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## Why is Ice Less-dense and Slippery?

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As the source and central part of all lives, water is most abundant yet least known. This presentation shares the recent progress [1-6]: (i) correlation of the length scale, structure order, and mass density of molecular packing in water ice; (ii) potential paths for O:H-O bond at relaxation; and anomalies of water ice under (iii) compression; (iv) molecular under-coordination; and (v) thermal excitation. Hydrogen bond (O:H-O) possesses memory and extreme deformation recoverability, which resolves mysteries of: (i) density of ice [7]; (ii) slipperiness of ice [8]; (iii) Mpemba paradox - hot water freezes faster [9]; (iv) Regelation [10] -ice melts under compression and freezes again when the pressure is relieved. Understanding may extend to fields such as water - bio-molecular interaction, water purification, energy management, etc.

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### Significance statement

presents quantitative and consistent resolution to the properties of ice friction and ice density from the perspective of hydrogen bond relaxation and electron p[olarization.

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