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# Thermodynamic activation parameters for viscous flow of aqueous solutions of butylamines

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The thermodynamic activation parameters, enthalpies,  $\Delta H^{\neq}$ , free energies,  $\Delta G^{\neq}$ , and entropies,  $\Delta S^{\neq}$ , for viscous flow of the systems, water (W) + *n*-butylamine (NBA), W + *sec*butylamine (SBA) and W + *tert*-butylamine (TBA), have been determined by using the density and the viscosity data. These properties and their excess values have been represented graphically against their composition. With respect to the composition,  $\Delta G^{\neq}$  show a typical behaviour for all the systems – a fast rise in the water-rich region with a maximum followed by the values that decline up to the pure state of amines. The  $\Delta H^{\neq}$  and  $\Delta S^{\neq}$  versus composition curves follow the similar trend. For all systems the excess properties,  $\Delta G^{\neq E}$ ,  $\Delta H^{\neq E}$  and  $\Delta S^{\neq E}$ are characterized by sharp maxima in the water-rich region, which are thought to be mainly due to the hydrophobic hydration and the hydrophilic effect.

*Keywords*: Aqueous solutions of butylamines; Thermodynamic activation parameters for viscous flow; Hydrophobic hydration

#### 1. Introduction

It is a part of our ongoing project on the physical properties and the molecular interactions in binary liquid mixtures. Under this project, we have been studying the volumetric and the viscometric properties of binary liquid mixtures with particular reference to aqueous solutions of hydrophobic solutes. Although quite a significant amount of work on the viscometric properties of the aqueous solutions of hydrophobic solutes, such as, amines [1,2], diamines [3–6], alcohols [7–12], amides [13,14] and diols [15–19] has been published, only a very little attention has been paid to the thermodynamic studies of the viscous flow of these solutions. Very recently, we reported the thermodynamic activation parameters for the viscous flow of the aqueous solutions of the viscous flow of the solutions. Very recently, alcohol and propargyl alcohol [20]. Here, we report on the thermodynamic activation parameters for the viscous flow of the aqueous solutions and propargyl alcohol [20]. Here, we report on the thermodynamic activation parameters for the viscous flow of the aqueous solutions and propargyl alcohol [20]. Here, we report on the thermodynamic activation parameters for the viscous flow of the aqueous solutions activation parameters for the viscous flow of the aqueous solutions attributes. The choice of these amines would provide us an opportunity to study the effect of branching as well as

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position of the  $-NH_2$  group on the thermodynamic activation parameters for the viscous flow of the systems.

#### 2. Experimental

The experimental procedure for measuring density and viscosity of the systems has been described in detail elsewhere [1,21]. Since *tert*-butylamine (TBA) boils at 46°C, the experiments were carried out up to a maximum temperature of 40°C. The enthalpies,  $\Delta H^{\neq}$ , and the entropies,  $\Delta S^{\neq}$ , of activation for the viscous flow were calculated by using the following form of Eyring equation

$$\ln(\eta V_{\rm m}/hN) = \Delta H^{\neq}/RT - \Delta S^{\neq}/R \tag{1}$$

where,  $\eta$ ,  $V_{\rm m}$ , h, N and R have their usual significance. The variation of  $\ln(\eta V_{\rm m}/hN)$  with 1/T shows excellent linearity over the range of temperature studied and  $\Delta H^{\neq}$  and  $\Delta S^{\neq}$  values were calculated from the slope and the intercept, respectively, obtained by the least-squares method. Free energies of activation for the viscous flow,  $\Delta G^{\neq}$ , were then obtained from the following equation:

$$\Delta G^{\neq} = \Delta H^{\neq} - T \Delta S^{\neq} \tag{2}$$

The thermodynamic activation parameters for the viscous flow are represented by a common polynomial equation of the type,

$$Y = \sum_{i=0}^{n} A_i x_2^i$$
 (3)

where,  $A_i$  is the *i*th coefficient, Y stands for  $\Delta G^{\neq}$ ,  $\Delta H^{\neq}$  and  $\Delta S^{\neq}$  and  $x_2$  for the mole fraction of amines.

The excess values,  $Y^{E}$ , of the above functions, i.e.  $\Delta G^{\neq E}$ ,  $\Delta H^{\neq E}$  and  $\Delta S^{\neq E}$  have been calculated by the following general additive equation,

$$Y^{\rm E} = Y - (x_1 Y_1 + x_2 Y_2) \tag{4}$$

Here, each term has its usual significance and the subscripts 1 and 2 refer to water and amine, respectively.

Each of the excess properties has been fitted to a Redlich-Kister polynomial equation of the form,

$$Y^{\rm E} = x_1 x_2 \sum_{i=0}^{n} A_i (1 - 2x_1)^i$$
(5)

where,  $A_i$  is the *i*th coefficient,  $Y^{\rm E}$  stands for each of  $\Delta G^{\neq \rm E}$ ,  $\Delta H^{\neq \rm E}$  and  $\Delta S^{\neq \rm E}$  and  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are the mole fractions of water and amine, respectively.

#### 3. Results and discussion

The thermodynamic parameters have been calculated by using the density and the viscosity data between 303.15 and 323.15 K from our previous works [1,21].

Table 1 lists the  $\Delta G^{\neq}$  and the  $\Delta G^{\neq E}$  for all the systems at different temperatures. The  $\Delta G^{\neq}$  values have been expressed satisfactorily by equation (3), the coefficients of which have been shown in table 2. As the values of  $r^2$  are very close to unity, in all cases, it indicates an excellent fitting of the data by the polynomial equation (3).

In figure 1,  $\Delta G^{\neq}$  values of the water (W) + *n*-butylamine (NBA) have been plotted against the mole fraction of NBA in between 303.15 and 323.15 K. As the nature of  $\Delta G^{\neq}$  and  $\Delta G^{\neq E}$  versus  $x_2$  curves for the other two systems is almost similar to that of W + NBA, they are not shown graphically. Figure 2 represents the variation of  $\Delta G^{\neq E}$ of the system, W + NBA, against the mole fraction of NBA at temperatures 303.15–323.15 K. Figures 3 and 4 are the comparative diagrams of  $\Delta G^{\neq}$  and  $\Delta G^{\neq E}$ for W + butylamines at 303.15 K respectively. An examination of figures 1–4 reveals the following:

- (a) On addition of amines into water,  $\Delta G^{\neq}$  increases sharply in the water-rich region, which passes through a maximum near about  $x_2 = 0.25$  and then declines up to the pure state of amines.
- (b) The ∆G<sup>≠E</sup> are positive for the whole range of composition and are generally large in magnitude, all the values being fitted well to the Redlich-Kister polynomial equation (5) (table 3).
- (c) Sharp maximum for  $\Delta G^{\neq E}$  occurs at the same composition, i.e.  $x_2 \sim 0.25$  mole fraction of amines.
- (d) The system of W + TBA shows much larger values of  $\Delta G^{\neq}$  as well as  $\Delta G^{\neq E}$  than the other two systems. The values for W + *sec*-butylamine (SBA) are slightly greater than W + NBA in the water-rich region, but the order is reversed in the amine-rich region.
- (e) The effect of temperature both on  $\Delta G^{\neq}$  and  $\Delta G^{\neq E}$  is seen to be significant, particularly in the region at or around the maximum, though the positions of maxima apparently remain unchanged with the variation of temperature.

The large positive  $\Delta G^{\neq E}$  values for all the systems imply that all the solutions are highly non-ideal, and that for the flow process to take place, the species formed in the solutions have to surmount a large additional energy barrier. That is to say, the species experience enhanced resistance to flow, which arises primarily from the two effects: (a) hydrophilic effect and (b) hydrophobic hydration.

Table 4 lists the values of  $\Delta H^{\neq}$ ,  $\Delta H^{\neq E}$ ,  $\Delta S^{\neq}$  and  $\Delta S^{\neq E}$  for different compositions. The  $\Delta H^{\neq}$  and  $\Delta S^{\neq}$  values are correlated with the mole fraction of amines by equation (3). The coefficients of this equation are listed in table 5 together with the values of  $r^2$ . The  $\Delta H^{\neq E}$  and  $\Delta S^{\neq E}$  values are fitted to the Redlich-Kister polynomial equation (5). The coefficients of the equation and the standard deviations are shown in table 6.

Figure 5 shows the plots of  $\Delta H^{\neq}$  against the mole fraction of amines. As  $\Delta S^{\neq}$  versus  $x_2$  are found to follow similar trend, they are not shown graphically. However, the curves for  $\Delta S^{\neq}$  and  $\Delta H^{\neq}$  for all the systems i.e. W + NBA, W + SBA and W + TBA, to a large extent are similar in nature showing maxima at ~0.20 mole fraction of amines.

The values of  $\Delta H^{\neq E}$  and  $\Delta S^{\neq E}$  are all positive. Their variations with respect to  $x_2$  show maxima at  $x_2 \sim 0.25$ , as represented by figures 6 and 7, respectively.

$X_2$	$\Delta G^{\neq}$	$\Delta G^{\neq \mathrm{E}}$	$\Delta G^{\neq}$	$\Delta G^{\neq \mathrm{E}}$	$\Delta G^{\neq}$	$\Delta G^{\neq \mathrm{E}}$	$\Delta G^{\neq}$	$\Delta G^{\neq \mathrm{E}}$	$\Delta G^{\neq}$	$\Delta G^{\neq \mathrm{E}}$	$\Delta G^{\neq}$	$\Delta G^{\neq \mathrm{E}}$
W $(x_1) + N$	BA $(x_2)$		303.]	15K	308.]	15K	313.	15 K	318.1	15 K	323.1	5 K
0.0000 0.1000 0.1998 0.2999 0.3999 0.5000 0.5997 0.7999			9.045 12.079 13.075 13.333 13.322 13.322 13.325 13.096 12.800 12.256	0.000 2.753 3.469 3.155 3.155 2.648 1.483 1.483 0.967	8.952 11.952 12.950 13.234 13.234 13.034 13.034 12.75 12.775	0.000 2.704 3.407 3.442 3.099 2.603 1.465 1.465 0.957	8.858 11.825 12.825 13.169 13.146 12.972 12.972 12.483	0.000 2.655 3.345 3.377 3.043 2.557 2.009 1.446 0.946	8.765 11.698 12.701 13.057 13.058 13.058 13.058 13.058 12.910 12.701 12.479 12.313	0.000 2.607 3.284 3.314 2.987 2.512 1.978 1.427 0.935	8.671 11.571 12.577 12.945 12.946 12.948 12.848 12.848 12.848 12.332	0.000 2.558 3.222 3.248 2.946 1.946 1.408 0.925
$0.9001 \\ 1.0000 \\ W(x_1) + SF$	3A (x <sub>2</sub> ) 298.1	15 K	12.040 11.850 303.1	0.470 0.000 15 K	12.081 11.911 308.1	0.466 0.000 15 K	12.125 11.971 313.	0.462 0.000 15 K	12.164 12.032 318.1	0.000 0.000 5 K	12.206 12.092 323.1	0.000 5 K
0.0000 0.1000 0.1999 0.3000 0.3998	9.163 12.318 13.272 13.459 13.335	0.000 2.916 3.632 3.579 3.216	9.045 12.162 13.124 13.330 13.231	0.000 2.861 3.566 3.516 3.161	8.952 12.006 12.975 13.200 13.126	0.000 2.783 3.481 3.434 3.089	8.858 11.850 12.827 13.071 13.022	0.000 2.706 3.397 3.354 3.020	8.765 11.694 12.678 12.941	0.000 2.628 3.311 3.273 2.949	8.671 11.538 12.530 12.812 12.813	0.0000 2.551 3.228 3.193 2.879
0.4994 0.5999 0.6998 0.7997 1.0000	13.015 12.652 12.283 11.980 11.714 11.555	2.658 2.054 1.447 0.905 0.399 0.000	12.942 12.942 12.275 11.998 11.755 11.610	2.616 2.032 0.902 0.402 0.000	12.870 12.580 12.267 12.015 11.796 11.665	2.563 2.000 0.893 0.403 0.000	12.797 12.544 12.259 12.033 11.837 11.720	2.646 1.969 0.886 0.403 0.000	12.725 12.508 12.251 12.050 11.878 11.775	2.452 1.937 1.380 0.880 0.404 0.000	12.652 12.472 12.243 12.068 11.919 11.830	2.403 1.906 1.361 0.871 0.405 0.000

Table 1. Free energy of activation,  $\Delta G^{\neq}$  (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>), and excess free energy, of activation  $\Delta G^{\neq E}$  (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>), for viscous flow of aqueous butylamines.

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	5 K	0.0000	2.948	3.779	3.843	3.480	2.920	2.291	1.662	1.061	0.523	00000
	313.1	8.858	12.112	13.249	13.617	13.560	13.306	12.983	12.655	12.364	12.132	11 015
	5 K	0.0000	3.070	3.907	3.970	3.598	3.016	2.361	1.708	1.090	0.534	0000
308.	8.952	12.315	13.445	13.800	13.720	13.432	13.070	12.706	12.385	12.122	11 001	
	5 K	0.0000	3.192	4.035	4.098	3.715	3.112	2.432	1.755	1.121	0.545	00000
	303.1	9.045	12.517	13.641	13.983	13.879	13.557	13.157	12.756	12.406	12.111	11011
	5 K	0.000	3.292	4.144	4.209	3.818	3.195	2.492	1.795	1.145	0.554	0000
$BA(x_2)$	298.1	9.163	12.720	13.837	14.166	14.039	13.682	13.244	12.807	12.426	12.100	11 011
W ( $x_1$ ) + T		0.0000	0.1001	0.2002	0.2998	0.3996	0.5000	0.5999	0.6984	0.7998	0.9000	1 0000

Systems	Temperature (K)	$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_3$	$A_4$	$A_5$	$A_6$	$r^2$
W + NBA	303.15	9.0474	39.307	-162.22	388.15	-519.28	359.75	-100.16	0.9999
	308.15	8.9572	45.13	-193.57	447.84	-598.22	422.7	-120.93	0.9997
	313.15	8.863	44.562	-190.48	441.02	-589.01	415.94	-118.93	0.9997
	318.15	8.7698	43.962	-187.11	433.16	-577.76	407.24	-116.23	0.9997
	323.15	8.6601	33.836	-124.53	278.67	-357.16	240.95	-65.98	> 0.9999
W+SBA	298.15	9.168	48.573	-217.60	508.20	-674.89	469.84	-131.74	0.9997
	303.15	9.0497	47.864	-213.16	496.97	-658.41	457.21	-127.92	0.9997
	308.15	8.9562	46.722	-206.17	478.67	-631.79	437.30	-122.03	0.9998
	313.15	8.8617	45.569	-198.87	458.81	-602.08	414.69	-115.27	0.9998
	318.15	8.7682	44.428	-191.89	440.52	-575.46	394.79	-109.39	0.9998
	323.15	8.6737	43.273	-184.58	420.65	-545.75	372.18	-102.62	0.9999
W + TBA	298.15	9.1702	53.864	-235.59	551.29	-748.15	536.45	-155.23	0.9996
	303.15	9.0515	52.332	-225.92	523.5	-704.67	502.32	-144.78	0.9996
	308.15	8.9576	50.349	-213.4	487.32	-648.55	458.81	-131.6	0.9997
	313.15	8.8627	48.355	-200.66	450.07	-590.34	413.41	-117.79	0.9998

Table 2. Coefficients,  $A_i$ , of equation (3) expressing free energy of activation for viscous flow,  $\Delta G^{\neq}$  (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>), and the square of the regression coefficient,  $r^2$ , for W + butylamines systems.



Figure 1. Variation of free energy,  $\Delta G^{\neq}$ , of W + NBA against the mole fraction of NBA (*x*<sub>2</sub>) at different temperatures.

From careful examination of the figures, the following characteristic features are observed:

- (a) Both  $\Delta H^{\neq E}$  and  $\Delta S^{\neq E}$  values rise sharply on addition of amines and show pronounced maxima in the water-rich regions.
- (b) In extremely solute-rich region,  $\Delta S^{\neq E}$  values are either small positive or small negative.



Figure 2. Variation of excess free energy,  $\Delta G^{\neq E}$ , of W+NBA against the mole fraction of NBA (x<sub>2</sub>) at different temperatures.



Figure 3. Variation of free energy,  $\Delta G^{\neq}$ , against mole fraction of amines (x<sub>2</sub>) at 303.15 K.



Figure 4. Variation of excess free energy,  $\Delta G^{\neq E}$ , against mole fraction of amines (x<sub>2</sub>) at 303.15 K.

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Systems	Temperature (K)	$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_3$	σ
W+NBA	303.15	10.3961	-10.6640	10.5000	-7.6219	0.07202
	308.15	10.2194	-10.6640	10.3444	-7.5346	0.07044
	313.15	10.0427	-10.4157	10.1880	-7.4500	0.06888
	318.15	9.8666	-10.1662	10.0329	-7.3523	0.06721
	323.15	9.6891	-9.9235	9.8772	-7.2767	0.06576
W+SBA	298.15	10.4238	-11.1720	11.2106	-9.3803	0.07585
	303.15	10.2685	-10.8824	11.0346	-9.2260	0.07359
	308.15	10.0666	-10.5509	10.7391	-8.9428	0.06950
	313.15	10.0499	-10.2266	9.9030	-8.6545	0.09420
	318.15	9.8237	-10.8093	8.3749	-3.9326	0.04973
	323.15	9.4714	-9.5715	9.8698	-8.0713	0.05703
W + TBA	298.15	12.5535	-12.8742	12.1766	-8.9313	0.09158
	303.15	12.2350	-12.5130	11.8311	-8.5753	0.08501
	308.15	11.8706	-12.1301	11.3750	-8.0572	0.07664
	313.15	11.5071	-11.7370	10.9276	-7.5514	0.06788

Table 3. Coefficients,  $A_i$ , of Redlich–Kister equation, equation (5), expressing excess free energy of activation for viscous flow,  $\Delta G^{\neq E}$  (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>), and standard deviation,  $\sigma$ , of W + butylamine systems.

(c) The order of increment of  $\Delta H^{\neq E}$  and  $\Delta S^{\neq E}$  in the water-rich region is as follows: W + TBA > W + SBA > W + NBA.

On reviewing our previous works on thermodynamic activation parameters for the viscous flow of aqueous solutions of alcohols [20], acetone [21] and also some

<i>x</i> <sub>2</sub>	$\Delta H^{\neq}$	$\Delta {\it H}^{\neq E}$	$\Delta S^{\neq}$	$\Delta S^{\neq E}$	<i>x</i> <sub>2</sub>	$\Delta H^{\neq}$	$\Delta {\cal H}^{\neq \rm E}$	$\Delta S^{\neq}$	$\Delta S^{\neq E}$
	W	$(x_1) + NBA$	$(x_2)$			W	$(x_1) + SBA$	$(x_2)$	
0.0000	14.714	0.000	18.710	0.000	0.0000	14.714	0.000	18.710	0.000
0.1000	19.779	5.718	25.413	9.785	0.1000	21.620	9.205	31.226	15.485
0.1998	20.623	7.214	24.898	12.346	0.1999	22.127	8.700	29.725	16.958
0.2999	20.183	7.428	22.432	12.964	0.3000	21.181	8.399	25.869	16.077
0.3999	18.658	6.556	17.612	11.227	0.3998	19.566	7.426	20.889	14.064
0.5000	16.855	5.407	12.395	9.095	0.4994	17.338	5.840	14.543	10.679
0.5997	14.801	4.004	6.583	6.353	0.5999	14.798	3.947	7.245	6.369
0.7000	12.765	2.623	0.871	3.734	0.6998	12.760	2.552	1.603	3.697
0.7999	11.104	1.615	-3.843	2.100	0.7997	10.937	1.372	-3.478	1.585
0.9001	9.523	0.689	-8.300	0.731	0.8999	9.269	0.349	-8.227	-0.185
1.0000	8.182	0.000	-12.110	0.000	1.0000	8.275	0.000	-11.018	0.000
				$W(x_1) +$	TBA $(x_2)$				
0.0000	14.714	0.000	18.710	0.000	0.5999	18.429	6.694	17.390	14.054
0.1001	24.799	10.582	40.514	24.369	0.6984	15.812	4.566	10.080	9.269
0.2002	25.510	11.790	39.152	25.573	0.7998	13.656	2.913	4.125	5.912
0.2998	25.071	11.846	36.575	25.548	0.9000	11.470	1.225	-2.114	2.241
0.3996	23.550	10.820	31.900	23.431	1.0000	9.749	0.000	-6.918	0.000
0.5000	21.158	8.927	25.072	19.176					

Table 4. Enthalpies,  $\Delta H^{\neq}$  (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>), entropies,  $\Delta S^{\neq}$  (J mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>), excess enthalpies,  $\Delta H^{\neq E}$  (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>), and excess entropies,  $\Delta S^{\neq E}$  (J mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>), of activation for viscous flow for W+ butylamine systems.

Table 5. Coefficients,  $A_i$ , of equation (3) expressing enthalpy,  $\Delta H^{\neq}$  (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>), and entropy,  $\Delta S^{\neq}$ (J mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>), of activation for viscous flow and the square of the regression coefficients,  $r^2$ , for the systems.

Systems	Properties	$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_3$	$A_4$	$A_5$	$A_6$	$r^2$
W+NBA	$\begin{array}{c} \Delta H^{\neq} \\ \Delta S^{\neq} \end{array}$	14.729 18.743	81.142 116.89	-392.65 -647.6	900.82 1481.8	-1229.8 -2081.3	900.12 1583.7	-266.18 -484.42	0.9997 0.9999
W+SBA	$\begin{array}{c} \Delta H^{\neq} \\ \Delta S^{\neq} \end{array}$	14.748 18.806	117.43 230.64	-646.3 -1441.4	1654 3862.2	-2366.5 -5707.7	1746.4 4306.3	-511.48 -1280	0.9991 0.9992
W + TBA	$\begin{array}{c} \Delta H^{\neq} \\ \Delta S^{\neq} \end{array}$	14.774 18.89	172.84 397.27	-991.24 2523	2748.5 7335	-4169 -11421	3196.5 8882	-962.66 -2696.4	0.9982 0.9981

Table 6. Coefficients,  $A_i$ , of Redlich–Kister equation (5) expressing excess enthalpy,  $\Delta H^{\neq E}$  (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>), and excess entropy,  $\Delta S^{\neq E}$  (J mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>), of activation for viscous flow and standard deviation,  $\sigma$ , for the W + butylamine systems.

Systems	Property	$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_3$	σ
W+NBA	$\Delta H^{\neq \mathrm{E}} \Delta S^{\neq \mathrm{E}}$	21.1139 35.3416	$-25.7618 \\ -50.1575$	19.9571 31.0666	-12.8618 -16.6544	0.17093 0.34794
W+SBA	$\Delta H^{ eq \mathrm{E}} \Delta S^{ eq \mathrm{E}}$	21.6033 39.9014	-26.4638 -64.8474	36.9468 58.1101	$-47.2602 \\ -59.3819$	0.78221 0.91135
W + TBA	$\begin{array}{c} \Delta H^{\neq \mathrm{E}} \\ \Delta S^{\neq \mathrm{E}} \end{array}$	34.2668 72.6531	$-36.2082 \\ -78.1322$	39.2392 90.3778	-39.2498 -101.1562	0.61603 1.75613



Figure 5. Variation of enthalpy,  $\Delta H^{\neq}$ , as a function of mole fraction of amines (*x*<sub>2</sub>).



Figure 6. Variation of excess enthalpy,  $\Delta H^{\neq E}$ , as a function of mole fraction of amines (*x*<sub>2</sub>).



Figure 7. Variation of excess entropy,  $\Delta S^{\neq E}$ , against mole fraction of amines (x<sub>2</sub>).

unpublished works related to aqueous hydrophobic solutes, we observe the above features with remarkable similarity. In order to explain this common behaviour 'hydrophobic hydration' may be considered as the major cause in which it is assumed that in the very dilute solution a hydrophobic solute molecule is encaged by a network of highly structured water molecules - the structure being more labile and thermally less stable than the normal water structure [22,23]. Recent studies on volumetric and viscometric properties by Kipkemboi and Easteal [2], Saleh et al. [1,24] and FTIR spectrophotometric studies by Gojło et al. [25] on aqueous solutions of these amines unambiguously indicated that the studied amines are hydrophobic in nature. The bulkier species so formed by hydrophobic hydration may be supposed to use large energy for their passage to activated state, causing a substantial loss of structural order, and hence, the large positive  $\Delta H^{\neq E}$  and  $\Delta S^{\neq E}$  in the water-rich regions. A number of H-bonds formed between water and amine as a result of 'hydrophilic effect' are also disrupted in the activation process, which is supposed to contribute to the positive  $\Delta S^{\neq E}$ , but to a much lesser extent. All these concepts can equally be applied to explain the positive values of excess thermodynamic functions in the water-rich regions of the present systems.

In the solute-rich region, on the other hand, the cage structures as mentioned above are thought to be destroyed completely, and new structures ensue. These structures could not be understood clearly, but it is thought that some kind of centrosymmetric species is formed in highly amine-rich solutions – a concept used to explain the fall of dielectric constant of aqueous *t*-butanol in highly alcohol-rich solution [26]. These species, possibly because of their spheroidal structure, are thought to face much less

resistance to flow, and hence less energy of activation is required in this particular region of composition. The structural rearrangement that takes place in the activation process for the viscous flow in this region is believed to be associated with either loss or gain of some degree of structural order, resulting in a small increase or decrease of entropies, as observed experimentally.

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