Supporting Information

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Difference in Relaxation Time of ASW and LDA Water

Comparison of relaxation times obtained for LDA water and ASW (Fig. 1) reveals a difference of almost one order of magnitude at the same temperature, with the ASW sample showing slower relaxation for both H-ASW and D-ASW. LDA is a compact material of surface area $<1 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$, whereas ASW is a highly microporous, fluffy material with a surface area of several hundred square meters per gram at low temperatures (<77 K) that can efficiently take up impurities from the background gas (1, 2). The network of the micropores in ASW then collapses upon heating to >130 K, and some impurities remain irreversibly trapped within the bulk of ASW (3). This difference in surfaceto-volume ratio and some impurities may be at the origin of the observed differences between LDA and ASW (Fig. 1).

Estimates of T_{onset} from Rate-Dependent Dielectric Measurements of LDA

To compare the dielectric results with the DSC measurements the complex permittivity ε^* of protonated and deuterated LDA was recorded not only at constant temperatures (Fig. S2) but, in addition, at a constant frequency of 1 Hz for various heating rates q. In Fig. 2 and Fig. S3 the results for the imaginary part of ε^* , normalized by its maximum value, ε'_{max} , are plotted as a function

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- of temperature. Using a procedure similar to the one used for estimating T_{g} from calorimetric data, we extracted dielectric onset temperatures, T_{onset} , as the intersection point of the linear increase of $\varepsilon''/\varepsilon''_{max}$ at $T > T_{onset}$ with a baseline, $\varepsilon''/\varepsilon''_{max} = 0$, taken to characterize the loss behavior at low temperatures. The linear increase of ε'' was obtained from a linear fit of the dielectric data in the range $0.5 < \varepsilon'' / \varepsilon''_{max} < 0.9$. The resulting fits, extrapolated to $\varepsilon''/\varepsilon''_{max} = 0$, are shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. S3. The error bars for ΔT_{onset} (Fig. 2G) account for the small deviations from the linear regression and for deviations occurring when the fitting range varies between $0.3 < \varepsilon'' / \varepsilon''_{max} < 0.9$ and $0.7 < \varepsilon'' / \varepsilon''_{max} < 0.9$. The data in Fig. S3 also show that the maximum in ε'' vs. T is broad and smooth at high heating rate q. This maximum reflects that the condition $2\pi\nu\tau \sim 1$ is fulfilled before the transformation to the cubic ice phase sets in. This dielectric loss maximum thus signals the presence of a relaxation process. The decay in ε'' observed at higher T gets sharper at heating rates $q \leq 0.2$ K/min, thereby precluding a consistent determination of ε''_{max} (Fig. S3). Thus, the maximum at slow heating rate might not reflect a relaxation maximum, but rather a crystallization-related loss maximum. Hence, we refrain from using the data obtained with heating rates slower than 0.2 K/min in our analysis of ΔT_{onset} .
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Fig. S1. Dynamical structure factor S(Q,E) for an LDA sample obtained from the INS spectra measured at T = 15 K: the experimental spectrum (1) (red curve), calculated multiphonon (black line), and single-phonon (blue curve) contributions.



Fig. 52. (A) Dielectric loss spectra of deuterated LDA water. (B) Master curve obtained by shifting the data in A horizontally on top of the spectrum at 151 K. In B the (unshifted) dielectric data at 136 K are plotted to demonstrate the scaling procedure.



Fig. S3. Temperature dependence of normalized dielectric loss measured at 1 Hz by heating H-LDA (A-F) and D-LDA (G-L) at various rates.



Fig. S4. Dielectric spectra of ASW samples: (A) H_2O and (B) D_2O .

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Fig. S5. Dielectric spectra of ASW (A) H₂O and (B) D₂O samples measured on initial cooling and subsequent heating cycles. The reproducibility of the spectra demonstrates an absence of crystallization.



Fig. S6. Time-temperature superposition plot of dielectric relaxation spectra of the ASW-H₂O sample.



Fig. S7. Structural dynamics in propylene glycol and glycerol. An isotope effect on the glass transition in these hydrogen bonding liquids is very small, $\Delta T_g \approx 0.1$ K for PG and $\Delta T_g \approx 0.4$ K for glycerol (2).

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