

Vapor-Liquid equilibrium in DEEA/H20/ CO2 system; Experiments and modeling

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Abstract

Experiment data for vapor-liquid equilibrium (VLE) of CO₂ were conducted for DEEA 5M and 2M. The study was performed in two VLE apparatuses from 40 to 120 °C with atmospheric VLE apparatus and high pressure VLE apparatus. The extended UNIQUAC model framework was applied and the model parameters were fitted with experimental data with partial pressure of CO₂ for atmospheric VLE and total pressure with high pressure VLE apparatus. Modfit was applied for further optimization. The model predictions are good and give an average absolute relative deviation (AARD) of 26.5 %. Further the model predicted speciation results seems logical. Parity plots were used to show the deviation between the experimental values and model predicted values. Predictions from UNIQUAC for binary system were compared with Raoult's law to look for deviations.

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1.0 Introduction

Global rise in temperature during the last ten decades and growing concern about the environment and global warming have started a new era of research and development. Increase in the anthropogenic sources is considered to be the major cause of global warming. Carbon dioxide is considered primary green house gas causing environmental problems. Assessing CO₂ capture and storage requires a comprehensive delineation of CO₂ sources. The choice of capture source depends on its volume, concentration and partial pressure, integrated system aspects, and its proximity to a suitable reservoir.CO₂ is emitted from a number of sources, mainly from fossil fuel combustion for power generation, industrial use, residential use and transport sector. In some sectors like power generation and industrial sectors, many sources have large volumes of CO₂, which make them suitable for CO₂ capture. Meanwhile large number of small point and, in the case of transport, mobile sources characterize the other sector, making them less suitable for CO₂ capture. (IPCC report, 2005)

| Source | CO ₂ concentration % vol (dry) | Pressure of gas stream MPa ^a | CO ₂ partial pressure MPa | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--|
| CO ₂ from fuel combustion | | | | |
| Power station flue gas: | | | | |
| Natural gas fired boilers | 7 - 10 | 0.1 | 0.007 - 0.010 | |
| Gas turbines | 3 - 4 | 0.1 | 0.003 - 0.004 | |
| Oil fired boilers | 11 - 13 | 0.1 | 0.011 - 0.013 | |
| Coal fired boilers | 12 - 14 | 0.1 | 0.012 - 0.014 | |
| IGCCb: after combustion | 12 - 14 | 0.1 | 0.012 - 0.014 | |
| Oil refinery and petrochemical plant fired heaters | 8 | 0.1 | 0.008 | |
| CO ₁ from chemical transformations + fuel combustion | | | | |
| Blast furnace gas: | | | | |
| Before combustion | 20 | 0.2 - 0.3 | 0.040 - 0.060 | |
| After combustion | 27 | 0.1 | 0.027 | |
| Cement kiln off-gas | 14 - 33 | 0.1 | 0.014 - 0.033 | |
| CO ₂ from chemical transformations before combustion | | | | |
| IGCC: synthesis gas after gasification | 8 - 20 | 2-7 | 0.16 - 1.4 | |

 ^{0.1} MPa = 1 bar.

Table 1.1: properties of candidate gas streams that can be input to a capture process (sources: Campbell et al., 2000; Gielen and Moiguchi, 2003; Foster Wheeler, 1998; IEA GHG, 1999; IEA GHG, 2002a).

IGCC: Integrated gasification combined cycle.

Blast furnace gas also contains significant amounts of carbon monoxide that could be converted to CO₃ using the so-called shift reaction.

Technological changes in the production and nature of transport fuels, however, may eventually allow the capture of CO₂ from energy use also in this sector. Over 7,500 large CO₂ emission sources (above 0.1 Mt -CO₂ yr⁻¹) have been identified. These sources are distributed geographically around the world but four clusters of emissions can be observed: in North America (the Midwest and the eastern freeboard of the USA), North West Europe, South East Asia (eastern coast) and Southern Asia (the Indian sub-continent). Projections for the future (up to 2050) indicate that the number of emission sources from the power and industry sectors is likely to increase, predominantly in Southern and South East Asia, while the number of emission sources suitable for capture and storage in regions like Europe may decrease slightly.

Majority of the emission sources have concentrations of CO₂ typically lower than 15%. However, a small proportion (less than 2%) has concentrations that exceed 95%, making them more suitable for CO₂ capture. The high content sources are more economical to capture CO₂ from as compared to sources to low content sources because only dehydration and compression is required. (IPCC report, 2005)

1.1 Carbon capture and storage

Carbon capture and storage is considered the only best solution for decreasing CO₂ concentration in the atmosphere.

CO₂ capture plants were built and operating with removal of CO₂ from natural gas and synthesis gas during the 1970s and 1980s.CO₂ was also captured from the flue gas in a number of plants that were built in this time period in order to provide CO₂ for enhanced oil recovery (EOR).One can say the technology the technology for the CO₂ from gas streams was available at the time the idea of CCS emerged. (Bolland Olav compendium, 2010)

One of the main reasons for CO₂ capture is to provide a concentrated stream of CO₂ which can further be transported and stored for instance underground. Capture technologies also open a way for low carbon or carbon free electricity and fuels for transportation. The energy required to operate CO₂ capture systems reduces the overall efficiency of power generation or other processes, leading to increased fuel requirements, solid wastes and environmental impacts relative to the same type of base plant without capture. However, as more efficient plants with

capture become available and replace many of the older less efficient plants now in service, the net impacts will be compatible with clean air emission goals for fossil fuel use. Minimization of energy requirements for capture, together with improvements in the efficiency of energy conversion processes will continue to be high priorities for future technology development in order to minimize overall environmental impacts and cost.(IPCC report,2005)

1.2 CO₂ capture techniques

The fundamental chemical process involved in the generation of power from carbon-based fuel is the exothermic oxidation of carbon and since CO₂ is the lowest energy endpoint of oxidative reaction chain; its production is unavoidable. The elimination of carbon from power plant emission therefore requires either. (Stephen A.Rackley, 2010)

- Decarbonation of the fuel prior to combustion(pre-combustion capture)
- Separation of CO₂ from the products of combustion(post-combustion capture)
- Reengineering the combustion process to produce CO₂ as a pure combustion product(oxyfuelling or oxyfuel combustion)

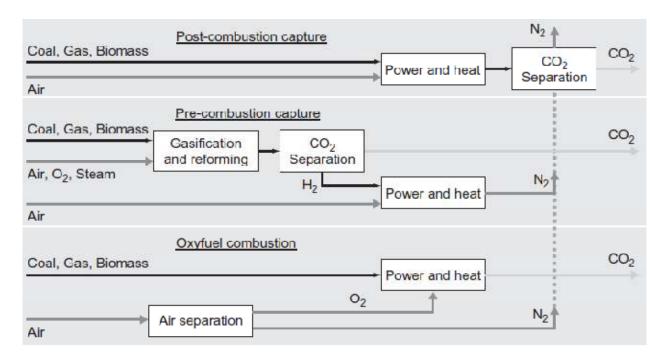


Figure 1.2: Options for CO₂ from power generation (Stephen A.Rackley, 2010)

Figure above shows the basic principle for three capture techniques.

1.2.1 Precombustion capture

Decarbonation of fuel like coal or biomass by gasification to produce hydrogen through a combination of partial combustion, reforming and water-gas shift, and the separation of CO₂ from the resulting reaction product stream. (Stephen A.Rackley, 2010)

1.2.2 Postcombustion capture

In this capture technique CO_2 is removed from the combustion product stream (flue gas) before emitted to atmosphere. This is an extension of the flue gas treatment for NO_x and SO_x removal, made more challenging by the relatively higher quantities of CO2 in the gas stream (typically 5-15 % depending on fuel type used). (Stephen A.Rackley, 2010)

The startup for CO₂ test centre Mongstad is scheduled in 2011. The process description is shown in fig 1.3.

1.2.3 Oxyfuel combustion capture

It requires the delivery of oxygen rather than air to the combustion chamber, the gaseous product is nearly pure CO₂ rather than mixture which means no separation is required after combustion. Oxygen can be supplied as a gas stream or it can be done by separation from air or as a solid oxide in a chemical looping process. (Stephen A.Rackley, 2010)

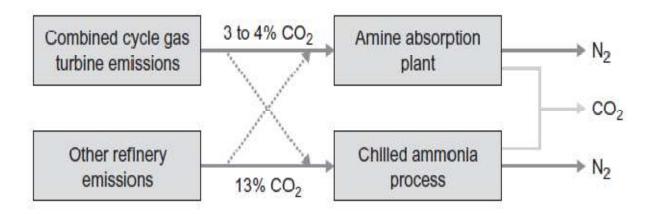


Figure 1.3: European CO₂ test centre Mongstad configuration (Stephen A.Rackley, 2010)

1.3 Basic chemistry and kinetics of amines

Generally alknolamines amines have one hydroxyl group and one amino group. In general it can be considered that the hydroxyl group serves to reduce the vapor pressure and increases solubility in water, while the amino group provides the necessary alkalinity in water solutions to cause the absorption of acidic gases

Each alknolamine has at least one hydroxyl group and one amino group. (Kohl Nielsen, 1997)

There are mainly three class of amine

1.3.1 Primary amines

Amines which have two hydrogen atoms directly attached to a nitrogen atom, such as MEA (monoethanolamine) and 2-(2-aminoethoxy) ethanol (DGA), are primary amines and are generally the most alkaline. (Kohl Nielsen, 1997)

$$\mathbf{HO} - \overset{|}{C} - \overset{|}{C} - \mathbf{N} \overset{\mathbf{H}}{\stackrel{}{}} \quad \mathbf{HO} - \overset{|}{C} \overset{\mathbf{H}}{\stackrel{}{}}$$

Figure 1.4: Primary amines MEA (left) and DGA (right) (Kohl Nielsen, 1997)

1.3.2 Secondary amines

Amines in which there is only one hydrogen attached to nitrogen for example diethanolamine (DEA) and di-isopropanolamine (DIPA). (Kohl Nielsen, 1997)

Figure 1.5: Secondary amines DEA (left) and DIPA (right) (Kohl Nielsen, 1997)

1.3.3 Tertiary amines

Tertiary amines represent completely substituted ammonia molecules with no hydrogen atoms attached to the nitrogen for example triethanolamine (TEA) and methyldiethanolamine (MDEA).

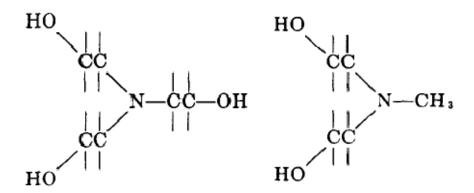


Figure 1.6: Tertiary amines TEA (left) and MDEA (right) (Kohl Nielsen, 1997)

Reactions occurring between solutions of primary amines like MEA with CO2 and H2S can be represented follows.

Ionization of water

$$H_2O \Leftrightarrow H^+ + OH^- \tag{1.1}$$

Ionization of dissolved H₂S

$$H_2S \Leftrightarrow H^+ + HS^- \tag{1.2}$$

Hydrolysis and ionization of dissolved CO₂

$$CO_2 + H_2O \Leftrightarrow HCO_3^- + H^+$$
 (1.3)

Protonation of alknolamine

$$RNH_2 + H^+ \Leftrightarrow RNH_3^+ \tag{1.4}$$

Carbamate formation

$$RNH_2 + CO_2 \Leftrightarrow RNHCOO^- + H^+ \tag{1.5}$$

Reactions 1.1, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5 are related to the principal species in aqueous alkaline treating solutions. Alternate pathways maybe selected for reactions relating the same species. A part from the species mentioned above there may be more species but here those species or reactions are shown that are important in absorption/desorption process.

Since all the reactions above are followed by specifically primary amines for example MEA but they can be applied to secondary amines as well by modifying the amine formula. Tertiary amine solutions undergo reactions 1.1 to 1.4 but they cannot react with CO₂ directly to form carbamates by reaction 1.5.

Since the equilibrium concentration of molecular H_2S and CO_2 in solution are proportional to their partial pressures in the gas phase (Henry's law) so the reactions 1.2, 1.3 and 1.5 are driven to the right by increased acid gas partial pressure. The reaction equilibria are also sensitive to temperature, causing the vapor pressure of the absorbed gases to increase as the temperature is increased. That is why it is possible to strip off gases with the application of heat.

If the reaction of equation 1.5 is predominant, as with primary amines, the carbamate ion ties up with an alkanolammonium ion through equation 1.4 and the capacity of the solution for CO₂ is limited to approximately 0.5 mole of CO₂ per mole of amine, even at high partial pressures of CO₂. This is because high stability of carbamate and its low rate of hydrolysis to bicarbonate. Meanwhile with tertiary amines which are unable to form carbamate can theoretically achieve higher loadings than primary amines. However amines do not form carbamate are slow in reaction rates. That is why these amines are used with activator (typically amine), responsible for increasing rate of hydration of dissolved CO₂. (Kohl Nielsen, 1997)

1.4 Sterically hindered amines

In a hindered amine a bulky alkyl group is attached to the amino group. Moreover it can be specifically defined by these two classes: (Sartori and Savage, 1983)

1) A primary amine in which the amino group is attached to a tertiary carbon

 A secondary amine in which amino group is attached to at least one secondary or tertiary carbon

Figure 1.6: Sterically hindered amines 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol (AMP) (left) and 2-piperidine ethanol (PE) (right) (Kohl Nielsen, 1997)

Generally only aliphatic and cycloaliphatic amines are suitable for gas treating. Some amines like aromatic amines because of their low basicity lead to low absorption capacities and rates. A part from amino group and amines must contain another functional group to increase the solubility and reduce volatility for example a hydroxyl or carboxyl group. (Sartori and Savage, 1983)

Hindered amines have low carbamate stability than conventional amines like MEA. (Sartori and Savage, 1983)

1.5 Motivation and scope of work

Environmental problems caused by CO₂ emissions are increasing day by day. This is why engineers and scientists are providing indigenous ideas in order to solve this problem of CO₂ emission.CO₂ capture with amines is considered to become mature enough to be implemented in coal fired power plants. Some technical problems are necessary to be solved to make this economically feasible prominently energy reduction of energy requirement used for regeneration. In that context this thesis reflects the studies of solvent DEEA for CO₂ capture. DEEA has the following properties being a tertiary amine.

- High capacity(loading)
- Low heat/energy requirement for regeneration
- Low heat of reaction

Since DEEA is a tertiary amine that is why the Pco₂ depends on the amine concentration because of no carbamate which will be discussed later that is why it covers a whole range of loading with

concentrations 2M and 5M starting with very low 0.005 mol CO₂/mol DEEA to loadings of 1 mol CO₂/mol DEEA. But there are some problems with this solvent like low reaction rate which makes it not suitable to use because if used without promoter makes the height of absorption tower extremely tall. DEEA is relatively volatile and foams as compared to MEA, which requires an efficient design of water wash unit and foaming creates mass transfer or operational problems. These properties make it difficult to use solely. Study of DEEA is involved as two phase system as well with MAPA, with bottom phase with high loading(rich phase) and upper phase with low loading(lean phase), which is part of icap project.

Since energy reduction is the main target in CO₂ capture, so it is impossible to neglect tertiary amines. DEEA will most probably show some tremendous results when used with suitable promoters for instance MAPA.

2.0 Experimental Techniques

2.1 Materials

2.1.1 Solutions and calibration gases

DEEA(2-(Diethylamino)ethanol) with cas no 100-37-8 is sold under different brand names by Sigma Aldrich, the one used in these experiments has purity of greater than 99 % (fluka).DEEA DEEA 5M (61.14 wt %) and 2M (23.69 wt %) were prepared by using de-ionized water with great care. There might be impurities that can react with CO_2 but still since the purity is high so impurities have no significant effect. The CO_2 (purity > 99 mol % from AGA Gas GmbH) and Nitrogen N_2 (purity > 99.999 mol % from YARA PRAXAIR) were used for calibration, flushing and loading.

Calibration gases (4.96 mol % CO₂ from AGA Gas GmbH and 100ppm from YARA PRAXAIR) were used to calibrate the IR CO₂ analyzers of atmospheric pressure equipment before using them each time or on daily basis and flushing them with N₂ after finishing experiments for the day.

2.1.2 Chemicals for CO₂ analysis and amine analysis

Standard Solutions

- 0.1N NaOH (ampoule for 1000 mL supplied Merck KGaA)
- 0.1N HCl (ampoule for 1000 mL supplied Merck KgaA)
- 0.2N H₂SO₄ (2, 0.1 ampoules for 1000 mL supplied by Merck KgaA)
- 0.1N BaCl₂ (244 g BaCl₂.2H₂O/2L with purity > 99 % supplied by SIGMA-ALDRICH)

All standard solutions were prepared from above mentioned chemicals and de-ionized water.

Filters 0.45µmHAWP supplied by MILLIPORE

2.2 Experimental setup

2.2.1 pKa measurement

Protonation constants for DEEA were measured over a wide temperature range of temperature wide range of temperature from 20 to 80 ° C.

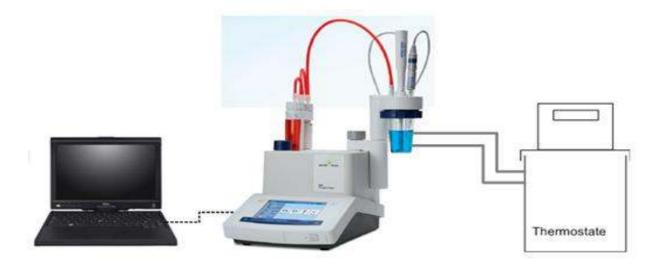


Figure 2.1:G20 compact titrator, Mettler Toledo. (Kim et al, 2010)

The dissociation constant (pK_a) of DEEA was determined as the pH at half neutralization. Figure 2.1 shows the assembly of the apparatus. Parallel measurements were carried out using a computer controlled Mettler Toledo G20 compact titrator with a DGi115-SC pH glass electrode (uncertainty \pm 0.02 pH) that dispenses 0.1 M HCl against 40 cm³ 0.01 M DEEA solution while data were logged online. Temperatures were kept constant (\pm 0.1°C) during the titration experiments using a JULABO M4 oil bath. Electrode was calibrated each time at pH 4, 7 and 11 at temperature at which the experiment has to be performed. Titration curves at different temperature are shown in figure 2.2.

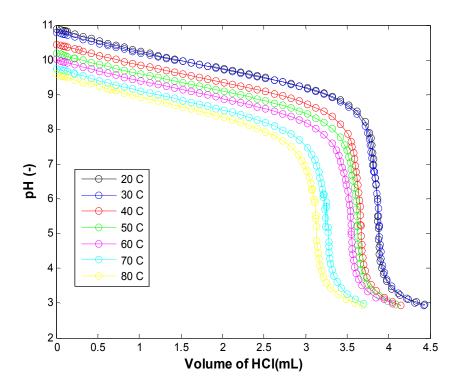


Figure 2.2: pH curves of aqueous solution of 0.01M DEEA at different temperatures.

2.2.2 Atmospheric or low pressure VLE apparatus

The VLE apparatus for atmospheric pressure is designed to operate at temperatures up to 80 °C and consists of four 360-cm³ glass flasks. The apparatus placed in a thermostat box is equipped with heater, fan, water bath, mixing feed controller, IR analyzers, condenser and gas phase pump.

The total pressure in the IR analyzer consist of N₂ and CO₂ during calibration and CO₂, H₂O (small amount) along with amine which is DEEA in this case.

A preloaded DEEA solution of 150 cm³ was fed into flask 2. The same amount was also fed into flask 3 and 4, while flask 1 was used a gas stabilizer. The flasks were heated by water and placed in a thermostated box with temperature measured to within \pm 0.1 °C. The gas phase was circulated as the temperature reached the desired level, and equilibrium was obtained when the analyzer showed a constant value for the CO_2 volume percent, but it is preferable to look at the voltmeter reading since it is much more sensitive than the analyzer itself. This took around

 \sim 10–20 min in the case of DEEA.A liquid sample to be analyzed for CO₂ and amine concentration was then withdrawn from flask 4 and was properly labeled. Figure 2.3 shows the schematic diagram of the apparatus.

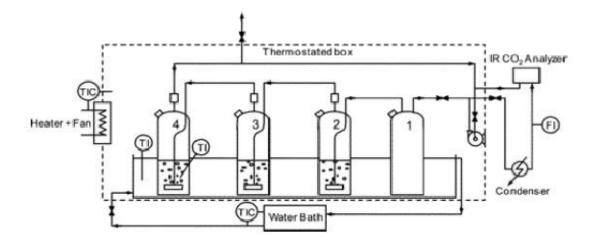


Figure 2.3: Low temperature (atmospheric) equilibrium apparatus (Ma'mun, 2005)

Care was taken during experiment to get minimum amount of condensate especially at higher temperatures.

The IR analyzers used were calibrated each time before using them and there were two analyzers that were used with four channels with each analyzer having two channels of different range as 0-20 %, 0-5 %, 0-1% and 0-2000 ppm(parts per million).

Equilibrium gas phase partial pressures of CO₂ in the system were calculated by the equation

$$P_{CO_2} = y_{CO_2}^{IR} \left[P - (P_{H_{2O}} - P_{H_{2O}}^{IR}) - (P_{Am} - P_{Am}^{IR}) \right]$$
(2.1)

Where $y_{CO_2}^{IR}$,%CO₂ in the analyzer;atmoshpheric pressure; $P_{H_{2O}}$ and P_{Am} are partial pressures of water and amine at cell 4 temperature while P_{Am}^{IR} and $P_{H_{2O}}^{IR}$ partial pressure of amine and water at the cooler temperature,Since DEEA is volatile so amine vapour pressure cannot be neglected.

2.2.3 High pressure and high temperature VLE apparatus

Figure 2.4 shows the equillibrium apparatus for DEEA in the rocking equilibrium cell. The apparatus consists of two connected autoclaves (1000 and 200 cm³) which rotate 180° back and forth with 2cm and are designed to operate upto 2MPa and 150 °C. Druck PTX 610 (max 800 kPa) and Schaevitz P 706-0025 (max 2.5 Mpa) pressure transducers, and two k-type thermocouples are used to record pressure and temperature. The apparatus was used for high pressure DEEA test, as at high pressure atmospheric VLE cannot be operated as shown in figure 3.1.

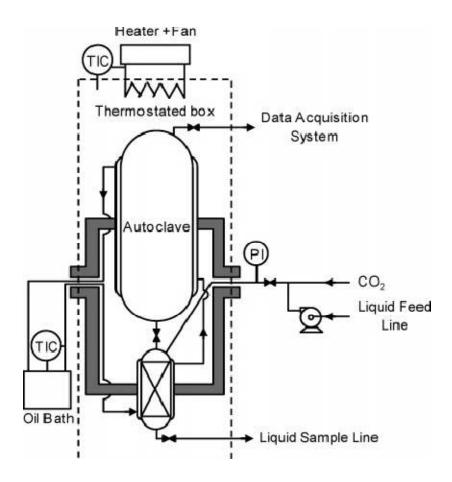


Figure 2.4: High pressure and temperature VLE apparatus (Ma'mun, 2005)

The autoclave placed in a thermostated box were heated by an oil bath.During heating up the autoclaves were purged with CO₂ several times .the unloaded DEEA(5M or 2M) solution of 200 cm³ was then injected into the smaller autoclave,the amount determined by weightand finally CO₂ was injected to the desired pressure.equilibrium was obtained when temperature and

pressure was constant to within about \pm 0.2 °C and \pm 1 kPa. This took approximately 3 to 8 hrs. After equilibrium was obtained ,a liquid sample was withdrawn from the smaller autoclave using a 75 cm³ evacuated sampling cylinder where an unloaded DEEA solution of about 50 cm³ was injected into the cylinder before sampling. This was to ensure that all CO₂ in the liquid sample was totally absorbed. The cylinder was then cooled to ambient temperature the partial pressure of CO₂ was mesured by subtracting the partail pressures of water and DEEA from the total pressure. But for the modelling total pressure was used. A comparison between Real vapour pressure and Raoult's law will be presented in results and discussion.

2.2.4 CO₂ analysis and amine analysis of liquid samples

Liquid samples containing CO₂ were analyzed by the precipitation titration method.the liquid sample was added to a 250 cm³ Erlenmeyer flask containing 50 cm³ sodium hydroxide (NaOH.0.1 N) and 25 cm³ barium chloride (BaCl₂,0.1 N) solutions.the amount of the liquid sample added dependent on the total CO₂ content in the sample the Erlenmeyer flask was heated to enhance the barium carbonate(BaCO₃) formation and then cooled to ambient temperature. The mixture was filtered with a 0.45 µm Millipore paper and washed with deionised water. The filter, covered by BaCO₃ was transferred to a 250 cm³ beaker. Deionised water 100 cm³ was added into the beaker, and enough hydrochloric acid (HCl, 0.1N) was also added to dissolve the BaCO₃ cake. The amount of HCl not used to dissolve BaCO₃ was then titrated with 0.1 N NaOH in an automatic titrator (Metrohm 702 Sm Titrino) with an end point of pH 5.2.Due to possible solvent losses during operation at High temperatrures, the DEEA concentrations were determined by titration .A liquid sample of 0.5 cm³ was diluted in 75 cm³ deionised water and titrated with 0.2 N sulphuric acid(H₂SO₄) using the metrohm 702 SM Titrino. The end point was obtained at pH 3 – 4. The DEEA concentrations were found and these concentration were used for getting loading(mol CO₂/ mol amine). Since it is expected to have some amine losses that is why it is necessary to calculate the amine concentration as well.

2.3 Calibration of analyzers

2.3.1 High pressure equipment

For high pressure equipment since the thermocouple and pressure transducer was calibrated once so it's not necessary to be calibrated every time and those calibration data is already fed into computer which was selected before starting the software Labview.

2.3.2 Low pressure equipment

All analyzers were calibrated every time before using such analyzers. The actual concentrations of CO₂ were obtained from the calibration curve drawn for actual CO₂ vol % vs voltage of IR analyzer as shown in figure 2.5.

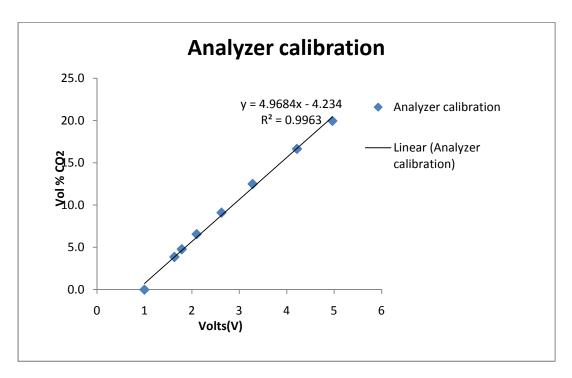


Figure 2.5: Analyzer Calibration

Figure 2.5 shows an example for analyzer calibration and the equation of the line which is basically used to calculate error free Vol% CO₂.

All the observations and CO₂ analyses along with amine analyses were put in an excel sheet to calculate the CO₂ loading as mol of CO₂/mol of amine which will be discussed in results and discussion. The partial pressure of CO₂ was calculated by subtracting partial pressures of water and amine at given temperature from the atmospheric pressure obtained from barometer.

3.0 Experimental results and discussion

Vapor-liquid equilibrium(VLE) experiments were performed for different concentration of DEEA (5M and 2M) in both high pressure VLE and atmospheric VLE at temperatures 40, 60 and 80 °C with atmospheric VLE and 80,100 and 120 °C with high pressure VLE(Vippe).

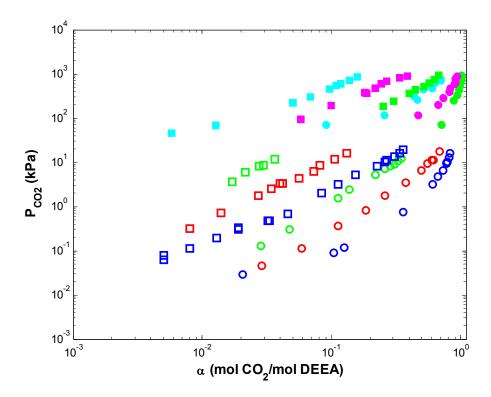


Figure 3.1: DEEA 5M and 2M equilibrium data Pco₂ (kPa) as a function of loading. (□, 40 °C DEEA 5M, □:60 °C DEEA 5M; □, 80 °C DEEA 5M; □, 80°C DEEA 5M vippe; □, 100°C DEEA 5M vippe; □, 120°C DEEA 5M vippe; ○, 40°C DEEA 2M; ○, 60°C DEEA 2M; ○, 80°C DEEA 2M; ○, 80°C DEEA 2M vippe; ○, 100°C DEEA 2M vippe; ○, 120°C DEEA 2M vippe).

Data generated with both apparatuses is shown in figure 3.1.Experiments were done with great care and determination. It is evident from the figure 3.1 by looking shows that the data is remarkable both in terms of trend and reproducibility. There is no data available to compare with but still it is possible to tell about the quality of the data. Trends are good and since some of the points were repeated twice which may not be possible to see because they lay one on another and data from both the apparatuses show a trend. Moreover data from atmospheric VLE at 80 °C

agree with data from High pressure VLE (Vippe) at same temperature for both concentration which gives another clue about the quality of data as can be seen in figure 3.1. During experiments some condensate was collected but since amount was fairly less around 0.5 ml which is comparable to the total volume of amine during experiment as approximately 450 ml so it's not possible to calculate CO₂ loading with such a small sample.

It is a good property that DEEA covers a whole range of loading starting with fairly low 0.005 mol CO₂/mol amine to the maximum value of 1 mol CO₂/mol amine as can be seen in figure 3.1. The experiments were not performed to with very low channel analyzers from because as can be seen from figure 3.1 there is not much CO₂ left in the liquid phase specially with 5 molar .Since DEEA is a tertiary amine which makes them capable to absorb more CO₂ per mole amine but on the other hand they react very slowly because they have no carbamate formation like MEA for instance. Having high capacity, low heat of reaction and low heat requirement for regeneration makes it a suitable candidate for CO₂ capture, but using aqueous solution of DEEA without any promoter is a bit difficult as DEEA is slow in reaction if used makes the size or height of absorption tower extremely tall, so in that case tertiary amines like DEEA are generally used with promoters to enhance the reaction rate at certain level in order to have balance between absorption and regeneration. But apart from these benefits it has high vapor pressure having low density and high activity makes it susceptible to solvent loss, which means high load on water wash unit.

According to figure 3.1 it can be seen that the difference between P_{CO2} is relatively high between

$$CO_2 + DEEA \xleftarrow{K_{eq}} HCO_3^- + DEEAH^+$$
 (3.1)

$$P_{CO_2} = \frac{\left[HCO_3^-\right]\left[DEEAH^+\right]}{K_{eq}\left[DEEA\right]}$$
 (3.2)

$$P_{CO_2} = \frac{m \alpha}{K_{eq} (1 - \alpha)}$$
 (3.3)

5M and 2M based on loading. This can be explained on the basis of equation 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3. For amines without carbamate formation P_{CO2} is proportional to amine concentration (m), which is

true because by looking at figure 3.1 it is clear that with DEEA 5M partial pressure of CO_2 is much high than DEEA 2M based on amount of CO_2 in liquid phase. It means P_{CO2} is dependent on amine concentration with no carbamate formation.

Basically it was the idea to calculate and compare vapor pressure from ebulliometer with UNIQUAC and Raoult's law, it is because Raoult's law is for ideal solutions and to use Raoult's law there are some circumstances that must be fulfilled for example enthalpy of mixing is zero or the interaction between the molecules is same regardless of size and shape of molecules in a solution. In terms of activity coefficient.

$$P_{Solution}^{Raoult's\ Law} = x_{DEEA} \cdot P_{DEEA}^{\circ} + x_{H_2O} \cdot P_{H_2O}^{\circ}$$
(3.4)

$$P_{Solution}^{UNIQUAC} = \gamma_{DEAA} \cdot x_{DEEA} \cdot P_{DEEA}^{\circ} + \gamma_{H_2O} \cdot x_{H_2O} \cdot P_{H_2O}^{\circ}$$
 (3.5)

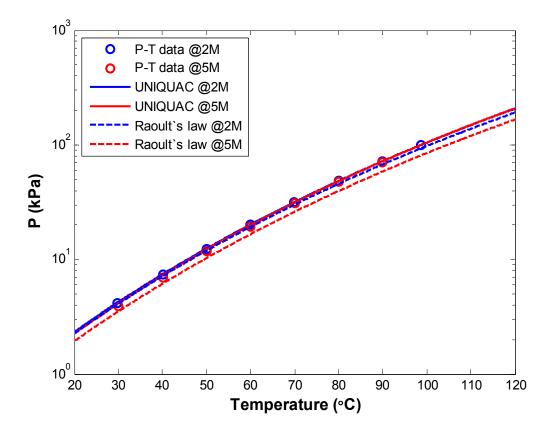


Figure 3.2: DEEA 5M and 2M vapor pressure comparison

It was found that Raoult's law deviates from experimental data as shown in figure 3.2 but on the other hand predictions with UNIQUAC is better because it accounts non-idealities in the form of activity co-efficient.

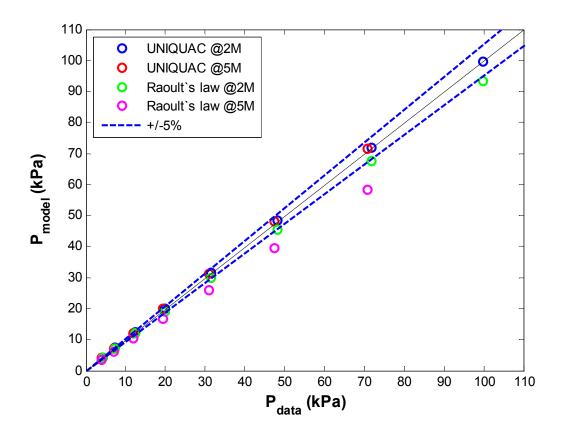


Figure 3.3: Parity plot and deviation

The parity plot in figure 3.3 shows the calculated deviation which increases with increase in temperature. In case of DEEA it showed a deviation of 5 % up till temperature range of experiment around 100 ° C, this could be different for other aqueous solution of amines. The purpose of this discussion is to make people aware that it's always not right to use Raoult's law depending on the type of solvent (physical properties) used and concentration.

3.1 Dissociation constant or pKa results

pKa values obtained from this work were compared with literature data as shown in figure 3.4.As it is evident from the figure that this work is consistent with Hamborg & Versteeg(2009).

The deviation between Little et al (1990) and Hamborg & Versteeg (2009) is 2.06 %.(Hamborg et al, 2011). It shows that the deviation between this work and Hamborg & Versteeg must be less than 2.06 % based on the figure 3.4.

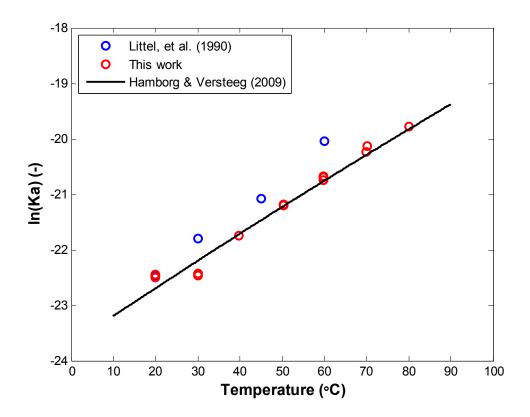


Figure 3.4: Ka values comparison with literature data

4.0 Thermodynamic framework

4.1 The equilibria involved

The absorption of CO₂ in aqueous amine solutions involves a quite complex set of equilibrium phase reactions. Below, the reaction scheme for CO₂ and an aqueous alkanolamine solution is given R₁R₂NH denotes a generic amine, if for example R₁ is –C₂H₄OH and R₂ is H, the amine is monoethanolamine(MEA) which is the most commonly used amine for gas sweetening. The reaction scheme is more or less similar for all types of amines, but there are some differences. For instance for tertiary amines such as DEEA not to form carbamate R₁R₂NCOO⁻. (Hessen E.T, 2010)

Water ionization:

$$2H_2O \Leftrightarrow H_3O^+ + OH^- \tag{4.1}$$

Dissociation of dissolved carbon dioxide:

$$2H_2O + CO_2 \Leftrightarrow H_3O^+ + HCO_3^- \tag{4.2}$$

Dissociation of bicarbonate:

$$H_2O + HCO_3^- \Leftrightarrow H_3O^+ + CO_3^{2-}$$
 (4.3)

Dissociation of protonated amine:

$$H_2O + R_1R_2NH_2^+ \iff H_3O^+ + R_1R_2NH$$
 (4.4)

Carbamate to bicarbonate formation only forms in primary amines

$$H_2O + R_1R_2NCOO^- \Leftrightarrow R_1R_2NH + HCO_3^-$$
 (4.5)

From the reaction mechanism it can be seen that the system comprises of both neutral molecules and electrolyte species. The presence of ions makes the makes the modeling non-trivial due to the strong long range interaction between these species. These interactions lead to large non-idealities .Another challenging feature of this ternary system is that it changes character as CO₂

is absorbed into the liquid phase. At low loading the system mainly consists of molecular species and short range forces dominate .As more CO₂ is absorbed; electrolytic compounds are formed and long-range forces will become more prominent. This character change constitutes one of the main challenges for the development of thermodynamic models for the systems in discussion. Also relatively high number of species complicates the modeling. (Hessen E.T, 2010)

Finding the speciation of the system at a given temperature and initial concentration of CO₂ and amine is a chemical equilibrium problem. This problem may be formulated as finding the global minimum Gibbs energy, subject to material balance constraint. (Hessen E.T, 2010)

$$\min_{n \in \Omega} G(n) = \min_{n \in \Omega} (n \mu^{T})$$
(4.6)

In this equation n is a composition vector and μ is a vector containing the chemical potential of the species. In addition to the chemical equilibria the distribution of species between the vapor and liquid phase must be determined, namely the vapor-liquid equilibria (VLE). The standard VLE problem may be formulated as

$$\mu_i^{vap} = \mu_i^{liq} \tag{4.7}$$

Where μ_i^{vap} and μ_i^{liq} are the chemical potentials of the species i in the vapor phase and liquid phase respectively. Figure 4.1 shows the equilibria involved in the absorption process.

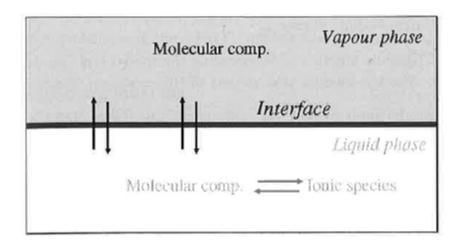


Figure 4.1: Chemical and phase equilibria (Hessen E.T, 2010)

4.2 The extended UNIQUAC model

Sander et al. (1986) presented an extension to the original UNIQUAC model (Abrams and Prausnitz, 1975) by adding an electrostatic term .The model consists of three terms: a combinatorial term, a residual and the electrostatic term of Debye-Hückel type. The model treated here is that of Thomsen et al. (1996), Thomsen (1997) and Thomsen and Rasmussen (1990). (Hessen E.T, 2010)

$$g^{E} = g_{c}^{E} + g_{r}^{E} + g_{D-H}^{E}$$
 (4.8)

The combinatorial term is independent of temperature and is dependent only on the size of the species.

$$\frac{g_c^E}{RT} = \sum_i x_i \ln\left(\frac{\phi_i}{x_i}\right) - \frac{z}{2} \sum_i (q_i x_i) \ln\left(\frac{\phi_i}{\theta_i}\right)$$
(4.9)

Where the coordination number is the number of the nearest neighbors around a central solvent molecule, z is the set equal to $10.\phi_i$ is the volume fraction, and θ_i is the surface area of the fraction of the component i.

$$\phi_i = \frac{x_i r_i}{\sum_{\forall i} x_i r_i} \; ; \; \theta_i = \frac{x_i q_i}{\sum_{\forall i} x_i q_i}$$
(4.10)

The model parameters r_i and q_i are the volume and surface parameter for the component i. These parameters may be calculated from non-electrolyte molecules, but the best results are obtained if the parameters are fitted to experimental data (Thomsen, 2006). (Hessen E.T, 2010)

The residual term is due to energetic interactions between the molecules and is given by

$$\frac{g_r^E}{RT} = -\sum_i x_i q_i \ln \left(\sum_k \theta_k \psi_{kl} \right) \tag{4.11}$$

The parameter ψ_{kl} is given by

$$\psi_{kl} = \exp\left(\frac{u_{kl} - u_{ll}}{T}\right) \tag{4.12}$$

 u_{kl} and u_{ll} are the temperature dependent binary interaction parameters. The activity coefficient expressions of the UNIQUAC model are given by. (Hessen E.T, 2010)

$$\ln \gamma_i^c = \ln \left(\frac{\phi_w}{x_i} \right) + 1 - \frac{\phi_i}{x_i} - \frac{z}{2} q_i \left[\ln \left(\frac{\theta_i}{\theta_i} \right) + 1 - \frac{\phi_i}{\theta_i} \right]$$
(4.13)

$$\ln \gamma_i^{c,\infty} = \ln \left(\frac{r_i}{r_w}\right) + 1 - \frac{r_i}{r_w} - \frac{z}{2} q_i \left[\ln \left(\frac{r_i q_w}{r_w q_i}\right) + 1 - \frac{r_i q_w}{r_w q_i}\right]$$
(4.14)

$$\ln \gamma_i^r = q_i \left[1 - \ln \left(\sum_k \theta_k \psi_{ki} \right) - \sum_k \frac{\theta_k \psi_{ik}}{\sum_l \theta_l \psi_{lk}} \right]$$
(4.15)

$$\ln \gamma_i^{r,\infty} = q_i \left(1 - \ln \psi_{wi} - \psi_{iw} \right) \tag{4.16}$$

The activity coefficient expressions for the UNIQUAC framework are significantly simpler than the corresponding expressions in the e-NRTL framework. Another positive feature of UNIQUAC based model is the fact that the same activity coefficient expression may be employed for cat ions, anions and molecular species. The parameter structure of the UNIQUAC model is also simpler than what is the case for the e-NRTL models. These features make UNIQUAC based models far easier to implement than e-NRTL based models. (Hessen E.T, 2010).

4.3 Activity coefficient model

The original non-electrolyte equation by Abrams and Prausnitz (1975) was extended for electrolyte systems by addition of an electrostatic term by sanders et al. (1986) to a modified uniquac equation. The model consists of three terms: a combinatorial, entropic; a residual, enthalpic (short range terms) and the electrostatic (long range) term of Debye-Hückel type. The

model requires volume, r and surface area, q parameters for each species and adjustable binary interaction energy parameters u_{ki} for each pair of species (Aronu et al, 2011). The temperature dependence of interaction energy parameters (ψ_{ki}) of the residual term is given as

$$\psi_{ki} = \exp\left(-\frac{u_{ki} - u_{ii}}{T}\right) \tag{4.17}$$

Where

$$u_{kl} = u_{ki}^0 + u_{ki}^T (T - 298.15) (4.18)$$

4.4 Parameter regression

In DEEA/H₂O/CO₂ system 8 species are involved excluding carbamate. Total number of parameters involved is 88, of which 68 were used from references and 20 were fitted in this work. Table 4.1, 4.2 and 4.4 shows how many parameters were fitted and how many were from literature.

For r and q refer equation 4.10

| Species | r | q |
|--------------------|---|---|
| H_2O | | |
| DEEA | | |
| CO_2 | | |
| H_3O^+ | | |
| DEEAH ⁺ | | |
| OH ⁻ | | |
| HCO_3^- | | |
| CO_3^{2-} | | |

Table 4.1: UNIQUAC volume, r and surface area, q parameters

Grey: Fitted in this work, Green: possible parameter obtained from literature

For interaction energy parameters refer equation 4.18.

| | H_2O | DEEA | CO ₂ | H_3O^+ | DEEAH+ | OH ⁻ | HCO ₃ | CO_3^{2-} |
|-----------------------------|--------|------|-----------------|----------|--------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| H_2O | | | | | | | | |
| DEEA | | | | | | | | |
| CO_2 | | | | | | | | |
| H_3O^+ | | | | | | | | |
| DEEAH+ | | | | | | | | |
| OH^- | | | | | | | | |
| $\frac{HCO_3^-}{CO_3^{2-}}$ | | | | | | | | |
| CO_3^{2-} | | | | | | | | |

Table 4.2: UNIQUAC interaction energy parameter for $u_{ij} = u_{ij}^0 + u_{ij}^T (T - 298.15); u_{ij}^0 = u_{ji}^0$

Grey: Fitted in this work, Green: possible parameter obtained from literature

| | H_2O | DEEA | CO_2 | H_3O^+ | DEEAH+ | OH^- | HCO_3^- | CO_3^{2-} |
|-------------|--------|------|--------|----------|--------|--------|-----------|-------------|
| H_2O | | | | | | | | |
| DEEA | | | | | | | | |
| CO_2 | | | | | | | | |
| H_3O^+ | | | | | | | | |
| DEEAH* | | | | | | | | |
| OH^- | | | | | | | | |
| HCO_3^- | | | | | | | | |
| CO_3^{2-} | | | | | | | | |

Table 5.2: UNIQUAC interaction energy parameter for $u_{ij} = u_{ij}^0 + u_{ij}^T (T - 298.15); u_{ij}^T = u_{ji}^T$ **Grey**: Fitted in this work, **Green**: possible parameter obtained from literature

4.5 Thermodynamic parameters

Reactions for DEEA can be written as

Water ionization:

$$2H_2O \Leftrightarrow H_3O^+ + OH^- \tag{4.19}$$

Dissociation of dissolved carbon dioxide:

$$2H_2O + CO_2 \Leftrightarrow H_3O^+ + HCO_3^- \tag{4.20}$$

Dissociation of bicarbonate:

$$H_2O + HCO_3^- \Leftrightarrow H_3O^+ + CO_3^{2-}$$
 (4.21)

Dissociation of protonated amine:

$$H_2O + DEEAH^+ \Leftrightarrow H_3O^+ + DEEA \tag{4.22}$$

Thermodynamic parameters needed for each of the models are parameters in the activity coefficient and equilibrium constant. The equilibrium constants are defined in terms of mole fractions, thus they are dimensionless. In this project the equilibrium constant for DEEA was calculated and for other reactions it was used from literature. The temperature dependencies of equilibrium constants are gives as

$$\ln K = C_1 + C_2 / T + C_3 \ln T + C_4 T \tag{4.23}$$

| Reaction | Parameter | C_1 | C_2 | C_3 | $10^4 C_4$ | $T(^{\circ}C)$ | Sources |
|----------|-------------------------------|---------|---------------|--------------|------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| 4.20 | $K_{_{H_2O}}$ | 132.899 | - 13445.90 | 22.4773 | 0 | 0-225 | Edwads et al.(1978) |
| 4.21 | K_{CO_2} | 231.465 | 12092.10 | 36.7816 | 0 | 0-225 | Edwads et al.(1978) |
| 4.22 | $K_{HCO_3^-}$ | 216.049 | -1231.70 | - 35,4819 | 0 | 0-225 | Edwads et al.(1978) |
| 4.23 | $K_{\scriptscriptstyle DEEA}$ | -165.26 | 2616.24 | 23.53 | 0 | 0-80 | Hamborg &Versteeg, 2009 |

Table 4.1: Mole fraction based temperature dependent equilibrium constants.

5.0 Modeling results and discussion

5.1 Binary DEEA-H₂O system

For the fitting of ternary data it is mandatory to have binary interaction parameters in order to reduce number of parameter that must be tuned. Binary interaction parameter for DEEA-H₂O system was calculated from Experimental data from ebulliometer. The consistency of binary data is important to be implemented on the ternary system.

Consistency of the binary system can be checked by looking at the trends and comparing with model predicted values. Many parameters are considered which include excess enthalpy (H_E) in kJ/mol, activity coefficient, Pxy and Tx diagrams.

It is necessary to calculate binary interaction parameter, binary parameter will help in reducing number of parameter that must be fitted for ternary system for instance in e-uniquac. The binary parameters which are used later for ternary system are r (DEEA), q (DEEA), u₀ (H₂O-DEEA), u₁ (H₂O-DEEA) and u₁ (DEEA-DEEA).

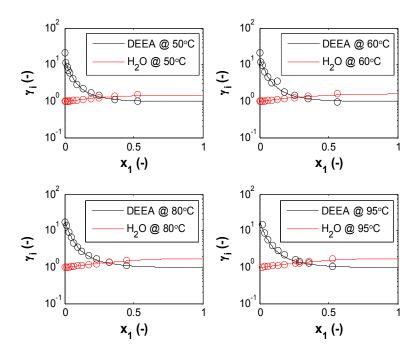


Figure 5.1:H₂O-DEEA activity coefficient, ○ experimental data (red and black), — UNIQUAC (red and black)

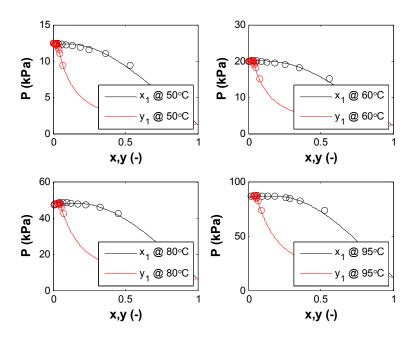


Figure 5.2: Pxy diagram for DEEA at different temperature °C, ○ experimental data (red and black), − UNIQUAC (red and black)

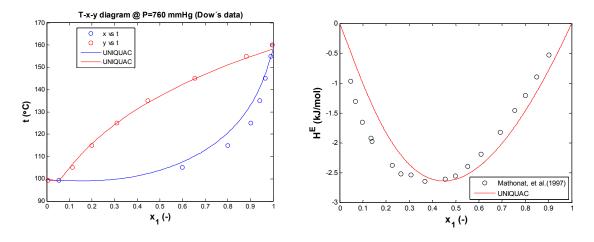


Figure 5.3: Tx diagram for DEEA compared with DOW'S data (left), Excess enthalpy comparison with Mathonat et al, 1997. (Right)

Figures 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 show the fit between experimental data and the model predicted values. The prediction by the model matches well with experimental data. In figure 5.3 the data from UNIQUAC is compared with DOW's data and the results are really good.

Excess enthalpy calculated by UNIQUAC is compared with Mathonat et al (1997), there is still some deviation between the predicted value and the reference value but still the deviation is acceptable.

5.2 Ternary CO₂- DEEA-H₂O system

Experimental data for the 2M and 5M DEEA is later on fitted with e-UNIQUAC at different temperatures 40,60,80,100 and 120° C. Alongwith that AARD is calculated for the modeled data. The model parameter that need to be evaluated were r, the surface area parameters, q, as well as interaction energy parameters u_{ki}° and u_{ki}^{T} . The dataset used for regression of model parameters are; the experimental determined CO_2 partial pressures and total pressure measurement for this work. Regression was difficult with some problems. The first step was to retain as many literature data as possible. During the regression of data the change in behavior of e-UNIQUAC was closely observed with change in parameters and acted accordingly. After checking all the parameters they were grouped together and were applied to be optimized by modfit. The regression analysis was performed through a Levenberg-Marquardt minimization using the MATLAB based parameter estimation tool, Modfit (Herztberg and Medjell, 1998). The objective function is given as

$$F = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{P_{CO_2}^{\exp} - P_{CO_2}^{calc}}{P_{CO_2}^{\exp}} \right)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{P_{tot}^{\exp} - P_{tot}^{calc}}{P_{tot}^{\exp}} \right)^2$$
 (5.1)

The deviation of the model results from the experimental data is given as absolute average relative deviation (AARD) as shown below.

$$AARD = 100\% \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{n} \frac{\left| P_{\text{model}} - P_{\text{exp}} \right|}{P_{\text{exp}}}$$
 (5.3)

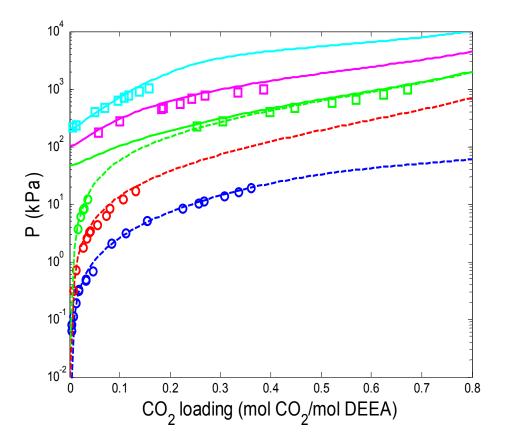


Figure 5.4: DEEA 5M equilibrium data P (kPa) as a function of loading. (\bigcirc , experimental points (Pco₂); \square , experimental points (Ptot); Solid lines, e-UNIQUAC(Ptot); Dashed lines, e-UNIQUAC(Pco₂); \bigcirc , 40°C; \bigcirc , 60°C; \bigcirc / \square , 80°C; \square , 100°C, \square : 120°C).

Model calculations and experimental CO_2 partial pressures and total pressure from this work as a function of loading and temperature are shown in figure 5.4 and 5.5. It is important to mention here that the data for 80°C in figures 5.4 and 5.5 is basically shown from both low pressure and high pressure with its experimental points and model predictions. In fact the Pco_2 is predicted well by the model over DEEA solution of 2M and 5M. There were some problems in regressing the P_{tot} but it still looks good.

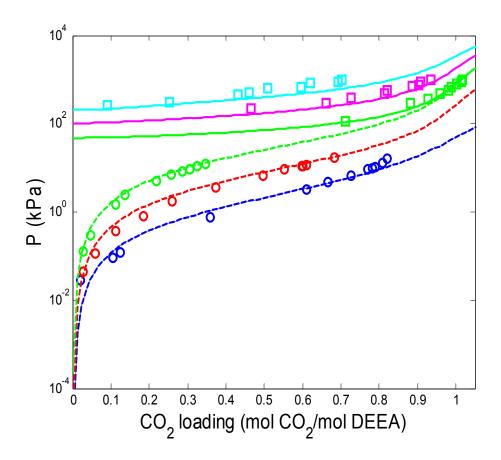


Figure 5.5: DEEA 5M equilibrium data P (kPa) as a function of loading. (\bigcirc , experimental points (Pco₂); \square , experimental points (Ptot); Solid lines, e-UNIQUAC(Ptot); Dashed lines, e-UNIQUAC(Pco₂); \bigcirc , 40°C; \bigcirc , 60°C; \bigcirc / \square , 80°C; \square , 100°C, \square : 120°C).

The overall absolute average relative deviation (AARD) calculated for this work is 26.5 %.

The parity plots shown in figure 5.6 shows good results especially for Pco₂ but for P_{tot} it showed some deviations.

For the modeling of data first it was tuned manually then modfit was applied to make the fit better. There have been some problems like discontinuity in the model from the parameters calculated by modfit, which showed sudden drop of activity coefficient after the discontinuation point which was observed by some other people as well.

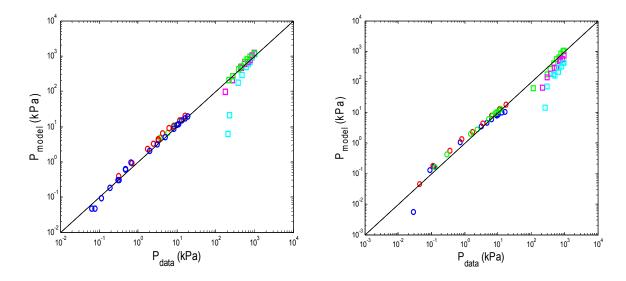


Figure 5.6: DEEA 5M(left) and 2M(right) parity plot between experimental and model predicted pressures (\bigcirc , 40°C; \bigcirc , 60°C; \bigcirc / \bigcirc , 80°C; \bigcirc , 100°C, \bigcirc : 120°C).

It would be better to have solubility data for DEEA to help in fitting the data better.

During the calculation it was observed that the pressure contribution from water is much higher than amine especially in DEEA 2M because of large mole fraction of water.

| | H_2O | DEEA | CO_2 | H_3O^+ | DEEAH+ | OH ⁻ | HCO_3^- | CO_3^{2-} |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|
| H_2O | 0.0000 | | | | | | | |
| DEEA | -253.79933343 | -233.27163666 | | | | | | |
| CO_2 | -137.359 | 0.0000 | 40.5176 | | | | | |
| H_3O^+ | 1.0E+04 | 1.0E+09 | 1.0E+09 | 0.0000 | | | | |
| DEEAH+ | -417.5551872 | 3.426629547 | -787.8570155 | 1.0E+09 | 0.0000 | | | |
| OH^- | 600.4952 | 1.0E+09 | 2500.0000 | 1.0E+09 | 1.0E+09 | 1562.881 0 | | |
| HCO ₃ | 5.17E+02 | 11942.51274 | 651.045 | 1.0E+09 | -886.4410536 | 2500.000 0 | 2043.432 | |
| CO_3^{2-} | 361.3877 | 1.0E+09 | 2500.000 | 1.0E+09 | 1.0E+09 | 2588.025 0 | 239.7197 | 1458.34 40 |

Table 5.1: UNIQUAC interaction energy parameter for $u_{ij} = u_{ij}^0 + u_{ij}^T (T - 298.15); u_{ij}^0 = u_{ji}^0$

Grey: This work Blue: Aronu et al. (2011b) Green: Thomsen and Rasmussen, 1999; Brown: Faramarzi et al., 2009.

| | H_2O | DEEA | CO_2 | H_3O^+ | DEEAH+ | OH^- | HCO_3^- | CO_3^{2-} |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|-------------|
| H_2O | 0.0000 | | | | | | | |
| DEEA | -1.53697648 | -4.36748945 | | | | | | |
| CO_2 | 6.090777 | 0.0000 | 13.6290 | | | | | |
| H_3O^+ | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | | | | |
| DEEAH+ | -0.719030035 | -50.23643095 | 14.70814485 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | | | |
| OH ⁻ | 8.5455 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 5.6169 | | |
| HCO ₃ | 6.95E+00 | -95.2487904 | 2.773 | 0.0000 | 16.50359526 | 0.0000 | 17.11482 | |
| CO_3^{2-} | 3.3516 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 2.7496 | 2.611483 | -1.3448 |

Table 5.2: UNIQUAC interaction energy parameter for $u_{ij} = u_{ij}^0 + u_{ij}^T (T - 298.15); u_{ij}^T = u_{ji}^T$ **Grey**:This work **Blue**:Aronu et al.(2011b) **Green**:Thomsen and Rasmussen,1999; **Brown**:Faramarzi et al., 2009.

| Species r | | q | Source | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------------------------|--|
| H_2O | H_2O 0.9200 | | Thomsen et al.,1997 | |
| DEEA 5.13113320 | | 3.03406593 | This work | |
| CO ₂ 5.7410 | | 6.0806 | Thomsen and Rasmussen, 1999 | |
| H_3O^+ 0.13779 | | 1.0E-15 | Thomsen et al., 1997 | |
| DEEAH ⁺ 10.8023836596 | | 6.37474797 | This work | |
| <i>OH</i> ⁻ 9.3973 | | 8.8171 | Thomsen et al., 1997 | |
| HCO_3^- 2.350672 | | 0.749574 | Aronu et al.(2011b) | |
| CO_3^{2-} 12.9936 | | 8.6152 | Aronu et al.(2011b) | |

Table 5.3: UNIQUAC volume, r and surface area, q parameters

5.3 Speciation

Speciation data for liquid phase is important in kinetics expressions for mass transfer from gas to liquid phase. Unfortunately in this case there is no NMR (Nuclear Magnetic Resonance) data available for DEEA nor any literature data.NMR data helps is validation of model by comparing model predicted species to that of NMR data at certain loading.

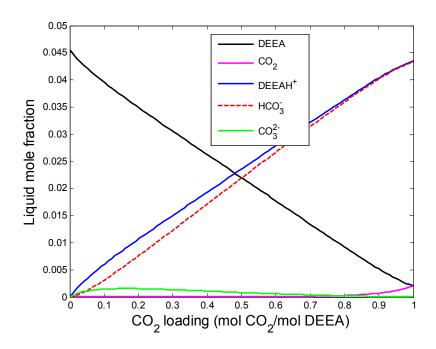


Figure 5.7: DEEA 2M liquid phase speciation at 40°C.

Figure 5.7 and 5.8 shows speciation of 2M and 5M ternary system at 40°C.

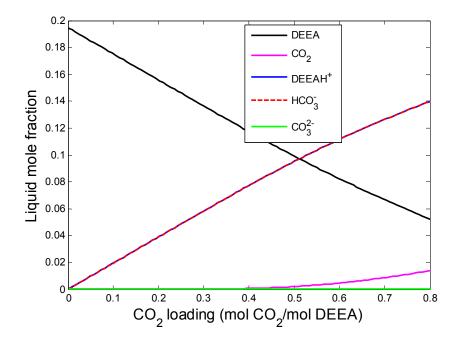


Figure 5.8: DEEA 5M liquid phase speciation at 40°C.

Speciation data based on figure 5.7 and 5.8 seems sensible based on reactions explained in section 4.1.CO₂ is picked by water which is turned into bicarbonate, which means as the loading increases the formation of bicarbonate increases as well in liquid phase. Since the hydronium ion (H₃O⁺) also forms, this H₃O⁺ than reacts with DEEA to form DEEAH⁺, means concentration of DEEAH⁺ also increases with increase in loading. As the solvent saturates the driving force reduces, means liquid phase free CO₂ will increase as shown in figures 5.7 and 5.8.As the loading increases moles of water reduces means carbonate contents reduce as well. Based on figures 5.7 and 5.8 it can be said that flux for 5M has to be less than 2M due to moles of water present or concentration gradient. In case of 5M, protonated DEEA and bi-carbonate goes through same line that is why it's hard to see in figure 5.8.

Conclusions

- Experimental data for vapor-liquid equilibrium of CO₂ in aqueous DEEA solutions are presented for 5M (61.14 wt %) and 2M (23.69 wt %) and from 40 to 120 ° C.CO₂ partial pressures over loaded DEEA solutions were measured using a low temperature equilibrium apparatus while total pressures were measured with high temperature equilibrium apparatus.
- pKa values for DEEA was measured starting with temperature of 20 to 80° C and were with very good agreement with Hamborg and Versteeg(2009) and Little, et al.(1990).
- Ebulliometer data for DEEA 5M and 2M were measured and compared with Raoult's law and UNIQUAC.
- For binary system UNIQUAC is used and e-UNIQUAC for ternary system. In total 20 parameters were fitted in this work.
- Binary interaction parameters were introduced and model predictions were checked with parameters like excess enthalpy, Tx diagram and Pxy diagram.
- Data points from atmospheric VLE were regressed as Pco₂ whereas for high pressure data points were regressed as P_{tot}.
- Modfit was applied to make the fit better. But sometimes modfit was unable to predict the model after certain loading.
- Average absolute relative deviation (AARD) for the model fit is 26.5 %.
- Parity plots were used to show the deviation between the experimental and model predicted values.

Future recommendations

- \bullet It is recommended to have N₂O solubility data for DEEA 2M and 5M, in order to validate the model.
- Availability of NMR data for speciation will help to check the validity of the model predicted values.

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Acronyms and abbreviations

IPCC Intergovernmental panel on climate change

DGA 2-(2-aminoethoxy) ethanol

EOR Enhanced oil recovery

CCS Carbon Capture and Storage

MEA Monoethanolamine

DIPA Di-isopropanolamine

DEA Di-ethanolamine

TEA Tri-ethanolamine

MDEA Methyl di-ethanolamine

AMP 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol

PE 2-piperidine ethanol

DEEA 2-(Diethylamino) ethanol

UNIQUAC UNIversal QUAsiChemical

AARD Absolute Average Relative Deviation

NMR Nuclear Magnetic Resonance

List of symbol and units

kPa Kilo Pascal

MPa Mega Pascal

R₁R₂- Alkyl radical

 K_{eq} Equilibrium constant

x Mol fraction of liquid phase

y Mol fraction of gas phase in liquid form

 Ω Material balance constraint

n Composition vector

 μ_i^{vap} , μ_i^{liq} Chemical potential of species *i* in the vapor and liquid phase

 g^E Excess Gibbs energy

 ψ_{ki} Temperature dependent interaction energy parameter

 γ Activity coefficient

 $P_{\mathrm{mod}el}$ Model pressure

 P_{exp} Experimental pressure

 $P_{CO_2}^{calc}$ Model predicted partial pressure of CO_2

 $P_{CO_2}^{\mathrm{exp}}$ Experimental partial pressure of CO_2

 P_{tot}^{exp} Experimental total pressure

 $P_{tot}^{\,calc}$

Model predicted total pressure

Appendices

Appendix A1:- Pco_2 and P_{tot} data as a function of loading (mol/mol).

| | DEEA 2M (23.69 wt %) | | | | | | | |
|-----|----------------------|------------------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|
| | 40 ° C | | 60 ° C | | | 80 ° C | | |
| P | co ₂ | α | Pco2 | 2 α | | Pco2 | P _{tot} | α |
| (k | (Pa) | (mol/mol) | (kPa) | (mol | /mol) | (kPa) | (kPa) | (mol/mol) |
| 9. | 2459 | 0.7716 | 17.3420 | 0.684244 | | 12.1118 | | 0.346425 |
| 9. | 8596 | 0.7821 | 11.1619 | 0.59 | 9064 | 10.8077 | | 0.325565 |
| 16. | .0915 | 0.8215 | 11.1667 | 0.60 | 0052 | 9.0419 | | 0.306743 |
| 12. | .9008 | 0.8105 | 11.4225 | 0.61 | 1996 | 8.1541 | | 0.286443 |
| 10. | .3528 | 0.7905 | 9.1672 | 0.55 | 2499 | 7.0192 | | 0.258532 |
| 6. | 5304 | 0.7268 | 6.5327 | 0.49 | 7397 | 5.1604 | | 0.219109 |
| 4. | 7206 | 0.665 | 3.5056 | 0.37 | 3231 | 2.4091 | | 0.137697 |
| 3. | 1936 | 0.610 | 1.7360 | 0.26 | 0147 | 1.5087 | | 0.113054 |
| 0. | 7433 | 0.36039 | 0.8166 | 0.18 | 5494 | 0.2967 | | 0.047122 |
| 0. | 1194 | 0.12523 | 0.3645 | 0.11 | 283 | 0.1303 | | 0.028265 |
| 0. | 0907 | 0.104752 | 0.1121 | | | 254.2291 | 299.7 | 0.882733 |
| 0. | 0288 | 0.020382 | 0.0448 | 0.029015 | | 327.4797 | 373.1 | 0.928373 |
| | | | | | | 433.9945 | 479.6 | 0.959232 |
| | | | | | | 532.9742 | 578.6 | 0.980625 |
| | | | | | | 636.6686 | 682.3 | 0.987417 |
| | | | | | | 736.148 | 781.7 | 1.003281 |
| | | | | | | 859.4557 | 905.1 | 1.015916 |
| | | | | | | 922.4572 | 968 | 1.017411 |
| | | | | | | 70.1867 | 115.7 | 0.711555 |
| | 100 ° C | | | | | 120 ° C | | |
| | Pco ₂ | P _{tot} | α | | P | co ₂ | P _{tot} | α |
| (| (kPa) | (kPa) | (mol/i | mol) (l | | (Pa) | (kPa) | (mol/mol) |
| 20 | 01.8088 | 299.9 | 0.662 | 0.662161 11 | | 4.6947 | 305.7 | 0.253878 |
| 29 | 93.4663 | 390.6 | 0.726559 | | 263.4855 | | 454.4 | 0.460067 |
| 39 | 95.4042 | 493 | 0.814 | 0.814303 | | 2.5403 | 503.6 | 0.43301 |
| 47 | 77.1511 | 574.5 | 0.820548 | | 462.6737 | | 653.8 | 0.508146 |
| 60 | 05.3171 | 702.6 | 0.887 | 0.887468 48 | | 4.6118 | 675.2 | 0.596392 |
| 65 | 53.1955 | 750.6 | 0.903 | 0.903138 63 | | 1.3359 | 821.9 | 0.621736 |
| 78 | 82.4379 | 879.7 | 0.907 | | | 0.1979 | 891.3 | 0.701688 |
| 87 | 79.7615 | 977.1 | 0.935 | | | 5.7734 | 966.7 | 0.693006 |
| 11 | 18.6146 | 216.2 | 0.465 | | | 90638 | 262.7 | 0.091161 |

| | DEEA 5M (61.14 wt %) | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|--|--|
| 40 | ° C | 60 ° C | | 80 ° C | | | | |
| Pco ₂ | α | Pco2 | α | Pco2 | P _{tot} | α | | |
| (kPa) | (mol/mol) | (kPa) (n | nol/mol) | (kPa) | (kPa) | (mol/mol) | | |
| 19.2247 | 0.3603 | 16.4195 | 0.131 | 8.3621 | | 0.030 | | |
| 16.1242 | 0.3359 | 11.9620 | 0.106 | 11.8754 | | 0.036 | | |
| 13.4297 | 0.3086 | 8.4398 | 0.081 | 8.1390 | | 0.028 | | |
| 11.1739 | 0.2670 | 6.2655 | 0.073 | 5.8634 | | 0.021 | | |
| 10.2949 | 0.2573 | 4.3307 | 0.056 | 3.6517 | | 0.017 | | |
| 8.3033 | 0.2253 | 3.3247 | 0.042 | 357.7141 | 397 | 0.398341 | | |
| 5.1141 | 0.154 | 3.2840 | 0.040 | 426.2157 | 465.5 | 0.447366 | | |
| 3.1326 | 0.112 | 2.5008 | 0.034 | 525.638 | 564.9 | 0.522111 | | |
| 2.0242 | 0.084 | 1.7490 | 0.027 | 623.1317 | 662.4 | 0.569398 | | |
| 0.6679 | 0.046 | 0.6970 | 0.6970 0.014 | | 782.9 | 0.624297 | | |
| 0.4711 | 0.033 | 0.3152 0.008 | | 955.8125 | 995.1 | 0.672557 | | |
| 0.4827 | 0.032 | | | 238.6145 | 277.8 | 0.304095 | | |
| 0.3273 | 0.019 | | | 184.3097 | 223.5 | 0.253092 | | |
| 0.3067 | 0.019 | | | | | | | |
| 0.1919 | 0.013 | | | | | | | |
| 0.1125 | 0.008 | | | | | | | |
| 0.0783 | 0.005 | | | | | | | |
| 0.0634 | 0.005 | | | | | | | |
| | 100 ° C | | | | 120 ° C | | | |
| Pco ₂ | P _{tot} | α | F | Pco ₂ | P _{tot} | α | | |
| (kPa) | (kPa) | (mol/mol) | (1 | kPa) | (kPa) | (mol/mol) | | |
| 367.8057 | 452 | 0.187029 | 22: | 3.6736 | 388.6 | 0.050322 | | |
| 377.3936 | 461.6 | 0.181858 | 30' | 7.1114 | 472.3 | 0.069118 | | |
| 472.3524 | 556.3 | 0.219457 | 45 | 4.5271 | 619.7 | 0.096043 | | |
| 587.5966 | 671.8 | 0.243243 | 539 | 9.2323 | 704.4 | 0.108626 | | |
| 676.4833 | 760.5 | 0.269422 | 59 | 6.7848 | 761.9 | 0.117711 | | |
| 798.3749 | 882.5 | 0.335511 | 72 | 1.6271 | 886.8 | 0.138401 | | |
| 908.0141 | 992.1 | 0.38616 | 87 | 0.1796 | 1035.3 | 0.157802 | | |
| 189.2742 | 273.3 | 0.099843 | 67. | .96875 | 233 | 0.012662 | | |
| 92.52309 | 176.6 | 0.057679 | 47. | .07924 | 212.1 | 0.005766 | | |

Appendix A2:-pKa values with different temperatures

| Temperature ° C | pKa |
|-----------------|-------|
| 20-A | 9.747 |
| 20-В | 9.772 |
| 30-A | 9.756 |
| 30-В | 9.741 |
| 40-A | 9.445 |
| 40-B | 9.447 |
| 50_A | 9.201 |
| 50_B | 9.205 |
| 60-A | 9.009 |
| 60-B | 8.991 |
| 60-C | 8.978 |
| 70-A | 8.785 |
| 70-B | 8.746 |
| 80-A | 8.59 |
| 80-B | 8.59 |

Appendix A3:-Activity coefficient model of UNIQUAC used in MATLAB (Ugochukwu E.Aronu, 2009).

$$\begin{split} \ln \gamma_k &= \ln \frac{\phi_k}{x_k} + 1 - \frac{\phi_k}{x_k} \\ &+ \frac{z}{2} q_k \left(\ln \frac{\theta_k}{\phi_k} + \frac{\phi_k}{\theta_k} - 1 \right) \\ &+ q_k \left[1 - \ln(\sum_j \theta_j \tau_{jk}) - \sum_i \frac{\theta_i \tau_{ki}}{\sum_j \theta_j \tau_{ji}} \right] \end{split}$$