Cryogenic Design Studies for UCN Project

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Introduction

- Cryogenic system for UCN is interesting apparatus from the cryogenic view point.
 - He II and some properties under the sub-K and around 1 K have several unique characteristics. And some phenomena have never fully clarified until now.
- To clarify them through the designing is also worthwhile from a low temperature engineering viewpoint.
- Design studies have been continuously done by means of calculation, simulation and (experiments)
- Actually, some cryogenic element experiments for more reliable cryogenic design will be done from next month.

Some simulation results and cryogenic element experiments will be introduced.

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- (Digression: cryogenic safety estimation)
 - Thermo fluid simulation for coolant spill into air

1. Flow Conductance through the exhaust pipe



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Pressure drop Results



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2. Heat exchanger Flow Diagram

There are 10 heat exchanger (HEXs) in the UCN cryostat. Especially, HEX 1 to 5 is quite important and pay special attention to heat transfer coef by considering convection, conduction and Kapitza condutance.



2. Heat exchanger How to evaluate required length of HEX ?



Heat Exchanger model for "HEX1" and "HEX3"

$q_1(x) = h_1(T(x) - T_{HEX})$				
$h_1 = \left(\frac{1}{h} \right)$	$\frac{1}{m1} + \frac{\delta_{HEX}}{\lambda_{HEX}} +$	$\frac{1}{h_K(T'_w)} +$	$\frac{1}{h_K(T_{HEX})}$	$\Big)^{-1}$

- h_{m1}: convective heat transfer coef., [W/m²K].
- h_K: Kapitza conductance, [W/m²K].
- $(\delta_{HEX}/\lambda_{HEX})^{-1}$ conductive heat transfer coef [W/m²K]. (due to pipe thickness made of OFHC.)

Convection Term

In case of single phase flow

 h_{m1} is estimated following non-dimensinal Dittus-Boelter correlation.

$$Nu_{d1} = 0.023 \times Re_d^{0.8} Pr^{1/3}$$

 $Re_d = \frac{Ud}{\nu}, \quad Pr = \frac{\nu}{D_T}, \quad Nu_{d1} = \frac{h_{m1d}}{\lambda_a}$

In case of gas-liquid two phase flow

• h_{m2}(x) is averaged convective heat transfer coef which is based on Dittus-Boelter correlation. This correlation is applied in the case of $\gamma \neq 1$.³.

$$\begin{split} Ν_{d2}(x) = 0.023 Rel(x)^{0.38} Pr_1^{0.4} \left[(1-\chi(x))^{0.8} + \frac{38\chi(x)^{0.76}(1-\chi(x))^{0.04}}{(p/p_cr)^{0.38}} \right] \\ Ν_{d2}(x) = \frac{h_{m2}(x)d}{\lambda_l}, \quad Re_l(x) = \frac{G(1-\chi(x))d}{\eta_l}, \quad Pr_l = \frac{\nu_l}{D_{Tl}}, \quad D_{Tl} = \frac{\lambda_l}{\rho_l c_{pl}} \\ &G = \dot{m}/A, \quad A = \frac{1}{4}\pi d^2, \quad [\text{kg/m}^2/\text{sec}] \end{split}$$

2. Heat exchanger

Kapitza conductance and surface condition of HEX

- Kapitza conductance is Conductance at the surface between liquid and solid is small at low temperature
- Kapitza conductance, $h_{\kappa}(T)$ is a function of temperature.
- There are several theory on Kapitza conductance.
 - Phonon limit
 - h_K(T) ~ 4500 T³ [W/m²K]
 - 2 10 times larger than measured
 - Khalatnikov theory
 - h_K(T) ~ 20 T³ [W/m²K]
 - 10 100 times smaller than measured

Kapitza conductance strongly depends on surface condition and inpurity in the Cu. Kapitza of materials acutually used will be measured directly.



Kapitza conductance between Copper and He-II Helium cryogenics, Steven W. Van Sciver

3. Thermo-fluid behaviour of He II around 1 K Results Examples

1K pot temp, $T_{HEX} = 1.4$ K 10^{2} pipe surface (outer mean velocit pipe surface (inner 3.5 3He at pipe surface mixing temp of 3He Temperature [K] Velocity [m/sec] 10¹ 3 2.5 10⁰ 2 1.5 1 10-1 0 2 3 5 6 7 8 1 q 0 2 з 5 6 7 8 9 1 Position [m] Position [m] 10^{4} 10⁶ Reynolds numbe Convetive h Kapitza at 1K pot surface Kapitza at HEX surface Conductance [W/m2 K] Effective h Reynolds num [-] 10³ 10⁵ 10² 10⁴ 2 3 5 6 7 8 0 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 1 4 a 4 Position [m] Position [m]

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3. Thermo-fluid behaviour of He II around 1 K HEX5 (HEX bet. 3He and He II)



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3. Thermo-fluid behaviour of He II around 1 K HEX5 (HEX bet. 3He and He II)



How to optimize the 3He-Hell HEX ?

HEX specifications such as fin shape and span should be chosen by considering free-convection and nucleate boiling of saturated 3He.

A few data of 3He boiling curves gives us good information to optimize the HEX. Simultaneously, simulation studies are now on going for closs checking.

Estimation of Present Design.

gap distance between adjacent fins is 1mm which is several times larger than averaged bubble dia.

Heat transfer enhancement due to nucleate boiling can be expected.

3. Thermo-fluid behaviour of He II around 1 K Heat transfer of ST. What is $f(T)^{-1}$



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3. Thermo-fluid behaviour of He II around 1 K Calculation results



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5. Experiments purpose and cryostat overview

Two Key Issues

Simulation studies introduced above have following two uncertainties.

- 1. Kapitza conductance of Cu with Ni coating
- **2. Heat transfer function,** $f(T)^{-1}$



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5. Experiments superfluid bath in the cryostat



5. Experiments $f(T)^{-1}$ measurement system



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6. Schedule

- FY2017/Dec: Design and machining of test sample and channel
- FY2018/Feb: installation into the cryostat and begin to measure
- FY2018/Mar: Measurement of $f(T)^{-1}$ and Kapitza and summarize the data.
- FY2018/Apr~ : continue to measure and feedback experimental results into the simulation. Performance test of the realistic HEX will be measured using the cryostat introduced in the previous page.

7. Summary

- Cryogenic design studies have been continuously done. Some expert says that obtained values are consistent.
- We will build an optimum design by making use of experiments and some kinds of simulations.
- UCN pipe design is quite important. To obtain optimal design, Kapitza conductance and heat transfer function, $f(T)^{-1}$ is quite important. These characteristics will be clarified from experiments which will be done from next month.
- Concerning the $f(T)^{-1}$, existing UCN experimental apparatus in TRIUMF does not have direct measurement system about it, however some important sensors, such as temperature and pressure sensor and flow meter, are installed in the cryo system. So we can get several good information about $f(T)^{-1}$ etc. from this existing UCN apparatus.
 - We will clarify $f(T)^{-1}$ and heat transfer characteristics of He II under sub-K from the dedicated experiments and existing UCN apparatus.

Back Data

Safety Estimation for the Cryogenic System

To clarify oxygen dificiency or H2 concentration distribution during some kind of incident had better be clarified to prevent serious secondary damage such as detonation and human damege.

If necessary, dynamic simulation on the oxygen deficiency and H2 concentration will be done. Simulation exaple of He and H2 spill into the hall





15sec



20sec

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3. Thermo-fluid behaviour of He II around 1 K Another model around sub-K



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5. Experiments Kapitza conductance measurement system





manufacturer KASHIYAMA IND. LTD Type Dry Vacuum Pump P/No SD500L-040 Capacity 7700 L/min Input Power 3P 200V / 40A max Cooling water 8 L/min Weight 450 kg

5. Brief HEX Specification

- $\bullet\,$ Effective pipe length of HEX for supply line is 5 m \sim 8 m.
- To overcome the Kapitza conductance, HEX of surface with sintered silvered is sometimes employed below 1 K, however it is not necessary to employ the sintered silver coating around sub-K to 1 K. (Siltered silver is required below 0.1 K.)
- Brief design of HEX for counter flow type is as follows. Conceptual desing of this type HEX is done by Prof. Hosoyama.
- We will fabricate with Prof. Hosoyama. We will measure the heat transfer characteristics of this type HEX using the apparatus introduced before.