Influence of concentration in the elevation of boiling point of mango pulp (*Mangifera indica* L.)

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ABSTRACT

Mango (*Mangifera indica* L.) is an agricultural product of great economic importance for different developing countries. Knowledge of the boiling point temperature of fruit pulp for a wide range of concentrations is of primary importance to food industries, as they make wide use of evaporation for juice concentration as well as for other equipment and process design. The objective of this study was to determine the elevation in boiling point of mango pulp was measured at soluble solids concentrations between range 13 and 55\(^{\circ}\)Brix and pressures in the range 9.82\(\times10^3\) to 1.009 \(\times10^5\) Pa (abs.). The pulp was processed in a pulper with a 1.5mm screen to obtain a uniform consistency and concentrated in rotating evaporator. 500 mL sample of mango pulp was introduced into the boiling vessel. Temperature and pressure were continuously recorded, and final values for solution boiling point and associated pressure were registered after readings had been constant for at least 5 minutes. Experimental data are represented using the Dühring’s rule, Antoine equation and empirical model Crapiste and Lozano. The elevation in boiling point was nearly independent of pressure, varying only with pulp concentration. Experimental data were adjusted appropriately to Antoine equation \((R^2>0.98)\) and Crapiste and Lozano model \((R^2>0.88)\), which consists of a single equation that takes into account the dependence of the elevation in boiling point on pressure and concentration.

Keywords: Mango pulp; boiling point; evaporation; Antoine equation; Dühring’s rule.

INTRODUCTION

Mango (*Mangifera indica* L.) is an agricultural product of great economic importance for different developing countries, with more than 28 million tons of annual fruit production in the world. It is considered as one of the three or four finest tropical fruits. Its extraordinary taste, flavour, colour and texture make it special not only for its fresh consumption but also as an ingredient in fruit salads, ice creams, jams and cakes. Generally, varieties with fibre-less flesh, golden yellow colour, and pleasant mango flavour are preferred \[1, 2\].

In the food industry, knowledge of the physical properties of food is fundamental in analyzing the unit operations. They influence the treatment received during the processing and good indicators of other properties and qualities of food. Evaporation is a unit operation that eliminates a solvent from a liquid by boiling the solution in an apparatus called an evaporator. This thermal concentration is commonly used for liquid foods such as fruit juice, milk, and sugar solutions for three main purposes: to reduce the volume and the weight of the product, which subsequently reduces the cost of storage, packaging, and distribution; to increase the stability of liquid food by reducing water activity and as intermediate processing technique in the food industry \[3, 4, 5\].

Freshly squeezed juice is pumped into an evaporator where most of the water is removed through vacuum-assisted heating. Commercial evaporators typically have several stages that sequentially heat the juice to ever-higher temperatures and then rapidly cool it. Knowledge of the boiling point temperature of fruit juices for a wide range of concentrations is of primary importance to juice industries, as they make wide use of evaporation for juice concentration as well as for other equipment and process design \[6\].

Boiling point elevation at a certain external pressure can be determined from a thermodynamic equation using the latent heat of vaporization and molar fraction of the food. However, the use of these equations requires knowledge of the proportions of specific components of the foods that cause changes in the boiling points \[7\]. Literature data for elevation of boiling point of fruit juices at different concentrations were
presented for blackberry juice [6], apple juice [8], concentrated thai tangerine juices [9] and grapefruit Juic[e [10].

The objective of this work was to experimentally study the elevation in boiling point of mango pulp (*Mangifera indica* L.) at various concentrations and pressures. Experimental data are represented using the Dühring’s rule, Antoine equation and empirical model Crapiste and Lozano.

**MATERIALS & METHODS**

**Sample preparation.** The fresh mangos (variety “pork”) were acquired in a local market in Monteria (Colombia) and the pulp was extracted and homogenized by means of a semi-industrial machine fitted with a sieve of 1.75 mm. Afterwards, the pulp was concentrated (13, 25, 35, 45, 55°Brix) in one rotating evaporator and maintained in refrigeration (4°C) for their later use. The mango pulp composition, determined according to the AOAC’s standards [11], presented the following results: moisture content 85.6% (w.b.); total soluble solids 11°Brix; titratable acidity 0.88% (malic acid) and pH 3.63.

**Operation of equipment.** A schematic diagram of the apparatus used for experimental measurement, which is similar to that described by Telis-Romero et al. [12], is shown in Figure 1. It was made of glass and consisted of a flat bottom flask (F) with three openings. Samples were introduced into the flask by means of tube A and heated in a bath thermostatted (model Lauda 100) with oil and magnetic stirrer. When the mango pulp extract reached boiling temperature, a recirculation flow was established between tubes B and C. The liquid-vapour mixture freed from the liquid surface flowed up through tube B, thus heating the thermocouple installed in the well, which was connected to a temperature transmitter, interface and PC. Entrained liquid particles were trapped in compartment D and returned to flask F, allowing vapour to enter reflux condenser R. Condensed vapour also returned to flask F through tube C with valve V controlling the recirculation flow rate to keep the extract concentration constant. The condenser was connected to a vacuum pump (Stages Vacuum Pump Cef Model 2FY- 2B), allowing pressure to vary up 9820 Pa. Differential pressure transmitters were used to measure static pressure at two different positions in the vacuum tube.

![Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the apparatus used for the experimental measures.](image)

**Determination of boiling point elevation.** 500 mL sample of mango pulp was introduced into the boiling vessel. The cooling water flow was initiated in the reflux condenser, the vacuum pump was turned on with a valve regulated to provide pressure desired, and the pulp was mixed and heated slowly. Temperature and pressure were then continuously recorded, and final values for solution boiling point and associated pressure were registered after readings had been constant for at least 5 minutes. In order to check extract concentration, heating was periodically interrupted, the vessel was cooled down to room temperature, and a sample of fluid was removed for measurement of total soluble solids (°Brix).
Statistical analysis. A complete randomized design was used (5x11), concentration in 5 levels (13, 25, 35, 45 and 55°Brix) and pressure in 11 levels (100880 to 9820 Pa), with three replications in each case. The experimental data were fitted to Antoine, and Capriste and Lozano equations. For each fitted model, the determination coefficient ($R^2$) and sum of the squared residual (SSR) were analyzed.

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

Dühring diagrams. The typical manner of presenting boiling point data on fluid foods consists of relating these values with the boiling temperature of water at the same pressure. In case of concentrated solutions composed of non-volatile solutes, it is possible to accurately determine the vapour pressure at any temperature by using Dühring diagrams of such type of solutions, drawn by using related experimental vapour pressure–temperature data. Therefore, at a constant concentration we have:

$$T_A = m_0 + m_1 T_{A0}$$

(1)

where $T_A$ and $T_{A0}$ are respectively the boiling temperatures of mango pulp and water at the same pressure; $m_0$ and $m_1$ are parameters determined experimentally.

In the Table 1 shows parameters of equation (1) for mango pulp, it is observed that $m_1 \approx 1$, indicating that elevation in boiling point varies only with pulp concentration and is independent of pressure. In figure 2 shows $\Delta T_B$ ($T_A - T_{A0}$) versus the boiling point of pure water, show that the slope was practically equal to zero ($m_1 \approx 1$) for lower concentrations, but considerable deviations began to occur at higher concentrations ($°$Brix>35).

| Concentration (°Brix) | $m_0$   | $m_1$   | $R^2$ |
|----------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| 13                   | -2.45   | 1.009   | 0.99  |
| 25                   | -2.37   | 1.009   | 0.99  |
| 35                   | -4.36   | 1.016   | 0.98  |
| 45                   | -9.55   | 1.03    | 0.97  |
| 55                   | -11.06  | 1.04    | 0.99  |

Table 1. Parameters of equation (1) for mango pulp

Figure 2. Boiling point elevation of mango pulp as a function of the boiling point of water
**Antoine equation.** An empirical equation, with the same format of Antoine equation can be written as

\[
\ln P = A - \frac{B}{(T_A + C)}
\]  

(2)

where P is the pressure (Pa); \(T_A\) is the boiling temperature of mango pulp (K); A, B, and C are empirical constants dependent on concentration.

In Table 2 shows values of constants Antoine equation for mango pulp, obtained by a nonlinear regression procedure. Determination coefficient (\(R^2 = 0.99\)) indicates a good correlation between the model and experimental data. However, it was not possible to establish a dependence of these constants as a function of total soluble solids of mango pulp; similar behaviour showed the blackberry juice [6] and grapefruit juice [10]. But for concentrated apple juices [13], the empirical constants (A, B and C) were correlated with the equivalent sucrose weight fraction.

| Concentration °Brix | A       | B          | C           | \(R^2\) |
|---------------------|---------|------------|-------------|---------|
| 13                  | 17.54   | 12224.39   | -173.61     | 0.99    |
| 25                  | 24.33   | 4796.31    | -1.35       | 0.99    |
| 35                  | 24.47   | 4952.33    | 6.43        | 0.99    |
| 45                  | 22.25   | 3513.08    | -49.47      | 0.99    |
| 55                  | 21.51   | 3051.86    | -71.65      | 0.99    |

**Empirical model Crapiste and Lozano.** Crapiste and Lozano [8] proposed an alternative approach to representing the elevation of boiling point of aqueous solutions, which consisted of adopting an empirical model that was simultaneously dependent on pressure and soluble solids concentration (equation 3).

\[
\Delta T_B = \alpha W^\beta \exp(\gamma W \delta^\delta P^\alpha)
\]  

(3)

where \(\Delta T_B\) is the elevation in boiling point (°C); \(W\) represents the mass concentration of soluble solids (°Brix); \(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \text{ and } \delta\) parameters evaluated by nonlinear regression.

The experimental data were fitted (\(R^2 = 0.88\)) to empirical model Crapiste and Lozano, and presented values of parameters \(\alpha = 1.23x10^{-2}, \beta = 0.494, \gamma = 3.29x10^{-2}, \text{ and } \delta = 0.804.\) Similar order of magnitude was observed for blackberry [6] and apple juice [12]. Nevertheless, considerably different from those corresponding to grapefruit [10], and models solutions of sugar cane [14].

**CONCLUSION**

The elevation in boiling point varying with pulp mango concentration, showing considerable deviations at higher concentrations. Thus, the pressure influence should be taken into account in any proposed method for predicting boiling points of mango pulp, mainly at high concentrations of total soluble solids (°Brix>35).

Boiling point of the mango pulp is fitly represented by the Antoine equation. However, it was not possible to establish a dependence of the constants of Antoine equation as a function of total soluble solids of mango pulp. But, empirical model Crapiste and Lozano fits to the experimental data of elevation in boiling point; this model consists of a single equation which takes into account the dependence of the elevation in boiling point on pressure and concentration.
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