

## Thermal energy

### Changes in thermal energy

Thermal energy and mass ( $\Delta\vartheta = \text{constant}$ )  
Universal physics measuring instrument

### Object of the experiment

- Investigate the relationship between the change in thermal energy and the mass of water at constant temperature

### Setup



### Settings for Joule and wattmeter:

- Use the  $U, I, P$  button to set the measured variable to be work and its value to 0.00 kW.
- Press button  $t$  START/STOP such that the red LED comes on.
- If necessary, press the OUTPUT button so that the left-hand LED lights up (no voltage at plug socket).

### Apparatus

1 Temperature sensor S, NTC.....	524 044
1 Universal physics measuring instrument.....	531 835
1 Immersion heater.....	303 25
1 Plastic beaker.....	590 06
1 Joule and wattmeter.....	531 831
1 Stand base, V-shaped, small.....	300 02
1 Stand rod, 25 cm, 12 mm diam.....	300 41
1 Universal clamp, 0...80 mm.....	666 555
1 Leybold multiclamp.....	301 01

### Procedure

- Fill the measuring beaker with 0.6 kg (600 ml) of water.
- Determine the temperature of the water  $\vartheta_0$ .
- Start measuring by pressing the OUTPUT button of the combined Joule and wattmeter.
- While you are measuring, keep the water in the measuring beaker well stirred with the immersion heater.
- When the temperature has risen by about 9 K, stop the Joule and wattmeter measuring by pressing the OUTPUT button again.
- Stir the water in the beaker thoroughly again and wait until the temperature settles down to a constant level.
- Read off the measurements from the Joule and wattmeter and from the universal physics measuring instrument. Enter the results into the table.
- Set the display of the Joule and wattmeter back to zero by pressing the  $t$  START/STOP button twice.
- Now repeat the measurement with 0.8 kg (800 ml) and 1 kg (1000 ml).

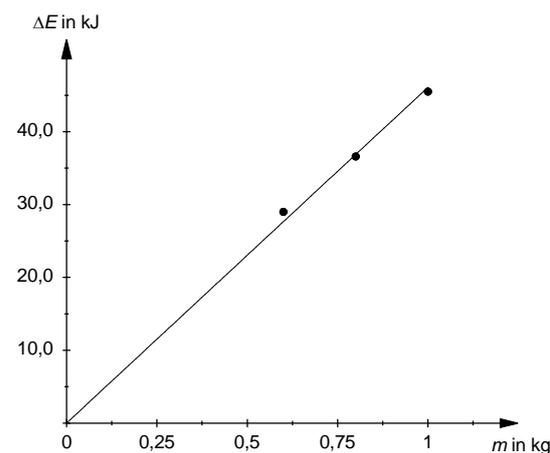
- Plot a graph of the relationship between the supplied thermal energy  $\Delta E$  and the mass of water  $m$ .

### Measuring example

$m$ in kg	$\vartheta_0$ in °C	$\vartheta$ in °C	* $\Delta\vartheta$ in K	* $\Delta E$ in kJ
0.6	26.2	36.4	10	28
0.8	26.8	37.0	10	36
1.0	26.0	36.1	10	44

\*Rounded values

### Evaluation



The greater the mass of water, the larger the amount of thermal energy that needs to be supplied in order to obtain a constant rise in temperature. The following is true:  $\Delta E \sim m$ .

Remark:

The proportionality demonstrated here only applies as long as the water remains in the same aggregate state.