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2. Reactive Flash Sintering

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- 2P-2 A comparative study of magnetic and electrical properties of BiFeO₃ multiferroic ceramics sintered by electric field assisted-methods: spark plasma sintering and flash sintering, Pedro Sanchez Jimenez, Institute of Materials Science of Seville - CSIC, Spain

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4. SPS/Microwave/UHS

- 4P-1 Effect of Mn doping on densification and properties of transparent alumina by high-pressure SPS (HPSPS), Jonathan Mottye, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

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- 5P-9 Flash sinter-crystallization: A new technique for ultrafast crystallization of glasses, João Vitor Campos, Universidade Federal de São Carlos, Brazil

6. Metals (no posters)

7. Defects, Theory & Experiment

- 7P-1 Use of phase resolved partial discharges for studying the incubation period of room temperature flash sintering of zinc oxide, Jean-Francois Fagnard, University of Liege, Belgium
- 7P-2 Finite element analysis of hot spots in flash sintering, Philippe Vanderbemden, University of Liège, ACE, Belgium
- 7P-3 The Influence of Point Defects on Flash Sintering of MgO, Rawan Halabi, Technion, Israel

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- 8P-4 In-Flash Measurement of Elastic Constants, Sabyasachi Panda, IIT-Madras, India

Monday, March 20, 2023

07:30 – 08:30 Breakfast

Session I: Overview Presentations

PLEASE NOTE

Please note that talks are limited to <30 min (including 5 – 10 minutes for questions) to make room for a 90 min. round table discussion at the end.

08:30 – 09:00

The History of Flash Sintering

Marco Cologna, European Commission, Joint Research Centre (JRC), Germany

09:00– 09:30

Reactive Flash Sintering

Luis A. Perez-Maqueda, Spanish National Research Council - University of Seville, Spain

09:30 – 10:00

Coffee Break

10:00 – 10:30

Athermally Enhanced High Temperature Plastic Flow in Zirconia Ceramics under Flash Event

Hidehiro Yoshida, The University of Tokyo, Japan

10:30 – 11:00

From Electrical Current via Non-Equilibrium n to Frenkel Defects

Dietrich E. Wolf, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:00

Importance of in-situ Experiments in Understanding External Field Effects during Flash Sintering

Shikhar Krishn Jha, IIT Kanpur, India

12:00 – 12:30

From Pit Fire to Ultrafast High-Temperature Sintering (UHS): Shared Features of Ultra-Fast Sintering Techniques

Salvatore Grasso, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 15: 00

Electrical Transitions/Memristors

Tony West, Sheffield University, United Kingdom

15:00 – 15:30

Ultra-Fast High Temperature Sintering (UHS) of Strontium Titanate

Martin Bram, Forschungszentrum Juelich GmbH, Germany

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:30

Confluence of Flash and UHS

Rishi Raj, University of Colorado-Boulder, USA

16:30 – 17:00

Coffee Break

17:00 – 18:30

Round Table Discussion (all speakers)

19:30 – 21:00

Dinner

21:00 – 23:00

Posters and Social Hour

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

07:30 – 08:30

Breakfast

Session 2: Reactive Flash Sintering

08:30 – 08:50

Manufacturing

David Pearmain, Lucideon Ltd, United Kingdom

08:50 – 09:10

Reactive Flash Sintering of High Entropy ($\text{Mn}_{0.2}\text{Co}_{0.2}\text{Ni}_{0.2}\text{Cu}_{0.2}\text{X}_{0.2}$) Fe_2O_4 (X=Fe, Mg) Spinel Oxides

Pedro Sanchez Jimenez, Institute of Materials Science of Seville - CSIC, Spain

09:10 – 09:30

Effects of Reactive Flash Sintering on Phase Evolution of Ceramic Materials

Lilian M. Jesus, UFSCar, Brazil

09:30 – 10:00

Coffee Break

Session 3: In-Operando Characterization

10:00 – 10:20

Structural Changes Induced by Flash in a Single Crystal of Pr_2CuO_4

Dmitry Reznik, University of Colorado-Boulder, USA

10:20 – 10:40

Flash Migration Velocity in Bilayers: With and Without Interdiffusion

Rishi Raj, University of Colorado-Boulder, USA

10:40 – 11:00

Studies of Grain Boundaries by High Resolution TEM

Klaus van Benthem, University of California Davis

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

Session 4: SPS/Microwave/UHS

11:30 – 11:50

Effect of Microstructural Refinement on Electrical Properties of BST-Based Ceramics Prepared by Spark Plasma Sintering and Spark Plasma Texturing

Camila Ribeiro, CICECO - University of Aveiro, Portugal

11:50 – 12:10

Ultrafast High-Temperature Sintering of Advanced Ceramics: A Direct Comparison with the State-of-the-Art Techniques

Salvatore Grasso, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 14:50

Evaluating the Microwave Sintering Behaviors of Binder-jetted Additively Manufactured Alumina

Bashu Aman, Carnegie Mellon University, USA

Session 5: Special Materials Systems

14:50 – 15:10

Microstructure and Defect Formation in BaTiO_3 Ceramics Obtained by Flash Sintering of Micro and Nanopowders

Samuel López Blanco, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain

16:00 – 16:20

Flash Sintering of Gadolinium-doped Ceria

Luca Balice, Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH, Germany

16:20 – 17:00

Coffee Break

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 (continued)

- 17:00 – 17:20 **Field Assisted Sintering Techniques in Recycling NdFeB Magnets**
Monica Keszler, Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH, Germany
- 17:20 – 17:40 **Effect of Absorbed Power on Densification and Grain Growth during Rapid Microwave Sintering**
Kirill I. Rybakov, Institute of Applied Physics, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia
- 17:40 – 18:10 **Investigation of the Mechanisms of Flash Sintering in Ceramic Materials**
Thomas Tsakalakos, Rutgers University, USA
- 19:30 – 21:00 Dinner
- 21:00 – 23:00 **Posters and Social Hour**

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

07:00 – 08:30 Breakfast

Session 5: Special Materials Systems (continued)

08:30 – 08:50 **Flash Assisted Processing of Entropy Stabilized (Mg, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn)O**
Mohammad Imteyaz Ahmad, Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), India

08:50 – 09:10 **Investigation and Enhancement in Properties of Copper Converter Slag Residue with Flash Sintering Method**
Zeynep Çetinkaya, Konya Technical University, Turkey

09:10 – 09:30 **Flash Sinter-Crystallization: A New Technique for Ultrafast Crystallization of Glasses**
João Vitor Campos, Universidade Federal de São Carlos, Brazil

09:30 – 10:10 Coffee Break

10:10 – 10:30 **Behind the High Electrical Performance of Flash Sintered Potassium Sodium Niobate Piezoelectric Ceramics**
Alexander Tkach, University of Aveiro, CICECO-Aveiro Institute of Materials, Portugal

10:30 – 10:50 **Preliminary Results of Flash Sinter-Crystallization of $\text{Li}_{1.3}\text{Al}_{0.3}\text{Ti}_{0.7}(\text{PO}_4)_3$ for All Solid-State Batteries**
Ana Candida Rodrigues, Federal University of São Carlos, Brazil

10:50 – 11:10 **Influence of Fields on Grain Boundary Mobility in Alumina**
Rachel Marder, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Israel

11:10 – 11:20 **In-situ Generation and Grain Growth of CeO₂ Nanocrystals in AC/DC Electrical Fields**
Vaclav Tyrpekl, Charles University, Czech Republic

12:15 – 13:30 Lunch

13:50 Excursion: Meet in hotel lobby

14:00 Depart with guides on excursion

18:00 Return from excursion

18:30 Social hour in Lobby Bar

19:30 – 21:00 Dinner

21:00 – 23:00 Social Hour

Thursday, March 23, 2023

07:30 – 08:30

Breakfast

Session 6: Metals

08:30 – 08:50

Laser Powder Bed Fusion of Cemented Carbide Geometries Using Tungsten Carbide-Nickel Agglomerated Powder

Alexander Gourley, Carnegie Mellon University, USA

08:50 – 09:10

MXeene-Based Ceramic Nanocomposites Enabled by Field-Assisted Sintering

Maxim Sokol, Tel Aviv University, Israel

09:10 – 09:40

Coffee Break

09:40 – 10:00

Nanocarbon-Infused Copper Conductors by Electric Field Assisted Processing

Uthamalingam Balachandran, University of Colorado-Boulder, USA

10:00 – 10:20

Energy Deficit and Defect Formation

Jean-Marie Lebrun, St. Gobain, France

10:20 – 11:20

OPEN DISCUSSION: Defects: Calorimetry, Characterization, Phonons

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

Session 7: Defects and Theory/Experiments

14:30 – 14:50

Memristors: The Role of Anode Interface Resistance

Rishi Raj, University of Colorado-Boulder, USA

14:50 – 15:10

Neural Network-Based Simulation Method to Examine Ion Behaviors Under Electric Fields: Application to Ion Migration in Amorphous Li_3PO_4

Koji Shimizu, The University of Tokyo, Japan

15:10 – 15:30

Probing the local structure of electroluminescing rutile TiO_2 with neutron diffuse scattering and atomistic modelling

Ty Sterling, University of Colorado-Boulder, USA

15:30 – 15:50

Role of Native Defects in Field-Assisted Sintering

Yoed Tsur, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Israel

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 – 16:50

First-Principles Design and Discovery of New High-Entropy Materials

Liping Yu, University of Maine, USA

16:50 – 17:10

Flash Sintering as a Route to Produce Lead-Free Piezoelectric KNN

Ana Senos, University of Aveiro, Portugal

17:10 – 17:30

Understanding Flash Sintering of Semiconductor Oxide Materials at the Nano- Atomic Scale

Fátima Zorro, Instituto Superior Técnico, Portugal

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20:00 – 22:00

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Session 8: Advanced Methods

08:30 – 08:50 **Touch Free Sintering with Superposition of Magnetic Fields**
Rishi Raj, University of Colorado-Boulder, USA

08:50 – 09:10 **Multi-Phase Flash Sintering: The Next Natural Step in Flash Sintering Evolution**
Sandra Molina-Molina, Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), Spain

09:10 – 09:30 **Rapid Densification of Technical Ceramic Coatings using a Precise Controlled Contactless Flash Sintering System**
Carolyn Grimley, Lucideon, USA

09:30 – 09:50 **Flash Sintering, a Novel Technique, for Manufacturing Surrogate and Active Nuclear Materials**
Gareth Jones, Lucideon Ltd, United Kingdom

09:50 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 10:50 **Generating Electrically Conducting Single Crystals of Rutile Titania Through Repetitive Flash Experiments**
Devinder Yadav, Indian Institute of Technology Patna, Bihta, India

10:50 – 11:30 **OPEN DISCUSSION: The Future?**

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D. Schmidt (Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST); N. Gupta, New York University; E. Eastwood, DOE;
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- October 1-6 **23AE** **ENZYME ENGINEERING XXVII** (Singapore)
Ang Ee Lui, Singapore Institute of Food and Biotechnology Innovation, A*STAR, Singapore; Li Zhi, National University of Singapore; Yan Feng, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
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M. Niedre, Northeastern University; F. Leblond, Polytechnique Montreal

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April 4-7	20AP	DELIVERY OF NUCLEIC ACID THERAPEUTICS II: BIOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT (Siracusa, Sicily) L. Sepp-Lorenzino, Intellia Therapeutics; S. F. Dowdy, University of California San Diego School of Medicine; M. Stanton, Generational Bio
April 14-19	24AI	ULTRA-HIGH TEMPERATURE CERAMICS: MATERIALS FOR EXTREME ENVIRONMENT APPLICATIONS V (Sicily, Italy) D. Sciti, Institute for Science and Technology of Ceramics, CNR; L. Silvestroni and F. Monteverde, ISSMC-CNR; J. Binner, Univ. of Birmingham; R. Savino, Univ. of Naples; G. Thompson, Univ. of Alabama; E. Wuchina, Naval Surface Warfare Center
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The program has been developed and is overseen by volunteers both on the international Board of Directors and international Conferences Committee. More than 1,900 conferences have taken place to date. The conferences program is administered by a professional staff and the conferences are designed to be self-supporting.

ECI Mission

To serve the engineering/scientific community with international, interdisciplinary, leading edge engineering research conferences

ECI Purposes

The advancement of engineering arts and sciences by providing a forum for the discussion of advances in the field of science and engineering for the good of mankind by identification and administration of international interdisciplinary conferences

To work with engineering, scientific and social science societies and the interested general public to jointly sponsor conferences and to take other actions that will foster complementary programming.

To initiate conferences that will have a significant impact on engineering education, research practice and/or development.

ECI Encouragement of New Conference Topics

The ECI Conferences Committee invites you to suggest topics and leaders for additional conferences and encourages you to submit a proposal for an ECI conference.

Ideally, proposals should be submitted from 18 to 24 months in advance of the conference although the staff can work on a shorter timeline.

The traditional format for an ECI conference is registration Sunday afternoon with technical sessions held each morning and evening through Thursday or Friday noon. Afternoons are used for informal gatherings, poster sessions, field trips, subgroup meetings and relaxation. This format has served well to build important professional networks in many areas.

ECI welcomes proposals for shorter conferences and for conferences which span weekends in order to reduce the number of working days participants are away from their offices.

ECI Works With You

ECI works with conference chairs in two complementary ways. First, an experienced member of the Conferences Committee acts as your technical liaison from the proposal stage through the conference itself. He or she is always available to consult with you on any conference issue.

Second, after your proposal has been approved by the Conferences Committee, the ECI staff will assume responsibility for the administration of the conference.

Your primary responsibilities will be recruiting the organizing committee, developing the technical program and securing third-party funding necessary to support the travel of key speakers.

The responsibilities of ECI's "full service" staff include -- but are not limited to -- the following:

- Recommend, negotiate, contract and make substantial deposits for housing, meals, meeting space, A/V equipment and tours.
- Maintain web sites for the conference and for submission of abstracts.
- Publicize via electronic and print media.
- Administer all finances including grants, contributions and purchase orders. (ECI makes grant funds available as soon as a grant is approved.) There is no need for chairs to set up a conference bank account or file tax returns for their conference.
- Process all applications and registrations.
- Produce bound program/abstracts book.
- Contract for the publication of print or electronic proceedings, if any.
- Provide on-site staff during the conference.

For more information, please contact the ECI Director at Barbara@engconfintl.org