

Densities, Viscosities, and Self-Diffusion Coefficients of Ethylene Glycol Oligomers

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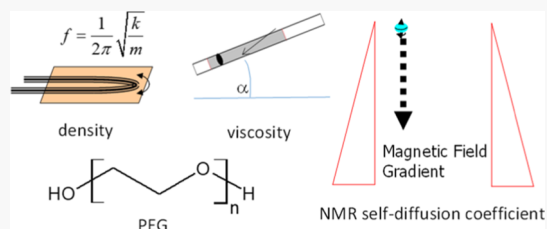


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ABSTRACT: Polyethylene glycol (PEG) is gaining interest as an alternative green solvent in chemical synthesis and processing. This report presents density and viscosity data from 293.15 K to 358.15 K as well as self-diffusion coefficient data from 298.15 K to 358.15 K for oligomers of PEG from di- to nonaethylene glycol. The results were obtained by extrapolation from measurement series where water, the most common impurity in PEGs, was intentionally added in several increments. The obtained results are carefully compared to literature data, which are widely available only for density and viscosity, and only for the lower oligomers. Densities are found to be linearly dependent on temperatures for all studied oligomers. The temperature dependence of viscosity and self-diffusion coefficients show only slight deviations from the Arrhenius equation over the investigated temperature range. The activation energies obtained from the viscosity data agree well with the activation energies from the self-diffusion coefficient data and appear to be linearly dependent with respect to the number of ethylene oxide repeat units in the PEG oligomer. This linearity combined with the observation that the pre-exponential factor appears to be the same for all studied oligomers may serve as a tool to estimate viscosities and self-diffusion coefficients for higher oligomers within the investigated temperature range. The densities of the oligomers all fall within a rather narrow range without a clear trend in homologous series.



1. INTRODUCTION

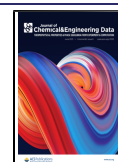
Polyethylene glycol (PEG, $\text{H}-[\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2]_n-\text{OH}$) is industrially produced for a variety of applications, mostly in the personal and health care industries.^{1–3} Industrially produced PEG is polydisperse with the average molar mass indicated as part of the product name such as PEG 400, where 400 g/mol is the average molar mass. Given that low molar mass PEGs ($<1000 \text{ g}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$) are liquid at room temperature and that PEG is nontoxic, harmless to the environment and biodegradable,⁴ PEG has been recognized as a promising solvent for chemical synthesis for quite some time. Early works have been reviewed in 2005.^{5,6} Since then, much progress has been made. Especially, one-pot synthesis type reactions, where many different components react in one step, have been successfully carried out in PEG due to its ability to dissolve a wide range of compounds.^{7–11} In fact, PEG can also dissolve mineral salts,^{5,12} a contributing factor for its successful use as the reaction medium for the synthesis of metal–organic frameworks.¹³ Pd-catalyzed reactions (the importance of these can be seen in the 2010 Nobel prize award for their discovery¹⁴) have also been carried out in PEG under both homocatalytic and heterocatalytic conditions where Pd is immobilized onto a porous silica material.^{15–19} PEGs have also been successfully used as components in deep eutectic solvents.^{20–27} Despite all of these successes, there are only limited experimental and theoretical studies on the dynamics of neat PEG.^{28–30} Experimental physicochemical properties of PEGs are needed to further this effort. In this respect, densities and viscosities have

been repeatedly reported for several polydisperse PEGs usually as part of studies on binary mixtures involving polydisperse PEGs.^{31–83} The polydisperse PEGs are composed of mixtures of PEG oligomers with approximately a Gaussian mole fraction distribution around the mean chain length.^{60,84,85} It is likely that the exact mole fraction distribution may vary from vendor to vendor and possibly even from batch to batch. Unfortunately, a composition analysis of polydisperse PEGs is typically not included in the above cited studies. In this regard, it would be helpful if one could predict the physicochemical properties of polydisperse PEGs based on the analysis of their exact composition. It should be noted that even the low average molar mass PEG 200 covers oligomers from mono- to nonaethylene glycol with tetra- and pentaethylene glycol being the most prominent components.^{84,85} A perusal of the literature reveals that there are numerous reports on density and viscosity for the neat lowest oligomers diethylene glycol,^{23,25,58–62,86–126} triethylene glycol,^{23,58–60,62,95,96,100–102,104–110,112–118,121–140} and tetraethylene glycol,^{62,95,100,101,104–107,110,112,116–118,120–126,129–131,140} but re-

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ports are scarce or absent for pentaethylene glycol^{101,126} and higher oligomers.^{101,126,141} As for self-diffusion coefficients, we are not aware of any reports on neat oligomers nor on polydisperse PEG. We are only aware of self-diffusion measurements of PEGs as part of bi- or multi-component systems.^{142–144} Thus, the motivation of this study is to address this lack of data by measuring density, viscosity, and self-diffusion coefficient of the PEG oligomers from di- to nonaethylene glycol over a wide range of temperatures. To this effect, it is important to recognize that PEGs readily absorb water from the atmosphere. Rather than drying PEGs to remove as much as possible any water contamination, we took the approach of purposely adding incrementally water. Back extrapolating to zero water content then establishes the physicochemical property values of the neat PEGs. Hence, this study includes inspection of the effect of present water impurity on the physicochemical properties, which, to the best of our knowledge, has not been done before.

2. EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

2.1. Preparation of Samples. Samples of polyethylene glycol components were prepared in order to test the effect of water content on the physicochemical properties of density, viscosity, and self-diffusion coefficient. For each sample, the density, viscosity, and self-diffusion coefficient were measured. The vendors and purities of the polyethylene glycol components and other chemicals used are shown in Table 1. The chemicals

Table 1. Information on Chemicals Used

chemical name	CAS	source	mass fraction purity ^a
diethylene glycol	111-46-6	Alfa Aesar	0.99
triethylene glycol	112-27-6	Alfa Aesar	0.99
tetraethylene glycol	112-60-7	Acros Organics	0.995
pentaethylene glycol	4792-15-8	Alfa Aesar	0.98+
hexaethylene glycol	2615-15-8	TCI	>0.98
heptaethylene glycol	5617-32-3	Broadpharm	0.993
octanethyl glycol	5117-19-1	Broadpharm	0.991
nonaethylene glycol	3386-18-3	Broadpharm	0.996
water	7732-18-5	Anton Paar	"ultra-pure"
S60 viscosity/density standard	8042-47-3	Koehler	not applicable ^b
S60 viscosity/density standard	64742-54-7	Cannon Instrument Company	not applicable ^b
APN 26 viscosity/density standard		Anton Paar	not applicable ^b

^aAs stated by the vendor, no further mass fraction purity determination was done other than KF water content analysis as reported in Section 3. ^bStandards only come with provided certified density and viscosity measurements.

were used as received without further purification, although a light brown tint was observed for triethylene and pentaethylene glycol. The glycols were generally handled and stored under dry nitrogen in a glovebox to ensure that no additional water would be absorbed from the outside air. The water content of the neat samples was tested in triplicate using a fritless C20 Mettler Toledo Karl Fischer (KF) titrator.

An analytical balance (± 0.0001 g) was used for all mass measurements for both KF titrations and sample preparation. The standard deviations of the KF measurements were within 10% relative standard deviation (RSD). Samples where no

additional water was added were handled entirely in the glovebox. Addition of water was done outside of the glovebox where exposure to an open atmosphere was less than 2 min before the sample received the added water. The approach to adding water was different for the more expensive pentaethylene to nonaethylene glycol compared to diethylene to tetraethylene glycol. Diethylene to tetraethylene glycol samples were discarded after each set of measurement, and sample preparation was conducted anew where, in a 20 mL vial, the amount of needed water was added to about 5 mL of the neat glycol. The vial was then vigorously shaken for approximately 1 min to ensure homogeneity. Pentaethylene to nonaethylene glycol samples were recovered after each set of measurement, and water was added to the recovered sample. The water content of each sample was calculated based on the mass of the recovered sample, its water content before adding additional water, and the mass of added water. The water content was spot checked by KF titrations for some samples, and agreement was within the above stated 10% RSD.

2.2. Density and Viscosity Measurements. Densities and viscosities were measured the same day samples were prepared. Densities and viscosities were measured in parallel using two different vibrating tube density meters and rolling ball viscometers all manufactured by Anton Paar and all with Peltier temperature controls stated to have an accuracy of 0.02 K. The densities and viscosities of samples with diethylene to hexaethylene glycol were measured with the models DMA 4100 and AMVn automated micro viscometer. For samples with heptaethylene to nonaethylene glycol, the models DMA 4100 M and Lovis 2000 M/ME were used for density and viscosity measurements, respectively. Both density meters apply internal corrections for viscosity effects during measurements. The samples are enclosed in either a measuring cell or capped capillaries for density and viscosity measurements, respectively. The capillary diameter was 1.8 mm for both viscometer models. Measurements were repeated at least six times for each temperature setting. Each temperature cycle started at 20 °C, increased to 85 °C in 5 °C increments, and cooled back to 20 °C. Measurements from initial and final 20 °C settings agreed within measurement uncertainty. The density and viscosity instruments were calibrated and accuracy checked with standard oils listed in Table 1. Agreement between the two sets of Anton Paar instruments was ascertained with several tetraethylene glycol samples. The standard deviations for the viscosities measured with the AMVn viscometer are reported in Table S1. The Lovis 2000 M/ME viscometer does not report the results from each individual measurement repetition but only the average values. However, the instrument reports the variation coefficients, which were always less than 1%, typically less than 0.1%. The standard deviations for the density measurements with the DMV 4100 instrument were within 0.0002 g·cm⁻³, and similar precision is assumed to apply also for the DMV 4100 M instrument. However, the standard uncertainty of the density measurement is actually limited by the sample mass fraction purities listed in Table 1, for which a relative uncertainty of 0.1% is appropriate. This sets the standard uncertainty for density measurements to 0.001 g·cm⁻³.

2.3. Self-Diffusion Coefficient Measurements. The instrument used for all NMR measurements was a Bruker Avance 300 NMR spectrometer. The temperature of the variable temperature broadband probe was calibrated against known chemical shifts of ethylene glycol,¹⁴⁵ where standard uncertainty is estimated to be 0.3 K. Each sample was transferred into a

Table 2. Density, Viscosity, and Self-Diffusion Coefficient of Diethylene Glycol with Small Amounts of Water in 10^{-6} Mass Fraction, w , as well as Mole Fraction, x_w , Present at Ambient Pressure (0.10 ± 0.01 MPa)^a

T/K	$w/10^{-6}$						slope	intercept
	2192	6469	6521	6733	13,594	15,023		
	x_w							
	0.013	0.037	0.037	0.038	0.075	0.082		
Density/ 10^{-3} kg·m $^{-3}$							10^{-3} kg·m $^{-3}$	10^{-3} kg·m $^{-3}$
293.15	1.1166	1.1166	1.1165	1.1165	1.1163	1.1152	-0.09 ± 0.03	1.1170 ± 0.0003
298.15	1.1132	1.1133	1.1132	1.1132	1.1130	1.1115	-0.10 ± 0.05	1.1138 ± 0.0005
303.15	1.1096	1.1097	1.1096	1.1096	1.1094	1.1080	-0.10 ± 0.04	1.1101 ± 0.0004
308.15	1.1060	1.1061	1.1060	1.1060	1.1057	1.1046	-0.09 ± 0.04	1.1065 ± 0.0003
313.15	1.1023	1.1025	1.1023	1.1023	1.1021	1.1011	-0.08 ± 0.03	1.1028 ± 0.0003
318.15	1.0987	1.0988	1.0987	1.0987	1.0985	1.0977	-0.07 ± 0.03	1.0991 ± 0.0003
323.15	1.0950	1.0952	1.0950	1.0950	1.0948	1.0942	-0.06 ± 0.02	1.0953 ± 0.0002
328.15	1.0914	1.0915	1.0914	1.0914	1.0911	1.0907	-0.05 ± 0.02	1.0917 ± 0.0001
333.15	1.0877	1.0878	1.0877	1.0877	1.0874	1.0871	-0.05 ± 0.01	1.0880 ± 0.0001
338.15	1.0840	1.0841	1.0840	1.0840	1.0837	1.0835	-0.04 ± 0.01	1.0842 ± 0.0001
343.15	1.0803	1.0804	1.0803	1.0802	1.0800	1.0798	-0.04 ± 0.01	1.0805 ± 0.0001
348.15	1.0765	1.0766	1.0765	1.0765	1.0762	1.0761	-0.04 ± 0.01	1.0767 ± 0.0001
353.15	1.0727	1.0728	1.0727	1.0727	1.0724	1.0723	-0.04 ± 0.01	1.0729 ± 0.0001
358.15	1.0689	1.0690	1.0689	1.0689	1.0686	1.0684	-0.04 ± 0.01	1.0691 ± 0.0001
Viscosity/mPa·s							10^2 mPa·s	mPa·s
293.15	37.311	35.381	33.153	34.695	34.974	34.545	-1.2 ± 1.3	36.0 ± 1.2
298.15	29.024	27.760	25.762	27.253	27.472	27.116	-0.8 ± 1.0	28.0 ± 1.0
303.15	23.059	22.206	20.642	21.920	21.954	21.704	-0.5 ± 0.8	22.4 ± 0.7
308.15	18.686	18.114	16.841	17.884	17.921	17.699	-0.4 ± 0.6	18.2 ± 0.6
313.15	15.385	14.964	13.922	15.254	14.798	14.608	-0.4 ± 0.5	15.1 ± 0.5
318.15	12.838	12.509	11.669	12.405	12.367	12.237	-0.2 ± 0.4	12.5 ± 0.4
323.15	10.846	10.576	9.873	10.495	10.435	10.346	-0.2 ± 0.3	10.6 ± 0.3
328.15	9.254	9.035	8.426	8.953	8.892	8.833	-0.2 ± 0.3	9.0 ± 0.3
333.15	7.939	7.708	7.345	7.635	7.582	7.544	-0.2 ± 0.2	7.8 ± 0.2
338.15	6.866	6.697	6.263	6.632	6.586	6.551	-0.1 ± 0.2	6.7 ± 0.2
343.15	6.054	5.936	5.553	5.884	5.824	5.814	-0.1 ± 0.2	5.9 ± 0.2
348.15	5.235	5.262	4.922	5.217	5.169	5.153	0.0 ± 0.1	5.2 ± 0.1
353.15	4.522	4.530	4.245	4.506	4.447	4.439	0.0 ± 0.1	4.5 ± 0.1
358.15	3.944	4.046	3.800	4.026	3.974	3.966	0.02 ± 0.09	3.9 ± 0.1
Self-diffusion coefficient/ 10^{-10} m 2 ·s $^{-1}$							10^{-10} m 2 ·s $^{-1}$	10^{-10} m 2 ·s $^{-1}$
298.15	0.595		0.536	0.530	0.536	0.530	-0.4 ± 0.2	0.58 ± 0.02
303.15	0.687	0.680	0.660	0.661	0.677	0.666	-0.1 ± 0.1	0.68 ± 0.01
308.15	0.795	0.843	0.830	0.827	0.856	0.836	0.3 ± 0.1	0.80 ± 0.01
313.15	1.012	1.076	1.027	1.027	1.022	1.037	0.0 ± 0.2	1.03 ± 0.02
318.15	1.243	1.297	1.227	1.230	1.241	1.245	0.0 ± 0.3	1.25 ± 0.02
323.15	1.465	1.549	1.472	1.487	1.512	1.500	0.2 ± 0.3	1.48 ± 0.03
328.15	1.684	1.866	1.789	1.761	1.776	1.796	0.4 ± 0.6	1.74 ± 0.05
333.15	2.007	2.147	2.029	2.040	2.083	2.114	0.6 ± 0.5	2.02 ± 0.04
338.15	2.293	2.458	2.366	2.335	2.434	2.405	0.8 ± 0.5	2.32 ± 0.05
343.15	2.619	2.837	2.697	2.706	2.823	2.770	1.1 ± 0.6	2.65 ± 0.06
348.15	2.995	3.418	3.102	3.059	3.178	3.146	0.7 ± 1.5	3.09 ± 0.14
353.15	3.484	3.771	3.602	3.587	3.668	3.560	0.4 ± 1.0	3.58 ± 0.09
358.15	4.032	4.184	4.013	4.052	4.090	4.081	0.3 ± 0.6	4.05 ± 0.06

^aRelative standard uncertainty of w and x_w is 0.05. Temperature standard uncertainty is estimated to be 0.02 K for the density and viscosity measurements and 0.3 K for the self-diffusion coefficient measurements. The shown standard deviations of the intercepts provide an estimate for the standard uncertainty of viscosity and self-diffusion coefficient, whereas for density, the relative standard uncertainty is limited by sample impurity to 0.001.

melting tube capillary using a syringe with a blunt gauge-20 stainless steel needle and then immediately flame sealed. The flame sealed capillary was inserted into a standard 5 mm NMR tube to which a deuterated solvent was added (typically DMSO- d_6 and for some samples D₂O). During a measurement series, the NMR tube was not spun and the temperature was equilibrated for at least 20 min. As pulse program for the self-

diffusion measurements, a double stimulated echo with bipolar gradients and 3 spoiler gradients was used^{146,147} with the following settings: 5 s relaxation delay, 5 ms eddy current recovery, and 0.2 ms gradient recovery. The obtained stimulated spin-echo intensity, $I(g)$, for each of the two CH₂ signals was found by integrating the respective spectral peak and then fitted

Table 3. Density, Viscosity, and Self-Diffusion Coefficient of Triethylene Glycol with Small Amounts of Water in 10^{-6} Mass Fraction, w , as well as Mole Fraction, x_w , Present at Ambient Pressure (0.10 ± 0.01 MPa)^a

T/K	$w/10^{-6}$				slope	intercept
	1655	6269	12,340	14,947		
	x_w					
	0.014	0.050	0.094	0.112		
	Density/ 10^{-3} kg·m $^{-3}$				10^{-5} kg·m $^{-3}$	10^{-3} kg·m $^{-3}$
293.15	1.1242	1.1242	1.1239	1.1238	-3.3 ± 0.8	1.1243 ± 0.0001
298.15	1.1206	1.1205	1.1202	1.1202	-3.4 ± 0.5	1.1207 ± 0.0001
303.15	1.1166	1.1166	1.1163	1.1162	-3.3 ± 0.8	1.1167 ± 0.0001
308.15	1.1127	1.1127	1.1124	1.1123	-3.3 ± 0.8	1.1128 ± 0.0001
313.15	1.1088	1.1087	1.1084	1.1084	-3.3 ± 0.4	1.10887 ± 0.00004
318.15	1.1049	1.1048	1.1045	1.1045	-3.4 ± 0.5	1.1050 ± 0.0001
323.15	1.1009	1.1009	1.1006	1.1005	-3.3 ± 0.8	1.1010 ± 0.0001
328.15	1.0970	1.0969	1.0967	1.0966	-3.0 ± 0.2	1.09707 ± 0.00002
333.15	1.0930	1.0930	1.0927	1.0926	-3.3 ± 0.8	1.0931 ± 0.0001
338.15	1.0891	1.0890	1.0887	1.0887	-3.3 ± 0.5	1.08917 ± 0.00005
343.15	1.0851	1.0850	1.0848	1.0847	-3.1 ± 0.4	1.08519 ± 0.00005
348.15	1.0811	1.0811	1.0808	1.0807	-3.3 ± 0.8	1.0812 ± 0.0001
353.15	1.0771	1.0771	1.0768	1.0767	-3.3 ± 0.8	1.0772 ± 0.0001
358.15	1.0731	1.0730	1.0727	1.0727	-3.3 ± 0.4	1.07318 ± 0.00004
	Viscosity/mPa·s				10^2 mPa·s	mPa·s
293.15	47.578	46.031	44.796	45.719	-1.6 ± 0.8	47.4 ± 0.8
298.15	37.144	35.944	34.657	35.507	-1.5 ± 0.6	37.1 ± 0.7
303.15	29.253	28.191	27.247	27.951	-1.2 ± 0.5	29.2 ± 0.6
308.15	23.516	22.552	21.884	22.444	-0.9 ± 0.5	23.4 ± 0.5
313.15	19.226	18.393	17.834	18.290	-0.8 ± 0.4	19.1 ± 0.4
318.15	15.908	15.201	14.729	15.129	-0.7 ± 0.3	15.8 ± 0.3
323.15	13.327	12.703	12.324	12.644	-0.6 ± 0.3	13.3 ± 0.3
328.15	11.280	10.771	10.426	10.700	-0.5 ± 0.2	11.2 ± 0.2
333.15	9.590	9.130	8.849	9.067	-0.4 ± 0.2	9.5 ± 0.2
338.15	8.274	7.875	7.637	7.820	-0.4 ± 0.2	8.2 ± 0.2
343.15	7.269	6.950	6.731	6.894	-0.3 ± 0.1	7.2 ± 0.1
348.15	6.411	6.128	5.932	6.075	-0.3 ± 0.1	6.4 ± 0.1
353.15	5.527	5.235	5.101	5.205	-0.3 ± 0.1	5.5 ± 0.1
358.15	4.916	4.648	4.540	4.626	-0.2 ± 0.1	4.9 ± 0.1
	Self-diffusion coefficient/ 10^{-10} m 2 ·s $^{-1}$				10^{-10} m 2 ·s $^{-1}$	10^{-10} m 2 ·s $^{-1}$
298.15	0.368	0.376	0.385	0.382	1.1 ± 0.3	0.368 ± 0.003
303.15	0.472	0.474	0.491	0.479	1.0 ± 0.7	0.470 ± 0.007
308.15	0.592	0.597	0.611	0.609	1.4 ± 0.3	0.590 ± 0.003
313.15	0.720	0.751	0.747	0.751	2 ± 1	0.73 ± 0.01
318.15	0.883	0.916	0.919	0.913	2 ± 1	0.89 ± 0.01
323.15	1.056	1.103	1.111	1.116	4 ± 1	1.06 ± 0.01
328.15	1.268	1.280	1.327	1.363	7 ± 1	1.25 ± 0.01
333.15	1.499	1.549	1.563	1.613	7 ± 2	1.49 ± 0.02
338.15	1.810	1.844	1.814	1.837	1 ± 2	1.82 ± 0.02
343.15	2.015	2.174	2.097	2.105	4 ± 7	2.06 ± 0.07
348.15	2.287	2.405	2.422	2.447	11 ± 3	2.29 ± 0.04
353.15	2.633	2.648	2.763	2.676	6 ± 5	2.62 ± 0.05
358.15	3.135	3.129	3.156	3.244	7 ± 4	3.10 ± 0.04

^aRelative standard uncertainty of w and x_w is 0.05. Temperature standard uncertainty is estimated to be 0.02 K for the density and viscosity measurements and 0.3 K for the self-diffusion coefficient measurements. The shown standard deviations of the intercepts provide an estimate for the standard uncertainty of viscosity and self-diffusion coefficient, whereas for density, the relative standard uncertainty is limited by sample impurity to 0.001.

as a function of magnetic field gradient strength, g , according to the equation¹⁴⁸

$$I(g) = I_0 e^{-D\gamma^2 g^2 \delta^2 ((4\Delta - \delta)/\pi^2)} \quad (1)$$

where I_0 is the reference spin-echo intensity in the absence of a gradient, γ is the ¹H gyromagnetic ratio, and Δ is the diffusion

time of 0.1 s. The length of the sine-shaped gradient pulse, δ , was optimized for each sample and temperature condition. In each self-diffusion measurement, the field gradient strength was varied by a total of 16 different linearly incremented values ranging from 0.48 to 4.8 G·mm⁻¹. Four dummy scans were used prior to the 16 scans to acquire steady-state conditions. The

Table 4. Density, Viscosity, and Self-Diffusion Coefficient of Tetraethylene Glycol with Small Amounts of Water in 10^{−6} Mass Fraction, *w*, as well as Mole Fraction, *x_w*, Present at Ambient Pressure (0.10 ± 0.01 MPa)^a

T/K	$w/10^{-6}$								slope	intercept
	1308	5463	5776	6438	9687	10,249	13,340	14,978		
	x_w									
	0.014	0.056	0.059	0.065	0.095	0.100	0.127	0.141		
Density/ 10^{-3} kg·m $^{-3}$									10^{-5} kg·m $^{-3}$	10^{-3} kg·m $^{-3}$
293.15	1.1237	1.1237	1.1238	1.1238	1.1236	1.1226	1.1235	1.1235	-3 ± 3	1.1238 ± 0.0003
298.15	1.1199	1.1200	1.1200	1.1200	1.1199	1.1186	1.1197	1.1198	-3 ± 4	1.1200 ± 0.0004
303.15	1.1159	1.1160	1.1160	1.1160	1.1159	1.1150	1.1157	1.1158	-3 ± 3	1.1160 ± 0.0003
308.15	1.1119	1.1120	1.1120	1.1120	1.1119	1.1113	1.1118	1.1118	-2 ± 2	1.1120 ± 0.0002
313.15	1.1078	1.1080	1.1080	1.1080	1.1079	1.1076	1.1078	1.1078	-1 ± 1	1.1080 ± 0.0001
318.15	1.1038	1.1040	1.1040	1.1040	1.1039	1.1037	1.1038	1.1038	-1 ± 1	1.1040 ± 0.0001
323.15	1.0998	1.1000	1.1000	1.1000	1.0999	1.0998	1.0998	1.0998	-1.0 ± 0.8	1.0010 ± 0.0001
328.15	1.0958	1.0960	1.0960	1.0960	1.0959	1.0958	1.0958	1.0958	-1.0 ± 0.8	1.0960 ± 0.0001
333.15	1.0918	1.0920	1.0920	1.0920	1.0919	1.0919	1.0918	1.0918	-0.8 ± 0.8	1.0920 ± 0.0001
338.15	1.0878	1.0880	1.0880	1.0879	1.0879	1.0879	1.0878	1.0878	-0.7 ± 0.7	1.0880 ± 0.0001
343.15	1.0838	1.0839	1.0840	1.0839	1.0839	1.0838	1.0838	1.0838	-0.6 ± 0.6	1.0839 ± 0.0001
348.15	1.0798	1.0799	1.0799	1.0799	1.0798	1.0798	1.0798	1.0797	-0.9 ± 0.5	1.0799 ± 0.0001
353.15	1.0758	1.0759	1.0759	1.0759	1.0758	1.0758	1.0758	1.0757	-1.2 ± 0.5	1.0759 ± 0.0001
358.15	1.0718	1.0719	1.0719	1.0719	1.0718	1.0718	1.0717	1.0717	-1.3 ± 0.5	1.0719 ± 0.0001
Viscosity/mPa·s									10^2 mPa·s	mPa·s
293.15	57.681	57.005	59.985	56.558	58.762	58.333	58.171	52.996	-1.9 ± 1.7	59.1 ± 1.6
298.15	43.779	45.217	46.118	43.890	45.023	44.784	44.431	41.148	-1.5 ± 1.2	45.6 ± 1.1
303.15	34.056	35.364	35.964	34.348	35.259	35.037	34.740	32.095	-1.1 ± 1.0	35.5 ± 0.9
308.15	27.108	28.199	28.593	27.455	28.079	27.949	27.735	25.578	-0.8 ± 0.8	28.3 ± 0.7
313.15	21.929	22.874	23.133	22.315	22.770	22.700	22.516	20.756	-0.6 ± 0.6	22.9 ± 0.6
318.15	18.015	18.846	19.025	18.378	18.733	18.684	18.534	17.092	-0.5 ± 0.5	18.8 ± 0.5
323.15	14.993	15.740	15.849	15.336	15.622	15.594	15.474	14.274	-0.4 ± 0.4	15.7 ± 0.4
328.15	12.645	13.284	13.378	12.955	13.196	13.167	13.067	12.046	-0.3 ± 0.4	13.2 ± 0.3
333.15	10.755	11.277	11.348	11.000	11.212	11.186	11.092	10.204	-0.3 ± 0.3	11.3 ± 0.3
338.15	9.266	9.725	9.786	9.487	9.668	9.647	9.571	8.787	-0.3 ± 0.3	9.7 ± 0.3
343.15	8.115	8.559	8.605	8.352	8.500	8.478	8.413	7.727	-0.2 ± 0.2	8.5 ± 0.2
348.15	7.123	7.537	7.587	7.359	7.484	7.474	7.413	6.806	-0.2 ± 0.2	7.5 ± 0.2
353.15	6.156	6.492	6.533	6.341	6.450	6.445	6.389	5.852	-0.2 ± 0.2	6.5 ± 0.2
358.15	5.461	5.769	5.803	5.637	5.735	5.726	5.201	5.201	-0.2 ± 0.2	5.8 ± 0.2
Self-diffusion coefficient/ 10^{-10} m 2 ·s $^{-1}$									10^{-10} m 2 ·s $^{-1}$	10^{-10} m 2 ·s $^{-1}$
298.15	0.297	0.299		0.305	0.295	0.453	0.288	0.305	0.2 ± 0.6	0.31 ± 0.05
303.15	0.377	0.381	0.347	0.385	0.380	0.472	0.356	0.362	0.0 ± 0.3	0.38 ± 0.03
308.15	0.470	0.435	0.435	0.476	0.521	0.602	0.449	0.449	0.2 ± 0.5	0.46 ± 0.05
313.15	0.585	0.555	0.559	0.598	0.559	0.767	0.576	0.578	0.2 ± 0.6	0.58 ± 0.06
318.15	0.719	0.677	0.690	0.735	0.705	0.949	0.710	0.705	0.3 ± 0.8	0.71 ± 0.07
323.15	0.872	0.816	0.829	0.875	0.844	1.131	0.853	0.882	0.5 ± 0.9	0.85 ± 0.08
328.15	1.034	0.989	1.010	1.047	1.042	1.374	1.038	1.050	0.7 ± 1.1	1.0 ± 0.1
333.15	1.220	1.177	1.195	1.239	1.243	1.662	1.233	1.260	0.9 ± 1.4	1.2 ± 0.1
338.15	1.449	1.377	1.410	1.449	1.418	1.890	1.401	1.462	0.7 ± 1.5	1.4 ± 0.1
343.15	1.652	1.663	1.683	1.693	1.611	2.146	1.615	1.668	0.4 ± 1.6	1.7 ± 0.1
348.15	1.858	1.835	1.861	1.879	1.931	2.603	1.937	2.011	2.0 ± 2.1	1.8 ± 0.2
353.15	2.128	2.199	2.272	2.165	2.217	2.980	2.234	2.278	1.8 ± 2.4	2.2 ± 0.2
358.15	2.401	2.424	2.374	2.451	2.385	3.171	2.462	2.591	2.0 ± 2.3	2.4 ± 0.2

^aRelative standard uncertainty of *w* and *x_w* is 0.05. Temperature standard uncertainty is estimated to be 0.02 K for the density and viscosity measurements and 0.3 K for the self-diffusion coefficient measurements. The shown standard deviations of the intercepts provide an estimate for the standard uncertainty of viscosity and self-diffusion coefficient, whereas for density, the relative standard uncertainty is limited by sample impurity to 0.001.

reported PEG self-diffusion coefficients were determined as the average from the two PEG CH₂ signals. Tables S2.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1. Water Content Dependence. Tables 2–9 summarize all measurement results for density, viscosity, and self-diffusion

coefficient for di- to nonaethylene glycol at ambient pressure (~0.1 MPa) with varying water contents (columns) and temperatures (rows). A few self-diffusion coefficient entries at 298.15 K are missing because of inadvertent loss of the sample capillary. The water content in Tables 2–9 is expressed as reported by the KF titrator instrument, i.e., as mass fraction, *w* (the instrument reports in parts per million, ppm = 10^{−6}). Water

Table 5. Density, Viscosity, and Self-Diffusion Coefficient of Pentaethylene Glycol with Small Amounts of Water in 10^{-6} Mass Fraction, w , as well as Mole Fraction, x_w , Present at Ambient Pressure (0.10 ± 0.01 MPa)^a

T/K	$w/10^{-6}$				slope	intercept
	1798	6592	12,532	14,816		
	x_w					
	0.023	0.081	0.144	0.166		
	Density/ 10^{-3} kg·m ⁻³				10^{-4} kg·m ⁻³	10^{-3} kg·m ⁻³
293.15	1.1253	1.1249	1.1245	1.1240	-0.9 ± 0.2	1.1255 ± 0.0002
298.15	1.1214	1.1211	1.1207	1.1201	-0.9 ± 0.2	1.1216 ± 0.0002
303.15	1.1174	1.1171	1.1166	1.1161	-0.9 ± 0.2	1.1176 ± 0.0002
308.15	1.1133	1.1130	1.1126	1.1120	-0.9 ± 0.2	1.1135 ± 0.0002
313.15	1.1093	1.1090	1.1085	1.1080	-0.9 ± 0.2	1.1095 ± 0.0002
318.15	1.1052	1.1049	1.1045	1.1039	-0.9 ± 0.2	1.1055 ± 0.0002
323.15	1.1012	1.1009	1.1004	1.0999	-0.9 ± 0.2	1.1014 ± 0.0002
328.15	1.0971	1.0968	1.0964	1.0958	-0.9 ± 0.2	1.0974 ± 0.0002
333.15	1.0931	1.0927	1.0923	1.0917	-1 ± 0.2	1.0933 ± 0.0002
338.15	1.0891	1.0887	1.0882	1.0877	-1 ± 0.1	1.0893 ± 0.0001
343.15	1.0850	1.0846	1.0841	1.0836	-1 ± 0.1	1.0852 ± 0.0002
348.15	1.0810	1.0805	1.0801	1.0796	-1 ± 0.2	1.0812 ± 0.0002
353.15	1.0769	1.0765	1.0760	1.0755	-1 ± 0.1	1.0771 ± 0.0001
358.15	1.0728	1.0724	1.0719	1.0714	-1 ± 0.1	1.0730 ± 0.0001
	Viscosity/mPa·s				10^2 mPa·s	mPa·s
293.15	70.879	72.825	71.378	70.737	-0.3 ± 1.1	71.8 ± 1.2
298.15	54.118	55.716	54.328	53.661	-0.5 ± 1.0	54.9 ± 1.0
303.15	42.277	43.212	42.276	41.757	-0.5 ± 0.6	42.8 ± 0.7
308.15	33.634	34.210	33.532	33.102	-0.5 ± 0.4	34.0 ± 0.5
313.15	27.216	27.554	27.007	26.669	-0.5 ± 0.3	27.5 ± 0.3
318.15	22.338	22.558	22.113	21.833	-0.4 ± 0.2	22.6 ± 0.2
323.15	18.573	18.680	18.336	18.076	-0.4 ± 0.2	18.8 ± 0.2
328.15	15.644	15.682	15.386	15.149	-0.4 ± 0.1	15.8 ± 0.1
333.15	13.276	13.268	13.030	12.822	-0.3 ± 0.1	13.4 ± 0.1
338.15	11.431	11.393	11.182	10.993	-0.3 ± 0.1	11.5 ± 0.1
343.15	10.029	9.946	9.765	9.583	-0.3 ± 0.1	10.1 ± 0.1
348.15	8.827	8.734	8.593	8.417	-0.3 ± 0.1	8.9 ± 0.1
353.15	7.626	7.548	7.423	7.296	-0.24 ± 0.04	7.69 ± 0.04
358.15	6.757	6.682	6.570	6.455	-0.22 ± 0.04	6.81 ± 0.04
	Self-diffusion coefficient/ 10^{-10} m ² ·s ⁻¹				10^{-9} m ² ·s ⁻¹	10^{-10} m ² ·s ⁻¹
298.15	0.233	0.223	0.223	0.236	0.0 ± 0.1	0.228 ± 0.008
303.15	0.284	0.358	0.293	0.295	-0.1 ± 0.4	0.31 ± 0.04
308.15	0.356	0.358	0.363	0.362	0.1 ± 0.1	0.355 ± 0.001
313.15	0.452	0.451	0.465	0.446	0.0 ± 0.1	0.45 ± 0.01
318.15	0.552	0.549	0.572	0.550	0.1 ± 0.1	0.55 ± 0.01
323.15	0.670	0.672	0.727	0.668	0.2 ± 0.3	0.67 ± 0.03
328.15	0.851	0.826	0.820	0.799	-0.3 ± 0.1	0.855 ± 0.008
333.15	1.023	0.960	0.984	0.958	-0.4 ± 0.3	1.01 ± 0.03
338.15	1.121	1.130	1.163	1.145	0.3 ± 0.1	1.12 ± 0.01
343.15	1.293	1.323	1.301	1.312	0.1 ± 0.2	1.3 ± 0.02
348.15	1.467	1.510	1.628	1.611	1.3 ± 0.3	1.44 ± 0.03
353.15	1.848	1.723	1.725	1.759	-0.6 ± 0.5	1.82 ± 0.05
358.15	1.877	2.005	2.044	2.027	1.1 ± 0.4	1.89 ± 0.04

^aRelative standard uncertainty of w and x_w is 0.05. Temperature standard uncertainty is estimated to be 0.02 K for the density and viscosity measurements and 0.3 K for the self-diffusion coefficient measurements. The shown standard deviations of the intercepts provide an estimate for the standard uncertainty of viscosity and self-diffusion coefficient, whereas for density, the relative standard uncertainty is limited by sample impurity to 0.001.

mole fractions, x_w , are included in Tables 2–9 as well for convenience. Although we added approximately similar ranges of water up to mass fraction $w = 0.02$, the corresponding mole fractions increase from di- to nonaethylene glycol because of the increasing molar mass of the PEG oligomer. Figure 1 shows the trends in the data with respect to water mass fraction exemplary for 348.15 K. Density, viscosity, and self-diffusion coefficient in

Figure 1 all display a linear relationship with water mass fraction. Therefore, we applied linear least squares fitting to find, for each water mass fraction-dependent dataset, the slope. The extrapolation to zero mass fraction (y -intercept) represents the property of the neat PEG. In this respect, we note that data values in Tables 2–9 are shown with more decimal places than the uncertainties stated in Section 2 for transparency and to

Table 6. Density, Viscosity, and Self-Diffusion Coefficient of Hexaethylene Glycol with Small Amounts of Water in 10^{-6} Mass Fraction, w , as well as Mole Fraction, x_w , Present at Ambient Pressure (0.10 ± 0.01 MPa)^b

T/K	$w/10^{-6}$				slope ^a	intercept ^a
	5960	11,517	14,799	17,906		
	x_w					
	0.086	0.154	0.191	0.222		
	Density/ 10^{-3} kg·m ⁻³				10^{-4} kg·m ⁻³	10^{-3} kg·m ⁻³
293.15	1.1264	1.1259	1.1197	1.1234	-2.5 ± 0.9	1.1282 ± 0.0012
298.15	1.1224	1.1220	1.1157	1.1194	-2.5 ± 1.0	1.1243 ± 0.0012
303.15	1.1183	1.1179	1.1117	1.1154	-2.5 ± 0.9	1.1201 ± 0.0012
308.15	1.1141	1.1138	1.1077	1.1115	-2.2 ± 0.9	1.1158 ± 0.0011
313.15	1.1100	1.1097	1.1036	1.1075	-2.1 ± 0.8	1.1116 ± 0.0011
318.15	1.1059	1.1056	1.0996	1.1035	-2.1 ± 0.8	1.1074 ± 0.0010
323.15	1.1019	1.1015	1.0955	1.0995	-2.0 ± 0.7	1.1034 ± 0.0009
328.15	1.0978	1.0974	1.0914	1.0954	-2.1 ± 0.8	1.0993 ± 0.0009
333.15	1.0937	1.0934	1.0874	1.0914	-2.0 ± 0.7	1.0951 ± 0.0009
338.15	1.0896	1.0893	1.0833	1.0873	-2.0 ± 0.7	1.0910 ± 0.0009
343.15	1.0856	1.0852	1.0792	1.0832	-2.0 ± 0.7	1.0871 ± 0.0009
348.15	1.0815	1.0811	1.0751	1.0792	-2.0 ± 0.6	1.0829 ± 0.0008
353.15	1.0774	1.0770	1.0711	1.0751	-2.0 ± 0.7	1.0788 ± 0.0008
358.15	1.0733	1.0729	1.0670	1.0710	-2.0 ± 0.7	1.0747 ± 0.0009
	Viscosity/mPa·s				10^2 mPa·s	mPa·s
293.15	84.105	83.435	79.580	81.841	-2.8 ± 2.0	86 ± 3.0
298.15	63.849	63.215	61.160	62.012	-1.9 ± 0.9	65 ± 1.2
303.15	49.377	48.949	47.410	47.767	-1.6 ± 0.6	50.4 ± 0.8
308.15	39.164	38.705	37.440	37.779	-1.4 ± 0.5	40.0 ± 0.7
313.15	31.467	31.118	30.090	30.442	-1.1 ± 0.4	32.1 ± 0.6
318.15	25.711	25.378	24.560	24.832	-0.9 ± 0.4	26.2 ± 0.5
323.15	21.303	21.012	20.430	20.661	-0.7 ± 0.3	21.7 ± 0.4
328.15	17.887	17.629	17.010	17.225	-0.7 ± 0.3	18.3 ± 0.4
333.15	15.130	14.919	14.280	14.474	-0.7 ± 0.3	15.5 ± 0.4
338.15	13.004	12.818	12.120	12.299	-0.7 ± 0.3	13.5 ± 0.4
343.15	11.365	11.192	10.420	10.551	-0.8 ± 0.3	11.9 ± 0.4
348.15	9.997	9.821	9.041	9.163	-0.8 ± 0.3	10.5 ± 0.4
353.15	8.659	8.513	7.938	8.026	-0.6 ± 0.2	9.1 ± 0.3
358.15	7.680	7.554	7.012	7.096	-0.6 ± 0.2	8.1 ± 0.3
	Self-diffusion coefficient/ 10^{-10} m ² ·s ⁻¹				10^{-9} m ² ·s ⁻¹	10^{-10} m ² ·s ⁻¹
298.15	0.195	0.182	0.185	0.192	-0.03 ± 0.08	0.19 ± 0.01
303.15	0.251	0.238	0.235	0.243	-0.1 ± 0.1	0.25 ± 0.01
308.15	0.315	0.310	0.296	0.309	-0.1 ± 0.1	0.32 ± 0.01
313.15	0.380	0.396	0.381	0.392	0.1 ± 0.1	0.38 ± 0.01
318.15	0.478	0.481	0.461	0.483	0.0 ± 0.1	0.48 ± 0.02
323.15	0.569	0.579	0.563	0.589	0.1 ± 0.1	0.56 ± 0.02
328.15	0.680	0.685	0.676	0.710	0.2 ± 0.2	0.66 ± 0.02
333.15	0.805	0.835	0.812	0.854	0.3 ± 0.2	0.79 ± 0.03
338.15	0.933	0.974	0.998	1.040	0.9 ± 0.1	0.88 ± 0.01
343.15	1.121	1.115	1.184	1.214	0.8 ± 0.3	1.05 ± 0.04
348.15	1.297	1.309	1.327	1.391	0.7 ± 0.3	1.24 ± 0.04
353.15	1.539	1.493	1.463	1.530	-0.2 ± 0.5	1.53 ± 0.06
358.15	1.797	1.727	1.802	1.821	0.3 ± 0.5	1.75 ± 0.07

^aSlope and intercept values for density was obtained omitting the $w/10^{-6} = 14,799$ data. ^bRelative standard uncertainty of w and x_w is 0.05. Temperature standard uncertainty is estimated to be 0.02 K for the density and viscosity measurements and 0.3 K for the self-diffusion coefficient measurements. The shown standard deviations of the intercepts provide an estimate for the standard uncertainty of viscosity and self-diffusion coefficient, whereas for density, the relative standard uncertainty is limited by sample impurity to 0.001.

eliminate rounding errors during fitting. The obtained slopes and extrapolated values for the neat PEG are included in Tables 2–9 and are shown with their standard deviations. We take these standard deviations as the standard uncertainty (68% confidence) of the neat PEG property.

Several specific observations should be noted, which are true for all temperatures (not shown). The slopes in Figure 1 are all

negative for density and viscosity but positive for self-diffusion coefficient. This is, as expected, because the density and viscosity of water are lower than for the PEGs and self-diffusion coefficient is in inverse relation to viscosity. Next, there is a progressive increase in viscosity and a concurrent decrease in self-diffusion coefficient from di- to nonaethylene glycol. This is readily explained by the increased intermolecular interactions

Table 7. Density, Viscosity, and Self-Diffusion Coefficient of Heptaethylene Glycol with Small Amounts of Water in 10^{-6} Mass Fraction, w , as well as Mole Fraction, x_w , Present at Ambient Pressure (0.10 ± 0.01 MPa)^a

T/K	$w/10^{-6}$				slope	intercept
	3457	5295	12,591	15,413		
	x_w					
	0.059	0.088	0.188	0.221		
	Density/ 10^{-3} kg·m $^{-3}$				10^{-4} kg·m $^{-3}$	10^{-3} kg·m $^{-3}$
293.15	1.1251	1.1238	1.1222	1.1231	-1.8 ± 0.9	1.125 ± 0.001
298.15	1.1212	1.1197	1.1182	1.1190	-1.8 ± 0.9	1.121 ± 0.001
303.15	1.1172	1.1157	1.1141	1.1150	-1.9 ± 0.9	1.117 ± 0.001
308.15	1.1132	1.1116	1.1101	1.1109	-1.9 ± 0.9	1.113 ± 0.001
313.15	1.1092	1.1076	1.1061	1.1068	-2.0 ± 0.9	1.109 ± 0.001
318.15	1.1052	1.1036	1.1021	1.1028	-2.0 ± 0.9	1.105 ± 0.001
323.15	1.1013	1.0996	1.0977	1.0987	-2.2 ± 1.1	1.101 ± 0.001
328.15	1.0972	1.0955	1.0937	1.0946	-2.2 ± 1.0	1.097 ± 0.001
333.15	1.0932	1.0915	1.0897	1.0906	-2.2 ± 1.0	1.093 ± 0.001
338.15	1.0891	1.0874	1.0857	1.0865	-2.1 ± 1.0	1.089 ± 0.001
343.15	1.0851	1.0833	1.0817	1.0824	-2.2 ± 1.0	1.085 ± 0.001
348.15	1.0810	1.0793	1.0777	1.0783	-2.2 ± 0.9	1.081 ± 0.001
353.15	1.0769	1.0752	1.0734	1.0742	-2.2 ± 1.0	1.077 ± 0.001
358.15	1.0728	1.0711	1.0695	1.0700	-2.2 ± 0.9	1.073 ± 0.001
	Viscosity/mPa·s				10^2 mPa·s	mPa·s
293.15	97.270	93.780	92.260	92.020	-3.7 ± 1.5	97.2 ± 1.5
298.15	73.660	71.340	69.660	69.890	-2.9 ± 1.0	73.8 ± 1.1
303.15	57.030	53.690	53.760	53.680	-1.9 ± 1.5	56.3 ± 1.6
308.15	45.140	42.570	42.350	42.290	-1.8 ± 1.2	44.7 ± 1.2
313.15	36.260	34.290	33.980	33.970	-1.5 ± 0.9	36.0 ± 0.9
318.15	29.640	28.000	27.720	27.670	-1.3 ± 0.7	29.4 ± 0.8
323.15	24.530	23.210	22.880	22.860	-1.1 ± 0.6	24.4 ± 0.6
328.15	20.650	19.580	19.230	19.230	-1.0 ± 0.5	20.6 ± 0.5
333.15	17.420	16.500	16.170	16.150	-0.9 ± 0.4	17.4 ± 0.4
338.15	14.810	14.010	13.730	13.710	-0.8 ± 0.3	14.8 ± 0.4
343.15	12.690	12.030	11.750	11.740	-0.7 ± 0.3	12.7 ± 0.3
348.15	10.980	10.410	10.180	10.170	-0.6 ± 0.2	11.0 ± 0.3
353.15	9.587	9.103	8.903	8.870	-0.5 ± 0.2	9.6 ± 0.2
358.15	8.444	8.019	7.871	7.828	-0.4 ± 0.2	8.4 ± 0.2
	Self-diffusion coefficient/ 10^{-10} m 2 ·s $^{-1}$				10^{-9} m 2 ·s $^{-1}$	10^{-10} m 2 ·s $^{-1}$
298.15	0.160	0.155	0.166	0.155	0 ± 0.1	0.16 ± 0.01
303.15	0.206	0.197	0.220	0.191	0 ± 0.2	0.2 ± 0.02
308.15	0.257	0.259	0.276	0.272	0.16 ± 0.04	0.252 ± 0.005
313.15	0.336	0.327	0.351	0.336	0.1 ± 0.1	0.33 ± 0.01
318.15	0.422	0.403	0.372	0.509	0.5 ± 0.7	0.39 ± 0.07
323.15	0.485	0.479	0.536	0.510	0.4 ± 0.2	0.47 ± 0.02
328.15	0.585	0.588	0.631	0.621	0.4 ± 0.1	0.57 ± 0.01
333.15	0.676	0.691	0.792	0.738	0.7 ± 0.4	0.66 ± 0.04
338.15	0.810	0.817	0.871	0.834	0.3 ± 0.2	0.8 ± 0.03
343.15	0.958	0.962	1.051	1.016	0.7 ± 0.3	0.93 ± 0.03
348.15	1.109	1.107	1.128	1.135	0.24 ± 0.03	1.098 ± 0.003
353.15	1.285	1.233	1.315	1.378	0.9 ± 0.4	1.22 ± 0.04
358.15	1.493	1.454	1.578	1.612	1.2 ± 0.3	1.42 ± 0.03

^aRelative standard uncertainty of w and x_w is 0.05. Temperature standard uncertainty is estimated to be 0.02 K for the density and viscosity measurements and 0.3 K for the self-diffusion coefficient measurements. The shown standard deviations of the intercepts provide an estimate for the standard uncertainty of viscosity and self-diffusion coefficient, whereas for density, the relative standard uncertainty is limited by sample impurity to 0.001.

between PEG molecules with increasing number of ethyleneoxide repeat units and associated increased molar mass.

The densities of di- to nonaethylene glycol in Figure 1 are overall within a narrow range of values, between 1076.7 kg·m⁻³ for diethylene glycol and 1082.9 kg·m⁻³ for hexa- and nonaethylene glycol. There is no clear trend of neat densities from di- to nonaethylene glycol. The densities (y intercepts) of

neat tri-, penta-, hepta-, and octaethylene glycol are all nearly identical, yet their slopes with respect to water content dependence vary noticeably. Within measurement uncertainties, the water content dependence of the densities for hexa- and nonaethylene glycol are essentially indistinguishable. We note that agreement with literature data as further described in

Table 8. Density, Viscosity, and Self-Diffusion Coefficient of Octaethylene Glycol with Small Amounts of Water in 10^{-6} Mass Fraction, w , as well as Mole Fraction, x_w , Present at Ambient Pressure (0.10 ± 0.01 MPa)^a

T/K	$w/10^{-6}$				slope	intercept
	2141	6044	17,438	19,863		
	x_w					
	0.042	0.111	0.267	0.294		
	Density/ 10^{-3} kg·m $^{-3}$				10^{-4} kg·m $^{-3}$	10^{-3} kg·m $^{-3}$
293.15	1.1253	1.1247	1.1228	1.1232	-1.3 ± 0.2	1.1255 ± 0.0003
298.15	1.1213	1.1206	1.1188	1.1191	-1.4 ± 0.2	1.1215 ± 0.0003
303.15	1.1173	1.1165	1.1148	1.1150	-1.4 ± 0.2	1.1175 ± 0.0003
308.15	1.1132	1.1125	1.1110	1.1110	-1.3 ± 0.1	1.1134 ± 0.0002
313.15	1.1092	1.1084	1.1071	1.1069	-1.3 ± 0.1	1.1093 ± 0.0002
318.15	1.1051	1.1044	1.1028	1.1029	-1.3 ± 0.2	1.1053 ± 0.0002
323.15	1.1011	1.1003	1.0989	1.0988	-1.3 ± 0.1	1.1012 ± 0.0002
328.15	1.0970	1.0962	1.0949	1.0947	-1.3 ± 0.1	1.0971 ± 0.0002
333.15	1.0930	1.0922	1.0909	1.0906	-1.3 ± 0.1	1.0931 ± 0.0001
338.15	1.0889	1.0881	1.0869	1.0866	-1.2 ± 0.1	1.0890 ± 0.0001
343.15	1.0849	1.0840	1.0828	1.0825	-1.3 ± 0.1	1.0850 ± 0.0002
348.15	1.0808	1.0800	1.0787	1.0784	-1.3 ± 0.1	1.0809 ± 0.0001
353.15	1.0768	1.0759	1.0746	1.0743	-1.3 ± 0.1	1.0769 ± 0.0002
358.15	1.0727	1.0718	1.0705	1.0702	-1.3 ± 0.1	1.0728 ± 0.0002
	Viscosity/mPa·s				10^2 mPa·s	mPa·s
293.15	108.40	107.41	102.99	98.404	-5.1 ± 1.2	110 ± 1.6
298.15	81.838	81.016	77.636	74.459	-3.8 ± 0.8	83.0 ± 1.1
303.15	63.333	62.629	60.339	57.332	-2.9 ± 0.8	64.2 ± 1.1
308.15	50.047	49.382	47.505	45.145	-2.4 ± 0.6	50.8 ± 0.8
313.15	40.202	39.670	38.033	36.191	-2.0 ± 0.5	40.8 ± 0.6
318.15	32.830	32.324	30.970	29.499	-1.7 ± 0.4	33.3 ± 0.5
323.15	27.172	26.736	25.551	24.362	-1.4 ± 0.3	27.6 ± 0.4
328.15	22.776	22.347	21.382	20.457	-1.2 ± 0.2	23.1 ± 0.3
333.15	19.289	18.974	18.131	17.247	-1.0 ± 0.2	19.6 ± 0.3
338.15	16.473	16.147	15.392	14.616	-0.9 ± 0.2	16.7 ± 0.3
343.15	14.152	13.850	13.188	12.530	-0.8 ± 0.2	14.4 ± 0.2
348.15	12.263	11.992	11.400	10.839	-0.7 ± 0.1	12.4 ± 0.2
353.15	10.718	10.468	9.954	9.457	-0.6 ± 0.1	10.9 ± 0.2
358.15	9.442	9.214	8.743	8.338	-0.6 ± 0.1	9.6 ± 0.1
	Self-diffusion Coefficient/ 10^{-10} m 2 ·s $^{-1}$				10^{-9} m 2 ·s $^{-1}$	10^{-10} m 2 ·s $^{-1}$
298.15	0.137	0.129	0.137	0.138	0.02 ± 0.03	0.132 ± 0.004
303.15	0.173	0.178	0.193	0.186	0.09 ± 0.03	0.172 ± 0.005
308.15	0.226	0.208	0.231	0.233	0.08 ± 0.07	0.215 ± 0.01
313.15	0.280	0.282	0.282	0.255	-0.1 ± 0.1	0.29 ± 0.01
318.15	0.357	0.386	0.343	0.413	0.1 ± 0.2	0.36 ± 0.03
323.15	0.420	0.437	0.445	0.439	0.1 ± 0.1	0.42 ± 0.01
328.15	0.509	0.521	0.539	0.539	0.17 ± 0.02	0.508 ± 0.003
333.15	0.602	0.612	0.696	0.632	0.3 ± 0.2	0.6 ± 0.03
338.15	0.718	0.706	0.778	0.725	0.2 ± 0.2	0.71 ± 0.03
343.15	0.852	0.834	0.873	0.847	0.1 ± 0.1	0.84 ± 0.02
348.15	0.980	0.984	1.062	1.021	0.4 ± 0.2	0.97 ± 0.02
353.15	1.079	1.112	1.205	1.202	0.7 ± 0.1	1.07 ± 0.01
358.15	1.287	1.344	1.296	1.447	0.5 ± 0.5	1.29 ± 0.07

^aRelative standard uncertainty of w and x_w is 0.05. Temperature standard uncertainty is estimated to be 0.02 K for the density and viscosity measurements and 0.3 K for the self-diffusion coefficient measurements. The shown standard deviations of the intercepts provide an estimate for the standard uncertainty of viscosity and self-diffusion coefficient, whereas for density, the relative standard uncertainty is limited by sample impurity to 0.001.

Section 3.2 suggests that these trends are not due to inaccurate measurements.

The slopes of the least linear square fits for the density data in Figure 1 are varying erratically between di- to nonaethylene glycol, while the slopes for viscosity and self-diffusion in Figure 1 vary mostly due to random error the data sets. In this respect, data scatter is, for unknown reasons, larger for the density and

viscosity data of hexaethylene glycol. We omitted the data points near 0.015 mass fraction for fitting the density data of hexaethylene glycol (see Figure 1a), which are outlying most likely due to the inadvertent presence of a small air bubble in the vibrating tube during measurement, which leads to inaccurate lower density values. We note that the viscosity and self-

Table 9. Density, Viscosity, and Self-Diffusion Coefficient of Nonaethylene Glycol with Small Amounts of Water in 10^{-6} Mass Fraction, w , as well as Mole Fraction, x_w , Present at Ambient Pressure (0.10 ± 0.01 MPa)^a

T/K	$w/10^{-6}$				slope	intercept
	4413	5894	9903	14,712		
	x_w					
	0.093	0.120	0.187	0.256		
	Density/ 10^{-3} kg·m $^{-3}$				10^{-4} kg·m $^{-3}$	10^{-3} kg·m $^{-3}$
293.15	1.1264	1.1262	1.1252	1.1238	-2.6 ± 0.2	1.1276 ± 0.0002
298.15	1.1223	1.1222	1.1213	1.1197	-2.6 ± 0.3	1.1236 ± 0.0003
303.15	1.1182	1.1182	1.1173	1.1157	-2.5 ± 0.3	1.1195 ± 0.0003
308.15	1.1141	1.1141	1.1133	1.1117	-2.4 ± 0.4	1.1154 ± 0.0004
313.15	1.1101	1.1101	1.1093	1.1078	-2.3 ± 0.3	1.1113 ± 0.0003
318.15	1.1061	1.1060	1.1053	1.1038	-2.3 ± 0.3	1.1073 ± 0.0003
323.15	1.1020	1.1020	1.1013	1.0999	-2.1 ± 0.3	1.1031 ± 0.0003
328.15	1.0980	1.0979	1.0972	1.0959	-2.1 ± 0.2	1.0991 ± 0.0002
333.15	1.0940	1.0939	1.0931	1.0920	-2.0 ± 0.2	1.0950 ± 0.0001
338.15	1.0900	1.0898	1.0891	1.0881	-1.9 ± 0.1	1.0909 ± 0.0001
343.15	1.0860	1.0857	1.0850	1.0841	-1.83 ± 0.02	1.08680 ± 0.00002
348.15	1.0820	1.0817	1.0809	1.0800	-1.94 ± 0.02	1.08285 ± 0.00002
353.15	1.0780	1.0777	1.0769	1.0759	-2.04 ± 0.01	1.07890 ± 0.00001
358.15	1.0740	1.0736	1.0728	1.0718	-2.1 ± 0.1	1.0749 ± 0.0001
	Viscosity/mPa·s				10^2 mPa·s	mPa·s
293.15	124.50	121.55	120.74	117.40	-6.0 ± 1.4	126.3 ± 1.3
298.15	93.986	92.081	91.487	88.732	-4.5 ± 0.9	95.5 ± 0.9
303.15	72.590	71.175	70.109	68.336	-3.8 ± 0.5	73.9 ± 0.5
308.15	57.450	56.400	55.245	54.277	-2.9 ± 0.5	58.4 ± 0.5
313.15	46.045	45.219	44.271	43.466	-2.4 ± 0.4	46.8 ± 0.4
318.15	37.506	36.830	36.030	35.362	-2.0 ± 0.3	38.2 ± 0.3
323.15	30.968	30.409	29.761	29.189	-1.6 ± 0.2	31.5 ± 0.2
328.15	25.913	25.444	24.905	24.402	-1.4 ± 0.2	26.4 ± 0.2
333.15	21.920	21.514	21.061	20.849	-1.0 ± 0.2	22.2 ± 0.2
338.15	18.760	18.443	18.092	17.653	-1.0 ± 0.1	19.1 ± 0.1
343.15	16.155	15.829	15.469	15.067	-1.0 ± 0.1	16.5 ± 0.1
348.15	13.999	13.684	13.353	12.964	-0.9 ± 0.1	14.3 ± 0.1
353.15	12.206	11.928	11.617	11.279	-0.9 ± 0.1	12.5 ± 0.1
358.15	10.721	10.473	10.206	9.897	-0.8 ± 0.1	11.0 ± 0.1
	Self-Diffusion Coefficient/ 10^{-10} m 2 ·s $^{-1}$				10^{-9} m 2 ·s $^{-1}$	10^{-10} m 2 ·s $^{-1}$
298.15	0.109	0.121	0.128	0.118	0.1 ± 0.1	0.11 ± 0.01
303.15	0.146	0.151	0.172	0.163	0.2 ± 0.1	0.14 ± 0.01
308.15	0.195	0.214	0.216	0.201	0.0 ± 0.2	0.21 ± 0.02
313.15	0.261	0.248	0.278	0.267	0.1 ± 0.2	0.25 ± 0.02
318.15	0.294	0.310	0.332	0.313	0.2 ± 0.2	0.30 ± 0.02
323.15	0.355	0.382	0.387	0.387	0.2 ± 0.2	0.36 ± 0.02
328.15	0.429	0.467	0.449	0.462	0.2 ± 0.2	0.44 ± 0.02
333.15	0.516	0.544	0.544	0.548	0.2 ± 0.2	0.52 ± 0.02
338.15	0.597	0.633	0.640	0.660	0.5 ± 0.2	0.59 ± 0.02
343.15	0.705	0.731	0.777	0.762	0.6 ± 0.3	0.70 ± 0.03
348.15	0.815	0.823	0.840	0.885	0.7 ± 0.1	0.78 ± 0.01
353.15	0.922	0.981	1.020	1.010	0.7 ± 0.4	0.92 ± 0.04
358.15	1.091	1.157	1.143	1.194	0.8 ± 0.4	1.08 ± 0.03

^aRelative standard uncertainty of w and x_w is 0.05. Temperature standard uncertainty is estimated to be 0.02 K for the density and viscosity measurements and 0.3 K for the self-diffusion coefficient measurements. The shown standard deviations of the intercepts provide an estimate for the standard uncertainty of viscosity and self-diffusion coefficient, whereas for density, the relative standard uncertainty is limited by sample impurity to 0.001.

diffusion coefficient measurements of this same sample showed no indication of inaccuracy.

The PEG oligomers and water can both act as hydrogen bond donors and acceptors. Water added to a PEG oligomer is competing as hydrogen bond partner between the inter- and intramolecular hydrogen bonding interactions present in the native PEG oligomer. The interplay of these hydrogen bonding

interactions (along with other molecular interactions) should impact the configurational structure of PEG and thus the material properties of these water PEG oligomer mixtures. For example, molecular dynamics (MD) simulations of PEG as a solute in water and other solvents^{149,150} show that PEG tends to take on a helical configuration in water, while other configurations are observed in less polar solvents. Thus, it is

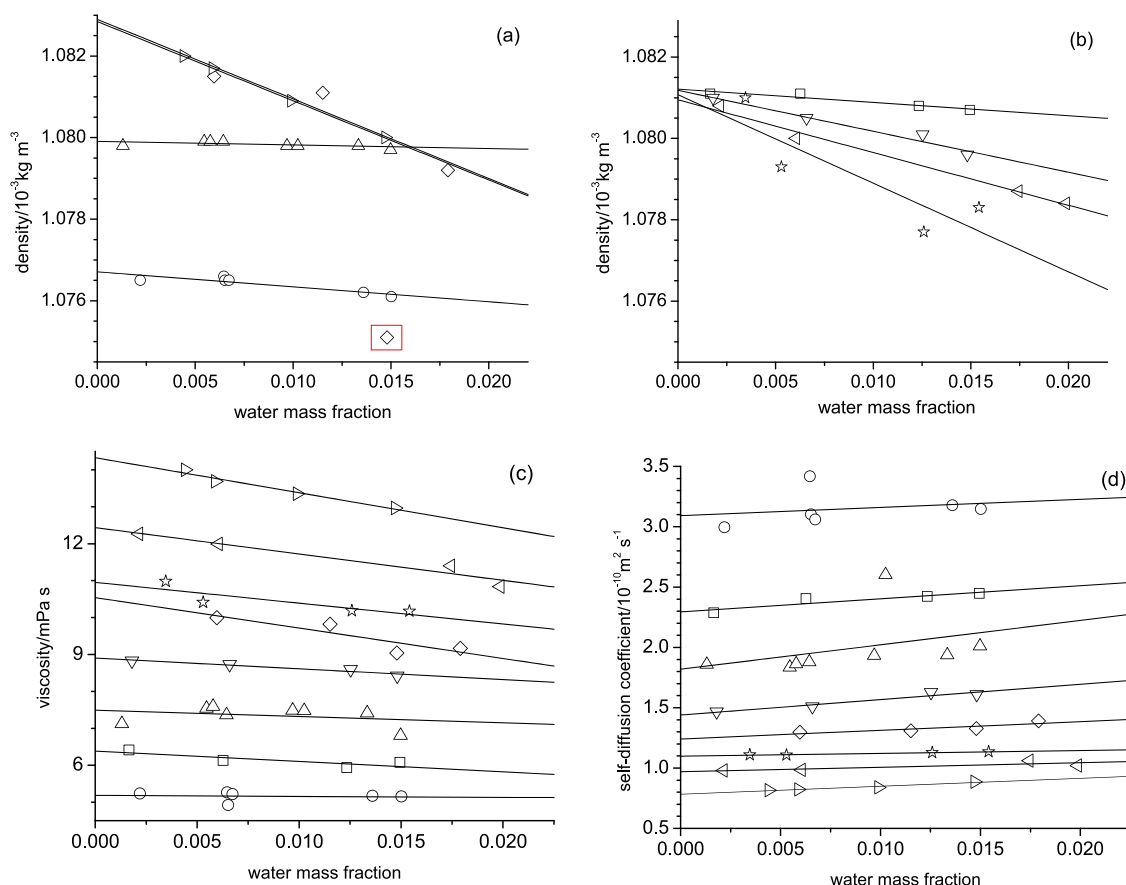


Figure 1. Density (a, b), viscosity (c), and self-diffusion coefficient (d) of diethylene glycol (circles), triethylene glycol (squares), tetraethylene glycol (triangles), pentaethylene glycol (inverted triangles), hexaethylene glycol (diamonds), heptaethylene glycol (stars), octaethylene glycol (left-pointing triangles), and nonaethylene glycol (right-pointing triangles) as a function of mass fraction at 348.15 K. The solid lines are linear least squares lines. The red square highlights an outlying data point not included in the linear fitting.

perhaps surprising that the effect of water on density, viscosity, and self-diffusion coefficient is not more pronounced as observed in Figure 1. Thus, beyond the scope of this report, MD simulations of PEG oligomers with small amounts of present water are underway to help develop a molecular-level understanding on the influence of the added water on the liquid structure of the PEG oligomers. The findings from these ongoing MD simulations will be reported in due course.

3.2. Comparison with the Literature. There are substantial amounts of literature data for the densities and viscosities of the smaller PEG oligomers. Tables 10 and 11 present percent relative deviations, $\%RD = (\text{value}_{\text{this study}} - \text{value}_{\text{literature}}) / \text{value}_{\text{this study}}$ of these literature values to our density and viscosity results, respectively, for literature data sets containing four or less entries. Comparisons of our results with literature data sets containing more than four data points are shown graphically for di-, tri-, and tetraethylene glycol, respectively, in Figures 2–4 for density and Figures 5–7 for viscosity. Values for $\%RD$ were obtained for data from temperatures that do not match temperatures of our data sets by interpolation. Overall, nearly all of the density literature data sets are in agreement with the results in this report within 0.2%. For the viscosity, agreement is within 10% for the majority of the literature values.

One general observation that can be made in Tables 10 and 11 and Figures 2–7 is that the $\%RD$ s tend to be negative, which means our reported results tend to be larger compared to most literature data. Principally, this could indicate the effect of water

impurity present that, through our extrapolation methods, we more carefully accounted for. As we have shown in Section 3.1, the presence of water slightly decreases both density and viscosity of the studied PEG oligomers. However, the $\%RD$ s in the density data, which majorly lie between 0.05 and 0.1, are larger than what could be accounted for from the effect of present water based on the graphs in Figure 1. Interestingly, the careful study by Carvalho et al.¹⁰⁰ reports two density data sets (included in Figures 2–4) independently measured with two different instruments, and our results lie between these two data sets, except for tetraethylene glycol (Figure 4) where our data nearly overlap with their lower density data set. We note in this regard that only few studies even have reported the PEG water content.^{86,92,101,136,151}

We also note that most literature data sets (Figures 2–4) show constant $\%RD$ with temperature relative to our results. This indicates that temperature errors such as calibration or equilibration are not a significant source of measurement error in these and our data sets. Conversely, temperature-related errors might be indicated for those data sets that do not show a constant $\%RD$ with temperature in Figures 2–4.

As for comparing our viscosity results with literature data sets, values for $\%RD$ in Table 11 and Figures 5–7 are much larger compared to density data sets for same samples at the same experimental temperature conditions. This is understandable in light of a much stronger, exponential temperature dependence (see Section 3.3) and a larger standard uncertainty achievable compared to density measurements. That said, in Figures 5–6,

Table 10. % Relative Deviations of Literature Data to Density Measurements in This Work

diethylene glycol					
293.15 K	−0.13 ⁹⁶	−0.08 ^{104–107}	−0.14 ¹¹⁷		
298.15 K	−0.09 ⁸⁷	−0.004 ⁹¹	−0.012 ⁹³	−0.09 ⁹⁵	−0.04 ⁹⁶
	−0.11 ⁹⁷	−0.06 ^{104–107}	−0.11 ¹¹⁰	−0.02 ¹¹²	−0.012 ^{114,115}
	−0.06 ¹¹⁸				
303.15 K	−0.07 ⁸⁷	−0.04 ^{96,114,115}	−0.02 ⁹⁷	−0.06 ^{102,103,130,131}	−0.05 ^{104–107,116}
	0.20 ⁶¹				
308.15 K	−0.05 ^{87,110}	−0.04 ⁹⁶	−0.07 ⁹⁷	−0.017 ^{114,115}	−0.08 ^{58,59}
	−0.02 ¹¹⁶	−0.06 ¹¹⁸			
313.15 K	−0.02 ⁸⁷	−0.04 ⁹⁷	−0.02 ^{114,115}	−0.12 ¹¹⁷	
318.15 K	−0.05 ¹¹⁸				
328.15 K	−0.04 ¹¹⁸				
333.15 K	−0.05 ¹¹⁷				
triethylene glycol					
293.15 K	−0.09 ⁹⁶	−0.06 ^{104–107}	−0.10 ¹¹⁷		
298.15 K	−0.09 ^{95,96,115,139}	−0.08 ^{104–107}	−0.07 ¹¹⁰	−0.06 ¹¹⁸	
303.15 K	−0.09 ^{96,114,130,131}	−0.05 ¹⁰²	−0.08 ^{104–107}	−0.07 ^{114,115}	−0.03 ¹¹⁶
308.15 K	−0.09 ⁹⁶	−0.02 ¹¹⁰	−0.014 ¹¹²	−0.07 ^{114,115}	−0.06 ^{58,59,118}
	−0.008 ¹¹⁶				
313.14 K	−0.16 ¹³⁵				
313.15 K	−0.06 ^{114,115}	−0.08 ¹¹⁷			
318.15 K	−0.06 ¹¹⁸				
328.15 K	−0.06 ¹¹⁸				
333.15 K	−0.06 ¹¹⁷				
348.13 K	−0.14 ¹³⁵				
tetraethylene glycol					
293.15 K	−0.04 ^{104–107}	−0.07 ¹¹⁷			
298.15 K	−0.013 ⁹⁵	0.02 ^{104–107}	0.013 ¹⁰⁹	0.09 ¹¹²	0.03 ¹¹⁸
303.15 K	0.04 ^{130,131}	0.09 ^{104–107,116}			
308.15 K	0.03 ^{110,118}	0.10 ¹¹⁶			
313.15 K	−0.07 ¹¹⁷				
318.15 K	0.002 ¹¹⁸				
328.15 K	0.03 ¹¹⁸				
333.15 K	−0.07 ¹¹⁷				
hexaethylene glycol					
333.15 K	−0.03 ¹⁴¹				

there are clearly some data sets that are exceedingly in disagreement (%RD > 10) with the majority of the other data sets. Specifically, for diethylene glycol in Figure 5, the data set of Li et al.⁸⁸ deviates by more than −10%, the data set by Kumagai et al.¹¹⁷ up to −22%, and the data set by Wang et al.⁸⁹ deviates by about −40%. For triethylene glycol in Figure 6, the data set by Chen et al.¹³⁸ stands out with %RDs increasing with temperature from about −20 to about −45. The data sets by Sagdeev et al.^{108,109} for diethylene glycol in Figure 5 and Hao et al.¹²⁷ and Qiao et al.¹²⁸ for triethylene glycol in Figure 6 appear to include one erroneous outlying data point. Single point measurements for triethylene glycol by Farag et al.¹⁴⁰ (−16% deviation) as well as by Pande and Kalamse¹³⁹ et al. (−35% deviation) in Table 11 are also in excessive disagreement. Some data sets in Figures 5–7 show increasing %RD with increasing temperature. This may not necessarily be an error in temperature calibration or equilibration, but due to an offset in their viscosity calibration. For example, a deviation of 0.5 mPa·s is a smaller %RD at 298.15 K because at 338.15 K the viscosity is of a larger value. Overall, agreement of our viscosity data with the literature is generally within a few percent.

We conclude this sub-section by reiterating our statement in Section 1 that we are unaware of literature data for self-diffusion coefficients for the neat PEG oligomers studied here.

3.3. Temperature Dependence. Figure 8 shows exemplarily the density as a function of temperature for di- and nonaethylene glycol. A linear temperature dependence of the density is evident from Figure 8. Nevertheless, besides linear least squares fits, also fitting to second-order polynomials was carried out and the results and statistics are summarized in Table S3 in the Supporting Information. Indeed, the fitting coefficient for the square dependence is very small and does not consistently have the same sign across all PEG oligomers. This clearly shows that nonlinearity of the density temperature dependence is not indicated within uncertainty of the data, which is smaller than the size of the symbols in Figure 8.

The graphs in Figure 9 show the logarithmic plots of viscosity and self-diffusion coefficient against inverse temperature for several of the PEG oligomers. Nonlinearity of these plots indicates that temperature dependencies of these properties do not follow the Arrhenius law and should be fitted instead with the Vogel–Fulcher–Tammann (VFT) equation. Both relations are shown in logarithmic form in eqs 2 and 3, respectively:

Table 11. % Relative Deviations of Literature Data to Viscosity Measurements in This Work

diethylene glycol					
293.15 K	−0.3 ⁹⁶	3.3 ¹²⁶	7.8 ^{120–123}	−6.7 ¹¹⁷	
294.2 K	−2.2 ¹¹⁹				
298.15 K	0.5 ⁹¹	−4.3 ⁹³	−1.3 ⁹⁶	−3.1 ⁹⁷	7.0 ^{120–123}
	7.1 ^{114,115}				
303.15 K	0.5 ⁹⁶	−2.2 ^{97,120–125}	−2.8 ¹¹⁶		
308.15 K	0.5 ⁹⁶	−5.0 ⁹⁷	−6.6 ^{114,115}	−3.2 ^{58,59}	−4.5 ¹¹⁶
313.05 K	−0.6 ¹¹⁹				
313.15 K	−15.4 ¹¹⁷	−2.1 ⁹⁷			
333.05 K	−2.3 ¹¹⁹				
333.15 K	−22.7 ¹¹⁷				
triethylene glycol					
293.15 K	1.3 ⁹⁶	5.6 ¹²⁶	−13.6 ^{120–123}	−2.8 ¹¹⁷	
298.15 K	−0.6 ⁹⁶	−0.8 ¹⁰⁸	−7.3 ^{114,115,120–123}	−35.3 ¹³⁹	
299.65 K	1.1 ¹¹⁹				
303.15 K	1.4 ⁹⁶	−16.4 ¹⁴⁰	0.2 ^{120–125}	0.3 ¹¹⁶	
308.15 K	1.3 ⁹⁶	−9.0 ^{114,115}	1.9 ^{58,59}	−2.4 ¹¹⁶	
312.96 K	−1.4 ¹⁰⁸				
313.05 K	1.5 ¹¹⁹				
313.15 K	−9.1 ¹¹⁷				
333.10 K	1.1 ¹¹⁹				
333.15 K	−4.7 ¹¹⁷				
334.96 K	−0.7 ¹⁰⁸				
349.25 K	−3.9 ¹⁰⁸				
353.05 K	0.7 ¹¹⁹				
tetraethylene glycol					
293.15 K	3.6 ¹²⁶	−9.9 ^{120–123}	−2.8 ¹¹⁷		
298.15 K	−2.4 ^{120–123}				
303.15 K	0.4 ^{120–125}	−9.3 ¹⁴⁰	−2.7 ¹¹⁶		
308.15 K	−4.8 ¹¹⁶				
313.15 K	−0.5 ¹¹⁷				
333.15 K	4.9 ¹¹⁷				
pentaethylene glycol					
293.15 K	2.1 ¹²⁶				
hexaethylene glycol					
293.15 K	2.1 ¹²⁶				
heptaethylene glycol					
293.15 K	2.4 ¹²⁶				

$$\ln(X(T)) = \ln A \pm \frac{E_a}{RT} \quad (2)$$

$$\ln(X(T)) = \ln y_0 \pm \frac{B}{(T - T_0)} \quad (3)$$

where $X(T)$ represents the temperature-dependent property and the sign before the second term of the right-hand equation is positive for viscosity and negative for self-diffusion coefficients. E_a and A and y_0 , B , and T_0 are the material-dependent fit parameters for the Arrhenius and VFT equation, respectively. For the Arrhenius equation, E_a has the physical meaning of the activation energy and A is referred to as the pre-exponential factor. For the VFT equation, y_0 is also a pre-exponential factor, B represents the fragility strength coefficient, and T_0 is referred to as the Vogel divergence temperature, which should be below the glass transition temperature for glass-forming substances. Visual inspection of the graphs in Figure 9 indicates slight deviations from linearity over the investigated temperature ranges for both viscosity and self-diffusion coefficients. The fitting results to both eqs 2 and 3 are summarized in Table S4 in

the Supporting Information. It can be observed that activation energies are in close agreement for viscosity and self-diffusion coefficients, indicating that the same underlying dynamics govern the process of momentum transfer and mass transport in these PEG oligomers. In contrast, the values for fit parameter B for the VFT equation are observed to differ by up to a factor 2 between viscosity and self-diffusion coefficient. This may indicate that a wider range of temperatures needs to be investigated to obtain more reliable fit parameters for the VFT equation to properly account for the deviations from the Arrhenius law. The trend of the activation energies with respect to the homologous series will be part of Section 3.4.

3.4. Homologous Series. We have already pointed out in Section 3.1 that densities are all rather similar between the oligomers and that there is no clear trend in their ordering with regard to the homologous series of the PEG oligomers. This is true also if one just inspects separately the PEG oligomers with even and odd numbered ethylene oxide repeat units. This is unfortunate because the consequence is that prediction of densities for PEG oligomers larger than nonaethylene glycol is not permissible. As best educated guess, one may presume that

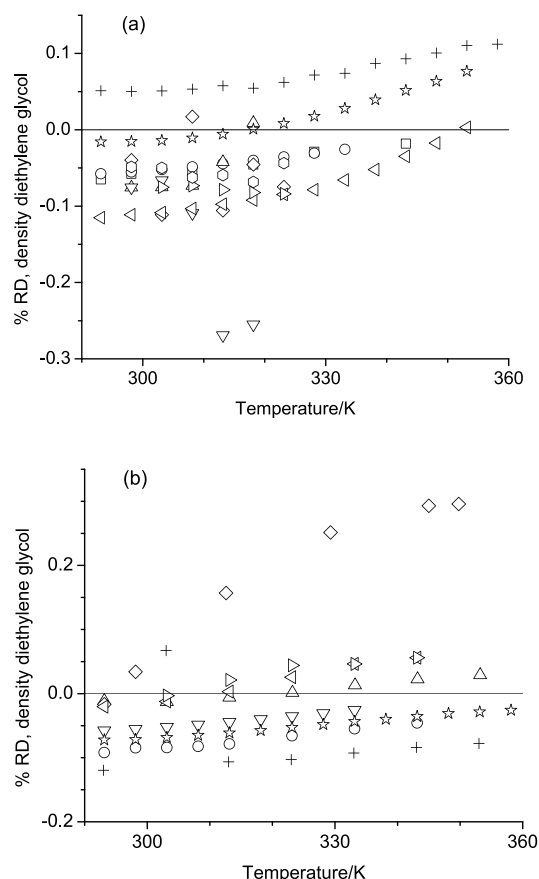


Figure 2. % Relative deviation (%RD) of diethylene glycol density of results from (a) Ghaedi et al.²⁵ (squares), Klimaszewski et al.⁸⁶ (circles), Li et al.⁸⁸ (triangles), Wang et al.⁸⁹ (inverted triangles), Huo et al.⁹⁰ (diamonds), Cocchi et al.⁹² (left-pointing triangles), Ren et al.⁹⁴ (right-pointing triangles), Begum et al.⁹⁸ (hexagons), Bernal-García et al.¹⁰⁰ (stars), and Carvalho et al.¹⁰⁰ (plus sign) and (b) Carvalho et al.¹⁰⁰ (circles), Crespo et al.¹⁰¹ (triangles), Klimaszewski et al.⁸⁶ (inverted triangles), Sagdeev et al.^{108,109} (diamonds), Chen et al.¹¹¹ (left-pointing triangles), Mesquita et al.¹¹³ (right-pointing triangles), Afzal et al.⁶⁰ (stars), and Pereira et al.⁶² (plus sign) to the results of this study.

density will continue to stay relatively flat with increasing size of oligomer or, at best, only slightly increase.

The situation with respect to predicting physicochemical properties of higher homologies is more encouraging for the viscosity and self-diffusion coefficients. As can be seen in Figure 10, exemplarily for the data at 348.15 K, the natural log of viscosity as well as of self-diffusion coefficient appear to be smooth functions of the number of ethylene oxide repeat unit, n , which we fitted with second-order polynomials. The obtained fit coefficients and statistics are summarized in Tables S5 and S6 in the Supporting Information, respectively, for the viscosity and self-diffusion coefficients for the eight PEG oligomers studied.

Possibly, a more reliable approach to predict viscosities and self-diffusion coefficients of higher oligomers is based on the dependencies of the activation energies and pre-exponential factors with respect to the number of ethylene oxide repeat unit, n . As can be seen in Figure 11, the activation energies appear to be linearly dependent to n as shown in eq 4:

$$E_a/(\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}) = (0.456 \pm 0.050)n + (28.85 \pm 0.30) \quad (4)$$

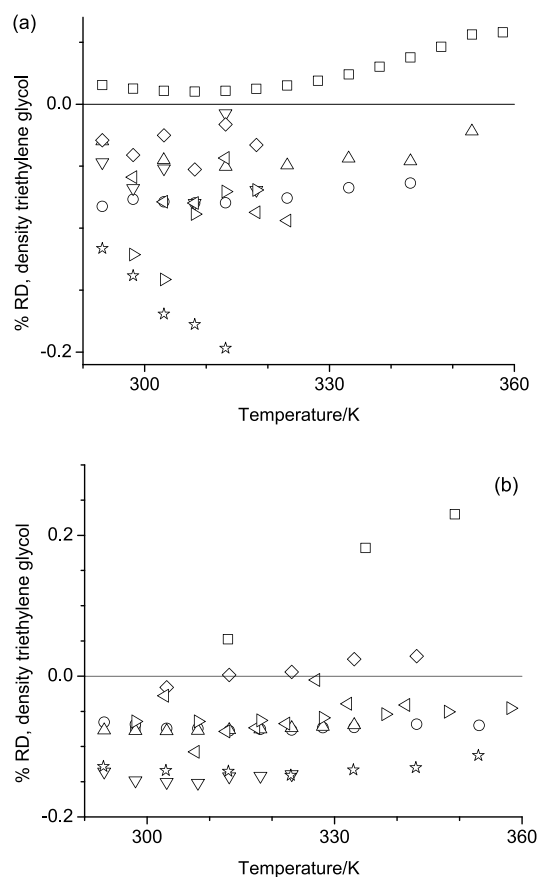


Figure 3. % Relative deviation (%RD) of triethylene glycol density of results from (a) Carvalho et al.¹⁰⁰ (squares), Carvalho et al.¹⁰⁰ (circles), Crespo et al.¹⁰¹ (triangles), Hao et al.¹²⁷ (inverted triangles), Qiao et al.¹²⁸ (diamonds), Begum et al.¹²⁹ (left-pointing triangles), Guo et al.¹³² (right-pointing triangles), and Aniya et al.¹³³ (stars) and (b) Sagdeev et al.^{108,109} (squares), Valtz et al.¹³⁴ (circles), Klimaszewski et al.¹³⁶ (triangles), Almasi¹³⁷ (inverted triangles), Mesquita et al.¹¹³ (diamonds), Chen et al.¹³⁸ (left-pointing triangles), Afzal et al.⁶⁰ (right-pointing triangles), and Pereira et al.⁶² (stars) to the results of this study.

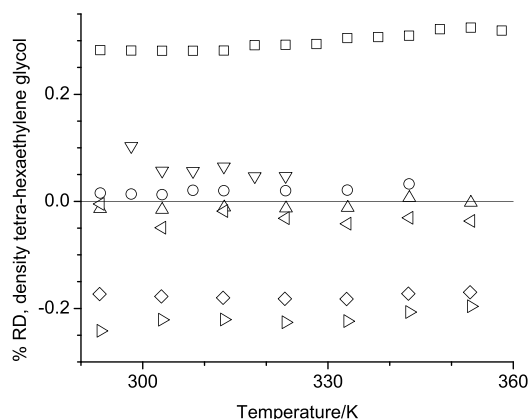


Figure 4. % Relative deviation (%RD) of tetraethylene glycol density results from Carvalho et al.¹⁰⁰ (squares), Carvalho et al.¹⁰⁰ (circles), Crespo et al.¹⁰¹ (triangles), Begum et al.¹²⁹ (inverted triangles), Pereira et al.⁶² (diamonds), as well as pentaethylene glycol (left-pointing triangles) and hexaethylene glycol (right-pointing triangles) density results from Crespo et al.¹⁰¹ to the results of this study.

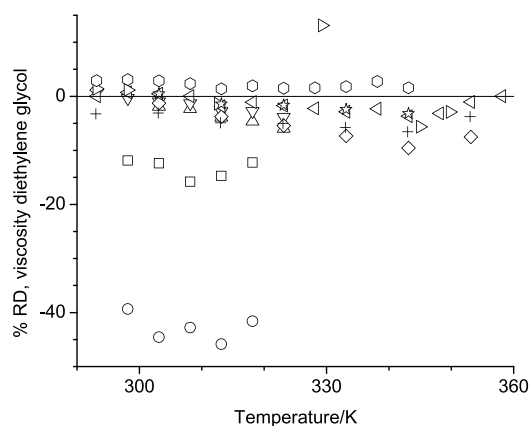


Figure 5. % Relative deviation (%RD) of diethylene glycol viscosity results from Li et al.⁸⁸ (squares), Wang et al.⁸⁹ (circles), Ren et al.⁹⁴ (triangles), Begum et al.⁹⁸ (inverted triangles), Bernal-García et al.⁹⁹ (diamonds), Carvalho et al.¹⁰⁰ (left-pointing triangles), Sagdeev et al.^{108,109} (right-pointing triangles), Ghaedi et al.²³ (hexagons), Mesquita et al.¹¹³ (stars), and Pereira et al.⁶² (plus sign) to the results of this study.

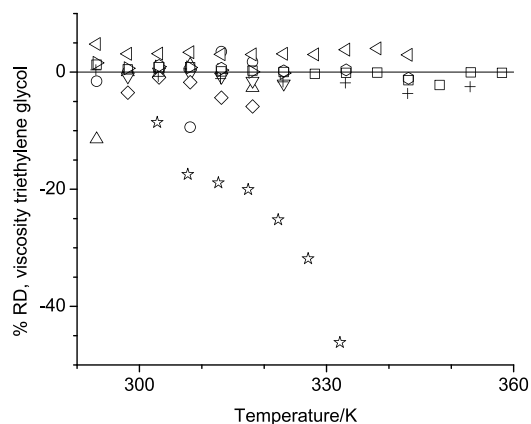


Figure 6. % Relative deviation (%RD) of triethylene glycol viscosity results from Carvalho et al.¹⁰⁰ (squares), Hao et al.¹²⁷ (circles), Qiao et al.¹²⁸ (triangles), Begum et al.⁹⁸ (inverted triangles), Guo et al.¹³² (diamonds), Ghaedi et al.²³ (left-pointing triangles), Almasi¹³⁷ (right-pointing triangles), Mesquita et al.¹¹³ (hexagons), Chen et al.¹³⁸ (stars), and Pereira et al.⁶² (plus sign) to the results of this study.

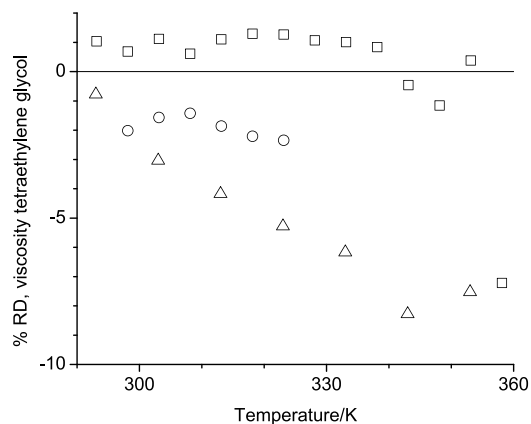


Figure 7. % Relative deviation (%RD) of tetraethylene glycol viscosity results from Carvalho et al.¹⁰⁰ (squares), Begum et al.⁹⁸ (circles), and Pereira et al.⁶² (triangles) to the results of this study.

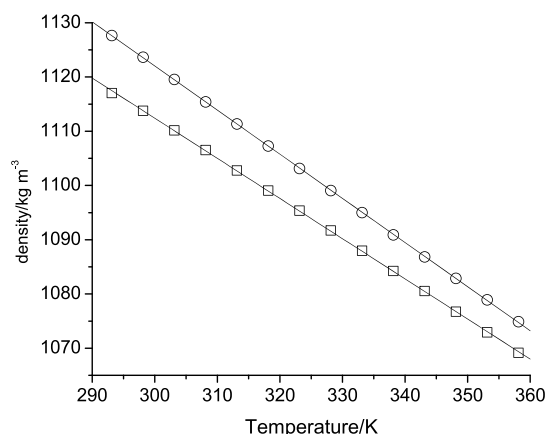


Figure 8. Temperature dependence of density for diethylene glycol (squares) and nonaethylene glycol (circles). The lines are from least squares linear line fits.

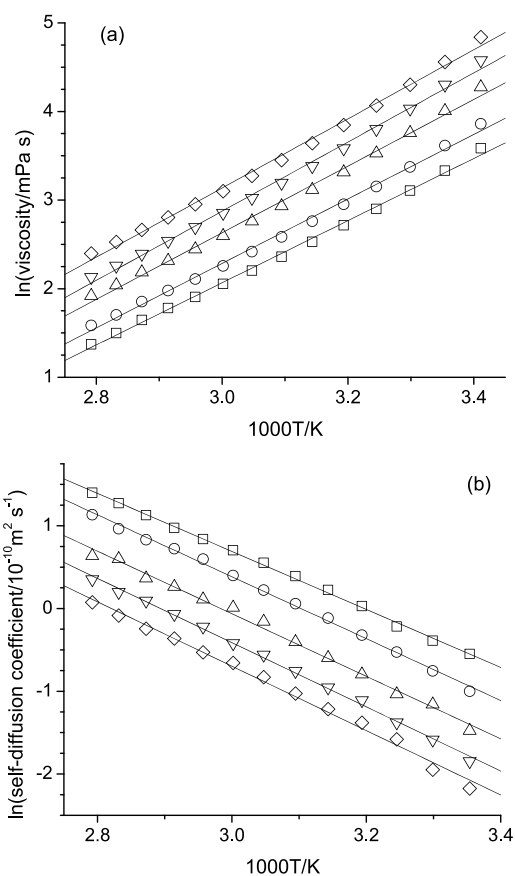


Figure 9. Arrhenius plots for the temperature dependence of (a) viscosity and (b) self-diffusion coefficient of diethylene glycol (squares), triethylene glycol (circles), pentaethylene glycol (triangles), heptaethylene glycol (inverted triangles), and nonaethylene glycol (diamonds). The lines are from least squares linear line fits.

which was obtained using the activation energies from both the viscosity and self-diffusion data since, as pointed out in Section 3.3, they are identical within experimental uncertainty. Equation 4 is shown as the solid line in Figure 11 and fits the data well within measurement uncertainty expect perhaps for diethylene glycol. Additional data from higher liquid PEG oligomers would be desirable to confirm the linearity invoked in eq 4. Assuming that eq 4 is principally valid, we next inspect the pre-exponential

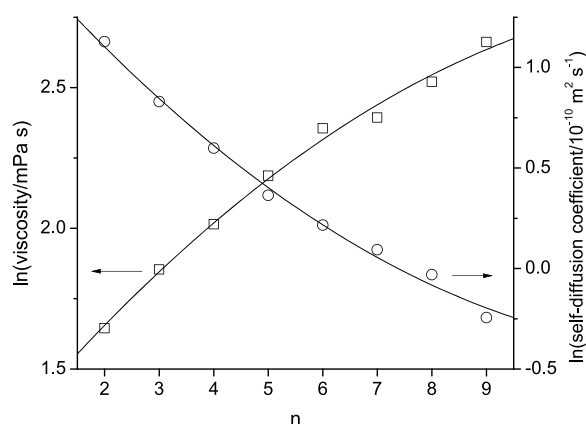


Figure 10. Inspection of homologous series of polyethylene glycol oligomers for the natural logarithm of viscosity (squares) and self-diffusion coefficient (circles) at 348.15 K as a function of ethylene oxide repeat units. The solid lines are second-order polynomial fits.

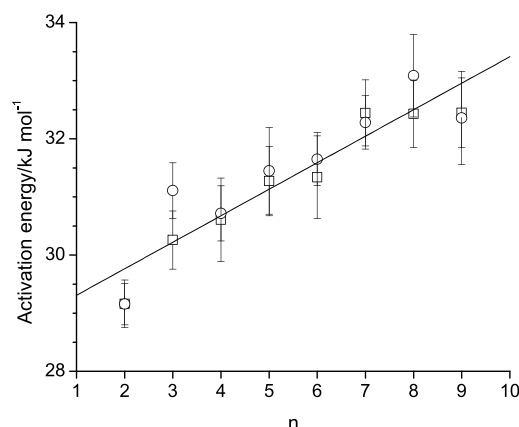


Figure 11. Activation energies from viscosities (squares) and self-diffusion coefficients (circles) as a function ethylene oxide repeat units of PEG oligomers. The solid line is from a least squares linear line fit.

factors. From Table S4 in the Supporting Information, it can be seen that they are essentially independent of n . Averages of the pre-exponential factor result in $\ln(A/\text{mPa}\cdot\text{s}) = -8.62 \pm 0.12$ for the viscosity data and $\ln(A/10^{-10} \text{ m}^2\cdot\text{s}^{-1}) = 11.27 \pm 0.18$ for the self-diffusion data. Thus, these averages in combination with eq 4 may be used to estimate the viscosity or self-diffusion coefficient of neat oligomers with $n > 9$ for the temperature range investigated in this study.

We also inspected for homologous series trends with regard to the ratio of $(k_B T)/(\pi \eta D)$, which, according to the Stokes–Einstein, eq 5, should be approximately constant as it relates to the hydrodynamic radius, r , of, in this case, the PEG oligomer.

$$r = \frac{k_B T}{c \pi \eta D} \quad (5)$$

In eq 5, k_B is the Boltzmann constant, η is the viscosity, D is the self-diffusion coefficient, and c is a constant typically ranging between 4 and 6 for the slip and stick boundary conditions.¹⁵²

The evaluations with standard uncertainties obtained through error propagation are summarized in Table S7 in the Supporting Information. The values are, as expected, increasing with oligomer size. They are also increasing with temperature by about 10% from 298.15 to 358.15 K, which indicates that c is changing with temperature. The dependence of $(k_B T)/(\pi \eta D)$ as

a function of the number of ethylene oxide repeat units could be fitted reasonably well with second-order polynomials (not shown). However, present data scatter and uncertainties appear to make this approach to estimate viscosities and self-diffusion coefficients of higher PEG oligomers not more promising than using the above described approach of the Arrhenius equation along with eq 4 and the listed average values for the pre-exponential factors.

4. CONCLUSIONS

New data on density, viscosity, and self-diffusion coefficient for oligomers of PEG from di- to nonaethylene glycol over a wide range of temperatures were presented. To take into account water as the most common impurity in PEGs, the results were obtained by extrapolation from measurements as a function of present water. The effect of the presence of water was found to be small but systematically lowering the density and viscosity and increasing the self-diffusion coefficient. Neglecting the effect of present water could be a contributing factor that densities and viscosities reported here were generally higher than most reported in the literature as only few even have reported the PEG water content.^{86,92,101,136,151} A linear temperature dependence was found for the densities over the investigated temperature range. With caution, this allows extrapolation to obtain reasonable estimates for densities outside the temperature range measured in this study. As for viscosity and self-diffusion coefficient, additional data over a wider range of temperatures is needed to more accurately capture the non-linearity in the Arrhenius graphs. Nevertheless, the obtained activation energies from the Arrhenius analysis appear to be the same for viscosity and self-diffusion coefficients. Moreover, the pre-exponential factors for viscosity and self-diffusion coefficients each appeared to be identical for the eight studied oligomers while the activation energies appear to be linearly dependent on the number of ethylene oxide repeat units in the PEG oligomer. This may serve as an approach for estimating viscosities and self-diffusion coefficients for higher oligomers. The densities of the oligomers are all within a rather narrow range at a given temperature but otherwise do not show any systematic trend in the homologous series. Overall, this study has extended considerably the available physicochemical property data of PEG oligomers. To the best of our knowledge, these are the first reported measurements for self-diffusion coefficients for all of the studied PEG oligomers as well as the first temperature-dependent density measurements for hepta- to nonaethylene glycol and temperature-dependent viscosity measurements for penta- to nonaethylene glycol.

■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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Tables with standard deviations for viscosity and self-diffusion measurements, fit parameters of density temperature dependence, Arrhenius and VFT fit parameters for viscosity and self-diffusion coefficient data, fit parameter for homologous series of $\ln(\text{viscosity})$ and $\ln(\text{self-diffusion coefficient})$, and calculations related to the Stokes–Einstein equation (PDF)

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