

Water Properties (including isotopologues)

- ◀ Ice Data
- ◀ Spectral data

List of physicochemical data concerning water	
Property	Data
Area, surface covered	19.0 Å ² molecule ⁻¹ (monolayer [795]) 9.6 - 10.2 Å ² molecule ⁻¹ (single molecule; calculated from dimensions) 8.84 Å ² molecule ⁻¹ (single molecule; basal plane of hexagonal ice)
Atmospheric content	19.66 g kg ⁻¹ , 0.93 mmol L ⁻¹ (25 °C, 101.325 kPa, relative humidity = 100)
Bond energy, average at 0 K	H ₂ O, 0.5 (H-O-H → O+2H), 458.9 kJ mol bond ⁻¹ first O-H bond dissociation energy, 492.2148 kJ mol ⁻¹ [350]
	D ₂ O, 0.5 (D-O-D → O+2D), 466.4 kJ mol bond ⁻¹
Boiling point, 101.325 kPa	H ₂ O: 100.0 °C ^{c1} 373.1243 K (99.9743 °C), see [88]
	H ₂ ¹⁶ O: 99.97 °C [745]
	H ₂ ¹⁷ O: 100.08 °C [745]
	H ₂ ¹⁸ O: 100.15 °C [745]
	HDO: 100.74 °C [745]
	D ₂ O: 101.42 °C [70]
	D ₂ ¹⁶ O: 101.40 °C [745]
	D ₂ ¹⁸ O: 101.54 °C [745]
	HTO: 100.8 °C [745]
T ₂ O: 101.51 °C [745]	
Bulk modulus (=1/κ _T , isothermal elasticity)	H ₂ O: 2.174 GPa (2.174 nN nm ⁻² , 25 °C); 8.9 GPa (ice 1h, -20 °C, [717])
	D ₂ O: 2.100 GPa (2.100 nN nm ⁻² , 25 °C)
CAS registry number	H ₂ O: 7732-18-5
	D ₂ O: 7789-20-0
	T ₂ O: 14940-65-9
Chemical potential (μ)	see Gibbs energy of formation
Chemical potential, temperature coefficient (dμ/dT) [987] = negative molar entropy (-S)	H ₂ O (gas): -188.7 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (25 °C)
	H ₂ O (liquid): -69.9 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (25 °C)
	H ₂ O (solid): -44.8 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (25 °C)
Chemical potential, pressure coefficient (dμ/dP) [987] = molar volume	H ₂ O (gas): 24460 J mol ⁻¹ MPa ⁻¹ (25 °C)
	H ₂ O (liquid): 18.07 J mol ⁻¹ MPa ⁻¹ (25 °C)
	H ₂ O (solid): 19.73 J mol ⁻¹ MPa ⁻¹ (25 °C)
Cohesive energy density	H ₂ O: 2.2973 kJ cm ⁻³ = 2.2973 GPa (= (ΔH _{vap} -RT)/V _M) (25 °C)
	D ₂ O: 2.2164 kJ cm ⁻³ = 2.164 GPa (25 °C)

Internal cohesive pressure	$= \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_{T, P_n} \quad (\equiv 3.04 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}, 25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C})$ 168 MPa (25 °C), [1279]
Color	H ₂ O: very slight blue color D ₂ O: colorless
Compressibility, adiabatic (κ_S), also called isentropic compressibility	H ₂ O: 0.4477 GPa ⁻¹ (25 °C) [620], 0.5086 GPa ⁻¹ (0 °C) 1.158 GPa ⁻¹ (-20 °C), 0.2277 GPa ⁻¹ (250 K, 400 MPa) [2089] Ice Ih: 0.1142 GPa ⁻¹ (0 °C) (IAPWS) D ₂ O: 0.4625 GPa ⁻¹ (25 °C) [620]
Compressibility, critical ($=P_c V_c / RT_c$)	H ₂ O: 0.2294 D ₂ O: 0.2277
Compressibility, isothermal (κ_T), $\kappa_T = -$ $(1/V)(\delta V / \delta P)_T = \langle (\Delta V)^2 \rangle / (k_B T V)$ [1373b]	H ₂ O: 0.4599 GPa ⁻¹ (25 °C) [507] Ice Ih: 0.1178 GPa ⁻¹ (0 °C) (IAPWS); 0.069 GPa ⁻¹ (-20 °C), [561] gas: 10.03 MPa ⁻¹ (100 °C, 101.325 kPa) [540] D ₂ O: 0.4763 GPa ⁻¹ (25 °C) [507]
Compressibility, isothermal (κ_T), minimum	H ₂ O: 0.4415 GPa ⁻¹ at 46.5 °C, calculated from [399] D ₂ O: 0.4489 GPa ⁻¹ at 49.9 °C, calculated from [1454]
Compressibility, change with pressure	-0.1152 GPa ⁻¹ (25 °C) [1599]
Conductivity, electrolytic (IAPWS)	0.05501 μS cm ⁻¹ (25 °C, [737]) ^h , 1.2 μS cm ⁻¹ (22 °C, degassed; [711]) Ice Ih: ~0.06 μS cm ⁻¹ (-20 °C) [717] (mainly from surface defects)
Conductivity, thermal	H ₂ O: 0.610 W m ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (25 °C) [IAPWS]; 0.606 502 308 W m ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (25 °C, 0.1 MPa [IAPWS] from formula) Ice Ih: 2.4 W m ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (-20 °C) [717] gas: 0.025 W m ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (100 °C, 101.325 kPa) [540] D ₂ O: 0.595 W m ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (25 °C) [IAPWS]
Conductivity, thermal; maximum	H ₂ O: 0.686 W m ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ at 133 °C, calculated from [1453] D ₂ O: 0.636 W m ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ at 113 °C, calculated from [1453]
Critical point (T_c , P_c , ρ_c , V_c)	H ₂ O: 647.096 K, ^{c1} 22.064 MPa, 322 kg m ⁻³ , 55.9 cm ³ mol ⁻¹ (IAPWS) ^g D ₂ O: 643.847 K, 21.671 MPa, 356 kg m ⁻³ , 56.3 cm ³ mol ⁻¹ (IAPWS) ^g T ₂ O: 641.657 K, 21.385 MPa, 376 kg m ⁻³ , 58.6 cm ³ mol ⁻¹ [830] ^g
Critical point, second	H ₂ O: no generally accepted value, for example, ~217 K, ~340 MPa, ~1130 kg m ⁻³ [419]; ~188 K, ~230 MPa, ~1100 kg m ⁻³ [432]; ~182 K, ~195 MPa [580]; 145-175 K, ~200 MPa [999]; 223 K, ~50 MPa [1685] D ₂ O: ~-78 °C, ~230 MPa, ~1220 kg m ⁻³ [450]; ~-86 °C,

	~211 MPa[580]		
Cryoscopic constant	H ₂ O: 1.8597 K kg mol ⁻¹		
	H ₂ ¹⁸ O: 2.0636 K kg mol ⁻¹		
	D ₂ O: 2.0224 K kg mol ⁻¹		
Density (25.0 °C, 101.325 kPa)	a	997.05 kg m ⁻³ [67, 112], 997.047 013 kg m ⁻³ (25 °C, 0.1 MPa [IAPWS] from formula)	
	H ₂ O	2260 kg m ⁻³ (liquid, ~1500 K, 57 GPa) [1218]	
	H ₂ ¹⁷ O	1053.12 kg m ⁻³ [1006]	
	H ₂ ¹⁸ O	1109.30 kg m ⁻³ [1006]	
	HDO	1050.7 kg m ⁻³ [1857]	
	D ₂ O	1104.36 kg m ⁻³ [620]	
	D ₂ ¹⁷ O	1159.83 kg m ⁻³ [1006]	
	D ₂ ¹⁸ O	1215.22 kg m ⁻³ [1006]	
	T ₂ O	1213.28 kg m ⁻³ [1006]	
Density of ice at melting point ^a	H ₂ O: 916.72 kg m ⁻³ (0 °C, 101.325 kPa) (IAPWS)		
	D ₂ O: 1017.5 kg m ⁻³ (3.82 °C)		
Density of liquid water at melting point [70]	H ₂ O: 999.84 kg m ⁻³ (0 °C, 101.325 kPa)		
	D ₂ O: 1105.46 kg m ⁻³ (3.813 °C)		
Density of gas at boiling point	H ₂ O: 0.5976 kg m ⁻³ (100 °C, 101.325 kPa) [540]		
Density maximum and molecular volume at the temperature of maximum density [67,112]	a	999.97495 kg m ^{-3e}	3.984 °C
	H ₂ O	999.972 kg m ⁻³ , 29.91 Å ³ mol ⁻¹	3.984 °C
		999.975 kg m ⁻³ (IAPWS formula)	3.978 °C (IAPWS)
	D ₂ O	1105.3 kg m ⁻³ , 30.07 Å ³ mol ⁻¹	11.185 °C
	T ₂ O	1215.01 kg m ⁻³ , 30.10 Å ³ mol ⁻¹	13.403 °C
	H ₂ ¹⁸ O	1112.49 kg m ⁻³ , 29.87 Å ³ mol ⁻¹	4.211 °C
	D ₂ ¹⁸ O	1216.88 kg m ⁻³ , 30.06 Å ³ mol ⁻¹	11.438 °C
Dielectric constant (more details)	H ₂ O: 87.9 (0 °C), 78.4 (25 °C; 78.375 218 [IAPWS] from formula at 0.1 MPa), 55.6 (100 °C) [63]		
	104.3 (supercooled liquid, 240 K, IAPWS)		
	Ice Ih: 99 (-20 °C) 171 (-120 °C) [717] gas: 1.0059 (100 °C, 101.325 kPa) [540]		
	D ₂ O: 78.06 (25 °C) [808]		
	D ₂ O Ice Ih: 104 (-20 °C) [717]		
Dielectric, change with pressure	37.88 GPa ⁻¹ (25 °C) [1599]		
Dielectric relaxation	H ₂ O: 9.55 x 10 ⁻¹² s (20 °C) [8]		
	H ₂ O Ice Ih: ~2 x 10 ⁻⁵ s (0 °C)		
	D ₂ O: 12.3 x 10 ⁻¹² s (20 °C) [8]		
Diffusion coefficient	H ₂ O: 0.2299 Å ² ps ⁻¹ (25 °C) [1933], 0.0187 Å ² ps ⁻¹ (-31 °C) [62];		
	6 x 10 ⁻⁸ Å ² ps ⁻¹ (ice 1h, -20 °C) [717]		
	~10 ⁻⁸ Å ² ps ⁻¹ (amorphous water, ~160 K) [334]		
	D ₂ O: 0.2109 Å ² ps ⁻¹ (25 °C) [8]		

	H ₂ ¹⁸ O: 0.266 Å ² ps ⁻¹ [745]
	HDO: 0.234 Å ² ps ⁻¹ [745]
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Diffusivity, thermal $\left(\frac{\text{thermal conductivity}}{\text{density} \times C_p} \right)$	H ₂ O: 14.6 Å ² ps ⁻¹ (25 °C) Ice Ih: 84.3 Å ² ps ⁻¹ (0 °C) D ₂ O: 12.7 Å ² ps ⁻¹ (25 °C)
Dipole moment (average), μ ^z	liquid: 2.95±0.2 D (27 °C) [129] gas: 1.85498 D (6.1875×10 ⁻³⁰ C m) [IAPWS], ice 1h: 3.09 D [238] HDO gas: 1.8517 D [IAPWS] D ₂ O gas: 1.87 D
Displacement, root mean square	~70 μm s ⁻¹ [1577a]
Ebullioscopic constant	H ₂ O: 0.5129 K kg mol ⁻¹ D ₂ O: 0.5626 K kg mol ⁻¹
Electron affinity [563]	-16 kJ mol ⁻¹ (-0.17 eV) (25 °C) ^l HOMO-LUMO gap, 659 kJ mol ⁻¹ (6.83 eV) (25 °C)
Elemental composition, w/w ^a	H ₂ O: 88.8097 % oxygen, 11.1903 % hydrogen HDO: 84.1129 % oxygen, 15.8871 % hydrogen D ₂ O: 79.8866 % oxygen, 20.1134 % hydrogen T ₂ O: 72.6205 % oxygen, 27.3795 % hydrogen
Energy, internal (U)	liquid: 1.8883 kJ mol ⁻¹ (25 °C, 101.325 kPa) [540] Ice Ih: -6.007 kJ mol ⁻¹ (0 °C, 101.325 kPa) (IAPWS) gas: 45.15 kJ mol ⁻¹ (100 °C, 101.325 kPa) [540]
Enthalpy (H = U + PV)	1.8909 kJ mol ⁻¹ (25 °C) [67] Ice Ih: -6.005 J mol ⁻¹ (0 °C, 101.325 kPa) (IAPWS) gas: 48.20 kJ mol ⁻¹ (100 °C, 101.325 kPa) [540]
Enthalpy of formation, ΔH _f ,	H ₂ O liquid: -285.825 kJ mol ⁻¹ (25 °C) [2052]. H ₂ O gas: -241.831 kJ mol ⁻¹ (25 °C) [2052]. D ₂ O: -294.6 kJmol ⁻¹ (25 °C) [808]
Enthalpy of vaporization (ΔH _{vap} , liquid)	H ₂ O: 45.051 kJ mol ⁻¹ (0 °C) [906], 40.657 kJ mol ⁻¹ (100 °C) [61] 46.567 kJmol ⁻¹ (240 K) [906] D ₂ O: 45.988 (3.82 °C), 41.521 kJ mol ⁻¹ (101.42 °C), calculated from [1453]
Enthalpy of fusion	6.00678 kJ mol ⁻¹ (0 °C, 101.325 kPa) [1385] 6.354 kJ mol ⁻¹ (81.6 °C, 2150 MPa, ice VI) [535] H ₂ ¹⁸ O: 6.029 kJ mol ⁻¹ (0.31 °C) [1710] D ₂ O: 6.132 kJ mol ⁻¹ (3.68 °C) [2000] D ₂ ¹⁶ O: 6.315 kJ mol ⁻¹ (3.82 °C) [1710] HD ¹⁶ O: 6.227 kJ mol ⁻¹ (2.04 °C) [1710]
Enthalpy of sublimation (ice Ih)	51.059 kJmol ⁻¹ (0 °C), 51.139 kJ mol ⁻¹ (240 K) [906]
Entropy (S)	63.45 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (Absolute entropy at triple point) [869] liquid: 6.6177 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (25 °C) [67] Ice Ih: -21.99 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (0 °C) (IAPWS)

	Ice Ih: 3.408 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (0 K) [1832] ~ RLn(3/2) gas: 132.5 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (100 °C, 101.325 kPa) [540]
Entropy, molar	see Chemical potential, temperature coefficient (dμ/dT)
Entropy of fusion	H ₂ O: 22.00 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (0 °C) [8] D ₂ O: 22.15 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (3.68 °C) [2000]
Entropy of vaporization [8]	108.951 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (100 °C)
Expansion coefficient (α), α _p = (1/V)(δV/δT) _p = <(ΔV)(ΔS)> _p /(k _B ² T) [1373b]	H ₂ O: 0.000000 °C ⁻¹ (3.984 °C), 0.000253 °C ⁻¹ (25 °C) [68] -0.002963 (-20 °C), +0.0004930 (250 K, 400 MPa) [2089] Ice Ih: 0.0001598 °C ⁻¹ (0 °C, 101.325 kPa) (IAPWS); 0.000053 °C ⁻¹ (-20 °C) [717] D ₂ O: 0.0001722 °C ⁻¹ (25 °C) [620]
Fragile to strong liquid transition	~220 K [1200]
Gas constant (R _g)	= R/molar mass = 461.52309 J kg ⁻¹ K ⁻¹
Gas constant (R ⁹⁵)	461.51805 J kg ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (IAPWS)
Gibbs energy (G = U - TS + PV), all referenced to triple point	liquid: -82.157 J mol ⁻¹ (25 °C, 101.325 kPa) [540] Ice Ih: 1.826 J mol ⁻¹ (0 °C, 101.325 kPa) (IAPWS) gas: -1239 J mol ⁻¹ (100 °C, 101.325 kPa) [540]
Gibbs energy of formation, ΔG _f , = Chemical potential (μ)	H ₂ O (liquid): -237.18 kJ mol ⁻¹ (25 °C) [987] H ₂ O (gas): -228.59 kJ mol ⁻¹ (25 °C) [987] H ₂ O (solid): -236.59 kJ mol ⁻¹ (25 °C) [987] HDO (liquid): -241.86 kJ mol ⁻¹ (25 °C) [988] HDO (gas): -233.11 kJ mol ⁻¹ (25 °C) [988] D ₂ O (liquid): -243.44 kJ mol ⁻¹ (25 °C) [988] D ₂ O (gas): -234.54 kJ mol ⁻¹ (25 °C) [988]
Glass transition temperature	Low density liquid (~0.1 MPa): 136 K (subject to dispute [312]) High density liquid (~0.1 MPa): 110 K; 140 K at 0.2 GPa [2048]
Hardness (Mohs scale)	ice Ih: variable ~2 (0 °C), ~6 (-50 ~ -78.5 °C) [2097]
Heat capacity ratio (γ=C _p /C _v)	H ₂ O (gas): 1.3368 (100 °C, 101.325 kPa) [540]
Helmholtz energy (A = U - TS) [540]	liquid: -83.989 J mol ⁻¹ (25 °C, 101.325 kPa) Ice Ih: -0.166 J mol ⁻¹ (0 °C, 101.325 kPa) (IAPWS) gas: -4293 J mol ⁻¹ (100 °C, 101.325 kPa)
Hydrogen bond	Donor, Σα 1.17 [666]; compare CHCl ₃ , 0.15; CH ₃ OH, 0.43 Acceptor, Σβ; 0.47 [666]; compare (C ₂ H ₅) ₂ O, 0.41; CH ₃ OH, 0.47 Donor number (D _N), 18.0 [456]; compare CH ₃ CN 14.1; CH ₃ OH, 19.0 Acceptor number (A _N), 54.8 [456]; compare C ₆ H ₆ 8.2; CH ₃ OH, 41.3
Ionic dissociation constant, = [H ⁺][OH ⁻] /[H ₂ O]	H ₂ O: 1.821 x 10 ⁻¹⁶ mol l ⁻¹ (25 °C) [808] H ₂ O Ice Ih: 3.8 x 10 ⁻²² mol l ⁻¹ (-10 °C) [1831] D ₂ O: 3.54 x 10 ⁻¹⁷ mol l ⁻¹ (25 °C) [808] D ₂ O: Ice Ih: 1.9 x 10 ⁻²³ mol l ⁻¹ (-10 °C) [1831] T ₂ O: ~1.1 x 10 ⁻¹⁷ mol l ⁻¹ (25 °C) [808]

Ionization in liquid water, ΔG (25 °C)	$2\text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{OH}^-$ 79.907 kJ mol ⁻¹ ^j			
	$2\text{D}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{D}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{OD}^-$ 84.88 kJ mol ⁻¹ ^j			
Ionization potential	H ₂ O: gas; 1216 kJ mol ⁻¹ (12.61 eV) [381a]			
	H ₂ O: liquid; 1018 kJ mol ⁻¹ (10.56 eV) [381a] H ₂ O: ice; 1061 kJ mol ⁻¹ (11.00 eV) [381a] D ₂ O: 1219 kJ mol ⁻¹ (12.64 eV) [381b]			
Ionization rate (25 °C)	$\text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{H}^+ + \text{OH}^-$	2.59x10 ⁻⁵ L mol ⁻¹ s ⁻¹		
	$\text{H}^+ + \text{OH}^- \longrightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$	1.43x10 ¹¹ L ² mol ⁻² s ⁻¹		
Joule-Thomson coefficient (25 °C)	0.214 K MPa ⁻¹ [IAPWS]			
Limits of stability for liquid water	Lowest temperature, -21.985 °C at 209.9 MPa Lowest pressure, 611.657 Pa at 0.01 °C Lowest density, 0.322 g cm ⁻³ at 373.946 °C, 22.064 MPa Highest temperature, 373.946 °C, >22.064 MPa Highest pressure, ~12 GPa at 373.946 °C Highest density, ~1.7 g cm ⁻³ at 373.946 °C, ~12 GPa			
Magnetic susceptibility [670]	-1.64x10 ⁻¹⁰ m ³ mol ⁻¹ (25 °C), -1.63x10 ⁻¹⁰ m ³ mol ⁻¹ (0 °C)			
Mass spectrum	H ₂ O ⁺ (1.0), OH ⁺ (0.32), H ⁺ (0.26), O ⁺ (0.07), O ²⁺ (0.002), H ₂ ⁺ (0.001) (ionization cross sections at 200 eV relative to H ₂ O ⁺ , [1456])			
Melting, contraction on, at melting point	H ₂ O: 1.634 cm ³ mol ⁻¹			
	D ₂ O: 1.567 cm ³ mol ⁻¹			
Melting point, 101.325 kPa [70, 88]	H ₂ O: 0.00 °C ^{c2} , 273.152519 K (IAPWS) 1410 K at 72 GPa [2096]			
	D ₂ O: 3.82 °C			
	T ₂ O: 4.49 °C			
	H ₂ ¹⁸ O: 273.43 K [829]			
Melting point, pressure coefficient	H ₂ O: -74.293 mK MPa ⁻¹ (0 °C) [1385]			
	D ₂ O: -68 mK MPa ⁻¹ (3.82 °C)			
Molality ^b	H ₂ O: 55.508472 mol kg ⁻¹			
	D ₂ O: 49.931324 mol kg ⁻¹			
Molar concentration ^b	H ₂ O: 55.345 mol L ⁻¹ (25 °C)			
	HOD: 55.244 mol L ⁻¹ (25 °C, but maximum possible is 27.3 mol L ⁻¹) [1857]			
	D ₂ O: 55.142 mol L ⁻¹ (25 °C)			
Molar isotopic composition ^{a, m}	H ₂ ¹⁶ O	99.7317 % (55.21 M, 25 °C)	18.01056469 g mol ⁻¹	
	Molar masses may be calculated			
	H	1.007 825 032 07 g mol ⁻¹	H ₂ ¹⁷ O	0.0372 % (19.51 mM, 25 °C)
	D	2.014 101 777 85 g mol ⁻¹	H ₂ ¹⁸ O	0.199983 % (99.62 mM, 25 °C)
	T	3.016 049 2777 g mol ⁻¹	HD ¹⁶ O	0.031069 % (16.29 mM, 25 °C)
	¹⁶ O	15.994 914 619 56 g mol ⁻¹	HD ¹⁷ O	0.0000116 % (5.8 μM, 25 °C)
	¹⁷ O	16.999 131 50 g mol ⁻¹		
	¹⁸ O	17.999 1604 g mol ⁻¹		

	HD ¹⁸ O	0.0000623 % (29.5 μM, 25 °C)	21.0210872 g mol ⁻¹
	D ₂ ¹⁶ O	0.0000026 % (1.3 μM, 25 °C)	20.02311818 g mol ⁻¹
	D ₂ ¹⁷ O	~5 nM, 25 °C; calculated	21.02733506 g mol ⁻¹
	D ₂ ¹⁸ O	~26 nM, 25 °C; calculated	22.02736396 g mol ⁻¹
	HT ¹⁶ O	variable trace ^f	20.01878892 g mol ⁻¹
	T ₂ ¹⁶ O	0 % ^f	22.02701316 g mol ⁻¹
Molar mass ^b	H ₂ O: 18.015268 g mol ⁻¹		
	D ₂ O: 20.027508 g mol ⁻¹		
Molar volume (gas, STP)	0.022199 m ³ mol ⁻¹ (0 °C, 101.325 kPa)		
Molecular dimensions	O-H bond length (liquid, <i>ab initio</i>), 0.991 Å [90]		
	O-H bond length (liquid, by diffraction) 0.990 Å [1884]		
	O-H bond length (solid ice Ih, -20 °C) , 0.985 Å [717]		
	O-H bond length (gas, 0 K, calc.) , 0.95785 Å [836]		
	H-O-H bond angle (liquid, <i>ab initio</i>), 105.5° [90]		
	H-O-H bond angle (solid ice Ih, -20 °C), 106.6°±1.5° [717]		
	H-O-H bond angle (gas, 0 K, calc.), 104.50° [836]		
	O-D bond length (liquid), 0.970 Å [91], 0.985 Å [1884]		
	O-D bond length (gas, 0 K, calc.) , 0.95783 Å [836]		
	D-O-D bond angle (liquid), 106° [91]		
	D-O-D bond angle (gas, 0 K, calc.), 104.49° [836]		
Molecular mass	H ₂ O: ^b 2.9915051 x 10 ⁻²³ g molecule ⁻¹		
	H ₂ ¹⁶ O: 2.9907243 x 10 ⁻²³ g molecule ⁻¹		
	D ₂ ¹⁶ O: 3.3249166 x 10 ⁻²³ g molecule ⁻¹		
Moment of inertia (axes through centers of mass)	H ₂ O: 1.0220 x 10 ⁻⁴⁰ g cm ² x; 2.9376 x 10 ⁻⁴⁰ g cm ² y; 1.9187 x 10 ⁻⁴⁰ g cm ² z [8]		
	HDO: 1.2092 x 10 ⁻⁴⁰ g cm ² x; 4.2715 x 10 ⁻⁴⁰ g cm ² y; 3.0654 x 10 ⁻⁴⁰ g cm ² z [8] (z and x axes rotated around y axis by 21.09°)		
	D ₂ O: 1.8384 x 10 ⁻⁴⁰ g cm ² x; 5.6698 x 10 ⁻⁴⁰ g cm ² y; 3.8340 x 10 ⁻⁴⁰ g cm ² z [8]		
Systematic name for water	Oxidane (IUPAC); is not used. The preferred name is 'water'		
	¹ H ₂ O is also known as protium oxide, when distinguishing isotopologues		
	D ₂ O: deuterium oxide ('heavy water')		
	T ₂ O: tritium oxide ('superheavy water')		
Common 'hoax' name for water	Dihydrogen monoxide (DHMO)		
NMR chemical shift, proton	H ₂ O liquid: 4.82 ppm H ₂ O ice: ~7 ppm H ₂ O gas: 0.56 ppm, relative to methane [850]		

	4.766 ppm for HDO in D ₂ O (25 °C, a triplet [609]; relative to sodium 2,2-dimethyl-2-silapentane-5-sulfonate, DSS)
NMR chemical shift, ¹⁷ O	H ₂ O liquid: 287.5 ppm (300 K, relative to O ⁸⁺) [886] H ₂ O gas: 323.6 ppm (300 K, relative to O ⁸⁺) [886] D ₂ O liquid: 3.08 ppm (relative to H ₂ O)
Nuclear shielding constants (27 °C), [740]	¹ H σ(l) 25.79 ppm (44.0 ppm parallel to O—H bond; 16.6 ppm perpendicular to O—H bond, [430]); gas to liquid shift, δ = σ(l) - σ(g) = -4.26 ppm ¹⁷ O σ(l) 287.5 ppm; gas to liquid shift, δ = σ(l) - σ(g) = -36.1 ppm
Octupole moment, 25 °C [452]	-1.754 D Å ² ^{xxz} ; -0.554 D Å ² ^{yyz} ; -1.981 D Å ² ^{zzz}
Octupole moment, (alternative)	linear (Ω ₀) -1.34 D Å ² ; cubic (Ω ₂) 1.15 D Å ² ; SSDQ01 [1731] ^Ω
Optical permittivity (ε _∞) [296 K, 1563]	H ₂ O: 2.34 H ₂ ¹⁸ O: 2.28 D ₂ O: 2.29
Packing density (volume, O···O 2.82Å, 4 °C)	0.3925
pD	D ₂ O: 7.43 (25 °C) (based on [70])
pHD	HDO: 7.266 (25 °C)
pH	H ₂ O: 6.9976 (25 °C; [H ₃ O] ⁺ =[OH] ⁻ = 1.0054x10 ⁻⁷ mol L ⁻¹ ; [IAPWS])
Piezoscopic constant (= R/V _m)	H ₂ O: 0.4602 MPa K ⁻¹ (25 °C) D ₂ O: 0.4585 MPa K ⁻¹ (25 °C) T ₂ O: 0.4580 MPa K ⁻¹ (25 °C)
pK _a and pK _b	pK _a H ₂ O: (= pK _b H ₂ O) = 15.738 (25 °C) (based on [IAPWS]) pK _a H ₃ O ⁺ : (= pK _b OH ⁻) = -1.743 (25 °C) (calculated from H ₂ O molarity) pK _a D ₂ O: (= pK _b D ₂ O) = 16.610 (25 °C) (based on [70])) pK _a D ₃ O ⁺ : (= pK _b OD ⁻) -1.741 (25 °C) (calculated from D ₂ O molarity)
pK _w	H ₂ O: 13.995 (25 °C) [IAPWS] D ₂ O: 14.87 (25 °C) [70]
Polarity/dipolarity, n [666]	1.09
Polarizability, ($\alpha = 4\pi\epsilon_0 \alpha'$)	1.62x10 ⁻⁴⁰ F m ²
Polarizability volume , $\alpha' = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$	1.470 Å ³ ; 1.5284 Å ³ ^x ; 1.4146 Å ³ ^y ; 1.4679 Å ³ ^z [736] 1.457 Å ³ (electronic), 0.037 Å ³ (static) [IAPWS] O-atom (1.4146 Å ³) H-atoms (0.0836 Å ³) [736]
Prandtl Number (= kinematic viscosity / thermal diffusivity)	H ₂ O: 6.12 (25 °C) D ₂ O: 7.81 (25 °C)
Proton spin-lattice relaxation time	T ₁ = 3.6 ± 0.2 s (25 °C) [2098]
Proton spin-spin relaxation time	T ₂ = 1.86 ± 0.07 s (25 °C) [2098]

Quadrupole moment, Q , 25 °C	-4.27 D Å ^{xx} ; -7.99 D Å ^{yy} ; -5.94 D Å ^{zz} (calc., liquid H ₂ O [453])
Quadrupole moment (alternative)	linear (Θ_0) 0.28 D Å; square (Θ_2) 2.13 D Å; SSDQO1 [1731] ^Ω
Redox: water oxidation Redox: water reduction	2H ₂ O \longrightarrow O ₂ (g) + 4H ⁺ + 4e ⁻ $-E^\circ = -1.229$ V (25 °C, pH 0) 2H ₂ O + 2e ⁻ \longrightarrow H ₂ (g) + 2OH ⁻ $E^\circ = -0.8277$ V (25 °C, pH 14)
Refractive index	H ₂ O: 1.33286 (25 °C, $\lambda = 589.26$ nm) [310] Ice Ih: η^O 1.3091; η^E 1.3105 (-3.6 °C, $\lambda = 589$ nm) [717] D ₂ O: 1.32828 (20 °C, $\lambda = 589$ nm) [795]
Refractive index, real n and imaginary parts k	H ₂ O: n 1.306169; k 0.300352153 (25 °C, ν , 3404.795 cm ⁻¹) [942] D ₂ O: n 1.342528; k 0.279696327 (25 °C, ν , 2503.923 cm ⁻¹) [942]
Resistance, electrical	18.18 MΩ cm (25 °C, ultrapure water [737]) ^h , 0.8 MΩ cm (22 °C, degassed; [711])
Shear modulus (adiabatic elasticity)	H ₂ O: 2.44 GPa (2.44 nN nm ⁻² , 25 °C) [1326] D ₂ O: 2.50 GPa (2.50 nN nm ⁻² , 25 °C) [1326]
Specific heat capacity, $C_p = (\delta H/\delta T)_p =$ $T(\delta S/\delta T)_p = \langle(\Delta S)^2\rangle/k_B$ [1373b]	H ₂ O: 75.338 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ ; 4.1819 kJ kg ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ , 4.1696 MJ m ⁻³ K ⁻¹ (25 °C, 101.325 kPa, calculated from [1154]), 4.181 446 18 kJ kg ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (25 °C, 0.1 MPa [IAPWS] from formula) 108.048 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (-20 °C), 67.687 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (250 K, 400 MPa) [2089] Ice Ih: 37.77 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (0 °C) (IAPWS), 22.10 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (150 K) [906] gas: 37.47 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (100 °C, 101.325 kPa) [540] D ₂ O: 84.67 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ ; 4.228 kJ kg ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ , 4.669 MJ m ⁻³ K ⁻¹ (25 °C, calculated from [620])
Specific heat capacity minimum, $C_{p,min}$	H ₂ O: 75.27 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ at 36 °C, calculated from [1453] D ₂ O: 82.58 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ at 61 °C, calculated from [2000]
Specific heat capacity, $C_v = (\partial U/\partial T)_v$	H ₂ O: 74.539 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (25 °C) [67] gas: 28.03 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (100 °C, 101.325 kPa) [540] D ₂ O: 84.42 J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ (25 °C) [620]
Speed of sound	H ₂ O: 1496.7 m s ⁻¹ (25 °C) [620], 1496.699 22 m s ⁻¹ (25 °C, 0.1 MPa [IAPWS] from formula); 'fast' sound \sim 3200 m s ⁻¹ [1151] 1134.6 m s ⁻¹ (-20 °C), 2015.9 m s ⁻¹ (250 K, 400 MPa) [2089] Ice Ih: 3837.9 m s ⁻¹ (0 °C) [1812] gas: 472.2 m s ⁻¹ (100 °C, 101.325 kPa) [540] D ₂ O: 1399.2 m s ⁻¹ (25 °C)
Speed of sound, maximum	H ₂ O: 1555.4 m s ⁻¹ at 74.0 °C, calculated from [921] D ₂ O: 1461.0 m s ⁻¹ at 75.6 °C, calculated from [1454]
Standard state of water	unity (exactly, as pure solvent); unit molal (as solute)
Surface entropy (= $-d\gamma/dT$)	H ₂ O: 0.1542 mJ m ⁻² K ⁻¹ (25 °C) (calculated from IAPWS)
Surface enthalpy (surface energy)	H ₂ O: 0.1179 J m ⁻² (25 °C) (= $\gamma - T d\gamma/dT$; calculated)

	from IAPWS)
Surface tension (change with pressure) $= \left(\frac{d\gamma}{dP} \right)_{T,P_n} = \left(\frac{dV}{dA} \right)_{T,P_n}$	H ₂ O: 6.96 Å (25 °C) (calculated from [1279] and IAPWS)
Surface tension ($\gamma = \left(\frac{dG}{dA} \right)_{T,P_n}$)	H ₂ O (liquid - gas): 0.07198 N m ⁻¹ (25 °C; 0.07198 J m ⁻²) [IAPWS]
	HDO: 0.07193 N m ⁻¹ (25 °C; 0.07193 J m ⁻²)
	D ₂ O: 0.07187 N m ⁻¹ (25 °C; 0.07187 J m ⁻²) [IAPWS]
	H ₂ O (ice 1h - liquid, γ_{sl}); 0.0396 N m ⁻¹ (0 °C; 0.0396 J m ⁻²) [2103]
	H ₂ O (ice 1h - gas, γ_{sg}); 0.105 N m ⁻¹ (0°C; 0.105 J m ⁻²) ($\gamma_{sg} \approx \gamma_{sl} + \gamma_{lg}$)
Triple point	H ₂ O: 0.01 °C exactly (273.16 K exactly) by definition ^d for VSMOW ^a , 611.657 Pa, 0.99978 g cm ⁻³ [536]
	H ₂ ¹⁶ O: 0.0087 °C [565]
	H ₂ ¹⁷ O: 0.21 °C [745]
	H ₂ ¹⁸ O: 0.31 °C [717]
	HD ¹⁶ O: 2.04 °C [1710]
	D ₂ O: 3.80 °C, 660.096 Pa, 1.1056 g cm ⁻³ [IAPWS]
	D ₂ ¹⁶ O: 3.82 °C [1710]
	D ₂ ¹⁸ O: 4.13 °C [745]
	HTO: 2.4 °C [745]
	T ₂ O: 4.49 °C [716], 662.9 Pa [830]
Van der Waals gas constants [70] ^k	$a = 0.5536 \text{ Pa (m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1})^2$; $b = 3.049 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Vapor pressure	H ₂ O: 3.165 kPa (25 °C) [808]; 611.657 Pa (273.16 K, M.Pt.) [906]
	H ₂ O: 37.667 Pa (240 K) [906]
	Ice Ih: 611.657 Pa (273.16 K), 27.272 Pa (240 K) [906]
	D ₂ O: 2.734 kPa (25 °C) [808]; 659.893 Pa (276.95 K, M.Pt.) [1790]
	T ₂ O: 2.639 kPa (25 °C) [808]; 662.388 Pa (277.64 K, M.Pt.) [1790]
Velocity, root mean square	~640 m s ⁻¹ (liquid, 25 °C) [1577a]
Viscosity, dynamic	H ₂ O: 0.8909 mPa s (25 °C, 101.325 kPa) [IAPWS], 0.889 996 774 mPa s (25 °C, 0.1 MPa [IAPWS] from formula); gas: 0.0123 mPa s (100 °C, 101.325 kPa) [540]
	H ₂ ¹⁶ O: 1.0016 mPa s (20 °C) [745]
	H ₂ ¹⁸ O: 1.0564 mPa s (20 °C) [745]
	HDO: 1.1248 mPa s (20 °C) [745]
	D ₂ O: 1.095 mPa s (25 °C) [IAPWS]
	D ₂ ¹⁶ O: 1.2467 mPa s (20 °C) [745]
	D ₂ ¹⁸ O: 1.3050 mPa s (20 °C) [745]

	T ₂ O: 1.40 mPa s (estimated, 20 °C) [73]
Viscosity, kinematic	H ₂ O: 0.008935 stoke; 0.8935 x 10 ⁻⁶ m ² s ⁻¹ (25 °C)
	D ₂ O: 0.009915 stoke; 0.9915 x 10 ⁻⁶ m ² s ⁻¹ (25 °C)
Viscosity, bulk (volume viscosity)	2.47 mPa s (25 °C) [1703]
Viscosity, temperature coefficient	0.0199 mPa s K ⁻¹ (25 °C) [304]
Volume, molar, 101.325 kPa, V _M , see also chemical potential, pressure coefficient (dμ/dP)	H ₂ O liquid: 18.0182 cm ³ (0 °C) 18.0685 cm ³ (25 °C) [1006]; solid; 19.66 cm ³ (ice Ih, 0 °C); gas; 0.030143 m ³ (100 °C)
	H ₂ O: 50.6 Å ³ molecule ⁻¹ from the van der Waals gas 'b' constant
	H ₂ ¹⁷ O: 18.0556 cm ³ (25 °C) [1006]
	H ₂ ¹⁸ O: 18.0428 cm ³ (25 °C) [1006]
	HDO: 18.101 cm ³ (25 °C) [1857]
	D ₂ O: 18.1331 cm ³ (25 °C) [1006]
	D ₂ ¹⁷ O: 18.1297 cm ³ (25 °C) [1006]
	D ₂ ¹⁸ O: 18.1263 cm ³ (25 °C) [1006]
T ₂ O: 18.1549 cm ³ (25 °C) [1006]	
Volume, intrinsic H ₂ O	11.01 Å ³
Volume, molecular H ₂ O at 101.325 kPa	29.92 Å ³ (0 °C); 32.53 Å ³ (ice Ih, -20 °C, [717]); 50.05 nm ³ (gas, 100 °C)
Volume, van der Waals	14.6 Å ³ molecule ⁻¹ (liquid)
	50.6 Å ³ molecule ⁻¹ (gas, calculated from the Van der Waals gas constants)
Zero point energy	H ₂ O: (liquid, 25 °C) 13.9 kJ mol ⁻¹ [2038]
	H ₂ O: (ice 1h, 0 K) 14.6 kJ mol ⁻¹ [2038]
	H ₂ O: (gas, 0 K) 55.44 kJ mol ⁻¹ [8]
	HDO: (gas, 0 K) 48.24 kJ mol ⁻¹ [8]
	D ₂ O: (gas, 0 K) 40.54 kJ mol ⁻¹ [8]

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Footnotes

a The Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water (VSMOW) is pure salt-free water used as a standard material and containing 99.984426 atom % 1H, 0.015574 atom % 2H (D), 1.85 x 10⁻¹⁵ atom % 3H (T; equivalent to about one disintegration min⁻¹ mol⁻¹ water), 99.76206 atom % 16O, 0.03790 atom % 17O and 0.20004 atom % 18O [IAPWS]. Standard heavy water (D2O) has the same oxygen isotopic composition but 100% deuterium and molar mass 20.027508 g mol⁻¹[IAPWS]. With stocks of VSMOW being used up, they have been succeeded by VSMOW2, a standardized artificial pure salt-free water isotopic mixture made to deliver the same isotopic concentrations. Two other standard water preparations exist GISP (Greenland Ice Sheet Precipitation, 0.01246 atom % 2H, 0.03313 atom % 17O, 0.1522 atom % 18O) and SLAP (Standard Light Antarctic Precipitation, 0.00905 atom % 2H, 0.02707 atom % 17O, 0.0929 atom % 18O). Standard seawater (containing salt) and its thermodynamic

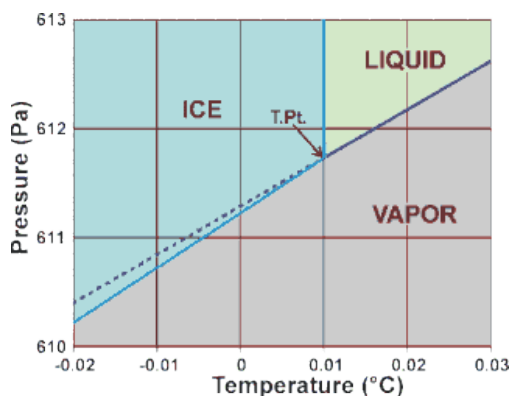
properties are described elsewhere [1452]. It should be noted that, although water contains mostly H_2^{16}O , the concentrations of other isotopologues may well be greater than the solutes of interest in solutions.

The known isotopes of hydrogen and oxygen are ^1H , ^2H , ^3H , ^4H , ^5H , ^6H , ^7H , ^{12}O , ^{13}O , ^{14}O , ^{15}O , ^{16}O , ^{17}O , ^{18}O , ^{19}O , ^{20}O , ^{21}O , ^{22}O , ^{23}O , ^{24}O , but only ^1H , ^2H , ^{16}O , ^{17}O , ^{18}O are stable, the rest being radioactive. Therefore, there are 9 stable isotopologues and (theoretically) 537 possible radioactive isotopologues. [Back]

b Natural isotopic mixture (VSMOW)^a [IAPWS]. The density of natural water may change by up to 20 g m^{-3} between distillation fractions or on electrolysis; in both cases the HD^{18}O (or D^{218}O at higher HD^{18}O concentrations) preferentially remaining behind. Fresh water contains less deuterium than ocean water. [Back]

c1 The boiling point of water used to be defined as $100 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (212°F) under standard atmospheric pressure (101.325 kPa), but we now use the International Temperature Scale (ITS-90) where the boiling point is about $99.9743 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for VSMOW^a. The boiling point and critical point on the thermodynamic temperature scale have been estimated at $99.9839 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and 647.113 K respectively [469]. [Back]

c2 The melting point of water (cold \longrightarrow hot) used to be defined as $0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (32°F) under standard atmospheric pressure (101.325 kPa), but we now use the International Temperature Scale (ITS-90). $0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ is now defined as 273.15 K but does not exactly equal the melting point of water, 273.152519 K (IAPWS). Note that the freezing point of water (hot \longrightarrow cold) is ill-defined as water usually freezes a few degrees below $0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, the actual temperature is not reproducible. [Back]



d The precisely reproducible triple point temperature (T.Pt.) is used (employing Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water a) to define the kelvin temperature scale (ITS-90; T.Pt. = 273.16 K exactly and the kelvin degree is 1/273.16 of the thermodynamic temperature of the triple point of VSMOW water). The Celsius scale is defined using the T.Pt. = 0.01 °C with 1 °C made identical in size to 1 K. The triple point is the temperature and pressure at which three phases (here liquid water, hexagonal ice, and water vapor) coexist at equilibrium, and will transform phase with suitable but tiny changes in temperature or pressure. Also shown, as the dashed line, is the vapor pressure of supercooled liquid water [1729]. [Back]

e The gram was once defined as exactly the mass of one cubic centimeter of water at 4 °C [Back]

f Tritium (T, ³H) has a half-life of 4500±8 days and decays by β-decay (and anti-neutrino) to ³He (${}^3_1\text{T} \rightarrow {}^3_2\text{He}^+ + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$).

Liquid T₂O undergoes self-radiolysis (~ 2.1 x 10¹⁵ decays s⁻¹ mol⁻¹ T₂O, *i.e.* ~2.1 PBq mol⁻¹ T₂O). The β particles (5.7 KeV) travel only about 6 μm in water, but the antineutrinos (12.9 KeV) escape. The actual atom % of radioactive ³H in water varies between about zero, at the bottom of the oceans, to about 10-14 in atmospheric vapor; with natural abundance of about 5 x 10⁻¹⁵ % HTO (~2 fM, 25 °C), 6 x 10⁻³² % T₂O [2094]. It is naturally formed by interactions between cosmic rays (for example, neutrons) and the atmosphere (for example, ${}^{14}_7\text{N} + n \rightarrow {}^{12}_6\text{C} + {}^3_1\text{T}$), falling to earth as rain (HTO). No other radioactive isotopes (for example, ¹⁵O or ¹⁴O, half lives 122 s and 71 s respectively) are found naturally in water molecules. [Back]

g The possible errors are greater than the last significant figures. [Back]

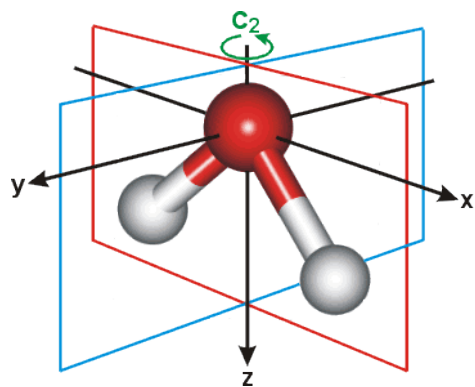
h The conductivity (that is, 1/resistance) value is made up by addition of the limiting ionic conductivities (infinite dilution) of 349.19 S cm² mol⁻¹ and 199.24 for H⁺ and OH⁻ respectively (25 °C), giving a total conductivity, which at pH=7 gives 548.43 x 10⁻⁷ x 10⁻³ S cm⁻¹ = 0.05501 μS cm⁻¹ [737]. This corresponds to CO₂-free but not degassed water [711]. The increased conductivity on degassing may be due to the removal of the non-polar gas (O₂, N₂) structuring effects. The conductivities of the D⁺ and OD⁻ ions from D₂O are about 70% and 50% of these values respectively (whether these ratios of 1/√2 and 1/2 respectively are coincidence or due to the difference in atomic mass and conductivity pathways remains to be determined). [Back]

^j Calculated from $\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln(K_w)$ where K_w is from above. This calculation assumes that the standard state of the solvent water is its mole fraction (= 1.0). Alternatively, the values may be calculated from $\Delta G^\circ = \text{Loge}(10) \times RT (\text{p}K_w + 2 \text{Log}_{10}([\text{H}_2\text{O}]))$, where $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ is the molar concentration of H₂O or D₂O, where the standard state of the solvent water is taken as 1.0 M. This gives values of 99.78 kJ mol⁻¹ and 104.76 kJ mol⁻¹ for H₂O and D₂O respectively. [Back]

^k $(P + a \left\{ \frac{n}{V} \right\}^2)(V - nb) = nRT$ for n moles, with P (pressure), V (volume), R (gas constant), and T (temperature) and 'a' and 'b' are the empirical vdW constants allowing for non-ideal behavior; 'a' allowing for weak attractive interactions and 'b' arising from the finite volumes of the molecules. [Back]

^l Defined as the energy to take a zero kinetic energy gas-phase electron to the bottom of the conduction band of the condensed phase as a delocalized or quasifree electron [563]. [Back]

^m Molar masses vary according to source, due to isotopic fractionation during phase and chemical changes [2022]; the data does not sum to exactly 100% due to rounding errors a. [Back]



^x The x direction lies in the plane of the water molecule with the origin on the oxygen and orthogonal to the H-O-H angle (that is, parallel to the longest dimension of the molecule). [Back]

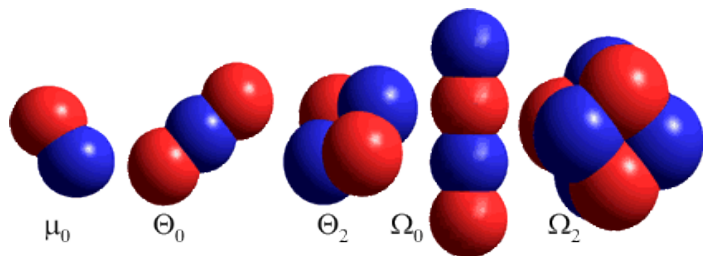
^y The y direction lies orthogonal to the plane of the water molecule with the origin on the oxygen. [Back]

z The z direction lies in the plane of the water molecule with the origin on the oxygen and bisecting the H-O-H angle. [Back]

The figure right also shows the planes of symmetry (xz and yz) and the two-fold axis of rotation (C_2 , z-axis).

The quadrupole moments are centered on the oxygen atom ($q_{xx} = \sum_i c_i x_i^2$ where $c = \text{charge}$, $x = \text{distance}$ in x-direction and the summation is over all (i) charges). Note that calculated quadrupole moments for water vary considerably from model to model and no set of values can be considered 'correct' at the present time, except when referring to the particular model and method of calculation. Values calculated with different coordinate systems will be different (see [1731]).

The octupole moments are centered on the center of mass ($o_{xxz} = \sum_i c_i x_i^2 z_i$ where $c = \text{charge}$, x and $z = \text{distance}$ in x- and z-directions and the summation is over all (i) charges). Note that calculated octupole moments for water vary considerably from model to model and no set of values can be considered 'correct' at the present time, except when referring to the particular model and method of calculation. Values calculated with different coordinate systems will be different (see [1731]).



Ω An alternative view of quadrupoles and octupoles [see 1731] involves the linear (Θ_0) and square (Θ_2) quadrupole and the linear (Ω_0) and cubic (Ω_2) octupole; shown in order right after the dipole (μ_0) in which different charges are shown by color. [Back]

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