



# Les propriétés d'équilibre entre phases et masses volumiques

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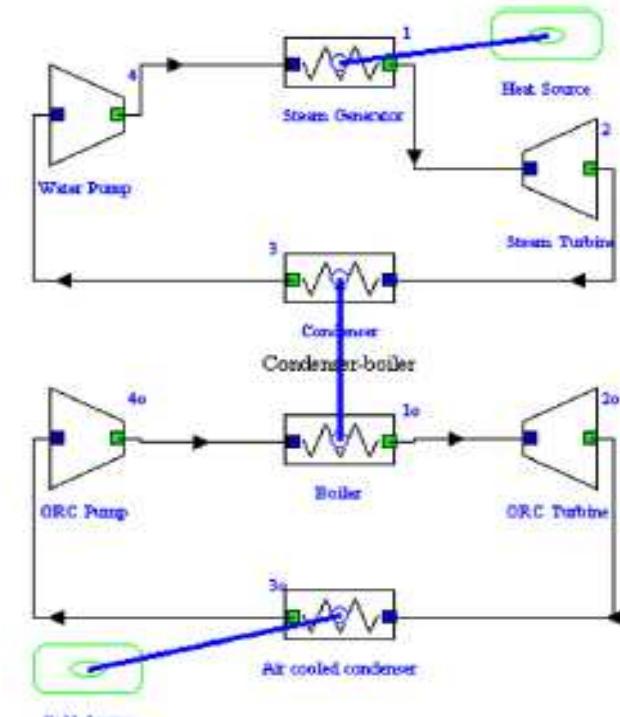
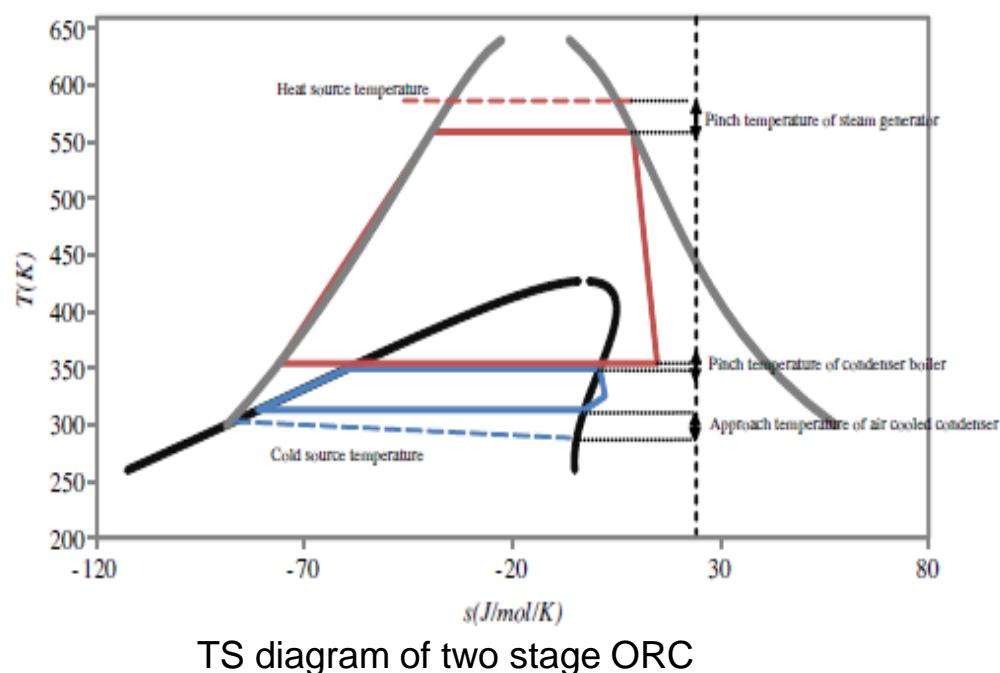
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# MOTIVATIONS

- Example of work done for Edf Chatou (Fluid selection) – Franck David

- The selection of the fluids is mainly based on their energetic performances evaluated on energetic machines.
- The performance (COP) is generally evaluated from a process simulator and confirmed after several tests on existing machines.



Example of ORC (Bo LIU, 2014)  
Simulated using Thermoptim™

# MOTIVATIONS

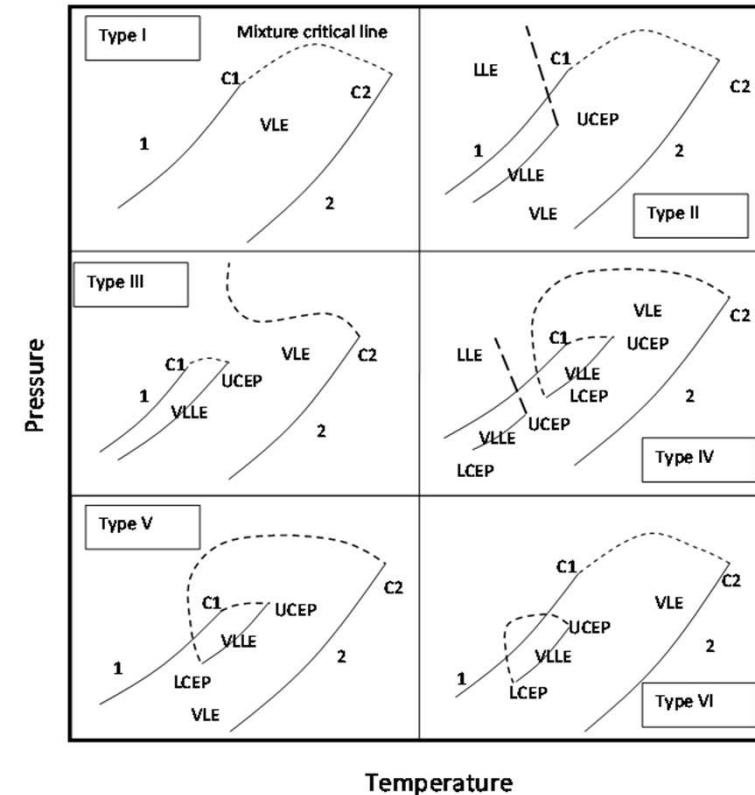
## ○ Developement of equations of state and phase diagrams understanding

- Objectives
- Phase diagrams representation

Knowledge of phase diagram is essential  
 (azeotrope, critical point, relative volatility,  
 conditions of apparition of liquid liquid  
 equilibrium, solubility in lubricant)

- Density predictions

Estimation of the densities of both vapor and  
 liquid phasse with the maximum of  
 accuracy



Scott and van Konynenburg classification.

# Properties

## ○ Phase equilibrium measurements

- What can we measure?
  - Temperature
  - Pressure
  - Composition
  - Volume (variation of volume) or density
  - Speed of sound
  - Flow
  - Luminosity
  - Hardness
  - Etc
- Goal: do not disturb the system during experiments
  - Research on techniques and experimental procedures
  - Size of the equilibrium cell
  - Development of sensors

# Experimental Approach

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- Selection of the best experimental technique
  - Definition of the objective (number of data, accuracy, number of chemicals, etc..)
  - Knowledge of phase diagram is recommended
  - Prediction using GC EoS or MS are welcome
- Purity of the chemicals
- Required time for the measurements
- Utilization of the data
- Calibration and uncertainties

# Calibration

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- **Calibration:**

process of finding a **relationship** between the physical property and the output signal

- **Required:**

- New instrument
- After an instrument has been repaired or modified
- Before and/or after measurement
- After an event (shock, sudden shutdown, etc)

- Calibration and errors:

process = (measure – standard measure) + errors

- ✓ Material
- ✓ Equipment
- ✓ Method
- ✓ Operator
- ✓ Environment

# Two types of uncertainties

- Uncertainty related to repeatability: type A

- Ex:

$$u_{\text{rep}}(P) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{k=1}^N (P_k - \bar{P})^2}$$

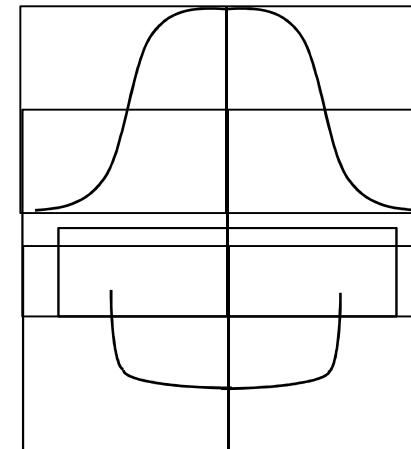
- Standard deviation: type B

- The uncertainty is supposed to be  $\pm a$
  - Different distribution laws:

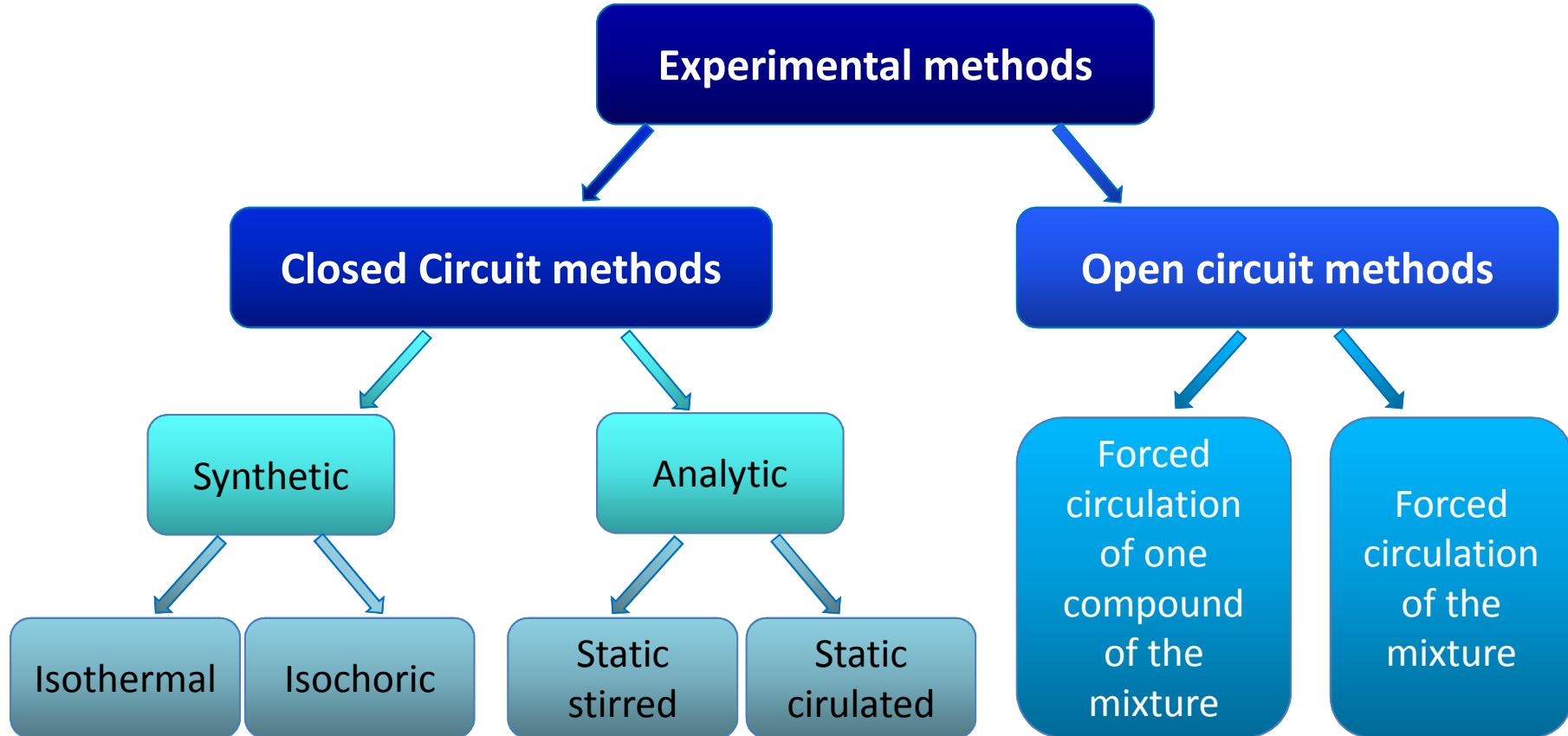
- Normal distribution  $u_{\text{ref}} = \frac{a}{2}$

- Uniform distribution  $u_{\text{ref}} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}}$

- Arcsine distribution  $u_{\text{ref}} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}$



# Experimental Approach



*Bubble point*

*Dew point*

*VLE/VLLE/LLE*

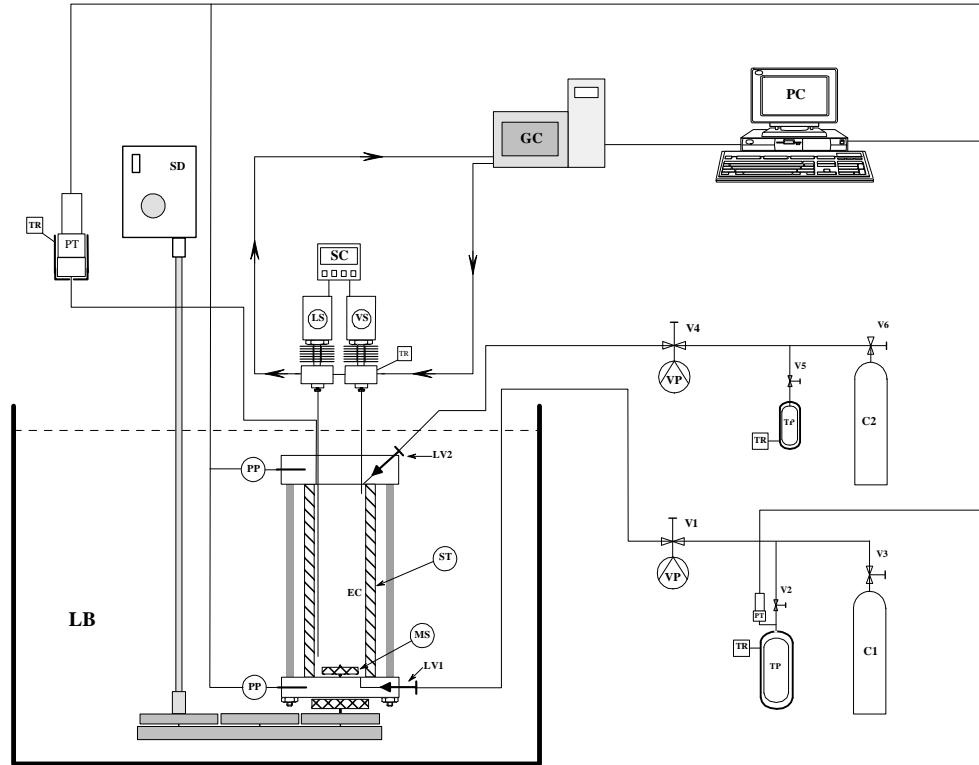
*Enthalpy*

*Density*

# Vapor Liquid Equilibrium Measurement

- Static Analytic method

- Temperature is maintained constant
- Component are added using gas cylinder
- Phase sampling (ROLSI®)
- Gas Chromatography for the determination of the composition of each phase
- Determination of experimental uncertainty using NIST standard
  - Order of magnitude:  $u(T)=0.05\text{K}$ ,  $u(p)=0.005 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $u(z)=0.005$



**EC:** equilibrium cell; **LV:** loading valve; **PP:** platinum resistance thermometer probe; **PT:** pressure transducer; **C1:** more volatile compound; **C2:** less volatile compound; **GC:** gas chromatograph; **LS:** liquid sampler; **VS:** vapor sampler; **SC:** sample controlling; **PC:** personal computer; **VP:** vacuum pump.

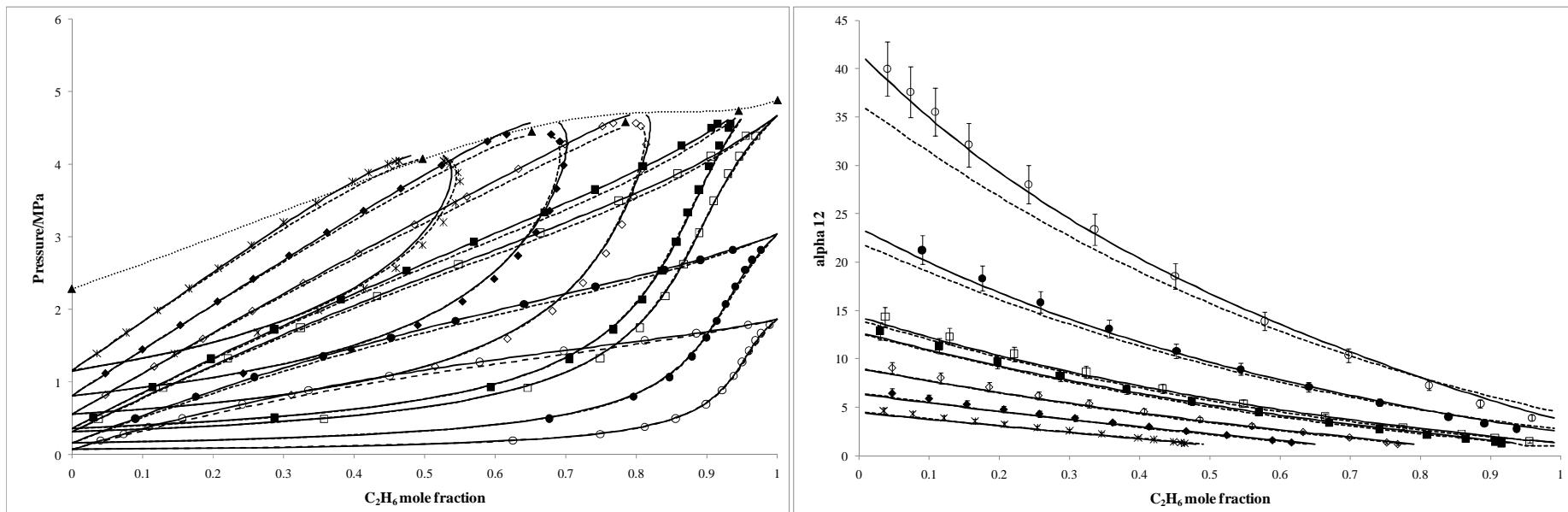
# Vapor Liquid Equilibrium Measurement

## ○ Relative volatility

- Graphic treatment: relative volatility

$$\alpha_{12} = \frac{y_1}{x_1} \cdot \frac{x_2}{y_2}$$

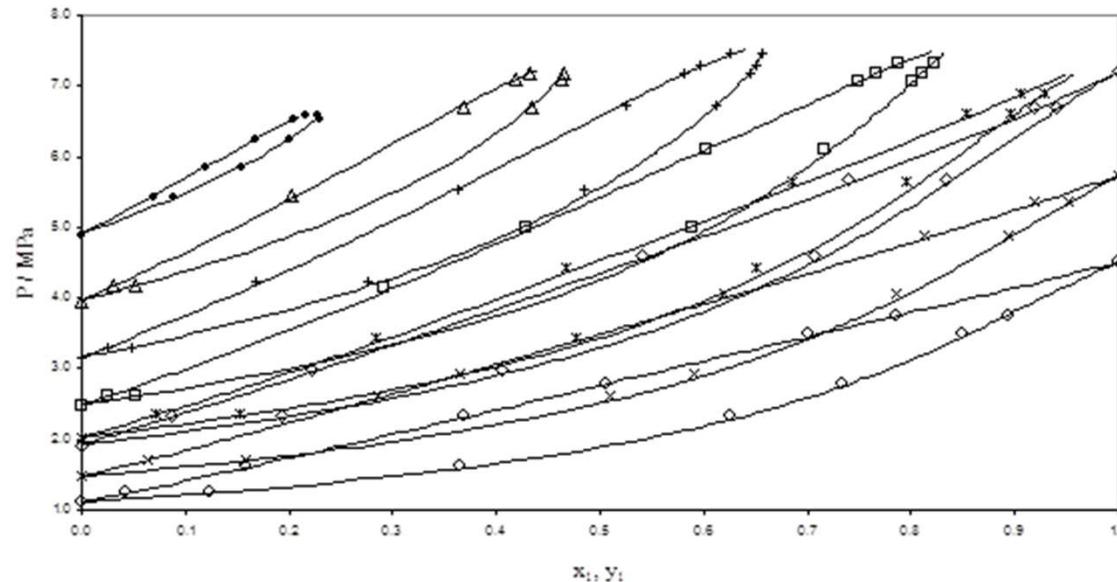
- Example: Ethane – C4F10



Solid lines: PR  
Dashed lines: PSRK

# Vapor Liquid Equilibrium Measurement

- Example of results: CO<sub>2</sub> + R32



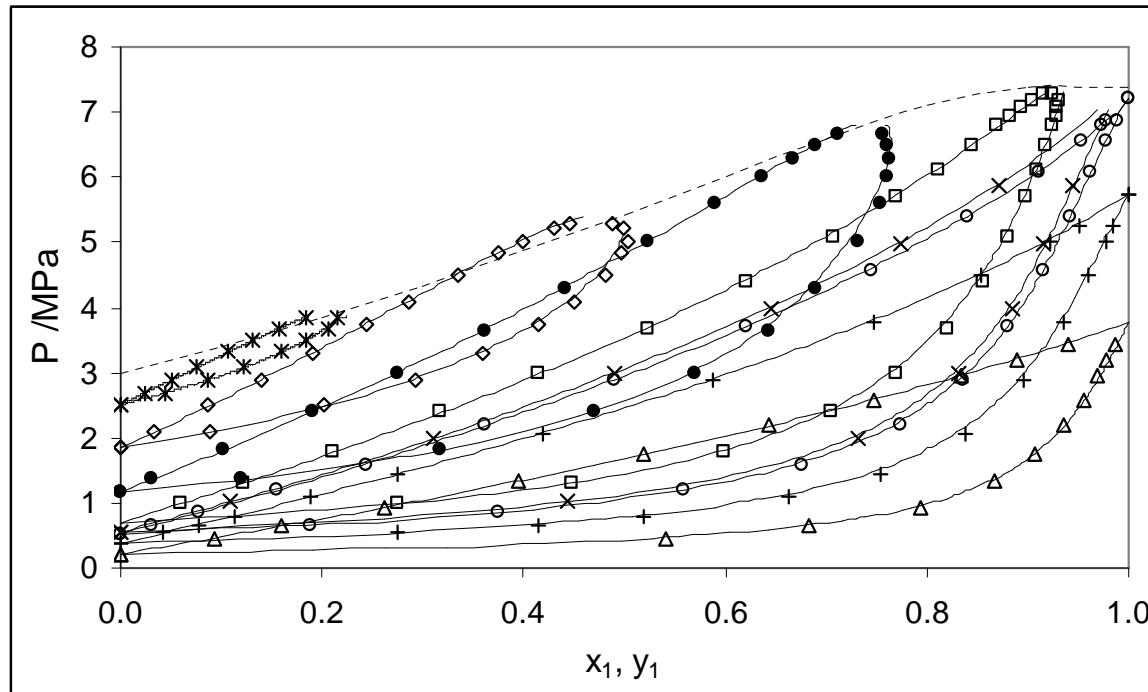
Pressure as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> mole fraction in the CO<sub>2</sub> (1) – R32 (2) mixture at different temperatures – VLE Data.

○ : 283.12 K, □ : 293.11 K, ◊ : 303.13 K, \* : 305.15 K, □ : 313.30 K, + : 323.34 K,  
Δ : 333.33 K, ● : 343.23 K.

solid lines : calculated with PR EoS, Wong Sandler mixing rules and NRTL activity coefficient model

# Vapor Liquid Equilibrium Measurement

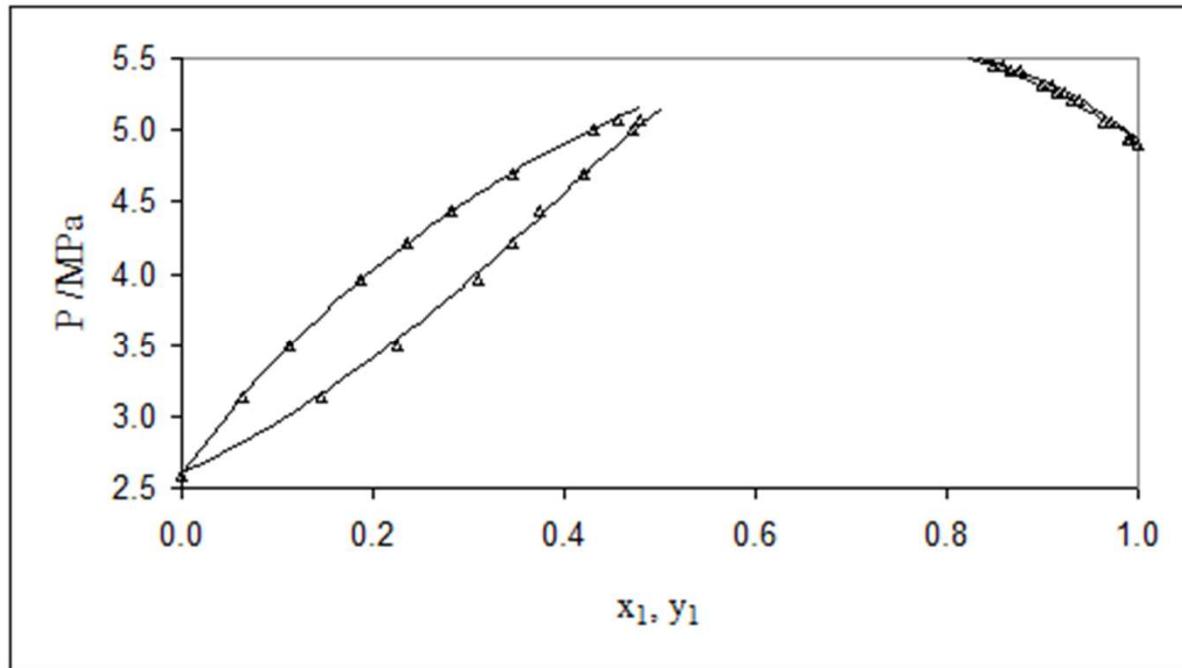
- Example of results: CO<sub>2</sub> + R227ea



Pressure as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> mole fraction in the CO<sub>2</sub> (1) – R227ea (2) mixture at different temperatures.  $\Delta$  : 276.01 K,  $+$  : 293.15 K,  $\circ$  : 303.15 K,  $\times$  : 305.15 K,  $\square$  : 313.15 K,  $\bullet$  : 333.15 K,  $\diamond$  : 353.15 K,  $*$  : 367.30K. solid lines : calculated with PR EoS, Wong Sandler mixing rules and NRTL activity coefficient model. Dashes line: mixture critical points line.

# Vapor Liquid Equilibrium Measurement

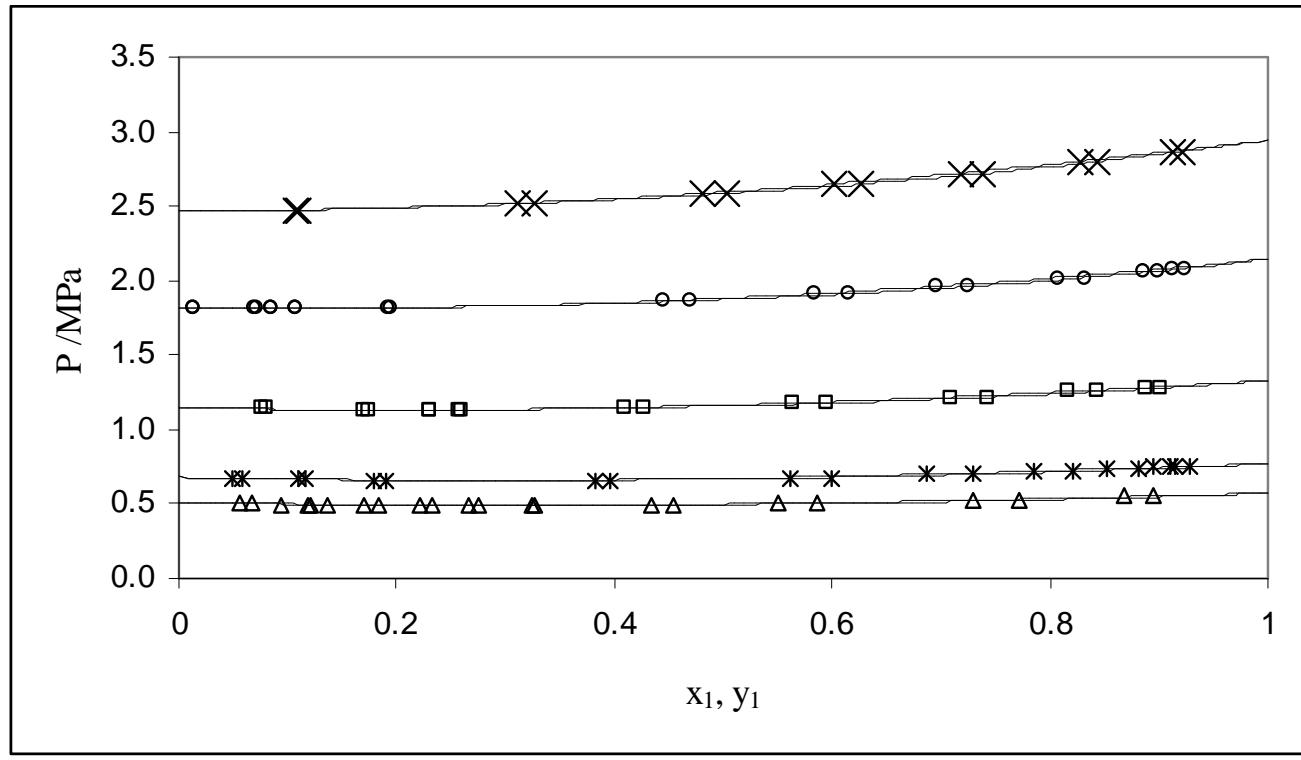
- Example of results: R32 + propane



VLE for the R32 (1) + propane (2) system at 343.26 K.  
solid lines, calculated with PR EoS and Wong Sandler mixing rules

# Vapor Liquid Equilibrium Measurement

- Example of results: R134a + DME

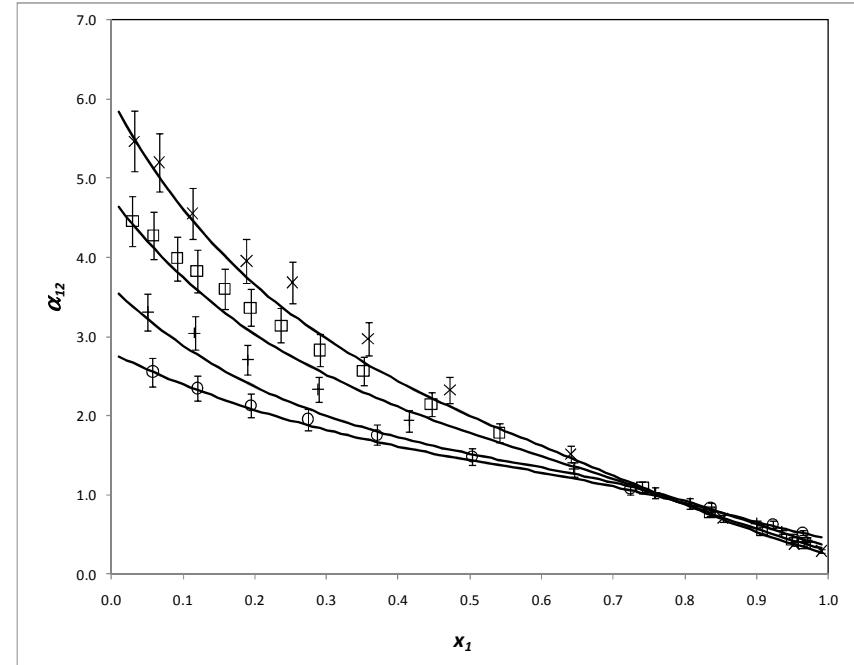
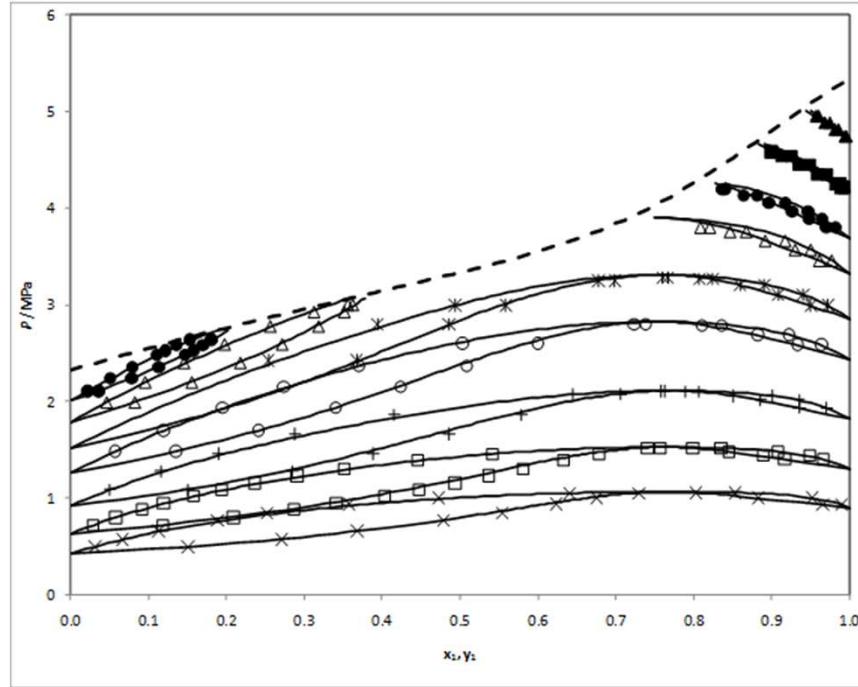


Azeotropic  
behaviour  
Min P

Pressure as a function of R134a mole fraction in the R134a (1) + DME (2) mixture at different temperatures. ( $\Delta$ ) 293.18 K, (\*) 303.17 K, (o) 323.36 K, ( $\times$ ) 343.42 K, ( $\square$ ) 358.15 K. Solid lines: calculated with RK EoS, Huron-Vidal mixing rules and NRTL activity coefficient model.

# Vapor Liquid Equilibrium Measurement

- Example of results: RE170 + DME



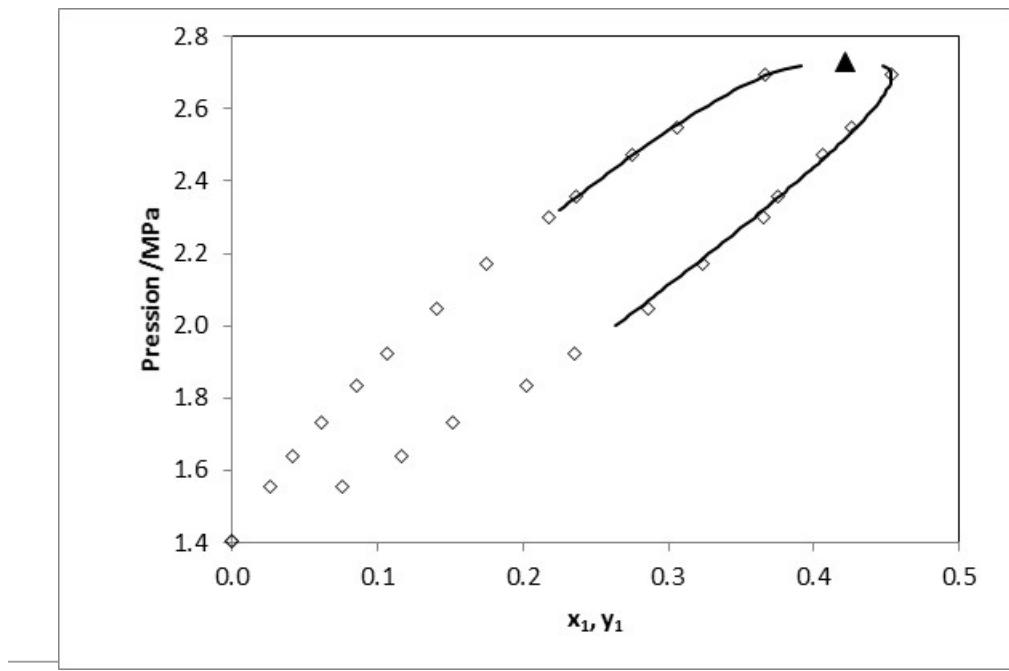
Left: Pressure as a function of RE170 mole fraction in the RE170 (1) – R3110 (2) binary mixture at different temperatures. (×) 313.28 K, (□) 328.16 K, (+) 343.10 K, (○) 357.12 K, (\*) 365.30 K, (Δ) 373.36 K, (●) 379.05 K, (■) 385.84 K and (▲) 392.83 K. Solid lines: calculated with PR EoS, Wong - Sandler mixing rules and NRTL model. Dashed line: calculated critical point line

Right: Relative volatility

# Data Treatment VLE Mixture

## ○ Estimation of critical point composition

- Utilisation of scaling law equations and experimental data to predict correctly the phase diagram close to the mixture critical point
- Equation 1:  $y_i - x_i = C(P_c - P)^\beta + D(P_c - P)$
- Equation 2:  $\frac{1}{2}(y_i - x_i) - x_c = K(P_c - P)$

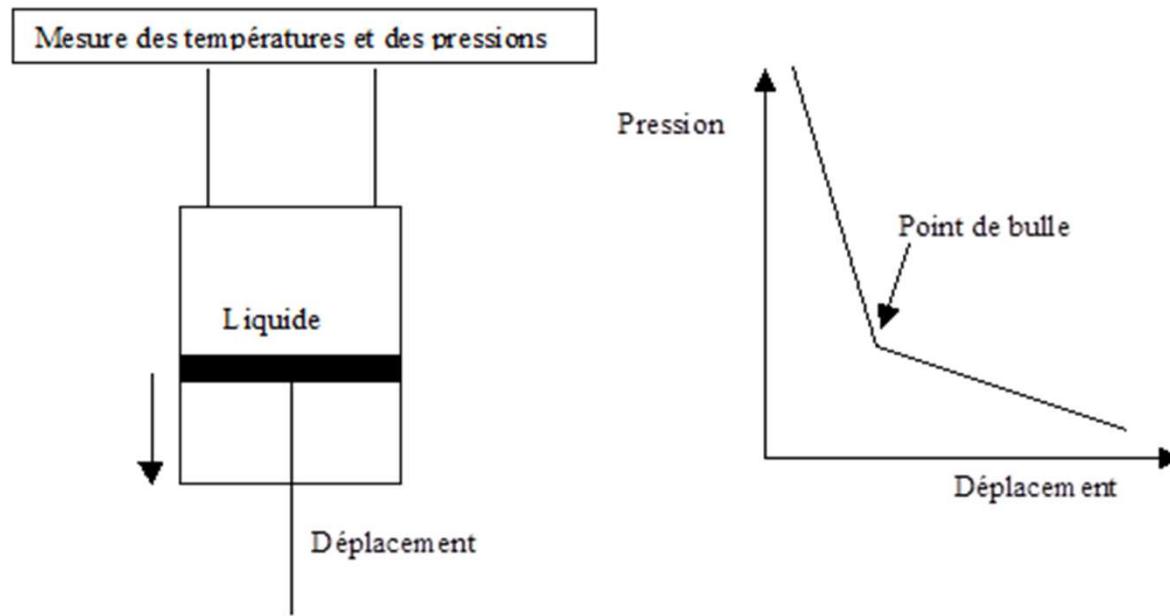


H. Madani, A. Valtz, C. Coquelet, Isothermal vapor liquid equilibrium data for the decafluorobutane (R3110) + 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane (R365mfc) system at temperatures from 333 K to 441K, Fluid Phase equilibria, 2013, 354, 109-113.

VLE of the binary system at 433.65K. (◊) : experimental data , (▲) : mixture critical point

# PVT measurement

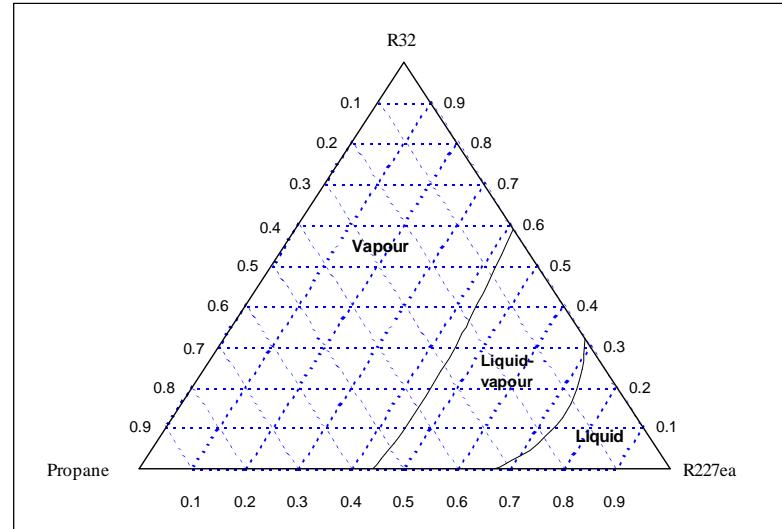
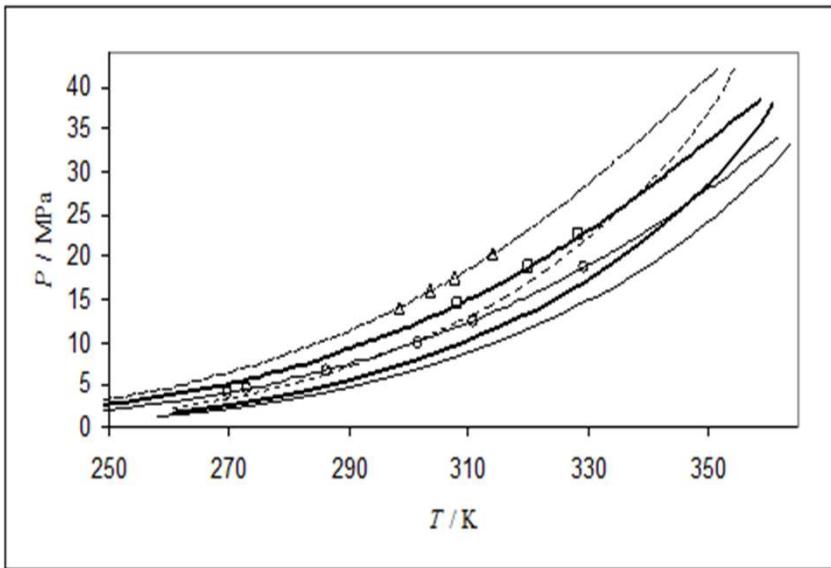
- Synthetic method



- Determination of bubble pressure
- Variable volume cell
- Possibility to determine density at saturation (after calibration)

# PVT Measurements

- Example of results: R32 + R227ea + propane



Ternary phase diagram: The system R32 (1) + R290 (2) + R227ea (3) at  $T = 300$  K and  $P = 0.9$  MPa

The system R32 (1) + R290 (2) + R227ea (3). Pressure versus temperature diagram for each composition.

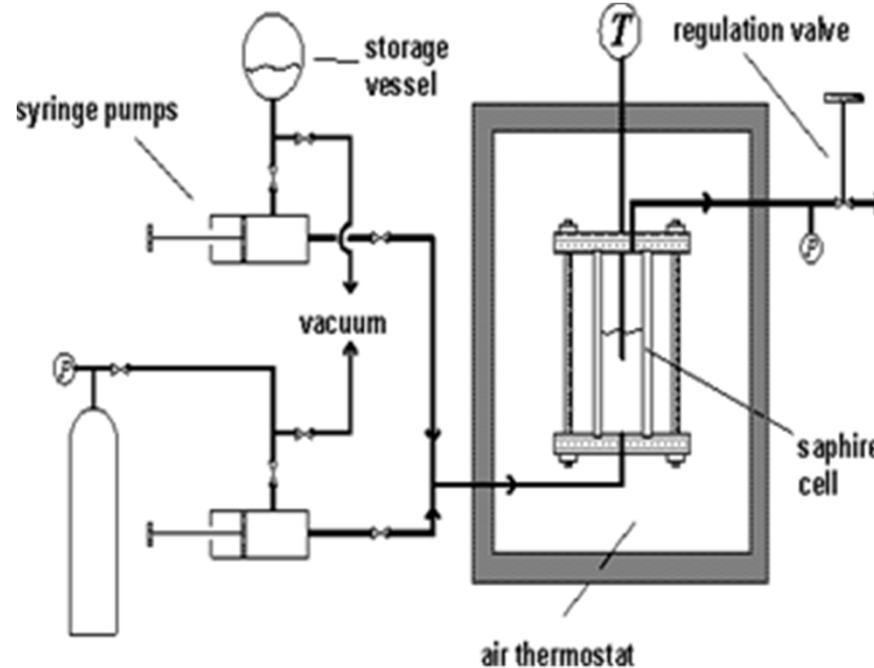
*Mixture 1:*  $x_1 = 0.322$ ,  $x_2 = 0.123$ ,  $\square$ : Experimental bubble points, thick line: calculated with RKS EoS and MHV1 mixing rules.

*Mixture 2:*  $x_1 = 0.135$ ,  $x_2 = 0.174$ ,  $\circ$ : Experimental bubble points, solid line: calculated with RKS EoS and MHV1 mixing rules.

*Mixture 3:*  $x_1 = 0.493$ ,  $x_2 = 0.127$ ,  $\Delta$ : Experimental bubble points, dashed line: calculated with RKS EoS and MHV1 mixing rules.

# Critical point determination

- Synthetic method



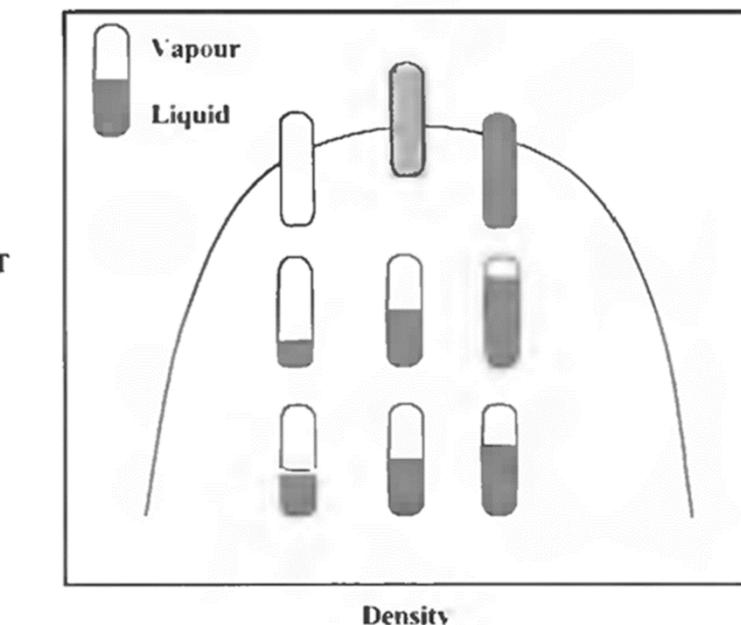
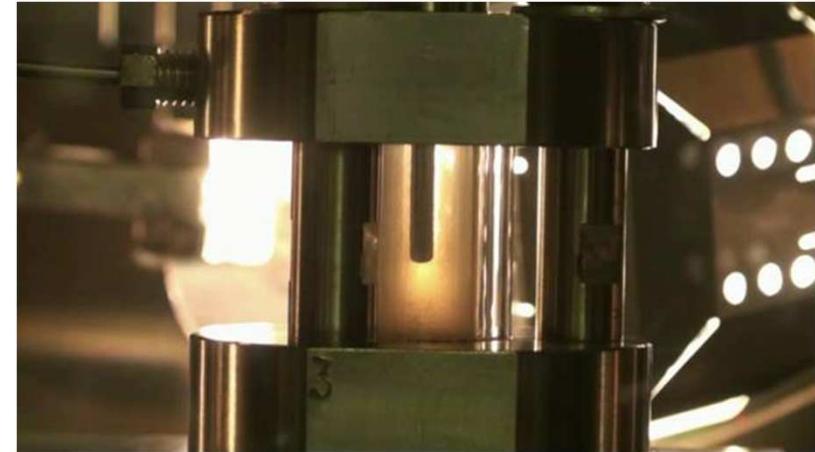
**Critical points were determined by observing the critical opalescence (dynamic method):**

- 1) A mixture of known overall composition is prepared and sent in the cell
- 2) The temperature is increased and the flow rate is regulated in order to maintain the meniscus in the middle of the cell
- 3) At the critical point, the cell becomes orange and the meniscus disappears from the middle of the cell.  $T_c$  and  $P_c$  are recorded.

# Critical point determination

- Possibility of density determination around critical point

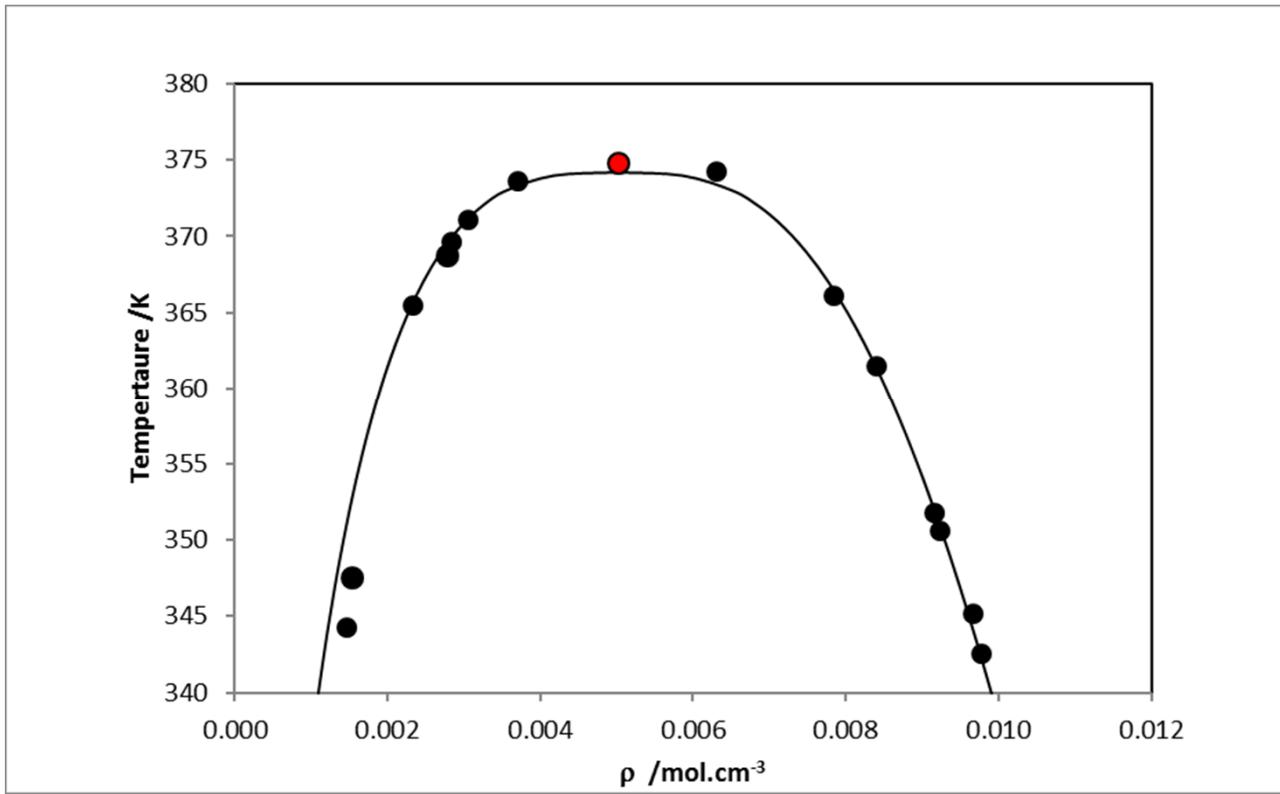
- Observation of the vapor liquid interface
- Accurate calibration of the volume of the cell
- Measurement of temperature (for the pressure, we consider the pure component vapor pressure)
- Knowledge of the total mole number using variable volume cell (and density of the fluid the condition of loading)



# Critical point determination

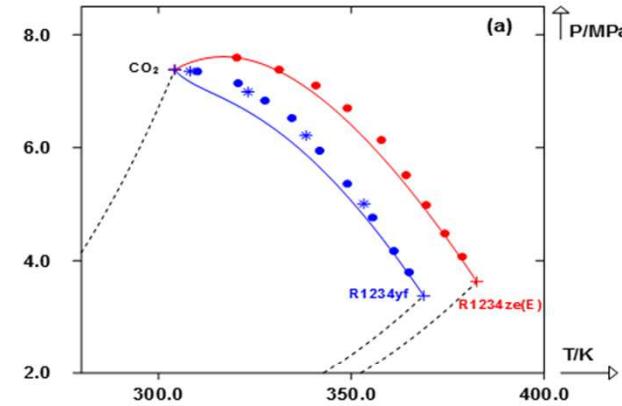
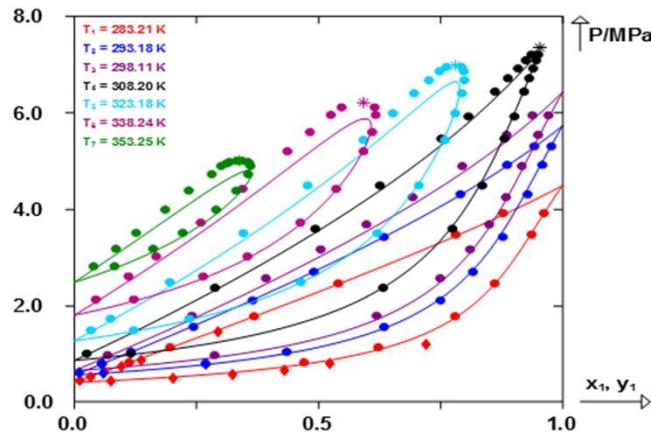
- Possibility of density determination around critical point

- Exemple: R134a

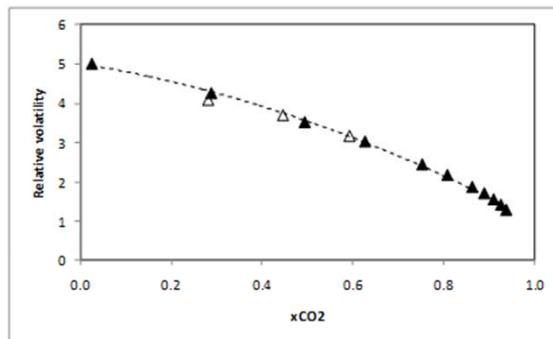


# CO<sub>2</sub> + HFO 1234yf

○ Juntaratchat et al. 2014



P-T and P-x projections including experimental point and modelling using PPR78



Relative volatility :Juntarachat et al. (2014) (▲) at 308.20 K; Raabe (MS) (Δ) at 310.92 K.

- ❖ Interest in climatisation and/or refrigeration (low pressure glide)
- ❖ The binary system was investigate using two equipments (critical point and static analytic type)
- ❖ R1234yf is considered as one group
- ❖ Parameters are fitted considering both VLE and critical point experimental data
- ❖ Good agreement is observed with molecular simulation calculation

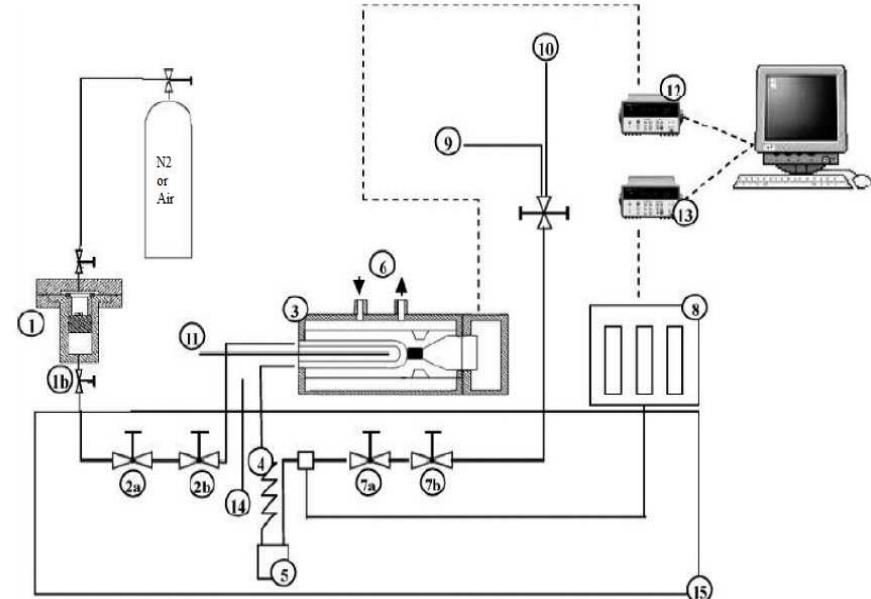
# Density Measurements

- Synthetic method

- Vibrating tube densimeter
- The measurements are based on the indirect synthetic method. The method is based on the relation between the vibrating period of a dimensional resonator and its vibrating mass.

$$\rho = \left( \frac{M_0}{V_i} \right) \left( \left( \frac{K\tau^2}{K_0\tau_0^2} \right) - 1 \right)$$

- The main part of the apparatus is the densimeter cell DMA-512P (Anton Paar KG).
- **Important to control evolution of Z vs pressure**

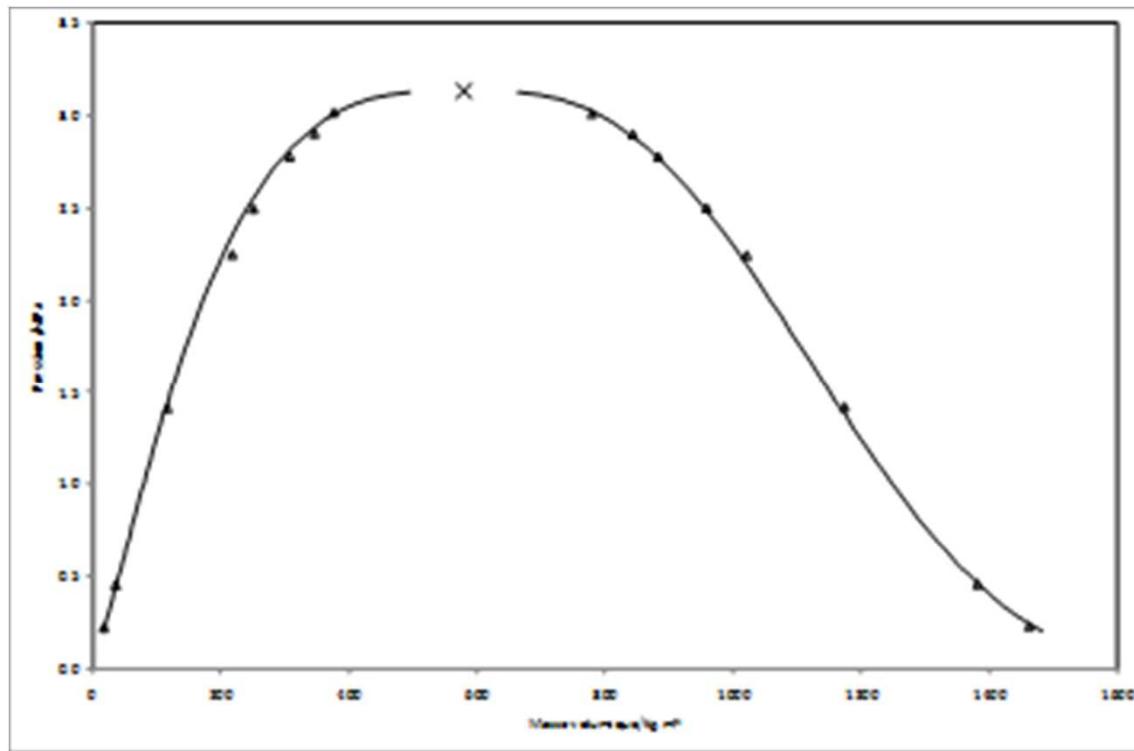


**Flow diagram of the vibrating tube densimeter.** (1): loading cell; (2a) and (2b): regulating and shut-off valves; (3): DMA-512P densimeter; (4): heat exchanger; (5): bursting disk; (6): inlet of the temperature regulating fluid; (7a) and (7b): regulating and shut-off valves; (8): pressure transducers; (9): vacuum pump; (10): vent; (11): vibrating cell temperature probe; (12): HP 53131A data acquisition unit; (13): HP34970A data acquisition unit; (14): bath temperature probe; (15): principal liquid bath.

# Pure component

○ HFO 1216

- Comparison between experimental data (vibrating tube densimeter)
- Estimation of critical properties (Coquelet et al., 2011)



# Data treatment

- Rectilinear diameter

$$\frac{\rho_s - \rho_l}{2} - \rho_c = A(T - T_c)$$

- Coexisting curve

$$\rho_s - \rho_l = B(T - T_c)^\beta$$

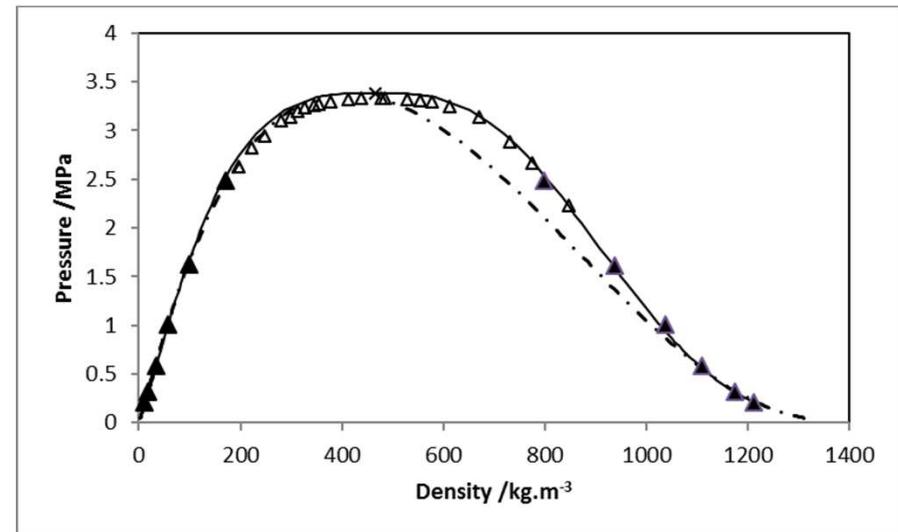
- Combination of these two expressions

$$\rho^L = \frac{1}{2}A(T - T_c)^\beta + B(T - T_c) + \rho_c$$

$$\rho^V = -\frac{1}{2}A(T - T_c)^\beta + B(T - T_c) + \rho_c$$

- Parameters are fitted considering both vapor and liquid densities at saturation

R1234yf

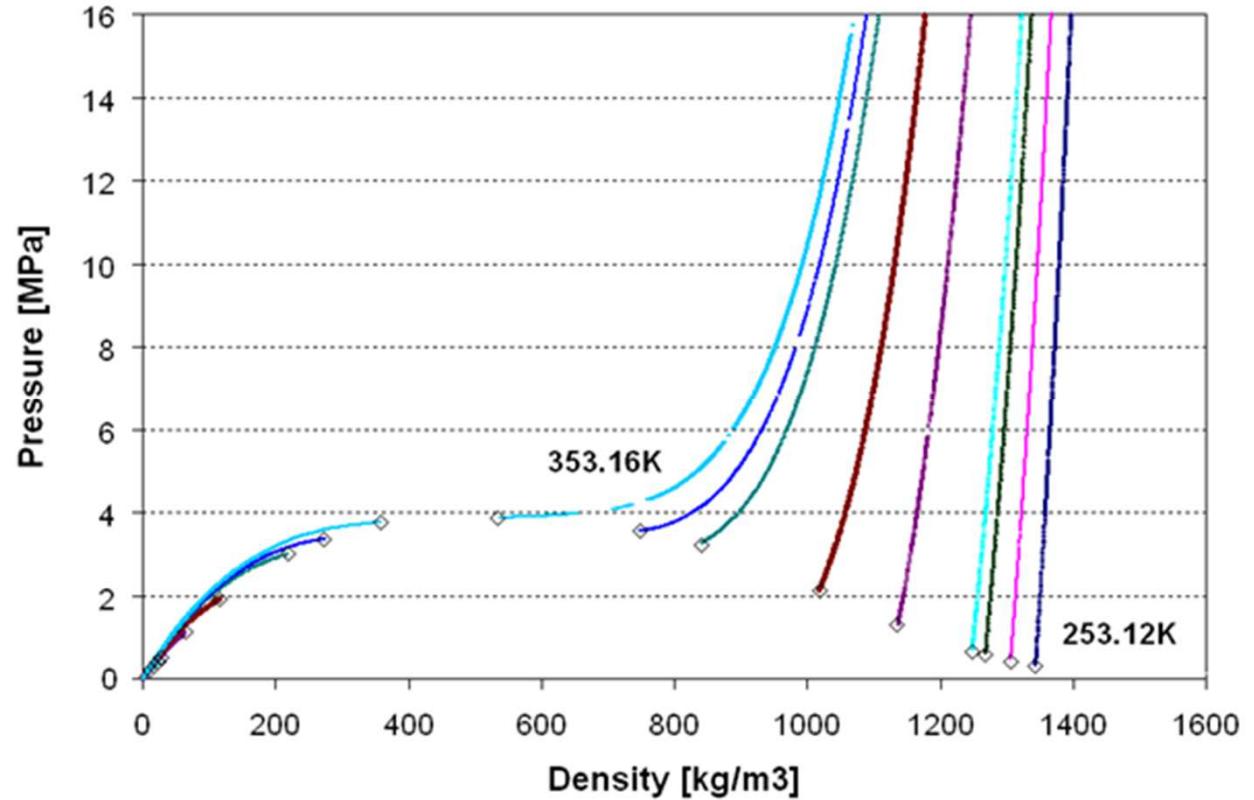


Tanaka et Higashi IJR 33, 2010, 474-479  
CTP confidential data

# Mixture

- Density measurements

- FX90 (Atofina)
  - R419a



**R125, R134a, RE170 (DME): 77-18-4 in mol%**

# Conclusion

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- Different experimental techniques exist for the measurement of:
  - Vapor Liquid Equilibrium data
    - PTxy
    - PVT
  - Critical point (visual method)
  - Density (vibrating tube or isochoric method)
- Importance of calibration and uncertainties determination
- Data are essential for adjustment of equation of state parameters and fluid selection



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Thank you for your attention



# Example

## ○ Static analytic method using GC

- Molar fraction

$$- \quad u(x_1) = \sqrt{u_{\text{rep}}^2(x_1) + \left(\frac{1-x_1}{n_1+n_2}\right)^2 u^2(n_1) + \left(\frac{x_1}{n_1+n_2}\right)^2 u^2(n_2)}$$

Type A

$$u(n_1) = \sqrt{u_{\text{inj}}^2(n_1) + u_{\text{corr}}^2(n_1) + \left(\frac{\partial n_1}{\partial S_1}\right)^2 u_{\text{rep}}^2(S_1)}$$

idem

$$\boxed{n_1 = \frac{PV_1}{RT}}$$

gas

$$\boxed{n_1 = a_0 + a_1 S_1 + a_2 S_1^2}$$

$$\overline{S}_{1,k} = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{l=1}^{N_k} S_{1,k,l}$$

- S of component 1
- N points (k=1...N) are taken for the polynomial

$$\text{correlation}(S_1) = \frac{(E_{\max} - S_1)}{\sqrt{V}}$$

$$u_{\text{inj}}(n_1) = n_1 \sqrt{\frac{u^2(P)}{P^2} + \frac{u^2(T)}{T^2} + \frac{u^2(V_1)}{V_1^2}}$$

- Hyp:  $\pm 2\%$
- Type B

$$\boxed{n_1 = \rho_1 V_1}$$

$$\rho_1 = \frac{A}{B^{\left(1+\left[1-\frac{T}{T_c}\right]^C\right)}}$$

empirical equation {Component Plus, PROSIM France}

$$u_{\text{inj}}(n_1) = n_1 \sqrt{\left[ \frac{C}{T_c} \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}\right)^{C-1} \ln B \right]^2 u^2(T) + \frac{u^2(V_1)}{V_1^2 E(S_{1,k,l})}} = \frac{(S_{1,k,l} - \overline{S}_{1,k})}{\overline{S}_{1,k}}$$