

Isothermal Vapor–Liquid Equilibria and Excess Enthalpies of (Propyl Ethanoate + Heptane), (Propyl Ethanoate + Cyclohexane), and (Propyl Ethanoate + 1-Hexene)

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The vapor pressures of (propyl ethanoate + heptane), (propyl ethanoate + cyclohexane), and (propyl ethanoate + 1-hexene) and of all the pure components were measured by means of a static device at temperatures between (263 and 363) K. The data were correlated with the Antoine equation. From these data, excess Gibbs functions were calculated for several constant temperatures and fitted to a fourth-order Redlich–Kister equation. All the systems show positive deviations from ideality. Additionally, molar excess enthalpies for the three binary systems of propyl ethanoate with heptane, cyclohexane, and 1-hexene at a temperature of 298.15 K have been carried out using a C80 II (Setaram) calorimeter. The excess properties were compared with the results using the available “ester” main group of the group contribution method Modified UNIFAC (Dortmund), which is a well-known model for the prediction of phase equilibria and excess properties.

Introduction

The present paper is part of a research program on (vapor–liquid) equilibria (VLE) and excess enthalpies (H^E) in mixtures of strongly polar non-hydrogen-bonded compounds with saturated, unsaturated, and aromatic hydrocarbons.^{1–8} VLE data for binary mixtures containing propyl ethanoate and benzene or isopropylbenzene have been reported previously.⁵ The purpose of the present work is to investigate VLE and H^E of (propyl ethanoate + heptane), (propyl ethanoate + cyclohexane), or (propyl ethanoate + 1-hexene) with a view to use the results to determine interaction parameters for predictive group contribution methods (Modified UNIFAC (Dortmund) and DISQUAC).

A survey of the literature^{9,10,12,13} shows that VLE and H^E data are scarce. For (propyl ethanoate + cyclohexane), there exist two references that provide VLE data. In one, Wichterle and Linnek¹¹ report isothermal measurements at temperatures of (335.15 and 350.15) K, while a second one by Slavin and Abramzon¹⁴ provides no numerical values. For (propyl ethanoate + heptane), Paz Andrade et al.¹⁵ and Ortega et al.¹⁶ have reported H^E measurements at $T = 298.15$ K. The isothermal VLE and G^E of (propyl ethanoate + heptane), (propyl ethanoate + cyclohexane), or (propyl ethanoate + 1-hexene) published by us previously⁸ were used with the present measurements to provide a correlation.

Experimental Section

The substances were supplied by Aldrich Chemical Co. (Milwaukee, WI), E. Merck AG (Darmstadt, GFR), and Janssen Chimica (Geel, Belgium). Prior to use, heptane was fractionally distilled over Na. The other compounds were used without

Table 1. Coefficients A, B, and C and Overall Mean Relative Deviation in Pressure of the Antoine Equation (eq 1)

compound	temperature/K	A	B	C	($\delta p/p$)/%
propyl ethanoate	273.18–363.12	7.13071	1343.10	214.7950	0.09
heptane	283.33–370.89	6.97272	1307.44	221.1276	0.09
cyclohexane	283.37–373.01	6.82660	1196.41	222.3905	0.07
1-hexene	253.43–353.04	6.87274	1157.75	226.4812	0.09

$$^a (\delta p/p)/\% = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n 100 \left(\frac{P_{\text{calc}} - P_{\text{exp}}}{P_{\text{exp}}} \right)$$

further purification. The purities, tested by GLC, were as follows: propyl ethanoate (Aldrich, ~99 %), heptane (Merck, ~99.9 %), cyclohexane (Janssen, >99 %), and 1-hexene (Janssen, ~99 %).

The experimental vapor pressure (p) data were obtained with an apparatus described in detail by Blondel-Telouk and co-workers^{17,18} as a function of the temperature (T) for constant mole fraction composition (x_i). The apparatus allows measurements at pressures from (27 to 200×10^3) Pa and at temperatures from (258.15 to 468.15) K. The pressure was measured with a pressure gauge (Rosemount, model 1151 DPE 22S2, Minneapolis, MN), separated from the working fluid by a differential pressure indicator (MKS, model 615D, MKS Instruments, USA). The pressure gauges were periodically checked against a Hg or oil manometer and a Bouty (Paris, France) type 70298 cathetometer, which when combined provide pressures with an uncertainty of 1 Pa. The temperature of the oil-filled thermostat was maintained constant to ± 0.01 K. The temperature was measured by means of a copper-constantan thermocouple calibrated against a Leeds and Northrup standard platinum resistance thermometer 8163-B, calibrated by the National Bureau of Standards (Washington, DC) and connected to Mueller type G2 bridge (with a precision 10^{-4} Ω). All temperatures are reported on ITS-

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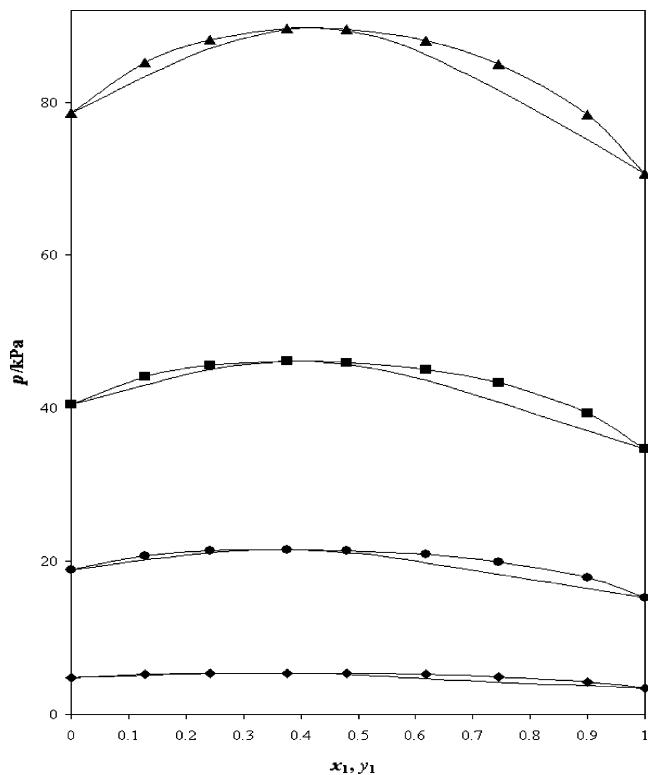


Figure 1. Experimental and calculated $p-x(y)$ behavior of the system propyl ethanoate (1) + heptane (2) at different temperatures: \blacklozenge , 293.15 K; \bullet , 323.15 K; \blacksquare , 343.15; \blacktriangle , 363.15 K; —, calculated values using Barker's method.

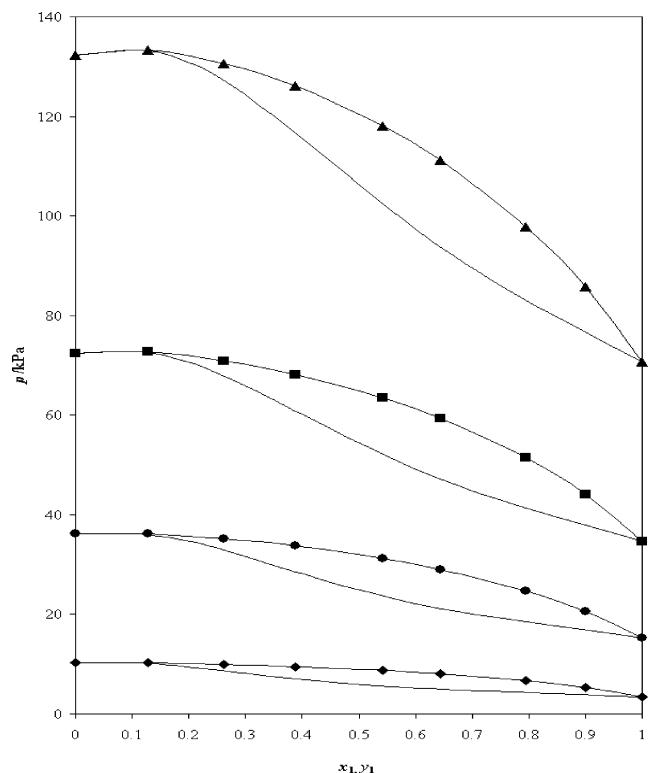


Figure 2. Experimental and calculated $p-x(y)$ behavior of the system propyl ethanoate (1) + cyclohexane (2) at different temperatures: \blacklozenge , 293.15 K; \bullet , 323.15 K; \blacksquare , 343.15; \blacktriangle , 363.15 K; —, calculated values using Barker's method.

90. The estimated uncertainties in pressure, temperature, and mole fraction are as follows: $\sigma(p) = 0.15(p/\text{Pa})$ for $p < 13.3 \text{ Pa}$, $\sigma(p) = 0.05(p/\text{Pa})$ at pressure between (13.3 and 200) Pa,

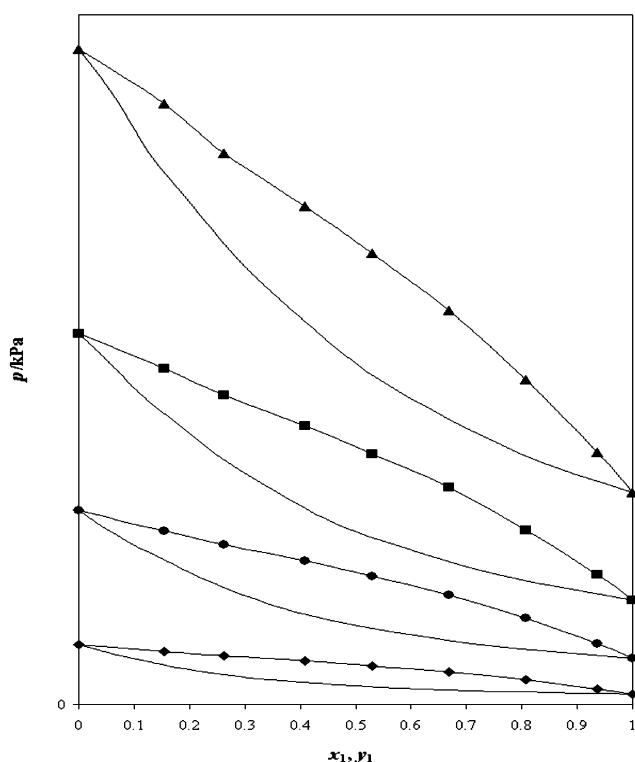


Figure 3. Experimental and calculated $p-x(y)$ behavior of the system propyl ethanoate (1) + 1-hexene (2) at different temperatures: \blacklozenge , 293.15 K; \bullet , 323.15 K; \blacksquare , 343.15; \blacktriangle , 363.15 K; —, calculated values using Barker's method.

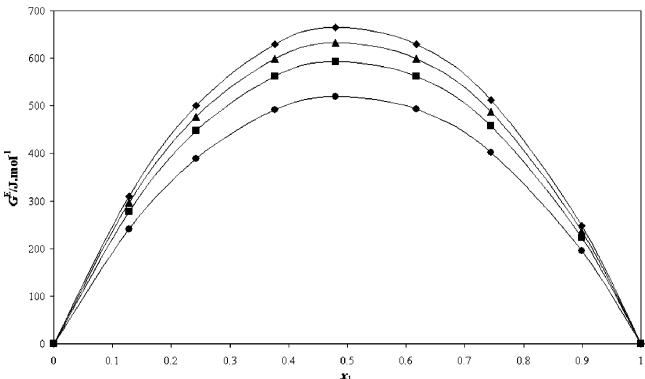


Figure 4. G^E against x_1 for propyl ethanoate (1) + heptane (2) system: \blacklozenge , 273.15 K; \blacktriangle , 298.15 K; \blacksquare , 323.15 K; \bullet , 363.15 K; —, calculated values using eq. 5.

$$\sigma(p) = 0.005(p/\text{Pa}) \text{ in the range } (200 \text{ to } 1000) \text{ Pa}, \sigma(p) = 0.002-(p/\text{Pa}) \text{ for the range } (1000 \text{ to } 200 \times 10^3) \text{ Pa}, \sigma(T) = 0.01 \text{ K} \text{ and } \sigma(x_i) = 0.0002.$$

Mixtures were prepared by mass and thoroughly degassed by distillation as described by Blondel-Tellouk and co-workers.^{17,18} The final composition of the liquid was determined after each pressure measurement by gas–liquid chromatography with a column filled with a stationary phase of Carbowax and a thermal conductivity detector.

The experimental H^E data were taken at atmospheric pressure by means of a microcalorimeter, model C80II (SETARAM, Lyon, France). The temperature T (ITS-90) was maintained constant at (298.15 ± 0.02) K. Measurements on (cyclohexane + heptane) differed by 2 % from values reported by Marsh¹⁹ and verified the operation of the apparatus. The estimated uncertainties in the mole fraction composition x_i and H^E are, respectively, $\sigma(x_i) = 0.0002$ and $\sigma(H^E) = 5 \text{ J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$.

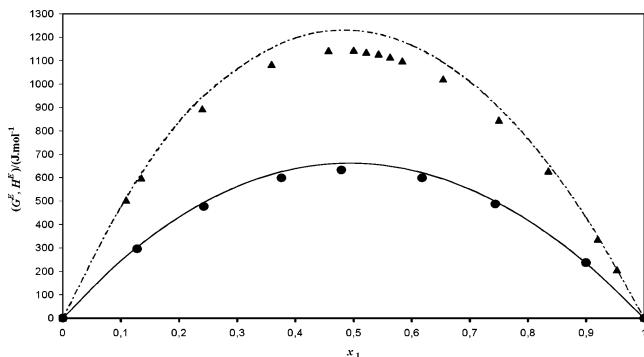


Figure 8. G^E and H^E against x_1 values for the propyl ethanoate (1) + heptane (2) binary system at 298.15 K: ●, experimental G^E ; —, predicted G^E using Modified UNIFAC (Dortmund); ▲, experimental H^E ; - - -, predicted H^E using Modified UNIFAC (Dortmund).

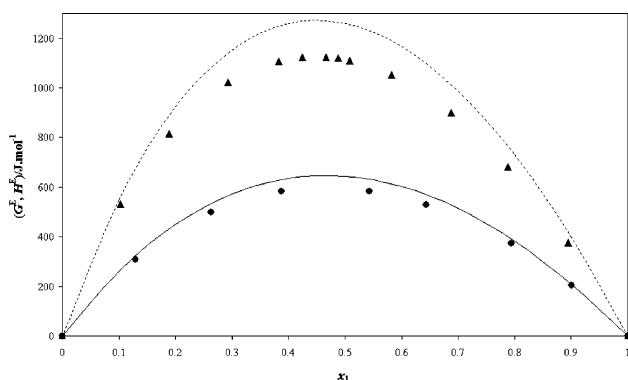


Figure 9. G^E and H^E against x_1 values for the propyl ethanoate (1) + cyclohexane (2) binary system at 298.15 K: ●, experimental G^E ; —, predicted G^E using Modified UNIFAC (Dortmund); ▲, experimental H^E ; - - -, predicted H^E using Modified UNIFAC (Dortmund).

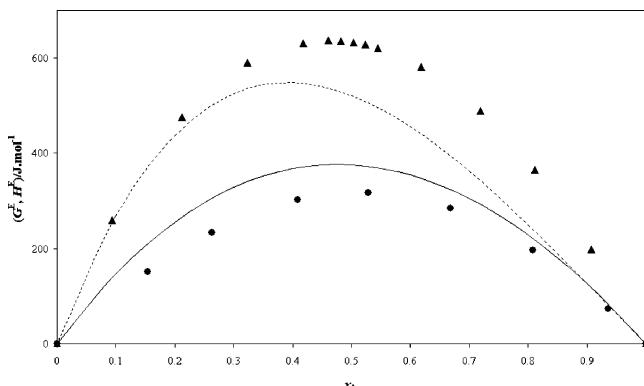


Figure 10. G^E and H^E against x_1 values for the propyl ethanoate (1) + 1-hexene (2) binary system at 298.15 K: ●, experimental G^E ; —, predicted G^E using Modified UNIFAC (Dortmund); ▲, experimental H^E ; - - -, predicted H^E using Modified UNIFAC (Dortmund).

and Polak²⁰ in the temperature range (313 to 363) K. For pure heptane, cyclohexane, and 1-hexene, our vapor pressure data agree with those reported in the literature.²¹ The vapor pressure as a function of the mole fraction for each binary, shown in Figures 1 to 3, are also listed in Tables 2 through 4.

Table 7. Redlich-Kister Parameters (eq 5)

component 1	component 2	T/K	H_1	H_2	H_3	H_4	$\sigma(H^E)/\text{J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$
propyl ethanoate	heptane	298.15	4569.2	-345.1	518.6	-78.6	0.1
propyl ethanoate	cyclohexane	298.15	4447.4	-855.3	667.1	-377.4	0.2
propyl ethanoate	1-hexene	298.15	2531.1	-356.1	273.6	-80.8	0.1

For the three binary mixtures, the vapor pressures were measured at temperatures between (263.15 and 353.15) K, and the results were fitted to the Antoine equation. The molar excess Gibbs functions G^E were estimated from the Redlich-Kister equation with the method of Barker:²²

$$G^E = x_1(1-x_1) \sum_{j=1}^m RTG_j(2x_1-1)^{j-1} \quad (4)$$

where x_1 is the molar fraction for propyl ethanoate. The coefficients G_j were determined by regression through minimization of the sum of deviations in pressure. Vapor-phase imperfection and variation of Gibbs function of the pure liquid components with pressure were accounted for in terms of the second molar virial coefficients, estimated by the method of Tsionopoulos,^{23,24} and the molar volumes under saturation pressure.

Tables 5 to 7 also list for (propyl ethanoate + heptane), (propyl ethanoate + cyclohexane), or (propyl ethanoate + 1-hexene) the corresponding compositions of the liquid and vapor phases, the activity coefficients γ_1 and γ_2 , and the values of the excess molar Gibbs functions G^E calculated by Barker's method, using the Redlich-Kister equation. (Propyl ethanoate + heptane) and (propyl ethanoate + cyclohexane) show maximum azeotropic behavior over the whole temperature range. The azeotropic compositions vary from 0.3000 to 0.4000 for (propyl ethanoate + heptane) and from 0.0350 to 0.0950 for (propyl ethanoate + cyclohexane).

For each system, the molar excess Gibbs functions G^E at different temperatures, calculated from our vapor pressure data, are plotted in Figures 4 to 6 against the mole fraction x_1 of propyl ethanoate. For (propyl ethanoate + cyclohexane), the molar excess Gibbs functions calculated from our vapor pressure data are in good agreement with those estimated by Wichterle¹¹ at temperatures of (335.15 and 350.15) K. For (propyl ethanoate + heptane) and (propyl ethanoate + 1-hexene), no comparisons were possible.

All binary mixtures exhibit positive deviations in G^E values calculated from the vapor pressure data. Mixtures containing saturated hydrocarbons have the largest G^E , 626 J·mol⁻¹ for heptane and 583 J·mol⁻¹ for cyclohexane; the G^E value decreases to ca. 312 J·mol⁻¹ for 1-hexene (all G^E values are at 303.15 K).

The equimolar G^E of (propyl ethanoate + heptane) decreases with increasing temperature from 666 J·mol⁻¹ at $T = 273.15$ K to 521 J·mol⁻¹ at $T = 363.15$ K. The equimolar G^E of (propyl ethanoate + cyclohexane) decreases with increasing temperature from 658 J·mol⁻¹ at $T = 263.15$ K to 481 J·mol⁻¹ at $T = 363.15$ K. The equimolar G^E of (propyl ethanoate + 1-hexene) decreases with increasing temperature from 339 J·mol⁻¹ at $T = 273.15$ K to 237 J·mol⁻¹ at $T = 363.15$ K.

The experimental molar excess enthalpies H^E of the three binary mixtures have been fitted to the smoothing equation:

$$H_{i,\text{exp}}^E = x_{1(1-x_1)} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} H_i(2x_1-1)^i \quad (5)$$

The values of the coefficients H_i and the standard deviations $\sigma(H^E)$ are given by

$$\sigma(H^E) = \left[\sum_{i=1}^N (H_{i,\text{exp}}^E - H_{i,\text{calc}}^E)^2 / (N - n) \right]^{1/2} \quad (6)$$

where N is the number of experimental points and n is the number of coefficients H_i ; they are determined by least-square analysis.

For (propyl ethanoate + heptane), the excess enthalpies H^E are 8 % lower than those reported by Paz Andrade et al.¹⁵ but differ by 2 % from those reported by Ortega et al.¹⁶ at $T = 298.15$ K. The molar excess enthalpy, H^E , follows the same trends as the G^E . H^E for mixtures containing saturated hydrocarbons are the largest with $1144 \text{ J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ (at $x_1 = 0.5004$) for heptane and $1124 \text{ J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ (at $x_1 = 0.4667$) for cyclohexane. The H^E value decreases to ca. $637 \text{ J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ (at $x_1 = 0.4609$) for 1-hexene. Figure 7 shows the experimental and calculated excess enthalpy as a function of x_1 , the mole fraction of propyl ethanoate for the three binary mixtures at $T = 298.15$ K.

The excess functions G^E and H^E were compared to those predicted by the group contribution method Modified UNIFAC (Dortmund) using the available “ester” main group. The Modified UNIFAC (Dortmund)²⁵ group contribution method based on the local composition concept has temperature-dependent parameters and needs four parameters per contact (two for Gibbs function and two for enthalpy) to reproduce G^E and H^E . The equations used to calculate the excess properties are the same as in other applications.^{25,26} The group interaction parameters are all available.

The prediction of G^E by Modified UNIFAC (Dortmund) is quite satisfactory for the three binary systems. The difference between experimental and calculated G^E does not exceed $70 \text{ J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$. For H^E , the experimental values are (20 to 150) $\text{J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ different than those obtained by the Modified UNIFAC (Dortmund) model. The model reproduces fairly well the shapes of both excess functions except for the system (propyl ethanoate + 1-hexene). The comparison between experimental data and Modified UNIFAC (Dortmund) results is presented in a graphical way in Figures 8 to 10.

Summary

VLE data for the three binary mixtures of (propyl ethanoate + heptane), (propyl ethanoate + cyclohexane), or (propyl ethanoate + 1-hexene) were measured at several temperatures using a static device. Deviations from Raoult’s law are positive and relatively large. The derived G^E data are in good agreement with those predicted by the Modified UNIFAC (Dortmund) group contribution method.

Additionally, excess enthalpies H^E were measured for the binary mixtures of propyl ethanoate with heptane, cyclohexane, and 1-hexene at $T = 298.15$ K. The H^E data have been compared with data using Modified UNIFAC (Dortmund) and correlated using the Redlich–Kister expansion. Except for the system propyl ethanoate + 1-hexene, the excess enthalpy is at least qualitatively predicted by Modified UNIFAC (Dortmund) using the “ester” main group. This work illustrates the possibility of applying the Modified UNIFAC (Dortmund) group contribution model for the prediction of thermodynamic functions and phase equilibrium of certain polar mixtures involving esters.

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