# Density, Viscosity, and Thermal Conductivity of Aqueous Benzoic Acid Mixtures between 375 K and 465 K

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The density, viscosity, and thermal conductivity of benzoic acid + water mixtures were measured at temperatures between 375 K and 465 K and concentrations ranging from 5 mass % benzoic acid to 100 mass % benzoic acid. Because the benzoic acid + water system exhibits a liquid-liquid immiscibility region at lower temperatures, care was exercised to ensure that the conditions chosen were in the single-phase region of the phase diagram. The data were correlated over the entire concentration range using the generalized corresponding states principle (GCSP).

### Introduction

This work is part of our continuing work on the thermophysical properties of aqueous mixtures<sup>1</sup> and presents the density, viscosity, and thermal conductivity of solutions of benzoic acid and water over the entire concentration range. No thermophysical property data have been reported in the literature for this system, probably because the system forms a homogeneous liquid phase only at high temperatures (close to the melting point of benzoic acid at 396 K). In the present work, therefore, we have carefully chosen our experimental conditions in the single-phase region of the phase diagram and report data at temperatures between 375 K and 465 K. The data are correlated using the generalized corresponding states principle that has previously proved useful for interpolating and extrapolating thermophysical property data.

## **Experimental Section**

*Materials.* Analytical reagent grade crystals of benzoic acid were purchased from the Mallinckrodt Company and used in the experiments without further purification. Benzoic acid + water mixtures were prepared gravimetrically using doubly distilled water.

**Measurements.** The densities and viscosities of the mixtures were measured using a pycnometer and a capillary viscometer. The pycnometer was calibrated using mercury, and the viscometer was calibrated by the manufacturer using viscosity standards. Both the pycnometer and viscometer were placed inside a high-pressure view cell for the visual observation of liquid levels. The view cell was pressurized to suppress boiling of the liquids and was placed in an air bath to stabilize the temperature. Temperature fluctuations in the view cell were less than  $\pm 0.1$  K. The measurement reproducibility was  $\pm 0.1\%$  for density and  $\pm 1\%$  for viscosity, whereas the experimental uncertainty was estimated to be  $\pm 0.2\%$  for density and  $\pm 2\%$  for viscosity. Additional details regarding the apparatus and experimental procedure are given elsewhere.<sup>2-4</sup>

The thermal conductivity was measured using the relative transient hot-wire method in which a Pyrex capillary filled with mercury served as the insulated hot wire. We

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Figure 1. Liquid-liquid equilibrium region for benzoic acid (1) + water (2): ×, data of Sorensen and Arlt; △, temperatures and compositions of density and viscosity measurements in this work;
, temperatures and pressures of thermal conductivity measurements. The solid line represents the best fit of the data.

have previously used this apparatus to measure the thermal conductivity of electrically conducting liquids.<sup>3–5</sup> The hot-wire cell was placed inside a thermostated high-pressure vessel that kept the temperature in the cell constant to within  $\pm 0.1$  K. The effective length of the wire was obtained by calibration using IUPAC suggested values of the thermal conductivity of water<sup>6</sup> and dimethylphtha-late.<sup>7</sup> Each reported value of the measured thermal conductivity was obtained by averaging the results of five experiments. The values were reproducible within  $\pm 1\%$  and were estimated to have an uncertainty of  $\pm 2\%$ . Further details of the apparatus and technique are given elsewhere.<sup>3–5</sup>

Figure 1 shows the single- and two-phase regions of the phase diagram of benzoic acid + water.<sup>9</sup> Values of temperature and concentration chosen for density, viscosity, and thermal conductivity measurements are indicated by points on the phase diagram. All measurements were carried out in the single-phase (liquid) region of the phase diagram.

## **Results and Discussion**

Table 1 lists the experimental densities, viscosities, and thermal conductivities of benzoic acid + water mixtures at mass fractions of benzoic acid given by  $w_1 = 0.05, 0.1$ ,

Table 1.	<b>Experimental Propertie</b>	es of Benzoic Acid	(1) +
Water (2	) Mixtures		

<i>T</i> /K	$ ho/kg\cdot m^{-3}$	<i>T</i> /K	η/mPa•s	<i>T</i> /K	$\lambda$ /W m <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	
$w_1 = 0.05$						
379.6	963.7	381.1	0.288	374.6	0.671	
394.6	951.9	397.6	0.256	393.6	0.675	
413.4	935.5	416.4	0.219	413.3	0.676	
433.1	915.2	436.1	0.194			
450.8	896.3	453.8	0.177			
379 1	974 1	380.6	0.319	373.0	0.658	
202.0	961.0	305.0	0.979	301 9	0.000	
119 1	945 4	415 1	0.212	110 0	0.670	
412.1	020 G	410.1	0.230	410.3	0.070	
444 0	0126	401.4	0.211			
444.3	912.0	447.3	0.194			
		w	$p_1 = 0.20$			
400.3	963.5	401.8	0.329	391.0	0.648	
413.8	950.8	416.8	0.274	409.2	0.650	
431.9	933.7	434.9	0.234	418.0	0.651	
452.4	912.0	455.4	0.206			
		w	$p_1 = 0.40$			
400.8	988.8	402.3	0.501	393.6	0.575	
414.8	975.1	417.8	0.383	409.2	0.571	
432.6	955.0	435.6	0.309	420.1	0.549	
452.1	932.0	455.1	0.263	430.1	0.568	
			0.00			
401 C	1019.0	402.1	$p_1 = 0.60$			
401.0	1013.8	403.1	0.708			
410.9	999.2	418.9	0.546			
433.9	981.1	436.9	0.399			
453.4	959.5	406.4	0.334			
		w	$p_1 = 0.80$			
400.9	1050.1	402.4	0.930	393.9	0.199	
414.8	1035.0	418.8	0.690	413.2	0.197	
431.3	1018.8	434.3	0.542	433.1	0.192	
449.4	1000.5	452.4	0.438	451.0	0.188	
		10	$n_1 = 1.00$			
401.3	1089.5	400.3	1.372	406.8	0.139	
410.3	1080.2	409.3	1.238	424.4	0.137	
419.3	1069.8	418.3	1.117	444.9	0.134	
428.2	1060.2	427.2	1.026	465.1	0 132	
432.1	1055.0	432.1	0.953	100.1	0.102	
102.1	1036.0	102.1	0.802			
771.1	1000.0		0.002			

0.2, 0.4, 0.6, and 0.8. The Table also lists the measured properties of pure benzoic acid ( $w_1 = 1$ ). The temperature range of the measurements was 375 K to 465 K, and the pressures were about 20 MPa throughout the measurements in order to suppress boiling of the liquids. These pressures were not expected to affect the measurements to any appreciable extent.<sup>6</sup> The highest temperature for the measurement of thermal conductivity was the temperature for the thermal conductivity of benzoic acid + water at low concentrations ( $w_1 \leq 0.2$ ) could not be measured at  $T \geq 430$  K.

The density  $\rho$ , natural logarithm of viscosity ln  $\eta$ , and thermal conductivity  $\lambda$  of benzoic acid (1) + water (2) can be described by the following equations:

$$\label{eq:rho_1} \begin{split} \rho &= w_1 \rho_1 + w_2 \rho_2 + (\rho_1 - \rho_2) w_1 w_2 (A_3 + A_4 \, w_1 + A_5 w_1^{-2}) \end{split} \tag{1a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \eta &= w_1 \ln \eta_1 + w_2 \ln \eta_2 + (\ln \eta_1 - \ln \eta_2) w_1 w_2 (B_3 + \\ B_4 w_1 + B_5 {w_1}^2 + B_6 t + B_7 t w_1) \end{aligned} (1b)$$

where t = T/K - 273.15 and  $w_1$  represents the mass



**Figure 2.** Density of benzoic acid (1) + water (2) mixtures as a function of temperature:  $\bullet$ ,  $w_1 = 0$ ;  $\times$ ,  $w_1 = 0.05$ ;  $\bigcirc$ ,  $w_1 = 0.10$ ;  $\bigtriangledown$ ,  $w_1 = 0.20$ ;  $\Box$ ,  $w_1 = 0.40$ ;  $\triangle$ ,  $w_1 = 0.60$ ;  $\diamondsuit$ ,  $w_1 = 0.80$ ;  $\blacktriangle$ ,  $w_1 = 1.0$ . Solid lines represent best fits of the data.

Table 2. Coefficients  $A_i$ ,  $B_i$ , and  $C_i$  of Equations 1 and 2

i	$A_i$	$B_i$	$C_i$
1	1238.1	1.774	0.1598
2	-1.1546	-0.01146	$0.1479 imes10^{-3}$
3	0.28825	-0.4716	-0.5480
4	-2.2878	4.354	-2.480
5	1.9102	-1.020	4.897
6		0.003999	
7		-0.02778	
AAD %	0.134	2.37	0.54
MAD %	0.275	7.12	2.93

fraction. In the case of pure benzoic acid and pure water,  $\rho_1$ , ln  $\eta_1$ , and  $\lambda_1$  are given by

$$(\rho_1/\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}) = A_1 + A_2 t$$
 (2a)

$$\ln(\eta_1/\text{mPa}\cdot\text{s}) = B_1 + B_2 t \tag{2b}$$

$$(\lambda_1/\mathbf{W} \cdot \mathbf{m}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{K}^{-1}) = C_1 + C_2 t \qquad (2c)$$

Also,  $\rho_2$ , ln  $\eta_2$ , and  $\lambda_2$  were obtained by fitting literature data<sup>6</sup> between 293 K and 473 K and are given below:

$$(\rho_2/\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}) = 1002.17 - 0.116189t - 0.358024 \times 10^{-2}t^2 + 0.373667 \times 10^{-5}t^3$$
 (3a)

$$\ln(\eta_2/mPa\cdot s) =$$

$$-3.758023 + 590.9808/(t + 137.2645)$$
 (3b)

$$(\lambda_2/W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}) = 0.570990 + 0.167156 \times 10^{-2}t - 0.609054 \times 10^{-5}t^2$$
 (3c)

Equation 1c was originally proposed by Bohne et al.<sup>9</sup> for the thermal conductivity of aqueous ethylene glycol mixtures as a function of temperature and mass fraction. Analogous equations were therefore used to correlate the density  $\rho$  and the natural logarithm of viscosity ln  $\eta$ . Coefficients of eqs 1 and 2 ( $A_i$ ,  $B_i$ , and  $C_i$ ) obtained by fitting data are given in Table 2, which also lists average absolute deviations (AAD) and maximum absolute deviations (MAD) between experimental data and smoothed (correlated) values. The calculated AAD and MAD are about the experimental uncertainty for all three properties. The results for mixtures are given in Figures 2–4 where the experimental data and the correlations (eqs 1–3) are shown as a function of temperature for  $w_1 = 0$  (pure water), 0.05, 0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, and 1 (pure benzoic acid).



**Figure 3.** Viscosity of benzoic acid (1) + water (2) mixtures as a function of temperature. (Symbols and lines are the same as in Figure 2.)



**Figure 4.** Thermal conductivity of benzoic acid (1) + water (2) mixtures as a function of temperature. (Symbols and lines are the same as in Figure 2.)



**Figure 5.** Viscosity ( $\triangle$ ) and thermal conductivity ( $\bigcirc$ ) of benzoic acid (1) + water (2) mixtures as a function of concentration at T = 410 K. Solid lines represent correlations (eqs 1 and 2).

It should be noted that eqs 1a-1c are empirical in nature and are useful only for interpolating experimental data. The minimum in the viscosity shown in Figure 5 should therefore be considered to be an artifact of the form of eq 1b.

#### **Generalized Corresponding States Method**

In previous work, the two-reference-fluid generalized corresponding states principle (GCSP) of Teja et al.<sup>10-14</sup> was used with some success to correlate and extrapolate thermophysical property data. The GCSP method relates the quantities  $Z_{\rm C}V_{\rm R}$  ln ( $\eta\xi$ ), and  $\lambda\phi$  of the mixture to the properties of two reference fluids r1 and r2 at the same

Table 3. GCSP Correlations of the Density, Viscosity,and Thermal Conductivity of Benzoic Acid (1) + Water(2) Mixtures

	data	AAD %	MAD %	$\theta_{12}$	$\psi_{12}$
<sup>a</sup> density	26	0.28	0.65	1.179	1.180
<sup>a</sup> viscosity	26	4.23	12.1	3.670	2.510
<sup>b</sup> thermal conductivity	17	5.35	9.49	0.619	-0.081

 $^a$  Mole fraction-based mixing rules.  $^b$  Mass fraction-based mixing rules.

reduced temperature  $T_{\rm R}$  and reduced pressure  $P_{\rm R}$  as follows:

$$Z_{\rm C}V_{\rm R} = x_1 (Z_{\rm C}V_{\rm R})^{(r1)} + x_2 (Z_{\rm C}V_{\rm R})^{(r2)}$$
(4a)

$$\ln(\eta\xi) = x_1 \ln(\eta\xi)^{(r_1)} + x_2 \ln(\eta\xi)^{(r_2)}$$
(4b)

$$\lambda \phi = x_1 (\lambda \phi)^{(r_1)} + x_2 (\lambda \phi)^{(r_2)}$$
(4c)

in which

$$\xi = V_{\rm C}^{-2/3} T_{\rm C}^{-1/2} M^{-1/2} \tag{5a}$$

$$\phi = V_{\rm C}^{2/3} T_{\rm C}^{-1/2} M^{1/2} \tag{5b}$$

In the above equations, Z is the compressibility, and V is the volume. The subscript C denotes the critical point, and superscripts r1 and r2 denote the properties of two reference fluids. These equations can be extended to mixtures using

$$V_{\rm C} = \Sigma \Sigma x_i x_i V_{Cii} \tag{6a}$$

$$T_{\rm C}V_{\rm C} = \Sigma\Sigma x_i x_j T_{Cij} V_{Cij}$$
(6b)

$$Z_{\rm C} = \Sigma \, x_i Z_{Ci} \tag{6c}$$

where subscripts *i* and *ii* denote pure-component properties. When  $(i \neq j)$ ,

$$V_{Cij} = \frac{1}{8} (V_{Ci}^{1/3} + V_{Cj}^{1/3})^3 \times \theta_{ij}$$
(7a)

$$T_{Cij}V_{Cij} = (T_{Cii}T_{Cjj}V_{Ci}V_{Cj})^{1/2} \times \psi_{ij}$$
(7b)

 $\theta_{ij}$  and  $\psi_{ij}$  are binary interaction parameters that must be obtained by fitting experimental data. Critical properties (experimental or estimated values) of pure benzoic acid and water required in the calculations were obtained from the literature.<sup>15</sup> Other required properties were calculated from eqs 2 and 3. It was found that density and viscosity could be correlated better using mole fraction-based mixing rules, whereas thermal conductivity could be better correlated using mass fraction-based mixing rules. Binary interaction coefficients determined using the GCSP model are listed in Table 3 together with the corresponding AAD and MAD. The Table shows reasonable results using two adjustable parameters per binary system for each property.

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