

Isobaric Vapor–Liquid Equilibria for Tetrahydropyran and Alcohol Systems

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The vapor–liquid equilibria (VLE) data of systems including tetrahydropyran (THP) are very important for the design of manufacture processes. However, these data are scarce in the literature. The boiling points of eight binary systems containing THP at six pressures from (40.00 to 98.66) kPa were measured using a hold-up compensable ebulliometer. The systems consisting of THP + 2-butanol, THP + 2-methyl-1-propanol, and THP + 1-butanol are nonazeotropic, while those of THP + methanol, THP + ethanol, and THP + 2-propanol are azeotropic. The nonexistence of azeotropic points for THP + 1-propanol and THP + 2-methyl-2-propanol systems depends on the pressures. The measured boiling points were satisfactorily correlated using the NRTL equation. The average deviations between the experimental and calculated boiling points were 0.09 K for THP + methanol, 0.06 K for THP + ethanol, 0.04 K for THP + 2-propanol, 0.06 K for THP + 1-propanol, 0.04 K for THP + 2-methyl-2-propanol, 0.05 K for THP + 2-butanol, 0.04 K for THP + 2-methyl-1-propanol, and 0.08 K for THP + 1-butanol systems. The ASOG group pair parameters for the OH and pyran groups were also determined.

Introduction

Cyclic ethers like 1,4-dioxane and tetrahydrofuran are widely used as a solvent in reactive processes and separation processes in industrial chemical plants. Tetrahydropyran (THP) which is one of the cyclic ethers is less used industrially in comparison with 1,4-dioxane and tetrahydrofuran. The reason is that the technology to produce THP on a large scale has not yet been established. Recently, Showa Denko K.K. has established a new mass-production method for THP which is produced from hydrogen, acetaldehyde, alcohol, and acrolein.¹ In this reaction, the alcohol is necessary to ensure a nonazeotropic system in order that THP and alcohol can be separated by distillation. However, there have been few reports of vapor–liquid equilibria data on THP + alcohol systems.

In this work, the boiling points of eight binary systems (THP + methanol, THP + ethanol, THP + 2-propanol, THP + 1-propanol, THP + 2-methyl-2-propanol, THP + 2-butanol, THP + 2-methyl-1-propanol, and THP + 1-butanol) at six pressures from (40.00 to 98.66) kPa were measured using a hold-up compensable ebulliometer.^{2–4} The measured boiling points were satisfactorily correlated using the NRTL equation.⁵ In addition, the ASOG group pair parameters^{2,6} for the OH and pyran groups were determined.

Experimental Section

Apparatus. The schematic diagram of the experimental apparatus is shown in Figure 1. The ebulliometer in this work

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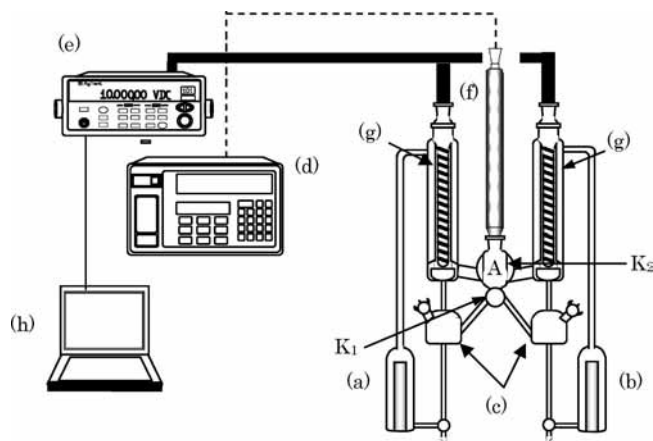


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the experimental apparatus: a, b, ebulliometer; c, mixing trap; d, pressure controller (DPI510); e, data logger; f, condenser; g, thermometer; h, personal computer; A, vapor hold-up collector; K₁, K₂, trident tap.

is composed of an ebulliometer (a) for trapping the vapor hold-up and a separate ebulliometer (b) for measuring the boiling points of a vapor–liquid mixture.^{2–4} The capacity of each boiling flask is about 60 mL. A condenser is shared by both ebullimeters. A feature of the ebulliometer, whose benefits are given in a previous paper,³ is that the compensation of the vapor-phase hold-up is achieved by moving the trapped condensate of the hold-up in ebulliometer (a) to ebulliometer (b). Equilibrium temperatures were measured with a calibrated platinum resistance thermometer connected to a personal computer via a digital multimeter (34970A, Agilent Technologies, Inc.). The uncertainty in temperature was estimated to be ± 0.01 K. The pressure in the apparatus was controlled using a Controller

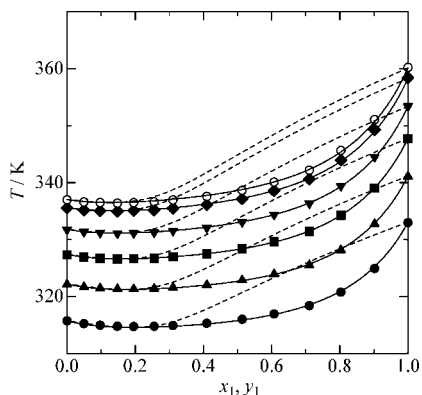


Figure 2. Isobaric vapor–liquid equilibria for the tetrahydropyran (1) + methanol (2) system: ●, 40.00 kPa; ▲, 53.33 kPa; ■, 66.66 kPa; ▼, 79.99 kPa; ◆, 93.32 kPa; ○, 98.66 kPa; —, ($T-x$), - - -, ($T-y$), NRTL equation.

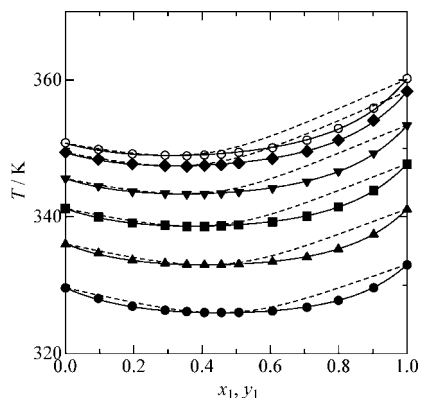


Figure 3. Isobaric vapor–liquid equilibria for the tetrahydropyran (1) + ethanol (2) system: ●, 40.00 kPa; ▲, 53.33 kPa; ■, 66.66 kPa; ▼, 79.99 kPa; ◆, 93.32 kPa; ○, 98.66 kPa; —, ($T-x$), - - -, ($T-y$), NRTL equation.

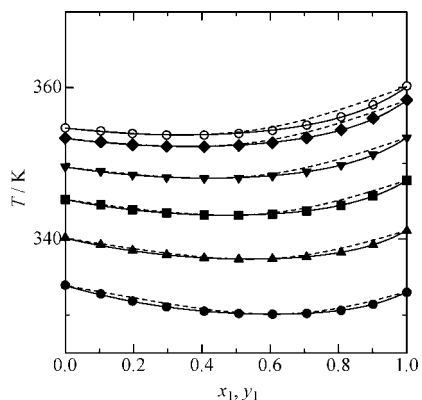


Figure 4. Isobaric vapor–liquid equilibria for the tetrahydropyran (1) + 2-propanol (2) system: ●, 40.00 kPa; ▲, 53.33 kPa; ■, 66.66 kPa; ▼, 79.99 kPa; ◆, 93.32 kPa; ○, 98.66 kPa; —, ($T-x$), - - -, ($T-y$), NRTL equation.

DPI510 (Druck Co.). The uncertainty in pressure was estimated to be ± 0.01 kPa.

Procedure. Using the ebulliometer, the boiling point of the charged mixtures was measured by the following steps:

Step 1. A calculated amount of binary mixture of known composition was charged into each ebulliometer. The charged composition was weighed in a digital balance (AX-504, Mettler-Toledo, Inc.) with an uncertainty of ± 0.1 mg. The system pressure was set to the desired pressure by using the pressure controller. At the time of measurement, the trident taps K_1 and

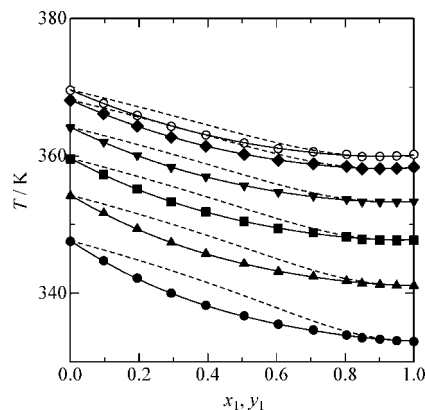


Figure 5. Isobaric vapor–liquid equilibria for the tetrahydropyran (1) + 1-propanol (2) system: ●, 40.00 kPa; ▲, 53.33 kPa; ■, 66.66 kPa; ▼, 79.99 kPa; ◆, 93.32 kPa; ○, 98.66 kPa; —, ($T-x$), - - -, ($T-y$), NRTL equation.

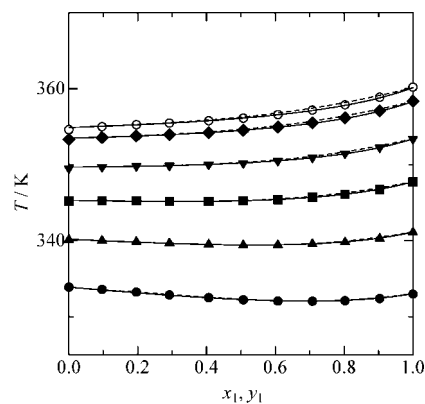


Figure 6. Isobaric vapor–liquid equilibria for the tetrahydropyran (1) + 2-methyl-2-propanol (1) system: ●, 40.00 kPa; ▲, 53.33 kPa; ■, 66.66 kPa; ▼, 79.99 kPa; ◆, 93.32 kPa; ○, 98.66 kPa; —, ($T-x$), - - -, ($T-y$), NRTL equation.

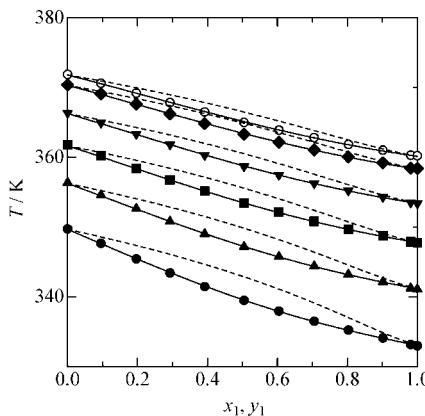


Figure 7. Isobaric vapor–liquid equilibria for the tetrahydropyran (1) + 2-butanol (2) system: ●, 40.00 kPa; ▲, 53.33 kPa; ■, 66.66 kPa; ▼, 79.99 kPa; ◆, 93.32 kPa; ○, 98.66 kPa; —, ($T-x$), - - -, ($T-y$), NRTL equation.

K_2 were switched to ebulliometer (a). At first, the mixture in the ebulliometer (a) was brought to the boiling point. After reaching a steady state, the trident taps K_1 and K_2 were closed, and simultaneously, heating was stopped. Then, all the vapor-phase hold-up was trapped above the trident tap K_1 .

Step 2. After switching the trident taps K_1 and K_2 to the ebulliometer (b), the trapped condensate above the trident tap K_1 was moved to the ebulliometer (b). Then, the mixture in the ebulliometer (b) was brought to the boiling point. The vapor

Table 2. Determined Parameters and Deviations between Experimental and Calculated Boiling Points for Eight Binary Systems Using the NRTL Equation

| parameter | tetrahydropyran (1) + methanol (2) | tetrahydropyran (1) + ethanol (2) | tetrahydropyran (1) + 2-propanol (2) |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| $a_{12}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ | $-8.5719 \cdot 10^{-1}$ | $3.3456 \cdot 10^3$ | $4.2175 \cdot 10^3$ |
| $b_{12}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ | $-1.8476 \cdot 10^{-2}$ | $3.1820 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | $1.8819 \cdot 10^{-1}$ |
| $c_{12}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-2}$ | $1.4481 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | $-1.8033 \cdot 10^{-2}$ | $-9.8253 \cdot 10^{-3}$ |
| $a_{21}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ | $5.8959 \cdot 10^3$ | $9.1460 \cdot 10^2$ | 8.3661 |
| $b_{21}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ | -7.9446 | $1.2562 \cdot 10^{-1}$ | -2.2168 |
| $c_{21}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-2}$ | $-1.5961 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1.9013 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $-4.8739 \cdot 10^{-3}$ |
| α_{12} | 0.22 | 0.41 | 0.21 |
| Dev ^a /K | 0.09 | 0.06 | 0.04 |
| $g_{12} - g_{22}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ | $2.7757 \cdot 10^2$ | $8.7132 \cdot 10^2$ | $1.9397 \cdot 10^3$ |
| $g_{21} - g_{11}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ | $2.9150 \cdot 10^3$ | $1.5045 \cdot 10^3$ | $-3.3197 \cdot 10^2$ |
| α_{12} | 0.31 | 0.30 | 0.35 |
| Dev ^a /K | 0.09 | 0.13 | 0.14 |
| parameter | tetrahydropyran (1) + 1-propanol (2) | tetrahydropyran (1) + 2-methyl-2-propanol (2) | tetrahydropyran (1) + 2-butanol (2) |
| $a_{12}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ | $3.5351 \cdot 10^3$ | $3.5690 \cdot 10^3$ | $1.2677 \cdot 10^4$ |
| $b_{12}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ | $9.5695 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1.3757 \cdot 10^{-1}$ | $-2.7827 \cdot 10^1$ |
| $c_{12}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-2}$ | $-6.1266 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $-2.3301 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1.1791 \cdot 10^{-2}$ |
| $a_{21}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ | -6.9654 | $4.6638 \cdot 10^1$ | $-3.2295 \cdot 10^3$ |
| $b_{21}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ | $-5.2186 \cdot 10^{-2}$ | -6.6269 | $1.7594 \cdot 10^{-2}$ |
| $c_{21}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-2}$ | $-8.6351 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $9.6653 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | $2.3469 \cdot 10^{-3}$ |
| α_{12} | 0.24 | 0.27 | 0.20 |
| Dev ^a /K | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.05 |
| $g_{12} - g_{22}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ | $3.2314 \cdot 10^3$ | $2.1370 \cdot 10^3$ | $3.1054 \cdot 10^3$ |
| $g_{21} - g_{11}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ | $-1.4667 \cdot 10^3$ | $-1.2045 \cdot 10^3$ | $-1.8718 \cdot 10^3$ |
| α_{12} | 0.21 | 0.42 | 0.36 |
| Dev ^a /K | 0.13 | 0.11 | 0.15 |
| parameter | tetrahydropyran (1) + 2-methyl-1-propanol (2) | tetrahydropyran (1) + 1-butanol (2) | |
| $a_{12}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ | $1.0542 \cdot 10^4$ | $1.1334 \cdot 10^4$ | |
| $b_{12}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ | $-2.2216 \cdot 10^1$ | $-2.3415 \cdot 10^1$ | |
| $c_{12}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-2}$ | $4.1908 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $3.6928 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | |
| $a_{21}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ | $-2.2517 \cdot 10^3$ | $-2.5472 \cdot 10^3$ | |
| $b_{21}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ | $1.8358 \cdot 10^{-1}$ | $-6.3481 \cdot 10^{-2}$ | |
| $c_{21}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-2}$ | $1.7328 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $3.5927 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | |
| α_{12} | 0.33 | 0.25 | |
| Dev ^a /K | 0.04 | 0.08 | |
| $g_{12} - g_{22}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ | $3.2769 \cdot 10^3$ | $2.9534 \cdot 10^3$ | |
| $g_{21} - g_{11}/J \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ | $-1.9331 \cdot 10^3$ | $-1.5772 \cdot 10^3$ | |
| α_{12} | 0.39 | 0.44 | |
| Dev ^a /K | 0.17 | 0.22 | |

^a Dev = $1/N \sum_{k=1}^N |T_{\text{expt}} - T_{\text{calcd}}|_k$; N = the number of the data points.

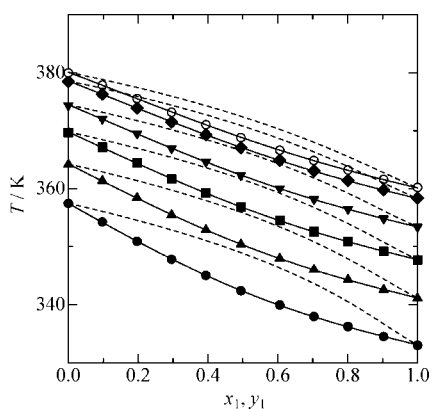


Figure 8. Isobaric vapor–liquid equilibria for the tetrahydropyran (1) + 2-methyl-1-propanol (2) system: ●, 40.00 kPa; ▲, 53.33 kPa; ■, 66.66 kPa; ▼, 79.99 kPa; ◆, 93.32 kPa; ○, 98.66 kPa; —, (T–x), - - -, (T–y), NRTL equation.

while those of THP + methanol, THP + ethanol, and THP + 2-propanol are azeotropic. For THP + 1-propanol and THP + 2-methyl-2-propanol systems, the nonexistence or existence of azeotropic points depends on the pressures. THP + 1-propanol is nonazeotropic in the range of (40.00 to 53.33) kPa and azeotropic in the range of (66.66 to 98.66) kPa. The THP + 2-methyl-2-propanol binary system is azeotropic in the range

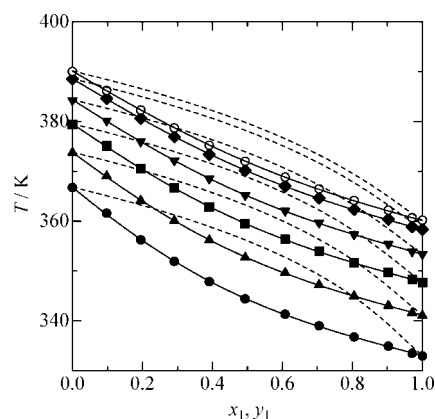


Figure 9. Isobaric vapor–liquid equilibria for the tetrahydropyran (1) + 1-butanol (2) system: ●, 40.00 kPa; ▲, 53.33 kPa; ■, 66.66 kPa; ▼, 79.99 kPa; ◆, 93.32 kPa; ○, 98.66 kPa; —, (T–x), - - -, (T–y), NRTL equation.

of (40.00 to 66.66) kPa and nonazeotropic in the range of (79.99 to 98.66) kPa.

Data Reduction

In this work, the experimental boiling point data were correlated with the NRTL equation.⁵ In the correlation, the liquid phase activity coefficient was calculated using the following expression.

$$\gamma_i = \frac{Py_i}{P_i^\circ x_i} \quad (1)$$

In this work, the saturated vapor pressures of the pure components i , P_i° , were calculated using the Antoine equation. The Antoine constants for THP and other compounds were obtained from our previous paper⁹ and from the literature,⁷ respectively. The binary interaction parameters of the NRTL equation, $g_{ij} - g_{ji}$, were expressed by the following polynomial expression of temperature

$$g_{ij} - g_{ji} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}T/K + c_{ij}(T/K)^2 \quad (2)$$

The fitting parameters a_{ij} , b_{ij} , and c_{ij} for eq 2 and the nonrandomness parameter α_{12} were estimated so that the

Table 3. Azeotropic Compositions Calculated Using the NRTL Parameters

| P/kPa | x_1 | T/K |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Tetrahydropyran (1) + Methanol (2) | | |
| 40.00 | 0.194 | 314.60 |
| 53.33 | 0.174 | 321.25 |
| 66.66 | 0.158 | 326.61 |
| 79.99 | 0.144 | 331.14 |
| 93.32 | 0.132 | 335.06 |
| 98.66 | 0.127 | 336.50 |
| Tetrahydropyran (1) + Ethanol (2) | | |
| 40.00 | 0.450 | 325.98 |
| 53.33 | 0.408 | 332.99 |
| 66.66 | 0.374 | 338.63 |
| 79.99 | 0.345 | 343.37 |
| 93.32 | 0.319 | 347.48 |
| 98.66 | 0.309 | 348.98 |
| Tetrahydropyran (1) + 2-Propanol (2) | | |
| 40.00 | 0.608 | 330.12 |
| 53.33 | 0.538 | 337.37 |
| 66.66 | 0.476 | 343.18 |
| 79.99 | 0.418 | 348.04 |
| 93.32 | 0.363 | 352.23 |
| 98.66 | 0.341 | 353.76 |
| Tetrahydropyran (1) + 1-Propanol (2) | | |
| 40.00, 53.33 | nonazeotrope | |
| 66.66 | 0.962 | 347.74 |
| 79.99 | 0.937 | 353.31 |
| 93.32 | 0.914 | 358.16 |
| 98.66 | 0.905 | 359.94 |
| Tetrahydropyran (1) + 2-Methyl-2-propanol (2) | | |
| 40.00 | 0.692 | 332.07 |
| 53.33 | 0.536 | 339.44 |
| 66.66 | 0.320 | 345.18 |
| 79.99 to 98.66 | nonazeotrope | |
| Tetrahydropyran (1) + 2-Butanol (2) | | |
| 40.00 to 98.66 | nonazeotrope | |
| Tetrahydropyran (1) + 2-Methyl-1-propanol (2) | | |
| 40.00 to 98.66 | nonazeotrope | |
| Tetrahydropyran (1) + 1-Butanol (2) | | |
| 40.00 to 98.66 | nonazeotrope | |

Table 4. ASOG Group Pair Parameters $m_{k,l}$ and $n_{k,l}$ ^a

| l | CH ₂ | | ArCH | | H ₂ O | | OH | | pyran | |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | m | n | m | n | m | n | m | n | m | n |
| CH ₂ | 0.0 ^b | 0.0 ^b | -0.7457 ^b | 146.0 ^b | -0.2727 ^b | -277.3 ^b | -41.2503 ^b | 7686.4 ^b | -1.2277 ^c | 288.1 ^c |
| ArCH | 0.7297 ^b | -176.8 ^b | 0.0 ^b | 0.0 ^b | -0.7444 ^b | -180.4 ^b | 2.2682 ^b | -1111.5 ^a | 1.2569 ^c | -511.3 ^c |
| H ₂ O | 0.5045 ^b | -2382.3 ^b | 0.3197 ^b | -694.2 ^b | 0.0 ^b | 0.0 ^b | 1.4318 ^b | -280.2 ^a | -4.6492 ^c | 958.5 ^c |
| OH | 4.7125 ^b | -3060 ^b | -0.2115 ^b | -0.2 ^b | -5.8341 ^b | -3221.4 ^b | 0.0 ^b | 0.0 ^b | -0.0687 ^d | -660.6 ^d |
| pyran | 1.0013 ^c | -248.1 ^c | -0.9633 ^c | 406.8 ^c | 1.0696 ^c | -476.0 ^c | -0.8366 ^d | -14.405 ^d | 0.0 ^c | 0.0 ^c |

^a Pyran: $\nu_{ki} = 6$, $\nu_i^{\text{FH}} = 6$. ^b Ref 6. ^c Ref 2. ^d This work.

Table 5. Deviations between Experimental and Calculated Boiling Points for Eight Binary Systems Using the ASOG Contribution Method

| system | average deviation ^a /K | maximum deviation/K |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| tetrahydropyran + methanol | 0.27 | 0.62 |
| tetrahydropyran + ethanol | 0.37 | 0.78 |
| tetrahydropyran + 2-propanol | 0.17 | 0.46 |
| tetrahydropyran + 1-propanol | 0.18 | 0.46 |
| tetrahydropyran + 2-methyl-2-propanol | 0.73 | 1.43 |
| tetrahydropyran + 2-butanol | 0.53 | 1.26 |
| tetrahydropyran + 2-methyl-1-propanol | 0.48 | 1.28 |
| tetrahydropyran + 1-butanol | 0.13 | 0.73 |

^a Average deviation = $1/N \sum_{k=1}^N |T_{\text{expt}} - T_{\text{calcd}}|_k$; N = the number of the data points.

following objective function was minimized by the Marquardt method¹⁰

$$F_{\text{obj}} = \sum_{k=1}^N (T_{\text{expt}} - T_{\text{calcd}})_k^2 \quad (3)$$

The determined fitting parameters for eq 2 and the average deviations between the experimental and calculated boiling points are summarized in Table 2. The case of temperature independence of parameter $g_{ij} - g_{ji}$ was also shown additionally in Table 2. The NRTL equation gave good correlation for all eight binary mixtures examined in this work. The correlated results are graphically shown as solid lines (boiling point) and broken lines (dew point) in Figures 2 to 9. The average deviations between the experimental and calculated boiling points were (0.09, 0.06, 0.04, 0.06, 0.04, 0.05, 0.04, and 0.08) K for THP + methanol, + ethanol, + 2-propanol, + 1-propanol, + 2-methyl-2-propanol, + 2-butanol, + 2-methyl-1-propanol, and + 1-butanol, respectively.

In addition, the azeotropic points for the six systems (THP + methanol, THP + ethanol, THP + 2-propanol, THP + 1-propanol, and THP + 2-methyl-2-propanol) were determined from the NRTL equation. The azeotropic composition and temperature are shown in Table 3.

Determinations of ASOG Group Pair Parameters. The ASOG group contribution method^{2,6} is given by the following equations

$$\ln \gamma_i = \ln \gamma_i^{\text{C}} + \ln \gamma_i^{\text{G}} \quad (4)$$

$$\ln \gamma_i^{\text{C}} = 1 - \frac{\nu_i^{\text{FH}}}{\sum_j \nu_j^{\text{FH}} x_j} + \ln \frac{\nu_i^{\text{FH}}}{\sum_j \nu_j^{\text{FH}} x_j} \quad (5)$$

$$\ln \gamma_i^{\text{G}} = \sum \nu_{ki} (\ln \Gamma_k - \ln \Gamma_k^{(i)}) \quad (6)$$

where $\Gamma_k^{(i)}$ is the activity coefficient in the standard state.

$$\ln \Gamma_k = 1 - \sum_l \frac{X_l a_{l,k}}{\sum_m X_m a_{l,m}} - \ln \sum_l X_l a_{k,l} \quad (7)$$

$$X_i = \frac{\sum_j x_j \nu_{ij}}{\sum_j x_j \sum_l \nu_{lj}} \quad (8)$$

$$a_{kl} = \exp\left(m_{kl} + \frac{n_{kl}}{T}\right) \quad (9)$$

where m_{kl} and n_{kl} are ASOG group pair parameters.

The determined ASOG group pair parameters for the OH and pyran groups are listed in Table 4, and the average deviations between the experimental and calculated boiling points are listed in Table 5. The ASOG group pair parameters of pyran, CH₂, ArCH, and H₂O were obtained from the literature.^{2,6}

Using these values, the vapor–liquid equilibria data containing pyrans, alkanes, aromatic hydrocarbons, water, and alcohols can be estimated.

Conclusions

In this work, the boiling points of eight binary systems at six pressures from (40.00 to 98.66) kPa were measured using a hold-up compensable ebulliometer. The systems consisting of THP + 2-butanol, THP + 2-methyl-1-propanol, and THP + 1-butanol are nonazeotropic, while those of THP + methanol, THP + ethanol, and THP + 2-propanol are azeotropic. The existence of azeotropic points for THP + 1-propanol and THP + 2-methyl-2-propanol systems depends on the pressures. The measured boiling points were satisfactorily correlated using the NRTL equation. The average deviations between the experimental and calculated boiling points were (0.09, 0.06, 0.04, 0.06, 0.04, 0.05, 0.04, and 0.08) K for THP + methanol, + ethanol, + 2-propanol, + 1-propanol, + 2-methyl-2-propanol, + 2-bu-

tanol, + 2-methyl-1-propanol, and + 1-butanol, respectively. The ASOG group pair parameters for the OH and pyran groups were also determined.

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