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Equilibrium constants for hydrolysis and associated equilibria in critical compilations

Germanium

Equilibrium reactions	$\lg K$ at infinite dilution and $T = 298 \text{ K}$		
	Baes and Mesmer, 1976	Wood and Samson, 2006	Filella and May, 2023
$Ge(OH)_4 \rightleftharpoons GeO(OH)_3^- + H^+$	-9.31	-9.32 ± 0.05	-9.099
$Ge(OH)_4 \rightleftharpoons GeO_2(OH)_2^{2^-} + 2 H^+$	-21.9		
$GeO_2(OH)_2^{2-} + H^+ \rightleftharpoons GeO(OH)_3^-$			12.76
8 Ge(OH) ₄ \rightleftharpoons Ge ₈ O ₁₆ (OH) ₃ ³⁻ + 13 H ₂ O + 3 H ⁺	-14.24		
$8 \text{ Ge}(\text{OH})_4 + 3 \text{ OH}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Ge}_8(\text{OH})_{35}^{3-}$			28.33
$GeO_2(s, hexa) + 2 H_2O \rightleftharpoons Ge(OH)_4$		-1.35	-1.373
$GeO_2(s, tetra) + 2 H_2O \rightleftharpoons Ge(OH)_4$	-4.37	-5.02	-4.999

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Distribution diagrams

These diagrams have been computed at two Ge concentrations (1 mM = $1x10^{-3}$ mol L⁻¹ and 1 μ M = $1x10^{-6}$ mol L⁻¹) with the 'best' equilibrium constants above (in green). Calculations assume T = 298 K for the limiting case of zero ionic strength (*i.e.*, even neglecting plotted ions).



