

# Framework for Correlating the Effect of Temperature on Nonelectrolyte and Ionic Liquid Activity Coefficients

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A power-law expression is proposed for correlating the temperature dependence of infinite-dilution activity coefficients ( $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$ ) for nonelectrolyte solute–solvent binary pairs and for pairs including an ionic liquid:  $\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty(\text{at } T)/\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty(\text{at } T_{\text{ref}}) = (T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{ij}}$ , where  $\theta_{ij} = 0$  for Lewis–Randall ideal solutions,  $\theta_{ij} = 1$  for classic enthalpy-based Scatchard–Hildebrand regular solution and van Laar models, and  $-5 < \theta_{ij} < 5$  for most real binaries. The exponent  $\theta_{ij}$  is a function of partial molar excess enthalpy ( $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$ ) and entropy ( $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$ ) such that  $\theta_{ij} = 1/[1 - (T\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}/\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty})]$ . Real binaries are classified into seven types corresponding to distinct domains of  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$  and  $\theta_{ij}$ . The new method provides a framework for correlating phase-equilibrium driven temperature effects for a wide variety of chemical and environmental applications. © 2014 American Institute of Chemical Engineers *AIChE J.* 60: 3675–3690, 2014

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## Introduction

Activity coefficients have long been used by chemical engineers and scientists to understand and model liquid solution behavior.<sup>1–8</sup> They are used in modeling phase equilibria for the final design of distillation, extraction, and crystallization processes.<sup>9</sup> They also are applied in early-stage process and product development work to guide the screening of process options and candidate solvents<sup>10–12</sup> and to optimize product formulations including pharmaceuticals,<sup>13</sup> paints,<sup>14</sup> and cleaners.<sup>15</sup> Activity coefficients also find application in emulsion polymerization,<sup>16</sup> liquid-phase reaction,<sup>17</sup> chromatography,<sup>18</sup> and other areas of study where liquid composition is important.<sup>14,19,20</sup> In many cases, the effect of temperature is a key consideration.

In this article, we focus on the infinite-dilution (or limiting) activity coefficient of a nonionic solute  $i$  dissolved in solvent  $j$  ( $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$ ). Knowledge of  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$  and  $\gamma_{ji}^\infty$  for all binary pairs in a multicomponent mixture allows extrapolation to higher concentrations in mixed solution using well-known excess Gibbs energy expressions such as the Wilson, NRTL, or UNIQUAC equations,<sup>3–8</sup> often with results suitable for initial design studies.<sup>5,21</sup> However, it has long been recognized that extrapolation as a function of temperature using these equations generally is not reliable.<sup>3–5,22–24</sup> In light of this situation, we propose an empirical power-law expression for quantifying the temperature dependence of  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$

$$\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty(\text{at } T) = a_{ij}(T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{ij}} \quad (1)$$

where  $T$  is temperature in Kelvin and  $a_{ij}$  is a constant given by a known reference point,  $a_{ij} = \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty$  at  $T = T_{\text{ref}}$ . The exponent  $\theta_{ij}$  varies markedly with solute–solvent composition, but for many binaries it is insensitive to change in temperature. Although empirical in nature, we show that  $\theta_{ij}$  can be related to basic thermodynamic properties of the mixture.

Because of limited temperature-dependent data, in this article we mainly consider temperatures in the range of 0–100°C. This is a common temperature range associated with many chemical process operations, formulated liquid product applications, and environmental phenomena, and it includes standard temperatures used for physical property measurements, so here we refer to it as the normal temperature range. We also largely consider noncolloidal, nonelectrolyte mixtures of low molecular weight, single functional group compounds, although we include a number of glycol ethers, nonionic surfactants, and ionic liquids.

The proposed method is intended as a framework for correlating  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty = f(T)$  for application-directed screening and modeling purposes. It is modeled in spirit after other data-based classification methods that have proven to be valuable guides. These include Robbins' chart of solute–solvent interactions,<sup>10,25</sup> Godfrey's miscibility numbers used to assess liquid–liquid miscibility for organic binary mixtures,<sup>10,26</sup> and Padovani and Suleiman's method for estimating  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$  for organic + water mixtures.<sup>27</sup>

## Background

We are concerned with the Lewis–Randall standard-state activity coefficient of nonionic solutes in liquid solution.<sup>4,7,8</sup> Well-known activity coefficient models include UNIFAC and other group contribution models,<sup>3–7</sup> but these generally

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do not provide a detailed accounting of temperature dependence. Modified UNIFAC<sup>28–30</sup> and the MOSCED modified regular solution model<sup>31,32</sup> address this situation by including specific temperature-dependent model parameters, but the required databases are not yet fully developed. Other models having some degree of built-in temperature dependence or the option of determining temperature-dependent parameter values include COSMO-RS,<sup>33,34</sup> COSMO-SAC,<sup>34,35</sup> NRTL-SAC,<sup>36</sup> F-SAC,<sup>37</sup> linear solvation energy relationship (LSER) models such as the SPACE model,<sup>5,38</sup> and models based on Hansen solubility parameters.<sup>14,39</sup> Methods used to quantify temperature dependence include those involving correlation of partial molar excess enthalpy (for example, using a LSER expression and Kamlet–Taft molecular descriptors<sup>40</sup>), methods involving combination of an excess Gibbs energy expression with an equation of state,<sup>41,42</sup> and a method involving incorporation of a temperature-dependence parameter related to relative excess enthalpy and entropy directly into the excess Gibbs energy expression.<sup>43,44</sup> Modeling of activity coefficients, excess enthalpy and entropy, and phase equilibrium properties in general are active research areas with a variety of approaches including quantum mechanical charge density calculations,<sup>45,46</sup> molecular modeling and molecular dynamics simulations,<sup>47–53</sup> and phase stability analysis.<sup>53,54</sup> Discussions of the state of the science are given elsewhere.<sup>23,24,42,47</sup>

The limiting activity coefficient  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$  characterizes intermolecular interactions of solute  $i$  completely surrounded by solvent  $j$  and is related to the partial molar excess Gibbs energy of mixing<sup>3–8</sup>

$$RT \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty = \bar{g}_{ij}^{E,\infty} = \bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty} - T \bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty} \quad (2)$$

where  $\bar{g}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  = partial molar excess Gibbs energy for component  $i$  at infinite dilution in solvent  $j$  (J/mol),  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  = partial molar excess enthalpy of mixing for component  $i$  at infinite dilution in  $j$  (J/mol),  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  = partial molar excess entropy of mixing for component  $i$  at infinite dilution in  $j$  (J/mol·K), and  $R$  = universal gas constant (8.314 J/mol·K).

A version of the Gibbs–Helmholtz equation may be used to determine the temperature dependence of  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$  from knowledge of  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$ <sup>3–8,40,55,56</sup>

$$\left[ \frac{\partial \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty}{\partial (1/T)} \right]_{P,x} = \frac{\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}}{R} \quad (3)$$

In some cases, the value of  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  is fairly constant over a moderate temperature span and Eq. 3 may be rewritten as

$$\gamma_{ij}^\infty|_{T_2} \approx \gamma_{ij}^\infty|_{T_1} \exp \left[ \frac{\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right) \right] \quad (4)$$

Compilations of enthalpy of mixing data are available elsewhere.<sup>57–59</sup> In many cases, however,  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  data are not available, and predicting  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  with sufficient accuracy presents a difficult challenge. Our new method is proposed as a complementary alternative.

## Development

### Enthalpic and entropic contributions

Many different types of mixture behavior and temperature dependence are possible depending on the signs and relative

magnitudes of  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$ . For example, with many mixtures of nonpolar or moderately polar small molecules,  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  is positive (endothermic),  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  is positive, and the enthalpic term dominates. Systems of this type exhibit activity coefficients greater than unity that decrease with increasing temperature. They approach the behavior of the classic Scatchard–Hildebrand regular solution<sup>3–7</sup> for which  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty} > 0$  and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty} = 0$ . An example is benzene + *n*-heptane.<sup>4</sup> Conversely, when interactions between dissimilar components result in the formation of attractive intermolecular complexes in solution, and entropic effects are relatively small, the enthalpic term is exothermic ( $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty} < 0$ ) and  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$  values will be less than unity and increase with increasing temperature. The binary 2-propanone + trichloromethane is a well-known example.<sup>4,55,60</sup> In other cases involving attractive interactions, significant apparent repulsive interactions also are present such as those due to hydrophobic properties of organic components in water (the tendency for hydrophobic groups to come together to minimize contact with water). For these systems, the entropic effect can dominate; values of  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$  are greater than unity even though the value of  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  is negative due to net exothermic behavior—because excess entropy is significant and negative. Many of these systems exhibit segregation and partial miscibility. Examples include various oxygenated organics dissolved in water.<sup>61–63</sup> For these and other organic + water mixtures, enthalpic and entropic effects can change markedly such that the temperature dependence of  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$  switches at some key temperature from increasing in magnitude to decreasing in magnitude with increasing temperature. We will discuss this phenomenon later for C<sub>4</sub>–C<sub>7</sub> alcohols dissolved in water, mixtures that undergo a change of this kind at about 50°C.<sup>61</sup>

The properties  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  may be evaluated in terms of the temperature dependence parameter  $\theta_{ij}$  by applying the derivative in Eq. 3 to Eq. 1. Assuming  $\theta_{ij}$  is constant over the temperature range of interest, the derivation given in the Appendix yields

$$\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty} = \theta_{ij} RT \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty \quad (5)$$

Partial molar excess entropy at infinite dilution is then obtained from Eq. 2

$$\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty} = (\theta_{ij} - 1) R \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty \quad (6)$$

Specific values of  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  can be determined at specific temperatures within the temperature range characterized by  $\theta_{ij}$ , first by calculating  $\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty$  at any temperature  $T$  via interpolation or extrapolation of the available data using Eq. 1 and  $\theta_{ij}$ , and then by inserting  $\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty$  at  $T$  into Eqs. 5 and 6 to obtain  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  at that temperature. This gives

$$\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty} = \theta_{ij} RT \ln \gamma_{\text{ref}}^\infty (T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{ij}} \quad (7)$$

and

$$\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty} = (\theta_{ij} - 1) R \ln \gamma_{\text{ref}}^\infty (T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{ij}} \quad (8)$$

The temperature dependence parameter  $\theta_{ij}$  can be expressed in terms of  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$ , as well. Substituting Eq. 2 into Eq. 5 and solving for  $\theta_{ij}$  yields

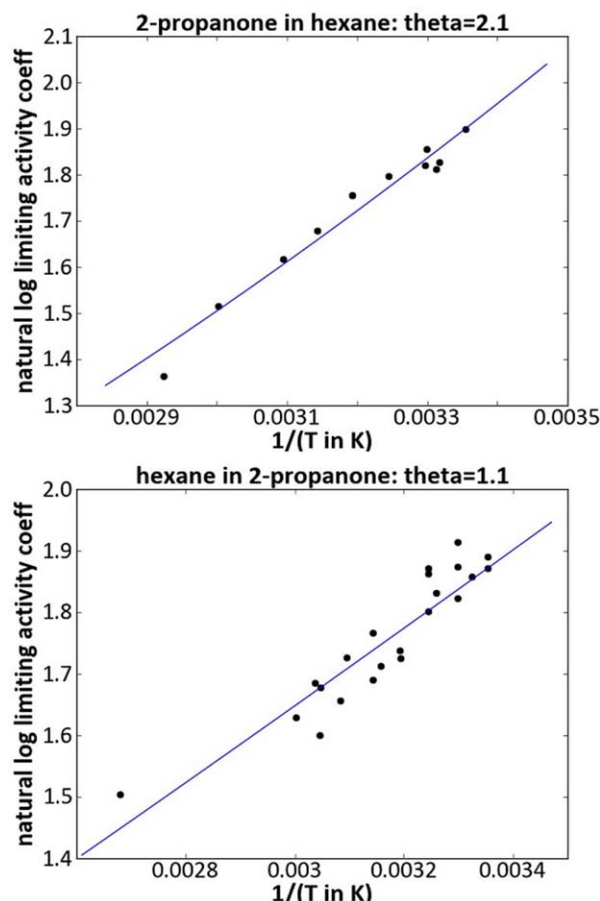


Figure 1. Temperature dependence of  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  data for 2-propanone + hexane (Type II).

The line through the data is the best-fit regression obtained using Eq. 1. Data were taken from the following references: top,<sup>55,64–66</sup>; bottom,<sup>55,64–69</sup>. [Color figure can be viewed in the online issue, which is available at [wileyonlinelibrary.com](http://www.wileyonlinelibrary.com).]

$$\theta_{ij} = \frac{1}{1 - (T\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty} / \bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty})} \quad (9)$$

Note that the value of  $\theta_{ij}$  approaches unity (the regular solution model) as the entropic term goes to zero. Fitting temperature-dependent data using a constant value of  $\theta_{ij}$  amounts to assuming a constant ratio of entropic to enthalpic effects, as shown by rearranging Eq. 9

$$\frac{T\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}}{\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}} = \frac{\theta_{ij} - 1}{\theta_{ij}} \quad (10)$$

In a number of cases, a constant value of  $\theta_{ij}$  is able to correlate  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  over a reasonably wide temperature span of 50–80 Celsius degrees or more (within the normal temperature range). Examples are shown in Figures 1–3. Exceptions include a number of organic + water binaries such as C<sub>4</sub>–C<sub>7</sub> alcohols dissolved in water<sup>61</sup> (as discussed earlier), 2-butanone in water, and acetonitrile in water.<sup>57</sup>

In principle,  $\theta_{ij}$  may be determined *a priori* using methods aimed at calculating  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  from molecular structure and specific molecular interactions. Various methods for calculating  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  are described elsewhere.<sup>46,51,52</sup> It

seems that the use of  $\theta_{ij}$  to model the temperature dependence of  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  may have an advantage over the usual application of Eqs. 3 and 4 in that only the ratio  $T\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty} / \bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  need be determined, not the absolute value of  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$ , and the ratio may prove to be less sensitive to temperature. It also may be possible to calculate  $T\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty} / \bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and thus  $\theta_{ij}$  as a function of temperature to extend the applicable temperature range when needed. These are questions for future studies.

Both our method and the method of Kaptay for calculating phase diagrams of metallic systems<sup>43,44</sup> treat excess Gibbs energy by including a temperature-dependence parameter that depends on the ratio of excess enthalpy to entropy. However, the specific parameters differ significantly in form and implementation. Our method deals directly with  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  and is derived using the Gibbs–Helmholtz equation, among other differences.

### Mixture types and trends in $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$ and $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$

Most mixtures deviate positively from ideality such that  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty} > 1$ . In this case, Eqs. 5–10 indicate three possible domains:

- For  $\theta_{ij} > 1$ , both  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  must be positive. These mixtures are endothermic with a positive change in entropy on mixing. Positive  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  indicates spontaneous dispersal or spreading of molecules<sup>82</sup> and Gibbs energy<sup>83,84</sup> within the liquid solution.
- For  $0 < \theta_{ij} < 1$ ,  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  is positive but  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  is negative. These mixtures are endothermic with a negative change in entropy. Negative  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  indicates some degree of segregation (used here to mean the opposite of spreading) in the distribution of molecules and energy.<sup>82–84</sup> Segregation in this sense does not necessarily indicate the formation of a second liquid phase at higher solute concentrations, although it may.
- For  $\theta_{ij} < 0$ , both  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  must be negative. Mixing is exothermic with some degree of segregation.

Our analysis also indicates that for  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty} > 1$ , a potential domain for which  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  is negative and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  is positive is not allowed. Negative (exothermic) excess enthalpy must be accompanied by some degree of segregation (negative excess entropy) if  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  is to be greater than unity.

In cases with negative deviations from ideality ( $0 < \gamma_{ij}^{\infty} < 1$ ), the analysis indicates three additional possibilities:

- For  $\theta_{ij} > 1$ , both  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  must be negative. These mixtures are exothermic with segregation.
- For  $0 < \theta_{ij} < 1$ ,  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  is negative and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  is positive. Mixing is exothermic with spreading.
- For  $\theta_{ij} < 0$ , both  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  must be positive. Mixing is endothermic with spreading.

In addition, for  $0 < \gamma_{ij}^{\infty} < 1$  a potential domain for which  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  is positive and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  is negative is not allowed. Mixing cannot be endothermic with segregation if  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  is to be less than unity.

These results and our assessments regarding trends in  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$ ,  $\theta_{ij}$ ,  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$ , and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  provide the basis for a new classification scheme summarized in Table 1. Seven theoretical types of binary mixtures are defined in terms of distinct domains of  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  and  $\theta_{ij}$ . Type I represents nearly ideal mixtures. Most of the other types approach ideal behavior as temperature increases. Conversely, in those cases where  $\theta_{ij} < 0$  is observed (Types IV and VII), the mixture moves away from ideal behavior with increasing temperature.

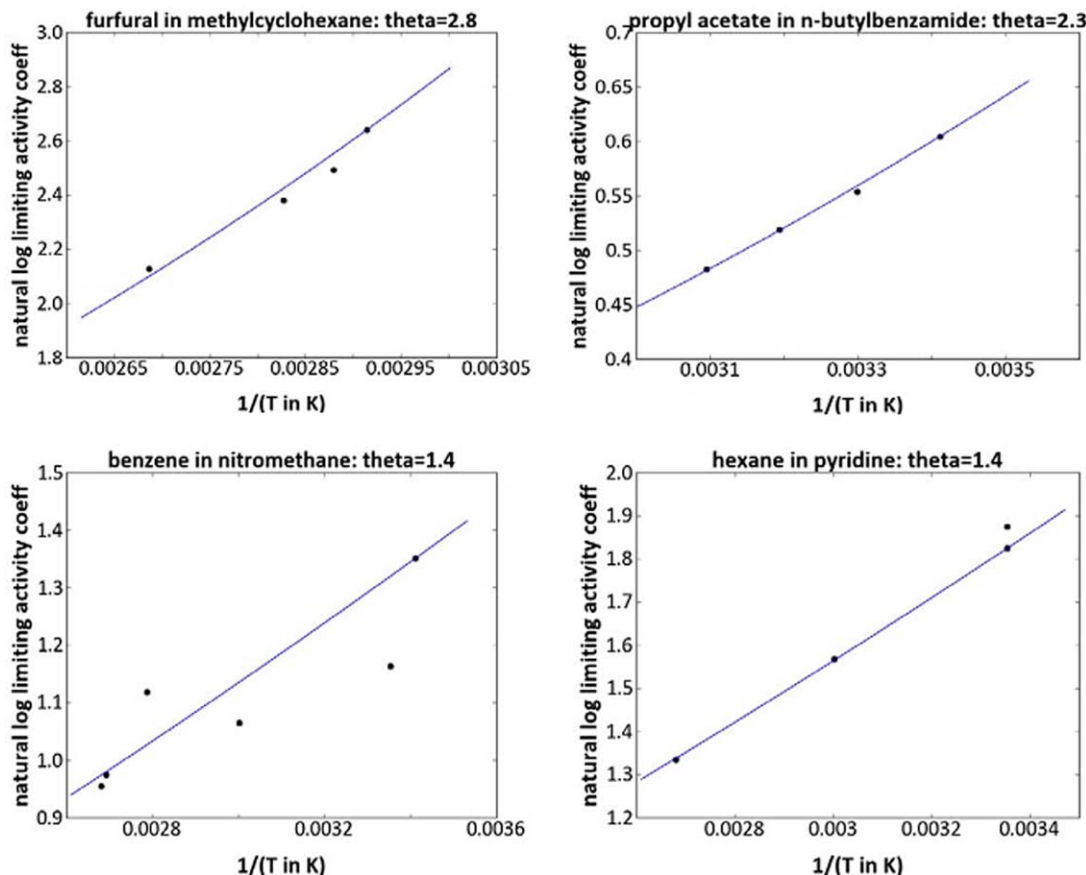


Figure 2. Limiting activity coefficient data vs. temperature for Type II binary pairs.

The line through the data is the best-fit regression obtained using Eq. 1. Data were taken from the following references: top left,<sup>70,71</sup>; top right,<sup>72</sup>; bottom left,<sup>67,70</sup>; bottom right,<sup>67,73</sup>. [Color figure can be viewed in the online issue, which is available at [wileyonlinelibrary.com](http://wileyonlinelibrary.com).]

### Data Analysis and Initial Correlation

Figure 4 is a plot of  $T\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  vs.  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  obtained by analyzing  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  data available for approximately 500 binary pairs as a function of temperature. The data were obtained from well-known databases<sup>32,57</sup> plus some recent publications (which we cite in subsequent tables and figures). We calculated average values of  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  using Eq. 4 and then calculated the corresponding value of  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  from Eq. 2 using the lower temperature for the given dataset. Temperature spans for specific  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  datasets were at least 10 Celsius degrees. Temperatures generally were within the range of 0–100°C, with most of the data between 25°C and 80°C. Datasets were not included if the uncertainty in the  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  measurement was judged to be on the order of the change in  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  with temperature.

In Figure 4, distinct regions and trends are clearly evident, with examples of all the various types listed in Table 1. Figure 4 is an example of the general observation for certain chemical transformations<sup>85</sup> that change in enthalpy and change in entropy are highly correlated. Our classification scheme and the idea that  $T\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}/\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and  $\theta_{ij}$  tend to fall within distinct ranges are consistent with these general observations.

Table 2 provides descriptions of typical characteristics for each type and lists typical ranges of  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  and  $\theta_{ij}$  obtained by analyzing the same database used to generate Figure 4. The results add further definition to the various ranges of  $\theta_{ij}$  values given in Table 1, although because of limited data, espe-

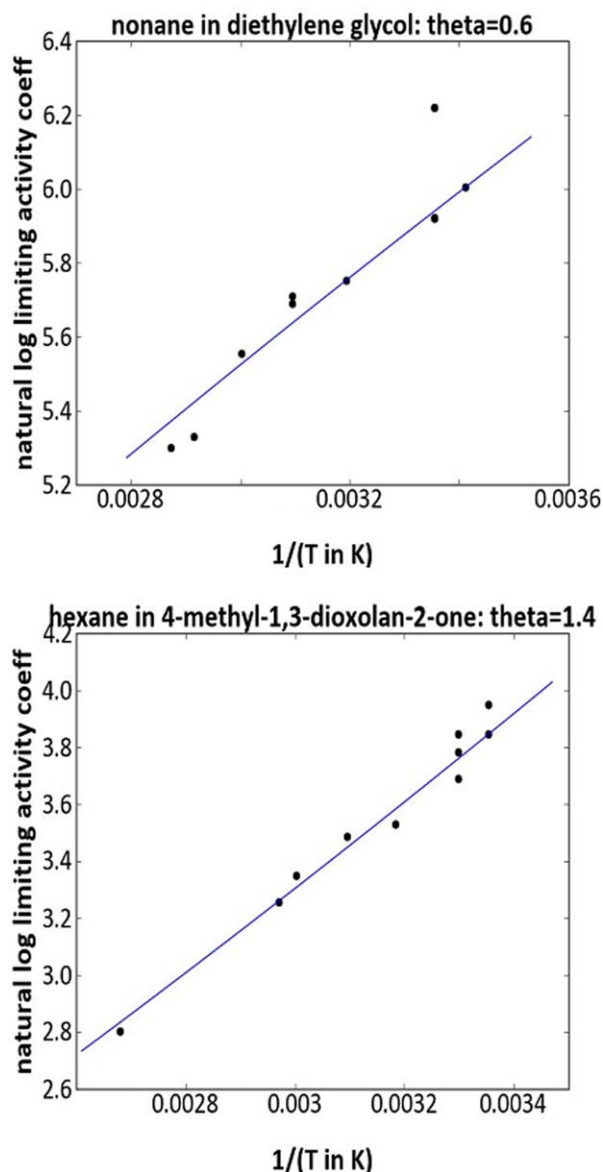
cially for Types IV through VII, the indicated ranges should be considered preliminary.

The  $\theta_{ij}$  values in Table 2 are the result of specific kinds of solute–solvent interactions affecting  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$ . Specific interactions that can affect  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  include static dipole-dipole (polarity effects), induced dipole-dipole, hydrogen bonding (proton donor and proton acceptor interactions), and electron donor/acceptor interactions.<sup>4,86</sup> Factors affecting  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  include segregation resulting from these interactions, molecular size differences, and the hydrophobic effect<sup>87,88</sup> for organic + water mixtures. Water is included in our classification scheme as a solvent but not as a solute because of the many varied and difficult-to-predict ways water can form hydrogen bonds.

Table 3 lists  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  at standard conditions of 25°C and 60°C for representative binaries. Values were determined by interpolation or extrapolation of the available data using Eqs. 1, 7, and 8. The results reflect the degree of sensitivity to a change in temperature within the normal temperature range. A brief indication of phase equilibrium behavior also is included in Table 3.

To begin probing the relationship between specific interactions and the value of  $\theta_{ij}$ , we examined the correlation between  $\theta_{ij}$  and solute–solvent pairings of various classes of organic species (Table 4). We confined our analysis to nonaqueous Type II and III mixtures, as data available for the other types were limited. We considered the following classes of chemical species: (1) active-hydrogen species





**Figure 3. Limiting activity coefficients vs. temperature for nonane in diethylene glycol (Type III) and hexane in 4-methyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-one (Type II).**

The line through the data is the best-fit regression obtained using Eq. 1. Data were taken from the following references: top,<sup>74–77</sup>; bottom,<sup>67,78–81</sup>. [Color figure can be viewed in the online issue, which is available at [wileyonlinelibrary.com](http://wileyonlinelibrary.com).]

having one or more active hydrogens that may participate in hydrogen bonding, including halogenated organics containing an active hydrogen<sup>4,10,25</sup>; (2) aromatic species involving aromatic rings (with no active hydrogen) with the potential for  $\pi$ -bond interactions; (3) nonpolar species having neither static dipole moment nor aromatic rings; and (4) polar species having a static dipole moment, no aromatic rings, and no active hydrogen. With these assignments, phenol is an active-hydrogen species and benzonitrile is aromatic.

The value of  $\theta$  reported in Table 4 for a general solute–solvent pairing is the arithmetic mean of all the  $\theta_{ij}$  values obtained by least squares regression for multiple binaries of the same kind across a wide range of  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  values. We

observed that the variability in the resulting set of regressed  $\theta_{ij}$  values tends to be highest for binaries with relatively low activity coefficient values. Yet, a single average value of  $\theta$  can be drawn through the data across the entire range of  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  values. This is illustrated in Figure 5, which plots values of  $\theta_{ij}$  vs.  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  at 20°C for several kinds of solute–solvent pairings.

Figure 6 shows the relationship between experimental  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  values and those calculated using an average  $\theta$  value for the general solute–solvent pairings listed in Table 4. With this plot, we examine how well the average value of  $\theta$  represents the temperature dependence of  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  for specific systems. The abscissa is the experimental  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  value corresponding to the highest temperature in the available dataset which ranged from 25 to 180°C. The ordinate is the estimated value of  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  at this highest temperature, calculated via Eq. 1 using the lowest temperature in the dataset and the average  $\theta$  value for the given mixture class. The interval between the lowest temperature and the highest temperature for a given dataset was 10–155 Celsius degrees. The results show reasonably good representation of  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  as a function of temperature when using the average  $\theta$  value for a given class, not necessarily the best-fit  $\theta_{ij}$  value for the specific dataset. The average relative error in  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  was 25.6% or less depending on the solute–solvent class (Table 4). The results of this limited study show the potential for correlating  $\theta_{ij}$  with molecular structure and specific interactions. This fundamentally involves determining the relationship between molecular interactions and the ratio  $T\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}/\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$ .

Note that for a given binary  $i + j$ , the value of  $\theta$  depends on which component is the solute and which is the solvent; that is,  $\theta_{ij}$  and  $\theta_{ji}$  generally are not the same. This depends on which end of the composition range one wishes to consider, in accordance with the well-known fact that a given binary often will exhibit very different values of  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  and  $\gamma_{ji}^{\infty}$ .<sup>3–8</sup> For example, consider the temperature dependence of  $\gamma^{\infty}$  for the 2-propanone + hexane binary (Figure 1). For 2-propanone dissolved in hexane, a polar solute in a nonpolar solvent, the temperature dependence of  $\gamma_{\text{propanone,hexane}}^{\infty}$  is characterized by  $\theta_{\text{propanone,hexane}} = 2.1$ , close to the average value of 2.3 for this class (Table 4). Conversely, hexane dissolved in 2-propanone is an example of a nonpolar/polar class (average  $\theta = 1.4$ ), and hexane in 2-propanone actually exhibits  $\theta_{\text{hexane,propanone}} = 1.1$  (Figure 1). Another example, for the ethanol + 2-propanone binary, is given in Figure 7.

## Discussion

### Type I. Chemically similar, small molecules

Type I binaries are completely miscible and nearly ideal such that  $0.8 < \gamma_{ij}^{\infty} < 1.2$ . The effect of  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  on phase equilibrium is small, and the value of  $\theta_{ij}$  obtained by analyzing available data is uncertain due to significant data scatter. For Type I mixtures, we have assigned  $\theta_{ij}$  a value of zero because we expect these nearly ideal mixtures to approximate ideal behavior.

### Type II. Regular-solution-like

Type II binaries do not form significant attractive or hydrophobic interactions on mixing, so  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  is positive and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  is near zero or positive. Most binaries in our database are Type II mixtures. Examples are shown in Figures 1–3. In analyzing the available data, we found that  $\theta_{ij}$  falls in the

**Table 1. Classification of Activity Coefficient Temperature Dependence**

Mixture Type	$\gamma_{ij}^\infty, \theta_{ij}$ Range	Change in Quantity with Increasing Temperature			Sign and Trend in Absolute Value (Increasing or Decreasing in Magnitude)		Comments
		Temp.	$\gamma_{ij}^\infty$	$ \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty $ absolute value (magnitude)	$\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$	$\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$	
I	$\gamma_{ij}^\infty \approx 1$ ( $\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty$ is near zero) $\theta_{ij} \approx 0$	$\uparrow$	No significant change	$\approx 0$	$\approx 0$	$\approx 0$	Nearly ideal
II	$\gamma_{ij}^\infty > 1$ ( $\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty$ is positive) $\theta_{ij} > 1$	$\uparrow$	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	Pos., weak function of temperature	Pos., $\downarrow$	$RT \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty \approx \text{constant}$ .
III	$0 < \theta_{ij} < 1$	$\uparrow$	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	Pos., weak function of temperature	Neg., $\downarrow$	$RT \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty \approx \text{constant}$ .
IV	$\theta_{ij} < 0$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$	Neg., $\uparrow$	Neg., $\uparrow$	
V	$0 < \gamma_{ij}^\infty < 1$ ( $\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty$ is negative) $\theta_{ij} > 1$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$	$\downarrow$ Approaches 0	Neg., weak function of temperature	Neg., $\downarrow$	$RT \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty \approx \text{constant}$ .
VI	$0 < \theta_{ij} < 1$	$\uparrow$	$\uparrow$	$\downarrow$ Approaches 0	Neg., weak function of temperature	Pos., $\downarrow$	$RT \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty \approx \text{constant}$ .
VII	$\theta_{ij} < 0$	$\uparrow$	$\downarrow$	$\uparrow$	Pos., $\uparrow$	Pos., $\uparrow$	—

range of  $1 < \theta_{ij} < 5$ . This is greater than  $\theta_{ij} = 1$  for a true model regular solution of nonpolar compounds because excess entropy for many real endothermic binaries is positive, resulting in a larger value of  $\theta_{ij}$ .

Type II mixtures can be either completely miscible or partially miscible, normally with upper critical solution temperature (UCST) behavior.<sup>3–7</sup> Values of  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$  can be in the range of roughly  $1.2 < \gamma_{ij}^\infty < 1000$ , but more typically are in the range of  $2 < \gamma_{ij}^\infty < 100$ . A well-known guideline<sup>3–7</sup> indicates incipient phase instability at  $\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty \approx 2$  to 3 or  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty \approx 7$  to 20. Better assessments require more detailed knowledge of the excess Gibbs energy relationship or related properties.<sup>3–7,54</sup> Interestingly, whether a Type II mixture is completely miscible seems to make little difference regarding the range of  $\theta_{ij}$  values (Table 3).

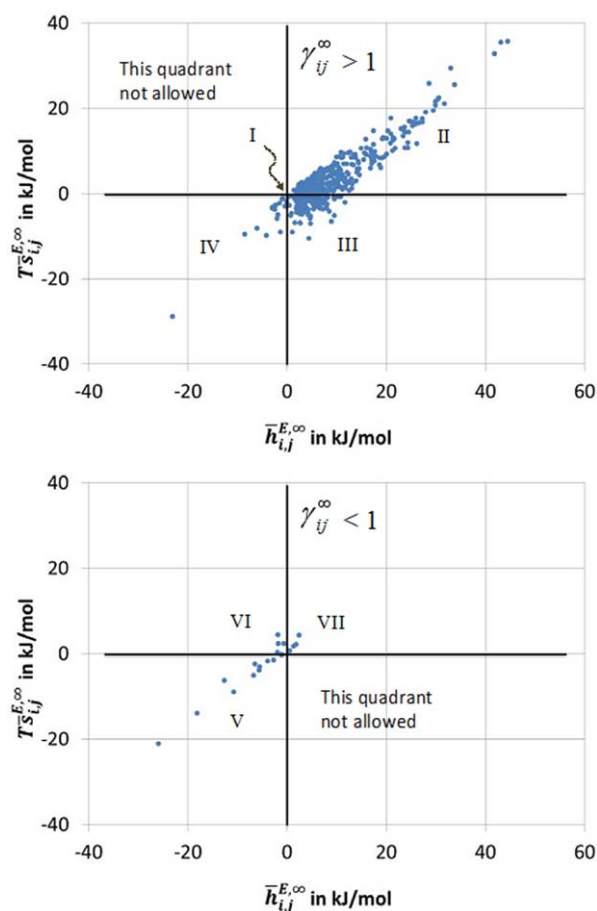
#### Type III. Endothermic with negative excess entropy

For Type III binaries,  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  is positive (or near zero) and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  is negative. Values of  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$  can vary from about 2 up to the tens of thousands or higher. Systems of this type can be completely miscible, partially miscible, or sparingly miscible. Figure 3 and Table 3 show data for representative binaries. Note that the magnitude of  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  is greatest for sparingly miscible systems due to a strong hydrophobic effect, yet  $\theta_{ij}$  (and  $T\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}/\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$ ) fall within the same general range because the greater entropic effect is accompanied by a somewhat larger value of  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$ . Also, for C<sub>4</sub>–C<sub>7</sub> alcohols dissolved in water, enthalpic and entropic effects change markedly at about 50°C.<sup>61</sup> These mixtures are partially miscible Type III mixtures at  $T > 50^\circ\text{C}$ . At  $T < 50^\circ\text{C}$ , they are Type IV mixtures as discussed below. This change is observed to occur as a fairly sharp break with a change in sign. Thus, the alcohol + water binaries may be placed in certain categories or types according to whether temperature is above or below 50°C, and within each of these categories the value of  $\theta_{ij}$  is reasonably constant.

#### Type IV. Exothermic with negative excess entropy

Many Type IV binaries exhibit partial miscibility such that mutual solubility decreases with increasing temperature (inverse temperature dependence). In many cases, the mixture exhibits a lower critical solution temperature (LCST)<sup>3–7</sup>

due to attractive intermolecular interactions (negative  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$ ) accompanied by a high degree of segregation (negative  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$ ), as discussed by van Konynenburg and Scott in their classification of binary phase diagrams.<sup>107,108</sup> This explains



**Figure 4.** Plots of  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and  $T\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  calculated from  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty = f(T)$  within the normal temperature range, for  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty > 1$  (top) and  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty < 1$  (bottom).

Mixture types (Roman numerals) are defined in Tables 1–3. [Color figure can be viewed in the online issue, which is available at [wileyonlinelibrary.com](http://wileyonlinelibrary.com).]

**Table 2. Characteristic Behavior from Analysis of Available Data**

Mixture Type (from Table 1)	Typical Characteristics	Typical $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$ Values <sup>a</sup> and Change with Temperature	Typical $\theta_{ij}$ Values <sup>b</sup>
I	Chemically Similar, Small Molecules (Nearly Ideal)	$0.8 < \gamma_{ij}^\infty < 1.2$	$\theta_{ij} \approx 0$
II	Regular-Solution-Like	$1.2 < \gamma_{ij}^\infty < 1000$ , $\frac{\partial \gamma_{ij}^\infty}{\partial T} < 0$	$1 < \theta_{ij} < 5$
III	Endothermic with Negative Excess Entropy	$\gamma_{ij}^\infty > 2$ , $\frac{\partial \gamma_{ij}^\infty}{\partial T} < 0$	$0.15 < \theta_{ij} < 1$
IV	Exothermic with Negative Excess Entropy (Inverse Temperature Dependence)	$\gamma_{ij}^\infty > 2$ , $\frac{\partial \gamma_{ij}^\infty}{\partial T} > 0$	$-3 < \theta_{ij} < -0.3$
V	Net Attractive Interactions with Negative Excess Entropy	$0.2 < \gamma_{ij}^\infty < 1$ , $\frac{\partial \gamma_{ij}^\infty}{\partial T} > 0$	$1 < \theta_{ij} < 5$
VI	Net Attractive Interactions with Positive Excess Entropy	$0.2 < \gamma_{ij}^\infty < 1$ , $\frac{\partial \gamma_{ij}^\infty}{\partial T} > 0$	$0.3 < \theta_{ij} < 1$
VII	Chemically Similar, Wide Molecular Size Distribution	$0.6 < \gamma_{ij}^\infty < 1$ , $\frac{\partial \gamma_{ij}^\infty}{\partial T} < 0$	$-5 < \theta_{ij} < -0.5$

<sup>a</sup>As a general rule, phase instability may occur at roughly  $\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty \approx 2$  to 3 or  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty \approx 7$  to 20. See Refs. 3–7 and 54.

<sup>b</sup>Values determined by analysis of data within the normal temperature range of 0–100°C.

why some solutions become cloudy on heating. The temperature at which surfactants exhibit this behavior at a 1 wt % concentration in water is commonly defined as the cloud point. The cloud point temperature normally is higher than the LCST because a 1 wt % concentration is well below the concentration at which the LCST occurs.

Type IV behavior is typical of binaries containing an amphiphilic solute that has both hydrophobic and hydrophilic moieties, often at opposite ends of the molecule, dissolved in water or another hydrogen-bonding polar solvent. LCST behavior may be interpreted as being due to the ability of the hydrophilic end to form hydrogen bonds with the solvent, and this is the dominant effect at temperatures below the LCST, resulting in complete miscibility. As temperature increases, however, the activity coefficient increases in magnitude, and this leads to partial miscibility at some critical temperature.

Many Type IV binaries are mixtures of water with oxygenated organics such as glycol ethers,<sup>98</sup> 2-butanone, and tetrahydrofuran, and nonoxygenates such as triethylamine and nicotine (Table 3). Aqueous mixtures of various nonionic surfactants, polyoxyethylene compounds (polyethers), and polymeric methylcellulose ethers also are well known for exhibiting inverse temperature dependence—in terms of their cloud point behavior. In the case of glycol ethers, the molecule has a hydrophilic hydroxyl end group that can form hydrogen bonds with water and a hydrophobic alkyl ether end group with an entropic repulsion to water. For example, the propylene glycol *n*-butyl ether (PnB) + water binary is characterized by  $\gamma_{\text{PnB},\text{water}}^\infty = 81$  at 50°C and  $\gamma_{\text{PnB},\text{water}}^\infty = 130$  at 80°C.<sup>99</sup> Both  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  increase in magnitude with increasing temperature, assuming  $\theta_{ij}$  is constant (Table 3).

As discussed above, alcohol + water binaries are a special case not easily classified. The C<sub>4</sub>–C<sub>7</sub> alcohol + water binaries exhibit Type IV behavior at temperatures below about 50°C (Table 3). This transition may be related to a change in the relative strength of hydrogen bond interactions in alcohol-water complexes.<sup>82,109</sup> Type IV mixtures also include a few nonaqueous small molecule binaries (Table 3), and there are many examples of aqueous and nonaqueous polymer mixtures exhibiting LCST behavior.<sup>110</sup> The fundamentals of LCST behavior are the subject of current research.<sup>53,111,112</sup> Type IV mixtures also can be completely

miscible as with C<sub>1</sub>–C<sub>3</sub> alcohol + water binaries. Although they differ in terms of phase equilibrium behavior, they exhibit about the same range of  $\theta_{ij}$  values as the partially miscible binaries (Table 3).

#### **Type V. Net attractive interactions with negative excess entropy**

Type V binaries exhibit relatively strong specific intermolecular interactions such that  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty < 1$ ,  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty} < 0$ , and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty} < 0$ . This generally involves formation of new solute–solvent interactions and intermolecular complexes not available to solute in its pure-component state. For example, it is well known that a solute with hydrogen bond-accepting capability but lacking an active hydrogen may form strong attractions with a solvent that possesses an active hydrogen, thereby enabling hydrogen bond donor–acceptor interactions. As discussed earlier, this is the case for 2-propanone (proton acceptor) dissolved in an active-hydrogen compound such as trichloromethane (proton donor and acceptor).<sup>4</sup> The same kind of behavior is observed for trichloromethane dissolved in 2-propanone (Table 3). A similar system is trichloromethane + ethyl acetate (Table 3). Specific attractive interactions of this type also are evident for mixtures of various oxygen or nitrogen-containing organics with the ionic liquid 1-butyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium tricyanomethanide ([BMPYR][TCM])<sup>94</sup> (Table 3). For our purposes, activity coefficients of nonionic solutes dissolved in ionic liquids may be treated the same as nonionic solutes in molecular solvents because the ionic liquid behaves as an ion-pair solvent.<sup>113</sup>

#### **Type VI. Net attractive interactions with positive excess entropy**

For Type VI binaries,  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty < 1$ ,  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty} < 0$ , and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty} > 0$ . Both Type V and VI binaries exhibit  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty < 1$ , and  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$  increases with increasing temperature. However, characteristic ranges of  $\theta_{ij}$  values are distinctly different (Tables 1–3). Examples include alcohols dissolved in *N*-methylpyrrolidone polar aprotic solvent and various organics dissolved in trihexyltetradecylphosphonium bis (trifluoromethylsulfonyl) imide ([3C6C14P][BTI]) ionic liquid<sup>101</sup> (Table 3).

Table 3. Properties of Representative Solute–Solvent Binaries

Mixture Type	Binary		Representative Data			Calculated Values				Miscibility	
	Solute	Solvent	$T_{\text{low}}$ (°C)	$T_{\text{high}}$ (°C)	$\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$ at $T_{\text{low}}$	$\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$ at $T_{\text{high}}$	$\theta_{ij}$ from Eq. 1		$\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$ Calculated via Eqs. 1 and 7 kJ/mol at		Completely Miscible (CM), Upper Critical Solution
									25°C	60°C	
I	Chemically Similar, Small Molecules										
	Methanol	Diethylene glycol	45	90	0.988	1.02	–	–	–	–	CM
	Ethanol	Methanol	25	64	1.13	1.02	–	–	–	–	CM
	Cyclohexane	<i>n</i> -heptane	25	70	1.05	1.08	–	–	–	–	CM
	Benzene	Toluene	20	40	0.99	0.93	–	–	–	–	CM
	Regular-Solution-Like, Completely Miscible										
	Benzene	<i>n</i> -heptane	25	100	1.60	1.22	Pos.	Pos.	4.47	11.1	CM
	Ethanol	2-propanone	25	60	2.45	1.82	3.6	7.2	8.07	19.6	CM
	1-chlorobutane	1-tetradecanol	40	75	1.54	1.35	3.4	10.3 <sup>a</sup>	4.35 <sup>a</sup>	7.06	CM
	<i>n</i> -heptane	Benzene	25	76	2.09	1.59	2.9	8.6	5.36	11.9	CM
II	2-propanone	Ethanol	25	80	2.70	1.86	2.8	10.8	6.84	14.7	CM
	Ethyl acetate	Hexadecane	20	100	3.1	1.8	2.7	11.4	7.27	15.4	CM
	Benzene	1-methylnaphthalene	20	120	1.31	1.15	2.2	2.10	1.45	2.69	CM
	Propyl acetate	<i>n</i> -butylbenzamide	20	50	1.83	1.642	2.3	4.77 <sup>a</sup>	3.27	6.14	CM
	2-propanone	Hexane	25	60	6.7	4.5	2.1	14.0	10.0	17.6	CM
	<i>n</i> -butanol	Diethylene glycol	80	110	2.14	1.90	2.1	7.75 <sup>a</sup>	5.60 <sup>a</sup>	9.77 <sup>a</sup>	CM
	Benzene	Quinoline	20	70	1.67	1.45	2.0	3.43	2.51	4.31	CM
	1,2-dichloroethane	Phenol	50	100	2.44	1.98	1.9	5.99	4.76 <sup>a</sup>	7.36 <sup>a</sup>	CM
	Ethylbenzene	<i>N</i> -methylpyrrolidone	60	90	1.73	1.61	1.6	2.87	2.65 <sup>a</sup>	3.44 <sup>a</sup>	CM
	Benzene	Nitromethane	20	100	3.85	2.60	1.4	3.98	4.65	4.44	CM
II	Hexane	Pyridine	25	100	6.2	3.8	1.4	6.95	6.30	6.03	CM
	2-propanone	Methanol	20	70	2.2	1.9	1.3	1.70	2.50	2.41	CM
	Hexane	2-propanone	25	100	6.5	4.3	1.1	1.53	5.16	1.74	CM
	Regular-Solution-Like, Partially-Miscible										
	Furfural	Methylcyclohexane	70	100	14	8.2	Pos.	Pos.	26.8 <sup>a</sup>	57.4 <sup>a</sup>	UCST
	Methanol	<i>n</i> -heptane	10	100	150	10	2.8	42.2	30.3	65.5	UCST = 57°C
	Cyclohexane	2-mercaptoethanol	25	60	34.7	16.3	2.2	26.8	18.9	34.1	UCST
	Cyclohexane	Dimethylsulfoxide	20	70	46	20	1.6	17.3	14.4	13.5	UCST
	Hexane	4-methyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-one	25	100	48	17	1.4	10.8	13.4	12.6	UCST
	<i>n</i> -pentane	Triethylene glycol	60	90	33.7	23.2	1.3	8.9	13.2 <sup>a</sup>	10.3 <sup>a</sup>	UCST
III	<i>n</i> -pentane	Furfural	25	45	20.8	16.8	1.1	2.76 <sup>a</sup>	8.46	3.13	UCST
	<i>n</i> -octane	1,2-ethanediol	25	70	1270	463	1.1	4.46	19.2	5.03	UCST
	Cyclohexane	Ethanol	24	80	11.3	7.6	1.0	0.73	6.24	0.82	UCST
	Endothermic with Negative Excess Entropy, Completely Miscible										
	<i>Cis</i> -2-pentene	3-methoxypropionitrile	30	70	8.2	6.6	Pos.	Neg.	4.65 <sup>a</sup>	–2.16 <sup>a</sup>	CM <sup>b</sup>
	Ethylbenzene	<i>N</i> -formylmorpholine	60	90	3.46	3.21	0.72	–2.86	2.41 <sup>a</sup>	–3.1 <sup>a</sup>	CM
	Toluene	<i>n</i> -butanol	9	100	3.3	2.7	0.66	–3.0	1.88	–3.3	CM <sup>b</sup>
	Toluene	Methanol	35	69	9.7	8.9	0.37	–11.6	2.10	–12.1 <sup>a</sup>	CM <sup>b</sup>



TABLE 3. Continued

Mixture Type	Binary		Representative Data				Calculated Values				Miscibility	
	Solute	Solvent	$T_{\text{low}}$ (°C)	$T_{\text{high}}$ (°C)	$\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$ at $T_{\text{low}}$	$\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$ at $T_{\text{high}}$	$\theta_{ij}$ from Eq. 1	$\overline{H}_{ij}^{\infty}$ via Eqs. 1 and 7 kJ/mol at		$\overline{H}_{ij}^{\infty}$ via Eqs. 1 and 8 J/mol·K at	$\frac{RT_{ij}^{\infty}}{\overline{H}_{ij}^{\infty}}$ via Eq. 10 Assuming Constant $\theta_{ij}$	Miscibility
								25°C	60°C	25°C	60°C	
III <sup>e</sup>	Endothermic with Negative Excess Entropy, Partially Miscible											
	<i>n</i> -pentane	<i>N</i> -formylmorpholine	60	90	19.25	15.3	Pos.	7.63 <sup>a</sup>	7.68	Neg.	-1.71 <sup>a</sup>	UCST
	Cyclohexane	1,2-ethanediol	20	60	147	90	0.81	9.87	10.1	-7.8	-0.23	UCST
	<i>n</i> -pentane	Diethylene glycol	60	90	70.18	54.19	0.73	8.31 <sup>a</sup>	8.57	-10.4 <sup>a</sup>	-9.62	UCST
	<i>n</i> -hexane	Furfural	25	45	25.6	22.2	0.69	5.56	5.76 <sup>a</sup>	-8.3	-7.68 <sup>a</sup>	UCST = 95°C
	<i>n</i> -nonane	Diethylene glycol	20	80	405	210	0.62	9.16	9.55	-18.7	-17.4	UCST
	<i>n</i> -pentane	[BMPYR][TCM] <sup>c</sup>	45	95	16.7	13.4	0.56	4.04 <sup>a</sup>	4.24	-10.7 <sup>a</sup>	-10.1	UCST likely
	Ethylbenzene	<i>N</i> -methylpyrrolidone	60	90	8.32	7.54	0.55	3.08 <sup>a</sup>	3.24	-8.39 <sup>a</sup>	-7.89	UCST = 52°C
	<i>n</i> -pentanol	Triethylene glycol	60	90	8.63	7.86	0.51	2.91 <sup>a</sup>	3.07	-9.22 <sup>a</sup>	-8.71	UCST
	<i>n</i> -pentanol	Water ( <i>T</i> > 50°C)	50	100	230	160	0.50	—	7.1	—	-23.2	UCST
	Ethylbenzene	Diethylene glycol	60	90	16.8	15.21	0.42	3.05 <sup>a</sup>	3.25	-14.3 <sup>a</sup>	-13.7	UCST
	<i>n</i> -butanol	Water ( <i>T</i> > 50°C)	50	100	63	50	0.40	—	4.5	—	-20.5	UCST = 127°C
	Isobutanol	Water ( <i>T</i> > 50°C)	50	98	57	52	0.17	—	1.85	—	-27.9	UCST = 133°C
	2-pentanol	Water ( <i>T</i> > 50°C)	50	100	129	118	0.13	—	1.7	—	-35.1	UCST tendency
	Endothermic with Negative Excess Entropy, Sparingly Miscible											
	<i>n</i> -heptanol	Water ( <i>T</i> > 50°C)	50	100	4765	2193	0.67	—	15.4	—	-22.9	UCST tendency
IV	Anthracene	Water	9	50	5.8E6	1.5E6	0.67	24.9	25.8 <sup>a</sup>	-41.2	-38.3 <sup>a</sup>	UCST tendency
	Dihydroanthracene	Water	5	40	1.8E6	8.0E5	0.49	16.9	17.9 <sup>a</sup>	-59.2	-56.0	UCST tendency
	<i>m</i> -terphenyl	Water	5	50	1.5E8	4.2E7	0.47	21.3	22.6 <sup>a</sup>	-80.1	-76.0 <sup>a</sup>	UCST tendency
	<i>n</i> -octanol	Water	25	100	1.4E4	5900	0.43	10.1	10.7	-45.7	-43.6	UCST tendency
	<i>n</i> -hexanol	Water ( <i>T</i> > 50°C)	50	70	1193	1000	0.42	—	7.6	—	-35.3	UCST tendency
	Pentane	Water	20	100	1.02E5	3.73E4	0.38	10.7	11.5	-59.2	-56.8	UCST tendency
	Hexane	Water	20	100	3.33E5	1.61E5	0.24	7.7	8.3	-79.6	-77.5	UCST tendency
	Exothermic with Negative Excess Entropy, Completely Miscible											
	Methanol	Water	25	100	1.67	2.25	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Pos.
	Ethylbenzene	Furfural	25	45	4.52	5.25	-1.5	-2.6	-3.6	-13.0	-16.3	CM
	Ethanol	Water	25	100	3.8	5.6	-1.1	-5.45	-7.16 <sup>a</sup>	-30.82	-30.23 <sup>a</sup>	CM
	Isopropanol	Water	25	100	7.7	13	-1.0	-3.8	-4.8	-23.7	-26.9	CM
	Ethylbenzene	[BMPYR][TCM] <sup>c</sup>	45	95	2.11	2.29	-0.7	-1.26 <sup>a</sup>	-1.52	-10.2 <sup>a</sup>	-11.0	CM
	<i>n</i> -propanol	Water	25	100	13.0	17.8	-0.5	-3.3	-3.9	-32.3	-34.2	CM
	2-methoxy phenol	1,2,3-trihydroxypropane						Candidate for further study. Temperature range to be determined.				
IV <sup>f</sup>	Exothermic with Negative Excess Entropy, Partially Miscible											
	Tetrahydrofuran	Water	5	55	11	28	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Pos.
	2-butanol	Water ( <i>T</i> < 50°C)	0	50	13.7	35.5	-1.9	-13.6	-18.9 <sup>a</sup>	-68.5	-85.4 <sup>a</sup>	LCST = 71°C
	Propylene glycol <i>n</i> -butyl ether	Water	50	80	81	130	-1.2	-11.4 <sup>a</sup>	-14.5	-72 <sup>a</sup>	-81	UCST = 138°C
	<i>n</i> -butanol	Water ( <i>T</i> < 50°C)	0	50	32.6	63.0	-1.0	-9.7	-	-64.4	-	UCST = 114°C
												LCST = -10°C
												LCST = 33°C

TABLE 3. Continued

Binary		Representative Data			Calculated Values			Miscibility					
Mixture Type	Solute	Solvent	$T_{\text{low}}$ (°C)	$T_{\text{high}}$ (°C)	$\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$ at $T_{\text{low}}$	$\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$ at $T_{\text{high}}$	$\theta_{ij}$ from Eq. 1	$\bar{L}_{ij}^{\infty}$ Calculated via Eqs. 1 and 7 kJ/mol at	$\bar{S}_{ij}^{\infty}$ Calculated via Eqs. 1 and 8 J/mol·K at				
V	2-pentanol	Water ( $T < 50^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	0	50	59	129	−1.0	−11.6	−	60°C	25°C	60°C	Completely Miscible (CM), Upper Critical Solution
	Dipropylene glycol <i>n</i> -butyl ether	Water	50	80	224	360	−0.95	−11.8 <sup>a</sup>	−14.6	−81 <sup>a</sup>	−90	−	Temperature (UCST), or Lower Critical Solution
	Isobutanol	Water ( $T < 50^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	0	50	31.6	57.4	−0.95	−8.8	−	−60.8	−	−	Temperature (LCST) Tendency
	Propylene glycol <i>n</i> -propyl ether	Water	50	80	46	64	−0.93	−8.2 <sup>a</sup>	−10.2	−57 <sup>a</sup>	−63	−	at 0°C to 100°C
	<i>n</i> -pentanol	Water ( $T < 50^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	0	50	121	230	−0.75	−9.5	−	−74.4	−	−	UCST = 188°C
	<i>n</i> -hexanol	Water ( $T < 50^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	25	50	885	1193	−0.50	−9.0	−	−86.6	−	−	UCST = 225°C
	2-butanone (methyl ethyl ketone)	Water	25	100	28.4	38.4	−0.38	−3.2	−3.7	−38.5	−40.2	−	LCST = −6°C
	<i>n</i> -heptanol	Water ( $T < 50^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	25	50	3760	4765	−0.35	−7.2	−	−92.6	−	−	UCST = 150°C
	Triethylamine	Water											LCST = 19°C
	Nicotine	Water											LCST = 61°C
VI	Ethylbenzylamine	1,2,3-trihydroxypropane (glycerol)											LCST
	2-methoxy phenol (guaiacol)	1,2,3-trihydroxypropane (+ 2.2% water by volume)											LCST = 56°C
	3-methylamine ( <i>m</i> -toluidine)	1,2,3-trihydroxypropane											UCST = 69°C
	Net Attractive Interactions with Negative Excess Entropy												
	2-propanone (acetone)	Trichloromethane (chloroform)	32	50	0.39	0.48	Pos.	Neg.	Neg.	−28.9 <sup>a</sup>	−17.8 <sup>a</sup>	−	CM
	1,4-dioxane	[BMPYR][TCM] <sup>c</sup>	45	95	0.642	0.768	3.6	−4.9 <sup>a</sup>	−3.7	−11.8 <sup>a</sup>	−8.0	−	CM
	trichloromethane	Ethyl acetate	37	76	0.424	0.512	2.1	−4.8 <sup>a</sup>	−4.3	−8.5	−6.7	−	CM
	Tetrahydrofuran	Trichloromethane	32	50	0.21	0.25	2.1	−8.3 <sup>a</sup>	−7.44	−14.5 <sup>a</sup>	−11.5	−	CM
	Pyridine	[BMPYR][TCM] <sup>c</sup>	45	95	0.567	0.627	1.3	−2.05 <sup>a</sup>	−1.98	−1.73 <sup>a</sup>	−1.49	−	CM
	Trichloromethane	2-propanone	34	56	0.503	0.530	1.1	−2.02 <sup>a</sup>	−1.98 <sup>a</sup>	−0.85 <sup>a</sup>	−0.75 <sup>a</sup>	−	CM
VII	Net Attractive Interactions with Positive Excess Entropy												
	Methanol	<i>N</i> -methylpyrrolidone	60	90	0.482	0.511	Pos.	Neg.	Pos.	0.22 <sup>a</sup>	0.20	−	CM
	Benzene	[3C6Cl4P][BTI] <sup>d</sup>	40	100	0.391	0.437	0.72	−1.73 <sup>a</sup>	−1.79	2.27 <sup>a</sup>	2.1	−	CM
	2-propanone (acetone)	[3C6Cl4P][BTI] <sup>d</sup>	40	100	0.297	0.334	0.58	−1.80 <sup>a</sup>	−1.88	4.36 <sup>a</sup>	4.09	−	CM
	Ethanol	<i>N</i> -methylpyrrolidone	60	90	0.606	0.618	0.46	−0.61 <sup>a</sup>	−0.64	2.35 <sup>a</sup>	2.24	−	CM
	Chemically Similar, Wide Molecular Size Distribution												
	Methanol	[BMPYR][TCM] <sup>c</sup>	45	95	0.699	0.590	Neg.	Pos.	Pos.	9.16 <sup>a</sup>	12.3	−	CM
	Hexane	C <sub>36</sub>	76	88	0.640	0.628	−2.7	1.98 <sup>a</sup>	2.98	6.8 <sup>a</sup>	7.8 <sup>a</sup>	−	CM
	Nonane	C <sub>36</sub>	76	88	0.727	0.717	−1.2	1.12 <sup>a</sup>	1.43 <sup>a</sup>	4.9 <sup>a</sup>	7.8 <sup>a</sup>	−	CM
	Heptane	C <sub>16</sub>	20	50	0.924	0.921	−0.41	0.08	0.10 <sup>a</sup>	0.94	0.98 <sup>a</sup>	−	CM

<sup>a</sup>Extrapolated value. All other values are determined by interpolation between temperatures  $T_{\text{low}}$  and  $T_{\text{high}}$ .

<sup>b</sup> Completely miscible, but near a phase instability condition.

<sup>c</sup>1-butyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium tricyanomethanide (ionic liquid).

<sup>d</sup>Trihexyltetradecylphosphonium bis (trifluoromethylsulfonyl) imide (ionic liquid).

the Type III includes alcohols in water ( $C_8$  and above). It also includes  $C_4$ – $C_7$  alcohols in water at  $T > 50^\circ\text{C}$ .

<sup>f</sup>Type IV includes C<sub>4</sub>–C<sub>7</sub> alcohols in water at  $T < 50^\circ\text{C}$ .

**Table 4. Average  $\theta$  for Nonaqueous Solute–Solvent Pairings (Types II and III)**

Solute Class	Solvent Class	$\theta$	No. of Datasets	Relative Error (%)
Active Hydrogen	Active Hydrogen	2.8	11	25.6
Active Hydrogen	Aromatic	2.1	6	15.6
Active Hydrogen	Nonpolar	2.8	33	24.2
Active Hydrogen	Polar	1.8	35	16.8
Aromatic	Active Hydrogen	0.6	22	19.0
Aromatic	Aromatic	1.4	10	12.5
Aromatic	Nonpolar	2.4	8	8.4
Aromatic	Polar	1.5	32	15.3
Nonpolar	Active Hydrogen	0.7	53	12.4
Nonpolar	Aromatic	1.6	34	14.7
Nonpolar	Polar	1.4	106	18.8
Polar	Active Hydrogen	2.1	63	20.7
Polar	Aromatic	2.8	15	21.7
Polar	Nonpolar	2.3	64	15.4
Polar	Polar	1.4	76	15.0

**Type VII. Chemically similar, wide molecular size distribution**

Type VII binaries are completely miscible. Excess entropy is positive and excess enthalpy effects are relatively small and positive, so the activity coefficient is less than but close to unity (Table 3). Our analysis of the limited data available for this type indicates that  $\theta_{ij}$  falls in the range of  $-5 < \theta_{ij} < -0.5$ . For this type of mixture, the entropic contribution to  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$  domi-

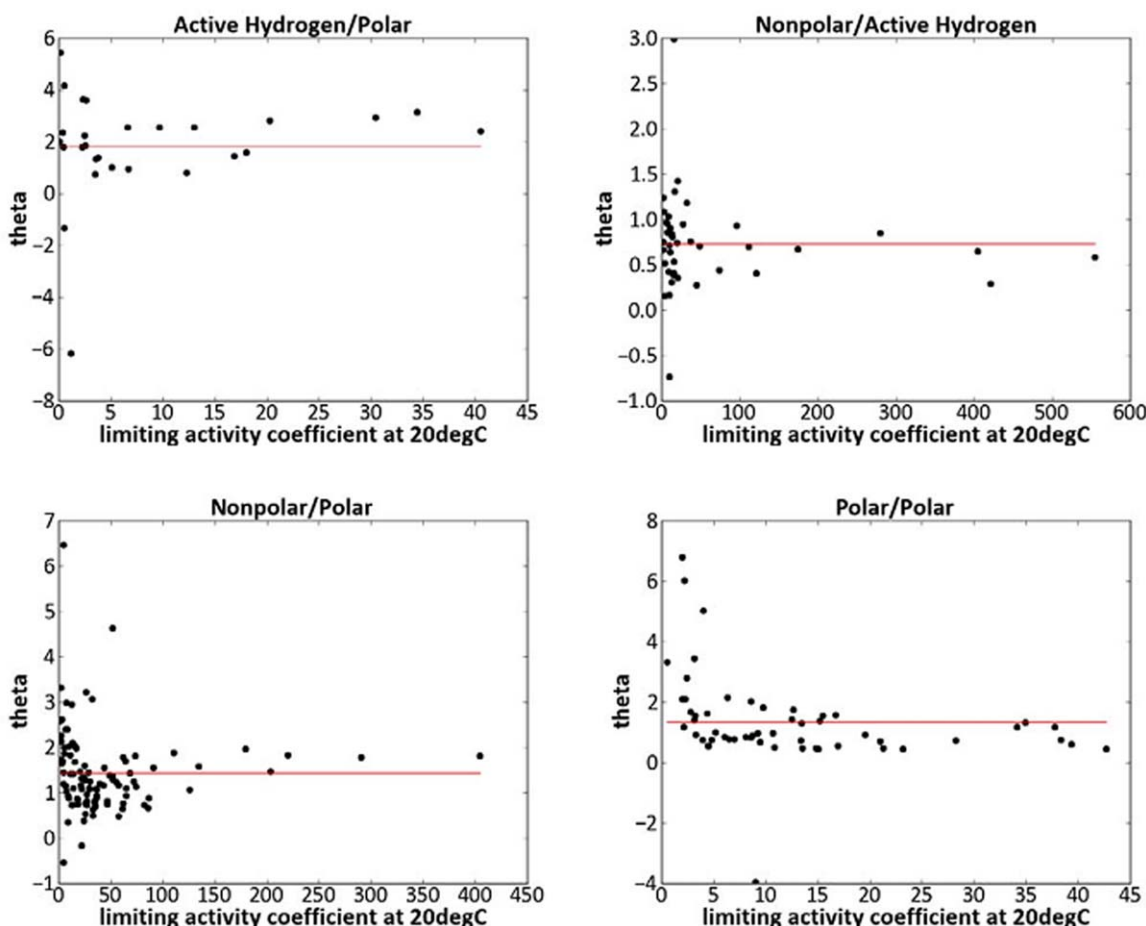
nates. It is approximated by the classic Flory–Huggins equation written for chemically similar components<sup>102</sup>

$$\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty (\text{entropic}) = \ln \left( \frac{V_i^L}{V_j^L} \right) + 1 - \frac{V_i^L}{V_j^L} \quad (11)$$

where the effect of temperature is in the temperature dependence of molar volumes  $V_i^L$  and  $V_j^L$ . Kato et al.<sup>102</sup> studied literature data for binary mixtures of  $C_4$ – $C_{10}$  hydrocarbons dissolved in  $C_{12}$ – $C_{36}$  hydrocarbons for which  $0.6 < \gamma_{ij}^\infty < 1$  and  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$  tends to decrease slightly with increasing temperature. The authors concluded that both  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  must be positive, and they evaluated various activity coefficient models including Eq. 11. Another binary of this type is methanol dissolved in the ionic liquid [BMPYR][TCM] for which  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$  is on the order of 0.6 to 0.7 and decreases with increasing temperature.<sup>94</sup> Both solute and solvent are polar and  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  is small relative to  $T\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$ , so the large size difference appears to be the main factor affecting  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$  (Table 3).

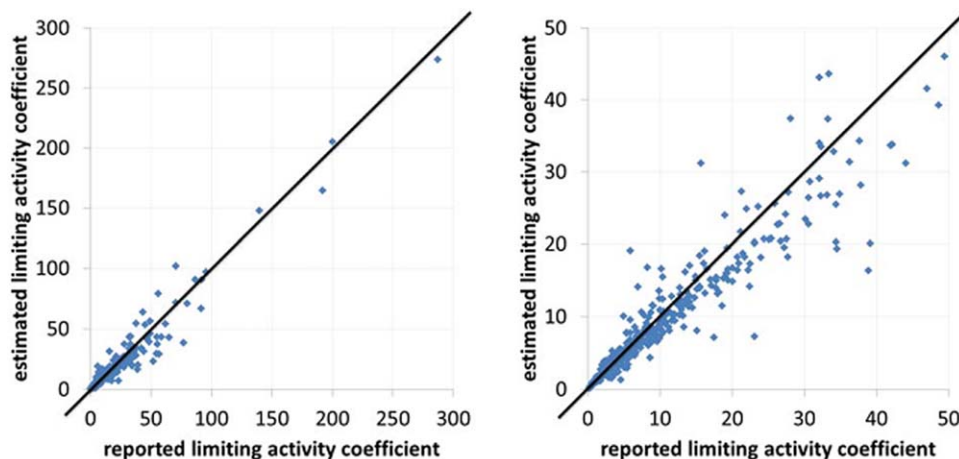
**Applications**

The proposed method can be used with current methods used for correlating or extrapolating limiting activity coefficients as a function of composition. One such method<sup>114</sup> involves extrapolation of  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$  from a given solvent  $j$  to a new



**Figure 5. Temperature dependence parameter  $\theta_{ij}$  plotted vs.  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty$  data at 20°C for general pairings of solute and solvent (Types II and III).**

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**Figure 6. Estimated  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  vs. experimental data.**

Estimates were obtained using Eq. 1 and values of  $\theta$  listed in Table 4 for general kinds of solute–solvent pairings (Types II and III). [Color figure can be viewed in the online issue, which is available at [wileyonlinelibrary.com](http://wileyonlinelibrary.com).]

solvent  $k$  as a means to calculating the activity coefficient for solute  $i$  dissolved in a variety of solvents. Application of Eq. 1 using an estimate of  $\theta_{ik}$  for the new solute–solvent pairs allows extrapolation as a function of temperature. Table 5 summarizes various applications in separation process analysis and environmental studies where a form of Eq. 1 is easily inserted into the analysis.

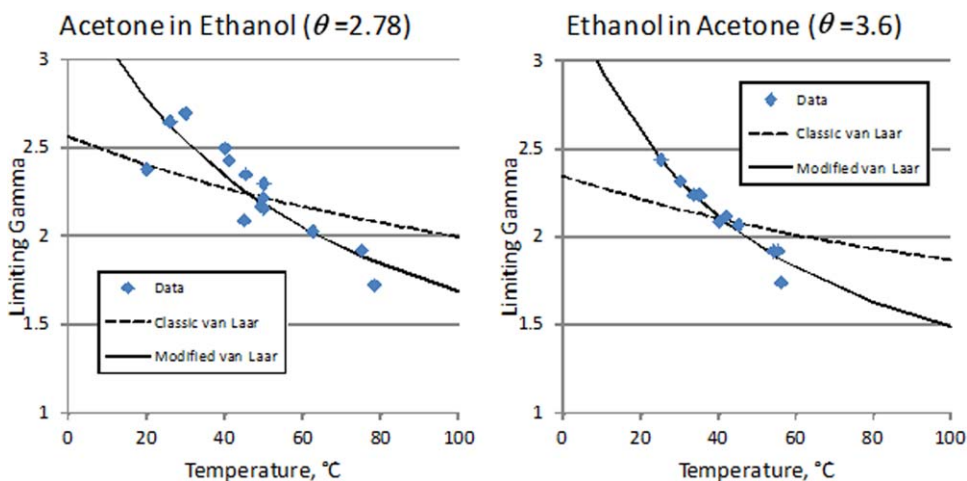
The parameter  $\theta_{ij}$  also can be incorporated directly into an excess Gibbs energy expression. It is a common practice to represent the effect of temperature for a given binary interaction parameter using empirical expressions with 2 or more correlation constants.<sup>3,5,119,122–124</sup> This is a common option offered by commercially available process simulation software.<sup>124</sup> Typical expressions have the form  $\ln A$  or  $A = a + b/T + c \ln T$  where  $A$  is a model parameter and  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are correlation constants determined by fitting data. We propose simplifying this approach by instead expressing the temperature dependence in terms of  $\theta_{ij}$ .

For example, for a binary mixture a modified version of the van Laar correlation has the form

$$\ln \gamma_i = \frac{a_{ij}(T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{ij}}}{\left(1 + \frac{a_{ij}x_i}{a_{ji}x_j}\right)^2} \quad (12)$$

$$\ln \gamma_j = \frac{a_{ji}(T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{ji}}}{\left(1 + \frac{a_{ji}x_j}{a_{ij}x_i}\right)^2} \quad (13)$$

where  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  are liquid-phase mole fractions, and the correlation constants are given by  $a_{ij} = \ln \gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  at  $T = T_{\text{ref}}$ ,  $a_{ji} = \ln \gamma_{ji}^{\infty}$  at  $T = T_{\text{ref}}$ , as in Eq. 1. An application is shown in Figure 7 for the 2-propanone + ethanol system (Type II). Poor fit of activity coefficients at dilute conditions is a well-known limitation of the classic van Laar equations; however, in this example the modified van Laar equations gave much improved representation of  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  (Figure 7) while retaining good representation of  $\gamma_i$  for correlating vapor–liquid equilibrium data at more concentrated conditions (not shown). This improvement results from the introduction of an entropic term as indicated by Eq. 9.



**Figure 7. Application of the modified van Laar correlation to 2-propanone (acetone) + ethanol (Type II).**

For the modified van Laar correlation (Eqs. 12 and 13),  $\theta_{ij} = 2.78$ ,  $\theta_{ji} = 3.60$ , and  $a_{ij} = 0.977$ ,  $a_{ji} = 0.876$  at  $T_{\text{ref}} = 298$  K. For the classic van Laar correlation,  $\theta_{ij} = \theta_{ji} = 1.0$ , and  $a_{ij} = 0.863$ ,  $a_{ji} = 0.780$  at  $T_{\text{ref}} = 298$  K. In the classic case ( $\theta = 1$ ),  $a_{ij} = A/RT_{\text{ref}}$  and  $a_{ji} = B/RT_{\text{ref}}$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are the standard van Laar correlation constants defined in Ref. 5, Table 8-3. Data were taken from the following references:<sup>55,65,70,103–106</sup> [Color figure can be viewed in the online issue, which is available at [wileyonlinelibrary.com](http://wileyonlinelibrary.com).]



**Table 5. Equations for Process Separations and Environmental Studies**

Application	Key Equations Modified by Using Eq. 1	Background References <sup>a</sup>
Screening solvents for extractive distillation and entrainers for azeotropic distillation	relative volatility, $\alpha_{ik}^\infty  _{\text{in a solvent or entrainer}} = \frac{\gamma_{i,\text{solvent}}^\infty(T) p_i^{\text{SAT}}(T)}{\gamma_{k,\text{solvent}}^\infty(T) p_k^{\text{SAT}}(T)}$ $= \frac{\exp[\ln \gamma_{i,\text{solvent}}^\infty(\text{at } T_{\text{ref}}) \times (T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{i,\text{solvent}}}] p_i^{\text{SAT}}(T)}{\exp[\ln \gamma_{k,\text{solvent}}^\infty(\text{at } T_{\text{ref}}) \times (T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{k,\text{solvent}}}] p_k^{\text{SAT}}(T)}$	9,115
Stripping mode distillation at dilute solute conditions	$\alpha_{ij}^\infty = \gamma_{ij}^\infty(T) \frac{p_j^{\text{SAT}}(T)}{p_i^{\text{SAT}}(T)} = \exp[\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty(\text{at } T_{\text{ref}}) \times (T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{ij}}] \frac{p_j^{\text{SAT}}(T)}{p_i^{\text{SAT}}(T)}$	9,99,115, 116
Screening solvents for liquid-liquid extraction at dilute conditions	partition ratio, $K_i^\infty$ $K_i^\infty = \frac{x_i^{\text{extract}}}{x_i^{\text{raffinate}}} = \frac{\gamma_{i,\text{raffinate}}^\infty(T)}{\gamma_{i,\text{extract}}^\infty(T)} = \frac{\exp[\ln \gamma_{i,\text{raffinate}}^\infty(\text{at } T_{\text{ref}}) \times (T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{i,\text{raffinate}}}] }{\exp[\ln \gamma_{i,\text{extract}}^\infty(\text{at } T_{\text{ref}}) \times (T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{i,\text{extract}}}] }$	9,10,99
Henry's Law constants for organics dissolved in water	Henry's Law constant, $H_i = \gamma_{i,\text{water}}^\infty(T) \frac{p_i^{\text{SAT}}(T)}{\rho_{\text{water}}(T)}$ $= \exp[\ln \gamma_{i,\text{water}}^\infty(\text{at } T_{\text{ref}}) \times (T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{i,\text{water}}}] \frac{p_i^{\text{SAT}}(T)}{\rho_{\text{water}}(T)}$	95,96,117–119
Octanol-water partition coefficients at dilute conditions	$K_{\text{ow},i}^\infty \equiv \frac{x_i^{\text{octanol-rich phase}}}{x_i^{\text{aqueous phase}}} \frac{\rho_{\text{octanol-rich phase}}}{\rho_{\text{aqueous phase}}} = \frac{\gamma_{i,\text{water}}^\infty}{\gamma_{i,\text{octanol}}^\infty} \frac{\rho_{\text{octanol-rich phase}}}{\rho_{\text{aqueous phase}}}$ $\approx \frac{\gamma_{i,\text{water}}^\infty(T)}{\gamma_{i,\text{organic phase}}^\infty(T)} \frac{\rho_{\text{organic phase}}(T)}{\rho_{\text{water}}(T)}$ $= \frac{\exp[\ln \gamma_{i,\text{water}}^\infty(\text{at } T_{\text{ref}}) \times (T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{i,\text{water}}}] }{\exp[\ln \gamma_{i,\text{organic phase}}^\infty(\text{at } T_{\text{ref}}) \times (T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{i,\text{organic phase}}}] } \frac{\rho_{\text{organic phase}}(T)}{\rho_{\text{water}}(T)}$	117,120,121

<sup>a</sup>See background references for detailed discussion of the standard nomenclature:  $\alpha_{i,k}$  is the relative volatility of component  $i$  with respect to  $k$ ,  $K_i^\infty$  is the liquid-liquid partition ratio at dilute solute concentrations,  $K_{\text{ow},i}^\infty$  is the octanol-water partition coefficient for solute  $i$ ,  $p_i^{\text{SAT}}$  is pure component vapor pressure,  $x_i$  is mole fraction concentration in the liquid, and  $\rho$  is liquid molar density.

Equation 1 also can be used to modify the extended Hansen model,<sup>12</sup> as follows

$$\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty = a_{ij}(T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{ij}} = \frac{V_i^L(T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{ij}}}{RT_{\text{ref}}} \times \left\{ \left( \delta_i^d - \delta_j^d \right)^2 + 0.25 \left[ \left( \delta_i^p - \delta_j^p \right)^2 + \left( \delta_i^h - \delta_j^h \right)^2 \right] \right\} \quad (14)$$

where  $\delta^d$ ,  $\delta^p$ , and  $\delta^h$  are the pure-component Hansen solubility parameters<sup>12,14,39</sup> obtained at some reference temperature  $T_{\text{ref}}$  (normally room temperature). Mixed solvents and concentrations away from infinite dilution are evaluated using average molar-volume weighted  $\delta$  values.<sup>12</sup> Only Types I–IV are applicable in this case, as Eq. 14 is unable to represent  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty < 1$ .

For the Wilson and NRTL correlations,<sup>3,5</sup> the temperature dependence can be modeled by inserting Eq. 1 into their respective equations for  $\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty$ . For the Wilson equation written using the standard nomenclature, this yields

$$\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty = a_{ij}(T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{ij}} = 1 - \ln \Lambda_{ij} - \Lambda_{ji} \quad (15)$$

where  $\Lambda_{ij}$  and  $\Lambda_{ji}$  are model parameters and  $a_{ij} = \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty$  at  $T = T_{\text{ref}}$ ,  $a_{ji} = \ln \gamma_{ji}^\infty$  at  $T = T_{\text{ref}}$ . Instead of using the functional form  $\Lambda_{ij} = V_j^L/V_i^L \exp(-\lambda_{ij}/RT)$  from the original model, values of  $\Lambda_{ij}$  and  $\Lambda_{ji}$  can be obtained as a function of temperature by simultaneously solving the equations

$$\Lambda_{ij} = 1 - a_{ji}(T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{ji}} - \ln \Lambda_{ji} \quad (16)$$

$$\Lambda_{ji} = 1 - a_{ij}(T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{ij}} - \ln \Lambda_{ij} \quad (17)$$

Parameter values corresponding to specific temperatures can be adjusted as needed to optimize the data fit across the entire composition range. Similarly, for the NRTL equations<sup>3</sup> we obtain

$$\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty = a_{ij}(T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{ij}} = \tau_{ij} \exp(-\alpha_{ij}\tau_{ij}) + \tau_{ji} \quad (18)$$

$$\tau_{ij} = a_{ji}(T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{ji}} - \tau_{ji} \exp(-\alpha_{ji}\tau_{ji}) \quad (19)$$

$$\tau_{ji} = a_{ij}(T_{\text{ref}}/T)^{\theta_{ij}} - \tau_{ij} \exp(-\alpha_{ij}\tau_{ij}) \quad (20)$$

where  $\tau_{ij}$  and  $\tau_{ji}$  are the temperature-dependent model parameters, and  $\alpha_{ij}$  and  $\alpha_{ji}$  are model parameters assumed to be independent of temperature.

In principle, this general approach may be applied to other excess Gibbs energy expressions, as well. Suitable  $\theta_{ij}$  values may be estimated via Eq. 9 or treated as adjustable model parameters in fitting data. Estimates also may be obtained from molecular structure for specific classes of compounds, as summarized in Table 4. The range of possible  $\theta_{ij}$  values is bounded by the range of values given in Tables 2–4 for a given binary type—for applications within the normal temperature range.

## Summary

We have introduced a new temperature-dependence parameter  $\theta_{ij}$  and a systematic classification scheme for correlating infinite-dilution activity coefficients of nonionic organic solutes. Many different types of temperature dependence are possible depending on the signs and relative magnitudes of partial molar excess enthalpy and entropy, and we have shown that  $\theta_{ij}$  can be related to these basic thermodynamic properties such that  $\theta_{ij} = 1/[1 - (T_{ij}^{E,\infty}/h_{ij}^{E,\infty})]$ . We have also provided examples where a constant value of  $\theta_{ij}$  allows correlation of  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty = f(T)$  over a reasonably wide temperature span. Exceptions include a number of organic + water binaries.

To provide a framework for organizing data, we have classified solute–solvent binary pairs into seven types

corresponding to distinct domains of  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  and  $\theta_{ij}$  (Tables 1 and 2). Table 3 lists values of  $\theta_{ij}$  for representative binaries determined by regression of temperature-dependent  $\gamma_{ij}^{\infty}$  data. This table can readily be expanded to include additional temperature-dependent data available in the literature. In principle, when data are lacking, estimates of  $\theta_{ij}$  may be obtained using methods aimed at calculating relative values of  $\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$  and  $\bar{s}_{ij}^{E,\infty}$ . For nonaqueous binaries containing specific classes of compounds, estimates may be obtained from molecular structure using the method summarized in Table 4. The resulting framework should be useful for application-directed screening and modeling purposes, as illustrated by Table 5 and Eqs. 12–20.

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## Appendix: Derivation of Equation 5

Equation 1, used to correlate  $\gamma_{ij}^\infty = f(T)$ , can be written as follows

$$\frac{\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty(\text{at } T)}{\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty(\text{at } T_1)} = \left(\frac{T_1}{T}\right)^{\theta_{ij}} \quad (\text{A1})$$

where  $\theta_{ij}$  is assumed to be constant. Rearranging to obtain an expression for  $\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty(T)$  yields

$$\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty(\text{at } T) = T_1^{\theta_{ij}} \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty(\text{at } T_1) \left(\frac{1}{T}\right)^{\theta_{ij}} \quad (\text{A2})$$

Taking the derivative of  $\ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty(T)$  with respect to  $1/T$  and inserting the result into Eq. 3 yields

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\frac{\partial \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty}{\partial (1/T)}\right]_{P,x} &= T_1^{\theta_{ij}} \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty(\text{at } T_1) \theta_{ij} \left(\frac{1}{T}\right)^{\theta_{ij}-1} \\ &= \theta_{ij} T_1 \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty(\text{at } T_1) \left(\frac{T_1}{T}\right)^{\theta_{ij}-1} = \frac{\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}}{R} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A3})$$

Equation A1 also can be written as

$$\frac{T \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty(\text{at } T)}{T_1 \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty(\text{at } T_1)} = \left(\frac{T_1}{T}\right)^{\theta_{ij}-1} \quad (\text{A4})$$

Combining Eqs. A3 and A4 and rearranging yields Eq. 5, as follows

$$\frac{\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty}}{R} = \theta_{ij} T_1 \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty(\text{at } T_1) \frac{T \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty(\text{at } T)}{T_1 \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty(\text{at } T_1)} = \theta_{ij} T \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty(\text{at } T) \quad (\text{A5})$$

$$\bar{h}_{ij}^{E,\infty} = \theta_{ij} R T \ln \gamma_{ij}^\infty \quad (\text{A6})$$

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