ON THE POSSIBLE JUMP OF T_{λ} IN NANOFILMS OF He-II

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Summary

It is suggested that the microscopic vortex rings (MVRs) induce the λ -transition in helium-II and define substantially the value of T_λ . For very thin films of He-II with thickness d less than the size of the smallest MVR, the rings do not fit in and do not exist in such films. As a result, a jump-like peculiarity for superfluid films of He-II should exist in the curve $T_\lambda(d)$ at d approximately equal to the size of the smallest MVR, $d\approx (6\pm 3)$ Å. The absence of a similar peculiarity will be an evidence for that MVRs do not influence the values of T_λ and do not play any key role in the λ -transition. The currently available experimental data are insufficiently complete and precise for revealing the predicted peculiarity.