulation parameters.

Key	$T\left(\mathrm{K} ight)$	$ ho_{\rm s}/ ho_{\rm n}$	v_s/v_n	В	N	$k_{\max} \tilde{\eta}$	$\tilde{\lambda}/\tilde{\eta}$	$L/\tilde{\lambda}$	R_{λ}
×	1.44	10	0.2	2.0	1152	1.6	33.7	19.6	294
∇	1.44	10	0.2	2.0	1152	2.9	27.2	12.7	191
0	1.96	1	0.2	1.0	1728	3.6	29.0	14.5	217
	1.96	1	0.2	1.0	1728	2.9	31.2	16.7	251
⊳	1.96	1	0.1	1.0	1728	3.5	30.0	14.6	233
Δ	2.157	0.1	0.2	2.16	1152	2.8	27.4	12.9	194
•	NS	0	-	-	2048	1.4	44.6	34.2	510



Mutual friction for He-II mixture is essentially a dissipative process that adds to viscous dissipation at very scale scales

Controversy on intermittency in Quantum Turbulence Experimental results

Experimental studies :

``Local investigation of superfluid turbulence''
 J. Maurer and P. Tabeling
 Europhys. Lett. 43 (1), pp. 29-34 (1998)



Fig. 5. – Exponents of the structure functions of the absolute values of the longitudinal veloci increments, up to p = 7, for T = 1.4 K (black disks); the full line represents the current values four in normal fluid turbulence; the dashed line is the Kolmogorov line.

``Intermittency of QT with superfluid fraction from 0% to 96%''
 E. Rusaouen, B. Chabaud, J. Salort, P-E Roche
 Phys. Fluids 29, 105108 (2017)

"... **No evidence of temperature dependence is found on these scaling exponents** in the upper part of the inertial cascade, where turbulence is well developed and fully resolved by the probe..."

``Intermittency enhancement in quantum turbulence in superfluid 4He"
 Emil Varga, Jian Gao, Wei Guo, and Ladislav Skrbek
 Phys. Rev. Fluids 3, 094601 (2018)

"... *measurements reveal temperature-dependent intermittency corrections* (on transverse velocity structure functions) *that peak in the vicinity of 1.85K* in excellent agreement with recent theoretical predictions ..."



Controversy on intermittency in Quantum Turbulence Numerical results

Numerical studies :

``Enhancement of Intermittency in Superfluid Turbulence''
 Laurent Boué, Victor L'vov, Anna Pomyalov, and Itamar Procaccia
 Phys. Rev. Lett. **110**, 014502 (2013)

"Multiscaling in superfluid turbulence: A shellmodel study"
 V. Shukla and R. Pandit
 Phys. Rev. E 94, 043101 (2016)

``Turbulent statistics and intermittency enhancement in coflowing superfluid 4He''
 L. Biferale, D. Khomenko, V. L'vov, A. Pomyalov, I. Procaccia, and G. Sahoo
 Phys. Rev. Fluids 3, 024605 (2018)

Present work same with 20-80Hz fitting window Shukla et al. (normal f.) Shukla et al. (superfluid) Boué et al. Kolmogorov 41 0.740.72-0.72 0.60.660.64 0.20.4 0.60.8 ρ_s/ρ

FIG. 10. Exponents of the second order structure function as a function of the superfluid fraction. For explanation on open symbols, see the text.



FIG. 11. Superfluid correction of the intermittency exponents. Note that the dotted line for orders p = 4 and p = 6 have been calculated from an analytical formula provided in the original paper.

"... The energy transfer by mutual friction between components is particularly efficient in the temperature range between 1.8 and 2 K, leading to enhancement of small-scale intermittency for these temperatures..."

Flatness of longitudinal increments for normal fluid and superfluid components

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Universal scaling exponent for all temperatures similar to classical turbulence

Conclusion – Take Home messages

Mutual friction for He-II mixture is essentially a dissipative process that adds to viscous dissipation at very scale scales



Conclusion – Take Home messages

□ In the inertial range, the energy cascade remains the dominant dynamical process :

- the two fluid components are locked
- scaling properties agree with that of classical turbulence for all temperatures

Fully consistent with Zhang Z, Danaila I, Lévêque E, Danaila L.

"Higher-order statistics and intermittency of a two-fluid Hall-Vinen-Bekharevich-Khalatnikov quantum turbulent flow" J. Fluid Mech. 2023;962:A22

