

Abstract : Recently, Bove et al. have found a supporting evidence for the existence of concerted proton quantum tunneling along hydrogen bonds in ice Ih using neutron incoherent quasielastic scattering measurement. Since the tunneling barriers are controlled by the oxygen-oxygen distance or the external pressure, study of pressure effect on the proton quantum tunneling will be important. In this presentation, we discuss pressure effect, its physical consequences, and verification methods of this phenomenon as well as its relation to the previous experimental and theoretical studies.

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