

Denitrification of liquid fuel using ionic liquids & deep eutectic solvents

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A total of 168 comprising cations which include 1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium, 1-ethylpyridinium, 1-ethyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium, 1-ethyl-1-methylpiperidinium [EMPIP], 4-ethyl-4-methylmorpholinium, and 1,2,4-trimethylpyrazolium combined with 26 anions were investigated. Further, a total 94 deep eutectic solvents (DESs) based on different combinations of salt cation, anion, hydrogen-bond donor (HBD) and salt: HBD molar ratio are screened via the conductor-like screening model for real solvents (COSMO-RS) for potential use in the extractive denitrification of liquid fuel. The extraction of nitrogen compounds using IL's and DES are driven by hydrogen-bonding interaction, structural orientation, charge – charge interaction, and orbital level interaction, etc. It was found that five member ring compounds report higher selectivity and capacity than six member compounds. Ammonium-based DESs give higher selectivity but phosphonium-based DESs report higher capacity. Ternary liquid – liquid extraction experiments were conducted at room temperature with pyrrole and pyridine with the concentration in the feed ranging from 5 to 50 wt%. It was observed that there is no solvent in the raffinate phases. The distribution ratio and selectivity were calculated and it's gave higher than one for all five member ring compounds. This LLE data were correlated with COSMO-RS model prediction which gave good agreement by means of RMSD value is 2.51%.

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