

Thermodynamic and geochemical behavior of salt caverns

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1. Introduction : Context and goals



1. Introduction : Phase diagram

O Van Konynenburg and Scott Classification





1. Introduction : Phase diagram- Salting out effect

O Results

Solution with NaCl 4M



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Addition of salt

Liquid phase

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Vapor phase

2. Experimental aspects: Equipments

a) Static-analytic setup



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b) Rocking cell setup (volumetric method)



Solubility measurements performed:

• CO_2 + H_2O + Na^+ + CI^-

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$$O_2$$
 + H_2O + Na^+ + CI^-

• 3.1 PR-CPA model (cubic plus association)

2 terms:

Cubic EoS: Peng – Robinson (Peng et Robinson, 1978)

>Association term from Wertheim's theory (Wertheim, 1984)

$$P = \frac{RT}{v-b} - \frac{a(T)}{v(v+b) + b(v-b)} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{RT}{v} \left(1 + \rho \frac{\partial \ln(g)}{\partial \rho}\right) \sum_{i} x_{i} \sum_{A_{i}} (1 - X_{A_{i}})$$

$$PR \text{ EoS} \qquad \text{Wertheim's term}$$

$$a_{i} = a_{c,i} \times \left[1 + m_{i} \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{T}{T_{c,i}}}\right)\right]^{2} \qquad a_{c,i} = \Omega_{a} \frac{R^{2}T_{c,i}^{2}}{P_{c,i}} \qquad b_{i} = \Omega_{b} \frac{RT_{c,i}}{P_{c,i}}$$

$$A^{A_{i}B_{j}} = g(\rho) \left[\exp\left(\frac{\varepsilon^{A_{i}B_{j}}}{RT}\right)\right] b_{ij} (\beta^{A_{i}B_{j}})$$

$$g(\rho) = \frac{1}{1 - 1.9 \left(\frac{1}{4}b\rho\right)}$$

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For water, m_i , $a_{c,i}$ and b_i parameters are adjusted on experimental data: vapor pressure and liquid densities.

• 3.1 PR-CPA model (cubic plus association)

Associating term:

- Self-association (between two identical molecules)
- Cross Association (between two different molecules)



Self association (ref : wikimédia)





For water, ϵ and β parameters are adjusted on experimental data: pure component vapor pressure and liquid densities.

• 3.2 Application of PR-CPA model to CO₂-H₂O binary system



> H_2O : 4 sites of association (type 2ed–2ea (4C)), two sites electron donnor and two sites electron acceptor



ed : electron donnor ea : electron acceptor

Water content(y_{H2O})

• 3.2 Application of PR-CPA model to CO_2 -H₂O binary system



 CO_2 solubility in pure water (x_{CO2})

• 3.3. Extension to electrolytes (e-PR-CPA)

$$A^{e-PR-CPA} = A^{\#} + A^{PR} + A^{Assoc} + A^{E}$$

GP PR-CPA Electrolyte term

$$A^{E} = A^{MSA} + A^{Born}$$

- MSA term (Mean Spherical Approximation: long range interaction

$$\frac{A^{MSA}}{RT} = -\frac{N_{Av}e^2}{4\pi D_0 DRT} \sum_i \frac{n_i Z_i^2 \Gamma}{1 + \Gamma \sigma_{b,i}^{MSA}} + \frac{V \Gamma^3}{3\pi N_{Av}}$$



$$\frac{A^{\text{Born}}}{RT} = -\frac{N_{\text{Av}}e^2}{4\pi D_0 RT} \left(1 - \frac{1}{D}\right) \sum_i \frac{n_i Z_i^2}{\sigma_{b,i}^{\text{Born}}}$$





Thermodynamic properties from $A^{e-PR-CPA}$ $P = -RT \left(\frac{\partial \left(\frac{A^r}{RT} \right)}{\partial V} \right)_{T,n} + \frac{nRT}{V}$ $\ln(\varphi) = \left(\frac{\partial \left(\frac{A^r}{RT} \right)}{\partial n_i} \right)_{T,V} - \ln(Z)$

Other properties (Michelsen & Mollerup 2004)

• 3.4. Parametrisation of e-PR-CPA model

Parameters for each ion: m_i , $a_{0,i}$ and σ_i

$$a_i(T) = a_{0,i} \left[1 + m_i \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{T}{298.15}} \right) \right]^2 \qquad b_i = \frac{N_{A\nu} \pi \left(\sigma_{b,i}^{hs} \right)^3}{6}$$

Binary interaction parameters: $K_{H_2O-anion}$, $K_{H_2O-cation}$ et $K_{cation-anion}$

$$a = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} x_i x_j \sqrt{a_i a_j} \left(1 - k_{ij} \right)$$



*MIAC = mean ionic activity coefficient

4. Experimental results and modeling

• 4.1. Application of e-PR-CPA model to $CO_2 + H_2O + Na^+ + CI^-$ system





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• 4.3. Application of e-PR-CPA model to $CH_4 + H_2O + Na^+ + CI^-$ system



No solvation



5. Geochemical modeling

No reactivity with salts but potential reactivity with

- insolubles (sulfates...) $CH_4 + SO_4^2 \rightarrow H_2S + CO_3^2 + H_2O$
- well materials (cement...) CO₂ + Ca²⁺ + OH⁻ → CaCO_{3(s)} + H⁺

Impact on stored gas quality Impact on storage sealing





- Importance of thermodynamic properties
- Complexity of phase diagram
- Effects of T, P and salinity (salting out effect) perfectly known
- Development of new equipment for phase equilibrium measurements
- Solubility of CO₂, O₂ and CH₄ determined
- Comparison of two models for the data treatment and the representation of phase diagrams

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Additional slides

1. Introduction : Phase diagram- PT envelop

O Results



CO_2
0.9
0.7
0.5

PT Envelop binary system CO_2 + for 3 compositions. Dashed line : Pure CO_2 vapor pressure. Dotted line: mixture critical point line. Vertical line : melting temperature of CO_2 .

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Pressure molar volume diagram of O_2 (0.5) + CO_2 (0.5) binary system at 230, 250, 270, 290, 310, 370 and 400 K. Symbol: experimental data (vibrating tube densitometer)

Comparison with EoS prediction (PR EoS) using parameters fitted on VLE data

Analysis of compressibility factor

1. Introduction : Phase diagram- densities

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Good evolution of compressibility factor (see results at 120 deg C)



Z=1 if p->0

Gas hydrate prediction (e-PR-CPA model)

Prediction of gas hydrate phase diagram for the $CO_2 + O_2$ binary system

