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# Introduction

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## Gibbs-Thomson Relation

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The Gibbs-Thomson equation determines the critical pore radius below which the water is at a liquid state and can be described as follows:

where *Tm* is the melting point of water in the pores, *T*0 is the melting point of pure liquid water, *γsl* is the free energy coefficient of the ice–water interface, *ρi* is the ice-phase density, *Lf* is the latent heat of phase transformation, and *R* is the pore radius [1]. The variation of freezing temperature with pore radius, as predicted by Eq. 1 is shown in Fig. 1. The relation has been used for deriving the freezing characteristics curve, see for instance [2].

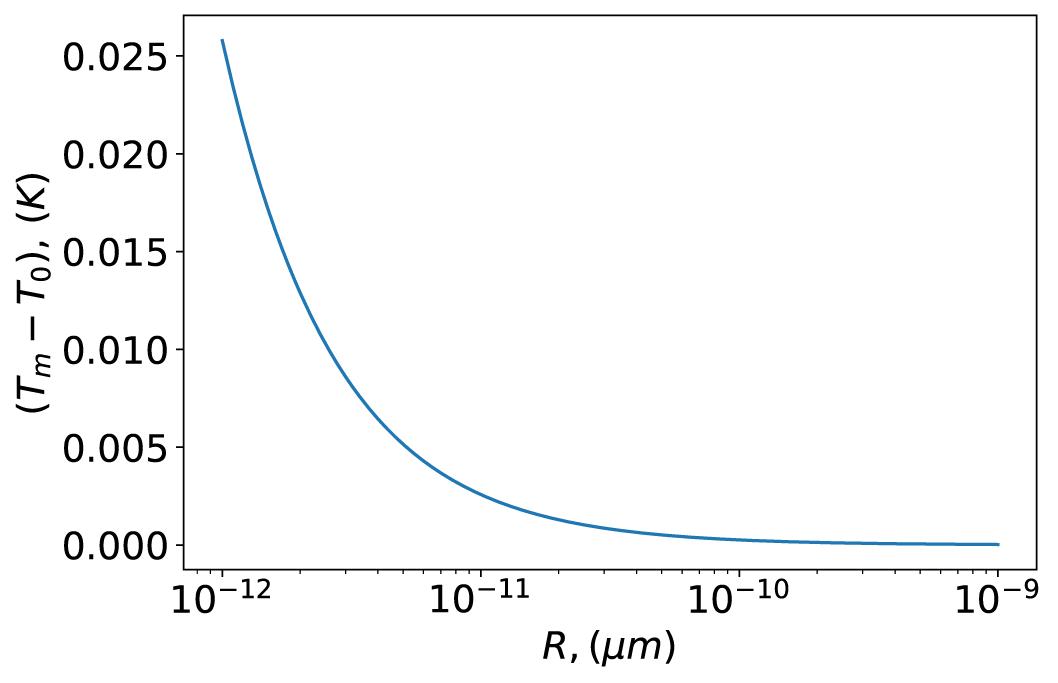
  
Figure : Gibbs-Thomson relation for freezing temperature of water in pores with varying radii.

Table : Parameters for water and ice for Gibbs-Thomson equation (1).

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