

# Effect of Carbon Dioxide Loading on the Solubility of Nitrous Oxide in Aqueous Solutions of 2-(*tert*-Butylamino)ethanol

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The physical solubility of nitrous oxide was measured in aqueous solutions of 2-(*tert*-butylamino)ethanol. This amine is considered to be sterically hindered and is a candidate chemical absorbent for the selective absorption of hydrogen sulfide in the presence of carbon dioxide. Measurements were made for amine concentrations up to 30 mass % over the temperature range 25 °C to 40 °C. The effect of carbon dioxide loading up to 0.90 mol of CO<sub>2</sub>/mole of amine on the nitrous oxide solubility was also investigated. The data obtained in this work may be used to estimate the physical solubility of carbon dioxide in these amine solutions through use of the nitrous oxide analogy method.

## Introduction

Aqueous amine solutions are used extensively in the natural gas industry to absorb acid gases such as hydrogen sulfide and carbon dioxide. In general, the H<sub>2</sub>S concentration must be reduced to a very low level such as 3 ppm, since this gas is highly toxic and corrosive. On the other hand, the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> to be removed will depend on the end use of the natural gas. For applications where selective absorption of H<sub>2</sub>S is desired, tertiary amines are often used, since these amines cannot form carbamates as is the case with primary and secondary amines and the chemical kinetics of the CO<sub>2</sub>/tertiary amine reaction is much slower than that for the CO<sub>2</sub> reaction with primary or secondary amines. Sterically hindered primary and secondary amines are alternatives for selective H<sub>2</sub>S absorption, since severely hindered amines do not form stable carbamates and have slower kinetics for the CO<sub>2</sub>/amine reaction. The stoichiometry for the reaction for severely hindered amines with CO<sub>2</sub> is that 1 mol of CO<sub>2</sub> reacts with 1 mol of amine, as for tertiary amines. For the commonly used primary and secondary amines (that form carbamates), 2 mol of amine are needed per mole of CO<sub>2</sub>.

In this work, we have measured the physical solubility of nitrous oxide in aqueous solutions of a severely hindered amine, 2-(*tert*-butylamino)ethanol (TBAE). Measurements of nitrous oxide solubility were made for unloaded and for CO<sub>2</sub>-loaded TBAE solutions. TBAE may be an alternative to the use of a tertiary amine such as methyldiethanolamine for selective absorption of H<sub>2</sub>S in the presence of CO<sub>2</sub>. The physical solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> is a key physicochemical property needed for modeling mass transfer rates. Since CO<sub>2</sub> reacts in the amine solution, the physical solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> cannot be measured directly. Measurements with N<sub>2</sub>O can be used to estimate the CO<sub>2</sub> physical solubility through the nitrous oxide analogy method first proposed by Clark.<sup>1</sup>

The experimental results obtained in this work are reported in terms of Henry's law,  $p_A = H_A c_A$ , which states that the partial pressure of a gas is proportional to the concentration of that gas dissolved in solution at equilibrium. This relation is only valid for sparingly soluble gases

at relatively low pressures, as is the case for N<sub>2</sub>O solubility in aqueous alkanolamine solutions.

## Experimental Apparatus and Procedure

The apparatus and procedure used in this work were similar to those previously described by Rinker and Sandall.<sup>2</sup> The main part of the apparatus consisted of a cylindrical 1-L Zipperclave reactor with an air driven magnetically coupled stirrer on the top, as schematically shown in Figure 1. An internal heating coil as well as external heating jackets were used to adjust and maintain the desired temperature. Additionally, two external gas tanks were used to store a known volume of CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O, respectively. The volume of the tanks and the reactor was determined by measuring the mass of water needed to fill the volume. The temperature inside the absorption chamber and inside each gas tank was measured by thermocouples with an accuracy of 0.1 K, and the pressure, by pressure transducers with an accuracy of 0.14 kPa.

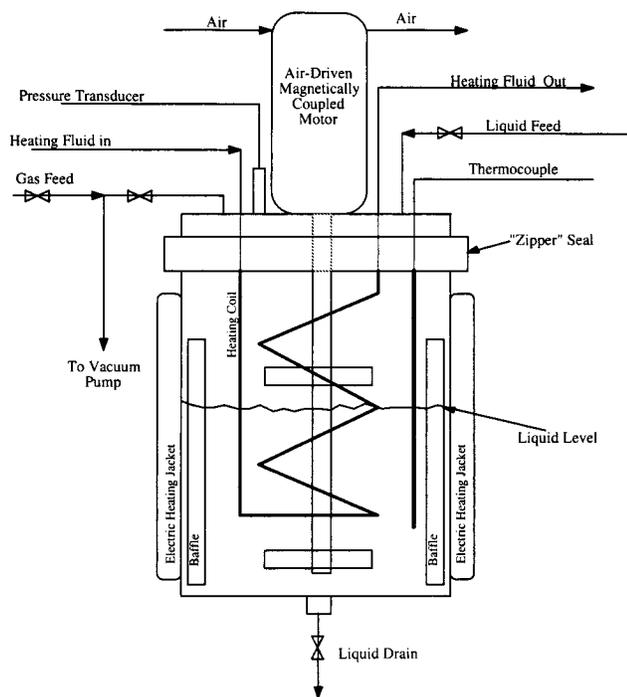
At the beginning of each experiment, a weighed quantity of approximately 400 g of amine solution was injected into the absorption chamber. The reactor was then sealed and adjusted to the desired temperature, and a vacuum was applied. To degas the solvent, the liquid was stirred under vacuum for several minutes. After the vacuum pump was shut off, the system reached vapor–liquid equilibrium and the pressure was recorded at this point as the vapor pressure,  $p_v$ , of the solvent. CO<sub>2</sub> was then allowed to flow into the absorption chamber. The amount of injected CO<sub>2</sub>,  $n_t$ , was determined by measuring temperature and pressure in the external CO<sub>2</sub> storage tank before (1) and after (2) the gas transfer, taking into consideration the nonideality of CO<sub>2</sub>:

$$n_t = \left( \frac{p_1}{Z_1 T_1} - \frac{p_2}{Z_2 T_2} \right) \frac{V_{GT}}{R} \quad (1)$$

$V_{GT}$  is the volume of the CO<sub>2</sub> storage tank, and  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are the compressibility factors. The system reached the simultaneous equilibrium of the CO<sub>2</sub>–amine reaction and physical dissolution while stirring for about 60 min. The final pressure,  $p_f$ , was measured at this point to determine the CO<sub>2</sub> equilibrium partial pressure and the overall CO<sub>2</sub>

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**Figure 1.** Modified Zipperclave reactor.

loading of the amine solution from the difference in transferred,  $n_t$ , and remaining moles of  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $n_r$ :

$$n_r = \left( \frac{p_f}{Z_f} - \frac{p_v}{Z_v} \right) \frac{V_G}{RT} \quad (2)$$

$V_G$  is the gas phase volume in the absorption chamber.  $Z_v$  is the compressibility factor of the vapor, and  $Z_f$ , that of the final gas mixture in the equilibrium cell, which consisted mainly of water and  $\text{CO}_2$ . All compressibility factors were determined according to the Redlich–Kwong equation for pure and mixed solvents as given by Model and Reid.<sup>3</sup> The procedure was repeated several times to achieve the desired  $\text{CO}_2$  loading, which was calculated by

$$L = \frac{\sum_i (n_i)_i - n_r}{n_{\text{TBAE}}} \quad (3)$$

where  $n_{\text{TBAE}}$  is the moles of TBAE in the liquid.

The  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  solubility in the  $\text{CO}_2$ -loaded solution was then measured by adding  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  into the chamber from the  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  storage tank and determining the transferred and dissolved moles as well as the  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  partial pressure in the same way as described for  $\text{CO}_2$ . Henry's constant is then calculated by the equation

$$H_{\text{N}_2\text{O}} = \frac{(p_{f,\text{N}_2\text{O}} - p_{f,\text{CO}_2}) V_1}{n_{t,\text{N}_2\text{O}} - n_{r,\text{N}_2\text{O}}} \quad (4)$$

The density of the aqueous TBAE solution as a function of temperature and concentration, which was needed to determine the liquid volume,  $V_1$ , in the equilibrium cell, was measured in a previous work.<sup>4</sup> The quantity of injected  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  was chosen so as to have a final partial pressure of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  close to 1 atm.

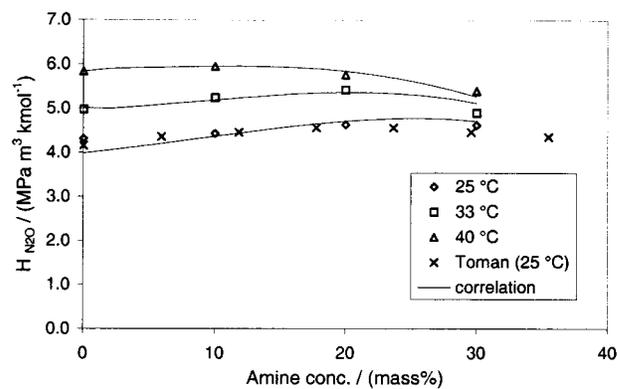
A series of preliminary measurements was performed in order to investigate the effect of interactions between physically dissolved  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$ . Since the amine– $\text{CO}_2$

**Table 1.** Henry's Constants for  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  in Water ( $\text{MPa m}^3/\text{kmol}$ )

$t/^\circ\text{C}$	this work	Rinker and Sandall <sup>5</sup>	Versteeg and van Swaaij <sup>6</sup>
25	4.314	4.116	4.011
33	4.975	4.982	4.900
40	5.900	5.841	5.791

**Table 2.** Henry's Constants for  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  in Unloaded TBAE Solutions

TBAE conc./mass %	$t/^\circ\text{C}$	$H_{\text{N}_2\text{O}}/\text{MPa m}^3/\text{kmol}^{-1}$	standard deviation/ $\text{MPa m}^3/\text{kmol}^{-1}$
10	25	4.357	0.012
	33	5.244	0.045
	40	5.952	0.046
20	25	4.634	0.011
	33	5.421	0.028
	40	5.759	0.114
30	25	4.616	0.032
	33	4.896	0.002
	40	5.390	0.044



**Figure 2.** Henry's constants for  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  in unloaded TBAE solutions.

reaction is reversible, a small amount of  $\text{CO}_2$  remained dissolved in the solution in physical equilibrium with the partial pressure in the gas phase. Through interactions between  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  molecules after introducing  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , some  $\text{CO}_2$  could degas, and the measurements of the  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  partial pressure would be affected. To experimentally confirm that this effect was not significant, different quantities of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  were added to amine solutions at the same  $\text{CO}_2$  loading. The results for  $H_{\text{N}_2\text{O}}$  thus obtained scattered only within the range of the measuring error. Hence, these interactions could be neglected.

The TBAE used in this investigation was obtained from Aldrich Chemicals with a stated minimum purity of 99%. The  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  gases of bone-dry grade were delivered by Puritan Bennett and were of purity greater than 99.8%. Deionized water was used in preparing the amine solutions.

## Results and Correlation

**A.  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  Solubility in Unloaded TBAE Solutions.** To test the accuracy of the measuring method, the solubility of nitrous oxide in pure water was measured. The results are shown in Table 1 along with data found in the literature. The values are in good agreement with an average deviation of 1.9% from the values reported by Rinker and Sandall<sup>5</sup> and 3.5% from the values reported by Versteeg and van Swaaij.<sup>6</sup>

The Henry's constants for  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  in unloaded TBAE solutions as measured in this work are listed in Table 2 and plotted in Figure 2 as a function of amine concentration. For comparison,  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  solubility data at 25 °C as reported by Toman and Rochelle<sup>7</sup> are included in Figure 2 and were found to be in good agreement with the experi-

mental results. Each value reported in Table 2 is the average of at least two measurements with the standard deviation listed in the table. The standard deviation between individual experimental runs indicates that the error is between 1 and 3%, while an estimate of the maximum experimental error is approximately between 7 and 10%.

Recently, Li and Mather<sup>8</sup> proposed a theoretical model to correlate N<sub>2</sub>O solubility data in aqueous amine solutions, which is based on the extended scaled-particle theory by Hu et al.<sup>9</sup> Rinker and Sandall<sup>2</sup> applied the Li–Mather model to successfully correlate N<sub>2</sub>O solubilities in unloaded aqueous DEA and MDEA solutions and to predict the solubility in aqueous blends of these amines. The model working equations are as follows:

$$\ln(H_1) = \frac{1}{kT} \frac{\partial A_h}{\partial N_1} + \frac{1}{kT} \frac{\partial A_s}{\partial N_1} + \ln(kT \sum_j r_j) - \ln\left(\rho \sum_j \frac{w_j}{M_j}\right) \quad (5)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{kT} \frac{\partial A_h}{\partial N_1} = & -\ln(1 - y_3) + \left[ \frac{y_0}{1 - y_3} + \frac{3y_1y_2}{(1 - y_3)^2} + \right. \\ & \left. \frac{3y_2^3}{(1 - y_3)^3} - \frac{y_3y_2^3}{(1 - y_3)^3} \right] \sigma_1^3 + \frac{3y_2\sigma_1}{1 - y_3} + \frac{3y_1\sigma_1^2}{1 - y_3} + \\ & \frac{9y_2^2\sigma_1^2}{2(1 - y_3)^2} + 3\left(\frac{y_2\sigma_1}{y_3}\right)^2 \left[ \ln(1 - y_3) + \frac{y_3}{1 - y_3} - \right. \\ & \left. \frac{y_3^2}{2(1 - y_3)^2} \right] - \left(\frac{y_2\sigma_1}{y_3}\right)^3 \left[ 2 \ln(1 - y_3) + \frac{y_3(2 - y_3)}{1 - y_3} \right] \quad (6) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$y_n = \frac{\pi}{6} \sum_j \rho_j \sigma_j^n \quad (7)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{kT} \frac{\partial A_s}{\partial N_1} = -5.14025 \frac{\pi}{kT} \sum_j r_j \epsilon_{1j} \sigma_{1j}^3 \quad (8)$$

where

$$\sigma_{1j} = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_1 + \sigma_j) \quad (9)$$

The parameters used in these equations are the hard-sphere diameters,  $\sigma_h$ , for the solute and for each of the liquid solvent species, water, and TBAE, and the interaction energy parameters between solute and solvent species,  $\epsilon_{ij}$ .

The application of the correlation methods includes the estimation of the hard-sphere diameter of TBAE,  $\sigma_{\text{TBAE}}$ , and of the energy parameter  $\epsilon_{\text{N}_2\text{O-TBAE}}$  that characterizes the interactions between the solute N<sub>2</sub>O and the amine. Values of the hard-sphere diameters of N<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub>O,  $\sigma_{\text{N}_2\text{O}}$  and  $\sigma_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ , as well as the value of  $\epsilon_{\text{N}_2\text{O-H}_2\text{O}}$  are reported by Li and Mather.<sup>8</sup> Following the method for estimating  $\sigma_{\text{TBAE}}$  that was proposed by Li and Mather, solubility measurements in pure amine solvents would have to be conducted. Since TBAE is a solid over the temperature range studied, the hard-sphere diameter could not be determined experimentally in this work. Therefore, the hard-sphere diameter for TBAE was estimated following the Stiel and Thodos

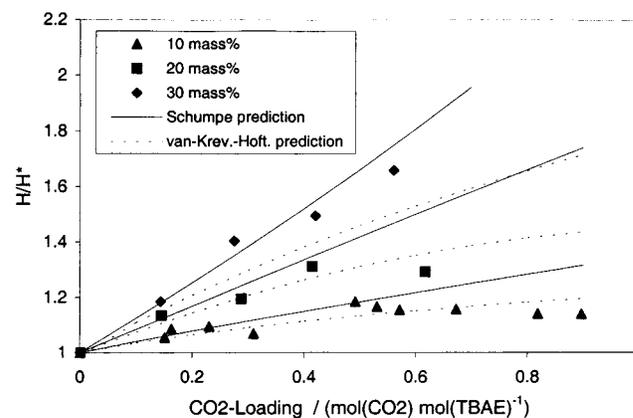
**Table 3. Hard-Sphere Diameter and Energy Parameter Estimates from N<sub>2</sub>O Solubility Data Fitting**

molecule	hard-sphere diameter		energy parameter	
	$\sigma/\text{nm}$	$t/^\circ\text{C}$	$(\epsilon_{\text{N}_2\text{O-TBAE}}/k)/\text{K}$	
TBAE	0.615	25	441.06	
		33	448.90	
		40	457.87	

**Table 4. Henry's Constants for N<sub>2</sub>O in CO<sub>2</sub>-Loaded TBAE Solutions**

$t/^\circ\text{C}$	10 wt %		20 wt %		30 wt %	
	$L_{\text{CO}_2}^a$	$H_{\text{N}_2\text{O-TBAE}}/\text{MPa} \cdot \text{m}^3 \cdot \text{kmol}^{-1}$	$L_{\text{CO}_2}^a$	$H_{\text{N}_2\text{O-TBAE}}/\text{MPa} \cdot \text{m}^3 \cdot \text{kmol}^{-1}$	$L_{\text{CO}_2}^a$	$H_{\text{N}_2\text{O-TBAE}}/\text{MPa} \cdot \text{m}^3 \cdot \text{kmol}^{-1}$
25	0	4.428	0	4.629	0	4.612
	0.15	4.667	0.15	5.256	0.14	5.466
	0.29	4.589	0.29	5.533	0.28	6.473
	0.49	5.244	0.41	6.073	0.42	6.893
	0.57	5.114	0.62	5.985	0.56	7.644
	0.67	5.121	0.87	5.656		
	0.9	5.048				
33	0	5.238	0	5.416	0	4.887
	0.16	5.629	0.14	6.165	0.27	6.786
	0.30	5.570	0.41	6.750	0.55	8.298
	0.36	5.718	0.64	7.094		
	0.49	6.165				
	0.53	5.927				
	0.61	6.241				
40	0	5.947	0	5.754	0	5.384
	0.28	6.482	0.29	6.562	0.15	6.051
	0.37	6.414	0.41	6.886	0.28	6.727
	0.61	7.009	0.68	7.523	0.43	7.274
	0.71	7.096			0.57	8.315

<sup>a</sup> mol of CO<sub>2</sub>/mol of TBAE.



**Figure 3.**  $H_{\text{N}_2\text{O}}$  in CO<sub>2</sub>-loaded TBAE solutions at 25 °C.

method given in Reid and Sherwood.<sup>10</sup> The value of  $\epsilon_{\text{N}_2\text{O-TBAE}}$  was then determined by a least-squares fit of the N<sub>2</sub>O solubility data obtained in this work at each temperature according to the model equations. Both results are given in Table 3, and the best fits are shown in Figure 2. The hard-sphere diameters of all species were held constant with temperature in the fitting procedure, as was proposed by Li and Mather. The average deviation of the fitted curves from the experimental data is 2.0%.

**B. N<sub>2</sub>O Solubility in CO<sub>2</sub>-Loaded TBAE Solutions.** The experimental Henry's constants for N<sub>2</sub>O in CO<sub>2</sub>-loaded solutions as measured in this work are listed in Table 4 and shown in Figures 3–5 as a function of the degree of CO<sub>2</sub> loading related to the corresponding value in unloaded amine solution at the same temperature and initial amine concentration.

The gas solubility depends on the solvent composition and thus on the degree of CO<sub>2</sub> loading. When CO<sub>2</sub> reacts

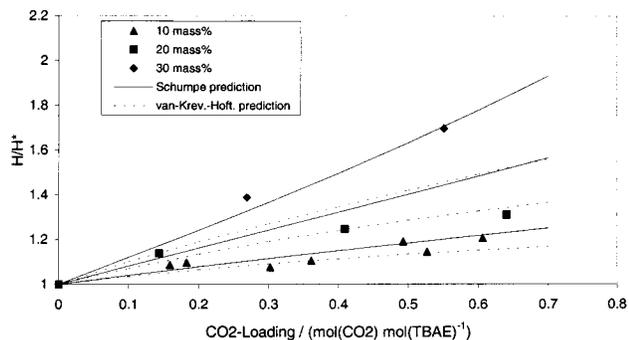


Figure 4.  $H_{N_2O}$  in  $CO_2$ -loaded TBAE solutions at 33 °C.

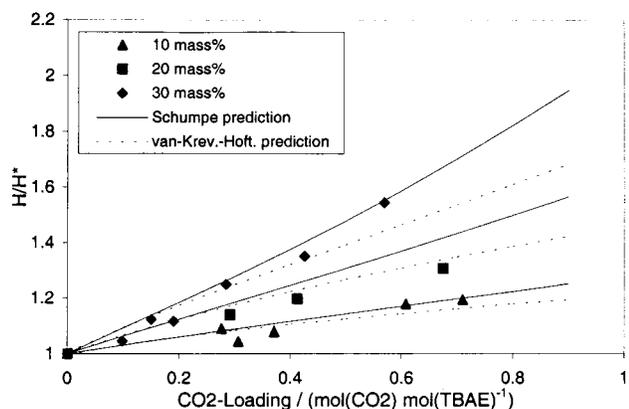


Figure 5.  $H_{N_2O}$  in  $CO_2$ -loaded TBAE solutions at 40 °C.

with TBAE, the amine concentration decreases and protonated amine and bicarbonate ions are formed. An increased ionic strength of solution is generally assumed to cause a solubility reduction, as is the case with the amine solution studied in this work. Van Krevelen and Hoftijzer suggested the following empirical equation to relate the gas solubility to ionic strength,  $I$ , as given by Danckwerts<sup>11</sup>

$$\log\left(\frac{H}{H^*}\right) = \sum_j (K_+ + K_- + K_g) I \quad (10)$$

The parameters  $K_+$ ,  $K_-$ , and  $K_g$  (van-Krevelen coefficients) are specific to the cations, the anions, and the gas, respectively, and are assumed to be ion concentration independent. The superscript \* refers to solubility in unloaded solution.

A modified correlation was recently proposed by Schumpe:<sup>12</sup>

$$\log\left(\frac{H}{H^*}\right) = \sum_i h_i I_i + \sum_i h_g c_i \quad (11)$$

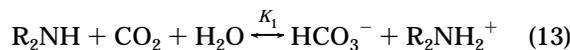
The variables  $h_i$  and  $h_g$  are parameters specific to each solvent species and the gas as introduced by Schumpe,<sup>12</sup> and  $I_i$  is the partial ionic strength of each ion, given as

$$I_i = \frac{1}{2} c_i z_i^2 \quad (12)$$

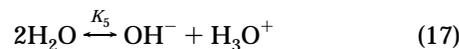
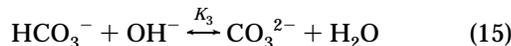
where  $c_i$  is the ion concentration and  $z_i$  the ion charge.

For applying the model equations, the ionic strength of the solution as a function of the composition must be calculated. As shown by Kraehnert<sup>4</sup> and Rinker and Sandall,<sup>5</sup> essentially the following reactions are involved in the  $CO_2$  absorption process into an aqueous solution of TBAE, a sterically hindered secondary amine ( $R_2NH$ ).

### Main Reaction



### Side Reactions



The liquid composition can be calculated as a function of the  $CO_2$  loading, the total concentration of TBAE, and the assumption that all reactions are at equilibrium. Table 5 gives the equations for all equilibrium constants needed as taken from refs 5 and 7.

Figure 6 shows the  $N_2O$  solubility data in  $CO_2$ -loaded solution as measured versus calculated ionic strength. From this plot an overall experimental van-Krevelen constant  $k$  of  $0.098 \pm 0.0087 \text{ L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  is obtained, which was found to be independent of temperature and initial amine concentration, as was expected. The 95% confidence limits of the mean value for  $k$  are included in Figure 6 as dashed lines. The result deviates somewhat from the mean value for  $k$  of  $0.075 \text{ L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  as reported by Toman and Rochelle,<sup>7</sup> who conducted similar measurements.

The experimentally determined van-Krevelen constant can now be used to predict the solubility according to the transformed van-Krevelen–Hoftijzer equation and the ionic strength as calculated in dependence on  $CO_2$  loading. The results are included as solubility predictions in Figures 3–5.

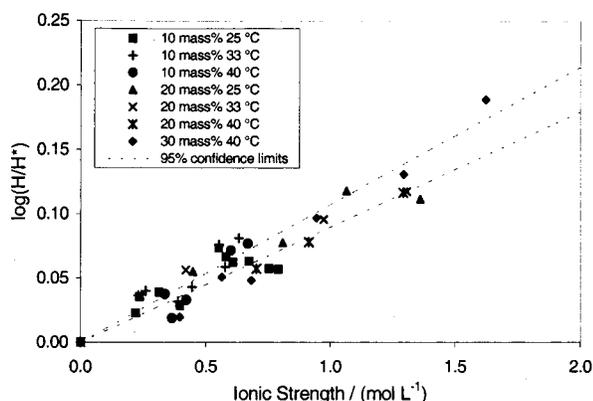
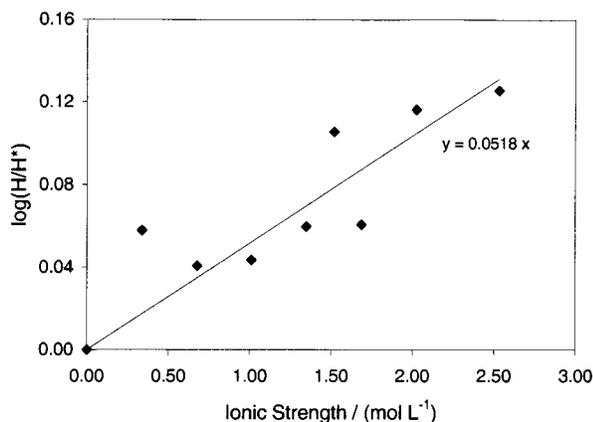
In addition to the solubility measurements in  $CO_2$ -loaded TBAE solutions, a series of measurements was conducted to determine the unknown van-Krevelen coefficient for protonated TBAE. As previously proposed by Browning and Weiland,<sup>13</sup> the production of  $R_2NH_2^+$  ions in amine solutions can be simulated by partial protonation of unloaded TBAE solution with hydrochloric acid. The parameter  $K_+$  can then be obtained by  $N_2O$  solubility measurements as a function of the degree of protonation by applying the van-Krevelen–Hoftijzer equation, eq 10, to this simplified system. The solubility data obtained are given in Figure 7 as a function of the total ionic strength. From the slope of the plot and the known van-Krevelen coefficient for the  $Cl^-$  ion of  $0.021 \text{ L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$  (Danckwerts<sup>11</sup>), the value for  $K_{R_2NH_2^+}$  was determined. As expected, the parameter is independent of initial amine concentration. The result is listed in Table 6 along with values of other amines as reported by Browning and Weiland<sup>13</sup> and was found to be in reasonable agreement with those values with respect to molecular weight and structure.

However, using this value of  $K_{R_2NH_2^+}$  and the van Krevelen coefficients for all ions present in solution as given by Danckwerts<sup>11</sup> to estimate the  $N_2O$  solubility in  $CO_2$ -loaded solvents leads to an overall van Krevelen coefficient  $k$  of 0.139, as shown in Table 7. This is significantly higher than the value experimentally determined as  $k = 0.098$ .

In an analogous way as described for the van-Krevelen–Hoftijzer model, the solubility measurements in partially HCl-protonated TBAE solutions were used to estimate the parameter  $h_{R_2NH_2^+}$  for protonated amine according to the

**Table 5. Equilibrium Constant Correlations ( $T$  in K)**

$K_i$	units	correlation	temp range	ref
$K_5$	$\text{mol}^2 \cdot \text{cm}^{-6}$	$\log(K_5) = 8909.483 - 142613.6/T - 4229.195 \log(T) + 9.7384T - 0.0129683T^2 + (1.15068 \times 10^{-5})T^3 - (4.602 \times 10^{-9})T^4$	293–573 K	5
$K_2K_5$	$\text{mol} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$	$\log(K_2K_5) = 179.648 + 0.019244T - 67.341 \log(T) - 7495.441/T$	293–573 K	5
$K_3K_5$	$\text{mol} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$	$\log(K_3K_5) = -10.35; \Delta H_R = 18.3 \text{ MJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$	at 25 °C	7
$K_4K_5$	$\text{mol} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$	10–20 wt %: $\log(K_4K_5) = -10.65$ 30 wt %: $\log(K_4K_5) = -10.35$ $\Delta H_R = 83.2 \text{ MJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$	at 25 °C	7

**Figure 6.**  $H_{\text{N}_2\text{O}}$  in  $\text{CO}_2$ -loaded TBAE solutions.**Figure 7.**  $H_{\text{N}_2\text{O}}$  in partially protonated TBAE solutions.**Table 6. Van-Krevelen Coefficients for Protonated Amines**

ion	$k_+/L \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$	ion	$k_+/L \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$
protonated MEA	0.055 <sup>a</sup>	protonated MDEA	0.041 <sup>a</sup>
protonated DEA	0.047 <sup>a</sup>	protonated TBAE	0.031

<sup>a</sup> Taken from ref 13.

correlation proposed by Schumpe. The parameters needed for  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions of  $0.0334 \text{ L} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  and for  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  at 25 °C of  $-0.0110 \text{ L} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  are reported by Schumpe. A value for  $h_{\text{R}_2\text{NH}_2^+}$  of  $0.0404 \text{ L} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  was thus obtained. The result was then used to correlate the  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  solubility in  $\text{CO}_2$ -loaded TBAE solution as shown in Figures 3–5. The parameters  $h_i$  used for each ion present in the solvent are listed in Table 8 as taken from Schumpe. The model constant for nitrous oxide  $h_g$  depends slightly on temperature. The value at 25 °C is given in the literature.<sup>12</sup> At 33 °C and 40 °C,  $h_g$  was adjusted by a best fit of the experimental solubility data in  $\text{CO}_2$ -loaded solution.

**Table 7. Estimation of the Van-Krevelen Coefficient in  $\text{CO}_2$ -Loaded Solution**

ion/gas	$k_i/L \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$
$\text{H}^+$	0.0 <sup>a</sup>
$\text{OH}^-$	0.066 <sup>a</sup>
$\text{HCO}_3^-$	0.021 <sup>a</sup>
$\text{CO}_3^{2-}$	0.021 <sup>a</sup>
$\text{R}_2\text{NH}_2^+$	0.031
$\text{N}_2\text{O}$	0.0 <sup>a</sup>
$\Sigma k_i$	0.139

<sup>a</sup> Taken from ref 11.**Table 8. Schumpe Model Parameters**

ion	$h_i/L \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$	gas	$h_g/L \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$
$\text{H}^+$	0.0 <sup>a</sup>	$\text{N}_2\text{O}$ at 25 °C	$-0.011^a$
$\text{OH}^-$	0.0756 <sup>a</sup>	$\text{N}_2\text{O}$ at 33 °C	$-0.016$
$\text{HCO}_3^-$	0.1372 <sup>a</sup>	$\text{N}_2\text{O}$ at 40 °C	$-0.025$
$\text{CO}_3^{2-}$	0.1666 <sup>a</sup>		
$\text{R}_2\text{NH}_2^+$	0.0404		

<sup>a</sup> Taken from ref 12.**Table 9. Deviation between Experimental Data and Correlation**

temp	model	10 mass %	20 mass %	30 mass %
25 °C	Van-Krevelen–Hoftijzer	2.2%	2.2%	9.1%
	Schumpe	3.3%	5.0%	3.3%
33 °C	Van-Krevelen–Hoftijzer	2.2%	1.5%	8.2%
	Schumpe	3.3%	8.1%	2.5%
40 °C	Van-Krevelen–Hoftijzer	2.1%	2.0%	2.7%
	Schumpe	1.8%	5.4%	2.7%

Table 9 shows the deviation of the experimental results from both correlations. For an initial TBAE concentration of 10 mass%, both models predict the nitrous oxide solubility fairly well. However, at 20 mass % initial TBAE concentration, the Schumpe model prediction deviates strongly from the measured values, whereas the data calculated using the van-Krevelen–Hoftijzer method are in acceptable agreement. The opposite is found for 30 mass %. One can conclude that the van-Krevelen–Hoftijzer model is applicable in the range of low ionic strengths of solution. For higher ionic strengths, the Schumpe model seems to provide a better estimation of Henry's constant.

## Conclusion

The physical solubility of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  in unloaded and in  $\text{CO}_2$ -loaded TBAE solutions was measured as a function of the degree of  $\text{CO}_2$  loading. Henry's constant for  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  in unloaded solutions was correlated according to a method proposed by Li and Mather.<sup>8</sup> The experimental results were found to fit the correlated curves within 2% deviation in the average.

The  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  solubility in  $\text{CO}_2$ -loaded TBAE solution decreases with increasing  $\text{CO}_2$  loading. It was shown that this

behavior can be explained by the increased ionic strength of solution by correlating the data according to the van-Krevelen–Hoftijzer equation as given in Danckwerts<sup>11</sup> and an empirical model proposed by Schumpe.<sup>12</sup> In addition, the van Krevelen coefficient and the Schumpe model parameter for protonated TBAE were determined by conducting solubility measurements on TBAE solutions partially neutralized with hydrochloric acid. The N<sub>2</sub>O solubility can be translated into CO<sub>2</sub> solubility by application of the N<sub>2</sub>O analogy.

## Nomenclature

### Latin Letters

$A$  = Helmholtz energy, J  
 $c$  = concentration, mol·L<sup>-1</sup>  
 $H$  = Henry's constant, MPa·m<sup>3</sup>·kmol<sup>-1</sup>  
 $H'$  = Henry's constant, MPa  
 $h$  = Schumpe model parameter, L·mol<sup>-1</sup>  
 $I$  = ionic strength, mol·L<sup>-1</sup>  
 $K$  = equilibrium constants  
 $k$  = Boltzmann constant,  $1.381 \times 10^{-23}$  J·K<sup>-1</sup>  
 $k'$  = van-Krevelen coefficients, L·mol<sup>-1</sup>  
 $L$  = CO<sub>2</sub> loading, mol of CO<sub>2</sub>·(mol of TBAE)<sup>-1</sup>  
 $M$  = molecular weight, g·mol<sup>-1</sup>  
 $N$  = average number of molecules  
 $N_0$  = Avogadro's number  
 $n$  = mole number, mol  
 $p$  = pressure, MPa  
 $R$  = general gas constant,  $8.314 \times 10^{-3}$  MPa·m<sup>3</sup>·kmol<sup>-1</sup>·K<sup>-1</sup>  
 $r$  = number density of molecules, m<sup>-3</sup>  
 $T$  = temperature, °C  
 $V$  = volume, cm<sup>3</sup>  
 $w$  = mass fraction  
 $Z$  = compressibility factor  
 $z$  = ion charge

### Greek Letters

$\epsilon$  = energy parameter  
 $\rho$  = solvent density, g·cm<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\sigma$  = hard-sphere diameter, m

### Subscripts

f = final  
g, G = gas phase  
GT = gas tank

h = denotes change from ideal gas system to hard-sphere system  
j = solvent species (H<sub>2</sub>O, TBAE)  
l = liquid phase  
r = remaining in gas phase  
s = denotes change from hard-sphere system to real liquid system  
t = transferred  
v = denotes equilibrium vapor pressure

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