

Specific Volume of Deuterium Oxide from 2° to 40°C and 0 to 1000 Bars Applied Pressure

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Direct measurements of the specific volume of deuterium oxide (D₂O) solutions were made with a magnetic float densimeter from 2° to 40°C and from 0 to 1000 bars applied pressure. The results were fitted to a second degree secant bulk modulus equation: $(V^0 P)/(V^0 - V^P) = A_0 + A_1 P + A_2 P^2 + CP^2$ where V^0 and V^P are the specific volumes at zero and P applied pressure, $A_0 = 1/\beta^0$ the reciprocal of the 1 atm compressibilities, and A_1 and A_2 are temperature dependent parameters. The specific volumes were fitted to this equation with a standard deviation of 6 ppm over the entire pressure and temperature range. The equation of state of D₂O was used to compute several thermodynamic properties that are compared to the results obtained by other workers from 5° to 40°C and 0 to 1000 bars.

One method of studying the structure of liquid water has been to examine the relative thermodynamic properties of water (H₂O) and deuterium oxide (D₂O) as functions of temperature and pressure and to suggest microscopic explanations for the differences.

Expressing a property as a function of mole fraction of deuterium is particularly revealing because it describes the effect of a definite microscopic feature, the mass of hydrogen. Properties of D₂O and H₂O differ because of the higher mass of the deuterium atom which results in the lower frequency for intramolecular vibrations for the O—D bond and the altered intermolecular forces (D—O . . . D—O) which are

of more complex origin (23). The thermodynamic properties are related quantitatively to the microscopic systems through a partition function which sums contributions on all possible interactions. Difficulties arise in choosing the basic model or form of the function and the relative magnitude of the contributions within a given model. Partition functions have been derived by establishing a physical model, approximating it mathematically, and adjusting various parameters, such as the strength of the hydrogen bonds, so that the function, by means of statistical mechanics, will approximate the thermodynamic properties. Several widely differing theories have postulated models of water and have predicted the important properties with apparent success (9, 18, 25).

Kesselman (12, 13) and later Jüza et al. (10) have described the thermodynamic similarity of H₂O and D₂O in the region of higher temperature and pressure. Near the critical point the correlations are so good that properties of D₂O can be accurately predicted from properties of H₂O at the same reduced temperature and pressure. In the liquids, however, at lower temperatures and pressures where the physical behavior is not normal, the properties are not closely correlated. It is the purpose of this paper to accurately explore the *PVT* properties of D₂O relative to H₂O in the region 2–40°C and 0–1000 bars applied pressure.

By accurately measuring the specific volume of D₂O relative to H₂O and summarizing these results as equations of state in the following sections, various properties of D₂O and H₂O are calculated. The calculated relative specific heats show divergences as functions of temperature and pressure. If a prospective structural model is to be seriously considered, it must not only explain satisfactorily the phenomenon on which its formulation is based, but the rest of the outstanding puzzles of water as well. The specific heat behavior in particular is difficult to describe theoretically (7), and the functional patterns described here should present an exacting test for theoretical speculation.

Experimental

Apparatus. The high-pressure magnetic float densimeter used in this study is described in detail elsewhere (16). The high-pressure densimeter consists essentially of a 1 atm densimeter (14) enclosed in a nonmagnetic bomb with optical ports to observe the motion of the float. The apparatus consists of a pressure bomb, a magnetic float, and auxiliary measuring and control system.

The water used to calibrate the magnetic float densimeter was ion-exchanged 18 MΩ water (Millipore Super-Q System). The D₂O was obtained from Mallinckrodt Chemical and had a minimum isotopic purity of 99.8%.

The pressure bomb used in this study was machined from Carpenter 20 stainless steel. The bomb is cylindrical with an inside diameter of 5.08 cm, an outside diameter of 12.70 cm, and a height of 19.05 cm. The top and bottom plugs of the bomb are seated with O-rings to form a vessel of 170 cm³. The bottom plug contains an insert plug that supports a solenoid of 300 turns of No. 28 varnished magnet wire. The windows in the bomb were 30° cones machined from cast Plexiglas rod.

The magnetic float is made of thick wall (0.4 cm) pyrex glass and contains an Alnico-5 bar magnet (seated with Apiezon high-temperature wax or silastic R-T-V sealer). The volume of the float is 58.7672 cm³ at 0°C and 1 atm (the weight is 57.62265 grams in vacuum).

The pressure bomb is completely immersed in a 30-liter constant temperature bath. The bath was controlled to ±0.001°C with a Hallikainen thermotrol. The temperature (IPTS-68) of the bath is set to ±0.005°C with a platinum resistance thermometer (calibrated by the National Bureau of Standards) and a G-2 Mueller bridge.

The pressure generating system was similar to that described elsewhere (16). A Harwood Engineering Co. dead weight tester was used to set and hold the pressure during a measurement. The mass of the floating weights of the piston gauge was multiplied by the local acceleration of gravity and divided by the measured area of the piston to give the pressure. The area was corrected for the film thickness and the effects of pressure to give pressures accurate to within ±0.1 at 1000 bars.

The electrical system is similar to the 1 atm densimeter and is described in detail elsewhere (14, 16).

Calibration. The densimeter was calibrated (3) at various temperatures (0–40°C) and pressures (0–1000 bars) using

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the densities of water derived from the sound-derived equation of state of Fine and Millero (5). The methods used to calibrate the densimeter are described in detail elsewhere (14, 16). By adding various platinum weights (w) to the magnetic float and measuring the hold down current (i), it is possible to determine the volume of the float (V_f) and the magnetic interaction constant (f) as a function of pressure and temperature

$$w \left(1 - \frac{d_{H_2O}}{d_{Pt}} \right) = -fxi + (V_f d_{H_2O} - W_f) \quad (1)$$

where d_{H_2O} is the density of water, d_{Pt} is the density of platinum, and W_f is the weight of the float.

The densimeter was calibrated at -2° , 0° , 2° , 4° , 6° , 8° , 10° , 15° , 20° , 25° , 30° , 35° , and 40° C at 100 bar intervals from 0 to 1000 bars (3). The 4° C calibration results are given in Table I. The average differences between the back-calculated densities and those used to calculate V_f and f are given in the last column of Table I. The average deviations in d over

the entire temperature and pressure range are within ± 10 ppm (± 3 ppm is the average) which is a measure of the precision of the density measurements.

Results

The densities of D_2O have been determined with the high-pressure magnetic float densimeter from 4° to 40° C and 0 to 1000 bars applied pressure. The experimentally determined specific volumes ($1/d$ in cm^3/g) are given in Table II. The secant bulk modulus (K) was computed from these specific volumes using

$$K = \frac{V^0 P}{V^0 - V^P} \quad (2)$$

A plot of K vs. pressure is shown in Figure 1. As is quite apparent from this figure, K is approximately a linear function of pressure, and the slopes are not strongly dependent on temperatures. We have, thus, first attempted to fit the K 's (using

Table I. Calibration Results of High-Pressure Magnetic Float at 4° C

Press, bar	$d_{H_2O}^a$, $cm^3 g^{-1}$	Equilibrium current, ^b amp			V_f , cm^3	f , g amp ⁻¹	Δd , ^c ppm
		0.50309, g	0.74337, g	0.98775, g			
0.00	0.999972	0.121265	0.079763	0.037395	58.77212	5.5091	4.3
96.79	1.004710	0.156495	0.115038	0.072690	58.68854	5.5121	3.8
196.62	1.009490	0.191509	0.150133	0.107882	58.60371	5.5226	3.5
296.45	1.014164	0.225210	0.183904	0.141704	58.51855	5.5293	3.9
396.29	1.018735	0.257646	0.216362	0.174271	58.43369	5.5368	2.1
496.13	1.023207	0.288771	0.247572	0.205452	58.34745	5.5393	4.6
595.97	1.027581	0.318642	0.277527	0.235472	58.26263	5.5476	4.9
695.81	1.031861	0.347375	0.360293	0.264325	58.17774	5.5549	3.9
795.65	1.036048	0.374920	0.333870	0.291985	58.09255	5.5615	2.8
895.49	1.040146	0.401385	0.360366	0.318490	58.00575	5.5631	3.3
995.33	1.044155	0.426815	0.385770	0.343922	57.91797	5.5621	2.2

^a Taken from Fine and Millero (5). ^b Equilibrium current for various masses on the float (reproducible to within 2 parts in 10^6). Mass of the float is 57.62265 grams (in vacuum). ^c Average deviation between the $d_{calc} - d_{H_2O}$ (shown in column two of this table).

Table II. Experimental Specific Volume of D_2O

Applied press, bar	2° C	4° C	6° C	8° C	10° C	12° C
0.00	0.904966	0.904672	0.904471	0.904334	0.904268	0.904261
96.79	0.900401	0.900183	0.900049	...	0.899964	0.900008
196.62	0.895844	0.895700	0.895631	0.895611	0.895659	0.895752
296.45	0.891434	0.891358	0.891351	0.891388	0.891489	0.891630
396.29	0.887178	0.887153	0.887203	0.887295	0.887443	0.887630
496.13	0.883033	0.883085	0.883182	0.883327	0.883521	0.883744
595.97	0.879039	0.879134	0.879290	0.879479	0.879716	0.879976
695.81	0.875162	0.875316	0.875520	0.875747	0.876018	0.876319
795.65	0.871411	0.871613	0.871854	0.872123	0.872435	0.872765
895.49	0.867779	0.868015	0.868299	0.868610	0.868952	0.869318
995.33	0.864250	0.864521	0.864855	0.865194	0.865572	0.865960
Applied press, bar	15° C	20° C	25° C	30° C	35° C	40° C
0.00	0.904365	0.904802	0.905541	0.906544	0.907799	0.909270
96.79	0.900179	0.900706	0.901518	0.902571	0.903858	0.905354
196.62	0.895991	0.896612	0.897491	0.898589	0.899914	0.901422
296.45	0.891928	0.892635	0.893578	0.894733	0.896087	0.897617
396.29	0.887984	0.888770	0.889778	0.890979	0.892362	0.893914
496.13	0.884160	0.885019	0.886087	0.887328	0.888755	0.890310
595.97	0.880441	0.881375	0.882499	0.883781	0.885225	0.886814
695.81	0.876834	0.877838	0.879004	0.880327	0.881800	0.883400
795.65	0.873326	...	0.875602	0.876969	0.878461	0.880084
895.49	0.869913	0.871026	0.872301	0.873692	...	0.876836
995.33	0.866594	0.867762	0.869076	0.870486	0.872032	0.873683

a nonweighted least-squares method) at each temperature to a linear function of pressure (β)

$$K = A_0' + A_1'P \quad (3)$$

where the constants A_0' and A_1' are functions of temperature. The coefficients for Equation 3 at each temperature are given in Table III along with the standard deviations. The standard deviations at each temperature are within 7 ppm.

Since a second degree secant bulk modulus equation is necessary to fit the specific volume data of water and seawater (2, 5, 24), we have also fit (using a nonweighted least-squares method) the K 's at each temperature to the equation

$$K = A_0 + A_1P + A_2P^2 \quad (4a)$$

where the constants A_0 , A_1 , and A_2 are polynomial functions of temperature. The coefficients for Equation 4a at each temperature are given in Table III, along with the standard deviations. The coefficients for Equation 4a have also been determined by fitting (using a nonweighted least-squares method) all of the PVT data in a nonsequential manner. The coefficients A_0 , A_1 , and A_2 are given by

$$A_0 = 1.85823 \times 10^4 + 1.70680 \times 10^2 t - 2.41402 t^2 + 9.58993 \times 10^{-3} t^3 \quad (4b)$$

$$A_1 = 3.05748 - 5.51934 \times 10^{-3} t + 7.47238 \times 10^{-4} t^2 - 1.17862 \times 10^{-5} t^3 \quad (4c)$$

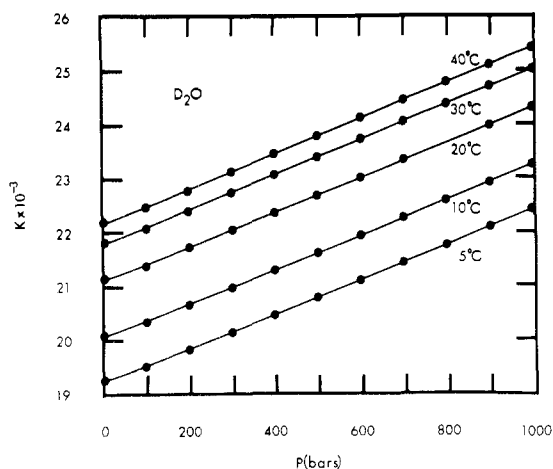


Figure 1. Secant bulk modulus of D_2O at various temperatures plotted vs. pressure

Table III. Coefficients for Linear and Quadratic Secant Bulk Modulus Equations for D_2O Along Isotherms

Temp, °C	Linear coeff		Quadratic coeff			ΔV , ppm ^a	
	A_0	A_1	A_0	A_1	$A_2 \times 10^3$	Lin	Quad
2	18861	3.2673	18881	3.1600	0.09943	7.1 ^a	1.9 ^a
4	19180	3.2563	19195	3.1793	0.07047	5.0	2.5
6	19471	3.2593	19488	3.1793	0.07914	5.2	1.6
8	19737	3.2720	19748	3.2249	0.03954	2.6	0.7
10	20012	3.2555	20024	3.1972	0.05330	3.1	0.9
12	20258	3.2513	20268	3.2013	0.04581	3.2	1.4
15	20593	3.2535	20596	3.2368	0.01526	1.1	1.1
20	21078	3.2539	21071	3.2902	-0.03302	2.8	2.2
25	21475	3.2601	21471	3.2804	-0.01860	1.7	1.5
30	21776	3.2833	21766	3.3366	-0.05511	5.1	1.9
35	21983	3.3225	21964	3.4440	-0.14150	6.8	1.9
40	22161	3.2922	22123	3.4275	-0.10474	5.4	2.7
						Mean = 4.3	1.7

^a $\Delta V = (V_{\text{meas}} - V_{\text{calc}})$ in parts per million and is the average deviation between the measured specific volumes in Table I and the specific volumes back-calculated from Equations 3a and 4a along each isotherm.

$$A_2 = 1.80206 \times 10^{-4} + 2.37373 \times 10^{-6} t - 5.70772 \times 10^{-7} t^2 + 1.02188 \times 10^{-8} t^3 \quad (4d)$$

The standard deviations of Equation 4a at each temperature are within 2.7 ppm, whereas the overall equation has a standard deviation of 6 ppm. The residuals of the fitted equation of state Equation 4 and the experimental measurements showed no regular pressure or temperature dependencies (3) within the standard deviations of the fit. We feel that our results are accurate to within 3σ or 18 ppm over the range of our measurements.

Although a number of other equations of state could have been used to fit our PVT results, we have selected the second degree secant bulk modulus equation in this and other studies because it is easy to use, is an extension of the classical Tait equation (22), and fits the experimental PVT data and sound-derived data of seawater, H_2O , and D_2O to within the experimental error of the measurements (5, 6, 24).

Comparison of Results

The specific volumes determined at 1 atm in this study are compared to the results of Steckel and Szapiro (20) and Kell (11) in Table IV. Over most of the temperature range our results are 78–125 ppm lower than the results of Steckel and Szapiro (20) and Kell (11) for pure D_2O . This discrepancy is due to compositional differences in the D_2O used in the two studies. If we assume that the differences between the density of D_2O and H_2O are linear in mole fraction (15), these density differences yield a mole fraction of 99.9% which is in good agreement with the actual value of 99.8%. Since we are only interested in determining the effect of pressure on the PVT properties of D_2O in this paper (which is not strongly dependent upon the composition), we have selected to normalize our work to the 1 atm specific volume equation of state of Kell (11).

$$V^0 = (1 + 17.96190 \times 10^{-3} t)(1.104690 + 20.09315 \times 10^{-3} t - 9.24227 \times 10^{-6} t^2 - 55.9509 \times 10^{-9} t^3 + 79.9512 \times 10^{-12} t^4)^{-1} \quad (5)$$

The specific volumes at high pressures can be calculated from

$$V^P = V^0 [1 - P/(A_0 + A_1P + A_2P^2)] \quad (6)$$

Values of V^P at various pressures and temperatures calculated from Equation 6 (using the coefficients of 4 and 5) are given in Table V.

Although a number of workers (1, 10, 13) have studied the high-pressure PVT properties of D₂O, the only reliable high-pressure specific volume results appear to be those derived from the sound data of Wilson (26) by Fine and Millero (6). A comparison of the specific volumes obtained in this study and those derived by Fine and Millero (6) is shown in Figure 2. Over most of the PT space our measured results agree with the sound-derived data to within 40 ppm (which is approximately equivalent to the maximum error of 0.9 m sec⁻¹ in the sound data). The larger deviations at high pressures and temperatures (which also occur in our seawater work) are apparently due to calibration errors (2, 3).

Table IV. Comparison of 1 Atm Specific Volume of D₂O Obtained in This Study and by Other Workers

Temp, °C	-ΔV, ppm	
	a	b
2	86	102
4	78	91
6	86	97
8	86	95
10	90	97
12	92	98
15	95	100
20	99	104
25	105	112
30	107	119
35	119	135
40	125	145
Mean	97	108

^a ΔV = V(measured) - V(Steckel and Szapiro), ^b ΔV = V(measured) - V(Kell). It should be pointed out that Kell's V's for D₂O are partly based on Steckel and Szapiro's results.

The high-pressure expansibilities of D₂O can be obtained by differentiating Equation 6 with respect to temperature:

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{V^P} \left(\frac{\partial V^P}{\partial T} \right)_P = \frac{1}{V^P} \left(\frac{\partial V^0}{\partial T} \right) - \frac{P(\partial V^0 / \partial T)}{V^P(A_0 + A_1P + A_2P^2)} + \frac{PV^0(\partial A_0 / \partial T) + P(\partial A_1 / \partial T) + P^2(\partial A_2 / \partial T)}{V^P(A_0 + A_1P + A_2P^2)^2} \quad (7)$$

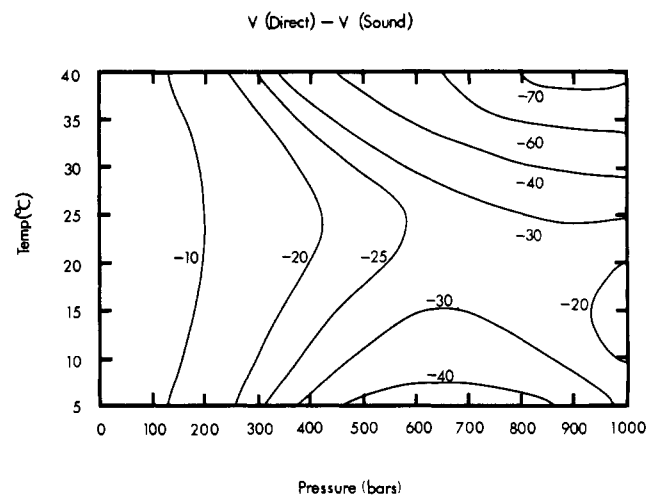


Figure 2. Contour diagram of differences in specific volumes of D₂O obtained from our results and work of Fine and Millero from 5° to 40°C and 0 to 1000 bars (unit of contour is 1 × 10⁻⁶ cm³ g⁻¹)

Table V. Calculated Specific Volume of D₂O at Various Pressures and Temperatures (Equation 6)

Applied press	5°C	10°C	15°C	20°C	25°C	30°C	35°C	40°C
0	0.904468	0.904171	0.904265	0.904698	0.905429	0.906425	0.907664	0.909125
100	0.899873	0.899731	0.899948	0.900475	0.901277	0.902326	0.903601	0.905083
200	0.895420	0.895425	0.895758	0.896376	0.897247	0.898346	0.899655	0.901156
300	0.891106	0.891248	0.891691	0.892395	0.893332	0.894480	0.895821	0.897342
400	0.886926	0.887198	0.887743	0.888529	0.889529	0.890723	0.892095	0.893634
500	0.882876	0.883269	0.883912	0.884774	0.885833	0.887070	0.888473	0.890029
600	0.878953	0.879459	0.880192	0.881125	0.882239	0.883518	0.884949	0.886523
700	0.875153	0.875763	0.876580	0.877580	0.878746	0.880063	0.881521	0.883111
800	0.871471	0.872179	0.873073	0.874135	0.875347	0.876700	0.878184	0.879791
900	0.867906	0.868702	0.869668	0.870785	0.872041	0.873427	0.874934	0.876558
1000	0.864452	0.865331	0.866361	0.867529	0.868824	0.870239	0.871769	0.873410

Table VI. Calculated Expansibility of D₂O at Various Pressures and Temperatures (Equation 7)
α × 10⁶ (deg⁻¹)

Applied press	5°C	10°C	15°C	20°C	25°C	30°C	35°C	40°C
0	-114.1	-20.1	60.1	129.9	191.8	247.4	298.1	344.8
100	-75.9	10.4	84.3	148.8	206.3	258.2	305.6	349.4
200	-39.6	39.5	107.5	167.2	220.4	268.7	312.9	353.8
300	-5.3	67.3	129.8	184.9	234.1	278.8	319.9	358.0
400	27.1	93.6	151.1	201.8	247.3	288.7	326.8	362.2
500	57.7	118.5	171.2	217.9	259.8	298.1	333.4	366.3
600	86.5	142.0	190.3	233.1	271.7	307.1	339.9	370.4
700	113.5	164.0	208.1	247.4	283.0	315.7	346.1	374.6
800	138.8	184.6	224.7	260.7	293.5	323.8	352.2	378.9
900	162.4	203.7	240.1	272.9	303.2	331.5	358.1	383.5
1000	184.4	221.3	254.1	284.2	312.2	338.6	363.9	388.2

Values of α determined from Equation 7 at various pressures and temperatures are given in Table VI. A comparison of the α 's given in Table VI and those obtained from the sound-generated equation of state of Fine and Millero is shown in Figure 3. Over the entire PT space, our directly measured α 's agree with the sound-derived data to within ± 4 ppm.

The isothermal compressibility of D₂O can be obtained by differentiating Equation 6 with respect to pressure:

$$\beta = \frac{-1}{V^P} \left(\frac{\partial V^P}{\partial P} \right) = \frac{V^P(A_0 - A_2P^2)}{V^P(A_0 + A_1P + A_2P^2)} \quad (8)$$

Values of β determined from this equation at various temperatures and pressures are given in Table VII. At $P = 0$ or 1 atm these results are compared in Table VIII to the directly measured results of Millero and Lepplé (17) and the sound-derived results of Fine and Millero (6). Over the entire temperature range, our results are in agreement with those determined by others workers to within $0.12 \times 10^{-6} \text{ bar}^{-1}$ (av dev is $\pm 0.07 \times 10^{-6} \text{ bar}^{-1}$).

A comparison of the high-pressure compressibilities obtained in this study are shown in Figure 4. Over the entire PT space, our derived β 's agree with the sound-derived data to within 0.1 ppm.

In summary, our derived PVT data agree with the sound-derived data to within $\pm 70 \times 10^{-6}$ in V^P , $\pm 3 \times 10^{-6}$ in α^P , and $\pm 0.1 \times 10^{-6}$ in β^P .

The high-pressure PVT properties of D₂O determined from our results and H₂O from the work of Fine and Millero from 5° to 45°C and 0 to 1000 bars applied pressure have been made elsewhere (2). These comparisons indicate that as the

temperature is increased, the derivatives $(\partial V/\partial T)_P$, $(\partial V/\partial P)_T$, $(\partial^2 V/\partial T^2)_P$, and $(\partial T/\partial P)_S = (T/C_p)(\partial V/\partial T)_P$ of D₂O and H₂O approach each other over the entire pressure range. At lower temperatures these derivatives are more temperature dependent in D₂O than H₂O which indicates that D₂O is more structured than H₂O. The heat capacities at constant pressure (C_p) at 1 atm for D₂O (4) and H₂O (21) also approach each other at higher temperatures; however, the values of C_p at high pressures for D₂O and H₂O derived from

$$C_p(P) = C_p(0) - T \int_0^P (\partial^2 V/\partial T^2)_P dP \quad (9)$$

are relatively parallel to one another and not strongly affected by temperature. The heat capacities at constant volume of D₂O and H₂O decrease with increasing temperature (at higher pressures the decrease is smaller). Over the entire pressure range the C_v of both D₂O and H₂O are nearly parallel, although there is an indication that they approach each other at the fusion line.

The specific heats of both D₂O and H₂O decrease with an increase in pressure. At low temperature the decrease in C_p and C_v is greater for D₂O than H₂O; at higher temperatures the decrease of C_p with increasing pressure for D₂O and H₂O appears to be similar. Owing to possible "end effects" in the temperature fits at low temperatures, we cannot at present be certain that the values for the effect of pressure on the C_p are reliable. The pressure dependence for the C_p of H₂O determined from the equation of state of Fine and Millero is in excellent agreement (3) with the directly measured values of Sirota et al. (19) at 0°C—indicating that, at least for H₂O, the

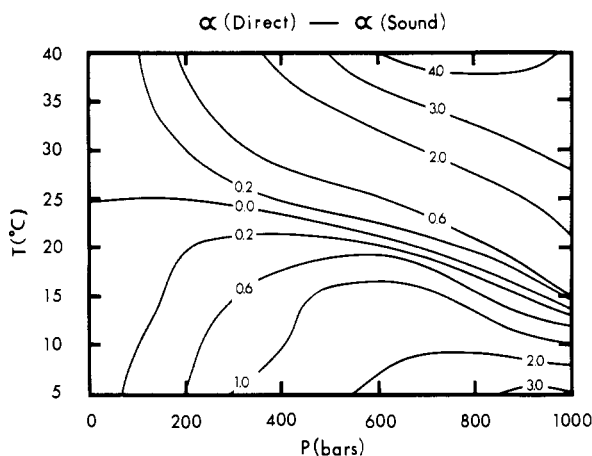


Figure 3. Contour diagram of differences in expansibilities of D₂O obtained from our results and work of Fine and Millero from 5° to 40°C and 0 to 1000 bars (unit of contour is $1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ deg}^{-1}$)

Table VIII. Comparisons of 1 Atm Compressibilities Obtained by Various Workers

Temp, °C	a	b
5	0.12	0.06
10	0.12	0.06
15	0.09	0.05
20	0.01	0.05
25	0.01	0.05
30	0.02	0.05
35	0.06	0.05
40	0.03	0.05

^a $\beta(\text{Our results}) - \beta(\text{Millero and Lepplé})$, ^b $\beta(\text{Our results}) - \beta(\text{Fine and Millero})$.

Table VII. Calculated Compressibility of D₂O at Various Pressures and Temperatures (Equation 8)

$\beta \times 10^6 \text{ (bar}^{-1}\text{)}$

Applied press	5°C	10°C	15°C	20°C	25°C	30°C	35°C	40°C
0	51.61	49.86	48.47	47.38	46.53	45.89	45.43	45.12
100	50.26	48.59	47.26	46.20	45.38	44.76	44.31	44.01
200	48.95	47.36	46.08	45.06	44.27	43.66	43.23	42.94
300	47.65	46.15	44.93	43.96	43.19	42.61	42.18	41.91
400	46.39	44.96	43.81	42.88	42.15	41.59	41.18	40.91
500	45.15	43.80	42.71	41.83	41.14	40.60	40.21	39.94
600	43.93	42.67	41.64	40.81	40.16	39.65	39.27	39.01
700	42.74	41.56	40.60	39.82	39.21	38.73	38.37	38.11
800	41.57	40.47	39.58	38.86	38.29	37.84	37.49	37.24
900	40.43	39.41	38.58	37.92	37.40	36.98	36.65	36.39
1000	39.32	38.37	37.61	37.01	36.53	36.15	35.84	35.57

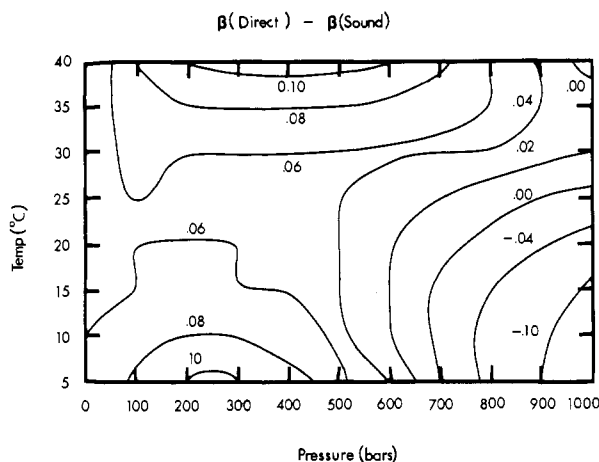


Figure 4. Contour diagram of differences in compressibilities of D_2O obtained from our results and work of Fine and Millero from 5° to $40^\circ C$ and 0 to 1000 bars (unit of contour is $1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ bar}^{-1}$)

secant bulk modulus equation does not have large "end effects." Since our measurements on D_2O were made relative to the equation of state for H_2O of Fine and Millero, the high-pressure specific heats of D_2O determined from our equation of state are probably of reasonable validity. High-pressure specific heat measurements on D_2O similar to those of Sirota et al. (19) would prove or disprove these speculations.

Since the specific heats of liquids are directly related to the molecular structure of a liquid, the high-pressure values of C_p and C_v for D_2O calculated from our equation of state may be useful in elucidating the structure of water.

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Effects of Temperature and Pressure on Conductance of Solid Electrolyte, $RbAg_4I_5$

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The effects of temperature and pressure on ionic conductance of the solid electrolyte, $RbAg_4I_5$, were investigated. The potential probe method was used in measuring the conductance with ac current imposed on the specimen to avoid contact resistance and polarization effects between the sample and the current supplying electrodes. The specific conductance, σ , was $0.288 \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ at $25^\circ C$, and the activation energy was calculated to be 1.59 kcal/mol of Ag^+ . The specific conductance increased as the pressure increased up to 8000 kg cm^{-2} . From the increase of σ with pressure and the compressibility data, an activation volume of $-0.32 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ of Ag^+ was obtained by the absolute reaction rate theory applied to the electrochemical process.

There has been considerable interest in solid electrolytes owing to recent discoveries of their highly conducting nature and of their wide range of applications (8, 10, 11, 20, 21). Compounds of the type MAg_4I_5 in which M is K^+ , Rb^+ , or NH_4^+ have high ionic conductance in the solid state owing to the exceptionally mobile Ag^+ ions (2). Rubidium silver iodide, $RbAg_4I_5$, is the most stable among these. Consequently, much attention has been focused on this electrolyte. In $RbAg_4I_5$, 16 Ag^+ ions which have high mobility are statistically distributed over 56 available tetrahedral sites per unit cell (5). Each of these tetrahedral sites has four I^- ions at its apexes.

Although the conductance of $RbAg_4I_5$ has been reported by several authors (2, 4, 12, 16, 17), the data are scattered, ranging from 0.124 to $0.279 \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$, depending upon the experimental methods used (17). This scatter of data indicates that measuring techniques did not completely exclude contact resistance and polarization effects between samples and current-supplying electrodes, in spite of many efforts to avoid this problem (12, 16, 17). With aqueous solutions the

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