

## Equilibrium constants for hydrolysis and associated equilibria in critical compilations

# Silicon

Equilibrium reaction	lgK at infinite dilution and $T = 298 \text{ K}$	
	Baes and Mesmer, 1976	Thoenen et al., 2014
$\text{Si(OH)}_4 \rightleftharpoons \text{SiO(OH)}_3^- + \text{H}^+$	-9.86	$-9.81 \pm 0.02$
$\text{Si(OH)}_4 \rightleftharpoons \text{SiO}_2(\text{OH})_2^{2-} + 2 \text{H}^+$	-22.92	$-23.14 \pm 0.09$
$4 \text{Si(OH)}_4 \rightleftharpoons \text{Si}_4\text{O}_6(\text{OH})_6^{2-} + 2 \text{H}^+ + 4 \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-13.44	
$4 \text{Si(OH)}_4 \rightleftharpoons \text{Si}_4\text{O}_8(\text{OH})_4^{4-} + 4 \text{H}^+ + 4 \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-35.80	$-36.3 \pm 0.2$
$\text{SiO}_2(\text{quartz}) + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{Si(OH)}_4$	-4.0	$-3.739 \pm 0.087$
$\text{SiO}_2(\text{am}) + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{Si(OH)}_4$		-2.714

C.F. Baes and R.E. Mesmer, The Hydrolysis of Cations. Wiley, New York, 1976; p. 342.

T. Thoenen, W. Hummel, U. Berner and E. Curti, The PSI/Nagra Chemical Thermodynamic Database 12/07, Paul Scherrer Institut, Villigen PSI, Switzerland, 2014, pp. 205–212.

# Distribution diagrams

These diagrams have been computed at two Si concentrations ( $1 \text{ mM} = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  and  $1 \text{ }\mu\text{M} = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ) with the 'best' equilibrium constants above (in green). Calculations assume  $T = 298 \text{ K}$  for the limiting case of zero ionic strength (*i.e.*, even neglecting plotted ions).

