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Las cosas difíciles requieren un largo tiempo, las imposibles un poco más.

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SUMMARY

Biomass plays a significant role in the renewable energy sector, and sorbitol and mannitol are associated with biomass through their production, use as carbon sources, and modification of biomass-based materials. They can be produced from biomass sources such as corn, wheat, and other plant materials. They can also serve as carbon sources for microorganisms involved in biomass conversion or be used to modify the properties of biomass-based materials.

Both sorbitol and mannitol, as sugar alcohols, have distinct properties and applications. Sorbitol is highly hygroscopic and more soluble in water, while mannitol, a crystalline solid produced by the hydrogenation of fructose, is non-hygroscopic and less soluble.

Through the solubility experiments conducted in this study, the information from the literature has been corroborated, showing that mannitol, despite being an isomer of sorbitol, has lower solubility ranges. It is also demonstrated that mannitol's solubility progressively increases in all solvents as the temperature rises.

The solubility range obtained is 10⁻⁴, except for water, which has a range of 10⁻². This significant difference in solubility is due to water's ability to form hydrogen bonds with mannitol. As corroborated by the literature, water is the solvent with the Hildebrand parameter closest to that of mannitol.

The range of enthalpies obtained is 28-41 kJ/mol, with a slight deviation from the expected values for MIBK and dioxane.

Regarding the polymorphs of sorbitol, analyzing the commercial sample and all samples from the experiments, it is concluded that mannitol remains in its most stable polymorph, beta.

Overall, the mass ratio solubility decreases at the higher temperature (340K) in order: $H_2O > MeOH > EtOH > TBA > 1$ -Prop > 2-Prop > ButOH > 2-ButOH > MIBK > Dioxane > Butanone > Acetone.

Simultaneously, the solubility results have been more favorable for water, followed by polar protic solvents.

Resum

La biomassa juga un paper significatiu en el sector de l'energia renovable, i el sorbitol i el mannitol estan relacionats amb la biomassa a través de la seva producció, ús com a fonts de carboni i modificació de materials basats en biomassa. Es poden produir a partir de fonts de biomassa com el blat de moro i altres materials vegetals. També poden servir com a fonts de carboni per a microorganismes involucrats en la conversió de biomassa o per a modificar les propietats de materials basats en biomassa.

Tots dos tenen propietats i aplicacions diferents. El sorbitol és altament higroscòpic i més soluble en aigua, mentre que el mannitol, sòlid cristal·lí que es produeix mitjançant hidrogenació de la fructosa, no és higroscòpic i és menys soluble.

Gràcies als experiments realitzats en aquest estudi de solubilitat, s'ha pogut corroborar la informació de la literatura, i que el mannitol, tot i ser isòmer del sorbitol, té uns rangs de solubilitat més baixos. També es demostra que la solubilitat del mannitol augmenta progressivament en tots els dissolvents a mesura que s'incrementa la temperatura.

El rang de solubilitat dels dissolvents és de 10-⁴, excepte per a l'aigua, que té un rang de 10-². Aquesta diferència tan abismal en la solubilitat es deu a la capacitat de l'aigua de formar ponts d'hidrogen amb el mannitol. Com s'ha corroborat en la literatura, l'aigua és el dissolvent amb el paràmetre de Hildebrand més proper al del mannitol.

El rang d'entalpies obtingudes és de 28-41 kJ/mol, amb una lleugera desviació respecte als valors esperats per al MIBK i el dioxà.

Pel que fa als polimorfs del sorbitol, analitzant la mostra comercial i totes les mostres de tots els experiments, es conclou que el mannitol segueix sent en el seu polimorf més estable, la beta.

En general, la relació de solubilitat en massa disminueix a temperatures més altes (340K) en l'ordre següent: H2O > MeOH > EtOH > TBA > 1-Prop > 2-Prop > ButOH > 2-ButOH > MIBK > Dioxà > Butanona > Acetona.

Paral·lelament, els resultats de solubilitat han estat més favorables per a l'aigua en primer lloc, seguit dels dissolvents protònics polars.

1.INTRODUCTION

1.1 THE ROLE OF BIOMASS IN THE NEAR FUTURE

Many entities and organizations around the state predict that the production of energy using biomass plays an important role in the environment nowadays. Numerous countries are promoting the use of biomass for the energy system and pushing the development of knowledge and technology needed. The world biggest economies are concerned of the actual situation, and because of that there is a global agreement fixing that the renewable energies must replace the use of fossil combustible as soon as possible because of the climatical change.

Biomass pretreatment processes are crucial for separating the major components of lignocellulosic biomass [1], allowing for their efficient utilization and value addition. Cellulose, the most abundant biopolymer, has received significant attention for producing biofuels, particularly through the production of 5- (hydroxymethyl)furfural (HMF) from sugars and polymeric carbohydrates under acid catalysis. Various biomass sources can be used, and acid catalysts are commonly employed, although challenges such as the formation of humin and the purification of HMF exist. Alternative reaction media and solvent systems have been explored, but further optimization is needed. Additionally, furfural (FF) and levulinic acid (LA) can be produced from pentose sugars and furfuryl alcohol (FAL), respectively. The synthesis of LA directly from cellulose without isolating HMF is advantageous.

However, the production of LA from aqueous reaction mixtures for fuel purposes is energy intensive.

Biomass covers a whole heterogenous set of organic materials, both by their origin. In the energy context, the term of biomass is used to describe renewable energy source based on the use of organic matter formed by biological pathway in the immediate past or products derived from it. [2]

There are 3 different types of biomasses, described below:

- Solid biomass: It has a thermal and electrical use of organic matter of animal and vegetable origin, such as energy crops (those in which cultivated species have as a specific use the energy production) residues generated in pruning of vineyards and fruit trees generally, and crop residues in winter.
- Biogas: Obtained by and anerobic fermentation process of the organic matter produced by bacteria in oxygen free environments. Such degassing of waste can be so landfills or induces in biodigesters.
- Organic fraction of urban solid waste: For this type of waste emphasis is placed on management in the energy production process that is given in four stages:
- i. -Prevention or reduction of waste production.
- ii. -Recovery waste through recycling, reuse and collection or any other process that allows the extraction of secondary raw materials.
- iii. -Use of waste as an energy source.

 Dumping of waste. The used of solid waste in energy production prevents the generation of gases by substituting fossil fuels and bypassing much methane emissions in landfills.

Mannitol can be related to biomass in several ways. Biomass refers to organic matter derived from living or recently living organisms, and it is a promising source of renewable energy and bioproducts. Sorbitol and mannitol can be related to biomass by the following ways:

- Production from biomass: Sorbitol and mannitol can be produced from various types of biomasses, including corn, wheat, and other plant materials. The process typically involves the enzymatic or chemical conversion of sugars or starches into sorbitol or mannitol.[3]
- 2) Use as carbon sources: Sorbitol and mannitol can be used as carbon sources for the growth of microorganisms that can convert biomass into useful products, such as biofuels or bioplastics. Some microorganisms can metabolize sorbitol or mannitol more efficiently than other sugars, which makes them attractive carbon sources for bioprocessing.[3]
- 3) Modification of biomass properties: Sorbitol and mannitol can be used to modify the properties of biomass-based materials. For example, they can be used as plasticizers to improve the flexibility and durability of bioplastics made from biomass-derived polymers.[4] They can also be used to enhance the solubility or stability of certain types of biomassbased materials.

Mannitol and sorbitol are also products that serve as crucial precursors for the production of various compounds [5], including liquid fuels, bioplastic monomers, and fragrances. They play a vital role in the synthesis and

development of these important substances, contributing to advancements in the fields of energy, sustainable materials, and aromatic compounds.

1.2 SORBITOL AND MANNITOL

Sorbitol is a crystalline substance with a white color, and its molecular formula is C6H14O6. Its production typically involves using dextrose (glucose) as the starting material, which can be obtained from various raw sources. However, the most used source is dextrose derived from starch, which is a relatively inexpensive and efficient process. Enzyme technologies are utilized in conventional starch processing to yield a high-dextrose content syrup, containing typically 94-96% dextrose on a dry basis. The dextrose is then crystallized out as a monohydrate to increase its purity. Next, it is redissolved in water, and hydrogenated to produce sorbitol. Among the polyols, sorbitol is the most soluble. Although it can crystallize at high concentrations and low temperatures, the resulting crystals are small and not easily recovered from the mother liquor [6].

Mannitol is a crystalline, white compound with the same chemical formula as sorbitol. The production of mannitol can be achieved through various methods, with the most common one involving the hydrogenation of fructose. Fructose can be derived from either starch or sugar, depending on its cost. When an aldo-sugar is hydrogenated, only one product is formed. For example, dextrose is converted into sorbitol, and maltose is converted into maltitol. However, when a keto-sugar, such as fructose, is hydrogenated, two products are formed due to the two possible orientations of the hydroxyl groups on C2 in fructose during hydrogenation reactions [7]. This results in the conversion of C=O to either H-C-OH or HO-C-H,

which produces equal amounts of both products by adjusting the pH during hydrogenation under normal reaction conditions. Sorbitol and mannitol differ only in the position of the hydroxyl group on carbon 2 in the molecule and are therefore isomers.

Sorbitol and mannitol are six-carbon, straight-chain polyhydric alcohols, meaning they have more than one hydroxyl group. Both sorbitol and mannitol have six hydroxyl groups and the same molecular formula, C₆H₁₄O₆ [8]. They are isomers of one another and have different molecular configurations. The difference between sorbitol and mannitol occurs in the planar orientation of the hydroxyl group on the second carbon atom (Fig. 1). This dissimilarity has a powerful influence and results in an individual set of properties for each isomer.



Figure 1. Sorbitol and mannitol structure. [9]

Sorbitol and mannitol are both sugar alcohols that can exist in different polymeric forms, meaning they can have slightly different molecular structures that affect their properties. Mannitol has four different polymorphs (alpha, beta, gamma and delta) and most stable form is the beta form, while sorbitol can exist as well in four

different forms (alpha, beta, gamma, and delta) [8], as well as a glass transition form (E). Each of these forms has different properties, including solubility, melting range, and stability. From the different forms of sorbitol, the gamma form is the most stable [6]. Modern manufacturing techniques predominantly produce sorbitol powder in this form to avoid changes in the food or pharmaceutical product in which the powder is included. During processing and storage, the unstable forms of sorbitol can change to the stable gamma form, which can lead to changes in the final product [10]. While these changes occur slowly, high temperatures can accelerate the process, and all the polymorphs will eventually assume the more stable gamma form.

Despite their structural similarity, sorbitol and mannitol have different properties that lead to specific applications for each product. One of the most significant differences between them is their hygroscopic tendencies. Hygroscopicity refers to the ability of a substance to absorb moisture from the environment. Mannitol is considered non-hygroscopic, while sorbitol is considered highly hygroscopic. Mannitol is the least hygroscopic of the polyols (mannitol and sorbitol), and it does not begin to absorb moisture until the relative humidity is over 90%. In contrast, sorbitol has a greater affinity for water and reaches about 65% humidity [6]. This difference can cause problems during food production and storage, as well as in the storage of the ingredient itself. When sorbitol is used in foods, the absorbed moisture can affect the proper running of presses during tableting. In Europe, where the typical relative humidity is about 65-75%, humidity control is essential in factories that handle sorbitol. Finished products must also be well packed to prevent softening due to moisture absorption.

Another difference between sorbitol and mannitol is their solubility. Solubility is defined as the amount of a solute that can be dissolved in a solvent at a given temperature before becoming saturated. Typically, as the temperature of the solution increases, more solids can be dissolved. If the solution is then cooled, forming a so-called supersaturated solution, the solute will crystallize out. Mannitol is the least soluble polyol (mannitol and sorbitol), with only 22g dissolvable in 100 g of water at 25°C. In contrast, for sorbitol, this figure is 235 g/100 g of water [8].

Being isomers, both mannitol and sorbitol have a six-membered ring structure with hydroxyl groups (-OH) in different positions. This means that both compounds have the ability to form hydrogen bonds with water molecules.

In terms of solubility in water, sorbitol is generally considered more soluble than mannitol. The difference in solubility is due to the greater number of hydroxyl groups in sorbitol and their spatial arrangement, which increases the capacity for hydrogen bond formation with water molecules [8]. This increased capacity for hydrogen bonding in sorbitol facilitates its dissolution and dispersion in water compared to mannitol.

Hydrogen bonds are attractive forces that occur between a hydrogen atom bonded to an electronegative atom (such as oxygen, nitrogen, or fluorine) and another electronegative atom in a different molecule or within the same molecule. In the case of mannitol and sorbitol, the hydroxyl groups (-OH) act as hydrogen bond donors [11], while the oxygen atoms in water molecules act as hydrogen bond acceptors.

When a hydroxyl group of mannitol or sorbitol approaches a water molecule, the positively charged hydrogen atom of the hydroxyl group is attracted to the partially

negative oxygen atom of the water molecule. This electrostatic interaction results in the formation of a hydrogen bond between the hydroxyl group of the sugar alcohol and the water molecule.

The formation of hydrogen bonds allows for strong intermolecular attractions between the sugar alcohols and water, promoting their solubility [12]. In the case of sorbitol, the presence of multiple hydroxyl groups in different positions provides more opportunities for hydrogen bond formation, leading to its higher solubility in water compared to mannitol.

Overall, the ability of mannitol and sorbitol to form hydrogen bonds with water plays a crucial role in their solubility behavior and their interactions with water molecules.

1.3 CHEMICAL PRODUCTION OF MANNITOL

Mannitol is industrially produced by a high-pressure hydrogenation of fructose and glucose solution at a range of temperatures between 120-160°C. In this process the alpha fructose is converted to mannitol and beta fructose to sorbitol. Typically, nickel is used as active metal anchored to catalyst for the hydrogenation reaction in gas phase [13].



Figure 2. Hydrogenation of fructose to sorbitol and mannitol [9].

Generally, the hydrogenation of a 50/50 mixture of fructose/glucose results in approximately 25% mannitol and 75% sorbitol. This is attributable to the selectivity of nickel catalyst used in the process [14]. Actually, it's extremely difficult to

separate sorbitol and mannitol, the requirement results even higher production costs and decreased yields [10]. The commonly used technique for separating sorbitol and mannitol is crystallization [15], as both have significantly different solubilities in water. By exploiting this solubility difference, the two compounds can be separated effectively. In the crystallization process, a solution containing the mixture of sorbitol and mannitol is cooled under controlled conditions, causing the compounds to crystallize out of the solution at different rates.

Since sorbitol is more soluble in water than mannitol, it remains in the solution to a greater extent. On the other hand, mannitol has lower solubility and tends to crystallize out of the solution more readily. By carefully controlling factors such as temperature, concentration, and cooling rate, it is possible to promote the preferential crystallization of either sorbitol or mannitol. The crystals formed during the cooling process can then be separated from the remaining solution through filtration or centrifugation.

Fructose can be obtained from various sources, such as corn or beet sugar, and is typically converted to glucose using an acid catalyst before hydrogenation. The hydrogenation reaction can be carried out in a batch or continuous process, with typical temperatures ranging from 80 to 180°C and pressures ranging from 1 to 100 atm [16]. The reaction time and catalyst loading can also be adjusted to optimize the yield and selectivity to mannitol. In the first step of the hydrogenation process, fructose is dissolved in water and reacted with a small amount of acid to promote its conversion to glucose. The glucose is then further reacted with hydrogen gas and the catalyst at elevated temperatures and pressures to produce mannitol. The quality of the catalyst is a critical factor in the hydrogenation process. Raney nickel, a fine-grained solid composed mostly of nickel derived from a nickel aluminum

alloy, is a commonly used catalyst due to its high activity and selectivity, but other catalysts such as palladium on carbon or platinum on carbon may also be used. The choice of catalyst will depend on various factors, such as cost, availability, and performance [14].

Mannitol can also be produced by the oxidation of sorbitol [17], which involves the use of oxidizing agents such as nitric acid or hydrogen peroxide. However, this method may result in lower yields and require more complex reaction conditions compared to the hydrogenation of fructose. When mannitol produced by chemical methods is typically of high purity and can be used in various applications, such as pharmaceuticals, food, and personal care products. However, it may be more expensive compared to mannitol produced by biological methods, such as fermentation. [14]. Therefore, the choice of production method will depend on various factors, such as cost, product quality, and sustainability.

1.4 SOLUBILITY OF D-MANNITOL

Mannitol is a sugar alcohol commonly used in various industries, including pharmaceuticals, food, and cosmetics. It is a white, crystalline powder and with a sweet taste [18]. According to the literature, mannitol has a relatively medium solubility in water, of approximately 22 g/100 mL [9], [19] at 25°C. This high solubility makes it a useful excipient in pharmaceutical formulations, where it is often used as a bulking agent, sweetener, or tablet coating material. Mannitol is also soluble in ethanol, methanol, and propylene glycol, but it is insoluble [9] in most non-polar solvents, such as chloroform and ether-like compounds.

Overall, the medium solubility of mannitol in water and other common solvents makes it a useful ingredient in various applications, but its solubility behavior can be complex and may need to be carefully considered in certain formulations. The solubility of mannitol can be affected by several factors, including temperature, pH, and the presence of other solutes. For example, the solubility of mannitol decreases as the temperature decreases. The solubility of mannitol also increases as the pH of the solution becomes more alkaline, and it may form complexes with certain other solutes, such as proteins or salts, which can affect its solubility behavior [20]. In addition the mentioned factors, there are several other parameters that can affect the solubility of mannitol different solvents [21], including:

- <u>Particle size and shape</u>: Smaller particles have a greater surface area-tovolume ratio, which allows them to dissolve more quickly and completely than larger particles. This is because a larger particle surface area is in contact with the solvent, which allows for more efficient transfer of the solid into the solution [22]. Additionally, the shape of the particles can also influence their solubility. For example, needle-shaped crystals of mannitol may dissolve more slowly than other crystal habits [23].

<u>Crystal form</u>: mannitol can exist in different crystal forms, and the solubility of each form can vary. The beta-crystal form is the most stable and is the form typically used in pharmaceutical and food applications. Other crystal forms, such as the alpha and delta forms, are less stable and may be more soluble in water and other solvents. The solubility of mannitol can also be influenced by the presence of impurities in the crystal lattice, which can affect crystal packing and alter the solubility behavior [24].

- <u>lonic strength:</u> The solubility of mannitol can be influenced by the presence of other ions in the solution. This is due to the formation of ion-pair complexes between mannitol and other ions, which can decrease its solubility in water. The strength of the ionic interaction depends on the charge and size of the ion, as well as the concentration of the ions in the solution [25]. For example, the presence of calcium ions can decrease the solubility of mannitol due to the formation of calcium-mannitol complexes [26].
- <u>pH:</u> The solubility of mannitol can also be influenced by the pH of the solution.
 Mannitol is more soluble in alkaline solutions than in acidic ones, due to the ionization of the hydroxyl groups on the molecule.
- <u>Polymers:</u> Mannitol can form complexes with certain polymers, e.g. cyclodextrins, affecting its solubility [27], as well as improve its stability and bioavailability [10]. The formation of these complexes depends on the size and shape of the polymer and the mannitol molecule, as well as the concentration and pH of the solution [28].

Understanding these factors and their effects on the solubility of mannitol is crucial for developing effective formulations for various applications such as drug delivery systems, oral suspensions, or parenteral solutions.

2. THEORETICAL BASIS

The use of solubility models is widespread in the pharmaceutical industry, where accurate prediction of solubility behavior is critical for drug development and formulation. These models can also be used in other industries such as food, chemical, and environmental engineering. The ability to predict solubility behavior can help to optimize processes and formulations, reduce costs, and minimize waste [29], and it essential towards the design of processes such as crystallization. There are several approaches to modeling solubility, including empirical, semi-empirical and robust thermodynamic methods. Empirical models are based solely on experimental data and do not implement knowledge on the subjacent molecular interactions, but these are only applicable for interpolation of solubility data within the explored conditions.

Commonly used a mathematical expression to model the non-linear variation of a physical or chemical property as a function of temperature is as follows [30]:

$$lnx_{eq} = \frac{C_1}{T^2} + \frac{C_2}{T} + C_3 \tag{1}$$

In this equation " $\ln x_{eq}$ " represent the natural logarithm of the solute molar fraction "x" at equilibrium in each solvent. "T" represents the temperature in Kelvin and the coefficients "C₁, C₂, C₃" are empirical parameters to determine by fitting the experimental data.

Semi-empirical models, on the other hand, combine experimental data with theoretical considerations to derive predictive equations. A common semiempirical model used for describing solubility curves is the Apelblat model (Eq. 2). This model has been widely applied in the pharmaceutical industry to describe the solubility behavior of drug compounds in different solvents [31]. The Apelblat model combines both empirical and theoretical approaches, making it useful for a wide range of solutes and solvents. It assumes that the activity coefficient of the solute in the solution is a function of the mole fraction of the solute and solvent in the solution, as well as three adjustable parameters. It has been successfully used to describe the solubility behavior of a wide range of compounds, including drugs, polymers, and natural compounds.

$$lnx_{eq} = a + \frac{b}{T(K)} + cln(T(K))$$
(2)

where, T is the temperature, and A, B and C are constants specific to each solute-solvent system and X_{eq} is the solute molar fraction at equilibrium [32].

Another important semiempirical model is the Buchowski-Ksiazaczak model (Eq.3), also called the λ h-model, which includes the parameters λ and h to be estimated and includes the melting temperature (Tm) of the solid form in the mathematical expression used to predict thermodynamic solubility.

$$\ln\left(1+\lambda \frac{1-x_{eq}}{x_{eq}}\right) = \lambda h\left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_m}\right)$$
(3)

According to Buchowski [33], and h are the specific parameters model, to be determinate. Alternatively, λ can be interpreted as the relative deviation of solvent pressure over saturated liquid equilibrated with solid. If a solution has positive deviations from Raoult's law [34], then its λ -values are expected to be positive.

However, if a solution has negative deviations from Raoult's law due to strong non-ideality, non-positive values of λ are inevitable. Furthermore, the model that Buchowski [35] demonstrated revealed that the parameters h and λ parameters remain constant at different temperatures in neat solvents.

3. OBJECTIVES

The main aim of his project is to study the solubility of mannitol in a range of pure organic solvents, including water. Solvents of organic polar protic and polar aprotic nature are selected to delve in the nature of the interactions influencing the solubility. The experimental solubility will be determinate in the range of temperature, 25-65 °C. The following specific objectives are established:

- 1. To obtain experimental solubility data of mannitol in different organic solvents.
- To discuss the rank of solubility obtained according to the functional groups of the solvents used determining the solute-solvents interactions.
- To fit experimental solubility data to different empirical and semi-empirical model equations aiming to obtain expressions able to predict the solid liquid equilibrium composition at different temperatures.
- 4. To characterize the equilibrated solids in suspension and initial solid by a series of techniques (PXRD, DSC and SEM), to ensure that no polymorphic transformation occurs within the explored conditions and to determine meting point and melting enthalpy of the solid form used.
- 5. Determine the solid-liquid equilibrium derived thermodynamic state functions, e.g. enthalpy of solution.
- 6. To compare the obtain result with those available in the literature.

4. EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

4.1 EXPERIMENTAL MATERIALS

Table 1 summarizes some physicochemical properties of the solvents used in the solubility determinations along with those of solid d-mannitol:

	MW	Т _т Ть [K] [K]		ρ	μ	δ	E N b
JOLVENI	[g/mol]			[g/cm ³] [cP]		[MPa] ^{1/2 a}	ET'' S
D-Mannitol	182,17	169	300	1,51	1,3	38,5	-
Methanol	32.04	176	337.8	0.7918	0.56	29,60	0,762
Ethanol	46.07	159.0	351.4	0.8000	1.077	26,50	0,654
Butanol	74.12	183.3	390.8	0.8060	2.556	23,30	0,586
2-Butanol	74.12	158.15	367.15	0.8534	2.556	20,70	0,590
1-Propanol	60.09	146.7	370.3	0.804	2.26	24,30	0,630
2-Propanol	60.09	184	355.8	0.7863	2.86	23,80	0,610
Water	18.02	273.15	373.15	0.997	1.00	47,8	1,00
Acetone	58.08	178.3	329.4	0.788	0.306	19,90	0,46
TBA	74.12	298	355.0	0.775	3.35	21,8	0,598

Table 1. Properties of solvents used in solubility determination of mannitol [33].

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MIBK	100.16	189.15	389.15	0.802	0.7375	18,1	0,580	
Butanone	72,11	187	353	0.805	0.400	18,90	0,490	
Dioxane	88.1	284.9	374.2	1.0337	1.200	23,50	0,51	

^a Hildebrand parameters [36]

^b Normalized solvatochromic solvent polarity parameters [41]

4.2 EXPERIMENTAL SET-UP

4.2.1 JACKETED EQUILIBRATION VESSEL

The experimental solubility determinations were performed in a glass jacketed vessel connected to a thermostatic bath filled with water. The vessel jacket was connected to the bath using silicon tubes so that it enables controlling the temperature of the equilibrated solutions. In addition, glass wool was used to isolate the external face of the vessel jacked to minimize the loss of heat and preventing the UV-vis radiation form sunlight to contact the solution.

The jacketed vessel was placed on a heating/stirring plate and a Teflon-made magnetic stirrer was placed inside the solution to equilibrate. The solutions were stirred for at least 24 h at 500 rpm during the equilibration experiments.



Figure 3. Experimental SET-UP used in the solubility determinations.

4.3 EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

The experimental solubility data of mannitol in different studied organic solvents was determined by gravimetric analysis method. First, a solution of mannitol and the specific solvent with excess visible solids was loaded inside the equilibration vessel. Then the bath temperature was set to desired for the solubility experiments considering the difference between the bath temperature and the real solution temperature (measured by and external temperature probe) and the stirrer was switched on. Once the desired solution temperature was reached, it was confirmed that excess visible solids in suspension were always present, adding extra solid if necessary.

After 24h at the desired temperature under stirring, the agitation was stopped for at least 3 hours to let the solids in suspension to precipitate. Afterwards, samples of 10-15 mL were taken from the supernatant using polypropylene syringes. These samples were filtrated into previously weighed evaporating glass vials through 200

nm PTFE syringe filters. These samples taken were at least triplicated statistical purposes. The vials were weighted again using a precision balance (\pm 0.00001 g), the cap was removed and left open for the evaporation of the solvent for at least 3 weeks inside a fume hood. If necessary, some vials were placed inside an oven at 60 °C to favor the evaporation of the last amount of those solvents difficult to evaporate. When the evaporation vials were completely dry, they were weighted with the cap.

The solution will be left in these conditions for about 24h to ensure the equilibrium solid liquid. After 24 hours, the stirring is stopped for around two hours, maintaining the temperature. This procedure is to ensure that the two phases of the solution are separated, and the liquid phase can be extracted without particles in suspension.

Once the two phases are separated, the temperature of the solution is measured using a temperature sensor and proceed to sampling between 10-15 mL of solution. Previously, the sample vials are weighted and marked with a unique number. Then it proceeds to extract the solution with a syringe and a 200 nm PTFE filters into the 3 sample vials. Those sample vials are capped and weighted for a second time and after that they are uncapped and left open to evaporate at the room temperature. In case the solvent is not highly volatile, the sample vials are left in a 60°C oven to help them evaporate. When the sample vials are completely dry, they are reweighted with the cap.

After sampling at each temperature, the equilibrium vessel was refiled with the corresponding solvent, the amount of solid was adjusted if necessary and the thermostatic bath temperature was increased by 5 °C, the stirrer switched on again and let to equilibrate for another 24 h. such procedure was repeated until the

maximum explored temperature was reached, typically 65 °C, except for those solvents with lower boiling point, for which 5 °C below the boiling point was considered the maximum temperature explored in the solubility determinations.

Once the sampling at the maximum temperature explored in each solvent had been made, the solution and solids in suspension were filtered using a vacuum filtration setup. The recovered equilibrated solids in suspension were further dried at room temperature in a fume hood for another 24h and properly storage for analytical purposes. Such solids were characterized by PXRD and the diffraction patters obtained compared to those of the initial solid and those of the d-mannitol polymorphs from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC) to identify the solid form in the equilibration experiments and to ensure that no solution mediated polymorphic transformations were at play during the runs in each solvent.

4.4 CALCULATIONS AND EVALUATION

The mass ratio solubility of mannitol in each of the studied solvents (C°) in $g_{solute}/g_{solvent}$ was calculated by means of Eq. 4, where m_1 is the mass of the solute and m_2 that of solvent.

$$C^* = \frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{m_{vial+cap+solid} - m_{vial+cap}}{m_{vial+cap+solid} - m_{vial+cap+solid}}$$
(4)

From the mass ratio solubility determined, the solubility was also expressed as mole fraction using *Equation 5*, where M_1 and M_2 are the molecular masses of solute and solvent respectively.

$$x_{eq} = \frac{C^* \cdot M_2}{C^* \cdot M_2 + M_1}$$
(5)

In addition, the experimental molar fraction solubility obtained were used to estimate the van't Hoff enthalpy change of solution, which simply refers to the temperature dependence of solubility [37] as follows:

$$\frac{\partial \ln x_{eq}}{\partial \ln(1/T)} = -\frac{\Delta_{\sin}^{\nu H} H^{\circ}}{R}$$
(6)
5. RESULTS

5.1 CARACTERIZATION OF MANNITOL POLYMORPHS

Figures 4 and 5 show the PXRD diffraction patterns obtained from the mannitol equilibrated solids sampled at the highest temperature evaluated. It is known that mannitol has four polymorphs: alpha, beta, gamma, and delta. The X-ray diffraction analysis provides valuable information about the crystal structure and arrangement of atoms in the mannitol samples. If the diffraction pattern matches one of the known polymorphs of mannitol, it indicates that the sample has maintained its original polymorphic form has not transformed into a different polymorph due to solvent exposure. It is evident that all the samples match the same polymorph, form beta. This can be determined by observing the specific peaks characteristic of each polymorph. For instance, the beta form exhibits a distinctive peak intensity at 18000, which is also present in the samples that were exposed to the solvent, indicating the presence of the beta form. Compared with PXRD available in the literature it can be seen that the beta form of mannitol have the same characteristic peak [38].



Figure 4. PXRD diffractograms collected from solid mannitol.



Figure 5. PXRD diffractograms collected from solid mannitol.

To better understand the morphology of mannitol, scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images have been taken, revealing the solid's shape. It is observed that the edges are not well defined, and in some instances, powder-like particles are also visible. Additionally, there is an indication of particles exhibiting a preferred orientation. This orientation is characterized by certain faces being wider on the particles, which can potentially influence the solubility of mannitol in different solvents.



Figure 6. SEM images of the mannitol used in the solubility experiments.

The DSC (Differential Scanning Calorimetry) technique is used to measure changes in the heat absorbed or released by a sample as it undergoes controlled temperature changes. The melting point is the temperature at which a substance changes from solid to liquid at constant atmospheric pressure. To measure the melting point using DSC, a small sample of mannitol used in solubility determinations is placed in the instrument and subjected to a controlled heating program. As the temperature increases, the sample melts and absorbs or releases a specific amount of heat. This is recorded as a curve on the DSC graph, showing the heat flow as a function of temperature as follows in Fig. 7. From such an analysis, a value of Tm= X was obtained as melting point, and from the area below the endothermic event, a melting enthalpy of X was determined. The parameters obtained are 166,39 °C for the Tm and -18,97 kJ for the enthalpy.



Figure 7. DSC determination the melting point of mannitol.

In the supercell packing of mannitol, the molecules are organized in a dense and ordered structure held together by hydrogen bonding. Mannitol molecules, which contain multiple hydroxyl (-OH) groups, form hydrogen bonds with neighboring hydroxyl groups in adjacent molecules. These hydrogen bonds contribute to the stability and three-dimensional structure of the mannitol crystal. They also influence its physical and chemical properties, such as solubility, stability, and reactivity. It's important to note that the formation of hydrogen bonds may vary in different polymorphs or crystallization conditions of mannitol, leading to different packing patterns and crystal properties.



Figure 8. Supercell mannitol bonds



Figure 9. Supercell view along axis

5.2 SOLUBILITY DETERMINATIONS

The Hildebrand solubility parameter and solvation are related to the solubility of a substance in a solvent. If the Hildebrand solubility parameter of the solute and solvent are similar, there will be higher solubility due to a better affinity between them. Conversely, if the parameters differ significantly, the solubility may be lower due to a lower affinity between the solute and solvent.

The prediction for mannitol is Water>MeOH>EtOH>1-PropOH>2 Prop> ButOH> TBA>2 ButOH>Acetone>Butanone>MIBK.

Table 3 summarize the average solubility values obtained in different solvents. These tables show the mass fractions at temperatures ranging from 298 to 340 [K]. In this analysis, it can generally be observed that the solubility of mannitol in organic solvents increases as the temperature increases. Overall, the mass ratio solubility decreases at the higher temperature (340K) in order: $H_2O > MeOH >$ EtOH > TBA > 1-Prop > 2-Prop > ButOH > 2-ButOH > MIBK > Dioxane > Butanone > Acetone. For the obtained solubility, water stands up with an extremely high solubility compared to other solvents.

т[К]	MeOH (10-4)	σ (10-6)	EtOH (10-4)	σ (10-6)	Tertbutanol (10⁴)	σ (10 ⁻⁶)	MIBK (10-4)	σ (10 ⁻⁶)
298,15	2,928	6,690	0,783	3,668	0,664	1,33	0,414	3,052
303,15	3,539	1,434	0,976	2,161	0,824	3,823	0,601	2,378
310,15	3,873	5,150	1,182	6,252	1,045	6,257	0,705	4,982
315,15	4,668	7,468	1,329	5,428	1,369	4,419	0,843	1,089
320,15	5,327	1,085	1,55	2,846	1,519	1,145	0,880	8,281
325,15	6,304	5,127	1,907	8,615	1,977	6,137	1,083	6,373
330,15	8,164	3,855	2,424	2,723	2,209	2,526	1,249	1,015
335,15	16,049	1,295	3,309	1,340	2,842	3,449	1,507	1,200
340,15	18,890	5,558	3,714	8,427	3,122	1,484	1,73	1,369

Table 3. Mass ratio solubility of mannitol in the studied solvents

 $^{*}\sigma$ represents standard deviation.

Table 3 (cont). Mass ratio solubility of mannitol in the studied solvents

T[K]	2-Propanol (10 ⁻⁴)	σ (10-6)	1-Propanol (10 ⁻⁴)	σ (10-6)	Butanol (10-4)	σ	2-Butanol (10 ⁻⁴)	σ (10-6)
298,15	0,409	1,343	0,545	1,589	0,413	5,476	0,401	2,712
303,15	0,524	3,284	0,579	9,189	0,571	4,082	0,625	1,583
310,15	0,582	3,538	0,702	2,881	0,696	3,78	0,659	3,732
315,15	0,814	5,081	0,762	9,854	0,835	2,178	0,871	5,159
320,15	1,035	4,592	1,006	6,373	0,955	4,681	0,948	9,893
325,15	1,151	5,698	1,195	8,282	1,268	8,056	1,098	5,634
330,15	1,505	1,442	1,623	9,675	1,521	9,087	1,473	6,155
335,15	1,717	4,81	1,804	6,175	1,67	4,608	1,701	2,731
340,15	2,307	9,242	2,347	9,119	2,235	2,764	1,938	1,852

T[K]	Acetone (10 ⁻⁴)	σ (10-6)	Water (10 ⁻⁴)	σ (10 ⁻³)	Dioxane	σ (10 ⁻⁶)	Butanone	σ (10-6)	
298,15	0,274	2,31	207,70	1,488	0,206	1,693	0,165	2,680	
303,15	0,351	1,836	234,17	1,849	0,341	5,868	0,203	1,756	
310,15	0,435	5,749	276,40	3,199	0,399	4,205	0,247	4,856	
315,15	0,559	3,092	346,20	4,319	0,615	1,103	0,309	1,758	
320,15	0,763	2,072	373,63	3,516	0,794	8,955	0,341	1,765	
325,15	0,988	2,933	440,60	1,622	1,096	9,107	0,393	1,821	
330,15	-	-	484,88	1,676	1,194	1,034	0,494	2,41	
335,15	-	-	540,40	2,48	1,244	7,966	0,609	1,622	
340,15	-	-	616,05	6,536	1,482	1,359	0,705	5,452	

Table 3 (cont). Mass ratio solubility of mannitol in the studied solvents.

Firstly, mannitol is a polar substance, which means it has an affinity for water molecules. Mannitol molecules have hydroxyl groups (-OH) that can form hydrogen bonds with water molecules, facilitating its dissolution in this solvent. The reduced solubility of mannitol in alcohols can be attributed to several factors. Firstly, alcohols, like mannitol, contain hydroxyl groups (-OH) that can form hydrogen bonds. However, the ability of alcohols to establish hydrogen bonds with mannitol is lower than that of water. Moreover, alcohols possess larger molecular structures and exhibit lower polarity compared to water [22]. These characteristics hinder the effective interaction between mannitol molecules and alcohol molecules, leading to decreased solubility. Overall, the combination of weaker hydrogen bonding and the structural differences between alcohols and water contributes to the relatively lower solubility of mannitol in alcohols.

Comparing alcohols, shorter chain alcohols, such as methanol and ethanol, (matching literature determinations) [39] have a greater capacity to dissolve

mannitol compared to longer chain alcohols. This is due to several reasons, for example polarity. Shorter chain alcohols are more polar than longer chain alcohols because they have a higher proportion of hydroxyl groups relative to their size, increasing their polarity. This increased polarity facilitates the interaction and solubilization of mannitol, which is also a polar molecule, through hydrogen bonding and dipole-dipole forces.

From another standpoint, the type of alcohol affects as well the solubility [40]. Primary alcohols have a hydroxyl functional group (-OH) directly attached to a primary carbon (a carbon with only one adjacent carbon atom). Secondary alcohols have the hydroxyl group attached to a secondary carbon (a carbon with two adjacent carbon atoms). The presence of a primary carbon in primary alcohols confers greater polarity due to the primary carbon's electron deficiency and the ability to form hydrogen bonds with mannitol. This allows for stronger dipole-dipole interactions with the polar mannitol molecule, enhancing their solubility. Additionally, primary alcohols have more hydrogen atoms directly bonded to the carbon carrying the hydroxyl group, resulting in a higher number of available hydrogen bonding sites. These additional hydrogen bonding interactions further contribute to their increased solubility in mannitol. In this case, we observe a deviation from the expected behavior for TBA compared to the literature, as being a tertiary alcohol, its solubility should be lower than that of a primary alcohol.

MeOH > EtOH > TBA > 1-Prop > 2-Prop > ButOH > 2-ButOH

Furthermore, mannitol typically have a low solubility in ketone [39]. This moderate polarity may allow for limited solubility of mannitol in ketones, especially in smaller and more polar ketones [40] such as acetone (propanone) or butanone. As for the other groups mentioned, ketones and cyclic ethers are organic compounds that

have lower polarity compared to alcohols. Therefore, the solubility of mannitol in these groups will be lower compared to alcohols and water. However, the exact solubility may vary depending on the specific structure of the ketone. Ethers are compounds with low polarity, and their ability to dissolve mannitol will also be limited. However, some ethers may have slightly higher solubility than ketones and cyclic ethers due to their lower polarity. The experimental results regarding solubility in such solvents decrease in the order: MIBK > Dioxane > Butanone > Acetone.

The solubility curves obtained in the analysis of mannitol solubility are as follows:



Figure 10. Molar fraction of experimental solubility data in 12 solvents studied.

As can be observed, comparing all the solubility data, water has a very high solubility in mannitol. The aim of this graph is to facilitate a visual assessment of the relative magnitude of water's solubility in comparison to the other solvents studied.

Therefore, a comparative graph of solvents with lower solubility is performed to appreciate the trend of the curves as shown in Figure 8.



Figure 11. Molar fraction of experimental solubility data in low solubility solvents studied.

5.3 MODELING OF SOLUBILITY DATA AND THERMODYNAMIC ANALYSIS.

Three different models have been fitted to the experimental solubility data obtained at different temperatures for each solvent data. The corresponding parameters in each model, obtained by non-linear regression by minimizing the differences between experimental and calculated molar fraction solubility values, are gathered in Tables 4 and 5 To illustrate the goodness of fit, the solubility values calculated by the Modified Apelblat are plotted in Figure 12 along with the experimental data, where an excellent fitting is observed. Remarkably, the results obtained from all three models exhibit a high-quality description of the experimental reality, as it can be inferred from the mean coefficients of determination (R^2) always exceeding 0.97, and the root mean square deviations (RMDSs) for all three models are below 10 x 10^{-6} (Tables 4 and 5).



Figure 12. Apelblat modeling data of mannitol in all solvents studied.

In summary, the experimental solubility in various solvent mixtures exhibits a strong agreement with the modified data. The augmented relative differences (ARD) for the modified Apelblat equation, λ h model, and Empirical Model are approximately 1%, 3%, and 2%, respectively. These results demonstrate that all three models effectively capture the solubility of mannitol across the entire temperature and composition range investigated. Among them, the modified Apelblat model provides the closest fit to the data, although all three models are useful for correlating and predicting mannitol's solubility within the explored conditions.

	Water	MeOH	EtOH	1- Propanol	2- Propanol	ТВА
C1	-1116000	-27,84	-19,55	-21,68	-19,92	-21,61
C2	4260	-5133	-3796	-4142	-3853	-4138
C3	-5,624	8,771	3,032	3,919	2,972	4,237
TSSR *		0.000	0.0504	0.0004	0.004	0.040
10º	11,44	0,303	0,0594	0,0334	2,894	2,013
λ	265,2	5376	20,71	50,73	55,03	69,33
h	10,574	0,944	183,328	81,722	76,201	59,698
TSSR * 10 ⁹	8272	0,461	0,568	0,377	3,980	0,0224
Α	-51,97	-99,27	-77,28	-83,39	-78,5	-83,30
В	0,137	0,137	-0,227	-5,368	-0,245	-0,560
С	8,449	15,95	11,86	12,89	12,03	12,93
TSSR *						
10 ¹⁰	11,44	38939	0,0595	0,0334	2,894	2,012

Table 4. Significant parameters obtained from thermodynamical analysis.

Table 5. Significant parameters obtained from thermodynamical analysis.

	Butanol	2-Butanol	Dioxane	MIBK	Butanone	Acetone
C1	-20,70	-18,99	-22,81	-18,99	-19,79	-27,82
C2	-3980	-3707	-4316	-3488	-3849	-5035
C3	3,390	2,492	4,042	1,668	1,849	6,290
TSSR * 10 ⁶	5,847	1,883	6,358	2,959	0,228	
λ	54,94	12,14	59,90	12,23	11,93	368,8
h	76,12	305,6	72,34	308,4	339,9	13,33
TSSR * 109	0,6199	1,523	0,5688	32,55	0,033	0,0369
Α	-80,68	-75,81	-86,97	-71,94	-79,45	-102,1
В	-0,250	-0,222	-0,775	-4,511	-0,148	0,137
С	12,42	11,57	13,44	10,87	12,01	16,06
TSSR *						
10 ¹⁰ 5	,847	1,883	6,358	2,959	0,228	0,3034

In Van't Hoff analysis, the Van't Hoff enthalpy change ($\Delta_{sin}vHP^\circ$) of solution can be determined from the slope of a plot of $x_{eq} vs. 1/T$, as shown in Equation 6. Figure 10 displays the Van't Hoff plots of solubility for all studied solvents. Although it has been demonstrated that a Van't Hoff plot can exhibit nonlinear behavior [27], the solvents in this study exhibit nearly linear trends over the investigated temperature range. The linear coefficient of determination (R₂) consistently exceeds 0.97. The positive values of the Van't Hoff enthalpy (Table 8) indicate an increase in solubility with temperature. The Van't Hoff enthalpies of the solutions fall within the range of 30-40 kJ/mol for most solvents, except for water and MIBK, which show significantly lower values of 23.19 and 28.15 kJ/mol, respectively, and dioxane, which exhibits a higher value of 41.92 kJ/mol. There is no clear relationship observed between the length of the carbon chain of the primary alcohol, as mentioned in the literature [27], and the Van't Hoff enthalpy of solution.



Figure 13. van't Hoff plot of solubility for all the solvents studied.

	ΔH [KJ/mol]	R ²
Water	23,19 ± 0,71	0,993
Methanol	32,67 ± 2,27	0,978
Ethanol	33,88 ± 0,91	0,994
Acetone	39,97 ±2,03	0,987
1-Propanol	32,65 ± 1,37	0,986
2-Propanol	34,18 ± 1,56	0,984
Butanol	34,52 ± 1,56	0,984
2-Butanol	32,64 ± 1,55	0,982
TBA	$34,06 \pm 0,90$	0,994
Dioxane	41,92 ± 2,55	0,971
MIBK	28,15 ± 1,93	0,974
Butanone	30,75 ± 1,02	0,991

Table 6. Van't Hoff Enthalpies with Standard Errors and Regression Coefficients obtain from solubility curves.

In this case they are interactions based on the electrostatic forces between the ions of the solute and the molecules of the solvent. If these electrostatic forces are not strong enough to overcome the attractive forces between the ions in the solid solute, more energy is required to separate the ions and allow the formation of the solution. This results in a high and positive enthalpy of dissolution, which in turn leads to lower solubility.

As observed, water, which exhibits the highest solubility, has the smallest value of enthalpy. This observation supports the information found in the literature [39]. It can be noted that solubility shows an inversely proportional trend to the enthalpy value in all solvents except for MIBK, Butanone, 1-PropOH, and 2-ButOH. These four solvents deviate from the expected values reported in the literature, showing lower values. Several factors could contribute to these discrepancies:

- Additional intermolecular interactions, such as stronger hydrogen bonds or dipole-dipole forces, between the solute and the solvent that were not considered in the initial calculation or estimation of enthalpy of dissolution.
- Presence of impurities if the solute or the solvent contains impurities that can affect the intermolecular interactions during dissolution, this could contribute to a deviate value of enthalpy of dissolution.

In resume, mannitol is a polyalcohol with multiple hydroxyl groups (-OH) that have the ability to form hydrogen bonds. This makes it prone to interact with solvents that can also form hydrogen bonds.

In the case of water, it is a polar solvent capable of forming hydrogen bonds with the hydroxyl groups of mannitol. These interactions between mannitol and water facilitate its solvation, resulting in high solubility of mannitol in water.

As for alcohols, they are also polar solvents that contain hydroxyl groups. The solubility of mannitol in alcohols will depend on the ability of these alcohols to form hydrogen bonds with the hydroxyl groups of mannitol. The stronger the hydrogen bonding interactions (depending on the chain length), the higher the solubility of mannitol in alcohols.

In the case of ketones, their polarity is lower compared to water and alcohols. However, ketones can still interact with mannitol through hydrogen bonding between the carbonyl group of the ketone and the hydroxyl groups of mannitol.

Cyclic ethers have moderate polarity but do not have significant hydrogen bonding capacity. This can limit the solvation interactions between mannitol and cyclic ethers, resulting in relatively low solubility of mannitol in these solvents.

In summary, the solubility of mannitol in different solvents is influenced by the ability to form hydrogen bonds and solvation interactions between mannitol and the solvents. Solvents that can form hydrogen bonds with the hydroxyl groups of mannitol, such as water and some alcohols, will have a higher capacity to solvate and dissolve mannitol. On the other hand, solvents with lower capacity to form hydrogen bonds, such as ketones and cyclic ethers, may exhibit lower solubility of mannitol.

6. CONCLUSIONS

In the study of mannitol solubility, it has been demonstrated that temperature has an effect on solubility. As the temperature increases, the solubility also increases.

Mannitol, in general, exhibits the highest solubility in polar protic solvents, followed by polar aprotic solvents and finally non polar solvents. Within polar protic solvents, the solubility of mannitol increases with the polarity of the solvent, which, in turn, trens to to increase with the shorter carbon lenghts in alcohols. The reudced ability to form hyddrogen bons is a significant factor contributing to lower solubility observed in polar aprotic and non polar solvents. So in order to solubility data obtained its conclusive thats the water have high solubility in mannitol, as the literature shows, followed by short chain alcohols, then eters and ketones., except for TBA that shows an anromal behavior in comparison to literatrure.

The obtanied van't Hoff enthaplies of the solution fits relativly well in the solubility order expect for MIBK that is lower than expected and dioxane, higher value compared to other solvents.

It has been conclusively demonstrated that mannitol retains its specific polymorphic structure despite being dissolved in various solvents and subjected to temperature variations. This unequivocally affirms the exceptional stability of mannitol's beta polymorph, establishing it as the most thermodynamically favored and persistent form observed.

Furthermore, it has been verified that the solubility models employed to predict mannitol solubility are all suitable for this study. It is true that the Apelblat model exhibited the closest fit to the experimental data, yielding the lowest error. However, it can be concluded that all three models employed in the analysis are suitable for accurate solubility predictions of mannitol. These findings underscore the reliability and applicability of solubility modeling in understanding and predicting the behavior of mannitol in various solvents and temperature conditions.

The study of the solubility of mannitol in different organic solvents in relation to biomass offers various highly relevant applications. By investigating the solubility of mannitol in different organic solvents, it is possible to determine the most suitable solvent for efficient extraction and purification of mannitol from biomass. This is essential for sustainably harnessing biomass resources and obtaining high-quality mannitol for use in industrial or pharmaceutical applications.

This information enables the selection of the most appropriate solvent for extraction, as well as the optimization of process conditions and purification of the obtained mannitol. These data are essential for developing efficient and sustainable processes that harness biomass as a raw material and enable effective production of high-quality mannitol.

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ACRONYMS

ButOH	Butanol
РгорОН	Propanol
ТВА	Tert butyl alcohol
MIBK	Metyl isobutyl ketone
МеОН	Methanol
EtOH	Ethanol
ΔH _{Sin} vH H ^o	Van't Hoff enthalpy change
Xeq	Mannitol conversion
T _m	Melting temperature
T _b	Boiling temperature
SEM	Scanning Electron Microscopy
DSC	Differential Scanning Calorimetry
HMF	(hydroxymethyl)furfural
PXRD	Powder X-Ray Diffraction
PTFE	Polytetrafluoroethylene

APPENDICES

APPENDIX I: SOLVENTS DATA

Table 2. Source of all solvents used in solubility determination.

SOLVENT	CAS NUMBER	SOURCE	MASS FRACTION PURITY
D-mannitol	69-65-8	Alfa Aesarr	0,97
Methanol	67-56-1	Fluka Analytical	0,99
Ethanol	64-17-5	Quimivita	0,99
Butanol	71-36-3	Sigma-Aldrich	0,99
2-Butanol	78-92-2	PanReac	0,995
1-Propanol	71-23-8	Sigma-Aldrich	0,99
2-Propanol	67-63-0	PanReac	0,998
Acetone	67-64-1	PanReac	0,99
TBA	75-65-0	Fluka Chemika	0,997
MIBK	108-10-1	PanReac	0,99
Butanone	78-93-3	PanReac	0,995
Dioxane	123-91-1	Acros Organics	0,995

APPENDIX II: SOLUBILITY EXPERIMENTAL DATA

Experiment 1. Water

Vial	T(°C)	vial+cap [g]	vial+cap+solut. [g]	vial+cap+solid [g]
109	24,9	10,4479	16,5753	11,5315
110	24,9	10,4345	17,0895	11,6173
111	24,9	10,3984	17,0768	11,5712
112	29,9	10,452	16,6314	11,6001
113	29,9	10,3804	17,0934	11,7215
114	29,9	10,4318	17,0636	11,7592
115	34,7	10,4203	15,6308	11,5912
116	34,7	10,3783	16,8226	11,825
117	34,7	10,4353	17,0982	11,908
118	39,8	10,3885	16,6777	11,982
119	39,8	10,3655	15,0383	11,7412
120	39,8	10,4179	17,0966	12,085
121	44,5	10,4666	17,8986	12,5764
122	44,5	10,37788	16,9399	12,2301
123	44,5	10,3546	15,9515	11,9214
124	49,6	10,4036	16,787	12,4321
125	49,6	10,3397	17,066	12,475
126	49,6	10,2457	16,9948	12,3989
127	54,6	10,3227	16,9247	12,5307
128	54,6	10,3582	15,8009	12,4436
129	54,6	10,3781	16,9932	12,6668
130	59,7	10,4519	17,0746	12,9255
131	59,7	10,3684	17,4688	12,8
132	59,7	10,4552	17,4478	12,966
133	64,5	10,4786	16,9835	12,9471
134	64,5	10,4179	17,4522	12,9762
135	64,5	10,4143	16,5537	12,9797

Vial	T(°C)	vial+cap [g]	vial+cap+solut. [g]	vial+cap+solid [g]
1	25,6	10,3788	19,8248	10,3941
2	25,6	10,4175	20,2529	10,434
3	25,6	10,4494	20,2652	10,466
19	29	10,4215	19,5005	10,4389
20	29	10,4355	19,8574	10,455
21	29	10,3585	19,425	10,377
37	32,9	10,3866	19,3949	10,4062
38	32,9	10,398	19,8091	10,419
39	32,9	10,4455	19,3563	10,465
55	38	10,3122	19,3606	10,3396
56	38	10,4221	20,0457	10,4473
57	38	10,4509	20,1957	10,477
73	42,1	10,2794	19,5441	10,308
74	42,1	10,4166	19,9459	10,4453
75	42,1	10,4957	20,3767	10,525
91	47,3	10,4456	19,7507	10,479
92	47,3	10,1890	19,8228	10,2236
93	47,3	10,3246	19,5046	10,3571
109	53	10,1785	19,6415	10,2225
110	53	10,3985	19,5037	10,4405
111	53	10,1809	18,8769	10,221
127	59	10,388	19,4859	10,4353
128	59	10,4091	15,2349	10,459
129	59	10,428	15,2344	10,47
145	63,2	10,3138	16,334	10,367
146	63,2	10,2137	17,4715	10,2667
147	63,2	10,2198	13,4751	10,25

Experiment 2. Methanol

Experiment 3. Acetone

Vial	T(°C)	vial+cap [g]	vial+cap+solut. [g]	vial+cap+solid [g]
165	26,3	10,3994	19,8659	10,4005
166	26,3	10,4147	20,2885	10,4156
167	26,3	10,4543	15,3973	10,4547
177	29,6	10,4537	20,1090	10,4548
178	29,6	10,4344	20,2084	10,4355
179	29,6	10,4228	20,1005	10,4238
192	34,9	10,5095	19,9042	10,5109
193	34,9	10,4927	20,2075	10,4939
194	34,9	10,4194	15,2721	10,4207
207	41,6	10,1593	19,4908	10,161
208	41,6	10,4218	19,9193	10,4234
209	41,6	10,3306	18,0906	10,3324
222	46,1	10,4726	19,6667	10,4748
223	46,1	10,4114	19,7734	10,4137
224	46,1	10,3042	19,7594	10,3064
237	51,1	10,4131	18,9458	10,4158
238	51,1	10,2014	19,759	10,2043
239	51,1	10,5425	19,8654	10,5451

Vial	T(°C)	vial+cap [g]	vial+cap+solut. [g]	vial+cap+solid [g]
162	24,9	10,4537	22,7183	10,4542
163	24,9	10,4344	22,8694	10,4349
164	24,9	10,4228	16,8702	10,4231
180	29,9	10,3554	22,7377	10,3561
181	29,9	10,4388	16,9259	10,4393
182	29,9	10,3946	16,8064	10,3951
195	34,8	10,4387	20,9088	10,4395
196	34,8	10,3839	19,0393	10,3847
197	34,8	10,4988	16,8628	10,4993
210	41,3	10,2774	16,195	10,2781
211	41,3	10,4206	16,9504	10,4216
212	41,3	10,3724	16,7209	10,3731
225	46,1	10,4105	16,7123	10,4114
226	46,1	10,382	16,6422	10,3831
227	46,1	10,3984	16,7212	10,3995
240	51,1	10,4153	22,6232	10,4178
241	51,1	10,2227	16,5614	10,2242
242	51,1	10,2669	16,567	10,2684
252	55,1	10,3136	16,514	10,3152
253	55,1	10,4551	16,6061	10,4567
254	55,1	10,4788	16,7816	10,4802
264	60,1	10,3605	16,1399	10,3624
265	60,1	10,3688	15,9833	10,3709
266	60,1	10,3545	16,1589	10,3549
276	63,1	10,1742	20,3173	10,177
277	63,1	10,3197	16,734	10,3217
278	63,1	10,271	16,0031	10,2729

Experiment 4. Dioxane

Vial	T(°C)	vial+cap [g]	vial+cap+solut. [g]	vial+cap+solid [g]
171	26,2	10,4159	20,0886	10,4163
172	26,2	10,3189	19,7726	10,3193
173	26,2	10,4229	15,3005	10,4231
186	29,9	10,4835	20,3163	10,484
187	29,9	10,3549	20,0679	10,3554
188	29,9	10,3600	15,4486	10,3603
201	34,7	10,4763	20,0288	10,4769
202	34,7	10,4271	19,9234	10,4277
203	34,7	10,4639	15,3903	10,4642
216	41,3	10,1695	19,5235	10,1702
217	41,3	10,3102	20,1727	10,311
218	41,3	10,3295	15,0723	10,33
231	46	10,3432	19,3017	10,344
232	46	10,3987	20,0379	10,3995
233	46	10,4284	20,1279	10,4294
246	50,6	10,3470	19,7089	10,3479
247	50,6	10,4589	20,2018	10,4599
248	50,6	10,4643	20,2040	10,4655
258	56	10,1918	19,5245	10,1929
259	56	10,4356	19,7578	10,4368
260	56	10,4373	19,8079	10,4385
270	60,1	10,4289	19,8216	10,4303
271	60,1	10,3657	20,0156	10,3672
272	60,1	10,4274	20,0004	10,4289
285	63	10,4172	20,5713	10,4189
286	63	10,1973	20,0071	10,199
287	63	10,2000	20,0110	10,2019

Experiement 5. Butanone

Vial	T(°C)	vial+cap [g]	vial+cap+solut. [g]	vial+cap+solid [g]
4	25,3	10,4667	19,3826	10,4696
5	25,3	10,3603	20,4688	10,3633
6	25,3	10,3633	20,157	10,3663
22	29,8	10,3661	19,3215	10,3695
23	29,8	10,3409	19,5308	10,3445
24	29,8	10,4328	17,1415	10,436
40	33,1	10,4073	19,4477	10,4116
41	33,1	10,4027	18,6245	10,4067
42	33,1	10,3609	19,4656	10,3649
58	37,1	10,4057	20,0674	10,4099
59	37,1	10,3958	20,3893	10,4012
60	37,1	10,3852	20,1887	10,3902
76	41,9	10,2812	19,2678	10,2866
77	41,9	10,2659	19,5712	10,2717
78	41,9	10,4082	20,1836	10,4142
94	47,1	10,4778	18,8729	10,4838
95	47,1	10,1968	19,5429	10,2040
96	47,1	10,2883	18,7887	10,2949
112	53	10,1624	17,418	10,1699
113	53	10,1926	19,5467	10,1996
114	53	10,2297	18,5097	10,237
130	59	10,3949	19,8165	10,4021
131	59	10,5624	15,3667	10,5685
132	59	10,375	15,2095	10,3815
148	63	10,3947	19,8751	10,4037
149	63	10,2173	16,3432	10,2263

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Experiment 6. Ethanol

Vial	T(°C)	vial+cap [g]	vial+cap+solut. [g]	vial+cap+solid [g]
168	26,1	10,3894	20,038	10,3901
169	26,1	10,4292	20,2104	10,4299
170	26,1	10,4017	15,3017	10,4021
183	29,6	10,4117	19,8113	10,4127
184	29,6	10,4027	20,0254	10,4038
185	29,6	10,4265	20,6733	10,4276
198	34,8	10,4367	20,0401	10,438
199	34,8	10,3663	20,2814	10,3676
200	34,8	10,3978	15,4831	10,3984
213	41,3	10,4149	20,2342	10,4164
214	41,3	10,3635	20,086	10,3648
215	41,3	10,3800	20,1893	10,3817
228	46,1	10,3919	20,2232	10,3935
229	46,1	10,3348	20,7709	10,3363
230	46,1	10,3416	20,1417	10,3433
243	51,1	10,4829	19,8364	10,4848
244	51,1	10,4629	20,2519	10,4649
245	51,1	10,4441	20,2441	10,4459
255	56	10,2205	19,5839	10,2228
256	56	10,4611	20,043	10,4631
257	56	10,441	20,1414	10,4432
267	60,1	10,4258	19,8016	10,4286
268	60,1	10,4009	20,1335	10,4034
269	60,1	10,4367	20,1795	10,4393
279	63	10,4317	20,1743	10,4347
280	63	10,2137	20,4319	10,2167
281	63	10,4131	19,4761	10,4162

Experiment 7. MIBK
Vial	T(°C)	vial+cap [g]	vial+cap+solut. [g]	vial+cap+solid [g]
174	26,1	10,2690	14,5722	10,2696
175	26,1	10,4074	14,0246	10,4079
176	26,1	10,3897	14,1159	10,3902
189	29,6	10,4296	14,9627	10,4304
190	29,6	10,4218	15,0495	10,4226
191	29,6	10,3336	14,6718	10,3343
204	35,7	10,4902	15,0474	10,4914
205	35,7	10,4586	15,2967	10,4596
206	35,7	10,3754	15,2648	10,3765
219	40,3	10,3773	14,8714	10,3786
220	40,3	10,4052	15,1799	10,4064
221	40,3	10,1940	14,5362	10,1952
234	46,1	10,3894	14,8788	10,3908
235	46,1	10,2715	15,0113	10,273
236	46,1	10,3765	15,1645	10,378
249	51,1	10,3825	15,1252	10,3845
250	51,1	10,4332	14,8496	10,435
251	51,1	10,2796	15,0727	10,2815
261	56	10,1466	14,5638	10,1486
262	56	10,3785	15,1595	10,3807
263	56	10,3558	15,4047	10,3586
273	60	10,4424	14,8265	10,445
274	60	10,4338	15,1855	10,4366
275	60	10,2931	14,9542	10,2958
282	63	10,3013	15,1543	10,3045
283	63	10,4012	14,3055	10,4038
284	63	10,3681	14,6312	10,3707

Experimenta 8. Tertbutanol

Vial	T(°C)	vial+cap [g]	vial+cap+solut. [g]	vial+cap+solid [g]
10	25,1	10,4081	19,7546	10,4093
11	25,1	10,4222	19,5609	10,4233
12	25,1	10,3799	15,2503	10,3805
28	29,1	10,4002	17,1771	10,4012
29	29,1	10,3358	16,4566	10,3368
30	29,1	10,381	13,9969	10,3816
46	32,3	10,4259	19,3892	10,4278
47	32,3	10,4151	15,3067	10,4160
48	32,3	10,4126	15,1513	10,4134
64	37	10,3387	17,0456	10,3406
65	37	10,3619	18,5031	10,3639
66	37	10,3285	15,1703	10,3297
82	42	10,3142	19,5319	10,3170
83	42	10,3174	18,9743	10,3202
84	42	10,3631	15,164	10,3644
100	47,1	10,361	18,358	10,3638
101	47,1	10,4777	16,8003	10,4804
102	47,1	10,4081	19,3241	10,4112
118	53	10,1496	14,5061	10,1516
119	53	10,3548	15,4331	10,3571
120	53	10,4247	15,1813	10,4265
136	59	10,1855	19,5635	10,1904
137	59	10,4511	15,2068	10,4535
138	59	10,3817	15,4423	10,3844
154	63	10,1873	19,5347	10,1928
155	63	10,1947	18,4751	10,1999
156	63	10,2341	17,3741	10,2389

Experiment 9. 2-Propanol

Vial	T(°C)	vial+cap [g]	vial+cap+solut. [g]	vial+cap+solid [g]
7	25,1	10,3578	19,9665	10,3594
8	25,1	10,369	20,4061	10,3707
9	25,1	10,3596	20,3611	10,3612
25	29,1	10,3901	19,546	10,3917
26	29,1	10,3222	19,8484	10,3239
27	29,1	10,4098	17,3462	10,4110
43	33,2	10,3768	19,5765	10,3787
44	33,2	10,3141	19,8443	10,3158
45	33,2	10,4501	17,7601	10,4517
61	37	10,3409	18,6828	10,3431
62	37	10,4105	20,6799	10,4128
63	37	10,3716	18,6543	10,3733
79	42,1	10,3357	14,8548	10,3370
80	42,1	10,3805	15,2912	10,3821
81	42,1	10,4102	15,385	10,4117
97	47	10,2855	18,9688	10,2884
98	47	10,4373	15,0239	10,4390
99	47	10,32	15,5558	10,3220
115	53	10,2038	14,6566	10,2060
116	53	10,2579	15,4756	10,2601
117	53	10,2329	15,1316	10,2353
133	59,1	10,3997	20,1	10,4049
134	59,1	10,1739	15,1006	10,1767
135	59,1	10,3552	15,581	10,3580
151	63	10,2177	16,7341	10,2223
152	63	10,3715	19,983	10,3781
153	63	10,4003	14,718	10,4035

Experiment 10. Propanol

Vial	T(°C)	vial+cap [g]	vial+cap+solut. [g]	vial+cap+solid [g]
13	25	10,4759	20,268	10,4769
14	25	10,4096	17,2377	10,4103
15	25	10,3829	15,3822	10,3834
31	29,1	10,3977	19,4028	10,3989
32	29,1	10,4639	19,8531	10,4650
33	29,1	10,356	17,1381	10,3570
49	33,1	10,4197	20,3598	10,4213
50	33,1	10,3653	20,7857	10,3671
51	33,1	10,4232	15,4426	10,4241
67	36,9	10,4041	20,3358	10,4061
68	36,9	10,3173	18,567	10,3188
69	36,9	10,3234	17,5023	10,3249
85	40,1	10,3926	18,0382	10,3944
86	40,1	10,2096	15,1681	10,2106
87	40,1	10,2664	17,5375	10,2681
103	47	10,3094	20,1722	10,3127
104	47	10,3088	15,2815	10,3103
105	47	10,4091	19,7714	10,4119
121	53,1	10,4516	14,7933	10,4532
122	53,1	10,3919	15,1589	10,3938
123	53,1	10,3448	19,0794	10,3479
139	59	10,4273	14,9801	10,4292
140	59	10,2292	15,5146	10,2313
141	59	10,2381	15,5197	10,2403
157	63	10,1345	15,734	10,1376
158	63	10,3217	15,123	10,3243
159	63	10,4071	15,471	10,4099

Vial	T(°C)	vial+cap [g]	vial+cap+solut. [g]	vial+cap+solid [g]
16	25,2	10,3544	17,6963	10,3551
17	25,2	10,4567	19,8641	10,4577
18	25,2	10,4287	16,7954	10,4293
34	29	10,3822	19,4177	10,3833
35	29	10,4170	16,3812	10,4179
36	29	10,3504	16,1048	10,3513
52	33	10,4879	19,7245	10,4893
53	33	10,4648	15,8018	10,4657
54	33	10,4397	15,2605	10,4405
70	37,1	10,3221	20,1906	10,3243
71	37,1	10,4013	20,1575	10,4033
72	37,1	10,3544	15,3328	10,3552
88	41,2	10,3656	20,1836	10,3678
89	41,2	10,3486	19,6717	10,3506
90	41,2	10,3980	15,3865	10,3993
106	47	10,3807	14,9289	10,3820
107	47	10,2078	15,1544	10,2091
108	47	10,3266	15,3079	10,3279
124	53	10,4161	14,9422	10,4178
125	53	10,4186	15,6242	10,4204
126	53	10,4997	15,4288	10,5015
142	59	10,4282	14,9894	10,4301
143	59	10,1927	14,8014	10,1946
144	59	10,4704	15,4066	10,4725
159	63	10,4721	17,4510	10,4754
160	63	10,1031	16,3333	10,1061
161	63	10,2743	17,0143	10,2775

Experiment 12. 2-Butanol

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APENDIX III: THERMODINAMYCAL ANALYSIS

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Empirical Model