

Thermodynamics of Octane-Enhancing Additives in Gasolines: Vapor–Liquid Equilibrium of Binary and Ternary Mixtures Containing Di-isopropyl Ether or Heptane and 1-Hexene + Cyclohexane at 313.15 K

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Experimental isothermal P - x - y data for the ternary systems di-isopropyl ether (DIPE) + 1-hexene + cyclohexane and 1-hexene + heptane + cyclohexane and for the binary system DIPE + 1-hexene at 313.15 K are reported. Data reduction by Barker's method provides correlations for G^E , using the Margules equation for the binary system and the Wohl expansion for the ternaries. Wilson, NRTL, and UNIQUAC models have been applied successfully to both the binary and ternary system data.

Introduction

Di-isopropyl ether (DIPE) could be used as a blending agent in the formulation of new gasolines for enhancing the octane number, as a substitute for traditional leaded products. To better understand and model the new formulated gasolines, we started a research program on the thermodynamic characterization of ternary mixtures, as the simplest multicomponent system, containing oxygenated additives (ethers and alcohols), and different types of hydrocarbons (paraffins, cycloparaffins, aromatics, and olefins), methyl *tert*-butyl ether (MTBE), *tert*-amyl methyl ether (TAME), and DIPE were chosen as additives. We have chosen four hydrocarbons for the purpose of modeling an actual gasoline: paraffins are represented by *n*-heptane, cycloparaffins by cyclohexane, olefins by 1-hexene, and aromatics by benzene.

In previous papers, we published the study of binary and ternary systems containing MTBE^{1–6} and these substitution hydrocarbons at 313.15 K. Also, some results with TAME^{7–10} and DIPE^{11–14} have already been published.

In this paper, two new ternary systems DIPE + 1-hexene + cyclohexane and 1-hexene + heptane + cyclohexane and the binary system DIPE + 1-hexene at 313.15 K are presented.

Experimental Section

Materials. All of the chemicals used here were purchased from Fluka Chemie AG of the highest purity available: chromatography quality reagents (of the series puriss. p.a.) with a purity of >99.5% (by gas chromatography, GC) for heptane and cyclohexane, >99.0% (GC) for DIPE, and >98% (GC) for 1-hexene; the indicated assessments were checked in our laboratory by GC with the following results: >99.8% (GC) for heptane, cyclohexane, and 1-hexene; and >99.5% (GC) for DIPE. All liquids were thoroughly degassed before measurements according to a modified distillation method based on the one suggested by Van Ness and Abbott¹⁵ and kept in glass balloons equipped with leak-proof valves.

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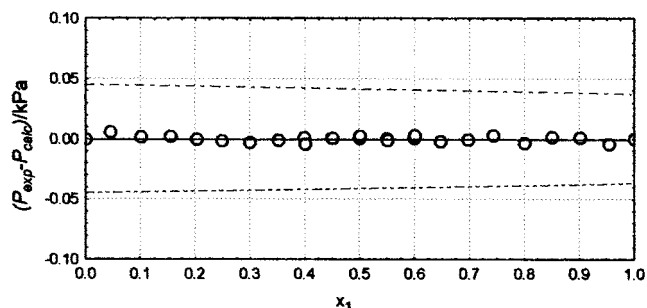


Figure 1. Comparison for the binary system [DIPE (1) + 1-hexene (2)] at 313.15 K of the pressure residuals, defined as differences between experimental and calculated pressures; a $\pm 0.1\%$ band of the experimental pressure in each point is indicated on the diagram.

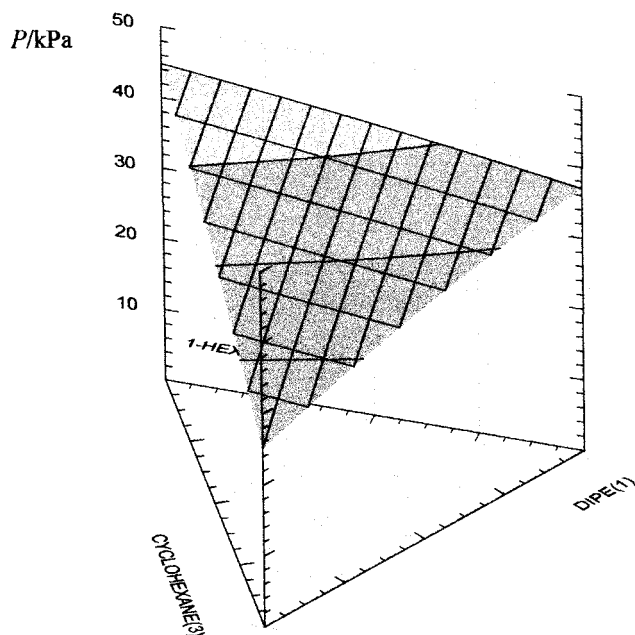


Figure 2. Oblique view of the constant pressure, P /kPa, for the DIPE (1) + 1-hexene (2) + cyclohexane (3) system at 313.15 K.

Apparatus and Procedure. A static VLE apparatus, consisting of an isothermal total pressure cell, has been employed for measuring the vapor–liquid equilibrium of

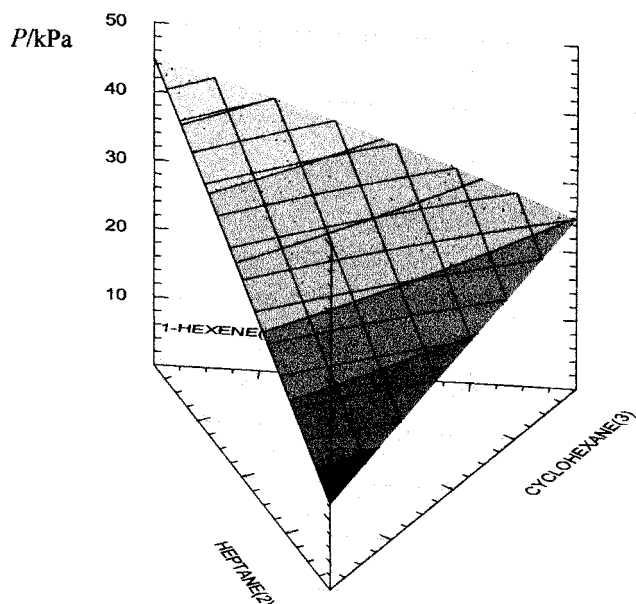


Figure 3. Oblique view of the constant pressure, P/kPa , for the 1-hexene (1) + heptane (2) + cyclohexane (3) system at 313.15 K.

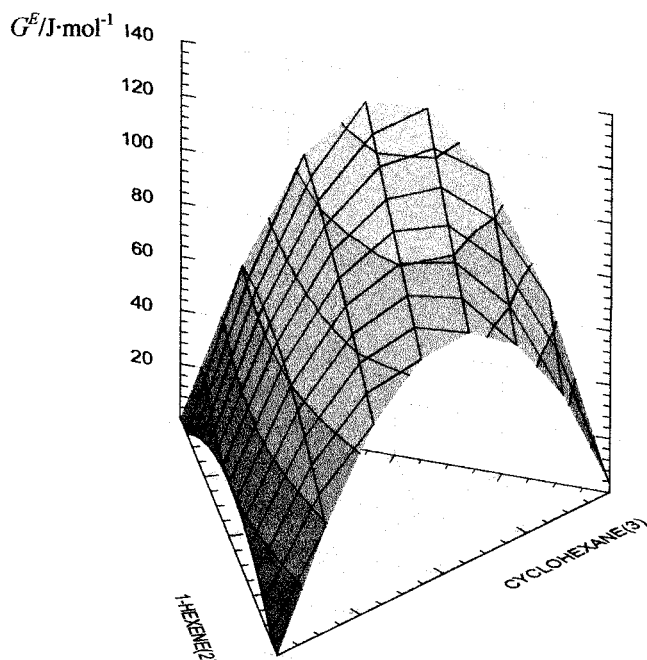


Figure 4. Oblique view of the constant excess Gibbs energy, $G^E/\text{J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$, for the DIPE (1) + 1-hexene (2) + cyclohexane (3) system at 313.15 K.

binary and ternary mixtures. The apparatus and measuring technique are based on that by Van Ness and co-workers,^{16,17} the performance of which has been described in a previous paper.¹⁸

The sample injectors were three 100 cm³ positive displacement pumps (Ruska, model 2200-801) with a resolution of 0.01 cm³ and an estimated total uncertainty of ± 0.03 cm³. These allowed the injection of known volumes of the pure degassed components into the cell which was immersed in a high-precision water bath (Hart Scientific model 6020) that assured a stability of ± 0.5 mK when thermostated at $T = 313.15$ K.

The cell was a cylindrical stainless steel piece with a volume of ~ 180 cm³ fitted with a magnetic stirrer coupled to an external drive. An initial volume of ~ 50 cm³ of one component was injected into the evacuated cell, and the

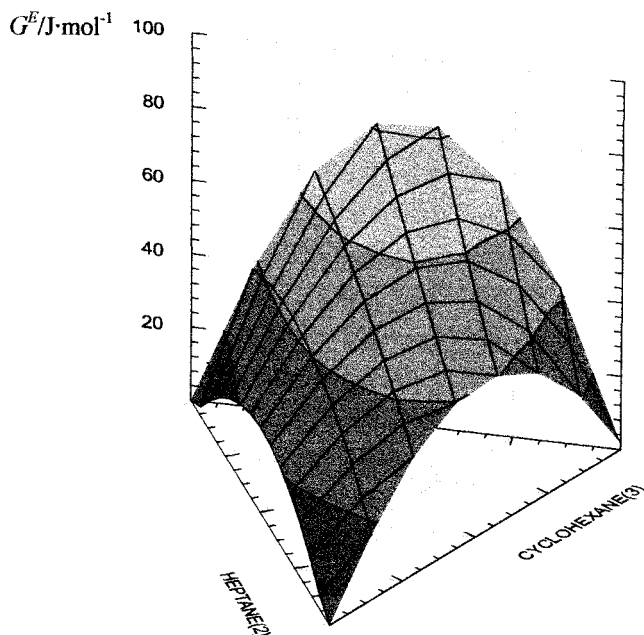


Figure 5. Oblique view of the constant excess Gibbs energy, $G^E/\text{J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$, for the 1-hexene (1) + heptane (2) + cyclohexane (3) system at 313.15 K.

vapor pressure was measured. Successive injections of a second or third component were made over a desired composition range until the cell was nearly full. The total mass injected was determined accurately from the volumetric displacement of the pistons, the temperature of the injectors, and the known densities for the pure components. This resulted in uncertainties in mole fraction of ± 0.0005 .

Experimental values of total vapor pressure for the binary mixtures were obtained in two overlapping runs starting from opposite ends of the composition range. For the ternary mixtures, data were obtained by addition of a pure species to a mixture of the other two at a fixed temperature. Six runs (dilution lines) were made starting from the corresponding binary system at mole fractions close to 0.3 or 0.7 and adding the third pure component up to a mole fraction of 0.5.

Temperature was measured by means of a calibrated platinum resistance thermometer (SDL model 5385/100) and an ac resistance bridge (ASL model F250) with a resolution of 1 mK and an estimated overall uncertainty of ± 10 mK. The measurement of pressure was done indirectly through a differential pressure cell and indicator (Ruska models 2413-705 and 2416-711, respectively). Air was used on the reference side of the differential pressure cell, and the pressure required to obtain a null indication was measured with a fused quartz Bourdon pressure gauge (Texas Instruments model 801). The overall uncertainty of the pressure was estimated to be ± 5 Pa.

Experimental Results and Correlations

The use of the measuring technique described above allows a static equilibrium between phases, ensuring a true thermodynamic equilibrium. Direct sampling, particularly of the vapor phase, upsets the equilibrium because the mass of vapor in the cell is very small; however, an appreciable mass must be withdrawn to yield an amount of condensate suitable for accurate analysis. However, as a consequence of Duhem's theorem, sampling of the phases is not necessary. Given a set of equilibrium x , P data at constant T , thermodynamics allows calculation of the y values. Thus, the equilibrium vapor need not be sampled

Table 6. Summary of Results for the Other Binary Systems Involved in the Ternary Systems at 313.15 K

	Margules ^a	Wilson	NRTL	UNIQUAC
DIPE (1) + Cyclohexane (2) ^b				
A_{12}	0.2402	0.6236	-0.3644	1.1293
A_{21}	0.1694	1.2322	0.6438	0.8370
λ	0.0306			
α_{12}			0.3	
rms ΔP /kPa	0.003	0.004	0.005	0.004
max $ \Delta P $ /kPa	0.007	0.007	0.011	0.006
1-Hexene (2) + Cyclohexane (3) ^c				
A_{23}	0.15676	0.63162	-0.41347	1.28529
A_{32}	0.10554	1.30477	0.62019	0.72725
λ	0.03151			
α_{23}			0.3	
rms ΔP /kPa	0.014	0.014	0.015	0.014
max $ \Delta P $ /kPa	0.032	0.033	0.033	0.033
1-Hexene (1) + <i>n</i> -Heptane (2) ^d				
A_{12}	0.03553	0.94507	-0.04050	1.13779
A_{21}	0.03598	1.01664	0.08086	0.85778
λ	0.01313			
α_{12}			0.3	
rms ΔP /kPa	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022
max $ \Delta P $ /kPa	0.052	0.057	0.057	0.056
<i>n</i> -Heptane (2) + Cyclohexane (3) ^c				
A_{23}	0.07485	0.65278	-0.44393	1.13037
A_{32}	0.04796	1.35389	0.57937	0.86418
λ	0.02355			
α_{23}			0.3	
rms ΔP /kPa	0.009	0.009	0.009	0.009
max $ \Delta P $ /kPa	0.017	0.017	0.018	0.017

^a Three parameters. ^b Chamorro et al.¹¹ ^c Segovia et al.⁵ ^d Segovia et al.³

$$\vartheta_i = \frac{q_i x_i}{\sum_j q_j x_j}$$

$$\varphi_i = \frac{r_i x_i}{\sum_j r_j x_j}$$

and $z = 10$.

Table 1 gives experimental values of total pressure and the corresponding compositions of the liquid and vapor phases for the binary systems. Tables 2 and 3 give the same information for the ternary systems. In these tables, the compositions of the vapor phases were reduced by the Margules equation for the binary system and the Wohl expansion for the ternary systems. In addition, these three tables also contain the original injected volumes, the temperature during the injection, and the total cell composition z_i .

The average values of the experimental vapor pressures (P_i^{sat}) for the pure compounds, molar volumes of pure liquids (V_i^l), and second virial coefficients (B_{ii} and B_{ij}) are indicated in Table 4, which includes literature vapor pressures (P_i^{sat} , lit.) for comparison.

Results of data correlation for the binary system are summarized in Table 5. The results of the correlation of the other binaries that form the ternary systems have been published previously, and these are summarized in Table 6. For the ternary systems, the results of the correlation are given in Tables 7 and 8. All of these tables contain values of the adjustable parameters of the different models which lead to the results using Barker's method, the root-mean-square of the difference between the experimental

Table 7. Summary of the Results Obtained for the Ternary System DIPE (1) + 1-Hexene (2) + Cyclohexane (3) at 313.15 K

	Wohl	Wilson	NRTL	UNIQUAC
C_0	0.2454			
C_1	0.0636			
C_2	0.0644			
A_{12}		0.8594	-0.1714	1.0183
A_{21}		1.1148	0.2172	0.9719
A_{13}		0.5645	-0.4403	1.2263
A_{31}		1.3162	0.7516	0.7565
A_{23}		0.7042	-0.3121	1.2033
A_{32}		1.2121	0.4796	0.7929
$\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{23} = \alpha_{13}$			0.3	
rms ΔP /kPa	0.020	0.016	0.016	0.016
max $ \Delta P $ /kPa	0.053	0.035	0.035	0.035

Table 8. Summary of the Results Obtained for the Ternary System 1-Hexene (1) + Heptane (2) + Cyclohexane (3) at 313.15 K

	Wohl	Wilson	NRTL	UNIQUAC
C_0	0.6152			
C_1	0.1196			
C_2	0.0960			
A_{12}		1.2897	0.4629	0.9769
A_{21}		0.7196	-0.3776	1.0103
A_{13}		0.5450	-0.3182	0.8857
A_{31}		1.1668	0.7801	1.0202
A_{23}		0.4185	-0.4131	0.8151
A_{32}		1.1980	1.1249	1.0361
$\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{23} = \alpha_{13}$			0.3	
rms ΔP /kPa	0.020	0.014	0.015	0.015
max $ \Delta P $ /kPa	0.069	0.033	0.031	0.042

and the calculated pressures (rms ΔP) and the maximum value of this difference (max $|\Delta P|$).

As an example of the fits of models to the data, Figure 1 shows a plot of ($P_{\text{exptl}} - P_{\text{calcd}}$) versus x_i for the binary system DIPE + 1-hexene using the Margules equation with three parameters. It can be seen that both branches, necessary to cover the entire composition range, exhibit good agreement close to equimolar concentrations. Furthermore, all deviations are <0.1% of the total pressure.

Discussion

We have not found literature data available for comparison for any of the binary and ternary systems at 313.15 K, presented in this paper.

The binary system studied presents a slight positive deviation from ideality, and the results of the correlation gave root-mean-square pressure residuals of 3 Pa for all of the models with a maximum value of the absolute deviation of 7 Pa.

The measurements for the ternary DIPE + 1-hexene + cyclohexane system were well correlated by all of the models, showing root-mean-square pressure residuals of 16 Pa, with maximum values of the absolute deviation in pressure of 35 Pa for the Wilson, NRTL, and UNIQUAC models and of up to 53 Pa for the Wohl equation, within a maximum range of pressure close to 45 kPa.

For the system 1-hexene + heptane + cyclohexane, again all of the models closely correlated the experimental values. The value of the root-mean-square pressure residuals was 17 Pa, with a maximum value of the absolute deviation in pressure of 41 Pa for the Wilson, NRTL, and UNIQUAC models. The Wohl equation gives a little poorer calculations with root-mean-square pressure residuals of 25 Pa, and the maximum absolute deviation in pressure was 82 Pa.

Graphical results for the ternary systems are in Figures 2–5. They show the oblique view of the pressure and of the excess Gibbs energy surface for the ternary systems.

The total equilibrium pressure always increases from the value of the saturation pressure of less volatile compound to the saturation pressure of more volatile compounds. The two measured ternary systems show slight positive deviations from ideality, and the molar excess Gibbs energy also increases up to a maximum value, which corresponds to a less ideal binary system. The ternary system DIPE + 1-hexene + cyclohexane is the least ideal ternary system because the binary (DIPE + cyclohexane) is also the least ideal binary system, with a maximum value of G^E of 130 J·mol⁻¹. On the other hand, the highest value of G^E for the ternary system 1-hexene + heptane + cyclohexane is ~82 J·mol⁻¹, which corresponds to the binary 1-hexene + cyclohexane.

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