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Glacial ice is both a window into the Earth's climatic history and a unique habitat for microbes. Sampling is typically accomplished through deep ice coring, as illustrated in the photograph of ice from the West Antarctic Ice Sheet. (Photograph courtesy of Heidi Roop.) On the micro-scale, glacial ice consists of water crystals meeting at triple junctions, which are, themselves, connected through a vein structure as shown in the micrograph of surrogate ice containing two important chemical constituents of glacial ice (methane sulphonate and nitrate). Ice-vein chemistry can be investigated non-destructively by laser Raman spectroscopy, as shown in the accompanying spectrum. See the article by Robert E. Barletta and Christopher H. Roe in the accompanying issue.

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