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The revised potential – pH diagram for Pb – H₂O system

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Abstract. Thermodynamic properties of lead species in aqueous solution are collected. The chemical equilibria between various forms of Pb(II) are considered. The speciation diagrams for the equilibria $4[PbOH]^+(aq) \rightleftarrows [Pb_4(OH)_4]^{4+}(aq)$ and $2[Pb_3(OH)_4]^{2+}(aq) \rightleftarrows [Pb_6(OH)_8]^{4+}(aq)$, and the thermodynamic activity – pH diagram of Pb(II) species are plotted. Basic chemical and electrochemical equilibria for lead are calculated. The potential – pH diagram for Pb – H_2O system is revised.

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