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Δb positive.

24. Up to now we have considered the case Δb negative. Then the coexistence-curve liquid-solid proceeds from high pressure-values at $T=0$, with a maximum in the neighbourhood of $T=0$, either to a horizontal point of inflection E,D , at the same time *critical point liquid-solid*, where the two phases become identical, and where the minimum E of the isotherm coincides with the maximum D (see inter alia fig. 20 of V) — or to the neighbourhood of a horizontal point of inflection D,C , where the maximum D coincides with the minimum C .

In the example chosen by us, the first thing takes place when $-\Delta b < 0,454$; the second when $-\Delta b > 0,454$. For $-\Delta b = 0,454$, in the transition case, E, D , and C coincide all three.

For the intersection of the coexistence-curve of liquid-solid and that of vapour-liquid, so that a triple-point S arises, it is required that the said critical point E,D or the point of inflection D,C is found at a negative pressure, as the pressure in the triple point has mostly a very slight positive value. In our example e.g. this occurs for $-\Delta b = 0,5$ (fig. 14). Then S lies at about $\frac{1}{4} T_c$.

Now if Δb is *positive*, all this changes. Then the coexistence-curve ascends from below (see fig. 23—25) from low pressures, intersects in, favourable cases (Δb large) the line vapour-liquid in a triple-point S , and again terminates in a *critical point E,D solid-liquid*. The curve, however, never terminates in a point of inflection D,C , as for Δb negative, when $-\Delta b > 0,454$. But it arises very low down from such a point [or rather in its neighbourhood, because only at somewhat higher temperature the first coexistence solid-liquid begins (see fig. 20 of V)].

So for Δb negative the course is *from* the axis $T=0$ to a critical point E,D or close to a point of inflection D,C (according to the value of $-\Delta b$), thus running *from above downward*, with (beyond the pressure maximum near $T=0$) always *negative* values of $\frac{dp}{dt}$; for Δb positive, on the other hand, *from* a point of inflection D,C to a critical point E,D , thus running *from below upward* always with *positive* values of $\frac{dp}{dt}$. For a definite value of Δb the two end-

points of this curve, which is limited on both sides in this way, will coincide (and accordingly also the *three* points E, D , and C), and the whole coexistence-curve reduces to a single point (fig. 26).

We shall prove the above in the following paragraphs.

25. In the first place it may be observed that the equation of dissociation :

$$\frac{\beta^2}{1-\beta^2} = \frac{cT'^{+1} e^{-\frac{q_0}{RT}} e^{-\frac{(v + a/v^2) \Delta b}{RT}}}{p + a/v^2} \dots \dots (a)$$

now gives rise to an altogether different shape of $\beta = f(v)$ for T' constant. If Δb is negative, the course is as in fig. 21, with a minimum in M ; for Δb positive the course is indicated by fig. 22.

This is at once evident when $p + a/v^2$ is replaced by $\frac{(1+\beta)RT}{v-b}$ in the above equation, by which it becomes.

$$\frac{\beta^2}{1-\beta^2} = c/R T' e^{-\frac{q_0}{RT}} e^{-\frac{(1+\beta) \Delta b}{v-b}} (v-b) \dots \dots (b)$$

For Δb negative the value of β will approach unity both for $v=b$ and for $v=\infty$; whereas for Δb positive for $v=b$ the value of β approaches zero on account of the exponential factor, which then becomes $e^{-\infty}$. The transition of β from 1 (liquid state) to near 0 (solid state) takes place in the *descending* portion AB for Δb negative (fig. 21); on the other hand the transition of β from 0 (solid state) to near 1 (liquid state) will take place in the *ascending* part AB for Δb positive (fig. 22). As we saw in the preceding papers, the increase of β from the minimum M to 1 again, takes place for Δb negative in the vapour phase and large values of v .

Now for Δb positive the change between A and B (fig. 22) will take place for small volumes only, when q_0 is not too large. For else evidently in consequence of the small value of the exponential

factor $e^{-\frac{q_0}{RT}}$ — the index of which has now no longer the reversed sign of that of $-\frac{(p + a/v^2) \Delta b}{RT}$, but the same — the nearly asymp-

totic course of OA will continue to the neighbourhood of great values of v , and the change of β will take place between A and B in the *vapour phase*. But this evidently prevents the isotherm from twice taking a turn (in consequence of the rapid decrease of a/v^2 (from the value $\frac{a}{b_1^2}$ to the value $\frac{a}{(2b_2)^2}$), between the volumes $v=b_1$ (solid) and

$v = 2b_2$ (liquid), which gives rise to the coexistence solid-liquid. In other words there is no value of Δb for which a coexistence-curve solid-liquid will occur.

This is immediately seen, when we e. g. assume $q_0 = 3200$, as in our former example for Δb negative.

If we now namely put (equation I p. 773)

$$\frac{p + a/12}{RT} \Delta b = \varphi \quad ; \quad \frac{RT}{q_0} = \theta \quad ; \quad \frac{cq_0'}{R+1} \Delta b = \lambda, \dots \dots (c)$$

(a) passes into:

$$\frac{\beta^2}{1-\beta^2} = \lambda \theta^{3/2} e^{\frac{p-1}{\theta}} \frac{e^{-\varphi}}{\varphi} \dots \dots \dots (d)$$

This agrees entirely with the preceding form, except that now $e^{-\varphi}$ occurs and not e^{φ} . With $\Delta b = 0,5$ and $T = 9$ (see I p. 774) we now find:

$$\log^{10} \frac{\beta^2}{1-\beta^2} = -76,077 - 0,4343 \varphi - \log^{10} \varphi,$$

with the same values of a , b_1 , c , and q_0 as in our preceding papers. In this equation $-0,4343 \varphi$ occurs instead of $+0,4343 \varphi$. But in consequence of this not before $\varphi = 10^{-74}$ the value of $\log^{10} \frac{\beta^2}{1-\beta^2}$

will become such that β begins to move away from 0 (the point A in fig. 22), viz. $= -2,077$; while at $\varphi = 10^{-73}$ the value of \log^{10} rises to 1,923, and β gets in the neighbourhood of 1 (the point B in the same figure). But in consequence of the formula $v = b + (v-b)$, i. e. $v = (b_1 + \beta \Delta b) + \frac{1+\beta}{\varphi} \Delta b$, or (cf. formula (5) on p. 773)

$$v = b_1 + \left(\beta + \frac{1+\beta}{\varphi} \right) \Delta b, \dots \dots \dots (e)$$

v will then be of the order 10^{74} , resp. 10^{73} .

Even at $T = 100$, in consequence of which

$$\log^{10} \frac{\beta^2}{1-\beta^2} = -4,250 - 0,4343 \varphi - \log^{10} \varphi,$$

the portion AB evidently lies between $\varphi = 10^{-2}$ and 10^{-6} , i. e. v between 50 and 10^6 (in the first case β is namely $= 0$, in the second $= 1$), so at much too large volumes.

Not before $T = 200$ the change of β from 0 to 1 would be found between values of v which might deserve consideration — but then we have already arrived above the critical temperature vapour-liquid, which lies at 133° for $\Delta b = 0,5$.

So we are obliged to lower the value of q_0 in such a way that

the value of λ becomes considerably smaller. If e. g. we take q_0 a hundred times smaller than in our former example, i. e. $q_0 = 32$, we have the following values ($\Delta b = 0,5$):

$$c = 2, q_0 = 32 \text{ (both Gr. Cal.) } b_1 = 1, 2b_2 = 1,5, a = 2700.$$

The value of $2b_2 = b_1 + \Delta b$ (liquid) is now not $1 - 0,5 = 0,5$, but $1 + 0,5 = 1,5$, i. e. greater than that of b_1 (solid). The critical temperature (vapour-liquid) is found from:

$$(1 + \beta) RT_c = \frac{8}{27} \frac{a}{2b_2},$$

assuming that for T_c all the double molecules are dissociated, hence b has become $= 2b_2$. This gives ($\beta=1$) $4T_c = \frac{8}{27} \times \frac{2700}{1^{1/2}} = \frac{1600}{3}$, so:

$$T_c = \frac{400}{3} = 133^{1/3}.$$

In our former example, where $\Delta b = -^{1/2}$, and so $2b_2 = ^{1/2}$, T_c was $= 400^\circ$.

The critical pressure now is $p_c = \frac{1}{27} \frac{a}{(2b_2)^2} = \frac{1}{27} \times \frac{2700}{2^{1/4}} = \frac{400}{9} = 44^{1/9}$, instead of 400 for $\Delta b = -0,5$.

26. Now we proceed to the more accurate calculation of the coexistence-curve solid-liquid for

$$\underline{\Delta b = 0,5} \quad (b_1 = 1, 2b_2 = 1,5),$$

indicated in fig. 23.

The successive isotherms, belonging to the different points of the curve $PQSRCr$ in fig. 23, are represented in the figures 27—32. In fig. 27 the stage below the point P , where coexistence vapour-solid is only possible (on the line OS of fig. 23). In fig. 28 the point of inflection D, C appears (P in fig. 23), and somewhat later (fig. 29) the first coexistence liquid-solid (the point Q in fig. 23). As this, however, takes place at negative pressures, the said coexistence is not realisable, and for the present only the coexistence vapour-solid is found as in fig. 27 and 28.

Only at still higher temperature (e. g. the point R in fig. 23) the coexistence liquid-solid has become realisable (and this already starting from the triple point S), which is represented in fig. 30. Now we have at first vapour-liquid, and at higher pressures liquid-solid. In fig. 31 the *critical point* liquid-solid (Cr in fig. 23) appears, after which (fig. 32) no coexistence liquid-solid is possible any more. Then only vapour-liquid remains — till at last this too disappears at the usual critical temperature (vapour-liquid).

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 $T = 60$

φ	\log^{10}	β	v	a/v^2	p
8	-2.127	0.086	1.111	2188	-268
7	-1.635	0.150	1.157	2016	-336 (E)
6	-1.134	0.262	1.236	1767	-327
5	-0.621	0.440	1.364	1451	-551
4	-0.089	0.670	1.544	1133	-173
3	+0.470	0.864	1.743	839	-169 (D)
2	1.080	0.961	1.971	695	-215 (C)
1	1.816	0.992	2.492	435	-195

A maximum has appeared at D and a minimum at C , but no coexistence pressure as yet, because the pressure-curve about halfway E and D ($p = \pm -250$) still runs below C . (Fig. 29).

So let us repeat the calculation for $T = 65$. Here $\theta = \frac{65}{16}$, and with

$$\log^{10} \frac{\beta^2}{1-\beta^2} = 2,311 - 0,4344\varphi - \log^{10} \psi \quad ; \quad p = 260\varphi - \frac{2700}{v^2}$$

we get the following survey :

 $T = 65$

φ	\log^{10}	β	v	a/v^2	p
7	-1.574	0.161	1.164	1992	-172
6	-1.073	0.279	1.246	1739	-179 (E)
5	-0.560	0.465	1.379	1419	-119
4	-0.028	0.696	1.560	1110	-70 (D)
3	+0.531	0.879	1.752	879	-99
2	1.141	0.966	1.974	693	-173
1	1.877	0.993	2.493	435	-175 (C)
0.5	2.395	0.998	3.497	221	-91

The coexistence-pressure liquid-solid is about -125 ; and it is real, because now -125 is greater than the pressure in C . Hence the case of fig. 29 lies between $60'$ and 65° . By interpolation we easily calculate that the pressure of coexistence (fig. 29) first makes its appearance at 62° , where then $p = p_c$ is about -200 .

Now this pressure is real, but still unrealisable as negative pressure.

Now we calculate the isotherm of $T=70$. Here $\theta = \frac{35}{8}$, and further:

$$\log^{10} \frac{\beta^2}{1-\beta^2} = 2,367 - 0,4313\varphi - \log^{10}\varphi \quad ; \quad p = 280\varphi - \frac{2700}{v^2},$$

from which the following table is drawn up.

$T = 70$

φ	\log^{10}	β	v	a/v^2	p
7	-1.518	0.172	1.170	1972	-12
6	-1.017	0.296	1.256	1711	-31 (E)
5	-0.504	0.488	1.393	1392	+8
4	+0.020	0.718	1.574	1090	+30 (D)
3	0.587	0.891	1.761	871	-31
2	1.197	0.970	1.977	691	-131
1	1.933	0.994	2.494	434	-154 (C)
0.5	2.451	0.998	3.497	221	-81

The pressure of coexistence liquid-solid is about $p=0$, so that we have reached the triple point S (fig. 23), and from this moment the mentioned pressure becomes realisable.

Now $T=75$ (fig. 30) must be calculated for the determination of the point Cr (fig. 23). With $\theta = \frac{75}{16}$ we get:

$$\log^{10} \frac{\beta^2}{1-\beta^2} = 2,419 - 0,4343\varphi - \log^{10}\varphi \quad ; \quad p = 300\varphi - \frac{2700}{v^2}.$$

This yields:

$T = 75$

φ	\log^{10}	β	v	a/v^2	p
7	-1.406	0.182	1.175	1955	145
6	-0.965	0.313	1.266	1684	116 (E)
5	-0.452	0.511	1.406	1366	134 (D)
4	+0.080	0.739	1.587	1072	128
3	0.639	0.902	1.768	864	36
2	1.249	0.973	1.979	689	-89
1	1.985	0.995	2.495	434	-134 (C)
0.5	2.503	0.998	3.497	221	-71

So the coincidence of E and D in a *critical point* solid-liquid will take place somewhat above 75° .

Finally we calculate $\underline{T=80}$ (fig 31) for this purpose. Then $\theta=5$ and

$$\log^{10} \frac{\beta^2}{1-\beta^2} = 2,467 - 0,4343\varphi - \log^{10}\varphi \quad ; \quad p = 320\varphi - \frac{2700}{\varphi^2},$$

which gives rise to the following table.

$T = 80$					
φ	\log^{10}	β	v	a/v^2	p
7	-1.448	0.492	1.181	1935	305
6	-0.917	0.329	1.275	1661	259
5	-0.404	0.532	1.419	1341	259
4	+0.128	0.757	1.598	1057	223
3	0.637	0.911	1.774	858	102
2	1.297	0.976	1.982	687	-47
1	2.033	0.995	2.495	434	-114 C
0.5	2.551	0.998	3.497	221	-61

So the coincidence takes place at exactly 80° .

If we now examine the foregoing tables, it appears (see fig. 23), that the whole curve of coexistence solid-liquid extends from $\underline{T=62}$, $p=-200$ (the point Q) to $\underline{T=80}$, $p=259$ (the point Cr). Only the part above S , ($\underline{T=70}$, $p=0$), however, is realisable.

The triple-point S lying at 70° , and the critical temperature vapour-liquid being $=133^\circ$, we have here:

$$\frac{T_0}{T_c} = \frac{70}{133} = 0,53,$$

which is in perfect harmony with the value which was found for it in many cases.

We remind the reader that for this relation (provided T_0 does not lie too near any critical point) the general equation [see V, p. 461, formula (27a)]

$$\frac{T_0}{T_c} = \frac{27}{8} \left(\frac{-\Delta b}{b_1} \right)^2 : \log \left(\frac{b_1^2}{4b_2^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2\beta'} \right)$$

holds.

With $\Delta b = 0,5$, $b_1 = 1$, $b_2 = 1,5$ this becomes:

$$: \frac{T_0}{T_c} = \frac{27}{32} : \log \left(\frac{2}{9\beta'} \right)$$

For this we find the value 0,5, when $\frac{2}{9\beta'} = 5,5$, i.e. $\beta' = 0,04$, which is a very plausible value.

When the value of Δb diminishes, also the value of $T_0 : T_c$ becomes slightly less, but remains in the neighbourhood of 0,5. But as we shall immediately see, the whole of the coexistence-curve liquid-solid has come below $p = 0$, already for $\Delta b = 0,4$, and so it is no longer realisable — at least with the values of b_1 , Δb , etc. assumed by us.

This will appear from the tables following here, which hold for $\Delta b = 0,4$.

27. We shall calculate the isotherms of 50° , 60° , and 70° for the case (see fig. 24)

$$\Delta b = 0,4 \quad (b_1 = 1, \quad 2b_2 = 1,4).$$

The value of λ is then $= 25,6$. The critical data are $T_c = 143^\circ$, $p_c = 51$ (cf. § 25; $2b_2$ is then namely $= 1,4$).

For $T = 50$ we have $\theta = \frac{25}{8}$, and the formula (d) passes into

$$\log^{10} \frac{\beta^2}{1-\beta^2} = 2,012 - 0,4343 \varphi - \log^{10} \varphi,$$

while

$$v = 1 + 0,4 \left(\beta + \frac{1+\beta}{\varphi} \right) ; \quad p = 250 \varphi - \frac{2700}{v^2}.$$

In consequence of this we get :

$T = 50$					
φ	\log^{10}	β	v	a/v^2	p
7	-1 873	0.115	1.110	2193	-443
6	-1.372	0.202	1.161	20.4	-504 (E)
5	-0.859	0.348	1.247	1735	-485
4	-0.327	0.566	1.383	1412	-412
3	+0.232	0.794	1.557	1114	-364 (D)
2	0.842	0.935	1.761	871	-371 (C)
1	1.578	0.987	2.190	563	-313

For $T = 60$ we have $\theta = \frac{15}{4}$, and further:

$$\log^{10} \frac{\beta^2}{1-\beta^2} = 2,154 - 0,4343 \varphi - \log^{10} \varphi \quad ; \quad p = 300 \varphi - \frac{2700}{v^2},$$

from which we calculate:

$$T = 60$$

φ	\log^{10}	β	v	a/v^2	p
7	-1 731	0.135	1.119	2156	- 56
6	-1.230	0.236	1 177	1951	-151
5	-0.717	0.401	1 273	1668	-168 (E)
4	-0 185	0.628	1.414	1250	-150 (D)
3	+0 374	0.838	1 580	1081	-181
2	0.984	0.952	1.771	861	-261
1	1.720	0.991	2.193	562	-262 (C)
0.5	2.238	0.997	2.996	301	-151

So the coincidence D, C lies just before 50° , and the first appearance of the pressure of coexistence between 50° and 60° . By interpolation we find easily the value $T=49$ ($p=-382$) for the point P (cf. fig. 28), and the value $T=54$ ($p=p_C=-327$) for the point Q (comp. also fig. 29).

Now we have still to calculate $T=70$ for the calculation of the point Cr . For this $\theta = \frac{35}{8}$, and we have:

$$\log^{10} \frac{\beta^2}{1-\beta^2} = 2,271 - 0,4343 \varphi - \log^{10} \varphi \quad ; \quad p = 350 \varphi - \frac{2700}{v^2},$$

which gives rise to the following table.

$$T = 70$$

φ	\log^{10}	β	v	a/v^2	p
7	-1 614	0.154	1.128	2123	+327
6	-1.113	0.267	1.191	1903	+197
5	-0 600	0.448	1.295	1610	+140
4	-0.068	0.679	1.439	1303	+ 97
3	+0 491	0.869	1.597	1050	- 9
2	1 101	0.963	1.778	855	-155
1	1.837	0.993	2.194	561	-211 (C)
0.5	2 355	0.998	2.998	300	-125

So in this case (compare fig. 32) we are far beyond the coincidence E, D . But by interpolation between 60° and 70° we find for $T = 63$:

$a_{1,2}$	2146	1937	1651	1336	1074	859	562
315φ	2205	1890	1575	1260	945	630	315
p	59	-47	-76	-76	-129	-229	-247
			$\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{E,D}$			$\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_C$	

so that the said coincidence takes place at $T = 63$ ($p_{E,D} = -76$).

So we see that the whole coexistence-curve solid-liquid falls in the region of negative pressures, from $T = 54$, $p = -327$ to $T = 63$, $p = -76$. Accordingly the coexistence-curve vapour-liquid OK is not intersected by that for solid-liquid, and there exists *no solid state*.

If for $\Delta b = 0,5$ the line QC extended from 62° to 80° , i.e. over a region of 18° , now it has contracted for $\Delta b = 0,4$ to a region of only 9° , viz. from 54° to 63° .

28. Let us now calculate the case (see fig. 25)

$$\Delta b = 0,3 \quad (b_1 = 1, \quad 2b_2 = 1,3)$$

The whole curve lies between 40° and 50° , and so we determine the values of p for these two temperatures. The value of λ is now $= 19,2$; further $T_c = 154$, $p_c = 59$.

For $T = 40$ we have $\theta = \frac{1}{2}$, and therefore:

$$\log^{10} \frac{\beta^2}{1-\beta^2} = 1,706 - 0,4343 \varphi - \log^{10} \varphi$$

$$v = 1 + 0,3 \left(\beta + \frac{1+\beta}{\varphi} \right); \quad p = 266,7 \varphi - \frac{2700}{v^2}$$

From this we find:

$$: T = 40$$

φ	\log^{10}	β	v	a/v^2	p
6	-1.078	0.143	1.100	2231	-631
5	-1.165	0.253	1.151	2038	-705 (E)
4	-0.663	0.435	1.238	1761	-694
3	-0.074	0.677	1.371	1436	-636
2	-0.536	0.880	1.546	1130	-597
1	1.272	0.974	1.884	761	-494

For $T = 50$ we have $\theta = \frac{25}{8}$, and further:

$$\log^{10} \frac{\beta^2}{1-\beta^2} = 1,887 - 0,4343 \varphi - \log^{10} \varphi; \quad p = 333,3 \varphi - \frac{2700}{v^2},$$

from which the following table can be drawn up.

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$T = 50$

φ	\log^{10}	β	v	a/v^2	p
6	-1.497	0.176	1.112	2183	-183
5	-0.984	0.306	1.170	1982	-305
4	-0.452	0.511	1.267	1683	-350
3	+0.107	0.749	1.400	1378	-378
2	0.717	0.916	1.562	1107	-140 (C)
1	1.453	0.983	1.890	756	-123

For 40° (cf. fig. 27) the point of inflection D, C (fig. 28) has not yet been reached; for 50° (fig. 32) we are already far beyond the coincidence E, D (fig. 31).

Now we find by interpolation:

$T = 44$

$$p = 293,3 \varphi - \frac{2700}{v^2}$$

φ	a/v^2	p
6	2212	-452
5	2012	-545
4	1730	-557 (E)
3	1413	-533
2	1121	-534
1	759	-466

$T = 46$

$$p = 306,7 \varphi - \frac{2700}{v^2}$$

φ	a/v^2	p
6	2202	-362
5	1998	-465
4	1714	-487 (E)
3	1401	-481 (D)
2	1116	-503 (C)
1	758	-451

$T = 45$

$$p = 300 \varphi - \frac{2700}{v^2}$$

φ	a/v^2	p
6	2207	-407
5	2005	-505
4	1722	-522 (E)
3	1407	-507 (D)
2	1119	-519 (C)
1	758	-459

$T = 47$

$$p = 313,3 \varphi - \frac{2700}{v^2}$$

φ	a/v^2	p
6	2197	-317
5	1992	-425
4	1706	-453
3	1395	-455
2	1114	-487 (C)
1	757	-444

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It appears from these tables that the coincidence D, C now takes place at $T = 44$ ($p_{D,C} = -534$). Further that the first pressure of coexistence liquid-solid (fig. 29) appears at $T = 44,7$ ($p = p_C = -524$).

For then we have with $p = 298\varphi - \frac{2700}{v^2}$, resp. for $\varphi = 4, 3$ and 2 :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a/v^2 = 1724,4 & 1408,8 & 1119,6 \\ p = -532,4 & -514,8 & -523,6 \\ E & D & C \end{array}$$

so that the pressure of coexistence is about 523,6, p_C also having this value.

Finally it appears that the coincidence E, D takes place at $T = 46,7$ ($p_{E,D} = -463$). For then we have resp. for $\varphi = 4$ and 3 :

$$a/v^2 = 1708,4 \text{ and } 1396,8 ; p = 463,1 \text{ and } 462,8.$$

So in the case $\Delta b = 0,3$ the whole coexistence-curve only stretches over an interval of 2° viz. from $44^\circ,7$ to $46^\circ,7$, again in the region of negative pressures, hence not realisable.

29. It is now easy to derive that the coexistence-curve entirely disappears from the field for

$$\Delta b = 0,276 \quad (T_c = 157, p_c = 61).$$

Then for

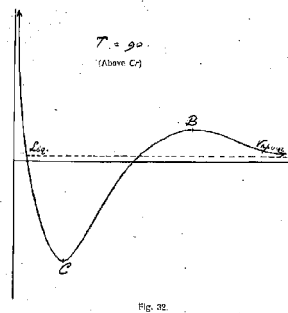
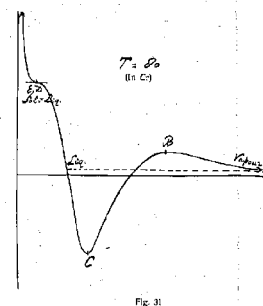
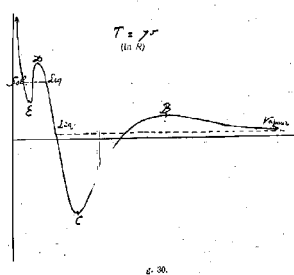
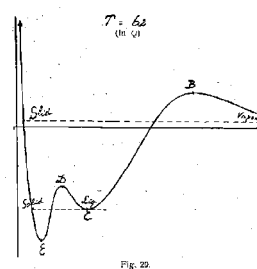
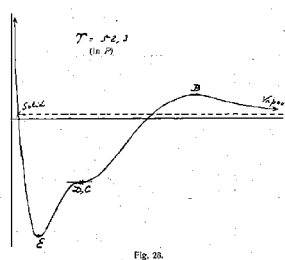
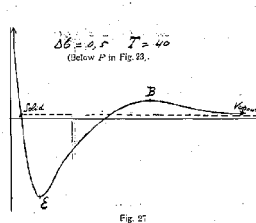
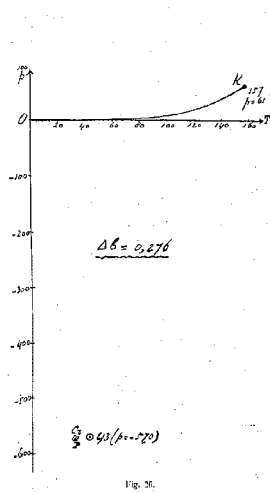
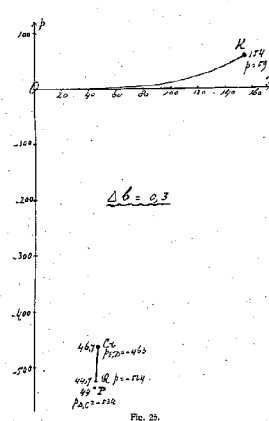
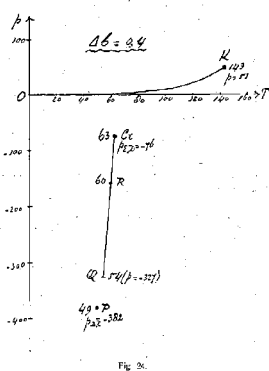
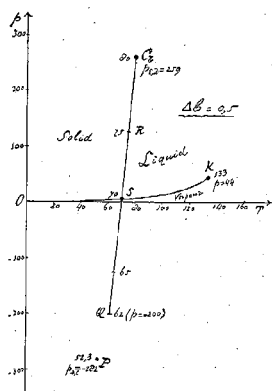
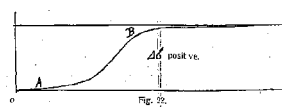
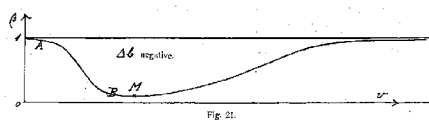
$$T = 43, \quad p = -570$$

the end-points P and Cr coincide, and in the isotherm of 43° the points E, D , and C coincide to a contact of higher order.

For $\Delta b = 0,4$ the difference of temperature between the end-points P and Cr amounts to 14° , whereas this is only $2^\circ,7$ for $\Delta b = 0,3$. By interpolation we find from this that the difference $2^\circ,7$ has been reduced to 0 for $\Delta b = 0,3 - 0,24 (0,4 - 0,3)$, i.e. for 0,276. Then $T_{D,C} = T_{E,D,C} = 44 - 0,24 \times 5 = 42,8$, while $p_{D,C} = p_{E,D,C} = -534 - 0,24 \times 152 = -570$.

If we finally comprise everything found for Δb positive in one table, we get the following summary.

$\Delta b = 0.5$	0.4	0.3	0.276
$T_P = 52.3$ ($p = -282$)	49 (-382)	44 (-534)	
$T_Q = 62$ ($p = -200$)	54 (-327)	44.7 (-524)	42.8 (-570)
$T_{Cr} = 80$ ($p = +259$)	63 (-76)	46.7 (-463)	



So just as for Δb negative (see our preceding paper) we have a realisable coexistence-curve liquid-solid, viz. with *positive* pressures above a *triple-point* S , for Δb positive only when Δb has a sufficiently high value (here $=0,5$). For Δb -positive this triple-point lies at about $\frac{1}{2} T_c$, in accordance with what was found experimentally for many substances.

In how far these results are still subject to modification, when not — as was supposed up to now — *two* simple molecules associate to one complex molecule, but more than two, we shall have to discuss in a concluding paper. Moreover some remarks will be made about some papers by VON WEIMARN, who lately also concluded to the improbability of the TAMMANN melting-point curve on the ground of crystallographic-molecular considerations, and who then already stated the *probable* existence of a critical point solid-liquid, which existence, however, has only been raised beyond doubt by our theoretical considerations.

Physiology. — “*On the negative variation of the nervus acusticus caused by a sound.*” By F. J. J. BUIJTENDIJK. (Communicated by Prof. H. ZWAARDEMAKER).

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Up till now of the electric phenomena caused by the natural irritation of the organs, only those of the retina and of the nervus opticus have been investigated.¹⁾

As I have been told, about 1904 a French investigator observed electric currents with a mirror galvanometer, when he connected this measuring apparatus with the nervus acusticus of a rabbit and a loud sound struck the ear of the experimental animal.

With the string-galvanometer of EINTHOVEN I succeeded in registering the action-currents of the nervus acusticus suggested by a natural irritation. Under ether-narcosis of the experimental animal, electrodes of a specific form were placed by means of a trepanation opening into the hindmost skull-cavity of a cavia. These electrodes, a thin metallic tube, containing an isolated metallic pin were pushed on along the side-parietes of the cerebellum, usually after piercing the juncture of the flocculus with the rest of the cerebellum. In this way a trial was made to reach the nervus acusticus with the extremity

¹⁾ Vide a. o. EINTHOVEN and JOLLY. Quart. Journal of Experim. Physiol. Volume I. 1908 page 373.