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# Heat capacities of alkanols II. Some isomeric  $C_5$  alkanols

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## **Abstract**

Isobaric heat capacities  $C_p$  in the liquid phase of seven isomeric  $C_5$  alkanols and in the solid phase for 2,2-dimethyl-1-propanol were measured by a commercial SETARAM heat conduction calorimeter. Results obtained cover the following temperature range: 2-methyl-1-butanol (CAS-RN 137-32-6) 308–338 K, 2-methyl-2-butanol (75-85-4) 308–348 K, 3-methyl-1-butanol (123-51-3) 308–357 K, 3-methyl-2-butanol (598-75-4) 304–347 K, 2-pentanol (6032-29-7) 308–367 K, 3-pentanol (584-02-1) 308–368 K, 2,2-dimethyl-1-propanol (75-84-3) 310–363 K. The heat capacity data obtained in this work were merged with available experimental data from literature, critically assessed and sets of recommended data were developed by correlating selected data as a function of temperature.

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# **1. Introduction**

Heat capacities in liquid phase are required in chemical engineering calculations mainly for establishing enthalpy balances. Even though experimental data are available for a fairly large group of com[poun](#page-8-0)ds [1,2] more data are needed for compounds with no data available at all or for extending the temperature range the available data cover or for verifying the presently available literature data. Further, the newly obtained data can be utilized for developing recommended sets of data to be included in databases of critically evaluated data and/or used for extending

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the estimation methods, in particular those based on the group-contribution approach.

This work, which is the second paper in a series devoted to heat capacities of alkanols (for the first paper in the series see F[ulem](#page-8-0) et al. [3]), was concerned with measurement of heat capacities in the liquid phase for seven isomeric  $C_5$  alkanols. Heat capacity in the solid phase and enthalpy of fusion was determined for 2,2-dimethyl-1-propanol only, as the temperature of fusion of all other compounds falls below the measuring range of the SETARAM C80 calorimeter.

## **2. Experimental**

## *2.1. Materials*

All samples were purchased from Aldrich. Its purity was determined by GC (Hewlett-Packard 6890

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<span id="page-1-0"></span>equipped with column HP 5 (cross-linked 5% PH ME Siloxan, length 30 m, film thickness  $0.25 \mu m$ , i.d. 0.32 mm) with FID detector.

3-Methyl-1-butanol, which is highly hygroscopic, was used as received. Water content as determined by Fischer method was 0.04 wt.% and sample was transferred directly from SureSeal flask into vessel under inert atmosphere.

2,2-Dimethyl-1-propanol has melting point of 327 K. It was purified by zone refining without detectable improvement. Sample was held over molecular sieves at 353 K for several days prior to measurements. Stability of boiling temperature during ebulliometric mea[surem](#page-8-0)ents [4] indicates that its water content was lower than in the case of 3-methyl-1 butanol.

All others samples were purified by fractional distillation in a packed column and dried over molecular sieves type 4A. Water content was lower than 0.004 wt.% (detection limit of the Schot Geräte apparatus for Fisher analysis).

# *2.2. Apparatus and procedure*

A commercial C80 calorimeter made by SE-TARAM (Caluire, France) was used for measurement of saturation heat capacities. In this work the calorimeter was equipped with standard cells having the inner volume of  $9.5 \text{ cm}^3$  reduced by a raised bottom. In a typical heat capacity experiment with samples of several grams, the temperature was increased in steps of 5–10 K with a heating rate of  $0.2$  K min<sup>-1</sup>. The average heat capacity for a given temperature step  $\Delta T$  is obtained from the time integrals of the differential thermopile signal for the filled and empty sample cells and is related to the temperature  $T = T_{\text{in}} + \Delta T/2$  ( $T_{\text{in}}$  is the initial temperature). A correction for sample vaporization was applied where it was significant (all compounds with exception of 2-methyl-1-butanol and 3-methyl-2-butanol) using a formula given in Če[nský](#page-8-0) et al.  $[5]$ . The C80 calorimeter was also used for measurement of enthalpy of fusion of 2,2-dimethyl-1-propanol.

The temperature dependence of heat capacity for all studied substances was close to linear. Thus, the average heat capacity over the individual temperature step could be considered as true heat capacity relating to the mean temperature of the interval. All experimental heat capacities determined in this work lie more than 50 K below the known normal boiling temperature. The reported saturation heat capacities are identical to isobaric heat capacities  $C_p$ .

The calorimeter was calibrated with synthetic sapphire ( $\alpha$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>), the NIST Standard Reference Mate[ria](#page-8-0)l 720 [6]. In our previous experiments we estimated the uncertainty of data measured by C80 calorimeter to be  $\pm 1\%$  by making test experiments with several compounds of well-known heat capacity values.

# **3. Results**

The direct experimental  $T - C_p$  values are presented [in](#page-2-0) Table 1.

The data determined in this work were combined with all other calorimetrically determined heat capacities available in literature. All available sources were critically assessed. The important part of the selection process was the simultaneous correlation of all experimental data which served to test the consistency and helped to reveal systematic errors. The following criteria were observed in the selection process: (a) accuracy of the experimental technique claimed by the author, (b) laboratory performance history, (c) consistency of the data with values from other laboratories (if available), (d) substance purity, (e) calorimeter type, (f) time of data origin, (g) scatter of the data. It is not possible to apply the above selection criteria in a rigorous manner following strictly the outlined policy. In some cases, the error of measurement claimed by the author is too optimistic and it may even be unrealistic. In addition, evaluating the reputation of various laboratories is a relatively subjective process.

The selected data were fitted with the polynomial equation using the weighted least-squares method:

$$
\frac{C_{\rm p}}{R} = \sum_{i=0}^{n} A_{i+1} \left(\frac{T}{100}\right)^i
$$
 (1)

where  $R = 8.31451 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ .

Considering the width of the temperature range of experimental values for 3-methyl-2-butanol the data were correlated by cubic splines in two subintervals. In this case the correlation is constrained to yield the identical *C*,  $dC/dT$  and  $d^2C/dT^2$  values at the knot

<span id="page-2-0"></span>Table 1 Experimental heat capacities







 $R = 8.31451 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta C_p / R = (C_p - C_p^{\text{calc}}) / R$ , where  $C_p^{\text{calc}}$  was cal[culated](#page-1-0) [fr](#page-1-0)om Eq. (1) using para[meters](#page-4-0) [fro](#page-4-0)m Table 3.

<span id="page-3-0"></span>(temperature splitting the overall temperature range of experimental values into subintervals). Results of the correlation by cubic splines are presented in terms of par[ameters](#page-1-0) [o](#page-1-0)f Eq. (1) with  $n = 3$ . More detailed information regarding temperature correlation of *C* with cubic splines can be found in the monograph by Zábran[ský](#page-8-0) et al. [1]).

For 2-methyl-2-butanol, 3-methyl-1-butanol and 3-methyl-2-butanol, where the selected experimental data cover a wide temperature range and where a reliable estimate of critical temperature could be obtained the data were fitted to another empirical, the so-called quasi-polynomial, equation that allows a meaningful extrapolation to the critical point

$$
\frac{C_{\rm p}}{R} = A_1 \ln(1 - T_{\rm r}) + \frac{A_2}{1 - T_{\rm r}} + A_3 + A_4 T_{\rm r}
$$
 (2)

where  $T_r = T/T_c$  and  $T_c$  is the critical temperature. The derivation of Eq. (2) (see Zábra[nský](#page-8-0) et al. [1]) is based on the assumption that the heat capacity is always an increasing function of temperature and that it is unbounded at the critical point. An objective function for the least-squares minimization was used of the form:

$$
S = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{\Delta C_i}{R}\right)^2 (\sigma_{c/R,i})^{-2}
$$
 (3)

where the variance  $\sigma_{c/R,i}$  was estimated for each value on the basis of the assumed experimental error of the set of data used in the correlation. The input information was the percentage error of the experimental data  $\sigma_r C$  given by the author or estimated by the evaluator for the whole data set. The variance of the *i*th data



Survey of all available calorimetrically measured heat capacities for isomeric pentanols



<sup>a</sup> n.s.: not specified.

<sup>b</sup> Assigned by evaluator.



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 $a_{s_f} = 10^2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \left( (C_m - C_m(\text{calc}) / (n-m) \right)_i^2 \right)^{1/2} \right]$ , where *n* is the number of fitted data points, and *m* is the number of independent adjustable parameters.

Table 4 P[arameters](#page-3-0) of Eq. (2) for liquid isobaric heat capacity



point was expressed as

$$
\sigma_{c/R,i} = 10^{-2} \frac{C_i \cdot \sigma_r C}{R}
$$
\n(4)

A survey of all selected data used to determine param[eters](#page-1-0) [of](#page-1-0) Eqs. (1) and (2) as well as a list of rejected data i[s](#page-3-0) [given](#page-3-0) [in](#page-3-0) Table 2.

Par[ameters](#page-1-0) [o](#page-1-0)f Eq. (1) derived from the fit are given in Table 3 along with the relative standard devi[ation](#page-1-0) of the fit. Par[ameters](#page-3-0) [o](#page-3-0)f Eq. (2) are given in Table 4. It should be emphasized that extrapolation above the upper temperature limit of the experimental data by the quasi-polynomial equation is correct only in a q[uali](#page-5-0)tative manner. No guarantee can be given that the extrapolation will describe quantitatively the real heat capacity in this region except for the value at the critical point. The flexibility of the quasi-polynomial equation is in general worse than that of the polynomial Eq. (1), even though for the sets of data fitted in this work there is either no or a small difference between the two equations as indicated by the relative standard deviation of the fit *s*<sup>r</sup> that is given in Tables 3 and 4.

#### **4. Discussion**

Table 2 presents a survey of literature sources of calorimetrically measured heat capacity data of isomeric pentanols, for the selected sets of data together with temperature range, measurement error and purity of the sample. The rejected sets of data that is those not used in the calculation of par[ameters](#page-1-0) [of](#page-1-0) Eqs. (1) and (2) are represented by mostly old and inaccurate measurements carried out with compounds of low purity. The rejected data show large deviations from the recommended data as demonstrated in deviation plots (Figs. 1–6). Only for 2-methyl-[2-buta](#page-8-0)nol ([7]) and 3-methyl-[1-but](#page-8-0)anol ([8]) the old data were included among the selected data in order to extend the temperature range towards low temperatures.

There were also some more recent sets of data rejected for the following reasons. For 3-methyl-1-butanol the data by [Rao](#page-8-0) et al. [9] were determined by a simple "deferential heating and cooling technique" assuming the measured and the reference compounds have the same heat conductivity; the stated

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Fig. 1. Deviation plot for heat capacity of liquid 2-methyl-1-butanol.

measurement error was 4% and purity of the compound was not given in the paper. For the same compound we also rejected the data by Na[ziev](#page-8-0) [e](#page-8-0)t al. [10] with the stated measurement error of 2.2%. The [main](#page-8-0) objective of Naziev et al. was to carry out measurements up to 50 MPa. Their data at a normal pressure

deviate from other data by almost [7%](#page-6-0) [\(se](#page-6-0)e Fig. 3). For 3-pentanol we rejected a single value determined in an excess heat capacity experiment by Conti et al. [11]; in these experiments the purity of compounds used is often low resulting in a 5% deviation from the recommended data.



Fig. 2. Deviation plot for heat capacity of liquid 2-methyl-2-butanol.

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Fig. 3. Deviation plot for heat capacity of liquid 3-methyl-1-butanol.



Fig. 4. Deviation plot for heat capacity of liquid 3-methyl-2-butanol.

Temperature and enthalpy of fusion of 2,2-dimethylpropanol are given in Table 5 along with literature data. Temperature of fusion re[ported](#page-8-0) by [12] (unpurified sampl[e\)](#page-8-0) [and](#page-8-0) by [13] (sample purified by sublimation) is lower than in this work, which might be caused by the presence of impurities or water in the sample.









Fig. 5. Deviation plot for heat capacity of liquid 2-pentanol.



Fig. 6. Deviation plot for heat capacity of liquid 3-pentanol.

# **5. Conclusions**

Recommended data on heat capacity of seven liquid aliphatic pentanols were developed by critical assessment of newly determined and available literature data. Some sets of data published in the literature were rejected due to their large systematic deviations. The recommended data are presented in terms of parameters of empirical correlating equations expressing their dependence on temperature.

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