



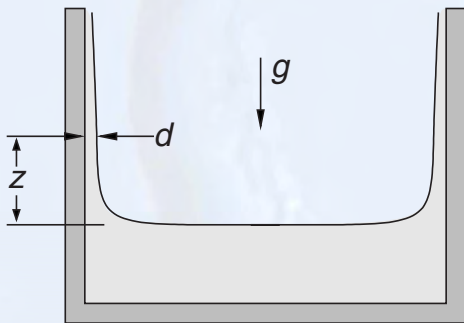
### b) Beaker experiments

**films** are formed with a **thickness** of  $\sim 200 \text{ \AA}$  in saturated vapor pressure also **against gravity**

let us understand how

comment: the film formation is a “classical” phenomenon

#### (i) Film formation in saturated vapor



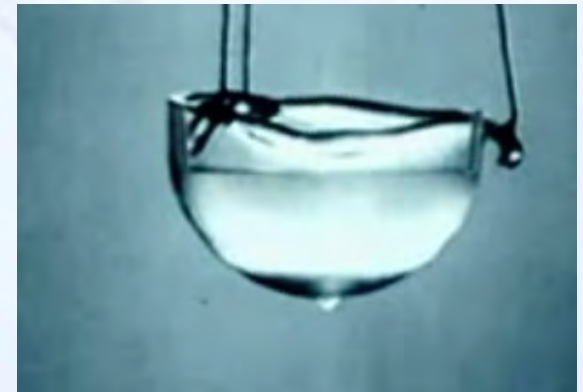
In thermal equilibrium

$$\mu_f = \mu_g = \mu_\ell$$

chemical potential for film (gas and liquid)

gravitational force is compensated by v. Waals forces

$$\rightarrow \mu_f = \mu_\ell + \underbrace{\mu_{\text{grav}} + \mu_{\text{vdW}}}_{=0} = \mu_\ell$$





film thickness:

$$\mu_{\text{grav}} = gz$$

$$\mu_{\text{vdW}} = -\alpha/d^3$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mu_{\text{grav}} = gz \\ \mu_{\text{vdW}} = -\alpha/d^3 \end{array} \right\} gz - \alpha/d^3 = 0$$



$$d = \sqrt[3]{\frac{\alpha}{gz}}$$

depends on film thickness:  $\mu_{\text{vdW}} = -\alpha/d^3$  for  $d < 30 \text{ nm}$

$\mu_{\text{vdW}} = -\alpha/d^4$  for  $d > 80 \text{ nm}$

atomic polarisability of helium + wall  
(Hamaker constant)

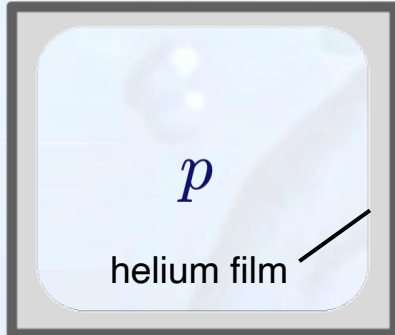
retardation of potential

typical value:  $d \sim 20 \text{ nm}$  at  $z = 10 \text{ cm}$

comment: property of **superfluidity** is **unimportant** for the  
**film formation** and **thickness**, but for the film flow



### (ii) film formation in unsaturated vapor



How does  $d$  depend on  $p$  ?

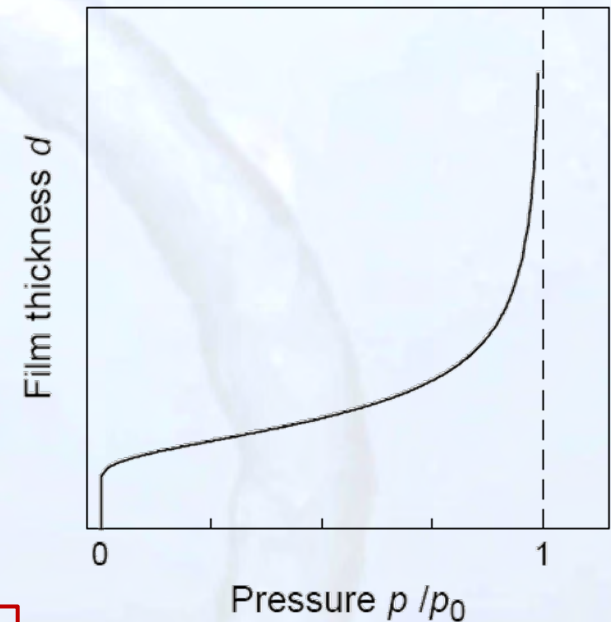
→ barometric formula

$$\frac{p}{p_0} = e^{-mgh/k_B T}$$

$$mgh = -k_B T \ln \left( \frac{p}{p_0} \right)$$

→ 
$$\frac{\alpha}{d^3} = \frac{k_B T}{m_4} \ln \left( \frac{p_0}{p} \right)$$

→ 
$$d = \sqrt[3]{\frac{\alpha m_4}{k_B T (\ln p_0 - \ln p)}}$$



- ▶ decrease of pressure → decrease of film thickness
- ▶ in practice: thicknesses of sub-mono layers are possible and realized

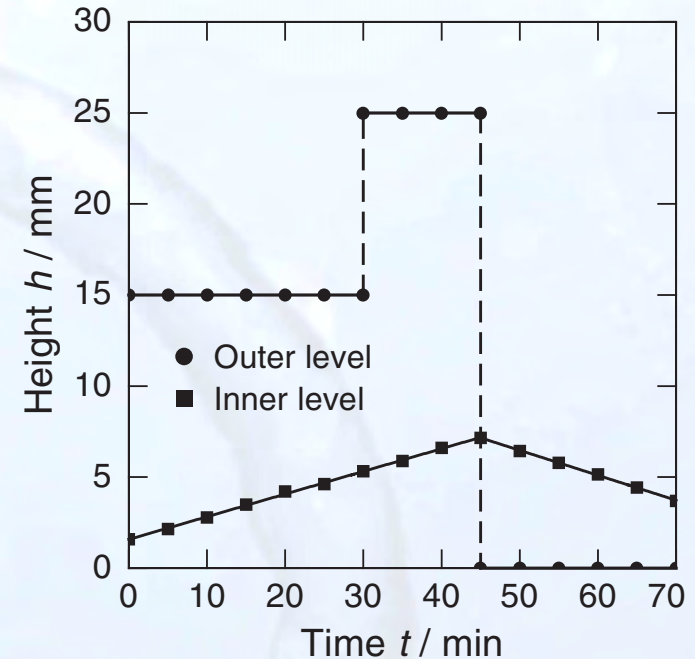


investigation of superfluidity with third sound: onset of superfluidity at  $n > 2.1$  layers



now back to the film flow:

- ▶ films are formed
- ▶  $\varrho_s$  is moving without friction
- ▶ equalizing the chemical potential is driving force
- ▶ const. rate  $\triangleq$  critical velocity



Interesting question:  $\varrho_s$  flows with  $S = 0$ !



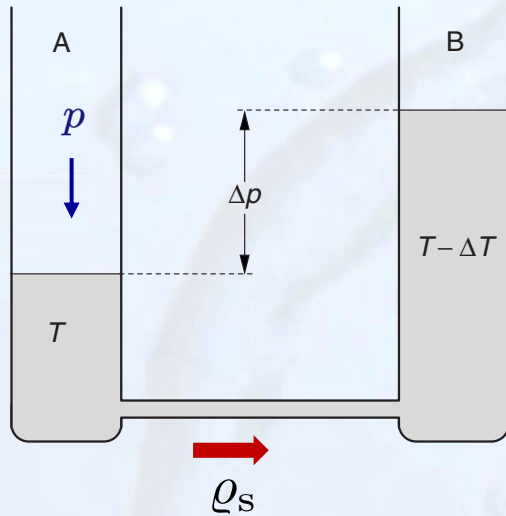
rest should warm up and helium flowing into a vessel should have  $T = 0$ !

but thermal equilibrium via gas phase





## c) Thermomechanical effect



$+ Q_s$   $\rightarrow$  cooling in B  
 $- Q_s$   $\rightarrow$  warming in A

$T_B < T_A$

Using (6) in stationary state

$$\frac{\partial v_s}{\partial t} = S \text{grad } T - \frac{1}{\rho} \text{grad } p = 0$$

$\uparrow$   
 in equilibrium **nothing flows**

$$\frac{\Delta p}{\Delta T} = \rho S$$

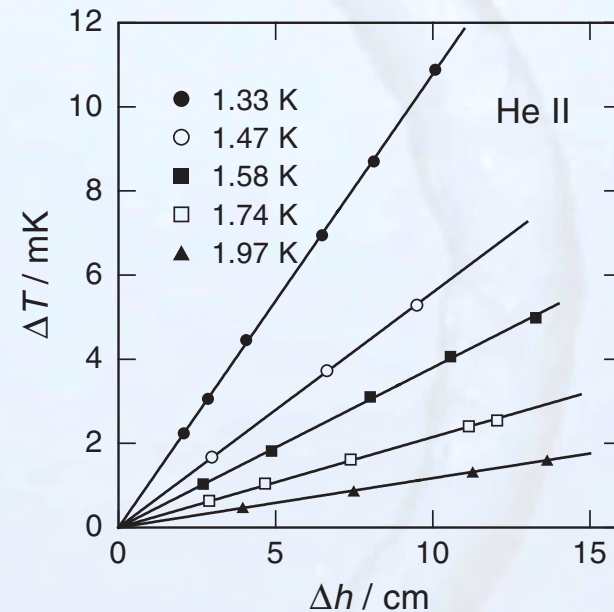
London equation  
(H. London 1939)

$\rightarrow$  Linear relation between  $\Delta p$  and  $\Delta T$

$\Delta h = 2 \text{ cm}$   
 $T = 1.5 \text{ K}$

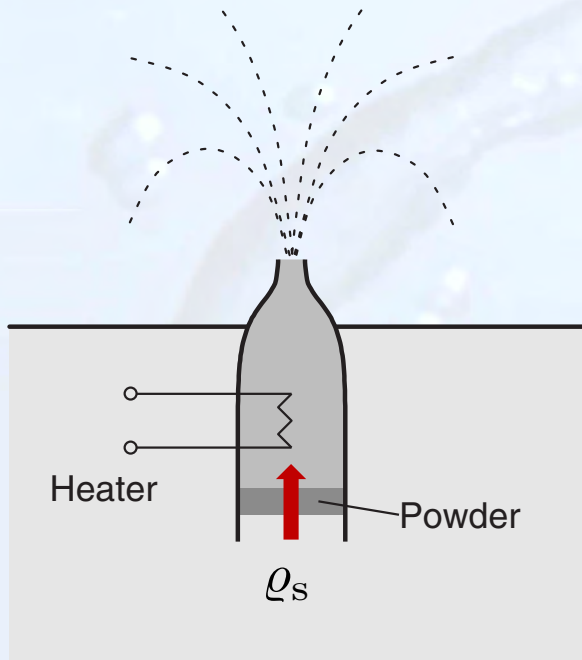
$\Delta T = 1 \text{ mK}$

not very effective cooling

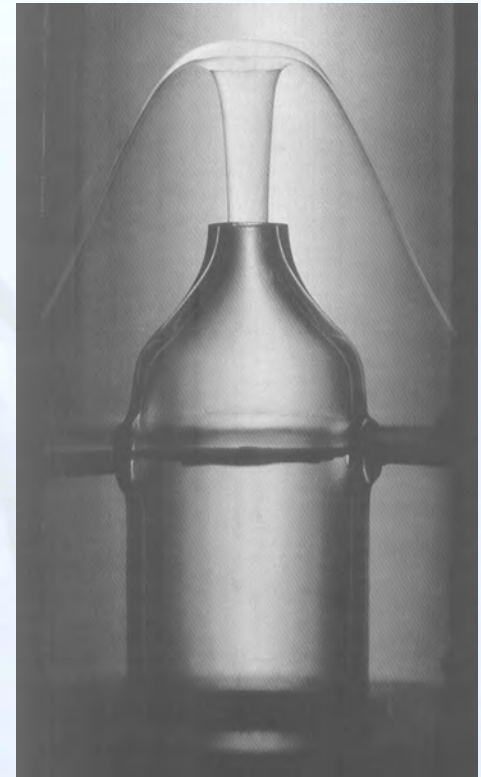




### Reverse thermomechanical effect: Fountain effect



$$\Delta T \quad \curvearrowright \quad \Delta p$$



- ▶ heating of helium inside vessel  $\longrightarrow$  ratio of  $\varrho_n/\varrho_s$  increases inside the vessel
- ▶ the temperature inside is higher than outside
- ▶ to equalize the system  $\varrho_s$  flows through superleak (compressed powder)
- ▶ pressure rises and fountain starts to flow (and flows as long as heater is on)



## d) Heat Transport

- ▶ in not too small capillaries  $v_n \neq 0$
- ▶ even in equilibrium ( $\Delta p = \rho S \Delta T$ ) there is a constant flow of  $\varrho_n$  from the warm end to the cold end and  $\varrho_s$  in the opposite direction by “convection”

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \varrho_n \longrightarrow \text{cold end} \\ \varrho_s \longrightarrow \text{warm end} \end{array} \right\} \text{entropy transport} \triangleq \text{heat transport}$$

heat transport  
maximum at 1.8 K  
where  $\varrho_n \approx \varrho_s$

- ▶ limited only by the mobility of  $\varrho_n$  and therefore  $\eta_n$
- ▶ viscos mass flow of  $\varrho_n$  :

$$\text{volume rate} \quad \dot{V}_n = \frac{\beta}{\eta_n} \frac{\Delta p}{L}$$

(\*)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \beta \propto r^4 & \text{for capillaries} \\ \beta \propto d^3 & \text{for slits} \end{array}$$

- ▶ entropy flow  $\dot{V}_n \varrho S$   $\longrightarrow$  heat flow  $\dot{Q} = T \dot{V}_n \varrho S$  (\*\*)

$$\delta Q = T \delta S$$



(\*) insert in (\*\*) and London equation ( $\Delta p = \rho S \Delta T$ )

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\beta T (\rho S)^2}{\eta_n L} \Delta T$$

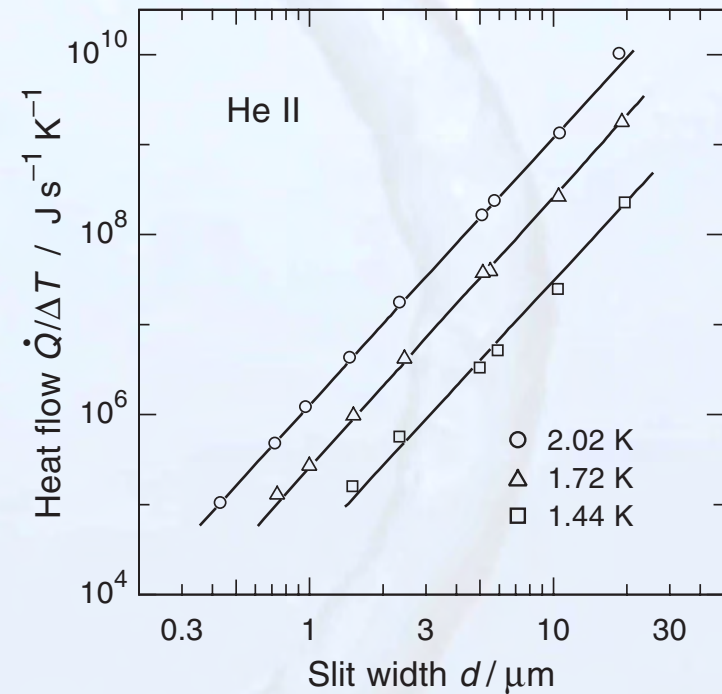
linear regime

experimental results:

$$\dot{Q} \propto \beta \propto d^3 \quad (\text{as expected})$$

$$\dot{Q} \text{ rises with } T \quad (\text{as expected})$$

heat flow  $\log \dot{Q}/\Delta T$  vs  $\log d$







### Momentum of heat flow

Heat flow in He-II  $\longrightarrow$  **momentum flow**  $\rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}$

momentum flow / volume

**resulting pressure** acting on a heat source

$$p = \rho_n v_n^2 + \rho_s v_s^2 \quad (*)$$

**no net mass** transport (closed vessel)

$$\rho_n v_n + \rho_s v_s = 0 \longrightarrow v_s = -\frac{\rho_n}{\rho_s} v_n$$

insert in (\*)  $\longrightarrow p = \frac{\rho_n \rho}{\rho_s} v_n^2$

with heat flow / per area

$$\frac{\dot{Q}}{A} = \rho ST v_n \quad \frac{\dot{V}_n}{A} \longrightarrow v_n = \frac{\dot{Q}}{A \rho ST}$$



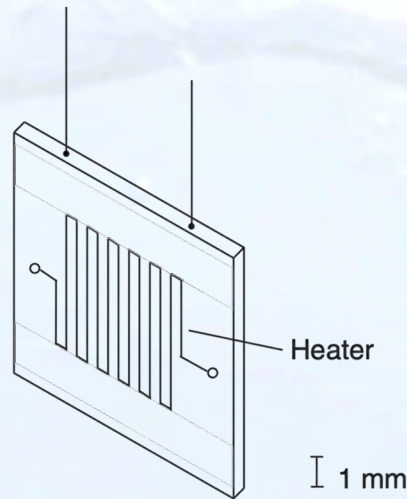
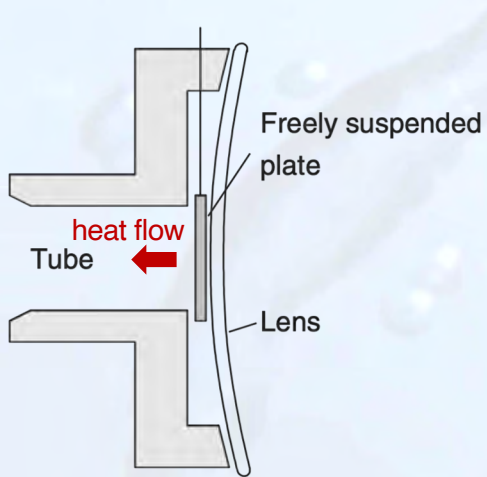
$$p = \frac{\rho_n}{\rho_s \rho} \left( \frac{\dot{Q}}{A ST} \right)^2$$

**pressure** associated with uni-directional **heat flow**

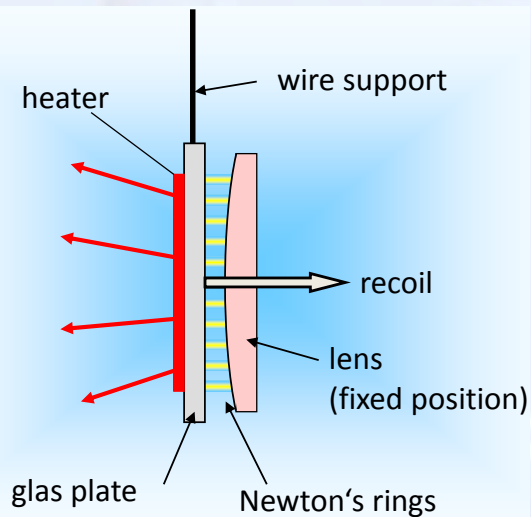
$$\begin{aligned} p &= \rho_n v_n^2 + \rho_s v_s^2 \\ v_s &= -\frac{\rho_n}{\rho_s} v_n \\ &= \rho_n v_n^2 + \rho_s \left( -\frac{\rho_n}{\rho_s} v_n \right)^2 \\ &= \rho_n v_n^2 \left( 1 + \frac{\rho_n}{\rho_s} \right) \\ &= \rho_n v_n^2 \left( \frac{\rho_s + \rho_n}{\rho_s} \right) \\ &= \frac{\rho_n \rho}{\rho_s} v_n^2 \end{aligned}$$



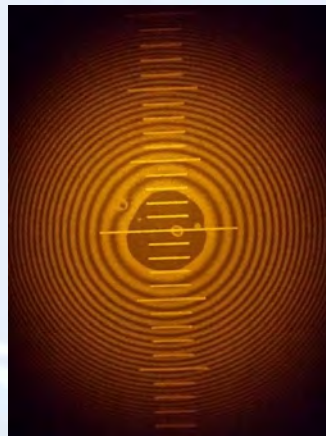
### Momentum of heat flow: Measurement



change of distance between glass plate and lens measured by Newton rings  $\longrightarrow$  force



Newton rings



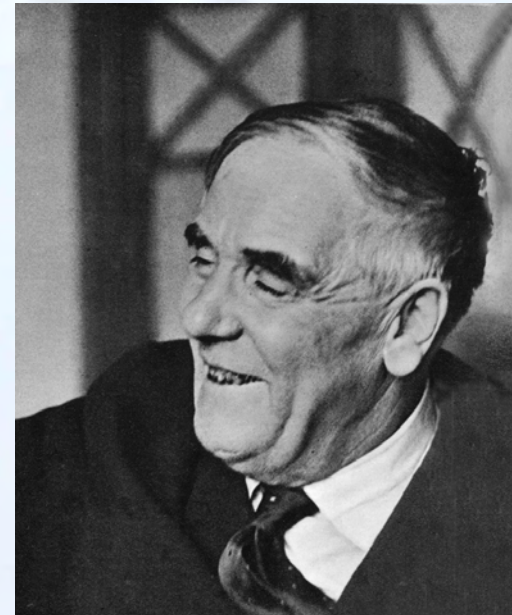
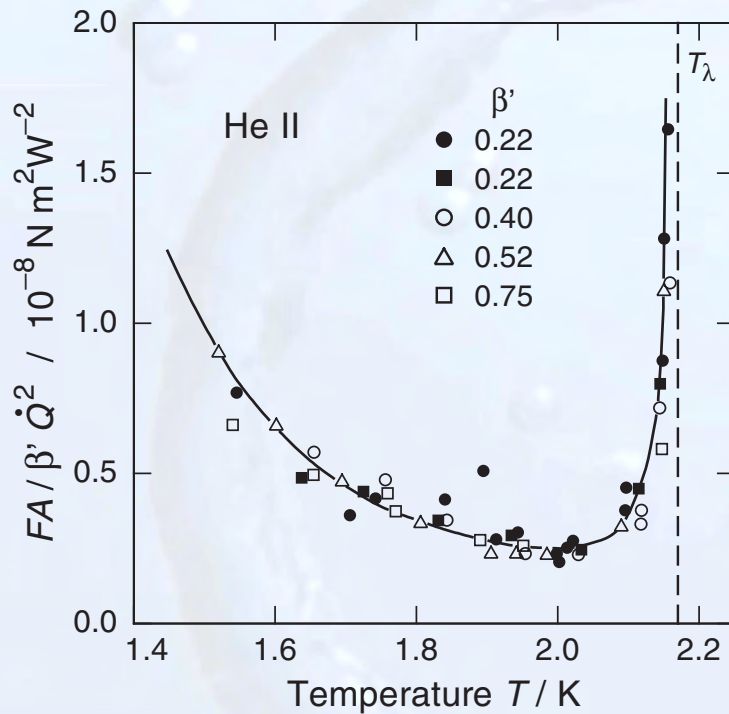
Expected force

$$F = pA = \beta' \frac{\rho_n}{\rho_s \rho A} \left( \frac{\dot{Q}}{ST} \right)^2$$

geometry dependent factor of the order of one



Momentum of heat flow: results plotted as  $\frac{FA}{\beta' \dot{Q}^2} = \frac{\varrho_n}{\varrho_s \varrho} \frac{1}{T^2 S^2}$



Pyotr Leonidovich Kapitsa (1894 – 1984)

- ▶ results are **independent** of geometry
- ▶ because of  $\varrho_n v_n + \varrho_s v_s = 0 \rightarrow$  **rise** at **low** and **high**  $T$
- ▶ line: **two-fluid model** (without free parameter)





density

$$\varrho = \varrho_n + \varrho_s \quad (1)$$

mass flow

$$\mathbf{j} = \varrho_n \mathbf{v}_n + \varrho_s \mathbf{v}_s \quad (2)$$

mass conservation  
continuity eqn.

$$\frac{\partial \varrho}{\partial t} = -\operatorname{div} \mathbf{j} \quad (3)$$

ideal fluid

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{j}}{\partial t} = -\operatorname{grad} p \quad (4)$$

entropy conservation

$$\frac{\partial(\varrho S)}{\partial t} = -\operatorname{div}(\varrho S \mathbf{v}_n) \quad (5)$$

an equation of motion for  
superfluid component

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_s}{\partial t} = S \operatorname{grad} T - \frac{1}{\varrho} \operatorname{grad} p \quad (6)$$





d) Sound propagation (precision test of two-fluid model)

differentiation of (3) in respect to time and insert in (4)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varrho}{\partial t^2} = \nabla^2 p \quad (*)$$

eliminate  $\mathbf{v}_s$  and  $\mathbf{v}_n$  in (5) and (6) with (2)

$\backslash \quad /$   
 since not observable

neglect terms of 2<sup>nd</sup> order

$$\frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\varrho_s S^2}{\varrho_n} \nabla^2 T \quad (**)$$

with (\*) and (\*\*) one can **fully describe** the **sound propagation** in He-II  
(under the assumption we made)

$$\frac{\partial \varrho}{\partial t} = -\text{div} \vec{J} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varrho}{\partial t^2} = -\text{div} \left( \frac{\partial \vec{J}}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{J}}{\partial t} = -\text{grad } p \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varrho}{\partial t^2} = -\text{div}(-\text{grad } p)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varrho}{\partial t^2} = \nabla^2 p$$



we have 2 equations, but 4 variables  $(\varrho, S, p, T)$  however, only 2 independent variables

We choose  $\varrho, S$  as independent and express  $p, T$  with  $\varrho$  and  $S$  (for small changes)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \delta p &= \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial \varrho} \right)_S \delta \varrho + \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial S} \right)_\varrho \delta S, \\ \delta T &= \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \varrho} \right)_S \delta \varrho + \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial S} \right)_\varrho \delta S \end{aligned} \right\} \text{insert in (*) and (**)}$$



$$\frac{\partial^2 \varrho}{\partial t^2} = \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial \varrho} \right)_S \nabla^2 \varrho + \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial S} \right)_\varrho \nabla^2 S$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\varrho_s}{\varrho_n} S^2 \left[ \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \varrho} \right)_S \nabla^2 \varrho + \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial S} \right)_\varrho \nabla^2 S \right]$$

2 partial differential equations of 2<sup>nd</sup> order