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Previously reported ion-specific equation coefficients for both the Abraham general solvation model and Goss modified Abraham model are updated using recently measured activity coefficient, gas chromatographic retention factor, and solubility data for solutes dissolved in room temperature ionic liquids (RTILs). Reported for the first time are equation coefficients for 1-propyl-2,3-dimethylimidazolium cation, and octylsulfate and thiocyanate anions. In total nine sets of cation-specific and eight sets of anion-specific equation coefficients have been determined for each model. The derived correlations describe the 976 experimental gas-to-RTIL partition coefficients to within a standard deviation of 0.12 log units and the 955 experimental water-to-RTIL partitions to within a standard deviation of 0.15 log units.

Introduction

Room temperature ionic liquids (RTILs) have generated considerable interest recently because of their unique physical and chemical properties, high thermal stability, negligible vapor pressure, and high solvent capacity. New generation RTILs have increasingly become a solvent choice for applications involving organic synthesis and electrochemistry, extraction and chromatographic separations, and gas adsorption. The main advantage that ionic liquids offer over the more conventional organic solvents is that it is possible to modify the RTIL’s physical and chemical properties simply by changing the cation and anion combinations. Physical and chemical properties are strongly influenced by the polarity, size, and geometric shape of the constituent ions. Ionic liquids are often referred to as designer solvents in the published chemical and engineering literature for this reason. While our understanding of the properties of ionic liquids has increased considerably in recent years, we are not yet to the point of being able to “tailor make” ionic liquids having specific physical and chemical properties.

The present study continues our characterization of the solubilizing properties of RTILs. Previously we have reported linear free energy relationship (LFER) correlations for the gas-to-RTIL partition coefficients, $K$, for gas and organic vapors dissolved in RTILs

$$\log K = c_\text{cation} + c_\text{anion} + (e_\text{cation} + e_\text{anion})E + (s_\text{cation} + s_\text{anion})S + (a_\text{cation} + a_\text{anion})A + (b_\text{cation} + b_\text{anion})B + (l_\text{cation} + l_\text{anion})L \tag{1}$$

$$\log K = e_\text{cation} + e_\text{anion} + (s_\text{cation} + s_\text{anion})S + (a_\text{cation} + a_\text{anion})A + (b_\text{cation} + b_\text{anion})B + (l_\text{cation} + l_\text{anion})L + (v_\text{cation} + v_\text{anion})V \tag{2}$$

and for the partitioning of solutes between water and a RTIL, where $P$ is the water-to-RTIL partition coefficient

$$\log P = c_\text{cation} + c_\text{anion} + (e_\text{cation} + e_\text{anion})E + (s_\text{cation} + s_\text{anion})S + (a_\text{cation} + a_\text{anion})A + (b_\text{cation} + b_\text{anion})B + (l_\text{cation} + l_\text{anion})L + (v_\text{cation} + v_\text{anion})V \tag{3}$$

$$\log P = e_\text{cation} + e_\text{anion} + (s_\text{cation} + s_\text{anion})S + (a_\text{cation} + a_\text{anion})A + (b_\text{cation} + b_\text{anion})B + (l_\text{cation} + l_\text{anion})L + (v_\text{cation} + v_\text{anion})V \tag{4}$$

based on both the Abraham model (eqs 1 and 3) and the Goss modified form of the Abraham model (eqs 2 and 4). The independent variables in eqs 1–4 are solute descriptors as follows: $E$ and $S$ refer to the excess molar refraction in units of $(cm^3 mol^{-1})/10$ and dipolarity/polarizability descriptors of the solute, respectively, $A$ and $B$ are measures of the solute hydrogen-bond acidity and basicity, $V$ is the McGowan volume in units of $(cm^3 mol^{-1})/100$ and $L$ is the logarithm of the gas-to-hexadecane partition coefficient at 298.15 K. The regression coefficients and constants are determined by regression analyses of the experimental data for the given partition process.

The major advantage of splitting the equation coefficients into individual cation-specific and anion-specific contributions is that one can make predictions for more RTILs. Normally one needs partition coefficient data for 40–50 solutes dissolved in a given RTIL to develop a RTIL-specific Abraham model correlation. By combining all of the experimental data for a RTIL containing lets say either a 1-methyl-3-octylimidazolium cation, [MOIm]$,^+$, and trifluoromethanesulfonate anion, [Trif]$^-$, it may be possible to calculate [MOIm]$^+$specific and [Trif]$^-$specific equation coefficients where there was too few data points for the [MOIm]$^+$[Trif]$^-$ ionic liquid to develop a meaningful correlation. The computational methodology that we proposed permits us to calculate more ion-specific equation coefficients as more experimental data becomes available in the future, and the basic computational methodology can be applied to LFERs that employ different kinds/types of solute descriptors.

To date, we have determined equation coefficients for eight cations and six anions using a database that contained 663 experimental log $K$ and 649 experimental log $P$ values. Most of the experimental log $K$ and log $P$ values used in our regression...
analyses have come from gas solubilities and infinite dilution activity coefficients determined by gas–liquid chromatographic measurements. Solute studies have typically been inert gases, diatomic gas molecules, linear and branched alcohols, linear and cyclic monoethers (plus 1,4-dioxane), alkanoates, chlorinated methanes, and a few small aldehydes and ketones. The solute descriptor space defined by these compounds would be $E = 0.000$ to $E = 0.850$; $S = 0.000$ to $S = 0.900$; $A = 0.000$ to $A = 0.430$; $B = 0.000$ to $B = 0.650$; $V = 0.109$ to $V = 1.800$; and $L = -1.200$ to $L = 5.700$. A few of the ion-specific data sets spanned a slightly smaller range of solute descriptors. The ion-specific equation coefficients that we have determined should allow one to make reasonably accurate partition coefficient predictions for most solutes having solute descriptors that fall within the aforementioned ranges.

Since the publication of our last paper we have become aware of gas chromatographic retention factor data for several polar aromatic solutes and carboxylic acids on liquid 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide, ([BMIm]$^+\cdot[\text{Tf}_2\text{N}]^-$),1,2 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate, ([BMIm]$^+\cdot[\text{BF}_4^-]$,15 and 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium octylsulfate, ([BMIm]$^+\cdot[\text{OtSO}_4^-]$)$^{18\text{b}}$ stationary phases, and of solubility data for caffeine and acetaminophen in 1-methyl-3-octylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate, ([MOIm]$^+\cdot[\text{BF}_4^-]$), in 1-methyl-3-octylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate, ([MOIm]$^+\cdot[\text{PF}_6^-]$, in ([BMIm]$^+\cdot[\text{PF}_6^-]$), and in 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate, ([BMIm]$^+\cdot[\text{BF}_4^-]$).19 Solutes used in these latter studies fall well outside of the predictive area of chemical space of our derived ion-specific equation coefficients. For example, the hydrogen-bond acidity descriptors of acetic acid ($A = 0.610$), acetaminophen ($A = 1.040$), propionic acid ($A = 0.600$) and phenol ($A = 0.600$) are much larger than those of linear alcohols, which typically fall in the $A = 0.310$ to $A = 0.430$ range. Several of the polar aromatic solutes used in the chromatographic retention factor studies had $E$ and/or $S$ solute descriptors greater than unity. The data set used in calculating our existing ion-specific equation coefficients contained solutes with much smaller $E$ and $S$ solute descriptors. Naphthalene, the single polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon solute in the retention factor data sets had an $E$ value of $E = 1.340$.

There are sufficient new experimental log $K$ and log $P$ values for compounds outside of the chemical space of our existing ion-specific equation coefficients to warrant a redetermination. Numerical values computed from the reanalysis should give much better predictions, particularly for the more acidic and/or polarizable compounds. Our current set of Abraham model equation coefficients overpredicts the gas-to-RTIL partition coefficients of acetaminophen in all three ionic liquids: ([MOIm]$^+\cdot[\text{BF}_4^-]$) (log $K$ (calc) = 11.75 versus log $K$ (exptl) = 11.03); in ([BMIm]$^+\cdot[\text{PF}_6^-]$) (log $K$ (calc) = 11.29 versus log $K$ (exptl) = 10.65); and in ([MOIm]$^+\cdot[\text{PF}_6^-]$) (log $K$ (calc) = 11.05 versus log $K$ (exptl) = 9.93) by 0.6 log units or more. Four of the five solute descriptors for acetaminophen ($E = 1.060$, $S = 1.630$, $A = 1.060$, and $L = 6.870$) were outside of the predictive area of chemical space for eq 1. As part of the present study we also report equation coefficients for one additional cation (1-propyl-2,3-dimethylimidazolium, [PM$_2$-Im]$^+$), and two additional anions (octylsulfate, [OtSO$_4$]$^-$; and thiocyanate, [SCN]$^-$).

### Data Set and Computational Methodology

The majority of the experimental log $K$ and log $P$ values were reported in the Supporting Information that accompanied two earlier papers.1,2 Experimental log $K$ and log $P$ data for nonpolar and polar organic solutes dissolved in 1-methyl-3-butyldimethylazolium trifluoromethylsulfonate, ([BMIm]$^+\cdot[\text{Trif}]^-$), and in 1-methyl-3-ethylimidazolium trifluoroacetate, ([MEIm]$^+\cdot[F_2Ac]^-$), are given in an earlier publication17 that reported anion-specific equation coefficients for the trifluoromethylsulfonate and trifluoroacetate anions. Most of the new experimental data that we were able to retrieve from the published literature20–38 pertained to the infinite dilution activity coefficient, $\gamma_{\text{solute}}$, for solutes dissolved in RTILs or to the Henry’s law constants, $K_{\text{Henry}}$, for gases dissolved in RTILs. To apply the Abraham model and Goss-modified Abraham model the infinite dilution activity coefficients and Henry’s law constants needed to be converted to log $K$ values through eqs 5 and 6

$$\log K = \log \left(\frac{RT}{\gamma_{\text{solute}} P_{\text{solute}} V_{\text{solvent}}}\right)$$  \hspace{1cm} (5)

$$\log K = \log \left(\frac{RT}{K_{\text{Henry}} V_{\text{solvent}}}\right)$$  \hspace{1cm} (6)

or log $P$ values for partition from water to the ionic liquid to eq 7

$$\log P = \log K - \log K_w$$  \hspace{1cm} (7)

In equations 5–7 $R$ is the universal gas constant, $T$ is the system temperature, $P_{\text{solute}}$ is the vapor pressure of the solute at $T$, and $V_{\text{solvent}}$ is the molar volume of the solvent. The calculation of log $P$ requires knowledge of the solute’s gas phase partition coefficient into water, $K_w$, which is available for most of the solutes being studied.

Gas-to-ionic liquid partition coefficients can also be calculated from experimental molar solubility data for solutes dissolved in RTILs and from liquid–liquid equilibrium data for partly miscible binary RTIL plus organic solvent mixtures. As noted in the preceding section, Mizuuchi et al.19 measured the solubilities of caffeine and acetaminophen in ([MOIm]$^+\cdot[\text{BF}_4^-]$, ([MOIm]$^+\cdot[\text{PF}_6^-]$) and ([BMIm]$^+\cdot[\text{BF}_4^-]$). Alonso et al.39–45 and others46–52 have reported liquid–liquid equilibrium data and phase diagrams for binary mixtures containing an ionic liquid with linear and branched alkanes, cycloalkanes and 1,3-propanediol. The water-to-ionic liquid partition coefficient is calculated as the ratio of the solute’s molar solubility in the RTIL, $C_{\text{solute,RTIL}}$, to that in water, $C_{\text{solute,water}}$.

$$P = C_{\text{solute,RTIL}} / C_{\text{solute,water}}$$  \hspace{1cm} (8)

The gas-to-RTIL partition coefficient is calculated in similar fashion as

$$K = C_{\text{solute, RTIL}} / C_{\text{solute, gas}}$$  \hspace{1cm} (9)

$$C_{\text{solute, gas}} = P_{\text{solute}} (RT)$$  \hspace{1cm} (10)

the ratio of the solute’s molar solubility in the RTIL divided by the gas phase concentration, with the latter quantity being calculated from the vapor pressure of the solute at the system temperature of 298.15 K via eq 10. Equations 8 and 9 apply to both liquid and crystalline solutes and require that the equilibrium solute phase be that of the pure liquid or solid solute.

Experimental gas chromatographic retention factors on ([BMIm]$^+\cdot[\text{Tf}_2\text{N}]^-$) were from a study17 that explored the feasibility of using binary ionic liquid mixtures as chromatographic stationary phases for improving the separation selectivity of alcohols and aromatic compounds. The 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate ([BMIm]$^+\cdot[\text{PF}_6^-]$) column was
Table 1. Logarithm of Chromatographic Retention Factors for Solutes Dissolved in [BMIm][OTf, N⁺], [BMIm][PF₄⁻], and ([BMIm][OSO₄⁻]) Based on Gas Chromatographic Retention Measurements

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prepared by coating the ionic liquid on an untreated glass column. The chromatographic experiments were performed at slightly higher temperatures of 40, 70, and 100 °C. Numerical values at 25 °C were obtained through a linear log k versus 1/T (with T in Kelvin) plot of the measured log k data at 40 and 70 °C. The calculated log k values at 25 °C are tabulated in Table 1. The gas to liquid partition coefficient can be obtained from isothermal chromatographic measurements through \( K = \frac{V_N}{V_L} \), where \( V_N \) is the volume of gas required to elute a solute, and \( V_L \) is the volume of liquid present as the stationary phase. The retention factor, \( k \), is given by \( k = \frac{t_r - t_m}{t_m} \) where \( t_r \) is the retention time of a solute and \( t_m \) is the “void” retention time. Since \( t_r = t_m \), the corrected retention time, is proportional to \( V_N \), the corrected elution volume, it follows that gas-to-liquid partition coefficients and retention factors are interrelated,

\[
K = P^*k \quad \text{or} \quad \log K = \log P^* + \log k \quad (11)
\]

To a first approximation, the proportionality constant, \( P^* \), is the phase ratio and depends only on chromatographic conditions that should remain constant for a given column during the time the experimental measurements are performed. The proportionality constants used in conversions, \( P^* = 2.482 \) for ([BMIm][OTf,N⁺]) and \( P^* = 2.489 \) for ([BMIm][PF₄⁻]), were the calculated average difference between the measured log k and log K data for 10 common compounds in the log k and log K data sets. The two proportionality constants are essentially identical as theoretically expected. A 0.28 μm film thickness was used for both ionic liquid stationary phases. The 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium octylsulfate column was prepared by coating the ionic liquid on a deactivated glass column, and the calculated proportionality constant based on log k and log K data for a set of common compounds and an Abraham model regression analysis of the experimental log k and log K data for only ([BMIm][OTSO₄⁻]), was slightly larger, \( P^* = 2.978 \). The experimental log k data for the ([BMIm][OTSO₄⁻]), extrapolated back to 298 K, is also given in Table 1.

In total, our search of the published chemical literature found experimental molar solubilities, Henry’s law constants, infinite dilution activity coefficients, and gas chromatographic retention factors for 976 solute-RTIL pairs. The experimental values were converted to log k and log P values through eqs 5–11. For convenience we have compiled in Tables S1 and S2 (Supporting Information) the entire database of calculated log k and log P values, along with the solute descriptors for all of the compounds considered in the present study. The solute descriptors are of experimental origin and came from our solute descriptor database, which now contains values for more than 4000 different organic and organometallic compounds.

A few additional comments concern the computational methodology that we will employ in this study. The cation-specific and anion-specific coefficients in eqs 1–4 are paired. Each cation-specific coefficient goes together with its anion-specific counterpart to make up a summed value that the five solute descriptors are multiplied by. If one were to perform a regression analysis on eqs 1–4 the statistical software would generate numerical equation coefficients based on some reference point. The reference point would likely depend on the particular database used and the software’s built-in convergence routine. Calculation of additional ion values at some later time would be difficult as there is no guarantee that the next regression analyses would find the same reference point. In accordance with the computational methodology that we recommended in our earlier papers4–3 we have set the anion-specific equation coefficients of ([OTf,N⁺]) equal to zero. In many respects our fixed reference point is analogous to how the chemical potentials of the individual ions are determined. By convention the chemical potential of the hydrogen ion is defined to be zero, and the values of all other ions are computed relative to this defined thermodynamic reference state.

Results and Discussion

The 976 experimental log K values were analyzed collectively by regression analysis to yield the following correlations.

Abraham model:

\[
\log K = \sum_{\text{cation}} (c_{\text{cation}} + e_{\text{cation}} - s_{\text{cation}} + a_{\text{cation}}A + b_{\text{cation}}B + l_{\text{cation}L}) + \\
\sum_{\text{anion}} (c_{\text{anion}} + e_{\text{anion}} - s_{\text{anion}} + a_{\text{anion}}A + b_{\text{anion}}B + l_{\text{anion}L}) \\
(N = 976, R^2 = 0.999, R_{adj}^2 = 0.998, SD = 0.116, F = 6163) \\
(12)
\]

Goss-modified Abraham model:
The calculated cation-specific and anion-specific equation coefficients for eqs 12 and 13 are listed in Tables 2 and 3, respectively. The standard errors in the coefficients are given in parentheses directly below the respective values. For the most part, the larger standard errors are noted in the equation coefficients for those ions for which experimental data is limited. Here and elsewhere N is the number of data points, SD denotes the standard deviation, \( R^2 \) gives the squared correlation coefficient and F refers to the Fisher's F statistic. Regression analyses were performed using SPSS statistical software. Both correlations are statistically very good, and describe an experimental log \( K \) dataset that covers a 12.5 log unit range to within standard deviations of 0.116 log units (eq 12) and 0.119 log units (eq 13). The number of data points for the individual ions ranges from a minimum of 28 log \( K \) values for the [SCN]\(^{-}\) ion to more than 350 log \( K \) values for the both [BMIm]\(^{+}\) cation and [(Tf)\(_2\)N]\(^{-}\) anion, which is sufficient for the regression analyses. Figures 1 and 2 depict a plot of the experimental log \( K \) data versus the calculated values based on the Abraham model and the Goss-modified Abraham model. Each calculation uses only the values for the cation and anion in the given RTIL. For example, the correlation equations used to calculate the log \( K \) values for 1-methyl-3-butylimidazolium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonylimide), ([MBIm]\(^{+}\)[(Tf)\(_2\)N]\(^{-}\)) ionic liquid would be the following:

**Abraham model:**

\[
\log K = -0.428(0.025) + 0.137(0.067)E + 1.961(0.080)S + 2.179(0.097)A + 0.946(0.014)B + 0.694(0.008)L \tag{14}
\]

**Goss-modified Abraham model:**

\[
\log K = -0.456(0.054) + 2.130(0.094)S + 2.269(0.102)A + 0.811(0.097)B + 0.676(0.038)L + 0.095(0.152)V \tag{15}
\]

constructed from the [MBIm]\(^{+}\) and [(Tf)\(_2\)N]\(^{-}\) equation coefficients given in Tables 2 and 3. The resulting correlations are in good agreement with the RTIL-specific correlation equations.

**Abraham model:**

\[
\log K = -0.366(0.029) + 0.148(0.067)E + 1.946(0.085)S + 2.261(0.098)A + 0.872(0.107)B + 0.688(0.008)L \tag{16}
\]

**Goss-modified Abraham model:**

\[
\log K = -0.394(0.062) + 2.057(0.107)S + 2.341(0.109)A + 0.771(0.105)B + 0.708(0.045)L - 0.018(0.179)V \tag{17}
\]

obtained by regression analysis of the log \( K \) data for only ([MBIm]\(^{+}\)[(Tf)\(_2\)N]\(^{-}\)). Solutes in the ([MBIm]\(^{+}\)[(Tf)\(_2\)N]\(^{-}\) data set cover approximately the same area of chemical space as the entire RTIL database that was used in determining the ion-specific equation coefficients. In splitting the equation coefficients into cation-specific and anion-specific interactions we have assumed that each given solute-ion interaction is unaffected by the nature of the other co-ion present in the RTIL. For the RTILs studied thus far, this appears to be a good approximation as evidenced by both the predictive ability of the derived correlations, and the fact that many of the RTIL-specific correlations are in reasonably good agreement with correlations obtained by combining the cation-specific and anion-specific equation coefficients (eq 14 versus eq 16, and eq 15 versus eq 17).

As noted above, the recaulation of ion-specific equation coefficients was prompted by the observation that the previous numerical values overpredicted the gas-to-RTIL partition coefficients of acetaminophen in 1-methyl-3-octylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate, ([MOIm]\(^{+}\)[BF\(_4\)]\(^{-}\)), 1-methyl-3-octylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate, ([MOIm]\(^{+}\)[PF\(_6\)]\(^{-}\)), in ([BMIm]+), ([PF\(_6\)]\(^{-}\)), and in 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate, ([BMIm]+)[BF\(_4\)]\(^{-}\)). The calculated log \( K \) values were 0.6 log units or more larger than the experimental values based on the recently published acetaminophen solubility data.\(^{19}\) ([MOIm]+)[BF\(_4\)]\(^{-}\) (log \( K \) calcld. = 11.75 versus log \( K \) (exptl)
coefficients of acetaminophen based on the equation coefficients descriptor of alcohol solutes typically falls in the range. The calculated gas to RTIL partition coefficients were analyzed in similar fashion according to the following models.

**Abraham model:**

\[
\log P = \sum_{\text{cation}} \left( c_{\text{cation}} + e_{\text{cation}}E + s_{\text{cation}}S + a_{\text{cation}}A + b_{\text{cation}}B + v_{\text{cation}}V \right) + \sum_{\text{anion}} \left( c_{\text{anion}} + e_{\text{anion}}E + s_{\text{anion}}S + a_{\text{anion}}A + b_{\text{anion}}B + v_{\text{anion}}V \right)
\]

\[(N = 955, R^2 = 0.997, R^2_{\text{adj}} = 0.996, SD = 0.139, F = 2730)\]  

(18)

**Goss-modified Abraham model:**

\[
\log P = \sum_{\text{cation}} \left( c_{\text{cation}} + l_{\text{cation}}L + s_{\text{cation}}S + a_{\text{cation}}A + b_{\text{cation}}B + v_{\text{cation}}V \right) + \sum_{\text{anion}} \left( c_{\text{anion}} + l_{\text{anion}}L + s_{\text{anion}}S + a_{\text{anion}}A + b_{\text{anion}}B + v_{\text{anion}}V \right)
\]

\[(N = 955, R^2 = 0.996, R^2_{\text{adj}} = 0.995, SD = 0.145, F = 2585)\]  

(19)

The calculated cation-specific and anion-specific equation coefficients are listed in Tables 4 and 5, along with their respective standard deviations. Both correlations are very good with standard deviations of 0.139 log units (eq 18) and 0.145 log units (eq 19) for data sets that cover a range of approximately 8.7 log units. See Figures 3 and 4 for a plot of the calculated values based on eqs 18 and 19 against the observed values. Standard deviations were slightly larger for the two log P correlations. This is to be expected as the experimental log P values include the experimental uncertainties in the log K_a values that were used to convert log K to log P values (see eq 7). Equations 18 and 19 were validated by performing a training set and test set analysis. To conserve journal space, we give only the test set results. (More detailed computational results, including the correlation coefficients, are reported in Tables 6S and 7S of the Supporting Information.)

The Abraham model training set correlation predicted the 477 experimental log P values to within a SD = 0.164, average absolute error (AAE) = 0.124, and average error (AE) = 0.005. The Goss-modified Abraham model training set correlation predicted the 477 experimental log P values to within a SD = 0.171, average absolute error (AE) = 0.130, and average error (AE) = 0.006. There is therefore very little bias in the predictions using eq 12 (coefficients in Table 3S) with AE equal to -0.006 log units. The predictive ability of the Goss-modified Abraham model, eq 13, was also assessed through training set and test analyses, with the training set equation coefficients and statistical summary reported in Tables 4S and 5S (Supporting Information). As part of the validation studies training and test sets were also constructed by allowing the SPSS software to randomly select half of the experimental values from the entire database. Very similar results were obtained using this latter method of training and test set construction.

The 955 experimental water-to-RTIL partition coefficients were analyzed in similar fashion according to the following models.

\[
\log P = \sum_{\text{cation}} \left( c_{\text{cation}} + e_{\text{cation}}E + s_{\text{cation}}S + a_{\text{cation}}A + b_{\text{cation}}B + v_{\text{cation}}V \right) + \sum_{\text{anion}} \left( c_{\text{anion}} + e_{\text{anion}}E + s_{\text{anion}}S + a_{\text{anion}}A + b_{\text{anion}}B + v_{\text{anion}}V \right)
\]

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\[
\log P = \sum_{\text{cation}} \left( c_{\text{cation}} + l_{\text{cation}}L + s_{\text{cation}}S + a_{\text{cation}}A + b_{\text{cation}}B + v_{\text{cation}}V \right) + \sum_{\text{anion}} \left( c_{\text{anion}} + l_{\text{anion}}L + s_{\text{anion}}S + a_{\text{anion}}A + b_{\text{anion}}B + v_{\text{anion}}V \right)
\]

(19)

The nine sets of cation-specific equation coefficients and eight sets of anion-specific equation coefficients that we have determined for both the Abraham model and the Goss-modified version of the Abraham model can be combined to yield...
predictive log $K$ and log $P$ expressions for 72 different RTILs. Past studies$^{1,2}$ have shown that very little loss in predictive ability results from splitting the equation coefficients into separate anion-specific and cation-specific contributions. The computation methodology that we employ of separating the equation coefficients into cation-specific and anion-specific equation coefficients can be applied in principle to other quantitative structure activity relationship (QSAR) and linear free energy relationship (LFER) models. The methodology can also be applied to practical “wet” water-to-RTIL partition coefficient data where the solute is distributed between the water-saturated RTIL and an aqueous phase that is saturated with the RTIL. At the present time there is not sufficient experimental data in the published literature to develop ion-specific equation coefficients for the practical RTIL-water partition systems.

Figure 1. Comparison of experimental log $K$ data to calculated values based on eq 12.

Figure 2. Comparison of experimental log $K$ data to calculated values based on eq 13.
Figure 3. Comparison of experimental log P data to calculated values based on eq 18.
The list of ion-specific equation coefficients that we have provided in Tables 2–5 can be easily updated or increased to include more cations/anions as experimental data for more RTILs becomes available. Should one wish to calculate additional ion-specific equation coefficients for the Abraham model or Goss-modified Abraham model there are calculation methods that can be used that would not significantly change the values that have already been calculated. One simple method would be to redefine the regressed “dependent experimental value” as the difference between the experimental log $K$ or log $P$ value and the calculated contribution for the ion whose equation coefficients are known.

**Abraham model:**

\[
\text{regressed value} = \log P - c_{\text{ion}} - e_{\text{ion}}E - s_{\text{ion}}S - a_{\text{ion}}A - b_{\text{ion}}B - l_{\text{ion}}L
\]

**Goss-modified Abraham model:**

\[
\text{regressed value} = \log K - c_{\text{ion}} - e_{\text{ion}}E - s_{\text{ion}}S - a_{\text{ion}}A - b_{\text{ion}}B - l_{\text{ion}}L
\]

Equation coefficients of the other counterion could then be computed by regression analysis without altering the values that have already been determined. The computation method allows one to combine experimental data for several RTILs having the desired ion whose equation coefficients one wishes to calculate. By combining data sets, one can calculate equation coefficients for ions that otherwise might not be possible. For example, suppose that one had experimental partition coefficient for 18 different solutes dissolved in trihexyl(tetradecyl)phosphonium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide and partition coefficient data for another set of 18 solutes dissolved in trihexyltetradecyolphosphonium tetrafluoroborate. There is not sufficient experimental data for either RTIL to develop a meaningful correlation model; however, when the two data sets are combined there are 36 total measured values. Alternatively, one might measure sufficient experimental partition coefficient data for a given RTIL to determine a RTIL-specific correlation based on the Abraham model. In such instances, one could calculate the equation coefficients, let us say for a new anion, simply by subtracting the respective cation-specific values that were determined previously from the calculated equation coefficients for the entire RTIL (i.e., $c_{\text{anion}} = c_{\text{RTIL}} - c_{\text{cation}}$; $e_{\text{anion}} = e_{\text{RTIL}} - e_{\text{cation}}$; etc.). Both computational approaches would ensure that the Abraham model and Goss-modified Abraham model ion-specific equation coefficients that might be reported in future years for RTILs would be compatible with earlier values. The suggested computation methodology also allows one to revise the ion-specific equation coefficients for the cations ([NEP]+, [PM2Im]+, [M2EIm]+, and [MBPy]+) and/or anions ([SCN]− and [AcF3]−) that were computed from limited experimental data. The ability to compute (or revise) equation coefficients of a given ion without affecting the numerical values that have been calculated for other ions is highly desirable. The popularity of RTILs as solvent media continues to grow, and new ionic liquids continue to be synthesized in response to the growing industrial demand for these rather novel liquid organic compounds.

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**Supporting Information Available:** Tables of calculated log $K$ and log $P$ values, along with the solute descriptors for all of the compounds considered in the present study; cation-specific and anion-specific equation coefficients; correlation coefficients. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.
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