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**E. DiBenedetto\*** (em.diben@vanderbilt.edu), Department of Mathematics, Vanderbilt Univ., Nashville, TN 37240, and **Ugo Gianazza** and **Vincenzo Vespri**. *A new proof of the intrinsic Harnack estimate for non-negative local solutions of the parabolic  $p$ -Laplacian equation*. Preliminary report.

We establish the intrinsic Harnack inequality for non-negative local solutions of the  $p$ -Laplacian equation by a proof that does not use neither the comparison principle nor explicit self-similar solutions. The significance is that the proof applies to quasilinear  $p$ -laplacian type equations thereby solving a long standing problem in degenerate PDE. (Received September 14, 2005)