# Inhomogeneous quantum turbulence in a channel

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General review articles on quantum turbulence

M. Tsubota, K. Kasamatsu and M. Kobayashi, in *Novel Superfluids*, ed.
K. H. Bennemann and J. B. Ketterson (Oxford University Press, 2013), Vol.1, p.156; arXiv:1004.5458
M. Tsubota, M. Kobayashi and H.

Takeuchi, **Physics Reports** 522, 191 (2013); arXiv:1208.0422

C. F. Barenghi, L. Skrbek, K. R.
Sreenivasan, PNAS 111 (Suppl. 1), 4647 (2014); arXiv: 1404.1909

#### 1. Introduction

What is quantum turbulence? Quantum turbulence(QT) means

Turbulence in quantum condensed fluids .

The main stages of QT are

• Superfluid helium (since 1950's)

• Atomic Bose-Einstein condensates(BECs) (since 1995)

#### **Bose-Einstein condensation (BEC) and the macroscopic wave function**



Physics of scalar BEC at 0K is described by the macroscopic wave function (order parameter).

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r},t) = \sqrt{n(\mathbf{r},t)} \exp(i\theta(\mathbf{r},t))$$

 $n(\mathbf{r},t)$ : Density of the Bose condensate  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r},t) = \frac{\hbar}{m} \nabla \theta(\mathbf{r},t)$ : Superfluid velocity

In a weakly interacting BEC,  $\Psi(\mathbf{r},t)$  obeys the Gross-Pitaevskii (GP) equation.

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(\mathbf{r},t)}{\partial t} = \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} + V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + g |\Psi(\mathbf{r},t)|^2 \right] \Psi(\mathbf{r},t)$$

## A quantized vortex is a vortex of superflow in a BEC. Any rotational motion in superfluid is sustained by quantized vortices.

(i) The circulation is quantized.

$$\oint \boldsymbol{v}_s \cdot d\boldsymbol{s} = \kappa n \ (n = 0, 1, 2, \cdots)$$
  
$$\kappa = h/m$$

A vortex with  $n \ge 2$  is unstable.



**Every vortex has the same circulation.** 

(ii) Free from the decay mechanism of the viscous diffusion of the vorticity.

## The vortex is stable once it is nucleated.

A quantized vortex is definite and well-defined!

#### Vortex tangle in *Quantum Turbulence*.



Numerical simulation by the Gross-Pitaevskii model.

The blue lines show the thin cores of quantized vortices.

Vortices are disordered spatially and temporally.

So are superflow created by the vortices.

 $\rightarrow$  Superfluid turbulence

### **Classical Turbulence (CT) vs. Quantum Turbulence (QT)**

#### Classical turbulence



http://www.nagare.or.in/mm/2004/gallery/jida/dragonfly.html

#### Quantum turbulence



Motion of vortex cores

## Elements are better-defined in QT than CT.

•The vortices are unstable. Not easy to identify each vortex.

•The circulation differs from one to another, not conserved.

stable topological defects.

- •Every vortex has exactly the same circulation.
- •Circulation is conserved.

## Models available for simulation of QT

**Gross-Pitaevskii (GP) model** for the macroscopic wave function  

$$\begin{aligned}
\Psi(r) &= \sqrt{n_0(r)}e^{i\theta(r)} \\
\psi(r) &= \sqrt{n_0(r)}e^{i\theta(r)} \\
\Psi(r,t) &= \sqrt{n_0(r)}e^{i\theta(r)$$



A vortex makes the superflow of the Biot-Savart law, and moves with this local flow.



2. Quantum turbulence in atomic BECs

There are two main cooperative phenomena of quantized vortices; Vortex lattice under rotation and Quantum turbulence.

	Vortex lattice	Quantum turbulence		
Superfluid He				
Atomic BEC		Few works, but recently active		

### Some methods of how to create QT in a trapped BEC.

# • Phase printing: N. G. Berloff, B. V. Svistunov, PRA66, 013603(2002)

- Manipulating the trapping potential: M. Kobayashi, M. Tsubota, PRA76, 045603(2007)
- Stirring the condensate: A. J. Allen *et al.*, PRA89, 023602(2014) other several works



M. Kobayashi and M. Tsubota, Phys. Rev. A76, 045603 (2007)

Making QT by combining two rotations



1. Trap the BEC in a weakly elliptic potential.

$$J(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{m\omega^2}{2} \left[ (1-\varepsilon_1)(1-\varepsilon_2)x^2 + (1+\varepsilon_1)(1-\varepsilon_2)y^2 + (1+\varepsilon_2)z^2 \right]$$

2. Rotate the system first around the *x*-axis, next around the *z*-axis.

 $\Omega(t) = (\Omega_x, \, \Omega_z \sin\Omega_x t, \Omega_z \cos\Omega_x t)$ 

# Actually this idea has been already used in CT. S. Goto, N. Ishii, S. Kida, and M. Nishioka, Phys. Fluids 19, 061705 (2007)



Rotation around one axis

Rotation around two axes





#### QT made by two precessions in a trapped BEC Two precessions ( $\omega_x \times \omega_z$ )

M. Kobayashi and MT, Phys. Rev. A76, 045603 (2007)



Condensate density



Quantized vortices

Simulation of the Gross-Pitaevskii model



 $n \approx 1.78 \pm 0.194$ 

We confirmed a scaling law of the energy spectrum similar to the Kolmogorov -5/3 law.

# QT is realized experimentally.

#### Density distribution in turbulence

- Quantized vortex







*3D* 



[1] E. A. L. Henn et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 045301 (2009).
[2] K. E. Wilson et al., Annu. Rev. Cold At. Mol. 1, 261 (2013).
[3] Woo Jin Kwon et al., Phys. Rev. A 90, 063627 (2014).

# **2-2. QT in two-component BECs**



V. I. Yukalov and E. P. Yukalova, Laser Phys. Lett. 1, 50 (2004).

C. Hamner et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 065302(2011).

# **3D 2-component QT**

$$|\Psi_1|^2/n = |\Psi_2|^2/n = 1$$
,  $V_R' = 4.71$ ,  $\gamma = 0.9$ 



Counterflow of two BECsSolitons $\rightarrow$  Vortex loops $\rightarrow$  QT

H. Takeuchi, S. Ishino, MT, PRL105, 205301(2010) S. Ishino, MT, H. Takeuchi, PRA83, 063602(2011)





 $|\Psi_1|^2/n = |\Psi_2|^2/n = 1, \ V_R' = 4.71, \ \gamma = 0.9$ 











 $|\Psi_1|^2/n = |\Psi_2|^2/n = 1$ ,  $V_R' = 4.71$ ,  $\gamma = 0.9$ **Counterflow of two BECs Eventually the vortices** become tangled. Isosurface of  $|\Psi_1|^2/n = 0.1$ Vortex core of **Flow direction** component 1



Various kinds of quantum turbulence in atomic BECs.

#### Quantized vortices

QT in single-component BECs QT in two-component BECs

#### **Spins**

Spin turbulence in spinor BECs

K. Fujimoto, MT, PRA85, 033642(2012) MT, Y. Aoki, K. Fujimoto, PRA88, 061601(R) (2013) Bogoliubov wave turbulence in BECs K. Fujimoto, MT, PRA91, 053260(2015) Spin Waves

Spin wave turbulence in BECs

K. Fujimoto, MT, PRA93, 033620(2016)

#### Spin turbulence in spinor BECs

K. Fujimoto, MT: PRA85, 033642(2012), PRA85, 053641(2012)

$$S_i = \sum_{m,n=-1}^{1} \psi_m^* (S_i)_{mn} \psi_n$$

Time-development of the spin density vector **s** 

![](_page_22_Figure_4.jpeg)

![](_page_22_Figure_5.jpeg)

$$E_s \propto k^{-7/3}$$

#### 3. Quantum turbulence in superfluid helium-

Liquid <sup>4</sup>He enters the superfluid state below 2.17 K ( $\lambda$  point) with Bose-Einstein condensation.

Its hydrodynamics are well described by the two-fluid model:

## The two-fluid model (Tisza, Landau)

The system is a mixture of inviscid superfluid and viscous normal fluid.

$$\rho = \rho_s + \rho_n \qquad \mathbf{j} = \rho_s \mathbf{v}_s + \rho_n \mathbf{v}_n$$

![](_page_23_Figure_6.jpeg)

	Density	Velocity	Viscosity	Entropy	
Superfluid	$\rho_s(T)$	$\mathbf{v}_{s}(\mathbf{r})$	0	0	
Normal fluid	$\rho_n(T)$	$\mathbf{v}_n(\mathbf{r})$	$\eta_n(T)$	$s_n(T)$	

# 3-1. Previous simulation for the homogeneous normal fluid flow (1980's-2010)

![](_page_24_Figure_1.jpeg)

Most simulations were performed for homogeneous systems.

- K. W. Schwarz, Phys. Rev. B38, 2398 (1988) LIA
- H. Adachi, S. Fujiyama, M. Tsubota, Phys. Rev. B81, 104511(2010) full
   Biot-Savart

## Vortex filament model (VFM)

![](_page_25_Figure_1.jpeg)

A vortex filament is represented by the parametric form  $s(\xi, t)$ .

The vortex filament makes the superfluid velocity field by the Biot-Savart law.

$$oldsymbol{v}_{oldsymbol{s}}(oldsymbol{r}) = rac{\kappa}{4\pi} \int_{\mathcal{L}} rac{(oldsymbol{s}_1 - oldsymbol{r}) imes doldsymbol{s}_1}{|oldsymbol{s}_1 - oldsymbol{r}|^3}$$

Every point s on the filament moves with its local superfluid velocity:  $\frac{ds}{dt} = v_s(r = s)$ 

When we try to obtain  $v_s(s)$  and let  $s_1 \to r = s$ , this integral becomes divergent. What to do?

![](_page_26_Figure_0.jpeg)

By introducing some cut-off, the Biot-Savart integral is divided into two terms(Arms & Hama 1965).

$$\frac{ds_0}{dt} = \frac{\beta}{4\pi} s' \times s'' + \frac{\kappa}{4\pi} \int_{\mathcal{L}} \frac{ds \times (r-s)}{|r-s|^3}$$
Local term
$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{ds_0}{dt} + \alpha s' \times (v_n - \frac{ds_0}{dt}) - \alpha' s' \times \left[s' \times (v_n - \frac{ds_0}{dt})\right]$$
Mutual friction at finite temperatures

The approximation neglecting the nonlocal term is called the LIA(Localized Induction Approximation).

$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{s}_0}{dt} = \frac{\beta}{4\pi} \boldsymbol{s}' \times \boldsymbol{s}''$$

![](_page_27_Figure_0.jpeg)

K. W. Schwarz, Phys. Rev. B38, 2398 (1988).

-Obtained a statistically steady state by the vortex filament model (VFM) under the localized induction approximation (LIA).

Periodic boundary conditions for all three directions

Simulation under LIA  
$$v_s$$
  $v_n$ 

## Schwarz's simulation(1) PRB38, 2398(1988)

![](_page_28_Figure_1.jpeg)

FIG. 4. Case study of the development of a vortex tangle in a real channel. Here,  $\alpha = 0.10$ , corresponding to a temperature of about 1.6 K, and  $v_{s,0} = 75$  into the front face of the channel section shown. Upper left:  $t_0 = 0$ , no reconnections; upper right;  $t_0 = 0.0028$ , three reconnections; middle left:  $t_0 = 0.05$ , 18 reconnections; middle right:  $t_0 = 0.20$ , 844 reconnections; lower left:  $t_0 = 2.75$ , 124 781 reconnections.

However, this simulation had nontrivival serious problems.

1. Vortex reconnections were modeled artificially.

# Reconnection of quantized vortices (1)

In the field of classical fluid dynamics, vortex reconnections are believed to occur by the viscous diffusion of vorticity.

![](_page_29_Figure_2.jpeg)

Can quantized vortices reconnect? The vortex filament model (VFM) cannot answer the question.

The simulation of the Gross-Pitaevskii model showsreconnection.J. Koplik and H. Levin, PRL71, 1375 (1993)

![](_page_29_Figure_5.jpeg)

# Reconnection of quantized vortices (2)

Reconnections in VFM are modeled with an algorithmical procedure. However, this procedure is more or less arbitrary.

![](_page_30_Figure_2.jpeg)

## Schwarz's simulation(2) PRB38, 2398(1988)

![](_page_31_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_31_Figure_2.jpeg)

FIG. 8. Mapping of various vortex configurations into the computational volume, showing the appearance of the unit cell when all space is filled by the repetition of these objects. The end points of the lines represent equivalent points in the unit cell. Top row: closed loops; middle row: parallel infinite lines characteristic of a dead-end fluctuation; bottom row: infinite lines after randomizing procedure designed to reestablish three-dimensional behavior. The illustrations are intended to be purely schematic.

However, this simulation had nontrivial serious problems.

1. Vortex reconnections were modeled artificially.

2. All calculation was performed by the LIA.

→ He used an artificial mixing procedure in order to obtain the steady state.

![](_page_32_Figure_0.jpeg)

were obtained without the artificial mixing procedure.

# Comparison between LIA and full Biot-SavartFull Biot-SavartT = 1.6 KLIA

![](_page_33_Picture_1.jpeg)

We need intervortex interaction.

Vortices become anisotropic, forming layer structures.

![](_page_33_Figure_4.jpeg)

## 3-2. Recent visualization experiments (2006-)

Visualizing quantized vortices and the profile of the normal fluid flow

Maryland, Tallahassee, Prague

•G. P. Bewley, D. P. Lathrop, K. R. Sreenivasan, Nature 441, 588(2006)

•A. Marakov, J. Gao, W. Guo, S. W. Van Sciver, G. G. Ihas, D. N. McKinsey, W. F. Vinen, Phys. Rev. B 91, 094503(2015).

•M. La Mantia, L. Skrbek, Phys. Rev. B 90, 014519 (2014).

### **Visualization of quantized vortices** G. P. Bewley, D. P. Lathrop, K. R. Sreenivasan, Nature 441, 588(2006)

![](_page_35_Picture_1.jpeg)

 $T < T_{\lambda}$ 

Solid hydrogen particles are trapped by quantized vortices.

Marakov et al. observed a novel profile of the normal fluid flow by using metastable  $\text{He}_2^*$  molecules.

A. Marakov, J. Gao, W. Guo, S. W. Van Sciver, G. G. Ihas, D. N. McKinsey, W. F. Vinen, Phys. Rev. B 91, 094503(2015).

- No heat flux  $\rightarrow$  No flow
- Poiseuille flow (laminar) 2
- 3,4 Tail-flattened flow(laminar)
- 5,6 Turbulence

Such tail-flattened flow has never been observed even in a classical fluid.

![](_page_36_Figure_7.jpeg)

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Present status of the numerical simulation in superfluid helium

#### Almost all simulations

Superfluid (Vortex filament model)

![](_page_37_Picture_3.jpeg)

One way

Prescribed normal fluid (Navier-Stokes equation)

#### Desirable simulations

Superfluid (Vortex filament model)

Lagrangian

![](_page_37_Picture_8.jpeg)

![](_page_37_Picture_9.jpeg)

Normal fluid (Navier-Stokes equation)

Eulerian

# 3-3. The new simulation for the inhomogeneous normal fluid flow

(1) Counterflow quantum turbulence of He-II in a square channel: Numerical analysis with nonuniform flows of the normal fluid
S. Yui and M. Tsubota, Phys. Rev. B91, 184504 (2015): arXiv: 1502.06683

(2) Logarithmic velocity profile (the log-law) of quantum turbulence of superfluid <sup>4</sup>He
S. Yui, K. Fujimoto and M. Tsubota, Phys. Rev. B 92, 224513 (2015): arXiv:1508.01347

# What is lacking in the previous simulations?

Most previous numerical works suppose

- Periodic boundary for all three directions
- Prescribing the homogeneous profile of the normal fluid

![](_page_39_Picture_4.jpeg)

In order to understand these phenomena, we need

\* solid boundary condition in a channel\* coupling of superfluid and normal fluid

## Difference between solid- and periodic boundary conditions

Periodic

![](_page_40_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_40_Picture_3.jpeg)

Solid boundary

A vortex ring that comes out of the right enters the system from the left again. A vortex ring moving to the right reconnects with the solid wall.

--> Solid walls can work as an absorber for vortices.

![](_page_41_Figure_0.jpeg)

Phys. Rev. B91, 184504 (2015)

- Square cross section 1mm ×1mm
- Computational volume is 1mm ×1mm × 1mm
- Periodic B. C. along the x-axis, and solid smooth B. C. for other walls.
- T= 1.3K, 1.6K and 1.9K *Full Biot-Savart calculation*

![](_page_41_Figure_6.jpeg)

#### (1) Poiseuille flow in a rectangular channel

For the cross section 
$$(-a < y < a, -b < z < b)$$
  
 $v_n(y,z) = u_0 \sum_{i=1,3,5,\cdots}^{\infty} (-1)^{\frac{i-1}{2}} \left[ 1 - \frac{\cosh(i\pi z/2a)}{\cosh(i\pi b/2a)} \right] \frac{\cosh(i\pi y/2a)}{i^3}$ 

The Handbook of Fluid Dynamics, edited by R. W. Johnson (CRC, Boca Raton, 1998)

![](_page_42_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_43_Figure_0.jpeg)

- 1. Vortices expand from the center toward the channel walls, trapped by the walls.
- 2. Vortices are denser near the walls than the center.
- 3. At higher temperatures, the strong mutual friction grows the vortices rapidly and densely.

#### (2) Tail-flattened flow in a rectangular channel

![](_page_44_Picture_1.jpeg)

How to make the flow profile?

Combining the Poisuille flow  $v_n^p(\mathbf{r})$  and the flat flow  $v_n^p(0)$ 

$$v_n(\mathbf{r}) = u_0 \max[v_n^p(\mathbf{r}), hv_n^p(0)]$$

![](_page_44_Figure_5.jpeg)

![](_page_45_Figure_0.jpeg)

Vortex tangle is more homogeneous in tail-flattened flow than in Poiseuille flow.

# What causes the tail-flattened flow?

#### Vortex tangle made under the prescribed Poiseuille flow

![](_page_46_Picture_2.jpeg)

If we turn on the mutual friction from vortices to normal fluid, the Poiseuille profile may be changed.

*Cf.* 2D simulation: L. Galantucci, M. Sciacca, C. F. Barenghi, Phys. Rev. B92, 174530 (2015)

![](_page_47_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_48_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_49_Figure_0.jpeg)

(2) Logarithmic velocity profile of quantum turbulence of superfluid <sup>4</sup>He

S. Yui, K. Fujimoto and M. Tsubota, Phys.Rev.B92, 224513 (2015)

#### Two well-known statistical laws in classical turbulence

![](_page_50_Figure_3.jpeg)

#### Kolmogorov -5/3 law in the bulk

#### Log- law near walls

![](_page_50_Figure_6.jpeg)

## Classical turbulence vs Quantum turbulence

![](_page_51_Figure_1.jpeg)

Kolmogorov -5/3 law in the bulk

![](_page_51_Figure_3.jpeg)

T. Araki, M. Tsubota and S. K. Nemirovskii, PRL89, 145301(2002) *Paris, Osaka, New Castle,...* 

![](_page_51_Figure_5.jpeg)

Log- law near walls

![](_page_51_Figure_7.jpeg)

PRB92, 224513 (2015)

#### Turbulent boundary layer in a classical fluid

![](_page_52_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_52_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### How to derive the log-law (1)

![](_page_53_Figure_1.jpeg)

*cf*. Prandtl: Boundary layer theory Landau-Lifshitz: Fluid Mechanics

Averaged velocity  $u_x = u(y), u_y = u_z = 0$ 

- Viscosity is not available except near the walls..
- Constant momentum flux  $\sigma$  (Reynolds stress) flows from the bulk to the walls.
- $\sigma$  dissipates by the viscosity near the walls.

du/dy is determined only by the fluid density ho , momentum flux  $\sigma$  , distance y.

Dimension [du/dy] = 1/T,  $[\rho] = M/L^3$ ,  $[\sigma] = M/(L \cdot T^2)$ , [y] = L $\frac{du}{dy} = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma/\rho}}{by}, \quad b = 0.417$ :Karman constant

![](_page_54_Figure_0.jpeg)

What determines the width  $y_0$  of the boundary layer ?

By

$$Re = \frac{v_* y_0}{\nu} \sim 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad y_0 \sim \frac{\nu}{v_*}$$
  
some considerations, 
$$\frac{u}{v_*} = \frac{1}{b} \log\left(\frac{y}{y_0}\right)$$

#### Quantum-turbulent boundary layer

How about the log-law?

Pure normal flow between two

parallel plates.

S. Yui, K. Fujimoto and M. Tsubota, Phys. Rev. B 92, 224513 (2015)

T=1.9K $\overline{v_n} = 0.9 \text{ cm/s}$ 

 $v_s = 0$ 

![](_page_55_Picture_3.jpeg)

![](_page_55_Picture_4.jpeg)

![](_page_55_Picture_5.jpeg)

#### Quantum-turbulent boundary layer

 $\mathcal{X}$ 

![](_page_56_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_56_Figure_2.jpeg)

The averaged velocity of turbulent superfluid flow obeys the log-law !

![](_page_56_Picture_4.jpeg)

![](_page_56_Figure_5.jpeg)

### Analogy between classical and quantum cases

## Classical

![](_page_57_Figure_2.jpeg)

## Quantum

![](_page_57_Picture_4.jpeg)

# Momentum is transferred toward the walls.

Vortices move toward the walls with the momentum.

![](_page_58_Figure_0.jpeg)

We know  $v_q^*/\kappa_q$  from the fitting. Since we have no theory for  $v_q^*$ , however, we cannot obtain the Karman constant  $\kappa_q$ .

### Summary

- 1. We review the research of numerical simulation of quantum turbulence in atomic BECs and superfluid helium.
- 2. The recent visualization experiments open the door for inhomogeneous turbulence in Superfluid helium.
- 3. We discussed the two topics.
- 3-1. Inhomogeneous turbulence in a square channel

S. Yui, M. Tsubota, Phys. Rev. B91, 184504(2015)

3-2. Log-law in turbulent boundary layer

S. Yui, K. Fujimoto, M. Tsubota, Phys. Rev. B 92, 224513(2015)