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About benchmarking of amino acid (AA) performance for CO₂ absorption

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LSPC at a glance

12 researchers in chemical engineering

Process Safety

Biomass valorization

CO₂ capture and valorization

Expertise

- Heat and mass transfer
- Calorimetric approach
- Kinetic determination



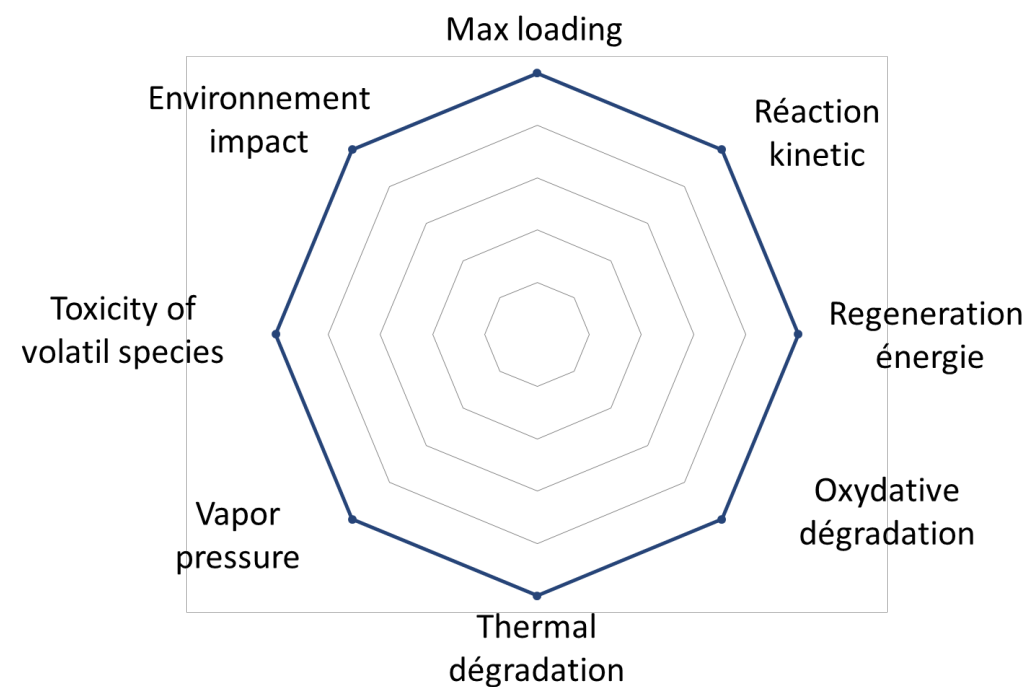
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The quest of the ideal solvent...



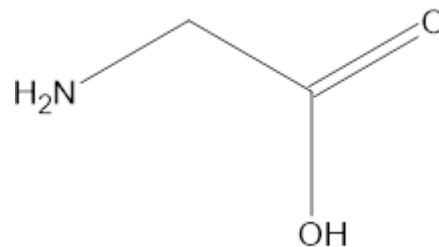
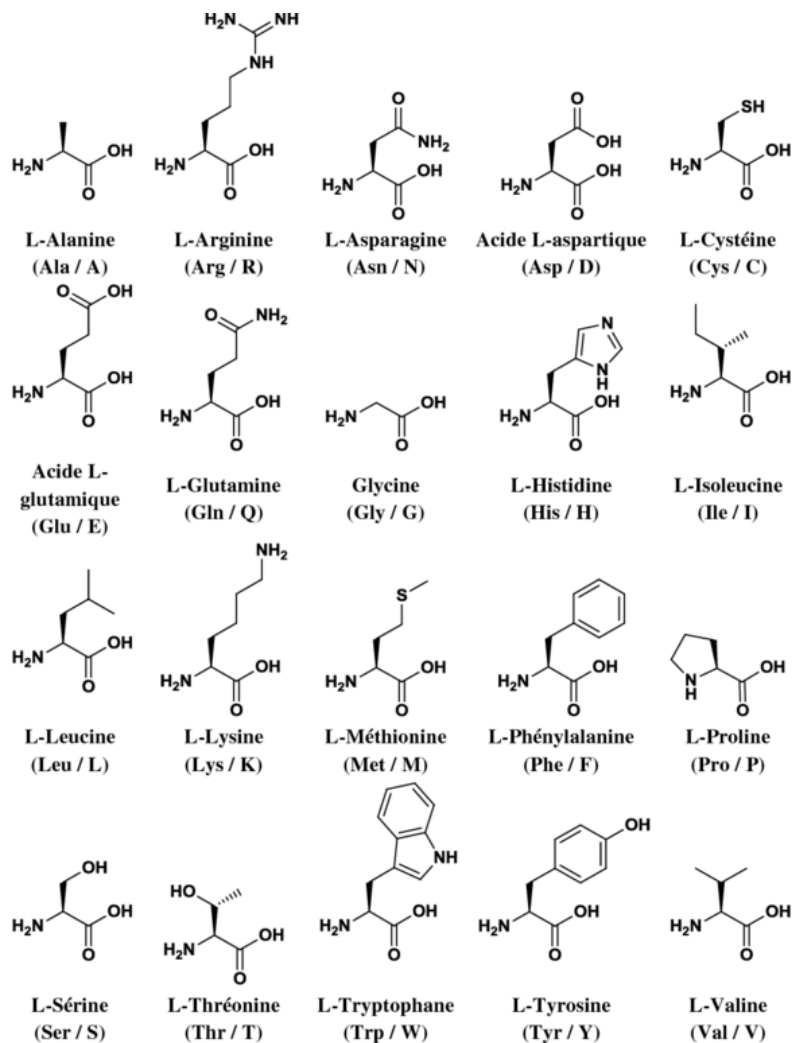
- Rapid reaction with CO₂
- Low regeneration energy
- High absorption capacity
- No degradation
- No toxicity
- Regeneration without loss



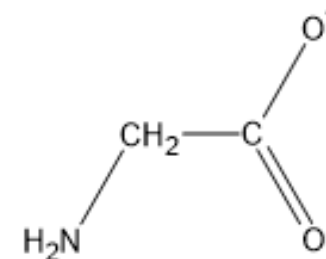


More than 500 amino acids exist in nature.

- Same reaction system as primary and secondary alkanolamines
- Possible high reaction rates
- Low oxidative degradation
- High absorption capacity
- Possibility of synthesizing them in an eco-responsible way
- Low toxicity
- Very low volatility

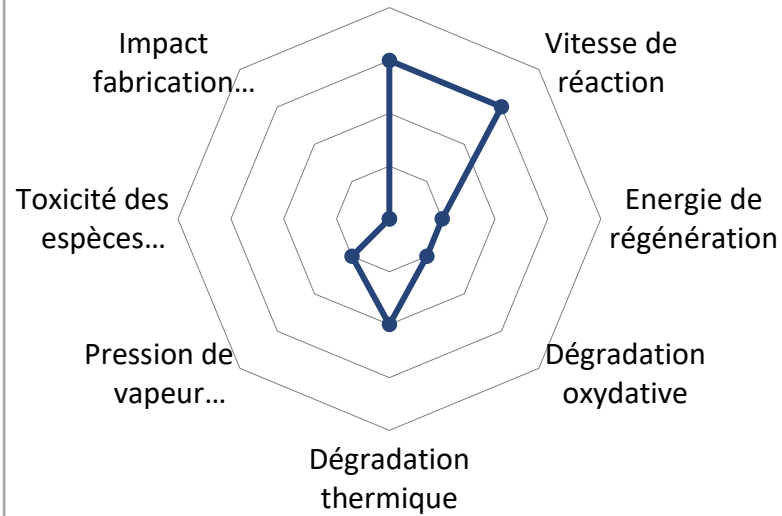


Glycine (Gly)



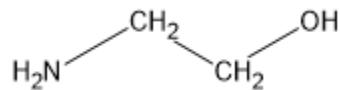
MEA 30 %

Capacité
d'absorption

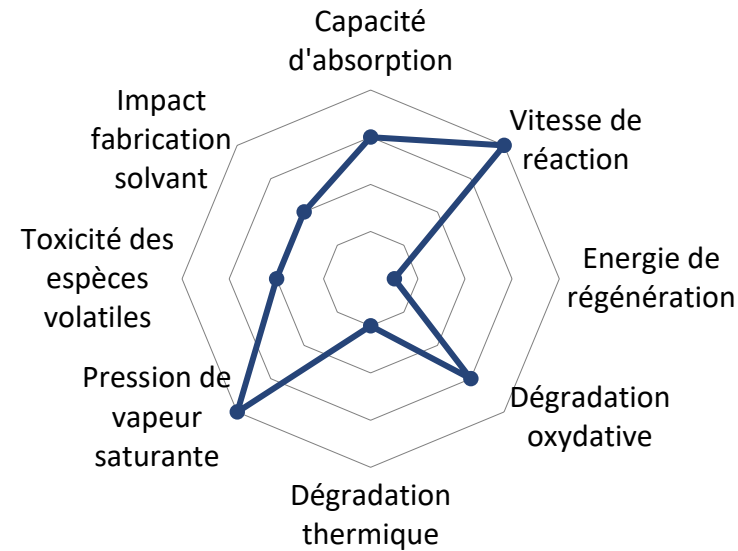


$k_2 \approx 7000 \text{ L/mol}\cdot\text{s}$ à 298 K

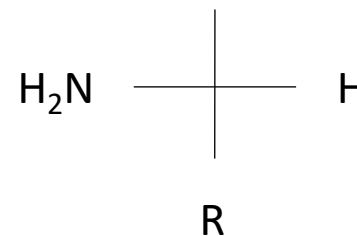
Energie de régénération $\approx 3,5 \text{ GJ/t}_{\text{CO}_2}$



Sels d'acides aminés

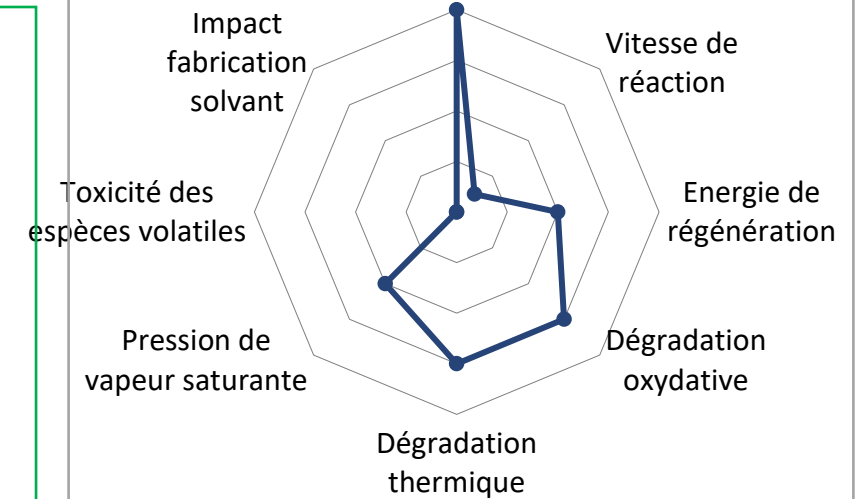


COOH



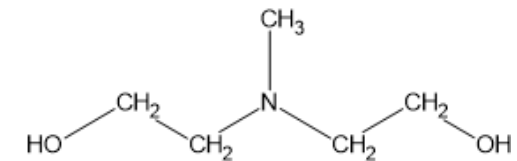
MDEA 30 %

Capacité
d'absorption



$k_2 \approx 8 \text{ L/mol}\cdot\text{s}$ à 298 K

Energie de régénération $\approx \text{N/A}$





Aim of this work :

- Assess the influence of the counter-ion on viscosity, density and kinetics.
- Model viscosities based on the molecular structure of aminocarboxylate ions.
- Explore the potential of mixtures of tertiary amines and amino acid salts to minimize regeneration energy while rapidly absorbing CO₂.

Measurement of physical properties for glycinate solutions

Viscosity & Density

Mass fraction range [4 % mass - 40 % mass].

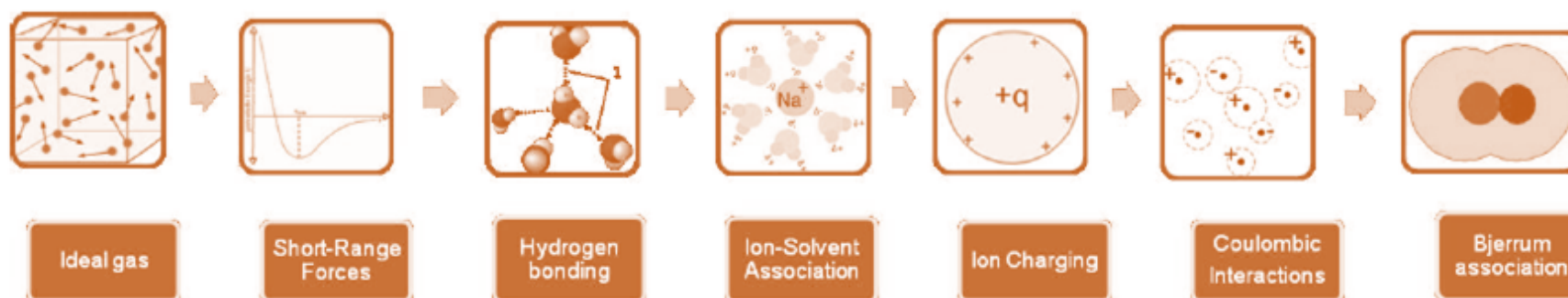
Temperature range [288.15 K - 323.15 K].



electrolytic solutions = **multiple interactions**:

- ion-ion interactions
- ion-solvent interactions
- solvent-solvent interactions

is not just a two-body problem :
Seat of a system of complex interactions between several bodies.





Bibliographic correlations for density of Gly

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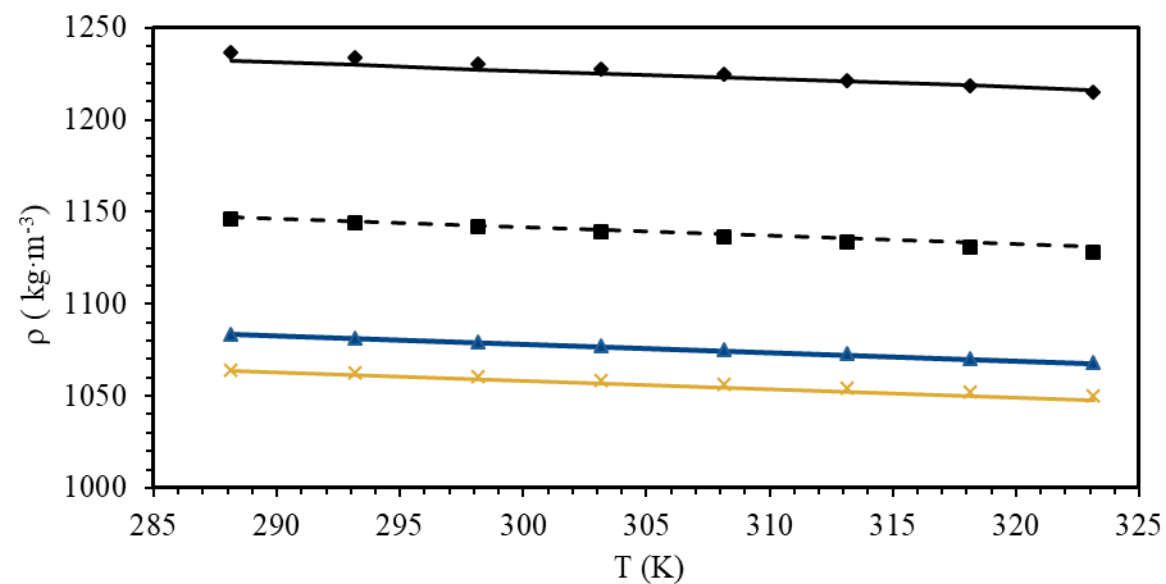
Solution aqueuse	Auteurs	Équation	Température (K)	Concentration
GlyNa	(S. Lee et al., 2005)	$\rho = A_1 + A_2 \cdot T + A_3 \cdot T^2$ <i>Eq. II-13</i>	303 – 353	10 – 50 % mass.
GlyNa	(Harris et al., 2009)	$\rho = A_0 \cdot T + A_1$ <i>Eq. II-14</i>	298,15 – 353,15	1 – 30 % mass.
Sels d'acides aminés et de potassium	(Holst et al., 2008)	$\rho = A_1 \cdot T + A_2 \cdot C + A_3$ <i>Eq. II-15</i>	298,15 – 333,15	0,2 – 3,5 M
GlyNa + pipérazine	(Shaikh et al., 2015)	$\rho = A_1 + A_2 \cdot T + A_3 \cdot T^2$ <i>Eq. II-16</i>	298,15 – 343,15	<u>GlyNa</u> : 0,0348 – 0,0177 (fraction molaire) <u>Pipérazine</u> : 0,0348 – 0,0177 (fraction molaire)
Mélange d'anhydrase carbonique et de L-lysine	(Suleman & Fosbøl, 2020)	$\rho = \rho_{H_2O} \cdot (k_1 + k_2 \cdot W_{PL} + k_3 \cdot W_{CA} + k_4 \cdot T)$ <i>Eq. II-17</i>	303 – 353	$W_{PL} = 0,296 – 0,489$ (fraction massique) $W_{CA} = 0 – 3,4$ g/L

Choice : using w instead of C

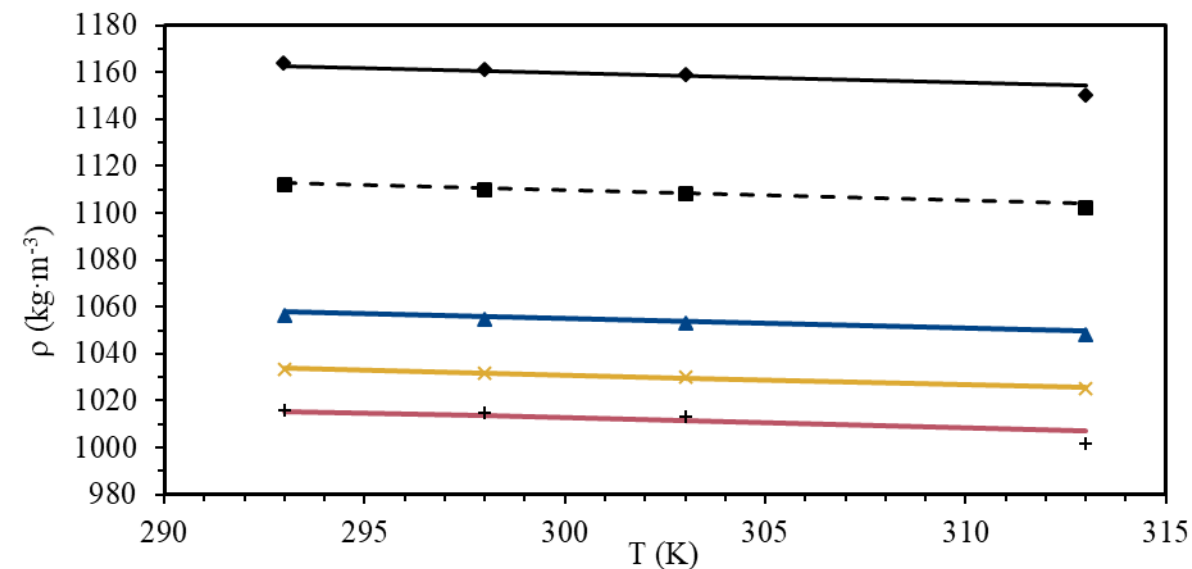
density measurement

$$\rho \left(\frac{kg}{m^3} \right) = k'_1 \times T(K) + k'_2 \times w(\text{mass fraction}) + k'_3$$

GLyK



GLyNa



◆ $w = 0,2901$; ■ $w = 0,2027$; ▲ $w = 0,1074$; × $w = 0,0652$; + $w = 0,0330$



Viscosity measurement : modelling approach

Einstein (1906)

$$\eta = \eta_0 \cdot (1 + 2,5 \cdot \theta)$$

Solutions with MES

Glasstone et al. (1941)

$$\eta = \frac{h \cdot N_A}{V} \cdot e^{\frac{\Delta G^*}{R \cdot T}}$$

Transition state theory
Energy barrier

Jones et Dole (1929)

$$\frac{\eta}{\eta_0} = 1 + A \cdot \sqrt{C} + B \cdot C + D \cdot C^2$$

Ionic force opposing movement in VC
Empirical terms B and D

Modèle n°1

$$\eta = k_1 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{k_2 \cdot \exp(k_3 \cdot w)}{R \cdot T}\right) \cdot \exp(k_4 \cdot w)$$

Model similar to that of Holst et al.
Allowance for expansion = > w

Modèle n°3

$$\eta = k_{12} \cdot \exp\left(k_{13} \cdot w + k_{14} \cdot w^2 + \frac{k_{15}}{T}\right)$$

Model based on a combination of the Glasstone et al.
Energy barrier independent of w

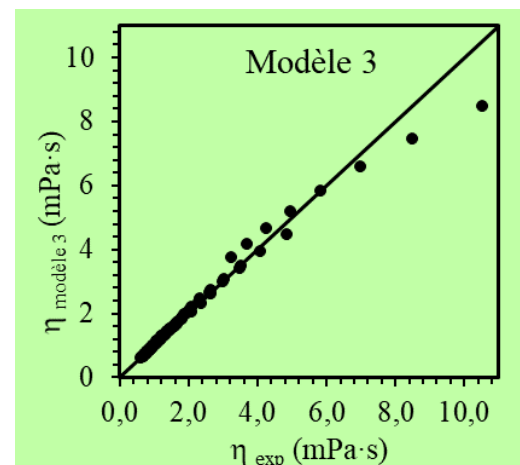
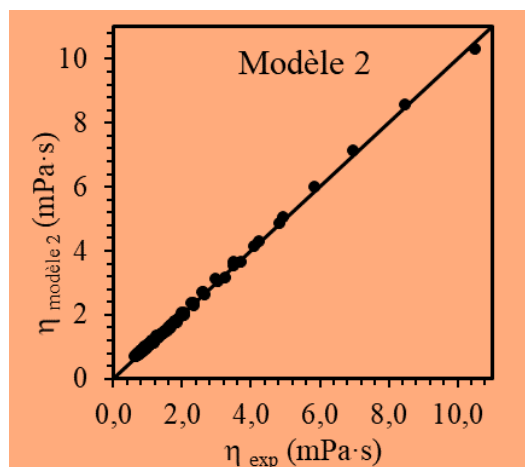
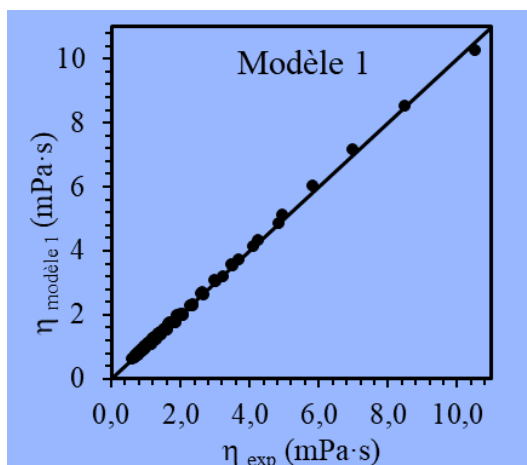
Modèle n°2

$$\eta = k_5 \cdot (1 + k_6 \cdot w^{0.5} + k_7 \cdot w + k_8 \cdot w^{1.5}) \exp\left(\frac{k_9 \cdot (1 + w + k_{10} \cdot w^{1.5} + k_{11} \cdot w^2)}{R \cdot T}\right)$$

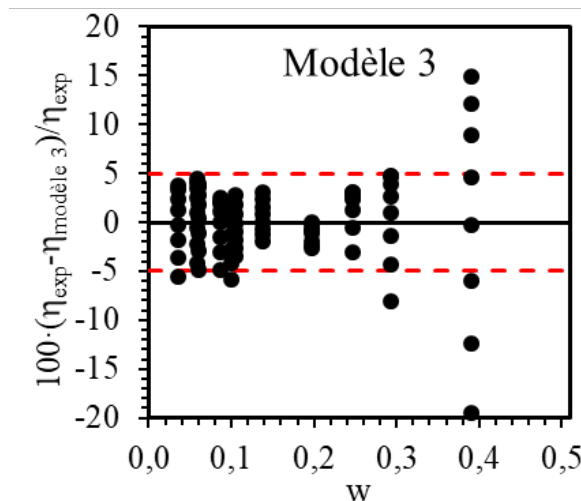
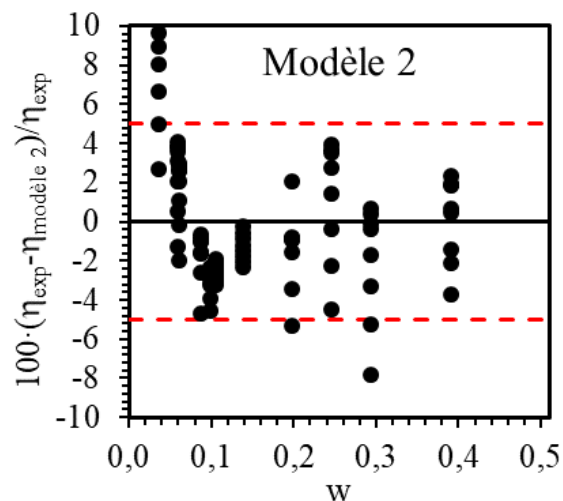
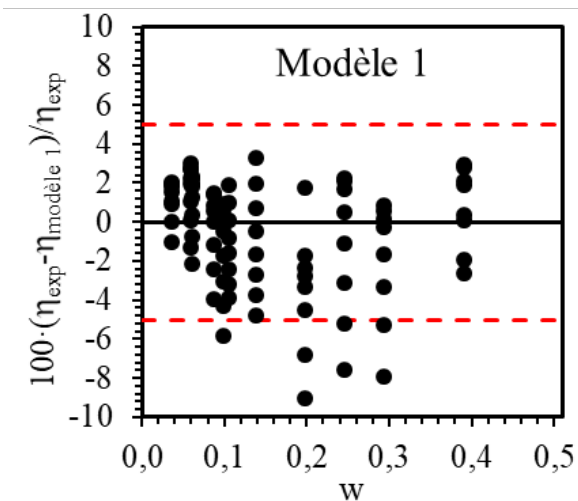
Combination of the Jones and Dole model and that of Glasstone et al.
Energy barrier dependent on w



Results

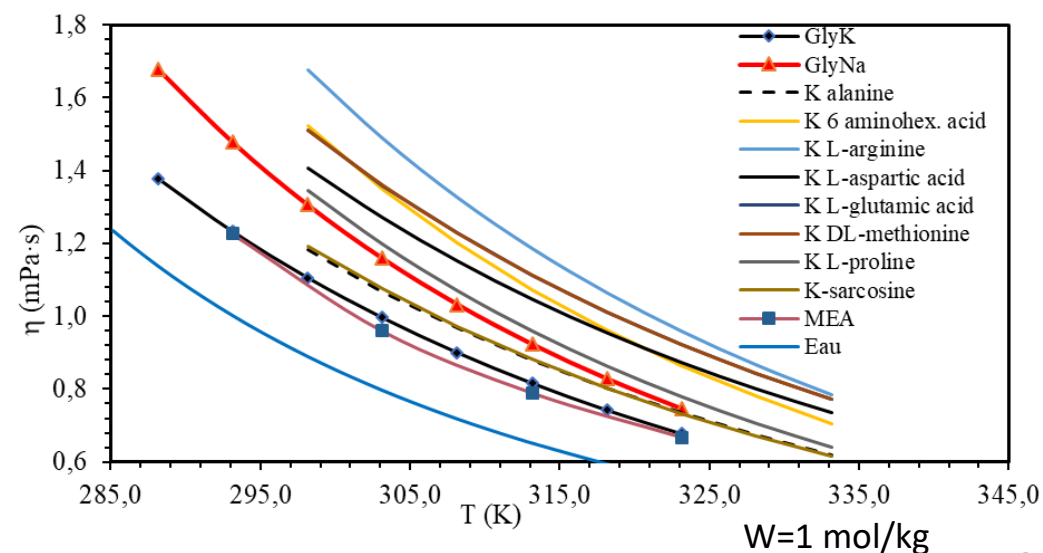
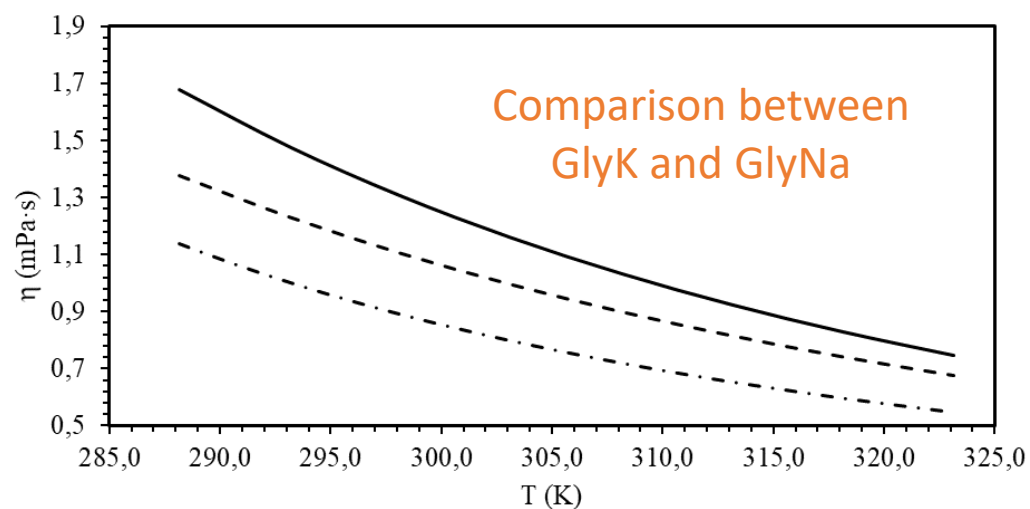
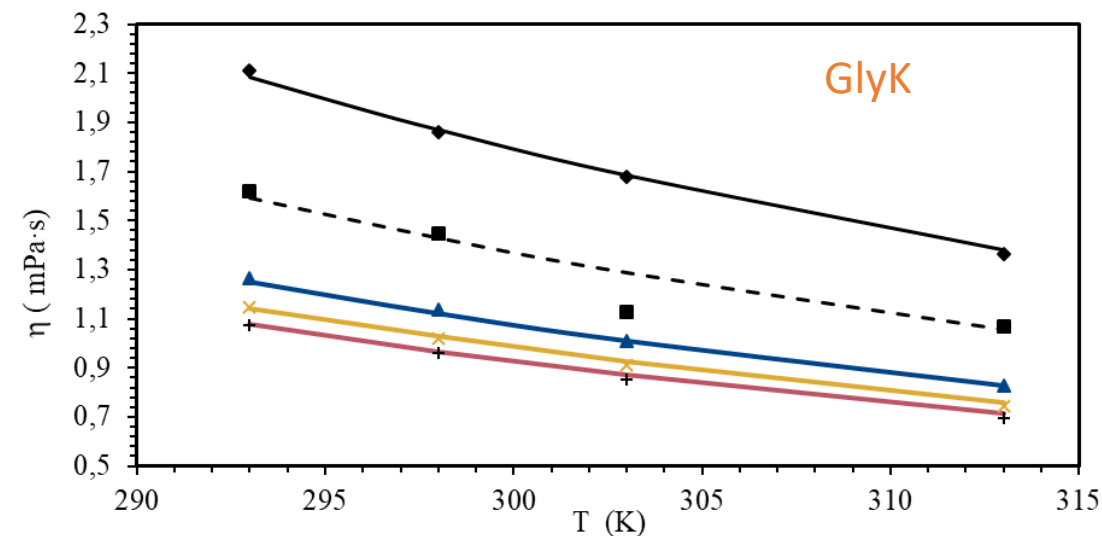
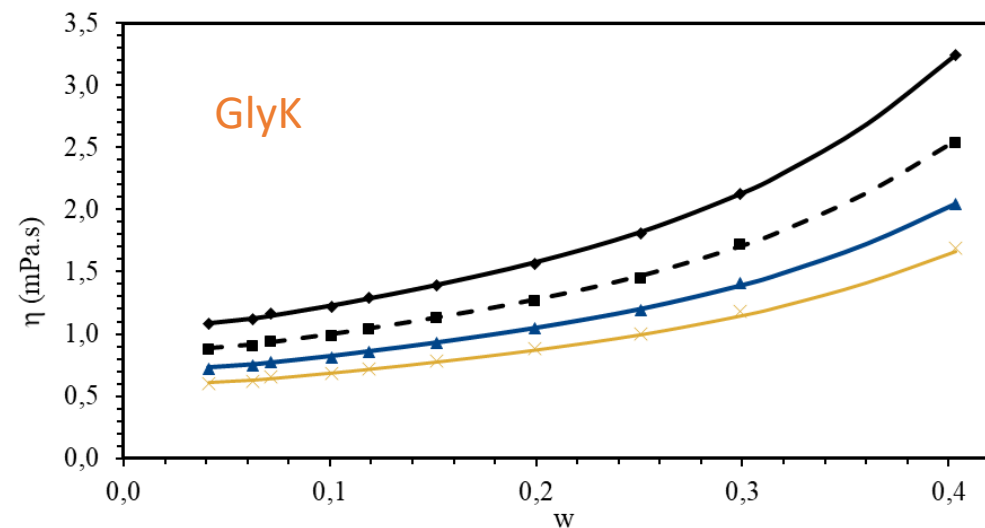


Strong interactions
between cations @
high concentraton



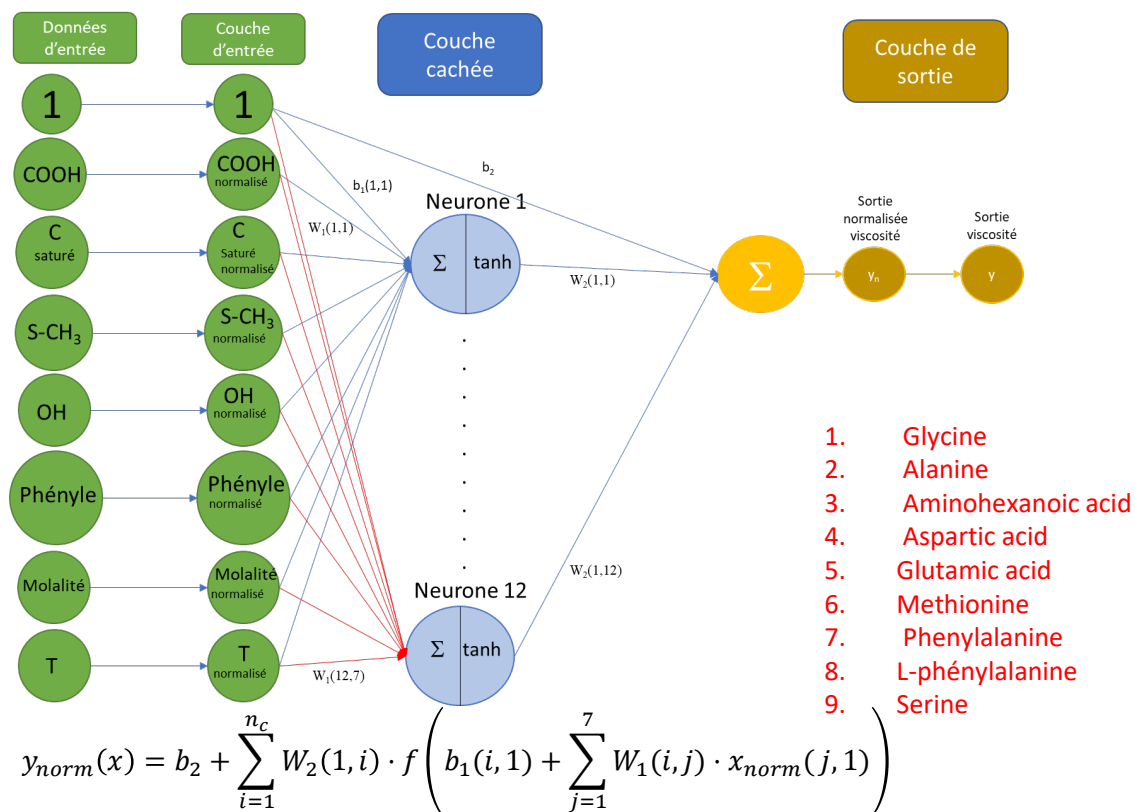
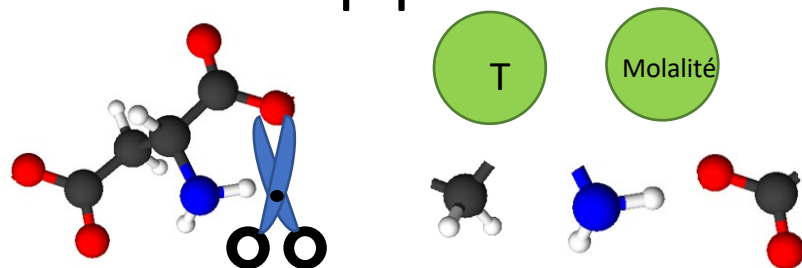


Results for viscosity of Gly





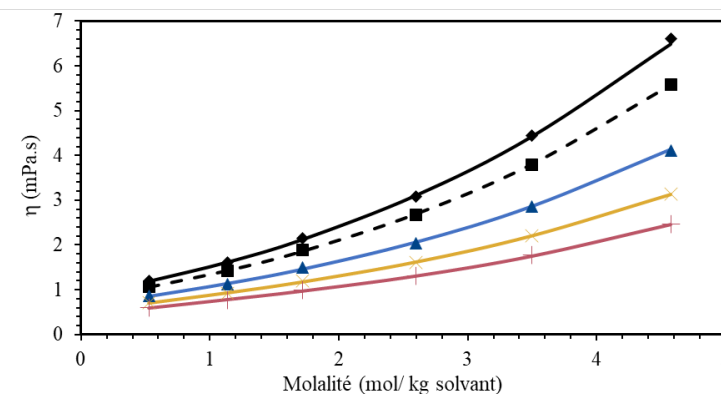
ANN Approach



1. Glycine
2. Alanine
3. Aminohexanoic acid
4. Aspartic acid
5. Glutamic acid
6. Methionine
7. Phenylalanine
8. L-phénylalanine
9. Serine

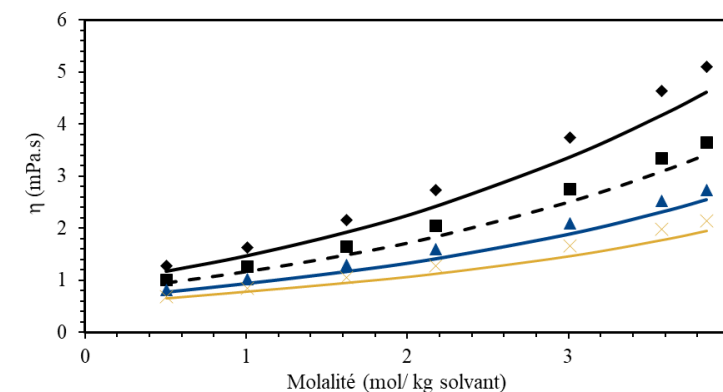
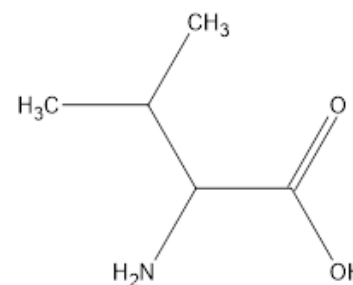
Fonction d'activation $f(x) = \tanh(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$

Distribution of 330 data sets - Aqueous solutions of 9 potassium amino acid salts



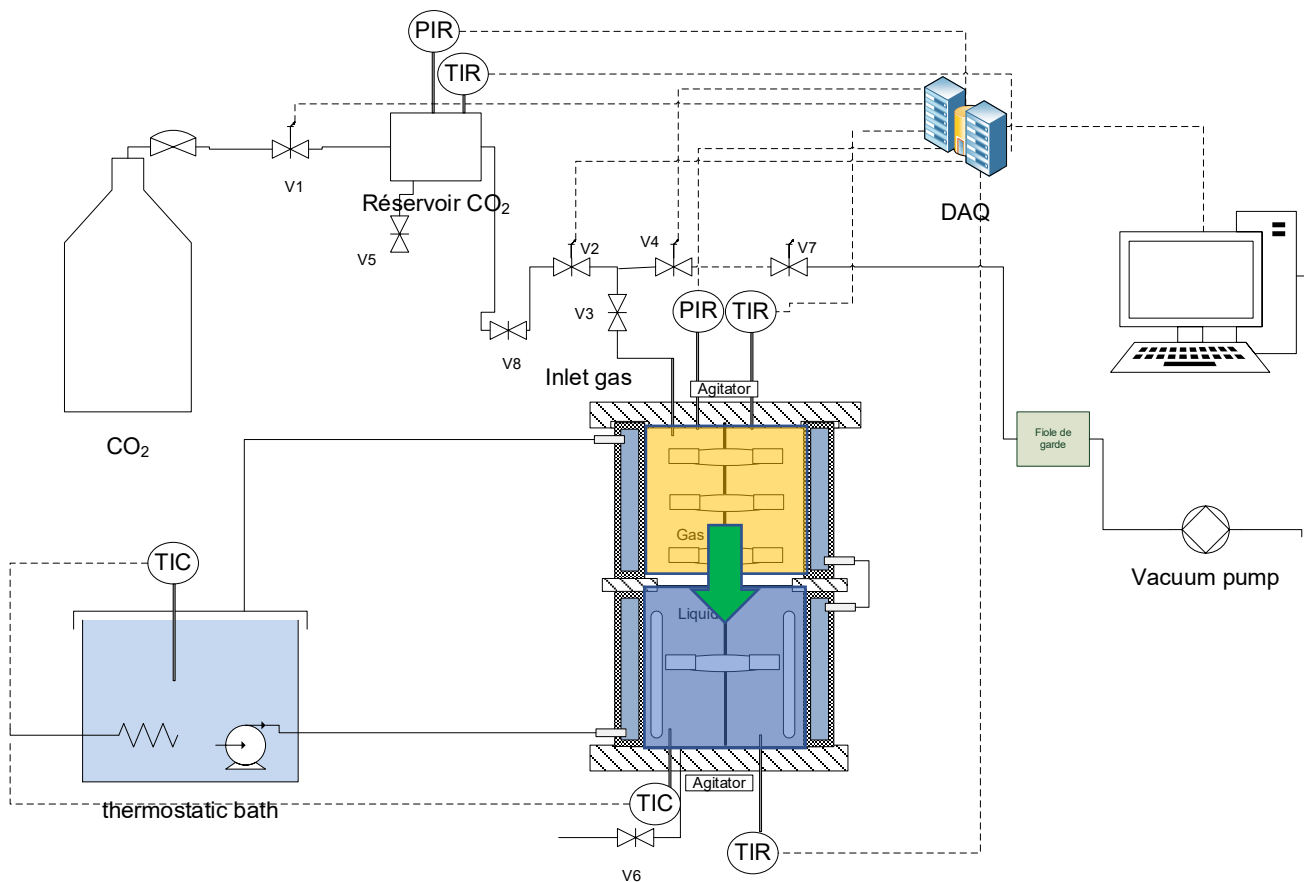
Performance sur l'ensemble des données	
AARD	1,42 %
MSE	$7,20 \cdot 10^{-4}$
RMSE	$2,68 \cdot 10^{-4}$ Pa·s
Déviation maximale	10,8 %
Proportion de données avec un écart relatif ≤ 5 %	97,0 %

Valine



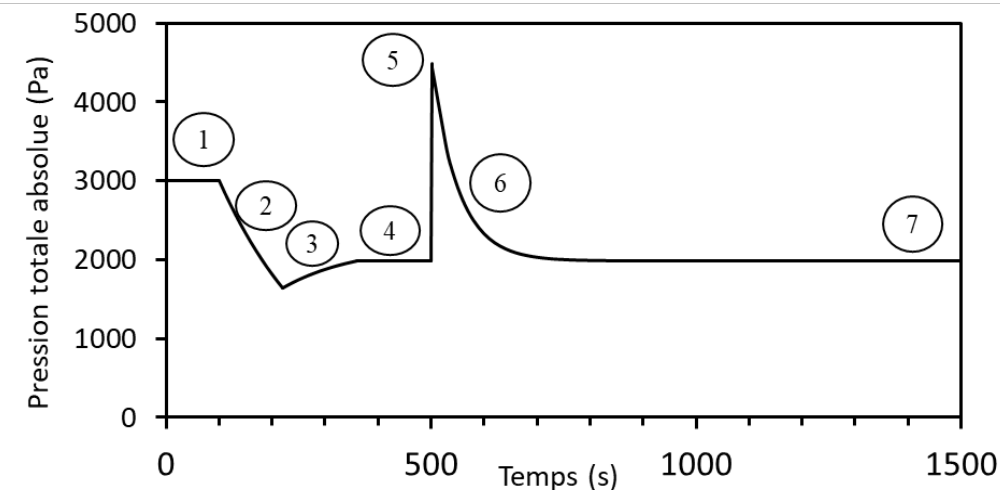
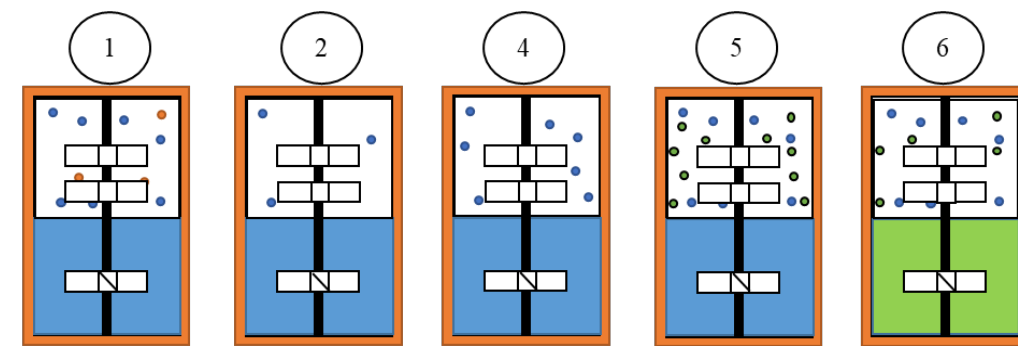
AARD	9,03 %
MSE	0,0700
RMSE	0,2646 Pa·s
Déviation maximale	13,3 %

Absorption kinetic method



Characteristics of the Lewis cell

- Volume: 1.14 L
- Gas/liquid transfer surface: 47.9 cm²
- 2 independent stirring shafts
- Temperature control



Hydrodynamic characterisation of the device

$$Sh = 0,171 \cdot Re^{0,646} \cdot Sc^{0,333}$$

$$Sh = \frac{k_l \cdot d_s}{D_{CO_2,l}} \quad Sc = \frac{\eta}{\rho \cdot D_{CO_2,l}} \quad Re = \frac{N_l \cdot \rho \cdot d_s^2}{\eta}$$

Identification of k_{ov}

➤ Bilan de matière en CO_2 :

Determining of the slope $\ln\left(\frac{P_{\text{CO}_2}}{P_{\text{CO}_2,ini}}\right)$ vs t

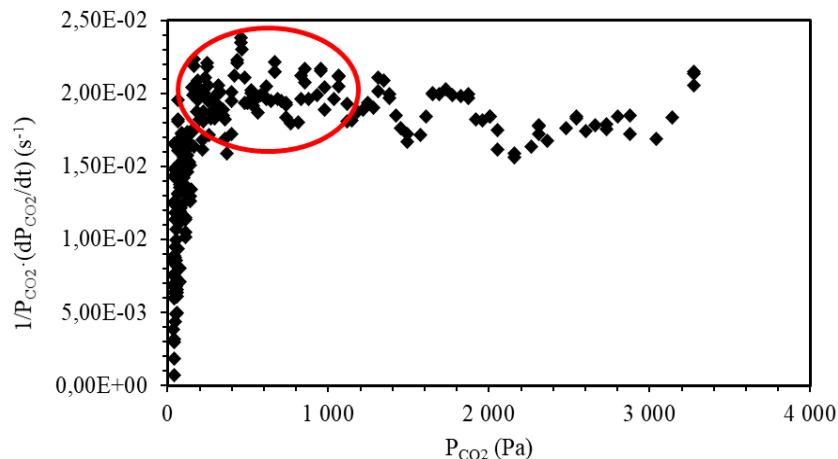
➤ Estimation of He_{CO_2} : $\log\left(\frac{He_{\text{CO}_2}}{He_{\text{CO}_2,pure\ water}}\right) = \sum(h_i + h_g) \cdot C_i$

(Schumpe et al (1993) h_i et h_g obtained by analogy $\text{N}_2\text{O}-\text{CO}_2$)

➤ Estimation de D_{CO_2} et D_B : $(D_i \cdot \eta^\alpha)_{sol} = (D_i \cdot \eta^\alpha)_w$

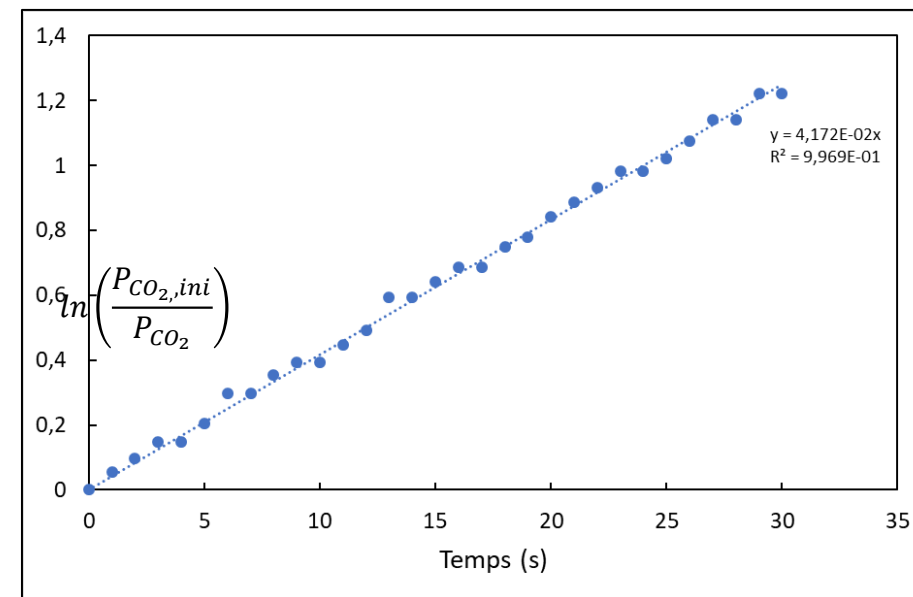
$$\frac{\sqrt{k_{ov} \cdot D_{\text{CO}_2}}}{He_{\text{CO}_2}} \quad k_{ov}$$

In PFO conditions :



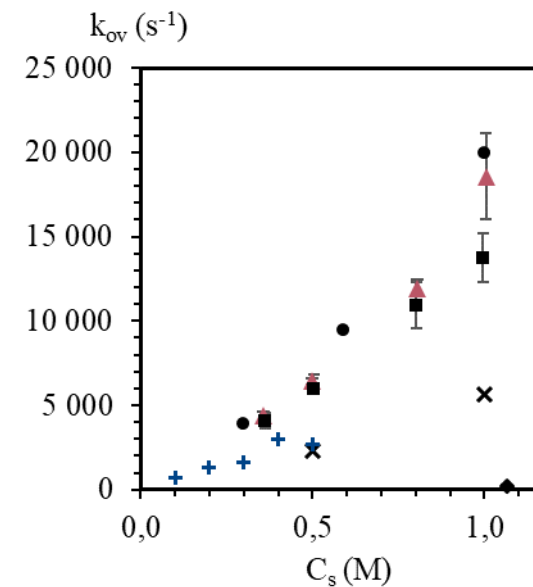
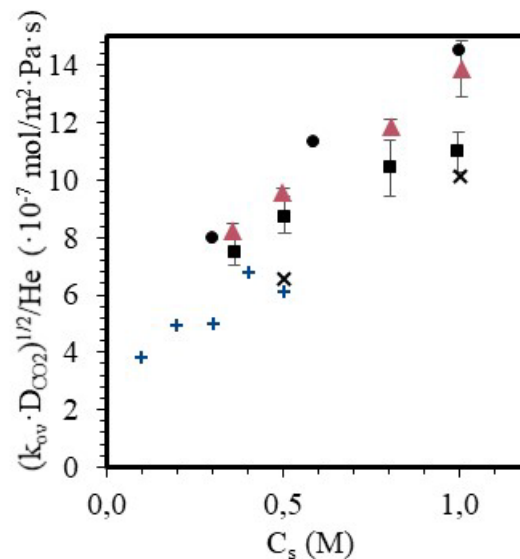
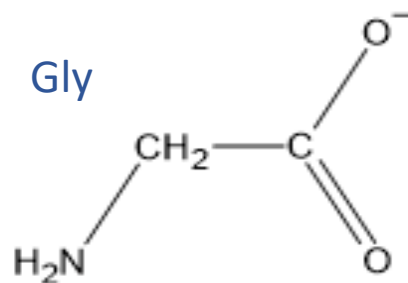
$$\ln\left(\frac{P_{\text{CO}_2,ini}}{P_{\text{CO}_2}}\right) = \frac{A \cdot R \cdot T}{V_g} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{k_{ov} \cdot D_{\text{CO}_2}}}{He_{\text{CO}_2}} \cdot t$$

$$r_{\text{CO}_2} = -k_{ov} \cdot C_{\text{CO}_2}$$



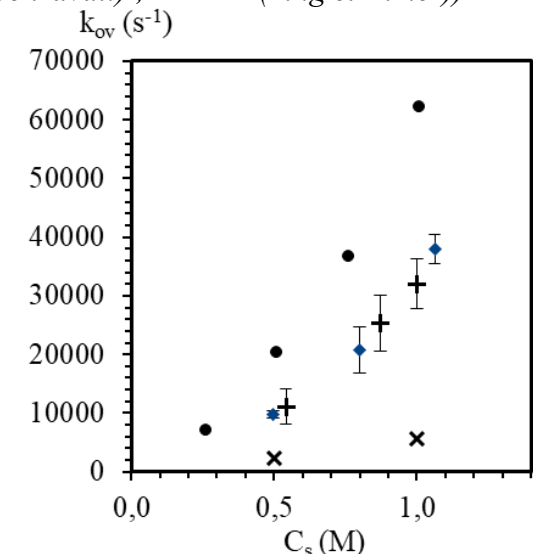
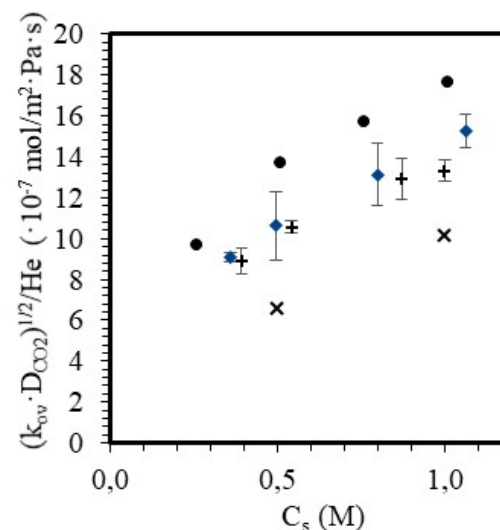
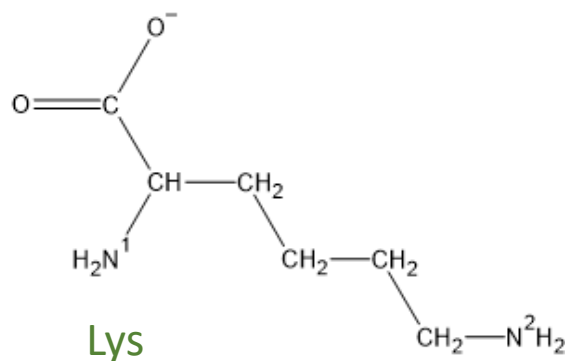


Absorption kinetic results



the absorption rates of GlyNa solutions are between 7% and 21% lower than those of GlyK

(● GlyK (Portugal et al.) ; + GlyK (Vaidya et al.) ; ◆ GlyNa (Lee et al.) ;
▲ GlyK (this work) ; ■ GlyNa (Ce travail) ; X MEA (Ying et Eimer))



LysK > LysNa ≥ GlyK > GlyNa

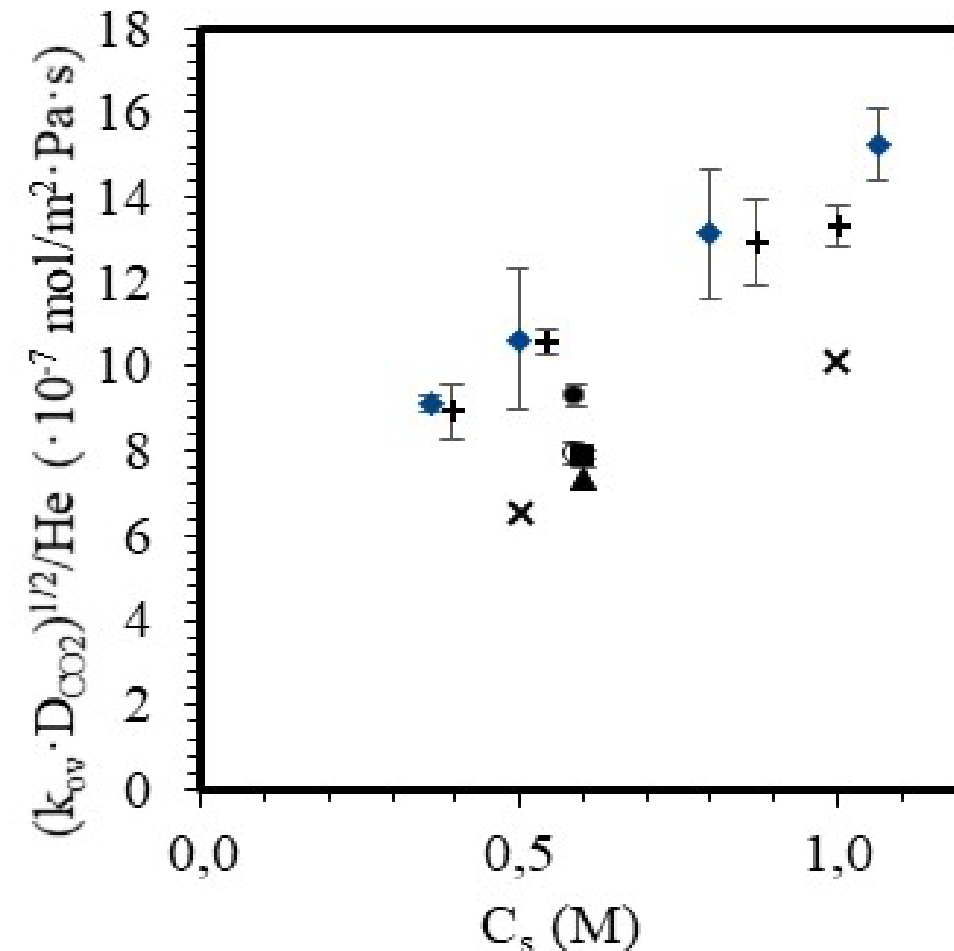
(● LysK (Shen et al.) ; ◆ LysK (this work) ; + LysNa (Ce travail) ; X MEA (Ying et Eimer))

Promoting effect : activation of MDEA by AA

- MDEA 20 % + LysK 0,6 M
- MDEA 20 % + LysNa 0,6 M
- MDEA 20 % + glyK 0,6 M
- MDEA 20 % + GlyNa 0,6 M

☐ Good activation of MDEA

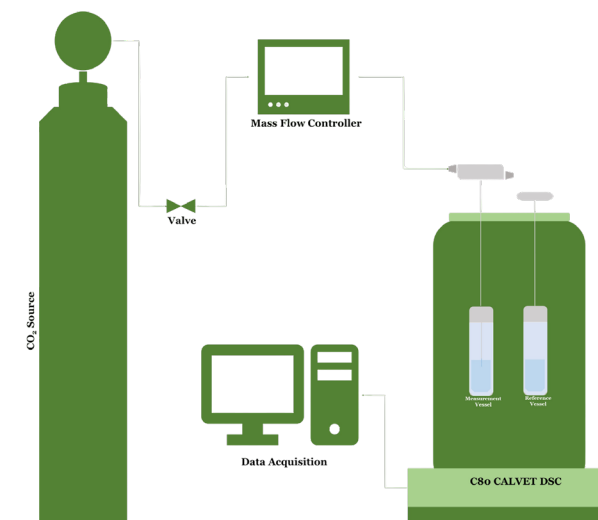
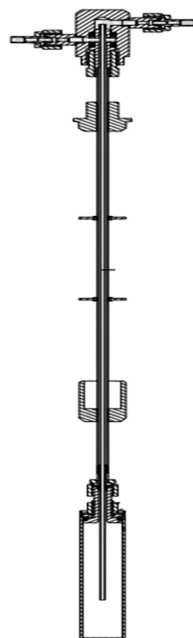
☐ Strong effect of viscosity



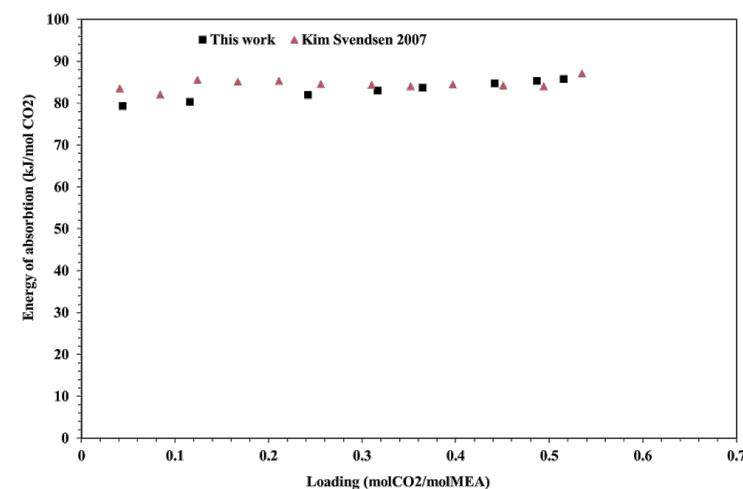
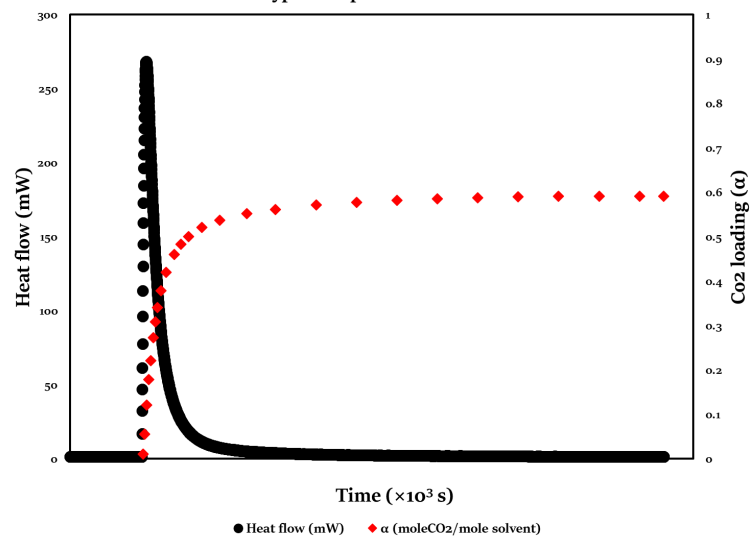
(♦ LysK; + LysNa ; ● LysK + MDEA 20 % ; ■ LysNa + MDEA 20 % ; ○ GlyK + MDEA 20 % ; ▲ GlyNa + MDEA 20 % ; X MEA (Ying et Eimer))



Heat of absorption : Calorimetric approach



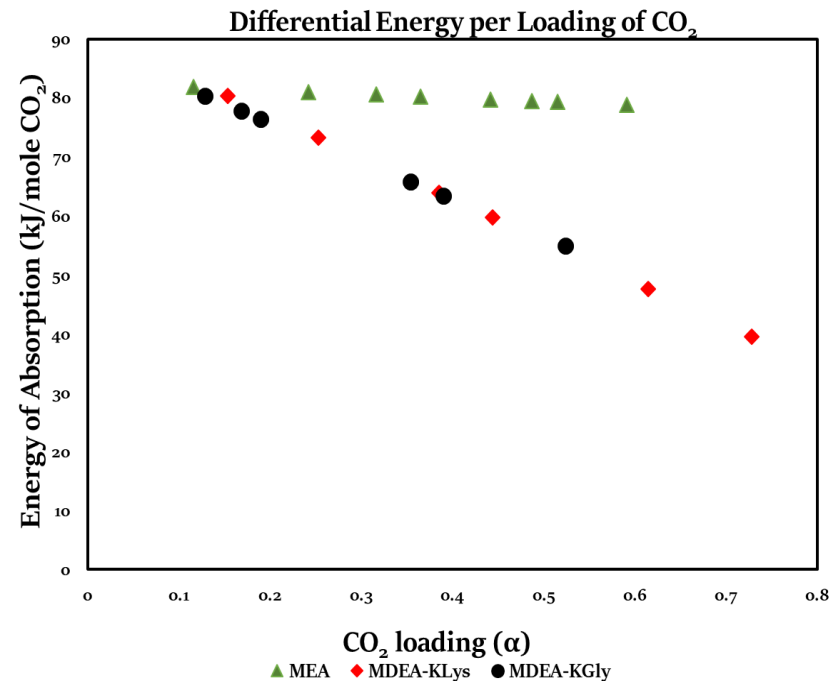
Typical Experiment Result





Heat of absorption : Calorimetric approach

Solvents	Classifications
30 wt.% Monoethanolamine-aqueous (MEA)	Primary amine
20 wt.% Methyldiethanolamine, 10 wt.% Potassium Lysinate-aqueous (MDEA+KLys)	Blend-Tertiary amine (MDEA), Primary amine (lysine)
20 wt.% Methyldiethanolamine, 10 wt.% Potassium Glycinate-aqueous (MDEA+KGly)	Blend-Tertiary amine (MDEA), Primary amine (glycine)



Sel d'acide aminé	Concentration	α (mol de CO ₂ / mol)	Enthalpie de désorption (kJ/mol CO ₂)	T (K)	Source
GlyNa	10 % mass.	0	72,5 59,5	313,15 323,15	(Salazar et al., 2017)
ProK	7,5 % mass.	0 – 0,80	54,3	298,37- 313,83	(Majchrowicz & Brilman, 2012)
LysK	37,7 % mass.	0,58 1,2	70 55	313-343	(Zhao, Shen, et al. 2017)
LysK	32,9 % mass.	0,40 1,20	110 58	313 313	(Zhao, Bian, et al. 2017)
SarK	3,5 M (37,9 % mass. ^a)	0,20	66,7	313	(Aronu et al., 2012)
AlaK	2,5 M (28,1 % mass. ^b)	0–0,68 0–0,57	53,26 66,13	298 313	(Lim et al., 2012)
ProK	2,5 M (33,4 % mass. ^c)	0–0,66 0–0,62	90,20 86,17	298 313	

^a Fraction massique calculée à partir des valeurs de densité à 298 K prise dans la publication de Aronu et al. (Aronu et al., 2012)

^b Fraction massique calculée à partir des valeurs de densité à 298 K prise dans la publication de Holst et al. (Holst et al., 2008)

^c Fraction massique calculée à partir des valeurs de densité à 298 K prise dans la publication de Shen et al. (Shen et al., 2015)

- The DSC measurement was developed: accurate measurement
- MEA showed constant differential heat.
- MDEA + LysK and MDEA + GlyK showed decreasing heat, suggesting less energy required for higher mole uptakes



Conclusions and perspectives

- Solid modelling of physical properties of AA
 - Validation of the higher absorption rate of aqueous lysinate and glycinate solutions compared to aqueous MEA solutions
 - Aqueous sodium solutions absorb less quickly than their potassium counterparts
 - Good positioning of AAs in terms of absorption energy
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- ❖ Absorption energy : focus on influence of loading
 - ❖ Analytical approach for speciation during absorption (in situ NMR)
 - ❖ Work on degradation based on FTCIR analysis (Fourier-transform ion cyclotron resonance)