

**Figure 3.** Plot of  $V^E$  as a function of composition for methyl ethyl ketone (1) + *n*-heptane (2) and 1-alkanols (1) + *n*-heptane (2) at 303.15 K: ( $\Delta$ ) methyl ethyl ketone; ( $\times$ ) 1-propanol; ( $\square$ ) 1-butanol; ( $\circ$ ) 1-pentanol; ( $\bullet$ ) 1-hexanol.

The values of this ternary contribution are given in the fifth column of Table III.

The experimental results of  $V_{123}^E$  for the ternary systems were fitted by the method of the least squares to eq 3, where

$$V_{123}^E = V_{12}^{E*} + V_{23}^{E*} + V_{31}^{E*} + X_1 X_2 X_3 [A + B X_1 (X_2 - X_3) + C X_1^2 (X_2 - X_3)^2] \quad (3)$$

$X_1$ ,  $X_2$ , and  $X_3$  are the mole fractions of methyl ethyl ketone,

an alkanol, and *n*-heptane, respectively, and  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are constants. The starred quantities were evaluated by using the procedure described elsewhere (2) and the equations in Table II. The sum of  $V_{12}^{E*} + V_{23}^{E*} + V_{31}^{E*}$  for a ternary mixture is represented as  $V_{123}^E$  (b), and its values are included in the sixth column of Table III. The deviation  $\Delta V_{123}^{E*}$  was calculated by subtracting the sum  $\sum V_{ij}^{E*}$  from those of the experimental values given in the third column of Table III. Values of  $\Delta V_{123}^{E*}$  are presented in the seventh column of Table III. These were used to evaluate the constants  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  in eq 3 by the least-squares method. The values of the constants and the standard deviations are presented in Table IV. The analysis shows that eq 3 satisfactorily represents the ternary data for the four systems.

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## Vapor-Liquid Phase Equilibrium in the Methane-Ethane-Propane-Toluene-1-Methylnaphthalene System at 220-400 °F and 200-2000 psia

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A static experimental cell was used for vapor-liquid phase equilibrium measurements on a methane-ethane-propane-toluene-1-methylnaphthalene system. Measurements were made at 220, 280, 340, and 400 °F and at pressures from 200 to 2000 psia. The data of this study were well represented by the Soave equation of state. Average errors in the predicted  $K$  values were ca. 5% for methane, ethane, propane, and toluene and 7% for 1-methylnaphthalene.

#### Introduction

The well-publicized energy situation in the United States has provided strong impetus toward the conversion of coal to liquid and gaseous products. However, coal-conversion processes often operate in regions of combined temperatures, pressures, and compositions not experienced in typical petroleum processing. Presently, much of the thermodynamic property in-

formation used in process calculations is based upon fragmentary data or, more often, upon considerable extrapolation (with respect to temperature and composition) of correlations designed for petroleum processing operations.

This study was designed to obtain experimental data on phase equilibrium in systems which simulate those found in various stages of coal-fluid processing. Based upon a literature survey (1-4), a system was chosen for study composed of 7% methane, 3.5% ethane, 3.5% propane, 43% toluene, and 43% 1-methylnaphthalene (weight basis). The results should be useful for testing models for prediction of phase behavior in some stages of coal-conversion processes.

#### Experimental Section

A static type of apparatus was adopted for vapor-liquid equilibrium measurements. It is similar to the apparatus described by Jacoby (5) and has been described in detail elsewhere (6).

Temperatures in the cell were measured by a calibrated platinum resistance thermometer to  $\pm 0.1$  °F. The pressure in the system was monitored by a high temperature pressure

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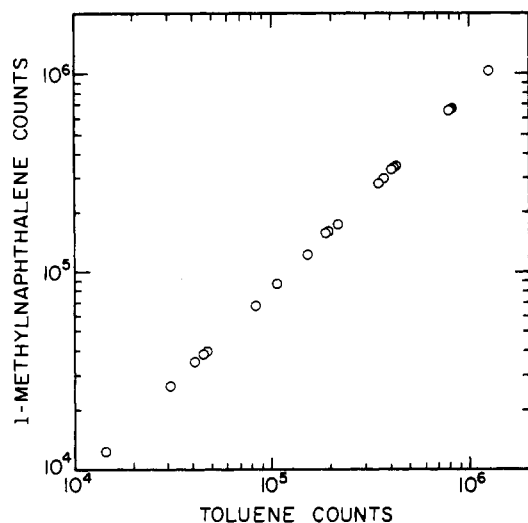


Figure 1. Typical chromatograph response.

transducer (Bell and Howell, Model 4-317-0001) which was mounted near the vapor sample outlet. Final pressure readings were taken on a calibrated Heise Bourdon tube gauge and are estimated to be accurate to  $\pm 3$  psia.

Sample valves of the type described by Yarborough and Vogel (7) were modified for this work. The needle-type stem was modified to give a ball-type tip by press-fitting a ball bearing in the end of the stem, which resulted in a better seal on the samples. Samples were trapped beneath the stem in a conical-shaped cavity machined into a removable capsule. The size of the cavity was variable from 5 to 50  $\mu\text{L}$  depending upon the amount of sample suitable for analysis.

### Analysis

Equilibrium phase samples were analyzed by gas chromatography, using a Varian automatic gas chromatograph (Model 3700) equipped with a flame ionization detector, a CDS-111 data system, and a recorder. Columns of Porapak N (4 ft) and OV101 (5% OV101 on the Chromosorb G, 6 ft) were used in a column reversal mode to permit the heavy hydrocarbons (toluene and 1-methylnaphthalene) to be separated on the OV101 and the light hydrocarbons on the Porapak N. Figure 1 shows a typical detector response for a single mixture of toluene and 1-methylnaphthalene. The detector response was varied by 2 orders of magnitude by injecting various size samples. The slope of the line in Figure 1 is 0.994 (constant response corresponds to a slope of 1.00). Thus, sample analyses were performed by using constant relative response. Calibrations were done by analyses of a series of volumetrically prepared binary and multicomponent mixtures of known composition.

### Materials

Methane, ethane, and propane were purchased from Linde (Union Carbide) with reported purities of 99.97, 99.0, and 99.5%, respectively. Toluene obtained from Phillips Chemical Co. was pure grade with a reported purity of 97.8%, and the 1-methylnaphthalene was from Aldrich Chemical Co. with a stated purity of 97%. Gas-chromatographic analyses indicated the actual purities to be higher than claimed. No thermal decomposition products were detected by gas chromatography at any of the conditions studied.

### Results

Vapor-liquid equilibrium measurements were made at 220, 280, 340, and 400  $^{\circ}\text{F}$  from 200 to 2000 psia. Table I shows the nominal molar composition of the mixture used in the va-

Table I. Nominal Overall Composition of the Multicomponent System

component	overall composition, mol %	component	overall composition, mol %
$\text{C}_1$	31	Tol	33
$\text{C}_2$	8	MN	22
$\text{C}_3$	6		

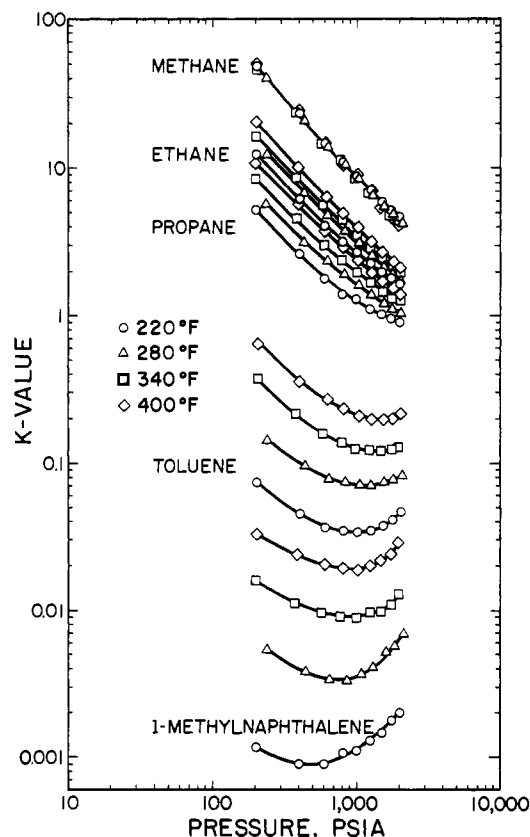


Figure 2. Vapor-liquid equilibrium data.

por-liquid equilibrium measurements at all isotherms. Table II and Figure 2 give the experimentally determined phase compositions and  $K$  values.

Each phase composition in the tables represents the mean of from 2 to 10 replicate sample analyses. Sufficient measurements were made to permit an estimate of the data uncertainties due to analytical errors. For each set of replicate samples, a mean value and an average absolute percent deviation from the mean were calculated. Then, mean values of these average absolute percent deviations,  $\epsilon$ , for each sample type (methane vapor, methane liquid, etc.) at each isotherm were plotted as a function of their average mole fraction,  $z$ , in Figure 3.

Deviations of 0.1–12% were found from the above analysis and, as expected, Figure 3 shows considerable scatter. However, the general increase in percentage uncertainty as the mole fraction decreases is clearly evident. Also shown in Figure 3 is an estimate of experimental uncertainty given by Yarborough (8) in an independent study of multicomponent phase equilibrium. His estimate is in excellent agreement with our results. The uncertainties in this study can be described approximately by the relationship shown in the figure

$$\epsilon = 0.2/z^{0.55}$$

which leads to an uncertainty in the  $K$  value of component  $i$  (due to analytical uncertainties) described by

$$\% \text{ error in } K_i = 0.2 \{1/x_i^{1.1} + 1/y_i^{1.1}\}^{1/2}$$

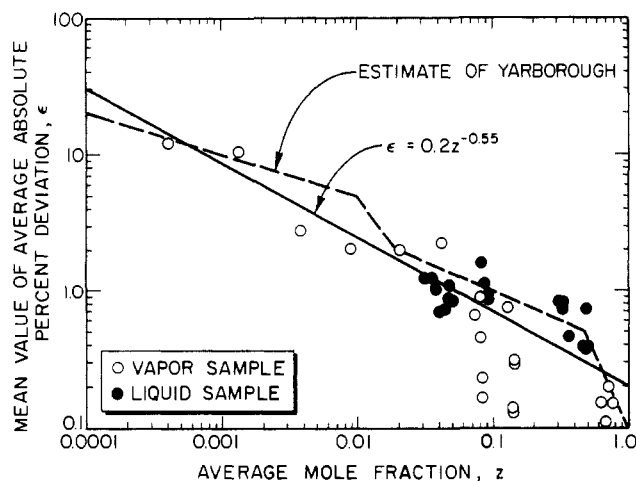


Figure 3. Uncertainties in sample compositions.

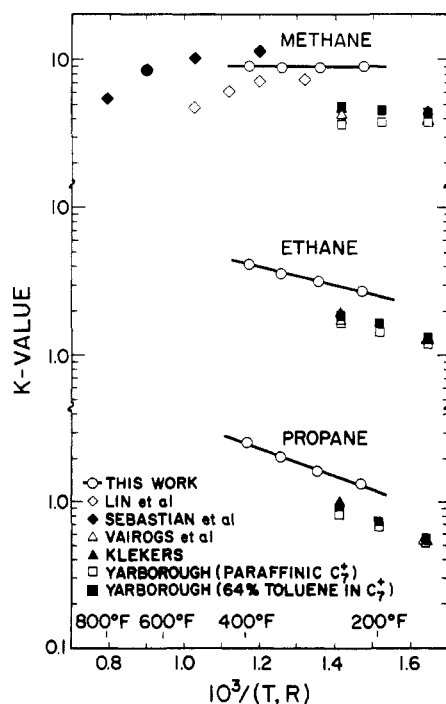


Figure 4. Comparison of methane, ethane, and propane  $K$  values at 1000 psia.

This equation suggests that analytical uncertainties lead to maximum uncertainties in the  $K$  values which range from 3% for methane to 17% for 1-methylnaphthalene.

There have been relatively few vapor-liquid equilibrium studies on multicomponent systems closely related to the present work. Vairogs et al. (9) reported  $K$  values for multicomponent hydrocarbon mixtures which included methane, ethane, propane,  $n$ -pentane,  $n$ -hexane, and  $n$ -decane, at pressures of 100–7000 psia at temperatures of 150 and 250 °F. Klekers (10) measured data on the same system with 1-methylnaphthalene substituted for  $n$ -decane. Yarborough (8) made measurements in systems containing nitrogen, carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, methane, ethane, propane,  $n$ -pentane,  $n$ -decane and also with toluene added to yield a  $C_7^+$  fraction containing 64 mol % toluene.  $K$  values in binary systems of methane + toluene (11, 12) and methane + 1-methylnaphthalene (13) have been also measured. Figures 4 and 5 present comparisons of  $K$  values from these investigators at a pressure of 1000 psia.

Figure 4 shows  $K$  values of methane, ethane, and propane in various solvents. The data of Yarborough (8), Vairogs et al.

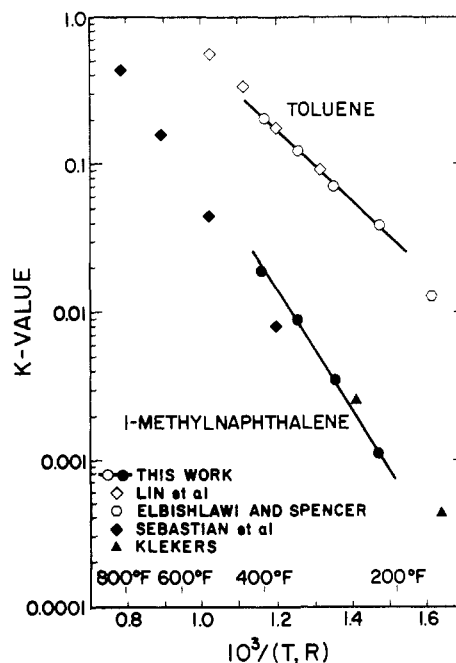


Figure 5. Comparison of toluene and 1-methylnaphthalene  $K$  values at 1000 psia.

(9), and Klekers (10) show that the addition of aromatic components to the mixtures containing  $n$ -paraffin hydrocarbons causes the light-hydrocarbon  $K$  values to increase. In the present study, the  $K$  values of methane, ethane, and propane in the purely aromatic solvent are much higher than (almost twice) those in the intermediate and heavy  $n$ -paraffin hydrocarbons measured by Yarborough (8) and Vairogs et al. (9). In our mixed aromatic solvent composed of toluene and 1-methylnaphthalene, the methane  $K$  values are intermediate between those in methane + toluene reported by Lin et al. (11) and in methane + 1-methylnaphthalene reported by Sebastian et al. (13). Figure 5 shows that the toluene and 1-methylnaphthalene  $K$ -value data agree fairly well among the several investigations.

### Correlation

The data from this work have been represented adequately by the Soave (14) version of the Redlich-Kwong equation using six empirical interaction parameters, one for each paraffin-aromatic pair in the system. Specifically, the mixing rules employed are

$$b_m = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i b_i$$

$$a_m = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n y_i y_j a_{ij}$$

$$a_{ij} = (1 - C_{ij})(a_i a_j)^{1/2}$$

where  $C_{ij}$  is the empirical unlike-pair interaction parameter. The same rules apply to the liquid phase, with  $x$  replacing  $y$ . Values of the pure-substance parameters,  $a_k$  and  $b_k$ , were evaluated from relationships suggested by Soave (14).

The above model requires values of the empirical parameters,  $C_{ij}$ , for each binary pair appearing in the system. Yarborough (15) has demonstrated that there is no significant advantage for using hydrocarbon-hydrocarbon interaction parameters in predictions for ternary systems. Therefore, the interaction parameters among methane, ethane, and propane and between toluene and 1-methylnaphthalene were set to zero in

Table II. Experimental Phase Equilibrium Data

press., psia	methane	ethane	propane	toluene	1-methyl- naphthalene	press., psia	methane	ethane	propane	toluene	1-methyl- naphthalene
220 °F						340 °F					
200	y 0.6625	0.1805	0.115 0	0.04155	0.000 462 0	204	y 0.5565	0.1480	0.103 5	0.1855	0.006 925
	x 0.01380	0.01455	0.021 95	0.5575	0.392 0		x 0.01230	0.008945	0.012 00	0.5235	0.443 5
	K 48.1	12.4	5.24	0.0746	0.001 18		K 45.2	16.5	8.60	0.354	0.015 6
400	y 0.7100	0.1670	0.095 05	0.02470	0.000 335 0	381	y 0.6280	0.1550	0.099 95	0.1125	0.004 590
	x 0.03055	0.02765	0.035 95	0.5365	0.369 5		x 0.02675	0.01770	0.021 60	0.5355	0.398 5
	K 23.2	6.14	2.64	0.0460	0.000 906		K 23.5	8.74	4.63	0.210	0.011 5
600	y 0.7415	0.1590	0.080 45	0.01905	0.000 317 0	591	y 0.6640	0.1545	0.094 60	0.08280	0.003 730
	x 0.05030	0.03945	0.044 60	0.5155	0.350 0		x 0.04575	0.02720	0.030 95	0.5235	0.372 5
	K 14.7	4.03	1.80	0.0370	0.000 906		K 14.5	5.69	3.06	0.158	0.010 0
800	y 0.7575	0.1520	0.073 25	0.01695	0.000 364 5	793	y 0.6870	0.1510	0.088 40	0.07035	0.003 280
	x 0.06940	0.04810	0.050 90	0.4910	0.340 5		x 0.06125	0.03375	0.036 60	0.5140	0.354 5
	K 10.9	3.16	1.44	0.0345	0.001 07		K 11.2	4.47	2.41	0.137	0.009 26
1000	y 0.7695	0.1450	0.068 75	0.01650	0.000 355 5	996	y 0.7080	0.1455	0.082 15	0.06145	0.003 050
	x 0.08745	0.05390	0.052 70	0.4820	0.324 0		x 0.08120	0.04075	0.040 70	0.4980	0.339 5
	K 8.80	2.69	1.31	0.0342	0.001 10		K 8.72	3.57	2.02	0.123	0.008 99
1250	y 0.7845	0.1360	0.062 60	0.01615	0.000 399 0	1244	y 0.7210	0.1405	0.077 15	0.05830	0.003 205
	x 0.1115	0.06030	0.055 65	0.4635	0.309 0		x 0.1050	0.04775	0.044 95	0.4775	0.325 0
	K 7.04	2.26	1.12	0.0349	0.001 29		K 6.87	2.94	1.72	0.122	0.009 88
1500	y 0.7940	0.1295	0.058 85	0.01680	0.000 429 0	1501	y 0.7355	0.1350	0.072 20	0.05455	0.003 025
	x 0.1355	0.06535	0.057 35	0.4460	0.296 0		x 0.1335	0.05475	0.048 90	0.4595	0.303 5
	K 5.86	1.98	1.03	0.0377	0.001 45		K 5.51	2.46	1.48	0.119	0.009 98
1750	y 0.8030	0.1230	0.055 35	0.01780	0.000 514 0	1742	y 0.7445	0.1300	0.068 40	0.05380	0.003 190
	x 0.1560	0.06855	0.057 70	0.4275	0.290 0		x 0.1535	0.05960	0.050 75	0.4440	0.291 5
	K 5.15	1.80	0.959	0.0416	0.001 77		K 4.84	2.18	1.35	0.121	0.010 9
2000	y 0.8085	0.1190	0.052 85	0.01910	0.000 561 0	1978	y 0.7495	0.1260	0.065 50	0.05535	0.003 725
	x 0.1755	0.07190	0.058 55	0.4120	0.282 0		x 0.1695	0.06220	0.051 55	0.4335	0.283 0
	K 4.61	1.65	0.903	0.0464	0.001 99		K 4.42	2.03	1.27	0.128	0.013 2
280 °F						400 °F					
239	y 0.6350	0.1670	0.111 0	0.08185	0.001 885	207	y 0.4925	0.1305	0.088 90	0.2700	0.018 10
	x 0.01615	0.01410	0.019 85	0.5730	0.377 0		x 0.009990	0.006505	0.008 065	0.4305	0.545 0
	K 39.3	12.1	5.60	0.143	0.005 00		K 49.3	20.1	11.0	0.627	0.033 2
439	y 0.6795	0.1665	0.099 30	0.05335	0.001 360	399	y 0.5715	0.1455	0.094 50	0.1780	0.010 45
	x 0.03330	0.02510	0.031 05	0.5580	0.352 5		x 0.02390	0.01445	0.016 25	0.5070	0.4385
	K 20.4	6.63	3.20	0.0956	0.003 86		K 23.9	10.1	5.81	0.351	0.023 9
640	y 0.7050	0.1610	0.090 15	0.04265	0.001 025	611	y 0.6150	0.1490	0.092 55	0.1350	0.008 365
	x 0.05150	0.03420	0.038 35	0.5425	0.333 5		x 0.04250	0.02350	0.024 95	0.5105	0.398 5
	K 13.7	4.71	2.35	0.0786	0.003 08		K 14.5	6.33	3.71	0.265	0.021 0
839	y 0.7240	0.1545	0.082 55	0.03810	0.001 030	806	y 0.6390	0.1480	0.089 00	0.1165	0.007 335
	x 0.06905	0.04150	0.043 30	0.5240	0.322 5		x 0.05910	0.03030	0.030 50	0.5080	0.372 0
	K 10.5	3.72	1.91	0.0728	0.003 20		K 10.8	4.89	2.92	0.229	0.019 7
1035	y 0.7380	0.1480	0.076 55	0.03640	0.001 170	1019	y 0.6605	0.1455	0.084 40	0.1030	0.006 690
	x 0.08810	0.04770	0.046 80	0.5050	0.312 5		x 0.07470	0.03685	0.035 05	0.5015	0.352 0
	K 8.37	3.10	1.64	0.0720	0.003 74		K 8.84	3.94	2.41	0.205	0.019 0
1292	y 0.7510	0.1415	0.071 55	0.03470	0.001 200	1261	y 0.6785	0.1405	0.079 00	0.09510	0.006 885
	x 0.1165	0.05655	0.051 00	0.4285	0.297 5		x 0.09955	0.04400	0.039 55	0.4820	0.334 5
	K 6.43	2.51	1.40	0.0725	0.004 03		K 6.82	3.19	2.00	0.197	0.020 6
1542	y 0.7650	0.1340	0.066 20	0.03335	0.001 310	1493	y 0.6890	0.1370	0.075 35	0.09155	0.006 990
	x 0.1415	0.06360	0.054 70	0.4560	0.284 5		x 0.1245	0.05060	0.043 25	0.4670	0.315 0
	K 5.41	2.11	1.21	0.0732	0.004 61		K 5.54	2.71	1.74	0.196	0.022 2
1792	y 0.7745	0.1280	0.061 85	0.03410	0.001 515	1766	y 0.6700	0.1325	0.071 30	0.08915	0.007 310
	x 0.1610	0.06665	0.055 30	0.4405	0.276 5		x 0.1480	0.05585	0.045 35	0.4515	0.299 5
	K 4.81	1.92	1.12	0.0774	0.005 48		K 4.73	2.37	1.57	0.197	0.024 4
2043	y 0.7810	0.1235	0.059 80	0.03455	0.001 565	1980	y 0.7030	0.1290	0.068 65	0.09115	0.008 305
	x 0.1855	0.07040	0.056 20	0.4250	0.263 0		x 0.1720	0.06100	0.048 25	0.4330	0.286 0
	K 4.21	1.75	1.06	0.0813	0.005 94		K 4.09	2.11	1.42	0.211	0.029 1

Table III. Empirical Interaction Parameters for Soave Equation

components <i>i/j</i>	interaction parameter, $C_{ij}$	source ref
$C_1/\text{Tol}$	0.091	11
$C_2/\text{Tol}$	0.034	this work
$C_3/\text{Tol}$	0.024	this work
$C_1/\text{MN}$	0.116	13
$C_2/\text{MN}$	0.062	this work
$C_3/\text{MN}$	0.042	this work

this study. Four of the six interaction parameters among the other pairs were evaluated by fitting the experimental  $K$ -value data of the present work directly. The pair-interaction parameters for methane with toluene and 1-methylnaphthalene were evaluated from the binary phase equilibrium data reported by

Table IV. Accuracy of Predictions by Soave Equation

component	av abs dev in predicted $K$ value, %	component	av abs dev in predicted $K$ value, %
$C_1$	5.6	Tol	4.9
$C_2$	4.7	MN	7.0
$C_3$	4.5		

Lin et al. (11) and Sebastian et al. (13). ( $K$  values at 207 and 399 psia at 400 °F from the present study were deleted in the correlation work. Under these two conditions, the liquid volume fraction in the system was very small, and these data gave unusually large errors in the prediction.) In all cases, the parameters were determined by minimizing the sum-of-squares

of percent errors in predicted  $K$  values, the sum being taken over all components.

Tables III and IV present the results of the final correlation. Average errors in predicted  $K$  values of methane, ethane, propane, toluene, and 1-methylnaphthalene range from 4.5 to 7.0%. The predicted  $K$  values of methane, ethane, and propane are generally low at low pressure and high at high pressure for each isotherm using the interaction parameters obtained in this work. The predicted  $K$  values of toluene are low at high pressures and high at low pressures. The predicted  $K$  values of 1-methylnaphthalene show somewhat larger errors, as expected, and no consistent error trends.

### Conclusion

Equilibrium liquid and vapor compositions and  $K$  values have been obtained in a five-component light hydrocarbon-aromatic solvent system. The data of this work have been represented by the Soave equation of state. The correlating parameters should be of use in the prediction of phase behavior in systems containing light hydrocarbons in aromatic solvents.

### Glossary

$a, b$	parameters in Soave equation of state
$C$	interaction parameter
$K_i$	phase equilibrium ratio for component $i$ , $y_i/x_i$
$x$	liquid mole fraction
$y$	vapor mole fraction
$z$	mole fraction
$\epsilon$	mean value of average absolute percent deviation

### Subscripts

$i, j$	components in a mixture
$m$	mixture property

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## Activity Measurements in Aqueous Mixed Electrolyte Solutions. 2. Hydrochloric Acid–Choline Chloride and Hydrochloric Acid–Acetylcholine Chloride Mixtures of Constant Total Ionic Strength

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Emf measurements have been made in cells without liquid junction of the type  $\text{Pt, H}_2(1 \text{ atm})|\text{HX}(m_1), \text{MX}(m_2)|\text{AgCl, Ag}$ , containing mixtures of (I) HCl and  $\text{CH}_2(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{Cl}$  and (II) HCl and  $\text{CH}_2(\text{OOCCH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{Cl}$  in different proportions, but at constant total ionic strength ( $\mu = 3, 2, 1, 0.5, 0.25, 0.1$ ). Measurement have been carried out at 10 °C intervals, over the temperature range 5–35 °C. The Ag–AgCl electrodes, prepared by the thermoelectrolytic method, used in pairs for each measurement, gave results which closely agreed. The values for the standard electrode potential,  $E^\circ$ , and the interaction coefficient,  $\alpha_{12}$ , for each constant total ionic strength mixture at all of the four temperatures have been evaluated by the computerized least-squares method. Interpretation of the results has been made in terms of the multicomponent ionic equilibrium theory of Scatchard ("neutral electrolyte as components" treatment) and of Pitzer.

### Introduction

The determination of the activity coefficient of one electrolyte in the presence of another has evoked interest for a fairly long

time. The specific ionic interaction principle postulating the existence of short-range interactions among ions of unlike sign of charge was enunciated by Brønsted (1, 2) and was applied to dilute solutions by Guggenheim (3–5). Modifications were suggested for concentrated solutions by Scatchard (6, 7). Pitzer and Brewer (8) used the Guggenheim equations with Scatchard modifications (6) (BSG theory) to give a simple and compact summary of experimental data.

From emf measurements at constant total ionic strength, some simple empirical relationships have been discovered to hold in both dilute and concentrated solutions (9). It has been found, for the HCl–MCl mixture, for example, that the activity coefficient of the first component ( $\log \gamma_1$ ) can, in general, be expressed as

$$\log \gamma_1 = \log \gamma_1^0 - \alpha_{12}m_2 - \beta_{12}m_2^2 \quad (1)$$

where  $\gamma_1^0$  is the activity coefficient of hydrochloric acid in its own solution (without MCl) at a molality equal to the total molality of the solution to which  $\gamma_1$  refers. The quantities  $\alpha_{12}$ ,  $\beta_{12}$ , ... are functions of the total ionic strength but not of the ionic strength fraction of the second component  $y_2 (=m_2/m)$ . In many cases the simple linear equation, the so-called Harned rule (9)