Ternary liquid-liquid equilibrium for eugenol + tert-butanol + water and eugenol + 1-octanol + water systems at 303.15 K and atmospheric pressure

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Abstract. The objective of this work was to determine ternary liquid-liquid equilibrium for eugenol + tert-butanol + water and eugenol + 1-octanol + water systems at 303.15K and atmospheric pressure. The experimental apparatus was 25 mL equilibrium cell equipped jacketed water connected to water bath to maintain equilibrium temperature at constant value. The procedure of this experiment was conducted by inserting mixture of eugenol + tert-butanol + water and eugenol + 1-octanol + water systems at certain composition into equilibrium cell. The solution was stirred for 4 hours and then was allowed for 20 hours in order to separate aqueous and organic phases completely. The equilibrium compositions of each phase were analysed using gas chromatography. The experimental data obtained in this work were correlated with NRTL and UNIQUAC models giving root standard mean deviation of 1.1% and 1.5%, respectively for eugenol + tert-butanol + water system and that of 2.8% and 3.1%, respectively for eugenol + 1-octanol + water system. 1-octanol which has better capability than tert-butanol as a solvent for eugenol.

1. Introduction

Indonesia is an agricultural country with a variety of abundant biological resources. Clove is a plant that grows a lot in Indonesia. Indonesia is one of the suppliers of clove production in the world, which is 63% [1]. The quantity of clove production in Indonesia is increasing every year, in 2020 the number of clove production produced is 140,806 tons and there is a growth of 0.14% in 2021 to 140,997 tons [2]. These cloves are processed into clove oil which is one of the types of essential oils that has many uses, including aromatherapy with a distinctive fragrance, natural pesticides, sunscreen, food additives, and in the cigarette industry.

Clove flowers, leaves, and stems can be extracted to produce clove oil. The oil contained in the flower parts is 17-18% while in the leaves it is around 2-3% of the total clove oil [2]. Clove oil has a complex composition of chemical compounds, one of which is a terpene compound, namely β-caryophyllene. β-caryophyllene has the characteristics of a colourless liquid, has a distinctive aroma, and is often used in the pharmaceutical industry. β-caryophyllene in clove oil contains as much as 10%. The largest component is eugenol with levels 70-80% [1]. To get pure clove oil, the eugenol content must be high so that the selling price will be even more expensive. Therefore, to increase the level of eugenol in clove oil, it is necessary to separate the β-caryophyllene compounds.
The separation process of terpenes from an essential oil is called deterpenation which is aimed to improve flavour and aroma, increase solubility, and maintain stability during storage [2]. The process of deterpenation can be done by several methods, such as conventional methods (vacuum and steam distillation) and extraction with an organic solvent. However, in the distillation process only a portion of the terpene component is picked up and this process, occasionally causes oil degradation due to heating [3]. Therefore, the extraction method is more widely used since it can avoid the occurrence of degradation [4].

In the extraction process, the solvent is an important factor that must be considered based on its properties such as polarity, volatility, and toxicity. Future applications in the fields of food, cosmetics, and pharmaceuticals are required to use alcohol [5]. The use of alcohol as a solvent for extraction has several advantages, including (1) alcohol having high solubility in water; (2) non-toxic; (3) increasing the scent of the mixture; (4) the oxidation reaction is reduced in the presence of alcohol; (5) solvent dilute of alcohol is so selective that can dissolve terpene, but slightly dissolved eugenol [6]. As one type of alcohol, methanol can be used as a solvent, but it turns out that methanol is corrosive in that it can damage the extraction column. There are several studies that develop ethanol as a solvent, but ethanol is rarely used as a solvent in beverage production. This is since the selling price of ethanol is more expensive as an alcoholic beverage than as a solvent. Therefore, this research was conducted to find other solvents from other alcohol compounds that have a lower risk of deviation. One of them is tert-butanol and 1-octanol. tert-butanol and 1-octanol dissolved in various ranges of non-polar compounds. It also vaporizes rapidly and is relatively non-toxic so it is well used as a solvent especially for dissolving oil.

In the extraction process, thermodynamic properties of liquid-liquid phase equilibrium are required to design the separation process equipment. The equilibrium phase is a static state where there is no macroscopic change in the properties of a system that is affected by time. When the phases are not conditioned in equilibrium, there will be mass transfer between phases where the transfer rate of each component depends on the driving force, in this case, the magnitude of the system deviation from equilibrium. Thus the knowledge of liquid-liquid equilibrium for such systems is necessary to rational design and determining optimum process conditions of the separation process. In addition, the equilibrium data is important to develop solution theory liquid-liquid equilibrium of eugenol + tertiary butyl alcohol + water system at a temperature of 303.15 K and atmospheric pressure which has been determined experimentally in our previous work [7]. In this work, the experiment was continued to determine ternary liquid-liquid equilibrium for other system that is eugenol + tert-butanol + water and eugenol + 1-octanol + water systems. The data were correlated with NRTL and UNIQUAC models, to confirm the consistency of experimental was used the Bachman-Brown correlation. NRTL equation can be used extensively in vapor-liquid equilibria (VLE) and LLE for different types of substances, eg mixtures of saturated hydrocarbons and polar species, mixtures of non-polar compounds, mixtures of air and polar species, and mixtures of alcohols with mixed non-polar species. The UNIQUAC equation can be applied to non-electrolyte liquid mixtures containing polar or non-polar fluids such as hydrocarbons, alcohols, nitriles, ketones, aldehydes, organic acids and water including partially soluble mixtures.

2. Experimental section

2.1 Material
Eugenol with 99.9% purity was obtained from PT. Indesso Niagatama. 1-tert-butanol and 1-octanol with 99.8% purity were obtained from MERCK, and aquabidestilata was obtained from PT. Ikapharmindo Putramas. The purity of the materials was checked using Gas Chromatography. All materials used in this experiment are pure compounds. Detailed specifications of materials used in this work included UNIQUAC parameters of pure properties are presented in Table 1.
2.2 **Apparatus and Procedure.**
The equilibrium cell is equipped with a magnetic stirrer and a jacket to maintain the temperature of equilibrium cell at the desired temperature by circulating water from a water bath as the heating medium. The ternary mixture at certain composition was inserted into the equilibrium cell and stirred at a temperature of 303.15K and atmospheric pressure for 4 hours, then the mixture was allowed to separate into the organic and aqueous phase for about 20 hours.

The samples of each phase were collected and these compositions were analysed using GC with TCD detector using RTX-5 column. Helium was used as carrier gas [8]. Figure 1 shows the schematic diagram of the equipment used for the experiment, while Table 1 describes the properties of pure components.

![Schematic diagram of the equipment used for the experiment](image)

**Figure 1.** Schematic diagram of the equipment used for the experiment

### Table 1. Properties of Pure Components

| Component      | Supplier            | Purity | r   | Q   |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|-----|-----|
| Eugenol        | Indesso, Indonesia  | 0.99   | 9.19| 7.36|
| Tert-butanol   | Merck, Germany      | 0.99   | 3.92| 3.74|
| 1-Octanol      | Merck, Germany      | 0.99   | 6.62| 5.82|
| Water          |                     | 0.92   | 1.40|

3. **Results and discussion**
The experimental ternary LLE data for eugenol + alcohol + water systems at temperature of 303.15K under atmospheric pressure are presented in Table 2.

The correlations Bachman–Brown is used to reliability of the experimental data [9]. The Bachman–Brown correlation is

\[
\frac{x_1^I}{x_3^{II}} = Ax_1^I + B \quad \text{[9] (1)}
\]

Where A and B are the Bachman–Brown correlation parameters, \(x_1^I\) is the mole fraction of eugenol in the organic phase and \(x_3^{II}\) is the mole fraction of water in the aqueous phase. Table 3 illustrated the Bachman–Brown correlation for eugenol + alcohols + water systems at 303.15K, Figure 2 describes Bachman–Brown correlation for eugenol + alcohols + water systems at 303.15K.
Table 2. Experimental LLE data for eugenol (1) + alcohols(2) + water(3) systems at 303.15K

| System                               | Organic Phase (I) | Aqueous Phase (II) | K     |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------|
|                                      | $w_1$  | $w_2$  | $w_3$  | $w_1$ | $w_2$ | $w_3$ |       |
| Eugenol + tert-butanol + water       | 1.000  | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0055 | 0.0000 | 0.9945 | 181.79|
|                                      | 0.9071 | 0.0881 | 0.0048 | 0.0050 | 0.0212 | 0.9737 | 179.95|
|                                      | 0.8235 | 0.1649 | 0.0116 | 0.0053 | 0.0220 | 0.9727 | 154.27|
|                                      | 0.7264 | 0.2535 | 0.0202 | 0.0055 | 0.0221 | 0.9725 | 133.24|
|                                      | 0.6097 | 0.3638 | 0.0265 | 0.0055 | 0.0239 | 0.9706 | 110.58|
|                                      | 0.6034 | 0.3660 | 0.0306 | 0.0054 | 0.0239 | 0.9707 | 112.25|
|                                      | 0.4366 | 0.5087 | 0.0548 | 0.0054 | 0.0389 | 0.9558 | 81.35 |
|                                      | 0.0007 | 0.8776 | 0.1217 | 0.0051 | 0.0445 | 0.9503 | 0.14  |
| Eugenol + 1-octanol + water          | 0.0171 | 0.9267 | 0.0563 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.9998 | 150.54|
|                                      | 0.2085 | 0.7598 | 0.0316 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.9998 | 1838.57|
|                                      | 0.3759 | 0.6036 | 0.0205 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.9998 | 3314.46|
|                                      | 0.5233 | 0.4666 | 0.0101 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.9998 | 4613.71|
|                                      | 0.6526 | 0.3411 | 0.0064 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.9998 | 5753.66|
|                                      | 0.7588 | 0.2378 | 0.0034 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.9998 | 6690.49|
|                                      | 0.8523 | 0.1444 | 0.0032 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.9998 | 7514.98|
|                                      | 0.9303 | 0.0656 | 0.0042 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.9998 | 8201.99|
|                                      | 0.9946 | 0.0000 | 0.0054 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.9998 | 8769.66|
The Bachman–Brown correlation for eugenol + alcohols + water systems at 303.15K; ( ) tert-butanol; ( ) 1-octanol

| Correlation     | Tert-Butanol | 1-Octanol |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------|
| Bachman-Brown   | -2.4503      | 1         |
| B               | 3.6265       | 0         |
| $R^2$           | 0.9955       | 1         |

The NRTL equation with 3 parameters was proposed by Renon and Prausnitz [10]. This equation is derived based on the concept of local composition pioneered by Wilson [11]. This NRTL equation can be used for partially dissolved systems as well as for perfectly soluble systems. The NRTL model for multicomponent systems is as follows:

\[
\ln \gamma_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} \eta_{ij} G_{ij} x_j}{\sum_{k=1}^{n} G_{kk} x_k} + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{x_j G_{ij}}{\sum_{k=1}^{n} G_{kk} x_k} \left( \tau_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{x_k \tau_{kj} G_{kj}}{\sum_{k=1}^{n} G_{kk} x_k} \right) \tag{2}
\]

\[
\eta_{ij} = \frac{g_{ij}}{g_{ii}} \tag{3}
\]

\[
G_{ij} = \exp \left(-\alpha_{ij} \tau_{ij} \right) \tag{4}
\]

\[
\tau_{ij} = \tau_{jj} = 0 \tag{5}
\]

\[
G_{ii} = G_{jj} = 1 \tag{6}
\]

The UNIQUAC equation was proposed by Abrams and Prausnitz [12]. This equation can also be used for soluble or partially soluble liquid systems. The UNIQUAC equation can be applied to organic liquid mixture.

The equation consists of two parts, the combinatorial part or the entropy effect comprising only pure component parameters to calculate the difference in shape and size of the molecule, as well as the residual or enthalpy effects that combine two binary parameters per pair of molecules to calculate molecular interactions.

\[
\ln \gamma_i = \ln \gamma_i^C + \ln \gamma_i^R \tag{7}
\]

Multicomponent system:
\[
\ln \gamma_i = \ln \phi_i + \frac{z}{2} q_i \ln \phi_i + l_i - \frac{\phi_i}{x_i} \sum_{j} x_j \phi_j [12] (8)
\]
\[
\ln \gamma_i^n = q_i \left[ 1 - l n \left( \sum_{j} \phi_j \tau_{ji} \right) - \sum_{j} \frac{\phi_j}{\sum_{k} \phi_k \tau_{kj}} \right] [12] (9)
\]
\[
z = 10 [12] (10)
\]
\[
l_i = \frac{z}{2} \left( r_i - q_i \right) - \left( r_i - 1 \right) [12] (11)
\]
\[
l_j = \frac{z}{2} \left( r_j - q_j \right) - \left( r_j - 1 \right) [12] (12)
\]
\[
\tau_{ji} = \exp \left( - \frac{(u_{ji} - u_{ii})}{RT} \right) [12] (13)
\]
\[
\tau_{ij} = \exp \left( - \frac{(u_{ij} - u_{ii})}{RT} \right) [12] (14)
\]
\[
\tau_{ii} = \tau_{jj} = 1 [12] (15)
\]

Binary parameters of NRTL were fitted with experimental data by setting \( \alpha = 0.2 - 0.5 \) [13]. The experimental data were treated based on isofugacity concept as follows:

\[
(x_i y_i)^I = (x_i y_i)^{II} [13] (16)
\]

where the activity coefficient of component \( i \), \( y_i \), were calculated using NRTL and UNIQUAC models. The root mean square deviation (RMSD) formula:

\[
\text{RMSD} = \left[ \sum_{i} \sum_{j} \sum_{k} \left( x_{ik} \exp - x_{ik} \text{cal} \right)^2 / z \phi N \right]^{1/2} [14] (17)
\]

Where \( \theta \) is the number of components and \( N \) is the number of tie-lines.

Comparison between the experimental data and calculated equilibrium compositions using both equations giving RSMD for three ternary systems less than 5 \% [14]. Therefore, correlation results presented by NRTL and UNIQUAC models are in a good agreement with the experimental data.

Both systems studied exhibit a ternary diagram of type II behaviour in which there are two partially miscible substances as shown in Figures 3 and 4.

Figure 3 shows the Solubility of the eugenol + tertiary butanol + water system in accordance with the principle of polarity since eugenol has a non-polar tendency whereas tertiary butanol has a nonpolar tendency, thus eugenol is soluble with tertiary butanol, while tertiary butanol is not completely soluble with water and eugenol is insoluble (very little soluble) with water.

Figure 4 shows the Solubility of the eugenol +1 -octanol + water system in accordance with the principle of polarity since eugenol has a non-polar tendency while ethanol has nonpolar properties, so eugenol is soluble in 1-octanol, whereas Octanol tends to dissolve with water (polar) and eugenol is slightly soluble in water.

To understand the extraction ability of alcohol (tertiary butanol and 1-octanol), we can calculate the distribution coefficient (K1) of eugenol with the formula:

\[
K_1 = (w_1^\text{II})/(w_1^\text{I}) [15] (18)
\]

Where \( w_1^\text{I} \) and \( w_1^\text{II} \) were mass fractions of eugenol in water and alcohol phases, respectively [15]. Value from distribution coefficient (K) given are Table 2 and Figure 5.
Table 4. The NRTL and UNIQUAC model parameters for eugenol (1) + alcohols (2) + water (3) systems at 303.15K

| System                        | NRTL parameters (K) | UNIQUAC parameters (K) | RMSD (%) |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------|
|                               | $i-j$   | $(g_{ij} - g_{ii})R$ | $(g_{ji} - g_{jj})R$ | $\alpha_{ij}$ | $(u_{ij} - u_{ii})R$ | $(u_{ji} - u_{jj})R$ |     |
| eugenol + tert butanol + water | 1-2    | 7723                | 5983            | 0.2         | -215.01              | 6152              |     |
|                               | 2-3    | 4039                | 6123            | 1.2         | 121.31              | 1521              |     |
|                               | 1-3    | -232                | 1691            |            | -57.63              | 421.4             |     |
| eugenol + 1-octanol + water   | 1-2    | 1528                | 1259            | 0.47        | -126.74              | 825.4             |     |
|                               | 2-3    | 15200               | 3680            | 1.1         | 6070.8              | 2908              |     |
|                               | 1-3    | 56.14               | 82.85           |            | 299.8               | 1487              |     |

Figure 3. Ternary liquid-liquid equilibrium for eugenol + tert-butanol + water system at 303.15K compared with (- - -) NRTL and (---) UNIQUAC equations

Figure 4. Ternary liquid-liquid equilibrium for eugenol + 1-octanol + water system at 303.15K compared with (- - -) NRTL and (---) UNIQUAC equations
The figure shows the distribution coefficient \( (K_1) \) of eugenol in tertiary butanol and that in octanol solvents. As shown in the figure that \( K_1 \) is much larger in 1-octanol than in tertiary butanol. Therefore, the capability of 1-octanol was better than that of tertiary butanol as a solvent for \( \beta \)-eugenol since octanol has a more non-polar property compared with tertiary butanol. As a result, the eugenol will be easier to distribute with 1-octanol molecules than with tertiary butanol molecules.

A solubility principle is a substance that will be soluble only on the appropriate solvent. In other words, a polar substance dissolves in a polar solvent and a non-polar element will dissolve in a nonpolar solvent. This principle is known as the principle of like dissolve like [16].
The solubility behaviour may be described from the molecule structure of tert-butanol, 1-octanol, and eugenol as shown in Figures 6, 7 and 8, respectively, where the polarity can be determined from the chemical structure. The first factor is the length of the carbon chain, the organic molecules that have a longer carbon chain number will have more non-polar properties compared to molecules that have shorter carbon chains, and the number of branches in organic molecules as well since molecular modelling has branches, then the molecules will have higher polarity properties with a structure that has no branches [17]. The second factor is the functional group, the functional group in a molecule determines the polarity of a molecule since there is a possibility of reaction between molecules then the atoms may interact each other in the functional group. Besides each functional group may cause a molecule to have special properties, the reactivity of this functional group determine its polarity, so the more reactive the functional group in a molecule the more polar the molecule will be [18]. The third factor is the hydrogen bond, the hydrogen bond in a molecule can be said to emit polarity since it has a molecule of hydrogen then the molecule will be easier to interact with other molecules that have atoms that can form hydrogen bonds, so that between molecules were hydrogen bond will occur [19]. The fourth factor is the steric effect between atoms between molecules, discard the steric effect between molecules that occur larger then the polarity of a molecule will be reduced so that the ability to interact / distributed with other molecules will increase as well [20]. The last factor of polarity of compound is dipole moment.

| Data                              | Eugenol | 1-Octanol | Tert-butanol | Water |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------|-------|
| Total energy functional group     | 89.5723 | 4.7508    | 12.82        | 2.17  |
| (kcal/mole)                       |         |           |              |       |
| Dipole moment                     | 0.0000  | 0.9609    | 1.068        | 1.46  |
| RMS gradient                      | 0.0819  | 0.0695    | 0.088        | 6.84  |
| Steric effect (kcal/mole)         | 139.1573| 20.0175   | 28.80        | 7.47  |

Table 5 presents the total energy functional group, the dipole moment, RMS gradient, and stearic effect values of each compound affected the solubility of solvent. In which eugenol has a very non polar character since the polarity value shown by dipole moment is zero, whereas 1-octanol has the dipole moment value lower than that of tertiary butanol. So that, 1-octanol is more non polar compared with tertiary butanol. Since water compound having the value of dipole moment more than 1, water has strongly polar property. Therefore, eugenol is more soluble in 1-octanol than in that tertiary butanol and water [20].

The capability of octanol is better than tertiary butanol to solve eugenol since octanol has chemical structure similar to eugenol compared to tertiary butanol. Figure 8 shows the eugenol molecule itself has a high non polar property due to the cyclo structure of the eugenol molecule and the presence of 2 double bonds (alkene groups) which cause the non-polar molecule of eugenol. The nonpolar properties of octanol are much higher than tertiary butanol. due to several factors, i.e., the number of carbon chains owned by octanol is longer than the number of carbon chains owned by tertiary butanol, the structure of octanol which is an aliphatic chain that does not have a branch that steric effects that occur between atoms hydrogen in molecular octanol a lower energy than the steric effect that occurs between hydrogen atoms in the molecule tertiary butanol, where in the molecule tertiary butanol possessed two branches.
hydroxy. Besides, methyl branch causes the bonds between atoms is shorter, so that the steric effect that occurs will be larger (large an energy). Eugenol would prefer a molecule that has lower a steric effects, since the energy possessed by molecules tends to be small and making it easier to interact.

![Curve Capabilities Solvent](image)

The figure 9 show of solvent capability that the ability of tertiary butanol is better than octanol's ability to bind eugenol compounds. From the previous experiments, the solvent used was ethanol, but ethanol has more polar chemical properties so that eugenol will not dissolve completely in ethanol. Therefore, more non-polar solvents are needed, namely octanol and tertiary butanol. because what is used in this experiment is pure eugenol while what will be separated is eugenol in clove oil, further treatment is needed so that other compounds can be removed so that clove oil with a higher and pure eugenol content can be obtained.

4. Conclusion
This work was correlated well with the NRTL model giving RMSD of 1.2% for tertiary butanol systems and 1.1% for the 1-octanol system, while the UNIQUAC model giving RMSD 3.1% for tertiary butanol system and 4.3% 1-octanol system.

The result shows that the capability of 1-octanol was better than that of tert-butanol as a solvent for eugenol. this is since octanol has a more non-polar property compared with tert-butanol so the eugenol will be easier distributed with 1-octanol molecules than with tertiary butanol molecules.

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Symbol

| Symbol | Description |
|--------|-------------|
| $\alpha_{ij}$ | no randomness parameter |
| $\alpha_{ji}$ | no randomness parameter |
| $q_i$ | area parameter component i *) |
| $r_i$ | volume parameter component i |
| $u_{ij}$ | interaction parameters between components i and j |
| $u_{ji}$ | interaction parameters between components i and j |
| $Z$ | coordination number |
| $\gamma^c_i$ | combinatorial part of activity coefficient of component i |
| $\gamma^R_i$ | residual part of activity coefficient of component i |
| $\theta_i$ | $\frac{x_i q_i}{\sum_j x_j q_j}$ area fraction of component i |
| $\varphi_i$ | $\frac{x_i r_i}{\sum_j x_j r_j}$ volume fraction of component i |

*) for value of $r_i$ and $q_i$ see Appendix Poling [19]