

Diffusion coefficient for gases

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1 Binary diffusion coefficient of nonpolar gases

The binary diffusion coefficient between two nonpolar gases A and B are given Wilke and Lee is as follows:

$$D_{AB} = \frac{[3.03 - \frac{0.98}{\sqrt{M_{AB}}}] \times 10^{-3} T^{\frac{3}{2}}}{P \sqrt{M_{AB}} \sigma_{AB}^2 \Omega_D}$$

where

D_{AB} = binary diffusion coefficient, cm²/s

T = temperature, K

M_A, M_B = molecular weights of A and B, g/mol

$M_{AB} = 2 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{M_A} + \frac{1}{M_B}}$

P = pressure, bar

$\sigma_{AB} = \frac{\sigma_A + \sigma_B}{2}$, where $\sigma_A = 1.18 V_{b_A}^{\frac{1}{3}}$ and $\sigma_B = 1.18 V_{b_B}^{\frac{1}{3}}$. V_{b_A} is the liquid molar volume (cm³/mol).

$$\Omega_D = \frac{A}{T^{*B}} + \frac{C}{e^{DT^*}} + \frac{E}{e^{FT^*}} + \frac{G}{e^{HT^*}}$$

$$T^* = \frac{kT}{\epsilon_{AB}}, A = 1.06036, B = 0.15610$$

$$C = 0.19300, D = 0.47635, E = 1.03587$$

$$F = 1.52996, G = 1.76474, H = 3.89411$$

$$\left(\frac{\epsilon}{k}\right)_A = 1.15T_{b_A}$$

$$\left(\frac{\epsilon}{k}\right)_B = 1.15T_{b_B}$$

$$\epsilon_{AB} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\epsilon}{k}\right)_A \left(\frac{\epsilon}{k}\right)_B}$$

T_b is the normal boiling temperature at 1 atmosphere pressure in Kelvin.