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## 1 | Alright, let's talk about water.

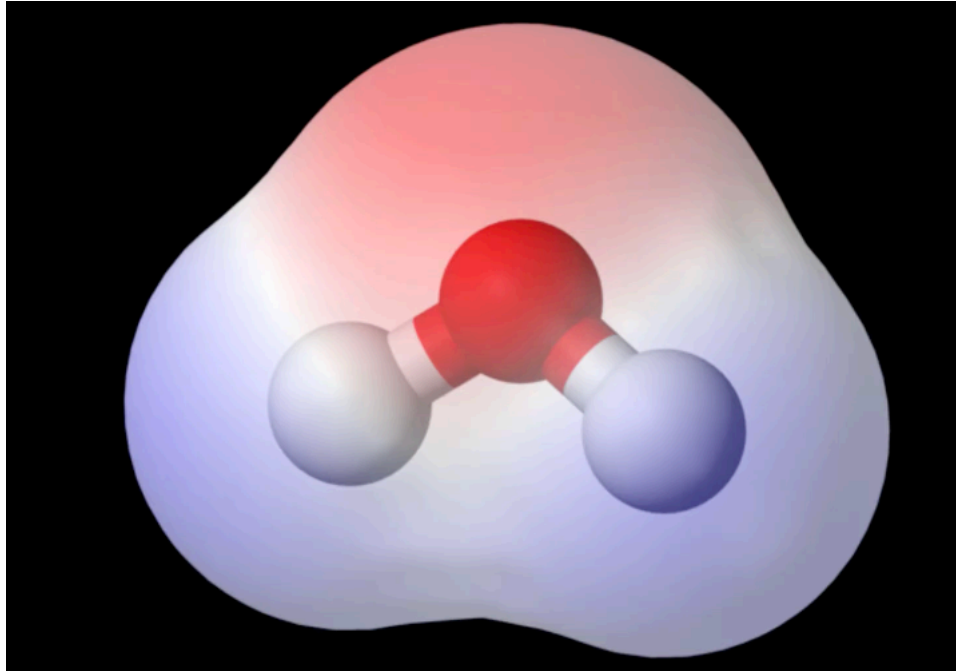


Figure 1: Watah!

### Intra-Molecular water bonds

- As we know (or looked up from the PTable)
- Hydrogen has electronegativity of 2.20, and oxygen has EN 3.44
- The difference  $>0.4$   $<1.7$  makes these bonds **polar covalent**

See [\[KBhBIO101BondingReview\]](#), bonding review

### Why is ice less dense?

- Freezing usually bring new ordering of molecules to make it paced
- But! Not the case for normal water because of hydrogen bond
  - Strong 6-ring Hydrogen bonds in ice prevents shrinking
  - Empty space filled with air, making it less dense

### Why do I care?

Ice floats! Causing beautiful ice effects that the ecosystem uses

- Pseudo-landmass
  - Antarctica

- Animal habitat
- Ice reflect incoming light (“albedo”)
  - Bounces energy off
  - Cools the water

## Inter-Molecular water bonds properties

See [|KBhBIO101PropsOfWater|](#), properties of water.

## 2 | So, why is water the chosen liquid?

See also [|KBhBIO101PropsOfWater|](#) Properties of Water

- Liquid at Earth temperatures
- Sticky => strong bonds that help water hold together + resist change in temperature (hence why AlcoholLand cannot exist).
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- Is universal solvent