



# Ultrasonic studies of molecular interactions in binary mixtures of formamide with some isomers of butanol at 298.15 K and 308.15 K

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## ABSTRACT

Ultrasonic speeds have been measured at 298.15 K and 308.15 K for formamide + 1-butanol or 2-methyl-1-propanol or 2-methyl-2-propanol mixtures and correlated by various correlations like Nomoto's relation, Van Dael's mixing relation and impedance dependence relation. The ultrasonic speed data were further analyzed in terms of Jacobson's free length theory and Schaaff's collision factor theory. Excess isentropic compressibility was calculated from experimental ultrasonic velocity and excess volume data. For an equimolar mixture, excess molar compressibility follows the sequence: 2-methyl-2-propanol < 2-methyl-1-propanol < 1-butanol. The excess molar ultrasonic speed and isentropic compressibility values were also fitted to Redlich–Kister polynomial equation and other properties like molecular association, available volume, free volume, and intermolecular free length were also reported.

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## 1. Introduction

Ultrasonic study of binary mixture helps in understanding their nonideal behavior, as various thermodynamic properties derived from ultrasonic speed and density give significant information about the structure and molecular interactions. Thermodynamic behavior of binary mixture of amide and alcohol is to be investigated, as these are of biological interest. Both formamide and butanol are self associated through H-bonding. The mixing behavior of a binary mixture depends on the size and structure of both components as well as on the strength of inter- and intra-molecular interactions [1–13]. In continuation of our previous work [14–17] on associated binaries, ultrasonic speeds in formamide + 1-butanol or 2-methyl-1-propanol or 2-methyl-2-propanol mixtures have been measured at 298.15 K and 308.15 K. The measured ultrasonic speed data were correlated by correlations like Nomoto's relation, Van Dael's mixing relation and impedance dependence relation. The ultrasonic speed data were further analyzed in terms of Jacobson's free length theory (FLT) and Schaaff's collision factor theory (CFT). Excess isentropic compressibility was calculated from experimental ultrasonic velocity and excess volume data. Excess isentropic compressibility data were also interpreted in terms of graph

theoretical approach. The excess molar ultrasonic speed and isentropic compressibility values were fitted to Redlich–Kister polynomial equation and other properties like molecular association, available volume, free volume, and intermolecular free length were also calculated.

## 2. Experimental

Formamide, 1-butanol, 2-methyl-1-propanol or 2-methyl-2-propanol (Merck or Sigma) was purified by standard procedures [18,19]. The purities of the purified samples were checked by measuring their densities and refractive indices at 298.15 K. The densities were measured with a precision of  $\pm 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  by a specially designed densimeter, consisting of a bulb with an approximate volume of  $35 \text{ cm}^3$  attached to a calibrated capillary through a B-10 standard joint in the manner described by Wiesenberger [20]. Air buoyancy correction was also applied to achieve greater accuracy. Refractive indices were measured with a thermostatically controlled Abbe refractometer (OSAW, India) using sodium D-line with an accuracy of  $\pm 0.0001$ . Our experimental values for the density, and refractive index of the pure compounds compared well with the literature values [21–30] as shown in Table 1. Ultrasonic velocities were measured using an ultrasonic interferometer (Model M-81) operating at 2 MHz and the data were reproducible within  $\pm 3\%$ . The temperature of the water thermostat was controlled at  $\pm 0.01 \text{ K}$  by a mercury-in-toluene regulator.

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**Table 1**

Comparison of experimental values of ultrasonic speed ( $m/s$ ) of pure liquids with the corresponding literature values, critical temperature ( $K$ ) of pure liquids [21,22], isobaric expansivity,  $\alpha$  ( $K^{-1}$ ), and specific heat ( $J mol^{-1} K^{-1}$ ) at constant pressure [21,22] of pure liquids.

Compound	T/K	u		T <sub>c</sub>	$\alpha \times 10^3$	C <sub>p</sub>
		Exptl.	Literature			
Formamide	298.15	1599	1601 [23], 1591.3 [24]	650	7.49 [28]	107.8
	308.15	1576.57	1577.2 [23]		7.58 [28]	105.2
1-Butanol	298.15	1251.78	1242.6 [23], 1268 [25]	562.9	0.948 [19]	177.2
	308.15	1220.4	1207.6 [23]		1.041 [29]	181.6
2-Methyl-1-propanol	298.15	1209.60	1189.6 [26], 1170 [25]	547.7	0.978 [30]	181.05
	308.15	1161	1156.2 [26]		1.066 [29]	185.6
2-Methyl-2-propanol	298.15	1121.40	1121.2 [27]	506.2	1.387 [30]	215.37
	308.15	1084	1082.8 [27]		1.482 [29]	219.2

### 3. Results

Ultrasonic velocity of binary mixtures of formamide (1) + alkanol (2) was measured at 298.15 K and 308.15 K and recorded in Table 2. Following empirical, semi-empirical or statistical relations have been used for theoretical estimation of speed of sound in the present binary mixture:

Nomoto's relation [31] which is based on assumption of additivity of molar sound velocity and no volume change on mixing is given as

$$u = \left( \frac{R_m}{V_{\text{mix}}} \right)^3 = \left[ \frac{x_1 R_1 + x_2 R_2}{x_1 V_1 + x_2 V_2} \right]^3 \quad (1)$$

where  $x_1, x_2, V_1, V_2, R_1$ , and  $R_2$  are the mole fractions, molar volumes and molar sound velocity of the first and second components respectively.

$$R_m = \left[ \frac{(M_i u_i^{1/3})^3}{\rho_i^*} \right] \quad (2)$$

Van Dael's ideal mixing relation [32]

$$\frac{1}{x_1 M_1 + x_2 M_2} \cdot \frac{1}{u_{\text{id,mix}}^2} = \frac{x_1}{M_1 u_1^2} + \frac{x_2}{M_2 u_2^2} \quad (3)$$

where  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are mole fractions and  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are molar mass of formamide and alkanol respectively and  $u_{\text{id,mix}}$  is the ultrasonic velocity of the ideal mixture.

Impedance dependence relation [33]

$$u = \frac{\sum (x_i Z_i)}{\sum (x_i \rho_i^*)} \quad (4)$$

where  $Z_i = \mu_i \rho_i^*$  is the specific acoustic impedance of component  $i$ .

Schaaff's collision factor theory (CFT) [34–36] was also applied to calculate the ultrasonic molecular free lengths ( $L_f$ ) using following equations

$$Y = (36 \pi N_A V_0^2)^{1/3} \quad (5)$$

$$V_a = V_T \left( 1 - \frac{u}{u_\infty} \right) \quad (6)$$

where  $u$  is the ultrasonic velocity at temperature  $T$  and  $u_\infty$  is 1600 m/s.

According to Schaaff's collision factor theory (CFT) [34–36],

$$u_{\text{mix}} = \frac{u_\infty (x_1 S_1 + x_2 S_2) (x_1 b_1 + x_2 b_2)}{V_{\text{mix}}} \quad (7)$$

where  $b$  and  $S$  are the geometric volume and collision factor respectively. The actual volume of the molecule per mole of the liquid has been computed using the relations.

$$b = \frac{4 \pi r^3 N_A}{3} \quad (8)$$

where  $r$  is the molecular radius which has been computed using Schaaff's [36] relation

$$r = \left( \frac{M}{\rho N_A} \right)^{1/3} \left[ \frac{3}{16 \pi} \left[ 1 - \frac{\gamma R T}{M u^2} \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{M u^2}{3 \gamma R T}} - 1 \right) \right] \right]^{1/3} \quad (9)$$

$$b' = \frac{M}{\rho} - \frac{\gamma R T}{M u^2} \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{M u^2}{3 \gamma R T}} - 1 \right) \quad (10)$$

$$r = \left( \frac{3 b'}{16 \pi N_A} \right)^{1/3} \quad (11)$$

where  $b'$  is the van der Waals constant and is equal to four times the actual volume of the molecules per mole of the liquid i.e.  $b' = 4b$ . The value of the collision factor  $S$  has been calculated using the relation

$$S = \frac{u V_T}{b u_\infty} \quad (12)$$

In order to carry out numerical comparison of the estimation capability of the various relations, percentage standard deviations were calculated using following relation and given in Table 3.

$$\sigma(\%) = \left[ \frac{\sum \left\{ 100 (X_{\text{exptl.}} - X_{\text{theo.}}) / X_{\text{exptl.}} \right\}^2}{(n-1)} \right]^{1/2} \quad (13)$$

where  $n$  represents the number of experimental data points. Various basic parameters of the pure components were used in theoretical estimation of ultrasonic velocity by using various correlations.

Molecular association ( $M_A$ ) has been calculated [37] using the relation

$$M_A = \left( \frac{u_{\text{mix}}}{x_1 u_1 + x_2 u_2} \right) - 1. \quad (16)$$

The molar free volume ( $V_f$ ) was obtained according to Eyring [38], from the following equation.

$$V_f = V u^{-3} \left( \frac{\gamma R T}{M} \right)^{3/2} \quad (17)$$

Jacobson [39,40] derived the intermolecular free length from molar volume and surface area for a large number of liquids. It was suggested that compressibility can be well understood in terms of the intermolecular free length which is the distance between the

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