

Computer Simulation Studies of Equilibrium Properties in CS₂/C₆H₆ Liquid Mixtures

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Equilibrium properties for the binary liquid mixture CS₂/C₆H₆ at a temperature of 298 K and densities corresponding to liquid–vapor coexistence have been calculated by molecular dynamics computer simulation considering the molar fractions $x = 0.25$, $x = 0.5$, and $x = 0.75$ for the benzene compound. The intermolecular interactions are described by an all-atom model in a (12/6) Lennard-Jones format with electrostatic interactions represented by point quadrupoles localized on the molecular centers of mass. We have computed thermodynamic data and structural information in terms of radial and angular distribution functions. Obtained results are in accordance with experimental findings. The analysis of local molar fractions, as well as the internal energies of the mixtures, indicate that the liquid system CS₂/C₆H₆ presents many features of an ideal binary mixture. From the radial and angular correlations between CS₂ and C₆H₆ molecules, we conclude that first contact pairs prefer parallel configurations although no preferential ordering has been found within the first solvation shell.

1. Introduction

In the past decades, several studies have been dedicated to interactions between carbon disulfide and aromatic rings. From different types of experiments, it is suggested that the occurrence of gelation of atactic polystyrene in carbon disulfide might be due to a polymer–solvent complex with a structure that resembles a ladder with CS₂ molecules as the rungs.^{1,2} The size of these cross-link domains favors the observed elastomeric gel formation.² Complexes involving CS₂ sulfur or similar sulfur atoms and phenyl rings are also observed in proteins.³

The system CS₂/C₆H₆ can be considered to represent a prototypical model for these kind of interactions. The binary liquid mixture has been studied by various dynamical spectroscopic techniques permitting the elucidation of interaction-induced effects. From excess absorption in the far-infrared absorption spectra of the mixture, the presence of transient clusters with lifetimes on the order of 0.1 ps has been suggested.⁴ The cluster formation has been primarily attributed to packing effects and, secondarily, to quadrupolar electrostatic interactions.⁵ In addition, depolarized light scattering spectra have been used to determine the orientations between CS₂ and C₆H₆ molecules by means of the orientational structure factor calculated from the purely orientational part of the spectrum. The obtained results exhibit the tendency to perpendicular orientations between CS₂ and C₆H₆ molecules in the liquid mixtures.⁶ From the theoretical point of view, high-level ab initio calculations of the benzene–carbon disulfide 1:1 complex revealed a T-shaped and a parallel configuration between CS₂ and C₆H₆ as energetically favored.⁷ Earlier theoretical studies of 1:1 complexes between aromatic molecules (C₆H₆, C₆F₆) and linear triatomics (CO₂, CS₂) illustrated the important role of quadrupolar interactions in defining the most stable configurations.⁸

In this article, we present thermodynamic and structural data for the binary mixtures of CS₂ with benzene focusing particularly on the relative orientations of the two compounds in the liquid state. Therefore, we have undertaken molecular dynamics (MD) computer simulations utilizing potential models for the compounds that have been established for the pure liquid phases of CS₂ and benzene. More details about the potential models are given in section 2 of the article. Computational details for the MD simulations are summarized in section 3. Our principal purpose is to elucidate local structures in the surroundings of the CS₂ and benzene molecules in the binary mixture. Thus, we have computed intermolecular atom–atom pair distribution functions, as well as radial distribution functions for center of mass distances as a function of the angle between the principal molecular axis (the molecular axis of the CS₂ molecules and the C₆ axis of the benzene molecules). The results of this analysis are discussed and compared with both experimental and theoretical findings in section 4, before finishing the present article with some conclusions in section 5.

2. Interaction Model

A realistic intermolecular potential model for describing liquid-state interactions has to fulfill several requirements. In addition to computational efficiency, the interaction model should predict the correct experimental properties concerning thermodynamics, phase equilibria, liquid structure, and dynamics. Even for fluids composed of almost spherical molecules, many of the published potential models do not coincide with all of these requirements.⁹ Thus, to establish an interaction model for the binary mixture of CS₂ with benzene, we have carried out a careful analysis of already published interaction models for pure liquid CS₂ and benzene.

In the case of liquid CS₂, Tildesley and Madden (TM) constructed a three center (12/6) Lennard-Jones (LJ) potential¹⁰ that has been successfully applied to simulate light scattering spectra,¹¹ far-infrared absorption,¹² and the shear viscosity coefficient¹³ of pure CS₂, as well as several equilibrium,¹⁴

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TABLE 1: Liquid CS₂ Internal Energy, U (kJ/mol), Mean-Square Forces, F^2 (10⁻¹⁹ N²), and Torques, N^2 (10⁻³⁹ J²), Integrated Correlation Times (ps) for the Linear (τ_v) and Angular Velocity (τ_w) TCFs, and Exponential Orientational Times (ps) for the First- (τ_1) and Second-Order (τ_2) Orientational TCFs

potential ^a	U	F^2	N^2	τ_v	τ_w	τ_1	τ_2
TM	-25.1	1.8	2.7	0.13	0.08	4.2	1.65
TMQ	-24.8	1.8	2.8	0.11	0.08	4.1	1.55

^a TM represents the potential from ref 10. The TMQ potential includes molecular quadrupole point tensors at the carbon atoms in addition.

dynamical,¹⁵ and spectroscopic features¹⁶ in binary mixtures of CS₂ and CCl₄. Because of this broad variety of experiences, we have adopted the potential of TM for CS₂. To incorporate electrostatic interactions, we have added molecular quadrupole moments as point tensors located at the center of mass of the CS₂. In the following, we call this potential model the TMQ potential. As the molecular gas-phase quadrupole moment, we used 9.3×10^{-40} C m².¹⁷ As becomes evident from Table 1, in which we compare several thermodynamic data and correlation times for simple time correlation functions (TCFs) between the TM and TMQ potential, the addition of point quadrupoles maintains the TM equilibrium and dynamical properties of liquid CS₂, at least at a temperature of 298 K and a density corresponding to liquid–vapor coexistence.

On the other hand, for the liquid state of C₆H₆, none of the numerous published potential models possesses the broad applicability of the TM potential. Several six-center potentials¹⁸ furnish thermodynamic properties for liquid benzene in good agreement with experiment. However, 12-center interaction models are more suitable to discuss the structure of liquid benzene.¹⁹ With respect to structural properties, liquid benzene modeled by the old 12-center Buckingham potential of Williams²⁰ compares well with experimental X-ray and neutron diffraction data,²¹ but the functional form of the potential is not suited to combine with the CS₂ TM LJ potential. Thus, we have investigated the 12-center LJ potentials of Linse²² with parameters established from quantum mechanical calculations on the benzene dimer²³ and the optimized potential for liquid simulations (OPLS)-based potential from Jorgensen and Severance²⁴ describing the electrostatic interactions in both models by point quadrupole moments localized as point tensors at the molecular centers of mass. Without any parameter manipulations, the Linse potential produces a liquid state corresponding to 298 K and liquid–vapor coexistence that is too strongly bound by approximately 4 kJ/mol. Thus, the LJ part of the Jorgensen potential combined with quadrupolar interactions has been selected to represent benzene in the mixtures.

In summary, considering molecules i and j with a center of mass separation r_{ij} , the van der Waals interaction energy of the pair is expressed as the sum of all of the atom–atom (12/6) LJ potentials between the n_i and n_j atoms of molecules i and j , respectively,

$$u_{ij}^{\text{vdw}}(r_{ij}, \Omega_i, \Omega_j) = \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{\beta} \frac{n_i}{\alpha} \frac{n_j}{\beta} 4\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \left[\left(\frac{\sigma_{\alpha\beta}}{r_{\alpha\beta}} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma_{\alpha\beta}}{r_{\alpha\beta}} \right)^6 \right] \quad (1)$$

In eq 1, molecular orientations Ω_i are included by considering explicitly site–site distances $r_{\alpha\beta}$. The LJ parameters $\sigma_{\alpha\beta}$ and $\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}$ between different atoms are obtained by the Lorentz–Berthelot mixing rules,²⁵

$$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} = (\epsilon_{\alpha\alpha}\epsilon_{\beta\beta})^{1/2} \quad \sigma_{\alpha\beta} = (\sigma_{\alpha\alpha} + \sigma_{\beta\beta})/2 \quad (2)$$

with $\epsilon_{\alpha\alpha}$ and $\sigma_{\alpha\alpha}$ representing the potential well depth parameter for the interaction between two atoms of type α with effective diameter $\sigma_{\alpha\alpha}$. All of the LJ parameters and bond lengths used in this study are presented in Table 2.

The electrostatic interactions were evaluated from a multipole expansion. For molecules belonging to the $D_{\infty h}$ (CS₂) and D_{6h} (benzene) point groups, the first nonvanishing electrostatic multipole moment is the quadrupole Q . Neglecting contributions from higher multipole moments, the quadrupole–quadrupole interaction,

$$u_{ij}^{\text{el}}(r_{ij}, \Omega_i, \Omega_j) = \frac{1}{9} \mathbf{Q}_i : \mathbf{T}_{ij}^{(4)} : \mathbf{Q}_j \quad (3)$$

represents our electrostatic pair potential. $\mathbf{T}_{ij}^{(4)}$ is the tensor of rank 4 obtained by 4-fold derivation of r_{ij}^{-1} with respect to the components of the center of mass separation vector \mathbf{r}_{ij} . Thus, an element of $\mathbf{T}^{(4)}(r_{ij})$ is defined by

$$T_{ij}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}(r_{ij}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial r_{ij}^{\alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r_{ij}^{\beta}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r_{ij}^{\gamma}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r_{ij}^{\delta}} \frac{1}{r_{ij}} \quad (4)$$

with the Greek subscripts denoting Cartesian components. The quadrupole tensors \mathbf{Q}_i depend on molecular orientation. For axial-symmetric charge distributions, the unit vector $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_i$ oriented along the molecule’s principal axis (the molecular axis for CS₂ and the C₆ axis for benzene) determines the Cartesian tensor components of \mathbf{Q}_i in the laboratory frame²⁶

$$Q_i^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{3}{2} Q_0 \left(\hat{u}_i^{\alpha} \hat{u}_i^{\beta} - \frac{\delta_{\alpha\beta}}{3} \right) \quad (5)$$

Q_0 is the gas-phase value for the molecular quadrupole moment. In this study, we used the experimental value $Q_0 = 9.3 \times 10^{-40}$ C m² for CS₂. For the benzene molecule, we have adopted the numerical value of $Q_0 = -24 \times 10^{-40}$ C m² that corresponds to the point charge model of the original benzene potential model.²⁴ The experimental quadrupole moment for the benzene molecule is $Q_0 = -30 \times 10^{-40}$ C m².²⁶

3. Computational Details

The MD simulations were carried out for the pure liquids benzene and CS₂, as well as for mixtures of CS₂ with benzene at three molar fractions of benzene, $x = 0.25, 0.50$, and 0.75 . All of the calculations are performed in the microcanonical ensemble (NVE) with 256 molecules (pure liquids) or 500 molecules (mixtures) arranged in a cubic box with dimensions corresponding to experimental densities for liquid–vapor coexistence at a temperature of $T = 298$ K. Periodic boundary conditions and a spherical cutoff (half of the box length) with the usual minimum image convention were applied to all of the distance-dependent properties.

Initial configurations were created arranging the molecules on fcc lattice positions with random orientations. In the case of mixtures, each fcc lattice point was randomly occupied by a molecule corresponding to one of the two compounds. Initial linear and angular velocities were chosen from the Maxwell–Boltzmann profiles corresponding to the desired temperature. During the simulations, the molecules were treated as rigid bodies describing the orientations via quaternions. The equations of motion for both translational and rotational motion were integrated using the fourth-order Gear–Nordsieck predictor–corrector algorithm²⁵ with an integration time step of $dt = 0.75 \times 10^{-15}$ s. Equilibration was achieved after approximately 25,

TABLE 2: LJ Parameters for CS₂ (Compound A) and Benzene (Compound B) and the Cross Interactions and the Bond Lengths, *d*

	CS ₂ –CS ₂ ¹⁰			C ₆ H ₆ –C ₆ H ₆ ²⁴			CS ₂ –C ₆ H ₆			
	C _A –C _A	S–S	C _A –S	C _B –C _B	H–H	C _B –H	C _A –C _B	C _A –H	S–C _B	S–H
ϵ/k (K)	51.2	179.0	95.7	35.2	15.1	23.1	42.5	27.8	79.4	52.0
σ (Å)	3.35	3.52	3.44	3.55	2.42	2.93	3.45	2.89	3.54	2.97
<i>d</i> (Å)			1.57	1.395		1.08				

TABLE 3: Simulation Parameters^a

x_B^b	number of molecules	molar volume ^c (cm ³ /mol)	total time of simulation (ps)	cutoff (Å)
0	256	60.57	100	14.75
0.25	500	68.72	120	19.25
0.50	500	76.06	120	19.91
0.75	500	83.46	120	20.54
1	256	88.87	115	16.78

^a The temperature is 298 K for all of the simulations. ^b x_B is the molar fraction for the benzene compound. ^c The molar volumes were computed from densities given in ref 4.

TABLE 4: Internal Energies, *U*, Total Energies, *E*, and Heats of Vaporization, ΔH_{vap} , for the Simulated Molar Fractions, x_B , of the Benzene Compound and Experimental Heats of Vaporization, $\Delta H_{\text{vap}}^{\text{exptl}}$ ^a

x_B	<i>U</i>	<i>E</i>	ΔH_{vap}	$\Delta H_{\text{vap}}^{\text{exptl}}$	<i>U</i> _{vdw}	<i>U</i> _{el}
0	−24.8	−18.6	27.3	27.5	−24.6	−0.2
0.25	−26.3	−19.7	28.8	28.7	−25.5	−0.8
0.50	−28.0	−21.0	30.4	30.1	−26.6	−1.4
0.75	−29.6	−22.5	32.1	31.9	−27.4	−2.2
1	−32.2	−24.9	34.7	33.8	−29.2	−3.0

^a All energies and enthalpies are in kJ/mol.

40, and 45 ps for pure CS₂, C₆H₆, and the mixtures, respectively. The simulation parameters are depicted in Table 3.

The simulation runs have been controlled by constancy in the total energy. Due to the small integration time step, the trajectories for all of the simulations were very stable exhibiting drifts in the total energy of less than 10^{−3} kJ/mol in 10 000 time steps.

Results and Discussion

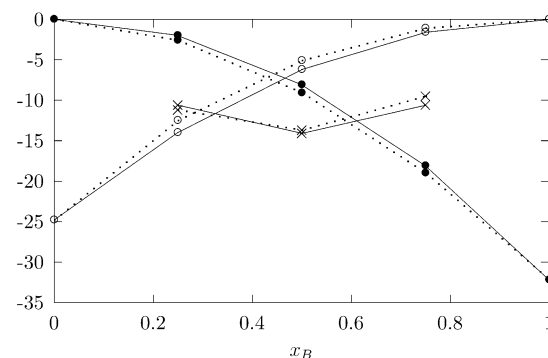
4.1. Thermodynamic Data. In Table 4, we present some of the thermodynamic data of our simulations. Internal energies, *U*, have been converted into heats of vaporization, ΔH_{vap} , by

$$\Delta H_{\text{vap}} = -U + RT \quad (6)$$

where the usual approximations (vapor phase is ideal, neglecting volume changes in the liquid phase) are assumed to be valid. Experimental ΔH_{vap} for the mixtures have been calculated from data for the pure liquids taking into account excess enthalpies of mixing H_{mix}^E .²⁷ Comparing with the experimental heats of vaporization, we find a very good agreement between the simulations and experiment as illustrated in Table 4.

Also included in Table 4 are the internal energies stemming from van der Waals, *U*_{vdw}, and electrostatic, *U*_{el}, pair interactions as defined by eqs 1 and 3, respectively. These data indicate that electrostatic interactions from quadrupole tensors at the centers of mass produce approximately 10% of the internal energy in liquid benzene but are negligible in liquid CS₂. Increasing the molar fraction of benzene in the mixtures comes along with an almost linear increase in the electrostatic contribution to the internal energy. The main reason for this

U / kJ mol^{−1}

**Figure 1.** Partial internal energies, U_{AA} (○), U_{AB} (×), and U_{BB} (●) from the simulations (connected by the dotted line) and for an ideal mixture (connected by the full line) as defined by eq 7. x_B is the benzene molar fraction (A = CS₂, B = benzene).

behavior is the large value for the gas-phase quadrupole moment of the benzene molecule (see section 2).

A rough estimate for ideality in the CS₂/C₆H₆ mixtures has been obtained from the computed partial internal energies, U_{AA} , U_{AB} , and U_{BB} (A = CS₂, B = benzene) as a function of the molar fractions x_A and x_B . In Figure 1, these partial internal energies from the simulations are compared with ideal values evaluated by

$$\begin{aligned} U_{AA}^{\text{id}} &= x_A^2 U_A \\ U_{AB}^{\text{id}} &= 2x_A x_B \sqrt{U_A U_B} \\ U_{BB}^{\text{id}} &= x_B^2 U_B \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

U_A and U_B representing the internal energies from the pure liquids. As Figure 1 indicates, CS₂–CS₂ interactions in the mixtures are weaker than suggested by the ideal model described by eq 7, whereas benzene–benzene interactions produce a weak excess toward more negative internal energies. As a consequence of this partial cancellation in the excess internal energy, the total energy *U* from Table 4 characterizes an almost ideal mixture.

4.2. Center of Mass Pair Distribution Functions. Quite generally, radial distribution functions furnish structural information about a liquid. Although the structure of molecular liquids has to be evaluated from pair distribution functions reflecting the relative molecular orientations, the center-of-mass (COM) pair distribution function, $g(r)$, represents an important property permitting the analysis of the local environment, especially in liquid mixtures. In Figures 2–4, the COM–COM pair distribution functions for CS₂–CS₂, benzene–benzene, and CS₂–benzene pairs of our simulations are illustrated.

The $g(r)$ for the CS₂ pairs in Figure 2 shows that the shape of the first peak in the $g(r)$ is not affected by the benzene molecules. Independent of the benzene concentration, the first solvation shell for CS₂ molecules surrounding CS₂ maintains a maximum position at 4.5 Å. The peak height of this function increases slightly and monotonically with the benzene concen-

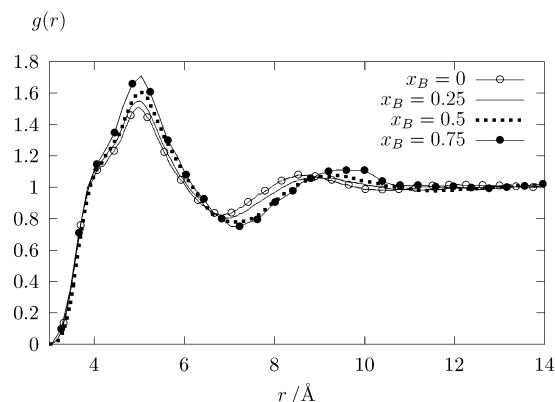


Figure 2. Intermolecular center of mass pair distribution function $g(r)$ for the CS₂ molecules as a function of the molar fraction x_B for the benzene component.

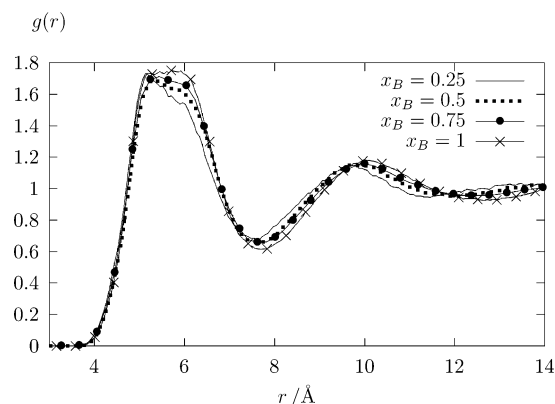


Figure 3. Intermolecular center of mass pair distribution function $g(r)$ for the benzene molecules as a function of the molar fraction x_B for the benzene component.

tration. The short distance branch of the CS₂–CS₂ pair distribution up to a shoulder at 3.9 Å is not affected by the addition of benzene indicating that nearest-neighbor configurations between CS₂ molecules remain as those in the pure liquid. Beyond the first peak, the addition of benzene molecules to CS₂ shifts the first minimum and second maximum toward longer distances.

The benzene–benzene pair distribution function from Figure 3 exhibits similar features. Adding CS₂ to benzene does not affect the short distance distribution of benzene pairs up to 5 Å. However, the shape of the first peak in the benzene–benzene distribution is somehow influenced beyond the peak maximum by the CS₂ addition. The broad peak observed in pure benzene is slightly straightened by adding CS₂. The formation of a shoulder at 6 Å is observed in the mixture with the highest CS₂ concentration. Positions of additional minima and maxima in the benzene–benzene $g(r)$ shift toward smaller distances when CS₂ is added.

The distribution of benzene–CS₂ pairs is depicted in Figure 4. As observed in the CS₂–CS₂ and benzene–benzene distribution functions, the first peak keeps the maximum position at 5.1 Å and changes only slightly the peak height when the benzene concentration increases. Beyond the first peak maximum, adding benzene causes a shift of additional extrema in the $g(r)$ toward larger distances.

The weak concentration dependence of the COM–COM pair distributions resembles the behavior that one might expect for an almost ideal mixture. The observed trend that the $g(r)$ shift slightly to larger distances when benzene is added to the

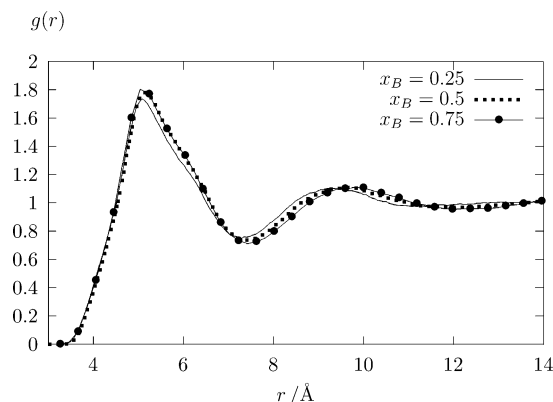


Figure 4. Intermolecular center of mass pair distribution function $g(r)$ for CS₂–benzene pairs as a function of the molar fraction x_B for the benzene component.

mixtures reflects the molar volume of the pure liquids and might be related to the larger molecular shape of the benzene molecules.

As another indicator for the ideality of a liquid mixture, we studied local mole fractions X_{IJ} of the I th component surrounding a molecule of component J . Using the corresponding partial coordination number $n_{IJ}(r)$, one defines the local mole fraction by

$$X_{IJ} = \frac{n_{IJ}(r)}{n_J(r)} \quad (8)$$

where $n_J(r)$ represents the total coordination number of a molecule belonging to component J of the mixture. The coordination numbers $n_{IJ}(r)$ are obtained by integrating the corresponding COM–COM pair distribution function $g_{IJ}(r)$,

$$n_{IJ}(r') = 4\pi\rho_I \int_0^{r'} r^2 g_{IJ}(r) dr \quad (9)$$

In eq 9, ρ_I is the macroscopic number density of component I . The integration is usually restricted by the position of the first minimum in the pair distribution function permitting the determination of inhomogeneities within the first solvation shell around a chosen molecule of component J . This analysis has previously been applied to binary mixtures of CS₂ in CCl₄¹⁴ and methanol in chloroform,²⁸ as well as aqueous solutions of DMSO²⁹ and formamide.³⁰

Another parameter related to X_{IJ} is given by the sum of local mole fractions,

$$X_S = X_{II} + X_{JJ} \quad (10)$$

In homogeneous mixtures, the local molar fractions X_{II} and X_{JJ} are equal to the global mole fractions. Tendencies of demixing are indicated by $X_S > 1$, whereas $X_S < 1$ has been interpreted as association or cluster formation.³¹ Numerical values for the first shell coordination numbers n_{IJ} and molar fractions X_{IJ} are summarized in Table 5. To define consistent solvation shells for a molecule of the J component, we have performed the numerical integration (eq 9) over the pair distribution functions for the mixtures up to the position of the first minimum in the $g(r)$ for the pure liquid of component J .

The local coordination numbers and molar fractions from Table 5 confirm our conclusions drawn from the partial internal energies in the preceding subsection. All of the studied compositions of the CS₂/benzene mixture exhibit local mole fractions in perfect agreement with the global composition. The

TABLE 5: Partial Coordination Numbers, n_{IJ} , and Local Mole Fractions, X_{IJ} , of the CS₂/Benzene Mixtures^a

	x_B^b				
	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1
n_{BB}		3.04	6.01	8.75	12.55
n_{AB}		8.94	5.91	2.84	
n_{BA}		2.98	5.91	8.51	
n_{AA}	12.77	8.79	5.75	2.83	
n_B		11.98	11.92	11.59	12.55
n_A	12.77	11.77	11.66	11.34	
X_{BB}		0.25	0.50	0.75	1
X_{AB}		0.75	0.50	0.25	
X_{BA}		0.25	0.50	0.75	
X_{AA}	1	0.75	0.50	0.25	
X_S	1	1	1	1	1

^a The subscripts A and B represent CS₂ and benzene component, respectively. ^b x_B is the mole fraction of benzene.

COM–COM pair distributions studied here correspond to homogeneous (ideal) mixtures. Thus, small shifts in the $g(r)$ from Figures 2–4 due to changes in the composition of the mixtures are a consequence of the density.

4.3. Angular Correlations. The atom–atom pair distribution functions, $g_{\alpha\beta}(r)$, permit a more detailed analysis of the liquid structure, especially within the first shell of coordination. In the case of the CS₂ molecules, the structural features of CS₂ pairs are revealed by the three atom–atom pair distributions, $g_{CC}(r)$, $g_{CS}(r)$, and $g_{SS}(r)$. A detailed discussion of these functions is given in refs 10 and 32. In summary, CS₂ pairs present preferentially parallel configurations at very short distances but are more perpendicularly oriented at distances corresponding to the first shell maximum. The atom–atom pair distribution functions $g_{CC}(r)$, $g_{CH}(r)$, and $g_{HH}(r)$ for benzene pairs are also well-known.^{24,33} These functions are affected by more perpendicular orientations within the first shell but exhibit parallel orientations for closest-contact pairs as a result of packing effects.^{34,35}

We computed all of the atom–atom pair distribution functions between CS₂ pairs and benzene pairs in the mixtures. However, the comparison of these functions for the mixtures with the data set for the pure liquids shows that the atom–atom pair distributions for CS₂ pairs and benzene pairs in the mixtures undergo only very small changes in peak positions and amplitudes. Thus, one might conclude that the structural characteristics of CS₂ pairs and of benzene pairs are not affected by any changes in the molar fractions of the components. For this reason, we do not present the six atom–atom pair distributions mentioned above.

To extract some structural information concerning CS₂–benzene pairs, we have computed their atom–atom pair distribution functions, $g_{CC}(r)$, $g_{CS}(r)$, $g_{HC}(r)$, and $g_{HS}(r)$ (discussed below), as well as the angle θ between the C₆-axis of the benzene molecules and the molecular axis of the CS₂ particles. The averaged cosine $\langle \cos \theta(r) \rangle$ for this angle as a function of the COM–COM distance r is defined by

$$\langle \cos \theta(r) \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j \neq i}^N \delta(r - r_{ij}) |\cos \theta_{ij}| \right\rangle \quad (11)$$

where the average on the right-hand side (rhs) indicates sampling along the trajectory. For D_{6h} and $D_{\infty h}$ molecular species, pair configurations with angles θ and $\pi - \theta$ cannot be distinguished from each other. Thus, we have included in eq 11 only the absolute value for $\cos \theta$.

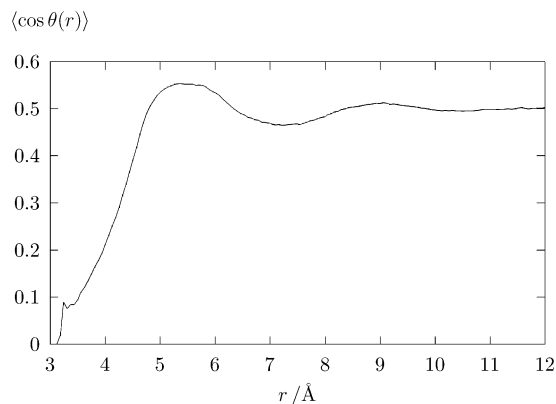


Figure 5. Average cosine $\langle \cos \theta(r) \rangle$ for the angle between the C₆-axis of the benzene molecules and the molecular axis of the CS₂ molecules as a function of the COM–COM distances in the equimolar mixture.

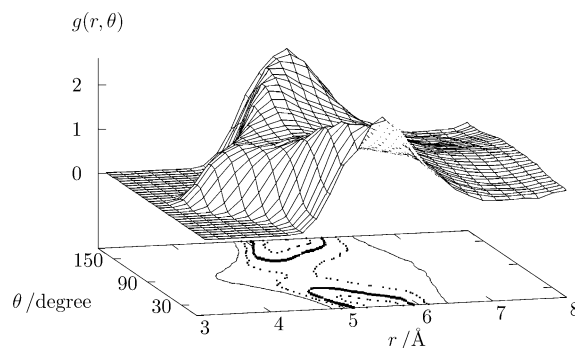


Figure 6. $g(r, \theta)$ as defined by eq 12 for the equimolar mixture. To facilitate the identification of characteristic angles and distances, some of the contour lines are shown in the r, θ -plane.

For the equimolar mixture, $\langle \cos \theta(r) \rangle$ for CS₂/benzene pairs is illustrated in Figure 5. Note that the other molar fractions considered here furnish a very similar distribution of $\langle \cos \theta(r) \rangle$. From Figure 5, it becomes evident that pairs between CS₂ and benzene molecules at shortest distances of 3.2 Å correspond to very small values of $\cos \theta$. Thus, first contact pairs of CS₂ and benzene exhibit preferentially a parallel configuration. However, as indicated by the very small amplitude in the $g(r)$ for the CS₂/benzene pairs from Figure 4, there are only a few closest-contact pairs, and one might assume that these short-range CS₂/benzene pairs with a parallel relative configuration correspond to the repulsive part of the intermolecular pair potential. At larger distance, $\langle \cos \theta \rangle$ increases rapidly presenting a broad maximum between 5 and 6 Å with an amplitude of 0.55 indicating a tendency to form more CS₂/benzene pairs in perpendicular configurations. This region of intermolecular distances corresponds to the peak maximum of the COM–COM pair distribution function for CS₂/benzene pairs in Figure 4. At long distances, Figure 5 presents the expected average value of $\langle \cos \theta \rangle = 0.5$ for CS₂ molecules randomly oriented relative to the benzene molecules.

More detailed orientational correlations between pairs of molecules can be obtained combining the pair distribution function $g(r)$ with the angular distribution for the angle θ ,

$$g(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{N\rho} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j \neq i}^N \delta(r - r_{ij}) \delta(\theta - \theta_{ij}) \right\rangle \quad (12)$$

In Figure 6, we present $g(r, \theta)$ for the CS₂/benzene pairs in the equimolar mixture. A broad short-range shoulder with angles

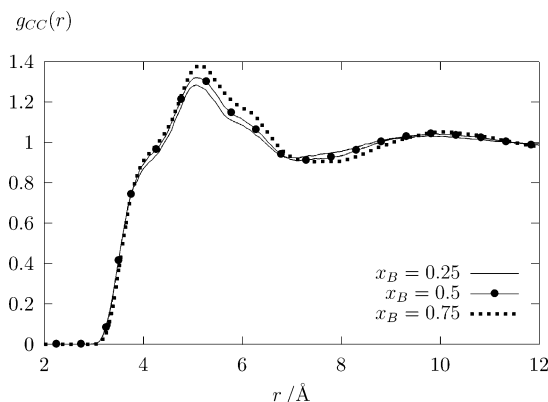


Figure 7. Carbon-carbon pair distribution function $g_{CC}(r)$ for CS₂-benzene pairs as a function of the molar fraction x_B for the benzene component.

TABLE 6: Atom-Atom Distances (Å) for the CS₂/Benzene Pair from ab Initio Calculations^{7a}

<i>b</i>	C _A -C _B			C _B -S			COM _A -COM _B
a	5.66			4.18	7.17		5.49
b	4.38	4.79	5.19	4.66	5.38	6.05	4.60

^a The subscript A denotes CS₂ and B the benzene molecule. ^b a represents CS₂ oriented along the C₆-axis of the benzene molecule. b represents CS₂ within the C₂-axis over bonds of the benzene molecule.

close to 90° indicates that pair configurations with the CS₂ molecules almost parallel to the benzene ring dominate up to distances of approximately 4.5 Å. CS₂ oriented perpendicular to the benzene ring system become important at distances between 5 and 6 Å corresponding to the peak position of the first maximum in the pair distribution function for the CS₂/benzene pairs shown in Figure 4. Beyond the first coordination shell, the orientational preferences disappear as illustrated by Figure 6.

In Figure 7, we depict the carbon-carbon pair distribution function, $g_{CC}(r)$, for CS₂/benzene pairs. For the CS₂ molecule, the COM coincides with the carbon atom, and in the benzene molecule, the carbon atom is only slightly dislocated from the COM. Consequently, the $g_{CC}(r)$ resembles many features of the corresponding COM-COM pair distribution function for CS₂/benzene pairs from Figure 4. However, both the short- and the long-range branch of the first maximum is more structured in the $g_{CC}(r)$ as a consequence of some preferential orientations. A parallel configuration with the CS₂ molecule within the C₂-axis over C-C bonds of the benzene molecule has been determined by ab initio calculations on the CS₂/benzene pair.⁷ Some structural data obtained from these calculations are summarized in Table 6. The parallel configuration was characterized by a COM-COM distance of 4.6 Å, corresponding more or less to the short-distance shoulder with angles distributed around 90° from Figure 6. Three distinct distances between the carbon atoms of the benzene molecule and the carbon atoms of the CS₂ molecules at 4.38, 4.79, and 5.19 Å have been revealed by the ab initio calculations. These distances correspond perfectly to the short-range branch of the first maximum in the $g_{CC}(r)$ from Figure 7. The long-range branch in the $g_{CC}(r)$ is more affected by the perpendicular configuration between CS₂ and benzene. The ab initio calculations furnish a C-C distance of 5.66 Å for such a configuration, which corresponds to the region in the $g_{CC}(r)$ beyond the maximum.

In Figure 8, the pair distribution function of the benzene's carbon atoms and the S atoms is illustrated. A first maximum with distances of 4 Å can be coordinated to the perpendicular

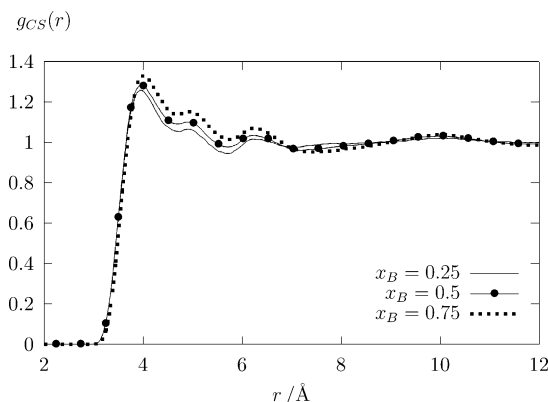


Figure 8. Carbon-sulfur pair distribution function $g_{CS}(r)$ for CS₂-benzene pairs as a function of the molar fraction x_B for the benzene component.

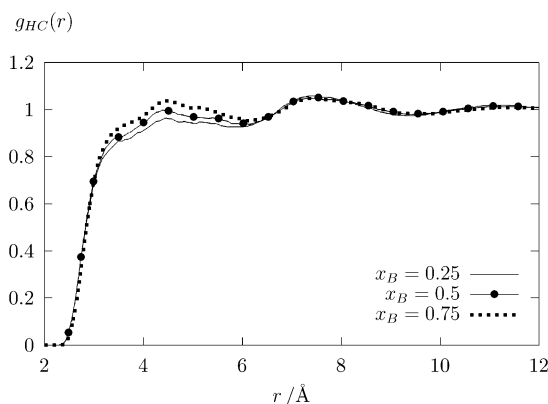


Figure 9. Hydrogen-carbon pair distribution function $g_{HC}(r)$ for CS₂-benzene pairs as a function of the molar fraction x_B for the benzene component.

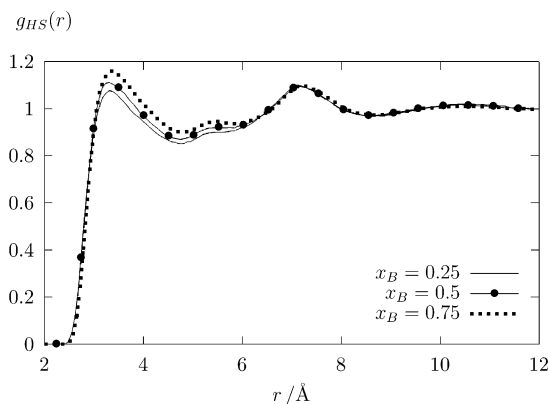


Figure 10. Hydrogen-sulfur pair distribution function $g_{HS}(r)$ for CS₂-benzene pairs as a function of the molar fraction x_B for the benzene component.

configuration between CS₂/benzene pairs. The corresponding ab initio distance from Table 6 is 4.18 Å. The structured features beyond the peak maximum in the $g_{CS}(r)$ are due to parallel configurations between CS₂ and benzene molecules. This configuration exhibits three distinct ab initio distances between the benzene's carbon atom and the S atom of the CS₂ molecule (Table 6) corresponding to the range beyond the peak maximum from Figure 8.

Finally, in Figures 9 and 10, we demonstrate the pair distributions for the benzene's hydrogen atoms and the CS₂'s carbon ($g_{HC}(r)$, Figure 9) and sulfur atoms ($g_{HS}(r)$, Figure 10). The $g_{HC}(r)$ is only weakly structured and does not indicate any

characteristic peak positions. In contrast, the $g_{\text{HS}}(r)$ from Figure 10 presents a first peak at 3.5 Å that can be explained by the perpendicular configurations between benzene rings and CS₂ molecules similar to those in the $g_{\text{CS}}(r)$. A second maximum at distances slightly larger than 7 Å is expected for the second S atom in a perpendicularly oriented CS₂ molecule.

5. Conclusions

MD simulations have been employed to investigate thermodynamic properties and structural features of CS₂/C₆H₆ liquid mixtures at 298 K and benzene mole fractions of $x = 0.25$, 0.50, and 0.75. The potential models have been constructed by using well-known Lennard-Jones potentials of the pure compounds and describing the quadrupolar electrostatic interactions by point quadrupole moments located at the COMs of the molecules.

Calculated enthalpies of vaporization present a good agreement with experimental values for all of the compositions. From internal energies, we conclude that the binary liquid mixture of CS₂ and benzene is almost ideal. This conclusion is corroborated by the local mole fraction analysis clearly indicating that any changes in the first coordination shells around CS₂ or benzene can be explained by density effects.

Structural parameters obtained from angular and atom–atom pair distributions for CS₂/benzene pairs furnish preferentially perpendicular orientations between CS₂ and benzene molecules within the first coordination shell in agreement with experimental light scattering data.⁶ However, first contact pairs of CS₂ and benzene molecules are oriented in parallel. Distances from ab initio calculations on the CS₂/benzene pair⁷ confirm the relative orientations obtained from the liquid-state simulations.

The good agreement between the experimental results and the properties obtained from the simulations validates the employed potential model for the binary liquid system CS₂/benzene, at least for the accurate description of equilibrium properties. Currently, we are investigating whether this force field proposal is also able to correctly describe dynamical features of the mixtures as revealed by far-infrared absorption⁴ and depolarized Rayleigh light scattering.⁶

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