

471 Simple Argon Triple Point Apparatus

PROVISIONAL DATA*

- Affordable
- Robust and simple to use
- Accurate to $\pm 1\text{mK}$ - 4 hour plateau typical

The Isotech Argon Triple Point Apparatus is a robust, simple to use and affordable solution for the realisation of the argon triple point.

Many laboratories use liquid nitrogen comparators which are convenient and can be low cost but the nitrogen boiling point is not on the ITS-90. More seriously the LN point is below that of Argon. Many standard platinum resistance thermometers (SPRTs) are filled with a mixture of argon and oxygen and at -195°C will be under a partial vacuum which affects the self-heating of the SPRT leading to a larger calibration uncertainty.

For many laboratories the high cost and complexity of previously available argon systems has been a barrier.

Now after years of research Isotech have introduced a new system that is more affordable, simple to use and will allow more laboratories the benefits of being able realise the argon triple point.

The Isotech system requires no electricity; the only consumable is liquid nitrogen - the 6N Pure argon is contained in a pressure vessel. A re-entrant tube allows liquid nitrogen to initially cool this volume to approximately -195°C . Weights are then added to a pressure release valve to increase the nitrogen's boiling temperature to just above the argon cells triple point.

The argon settles into its triple point for around four hours, allowing an SPRT inside the re-entrant tube to be calibrated.

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The specification on this product is provisional, please visit the website for the latest information.
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Sectional view
from front

Sectional view
from side

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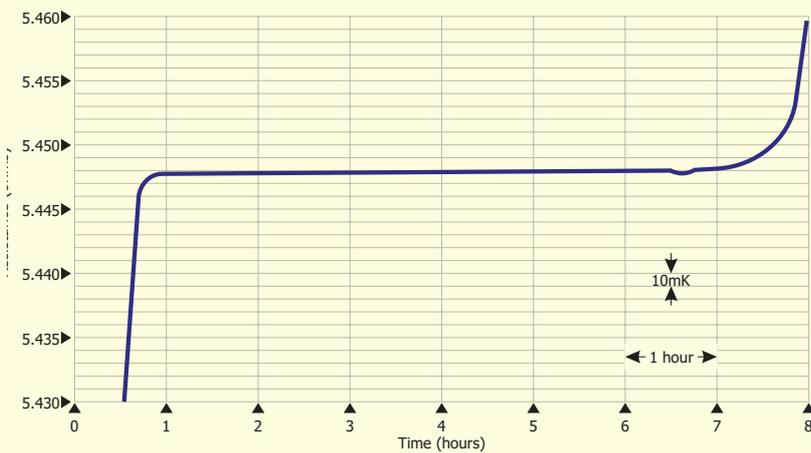
Premium SPRT Calibration - Argon TP

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Note number (below)	Source of uncertainty	Value ±	Unit	Probability distribution	Divisor	Sensitivity c_i	Standard uncertainty u_i (unit)	Degrees of freedom ν_i or ν_2	u_i^2	u^2/ν_i
1	Calibration of Standard Resistor	0.000002	C	normal	2.00	1	0.000001	1	0.000000000	0
2	Uncorrected Drift since last calibration	0.000009	C	rectangular	1.73	1	0.000005	1	0.000000000	0
3	Effect of the Temperature of Oil Bath	0.000001	C	rectangular	1.73	1	0.000001	1	0.000000000	0
4	microK linearity	0.000007	C	normal	2.00	1	0.000004	1	0.000000000	0
5	microK resolution	0.000002	C	rectangular	1.73	1	0.000001	1	0.000000000	0
6	Uncertainty of the Fixed Point Cell	0.001000	C	normal	2.00	1	0.000500	1	0.000002500	0
7	Slope of cell melt during cal	0.001000	C	rectangular	1.73	1	0.000577	1	0.000003333	0
8	Immersion uncertainty	0.000500	C	normal	1.00	1	0.000500	1	0.000002500	0
9	Self Heating Effects	0.000050	C	rectangular	1.73	1	0.000029	1	0.000000001	0
10	SPRT Spurious flux, noise etc (Std)	0.000010	C	normal	1.00	1	0.000010	16	0.000000000	6.3E-22
11	uncertainty of hydrostatic correction	0.000017	C	rectangular	1.73	1	0.000010	1	0.000000000	0
12	Repeatability of the Thermometer	0.000250	C	normal	2.00	1	0.000125	16	0.000000016	1.5E-17
13	Propogation of the water triple point w/c	0.000007	C	rectangular	1.73	1	0.000004	1	0.000000000	0
u_c	Combined uncertainty			normal			0.000922	47/353	0.000000850	1.5E-17
U	Expanded uncertainty			normal	$k = 2.00$		0.001844	47/353		

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Model 471
 Temperature Range -189.3442°C
 Uncertainty 1.844mK at $k=2$
 Dimensions Width - 380mm
 Depth - 615mm
 Height - 1250mm
 (900mm high to top of cabinet)



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www.isotech.co.uk/argon