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Ice-I_h: \( a = 7.82 \text{ Å} \); \( c = 7.36 \text{ Å} \) \( P6_3cm \)  Proton ordering not proved

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Views of the ordered Bernal-Fowler structure. Hydrogens positioned through guesswork.
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Actual disordered structure of Ice-$I_h$: $P6_3/mmc$ hexagonal diamond lattice.

Ice-$I_h$: $a = 4.511(3)$ Å; $c = 7.346(3)$ Å $P6_3/mmc$

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The Bernal-Fowler ice rules:
1) Each water molecule is oriented such that its two hydrogen atoms are directed approximately toward two of the four surrounding oxygen atoms (arranged almost in a tetrahedron).
2) Only one hydrogen atom is present on each O-O linkage.
3) Each oxygen atom has two nearest neighboring hydrogen atoms such that the water molecule structure is preserved.
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Linus Pauling and residual entropy:

![Degenerate configurations of hydrogen in ice](image)

There are $N$ molecules in a mole of ice. A given molecule can orient itself in six ways satisfying condition 2. However, the chance that the adjacent molecules will permit a given orientation is $1/4$; inasmuch as each adjacent molecule has two hydrogen-occupied and two unoccupied tetrahedral directions, making the chance that a given direction is available for each hydrogen of the original molecule $1/2$, and the chance that both can be located in accordance with the given orientation $1/4$. The total number of configurations for $N$ molecules is thus $W = (6/4)^N = (3/2)^N$.

The residual entropy of ice, extrapolated to 0 K is

$$S = R \ln(3/2)$$

Proved by Giaque.

Also see: Residual entropy of square ice, E. H. Lieb, Phys. Rev. 162 (1967) 162.

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How to order the hydrogens in ice: add OH⁻


Phase transition near 80 K to an ordered structure with decreased residual entropy.

H₂O doped with 0.1 mol dm⁻³ of KOH
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Ordering hydrogens though pressure: The many phases of ice.

Ice-II has all H(D) atoms located at 80 K. The structure is rhombohedral.

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The spinel structure: \( \text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4 \) \( Fd-3m \) (diamond) \( a \sim 8.5 \text{ Å} \)

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
A & 1/8 & 1/8 & 1/8 \\
B & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\
O & 0.264 & 0.264 & 0.264^* \\
\end{array}
\]

* in \( \text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4 \)

A are tetrahedral with O and B are octahedral

"Starting with an array of oxygens in ccp, we insert Al in certain octahedral interstices and Mg in certain tetrahedral interstices, the selection of interstices being made in such a way that the repeat distance along each axis is double what it would be for the ideal close packing..."

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Magnetism in spinels: Ferrimagnetism
In the spinel structure, unlike perovskite and pyrochlore, both A and B ions can be magnetic (1st row transition metals). They could with each other antiferromagnetically, but there is a net moment because they do not cancel one-another.

Magnetite or lodestone, from which the term *magnetism* derives, is actually a ferrimagnetic spinel.

From Louis Néel’s 1970 Nobel lecture (nobel.se)
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Spinel magnetism and ice:


“The octahedral sites in the spinel structure form one of the anomalous lattices in which it is possible to achieve essentially perfect short-range order while maintaining a finite entropy. In such a lattice nearest-neighbor forces alone can never lead to long-range order, while calculations indicate that even the long range Coulomb forces are only 5% effective in creating long-range order. This is shown to have many possible consequences both for antiferromagnetism in "normal" ferrites and for ordering in "inverse" ferrites.”

The spinel B sites form a network of corner-connected tetrahedra. Antiferromagnetism is frustrated.
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Getting rid of frustration: Structural distortions in ZnCr\(_2\)O\(_4\) and ZnV\(_2\)O\(_4\):

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Spin ice in pyrochlores: $\text{Dy}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$