

DFT Study, Volume Changes with Molecular Interactions of Hydroquinone in Water, Alcohol and Binary Solvent Mixtures of Aqueous Alcohol at Different Temperatures

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ABSTRACT

Densities of water, ethanol, 1-propanol and binary solvent mixture of water+ethanol, water+1-propanol were experimentally measured. Experimental density data used to calculate the excess molar volumes (V^E). Redlich−Kister Equation was used to calculate excess molar volumes (V^{E}) to correlate with the experimental excess molar volumes (V^{E}) *of binary solvent mixture. Regressed Parameters Ai obtained from Redlich−Kister* Equation were used for calculation of partial excess molar volumes at infinite dilution $(\bar{V}^{E,\infty}_i)$. In these same solvents hydroquinone was added to make saturated solutions of *hydroquinone at equilibrium. These saturated supernatant solutions were used to measured densities and molalities of hydroquinone at (293.15 to 313.15) K and apparent molar volume (VΦ). Molecular interaction was explain by using Gaussian 09W software, DFT method, B3LYP 6-31(G)d as basis set.*

KEYWORD: *DFT, Hydroquinone, Excess Molar Volumes (V^E), Apparent Molar Volume* (V_{Φ}) .

INTRODUCTION

Hydroquinone, the major benzene metabolite, is a ubiquitous chemical in the environment due to its widespread application in human and industrial activities. It can be used as a developing agent in photography, dye intermediate, stabilizer in paints, varnishes oils and motor fuels. In addition, hydroquinone has been used as an antioxidant in the rubber and food industry. From 1950s to 2001 hydroquinone was applied in the commercially available cosmetic skin lightening formulations in European Union countries and since 1960s it was commercially available as a medical product. It is also present in cosmetic formulations of products for coating finger nails and hair dyes [1, 2]. The antimicrobial properties of arbutin as the main compound and hydroquinone as the active metabolite were determined and compared with the antimicrobial properties of *A. unedo leaf* extracts so as to test the extent to which arbutin is responsible for antimicrobial activity [3]. Hydroquinone is crystalline white solid. IUPAC name is benzene-1, 4-diol with the molecular formula $C_6H_6O_2$. Molar mass is 110.11 gm/mol, melting point is about 172° C.

DFT is very popular in the field of chemistry for interpretation of structure and reactivity of various organic molecules. Theoretical data obtained by Gaussian 09W software is very good agreement

with the instrumental analysis of organic molecules [4, 5]. Here we used DFT to explaining interaction between solvent-solvent and solute-solvent molecules. Solvent-solvent and solvent-solute interactions of electrolytes are extremely important for the synthesis, design of processes and simulations of unit operations [6]. Densities of pure water, alcohols at certain temperatures were available but in water+alcohol mixed solvent system for 0.1 to 0.9 mole fractions of ethanol and 1-propanol have to be investigating. We have undertaken the measurements of densities of pure solvents, binary solvent mixtures and saturated solutions of hydroquinone in water + methanol and water+1-propanol binary solvents over the entire composition range from 0 to 1 mole fraction of ethanol and 1-propanol. The experimental work was carried out at $(293.15 \text{ to } 313.15) \text{ K}$ and excess molar volumes (V^{E}) [7] were calculated from the measured densities of the pure components and the binary mixtures as shown in Table 1 & 2.

Table 1-Mole fraction of methanol (x^0 _C), density ρ , experimental [$V^E_{(Exp)}$] & calculated [$V^E_{(Cal)}$] values of excess molar volumes of water + ethanol binary system and molality (m) , density (ρ) , apparent molar

volume (V_ϕ) of Hydroquinone + water + ethanol ternary system at temperatures (293.15 to 313.15) K & pressure 101.32 *kPa^a* .

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Table 2- Mole fraction of 1-propanol (x^0 _C), density ρ , experimental [$V^E_{(Exp)}$] & calculated [$V^E_{(Cal)}$] values of excess molar volumes of water + 1-Propanol binary system and molality (*m)*, density (*ρ*), apparent molar volume (V_ϕ) of Hydroquinone + water + 1-propanol ternary system at temperatures (293.15 to 313.15) K & pressure 101.32 *kPa^a* .

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Excess molar volume of binary mixture can be defined as the difference in molar volume of the mixture and the sum of the molar volume each component at given conditions [8]. The excess molar volumes (V^E) for the binary mixtures were obtained by eq.1.

$$
V^{E} = [x_1 M_1 + x_2 M_2] / \rho_{12} - x_1 M_1 / \rho_1 - x_2 M_2 / \rho_2 \quad \dots (1)
$$

Where xi , ρi , and Mi represent the mole fraction, the density and the molecular weight of the pure component respectively, while ρ_{12} represents the density of the binary solvent mixtures.

The values of experimental V^E for water+methanol binary solvent mixture were compared with calculated values of V^E by Redlich–Kister [9] type smoothing equation:

$$
V^{E} = x_{1}x_{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n} Ai(x_{1} - x_{2})^{i} \qquad \qquad \dots (2)
$$

Where x_1 was the molar fraction of alcohols used in study, x_2 was mole fraction of water, *Ai* was the adjustable parameter, and n was the number of the fitted parameters. The parameters for the Redlich−Kister equation was obtained by the least-squares fit method and the results were listed in Table 3.

Table 3- Regressed Parameters *Ai* and correlation coefficient R² of the Redlich–Kister Equation and the Root-Mean-Square Deviation (σ)

The values of the partial excess volume as given in Table-4 for solvent₁ and solvent₂ at infinite dilution $\overline{V_1}^{E,\infty}$ have been calculated from the adjustable parameters of Redlich–Kister smoothing equation as

$$
\overline{V_1}^{E, \infty} = A_0 - A_1 + A_2 - A_3 + A_4 \qquad \qquad \dots (3)
$$

$$
\overline{V_2}^{2,2} = A_0 + A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4 \qquad \qquad \dots (4)
$$

$T = (293.15$ to 313.15) K from Redlich-Kister Parameters Ai				
	Ethanol(1) $+ Water(2)$		$1\text{-}Propanol(1) + Water(2)$	
	$\bar{V}_1^{E,\infty}$	$\bar{V}^{E,\infty}_2$	$\bar{V}_1^{E,\infty}$	$\bar{V}^{\textit{E},\infty}_2$
T(K)	$10^6 \text{.m}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$			
293.15	-6.033652	-3.890518	-6.982062	-3.800430
295.65	-6.074206	-3.886898	-6.911319	-3.490074
298.15	-6.054749	-3.804943	-6.967907	-3.577248
300.65	-6.151978	-3.916347	-6.689055	-3.588334
303.15	-6.137882	-3.771531	-6.270201	-3.133259
305.65	-6.213503	-3.941184	-6.127152	-3.253265
308.15	-6.327641	-4.125377	-6.431937	-3.589813
310.65	-6.254905	-3.913270	-6.509109	-3.958900
313.15	-6.500051	-4.049917	-6.144622	-3.847037

Table 4- Calculated Partial Excess Molar Volumes at Infinite Dilution at

The following equation was used to calculate the root-mean-square deviation (rmsd) values:

$$
rmsd(\sigma) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i}^{N} (V_{cal(i)}^{E} - V_{exp(i)}^{E})^{2}}
$$
 (5)

Where $V_{cal(i)}^E$ and $V_{exp(i)}^E$ are the calculated and experimental values of the excess molar volume respectively, and N is the number of data points for each data set. Values of rmsd listed in Table 3 indicate good agreement between the calculated and experimental values.

Apparent molar volume (V_{ϕ}) [10, 11] of solution of hydroquinone in pure solvents and binary solvent mixture was calculated by using eq.6

$$
V_{\phi} = 1000(d^0 - d)/dd^0 m + M/d \qquad \qquad \dots (6)
$$

Where *d* is density of ternary solution, d^0 is density of binary solvent, *m* is malality of solution (moles/1000gm of solvent) and *M* is molecular weight of solute.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTIONS

Material: Triple distilled water was used in all experiments. Other chemicals was supplied by

Apparatus and Procedure: The apparatus and procedures used for density measurement have been described earlier in detail [12-15]. Briefly in this work; an excess amount of hydroquinone was added to

the binary solvents mixtures prepared by weight (Shimadzu, Auxzzo) with an uncertainty of \pm 0.1 mg, in a specially designed 100 ml jacketed flask. Water was circulated at constant temperature between the outer and inner walls of the flask. The temperature of the circulating water was controlled by thermostat to within (± 0.1) K. The solution was continuously stirred using a magnetic stirrer for sufficient time (about 3hr) so that equilibrium is assured, no further solute dissolved, and the temperature of solution is same as that of circulating water; the stirrer was switched off and the solution was allowed to stand for 1hr. Then 5 ml of the supernatant liquid was withdrawn from the flask in a weighing bottle with the help of pipette which is hotter than the solution. Solutions were dried gravimetrically till constant weight of weighing bottle was reached. Molality(*m*) of hydroquinone was calculated by constant weights of solute. This flask solution was used to fill bicapillary pycnometer.

Densities were determined using a 15 cm^3 bicapillary pycnometer as described earlier [16-18]. For calibration of pycnometer triply distilled and degassed water with a density of 0.99705 g·cm⁻³ at 298.15 K was used. The filled pycnometer (without air bubble) with experimental liquids was kept in a transparent walled thermostat maintained at constant temperature $(\pm 0.1 \text{ K})$ for 10 to 15 min to attain thermal equilibrium. The heights of the liquid levels in the two arms were measured with the help of a travelling microscope, which could read to 0.01 mm. The estimated standard uncertainty of the density measurements of the solvent and binary mixtures was $10 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The experimental values of densities (*ρ*) of pure water, ethanol, 1-propanol and water+ethanol, water+1-propanol binary solvents also the densities of the saturated solutions of hydroquinone in water, ethanol, 1-propanol and their binary mixtures water+ethanol, water+1-propanol have been experimentally measured at temperatures (293.15, 295.65, 298.15, 300.65, 303.15, 305.65, 308.15, 310.65, 313.15) K. Excess molar volumes (*V* E) data were correlated with values obtained from Redlich−Kister, apparent molar volume (V_{ϕ}) are given in Table-1 & 2. Calculated partial excess molar volumes at infinite dilution $(\bar{V}_i^{\epsilon,\infty})$ at *T* = (293.15 to 313.15) K from Redlich–Kister Parameters *Ai* shown in Table 4. Negative contribution of V^E may arise from following effects

- \triangleright Strong interactions between water and alcohol, which enhance the solvent structure in the mixtures.
- \triangleright Breaking of inter-molecular hydrogen-bonded structure of water by the addition of alcohol to form new intermolecular hydrogen-bond which gives a more compact structure as well as geometrical effects such as interstitial accommodation, making V^E negative.
- \triangleright As added ethanol fill up the all interstitial space between water molecules from 0.1 to 0.4 mole fraction ethanol further addition of ethanol from 0.4 to 0.6 there is change in volume V^E remains constant. After 0.6 mole fraction of ethanol, V^E values start to increase.(Fig.1)
- \triangleright The highest negative V^E values for water+1-propanol are noticeably observed at only 0.5 mole fraction of 1-propanol.(Fig. 2)
- \triangleright From above observations we say that ethanol is more associative with water than 1-propanol. As V^E values of water+ethanol are more negative than water+1-propanol.

Fig.1: Excess molar volumes (V^E) vs. Mole fraction of Ethanol (x_c^0) at Temperatures (\bullet T=293.15 K, ■T=295.15 K; ▲T=298.15K; ×T=300.15 K; ○T=303.15 K; ●T=305.15 K; +T=308.15 K; -T=310.15 K & ▬ T**=**313.15 K).

Fig.2: Excess molar volumes (V^E) vs. Mole fraction of 1-Propanol (x_c^0) at Temperatures (\bullet T=293.15 K, ■T=295.15 K; ▲T=298.15K; ×T=300.15 K; ○T=303.15 K; ●T=305.15 K; +T=308.15 K; -T=310.15 K & ▬ T**=**313.15 K).

The positive value of V_ϕ indicates weak solute-solvent interactions only in terms of H-bonding and not any strong electrostatic force of attractions. *V^Φ* values of hydroquinone in water are more than in alcohol, indicates hydroquinone interaction is stronger in alcohol than water. Hence hydroquinone is more soluble in alcohol than in water which is confirmed from *m* values in Table-1, 2 and Fig.3, 4.

Fig.3: Apparent molar volume (V_{ϕ}) of Hydroquinone vs. Mole fraction ethanol (x^{0} _C) at Temperatures (◆T=293.15 K, ■T=295.65 K; ▲T=298.15K; ×T=300.65 K; ○T=303.15 K; ●T=305.65 K; +T=308.15 K; - T=310.65 K & $-T=313.15$ K).

Fig.4: Apparent molar volume (V_{ϕ}) of Hydroquinone vs. Mole fraction 1-propanol (x^{0}_{C}) at Temperatures $(\bullet$ T=293.15 K, ■T=295.65 K; ▲T=298.15K; ×T=300.65 K; \circ T=303.15 K; \bullet T=305.65 K; +T=308.15 K; -T=310.65 K & $-$ T=313.15 K).

Molalities of hydroquinone are more in water+ethanol than in water+1-propanol. Higher *m* values observed at 0.6 mole fraction of ethanol and 0.4 mole fraction of 1-propanol then after *m* values were very slowly decreases. The decreasing trend of *m* of hydroquinone in pure solvent was ethanol > 1-propanol > water. Also *m* values continuously increased with increase in temperature at same mole fraction of alcohol (Fig.5, 6). For ternary system it was observed that V_ϕ values slight more in ethanol system than in 1-propanol system, it is due to higher *m* values of hydroquinone in mole fractions of ethanol than mole fractions of 1-propanol.

Fig.5: Plot of Molality(*m*) Vs. Mole Fraction of Ethanol(x_c) for Hydroquinone+ Water + Ethanol System.(\blacklozenge T=293.15; \blacksquare T =295.65; \blacktriangle T =298.15; \times T =300.65; \circ T =303.15; \bullet T =305.65; + T =308.15; - T $=310.65$; $-$ T $=313.15$).

Fig.6: Plot of Molality(*m*) Vs. Mole Fraction of 1-Propanol(x^0 _C) for Hydroquinone+ Water + 1-Propanol System.(◆T=293.15; ■ T =295.65; ▲ T =298.15; × T =300.65; ○ T =303.15; • T =305.65; + T =308.15; • T $=310.65$; $-$ T $=313.15$).

 Computational study using Gaussian 09W software, DFT method, B3LYP 6-31(G)d as basis set was performed to understand the fundamental interactions between solvent-solvent and solute-solvent molecules. First, the structures of the solvent were optimized and stable conformers were obtained. The optimized structure of alcohols then interacted with water molecule and hydroquinone molecule as shown in Fig.7.

Fig.7: Optimized structures of solute, solvents combinations by DFT method at B3LYP level using 6- 31G(d) basis set

Dipole moment, total energy ,molecular symmetry , I.R. frequency of alcoholic –OH group, alcoholic –OH bond distance in angstroms unit and distance of intermolecular Hydrogen bonding present between alcohol with water and hydroquinone was given in Table 5.

Table 5-Calculated –OH str. freq. along with palarizability, dipole moment, -OH bond distance, intermolecular H-bond distance for pure substance, binary solvents & ternary solutions by DFT/B3LYP method at 6-31G (d) basis set

[Abbreviations:-W: Water, M: Methanol, E: Ethanol, P: 1-Propanol, H: Hydroquinone]

 HOMO-LUMO with energy gap between them is shown in Fig. 8. Energies of all optimized structure of HOMO, LUMO and their energy gap were shown in Table.6

Table 6-HOMO, LUMO energies and Energy Gap between LUMO-HOMO Calculated by DFT method at B3LYP level using 6-31G (d) basis set.

Fig. 8-HOMO, LUMO structures with LUMO-HOMO Energy Gap.

The trend of energy gap is W> P≈E >WE≈WP >WPH≈WEH≈H >WH≈PH≈EH. From Table-6 we observed that solvent shows more energy gap than hydroquinone solutions those solvent-solvent system are more stable than solute-solute, solute-solvent system. Theoretical υ-OH cm⁻¹ given in Table-5, its decreasing trend was H> P≈E >PH≈EH > W > WP >WE > WH > WPH≈WEH indicates that lower the υ-OH stronger the intermolecular H-bonding between them. This trend indicates that stronger interactions in ternary systems than binary systems.

CONCLUSIONS

The densities of pure, binary solvent systems were decreases with increase in mole fraction of alcohols and temperatures. In case of ternary solutions densities values were decreases with increase in mole fraction of alcohols and increases with temperatures this was due to increase of solubility in terms of molality. The molality (*m*) of hydroquinone in pure and binary solvent system was given in Table-1, 2. The trend of *m* in are shown as 0.6 WE $>$ 0.4 WP $>$ E $>$ P $>>$ W at same temperature, which explained

solubility rule 'like dissolved like'. Also these values of m increase with increase in temperature. As V^E are more negative at 0.4 to 0.6 mole fraction of ethanol, *m* values increase rapidly up to 0.6 mole fraction of ethanol then remains nearly same and very slowly decreases. The V^E are more negative at 0.5 mole fraction of 1-propanol, *m* values increase rapidly up to 0.4 & 0.5 mole fractions of 1-propanol then slowly decreases. From these result we say that solubility increase with mole fraction of alcohol but after 0.6 mole fraction of ethanol and 0.4 mole fraction of 1-propanol, addition of alcohol is less significant for solubility of hydroquinone.

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