

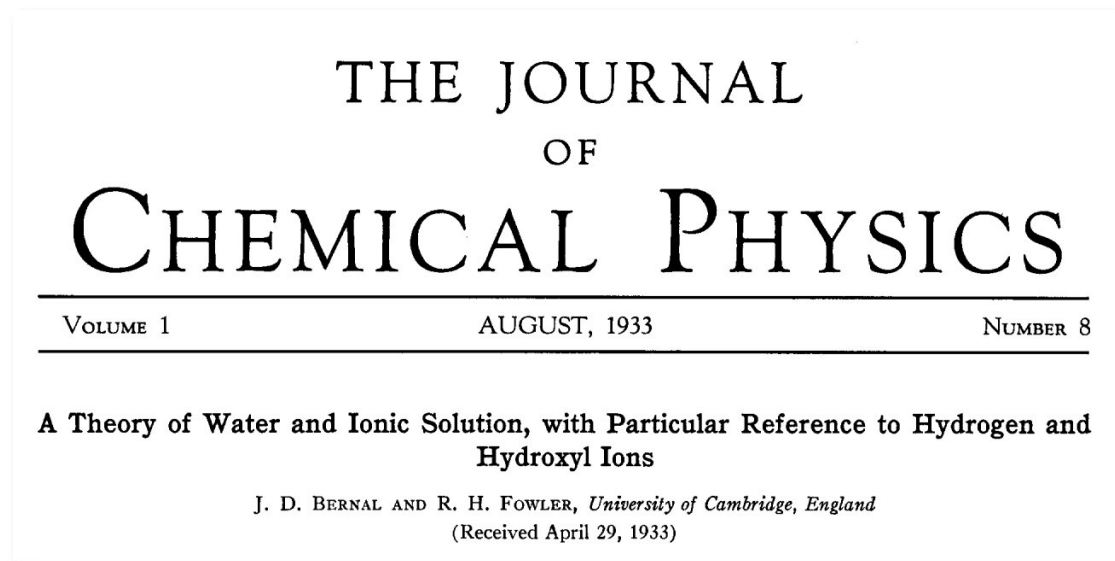
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Ice: The Bernal-Fowler (1933) ice rules:



*X-ray do not "see" the hydrogen atoms !*

- Oxygen atoms in ice- $I_h$  form a wurtzite (tetrahedral) lattice, with an O-O distance of 2.76 Å
- The 0.95 Å OH bond of  $H_2O$  is retained in ice- $I_h$
- Each oxygen must then have two H at 0.95 Å and two at 1.81 Å, but *which two* ?

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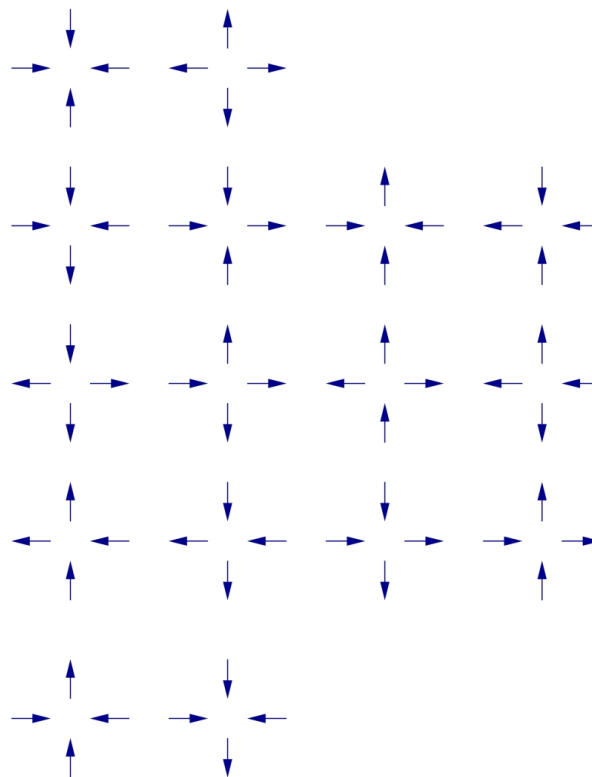
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16, 4-vertex models:



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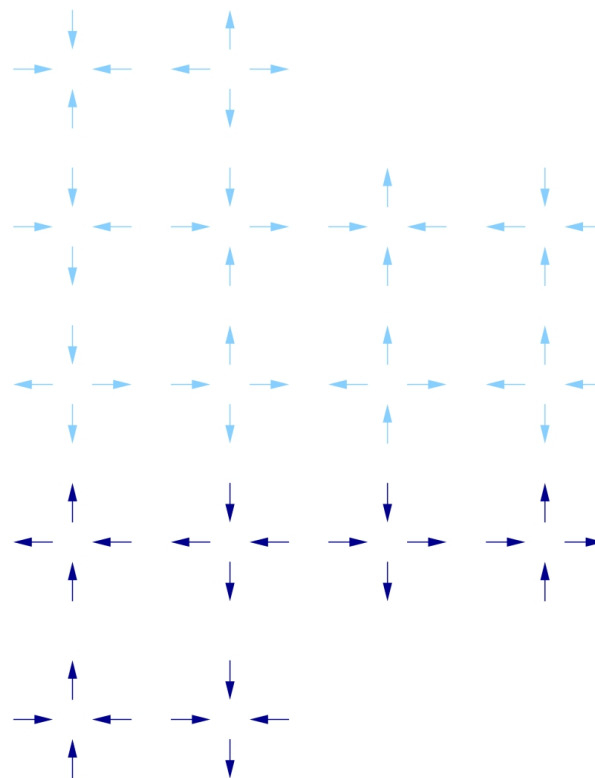
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6 ways of arranging H around O so that ice rules are obeyed. Each bond has a 1/2 probability that the proton is in an acceptable position.

$S = k_B \ln W$  and

$$W = (6)(1/2)(1/2) = 3/2$$

calculated: 0.806 cal/K/mol



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Giauque and Stout (1936): Ice- $I_h$  has measurable *residual entropy*

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The Entropy of Water and the Third Law of Thermodynamics. The Heat Capacity of Ice from 15 to 273°K.

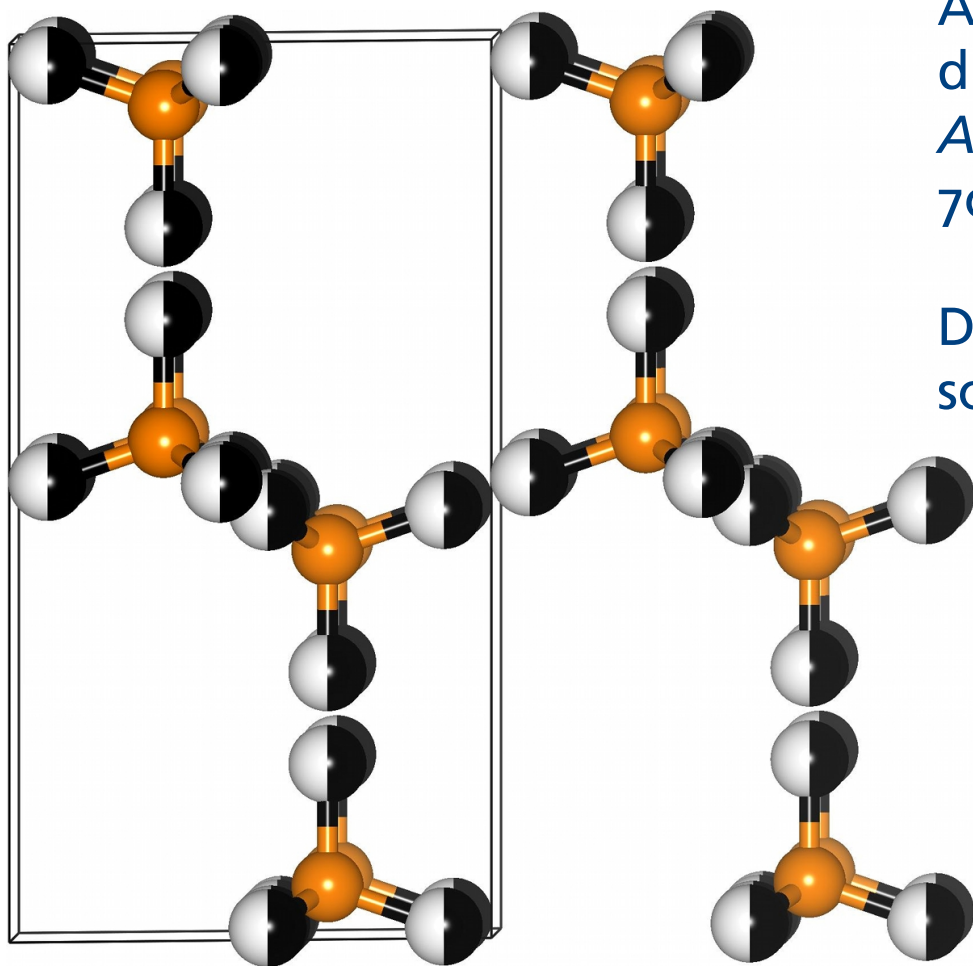
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we find that the  $\int_0^T C_p d \ln T = 44.28 \pm 0.05$  cal./deg./mole for  $H_2O$  (g.) at one atmosphere and 298.1°K. The spectroscopic value is 45.10 leading to a discrepancy of 0.82 cal./deg./mole. This is in excellent agreement with the theoretical discrepancy 0.806 calculated by Pauling on the assumption of random orientation of hydrogen bond directions in ice.

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Ice: Crystal structure of  $D_2O$



S. W. Peterson and H. A. Levy,  
A single-crystal neutron  
diffraction study of heavy ice,  
*Acta Crystallogr.* **10** (1957)  
70-76.

D rather than H because H  
scatters incoherently.

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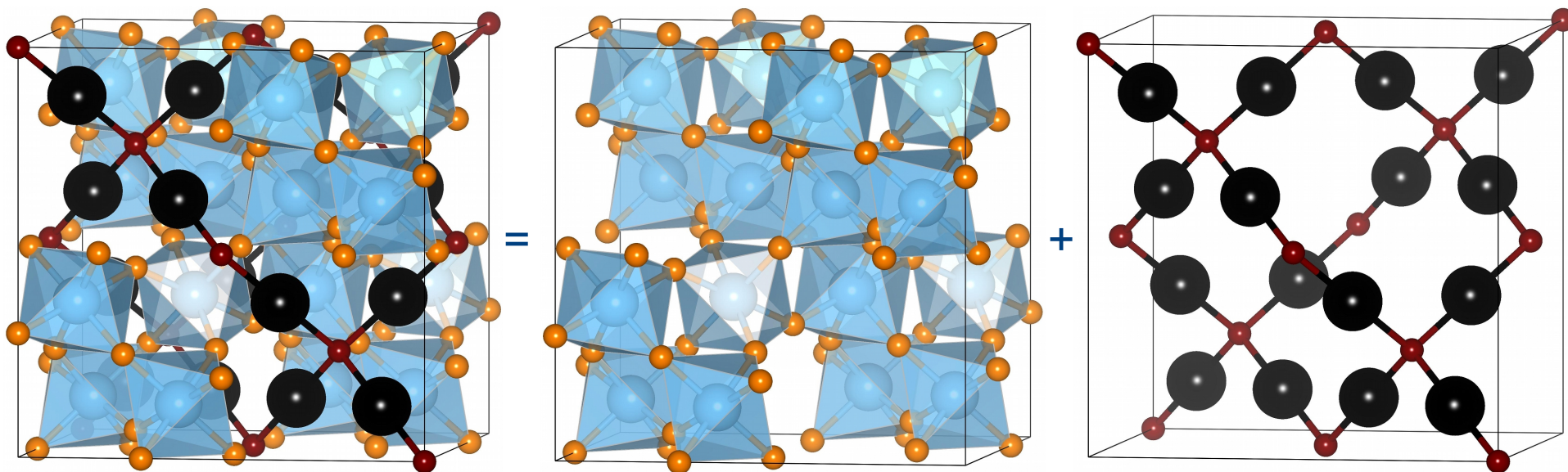
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The pyrochlore crystal structure: The example of  $\text{Y}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_6\text{O}'$ :  $Fd-3m$ ;  
 $a = 10.095 \text{ \AA}$

Atom	x	y	z
Y	1/8	1/8	1/8
Ti	5/8	5/8	5/8
O	0.302	0	0
O'	0	0	0

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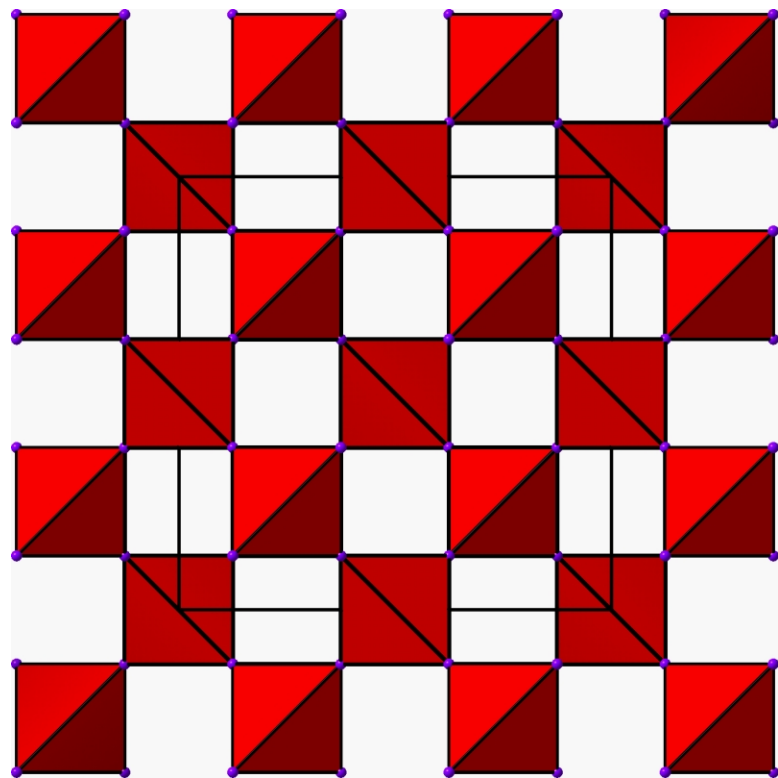
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The structure comprises two interpenetrating sublattices – of  $Ti_2O_6$  and  $Y_2O'$

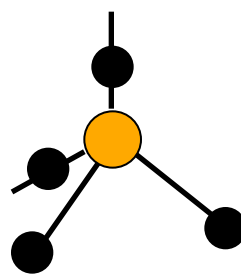


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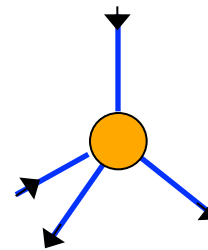


The A atom network of connected  $A_4$  tetrahedra in  $A_2B_2O_7$  is *frustrated* with respect to certain kinds of magnetic ordering. Similarities with the crystal structure of ice  $I_h$ : the notion of *spin ice*.

Bramwell, Gingras, *Science* 294 (2001) 1495.



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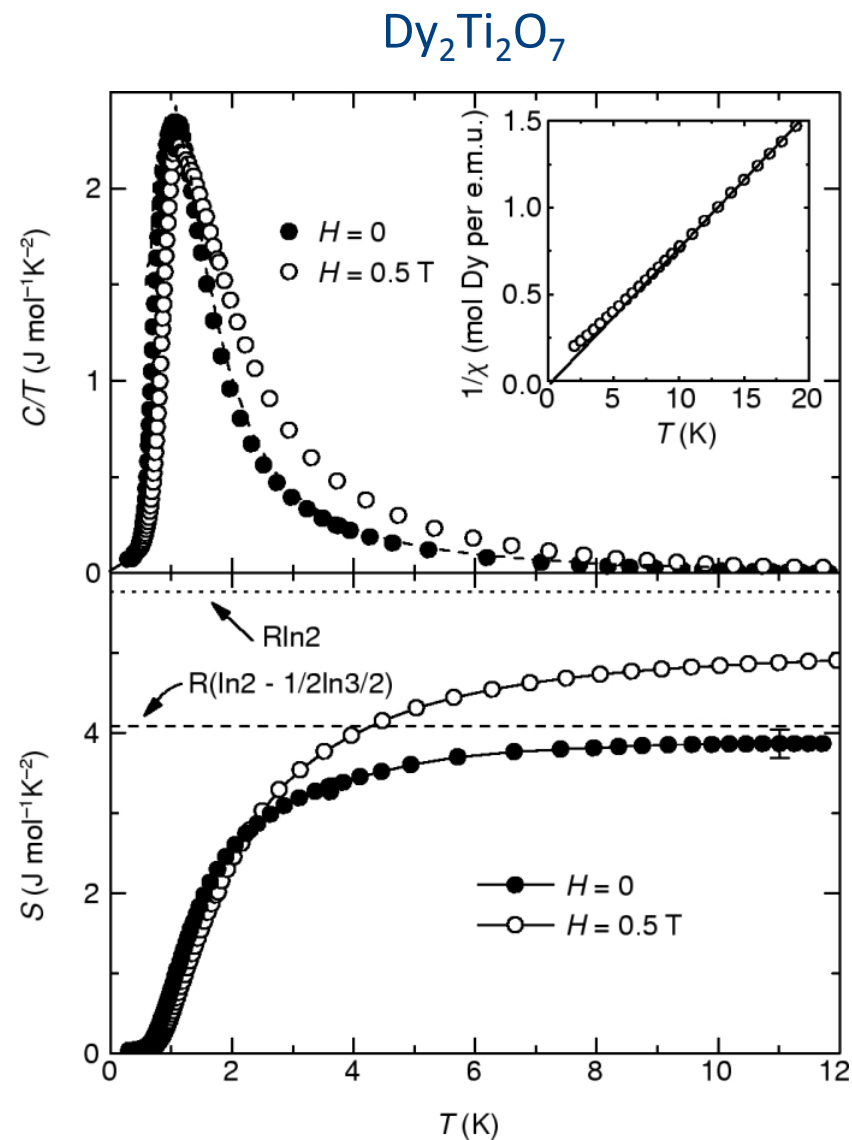


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The *residual entropy* of spin ice can be measured directly:

Ramirez, Hayashi, Cava,  
Siddharthan, Shastry, *Nature* 294  
(2001) 1495.



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Both in ice as well as in spin ice, local rules regarding bond distances or the arrangements of spins are not compatible with the rules governing the (long-ranged) arrangements of atoms in 3D – This is termed *frustration*.

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## Magnetic monopoles: Charges vs. magnetic poles



Magnetic poles seem to only occur in pairs, unlike electrical poles (charges) that can be positive or negative and can be separated arbitrarily.

Pierre Curie recognized that single magnetic poles can exist and Paul Dirac (1931) proposed that they must be quantized

"... attractive force between two one-quantum poles of opposite sign is  $(137/2)^2 = 4692(1/4)$  times that between electron and proton. This very large force may perhaps account for why poles of opposite sign have never yet been separated..."

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## Magnetic monopoles: Possible evidence?

### First Results from a Superconductive Detector for Moving Magnetic Monopoles

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A velocity- and mass-independent search for monopoles was performed by continuously monitoring the current in a superconductive detector. A single candidate event, consistent with one Dirac monopole, was detected during five runs totaling 151 days. These data are presented in this paper for magnetically charged particles moving with a velocity  $v$  and a mass  $m$ .

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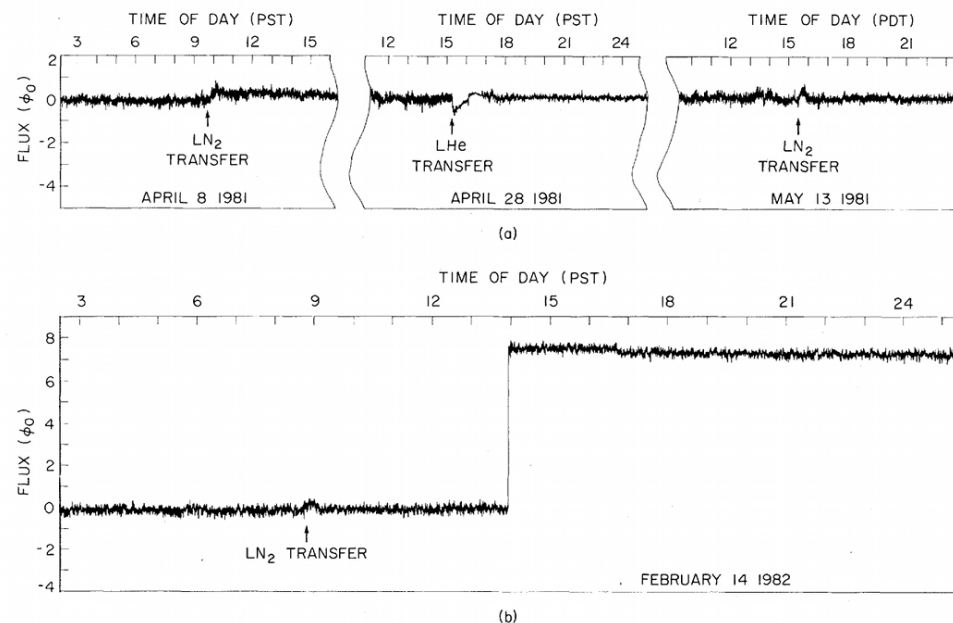


FIG. 2. Data records showing (a) typical stability and (b) the candidate monopole event.

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## Magnetic monopoles in spin ice

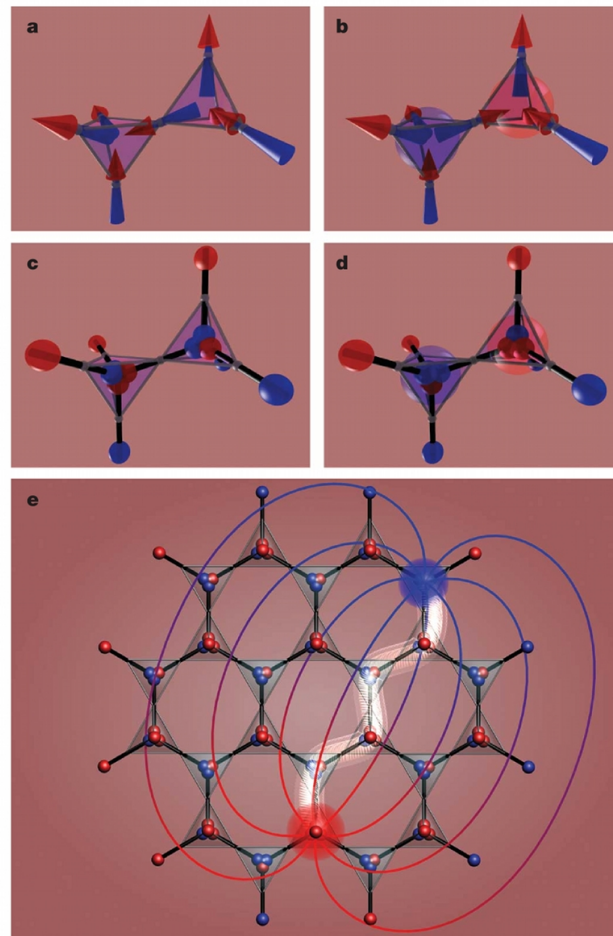
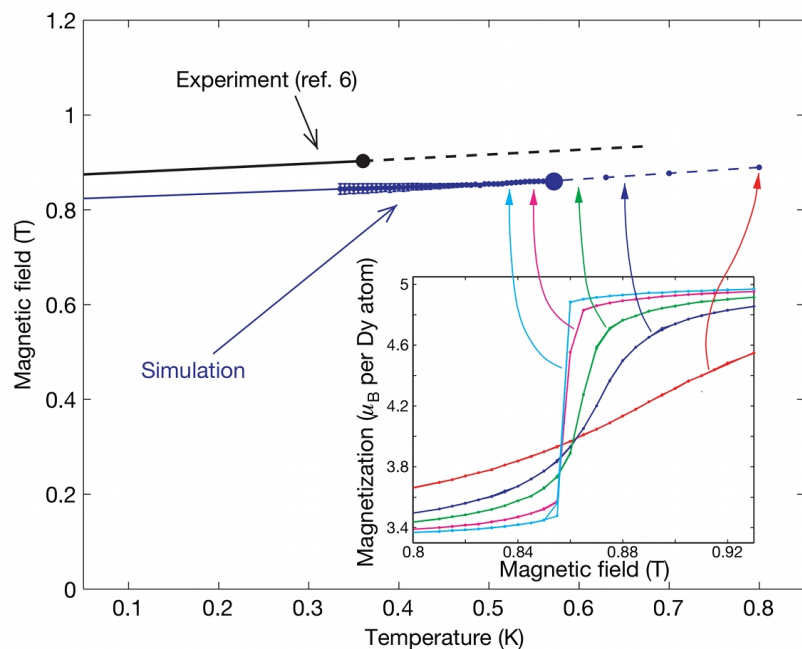
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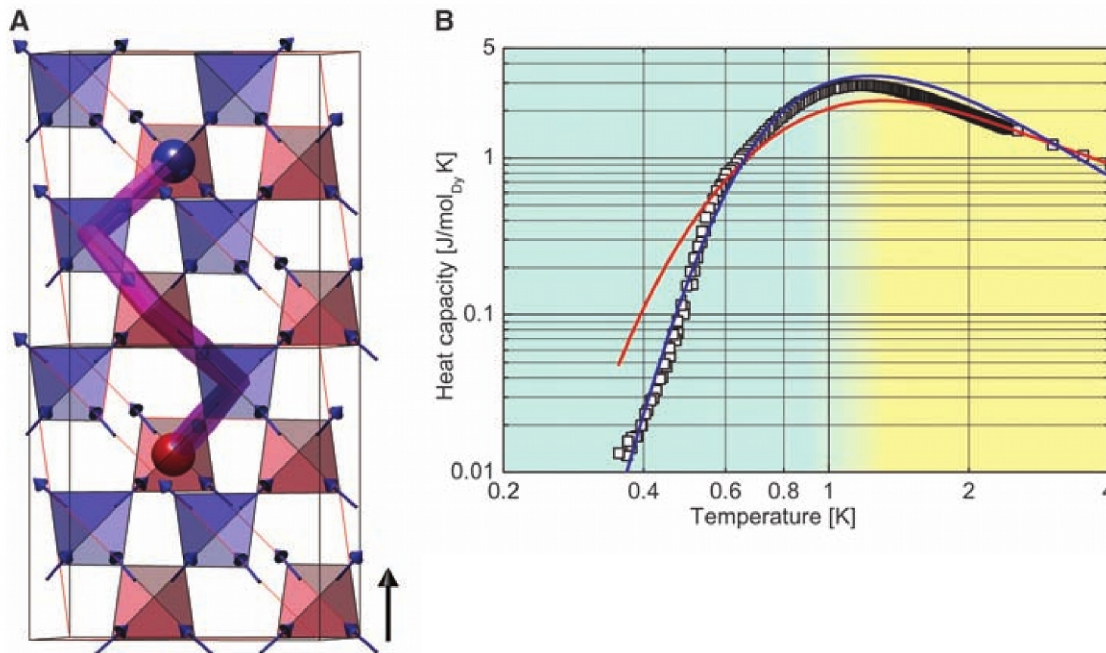
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Magnetic monopoles in spin ice

## Dirac Strings and Magnetic Monopoles in the Spin Ice $\text{Dy}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$

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## Magnetic monopoles in spin ice

*"Some condensed matter systems propose a superficially similar structure, known as a flux tube. The ends of a flux tube form a magnetic dipole, but since they move independently, they can be treated for many purposes as independent magnetic monopole quasiparticles. In late 2009 a large number of popular publications incorrectly reported this phenomenon as the long-awaited discovery of magnetic monopoles, but the two phenomena are not related."*