The effect of dynamic compression on phase transformation: Solidification of water and crystal growth of ice VI using dynamic diamond anvil cell

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