Coherent structures & collective motion in quantum hydrodynamics

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Classical Vorticity







Bose -Einstein Condensation

Quantum Fluids

- Atom with momentum p = mv has wavelength $\lambda = h/p$
- Average kinetic energy $mv^2/2 \approx k_B T$
- Wavelength increases with decreasing T:

$$\lambda \approx \frac{h}{\sqrt{mk_B T}}$$

• Compare λ against the average distance between atoms, d:



BEC occurs when $\lambda \approx d$

$$\Gamma = \oint_C \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \in \mathbb{R}$$







Paoletti et al., 2008

Kuchemann:

"vortices are the sinews and muscles of fluid motions"





These two drawings from Leonardo's studies in hydrodynamics, now in the collection of the Library of the Institut de France, represent vortex formation with the flow of water around an obstacle or through an opening in a partition within a trough. The second figure of symmetric counter-rotating vortices brings to mind Theodore von Karman's vortex street of asymmetric counter-rotating vortices formed in the wake of a circular cylinder moving through a field. In his 1954 Aerodynamics, von Karmann wrote: "I do not claim to have discovered these vortices: they were known long before I was born. The earliest picture in which I have seen them is one in a church in Bologna, Italy, where St. Christopher is shown carrying the child Jesus across a flowing stream. Behind the saint's naked foot the painter indicated alternating vortices."

If this is true then Quantum Turbulence represents the 'skeleton'



Complex structures in quantum hydrodynamics?

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AWB et al, 2015



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Feynman, 1955

(**b**)

(**d**)

(C)

Superfluid Helium (⁴He/³He3)

• Helium is an intimate mix of inviscid superfluid component and a viscous normal fluid.





Superfluid Helium (⁴He/³He3)







t=0 ms



t=40 ms



t=80 ms

Guo et al., PRL, 2010

Superfluid Helium (⁴He/³He3)



Atomic BECs







Henn, Bagnato et al., 2009





Serafini et al, PRX, 2017

Neutron Stars





Classical (viscous) turbulence

- In a 3D classical turbulent flow, large scale eddies break up into smaller eddies, these into smaller ones and so on...(Richardson Cascade)
- If there is a large inertial range between the forcing and dissipation scale (i.e. high Re) then the flow of energy through scales is characterized by a constant energy flux .
- Dimensional analysis leads to a power-law scaling for the energy spectrum,

$$E(k) = C\epsilon^{2/3}k^{-5/3}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v}$$
Energy injection

Viscous dissipation

Classical (viscous) turbulence

Energy injection

$$S_p(r) = \langle (\delta u(r))^p \rangle, \quad \delta u(r) = u(x+r) - u(x)$$

Self similarity K41:

$$S_p(r) \sim (\epsilon r)^{p/3}$$





Batchelor & Townsend, Proc RS A, 1949



Isotropic turbulence, R_M : •, 2810; +, 5620; ×, 11,200; \odot , 22,500.

Flatness factor:

$$\overline{(\delta_x^n u)^4} / \left[\overline{(\delta_x^n u)^2}\right]^2$$

K41 implies a constant, independent of Reynolds number...

...problem

Interestingly it was probably Batchelor who introduced K41 to the west in his 1947 paper:

"Like a prospector going through a load of crushed rock, I suddenly came across rushed rock, I suddenly came across two articles about four pages in length, whose quality was immediately clear."

Prophetic words



Measurements describing the probability distribution of $\partial u/\partial x$, $\partial^2 u/\partial x^2$ and $\partial^3 u / \partial x^3$ are also described. These, and oscillograms of the velocity derivatives, show that the energy associated with large wave-numbers is very unevenly distributed in space. There appear to be isolated regions in which the large wave-numbers are 'activated', separated by regions of comparative **quiescence**. This spatial inhomogeneity becomes more marked with increase in the order of the velocity derivative, i.e. with increase in the wave-number. It is suggested that the spatial inhomogeneity is produced early in the history of the turbulence by an intrinsic instability, in the way that a **vortex** sheet quickly rolls up into a number of strong discrete vortices. Thereafter the inhomogeneity is maintained by the action of the energy transfer.

Numerical age







Siggia, JFM, 1981, 32³ She et al., Nature, 1990, 96³

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\nabla p + \nu\nabla^2 \mathbf{v}$$

Ishihara et al. 4096³

 $\omega = \nabla \times \mathbf{v}$



Importance?

Frisch, 1995







Roussel, Schneider & Farge, 2005



Local Energy Transfer

Vorticity

Figure 2. Visualization of the vorticity amplitude of $\omega(a)$ and $\mathscr{D}_{\ell}^{I}(b)$ for $\ell = 8\eta$ on a plane containing the centre perpendicular to the cylinder's axis from the DNS of table 1.

Faller et al., 2021

Vinen tangle – unstructured quantum turbulence



AWB, 2011

Coherent structures in QT?

- Do coherent structures exist in quantum turbulence?
- What are these structures, bundles? How do they form and evolve?
- Would allow a mechanism for vortex stretching, i.e. stretch the bundle.



$$\frac{D\boldsymbol{\omega}}{Dt} = (\boldsymbol{\omega}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{v} + \nu\nabla^2\boldsymbol{\omega}$$



Modelling approach

3 distinct scales/numerical approaches







Barenghi et al. (2014)

Gross-Pitaevskii



Point Vortex/VFM



Course-Grained HVBK





Mutual friction

$$\frac{d\mathbf{s}}{dt} = \mathbf{v}_s^{\text{tot}} + \alpha \mathbf{s}' \times \left(\mathbf{v}_n^{\text{ext}} - \mathbf{v}_s^{\text{tot}}\right) - \alpha' \mathbf{s}' \times \left[\mathbf{s}' \times \left(\mathbf{v}_n^{\text{ext}} - \mathbf{v}_s^{\text{tot}}\right)\right]$$

Normal viscous fluid coupled to inviscid superfluid via mutual friction.

Superfluid component extracts energy from normal fluid component via Donelly-Glaberson instability, amplification of Kelvin waves.

Kelvin wave grows with amplitude $\mathcal{A}(t) = \mathcal{A}(0)e^{\sigma t}$

 $\sigma(k) = \alpha(kV - \nu'k^2)$

Counterflow Turbulence



A surprising result



Roche et al., EPL, 2007

A surprising result



$$v_s(t)pprox v_s(x/v_s^{ext})$$
 G.I. Taylor, 1938
– $\kappa L\sim \omega_s$

Expectation, in K41 picture

$$E(k) \sim v_s^2(k) \sim k^{-5/3}$$

Thus (naively),

$$\omega_s^2(k) \sim k^2 v_s^2(k) \sim k^{1/3}$$

But how can we measure spatial spectrum with one probe?

A surprising result

- Fluctuations of vortex line density scale as $f^{-5/3}$.
- Contradiction of the classical scaling of vorticity expected from K41.
- Roche & Barenghi (EPL, 2008) - vortex line density field is decomposed into a polarised component, and a random component.



 Random component advected as a passive scalar explaining -5/3 scaling.



Roche et al., EPL, 2007

Quantum turbulence at finite temp.

Drive turbulence in superfluid m = M $\mathbf{v}_n^{ext}(\mathbf{s}, t) = \sum \left(\mathbf{A}_m \times \mathbf{k}_m \cos \phi_m + \mathbf{B}_m \times \mathbf{k}_m \sin \phi_m \right)$ component to a steady state with imposed normal 'fluid turbulence'. m=110⁻³ Identify regions of high coursegrained vorticity $\boldsymbol{\omega}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \kappa \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\mathbf{s}'_i}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{3/2}} \exp(-|\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{r}|^2/2\sigma^2)$ E(k)10⁻⁵ 10⁻⁶ 10² 10³ 10⁴ 10 k

AWB, Laurie & Barenghi, 2012

Decomposition of a tangle



AWB, Laurie & Barenghi, 2012







Left, frequency spectra (red polarised ; black total), right energy spectrum, upper random component, lower polarised component.

Experimental detection

Rusaouen et al., 2017



Presence of coherent structures inferred from intermittent pressure drops, HVBK:

$$\nabla^2 P = \frac{\rho_s}{2} (\omega_s^2 - \sigma_s^2) + \frac{\rho_n}{2} (\omega_n^2 - \sigma_n^2)$$





FIG. 5. Isosurfaces of the coarse-grained standardized vorticity magnitude (left) and negative pressure (right) fields of the static quasiclassical tangle depicted in Fig. 3 using $l_f = 2\ell$. The isosurfaces are taken at $\omega/a_{\text{vort}} > 2.5$ and $P/\sigma_{\text{press}} < -1.5$, respectively.



Collective motion in Quantum Hydrodynamics











Numerical setup

- Different approach/motivation from part I
- $3D \rightarrow 2D$
- Vortex filament \rightarrow GPE

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = (1-i\gamma)\left[-\frac{\hbar^2\nabla^2}{2m_{\text{eff}}} + V + g\left|\psi\right|^2 - \mu - \Omega(t)\hat{L}_z\right]\psi$$

• Dissipative GPE with time dependent rotation (spin-down)

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$$V(\mathbf{r},t) = V_{\rm con}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{\rm pin}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{\rm eff}(\mathbf{r},t)$$

cylindrically hardwall potential Lattice of Gaussian pinning potentials Anti-centrifugal potential to ensure constant density



$$\Omega(t) = \Omega_0 - \dot{\Omega}t.$$

Preliminary Results





Thankyou for listening!

Questions?