

# Computation Of Available Volume ( $V_a$ ) And Intermolecular Free Length ( $L_f$ ) In 4-Hexyloxybenzylidene)-4'alkoxy Anilines, 6O.Om Schiff's Compounds

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**Abstract :** In Present studies we have calculated molecular parameters such as available volume ( $V_a$ ) molecular radius ( $M_r$ ) intermolecular free length ( $L_f$ ) and Beyer's acoustic nonlinearity parameter (B/A) of homologous series of 4-(hexyloxybenzylidene)-4'alkoxy anilines, 6O.Om with  $m = 4$  to 10 liquid crystalline (LC) compounds by employing thermal expansion coefficient obtained from variation of density with temperature in liquid crystal and isotropic phases. The intermolecular free - length of liquid crystalline compund is computed in six different ways and the data obtained is compared with the available literature.

**Key words:** Liquid crystals, density studies, Acoustic Nonlinearity parameter, molecular radius and free length.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The study of physical properties, optical properties and thermal properties, density, viscosity refractive indices, and specific heat etc, are very much necessary for understanding the basic nature of liquid crystals and its application in terms of technical aspects. In addition to these properties, Knowledge of thermodynamic behavior and internal structure of the molecules of liquid crystalline compounds is also important for understanding the behavior of the material. Recently, R.R. Reddy et al [1] has done extensive studies on some binary mixtures to test the interrelation between  $V_a$ ,  $C_1$  and B/A. Present studies we have attempted to enhance the same and estimated the intermolecular free length ( $L_f$ ) for the liquid crystalline materials which belong to nO.Om class of compounds. All these compounds are synthesized and characterized by using POM and DSC and also the physical properties of liquid crystal compounds such as Refractive Indices, density are calculated by using modified spectrometer and Pycnometer. In this work it is proposed to measure the thermodynamical and anharmonic parameters using the coefficient of volume expansion, isochoric temperature coefficient of internal pressure (X), volume expansivity ( $X'$ ), the reduced volume ( $V^-$ ) and the reduced compressibility ( $\beta^-$ ) in the crystalline and isotropic phases. In addition this we also estimated available volume ( $V_a$ ), intermolecular free length ( $L_f$ ) parameters in different ways and Beyer's nonlinearity parameter (B/A) and molecular radius ( $M_r$ ) for the homologous series of 4-hexyloxybenzylidene)-4'-alkoxy anilines, 6O.Om liquid crystalline phases where  $m = 4$  to 10.

Expressions for computation in various thermoacoustic parameters are using the thermal expansion coefficient ( $\alpha$ ) [2-4] are explained further.

Coefficient of volume expansion ( $\alpha$ ) =  $1/V_m (dV_m/dT)$  Where  $dV_m = V_{m2} - V_{m1}$  and  $dT = T_2 - T_1$ , For the evaluation of following parameters we are taken  $dV_m = V_{m2} - V_{m1}$  and  $dT = T_2 - T_1$  values from our recent publication [5].

### Available volume and Intermolecular frelength

The Moelwyns-Hughes parameter ( $C_1$ ):

$$C_1 = \left(\frac{13}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{\alpha T}\right) + \left(\frac{4 \alpha T}{3}\right) \quad (1)$$

Reduced molar volume ( $V^-$ ):

$$V^- = \left\{ \frac{\left(\frac{\alpha T}{3}\right)}{(1 + \alpha T)} + 1 \right\}^3 \quad (2)$$

The isochoric temperature coefficient of internal pressure (X) is given by

$$X = - \frac{2(1 + 2 \alpha T)}{V^{-c_1}} \quad (3)$$

where  $V^{-c_1} = \beta$  is the reduced compressibility From equations 1, 2 and 3 we obtained

The isochoric acoustical parameter

$$K'' = 1 + \left(\frac{X}{2\alpha T}\right) \quad (4)$$

The isobaric acoustical parameters

$$K = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \left(\frac{S^*(1 + \alpha T)}{\alpha T}\right) \right] \quad (5)$$

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where  $S^* = 1 + \left(\frac{4\alpha T}{3}\right)$  (6)

The isothermal acoustical parameter  $K' = K + K''$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \left[ 3 + \frac{(S^*(1 + \alpha T) + X)}{\alpha T} \right]$  (7)

The relation between isothermal acoustical parameter ( $K'$ ) and available volume ( $V_a$ ) of the compounds as

$$\frac{V_a}{V_m} = \frac{1}{(K'+1)} = \frac{1}{(K''+K+1)}$$
 (8)

Here  $V_m$  is the molar volume (molecular weight/density)

The available volume  $V_a = \frac{V_m}{K'+1}$  (9)

The relations [5,6] are used to write the available volume in  $C_1$

$$V_a = V[2/(C_1+1)]$$
 (10)

Then the intermolecular free-length ( $L_f$ ) is given by the relation

$$L_f = \frac{2V_a}{Y}$$
 (11)

Where  $Y$  is surface area per mole given by

$$Y = (36\pi N V_0^2)^{1/3}$$
 (12a)

$$V_0 = V - V_a$$
 (12b)

Where  $V_0$  is the molar volume at 0 K

$$V_0 = \frac{V}{V^*}$$
 (13)

$V^*$  is reduced molar volume and  $N$  is Avogadro number

Thermal expansion ( $\alpha$ ) can be gained by the density data and Thermodynamical parameters such as isochoric temperature coefficient of internal pressure ( $X$ ),

It is observed that with the effect of temperature the variations of parameters, reduced volume ( $V^*$ ) reduced compressibility ( $V^{-c_1}$ ) and isochoric temperature coefficient of internal pressure ( $X$ ) is same that of coefficient of thermal expansion ( $\alpha$ ), and is accepted these parameters for all compounds are proportional to  $\alpha$ . All these parameters exhibit a constant value at a particular phase except around the phase transition where they exhibit singularity, all these values in different Liquid crystal phases in all the compounds given in Table 1.

Using Eq. (9) and Eq. (10) we estimated the available volume,  $V_a$ . It is observed that the available volume increased for one methylene unit is about 3.5. In isotropic phase the change in available volume,  $V_a$  with chain length is found to be less and it is increased for methylene unit is 3.75 (from K) and 3.61 (from C1) in isotropic phase in 60.0m series. Using the values of  $V$  and  $V_0$  (molar volume at 0 K), which is obtained in three ways is used to calculate the molecular free length in six different ways.

**(Molecular radius)  $M_r$**

In Density and refractive index results [8] the appropriate expressions of Molecular radius ( $M_r$ ) of Liquid Crystal molecule is given by Molecular

$$\text{radius } M_r = \frac{1}{2} 3 \sqrt{\frac{M\sqrt{2}}{\rho N}}$$
 (14)

Here  $M$  is the molecular weight of a liquid crystal compound

**Acoustic Nonlinearity parameter, B/A**

The Acoustic non-linearity parameter, B/A can be obtained from coefficient of the thermal expansion,  $\alpha$  and ultrasonic velocity,  $u$  is given as

$$B/A = 2u\rho[du/dp]_T$$
 (15)

By, using the equation Moelwyns-Hughes parameter ( $C_1$ ), the acoustical parameter for liquids and polymers is given by

$$B/A = C_1 - 1$$
 (16a)

$$B/A = 2K + 2\gamma K''$$
 (16b)

The expressions for B/A from density are given as reference [9,10]

**Results and discussion**

In the present study the liquid crystal (LC's) compounds were synthesized and characterized with the properties such as density and refractive indices were calculated. The density data which is published very recently [5] is taken for the estimation of thermal expansion coefficient( $C_1$ ), reduced volume ( $V^*$ ), and isobaric (K) isothermal ( $K'$ ), isochoric ( $K''$ ) acoustical parameters are estimated by the coefficient of thermal expansion. In addition to this molecular free length ( $L_f$ ), nonlinearity parameter (B/A) reduced compressibility ( $\beta$ ), Moelwyn-Hughes parameter and molecular radius ( $M_r$ ) are also evaluated using equations (1) - (16).

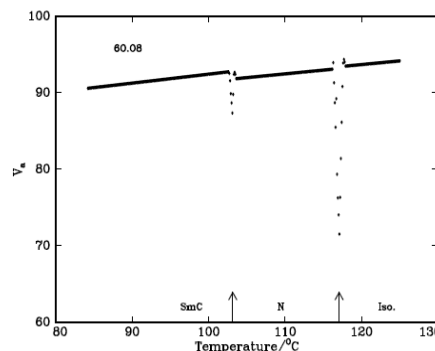


Figure 1  
**Figure1: Variation of available volume ( $V_a$ ) with temperature in 60.08 compound**

Figure 1 shows the available volume varies with various temperatures in 60.08 compound and it is observed that available volume increases with temperature. Thus, by the change in temperature change in available volume quite

natural phenomenon and it is attributed due to increase the motion of molecules and decrease in intermolecular attraction at higher temperatures [1].

**Table 2** depicts the values of intermolecular frelength ( $L_r$ ) in all the compounds obtained in different ways in different LC phases. It is found that all values are in agreement with each other. From the experimental studies on the TBnA compounds [11], benzoic acids [12] as well as in a number of nO.O5 [13] compounds and observed that the slope value should be around  $8 \times 10^{-4}$  is good agreement with experimental value. The agreement between these results clearly demonstrates the clear interrelation between  $V_a$ ,  $C_1$  and  $B/A$ . The change in molecular radius ( $M_r$ ) with temperature in all the compounds of 6O.Om homologues is shown in Figure 2.

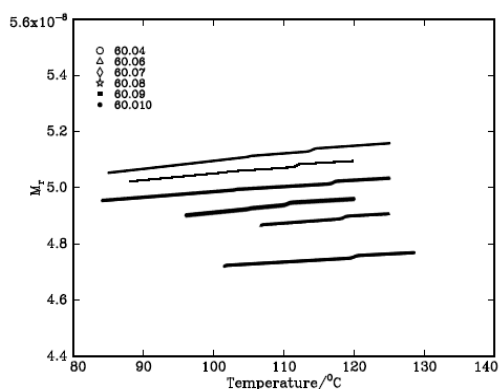


Figure 2

**Figure 2:** Variation of molecular radius ( $M_r$ ) with temperature in all 6O.Om compounds

The values of  $M_r$  and  $B/A$  in various Liquid Crystal phases shown in Table 3. Variation of  $M_r$ , Beyers nonlinearity parameter,  $B/A$  in 6O.Om compounds in isotropic, nematic and smectic phases. The data reveals that the increased value of molecular radius for methylene unit is found to be  $0.064 \text{ \AA}$ .

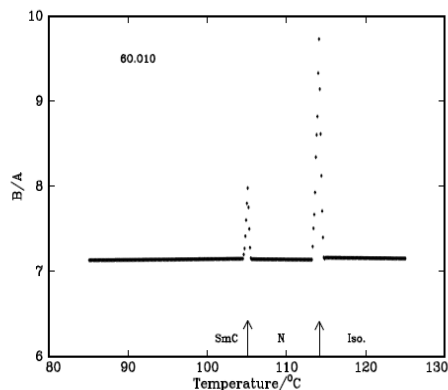


Figure 3

**Figure 3:** Variation of Acoustic nonlinearity parameter ( $B/A$ ) with temperature in 6O.O10 compound

Figure 3 shows that non linearity parameter,  $B/A$  with variation of temperature for 6O.O10 compound. In this case the value of  $B/A$  almost constant at a particular phase except around the phase transition and the peak value depends on the coefficient  $\alpha$ . On the other hand, the value of  $B/A$  is slightly smaller in Liquid Crystal phases than in isotropic phase. In general this parameter, lies in the range 5.5 to 9.5, with extreme variations of 2 and 13 [10].

## CONCLUSIONS

It has been concluded that. All the molecular parameters are almost constant than at the phase transition where it shows an elevation or the dip depending whether  $\alpha$  is directly or indirectly proportional to the quantity under consideration including  $B/A$  (this can be seen from the graphs).

1. Regarding the free length it increases linearly with the increase of the chain length with one or two exceptions.
2. This is the first time that free length is calculated six different ways in liquid crystals.
3. The free length increases with the decrease of temperature i.e., it is higher in LC
4. phases with the exception of  $V_a$  from K and  $V_0$  calculated from equation (12).

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**Table 1:** Variation of thermoacoustic parameters and available volume  $V_a$  in different LC phases of all the 6O.Om compounds

Table 1

Comp.	phase	Temp.	C1	V~	$\beta$	$X_1$	$K''$	K	$K'$	$V_a(K)$	$V_a(C_1)$
6O.O4	Iso.	124.1	7.90	1.26	6.26	-0.52	0.179	3.449	3.628	79.574	82.82
	N	106.5	7.67	1.28	6.68	-0.51	0.270	3.337	3.607	78.312	83.22
6O.O5	Iso.	115.0	6.70	1.47	12.97	-0.37	0.72	3.06	3.780	81.36	98.49
	N	105.0	6.64	1.54	17.27	-0.31	0.80	2.89	3.690	80.80	----
6O.O6	Iso.	123.5	7.73	1.28	6.57	-0.51	0.246	3.366	3.612	87.10	92.21
	N	112	7.18	1.34	8.16	-0.46	0.479	3.090	3.569	86.52	96.70
6O.O7	Iso.	120	7.69	1.28	6.65	-0.51	0.268	3.339	3.607	90.281	95.82
	N	111.2	7.24	1.33	7.93	-0.47	0.454	3.118	3.572	90.270	98.29
	SmC	105	6.95	1.71	42.28	-0.18	0.610	2.953	3.562	89.435	98.73
6O.O8	Iso.	121.8	7.78	1.27	6.47	-0.52	0.226	3.391	3.617	93.874	98.76
	N	111.8	7.75	1.27	6.53	-0.51	0.239	3.375	3.614	92.662	97.77
	SmC	97.6	7.17	1.34	8.21	-0.46	0.483	3.085	3.568	92.164	103.11
6O.O9	Iso.	116.1	7.68	1.28	6.66	-0.51	0.266	3.341	3.607	97.518	103.11
	N	106.1	7.48	1.30	7.14	-0.49	0.350	3.239	3.589	96.445	104.46
	SmC	97.6	6.94	1.39	9.59	-0.43	0.590	2.972	3.562	95.775	110.27
6O.O10	Iso.	119	7.36	1.31	7.49	-0.48	0.400	3.180	3.580	101.502	111.28
	N	109	7.24	1.33	7.93	-0.47	0.454	3.118	3.572	100.072	111.16
	SmC	100	6.76	1.44	11.73	-0.39	0.695	2.879	3.574	98.599	116.31

**Table 2:** Variation of molecular free length  $L_f$  obtained in six different ways in all the 6O.0m compounds in isotropic, nematic and smectic phases.

Com.	phase	Temp.	Intermolecular frelength ( $L_f$ ) in angstrom units					
			$V_a$ from K			$V_a$ from $C_1$		
			$V_o$ eq.(13)	$V_o$ eq.(12)	$V_o$ (graph)	$V_o$ eq.(13)	$V_o$ eq.(12)	$V_o$ (graph)
6O.04	Iso.	124.1	0.907	0.892	0.981	0.944	0.929	1.01
	N	106.5	0.914	0.891	0.964	0.971	0.947	1.02
6O.06	Iso.	123.5	0.944	0.923	1.03	0.99	0.976	1.09
	N	112	0.979	0.928	1.03	1.09	1.04	1.14
6O.07	Iso.	120	0.957	0.934	1.05	1.02	0.992	1.11
	N	111.2	0.975	0.938	1.05	1.06	1.02	1.14
	SmC	105	1.070	0.826	0.932	1.33	1.02	1.15
6O.08	Iso.	121.8	0.964	0.945	1.05	1.01	0.994	1.11
	N	111.8	0.962	0.941	1.04	1.02	0.993	1.09
	SmC	97.6	1.000	0.948	1.03	1.12	1.06	1.15
6O.09	Iso.	116.1	0.983	0.959	1.08	1.04	1.02	1.14
	N	106.1	0.992	0.958	1.07	1.07	1.04	1.15
	SmC	97.6	1.031	0.961	1.06	1.19	1.11	1.22
6O.010	Iso.	119	1.011	0.976	1.17	1.12	1.07	1.28
	N	109	1.020	0.973	1.15	1.14	1.08	1.27
	SmC	100	1.070	0.968	1.13	1.26	1.14	1.33

**Table 3**

Comp.	Phase	Temp.	$M_r$	B/A	B/A
6O.04	Iso.	124.1	4.763	7.257	6.899
	N	106.5	4.731	7.213	6.673
6O.06	Iso.	123.5	4.905	7.223	6.724
	N	112	4.877	7.137	6.180
6O.07	Iso.	120	4.960	7.214	6.678
	N	111.2	4.943	7.227	6.749
	SmC	105	4.925	7.130	5.839
6O.08	Iso.	121.8	5.029	7.234	6.782
	N	111.8	5.006	7.228	6.750
	SmC	97.6	4.981	7.137	6.170
6O.09	Iso.	116.1	5.096	7.215	6.682
	N	106.1	5.096	7.179	6.478
	SmC	97.6	5.096	7.124	5.939
6O.010	Iso.	119	5.148	7.160	6.359
	N	109	5.121	7.144	6.236
	SmC	100	5.096	7.147	5.758