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# N<sub>2</sub>O Solubility in and Density and Viscosity of Novel Biphasic Solvents for CO<sub>2</sub> and Their Phase Separation Accelerators from 293.15 to 333.15 K

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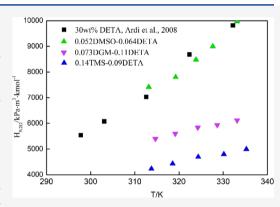
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ABSTRACT: Densities and viscosities of aqueous solutions of monoethanolamine (MEA)—diethylene glycol dimethyl ether (DGM), MEA—sulfolane (TMS), diethylenetriamine (DETA)—DGM, DETA—TMS, DETA—dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), and their phase separation accelerators DGM, DMSO, and TMS aqueous solutions were studied from 293.15 to 333.15 K. N<sub>2</sub>O solubilities in MEA—DGM, MEA—TMS, DETA—DGM, DETA—TMS, and DETA—DMSO solutions were measured from 313.15 to 333.15 K. The experiments cover the mole fraction ranges (0—13.5 mol %) DGM, (0—8.92 mol %) DMSO, (0—9.93 mol %) TMS, (14.22—23.12 mol %) MEA + (0—9.63 mol %) DGM, (4.25—7.26 mol %) DETA + (0—10.88 mol %) DGM, (5.68—9.06 mol %) DETA + (0—14.49 mol %) TMS, (11.21—18.21 mol %) MEA + (0—14.57 mol %) TMS, and (5.68—7.42 mol %) DETA + (0—11.87 mol %) DMSO in mixed solutions. Experimental data were correlated well with empirical equations from literature studies which are a function of the temperature and the concentrations of amines and physical solvents.



### 1. INTRODUCTION

Amine scrubbing is considered as the most potential technology to mitigate the greenhouse gas CO2 emissions because of its adaptability and uncomplicated application in power stations. Aqueous monoethanolamine (MEA), diethanolamine (DEA), and piperazine solutions have been studied in CO<sub>2</sub> capture.<sup>2</sup> Energy penalty and cost reduction improvements are needed in this process and one way of reducing the regeneration cost is by using phase splitting solvents. In recent years, there is a growing interest in liquid-liquid biphasic solvents for CO<sub>2</sub> absorption. Raynal et al. proposed a novel biphasic process system DMX using lipophilic solvents and the energy penalty was estimated to be 2.3 GJ/t CO<sub>2</sub>. Diethylamino-ethanol (DEEA) and 1,4butanediamine (BDA) blends, N-methyl-1,3-diaminopropane and DEEA blends, dimethylcyclohexylamine and DEEA mixtures, and some other solvents were studied for the biphasic system.

In our previous paper, 21 pairs of chemical—physical blends were found to be potential biphasic solvents with much better comprehensive absorption capacity than 30 wt % MEA. Diethylene glycol dimethyl ether (DGM), MEA—sulfolane (TMS), and dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) were chosen as phase separation accelerators, and MEA, diethylenetriamine (DETA) and BDA were the main absorption solvents. Results showed that the solvent solution split into two liquid phases when loading sufficient amount of CO<sub>2</sub>, and much more CO<sub>2</sub> was enriched in the rich phase rather than in the lean phase.

The regeneration energy was estimated to be lower than traditional solvents, and therefore, the basic properties of these solvents should be measured before further study.

Physicochemical properties of solvents are fundamental data in the process modeling and design of gas treatment equipment. Density is required to calculate the physical solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in solvents, mass transfer, and kinetics parameters. Viscosity data is fundamental for the estimation of the kinetics properties and mass transfer using the modified Stock-Einstein equation. 12 The physical solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in aqueous solutions are essential to the modeling of thermodynamics and kinetics. However, there is no direct way to detect the physical solubility of CO2 in aqueous amine solutions because CO2 reacts with amines spontaneously. A "N2O analogy" method was proposed in order to calculate the physical dissolving characteristics of CO<sub>2</sub> indirectly in amine systems, and it was verified by Laddha et al. 13-15 The CO<sub>2</sub> molecule and N<sub>2</sub>O molecule are similar in molecular configuration and electronic structure, and N<sub>2</sub>O does not react with amines and thus physical solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in the solvents could be calculated indirectly, as shown in eq 1.

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$$H_{\text{CO}_2\text{-s}} = \left(\frac{H_{\text{CO}_2\text{-w}}}{H_{\text{N}_2\text{O-w}}}\right) H_{\text{N}_2\text{O-s}}$$
(1)

where  $H_{\rm CO_2-s}$  and  $H_{\rm N_2O-s}$  are the Henry's constants of CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O in solvents, respectively, Pa·m<sup>3</sup>·mol<sup>-1</sup>.  $H_{\rm CO_2-w}$  and  $H_{\rm N_2O-w}$  are the Henry's constants of CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O in water studied by Monteiro and Svendsen. <sup>16</sup> As published by Monteiro, accurate Henry's constant correlations of CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O in water are essential when using the equation of N<sub>2</sub>O analogy, and the latest modeling results with 95% confidence bands were given.

Our previous study shows that MEA and DETA were potential amines for liquid—liquid biphasic solvents for their higher cyclic capacity and lower toxicity. <sup>11</sup> Also, DGM, DMSO, and TMS were much more favorable phase separation accelerators than *n*-propanol for their high boiling point. Therefore, the following five kinds of chemical—physical biphasic solvents were studied in this work: MEA—DGM, MEA—TMS, DETA—DGM, DETA—TMS, and DETA—DMSO because MEA—DMSO did not split into two liquid phases after loading CO<sub>2</sub>.

At present, there are some comprehensive experiments in which the density of and viscosity in MEA or DETA solutions were measured. However, the existing studies on the physical property of DGM, DMSO, and TMS aqueous solutions were inadequate with the limited experimental temperatures and solvent concentrations, and the data should be extended. Besides, literature studies on the physicochemical properties of MEA–DGM, MEA–TMS, DETA–DGM, DETA–TMS, and DETA–DMSO aqueous solutions can hardly be found so far.

The purpose of this work is to report the experimental data of density and viscosity of (0-13.5 mol %) DGM, (0-8.92 mol %) DMSO, and (0-9.93 mol %) TMS solution (293.15-333.15 K),

Table 1. Chemicals Used in the Experiment

chemical	CAS registry number	source	purity <sup>a</sup>						
MEA	141-43-5	Macklin Company	≥99.38 wt %						
DETA	111-40-0	Macklin Company	≥99.31 wt %						
DGM	111-96-6	Macklin Company	≥99.50 wt %						
DMSO	67-68-5	Macklin Company	≥99.16 wt %						
TMS	126-33-0	Macklin Company	≥99.93 wt %						
$N_2O$	10024-97-2	Air Liquide Company	≥99.99 mol %						
$CO_2$	124-38-9	Air Liquide Company	≥99.99 mol %						
<sup>a</sup> The pur	<sup>a</sup> The purities were provided by the suppliers.								

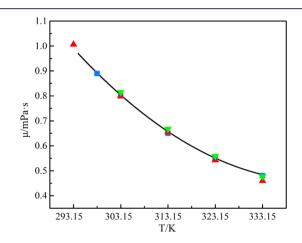
and the density, viscosity of and  $\rm N_2O$  solubility in MEA–DGM, MEA–TMS, DETA–DGM, DETA–TMS, and DETA–DMSO aqueous blends (293.15–333.15 K). Three semiempirical equations were used to correlate the experimental data on density, viscosity, and  $\rm N_2O$  solubility as functions of solvent content and temperature.

### 2. EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**2.1. Chemicals.** Chemicals shown in Table 1 are used as it is, and deionized water was used to prepare experimental solutions.

**2.2. Density and Viscosity.** A KEM DA640 densimeter with an accuracy of  $0.0001 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$  was used to measure the solution density automatically at the specific temperature. Each sample was detected three times to minimize deviations and the average of three repeated tests was accepted. The accuracy of this densimeter was verified by comparing the density of MEA and  $H_2O$  with references as shown in Table 2; the data fit well with that in the refs 26-29.

A viscometer (A&D SV-10) was used to measure the viscosity with a given accuracy of  $\pm 1\%$  in the range of 0.3–1000 mPa·s. As shown in Figure 1, the H<sub>2</sub>O viscosity was measured to



**Figure 1.** H<sub>2</sub>O viscosity from this work and other literature studies from 293.15 to 333.15 K at p = 101 kPa. Green  $\blacktriangledown$ , ref 27; red  $\blacktriangle$ , ref 17; blue  $\blacksquare$ , ref 7; and black solid line, this work.

calibrate the viscometer and the data from this work agree well with that in the literature studies. <sup>7,17,30</sup>

**2.3. Physical Solubility of N\_2O.** The physical solubility of  $N_2O$  in aqueous solutions was studied using a self-established

Table 2. Comparison for Density  $\rho$  of H<sub>2</sub>O and MEA between Experimental and Literature Data (293.15–333.15 K, p = 101 kPa)<sup>a</sup>

					$ ho/\mathrm{g\cdot cm^{-3}}$			
	T/K	experiment	ref	deviation (%)	ref	deviation (%)	ref	deviation (%)
$H_2O$	293.15	0.9982	0.998204	0.00				
	303.15	0.9957	0.995647	0.01	0.996	0.03	0.9956	-0.01
	313.15	0.9922	0.992215	0.00	0.992	-0.02	0.9922	0.00
	323.15	0.9882	0.988037	0.02			0.9880	-0.02
	333.15	0.9832	0.9832	0.00			0.9832	0.00
MEA	303.15	1.0079	1.0098	-0.19	1.0091	0.12	1.0098	0.19
	308.15	1.0039	1.0048	-0.09				
	313.15	0.9998	1.0009	-0.11	1.0013	0.15	1.0009	0.11
	323.15	0.9921	0.9929	-0.08	0.9934	0.13	0.9929	0.08
	333.15	0.9838	0.9849	-0.11	0.9854	0.16	0.9849	0.11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Standard uncertainties: u(p) = 1 kPa, u(T) = 0.1 K, and  $u(\rho) = 0.001$  g·cm<sup>-3</sup>.

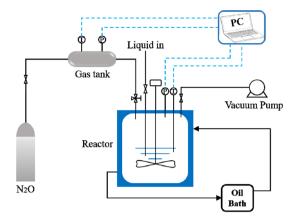


Figure 2. N<sub>2</sub>O solubility apparatus.

solubility apparatus shown in Figure 2, which was modified from the report of Wang et al. The apparatus has two principle parts: a glass reactor  $(2.186 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3)$  which is made of quartz with a low coefficient of heat expansion and a stainless steel gas tank  $(2.63 \times 10^{-4} \,\mathrm{m}^3)$ . See a detailed description of the structure and the theory of this apparatus in the report by Xu et al.

A certain mass of aqueous solution was injected into a glass reactor, and then the reactor was evacuated using a vacuum pump. Then, the stirrer was set at 400 rpm and the water bath was turned on at a specific temperature. The reactor was cut off from the atmosphere with good sealing, and it took 4-6 h (depending on temperature) for the establishment of vaporliquid equilibrium. A certain amount of N2O was then added to the reactor from the gas tank by quickly turning on the gas check between the gas tank and reactor. In order to minimize the vapor loss during the experiment, the air tightness of the apparatus was tested and a one-way valve was installed between the gas tank and the reactor to prevent the vapor from leaking back into the gas tank when injecting. During the experiment, the water bath was controlled at a specific temperature which was not totally equal to the solution temperature inside the reactor because of the heat radiation of the reactor and pipes. The temperature inside the reactor and gas tank were recorded by K-type thermocouples with an uncertainty of  $\pm 0.1$  K, and two pressure sensors were used to record the pressure of the gas tank and the reactor with uncertainty 0.5% of full scale (600 kPa) in the whole

The molar quantity of adding  $N_2O$  in the reactor,  $n_{N,O}^{\rm add}$ was calculated by the Peng-Robinson (P-R) equation as a function of initial and equilibrium state parameters as shown in eq 2.

$$n_{\rm N_2O}^{\rm add} = \frac{V_{\rm t}}{R} \left( \frac{P_{\rm V1}}{T_{\rm V1}Z_1} - \frac{P_{\rm V2}}{T_{\rm V2}Z_2} \right) \tag{2}$$

where  $P_{V1}$  and  $P_{V2}$  are the gas tank pressure before and after injection, Pa;  $T_{V1}$  and  $T_{V2}$  are the tank temperature before and after injection, K;  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are the compressibility factor of gas before and after injection; R is the universal gas constant, 8.3145 J/(mol·K); and  $V_t$  is the gas tank volume, m<sup>3</sup>. In the vapor-liquid equilibrium state of the reactor, the amount of  $N_2O$  in the gas phase,  $n_{N_2O}^g$ , was obtained from the equilibrium partial pressure of N<sub>2</sub>O with the P-R formula as shown in eq 3.

$$n_{\rm N_2O}^{\rm g} = \frac{P_{\rm N_2O}(V_{\rm r} - V_{\rm l})}{z_{\rm N_2O}RT_{\rm r}}$$
(3)

where  $T_{\rm r}$  is the equilibrium reactor temperature, K;  $z_{\rm N,O}$  is the compressibility factor of  $N_2O$  at the equilibrium state.  $P_{N,O}$  is the  $N_2O$  equilibrium partial pressure in the reactor, Pa;  $V_r$  is the reactor volume,  $m^3$ ; and  $V_1$  is the added solvent volume,  $m^3$ .

Then, the molar quantity of N<sub>2</sub>O dissolved in solvent was calculated with eq 4.

$$n_{\rm N,O}^{\rm l} = n_{\rm N,O}^{\rm add} - n_{\rm N,O}^{\rm g} \tag{4}$$

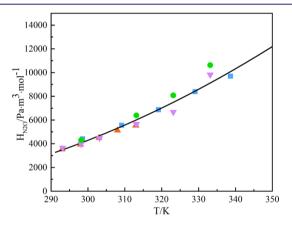
The  $N_2O$  content in the solution,  $C_{N,O}$ , can be worked out with eq 5.

$$C_{\rm N_2O}^{\rm l} = \frac{n_{\rm N_2O}^{\rm l}}{V_{\rm s}} \tag{5}$$

Then, the Henry's constant of N2O which stands for the solubility can be expressed as given in eq 6.

$$P_{N,O} = H_{N,O} \cdot C_{N,O}^{1} \tag{6}$$

Before studying solvents, the N2O solubility in deionized water from 298 to 343 K was measured to verify the apparatus. The experimental results show good consistency to other researchers' data with an average deviation of 0.63% (Figure 3).31-33



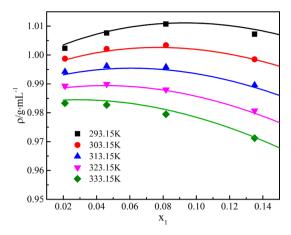
**Figure 3.** Henry's law constant  $H_{N,O}$  of N<sub>2</sub>O in water. Purple  $\blacktriangledown$ , ref 7; orange ▲, ref 28; blue ■, this work; black solid line, ref 16; and green ●,

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

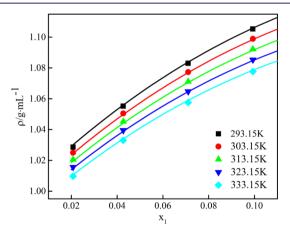
3.1. Density. The experimental density results of DGM, TMS, and DMSO aqueous solutions are given in Figures 4-7 and Table 3.

The densities of TMS and DMSO solutions were observed to decrease with increasing temperature or decreasing concentration. As for DGM solution, the densities decrease with the increase of temperature; however, along with the DGM concentration increasing, the densities increase first and then decrease. Because there are few reference data in the range of concentration and temperature used in this study, only some density data about TMS aqueous solution were compared here as shown in Figure 6.34-36

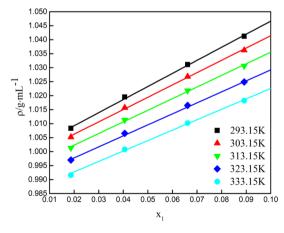
The experimental result in this work is consistent with that in refs 34 and 35 which indicates that the experimental result in this study is reliable. As for the data from ref 36, the average deviation between this work and ref 36 is 1% which is a bit higher than that of the refs 34 and 35, but the deviation is acceptable because the



**Figure 4.** Densities with mole fraction  $x_1$  of aqueous DGM solutions in this work. Markers, experimental result; solid lines, calculated in this work.



**Figure 5.** Densities with mole fraction  $x_1$  of aqueous TMS solutions in this work. Markers, experimental result; solid lines, calculated in this work.



**Figure 6.** Densities with mole fraction  $x_1$  of aqueous DMSO solutions in this work. Markers, experimental result; solid lines, calculated in this work. The  $10x_1/10x_2$  (mol/mol) are 1.422/0, 1.831/0.455, 2.045/0.682, and 2.312/0.963 for black  $\blacksquare$ , red  $\bullet$ , blue  $\blacktriangle$ , and pink  $\blacktriangledown$ , respectively.

data from ref 35 were calculated by a regression equation rather than the real experimental data. The experimental data were fitted with eq 7 which takes the temperature and the mole fraction of solvents as independent variable.<sup>37</sup>

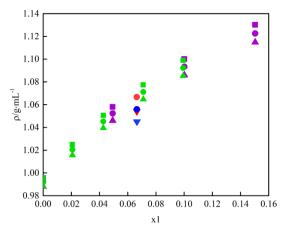


Figure 7. Comparation of densities of aqueous TMS solutions between references and this work. Purple  $\blacksquare$ ,  $\bullet$ , and  $\blacktriangle$ , 303.15, 313.15, and 323.15 K, respectively, ref 34; green  $\blacksquare$ ,  $\bullet$ , and  $\blacktriangle$ , 303.15, 313.15, and 323.15 K, respectively, this work; red  $\bullet$  and  $\blacktriangledown$ , 313.45 and 333.55 K, respectively, ref 35; blue  $\bullet$  and  $\blacktriangledown$ , 313.45 and 333.55 K, respectively, ref 36.

Table 3. Densities  $\rho$  of DGM, TMS, and DMSO (Mole Fraction of Physical Solvents  $x_1$ ) Aqueous Solutions at Various Temperatures at  $p = 101 \text{ kPa}^a$ 

	density, $\rho \times 10^{-3}  (\mathrm{kg \cdot m^{-3}})$									
		DGM	I, $10x_1 \text{ (mol/}$	mol)						
T/K	0	0.2100	0.4611	0.8173	1.3503					
293.15	0.9982	1.0023	1.0076	1.0107	1.0072					
303.15	0.9957	0.9987	1.0021	1.0034	0.9985					
313.15	0.9922	0.9942	0.9962	0.9958	0.9896					
323.15	0.9882	0.9893	0.9899	0.9880	0.9807					
333.15	0.9832	0.9833	0.9827	0.9795	0.9712					
		density	$\rho \times 10^{-3}  (k)$	g·m <sup>-3</sup> )						
		TMS, $10x_1$ (mol/mol)								
T/K	0	0.2077	0.4267	0.7103	0.9929					
293.15	0.9982	1.0286	1.0552	1.0830	1.1053					
303.15	0.9957	1.0250	1.0505	1.0773	1.0989					
313.15	0.9922	1.0205	1.0452	1.0711	1.0922					
323.15	0.9882	1.0156	1.0395	1.0647	1.0853					
333.15	0.9832	1.0097	1.0330	1.0576	1.0777					
		density	$\rho \times 10^{-3}  (k)$	g·m <sup>-3</sup> )						
		DMSC	$0$ , $10x_1$ (mol.	/mol)						
T/K	0	0.1869	0.4060	0.6619	0.8921					
293.15	0.9982	1.0083	1.0195	1.0311	1.0412					
303.15	0.9957	1.0052	1.0157	1.0268	1.0362					
313.15	0.9922	1.0013	1.0113	1.0218	1.0306					
323.15	0.9882	0.9970	1.0065	1.0165	1.0249					
333.15	0.9832	0.9916	1.0008	1.0102	1.0182					
<sup>a</sup> Standard 1 1 kPa, and		s are $u(x_1)$ 01 g·cm <sup>-3</sup> .	= 0.0002, 1	u(T) = 0.1	$K, \ u(p) =$					

$$\rho_{\text{ps-amine}} = \left[ k_1 + \frac{k_2}{T} (x_{\text{ps}} + k_3 x_{\text{amine}}) + \frac{k_4}{T^2} \right] \\
\times \exp \left[ \frac{k_5}{T} + k_6 (x_{\text{ps}} + k_3 x_{\text{amine}}) \right]$$
(7)

where  $\rho_{\rm ps-amine}$  is the density of the blends,  $10^{-3}$  (kg·m<sup>-3</sup>); T is the experimental temperature, K; and  $\alpha_{\rm ps}$  and  $\alpha_{\rm amine}$  is the mole fraction of physical solvents and amine, respectively.

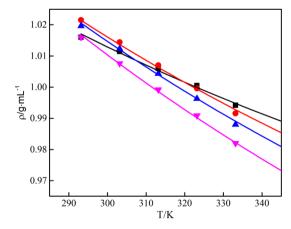
Table 4. Fitted Factors, AADs, and R<sup>2</sup> for Densities of DGM, DMSO, and TMS Solutions

	$k_1$	$k_2$	$k_3$	$k_4$	$k_5$	$k_6$	$AAD^a$	$R^{2b}$		
DGM	0.9237	547.57	119,140	4780.57	5.67	-1.6206	$8.23 \times 10^{-4}$	0.9919		
TMS	1.1485	1873.69	45,981.40	66,211.51	-190.51	-1.8833	$7.25 \times 10^{-4}$	0.9991		
DMSO	0.6346	66.39	138,016.35	-14,103.15	221.01	-0.0135	$3.92 \times 10^{-4}$	0.9990		
aAAD = $(1/N)$	$^{4}AAD = (1/N)\sum_{i=1}^{N}(( \rho_{cal,i} - \rho_{exp,i} )/\rho_{exp,i}).$ <sup>b</sup> The squared correlation coefficients.									

Table 5. Densities of Aqueous MEA-DGM, DETA-DGM, DETA-TMS, MEA-TMS, and DETA-DMSO (Mole Fraction of Amines  $x_1$ , Mole Fraction of Physical Solvents  $x_2$ ) Blended Solutions from 293.15 to 333.15 K at  $p = 101 \text{ kPa}^{a,b}$ 

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		density, $\rho \times 1$	$0^{-3} (kg \cdot m^{-3})$			
				T/K		
solvent	$10x_1/10x_2 \text{ (mol/mol)}$	293.15	303.15	313.15	323.15	333.15
MEA-DGM	1.422/0	1.0160	1.0114	1.0060	1.0005	0.9942
	1.831/0.455	1.0215	1.0144	1.0070	0.9996	0.9916
	2.045/0.682	1.0196	1.0123	1.0043	0.9963	0.9880
	2.312/0.963	1.0160	1.0076	0.9992	0.9909	0.9820
DETA-DGM	0.425/0	1.0073	1.0035	0.999	0.9943	0.9885
	0.604/0.627	1.0193	1.0117	1.0037	0.9957	0.9871
	0.637/0.795	1.0184	1.0101	1.0017	0.9933	0.9844
	0.726/1.088	1.015	1.0063	0.9974	0.9887	0.9793
DETA-TMS	0.568/0	1.0113	1.0069	1.0019	0.9968	0.9908
	0.696/0.560	1.0673	1.0608	1.0540	1.0471	1.0395
	0.813/1.061	1.1009	1.0934	1.0856	1.0779	1.0696
	0.906/1.449	1.1184	1.1107	1.1028	1.0950	1.0865
MEA-TMS	1.121/0	1.0126	1.0082	1.0033	0.9981	0.9921
	1.390/0.554	1.0681	1.0616	1.0550	1.0483	1.0408
	1.578/0.944	1.0940	1.0869	1.0796	1.0722	1.0642
	1.821/1.457	1.1184	1.1107	1.1028	1.0950	1.0865
DETA-DMSO	0.568/0	1.0113	1.0069	1.0019	0.9968	0.9908
	0.642/0.519	1.0360	1.0300	1.0236	1.0172	1.0100
	0.688/0.826	1.0474	1.0407	1.0336	1.0266	1.0187
	0.742/1.187	1.0580	1.0506	1.0429	1.0351	1.0267

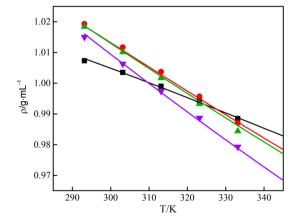
"The  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are the mole fractions of amine and physical solvents, respectively. "Standard uncertainties:  $u(x_1) = 0.0002$ ,  $u(x_2) = 0.0002$ , u(T) = 0.1 K, and  $u(\rho) = 0.001$  g·cm<sup>-3</sup>.



**Figure 8.** Density results of aqueous MEA–DGM solutions in this work. The  $10x_1/10x_2$  (mol/mol) are 1.422/0, 1.831/0.455, 2.045/0.682, and 2.312/0.963 for black  $\blacksquare$ , red  $\bullet$ , blue  $\blacktriangle$ , and pink  $\blacktriangledown$ , respectively. Solid lines, calculated in this work.

 $k_1$ – $k_6$  are constant factors fitted from the experimental data. The calculated factors k, the average absolute deviations (AADs), and the squared correlation coefficients ( $R^2$ ) are given in Table 4.

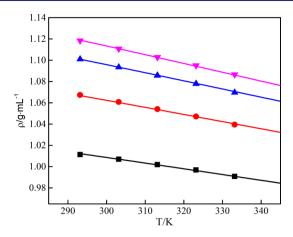
Figures 4-6 show that the results calculated with eq 7 are consistent with experimental results in this study. Besides, the



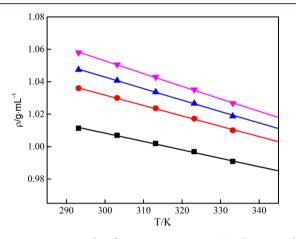
**Figure 9.** Density results of aqueous DETA–DGM solutions in this work. The  $10x_1/10x_2$  (mol/mol) are 0.425/0, 0.604/0.627, 0.637/0.795, and 0.726/1.088 for black ■, red ●, green ▲, and purple ▼, respectively. Solid lines, calculated in this work.

squared correlation coefficients  $(R^2)$  are all higher than 0.99 for DGM, DMSO, and TMS solutions.

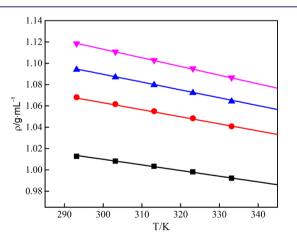
Further, the densities of five chemical-physical biphasic solvents (MEA-DGM, DETA-DGM, DETA-TMS, MEA-TMS, and DETA-DMSO) were measured from 293.15 to 333.15 K as shown in Table 5 and Figures 8-12.



**Figure 10.** Density results of aqueous DETA–TMS solutions in this work. The  $10x_1/10x_2$  (mol/mol) are 0.568/0, 0.696/0.560, 0.813/1.061, and 0.906/1.449 for black ■, red  $\bullet$ , blue  $\blacktriangle$ , and pink  $\blacktriangledown$ , respectively. Solid lines, calculated in this work.



**Figure 11.** Density results of aqueous DETA–DMSO solutions in this work. The  $10x_1/10x_2$  (mol/mol) are 0.568/0, 0.642/0.519, 0.688/0.826, and 0.742/1.187 for black ■, red  $\bullet$ , blue  $\blacktriangle$ , and pink  $\blacktriangledown$ , respectively. Solid lines, calculated in this work.



**Figure 12.** Density results of aqueous MEA–TMS solutions in this work. The  $10x_1/10x_2$  (mol/mol) are 1.121/0, 1.390/0.554, 1.578/0.944, and 1.821/1.457 for black ■, red ●, blue ▲, and pink ▼, respectively. Solid lines, calculated in this work.

As shown in Figures 8 and 9, densities decrease faster with increasing temperature when adding DGM to MEA and DETA solution. The blends with higher DGM mole fraction show

Table 6. Viscosities of DGM, TMS, and DMSO (Mole Fraction of Physical Solvents  $x_1$ ) Aqueous Solutions at Various Temperatures at  $p = 101 \text{ kPa}^a$ 

	viscosity, $\mu$ (mPa·s)										
		DGN	$M$ , $10x_1$ (mol)	/mol)							
T/K	0	0.2100	0.4611	0.8173	1.3503						
298.15	0.89	1.36	2.03	2.84	3.11						
303.15	0.80	1.19	1.71	2.35	2.62						
313.15	0.65	0.94	1.27	1.75	1.93						
323.15	0.56	0.78	1.01	1.34	1.46						
333.15	0.48	0.65	0.86	1.07	1.17						
	viscosity, $\mu$ (mPa·s)										
	TMS, $10x_1$ (mol/mol)										
T/K	0	0.2077	0.4267	0.7103	0.9929						
298.15	0.89	1.01	1.17	1.59	1.64						
303.15	0.80	0.91	1.04	1.34	1.44						
313.15	0.65	0.74	0.84	1.01	1.15						
323.15	0.56	0.63	0.70	0.84	0.96						
333.15	0.48	0.58	0.63	0.75	0.83						
		viscosity, $\mu$	u (mPa·s)								
		DMS	O, $10x_1$ (mol	/mol)							
T/K	0	0.1869	0.4060	0.6619	0.8921						
298.15	0.89	1.01	1.19	1.44	1.69						
303.15	0.80	0.91	1.05	1.27	1.48						
313.15	0.65	0.73	0.85	1.00	1.15						
323.15	0.56	0.62	0.71	0.84	0.96						
333.15	0.48	0.55	0.60	0.72	0.78						

<sup>a</sup>Standard uncertainty:  $u(x_1) = 0.0002$ , u(T) = 0.1 K, u(p) = 1 kPa, and the relative standard uncertainty is  $u_r(\mu) = 0.15$ .

lower densities at certain temperatures. The Figures 10–12 show that densities increase with the addition of TMS or DMSO to DETA or MEA solutions at the same temperature. The solutions which contain higher TMS or DMSO mole fraction have higher densities.

**3.2. Viscosity.** The measurement results and correlation parameters of DGM, TMS, DMSO, MEA–DGM, DETA–DGM, DETA–TMS, MEA–TMS, and DETA–DMSO solutions are given in Tables 6–8 and Figures 13–20. The viscosities of binary and ternary blends go up when the mole fraction of physical solvents was increased or the temperature was decreased. The viscosity results were fitted with eq 8 which takes temperature and concentration of amines and physical solvents as independent variables.<sup>37</sup>

$$\mu_{\text{ps+amine}} = \left[ 1 + k_1 \frac{(x_{\text{amine}} + k_2 x_{\text{ps}})}{T} + k_3 \frac{(x_{\text{amine}} + k_2 x_{\text{ps}})^2}{T^2} \right] \times \exp\left[ \frac{k_4}{T} + \frac{k_5}{T^2} + k_6 (x_{\text{amine}} + k_2 x_{\text{ps}})^2 \right]$$
(8)

where  $\mu_{\text{ps+amine}}$  is the viscosity of physical solvents and amine blends, mPa·s;  $\kappa_{\text{amine}}$  and  $\kappa_{\text{ps}}$  are mole fractions of amines and physical solvents, respectively; T is the temperature, K; and  $k_1-k_6$  are the fitted factors. As shown in Figures 13–20, the viscosities calculated with eq 8 are consistent with the experimental results which indicates that the empirical equation is practical.

**3.3. Solubility of N<sub>2</sub>O.** The solubilities of N<sub>2</sub>O in MEA-DGM, DETA-DGM, DETA-TMS, MEA-TMS, and DETA-DMSO solutions are presented in Figures 21 and 22,

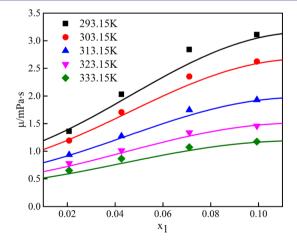
Table 7. Viscosities of Aqueous MEA-DGM, DETA-DGM, DETA-TMS, MEA-TMS, and DETA-DMSO (Mole Fraction of Amines  $x_1$ , Mole Fraction of Physical Solvents  $x_2$ ) Blended Solutions from 298.15 to 333.15 K at  $p = 101 \text{ kPa}^a$ 

		viscosity, $\mu$ (	mPa·s)			
				T/K		
solvent	$10x_1/10x_2 \text{ (mol/mol)}$	298.15	303.15	313.15	323.15	333.15
MEA-DGM	1.422/0	3.11	2.65	1.99	1.55	1.23
	1.831/0.455	5.96	4.87	3.30	2.40	1.85
	2.045/0.682	6.56	5.34	3.68	2.69	2.02
	2.312/0.963	6.85	5.61	3.83	2.79	2.12
DETA-DGM	0.425/0	2.44	2.06	1.55	1.23	0.99
	0.604/0.627	6.66	5.28	3.55	2.54	1.92
	0.637/0.795	6.88	5.48	3.64	2.61	1.97
	0.726/1.088	7.86	6.26	4.15	2.88	2.15
DETA-TMS	0.568/0	3.46	2.88	2.07	1.60	1.26
	0.696/0.560	5.57	4.52	3.15	2.33	1.80
	0.813/1.061	7.75	6.29	4.29	3.10	2.34
	0.906/1.449	9.30	7.48	5.08	3.64	2.73
MEA-TMS	1.121/0	2.44	2.09	1.59	1.27	1.01
	1.390/0.554	3.76	3.17	2.35	1.82	1.42
	1.578/0.944	4.57	3.87	2.84	2.16	1.69
	1.821/1.457	5.72	4.81	3.53	2.60	2.02
DETA-DMSO	0.568/0	3.46	2.88	2.07	1.60	1.26
	0.642/0.519	5.69	4.64	3.24	2.36	1.78
	0.688/0.826	7.04	5.69	3.84	2.72	2.05
	0.742/1.187	8.30	6.64	4.35	3.06	2.31

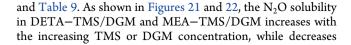
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Standard uncertainties:  $u(x_1) = 0.0002$ ,  $u(x_2) = 0.0002$ , u(T) = 0.1 K, u(p) = 1 kPa, and the relative standard uncertainty is  $u_r(\mu) = 0.15$ .

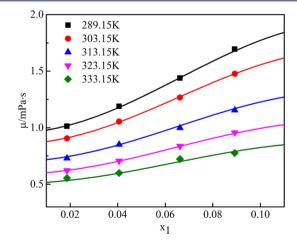
Table 8. Fitted Results for Viscosities of DGM, DMSO, TMS, MEA-DGM, DETA-DGM, DETA-TMS, MEA-TMS, and DETA-DMSO Aqueous Solutions

	$k_1$	$k_2$	$k_3$	$k_4$	$k_5$	$k_6$	AAD	$R^2$
DGM	9064.01	0.4522	$1.07 \times 10^{8}$	$-2.59 \times 10^3$	$7.75 \times 10^{5}$	-239.09	$9.27 \times 10^{-3}$	0.9982
TMS	-942.93	3.5477	$2.79 \times 10^{6}$	$-1.75 \times 10^3$	$5.30 \times 10^{5}$	-7.50	$1.91 \times 10^{-2}$	0.9909
DMSO	229.29	1.7476	$4.66 \times 10^{6}$	$-2.04 \times 10^3$	$6.05 \times 10^5$	-12.68	$5.73 \times 10^{-3}$	0.9987
MEA-DGM	215.68	31.191	$1.43 \times 10^{3}$	$-2.80 \times 10^3$	$9.31 \times 10^{5}$	-0.04	$2.76 \times 10^{-3}$	0.9982
DETA-DGM	$4.13 \times 10^{7}$	0.7543	$4.89 \times 10^{10}$	$-8.44 \times 10^{3}$	$1.82 \times 10^{6}$	-24.39	$2.17 \times 10^{-3}$	0.9959
DETA-TMS	618.84	2.8813	$7.55 \times 10^5$	$-2.74 \times 10^3$	$9.17 \times 10^{5}$	-1.35	$6.68 \times 10^{-3}$	0.9996
MEA-TMS	339.42	7.6333	$2.83 \times 10^{4}$	$-2.43 \times 10^3$	$7.96 \times 10^{5}$	-0.09	$2.46 \times 10^{-3}$	0.9994
DETA-DMSO	527.51	3.9833	$6.51 \times 10^5$	$-2.85 \times 10^3$	$9.53 \times 10^{5}$	-1.59	$5.88 \times 10^{-3}$	0.9988



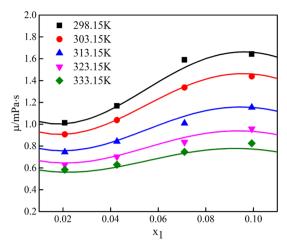
**Figure 13.** Viscosities of aqueous DGM solutions from this work. Solid lines, calculated in this work; markers, experimental data.



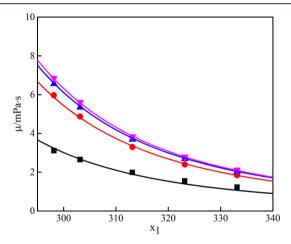


**Figure 14.** Viscosities of aqueous DMSO solutions from this work. Solid lines, calculated in this work; markers, experimental data.

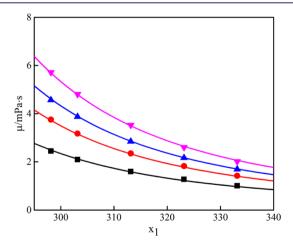
with the increase of DMSO concentration in DMSO-DETA solution.



**Figure 15.** Viscosities of aqueous TMS solutions from this work. Solid lines, calculated in this work; markers, experimental data.

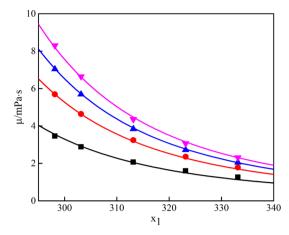


**Figure 16.** Viscosity results of aqueous MEA–DGM solutions in this work. The  $10x_1/10x_2$  (mol/mol) are 1.422/0, 1.831/0.455, 2.045/0.682, and 2.312/0.963 for black  $\blacksquare$ , red  $\bullet$ , blue  $\blacktriangle$ , and pink  $\blacktriangledown$ , respectively. Solid lines, calculated in this work.

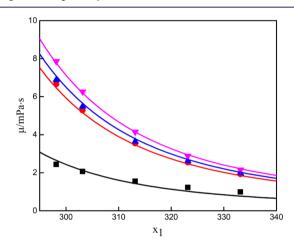


**Figure 17.** Viscosities of aqueous MEA—TMS solutions measured and calculated in this work. The  $10x_1/10x_2$  (mol/mol) are 1.121/0, 1.390/0.554, 1.578/0.944, and 1.821/1.457 for black ■, red ●, blue ▲, and pink ▼, respectively. Solid lines, calculated in this work.

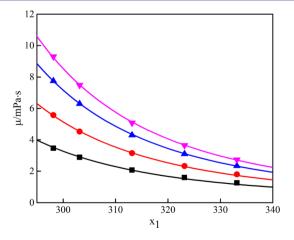
Equation 9 was used to fit the experimental data, the temperature and the mole fractions of amines and physical



**Figure 18.** Viscosities of aqueous DETA–DMSO solutions measured and calculated in this work. The  $10x_1/10x_2$  (mol/mol) are 0.568/0, 0.642/0.519, 0.688/0.826, and 0.742/1.187 for black ■, red ●, blue ▲, and pink ▼, respectively. Solid lines, calculated in this work.



**Figure 19.** Viscosities of aqueous DETA–DGM solutions measured and calculated in this work. The  $10x_1/10x_2$  (mol/mol) are 0.425/0, 0.604/0.627, 0.637/0.795, and 0.726/1.088 for black ■, red ●, blue ▲, and pink ▼, respectively. Solid lines, calculated in this work.



**Figure 20.** Viscosities of aqueous DETA—TMS solutions measured and calculated in this work. The  $10x_1/10x_2$  (mol/mol) are 0.568/0, 0.696/0.560, 0.813/1.061, and 0.906/1.449 for black ■, red ●, blue ▲, and pink ▼, respectively. Solid lines, calculated in this work.

solvents are independent variables.<sup>38</sup> The fitted results ( $k_1$ – $k_6$ , AADs,  $R^2$ ) are given in Table 10, which shows that eq 9 gives

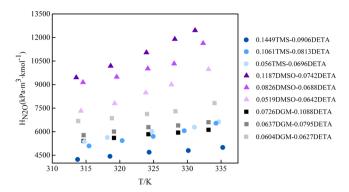
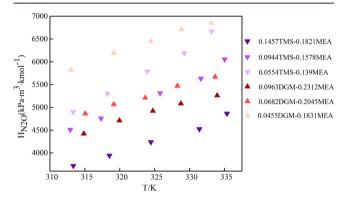


Figure 21.  $N_2O$  solubility  $H_{N_2O}$  in aqueous DETA-TMS/DMSO/DGM solutions measured in this work.



**Figure 22.**  $N_2O$  solubility  $H_{N_2O}$  in aqueous MEA-DGM/TMS solutions measured in this work.

reasonable results consistent with the experimental results in this work with an AAD less than 0.53%.

$$H_{N_2O} = \left(1 + \frac{k_1 x_1}{T} + \frac{k_2 x_2}{T^2}\right) \exp\left[\frac{k_3}{T} + \frac{k_4}{T^2} + k_5 \left(\frac{x_1 x_2}{T}\right)^2\right]$$
(9)

where  $H_{\rm N_2O}$  is the Henry's law constant,  ${\rm Pa \cdot m^3 \cdot mol}^{-1}$ ; T is temperature, K;  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are the mole fraction of amines and physical solvents, respectively; and  $k_1 - k_5$  are the correlation parameters.

### 4. CONCLUSIONS

Physicochemical properties of aqueous MEA-DGM, DETA-DGM, DETA-TMS, MEA-TMS, and DETA-DMSO solutions and their phase separation accelerators DGM, DMSO, and TMS solution were studied. The experiments cover the mole fraction ranges (0-13.5 mol %) DGM, (0-8.92 mol %) DMSO, (0-9.93 mol %) TMS, (14.22-23.12 mol %) MEA + (0-9.63 mol %) DGM, (4.25-7.26 mol %) DETA + (0-10.88 mol %) DGM, (5.68–9.06 mol %) DETA + (0–14.49 mol %) TMS, (11.21–18.21 mol %) MEA + (0–14.57 mol %) TMS, and (5.68-7.42 mol %) DETA + (0-11.87 mol %) DMSO in the blended solutions. Densities and viscosities were measured from 293.15 to 333.15 K and the Henry's constant of  $N_2O$ in blends was studied from 313.15 to 333.15 K. Empirical equations were used to fit the experimental results, and the physical parameters can be calculated by the temperature and mole fractions of amines and physical solvents within a high correlation coefficient. In ternary solution, densities decrease faster with increasing temperature when adding DGM to MEA and DETA solution, while densities increase with the addition of

Table 9. Henry's Law Constant H of N<sub>2</sub>O in MEA-DGM, DETA-DGM, DETA-TMS, MEA-TMS, and DETA-DMSO (Mole Fraction of Amines  $x_1$ , Mole Fraction of Physical Solvents  $x_2$ ) Aqueous Solutions<sup>a</sup>

			$H_{ m N_2O}$ (k	kPa·m³·kmol⁻¹)					
				$10x_1/10x_2$	(mol/mol)				
•	1.121	/0	1.390/0	.554	1.578/	0.944	1.821/	1.457	
-	T/K	Н	T/K	Н	T/K	Н	T/K	Н	
MEA-TMS	303.15	5144	333.15	6667	332.75	6054	333.05	4864	
	313.15	5673	329.25	6192	329.65	5632	329.45	4525	
	319.75	7037	323.95	5793	324.35	5312	323.15	4238	
	328.25	8066	318.25	5302	316.65	4757	317.75	3942	
	337.75	9235	313.35	4898	312.65	4509	313.05	3717	
			$H_{ m N_2O}$ (l	kPa⋅m³⋅kmol <sup>-1</sup> )					
	$10x_1/10x_2 \text{ (mol/mol)}$								
	0.56	8/0	0.696/	0.560	0.813	/1.061	0.906/1.449		
	T/K	Н	T/K	Н	T/K	Н	T/K	Н	
DETA-TMS	333.75	10,278	334.65	6624	334.25	6535	335.25	4992	
	328.85	9538	331.05	6283	329.55	6060	330.15	4796	
	324.25	8971	324.75	6013	324.95	5698	324.35	4692	
	319.35	8208	318.15	5626	320.35	5429	318.55	4428	
	313.65	7251	314.75	5377	315.45	5088	313.75	4229	
			$H_{ m N_2O}$ (l	kPa⋅m³⋅kmol <sup>-1</sup> )					
				$10x_1/10x_2$	(mol/mol)				
	0.50	68/0	0.642/	0.519	0.688/	0.826	0.742/	1.187	
	T/K	Н	T/K	Н	T/K	Н	T/K	Н	
DETA-DMSO	333.75	10,278	333.15	9969	332.35	11,629	331.15	12,450	
	328.85	9538	327.65	8999	328.05	10,331	328.15	11,893	
	324.25	8971	323.85	8480	324.15	10,013	323.95	11,039	

Table 9. continued

				$10x_1/10x_2$	(mol/mol)				
	0.5	68/0	0.642/	0.519	0.688/	0.826	0.742/	0.742/1.187	
	T/K	Н	T/K	Н	T/K	Н	T/K	Н	
	319.35	8208	319.25	7799	319.55	9485	318.65	10,18	
	313.65	7251	313.15	7415	314.55	9139	313.55	944	
			$H_{N_2O}$ (	kPa·m³·kmol <sup>-1</sup> )					
				$10x_1/10x_2$	(mol/mol)				
	0.42	0.425/0 0.604/0.627 0.637/0.795					0.726/	1.088	
	T/K	Н	T/K	Н	T/K	Н	T/K	Н	
DETA-DGM	333.35	9254	334.05	7814	333.15	6600	333.15	611	
	328.95	8912	328.25	7294	328.65	6390	328.65	593	
	324.55	8370	324.05	7118	324.25	6279	324.25	583	
	320.05	7719	318.85	6852	319.15	6002	319.15	559	
	315.65	7139	313.85	6673	314.65	5770	314.65	539	
			$H_{N_2O}$ (	kPa·m³·kmol <sup>-1</sup> )					
				$10x_1/10x_2$	(mol/mol)				
	1.422	2/0	1.831/0	0.455	2.045/	0.682	2.312/	0.963	
	T/K	Н	T/K	Н	T/K	Н	T/K	Н	
MEA-DGM	333.15	7903	333.15	6850	333.65	5670	333.95	526	
	328.85	7708	328.85	6710	328.25	5470	328.75	508	
	324.55	7431	324.45	6446	323.65	5210	324.75	492	
	319.45	6955	319.15	6192	319.15	5065	319.95	471	
	315.45	6512	313.05	5822	315.05	4860	314.85	442	

<sup>(0.95</sup> level of confidence).

Table 10. Fitted Results for  $H_{N,O}$  of MEA-DGM, DETA-DGM, DETA-TMS, MEA-TMS, and DETA-DMSO Solutions

	$k_1$	$k_2$	$k_3$	$k_4$	$k_5$	AAD	$R^2$
MEA-TMS	$1.335 \times 10^{10}$	$-3.883 \times 10^{12}$	$-2.270 \times 10^3$	$5.863 \times 10^4$	$3.706 \times 10^{7}$	$3.231 \times 10^{-3}$	0.9484
DETA-TMS	$4.758 \times 10^9$	$-8.240 \times 10^9$	$-2.061 \times 10^3$	$1.333 \times 10^{5}$	$-3.464 \times 10^8$	$3.609 \times 10^{-5}$	0.9694
DETA-DMSO	$7.205 \times 10^{15}$	$1.540 \times 10^{18}$	$-1.053 \times 10^4$	$1.383 \times 10^{6}$	$-2.725 \times 10^8$	$-5.267 \times 10^{-3}$	0.9868
DETA-DGM	$7.498 \times 10^{8}$	$-1.159 \times 10^{11}$	$-8.580 \times 10^{2}$	$3.173 \times 10^4$	$3.862 \times 10^{8}$	$-9.909 \times 10^{-4}$	0.9727
MEA-DGM	$1.211 \times 10^6$	$-7.157 \times 10^8$	$2.573 \times 10^3$	$-5.434 \times 10^5$	$7.724 \times 10^7$	$-9.177 \times 10^{-4}$	0.9254

TMS or DMSO to DETA or MEA solutions at the same temperature. The viscosities of binary and ternary blends go up with the increase of the physical solvent mole fraction or the decrease of temperature. The  $N_2O$  solubility in biphasic solvents increases with the increasing mole fraction of TMS and DGM or with the decreasing concentration of DMSO.

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