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# Carbon dioxide solubility in mixtures of methyldiethanolamine with monoethylene glycol, monoethylene glycol–water, water and triethylene glycol



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#### ABSTRACT

Carbon dioxide solubility in non-aqueous and aqueous mixtures of methyldiethanolamine (MDEA) with monoethylene glycol (MEG) was studied due to the relevance of these solvents for the combined acid gas removal and hydrate control in natural gas treatment. Vapor-liquid equilibrium (VLE) measurements were conducted at temperatures from 303 K to 393 K and pressures up to 600 kPa. In the aqueous solvents, the effect of water content in carbon dioxide solubility was investigated. The absorption capacity of the aqueous solvents decreased with increasing glycol content and decreasing water content, at constant amine concentration. A comparison of the studied systems with concentrated aqueous MDEA was also performed. The non-aqueous solvents were studied in the whole composition range, from pure MDEA to pure MEG. The solubility of carbon dioxide increased with increasing amine content only up to 30–50 wt% MDEA-MEG, upon which it decreased. Water content determination and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) analysis were used for the chemical characterization of the systems and explanation of the results. It was found that in the presence of MDEA, a chemical reaction occurs between carbon dioxide and MEG. A theory based on MEG autoprotolysis is proposed which is further supported by supplementary VLE data obtained in blends of MDEA and triethylene glycol.

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#### 1. Introduction

#### 1.1. Literature review

Primary downstream processes in natural gas production are the removal of acid gases, namely carbon dioxide  $(CO_2)$  and hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S), and the removal of water in order to meet pipeline transportation specifications, gas quality specifications and environmental requirements. Acid gases in the presence of water are highly corrosive and can jeopardize the safety of operations, both in terms of the personnel's wellbeing as well as equipment failure. The same applies in the event of hydrate formation if excess of water is present, which can lead to pipeline clogging and, in extreme cases, production shut-down [1].

In offshore gas and oil wells, non-regenerative chemicals, called scavengers, are commonly used to control hydrogen sulfide content in natural gas. However, they are not ideal since their use imposes space, weight and disposal requirements which are not friendly for offshore/subsea application [2], and they cannot treat high H<sub>2</sub>S concentrations. A typical example is triazine, which is injected directly into the gas stream and is able to treat hydrogen sulfide at concentrations not higher than  $200 \times 10^{-6}$  ppmv [3]. As a result, fields are abandoned or not even produced due to high H<sub>2</sub>S content. In addition, oil and gas fields experience reservoir souring, *i.e.* increase in sulfur content, due to EOR (Enhanced Oil Recovery) activities such as water injection [4]. Maintaining production and safe operation in increasingly sour fields is an important industrial challenge.

A solution to the problematic high H<sub>2</sub>S concentrations in production wells is the development of a regenerative process where hydrogen sulfide and water content can be removed simultaneously. Despite the fact that the employment of a regenerative solvent requires additional equipment for its regeneration, it could enable trouble-free operations and extend the life of the field. Aqueous methyldiethanolamine (MDEA) and aqueous monoethylene glycol (MEG) are regenerative solutions traditionally used today for the selective removal of H<sub>2</sub>S over CO<sub>2</sub> and for hydrate control, respectively. MDEA is a tertiary amine whose aqueous solutions have significantly higher reaction rates with H<sub>2</sub>S than with CO<sub>2</sub>. Therefore, mixtures of MDEA-MEG as well as highly concentrated



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MDEA are promising candidates for the combined removal of  $H_2S$  and water vapor.

The concept of a gas treating process for combined acid gas and water vapor removal from natural gas was conceived already in 1930s and was first patented in 1939 by Hutchinson [5]. Process improvements were suggested in the following years [6-8] and the amine-glycol process found wide acceptance in the gas processing industry. An aqueous mixture of monoethanolamine (MEA) and either diethylene (DEG) or triethylene glycol (TEG) was used for the simultaneous absorption of acid gas and water from natural gas [9]. In spite of many advantages, severe corrosion was encountered and the process was eventually abandoned. However, MEA is known for its corrosivity issues, thus its substitution with another amine and/or the decrease in water content can potentially eliminate this problem. The years that followed until today, many researchers have studied blended aqueous and nonaqueous amine-glycol solvents, mainly in the framework of water-lean solvents, which can potentially have increased absorption capacity and reduced regeneration heating duties [10-20]. The majority of the literature studies concerns MEA and diethanolamine (DEA) and few sources were found for MDEA-glycol systems [16.17.19].

Wanderley and co-workers [20] studied vapor-liquid equilibrium and mass transfer in MDEA - MEG - H<sub>2</sub>O among other solvents, promising for CO<sub>2</sub> capture in biogas upgrading. They observed that the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> decreased compared to aqueous MDEA, and they underlined the fact that higher CO<sub>2</sub> partial pressure than in aqueous MDEA was also accompanied by faster reaction rates for the same CO<sub>2</sub> pressure. Eimer [19] and Xu et al. [16] focused on the selectivity of H<sub>2</sub>S over CO<sub>2</sub> with non-aqueous or water-lean MDEA-containing solvents. Eimer [19] investigated the performance of a mixture composed of MDEA and TEG aiming for the combined selective removal of H<sub>2</sub>S over CO<sub>2</sub> and dehydration. It was found that the reaction rate of H<sub>2</sub>S in the combined solvent decreases with increasing glycol content. High viscosity promotes low absorption rate and this is one of the main reasons why, in this study, we consider the far less viscous MEG as a more suitable glycol than TEG for this multifunctional solvent. Moreover, following a first screening of potential diluents which showed increased H<sub>2</sub>S selectivity in MDEA – MEG compared to aqueous MDEA, Xu et al. [16] measured the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S in aqueous and non-aqueous MDEA - MEG blends. They concluded that the carbon dioxide solubility significantly decreases in MDEA – MEG than MDEA –  $H_2O$ , while the solubility of  $H_2S$  is only slightly lower.

#### 1.2. Aim of this work

Successful process development relies on accurate data and/or models to describe the physical properties, thermodynamic behavior and system kinetics. The first step for the evaluation of a complex multicomponent system, such as the combined hydrogen sulfide and hydrate control process, is the study of its subsystems. The aim of this work is to describe and understand the thermodynamic behavior of the subsystems  $CO_2 - MDEA - MEG$  and  $CO_2 - MDEA - MEG - H_2O$ . Since carbon dioxide is generally present in natural gas with hydrogen sulfide, investigating this system is of equal importance as the absorption of  $H_2S$  in the proposed solvent.

This work includes two main studies: a) an extensive study of the vapor-liquid equilibrium (VLE) behavior of  $CO_2 - MDEA - MEG$  systems in the whole composition range from pure MEG to pure MDEA, and b) a study of  $CO_2 - MDEA - MEG - H_2O$  systems with focus on the effect of water content in the system and a comparison with highly concentrated amine solutions, *i.e.* 70 wt% and 90 wt% MDEA - H<sub>2</sub>O. The measurements were performed at  $CO_2$  pressures up to 600 kPa and temperatures from 303 to 393 K.

We further investigated our VLE results through Karl-Fischer titration (for the non-aqueous systems), Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, and comparison with MDEA – TEG systems in order to understand the underlying phenomena and identify possible chemical reactions undergone during the absorption of  $CO_2$  into aqueous and non-aqueous MDEA-glycol blends. Density measurements were also performed as part of the VLE data processing.

#### 2. Materials and methods

#### 2.1. Materials

Table 1 contains information for the chemicals used in this work. They were used as received from the supplier without further purification. Deionized water was used for preparation of the aqueous mixtures. The solutions were prepared gravimetrically in a METTLER PM1200 scale with an accuracy of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  kg, they were sealed and let under magnetic stirring for at least 8 h to ensure homogeneous solutions. Amine analysis by means of acid-base titration was performed in order to verify the MDEA concentration in the studied systems.

#### 2.2. Experimental methods

#### 2.2.1. Vapor-liquid equilibrium measurements

Two similar setups were used to conduct the vapor-liquid equilibrium (VLE) measurements, named VLE-1 and VLE-2. The main components of the setups are a glass reactor and a storage cylinder for CO<sub>2</sub> of ca.  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  m<sup>3</sup> volume each, whose pressure and temperature are monitored. Measurements can be conducted at temperature range of (303 – 393) K (accuracy ± 0.1 K) and pressures (0 – 600) kPa (accuracy ± 0.9 kPa). The setups' description and instrumentation are provided in detail by Hartono et al. [21] Experiments were performed in two different ways, either at multiple temperatures with one CO<sub>2</sub> loading or at one temperature and multiple loadings.

Each experiment started by evacuating the reactor. The solvent was introduced and the reactor was set again to vacuum to eliminate possible air introduced with the solvent. The exact amount of solvent introduced was known by weighing the solvent holder, before and after charging the reactor. For measurements performed at multiple temperatures with one CO<sub>2</sub> loading, the temperature was set to automatically increase from 303 to 393 K with a step of 10 K. At 393 K, CO<sub>2</sub> was injected to the maximum pressure of the reactor and the temperature was decreased in reversed steps until 303 K. For the measurements performed under isothermal conditions and multiple loadings, once equilibrium was reached at the desired temperature, CO<sub>2</sub> was added. After each system equilibration, more CO<sub>2</sub> was added manually until the pressure inside the reactor was close to 600 kPa. Equilibrium in every temperature level, both for the vapor pressure of the solution and the CO<sub>2</sub>-solvent equilibrium, required approximately (4-8) hours. The system was under constant stirring (ca. 500 rpm) and equilibrium was assumed when the temperature and pressure of the reactor were constant for 5 min.

The pressure and temperature were recorded every 5 s during the experiment, which lasted (3-4) days. The calculations are based on mass balances; the solvent is added from a beaker whose weight before and after the reactor filling is measured. The temperature, volume and pressure of the CO<sub>2</sub> storage vessel are known, and thus the amount of gas before and after the CO<sub>2</sub> loading of the solvent can be calculated. The amount of carbon dioxide in the vessel was calculated using Peng-Robinson equation of state [22]. The equilibrium pressure was calculated according to Eq. (1):

Table 1Chemical Sample Table.

Component	UIPAC name	CAS	Supplier	Mass fraction purity as stated by supplier
N-methyldiethanolamine (MDEA) monoethylene glycol (MEG)	2-[2-hydroxyethyl(methyl) amino] ethanol) ethane-1,2-diol	105-59-9 107-21-1	Sigma-Aldrich Sigma-Aldrich	≥0.99 0.998
triethylene glycol (TEG)	2-[2-(2-hydroxyethoxy) ethoxy]ethanol	112-27-6	Sigma-Aldrich	≥0.985
carbon dioxide	carbon dioxide	124-38-9	AGA	0.99999
water	oxidane	-	-	-

$$P_{\rm CO_2} = P_{\rm tot} - P_{\rm res} \tag{1}$$

where  $P_{CO_2}$ : partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub>,  $P_{tot}$ : total pressure inside the reactor and  $P_{res}$ : residual pressure inside the reactor before CO<sub>2</sub> addition. Amine analysis was performed in the end of every experiment to verify that the amine concentration remained the same (within 2% error). CO<sub>2</sub> analysis was also performed in most of the experiments to confirm our mass balance-based calculations. The average absolute relative deviation (AARD), calculated according to Eq. (2), is 4% for all the experiments, excluding those in pure H<sub>2</sub>O, MEG and TEG where the very low values of carbon dioxide absorbed leads to large relative deviations. However, the results from those experiments are compared to and found in agreement with values reported in the literature in Section 3.

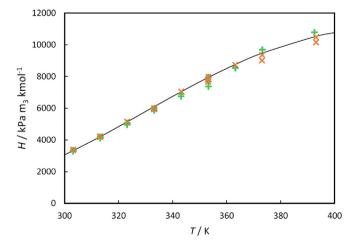
$$AARD[\%] = \frac{100}{NP} \sum_{i=1}^{NP} \left| \frac{x_i^{calc} - x_i^{exp}}{x_i^{exp}} \right|$$
(2)

where *x* stands for any property whose relative deviations were calculated in this work, and NP stands for number of points.

For the non-aqueous systems, the Henry's constant was calculated according to Eq. (3).  $c_{CO_2}$  denotes the concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in the solvent and the Henry's constant *H* is expressed in kPa·m<sup>3</sup>--kmol<sup>-1</sup>. For the aqueous systems, the loading  $\alpha$ , expressed in mol CO<sub>2</sub> per mol MDEA, was calculated and reported.

$$H = \frac{P_{CO_2}}{c_{CO_2}} \tag{3}$$

The experimental apparatuses and procedure were validated by measuring the solubility of carbon dioxide in pure water and comparing our results to the correlation provided by Carroll et al. [23], as formulated by Penttilä et al. [24] (Fig. 1). The experiments were repeated two times and conducted both before and during the experimental campaigns to ensure good quality data. The validation measurements are presented in Table A.1. The AARD between



**Fig. 1.** Henry's constant for  $CO_2$  in water as a function of temperature. (+) Measurements in VLE-1, ( $\times$ ) Measurements in VLE-2, (—) Correlation by Penttilä et al. [24].

measured and literature values was always lower than 3% for both VLE-1 and VLE-2, and the repeatability was found to be within 3% as well.

#### 2.2.2. Density measurements

An Anton Paar Density Meter DMA 4500 M was used to measure the density of the solutions used in this work, when not reported in the literature. The knowledge of the density as a function of temperature was necessary in order to calculate the volume of the solution inside the reactor, assuming that pressure effect is negligible. Calibration and validation of the apparatus was performed according to Hartono et al. [25] and Skylogianni et al. [26] An average absolute relative deviation of 0.01% was found for two repeated measurements.

#### 2.2.3. Karl-Fischer titration

The presence of water in the MDEA-glycol systems was studied through Karl-Fischer titration measurements using a METHROM 831 KF coulometer. Coulometric Karl-Fischer titration is an established method for water content determination as low as a few ppm. The AARD in this work is 11%.

#### 2.2.4. NMR experiments

NMR is a powerful non-invasive analytical technique for chemical analyses. Interpretation of the NMR spectra leads to the identification of the chemical structures of the molecules, including unknown products and/or side-products, and in proper performed NMR experiments the species can also be quantified [27].

In this study, qualitative <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and 2D NMR experiments were performed on selected liquid samples after CO<sub>2</sub> absorption to identify reaction products formed upon the addition of carbon dioxide. In particular, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra show the signals belonging to all the CO<sub>2</sub>-derivatives formed upon the addition of CO<sub>2</sub>, like e.g. amine carbonate, alkyl carbonate, bicarbonate and carbonate which all contain carbon (-C) nuclei in their structure [28].

Each sample was inserted in an NMR tube, together with a coaxial insert containing deuterated benzene ( $C_6D_6$ ) for locking and referencing. The NMR experiments were performed at 300 K on a Bruker 600 MHz Avance III HD equipped with a 5-mm cryogenic CP-TCI z-gradient probe. The qualitative <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra shown in this work were all obtained with a standard decoupling acquisition sequence with 30-degree pulse angle and Nuclear Overhauser Effect (NOE) growth (zgpg30), using a recycle delay time of 2 s and 1024 scans.

#### 2.3. Modeling methods

Vapor-liquid equilibrium of  $CO_2$  with aqueous MDEA and aqueous MDEA-MEG was modeled employing the so-called "soft model", proposed by Brúder et al. [29]. It is a purely empirical correlation which is described by Eqs. (4)–(7).

$$ln(P_{CO_2}) = Aln\alpha + k_1 + \frac{B}{(1 + k_2 exp(-k_3))}$$
(4)

where A, B are parameters and  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$  and  $k_3$  are temperaturedependent coefficients:

$$k_1 = k_{1,a} ln \left(\frac{1}{T}\right) + k_{1,b} \tag{5}$$

$$k_2 = \exp(\frac{k_{2,a}}{T} + k_{2,b}) \tag{6}$$

$$k_3 = \frac{k_{3,a}}{T} + k_{3,b} \tag{7}$$

 $P_{CO_2}$  is expressed in kPa,  $\alpha$  in mol CO<sub>2</sub>/mol MDEA and *T* in K in the fitted model.

The model can predict the  $CO_2$  partial pressures based only on temperature and loading and it has been employed in the past to successfully describe amine-containing reactive systems [29–31]. The VLE data were fitted to the correlation by minimizing the sum of the relative least square error and for each system, a different set of parameters is proposed. The binary systems, for which one or two points are obtained per temperature, were not possible to be described with the model due to the limited number of data.

#### 3. Results and discussion

#### 3.1. Analysis of the water content

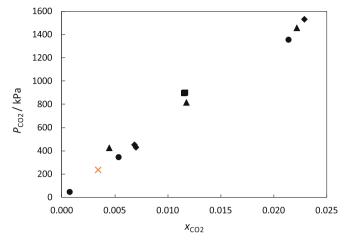
As we investigate several non-aqueous blends, it was decided to use Karl-Fischer titration for the quantification of the water present. Analysis was performed both before and after the VLE experiments for selected non-aqueous systems studied in this work. For all the systems titrated, low water amount was found before the experiment equal or lower than 0.1 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O. The detailed water concentrations and corresponding uncertainties are given in Supporting Information (Section C). It is important to note here that water was also detected in pure MEG samples even though we purchased anhydrous ethylene glycol. This signifies that some humidity was absorbed through the solution's contact with the atmosphere during solution preparation and experiment preparation.

Higher water contents were detected after the experiment was concluded. The increased water content after the experiment indicates that humidity must have remained in the reactors or in the condenser on the top of the reactor even after their thorough cleaning and drying. The observed water content was typically below 0.2 wt% while the maximum water content was observed for pure MDEA (0.5 wt%) in the end of the experiment. The impact of the detected water is discussed on the following sections.

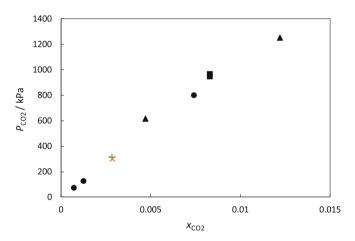
#### 3.2. MDEA – MEG mixtures

Carbon dioxide absorption in pure MEG, pure MDEA and their blends was investigated and the data obtained are presented in the Appendix (Table A.2). The measurements are reported with their respective uncertainties, calculated using the Law of propagation of uncertainty, according to the uncertainty analysis provided in Supporting Information (Section E). As explained in the experimental procedure, the solubility of a fixed CO<sub>2</sub> amount was measured at temperatures from 303 K to 393 K. The densities of the MDEA – MEG blends, required for the data processing, were calculated using the model proposed by Skylogianni et al. [26]. Density measurements of indicative systems, which were conducted to verify the model results, demonstrated maximum ARD of 1% (Section B of Supporting Information).

Several authors have reported *P-T-x* data for the binary system  $CO_2 - MEG$ . Fig. 2 and Fig. 3 show the mole fraction of  $CO_2$  in the liquid phase against pressure at 323 K and 373 K, respectively. Literature data are also available at the studied temperatures 303 K, 333 K and 343 K and a graphical comparison can be found at Sup-



**Fig. 2.** Carbon dioxide solubility in MEG expressed in mole fraction  $(x_{CO2})$  as a function of pressure at 323 K. (**■**) Zheng et al. (1999) [32], (**▲**) Galvao and Franscesconi (2010) [33], (**●**) Jou et al. (1990) [34], (**♦**) Wise and Chapoy (2017) [35], (**×**) This work.



**Fig. 3.** Carbon dioxide solubility in MEG expressed in mole fraction  $(x_{CO2})$  as a function of pressure at 373 K. (**■**) Zheng et al. (1999) [32], (**▲**) Galvao and Franscesconi (2010) [33], (**●**) Jou et al. (1990) [34], (**×**) This work (A), (**+**) This work (B).

porting Information (Figs. S.1–S.3). It is observed that the data obtained in this work are in line with those reported in the literature. The Henry's constant values are plotted as a function of temperature in Fig. 4 for all studied blends, from pure MEG to pure MDEA.

As illustrated in Fig. 4, Henry's constant increases with temperature, thus the solubility of  $CO_2$  into the solvent decreases, for both unitary and binary solvents studied in this work. This is explained by the higher kinetic energy with temperature resulting to the escape of gas molecules from the liquid and in the gas phase. Moreover, it is shown that the Henry's constant of  $CO_2$  in MEG is higher than the Henry's constant of  $CO_2$  in MDEA. The uncertainties calculated have an average deviation from their corresponding properties of 7%. It was found that Henry's constant has higher sensitivity to the amount of  $CO_2$  absorbed in the solvent, due to the propagation of errors in its calculation (Eq. S.24 in Supporting Information). Therefore, the experiments with low  $CO_2$  uptake are expected to have the highest uncertainty in Henry's constant. These experiments include mainly those experiments performed with a single loading.

An unexpected behavior was observed for the mixtures of the glycol with the amine: the solubility of carbon dioxide in mixtures

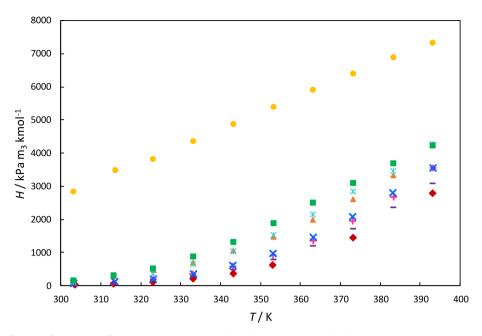


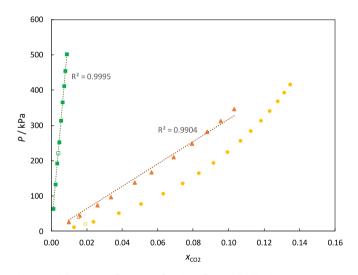
Fig. 4. Henry's constant as a function of temperature for pure MEG, pure MDEA and their blends as measured in this work. () Pure MEG, () 5 wt% MDEA – 95 wt% MEG, (+) 10 wt% MDEA – 90 wt% MEG, () 30 wt% MDEA – 70 wt% MEG, (-) 50 wt% MDEA – 50 wt% MEG, () 70 wt% MDEA – 30 wt% MEG, () 90 wt% MDEA – 10 wt% MEG, (-) Pure MDEA.

of MDEA – MEG is higher than it is in its individual components. The measurements for selected blends of MDEA – MEG were repeated in order to confirm the observed trends. To be specific, the  $CO_2$  solubility measurements were conducted twice in the blends of 5 wt% MDEA – 95 wt% MEG, 10 wt% MDEA – 90 wt% MEG, 30 wt% MDEA – 70 wt% MEG and 50 wt% MDEA – 50 wt% MEG as well as in pure MEG. Good repeatability was found with AARD equal to 4%. The repeated measurements are given in the Appendix (Table A.4).

In addition, we can observe that as amine is added in MEG, initially the solubility of carbon dioxide increases. Between 30 and 50 wt% MDEA content, a transition occurs, after which addition of amine leads to lower CO<sub>2</sub> solubility. As a result, the Henry's constant of CO<sub>2</sub> is similar in a rich-amine system and a lean-amine system, for example in 70 wt% MDEA – 30 wt% MEG system and 10 wt% MDEA – 90 wt% MEG system. This behavior indicates the presence of chemical effects for CO<sub>2</sub> – MDEA – MEG systems. Therefore, the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in MDEA – MEG may not be only physical as initially assumed.

No chemical reactions are indeed expected between  $CO_2$  and neither pure MEG nor pure MDEA. MDEA is a tertiary amine which cannot react with carbon dioxide in the absence of water [9,36]. In order to gain an understanding of the phenomena observed, we conducted isothermal VLE experiments at 313 K and 343 K for the systems  $CO_2$  – MEG and  $CO_2$  – MDEA.  $CO_2$  solubility in 50 wt % MDEA – 50 wt% MEG was also measured at constant temperature in order to provide more insights. The results of this study are reported in Table A.3. The data obtained at 313 K are plotted in Fig. 5 while a similar plot of the data at 343 K can be found in Supporting Information (Fig. S.4).

A linear relation between the partial pressure of a gas and its solubility in a solvent denotes that only physical absorption occurs, according to the simplified form of Henry's Law for ideal systems. In that case, the  $H_{gas,solvent}$ , *i.e.* the slope, is constant and a strong function of temperature. The linearity is assessed using the coefficient of determination, R<sup>2</sup>. It is clear that the *P*-*x* relation is linear for pure MEG with R<sup>2</sup> equal to almost unity, *i.e.* 0.9995 and 0.9998 for 313 K and 373 K, respectively. This indicates that there



**Fig. 5.** Partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub> as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in pure MEG, pure MDEA and their 50 – 50 wt% blend at 313 K. Filled symbols denote isothermal experiment (Table A.3) and hollow symbols denote previous experiment (Table A.2); ( $\blacksquare$ ) MEG, ( $\blacktriangle$ ) MDEA, ( $\bigcirc$ ) 50 wt% MDEA – 50 wt% MEG. Dotted lines are linear trend lines; the linearity between *P* and *x* for pure MEG and pure MDEA is assessed through the coefficient of determination, R<sup>2</sup>.

are no chemicals effects. For pure MDEA, a linear relation can be also seen at the studied conditions with a coefficient of determination 0.9904 and 0.9982 for 313 K and 373 K, respectively. One could, however, argue that some chemical effects might be present since the coefficient of determination for MDEA data is lower and also some curvature can be observed with a naked eye, particularly at 313 K (Fig. 5). A non-linear relationship between the partial pressure of carbon dioxide and its solubility in a 50 wt% MDEA – 50 wt% MEG blend is also pronounced in the same figure.

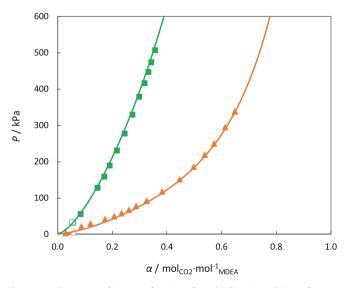
Chemical absorption of carbon dioxide into pure MDEA or blends of MDEA-MEG could take place if water is present in the system. Some amounts of water were detected by Karl-Fischer titration in our samples, as presented in Section 3.1. Although the presence of small amount of water can explain the noticed chemical effects in pure MDEA, it does not explain the interesting behavior of increased  $CO_2$  solubility up to (30 - 50) wt% MDEA-MEG and decreased solubility as the amine content further rises. For this reason, we also conducted NMR experiments to identify the species present in our loaded systems and further understand the system chemistry. The NMR results follow the VLE results for the aqueous systems.

#### 3.3. MDEA – MEG – H<sub>2</sub>O mixtures

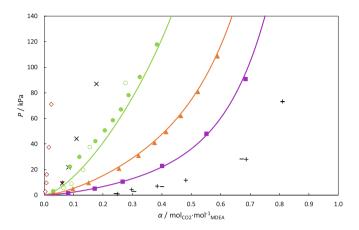
Solubility measurements of carbon dioxide into aqueous solutions of MDEA – MEG were performed with MDEA concentration in the solution kept constant at 30 wt% while the water content varied from 10 wt% to 50 wt% (Table A.6). Similar to the MDEA – MEG study, the densities, which are necessary for the data treatment, were found in the literature [26]. Comparison between experimental and literature values at selected temperatures revealed 0.3% maximum absolute relative deviation (Section B of Supporting Information).

The partial pressure of  $CO_2$  as a function of  $CO_2$  loading at 313 K and 343 K is shown in Fig. 6 for the 30 wt% MDEA – 60 wt% MEG – 10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O studied mixture. The increase in loading as temperature decreases, at constant pressure, is justified by the exothermic nature of the reaction of  $CO_2$  with aqueous MDEA. One can also observe the good repeatability between two experiments, one with multiple pressurizations under isothermal conditions and one with single  $CO_2$  pressurization and temperature variation, which was performed for repeatability checks and to provide data points in several temperatures (Table A.5). These remarks are also valid for the additional aqueous mixtures studied in this work, as shown in Supporting Information (Figs. S.5 and S.6).

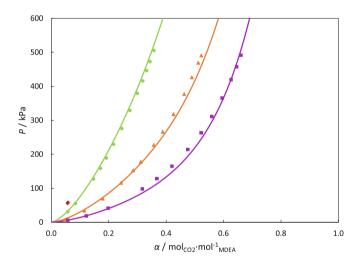
The effect of water content is illustrated in Fig. 7 and Fig. 8 for 313 K and 343 K, respectively. At 313 K, our measurements are compared with the data points reported by Shen and Li [37] and Xu et al. [16] for a 30 wt% MDEA –  $H_2O$  system, for non-aqueous and aqueous MDEA – MEG blends. Although the data produced in this work for the ternary systems cover partial pressures up to 500 kPa, the y axis of Fig. 7 extends up to 140 kPa, in order for the data points at low partial pressures and loadings to be shown distinctly. The same figure covering pressures in the whole range



**Fig. 6.** Partial pressure of  $CO_2$  as a function of  $CO_2$  loading in a solution of 30 wt% MDEA – 60 wt% MEG – 10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O. Filled symbols denote isothermal experiment (Table A.6) and hollow symbols denote repeated experiment with a single loading (Table A.5). ( $\blacktriangle$ ) 313.2 K, ( $\blacksquare$ ) 343.2 K.



**Fig. 7.** Partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub> as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> loading in MDEA (1) – MEG (2) –  $H_2O$  (3) blends at 313 K. 30 wt% MDEA – 70 wt% MEG: ( $\blacklozenge$ ) This work and ( $\diamondsuit$ ) data from Xu et al. [16], 30 wt% MDEA – 65 wt% MEG – 5 wt%  $H_2O$ : ( $\times$ ) Xu et al. [16], 30 wt% MDEA – 60 wt% MEG – 10 wt%  $H_2O$ : ( $\blacklozenge$ ) This work and ( $\circlearrowright$ ) Xu et al. [16], 30 wt% MDEA – 40 wt% MEG – 30 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacklozenge$ ) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 70 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 70 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt% MDEA – 70 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt% MDEA – 70 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt% MDEA – 20 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt% MDEA – 20 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt% MDEA – 20 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt% MDEA – 20 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt% MDEA – 20 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt% MDEA – 20 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt% MDEA – 20 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt% MDEA – 20 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt% MDEA – 20 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt% MDEA – 20 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt% MDEA – 20 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt% MDEA – 20 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work wt%



**Fig. 8.** Partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub> as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> loading in MDEA (1) – MEG (2) – H<sub>2</sub>O (3) blends at 343 K as measured in this work. ( $\blacklozenge$ ) 30 wt% MDEA – 70 wt% MEG, ( $\bigcirc$ ) 30 wt% MDEA – 60 wt% MEG – 10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O, ( $\blacktriangle$ ) 30 wt% MDEA – 40 wt% MEG – 30 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O, ( $\bigstar$ ) 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O. The lines represent model estimations.

of this study can be found in Supporting Information (Fig. S.7). We notice that the  $CO_2$  solubility in aqueous blends of MDEA – MEG is lower than the one in aqueous MDEA. The higher the water content, the higher loading at constant pressure, as shown for both 313 K and 343 K. For example, at pressure ca. 50 kPa and 313 K, the loading is approximately 0.20, 0.41 and 0.55 at water compositions 10 wt%, 30 wt% and 50 wt% respectively and constant amine content (30 wt%).

The presence of glycol and its substitution with water therefore leads to lower solution loadings. On the one hand, the physical solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> into pure MEG is higher than the one in water. For example, at 323 K,  $H_{CO2,water} = 5000 \text{ kPa} \cdot \text{m}^3 \cdot \text{kmol}^{-1}$  while  $H_{CO2}$ . MEG = 3800 kPa \cdot \text{m}^3 \cdot \text{kmol}^{-1} approximately. On the other hand, the carbon dioxide uptake from MDEA due to the reaction in the presence of water is much larger than the one due to dissolution in the solvent. We can confidently say that this behavior of decreasing solution loading with increasing glycol content is true as the water content decreases down to 10 wt%. Interestingly, the data point obtained for the 30 wt% MDEA – 70 wt% MEG system at 313 K in the first experimental campaign coincides with the measurements performed in the presence of 10 wt% water (30 wt% MDEA – 60 wt % MEG – 10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O). At 343 K and Fig. 8 though, employment of 30 wt% MDEA – 70 wt% MEG solution yields indeed lower amine loadings. NMR analysis was therefore decided to be performed also for the aqueous systems.

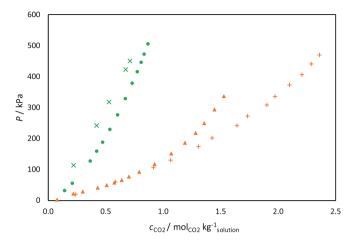
As far as the comparison with literature data on MDEA – MEG –  $H_2O$  and 30 wt% MDEA – 70 wt% is concerned, some disagreements can be observed. For the non-aqueous system, a significant deviation can be seen between the measured solubility and the literature one. Xu et al. [16] state that they performed Karl-Fischer titration but they do not inform the amount of detected water in their systems. Lower water content in Xu et al.'s samples than in ours, could explain the observed deviations. Moreover, at amine loadings lower than 0.15 mol  $CO_2/mol$  MDEA, our data for a 30 wt% MDEA – 60 wt% MEG – 10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O system fall together with literature data for a 30 wt% MDEA – 65 wt% MEG – 5 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O system. Our measurements were performed twice demonstrating a maximum ARD of 6% at 303 K and the uncertainties of the data obtained in this study are low and cannot explain the deviations from the literature.

The solid lines in Figs. 6–8 are model estimations using the socalled "soft model", as described in Section 2.3. In the aforementioned figures, it can be seen that the model yields accurate predictions of the VLE data. The AARD is 9% for the systems 30 wt% MDEA – 60 wt% MEG – 10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O and 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O while for the system 30 wt% MDEA – 40 wt% MEG – 30 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O, whose number of data points is higher than the other two systems, the AARD is 4%. The AARDs for the 70 wt% aqueous MDEA and for the 90 wt% aqueous MDEA investigated in the next section, are 3% and 5%, respectively. The model parameters are presented in Appendix B.

#### 3.4. Comparison with highly concentrated MDEA solutions

After investigating the effect of water and after observing the effect of MEG concentration in  $CO_2$  loading of the non-aqueous solvent, as described in Section 3.2, we decided to investigate the outcome of substituting glycol with amine. In this framework,  $CO_2$  solubility measurements were conducted in 70 wt% MDEA – 30 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O and in 90 wt% MDEA – 10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O. Similar to the experiments with aqueous MDEA – MEG, the experiments were performed at 313 K and 343 K. The obtained data are reported in Appendix A (Table A.7). At constant pressure, higher  $CO_2$  loadings are achieved with 70 wt% aqueous MDEA than with 90 wt% aqueous MDEA. Thus, increasing amine concentrations in the solvent leads to lower absorption capacities and the  $CO_2$  capture by the aqueous MDEA seems to be limited by water availability.

A comparison was performed between the amine and amineglycol systems with constant water content, i.e. 10 wt% and 30 wt% water. Fig. 9 shows the results of the comparison between 30 wt% MDEA - 60 wt% MEG - 10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O and 90 wt% MDEA -10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O in terms of CO<sub>2</sub> absorbed per kg of solution in order to give a more perceptible sense of the capacity of the solvent. One can observe that at constant pressure, the glycol-containing system demonstrates similar or better performance than the MDEA-H<sub>2</sub>O system in terms of CO<sub>2</sub> removed per kg of solution. Although CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in MDEA is higher than in MEG, some additional reactivity is observed in the aqueous MDEA - MEG system, at same water content, in line with previous observations. At 313 K, this behavior is shown for pressures lower than 200 kPa. For the systems with 30 wt% water however, aqueous MDEA outperforms the glycol-containing system (Fig. S.8 in Supporting Information). It is worth mentioning that non-aqueous systems, i.e. 90 wt% MDEA - 10 wt% MEG and 70 wt% MDEA - 30 wt%



**Fig. 9.** Partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub> as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> liquid phase concentration in 30 wt% MDEA – 60 wt% MEG – 10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O and 90 wt% MDEA – 10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O. (**A**) denotes data obtained at 313 K with MDEA – MEG – H<sub>2</sub>O system, (**+**) 313 K with MDEA – H<sub>2</sub>O system; (**●**) 343 K with MDEA – MEG – H<sub>2</sub>O system and (**X**) 343 K with MDEA – H<sub>2</sub>O system.

MEG, yield lower CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations than their aqueous counterparts.

#### 3.5. Chemical characterization by NMR spectroscopy

Small amounts of water were detected in our non-aqueous systems signifying a possible reaction with carbon dioxide, due to the amine protonation by the water which is present. The reactions taking place in  $CO_2 - MDEA - H_2O$  systems are listed below. Reactions R. 1 to R. 4 are usually considered in the description of chemical equilibrium, however, there are several studies in literature showing that aqueous tertiary amines can react with  $CO_2$  to form alkyl carbonate [38,39]. Behrens et al. [40] showed by means of NMR analysis that, in  $CO_2 - MDEA - H_2O$  system, more than 10 mol% of the absorbed  $CO_2$  is in the form of MDEA carbonate (MDEACOO<sup>-</sup>) (Reactions R. 5 and R. 6).

$$CO_2 + OH^- \Leftrightarrow HCO_3^-$$
 (R1)

$$HCO_3^- + OH^- \Leftrightarrow CO_3^{2-} + H_2O \tag{R2}$$

$$CO_2 + H_2O \Leftrightarrow H_2CO_3 \Leftrightarrow HCO_3^- + H^+$$
(R3)

$$MDEA + H_2O \Leftrightarrow MDEAH^+ + OH^-$$
(R4)

$$MDEA + HCO_3^{-} \Leftrightarrow MDEACOO^{-} + H_2O$$
(R5)

$$MDEAH^{+} + HCO_{3}^{-} \Leftrightarrow MDEAH^{+}COO^{-} + H_{2}O$$
(R6)

With the aim of identifying possible chemical products deriving from the addition of  $CO_2$  in the VLE measurements of pure MEG, pure MDEA, non-aqueous MDEA – MEG blends (5 wt% MDEA – 95 wt% MEG and 50 wt% MDEA – 50 wt% MEG) and aqueous MDEA – MEG blends (30 wt% MDEA – 60 wt% MEG – 10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O and 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O), <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR experiments were performed, together with 2D NMR experiments. The interpretation of the spectra and their comparison allowed the structural characterization of the species in the solutions.

Fig. 10 shows the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra and the signal assignment of the species at equilibrium in pure MEG, pure MDEA and 50 wt% MDEA – 50 wt% MEG in the presence of CO<sub>2</sub>. In the up field region of the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra, which here spans from ca. (40 to 70) × 10<sup>-6</sup>, the signals belonging to carbons nuclei –CH<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>

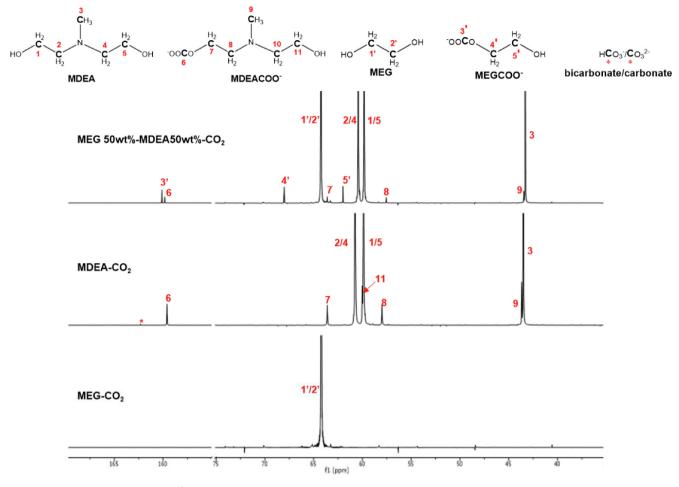
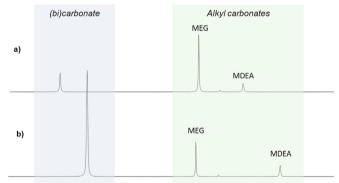


Fig. 10. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of CO<sub>2</sub> loaded pure MEG, pure MDEA, and 50 wt% MDEA – 50 wt% MEG.

of MDEA, MEG and their derivatives are resonating. In the down-field region, here spanning from ca. (155 to 170)  $\times$  10<sup>-6</sup>, the nuclei of the carbonyl carbons in the alkyl carbonates (R-O-COO<sup>-</sup>) and bicarbonate/carbonate (HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>/CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>) are found. The downfield region is therefore very representative of the formation of CO<sub>2</sub>-derivatives in the samples under study. It is worth mentioning that, in the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra, the carbons of HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> and CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> appear with a common signal at an averaged chemical shift. This is due to the fact that they are two species in equilibrium, and the proton exchange between them (R. 2) is faster than the NMR time scale. The same is true for the amine and its protonated form (such as shown in R. 4 and R. 6) [41].

Looking at the species content, we observe that in CO<sub>2</sub>-MDEA system, in addition to MDEA itself, MDEA carbonate (MDEACOO<sup>-</sup>) is formed, together with negligible traces of  $HCO_3^-/CO_3^2^-$ . These reaction products may be the result of the presence of water traces which start a series of reactions (R. 1 to R. 6). On the contrary, in CO<sub>2</sub>-MEG system, neither MEG is chemically reacting with carbon dioxide nor  $HCO_3^-/CO_3^2^-$  is formed. Interestingly, in the presence of MDEA, MEG is reacting to CO<sub>2</sub>, giving MEG carbonate (MEGCOO<sup>-</sup>). This is even formed in the presence of only 5 wt% MDEA (Fig. S.11 in the Supporting Information). With regard to the electroneutrality, it would be expected that the protonated form of MDEA (MDEAH<sup>+</sup>) would act as counterion of the alkyl carbonates and  $HCO_3^-/CO_3^2^-$ .

In Fig. 11, the comparison of the downfield region in the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the MEG – MDEA blends in water are reported (Full spectra are available in Fig. S.12 of the Supporting Information). In



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**Fig. 11.** Downfield region of the  ${}^{13}$ C NMR spectra of CO<sub>2</sub> loaded a) 30 wt% MDEA – 60 wt% MEG – 10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O and b) 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O; (bi)carbonate stands for HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>/CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>.

the presence of water, consistent amounts of bicarbonate/carbonate are formed, and the intensity of the peak is proportional to the amount of water in the sample. In the alkyl carbonates region, the carbonyl carbon belonging to MEG and MDEA carbonates are found, and the presence of additional weak signals may suggest the formation of additional MEG-CO<sub>2</sub> and MDEA-CO<sub>2</sub> derivatives, like e.g. MEG dicarbonate (MEG(COO<sup>-</sup>)<sub>2</sub>) and/or MDEA dicarbonate (MDEA(COO<sup>-</sup>)<sub>2</sub>). However, due to weakness and/or overlapping of these signals in the spectra, these compounds were not identified.

# 3.6. Hypothesis on reaction mechanisms of MEG with $CO_2$ in the presence of MDEA and comparison with TEG

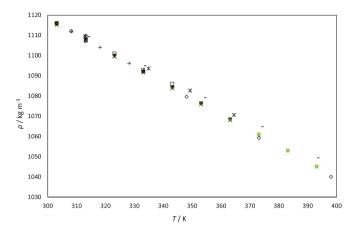
The NMR results can explain the behavior of  $CO_2 - MDEA - MEG$  system as illustrated in Fig. 4. The solubility of carbon dioxide into MDEA – MEG is higher than in pure MEG or pure MDEA because of the chemical reaction taking place between  $CO_2$  and MEG in the presence of MDEA. This may be the result of autoprotolysis of MEG in the alkaline environment created by the amine [42]. The absence of MEGCOO<sup>-</sup> in MEG-CO<sub>2</sub> system indicates that, in the presence of MDEA, the hydroxyl group (–OH) of MEG is more prone to lose its proton, and it is then available to chemically bind carbon dioxide. As a result, in MDEA – MEG blends, both MDEA carbonate and MEG carbonate are formed. The chemical absorption of carbon dioxide into monoethylene glycol is a trade-off between the amount of amine available to offer the basicity required for MEG to autoprotolyze and the amount of MEG available for autoprotolysis.

The solvent composition between 30 and 50 wt% MDEA where we observed the reduced  $CO_2$  solubility upon addition of amine, is probably the limits of this trade-off. From that point towards leaner-in-glycol systems, smaller amount of MEG autoprotolyzes and therefore the Henry's constant increases, for a given temperature. Moreover, the overlapping data for 30 wt% MDEA – 60 wt% MEG – 10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O and 30 wt% MDEA – 70 wt% MEG discussed earlier can be attributed to the  $CO_2$  – MEG reaction and MEG carbonate formation in the MDEA – MEG system which is probably in the same extent as the combined MEG carbonate and MDEA carbonate formation in the aqueous system.

Barzagli et al. [43] have also reported the presence of the glycol carbonate in their studies of  $CO_2$  solubility into non-aqueous MDEA – MEG – propanol systems and discussed the ability of alcohols to absorb carbon dioxide when in the presence of a base. For these phenomena to take place, only tertiary amines should serve as a base. If a primary or a secondary amine was used, the glycol carbonate formation would be hindered by the stable carbamate formation. On the contrary, tertiary amines cannot form carbamates, making them ideal for selective removal of hydrogen sulfide over carbon dioxide, since H<sub>2</sub>S can react directly with the amine. The increased reactivity of MDEA – MEG blends for the selective removal of H<sub>2</sub>S over  $CO_2$  is also discussed by Dag Eimer [42].

The degree of autoprotolysis of a compound is informed by its dissociation constant (autoprotolysis constant,  $K_{ap}$ ). The higher the  $K_{ap}$  (the lower the  $pK_{ap} = -\log_{10}(K_{ap})$ ), the higher the tendency of releasing a proton from the –OH group. As suggested by Eimer [42], amine-MEG mixtures should have higher reactivity than amine-TEG blends, due to the lower  $pK_{ap}$  value of MEG. The  $pK_{ap}$  values for MEG and TEG are approximately 16 and 18.5, respectively [42]. Thus, the degree of autoprotolysis in TEG is lower than that in MEG and, it would be expected that the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in MDEA – TEG mixtures would be lower than in MDEA – MEG mixtures at the same concentrations.

To confirm this theory, we performed an additional VLE experimental campaign for the system  $CO_2 - MDEA - TEG$ . The VLE data for the TEG-containing systems are presented in Table A.8 in the Appendix and the required for the data processing measured densities can be found in Table S.1 in the Supporting Information. Available literature data for the density of pure TEG were compared with our measurements (Fig. 12). The obtained experimental points follow the behavior of the literature data, except for the data of Sagdeev et al. [44] and Tawfik and Teja [45], which are consistently higher than the rest of the data. The uncertainties reported by the different authors in most cases are higher than the deviations observed. These deviations can be attributed to the different chemical purity as well as to possible unwanted humidity absorption from the air due to the high hygroscopicity of TEG. However,



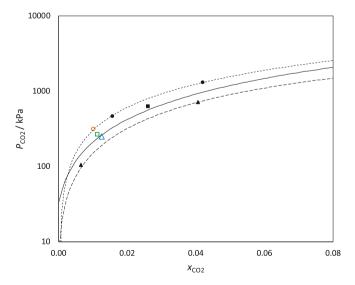
**Fig. 12.** Density of pure TEG as a function of temperature at atmospheric pressure. (×) Pereira et al. (2019) [46], (—) Crespo et al. (2017) [47], (**X**) Sagdeev et al. (2011) [44], (□) Tsai et al. (2009) [48],(○) Sastry et al. (2008) [49], (+) Valtz et al. (2004) [50], (◇) Steele et al. (2002) [51], (△) Kumagai et al. (1993) [52], (-) Tawfik and Teja (1989) [45], (**—**) This work.

the calculated absolute relative deviations (ARD) are low, ranging from 0.01% to 0.15%.

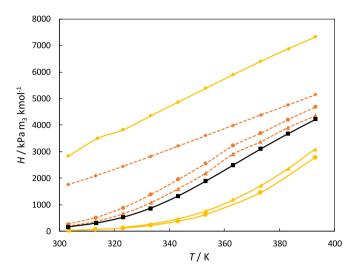
In this study of TEG-containing systems, we first measured the carbon dioxide solubility in pure TEG and compared our results with literature values [53,54] (Fig. 13). It is observed that the obtained data are in good agreement with the literature. Moreover, Tan et al. [18] reported Henry's constant of  $CO_2$  in pure TEG. Their data agree with the measured Henry's constants in this work, and any small deviations observed are well within experimental uncertainty. A graphical comparison is provided in Supporting Information (Fig. S.10).

Moreover, we studied MDEA – TEG blends in two different compositions, 30 wt% MDEA – 70 wt% TEG and 50 wt% MDEA – 50 wt% TEG. These compositions were selected in order to allow for a direct comparison with MDEA – MEG mixtures at same amine weight fraction.

The following figure (Fig. 14) depicts Henry's constant as a function of temperature and composition in MDEA – MEG and



**Fig. 13.** Partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub> as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> solubility and temperature in pure TEG. Triangles denote 323 K, squares denote 343 K and circles denote 373 K. Filled symbols are literature values; ( $\bullet$ ), ( $\blacktriangle$ ) from Jou et al. [53] and ( $\blacksquare$ ) from Wise and Chapoy [54]. Hollow symbols are data obtained in this work. Tendency curves are drawn: dashed line (-) for 323 K, solid line (-) for 343 K and dotted line (...) for 373 K.



**Fig. 14.** Henry's constants as a function of temperature for MDEA – MEG and MDEA – TEG systems. Tendency curves are drawn: (— • —, dashed dot line) MEG-containing systems, (..., dotted line) TEG-containing systems. (◆) Pure glycol, (●) 30 wt% MDEA – 70 wt% glycol, (▲) 50 wt% MDEA – 50 wt% glycol, (■) Pure MDEA.

MDEA - TEG systems. Henry's constant is higher in MDEA - TEG blends than MDEA - MEG blends, while it is lower in pure TEG than in pure MEG. These results are therefore in agreement with the theory, since the degree of autoprotolysis of TEG is lower than that of MEG, leading to lower CO<sub>2</sub> solubility. In addition to this, the Henry's constant values in MDEA - TEG blends lie between the Henry's constants in pure TEG and pure MDEA suggesting that CO<sub>2</sub> is absorbed mainly physically in the solvent. However, some chemical effects are also present as indicated by the results of an isothermal experiment at 313 K for the 50 wt% MDEA - 50 wt% TEG system where a non-linear relation between P-x is pronounced (Fig. S.9). Based on the NMR data obtained in this study, there is no formation of TEG carbonate (TEGCOO<sup>-</sup>) in CO<sub>2</sub> – TEG system, as it was also observed in CO<sub>2</sub> – MEG. In CO<sub>2</sub> – MDEA – TEG systems. MDEACOO<sup>-</sup> was found, but the presence of TEGCOO<sup>-</sup> was not clear. Due to overlapping signals and crowded-signals spectra, some low-intensity signals were not assigned, but it is expected that the correspondent molecules would be in negligible amounts. Therefore, the chemical effects observed in MDEA - TEG systems are mainly due to the reaction of CO<sub>2</sub> with MDEA in the presence of water traces. All relevant spectra are available in Supporting Information (Fig. S.13).

The findings of this work are important for the industrial application of an MDEA – MEG mixture for the combined hydrogen sulfide removal and hydrate control. For a successful design and trouble-free operations, the knowledge of the amount of coabsorbed carbon dioxide into the solvent through the known aqueous amine mechanism as well as through its reaction with MEG is necessary. The importance of this work lies in the need to account for the CO<sub>2</sub> absorbed in the glycol as well in the amine during solvent regeneration. As proven from the data presented for CO<sub>2</sub> – MDEA – TEG systems, these implications are in a significantly lesser extent in the systems using TEG.

#### 4. Conclusions

Aqueous and non-aqueous solvents composed by MDEA and MEG are promising for the simultaneous H<sub>2</sub>S removal and hydrate

control in natural gas. Since CO<sub>2</sub> co-exists with H<sub>2</sub>S in natural gas streams, the solubility of carbon dioxide in non-aqueous and aqueous MDEA – MEG systems was investigated in this work.

VLE data were obtained at temperatures from 303 K to 393 K and pressures up to 600 kPa. It was found that the absorption capacity of the aqueous solvents decreases with increasing glycol content and substitution of water, at constant amine concentration. Increasing amine content up to 90 wt% in aqueous MDEA systems, also leads to lower solvent  $CO_2$  loadings.

In the non-aqueous solvents, a transition phase was observed at compositions between 30 and 50 wt% MDEA – MEG. CO<sub>2</sub> solubility increases with amine concentration up to this transition area, after which the solubility starts decreasing. This behavior is attributed to the CO<sub>2</sub> capture through chemical reaction of CO<sub>2</sub> with MEG in the presence of MDEA, as a result of MEG autoprotolysis in the alkaline environment of the amine. This theory is supported by supplementary VLE data obtained for MDEA – TEG systems.

NMR experiments proved the formation of glycol carbonate, both in non-aqueous and aqueous MDEA – MEG blends. MDEA carbonate was also identified both in single and blended MDEA, which is probably due to the small amounts of water found in our nonaqueous solvents. The CO<sub>2</sub> solubility in aqueous blends of MDEA – MEG is generally higher than the one in their non-aqueous counterparts. However, similar absorption capacities can be observed for aqueous systems containing less than 10 wt% water and nonaqueous systems.

The  $CO_2$  uptake by the glycol demonstrated in this work is important knowledge for the application of aqueous or nonaqueous MDEA – MEG mixtures for the combined removal of H<sub>2</sub>S and hydrate control, and specifically for the solvent regeneration.

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#### Appendix A

All VLE data obtained in this work are presented in this section.

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Measured mole fraction solubility  $x_{CO2}$  and Henry's constant *H* for CO<sub>2</sub> in water as a function of temperature *T* and pressure (total pressure  $P_{tot}$ , residual pressure  $P_{res}$  and their difference, CO<sub>2</sub> partial pressure  $P_{CO2}$ ).<sup>a</sup>

Т	P <sub>tot</sub>	Pres	P <sub>CO2</sub>	x <sub>CO2</sub>	$u(x_{CO2})$	Н	u(H)	Т	P <sub>tot</sub>	Pres	P <sub>CO2</sub>	x <sub>CO2</sub>	u(x <sub>CO2</sub> )	Н	u(H)
К	kPa	kPa	kPa		10 <sup>2</sup>	kPa m <sup>3</sup>	kmol <sup>-1</sup>	К	kPa	kPa	kPa		10 <sup>2</sup>	kPa m <sup>3</sup>	kmol <sup>-1</sup>
				VLE 1							V	LE 2			
303.1	200.3	4.6	195.7	0.108	0.015	3281	454	303.1	168.2	5.3	162.9	0.087	0.006	3389	512
313.2	224.0	7.6	216.4	0.096	0.015	4108	648	313.2	188.6	8.7	180.0	0.077	0.006	4234	727
323.2	247.0	12.4	234.6	0.086	0.015	4952	873	323.2	209.3	13.6	195.6	0.069	0.006	5145	992
333.2	271.4	19.5	251.8	0.079	0.015	5854	1141	343.2	255.8	32.3	223.5	0.058	0.006	7046	1645
343.1	298.1	30.5	267.7	0.073	0.015	6748	1435	353.2	284.5	48.5	236.0	0.055	0.006	7981	2013
353.2	329.6	46.6	283.0	0.068	0.015	7679	1770	363.2	318.8	71.9	246.9	0.053	0.006	8733	2328
363.2	366.4	69.4	297.1	0.065	0.015	8527	2100	313.2	167.2	8.0	159.2	0.069	0.013	4203	798
303.1	230.5	4.6	225.9	0.122	0.016	3345	442	333.2	206.4	20.6	185.8	0.057	0.013	6001	1401
313.2	256.5	7.8	248.6	0.108	0.016	4196	637	353.1	256.4	47.8	208.6	0.050	0.013	7802	2129
323.2	281.6	12.8	268.8	0.097	0.016	5074	866	373.1	330.3	101.7	228.5	0.046	0.014	9359	2860
333.2	307.9	20.4	287.5	0.088	0.016	5988	1135	393.2	445.7	199.7	246.0	0.045	0.015	10481	3496
343.2	336.2	31.4	304.8	0.081	0.017	6904	1432	303.2	143.9	5.3	138.6	0.075	0.014	3362	640
353.2	369.4	46.9	322.5	0.075	0.017	7956	1813	313.1	160.6	8.6	152.0	0.066	0.014	4183	905
364.7	414.1	69.4	344.7	0.067	0.016	9618	2514	333.2	196.8	21.3	175.5	0.054	0.014	5935	1584
303.2	138.9	4.3	134.6	0.073	0.016	3325	722	353.1	244.1	48.5	195.6	0.047	0.015	7656	2383
313.2	155.2	7.5	147.7	0.065	0.016	4153	1027	373.1	315.5	102.9	212.6	0.044	0.015	9011	3099
333.2	190.2	20.2	170.0	0.053	0.016	5868	1784	393.1	429.8	201.1	228.7	0.043	0.016	10154	3829
353.3	235.8	47.6	188.2	0.047	0.016	7374	2554	-			-	-	-	-	-
373.2	308.9	100.1	208.8	0.041	0.017	9689	4035	-			-	-	-	-	-
392.5	411.6	188.1	223.5	0.040	0.018	10783	4814	-			-	-	-	-	-

<sup>a</sup> Standard uncertainties are reported (level of confidence 0.68). Standard uncertainty for temperature is u(T) = 0.1 K, for total and residual pressure is  $u(P_{tot}) = u$  ( $P_{res}$ ) = 0.9 kPa and for CO<sub>2</sub> pressure is  $u(P_{CO2}) = 1.3$  kPa.

#### Table A.2

Table A.1

Measured mole fraction solubility  $x_{CO2}$ , loading  $\alpha$  and Henry's constant *H* for CO<sub>2</sub> in MDEA (1) – MEG (2) blends as a function of weight fraction *w* of unloaded solvent, temperature *T* and pressure (total pressure  $P_{tot}$ , residual pressure  $P_{res}$  and their difference, CO<sub>2</sub> partial pressure  $P_{CO2}$ ).<sup>a</sup>

$w_1$	$u(w_1)$	Т	$P_{\rm tot}$	Pres	P <sub>CO2</sub>	x <sub>CO2</sub>	$u(x_{\rm CO2})$	α	$u(\alpha)$	Н	u(H)
		К	kPa	kPa	kPa			mol <sub>CO2</sub>	$mol_{MDEA}^{-1}$	kPa m <sup>3</sup>	$\rm kmol^{-1}$
0.000	0.000	303.2	200.5	2.3	198.2	0.0039	0.0004	-	-	2835	284
		313.7	223.8	2.5	221.3	0.0036	0.0004	-	-	3498	389
		323.2	236.8	2.8	234.0	0.0035	0.0004	-	-	3833	440
		333.2	253.9	3.1	250.8	0.0033	0.0004	-	-	4355	530
		343.2	270.4	3.5	266.9	0.0031	0.0004	-	-	4875	624
		353.2	286.3	3.9	282.4	0.0030	0.0004	-	-	5393	720
		363.2	301.7	4.5	297.2	0.0029	0.0004	-	-	5907	820
		373.1	317.2	5.5	311.7	0.0028	0.0004	_	-	6406	918
		383.2	332.8	7.1	325.7	0.0028	0.0004	_	-	6886	1013
		393.2	348.7	9.6	339.1	0.0027	0.0004	-	-	7333	1100
0.050	0.001	303.2	42.9	1.8	41.1	0.0141	0.0005	0.535	0.024	166	8
		313.1	66.2	1.9	64.3	0.0132	0.0005	0.501	0.024	279	13
		323.2	97.6	2.0	95.6	0.0121	0.0005	0.458	0.024	457	22
		333.1	134.0	2.2	131.8	0.0108	0.0005	0.411	0.023	709	38
		343.2	173.2	2.4	170.8	0.0096	0.0005	0.363	0.023	1048	63
		353.2	212.5	2.8	209.7	0.0084	0.0006	0.318	0.023	1479	103
		363.2	250.1	3.4	246.7	0.0074	0.0006	0.279	0.023	2001	161
		373.1	285.4	4.4	281.0	0.0065	0.0006	0.246	0.023	2610	241
		383.1	319.2	5.8	313.4	0.0058	0.0006	0.217	0.023	3321	352
		393.2	354.4	8.1	346.4	0.0050	0.0006	0.190	0.024	4239	521
0.100	0.001	303.2	10.7	1.9	8.8	0.0096	0.0004	0.178	0.008	53	6
		313.2	18.8	2.2	16.5	0.0094	0.0004	0.174	0.008	103	7
		323.2	32.1	2.5	29.7	0.0091	0.0004	0.168	0.008	193	11
		333.1	52.3	2.8	49.5	0.0086	0.0004	0.159	0.008	342	19
		343.2	79.9	3.5	76.4	0.0080	0.0004	0.147	0.008	575	33
		353.1	113.6	4.6	109.0	0.0073	0.0004	0.134	0.009	909	58
		363.1	151.3	5.9	145.4	0.0065	0.0004	0.120	0.009	1365	97
		373.1	190.6	8.0	182.6	0.0058	0.0004	0.106	0.009	1948	158
		383.3	230.1	10.8	219.3	0.0051	0.0005	0.094	0.009	2667	248
		393.2	266.9	15.2	251.7	0.0044	0.0005	0.081	0.009	3557	386
0.300	0.001	303.5	7.8	2.3	5.5	0.0114	0.0004	0.063	0.003	32	5
		313.1	12.6	2.5	10.1	0.0112	0.0004	0.062	0.003	60	6
		323.1	21.7	2.7	19.0	0.0110	0.0005	0.061	0.003	115	7
		333.2	36.8	2.9	33.9	0.0106	0.0005	0.059	0.003	214	11
		343.1	59.3	3.2	56.1	0.0101	0.0005	0.056	0.003	376	19
		353.1	90.0	3.7	86.4	0.0094	0.0005	0.052	0.003	627	33
		373.2	169.2	6.0	163.3	0.0078	0.0005	0.043	0.003	1454	92

#### Table A.2 (continued)

<i>w</i> <sub>1</sub>	$u(w_1)$	Т	$P_{\rm tot}$	Pres	P <sub>CO2</sub>	x <sub>CO2</sub>	$u(x_{\rm CO2})$	α	$u(\alpha)$	Н	u(H)
		K	kPa	kPa	kPa	_		mol <sub>CO2</sub> I	$\mathrm{nol}_{\mathrm{MDEA}}^{-1}$	kPa m <sup>3</sup>	kmol <sup>-1</sup>
		393.2	257.4	11.1	246.3	0.0063	0.0005	0.035	0.003	2780	226
0.500	0.002	303.1	13.0	2.1	11.0	0.0200	0.0006	0.060	0.002	41	4
		323.2	39.9	2.3	37.5	0.0188	0.0007	0.056	0.002	151	6
		333.2	65.9	2.5	63.4	0.0177	0.0006	0.053	0.002	274	11
		343.2	101.5	2.7	98.9	0.0162	0.0006	0.048	0.002	471	20
		353.3	145.0	2.9	142.1	0.0144	0.0006	0.043	0.002	767	36
		363.1	192.3	3.3	189.0	0.0126	0.0006	0.037	0.002	1178	64
		373.2	239.7	4.0	235.7	0.0109	0.0006	0.032	0.002	1713	109
		383.2	283.9	5.3	278.6	0.0095	0.0007	0.028	0.002	2353	176
		393.1	324.3	7.3	317.0	0.0083	0.0007	0.024	0.002	3084	268
0.700	0.003	303.2	10.9	2.4	8.6	0.0132	0.0006	0.024	0.001	56	6
		313.6	21.1	2.6	18.5	0.0129	0.0006	0.024	0.001	126	9
		323.2	30.9	3.0	28.0	0.0125	0.0006	0.023	0.001	198	11
		333.2	50.4	3.2	47.2	0.0119	0.0006	0.022	0.001	355	19
		343.2	77.4	3.6	73.8	0.0110	0.0006	0.020	0.001	605	34
		353.2	110.7	4.0	106.8	0.0099	0.0006	0.018	0.001	975	61
		363.2	147.2	4.6	142.5	0.0089	0.0006	0.016	0.001	1472	103
		373.1	183.8	5.6	178.2	0.0079	0.0006	0.014	0.001	2090	166
		383.2	218.2	7.2	211.0	0.0070	0.0006	0.013	0.001	2796	252
		393.1	249.8	9.6	240.2	0.0063	0.0006	0.012	0.001	3549	358
0.900	0.005	303.1	18.5	1.6	16.8	0.0162	0.0006	0.0200	0.001	107	7
		323.2	53.9	2.0	51.9	0.0147	0.0007	0.0181	0.001	370	19
		333.2	83.4	2.1	81.2	0.0135	0.0007	0.0166	0.001	635	35
		343.2	119.0	2.3	116.7	0.0122	0.0007	0.0149	0.001	1024	62
		353.2	156.7	2.6	154.1	0.0108	0.0007	0.0132	0.001	1535	105
		363.2	192.5	3.1	189.5	0.0096	0.0007	0.0118	0.001	2139	166
		373.2	224.9	3.7	221.1	0.0085	0.0007	0.0104	0.001	2840	251
		383.2	253.3	4.8	248.5	0.0079	0.0007	0.0097	0.001	3465	333
		393.1	278.1	6.4	271.7	0.0071	0.0007	0.0087	0.001	4260	460
1.000	0.006	303.1	25.0	2.6	22.4	0.0160	0.0007	0.016	0.001	159	10
		313.3	42.9	2.8	40.1	0.0152	0.0007	0.015	0.001	302	17
		323.2	67.2	3.0	64.2	0.0141	0.0007	0.014	0.001	525	30
		333.2	98.4	3.2	95.2	0.0128	0.0007	0.013	0.001	868	54
		343.2	132.5	3.4	129.2	0.0114	0.0007	0.012	0.001	1331	93
		353.2	165.6	3.5	162.1	0.0102	0.0008	0.010	0.001	1888	149
		363.2	195.2	3.8	191.4	0.0092	0.0008	0.009	0.001	2494	219
		373.2	221.0	4.3	216.7	0.0085	0.0008	0.009	0.001	3103	300
		383.2	243.3	5.0	238.3	0.0079	0.0008	0.008	0.001	3681	383
		393.1	263.2	6.1	257.2	0.0075	0.0007	0.008	0.001	4224	466

<sup>a</sup> Standard uncertainties are reported (level of confidence 0.68). Standard uncertainty for temperature is u(T) = 0.1 K, for total and residual pressure is  $u(P_{tot}) = u$  ( $P_{res}$ ) = 0.9 kPa and for CO<sub>2</sub> pressure is  $u(P_{CO2}) = 1.3$  kPa.

#### Table A.3

Measured mole fraction solubility  $x_{CO2}$ , loading  $\alpha$  and Henry's constant *H* for CO<sub>2</sub> in MDEA (1) – MEG (2) blends as a function of weight fraction *w* of unloaded solvent and pressure (total pressure  $P_{tot}$ , residual pressure  $P_{res}$  and their difference, CO<sub>2</sub> partial pressure  $P_{CO2}$ ) at temperatures of 313 K and 343 K.<sup>a</sup>

$w_1$	$u(w_1)$	Т	$P_{\rm tot}$	Pres	P <sub>CO2</sub>	x <sub>CO2</sub>	$u(x_{\rm CO2})$	α	$u(\alpha)$	Н	u(H)
		К	kPa	kPa	kPa			mol <sub>cc</sub>	$_{\rm 2}~{\rm mol}_{\rm MDEA}^{-1}$	kPa m <sup>3</sup>	$\rm kmol^{-1}$
0.000	0.000	313.1	66.0	2.2	63.8	0.0011	0.0005	-	-	3188	1560
		313.2	133.9	2.2	131.7	0.0023	0.0008	-	-	3187	1074
		313.1	194.3	2.2	192.1	0.0034	0.0008	-	-	3158	737
		313.2	254.4	2.2	252.1	0.0045	0.0008	-	-	3145	572
		313.2	315.8	2.2	313.5	0.0056	0.0008	-	-	3157	480
		313.2	367.8	2.2	365.6	0.0065	0.0009	-	-	3173	436
		313.1	413.6	2.2	411.4	0.0072	0.0009	-	-	3186	407
		313.1	456.6	2.2	454.4	0.0079	0.0009	-	-	3209	387
		313.1	503.9	2.2	501.7	0.0087	0.0009	-	-	3219	366
		343.2	61.9	2.9	59.1	0.0007	0.0005	-	-	4663	329
		343.1	113.3	2.9	110.4	0.0014	0.0007	-	-	4663	250
		343.2	152.4	2.9	149.5	0.0018	0.0007	-	-	4667	186
		343.2	200.0	2.9	197.1	0.0024	0.0007	-	-	4676	143
		343.2	251.5	2.9	248.7	0.0030	0.0007	-	-	4691	116
		343.2	305.1	2.9	302.3	0.0037	0.0008	-	-	4721	999
		343.2	348.7	2.9	345.9	0.0042	0.0008	-	-	4704	897
		343.1	400.2	2.9	397.4	0.0048	0.0008	-	-	4701	809
		343.1	455.3	2.9	452.5	0.0055	0.0008	-	-	4739	750
		343.2	505.3	2.9	502.4	0.0061	0.0009	-	-	4742	703
		343.1	548.2	2.9	545.4	0.0066	0.0009	-	-	4738	669

#### Table A.3 (continued)

$w_1$	$u(w_1)$	Т	$P_{\rm tot}$	Pres	P <sub>CO2</sub>	x <sub>CO2</sub>	$u(x_{\rm CO2})$	α	$u(\alpha)$	Н	u(H
		К	kPa	kPa	kPa			mol <sub>CO2</sub>	$\mathrm{mol}_{\mathrm{MDEA}}^{-1}$	kPa m <sup>3</sup>	$kmol^{-1}$
0.500	0.002	313.1	14.1	2.1	11.9	0.0129	0.0006	0.038	0.002	70	6
		313.1	29.4	2.1	27.2	0.0238	0.0008	0.071	0.003	86	4
		313.1	53.4	2.1	51.2	0.0380	0.0009	0.115	0.003	99	4
		313.1	78.7	2.1	76.5	0.0505	0.0009	0.155	0.004	110	3
		313.2	108.2	2.1	106.0	0.0631	0.0010	0.197	0.005	121	3
		313.2	137.8	2.1	135.6	0.0739	0.0010	0.233	0.005	130	3
		313.2	167.1	2.1	164.9	0.0833	0.0010	0.265	0.006	139	3
		313.2	196.0	2.1	193.9	0.0916	0.0011	0.294	0.006	147	3
		313.2	226.6	2.1	224.5	0.0994	0.0011	0.322	0.007	156	4
		313.2	258.6	2.1	256.4	0.1066	0.0012	0.349	0.007	164	4
		313.1	286.7	2.1	284.6	0.1126	0.0012	0.371	0.007	172	4
		313.2	314.8	2.1	312.6	0.1182	0.0013	0.391	0.008	179	4
		313.2	342.3	2.1	340.2	0.1231	0.0014	0.410	0.008	186	4
		313.2	370.0	2.1	367.9	0.1276	0.0014	0.427	0.008	193	4
		313.2	395.0	2.1	392.8	0.1315	0.0015	0.442	0.009	199	4
		313.2	417.4	2.1	415.2	0.1348	0.0015	0.455	0.009	204	5
1.000	0.006	313.1	27.9	2.3	25.6	0.0099	0.0010	0.010	0.001	296	34
		313.1	45.8	2.3	43.6	0.0161	0.0014	0.016	0.002	309	30
		313.1	75.1	2.3	72.8	0.0259	0.0017	0.027	0.002	318	23
		313.1	98.3	2.3	96.0	0.0337	0.0019	0.035	0.002	320	20
		313.2	139.8	2.3	137.5	0.0472	0.0020	0.050	0.002	323	16
		313.2	169.4	2.3	167.1	0.0565	0.0021	0.060	0.003	324	15
		313.1	211.6	2.3	209.3	0.0689	0.0021	0.074	0.003	329	13
		313.1	250.4	2.3	248.2	0.0796	0.0021	0.086	0.003	334	13
		313.2	284.1	2.3	281.8	0.0881	0.0022	0.097	0.003	339	12
		313.2	315.3	2.3	313.0	0.0956	0.0022	0.106	0.004	344	12
		313.1	349.2	2.3	346.9	0.1031	0.0023	0.115	0.004	351	12
		343.1	58.2	4.3	54.0	0.0059	0.0011	0.006	0.001	1078	19
		343.2	101.7	4.3	97.4	0.0103	0.0015	0.010	0.002	1110	16
		343.1	130.2	4.3	125.9	0.0132	0.0018	0.013	0.002	1120	15
		343.2	173.2	4.3	169.0	0.0174	0.0020	0.018	0.002	1132	14
		343.2	222.9	4.3	218.6	0.0222	0.0022	0.023	0.002	1144	12
		343.1	247.8	4.3	243.6	0.0248	0.0024	0.025	0.003	1138	12
		343.2	301.9	4.3	297.6	0.0298	0.0026	0.031	0.003	1150	11
		343.2	351.0	4.3	346.8	0.0344	0.0027	0.036	0.003	1159	10
		343.2	372.5	4.3	368.3	0.0364	0.0029	0.038	0.003	1160	10

<sup>a</sup> Standard uncertainties are reported (level of confidence 0.68). Standard uncertainty for temperature is u(T) = 0.1 K, for total and residual pressure is  $u(P_{tot}) = u$  ( $P_{res}$ ) = 0.9 kPa and for CO<sub>2</sub> pressure is  $u(P_{CO2}) = 1.3$  kPa.

#### Table A.4

Measured mole fraction solubility  $x_{CO2}$ , loading  $\alpha$  and Henry's constant *H* for CO<sub>2</sub> in MDEA (1) – MEG (2) – H<sub>2</sub>O (3) blends in two repeated experiments as a function of weight fraction w of unloaded solvent, temperature *T* and pressure (total pressure  $P_{tot}$ , residual pressure  $P_{res}$  and their difference, CO<sub>2</sub> partial pressure  $P_{CO2}$ ).<sup>4</sup> Experiment A denotes the first experiment, also tabulated in Table A.2 for MDEA-MEG systems and in Table A.5 for MDEA-MEG-H<sub>2</sub>O system. Experiment B is the repeated experiment.

$w_1$	$u(w_1)$	<i>w</i> <sub>2</sub>	$u(w_2)$	Т	$P_{\rm tot}$	$P_{res}$	P <sub>CO2</sub>	x <sub>CO2</sub>	$u(x_{CO2})$	α	$u(\alpha)$	Н	u(H)
				К	kPa	kPa	kPa			mol <sub>CO2</sub>	$-mol_{MDEA}^{1}$	kPa m <sup>3</sup>	kmol <sup>-1</sup>
0.000	0.000	1.000	0.006					Experii	ment A				
				303.2	200.5	2.3	198.2	0.0039	0.0004	-	-	2835	284
				313.7	223.8	2.5	221.3	0.0036	0.0004	-	-	3498	389
				323.2	236.8	2.8	234.0	0.0035	0.0004	-	-	3833	440
				333.2	253.9	3.1	250.8	0.0033	0.0004	-	-	4355	530
				343.2	270.4	3.5	266.9	0.0031	0.0004	-	-	4875	624
				353.2	286.3	3.9	282.4	0.0030	0.0004	-	-	5393	720
				363.2	301.7	4.5	297.2	0.0029	0.0004	-	-	5907	820
				373.1	317.2	5.5	311.7	0.0028	0.0004	-	-	6406	918
				383.2	332.8	7.1	325.7	0.0028	0.0004	-	-	6886	1013
				393.2	348.7	9.6	339.1	0.0027	0.0004	-	-	7333	1100
								Experii	ment B				
				303.2	207.2	2.0	205.2	0.0042	0.0006	-	-	2749	376
				313.2	223.1	2.2	220.9	0.0039	0.0006	-	-	3222	478
				333.2	252.7	2.6	250.1	0.0034	0.0006	-	-	4217	720
				353.2	280.0	3.7	276.3	0.0031	0.0006	-	-	5183	977
				373.2	306.7	5.7	300.9	0.0029	0.0006	-	-	6139	1251
				393.2	334.8	10.9	323.9	0.0027	0.0006	-	-	6991	1495
0.050	0.001	0.950	0.001					Experii	ment A				
				303.2	42.9	1.8	41.1	0.0141	0.0005	0.535	0.024	166	8
				313.1	66.2	1.9	64.3	0.0132	0.0005	0.501	0.024	279	13

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#### Table A.4 (continued)

<i>w</i> <sub>1</sub>	$u(w_1)$	<i>W</i> <sub>2</sub>	$u(w_2)$	Т	$P_{\rm tot}$	Pres	P <sub>CO2</sub>	x <sub>CO2</sub>	$u(x_{\rm CO2})$	α	$u(\alpha)$	Н	u(H
				К	kPa	kPa	kPa			mol <sub>CO2</sub> .	$mol_{MDEA}^{1}$	kPa m <sup>3</sup>	kmol <sup>-</sup>
				323.2	97.6	2.0	95.6	0.0121	0.0005	0.458	0.024	457	22
				333.1	134.0	2.2	131.8	0.0108	0.0005	0.411	0.023	709	38
				343.2	173.2	2.4	170.8	0.0096	0.0005	0.363	0.023	1048	63
				353.2	212.5	2.8	209.7	0.0084	0.0006	0.318	0.023	1479	103
				363.2	250.1	3.4	246.7	0.0074	0.0006	0.279	0.023	2001	161
				373.1	285.4	4.4	281.0	0.0065	0.0006	0.246	0.023	2610	241
				383.1	319.2	5.8	313.4	0.0058	0.0006	0.217	0.023	3321	352
				393.2	354.4	8.1	346.4	0.0050	0.0006	0.190	0.024	4239	521
				50512	55	0.11	5 101 1			01100	0.021	1200	02.
				313.2	64.5	16.7	62.9	0.0128	ment B 0.0005	0.487	0.023	281	13
				323.2			62.8 94.8	0.0128	0.0005		0.023		22
					96.5	17.6				0.445		467	
				333.2	133.8	19.8	131.8	0.0105	0.0005	0.398	0.023	732	39
				343.2	173.6	22.5	171.4	0.0093	0.0005	0.351	0.023	1088	66
				353.2	214.0	27.6	211.2	0.0081	0.0005	0.307	0.023	1546	109
				363.2	252.6	35.1	249.1	0.0071	0.0006	0.268	0.023	2104	172
				373.2	288.4	45.3	283.9	0.0062	0.0006	0.236	0.023	2750	259
				383.1	321.3	61.6	315.1	0.0056	0.0006	0.209	0.023	3463	371
				393.1	352.4	84.9	343.9	0.0050	0.0006	0.188	0.023	4248	513
.100	0.001	0.900	0.001					Experii	ment A				
				303.2	10.7	1.9	8.8	0.0096	0.0004	0.178	0.008	53	6
				313.2	18.8	2.2	16.5	0.0094	0.0004	0.174	0.008	103	7
				323.2	32.1	2.5	29.7	0.0091	0.0004	0.168	0.008	193	11
				333.1	52.3	2.8	49.5	0.0086	0.0004	0.159	0.008	342	19
				343.2	79.9	3.5	76.4	0.0080	0.0004	0.147	0.008	575	33
				353.1	113.6	4.6	109.0	0.0073	0.0004	0.134	0.009	909	58
				363.1	151.3	5.9	145.4	0.0065	0.0004	0.120	0.009	1365	97
				373.1	190.6	8.0	182.6	0.0058	0.0004	0.106	0.009	1948	158
				383.3	230.1	10.8	219.3	0.0051	0.0005	0.094	0.009	2667	248
				393.2	266.9	15.2	251.7	0.0044	0.0005	0.081	0.009	3557	386
								Expori					
				303.2	12.0	2.2	10.9		ment B	0.200	0.000	EO	-
					13.0		10.8	0.0108	0.0004	0.200	0.009	58	5
				323.2	40.1	2.6	37.4	0.0102	0.0004	0.188	0.008	218	11
				343.2	97.4	3.2	94.2	0.0088	0.0004	0.163	0.008	639	33
				353.2	135.8	3.6	132.1	0.0080	0.0004	0.148	0.008	996	56
0.300	0.001	0.700	0.001					Experii	ment A				
				303.5	7.8	2.3	5.5	0.0114	0.0004	0.063	0.003	32	5
				313.1	12.6	2.5	10.1	0.0112	0.0004	0.062	0.003	60	6
				323.1	21.7	2.7	19.0	0.0110	0.0005	0.061	0.003	115	7
				333.2	36.8	2.9	33.9	0.0106	0.0005	0.059	0.003	214	11
				343.1	59.3	3.2	56.1	0.0101	0.0005	0.056	0.003	376	19
				353.1	90.0	3.7	86.4	0.0094	0.0005	0.052	0.003	627	33
				373.2	169.2	6.0	163.3	0.0078	0.0005	0.043	0.003	1454	92
				393.2	257.4	11.1	246.3	0.0063	0.0005	0.035	0.003	2780	226
				202.2	75	2.4	F 1		ment B	0.007	0.000	20	-
				303.2	7.5	2.4	5.1	0.0120	0.0005	0.067	0.003	28	5
				323.2	22.7	3.0	19.7	0.0116	0.0005	0.064	0.003	113	7
				343.2	62.5	3.9	58.7	0.0106	0.0005	0.059	0.003	376	19
				353.1	94.8	4.7	90.1	0.0098	0.0005	0.054	0.003	628	33
.500	0.002	0.500	0.002						ment A				
				303.1	13.0	2.1	11.0	0.0200	0.0006	0.060	0.002	41	4
				323.2	39.87	2.3	37.5	0.0188	0.0007	0.056	0.002	151	6
				333.2	65.9	2.5	63.4	0.0177	0.0006	0.053	0.002	274	11
				343.2	101.5	2.7	98.9	0.0162	0.0006	0.048	0.002	471	20
				353.3	145.0	2.9	142.1	0.0144	0.0006	0.043	0.002	767	36
				363.1	192.3	3.3	189.0	0.0126	0.0006	0.037	0.002	1178	64
				373.2	239.7	4.0	235.7	0.0109	0.0006	0.032	0.002	1713	109
				383.2	283.9	5.3	278.6	0.0095	0.0007	0.028	0.002	2353	176
				393.1	324.3	7.3	317.0	0.0083	0.0007	0.024	0.002	3084	268
				555,1	521.5		5.7,0			5,521	0.002	5501	200
						_			ment B				
				303.1	12.5	2.1	10.4	0.0197	0.0006	0.059	0.002	39	4
				313.1	22.3	2.2	20.1	0.0192	0.0006	0.057	0.002	79	4
				323.1	38.9	2.2	36.6	0.0185	0.0006	0.055	0.002	150	7
				343.2	100.4	2.5	98.0	0.0160	0.0006	0.048	0.002	470	20
				353.1	144.4	2.7	141.6	0.0144	0.0006	0.043	0.002	766	36
				363.2	193.2	3.2	190.0	0.0126	0.0006	0.037	0.002	1182	63
				373.2	242.9	4.1	238.8	0.0110	0.0006	0.032	0.002	1727	107
				383.1	288.8	5.5	283.4	0.0096	0.0006	0.028	0.002	2372	171

$w_1$	$u(w_1)$	<i>w</i> <sub>2</sub>	$u(w_2)$	Т	$P_{\rm tot}$	Pres	P <sub>CO2</sub>	x <sub>CO2</sub>	$u(x_{\rm CO2})$	α	$u(\alpha)$	Н	u(H)
				К	kPa	kPa	kPa			mol <sub>CO2</sub> .	$mol_{MDEA}^{1}$	kPa m <sup>3</sup>	kmol <sup>-1</sup>
0.300	0.001	0.400	0.001					Experii	ment A				
				303.1	5.3	3.3	2.0	0.0065	0.0002	0.066	0.003	11	5
				313.1	8.5	5.4	3.0	0.0064	0.0002	0.066	0.003	17	5
				323.2	13.8	8.6	5.1	0.0064	0.0002	0.066	0.003	29	5
				343.2	36.5	21.1	15.4	0.0062	0.0003	0.064	0.003	92	7
				353.2	57.9	31.9	26.0	0.0061	0.0002	0.062	0.003	162	9
				363.1	89.1	46.7	42.4	0.0058	0.0002	0.059	0.003	277	15
				373.2	133.0	66.4	66.5	0.0054	0.0002	0.056	0.003	467	25
				383.2	190.6	94.2	96.5	0.0050	0.0002	0.051	0.003	740	42
				393.1	262.1	131.6	130.5	0.0046	0.0002	0.047	0.003	1112	68
								Experi	ment B				
				313.4	7.9	5.3	2.6	0.0049	0.0002	0.050	0.002	19	7
				323.1	12.4	8.7	3.7	0.0048	0.0002	0.050	0.002	28	7
				333.1	19.8	13.7	6.0	0.0048	0.0002	0.049	0.002	46	7
				343.2	31.5	21.2	10.4	0.0048	0.0002	0.049	0.002	81	8
				353.1	49.6	32.0	17.6	0.0047	0.0002	0.048	0.002	142	10
				363.1	75.9	47.2	28.7	0.0045	0.0002	0.046	0.002	240	15
				373.2	113.7	67.3	46.4	0.0043	0.0002	0.044	0.002	409	24
				383.2	164.7	94.3	70.4	0.0041	0.0002	0.042	0.002	667	7
				393.2	230.9	131.7	99.2	0.0038	0.0002	0.038	0.002	1022	41

<sup>a</sup> Standard uncertainties are reported (level of confidence 0.68). Standard uncertainty for temperature is u(T) = 0.1 K, for total and residual pressure is  $u(P_{tot}) = u$  ( $P_{res}$ ) = 0.9 kPa and for CO<sub>2</sub> pressure is  $u(P_{CO2}) = 1.3$  kPa.

#### Table A.5

Measured mole fraction solubility  $x_{CO2}$ , loading  $\alpha$  and Henry's constant *H* for CO<sub>2</sub> in MDEA (1) – MEG (2) – H<sub>2</sub>O (3) blends as a function of weight fraction *w* of unloaded solvent, temperature *T* and pressure (total pressure  $P_{tot}$ , residual pressure  $P_{res}$  and their difference, CO<sub>2</sub> partial pressure  $P_{CO2}$ ).<sup>a</sup>

$w_1$	$u(w_1)$	<i>W</i> <sub>2</sub>	$u(w_2)$	Т	$P_{\rm tot}$	Pres	P <sub>CO2</sub>	x <sub>CO2</sub>	$u(x_{\rm CO2})$	α	$u(\alpha)$	Н	u(H)
				К	kPa	kPa	/kPa			mol <sub>CO2</sub>	$mol_{MDEA}^{-1}$	kPa m <sup>3</sup>	kmol <sup>-1</sup>
0.300	0.001	0.599	0.001	303.2	5.5	2.4	3.1	0.0084	0.0003	0.059	0.002	19	6
				313.0	9.0	3.5	5.5	0.0083	0.0003	0.059	0.002	35	6
				323.1	15.3	5.1	10.2	0.0082	0.0003	0.058	0.002	65	6
				333.2	26.0	7.5	18.5	0.0080	0.0003	0.057	0.002	121	8
				343.2	43.1	11.1	32.0	0.0078	0.0003	0.055	0.002	219	12
				353.2	68.7	16.3	52.4	0.0074	0.0003	0.052	0.002	380	19
				363.2	103.2	23.7	79.5	0.0069	0.0003	0.049	0.003	622	33
				373.2	147.5	33.9	113.7	0.0063	0.0003	0.045	0.003	979	56
				383.2	199.9	47.7	152.2	0.0057	0.0003	0.040	0.003	1468	95
				393.1	257.7	66.3	191.4	0.0051	0.0004	0.036	0.003	2080	153
0.300	0.001	0.400	0.001	303.1	5.3	3.3	2.0	0.0065	0.0002	0.066	0.002	11	5
				313.1	8.5	5.4	3.0	0.0064	0.0002	0.066	0.002	17	5
				323.2	13.8	8.6	5.1	0.0064	0.0002	0.066	0.002	29	5 7
				343.2	36.5	21.1	15.4	0.0062	0.0002	0.064	0.002	92	
				353.2	57.9	31.9	26.0	0.0061	0.0002	0.062	0.002	162	9
				363.1	89.1	46.7	42.4	0.0058	0.0002	0.059	0.002	277	15
				373.2	133.0	66.4	66.5	0.0054	0.0002	0.056	0.002	467	25
				383.2	190.6	94.2	96.5	0.0050	0.0002	0.051	0.002	740	42
				393.1	262.1	131.6	130.5	0.0046	0.0002	0.047	0.002	1112	68
0.300	0.002	0.200	0.002	303.1	5.1	4.2	1.0	0.0067	0.0003	0.048	0.003	8	7
				313.1	8.1	6.9	1.2	0.0067	0.0003	0.048	0.003	9	7
				323.1	12.8	11.0	1.8	0.0067	0.0003	0.048	0.003	14	7
				343.2	31.8	26.9	4.9	0.0067	0.0003	0.047	0.003	40	8
				353.1	48.8	40.5	8.3	0.0066	0.0003	0.047	0.003	69	8
				363.1	73.3	59.6	13.6	0.0065	0.0003	0.046	0.003	116	10
				373.2	108.4	85.9	22.5	0.0063	0.0003	0.045	0.003	199	14
				383.2	156.8	121.1	35.7	0.0061	0.0003	0.043	0.003	329	22
				393.1	221.4	168.0	53.4	0.0058	0.0004	0.041	0.003	522	36

<sup>a</sup> Standard uncertainties are reported (level of confidence 0.68). Standard uncertainty for temperature is u(T) = 0.1 K, for total and residual pressure is  $u(P_{tot}) = u$  ( $P_{res}$ ) = 0.9 kPa and for CO<sub>2</sub> pressure is  $u(P_{CO2}) = 1.3$  kPa.

#### Table A.6

Measured mole fraction solubility  $x_{CO2}$ , loading  $\alpha$  and Henry's constant *H* for CO<sub>2</sub> in MDEA (1) – MEG (2) – H<sub>2</sub>O (3) blends as a function of weight fraction *w* of unloaded solvent and pressure (total pressure  $P_{tot}$ , residual pressure  $P_{res}$  and their difference, CO<sub>2</sub> partial pressure  $P_{CO2}$ ) at temperatures of 313 K and 343 K.<sup>a</sup>

<i>v</i> <sub>1</sub>	$u(w_1)$	<i>w</i> <sub>2</sub>	$u(w_2)$	Т	$P_{\rm tot}$	Pres	P <sub>CO2</sub>	x <sub>CO2</sub>	$u(x_{CO2})$	α	<i>u</i> (α)	Н	u(H
				К	kPa	kPa	kPa	-		mol <sub>CO2</sub>	mol <sup>_1</sup> MDEA	kPa m	<sup>3</sup> kmol <sup>-</sup>
.300	0.001	0.599	0.001	313.2	8.1	5.1	3.0	0.0044	0.0005	0.031	0.004	36	12
.300	0.001	0.555	0.001	313.2	27.2	5.1	22.1	0.0044	0.0005	0.031	0.004	93	7
				313.1	34.8		22.1	0.0125	0.0007		0.005	91	
						5.1				0.120			6
				313.1	47.1	5.1	42.0	0.0242	0.0009	0.175	0.007	89	4
				313.1	55.6	5.1	50.5	0.0285	0.0009	0.207	0.008	90	4
				313.1	63.6	5.1	58.5	0.0322	0.0010	0.234	0.009	92	4
				313.1	72.0	5.1	67.0	0.0357	0.0010	0.261	0.010	95	4
				313.1	83.3	5.1	78.2	0.0392	0.0011	0.288	0.011	100	4
				313.1	97.4	5.1	92.3	0.0442	0.0011	0.326	0.011	105	4
				313.2	122.6	5.1	117.5	0.0516	0.0010	0.383	0.012	113	4
				313.2	156.5	5.1	151.4	0.0596	0.0010	0.446	0.013	125	4
				313.2	191.3	5.1	186.2	0.0661	0.0010	0.498	0.013	138	4
				313.2	224.1	5.1	219.0	0.0711	0.0010	0.539	0.015	150	4
				313.2	254.7	5.1	249.6	0.0751	0.0010	0.572	0.015	161	4
				313.2	300.0	5.1	295.0	0.0801	0.0010	0.614	0.015	178	5
				313.2	342.6	5.1	337.6	0.0844	0.0010	0.650	0.016	192	5
				343.2	42.8	11.1	31.6	0.0081	0.0005	0.058	0.004	206	14
				343.1	66.9	11.1	55.8	0.0119	0.0006	0.085	0.005	249	15
				343.2	137.9	11.1	126.8	0.0205	0.0007	0.148	0.006	324	14
				343.2	169.7	11.1	158.6	0.0238	0.0008	0.172	0.007	349	15
				343.1	199.6	11.1	188.5	0.0266	0.0009	0.192	0.008	370	16
				343.2	240.7	11.1	229.6	0.0301	0.0009	0.218	0.009	396	16
				343.2	287.3	11.1	276.2	0.0338	0.0010	0.246	0.010	423	17
				343.1	340.2	11.1	329.1	0.0375	0.0010	0.275	0.010	452	17
				343.1	389.9	11.1	378.8	0.0408	0.0010	0.300	0.011	477	18
				343.2	427.0	11.1	415.9	0.0434	0.0011	0.319	0.011	491	18
				343.1	457.5	11.1	446.4	0.0451	0.0011	0.333	0.011	506	19
			343.2	484.1	11.1	473.0	0.0466	0.0011	0.344	0.013	518	19	
				343.1	517.1	11.1	506.0	0.0484	0.0011	0.358	0.013	533	20
300	0.001	0.400	0.001	313.1	6.5	5.5	1.0	0.0034	0.0003	0.034	0.003	11	10
,00	0.001	0.400	0.001	313.1	10.3	5.5	4.8	0.0095	0.0003	0.097	0.003	18	4
				313.2	15.0	5.5	9.5	0.0146	0.0004	0.151	0.005	23	2
				313.1	26.2	5.5	20.7	0.0243	0.0004	0.254	0.006	30	2
				313.1	36.2	5.5	30.7	0.0306	0.0004	0.321	0.007	36	1
				313.2	46.5	5.5	40.9	0.0356	0.0005	0.376	0.008	41	1
				313.1	54.8	5.5	49.3	0.0391	0.0005	0.414	0.009	45	1
				313.1	67.5	5.5	62.0	0.0436	0.0005	0.464	0.009	50	1
				313.1	86.4	5.5	80.8	0.0489	0.0005	0.523	0.010	58	1
				313.1	114.2	5.5	108.6	0.0547	0.0005	0.589	0.011	69	1
				313.1	148.4	5.5	142.8	0.0599	0.0005	0.648	0.011	82	2
				313.2	189.3	5.5	183.8	0.0644	0.0006	0.701	0.012	98	2
				313.1	219.8	5.5	214.3	0.0671	0.0006	0.731	0.012	110	2
				313.1	273.7	5.5	268.2	0.0707	0.0006	0.774	0.013	130	2
				313.1	325.8	5.5	320.2	0.0733	0.0007	0.805	0.013	149	3
				313.2	381.3	5.5	375.7	0.0756	0.0007	0.832	0.014	169	3
				313.2	427.5	5.5	421.9	0.0771	0.0007	0.850	0.014	186	3
				313.2	477.7	5.5	472.1	0.0785	0.0007	0.867	0.014	204	4
				313.2	513.3	5.5	507.7	0.0794	0.0007	0.878	0.011	217	4
				343.1	29.2	20.3	8.9	0.0048	0.0003	0.049	0.004	70	9
				343.1	55.4	20.3	35.0	0.0111	0.0004	0.114	0.005	117	6
				343.1	91.4	20.3	71.1	0.0173	0.0005	0.179	0.006	152	6
				343.1	137.5	20.3	117.2	0.0233	0.0005	0.243	0.007	184	6
				343.1	173.5	20.3	153.2	0.0233	0.0005	0.245	0.007	206	6
				343.2	199.8	20.3	179.5	0.0272	0.0006	0.285	0.008	200	7
													7
				343.2	248.2	20.3	227.9	0.0339	0.0006	0.357	0.010	244	
				343.2	287.4	20.3	267.1	0.0368	0.0006	0.388	0.011	263	7
				343.1	339.7	20.3	319.4	0.0402	0.0006	0.426	0.011	287	8
				343.2	397.8	20.3	377.5	0.0435	0.0006	0.462	0.012	312	8
				343.2	447.1	20.3	426.8	0.0459	0.0007	0.489	0.013	333	9
				343.1	490.3	20.3	470.0	0.0480	0.0007	0.513	0.013	350	9
				343.1	512.0	20.3	491.7	0.0488	0.0007	0.523	0.014	360	10
		a											
300	0.002	0.200	0.002	313.2	8.2	6.8	1.4	0.0061	0.0002	0.082	0.003	6	4
				313.1	11.7	6.8	4.9	0.0128	0.0003	0.173	0.005	11	2
				313.2	17.2	6.8	10.4	0.0197	0.0003	0.267	0.006	15	1
				313.1	29.4	6.8	22.6	0.0293	0.0003	0.402	0.007	21	1
				313.1	54.6	6.8	47.8	0.0299	0.0003	0.553	0.007	33	1
				313.1	97.5	6.8	90.7	0.0490	0.0004	0.685	0.009	50	1
				313.1	155.9	6.8	149.1	0.0550	0.0005	0.775	0.010	73	1
				313.1	220.3	6.8	213.5	0.0587	0.0005	0.830	0.011	98	2
					292.1			0.0613					

#### Table A.6 (continued)

$w_1$	$u(w_1)$	<i>W</i> <sub>2</sub>	$u(w_2)$	Т	$P_{\rm tot}$	Pres	P <sub>CO2</sub>	x <sub>CO2</sub>	$u(x_{CO2})$	α	$u(\alpha)$	Н	u(H)
				К	kPa	kPa	kPa	-		mol <sub>CO2</sub>	mol <sup>_1</sup> MDEA	kPa m <sup>2</sup>	<sup>3</sup> kmol <sup>-1</sup>
				313.2	379.6	6.8	372.8	0.0634	0.0006	0.901	0.012	157	2
				313.1	440.6	6.8	433.8	0.0645	0.0006	0.918	0.012	179	3
				313.1	501.8	6.8	495.0	0.0654	0.0006	0.931	0.013	202	3
				343.2	32.2	26.6	5.6	0.0043	0.0002	0.058	0.003	38	6
				343.1	45.0	26.6	18.4	0.0091	0.0003	0.122	0.005	59	4
				343.2	67.8	26.6	41.2	0.0147	0.0003	0.198	0.006	80	3
				343.1	124.3	26.6	97.7	0.0233	0.0004	0.318	0.007	119	4
				343.2	154.9	26.6	128.3	0.0270	0.0004	0.369	0.007	135	3
				343.2	192.0	26.6	165.4	0.0306	0.0004	0.420	0.008	152	3
				343.2	240.7	26.6	214.1	0.0345	0.0004	0.476	0.009	174	4
				343.2	290.3	26.6	263.7	0.0378	0.0004	0.523	0.010	195	4
				343.2	338.3	26.6	311.7	0.0404	0.0004	0.560	0.010	216	4
				343.2	391.9	26.6	365.3	0.0429	0.0004	0.596	0.011	237	5
				343.2	446.5	26.6	419.9	0.0450	0.0004	0.627	0.011	259	5
				343.1	484.5	26.6	457.9	0.0463	0.0004	0.647	0.012	274	5
				343.1	518.1	26.6	491.5	0.0474	0.0004	0.662	0.012	288	6

<sup>a</sup> Standard uncertainties are reported (level of confidence 0.68). Standard uncertainty for temperature is u(T) = 0.1 K, for total and residual pressure is  $u(P_{tot}) = u$  ( $P_{res}$ ) = 0.9 kPa and for CO<sub>2</sub> pressure is  $u(P_{CO2}) = 1.3$  kPa.

Table A.7
Measured mole fraction solubility x <sub>CO2</sub> , loading a and Henry's constant H for CO <sub>2</sub> in MDEA (1) – H <sub>2</sub> O (3) blends as a function of weight fraction w of unloaded solvent and pressure
(total pressure $P_{tot}$ , residual pressure $P_{res}$ and their difference, CO <sub>2</sub> partial pressure $P_{CO2}$ ) at temperatures of 313 K and 343 K. <sup>a</sup>

<i>w</i> <sub>1</sub>	$u(w_1)$	Т	Ptot	Pres	P <sub>CO2</sub>	x <sub>CO2</sub>	$u(x_{\rm CO2})$	α	$u(\alpha)$	Н	u(H
		К	kPa	kPa	kPa			mol <sub>CO2</sub>	mol <sup>_1</sup> MDEA	kPa m	<sup>3</sup> kmol <sup>-1</sup>
0.700	0.006	313.1	9.3	5.1	4.2	0.0089	0.0003	0.034	0.004	20	4
		313.2	27.4	5.1	22.3	0.0416	0.0004	0.166	0.007	22	1
		313.2	51.2	5.1	46.1	0.0674	0.0008	0.277	0.009	27	1
		313.1	81.3	5.1	76.2	0.0935	0.0014	0.396	0.012	31	1
		313.1	117.0	5.1	111.9	0.1119	0.0020	0.483	0.013	38	1
		313.2	162.3	5.1	157.2	0.1283	0.0026	0.564	0.015	45	1
		313.1	197.8	5.1	192.7	0.1373	0.0030	0.610	0.016	51	1
		313.1	261.8	5.1	256.7	0.1495	0.0036	0.674	0.017	62	1
		313.1	307.9	5.1	302.8	0.1558	0.0040	0.708	0.017	70	1
		313.1	353.9	5.1	348.9	0.1611	0.0042	0.736	0.018	77	1
		313.1	423.3	5.1	418.2	0.1672	0.0046	0.770	0.019	88	1
		313.1	477.1	5.1	472.0	0.1710	0.0048	0.791	0.020	97	1
		343.1	87.0	23.2	63.8	0.0208	0.0003	0.081	0.001	131	3
		343.1	163.7	23.2	140.5	0.0365	0.0003	0.145	0.002	161	2
		343.1	239.6	23.2	216.5	0.0491	0.0005	0.198	0.003	182	2
		343.1	310.5	23.2	287.4	0.0590	0.0006	0.241	0.003	199	2
		343.1	371.3	23.2	348.1	0.0665	0.0007	0.273	0.004	212	2
		343.2	425.9	23.2	402.8	0.0721	0.0008	0.298	0.004	225	3
		343.1	467.7	23.2	444.5	0.0763	0.0009	0.317	0.005	234	3
		343.2	499.6	23.2	476.4	0.0794	0.0010	0.331	0.005	240	3
0.900	0.006	313.1	25.0	4.2	20.8	0.0179	0.0005	0.032	0.001	83	4
		313.2	65.1	4.2	60.9	0.0437	0.0007	0.079	0.002	98	3
		313.1	111.6	4.2	107.3	0.0678	0.0010	0.126	0.003	108	2
		313.1	134.5	4.2	130.2	0.0785	0.0012	0.148	0.003	112	2
		313.1	178.7	4.2	174.4	0.0956	0.0015	0.183	0.003	121	2
		313.2	206.7	4.2	202.4	0.1039	0.0018	0.201	0.004	128	2
		313.1	247.0	4.2	242.8	0.1189	0.0022	0.234	0.004	132	2
		313.1	277.5	4.2	273.2	0.1253	0.0025	0.248	0.004	140	2
		313.1	313.7	4.2	309.4	0.1368	0.0029	0.275	0.005	143	2
		313.2	340.4	4.2	336.2	0.1415	0.0031	0.286	0.005	150	2
		313.1	377.5	4.2	373.3	0.1500	0.0035	0.306	0.005	155	2
		313.1	410.6	4.2	406.4	0.1571	0.0038	0.323	0.005	160	2
		313.2	445.0	4.2	440.8	0.1627	0.0041	0.337	0.006	166	2
		313.2	474.4	4.2	470.2	0.1674	0.0044	0.349	0.006	172	3
		343.1	78.7	13.5	65.2	0.0051	0.0005	0.009	0.001	946	10
		343.2	127.0	13.5	113.6	0.0166	0.0007	0.029	0.001	505	24
		343.1	150.9	13.5	137.4	0.0195	0.0008	0.035	0.002	518	25
		343.1	255.9	13.5	242.5	0.0317	0.0009	0.057	0.002	557	19
		343.1	332.2	13.5	318.8	0.0398	0.0009	0.072	0.002	578	18
		343.1	404.1	13.5	390.6	0.0471	0.0010	0.086	0.003	593	17
		343.1	436.3	13.5	422.9	0.0502	0.0010	0.092	0.003	600	17
		343.1	464.5	13.5	451.0	0.0529	0.0011	0.097	0.003	606	18
		343.1	488.8	13.5	475.3	0.0551	0.0011	0.101	0.003	612	18

<sup>a</sup> Standard uncertainties are reported (level of confidence 0.68). Standard uncertainty for temperature is u(T) = 0.1 K, for total and residual pressure is  $u(P_{tot}) = u$  ( $P_{res}$ ) = 0.9 kPa and for CO<sub>2</sub> pressure is  $u(P_{CO2}) = 1.3$  kPa.

#### Table A.8

Measured mole fraction solubility  $x_{CO2}$ , loading a and Henry's constant *H* for CO<sub>2</sub> in MDEA (1) – TEG (4) blends as a function of weight fraction *w* of unloaded solvent, temperature *T* and pressure (total pressure  $P_{tot}$ , residual pressure  $P_{res}$  and their difference, CO<sub>2</sub> partial pressure  $P_{CO2}$ ).<sup>a</sup>

<i>w</i> <sub>1</sub>	$u(w_1)$	Т	$P_{\rm tot}$	Pres	P <sub>CO2</sub>	x <sub>CO2</sub>	$u(x_{\rm CO2})$	α	$u(\alpha)$	Н	u(H
		K	kPa	kPa	kPa			mol <sub>CO2</sub> m	ol <sup>-1</sup> <sub>MDEA</sub>	kPa m <sup>3</sup> k	mol <sup>-1</sup>
0.000	0.000	303.1	192.5	2.3	190.3	0.0143	0.0010	-	-	1761	136
		313.1	212.2	2.3	209.9	0.0134	0.0011	-	-	2095	174
		323.1	231.3	2.4	228.9	0.0126	0.0011	-	-	2454	219
		333.1	249.6	2.6	247.1	0.0119	0.0011	-	-	2829	269
		343.2	267.3	2.7	264.6	0.0113	0.0011	-	-	3216	324
		353.2	284.3	3.0	281.3	0.0108	0.0011	-	-	3606	382
		363.1	300.7	3.3	297.3	0.0103	0.0011	-	-	3997	443
		373.2	316.7	3.7	313.0	0.0100	0.0011	-	_	4389	50
		383.2	332.2	4.3	327.8	0.0097	0.0011	_	_	4767	568
		393.1	347.5	5.0	342.5	0.0095	0.0011	-	-	5148	63
0.300	0.003	303.2	57.3	2.4	54.9	0.0256	0.0010	0.075	0.003	267	13
		313.1	95.0	2.5	92.5	0.0228	0.0010	0.067	0.003	510	26
		323.1	139.8	2.5	137.2	0.0198	0.0010	0.057	0.003	883	50
		333.1	183.8	2.5	181.3	0.0169	0.0010	0.049	0.003	1377	92
		343.2	222.6	2.5	220.1	0.0146	0.0010	0.042	0.003	1951	15
		353.2	255.1	2.6	252.5	0.0129	0.0010	0.037	0.003	2557	22
		363.1	282.0	2.8	282.0	0.0115	0.0011	0.033	0.003	3231	32
		373.2	304.9	3.1	301.8	0.0109	0.0011	0.031	0.003	3702	39
		383.2	325.2	3.8	321.4	0.0102	0.0011	0.029	0.003	4216	48
		393.2	343.7	4.6	339.1	0.0098	0.0011	0.028	0.003	4692	56
0.500	0.003	303.1	44.7	2.3	42.4	0.0279	0.0011	0.051	0.002	183	10
		313.2	77.7	2.5	75.2	0.0253	0.0011	0.047	0.002	362	20
		323.2	119.5	2.6	116.9	0.0221	0.0011	0.041	0.002	649	40
		333.2	165.1	2.8	162.2	0.0189	0.0011	0.034	0.002	1068	75
		343.2	207.2	3.2	204.1	0.0161	0.0012	0.029	0.002	1595	13
		353.2	243.3	3.5	239.8	0.0139	0.0012	0.025	0.002	2186	20
		363.2	273.4	4.4	273.4	0.0121	0.0012	0.022	0.002	2909	31
		373.2	298.8	5.3	293.5	0.0113	0.0012	0.021	0.002	3371	39
		383.1	320.7	6.5	314.3	0.0105	0.0012	0.019	0.002	3910	49
		393.1	339.6	8.3	331.3	0.0105	0.0013	0.013	0.002	4354	57
		313.1	57.4	1.6	55.7	0.0186	0.0011	0.034	0.002	367	26
		313.1	104.3	1.6	102.7	0.0329	0.0015	0.061	0.003	376	22
		313.1	158.2	1.6	156.5	0.0485	0.0014	0.091	0.004	383	17
		313.2	213.3	1.6	211.7	0.0634	0.0013	0.121	0.004	390	15
		313.1	263.8	1.6	262.2	0.0759	0.0013	0.147	0.004	398	14
		313.2	303.9	1.6	302.3	0.0855	0.0013	0.147	0.005	403	14
		313.2	344.1	1.6	342.5	0.0944	0.0013	0.108	0.005	403	13
		313.2	375.4	1.6	373.7	0.0944 0.1010	0.0013	0.187	0.005	410	13
			406.5		404.9	0.1010	0.0014	0.202	0.005	415	13
		313.1	406.5 431.9	1.6		0.1072 0.1120		0.215	0.005	421 426	13
		313.2		1.6	430.3	0.1120	0.0015				
		313.2	473.3	1.6	471.6		0.0015	0.244	0.006	433	14
		313.1	505.1	1.6	503.5	0.1250	0.0016	0.256	0.006	440	14
		313.1	528.3	1.6	526.7	0.1289	0.0017	0.265	0.006	444	14

<sup>a</sup> Standard uncertainties are reported (level of confidence 0.68). Standard uncertainty for temperature is u(T) = 0.1 K, for total and residual pressure is  $u(P_{tot}) = u$  ( $P_{res}$ ) = 0.9 kPa and for CO<sub>2</sub> pressure is  $u(P_{CO2}) = 1.3$  kPa.

#### Appendix **B**

sented in Table B.1. Reference is made to equations Eqs. (4)-(7). The parameters are given with their significant numbers.

The parameters for the so-called "soft model" used to describe the VLE data in the aqueous systems studied in this work are pre-

Table 1	B.1		
Model	parameters	(Eq.	(4)).

Systems	Parameters											
	A	В	k <sub>1,a</sub>	k <sub>1,b</sub>	k <sub>2,a</sub>	k <sub>2,b</sub>	k <sub>3,a</sub>	k <sub>3,b</sub>				
30 wt% MDEA - 60 wt% MEG - 10 wt% H <sub>2</sub> O	1.487	10.16	-17.924	-96.8894	-10	1.77	29	3.55				
30 wt% MDEA - 40 wt% MEG - 30 wt% H <sub>2</sub> O	1.496	10.24	-19.004	-104.0863	-10	1.56	-199	3.91				
30 wt% MDEA - 20 wt% MEG - 50 wt% H <sub>2</sub> O	1.480	10.12	-19.686	-108.8514	-10	1.27	55	2.8				
70 wt% MDEA - 30 wt% H <sub>2</sub> O	1.241	10.03	-20.083	-109.9550	-10	1.39	55	3.45				
90 wt% MDEA - 10 wt% H <sub>2</sub> O	-0.296	10.03	-18.919	-108.7841	-10	-1.04	55	0.5				

#### Appendix C. Supplementary data

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# **Supporting Information**

# Carbon Dioxide Solubility in Mixtures of Methyldiethanolamine with Monoethylene Glycol, Monoethylene Glycol – Water, Water and Triethylene Glycol

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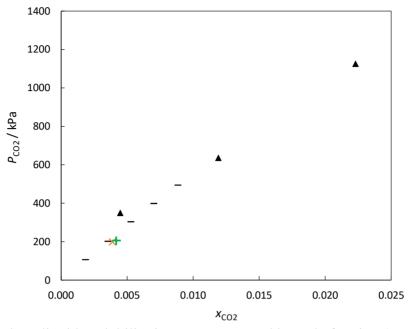
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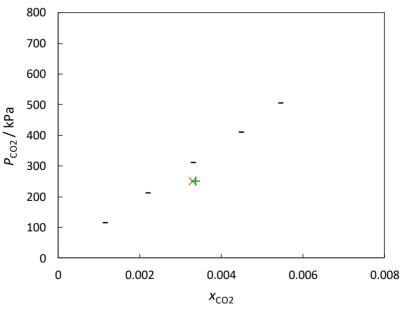
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## A. Complementary data plots

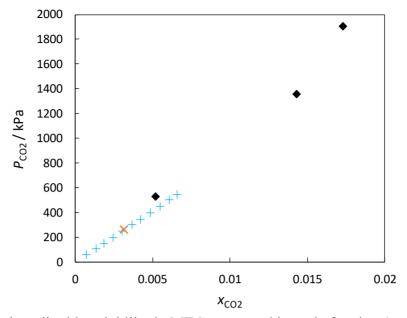
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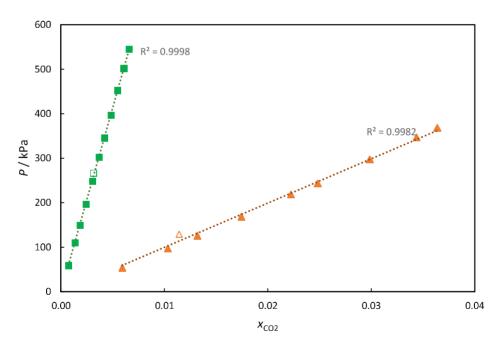
**Figure S. 1**: Carbon dioxide solubility in MEG expressed in mole fraction ( $x_{CO2}$ ) as a function of pressure at 303.15 K. ( $\blacktriangle$ ) Galvao and Franscesconi (2010)<sup>1</sup>, (-) Serpa et al. (2013)<sup>2</sup>, ( $\times$ ) This work (A), (+) This work (B).



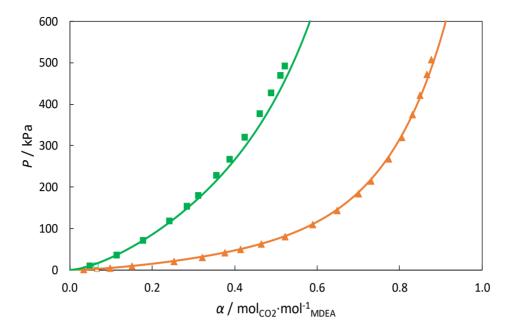
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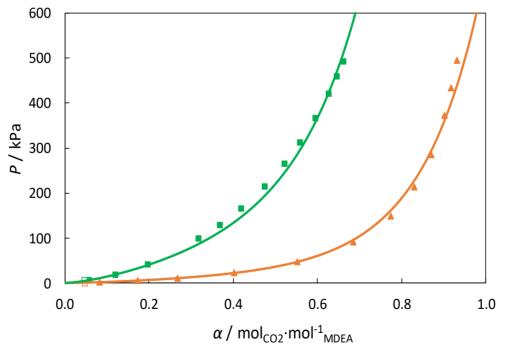
**Figure S. 3**: Carbon dioxide solubility in MEG expressed in mole fraction ( $x_{CO2}$ ) as a function of pressure at 343.15 K. ( $\blacklozenge$ ) Wise and Chapoy (2017)<sup>3</sup>, ( $\times$ ) This work (A), (+) This work (isothermal experiment).



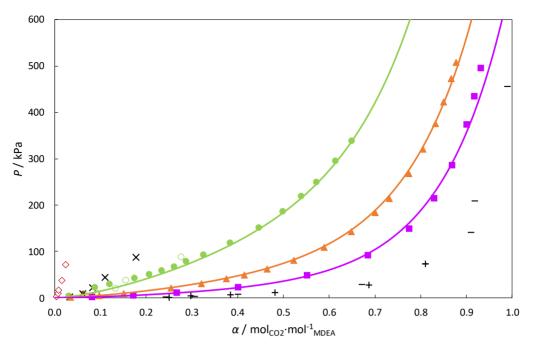
**Figure S. 4**: Partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub> as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> solubility expressed in mole fraction  $(x_{CO2})$  in pure MEG and pure MDEA at 343 K. Hollow symbols denote previous experiment (data from Table A. 2) and filled symbols denote isothermal experiment (data from Table A. 3); (**■**) MEG and (**▲**) MDEA. Dotted lines are linear trendlines; the linearity between *P* and *x* is assessed through the coefficient of determination,  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .



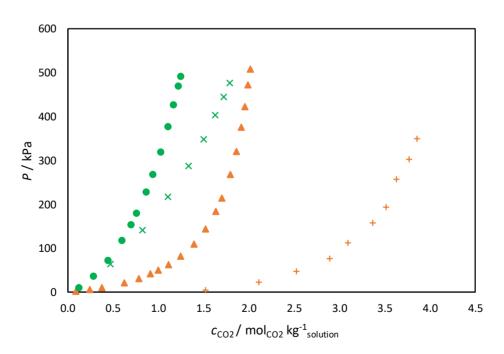
**Figure S. 5**: Partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub> as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> loading in a solution of 30 wt% MDEA – 40 wt% MEG – 30 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O. Hollow symbols denote previous experiment (data from Table A. 5) and filled symbols denote isothermal experiment (data from Table A. 6); ( $\blacktriangle$ ) 313.2 K, ( $\blacksquare$ ) 343.2 K. The lines represent model estimations.



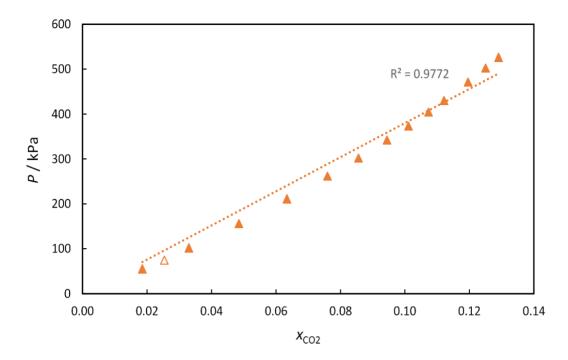
**Figure S. 6**: Partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub> as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> loading in a solution of 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O. Hollow symbols denote previous experiment (data from Table A. 5) and filled symbols denote isothermal experiment (data from Table A. 6); ( $\blacktriangle$ ) 313.2 K, ( $\blacksquare$ ) 343.2 K. The lines represent model estimations.



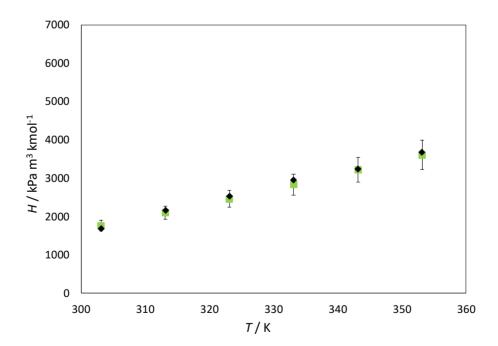
**Figure S.** 7: Partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub> as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> loading in MDEA (1) – MEG (2) – H<sub>2</sub>O (3) blends at 313 K. 30 wt% MDEA – 70 wt% MEG: (•) This work and (◊) data from Xu et al.<sup>4</sup>, 30 wt% MDEA – 65 wt% MEG – 5 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: (×) Xu et al.<sup>4</sup>, 30 wt% MDEA – 60 wt% MEG – 10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: (•) This work and (•) Xu et al.<sup>4</sup>, 30 wt% MDEA – 40 wt% MEG – 30 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: (•) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: (•) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: (•) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: (•) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: (•) This work, 30 wt% MDEA – 20 wt% MEG – 50 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O: (•) This work and (•) Shen and Li<sup>5</sup>. The lines represent model estimations.



**Figure S. 8**: Partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub> as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> liquid phase concentration in 30 wt% MDEA – 40 wt% MEG – 30 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O and 70 wt% MDEA – 30 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O. ( $\blacktriangle$ ) denotes data obtained at 313 K with MDEA – MEG – H<sub>2</sub>O system, (+) 313 K with MDEA – H<sub>2</sub>O system; (•) 343 K with MDEA – MEG – H<sub>2</sub>O system and (×) 343 K with MDEA – H<sub>2</sub>O system.



**Figure S. 9**: Partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub> as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> solubility expressed in mole fraction ( $x_{CO2}$ ) in 50 wt% MDEA – 50 wt% TEG at 313 K. Hollow symbol denotes previous experiment and filled symbols denote isothermal experiment (Table A. 8). Dotted line is linear trendline.



**Figure S. 10**: Henry's constant as a function of temperature for pure TEG. ( $\blacklozenge$ ) Tan et al.<sup>6</sup>, ( $\blacksquare$ ) This work. Error bars in the measured Henry's constants are included.

## **B.** Density data

										ho (kg m <sup>-3</sup> )		
$w_1$	$u(w_1)$	$W_2$	$u(w_2)$	<i>W</i> <sub>3</sub>	$u(w_3)$	$W_4$	$u(w_4)$	303.15 K	313.15 K	323.15 K	333.15 K	343.15 K
0.050	0.001	0.950	0.001	-	-	-	-	1103.90*	1095.40*	1086.90*	1078.50*	1070.00*
0.100	0.001	0.900	0.001	-	-	-	-	1106.01	1098.98	1091.72	-	-
								1097.88*	1090.19*	1082.34*	1074.31*	1066.12*
0.300	0.002	0.200	0.002	0.500	0.002	-	-	1052.98	1046.67	1040.21	-	1025.78
								1049.93*	1044.14*	1038.23*	1032.19*	1025.98*
-	-	-	-	-	-	1.000	0.006	1115.58	1107.82	1099.84	1091.86	1084.28
0.300	0.003	-	-	-	-	0.700	0.003	1089.45	1081.63	1073.79	1066.24	1058.14
0.500	0.003	-	-	-	-	0.500	0.003	1072.82	1065.08	1057.57	1050.41	1041.68
								353.15 K	363.15 K	373.15 K	383.15 K	393.15
0.050	0.001	0.950	0.001	-	-	-	-	1061.50*	1052.90*	1044.30*	1035.60*	1026.80*
0.100	0.001	0.900	0.001	-	-	-	-	1069.25	-	-	-	-
								1057.77*	1049.24*	1040.54*	1031.67*	1022.61*
0.300	0.002	0.200	0.002	0.500	0.002	-	-	1018.12	-	-	-	-
								1019.61*	1013.05*	1006.29*	999.30*	992.09*
-	-	-	-	-	-	1.000	0.006	1076.37	$1068.73^{+}$	$1060.87^{+}$	$1053.01^{+}$	$1045.15^{+}$
0.300	0.003	-	-	-	-	0.700	0.003	1050.17	$1042.42^{+}$	$1034.58^{+}$	$1026.73^+$	$1018.89^{+}$
0.500	0.003	-	-	-	-	0.500	0.003	1033.71	$1018.98^{+}$	$1010.98^{+}$	$1002.98^{+}$	<b>994.98</b> <sup>+</sup>

**Table S. 1:** Density  $\rho$  in MDEA (1) – MEG (2) – H<sub>2</sub>O (3) and MDEA (1) – TEG (4) blends as a function of weight fraction *w* of unloaded solvent and temperature *T* at pressure *P* = 102 kPa for some of the mixtures studied in this work.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Standard uncertainties are reported in composition (level of confidence 0.68). Standard uncertainties not included above are for temperature u(T) = 0.01 K, for pressure u(P) = 3 kPa and for density measurements  $u(\rho) = 0.09$ , 0.09, 0.04, 0.03, 0.05 and 0.05 kg m<sup>-3</sup> at the temperatures 303.15, 313.15, 323.15, 333.15, 343.15 and 353.15 K, respectively.

\*: model by Skylogianni et al.<sup>7</sup>

+: extrapolated values

## C. Karl-Fischer titration results

			System	n			Bef	ore	After		
$w_1$	$u(w_1)$	$w_2$	$u(w_2)$	$W_4$	$u(w_4)$	info	${\cal C}_{ m W}$	$u(c_{\rm w})$	$\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{W}}$	$u(c_{\rm w})$	
							ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	
-	-	1.000		-	-	313 K	146	11	1857	37	
1.000		-	-	-	-	313 K	1155	40	5012	156	
0.050	0.001	0.950	0.001	-	-	-	610	37	1722	89	
0.500	0.002	0.500	0.002	-	-	-	810	13	1599	43	
-	-	-	-	1.000	-	313 K	340	17	1605	25	
0.300	0.003	-	-	0.700	0.003	-	1048	17	1165	91	
0.300	0.003	-	-	0.500	0.003	-	596	22	3371	96	

**Table S. 2**: Water content  $c_w$  before and after the solubility measurements of CO<sub>2</sub> in pure MDEA (1), pure MEG (2), pure TEG (4) and selected mixtures of them, accompanied by the corresponding standard uncertainties (level of confidence 0.68).

# D. NMR spectra

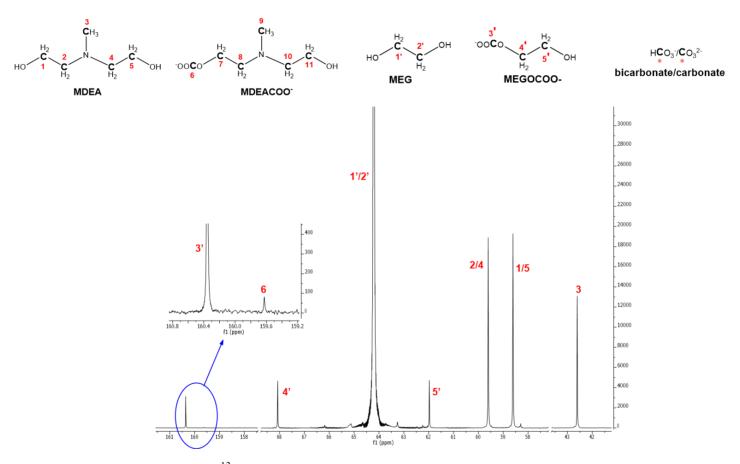


Figure S. 11:  $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of 5 wt% MDEA – 95 wt% MEG – CO<sub>2</sub>.

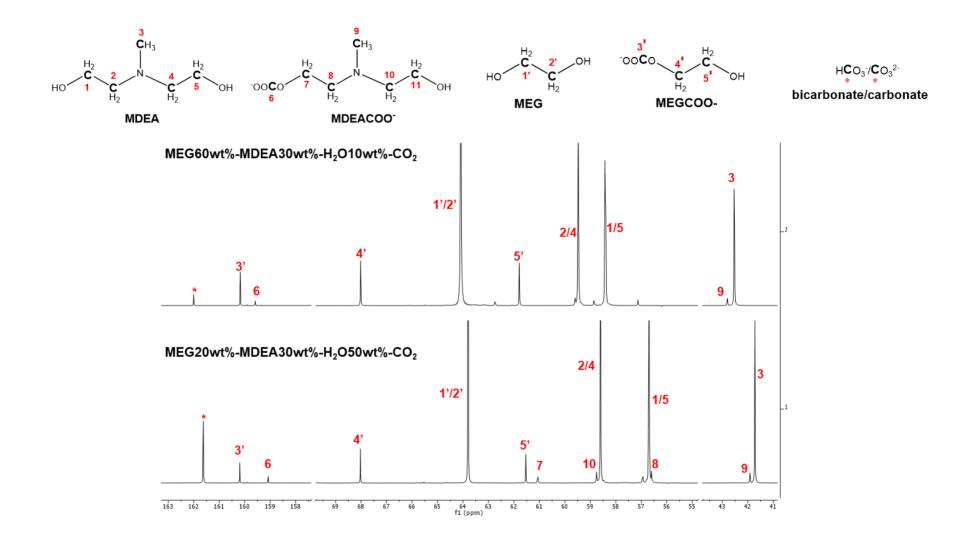
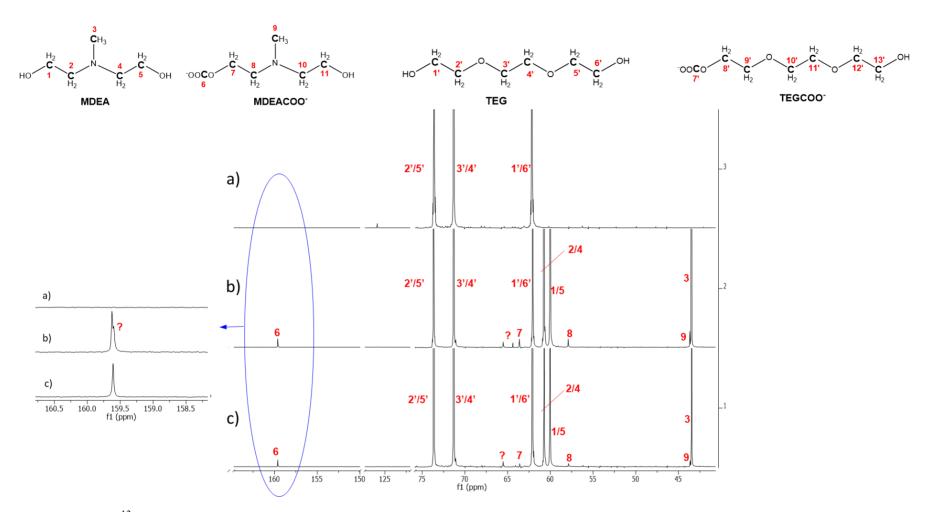


Figure S. 12:  ${}^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of CO<sub>2</sub> – MDEA – MEG – H<sub>2</sub>O systems.



 $\textbf{Figure S. 13:} \ ^{13}C \ \text{NMR spectrum of a)} \ CO_2 - TEG, \ \textbf{b)} \ 50 \ wt\% \ \text{MDEA} - 50 \ wt\% \ TEG - CO_2, \ \textbf{c)} \ 30 \ wt\% \ \text{MDEA} - 70 \ wt\% \ TEG - CO_2.$ 

## E. Uncertainty Analysis

In this section, the uncertainty calculations are presented. We report the standard uncertainties and combined standard uncertainties when applicable (level of confidence 0.68).

## Uncertainty of the solution composition in wt.%, w

The weight fraction of a binary mixture, here MDEA (1) and MEG/TEG/H<sub>2</sub>O (2), is given by:

$$w_1 = \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \quad (S.1)$$

where m: mass. The standard uncertainty of the composition of each component is equal to each other in binary mixtures. Using the Law of propagation of uncertainty, the uncertainty in weight fractions is defined as:

$$u^{2}(w_{1}) = \left(\frac{\partial w_{1}}{\partial m_{1}}\right)_{m_{2}}^{2} u^{2}(m_{1}) + \left(\frac{\partial w_{1}}{\partial m_{2}}\right)_{m_{1}}^{2} u^{2}(m_{2}) \quad (S.2),$$

leading to:

$$u(w) = u(w_1) = u(w_2) = \frac{u(m)}{(m_1 + m_2)^2} \sqrt{m_1^2 + m_2^2} \quad (S.3)$$

where u(m) is the uncertainty of the mass.

For a ternary system, the uncertainty of the weight fractions is found by:

$$u(w_1) = \frac{u(m)}{(m_1 + m_2 + m_3)^2} \sqrt{2 m_1^2 + (m_2 + m_3)^2} \quad (S.4)$$

$$u(w_2) = \frac{u(m)}{(m_1 + m_2 + m_3)^2} \sqrt{2 m_2^2 + (m_1 + m_3)^2} \quad (S.5)$$

$$u(w_3) = \frac{u(m)}{(m_1 + m_2 + m_3)^2} \sqrt{2 m_3^2 + (m_1 + m_2)^2} \quad (S.6)$$

The uncertainty of the mass includes both the accuracy of the scale,  $u_{scale}(m) = 1 \cdot 10^{-6}$  kg, and the chemicals' purity, according to:

$$u(m) = \sqrt{u_{scale}^2(m) + u_{purity,i}^2(m)} \quad (S.7)$$

 $u_{\text{purity}}$  (m) is calculated for each component, and it is equal to a  $\sqrt{3}$  assuming uniform distribution is followed. The numerator, a, is the maximum deviation from the measured value, i.e. purity%·mass. The purity of water is considered 100%.

**Table S. 3**: Composition in Weight Fraction *w* and Standard Uncertainties for the binaries  $\{MDEA (1) + MEG (2)\}, \{MDEA (1) + H_2O (3)\}$ and  $\{MDEA (1) + TEG (4)\}.$ 

$w_1$	$u(w_1)=u(w_2)$	$u(w_1)=u(w_2)$	$u(w_1)=u(w_2)$
	MDEA-MEG	MDEA-H <sub>2</sub> O	MDEA-TEG

0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
0.050	0.001	-	-
0.100	0.001	-	-
0.300	0.001	-	0.003
0.500	0.002	-	0.003
0.700	0.003	0.006	-
0.900	0.005	0.006	-
1.000	0.006	0.006	0.006

**Table S. 4:** Composition in Weight Fraction w and Standard Uncertainties for {MDEA (1) + MEG (2) + Water (3)}

$w_1$	<i>w</i> <sub>2</sub>	<i>W</i> <sub>3</sub>	$u(w_1)$	$u(w_2)$	$u(w_3)$
0.300	0.200	0.500	0.002	0.002	0.002
0.300	0.400	0.300	0.001	0.001	0.001
0.300	0.599	0.101	0.001	0.001	0.001

## Uncertainty of the partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub>, P<sub>CO</sub>,

The partial pressure of carbon dioxide was calculated according to Eq. (S.8) and the derived uncertainty is shown in Eq. (S.9).

$$P_{CO_2} = P_{tot} - P_{res} \ (S.8)$$

$$u_c^2(P_{CO_2}) = \left(\frac{\partial P_{CO_2}}{P_{tot}}\right)_{P_{res}}^2 u^2(P_{tot}) + \left(\frac{\partial P_{CO_2}}{\partial P_{res}}\right)_{P_{tot}}^2 u^2(P_{red}) = 2 \cdot u^2(P) \quad (S.9)$$

where  $u(P) = u(P_{tot}) = u(P_{res})$  is the pressure transducer's uncertainty (0.15% Full Scale, i.e. 0.9 kPa. The resulted uncertainty is u(P) = 1.3 kPa.

<u>Uncertainty of CO<sub>2</sub> loading, a</u> By definition:

$$\alpha = \frac{n_{abs}}{n_{MDEA}} \tag{S.10}$$

$$u(\alpha)^{2} = \frac{1}{n_{MDEA}^{2}} (u(n_{abs})^{2} + a^{2}u(n_{MDEA})^{2}) \qquad (S.11)$$

where  $n_{abs}$  are the CO<sub>2</sub> moles absorbed in the liquid phase and  $n_{MDEA}$  the amine moles of the solution inside the reactor. It is assumed that no amine vaporization takes place which is a valid assumption due to the low vapor pressure of the MDEA.

The uncertainty  $u(n_{abs})$  as well as  $u(n_{MDEA})$  are needed.

## Uncertainty of the number of moles of amine in the reactor, $n_{MDEA}$

The solution is prepared gravimetrically and is charged into a flask, through which it is introduced in the reactor. By weighing the flask before  $(m_{tot,flask})$  and after introducing the solution to the reactor  $(m_{tot,residue})$ , the total mass introduced is known,  $m_{intr}$ .

Taking into account the molecular weight of the amine and the amount of amine introduced into the reactor,  $m_{intr}w_{MDEA}$ , the number of mols of the amine in the reactor can be known,  $n_{MDEA}$ .

$$n_{MDEA} = \frac{m_{MDEA}}{Mr_{MDEA}} = \frac{m_{intr} w_{MDEA}}{Mr_{MDEA}} = \frac{(m_{tot,flask} - m_{tot,residue}) w_{MDEA}}{Mr_{MDEA}}$$
(S.12)  
$$u(n_{MDEA})^2 = 2\left(\frac{w_{MDEA}}{Mr_{MDEA}}\right)^2 u_c(m_{intr})^2 + \left(\frac{m_{intr}}{Mr_{MDEA}}\right)^2 u(w_{MDEA})^2$$
(S.13)

where  $u_c(m_{intr}) = 2 \cdot u(m)$  because  $m = m_{tot,flask} - m_{tot,residue}$  and  $u(m_{tot,flask}) = u(m_{tot,residue}) = u(m)$  as calculated earlier.

## Uncertainty of the number of moles of $CO_2$ absorbed, $n_{abs}$

The number of moles of CO<sub>2</sub> introduced in the reactor by the CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder is calculated by  $n_{ci} - n_{ca}$ , where *ci* stands for cylinder initial and *ca* for cylinder after. The amount of gas absorbed by the solution,  $n_{abs}$ , is the difference between the amount introduced in the reactor minus the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> that exists in the gas phase in equilibrium with the solution,  $n_{aas}$ .

Based on PVT data, the number of moles in each case was calculated, using Peng-Robinson Equation of State. In the derivations below, the compressibility factor is not shown, because its effect in the calculated uncertainties was evaluated and found negligible.

$$\begin{split} n_{abs} &= \left(n_{ci} - n_{cf}\right) - n_{gas} \quad (S.\,14) \\ n_{abs} &= \frac{p_{ci}V_c}{RT_{ci}} - \frac{p_{ca}V_c}{RT_{ca}} - \frac{p_{gas}V_{gas}}{RT_{gas}} = \frac{p_{ci}V_c}{RT_{ci}} - \frac{p_{ca}V_c}{RT_{ca}} - \frac{p_{gas,tot}(V_r - V_{liq})}{RT_{gas}} + \frac{p_s(V_r - V_{liq})}{RT_{gas}} \right) \quad (S.\,15) \\ u(n_{abs})^2 &= \left[ \left(\frac{V_c}{RT_{ci}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{V_c}{RT_{ca}}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{V_{gas}}{RT_{gas}}\right)^2 \right] u(p)^2 + \left[ \left(\frac{p_{ci}}{RT_{ci}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p_{ca}}{RT_{ca}}\right)^2 \right] u(V_c)^2 \\ &+ \left[ \left(\frac{p_{gas,tot}}{RT_{gas}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p_s}{RT_{gas}}\right)^2 \right] u(V_{gas})^2 \\ &+ \left[ \left(\frac{p_{ci}V_c}{RT_{ci}^2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p_{ca}V_c}{RT_{ca}^2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p_{gas,tot}V_{gas}}{RT_{gas}^2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p_sV_{gas}}{RT_{gas}^2}\right)^2 \right] u(T)^2 \quad (S.\,16), \end{split}$$

where r denotes reactor, *liq* denotes the liquid phase (solvent) and  $p_s$  denotes the vapor pressure of the solvent.

<u>Uncertainty of the molar fraction of  $CO_2$  in liquid phase</u>,  $x_{CO_2}$ 

By definition:

$$x_{CO_2} = \frac{n_{abs}}{n_{tot}} = \frac{n_{abs}}{n_{sol+} n_{abs}}$$
(S.17)

$$u(x_{CO_2})^2 = \left(-\frac{n_{abs}^2}{(n_{tot} + n_{abs})^2}\right)^2 u(n_{sol})^2 + \left(\frac{n_{sol} + n_{abs} - n_{abs}n_{sol}}{(n_{sol} + n_{abs})^2}\right)^2 u(n_{abs})^2 \qquad (S.18)$$

The only unknown is the  $u(n_{sol})$ .

For its calculation, we consider the following equations:

• Binary solutions, MDEA (1) and MEG/TEG/H<sub>2</sub>O (2):

$$n_{sol} = \frac{m_{intr}w_1}{Mr_1} + \frac{m_{intr}w_2}{Mr_2}$$
(S.19)  
$$u(n_{sol})^2 = \left(\frac{w_1}{Mr_1} + \frac{w_2}{Mr_2}\right)^2 u(m_{intr})^2 + \left(\frac{m_{intr}}{Mr_1}\right)^2 u(w_1)^2 + \left(\frac{m_{intr}}{Mr_2}\right)^2 u(w_2)^2$$
(S.20)

• Ternary solutions, MDEA (1), MEG (2) and H<sub>2</sub>O (3):

$$n_{sol} = \frac{m_{intr}w_1}{Mr_1} + \frac{m_{intr}w_2}{Mr_2} + \frac{m_{intr}w_3}{Mr_3} \quad (S.21)$$
$$u(n_{sol})^2 = \frac{\left(\frac{w_1}{Mr_1} + \frac{w_2}{Mr_2} + \frac{w_3}{Mr_3}\right)^2 u(m_{intr})^2 + \left(\frac{m_{intr}}{Mr_1}\right)^2 u(w_1)^2 + \left(\frac{m_{intr}}{Mr_2}\right)^2 u(w_2)^2}{+ \left(\frac{m_{intr}}{Mr_3}\right)^2 u(w_3)^2 \quad (S.22)}$$

## Uncertainty of Henry's constant, H

Henry's constant in this work is expressed in kPa·m<sup>3</sup>·kmol<sup>-1</sup> and it is calculated as:

$$H = \frac{P_{CO_2}}{c} = \frac{P_{CO_2} V_{solv}}{n_{abs}}$$
(S.23)

Its uncertainty can be calculated by:

$$u(H)^{2} = \left(\frac{V_{solv}}{n_{abs}}\right)^{2} u(P)^{2} + \left(\frac{P_{CO_{2}}}{n_{abs}}\right)^{2} u(V_{solv})^{2} + \left(-\frac{P_{CO_{2}}V_{solv}}{n_{abs}^{2}}\right)^{2} u(n_{abs})^{2} \qquad (S.24)$$

where  $V_{solv}$  is the volume of the solvent inside the reactor.

Because  $V_{solv} = m_{intr} / \rho_{solv}$ ,

$$u(V_{solv})^{2} = \left(\frac{1}{\rho_{solv}}\right)^{2} u(m_{intr})^{2} + \left(-\frac{m_{intr}}{\rho_{solv}^{2}}\right)^{2} u(\rho_{solv})^{2}$$
(S.25)

## Uncertainty of density, $\rho$

The uncertainty in density was calculated according to the analysis previously reported in the publication of Skylogianni et al.<sup>7</sup>

## Uncertainty in water content, $c_w$

The standard uncertainty in the water content was calculated by taking into account both the repeatability of the measurement,  $u_{rep}(c_w)$ , and the uncertainty deriving from the accuracy of the instrument,  $u_{cal}(c_w)$ , as defined by measuring water content standards.

$$u(c_w) = \sqrt{u_{rep}^2(c_w) + u_{cal}^2(c_w)} \quad (S.26)$$

The repeatability is calculated by the standard deviation of the means. The uncertainty of the calibration is calculated by the equation below, where  $u_{cal,rep}(c_w)$  is the repeatability of the measurement of the standards, and  $u_{cal,ref}(c_w)$  is the uncertainty of the measurement, assuming Uniform Distribution (Type B).

$$u_{cal}(c_w) = \sqrt{u_{cal,rep}^2(c_w) + u_{cal,ref}^2(c_w)} \ (S.27)$$

The main contributor to the uncertainty is the repeatability of the measurement,  $u_{rep}(c_w)$ , resulting in significant uncertainties, as can be seen in Table S. 2.

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