
Equilibrium constants for hydrolysis and associated equilibria in critical compilations

Magnesium

| Equilibrium reactions | lgK at infinite dilution and $T = 298\text{ K}$ | | |
|---|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Baes and Mesmer, 1976 | Nordstrom et al., 1990 | Brown and Ekberg, 2016 |
| $\text{Mg}^{2+} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{MgOH}^+ + \text{H}^+$ | -11.44 | -11.44 | -11.70 ± 0.04 |
| $4 \text{Mg}^{2+} + 4 \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{Mg}_4(\text{OH})_4^{4+} + 4 \text{H}^+$ | -39.71 | | |
| $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2(\text{cr}) + 2 \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons \text{Mg}^{2+} + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ | 16.84 | 16.84 | 17.11 ± 0.04 |

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Distribution diagrams

These diagrams have been computed at two Mg 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).

