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Effect of ³He impurity on the supersolid transition of ⁴He¹ EUN-SEONG KIM, MOSES H. W. CHAN, The Pennsylvania State University — The supersolid phase of ⁴He was revealed by a series of torsional oscillator experiments.[1] One of the most intriguing features of the supersolid transition is the broadening of the transition and the enhancement of T_c by the addition of extremely small amount of ³He impurity. This effect is very different from that in superfluid film and that in 'bulk' superfluid helium. We have investigated theinfluence of ³He on the supersolid transition by systematically diluting isotopically-pure ⁴He (³He impurity less than 0.3ppb) with ³He. [1] E. Kim and M. H. W. Chan, Science **305**, 1941 (2004); Nature **425**, 227 (2004); J. Low Temp. Phys. **138**, 859 (2005)

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