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Thermophysical and thermodynamic properties of ionic liquids over an extended pressure range: $[bmim][NTf_2]$ and $[hmim][NTf_2] \stackrel{\approx}{\sim}$

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Abstract

The current study focuses on 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)amide, [bmim][NTf₂], and 1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)amide, [hmim][NTf₂]. The objective is to study the influence of pressure as well as that of the cation's alkyl chain length on several properties of this type of ionic liquids. Speed of propagation of ultrasound waves and densities in pure ionic liquids (ILs) as a function of temperature and pressure have been determined. Several other thermodynamic properties such as compressibilities, expansivities and heat capacities have been obtained. Speed of sound measurements have been carried out in broad ranges of temperature (283 < T/K < 323) and pressure (0.1 < p/MPa < 150), using a non-intrusive microcell. Density measurements have been performed at broad ranges of temperature (298 < T/K < 333) and pressure (0.1 < p/MPa < 60) using a vibrating tube densimeter. The pressure dependence of heat capacities, which is generally mild, is highly dependent on the curvature of the temperature dependence of density.

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1. Introduction

Due to their combined low viscosity, broad temperature range of liquid stability, and absence of halogen atoms in potentially chemically reactive forms, the 1-alkyl-3-methyl imidazolium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)amide, $[C_n min][NTf_2]$, class of ionic liquids (ILs) is one of the most promising to become important in diverse applications.

The increasing attention given to ionic liquids as possible replacement solvents for volatile organic compounds is driving their research towards the development of a sustainable green chemistry, guiding efforts in this field in the direction of new, harmless substances. Unfortunately, the thermophysical characterization of benign ILs is by no means extensive. Examples of very recent reviews and systematic studies can be found, for instance, in references [1-4] and references therein. They show that some studies are still directed to compounds such as $[C_n \min][PF_6]$ or $[C_n \min][BF_4]$, that, despite their historical and fundamental importance, are known to easily produce HF and other aggressive chemicals at moderate and high temperatures. We have thus chosen to embark on the study of thermophysical and thermodynamic properties of a possibly cleaner alternative,

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namely the series containing the popular cation $1-C_n$ -3-methylimidazolium combined with the anion bis(trifluoro methylsulfonyl)amide, $[N{SO_2(CF_3)}_2]^-$.

The speed of sound, u, is a property that can be experimentally determined with great precision over a broad range of temperature and pressure. Since *u* can be related to the first pressure partial derivative of density, accurate sound-speed data can be used to enhance the development of equations of state. Furthermore, it is a very useful source of information for computing values of other thermodynamic properties which are difficult to obtain at extreme experimental conditions, such as calorimetric data at high pressures. One possible method for deriving a wealth of thermodynamic properties consists in the measurement of the whole (p, ρ, T) and (p, u, T) surfaces in order to obtain by differentiation the derived properties of the investigated compound. This method has proven useful, for instance, in the calculation of derived properties of protonated and deuterated acetone [5,6]. Nonetheless, commonly accepted as a more reliable method for deriving thermodynamic properties from speed of sound data is that which allows, by integration, the calculation of (p, ρ, T) and $(p C_p, T)$ surfaces from merely one isobar of both density and isobaric heat capacity [7–10]. This method allows one to calculate other thermophysical properties such as isentropic (κ_s) and isothermal (κ_T) compressibilities, isobaric thermal expansivities (α_p) , isobaric (C_p) and isochoric (C_v) heat capacities and thermal pressure coefficients (γ_v) over the entire range of pressures of the speed of sound measurements.

2. Experimental

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2.1. Acoustic cell and densimeter

Measurements of the speed of sound were performed in the temperature range 283 < T/K < 323 and pressure



80

p/MPa

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range 0.1 < p/MPa < 150. The speed of propagation of sound waves in liquids was determined using a novel micro-cell (internal volume $\sim 0.8 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3$) and a nonintrusive method at an operational frequency of 0.5 MHz. We used the same experimental set-up as previously described in great detail elsewhere [5]. Pressure is measured using an Omega pressure transducer, which was calibrated against a high-accuracy Heise gauge. Pressure precision and accuracy are better than $\pm 0.05\%$. The acoustic cell is placed in a Hart Scientific calibration bath (stability ± 0.001 K) and temperature

TABLE 1

Experimental speed of sound, u, data for [bmim][NTf₂] as a function of temperature, T, and pressure, p

p/MPa		$u/(m \cdot s^{-1})$
	<i>T</i> =283.15 K	
0.10		1264.55
5.09		1280.80
9.98		1296.79
20.02		1327.89
29.95		1357.26
44.83		1398.70
59.71		1437.55
79.70		1486.76
98.92		1531.26
124.41		1586.58
151.00		1640.47
	<i>T</i> =293.15 K	
0.10		1238.06
5.00		1254.63
10.02		1271.15
20.01		1302.51
59.65		1411.77
99.72		1505.90
151.20		1611.94
	<i>T</i> =303.15 K	
0.10		1217.51
5.03		1233.96
10.00		1250.67
20.03		1282.84
59.72		1393.47
98.96		1485.86
150.84		1592.89
	<i>T</i> =313.15 K	
0.10		1194.50
5.01		1211.49
10.01		1228.65
19.96		1261.10
59.73		1373.46
98.97		1466.37
150.89		1573.23
	<i>T</i> =323.15 K	
0.10		1172.58
5.05		1190.18
10.03		1207.77
19.94		1240.95
59.81		1355.93
99.22		1450.79
150.84		1557.39

is measured by a 4-wire platinum resistance thermometer (PRT) coupled to a Keithley digital multimeter (Model DMM 199). The PRT was previously calibrated, thus allowing temperature measurements on the ITS-90 scale with an estimated uncertainty better than ± 0.01 K. Typically, the accuracy and precision of the sound-speed measurements are $\pm 0.2\%$ and $\pm 0.05\%$, respectively. Likewise, densities were measured using an Anton Paar DMA 512P densimeter [5] in the temperature range (298 to 333) K and pressure range (0.1 to 60) MPa. The density overall uncertainty is estimated to be better than 0.02%.

TABLE 2 Coefficients of equation (1) for *T*/K, *p*/MPa, and *u*/($m \cdot s^{-1}$), within the interval (283 < *T*/K < 323; 0.1 < *p*/MPa < 150)

a _{ij}	j		
i	0	1	2
0 1 2	$\begin{array}{c} 1.66933 \cdot 10^{3} \\ -4.57105 \cdot 10^{-1} \\ -5.41339 \cdot 10^{-2} \end{array}$	$-8.76289 \\ 2.07932 \cdot 10^{-2} \\ 3.52903 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$\begin{array}{r} 9.53079 \cdot 10^{-3} \\ -7.23757 \cdot 10^{-5} \\ -5.75361 \cdot 10^{-7} \end{array}$
b_{kl}	1		
k	0	1	2
0 1 2	$\begin{array}{c} 1.00000 \\ -3.10366 \cdot 10^{-3} \\ -2.59978 \cdot 10^{-5} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} -4.58017\cdot 10^{-3}\\ 2.94127\cdot 10^{-5}\\ 1.65030\cdot 10^{-7}\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 3.23167 \cdot 10^{-6} \\ -6.75836 \cdot 10^{-8} \\ -2.59119 \cdot 10^{-10} \end{array}$



[bmim][NTf₂] and [hmim][NTf₂] were synthesized and purified at the QUILL Centre, Belfast, according to procedures found elsewhere [11]. They were washed several times with water to decrease the chloride content. It was checked that no precipitation (of AgCl) would occur by addition of AgNO₃ to the wash water. In order to reduce the water content and volatile compounds to negligible values, vacuum (0.1 Pa) and moderate temperature (70 °C) were applied to the [bmim][NTf₂] and [hmim][NTf₂] samples for several days always



FIGURE 2. Isotherms of the experimental density of [bmim][NTf₂]. ◆, 298.15 K; ■, 303.14 K; ▲, 308.09 K; ◊, 313.15 K; □, 318.14 K; △, 323.14 K; +, 328.20 K.

TABLE 3 Experimental density, $\rho/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3})$, data for [bmim][NTf₂] as a function of temperature, *T*, and pressure, *p*

p/MPa	T/K										
	298.15	303.14	308.09	313.15	318.14	323.14	328.20				
0.10	1437.04	1432.49	1427.92	1422.99	1418.06	1413.69	1408.32				
5.00	1440.78	1436.13	1431.50	1426.56	1421.63	1417.31	1412.04				
7.46	1442.64	1437.93	1433.28	1428.40	1423.41	1419.14	1413.97				
9.92	1444.45	1439.73	1435.07	1430.14	1425.23	1420.97	1415.75				
12.38	1446.22	1441.51	1436.81	1431.97	1427.00	1422.80	1417.61				
14.84	1447.99	1443.23	1438.55	1433.70	1428.76	1424.57	1419.44				
17.30	1449.71	1444.96	1440.27	1435.41	1430.50	1426.35	1421.25				
19.76	1451.41	1446.65	1441.96	1437.10	1432.21	1428.11	1423.05				
22.21	1453.09	1448.37	1443.64	1438.80	1433.93	1429.82	1424.84				
24.67	1454.75	1449.99	1445.32	1440.50	1435.62	1431.56	1426.58				
27.13	1456.40	1451.64	1446.94	1442.16	1437.31	1433.26	1428.34				
29.59	1458.04	1453.25	1448.61	1443.80	1439.01	1434.96	1430.04				
32.05	1459.61	1454.87	1450.21	1445.44	1440.66	1436.63	1431.76				
34.51	1461.19	1456.47	1451.80	1447.05	1442.31	1438.32	1433.46				
36.97	1462.78	1458.05	1453.43	1448.67	1443.93	1439.98	1435.15				
39.43	1464.31	1459.60	1454.99	1450.26	1445.59	1441.63	1436.83				
41.88	1465.81	1461.17	1456.59	1451.88	1447.20	1443.28	1438.52				
44.34	1467.33	1462.67	1458.14	1453.41	1448.84	1444.91	1440.15				
46.80	1468.80	1464.20	1459.69	1455.01	1450.43	1446.54	1441.79				
49.26	1470.28	1465.69	1461.21	1456.51	1452.03	1448.18	1443.46				
51.72	1471.69	1467.16	1462.74	1458.07	1453.64	1449.79	1445.11				
54.18	1473.13	1468.67	1464.26	1459.64	1455.23	1451.40	1446.72				
56.64	1474.55	1470.14	1465.80	1461.15	1456.83	1453.01	1448.35				
59.10	1475.94	1471.59	1467.28	1462.71	1458.39	1454.62	1449.96				

TABLE 4 Coefficients of second order polynomial fits, $Y = A + B \cdot (T/K) + C \cdot (T/K)^2$ to atmospheric isobars of $Y = \rho$ or $Y = C_{\rho}$

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	$\rho/(\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3})$	$C_p/(\mathbf{J}\cdot\mathbf{K}^{-1}\cdot\mathbf{kg}^{-1})$
A	$1.59720 \cdot 10^{3}$	$2.39992 \cdot 10^{3}$
В	$-1.59362 \cdot 10^{-1}$	-7.68270
С	$-1.26695 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.33104 \cdot 10^{-2}$



FIGURE 3. Isotherms for the isentropic compressibility of $[bmim][NTf_2]$. \blacksquare , 298.15 K; \blacktriangle , 303.15 K; \blacklozenge , 308.15 K; \Box , 313.15 K; \triangle , 318.15 K; \diamondsuit , 323.15 K.



FIGURE 4. Isotherms for the isothermal compressibility of [bmim][NTf₂]. \blacksquare , 298.15 K; \blacktriangle , 303.15 K; \blacklozenge , 308.15 K; \Box , 313.15 K; \triangle , 318.15 K; \diamondsuit , 323.15 K.

immediately prior to their use. The samples were analysed by Karl–Fischer titration and showed a wt% of water lower than 75 ppm ("Crison" Karl–Fischer titration).

3. Results and discussion

3.1. $[bmim][NTf_2]$

Sound-speed measurements have been carried out in a broad range of temperatures (283 < T/K < 323) and pressures (0.1 < p/MPa < 150). Figure 1 and table 1



FIGURE 5. Isotherms for the isobaric expansivity of [bmim][NTf₂]. \blacksquare , 298.15 K; \blacktriangle , 303.15 K; \diamondsuit , 308.15 K; \Box , 313.15 K; \triangle , 318.15 K; \diamondsuit , 323.15 K.



FIGURE 6. Isotherms for the thermal pressure coefficient of [bmim][NTf₂]. \blacksquare , 298.15 K; \blacktriangle , 303.15 K; \diamondsuit , 308.15 K; \Box , 313.15 K; \triangle , 318.15 K; \diamondsuit , 323.15 K.



FIGURE 7. Isotherms for the isobaric heat capacity of [bmim][NTf₂]. \blacksquare , 298.15 K; \blacktriangle , 303.15 K; \diamondsuit , 308.15 K; \Box , 313.15 K; \triangle , 318.15 K; \diamondsuit , 323.15 K.

report the speed of sound behaviour as pressure and temperature change for $[bmim][NTf_2]$. For the sake of economy, data are presented at nominal temperatures

which, typically, differ from the actual ones by no more than 0.01 K.

Original data have been fitted to a Pade 3×3 equation of the form



FIGURE 8. Isotherms for the isochoric heat capacity of [bmim][NTf₂]. \blacksquare , 298.15 K; \blacktriangle , 303.15 K; \diamondsuit , 308.15 K; \Box , 313.15 K; \triangle , 318.15 K; \diamondsuit , 323.15 K.

TABLE 5 Calculated values of $\kappa_s/(\text{GPa}^{-1})$ for [bmim][NTf₂]

<i>p</i> /MPa	T/K	<i>p</i> /MPa						
_	298.15	303.15	308.15	313.15	318.15	323.15	_	
0.1	0.4617	0.471 ₈	0.4820	0.4926	0.5035	0.5148	0.1	
0.5	0.460_{6}	0.470_{6}	0.480_{8}	0.4913	0.502_{1}	0.5134	0.5	
1	0.4592	0.4691	0.4792	0.4897	0.500_{5}	0.511 ₆	1	
3	0.4537	0.4633	0.4732	0.4834	0.493 ₉	0.504 ₈	3	
5	0.4483	0.4577	0.467_{4}	0.4773	0.4875	0.498_{1}	5	
10	0.4355	0.444_{5}	0.453 ₆	0.462_9	0.4725	0.482_4	10	
15	0.4236	0.4321	0.440_{7}	0.4495	0.4586	0.4679	15	
20	0.4125	0.4206	0.428 ₈	0.4371	0.445 ₆	0.454_4	20	
25	0.402_{1}	0.409 ₈	0.4176	0.4255	0.4336	0.441 ₈	25	
30	0.3923	0.399 ₇	0.407_{1}	0.414 ₆	0.4223	0.4301	30	
35	0.3831	0.3902	0.3972	0.404_4	0.4117	0.4192	35	
40	0.374_{4}	0.3812	0.3880	0.394 ₈	0.4018	0.4089	40	
45	0.3662	0.3727	0.3792	0.385 ₈	0.3924	0.399 ₂	45	
50	0.3585	0.3647	0.371_{0}	0.3773	0.3836	0.3900	50	
55	0.3511	0.3571	0.3631	0.3692	0.375 ₃	0.3814	55	
60	0.3441	0.3499	0.3557	0.3615	0.3673	0.3732	60	
65	0.3374	0.3430	0.3486	0.3542	0.359 ₈	0.3655	65	
70	0.331 ₀	0.3365	0.3419	0.3473	0.3527	0.3581	70	
75	0.3249	0.3302	0.3355	0.3407	0.3459	0.3511	75	
80	0.3191	0.3242	0.3293	0.3344	0.3394	0.3444	80	
85	0.3135	0.3185	0.3234	0.3283	0.3332	0.3380	85	
90	0.3081	0.3130	0.317 ₈	0.3225	0.3272	0.3319	90	
95	0.3029	0.3077	0.3124	0.3170	0.3216	0.3261	95	
100	0.298_0	0.3027	0.3072	0.3117	0.3161	0.3205	100	
105	0.2932	0.297 ₈	0.302_{2}	0.3066	0.310 ₈	0.3151	105	
110	0.288_{6}	0.2931	0.297_{4}	0.3016	0.305 ₈	0.3099	110	
115	0.284_{2}	0.2885	0.292 ₈	0.2969	0.3010	0.3050	115	
120	0.2799	0.284_{2}	0.288_{3}	0.2923	0.2963	0.300_{2}	120	
125	0.2757	0.2799	0.284_{0}	0.2879	0.291 ₈	0.2956	125	
130	0.2717	0.275_{8}	0.279 ₈	0.2836	0.287_{4}	0.2911	130	
135	0.2679	0.2719	0.2757	0.2795	0.2832	0.2868	135	
140	0.2641	0.268_{0}	0.2718	0.2755	0.279_1	0.2826	140	
145	0.2604	0.2643	0.2680	0.2716	0.2752	0.2786	145	
150	0.2569	0.2607	0.2644	0.2679	0.2713	0.2747	150	

$$(u/\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{s}^{-1}) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{2} \sum_{j=0}^{2} a_{ij} (T/\mathbf{K})^{i} (p/\mathbf{MPa})^{j}}{\sum_{k=0}^{2} \sum_{l=0}^{2} b_{kl} (T/\mathbf{K})^{k} (p/\mathbf{MPa})^{l}}.$$
 (1)

The values of the coefficients were calculated by means of a least-squares analysis of the experimental results (using the algorithm of Marquardt–Levenberg) and are given in table 2. The standard deviation between the experimental and fitted values is found to be 0.05%. This fitting equation was screened for 40 isotherms within the experimental temperature range (283 < T/K < 323), thus in steps of 1 K, and for steps of 0.1 MPa within the experimental interval of pressure (0.1 < p/MPa < 150) for a total of 61,500 data points. No poles for this rational function were found. Also, neither the temperature nor the pressure derivatives of u(p, T) as described by equation (1) present any anomalies. Therefore, equation (1) can be safely used for interpolations.

TABLE 6 Calculated values of $\kappa_T/(\text{GPa}^{-1})$ for [bmim][NTf₂]

p/MPa	T/K	<i>T</i> /K								
	298.15	303.15	308.15	313.15	318.15	323.15				
0.1	0.5268	0.5403	0.5542	0.568 ₅	0.583 ₃	0.598 ₆				
0.5	0.525_{4}	0.5389	0.5527	0.5669	0.5816	0.5969				
1	0.523 ₈	0.5371	0.5509	0.565_0	0.579 ₆	0.5947				
3	0.5171	0.5302	0.543 ₆	0.557_{4}	0.5717	0.586_{4}				
5	0.5107	0.5235	0.5366	0.550_{1}	0.564_0	0.5783				
10	0.495 ₅	0.5076	0.520_{0}	0.5327	0.545 ₈	0.5593				
15	0.481_4	0.4929	0.504_{6}	0.5166	0.5290	0.5417				
20	0.468_{1}	0.479_{1}	0.490_{2}	0.5016	0.513 ₃	0.5254				
25	0.4557	0.4662	0.476_{8}	0.487_{7}	0.498_{8}	0.5102				
30	0.444_1	0.4541	0.4642	0.474_{6}	0.4852	0.4960				
35	0.4331	0.442_7	0.452_4	0.4623	0.472_4	0.4827				
40	0.4227	0.4320	0.4413	0.450_{8}	0.460_4	0.4703				
45	0.4129	0.421 ₈	0.430 ₈	0.439 ₉	0.4492	0.4586				
50	0.4037	0.4122	0.4209	0.4296	0.4385	0.4476				
55	0.394 ₉	0.4032	0.4115	0.419 ₉	0.4285	0.4371				
60	0.3865	0.3945	0.402_{6}	0.4107	0.4189	0.4273				
65	0.3785	0.3863	0.3941	0.4019	0.409 ₉	0.4179				
70	0.3709	0.378_4	0.3860	0.393 ₆	0.4013	0.409_1				
75	0.3636	0.3709	0.3783	0.3857	0.3931	0.400_{6}				
80	0.3566	0.363 ₈	0.3709	0.3781	0.3853	0.3925				
85	0.3500	0.3569	0.3639	0.370_{8}	0.377 ₈	0.3849				
90	0.3435	0.3503	0.3571	0.3639	0.3707	0.3775				
95	0.3374	0.344_0	0.3506	0.3572	0.363 ₈	0.3705				
100	0.3315	0.3380	0.3444	0.350 ₈	0.3572	0.3637				
105	0.325 ₈	0.3321	0.3384	0.3447	0.3509	0.3572				
110	0.3203	0.3265	0.3326	0.338 ₈	0.3449	0.3510				
115	0.3150	0.3210	0.3271	0.3331	0.3390	0.3450				
120	0.309 ₈	0.315 ₈	0.3217	0.3276	0.3334	0.3393				
125	0.3049	0.3107	0.3165	0.3223	0.3280	0.3337				
130	0.3001	0.305 ₈	0.3115	0.3171	0.3227	0.3283				
135	0.2954	0.3011	0.3067	0.3122	0.3177	0.3232				
140	0.2909	0.2965	0.3020	0.3074	0.312 ₈	0.3181				
145	0.2866	0.2920	0.297_{4}	0.3027	0.3080	0.3133				
150	0.2823	0.2877	0.2930	0.298_{2}	0.3034	0.3086				

Density measurements have been carried out at a broad range of temperatures (298 < T/K < 328) and pressures (0.1 < p/MPa < 60). The experimental data are presented both in figure 2 and table 3.

The use of the speed of sound data to derive other thermodynamic properties requires the knowledge of one isobar of both density and heat capacity. There are already two sets of heat capacity data available [2,12] and several sets of atmospheric density data [2,3,13,14]. The choice of the heat capacity isobar for the thermodynamic properties calculations was based on the comparison of the experimental data available. The heat capacity data presented by Fredlake *et al.* [2] are higher than those presented by Holbrey *et al.* [12] (which may possibly be an indication of higher sample purity since it is quite uncommon to find typical impurities that are responsible for the rise of these properties).

The atmospheric isobars of both our current density data and the literature values of heat capacity [2] were fitted with a second order polynomial equation up to 328 K. The coefficients of the fittings are shown in

TABLE 7 Calculated values of $\alpha_n/(K^{-1}) \cdot 10^3$ for [bmim][NTf₂]

p/MPa	T/K						
	298.15	303.15	308.15	313.15	318.15	323.15	
0.1	0.6366	0.6475	0.6585	0.669 ₆	0.6808	0.6921	
0.5	0.6356	0.646_4	0.6574	0.668_4	0.6796	0.6909	
1	0.6342	0.6451	0.656_0	0.667_{0}	0.678_{1}	0.689 ₃	
3	0.6291	0.6397	0.6505	0.6613	0.672_{2}	0.683 ₃	
5	0.624_0	0.6345	0.6451	0.655 ₈	0.6665	0.677_{4}	
10	0.611 ₈	0.6219	0.6322	0.6425	0.6529	0.6634	
15	0.600_{2}	0.610_0	0.6199	0.6299	0.640_0	0.650_{2}	
20	0.5892	0.598_{7}	0.6083	0.618_0	0.627 ₈	0.6377	
25	0.578_{7}	0.588_{0}	0.5973	0.606_{8}	0.6163	0.6259	
30	0.568 ₆	0.577_{7}	0.586 ₈	0.5960	0.6053	0.6147	
35	0.5589	0.567 ₈	0.576_8	0.585_{8}	0.594 ₉	0.604_1	
40	0.5497	0.558_{4}	0.5671	0.576_{0}	0.5849	0.593 ₉	
45	0.540_{7}	0.549 ₃	0.5579	0.5666	0.575_{4}	0.584_{2}	
50	0.532_{1}	0.540_{5}	0.549_0	0.5576	0.5663	0.575_{0}	
55	0.523 ₇	0.532_{1}	0.540_{5}	0.549_0	0.557 ₅	0.566_1	
60	0.5157	0.5239	0.532_{2}	0.540_{6}	0.5491	0.5576	
65	0.507_{8}	0.5160	0.5243	0.532_{6}	0.540_{9}	0.549_4	
70	0.500_{3}	0.508_{4}	0.516 ₆	0.524_{8}	0.5331	0.541 ₅	
75	0.4929	0.500_9	0.509_{1}	0.5173	0.5255	0.533 ₈	
80	0.4857	0.493 ₇	0.501 ₈	0.510_0	0.5182	0.5265	
85	0.478_{7}	0.486_{7}	0.494_8	0.5029	0.5111	0.5193	
90	0.471 ₈	0.479_{8}	0.487_{9}	0.496_0	0.504_{2}	0.5124	
95	0.4652	0.473_{2}	0.481_{2}	0.489 ₃	0.4975	0.5057	
100	0.458 ₆	0.466 ₆	0.474_{7}	0.482_{8}	0.490 ₉	0.4992	
105	0.452 ₃	0.4603	0.4683	0.476_4	0.484_{6}	0.492 ₈	
110	0.446_0	0.454_{0}	0.462_1	0.470_{2}	0.478_4	0.486_{6}	
115	0.439 ₉	0.447 ₉	0.456_0	0.4642	0.472_4	0.480_{6}	
120	0.4339	0.4419	0.450_{1}	0.458_{2}	0.4665	0.474_8	
125	0.428_0	0.4361	0.444_{2}	0.452_4	0.460_{7}	0.469 ₀	
130	0.422_2	0.4303	0.4385	0.446_8	0.455_1	0.4634	
135	0.4165	0.424_{7}	0.4329	0.441_2	0.449 ₅	0.457 ₉	
140	0.4109	0.419 ₁	0.427_4	0.4357	0.444_1	0.452 ₅	
145	0.405_4	0.4137	0.422_0	0.430_4	0.438 ₈	0.4473	
150	0.400_0	0.408_{3}	0.4167	0.4251	0.433 ₆	0.442_1	

table 4. The method used to derive other thermodynamic properties is based on well-established thermodynamic relations. The speed of sound, u, is directly related to the pressure derivative of the density, ρ , through equation (2), in which the subscript S denotes the condition of constant entropy

$$\left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial p}\right)_{S} = \frac{1}{u^{2}}.$$
(2)

This derivative is related to the isothermal pressure derivative and the isobaric temperature derivative of the density through equation (3), where C_p is the specific heat capacity at constant pressure

$$\left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial p}\right)_{S} = \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial p}\right)_{T} - \frac{T}{\rho^{2} \cdot C_{p}} \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial T}\right)_{p}^{2}.$$
(3)

Rearranging the last equation and combining it with equation (2) creates equation (4), which also incorporates the definition of the thermal expansion coefficient, α_p

TABLE 8 Calculated values of $\gamma_{\nu}/(MPa \cdot K^{-1})$ for [bmim][NTf₂]

p/MPa	T/K					
	298.15	303.15	308.15	313.15	318.15	323.15
0.1	1.208	1.19 ₈	1.188	1.17 ₈	1.167	1.156
0.5	1.21_{0}	1.199	1.189	1.179	1.168	1.157
1	1.21	1.201	1.19 ₁	1.18_{0}	1.17_{0}	1.159
3	1.216	1.20_{6}	1.196	1.186	1.176	1.165
5	1.22_{2}	1.212	1.20_{2}	1.19 ₂	1.182	1.17_{1}
10	1.235	1.225	1.216	1.20_{6}	1.19 ₆	1.186
15	1.247	1.238	1.229	1.219	1.21_{0}	1.20_{0}
20	1.259	1.250	1.241	1.232	1.223	1.21_{4}
25	1.27_{0}	1.261	1.253	1.24_{4}	1.236	1.22_{7}
30	1.28_{0}	1.272	1.264	1.256	1.248	1.239
35	1.291	1.283	1.275	1.267	1.259	1.251
40	1.30_{0}	1.293	1.285	1.278	1.27_{0}	1.263
45	1.309	1.302	1.295	1.288	1.281	1.274
50	1.318	1.311	1.30_{4}	1.298	1.291	1.28_{5}
55	1.326	1.32_{0}	1.31 ₃	1.307	1.301	1.29 ₅
60	1.334	1.328	1.322	1.316	1.311	1.30_{5}
65	1.342	1.336	1.330	1.325	1.32_{0}	1.314
70	1.349	1.34 ₃	1.33 ₈	1.33 ₃	1.32 ₈	1.324
75	1.356	1.350	1.346	1.341	1.337	1.333
80	1.362	1.357	1.353	1.349	1.34 ₅	1.341
85	1.368	1.364	1.360	1.356	1.353	1.349
90	1.373	1.370	1.366	1.363	1.360	1.357
95	1.379	1.375	1.372	1.370	1.367	1.365
100	1.384	1.381	1.37 ₈	1.376	1.374	1.372
105	1.388	1.386	1.384	1.382	1.381	1.380
110	1.39 ₃	1.391	1.389	1.388	1.387	1.386
115	1.39 ₇	1.39 ₅	1.394	1.394	1.39 ₃	1.39 ₃
120	1.40_0	1.399	1.399	1.399	1.399	1.399
125	1.40_4	1.40_{3}	1.403	1.40_4	1.405	1.40_{5}
130	1.40_{7}	1.40_{7}	1.40_8	1.40_{9}	1.41_{0}	1.41_{1}
135	1.41 ₀	1.410	1.412	1.41 ₃	1.415	1.41_{7}
140	1.412	1.414	1.41 ₅	1.41 ₈	1.420	1.422
145	1.415	1.417	1.419	1.422	1.425	1.428
150	1.41 ₇	1.419	1.422	1.425	1.429	1.433

$$\left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial p}\right)_T = \frac{1}{u^2} + \frac{T}{C_p}\alpha_p^2,\tag{4}$$

$$\alpha_p = -\frac{1}{\rho} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial T}\right)_p. \tag{5}$$

It can also be shown that the pressure partial derivative of the isobaric heat capacity can be calculated with the following equation:

$$\left(\frac{\partial C_p}{\partial p}\right)_T = -\frac{T}{\rho} \cdot \left[\alpha_p^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \alpha_p}{\partial T}\right)_p\right].$$
(6)

Given an isobar of the density and of C_p , it is possible to integrate equations (4) and (6) over pressure [15] thus obtaining the (p, ρ, T) and (p, C_p, T) surfaces within the range of pressure and temperature of the experimental speed of sound data. The numerical integration procedure also allows one to calculate other properties, such as the isentropic compressibility, κ_S , the isothermal compressibility, κ_T , isobaric thermal expansivity, α_p the

TABLE 9

Calculated values of $C_p/(kJ \cdot K^{-1} \cdot kg^{-1})$ for [bmim][NTf₂]

p/MPa	T/K					
	298.15	303.15	308.15	313.15	318.15	323.15
0.1	1.293	1.294	1.296	1.299	1.303	1.307
0.5	1.292	1.294	1.296	1.299	1.303	1.307
1	1.292	1.294	1.296	1.299	1.302	1.307
3	1.291	1.293	1.295	1.298	1.301	1.305
5	1.29_{0}	1.291	1.29_{4}	1.297	1.30_{0}	1.30_{4}
10	1.287	1.289	1.291	1.294	1.297	1.301
15	1.285	1.286	1.28_{8}	1.291	1.294	1.29 ₈
20	1.283	1.284	1.286	1.288	1.292	1.296
25	1.28_{0}	1.282	1.283	1.286	1.289	1.293
30	1.27 ₈	1.279	1.281	1.284	1.28_{7}	1.290
35	1.276	1.277	1.279	1.281	1.284	1.28 ₈
40	1.274	1.275	1.277	1.279	1.282	1.285
45	1.272	1.273	1.274	1.277	1.28_{0}	1.283
50	1.27_{0}	1.271	1.27_{2}	1.274	1.27_{7}	1.281
55	1.268	1.269	1.270	1.272	1.275	1.27 ₈
60	1.266	1.267	1.268	1.270	1.273	1.276
65	1.264	1.265	1.266	1.268	1.271	1.274
70	1.262	1.263	1.264	1.266	1.269	1.272
75	1.26_{0}	1.261	1.262	1.264	1.266	1.27_{0}
80	1.25 ₈	1.259	1.260	1.262	1.264	1.267
85	1.257	1.257	1.258	1.260	1.262	1.265
90	1.255	1.255	1.256	1.25 ₈	1.260	1.263
95	1.253	1.253	1.254	1.256	1.258	1.261
100	1.251	1.251	1.252	1.254	1.256	1.259
105	1.24_{9}	1.25_0	1.251	1.252	1.254	1.257
110	1.248	1.248	1.249	1.250	1.252	1.255
115	1.24 ₆	1.24 ₆	1.247	1.24 ₈	1.250	1.253
120	1.244	1.24_4	1.245	1.246	1.248	1.251
125	1.242	1.242	1.243	1.244	1.246	1.24_{9}
130	1.24_{0}	1.24_0	1.241	1.242	1.24_4	1.247
135	1.239	1.239	1.239	1.240	1.242	1.245
140	1.237	1.237	1.237	1.239	1.24_0	1.243
145	1.235	1.235	1.235	1.237	1.23 ₈	1.241
150	1.233	1.233	1.234	1.235	1.236	1.239

isochoric heat capacity C_v and the thermal pressure coefficient, γ_v . The integration was carried out from atmospheric pressure up to 150 MPa. The results obtained for several thermodynamic properties are presented in figures 3 to 8 and tables 5 to 10.

The comparison between the density data taken from the integration procedure and the experimental ones shows good agreement with a maximum deviation of about 0.1%, even at pressures as high as 60 MPa. This deviation is small and can be ascribed to the uncertainty of the speed of sound measurements since this quantity is responsible for about 85% of the calculated $d\rho/dp$ in the integration process. At atmospheric pressure, our results are within the density interval estimated based on the number of significant digits presented for the fitting parameters given by Tokuda *et al.* [3], about 0.1% below those presented by Fredlake *et al.* [2], 0.07% above the data point presented by Dzyuba and Bartsch [13], and 0.2% above the data point presented by Canongia Lopes *et al.* [14].

TABLE 10 Calculated values of $C_{t}/(kJ \cdot K^{-1} \cdot kg^{-1})$ for [bmim][NTf₂]

p/MPa	T/K	T/K								
	298.15	303.15	308.15	313.15	318.15	323.15				
0.1	1.133	1.130	1.12 ₈	1.126	1.125	1.124				
0.5	1.133	1.130	1.127	1.126	1.125	1.12_{4}				
1	1.133	1.130	1.127	1.126	1.125	1.124				
3	1.132	1.129	1.127	1.125	1.124	1.124				
5	1.132	1.129	1.127	1.125	1.12_{4}	1.123				
10	1.132	1.128	1.126	1.124	1.123	1.122				
15	1.131	1.128	1.125	1.123	1.122	1.121				
20	1.130	1.127	1.125	1.123	1.121	1.121				
25	1.130	1.12_{7}	1.124	1.122	1.121	1.12_{0}				
30	1.129	1.126	1.123	1.121	1.12_{0}	1.11_{9}				
35	1.129	1.126	1.123	1.121	1.119	1.11 ₈				
40	1.128	1.125	1.122	1.12_{0}	1.119	1.11_{8}				
45	1.12 ₈	1.125	1.122	1.12_{0}	1.11 ₈	1.11_{7}				
50	1.128	1.124	1.121	1.119	1.11_{7}	1.11_{6}				
55	1.127	1.124	1.121	1.119	1.11 ₇	1.11 ₅				
60	1.127	1.123	1.12_{0}	1.11_{8}	1.11_{6}	1.11_{5}				
65	1.127	1.123	1.12_{0}	1.11_{7}	1.116	1.11_{4}				
70	1.126	1.123	1.12_{0}	1.11_{7}	1.11_{5}	1.11 ₃				
75	1.126	1.122	1.119	1.11_{6}	1.11_{4}	1.11_{3}				
80	1.126	1.122	1.119	1.116	1.11_{4}	1.11 ₂				
85	1.126	1.122	1.11_{8}	1.11_{6}	1.11_{3}	1.11_{1}				
90	1.125	1.121	1.11 ₈	1.11_{5}	1.113	1.11 ₁				
95	1.125	1.121	1.11_{8}	1.11_{5}	1.112	1.11_{0}				
100	1.125	1.121	1.11_{7}	1.11_{4}	1.11 ₁	1.10_{9}				
105	1.125	1.12_{0}	1.11_{7}	1.11_{4}	1.11 ₁	1.10_{9}				
110	1.124	1.12_{0}	1.11_{6}	1.11_{3}	1.11_{0}	1.10_{8}				
115	1.124	1.12_{0}	1.116	1.113	1.11_{0}	1.10_{7}				
120	1.124	1.119	1.11_{6}	1.112	1.10_{9}	1.10_{7}				
125	1.124	1.119	1.11_{5}	1.112	1.10_{9}	1.10_{6}				
130	1.123	1.119	1.11_{5}	1.11_{1}	1.10_{8}	1.10_{5}				
135	1.123	1.11 ₈	1.11_{4}	1.11 ₁	1.10_{7}	1.10_{5}				
140	1.123	1.11 ₈	1.11_{4}	1.11_{0}	1.10_{7}	1.10_{4}				
145	1.123	1.11_{8}	1.11_{3}	1.11_{0}	1.10_{6}	1.10_{3}				
150	1.12_{2}	1.11_{7}	1.113	1.10_{9}	1.10_{6}	1.10_{3}				



FIGURE 9. Isotherms of the experimental density of [hmim][NTf₂]. —, 298.15 K; ×, 299.15 K; ⊕, 300.15 K; --, 301.15 K; ♦, 302.15 K; **X**, 303.15 K; +, 308.15 K; ◊, 313.15 K; □, 318.15 K; △, 323.15 K; ○, 325.15 K; ◆, 327.15 K; ■, 329.15 K; ▲, 331.15 K; ●, 333.15 K.

Compressibilities, as well as isobaric expansivities decrease markedly with pressure, according to figures 3 to 5 and tables 5 to 7 but they present a tendency to increase with increasing temperature at constant pressure.

The difference obtained on the derived properties, α_p and κ_T when comparing the derivation of the measured densities with the integration method shows an average deviation of 5% and -5%, respectively. Although these

TABLE 12

Coefficients of the Tait equation, equation (7), for the density of $[\text{hmim}][\text{NTf}_2]$ at each isotherm^{*a*} (0.1 < *p*/MPa < 60)

T/K	$A/(\mathrm{kg}^{-1}\cdot\mathrm{m}^{3})\cdot10^{5}$	<i>B</i> /MPa
298.15	-5.385	131.79
299.15	-5.633	138.56
300.15	-5.571	135.88
301.15	-5.809	142.42
302.15	-5.809	141.40
303.15	-6.075	148.72
308.15	-6.641	161.60
313.15	-7.375	178.70
318.15	-7.684	183.13
323.15	-8.249	197.44
325.15	-7.030	161.51
327.15	-7.838	180.24
329.15	-7.359	165.98
331.15	-7.473	167.85
333.15	-6.920	151.45

^{*a*} In the case of global fitting procedure one uses $A = 4.42535 \cdot 10^{-3} - 2.79754 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot (T/K) + 4.34582 \cdot 10^{-8} \cdot (T/K)^2$, $B = -1.26727 \cdot 10^3 + 8.06157 \cdot 10^1 \cdot (T/K) - 1.26389 \cdot 10^{-1} \cdot (T/K)^2$.

values are within acceptable limits, they corroborate the strong dependence of the derivation method on the shape of the curves used to fit the experimental data and the necessity of collecting a large number of experimental points.

As for the isobaric heat capacity, results reveal a decrease with increasing pressure contrarily to the pressure

TABLE 11 Experimental density, $\rho/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3})$, data for [hmim][NTf₂] as a function of temperature, *T*, and pressure, *p*

p/MPa	T/K	T/K										
	298.15	299.15	300.15	301.15	302.15	303.15	308.15	313.15				
0.10	1370.81	1369.96	1368.97	1368.11	1367.15	1366.24	1361.65	1357.01				
1.83	1372.13	1371.27	1370.29	1369.42	1368.47	1367.56	1362.96	1358.32				
10.02	1378.18	1377.30	1376.36	1375.49	1374.56	1373.64	1369.05	1364.45				
14.98	1381.70	1380.81	1379.86	1379.01	1378.10	1377.17	1372.62	1368.01				
19.75	1384.98	1384.12	1383.21	1382.28	1381.43	1380.47	1375.95	1371.36				
25.86	1389.10	1388.22	1387.32	1386.44	1385.56	1384.59	1380.12	1375.57				
31.48	1392.73	1391.88	1391.00	1390.11	1389.24	1388.30	1383.86	1379.34				
37.77	1396.74	1395.86	1395.01	1394.07	1393.28		1387.93	1383.47				
44.17	1400.64	1399.77	1398.88	1398.06	1397.22	1396.31	1391.98	1387.60				
50.75	1404.48	1403.70	1402.84	1401.99	1401.19	1400.29	1396.05	1391.76				
59.59	1409.53	1408.77	1407.93	1407.14	1406.37	1405.51	1401.40	1397.25				
	T/K											
	318.15	323.15	325.15	327.15		329.15	331.15	333.15				
0.10	1352.32	1348.05	1346.34	1344.39)	1342.33	1340.37	1338.24				
1.83	1353.62	1349.36	1347.70	1345.74	1	1343.71	1341.75	1339.65				
10.02	1359.84	1355.55	1354.03	1352.05	5	1350.14	1348.20	1346.20				
14.98	1363.45	1359.13	1357.71	1355.75	5	1353.87	1351.91	1349.99				
19.75		1362.50	1361.18	1359.21	l	1357.38	1355.44	1353.57				
25.86	1371.10	1366.73	1365.48	1363.58	3	1361.77	1359.84	1358.01				
31.48	1374.91	1370.56	1369.35	1367.53	3	1365.68	1363.79	1361.98				
37.77	1379.09	1374.72	1373.57	1371.82	2	1369.99	1368.10	1366.34				
44.17	1383.28	1378.88	1377.76	1376.09)	1374.26	1372.39	1370.63				
50.75	1387.51	1383.17	1382.02	1380.39)	1378.59	1376.72	1374.95				
59.59	1393.09	1388.84	1387.57	1386.07	7	1384.28	1382.44	1380.65				

TABLE 13 Parameters of the linear fit $\ln(\rho/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3})) = c + d \cdot (T/\text{K})$ of $[\text{hmim}][\text{NTf}_2]$

p/MPa	С	$d (\mathrm{K}^{-1}) \cdot 10^4$		
0.10	7.4257	-6.7918		
1.83	7.4260	-6.7705		
10.02	7.4269	-6.6515		
14.98	7.4274	-6.5846		
19.75	7.4277	-6.5147		
25.86	7.4282	-6.4340		
31.48	7.4284	-6.3514		
37.77	7.4285	-6.2597		
44.17	7.4283	-6.1580		
50.75	7.4277	-6.0448		
59.59	7.4264	-5.8811		

independence observed in $[bmim][PF_6]$ and $[bmim][BF_4]$ [16]. This is due both to the expansivity and its temperature dependence as can be judged by the analysis of equation (6).

3.2. [hmim][NTf₂]

Density measurements have been carried out at a broad range of temperatures (298 < T/K < 333) and pressures (0.1 < p/MPa < 60). The experimental data are presented both in figure 9 and table 11. At atmo-

TABLE 14 Calculated values of $\kappa_T/(\text{GPa}^{-1})$ for [hmim][NTf₂]

spheric pressure, our results are about 0.06% below those presented by Canongia Lopes *et al.* [14].

The absence of heat capacity and speed of sound data compelled the direct use of the derivatives of density in order to obtain the derived thermodynamic properties of this substance, namely, α_p , κ_T and γ_v . The fitting of isobaric density data was performed through the Tait equation as presented in equation (7). This equation is known to represent very well the density behaviour of liquids over pressure at constant temperature

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{1}{\rho^*} + A \cdot \ln\left(\frac{B+p}{B+0.1}\right). \tag{7}$$

The parameters for each isotherm are shown in table 12. The isothermal compressibility is calculated using the isothermal pressure derivative of density according to the following equation:

$$\kappa_T = \frac{1}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p} \right)_T. \tag{8}$$

Unfortunately, there is no equivalent of the Tait equation for the behaviour of density with temperature at constant pressure. A detailed evaluation of the raw data reveals that deviations from linearity in density– temperature (or volume–temperature) plots are so mild that the determination of the temperature coefficient of α_p is extremely dependent on the choice of the type of

<i>p</i> /MPa	T/K									
	298.15	299.15	300.15	301.15	302.15	303.15	308.15	313.15		
0.10	0.5613	0.5601	0.5591	0.5584	0.557 ₈	0.5573	0.5571	0.5598		
1.83	0.5544	0.5535	0.552 ₈	0.552_2	0.551 ₈	0.5515	0.552_{0}	0.5549		
10.02	0.5237	0.5240	0.5244	0.524 ₈	0.5253	0.525 ₈	0.5289	0.5331		
14.98	0.5068	0.5078	0.5087	0.509 ₆	0.510 ₅	0.5114	0.5159	0.5208		
19.75	0.4916	0.4931	0.4945	0.495 ₈	0.4971	0.4983	0.5039	0.5095		
25.86	0.4734	0.4755	0.4774	0.4792	0.480_{9}	0.4825	0.4895	0.495 ₈		
31.48	0.4579	0.4605	0.4628	0.4649	0.467_{0}	0.468_8	0.477_{0}	0.4838		
37.77	0.441 ₈	0.4447	0.4475	0.4500	0.4524		0.4637	0.471_{1}		
44.17	0.4265	0.4299	0.4330	0.435 ₈	0.4385	0.4409	0.451 ₀	0.4589		
50.75	0.4119	0.4156	0.4190	0.422_1	0.4250	0.4277	0.4387	0.4470		
59.59	0.3939	0.3980	0.4017	0.4051	0.4083	0.411 ₃	0.4233	0.4321		
	T/K									
	318.15	323.15	325.15	327.1	5	329.15	331.15	333.15		
0.10	0.5652	0.5742	0.5790	0.584	5	0.5911	0.599 ₀	0.6083		
1.83	0.5605	0.569 ₃	0.574 ₀	0.579	4	0.585 ₈	0.593 ₃	0.602_{3}		
10.02	0.5390	0.5473	0.5515	0.556	2	0.561 ₆	0.568_0	0.5755		
14.98	0.5269	0.534 ₈	0.538 ₈	0.543	1	0.548_0	0.553 ₇	0.560_4		
19.75		0.5233	0.5271	0.531)	0.535 ₆	0.5407	0.5467		
25.86	0.502_{1}	0.509_{4}	0.5128	0.516	4	0.5205	0.5250	0.530_{2}		
31.48	0.4903	0.4972	0.500_{4}	0.503	7	0.5073	0.5113	0.515 ₈		
37.77	0.4777	0.484_{3}	0.4873	0.490	3	0.4934	0.4969	0.500_{7}		
44.17	0.4656	0.4719	0.474_{7}	0.477	4	0.480_1	0.4831	0.4863		
50.75	0.453 ₈	0.4599	0.4624	0.464	8	0.4672	0.4697	0.4724		
59.59	0.4390	0.444_{7}	0.4470	0.449)	0.451 ₀	0.4529	0.4549		

TABLE 15 Calculated values of $\gamma_t/(MPa \cdot K^{-1})$ for [hmim][NTf₂]

<i>p</i> /MPa	T/K									
	298.15	299.15	300.15	301.15	302.15	303.15	308.15	313.15		
0.10	1.210	1.213	1.215	1.216	1.218	1.219	1.219	1.213		
1.83	1.221	1.223	1.225	1.226	1.227	1.22 ₈	1.22_{7}	1.22_{0}		
10.02	1.270	1.269	1.26_8	1.267	1.266	1.265	1.258	1.248		
14.98	1.299	1.297	1.294	1.292	1.290	1.288	1.276	1.264		
19.75	1.325	1.321	1.31 ₈	1.314	1.311	1.307	1.293	1.279		
25.86	1.359	1.353	1.348	1.343	1.338	1.334	1.314	1.298		
31.48	1.387	1.379	1.372	1.366	1.360	1.355	1.332	1.313		
37.77	1.417	1.407	1.399	1.391	1.384		1.350	1.329		
44.17	1.444	1.432	1.422	1.413	1.40_4	1.397	1.365	1.342		
50.75	1.467	1.454	1.443	1.432	1.422	1.413	1.378	1.352		
59.59	1.493	1.478	1.464	1.452	1.440	1.430	1.389	1.361		
	<i>T</i> /K									
	318.15	323.15	325.15	327.	15	329.15	331.15	333.15		
0.10	1.202	1.183	1.173	1.16	2	1.149	1.134	1.117		
1.83	1.20_{8}	1.189	1.179	1.16	8	1.156	1.141	1.12_{4}		
10.02	1.234	1.215	1.20_{6}	1.19	6	1.184	1.171	1.156		
14.98	1.250	1.231	1.222	1.21	2	1.202	1.189	1.175		
19.75		1.245	1.236	1.22	7	1.216	1.205	1.192		
25.86	1.281	1.263	1.255	1.24	6	1.236	1.226	1.214		
31.48	1.295	1.277	1.269	1.26	1	1.252	1.242	1.231		
37.77	1.310	1.293	1.285	1.27	7	1.269	1.260	1.250		
44.17	1.323	1.305	1.297	1.29	0	1.283	1.275	1.266		
50.75	1.332	1.314	1.307	1.30	0	1.294	1.287	1.28_{0}		
59.59	1.340	1.322	1.316	1.31	0	1.304	1.298	1.293		

function to screen the data. For those situations where the statistical scatter of the raw data is large compared with an unambiguous determination of the curvature, we suggest [16] the use of $\ln \rho = f(T)$. If this function proves to be linear, then, $\ln V = f(T)$ is as well, and α_p is constant (temperature independent). Moreover, the choice of a logarithmic function avoids the existence of a mathematical violation which arises if one considers that both ρ -*T* and *V*-*T* plots are linear. For [hmim]-[NTF₂] the behaviour of $\ln \rho$ proved to be linear and the coefficients of the fitting are presented on table 13.

The calculated properties, such as κ_T , α_p and γ_v and are presented in tables 14 and 15 and figures 10 to 12. As far as the authors are aware of, there are no other data available for comparison of the properties of [hmim][NTF₂].



FIGURE 10. Isotherms for the isobaric expansivity of [hmim][NTf₂]. —, 298.15 K; ×, 299.15 K; ⊕, 300.15 K; --, 301.15 K; �, 302.15 K; **¥**, 303.15 K; +, 308.15 K; ◊, 313.15 K; □, 318.15 K; △, 323.15 K; ○, 325.15 K; ◆, 327.15 K; ■, 329.15 K; ▲, 331.15 K; ●, 333.15 K.



FIGURE 11. Isotherms for the isothermal compressibility of [hmim]-[NTf₂]. –, 298.15 K; ×, 299.15 K; \boxdot , 300.15 K; -, 301.15 K; \diamondsuit , 302.15 K; **X**, 303.15 K; +, 308.15 K; \diamondsuit , 313.15 K; \square , 318.15 K; \triangle , 323.15 K; \bigcirc , 325.15 K; \blacklozenge , 327.15 K; \blacksquare , 329.15 K; \bigstar , 331.15 K; \diamondsuit , 333.15 K. Since α_p is *T*-independent all symbols overlap – see text.



FIGURE 12. Isotherms for the thermal pressure coefficient of [hmim]-[NTf₂]. —, 298.15 K; ×, 299.15 K; \bigoplus , 300.15 K; --, 301.15 K; \diamondsuit , 302.15 K; **X**, 303.15 K; +, 308.15 K; \diamondsuit , 313.15 K; \square , 318.15 K; \triangle , 323.15 K; \bigcirc , 325.15 K; \blacklozenge , 327.15 K; \blacksquare , 329.15 K; \blacktriangle , 331.15 K; \bigcirc , 333.15 K.

4. Conclusions

The work performed intends to map the thermophysical and thermodynamic behaviour of two important ionic liquids over wide pressure and temperature ranges.

The increase of the alkyl chain of the 1-alkyl-3methylimidazolium cation results in a decrease in the density. This fact has also been reported in other works [1-3,13,14]. This trend is precisely the opposite of the effect of an increase in the anion size [1-3,16]. It should be noted that while in the first case one witnesses density changes upon different alkyl substitutions within the same "cation's family", in the second case, the anions belong to distinct chemical species. The comparison with some literature data [16] allows us to state that a change from [bmim][NTF₂] to [hmim][NTF₂] shows almost the same effect on density as the change from [bmim][NTF₂] to [bmim][PF₆]. However, this change in density is not accompanied by a similar effect on α_p and κ_T . Here, the alkyl chain effect of the cation is very mild, and it is found that pressure effects are significant. When density data is translated to molar volume values, one finds that the addition of two (CH₂) units on changing from [bmim]⁺ to [hmim]⁺ in [Ntf₂]⁻-based ILs provokes, at 298.15 K and atmospheric pressure, a molar volume increase of $34.56 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$. This experimental result corroborates previous estimations [1] that established a value of $(34.4 \pm 0.5) \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ for this same effect irrespective of the counter-anion considered.

The data obtained confirm the prediction of the effect of the anion on both the speed of sound and density. As the anions of different chemical origin increase in size $([BF_4]^- < [PF_6]^- < [NTf_2]^-)$ the density increases accordingly, while the sound-speed shows the opposite trend. As previously stated [1,16], compressibility is the factor which controls the sound-speed. This statement is also well illustrated by analyzing the variation of these three quantities as pressure is applied. Note that, as pressure rises, density increases, compressibility decreases, and the sound-speed increases.

The effect of pressure on the heat capacities of $[bmim][NTf_2]$ is greater than that on [16] $[bmim][PF_6]$ and [bmim][BF₄] which is explained by the higher temperature dependence of the isobaric expansivity. If comparisons are performed using molar quantities, for instance, at atmospheric pressure and 298.15 K, $C_{PbmimNTf_2} - C_{PbmimPF_6} = 177 \text{ J} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ and $C_{\text{PbmimNTf}_2} - C_{\text{PbmimBF}_4} = 221.1 \text{ J} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$. The greater values presented by [bmim][NTf₂] are mainly a consequence of the larger number of vibrational degrees of freedom of this anion compared with those of $[bmim][PF_6]$ and $[bmim][BF_4]$. In other words, as the anion's structural complexity increases one expects improved ability for energy storage. In the case of an increase in the alkyl chain length of the cation, one also expects an increase in C_p . For instance, [hmim][NTf₂] has 3 · 6=18 internal, vibrational degrees of freedom in excess to those presented by [bmim][NTf₂].

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