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## **EXCESS MOLAR VOLUMES OF AQUEOUS SOLUTIONS OF BUTYLAMINE ISOMERS**

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Excess molar volumes  $(V^E)$  and average thermal expansivities  $(\alpha)$  of the systems, water  $(W) + n$ -butylamine (NBA),  $W + sec$ -butylamine (SBA), and  $W + tert$ -butylamine (TBA), have been calculated from the density data at temperatures ranging from 298.15 -**323.15 K.** The  $V<sup>E</sup>$  and  $\alpha$  values have been plotted as functions of mole fraction of amines. The systems show large negative excess volumes, magnitude of which varies in the order,  $W + TBA > W + SBA > W + NBA$ . The curves are found to be symmetrical along the composition axis, with minima occurring at **0.5** mole fraction of butylamines. The negative excess volumes have been interpreted primarily by two effects: (i) strong chemical interaction leading to the formation of 1:1 complexes through H-bonding and (ii) hydrophobic hydration causing significant contraction of volume.

Keywords: Density; excess molar volume; isomeric butylamines; hydrophobic hydration

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

This is **a** part of our continuing studies on volumetric and viscometric properties of aqueous and non-aqueous mixtures. Because of virtually unrestricted solubility amongst liquids, number of non-aqueous systems is almost unlimited. On the other hand, restriction on the solubility of organic substances in water limits the number of aqueous organic systems. A large portion of these systems involves different alcohols, because of their complete solubility in water. Literature

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survey shows that the studies on volumetric properties of aqueous alcohol systems are quite extensive. It has been found that the interaction between organic solutes and water arises mainly from two effects. In aqueous solutions the hydrocarbon or non-polar part of the organic molecules promotes the water structure around it, called the structure-making effect. On the other hand, polar parts, such as,  $-OH$ , >CO, **-NH2,** etc. of the same molecules form H-bond with water, breaking the normal water structure. Consequently, physico-chemical properties of these systems are largely governed by these two effects.

The studies so far available on volumetric behaviour of aqueous amine systems are rather scarce and scattered. The only systematic study of considerable importance in connection with our work is that on volumetric and viscometric properties of aqueous tert-butylamine by Kipkemboi et al. [l]. In the present paper we report the volumetric properties of aqueous solutions of three butylamine isomers, *n*butylamine, sec-butylamine and tert-butylamine - all being soluble in water in the full range of composition. This study provides us way to examine the effect of branching of hydrocarbon parts of the amines on the volumetric properties of these systems.

### **2. EXPERIMENTAL**

The chemicals used for experiment were procured from Aldrich. The quoted purities of these chemicals are: n-butylamine **(99%),** secbutylamine (99%) and tert-butylamine (98%). The amines were used without further treatment, except that these were allowed to stand over molecular sieves  $(4A)$  for  $2-3$  weeks prior to their use. A specific gravity bottle of 25ml capacity was used for measurement of density which was previously calibrated with redistilled water. Weighing was made by an analytical balance with a sensitivity of  $\pm 0.1$  mg. A thermostated water bath was used for measurements, the temperature of which was controlled to  $\pm 0.05$  K. The average uncertainty in measurement of density is estimated as  $0.14 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ .

The excess molar volume,  $V^E$ , was calculated by the following equation,

$$
V^{E} = \frac{X_1M_1 + X_2M_2}{d} - \left(X_1\frac{M_1}{d_1} + X_2\frac{M_2}{d_2}\right)\cdots
$$
 (1)

where, d is the density of the mixture,  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ ,  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  are the molecular weights, mole fractions and densities of the components, the subscripts 1 and 2 denoting the values for water and amines, respectively. Each set of results covering the whole range of composition was fitted to a Redlich-Kister equation of the type,

$$
V^{E} = X_{1}X_{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n} A_{i}(2X_{1} - 1)^{i} \cdots
$$
 (2)

Using  $n = 3$  at each temperature, four different  $A_i$  values and a standard deviation,  $\sigma$ , were obtained through least squares method.

The average isobaric thermal expansivities  $(\alpha)$  have been calculated by the equation,  $\alpha = -(d \ln \frac{d}{dT})_P$ . The slope of the plots of lnd versus temperature *T* yields  $\alpha$ .

#### **3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Densities of the systems, water  $(W) + n$ -butylamine (NBA),  $W + sec$ butylamine (SBA) and  $W + tert$ -butylamine (TBA), have been measured at different temperatures over the whole range of composition. As the boiling point of TBA is very low **(319.15 K),** the temperature limit for the system  $W + TBA$  is set from 298.15 to 313.15 K, while for the other two systems,  $W + NBA$  and  $W + SBA$ , the temperature ranges are **303.15-323.15 K** and **298.15-323.15 K,** respectively. The measured densities of pure butylamines are shown in Table I at different temperatures, which correspond well with literature values. At a particular temperature, densities of the amines are found to be in the order,  $NBA > SBA > TBA$ .

The excess molar volumes,  $V^E$ , of the systems  $W + NBA$ ,  $W + SBA$ and  $W + TBA$ , have been calculated from the density data using Eq. **(1).** The *VE* values are shown in Table **11.** The values are fitted by a polynomial equation [Eq. **(2)].** Coefficients of the equation and the standard deviation,  $\sigma$ , are shown in Table III. Figures  $1-3$  show the smoothed curves of  $V^E$  *vs.* mole fraction of amines. For comparison, excess volumes of the three systems at **303.15 K** are shown in Figure **4.**  The  $V^E$  data of W + TBA of Kipkemboi *et al.* [1] at 303.15 K are shown in this figure for comparison, showing excellent agreement with our values.

T/K	d(NBA)		d(SBA)		d(TBA)	
	Expt.	Lit.	Expt.	Lit.	Expt.	Lit.
298.15			718.0		686.4	$686.64^a$
303.15	727.3	$726.6^{b}$ $728.5^\circ$ $731.5^d$	713.1		681.5	$681.73^a$
308.15	722.6	722.8 <sup>b</sup> $723.7^\circ$	708.1		676.0	$675.80^{a}$
313.15	717.6	719.2 <sup>c</sup>	703.1		670.6	
318.15	712.7		698.2			
323.15	707.8		693.2			

**TABLE I** Density  $d(\text{kg m}^{-3})$  of pure butylamines

**<sup>a</sup>Ref. [I];** 

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Generally, it is believed that the amines are self-associated through H-bond. The strength of the bond, however, depends upon the steric effect. With the minimum steric hindrance, NBA is supposed to form the strongest H-bond. Since the steric hindrance in TBA is the maximum, it therefore forms the weakest H-bond. Obviously, the strength of the H-bond in SBA falls in between these two amines. The densities of the amines should depend upon the relative strength and extent of H-bond, and consequently, the order of the densities is expected to be,  $NBA > SBA > TBA$ , which is in agreement with the experiment.

The temperature coefficient of densities of the pure amines over the range of temperature studied has been found to be in the order, NBA (-0.9780 kg m<sup>-3</sup>K<sup>-1</sup>) > SBA (-0.9908 kg<sup>-3</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>) > TBA  $(-1.058 \text{ kg m}^{-3} \text{K}^{-1})$ . This order can easily be understood in terms of the strength of H-bond formed.

The expansivities of the systems as function of composition are shown in Figure *5.* The values increase with the mole fraction of the butylamines, initially at a faster rate, followed by a slower rate at higher concentration of amines. The expansivities have been found to follow the order,  $W + TBA > W + SBA > W + NBA$ . The expansivities are thought to be influenced by the relative ease of breaking of H-bonds, presumably formed between water and amines. In terms of steric hindrance the thermal stability of H-bonds formed is in the order,  $(W \dots NBA) > (W \dots SBA) > (W \dots TBA)$ , where the dotted lines in the



TABLE II Experimental densities  $d(kgn^{-3})$  and excess molar volumes  $V^E(m^3 mol^{-1})$  of Water  $(X_1)$  + Butylamine  $(X_2)$  systems for different molar ratios at different emperatures **Experimental densities**  $d(\text{kg m}^{-3})$  **and excess molar volumes**  $V^E(\text{m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1})$  **of Water**  $(X_1)$  **+ Butylamine**  $(X_2)$  **systems for different molar ratios at different temperatures TABLE I1** 





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<b>System</b>	T/K	A <sub>0</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>	$A_3$	σ
	303.15	$-7.4728$	$-0.2497$	$-0.6263$	0.0184	0.02688
	308.15	$-7.5125$	$-0.3001$	$-0.4757$	0.2087	0.02755
$W + NBA$	313.15	$-7.6028$	$-0.2363$	$-0.6130$	$-0.2688$	0.02670
	318.15	$-7.6843$	$-0.3605$	$-0.6583$	$-0.1790$	0.03614
	323.15	$-7.7436$	$-0.2529$	$-0.6616$	$-0.4307$	0.03940
$W + SBA$	298.15	$-9.7761$	0.0003	$-0.2884$	1.8779	0.03344
	303.15	$-9.8863$	0.0207	$-0.1129$	1.9269	0.03037
	308.15	$-9.9648$	$-0.0794$	0.0825	2.0696	0.02743
	313.15	$-10.0293$	$-0.1459$	0.0891	2.3958	0.03166
	318.15	$-10.1297$	$-0.0419$	0.4898	2.2602	0.02349
$W + TBA$	323.15	$-10.2214$	0.0618	0.7416	2.2983	0.02681
	298.15	$-12.9358$	0.1427	$-2.4264$	0.2044	0.05209
	303.15	$-13.0379$	0.1643	$-1.8281$	0.7153	0.04685
	308.15	$-13.2790$	0.2000	$-1.8722$	0.2774	0.04747
	313.15	$-13.3727$	$-0.6033$	$-3.3992$	4.0674	0.12735

**TABLE III** Coefficients  $A_1$  of Redlich–Kister equation (2) and standard deviations  $\sigma$  in m<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> for Water + Butylamine systems at different temperatures



**FIGURE** 1 **Excess molar volumes for W** + **NBA system as a function of mole fraction**  of NBA.  $\Box$  - 303.15 **K**,  $\Delta$  - 323.15 **K**.



**FIGURE 2 Excess molar volumes for W** + **SBA system as a function of mole fraction of SBA.**  $\Box$  -298.15 **K**,  $\Delta$  -323.15 **K**.

parentheses denote H-bonds between water and amines. Therefore, the observed order of expansivities which is in the reverse order of the thermal stability of H-bonds appears to be quite consistent.

Examination of the excess molar volumes in Figures  $1 - 3$  shows the following characteristics:

- (a) Mixtures of each of the isomers of butylamines and water exhibit large contraction of volume.
- (b) The temperature effect on  $V^E$  is not significant either in water-rich or in amine-rich regions, but it is quite apparent in the central region of composition. The  $dV^{E}/dT$  estimated at 0.5 mole frac-



**FIGURE 3 Excess molar volumes for W** + **TBA system as a function of mole fraction**  of TBA.  $\Box$  - 298.15 K,  $\Delta$  - 318.15 K.

tion of amines is negative for all systems and the values are:  $W+TBA$  (-9.21×10<sup>-3</sup> m<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>K<sup>-1</sup>), W+SBA (-4.52 × 10<sup>-3</sup> m<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>) and W + NBA (-3.80  $\times$  10<sup>-3</sup> m<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>) over the range of temperature studied.

- (c) Clearly defined minima were observed at 1 : 1 composition for all the systems.
- (d) The excess volume curves are all symmetrical.

The factors that are generally thought to be important for the contraction of volume are: (a) Chemical interaction between component



FIGURE 4 Comparison of excess molar volumes of Water + Butylamines at 303.15 K.<br>O – W + NBA,  $\Delta$  – W + SBA,  $\Box$  – W + TBA.  $\diamond$  – estimated from density data of Ref. [1].







**FIGURE 5 Thermal expansivities as a function** of **mole fraction of Butylamines.**   $O-W+NBA$ ,  $\Delta-W+SBA$ ,  $\square-W+TBA$ .

molecules. (b) Physical forces, such as, dipole - dipole, dipole-induced dipole, or van der Waals forces that exist between component molecules. (c) Interstitial accommodation of molecules of one component into the structural network of the other component. (d) Favourable geometrical fitting. (e) Size differences of molecules. **(f)** Hydrophobic hydration, which is particularly important for these systems.

The factors responsible for volume expansion are: (a) The dispersive forces - by which associated component of a system, formed either by chemical or physical interaction, is dissociated by a non-polar or less polar component. (b) Unfavourable geometrical fitting of molecules. (c) Steric effect-which opposes the molecules from coming to close proximity.

The negative excess volume of the systems indicates that the factors leading to contraction on mixing of components dominate over the factors responsible for volume expansion. Considering the structural features and related properties of water and amines we can easily visualize that, strong chemical interaction takes place between water and amines presumably forming 1:l complex through H-bond, as suggested by the occurrence of minima at 0.5 mole fraction of amines for all water-amine systems. Other factors, such as, dipolar interaction, large size difference between water and amine molecules and hydrophobic hydration which assumes that the amine molecules are encaged by highly structured water molecules-all are important causes for volume contraction. Hence, factors causing volume expansion, as mentioned above, are understandably not strong enough to counterbalance the factors responsible for volume contraction.

In view of unusually **high** negative excess volumes of these systems we wish to emphasize that, hydrophobic hydration plays the most important role in bringing about contraction of volume. In recent studies on volumetric properties of the aqueous solutions  $[2-4]$  it was suggested that hydrophobic hydration was by far the most important factor for volume contraction. This phenomenon was also shown to be primarily responsible for unusually high viscosities of alcohols *[5],* acetone **[3]** and alkoxyethanols **[6]** in water-rich regions. From their recent study on hydrophobic interaction in aqueous solutions of alkane-1,2-diols, Andini et al. [7] empirically have established that, hydrophobic capacity of hydrocarbon groups varies in the order,  $CH_3 > CH_2 > CH$ . Assuming that hydrophobic hydration is the major cause of volume contraction and considering the structural features of the amines used in this investigation, it can be predicted that the magnitude of the negative excess volumes should be in the following order:

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\n $\text{CH}_3 \quad \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}_2 + \text{NH}_2$   
\n $\text{CH}_3$   
\n $\text{CH}_3$   
\n $\text{HBA} \quad \text{SBA} \quad \text{NBA}$ \n

This is fully in agreement with the present experiment as shown by the comparative curves in Figure 4 for  $V^E$  of aqueous solutions of isomeric butylamines.

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