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## Overview and Plans

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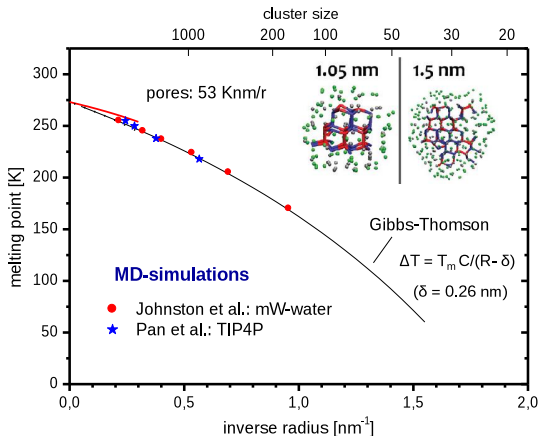
Old results

Glass transition

Measurement plans

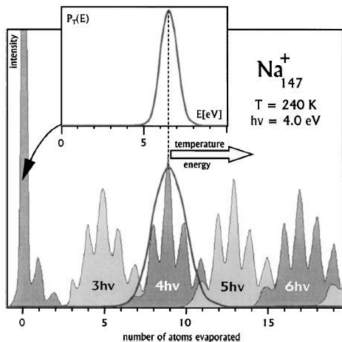
Summary

# Prediction for neutral water clusters

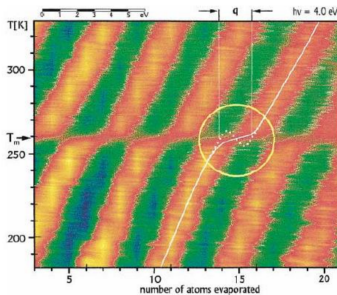


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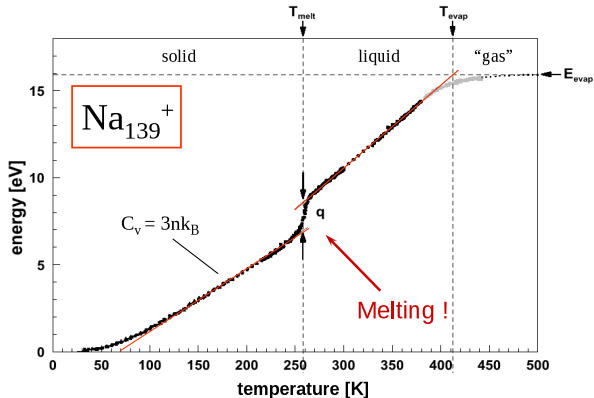
Photofragment distribution



Temperature dependence

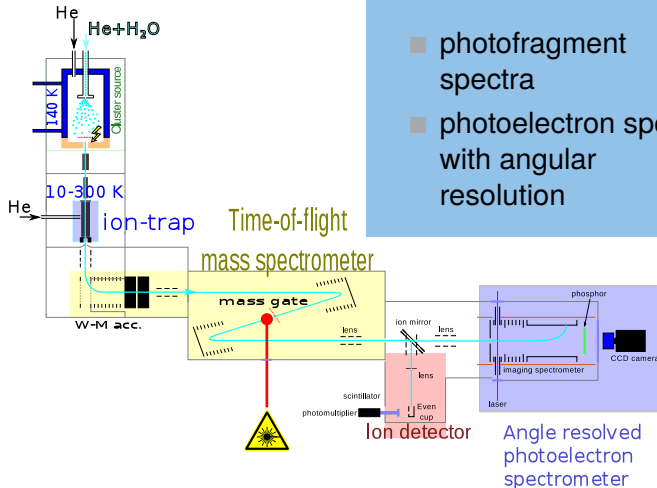
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# Example: Free sodium clusters



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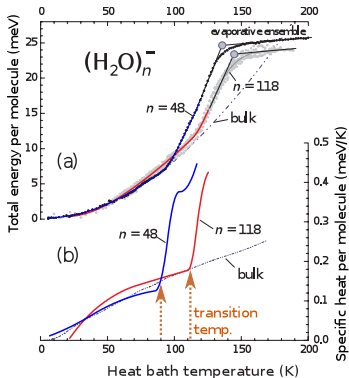


## What we obtain

- photofragment spectra
- photoelectron spectra with angular resolution

# Calory curves of water cluster anions

Thermal energy



Heat capacity

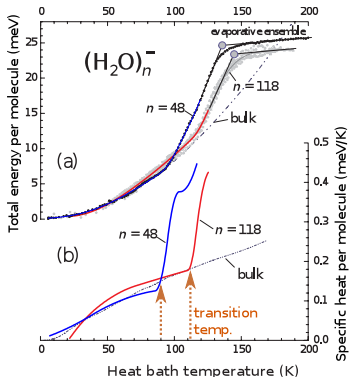
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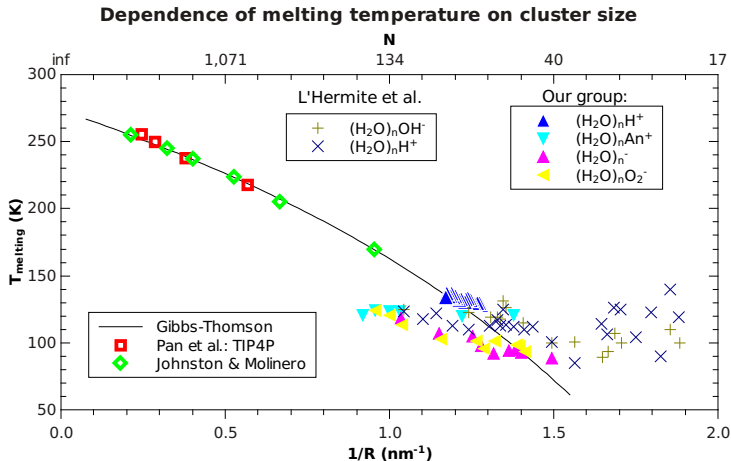
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■ No sharp transition

■ Transition temperature varies with size

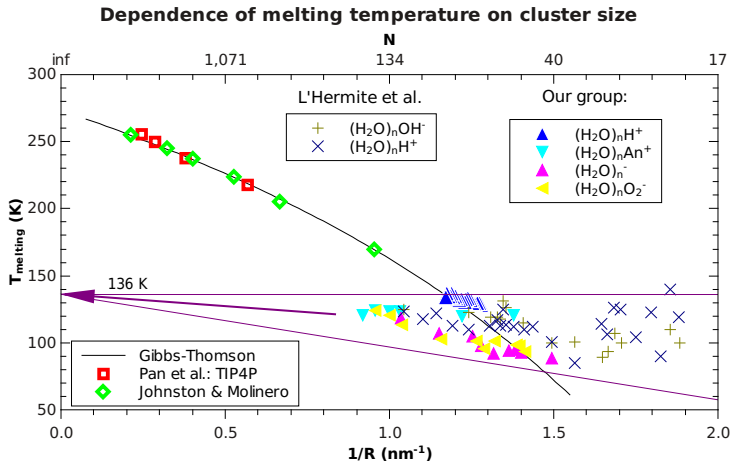
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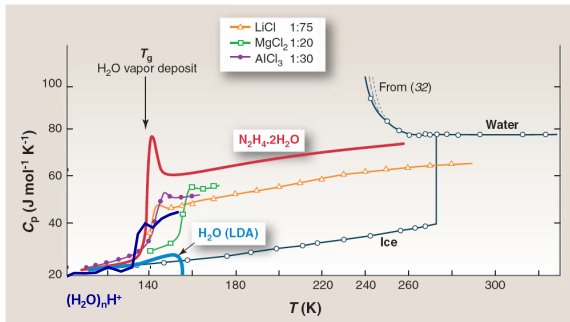
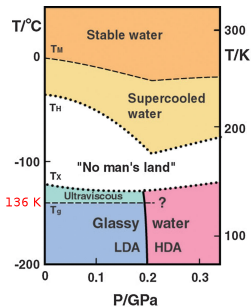
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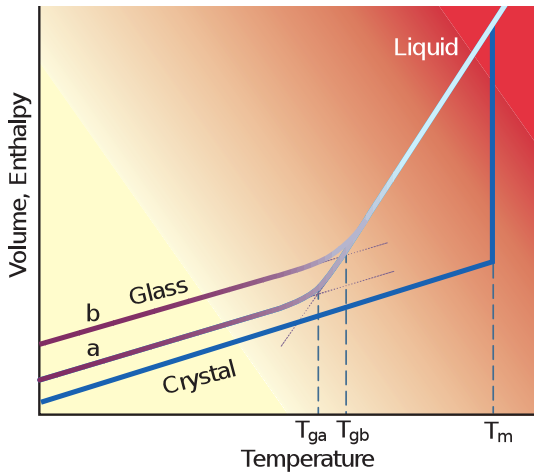
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# Amorphous ice and heat capacity



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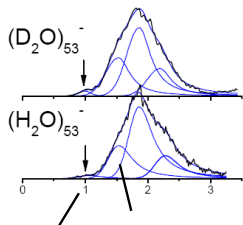
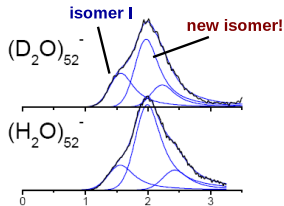


## Glass transition

- infinite number of noncrystalline solid structures of different energy
- which structure is adopted depends on cooling rate

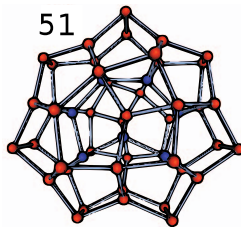
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# Indication of glass transition I: Isomers



isomer II isomer I

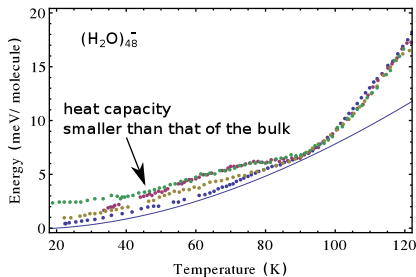
photoelectronspectra, isomer groups



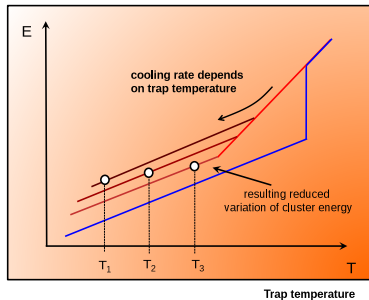
Sergey Kazachenko & Ajit J. Thakkar, JCP. 138, 194302  
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Magic size 51: one way how to organize oxygen atoms, billion ways for hydrogen atoms

# Indication of glass transition II: nonergodicity

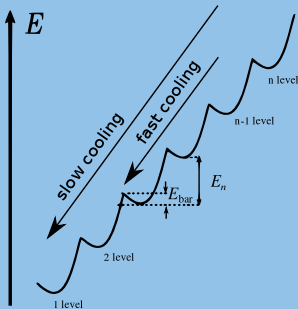


Different caloric curves on different days. Different cooling rates?

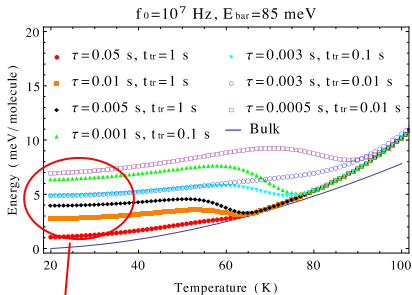


The cluster ends up in different isomer at different trap temperatures.

## Multilevel model



## Thermalization scenarios

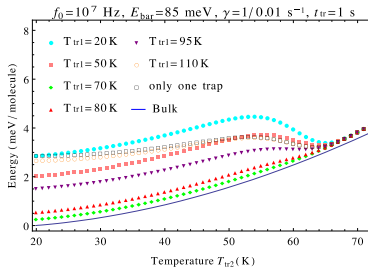
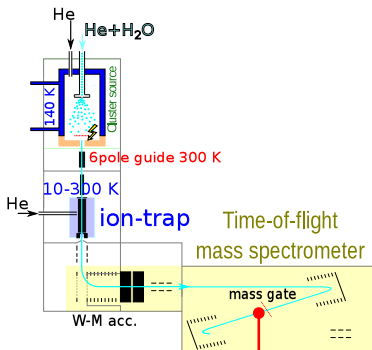


vanishing heat capacity!

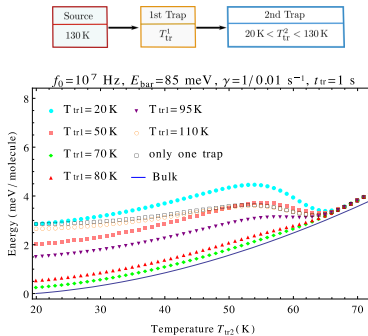
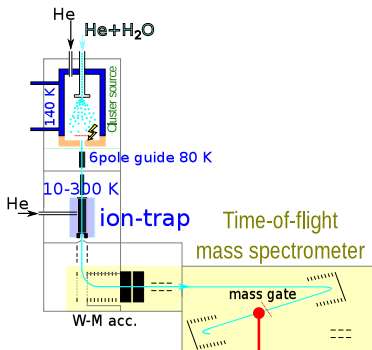
$\tau$ : characteristic time of thermalization;  $t_{\text{tr}}$ : trapping time



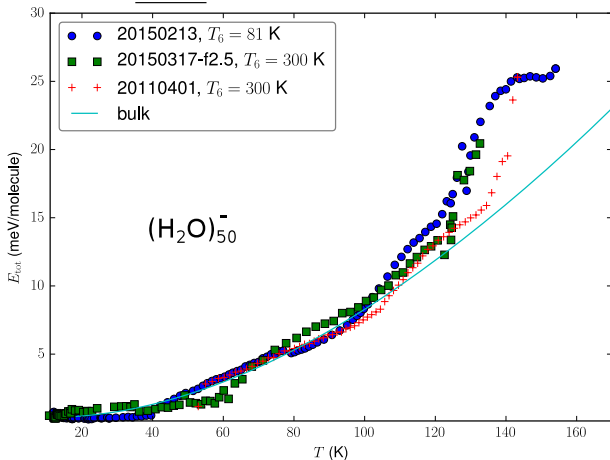
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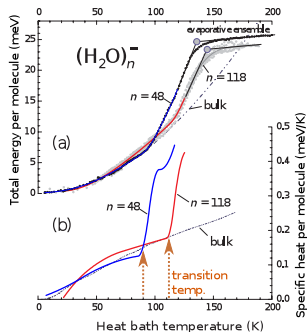
## Caloric curves for different temperatures of the 6pole guide



- 1 No significant difference between two caloric curves
- 2 Not enough collisions cluster  $\leftrightarrow$  6pole gas?
- 3 Trapping in 6pole needed.

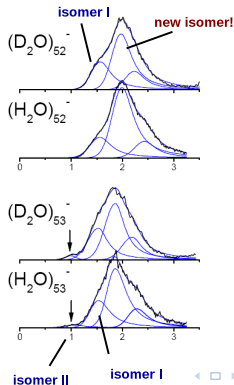
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Thermal energy

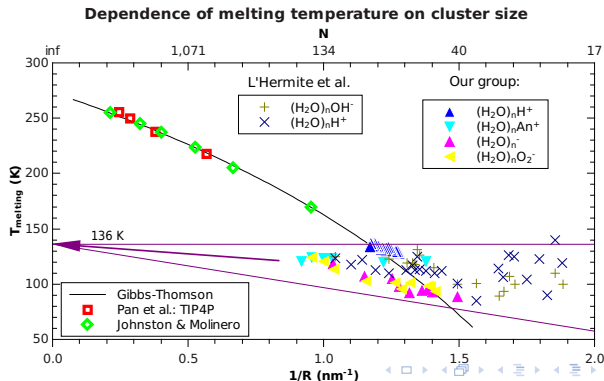


Heat capacity

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## Hypothesis

Small clusters are glass like and undergo glass transition.

## Future

Confirmation/refutation of multi-step cooling model by experiment