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**Absence of Dipole Glass Transition for Randomly Dilute Classical Ising Dipoles**<sup>1</sup> CLARE YU, JOSEPH SNIDER<sup>2</sup>, University of California, Irvine — Randomly dilute dipoles with long range dipolar interactions appear in a variety of solid insulating materials. Based on theoretical studies of spin glasses with long range interactions, one would expect such dilute dipolar systems to undergo a spin glass-like transition as the temperature decreases. However, there has been no experimental evidence for such a transition in very dilute systems. One example where such a transition has not been definitively observed is two level systems that dominate the physics of glasses at low temperatures. Another is  $\text{LiHo}_x\text{Y}_{1-x}\text{F}_4$  with  $x = 4.5\%$ . We have investigated the absence of a phase transition in dilute dipolar glasses. Using Wang-Landau Monte Carlo simulations, we show that at low concentrations  $x$ , dipoles randomly placed on a cubic lattice with dipolar interactions do not undergo a phase transition as the temperature decreases. We define a characteristic “glass” temperature  $T_g$  as the temperature where the distribution  $P(q, T)$  is flattest.  $q$  is the overlap order parameter. We find that in the thermodynamic limit  $T_g$  goes to zero as  $1/\sqrt{N}$  where  $N$  is the number of dipoles. The entropy per particle at low temperatures is larger for lower concentrations ( $x = 4.5\%$ ) than for higher concentrations ( $x = 20\%$ ).

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