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**Description** Universal and robust algorithm for solving the total alkalinity-pH equation presented in G. Munhoven (2013) <[doi:10.5194/gmd-6-1367-2013](https://doi.org/10.5194/gmd-6-1367-2013)> and G. Munhoven (2021) <[doi:10.5194/gmd-2020-447](https://doi.org/10.5194/gmd-2020-447)>. The total alkalinity-pH equation relates total alkalinity and pH for a given set of acid-base concentrations in a given water sample, among which carbonic acid. This package is particularly useful in marine chemistry involving dissolved inorganic carbon. Original package in Fortran can be found at <[doi:10.5281/zenodo.4328965](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4328965)>.

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ACVT_HSWO_HFREE	<i>Conversion ratio H_SWS/H_free from free pH-scale to SWS scale</i>
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### Description

Function returns the ratio H\_SWS/H\_free as a function of temperature, salinity and pressure

### Usage

ACVT\_HSWO\_HFREE(t\_k, s, p\_bar)

### Arguments

t_k	temperature in Kelvin
s	Salinity in psu
p_bar	pressure in bar

### Value

ratio	Ratio H_SWS/H_free
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### Author(s)

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

### Examples

ACVT\_HSWO\_HFREE(t\_k=298,s=35, p\_bar=0)

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ACVT\_HTOT\_O\_HFREE      *Conversion ratio H\_Tot/H\_free from free pH-scale to Total scale*

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**Description**

Function returns the ratio H\_Tot/H\_free as a function of temperature, salinity and pressure

**Usage**

ACVT\_HTOT\_O\_HFREE(t\_k, s, p\_bar)

**Arguments**

t_k	temperature in Kelvin
s	Salinity in psu
p_bar	pressure in bar

**Value**

ratio	Ratio H_Tot/H_free
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**Author(s)**

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

**Examples**

ACVT\_HTOT\_O\_HFREE(t\_k=298,s=35, p\_bar=0)

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AK\_AMMO\_1\_YAMI95      *Dissociation constant of ammonium in sea-water [mol/kg-SW]*

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**Description**

Function returns the dissociation constant of ammonium in sea-water [mol/kg-SW]

**Usage**

AK\_AMMO\_1\_YAMI95(t\_k, s, p\_bar)

**Arguments**

t_k	temperature in Kelvin
s	Salinity in psu
p_bar	pressure in bar

**Details**

pH scale: SWS

**Value**

KNH                      Dissociation constant of ammonium in mol/kg-SW

**Author(s)**

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

**References**

Yao and Millero (1995), Millero (1995) for pressure correction

**Examples**

AK\_AMMO\_1\_YAMI95(t\_k=298, s=35, p\_bar=0)

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AK\_BORA\_DICK90

*Boric acid dissociation constant KB in mol/kg-SW*

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**Description**

Calculates boric acid dissociation constant in mol/kg-SW on the total pH-scale

**Usage**

AK\_BORA\_DICK90(t\_k, s, p\_bar)

**Arguments**

t_k	temperature in Kelvin
s	Salinity in psu
p_bar	pressure in bar

**Details**

pH scale: Total

**Value**

KB                      Dissociation constant of boric acid in mol/kg-SW

**Author(s)**

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

**References**

Dickson (1990, eq. 23) – also Handbook (2007, eq. 37), Millero (1979) pressure correction

**Examples**

AK\_BORA\_DICK90(t\_k=298, s=35, p\_bar=0)

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AK_CARB_0_WEIS74	<i>Henry's constant K0 in (mol/kg-SW)/atmosphere</i>
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**Description**

Calculates Henry's constant (K0) based on Weiss (1979) formulation

**Usage**

AK\_CARB\_0\_WEIS74(t\_k, s)

**Arguments**

t_k	temperature in Kelvin
s	Salinity in psu

**Details**

currently no pressure correction

**Value**

K0	Henry's constant mol/(kg/atm)
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**Author(s)**

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

**References**

Weiss R. F., 1974 Carbon dioxide in water and seawater: the solubility of a non-ideal gas. *Marine Chemistry* 2, 203-215.

**Examples**

AK\_CARB\_0\_WEIS74(t\_k=298, s=35)

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AK_CARB_1_LUEK00	<i>First dissociation constant of carbonic acid in mol/kg-SW from Luecker et al.</i>
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**Description**

Calculates first dissociation constant of carbonic acid in mol/kg-SW on the total pH-scale, following Luecker et al. (2000)

**Usage**

AK\_CARB\_1\_LUEK00(t\_k, s, p\_bar)

**Arguments**

t_k	temperature in Kelvin
s	Salinity in psu
p_bar	pressure in bar

**Details**

pH scale: Total

**Value**

K1	First dissociation constant of carbonic acid in mol/kg-SW
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**Author(s)**

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

**References**

Luecker et al. (2000) – also Handbook (2007), Millero (1979) pressure correction

**Examples**

AK\_CARB\_1\_LUEK00(t\_k=298, s=35, p\_bar=0)

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AK_CARB_1_MILL95	<i>First dissociation constant of carbonic acid in mol/kg-SW from Millero et al. (1995)</i>
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**Description**

Calculates first dissociation constant of carbonic acid in mol/kg-SW on the SWS pH-scale.

**Usage**

AK\_CARB\_1\_MILL95(t\_k, s, p\_bar)

**Arguments**

t_k	temperature in Kelvin
s	Salinity in psu
p_bar	pressure in bar

**Details**

pH scale: SWS

**Value**

K1	First dissociation constant of carbonic acid in mol/kg-SW
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**Author(s)**

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

**References**

Millero (1995, eq 50 – ln K1(COM)), Millero (1982) pressure correction

**Examples**

AK\_CARB\_1\_MILL95(t\_k=298, s=35, p\_bar=0)

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AK_CARB_1_ROYE93	<i>First dissociation constant of carbonic acid in mol/kg-SW, from Roy et al.</i>
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**Description**

Calculates first dissociation constant of carbonic acid in mol/kg-SW on the total pH-scale, following Roy et al. (1993)

**Usage**

AK\_CARB\_1\_ROYE93(t\_k, s, p\_bar)

**Arguments**

t_k	temperature in Kelvin
s	Salinity in psu
p_bar	pressure in bar

**Details**

pH scale: Total

**Value**

K1	First dissociation constant of carbonic acid in mol/kg-SW
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**Author(s)**

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

**References**

Roy et al. (1993) – also Handbook (1994), Millero (1979) pressure correction

**Examples**

AK\_CARB\_1\_ROYE93(t\_k=298, s=35, p\_bar=0)



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AK_CARB_2_LUEK00	<i>Second dissociation constant of carbonic acid in mol/kg-SW from Luecker et al.</i>
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**Description**

Calculates second dissociation constant of carbonic acid in mol/kg-SW on the total pH-scale, following Luecker et al. (2000)

**Usage**

AK\_CARB\_2\_LUEK00(t\_k, s, p\_bar)

**Arguments**

t_k	temperature in Kelvin
s	Salinity in psu
p_bar	pressure in bar

**Details**

pH scale: Total

**Value**

K2	Second dissociation constant of carbonic acid in mol/kg-SW
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**Author(s)**

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

**References**

Luecker et al. (2000) – also Handbook (2007), Millero (1979) pressure correction

**Examples**

AK\_CARB\_2\_LUEK00(t\_k=298, s=35, p\_bar=0)

---

AK\_CARB\_2\_MILL95      *Second dissociation constant of carbonic acid in mol/kg-SW from Millero et al. (1995)*

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**Description**

Calculates second dissociation constant of carbonic acid in mol/kg-SW on the SWS pH-scale.

**Usage**

AK\_CARB\_2\_MILL95(t\_k, s, p\_bar)

**Arguments**

t_k	temperature in Kelvin
s	Salinity in psu
p_bar	pressure in bar

**Details**

pH scale: SWS

**Value**

K2                      Second dissociation constant of carbonic acid in mol/kg-SW

**Author(s)**

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

**References**

Millero (1995, eq 51 – ln K2(COM)), Millero (1979) pressure correction

**Examples**

AK\_CARB\_2\_MILL95(t\_k=298,s=35, p\_bar=0)

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AK_CARB_2_ROYE93	<i>Second dissociation constant of carbonic acid in mol/kg-SW from Roy et al.</i>
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**Description**

Calculates second dissociation constant of carbonic acid in mol/kg-SW on the total pH-scale, following Roy et al. (1993)

**Usage**

AK\_CARB\_2\_ROYE93(t\_k, s, p\_bar)

**Arguments**

t_k	temperature in Kelvin
s	Salinity in psu
p_bar	pressure in bar

**Details**

pH scale: Total

**Value**

K2                      Second dissociation constant of carbonic acid in mol/kg-SW

**Author(s)**

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

**References**

Roy et al. (1993) – also Handbook (1994), Millero (1979) pressure correction

**Examples**

AK\_CARB\_2\_ROYE93(t\_k=298, s=35, p\_bar=0)

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AK\_H2S\_1\_MILL95

*Dissociation constant of hydrogen sulfide in sea-water*

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### Description

Function returns the dissociation constant of hydrogen sulfide in sea-water

### Usage

AK\_H2S\_1\_MILL95(t\_k, s, p\_bar)

### Arguments

t_k	temperature in Kelvin
s	Salinity in psu
p_bar	pressure in bar

### Details

pH scale: SWS (according to Yao and Millero, 1995, p. 82: "refitted if necessary")

Total (according to Lewis and Wallace, 1998)

We stick to SWS here for the time being

The fits from Millero (1995) and Yao and Millero (1995) derive from Millero et al. (1988), with all the coefficients multiplied by  $-\ln(10)$

### Value

KHS                      Dissociation constant of hydrogen sulfide in mol/kg-SW

### Author(s)

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

### References

Millero et al. (1988) (cited by Millero (1995), Millero (1995) for pressure correction

### Examples

AK\_H2S\_1\_MILL95(t\_k=298,s=35, p\_bar=0)

---

AK\_HF\_PEFR87      *Dissociation constant of hydrogen fluoride in sea-water [mol/kg-SW]*

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**Description**

Function returns the dissociation constant of hydrogen fluoride [mol/kg-SW]

**Usage**

AK\_HF\_PEFR87(t\_k, s, p\_bar)

**Arguments**

t_k	temperature in Kelvin
s	Salinity in psu
p_bar	pressure in bar

**Details**

pH scale: Total (according to Handbook, 2007)

**Value**

KHF      Dissociation constant of hydrogen fluoride in mol/kg-SW

**Author(s)**

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

**References**

Perez and Fraga (1987), Millero (1995) for pressure correction

**Examples**

AK\_HF\_PEFR87(t\_k=298, s=35, p\_bar=0)

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AK\_HSO4\_DICK90

*Dissociation constant of hydrogen sulfate (bisulfate) in sea-water*

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### Description

Function returns the dissociation constant of hydrogen sulfate [mol/kg-SW]

### Usage

AK\_HSO4\_DICK90(t\_k, s, p\_bar)

### Arguments

t\_k            temperature in Kelvin

s             Salinity in psu

p\_bar        pressure in bar

### Details

pH scale: Total (according to Handbook, 2007)

### Value

KSO            Dissociation constant of hydrogen sulfate in mol/kg-SW

### Author(s)

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

### References

Dickson (1990) – also Handbook (2007), Millero (1995) for pressure correction

### Examples

AK\_HSO4\_DICK90(t\_k=298, s=35, p\_bar=0)

---

AK\_PHOS\_1\_MILL95      *First dissociation constant of phosphoric acid (H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) in seawater*

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**Description**

Calculates first dissociation constant of phosphoric acid on the SWS pH-scale

**Usage**

AK\_PHOS\_1\_MILL95(t\_k, s, p\_bar)

**Arguments**

t_k	temperature in Kelvin
s	Salinity in psu
p_bar	pressure in bar

**Details**

pH scale: SWS

**Value**

KP1      First dissociation constant of phosphoric acid in mol/kg-SW

**Author(s)**

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

**References**

Yao and Millero (1995), Millero (1995) for pressure correction

**Examples**

AK\_PHOS\_1\_MILL95(t\_k=298, s=35, p\_bar=0)

---

AK\_PHOS\_2\_MILL95      *Second dissociation constant of phosphoric acid (H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) in seawater*

---

**Description**

Calculates second dissociation constant of phosphoric acid on the SWS pH-scale

**Usage**

AK\_PHOS\_2\_MILL95(t\_k, s, p\_bar)

**Arguments**

t_k	temperature in Kelvin
s	Salinity in psu
p_bar	pressure in bar

**Details**

pH scale: SWS

**Value**

KP2      Second dissociation constant of phosphoric acid in mol/kg-SW

**Author(s)**

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

**References**

Yao and Millero (1995), Millero (1995) for pressure correction

**Examples**

AK\_PHOS\_2\_MILL95(t\_k=298, s=35, p\_bar=0)



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AK\_PHOS\_3\_MILL95      *Third dissociation constant of phosphoric acid (H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) in seawater*

---

**Description**

Calculates third dissociation constant of phosphoric acid on the SWS pH-scale

**Usage**

AK\_PHOS\_3\_MILL95(t\_k, s, p\_bar)

**Arguments**

t_k	temperature in Kelvin
s	Salinity in psu
p_bar	pressure in bar

**Details**

pH scale: SWS

**Value**

KP3      Third dissociation constant of phosphoric acid in mol/kg-SW

**Author(s)**

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

**References**

Yao and Millero (1995), Millero (1995) for pressure correction

**Examples**

AK\_PHOS\_3\_MILL95(t\_k=298, s=35, p\_bar=0)

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AK\_SILI\_1\_MILL95      *First dissociation constant of sillicic acid (H4SiO4) in seawater*

---

**Description**

Calculates first dissociation constant of sillicic acid on the SWS pH-scale

**Usage**

AK\_SILI\_1\_MILL95(t\_k, s)

**Arguments**

t\_k                    temperature in Kelvin

s                      Salinity in psu

**Details**

pH scale: SWS (according to Dickson et al, 2007)

No pressure correction available

**Value**

KSi                    First dissociation constant of sillicic acid in mol/kg-SW

**Author(s)**

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

**References**

Yao and Millero (1995) cited by Millero (1995)

**Examples**

AK\_SILI\_1\_MILL95(t\_k=298, s=35)

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AK_W_MILL95	<i>Water dissociation constant Kw in (mol/kg-SW)<sup>2</sup></i>
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**Description**

Calculates water dissociation constant Kw in (mol/kg-SW)<sup>2</sup> on the SWS pH-scale

**Usage**

AK\_W\_MILL95(t\_k, s, p\_bar)

**Arguments**

t_k	temperature in Kelvin
s	Salinity in psu
p_bar	pressure in bar

**Details**

pH scale: SWS

**Value**

Kw	Dissociation constant of water in (mol/kg-SW) <sup>2</sup>
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**Author(s)**

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

**References**

Millero (1995) for value at p\_bar = 0, Millero (pers. comm. 1996) for pressure correction

**Examples**

AK\_W\_MILL95(t\_k=298, s=35, p\_bar=0)

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solve\_pH\_from\_AT      *Solver for the total alkalinity-pH equations*

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### Description

Determines [H+] from Total alkalinity and dissolved total elements in sea water. Universal and robust algorithm from Munhoven (2013) with Newton- Raphson iterations

### Usage

```
solve_pH_from_AT(p_alktot, p_dicvar, p_bortot, p_po4tot, p_siltot,
                 p_nh4tot, p_h2stot, p_so4tot, p_flutot, p_pHscale, p_dicsel,
                 p_askVal=FALSE, p_dissoc, p_temp=18, p_sal=35, p_pres=0, p_hini)
```

### Arguments

p_alktot	Total alkalinity (mol/kg)
p_dicvar	Value of a carbonate system related variable : DIC, [CO2*], [HCO3-] or [CO3-] (mol/kg) See below parameter p_dicsel
p_bortot	Total boron concentration (mol/kg)
p_po4tot	Total phosphate concentration (mol/kg)
p_siltot	Total silicate concentration (mol/kg)
p_nh4tot	Total ammonia concentration (mol/kg)
p_h2stot	Total sulfide concentration (mol/kg)
p_so4tot	Total sulphate concentration (mol/kg)
p_flutot	Total fluor concentration (mol/kg)
p_pHscale	Chosen pH scale: "T" for the total scale, "F" for the free scale and "SWS" for using the seawater scale
p_dicsel	Carbonate variable selector (default = DIC). See parameter p_dicvar above. Values are: "DIC" : p_dicvar = DIC (Dissolved Inorganic Carbon) "CO2" : p_dicvar = [CO2*] "HCO3" : p_dicvar = [HCO3-] "CO3" : p_dicvar = [CO3-]
p_askVal	Optional boolean - set to TRUE if you want this function to return error on alkalinity, along with [H+] concentration value. Default is FALSE
p_dissoc	Named list of all dissociation constants. The list is optional but, if given, it should contain all members listed below excepted K2_Sil, which is itself optional. Member names are : K1_DIC : First dissociation constant of carbonic acid (mol/kg) on chosen scale

	K2_DIC : Second dissociation constant of carbonic acid (mol/kg) on chosen scale
	K_BT : Dissociation constant of boric acid (mol/kg) on chosen scale
	K1_PO4 : First dissociation constant of phosphoric acid (mol/kg) on chosen scale
	K2_PO4 : Second dissociation constant of phosphoric acid (mol/kg) on chosen scale
	K3_PO4 : third dissociation constant of phosphoric acid (mol/kg) on chosen scale
	K_Sil : First dissociation constant of sillicic acid (mol/kg) on chosen scale
	K2_Sil : Second dissociation constant of sillicic acid (mol/kg) on chosen scale. It is optional. If K2_Sil is absent from the list, then SiO <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> ion is not considered in the alkalinity equation. Only SiO(OH) <sub>3</sub> ion is.
	K_NH4 : Dissociation constant of ammonium (mol/kg) on chosen scale
	K_H2S : Dissociation constant of hydrogen sulfide (mol/kg) on chosen scale
	K_HSO4 : Dissociation constant of hydrogen sulfate (mol/kg) on free scale
	K_HF : Dissociation constant of hydrogen fluoride (mol/kg) on free scale
	K_H2O : Dissociation constant of water (mol/kg) on chosen scale
	Note that all dissociation constants shall be expressed in chosen pH scale except K_HF and K_HSO4 which shall be in free scale.
	If the list is not given, these constants, excepted K2_Sil, will be calculated.
p_temp	Temperature in degree Celsius, to compute dissociation constants when p_dissoc is not given
p_sal	Salinity, in practical salinity unit (psu), to compute dissociation constants when p_dissoc is not given
p_pres	Pressure, in bars, to compute dissociation constants when p_dissoc is not given
p_hini	Optional initial value of [H+] concentration If p_dicse1 = "CO3", a vector of two initial values are expected since there may be two solutions for pH. Else, one initial value is expected

## Details

Formulations used when calculating dissociation constants:

- Carbonate if Total pH scale: Luecker et al. (2000) – also Handbook (2007)
- Carbonate if SWS or Free pH scale: Millero et al. (1995) – also Handbook (2007)
- Boric acid: Dickson (1990, eq. 2 3) – also Handbook (2007, eq. 37)
- Phosphoric acid: Yao and Millero (1995)
- Silicic acid: Yao and Millero (1995) cited by Millero (1995)
- Ammonium: Yao and Millero (1995)
- Hydrogen sulfide: Millero et al. (1988) (cited by Millero (1995))
- Hydrogen sulfate: Dickson (1990) – also Handbook (2007)
- Fluoric acid if Total pH scale: Perez and Fraga (1987)

- Fluoric acid if SWS or Free pH scale: Dickson and Riley (1979)
- Water: Millero (1995)

This function does not support vectors as arguments, only scalar values.

### Value

If `p_dicssel` is "CO3", there may be one or two solutions for [H+], else there is only one. In case there are two solutions, both are returned.

- If you set `p_askVal` to TRUE, the function returns a data frame containing the following columns:
  - zh : [H+] concentration value(s) in the chosen pH scale
  - val : Error(s) on total alkalinity, that is the deviation between total alkalinity calculated from [H+] and given total alkalinity
- If you set `p_askVal` to FALSE (default), the function returns only [H+] concentration value(s) in the chosen pH scale.

### Author(s)

Guy Munhoven and Jean-Marie Epitalon

### References

Munhoven G. Munhoven G. (2013) Mathematics of the total alkalinity-pH equation - pathway to robust and universal solution algorithms: the SolveSAPHE package v1.0.1. *Geoscientif. Model Dev.*, 1367-1388

### Examples

```
## Compute [H+] from Alkalinity total and DIC, on total pH scale
p_dissoc <- list()
p_dissoc$K1_DIC <- 1.421828e-06
p_dissoc$K2_DIC <- 1.081555e-09
p_dissoc$K_BT <- 2.526573e-09
p_dissoc$K1_P04 <- 0.02408434
p_dissoc$K2_P04 <- 1.076024e-06
p_dissoc$K3_P04 <- 1.600484e-09
p_dissoc$K_Sil <- 4.071935e-10
p_dissoc$K_NH4 <- 5.380823e-10
p_dissoc$K_H2S <- 3.087264e-07
p_dissoc$K_HS04 <- 0.1003021 # on free scale
p_dissoc$K_HF <- 0.00176441 # on free scale
p_dissoc$K_H2O <- 5.97496e-14
solve_pH_from_AT(p_alktot=2.5e-3, p_dicvar=2e-3, p_bortot=0.0004157, p_po4tot=0, p_siltot=0,
  p_nh4tot=0, p_h2stot=0, p_so4tot=0.0282, p_flutot=6.832e-05, p_pHscale="T",
  p_dicssel="DIC", p_dissoc=p_dissoc)

## Giving inital [H+] value and asking for final error on alkalinity, on seawater pH scale
result <- solve_pH_from_AT(p_alktot=0.00234, p_dicvar=0.001936461, p_bortot=0.0004157, p_po4tot=0,
  p_siltot=0, p_nh4tot=0, p_h2stot=0, p_so4tot=0.0282, p_flutot=6.832e-05,
```

```
      p_pHscale="SWS",p_dicssel="DIC", p_dissoc=p_dissoc, p_askVal=TRUE, p_hini=1.e-8)
H <- result$zh
error <- result$val

## Compute [H+] from Alkalinity total and CO3, on total free scale
H <- solve_pH_from_AT(p_alktot=0.00240, p_dicvar=2.775481e-04, p_bortot=0.0004157, p_po4tot=0,
      p_siltot=0, p_nh4tot=0, p_h2stot=0, p_so4tot=0.0282, p_flutot=6.832e-05,
      p_pHscale="F", p_dicssel="CO3", FALSE, p_dissoc=p_dissoc)
H1 <- H[1]
if (H[2] != 1) print ( c("Second solution : ", H[2]))
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