Excess Molar Enthalpies and Excess Molar Volumes of Binary Mixtures Containing 1,3-Dioxolane + Four Pairs of Alkyl Alkanoate Isomers at 298.15 K

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Excess molar enthalpies, H_{m}^{E} , and excess molar volumes, V_{m}^{E} , have been determined at 298.15 K and at atmospheric pressure for the binary mixtures containing 1,3-dioxolane + four pairs of structural isomers of alkyl alkanoates, namely, propyl ethanoate and ethyl propanoate, butyl ethanoate and ethyl butanoate, pentyl ethanoate and ethyl pentanoate, and hexyl ethanoate and ethyl hexanoate, respectively. H_{m}^{E} values are always positive and increase as the chain length of the alkanoate is increased, showing maximum values varying from 153 J·mol⁻¹(propyl ethanoate) to 557 J·mol⁻¹(hexyl ethanoate). In contrast, V_{m}^{E} values are positive in mixtures containing ethyl hexanoate, hexyl ethanoate, ethyl pentanoate, and pentyl ethanoate and ethyl propanoate, showing an inversion of sign for ethyl butanoate and butyl ethanoate. V_{m}^{E} values vary from -0.07 cm³·mol⁻¹ (propyl ethanoate) up to 0.18 cm³·mol⁻¹ (ethyl hexanoate), increasing as the chain length of the alkanoate is increased. Experimental data have been correlated using the Redlich–Kister equation.

1. Introduction

The present paper continues our latest research studies (Francesconi et al., 1998; Comelli et al., 1998) on excess properties of binary mixtures containing structural isomers of organic compounds and reports the excess molar enthalpies, $H_{\rm m}^{\rm E}$, and the excess molar volumes, $V_{\rm m}^{\rm E}$, of 1,3-dioxolane + four pairs of alkyl alkanoate isomers, namely, propyl ethanoate and ethyl propanoate, butyl ethanoate and ethyl pentanoate, and hexyl ethanoate and ethyl hexanoate, respectively.

Our aim, as primary interest, is to investigate and give a qualitative interpretation of the interactions between the different types of molecules in binary mixtures, emphasizing the behavior of structural isomers. We are also interested in comparing the excess properties reported in this paper with those obtained previously (Francesconi et al., 1998) on binary mixtures of 2-methoxy-2-methyl propane (MTBE), a noncyclic ether, with the same structural isomers.

Literature data on these mixtures have not been found.

2. Experimental Section

Chemicals. Chemicals were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. (Steinheim, Germany). The analyses of the products were performed on a Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph model 5890 by using an HP (cross-linked 5% ME siloxane) capillary column.

A purity \geq 99.4 mol % was obtained for all chemicals, except for ethyl pentanoate and hexyl ethanoate, which were fractionally distilled through a 120 plate laboratory column. Purities of these liquids after distillation were

Table 1. Mole Percent Purities, Densities, ρ , and Comparison with Literature Values of Pure Components at 298.15 K

| | $ ho/{ m g}{\cdot}{ m cm}^{-3}$ | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| component (purity/mol %) | this paper | lit. | |
| 1,3-dioxolane (99.8) | 1.058 74 | 1.05865 ^a | |
| ethyl propanoate (99.9) | 0.884 32 | 0.8840^{b} | 0.883 91 ^c |
| propyl ethanoate (99.5) | 0.883 33 | 0.8826^{b} | |
| ethyl butanoate (99.8) | 0.873 60 | 0.8737^{b} | |
| butyl ethanoate (99.7) | 0.876 21 | 0.8766^{b} | 0.875 67 ^d |
| ethyl pentanoate (99.8) | 0.869 23 | | |
| pentyl ethanoate (99.6) | $0.872\ 00$ | 0.8719^{b} | 0.871 63 ^d |
| ethyl hexanoate (99.4) | 0.866 38 | | |
| hexyl ethanoate (99.7) | 0.868 56 | 0.8679^{b} | 0.868 6 ^e |

^a Inglese et al. (1983). ^b TRC Thermodynamic Tables (1996). ^c Ortega et al. (1987). ^d Ortega et al. (1995). ^e Arce et al. (1995).

 $99.7\ mol\ \%$ and $99.8\ mol\ \%$ respectively. Other chemicals were used as received.

Before measurements, pure products were degassed by ultrasound (ultrasonic bath, Hellma, type 460, Milan, Italy), kept in dark bottles and dried over molecular sieves (Union Carbide, type 4A, $1/_{16}$ in. pellets).

Purities of liquids were also checked by measuring their densities, which were in good agreement with the available literature. Purities, density values, and comparisons with literature data are reported in Table 1.

Apparatus and Procedure. Excess molar enthalpies, $H_{\rm m}^{\rm E}$, were determined using a flow microcalorimeter (LBK Produkter, model 2107, Bromma, Sweden) at the temperature (298.15 \pm 0.01) K controlled by calibrated thermistors inside the apparatus and under ambient pressure. Two automatic burets (ABU, Radiometer, Copenhagen, Denmark) were used to pump pure liquids into the mixing cell of the calorimeter.

Both the electrical calibration and the operating procedure have been described previously (Monk and Wadso, 1968; Francesconi and Comelli, 1986).

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Table 2.Mole Fraction, x1, and Excess Molar Enthalpies, \textit{H}_{m}^{E} , of 1,3-Dioxolane + Alkyl Alkanoates at 298.15 K

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| <i>X</i> 1 | $H_{ m m}^{ m E}/{ m J}{ m \cdot mol^{-1}}$ | <i>X</i> 1 | $H_{ m m}^{ m E}/{ m J}{ m \cdot mol^{-1}}$ |
|------------|---|---------------|---|
| | 1,3-Dioxolane (1) + I | Ethyl Propano | ate (2) |
| 0.0644 | 39 | 0.6231 | 196 |
| 0.1211 | 71 | 0.7126 | 179 |
| 0.1713 | 98 | 0.7678 | 159 |
| 0.2160 | 118 | 0.8322 | 127 |
| 0.2924 | 147 | 0.9084 | 70 59 |
| 0.4526 | 197 | 0.9520 | 43 |
| 0.5243 | 200 | 0.9754 | 24 |
| | 1.3-Dioxolane $(1) + I$ | Propyl Ethano | ate (2) |
| 0.0645 | 27 | 0.6234 | 151 |
| 0.1212 | 50 | 0.7129 | 140 |
| 0.1714 | 70 | 0.7680 | 125 |
| 0.2162 | 87 | 0.8324 | 101 |
| 0.2927 | 111 | 0.9085 | 64 |
| 0.3333 | 145 | 0.9298 | 49 |
| 0.5246 | 143 | 0.9754 | 18 |
| 010210 | 1.3 Diovolano $(1) + 1$ | Ethyl Butano | ata (2) |
| 0 0735 | $1,3$ -Dioxolalle (1) \pm . | 0 6557 | 319 |
| 0.1369 | 129 | 0.7407 | 289 |
| 0.1922 | 170 | 0.7920 | 251 |
| 0.2408 | 206 | 0.8510 | 196 |
| 0.3224 | 261 | 0.9195 | 118 |
| 0.3882 | 293 | 0.9384 | 93 |
| 0.4876 | 326 | 0.9581 | 66 |
| 0.5595 | 334 | 0.9789 | 34 |
| 0 0799 | 1,3-Dioxolane (1) + | Butyl Ethanos | ate (2) |
| 0.0733 | 55 96 | 0.0549 | 201 |
| 0.1917 | 131 | 0.7914 | 208 |
| 0.2402 | 162 | 0.8390 | 169 |
| 0.3217 | 208 | 0.9193 | 98 |
| 0.3874 | 231 | 0.9382 | 78 |
| 0.4868 | 259 | 0.9579 | 55 |
| 0.5585 | 269 | 0.9785 | 28 |
| 0.0000 | 1,3-Dioxolane $(1) + I$ | Ethyl Pentano | ate (2) |
| 0.0820 | 99 | 0.6819 | 420 |
| 0.1313 | 179 | 0.7028 | 304 321 |
| 0.2632 | 293 | 0.8654 | 250 |
| 0.3489 | 361 | 0.9279 | 148 |
| 0.4167 | 400 | 0.9449 | 107 |
| 0.5173 | 441 | 0.9626 | 80 |
| 0.5883 | 444 | 0.9809 | 42 |
| | 1,3-Dioxolane $(1) + I$ | Pentyl Ethano | ate (2) |
| 0.0817 | 85 | 0.6811 | 360 |
| 0.1511 | 150 | 0.7621 | 330 |
| 0.2107 | 200 | 0.8103 | 280 227 |
| 0.3481 | 293 | 0.9276 | 134 |
| 0.4158 | 328 | 0.9447 | 107 |
| 0.5164 | 367 | 0.9625 | 75 |
| 0.5874 | 377 | 0.9809 | 39 |
| | 1,3-Dioxolane $(1) + 1$ | Ethyl Hexano | ate (2) |
| 0.0903 | 134 | 0.7044 | 521 |
| 0.1656 | 239 | 0.7814 | 471 |
| 0.2295 | 312 | 0.8265 | 403 |
| 0.2842 | 452 | 0.8775 | 187 |
| 0.4426 | 507 | 0.9502 | 144 |
| 0.5437 | 551 | 0.9662 | 104 |
| 0.6137 | 556 | 0.9828 | 54 |
| | 1,3-Dioxolane $(1) + 1$ | Hexyl Ethano | ate (2) |
| 0.0901 | 110 | 0.7039 | 469 |
| 0.1653 | 194 | 0.7810 | 415 |
| 0.2290 | 262 | 0.8262 | 362 |
| 0.2837 | 325 | 0.8770 | 283 |
| 0.3727 | 390 116 | 0.9345 | 172 |
| 0.5430 | 440 | 0.9661 | 93 |
| 0.6104 | 496 | 0.9831 | 47 |

| Table 3. | Mole Fractions, | x1, and Excess | Molar V | olumes, |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|---------|
| $V_{\rm m}^{\rm E}$, of 1,3 | Dioxolane + Alk | yl Alkanoates | at 298.15 | 5 K |

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|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | $V_{\rm m}^{\rm E}$ / | | | $V_{\rm m}^{\rm E}$ / |
| <i>X</i> 1 | $ ho/g\cdot cm^{-3}$ | cm ³ ⋅mol ⁻¹ | <i>X</i> 1 | $ ho/g\cdot cm^{-3}$ | cm ³ ⋅mol ⁻¹ |
| | 1,3-Dio | xolane (1) + | Ethyl Pro | panoate (2) | |
| 0.0819 | 0.893 37 | -0.012 | 0.6947 | 0.986 22 | -0.069 |
| 0.1604 | 0.902 63 | -0.026 | 0.7810 | 1.004 32 | -0.060 |
| 0.2266 | 0.910 93 | -0.036 | 0.8655 | 1.023 73 | -0.044 |
| 0.4303 | 0.939 70 | -0.029 | 0.9070 | 1.033 96 | -0.033 |
| 0.5410 | 0.957 82 | -0.070 -0.071 | 0.9272 | 1.039.13 | -0.027 -0.014 |
| 0.0402 | 1.2 Die | 0.071 | Duenal Et | 1.040 JJ | 0.014 |
| 0.0613 | 1,3-D10 0 890 09 | -0.011 | 0 5559 | 0.959.74 | -0.073 |
| 0.1706 | 0.903 01 | -0.031 | 0.6227 | 0.971 82 | -0.073 |
| 0.2160 | 0.908 75 | -0.040 | 0.6788 | 0.982 63 | -0.072 |
| 0.2899 | 0.918 54 | -0.050 | 0.7468 | 0.996 57 | -0.065 |
| 0.3269 | 0.923 70 | -0.056 | 0.8436 | 1.018 26 | -0.048 |
| 0.4062 | 0.935 33 | -0.065 | 0.9134 | 1.035 43 | -0.030 |
| 0.4803 | 0.946 97 | -0.071 | 0.9626 | 1.048 38 | -0.014 |
| | 1,3-Dio | xolane(1) + | Ethyl Bu | tanoate (2) | |
| 0.0487 | 0.878 41 | 0.006 | 0.5885 | 0.952 99 | 0.012 |
| 0.1426 | 0.888 38 | 0.017 | 0.6/84 | 0.970 95 | 0.005 |
| 0.2379 | 0.902 03 | 0.025 | 0.7313 | 0.987 27 | -0.001 |
| 0.2731 | 0.904 00 | 0.023 | 0.8013 | 0.999 30 | -0.004 |
| 0.4715 | 0.932.58 | 0.020 | 0.0400 | 1 036 06 | -0.000 |
| 0.5238 | 0.941 32 | 0.017 | 0.9638 | 1.046 47 | -0.003 |
| | 1.3-Dio | xolane(1) + | Butyl Etł | nanoate (2) | |
| 0.0476 | 0.880 86 | 0.006 | 0.6324 | 0.962 93 | 0.015 |
| 0.1580 | 0.892 55 | 0.016 | 0.7004 | 0.976 92 | 0.011 |
| 0.2901 | 0.908 43 | 0.022 | 0.7514 | 0.988 33 | 0.007 |
| 0.3237 | 0.912 85 | 0.023 | 0.8095 | 1.002 43 | 0.003 |
| 0.4122 | 0.925 32 | 0.024 | 0.8734 | 1.019 44 | 0.001 |
| 0.4877 | 0.937 06 | 0.022 | 0.9386 | 1.033 86 | -0.001 |
| 0.3672 | 0.950 67 | 0.019 | 0.9033 | 1.040 50 | -0.001 |
| 0.0251 | I,3-Di0 | xolane $(1) +$ | Ethyl Pen | anoate (2) | 0.004 |
| 0.0331 | 0.872.31 | 0.015 | 0.0002 | 0.947 03 | 0.094 |
| 0.2836 | 0.898 21 | 0.087 | 0.7736 | 0.985 03 | 0.066 |
| 0.3461 | 0.906 09 | 0.097 | 0.8243 | 0.998 75 | 0.054 |
| 0.4511 | 0.921 00 | 0.101 | 0.86857 | 1.011 88 | 0.042 |
| 0.5009 | 0.928 87 | 0.101 | 0.92181 | 1.029 30 | 0.024 |
| 0.5622 | 0.939 40 | 0.101 | 0.9663 | 1.045 57 | 0.011 |
| | 1,3-Dio | xolane (1) + | Pentyl Et | hanoate (2) | |
| 0.0625 | 0.878 10 | 0.023 | 0.6577 | 0.959 88 | 0.098 |
| 0.14/1 | 0.886 20 | 0.051 | 0.7333 | 0.977 01 | 0.086 |
| 0.2000 | 0.89915 | 0.083 | 0.7001 | 1 008 06 | 0.073 |
| 0.4255 | 0.919 76 | 0.105 | 0.9034 | 1.023 71 | 0.039 |
| 0.4843 | 0.928 63 | 0.107 | 0.9359 | 1.034 73 | 0.025 |
| 0.5466 | 0.938 89 | 0.106 | 0.9588 | 1.042 95 | 0.016 |
| 0.5984 | 0.948 21 | 0.104 | | | |
| | 1,3-Dio | xolane (1) + | Ethyl He | xanoate (2) | |
| 0.0535 | 0.870 64 | 0.036 | 0.6274 | 0.94454 | 0.176 |
| 0.1863 | 0.882 63 | 0.107 | 0.6898 | 0.957 75 | 0.162 |
| 0.3396 | 0.899 48 | 0.162 | 0.7327 | 0.967 86 | 0.148 |
| 0.4238 | 0.910 50 | 0.181 | 0.7904 | 0.982 94 | 0.128 |
| 0.5120 | 0.923 89 | 0.185 | 0.8491 | 1.000 41 | 0.099 |
| 0.5951 | 0.938 28 | 0.185 | 0.9643 | 1.042 80 | 0.045 |
| 5.0001 | 1 2 Dia | $(1) \perp$ | Hevy] E+1 | 1.0 12 00 | 0.021 |
| 0.0910 | 0.875 97 | 0.051 | 0.7014 | 0.911 59 | 0.163 |
| 0.1856 | 0.884 64 | 0.098 | 0.7381 | 0.970 24 | 0.154 |
| 0.3314 | 0.900 41 | 0.150 | 0.7671 | 0.977 60 | 0.144 |
| 0.3925 | 0.908 08 | 0.167 | 0.8468 | 1.000 36 | 0.108 |
| 0.5036 | 0.924 09 | 0.182 | 0.8996 | 1.017 96 | 0.077 |
| 0.5663 | 0.934 55 | 0.183 | 0.9373 | 1.032 04 | 0.050 |
| 0.6277 | 0.945 98 | 0.179 | 0.9692 | 1.045 05 | 0.026 |
| 0.0020 | 0.336 91 | 0.1/1 | | | |

Mole fractions of 1,3-dioxolane (component 1) were determined from fluxes with an accuracy of $\pm 2\times 10^{-4},$ and flow rates were selected to cover the whole mole fraction range.



Figure 1. Excess molar enthalpies, H_{m}^{E} , at 298.15 K of 1,3dioxolane + alkyl alkanoates. Isomers: open and corresponding closed symbols. (\blacksquare , \Box), ethyl propanoate and propyl ethanoate; (\blacktriangle , \triangle), ethyl butanoate and butyl ethanoate; (\blacklozenge , \Diamond), ethyl pentanoate and pentyl ethanoate; (\blacklozenge , \bigcirc), ethyl hexanoate and hexyl ethanoate. Solid lines, calculated with eq 2.



Figure 2. Excess molar volumes, V_m^E , at 298.15 K of 1,3dioxolane + alkyl alkanoates. Isomers: open and corresponding closed symbols. (\blacksquare , \square), ethyl propanoate and propyl ethanoate; (\blacktriangle , \triangle), ethyl butanoate and butyl ethanoate; (\blacklozenge , \Diamond), ethyl pentanoate and pentyl ethanoate; (\blacklozenge , \bigcirc), ethyl hexanoate and hexyl ethanoate. Solid lines, calculated with eq 2.

Before measurements, calibration of the apparatus was carried out by measuring the excess molar enthalpies of the standard mixture cyclohexane + hexane at 298.15 K (Gmehling, 1993). The difference between our values of the excess molar enthalpies and the literature values was found to be less than 0.5% over most of the mole fraction range of cyclohexane.

Excess molar volumes, V_m^E , were determined using a digital density meter (Anton Paar, model DMA 60, Graz, Austria) equipped with a measuring cell (Anton Paar, type 602) as described previously (Fermeglia and Lapasin, 1988).

Table 4. Adjustable Parameters, a_k , Eq 2, and Standard Deviations, $\sigma(Q_m^E)$, Eq 2, of Binary Mixtures Containing 1,3-Dioxolane + Alkyl Alkanoate Structural Isomers at 298.15 K

| | a_0 | a_1 | a_2 | a_3 | $\sigma(Q_{\rm m}^{\rm E})$ | |
|---|-------------|------------------|------------|---------|-----------------------------|--|
| 1,5 | 3-Dioxolane | (1) + Ethy | l Propanoa | te (2) | | |
| $H_{\rm m}^{\rm E}/{\rm J}\cdot{\rm mol}^{-1}$ | 793.3 | 171.9 | 1 | | 1.3 | |
| $V_{\rm m}^{\rm E}/{\rm cm^3 \cdot mol^{-1}}$ | -0.2727 | -0.1273 | -0.0160 | -0.0091 | 0.0003 | |
| 1,3 | 3-Dioxolane | $(1) + Prop_{2}$ | yl Ethanoa | te (2) | | |
| $H_{ m m}^{ m E}/ m J\cdot mol^{-1}$ | 606.1 | 175.2 | | | 1.0 | |
| $V_{\rm m}^{\rm E}/{\rm cm^3 \cdot mol^{-1}}$ | -0.2890 | -0.1041 | | | 0.0006 | |
| 1, | 3-Dioxolane | (1) + Ethy | l Butanoa | te (2) | | |
| $H_{ m m}^{ m E}/ m J\cdot mol^{-1}$ | 1314.9 | 347.8 | | | 1.9 | |
| $V_{\rm m}^{\rm E}/{\rm cm^3 \cdot mol^{-1}}$ | 0.0754 | -0.1295 | -0.0531 | | 0.0006 | |
| 1, | 3-Dioxolane | (1) + Buty | l Ethanoa | te (2) | | |
| $H_{\rm m}^{\rm E}/{ m J}\cdot{ m mol}^{-1}$ | 1053.8 | 321.6 | | | 1.8 | |
| $V_{\rm m}^{\rm E}/{\rm cm^3 \cdot mol^{-1}}$ | 0.0865 | -0.0749 | -0.0455 | | 0.0003 | |
| 1,3 | 3-Dioxolane | (1) + Ethy | l Pentanoa | te (2) | | |
| $H_{\rm m}^{\rm E}/{ m J}{ m \cdot mol^{-1}}$ | 1743.3 | 514.5 | | | 3.0 | |
| $V_{\rm m}^{\rm E}/{\rm cm^3 \cdot mol^{-1}}$ | 0.4063 | -0.0540 | | | 0.0010 | |
| 1,5 | 3-Dioxolane | (1) + Pentr | yl Ethanoa | te (2) | | |
| $H_{\rm m}^{\rm E}/{ m J}{ m \cdot mol^{-1}}$ | 1447.2 | 546.8 | | | 2.8 | |
| $V_{\rm m}^{\rm E}/{\rm cm^3 \cdot mol^{-1}}$ | 0.4294 | 0.0019 | | | 0.0010 | |
| 1,3-Dioxolane (1) + Ethyl Hexanoate (2) | | | | | | |
| $H_{ m m}^{ m E}/{ m J}{ m \cdot}{ m mol}^{-1}$ | 2139.6 | 846.7 | 299.8 | | 3.6 | |
| $V_{\rm m}^{\rm E}/{\rm cm^3 \cdot mol^{-1}}$ | 0.7410 | 0.0461 | | | 0.0008 | |
| 1.3-Dioxolane (1) + Hexyl Ethanoate (2) | | | | | | |
| $H_{\rm m}^{\rm E}/{ m J}{ m \cdot mol^{-1}}$ | 1895.6 | 826.7 | 187.8 | | 2.4 | |
| $V_{\rm m}^{\rm E}/{\rm cm^3 \cdot mol^{-1}}$ | 0.7278 | 0.1382 | | | 0.0010 | |

Mole fractions of dioxolane were prepared by mass, using an electronic balance (Mettler, model AE 160) that had a resolution of ± 0.0001 g and a maximum capacity of 150 g. The accuracy in the mole fraction determination was ± 1 \times $10^{-4}.$

The volumes of the flasks in which mixtures were prepared were $\approx 15 \text{ cm}^3$, and the heavier component was charged first to minimize the composition error due to vaporization. The procedure used in preparing solutions is the same indicated by Fermeglia and Lapasin (1988).

The density measurements were reproducible to $\pm 1 \times 10^{-5} g \cdot cm^{-3}$, leading to an accuracy in excess molar volumes less than $\pm 0.003 \ cm^3 \cdot mol^{-1}$.

A thermostatically well-stirred bath circulator (Heto, type 01 DBT 623, Birkerød, Denmark) whose temperature was controlled to ± 0.005 K was used as external bath, while inside the apparatus a calibrated thermistor (Anton Paar DT 100–25) maintained the test temperature at (298.15 \pm 0.001) K.

Corrections were made for buoyancy and evaporation of the components.

For each experimental set of measurements, the apparatus was calibrated with doubly distilled water and dry air and was also checked against literature data of the mixture benzene + cyclohexane (Wilhelm, 1985). An agreement of our data better than 0.5% in the central range of mole fraction of benzene was found.

3. Results and Discussion

The excess molar volumes were calculated with the following equation

$$V_{\rm m}^{\rm E}/({\rm cm}^3 \cdot {\rm mol}^{-1}) = V - \sum x_i V_i \tag{1}$$

where *V* is the molar volume of the mixture and x_i and V_i

are the mole fractions and molar volumes of the pure components, respectively.

The experimental values of H_m^E and V_m^E are listed in Tables 2 and 3 and graphically represented in Figures 1 and 2. All experimental data were fitted by a least-squares method to the Redlich-Kister equation

$$Q_{\rm m}^{\rm E} = x_1 x_2 \sum_{k \ge 0} a_k (x_1 - x_2)^k \tag{2}$$

where $Q_{\rm m}^{\rm E} = H_{\rm m}^{\rm E}/(J\cdot {\rm mol}^{-1})$ or $V_{\rm m}^{\rm E}/({\rm cm}^3 \cdot {\rm mol}^{-1})$ with all points weighted equally. a_k are the adjustable parameters, and, in each case, their number was ascertained from variance analysis of the standard deviation $\sigma(Q_{\rm m}^{\rm E})$.

The adjustable parameters a_k and the standard deviation σ , as computed from eqs 2 and 3, are presented in Table 4.

Figures 1 and 2 show an interesting different behavior of mixtures when calorimetric and volumetric data are considered.

In fact, both ethyl alkanoates and the corresponding structural isomers propyl alkanoates in mixtures with 1,3dioxolane (a cyclic diether) show a regular increase of $H_{\rm m}^{\rm E}$ and $V_{\rm m}^{\rm E}$ with chain length. However, calorimetric data show a marked and constant difference of H_m^E between the corresponding isomers, while in the V_m^E plots such differences are negligible.

Moreover, it must pointed out that the same isomers of this paper, in mixtures with 2-methoxy-2-methyl propane (MTBE) (a linear ether), exhibit quite a different behavior (Francesconi et al., 1998). Values of both H_m^E and V_m^E decrease as the chain length of alkanoates is increased. $V_{\rm m}^{\rm E}$ have markedly negative values and relatively small values of H_m^E were obtained, whereas mixtures reported in this paper show smaller values of V_m^E and larger values of

 $H_{\rm m}^{\rm E}$. This contrasting results for the binary mixtures of This contrasting results for the binary mixtures of MTBE may be ascribed to the peculiarity of 1,3-dioxolane, having a

positively charged carbon atom closed to the two ethereal oxygen atoms, which implies a relatively strong interaction with the negatively charged oxygen in the C=O groups of alkanoates.

This interaction leads to large negative values of $V_{\rm m}^{\rm E}$ and takes part in lowering $H_{\rm m}^{\rm E}$, as can be seen if the approximate expression $H_{\rm m}^{\rm E} \approx E_{11} + E_{22} - 2E_{12}$ is considered, where E_{12} is the interaction energy between dissimilar molecules of the mixture.

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