



## *pVT* behaviour of hydrophilic and hydrophobic eutectic solvents

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### ABSTRACT

Among the basic principles of green chemistry is the search for less harmful alternative solvents than conventional solvents. Knowing the thermophysical properties of fluids under different pressure and temperature conditions is essential to propose them. Herein, we present data on the densities at several pressures (from 0.1 to 65 MPa) and temperatures (from 283.15 to 338.15 K) of two deep eutectic solvents with hydrophilic characteristics (choline chloride + ethylene glycol or glycerol) and two eutectic solvents with hydrophobic characteristics (camphor + thymol or menthol). We used the Tait equation of state to correlate and calculate derived properties. Moreover, we modelled the mixtures with the PC-SAFT equation of state. The results showed that the hydrophilic solvents were more compact than the hydrophobic ones. The former exhibited an abnormal thermal behaviour of the isobaric thermal expansibility. The deviations in the correlation of densities with the thermodynamic model were between 0.5 and 3%. They were lower for the mixtures with weaker interactions.

### 1. Introduction

Green chemistry is defined as the “design of chemical products and processes to reduce or eliminate the use and generation of hazardous substances”. Its definition and concept were first formulated by Anastas and Warner in the 1990s [1,2], and since then, it has had a great impact on society, transcending from the research laboratory to industry and the people. The purpose of green chemistry is to design new profitable and harmless products and processes for human health and the environment. It is characterized by detailed planning of chemical synthesis, reducing the hazards in the stages of a chemical compound’s life cycle in an economic way [3]. For this purpose, the elimination of conventional organic solvents is one of the main objectives. Biomass-derived compounds, ionic liquids, supercritical fluids, and eutectic mixtures have been proposed as alternatives [4,5].

Abbott et al. [6] initially classified eutectic solvents into 4 types depending on the nature of their components: (I) organic salt + metal salt; (II) organic salt + hydrated metal salt; (III) organic salt + hydrogen-bond donor (HBD); and (IV) metal salt + HBD. They are denoted as deep eutectic solvents (DESs) because the strong interactions between the components provoke a deep drop in the melting temperature, and the mixture is a stable liquid in a wide concentration range. From an environmental point of view, type (III) is the most interesting. The use of

quaternary amines (choline chloride or similar) as organic salts and metabolites (amino acids, sugars, and alcohols, among others) as HBDs allows their classification as natural deep eutectic solvents, NADESs. In the mixture process, a strong H-bond network between the components is established, and a supramolecular structure can be detected [7–10]. Other consequences of the formed net are the hydrophilic character of the liquid and its extremely high viscosity. This latter is the main drawback of type (III) DESs to implement in the industry. These DESs have been the focus of attention since 2003 [11–17] and are widely applied as solvents or catalysts for organic reactions and extraction processes of polar compounds. Recent papers have collected reviews about the applications of DESs as green solvents in different fields: analytical techniques [18–23], extraction of bioactive compounds from natural sources [24–34], biomass valorization [35–37], and pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries [38–41].

Since 2015, a new type of eutectic solvent, type (V), has been described [42–44]. They are composed of nonionic substances, and most of the mixtures have a hydrophobic nature with intermolecular interactions weaker than those in DESs. Consequently, the drop in the melting temperature concerning the ideal behaviour is usually small, so the acronym hESs could be more suitable [45]. Compounds with therapeutic properties, such as terpenes, carboxylic acids and other active ingredients, are commonly used to obtain hydrophobic eutectics [46].

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They have low viscosity and high affinity to nonpolar compounds, so they can be good candidates for solvents in solid–liquid and liquid–liquid extractions [47–51].

Our group has previously studied the structure and thermophysical behaviour at atmospheric pressure of choline chloride-based DESs with urea, ethylene glycol, glycerol, glucose, citric acid and resorcinol as well as the effect of water in them [7–10,52–54]. We have also characterized terpene-based hESs with thymol, menthol, and carboxylic acids [55–57]. In this work, we carried out the volumetric study under pressure of two binary DESs containing choline chloride and ethylene glycol or glycerol, and two binary hESs with camphor and thymol or menthol.

Replacing old conventional solvents with new and more sustainable solvents requires knowledge of a wide variety of data, including thermodynamic and transport properties. This is because computer tools that include extensive databases are being developed. Those such as the one proposed by the US EPA (PARIS III) use the concept that solvents with similar thermophysical properties have the same solvent capacity [58]. The properties can be obtained by experimental determination or by prediction and correlation using theoretical models such as equations of state. In the case of density at high pressure of viscous liquids such as DESs using vibrating tube densimeters, reliable measurement requires a correction [59,60]. To carry this out, viscosity values at similar  $p$  and  $T$  ranges are necessary. This fact limits the measurement possibilities, so experimental data on densities in a wide pressure range are very scarce in the literature. For both DESs studied herein, Leron et al. and Crespo et al. published  $p\rho T$  values under similar conditions [61–63]. Conversely, densities at atmospheric pressure have been extensively measured. The paper published in 2023 by Mero et al. [64] includes a review of the articles containing data to date. For our hESs, no density data at several pressures were found. We have only found 3 articles that correspond to densities at atmospheric pressure of the T:C (1:1) mixture [65–67].

Regarding the prediction and correlation, the use of equations of state such as PC-SAFT to represent the behavior of systems is widespread [68–70]. However, they must always be previously validated with experimental data.

This work aims to provide basic information to facilitate the change to new eco-friendly solvents in industrial processes. For that, the den-

sities of two deep and two hydrophobic eutectic solvents at several temperatures (283.15 K–338.15 K) and pressures (0.1–65 MPa) are determined and discussed. The studied DESs were mixtures of choline chloride and ethylene glycol or glycerol in a 1:2 mol ratio. The hESs were composed of camphor and thymol (1:1) or menthol (1:2). The values were correlated with the Tait equation and the PC-SAFT equation of state, PC-SAFT EoS. From the experimental data, several derived properties were calculated in the working  $p$  and  $T$  ranges. They were the isobaric thermal expansibility, the isothermal compressibility, and the internal pressure.

## 2. Materials and methods

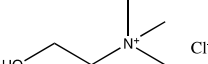
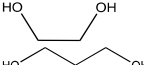
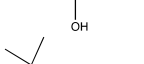


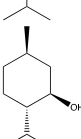
### 2.1. Materials

The components of the deep eutectic solvents, DESs, were choline chloride, [Ch]Cl, ethylene glycol, EG, and glycerol, G. Due to the hygroscopic character, especially of [Ch]Cl, these substances were dried under vacuum for 24 h before use. The components of the hydrophobic eutectic mixtures, hESs, were camphor, C, thymol, T, and menthol, M, and all were used as supplied. Table 1 reports the characteristics and structures of all chemicals. The four studied samples were choline chloride + ethylene glycol (1:2, mole ratio), choline chloride + glycerol (1:2), camphor + thymol (1:1), and camphor + menthol (1:2). The compositions were chosen so that the mixtures were liquids in a greater temperature range. To prepare them, the components were weighed with a PB210S Sartorius balance ( $u(m) = 1 \cdot 10^{-4}$  g), and the liquid phases were obtained by simultaneous stirring and heating. To avoid thermal degradation, a temperature close to 323 K was maintained. The water content was determined by the Karl Fisher method with an automatic titrator Crison KF 1S-2B, and the values were lower than 300 ppm for all mixtures.

### 2.2. Apparatus

An Anton Paar DMA HP cell was used to measure the density over a wide range of temperatures and pressures. The device was thermostated, and the uncertainty in the temperature was  $u(T) = \pm 0.01$  K. The

**Table 1**  
Relevant properties and structure of pure compounds used in this work.

Chemical (Acronym)	CAS No	Purity <sup>(a)</sup>	$M/g \cdot mol^{-1}$	$T_m/K$	Structure
Choline chloride ([Ch]Cl)	67-48-1	>0.993	139.62	$579 \pm 7^b$	
Ethylene glycol (EG)	107-21-1	>0.995	62.07	$261 \pm 2^c$	
Glycerol (G)	56-81-5	>0.999	92.09	$290 \pm 5^d$	
Camphor (C)	464-49-3	>0.98	152.23	$451.5 \pm 0.1^c$	
Thymol (T)	89-83-8	>0.985	150.22	$322.5 \pm 0.5^d$	
Menthol (M)	89-78-1	>0.99	156.27	$315.1 \pm 0.5^e$	

<sup>a</sup> As stated by the supplier (mass fraction); <sup>b</sup> Ref. [71]; <sup>c</sup> Ref. [72]; <sup>d</sup> Ref. [57]; <sup>e</sup> Ref. [56].

operating pressure was achieved with a handpump 750.1100 (Sitec) and measured with a pressure transducer US181 (Measuring Specialties) with an uncertainty of  $u(p) = \pm 0.05$  MPa. The calibration of the high-pressure high-temperature densimeter was performed with four fluids of different densities: dry air, hexane, water and dichloromethane. The combined uncertainty in the measure of density was  $U_c(\rho) = \pm 0.1 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ . Finally, the densimeter was tested with toluene by comparing our data with literature values. The mean relative deviation between both sets of data was  $MRD(\rho) = 0.015\%$  [55].

For viscous fluids, the value of the density determined with this type of densimeter must be corrected [59,60]. The apparatus overestimates the density value because the shear forces simulate a higher mass in the tube. The correction,  $\Delta\rho$ , can be made if fluid density and viscosity data are available under the same temperature and pressure conditions. Herein, the following equation was used:

$$\Delta\rho = \frac{\eta^2}{q_1 + q_2\eta + q_3\eta^2} \quad (1)$$

where  $\rho$  and  $\eta$  are the density and viscosity data at each  $p$  and  $T$ . The  $p\eta T$  values were taken from the literature [63]. The  $q_i$  fit parameters were  $q_1 = 3516.076$ ,  $q_2 = 129.396$ , and  $q_3 = 843$  [73].

### 3. Theory

#### 3.1. PC-SAFT EoS

In this work, the volumetric behaviour of the studied mixtures was modelled with the PC-SAFT EoS. The densities and solubility parameters at several pressures and temperatures were calculated and compared with those from the experimental data. This model was developed by Gross and Sadowski [74,75] and is widely used in the literature for all types of fluids. Briefly, the equation of state, EoS, is written in the form of dimensionless Helmholtz energy,  $\tilde{a}$ , and is expressed as the sum of an ideal gas,  $\tilde{a}^{\text{id}}$ , and a residual,  $\tilde{a}^{\text{res}}$ , contributions. The latter term is calculated with the theory of perturbations. The repulsive interactions are described with the hard-chain reference system, and the attractive ones are considered a disturbance to that. Disregarding polar and ionic contributions:

$$\tilde{a}^{\text{res}} = \tilde{a}^{\text{hc}} + \tilde{a}^{\text{dis}} + \tilde{a}^{\text{assoc}} \quad (2)$$

where  $\tilde{a}^{\text{hc}}$ ,  $\tilde{a}^{\text{dis}}$ , and  $\tilde{a}^{\text{assoc}}$  are the hard-chain, dispersive, and association contributions, respectively. The approach of Chapman [76] and the theory of Barker and Henderson extended to chain molecules [77,78] are used to obtain the first two contributions. Their equations and the one corresponding to the association term are:

$$\tilde{a}^{\text{hc}} = m\tilde{a}^{\text{hs}} - (m-1)\ln g^{\text{hs}} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{a}^{\text{dis}} = & -2\pi\rho m^2 \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{kT}\right) \sigma^3 \sum_{i=0}^6 \left[ a_{0i} + \frac{m-1}{m} a_{1i} + \frac{m-1}{m} \frac{m-2}{m} a_{2i} \right] \eta^i \\ & - \pi\rho m k T \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial p}\right)_{\text{hc}} m^2 \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{kT}\right)^2 \sigma^3 \sum_{i=0}^6 \left[ b_{0i} + \frac{m-1}{m} b_{1i} + \frac{m-1}{m} \frac{m-2}{m} b_{2i} \right] \eta^i \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$\tilde{a}^{\text{assoc}} = \sum_A \left[ \ln(1 + \rho X^A \Delta)^{-1} - \frac{(1 + \rho X^A \Delta)^{-1}}{2} \right] + \frac{1}{2} S \quad (5)$$

$$\Delta = \kappa^{A_i B_j} \sigma^3 g^{\text{hs}} \left[ \exp\left(\frac{\varepsilon^{A_i B_j}}{kT}\right) - 1 \right] \quad (6)$$

where  $m$  is the chain segment number,  $g^{\text{hs}}$  is the radial pair distribution function of the segments,  $\tilde{a}^{\text{hs}}$  is the Helmholtz energy of the hard sphere,  $\rho$  is the density,  $p$  is the pressure,  $T$  is the temperature,  $\sigma$  is the segment diameter,  $\varepsilon$  is the segment energy,  $\eta$  is the packing fraction,  $X^A$

is the fraction of unbonded monomers,  $\Delta$  is the tendency to form  $n$ -mers,  $\kappa^{A_i B_j}$  is the association volume,  $\varepsilon^{A_i B_j}$  is the association energy, and  $S$  is the number of associated sites of the compound. The parameters  $a_{0i}$ ,  $a_{1i}$ ,  $a_{2i}$ ,  $b_{0i}$ ,  $b_{1i}$ , and  $b_{2i}$  are called *universal constants* and were obtained from the optimization of the thermodynamic properties of  $n$ -alkanes.

To model with this EoS, three geometrical parameters ( $m$ ,  $\sigma$  and  $\varepsilon$ ) are needed to characterize each pure compound. If the substance can associate, two additional ( $\kappa^{A_i B_j}$  and  $\varepsilon^{A_i B_j}$ ) parameters and an association scheme must also be provided. For mixtures, various mixing rules can be applied, and we used the following:

$$\sigma_{ij} = (\sigma_i + \sigma_j)/2 \quad (7)$$

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = \sqrt{\varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j} (1 - k_{ij}) \quad (8)$$

$$\kappa^{A_i B_j} = \sqrt{\kappa^{A_i B_i} \kappa^{A_j B_j}} \quad (9)$$

$$\varepsilon^{A_i B_j} = (\varepsilon^{A_i B_i} + \varepsilon^{A_j B_j})/2 \quad (10)$$

where the subscripts  $i$  and  $j$  refer to each of the compounds present in the mixture. The binary interaction parameter,  $k_{ij}$ , is calculated by optimizing the thermodynamic properties of the mixture. Then, considering  $k_{ij} \neq 0$  implies the loss of the predictive character, turning the model into a correlation. Nevertheless, its inclusion in asymmetric systems is common.

#### 3.2. Tait equation

The Tait equation was used to correlate the experimental density values with the pressure and temperature. The expression is:

$$\rho = \frac{\rho_0(T, p_0)}{1 - C \bullet \ln\left(\frac{B(T)+p}{B(T)+p_0}\right)} \quad (11)$$

where the density at the reference pressure ( $p_0 = 0.1$  MPa),  $\rho_0$ , and  $B$  were fitted to the power expressions:

$$\rho_0(T, p_0) = \sum_{i=0}^n A_i \bullet T^i \quad (12)$$

$$B(T) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i \bullet T^i \quad (13)$$

The  $A_i$ ,  $B_i$ , and  $C$  are the fitted parameters.

The isobaric thermal expansibility,  $\alpha_p$ , the isothermal compressibility,  $\kappa_T$ , and the internal pressure,  $\pi_T$ , were calculated from the density values with the equations:

$$\alpha_p = -\frac{1}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial T}\right)_p \quad (14)$$

$$\kappa_T = \frac{1}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial p}\right)_T \quad (15)$$

$$\pi_T = T \left(\frac{\kappa_T}{\alpha_p}\right)_T - p \quad (16)$$

Both partial derivatives of density were obtained by deriving the equation (11).

## 4. Results and discussion

In this section, the density,  $\rho$ , of four eutectic mixtures at several pressures,  $p$ , and temperatures,  $T$ , are presented and discussed. For all cases, the pressure ranged from 0.1 to 65 MPa, and the temperature was between 283.15 and 338.15 K. The values are listed in Tables 2 and 3 and represented graphically in Fig. 1. For the DESs, the densities ranged

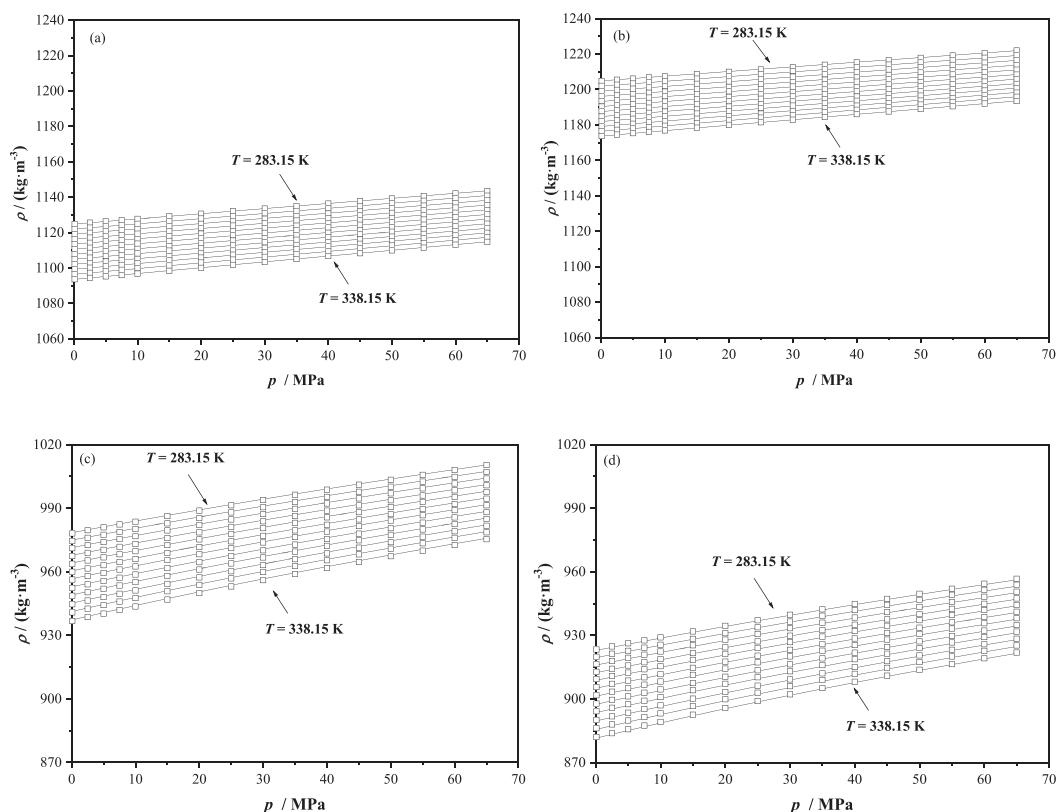
**Table 2**  
Experimental densities,  $\rho$ , of the DESs as a function of temperature,  $T$ , and pressure,  $p^a$ .

T/K	$\rho/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3})$ at $p/\text{MPa}$															
	0.1	2.5	5.0	7.5	10.0	15.0	20.0	25.0	30.0	35.0	40.0	45.0	50.0	55.0	60.0	65.0
Choline chloride:ethylene glycol (1:2)																
283.15	1124.9	1125.6	1126.3	1127.0	1127.7	1129.3	1130.7	1132.1	1133.6	1134.9	1136.4	1137.8	1139.3	1140.7	1142.1	1143.5
288.15	1122.0	1122.8	1123.6	1124.3	1125.0	1126.4	1127.9	1129.4	1130.8	1132.3	1133.7	1135.1	1136.5	1138.0	1139.5	1140.8
293.15	1119.2	1119.9	1120.6	1121.4	1122.0	1123.5	1124.9	1126.4	1127.8	1129.3	1130.8	1132.2	1133.7	1135.2	1136.7	1138.4
298.15	1116.4	1117.1	1117.9	1118.6	1119.4	1120.9	1122.4	1124.0	1125.4	1126.8	1128.3	1129.7	1131.1	1132.6	1134.1	1135.5
303.15	1113.5	1114.2	1115.0	1115.7	1116.4	1117.9	1119.4	1120.9	1122.5	1123.9	1125.4	1126.8	1128.3	1129.7	1131.2	1132.8
308.15	1110.7	1111.5	1112.2	1113.0	1113.8	1115.3	1116.9	1118.4	1119.9	1121.3	1122.9	1124.4	1125.8	1127.3	1128.8	1130.3
313.15	1107.8	1108.6	1109.3	1110.1	1110.8	1112.4	1113.9	1115.5	1116.9	1118.4	1119.9	1121.5	1123.0	1124.5	1126.0	1127.6
318.15	1105.0	1105.8	1106.6	1107.4	1108.2	1109.8	1111.3	1112.9	1114.5	1116.0	1117.5	1119.0	1120.5	1122.1	1123.5	1125.0
323.15	1102.1	1102.8	1103.6	1104.4	1105.1	1106.7	1108.3	1109.9	1111.4	1113.1	1114.6	1116.1	1117.7	1119.3	1120.8	1122.4
328.15	1099.4	1100.2	1101.0	1101.8	1102.6	1104.3	1105.9	1107.5	1109.1	1110.6	1112.2	1113.7	1115.2	1116.8	1118.4	1119.9
333.15	1096.5	1097.3	1098.1	1099.0	1099.8	1101.4	1103.1	1104.7	1106.3	1107.9	1109.4	1111.1	1112.7	1114.2	1115.8	1117.4
338.15	1093.6	1094.4	1095.2	1095.9	1096.8	1098.4	1100.1	1101.8	1103.4	1105.0	1106.8	1108.3	1109.9	1111.5	1113.2	1114.8
Choline chloride:glycerol (1:2)																
283.15	1204.8	1205.5	1206.1	1206.8	1207.4	1208.7	1210.0	1211.3	1212.6	1213.9	1215.3	1216.5	1217.9	1219.2	1220.5	1222.0
288.15	1202.0	1202.7	1203.3	1204.1	1204.8	1206.1	1207.4	1208.7	1210.4	1211.3	1212.6	1214.0	1215.2	1216.5	1217.9	1219.3
293.15	1199.2	1199.8	1200.4	1201.1	1201.8	1203.2	1204.5	1205.9	1207.2	1208.5	1209.9	1211.3	1212.6	1213.9	1215.1	1216.5
298.15	1196.1	1196.8	1197.4	1198.2	1198.8	1200.2	1201.5	1202.8	1204.2	1205.5	1206.9	1208.2	1209.6	1210.9	1212.3	1213.7
303.15	1193.3	1194.0	1194.7	1195.4	1196.1	1197.5	1198.9	1200.3	1201.7	1203.0	1204.4	1205.7	1207.1	1208.5	1209.8	1211.2
308.15	1190.3	1191.0	1191.7	1192.5	1193.2	1194.5	1195.8	1197.2	1198.6	1200.0	1201.4	1202.8	1204.2	1205.6	1207.0	1208.4
313.15	1187.6	1188.3	1189.0	1189.8	1190.4	1191.9	1193.3	1194.8	1196.2	1197.5	1198.9	1200.3	1201.7	1203.0	1204.4	1205.8
318.15	1184.7	1185.4	1186.1	1186.8	1187.5	1188.9	1190.3	1191.8	1193.2	1194.6	1196.0	1197.4	1198.9	1200.3	1201.7	1203.2
323.15	1182.0	1182.7	1183.5	1184.2	1185.0	1186.4	1187.9	1189.4	1190.9	1192.3	1193.6	1195.0	1196.5	1197.9	1199.4	1200.8
328.15	1179.1	1179.9	1180.6	1181.4	1182.1	1183.5	1185.0	1186.4	1187.9	1189.4	1190.9	1192.4	1193.7	1195.2	1196.7	1198.2
333.15	1176.5	1177.2	1178.0	1178.8	1179.5	1181.1	1182.5	1184.1	1185.6	1187.1	1188.6	1190.0	1191.5	1193.0	1194.4	1195.9
338.15	1173.7	1174.5	1175.3	1176.1	1176.9	1178.5	1180.0	1181.5	1182.9	1184.5	1186.0	1187.6	1189.0	1190.5	1192.0	1193.4

<sup>a</sup> Standard uncertainties are  $u(T) = 0.01$  K,  $u(p) = 0.05$  MPa and the combined expanded uncertainties are  $U_c(\rho) = 0.1 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$  with 0.95 level of confidence ( $k \approx 2$ ).

**Table 3**Experimental densities,  $\rho$ , of the hESSs as a function of temperature,  $T$ , and pressure,  $p^a$ .

$T/K$	$\rho/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3})$ at $p/\text{MPa}$															
	0.1	2.5	5.0	7.5	10.0	15.0	20.0	25.0	30.0	35.0	40.0	45.0	50.0	55.0	60.0	65.0
Camphor:thymol (1:1)																
283.15	978.1	979.6	981.0	982.3	983.6	986.3	988.9	991.4	993.8	996.3	998.7	1001.1	1003.4	1005.8	1008.1	1010.4
288.15	974.6	976.0	977.5	978.8	980.2	982.8	985.3	988.0	990.4	992.9	995.4	997.8	1000.2	1002.6	1004.8	1007.1
293.15	971.1	972.6	974.0	975.4	976.8	979.5	982.1	984.7	987.2	989.7	992.2	994.6	997.0	999.4	1001.7	1004.0
298.15	967.4	968.9	970.4	971.8	973.1	975.9	978.6	981.2	983.8	986.3	988.9	991.3	993.7	996.0	998.4	1000.8
303.15	963.8	965.3	966.8	968.3	969.7	972.6	975.3	977.9	980.6	983.1	985.7	988.1	990.6	993.0	995.4	997.7
308.15	960.0	961.5	963.1	964.6	966.0	968.9	971.7	974.3	977.0	979.5	982.2	984.7	987.2	989.6	992.0	994.5
313.15	956.3	958.0	959.5	961.0	962.5	965.5	968.3	971.1	973.8	976.4	979.0	981.5	984.2	986.7	989.1	991.4
318.15	952.4	954.1	955.7	957.2	958.7	961.7	964.5	967.4	970.1	972.8	975.4	978.0	980.6	983.2	985.7	988.1
323.15	948.7	950.3	952.0	953.5	955.1	958.0	961.0	963.9	966.7	969.5	972.2	974.8	977.4	979.9	982.5	984.9
328.15	944.6	946.4	948.1	949.6	951.2	954.3	957.3	960.2	963.1	965.9	968.7	971.4	974.0	976.6	979.1	981.7
333.15	940.8	942.6	944.3	945.9	947.5	950.8	953.8	956.9	959.8	962.7	965.4	968.2	970.9	973.4	976.0	978.6
338.15	936.8	938.6	940.3	942.0	943.6	946.9	950.0	953.0	956.0	959.0	961.8	964.6	967.3	970.0	972.6	975.3
Camphor:menthol (1:2)																
283.15	923.3	924.7	926.2	927.6	929.0	931.8	934.5	937.1	939.7	942.2	944.8	947.2	949.6	952.0	954.4	956.7
288.15	919.9	921.3	922.7	924.2	925.5	928.4	931.0	933.8	936.5	939.3	941.9	944.4	946.8	949.2	951.5	953.9
293.15	916.4	917.9	919.4	920.9	922.4	925.3	928.0	930.7	933.4	936.0	938.4	940.9	943.4	945.8	948.2	950.6
298.15	912.8	914.2	915.8	917.3	918.8	921.6	924.4	927.2	929.8	932.4	935.0	937.5	940.0	942.5	944.9	947.4
303.15	909.4	910.9	912.4	914.0	915.4	918.4	921.3	924.1	926.8	929.4	932.1	934.5	937.1	939.6	942.0	944.4
308.15	905.6	907.1	908.7	910.2	911.7	914.7	917.6	920.4	923.2	925.8	928.5	931.1	933.6	936.1	938.6	941.2
313.15	901.8	903.4	905.1	906.7	908.2	911.4	914.3	917.2	920.1	922.8	925.4	928.0	930.7	933.2	935.7	938.1
318.15	897.8	899.6	901.2	902.9	904.5	907.5	910.5	913.5	916.3	919.1	921.8	924.5	927.2	929.7	932.2	934.8
323.15	894.2	895.9	897.5	899.2	900.9	904.1	907.2	910.2	913.0	915.9	918.7	921.4	924.0	926.6	929.2	931.8
328.15	890.2	891.8	893.5	895.3	897.0	900.2	903.3	906.3	909.2	912.1	915.0	917.8	920.6	923.2	925.8	928.4
333.15	886.2	888.0	889.8	891.5	893.2	896.7	899.8	903.0	906.0	909.0	911.9	914.7	917.4	920.0	922.7	925.2
338.15	882.1	883.8	885.7	887.5	889.2	892.6	895.8	899.0	902.2	905.1	908.1	911.0	913.8	916.4	919.2	921.9

<sup>a</sup> Standard uncertainties are  $u(T) = 0.01$  K,  $u(p) = 0.05$  MPa and the combined expanded uncertainties are  $U_c(\rho) = 0.1$  kg·m<sup>-3</sup> with 0.95 level of confidence ( $k \approx 2$ ).**Fig. 1.** Density,  $\rho$ , of the studied mixtures as a function of temperature,  $T$ , and pressure,  $p$ . (a) [Ch]Cl:EG (1:2); (b) [Ch]Cl:G (1:2); (c) C:T (1:1); (d) C:M (1:2). (□) experimental data, (—) Values calculated with the Tait equation.

**Table 4**

Pure compound PC-SAFT parameters used for modelling the eutectic mixtures. The 2B autoassociation scheme was considered.

Compound	$m$	$\sigma/\text{Å}$	$\varepsilon/\text{K}$	$\kappa^{A_i B_i}$	$e^{A_i B_i}/\text{K}$	Ref.
Choline chloride ([Ch]Cl)	13.02	2.368	228.07	0.2	8000	[80]
Ethylene glycol (EG)	2.4366	3.2330	344.06	0.02216	2706.2	[81]
Glycerol (G)	2.0070	3.815	430.82	0.0019	4633.5	[82]
Camphor (C)	3.583	3.984	283.5	0.010	2662.3	This work
Thymol (T)	4.012	3.816	290.22	0.0616	1660.0	[79]
Menthol (M)	4.152	3.903	262.40	0.0996	1785.6	[79]

between 1093.64 and 1223.52  $\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$ , and the mixture with glycerol was the densest. These values were approximately 20% higher than those for both hESs. A higher value of density may be due to the presence of strong interactions between components or to lower steric hindrance. According to this, the results showed the expected trends. In both DESs, the interactions are mainly electrostatic and hydrogen bonding, and they are hydrophobics in our hESs. Moreover, RMN studies have shown that the supramolecular structure in [Ch]Cl:G is stronger than that in [Ch]Cl:EG due to its increased ability to act as a donor of hydrogen bonds [7]. For both hESs, the interactions are dispersive, but the mixture with thymol was more compact because of the flat structure of the aromatic ring.

In the literature, we have found  $p\rho T$  values for the two hydrophilic mixtures with choline chloride, and our data agreed with those [61–63]. For the mixture with EG, the mean relative deviation was lower than 0.11%, with a maximum absolute deviation of 1.7  $\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$ . For that with G, these values were 0.17% and 2.8  $\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$ . The graphical comparison is shown in Figure S1. For hESs, only literature values of density at 298.15 K and atmospheric pressure for the C:T (1:1) mixture were found [65–67], and the one published by Abdallah et al. [65] matched with our results.

The validation of the thermodynamic models allows to predict the

**Table 5**

Mean relative deviations <sup>a,b</sup> in the modelling with the PC-SAFT EoS.

Mixture	$k_{ij}$	$MRD(p)$
[Ch]Cl:EG (1:2)	0	1.53
	0.082	0.49
[Ch]Cl:G (1:2)	0	2.96
	0.19	0.70
C:T (1:1)	0	0.53
C:M (1:2)	0	0.99

$$MRD(Y) = \frac{100}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{Y_{i,cal} - Y_{i,exp}}{Y_{i,exp}} \right|$$

$${}^b T_{range} = 283.15\text{--}338.15 \text{ K}; p_{range} = 0.1\text{--}65 \text{ MPa}$$

**Table 6**

Parameters of the Tait equation and relative root mean square deviations,  $RMSDr^a$

	[Ch]Cl:EG (1:2)	[Ch]Cl:G (1:2)	C:T (1:1)	C:M (1:2)
$A_0/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3})$	1280.48	1405.89	1097.57	1013.53
$A_1/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3} \cdot \text{K}^{-1})$	-0.5341	-0.8294	-0.1460	0.0426
$A_2/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3} \cdot \text{K}^{-2})$	-0.000055	0.000422	-0.00097	-0.00128
$C$	0.2511	0.2434	0.0960	0.0979
$B_0/(\text{MPa})$	281.36	1097.64	220.02	175.39
$B_1/(\text{MPa} \cdot \text{K}^{-1})$	6.4937	2.8105	0.2375	0.3934
$B_2/(\text{MPa} \cdot \text{K}^{-2})$	-0.014460	-0.009880	-0.00151	-0.00168
$RMSDr/\%$	0.030	0.010	0.044	0.049

$${}^a RMSDr/\% = 100 \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\rho_{i,corr} - \rho_{i,exp}}{\rho_{i,exp}} \right)^2 \right)^{1/2}; n \text{ is the number of points}$$

behaviour of fluids under different conditions. Here, we have modeled the volumetric behaviour, at several  $p$  and  $T$ , of DESs and hESs studied with the PC-SAFT EoS. Table 4 collects the five parameters needed for each pure compound. The values were taken from the literature [79] except for camphor, for which they have been obtained in this work. All mixtures were modelled in the predicted version, that is, with a null binary interaction parameter. For DESs, the density was also calculated with  $k_{ij} \neq 0$ . The deviations between the experimental and calculated data are listed in Table 5 and pictured in Fig. S2. The model well predicted the density for all systems, particularly in those with weaker interactions. The maximum deviation,  $MRD(p) = 3.9\%$ , was found for [Ch]Cl:G (1:2), and the value decreased to 1.6% when a non-null binary interaction parameter was included.

The values of the density at several pressures and temperatures were correlated with the equation of Tait (eq. (11)–(13)). The values of the coefficients and the relative root-mean-square deviations,  $RMSDr(\%)$ , between experimental and correlated data are collected in Table 6.

From  $p\rho T$  data, several derived properties necessary to design optimal industrial processes can be obtained. The isobaric thermal expansibility,  $\alpha_p$ , and the isothermal compressibility,  $\kappa_T$ , allow us to quantify the influence of  $T$  and  $p$  on  $\rho$ . The values obtained with the equations (14) and (15) are reported in Tables S1 to S4 and displayed in Figs. 2 and 3.

Systems with weaker intermolecular interactions have higher values of these properties, as well as a greater effect of pressure and temperature on them. In this work, the full sequences for  $\alpha_p$  and  $\kappa_T$  were in agreement with the inverse of the strength of the intermolecular interactions: ([Ch]Cl:G) < ([Ch]Cl:EG) << (C:T) < (C:M).

For DESs, the  $\alpha_p$  values were approximately 2/3 times those for hESs, and the [Ch]Cl:EG mixture had higher thermal expansibility than [Ch]Cl:G. As usual, the expansion capacity decreased with increasing pressure, with a greater slope at higher temperatures. Nevertheless, anomalous thermal behaviour was observed. For the eutectic with EG,  $\alpha_p$  decreased to increase the temperature from approximately 12 MPa, and this trend was observed at any pressure for the eutectic with G. This fact,  $(\partial\alpha_p/\partial T) < 0$ , has already been published for other fluids such as ionic liquids and has been related to the presence of ionic interactions [83]. In this paper, the authors concluded that the more condensed a fluid is, the lower the pressure above which abnormal behaviour appears. For hESs, the values were higher for the mixture with menthol, and the expected trends with  $(\partial\alpha_p/\partial p) < 0$  and  $(\partial\alpha_p/\partial T) > 0$  were obtained.

Regarding the isothermal compressibility,  $\kappa_T$ , the values for DESs were up to 3.2 times lower than those for hESs as a consequence of the worse packaging of the latter. This property increased with increasing  $T$  and decreasing  $p$ . For the hydrophilic mixtures, the difference in the compressibility at maximum and minimum temperatures was similar and slightly decreased with increasing pressure. Therefore, for both DESs,  $\Delta\kappa_T(T_{max}, T_{min}) = 44$  and 40  $\text{TPa}^{-1}$  at 0.1 and 65 MPa, respectively. The effect of  $T$  on  $\kappa_T$  was more marked for hESs:  $\Delta\kappa_T(T_{max}, T_{min}) = 174$  and 90  $\text{TPa}^{-1}$  for C:T and 198 and 97  $\text{TPa}^{-1}$  for C:M. The effect of  $p$

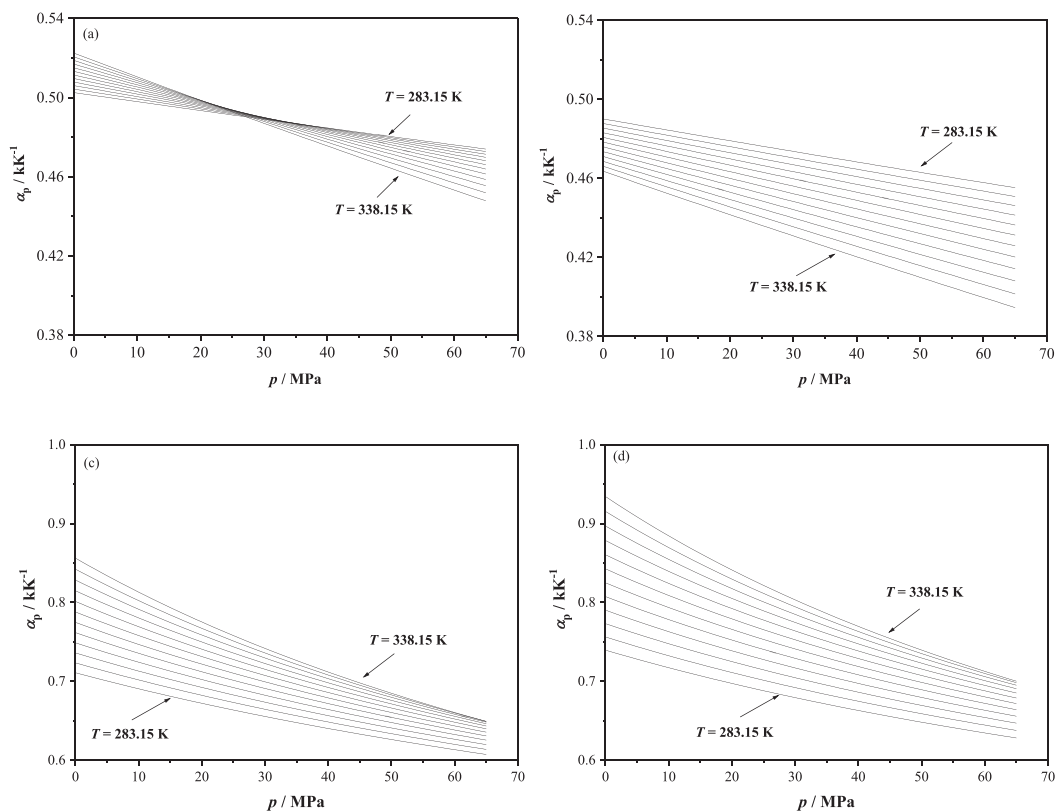


Fig. 2. Isobaric expansibility,  $\alpha_p$ , of the studied mixtures as a function of temperature,  $T$ , and pressure,  $p$ . (a) [Ch]Cl:EG (1:2); (b) [Ch]Cl:G (1:2); (c) C:T (1:1); (d) C:M (1:2).

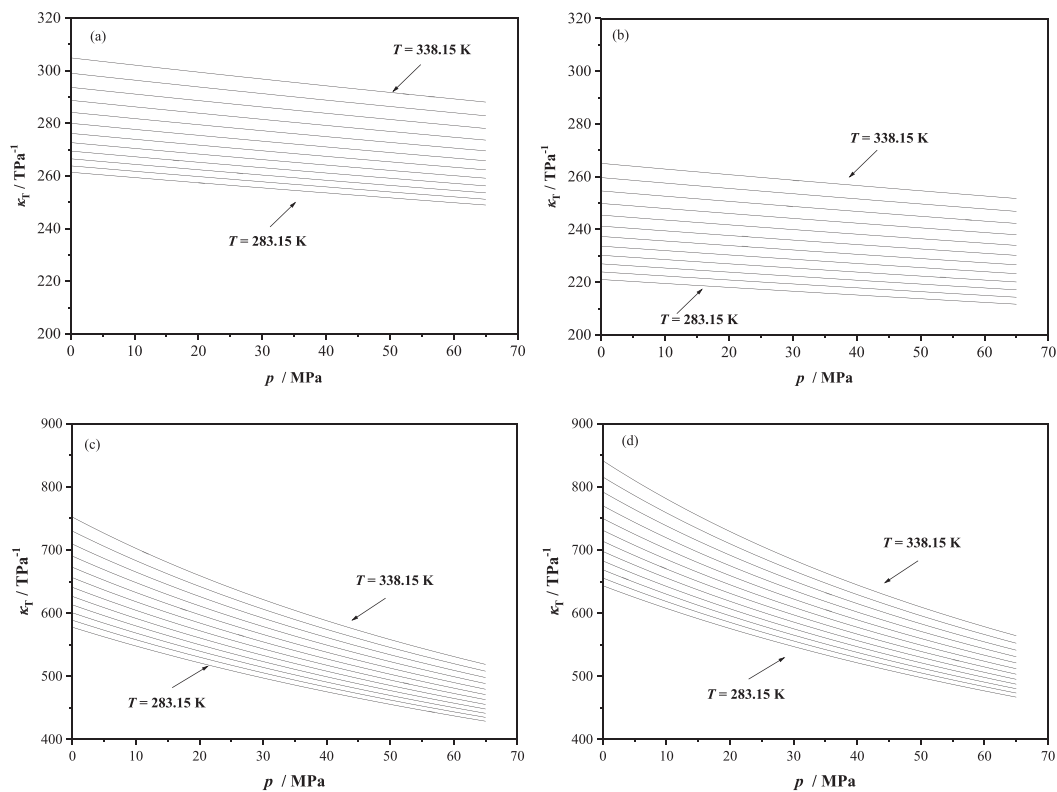


Fig. 3. Isothermal compressibility,  $\kappa_T$ , of DESs as a function of temperature,  $T$ , and pressure,  $p$ . (a) [Ch]Cl:EG (1:2); (b) [Ch]Cl:G (1:2); (c) C:T (1:1); (d) C:M (1:2).

on  $\kappa_T$  can be quantified in the same way. Then, the calculated values of the differences at 283.15 and 338.15 K were  $\Delta\kappa_T(p_{\max}, p_{\min}) = -12.4$  and  $-16.8 \text{ TPa}^{-1}$  for [Ch]Cl:EG,  $-9.35$  and  $-13.3 \text{ TPa}^{-1}$  for [Ch]Cl:G,  $-146$  and  $-233 \text{ TPa}^{-1}$  for C:T, and  $-176$  and  $-276 \text{ TPa}^{-1}$  for C:M. The relationship of  $\kappa_T$  with  $p$  was different for the two types of systems. Direct linearity ( $\kappa_T - p$ ) was found for DESs, and the inverse ( $\frac{1}{\kappa_T} - p$ ) was found for hESSs. The latter was in agreement with the expression of Wilhelm [84], and the obtained slope ( $m = 9$ ) was close to those for other hydrophobic compounds.

Leron et al. [61,62] published  $\alpha_p$  and  $\kappa_T$  values for both DESs. Our  $\alpha_p$  data were lower than those under all conditions as can be seen in Figures S3 and S4. The maximum absolute deviations for the mixtures with [Ch]Cl:EG and [Ch]Cl:G were 0.02 and 0.03  $\text{kK}^{-1}$ , respectively. Smaller  $\kappa_T$  deviations were obtained for the intermediate  $p$  and  $T$  values for both mixtures. The maximum difference with our data was  $18 \text{ TPa}^{-1}$  for the mixture with EG and  $22 \text{ TPa}^{-1}$  for those containing G.

The internal pressure,  $\pi_T$ , is defined as the change in internal energy of a system when the volume changes in a small isothermal expansion. Then, it is related to the type of prevailing intermolecular forces. More positive  $\pi_T$  values mean stronger attractive forces. Fig. 4 shows the values of  $\pi_T$  at several  $T$  and  $p$  calculated with the equation (16). According to the meaning of  $\pi_T$ , the ordering values was as expected:  $\pi_T([\text{Ch}]\text{Cl:G}) > \pi_T([\text{Ch}]\text{Cl:EG}) \gg \pi_T(\text{C:T}) > \pi_T(\text{C:M})$ . In all mixtures,  $\pi_T$  decreased as  $p$  increased. The internal pressure of the [Ch]Cl:G mixture decreased continuously with increasing  $T$ , and the rest exhibited a maximum that shifted to lower temperatures at higher pressures. This sign change in the temperature coefficient ( $\partial\pi_T/\partial T$ ) is caused by a change in the structural organization of the liquid and occurs at lower temperatures in systems with weaker interactions [85]. Fluids in which

hydrogen bonding interactions prevail over van der Waals interactions present monotonic behaviour since a small expansion is only capable of significantly modifying weak interactions.

The internal pressure allows to estimate the solubility parameter,  $\delta$ , in fluids in which the interactions are of physical nature (polar and dispersive) [86]. Therefore,  $\pi_T$  is the square of the volume-dependent cohesion parameter,  $\delta_v$ . For fluids with interactions of chemical nature such as hydrogen bonding, the cohesive energy density,  $CED$ , is increased, appearing as a residual term in the solubility parameter,  $\delta_R$ . In the two-dimensional plane [87]:

$$CED = \delta^2 = \delta_v^2 + \delta_R^2 = \pi_T + \delta_R^2 \quad (17)$$

Then, the difference between the estimated cohesive energy and the internal pressure could be a measure of the magnitude of the network of hydrogen bonds existing in the fluid. Taking into account that the PC-SAFT EoS has well represented the thermodynamic behaviour of these systems, this model can be used to estimate  $CED$  and, after, calculate the residual contribution as the mentioned difference. The  $\delta_R^2$  was much higher for the hydrophilic mixtures, which is in agreement with their stronger H-bond network. The highest values were obtained at the conditions for which the H-bond formation was favored, that is, at the highest pressure and the lowest temperature. The maxima values of  $\delta_R^2$  were 12 and 290  $\text{MPa}$  for hESSs and DESs, respectively.

## 5. Conclusions

The volumetric behaviour of two hydrophilic, DESs, and two hydrophobic, hESSs, eutectic solvents are presented at several pressures and temperatures. The studied systems were choline chloride + ethylene

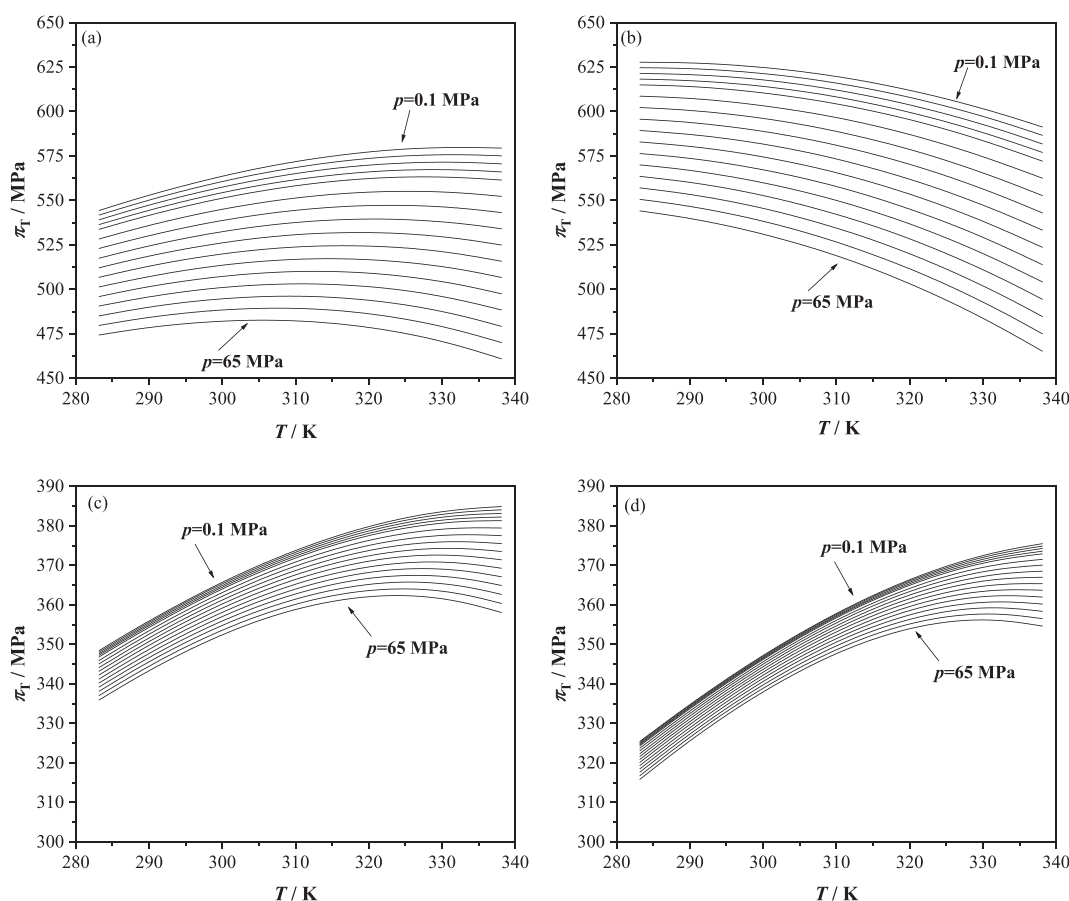


Fig. 4. Internal pressure,  $\pi_T$ , of the studied mixtures as a function of temperature,  $T$ , and pressure,  $p$ . (a) [Ch]Cl:EG (1:2); (b) [Ch]Cl:G (1:2); (c) C:T (1:1); (d) C:M (1:2).



glycol or glycerol and camphor + thymol or menthol. The measured densities were correlated with the Tait equation and modelled with the PC-SAFT equation of state. From the experimental results, the isobaric thermal expansibility, the isothermal compressibility, and the internal pressure were calculated. Two ranges of values were obtained for the two types of mixtures. The DESs were denser and more compact mixtures than the hESs, in agreement with the stronger hydrogen bond network. The sequence was  $([Ch]Cl:G) > ([Ch]Cl:EG) \gg (C:T) > (C:M)$ . The PC-SAFT equation of state was validated for these mixtures in the  $p$  and  $T$  ranges of the study. The deviations with the predictive model were less than 3% and 1% for DESs and hESs, respectively. Unlike hESs, a negative temperature coefficient of  $\alpha_p$  was found for both DESs. Therefore, we can conclude that hydrophilic mixtures are more condensed fluids than hydrophobic mixtures. Except for  $([Ch]Cl:G)$ , a sign change in the temperature coefficient of  $\pi_T$  was observed, indicating a change in the structure of the liquid to change  $T$ . Finally, a comparison between  $\pi_T$  and the cohesive energy density estimated with the EoS showed, as expected, the great difference between the two concepts for systems containing H-bonds.

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Data are in the [Supplementary File](#)

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