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Superfluidity of grain boundaries and supersolid behavior SEBASTIEN BALIBAR, ENS-Paris (France)

We have found that, at the liquid-solid equilibrium pressure P_m , supersolid behavior is due to the superfluidity of grain boundaries in solid helium [1]. After describing this experiment and reviewing some of the related theoretical work [2], we discuss the possibility that , at larger pressure $(P > P_m)$, grain boundaries could also explain the supersolid behavior which was observed with torsional oscillators [3-6].

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