

# The IAPWS Industrial Formulation for the Thermodynamic Properties of Seawater

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## 1. Introduction

- The International Association for the Properties of Water and Steam (IAPWS) adopted the "Advisory Note No. 5: Industrial Calculation of the Thermodynamic Properties of Seawater" as an international standard at its conference in London (2013).
- The following institutions and companies were involved in the development:
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  - Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research, Rostock, Germany
  - Ruhr University of Bochum, Germany
  - K. Miyagawa, Tokyo, Japan
  - NIST, Boulder, USA
  - Queen Mary, University of London, England
  - Alstom Power, Baden, Switzerland
  - Moscow Power Engineering Institute, Russia
  - Siemens Energy Sector, Erlangen, Germany
  - General Electric, Power & Water, Schenectady, USA

➤ In addition, there is a scientific standard for calculating thermodynamic properties of seawater, the IAPWS-2008 Formulation.

➤ The difference between both formulations is the calculation of the pure water part:

IAPWS-2008 Scientific Formulation

IAPWS Industrial Formulation 2013



Scientific Formulation  
IAPWS-95



Industrial Formulation  
IAPWS-IF97

➤ The reasons for developing an industrial formulation were:

1. The IAPWS-95 is computationally intensive because it consists of an Helmholtz equation as a function of  $(T, \rho)$  and therefore all properties have to be calculated iteratively.
  - Computing speed is important for modeling and optimizing of processes, e.g., desalination processes.
2. The IAPWS-IF97 is used by industry for calculating properties of pure steam and water.
  - When using IAPWS-IF97 for seawater, the crossover of the calculations to pure water will be consistent.

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## 2. Description of the IAPWS Industrial Formulation for Seawater

### 2.1 Fundamental Equation

**Gibbs free energy equation for seawater**

$$g(p, T, S) = g^W(p, T) + g^S(p, T, S)$$



Water part calculated from  
IAPWS-IF97 region 1 equation

$$g^W = g_1^{97}(p, T)$$



Saline part calculated from  
IAPWS Formulation 2008

$$g^S = g^{08}(p, T, S)$$

The salinity  $S$  represents the mass fraction of sea salt in seawater

$$S = \frac{m_S}{m}$$

The composition of sea salt is based on the Reference Composition Scale of Standard Seawater.



All thermodynamic properties can be calculated from the fundamental equation  $g(p, T, S)$  and its derivatives for  $p$ ,  $T$ , and  $S$ .

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| Property                             | Calculation from $g(p, T, S)$   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Specific volume                      | $v(p, T, S) = g_p$  |
| Specific enthalpy                    | $h(p, T, S) = g - T g_T$  |
| Specific entropy                     | $s(p, T, S) = -g_T$   |
| Specific isobaric heat capacity      | $c_p(p, T, S) = -T \left( g_{TT} \right)_p + \left( \frac{\partial g^S}{\partial T} \right)_{p, S}$ |
| Cubic isobaric expansion coefficient | $\alpha_V(p, T, S) = \frac{g_{pT}}{g_p}$  |
| Isothermal compressibility           | $\kappa_T(p, T, S) = -\frac{g_{pp}}{g_p}$   |
| Speed of sound                       | $w(p, T, S) = g_p \sqrt{\frac{g_{TT}}{(g_{pT}^2 - g_{pp} g_{TT})}}$                                 |
| Chemical potential of water          | $\mu_W(p, T, S) = g - S g_S$  |
| Osmotic coefficient                  | $\phi(p, T, S) = -\frac{g^S - S g_S}{b R_m T}$  |

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## 2.2 Phase Equilibrium between Seawater and Water Vapor

Phase equilibrium condition

$$\mu_W(p, T, S) = g^{\text{vap}}(p, T)$$



Chemical potential of water in seawater      Gibbs free energy of water vapor, calculated from IAPWS-IF97 region 2 equation  

$$g^{\text{vap}}(p, T) = g_2^{97}(p, T)$$



Calculation of the boiling temperature by iteration

$$T_b = T = f(p, S)$$



Brine-vapor properties are calculated as follows:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Liquid seawater (brine) phase | $g(p, T_b, S)$     |
| Vapor phase                   | $g_2^{97}(p, T_b)$ |

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## 2.3 Further Properties

- Phase equilibrium between seawater and ice
- Properties of brine ice (sea ice)
- Triple-point temperatures and pressures
- Osmotic pressure

## 3. Range of Validity

Corresponding to the IAPWS 2008 Formulation

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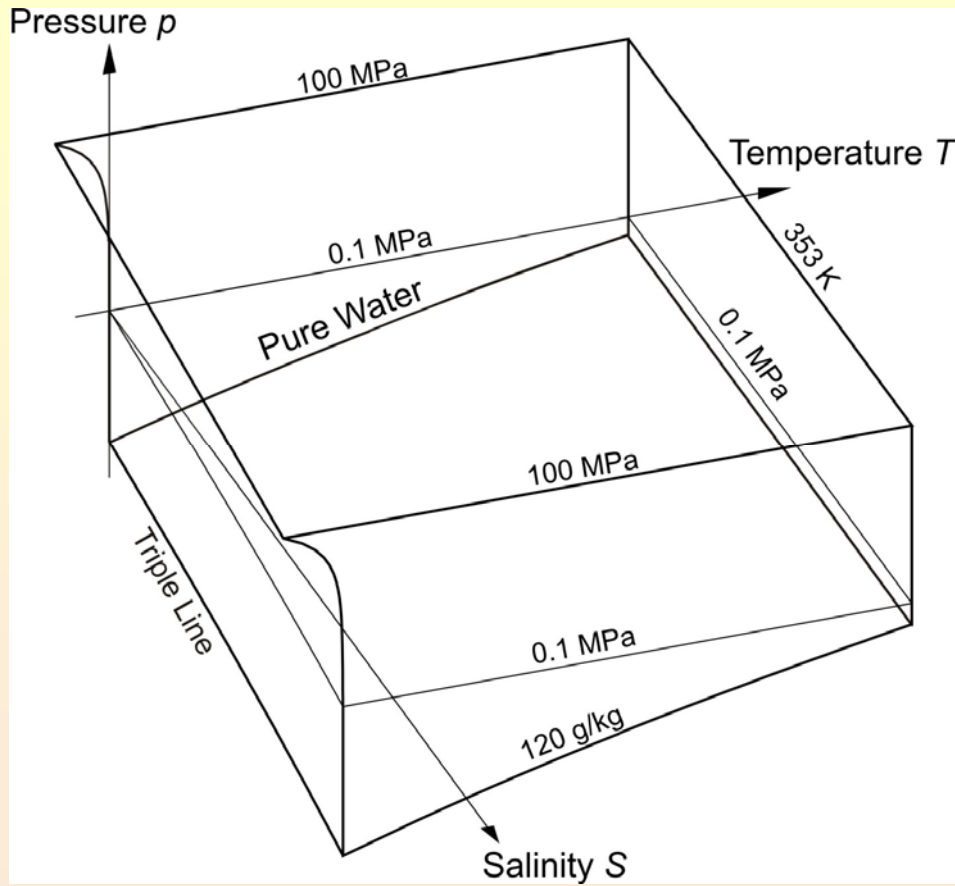
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|--------------|---------------------|
| Pressure:    | 0.3 kPa ... 100 MPa |
| Temperature: | 261 K ... 353 K     |
| Salinity:    | 0 ... 120 g / kg    |

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with restrictions in certain regions according to IAPWS-2008

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## Illustrated Range of Validity of the IAPWS Industrial Formulation 2013 for Seawater



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### 4. Uncertainty of the Industrial Formulation

| Quantity  | $S$ interval<br>$\text{kg kg}^{-1}$ | $T$ interval<br>K | $p$ interval<br>MPa | $u_{08}$                               | $\Delta_{\text{RMS}}$                  | $u$                                    |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| $\left  \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} \right $                     | 0 - 0.04                            | 273 - 313         | 0.1                 | $4 \times 10^{-6}$                     | $2.9 \times 10^{-6}$                   | $5 \times 10^{-6}$                     |
|   | 0.04 - 0.05                         | 288 - 303         | 0.1                 | $1 \times 10^{-5}$                     | $1.3 \times 10^{-6}$                   | $1 \times 10^{-5}$                     |
|   | 0.005 - 0.04                        | 273 - 313         | 10 - 100            | $2 \times 10^{-5}$                     | $5.3 \times 10^{-6}$                   | $2 \times 10^{-5}$                     |
| $ \Delta \alpha_v $   | 0.01 - 0.03                         | 267 - 274         | 0.7 - 33            | $6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ K}^{-1}$      | $1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$      | $1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$      |
| $\left  \frac{\Delta w}{w} \right $                           | 0.029 - 0.043                       | 273 - 308         | 0.1 - 2             | $3 \times 10^{-5}$                     | $8.2 \times 10^{-4}$                   | $8.2 \times 10^{-4}$                   |
|   | 0.029 - 0.043                       | 273 - 303         | 0.1 - 5             | $3 \times 10^{-5}$                     | $6.4 \times 10^{-4}$                   | $6.4 \times 10^{-4}$                   |
| $\left  \frac{\Delta p^{\text{vap}}}{p^{\text{vap}}} \right $ | 0.02 - 0.12                         | 293 - 353         | 0.002 - 0.05        | $1 \times 10^{-3}$                     | $3.9 \times 10^{-5}$                   | $1 \times 10^{-3}$                     |
|   | 0.018 - 0.04                        | 298               | 0.003               | $2 \times 10^{-4}$                     | $1.5 \times 10^{-5}$                   | $2 \times 10^{-4}$                     |
| $ \Delta T_f $  | 0.004 - 0.04                        | 271 - 273         | 0.1                 | 2 mK                                   | 0.014 mK                               | 2 mK                                   |
| $ \Delta T_b $  | 0.006 - 0.07                        | 333 - 353         | 0.02 - 0.05         | 2 mK                                   | 1.2 mK                                 | 2.3 mK                                 |
| $\left  \frac{\Delta \phi}{\phi} \right $                     | 0.004 - 0.04                        | 273               | 0.1                 | $2 \times 10^{-3}$                     | - <sup>a</sup>                         | $2 \times 10^{-3}$                     |
|   | 0.0017 - 0.038                      | 298               | 0.1                 | $2 \times 10^{-3}$                     | - <sup>a</sup>                         | $2 \times 10^{-3}$                     |
| $\left  \frac{\Delta S}{S} \right $                           | 0 - 0.04                            | 273 - 313         | 0.1                 | $0.1 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ | $0.5 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ | $0.5 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ |
| $ \Delta c_p $  | 0 - 0.12                            | 273 - 353         | 0.1                 | $4 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$   | $1.3 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ | $4.2 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ |



The uncertainty of the Industrial Formulation IAPWS 2013 is comparable to that of the Scientific Formulation IAPWS 2008 and is sufficient for industrial use.

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## 5. Computing Time Consumption

Comparison of the Computing time consumption by using the "Computing Time Ratio":

$$\text{CTR} = \frac{\text{computing time of IAPWS-2008}}{\text{computing time of the Industrial Formulation 2013}}$$

| Property                                | CTR |
|---|-----|
| Specific volume                         | 243 |
| Specific enthalpy                       | 236 |
| Specific entropy                        | 220 |
| Specific isobaric heat capacity         | 430 |
| Chemical potential of water in seawater | 134 |
| Boiling temperature of seawater         | 206 |
| Freezing temperature of seawater        | 32  |



The IAPWS Industrial Formulation 2013 for seawater is in average 200 times faster than the scientific Formulation IAPWS-2008

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## 6. Property Library LibSeaWa for Seawater

- Used Algorithms:
- IAPWS Industrial Formulation 2013
  - Fichtner Handbook of Hömig (1978) for extending the range of state and for calculating transport properties
- Range of Validity:
- Pressure 0.0023 ... 100 MPa
  - Temperature 273 ... 493 K
  - Salinity 0 ... 200 g / kg
- Ranges of State:
- Liquid seawater
  - Brine vapor (mixture of saturated seawater and vapor)
  - Vapor (pure water)
- Property Functions:  
(40 functions)
- Thermodynamic properties
  - Transport properties
  - Backward functions
  - Thermodynamic derivatives
- Interface Programs:
- FluidEXL for Excel®
  - FluidLAB for MATLAB®
  - FluidMAT for Mathcad®
  - FluidEES for Engineering Equation Solver (EES)®
  - FluidVIEW for LabVIEW™
  - FluidDYM for DYMOLA and SimulationX (Modelica)®

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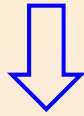
## 7. Summary

- There is a new international standard for calculating the thermodynamic properties of seawater for modeling processes using seawater, e.g., desalination processes: "IAPWS Advisory Note No. 5: Industrial Calculation of the Thermodynamic Properties of Seawater" (IAPWS 2013).

Available at: [www.iapws.org](http://www.iapws.org), under "Releases and Guidelines"

- The paper "The IAPWS Industrial Formulation for the Thermodynamic Properties of Seawater" has been published: *Desalination and Water Treatment* **55**, 1177-1199 (2015).
- For calculating seawater properties, the property library LibSeaWa can be used in Excel, MATLAB, Mathcad, EES, LabVIEW, DYMOLA and SimulationX.

More information at: [www.thermodynamics-zittau.de](http://www.thermodynamics-zittau.de),  
under "Property Libraries"



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