### Excess Molar Volumes & Excess Molecular Polarizations of Acetylacetone in Non-polar Solvents, Cyclohexane, Carbon Tetrachloride, Benzene & Dioxane

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Excess molar volumes ( $\overline{V}_2 - V_2^0$ ) and excess molecular polarizations ( $P^E$ ) of acetylacetone in four non-polar solvents, namely cyclohexane, carbon tetrachloride, benzene and dioxane, have been determined as a function of composition at 30°, 40° and 50°C. The gradual increase of excess molar volume with dilution in all solvents, indicates dissociation of the dimeric acetylacetone (in pure condensed phase). The solution moment ( $\mu_2$ ) of acetylacetone in pure condensed phase gradually decreases with dilution. All systems studied show positive excess polarization.

Different types of association in acetylacetone (pure liquid) and in solutions have been proposed by Lin and coworkers<sup>1</sup>. The complex species like ketone monomer monohydrate, ketone dimer, and ketone dimer monohydrate, were postulated to explain the available data. The dimer was assumed to be formed by dipoledipole interaction. The relatively high dipole moment of acetylacetone in the condensed phase was ascribed by Maijes et al.<sup>2</sup> to the significant orientation during association. Dielectric constants of dilute solutions of acetylacetone in carbon tetrachloride and tetrachloroethylene were measured by Jain et al.<sup>3</sup> to study the presence of specific interactions in these two binary solutions. The large negative excess dielectric constants were attributed<sup>3</sup> to strong specific interactions between solute and solvent. As an extention of such studies, presently we have measured the excess molar volumes  $(\overline{V}_2 - V_2^0)$  and excess molecular polarizations  $(P^{E})$  of acetylacetone in four non-polar solvents, such as cyclohexane, carbon tetrachloride, benzene and dioxane, as a function of composition with a view to understanding the nature of such interactions in these solvents.

The molecular polarization  $(P_{12})$  of solution is defined by Eq.(1)

$$P_{12} = \frac{M_1 f_1 + M_2 f_2}{d} \cdot \frac{\varepsilon - 1}{\varepsilon + 2} \qquad \dots (1)$$

and the modified Onsager<sup>4,5</sup> equation (Eq. 2) is used to estimate the dipole moment  $(\mu_2)$  associated with solute molecule at each concentration over the entire range of concentration.

$$\mu_2^2 = \frac{9kT}{4\pi N} \cdot \mathbf{V} \left[ \frac{\frac{\varepsilon - 1}{\varepsilon + 2} - 3\left(\frac{f_1 \mathbf{V}_1}{\mathbf{V}} \cdot \frac{\varepsilon_1 - 1}{2\varepsilon + \varepsilon_1} + \frac{f_2 \mathbf{V}_2}{\mathbf{V}} \cdot \frac{v_2^2 - 1}{2\varepsilon + v_2^2}\right)}{f_2 \left(\frac{v_2^2 + 2}{2\varepsilon + 2^2}\right)^2 \cdot (2\varepsilon + 1)} \right] \dots(2)$$

In Eqs (1) and (2) the subscripts 1 and 2 denote the solvent and solute, respectively, d, V and  $\varepsilon$  are the density, molar volume and dielectric constant of solution, respectively and other symbols have their usual meanings.

#### Materials and Methods

BDH grade acetylacetone, cyclohexane, carbon tetrachloride, benzene and dioxane were purified by standard procedures<sup>6</sup>. Their densities and refractive indices at  $30^{\circ}$ C agreed within  $\pm 0.0001$  with those reported in literature<sup>6.7</sup>.

Density, refractive index and dielectric constant were measured as previously described<sup>8,9</sup>.

#### Results

The dielectric constant ( $\varepsilon$ ), refractive index ( $n_D$ ) and density (d) for the various solvents at 30° to 50°C are given in Table 1. The molecular polarization data ( $P_{12}$ ) and solution moment ( $\mu_2$ ) for all systems, calculated using Eqs (1) and (2), respectively, are included in Table 2.

From density measurements of acetylacetone in the four non-polar solvents at 30 to 50°C, the partial specific volumes of acetylacetone were first determined at each concentration using the method of intercepts; and when multiplied by the molecular weight, the partial molar volumes ( $\overline{V}_2$ ) were obtained. Also calculated were the excess molar volumes ( $\overline{V}_2 - V_2^0$ ) of the solute and the results obtained are listed in Table 2.

Variation of the excess molar volumes  $(\overline{V}_2 - V_2^0)$  and excess molecular polarization ( $P^E$ ) of the binary mixtures of acetylacetone with the four non-polar solvents, are represented graphically in Figs 1 and 2, respectively.

| Table 1-    | -Polarization | Data of        | Non-polar | Solvents at           |  |  |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|--|--|
|             |               | rent Temp      |           |                       |  |  |
| Temp.<br>°C | 3             | n <sub>D</sub> | d         | <i>P</i> <sub>1</sub> |  |  |
|             |               | Cyclohexa      | ne        |                       |  |  |
| 30          | 2.0070        | 1.4200         | 0.7693    | 27.493                |  |  |
| 40          | 1.9977        | 1.4149         | 0.7597    | 27.647                |  |  |
| 50          | 1.9780        | 1.4094         | 0.7495    | 27.606                |  |  |
|             | Ca            | rbon tetracl   | hloride   |                       |  |  |
| 30          | 2.2176        | 1.4545         | 1.5748    | 28.202                |  |  |
| 40          | 2.1977        | 1.4490         | 1.5557    | 28.215                |  |  |
| 50          | 2.1780        | 1.4432         | 1.5361    | 28.238                |  |  |
|             |               | Benzene        | e         |                       |  |  |
| 30          | 2.2672        | 1.4948         | 0.8680    | 26.725                |  |  |
| 40          | 2.2475        | 1,4890         | 0.8580    | 8580 26.740           |  |  |
| 50          | 2.2273        | 1.4833         | 0.8468    | 26.782                |  |  |
|             |               | Dioxan         | e         |                       |  |  |
| 30          | 2.2004        | 1.4169         | 1.0224    | 24.628                |  |  |
| 40          | 2.1774        | 1.4125         | 1.0115    | 24.553                |  |  |
| 50          | 2.1546        | 1.4077         | 1.0003    | 24.478                |  |  |

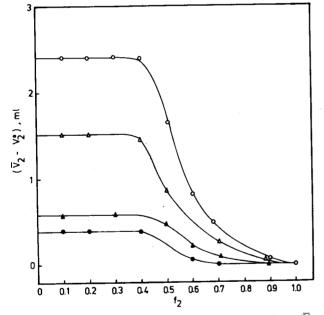


Fig. 1—Variation with composition of excess molar volume ( $\overline{V}_2 - V_2^0$ ) of acetylacetone in cyclohexane ( $\bigcirc$ ), carbon tetrachloride ( $\Delta$ ), benzene ( $\blacktriangle$ ) and dioxane ( $\bigcirc$ ) at 30°C

#### Discussion

#### Self association in pure acetylacetone

An estimate of the association factor (S) in pure acetylacetone was first made. Since in the absence of any specific interactions (H-bonding, dipole-dipole type) in pure acetylacetone, the Onsager<sup>4</sup> dipole moment of pure phase of acetylacetone should be equal to its gas phase value determined by  $Zhan^{10}$ . This in fact, was not the case as the Onsager moment (3.89 D) of liquid acetylacetone at 30°C was greater than the

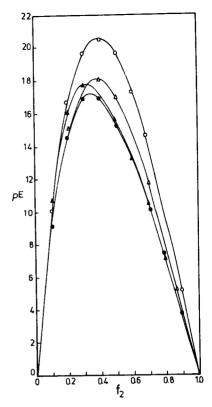


Fig. 2—Variation with composition of excess molecular polarization  $(P^{E})$  of acetylacetone in cyclohexane  $(\bigcirc)$ , carbon tetrachloride  $(\triangle)$ , benzene  $(\blacktriangle)$  and dioxane  $(\bigcirc)$  at 30°C

gas moment (3.05 D). This leads to a value of 1.63 for the Onsager association factor (S). This inference indicates the existence of the acetylacetone molecule in an associated form in the pure liquid state.

# Excess partial molar volumes $(\overline{V}_2 - V_2^0)$ of acetylacetone in various solvents

The curves in Fig. 1, which represent the plots of  $\overline{V}_2$ - $V_2^0$  of acetylacetone against its mol fraction  $(f_2)$  in the four non-polar solvents, are expected to provide information regarding the extent of dissociation of the dimer acetylacetone<sup>1</sup> in each solvent. Thus, the observed increase of partial molar volume of acetylacetone upon dilution with a non-polar solvent might be attributed to the effective dissociation of the dimer molecules, which play an important role in pure liquid state. The extent of such dissociation in different solvents increases in the order: dioxane < benzene < carbontetrachloride < cyclohexane.

#### Excess molecular polarization $(P^{E})$

The excess molecular polarization was calculated from the relation:

$$P^{\rm E} = P_{12} - (P_{\rm L}f_1 + P_2f_2) \qquad \dots (3)$$

and the results obtained are included in Table 2. The

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|        | T        | able 2—Polai | rization Dat   | a of Acetyla  | cetone in Di                | fferent Non-j       | polar Solven    | its            |           |
|--------|----------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|
| $f_2$  | Temp.    | 3            | n <sub>D</sub> | d             | $\overline{\mathbf{V}}_{2}$ | $\bar{V}_2 - V_2^0$ | P <sub>12</sub> | P <sup>F</sup> | $\mu_2$   |
|        | °C       |              |                | Acetvlacetone | + cyclohexane               |                     |                 |                |           |
|        | 20       | 2 0 2 9 0    |                |               |                             |                     | 44 21 2         | 10.074         | 2.05      |
|        | 30       | 3.0380       | 1.4209         | 0.7848        | 106.290                     | 2.407               | 44.213          | 10.074         | 2.95      |
| 0.1012 | 40       | 2.9750       | 1.4156         | 0.7744        | 107.539                     | 2.615               | 43.971          | 9.643          | 2.95      |
|        | 50       | 2.9115       | 1.4105         | 0.7634        | 108.870                     | 2.876               | 43.729          | 9.386          | 2.97      |
|        | 30       | 4.3337       | 1.4226         | 0.8007        | 106.290                     | 2.407               | 57.441          | 16.689         | 3.00      |
| 0.2019 | 40       | 4.2110       | 1.4178         | 0.7897        | 107.539                     | 2.616               | 57.206          | 16.229         | 3.01      |
|        | 50       | 4.0886       | 1.4121         | 0.7795        | 108.870                     | 2.876               | 56.866          | 15.820         | 3.03      |
|        | 30       | 5.7936       | 1.4247         | 0.8198        | 106.290                     | 2.407               | 66.816          | 19.621         | 3.06      |
| 0.3001 | 40       | 5.6016       | 1.4191         | 0.8080        | 107.290                     | 2.615               | 66.639          | 19.185         | 3.07      |
|        | 50       | 5.4159       | 1.4133         | 0.7977        | 108.870                     | 2.876               | 66.397          | 18.821         | 3.09      |
|        | 30       | 7.6667       | 1.4267         | 0.8383        | 106.290                     | 2.407               | 74.552          | 20.475         | 3.15      |
| 0.4048 | 40       | 7.3265       | 1.4218         | 0.8272        | 107.539                     | 2.615               | 74.312          | 19.940         | 3.15      |
|        | 50       | 7.1170       | 1.4164         | 0.8162        | 108.870                     | 2.876               | 74.493          | 19.940         | 3.17      |
|        | 30       | 9.9156       | 1.4291         | 0.8583        | 105.541                     | 1.658               | 80,408          | 19.678         | 3.24      |
| 0.5061 | 40       | 9.4033       | 1.4242         | 0.8468        | 106.874                     | 1.950               | 80.268          | 19.208         | 3.23      |
|        | 50       | 9.0315       | 1.4289         | 0.8363        | 108.098                     | 2.103               | 80.298          | 19.002         | 3.24      |
|        | 30       | 12.1749      | 1.4322         | 0.8772        | 104.708                     | 0.826               | 84.256          | 17.284         | 3.32      |
| 0.6010 | 40       | 11.6110      | 1.4272         | 0.8656        | 105.898                     | 0.974               | 84.436          | 17.110         | 3.33      |
|        | 50       | 11.1029      | 1.4218         | 0.8551        | 107.116                     | 1.121               | 84.535          | 16.923         | 3.33      |
|        | 30       | 14.5700      | 1.4354         | 0.8940        | 104.388                     | 0.506               | 87.081          | 14.727         | 3.44      |
| 0.6831 | 40       | 13.8316      | 1.4303         | 0.8829        | 105.509                     | 0.585               | 87.267          | 14.521         | 3.43      |
|        | 50       | 13.3045      | 1.4242         | 0.8720        | 106.648                     | 0.653               | 87.646          | 14.568         | 3.44      |
|        | 30       | 22.2419      | 1.4418         | 0.9414        | 103.945                     | 0.062               | 91.659          | 5.258          | 3.73      |
| 0.8970 | 40       | 21.3334      | 1.4362         | 0.9299        | 105.007                     | 0.083               | 92.283          | 5.415          | 3.74      |
|        | 50       | 20.4001      | 1.4318         | 0.9198        | 106.099                     | 0.104               | 92.712          | 5.396          | 3.75      |
|        | 30       | 27.0886      | 1.4467         | 0.9638        | 103.883                     | 0.000               | 93.165          |                | 3.89      |
| 1.0000 | 40       | 25.9638      | 1.4411         | 0.9542        | 104.924                     | 0.000               | 93.667          |                | 3.89      |
| 1.0000 | 50       | 24.9065      | 1.4355         | 0.9445        | 105.995                     | 0,000               | 94.173          |                | 3.90      |
|        |          |              |                |               | rbon tetrachlo              |                     |                 |                |           |
|        | •        |              |                |               |                             |                     |                 | 0.005          | 2.02      |
|        | 30       | 3.5133       | 1.4521         | 1.5073        | 105.437                     | 1.554               | 44.843          | 9.927          | 3.02      |
| 0.1034 | 40       | 3.4156       | 1.4461         | 1.4893        | 106.534                     | 1.610               | 44.411          | 9.428          | 3.01      |
|        | 50       | 3.2859       | 1.4401         | 1.4709        | 107.662                     | 1.667               | 43.596          | 9.541          | 2.97      |
| 0.0000 | 30       | 5.1512       | 1.4522         | 1.4408        | 105.436                     | 1.553               | 57.501          | 15.851         | 3.10      |
| 0.2070 | 40       | 4.9705       | 1.4460         | 1.4236        | 106.534                     | 1.610               | 57.105          | 15.341         | 3.10      |
|        | 50       | 4.7688       | 1.4395         | 1.4064        | 107.662                     | 1.667               | 56.502          | 14.616         | 3.09      |
| 0.4000 | 30       | 8.7809       | 1.4517         | 1.3176        | 105.437                     | 1.554               | 72.432          | 18.101         | 3.22      |
| 0.4022 | 40       | 8.4163       | 1.4458         | 1.3022        | 106.534                     | 1.610               | 72.299          | 17.769         | 3.23      |
|        | 50       | 8.0677       | 1.4393         | 1.2871        | 107.662                     | 1.667               | 72,123          | 17.366         | 3.23      |
|        | 30       | 11.1484      | 1.4508         | 1.2563        | 104.731                     | 0.848               | 77.913          | 17.034         | 3.33      |
| 0.5030 | 40       | 10.6858      | 1.4452         | 1.2421        | 105.799                     | 0.875               | 77.954          | 16.817         | 3.34      |
|        | 50       | 10.2303      | 1.4388         | 1.2265        | 106.898                     | 0.903               | 78.035          | 16.632         | 3.35      |
| 0.7030 | 30       | 16.5185      | 1.4490         | 1.1364        | 104.147                     | 0.264               | 85.594          | 11.723         | 3.54      |
| 0.7030 | 40       | 15.8188      | 1.4430         | 1.1233        | 105.207                     | 0.284               | 85.935          | 11.707         | 3.55      |
|        | 50       | 15.1172      | 1.4369         | 1.1098        | 106.297                     | 0.302               | 86.259          | 11.669         | 3.56      |
| 0.05   | 30       | 21.7213      | 1.4478         | 1.0373        | 103.928                     | 0.045               | 90.121          | 5.307          | 3.70      |
| 0.8715 | 40       | 20.7550      | 1.4419         | 1.0262        | 104.977                     | 0.053               | 90.532          | 5.283          | 3.71      |
|        | 50       | 19.7683      | 1.4360         | 1.0154        | 106.057                     | 0.062               | 90.870          | 5.173          | 3.71      |
|        |          |              |                | Acetylaceto   | ne + benzene                |                     |                 |                |           |
|        | 30       | 3.6232       | 1.4887         | 0,8787        | 104.464                     | 0.581               | 42.670          | 9.122          | 3.02      |
| 0.1027 | 40       | 3.5237       | 1.4824         | 0.8687        | 105.455                     | 0.531               | 42.272          | 8.659          | 3.03      |
|        | 50       | 3.4397       | 1.4762         | 0.8579        | 106.476                     | 0.481               | 42.019          | 8.316          | 3.06      |
|        | 30       | 7.2009       | 1.4781         | 0.8980        | 104.464                     | 0.581               | 63.566          | 16.962         | 3.15      |
| 0.2992 | 40       | 6.9358       | 1.4721         | 0.8881        | 105.455                     | 0.531               | 63.352          | 16.587         | 3.17      |
| ·····  | 40<br>50 | 6.7075       | 1.4662         | 0.8779        | 105.455                     | 0.481               | 63.239          | 16.293         | 3.19      |
|        | 30       | 11.4726      | 1.4684         | 0.9166        | 104.363                     | 0.481               | 75.561          | 15.669         | 3.32      |
| 0.4992 | 30<br>40 | 10.0752      | 1.4684         | 0.9100        | 104.363                     | 0.481               | 75,696          | 15.546         | 3.32      |
| U.7772 | 40<br>50 | 10.7062      | 1.4029         | 0.8969        | 105.309                     | 0.443               | 75.886          | 15.463         | 3.34      |
|        | 30       | 13.9325      | 1.4637         | 0.8969        | 103.986                     | 0.423               | 80.010          | 13.403         | 3.30      |
|        | 50       | 62,222       | 1.007          | 0.7203        | 103.700                     | 0.105               | 00.010          | 13.373         |           |
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| <i>f</i> <sub>2</sub> | Temp.<br>°C | 3       | n <sub>D</sub> | đ           | V,           | $\bar{V}_2 - V_2^0$ | P <sub>12</sub> | P <sup>i</sup> | μ2   |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------|----------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|------|
| 0.6004                | 40          | 13.4306 | 1.4585         | 0.9170      | 105.021      | 0.097               | 80.229          | 13.306         | 3.42 |
|                       | 50          | 12.9664 | 1.4522         | 0.9074      | 106.085      | 0.090               | 80.471          | 13.228         | 3.44 |
|                       | 30          | 16.9220 | 1.4587         | 0.9377      | 103.968      | 0.085               | 84.134          | 10.176         | 3.51 |
| 0.7109                | 40          | 16.3044 | 1.4532         | 0.9280      | 105.008      | 0.084               | 84.473          | 10.154         | 3.53 |
|                       | 50          | 15.6355 | 1.4473         | 0.9179      | 106.077      | 0.082               | 84.767          | 10.078         | 3.54 |
|                       | 30          | 22.5276 | 1.4510         | 0.9542      | 103.883      | 0.000               | 89.943          | 3.827          | 3.69 |
| 0.8939                | 40          | 21.7312 | 1.4460         | 0.9447      | 104.924      | 0.000               | 90.423          | 3.856          | 3.72 |
|                       | 50          | 20.8894 | 1.4395         | 0.9350      | 105.995      | 0.000               | 90.875          | 3.852          | 3.73 |
|                       |             |         |                | Acetylaceto | ne + dioxane |                     |                 |                |      |
|                       | 30          | 3.7908  | 1.4206         | 1.0149      | 104.272      | 0.390               | 42.425          | 10.752         | 3.13 |
| 0.1028                | 40          | 3.6932  | 1.4161         | 1.0040      | 105.304      | 0.380               | 42.095          | 10.437         | 3.14 |
|                       | 50          | 3.6093  | 1.4113         | 1.0003      | 106.366      | 0.370               | 41.547          | 9.904          | 3.16 |
|                       | 30          | 5.6514  | 1.4243         | 1.0013      | 104.273      | 0.391               | 55.002          | 16.187         | 3.16 |
| 0.2070                | 40          | 5.4902  | 1.4196         | 0.9967      | 105.304      | 0.380               | 54.489          | 15.629         | 3.18 |
|                       | 50          | 5.3271  | 1.4147         | 0.9932      | 106.366      | 0.370               | 53.867          | 14.926         | 3.20 |
|                       | 30          | 9.5590  | 1.4309         | 0.9944      | 104.273      | 0.391               | 69.222          | 16.898         | 3.25 |
| 0.4041                | 40          | 9.2396  | 1.4259         | 0.9838      | 105.304      | 0.380               | 69.271          | 16.788         | 3.27 |
|                       | 50          | 8.9414  | 1.4211         | 0.9804      | 106.366      | 0.370               | 68.821          | 16.179         | 3.29 |
|                       | 30          | 14.3576 | 1.4366         | 0.9837      | 103.945      | 0.062               | 79.120          | 13.390         | 3.44 |
| 0.5997                | 40          | 13.8683 | 1.4315         | 0.9737      | 104.984      | 0.060               | 79.379          | 13.378         | 3.46 |
|                       | 50          | 13.3744 | 1.4263         | 0.9686      | 106.054      | 0.059               | 79.199          | 12.925         | 3.48 |
|                       | 30          | 17.1336 | 1.4393         | 0.9784      | 103.883      | 0.000               | 83.184          | 10.546         | 3.53 |
| 0.7005                | 40          | 16,5067 | 1.4340         | 0.9684      | 104.924      | 0.000               | 83.514          | 10.546         | 3.55 |
|                       | 50          | 15.8957 | 1.4287         | 0.9638      | 105.995      | 0.000               | 83.358          | 10.059         | 3.57 |
|                       | 30          | 23.1972 | 1.4442         | 0.9686      | 103.883      | 0.000               | 89.944          | 3.763          | 3.74 |
| 0.8981                | 40          | 22.2489 | 1,4388         | 0.9587      | 104.924      | 0.000               | 90.393          | 3.768          | 3.75 |
|                       | 50          | 21.3827 | 1.4332         | 0.9538      | 105.995      | 0.000               | 90.382          | 3.311          | 3.77 |

Table 2-Polarization Data of Acetylacetone in Different Non-polar Solvents -Contd.

Table 3—Coefficients of Relation (4), Determined by the Method of Least Squares

| Temp.                | $A_1$                   | $A_2$                    | <i>A</i> <sub>3</sub> | σ(*) |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------|--|--|--|--|--|
| °C                   | °C Solvent: Cyclohexane |                          |                       |      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30                   | 78.759                  | 33.895                   | 9.398                 | 0.09 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40                   | 77.113                  | 31.191                   | 10.107                | 0.10 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50                   | 76.609                  | 29.530                   | 8.186                 | 0.10 |  |  |  |  |  |
|                      | Car                     | bon tetrachlo            | ride                  |      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30                   | 68.171                  | 37.709                   | 15.426                | 0.10 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40                   | 67.381                  | 34.898                   | 12.625                | 0.10 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50                   | 66.754                  | 30.924                   | 6.052                 | 0.10 |  |  |  |  |  |
|                      |                         | Benzene                  |                       |      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30                   | 62.913                  | 37.904                   | 13.073                | 0.11 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40                   | 62.450                  | 36.050                   | 11.144                | 0.12 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50                   | 61.893                  | 34.630                   | 10.020                | 0.13 |  |  |  |  |  |
|                      |                         | Dioxane                  |                       |      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30                   | 62.265                  | 44.072                   | 27.997                | 0.13 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40                   | 61.812                  | 41.271                   | 24.788                | 0.12 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50                   | 59.810                  | 40.250                   | 19.933                | 0.14 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $(*)\sigma = $ Stand | ard deviation           | in <i>P</i> <sup>E</sup> |                       |      |  |  |  |  |  |

composition dependence of  $P^{E}$  was correlated by the polynomial:

$$P^{\rm E} = f_2(1 - f_2) \sum_{i=0}^{k} A_i (1 - 2f_2)^i \qquad \dots (4)$$

The coefficients of relation (4),  $A_i$ , and the standard deviation,  $\sigma$ , at temperature 30° to 50°C, of the best fit, determined by the method of least squares, are given in Table 3.

The  $P^{E}$  values are positive over the entire range of concentration. The deviation from the additivity law, and the magnitude of the constants  $A_1$ , with respect to the solvents used, increase in the same order as that observed in the case of partial volume data. Hence, one may conclude that more inert the solvent is, the greater is the extent of dissociation of the solute acetylacetone in that solvent.

## Variation of solute moment with concentration

The dipole moments  $(\mu_2)$  of the solute acetylacetone in four non-polar solvents at various concentrations covering the entire composition range, are recorded in Table 2. The gradual decrease of dipole moment from the values obtained in the pure liquid state to that determined at infinite dilution, provides further evidence for the possible dissociation of the dimer molecules, predominating in the pure condensed phase, to the monomer.

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