

## Suppression of KT transition in $^4\text{He}$ film under high pressure $^3\text{He}$

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We observed a superfluid transition of  $^4\text{He}$  films under high pressure liquid  $^3\text{He}$  by the transverse acoustic measurements of AC-cut quartz transducers.  $^4\text{He}$  was first adsorbed on the transducer and thereafter  $^3\text{He}$  was introduced to pressurize the  $^4\text{He}$  film. Superfluidity was detected as an enhancement of surface specularity which is calculated from the transverse acoustic impedance.

The specularity is not constant but has a large temperature dependence: the specularity is zero at high temperature and begins to increase below an onset temperature  $T_0$ . The frequency dependence of  $T_0$  is well explained by the dynamic KT model. Specularity in the low temperature limit has a linear dependence on  $^4\text{He}$  thickness as the superfluid density has the linear dependence in KT transition of the pure  $^4\text{He}$  film<sup>1</sup>. From these frequency and thickness dependences, we can conclude that the enhanced specularity is due to the KT transition of the  $^4\text{He}$  film.

$T_0$  is strongly suppressed at higher pressures although  $^4\text{He}$  film is thick enough. Because transition temperature was much higher in  $^4\text{He}$ - $^3\text{He}$  mixture film experiments<sup>2</sup> than  $T_0$ , the observed suppression is caused not only by the  $^3\text{He}$  impurity effect but also by the strong particle correlation at high pressures.

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