**Probing interfacial water at submoleuclar level by scanning probe microscopy**

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Interfacial water is ubiquitous in nature and plays an essential role in a broad spectrum of physics, chemistry, biology, energy and material sciences. One of the most fundamental issues is the characterization of H-bonding configuration formed on surfaces and H-atom transfer through hydrogen bonds. Ideally, attacking this problem requires access to the internal degrees of freedom of water molecules, i.e. the directionality of OH bonds. However, it remains a great challenge due to the small size of hydrogen. In this talk, I will present our recent progress on the development of new-generation scanning probe microscopy/spectroscopy (SPM/S) with ultrahigh sensitivity and resolution, and its application to surface water. I will foucus on how to achieve submolecular-resolution imaging [1,2] and single-bond vibrational spectroscopy [3] of single water molecules via controlling tip-water coupling. Those technical advances provide us unprecedented opportunity to identify the topology of H-bonding configuration [4], track the proton dynamics [5], and assess quantitatively the nuclear quantum effects (NQEs) of H bond [3,5]. The submoleuclar-level studies of ion hydrates and two-dimensional ice structures will be also briefly introduced in the end.

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**Biography**

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