

# R-package **marelac** : utilities for the MArine, Riverine, Estuarine, LAcustrine and Coastal sciences

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## Abstract

Rpackage **marelac** (Soetaert, Petzoldt, and Meysman 2008) contains chemical and physical constants and functions, routines for unit conversion, and other utilities useful for MArine, Riverine, Estuarine, LAcustrine and Coastal sciences.

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## 1. Introduction

R-package **marelac** has been designed as a tool for use by scientists working in the MArine, Riverine, Estuarine, LAcustrine and Coastal sciences.

It contains:

- chemical and physical constants, e.g. atomic weights, gas constants.
- conversion factors, e.g. gram to mol to liter conversions; conversions between different barometric units, temperature units, salinity units.
- physical functions, e.g. to estimate concentrations of conservative substances as a function of salinity, gas transfer coefficients, diffusion coefficients, estimating the coriolis force, gravity ...
- the thermophysical properties of the seawater, as from the UNESCO polynomial (P. and Millard 1983) or as from the more recent derivation based on a gibbs funtion (Feistel 2008), (T.J., Feistel, FJ, Jackett, Wright, King, Marion, A., and P 2009).

## 2. Constants

### 2.1. Physical constants

Dataset **Constants** contains commonly used physical and chemical constants, as in (P.J. and Taylor 2005):

```
> data.frame(cbind(acronym=names(Constants),
+                  matrix(ncol=3,byrow=TRUE,data=unlist(Constants),
+                  dimnames=list(NULL,c("value","units","description")))))
```

	acronym	value	units	description
1	g	9.8	m/s <sup>2</sup>	gravity acceleration
2	SB	5.6697e-08	W/m <sup>2</sup> /K <sup>4</sup>	Stefan-Boltzmann constant
3	gasCt1	0.08205784	L*atm/K/mol	ideal gas constant
4	gasCt2	8.314472	m <sup>3</sup> *Pa/K/mol	ideal gas constant
5	gasCt3	83.1451	cm <sup>3</sup> *bar/K/mol	ideal gas constant
6	E	1.60217653e-19	C	Elementary charge
7	F	96485.3	C/mol	charge per mol of electrons
8	P0	101325	Pa	one standard atmosphere
9	B1	1.3806505e-23	J/K	Boltzmann constant
10	B2	8.617343e-05	eV/K	Boltzmann constant
11	Na	6.0221415e+23	mol <sup>-1</sup>	Avogadro constant
12	C	299792458	m s <sup>-1</sup>	Vacuum light speed

## 2.2. Ocean characteristics

Dataset **Oceans** contains surfaces and volumes of the world ocean as in ([Sarmiento and Gruber 2006](#)):

```
> data.frame(cbind(acronym=names(Oceans),
+                  matrix(ncol=3,byrow=TRUE,data=unlist(Oceans),
+                  dimnames=list(NULL,c("value","units","description")))))
```

	acronym	value	units	description
1	Mass	1.35e+25	kg	total mass of the oceans
2	Vol	1.34e+18	kg	total volume of the oceans
3	VolSurf	1.81e+16	kg	volume of the surface ocean (0-50m)
4	VolDeep	9.44e+17	kg	volume of the deep ocean (>1200m)
5	Area	3.58e+14	m <sup>2</sup>	total area of the oceans
6	AreaIF	3.32e+14	m <sup>2</sup>	annual mean ice-free area of the oceans
7	AreaAtl	7.5e+13	m <sup>2</sup>	area of the Atlantic ocean, >45dgS
8	AreaPac	1.51e+14	m <sup>2</sup>	area of the Pacific ocean, >45dgS
9	AreaInd	5.7e+13	m <sup>2</sup>	area of the Indian ocean, >45dgS
10	AreaArct	9.6e+12	m <sup>2</sup>	area of the Arctic ocean
11	AreaEncl	4.5e+12	m <sup>2</sup>	area of enclosed seas (e.g. Mediterranean)
12	Depth	3690	m	mean depth of the oceans
13	RiverFlow	3.7e+13	m <sup>3</sup> /yr	Total river flow

## 2.3. AtomicWeight

Dataset **AtomicWeight** holds the atomic weight of various chemical elements, as in ([M.E. 2006](#)); The data set contains NA for elements which have no stable isotopes (except U, Th, Pa).

```
> unlist(AtomicWeight)
```

H	He	Li	Be	B	C
1.007940	4.002602	6.941000	9.012182	10.811000	12.010700
N	O	F	Ne	Na	Mg
14.006700	15.999400	18.998403	20.179700	22.989769	24.305000
Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
26.981539	28.085500	30.973762	32.065000	35.453000	39.948000
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr
39.098300	40.078000	44.955912	47.867000	50.941500	51.996100
Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
54.938045	55.845000	58.933195	58.693400	63.546000	65.409000
Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
69.723000	72.640000	74.921600	78.960000	79.904000	83.798000
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo
85.467800	87.620000	88.905850	91.224000	92.906380	95.940000
Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd
NA	101.070000	102.905500	106.420000	107.868200	112.411000
In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
114.818000	118.710000	121.760000	127.600000	126.904470	131.293000
Cs	Ba	La	Ce	Pr	Nd
132.905452	137.327000	138.905470	140.116000	140.907650	144.242000
Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy
NA	150.360000	151.964000	157.250000	158.925350	162.500000
Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu	Hf
164.930320	167.259000	168.934210	173.040000	174.967000	178.490000
Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt
180.947880	183.840000	186.207000	190.230000	192.217000	195.084000
Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po
196.966569	200.590000	204.383300	207.200000	208.980400	NA
At	Rn	Fr	Ra	Ac	Th
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	232.038060
Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm
231.035880	238.028910	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Lr	Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Mt	Ds	Rg			
NA	NA	NA			

```
> AtomicWeight$H
```

```
[1] 1.00794
```

```
> (W_H2O<- with (AtomicWeight, 2*H + O))
```

```
[1] 18.01528
```

## 2.4. atmospheric composition

The atmospheric composition, given in units of the moles of each gas to the total of moles of gas in dry air is in function `atmComp`:

```
> atmComp("O2")
```

```
      O2
0.20946
```

```
> atmComp()
```

```
      He      Ne      N2      O2      Ar      Kr
5.2400e-06 1.8180e-05 7.8084e-01 2.0946e-01 9.3400e-03 1.1400e-06
      CH4      CO2      N2O      H2      Xe      CO
1.7450e-06 3.6500e-04 3.1400e-07 5.5000e-07 8.7000e-08 5.0000e-08
      O3
1.0000e-08
```

```
> sum(atmComp())    #!
```

```
[1] 1.000032
```

## 3. physical functions

### 3.1. coriolis

Function `coriolis` estimates the coriolis factor,  $f$ , units  $\text{sec}^{-1}$  according to the formula:  
 $f = 2 * \omega * \sin(\text{lat})$ , where  $\omega = 7.292e^{-5} \text{radianssec}^{-1}$

```
> plot(-90:90,coriolis(-90:90),xlab="latitude, dg North",
+      ylab= "/s" , main ="coriolis factor",type="l",lwd=2)
```

### 3.2. molecular diffusion coefficients

In function `diffcoeff` the molecular and ionic diffusion coefficients ( $\text{cm}^2 \text{hour}^{-1}$ ), for several species at given salinity (S) temperature (t) and pressure (P) is estimated. The implementation is based on the code "CANDI" by Bernie Boudreau ([Boudreau 1996](#)).

```
> diffcoeff(S=15,t=15)*24  # cm2/day
```

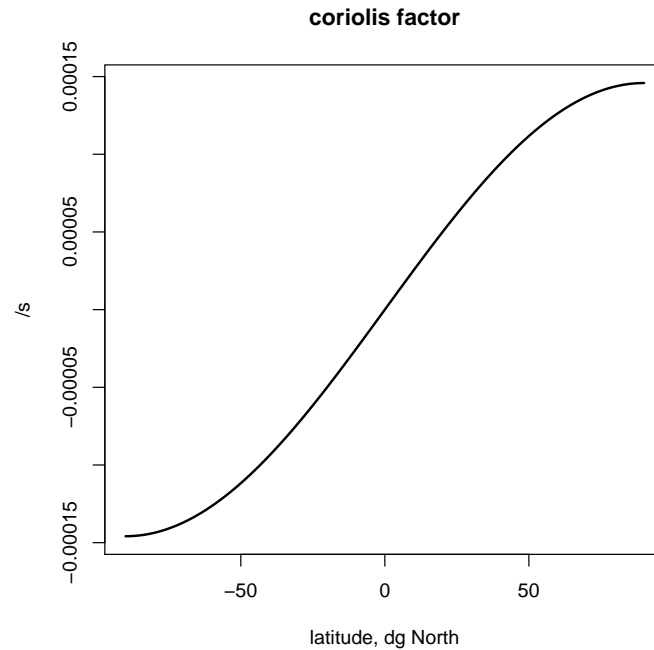


Figure 1: The coriolis function

	O2	CO2	NH3	H2S	CH4	HC03	C03
1	1.429209	1.205459	1.422551	1.229482	1.133013	0.7693278	0.6126982
	NH4	HS	NO3	H2P04	HP04	P04	H
1	1.314600	1.214089	1.283190	0.6168861	0.4954354	0.3991123	6.51018
	OH	Ca	Mg	Fe	Mn	S04	H3P04
1	3.543850	0.5264263	0.4682136	0.4657009	0.4610941	0.7002265	0.555835
	BOH3	BOH4	H4Si04				
1	0.7602404	0.6652104	0.6882134				

```
> diffcoeff(t=10)$O2
```

```
[1] 0.04930629
```

```
> difftemp <- diffcoeff(t=0:30)[,1:13]
```

```
> diffsal <- diffcoeff(S=0:35)[,1:13]
```

```
> matplot(0:30,difftemp,xlab="temperature",ylab="cm2/hour",
+         main="Molecular/ionic diffusion",type="l")
> legend("topleft",ncol=2,cex=0.8,title="mean",col=1:13,lty=1:13,
+         legend=cbind(names(difftemp),format(colMeans(difftemp),digits=4)))
```

### 3.3. shear viscosity of water

`viscosity` calculates the shear viscosity of water, in centipoise ( $0.01 \text{ g cm}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ ). Valid for  $0 < t < 30$  and  $0 < S < 36$ .

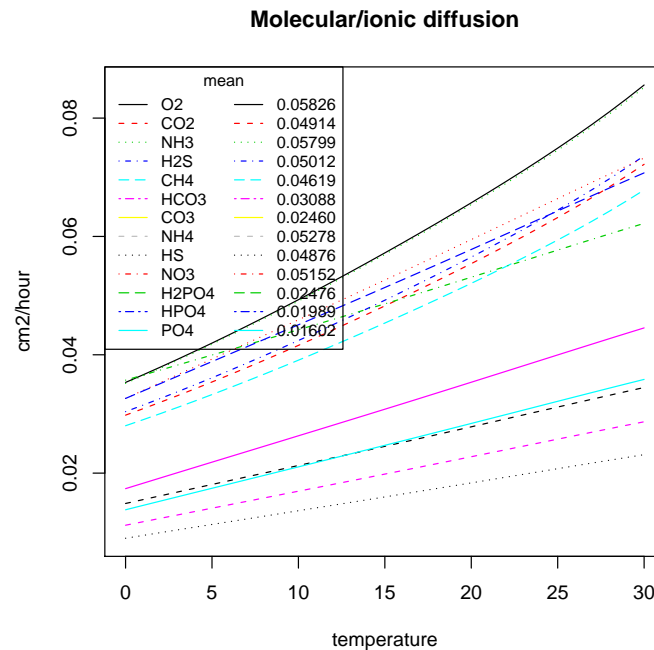


Figure 2: molecular diffusion coefficients as a function of temperature

```
> plot(0:30,viscosity(S=35,t=0:30,P=1),xlab="temperature",ylab="centipoise",
+      main="shear viscosity of water",type="l")
> lines(0:30,viscosity(S=0,t=0:30,P=1),col="red")
> lines(0:30,viscosity(S=35,t=0:30,P=100),col="blue")
> legend("topright",col=c("black","red","blue"),lty=1,
+      legend=c("S=35,P=1","S=0,P=1","S=35,P=100"))
```

## 4. dissolved gasses

### 4.1. saturated oxygen concentrations

gas\_O2sat estimates the saturated concentration of oxygen:

```
> gas_O2sat(t = 20)
```

```
[1] 7.374404
```

```
> t <- seq(0, 30, 0.1)
```

```
> plot(t, gas_O2sat(t = t), type = "l", ylim = c(0, 15), lwd=2)
> lines(t, gas_O2sat(S = 0, t = t, method = "Weiss"), col = "green",
+      lwd = 2, lty = "dashed")
> lines(t, gas_O2sat(S = 35, t = t, method = "Weiss"), col = "red", lwd = 2)
```

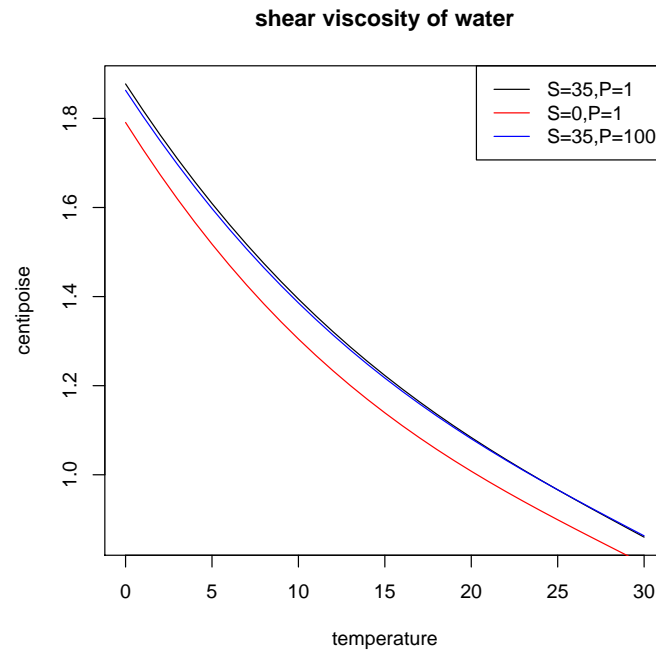


Figure 3: shear viscosity of water as a function of temperature

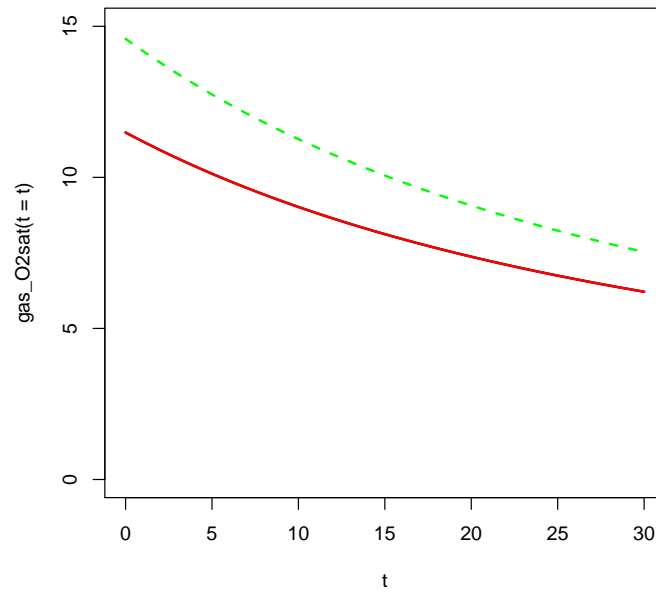


Figure 4: Oxygen saturated concentration as a function of temperature, and for different salinities

## 4.2. solubilities and saturated concentrations

More solubilities and saturated concentrations are in functions `gas_solubility` and `gas_satconc`.

```
> gas_satconc(x="O2")

           O2
[1,] 210.9798

> Temp<-seq(from=0,to=30,by=0.1)
> Sal <- seq(from=0,to=35,by=0.1)

> #
> mf <-par(mfrow=c(2,2))
> #
> gs <-gas_solubility(t=Temp)
> x  <- c("CCl4","CO2","N2O","Rn","CCl2F2")
> matplot(Temp,gs[,x],type="l",lty=1,lwd=2,xlab="temperature",
+         ylab="mmol/m3",main="solubility (S=35)")
> legend("topright",col=1:5,lwd=2,legend=x)
> #
> x2 <- c("Kr","CH4","Ar","O2","N2","Ne")
> matplot(Temp,gs[,x2],type="l",lty=1,lwd=2,xlab="temperature",
+         ylab="mmol/m3",main="solubility (S=35)")
> legend("topright",col=1:6,lwd=2,legend=x2)
> #
>
> x <- c("N2","CO2","O2","CH4","N2O")
> gsat <-gas_satconc(t=Temp,x=x)
> matplot(Temp,gsat,type="l",xlab="temperature",log="y", lty=1,
+         ylab="mmol/m3",main="Saturated conc (S=35)",lwd=2)
> legend("right",col=1:5,lwd=2,legend=x)
> #
> gsat <-gas_satconc(S=Sal,x=x)
> matplot(Sal,gsat,type="l",xlab="salinity",log="y", lty=1,
+         ylab="mmol/m3",main="Saturated conc (T=20)",lwd=2)
> legend("right",col=1:5,lwd=2,legend=x)
> #
> par("mfrow"=mf)
```

## 4.3. partial pressure of water vapor

`vapor` estimates the partial pressure of water vapor, divided by the atmospheric pressure.

```
> plot(0:30, vapor(t = 0:30), xlab = "Temperature, dgC", ylab = "pH2O/P",
+      type = "l")
```



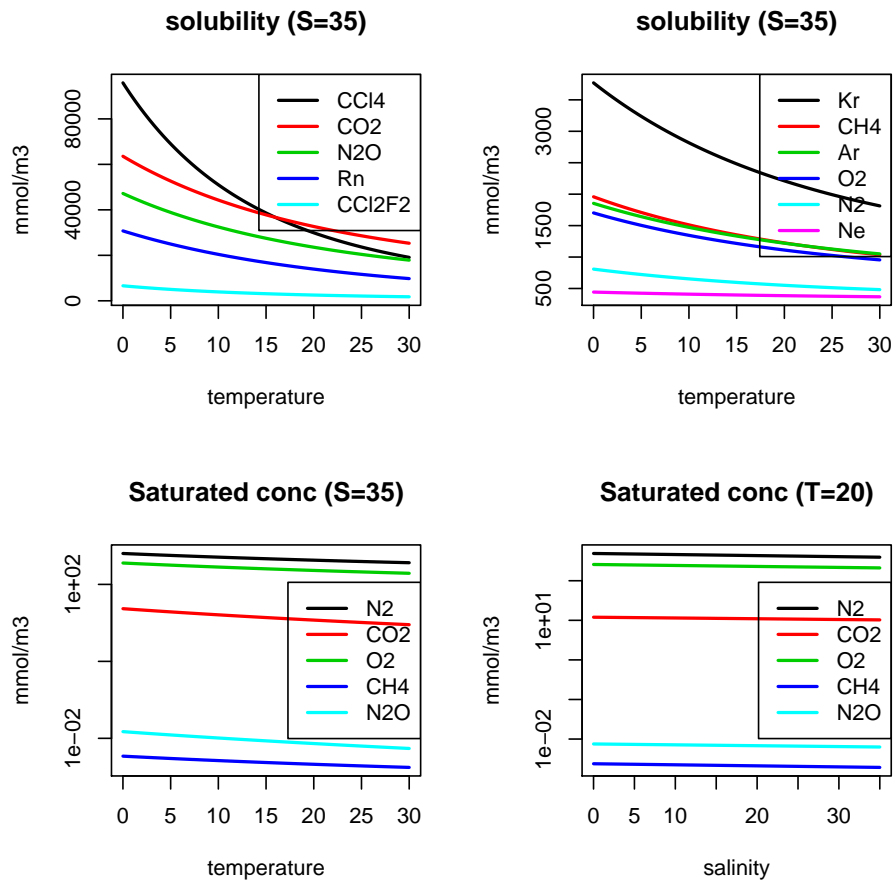


Figure 5: Saturated concentrations and solubility as a function of temperature and salinity, and for different species

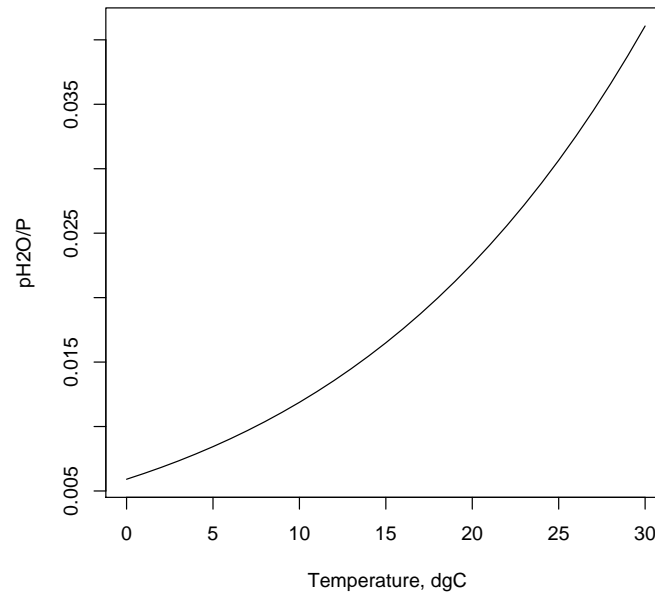


Figure 6: partial pressure of water in saturated air as a function of temperature

#### 4.4. Schmidt number and gas transfer velocity

The Schmidt number of a gas (`gas_schmidt`) is an essential quantity in the gas transfer velocity calculation (`gas_transfer`). The latter also depends on wind velocity (as measured 10 metres above sealevel).

```
> gas_schmidt(x="CO2",t=20)
```

```
[1] 665.988
```

```
> useq <- 0:15
```

```
> plot(useq,gas_transfer(u10=useq,x="O2"),type="l",lwd=2,xlab="u10,m/s",
+       ylab="cm/hr", main="O2 gas transfer velocity",ylim=c(0,75))
> lines(useq,gas_transfer(u10=useq,x="O2",method="Nightingale"),lwd=2,lty=2)
> lines(useq,gas_transfer(u10=useq,x="O2",method="Wanninkhof1"),lwd=2,lty=3)
> lines(useq,gas_transfer(u10=useq,x="O2",method="Wanninkhof2"),lwd=2,lty=4)
> legend("topleft",lty=1:4,lwd=2,legend=c("Liss and Merlivat 1986",
+ "Nightingale et al. 2000","Wanninkhof 1992","Wanninkhof and McGills 1999"))
```

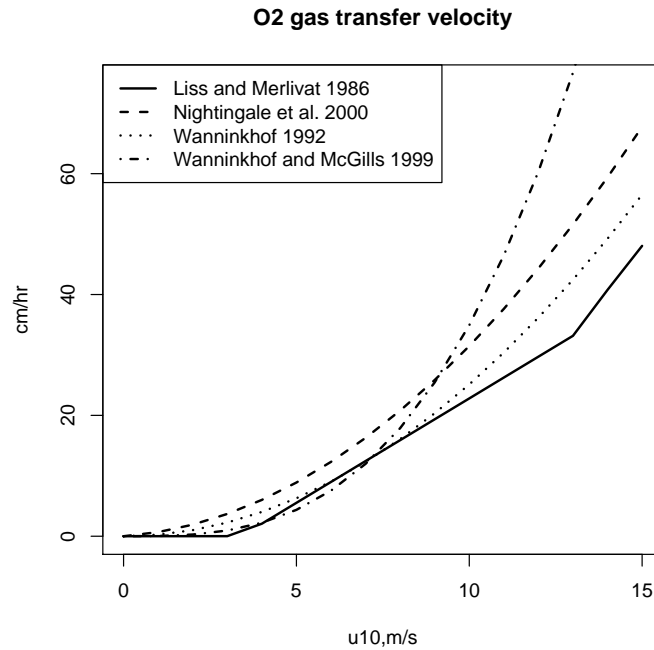


Figure 7: gas transfer velocity for seawater

## 5. seawater properties

### 5.1. Concentration of conservative species in seawater

Borate, calcite, sulphate and fluoride concentrations can be estimated as a function of the seawater salinity:

```
> sw_conserv(S=seq(0,35,by=5))
```

	Borate	Calcite	Sulphate	Fluoride
1	0.00000	0.000	0.000	0.000000
2	59.42857	1468.571	4033.633	9.760629
3	118.85714	2937.143	8067.267	19.521257
4	178.28571	4405.714	12100.900	29.281886
5	237.71429	5874.286	16134.534	39.042515
6	297.14286	7342.857	20168.167	48.803144
7	356.57143	8811.429	24201.801	58.563772
8	416.00000	10280.000	28235.434	68.324401

### 5.2. Thermophysical seawater properties

**marelac** also implements several thermodynamic properties of seawater. Either one can choose the formulation based on the UNESCO polynomial (P. and Millard 1983), which has served

the oceanographic community for decades, or the more recent derivation as in (Feistel 2008). In the latter case the estimates are based on three individual thermodynamic potentials for fluid water, for ice and for the saline contribution of seawater (the Helmholtz function for pure water, an equation of state for salt-free ice, in the form of a Gibbs potential function, and the saline part of the Gibbs potential).

Note that the formulations use a new salinity scale, termed "Reference composition salinity" (F.J., R., D.G., and T.J. 2008).

Below we plot all implemented thermophysical properties as a function of salinity and temperature.

```
> sw_cp(S=40,t=1:20)

[1] 3958.545 3959.028 3959.576 3960.180 3960.831 3961.523 3962.247
[8] 3962.997 3963.768 3964.553 3965.348 3966.148 3966.949 3967.747
[15] 3968.540 3969.324 3970.098 3970.859 3971.605 3972.336

> sw_cp(S=40,t=1:20,UNESCO=TRUE)

[1] 3956.080 3955.898 3955.883 3956.021 3956.296 3956.697 3957.209
[8] 3957.819 3958.516 3959.288 3960.124 3961.013 3961.945 3962.911
[15] 3963.900 3964.906 3965.918 3966.931 3967.936 3968.927
```

The dependency on salinity, and temperature for some of those is hereby plotted, using a function

```
> plotST <- function(fun,title)
+ {
+   Sal <- seq(0,40,by=0.5)
+   Temp<- seq(-5,40,by=0.5)
+
+   Val <- outer(X=Sal,Y=Temp,FUN=function(X,Y) fun(S=X, t=Y))
+   contour(Sal,Temp,Val,xlab="Salinity",ylab="temperature",
+           main=title,nlevel=20)
+ }
> par (mfrow=c(3,2))
> par(mar=c(4,4,3,2))
> plotST(sw_gibbs,"Gibbs function")
> plotST(sw_cp,"Heat capacity")
> plotST(sw_entropy,"Entropy")
> plotST(sw_enthalpy,"Enthalpy")
> plotST(sw_dens,"Density")
> plotST(sw_svel,"Sound velocity")

> par (mfrow=c(3,2))
> par(mar=c(4,4,3,2))
> plotST(sw_kappa,"Isentropic compressibility")
```

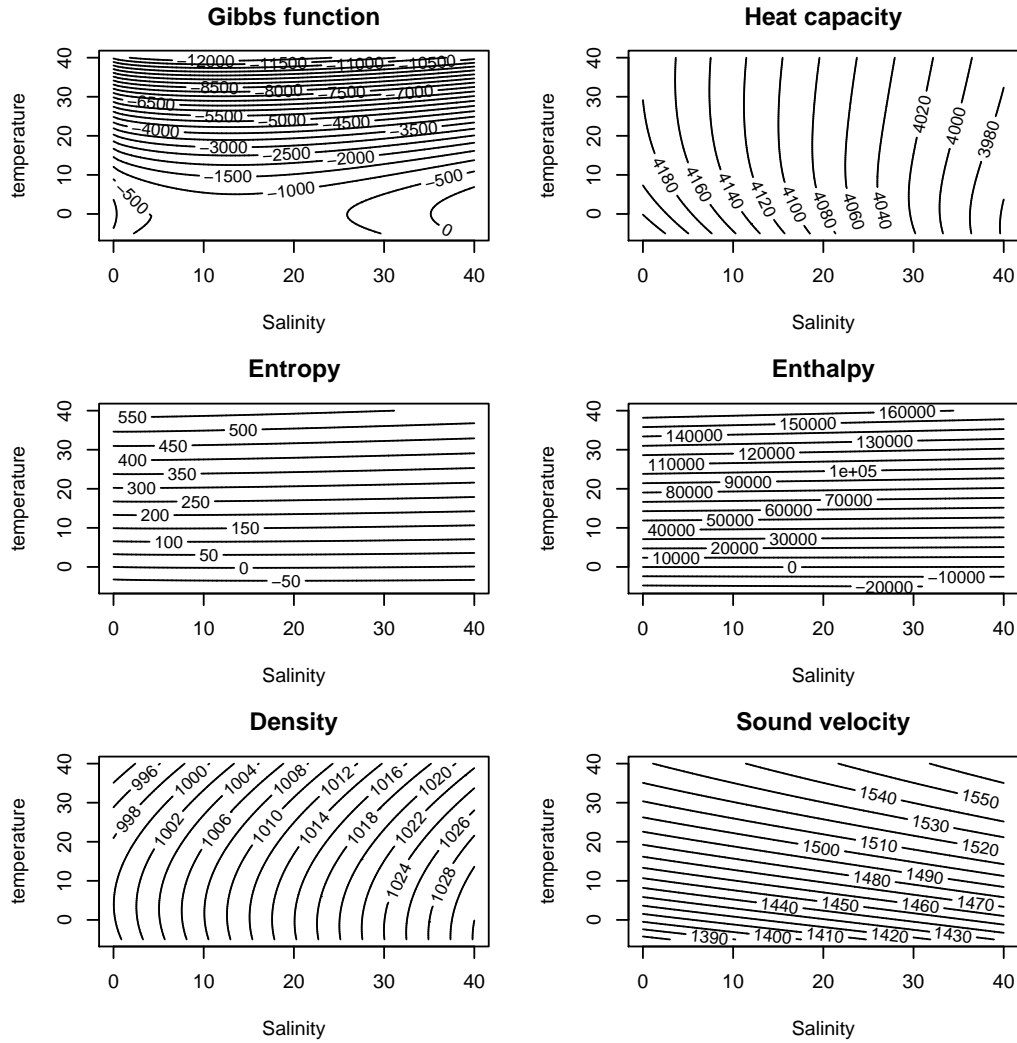


Figure 8: seawater properties as a function of salinity and temperature - see text for R-code

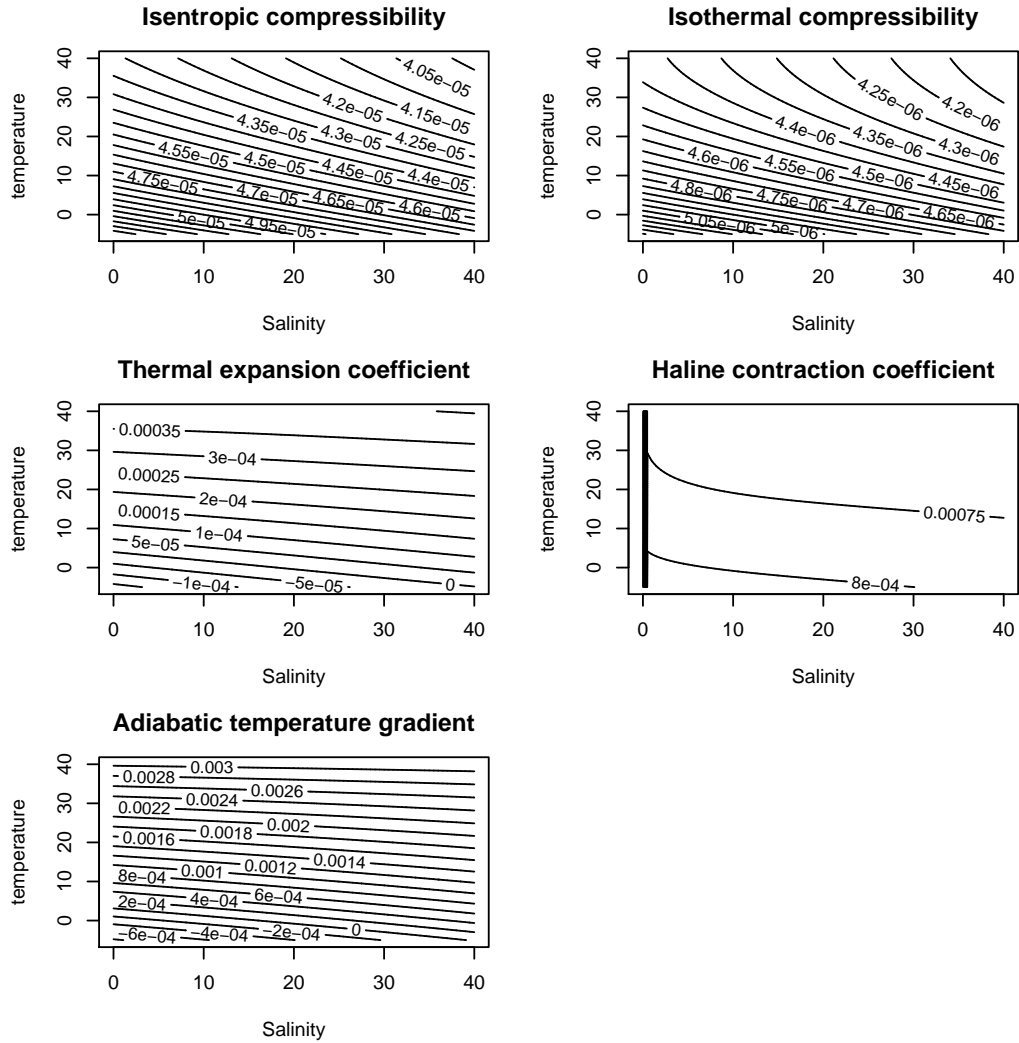


Figure 9: seawater properties as a function of salinity and temperature - continued - see text for R-code

```
> plotST(sw_kappa_t,"Isothermal compressibility")
> plotST(sw_alpha,"Thermal expansion coefficient")
> plotST(sw_beta,"Haline contraction coefficient")
> plotST(sw_adtgrad,"Adiabatic temperature gradient")
> par (mfrow=c(1,1))
```

## 6. conversions

Finally, several functions are included to convert between units of certain properties.

## 6.1. gram, mol, liter conversions

**marelac** function `molweight` converts from gram to moles and vice versa

```
> 1/molweight("CO3")

      CO3
0.01666419

> 1/molweight("HCO3")

      HCO3
0.01638892

> 1/molweight(c("C2H5OH", "CO2", "H2O"))

      C2H5OH      CO2      H2O
0.02170683 0.02272237 0.05550844

> molweight(c("SiOH4", "NaHCO3", "C6H12O6", "Ca(HCO3)2", "Pb(NO3)2", "(NH4)2SO4"))

      SiOH4      NaHCO3      C6H12O6 Ca(HCO3)2 Pb(NO3)2 (NH4)2SO4
48.11666   84.00661 180.15588 162.11168 331.20980 132.13952
```

We can use that to estimate the importance of molecular weight on certain physical properties:

```
> gs <- gas_solubility()
> x <- colnames(gs)
> mw <- molweight(x)

> plot(mw,gs,type="n",xlab="molecular weight", ylab="solubility", log="y")
> text(mw,gs,x)
```

`molvol` estimates the volume of one liter of a gas. molar volume of an ideal gas

```
> molvol(x="ideal")

      ideal
24.46559

> molvol(x="ideal",t=1:10)

      ideal
[1,] 22.49620
[2,] 22.57826
[3,] 22.66032
[4,] 22.74237
```

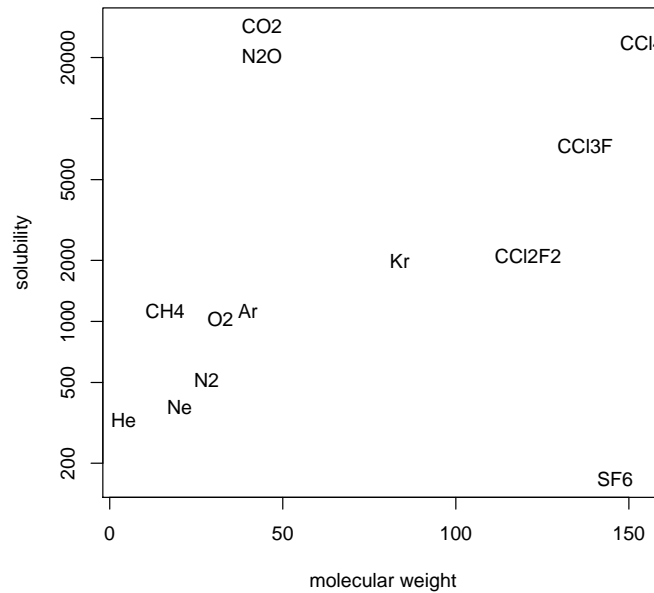


Figure 10: Gas solubility as a function of molecular weight see text for R-code

```
[5,] 22.82443
[6,] 22.90649
[7,] 22.98855
[8,] 23.07061
[9,] 23.15266
[10,] 23.23472

> 1/molvol(x="O2",t=0)*1000

      O2
45.86736

> 1/molvol(x="O2",q=1:6,t=0)

      O2
[1,] 0.045867360
[2,] 0.022933679
[3,] 0.015289117
[4,] 0.011466842
[5,] 0.009173472
[6,] 0.007644560

> 1/molvol(t=1:5,x=c("CO2","O2","N2O"))
```



```

          CO2          O2          N2O
[1,] 0.04588868 0.04569936 0.04590370
[2,] 0.04571975 0.04553258 0.04573458
[3,] 0.04555206 0.04536702 0.04556672
[4,] 0.04538560 0.04520267 0.04540009
[5,] 0.04522037 0.04503950 0.04523469

```

## 6.2. pressure conversions

`convert_p` converts between the different barometric scales:

```

> convert_p(1, "atm")

          Pa          bar          at atm          torr
1 101325.3 1.013253 1.033214 1 760.0008

```

## 6.3. temperature conversions

while `convert_T` converts between the different temperature scales (Kelvin, Celsius, Fahrenheit):

```

> convert_T(1, "C")

          K C          F
1 274.15 1 33.8

```

## 6.4. salinity and chlorinity

The relationship between Salinity, chlorinity and conductivity is in various functions:

```

> convert_StoCl(S=35)

[1] 19.37394

> convert_RtoS(R=1)

[1] 27.59808

> convert_StoR(S=35)

[1] 1.236537

```

## 7. finally

This vignette was made with Sweave ([Leisch 2002](#)).

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