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Pressure-driven mass flow in solid 4He¹ ANN SOPHIE C. RITTNER, Department of Physics and Astronomy and Rice Quantum Institute, Rice University, Houston, TX 77251, USA, WONSUK CHOI, Physics Department, KAIST, Daejeon, South Korea, JOHN D. REPPY, Laboratory of Atomic and Solid State Physics and the Cornell Center for Materials Research, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853, USA — We report on two experiments that explore pressure-driven flow in solid 4He. In the first experiment, two pancake-shaped chambers are connected by a narrow slit. The pressure in one chamber is varied periodically at 2 mHz and we look for a superfluid pressure response in the second chamber. When the cell is filled with liquid, we observe a large pressure signal in the second chamber as expected for superfluid flow. In solid helium, no pressure response is detected outside the noise level. In a second experiment, we generate an oscillating pressure in a torsional oscillator by blocking an annulus. We expect the pressure difference to drive the supersolid component through a radial channel orthogonal to the rotational motion of the oscillator.

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