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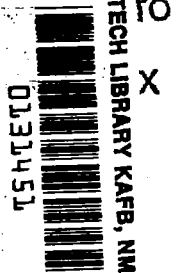


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SUMMARY

The logarithmic decrements of a piezoelectric, cylindrical, quartz crystal driven in a torsional mode of vibration were determined as a function of temperature with the crystal immersed in liquid helium 3 ( $\text{He}^3$ ) and in helium 4 ( $\text{He}^4$ ). These measurements were then used to calculate the applicable "viscosity-density" product of each of these two liquids as a function of temperature.

The results of this investigation in the interval 2.14° to 2.20° K represent the most extensive and precise viscosity-density values for  $\text{He}^4$  that are available to date. Inspection of this viscosity-normal density product ( $\eta_n \rho_n$ ) data near the lambda point ( $T_\lambda$ ) indicates that a discontinuity in  $\eta_n \rho_n$  may exist.

Results from this investigation between 2.0° and 1.35° K in liquid  $\text{He}^4$  are in reasonably good agreement with three other investigations. Between 1.1° and 0.95° K, the data presented here substantiate to a large extent only the rotating viscometer results of Woods and Hollis Hallett. At temperatures below 0.6° K where there are no comparable investigations, this crystal decrement has a different significance than at higher temperatures. In this temperature region this investigation found the phonon density temperature dependence to be  $T^{4.0 \pm 0.1}$ , confirming the temperature dependence of the Landau expression for the phonon density.

No evidence was found that the torsional crystal technique provided a means of separating the phonon and roton viscous contributions, but there was evidence of suppression of the phonon viscous contribution.

Viscosity values for liquid  $\text{He}^3$  were determined between 0.4° and 2.5° K and are compared with the results of other investigators. Below 0.6° K, these data are in excellent agreement with those of Betts, et al., but they disagree at higher temperatures.

## INTRODUCTION

In terms of a simple working model, liquid helium 4 ( $\text{He}^4$ ) below the  $\lambda$  point consists of a normal component and a superfluid component. The total density of the liquid is the sum of the superfluid density and the normal density. The superfluid component does not take part in the momentum transfer or viscous properties of the liquid so that only the normal component has a nonzero viscosity coefficient. The Landau theory applied to this model would consider the normal component to consist of two types of thermal excitations called phonons and rotons which transfer momentum as a result of various scattering processes. The normal component may be described as consisting of "particles" with rotons represented by relatively heavy particles and phonons by relatively light particles. The density of both rotons and phonons is highly temperature dependent. The roton density is higher above  $1^\circ\text{K}$  than the phonon density. Below  $0.6^\circ\text{K}$ , the normal component consists mostly of phonons. Thus well below  $0.6^\circ\text{K}$ , phonon-phonon scattering predominates.

Landau and Khalatnikov (see ref. 1, pp. 106-110) have considered the normal component as a gas of phonons and rotons with very weak interactions below  $1.6^\circ\text{K}$  so that an ideal gas model may be used. The phonons and rotons are treated as particles. Landau and Khalatnikov divide the viscosity of the normal component into a phonon viscosity  $\eta_{\text{ph}}$  and a roton viscosity  $\eta_{\text{R}}$ . Assuming that phonon-roton collisions ensure the same drift velocity for both phonons and rotons,  $\eta_{\text{n}} = \eta_{\text{R}} + \eta_{\text{ph}}$  where  $\eta_{\text{n}}$  is the total viscosity of the normal component. The roton viscosity is due primarily to roton-roton collisions. The phonon viscosity is due to phonon-roton and phonon-phonon collisions. In addition they have suggested that the roton viscosity is plausibly temperature independent. The phonon viscosity on the other hand is highly temperature dependent. It may be expressed in the form  $\eta_{\text{ph}} = \alpha \rho_{\text{ph}} c l_{\text{ph}}$  where  $\alpha$  is a constant of proportionality,  $\rho_{\text{ph}}$  is the phonon density which decreases rapidly with decreasing temperature,  $c$  is the velocity of ordinary sound in the liquid, and  $l_{\text{ph}}$  is the phonon mean free path which increases rapidly with decreasing temperature. Above  $0.9^\circ\text{K}$ ,  $l_{\text{ph}}$  is determined primarily from phonon-roton collisions. At lower temperatures where the roton density decreases rapidly, phonon-phonon collisions determine  $l_{\text{ph}}$ . With decreasing temperature,  $l_{\text{ph}}$  increases more rapidly than the phonon density decreases, so that the phonon viscosity increases. If the roton viscosity is constant with temperature, the total viscosity for liquid  $\text{He}^4$  will be nearly temperature independent just below  $1.8^\circ\text{K}$  and then increase as the temperature decreases, which agrees with experimental results.

The present work was motivated partly by the discrepancy in viscosity data below  $1.0^\circ\text{K}$  between a mechanical rotation technique and one which measured the attenuation of second sound from viscous effects at the wall of a resonant cavity. Also Atkins (ref. 1, p. 110) suggested the torsional crystal technique may partially suppress the

phonon viscous decrement but measure the full roton viscous decrement. This would provide a method of separating the roton and phonon viscous decrement. This suggestion further stimulated interest in the temperature region just below  $1^{\circ}$  K, where this effect would be most evident.

The  $\lambda$  point transition in liquid  $\text{He}^4$  can be carefully examined with the torsional crystal technique as demonstrated by Welber and Quimby (ref. 2). We believed that even better resolution was possible in this region giving very precise viscosity-density measurements in the temperature interval on either side of the transition.

Liquid  $\text{He}^4$  is a system of bosons which may be considered to undergo an imperfect bose condensation at its  $\lambda$  point while liquid helium 3 ( $\text{He}^3$ ) is a system of fermions which from first principles is not expected to undergo such a condensation. Liquid  $\text{He}^3$  is an isotropic collection of like particles having no charge and spin  $1/2$  with strong interatomic forces. The Landau theory for a strongly interacting system of fermions at temperatures below  $0.1^{\circ}$  K predicts a viscosity coefficient which varies as  $T^{-2}$ . Measurements of the viscosity coefficient of liquid  $\text{He}^3$  below  $1.0^{\circ}$  K are available from two previous investigations, but the values disagree by 20 percent. The present investigation was undertaken to resolve this discrepancy.

## SYMBOLS

$C'$	additional capacitance
$C_{px}$	capacitance in parallel with crystal
$C_s$	capacitance
$C_x$	capacitance
$C_{66}$	applicable rigidity modulus
$c$	velocity of ordinary sound in liquid
$E$	root mean square voltage across crystal at resonance, IR, V
$F$	resonant frequency of ideal torsional rod
$F_e$	electrical resonant frequency of series branch
$F_R$	mechanical resonant frequency
$I$	root mean square current, A
$K_0$	"constant" of crystal system
$2L$	total length of rod
$L_x$	inductance

$l_{ph}$	phonon mean free path
$M_x$	mass of crystal, M
N	number of particles per $cm^3$
P	classical momentum per particle
p	pressure
$R_e$	radial coordinate of end faces
$R_s$	variable bridge resistance
$R_x$	measured crystal resistance at resonance, ohm
$R_{x, vac}$	crystal resistance in vacuum corresponding to temperature at which $R_x$ is measured
$r_0$	radius of crystal cylinder
S	total surface area of crystal
$T_\lambda$	temperature at $\lambda$ point
$V_M$	maximum velocity of point on rim of cylinder
$V_m$	maximum velocity of point on element of area
$v(x, t)$	velocity of particle in fluid at distance $x$ from plane surface at time $t$
$v_S$	velocity of shear in quartz
$W_d$	energy dissipated per cycle, J/cycle
$W_v$	energy of vibration (maximum)
$Z, Z_a,$ $Z_b, Z_n, Z_s$	} impedance
$\alpha$	constant of proportionality
$\delta F_{2R}$	width of resonance curve at half power point
$\Delta$	logarithmic decrement
$\Delta_l$	logarithmic decrement due to fluid surrounding crystal
$\eta$	viscosity coefficient of liquid (shearing stress/velocity gradient normal to flow)
$\eta_n$	total viscosity of normal component, $\eta_n = \eta_{ph} + \eta_R$
$\eta_{ph}$	phonon viscosity
$\eta_R$	roton viscosity

$\theta$	polar angle
$\dot{\theta}$	instantaneous angular velocity
$\dot{\theta}_M$	maximum angular velocity corresponding to point on end face or rim of cylinder
$1/\lambda$	C. B. L. thickness (depth)
$\rho$	density of liquid (fluid)
$\rho_n$	density of normal component of liquid helium 4
$\rho_Q$	density of quartz crystal
$\rho_{ph}$	phonon density
$\rho_R$	roton density

## ANALYTICAL CONSIDERATION

A cylindrical alpha quartz crystal may be driven in a fundamental torsional mode of vibration by the proper application of an alternating electrical field. Such a crystal, ground in the shape of a right circular cylinder, must have one of the three "electric axes" of its lattice aligned parallel to the geometric cylindrical axis in order to produce a fundamental torsional mode of vibration. This torsional mode will be relatively pure provided additional care is taken to align the alternating electric field with respect to the "optic", "x", and "y" axes of the quartz crystal. Such alignment of the alternating field with respect to the crystal lattice is discussed by Mason (ref. 3, p. 91) in his treatise on piezoelectricity and need not be repeated here.

The fundamental torsional mode of vibration consists of a strain node at the midplane perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the quartz cylinder with a stress node at either end. The crystal is suspended freely at the central strain node.

When this cylindrical quartz crystal is oscillating at resonance in a fluid such as liquid helium, energy is dissipated because of

- (1) Internal friction of the quartz crystal,
- (2) Mounting or suspension losses, and
- (3) Viscous forces of the liquid

Additional sources of energy dissipation arise from sound waves because of imperfect alignment of the crystal and from deviations in the shape of the crystal from a perfect right circular cylinder during torsion (ref. 4). Specifically when half the circumference of the crystal or half the inside circumference of the electrode boundary wall is not less than one wavelength of sound in the sample fluid, an unwanted resonant condition will probably exist at certain sample fluid temperatures. This will result from the formation of standing sound waves around the inside of the boundary wall, with one or more integral

number of wavelengths around one-half the "crystal" circumference. This resonance may be eliminated by selecting a crystal with a satisfactory small ratio of diameter to length and placing the electrode boundary wall near the crystal surface.

As a consequence of the previously mentioned causes of dissipation, electrical energy must be supplied externally in order to maintain a constant amplitude at resonance. One expects the crystal amplitude and the power dissipated to be a maximum at resonance for a given peak alternating voltage of the driving electric field. The "viscosity times density" of the surrounding fluid is a function of the logarithmic decrement  $\Delta$  for the crystal system.

The logarithmic decrement of a piezoelectric crystal or of any mechanical vibratory system is defined by the quotient of energy dissipated per cycle  $W_d$  divided by twice the energy of vibration  $W_v$ . In this case the energy of vibration is simply the maximum kinetic energy attained by the crystal during a cycle.

Mechanically this crystal is simply a torsional rod clamped at the center with both ends free such that these ends may twist in opposite directions. If the total length of such a rod is taken as  $2L$  and this rod is oriented such that the applicable rigidity modulus is  $C_{66}$ , then the resonant frequency of the torsional rod  $F$  is given by (ref. 3, p. 67)

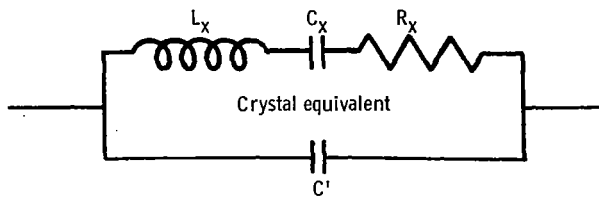
$$F = \frac{1}{4L} \left( \frac{C_{66}}{\rho_Q} \right)^{1/2}$$

where  $\rho_Q$  is the density of the quartz crystal.

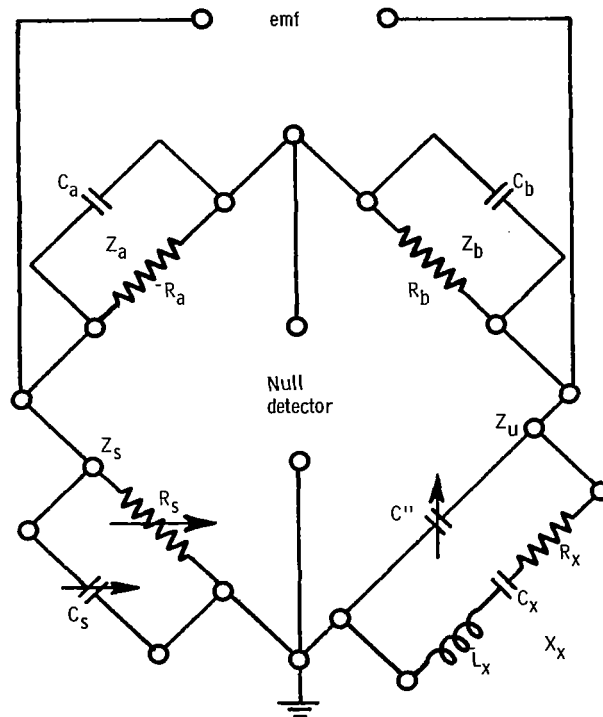
The mechanical resonant frequency  $F_R$  for this crystal rod will be nearly equal to the resonant frequency of the ideal crystal described. The equivalent circuit for the crystal in the system (fig. 1) consists of a series resonant branch having an inductance  $L_x$ , capacitance  $C_x$ , and resistance  $R_x$ ; these being in parallel with an additional capacitance  $C'$ . (A detailed analysis of crystal equivalent circuits is given by both Mason and Cady, refs. 3 (p. 67) and 5, respectively). The electrical resonant frequency for the series branch of this circuit is well-known and given by  $F_e = (1/2\pi)(1/\sqrt{LC})$ . This is also equal to the resonant frequency of the entire circuit provided it is defined as that frequency at which the external current flow is a maximum. There is also a frequency for the equivalent circuit at which the external current flow is a minimum. This is called the antiresonant frequency. In a high "Q" system such as this one, this antiresonant frequency will be very near to but slightly higher than the resonant frequency  $F_R$ .

At the resonant frequency of the series branch, the crystal exhibits only electrical resistance and no reactance. Under these conditions there is a relation between viscosity times density of the surrounding fluid and the crystal resistance in ohms (see appendix).





(a) Crystal equivalent circuit.



(b) AC capacitance bridge for viscosity times density measurements.  
 $C'' = C_{px} + C'$ ,  $X_x$  represents crystal reactance (0 at resonance),  
 and  $Z_a, Z_b, Z_s, Z_U$  are arm impedances.

Figure 1. - Equivalent circuitry.

This relation is

$$\eta\rho = \frac{(R_x - R_{x, \text{vac}})^2}{K_o^2 S^2 F_R \pi} \quad (\text{A11})$$

which is a special form of the more general equation

$$\Delta_l^2 = \frac{\pi S^2 \eta \rho}{F_R M^2} \quad (\text{A10})$$

where  $\Delta_l$  is the logarithmic decrement of the crystal due to the surrounding liquid,  $S$  is the total surface area of the crystal,  $\eta$  is the viscosity coefficient of the liquid with density  $\rho$ ,  $F_R$  is the resonant frequency of the crystal system, and  $M$  is the crystal mass.  $R_x$  is the measured crystal resistance at resonance in ohms with the crystal immersed in the liquid of interest, and  $R_{x, \text{vac}}$  is the crystal resistance in vacuum corresponding to the temperature at which  $R_x$  is measured.  $R_{x, \text{vac}}$  corrects for dissipation in the crystal due to internal friction and suspension losses.  $K_o$  is a "constant" of the crystal, and its determination will be considered later.

In liquid  $\text{He}^4$ ,  $\rho_n$  replaces  $\rho$  in equation (A10). The expression is valid provided the mean free paths of the rotons and phonons which are assumed to behave like particles do not become large enough to violate the assumption of shearing between  $\delta$  layers of the fluid (see appendix). Consideration of the phonon and roton mean free paths in liquid  $\text{He}^4$  indicates equations (A11) and (A10) become less applicable to this system as the temperature is decreased below  $1^\circ \text{K}$ . This occurs because (1) near  $1^\circ \text{K}$  the phonon mean free path becomes larger than the characteristic boundary layer in the liquid and (2) with a further decrease in temperature the phonon mean free path becomes large with respect to the spacing between the crystal surface and electrode boundary wall. This problem does not arise for liquid  $\text{He}^3$  in the temperature range of this experiment.

Below  $0.6^\circ \text{K}$  in liquid  $\text{He}^4$ , the excitations are nearly all phonons. Furthermore, the phonon mean free path becomes considerably larger than the spacing between crystal surface and electrode boundary wall. Hence the phonons may be treated as particles in a classical Knudsen gas. Here the particles are considered to move from boundary wall to the crystal surface and vice versa without colliding with other particles. If it is assumed that (1) reflections from all surfaces are entirely diffuse, (2) there is no phonon-phonon scattering, and (3) any effect of roton excitation is ignored, it can be shown that the crystal decrement is proportional to the phonon density. If the crystal were immersed in a classical Knudsen gas, the decrement due to the gas is determined by

$$\Delta\lambda = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{NSP}{M_x F_R} \right)$$

where

- N number of particles per cm<sup>3</sup>
- S total surface area of crystal
- P classical momentum per particle
- M<sub>x</sub> mass of crystal
- F<sub>R</sub> resonant frequency

If the classical momentum per particle is replaced by  $3\rho_{\text{ph}}c/4N$  (ref. 6), the decrement due to the phonon gas is

$$\Delta\lambda = 1.158 \rho_{\text{ph}} \quad (1)$$

where  $\rho_{\text{ph}}$  is in grams per cubic centimeter and  $c$  is the velocity of ordinary sound in liquid He<sup>4</sup> below 0.6° K and has the value 238 meters per second.

## APPARATUS

In the aforementioned setup the torsional crystal and liquid helium samples were contained in a vacuum-tight hollow chamber which will be called the crystal chamber (see figs. 2 and 3). The walls of this chamber were constructed of copper and were surrounded by a thin concentric cylinder of stainless steel. This space between the double wall will be referred to as the heat exchange chamber. The heat exchange chamber was evacuated for some measurements or filled with 10 to 100 microns of helium gas pressure for other measurements. The He<sup>3</sup> reservoir was located directly above the crystal chamber and was separated from the crystal chamber by a copper partition. This reservoir, partially filled with liquid He<sup>3</sup>, was pumped on by a closed pumping system consisting of a mercury booster pump, sealed fore pump, and He<sup>3</sup> storage tanks. When the primary reservoir was cooled to 0.95° K, the He<sup>3</sup> reservoir could be cooled to as low as 0.38° K depending upon the contents of the crystal chamber. A vapor pressure measurement of the He<sup>3</sup> in the reservoir was used to determine the absolute temperature of the crystal chamber which was in thermal contact with it. This entire system was inserted into a double Dewar system containing liquid He<sup>4</sup> shielded by liquid nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>). The He<sup>4</sup> Dewar functioned as the primary cold reservoir for the He<sup>3</sup> reservoir and the liquid sample in the crystal chamber. The inner Dewar (shown in fig. 2)

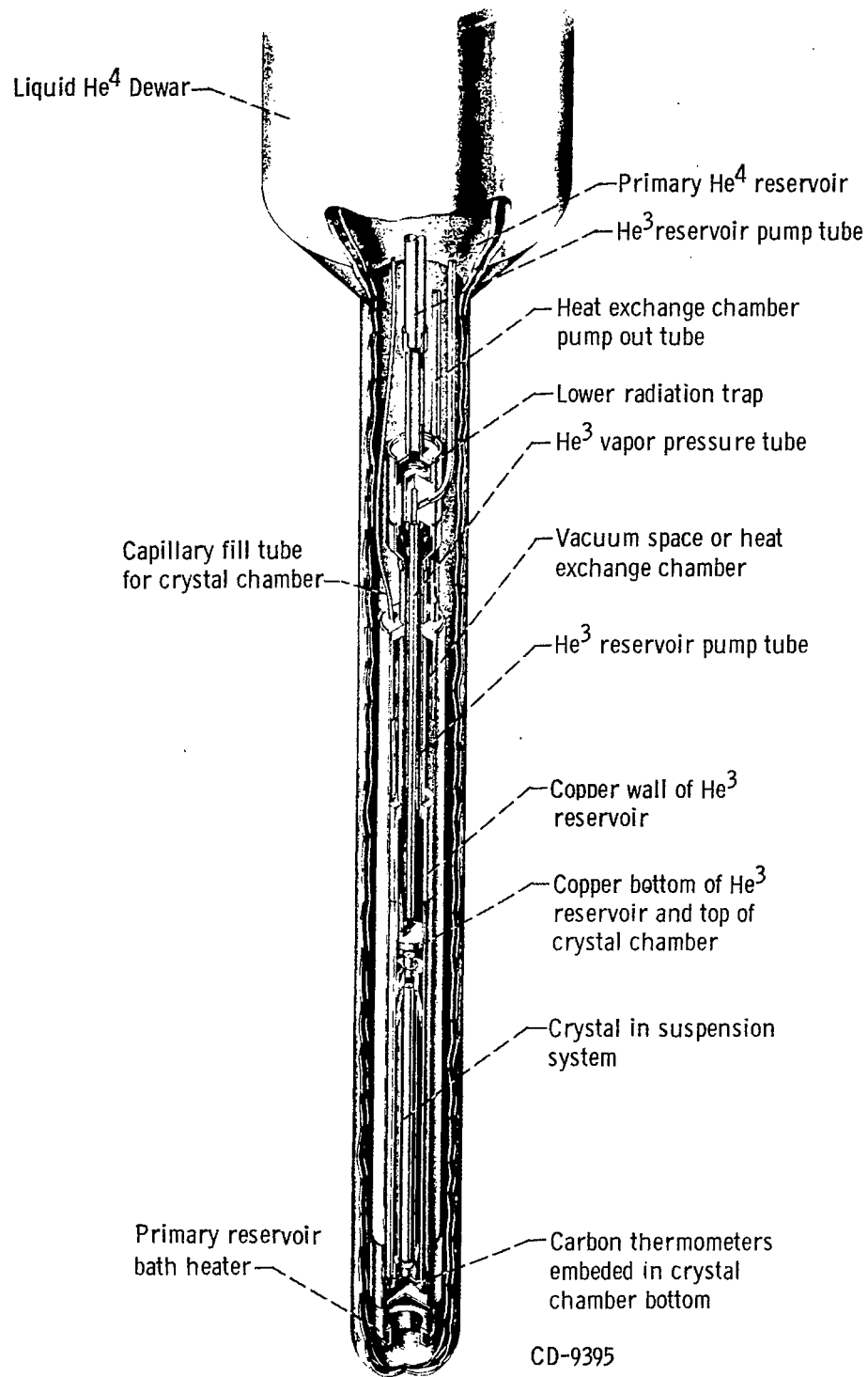


Figure 2. - Low temperature reservoir system. (Liquid N<sub>2</sub> Dewar has been omitted for clarity.)

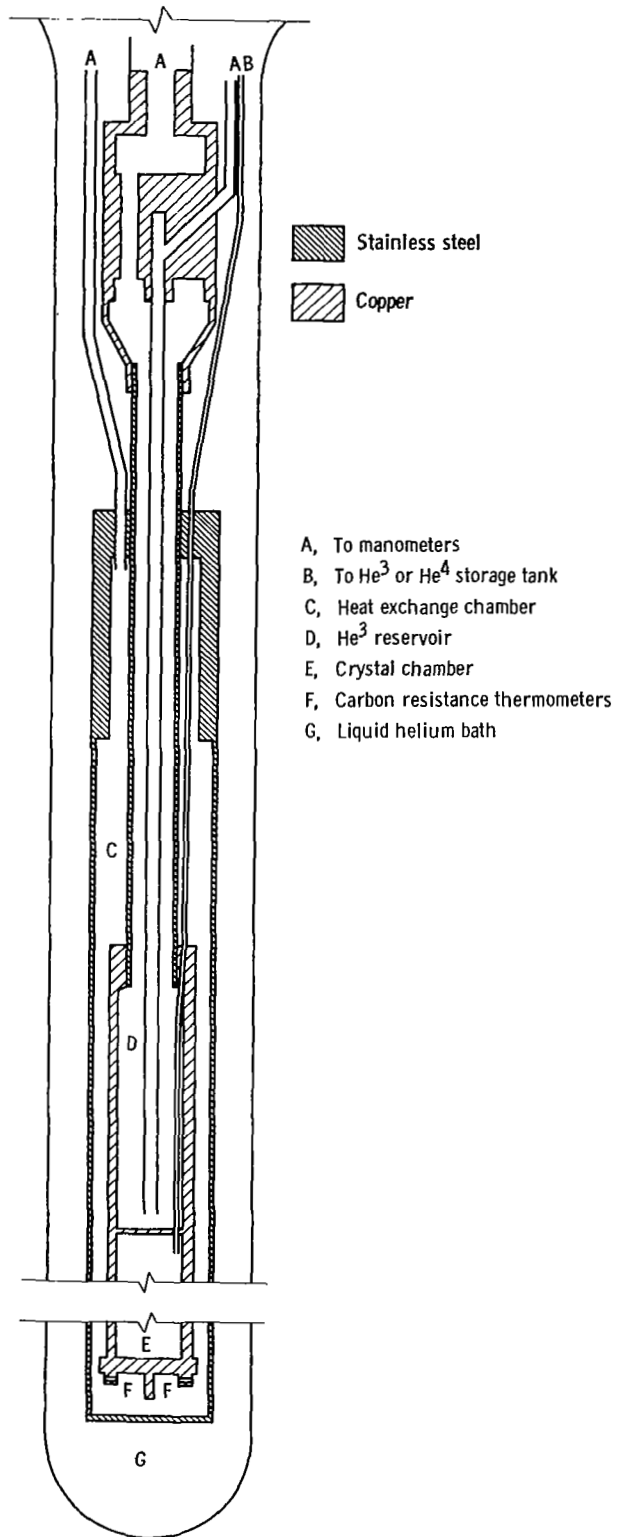


Figure 3. - Schematic of apparatus.

containing liquid  $\text{He}^4$  was connected to a large vacuum pumping line and other smaller lines. This permitted control of the temperature of the primary cold reservoir. The heat leak paths available from the primary cold reservoir to the  $\text{He}^3$  reservoir can be seen in figures 2 and 3. The thin wall stainless steel tubes passing through the top of the  $\text{He}^3$  reservoir represent heat leaks. The larger tube is the support for the  $\text{He}^3$  reservoir and crystal chamber. A variable heat leak path was provided by regulating the exchange gas pressure in the heat exchange chamber from a few millimeters to a good vacuum. All electrical wires from the crystal chamber and the heat exchange chamber are carried through these tubes to room temperature glass-metal seals.

The quartz crystal 0.53 centimeter in diameter and 17.8 centimeter in length was suspended in a crystal holder (fig. 4). The silver body of the crystal holder served as a support for four silver quadrants surrounding but not contacting the crystal. Polytetrafluoroethylene electrically insulates two of the silver quadrants from the silver body. The space between the quadrants and the crystal surface (0.53 mm) is filled with the fluid of interest, in this case, either liquid  $\text{He}^4$  or  $\text{He}^3$ . Adjacent quadrants having opposite electrical polarity produce electric field gradients in a region about the slots between adjacent quadrants. These gradients are responsible for driving the crystal in a torsional mode. Thus, a capacitive coupling existed between the electrode quadrants and the crystal surface permitting alternating current flow.

The suspension system consisted of two nylon threads contacting the crystal at its central strain node on opposite ends of a predetermined diameter. These threads are held taut by a suspension spring mechanism. At the tangent points for the two threads, two small grooves were sawed into the crystal's highly polished surface to a depth of 0.1 to 0.2 millimeter. These small grooves provided physical alinement of the crystal within the quadrants and also served to aline the electric axes of the crystal lattice with respect to the electric field gradients. The required alinement can be attained by adjusting the slightly offcenter eyelet holes shown in figure 4. The required grooves were sawed into the crystal surface by a wire charged with diamond compound. A microscopic comparator insured proper positioning and depth of the groove. The groove alinement with respect to the lattice axes was achieved by determining the position of the optic axis with the aid of a polarized light source and a microscopic slit system.

Silver caps (see fig. 4) were located about a millimeter from each of the two end faces in order to reduce energy dissipation from longitudinal standing waves that may be set up with the crystal. This distance is less than one-quarter wavelength of 11-kilohertz sound in liquid helium.

Utilization of the aforementioned suspension system in a temperature region below  $5^{\circ}\text{K}$  with the torsional crystal immersed in a few microns of gas provided an oscillator having a "Q" of 10 million or higher. Such large Q values offer the possibility of using the torsional crystal to establish a highly stable oscillator.

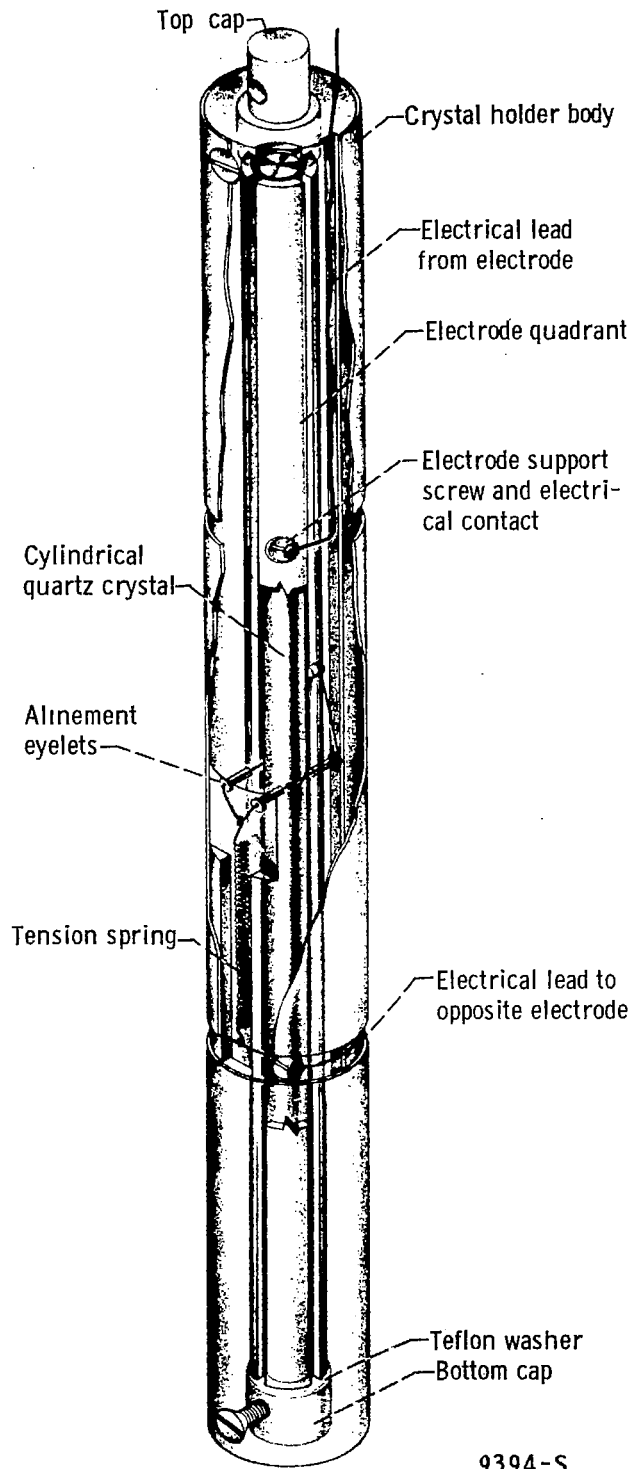


Figure 4. - Torsional crystal suspension system.

Consideration of figure 5 suggests that for a specified crystal voltage the limiting sensitivity for the measurement of a constant  $R_x$  value depends upon the preamplifier sensitivity for detection of the bridge output signal and upon the oscillator stability. This preamplifier had a gain of 80 decibels and a noise level of less than 1/2 microvolt with the input terminal shorted.

The attainment of a stable oscillator for the driving electromotive force was somewhat difficult. A very stable oscillator is required for high  $Q$  measurements. Experiments indicate that for moderate values of  $Q$  the resonant frequency must be maintained within 0.005 hertz for at least a few seconds so that the bridge can be balanced to yield a determination of  $R_x$  within 1/2 percent. This is possible only under ideal conditions with a copper shielded beat frequency oscillator having an adequate fine frequency adjustment. Some lower  $Q$  data were taken using this instrument. However, high  $Q$  data required better stability. This stability was obtained by constructing an ultrastable oscillator.

An ultrastable oscillator was constructed by replacing the crystal element in a commercial frequency standard with a different crystal which was placed in a low temperature Dewar system. Because frequency adjustments required inconveniently long times, it was later replaced by a commercial frequency synthesizer. The output frequency of the synthesizer was selected to be one thousand times greater than the resonant frequency of the torsional crystal. This allowed fine frequency control and accurate frequency measurements. A divider network was used to reduce the synthesizer frequency by a factor of one thousand to obtain the desired crystal resonant frequency.

In the preceding discussion of bridge output signal stability, it was assumed the torsional crystal resistance remains constant at resonance while immersed in a liquid at constant temperature. This is certainly true for liquid  $He^4$  below the  $\lambda$  point. However, in liquid  $He^3$  or in liquid  $He^4$  above the  $\lambda$  point a microscopic bubble, for example, will disturb the  $R_x$  value as evidenced by small disturbances observed on the null detector. In general less than 1/10 microwatt of power was dissipated by the crystal in the sample fluid so that no serious thermal disturbances were observed.

Temperature of the sample liquid was measured by eight nominal 10-ohm Allen Bradley 1/10-watt carbon composition resistors. These resistors were in thermal contact with the copper bottom of the crystal chamber. The eight resistors were wired electrically in parallel producing a "resistor bank". A maximum of 25 microamperes current was passed through this resistor bank. Its electrical resistance was determined from potentiometric measurements. Temperature differences of a few tenths of a millidegree could be measured using this resistor bank. The absolute temperature calibration for this secondary thermometer was determined from measurements of  $He^3$  vapor pressure in the  $He^3$  reservoir and under certain conditions from  $He^4$  vapor pressure measurements in the heat exchange chamber using octoil-s and mercury manometers.



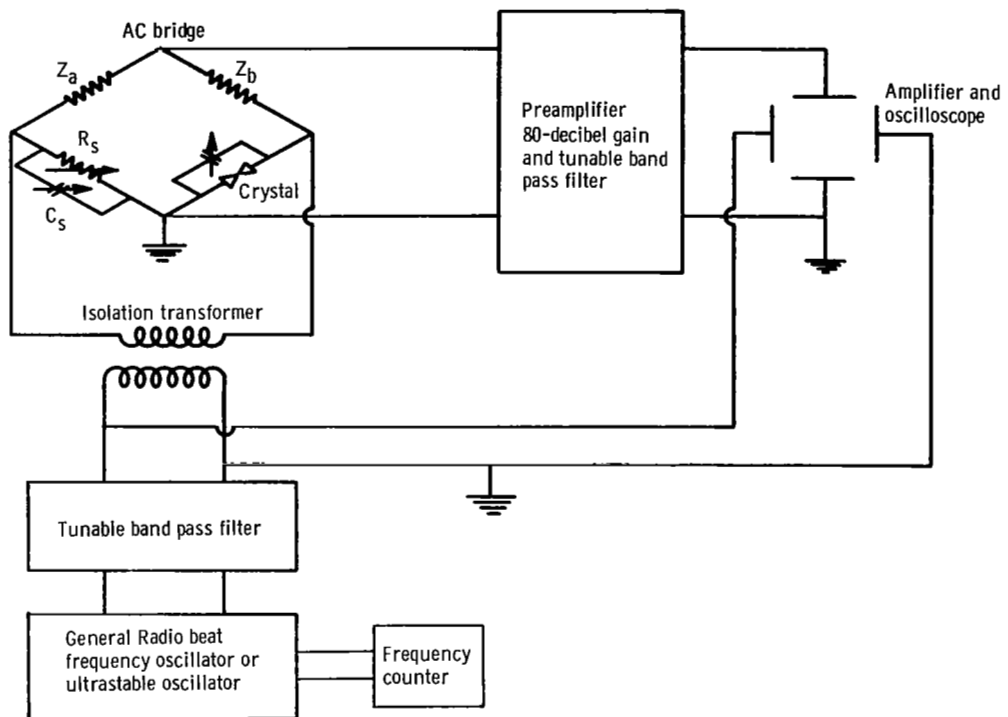


Figure 5. - Basic schematic diagram of electrical system for viscosity times density measurements.

Later the manometers were replaced by fused quartz precision bourdon tube pressure gages. These were found to be very satisfactory for vapor pressure determinations because of their rapid read out and excellent sensitivity. A graphical fit was then applied to these calibration points which determined "resistor bank" resistance as a function of temperature. At lower temperatures, a vented germanium thermometer immersed in the sample liquid proved very reliable. Temperature cycles from helium temperature to room temperature have much less effect on the calibration of germanium thermometers than carbon thermometers.

## EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

The crystal resistance was measured by capacitance coupling to the electrode quadrants thereby eliminating the need for a mechanical contact. The electrode quadrants were connected to one arm of a modified Schering capacitance bridge by small electrical wires running within the capillary fill tube from the crystal chamber. A capacitance  $C_{px}$  (fig. 1, p. 7) was inserted in parallel with the crystal to keep the arm containing the crystal capacitive at frequencies slightly above the resonance frequency. The bridge is always used with impedance  $Z_a$  set equal to impedance  $Z_b$ . Hence, when a null signal is observed on the oscilloscope, the bridge is balanced and  $Z_u = Z_s$ . The following procedure was used to establish the resonant frequency  $F_R$  and the crystal resistance at resonance.

The bridge was first balanced at frequencies far from resonance where the crystal branch containing  $R_x$ ,  $L_x$ , and  $C_x$  essentially exhibits an infinite impedance. This was done by setting  $R_s = \infty$  and varying the resultant pure capacitance  $C_s$  in arm S. The capacitance  $C_s$  at which the bridge balances is then equal to the capacitance  $C''$  of the crystal arm. Keeping  $C_s = C''$  results in the bridge being balanced at  $F_R$ . Under this condition a balance at  $F_R$  can only be obtained with  $R_s = R_x$ . Hence such a balance yields both  $F_R$  and  $R_x$  simultaneously.

The resonant frequency at bridge balance was obtained by viewing a counter and timer which has a maximum input frequency rate of 15 megahertz and a maximum gate time of 10 seconds.

The crystal constant  $K_0$  was determined by measuring the logarithmic decrement directly from the half width of the resonant peak. A plot of  $R_x/Z_x$  consists ideally of a symmetric sharp peak. The half power point of this peak occurs when the bridge resistance  $R_s$  equals  $2R_x$ . The  $Q$  of the peak is defined as

$$Q = \frac{F_R}{\delta F_{2R}} = \frac{\pi}{\Delta}$$

where  $\delta F_{2R}$  is the width of the resonance curve at the half power point. From the previous equation and equation (A2) the following equation may be written:

$$K_0 = \frac{R_x}{\pi M \delta F_{2R}}$$

which is the expression employed in the determination of  $K_0$  for the particular temperature of interest. The previous expression indicates that the frequency must be measured with good precision.

The crystal chamber was evacuated and gradually cooled from room temperature to liquid nitrogen temperature over a period of about 36 hours. The primary reservoir was then cooled to about 1.2° K. Next He<sup>3</sup> gas was condensed into the He<sup>3</sup> reservoir and the sample fluid was condensed into the crystal chamber. For liquid He<sup>4</sup> measurements considerable care was taken to find a favorable liquid level for reasons considered below. When the crystal chamber was slowly filled with liquid He<sup>4</sup> at 1.2° K, the crystal resistance varied a number of times between maximum and minimum values. A favorable level was considered to correspond to a minimum crystal resistance value. This variation in crystal resistance at constant temperature with liquid level was observed only in liquid He<sup>4</sup>. It was a resonance condition that may be due to second sound waves inducing first sound waves in the He<sup>4</sup> vapor at the liquid vapor interface. At certain liquid levels this could produce first sound standing waves in the vapor between the liquid surface and the crystal chamber top thereby producing additional damping of the crystal. However, if the liquid was at a favorable level this unwanted additional loading of the crystal was reduced considerably. Not to be confused with the aforementioned problem, unwanted first sound loading of the crystal may also be produced by an improper choice of crystal circumference for a given crystal length as mentioned previously in the section ANALYTICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

### Procedure for Measurements Near the $\lambda$ Point

After condensation of liquid He<sup>4</sup> was complete in the crystal chamber, the carbon resistor thermometer bank was calibrated from He<sup>3</sup> vapor pressure measurements and later from He<sup>4</sup> vapor pressure measurements. A series of calibration points was taken at nearly constant temperature in the range 1.9° to 2.15° K and then later above the  $\lambda$  point ( $T_\lambda = 2.172^\circ$  K) by correlating resistor bank voltages with the corresponding vapor pressure. Over this temperature range below  $T_\lambda$ , the liquid He<sup>4</sup> bath reservoirs are at uniform temperature. Both the He<sup>3</sup> and He<sup>4</sup> vapor pressures are rapidly changing

functions of temperature so that very accurate absolute temperature determinations are possible. Between calibrations, crystal resistance measurements were taken simultaneously with resistance bank voltage measurements. Near  $2.15^{\circ}$  K the temperature calibration of the resistor bank below  $T_{\lambda}$  was stopped. Only measurements of crystal resistance against resistor bank voltage were taken as the temperature slowly increased through  $T_{\lambda}$ . For the small temperature range above the  $\lambda$  point, a reliable calibration of the resistor bank was obtained by extrapolating from calibration points taken near but below the  $\lambda$  point. Calibration points taken above the  $\lambda$  point were considered less reliable because of the poor heat transfer properties of liquid  $\text{He}^4$  above  $T_{\lambda}$ . The rate of change of temperature of the crystal chamber was small enough so that about fifteen crystal resistance measurements (and hence  $\eta_n \rho_n$  determinations) could be synchronized with resistor bank voltages between  $2.15^{\circ}$  K and the  $\lambda$  point. No data were obtained between  $T_{\lambda} - 0.0015^{\circ}$  and  $T_{\lambda} + 0.0005^{\circ}$  K. The reason for this is that in this small temperature interval the ac bridge could not be balanced because the values changed too rapidly. Above the  $\lambda$  point, measurements were continued to about  $2.20^{\circ}$  K. Also here it was necessary to depend upon the silver crystal holder body, silver electrode quadrants, and copper wall to produce a uniform temperature in the sample fluid. This experiment near the  $\lambda$  point was performed also with the temperature slowly decreasing and with different fluids in the  $\text{He}^3$  reservoir and heat exchange chamber with nearly identical results.

### Procedure for Measurements in Liquid $\text{He}^4$ Below $1^{\circ}$ K

In order to reduce the crystal chamber temperature below  $1^{\circ}$  K, the  $\text{He}^3$  reservoir was pumped with either a fore pump or a mercury booster pump. The thermometer resistor bank was calibrated from  $\text{He}^3$  reservoir vapor pressure measurements using a McLeod gage and making any applicable thermomolecular correction (ref. 7). Considerable care was taken to avoid contaminating the pure liquid  $\text{He}^4$  with  $\text{He}^3$ . At  $0.4^{\circ}$  K, 10 parts per million of  $\text{He}^3$  in liquid  $\text{He}^4$  alters the density of the normal component of  $\text{He}^4$  significantly, since  $\text{He}^3$  effectively becomes part of the "normal component." The density of the normal component of liquid  $\text{He}^4$  at  $0.4^{\circ}$  K is only about  $0.5 \times 10^{-6}$  gram per cubic centimeter. Various pump down temperatures for the  $\text{He}^3$  reservoir were selected by adjusting a metering valve. Measurements of crystal resistance and resistor bank voltage were synchronized as the temperature of the crystal chamber was slowly cycled from  $1.0^{\circ}$  to  $0.38^{\circ}$  K. At low temperatures in  $\text{He}^4$ , an accurate determination of crystal resistance in "vacuum" is important since it becomes a significant portion of the total crystal resistance in liquid  $\text{He}^4$  (for heat exchange purposes a vacuum was approximated by a few microns of exchange gas). This was accomplished by measuring the crystal

resistance as a function of temperature in a few microns of  $\text{He}^4$  gas before the liquid  $\text{He}^4$  experiment and in a few microns of  $\text{He}^3$  gas after the experiment. The "vacuum" resistance for this crystal system varied from 81 ohms at  $2.0^\circ \text{K}$  to 114 ohms at  $0.4^\circ \text{K}$ .

### Procedure for Measurements in Liquid $\text{He}^3$

The procedure for measurements in liquid  $\text{He}^3$  was similar to that already described for liquid  $\text{He}^4$ . As mentioned previously, the liquid level of  $\text{He}^3$  in the crystal chamber had no detectable effect provided the crystal was completely covered. The crystal resistance in liquid  $\text{He}^4$  at low temperatures was small compared to that for liquid  $\text{He}^3$ . Therefore the correction for the "vacuum" resistance is less important in  $\text{He}^3$ . Liquid  $\text{He}^3$  is a very poor thermal conductor so that the silver crystal holder body, silver electrode quadrants, and copper wall again had to be depended on to provide uniform temperature for the sample bath. As a consequence, measurements were taken with the temperature changing at much slower rates than for liquid  $\text{He}^4$  below the  $\lambda$  point.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Wide divergence of viscosity values for liquid  $\text{He}^4$  as a function of temperature was reported by Reynolds, et al. (ref. 8). Their figure is shown in figure 6. The wide discrepancies are in part due to the very small viscous dissipation that takes place in the liquid even though the viscosity coefficient of the normal component is substantial. Measurements of such small viscous dissipations are easily disturbed by perturbations which would have no effect in a more dissipative liquid.

The temperature dependence of  $\eta_n \rho_n$  near  $T_\lambda$  has been measured with better precision in this experiment than in previous investigations. The temperature dependence of viscosity alone was determined using normal density values calculated by Reynolds, et al. (ref. 9). The resultant viscosity values near  $T_\lambda$  are in good agreement with values quoted in references 10 and 11. These values were obtained with a rotating cylinder viscometer which measures viscosity independent of normal density. The  $\eta_n \rho_n$  data shown in figure 7 represent two separate experiments covering approximately the same temperature range. In one the temperature of the liquid increased slowly, while in the other the temperature decreased slowly. These two experiments differed in their rates of change of temperature and also in the fluids that occupied the heat exchange chamber and the  $\text{He}^3$  reservoir. Temperature differences between successive data points were measured to better than  $0.2$  millidegree below  $T_\lambda$ . The absolute temperature calibration may be in error by a greater amount. The rate of change of crystal

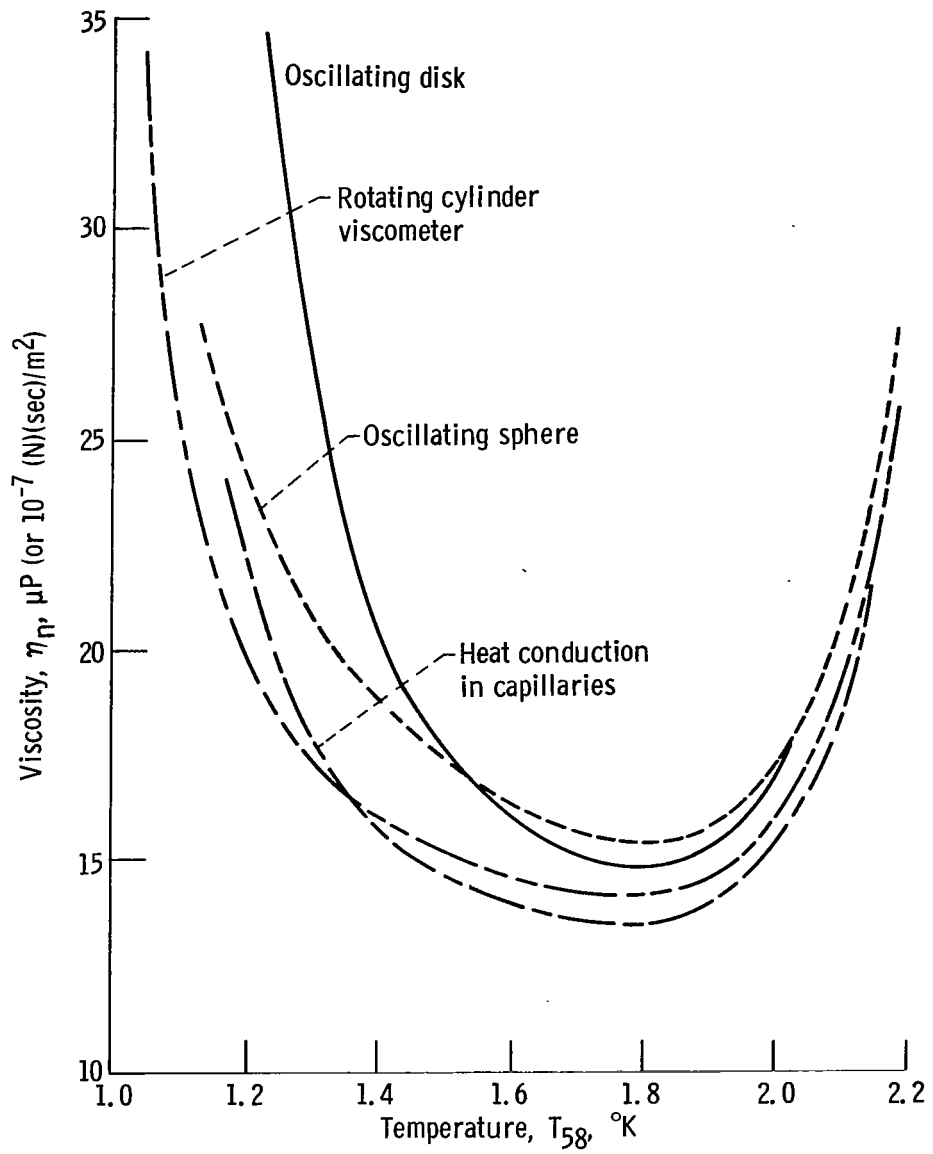


Figure 6. - Viscosity measurements for liquid  $He^4$  (ref. 8).

resistance during the measurements together with other considerations indicate it may be necessary to shift the data points as much as 1/2 millidegree toward lower temperatures on the 58 scale (ref. 12) shown in figure 7 and table I. The viscosity values shown in figure 8 and table I were obtained from smoothed  $\eta_n \rho_n$  data with the previously mentioned normal density values. Lower values result if the same normal density values are used to obtain viscosity values from the  $\eta_n \rho_n$  data of both Welber (ref. 13) and Tough, McCormick, and Dash (ref. 14). (The normal density values used here are not the same as those used to determine viscosity values given in the latter publication.) Our differences in  $\eta_n \rho_n$  values were measured with a precision of better than 0.15 percent. As mentioned previously, data could not be obtained between  $T_\lambda - 0.0015^\circ$  and

TABLE I. - SMOOTHED VALUES OF  $\eta_n \rho_n$  AND VISCOSITY ABOUT  $T_\lambda$

Temperature, $T_{58}$ , $^\circ\text{K}$	$\eta_n \rho_n$ , ( $\mu\text{P})(\text{g})/\text{cm}^3$ (or $10^{-4} \left[ \frac{(\text{N})(\text{sec})}{\text{m}^2} \right] \left( \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \right)$ )	Density of normal component, $\rho_n$ , $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ (a)	Viscosity $\eta_n$ , $\mu\text{P}$ (or $10^{-7} (\text{N})(\text{sec})/\text{m}^2$ )
2.195	3.82 <sub>1</sub>	0.1461	26.1 <sub>5</sub>
2.190	3.78 <sub>0</sub>	.1462	25.8 <sub>5</sub>
2.185	3.73 <sub>9</sub>	.1462	25.5 <sub>7</sub>
2.180	3.69 <sub>7</sub>	.1462	25.2 <sub>9</sub>
2.175	3.65 <sub>3</sub>	.1462	24.9 <sub>9</sub>
2.173	3.63 <sub>5</sub>	.1462	24.8 <sub>6</sub>
2.172	-----	-----	-----
2.1705	3.55 <sub>2</sub>	.1427	24.8 <sub>9</sub>
2.170	3.53 <sub>7</sub>	.1421	24.8 <sub>9</sub>
2.169	3.47 <sub>7</sub>	.1412	24.6 <sub>2</sub>
2.168	3.42 <sub>0</sub>	.1405	24.3 <sub>4</sub>
2.165	3.29 <sub>6</sub>	.1387	23.7 <sub>6</sub>
2.160	3.13 <sub>7</sub>	.1360	23.0 <sub>7</sub>
2.155	3.00 <sub>7</sub>	.1334	22.5 <sub>4</sub>
2.150	2.88 <sub>6</sub>	.1310	22.0 <sub>3</sub>
2.145	2.77 <sub>0</sub>	.1287	21.5 <sub>2</sub>
2.140	2.66 <sub>1</sub>	.1265	21.0 <sub>4</sub>
2.130	2.46 <sub>2</sub>	.1222	20.1 <sub>5</sub>
2.120	2.29 <sub>4</sub>	.1180	19.4 <sub>4</sub>
2.110	2.15 <sub>0</sub>	.1140	18.8 <sub>6</sub>
2.100	2.03 <sub>0</sub>	.1103	18.4 <sub>0</sub>
2.090	1.92 <sub>5</sub>	.1069	18.0 <sub>1</sub>
2.080	1.83 <sub>0</sub>	.1037	17.6 <sub>5</sub>

<sup>a</sup>Ref. 9.

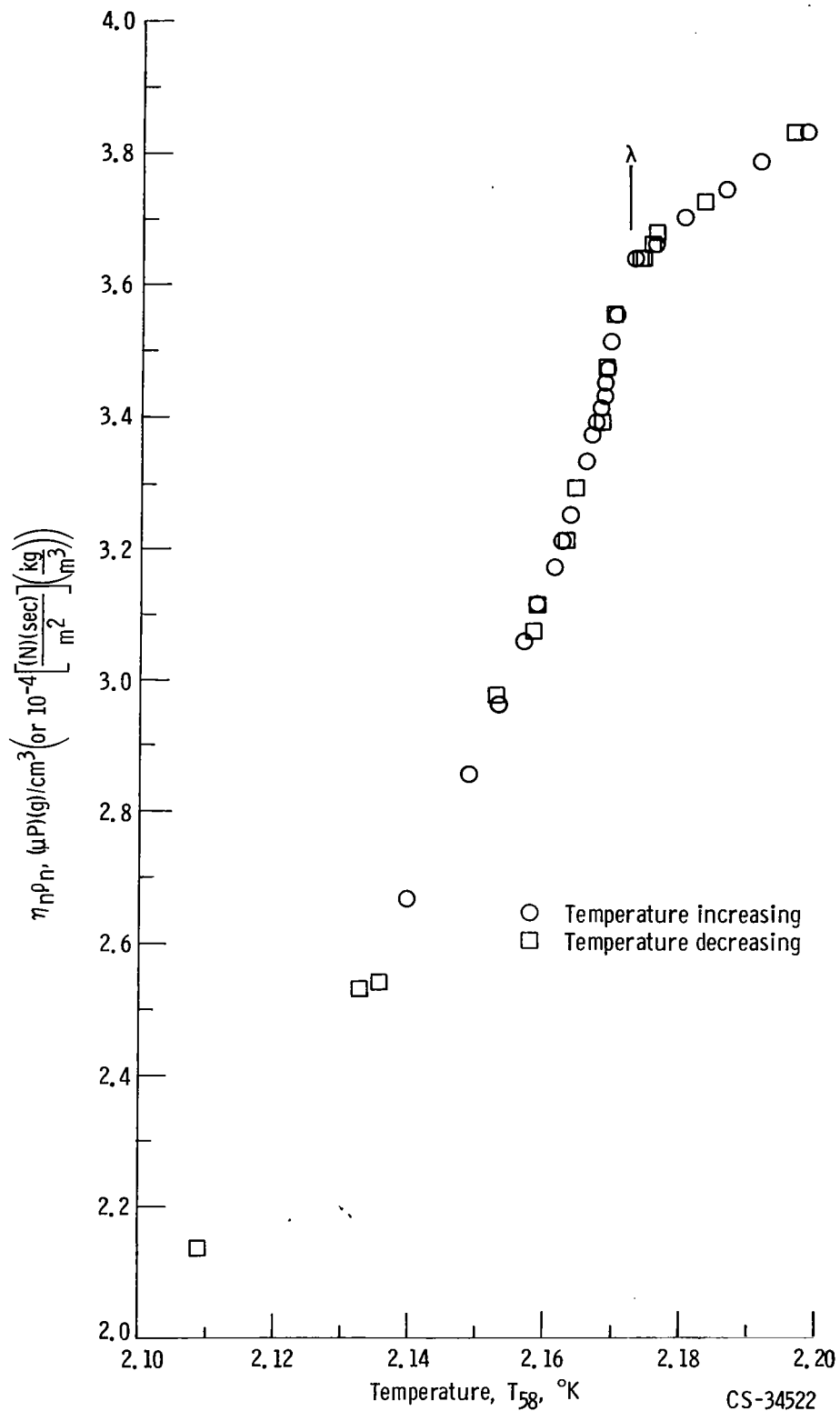


Figure 7. - Viscosity times normal density measurements of He<sup>4</sup> near λ point.



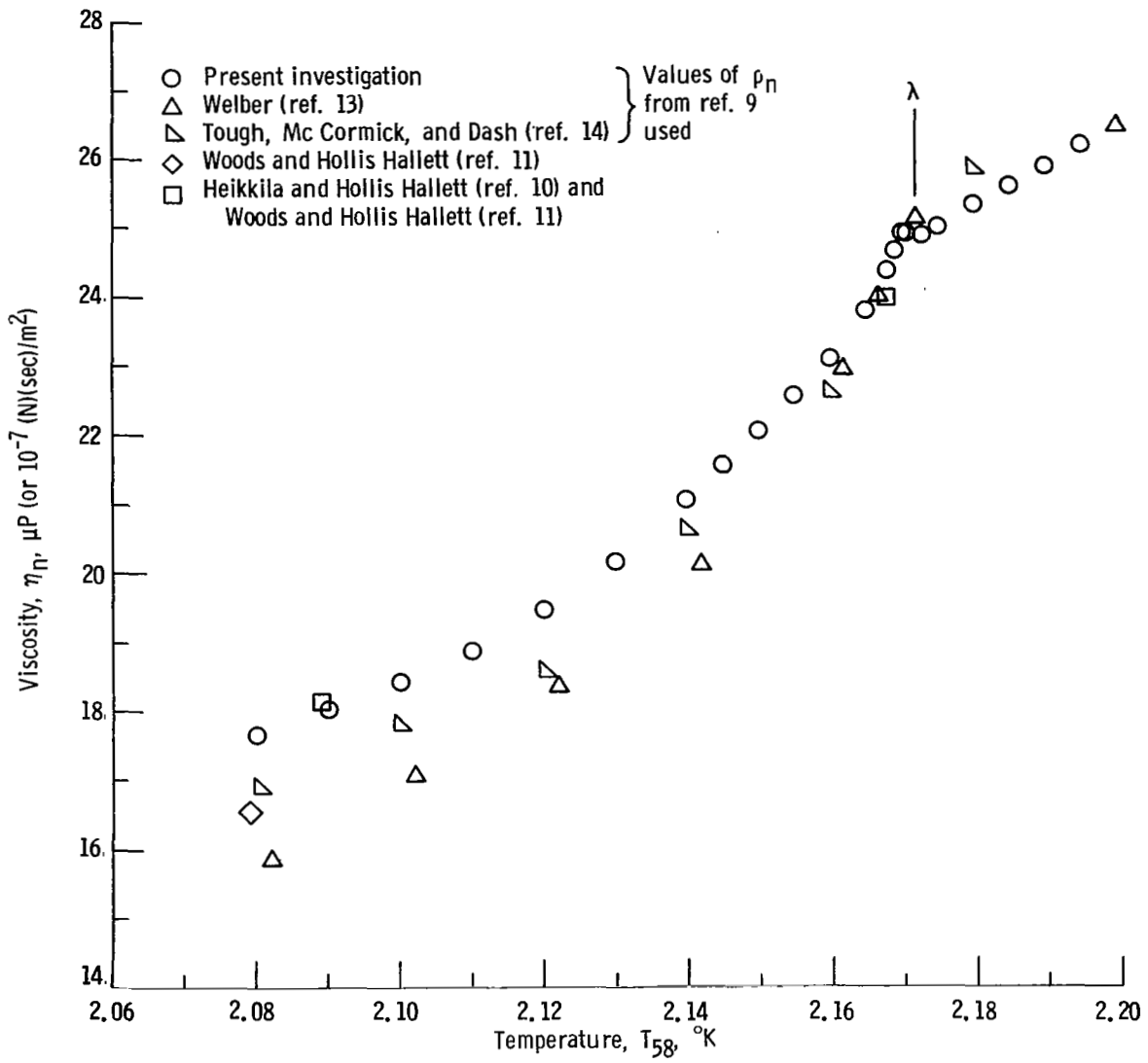


Figure 8 - Viscosity measurements of  $\text{He}^4$  near  $\lambda$  point.

$T_\lambda + 0.0005^\circ$  K. This 2-millidegree temperature interval where no data were obtained seemed to be independent of the rate of change of temperature. A "french curve extrapolation" of the curve passing through the last ten  $\eta_n \rho_n$  data points below  $T_\lambda$  meets  $T_\lambda$  at a higher point than a similar extrapolation of values above  $T_\lambda$ . This discontinuity could be due to a very small amount of longitudinal loading exhibited by the torsional crystal, rather than a viscous property of the fluid.

The viscosity coefficients determined from  $\eta_n \rho_n$  data in this investigation over a temperature range extending upward from  $0.95^\circ$  K are shown in figure 9 and table II. The  $\rho_n$  values over this temperature range were obtained from reference 9. The results

TABLE II. - SMOOTHED VALUES OF  
VISCOSITY FOR LIQUID HELIUM 4

Temperature, $T_{58}$ , $^\circ\text{K}$	Density of normal component, $\rho_n$ , $\text{g/cm}^3$ (a)	Viscosity, $\eta_n$ , $\mu\text{P}$ (or $10^{-7}(\text{N})(\text{sec})/\text{m}^2$ )
2.050	0.0951	16.6
2.000	.0825	15.1
1.950	.0713	14.0
1.900	.0617	13.4
1.850	.0532	13.2
1.800	.0455	13.2
1.750	.0389	13.2
1.700	.0333	13.2
1.650	.0281	13.3
1.600	.0235	13.5
1.550	.0194	13.9
1.500	.0160	14.3
1.450	.0133	14.9
1.400	.0108	15.5
1.350	.00883	16.2
1.300	.00690	----
1.200	.00419	----
1.100	.00220	23.0
1.050	.00154	26.9
1.025	.00127	29.4
1.000	.00104	32.1
.975	.000835	36.0
.950	.000665	40.3

<sup>a</sup>Ref. 9.

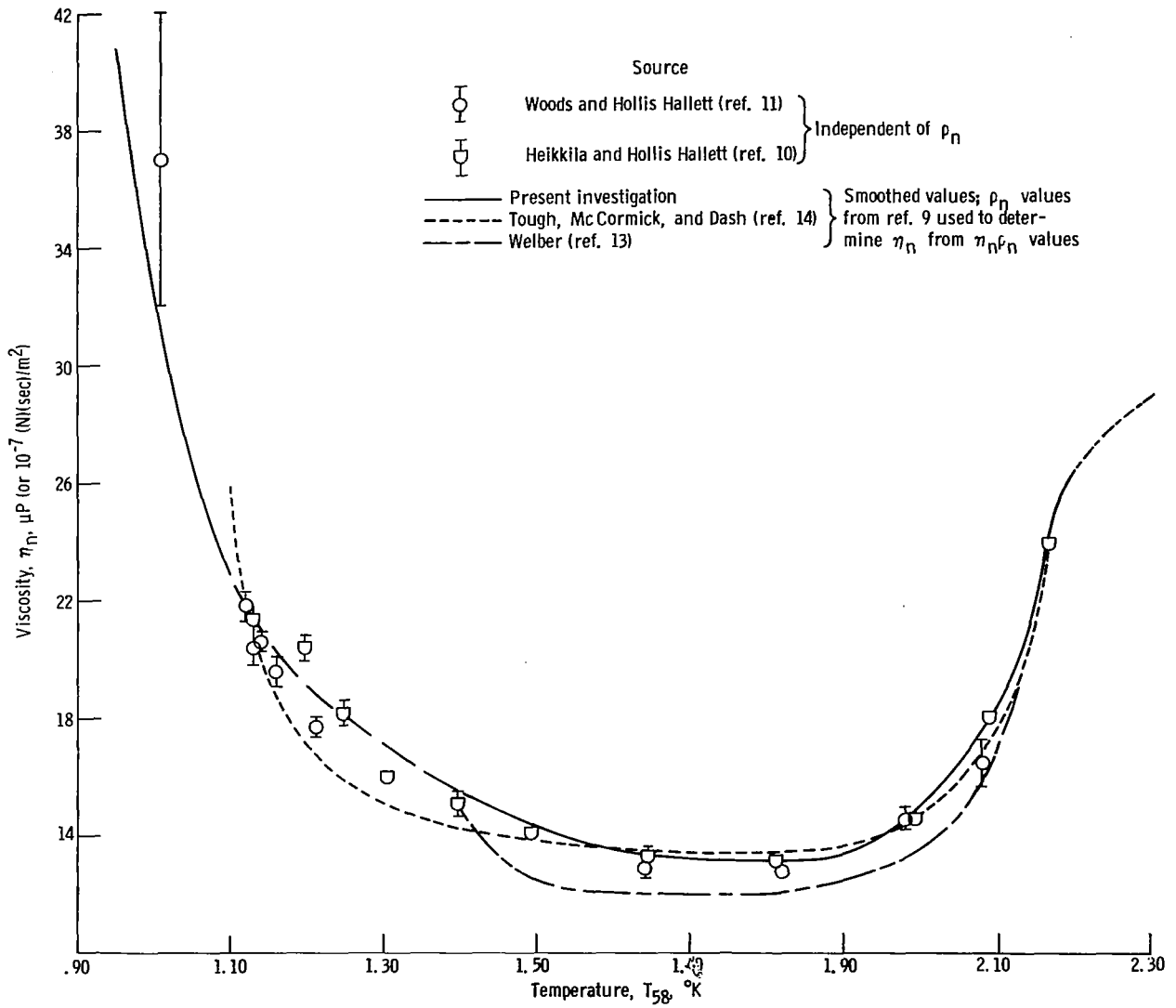


Figure 9. - Viscosity coefficients for liquid He<sup>4</sup>.

reported herein are shown with the values of four other investigations (refs. 10, 11, 13, and 14). Except for temperatures near the  $\lambda$  point and below  $1.4^{\circ}$  K the viscosity values are in fair agreement. We do not consider our viscosity values reliable between  $1.1^{\circ}$  and  $1.35^{\circ}$  K because of the previously mentioned problem of the coupling between second and first sound at the liquid-vapor interface. The dashed portion of the curve in figure 9 was obtained by smoothly connecting the data on both sides of this region. Some of the measured values were 25 percent higher than the dashed curve. For reasons stated in the section ANALYTICAL CONSIDERATIONS, equation (A10) becomes less applicable for liquid He<sup>4</sup> as the temperature decreases below  $1.0^{\circ}$  K. Upon evaluation of the constants in equation (A10) appropriate to this experiment, the result is

$$\Delta_{\lambda}^2 = 2.333 \times 10^{-3} \eta_n \rho_n$$

where  $\eta_n \rho_n$  is in gram<sup>2</sup> per centimeter<sup>4</sup> per second. The rapidity with which equation (A10) becomes less applicable as the temperature is decreased below  $1^{\circ}$  K is shown in figure 10. The values obtained from the equation are compared with the data of Woods and Hollis Hallett (ref. 11) which we consider the most reliable data to date. The deviation between their data and the data in this report which begins near  $1^{\circ}$  K probably occurs because the phonon mean free path becomes larger than the characteristic boundary layer depth. In this figure, the normal density values of Bendt, Cowan, and Yarnell (ref. 15) are used. The observed peak in this plot at  $\sim 0.6^{\circ}$  K was interpreted as the point at which the phonon mean free paths become approximately equal to the spacing between crystal surface and electrode boundary wall which was 0.53 millimeter. The calculated value of the phonon mean free path at this temperature from Landau's expression is about 1.6 millimeters (ref. 1, p. 108). Smoothed values of

$$\frac{\Delta_{\lambda}^2 \times 10^3}{2.333 \rho_n}$$

are shown in table III (p. 29).

At temperatures below  $0.6^{\circ}$  K in this liquid, equation (1) becomes applicable and interest is focused on the crystal decrement rather than the square of the decrement. Smoothed experimental values of  $\Delta_{\lambda}$  below  $0.6^{\circ}$  K are shown in figure 11 and listed in table III. In this temperature region there is no longer viscous dissipation in the liquid but rather a direct momentum transfer from crystal surface to boundary wall. Here momentum is transferred by phonons whose density is highly temperature dependent. Equation (1) shows the crystal decrement is proportional to the phonon density; thus a determination of the slope of the "line" in figure 11 yields a temperature dependence for the phonon density. This temperature dependence is  $T^{4.0 \pm 0.1}$ , which is in excellent

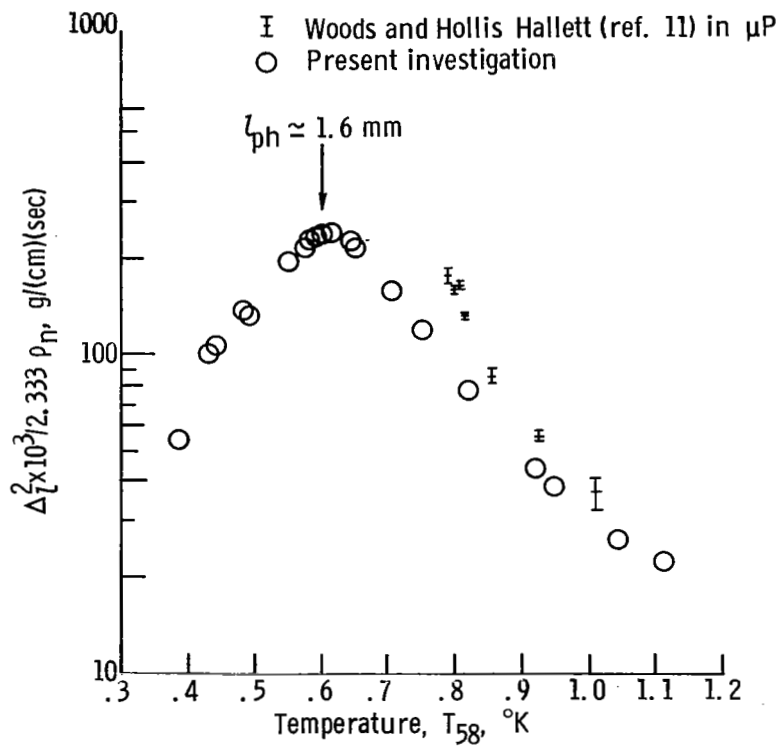


Figure 10. - Measurements on liquid  $\text{He}^4$ . Maximum amplitude,  $\sim 1/2$  micron; maximum velocity,  $< 0.3$  centimeter per second; boundary wall,  $\sim 1/2$  millimeter. At  $1.3^\circ \text{K}$ : C. B. L.  $\approx 0.26 \times 10^{-2}$  millimeter, phonon mean free path  $\zeta_{ph} \approx 0.07 \times 10^{-2}$  millimeter; at  $0.95^\circ \text{K}$ : C. B. L.  $\approx 0.013$  millimeter, phonon mean free path  $\zeta_{ph} \approx 0.03$  millimeter.

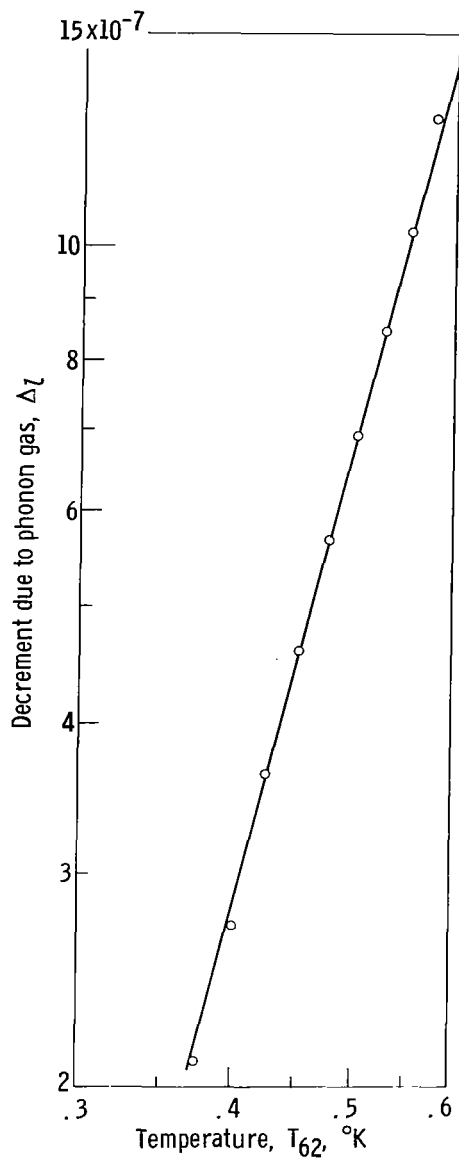


Figure 11. - Logarithmic decrement in  $\text{He}^4$ .

TABLE III. - SMOOTHED VALUES FOR LIQUID HELIUM 4

Temperature, $T_{62}$ , °K (a)	Phonon density, $\rho_{ph}$ , g/cm <sup>3</sup> (b)	$\Delta_L$ exp	$\Delta_L$ exp/ $\Delta_L$ cal	Temperature, $T_{62}$ , °K (a)	Density of normal component, $\rho_n$ , g/cm <sup>3</sup> (c)	$\Delta_L$ exp	$\frac{\Delta_L^2 \text{ exp} \times 10^3}{2.333 \rho_n}$ , g/(cm)(sec)
0.375	$0.3519 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.1 \times 10^{-7}$	0.51	0.725	$0.044 \times 10^{-3}$	$39.6 \times 10^{-7}$	-----
.400	.4555	2.7	.51	.750	.0630	44.8	-----
.425	.5805	3.6	.54	.775	.0901	49.9	$118 \times 10^{-6}$
.450	.7296	4.6	.54	.800	.127	54.6	101
.475	.9058	5.7	.54	.825	.173	58.8	85.7
.500	1.112	6.9	.53	.850	.229	62.8	73.7
.525	1.352	8.5	.54	.875	.301	66.8	63.4
.550	1.628	10.3	.54	.900	.391	70.6	54.9
.575	1.945	12.8	----	.925	.500	74.8	48.0
.600	2.306	15.9	----	.950	.632	79.1	<sup>d</sup> 42.4
.625	-----	19.9	----	.975	.790	83.7	<sup>d</sup> 38.0
.650	-----	24.7	----	1.000	.974	88.3	<sup>d</sup> 34.3
.675	-----	29.4	----	1.025	1.19	93.3	<sup>d</sup> 31.4
.700	-----	34.4	----	1.050	1.44	98.4	<sup>d</sup> 28.8

<sup>a</sup>Ref. 20.<sup>b</sup>Ref. 1 (p. 68),  $c = 238$  m/sec.<sup>c</sup>Ref. 15.<sup>d</sup>Viscosity coefficient for normal component. (These values will differ from values in table II because a different  $\rho_n$  set was used).

agreement with the Landau theoretical expression for the phonon density (ref. 1, p. 68). In table III  $\Delta_L$  (experimental) is compared with  $\Delta_L$  (calculated from eq. (1)) below  $0.55^\circ$  K. The calculated values for  $\Delta_L$  might be expected to be higher than the experimental values since for equation (1) only diffuse behavior was considered. In liquid He<sup>4</sup> as the temperature is further decreased below  $0.38^\circ$  K the crystal decrement due to the liquid will become a small fraction of the crystal vacuum decrement. Under these circumstances a further decrease in temperature to  $0.1^\circ$  K will produce no meaningful results. However, if a small amount of He<sup>3</sup> is added to the liquid He<sup>4</sup>, the situation will change considerably and the crystal decrement due to the dilute Fermi gas will be measurable.

The results of several "pure" liquid He<sup>3</sup> runs for this investigation are shown in figure 12 and table IV. The figure also shows the results of other investigators. The continuous curve and dashed curve represent the smoothed values of the corresponding investigators whereas the raw data points are being shown from this investigation. Below  $0.6^\circ$  K these data are in excellent agreement with Betts, et al. (ref. 16). Between

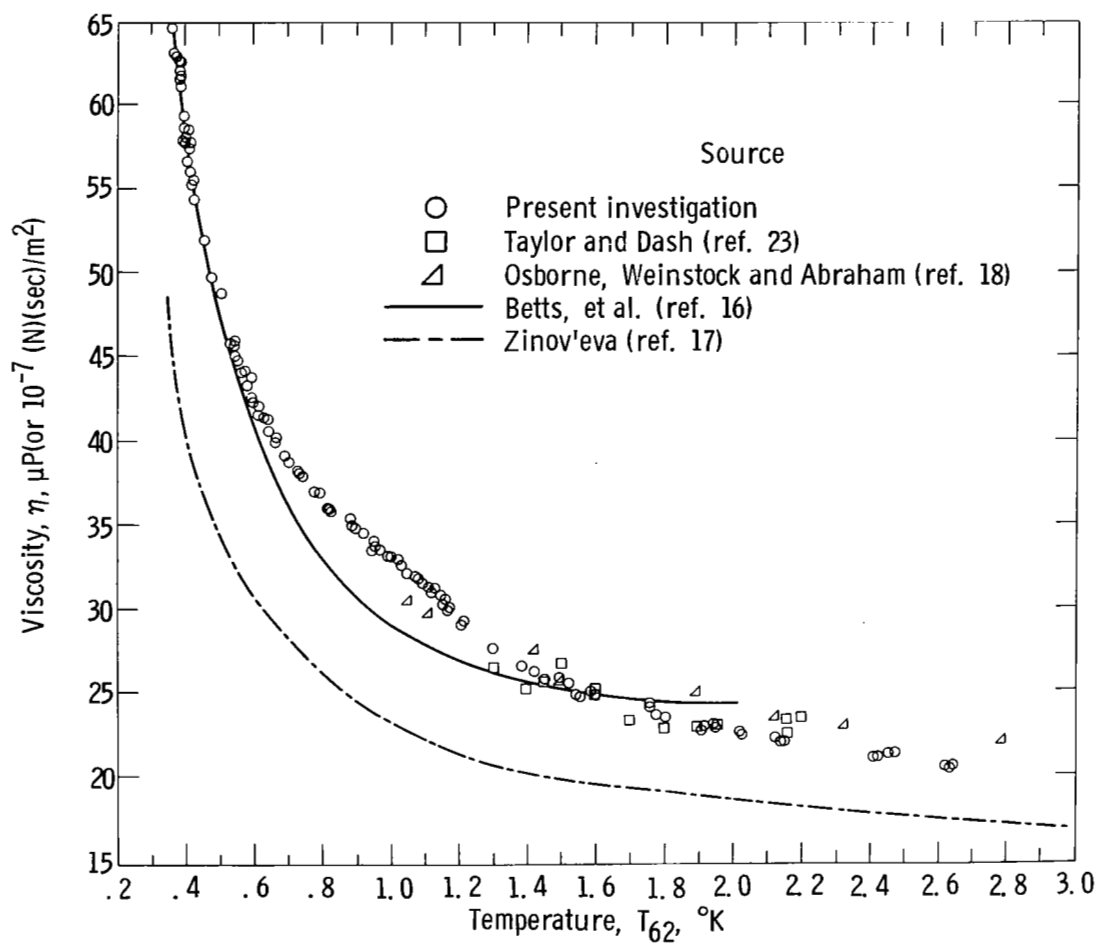


Figure 12. - Viscosity measurements of liquid He<sup>3</sup>.



TABLE IV. - SMOOTHED VALUES OF  
VISCOSITY FOR LIQUID HELIUM 3

Temperature, $T_{62}$ , $^{\circ}\text{K}$ (a)	Density, $\rho$ , $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ (b)	Viscosity, $\eta$ , $\frac{\mu\text{P}}{10^{-7} \frac{(\text{N})(\text{sec})}{\text{m}^2}}$
0.360	0.08214	65.1
.400	.08216	57.1
.450	.08217	51.1
.500	.08218	47.4
.550	.08217	44.6
.600	.08216	42.2
.700	.08210	38.7
.800	.08202	36.5
.900	.08189	34.6
1.000	.08174	33.0
1.100	.08156	31.3
1.200	.08134	29.2
1.300	.08108	27.5
1.400	.08077	26.4
1.600	.07999	24.9
1.800	.07897	23.7
2.000	.07765	22.7
2.200	.07603	21.9
2.400	.07406	21.2
2.600	.07162	20.6

<sup>a</sup>Ref. 20.

<sup>b</sup>Refs. 21 and 22.

TABLE V. - MEASURED VALUES OF OTHER CRYOGENIC FLUIDS

Fluid	$\eta\rho$ , $\frac{(\mu\text{P})(\text{g})/\text{cm}^3}{\left(10^{-4} \frac{(\text{N})(\text{sec})}{\text{m}^2} \left[ \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \right] \right)}$	Density, $\rho$ , $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$	Viscosity, $\eta$ , $\frac{\mu\text{P}}{10^{-7} \frac{(\text{N})(\text{sec})}{\text{m}^2}}$	Temperature, $T$ , $^{\circ}\text{K}$
Ambient air <sup>a</sup>	0.218 <sub>8</sub>	0.1164×10 <sup>-2</sup>	188.0	298±1
Gaseous helium 4	.0512 <sub>6</sub>	.0622	82.4	77.6
Liquid hydrogen <sup>b</sup>	21.0 <sub>2</sub>	7.716	272.4	14.00
Liquid hydrogen <sup>c</sup>	19.8 <sub>2</sub>	7.686	258.0	14.00
Liquid hydrogen <sup>c</sup>	9.68 <sub>9</sub>	7.086	136.7	20.20

<sup>a</sup>Passed through anhydrous CaSO<sub>4</sub> drying column.

<sup>b</sup>Normal hydrogen.

<sup>c</sup>Converted to more than 70 percent parahydrogen.

0.8° and 1.2° K, these values could be slightly high possibly because of some weak resonance condition which is independent of the liquid level in the sample chamber. Above 1.2° K, these values of viscosity fall off faster with increasing temperature than the values of Betts, et al. In fact the slope  $d\eta/dT$  of the curve in this region above 1.2 degrees is in agreement with that of Zinov'eva (ref. 17) and Osborne, et al. (ref. 18). The values lie between those of Betts, et al. and Zinov'eva. If these values were in error, they would be expected to be high. The reason for this is that any significant error would probably be the result of a nontorsional component of crystal motion. Such motion increases the energy dissipated by the crystal thus adding to the decrement caused by pure torsional motion. For this reason we expect these values above 1.6° K to be more acceptable than those of Betts, et al. The experimental precision for  $\eta\rho$  of liquid  $\text{He}^3$  is about 0.2 percent.

In addition, the same technique was used to measure the viscosity-density product for other fluids. These values are presented in table V to provide an opportunity to compare this method with other techniques.

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## APPENDIX - DEVELOPMENT OF EQUATIONS OF INTEREST

The logarithmic decrement of a piezoelectric crystal or of any mechanical vibratory system is defined by the quotient of energy dissipated per cycle  $W_d$  divided by twice the energy of vibration  $W_v$ . In this case the energy of vibration is simply the maximum kinetic energy attained by the crystal during a cycle. Thus,

$$\Delta = \frac{W_d}{2W_v} \quad (A1)$$

where  $\Delta$  is used to denote the logarithmic decrement. A fundamental piezoelectric equation relates the logarithmic decrement to the electrical resistance and frequency of the crystal at resonance (ref. 5):

$$R_x = K_o M F_R \Delta \quad (A2)$$

where  $R_x$  is the crystal resistance at resonance in ohms,  $K_o$  at a specific temperature is dependent upon the crystal, fluid dielectric properties, and electrode geometry,  $M$  is the crystal mass in grams, and  $F_R$  is the crystal resonant frequency.  $K_o$  is temperature dependent and generally decreases with decreasing temperature; however, changes in  $K_o$  were found to be less than 1/2 percent between 4.2° and 0.4° K.

The energy dissipated per cycle is obtained from the power loss across the crystal resistance  $R_x$  at resonance

$$W_d = \frac{I^2 R_x}{F_R} \quad (A3)$$

where  $W_d$  is in joules per hertz if  $I$  is the root mean square current in amperes. The energy of vibration of this crystal may be calculated from the maximum kinetic energy of the torsional rod or crystal, that is,

$$W_v = \frac{1}{8} M V_M^2 \quad (A4)$$

where  $V_M$  is the maximum velocity of a point on the rim of the cylinder. Substituting results in the following expression for the maximum velocity in centimeters per second of a point on the rim of the torsional crystal:

$$V = V_M = \frac{2EK_o^{1/2} 10^{7/2}}{R_x}$$

where  $E$  is the root mean square voltage across the crystal at resonance ( $E = IR$ ) in volts.

If the maximum velocity of a point on the rim of the cylindrical crystal is known, the amplitude of this point or any such arbitrary point on the rim may be determined. The instantaneous angular velocity of any point on the rim is given by

$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{V_M}{r_0} \cos \omega t$$

where  $r_0$  is the radius of the crystal cylinder and, hence,

$$\theta = \frac{V_M}{r_0 \omega} \sin \omega t$$

Because  $\omega = 2\pi F_R$ , the maximum linear displacement in centimeters for an arbitrary rim point will be  $V_M/2\pi F_R$ .

In order to determine  $\eta\rho$  in terms of measured quantities, it is convenient to find  $W_v$  in terms of  $\eta$ . A relation between the viscosity coefficient and the crystal system decrement may be developed after first considering the motion and forces on the fluid adjacent to the surface of a body moving with respect to the fluid. It is assumed here that a viscous laminar flow is being dealt with which simply means that each  $\delta$  layer of fluid moves along with the moving boundary surface and exerts a shearing stress or tangential force on its neighboring  $\delta$  layers. The term  $\delta$  layer here refers to a layer of fluid having an arbitrarily small thickness normal to the direction of motion of this layer. For the case of laminar flow, the tangential force per unit area is proportional to the velocity gradient normal to the  $\delta$  layer. The proportionality constant is called the viscosity coefficient, that is,

$$\eta = \frac{\text{shearing stress}}{\text{velocity gradient normal to flow}}$$

Consideration of mass conservation and the rate of change of linear momentum for an element of fluid provides a fundamental set of equations known as the Stokes-Navier equations. These equations provide a convenient starting point for nearly all hydrodynamic problems. The problem being solved herein has cylindrical geometry. However, the experimental conditions are such that the motion of a fluid caused by an oscillating plane affords a good approximation to the actual motion. First, consider a boundary value problem consisting of an oscillating plane in an infinite fluid. The Stokes-Navier equations in rectangular coordinates for an incompressible, constant

density fluid with zero body forces are (ref. 19) the following:

$$\rho \frac{Du}{Dt} = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \eta \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (\text{A5a})$$

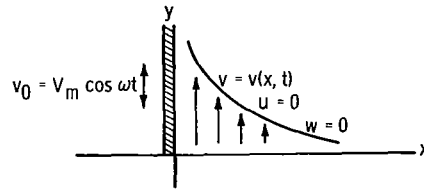
$$\rho \frac{Dv}{Dt} = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \eta \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (\text{A5b})$$

$$\rho \frac{Dw}{Dt} = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \eta \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (\text{A5c})$$

where  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  are the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  components of the fluid velocity,  $p$  is the pressure, and

$$\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{u\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{v\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{w\partial}{\partial z}$$

Next determine the motion and forces of the fluid adjacent to the surface of an infinite plane oscillating with respect to the fluid. Consider the oscillating plane as lying in the  $y$ - $z$  plane of this coordinate system and oscillating in the  $y$ -direction. The fluid lies to the right of this boundary plane along the  $x$ -axis as shown in the following sketch:



Now apply the Stokes-Navier equations to this problem. As set up, within the fluid  $u = w = 0$  and conditions at a point depend only on the  $x$ -coordinate of that point. Equation (A5c) may be eliminated since the quantities are all zero. Equation (A5a) reduces to the simple relation  $\partial p / \partial x = 0$ , while equation (A5b) becomes

$$\rho \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \eta \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2}$$

The boundary condition at  $x = 0$  is based on the assumption that the first layer of fluid atoms immediately adjacent to the surface of the plane moves with the plane and exhibits no slippage, that is, at  $x = 0$ ,  $v = V_m \cos \omega t$  where  $V_m$  is the maximum velocity of the

plane boundary. Also due to friction,  $v = 0$  at  $x = \infty$ .

The aforementioned differential equation is identical in form to certain heat flow and vibrating string problems and may be handled by separating variables. The solution may be written as

$$v(x, t) = V_m e^{-\lambda x} \cos(\omega t - \lambda x) \quad (A6)$$

where  $v(x, t)$  specifies the velocity of a particle in the fluid at a distance  $x$  from the plane surface at time  $t$  and

$$\lambda = \left( \frac{\rho\omega}{2\eta} \right)^{1/2} \quad (A7)$$

Hence, the velocity of fluid particles is reduced exponentially as the normal distance from the infinite plane increases. At a distance  $x = 1/\lambda$  the velocity is reduced to one  $e^{\text{th}}$  of its value at  $x = 0$ . This distance,  $1/\lambda$ , is the thickness of the Characteristic Boundary Layer and henceforth will be referred to as C. B. L.

An expression for the velocity of a given fluid particle as a function of its distance  $x$  from the plane surface has been obtained. Under certain conditions, a cylindrical surface may be treated hydrodynamically as though it were comprised of a large number of small plane areas. These conditions are the following:

- (1) The C. B. L. is very small in comparison with the radius of the cylinder  $r_0$ .
- (2) The maximum amplitude of any point on the surface of the cylinder is very small in comparison with  $r_0$ .
- (3) The length of the cylinder  $2L$  is large in comparison with the radius  $r_0$ .

This approximation may be further extended to the case of a cylindrical rod in torsion provided that the following conditions are met:

- (4) The nonzero shearing stress due to  $\partial v/\partial z$  is very small compared with the stress due to the velocity gradient  $\partial v/\partial n$  normal to the cylindrical surface.
- (5) The nonzero shearing stress on the end faces of the torsional rod or crystal due to  $\partial v/\partial R_e$  is very small as compared to the stress due to the velocity gradient  $\partial v/\partial n$  normal to the end faces, where  $R_e$  is the radial coordinate of the end faces. Note that, for the crystal being considered,  $v = 0$  at  $R_e = 0$  and  $v = V_M \cos \omega t$  at  $R_e = r_0$ ; thus,  $\partial v/\partial R_e \neq 0$ .

In general, conditions (1) to (5) are not assured; but for the case of a piezoelectric torsional crystal having a resonant frequency of 11 kilohertz, these conditions are certainly satisfied for the most part. One would suspect this to be the case since high frequency implies a very small C. B. L. which in turn implies enormous velocity gradients normal to the crystal surface as contrasted to the other gradients  $\partial v/\partial z$  and

$\partial v / \partial R_e$ . The C. B. L. of this crystal in liquid He<sup>4</sup> was only  $2.6 \times 10^{-4}$  centimeter at 1.30° K. On the surface of the cylinder, the maximum values of the various velocity gradients are  $(\partial v / \partial n)_{\max} = V_M \lambda$ ,  $(\partial v / \partial z)_{\max} = (\pi / 2L) V_M$ , and  $(\partial v / \partial R_e)_{\max} = \dot{\theta}_M$ .

The velocity gradient normal to each element of area of this crystal surface may be obtained by differentiating equation (A6) with respect to  $n$  (which has replaced  $x$ ) and noting that the velocity  $V_m$  on the surface of the cylinder is a function of position.

Essentially the variable  $x$  of the oscillating plane problem has been replaced by the variable  $n$  where  $n$  is measured everywhere normal to the cylindrical surface including the ends and has a value  $n = 0$  at the crystal surface. Consider a torsional rod of length  $2L$  which is oriented such that the longitudinal axis of the rod lies on the  $z$ -coordinate axis with the end faces of the rod at  $z = L$  and  $z = -L$  (as defined before,  $V_M$  is the maximum velocity of a point on the rim). The torsional motion for an undamped rod is described by the following equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{v_S^2} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial t^2}$$

where  $\theta$  is the polar angle and  $v_S$  is the velocity of shear in quartz. The solution of this equation corresponding to the lowest fundamental mode with strain node at  $z = 0$  is

$$\theta = \theta_M \sin\left(\frac{\pi z}{2L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi v_S t}{2L}\right)$$

and

$$\dot{\theta} = \dot{\theta}_M \sin\left(\frac{\pi z}{2L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi v_S t}{2L}\right)$$

This mode of vibration is the same one which was previously called the fundamental mode of vibration possessing the frequency  $F_R$  given in equation (A11). The angular velocity  $\omega$  may be written as

$$\omega = 2\pi F_R = \frac{\pi v_S}{2L}$$

Provided that conditions (1) to (5) are met, the fundamental definition of viscosity enables one to formulate an expression for the energy dissipated per cycle for an element of area, either on the cylinder or an end face. Thus from fundamental considerations the following may be written:

$$dW_d = -\eta \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} v(z, R_e, n=0, t) \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} \right)_{n=0} dS dt$$

Now using equation (A6) and noting that  $V_m$  is a function of position, that is,

$$v = V_m(z) e^{-\lambda n} \cos(\omega t - \lambda n)$$

for the cylindrical surface or

$$v = V_m(R_e) e^{-\lambda n} \cos(\omega t - \lambda n)$$

for the end face result in the velocity gradient for an element of area on the crystal surface

$$\left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} \right)_{n=0} = V_m (\sin \omega t - \cos \omega t)$$

where for the cylindrical surface

$$V_m = V_m(z) = V_M \sin\left(\frac{\pi z}{2L}\right)$$

and for the end faces

$$V_m = V_m(R_e) = R_e \dot{\theta}_M$$

Then the energy dissipated per cycle for the entire crystal surface including the ends is

$$W_d = -2\eta\lambda \int_0^L \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} V_M \sin\left(\frac{\pi z}{2L}\right) (\cos \omega t) \left[ V_M \sin\left(\frac{\pi z}{2L}\right) (\sin \omega t - \cos \omega t) \right] 2\pi r_0 dz dt$$

$$-2\eta\lambda \int_0^{r_0} \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} R_e \dot{\theta}_M (\cos \omega t) R_e \dot{\theta}_M (\sin \omega t - \cos \omega t) 2\pi R_e dR_e dt \quad (A8)$$

where  $\lambda = (\rho\omega/2\eta)^{1/2}$ ,  $1/\lambda$  is C. B. L.,  $V_M$  is the maximum velocity of a point on the rim of the cylinder and is constant for a given driving voltage across the crystal,  $\dot{\theta}_M$



is the maximum angular velocity corresponding to a point on the end face or rim of the cylinder and is also a constant, and  $R_e$  is the radial distance to an arbitrary area strip on the end face and varies from 0 to  $r_o$  (cylinder radius). Integration of equation (A8) yields

$$W_d = \frac{S\eta V_M^2 \lambda}{4F_R} \quad (A9)$$

where  $S$  is the entire surface area of the crystal including the two ends. Substituting equation (A7) in equation (A9) and then equations (A9) and (A4) in equation (A1) result in

$$\Delta_l^2 = \frac{\pi S^2 \eta \rho}{F_R M^2} \quad (A10)$$

Upon further substitution from equation (A2), the following is obtained:

$$\eta \rho = \frac{(R_x - R_{x, vac})^2}{K_o^2 S^2 F_R \pi} \quad (A11)$$

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