



Search for Novel Quantum Phenomena in ^4He Confined in Nano - Porous Media

(ヘリウムナノ構造における新しい量子多体現象)

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The Outline of Our Research

(科研費計画調書より)



Outline

1. Helium Nanostructures
2. Quantum Phase Transition of ^4He
in a Nano - porous Glass
3. Heat Capacity Measurement
4. H_2 Confined in the Nano - porous Glass
5. "Superfluidity" of Solid ^4He (Supersolidity)

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Solid ^4He "Superfluidity"

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Solid ^4He "Superfluidity"

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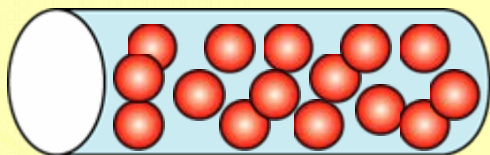
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H. Glyde & Coworkers

Neutron Scattering

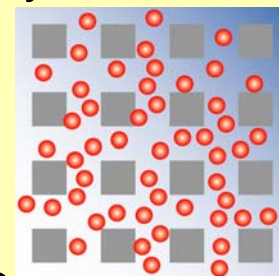
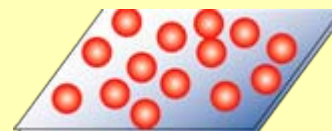
⁴He Nanostructures: A model system of strongly correlated Bosons in a periodic or random potential

Interaction (Correlation)



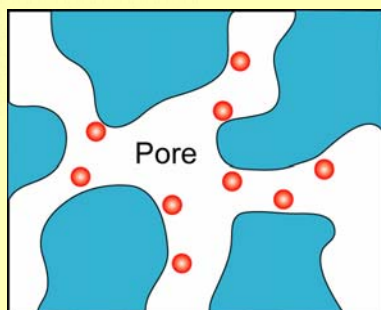
Dilute Gas \longleftrightarrow Dense Liq/Sol

Dimensionality

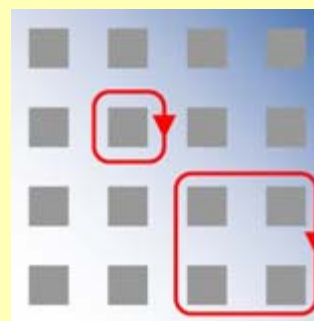


1D \longleftrightarrow 3D

Disorder



Topology

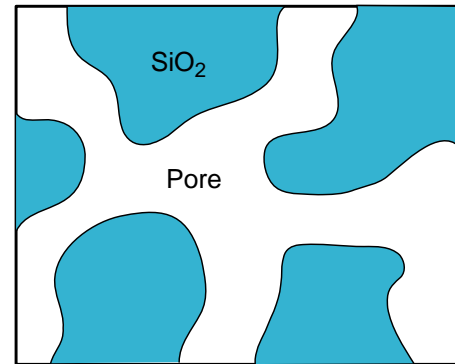
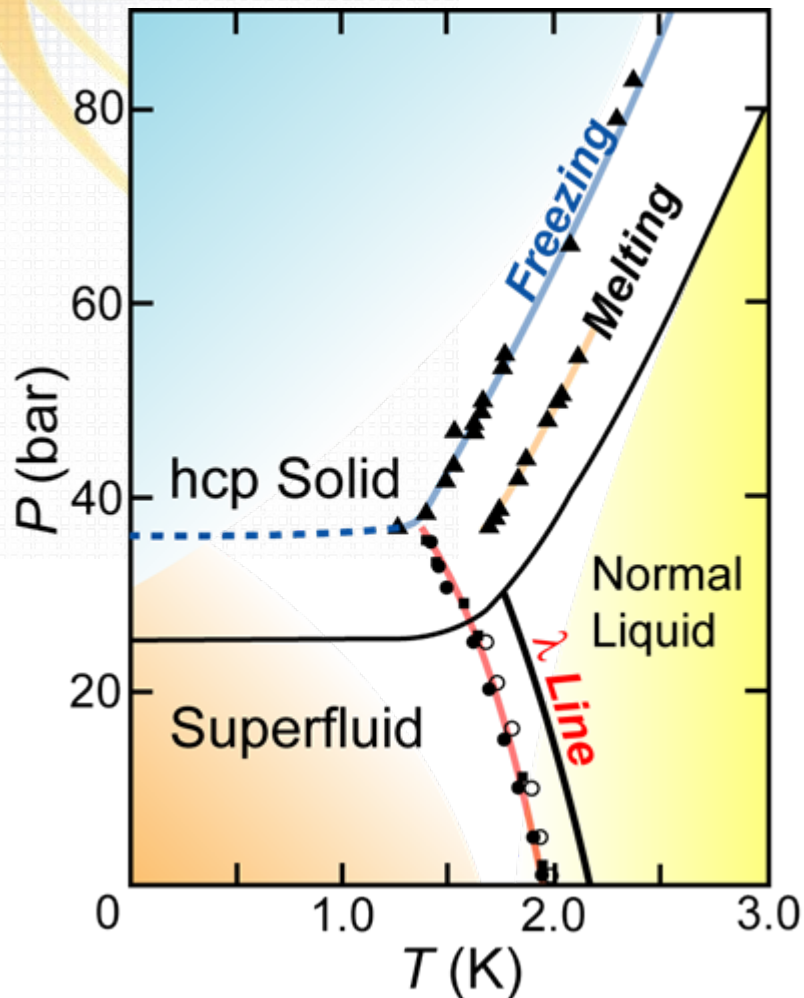


Novel Quantum Phases =

Mott Insulator
Bose Glass
Supersolid....

Physics of (Over) pressurized Liquid ^4He in Porous Media

Phase Diagram of ^4He in Porous Vycor Glass

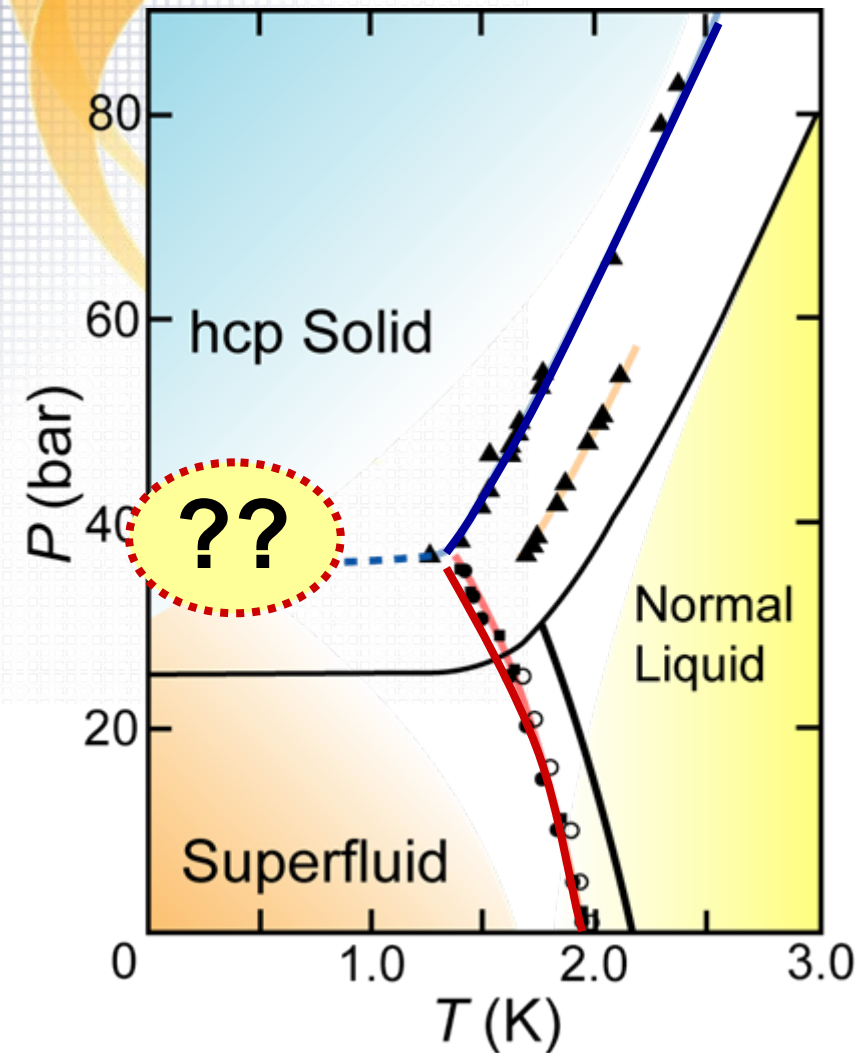


- 3D Random Network of Pores
- 7 nm in Pore Diameter

- Shift of **Freezing Curve**
- Shift of **the λ Line** ($\sim 0.2\text{K}$)

Cao et al. *PRB* **33**, 106 (1986)

Adams et al. *PRL* **52**, 2249 (1984)



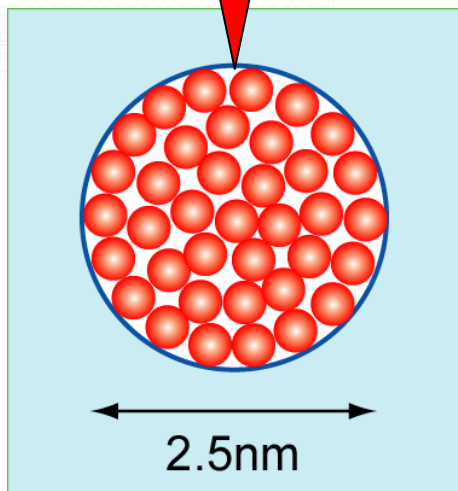
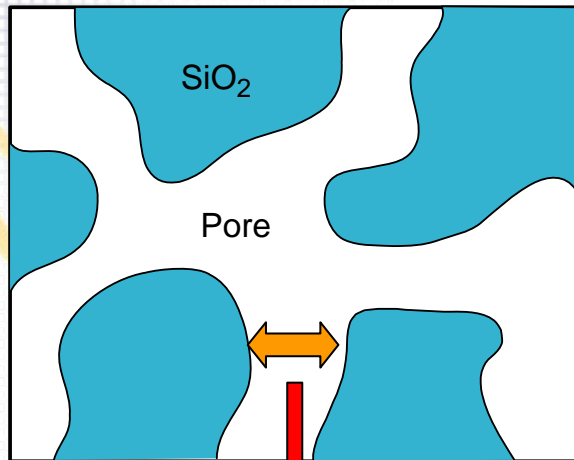
How is the superfluidity suppressed as the Pore Size **DECREASES** ?



^4He in a Nano-porous Glass

- Superfluidity: Torsional Oscillator Study (*PRL* **93**, 075302 (2004))
- Liquid – Solid Phase Boundary: Pressure Study

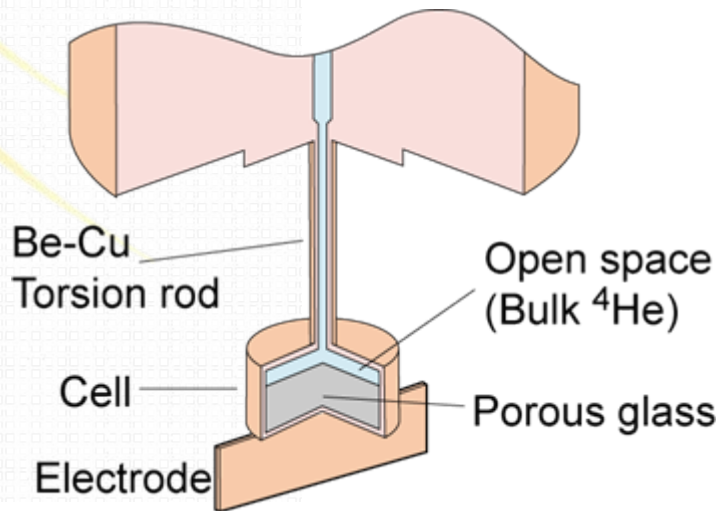
⁴He in Porous Gelsil Glass



- 3D Network of Nanopores
- Pore Diameter : 2.5 nm
1/3 of Vycor Pore
- ^4He atoms in Pores :
7~8 atoms in radial
40 atoms in cross section

Experimental Techniques

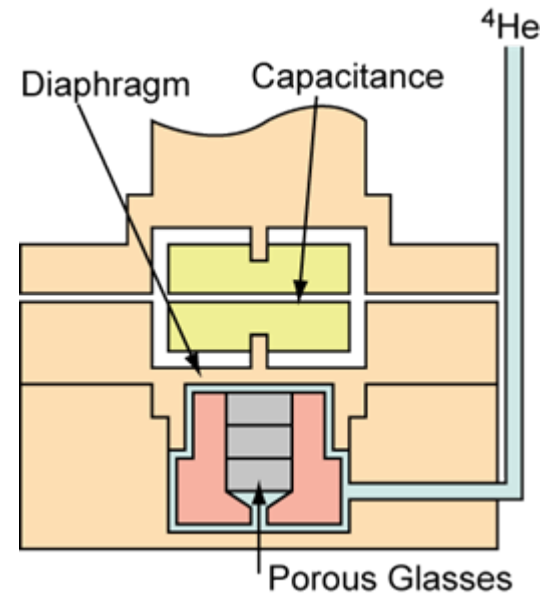
Torsional Oscillator



$f \sim 1960 \text{ Hz}$

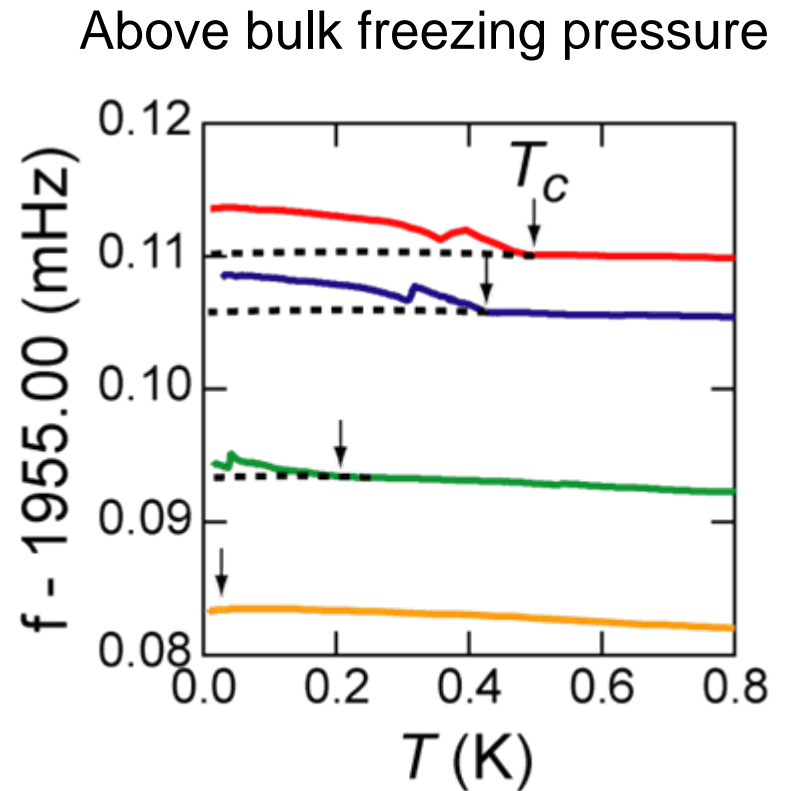
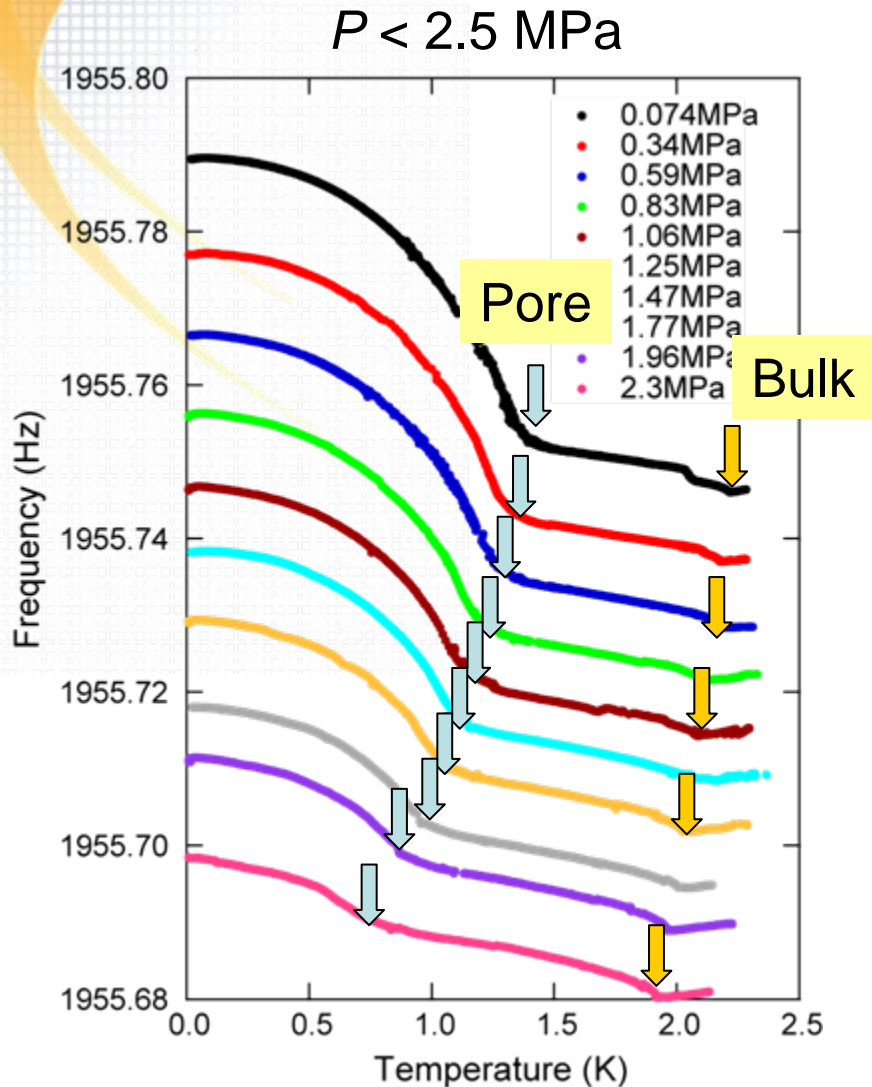
Superfluidity

Isochoric Pressure



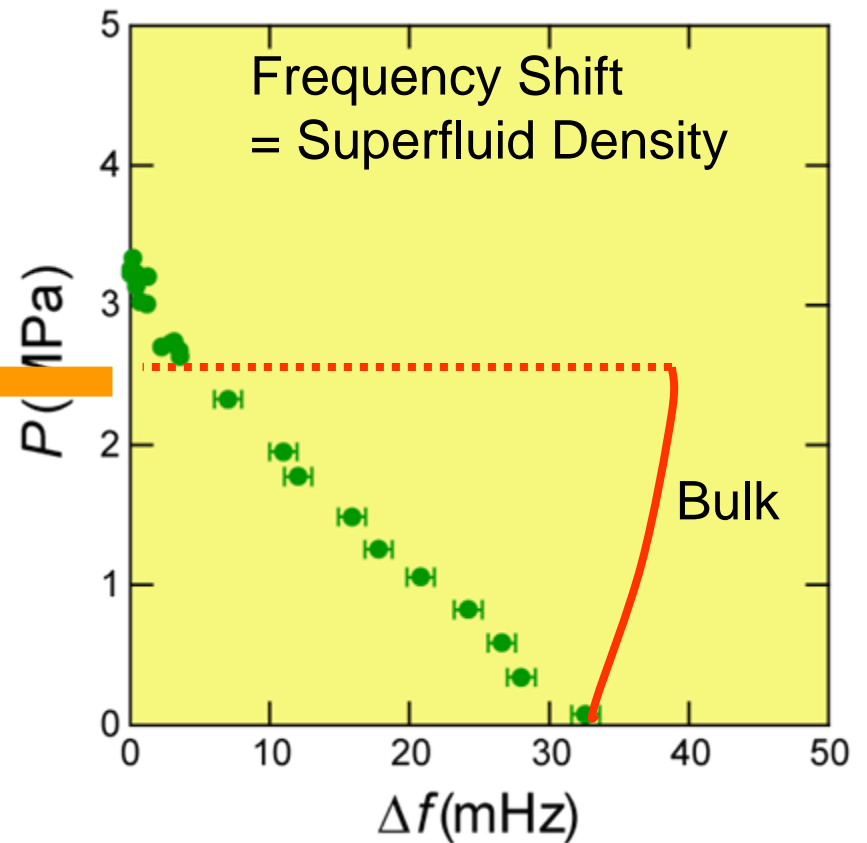
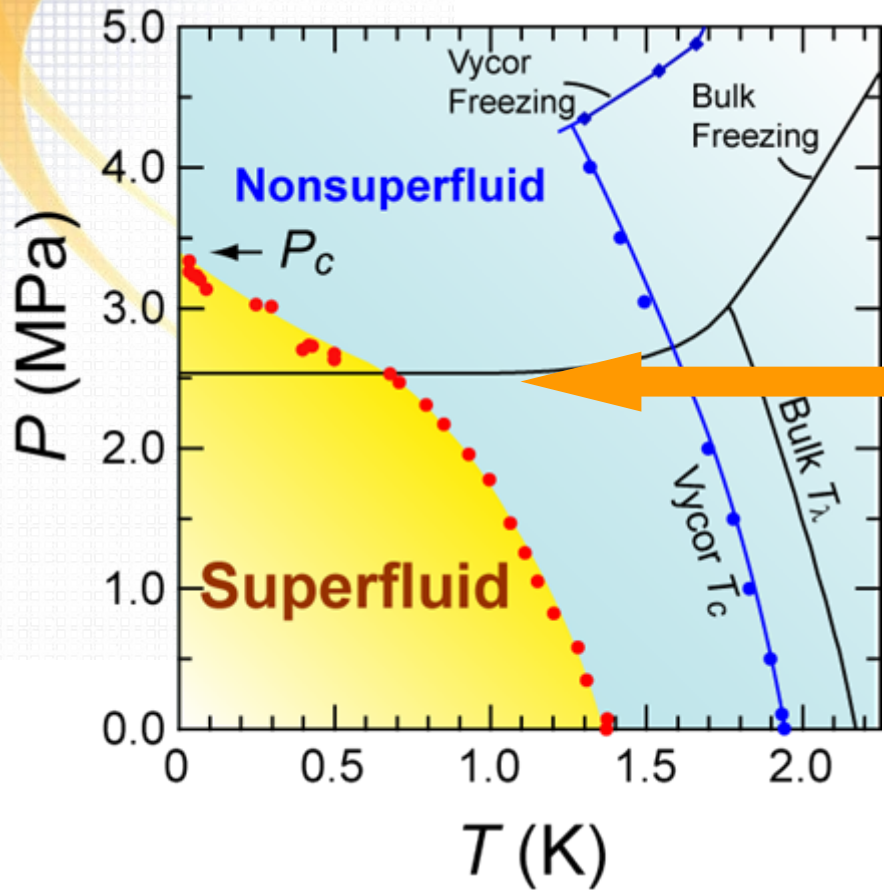
Liquid – Solid
Phase Boundary

Suppression of Superfluidity



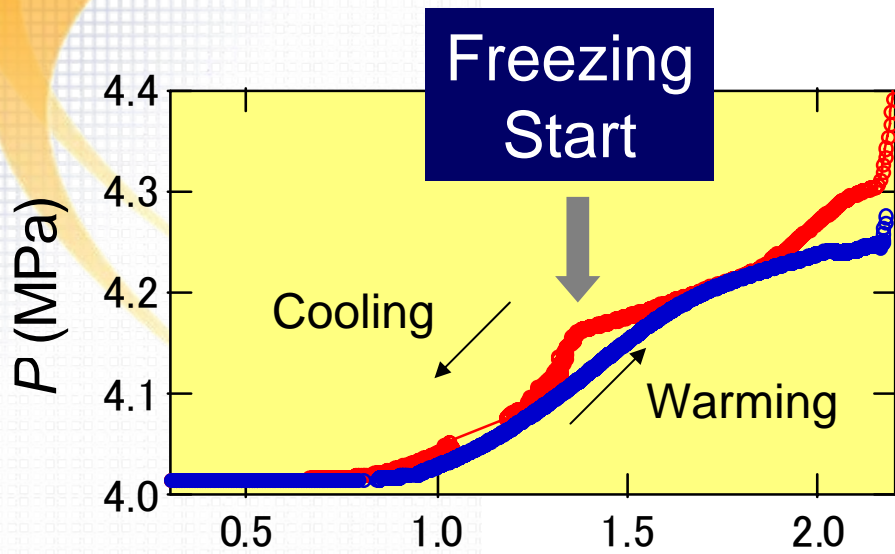
- T_c decreases by pressurization
- Lowest $T_c \sim 35$ mK : at $P \sim 3.3$ MPa
- $3.5 < P < 5.0$ MPa : No superfluidity

Continuous Reduction of T_c and ρ_s

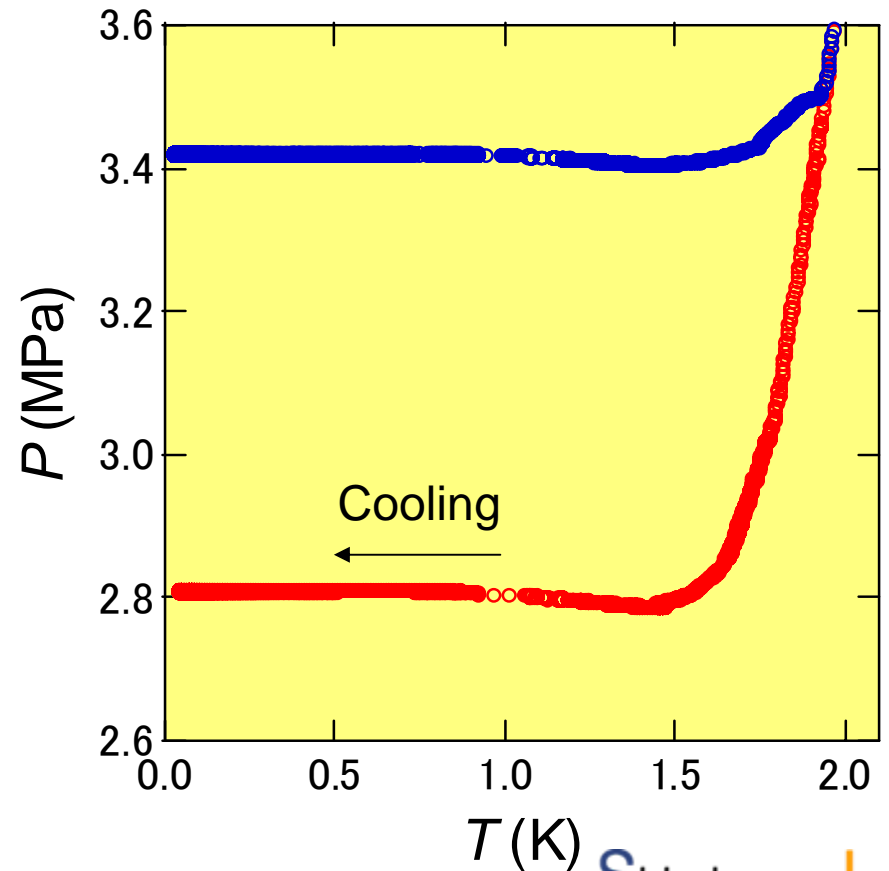
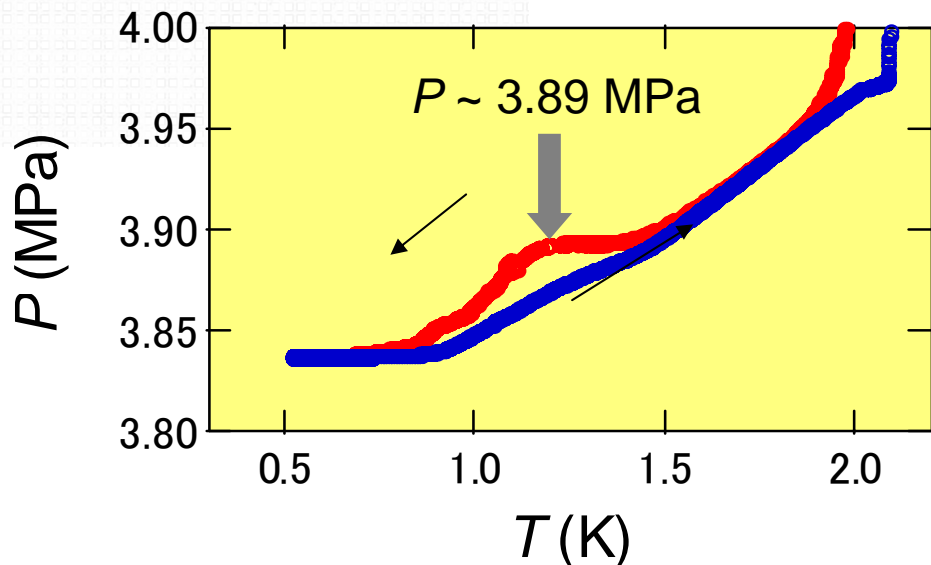


T_c and ρ_s continuously decrease to zero, at $P_c \sim 3.4$ MPa.

Determination of the Liquid - Solid Transition



$P < 3.4$ MPa
No Freezing down to 20 mK

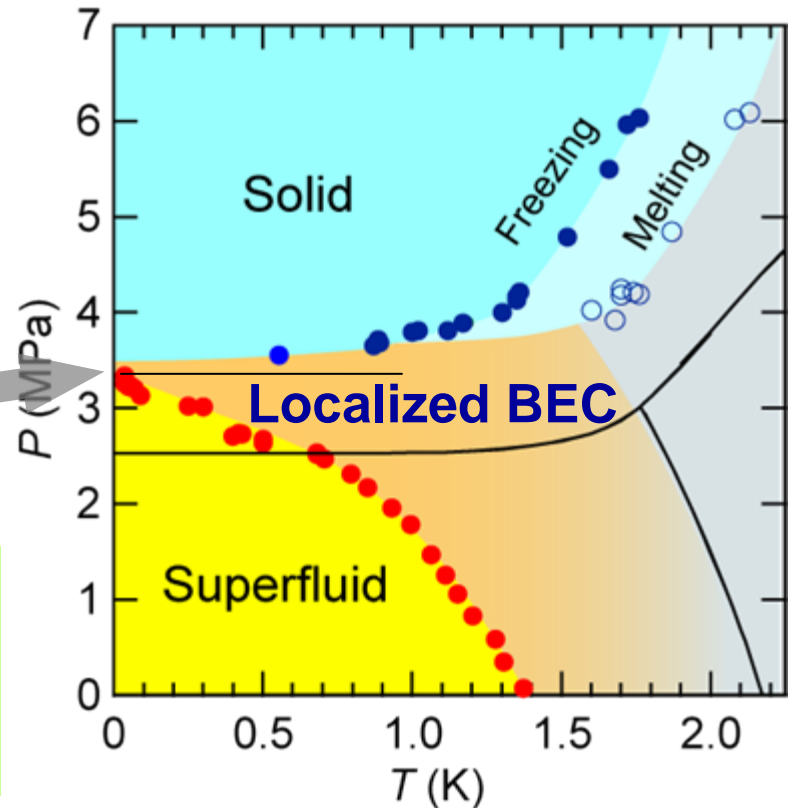


Phase Diagram

Present “Lower Limit”
of the Solid Phase

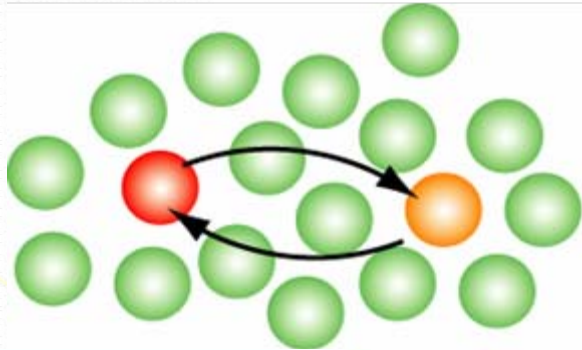
$$P_{c2} \sim 3.42 \text{ MPa}$$

Flat solid phase boundary :
Adjacent “nonsuperfluid” phase
has small entropy.

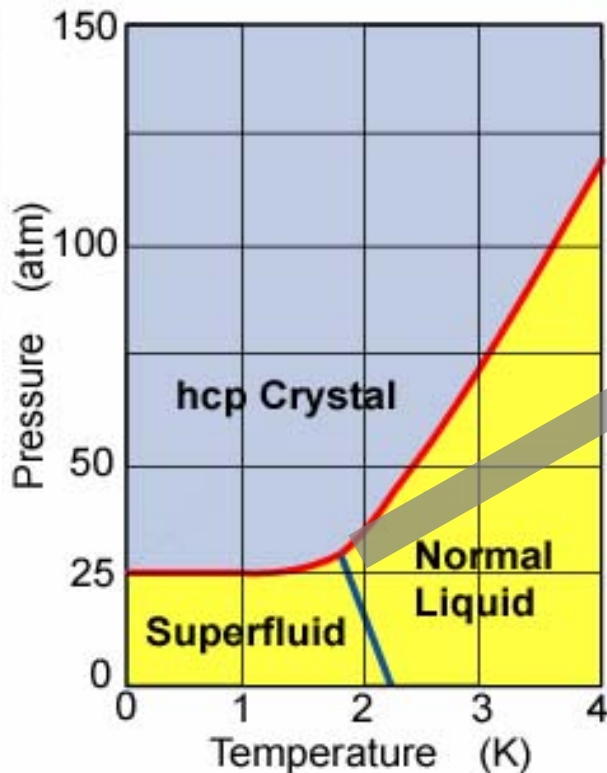


**A Superfluid – Nonsuperfluid – Solid
quantum phase transition is driven at 0 K,
by increasing pressure (density)**

Helium is a Strongly Correlated System



- "Hard Core" interrupts atom exchanges.



- Example :
Negative Slope
of the "Lambda" Line

Superfluidity = BEC + Correlation

Possible Scenario: Phase Fluctuation and Localized BEC

Superfluid Order Parameter:

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}) = A(\mathbf{r}) \exp\{i\phi(\mathbf{r})\}$$

Amplitude

Phase

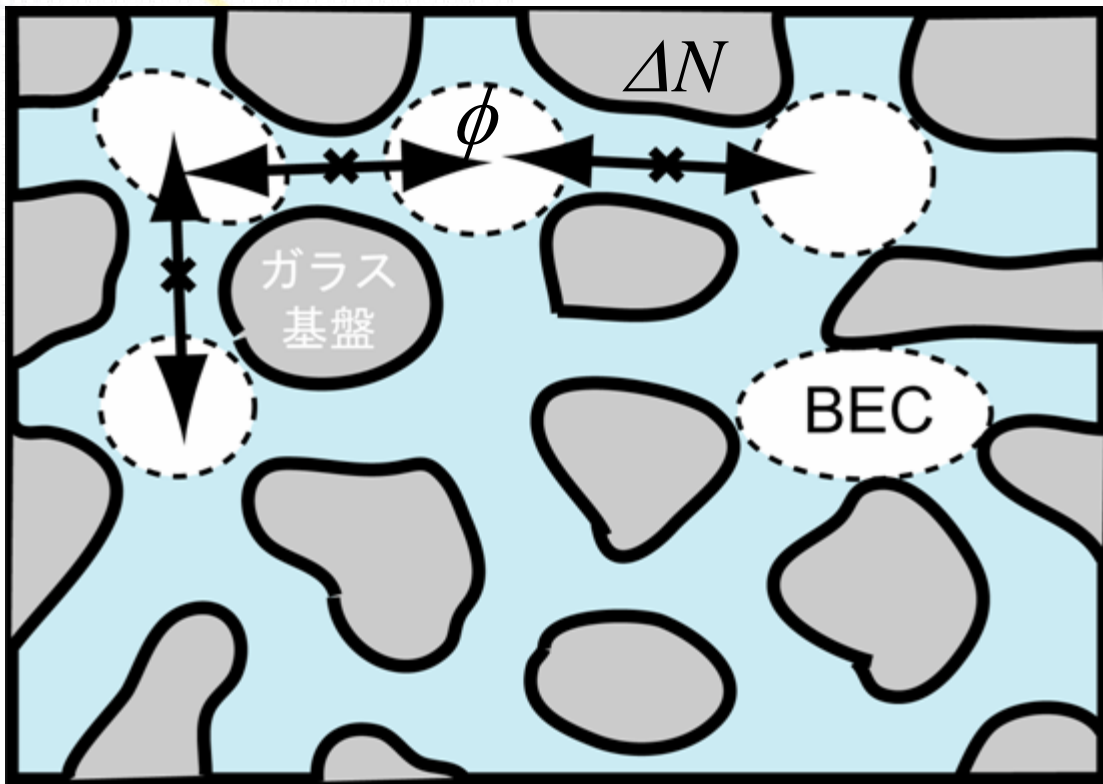
Number – Phase Relation:

$$\Delta N \cdot \Delta\phi \geq 1$$

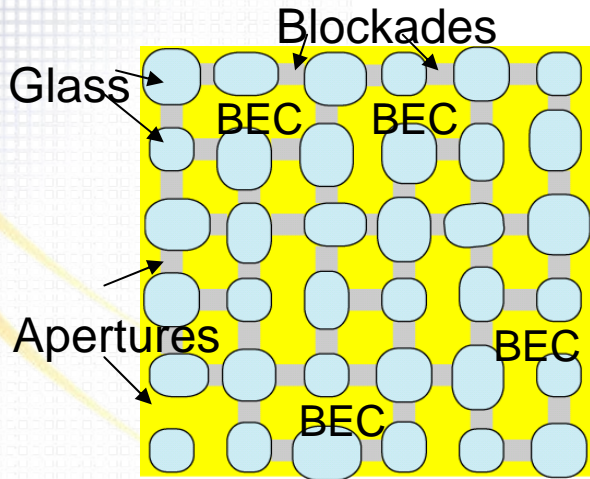
Hard Core + High Density

Exchanges of atoms
are suppressed at the pores

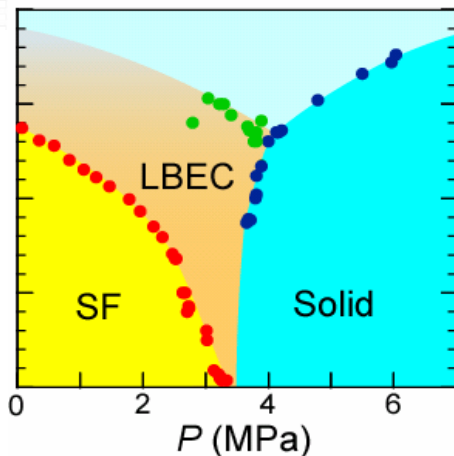
- Phase Fluctuation
- Suppression of T_c
- Localized BEC



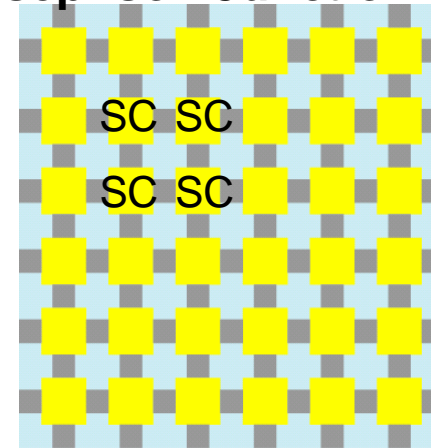
Analogy to Josephson - Junction Arrays



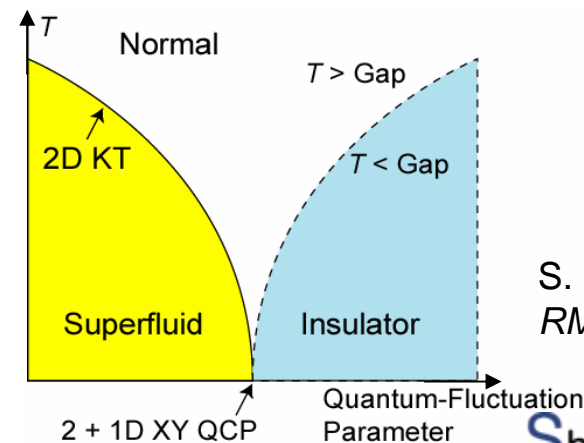
Interruption of **atom exchanges** at the **apertures** results in phase fluctuation.



2D Josephson Junction Arrays

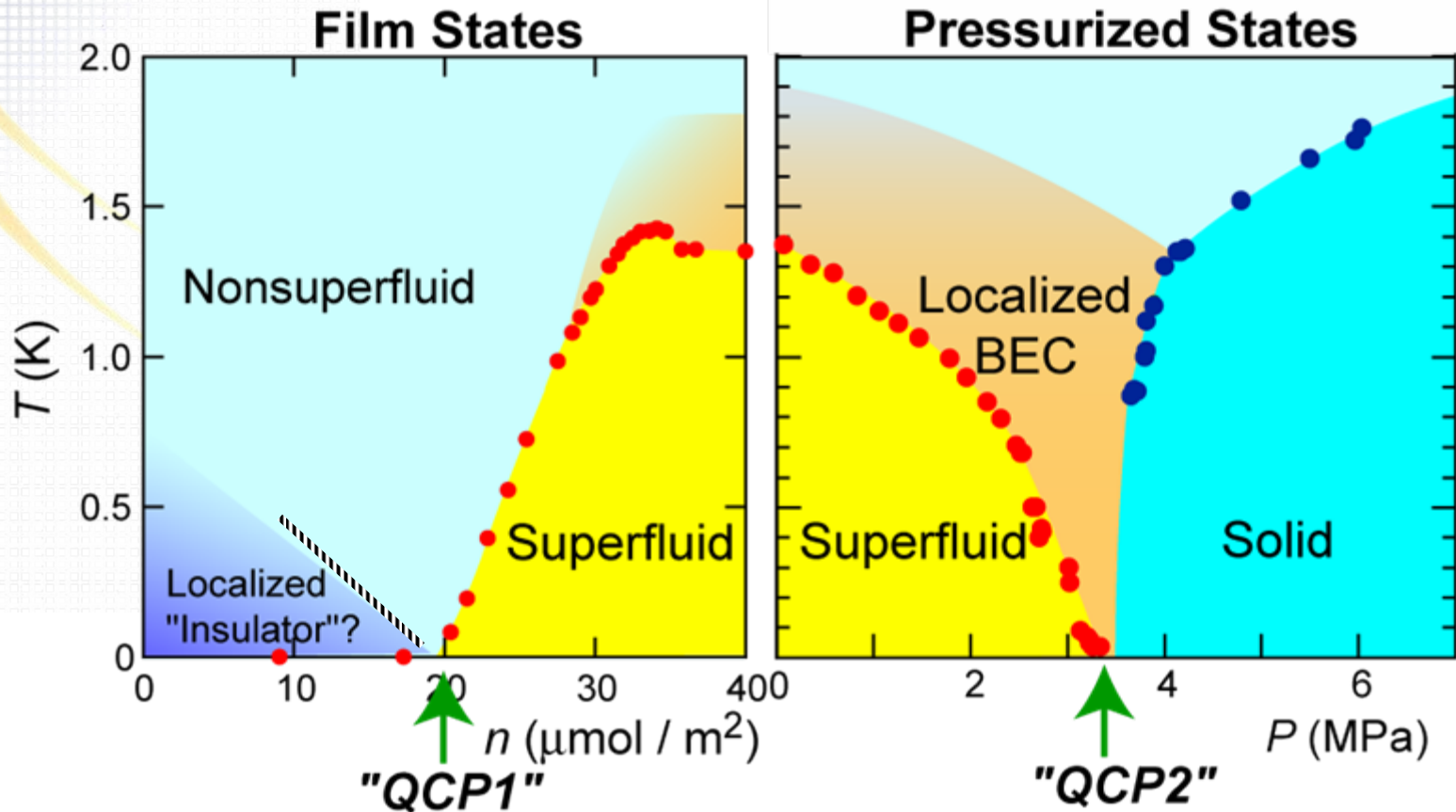


Interruption of **the Cooper-pair tunneling** by the **Coulomb blockade** effect results in phase fluctuation.



S. L. Sondhi et al.
RMP **69**, 315 ('97)

Global Phase Diagram



Crowell et al., *PRB* **55**,12620 (1997)

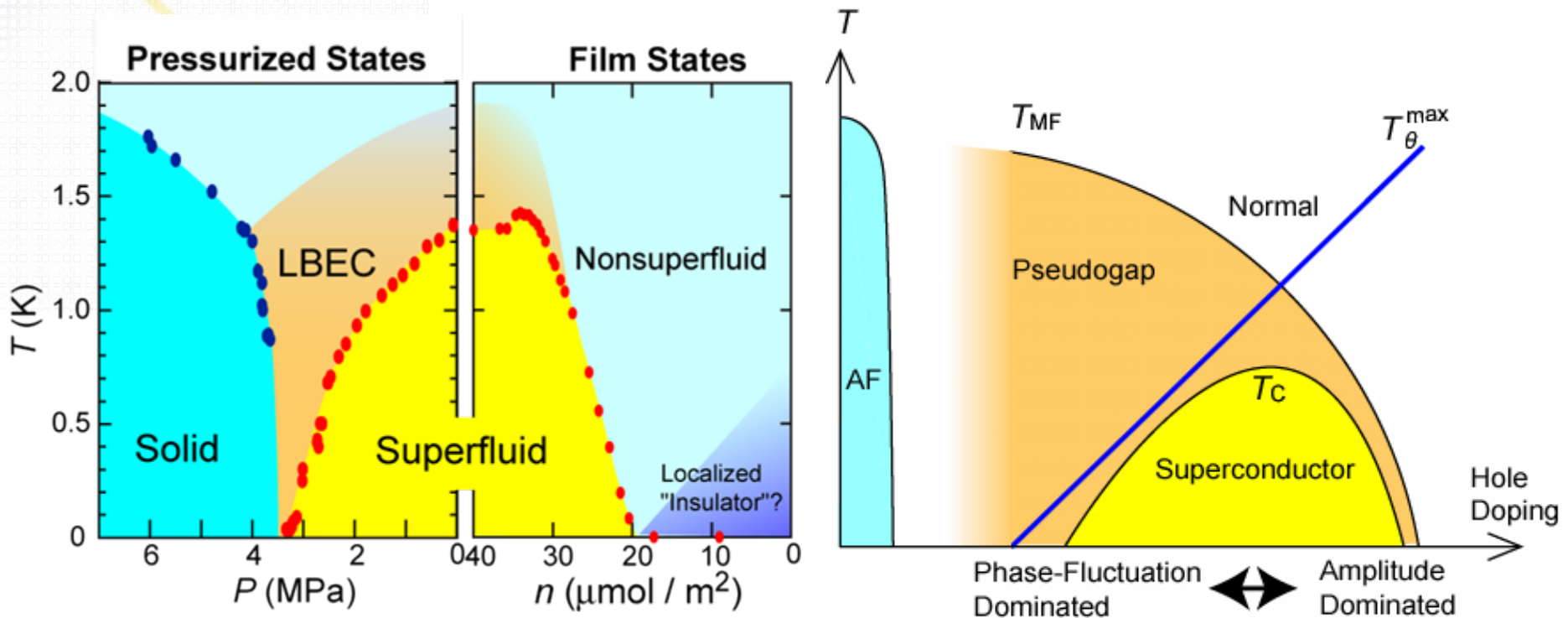
The ^4He – Nanopore system can be characterized by two quantum critical points.

Analogy to High - T_c Cuprates & Granular Superconductors

V. J. Emery, S. A. Kivelson, *Nature* **374**, 434 (1995)

L. Merchant, J. Ostrick, R. P. Barber, R. C. Dynes, *PRB* **63** 134508 (2001)

Localized BEC \longleftrightarrow Pseudo Gap State



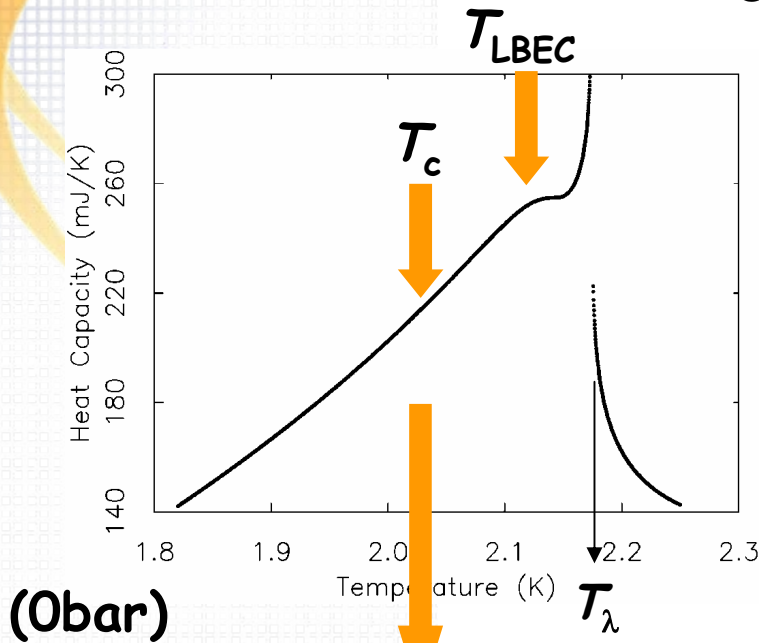
Elucidating the Nature of the Localized BEC

Ultrasound

Heat Capacity

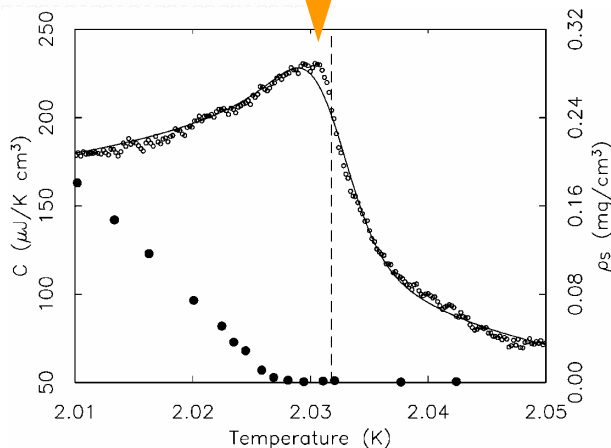
Heat Capacity of ^4He in Porous Vycor Glass

G. Zassenhaus and J. D. Reppy, *PRL* **83**, 4800 (1999)



A broad peak below bulk T_λ

Evidence for Localized BEC ?



A small peak is observed at T_c which is determined by torsional oscillator.

LBEC: Similar to ^4He Droplets and Clusters?

E. Syskakis, F. Pobell, H. Ullmaier, PRL 55, 2964 (1985)

S. Grebenev, J. P. Toennies, A. F. Vilesov, Science 279, 2083 (1998)

^4He Droplets (20~60Å) in a Cu Foil

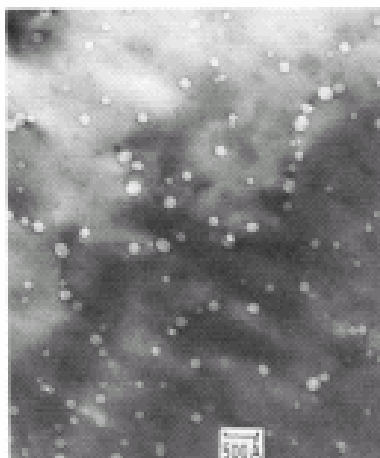


FIG. 2. A typical TEM picture of underfocused helium bubbles in Cu. The bubbles appear as light areas and are clearly faceted.

**Rounded λ Peak
below bulk T_λ**

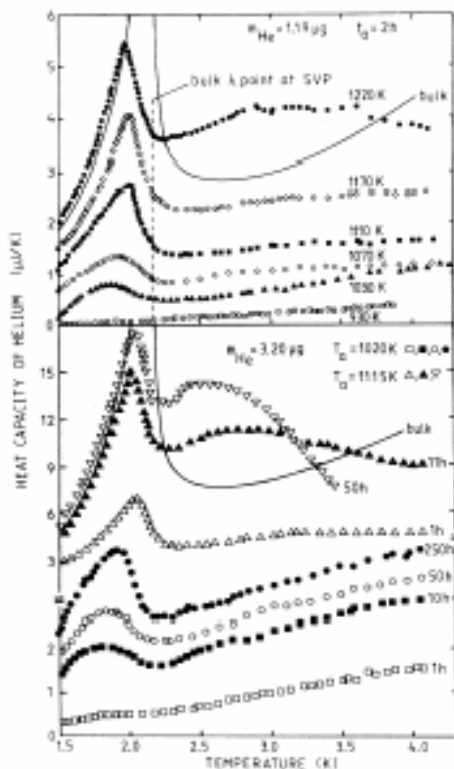


FIG. 1. Heat capacity of helium confined in bubbles in Cu after vacuum annealing of the specimens at the temperatures given in the figure. The continuous lines show the heat capacity of the corresponding mass of bulk liquid helium at saturated vapor pressure (SVP).

$^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ (60 atoms) / OCS

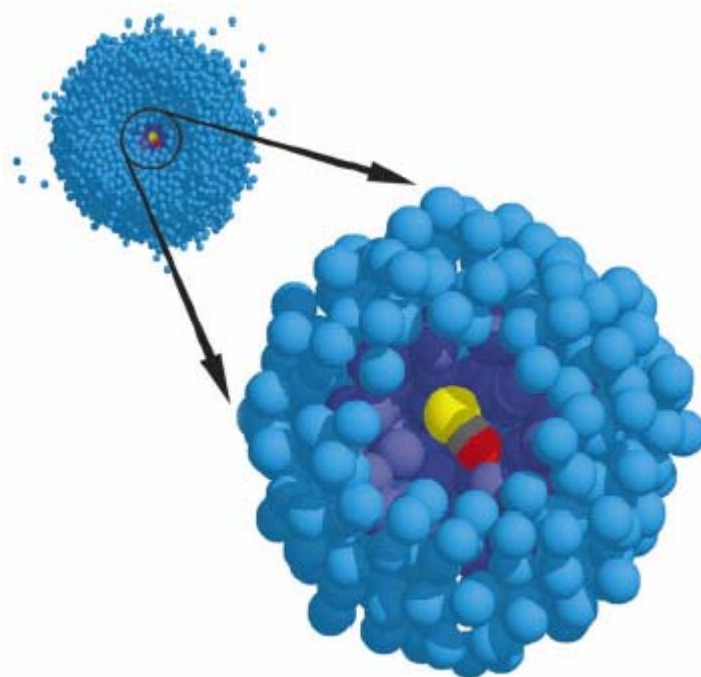
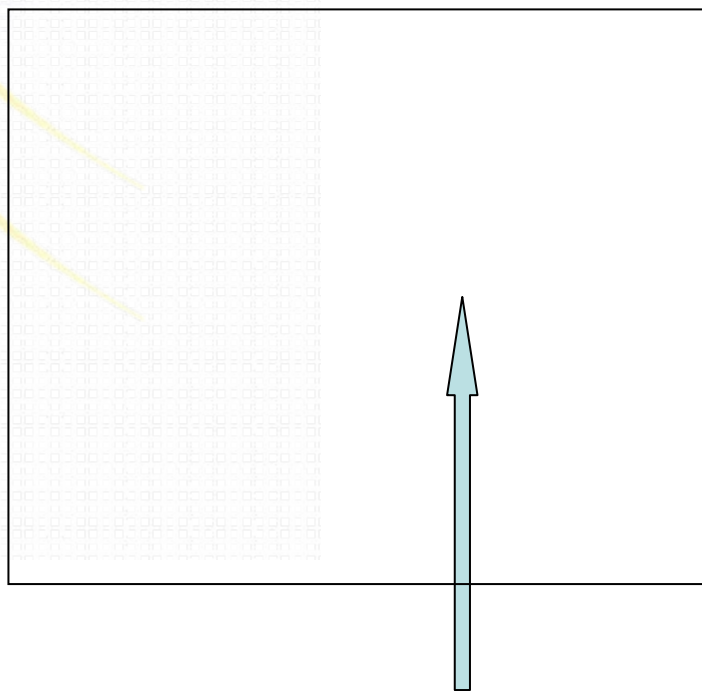


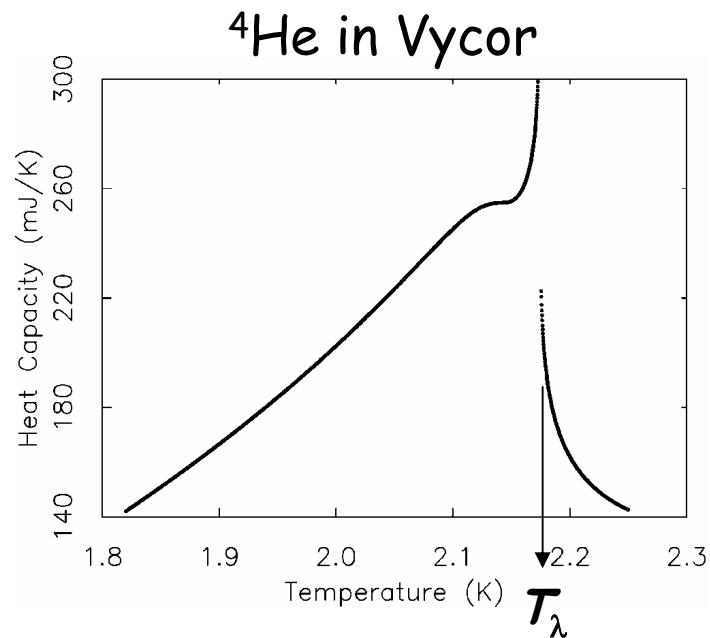
Fig. 3. Simple schematic picture of an OCS molecule (yellow, black, and red) with a surrounding cluster of 60 ^4He atoms (purple) inside a large ^4He droplet (blue). This model corresponds to the spectrum shown in Fig. 2E, where superfluidity becomes apparent.

Heat Capacity of ^4He in the 25A Pores

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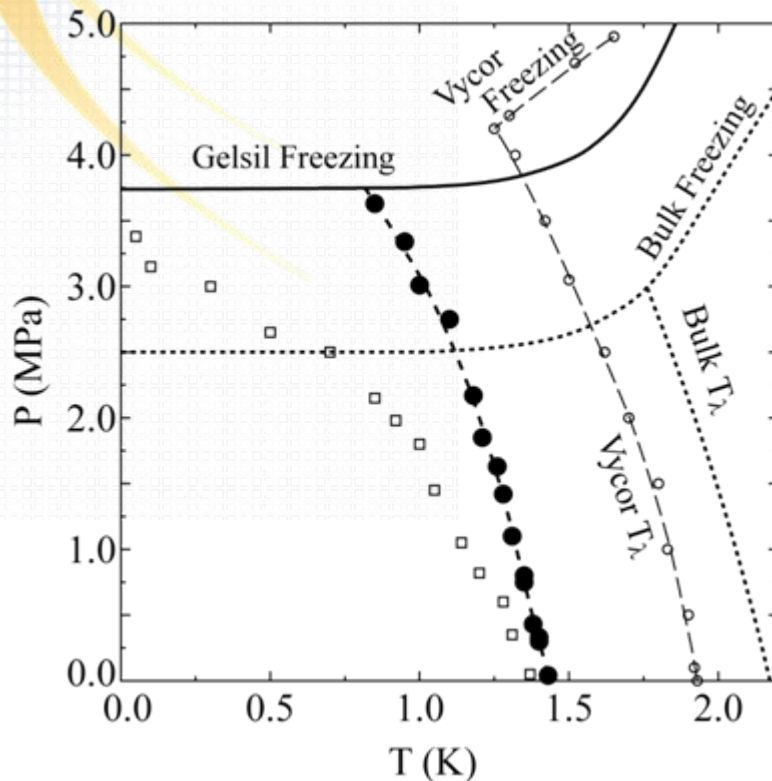
Hump?



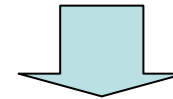
Puzzle in Ultrasound Experiment

鈴木勝、次の講演
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9 MHz Ultrasound Study



- Torsional Oscillator : $f \sim 2$ kHz
- Frequency: 3 orders of magnitude higher
- Same batch, but different heat treatment



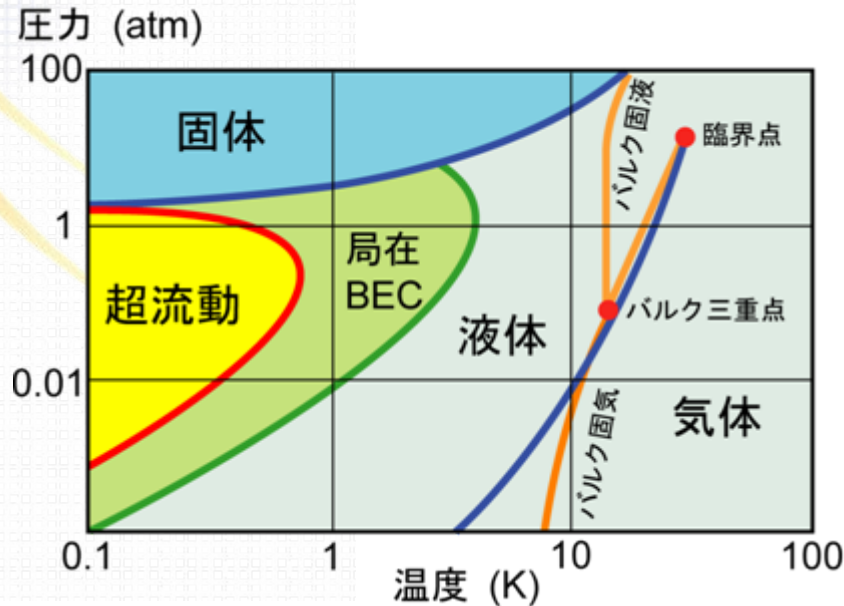
- Simultaneous measurement of Ultrasound and Tor. Osc.
- Measurement with new samples (2.5 and 3.3 nm)

Quantum Fluids in Nanopores

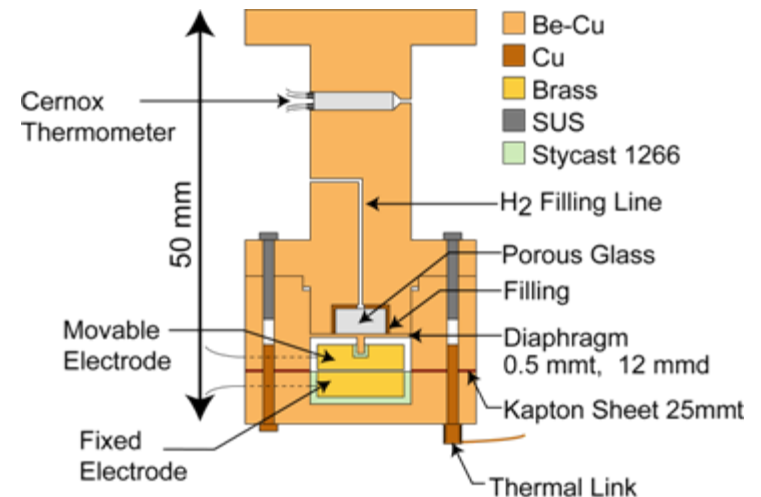
1. Solidification is suppressed. (supercooling)
Good for emergence of quantum phenomena (superfluidity)
2. Superfluidity is also suppressed,
but localized BEC's prevail.

Possible Phase Diagram of H₂ in Nanopores

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Pressure Cell

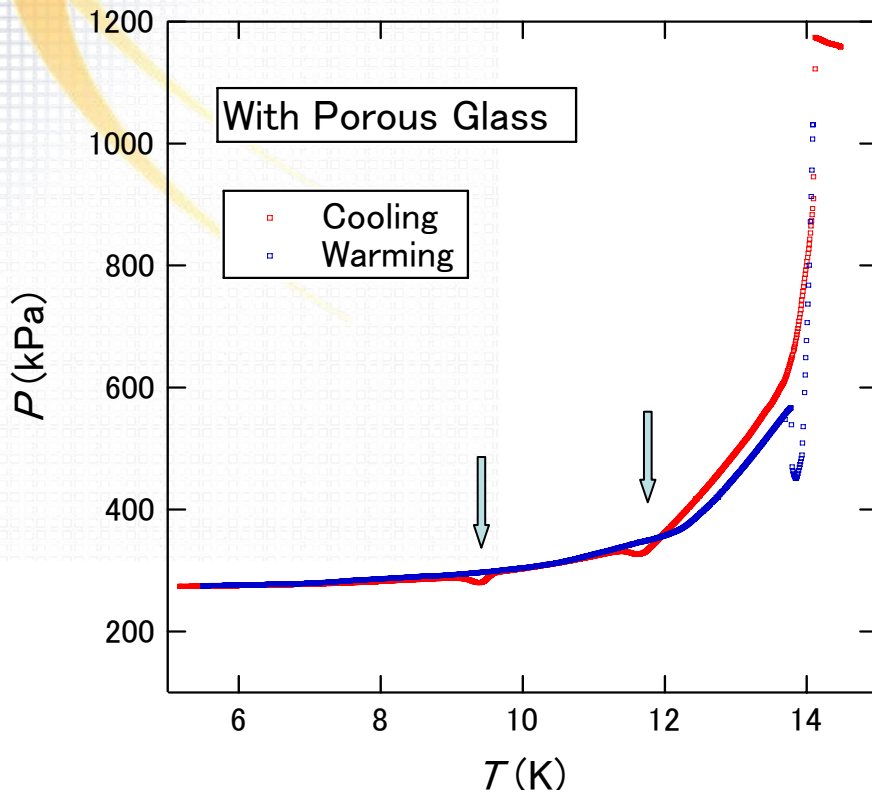


Suppression of Triple Point ?
No Superfluidity, but LBEC

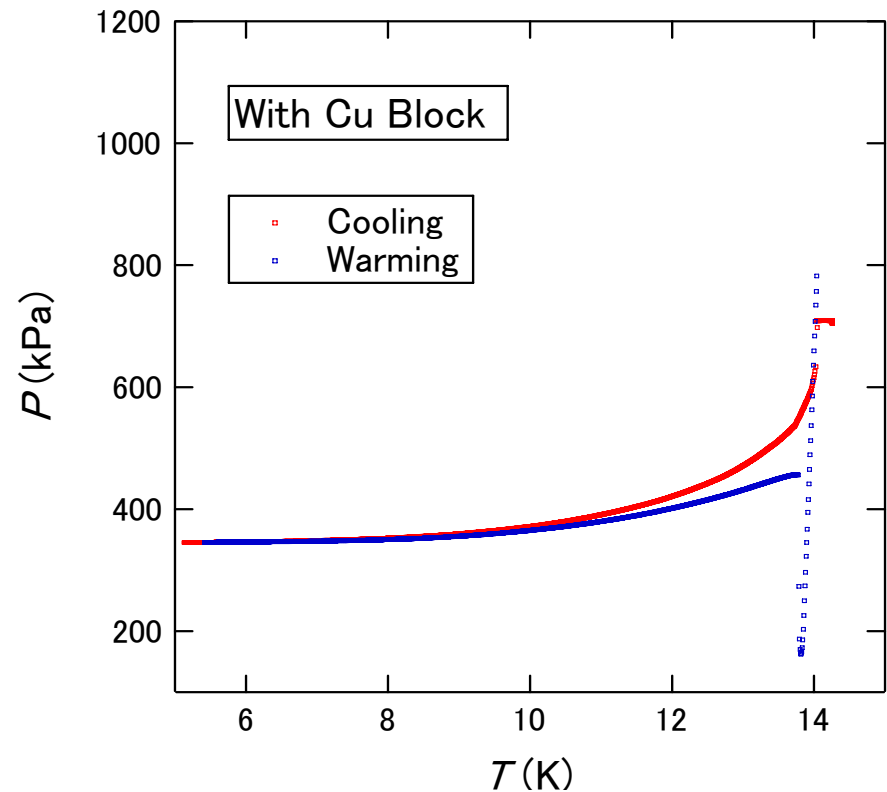
Pressure of H₂ in Nano - Porous Glass

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With 25A Porous Glass



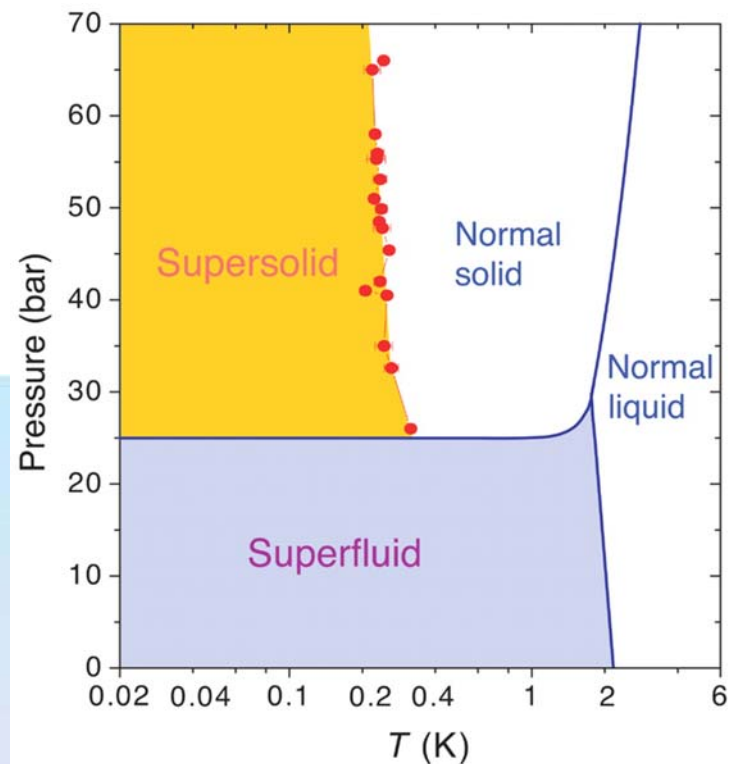
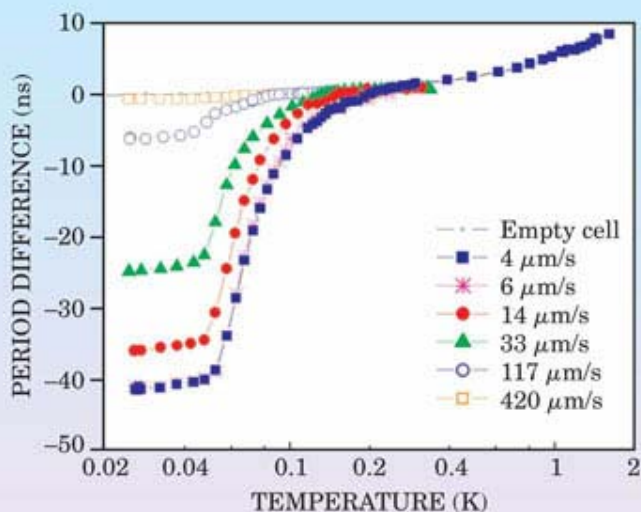
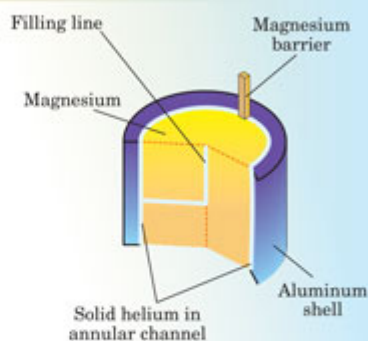
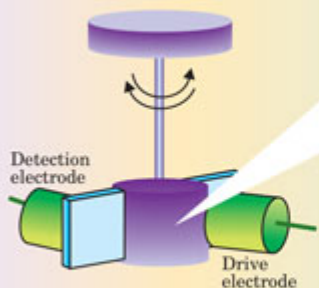
Cu Block Replacing the Glass



The pressure cell is currently improved (Ishii, Suzuki)

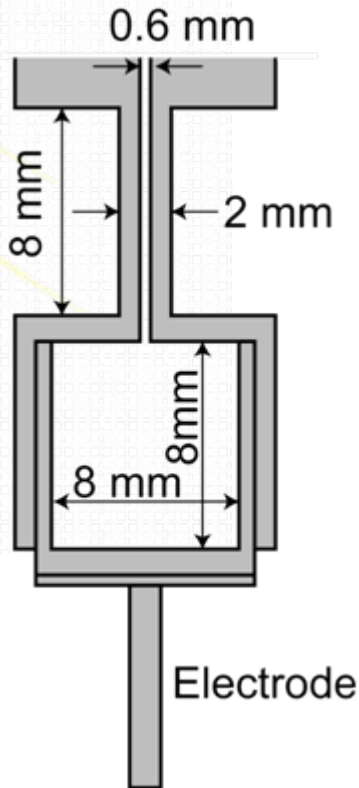
"Superfluidity" in Solid ^4He ?

E. Kim and M. H. W. Chan, Nature **427**, 225 (2004); Science **305**, 1941 (2004)
Physics Today, April & November 2004, パリティ 2004/7, 2005/1月号 (白浜訳)



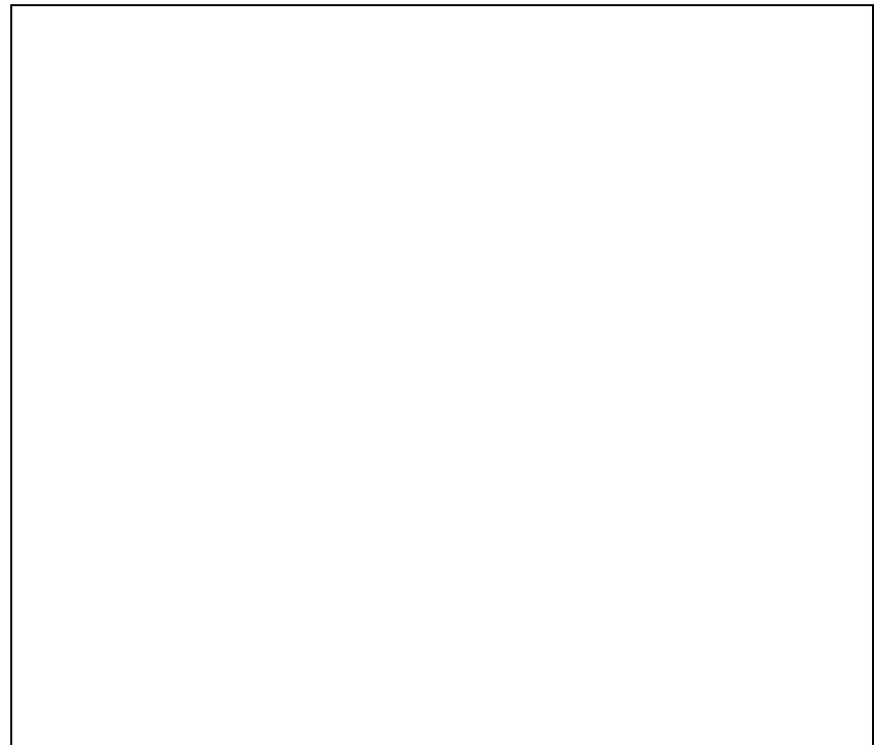
Observation of Non-Classical Rotational Inertia

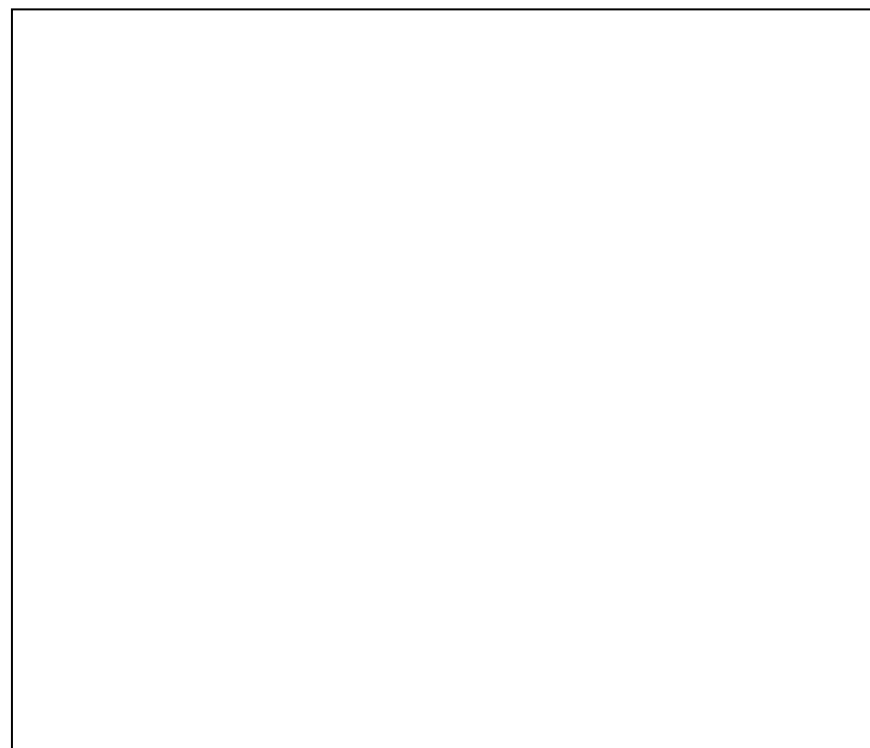
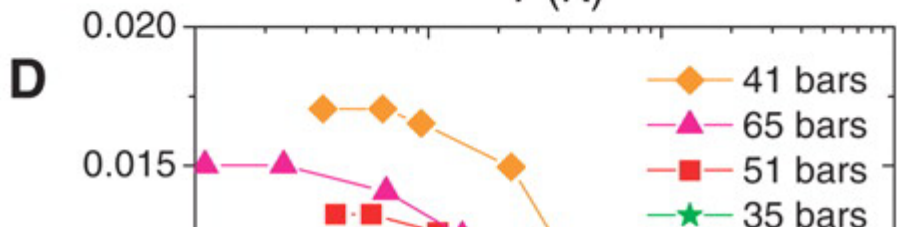
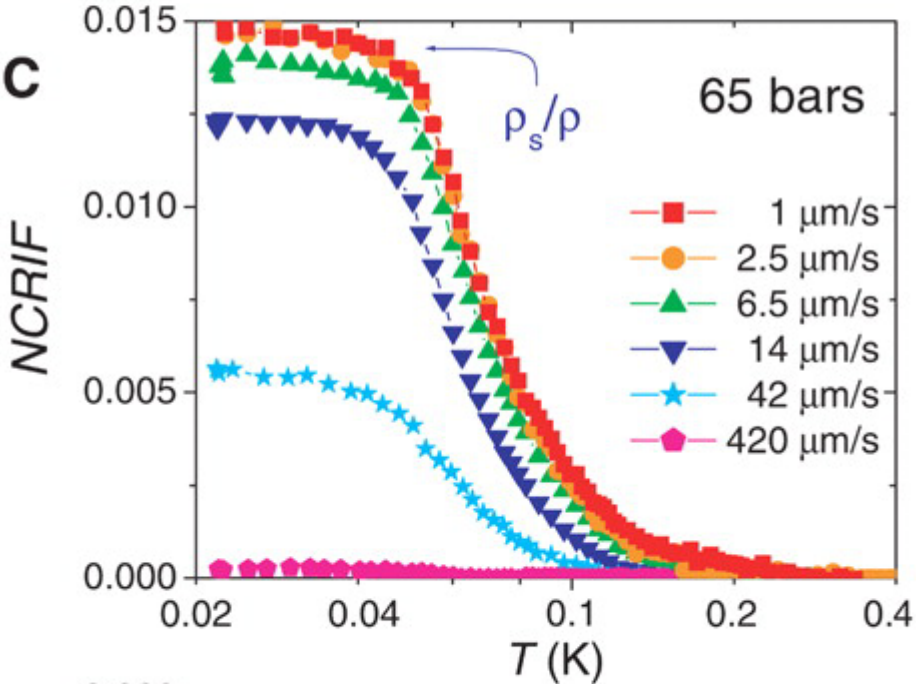
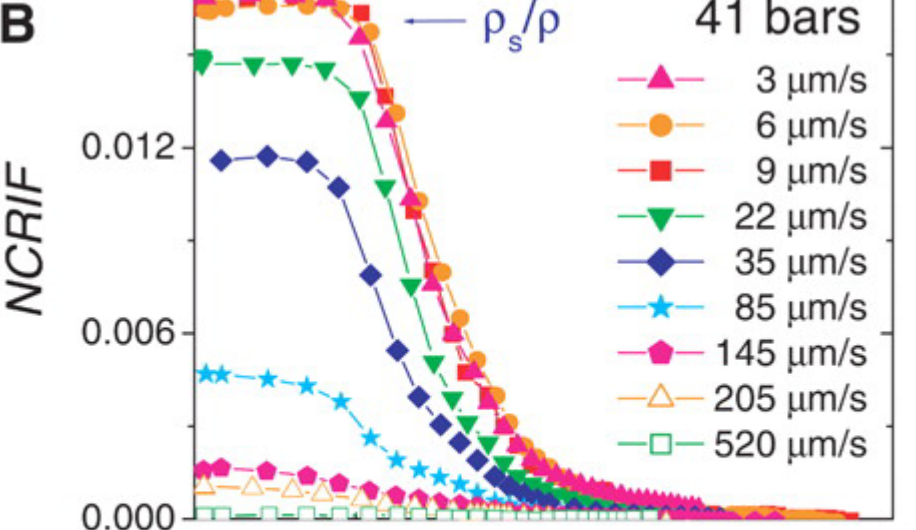
Bulk Solid ^4He ($\rho \sim 52 \text{ bar}$)
in an Al - alloy Cylinder



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M. Kondo and S. Takada

Amplitude-Dependent
Frequency Shift





Summary and Outlook

1. Quantum Phase Transition in ^4He Nanostructures
2. Localized BEC - Separation of Superfluidity and BEC -
3. Heat Capacity - LBEC, Excitation -
4. Ultrasound - Discrepancy with the Torsional Osc.
5. H_2 Experiment - Application of the LBEC concept -
6. Supersolid ^4He - Pressurized helium is intriguing !

1. Regular porous structure (HMM3, provided by S. Inagaki)
2. Pore size control by Kr absorption
3. Effect of ^3He