

# Water boiling point vs pressure

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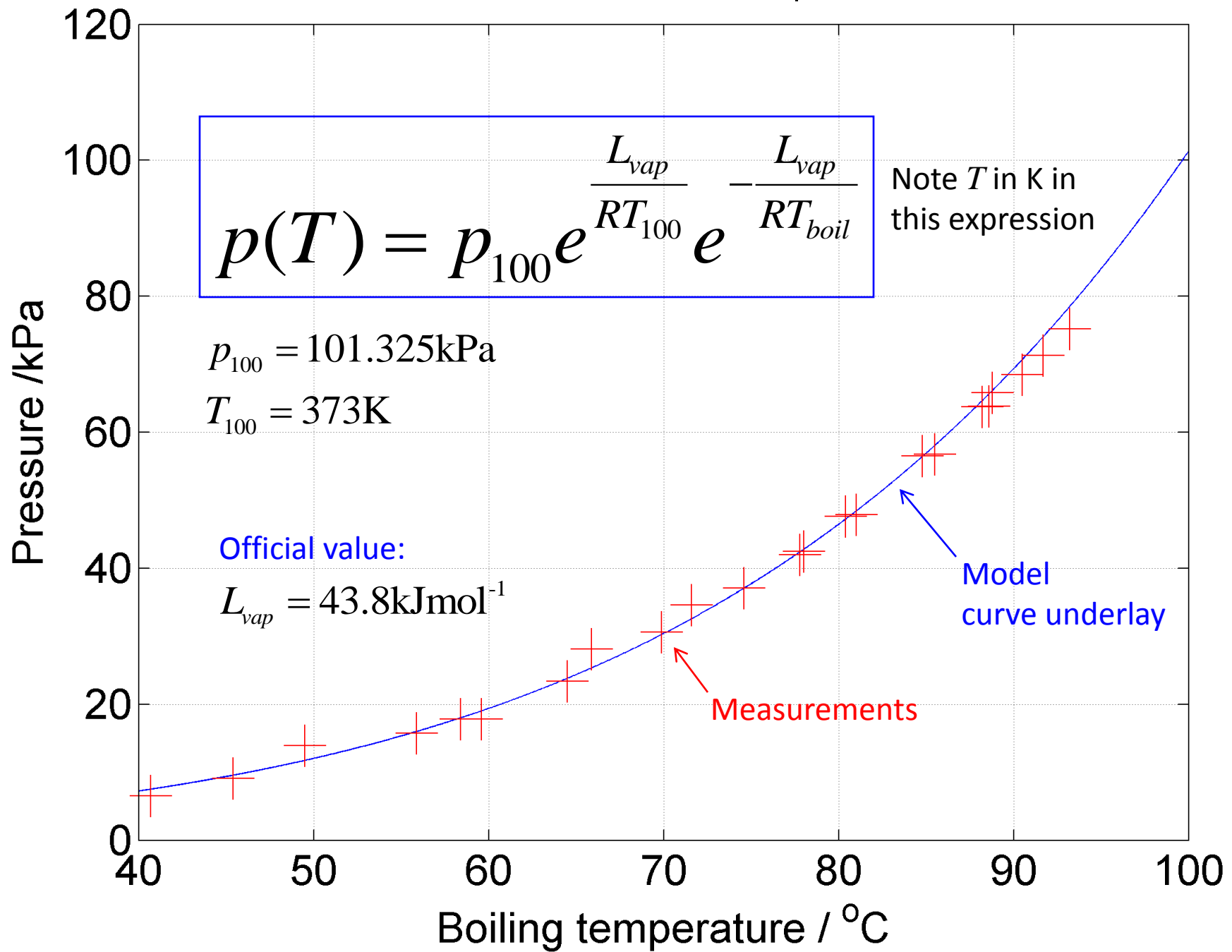


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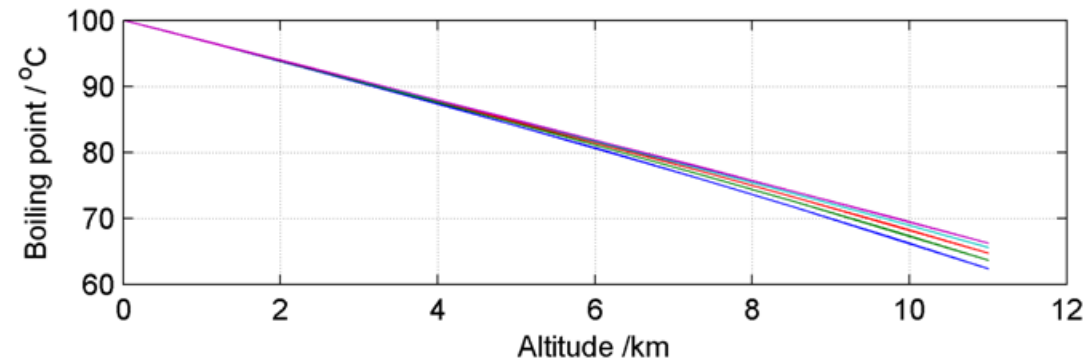
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$$T_{100} = 373 \text{ K}$$

Pressure vs boiling temperature.  $L_{\text{vap}} = (42.7 \pm 0.8) \text{ kJ/mol}$



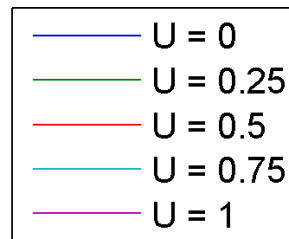
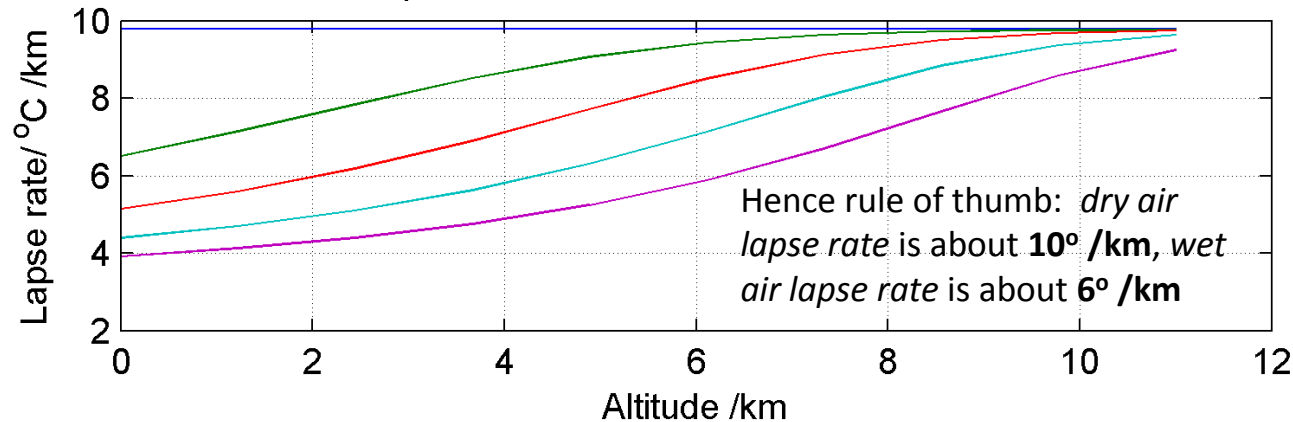


**Motivation:** The boiling point of water *decreases* as atmospheric pressure *decreases*. You can observe this on a mountaineering expedition as you ascend in altitude.

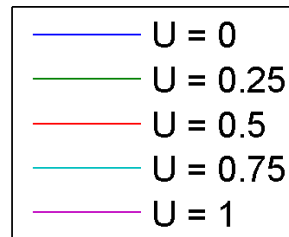
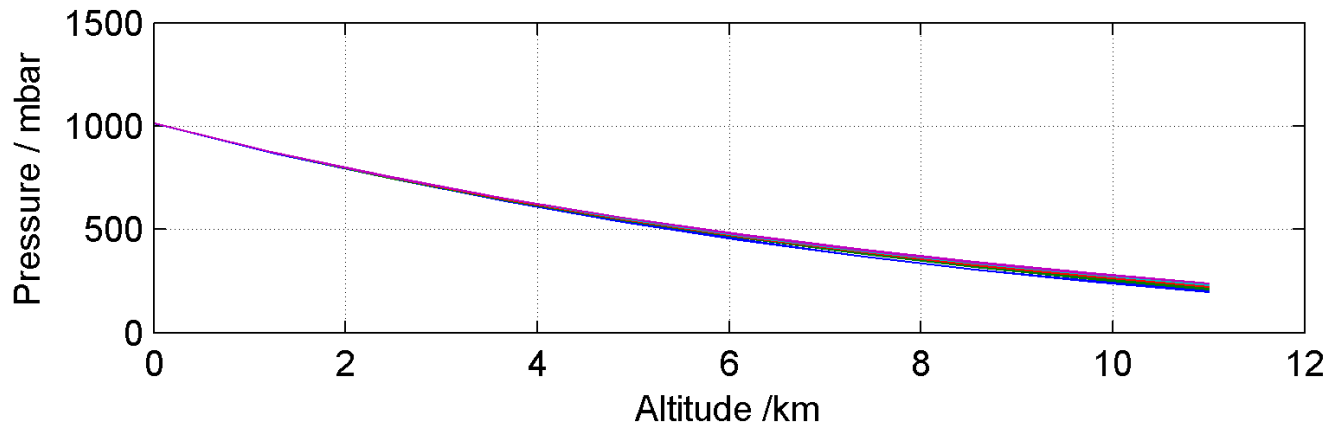
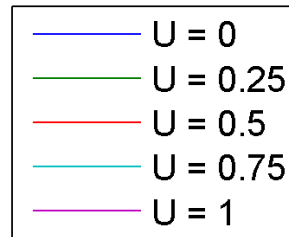
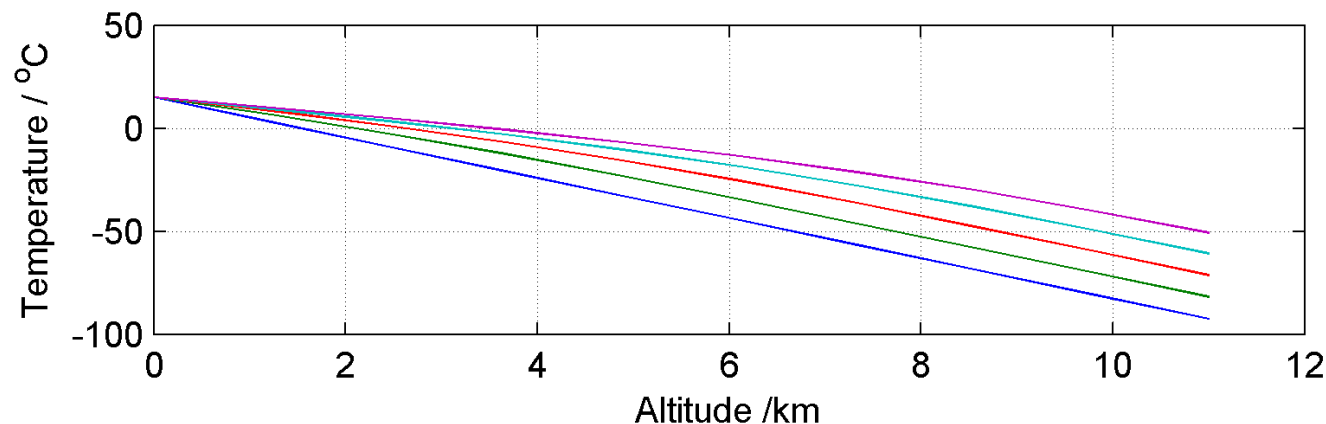


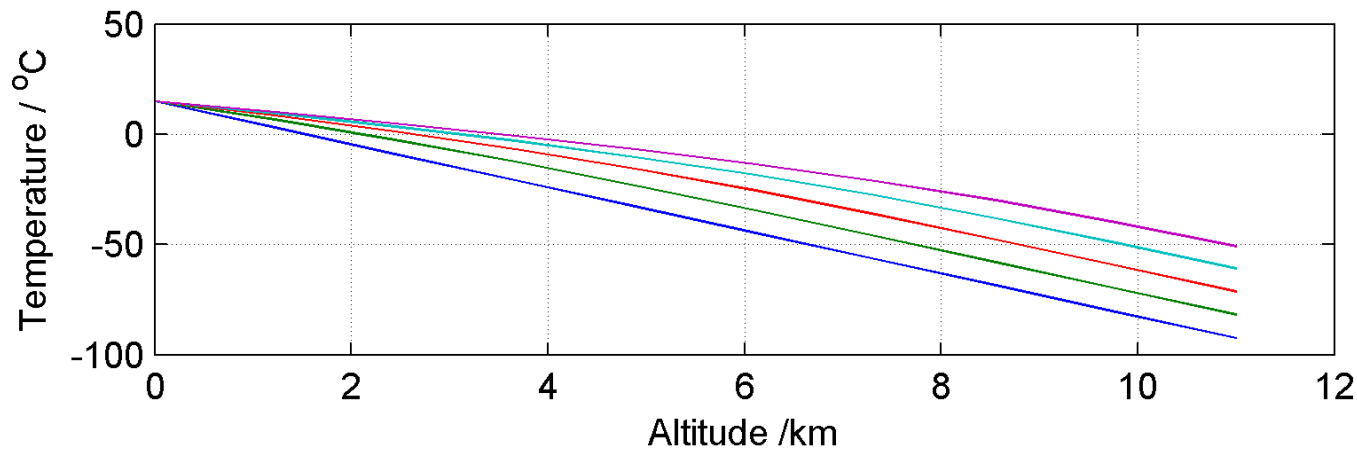
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Lapse rates for different relative humidities

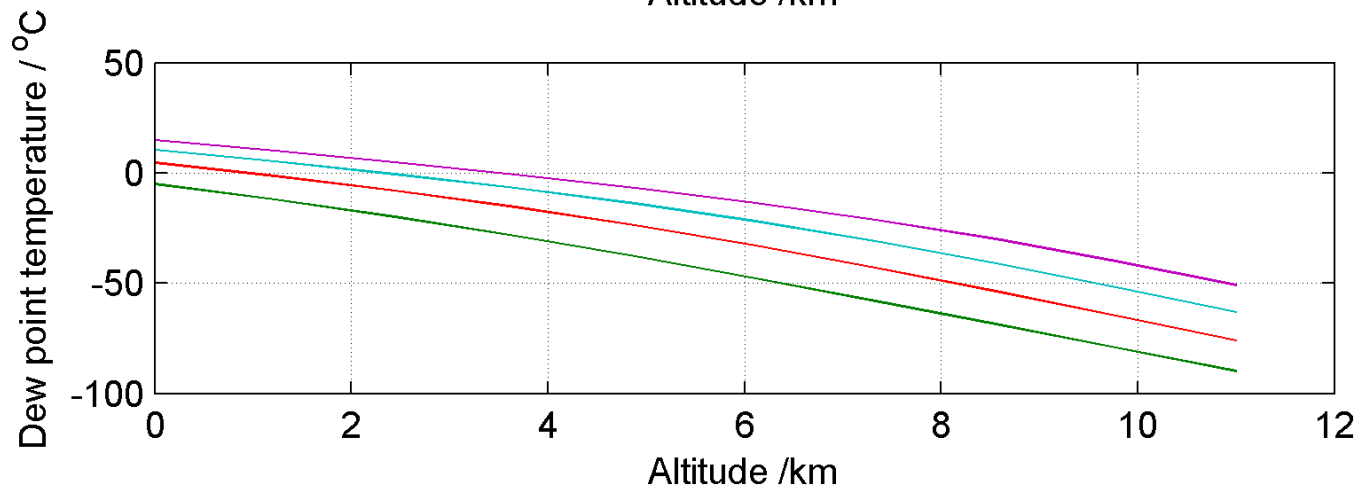
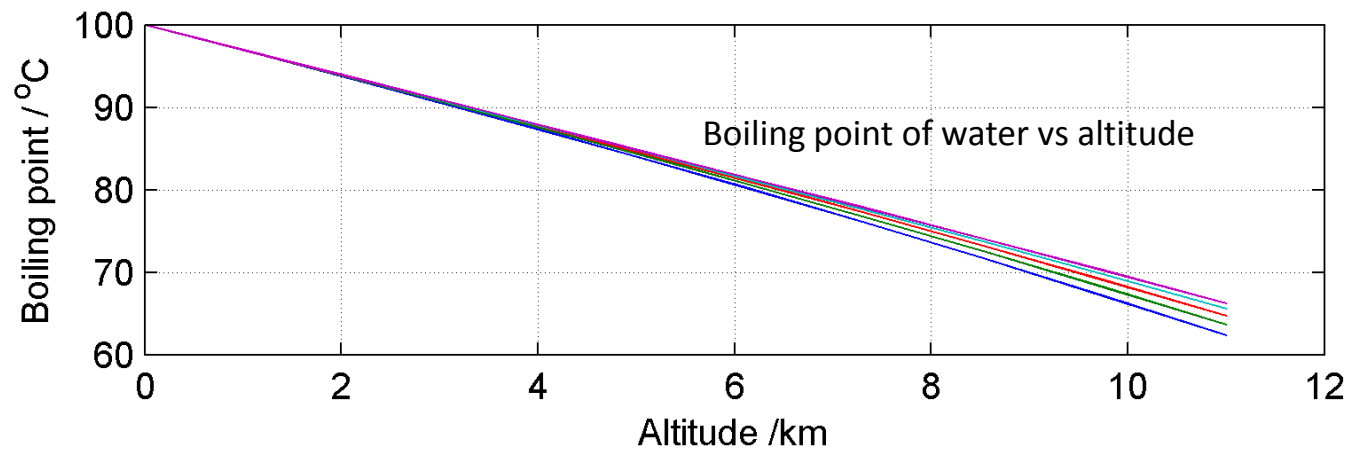


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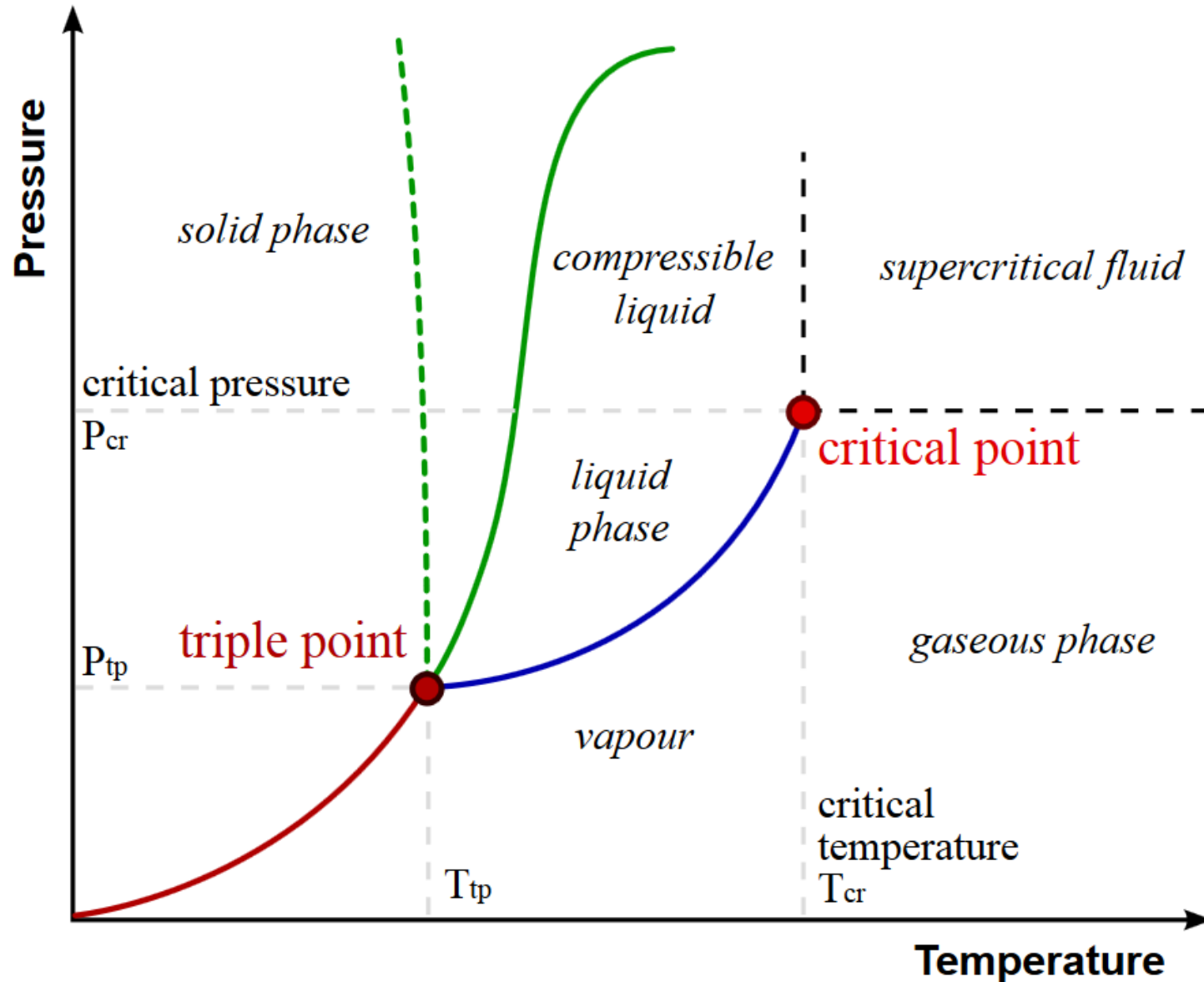




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To **boil** water, it must undergo a *phase transition* from liquid to gas. This requires a certain amount of heat, *the latent heat of vaporization*, to break the inter-molecular bonds inherent in the water.



The gradient of a phase transition line in the  $p, T$  diagram is given by the *Clausius-Clapeyron equation*:

Pressure in Pascals (Pa)

$$\frac{dp}{dT} = \frac{L_{vap}}{T \Delta V}$$

Latent heat /Jmol<sup>-1</sup>

Temperature  
in Kelvin

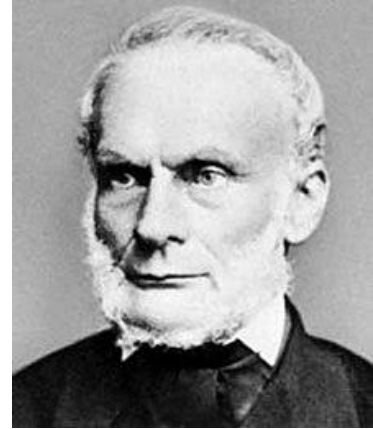
Volume change of 1 mole of  
substance during the phase  
transition

In a **liquid to gas** transition we can assume the volume change is sufficiently large as to ignore the original fluid volume. If one assumes the resulting gas is *ideal*:

$$\Delta V = \frac{RT}{p}$$

Hence:

$$\frac{dp}{dT} = \frac{L_{vap}}{RT^2} p$$



Rudolph Clausius  
1822-1888



Benoît  
Clapeyron  
1799-1864



We can use this relationship to determine the liquid-to-gas line in the  $p, T$  diagram if the latent heat of vaporization is assumed to be temperature independent. (In reality this is not the case, but is less of an issue at low temperatures – see next slide).

$$\frac{dp}{dT} = \frac{L_{vap}}{RT^2} p$$

$$\int_{p_*}^P \frac{1}{p} dp = \frac{L_{vap}}{R} \int_{T_*}^T \frac{1}{T^2} dT$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{p}{p_*}\right) = -\frac{L_{vap}}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_*}\right)$$

$$p = p_* e^{-\frac{L_{vap}}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_*}\right)}$$

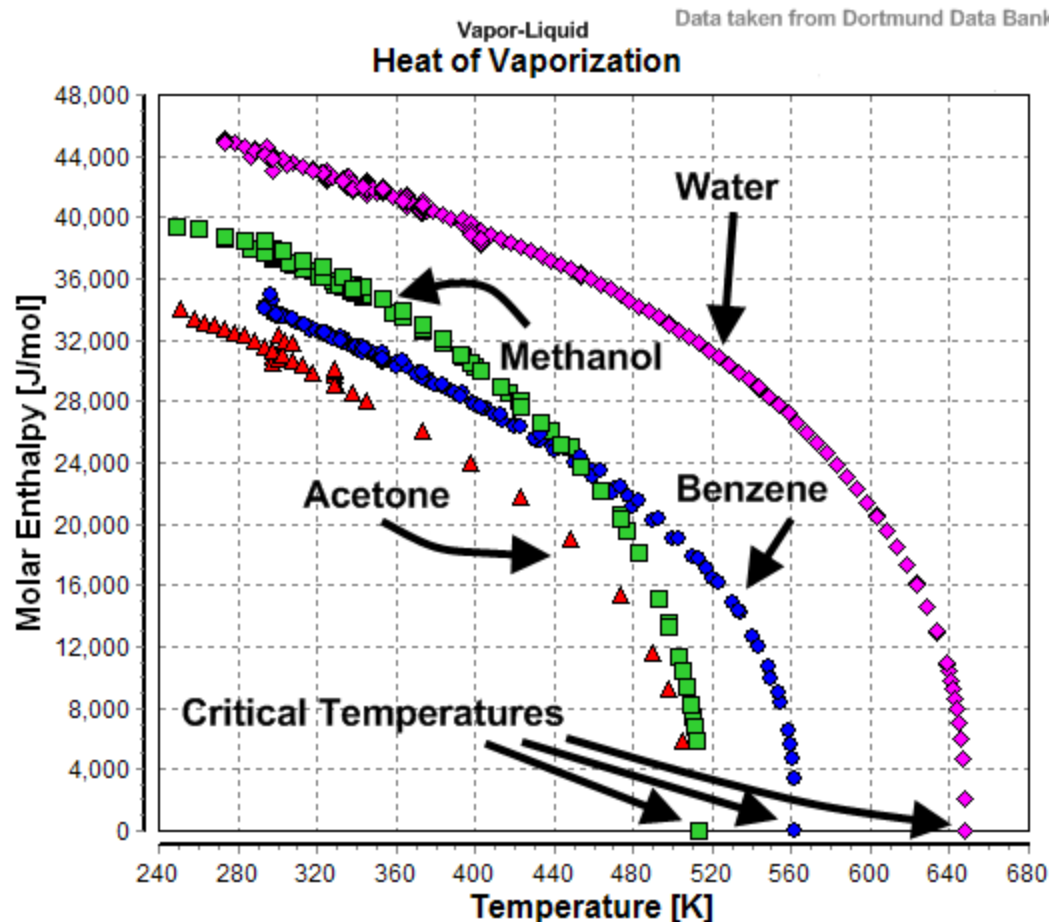
$$T = \left( \frac{1}{T_*} - \frac{R}{L_{vap}} \ln\left(\frac{p}{p_*}\right) \right)^{-1}$$

Since the temperature corresponds to the liquid-to-gas transition line, we can therefore derive an expression for the **boiling point** of a liquid relative to ambient temperature  $T$  and pressure  $p$ , as long as one fixed boiling point  $T_*$  and corresponding pressure  $p_*$  is known.



$$T_{boil} = \left( \frac{1}{T_*} - \frac{R}{L_{vap}} \ln \left( \frac{p}{p_*} \right) \right)^{-1}$$

Boiling point of water at different atmospheric pressures /mbar.



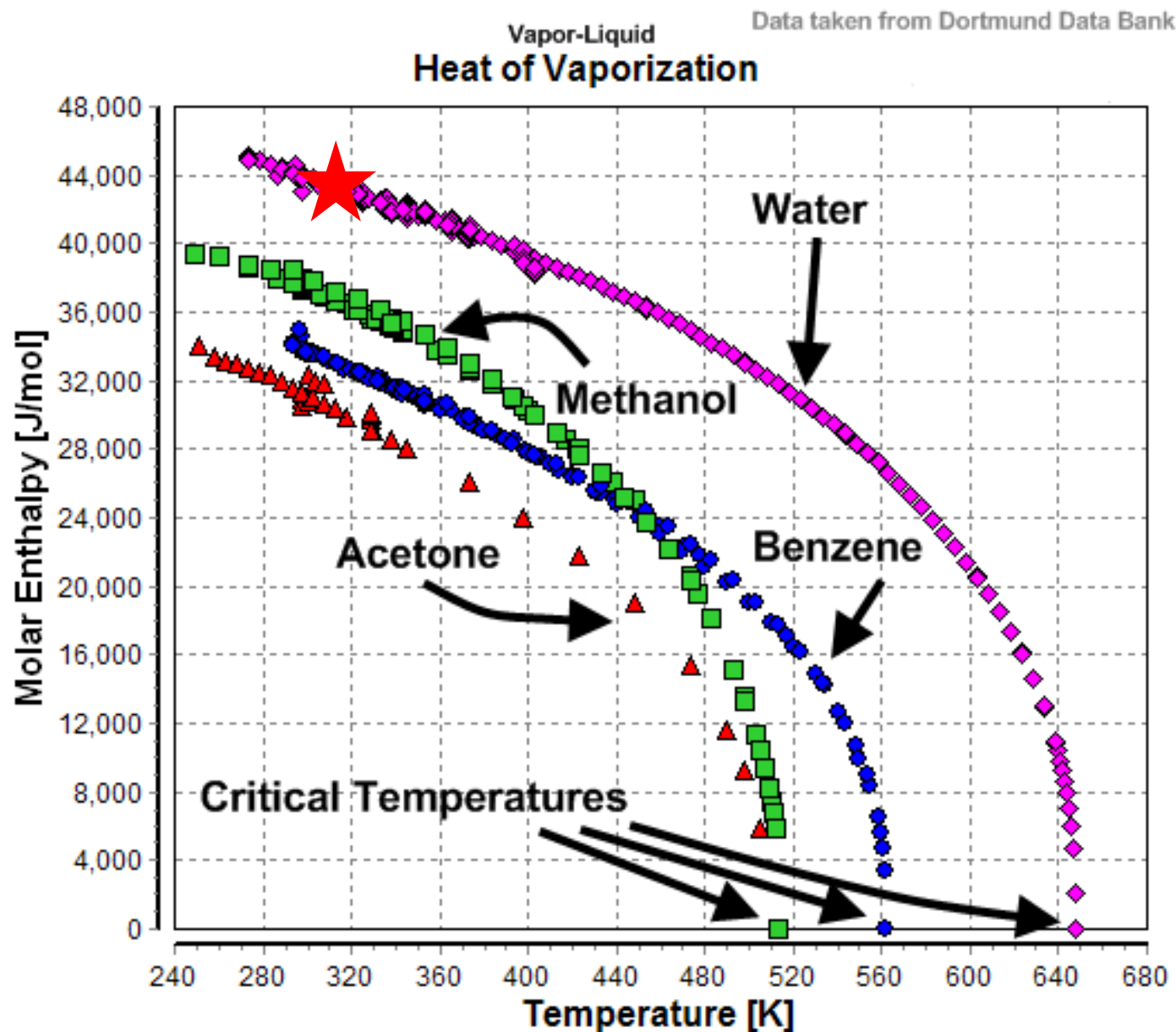
Latent heat of vaporization of water is

$L_{vap} = 43.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  and 1013.25 mbar ambient air pressure.

At 'typical' troposphere temperatures, a higher value of  $45.07 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  is used in some calculations, such as the lapse rate model.

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At around ambient temperatures of about 30 to 40 degrees C (i.e. 303K to 313K) molar latent heat of vaporization of water is about **43.8 kJ/mol/K**



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$$\therefore \ln \left( \frac{p_*}{p} \right) = \frac{L_{vap}}{R} \frac{1}{T_{boil}} - \frac{L_{vap}}{R} \frac{1}{T_*}$$

$$\therefore p = p_* e^{\frac{L_{vap}}{RT_*}} e^{-\frac{L_{vap}}{RT_{boil}}}$$

Expect a **Boltzmann Factor**  
as the functional dependence of  
pressure upon boiling temperature

$$p \propto e^{-\frac{L_{vap}}{RT_{boil}}}$$

Note  $L_{vap}$  is the *molar*  
latent heat of vaporization

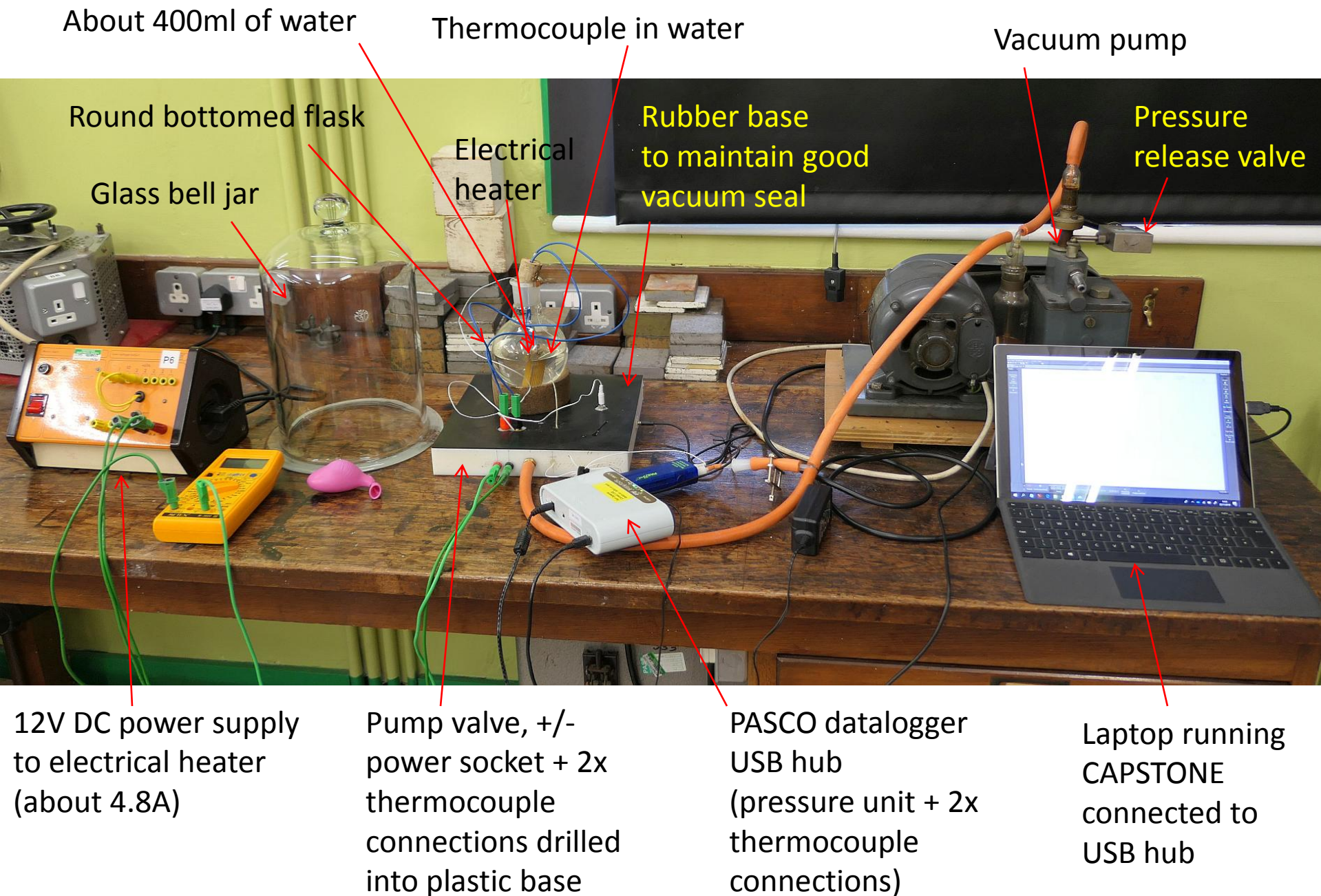
Linearized relationship:

$$\underbrace{\ln \left( \frac{p_*}{p} \right)}_y = \frac{L_{vap}}{R} \underbrace{\frac{1}{T_{boil}}}_x - \underbrace{\frac{L_{vap}}{R} \frac{1}{T_*}}_c$$

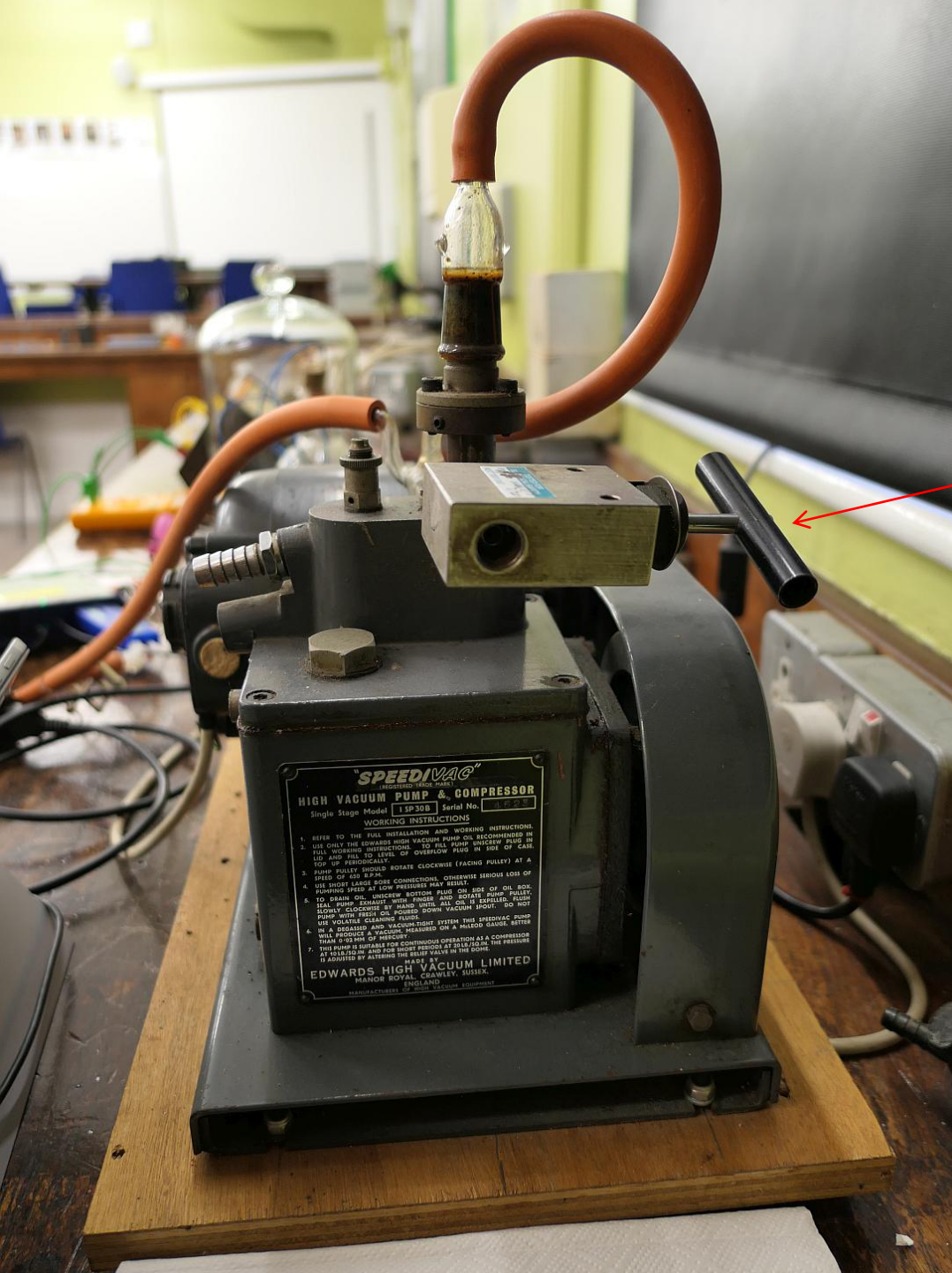
$$y = mc + c$$

$$m = \frac{L_{vap}}{R}, \quad c = -\frac{L_{vap}}{R} \frac{1}{T_*}$$

## Equipment







Vacuum pump, connected to bell jar.  
About 3% of atmospheric pressure  
is possible.

Turn pressure valve *slowly* to return  
air to bell jar between experiments.

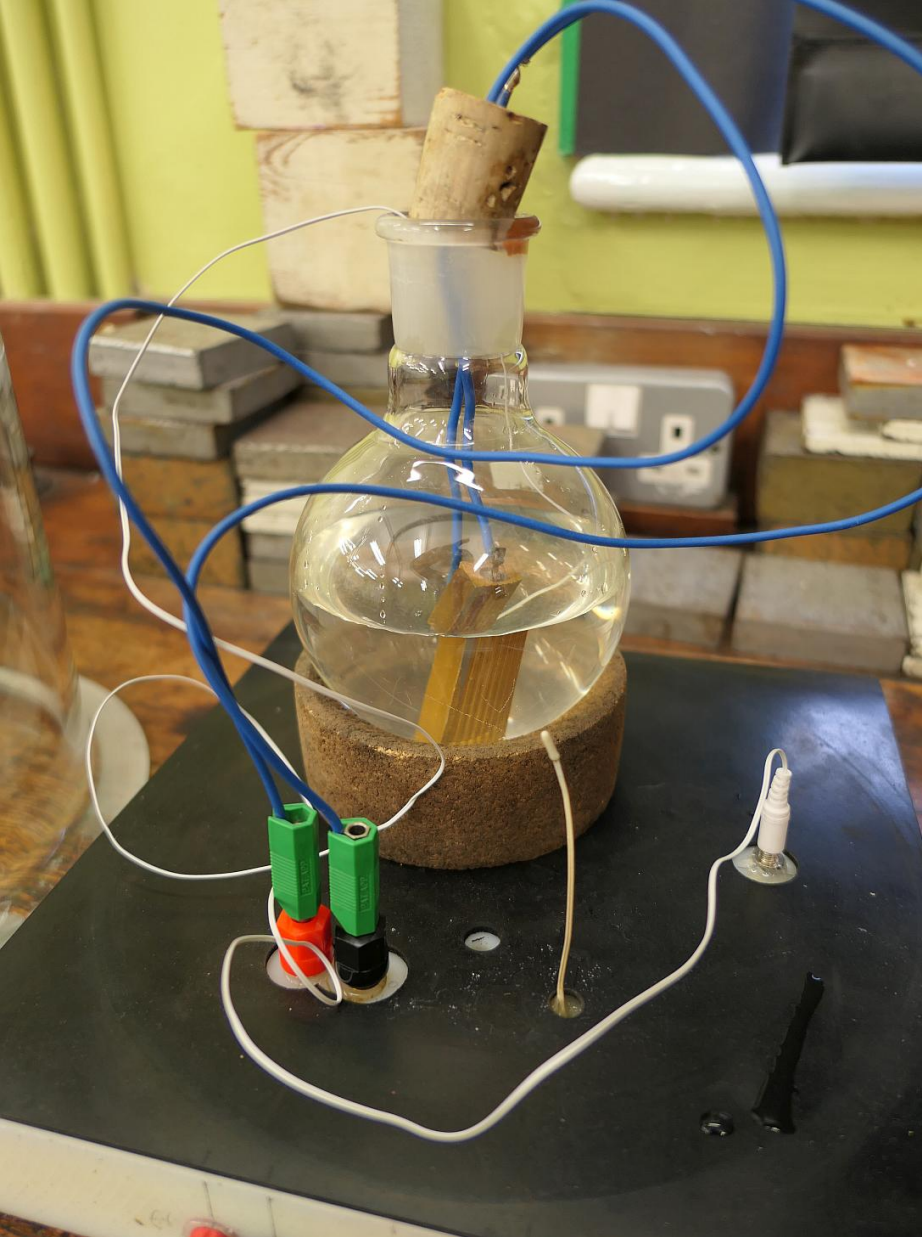




DC power supply to  
electrical heater





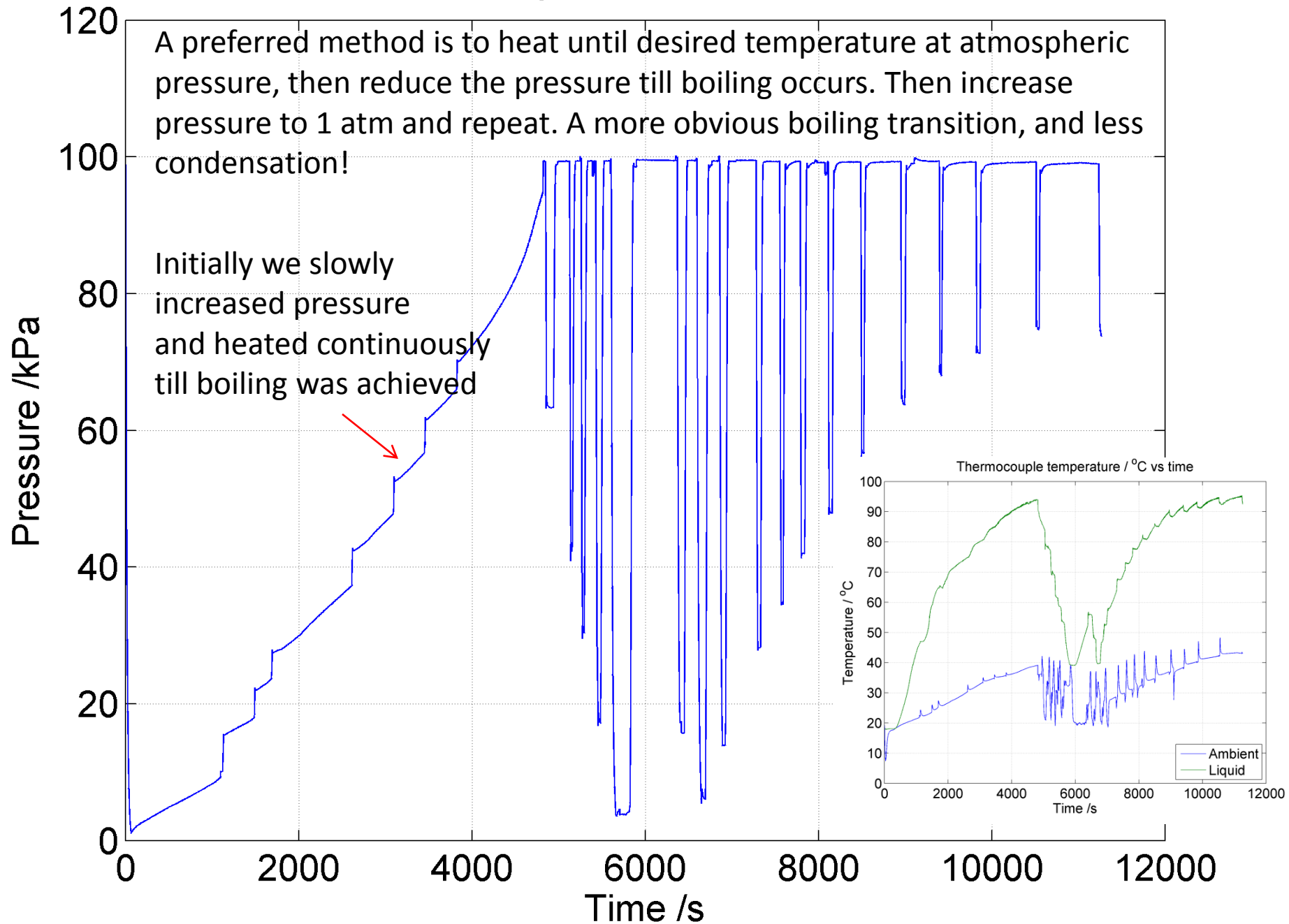


Heat water up to a desired temperature using electrical heater. (It is pretty slow, i.e about 10s per deg C, so you can leave it on)



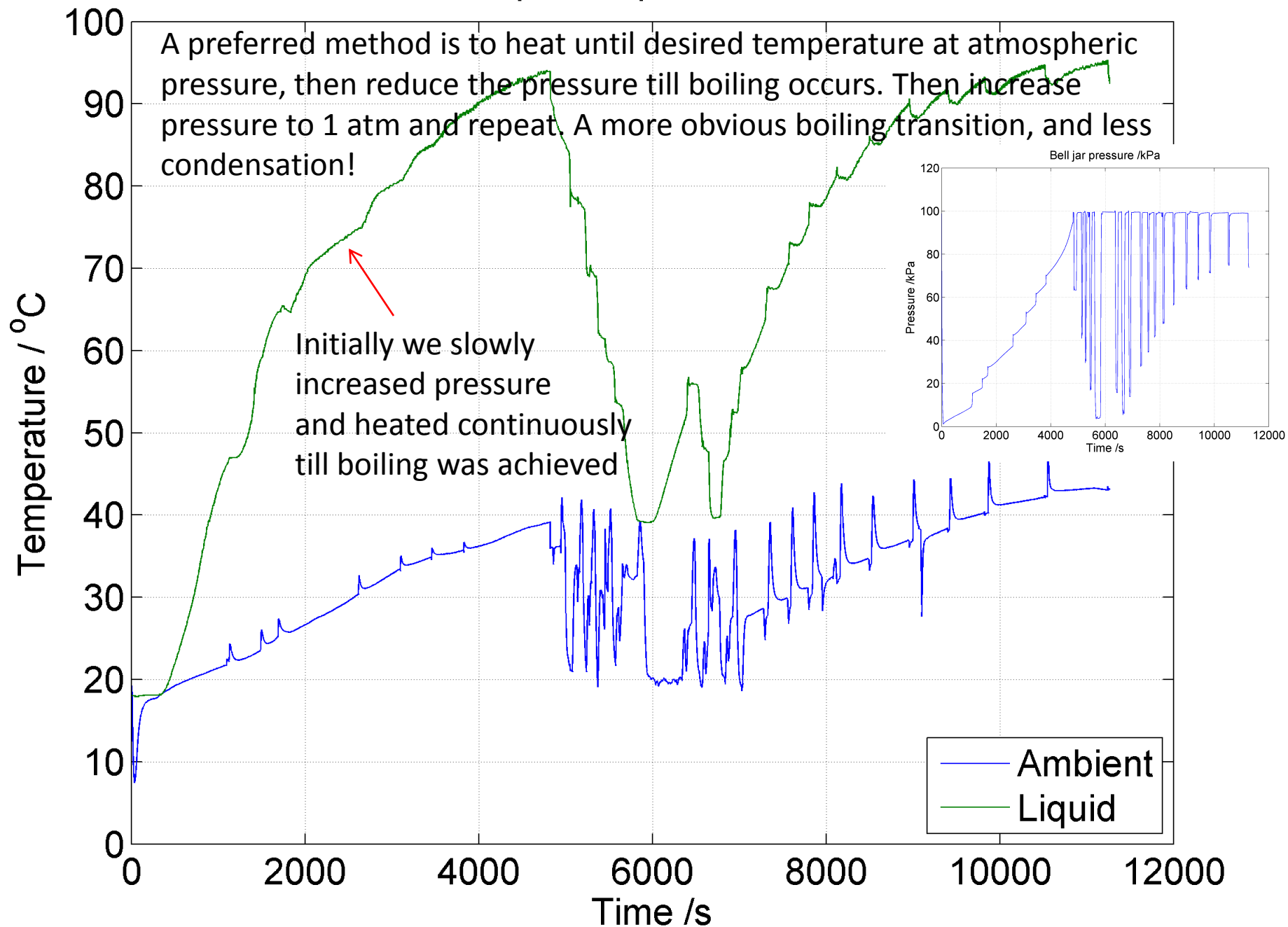
Then pump out air till water spontaneously boils. At this point turn off the pump and record pressure and temperature using the datalogger display on the PC

# Bell jar pressure /kPa





# Thermocouple temperature / °C vs time



**Excel analysis of raw data.** Measurements were taken directly off the CAPSTONE display. Data rate was 10Hz for pressure and temperature. Perhaps 2H or 5Hz would have been easier to read the numbers? By eye, and error of about +/-0.3 °C and +/-0.2 kPa. i.e. too small to plot as an error bar.

Water temperature at boiling /degC	Bell jar pressure /kPa	Air temperature inside bell jar /degC	Notes	1000/Tboil (K <sup>-1</sup> )	ln(P*/P)	Model P
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59.6	17.8	30.9	**	3.007	1.739	19.04
64.5	23.4	23.6	*	2.963	1.466	23.82
65.9	28.1	27.4	**	2.951	1.283	25.36
69.9	30.6	31.8	**	2.916	1.197	30.27
71.6	34.6	28.7	**	2.902	1.074	32.59
74.6	37.1	30.3	*	2.877	1.005	37.06
77.8	42	29.9	**	2.851	0.881	42.40
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80.4	47.6	33.4	*	2.830	0.756	47.22
81	47.9	32.2	**	2.825	0.749	48.40
84.8	56.5	34.9	*	2.795	0.584	56.46
85.5	56.8	34.1	**	2.789	0.579	58.07
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\* and \*\* denote the two experimental approaches undertaken. They are mixed as I have sorted the data by boiling temperature. \*\* is recommended.

# Excel analysis

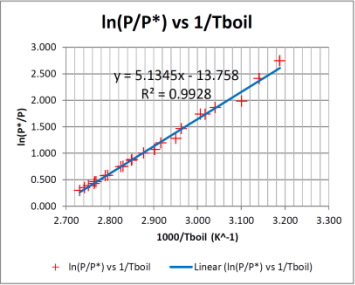
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Known data for water

P* /kPa	101.325
T* /K	373
Lvap (kJ/mol) at 30degC	43.78
R J/mol/K	8.314



Lvap from gradient (kJ/mol)

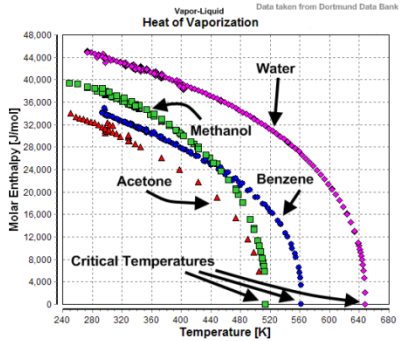
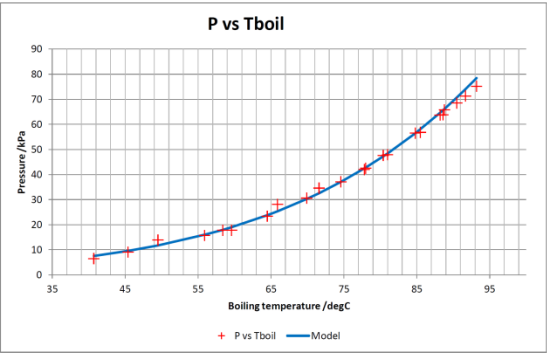
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Lvap from intercept (kJ/mol)

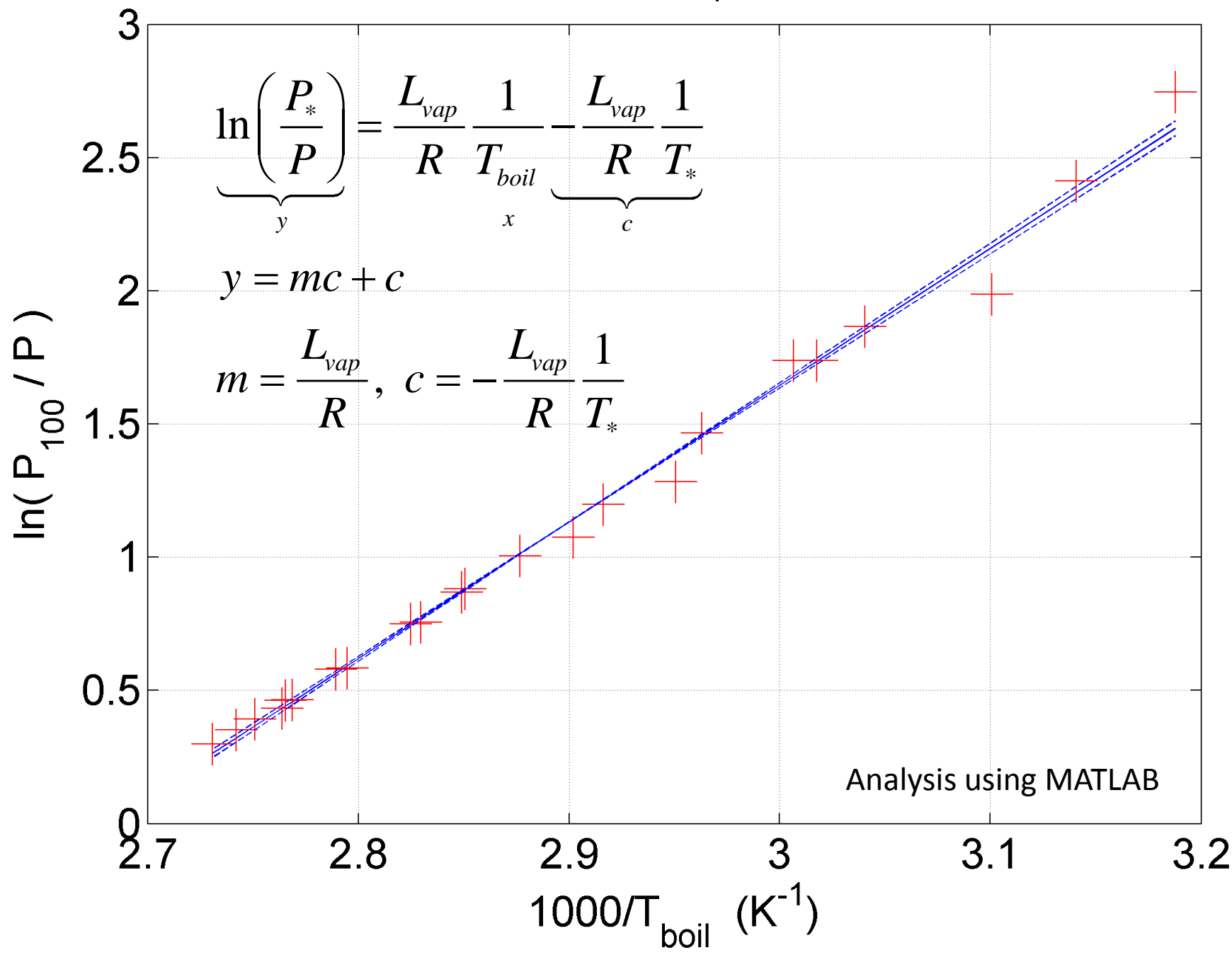
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Clausius Clapeyron equation

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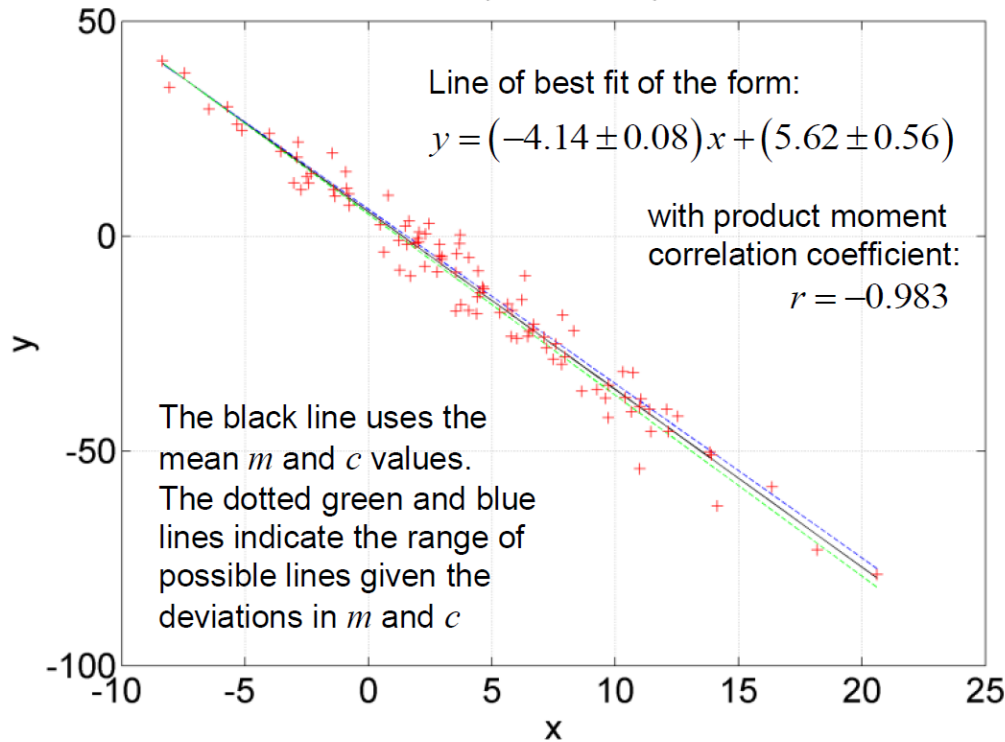


$\ln( P_{100} / P )$  vs  $1/T_{boil}$  ·  $L_{vap} = (42.7 \pm 0.8) \text{ kJ/mol}$





Line of best fit  $y = -4.14x + 5.62$   
 $\Delta m = 0.0783$ ,  $\Delta c = 0.56$ ,  $r = -0.983$



$y = mx + c$  **line of best fit recipe**

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i,$$

$$\overline{x^2} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2, \quad \overline{y^2} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i^2$$

$$\overline{xy} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i y_i$$

$$V[x] = \overline{x^2} - \bar{x}^2, \quad V[y] = \overline{y^2} - \bar{y}^2$$

$$\text{cov}[x, y] = \overline{xy} - \bar{x}\bar{y}$$

$$c = \bar{y} - m\bar{x}$$

$$m = \frac{\overline{xy} - \bar{x}\bar{y}}{\overline{x^2} - \bar{x}^2} = \frac{\text{cov}[x, y]}{V[x]}$$

$$r = \frac{\text{cov}[x, y]}{\sqrt{V[x]V[y]}}$$

$$\Delta m = \frac{s}{\sqrt{N}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{V[x]}}$$

$$\Delta c = \frac{s}{\sqrt{N}} \sqrt{1 + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{V[x]}}$$

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N-2} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - mx_i - c)^2}$$

← Errors in gradient and y intercept

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