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## ABSTRACT

### **DIFFUSION COEFFICIENTS IN CARBON DIOXIDE-[bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] MIXTURE AT HIGH PRESSURE: TRANSPORT AND THERMODYNAMIC MODELING OF EXPERIMENTAL SOLUBILITY**

Ionic liquids are defined as molten salts which have melting point below 100°C. They have unique properties such as low vapor pressure, non-flammability and good thermal stability, that make them attractive as solvents. On the other hand, carbon dioxide, has been used as a solvent in both supercritical and liquid phases for decades. It can form a solvent system with ionic liquids to be used in different applications. A mass transfer process in one-direction starts with the introduction of carbon dioxide at high pressure to an ionic liquid containing system. Carbon dioxide dissolves in the liquid phase. However, the transport of the ionic liquid into the gas phase does not occur in measurable quantities. In this study, the objective is to determine the mutual diffusion coefficients of the carbon dioxide-ionic liquid, [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>], system at temperatures of 313.15 K and 323.15 K and pressures of 5 MPa and 8 MPa. Experiments have been run to find time-dependent carbon dioxide solubilities in the ionic liquid and then, a transport model is fit to the experimental data in order to estimate the diffusion coefficients. The system is modeled as one-directional mass transfer from gas phase to liquid phase with a moving interface. The volume-of-fluid method is used to model the change in the position of the interface. To account for the variation in liquid density, an equation fit to the experimental density data is included in the transport model. The diffusivities at dilute concentration and at thermodynamic phase equilibrium are determined and compared with the literature values and those obtained from correlations.

## ÖZET

### **YÜKSEK BASINÇTA KARBONDİOKSİT-[bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] KARIŞIMINDA YAYINIM KATSAYILARI: DENEYSEL ÇÖZÜNÜRLÜĞÜN TAŞINIM VE TERMODİNAMİK MODELLEMESİ**

İyonik sıvılar, erime noktası 100°C'nin altında olan erimiş tuzlar olarak tanımlanır. Düşük buhar basıncı, alev almazlık ve iyi ısı kararlılık gibi, çözücüler olarak çekici olmalarını sağlayan benzersiz özelliklere sahiptirler. Öte yandan karbondioksit hem kritik ötesi hem de sıvı fazda çözücü olarak onlarca yıldır kullanılmaktadır. Farklı uygulamalarda kullanılmak üzere iyonik sıvılar ile çözücü sistemi oluşturulabilir. Tek yönlü bir kütle aktarımı süreci, yüksek basınçta karbondioksitin iyonik sıvı olan bir sisteme eklenmesiyle başlar. Karbondioksit sıvı fazında çözünür. Ancak, iyonik sıvının gaz fazına taşınımı ölçülebilir miktarlarda gerçekleşmez. Bu çalışmada amaç, karbondioksit-iyonik sıvı, [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>], sisteminin yayılım katsayılarının 313.15 K ve 323.15 K sıcaklıklarında ve 5 MPa ve 8 MPa basınçlarında belirlenmesidir. Karbondioksitin zamana bağlı olarak iyonik sıvı içerisindeki çözünürlüğünü bulmak için deneyler yapılmıştır. Sonra, difüzyon katsayılarını hesaplamak üzere, deneysel veriye bir taşınım modeli uygulanmıştır. Sistem, hareketli bir ara-yüzeyle gaz fazından sıvı fazına doğru tek yönlü bir kütle transferi olarak modellenmiştir. Fazlar arasındaki ara-yüzeyin konumunda oluşan değişim için Akışkan-Hacmi yöntemi kullanılmıştır. Sıvı yoğunluğundaki değişimi hesaba katmak için, taşınım modeline deneysel yoğunluk verilerine uyan bir denklem dahil edilmiştir. Seyreltik konsantrasyon ve termodinamik faz dengesindeki yayılım katsayıları belirlenmiş ve literatürdeki değerler ve korelasyonlarla elde edilen sonuçlarla karşılaştırılmıştır.

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## LIST OF SYMBOLS/ABBREVIATIONS

|             |                                                             |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| $g$         | Gravitational acceleration                                  |
| $k_{ij}$    | Binary interaction parameter                                |
| $m$         | Mass                                                        |
| $t$         | Time                                                        |
| $u$         | Velocity                                                    |
| $w$         | Mass fraction                                               |
| $x$         | Mole fraction                                               |
| $D$         | Diffusion coefficient                                       |
| $D^0$       | Initial diffusion coefficient                               |
| $D$         | Diffusion coefficient                                       |
| $J$         | Diffusion flux                                              |
| $M_w$       | Molar mass                                                  |
| $P$         | Pressure                                                    |
| $T$         | Temperature                                                 |
| $V$         | Volume                                                      |
| $V'_{IL}$   | Volume of the ionic liquid sample                           |
| $V_m$       | Molar volume                                                |
| $w_{CO_2}$  | Mass fraction of $CO_2$                                     |
| $\alpha$    | Volume fraction                                             |
| $\gamma$    | Activity coefficient                                        |
| $\Gamma$    | Thermodynamic correction factor                             |
| $\mu$       | Viscosity                                                   |
| $\rho$      | Density                                                     |
| $\tau_{ij}$ | Binary interaction parameter in liquid activity coefficient |
| $\Phi$      | Fugacity coefficient                                        |
| $\omega$    | Acentric factor                                             |
| $c$         | Critical                                                    |

|    |              |
|----|--------------|
| r  | Reduced      |
| A  | Solute       |
| B  | Solvent      |
| IL | Ionic liquid |





## 1. INTRODUCTION

Ionic liquids (ILs) are salts which remain in the liquid state at room temperature. Their properties such as non-flammability, very low or non-volatility and being recyclable, increase their potential as green solvents [1,2]. They have high polarity and can dissolve organic, inorganic and organometallic materials. Also, they are thermally stable. It is possible to develop the best IL solvent for green processes by choosing the right anion and cation [1,2]. ILs are generally categorized by their cation [2].

Above its critical point (304.2 K, 7.38 MPa), carbon dioxide is used as a supercritical fluid (scCO<sub>2</sub>) [3]. The inexpensive, relatively inert, non-flammable, non-toxic, and non-viscous characteristics make scCO<sub>2</sub> the supercritical fluid of choice [4]. scCO<sub>2</sub> can be used as a solvent in petroleum refining and petrochemistry. It is also an ideal solvent for food industry in extraction processes such as coffee and tea decaffeination, cholesterol or lipid extraction from meat [3]. It is also used in fluid extraction in biotechnology, and extrusion processes in food processing [5].

The addition of high-pressure CO<sub>2</sub> to an IL initiates one-way mass transfer. While CO<sub>2</sub> readily dissolves in the IL, the IL itself does not significantly diffuse into the vapor phase. A gas-expanded liquid (GXL) system forms when dissolution takes place. A GXL, referred to as a liquid, undergoes an expansion in volume when subjected to pressure by a condensable gas like carbon dioxide [6].

GXLs are environmentally benign solvents applied to separations, extractions and reactions [6,7]. There are three classes of carbon dioxide-expanded liquids (CXLs) [6,8]. The solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> is limited in Class I CXL, as in the case of water-carbon dioxide systems, and the liquid volume undergoes only slight expansion. Class II CXLs dissolve large amounts of CO<sub>2</sub>, and expansion is high, such as CO<sub>2</sub> and methanol. In Class III, the gas is moderately soluble and liquid expands more than Class I systems, such as, CO<sub>2</sub> and ILs [9].

[bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] is one of the most widely investigated ionic liquids [2,10]. It has applications in catalysis, separation and synthesis [10]. CO<sub>2</sub>-[bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] solvent system is recently applied in the oxidation reaction of cyclohexane using different catalysts. The mixed solvent has provided some favorable results regarding reaction times, dissolution and recycle of catalysts, and yield [11,12]. In recent studies, [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] has been employed in the

synthesis of ionogels under CO<sub>2</sub> pressure [13] and another example is the separation of CO<sub>2</sub> from biogas (ie. biogas upgrading) by using [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] as solvent [14,15]. Also, during the formation of the carbon dioxide-1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate system, mass transfer is one-way, from the gas phase to the liquid phase. Through the dissolution of carbon dioxide, the transport properties of the liquid phase can be changed [16].

High pressure diffusion coefficients are determined for 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate-carbon dioxide system and the change in the binary diffusivities with the liquid mole fraction of carbon dioxide is examined at different pressures and temperatures. The experimental set-up is designed for this system. The mainly used equipments in this system are: a syringe pump, a cathetometer and a high pressure view cell. Carbon dioxide can be loaded to the system by using syringe pump at a constant pressure. During the experiments, a cathetometer is utilized to track the rise in the liquid level. This enables the determination of the solubility values of CO<sub>2</sub>.

The system is modeled with computational fluid dynamics (CFD) where the flow field is divided into cells. The equations governing momentum, energy, and mass balances are discretized and expressed in terms of variables located at the cell centers or at specified positions within the cells. Subsequently, these equations are solved [17]. The CFD model we have developed accounts for the changes in the position of the phase interface using the volume-of-fluid method (VOF) and the density of the liquid phase during the process. This model is fit to the experimental solubilities to find diffusion coefficients.

The thesis starts with literature survey on ionic liquids, supercritical fluids, gas-expanded liquids, [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>]-CO<sub>2</sub> system and computational fluid dynamics. In the next part, details of experiments and transport model are explained. The experimental solubility and calculated diffusivity values of carbon dioxide in the ionic liquid at various temperatures and pressures are presented in the results and discussion sections. Finally, the conclusions and some suggestions for future work are stated.

## 2. LITERATURE SURVEY

The toxic organic solvents can escape into the atmosphere and make a contamination to the environment after a reaction. Therefore, alternative solvents, such as ionic liquids, are preferred to be used in application areas of science and industry. They prevent the negative impacts to the environment that organic solvents cause because; they are non-volatile. Therefore they are stated as environmentally benign solvents [2]. This section gives brief description about ionic liquids, their properties and application areas; supercritical fluids and their applications; gas-expanded liquids, high pressure carbon dioxide and ionic liquid systems; and also computational fluid dynamics.

### 2.1. IONIC LIQUIDS

Scientists agree that, ionic liquids can be ideal examples in the near future for catalyst and separation applications in the industry due to having such properties of non-volatility, thermal stability and wide liquid range [9,18,19].

Solvents made solely of ions are known as ionic liquids. ILs can be distinguished by this definition from salt solutions (salt+ions) and molecular solvents (only neutral molecules) [9]. Ionic liquids can be described as organic salts that are created through the combination of cations and anions. As cations show high degree of asymmetry, ILs remain liquid at ambient conditions as the ions do not pack well [2,7,9,20]. To put it another way, salts that their melting point ( $T_m$ ) is low, called as ionic liquids [5]. Even at elevated temperatures, their vapor pressure can be disregarded. These non-flammable organic fluids possess qualities that make them appealing for industrial applications [20]. Ionic liquids are typically named as [cation][anion] [7]. Figure 2.1 displays the cations and anions commonly utilized for ILs as reported in the literature [21]. The structures and abbreviations of generally used ILs are given in Table 2.1 [22].

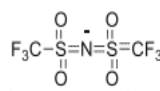
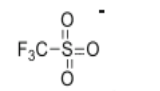
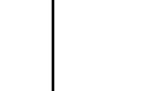
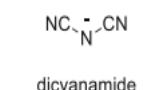
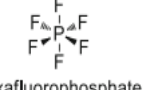
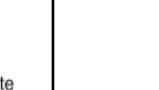
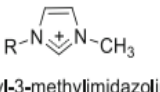
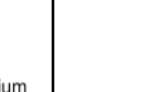
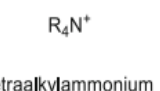
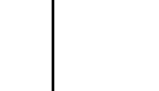
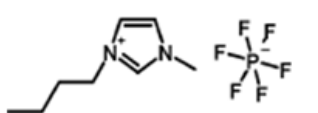
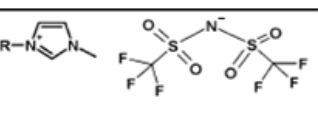
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| ANIONS  | <br>bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide<br>[NTf <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>          | <br>trifluoromethanesulfonate<br>triflate, [OTf] <sup>-</sup> | <br>alkylsulfate<br>[C <sub>n</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>                     |
|         | <br>dicyanamide<br>[N(CN) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>                              | <br>hexafluorophosphate<br>[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>    | <br>tetrafluoroborate<br>[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>                               |
| CATIONS | <br>1-alkyl-3-methylimidazolium<br>[C <sub>n</sub> C <sub>1</sub> im] <sup>+</sup> | <br>1-alkylpyridinium<br>[C <sub>n</sub> py] <sup>+</sup>     | <br>1-alkyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium<br>[C <sub>n</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Pyrr] <sup>+</sup> |
|         | <br>tetraalkylammonium<br>[C <sub>4</sub> N] <sup>+</sup>                         | <br>tetraalkylphosphonium<br>[C <sub>4</sub> P] <sup>+</sup> | <br>trialkylsulfonium<br>[C <sub>3</sub> S] <sup>+</sup>                              |

Figure 2.1. Frequently used cations and anions for ionic liquids in the literature [21]

Table 2.1. Names and structures of common ILs [22]

| Ionic Liquid                                                                                          | Structure                                                                            | Short Name                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium<br>tetrafluoroborate                                                      |  | [bmim][BF <sub>4</sub> ]  |
| 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium<br>hexafluorophosphate                                                    |  | [bmim][PF <sub>6</sub> ]  |
| 1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium<br>bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl) imide<br>R=C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub> |  | [hmim][TF <sub>2</sub> N] |

### 2.1.1. History of Ionic Liquids

Investigations about ILs' physical and chemical properties, their synthesis and applications as solvents and catalysts have increased over the last decade [21]. According to the literature nearly 3500 papers about these topics are published every year [21].

Paul Walden (1914) first synthesized an IL, ethylammonium nitrate ( $[\text{EtNH}_3][\text{NO}_3]$ ). This IL has the melting point as 12 °C [23].

Due to the fact that ethylammonium nitrate (Figure 2.2) was highly reactive, studies related with that IL were limited [24].

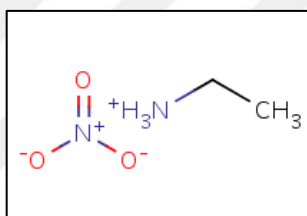


Figure 2.2. Ethylammonium nitrate ( $[\text{EtNH}_3][\text{NO}_3]$ ) [24]

In 1982, Wilkes and colleagues conducted research on the formation of 1-alkyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride aluminum chloride ionic liquids using 1,3-dialkylimidazolium cations. [25]. For the first ILs, such as organo-aluminates were not stable to air and water, therefore they had a limited range of applications [26]. Hussey and Seddon used chloroaluminate species for the synthesis of ILs in 1983 (first generation of ILs) [26,27]. But due to their sensitivity to water it was difficult to handle these chloroaluminate systems [26,27]. This work made ionic liquids much more popular [26]. Later on in 1992, Wilkes and coworkers studied ionic liquids with tetrafluoroborate ions (second generation of ILs). As a result of their study, they proved that ionic liquids are not limited only by chloroaluminate melts, they can combine a whole range of cation/anion combination [28]. In Figure 2.3 three generations of ILs are presented [29]. Task-specific ILs (TSILs) are presented by Davis as a third generation at the beginning of 2000s. Also he reported that TSILs can easily be tuned to the reaction conditions (see Figure 2.3) [29].

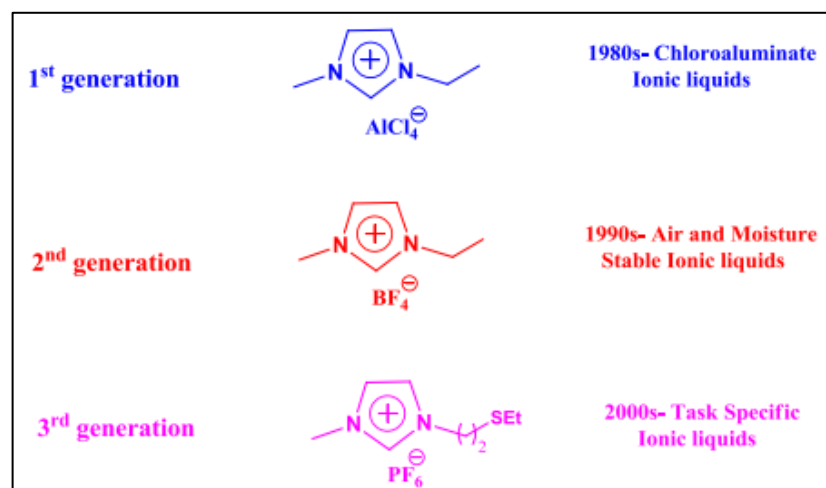


Figure 2.3. The three IL generations [29]

### 2.1.2. Physical Properties of Ionic Liquids

ILs possess significant characteristics, including a broad spectrum of advantageous attributes such as: a decreased melting point, non-flammability, elevated ionic conductivities [2]. Needless to say that there is no ideal ionic liquid that has all the unique properties mentioned above [20].

The inherent flexibility of ionic liquids (ILs) allows for the introduction of modifications by altering the cationic and anionic components, thereby enabling the creation of a broad range of IL variations. This capability allows for precise fine-tuning of the physical properties of ILs. That versatility indicates significant potential for ILs in various applications leading them to be referred to as “designer solvents” in multiple publications [2,30]. This term highlights their capacity to be customized and tailored to specific needs, further emphasizing their suitability for a diverse range of uses [2].

In the following section physical properties of ionic liquids are explained briefly with some examples.

#### 2.1.2.1. Liquid range and thermal stability

In the case of amorphous ionic liquids, the liquid range is constrained by the  $T_g$  while for crystalline ionic liquids, the liquid range is limited by the melting point. Using differential scanning calorimetry (DSC), the phase transition can be measured [31]. Ionic liquids exhibit

significant liquid ranges, reaching as wide as 200-300 °C when compared to common organic liquids (such as, benzene, hexane and ethanol) that have ranges up to 100 °C [32,33].

As mentioned previously, ionic liquids exhibit an absence of detectable vapor pressure. Consequently, the first thing that happens when heating of the ILs is thermal decomposition. Huddleston et al. determined that the majority of ionic liquids (ILs) exhibit thermal decomposition around 400°C, indicating a notable level of thermal stability [34]. Additionally, Ngo and Villanueva observed that the thermal stability of ILs is heavily influenced by the anion present; [Tf<sub>2</sub>N]<sup>-</sup> being identified as one of the most stable anions. [35,36]. Table 2.2 provides thermal decomposition temperatures for various ionic liquids (ILs) [8]. We can conclude that, alkyl chain of ILs does not exert a substantial influence on the T<sub>d</sub>. However the selection of the anion component has an effect in this regard.

Table 2.2. T<sub>d</sub> values of various ionic liquids (ILs)

| <b>Ionic Liquid</b>            | <b>T<sub>d</sub> [°C]</b> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| [bmim][I] [34]                 | 265                       |
| [bmim][Cl] [34]                | 254                       |
| [bmim][BF <sub>4</sub> ] [34]  | 403                       |
| [bmim][PF <sub>6</sub> ] [34]  | 349                       |
| [emim][Tf <sub>2</sub> N] [35] | 455                       |
| [bmim][Tf <sub>2</sub> N] [34] | 439                       |
| [hmim][PF <sub>6</sub> ] [34]  | 417                       |
| [omim][PF <sub>6</sub> ] [34]  | 376                       |
| [emim][BF <sub>4</sub> ] [35]  | 412                       |

#### 2.1.2.2. *Melting point*

Due to the change in the size of cation and anion, ionic liquids' melting points change inversely. Conversely, when the cation in the IL exhibits heightened symmetry, this corresponds to a higher melting point. This phenomenon can be attributed to the improved packing efficiency of ions, which subsequently leads to higher melting points [2,37].

In Table 2.3, it is evident that the melting points follow a decreasing trend, with [emim] having a higher melting point compared to [bmim], consequently, [hmim] exhibits a lower

melting point compared to the aforementioned substances. This pattern is consistent among ionic liquids with the  $[\text{PF}_6]$  anion.

Ngo et al. stated that the introduction of larger and more asymmetrical substituted cations in imidazolium ionic liquids (ILs) leads to a decrease in their melting points [35]. According to Scurto et al., [38] the addition of carbon dioxide in an ionic liquid leads to notable reduction in the melting points, resulting in a phenomenon known as melting point depression. The researchers identified very pronounced interactions between  $\text{CO}_2$  and the anion as the underlying cause of this effect, particularly in ionic liquids that contain fluorinated anions [2].

Table 2.3. The melting points of selected ionic liquids

| <b>Ionic Liquid</b>                       | <b>Melting Point (°C)</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| $[\text{bmim}][\text{Cl}]$ [34]           | 41                        |
| $[\text{bmim}][\text{I}]$ [34]            | -72                       |
| $[\text{bmim}][\text{PF}_6]$ [34]         | 10                        |
| $[\text{bmim}][\text{BF}_4]$ [39]         | -81                       |
| $[\text{bmim}][\text{AlCl}_4]$ [40]       | 65                        |
| $[\text{emim}][\text{AlCl}_4]$ [40]       | 84                        |
| $[\text{emim}][\text{PF}_6]$ [28]         | 58-60                     |
| $[\text{emim}][\text{TFO}]$ [41]          | 9                         |
| $[\text{emim}][\text{TF}_2\text{N}]$ [41] | 4                         |
| $[\text{hmim}][\text{PF}_6]$ [39]         | -61                       |

### 2.1.2.3. Vapor Pressure

Ionic liquids have low volatility over normal operating temperatures hence; they have no measurable vapor pressure [26]. The process of separating a reaction mixture through distillation can be facilitated by utilizing of ionic liquids, as they effectively have no practical vapor pressure [26]. Rebelo et al. made an attempt to determine the critical points and normal boiling point temperatures of various ionic liquids [42]. The vapor pressures of ionic liquids are determined by Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) [8]. Aschenbrenner et al. concluded that ionic liquids exhibit exceedingly low vapor pressures, even when compared to glycerol [43].



#### 2.1.2.4. Density

Generally, ILs possess higher density than water, with values typically falling within the range of 1 to 1.6 g/cm<sup>3</sup> [8]. Elongating the alkyl chain length of the cation leads to a reduction in the density of the IL. Conversely, if the molecular weight of the anion increases, the density of the ionic liquid increases, too. In particular, among [bmim] ionic liquids, the [methide] anion exhibits the highest density in comparison to the [dicyanamide (Dca)] anion [8]. Based on the discoveries made by Wasserscheid et al., there is a tendency for the density of ionic liquids to decrease as the size of the organic cation increases [26]. They suggested that even minor alterations in the structure of the IL can be utilized to finely adjust its density [26]. In order to measure the ionic liquid density, vibrating-tube densitometer is widely used. Using suitable reference fluids, a calibration is done as functions of temperature and pressure. Technically complex methods such as piezometric methods are used. However, they also provide additional thermodynamic property data [44]. Figures 2.4 and 2.5 illustrate the recorded densities of dehydrated ionic liquids plotted against temperature at a pressure of 1 bar [44].

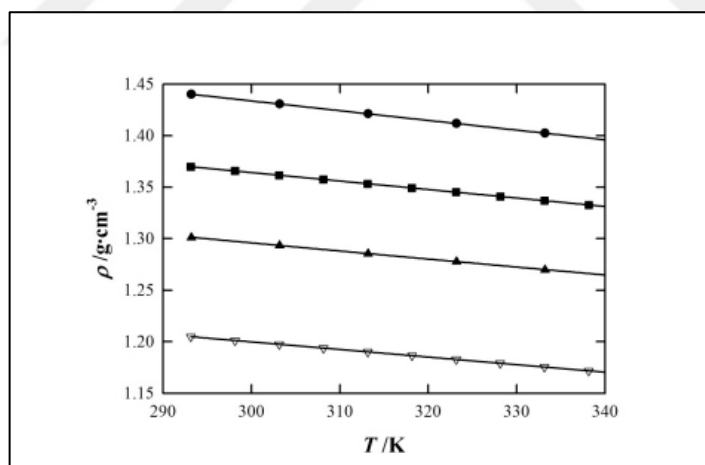


Figure 2.4. The impact of the anion on the densities of [bmim]-based ionic liquids: ●, [NTf<sub>2</sub>]; ■, [PF<sub>6</sub>]; ▲, [OTf]; ▼, [BF<sub>4</sub>] [44]

The type of the anion strongly influences the density of ionic liquids [44]. Table 2.4 presents the densities of various anions in [bmim] ionic liquids. The presence of impurities in ionic liquids has a notable impact on their density [44]. Valkenburg et al. demonstrated that the

presence of water in ionic liquids acts as a diluent, resulting in a reduction in the density of the IL [45].

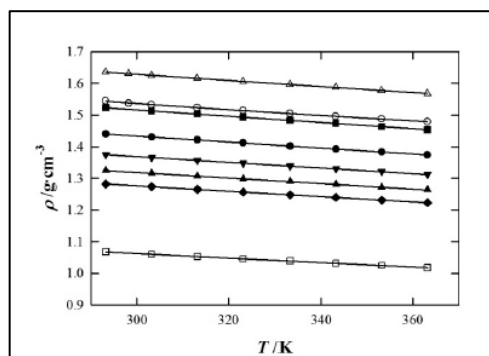


Figure 2.5. The influence of the cation on the densities of  $[NTf_2]$ -based ionic liquids :■,  $[C_2mim]^+$ ; ●,  $[C_4mim]^+$ ; ▼,  $[C_6mim]^+$ ; ▲,  $[C_8mim]^+$ ; ◇,  $[C_{10}mim]^+$ ; △,  $[(NCCH_2)py]^+$ ; ○,  $[(NCCH_2)mpyr]^+$ ; □,  $[P_{6614}]^+$  [44]

Table 2.4. The densities of various anions in  $[bmim]$  ionic liquids

| Anion             | Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| $[BF_4]$ [46]     | 1.17 (30°C)                  |
| $[PF_6]$ [46]     | 1.37 (30°C)                  |
| $[CF_3SO_3]$ [46] | 1.29 (20°C)                  |
| $[CF_3CO_2]$ [46] | 1.209 (21°C)                 |
| $[Tf_2N]$ [46]    | 1.429 (19°C)                 |
| [Triflate] [47]   | 1.301 (22.6°C)               |
| [Dca] [47]        | 1.058 (24°C)                 |
| [Methide] [47]    | 1.563 (22.5°C)               |

### 2.1.3. Transport Properties

The next section gives explanation about transport properties of ILs.

#### 2.1.3.1. Viscosity

Viscosity is a crucial property in industrial processes as it is essential for designing processing units, and studying heat and mass transfer phenomena [32]. In the chemical

industry, ionic liquids exhibit higher viscosities compared to organic fluids that are commonly utilized. At room temperature, their viscosity values typically range from 10 cP to approximately 500 cP [37]. High viscosity can offer both benefits and drawbacks for combined heat and mass transfer operations [32].

In general, viscosity tends to decrease with increasing temperature. For example, both [hmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] and [hmim][BF<sub>4</sub>] experience a viscosity reduction of over 50 percent increasing the temperature from 20 °C to 30 °C [37]. Table 2.5 illustrates viscosity values of several ILs.

Table 2.5. Viscosity information for several ILs

| <b>Ionic Liquids</b>          | <b>Temperature (°C)</b> | <b>Viscosity (cP)</b> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| [hmim][PF <sub>6</sub> ] [34] | 20                      | 680                   |
| [hmim][PF <sub>6</sub> ] [34] | 30                      | 363                   |
| [hmim][BF <sub>4</sub> ] [41] | 20                      | 314                   |
| [hmim][BF <sub>4</sub> ][48]  | 30                      | 177                   |
| [bmim][BF <sub>4</sub> ] [48] | 20                      | 154                   |
| [emim][BF <sub>4</sub> ] [48] | 20                      | 66.5                  |

#### **2.1.3.2. Self-diffusion coefficients**

ILs have found applications across various industries such as extraction and separation, catalysts, materials production and energy. In these processes determining the self-diffusion coefficients are crucial [49,50]. Wang et al., [50] stated that the self-diffusion coefficients of the cation exhibit higher values compared to the anion.

In their study, Umecky et al., mentioned that impurities in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] samples effect the results of self-diffusion coefficients [51].

#### **2.1.3.3. Electrical conductivity**

Ionic liquids exhibit high electrical conductivity due to the presence of both cations and anions [32]. However, their conductivities are lower comparing to concentrated aqueous electrolytes at room temperature. According to Endres et al., electrical conductivity values depend on mobility [37]. The ion mobility reduces with the large ionic buildings in ionic

liquids. For this reason, the electrical conductivity reduces. Also, they propose that ion pair formation reduces the conductivity [37].

#### 2.1.3.4. Thermal conductivity

Valkenburg and his colleagues investigated the measurement of the thermal conductivities for ILs. Various data from research studies point to an interval of 0.106-0.238 W/mK at 298.15 K. The majority of reported values for ILs is approximately 0.15 W/mK, which is similar to the thermal conductivity of organic solvents such as toluene and methanol [45]. Tomida et al. conducted a study and concluded that there is no effect of the alkyl chain length on the thermal conductivity [52]. They stated that pressure dependence of thermal conductivity was small compared to toluene and benzene. They explained this phenomenon as low pressure dependence of IL density [52]. In a study conducted by Ge et al. (see Figure 2.6), thermal conductivity measurements were performed on eleven different ILs over a temperature range of 293-353 K [53].

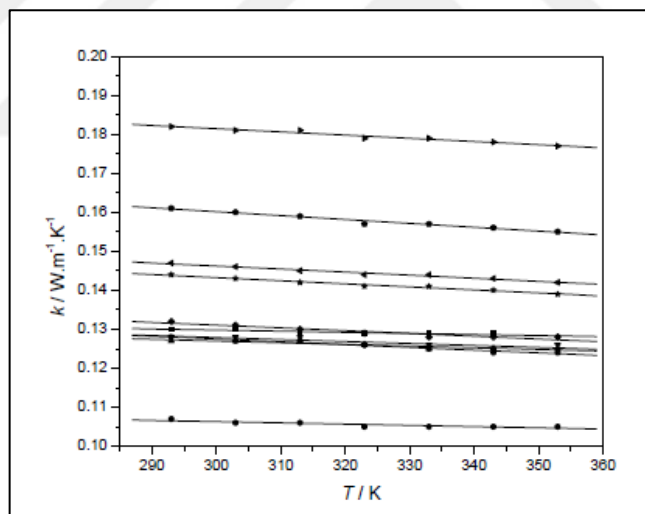


Figure 2.6. Thermal conductivities of ionic liquids at different temperatures:

■, [C<sub>2</sub>mim][NTf<sub>2</sub>]; ●, [C<sub>4</sub>mim][NTf<sub>2</sub>]; ▲, [C<sub>6</sub>mim][NTf<sub>2</sub>]; ▼, [C<sub>8</sub>mim][NTf<sub>2</sub>]; ◆, [C<sub>10</sub>mim][NTf<sub>2</sub>]; ◀, [C<sub>10</sub>mim][OTf]; ▶, [C<sub>2</sub>mim][EtSO<sub>4</sub>]; ●, [C<sub>4</sub>mpyr][FAP] [53]

#### 2.1.4. Application Areas of Ionic Liquids

Figure 2.7 [29] presents main areas of IL applications.

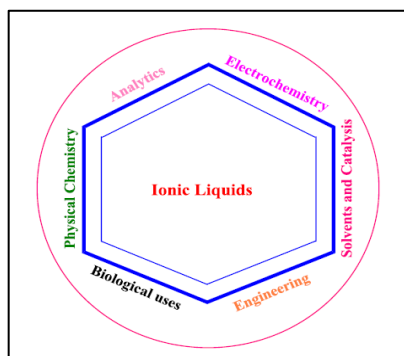


Figure 2.7. Application of ILs in various fields [29]

#### 2.1.4.1. Solvent replacement

ILs, unlike volatile organic compounds (VOCs), possess extremely low vapor pressure, which makes them environmentally favorable. This characteristic minimizes the escape of harmful gases into the atmosphere and can effectively mitigate the emission of VOCs. [2]. ILs are regarded by the pharmaceutical and petrochemical industries as solvent alternatives that can replace the use of VOCs, leading to a paradigm shift aimed at reducing waste generation and eliminating the reliance on hazardous chemicals. This shift is driven by the industry's desire to minimize environmental impact and promote sustainable practices. [2,54,55]. Environmental factor (*E* factor) is developed by Roger Sheldon and named after him as Sheldon *E*- factor [55]. It is a metric of the waste generated during a process per unit of product produced, calculated by dividing the weight of waste (in kilograms) by the weight of product (in kilograms) [55]. A higher *E*-factor corresponds to a greater amount of waste generated, leading to a higher negative environmental impact. Table 2.6 presents the *E*-factor values, generated in the chemical industry [55]. The table illustrates that *E*-factor values for pharmaceutical industries range from 25 to 100, corresponding to production quantities of 10 to 10<sup>3</sup> t/year [55]. Hence, when comparing pharmaceutical industries to oil refining industries, it becomes evident that pharmaceutical industries employ less efficient and environmentally detrimental processes, albeit on a smaller scale. To mitigate the negative environmental impact, the widespread adoption of environmentally friendly ionic liquids as substitutes for hazardous VOCs can significantly reduce the *E*-factors and promote sustainable practices [55].

Table 2.6. *E*- Factors observed in the chemical industry [55]

| Industry Segment | Tonnes per annum                 | <i>E</i> - Factor (Kg (waste)/ Kg (product)) |
|------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Oil refining     | 10 <sup>6</sup> -10 <sup>8</sup> | <0.1                                         |
| Bulk chemicals   | 10 <sup>4</sup> -10 <sup>6</sup> | <1-5                                         |
| Fine chemicals   | 10 <sup>2</sup> -10 <sup>4</sup> | 5-50                                         |
| Pharmaceuticals  | 10-10 <sup>3</sup>               | 25->100                                      |

Huddleston conducted experiments showing the effectiveness of [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] in extracting aromatic compounds from water [56]. Recently, several research groups have extensively studied the solvent properties of ILs to gain a comprehensive understanding. Additionally, solubilities of various organic compounds and water in ILs have been examined, providing valuable insights into their solvent behavior [2,54].

Chapeaux and Wishart et al. [57,58] have examined the application of IL pre-treatment of biomass for ethanol and butanol production. Furthermore, ILs have shown promising effectiveness in extracting sulfur from fossil fuels [59].

Ionic liquids offer an alternative as solvents or stabilizers to prevent the aggregation of nanoparticles. By incorporating ionic liquids into the nanoparticle synthesis process, they can influence the particle size by impeding crystal growth, leading to the formation of smaller nanoparticles [59].

#### 2.1.4.2. Purification of Gases

Through experimental investigations, researchers have provided valuable insights into the solubility of various gases in ILs, leading to the development of gas purification processes that employ ILs [2].

All researchers concur that carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) exhibits exceptional solubility in ILs compared to other gases [2, 31]. Moganty and colleagues conducted an investigation on the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in eight distinct ILs, employing a quartz crystal microbalance technique [65]. They determined the Henry's constants for carbon dioxide in nine different ionic liquids with all measurements occurred at a temperature of 298 K and pressures below 1 bar. Based on their discoveries, they reached the conclusion that the high solubility of gases in ionic liquids can be attributed to the characteristics of the anion present in the structure of the IL [60]. Anthony et al. conducted a study to investigate the solubility of nine different gases, in

[bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] at pressures up to 13 bar at a temperature of 25 °C (see Figure 2.8) [61]. Additionally, Figure 2.9 demonstrates the solubility curve of CO<sub>2</sub> in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] at different temperatures [61]. Moreover, the study has shown that as the temperature increased, the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] decreased at a constant pressure [61].

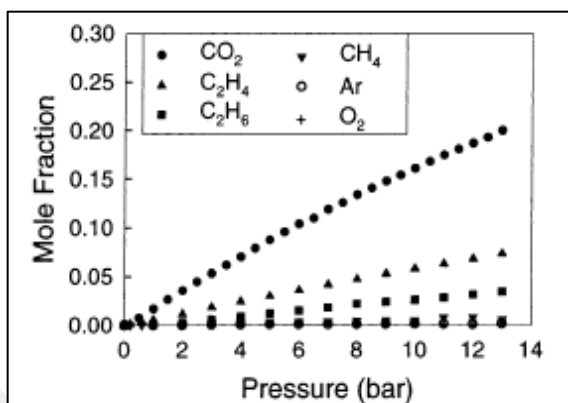


Figure 2.8. The solubility of several gases in [bmim]-[PF<sub>6</sub>] at a temperature of 25 °C [61]

Camper et al. conducted a study on the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> in various ionic liquids. Additionally, they investigated the impact of pressure and temperature on gas solubility in RTILs. However, it was observed that at higher pressures, the regular solution theory became ineffective as entropic effects became more prominent [62].

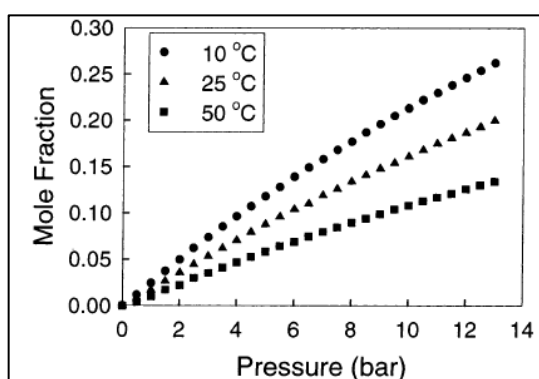


Figure 2.9. Solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate at temperatures of 10, 25, and 50 °C [61]

#### 2.1.4.3. Homogenous and Heterogeneous Catalysis

A catalyst makes the reaction faster without being consumed. There are three types of catalysis: homogeneous, heterogeneous and bio-catalysis. By the help of catalysis, industrial processes become more efficient and economic. Catalysts are required in small quantities. They are preferable for green chemistry as they go back to their initial state after the reaction takes place [29]. Although there are some controversies about types of catalysts, homogeneous catalyst is generally associated with molecular organometallic chemistry. On the other hand, heterogeneous catalysts are associated with surface science and solid-state chemistry [29]. Homogeneous catalysis finds extensive applications in the chemical industry, offering several advantages over traditional heterogeneous catalysis systems. These catalysts exhibit high activity and selectivity while operating under relatively mild conditions. Table 2.7 presents the comparison of both types [29]. Because of their unique properties, they can offer advantages for both homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis [72].

Table 2.7. Comparison between Homogeneous vs. Heterogeneous Catalysis [29]

|                                      | Homogeneous Catalysis | Heterogeneous Catalysis |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Activity (relative to metal content) | High                  | Variable                |
| Selectivity                          | High                  | Variable                |
| Reaction conditions                  | Mild                  | Harsh                   |
| Service life of catalysts            | Variable              | Long                    |
| Sensitivity towards catalyst poisons | Low                   | High                    |
| Diffusion problems                   | None                  | May be important        |
| Catalyst recycling                   | Expensive             | Not necessary           |

Here is few instances of chemical reactions and catalysis involving ionic liquids (ILs). They can be used both in homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis. The choice of catalyst depends on factors such as the nature of the reactants, the reaction conditions, and the desired selectivity and stability of the catalyst [2].

- Aromatic ring reactions and polymerization processes, ensuring cleaner and more efficient polymerization reaction.



- Friedel-Crafts alkylation reactions and reduction of aromatic rings, allowing for selective and controlled transformations.
- Carbonylation reactions, facilitating the introduction of carbonyl groups into organic compounds.
- Halogenation reactions, providing a suitable medium for the halogenation of various substrates.
- Oxidation reactions, enabling the oxidation of organic compounds with improved efficiency and selectivity.
- Nitration reactions, allowing for the introduction of nitro groups into organic molecules.
- Sulfonation reactions, facilitating the addition of sulfonic acid groups to organic compounds [2].

#### 2.1.4.4. *Biological Reactions Media*

Lignocellulosic materials, which are renewable biomass, hold promise as sustainable feedstock for future biofuels and chemicals production. Figure 2.10 shows representative reaction for lignocellulose processing [29]. In order to produce energy lignocellulose should be broken down. Ionic liquids containing anions with hydrogen bonding capability have the ability to dissolve cellulose by disrupting the bonds within biomass [59].

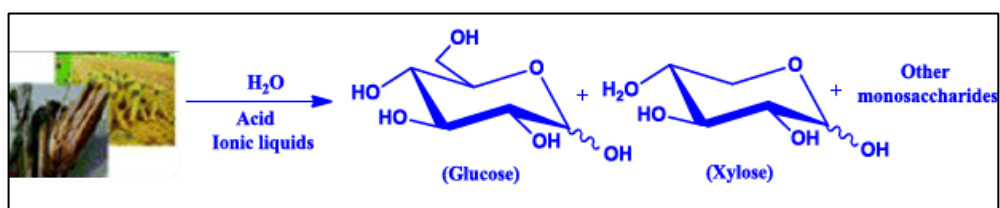


Figure 2.10. Exemplary reaction for the processing of lignocellulose [29]

Zhao and colleagues conducted a study to explore an effective system for the hydrolysis of lignocellulosic materials, employing various combinations of ILs. They discovered that the solubility of cellulose was enhanced as the ILs' anions exhibited stronger hydrogen bonding. The IL system they utilized as a solvent was based on 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium [64].

### 2.1.5. 1-Butyl-3-Methylimidazolium Hexafluorophosphate ([bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>])

This ionic liquid is widely used in separation, catalysis and synthesis applications [22]. Figure 2.11 illustrates the structure of [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] [65]. Table 2.8 presents most important parameters of [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] [66].

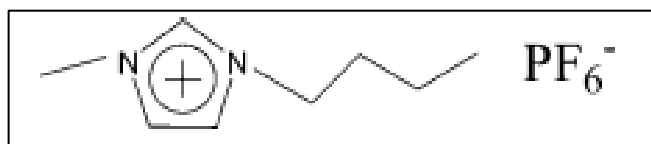


Figure 2.11. The molecular structure of [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] [65]

Table 2.8. Some important properties of [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] [66]

| Ionic Liquid                             | [bmim][PF <sub>6</sub> ]                                   |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cation                                   | C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> |
| Anion                                    | PF <sub>6</sub> <sup>-</sup>                               |
| Molecular weight ( g/mol)                | 284                                                        |
| T <sub>melting</sub> (°C)                | 10                                                         |
| T <sub>d</sub> (°C)                      | 300                                                        |
| Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )             | 1.37                                                       |
| Kinematic viscosity (mm <sup>2</sup> /s) | 281 (20°C)                                                 |
| Specific heat (J/g K)                    | 78.7 (40°C)                                                |
| Thermal conductivity at 25 °C (W/ mK)    | 0.15                                                       |

## 2.2. SUPERCRITICAL FLUIDS (SCFS)

The origins of supercritical fluids can be traced back to the 1800s. It refers to a state of matter where the temperature has been raised beyond its critical temperature (T<sub>c</sub>) and the pressure has been increased above its critical pressure (P<sub>c</sub>), causing the distinction between liquid and gas phases to disappear. In this state, a supercritical fluid can permeate solids similar to a gas while also dissolving materials like a liquid [67]. A typical phase diagram of SCF is illustrated in Figure below 2.12 [68].

As we ascend along the boiling curve in Figure 2.12, the temperature and pressure experience a simultaneous rise. This causes the liquid to undergo thermal expansion, resulting in

reduced density, while the gas becomes denser due to increased pressure. Ultimately, at the critical point, the densities of the two phases converge and become indistinguishable, causing the disappearance of the clear boundary between gas and liquid [68]. Table 2.9 provides data on physical properties of supercritical fluids in comparison to liquids and gases. In Table 2.10 critical point and density values for some compounds are given. The advantages of using supercritical fluids in chemical reactions are given in Table 2.11. Supercritical fluids exhibit advantageous mass transfer characteristics, including diffusivities that are at least ten times higher and viscosities that are at least ten times lower compared to those of a liquid solvent [69,70].

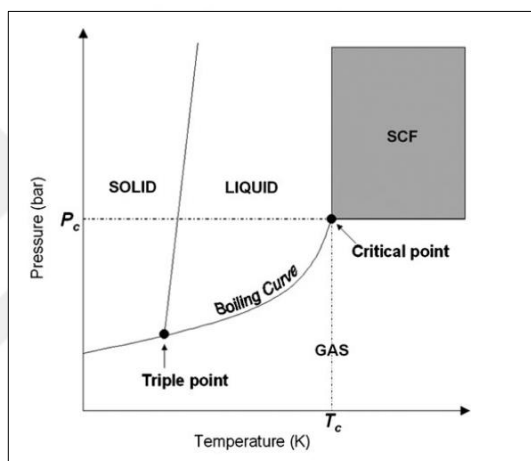


Figure 2.12. Single-component phase diagram [68]

Table 2.9. Physical properties of supercritical fluids in comparison to liquids and gases [68]

| State  | Density<br>( $\text{kg/m}^3$ ) | Viscosity<br>( $\text{Pa.s}$ ) | Diffusivity<br>( $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ ) |
|--------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Liquid | $<10^{-5}0$                    | 1                              | 1000                                     |
| SCF    | $10^{-2}\text{-}10^{-3}$       | $10^{-2}$                      | 300                                      |
| Gas    | 0.1                            | $10^{-2}$                      | 1                                        |

Table 2.10. Critical point and density values for some compounds [71]

| Substance                          | T <sub>c</sub> /K | P <sub>c</sub> /atm | ρ/gml <sup>-1</sup> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| CHF <sub>3</sub>                   | 299.3             | 46.9                | 0.528               |
| CH <sub>4</sub>                    | 190.5             | 41.4                | 0.162               |
| C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>      | 282.3             | 50.5                | 0.215               |
| C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>      | 305.2             | 48.2                | 0.203               |
| CO <sub>2</sub>                    | 304.1             | 72.8                | 0.469               |
| H <sub>2</sub> O                   | 647.1             | 218.3               | 0.348               |
| CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH | 513.9             | 60.6                | 0.276               |

Table 2.11. Advantages of using SCFs rather than liquids as reaction media [71]

| Category        | Advantage                   | Which SCFs                                                   |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| ENVIRONMENT     | Do not damage ozone layer   | Most                                                         |
|                 | Do not contribute to smoke  | Most                                                         |
|                 | No acute ecotoxicity        | CO <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O                           |
|                 | No liquid wastes            | CO <sub>2</sub> , and other volatile SCFs                    |
| HEALTH & SAFETY | Noncarcinogenic             | Most                                                         |
|                 | Nontoxic                    | Most                                                         |
|                 | Nonflammable                | CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O, H <sub>2</sub> O, Xe, Kr |
| PROCESS         | No solvent residues         | CO <sub>2</sub> and other volatile SCFs                      |
|                 | High diffusion rates        | All                                                          |
|                 | Low viscosity               | All                                                          |
|                 | Adjustable density          | All                                                          |
|                 | Inexpensive                 | CO <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O                           |
| CHEMICAL        | High miscibility with gases | All                                                          |
|                 | High compressibility        | All                                                          |

### 2.2.1. Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>

The majority of chemical reactions conducted in industrial settings take place within organic solvents, which encompass substances such as benzene, chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), and carbon tetrachloride. However, it is important to note that CFCs and CCl<sub>4</sub> pose a threat to the ozone layer and are recognized as some of the most frequently released chemicals into the environment. There is a wide range of compounds suitable for use as fluids in supercritical techniques, but carbon dioxide stands out due to its non-toxic, non-flammable,

inexpensive, and chemically stable nature. Consequently,  $\text{scCO}_2$  is the most favored choice in various industries [69,72]. The state of  $\text{CO}_2$  can be either liquid or supercritical fluid depending on the pressure and temperature conditions. Carbon dioxide phase behavior is illustrated in the Figure 2.13 [73]. The liquid phase exists at pressures and temperatures above the triple point (0.52 MPa, 216.75 K). Similarly, above the critical point (7.38 MPa, 304.2 K), the supercritical phase is present [73]. Upon reaching the critical point, meniscus separating the liquid and gas phases vanishes as illustrated in Figure 2.14 [69,70].

Precautions about safety should be taken into considerations during the experiments because; they are conducted pressures between 100-200 bars [68]. Table 2.12 outlines the advantages and disadvantages of utilizing supercritical carbon dioxide as a solvent [68].

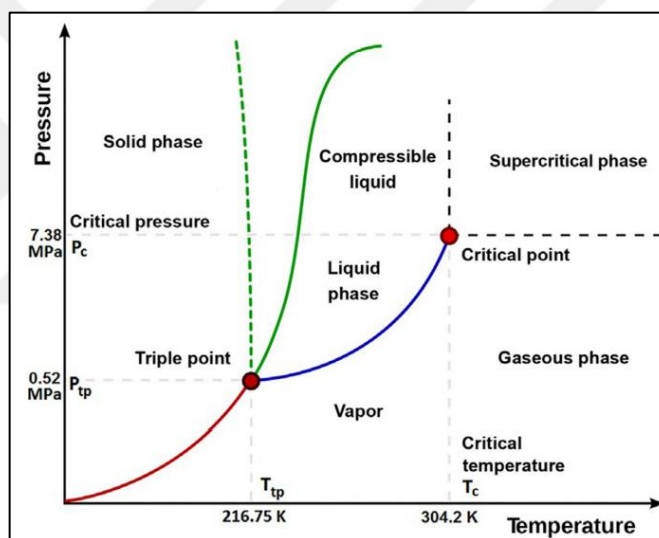


Figure 2.13. Phase behavior of  $\text{CO}_2$  [73]

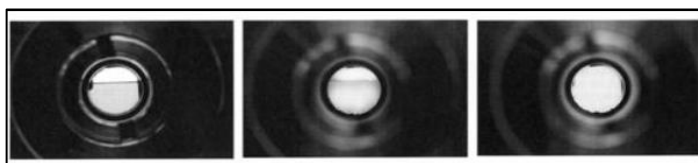


Figure 2.14.  $\text{CO}_2$  becoming a SCF [74]

Table 2.12. The advantages and disadvantages of scCO<sub>2</sub> [68]

| Advantages                  | Disadvantages               |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Nonflammable                | Involves high pressures     |
| Nontoxic to the environment |                             |
| Low viscosity               | Equipment costs may be high |
| Gas miscibility             |                             |
| Tunable solvent             | Weak solvent                |
| Relatively inert            |                             |
| Nonoxidisable               |                             |

Due to the presence of strong electrostatic forces between ions, supercritical carbon dioxide (scCO<sub>2</sub>) is soluble in ionic liquids. However, the reverse is not true, as ionic liquids do not dissolve in scCO<sub>2</sub>. As temperature rises the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> decreases. Additionally, when the moisture content of an ionic liquid increases, it causes a reduction in the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> [61].

### 2.2.2. Applications of Supercritical Fluids

Supercritical fluids find extensive applications in various industries, including food, pharmaceutical, chemical, textile, and fuel industries. [67]. Extraction, which is one of the extensively researched methods, plays a significant role in the applications of supercritical fluids [67].

It is known that scCO<sub>2</sub> is chemically pure, nontoxic, nonflammable, nonpolar, stable, colorless, odorless, and can easily be removed, therefore it is a good extraction solvent [69,72]. Chemicals or flavors can be extracted from products like coffee, tea, herbs, and spices using extraction [5,75].

Decaffination of coffee process by using scCO<sub>2</sub> as a solvent is given in Figure 2.15 [76]. In the process of steaming, coffee beans are subjected to elevated temperatures until their moisture content reaches 30% of their weight, resulting in a substantial expansion of the beans. The operating conditions are 90 °C and 250 bar for this system. Inside the extractor, the coffee beans are charged and pressurized with carbon dioxide. Finally, the extractor enters a downtime after extraction is finished so that it can be emptied and recharged with new beans [76].

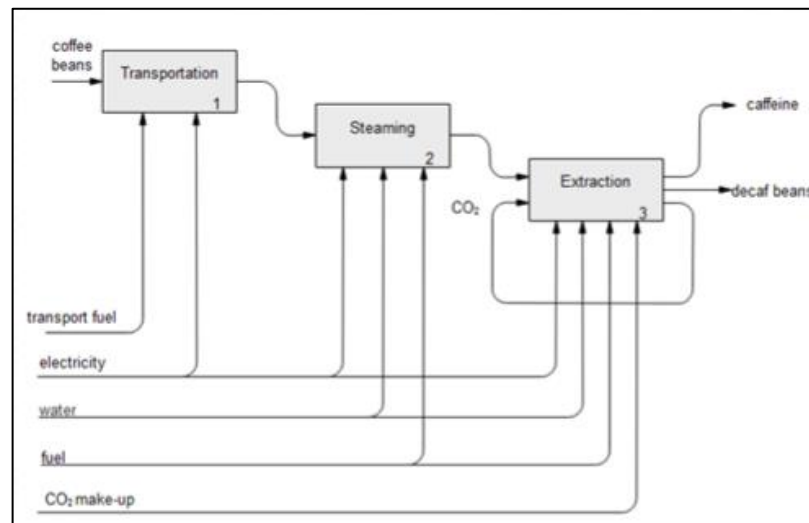


Figure 2.15. Industrial decaffeination of coffee beans [76]

Figure 2.16 illustrates a suggested method for extracting canola oil using a supercritical extraction process by using  $\text{scCO}_2$  as a solvent. Furthermore, after the extraction process, the solvent can be easily depressurized, allowing for the removal or condensation of  $\text{CO}_2$ . [77].

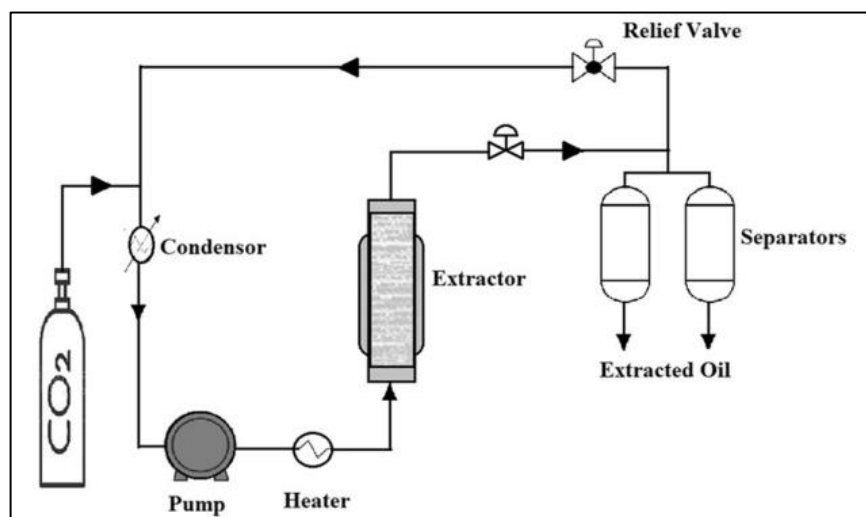


Figure 2.16. Extraction of canola oil by using  $\text{scCO}_2$  [77]

On the other hand supercritical water ( $\text{sh}_2\text{O}$ ) is also used as a solvent and reaction medium for its unique properties. The critical temperature and pressure of water are  $374.3^\circ\text{C}$  and

22.1 MPa, respectively. The physical characteristics of supercritical water are clearly distinct from those of ordinary water. In the supercritical state, the density of water is reduced compared to that of regular water, approximately by a factor of one-third [78]. Treating wastewater and sewage has been a widely common application for SCWO technology [79] Figure 2.17 shows supercritical water oxidation in waste water treatment [80]. The SCWO process consists of four primary stages for the elimination of organic wastes: 1) Preparation and pressurization of the feed. 2) Reaction. 3) Separation of salts and 4) Recovery of heat and depressurization [80].

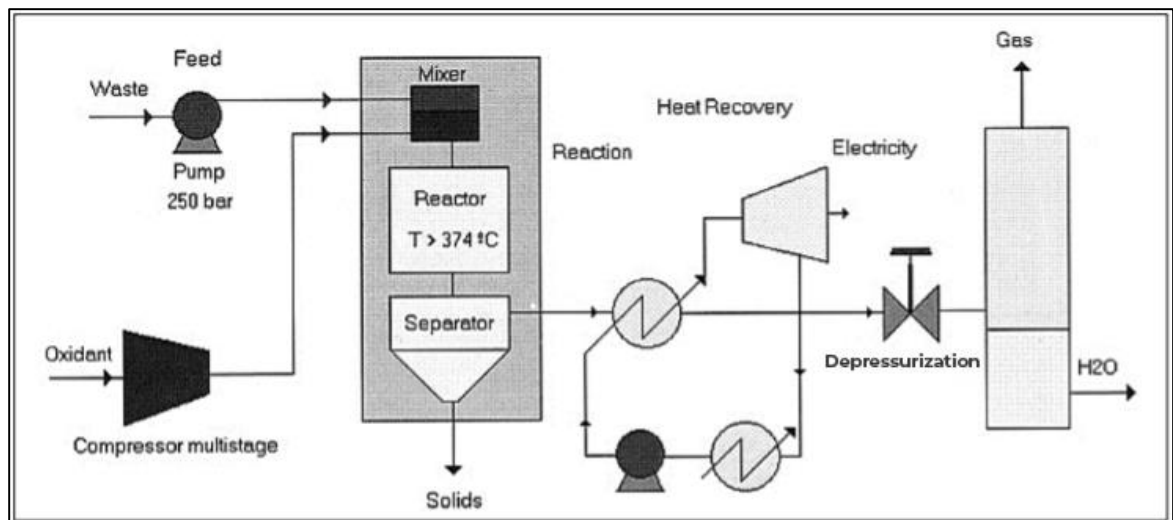


Figure 2.17. SCWO in waste water treatment [80]



### 2.3. THE DEFINITIONS OF GAS EXPANDED LIQUIDS (GXLs) AND CO<sub>2</sub> EXPANDED LIQUIDS (CXLS)

As a general definition, a gas-expanded liquid (GXL) refers to a liquid that undergoes an increase in volume when pressurized with a compressed gas, like ethane or CO<sub>2</sub>. Jessop et al. classified GXLs because they exhibit different behaviors with expanding gases. When subjected to CO<sub>2</sub> pressure, liquids do not exhibit uniform expansion. As a result, researchers have proposed three broad categories to classify their behavior [7].

Class 1 liquids, such as water, expand insufficiently due to the fact that they are not able to dissolve enough CO<sub>2</sub> [7].

Class II liquids, such as methanol, hexane, acetone, etc. are able to dissolve CO<sub>2</sub> in significant amounts and consequently, expand greatly [7].

Class III GXLs, for example ILs, liquid polymers, and crude oil expansion is moderate. In ILs-CO<sub>2</sub> systems CO<sub>2</sub> has high solubility in ILs, yet the volumetric expansion is moderate because the empty spaces of the network formed by anion and cation in ILs are filled with CO<sub>2</sub>. So, the density of the liquid phase increases [6]. While viscosity changes significantly, polarity does not change as, accordingly [62].

The critical location of a mixture refers to the maximum operating point within a GXL system before transitioning into the supercritical fluid state [81]. Figure 2.18 presents the critical point of CO<sub>2</sub> and methanol mixture. Once the critical exceeded, the two components become infinitely miscible, or in other words, they exhibit complete miscibility [81].

When CO<sub>2</sub> dissolves in the liquid state, it leads to a reduction in viscosity. Sih et al.'s study indicated that at elevated pressure (77 bar) and temperature (40°C), the viscosity of methanol reduces by 80% when transitioning from pure methanol to CXL methanol, as depicted in Figure 2.19 [82].

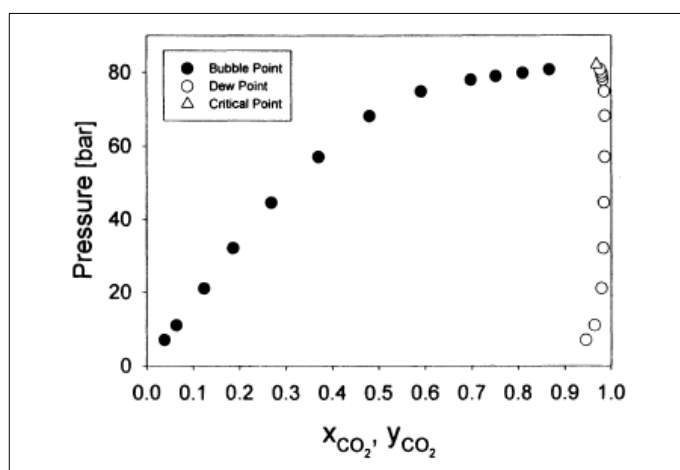


Figure 2.18. The equilibrium between vapor and liquid phases of methanol and CO<sub>2</sub> at a temperature of 40°C [81]

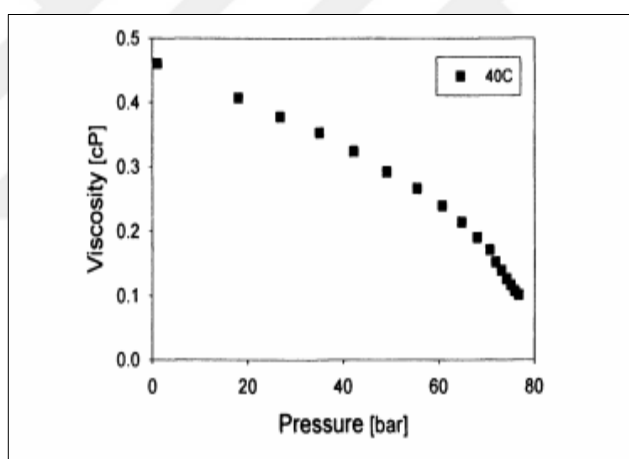


Figure 2.19. Viscosity of methanol and CO<sub>2</sub> at 40°C [82]

The Stokes-Einstein relationship establishes a reciprocal connection between diffusivity and viscosity. In their research, Eckert et al. discovered that, the diffusivity of benzene in CO<sub>2</sub>-expanded methanol increases by more than 200 percent at 40°C and 15 MPa. Figure 2.20 provides a visual representation of this scenario [83].

Multiple research groups have acknowledged that gas expanded liquids are recognized as a promising substitute medium for conducting various processes such as separations, extractions, reactions, and other applications. As environmentally benign solvents, scCO<sub>2</sub>, water, CXLs, ILs, have received much attention from scientific community [7].

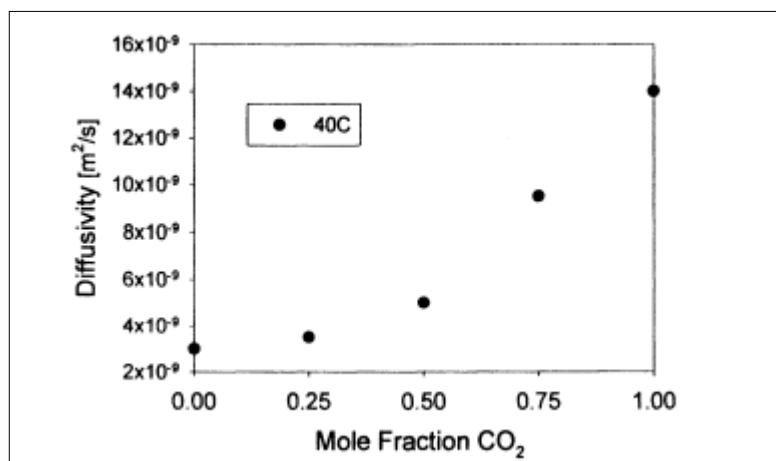


Figure 2.20. Diffusion of benzene in methanol expanded with CO<sub>2</sub> [83]

The application areas of CXLs include, utilizing as reaction solvents in catalytic reactions, for polymer processing, and in separations processes [7].

Moreover, GXLs and CXLs have benefits such as, CO<sub>2</sub> can be easily removed from the system compared to liquid solvents, they enhance the solubility of reagent gases, etc.[8].

## 2.4. HIGH PRESSURE PHASE BEHAVIOR OF CO<sub>2</sub>-IL SYSTEMS

Prior research indicates that supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> extraction is an effective technique for extracting solute from ionic liquids (ILs). To advance such applications, it is necessary to explore the phase behavior of IL-CO<sub>2</sub> systems. While CO<sub>2</sub> dissolves in ionic liquids, the reciprocal dissolution of ionic liquids in CO<sub>2</sub> occurs insignificantly [2].

### 2.4.1. [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>]-CO<sub>2</sub> Systems

As mentioned before due to its non-volatility, non-water solubility, and having low melting point, [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] is one of the most widely studied ionic liquids [2]. Ionic liquids are generally highly viscous; addition of high pressure carbon dioxide decreases the liquid phase viscosity and mass transfer properties improve [18,84].

Numerous articles in the literature have extensively explored the solubilities of CO<sub>2</sub> in ILs under high pressure conditions [85,86]. Blanchard et al. conducted a study focusing on the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] at various temperatures (313.15, 323.15, and 333.15 K) and pressures up to 93 bar. Two distinct experimental set-up for their research are used: one is a static high-pressure phase equilibrium apparatus and the other one is: dynamic flow apparatus. In Figure 2.21 a static high-pressure vapor-liquid equilibrium apparatus is presented [87]. The researchers exhibited that as the pressure rises, the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] increases, while it decreases with a decrease in temperature [87]. Within this specific temperature and pressure range, they observed a relatively minimal dependence of solubility on temperature [87].

Additionally, the substantial solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> has a noteworthy impact on the viscosity of the IL. Their findings indicate that the solution process becomes easier due to the reduction in the viscosity [2,87]. Various experimental configurations were employed by researchers in their investigations of measuring the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] [2]. At a temperature of 25° C and pressures reaching up to 10 bar, Kim et al. examined the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] [88]. The general form of the experimental set-up used by Kim et al. is illustrated in Figure 2.22 [88]. The results they obtained were in strong concurrence with the findings previously reported by Kamps et al., is given in Figure 2.23 [88,89].

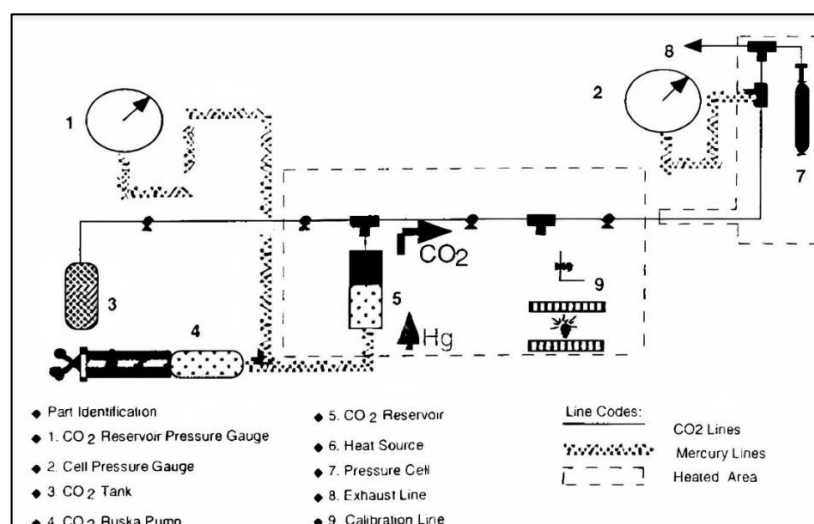


Figure 2.21. A Static high-pressure vapor-liquid equilibrium apparatus [87]

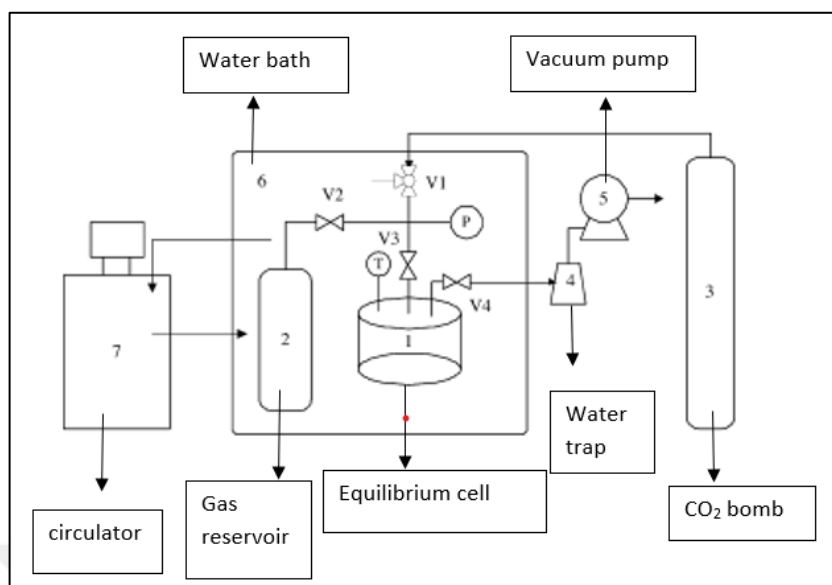


Figure 2.22. Schematic diagram of experimental apparatus [88]

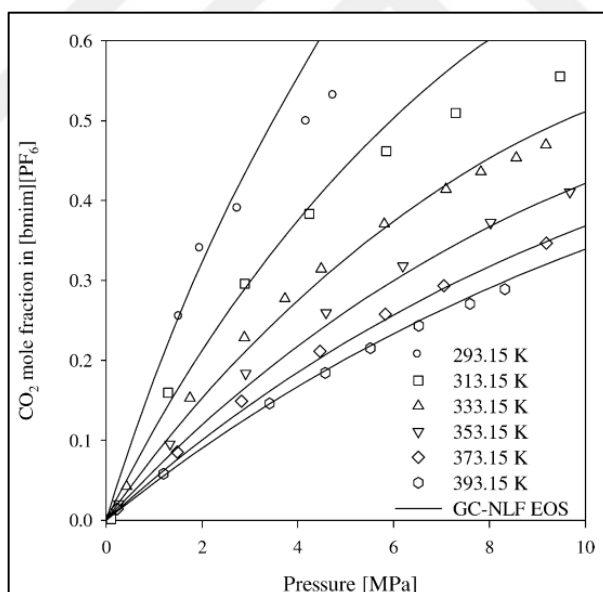


Figure 2.23. Comparisons of experimental solubility values of CO<sub>2</sub> in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] [88] with calculated values [89] at varying pressures

Kamps et al. conducted a study where they presented data regarding the solubility of carbon dioxide in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] over a temperature range spanning from 20° C to 120° C and pressures reaching up to 97 bar [89]. For measuring the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>], a

thermostated high-pressure cell was employed as their experimental set-up. In Figure 2.24, their set-up is presented and the names of the equipments are labeled [90]. They employed Henry's extended law to model the solubility, and the data they presented exhibited contrasting results compared to the reported solubility data by Blanchard et al., as illustrated in Figure 2.25 [2,89,91].

Aki et al. [22] reported the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] at 40 °C, and their results were compared to earlier studies conducted by Kamps et al. [89], Blanchard et al. [87], and Liu et al. [92]. As expected, there is a satisfactory agreement among the data points at low pressures. However, in Figure 2.25 a noticeable disparity emerges at high pressures is presented [22].

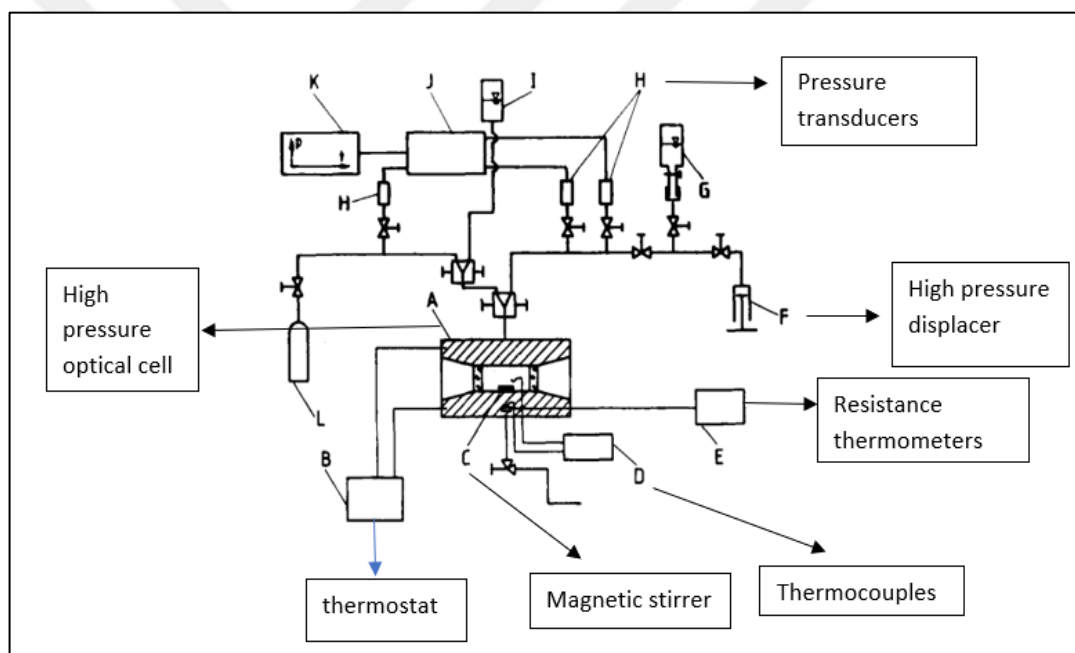


Figure 2.24. The experimental apparatus designed for measuring the solubility [90]

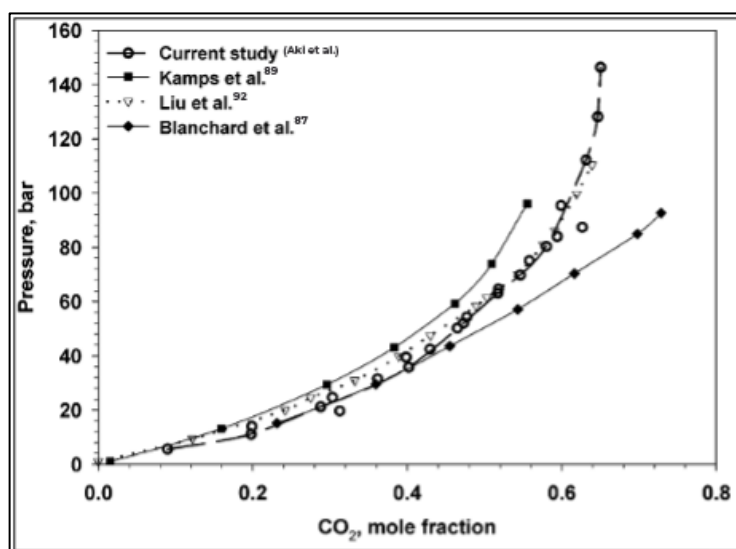


Figure 2.25. The solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] at 40 °C, values reported in the literature [22]

According to the study of Lim et al. the solubility of carbon dioxide in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>], was measured at pressures up to 320 bar and at temperatures of 40, 50, and 60 °C in a high-pressure viewcell [93]. They conducted a comparison between the solubility of carbon dioxide in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] and other ionic liquids, namely [bmim][BF<sub>4</sub>] and [omim][BF<sub>4</sub>]. They have found that the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> was higher for the ILs that have longer cationic alkyl group and lower anion polarity [93].

There is a scarcity of research on the diffusion coefficients of CO<sub>2</sub>-IL systems, especially under high pressure conditions. However, they need to be known for the design and development of the applications of these systems [94–98].

Barghi et al. stated that, the average diffusion coefficient was measured to be  $4.3 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  at 5 MPa and a temperature of 323.15 K [98]. Another researcher Gong et al. [96] had also this value and at 8 MPa the average diffusion coefficient that they had found increased to  $5.7 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ . Moya et al. found a higher value for the diffusivity at 318 K and 2 MPa (about  $9.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ) [15,97].

## 2.5. COMPUTATIONAL FLUID DYNAMICS (CFD)

The utilization of applied mathematics, physics, and computational software in conjunction with Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) is instrumental in visually representing the flow of gases or liquids and understanding the impact of such flow on objects [99].

Partial differential equations (PDEs) serve as the governing equations for fluid flows, encompassing the conservation principles of mass, momentum, and energy. Kuzmin describes CFD as the practice of substituting these PDE systems with a set of algebraic equations that can be efficiently solved using digital computers [100].

Equation 2.1 signifies the equation of mass conservation, also known as the continuity equation [101]:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V}) = 0 \quad (2.1)$$

The equations governing momentum balance, known as the Navier-Stokes equations, can be formulated as follows (Eq. 2.2) for three-dimensional, incompressible flow [101].

$$\rho \frac{DV}{Dt} = \rho g - \nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 V \quad (2.2)$$

Equations can be expressed in x,y, and z dimensions as Eq. 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5.

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (2.3)$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_y - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (2.4)$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (2.5)$$

With the help of CFD software, one can analyze turbulent and laminar flow problems in arbitrary complex geometries. Applications characterized by interactions between complex



flow fields and chemical reactions can be studied. As examples of the widely used software packages, FLUENT and CFX from ANSYS and STAR-CD from CD Adapco Group can be counted [102].

The limitations that experiments bring, can be overcome more easily and efficiently by using CFD [103]. For reactor design, studying bubble behavior in liquids is of significant interest [104].

FLUENT was utilized to investigate the gas-liquid mass transfer behavior within ionic liquids in the study of Wang et al. [105]. Their experimental set up is given in Figure 2.26 [105].

Meikandan et al. conducted a study utilizing CFD analysis to examine the heat transfer properties of ionic liquids within a tubular heat exchanger [106].

Ouyang and his colleagues utilized CFD to investigate the flow of  $\text{CO}_2$  in  $[\text{bmim}][\text{BF}_4]$  within a stirred tank. To accurately describe the behavior of bubbles, they employed the population balance method [103].

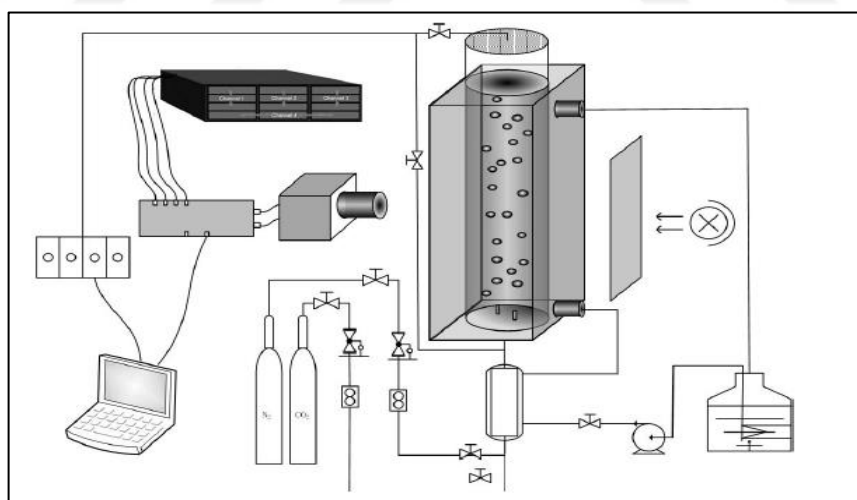


Figure 2.26. Sketch of the experimental apparatus for CFD-PBM [105]

### 3. METHODOLOGY

In this section, a comprehensive explanation of the experimental system, procedure, and transport model will be presented.

#### 3.1. EXPERIMENTAL SET-UP AND PROCEDURE

Figure 3.1. shows the experimental system. The mainly used equipments in this system are: a syringe pump, a cathetometer and a high pressure view cell. Carbon dioxide can be loaded to the system by using syringe pump at a constant pressure. During the experiments, a cathetometer is used in order to follow to track the rise in the liquid level.

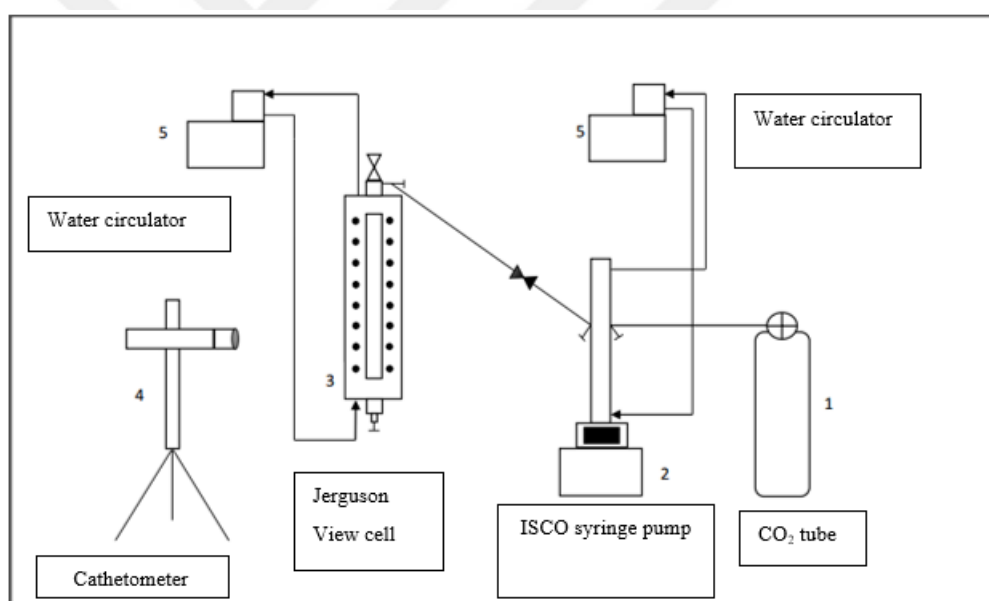


Figure 3.1. Experimental set-up of CO<sub>2</sub>-[bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] system [107]

Before each experiment, leakage test is carried out in order to see if there is carbon dioxide leak in the system. The view-cell is tested for 1500-2000 psi; CO<sub>2</sub> is loaded to the view-cell. Until it remains stable, the pressure is carefully monitored.

Generally; experiments begin with filling syringe pump with liquid carbon dioxide at a temperature of 10° C. Following the filling of the pump, the pressure is adjusted to the desired value. Using two water circulators , the temperature is set and kept constant at the

same time. When the desired pressure is reached, the carbon dioxide is introduced into the line connecting the view-cell and syringe pump.

Carbon dioxide with a purity of 99.9 % is purchased from Habas. [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] with a purity of 99% is purchased from IOLITEC. Karl-Fischer titration has resulted in a water content less than 300 ppm in all the ionic liquid samples used in the experiment which is adequately low for precise determination of mole fractions [15,93,108].

Ionic liquid is injected with a syringe from the bottom valve of the view-cell. The syringe was weighed with an analytical balance. The difference between the weights of the syringe before and after injection indicates the mass of IL. The IL is kept in the view-cell before carbon dioxide loading to ensure the thermal equilibration. The cathetometer is placed approximately one meter away faced to the view-cell. The initial liquid level is set to zero by targeting the cross hair to the meniscus line of the liquid. The initial volume of CO<sub>2</sub> in syringe pump is recorded. Subsequently, high-pressure carbon dioxide is loaded into the view-cell. CO<sub>2</sub> is supplied at a constant pressure regulated by a high pressure syringe pump, initiating the flow of it. There is a check valve between the pump and view-cell to prevent the back flow from the view-cell to the syringe pump.

A pressure transducer is used to monitor the pressure of the carbon dioxide in the view-cell. As the carbon dioxide starts to dissolve in the liquid phase, the liquid height starts to show an increment. The interface position is tracked during the dissolution process. The liquid level in the cell is monitored. The decreased volume of CO<sub>2</sub> in the syringe pump is also continuously monitored. This situation continues until the system reaches equilibrium. After collecting the final measurements, the system undergoes depressurization. To prevent any accidents, it is crucial to release high pressure CO<sub>2</sub> at a very slow flow rate.

The mass fraction of carbon dioxide in the liquid can be determined by using the liquid height and CO<sub>2</sub> volume data as follows:

$$m_{CO_2 \text{ in the liquid phase}} = m_{CO_2 \text{ delivered to the system}} - m_{CO_2 \text{ in the gas phase}} \quad (3.1)$$

Mass of the carbon dioxide delivered to the system and in the gas phase can be calculated from the carbon dioxide molar volume data at constant temperature and pressure reported in the literature. The total liquid volume in the view-cell at any time can be found using the

initial ionic liquid volume and cathetometer is used in order to determine the boost in the liquid volume [15].

The measurement uncertainties for liquid level, volume, temperature, and pressure are  $\pm 0.01$  mm,  $\pm 0.01$  mL,  $\pm 0.1$  K, and  $\pm 0.0138$  MPa, respectively. The estimation of the overall error in determining the equilibrium mole fractions is around  $\pm 0.002$  [15].

### 3.2. THE TRANSPORT MODEL

One-way mass transfer is triggered by introducing high pressure carbon dioxide into IL system. The carbon dioxide dissolves in the ionic liquid, but there is negligible diffusion of the ionic liquid into the gas phase. During this process, interface of the phase moves upward and the liquid phase density changes (see Figure 3.2) [107].

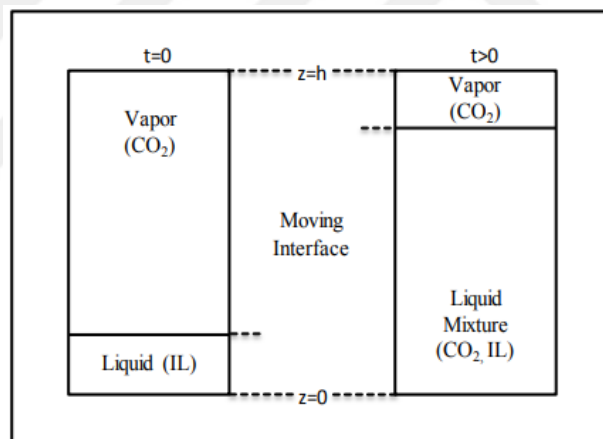


Figure 3.2. Interface position of IL-CO<sub>2</sub> system

The transport model of the system, two phases separated by a dynamic boundary, is developed using ANSYS FLUENT [107]. The continuity equation solved throughout the entire flow domain is represented by the following equation [109–111].

$$\frac{\partial(\rho\phi_k)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho u \phi_k) = -\nabla \cdot (J_{\phi_k}) + S_{\phi_k} \quad (3.2)$$

$$J_{\phi} = -\rho_L D \nabla w_{CO_2} \quad (3.3)$$

In the model, the mass fraction is represented by a user-defined function  $\phi$ . At the phase interface, the mass fraction stays constant at the thermodynamic equilibrium value and increases from zero in the liquid phase during the diffusion process. To maintain the gradient's continuity,  $\phi$  is also defined within the gas phase and kept constant at the equilibrium value using a source term,  $S$  [107].

$$S_{\phi_k} = A(\phi_{k,eq} - \phi_k) \quad (3.4)$$

In Equation (3.4), a suitably large value is assigned to  $A$  to prevent  $\phi$  from decreasing in the gas phase during diffusion. In contrast,  $S$  is set to zero in the liquid phase [107].

Movement of the phase-interface is tracked by the Volume-of-fluid method [112] where a function for the liquid phase volume fraction is defined in every grid cell and advected by the velocity field as described by the following equation [107]:

$$\frac{\partial(\alpha_L \rho_L)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_L \rho_L u) = S_{\alpha_L} \quad (3.5)$$

where  $\alpha_L$  presents the volume fraction of the liquid phase. The value of  $\alpha_L$  is between 0 and 1 if the computational cell contains the phase interface. The source term,  $S_{\alpha_L}$ , is nonzero due to the interphase mass transfer and calculated using equation 3.6 where  $\rho_L$ ,  $D$  and  $w_{CO_2}$  denote the liquid phase density, binary diffusion coefficient and mass fraction of carbon dioxide respectively [107].

$$S_{\alpha_L} = -\rho_L D \nabla w_{CO_2} \cdot \nabla \alpha_L \quad (3.6)$$

The volume fraction of the gas phase,  $\alpha_G$  is calculated using the constraint that the volume fractions of the phases must add up to unity. To satisfy the mass balance, in the gas phase,

the source term,  $S_{\alpha G}$  must be equal to  $S_{\alpha L}$  in magnitude with opposite sign (See Equations (3.7) and (3.8)) [15].

$$\alpha_L + \alpha_G = 1 \quad (3.7)$$

$$S_{\alpha G} = -S_{\alpha L} \quad (3.8)$$

In FLUENT, PISO algorithm is applied for the pressure-velocity coupling [113]. For the momentum equation and the transport of the user-defined scalar, third- order MUSCL scheme is selected [114]. The volume fraction equation is solved using the Geo-reconstruct method. [115]. The aforementioned model is implemented on the experimental system to estimate the diffusion coefficients [107]. The view-cell that is mentioned in procedure part has a height of 32 cm and a cross sectional area of 5.55 cm<sup>2</sup>. The initial diffusivities and equilibrium diffusivities of CO<sub>2</sub> in ionic liquid are calculated by trial and error calculations.. Various diffusivity values are tested with until the CO<sub>2</sub> mole fraction obtained from the matches the experimental data at different time points.

As two-dimensional simulations 2000×4 and 2000×8 have given the same diffusivity results with 2000 [107], it was decided to carry out whole calculations with grid number 2000 in this study. In all simulations, time step is kept constant at 1 s.

## 4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this part, first, diffusion coefficients of [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>]-CO<sub>2</sub> system at dilute concentration of CO<sub>2</sub>, and at thermodynamic phase equilibrium are presented at different pressures (5 and 8 MPa) and temperatures (313.15 K and 323.15 K). Then, the results obtained from the thermodynamic modeling of the system are explained.

### 4.1. DIFFUSIVITIES AT DILUTE CONCENTRATION

Initial diffusivities are calculated for a mole fraction of 0.03 for each temperature and pressure. The time corresponding to mole fraction of 0.03 is determined by interpolating from polynomials fit to the experimental data. Trial and error method is used to determine the initial diffusion coefficient using CFD.

To determine the accuracy of the diffusivity values, two sets of experimental data are analyzed at each temperature and pressure, and the errors are indicated in Table 4.5.

The polynomial models for two sets of experimental mole fractions at 313.15 K, 5.4 MPa are given in Figures 4.1 and 4.2. The times to reach the mole fraction of 0.03 and the diffusion coefficients for each experimental run are presented (see Table 4.1).

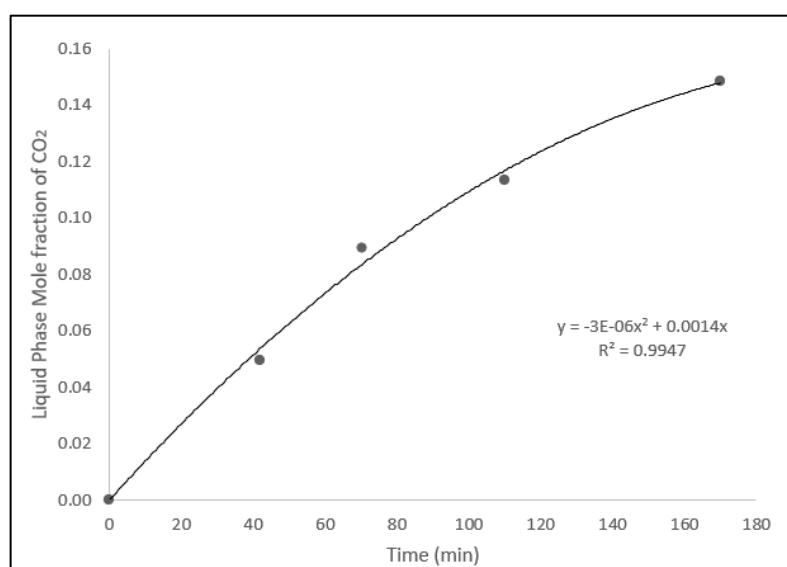


Figure 4.1. Mole fraction vs time for 5 data points for set 1 (313.15 K, 5.4 MPa)

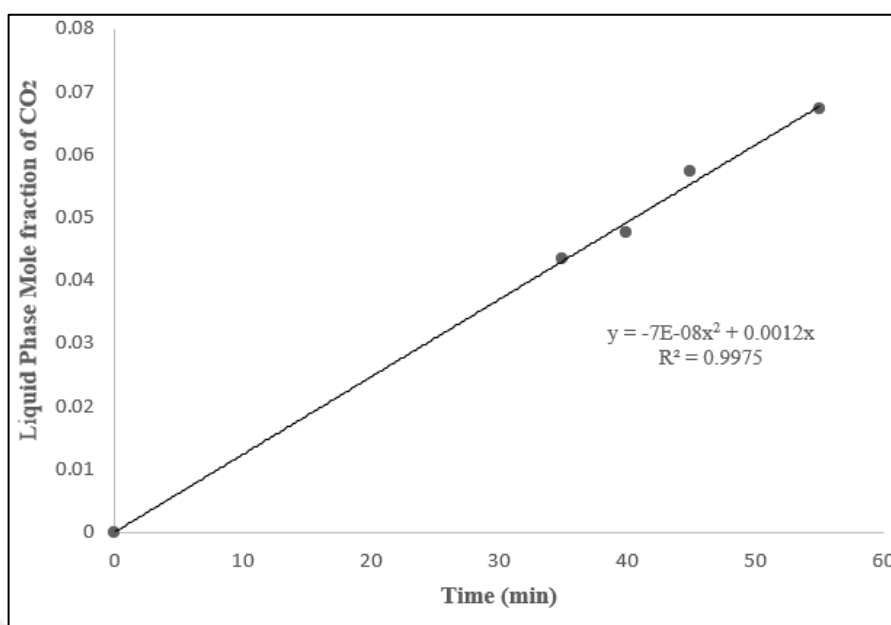


Figure 4.2. Mole fraction vs time for 5 data points for set 2 (313.15 K, 5.4 MPa)

Table 4.1. Diffusion coefficients of Carbon dioxide in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] at dilute concentration (313.15 K, 5.4 MPa)

|       | Temperature (K) | Pressure (MPa) | Initial diffusion coefficient ( $10^{10} \text{ D/m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$ ) | Time (sec) |
|-------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Set 1 | 313.15          | 5.4            | 1.15                                                                   | 1849       |
| Set 2 | 313.15          | 5.4            | 1.20                                                                   | 1761       |

Figures 4.3 and 4.4 indicate the first five experimental data points collected at a temperature and pressure of 313.15 K and 8.3 MPa. The calculated diffusivities at the mole fraction of 0.03 are given in Table 4.2.



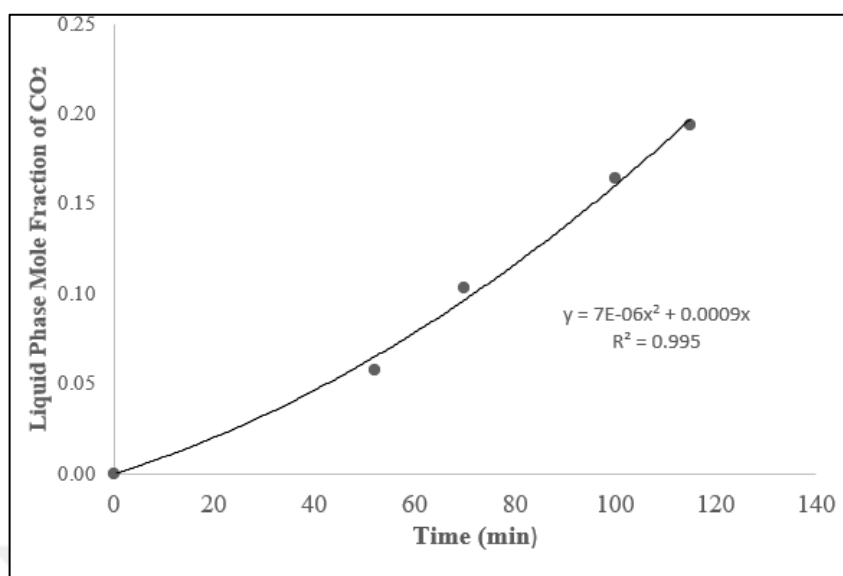


Figure 4.3. Mole fraction vs time for 5 data points for set 1 (313.15 K, 8.3 MPa)

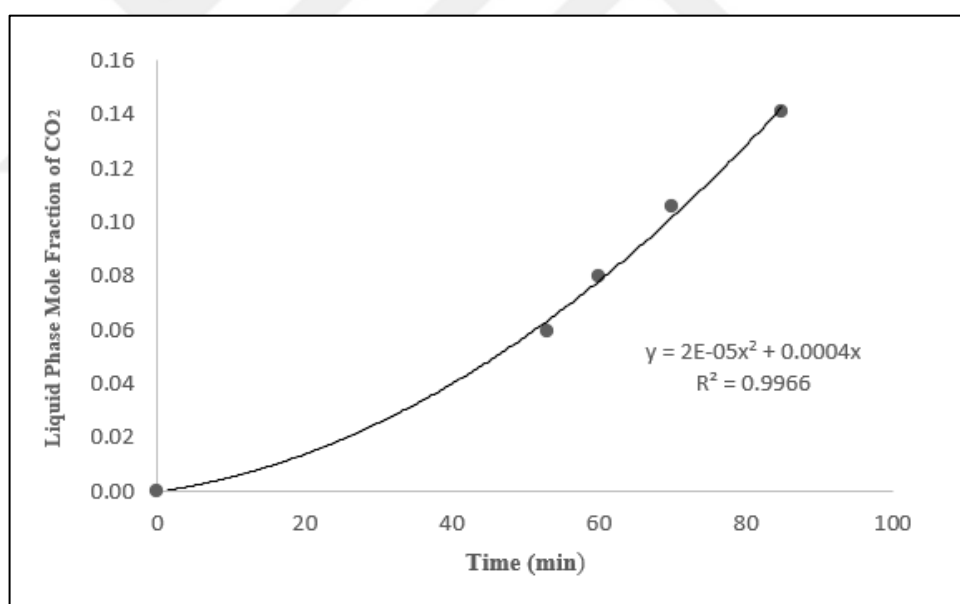


Figure 4.4. Mole fraction vs time for 5 data points for set 2 (313.15 K, 8.3 MPa)

Table 4.2. Diffusion coefficients of Carbon dioxide in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] at dilute concentration (313.15 K, 8.3 MPa)

|       | Temperature (K) | Pressure (MPa) | Initial diffusion coefficient ( $10^{10} \text{ D/m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$ ) | Time (sec) |
|-------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Set 1 | 313.15          | 8.3            | 1.20                                                                   | 1941       |
| Set 2 | 313.15          | 8.3            | 1.18                                                                   | 1976       |

The polynomial fits to two sets of experimental mole fractions at a temperature and pressure of 323.15 K and 5.3 MPa respectively are given in Figures 4.5 and 4.6. Calculated times and the initial diffusion coefficients at the mole fraction 0.03 are shown in Table 4.3.

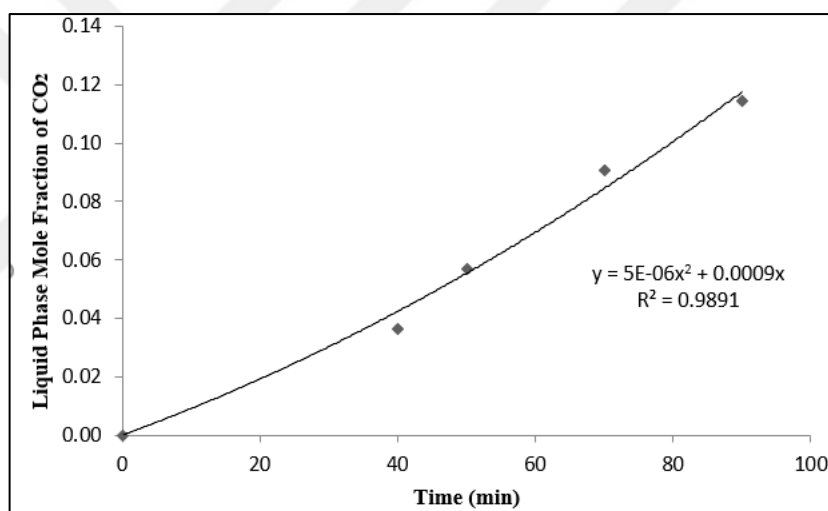


Figure 4.5. Mole fraction vs time for 5 data points for set 1 (323.15 K, 5.3 MPa)

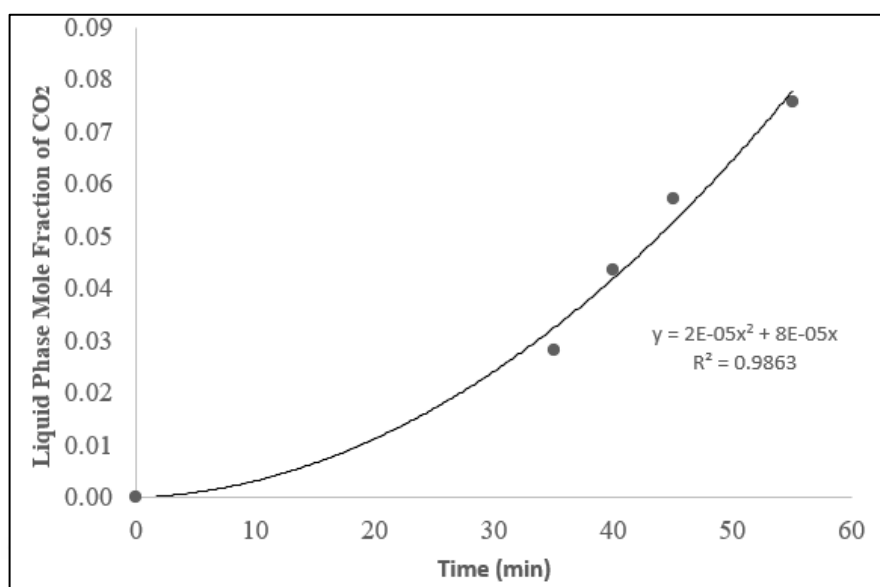


Figure 4.6. Mole fraction vs time for 5 data points for set 2 (323.15 K, 5.3 MPa)

Table 4.3 Diffusion coefficients of Carbon dioxide in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] at dilute concentration (323.15 K, 5.3 MPa)

|       | Temperature (K) | Pressure (MPa) | Initial diffusion coefficient ( $10^{10} \text{ D/m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$ ) | Time (sec) |
|-------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Set 1 | 323.15          | 5.3            | 1.30                                                                   | 2376       |
| Set 2 | 323.15          | 5.3            | 1.28                                                                   | 2466       |

Figures 4.7 and 4.8 indicate the first five experimental data points collected at a temperature and pressure of 323.15 K and 8.1 MPa. The calculated diffusivities at the mole fraction of 0.03 are given in Table 4.4.

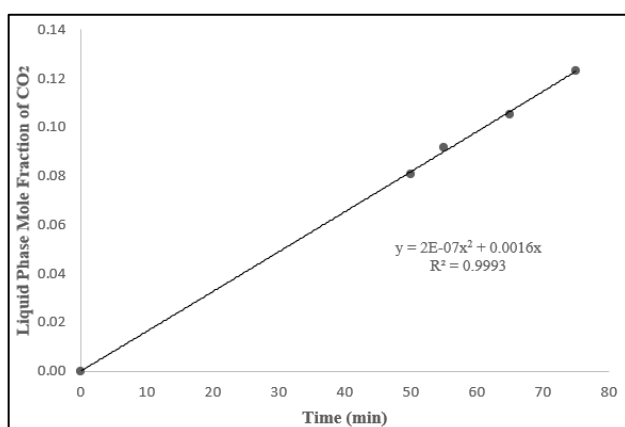


Figure 4.7. Mole fraction vs time for 5 data points for set 1 (323.15 K, 8.1 MPa)

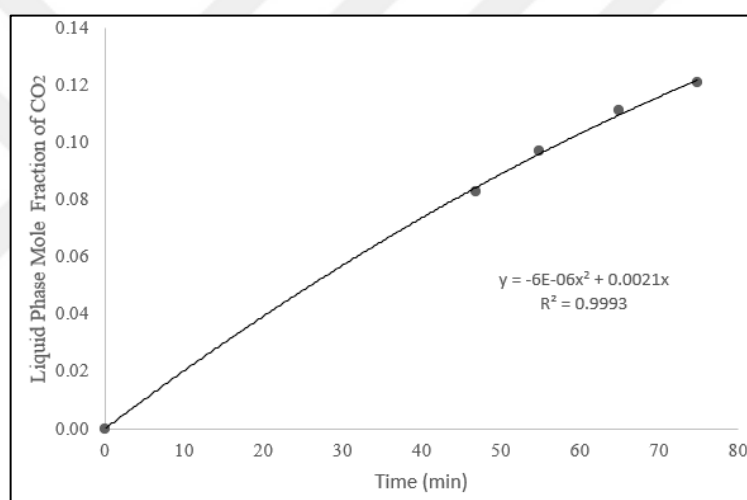


Figure 4.8. Mole fraction vs time for 5 data points for set 2 (323.15 K, 8.1 MPa)

Table 4.4. Diffusion coefficients of Carbon dioxide in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] at dilute concentration (323.15 K, 8.1 MPa)

|       | Temperature (K) | Pressure (MPa) | Initial diffusion coefficient (10 <sup>10</sup> D/m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ) | Time (sec) |
|-------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Set 1 | 323.15          | 8.1            | 1.30                                                                               | 1384       |
| Set 2 | 323.15          | 8.1            | 1.35                                                                               | 1136       |

The diffusivities increase with temperature. However, increasing the pressure from 5 MPa to 8 MPa has not resulted in much difference. Table 4.5 presents the results.

Table 4.5. Initial diffusion coefficients of CO<sub>2</sub> in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>]

| T(K)   | P (MPa) | Initial Diffusion Coefficient<br>(10 <sup>10</sup> D/m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|--------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 313.15 | 5.4     | 1.18 ± 0.03                                                                           |
| 313.15 | 8.3     | 1.19 ± 0.01                                                                           |
| 323.15 | 5.3     | 1.29 ± 0.01                                                                           |
| 323.15 | 8.1     | 1.32 ± 0.03                                                                           |

## 4.2. DIFFUSIVITIES AT PHASE EQUILIBRIUM

This part presents, the experimental mole fractions of CO<sub>2</sub> in the liquid phase that are accompanied by the corresponding modeling results. Additionally, the changes in liquid levels and molar volumes are analyzed. Finally, calculated diffusivities at phase equilibrium are presented. These investigations were carried out across different pressures (5 and 8 MPa) and temperatures (313.15 K and 323.15 K) specifically for the [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>]-CO<sub>2</sub> system.

### 4.2.1. [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] – CO<sub>2</sub> System at 313.15 K and 794 PSIA (5.4 MPa)

At a pressure of 5.4 MPa and a temperature of 313.15 K, Figure 4.9 illustrates the determined equilibrium mole fraction of carbon dioxide in the liquid phase. The equilibrium mole fraction is 0.466. The process of determining the equilibrium mole fraction entailed considering the remaining volume of CO<sub>2</sub> in the syringe pump and the overall expansion of the liquid phase. Appendix A provides a detailed example for the equilibrium mole fraction calculation. Figure 4.10 presents the increase in the liquid level. The percent increase in volume is calculated using equation 4.1.

$$\text{Volume expansion (\%)} = \frac{A * h_{IL}}{V'_{IL}} * 100 \quad (4.1)$$

The liquid volume has expanded 19 per cent through the experiment. Neglecting the expansion of the liquid phase gives a result of the equilibrium mole fraction as 0.430. Sample calculation is given in Appendix A. It is observed that the change in the liquid height has a significant effect on the equilibrium mole fraction. That is why the liquid height is monitored by a cathetometer.

During the diffusion process, carbon dioxide occupies the vacancies in the ionic liquid molecular network; ion displacements occur slightly [15,116]. Therefore, the molar volume decreases with time (see Figure 4.11).

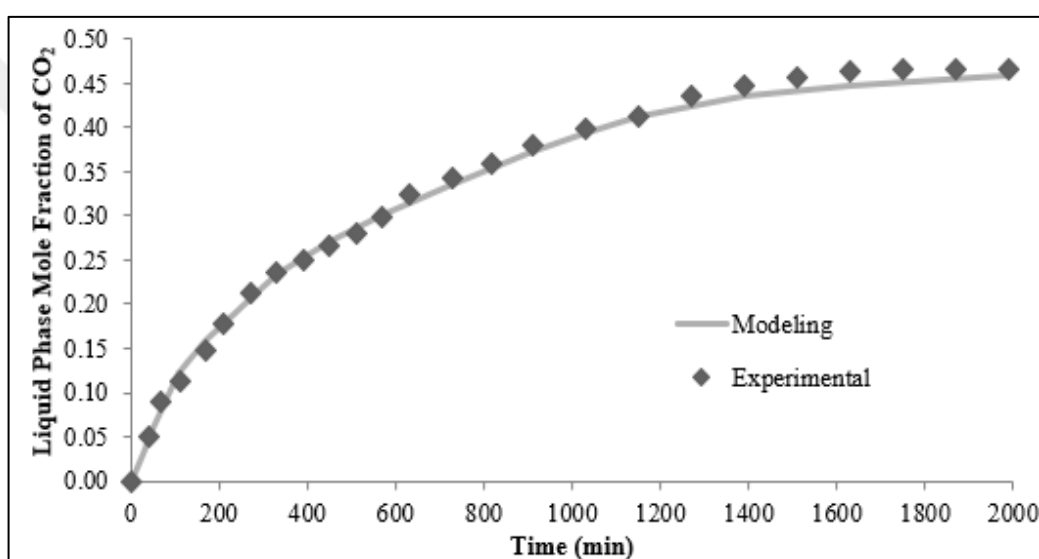


Figure 4.9. Time- dependent experimental solubilities and transport modeling results for (313.15 K, 5.4 MPa)

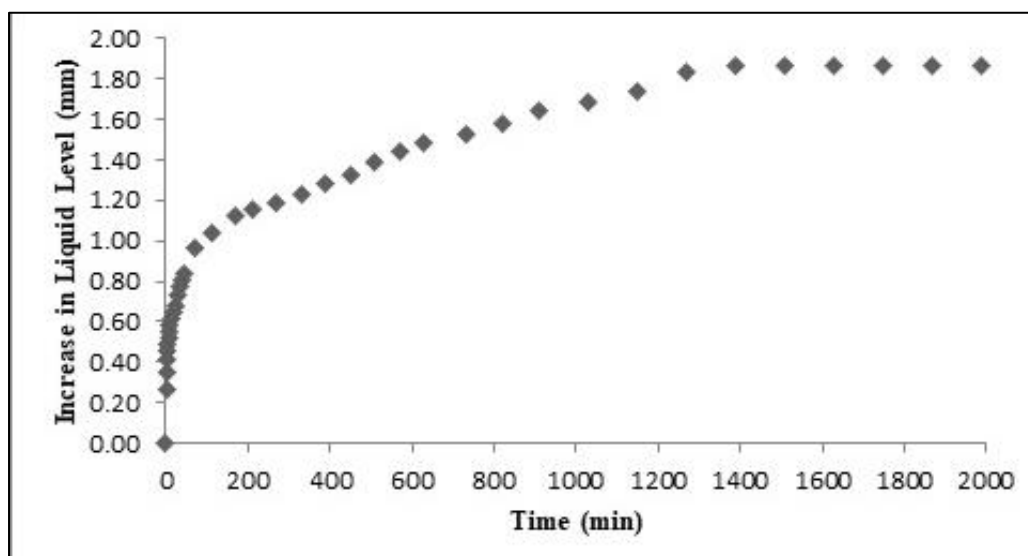


Figure 4.10. Change in the position of the liquid-vapor interface with time (313.15 K, 5.4 MPa)

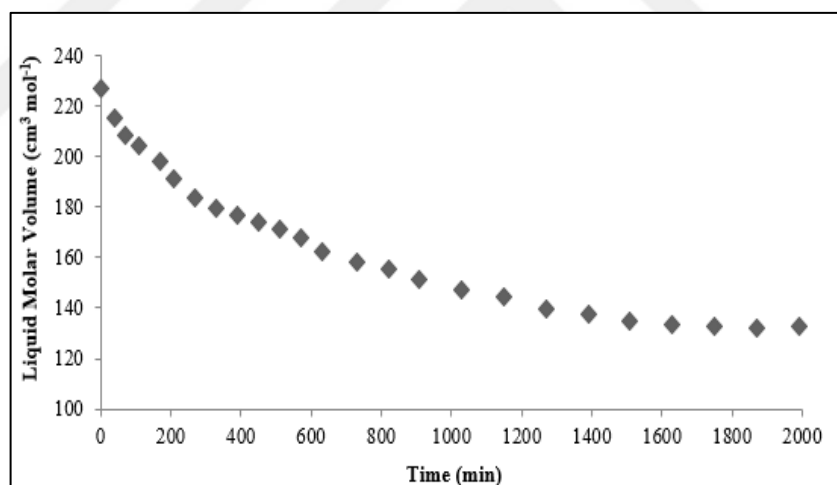


Figure 4.11. Change in the liquid molar volume with time (313.15 K, 5.4 MPa)

The % decrease in liquid molar volume in this system is calculated using Equation 4.2 [117].

$$\Delta V / \Delta V_0 (\%) = \frac{V_m - V_{IL}}{V_{IL}} \times 100 \quad (4.2)$$

Where  $V_m$  is the molar volume of the mixture,  $V_{IL}$  is the molar volume of ionic liquid. The equilibrium molar volume for this system is found as 42 % less than the initial value. As

shown in Figure 4.12, the molar volume obtained from the experiment change with liquid carbon dioxide mole fraction linearly. The transport model utilizes the equation of the line to calculate the molar volume applicable to each computational cell throughout the iterations.

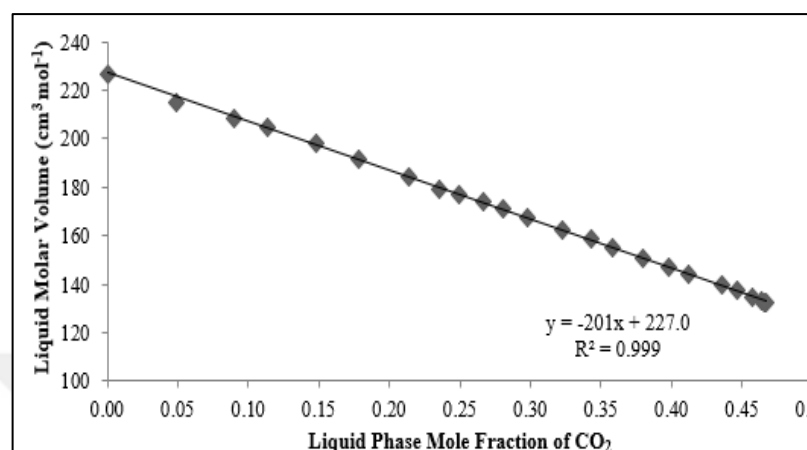


Figure 4.12. Change in the liquid molar volume with CO<sub>2</sub> mole fraction in liquid (313.15 K, 5.4 MPa)

The diffusivity at the phase equilibrium in this case is found as  $18.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ . Here, we have used a trial and error approach. Different values are tested until the average mole fraction of carbon dioxide obtained from the model matches with the experimental solubility at a time by using the CFD model [15]. The initial diffusivity value ( $1.18 \pm 0.03 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ) has increased more than one order of magnitude compared to the equilibrium diffusion coefficient.

#### 4.2.2. [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] – CO<sub>2</sub> System at 313.15 K and 1197 PSIA (8.3 MPa)

Figure 4.13 presents the increase in the mole fraction of CO<sub>2</sub> in the liquid phase with time. [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>]-CO<sub>2</sub> system finally reaches its equilibrium value [15]. The equilibrium mole fraction is found as 0.574. Comparing with the previous case, equilibrium mol fraction increases as pressure increases at the same temperature.



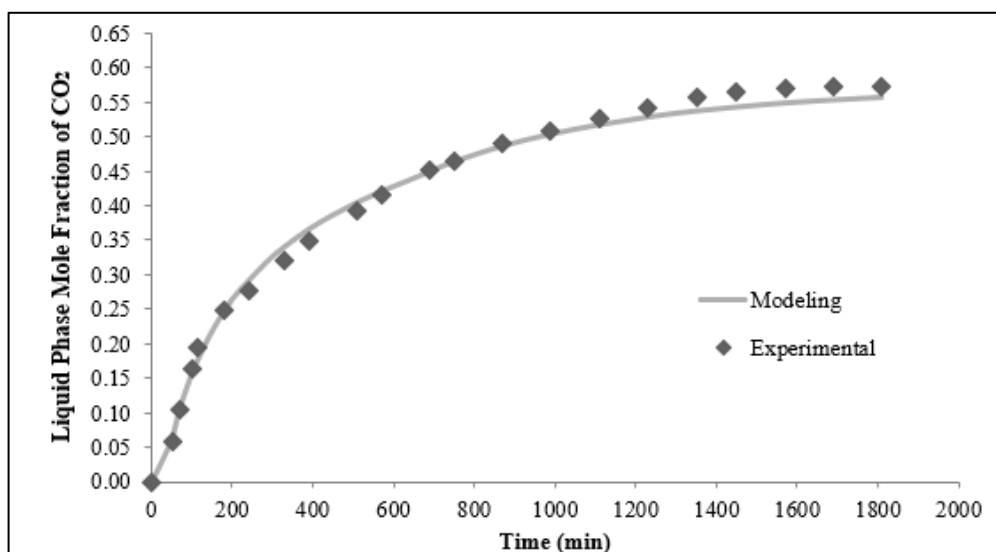


Figure 4.13. Time- dependent experimental solubilities and transport modeling results (313.15 K, 8.3 MPa)

Figure 4.14 illustrates the observed increase in the liquid level, with the liquid volume expanding by 18 percent. If the expansion of the liquid phase was not taken into account in the calculations, the resulting equilibrium mole fraction would be 0.519. In this case too, the molar volume decreases with time (see Figure 4.15).

The molar volume diminishes while the carbon dioxide mole fraction increases with time (see Figure 4.16). The molar volume has decreased to almost half of its initial value [15].

The final diffusivity value is found as  $27.2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  [15]. The initial diffusivity value ( $1.19 \pm 0.01 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ) has increased more than one order of magnitude compared to the equilibrium diffusion coefficient.

Raising the pressure from 5 MPa to 8 MPa has led to an elevation in the equilibrium diffusivity due to higher CO<sub>2</sub> solubility at 8 MPa.

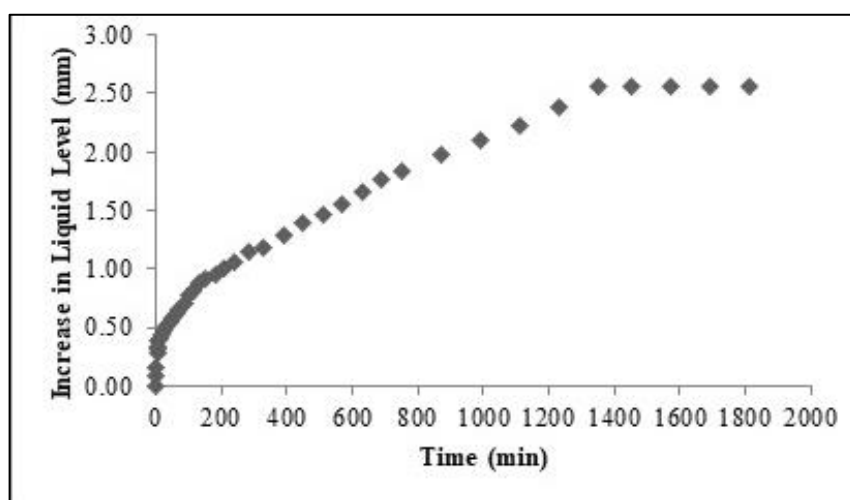


Figure 4.14. Change in the position of the liquid-vapor interface with time (313.15 K, 8.3 MPa)

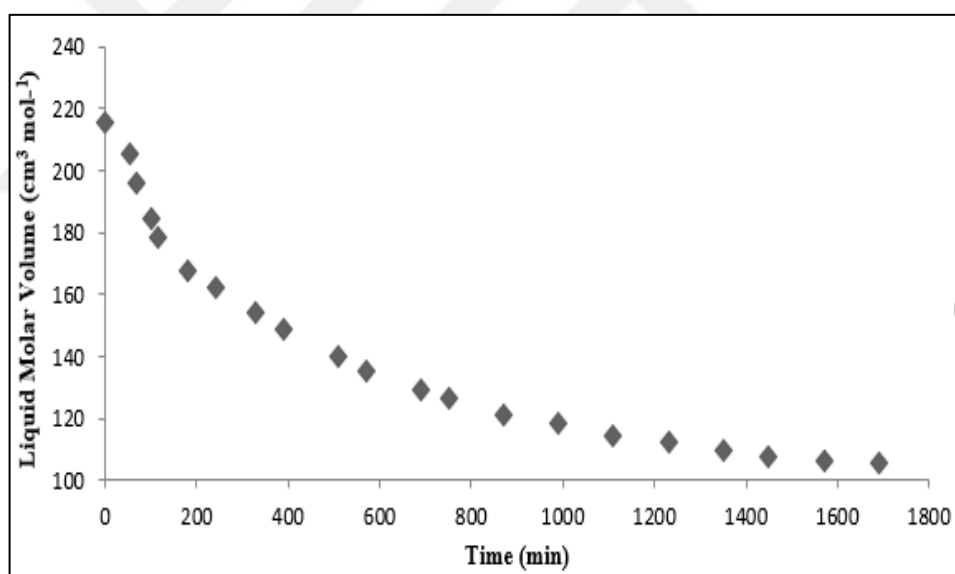


Figure 4.15. Change in the liquid molar volume with time (313.15 K, 8.3 MPa)

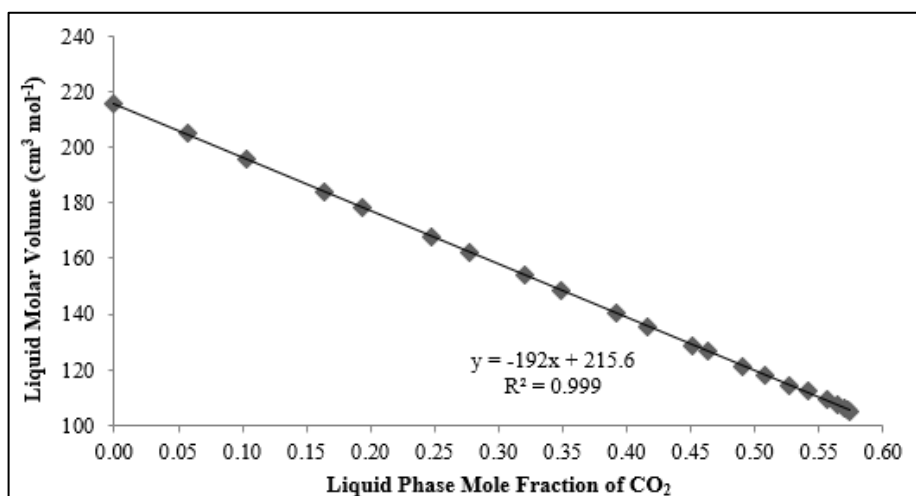


Figure 4.16. Change in the liquid molar volume with CO<sub>2</sub> mole fraction in a liquid (313.15 K, 8.3 MPa)

#### 4.2.3. [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] – CO<sub>2</sub> Mixture at 323.15 K and 771 PSIA (5.3 MPa)

The time-dependent data in Figure 4.17 shows that the mole fraction of carbon dioxide in the liquid phase increases with time. Eventually, the mole fraction reaches 0.426 which is the equilibrium value for CO<sub>2</sub> at this temperature and pressure [15]. Compared to the solubility result found for 313 K and 5.4 MPa, temperature increase has caused a decrease in the equilibrium mole fraction of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Figure 4.18 illustrates the observed increase in the liquid level, with the liquid volume expanding by 21 percent. If the volume increase of the liquid phase was neglected in the calculations, the resulting equilibrium mole fraction would be 0.386. During the diffusion process, the molar volume decreases with time (see Figure 4.19). The molar volume diminishes with time while the carbon dioxide mole fraction increases in the liquid (see Figure 4.20) [15]. The equilibrium molar volume for this system is found to be 33 % less than the initial value.

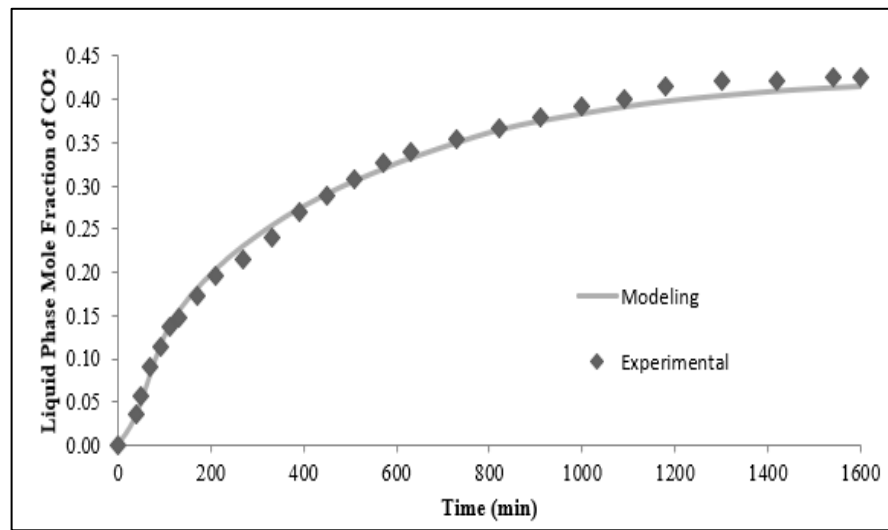


Figure 4.17. Time- dependent experimental solubilities and transport modeling results (323.15 K, 5.3 MPa)

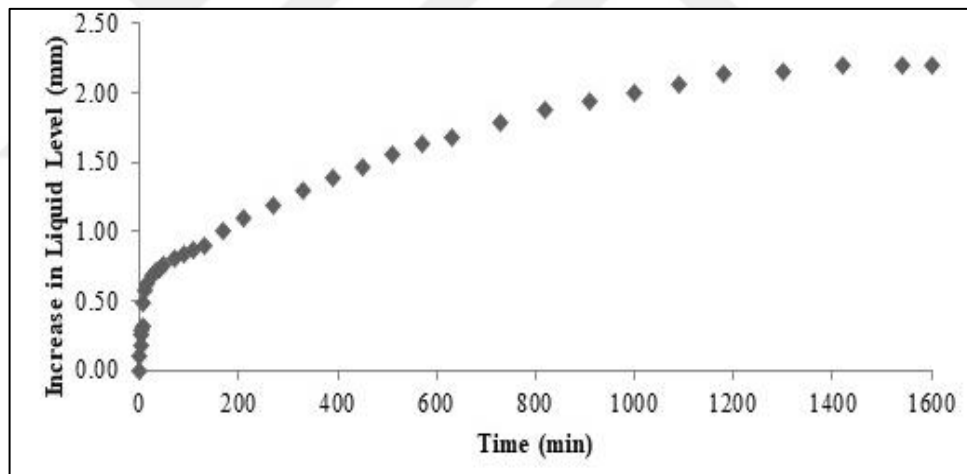


Figure 4.18. Change in the position of the liquid-vapor interface with time (323.15 K, 5.3 MPa)

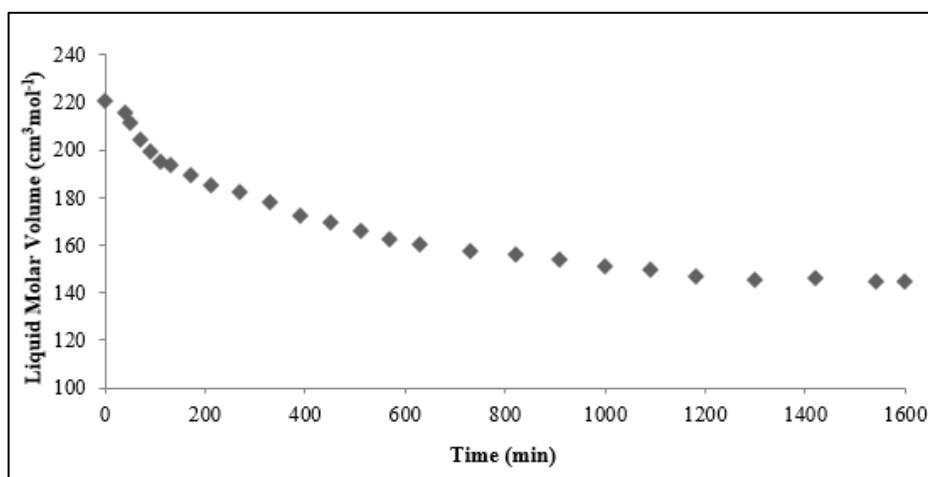


Figure 4.19. Change in the liquid molar volume with time (323.15 K, 5.3 MPa)

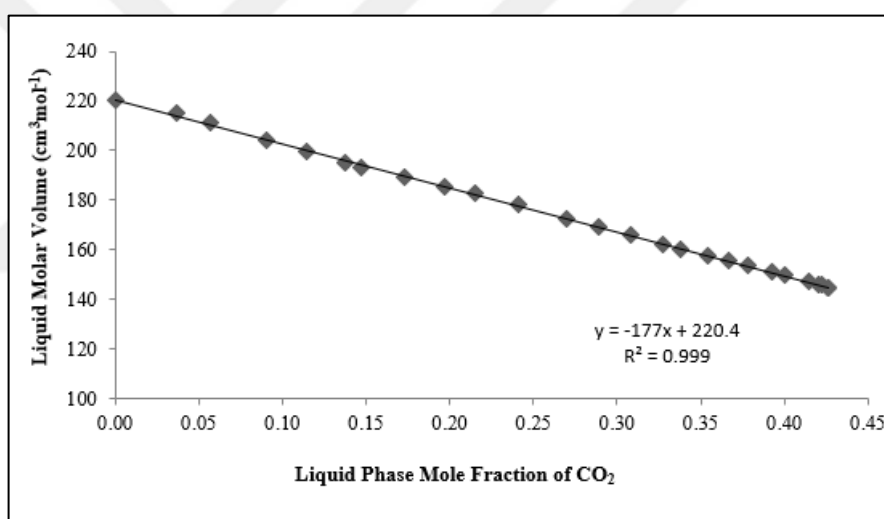


Figure 4.20. Change in the liquid molar volume with CO<sub>2</sub> in liquid (323.15 K, 5.3 MPa)

The diffusivity at the phase equilibrium in this case is found as  $20.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  [15]. The diffusivity value ( $1.29 \pm 0.01 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ) has increased fifteen times comparing its values at dilute condition and at phase equilibrium.

#### 4.2.4. [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] – CO<sub>2</sub> System at 323.15 K and 1175 PSIA (8.1 MPa)

For this case, too, the mole fraction of CO<sub>2</sub> in liquid increases steadily with time and reaches equilibrium as presented in Figure 4.21. The equilibrium mole fraction equals to 0.508.

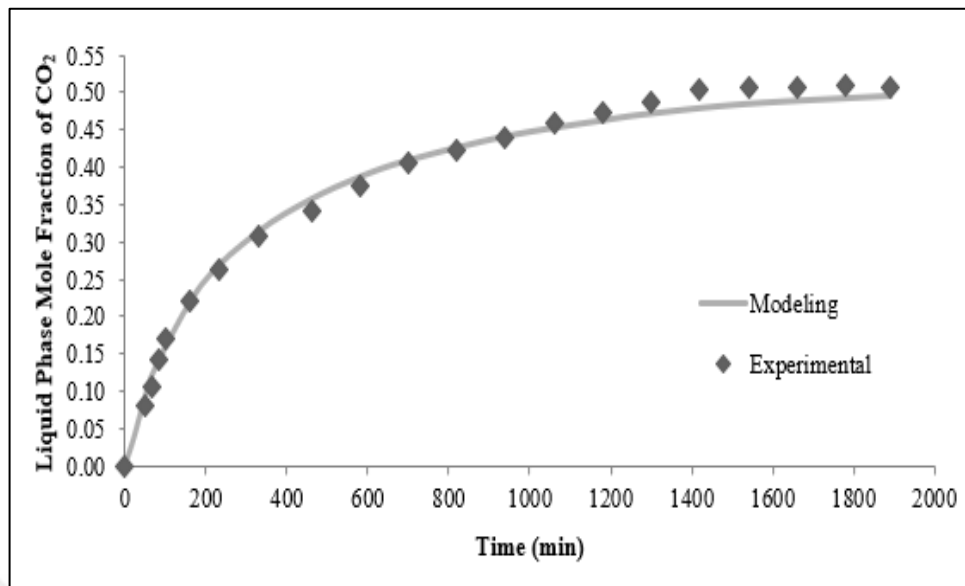


Figure 4.21. Time- dependent experimental solubilities and transport modeling results (323.15 K, 8.1 MPa)

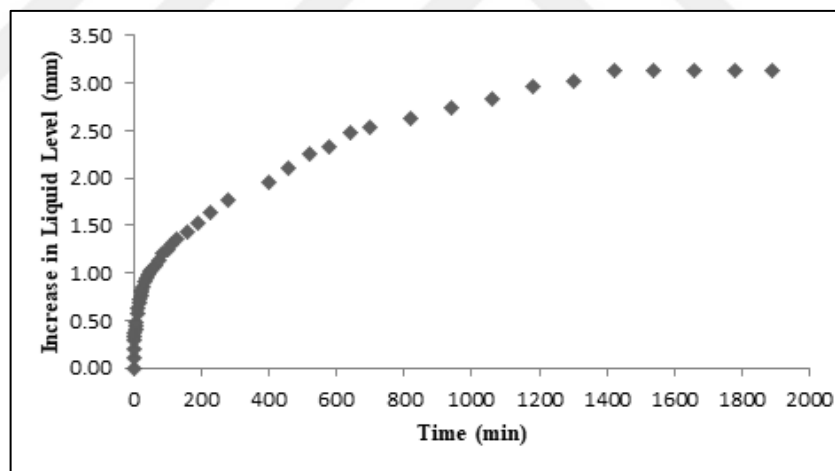


Figure 4.22. Change in the position of the liquid-vapor interface with time (323.15 K, 8.1 MPa)

Figure 4.22 illustrates the observed increase in the liquid level, with the liquid volume expanding by 26 percent. If the expansion of the liquid phase was not taken into account in the calculations, the resulting equilibrium mole fraction would be 0.427.

During the diffusion process, the molar volume again decreases with time (see Figure 4.23). The molar volume decreases while the carbon dioxide mole fraction increases in the liquid (see Figure 4.24). Percent decrease in molar volume in this case is 38 %.

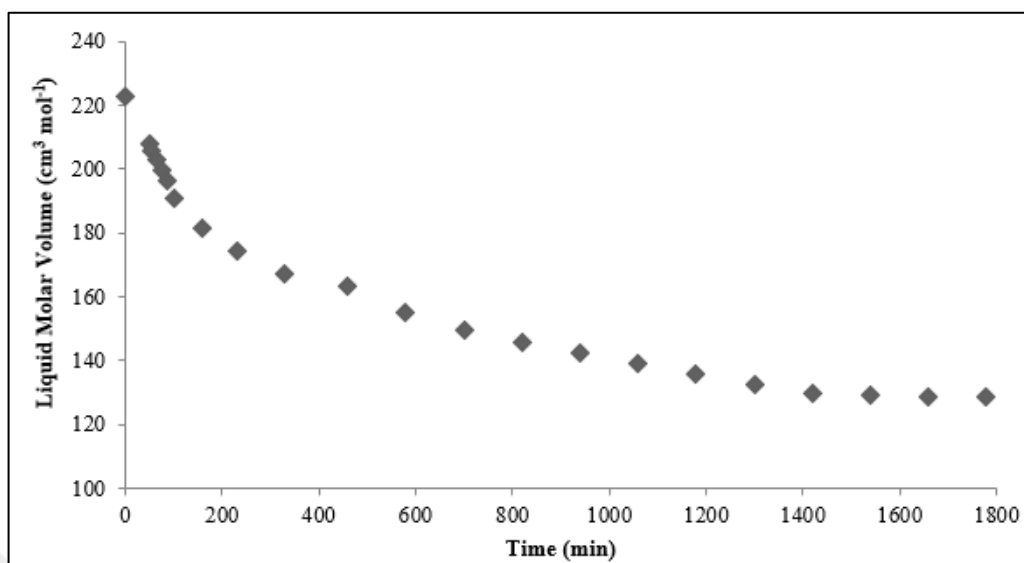


Figure 4.23. Change in the liquid molar volume with time (323.15 K, 8.1 MPa)

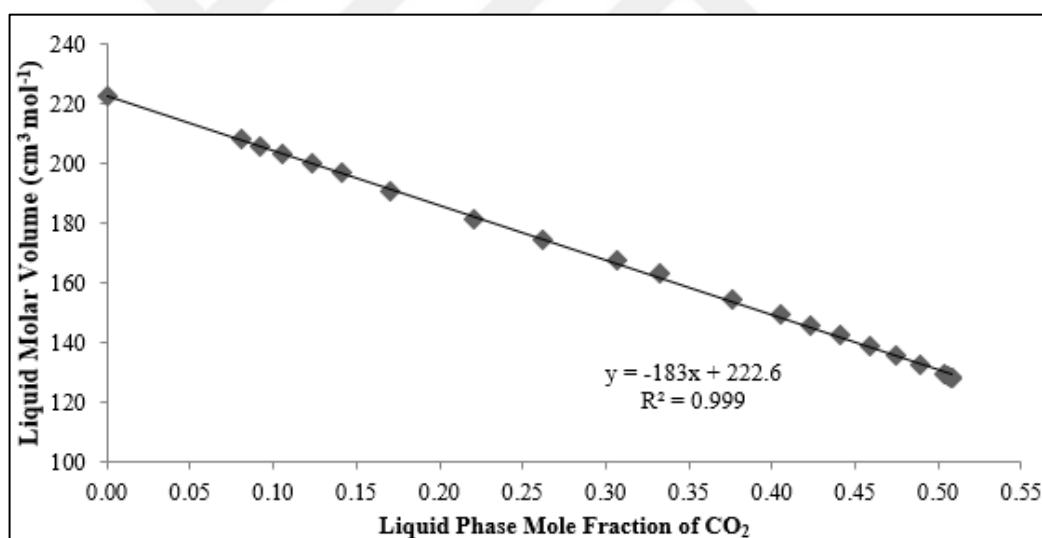


Figure 4.24. Change in the liquid molar volume with CO<sub>2</sub> mole fraction in a liquid (323.15 K, 8.1 MPa)

The final diffusivity value in this case is found as  $24.2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ . There is again a huge increase in diffusivities (from  $1.32$  to  $24.2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ). Table 4.6 shows the diffusivities obtained at phase equilibria and  $R^2$  values for the model fit to time-dependent solubility data at all temperatures and pressures. The mutual diffusivities increase when CO<sub>2</sub> dissolves in the [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>].

Table 4.6. Equilibrium mole fractions, diffusivities of CO<sub>2</sub>- [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] system and R<sup>2</sup> values for the model fit to time-dependent solubility data

| Temperature (K) | Pressure (MPa) | Equilibrium diffusion coefficient (10 <sup>10</sup> D/m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ) | Equilibrium mole fractions | R <sup>2</sup> |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| 313.15          | 5.4            | 18.5                                                                                   | 0.466                      | 0.999          |
| 313.15          | 8.3            | 27.2                                                                                   | 0.574                      | 0.997          |
| 323.15          | 5.3            | 20.0                                                                                   | 0.426                      | 0.999          |
| 323.15          | 8.1            | 24.2                                                                                   | 0.508                      | 0.995          |

### 4.3. PHASE EQUILIBRIUM MODELING

According to experimental data and the modeling results (Figures 4.9, 4.13, 4.17, 4.21 and Table 4.6) it can be concluded that the solubility of carbon dioxide in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] increases with pressure and decreases with temperature.

Figure 4.25 shows the solubility values at different pressures. The values other than those at 5 and 8 MPa have taken from the study conducted by Yıldız [118]. We observe that the solubilities are comparable to the values reported in the literature [15,22,96]. The figure also indicates thermodynamic modelling results obtained from Peng Robinson Equation of state with Stryjek-Vera (PRSV) modification and Wong-Sandler (WS) mixing rules where NRTL model is employed to determine the free energy term [15,119–121].

The critical constants of carbon dioxide used in the thermodynamic modeling are presented in Table 4.7 [122].

Due to the decomposition of ionic liquids at temperatures below the critical temperature, it is not possible to determine the critical constants using experimental methods. For this reason, the critical constants are estimated [123–125].



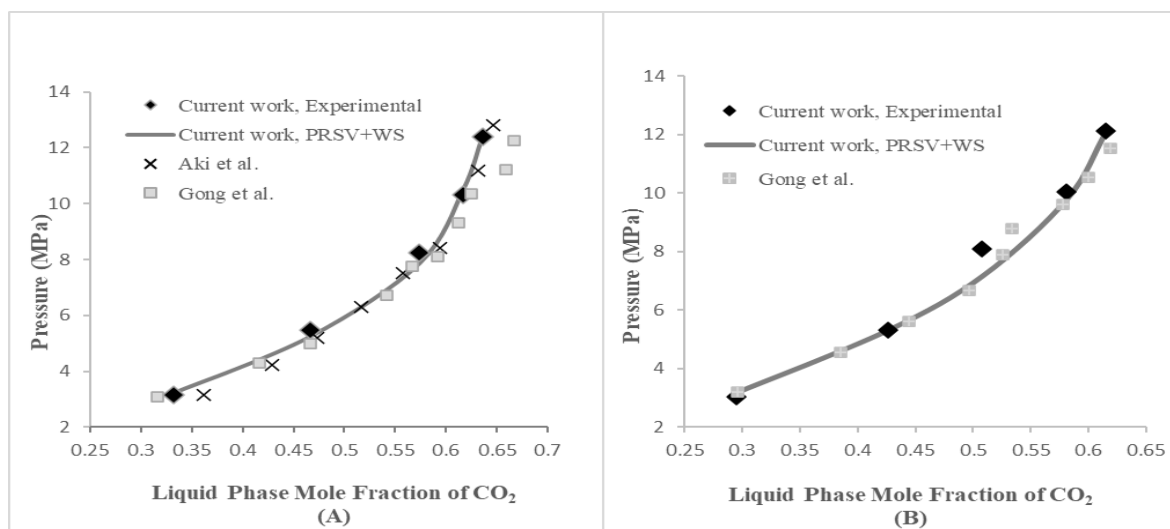


Figure 4.25. Experimental and calculated pressures for [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] – carbon dioxide system for (A) 313.15 K (Gong et al. [96] and Aki et al. [22]) (B) 323.15 K (Gong et al. [96])

Table 4.7. Critical properties of CO<sub>2</sub> [122]

| T <sub>c</sub> (K) | P <sub>c</sub> (MPa) | ω     |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------|
| 304.21             | 7.382                | 0.225 |

In Table 4.8 different critical values which are reported for [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] in the literature are presented [15,125–129]. The critical constants are obtained from Vetere's method [126], group contribution methods [125] and different equations of state [127,129]. Using van der Waals EoS, Morais and coworkers modeled the solubility of HFC-32 in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>], testing different sets of critical parameters for the ionic liquid [128]. The objective function minimizing the sum of the squares of the difference between the experimental and calculated pressures did not depend on the parameter set when the critical pressure was taken greater than 0.5 MPa. Therefore, they set the T<sub>c</sub> and P<sub>c</sub> of the ionic liquid to 1000 K and 2.5 MPa respectively. These values are also included in Table 4.8. In some of these studies, the acentric factor, ω was not reported [126–128]. Therefore, we have carried out the parameter fit using the acentric factors reported with the other sets [15,125–129]. Also, for these sets ω is estimated using Equation 4.3 at a T<sub>b</sub>/T<sub>c</sub> ratio of 0.7709 which is the given value for [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] in the study conducted by Valderrama et al. [15,125].

Table 4.8. Critical properties of [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>]

|             | <b>T<sub>c</sub> (K)</b> | <b>P<sub>c</sub> (MPa)</b> | <b>ω</b> | <b>ω (T<sub>b</sub>/T<sub>c</sub>=0.7709)</b> |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Set 1 [146] | 860.5                    | 2.645                      | -        | 1.0575                                        |
| Set 2 [145] | 719.4                    | 1.728                      | 0.7917   | -                                             |
| Set 3 [147] | 929.0                    | 2.510                      | -        | 1.0233                                        |
| Set 4 [147] | 1074.9                   | 3.026                      | -        | 1.1392                                        |
| Set 5 [148] | 1000                     | 2.5                        | -        | 1.0198                                        |
| Set 6 [149] | 1121                     | 3.55                       | 1.5114   | -                                             |

$$\omega = \frac{(T_b - 43)(T_c - 43)}{(T_c - T_b)(0.7T_c - 43)} \log \left[ \frac{P_c}{P_b} \right] - \frac{(T_c - 43)}{(T_c - T_b)} \log \left[ \frac{P_c}{P_b} \right] + \log \left[ \frac{P_c}{P_b} \right] - 1 \quad (4.3)$$

Tables 4.9 and 4.10 show the average absolute deviations in pressure and molar volume (see Equations 4.4 and 4.5) obtained using the critical parameters in Tables 4.7 and 4.8 at temperatures of 313.15 K and 323.15 K [15]. All the symbols are explained in the nomenclature part.

$$AAPD = \frac{1}{NP} \sum_{i=1}^{NP} \frac{|P_{i,cal} - P_{i,exp}|}{P_{i,exp}} \times 100 \quad (4.4)$$

$$AAV_M D = \frac{1}{NP} \sum_{i=1}^{NP} \frac{|V_{Mi,cal} - V_{Mi,exp}|}{P_{i,exp}} \times 100 \quad (4.5)$$

Tables 4.9 and 4.10 NC means that the program did not converge for the given critical values. We did not obtain converged results for Set 6 at any temperatures. Therefore, this set is not included in the tables. For an ω of 0.7917, we observe that all the sets give comparable AAPDs. However, when the prediction of the molar volumes is taken into account, set 1 outperforms the rest. In general, taking the acentric factor as 0.7917 gives better predictions of molar volumes. Therefore, for the thermodynamic modeling of the experimental solubilities obtained in the current study, Set 1 and the acentric factor of 0.7917 are selected [15]. Figure 4.25 shows modeling results obtained using these values and the parameters of the model are presented in Table 4.11. Output Data of [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>]-CO<sub>2</sub> System for PRSV

equation of state and Wong-Sandler mixing rules at 313.15 and 323.15 K for each six set is presented in Appendix C.

Table 4.9. AAPD and AAVMD values calculated using different critical constants at a temperature of 313.15 K

|       |                         | $\omega=0.7917$ | $\omega$ (Tb/Tc=0.7709) | $\omega=1.5114$ |
|-------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Set 1 | <i>AAPD</i>             | 2.467           | 2.551                   | 2.329           |
|       | <i>AAV<sub>M</sub>D</i> | 3.008           | 4.290                   | 8.690           |
| Set 2 | <i>AAPD</i>             | 2.126           | -                       | -               |
|       | <i>AAV<sub>M</sub>D</i> | 20.33           | -                       | -               |
| Set 3 | <i>AAPD</i>             | 2.951           | 2.505                   | 5.390           |
|       | <i>AAV<sub>M</sub>D</i> | 10.24           | 12.02                   | 19.49           |
| Set 4 | <i>AAPD</i>             | 2.135           | 11.02                   | NC              |
|       | <i>AAV<sub>M</sub>D</i> | 12.04           | 14.31                   | NC              |
| Set 5 | <i>AAPD</i>             | 2.729           | 2.174                   | NC              |
|       | <i>AAV<sub>M</sub>D</i> | 18.12           | 21.48                   | NC              |

Table 4.10. AAPD and AAV<sub>M</sub>D values calculated using different critical constants at a temperature of 323.15 K

|       |                         | $\omega=0.7917$ | $\omega$ (Tb/Tc=0.7709) | $\omega=1.5114$ |
|-------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Set 1 | <i>AAPD</i>             | 3.768           | 3.441                   | 3.154           |
|       | <i>AAV<sub>M</sub>D</i> | 4.197           | 3.434                   | 4.096           |
| Set 2 | <i>AAPD</i>             | 4.768           | -                       | -               |
|       | <i>AAV<sub>M</sub>D</i> | 13.40           | -                       | -               |
| Set 3 | <i>AAPD</i>             | 3.857           | 3.553                   | 7.009           |
|       | <i>AAV<sub>M</sub>D</i> | 6.460           | 9.527                   | 13.82           |
| Set 4 | <i>AAPD</i>             | 3.373           | 14.10                   | NC              |
|       | <i>AAV<sub>M</sub>D</i> | 8.435           | 10.58                   | NC              |
| Set 5 | <i>AAPD</i>             | 3.848           | 3.557                   | NC              |
|       | <i>AAV<sub>M</sub>D</i> | 14.86           | 18.27                   | NC              |

Table 4.11. Estimated parameters of the thermodynamic model

| Temperature (K) | $k_{12}$ | $\tau_{12}$ | $\tau_{21}$ |
|-----------------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| 313.15          | 0.8683   | -0.1374     | 0.1117      |
| 323.15          | 0.8637   | 1.0023      | -0.8798     |

The thermodynamic nonideality factor, denoted as  $\Gamma$ , is established using the composition derivative of the fugacity coefficient [130].

$$\Gamma = 1.0 + x_{CO_2} \frac{\partial \ln \phi_{CO_2}}{\partial x_{CO_2}} \quad (4.6)$$

In order to find thermodynamic correction factor one needs the fugacity coefficients. They are determined by using PRSV Eos [119] and WS mixing rules [120]. Then a polynomial is fit to these values and differentiated at aforementioned temperatures and pressures are reported in Appendix D. The thermodynamic correction factor values are presented in Table 4.12. The fugacity coefficient values at different mole fractions were found by using Octave program [15].

Table 4.12. Thermodynamic correction factors

| Temperature (K) | Pressure (MPa) | Thermodynamic Correction Factor ( $\Gamma$ ) |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 313.15          | 5.4            | 1.109                                        |
| 313.15          | 8.3            | 1.129                                        |
| 323.15          | 5.3            | 1.097                                        |
| 323.15          | 8.1            | 1.115                                        |

The thermodynamic nonideality factor equals to 1 at infinite dilution. It is then decreases or increases depending on the mixture showing positive or negative deviation from ideality. As presented in Table 4.12, the thermodynamic factors calculated at the equilibrium composition are above 1 at all temperatures and pressures. They increase with the mole fraction of CO<sub>2</sub> in the ionic liquid [15]. This shows that the liquid phase exhibits a negative deviation from ideality which is the case observed for mixtures of small and large molecules [15,131,132].

Wong-Sandler mixing rules combine an activity coefficient model and an Eos to model low density and high density behavior of mixtures correctly. In the current study NRTL equation is used as the activity coefficient model in the Wong-Sandler mixing rules [15].

Figure 4.26 shows the change in the activity coefficients of carbon dioxide and [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] with mole fraction. As CO<sub>2</sub> dissolves in the IL, the activity coefficient of ionic liquid starts from decreasing from 1. The activity coefficient of CO<sub>2</sub>, on the other hand, approaches 1 as its liquid phase mole fraction increases in the liquid. This behavior again points to negative deviation from ideality [15].

Diffusivity values, at the equilibrium mole fraction of carbon dioxide, are compared with theoretical values using correlations proposed by Vignes, He-Yu and Shi-Lu [16,133,134].

By using Vignes equation, Fick diffusivities at any composition by using infinite dilution diffusivity and thermodynamic correction factor can be estimated. [15]. The Vignes equation is as follows [16]:

$$D_{BA} = (D_{BA}^0)^{x_{IL}} (D_{AB}^0)^{x_{CO_2}} \Gamma \quad (4.7)$$

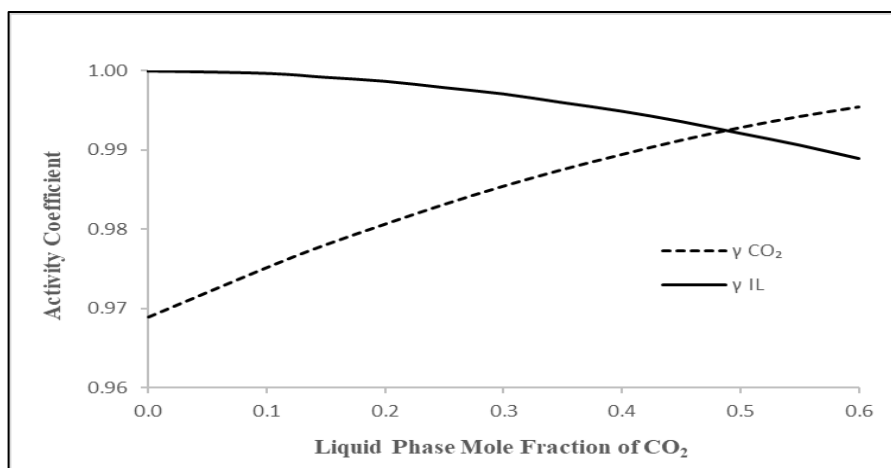


Figure 4.26. Change in the activity coefficients with CO<sub>2</sub> mole fraction in liquid at 313.15

K

Where  $D_{BA}$  is diffusion coefficient of carbon dioxide in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] (cm<sup>2</sup>/s),  $D_{BA}^0$  and  $D_{AB}^0$  are the infinite dilution diffusion coefficient of carbon dioxide in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] and [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] in carbon dioxide (cm<sup>2</sup>/s),  $\Gamma$  which is thermodynamic correction factor,  $x_{IL}$  and

$x_{\text{CO}_2}$  are the mole fractions of ionic liquid and carbon dioxide at thermodynamic equilibrium [15].

We have used the initial diffusion coefficient calculated in this study for the infinite dilution diffusion coefficient of carbon dioxide in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] in Vignes equation [15]. The infinite dilution diffusion coefficient of [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] in carbon dioxide can be estimated using He-Yu correlation expressed as follows [133];

$$D_{AB}^0 = \alpha \times 10^{-5} \left( \frac{T}{M_A} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left( -\frac{0.3887}{V_{rB} - 0.23} \right) \quad (4.8)$$

$$\alpha = 14.882 + 0.005908 \frac{T_{cB} V_{cB}}{M_B} + 2.0821 \times 10^{-6} \left( \frac{T_{cB} V_{cB}}{M_B} \right)^2 \quad (4.9)$$

Where  $D_{AB}^0$  is the infinite-dilution diffusion coefficient of solute A in supercritical solvent B in cm<sup>2</sup>/s.  $V_{cB}$  stands for the critical molar volume of the solvent B in cm<sup>3</sup>/mol, and  $V_{rB}$  is the solvent reduced molar volume.  $T_{cB}$  is the critical temperature of the solvent in K.  $M$  is the molar mass in g/mol.

Another correlation proposed by Shi and Lu is taking into account the solute density [135]:

$$10^5 D_{AB}^0 = \rho_{A, 298K} \left( 2.79 + \rho_{A, 298K}^{-9/4} + 10^{-3} T_{cB} \rho_{cB}^{-1} \right)^{9/4} \left[ 0.4336 + 0.2955 \exp(-2.342 \rho_{rB}) \right] \\ \times \exp \left( -\frac{0.547 \rho_{A, 298K}^{-1/10} - 0.247}{\rho_{rB}^{-1} - 0.247} \right) \frac{T^{0.52}}{M_A^{0.48}} \quad (4.10)$$

Where  $\rho_{cB}$  and  $\rho_{rB}$  stand for critical and reduced density of solvent B respectively and  $T_{cB}$  is the critical temperature of solvent B. The comparison of equilibrium diffusion coefficients of CO<sub>2</sub>-[bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] systems with correlations are given in below: He-Yu and Shi-Lu correlations are used to find infinite dilution diffusivities in supercritical solvents. The limits of the reduced solvent densities for He-Yu and Shi-Lu correlations are  $0.22 < \rho_r < 2.62$  and  $0.21 < \rho_r < 2.34$  respectively. At 5 MPa and 323.15 K, the reduced density of carbon dioxide is 0.23. Therefore, in the current study, these equations are used at these conditions as well [15].

Table 4.13. Comparison of equilibrium diffusion coefficients of CO<sub>2</sub>-[bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] system with correlations

| Temperature (K) | Pressure (MPa) | He-Yu<br>(10 <sup>10</sup> D/m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ) | Shi-Lu<br>(10 <sup>10</sup> D/m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ) | Current study<br>(10 <sup>10</sup> D/m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 313.15          | 5.4            | 13.7                                                          | 14.7                                                           | 18.5                                                                  |
| 313.15          | 8.3            | 18.5                                                          | 22.0                                                           | 27.2                                                                  |
| 323.15          | 5.3            | 11.9                                                          | 12.7                                                           | 20.0                                                                  |
| 323.15          | 8.1            | 17.3                                                          | 17.9                                                           | 24.2                                                                  |

Table 4.13 indicates the diffusivities obtained using these correlations. The difference between the results obtained from the transport modeling of the time dependent CO<sub>2</sub> solubility data and those obtained from the correlations varies from 26 to 41 % (He-Yu) and from 19 to 36 % (Shi-Lu) [15,84,92].

## 5. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

In this study, experimental time-dependent solubilities and a transport model are used to find the diffusivities of the CO<sub>2</sub>-[bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] system at dilute concentration of CO<sub>2</sub>, and also at phase equilibrium. The operating temperatures and pressures are 313.15, 323.15 K, and 5, 8 MPa respectively. The following conclusions are drawn from the study.

For the diffusion coefficients at dilute condition, temperature is an increasing factor while we have not observed a dependence on pressure.

The equilibrium solubilities of CO<sub>2</sub> in [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] increase with pressure, and decrease with temperature. The values obtained compare well with the results reported by the researchers. As the solubilities increase, the mutual diffusion coefficients of the system have increased. It is found more than one order of magnitude difference between the diffusivities at dilute concentration and those found at the thermodynamic liquid-vapor equilibrium.

The Vignes equation is employed to determine the diffusivities at phase equilibrium where both He-Yu and Shi-Lu correlations are tested for the infinite dilution diffusivity of the ionic liquid in carbon dioxide. Vignes Equation with Shi-Lu correlation has resulted in closer values to those determined from the time-dependent solubilities and transport model.

The thermodynamic model of PRSV equation of state and Wong-Sandler mixing rules has matched the experimental data including the liquid molar volumes well. The activity coefficients determined at the aforementioned temperatures have pointed to the negative deviation from ideality in the carbon dioxide-[bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] system.

In future research endeavors, one can explore the diffusivities of CO<sub>2</sub> in ILs with varying molecular weights. Furthermore, the investigation of mutual diffusion coefficients in CO<sub>2</sub>-ionic liquid mixtures, as well as CO<sub>2</sub>-PEG and IL mixtures, can be approached as multicomponent diffusion. This approach is particularly relevant due to the emergence of various applications involving these systems.



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## APPENDIX A: EXPERIMENTAL DATA

### A.1. Experimental data of [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] – CO<sub>2</sub> System at 313.15 K AND 794 PSIA (5.4 MPa)

Table A.1. The experimental data for 313.15 K and 794 psia

|                                                        |                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mass of the IL (g)                                     | 7.4659                  |
| Volume of CO <sub>2</sub> loaded to the system (ml)    | 149.36                  |
| Initial volume of CO <sub>2</sub> in syringe pump (ml) | 253.75                  |
| Final volume of CO <sub>2</sub> in syringe pump (ml)   | 97.62                   |
| Pressure of the system during the experiment           | 794±2 psia<br>(5.4 MPa) |
| Temperature of the system during the experiment (°C)   | 40.0 ±0.1               |

Below is the detailed calculation for equilibrium mole fraction.

The number of CO<sub>2</sub> in liquid is calculated by using equation below:

$$n_{i,isco} = n_{CO_2} + n_{f,isco} + n_{f,jer} \quad (A.1)$$

The volume of carbon dioxide remaining in the view cell after expansion is obtained by subtracting the expanded liquid volume from the initial volume of carbon dioxide in the view cell.

$$A \text{ (view cell)} = 5.55 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$V_{f,CO_2(g)} = 149.36 - (5.55 \times 0.187) = 148.32 \text{ ml}$$

$$V_{CO_2(dissolved\ in\ the\ IL)} = 253.75 - 97.62 - 148.32 = 7.81 \text{ ml}$$

$$n_{CO_2(in\ the\ liquid)} = 7.81/340.79 = 0.022917 \text{ mole}$$

$$n_{IL} = 7.4659/284.18 = 0.02627$$

$$x_{CO_2\ (in\ the\ IL)} = 0.02292/(0.02292 + 0.02627) = 0.466$$

$$V_{mCO_2} = 340.79 \text{ (cm}^3/\text{mol)} [136] \text{ at } 313.15 \text{ K and } 794 \text{ psia.}$$

$$MW_{IL} = 284.18 \text{ g/mole } [136]$$

So,  $x_{CO_2} = 0.466$ .

If the expansion is neglected:

$$V_{f,CO_2(g)} = 149.36 - (5.55 \times 0.0) = 149.36 \text{ ml}$$

$$V_{CO_2(dissolved\ in\ the\ IL)} = 253.75 - 97.62 - 149.36 = 6.77 \text{ ml}$$

$$n_{CO_2(in\ the\ liquid)} = 6.77/340.79 = 0.019865 \text{ mole}$$

$$n_{IL} = 7.4659/284.18 = 0.02627$$

$$x_{CO_2\ (in\ the\ IL)} = 0.019865/(0.019865 + 0.02627) = 0.430$$

### A.2. Experimental Data of [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] – CO<sub>2</sub> System at 313.15 K and 1197 PSIA (8.3 MPa)

Table A2. The experimental data for 313.15 K and 1197 psia

|                                                        |                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mass of the IL (g)                                     | 10.6247                  |
| Volume of CO <sub>2</sub> loaded to the system (ml)    | 151.32                   |
| Initial volume of CO <sub>2</sub> in syringe pump (ml) | 251.14                   |
| Final volume of CO <sub>2</sub> in syringe pump (ml)   | 94.11                    |
| Pressure of the system during the experiment           | 1197±2 psia<br>(8.3 MPa) |
| Temperature of the system during the experiment (°C)   | 40.0 ±0.1                |

### A.3. Experimental Data of [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] – CO<sub>2</sub> System at 323.15 K and 771 PSIA (5.3 MPa)

Table A3. The experimental data for 323.15 K and 771 psia

|                                                        |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Mass of the IL (g)                                     | 7.8849     |
| Volume of CO <sub>2</sub> loaded to the system (ml)    | 147.86     |
| Initial volume of CO <sub>2</sub> in syringe pump (ml) | 237.46     |
| Final volume of CO <sub>2</sub> in syringe pump (ml)   | 82.83      |
| Pressure of the system during the experiment           | 771±2 psia |
| Temperature of the system during the experiment (°C)   | 50±0.1     |



#### A.4. Experimental Data of [ [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] – CO<sub>2</sub> System at 323.15 K and 1175 PSIA (8.1 MPa)

Table A3. The experimental data for 323.15 K and 1175 psia

|                                                        |                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mass of the IL (g)                                     | 9.3523                   |
| Volume of CO <sub>2</sub> loaded to the system (ml)    | 152.54                   |
| Initial volume of CO <sub>2</sub> in syringe pump (ml) | 241.23                   |
| Final volume of CO <sub>2</sub> in syringe pump (ml)   | 83.77                    |
| Pressure of the system during the experiment           | 1175±2 psia<br>(8.3 MPa) |
| Temperature of the system during the experiment (°C)   | 50.0 ±0.1                |

## APPENDIX B: REPEAT EXPERIMENTS FOR [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] – CO<sub>2</sub> SYSTEM

### B.1. Repeat Experiment for [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] – CO<sub>2</sub> System at 313.15 K and 5.4 MPa

In figure B.1. repeat experiment for [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] at 313.15 K and 5.4 MPa is shown.

The repeat experiment fits the first experimental data.

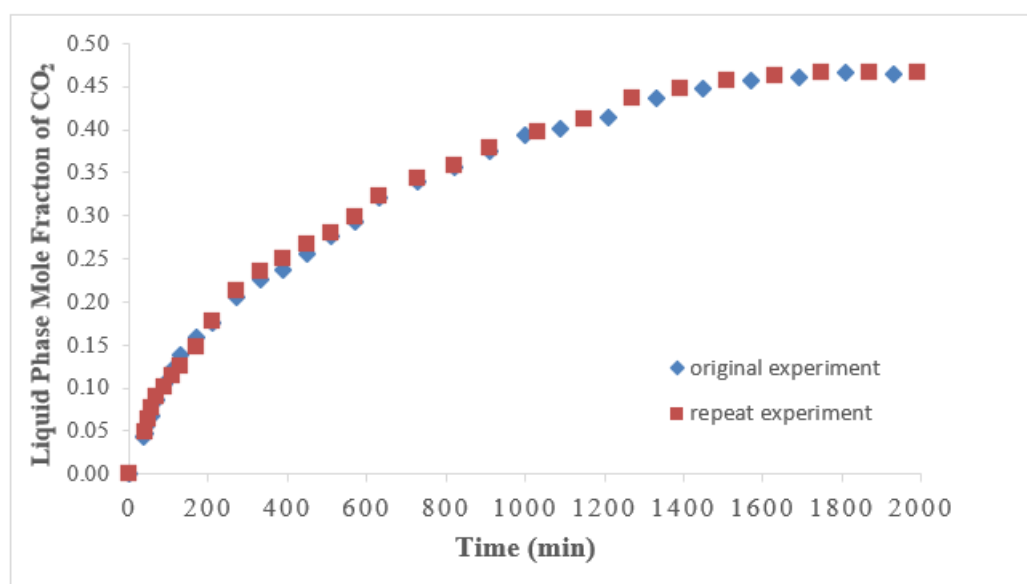


Figure B.1. Average carbon dioxide mole fractions in the liquid phase for both original and repeat experiments (313.15 K, 5.4 MPa)

Table B.1. Mass, pressure, temperature values of both experiments(313.15 K, 5.4 MPa)

|                  | Original Experiment | Repeat Experiment |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Mass of IL (g)   | 7.4314              | 7.4659            |
| Pressure (psi)   | 792±2               | 794±2             |
| Temperature (°C) | 40±0.1              | 40±0.1            |

## B.2. Repeat Experiment for [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] – CO<sub>2</sub> System at 313.15 K and 8.3 MPa

In figure B.2. repeat experiment for [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] at 313.15 K and 8.3 MPa is shown.

The repeat experiment fits the first experimental data.

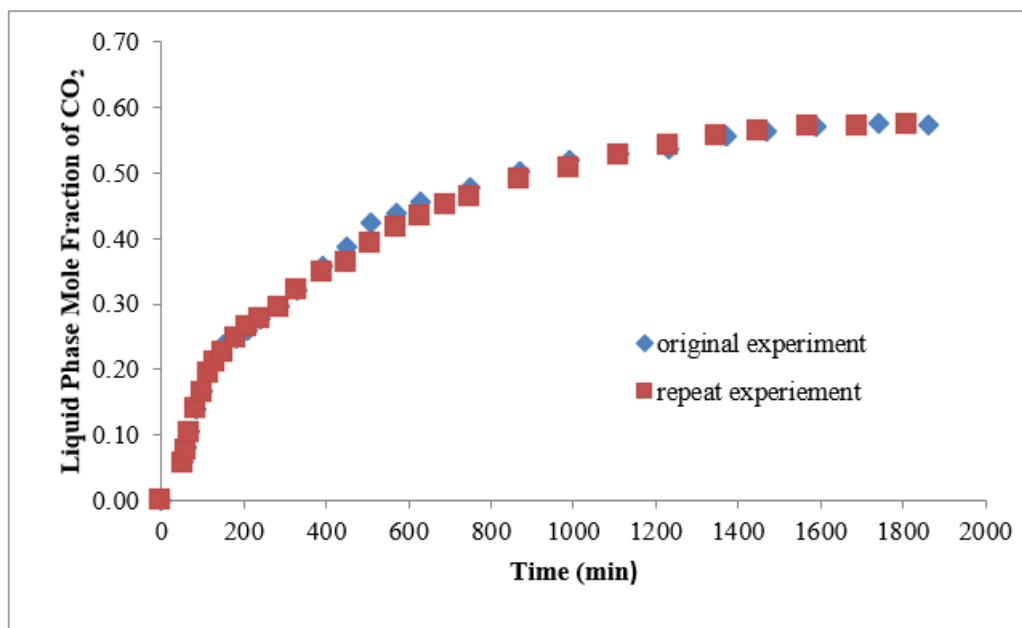


Figure B.2. Average Carbon dioxide mole fractions in the liquid phase for both original and repeat experiments (313.15 K, 8.3 MPa)

Table B.2. Mass, pressure, temperature values of both experiments (313.15 K, 8.3 MPa)

|                  | Original Experiment | Repeat Experiment |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Mass of IL (g)   | 10.5931             | 10.6247           |
| Pressure (psia)  | 1201±2              | 1197±2            |
| Temperature (°C) | 40±0.1              | 40±0.1            |

### B.3: Repeat Experiment for [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] – CO<sub>2</sub> System at 323.15 K and 5.3 MPa

In figure B.3. repeat experiment for [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] at 323.15 K and 5.3 MPa is shown.

The repeat experiment fits the first experimental data.

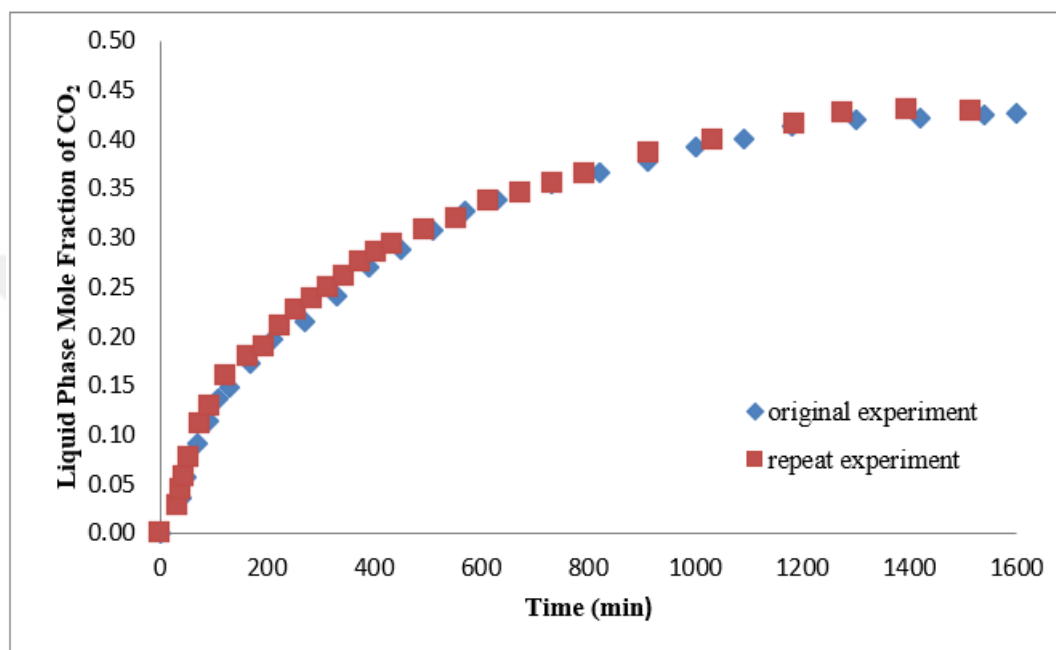


Figure B.3. Average carbon dioxide mole fractions in the liquid phase for both original and repeat experiments (323.15 K, 5.3 MPa)

Table B.3. Mass, pressure, temperature values of both experiments(323.15 K, 5.3 MPa)

|                  | Original Experiment | Repeat Experiment |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Mass of IL (g)   | 7.8849              | 7.5648            |
| Pressure (psia)  | 771±2               | 749±2             |
| Temperature (°C) | 50±0.1              | 50±0.1            |

#### B.4. Repeat Experiment for [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] – CO<sub>2</sub> System at 323.15 K and 8.1 MPa

In figure B.4. repeat experiment for [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>] at 323.15 K and 8.1 MPa is shown.

The repeat experiment fits the first experimental data.

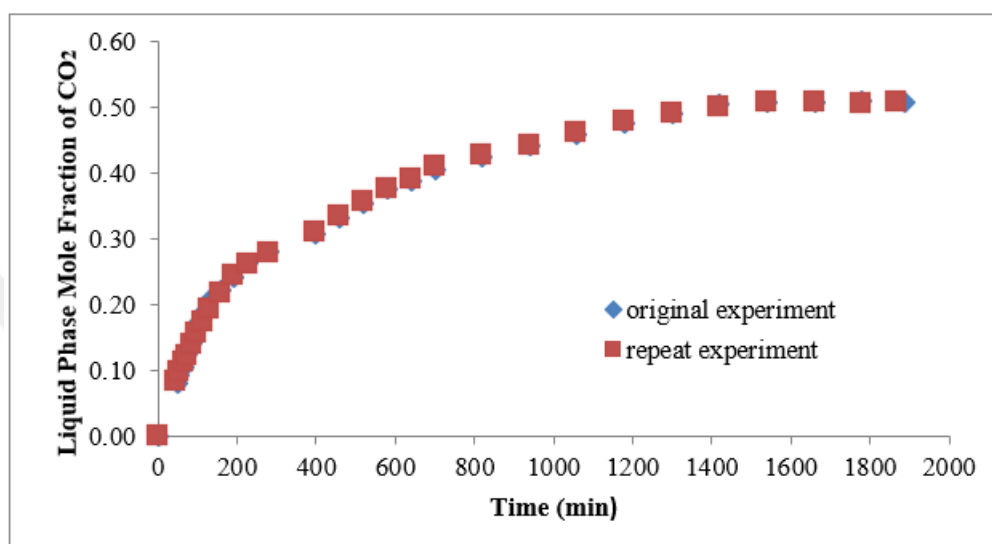


Figure B.4. Average carbon dioxide mole fractions in the liquid phase for both original and repeat experiments (323.15 K, 8.1 MPa)

Table B.4. Mass, pressure, temperature values of both experiments(323.15 K, 8.1 MPa)

|                  | Original Experiment | Repeat Experiment |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Mass of IL (g)   | 9.3523              | 9.3131            |
| Pressure (psia)  | 1175±2              | 1195±2            |
| Temperature (°C) | 50±0.1              | 50±0.1            |



EXCESS ENERGY MODEL= NRTL

K12= .8295

NRTL A21(CAL/MOL)= -7.1450

NR1L P12(=A12/RT) -.0456

NRTL P21(=A21/RT) -.0115

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TEMPERATURE in K: 313.15

PHASE VOLUMES ARE IN CC/MOL. PRESSURE IS IN UNITS OF THE DATA.

X-EXP   P-EXP   P-CAL   Y-EXP   Y-CAL   VL-CAL   VV-CAL

|      |        |        |         |         |        |       |
|------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| 3320 | 31.578 | 33.878 | 1.00000 | 1.00000 | 155.55 | 635.4 |
|------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|

|      |        |        |         |         |        |       |
|------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| 4660 | 54.470 | 54.335 | 1.00000 | 1.00001 | 129.70 | 335.7 |
|------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|

|       |        |        |         |         |        |       |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| .5740 | 82.530 | 79.697 | 1.00000 | 1.00001 | 109.06 | 155.9 |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|

|       |         |         |         |         |        |      |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|------|
| .6170 | 103.145 | 104.960 | 1.00000 | 1.00000 | 100.86 | 73.2 |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|------|

|       |         |         |         |        |       |      |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-------|------|
| .6362 | 123.968 | 123.925 | 1.00000 | .99999 | 97.19 | 64.5 |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-------|------|

AAD-Y= .001

AAD-P= 2.551

$$AAD = \frac{\sum |ABS(EXP-CAL)|}{EXP} * 100 / (\text{NO. OF DATA POINTS})$$

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WS: THE WONG-SANDLER MIXING RULE FOR BINARY VLE CALCULATIONS

EXCESS ENERGY MODEL= NRTL

  ALPHA= .2000

K12= .7664

NRTL A12(CAL/MOL)= -243.1536

NRTL A21(CAL/MOL)= 70.6530

NRTL P12(=A12/RT) -3907

NRTL P21(=A21/RT) .1135

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TEMPERATURE in K: 313.15

PHASE VOLUMES ARE IN CC/MOL, PRESSURE IS IN UNITS OF THE DATA.

X-EXP  P-EXP  P-CAL      Y-EXP  Y-CAL  VL-CAL  VV-CAL
.3320  31.578  33.606      1.00000  1.00000  159.02  641.7
.4660  54.470  54.477      1.00000  1.00001  135.35  334.4
.5740  82.530  78.815      1.00000  1.00001  116.34  161.2
.6170  103.145  102.423     1.00000  .99999  108.76  75.2
.6362  123.968  123.980     1.00000  .99990  105.35  64.4

AAD-Y= .003

AAD-P= 2.329

AAD=SUM[ABS(EXP-CAL)/EXP]*100/(NO. OF DATA POINTS)

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$$AAD = \text{SUM}[ABS(EXP-CAL)/EXP] * 100 / (\text{NO. OF DATA POINTS})$$

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WS: THE WONG-SANDLER MIXING RULE FOR BINARY VLE CALCULATIONS

EXCESS ENERGY MODEL= NRTL

ALPHA= .2000

K12= .7840

NRTL A12(CAL/MOL)= -418.8376

NRTL A21(CAL/MOL)= 64.9163

NRTL P12(=A12/RT) -.6731

NRTL P21(=A21/RT) .1043

pf6pol4

bmimpf6

TEMPERATURE in K: 313.15

PHASE VOLUMES ARE IN CC/MOL, PRESSURE IS IN UNITS OF THE DATA.

X-EXP  P-EXP  P-CAL  Y-EXP  Y-CAL  VL-CAL  VV-CAL

.3320  31.578  28.970   1.00000  1.00001  178.63  767.5

.4660  54.470  50.650   1.00000  1.00001  151.37  372.8

.5740  82.530  76.512   1.00000  1.00001  127.98  175.1

.6170  103.145  102.126  1.00000  1.00001  119.15  75.5

.6362  123.968  128.177  1.00000  .99998  115.17  63.3

AAD-Y= .001

AAD-P= 5.390

AAD=SUM[ABS(EXP-CAL)/EXP]*100/(NO. OF DATA POINTS)

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WS: THE WONG-SANDLER MIXING RULE FOR BINARY VLE CALCULATIONS

EXCESS ENERGY MODEL= NRTL

  ALPHA= 2000

  K12= .7664

NRTL A12(CAL/MOL)= -572.5720

NRTL A21(CAL/MOL)= 89.4828

NRTL P12(=A12/RT) -.9201

NRTL P21(=A21/RT) .1438

pf6ypol3

bmimpf6

TEMPERATURE in K: 313.15

  PHASE VOLUMES ARE IN CC/MOL, PRESSURE IS IN UNITS OF THE DATA.

X-EXP  P-EXP  P-CAL  Y-EXP  Y-CAL  VL-CAL  VV-CAL

.3320  31.578  27.321  1.00000  1.00000  172.41  822.3

.4660  54.470  43.752  1.00000  1.00001  146.82  457.6

.5740  82.530  72.304  1.00000  1.00001  121.61  200.8

.6170  103.145  99.686  1.00000  1.00001  113.20  77.8

.6362  123.968  131.630  1.00000  1.00000  109.41  62.4

AAD-Y= .001

AAD-P= 11.016

AAD=SUM[ABS(EXP-CAL)/EXP]*100/(NO. OF DATA POINTS)

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EXCESS ENERGY MODEL= NRTL

K12= .8637

NRTL A21(CAL/MOL)= -564.9946

NRTL P21(=A21/RT)    -.8798

pf6yoko2

bmimpf6

TEMPERATURE in K: 323.15

PHASE VOLUMES ARE IN CC/MOL, PRESSURE IS IN UNITS OF THE DATA.

X-EXP    P-EXP    P-CAL            Y-EXP    Y-CAL    VL-CAL    VV-CAL

|       |        |        |         |         |        |       |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| .2950 | 30.300 | 31.833 | 1.00000 | 1.00000 | 161.98 | 722.2 |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|

|       |        |        |         |         |        |       |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| .4260 | 53.100 | 53.105 | 1.00000 | 1.00000 | 135.34 | 377.5 |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|

|       |        |        |         |         |        |       |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| .5080 | 81.000 | 71.711 | 1.00000 | 1.00001 | 118.83 | 238.2 |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|

|       |         |        |         |         |        |       |
|-------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| .5810 | 100.300 | 97.996 | 1.00000 | 1.00001 | 104.27 | 122.0 |
|-------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|

|       |         |         |         |         |       |      |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|------|
| .6150 | 121.100 | 121.110 | 1.00000 | 1.00000 | 97.51 | 80.6 |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|------|

AAD-Y= .000

AAD-P= 3.768

$$AAD = \frac{\sum [ABS(EXP - CAL) / EXP] * 100}{NO. \text{ OF DATA POINTS}}$$

EXCESS ENERGY MODEL= NRTL

K12= .8302

NRTL A21(CAL/MOL)= 48.1179

NRTL P12(=A12/RT) -.3076

NRTL P21(=A21/RT) .0749

pf6yoko3

bmimpf6

TEMPERATURE in K: 323.15

PHASE VOLUMES ARE IN CC/MOL, PRESSURE IS IN UNITS OF THE DATA.

X-EXP    P-EXP    P-CAL    Y-EXP    Y-CAL    VL-CAL    VV-CAL

|       |        |        |         |         |        |       |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| .2950 | 30.300 | 31.381 | 1.00000 | 1.00000 | 162.98 | 734.5 |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|

|       |        |        |         |         |        |       |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| .4260 | 53.100 | 53.098 | 1.00000 | 1.00001 | 137.61 | 377.6 |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|

|       |        |        |         |         |        |       |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| .5080 | 81.000 | 71.885 | 1.00000 | 1.00001 | 121.85 | 237.2 |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|

|       |         |        |         |         |        |       |
|-------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| .5810 | 100.300 | 97.971 | 1.00000 | 1.00001 | 107.92 | 122.1 |
|-------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|

|       |         |         |         |         |        |      |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|------|
| .6150 | 121.100 | 121.172 | 1.00000 | 1.00000 | 101.44 | 80.6 |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|------|

AAD-Y= .001

AAD-P= 3.441

$$AAD = \text{SUM}[\text{ABS}(\text{EXP} - \text{CAL}) / \text{EXP}] * 100 / (\text{NO. OF DATA POINTS})$$

EXCESS ENERGY MODEL= NRTL

K12= .7639

NRTL A21(CAL/MOL)= 109.9608

NRTL P21(=A21/RT) .1712

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PHASE VOLUMES ARE IN CC/MOL, PRESSURE IS IN UNITS OF THE DATA.

|       |        |        |         |         |        |       |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| .2950 | 30.300 | 30.814 | 1.00000 | 1.00001 | 165.97 | 750.4 |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|

|       |        |        |         |         |        |       |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| .4260 | 53.100 | 53.117 | 1.00000 | 1.00001 | 142.84 | 377.4 |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|

|       |        |        |         |         |        |       |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| .5080 | 81.000 | 72.014 | 1.00000 | 1.00001 | 128.43 | 236.5 |
|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|

|       |         |        |         |         |        |       |
|-------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| .5810 | 100.300 | 97.450 | 1.00000 | 1.00001 | 115.64 | 123.8 |
|-------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-------|

|       |         |         |         |         |        |      |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|------|
| .6150 | 121.100 | 121.230 | 1.00000 | 1.00000 | 109.66 | 80.5 |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|------|

AAD-Y= .001

AAD-P= 3.154

$$AAD = \text{SUM}[\text{ABS}(\text{EXP} - \text{CAL}) / \text{EXP}] * 100 / (\text{NO. OF DATA POINTS})$$

Table C.15. Output Data of [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>]-CO<sub>2</sub> System for PRSV equation of state and Wong-Sandler mixing rules at 323.15 K for Set 2 (w= 0.7917)

WS: THE WONG-SANDLER MIXING RULE FOR BINARY VLE CALCULATIONS

EXCESS ENERGY MODEL= NRTL

ALPHA= .2000

K12= .8569

NRTL A12(CAL/MOL)= -150.6101

NRTL A21(CAL/MOL)= 35.3735

NRTL P12(=A12/RT) -.2420

NRTL P21(=A21/RT) .0568

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bmimpf6

TEMPERATURE in K: 313.15

PHASE VOLUMES ARE IN CC/MOL, PRESSURE IS IN UNITS OF THE DATA.

| X-EXP                                              | P-EXP   | P-CAL   | Y-EXP   | Y-CAL   | VL-CAL | VV-CAL |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| .3320                                              | 31.578  | 32.112  | 1.00000 | 1.00001 | 187.68 | 678.4  |
| .4660                                              | 54.470  | 52.592  | 1.00000 | 1.00001 | 155.43 | 352.7  |
| .5740                                              | 82.530  | 78.305  | 1.00000 | 1.00001 | 129.61 | 164.3  |
| .6170                                              | 103.145 | 103.777 | 1.00000 | 1.00001 | 119.34 | 74.1   |
| .6362                                              | 123.968 | 123.967 | 1.00000 | 1.00001 | 114.74 | 64.5   |
| AAD-Y= .001                                        |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| AAD-P= 2.174                                       |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| AAD=SUM[ABS(EXP-CAL)/EXP]*100/(NO. OF DATA POINTS) |         |         |         |         |        |        |



Table C.17. Output Data of [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>]-CO<sub>2</sub> System for PRSV equation of state and Wong-Sandler mixing rules at 323.15 K for Set 3 (w (Tb/Tc=0.7709))

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WS: THE WONG-SANDLER MIXING RULE FOR BINARY VLE CALCULATIONS

EXCESS ENERGY MODEL= NRTL

ALPHA= .2000

K12= .8518

NRTL A12(CAL/MOL)= -224.9370

NRTL A21(CAL/MOL)= 100.2496

NRTL P12(=A12/RT)  -3503

NRTL P21(=A21/RT)  .1561

pf6pol3

bmimpf6

TEMPERATURE in K: 323.15

PHASE VOLUMES ARE IN CC/MOL, PRESSURE IS IN UNITS OF THE DATA.

X-EXP    P-EXP    P-CAL        Y-EXP    Y-CAL    VL-CAL    VV-CAL

.2950    30.300    31.465        1.00000  1.00000    183.33    732.2

.4260    53.100    53.076        1.00000  1.00001    154.03    377.8

.5080    81.000    71.805        1.00000  1.00001    135.81    237.7

.5810    100.300    97.962        1.00000  1.00001    119.68    122.1

.6150    121.100    121.334        1.00000  1.00001    112.17     80.4

AAD-Y=    .001

AAD-P=    3.553

AAD=SUM[ABS(EXP-CAL)/EXP]*100/(NO. OF DATA POINTS)

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## APPENDIX D: THERMODYNAMIC FACTOR CALCULATION

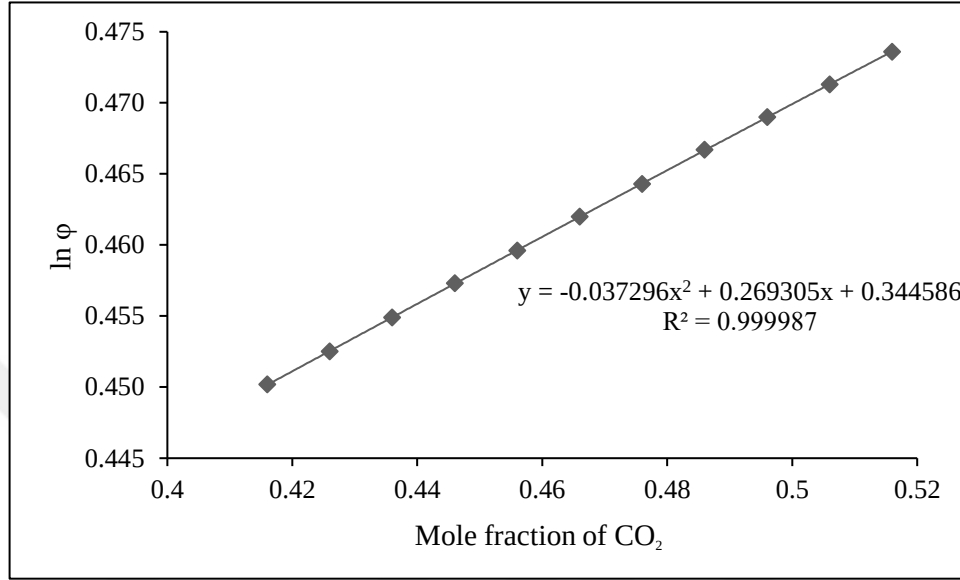


Figure D.1.  $\ln \phi$  versus carbon dioxide mole fractions to fit the polynomial for [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>]-CO<sub>2</sub> at 313.15 K, 5.4 MPa

As previously stated, the thermodynamic nonideality factor is determined by evaluating the composition derivatives of the fugacity coefficient, as depicted below.

$$\Gamma = 1.0 + x_{\text{CO}_2} \frac{\partial \ln \phi_{\text{CO}_2}}{\partial x_{\text{CO}_2}} \quad (\text{D.1})$$

Taking the derivate of equation  $y = -0.037296x^2 + 0.269305x + 0.344586$  and inserting equilibrium mole fraction of 0.466 in  $x$ :

$$y = (-0.037296 \times 2 \times 0.466) + 0.269305 = 0.2346$$

So the thermodynamic correction factor is:

$$\Gamma = 1.0 + (0.466 \times 0.2346) = 1.109$$

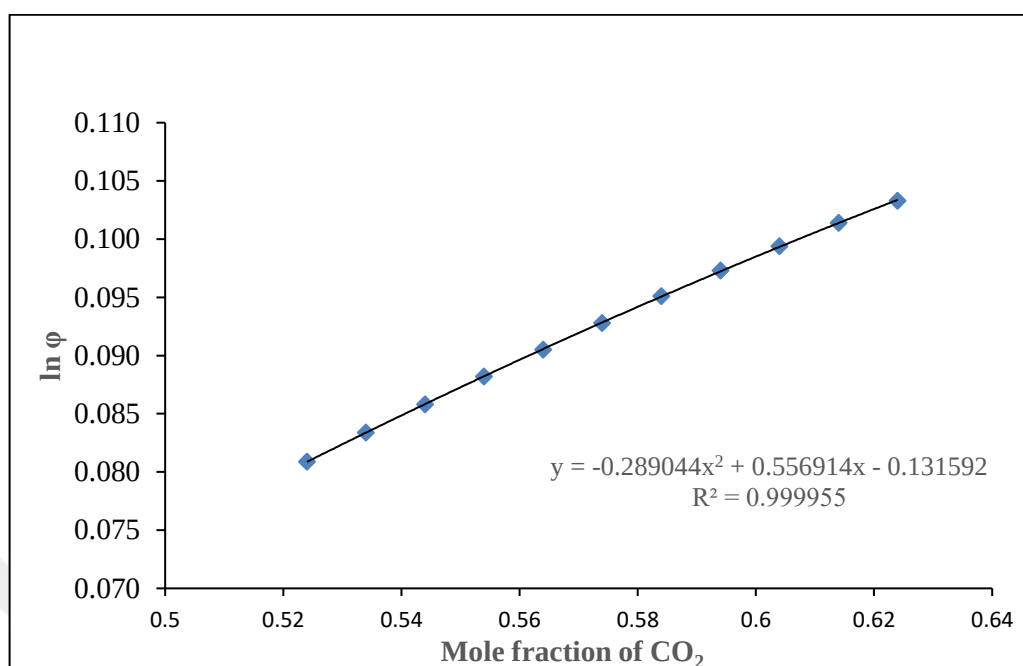


Figure D.2.  $\ln \phi$  versus carbon dioxide mole fractions to fit the polynomial for [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>]-CO<sub>2</sub> at 313.15 K, 8.3 MPa

Taking the derivate of equation  $y = -0.0289044x^2 + 0.556914x - 0.131592$  and inserting equilibrium mole fraction of 0.574 in  $x$  :

$$y = (-0.0289044 \times 2 \times 0.574) + 0.556914 = 0.2251$$

So the thermodynamic correction factor is:

$$\Gamma = 1.0 + (0.574 \times 0.2251) = 1.129$$

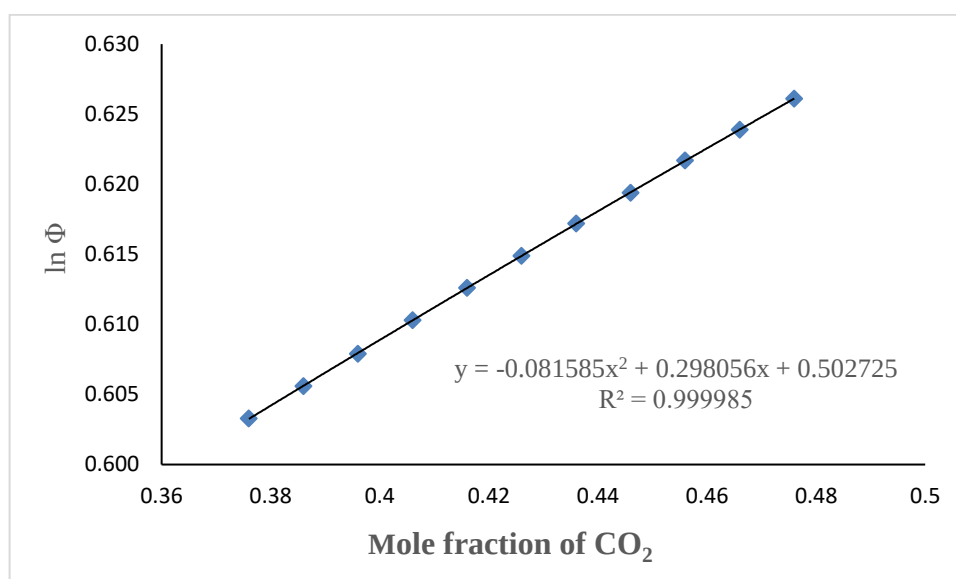


Figure D.3.  $\ln \phi$  versus carbon dioxide mole fractions to fit the polynomial for [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>]-CO<sub>2</sub> at 323.15 K, 5.3 MPa

Taking the derivate of equation  $y = -0.081585x^2 + 0.298056x + 0.502725$  and inserting equilibrium mole fraction of 0.426 in  $x$  :

$$y = (-0.081585 \times 2 \times 0.426) + 0.298056 = 0.2285$$

So the thermodynamic correction factor is:

$$\Gamma = 1.0 + (0.426 \times 0.2285) = 1.097$$

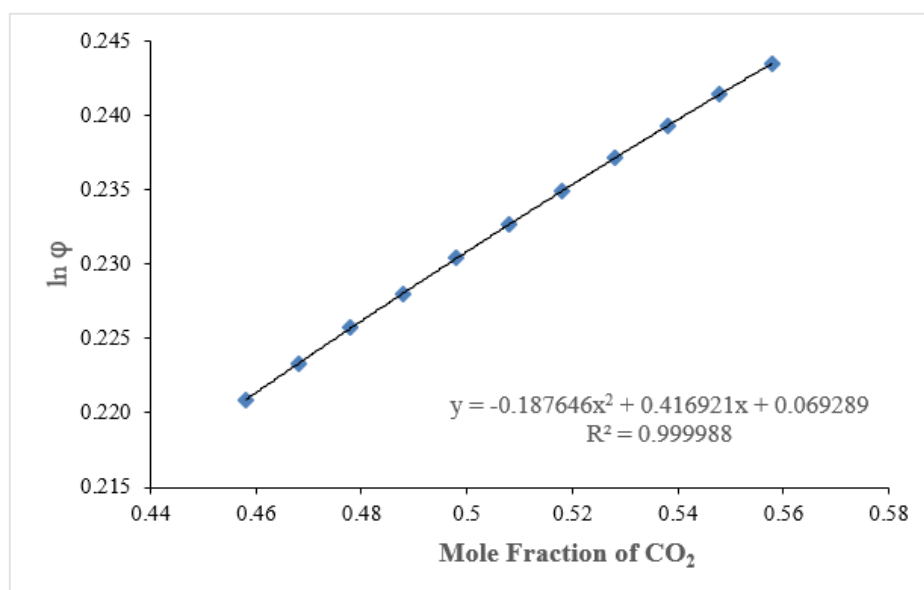


Figure D.4.  $\ln \phi$  versus carbon dioxide mole fractions to fit the polynomial for [bmim][PF<sub>6</sub>]-CO<sub>2</sub> at 323.15 K, 8.1 MPa

Taking the derivate of equation  $y = -0.187646x^2 + 0.416921x + 0.069289$  and inserting equilibrium mole fraction of 0.508 in x :

$$y = (-0.187646 \times 2 \times 0.508) + 0.416921 = 0.2263$$

So the thermodynamic correction factor is:

$$\Gamma = 1.0 + (0.508 \times 0.2263) = 1.115$$