

Review of: "Freezing of few nanometers water droplets"

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Authors reported experimental work on probing the freezing temperature T_N of water nanodroplets using metrologies, they found that The T_N drops sharply at size below 10 nm and reaches the limit of -43C for 2nm droplet; furthermore, the freezing rate drops with droplet size in the same manner. These findings are very important and can be attributed to the effect of molecular undercoordination and the derived supersolidity [1]. Molecular undercoordination shortens and stiffens the H-O bond but lengthens and weakens the O:H nonbond; The former dictates the melting temperature while the latter governs the T_N . The supersolidity has lower T_N , higher T_m , higher thermal diffusivity [2] that ensures its high energy conductivity and slower phase transformation rate.

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