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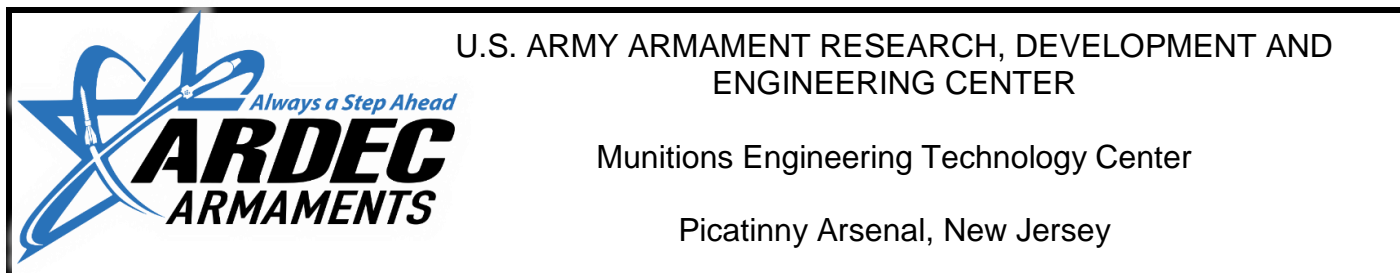
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1,2,5-Oxadiazole]**

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INTRODUCTION

The solubility of materials in other materials is a function of the interactions between the solute and the solvent. It is common to hear the phrase among chemists “like dissolves like.” Materials with polar groups tend to be more soluble in polar solvents, such as water, while non-polar substances tend to dissolve in materials like hydrocarbons. Interactions between solute-solvent molecules may include hydrogen bonding or dipole-dipole interactions (for polar materials) and van der Waals interactions (for non-polar). Temperature is also known to affect the solubility of materials. In general, the solubility of a solid material in liquid increases with the increase of temperature.

In this study, several solubility experiments were carried out for LLM-172 [3,4-Bis (4-nitro-1,2,5-oxadiazole-3-yl)-1,2,5-Oxadiazole]. Its chemical structure can be seen in figure 1. The LLM-172 solubility in various organic solvents were determined. Resulting solubility data can be used for recrystallization and formulation purposes.

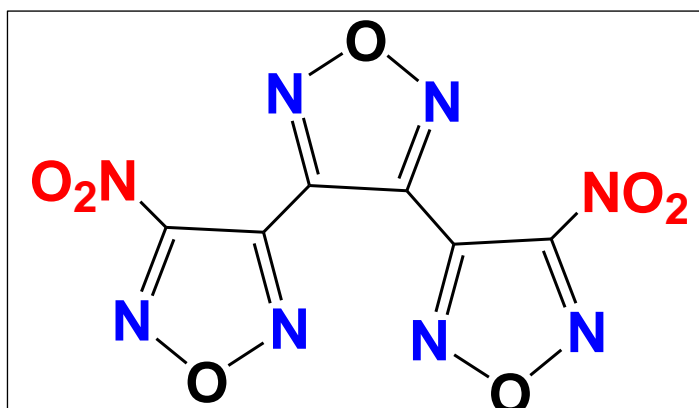


Figure 1
LLM-172

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Materials

The LLM-172 was synthesized at the U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny Arsenal, NJ, and determined pure by both nuclear magnetic resonance and melting point. Solvents used for solubility experiments were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. Reagent grade acetone was purchased from Pharmco-AAPER, Brookfield, CT. Ethyl Acetate (99.99% extra dry AcroSeal from Acros Organics, Belgium) was purchased from Fisher Scientific, Pittsburgh, PA. Methyl ethyl ketone, butyl acetate, 1-butanol, isopropanol and ethanol (200 proof) were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, St. Louis, MO.

Solubility Measurements

Solubility determinations of the pure components were determined on an Avantium Crystal16™, and were analyzed using the CrystalClear software package. Solvents investigated were acetone, ethyl acetate, ethanol, isopropanol, methyl ethyl ketone, butyl acetate, and n-butanol. In each experiment, the solute was weighed into a small, clear, and colorless high

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performance liquid chromatography type vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar. Solvent was added and exact concentration recorded. The vials were placed into the Avantium Crystal16™, and temperature was cycled three times from 20 to approximately 5°C below the boiling point of solvent with 60-min. equilibration periods between heating and cooling. Ramp rates were 0.5 and -0.3°C/min.

The solubility of each vial solution was determined by identifying clear point temperatures, defined as the temperature at which the turbidity of the solution decreases upon heating and the solution becomes transparent. Graphing the clear point temperatures versus the concentration of the solution yields a solubility curve and associated equation.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

To interpret the data as an ideal system, a van't Hoff plot was calculated from each solubility curve shown in equation 1

$$\ln x = -\frac{\Delta H}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_0} \right) \quad (1)$$

in which x is the solute mole fraction, ΔH is the dissolution enthalpy, T₀ (K) is a set-point temperature, and T (K) is the saturation temperature of the mole fraction x (ref. 1). As shown in figures 2 through 8 solubilities of LLM-172 in acetone, ethyl acetate, ethanol, isopropanol, methyl ethyl ketone, butyl acetate, and n-butanol.

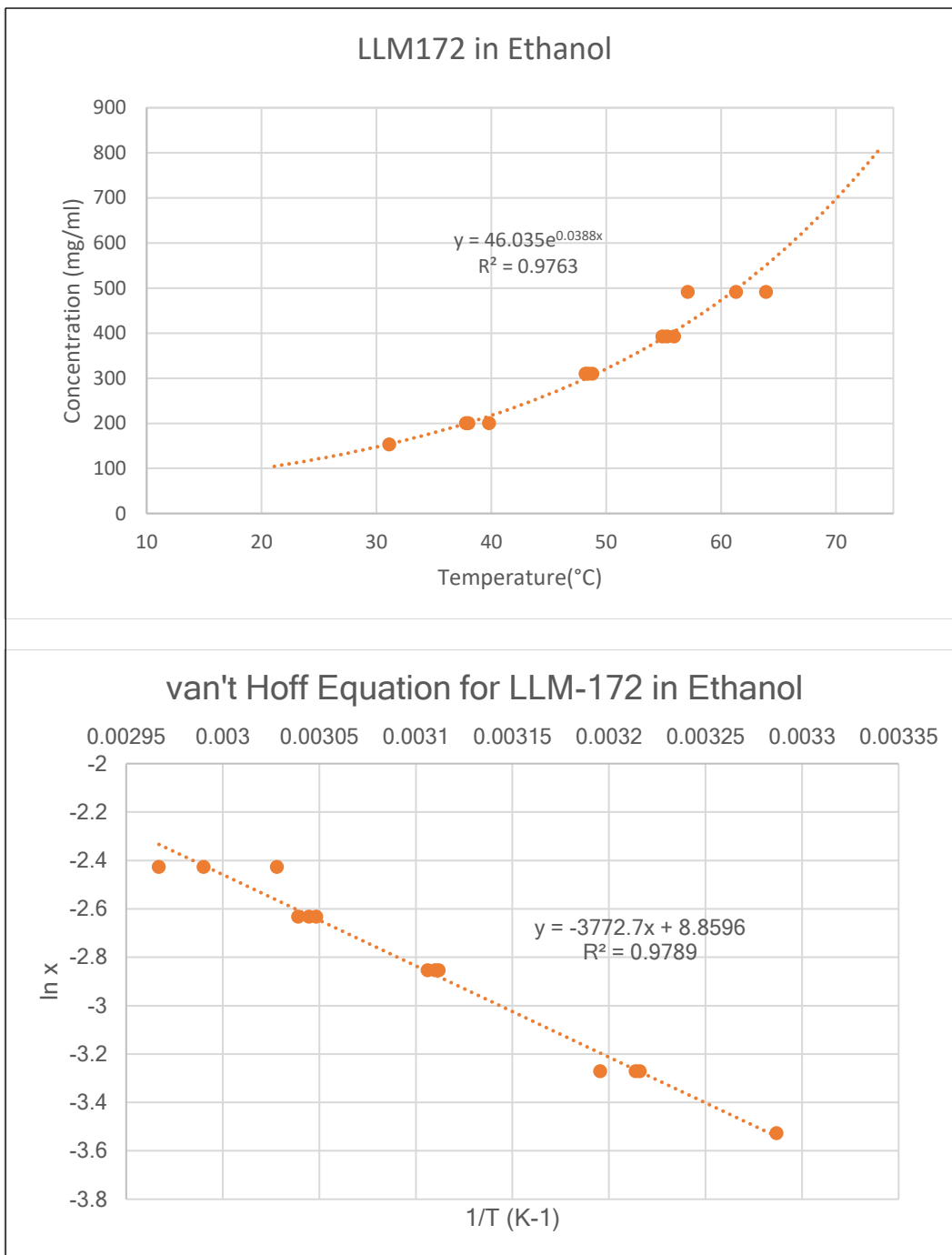


Figure 2
LLM-172 solubility curves in ethanol

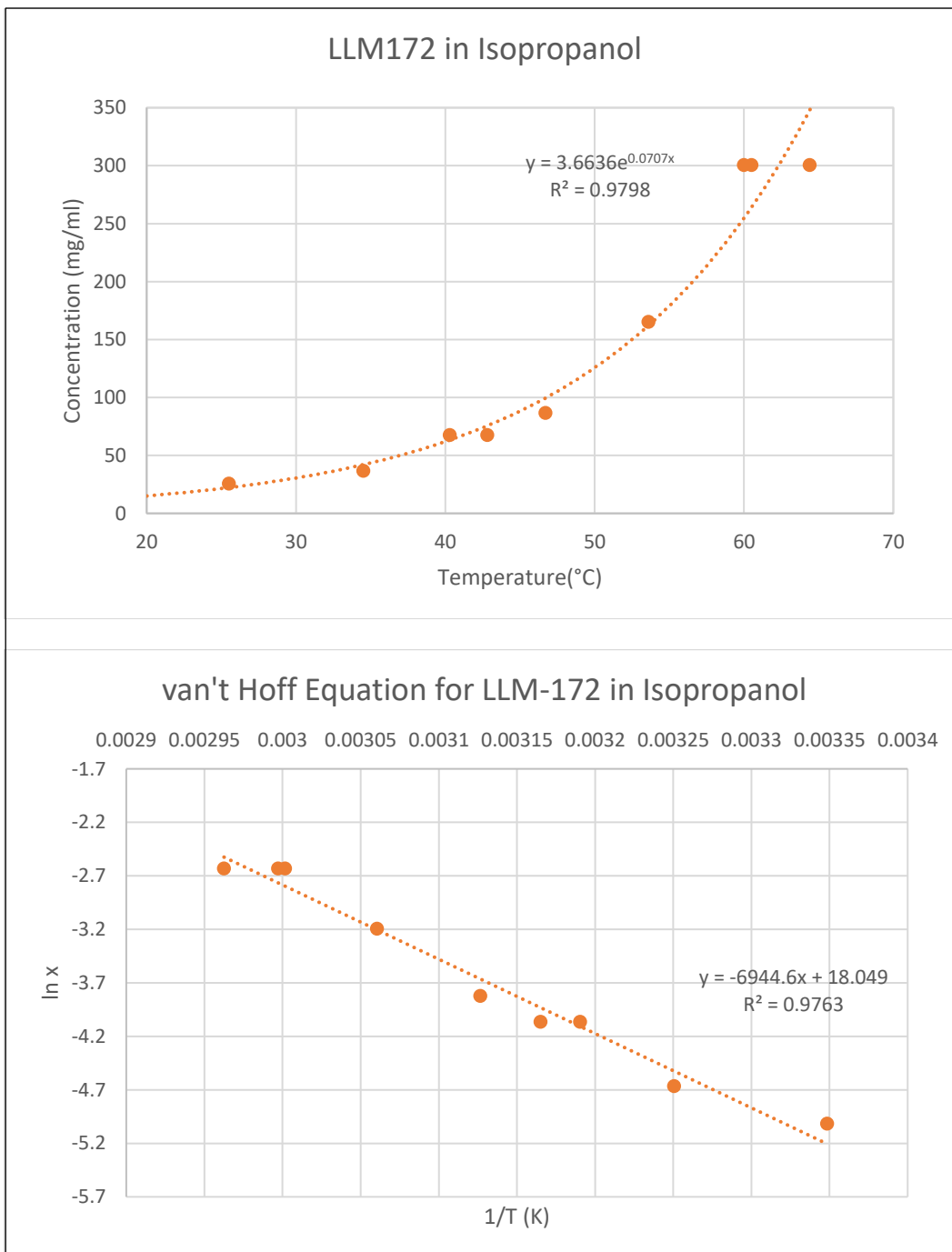


Figure 3
LLM-172 solubility curves in isopropanol

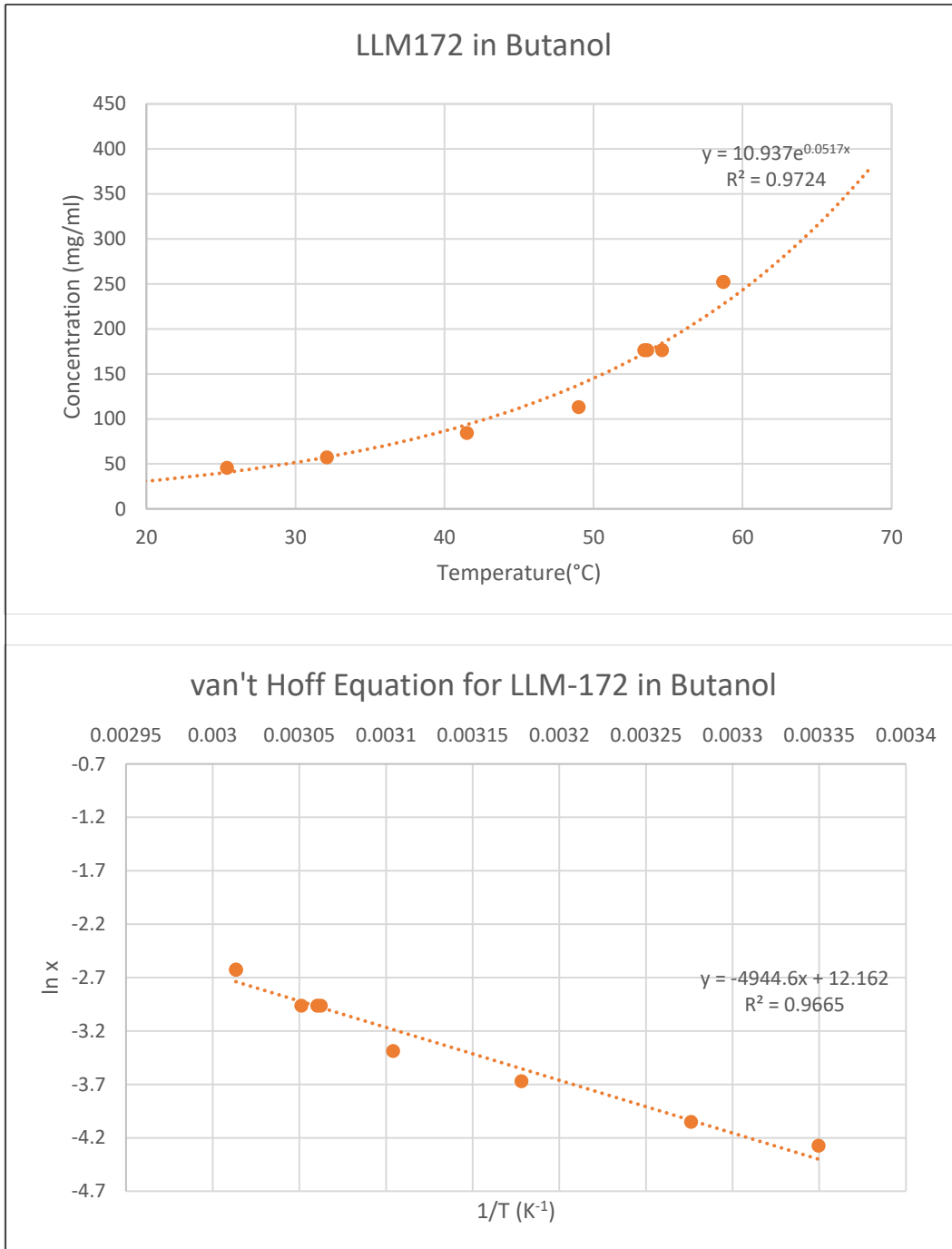


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LLM-172 solubility curves in butanol

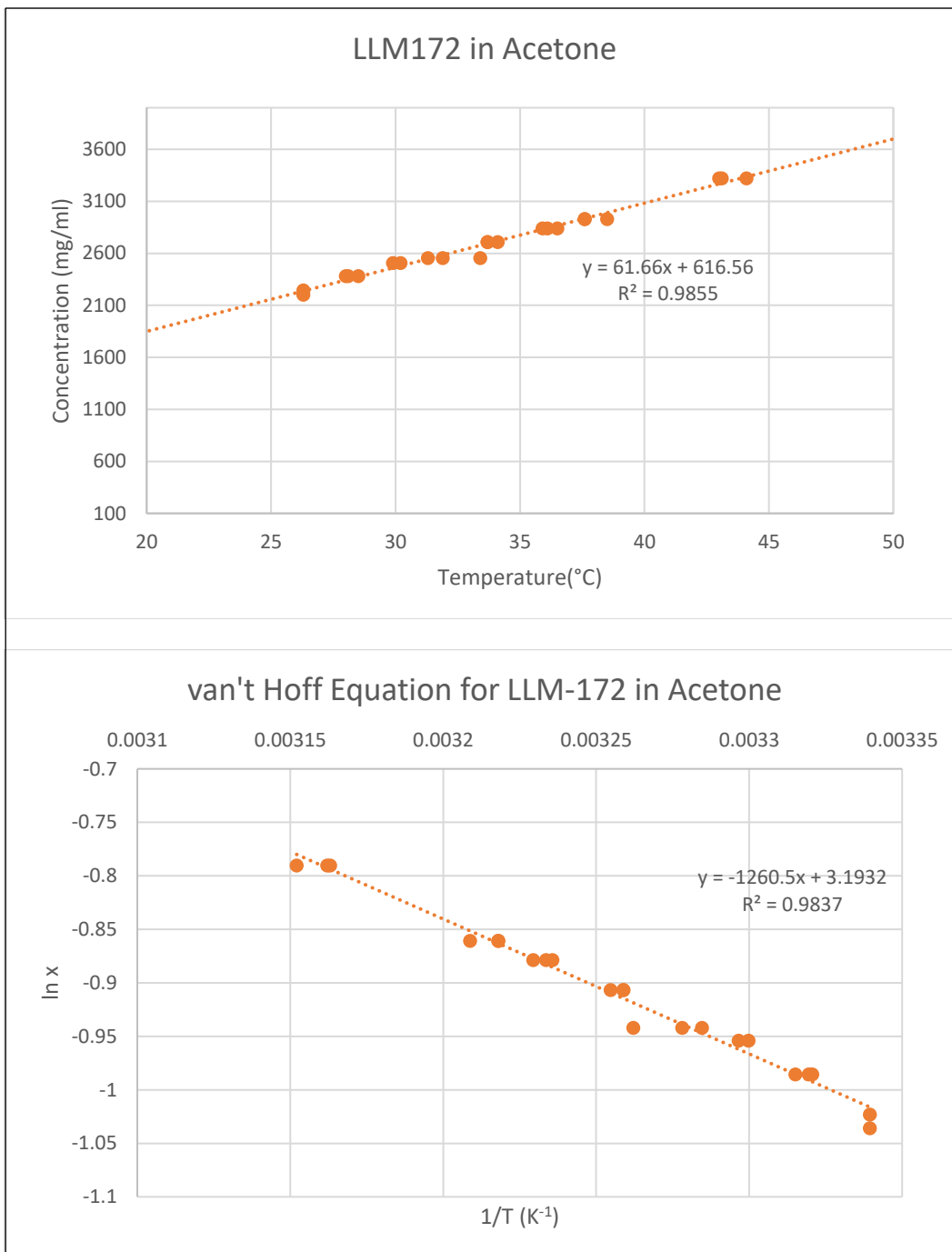


Figure 5
LLM-172 solubility curves in acetone

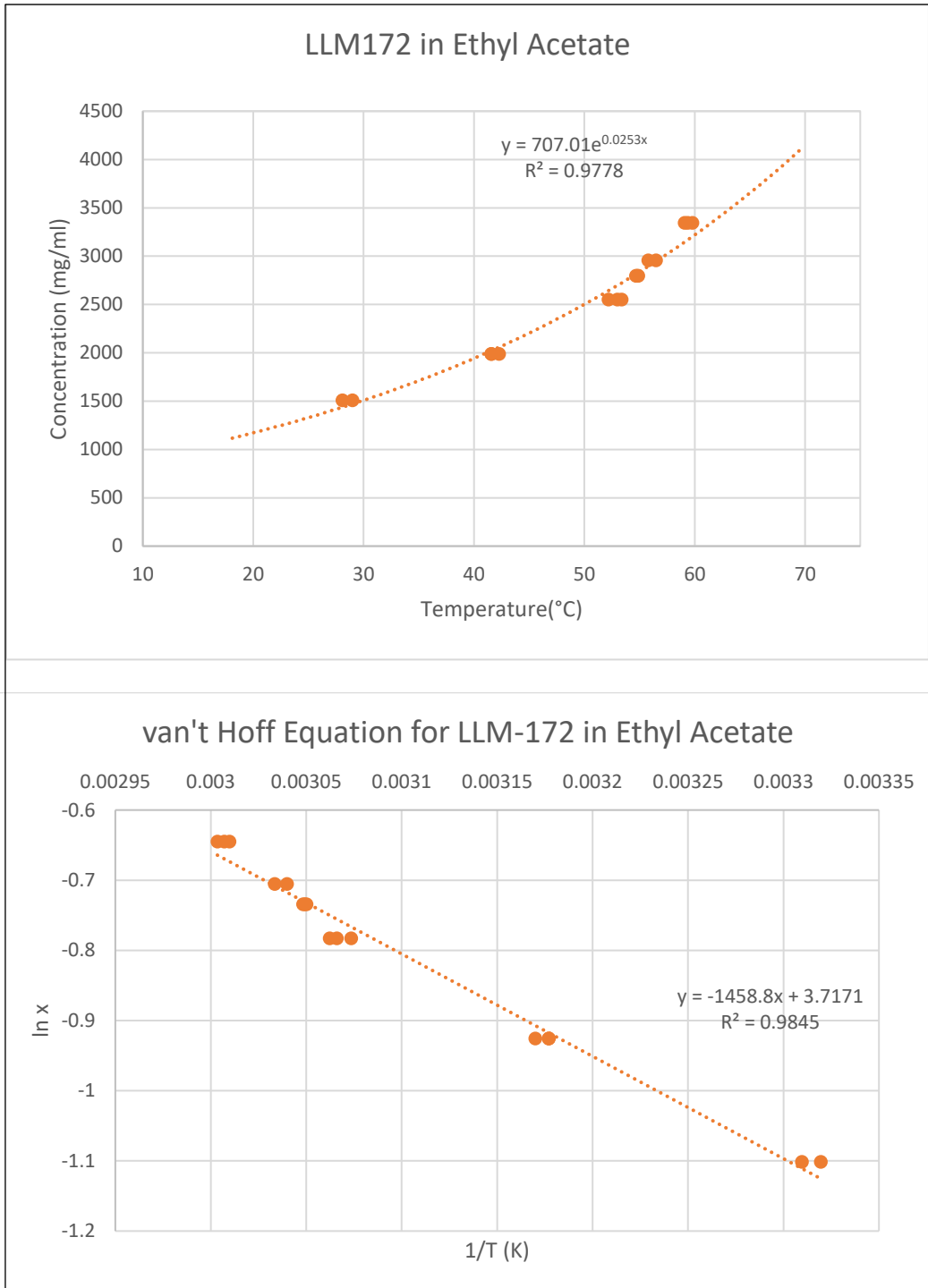


Figure 6
LLM-172 solubility curves in ethyl acetate

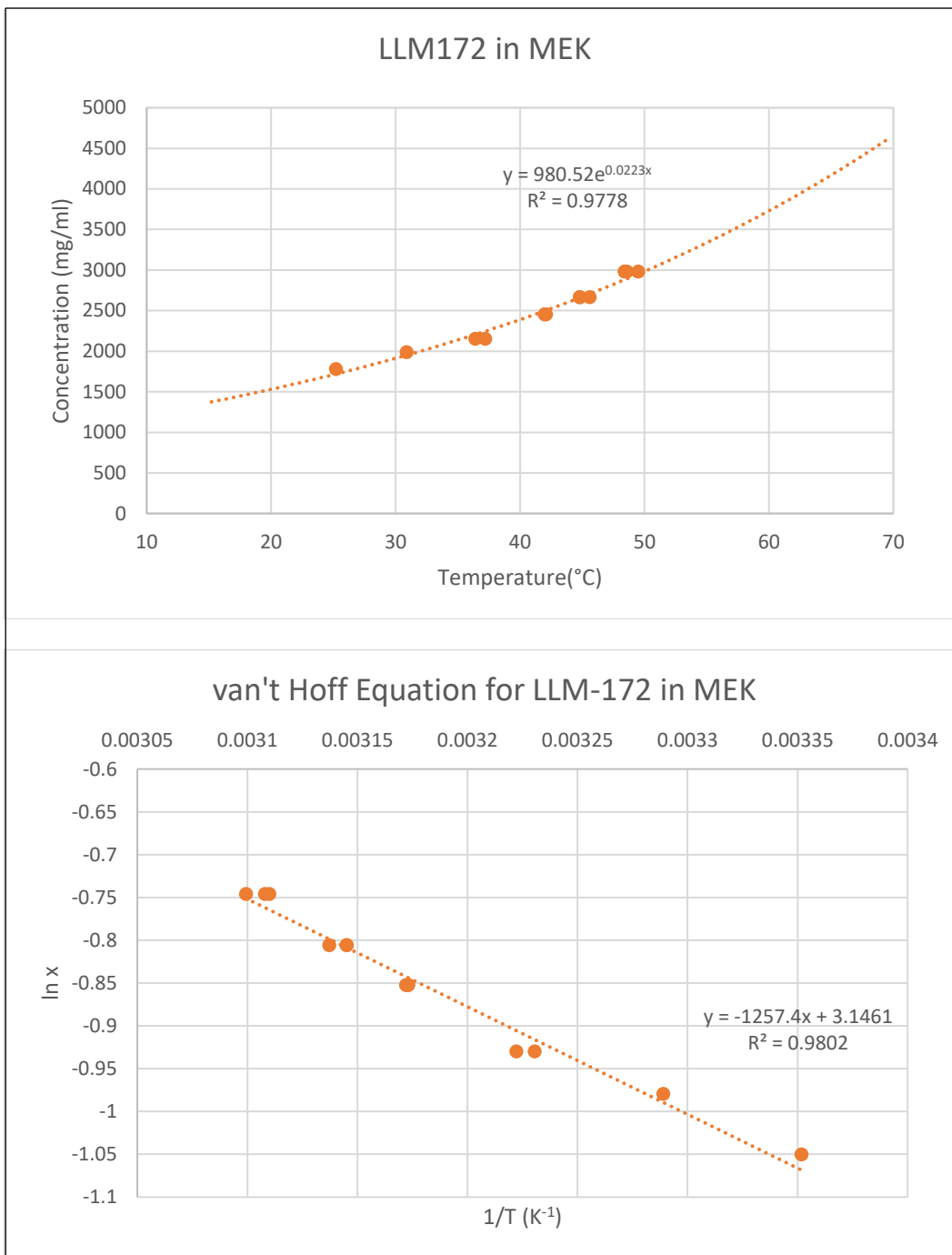


Figure 7
 LLM-172 solubility curves in methyl ethyl ketone (MEK)

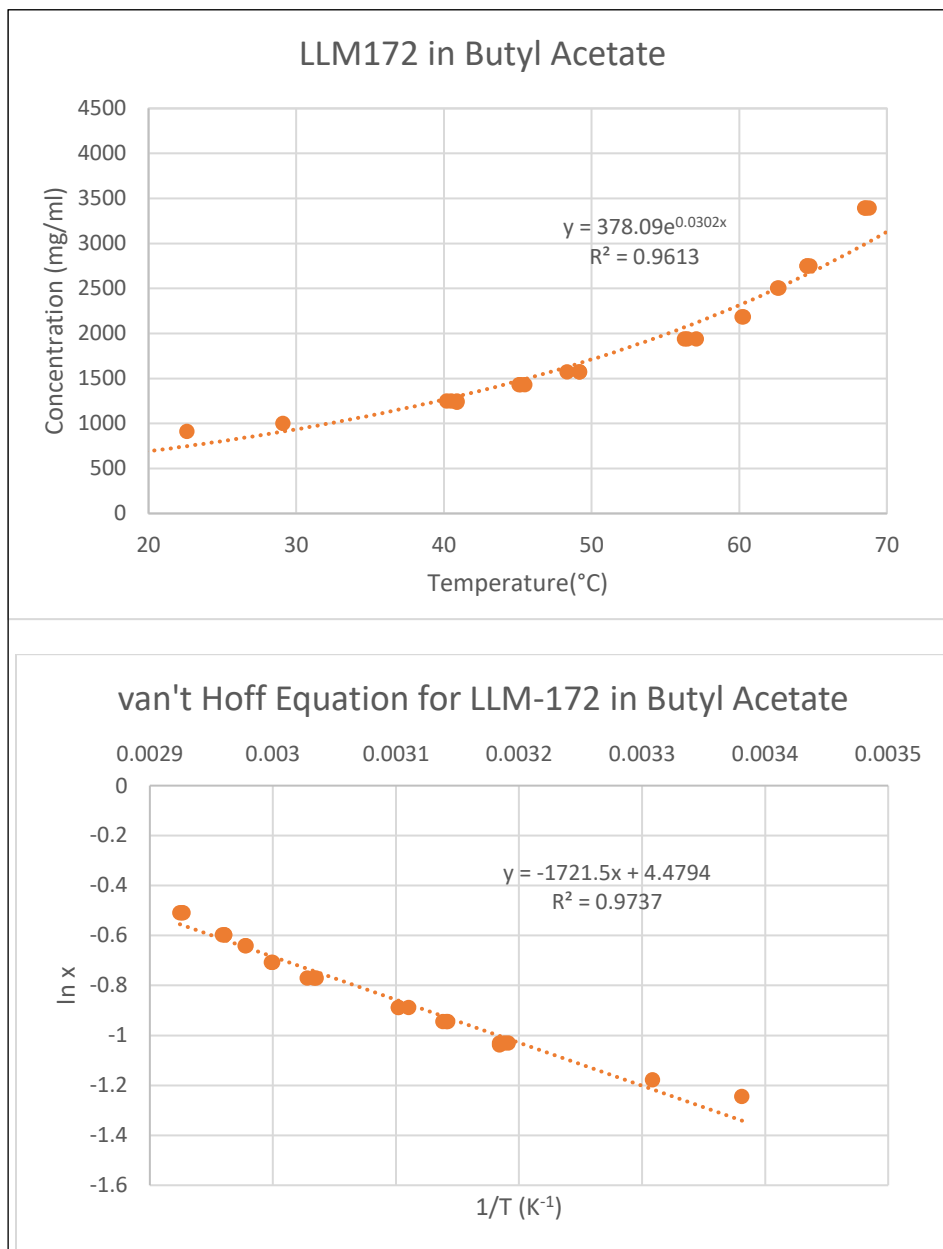


Figure 8
LLM-172 solubility curves in butyl acetate

CONCLUSIONS

Solubility curves and van't Hoff plots of LLM-172 [3,4-Bis (4-nitro-1,2,5-oxadiazole-3-yl)-1,2,5-Oxadiazole] were constructed for seven organic solvents LLM-172 using the Avantium Crystal16™ parallel crystallizer. The solubility curves constructed were primarily exponential in nature, however, acetone exhibited a linear relationship. The resulting regression lines show limited variation with all R^2 values greater than 0.96. The solubility curves or van't Hoff plots can be used to predict solubility, a temperature of interest.

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