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Executive Summary

The scientific focus of this exploratory workshop was frontier research on ices from many experimental and theoretical points of view, including water ice and other ices or solids condensed from different gases existing in extreme conditions in space, polymorphism and polyamorphism of ice, nucleation, morphology, reactivity, spectroscopy, etc. There was a four-fold motivation:

- To identify the most pressing issues in the area of ices.
- For experimentalists in this area to compare the information content of different trials and techniques, and to develop multi-technique approaches to answer specific problems.
- For theoreticians and those working on computer simulations in this area to begin a work programme to exchange experience of different strategies and methodologies, to develop the optimum means of working, and to identify necessary developments in methodology and software.
- To develop a closer collaboration between experimentalists and theoreticians in the study of ices, in particular for experimentalists to define the information that needs to be provided by the theoreticians and vice versa.

The meeting fulfilled these aims extremely well; there were very good, thoughtprovoking talks from the participants. There were many interesting discussions between the participants after the talks, and also more informally in the breaks and in during the meals. The participants ate together at a large table in the meeting venue and this worked well as a means for facilitating the communication between participants. The same is true for the conference dinner and for the excursion to see the nearby Alhambra palace, where a guide specialist in symmetry groups showed some of the examples present in the monument.

It was anticipated that there should be a number of positive outcomes from the proposed workshop: the establishment of informal multi-approach collaborations and the definition of future EU-wide formal collaboration. One of the aims of this international meeting was to generate ideas for a future European network around these topics, related to the frontier researches on ices from different experimental and theoretical points of view, including a possible application for a funded EU network.

As planned, a number of informal collaborations has emerged from the workshop. Beyond that, the participants are engaged in writing a joint paper to review the field and to put forward the open questions that need to be addressed by the communities involved in ice research. The question of a formal collaboration based on applying for an EU or ESF funded network is currently being considered by the participants.

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As the workshop was designed to explore themes of ices, crystal growth, morphology, and interplanetary ices, the meeting was divided into sessions focusing on different themes within its remit:

Morphology and crystal growth of ices.

Julyan Cartwright (IACT, CSIC-UGR, Granada, Spain) described his joint work with Ignacio Sainz-Diaz on the morphology of ices in extreme conditions using the technique of ice growth in situ in a cryo-ESEM microscope. Applying the model of Zone Structures, the morphology of thin films of ice was discussed. Biomimetic forms of ice were obtained at extreme conditions of low temperature and pressure.

Debbie Stokes (FEI Instruments, UK) gave an overview of microscopy techniques of interest to those involved in research with ice, and showed results of her own and others' research. The new recent techniques of electron microscopy were presented.

Jan Pettersson (University of Goteborg, Sweden) discussed ice in the upper troposphere, including microphysics and climate effects, and presented the results of his research group in Gothenburg.

Jari Haapala (Finnish Institute of Marine Research, Helsinki, Finnland) talked on geophysical models of sea-ice for the numerical investigations of climate based mainly on the Artic region.

Vance Bergeron (ENS, Lyon, France) presented his work on penitentes: a typical morphology of the surface of glacial ice exposed to sunlight. A hot discussion was generated about the morphology of these ice-penitentes and some theoretical modeling works were presented.

Surface interactions with ices.

Davide Donadio (University of California in Davis, USA) gave a talk on IR and Raman spectroscopy of Ice from ab initio molecular dynamics and different crystal surfaces of silicon.

Emilio Artacho (Dept. of Earth Sciences, University of Cambridge, UK) discussed modelling of ice and water structures, including discrepancies on the hydrogen bond network of different polymorphs of ice.

Alfonso Hernández-Laguna (EEZ, CSIC, Granada, Spain) talked on the interaction of Ice on phyllosilicate surfaces by quantum mechanical calculations. A discussion was opened about the ordering of the first sheet of water molecules adsorbed on the silicate surfaces.

Stratospheric ices.

Hinrich Grothe (University of Vienna, Austria) discussed inter- and intra-molecular interactions in vibrations of nitric acid hydrates and vibrational IR spectra and X-ray diffraction studies of these samples.

Rafael Escribano (IEM, CSIC, Madrid, Spain) presented his group's results on laboratory study of ices related with stratospheric clouds and with cometary relevance: H₂O/CO₂, CO₂/HCH₃O; highlighting IR spectroscopy studies and theoretical calculations.

Nevin Uras-Aytemiz (Suleyman Demirel University, Turkey) discussed solid state solvation and ionization of HNO₃ on/in water clusters and ice and presented results based on dynamics and infrared spectroscopy.

Physics of ices.

Oreste Piro (Universidad de las Islas baleares, Mallorca) asked the question 'Is there an HDA-LDA transition in 2D?' and presented preliminary results of simulations with a non-lineal physical model related with the surface morphology of vapor deposition.

Ray Goldstein (DAMPT, University of Cambridge, UK) presented his research into the shapes of icicles in the crystal growth and during melting.

John Finney (University College London, London, UK) talked on order and disorder in ice structures, discussing the limits between the different polymorphs and polyamorphs of ice.

Astrophysics and ices.

Gianni Strazzulla (Sicilia ,ltaly) presented an overview of physico-chemical properties of astrophysical ices, and the research being carried out by his group in Sicily, related with the ion bombardment and derivate chemical and spectroscopy properties

Pedro Gutiérrez (IAA, CSIC, Granada) described work on macroscopic thermophysical modelling of thin layers of amorphous water ice wih applications to cometary ice.

Stephen Price (UCL, London, UK) talked of experimental studies of recombination reactions on interstellar surfaces.

Chemistry on surface of ices.

Debbie Waller (*U. Cambridge, UK*) talked on her experiments regarding ice growth in a cryo-ESEM microscope,

Hauke Trinks (*TU Hamburg, Germany*) discussed his findings on sea ice as a possible origin of life, based on his research expeditions to Spitsbergen.

Perspectives of Ice research and General Discussion and Conclusions

The meeting concluded with a discussion aimed at reviewing what had been learnt, and highlighting areas with special potential for future progress. The conclusions are discussed in the following section.

Assessment of the Results

The aim of bringing together specialists from different fields working in ice research with a view to stimulating exchanges was certainly achieved. The longer-term goal of lasting collaborations, we must, by definition, wait to find out whether it will be brought about by this meeting, but the signs so far are certainly encouraging, as the participants of the meeting are writing together an article designed to present the perspectives for future research on ice.

This perspectives article is presently in the form of a first draft, and it is planned that it will go through two or three iterations before being submitted for publication at some a review journal yet to be decided. Meeting funds have been reserved for the publication in case the authors decide to send it to a journal requiring publication fees.

The participants are also exploring the possibilities of further meetings and more interaction through applying for ESF and/or EU funds.

Another consequence of this meeting was his visibility in press and other Media, including live-interview for radio, news in local and national newspaper and in international magazines. This fact has contributed to the increase of visibility of the ESF and University of Granada to the European public and to the popularization of science.

Final WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Wednesday 1st October 2008

Afternoon/evening arrival

20.00 Welcome reception and Dinner

Thursday 2nd October 2008

09.00-09.15	Reception and welcome to the participants
09.15-09.30	Opening of EUROICE2008 C. Ignacio Sainz-Díaz, Julyan Cartwright
09.30-09.50 Hefin Jones (5	Presentation of the European Science Foundation (ESF) Standing Committee for Life, Earth and Environmental Sciences - LESC)
Session 1: Chair: Ignaci	Morphology and crystal growth of ices o Sainz-Díaz (IACT, CSIC-UGR, Granada, Spain)
09.50-10.30	Sea-ice and the origin of Life Hauke Trinks (Technische Universität Hamburg-Hamburg, DE)
10.30-11.10	Morphology and properties of terrestrial ices Vance Bergeron (ENS, Lyon, France)
11.10-11.40	Coffee break
11.40-12.20	IR and Raman spectroscopy of Ice from ab initio molecular dynamics Davide Donadio (University of California in Davis, USA)
12.20-13.00	Stacking-faulty crystal structure of cubic ice and transformations. Werner F. Huhs (University of Gottingen, Germany)
13.00-13.40	Applications of Cryo Environmental Electron Microscopy Debbie Stokes (FEI Instruments, NL)
13.40-16.00	Lunch (Carmen de la Victoria)
Session 2: Modeling of ice structures and properties Chair: Rafael Escribano (Instituto de Estructura de la Materia, CSIC, Madrid, Spain)	
16.00-16.40	The shapes of icicles, growing and melting Raymond Goldstein (DAMPT, University of Cambridge, UK)
16.40-17.20	Modelling of ice and water structures Emilio Artacho (Dept. of Earth Sciences, University of Cambridge, UK)
17.20-18.00	Interaction of Ice on phyllosilicate surfaces by quantum mechanical calculations. Alfonso Hernández-Laguna (EEZ, CSIC, Granada, Spain)
18.00-18.30	Coffee break
Session 3: Chair: Ignacio	Surface of ices and climate change Sainz-Diaz (CSIC, Granada)
18.30-19.10	Geophysical models of sea-ice for the numerical investigations of climate. Jari Haapala (Finnish Institute of Marine Research, Helsinki, Finland)
19.10-19.50	Ice in the Upper Troposphere - Microphysics and Climate Effects Jan Pettersson (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
19.50-20.30	Morphology of ices in extreme conditions Julyan Cartwright (IACT, CSIC-UGR, Granada, Spain)
20.30	Dinner

Friday 3rd October 2008

Session 4: Chair: Alfonso	Spectroscopy of ices Hernández-Laguna (EEZ, CSIC, Granada, Spain)
09.00-09.40	Inter and Intra Molecular Vibrations of Nitric Acid Hydrates Hinrich Grothe (Vienna University of Technology, Austria)
09.40-10.20	Laboratory study of ices of cometary relevance: H ₂ O/CO ₂ , CO ₂ /HCH ₃ O Rafael Escribano (Instituto de Estructura de la Materia, CSIC, Madrid, Spain)
10.20-11.00	Solid state solvation and ionization of HNO ₃ on/in water clusters and ice: Dynamics and spectroscopy Nevin Uras-Aytemiz (Suleyman Demirel University, Isparta, Turkey)
11.00-11.30	Coffee break
Session 5: Chair: Julyan	Physics of ices Cartwright (IACT, CSIC-UGR, Granada, Spain)
11.30-12.10	Order and disorder in ice structures John Finney (University College London, London, UK)
12.10-12.50	Is there an HDA-LDA ice transition in 2D? Oreste Piro (Universidad de Islas Baleares, Mallorca)
12.50-13.30	Crystal growth of ice in a Cryo-ESEM Debbie Waller (Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, UK)
13.30-15.30	Lunch
Session 6: Chair: Oreste	Astrophysics and ices Piro (Universidad de Islas Baleares, Mallorca)
15.30-16.10	Physico-chemical properties of astrophysical ices Gianni Strazzulla (INAF, Italy)
16.10-16.50	Experimental studies of recombination reactions on interstellar surfaces. Stephen Price (UCL, London, UK)
16.50-17.30	Coffee break
Session 7: Chairs: C. Ign	European Perspectives of Ice research acio Sainz-Díaz, Julyan Cartwright
17.30-19.30	General Discussion, future activities and Conclusions
19.30-21.30	Conference Dinner and Closure

Saturday 4 October 2008

Morning Departure

Statistical Information

Age structure

35 – 45: 9 45 – 55: 4 55 +: 5

Sex

Female: 3 Male: 17

Countries of origin

Austria: 1 Finland: 1 France: 1 Germany: 2 Italy: 1

Netherlands: 1

Spain: 5 Sweden: 1 Turkey: 1 UK: 5 USA: 1

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