

FEATURES OF THE STRUCTURE AND PROPERTIES OF WATER IN THE LIQUID AGGREGATE STATE

ABSTRACT

Water was and remains the most unusual substance on Earth. Until very recently, the structure and abnormal properties of water have caused heated discussions among both domestic and foreign scientists of different generations. This is primarily due to the complexity of the object of study, the ability of water, even with minor external influences, to easily transition from one metastable state to another. Of course, the state of water at the triple point in the phase diagram is of particular interest. In this regard, the paper considers the features in the pressure-temperature coordinates of some substances in the liquid aggregate state. The author hypothesized that all substances in the liquid aggregate state should have common features, despite their original individuality. It seems to us that a universal feature that unites all possible aggregate states of water is the ability of these systems under consideration to smoothly transition from a homogeneous to a heterogeneous state, from a single-phase to a two- or more-phase system, characterized by the appearance of a phase interface under certain conditions, that is, the formation of a dispersed system. It is emphasized in the work that until now, when analyzing the transitions of water from one aggregate state to another, the time factor of the existence of a phase in equilibrium or metastable states, as well as the time of existence of the dispersed system itself, has not been taken into account. The rapid development of water sciences has led to the discovery of unique properties of water in extreme conditions, for example, the ability of water not to freeze even with ultra-deep cooling, much lower than the freezing point of liquid nitrogen, or the experimentally proven fact that at -68°C water acts as a mixture of two liquids of different densities and others. Further advances in the study of the properties and conditions of water are inevitably associated with the convergence of natural sciences.

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Introduction

Liquid water is one of the most valuable and at the same time the most mysterious mineral on Earth [1]. The very existence of the structure of liquid water and the transformation of its properties under the influence of external influences still causes a heated discussion among scientists from different countries. It is reasonable to assume that water and any other substances in a liquid aggregate state should have some common features characteristic of this aggregate state. This statement fully applies to oil. The viscosity of oil is more obvious than its fluidity [2]. And for water, on the contrary, fluidity is a more striking sign. Viscosity and fluidity are one of the main parameters in rheology. It is known that rheology studies the deformative behavior of only structured media, where viscosity and fluidity are among the most characteristic structural and mechanical indicators. In this regard, it is simply impossible to deny the existence of a water structure. However, the ability of water to ultrafast, almost instantaneous rearrangements of the structure of molecules ensures its fluidity even under the weakest external influences. This is due to

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its unusual sensory properties. The influence of external influences on structural transformations in water is reflected in [3-9].

It is known that both water and oil tend to form associates or clusters at the molecular level that exhibit fractal properties [10-16]. However, the formation of associates does not necessarily mean the presence of a phase boundary (GRF) between them and the rest of the volume of water or oil, as one of the most important features of a dispersed system. But under certain conditions, a phase boundary appears between the associates and, as a result, a dispersed system is formed. Thus, clusters can form a dispersed phase. This happens when, for certain reasons, clusters reach colloidal sizes from 1 to 100 nm, forming a single phase either in volume or on the surface. It is known that the diameter of water molecules corresponds to about 0.3 nm, and the cluster totality includes from 30 to 1012 molecules [6]. The lower limit corresponds to the minimum possible phase line in the liquid aggregate state, which has a phase interface with gaseous and other existing phases. Thus, both water and oil can be considered as dispersed systems under certain conditions. Figure 1 shows a diagram of the phase state of water according to K. Krauskopf, from which it follows that water in a liquid aggregate state exists in the OCA region, in this case we are talking about a homogeneous single-phase system.

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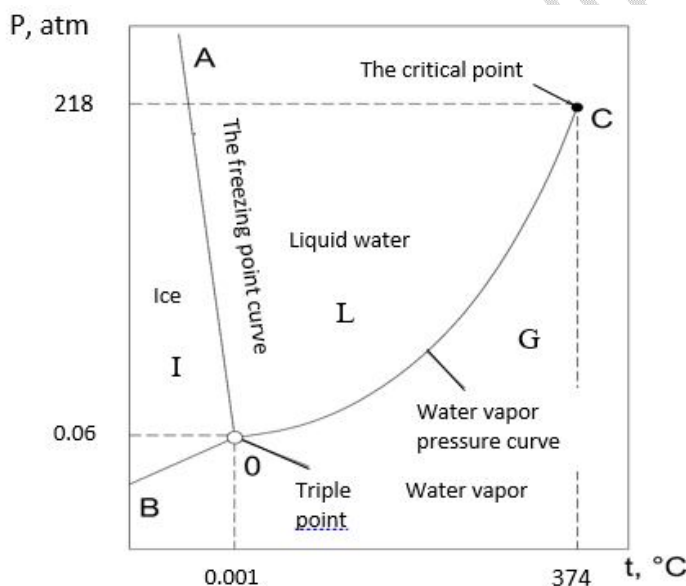


Fig.1. Diagram of the phase state of water (according to K. Krauskopf)

At the triple point O three aggregate states of water can be in equilibrium. It is the only substance with this property. At the critical point C, water passes from a homogeneous to a heterogeneous system, from a single-phase to a two-phase one, with the occurrence of a GRF between gas and liquid. The peculiarity of this state is that not gas (steam) dissolves in water, but water dissolves in gas, water turns from a polar to a non-polar liquid. Water also has special properties at characteristic points A and B. A homogeneous state of water is possible only at points I, L, G. Recently, many works have appeared [16-20] on the study and refinement of the phase diagram of water in terms of its transition from a liquid aggregate state to a solid one. It has been experimentally established that a quasi-liquid film exists on the surface of dispersed ice particles. It is shown that the nucleation of a condensed phase in water vapor is observed on the nanostructured surface of ice crystals. As shown in [18], 19 new forms of ice have recently been discovered. Similar processes probably occur during the transition of liquid water to a vaporous state. All of the above suggests that the Krauskopf stated diagram, in our opinion, only approximately describes the phenomena under consideration. It is known that at almost any pressure and temperature above water, it is always possible to

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detect and determine the presence of a gas phase (steam). In our opinion, the presence of two phases is typical for other aggregate states.

As shown in Fig. 2, between the liquid and gaseous phases there must be some transitional state of transformation of water from liquid to gaseous state (II), as well as from liquid to solid (region I) and from solid to gaseous (region III).

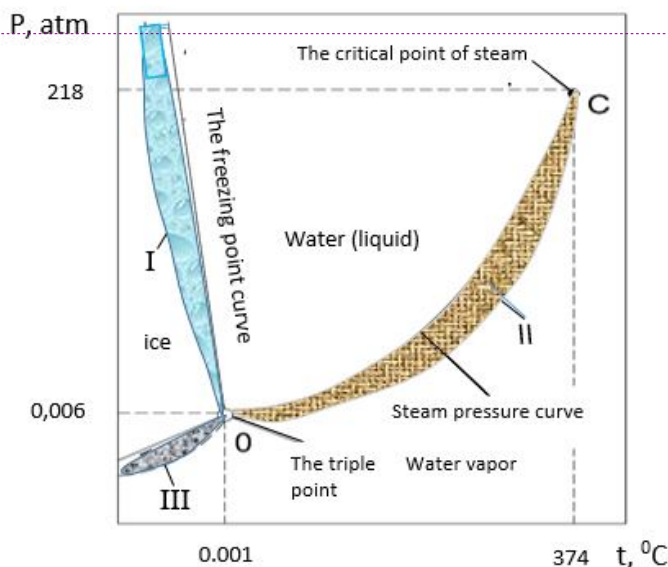


Fig.2. Diagram of the state of water

It can be argued that the transition from one aggregate state to another is not abrupt, but smooth and gradual. This assumption is confirmed by the well-known fact that "fast" molecules are always present at the surface of ice or liquid, which, flying out of the solid or liquid phase, form either steam or a liquid with a certain partial pressure. A dispersed system with GRF arises in the transition regions. The processes of water transition from a homogeneous to a heterogeneous state can be conditionally designated by the scheme: homogeneous → heterogeneous → homogeneous. These spontaneous transitions can occur both in the forward and in the opposite directions. It should be particularly noted that so far the time factor of the existence of a phase in an equilibrium or metastable state has not been taken into account in the processes under consideration. From these positions, even at the triple point, it is more correct to speak not about the simultaneous existence of three phases, but about the continuous transition of solid, liquid, and gaseous phases into each other with a characteristic transition time. Thus, the formation of a dispersed system is a common obligatory sign of the transition of water from a homogeneous system to a heterogeneous one, and from a single-phase to a multiphase one. A distinctive feature of water is that it is a single-component system, unlike oil, which is a multi-component mixture.

Many paradoxes of water still do not have a clear physical interpretation, and today only one theory of A.V. Kochetkov [21] tries to explain them based on the hypothesis of the existence of some molecular photonic medium that is capable of suppressing intermolecular interactions of water in a liquid state. Thermal photons in intermolecular space are precisely such a medium, and they are not ordinary matter, but only being located in an intramolecular grid can suppress electromagnetic bonds between molecules. This is A.V. Kochetkov's explanation of one of the most mysterious properties of water - its fluidity. In our opinion, thermal photons are able not so much to suppress intermolecular bonds as to accelerate the process of the relay mechanism [22] of transferring a hydrogen atom along intermolecular bonds.

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The oil state diagram in pressure-temperature coordinates has a loop-like appearance (Fig.3), that is, it differs from the phase diagram of any pure single-component substance, including water.

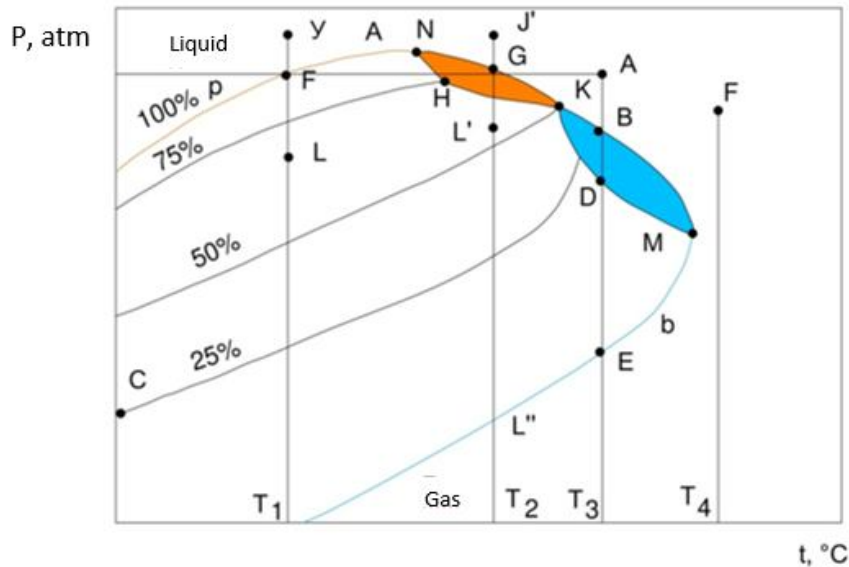


Fig.3. Phase diagram of a multicomponent mixture

At point K (Fig.3), the so-called critical point, the pressure and temperature values correspond to a special state when the properties of each phase become identical. At points A, B, M, N, as well as in the retrograde and diffusion regions, oil acts as a dispersed system. At the same time, the association of molecules of oil components does not mean that they always form a dispersed system. The associates are evenly distributed in the liquid and, most importantly, there is no interface between them and the free molecules. But in this system, a so-called supramolecular structure arises, which is in many ways similar to the properties of a dispersed system, but it is not. And at the above points, oil behaves like a truly dispersed system, the hallmark of which is the mandatory presence of GRF. Thus, oil, as well as water, tends to move relatively easily from homogeneous to heterogeneous, from a single phase to a multiphase system. This means that the ability of water and oil to form a dispersed system is a common universal property of the objects under consideration in the liquid aggregate state.

Regarding water, it should be noted that absolutely pure water does not exist in nature. It is necessary to distinguish between the so-called "computer" water, i.e. ideal water consisting of hydrogen and oxygen atoms or their isotopes, for which the Krauskopf state diagram is valid. In reality, at least one impurity particle exists in the water. It does not affect the aggregate state of water, but the role of these impurities is special, since their presence generates attractive and repulsive forces between water particles, which means that it contributes to the appearance of the supramolecular structure of water, as well as aqueous solutions. The abnormal properties of water also clearly indicate the presence of a water structure. Moreover, without the latter, the very presence of anomalies is impossible.

We have previously shown [23] that water has a loose structure: approximately 61-63% of the volume of one liter of water is occupied by voids. The work shows that in addition to water, atomic and molecular gases, as well as many organic compounds, have loose structures. Moreover, with an increase in the molecular weight of organic compounds, the friability decreases. Among the atomic gases, hydrogen is especially distinguished from all the elements of the D.I. Mendeleev table, which forms an abnormally superdense structure. At the same time,

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molecular hydrogen and helium form loose structures. This special property of atomic hydrogen seems to have a global significance (Tables 1, 2).

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Table 1. Change in the volume ratio (V) of water molecules and voids with a change in radius (R) from 1.30 to 1.64 nm

R, $\times 10^{-10}$ m	V, cm^3
1,30	307,73
1,32	322,15
1,34	337,02
1,36	352,33
1,38	368,11
1,40	381,97
1,40	384,35
1,42	401,05
1,44	418,24
1,46	435,91
1,48	454,07
1,50	472,73
1,52	491,89
1,54	511,56
1,56	531,75
1,58	552,47
1,60	573,72
1,64	618,03

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As can be seen from Table 1, with a radius of $1,64 \times 10^{-10}$ m, the volume of void is $618,03 \text{ cm}^3$, which exactly coincides with the golden ratio. It is interesting to note that for melt water, the cluster structure of the water molecule forms a so-called golden triangle with a golden number of 0.618034 at a vertex of 108° .

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Table 2. Indicators of the friability of the structure of organic compounds

Substances	R, 10^{-10} m	V, cm^3
CH ₄	0,190	1080,990
C ₃ H ₈	0,215	569,566
C ₄ H ₁₀	0,215	679,318
C ₂ H ₄	0,195	667,770
C ₃ H ₆	0,225	683,880
C ₄ H ₈	0,280	988,470

C ₆ H ₁₂	0,335	1128,59
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As can be seen from Table 2, with increasing molecular weight, the looseness of the structures as a whole also increases

In our opinion, the structure of water is generally similar to the structure of the galaxy or the entire universe as a whole. The universe also has a loose structure, like any object that is an integral part of it. The processes that take place in water in moments take place in the universe over millions and billions of years. At the same time, the dynamics of processes in water and space, in our opinion, are of the same type. When we study space, we study water and vice versa. It can be argued that water is a kind of hologram of the universe. In the works of [24-26] Gribova L.A. For the first time, the problem was formulated "why nature provides for the possibility of the existence of a huge (up to a million) number of structural isomers of the same gross composition." At the same time, the most important processes in the molecular world, according to Gribova L.A., are "processes in which the initially accumulated energy (signal) is then transmitted in a directed manner to another isolated part of the molecular space so that either significant changes in the molecular structure occur in this place of space, or the appearance of a new substance, initially not in the system that existed." In our opinion, similar processes occur both in water and in aqueous solutions, both under the influence of natural and artificial external factors. In water, in our opinion, the number of structural isomers of the composition is equivalent to the number of metastable states into which water is able to transition under given thermodynamic conditions of existence.

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A comprehensive study of physics, chemistry, mechanics and biology of water is just beginning. Many properties of water in extreme conditions have not yet been sufficiently studied. For example, the recent discovery of the ability of water not to freeze under ultra-deep cooling, much lower than the freezing point of liquid nitrogen, is of particular interest. Such water retains its liquid state in the so-called lipid fat micro-reservoirs. Another important discovery over the last period is the proof of the existence of two and multi structural models of water under certain conditions. It has been experimentally proved that at -68°C, water acts as a mixture of two liquids with different densities, differing in this indicator from each other by about 20 percent. At the same time, these are two liquids that do not mix with each other, between which there is a GRF, which means that a dispersed system arises, with a liquid dispersion medium and a liquid dispersed phase.

Water still holds many mysteries, the key to the discovery of which is inevitably connected with the convergence of sciences, primarily physics, chemistry and mathematics.

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