

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

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

Introduction

Technology for altenative oxygenate additives in unleaded gasoline needs accurate vapor-liquid equilibrium data to design separation processes properly and to predict properties of mixtures of the additives with gasoline hydrocarbons. At this time, our research group is finishing a program of characterization of the fluid phase equilibria of ethers used as octane-enhancing compounds in gasolines.

Di-isopropyl ether (DIPE) could be use as a blending agent in the formulation of the new unleaded gasolines. In previous papers, we published the study of binary and ternary systems containing MTBE^{1–6} and the substitution hydrocarbons *n*-heptane, cyclohexane, 1-hexene, and benzene at 313.15 K. Also, some results with TAME^{7–10} and DIPE^{11–16} have already been published.

In this paper, we present the most recent results related to di-isopropyl ether with two new ternary systems (di-isopropyl ether (DIPE) + 1-hexene + benzene) and (1-hexene + benzene + cyclohexane); both have been measured at 313.15 K.

Experimental Section

Materials. All the chemicals used here were purchased from Fluka Chemie AG. They have the highest purity available and are chromatography quality reagents (of the series puriss. p.a.) with a purity of >99.5% (by gas chromatography, GC) for benzene and cyclohexane, >99.0% (GC) for DIPE and >98% (GC) for 1-hexene, having checked in our laboratory the indicated assesments by gas chromatography and obtaining the following values, >99.8% (GC) for benzene and cyclohexane and 1-hexene and >99.5% (GC) for DIPE. All liquids were thoroughly degassed before measurements by using a modified distillation method based on the one suggested by Van Ness and Abbott¹⁷ and kept in glass balloons equipped with leak-proof valves.

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

binary and ternary mixtures. The apparatus and measuring technique are based on that by Van Ness and co-workers^{18,19} and whose performance has been described in a previous paper.²⁰

The sample injectors were three 100-cm³ positive displacement pumps (Ruska, mod. 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 1 stainless steel cylinder with a volume of about 180 cm³ fitted with a magnetic stirrer coupled to an external drive. An initial volume of about 50 cm³ of one component was injected into the evacuated cell, and the vapor pressure was measured. Successive injections of a second or a 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 ternary mixtures 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 a.c. 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 mod. 801). The overall uncertainties of the pressure were estimated to be ±5 Pa.

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Table 3. Average Values of Experimental Vapor Pressures (P_i^{sat}) for the Pure Compounds Measured in This Work and Literature Values (P_i^{sat}) (lit.), Molar Volumes of Pure Liquids (V_i^L), and the Second Virial Coefficients (B_{ii} , B_{ij}) at 313.15 K Used for the Reduction of the Systems

	DIPE (1)	cyclohexane (2)	1-hexene (3)	benzene (4)
P_i^{sat} (kPa)	37.125	24.653	44.959	24.402
P_i^{sat} (lit.) (kPa)	37.081 ^a	24.635 ^c	44.979 ^c	24.381 ^c
	37.090 ^b	24.630 ^d	44.989 ^d	24.383 ^d
		24.634 ^e	45.050 ^e	24.369 ^e
		24.670 ^f	45.030 ^f	24.320 ^f
V_i^L (cm ³ ·mol ⁻¹)	145.4	110.8	128.6	91.0
B_{ii} (cm ³ ·mol ⁻¹)	-1688	-1554	-1510	-1311
B_{i3} (cm ³ ·mol ⁻¹)	-1581			
B_{i4} (cm ³ ·mol ⁻¹)	-1701			
B_{23} (cm ³ ·mol ⁻¹)		-1521		
B_{24} (cm ³ ·mol ⁻¹)		-1427		
B_{34} (cm ³ ·mol ⁻¹)			-1483	

^a Calculated from the Antoine equation using constants reported by Riddick et al.³³ ^b Reported by Ambrose et al.³⁴ ^c Reported by Segovia.¹ ^d Reported by Montero.³⁵ ^e Calculated from the Antoine equation using constants reported in TRC tables.³⁶ ^f Calculated from the Antoine equation using constants reported by Reid et al.³⁷

Table 4. Summary of Results for the Other Binary Systems Involved in the Ternary Systems at 313.15 K

	Margules (3 p.)	Wilson	NRTL	UNIQUAC
DIPE (1) + Cyclohexane (2) ^a				
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) ^b				
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) + n-Heptane (2) ^c				
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
n-Heptane (2) + Cyclohexane (3) ^b				
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 Chamorro et al.¹¹ ^b Segovia et al.⁵ ^c Segovia et al.³

corresponding compositions of the liquid, x_i , and vapor, y_i , phases for the ternary systems (DIPE + 1-hexene + benzene) and (1-hexene + benzene + cyclohexane), respectively, where the Wohl expansion has been used in the data reduction.

The average values of the experimental vapor pressures (P_i^{sat}) for the pure compounds compared with literature values (P_i^{sat} , literature), molar volumes of pure liquids (V_i^L), and second virial coefficients (B_{ii} , B_{ij}) are indicated in Table 3.

Results of the data correlation for the ternary systems are summarized in Tables 4 and 5. Both tables contain values of the adjustable parameters of the different models

Table 5. Summary of the Results Obtained for the Ternary System DIPE (1) + 1-Hexene (2) + Benzene (3) at 313.15 K

	Wohl	Wilson	NRTL	UNIQUAC
C_0	0.4215			
C_1	0.0443			
C_2	0.0353			
A_{12}		0.8730	-0.1777	0.9826
A_{21}		1.0988	0.2250	1.0074
A_{13}		0.5305	-0.5154	0.9217
A_{31}		1.4056	0.8217	1.0470
A_{23}		0.5435	-0.3087	0.9011
A_{32}		1.1621	0.7740	1.0021
$\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{23} = \alpha_{13}$		0.3		
rms ΔP (kPa)	0.010	0.008	0.008	0.009
max $ \Delta P $ (kPa)	0.032	0.018	0.019	0.019

Table 6. Summary of the Results Obtained for the Ternary System 1-Hexene (1) + Benzene (2) + Cyclohexane (3) at 313.15 K

	Wohl	Wilson	NRTL	UNIQUAC
C_0	0.7692			
C_1	0.0852			
C_2	0.0535			
A_{12}		0.5784	-0.2627	0.9769
A_{21}		1.1167	0.7080	1.0103
A_{13}		0.6331	-0.4034	0.8857
A_{31}		1.3059	0.6035	1.0202
A_{23}		0.9431	0.5435	0.8151
A_{32}		0.6401	-0.0431	1.0361
$\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{23} = \alpha_{13}$		0.3		
rms ΔP (kPa)	0.011	0.013	0.012	0.011
max $ \Delta P $ (kPa)	0.022	0.046	0.038	0.034

which lead to the results using Barker's method, the root-mean-square of the difference between the experimental and the calculated pressures (rms ΔP) and the maximum value of this difference (max $|\Delta P|$).

Discussion

We have not found literature data available for comparison for any of the ternary systems presented in this paper.

The measurements for the ternary di-isopropyl ether (DIPE) + 1-hexene + benzene were well-correlated by all the models, showing root-mean-square pressure residuals of 8 Pa, with a maximum value of the absolute deviation at a pressure of 18 Pa for the Wilson equation which corresponds to the best fit.

For the system 1-hexene + benzene + cyclohexane again, all the models closely correlated the experimental values. The value of the root-mean-square pressure residuals was 11 Pa, with a maximum value of the absolute deviation at a pressure of 22 Pa, for the Wohl expansion. The binary system benzene + cyclohexane has an azeotrope; nevertheless, the addition of the third component 1-hexene destroys this azeotrope.

Graphical results for the ternary systems are in Figures 1–4. They show an 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 the less volatile compound to the saturation pressure of the more volatile compound. The two measured ternary systems show slight positive deviations from ideality; the molar excess Gibbs energy also increases up to a maximum value, which corresponds to a less ideal binary system. The ternary system di-isopropyl ether (DIPE) + 1-hexene + benzene + cyclohexane is the least ideal ternary system because the binary benzene + cyclohexane is also the least ideal binary

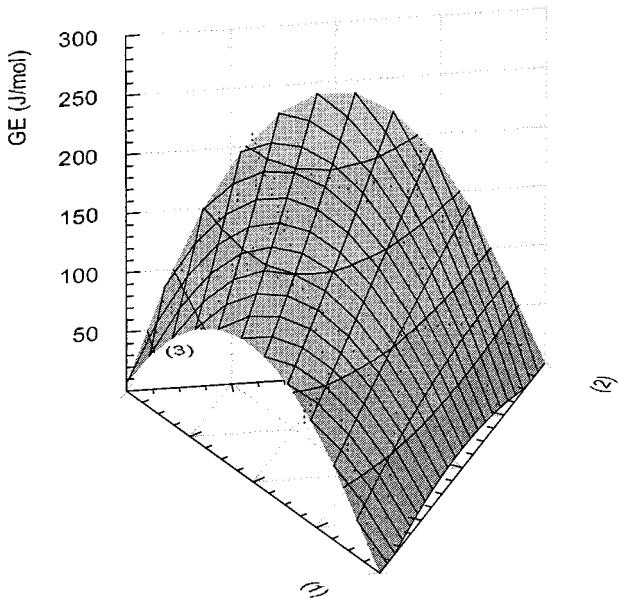


Figure 3. Oblique view of the constant excess Gibbs energy, G^E ($J \cdot mol^{-1}$), for the DIPE (1) + 1-hexene (2) + benzene (3) system at 313.15 K.

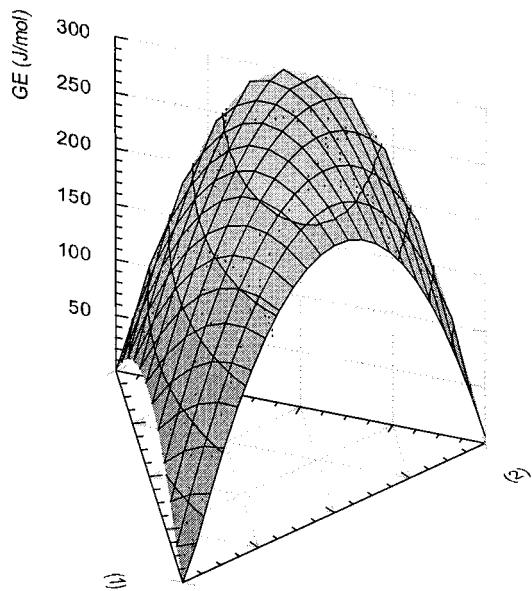


Figure 4. Oblique view of the constant excess Gibbs energy, G^E ($J \cdot mol^{-1}$), for the 1-hexene (1) + benzene (2) + cyclohexane (3) system at 313.15 K.

system, with a maximum value of G^E around $300 \text{ J} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$. On the other hand, the highest value of G^E for the ternary system DIPE + 1-hexene + benzene is around $236 \text{ J} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ which corresponds to the binary 1-hexene + benzene.

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