

# 超流動自由表面直下の二次元イオン系 を用いた超流動臨界速度の観測



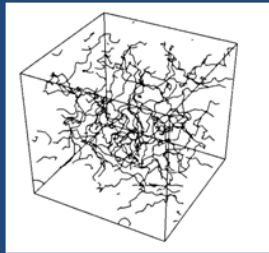
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# motivation : Quantum Turbulence & Kelvin wave

- **Kelvin wave**

Kelvin wave on the quantum vortex is very important role to understand the energy dissipation mechanism of the quantum turbulence at T=0 K.

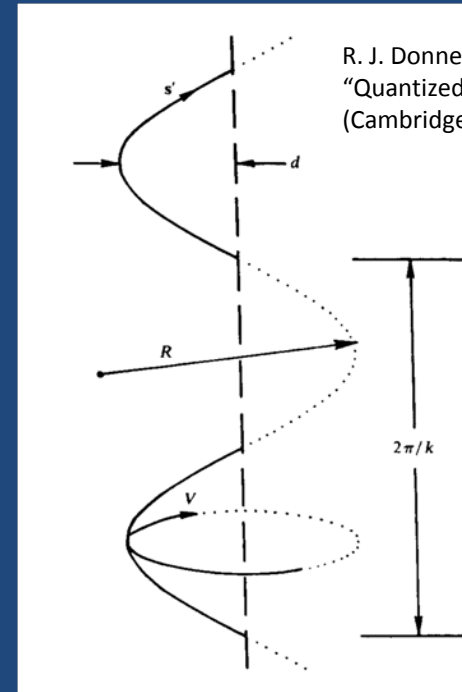


## The wave length and eigenfrequency

$$\text{wave number : } k_K = \frac{2\pi n}{l_w} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3 \dots)$$

$$\text{eigenfrequency : } \omega_k \sim \frac{\kappa \cdot k_k^2}{4\pi} \ln\left(\frac{1}{k_k a}\right)$$

$l_w$  : vortex length,  $a$  : core radius

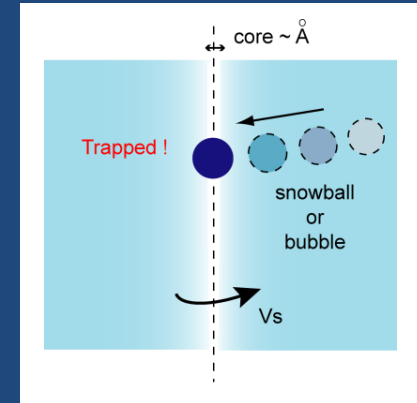


R. J. Donnelly,  
"Quantized Vortices in Helium II"  
(Cambridge University Press,  
Cambridge, 1991)

**Can we observe the transition between laminar flow and the turbulence by well controlled Kelvin wave?**

## Motivation for this experiment

- The dissipation of Quantum Turbulence around  $T=0$ , no viscosity at all, is quite interesting problem.
- If it is possible for the ion to trap at the termination point of the vortex line, there is a possibility that we could drive the vortex line and excite the controlled Kelvin wave.



## Today's talk

### Topic : Transport property of Ions at Rest

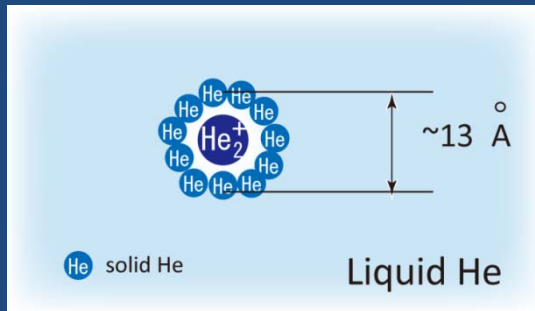
1. Recently, we found a unique transition between ohmic and non-ohmic current with increasing ac drive in 2D snowball system.
2. This transition remind us that new scattering mechanism arise except thermal roton, phonon, and ripplon.

We report recent experimental works about the critical velocity

# introduction : Ions in Helium

- Snowball

Snowball : positive ion



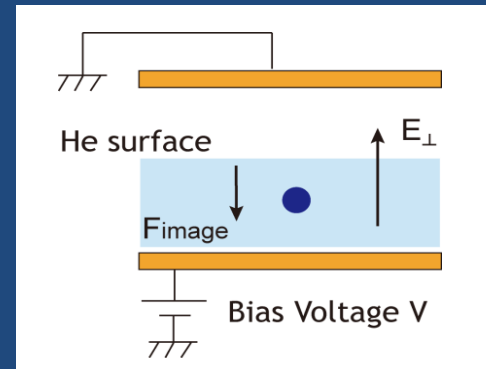
small cluster of solidified  $^4\text{He}$   
around a  $^4\text{He}_2^+$  ion

radius  $R_+$  :  $6 \sim 7 \text{ \AA}$

mass  $M_+$  :  $\sim 30 m_{\text{He}} (T=0)$

$m_{\text{He}}$  : bare helium mass

- 2D layer below surface



Net vertical potential for ions

$$U(z) = eE_{\perp}z + \frac{e^2}{16\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha(\alpha + 1)} \frac{1}{z}$$

**ion density**

$$n_s = \epsilon_0 V_0 / e(D - d_l) : 10^{11} \sim 10^{12} / \text{m}^2$$

# Experiment

- $^3\text{He}$  impurity in liquid  $^4\text{He}$

- Ion mobility is limited by  $^3\text{He}$  impurity
- Vortex core is easy to capture  $^3\text{He}$  impurity

Commercial  $^4\text{He}$  :  $x_{^3\text{He}} \sim > 100\text{ppb}$



**Ultra isotropically Pure  $^4\text{He}$**

U.S. Bureau of Mines

$x_{^3\text{He}} < 1\text{ppb} !!$

Transport measurement of snowball

- **Conductivity**

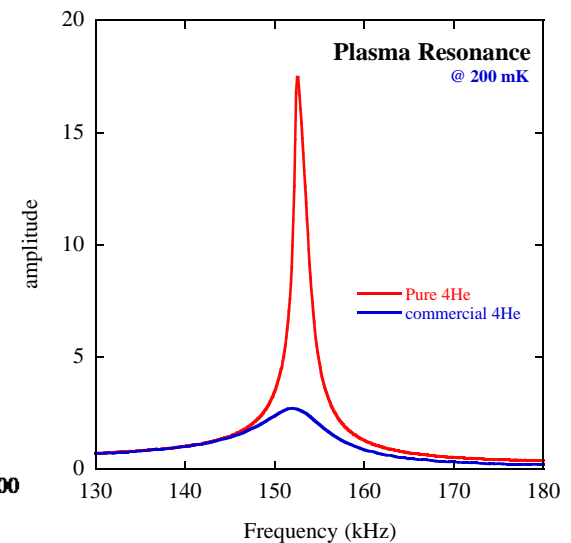
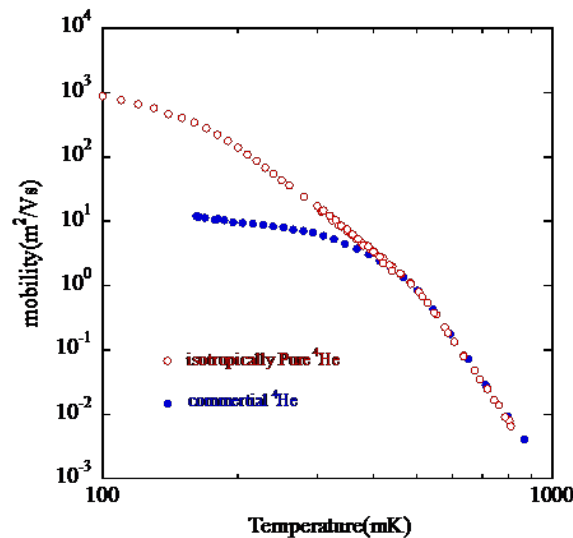
Limited below  $\sim 400\text{ mK}$

- **Plasma Resonance**

<pure  $^4\text{He}$ >

Q-value  $\sim 5.2$  larger

**A few handled ppb  $x_{^3\text{He}}$  :  
Serious effects on the  
transport properties**



# Experiment

- Experimental parameters

- Sommer – Tanner method

- Measurement parameter

Input AC field - sin wave -

$$5\text{mV}_{pp} < V_{ac} < 5 V_{pp}$$

$$30,020\text{Hz} < \text{Freq}$$

- Ion density

Snowball used in this run

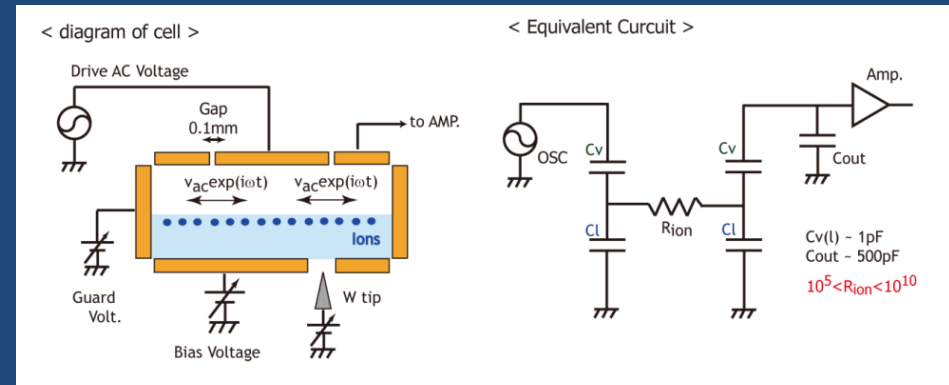
**Density :  $6.6 \times 10^{11}/\text{m}^2$**

- Pressing Field & Distance

$$E_{\perp} = 6.70 \text{ kV/m } (z = 37.6\text{nm})$$

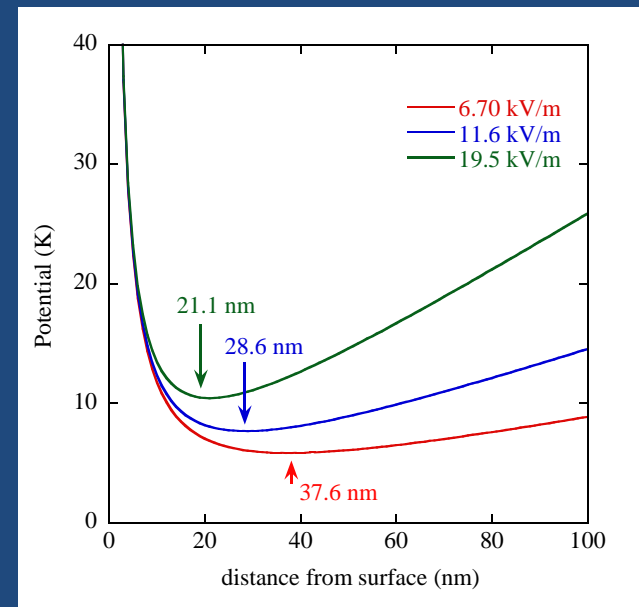
$$E_{\perp} = 9.77 \text{ kV/m } (z = 28.6\text{nm})$$

$$E_{\perp} = 11.6 \text{ kV/m } (z = 21.1\text{nm})$$



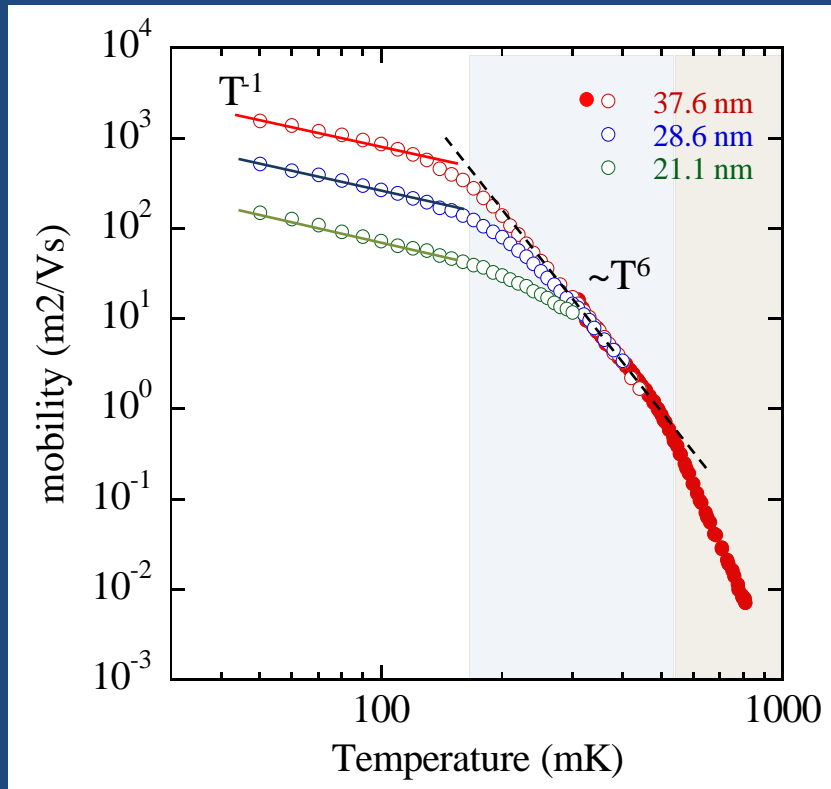
$$i_g = \frac{1}{G} \frac{C_{out}(C_V + C_l)}{C_V} \cdot \omega V_{drive} \cdot |V_{output}|$$

$$= 2\pi r_i \cdot n_i e \cdot v_g$$



## Result - Mobility Measurement

- **Temperature dependence of Mobility**  
Ion is driven by less than 5mVpp ac voltage



**$T > 550$  mK**

Scattered by thermal excited quasi particle

**$T < \sim 550$  mK**

Mobility is limited by **phonon limited  $\mu$**

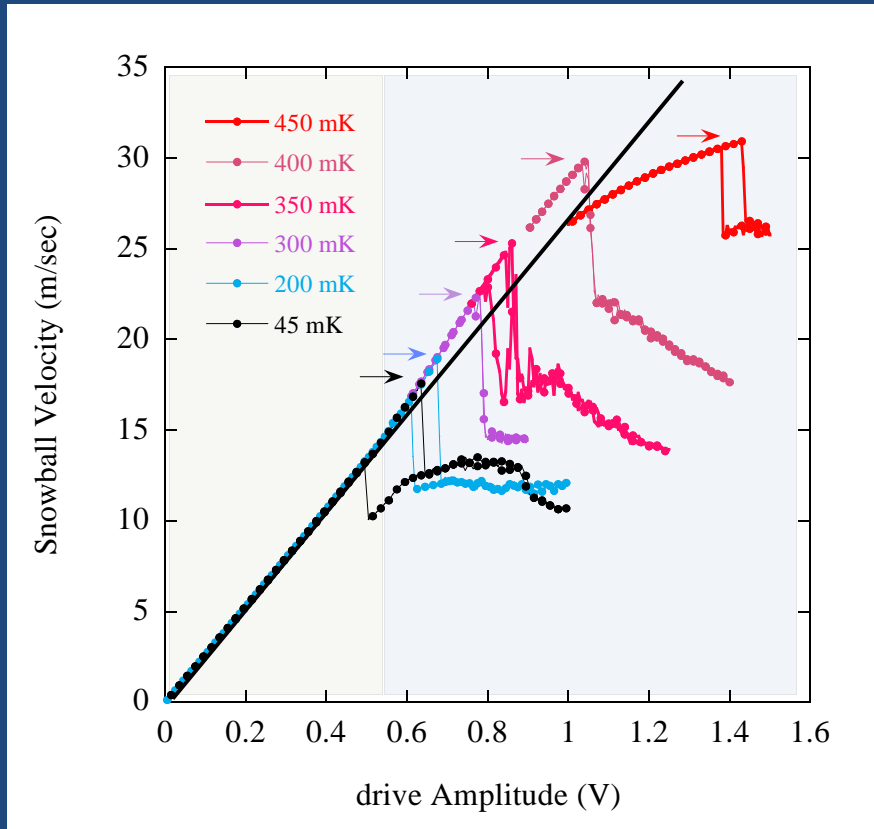
**$T < \sim 200$  mK**

Mobility is limited by **ripplon limited  $\mu$**

$$\mu \propto 1/T$$

## Result – Critical Velocity( $v_c$ )

- Drive voltage dependence of the snowball velocity



Conditions : **37.6 nm**  
Freq. 50,020 Hz

### 1. below $\sim 0.5$ V

$v_{ion}$  follows Ohm's law.

### 2. Above $\sim 0.5$ V

$v_{ion}$  deviates from Ohm's law and shows the jump abruptly at threshold voltage.

### 3. $T \sim 450$ mK

$v_{ion}$  strongly suppress before the jump.

**Critical velocity shows the temperature dependence !**



## Result - Critical Velocity( $v_c$ )

- Temperature dependence of  $v_c$

<parameters>

$$n_i = 6.6 \times 10^{-11}/\text{m}^2$$

Freq. : 50,020 Hz

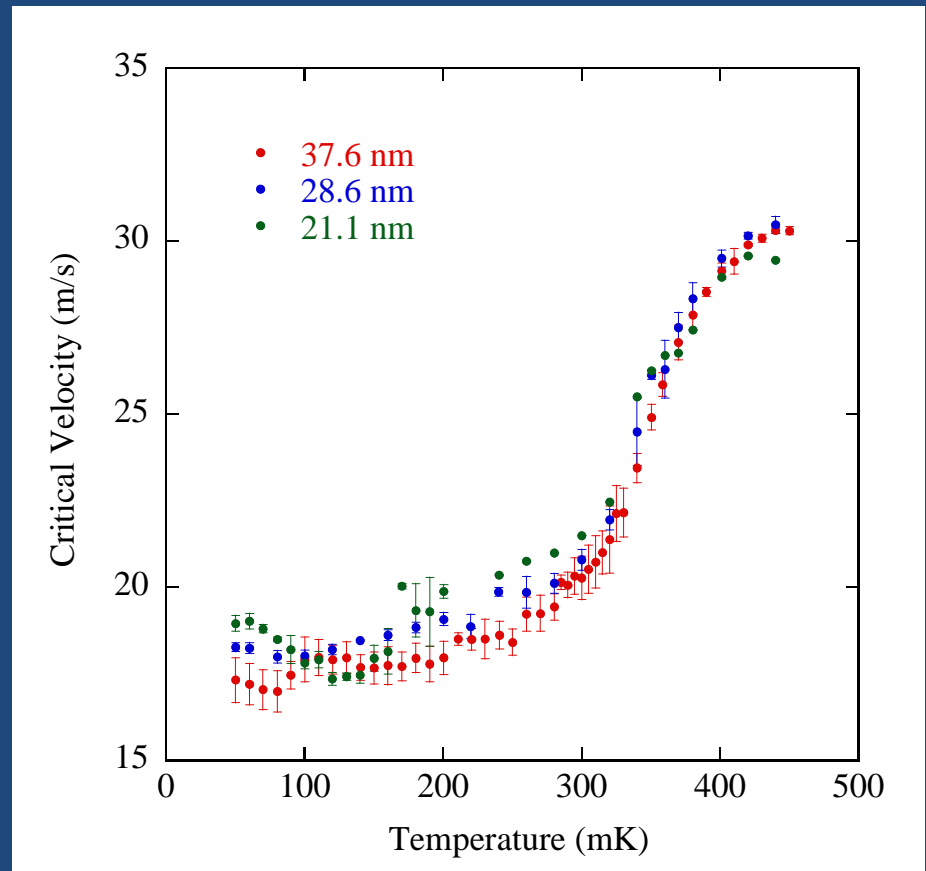
$T > \sim 420 \text{ mK} : v_{c \text{ (high)}} \sim 31 \text{ m/s}$

$T < \sim 200 \text{ mK} : v_{c \text{ (low)}} \sim 18 \text{ m/s}$

$v_c$  decreases with decreasing temperature between these temperature.

ion mobility is strongly limited by ripplon scattering below 200 mK.

**$v_c$  is almost independent of the depth from the surface**



# Discussion

- The creation of vortex rings could be the origin of the nonlinear behavior.

## Presumable vortex nucleation mechanism for bubble

Model : C. M. Muirhead et al.  
Phil. Trans. R. Soc. Lond. A 331, 433(1984)

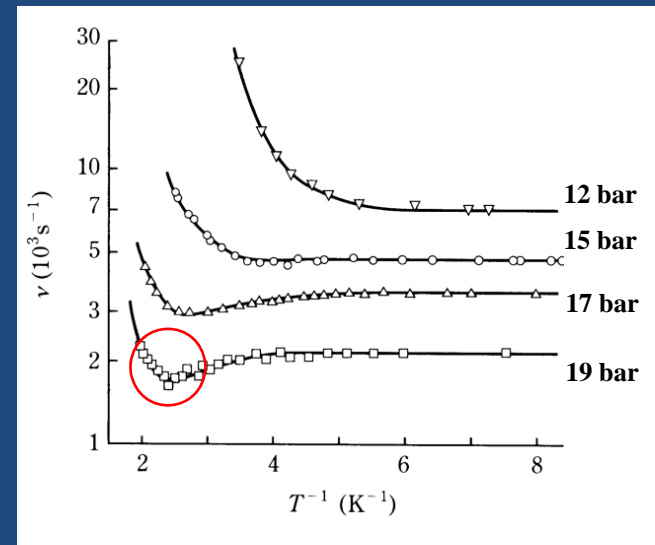
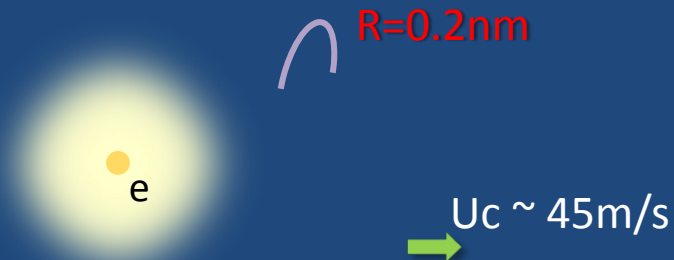
Experiment : G.G. Nacolas et al.  
Phil. Trans. R. Soc. Lond. A313, 537(1985)

### Macroscopic Quantum Tunneling

$T=0$  (K),  $P=0$  (atm)

$U_c \sim 45$  (m/s)

$\Delta E \sim 0.5 \times 10^{-23}$  (J)  $\sim 3.6$  (K)



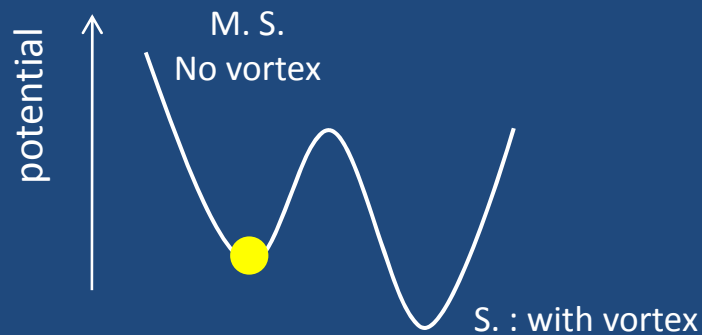
$$v(T) = v_0 \exp(-BT^3) + AT \exp(-\Delta/k_B T)$$

$\Delta/k_B \sim 3(K)$

## Discussion

### • Damping of nucleation rate : Caldeira-Leggett

1. A small dip of  $v(T)$  observed using electron bubble was thought that phonon damping reduces the tunneling rate.
2. In our case,  $v_c$  increased above  $\sim 200$  mK. Temperature dependence of mobility shows that phonon scattering dominates the mobility above  $\sim 200$  mK.



Here, we introduce a phenomenological potential as follow

$$E_a = E_0 - aV_{ion}$$

$$v_{nucl.} \propto \exp(-\sqrt{E_a}) * \exp(-B\eta)$$
$$= (WKB) * (dissipation \ term)$$

$E_a$  : Energy barrier  
 $\eta$  : Dissipation coefficient

Criterion for observation of tunneling

$$v_{nucl} \sim O(1)$$
$$\sim \exp(-\sqrt{E_0 - aV_c}) * \exp(-\eta)$$

## Discussion

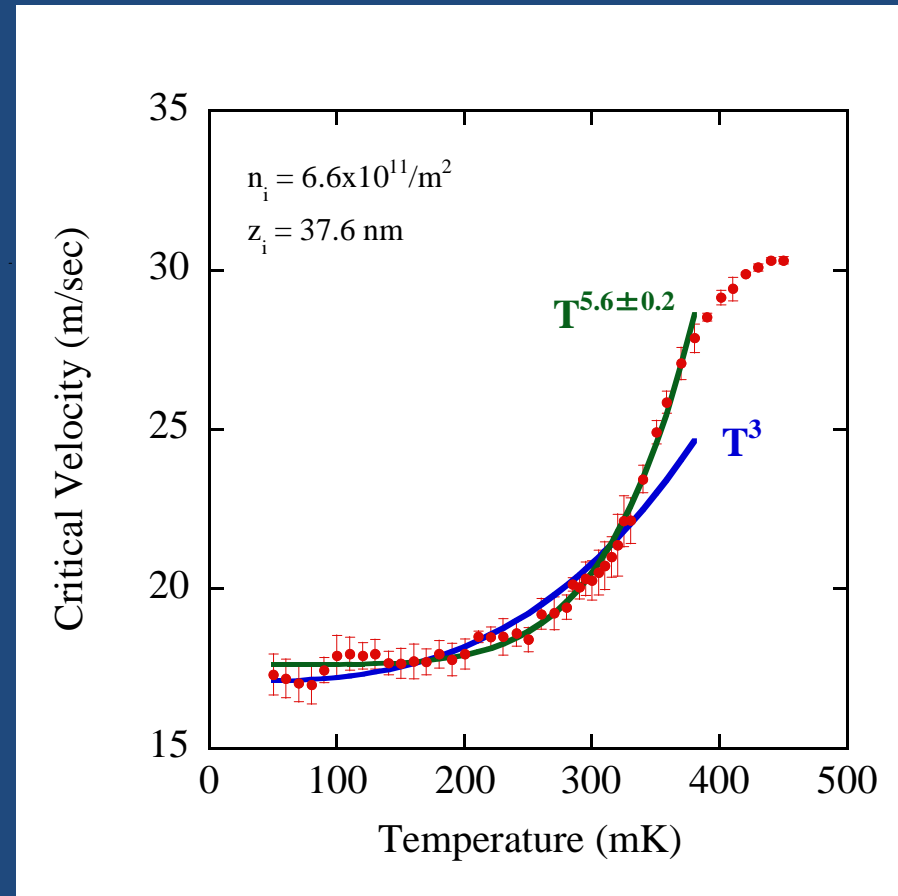
- Critical velocity

When we assume the energy barrier for tunneling as  $E_0 - aV_{ion}$ . The critical velocity can be expressed as follows

$$V_c = V_0 + const. * \eta$$

$\eta$  : Dissipation coefficient

The damping process is caused by phonon scattering, then  $\eta$  is expected in proportion to  $T^3$ .



The increase of  $v_c$  could be explained by the tunneling rate is reduced by some dissipation mechanism in this system.

## Summary & Speculation

- We observed the critical velocity of the 2D ion systems underneath superfluid  $^4\text{He}$ .
- The observed non-linear transport indicates that a **new dissipation mechanism arises at critical velocity ( $v_c$ )**.
- **$v_c$  is sufficiently small ( $\sim 60\%$ ) compared to Landau critical velocity** for roton emission at saturated vapor pressure.
- **The nucleation of quantized vortex ring (q.v.r) could be the origin of the nonlinear behavior.**
- Below  $\sim 200$  mK, temperature independent of  $v_c$  means the macroscopic quantum tunneling rate of the nucleation of q.v.r. should be constant.
- On the other hand, below  $\sim 350$  mK, the damping effect for the MQT by phonon may be important role to explain the increase of  $v_c$  with increasing temperature
- Above  $\sim 350$  mK, thermal activation process assists the q.v.r nucleation

## Future Work

- We measure the critical velocity under rotation.