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Experimental Studies on Thermo Physical Properties and Spontaneity of Organic Compound Waste and Its Effect on Environment.

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ABSTRACT

In pharmaceutical and chemical industries, organic compounds are used as an intermediate and are normally handled in fluid form and as a consequence, the transport properties of fluids assume importance due to their environmental impact. The emission of volatile or partially volatile compounds must be reduced to appropriate levels before exposing industrial streams to atmosphere. One of the most widespread technologies used to achieve that reduction is adsorption using suitable adsorbent like activated carbon in a fixed bed. These processes are operated at different temperatures. Design of such operations requires quantitative estimates of transport properties of liquid mixtures. In the present study, densities and viscosities of paraanisaldehyde - methyl acetate organic mixture was measured over the entire mole fractions at different temperatures. Excess Gibbs free energy was obtained at different temperature from the measured properties and the spontaneity of the process was discussed. The impacts of organic compound, based on Gibbs free energy values were also discussed. The positive Gibbs free energy revealed that the adsorption is non-spontaneous and hence the impact on the environment of the binary liquid mixtures paraanisaldehyde - methyl acetate is high at 308.15, 318.15 and 328.15 K.

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INTRODUCTION

The organic compounds like paraanisaldehyde - methyl acetate mixtures are widely used an intermediate in pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals industries. Paraanisaldehyde along with acid and ethanol is frequently used to stain thin layer chromatography plates [1] [2]. The unused organic compounds are discharged as waste in effluent water. The removal of organic compounds from waste water is essential before the stream are let out or recycled back. Adsorption process is recognized as one of the effective and low cost technique for removal of organic pollutants from waste water, and produces high quality treated effluent [3]. The present work discusses about the feasibility of the treatment of the above waste water at various temperatures based on excess Gibbs free energy of compounds. For the successful design and operation of adsorption process, the data on the thermo physical properties like density, viscosity of the organic liquid mixtures are important to establish. The determination of feasibility of the adsorption process for treating organic liquid mixtures waste using excess Gibbs energy are essential before the adsorption process. Since no data is reported in the literature, the objective of the present study is to find out the feasibility of the process by estimating excess Gibbs free energy in terms of thermo physical properties like density and viscosity at various temperatures to conclude the impact on environment.

Properties of Organic Compound

Paraanisaldehyde

Paraanisaldehyde is an organic compound that is a clear to slightly yellow oily liquid with strong aroma. Its molecular formula is $C_8H_8O_2$. It occurs naturally in the fennel and anise plants. It is a high volume chemical with production over 1 million pounds annually. The compound consists of a benzene ring with an aldehyde and a methoxy group. It is a clear liquid with a strong aroma [4].

Formula: $C_8H_8O_2$

Density: 1.12 g/cm³

Molar mass: 136.15 g/mol

Melting point: 0 °C

Boiling point: 248 °C

Methyl acetate

Methyl acetate is a carboxylate ester with the formula CH_3COOCH_3 . It is a flammable liquid with a characteristically pleasant smell reminiscent of some glues and nail polish removers. Methyl acetate is occasionally used as a solvent, being weakly polar and lipophilic, Methyl acetate has a solubility of 25% in water at room temperature. At elevated temperature its solubility in water is much higher.

Formula: $C_3H_6O_2$

Density: 0.932 g/cm³

Molar mass: 74.08 g/mol

Melting point: -98 °C

Boiling point: 56.9 °C

Impact on Environment

- Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are gases or vapours emitted by various solids and liquids, many of which have short- and long-term adverse effects on human health and the environment. VOCs from petroleum are toxic and foul the air, extremely toxic, carcinogenic and cause DNA damage .
- Major sources of man-made VOCs are coatings, especially paints and protective coatings. Solvents are required to spread a protective or decorative film. Approximately 12 billion litres of paints are produced annually. Typical solvents are aliphatic hydrocarbons, ethyl acetate, glycol ethers, and acetone [5].
- Respiratory, allergic, or immune effects in infants are associated with man-made VOCs and other indoor or outdoor air pollutants. Health effects include eye, nose, and throat irritation; headaches, loss of coordination, nausea; and damage to the liver, kidney, and central nervous system. Some organics can cause cancer in animals; some are suspected or known to cause cancer in humans. Key signs or

symptoms associated with exposure to VOCs include conjunctival irritation, nose and throat discomfort, headache, allergic skin reaction, dyspnea, declines in serum cholinesterase levels, nausea, vomiting, nose bleeding, fatigue, dizziness.

- Many organic compounds are known to cause cancer in animals; some are suspected of causing, or are known to cause, cancer in humans [6].
- Short-term exposure to high levels of Methyl acetate results first in irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, followed by headache, nausea, vomiting, sleepiness, and unconsciousness. Very high concentrations may cause a stupor. Prolonged exposures may cause clouding of the eye, damage to the lung, heart, kidney and liver problems. [7].
- Paraanisaldehyde is a suspected neurotoxicant according to the Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances
- Methyl Acetate enters the environment through evaporation and is a volatile organic chemical (VOC) [8].

MATERIALS AND METHODS

All the chemicals (paraanisaldehyde- methyl acetate) used in this study were of analytical grade and obtained from Lobo Chemicals, India. The claimed mass fraction purity of the chemicals was ≥ 0.998 . These chemicals were dried over molecular sieves and partially degassed prior to use [9]. The purity of these experimental chemicals was checked by comparing the observed densities, viscosities with those reported in the literature.

Binary mixtures were prepared by mixing appropriate volumes of the liquid components in the specially designed glass bottles with air tight Teflon coated caps and mass measurements performed on a Shimadzu Corporation Japan type BL 2205 electronic balance, with a precision of ± 0.01 mg. The required properties were measured on the same day immediately after preparing each composition. The uncertainty of mole fraction were ± 0.01 . For all the measurements, temperatures were controlled by circulating the water through a thermostat (Technico, Madras. made in India) keeping temperature fluctuations within ± 0.03 K [10].

Density

Densities were determined by using a 25 cm³ bicapillary pycnometer and calibrated with deionized double distilled water with a density of 996.0 kg. m⁻³ at a temperature of 308.15 K. The pycnometer was thermostatted in a transparent walled water bath (maintained constant to ± 0.01 K) for 15 min to attain thermal equilibrium, and the level of liquid in the two arms was obtained with a travelling microscope which could read up to 0.01 mm. The precision of the density measurements was estimated to be ± 0.003 g · cm⁻³[2].

Viscosity

Viscosities were measured with Ostwald viscometer previously calibrated using water. The time was measured with a precision of 0.01s, and the uncertainty in the viscosity was estimated to be less than 0.003 mPa·s. The kinematic viscosity was obtained from the working equation [2]

$$\vartheta = a t + b/t \quad (1)$$

Where, the two constants a and b were obtained by measuring the flow time t of benzene.

Excess Gibbs free energy of binary mixture was obtained from the following equation

$$\Delta G^E = RT [\ln (\eta V) - (X_1 \ln (\eta_1 V_1) + X_2 \ln (\eta_2 V_2))] \quad (2)$$

where, R is the universal constant of gases; T is the absolute temperature, V₁ and V₂ are the molar volumes of component 1 and 2; x₁ and x₂ represents the mole fraction of component 1 and 2. V_m was obtained from equation (3). η_1 , η_2 and η_m are the viscosity of component 1 and 2 and mixture, respectively.

$$V_m = x_1 m_1 + x_2 m_2 / \rho_m \quad (3)$$

Where, ρ_m is the density of mixture [11].

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Measured values of densities and viscosities of paraanisaldehyde- methyl acetate binary liquid mixture at different temperature are shown in Fig. 1, and 2. The result showed that the decrease in density and viscosity with temperature. It was due to more molecular interaction between the binary liquid mixture [12]. Effect of temperature on density and viscosity is considered important, because excess Gibbs free energy is mainly depend on these properties and is calculated from the measured experimental data.

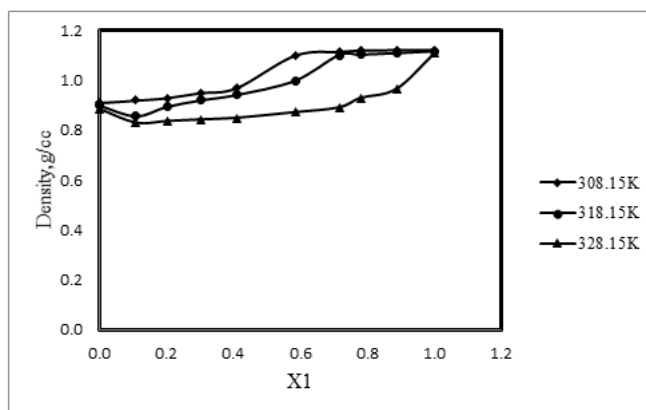


Figure 1: Effect of temperature on density for [p-anisaldehyde (1) + methyl acetate (2)]

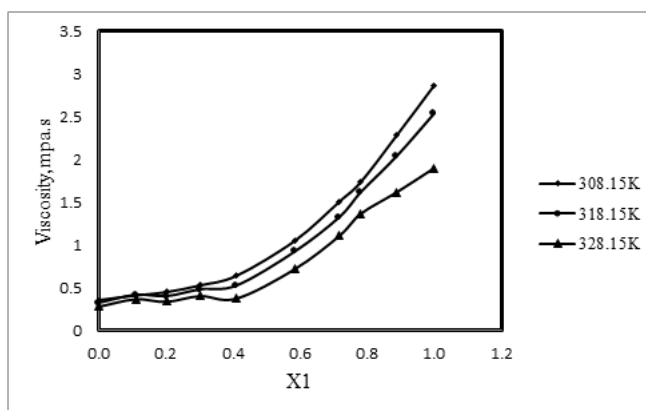


Figure 2: Effect of temperature on viscosity for [p-anisaldehyde (1) + methyl acetate (2)]

Excess Gibbs free energy provides information about the molecular interactions and macroscopic behaviour of fluid mixtures which can be used to test and improve thermodynamic models for calculating and predicting fluid phase equilibrium [13]. The magnitude of excess Gibbs free energy represents the strength of interaction between unlike molecules [14][9][16].

The Gibbs free energy change indicates the degree of spontaneity of an adsorption process. The negative and positive value reflects favourable, as well as unfavourable adsorption. The Gibbs free energy has been also used to find equilibrium constant in adsorption studies of organic compound. [15][11][16][17].

The effect of temperature on Excess Gibbs free energy for paraanisaldehyde- methyl acetate binary system is shown in Fig. 3, 4 and 5. Excess Gibbs free energy was found to be positive for all temperatures. The positive values of excess Gibbs free energy of binary mixture indicate the presence of specific and strong interactions in the systems [18][19]. Positive Gibbs free energy indicates the non-spontaneous nature of the process. A positive value of Gibbs free energy revealed that there was an energy barrier. When the ions enter from the solution into the particle surface, some of the water molecules forming hydration shell of ions were stripped off and simultaneously the degree of freedom of ions decreased. So feasibility of the process was

reduced. Hence, the adsorption did not occur or adsorption will be endothermic in nature [20]. So treatment of these types of organic mixtures is not feasible at 308.15, 318.15 and 328.15 K. The impact of these compounds on environment could not be reduced easily due to non spontaneity nature or less feasibility at these temperatures.

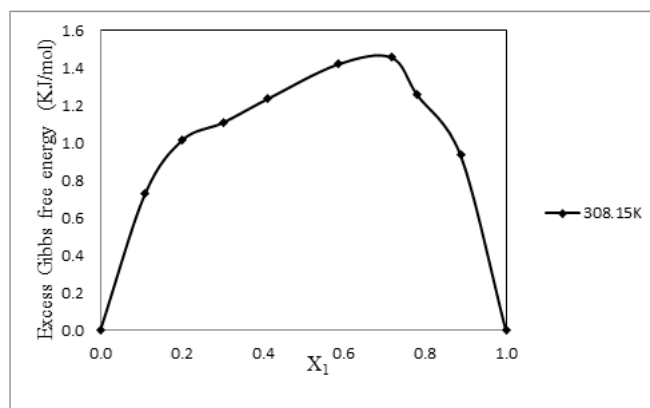


Figure 3: Effect of temperature on Excess Gibbs free energy at 308.15K for [p-anisaldehyde (1) + methyl acetate (2)]

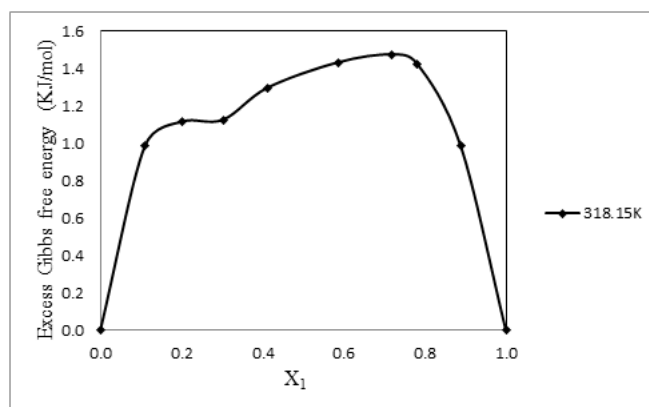


Figure 4: Effect of temperature on Excess Gibbs free energy at 318.15K for [p-anisaldehyde (1) + methyl acetate (2)]

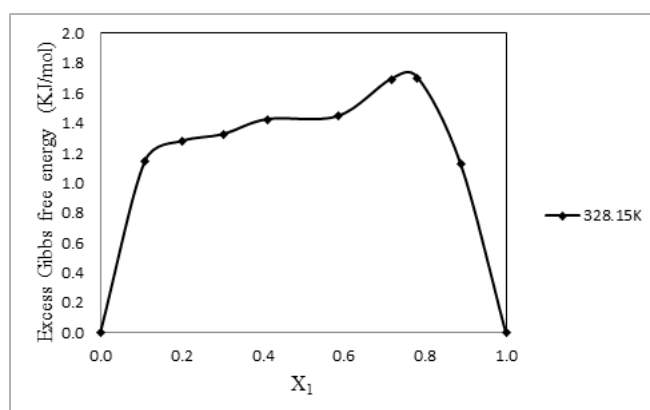


Figure 5: Effect of temperature on Excess Gibbs free energy at 328.15K for [p-anisaldehyde (1) + methyl acetate (2)]

CONCLUSION

Hence, densities and viscosities for organic binary mixtures were measured experimentally at different temperatures over wide concentration range. The effects of temperature on densities, viscosities and excess Gibbs free energies on mixture were reported in Fig.1,2, 3, 4 and 5. Positive Gibbs free energy indicates

the non-spontaneous nature of the adsorption process involves in the treatment of effluent waste water. It revealed that the impact of paraanisaldehyde- methyl acetate binary system on environment would be high at 308.15, 318.15 and 328.15 K.

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