



Ansatz:  $\varrho = \varrho_0 + \varrho' e^{i\omega(t-x/v)}$ ,

$$S = S_0 + S' e^{i\omega(t-x/v)}$$

frequency of wave
velocity in  $x$  direction

Insertion and differentiation leads to 2 linear equations in  $\varrho'$  and  $S'$

$$\left[ \left( \frac{v}{v_1} \right)^2 - 1 \right] \varrho' + \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial S} \right)_\varrho \left( \frac{\partial \varrho}{\partial p} \right)_S S' = 0, \quad \text{(i)}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \varrho} \right)_S \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_\varrho \varrho' + \left[ \left( \frac{v}{v_2} \right)^2 - 1 \right] S' = 0 \quad \text{(ii)}$$

with

$$v_1^2 = \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial \varrho} \right)_S \quad \text{and} \quad v_2^2 = \frac{\varrho_s}{\varrho_n} S^2 \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial S} \right)_\varrho$$



the constrains equation for the coefficients is

$$\left[ \left( \frac{v}{v_1} \right)^2 - 1 \right] \left[ \left( \frac{v}{v_2} \right)^2 - 1 \right] = \underbrace{\left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial S} \right)_\rho \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p} \right)_S \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \rho} \right)_S \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_\rho}_{\text{here standard thermodynamic relations are used}}$$

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$$\left[ \left( \frac{v}{v_1} \right)^2 - 1 \right] \left[ \left( \frac{v}{v_2} \right)^2 - 1 \right] = \frac{C_p - C_V}{C_p}$$

for liquid helium  $C_p \approx C_V$

$$\left[ \left( \frac{v}{v_1} \right)^2 - 1 \right] \left[ \left( \frac{v}{v_2} \right)^2 - 1 \right] \approx 0 \quad \text{(iii)}$$

interpretation: **two** wave  $\left. \begin{matrix} \nearrow v_1 \\ \searrow v_2 \end{matrix} \right\}$  **weakly coupled** via  $\frac{C_p - C_V}{C_p}$



(i) First sound

with (i) and (iii)

$$v = v_1 = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho}\right)_S}$$

$$\left(\frac{v}{v_1}\right)^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\rho' \neq 0 \quad S' = 0$$

$$\downarrow \quad \text{grad } T = 0$$

as usual for **ordinary** (first) **sound**

insert (4) into (6)

$$\rho_n \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\underbrace{v_n - v_s}) = \rho S \text{ grad } T = 0$$

$v_n = v_s \rightarrow$  superfluid and normalfluid component are **in phase**

(4) in (6)

$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}_s}{\partial t} = S \text{ grad } T + \frac{1}{S} \frac{\partial \vec{j}}{\partial t}$$

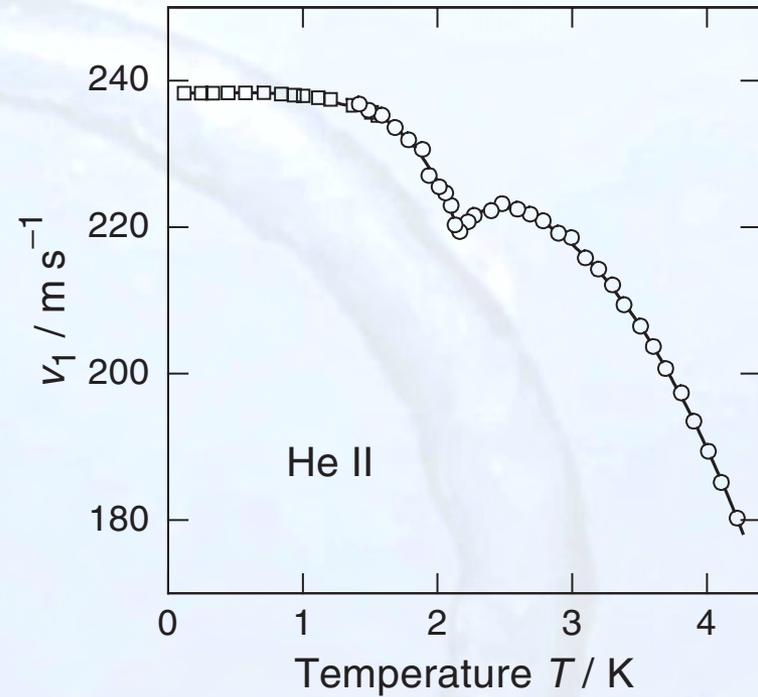
insert (2)  $\times S$

$$\rightarrow S \left( \frac{\partial \vec{v}_s}{\partial t} \right) = S S \text{ grad } T + S_n \frac{\partial \vec{v}_n}{\partial t} + S_s \frac{\partial \vec{v}_s}{\partial t}$$

$$\rightarrow S_n \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{v}_s - \vec{v}_n) = S S \text{ grad } T - 0$$



### (i) First sound



- ▶ for  $T \rightarrow 0$ :  $v_1 \approx 238 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .  
    ➔ only **density variation** ➔ almost **ordinary sound**
- ▶ for  $T \rightarrow T_\lambda$ : corrections become important



### (ii) Second sound

with (ii) and (iii) we find

$$v = v_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_s}{\rho_n} S^2 \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial S} \right)_\rho}$$

$$\left( \frac{v}{v_2} \right)^2 - 1 = 0 \quad S' \neq 0, \quad \rho' = 0$$

└─ grad  $p = 0$

with (4)

$$\frac{\partial j}{\partial t} = -\text{grad } p \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \rho_n v_n}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho_s v_s}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\rho_n v_n + \rho_s v_s = 0$$

no mass flow in closed vessel

$\rho_n \uparrow, \rho_s \downarrow$  counter flow and no density variation

temperature wave



$$v_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_s}{\rho_n} S^2 \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial S} \right)_\rho} = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_s}{\rho_n} \frac{T S^2}{C_p}}$$

possibility to determine  $\rho_s/\rho_n$  density variation in phonon gas

ultra-low temperatures:

excitations at  $T \rightarrow 0$  are **only longitudinal phonons**

Landau

Debye model

$$A = 2\pi^2 k_B^4 / (45 \hbar^3 v_1^3 \rho)$$

$$C_p = 3AT^3$$

$$S = AT^3$$

in addition

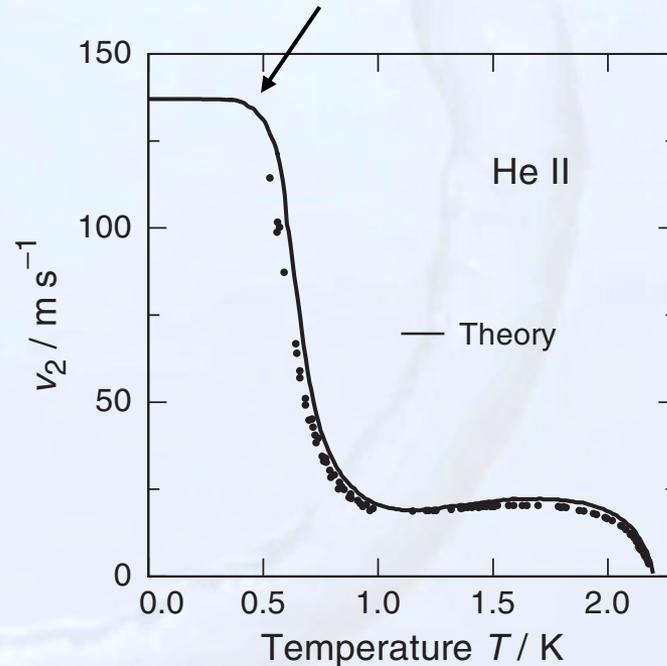
$$\rho_s \approx \rho$$

$$\rho_n = A \rho T^4 / v_1^2$$

for  $T \rightarrow 0$ :

$$v_2 \rightarrow v_1 / \sqrt{3} \approx 137 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

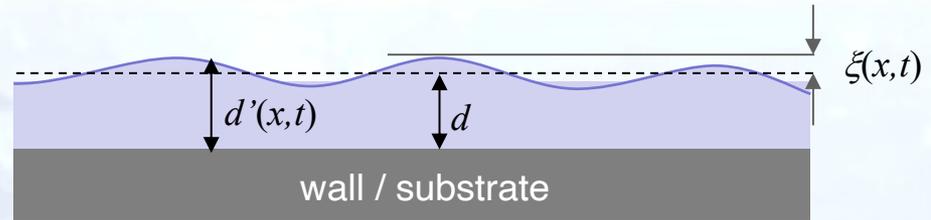
for  $T \rightarrow 0$  second sound difficult to determine since  $\rho_n \rightarrow 0$





### (iii) Third sound

sound propagating in **thin** films



$$d'(x,t) = d + \xi(x,t)$$

mean film thickness

assumptions: thin films  $v_n = 0$

$\lambda \gg d \longrightarrow$  motion parallel to substrate in x-direction ( $v_y = v_z = 0$ )

$\text{grad } T \approx 0$  (questionable ?)

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial t^2} = f d \frac{\rho_s}{\rho} \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial x^2} \rightarrow$$

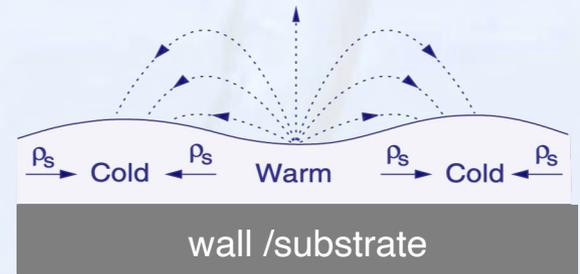
v. d. Waals force

$$\boxed{v_3^2 = \frac{\rho_s}{\rho} 3gz}$$

height over liquid level

**problem:** evaporation and condensation

$\longrightarrow$  increases the **amplitude** and **changes velocity**

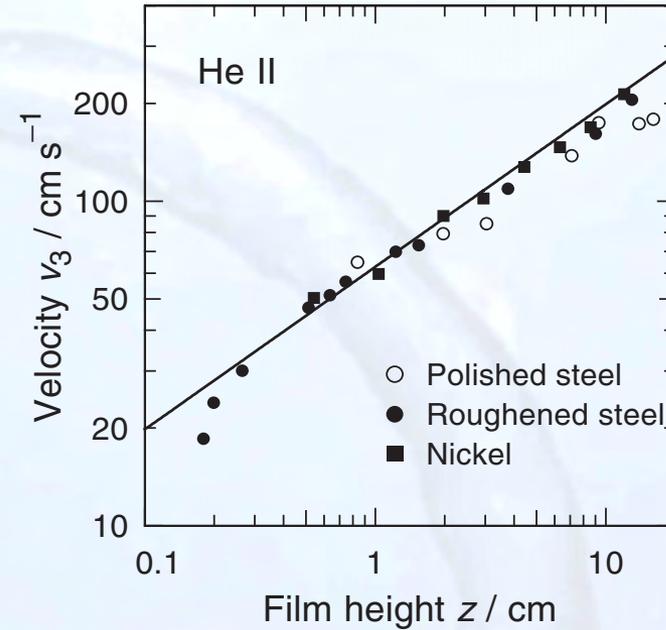
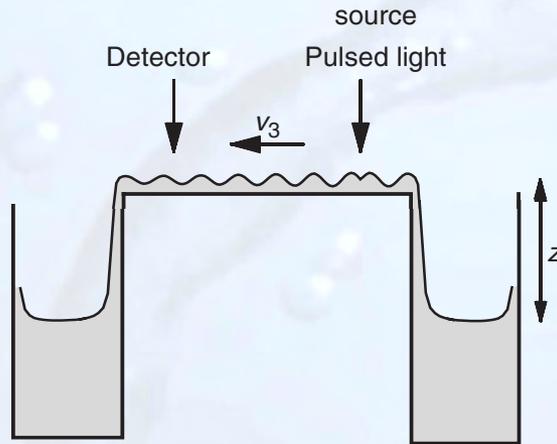


can be taken into account

$$v_3^2 \approx \frac{\rho_s}{\rho} 3gz \left( 1 + \frac{TS}{L} \right) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} TS/L = 0.01 \text{ at } 1 \text{ K} \\ TS/L = 0.15 \text{ at } T_\lambda \end{array} \right\} \text{ not really a problem}$$



### 3<sup>rd</sup> sound experiment



### Procedure

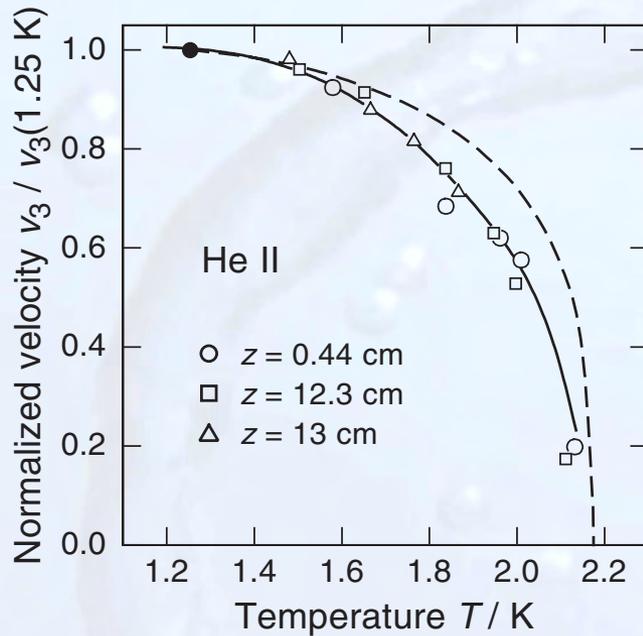
- ▶ periodic local heating
- ▶  $Q_s$  flows to **warm location** → thickness changes
- ▶ surface wave  $\triangleq$  **3<sup>rd</sup> sound**
- ▶ optical detection of thickness

### Measurement and results

- ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> sound velocity vs.  $z$  (log/log plot)
- ▶ different surfaces:  $v_3$  almost independent
- ▶ line  $\triangleq$  theory  $v_3 \propto \sqrt{z}$
- ▶ good agreement except for very thick films



### 3<sup>rd</sup> sound experiment: temperature dependence



### Measurement and results

- ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> sound velocity vs  $T$
- ▶ points at  $T = 1.25$  K normalized to (●)
- ▶  $v_3$  is rising with decreasing  $T$
- ▶  $T \rightarrow 0$ :  $v_3 = 1.5$  m/s (very slow)
- ▶ dashed line  $\triangleq$  theory  $v_3 \propto \sqrt{\rho_s}$
- ▶ **systematic deviations**: origin unknow, but likely due to generation process

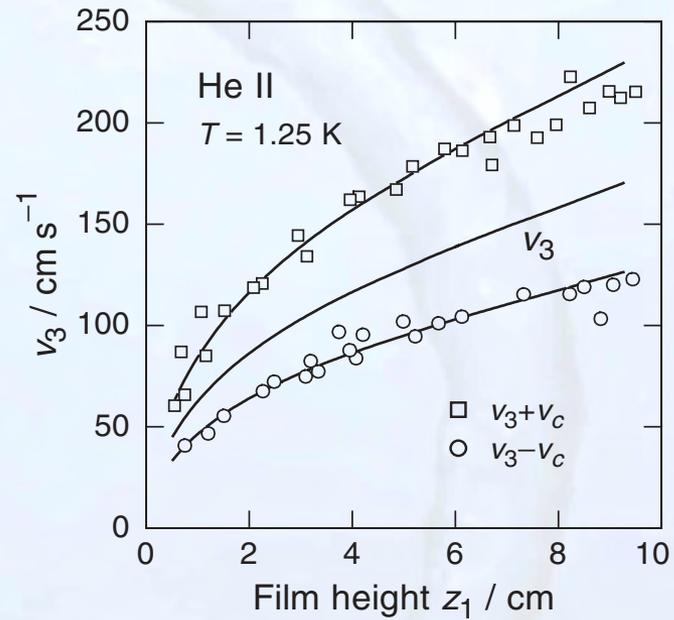
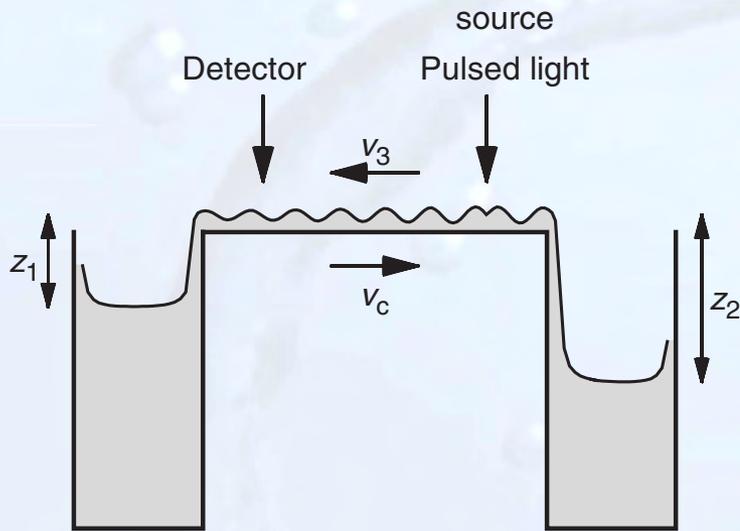
### 3<sup>rd</sup> sound in very thin films:

3<sup>rd</sup> sound propagation can be **observed** down to **2.1 monolayers**

**➔** onset of superfluidity



3<sup>rd</sup> sound in moving films:



3<sup>rd</sup> sound propagation in moving films  $\rightarrow$  Doppler effect

$v_3 \pm v_f$  —  $v_c$  critical velocity

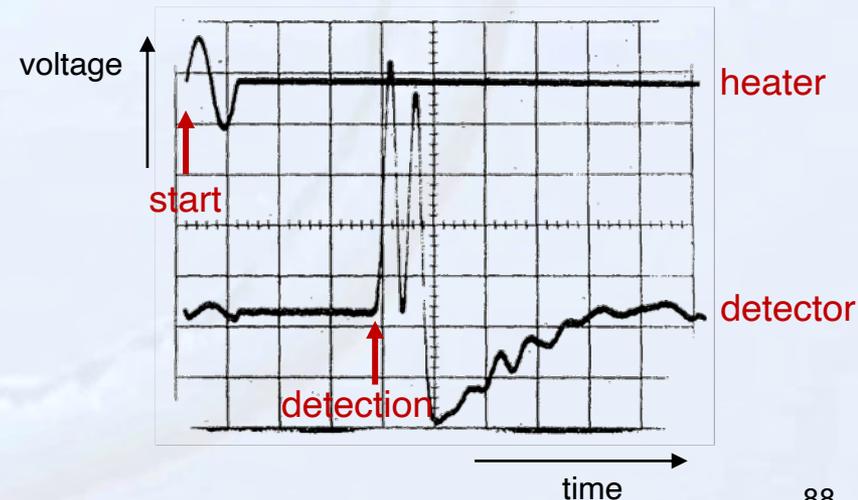
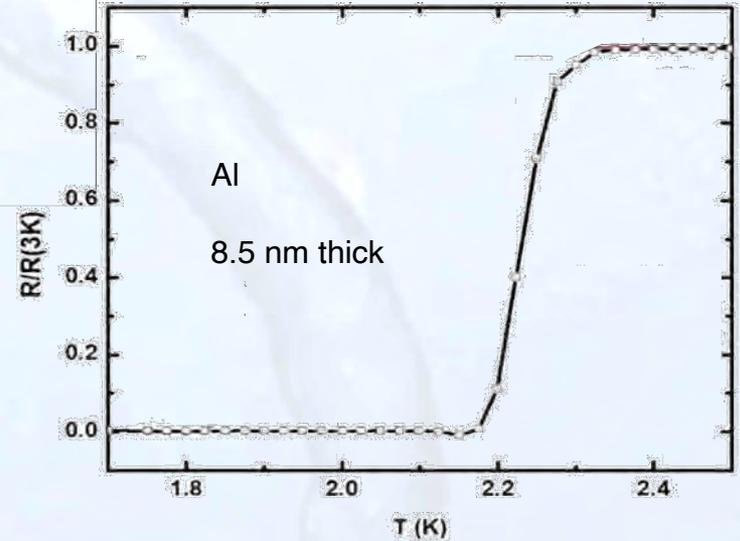
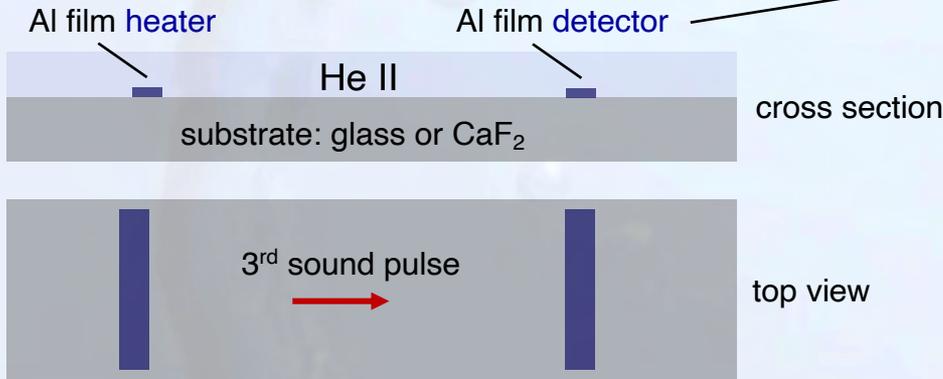


## Detection of 3<sup>rd</sup> sound experiment in ultralow films:

### Third Sound and the Healing Length of He II in Films as Thin as 2.1 Atomic Layers\*

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Measurements of the velocity of third sound on films as thin as 2.1 atomic layers yield the healing length of superfluid He II down to temperatures of 0.1 K. It is argued that these films are two-dimensional superfluids. **PRL 32 147 (1974)**

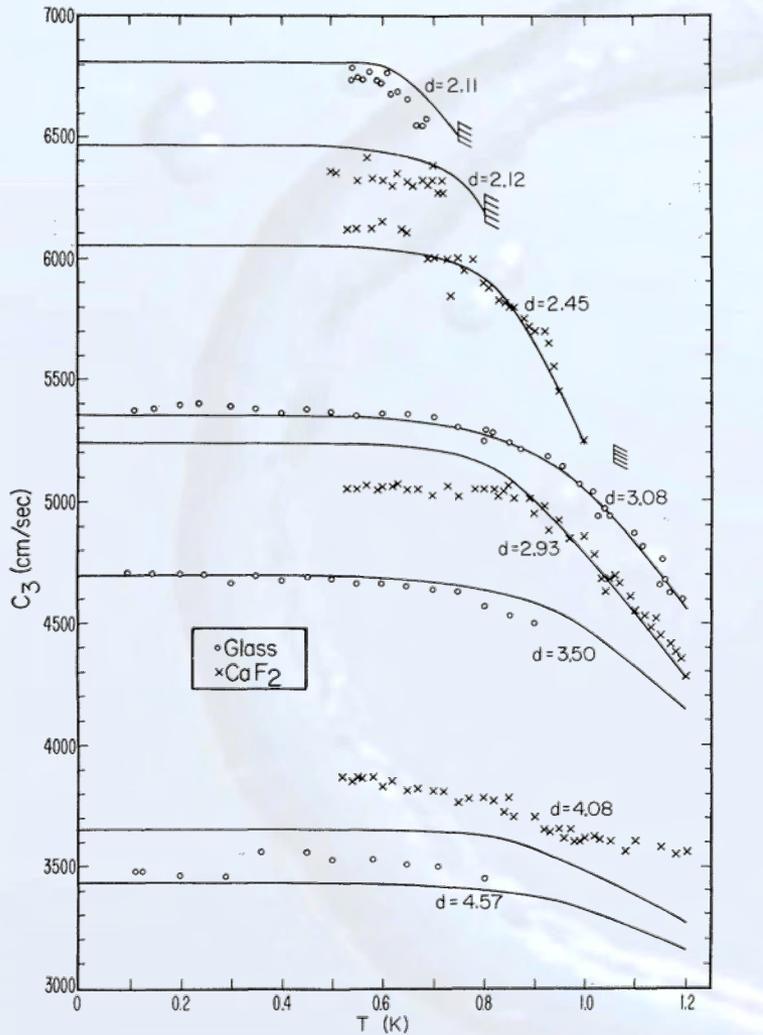


- ▶ time of flight detection of 3<sup>rd</sup> sound pulse
- ▶ thin film Al heater and detector
- ▶ detector operated at the transition temperature
- ▶ detection of heat pulse associated with 3<sup>rd</sup> sound pulse
- ▶ very sensitive because of steep transition curve

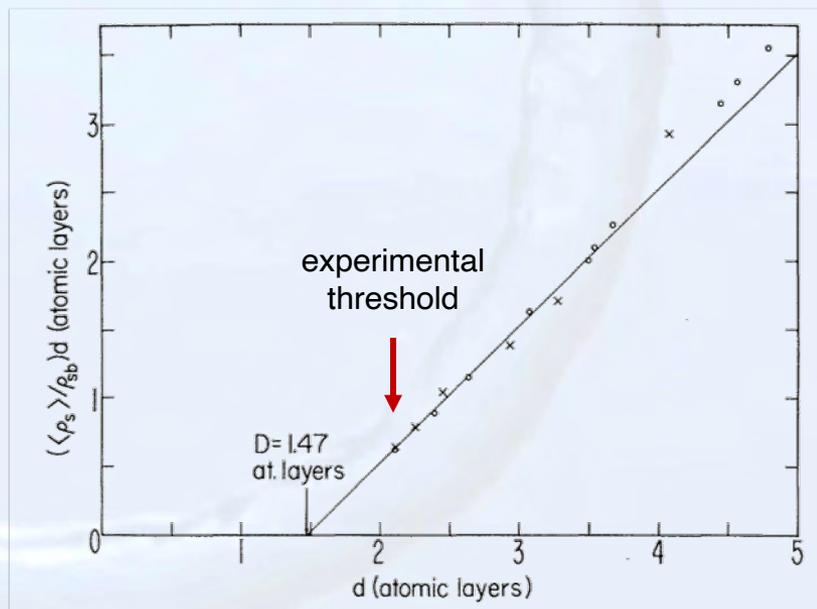


## Experimental results:

for ultrathin films: 
$$v_3^2 = \frac{\bar{\rho}_s}{\rho_{s,bulk}} \frac{3RT}{m} \ln \frac{p_0}{p}$$



- ▶ experimental threshold of **2.1 monolayers** independent of substrate
- ▶ **film thickness** determine by **amount of helium** and **surface area**
- ▶ **extrapolation** suggests that **1.47 monolayers** might be the onset threshold





### (iv) Fourth sound

sound propagation in fine powders / slits  $v_n \approx 0$

→ oscillations in total density, in ratio of superfluid to normalfluid density, in pressure, in temperature, in entropy

$$v_4^2 = \frac{\rho_s}{\rho} v_1^2 \left[ 1 + \underbrace{\frac{2ST}{\rho C_p} \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial T} \right)_p}_{\ll 1} \right] + \frac{\rho_n}{\rho} v_2^2$$

$$v_4 \approx \sqrt{\frac{\rho_s}{\rho} v_1^2 + \frac{\rho_n}{\rho} v_2^2} \approx \sqrt{\frac{\rho_s}{\rho} v_1^2}$$

5<sup>th</sup> sound

4<sup>th</sup> sound generation like for 1<sup>st</sup> sound, but  $v_n \approx 0$



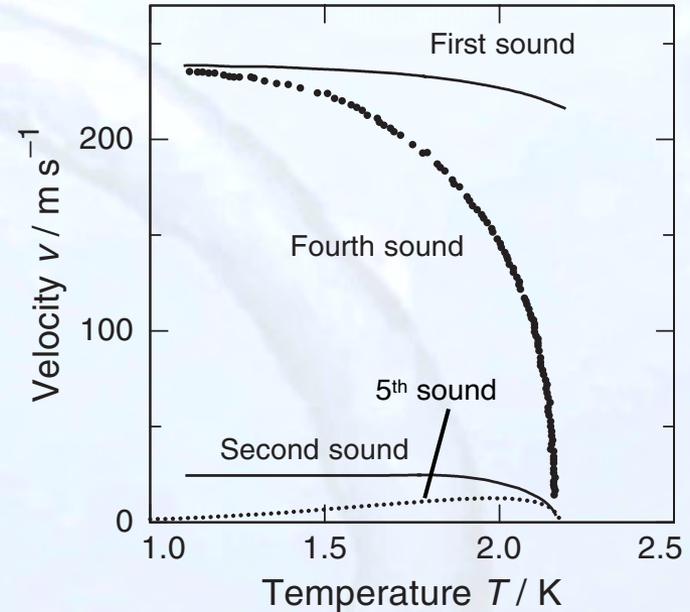
### 4<sup>th</sup> sound experiments

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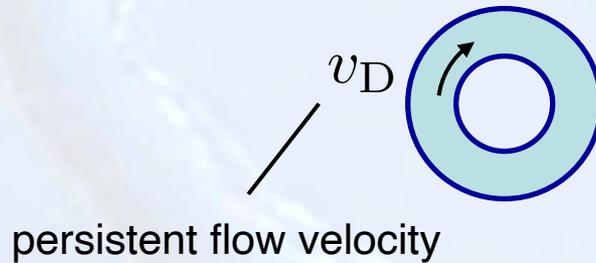
$$T \rightarrow 0 \quad v_4 = v_1 \approx 238 \text{ m/s, since } \rho_s = \rho$$

$$T = T_\lambda \quad v_4 = 0$$

$$v_4 \approx \sqrt{\frac{\rho_s}{\rho} v_1^2 + \frac{\rho_n}{\rho} v_2^2}$$



### Persistent flow and 4<sup>th</sup> sound



$$v_4 \approx v_{4,0} \pm \frac{\rho_s}{\rho} v_D$$

**coupling** of a compression wave to second sound