RHEOLOGY OF IONIC LIQUIDS

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Background: As part of project PTDC-QUI-66826-2006 the ionic liquids 1-butyl-3methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]imide ([C4MIM] [NTf2], CAS 174899-83-3), 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium dicyanamide ([C4MIM][DCA], CAS 448245-52-1), 1ethyl-3-methylimidazolium ethylsulfate ([C2MIM][EtOSO3], CAS 342573-75-5), trihexyltetradecylphosphonium dicyanamide ([P6,6,6,14][DCA]), N,N-dihexyl-N',N',N''tetramethyl-guanidinium dicyanamide; [(di-h)TMG][DCA] and methyltrialkyl (C8,C8,C10) ammonium dicyanamide ([Aliquat®336][DCA]), considered to be suitable candidates for technological liquid storage media and heat transfer fluids, were in house synthesized and characterised as previously reported [1].

Of the properties more significant to the design of new equipment: density, heat capacity and viscosity, the first two were previously measured and presented [1] and herein we present the last one.

Experimental: Rheological measurements were made using a TA Instruments AR1500ex controlled shear stress/strain/rate rheometer with cone/plate and plate/plate geometries. Water content was measured with a Metrohm 831KF coulometer calibrated with standard reference material, Hydranal 100 ppm (mass) Water Standard (NIST SRM 2890 traceable). A specially made environmental chamber was built to accommodate the rheometer geometries under a small flow of dry nitrogen.

Results:



Conclusions: Rheological measurements were performed and they show that these ionic liquids have Newtonian behaviour in the temperature range 260 to 400 K for shear rates up to 50,000 s⁻¹ thus allowing almost all type of engineering applications.

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