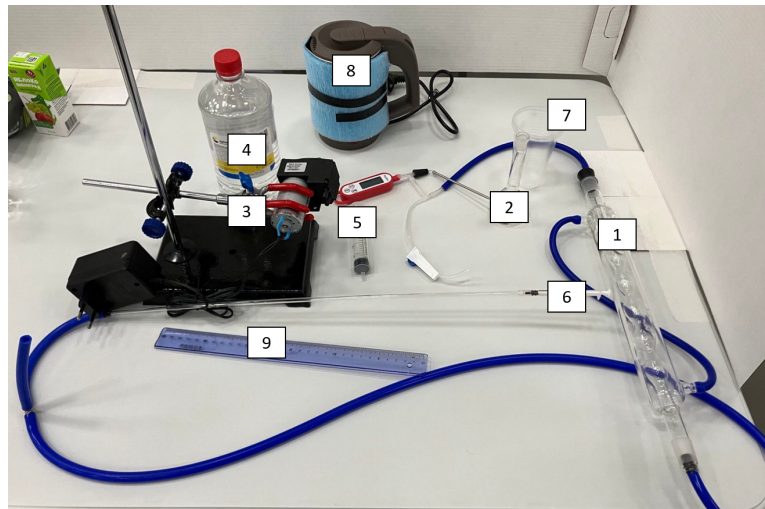




## M1A - Don't superheat

### Equipment:

1. Vacuum system with a valve, thermometer, cooler, and capillary.
2. Flask 50 ml with sand
3. Pump with 12 V power supply
4. Bottle of isopropyl alcohol
5. Syringe 20 ml
6. Syringe 1 ml
7. Two plastic cups
8. Kettle with water, which operates like a calorimeter with controlled temperature.
9. Ruler



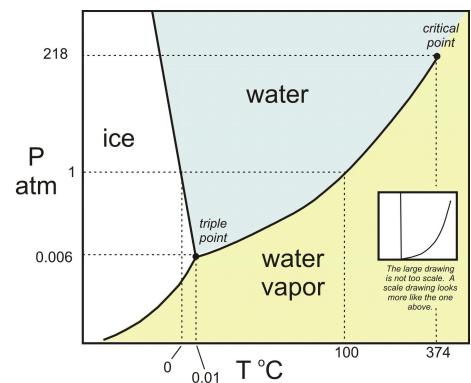
If, during a gradual change in an external parameter, the properties of a physical system change abruptly, such a phenomenon is called a **phase transition**. When a physical system depends on two parameters,  $X$  and  $Y$ , one can plot all pairs of parameters  $(X, Y)$  at which phase transitions occur. The resulting curves formed by these points will divide the  $X, Y$  plane into several phases.

In this problem, using the example of isopropyl alcohol (hereinafter referred to as IPA), we will study the liquid (L)  $\leftrightarrow$  gas (G) phase transition in  $(p, T)$  coordinates. Although IPA is a common antiseptic, it must **never be ingested!** Additionally, one should avoid inhaling IPA vapors, as they can cause headaches.

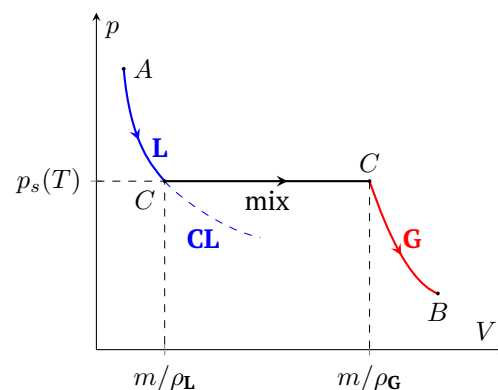
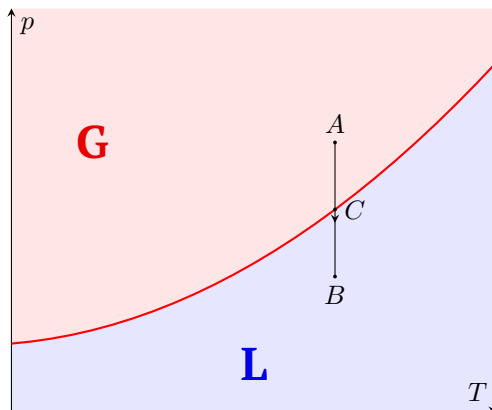
The boiling point of IPA at atmospheric pressure  $p_0 = 101 \text{ kPa}$  is approximately  $83^\circ\text{C}$ .

It turns out that the shape of the phase transition curve  $(p, T)$  is related to the **specific heat of vaporization**  $L$  (per unit mass) through the **Clapeyron-Clausius law**.

This law could be derived using only very general ideas. Consider the isothermal with temperature  $T$  compression from point  $A$  to point  $B$ .



Phase diagram of water in  $p, T$  coordinates.



When the pressure is above saturated vapor pressure  $p_s(T)$  the curve in  $p, V$  coordinates is the isotherm of the liquid L and its shape doesn't matter. When the pressure is equal to  $p_s(T)$  the process is horizontal line in  $p, V$

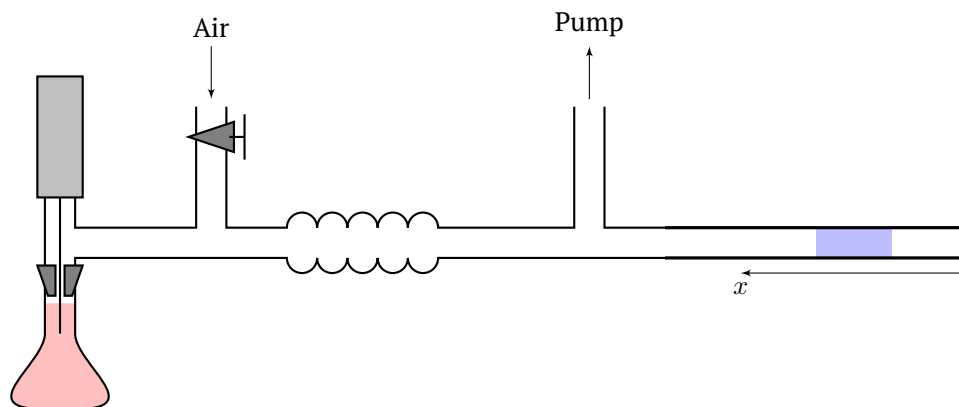


coordinates. This line corresponds to equilibrium mixtures of **G** and **L** in different proportions. When the pressure is below  $p_s(T)$  the curve is the isotherm of **G**. We will assume that the gas phase obeys the ideal gas law:

$$pV = \frac{m}{\mu}RT,$$

where  $\mu$  is the molar mass of the gas molecules, and  $R = 8.314 \text{ J}/(\text{K} \cdot \text{mol})$  is the universal gas constant.

- A1** Draw curves of process like  $A \rightarrow B$  for two different temperatures:  $T$  и  $T + dT$  in  $p, V$  coordinates. choose a cycle for which Carnot's theorem can be applied to derive the relationship between  $dp_s = p_s(T + dT) - p_s(T)$  and  $dT$ . The answer may include the pressure  $p_s$ , temperature  $T$ , specific heat of vaporization  $L$ , molar mass of the molecules  $\mu$  and the density of the liquid phase  $\rho_L$ . **2.0**



A schematic of the setup is proposed, as shown above. The left outlet has an adjustable valve that allows regulating the pressure inside the system. The right outlet is connected to a vacuum pump. To measure the pressure, it is proposed to use a gas manometer with a droplet inside the capillary. **Be very careful with the thermometer! A new vacuum system will not be provided.**

- A2** Determine the minimum pressure  $p_{\min}$  that the pump can reach in the vacuum system. For the air trapped in the gas manometer the Boyle's law  $pV = \text{const}$  take place. The cylinder in the valve sometimes slips out of its grooves, so make sure that the valve, when in the closed position, completely blocks the airflow. **1.0**

Real physical systems are not always in a state of equilibrium. For example, IPA often exhibits a superheated state: that is, when, according to the phase diagram, it should be in a gaseous state, but it remains in a metastable liquid state. To make superheated IPA in the flask evaporate, shake it. The sand in the flask is added for the same purpose.

- A3** Obtain the most accurate value of the IPA boiling temperature under atmospheric pressure. **1.0**

- A4** Measure the dependence of  $T$  on  $p_s$  for not fewer than 10 values of  $p_s < p_0$  **4.0**  
To do this, use the following measurement scheme. At atmospheric pressure, heat the IPA inside the flask to a temperature that is definitely higher than the boiling point at the studied pressure  $p_s$ . Then, using the valve, set the pressure in the system to  $p_s$  and observe the temperature drop in the flask. If the temperature reaches a plateau and the boiling process does not start even after shaking, then the indicated temperature is the boiling point.

Molar mass of IPA is  $\mu = 60.1 \text{ g/mol}$ . Density of liquid IPA is  $\rho_L = 0.786 \text{ g/cm}^3$ .

- A5** Graph the plot of  $T$  versus  $p$  in such coordinates that it should be linear. **1.0**

- A6** Using the plot from the question **A5** obtain the value of the specific heat of IPA vaporization  $L$ . **1.0**