

Critical Properties and Vapor Pressure Equation for Alkanes C_nH_{2n+2} : Normal Alkanes With $n \leq 36$ and Isomers for $n=4$ Through $n=9$

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A correlation for estimating the vapor pressure of normal alkanes from methane through n -hexatriacontane and isomers of butane to nonane is reported. This work extends the correlation for normal alkanes (C_nH_{2n+2}), with $n \leq 20$, reported by Ambrose, to both normal alkanes with $n \leq 36$ and their isomers with $n \leq 9$. This vapor pressure equation was based on the Wagner equation and is similar to that used by Ambrose. Literature vapor pressure measurements have been reviewed. Tables are given that list the type of apparatus, measurement range and precision, and chemical purity. These criteria were initially used to select measurements for inclusion in the regression analyses to determine the coefficients of the correlation. Vapor pressures estimated from the correlation were compared with all vapor pressure (p^{1+g}) measurements reviewed in this work. At pressures greater than 1 kPa, the vapor pressure equation presented here has the following accuracies: $0.0001 \cdot p^{1+g}$ for methane, $0.001 \cdot p^{1+g}$ for ethane, propane, and n -butane, $0.002 \cdot p^{1+g}$ for n -pentane through n -octane, 2-methylpropane, and 2-methylbutane, $0.005 \cdot p^{1+g}$ for 2,2-dimethylpropane, n -nonane, n -decane, and the isomers of hexane through nonane, $0.01 \cdot p^{1+g}$ for n -undecane to n -hexadecane, $0.02 \cdot p^{1+g}$ for n -heptadecane to n -eicosane, $0.05 \cdot p^{1+g}$ for n -heneicosane to n -octacosane, and $0.10 \cdot p^{1+g}$ for n -nonacosane to n -hexatriacontane. Equations for the critical temperatures and pressures of the normal alkanes as functions of the carbon number are also reported. © 2000 American Institute of Physics. [S0047-2689(90)00201-X]

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1. Introduction

Numerous equations can be used to represent the vapor pressure p^{1+g} of a pure fluid (e.g., Ambrose, 1980, 1986, Ambrose and Tsonopoulos, 1995, Iglesias-Silva *et al.*, 1987, Ruzicka and Majer, 1996). Of particular significance is the empirical equation

$$\ln\left(\frac{p^{1+g}}{p_c}\right) = \frac{1}{T_r} \sum_i a_i \tau^{i/2}, \quad (1)$$

proposed by Wagner (1974) and Wagner *et al.* (1976) where

$$\tau = 1 - T_r \quad \text{and} \quad T_r = \frac{T}{T_c}. \quad (2)$$

The subscript c identifies the critical condition and the a_i are adjustable parameters determined by regression analysis. The critical pressure and temperature are incorporated in the vapor pressure equation as reducing parameters. Section 2 provides an analysis of the critical temperatures and pressures of the normal alkanes used for these parameters. The coefficients and the particular functional form of Eq. (1) were determined with statistical methods.

The functional form presented in Eq. (1) can be written as

$$p^{1+g} = p_c \exp\left(\frac{1}{T_r} \sum_i a_i \tau^{i/2}\right) = p_c e^A, \quad (3)$$

where A is the right side of Eq. (1). At the critical point, τ is 0, and the vapor pressure is

$$p^{1+g}|_{T=T_c} = p_c e^{a_0}, \quad (4)$$

so that a_0 must be equal to zero. Likewise, the index i must be either 0 or positive so that p^{1+g} will not be infinite at the critical point. The slope of the vapor pressure equation is given by

$$dp^{1+g}/dT = p_c (dA/dT) e^A, \quad (5)$$

where

$$dA/dT = -\frac{1}{T_r T} \sum_i a_i \tau^{i/2} - \frac{1}{2T} \sum_i i a_i \tau^{(i-2)/2}. \quad (6)$$

At the critical temperature, the slope of the vapor pressure equation is

$$dp^{1+g}/dT|_{T=T_c} = -\frac{p_c}{T_c} (a_0 + 0.5a_1 \tau^{-1/2} + a_2) e^{a_0}. \quad (7)$$

The value of a_1 must be 0 to prevent the slope of the vapor pressure curve from becoming infinite at the critical point. Since $a_0=0$ and the value of dp^{1+g}/dT must be positive at the critical point, the value of a_2 must be negative. At the critical point, $d \ln(p^{1+g})/d \ln(T) = \alpha_c$, the parameter on which Riedel (1954) based his corresponding states scheme. For most substances, α_c (which is equivalent to $-a_2$) lies between 6 and 8.

The curvature of the vapor pressure equation must tend toward infinity as T goes to T_c , the critical point, in order to exhibit the theoretically predicted nonanalytical behavior (Wagner, 1973). The curvature is given by

$$d^2 p^{1+g}/dT^2 = p_c (d^2 A/dT^2) e^A + p_c (dA/dT)^2 e^A, \quad (8)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} d^2 A/dT^2 &= \frac{2}{T_r T^2} \sum_i a_i \tau^{i/2} + \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_i i a_i \tau^{(i-2)/2} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{TT_c} \sum_i \frac{i(i-2)}{4} a_i \tau^{(i-4)/2}. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

At the critical point,

$$d^2 p^{1+g}/dT^2|_{T=T_c} = \frac{p_c}{T_c^2} [2a_2 + 0.75a_3 \tau^{-1/2} + 2a_4 + a_2^2] e^{a_0}. \quad (10)$$

Since a_2 must be negative, either a_4 must be positive and large or a_3 must be positive. In nearly all cases, a_4 is set to 0, and a_3 is between 1 and 2.5.

Ambrose and Walton (1989) have shown that Eq. (1) in the form

$$\ln\left(\frac{p^{1+g}}{p_c}\right) = \frac{1}{T_r} (a_2 \tau + a_3 \tau^{1.5} + a_5 \tau^{2.5} + a_{10} \tau^5) \quad (11)$$

with $a_2 < 0$ and $a_3 > 0$ is adequate to accommodate experimental results over a wide temperature and pressure range for most fluids. More recently Ewing and Sanchez Ochoa (1998) have shown that Eq. (11) can be used to extrapolate precise vapor pressure measurements at modest pressures (in this case below 0.5 p_c) to the critical point, provided that the critical temperature is known.

For methane and *n*-butane and to some extent for ethane and propane, there are adequate measurements over a sufficiently wide temperature range to obtain the coefficients of Eq. (11) for each fluid that provide accurate representations of the measurements. However, for other alkanes, most of the vapor pressure measurements were obtained near the normal boiling point, and often there are either very few or no vapor pressure data up to the critical temperature. The critical region is often uncertain particularly for the higher homologs. Thus a generalized equation is desirable to interpolate between measurements and assist in assessing the reliability of different data sets. Elsewhere, Ambrose and Walton (1989) discuss, for a particular homologous series, both the need for and the requirements of a generalized vapor pressure equation of the type defined by Eq. (11). In addition, a generalized vapor pressure equation can provide vapor pressure estimates where measurements are not available.

Ambrose and Walton (1989) developed a generalized vapor pressure equation for the normal alkanes C_nH_{2n+2} , with the number of carbon atoms $n \leq 20$, given by

$$\ln\left(\frac{p^{1+g}}{p_c}\right) = \frac{1}{T_r} (\Pr^{(0)} + \omega \Pr^{(1)} + \omega^2 \Pr^{(2)}), \quad (12)$$

where $\text{Pr}^{(0)}$, $\text{Pr}^{(1)}$, and $\text{Pr}^{(2)}$ are functions, based on Eq. (11), of τ given by

$$\text{Pr}^{(0)} = N_1\tau + N_2\tau^{1.5} + N_3\tau^{2.5} + N_4\tau^5, \quad (13)$$

$$\text{Pr}^{(1)} = N_5\tau + N_6\tau^{1.5} + N_7\tau^{2.5} + N_8\tau^5, \quad (14)$$

and

$$\text{Pr}^{(2)} = N_9\tau + N_{10}\tau^{1.5} + N_{11}\tau^{2.5} + N_{12}\tau^5. \quad (15)$$

The parameter ω is similar, but not identical, to the acentric factor defined in Sec. 4. The values of ω used in this work are discussed in Sec. 4. Equation (12) was adopted here to represent the vapor pressures of normal alkanes and their isomers. The coefficients of Eqs. (13), (14), and (15) obtained in this work are given in Sec. 4.

Morgan and Kobayashi (1992) used several approaches to represent the vapor pressures of hydrocarbons with $n \leq 50$, including a form similar to Eq. (12) and a real fluid corresponding states model modified from that reported by both Pitzer *et al.* (1955) and Lee and Kesler (1975). Edalat *et al.* (1993) described a generalized vapor pressure equation based on Eq. (11) with correlations for each coefficient as functions of Pitzer's acentric factor. This approach was applied to *n*-alkanes, aromatics, halogens, alcohols and other nonhydrocarbons. For normal alkanes, Edalat *et al.* cite that their vapor pressure equation has an average uncertainty of $0.055 \cdot p^{1+g}$. There are other generalized vapor pressure correlations in the literature for alkanes (e.g., Ambrose and Patel, 1984; Campanella, 1997; Gomez-Nieto and Thodos, 1978; Magoulas and Tassios, 1990), some of which use empirical expressions with few adjustable coefficients. These methods will not be considered further here. Values of the vapor pressure obtained from both the correlation of Ambrose and Walton (1989) for $n \leq 20$ and the work of Morgan and Kobayashi for $n > 20$ [from the model identical to Eq. (12)] are shown in Sec. 5, along with the experimental data, as deviations from the equation developed in this work.

2. Critical Properties

Many group contribution schemes (e.g., Kontogeorgis and Tassios, 1997; Nikitin *et al.*, 1996; Reid *et al.*, 1987; Somayajulu, 1989) and correlations are available in the open literature to estimate critical properties of fluids. The correlations of Tsonopoulos (1987) and Teja *et al.* (1990) are reviewed briefly since they form the basis for the correlations of critical temperature and pressure determined in this work. The expressions reported for the critical temperature and pressure by Tsonopoulos (1987) are

$$T_c/K = 959.98 - \exp(6.81536 - 0.211145n^{2/3}) \quad (16)$$

and

$$p_c/\text{MPa} = \exp(2.01718 - 0.274281n^{2/3}). \quad (17)$$

These equations are valid for *n*-alkanes with $n \geq 3$. At high *n*, the critical pressure given by Eq. (17) approaches 0. This was later revised in the work of Tsonopoulos and Tan (1993), which used a modified version of the Flory theory

and treated the critical properties on an internally consistent basis. Although more theoretical in nature, we have not included comparisons here with our equations since their work was not used in the development of the equations reported here.

Teja *et al.* (1990) modified Eqs. (16) and (17) by adjusting the exponent in the regression and including a term to ensure the critical pressure equation had a nonzero limiting value at high carbon numbers. The equations reported by Teja *et al.* (1990) for the critical temperature and pressure are

$$T_c/K = 1143.8 - \exp(7.15908 - 0.303158n^{0.469609}) \quad (18)$$

and

$$p_c/\text{MPa} = 0.84203 + \exp(1.75059 - 0.196383n^{0.890006}). \quad (19)$$

These equations are also valid for $n \geq 3$. Tsonopoulos (1987) indicated that the limiting values of T_c and p_c at very high carbon numbers may not be physically significant.

2.1. Critical Temperature for the Normal Alkanes

Recently, Ambrose and Tsonopoulos (1995) (see also Ambrose and Young, 1995) have reviewed and listed all available measurements for the critical temperatures and critical pressures for the normal alkanes from methane to tetracosane and reported recommended values for each substance up to octadecane. The critical temperatures recommended by Ambrose and Tsonopoulos were fitted here as a function of carbon number, $n < 18$, to the equation

$$T_c/K = a_1 - \exp(a_2 + a_3n^{a_4} + ya_5/n^5), \quad (20)$$

where $y=1$ for even carbon numbers and $y=0$ for odd carbon numbers. Equation (20) was based on the work of Teja *et al.* (1990) with the addition of the term ya_5/n^5 . This term accounts for the differences in critical properties of alkanes with even and odd carbon numbers with n less than 8. The contribution of ya_5/n^5 is significant for ethane (for which it amounts up to $0.025 \cdot T_c$) and *n*-butane, less significant for *n*-hexane, and has an insignificant contribution to the values of T_c determined for *n*-octane and higher alkanes with even carbon numbers. This even-odd effect has apparently been ignored throughout the literature, i.e., most prior correlations start with n between 3 and 5, and the properties of methane, ethane, and often propane and *n*-butane are not included in the correlations. However, Malanoski and Monson (1999) discuss its effect with respect to the ratio of the triple point temperature to the critical point temperature. The coefficients of Eq. (20), given in Table 1, were determined using a nonlinear regression of selected critical temperatures.

Differences between the values of T_c obtained from Eq. (20) and the values recommended by Ambrose and Tsonopoulos are shown in Fig. 1, as well as the differences between the values of T_c obtained from Eq. (20) and the critical temperatures determined from both the correlations of Teja *et al.* (1990) and Tsonopoulos (1987). For $n > 18$, the only source of critical parameters are those reported by Nikitin *et al.* (1994), (1997). The top of Fig. 1 shows deviations for n

TABLE 1. Coefficients a_i of Eq. (20) for T_c , b_i of Eq. (21) for p_c , and c_i of Eq. (24) for ω

i	a_i	b_i	c_i
1	1200.	0.734 993 18	3.0
2	7.235 346 1	2.115 168 4	1.155 678 7
3	-0.318 197 03	-0.362 293 42	-0.053 002 297
4	0.436 006 96	0.691 231 21	0.616 912 28
5	-0.269 056 63	-0.220 560 59	
6		-2.889 041 6	

<20 on a scale of $\pm 0.002 \cdot T_c$, while the lower figure shows values for $n < 30$ on a scale from $-0.025 \cdot T_c$ to $+0.01 \cdot T_c$. The uncertainties in the critical properties shown in Fig. 1 are those reported by Ambrose and Tsionopoulos.

For methane through n -pentane, Eq. (20) represents the values of T_c reported by Ambrose and Tsionopoulos and co-workers within $0.00002 \cdot T_c$, while for n -hexane, n -heptane, and n -octane, the differences between the recommendations and Eq. (20) are less than $0.0004 \cdot T_c$. However, Eq. (20), as shown in Fig. 1, represents the critical temperatures for n -hexane, n -heptane, and n -octane reported by Brunner (1988) within $0.00002 \cdot T_c$. Although the values recommended by Ambrose and Tsionopoulos for n -hexane, n -heptane, and n -octane were used initially to adjust the coefficients of Eq. (20), the values of T_c reported by Brunner, including that for n -undecane, were used in the final determination of the parameters in Eq. (20), as there was a significant reduction in the standard deviation of the fit and an improved representation of the critical temperatures for all alkanes. The value of the critical temperature for n -nonane determined by Brunner is not shown in Fig. 1, nor included in the analysis discussed here, since its deviation from Eq. (20) is more than a factor of 10 greater than that for the other alkanes. The values reported by Brunner for n -hexane, n -heptane, and n -octane are used throughout the remainder of this work. For n -nonane and higher alkanes, the critical temperatures determined from Eq. (20) were used in this work and are listed in Table 2. These numbers were determined from an analysis that was very different from that used by Ambrose and Tsionopoulos. Their work was based solely on experimental evidence, with no smoothing as done here. Although the experimental values have associated uncertainties, there is no clear evidence that the molecular structure of the normal alkanes is such that a smooth function of critical temperature or pressure will result as a function of carbon number, and the differences seen in Fig. 1 may not be due to experimental error. Thus, judgment must be used in the selection of critical properties for different applications.

Also shown in Fig. 1 are the values of the critical temperatures for the alkanes $C_{17}H_{36}$ through $C_{30}H_{62}$ reported by Nikitin *et al.* (1994), (1997). These are the only available measurements for the critical parameters of $C_{19}H_{40}$ and higher of which we are aware. The critical temperature for $C_{17}H_{36}$ reported by Nikitin *et al.* lies $0.005 \cdot T_c$ below the value recommended by Ambrose and Tsionopoulos; this is twice the

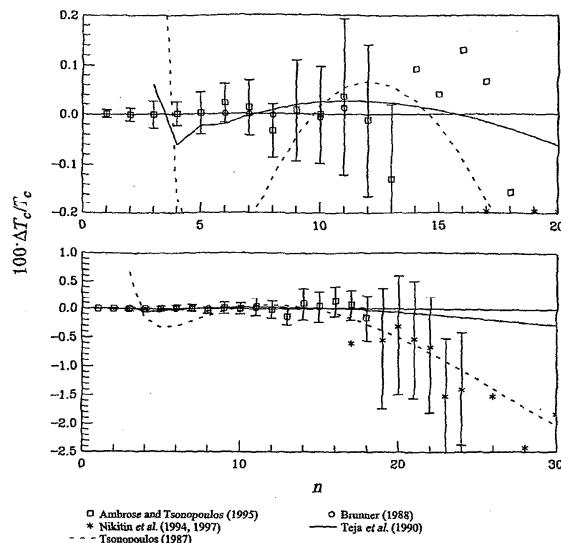


FIG. 1. Percent deviations of experimental critical temperatures from values obtained from Eq. (20) as a function of the number of carbon atoms n for C_nH_{2n+2} with $n \leq 20$ and $n \leq 30$.

estimated uncertainty given by Ambrose and Tsionopoulos. The thermal stability of these higher alkanes decreases with increasing n and it is plausible that the other values reported by Nikitin have uncertainties greater than $0.005 \cdot T_c$ at higher values of n . Consequently, the critical temperature values reported by Nikitin *et al.* were not used in the fit. Additional measurements of the critical properties of n -alkanes for $n > 20$ are needed to validate these conclusions.

The correlation for T_c reported by Teja *et al.* (1990) and given by Eq. (18) differs from Eq. (20) by no more than $0.003 \cdot T_c$ for $4 < n \leq 18$ and by less than $0.003 \cdot T_c$ for $18 < n \leq 30$, much less than the experimental uncertainty for these carbon numbers. Teja *et al.* did not make any correction for the lower alkanes using an even–odd type term. The equation of Tsionopoulos (1987) follows the trends set by the data of Nikitin *et al.* at higher carbon numbers. For the lower alkanes, the equation of Tsionopoulos shows deviations greater than the assigned uncertainty from the recommendations of Ambrose and Tsionopoulos, with differences exceeding $-0.001 \cdot T_c$ for $n < 9$. The upper limit of Eq. (20) is 1200 K. The maximum temperatures for the literature correlations of T_c are 1143.8 K for Teja *et al.* and 959.98 K for Tsionopoulos.

2.2. Critical Pressure for the Normal Alkanes

An empirical approach, similar to that described above for critical temperatures, was adopted to correlate the values of p_c recommended by Ambrose and Tsionopoulos (1995) for the n -alkanes. The best representation was found to be

$$p_c / \text{MPa} = b_1 + \exp[b_2 + b_3 n^{b_4} + b_5 / n + \zeta b_6 / (n+1)^4], \quad (21)$$

TABLE 2. Values of T_c , p_c , and ω for the normal alkanes used in Eq. (12)

<i>n</i>	Substance	Reference	T_c /K ^a	p_c /MPa ^b	ω	T_b /K ^c
1	Methane	Setzmann and Wagner (1991)	190.564	4.5992	0.01141	111.668
2	Ethane	Douslin and Harrison (1973)	305.322	4.8718	0.10574	184.561
3	Propane	Thomas and Harrison (1982)	369.825	4.2462	0.15813	230.980
4	<i>n</i> -Butane	Ambrose and Tsonopoulos (1995)	425.12	3.7861	0.20354	272.644
5	<i>n</i> -Pentane	Ambrose and Tsonopoulos (1995)	469.70	3.3665	0.25071	309.195
6	<i>n</i> -Hexane	Brunner (1988)	507.49	3.0181	0.29411	341.852
7	<i>n</i> -Heptane	Brunner (1988)	540.13	2.727	0.33602	371.534
8	<i>n</i> -Octane	Brunner (1988)	568.88	2.486	0.37650	398.783
9	<i>n</i> -Nonane		594.55	2.281	0.41403	423.882
10	<i>n</i> -Decane		617.7	2.103	0.44949	447.225
11	<i>n</i> -Undecane		638.8	1.950	0.48315	469.029
12	<i>n</i> -Dodecane		658.1	1.817	0.51524	489.439
13	<i>n</i> -Tridecane		675.9	1.700	0.54593	508.658
14	<i>n</i> -Tetradecane		692.4	1.599	0.57536	526.740
15	<i>n</i> -Pentadecane		707.7	1.510	0.60366	543.782
16	<i>n</i> -Hexadecane		722.1	1.432	0.63092	559.975
17	<i>n</i> -Heptadecane		735.5	1.363	0.65724	575.244
18	<i>n</i> -Octadecane		748.2	1.301	0.68269	589.844
19	<i>n</i> -Nonadecane		760.1	1.247	0.70734	603.618
20	<i>n</i> -Eicosane		771.4	1.198	0.73124	616.799
21	<i>n</i> -Heneicosane		782.1	1.155	0.75445	629.319
22	<i>n</i> -Docosane		792.2	1.116	0.77700	641.231
23	<i>n</i> -Tricosane		801.9	1.082	0.79895	652.633
24	<i>n</i> -Tetracosane		811.1	1.051	0.82032	663.513
25	<i>n</i> -Pentacosane		819.9	1.023	0.84115	673.940
26	<i>n</i> -Hexacosane		828.3	0.997	0.86146	683.949
27	<i>n</i> -Heptacosane		836.3	0.975	0.88130	693.429
28	<i>n</i> -Octacosane		844.0	0.954	0.90067	702.607
29	<i>n</i> -Nonacosane		851.	0.936	0.91961	711.034
30	<i>n</i> -Triaccontane		858.	0.919	0.93813	719.396
31	<i>n</i> -Hentriaccontane		865.	0.903	0.95625	727.693
32	<i>n</i> -Dotriaccontane		872.	0.889	0.97400	735.866
33	<i>n</i> -Tritriaccontane		878.	0.877	0.99138	743.062
34	<i>n</i> -Tetraaccontane		884.	0.865	1.00842	750.243
35	<i>n</i> -Pentraaccontane		890.	0.855	1.02512	757.287
36	<i>n</i> -Hexatriaccontane		896.	0.845	1.04150	764.314
37	<i>n</i> -Heptraaccontane		901.	0.837	1.05758	770.347
38	<i>n</i> -Octraaccontane		907.	0.829	1.07336	777.217
39	<i>n</i> -Nonraaccontane		912.	0.821	1.08885	783.214
40	<i>n</i> -Tetracontane		917.	0.815	1.10407	789.064
41	<i>n</i> -Hentetracontane		922.	0.809	1.11903	794.897
42	<i>n</i> -Dotetracontane		926.	0.803	1.13373	799.849
43	<i>n</i> -Tritetracontane		931.	0.798	1.14818	805.581

^aValues of the critical temperatures for *n*-nonane and above were determined from Eq. (20).^bValues of the critical pressures for propane through *n*-octane were determined in the regression analysis described in Sec. 4.1. Values for *n*-nonane and above were calculated from Eq. (21).^cCalculated from Eq. (12) at 0.101325 MPa.

where $\zeta=0$ for even carbon numbers and $\zeta=1$ for odd carbon numbers. The coefficients b_1 through b_6 , which were determined by regression analysis to selected critical pressures, are listed in Table 1. Equation (21) is based on the work of Teja *et al.* (1990) with the addition of the terms b_5/n and $\zeta b_6/(n+1)^4$. The value of $\zeta b_6/(n+1)^4$ is significant for methane and propane, and less significant for *n*-pentane and higher *n*-alkanes with odd carbon numbers.

The values of p_c recommended by Ambrose and Tsonopoulos and those calculated from the critical pressure correlations of Teja *et al.* (1990) [Eq. (19)] and Tsonopoulos (1987) [Eq. (17)] are shown in Fig. 2 as deviations from Eq. (21). The top of Fig. 2 shows deviations for $n < 20$ on a scale of

$\pm 0.03 \cdot p_c$, while the lower curve shows values for $n < 30$ on a compressed ordinate scale of $-0.25 \cdot p_c$ to $+0.05 \cdot p_c$. The uncertainties in critical pressures shown in Fig. 2 are those reported by Ambrose and Tsonopoulos. With the exception of $C_{24}H_{50}$, Eq. (21) represents the recommended values within their reported uncertainties.

For methane, ethane, propane, *n*-hexane, and *n*-octane, Eq. (21) represents the values reported by Ambrose and Tsonopoulos within $0.0003 \cdot p_c$. For *n*-butane, *n*-pentane, and *n*-heptane, the differences are as high as $0.003 \cdot p_c$. However, the critical pressures of *n*-butane and *n*-pentane reported by Kratzke *et al.* (1982), (1985) lie within $0.0006 \cdot p_c$, while those for *n*-heptane determined by Brunner lie

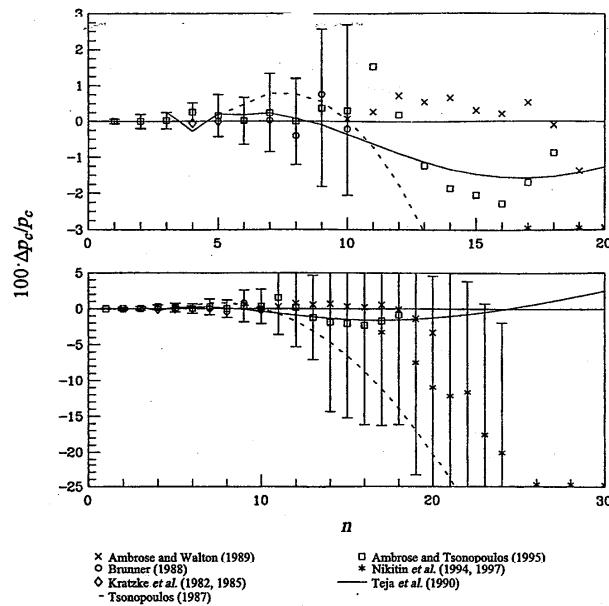


FIG. 2. Percent deviations of experimental critical pressures from values obtained from Eq. (21) as a function of the number of carbon atoms n for $C_n H_{2n+2}$ with $n \leq 20$ and $n \leq 30$.

fractionally above Eq. (21) by $0.0003 \cdot p_c$, similar to that for n -hexane.

For $C_{11}H_{24}$ the value of p_c recommended by Ambrose and Tsonopoulos differs by about $0.015 \cdot p_c$ from Eq. (21) and consequently was not used in the fit. For $C_{13}H_{26}$ and higher, the critical pressure values recommended by Ambrose and Tsonopoulos lie below Eq. (21) by more than $0.01 \cdot p_c$, but still within the uncertainty assigned by them. However, Ambrose and Walton (1989) developed a generalized vapor pressure correlation with critical pressures about $0.005 \cdot p_c$ greater than those calculated using Eq. (21). The values of p_c reported here were influenced by the global fitting of the vapor pressure correlation presented in Sec. 4. Values of p_c determined from Eq. (21) for n -nonane and higher were used in this work and are listed in Table 2.

Also shown in Fig. 2 are the values of the critical pressures for the alkanes $C_{17}H_{36}$ through $C_{30}H_{62}$ reported by Nikitin et al. (1994), (1997). These are the only measurements, of which we are aware, for the critical parameters of $C_{19}H_{40}$ and higher. The value of p_c for $C_{17}H_{36}$ reported by Nikitin et al. lies $0.015 \cdot p_c$ below the recommended value of Ambrose and Tsonopoulos and $0.032 \cdot p_c$ below Eq. (21). It is plausible, as it was with T_c , that the values of Nikitin are in error by more than $0.05 \cdot p_c$ for $n \geq 18$. Consequently, the values of p_c reported by Nikitin et al. were not used in the fit.

The values of p_c obtained from Eq. (21) differ from the correlation of Teja et al. [Eq. (19)] by less than $0.003 \cdot p_c$ for $3 \leq n \leq 9$ and by less than $0.016 \cdot p_c$ for $9 < n \leq 28$. No correction for the even–odd carbon numbers was used for the lower alkanes by Teja et al. The lower limit of Eq. (21) is 0.735 MPa. The literature correlations of p_c have minimum

pressures of 0.84203 MPa for Teja et al. (1990) and 0 for Tsonopoulos (1987).

Equations (20) and (21) represent the critical temperature and pressure within their experimental uncertainty for alkanes below n -eicosane. We have assumed, based on both the consistency of the critical parameters for alkanes below n -eicosane with experimental data and the probable ability of the simple functions, Eqs. (20) and (21), to extrapolate to higher carbon numbers, that acceptable estimates of the critical temperature and pressure may be obtained for the higher alkanes from the correlations presented here. New measurements of the critical temperature and pressure are needed to verify this assumption and the representation of these properties reported here and previous correlations for $n \geq 20$.

3. Vapor Pressure Measurements from the Literature

Sources of vapor pressure measurements reporting more than one vapor pressure measurement for normal alkanes with $n \leq 43$ and isomers for $n = 4$ through 9 are listed in Table 3 together with the experimental technique used for the measurements, and the precision and accuracy cited for that technique by the authors. Descriptions for most of the experimental techniques have been reported by either Ambrose (1973), (1975) or Morgan and Kobayashi (1992), (1994). All literature data have been converted to ITS-90, the temperature scale used throughout this work (Preston-Thomas, 1990). In some cases where the authors did not cite an accuracy, it was estimated by comparisons with other data sets obtained with similar methods. In Table 4, the purity of the sample used for the measurements is provided along with the number of measurements, the minimum and maximum measured temperature and pressure, and the estimated uncertainty in measurements at the minimum and maximum temperature. Sources reporting only one data point per substance are not listed. Table 4 also lists the measurements used in the regression analyses described here. The total uncertainty Δp^{1+g} in the vapor pressure at both the minimum and maximum measured temperatures for each set of measurements was determined from

$$\Delta p^{1+g} = \left[\left(\frac{\Delta p_{\text{expt}}}{p} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta T_{\text{expt}}}{p} \right)^2 \left(\frac{dp^{1+g}}{dT} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \cdot p, \quad (22)$$

where Δp_{expt} and ΔT_{expt} are the experimental uncertainties in pressure and temperature from Table 3, and dp^{1+g}/dT was obtained from the correlation presented here. The uncertainties at the minimum and maximum temperatures generally correspond to the minimum and maximum uncertainties in p^{1+g} .

4. Vapor Pressure

4.1. n -Alkanes

The functional form developed by Ambrose, given in Eq. (12), and the values of the critical temperature (on ITS-90),

TABLE 3. Experimental methods used to determine vapor pressure, the precision and accuracy in temperature ΔT , the precision and accuracy in pressure Δp , and fluids studied

Author	Method ^a	$\Delta T/K^b$	$\Delta p/kPa^b$	Fluids ^c
Abara <i>et al.</i> (1988)	1	0.01 {0.1}	13 {20}	6-8
Akimoto <i>et al.</i> (1984)	1	0.01	0.01	6
Allemand <i>et al.</i> (1986)	8	0.02	0.01p	10,12,14,15,18
Armstrong <i>et al.</i> (1955)	1	0.01	0.013 {0.001-0.002p}	1
Aston and Messerly (1936)	1	0.001	0.0013	5
Aston and Messerly (1940)	1	0.002	0.0013	4
Aston and Schumann (1942)	1	0.001	0.0008	5
Aston <i>et al.</i> (1940)	1	0.001	0.0013	4
Barber (1968)	1	0.05 {0.1}	2.1 {3.4}	3
Barclay <i>et al.</i> (1982)	1	0.01	0.00013p + 0.24	2
Beale and Docksey (1935)	3	0.1	0.027	12
Beattie and Edwards (1948)	1		0.0008p	8
Beattie and Kay (1937)	1	0.01		7
Beattie <i>et al.</i> (1935a)	1	0.002	0.0005p	2
Beattie <i>et al.</i> (1935b)	1	0.005	0.0003p	3
Beattie <i>et al.</i> (1939)	1	0.001	0.051	4
Beattie <i>et al.</i> (1949)	1	1	0.1	4
Beattie <i>et al.</i> (1951a)	1			5
Beattie <i>et al.</i> (1951b)	1	0.05	0.0067	5
Beaudoin and Kohn (1967)	1	0.02	7.1	10
Bell <i>et al.</i> (1968)	1	0.02		6-8
Besserer and Robinson (1973a)	1	0.056	21	5
Besserer and Robinson (1973b)	1	0.056	1.4	4
Besserer and Robinson (1975a)	1	0.056	21	4
Besserer and Robinson (1975b)	1	0.056	21	5
Bich <i>et al.</i> (1992)	1	0.000 05T	0.01	6
Bissell and Williamson (1975)	1	0.002	0.025	6,7
Bloomer and Parent (1953)	1	0.056	0.34	1
Bottomley and Reeves (1958)	1	0.01	0.0067	6
Brame and Hunter (1927)	3	0.1		5-8
Brooks <i>et al.</i> (1939)	3			8
Brooks <i>et al.</i> (1940)	3	0.003		6-8
Brown (1952)	6	0.01	0.0013	6,7
Brown <i>et al.</i> (1988)	1	0.02	$p < 690: 0.69, 690 < p < 3400: 0.4, p > 3400: 17$	2
Brown <i>et al.</i> (1989)	6	0.02	0.7	4
Bruun and Hicks-Bruun (1930)	3	0.1	0.013	6
Bruun <i>et al.</i> (1937)	1	0.05		6
Burrell and Robertson (1915a)	3	0.1	0.005p	4
Burrell and Robertson (1915b)	1,3	0.1	0.005p	4
Burrell and Robertson (1915c)	3	0.1	0.005p	2
Burrell and Robertson (1916)	1,3	0.1	0.005p	2,3
Butcher <i>et al.</i> (1972)	1	0.1	$p < 1100: 1.4, p > 1100: 3.4$	7
Calado and Soares (1977)	1	0.01	1	1
Calado <i>et al.</i> (1974)	1	0.01	0.01	1
Calado <i>et al.</i> (1983)	1	0.1		2
Calingaert <i>et al.</i> (1944)	16	0.01	0.013	8
Camin and Rossini (1955)	4	0.002 {0.008-0.015}		11,13-15
Camin <i>et al.</i> (1954)	4	0.002 {0.008-0.015}		16
Campbell <i>et al.</i> (1968)	1	0.01	0.0067	6
Campbell <i>et al.</i> (1986)	1	0.04 {0.1}	0.69 {0.69}	5
Carmichael <i>et al.</i> (1953)	1	0.011	0.0025p	9
Carmichael <i>et al.</i> (1962)	1	0.011	0.001p	4
Carruth and Kobayashi (1973)	8			2-10
Chaudhari and Katti (1990)	6	0.01	0.01	6-8
Cherney <i>et al.</i> (1949)	1	0.02	0.0002p {0.0025p}	3
Chirico <i>et al.</i> (1989)	1,4	0.001	0.0001	10,20,28
Chui and Canfield (1971)	1	0.002	0.0002p	2
Chun (1964)	1	0.005 {0.1}	0.14 {0.69}	3,6
Clark (1973)		0.05 {0.05}	$p < 3400: 0.0001p, p > 3400: 0.0004p \{p < 3400: 0.28, p > 3400: 17\}$	3
Clark and Stead (1988)	6	d	$p < 1100: 1, p > 1100: 6$	2-4
Clegg and Rowlinson (1955)	1	0.01	4.1	3
Clusius <i>et al.</i> (1959)	1		0.013	1
Clusius <i>et al.</i> (1960)		0.01	0.0013	1

TABLE 3. Experimental methods used to determine vapor pressure, the precision and accuracy in temperature ΔT , the precision and accuracy in pressure Δp , and fluids studied—Continued

Author	Method ^a	$\Delta T/K^b$	$\Delta p/kPa^b$	Fluids ^c
Connolly (1962)	1	0.01	1 {0.001p}	4
Cook (1958)	1		0.013	7,8
Cutler and Morrison (1965)	1	0.0002	0.0067	1
Dana <i>et al.</i> (1926)	1	0.03	0.003p {0.005p}	3,4
Dawson <i>et al.</i> (1973)	1	0.0001T	0.0004p	5
Day and Felsing (1951)	1	0.005	0.1	6
de Loos <i>et al.</i> (1988)	1	0.01	20	6,7
Dejouz <i>et al.</i> (1996)	6	0.1	0.01	8,10,12
Delaplace (1937)		0.56	0.000069 {0.05p}	2–4
Denig (1921)	1			6
Deschner and Brown (1940)	1			3
Diller <i>et al.</i> (1985)	3	0.02	4	5
Djordjevich and Budenholzer (1970)	6	0.056	$p < 2.7: 0.04p, 2.7 < p < 100: 0.067, 100 < p < 690: 0.69, p > 690: 6.9$	2,3
Douslin (1970)	1			5,8
Douslin and Harrison (1973)	1	0.001	<0.0001p	2
Drucker <i>et al.</i> (1915)	3			6
Edgar <i>et al.</i> (1929)	3	0.5	0.013	7
Eggertsen <i>et al.</i> (1969)	8		0.045p	16
Elliot <i>et al.</i> (1974)	8	0.01	$p < 2100: 2.1, p > 2100: 14$	1,4
Eng and Sandler (1984)	7	0.001 {0.02}	0.0067 {0.021}	5,7
Enokido <i>et al.</i> (1969)				5
Escudero <i>et al.</i> (1992)	3	0.1	0.13	10
Eucken and Berger (1934)				1
Ewing and Goodwin (1991)	4	0.001	{0.0001p}	5
Ewing and Marsh (1973)	1	0.001 {0.01}	0.001 {0.01}	6
Fawcett (1946)	3	0.1		7
Felsing and Watson (1942)	1	0.01	0.0003p	8
Flebbe <i>et al.</i> (1982)	1	0.007	$p < 667: 0.1, p > 667: 0.00015p$	4
Forzati <i>et al.</i> (1949)	3	0.003	0.008	7,9
Francis and Robbins (1933)	1		0.0005p	3
Francis and Wood (1926)	3			16,22,24,26,28–30,34
Frank and Clusius (1939)				1
Fransson <i>et al.</i> (1992)	1	0.005	1.8 {0.015p}	5
Freeth and Verschoyle (1931)	1	0.1	1	1
Funk <i>et al.</i> (1972)	1	0.01	0.013	6–8
Gainar <i>et al.</i> (1992)	1	0.0005T	0.01p	4
Gehrige and Lentz (1983)				10
Genco <i>et al.</i> (1980)	1	0.01 {0.1}	2.7 {6.9}	6
Gierycz <i>et al.</i> (1985)	5	0.001 {0.002}	0.001 {0.003}	6,12
Gierycz <i>et al.</i> (1988)	5	0.001 {0.001}	0.0005 {0.003}	8,10
Gilliland and Scheeline (1940)	1	0.56	14	3,4
Glaser and Ruland (1957)				6
Grauso <i>et al.</i> (1977)	6	0.01	0.0002p	2,3
Gregorowicz <i>et al.</i> (1987)	5	0.01	0.0067	8,10
Grenier-Loustalot <i>et al.</i> (1981)	8	0.1	0.0013	16–22, 24–26, 28
Gugnoni <i>et al.</i> (1974)	1	0.01 {0.01}	0.69 {1.4}	2
Hachmuth (1932)	1	0.056		3–5
Hartecck and Edse (1938)	1	0.01	0.013	3
Henning and Stock (1921)	1			1
Hestermanns and White (1961)	1	0.01	$p < 250: 0.0027, p > 250: 0.000001p - 0.00003p$	1
Hicks-Bruun and Bruun (1936)	3	0.05	0.0013	3
Higashi <i>et al.</i> (1994)	1	0.01	5	3,4
Hipkin (1966)	1,6			3,4
Hirata and Suda (1966)	1			4
Hirata and Suda (1969)	1,6	0.1	5.1	2–4
Hlousek and Hala (1970)	3	0.01	0.0005p	7
Holcomb <i>et al.</i> (1995)	1	0.05	3.5	2–6
Hollendorff and Knapp (1988)	1	0.04	0.001p + 0.06 {<0.005p}	4
Hopfner <i>et al.</i> (1974)				5
Horner <i>et al.</i> (1975)	1			5
Howat and Swift (1985a)	1	0.03	0.08 {0.1}	5
Howat and Swift (1985b)	1	0.02	0.08 {0.002p}	5
Hsu <i>et al.</i> (1985)	1	0.56	5	4

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Author	Method ^a	$\Delta T/K^b$	$\Delta p/kPa^b$	Fluids ^c
Huckel and Rassmann (1933)				4
Huffman <i>et al.</i> (1961)		0.01	0.0013	7
Isaac <i>et al.</i> (1954)	1			5
Janssoone <i>et al.</i> (1970)	1	0.003 {0.02}	1	1
Kahre (1973)	1	0.056	3.4 {0.001p–0.006p}	2–4
Kahre (1974)	1	0.056	14	1
Kahre (1975)	1	0.056	14	1,5
Kay (1938)	1	0.01	$p < 4100: 0.0002p, p > 4100: 6.9 \{0.005p\}$	2,7
Kay (1940a)	1		0.004p	4
Kay (1940b)	1	0.056	0.003p	2,4
Kay (1941)	1	0.056	0.003p	4,7
Kay (1946)	1	1	4.1 {0.004p}	6
Kay (1970)	1	0.02 {0.5}	3.4 {14}	3–5
Kay (1971)	1	0.02 {0.5}	1.4 {14}	3,6,7
Kay and Warzel (1951)	1		0.069 {0.0008p}	8
Keistler and Van Winkle (1952)	6			12
Kemp and Egan (1938)				3
Keyes <i>et al.</i> (1922)	1	0.01		1
Khazanova <i>et al.</i> (1966)		0.05	5.1	2
Khurma <i>et al.</i> (1983)	1	0.02 {0.03}	0.0001p	5
Kilpatrick and Pitzer (1946)	2	0.01	0.0067	6
Kleinrahm and Wagner (1986)	1	0.003	larger of 0.00007p or 0.030	1
Kneisl and Zondlo (1987)	1	0.05	0.1	14
Kobe <i>et al.</i> (1955)	1	0.028	14	7
Kolasinska <i>et al.</i> (1982)	1	0.01	0.001	6–10
Krafft (1882a)	3			9–19
Krafft (1882b)	3			20–24,27
Krafft (1886)	3			31,32,35
Kratzke (1980)	1	0.01	0.0003p {0.0005p}	3
Kratzke and Muller (1984)	1	0.01	0.0001p {0.001p}	3
Kratzke <i>et al.</i> (1982)	1	0.002	0.0003p {0.05p–0.06p}	4
Kratzke <i>et al.</i> (1985)	1	0.01	0.001p	5
Ksazczak (1989)	1	0.01	0.001	6
Kuenen and Robson (1902)	3	0.01	3 {30}	2
Laurance and Swift (1974)	1	0.0056	0.001p	4
Lee <i>et al.</i> (1992)	1	0.01	$p < 100: 0.1, p > 100: 1$	10,16
Leslie and Carr (1925)	3	0.05	0.2	6–8
Letcher and Marsicano (1974)	1	0.01	0.027	6
Leu and Robinson (1987a)	1	0.1	16	5
Leu and Robinson (1987b)	1	0.1	16	4
Leu and Robinson (1988)	1	0.1	16	5
Leu and Robinson (1989)	1	0.1	15	4
Lhotak and Wichterle (1981)	1	0.001 {0.01}	1	4
Li and Canjar (1953)	1		0.001p	5
Li <i>et al.</i> (1972)	1	0.01	0.0067	5,6
Li <i>et al.</i> (1973)	1	0.005	0.004	6
Linder (1931)	15		0.0027	8,10,14
Loomis and Walters (1926)	3	0.01	0.1	2
Maass and Wright (1921)	3	0.2	0.0003p	2,3
Machin and Golding (1989)	1	0.002	$p < 1: 0.0003, p > 1: 0.0006p$	4
Macknick and Prausnitz (1979)	8,13	0.05	0.022p	18,20
Mair (1932)	3	0.01	0.0013	5–10
Malewski and Sandler (1989)	6	0.05	0.69	4
Manley and Swift (1971)	1	0.01	1	3
Martin and Youings (1980)	12	0.001	0.008	6–8
Martinez-Ortiz and Manley (1978)	1	0.011	0.14 {0.0004p}	4
Mathews (1926)	3	0.05	0.013	7
Matuszak and Frey (1937)	3	1		4
Mazee (1948)	3			21,23,24,28,30,31,34–36,43
McGlashan and McKinnon (1977)	1	0.05	0.0005p + 0.3	5
McMicking (1961)	1	0.001	$p < 300: 0.13, p > 300: 0.53$	7,8
McMicking and Kay (1965)	1	0.001 {0.05}	$p < 300: 0.13, p > 300: 0.53 \{3\}$	7,8
Mertes and Colburn (1947)	1,4	0.056	0.13	4
Messerly and Kennedy (1940)	1	0.01	0.0013	5

TABLE 3. Experimental methods used to determine vapor pressure, the precision and accuracy in temperature ΔT , the precision and accuracy in pressure Δp , and fluids studied—Continued

Author	Method ^a	$\Delta T/K^b$	$\Delta p/kPa^b$	Fluids ^c
Meyer and Stec (1971)	3			24
Miksovsky and Wichterle (1975)	1	0.01	5.1	2,3
Milazzo (1956)		0.001 {0.01}	0.000 067	8
Millar <i>et al.</i> (1994)	1	0.00005 T	0.015	8
Mills and Fenton (1987)	9	0.01	0.005	16
Miniovich and Sorina (1971)		0.002	0.49	2
Morecroft (1964)	9	0.02		19,27
Morgan and Kobayashi (1994)	1	0.03	$0.0015p + 0.0048$	10,12,14,16,18–20,22,24,28
Mousa (1977)	1	0.2	3.4	3,6
Mundel (1913)				6–8
Myers and Fenske (1955)	3	0.2	$p < 0.4: 0.0013, 0.013 < p < 4: 0.013, p > 4: 0.067$	16,18,20
Neff and Hickman (1955)	3		0.01 p	7,8
Neumann and Watch (1968)	1	0.05	4.9	1
Nicolini (1951)	1,6	0.05	0.0027	5,6,8
Niesen (1989)	1	0.05	3.5	4
Nunes da Ponte <i>et al.</i> (1985)	1	0.01 {0.1}	0.6 {1}	2
Ohgaki and Katayama (1977)	1	0.01	1	2
Olds <i>et al.</i> (1944)	1	0.0056	$0.001p \{0.002p\}$	4
Olds <i>et al.</i> (1949)	1	0.056	0.001 p	4
Olivares Fuentes <i>et al.</i> (1983)	3	0.04	0.0013	5,8
Olson (1995)	3	0.01	$0.1 \{0.002p - 0.005p\}$	7
Ormandy and Craven (1923)	15	0.1	0.0013	7
Osborn and Douslin (1974)	1,4	0.001	$< 0.001p$	5,7–9
Osborn and Scott (1980)	4	0.001	0.001	9
Oscarson <i>et al.</i> (1987)	3	0.1	$0.001p \{0.003p\}$	6
Pal <i>et al.</i> (1976)	1	0.002 {0.015}	$0.0001p - 0.0005p$	2
Palczewska-Tulinska <i>et al.</i> (1983)	3	0.005	0.02	7
Parks and Moore (1949)	9	0.1	0.01 p	16
Parrish and Hiza (1974)	6	0.01	$p < 690: 0.69, p > 690: 2$	1
Piacente and Scardala (1990)	11	0.5	0.14	24–26,28
Piacente <i>et al.</i> (1991)	9,10,11	0.5		20–29
Piacente <i>et al.</i> (1994)	10			20–28,30–34,36–38
Porter (1926)	1	0.01	0.1	2
Prasad (1982)	1	0.01	$0.0001p \{0.005p\}$	3
Prydz and Goodwin (1972)	1	0.006 to 0.016	$p < 50: 0.02, p > 50: 0.0004p$	1
Quitzsch <i>et al.</i> (1963)	16	0.02	$p < 24: 0.0013, p > 24: 0.0027$	7
Raal <i>et al.</i> (1972)	3,6	0.1	0.053	6,7
Reamer and Sage (1963)	1	0.056	1.4	10
Reamer <i>et al.</i> (1949)	1		0.003 p	3
Reamer <i>et al.</i> (1951)	1	0.011	$p < 2100: 2.1, p > 2100: 0.001p$	3
Reamer <i>et al.</i> (1953)	1	0.017	$p < 1400: 1.4, p > 1400: 0.001p$	5
Regnier (1972)	3	0.1	0.001 p	2
Richards and Hargreaves (1944)	3,6	0.05		7
Rogalsk <i>et al.</i> (1987)	3			10
Rotter and Knickle (1977)	3,6	0.1	0.27	6
Royo and Losa (1985)	1			6
Saez <i>et al.</i> (1985)	3	0.03	0.007	6,7
Sage and Lacey (1938)	1	0.056	1.4	4
Sage and Lacey (1942)	1	0.011	0.34 {0.002 p }	5
Sage and Lacey (1948)	1	0.028	0.003 p	4
Sage <i>et al.</i> (1934)	1	0.11	$p < 2100: 0.69, 2100 < p < 2100: 6.9$	3
Sage <i>et al.</i> (1937)	1	0.011	0.34 {1}	4
Sako <i>et al.</i> (1997)	1	0.03	0.3 {0.0003 p }	4
Sasse <i>et al.</i> (1988)	1	0.02	0.02 p	12,20,22,24
Schiessler and Whitmore (1955)	3,6	0.2 {0.5}		20
Schindler <i>et al.</i> (1966)	1	0.01	14	3
Schumann <i>et al.</i> (1942)	1			5
Seibert and Burrell (1915)	1	0.1	0.005 p	4
Shealy and Sandler (1985)	7	0.001 {0.02}	0.02 {0.02}	7
Shepard <i>et al.</i> (1931)	3	0.01	1	5–12
Shibata and Sandler (1989)	6	0.05	0.69	4
Shim and Kohn (1962)	6	0.02		6
Silberberg (1958)	1	0.01	$0.01 \{0.0025p\}$	5
Silberberg <i>et al.</i> (1959)	1	0.0002 T	$0.0004p \{0.0025p\}$	5

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Author	Method ^a	$\Delta T/K^b$	$\Delta p/kPa^b$	Fluids ^c
Simons and Mausteller (1952)	3	0.01	0.13	4
Singh and Miller (1979)	1	0.01	$p < 2000: 10, p > 2000: 100$	1
Sinor <i>et al.</i> (1966)	1	0.02	10	1
Sipowska and Wieczorek (1980)	1	0.001	0.003	7
Sipowska and Wieczorek (1984)	1	0.001	0.003	7
Skripka <i>et al.</i> (1970)		0.01		1–4
Smith (1940)	5	0.001 {0.005}	0.0013	7,8
Smith (1941)	5	0.001 {0.01}		7,9
Smith and Matheson (1938)	5	0.001	0.0013	7,8
Smith and Robinson (1970)	1	0.02	0.0067 {0.04}	6
Smyth and Engel (1929)	3, 6	0.2	0.013	6,7
Stadnicki (1962a)	5	0.01		11
Stadnicki (1962b)				9
Stead and Williams (1980)	1	0.01	$p < 1100: 1.4, 1100 < p < 4100: 6, p > 4100: 20$	5
Steele <i>et al.</i> (1976)	1	0.017	0.069	4
Stock (1923)	1			1
Straty and Tsumura (1976)	1	0.003	0.00015p {0.0005p}	2
Stryjek <i>et al.</i> (1974)	1	0.01	0.01p	2
Sunner and Svenson (1979)	2	0.01	0.001	13–15
Teichmann (1978)	1			3
Thomas and Harrison (1982)	1	0.0005	$p < 10000: 0.0005, p > 10000: 0.002$	3
Thomas and Young (1895)	1, 15	0.01	0.0067	6
Tickner and Lossing (1951)	14	0.3	$p < 0.0013: 0.00013, 0.0013 < p < 1.3: 0.0013$	2–5
Timrot and Pavlovich (1959)	16	0.01	{0.0001p}	1
Uchytil and Wichterle (1983)	1	0.01	0.5	3
Van Hook (1966)	1	0.01	0.0013	2
Van Itterbeek <i>et al.</i> (1963)	1	0.01	0.098	1
Van Itterbeek <i>et al.</i> (1964)	1	0.002	0.39	1
Van Ness <i>et al.</i> (1967)	1	0.01		7
Vennix <i>et al.</i> (1970)	1	0.01	0.0001p	1
Viton <i>et al.</i> (1996)	1	0.02	$p < 0.67: 0.02p, 0.67 < p < 1.33: 0.01p, 1.33 < p < 40: 0.003p, p > 40: 0.002p$	10–20
Wackher <i>et al.</i> (1945)	1	0.1 {0.1}	0.013 {0.03p}	4
Ward and Van Winkle (1954)	6		0.067	14
Waxman and Gallagher (1983)		0.002	0.0001p	4
Weber (1985)	1	0.02	0.2 {0.0035p–0.019p}	4
Weber (1989a)	1	0.01	3	4
Weber (1989b)	1	0.01	3	4
Weber (1999)	4	0.006	0.0004p {0.0005p–0.003p}	7
Weiguo <i>et al.</i> (1990)	1	0.002	0.003 {0.01}	6,8
Weissman and Wood (1960)	6	0.01	0.011 {0.011}	8
Whitmore and Fleming (1933)	1	0.1	0.013	5
Whitmore <i>et al.</i> (1945)			0.005p	26
Wibaut <i>et al.</i> (1939)	3	0.05	0.0013 {0.01p}	5–9
Wichterle and Kobayashi (1972a)	1	0.01 {0.01}	0.001p {0.001p}	1,2
Wichterle and Kobayashi (1972b)	1	0.01 {0.01}	0.001p {0.001p}	1,3
Wieczorek and Stecki (1978)	1	0.001	0.0027	6
Willingham <i>et al.</i> (1945)	4	0.002	0.0053	5–10,12
Willman and Teja (1985)	7	0.2	0.13	10
Wisniewska <i>et al.</i> (1993)	3	0.01	0.05 {0.2}	7
Wojciechowski (1940)	5	0.002 {0.01}		6–9
Wolff and Hoeppel (1966)	1	0.02	0.13	6
Wolff and Hopfner (1965)	1			4,6
Wolff and Shadiakhy (1981)	1	0.02	0.03	6
Wolff and Wuertz (1968)	1			6
Wolff <i>et al.</i> (1964)	1			4,6,9
Wolff <i>et al.</i> (1980)	1	0.02	0.003	6
Woringer (1900)	1			6,8,10
Wu and Sandler (1988)	7	0.001 {0.02}	0.02 {0.02}	6
Wu <i>et al.</i> (1991a)	7	0.02	0.0013	8
Wu <i>et al.</i> (1991b)	7	0.001 {0.02}	0.02 {0.02}	8
Young (1897)	3	0.05	0.013	5
Young (1898)	1,3	0.01	0.0013	7
Young (1900)	1,3	0.05	0.0067	8

TABLE 3. Experimental methods used to determine vapor pressure, the precision and accuracy in temperature ΔT , the precision and accuracy in pressure Δp , and fluids studied—Continued

Author	Method ^a	$\Delta T/K^b$	$\Delta p/kPa^b$	Fluids ^c
Young (1928)	3	0.028	0.013	1–8,20–35
Zanolini (1964)	1	0.11	$p < 210: 0.069, 210 < p < 690: 1.4, p > 690: 4.1$	3,5
Zawisza and Vejrosta (1982)	1	0.01	1 {2}	7
Zielkiewicz (1991)	1	0.02	0.004 {0.02}	6,7
Zielkiewicz (1992)	1	0.002	0.004 {0.02}	7,8
Zielkiewicz (1993)	1	0.002	0.004 {0.02}	7

^a1: Static, 2: Calorimetry static, 3: Ebulliometry, 4: Comparative ebulliometry, 5: Comparative Swietoslawski ebulliometer, 6: Recirculating still, 7: Stage–Muller recirculating still, 8: Gas saturation, 9: Knudsen effusion, 10: Torsion effusion, 11: Transpiration, 12: Continuous dilution, 13: Infrared detection, 14: Mass spectroscopy, 15: Ramsey–Young method, 16: Tensimeter.

^bThe accuracy, if cited by the authors, is provided in brackets.

^cNumbers given are the number of carbon atoms in the molecule.

^d $T < 273 \text{ K}$: 0.008 K; $T > 273 \text{ K}$: 0.01 K.

critical pressure, and ω listed in Table 2 were used as the basis for a new equation to represent the vapor pressures of normal alkanes C_nH_{2n+2} with $n \leq 36$ from the triple point, T^{1+g} , to the critical point. Although experimental data are available for $C_{37}H_{76}$, $C_{38}H_{78}$, and $C_{43}H_{88}$, they were not useful in the accuracy assessment of the equation due to the large uncertainties in these data. The temperatures at the normal boiling point determined from Eq. (12) are also listed in Table 2. Values of the triple point temperature are reported by Morgan and Kobayashi (1991). The critical temperatures reported in Table 2 were taken from the references cited in this table for the lower alkanes up to *n*-octane and were obtained from Eq. (20) for *n*-nonane and above. Values of the critical pressures in Table 2 were also taken from the literature for methane and ethane, determined in the regression analysis described below for propane through *n*-octane, and were obtained from Eq. (21) for *n*-nonane and above.

The vapor pressure measurements included in the preliminary analysis were selected from the database summarized in Table 4 on the basis of sample purity and of the uncertainty in vapor pressure calculated from Eq. (22). This uncertainty was based on the precision in temperature and pressure cited by the authors and listed in Table 3. Adjustments were made to this initial selection based on agreement between different data sets and deviations of the data sets from this and other correlations. The data sets used in the final regression are identified in Table 4. The coefficients of the generalized vapor pressure correlation presented here, N_1 through N_{12} in Eq. (12), are listed in Table 5 and were determined by nonlinear regression to the selected *n*-alkane data sets. The values of ω for ethane, propane, *n*-butane, and fluids with $n \geq 6$ and the critical pressures for propane through *n*-octane were fitted simultaneously with the N_i coefficients in the nonlinear regression to optimize the representation of the vapor pressure data with Eq. (12). The fitted critical pressures agree with those recommended by Ambrose and Tsosopoulos within the experimental uncertainties reported by them. For most *n*-alkanes with $n \geq 9$, measured vapor pressures do not extend to temperatures near the critical point and, consequently, the critical pressures were estimated from Eq. (21) and are listed in Table 2.

The values of ω for methane and *n*-pentane were con-

strained to the acentric factor $\tilde{\omega}$ given in Eq. (23), using vapor pressure equations from Setzmann and Wagner (1991) for methane and Kratzke *et al.* (1985) for *n*-pentane:

$$\tilde{\omega} = \left(-\log \frac{p^{1+g}}{p_c} - 1 \right)_{T=0.7T_c}. \quad (23)$$

The vapor pressure p^{1+g} is determined at $0.7 \cdot T_c$. A quadratic function of n was sufficient to adequately represent ω over the entire range for which vapor pressure measurements are available. However, in order to improve the extrapolation for the correlation for $n > 50$, the following empirically determined functional form for ω , which has a limiting value of c_1 , was adopted:

$$\omega = c_1 - \exp(c_2 + c_3 n^{c_4}). \quad (24)$$

The coefficients c_2 , c_3 , and c_4 were simultaneously optimized during the nonlinear fitting process with the other parameters discussed above and are listed in Table 1. During the optimization of the coefficients, the upper limit of ω (the coefficient c_1) was selected as 3 to reproduce reasonable vapor pressures at $n > 50$. The values of ω for $n \geq 8$ listed in Table 2 were calculated from Eq. (24). The values of ω determined this way are not reproduced exactly by Eq. (23) when Eq. (12) is used to calculate the vapor pressures.

Only vapor pressure data for the *n*-alkanes from methane to *n*-decane and fluids with carbon numbers divisible by 4 from *n*-dodecane to *n*-octacosane were used in determining the coefficients of Eq. (12). Data for the other fluids were not used since the uncertainties for these data sets were higher, and the available data did not span a significant fraction of the fluid range.

In order to obtain reasonable extrapolation behavior for the vapor pressure correlation at high ($n > 100$) carbon numbers, constraints were placed on the functional form. The extrapolation of Eq. (20) for T_c and Eq. (12) for $T^{1+g}(101.325 \text{ kPa})$ and $T^{1+g}(1 \text{ kPa})$ are shown in Fig. 3 as a function of n , along with values recommended from TRC (Thermodynamic Research Center, 1997). At $n = 100$, values reported by TRC agree within $0.013 \cdot T^{1+g}$ at 0.101325 MPa and within $0.04 \cdot T^{1+g}$ at 1 kPa of our equation. Equation (12) gives limiting values ($n \rightarrow \infty$) of $T(101.325 \text{ kPa}) = 1117 \text{ K}$ and $T(1 \text{ kPa}) = 986 \text{ K}$.

TABLE 4. Summary of experimental hydrocarbon vapor pressure data, including total uncertainty in p^{1+g} at the minimum T_{\min} and maximum T_{\max} temperature of the measurements—Continued

Author ^a	No. of points	Temp. range K	Pressure range (kPa)	Uncertainties		Purity (mole fraction)	AAD (%)
				100Δp/p at T_{\min}	100Δp/p at T_{\max}		
n-Undecane							
Camin and Rossini (1955)	20	378–470	5.5–105			0.9997	0.26
Krafft (1882a)	6	347–468	1.5–101			6.8	
Stadnicki (1962a)	4	449–469	60–101			0.76	
Viton et al. (1996)	46	254–469	0.0011–100	2	0.21	0.83	
n-Dodecane							
Allemand et al. (1986)	19	298–390	0.017–4.3	1	1	>0.995	1.1
Beale and Docksey (1935)	21	300–658	0.02–1770	b	0.14	4.7	
Dejoz et al. (1996)	38	344–502	0.44–134	2.3	0.22	0.997 ^c	0.26
Gierycz et al. (1985)	13	378–418	2.6–13	0.039	0.0084	0.9999	1
Keistler and Van Winkle (1952)	8	363–486	1.3–101			4.7	
Krafft (1882a)	6	364–488	1.5–101			6.3	
Morgan and Kobayashi (1994)	13	353–588	0.73–671	0.67	0.047	0.9994	0.14
Sasse et al. (1988)	37	264–371	0.000 59–1.8	2	2	0.98	2.6
Viton et al. (1996)	35	264–468	0.000 64–58	2	0.21	0.996	0.7
Willingham et al. (1945)	20	400–491	6.4–104	0.084	0.007	>0.9994	0.049
n-Tridecane							
Camin and Rossini (1955)	14	412–509	5.5–103			0.9992	0.15
Krafft (1882a)	6	380–507	1.5–101			5.8	
Sunner and Svenson (1979)	3	308–348	0.013–0.23	7.7	0.44	4.9	
Viton et al. (1996)	33	274–467	0.000 48–35	2	0.21	0.63	
n-Tetradecane							
Allemand et al. (1986)	6	343–395	0.072–1.3	1	1	>0.995	0.81
Camin and Rossini (1955)	11	428–527	5.5–103			0.9993	0.19
Kneisl and Zondlo (1987)	24	405–525	2.1–98	4.8	0.15	0.998	0.52
Krafft (1882a)	6	396–526	1.5–101			4.5	
Morgan and Kobayashi (1994)	16	373–588	0.44–343	1.1	0.052	0.9995	0.23
Sunner and Svenson (1979)	3	313–358	0.007–0.18	14	0.56	5.2	
Viton et al. (1996)	34	284–467	0.000 41–21	2	0.21	0.97	
Ward and Van Winkle (1954)	10	435–518	6.5–85			>0.987	4.8
n-Pentadecane							
Allemand et al. (1986)	6	333–409	0.016–1.3	1	1	>0.995	3.6
Camin and Rossini (1955)	10	443–544	5.5–101			0.9993	0.1
Krafft (1882a)	6	410–544	1.5–101			3.3	
Sunner and Svenson (1979)	3	333–373	0.012–0.2	8.3	0.5	24	
Viton et al. (1996)	20	294–467	0.000 36–13	2	0.21	0.98	1.7
n-Hexadecane							
Camin et al. (1954)	16	463–560	6.9–101			0.9996	0.17
Eggeritsen et al. (1969)	10	299–413	0.000 21–0.82				3.3
Francis and Wood (1926)	4	410–435	0.71–2.6			6.8	
Grenier-Loustalot et al. (1981)	4	358–418	0.036–1.2	3.8	0.44	4.8	
Krafft (1882a)	6	424–561	1.5–101			3	
Lee et al. (1992)	5	504–589	26–188	0.39	0.53	0.99	1.9
Mills and Fenton (1987)	11	389–560	0.25–102	2	0.022	0.58	
Morgan and Kobayashi (1994)	20	393–583	0.32–164	1.5	0.059	0.9994	0.51
Myers and Fenske (1955)	26	354–559	0.027–101	5.2	0.43	>0.98	3
Parks and Moore (1949)	10	298–323	0.000 19–0.0031	1.5	1.2	10	
Viton et al. (1996)	24	303–467	0.000 28–8	2	0.21	2.8	
n-Heptadecane							
Grenier-Loustalot et al. (1981)	5	358–434	0.015–1.4	9.1	0.43	5.7	
Krafft (1882a)	6	437–576	1.5–101			2.6	
Viton et al. (1996)	24	314–467	0.0003–5	2	0.21	1.5	
n-Octadecane							
Allemand et al. (1986)	11	335–440	0.0012–1	1	1	>0.995	2.9
Grenier-Loustalot et al. (1981)	5	358–434	0.0067–0.75	20	0.5	4.4	
Krafft (1882a)	6	448–590	1.5–101			4	
Macknick and Prausnitz (1979)	10	318–361	0.000 22–0.0097	2.3	2.2	>0.99	2.8
Morgan and Kobayashi (1994)	17	413–588	0.27–98	1.8	0.063	0.998	0.94
Myers and Fenske (1955)	23	376–568	0.027–67	5.2	0.44	>0.98	4
Viton et al. (1996)	16	333–467	0.000 83–3	2	0.21	0.97	2.1
n-Nonadecane							
Grenier-Loustalot et al. (1981)	4	379–434	0.016–0.42	8.4	0.61	3.6	

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Author ^a	No. of points	Temp. range K	Pressure range (kPa)	Uncertainties		Purity (mole fraction)	AAD (%)
				100Δp/p at T_{\min}	100Δp/p at T_{\max}		
Krafft (1882a)	6	459–603	1.5–101				5
Morecroft (1964)	3	306–328	0.0000 19–0.000 21				7.6
Morgan and Kobayashi (1994)	16	423–588	0.26–74	1.9	0.066	0.992	1.3
Viton <i>et al.</i> (1996)	15	334–467	0.000 38–1.9	2	0.22		2.1
<i>n</i>-Eicosane							
Chirico <i>et al.</i> (1989)	29	388–626	0.016–121	0.64	0.002	0.9995	0.59
Grenier-Loustalot <i>et al.</i> (1981)	5	358–434	0.0012–0.24	b	0.77		8.7
Macknick and Prausnitz (1979)	7	344–380	0.000 41–0.0091	2.3	2.2	>0.99	4.8
Morgan and Kobayashi (1994)	32	433–588	0.24–54	2	0.07	0.999	0.42
Myers and Fenske (1955)	21	395–573	0.027–40	5.2	0.5	>0.98	4.3
Piacente <i>et al.</i> (1991)	122	315–472	0.000 029–1.2			>0.99	24
Piacente <i>et al.</i> (1994)	28	347–388	0.000 32–0.019			0.99	26
Sasse <i>et al.</i> (1988)	21	363–467	0.0023–1.3	2	2	0.98	2.4
Schiessler and Whitmore (1955)	5	410–470	0.067–1.3			>0.95	1.4
Viton <i>et al.</i> (1996)	14	342–467	0.0004–1.2	2	0.22		1.9
<i>n</i>-Heneicosane							
Grenier-Loustalot <i>et al.</i> (1981)	4	379–434	0.004–0.14	33	1.1		3.9
Mazee (1948)	8	440–468	0.21–0.83				3.5
Piacente <i>et al.</i> (1991)	86	326–477	0.000 049–1.1			>0.99	29
Piacente <i>et al.</i> (1994)	22	365–400	0.000 96–0.023			0.99	14
<i>n</i>-Docosane							
Francis and Wood (1926)	9	462–509	0.27–3.6				21
Grenier-Loustalot <i>et al.</i> (1981)	4	379–434	0.0021–0.084	63	1.7		3.3
Morgan and Kobayashi (1994)	12	453–573	0.24–21	2	0.084	0.993	0.3
Piacente <i>et al.</i> (1991)	115	341–489	0.000 074–0.89			>0.99	28
Piacente <i>et al.</i> (1994)	23	372–410	0.000 64–0.029			0.99	25
Sasse <i>et al.</i> (1988)	16	353–462	0.0002–0.4	2	2	0.95	3.4
Young (1928)	3	494–519	1.5–4	0.92	0.35		5.1
<i>n</i>-Tricosane							
Mazee (1948)	7	471–492	0.37–0.96				2.1
Piacente <i>et al.</i> (1991)	83	348–489	0.000 085–0.81			>0.99	17
Piacente <i>et al.</i> (1994)	40	370–416	0.000 32–0.022			0.99	20
<i>n</i>-Tetracosane							
Francis and Wood (1926)	9	468–529	0.2–37				27
Grenier-Loustalot <i>et al.</i> (1981)	4	379–434	0.000 53–0.028	b	4.8		26
Mazee (1948)	6	473–499	0.27–0.87				2.3
Meyer and Stec (1971)	6	499–565	0.83–9				1.9
Morgan and Kobayashi (1994)	13	453–588	0.09–17	5.3	0.087	0.995	0.91
Piacente and Scardala (1990)	31	451–496	0.062–0.62	b	23	0.995	47
Piacente <i>et al.</i> (1991)	78	343–523	0.000 01–1.3			>0.99	28
Piacente <i>et al.</i> (1994)	40	386–429	0.000 72–0.025			0.99	17
Sasse <i>et al.</i> (1988)	12	373–462	0.000 25–0.15	2	2	0.97	6.2
Young (1928)	3	513–539	1.5–4	0.92	0.35		4.4
<i>n</i>-Pentacosane							
Grenier-Loustalot <i>et al.</i> (1981)	4	379–434	0.000 27–0.017	b	7.7		3.2
Piacente and Scardala (1990)	19	461–498	0.078–0.5	b	28	0.995	23
Piacente <i>et al.</i> (1991)	83	356–531	0.000 033–1.3			>0.99	22
Piacente <i>et al.</i> (1994)	36	306–434	0.0013–0.029			0.99	21
<i>n</i>-Hexacosane							
Francis and Wood (1926)	5	497–542	0.28–3.5				22
Grenier-Loustalot <i>et al.</i> (1981)	4	379–434	0.000 13–0.011	b	13		1.5

TABLE 5. Coefficients of the generalized vapor pressure equation, Eq. (12), determined in this work

<i>k</i>	<i>N_k</i>
1	-5.968 127 116 539
2	1.244 160 804 719
3	-0.501 340 221 969
4	-1.316 444 840 726
5	-4.589 426 828 138
6	1.365 162 911 745
7	-5.162 331 161 063
8	-5.678 478 208 052
9	-2.798 018 429 501
10	3.010 247 883 995
11	-7.634 352 378 867
12	-0.178 136 926 230

4.2. Isomers of the *n*-Alkanes

Equation (12), for which the coefficients were adjusted based solely on vapor pressure data for the normal alkanes, may also be used to determine the vapor pressures of branched alkanes. To do so requires the branched alkane critical temperature, critical pressure, and ω . These properties can be obtained from knowledge of one of the following two options: (1) direct measurement of the critical state and boiling temperature at ambient pressure; or (2) measurements of the vapor pressure at temperatures over about half the fluid range combined with Eq. (12) and a regression algorithm. The second option was verified for *n*-heptane since data are available over nearly the whole fluid range. In this case, the data of Willingham *et al.* (1945) from 299 to 372 K were used in a nonlinear regression to determine both critical parameters and the value of ω . The resulting values were $T_c = 537.939$ K, $p_c = 2.6459$ MPa, and $\omega = 0.341\ 07$. These results are in reasonable agreement with those listed in Table 2 ($T_c = 540.13$ K, $p_c = 2.727$ MPa, and $\omega = 0.336\ 02$). The data reported by Weber (1999) over the temperature range from 335 to 503 K were compared with Eq. (12) using the parameters obtained from option (2) and listed above. The average absolute deviations of the Weber (1999) data was $0.0006 \cdot p^{1+g}$, which is insignificantly different from $0.0007 \cdot p^{1+g}$ obtained with the parameters listed in Table 2, even though the upper temperature of the Weber data is both 131 K above the highest cited temperature of Willingham *et al.* and 37 K from the critical point. In other similar comparisons, the T_c obtained from option (2) was found to differ from experimental values of the critical temperature, however, the vapor pressures predicted by a self consistent set of parameters obtained from option (2) provided an accurate representation of the vapor pressure data.

Although Eq. (12) can be applied to all isomers of the *n*-alkanes, Table 6 reports values of the critical parameters and of ω only for the isomers of *n*-butane through *n*-octane, and for several of the isomers of *n*-nonane. If the critical temperature, critical pressure, and normal boiling point (or

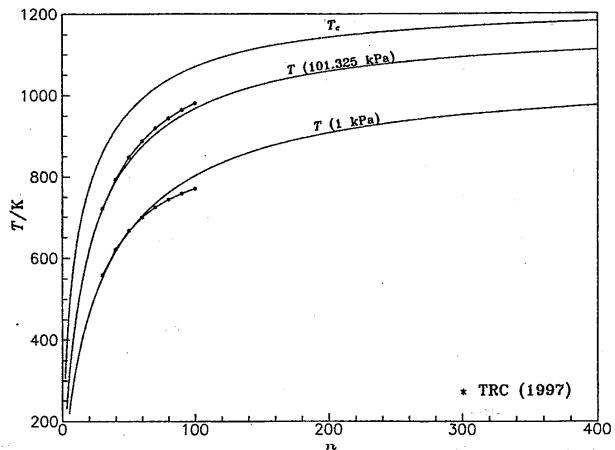


FIG. 3. The variation in critical temperature T_c , normal boiling temperature $T(p=101.325\text{ kPa})$ and boiling temperature at a pressure of 1 kPa $T(p=1\text{ kPa})$ obtained from Eq. (12) as a function of the number of carbon atoms n for C_nH_{2n+2} with $n \leq 400$.

other saturation point) of an isomer are known, the value of ω can be estimated using

$$\omega = \frac{-Pr^{(1)} - \sqrt{(Pr^{(1)})^2 - 4[Pr^{(0)} - Tr \ln(p^{1+g}/p_c)]Pr^{(2)}}}{2Pr^{(2)}}, \quad (25)$$

where $Pr^{(0)}$, $Pr^{(1)}$, and $Pr^{(2)}$ are obtained from Eqs. (13), (14), and (15) at the temperature of the saturation point. As an example, the value of ω calculated from Eq. (25) is 0.276 67 for the data point at 314.70 K and 0.053 654 MPa for 2-methylpentane from Willingham *et al.* (1945). The critical parameters used in this example are those from Table 6. The calculated value of ω is very similar to the value given in Table 6, $\omega = 0.276\ 52$, which was fit to multiple data points.

The critical temperatures and pressures used for the branched alkanes were mostly obtained from the literature and are listed in Table 6. Data used in determining the values of ω for each isomer are indicated in Table 4. For several of the isomers, systematic errors occurred when optimizing the parameter ω . This generally indicated that either the critical temperature or critical pressure (or both) was in error and, given sufficient data, the critical pressure was determined during the fitting process at the same time as ω . This procedure was adopted for 2-methylbutane, 3,3-dimethylpentane, 2-methylheptane, 2,2,4-trimethylpentane, 2,2,5-trimethylhexane, and 3,3-diethylpentane.

5. Comparisons

The experimental vapor pressure measurements used in the regression analysis are shown as deviations from Eq. (12) in Figs. 4–22. For clarity, data were selected for inclusion in the plots on the basis of two criteria. First, data sets containing one to five data points were omitted when there was a large number of data sources for that fluid and, second, data

TABLE 6. Values of T_c , p_c , and ω for the branched alkanes used in Eq. (12)

Substance	Reference	T_c /K	p_c /MPa	ω	T_b /K ^b
2-Methylpropane	Daubert (1996)	407.8	3.640	0.190 29	261.403
2-Methylbutane	Ewing and Goodwin (1991)	460.9	3.386 ^a	0.226 59	300.992
2,2-Dimethylpropane	Daubert (1996)	433.8	3.196	0.202 18	282.722
2-Methylpentane	Daubert (1996)	497.7	3.04	0.276 52	333.342
3-Methylpentane	Daubert (1996)	504.6	3.12	0.268 79	336.377
2,2-Dimethylbutane	Daubert (1996)	489.0	3.10	0.234 53	322.860
2,3-Dimethylbutane	Daubert (1996)	500.0	3.15	0.249 18	331.075
2-Methylhexane	Daubert (1996)	530.4	2.74	0.319 96	363.107
3-Methylhexane	Daubert (1996)	535.2	2.81	0.313 71	364.914
2,2-Dimethylpentane	Daubert (1996)	520.5	2.77	0.283 21	352.363
2,3-Dimethylpentane	Daubert (1996)	537.3	2.91	0.291 03	362.850
2,4-Dimethylpentane	Daubert (1996)	519.8	2.74	0.297 35	353.648
3,3-Dimethylpentane	Daubert (1996)	536.4	2.93 ^a	0.263 76	359.185
2,2,3-Trimethylbutane	Daubert (1996)	531.1	2.95	0.250 44	354.019
3-Ethylpentane	Daubert (1996)	540.6	2.89	0.303 86	366.634
2-Methylheptane	Daubert (1996)	559.7	2.49 ^a	0.360 52	390.704
3-Methylheptane	Daubert (1996)	563.6	2.55	0.354 92	392.008
4-Methylheptane	Daubert (1996)	561.7	2.54	0.354 90	390.824
2,2-Dimethylhexane	Daubert (1996)	549.8	2.53	0.328 05	380.007
2,3-Dimethylhexane	Daubert (1996)	563.5	2.63	0.333 69	388.661
2,4-Dimethylhexane	Daubert (1996)	553.5	2.56	0.332 09	382.554
2,5-Dimethylhexane	Daubert (1996)	550.0	2.49	0.342 81	382.183
3,3-Dimethylhexane	Daubert (1996)	562.0	2.65	0.311 52	385.054
3,4-Dimethylhexane	Daubert (1996)	568.8	2.69	0.327 09	390.811
2,2,3-Trimethylpentane	Daubert (1996)	563.5	2.73	0.292 46	382.990
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	Daubert (1996)	543.8	2.56 ^a	0.297 01	372.323
2,3,3-Trimethylpentane	Daubert (1996)	573.5	2.82	0.284 79	387.759
2,3,4-Trimethylpentane	Daubert (1996)	566.4	2.73	0.307 00	386.513
2,2,3,3-Tetramethylbutane	Reid <i>et al.</i> (1987)	567.8	2.87	0.250 00	379.438
3-Ethylhexane	Daubert (1996)	565.5	2.61	0.346 45	391.630
2-Methyl-3-ethylpentane	Daubert (1996)	567.1	2.70	0.319 86	388.750
3-Methyl-3-ethylpentane	Daubert (1996)	576.5	2.81	0.296 73	391.228
2,2,3-Trimethylhexane	Reid <i>et al.</i> (1987)	588.0	2.49	0.331 01	407.330
2,2,4-Trimethylhexane	Matteson (1950)	575.4	2.30	0.323 86	400.828
2,2,5-Trimethylhexane	Daubert (1996)	569.8	2.43 ^a	0.346 22	397.185
2,4,4-Trimethylhexane	Matteson (1950)	579.9	2.38	0.333 85	403.713
2,2,3,3-Tetramethylpentane	Daubert (1996)	607.5	2.74	0.297 44	413.325
2,2,3,4-Tetramethylpentane	Daubert (1996)	592.6	2.60	0.305 84	406.118
2,2,4,4-Tetramethylpentane	Daubert (1996)	574.6	2.49	0.305 17	395.320
2,3,3,4-Tetramethylpentane	Daubert (1996)	607.5	2.77	0.305 51	414.532
3,3-Diethylpentane	Reid <i>et al.</i> (1987)	610.0	2.58 ^a	0.314 36	419.311

^aValues of the critical pressures for 2-methylbutane, 3,3-dimethylpentane, 2-methylheptane, 2,2,4-trimethylpentane, 2,2,5-trimethylhexane, and 3,3-diethylpentane were obtained by regression analysis described in Sec. 4.2.

^bCalculated from Eq. (12) at 0.101 325 MPa

sets for which most of the deviations exceed the scale of the plot are not shown. For each of the normal alkanes up to *n*-heptane, at least 25 separate articles report measurement for each alkane, some with significantly high deviations from Eq. (12). In order to show clearly the agreement between Eq. (12) and the measurements of highest precision, two plots with differing ordinates axes were used for each fluid. For methane through *n*-butane, the top graph shows deviations

less than $0.005 \cdot p^{1+g}$, while the lower graph shows deviations less than $0.04 \cdot p^{1+g}$. For those deviations that exceed the ordinate scale, the symbols are shown at the top or bottom of the plot.

Many wide range vapor pressure equations have been published for various pure alkanes over the range from the triple point to the critical point. These equations are based either on extensive measurements over a wide temperature range or

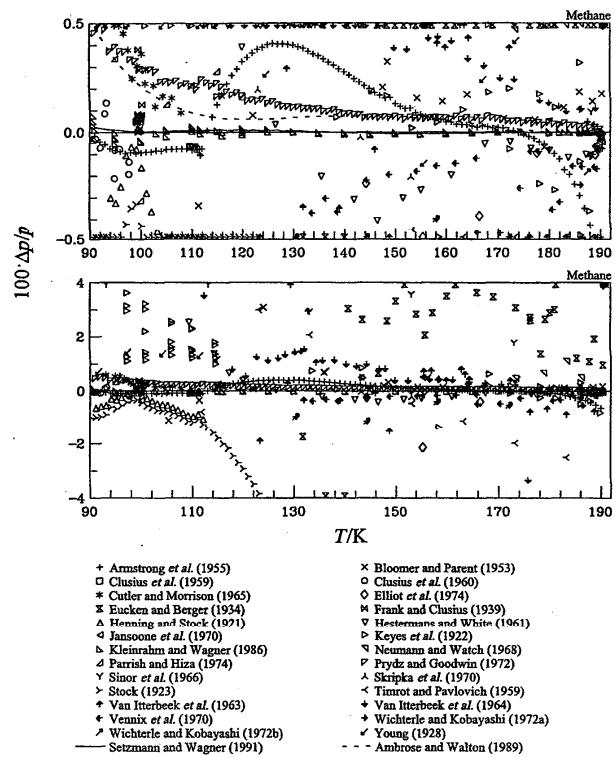


FIG. 4. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for methane.

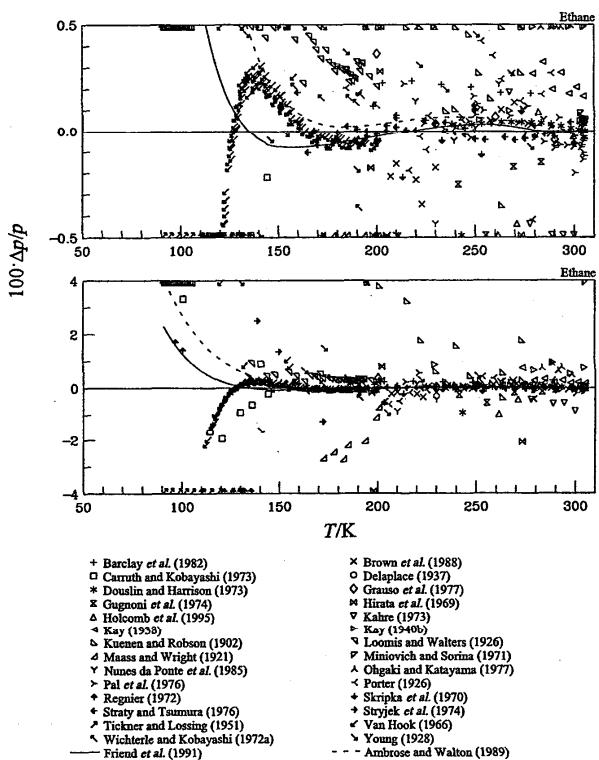


FIG. 5. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for ethane.

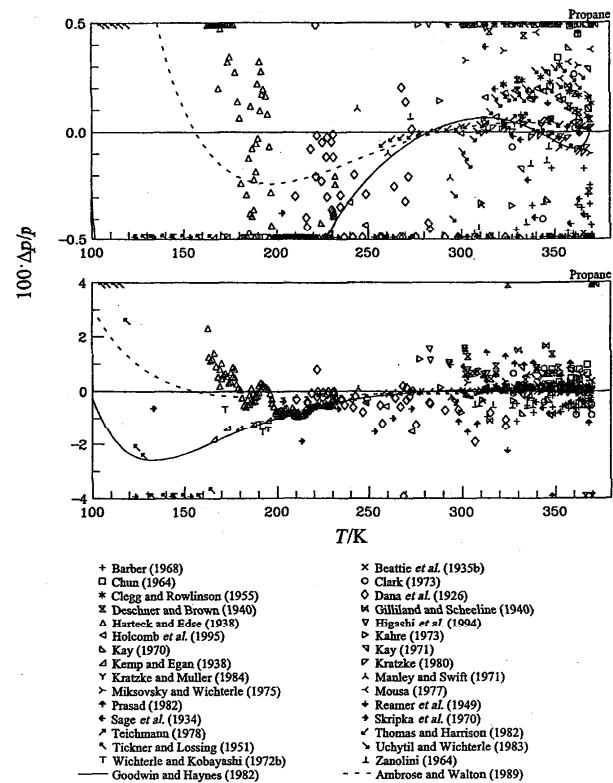


FIG. 6. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for propane.

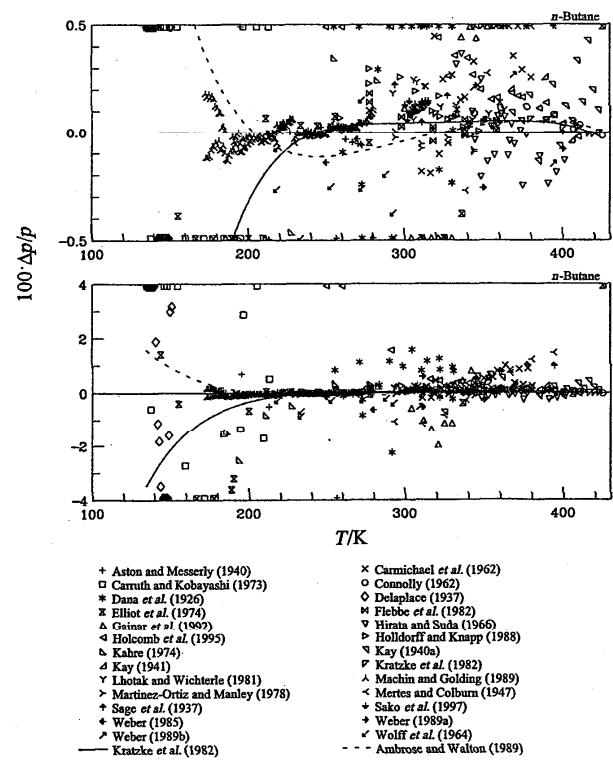


FIG. 7. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for n-butane.

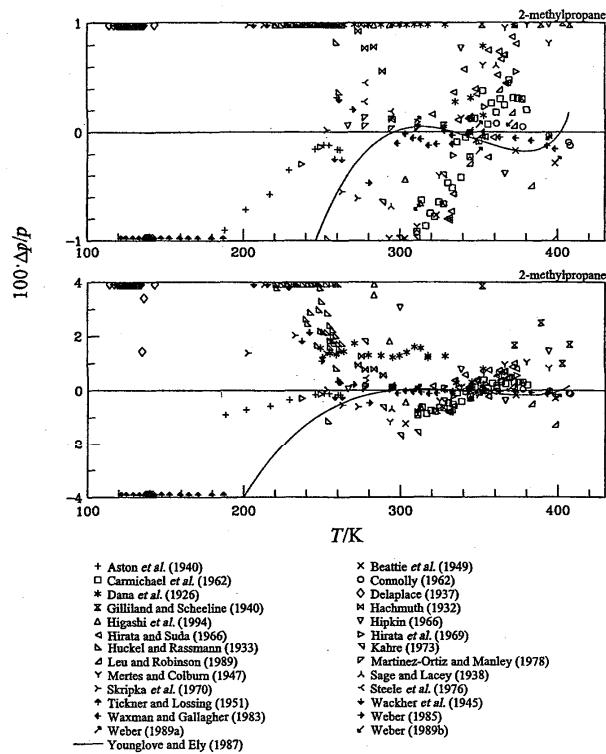


FIG. 8. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for 2-methylpropane.

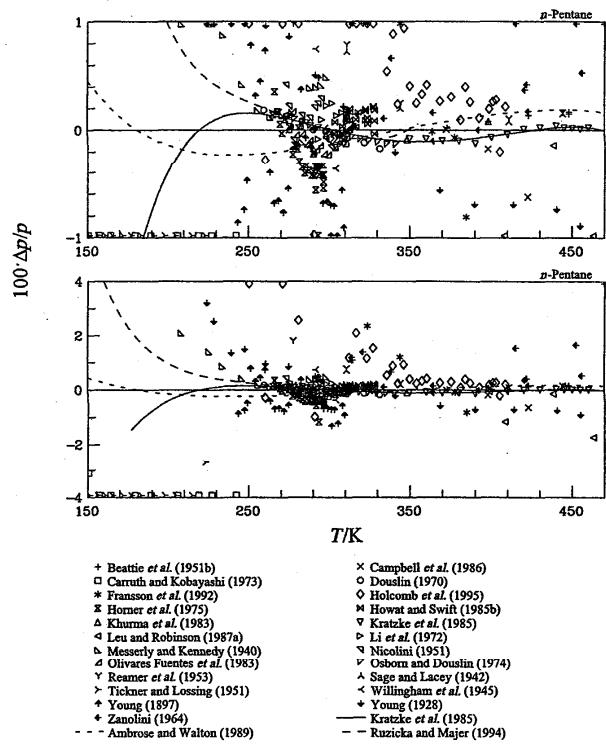


FIG. 9. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for *n*-pentane.

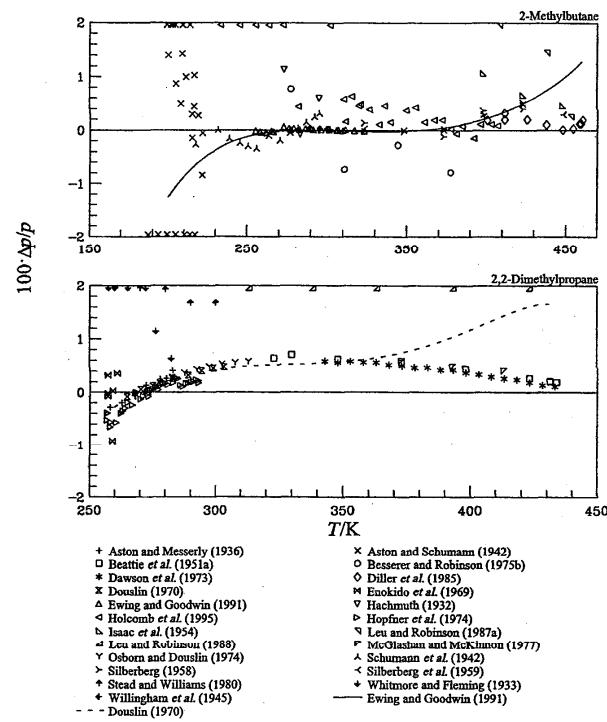


FIG. 10. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for 2-methylbutane (top) and 2,2-dimethylpropane (bottom).

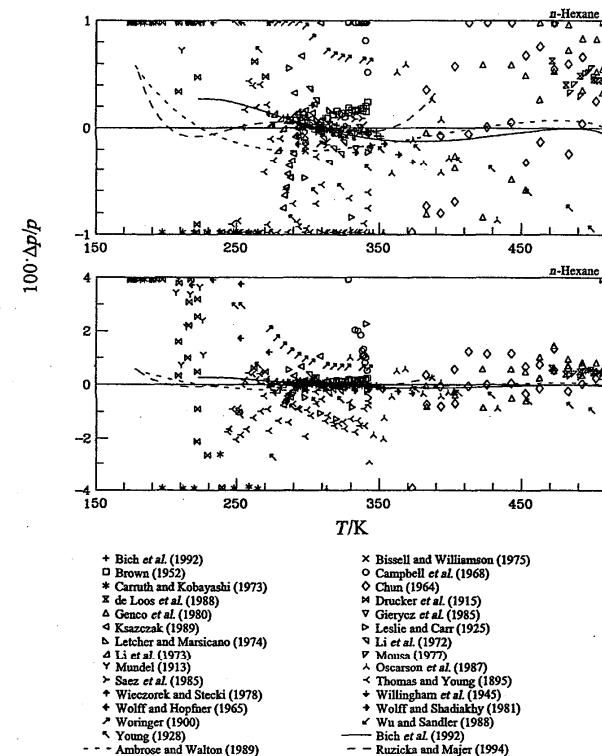


FIG. 11. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for *n*-hexane.

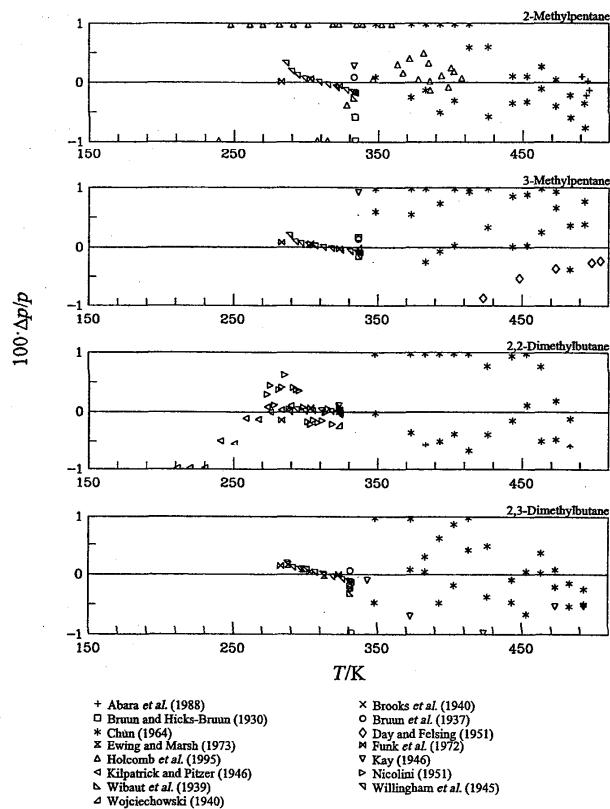


FIG. 12. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for (1) 2-methylpentane, (2) 3-methylpentane, (3) 2,2-dimethylbutane, and (4) 2,3-dimethylbutane.

a comprehensive review of existing literature data. Vapor pressure equations are shown as solid lines in Figs. 4–13 for the following fluids: methane (Setzmann and Wagner, 1991), ethane (Friend *et al.*, 1991), propane (Goodwin and Haynes, 1982), *n*-butane (Kratzke *et al.*, 1982), 2-methylpropane (Younglove and Ely, 1987), *n*-pentane (Kratzke *et al.*, 1985), 2-methylbutane (Ewing and Goodwin, 1991), 2,2-dimethylpropane (Douslin, 1970), *n*-hexane (Bich *et al.*, 1992), and *n*-heptane (Weber, 1999).

Additional vapor pressure equations that have been developed to represent the properties of groups of alkanes are shown in the figures for further comparison. Values calculated from the *n*-alkane vapor pressure correlation of Ambrose and Walton (1989) are shown for *n*-alkanes up to *n*-eicosane, and values calculated from the correlation of Morgan and Kobayashi (1992) are shown for *n*-eicosane and higher. Ruzicka and Majer (1994), (1996) developed equations for the vapor pressures of alkanes at low temperatures between the triple point and the boiling point by extrapolating the vapor pressure using the enthalpy of vaporization and the heat capacities of the liquid and ideal gas. Values calculated from their equations are shown for the *n*-alkanes from *n*-pentane to *n*-eicosane and for several of the isomers of octane. For *n*-heptane, calculated values from the equations of Poling (1996) and Weber (1999) are shown. Poling used

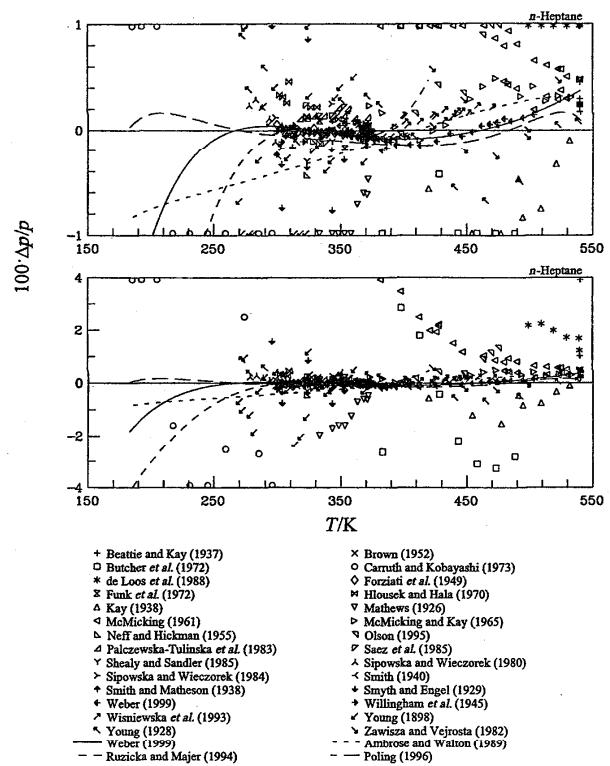


FIG. 13. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for *n*-heptane.

the Clapeyron equation to calculate vapor pressures at low temperatures from heat capacity measurements. Weber used heat capacities of the saturated liquid and ideal gas along with virial coefficients to calculate thermodynamic values of the vapor pressure at temperatures below 300 K.

For $C_{21}H_{44}$ through $C_{43}H_{88}$, the data of Mazee (1948) were tabulated at $p^{1+g}=400$ Pa and shown graphically at pressures between 134 and 959 Pa in the original work. The values listed in Table 7 are estimates obtained from the plot given by Mazee. The first listed temperature for each alkane refers to the pressure at 400 Pa. The extrapolation behavior of Eq. (12) for alkanes greater than *n*-octacosane (the largest alkane for which experimental data were fit) was monitored during the fitting process, and the final equation represents the data of Mazee (1948) for *n*-hexatriacontane ($C_{36}H_{74}$) with an average deviation of $0.026 \cdot p^{1+g}$.

The data selected for determining the coefficients given in Table 5 were described in the previous section. Clearly, the excellent agreement between vapor pressures obtained from Eq. (12) and from experimental measurements both verify the approach taken in this work and the generalization of the vapor pressure equation. Comparisons to experimental and predicted values for *n*-heptane and other fluids demonstrate that our approach should extrapolate well to low temperatures. In addition, data fitted from fluids at low temperatures will influence the vapor pressure representation of other fluids without similar data.

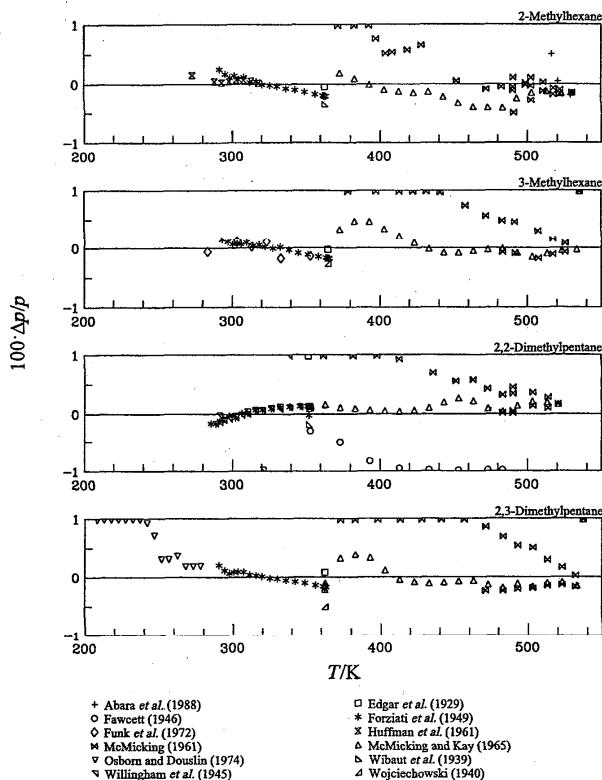


FIG. 14. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for (1) 2-methylhexane, (2) 3-methylhexane, (3) 2,2-dimethylpentane, and (4) 2,3-dimethylpentane.

6. Uncertainty of the Model

The average absolute deviations (AADs) between vapor pressures obtained from Eq. (12) and experimental values are listed in Table 4. The percent deviation in vapor pressure is defined as

$$\% \Delta p/p = 100[(p_{\text{exp}}^{1+g} - p_{\text{calc}}^{1+g})/p_{\text{exp}}^{1+g}]. \quad (26)$$

At pressures greater than 1 kPa, the uncertainty of the vapor pressure equation presented here is as follows: $0.001 \cdot p^{1+g}$ for methane, $0.001 \cdot p^{1+g}$ for ethane, propane, and *n*-butane, $0.002 \cdot p^{1+g}$ for *n*-pentane through *n*-octane, 2-methylpropane, and 2-methylbutane, $0.005 \cdot p^{1+g}$ for 2,2-dimethylpropane, *n*-nonane, *n*-decane, and the isomers of hexane through nonane, $0.01 \cdot p^{1+g}$ for *n*-undecane to *n*-hexadecane, $0.02 \cdot p^{1+g}$ for *n*-heptadecane to *n*-eicosane, $0.05 \cdot p^{1+g}$ for *n*-heneicosane to *n*-octacosane, and $0.10 \cdot p^{1+g}$ for *n*-nonacosane to *n*-hexatriacontane. The uncertainty in the correlation is determined at the 99.5% confidence interval by two times the AAD for each substance. For fluids with limited experimental data sets, the uncertainties so determined must be considered predictions, until additional experimental values are available to verify the behavior of Eq. (12). However, we expect for engineering applications that vapor pressures obtained from Eq. (12) with

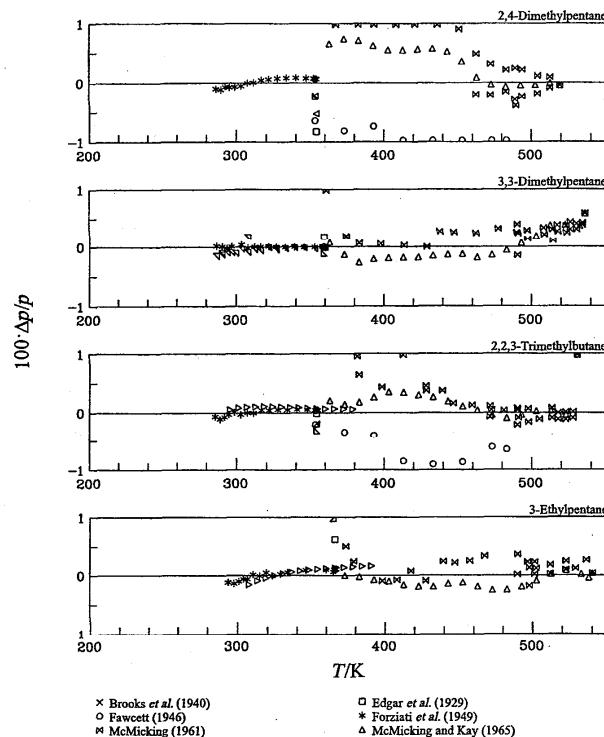


FIG. 15. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for (1) 2,4-dimethylpentane, (2) 3,3-dimethylpentane, (3) 2,2,3-trimethylbutane, and (4) 3-ethylpentane.

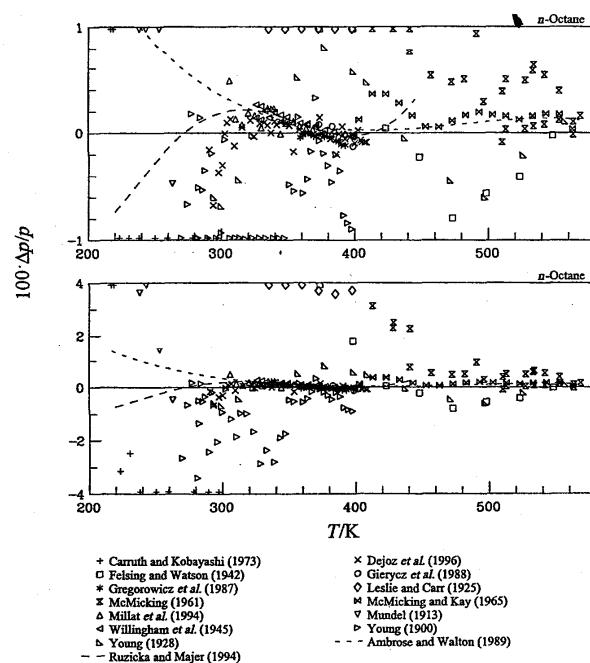


FIG. 16. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for *n*-octane.

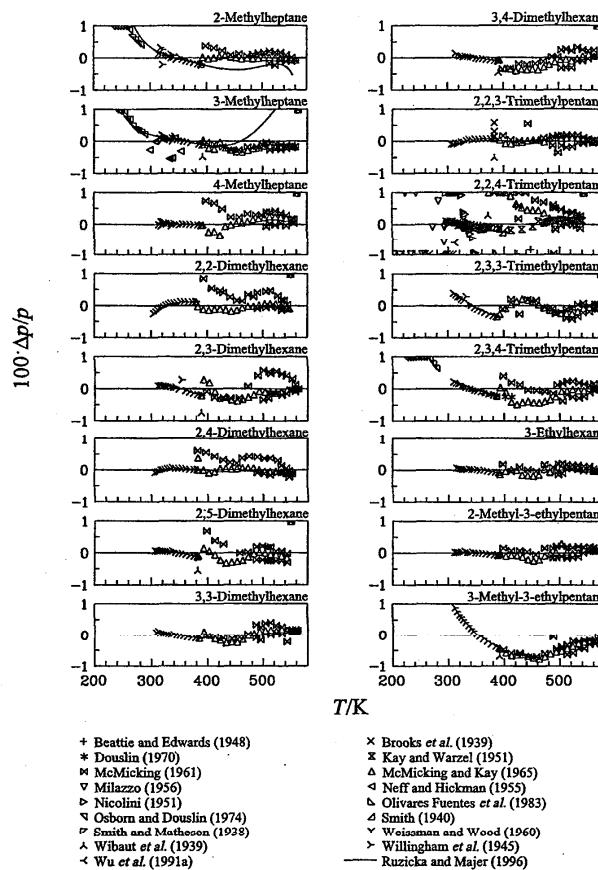


FIG. 17. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for (1) 2-methylheptane, (2) 3-methylheptane, (3) 4-methylheptane, (4) 2,2-dimethylhexane, (5) 2,3-dimethylhexane, (6) 2,4-dimethylhexane, (7) 2,5-dimethylhexane, (8) 3,3-dimethylhexane, (9) 3,4-dimethylhexane, (10) 2,2,3-trimethylpentane, (11) 2,2,4-trimethylpentane, (12) 2,3,3-trimethylpentane, (13) 2,3,4-trimethylpentane, (14) 3-ethylhexane, (15) 2-methyl-3-ethylpentane, and (16) 3-methyl-3-ethylpentane.

coefficients from Table 5 are sufficient. The basis for this statement of accuracy is given in this section.

Vapor pressures determined from this correlation lie within the experimental uncertainty for the most accurate data. We regard the data selected for use in determining the coefficients given in Table 5 (indicated in Table 4) as accurate and consistent with each other. Although data for the isomers were not used in the fit, the accuracy of the correlation for branched alkanes appears to be indistinguishable from that for the normal alkanes, substantiating the general applicability of the functional form used here.

Below the normal boiling point pressure, vapor pressures calculated with Eq. (12) deviate from the correlation of Ambrose and Walton (1989) for $n \leq 20$ by as much as $0.05 \cdot p^{1+g}$. However, the vapor pressures are often in the range of 20 mPa–400 Pa, and percent differences are somewhat misleading because there may be only one to three significant figures in the reported data. The differences in pressure often approach the magnitude of the reported values at very

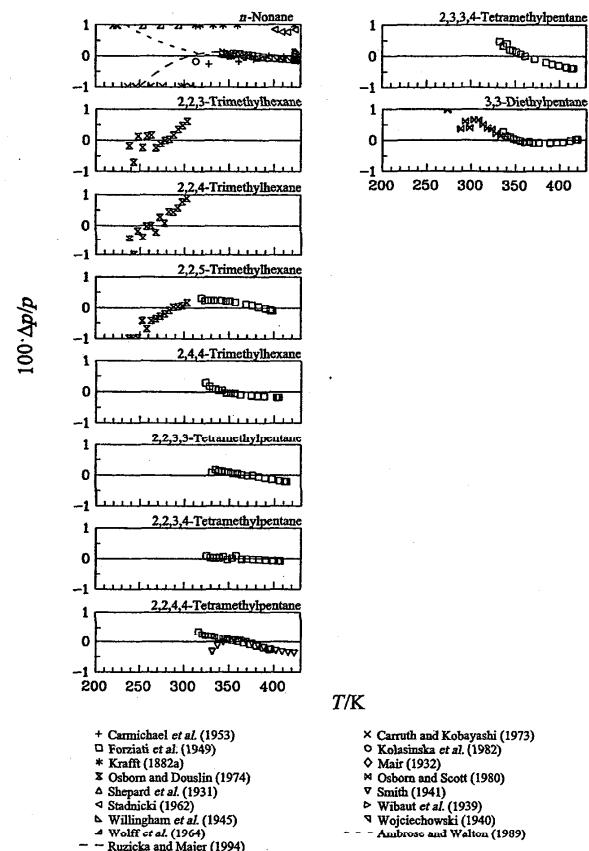


FIG. 18. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for (1) *n*-nonane, (2) 2,2,3-trimethylhexane, (3) 2,2,4-trimethylhexane, (4) 2,2,5-trimethylhexane, (5) 2,4,4-trimethylhexane, (6) 2,2,3,3-tetramethylpentane, (7) 2,2,3,4-tetramethylpentane, (8) 2,2,4,4-tetramethylpentane, (9) 2,3,3,4-tetramethylpentane, and (10) 3,3-diethylpentane.

low pressures. The differences between the Ambrose and Walton correlation and this work at these low pressures are well within the combined uncertainties of both correlations and well within the estimated uncertainties of the experimental data.

For methane, as illustrated in Fig. 4, the correlation developed in this work deviates on average by $0.00007 \cdot p^{1+g}$ from values calculated using the equation of Setzmann and Wagner (1991) which was based on the extensive accurate measurements reported by Kleinrahm and Wagner (1986). The generalized correlation of this work is consistent with that of Setzmann and Wagner within the experimental uncertainty of the data.

For ethane, the experimental vapor pressures reported by Van Hook (1966) were not fitted since the trends of the data near 170 K do not follow the trends of the data of Straty and Tsumura (1976), which we consider reliable. Other low temperature data were not included in the fit due to their large scatter. The same philosophy was followed for other fluids at low temperatures. Data that were judged to be questionable were not used in the fit. Rather, calculated vapor pressures

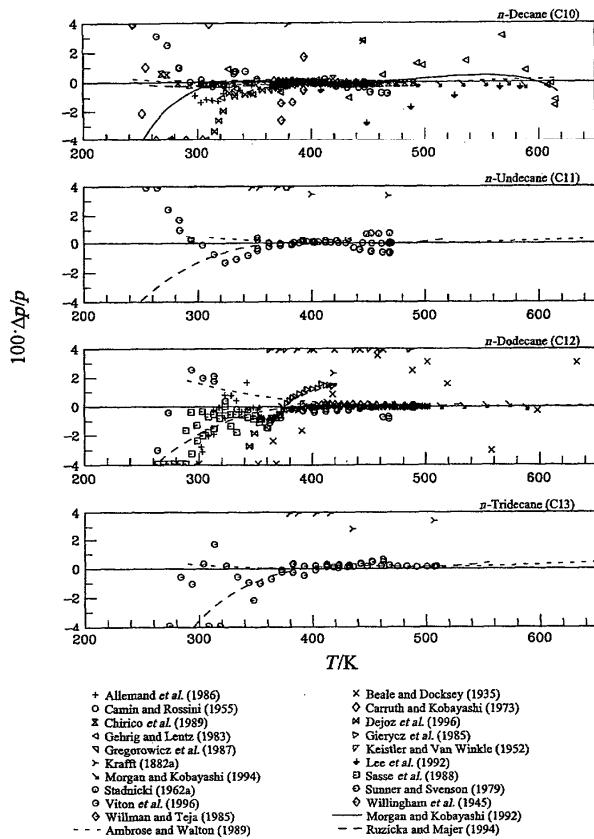


FIG. 19. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for (1) *n*-decane, (2) *n*-undecane, (3) *n*-dodecane, and (4) *n*-tridecane.

for these fluids were influenced by the behavior of other fluids in the generalization. For example, much of the low temperature behavior of the equation for ethane and propane comes from fitting the data of Kleinrahm and Wagner (1986) for methane and Machin and Golding (1989) for *n*-butane. If inconsistent data for ethane or propane were used in the fit, errors in calculated values for methane and *n*-butane increased.

In general, values from the correlation deviate from the data for 2,2-dimethylpropane by as much as $0.005 \cdot p^{1+g}$. 2,2-Dimethylpropane is the only spherical molecule, other than methane, in the group of fluids studied. Figure 10 indicates a systematic deviation between measured and calculated values which cannot be explained. A separate equation was developed for 2,2-dimethylpropane that represents the experimental data within $0.001 \cdot p^{1+g}$, given by

$$\ln\left(\frac{p^{1+g}}{p_c}\right) = \frac{1}{T_r} (a\tau + b\tau^{1.5} + c\tau^{2.5} + d\tau^5), \quad (27)$$

where $a = -6.9511$, $b = 1.5422$, $c = -1.7735$, $d = -3.3642$, $T_c = 433.8$ K, and $p_c = 3.1987$ MPa. Comparisons of experimental vapor pressure measurements with values calculated

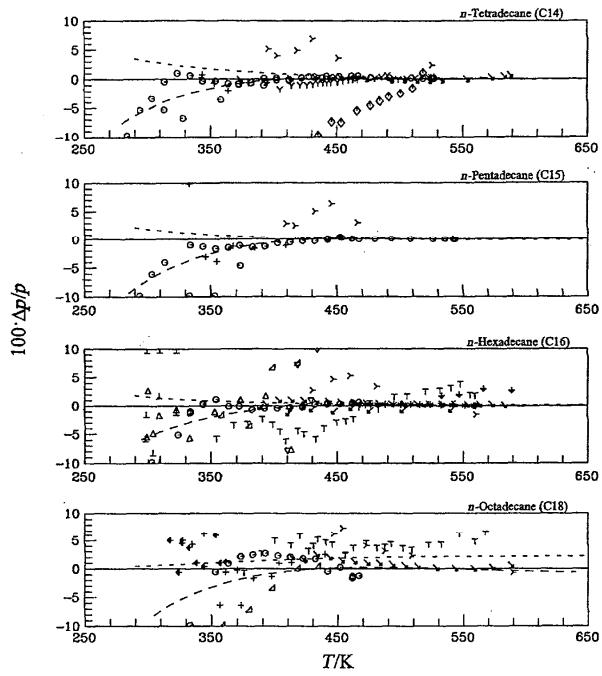


FIG. 20. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for (1) *n*-tetradecane, (2) *n*-pentadecane, (3) *n*-hexadecane, and (4) *n*-octadecane.

from this equation are shown in Fig. 23. The normal boiling point temperature calculated from this equation is 282.644 K.

The only available experimental data for 2,2,3,3-tetramethylbutane are six data points of Calingaert *et al.* (1944). These data are not shown in Fig. 17. They span the temperature range from 374 to 383 K, and the maximum deviation in vapor pressure is $0.002 \cdot p^{1+g}$. The behavior of the correlation for this fluid at temperatures outside this range cannot be verified without further experimental data.

For some isomers, Figs. 17 and 18 show systematic deviations between the reported data from various sources and the calculated values. The magnitudes of these deviations are generally less than $0.01 \cdot p^{1+g}$. Examples are 3-methyl-3-ethylpentane and 2,2,5-trimethylhexane. Some of the data of Osborn and Douslin (1974) for various fluids, e.g., 2,3-dimethylpentane, 2-methylheptane, 3-methylheptane, 2,3,4-trimethylpentane, and 2,2,5-trimethylhexane, appear to disagree systematically with values from this correlation. The uncertainties of these data were not given by the authors, so the consistency of these data with values calculated by the correlation given here is uncertain. However, the disagreement occurs at pressures less than 200 Pa. At such pressures, large relative differences are caused by numerically small

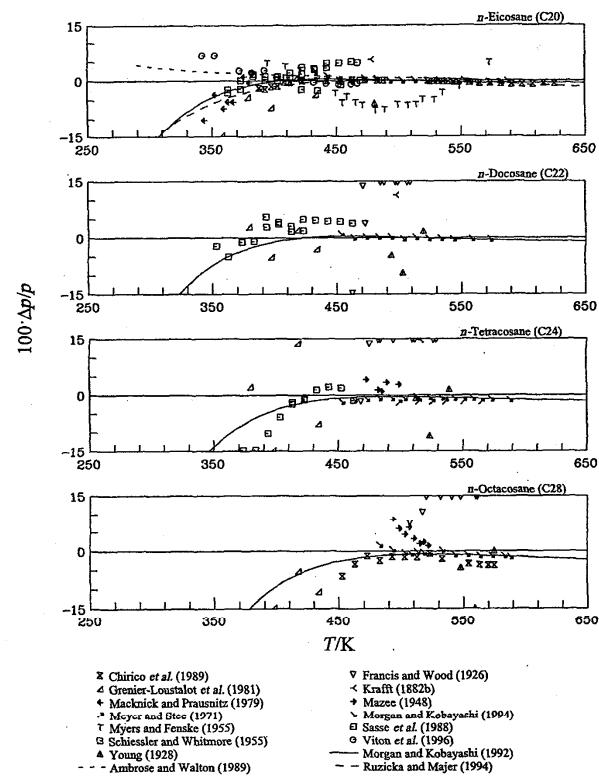


FIG. 21. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for (1) *n*-eicosane, (2) *n*-docosane, (3) *n*-tetracosane, and (4) *n*-octacosane.

differences in low pressures as explained earlier.

One of the advantages of the correlation presented here can be seen when comparing the equation of Ambrose and Walton (1989) (for which the parameters T_c , p_c , and ω were not generalized as done in this work) with experimental data for *n*-heptadecane and *n*-nonadecane. In 1989, the data of Viton *et al.* (1996) and Morgan and Kobayashi (1994) were not available and were not used in the fit of Ambrose and Walton. Rather, the equation of Ambrose and Walton generally follows the data of Krafft (1882a). For the equation developed here, no data were used in the fit for these two fluids, but the equation represents the data of Viton *et al.* and Morgan and Kobayashi within their uncertainties as a result of generalizing T_c , p_c , and ω and of fitting other newer data at $n=16$, $n=20$, and $n=24$.

The values of Piacente and co-workers (1990), (1991), and (1994) are generally not consistent with values from other sources. For example, for *n*-eicosane, the average absolute deviation is about $0.25 \cdot p^{1+g}$ for the values by Piacente but is less than $0.02 \cdot p^{1+g}$ for the data of Chirico *et al.* (1989), Morgan and Kobayashi (1994), and Viton *et al.* (1996). These large deviations are typical for all the systems measured by Piacente. The deviations between the experimental data of Piacente and Eq. (12) are not shown in the figures.

The graphical data of Mazee (1948) for C₄₃H₈₈ disagree

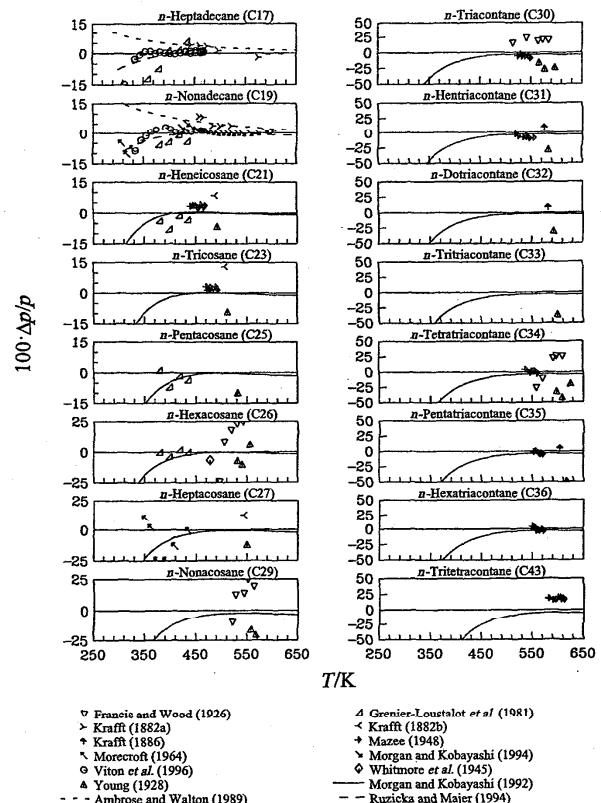


FIG. 22. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (12) for (1) *n*-heptadecane, (2) *n*-nonadecane, (3) *n*-heneicosane, (4) *n*-tricosane, (5) *n*-pentacosane, (6) *n*-hexacosane, (7) *n*-heptacosane, (8) *n*-nonacosane, (9) *n*-triacontane, (10) *n*-hentriacontane, (11) *n*-dotriaccontane, (12) *n*-tritriacontane, (13) *n*-tetracontane, (14) *n*-pentracontane, (15) *n*-hexacontane, and (16) *n*-tritetacontane.

with values calculated using Eq. (12) by as much as $0.2 \cdot p^{1+g}$. Since Eq. (12) extrapolates to C₃₆H₇₄ and generally agrees with data within $0.05 \cdot p^{1+g}$ (the estimated uncertainty), we believe that the equation may be extrapolated to C₄₃H₈₈ without introducing large systematic errors. Figure 22 supports this opinion. The work of Morgan and Kobayashi (1992) showed similar trends with the data of Mazee for C₄₃H₈₈. In both this work and that of Morgan and Kobayashi, the data of Mazee for the other systems (C₂₁H₄₄ through C₃₆H₇₄) appear to be of good quality, e.g., the seven data points for C₃₆H₇₄ have an average absolute deviation of $0.026 \cdot p^{1+g}$ calculated from Eq. (12).

At pressures below the range of most available data for $n > 20$, the equation of Morgan and Kobayashi (1992) deviates, as shown in Figs. 21 and 22, substantially from our equation. There is little precise experimental evidence to support one equation or the other for $n > 20$. However, as shown in Fig. 19, the equation of Morgan and Kobayashi deviates in a similar fashion from the data for *n*-decane for temperatures of 320 K and lower. For both *n*-decane and *n*-eicosane, our equation agrees well with that of Ambrose and Walton (1989) over all temperatures. For $n < 10$, the de-

TABLE 7. Values of the vapor pressure estimated from the figure of Maze (1948)

T/K	p^{1+g}/Pa	T/K	p^{1+g}/Pa
<i>n</i> -Heneicosane		<i>n</i> -Henetricontane	
452.9	400.0	539.4	400.0
440.1	211.3	517.3	151.3
444.8	270.3	523.6	197.2
449.4	340.3	533.4	305.4
456.0	462.3	539.1	402.6
460.2	572.7	545.0	498.8
465.5	720.9	553.4	716.0
468.4	827.8	<i>n</i> -Tetratricontane	
		558.6	400.0
<i>n</i> -Tricosane		537.1	160.3
472.7	400.0	545.0	221.3
470.6	369.7	549.5	278.5
476.2	473.0	552.5	316.9
478.0	522.3	555.3	361.3
484.0	679.1	559.3	418.7
488.5	835.4	<i>n</i> -Pentatricontane	
492.1	959.2	565.5	400.0
<i>n</i> -Tetracosane		552.5	234.4
481.8	400.0	556.2	280.5
472.6	264.8	561.8	348.3
481.9	402.6	564.0	378.4
484.7	457.0	566.6	426.5
489.0	568.7	570.5	493.1
498.8	866.8	<i>n</i> -Hexatricontane	
		571.6	400.0
<i>n</i> -Octacosane		550.1	162.8
515.2	400.0	553.4	188.3
521.7	530.8	557.1	211.8
518.2	459.1	559.9	244.3
510.5	327.3	563.4	281.8
506.3	278.5	567.6	345.1
503.0	233.3	<i>n</i> -Tetracontane	
498.3	187.9	605.2	400.0
493.6	153.1	580.8	134.2
<i>n</i> -Triaccontane		589.3	195.4
531.7	400.0	594.6	248.3
523.6	278.5	599.6	323.5
529.1	368.9	604.3	398.9
532.8	424.5	608.7	473.0
537.7	518.7	611.7	524.7

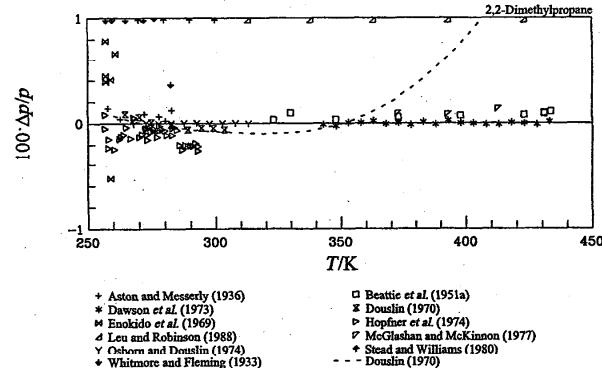


FIG. 23. Percent deviations of experimental vapor pressures from values obtained from Eq. (27) for 2,2-dimethylpropane.

viations calculated from Morgan and Kobayashi are substantially higher than those from this model and that of Ambrose and Walton.

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