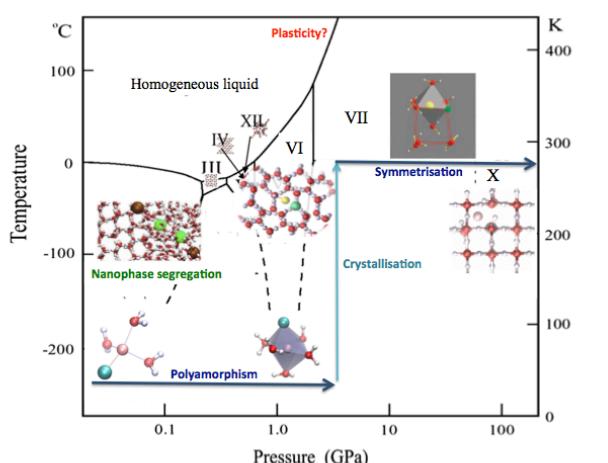


Exploring new phenomena in salty ices under planetary conditions

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Abstract: Compressed water is overspread on Earth at depth and in the extra-terrestrial space, both interstellar and on outer planets and moons (ice bodies) [1]. Under the conditions experienced in these celestial bodies water displays an incredibly rich phase diagram, including sixteen known crystalline phases, three amorphous ones, and predicted exotic properties like plasticity [2], ionization [3], and superionicity [4]. In this talk I will review our recent experimental results on the intriguing effects of ionic impurities (LiCl, LiBr, NaCl) in water under extreme conditions including: nanophase segregation in the deep undercooled liquid [5], pressure-induced polyamorphism [6], salty ice crystallization under high pressure [7], and hydrogen bond symmetrisation at Mbar pressures [8]. Recent advances in the possibility to measure proton tunneling and superionicity in salty ice phases under planetary conditions will be presented [9].



P-T phase diagram of LiCl-ice. Li (yellow/orange), Cl (green/blue), Oxygen (red), Hydrogen (white).

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