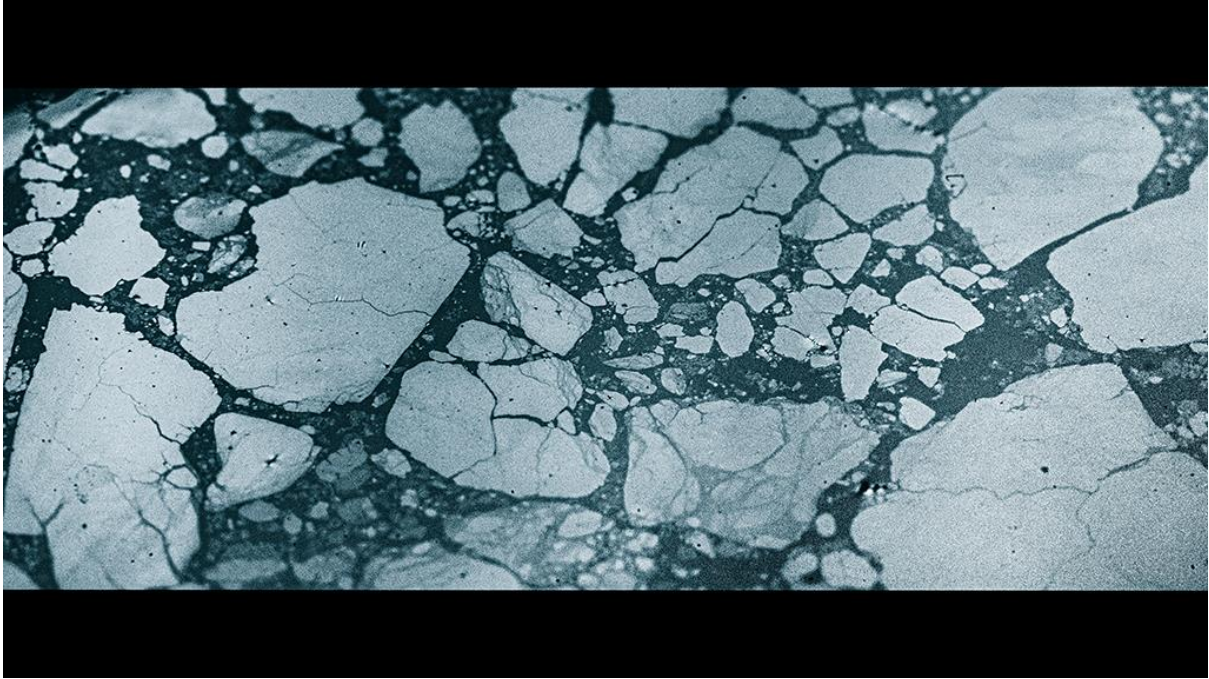


UK Fluids Network photo competition #9

WINNER

'Iceberg in Earl Grey (hot!)'
Li Shen (Imperial College London)



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The thin film that forms on the surface of a cup of Earl Grey tea breaks up in a similar fashion to icebergs in the sea. The thin-film pattern formation follows a Cahn-Hilliard-like coarsening process until the breaking-up process is complete. This image was taken in the middle of the coarsening process, only colour has been adjusted for creative effect to mimic an actual iceberg.