

Phase Equilibrium Behavior of the Ethane + Dimethyl Sulfoxide and Ethane + Quinoline Binary Systems

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The equilibrium vapor pressure, liquid-phase composition, and liquid-phase molar volume are presented for ethane + dimethyl sulfoxide and ethane + quinoline at 298.15, 308.15, and 318.15 K. Also, the pressure, liquid-phase compositions, and liquid-phase molar volumes on the liquid₁ + liquid₂ + vapor locus are presented. The termination of these loci are located and characterized.

Introduction

The effective design of most separation processes demands reliable phase and volumetric data. Phase equilibria of various hydrocarbons with ethane as a solvent gas near its critical point have been investigated by many researchers. Many of these ethane + hydrocarbon binary systems have been found to exhibit complex phase behavior in regions near the critical point of the lighter component. The phenomenon of partial miscibility was first observed by Kuenen and Robson (5) in the ethane + methanol binary and has been investigated extensively by many researchers since then. The study of the phase equilibrium behavior of ethane and hydrocarbons has been conducted by Kohn and co-workers (4, 10-12), ethane + straight chain hydrocarbons by Specovius et al. (13), ethane + pyrimidine and ethane + quinoxaline by Yamamoto et al. (16, 17), ethane + aromatics by Berlin and co-workers (1) and Jangkamolkulchai et al. (3), ethane + *n*-alkylbenzene series by Li (7), ethane + decahydronaphthalene by Nitschke (8), and ethane + aromatics and ethane + *n*-alkanols by Brunner (2) and Lam et al. (6). The above studies have revealed that many binary systems of ethane exhibit regions of immiscible behavior which are characterized by upper (type K point indicates here a liquid and vapor phase are identical in the presence of a noncritical liquid phase) and lower (LCST or Q point indicates coexistence of four phases) bounds. In the ethane + paraffin binary mixtures there is only a few percent difference in the composition of the phases. Hence, only small regions of immiscibility exist. In less soluble systems, such as ethane + substituted aromatics, the regions of immiscibility can be larger and the LCST point may not occur. Instead the L-L-V region extends down to the quadruple point (Q, S-L-L-V), which is analogous to the triple point of the pure component.

In order to further our understanding of the partial miscibility phenomenon and help elucidate the nature of phase equilibria, binary systems of dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) and quinoline with ethane were investigated in the present work. L-V equilibria have been measured along the 298.15, 308.15, and 318.15 K isotherms, in the pressure range of 0-70 bar for quinoline and 0-105 bar for DMSO. L-L-V-E data have been obtained over the entire range of immiscibility, i.e., between the K point and the Q point.

Experimental Section

A detailed description of the apparatus and the procedure is given by Puri and Kohn (9). The essential ap-

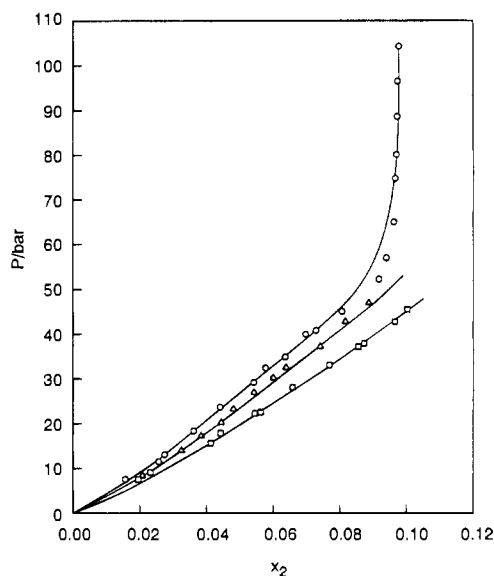


Figure 1. Isothermal pressure versus ethane mole fraction x_2 in ethane (2) + DMSO (1) in the L-V region: \square , $T = 298.15$ K; \triangle , $T = 308.15$ K; \circ , $T = 318.15$ K.

Table 1. Smoothed Values of Liquid-Phase Composition and Liquid Molar Volume V as a Function of Pressure for the Binary System Dimethyl Sulfoxide (1) + Ethane (2)

P/bar	x_2	$V/(\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1})$	P/bar	x_2	$V/(\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1})$
$T = 298.15$ K					
10.00	0.0270	70.35	45.00	0.1009	68.28
15.00	0.0402	69.96	50.00	0.1115	67.03
20.00	0.0521	69.68	60.00	0.1261	63.80
25.00	0.0624	69.35	70.00	0.1295	63.82
30.00	0.0722	69.09	80.00	0.1298	63.88
35.00	0.0818	68.81	90.00	0.1301	63.77
40.00	0.0914	68.54	100.00	0.1304	63.86
$T = 308.15$ K					
10.00	0.0238	71.12	40.00	0.0773	69.93
15.00	0.0347	70.88	45.00	0.0860	69.74
20.00	0.0433	70.67	50.00	0.0946	69.55
25.00	0.0519	70.51	60.00	0.1113	65.02
30.00	0.0604	70.31	70.00	0.1208	64.87
35.00	0.0688	70.12	80.00	0.1210	64.73
$T = 318.15$ K					
10.00	0.0215	71.93	45.00	0.0796	70.58
15.00	0.0310	71.72	50.00	0.0878	70.41
20.00	0.0391	71.53	60.00	0.0962	70.42
25.00	0.0472	71.35	70.00	0.0984	70.50
30.00	0.0533	71.18	80.00	0.0986	70.52
35.00	0.0634	70.98	90.00	0.0988	70.54
40.00	0.0714	70.79	100.00	0.0990	70.56

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Table 2. Smoothed Values of Liquid-Phase Composition and Liquid Molar Volume V as a Function of Pressure for the Binary System Quinoline (1) + Ethane (2)

P/bar	x_2	$V/(\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1})$	P/bar	x_2	$V/(\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1})$
$T = 298.15$					
5.00	0.0350	116.38	30.00	0.2057	105.03
10.00	0.0700	114.07	35.00	0.2395	102.84
15.00	0.1039	111.81	40.00	0.2740	100.59
20.00	0.1381	109.60	45.00	0.3060	98.42
25.00	0.1719	107.28			
$T = 308.15 \text{ K}$					
5.00	0.0365	117.45	35.00	0.2200	105.22
10.00	0.0606	115.78	40.00	0.2401	103.85
15.00	0.0904	113.82	45.00	0.2652	102.24
20.00	0.1230	111.67	50.00	0.2880	100.70
25.00	0.1510	108.09	55.00	0.3120	99.10
30.00	0.1803	107.85			
$T = 318.15 \text{ K}$					
5.00	0.0320	119.02	40.00	0.2079	107.47
10.00	0.0512	117.73	45.00	0.2336	105.83
15.00	0.0787	116.11	50.00	0.2600	104.08
20.00	0.1041	114.37	55.00	0.2801	102.76
25.00	0.1398	112.04	60.00	0.3040	101.40
30.00	0.1559	110.96	65.00	0.3212	100.09
35.00	0.1812	109.30	70.00	0.3423	98.61

Table 3. Smoothed Values of Pressure, Temperature, Composition, and Liquid Molar Volume V of the Liquid₁ + Liquid₂ + Vapor Locus for the Binary System Dimethyl Sulfoxide (1) + Ethane (2)

T/K	P/bar	x_2		$V/(\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1})$	
		L_1	L_2	V_1	V_2
288.91	35.03 ^a	0.0861	0.9924	67.35	78.41
290.15	35.61	0.0875	0.9927	67.78	79.06
291.15	36.48	0.0879	0.9929	68.11	79.92
292.15	37.27	0.0897	0.9930	68.18	80.85
293.15	38.09	0.0906	0.9932	68.26	81.52
294.15	38.90	0.0915	0.9934	68.29	82.73
295.15	39.75	0.0922	0.9936	68.32	83.68
296.15	40.51	0.0933	0.9938	68.44	84.96
297.15	41.24	0.0945	0.9940	68.56	86.45
298.15	42.13	0.0951	0.9943	68.65	87.68
299.15	43.03	0.0960	0.9946	68.74	89.22
300.15	43.90	0.0972	0.9949	68.78	90.97
301.15	44.86	0.0982	0.9953	68.81	92.78
302.15	45.74	0.0992	0.9957	68.86	94.81
303.15	46.62	0.1005	0.9960	68.93	97.28
304.15	47.57	0.1012	0.9962	68.98	100.50
304.51	48.11	0.1018	0.9964	69.02	102.76
305.15	48.45	0.1021	0.9965	69.07	107.05
305.37	48.82 ^b	0.1024	0.9967	69.12	114.00

^a Quadruple point. ^b Type K singular point.

paratus consists of a constant-temperature bath in which is placed a calibrated borosilicate glass equilibrium cell. A mercury displacement pump is used to inject the pure gas component (ethane) from a thermostated steel bomb to the equilibrium cell. The high-pressure (exceeding 70 bar) runs are conducted in a stainless steel high-pressure glass-window cell, containing a vertical bar magnetic stirrer. It is attached to the gas line as before. The rest of the setup and apparatus are the same except that the SS cell is now used in a magnetically stirred acrylic water bath.

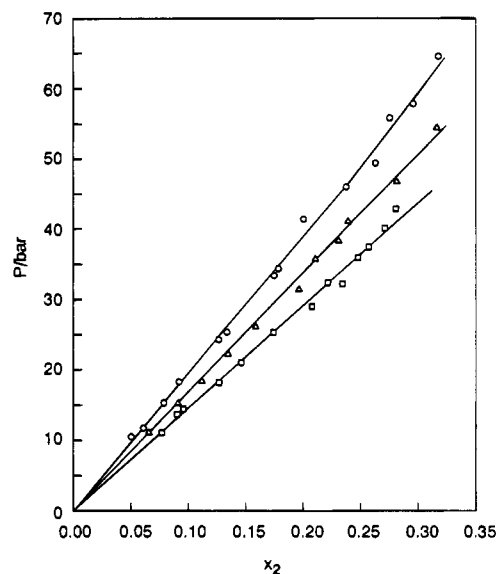
For the L_1 -V (L_1 = ethane-lean liquid phase, V = vapor phase) isotherms, a known amount of the heavy hydrocarbon was placed in the equilibrium cell and measured amounts of ethane were added to the cell. Using a mass balance, the number of moles of ethane added to the liquid phase was determined. In all cases, the vapor phase was assumed to be pure ethane.

In the case of the L_1 - L_2 -V (L_2 = ethane-rich liquid phase) runs, the number of moles of ethane in a specific

Table 4. Smoothed Values of Pressure, Temperature, Composition, and Liquid Molar Volume V of the Liquid₁ + Liquid₂ + Vapor Locus for the Binary System Quinoline (1) + Ethane (2)

T/K	P/bar	x_2		$V/(\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1})$	
		L_1	L_2	V_1	V_2
245.09	11.02 ^a	0.2184	0.9904	100.51	66.67
248.15	12.50	0.2230	0.9906	101.02	67.04
252.15	14.51	0.2269	0.9909	101.24	68.32
256.15	16.49	0.2318	0.9911	101.30	69.55
260.15	18.38	0.2365	0.9913	101.33	70.78
264.15	20.01	0.2417	0.9916	101.36	72.06
268.15	22.25	0.2458	0.9918	101.39	73.48
272.15	24.18	0.2509	0.9920	101.42	74.97
276.15	26.25	0.2554	0.9922	101.45	76.58
280.15	28.50	0.2602	0.9925	101.47	78.11
284.15	30.08	0.2650	0.9927	101.50	80.04
288.15	33.54	0.2683	0.9929	101.52	82.25
292.15	36.61	0.2725	0.9932	101.55	83.96
296.15	39.97	0.2761	0.9934	101.58	85.50
300.15	43.05	0.2798	0.9936	101.62	88.61
304.15	46.54	0.2834	0.9939	101.66	91.79
308.49	51.15 ^b	0.2872	0.9941	101.71	111.45

^a Quadruple point. ^b Type K singular point.

**Figure 2. Isothermal pressure versus ethane mole fraction x_2 in ethane (2) + quinoline (1) in the L-V region: \square , $T = 298.15 \text{ K}$; \triangle , $T = 308.15 \text{ K}$; \circ , $T = 318.15 \text{ K}$.**

liquid phase was determined from individual runs in which either a small amount or a large quantity of heavy hydrocarbon was initially injected into the cell. By using the results from several runs at different initial loadings of heavy hydrocarbon, the compositions and molar volumes of both the L_1 and L_2 phases could be calculated.

Temperatures were taken using a platinum resistance thermometer which was accurate to within $\pm 0.03 \text{ K}$. Pressures were measured using Bourdon tube gauges, which were frequently calibrated against an accurate dead weight gauge to an estimated accuracy of $\pm 0.07 \text{ bar}$. The glass equilibrium cell was calibrated and judged to give volumetric readings to an accuracy of $\pm 0.02 \text{ cm}^3$. The high-pressure SS cell had an accuracy of $\pm 0.01 \text{ cm}^3$.

Materials

The gas used in this study is Linde CP grade ethane which has a rated purity of 99.0% minimum. It was purified prior to use in the experimental runs. This gas was passed through consecutive beds of molecular sieves (13A) and an activated charcoal filter and then flashed from the gas cylinder at room temperature into a storage

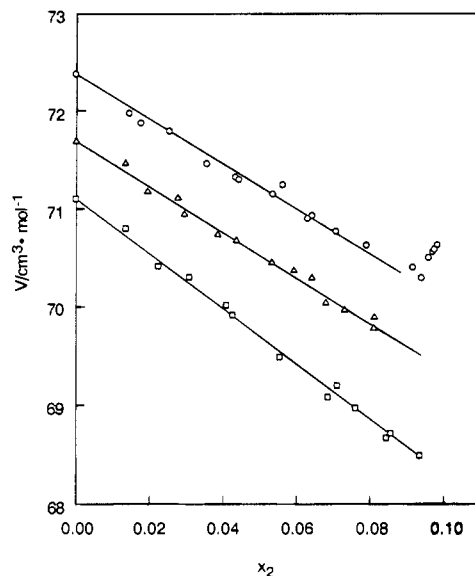


Figure 3. Isothermal liquid molar volume versus ethane mole fraction x_2 in ethane (2) + DMSO (1) in the L-V region: \square , $T = 298.15$ K; Δ , $T = 308.15$ K; \circ , $T = 318.15$ K.

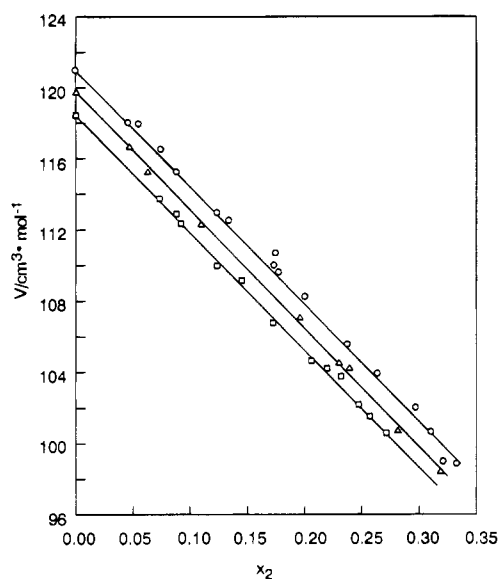


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points of Table 6 are the actual tabulated values for the dew points.

Figures 1–4 represent the pressure–composition and liquid molar volume–composition diagrams for both systems. Figures 1 and 3 containing the data for the ethane + DMSO system indicate very low solubility of ethane in DMSO relative to ethane solubility as shown in Figures 2 and 4 for the ethane + quinoline system. Such low solubility of ethane in organic solvents appears to be quite rare, but is consistent with the extremely high solubility parameter of DMSO. Figure 1 also shows that the 318.15 K isotherm has a surprisingly high pressure rise over a narrow composition range near 0.098 mole fraction ethane. Figure 3 showing the molar volume of the liquid phase of the ethane + DMSO system also has a sharp increase in liquid molar volume at 318.15 K in the composition range near 0.098 mole fraction ethane. Figure 6 shows no comparable sudden changes in liquid molar volumes for the ethane + quinoline system at any of the three isotherms. Figure 7 shows the liquid molar volumes of both

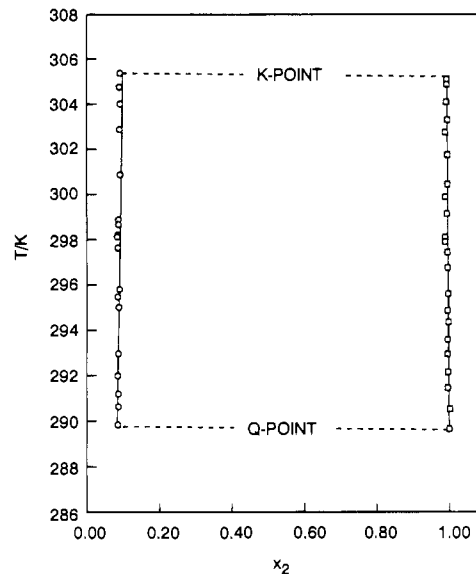


Figure 5. Temperature versus ethane mole fraction x_2 in ethane (2) + DMSO (1) in the L-L-V region: \square , L_2 phase; \circ , L_1 phase.

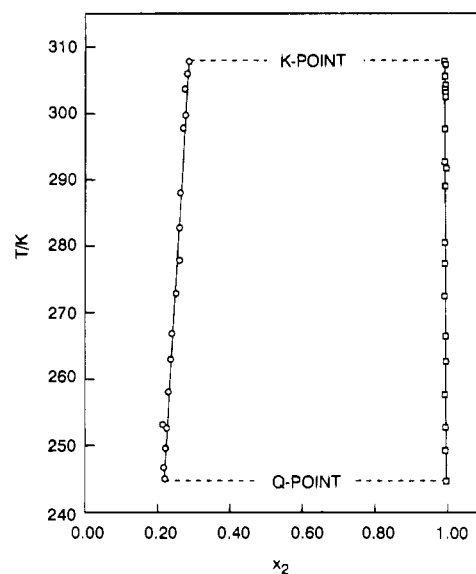


Figure 6. Temperature versus ethane mole fraction x_2 in ethane (2) + quinoline (1) in the L-L-V region: \square , L_2 phase; \circ , L_1 phase.

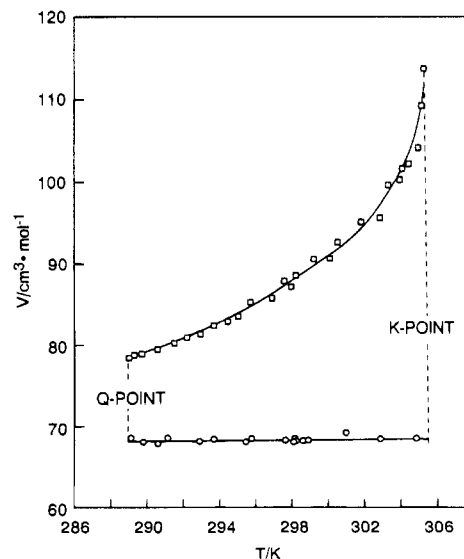


Figure 7. Liquid molar volume versus temperature in ethane (2) + DMSO (1) in the L-L-V region: \square , L_2 phase; \circ , L_1 phase.

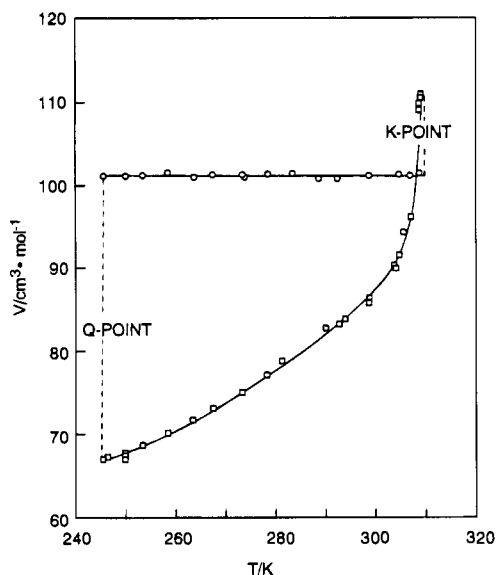


Figure 8. Liquid molar volume versus temperature in ethane (2) + quinoline (1) in the L-L-V region: □, L₂ phase; ○, L₁ phase.

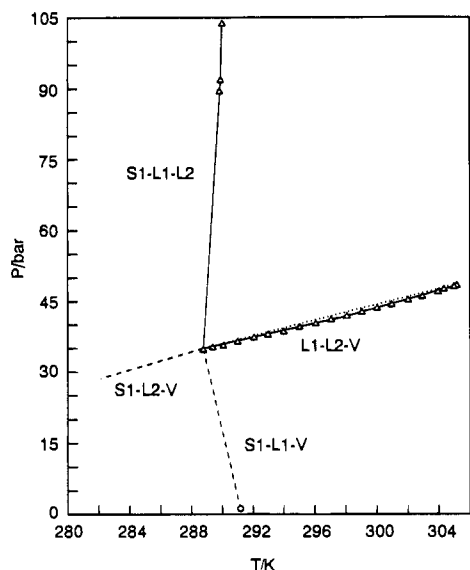


Figure 9. P-T phase diagram of ethane (2) + DMSO (1): —, ethane P-T curve; △, experimental data; ---, expected.

liquid phases in the partial liquid miscibility region for ethane + DMSO while Figure 8 shows comparable data for the ethane + quinoline system.

Figure 9 shows the P-T behavior of the ethane + DMSO system in the quadrupole point region, and Figure 10 shows the P-T behavior in the quadruple point region for the ethane + quinoline system. In the case of the ethane + DMSO system experimental point pressures greater than the quadruple point pressure were obtained along the S₁-L₁-L₂ three-phase line. These points indicate a very high positive shape for the S₁-L₁-L₂ three-phase line. No experimental points were taken along the S₁-L₂-V and S₁-L₁-V lines for the ethane + DMSO system, so these lines are estimated by dashed lines. Figure 10 shows the experimental points obtained along the S₁-L₂-V three-phase line for the ethane + quinoline system and shows the S₁-L₁-L₂ and S₁-L₁-V lines dashed because no experimental data were obtained along these lines.

All the vapor-liquid experimental results were fitted with two models: the Flory-Huggins solution model and the Scatchard modification of regular solution theory. Details of the model calculations can be found in Rodrigues

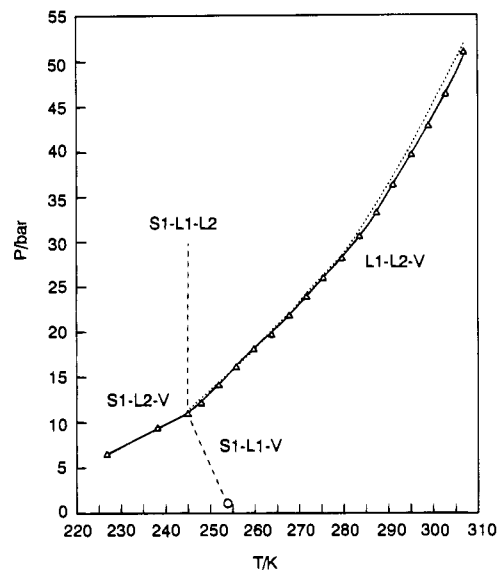


Figure 10. P-T phase diagram of ethane (2) + quinoline (1): —, ethane P-T curve; △, experimental data; ---, expected.

et al. (10) and in specific detail in Trehan (15). The data from the National Bureau of Standards (14) were used for the pure ethane fugacities. The Flory-Huggins model fits the ethane + DMSO results at 298.15 K with a value of the interchange parameter of 3.55 kJ mol⁻¹, and the standard deviation which corresponds to this value of the interchange parameter is ±0.395 bar for the computed fugacities. Corresponding values by the Scatchard model are 2.95 kJ mol⁻¹ for the interchange parameter and ±0.444 bar for the standard deviation. For the ethane + quinoline binary the values of the interchange parameter at 298.15 K are 3.42 and 2.58 kJ mol⁻¹ for the Flory-Huggins and Scatchard models, respectively. The standard deviations in the computed fugacities are ±0.094 and ±0.172 bar. Although both the solution models fit the data fairly well, the Flory-Huggins model is superior to the Scatchard model.

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