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**The Critical Behavior of  
the Ultrasonic Attenuation for  
the Binary Mixture of  
Cyclohexane and Aniline**

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### ملخص البحث

تم قياس معامل الامتصاص فوق الصوتي ( $\alpha$ ) كدالة في درجة الحرارة والتردد للخليط الثنائي المكوّن من الهيكسان الحلقي والأنيلين . واستخدمت نظرية القياس التحريكي (الدينامي) في تحليل هذا المعامل عند ترددات مقدارها ١٠،٥، ١٥، ٢٥، ٣٥ ميغاهيرتز وفوق درجة الحرارة الحرجة  $T_c$  . وقيس ايضا ثابت الكظيم (الادياباتي)  $g$ . كذلك قورنت القيم التجريبية ل  $\frac{\alpha}{\alpha_c}$  ( حيث  $\alpha_c$  قيمة معامل الامتصاص فوق الصوتي عند درجة الحرارة الحرجه) للخليط الحرج بدالة القياس  $F(w^*)$  النظرية فلو حظ توافق جيد بين القيم التجريبية والنظرية.

### Abstract

Ultrasonic absorption measurements were made as a function of temperature and frequency for the binary mixture of cyclohexane and aniline . Ultrasonic absorption at 5,10,15,25 and 35MHz, above  $T_c$  , is analyzed using the dynamic scaling theory. The adiabatic coupling constant  $g$  is calculated. The experimental values of  $\frac{\alpha}{\alpha_c}$  for the critical mixture are compared to the scaling function  $F(w^*)$ . Good agreement with the theory is obtained.

### 1. Introduction :

In the literature, there are two papers with ultrasonic measurements of the binary mixture of cyclohexane and aniline<sup>1,2</sup>. However, the absorption results in these papers do not cover a wide range of frequencies ; in particular these results are not extensive enough to allow analysis using the dynamic scaling theory by Ferrell and Bhattacharjee. Accordingly, in the present work further absorption coefficients are measured for an extended frequency range of 5-35MHz. Since the necessary collateral data exist for this system, the experimental results are compared to the prediction of the dynamic scaling theory<sup>3,4</sup>. The critical amplitudes of the thermal expansion and specific heat of the mixture have been calculated using the two-scaling-factor universality relation<sup>5-9</sup>.

### 2.Theoretical Considerations :

The measured absorption  $\frac{\alpha_{meas}}{f^2}$  near the critical temperature can be expressed as the sum of two terms<sup>10,11</sup>,

$$\frac{\alpha_{meas}}{f^2} = \frac{\alpha_{crit}}{f^2} + \frac{\alpha_{back}}{f^2} \quad (1)$$

where  $\frac{\alpha_{back}}{f^2}$  is the background term which includes absorption due to the Navier Stokes term, the radiation and the diffusion near the boiling point. In the dynamic scaling theory, the critical term can be expressed in terms of the reduced frequency

$w^* = \frac{w}{w_D}$ ,  $w_D$  being a characteristic temperature-dependent relaxation rate given by the Stokes-Einstein expression<sup>10</sup>:

$$w_D = \frac{k_B T_c}{3\pi\eta\xi^3} \quad (2)$$

Here the correlation length  $\xi$  and the shear viscosity  $\eta$  are given by :

$$\xi = \xi_0 t^{-\gamma} \quad \text{and} \quad \eta = \eta_0 t^{-x_\eta},$$

where  $t = \frac{T - T_c}{T_c}$  is the reduced temperature<sup>12</sup>, and  $k_B$  designates

Boltzmann's constant. Note that  $\gamma$  and  $x_\eta$  are critical exponents.

The temperature - dependent relaxation rate can be written simply as

$$w_D = w_0 t^{z\gamma} \quad (3)$$

where  $z\gamma = 1.9$ .

The critical attenuation coefficient in the dynamic scaling theory can be written as<sup>9,10</sup>:

$$\frac{\alpha_{crit}}{f^2} = \left( \frac{\pi^2 C_{pc} \bar{\alpha}}{2Z\gamma} \frac{U_c g^2}{T_c C_p^2(t_f)} \left( \frac{aw_0}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{\pi}{z\gamma}} \right) f^{-\left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{z\gamma}\right)} \quad (4)$$

Here  $\alpha$  and  $C_{pc}$  are the critical exponent and critical amplitude in the following expression for the heat capacity per gram (i.e., the specific heat):

$$C_p = C_{pc} t^{-\alpha} + C_{pb}; \quad C_{pb} \text{ is the background specific heat, } a = \frac{w}{w_0} t^{-z\gamma} \text{ is a}$$

dimensionless scaling factor of the order unity<sup>13</sup>,  $U_c$  is the adiabatic sound velocity at  $T_c$ ,  $g$  is the adiabatic coupling constant, and  $C_p(t_f)$  is the specific heat at a characteristic reduced temperature  $t_f$ , which can

be approximated by the  $t$  value at which  $\frac{\alpha_{(crit,conc)}}{f^2}$  for a given frequency is one-half its value at  $T_c$ <sup>10</sup>.

The total attenuation term of  $\frac{\alpha_{meas}}{f^2}$  yields;

$$\frac{\alpha_{meas}}{f^2} = S f^{-1.06} + b, \quad (5)$$

Where S is the term in parentheses in equation (4) and b represents the frequency-independent background term of  $\frac{\alpha_{meas}}{f^2}$  at  $T_c$

The prediction for the variation in  $\alpha(\text{crit}, w, T)$  as a function of the reduced frequency is given in the form<sup>3</sup>

$$\frac{\alpha_{(\text{crit}, w, T)}}{\alpha_{(\text{crit}, w, T_c)}} = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha_c} = F(w^*) = \frac{1}{(1 + w^{*\frac{1}{2}})^2} \quad (6)$$

Here  $\alpha(\text{crit}, w, T)$  is the critical term at temperature  $T$  and critical concentration and

$\alpha(\text{crit}, w, T_c)$  is the critical term at critical temperature  $T_c$  and critical concentration.

The adiabatic coupling constant  $g$  was introduced by the FB theory which is given by<sup>9,14</sup>

$$g = \rho_c C_p \left[ \frac{dT_c}{dp} - \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial p} \right)_s \right] \cong \frac{C_{pb} \alpha_{pc} T_c}{C_{pc}} - \alpha_{pb} T \quad (7)$$

Note that  $\alpha_p \equiv$  the isobaric thermal expansion coefficient;  $\alpha_{pc}$  and  $\alpha_{pb}$  being the critical and background parts of the thermal expansion coefficient.

### 3. Experimental :

Measurements of absorption were made using the matec pulse-echo technique that generates pulses through the temperature-controlled test cell. The setup and procedures are discussed in our previous papers<sup>15-19</sup>. The chemicals were used without any further purification.

### 4. Results and Analysis:

Measurements were made in one region starting at  $60^\circ\text{C}$  and taking successive reading as the temperature was lowered step by step toward  $T_c=30.20^\circ\text{C}$ . The critical concentration was taken to be



47.0% aniline in weight. The ultrasonic absorption was measured for frequencies 5, 10, 15, 25, and 35 MHz. The temperature of the sample was controlled within  $\pm 0.01$  °C.

Fig. 1 shows the temperature dependence of the absorption  $\frac{\alpha}{f^2}$  for the critical binary mixture of aniline-cyclohexane at five different frequencies. The error in the absorption measurements was less than 4%. It is observed that  $\frac{\alpha}{f^2}$  decreases with temperature above  $T_c$  at all frequencies studied.

Fig. 2 shows the absorption coefficient at a given frequency (15 MHz) and three different concentrations plotted versus temperature. For the noncritical mixtures of aniline and cyclohexane some critical behavior in the absorption is still evident.

Tanaka and Wada<sup>1</sup> have measured the ultrasonic absorption in a critical aniline and cyclohexane solution. (47.0% by weight of aniline,  $T_c = 30.20$  °C). Their frequency range is from 18 Hz to 8.93 MHz. Our data show good agreement with their data. For example, at  $T = 30.40$  °C and frequency  $f = 8.93$  MHz their measurement of absorption is  $894 \times 10^{-17} \frac{s^2}{cm}$ , and our measurement at the same temperature and at frequency  $f = 10$  MHz is  $45 \times 10^{-17} \frac{s^2}{cm}$ .

In Fig. 3, the experimental values of  $\frac{\alpha}{\alpha_c}$  at different frequencies are shown along with the theoretical function  $F(w^*)$ . The data were fit to the theoretical curve using a value of  $w_0$  of  $.82 \times 10^{10}$  Hz, which was calculated with the correlation length  $\xi_0 = 2.2 \pm 0.1$  Å and the measured shear viscosity  $\eta_0 = 1.01$  cP shown in Fig. 4.

The error in the viscosity measurements was less than 0.4%. Tanaka and Wada<sup>1</sup> assumed in their paper that  $w_0 = 2.5 \times 10^{10}$  Hz.

Fig. 5 shows a plot of absorption  $\frac{\alpha_c}{f^2}$  at critical mixture and temperature  $T_c$  versus  $t^{-1.06}$ . A least square fit yields an experimental slope  $S$  of  $2.38 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ S}^{0.94}$  and the an intercept of  $27 \times 10^{-17} \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ S}^2$ . The calculated value of  $S$  using equation (4) and the calculated value

of  $g = -0.13$ , is  $.1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ S}^{0.94}$ . Using the values of  $\frac{dT_c}{dp}$ ,  $\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial p}\right)_s$ , and the asymptotic behavior of  $\alpha_p$  and  $C_p$  which can be represented by power laws of the form<sup>1</sup>:

$$\alpha_p = \alpha_{pc} t^{-0.11} + \alpha_{pb}$$

$$C_p = C_{pc} t^{-0.11} + C_{pb}$$

one can find the background parts of the thermal expansion  $\alpha_{pb}$  and specific heat  $C_{pb}$ .

The critical amplitudes of the thermal expansion  $\alpha_{pc}$  and specific heat  $C_{pc}$  can be calculated using the two-scale-factor universality<sup>9</sup>

$$\xi_0 \left( \frac{\alpha_{pc} C_{pc}}{k_B} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \xi_0 \left( \frac{\alpha T_c \alpha_{pc}}{k_B T_c} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 0.270$$

Here  $\xi_0$  is the amplitude of the correlation length  $\xi$ ,  $\alpha = 0.11$  is the critical exponent and  $T_c' = \frac{dT_c}{dp}$ .

The values of the thermal expansion and specific heat are calculated to be :

$$\alpha_p = 0.49 \times 10^{-4} t^{-0.11} + 7.96 \times 10^{-4} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

$$C_p = 0.27 \times 10^7 t^{-0.11} + 2.04 \times 10^7 \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{gK}}$$

The thermodynamic quantities,  $C_{pb}$ ,  $C_{pc}$ ,  $\alpha_{pb}$ ,  $\alpha_{pc}$ , and  $T_c$  enable us to determine the adiabatic coupling constant  $g$  for aniline and cyclohexane critical mixture. From equation (7) one obg -



0.13. Table (1) shows the measured and the calculated values both in this work and other references.

### 5. Discussion and Conclusion :

The absorption coefficient for the critical concentration increases as the critical temperature is approached from the high-temperature region for all frequencies. It can be seen that the experimental values of  $\frac{\alpha}{\alpha_c}$  at critical mixture are compared to the scaling function  $F(w^*)$  and show good agreement above  $w^* = 1$  with the FB theory.

The measured absorption of the  $\frac{\alpha_c}{f^2}$  versus  $f^{-1.06}$  yields a straight line, as predicted by the FB theory.

For the aniline-cyclohexane binary mixture the adiabatic constant  $g$  is a negative value, which implies that phase separation can be induced by a sudden pressure decrease.

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