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Ab initio structure and energetics of ice Ih - implications for wetting¹ PETER J. FEIBELMAN, Sandia National Laboratories — The lattice energy of ice Ih is found to equal 0.68 eV/H₂O, in a VASP-based, GGA/PW91 optimization of a 96-molecule cell, with zero dipole moment in every hexagonal layer.² This result agrees closely with Hamann's value, obtained for a small, proton-ordered, and thus polarized unit cell.³ Slight inhomogeneous broadening of the O-H stretch peak is estimated, based on the computed O-O distance distribution. Implications regarding wetting-layer formation will be discussed.

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