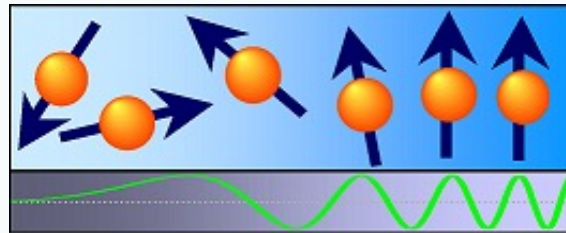


# Experimental Physics EP2

## Thermodynamics

### – Real gases –

### Van der Waals equation, Phase diagrams

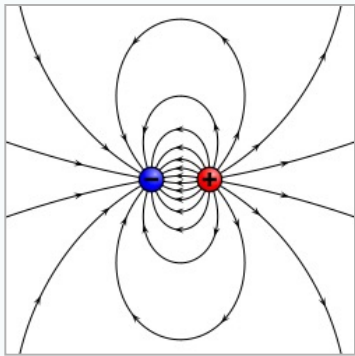
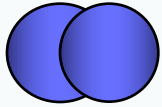


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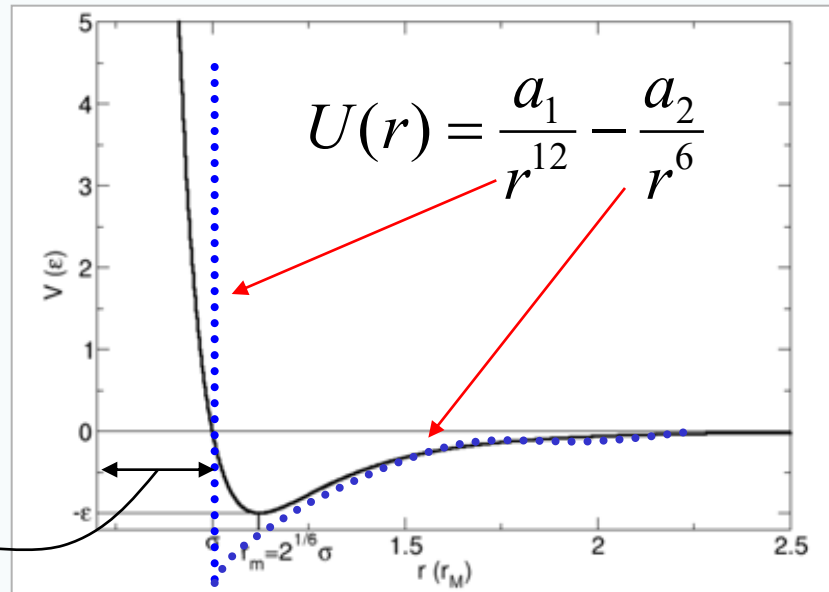
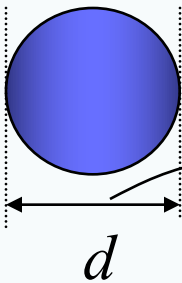
# From ideal gases to real gases

$$PV = \nu RT$$

No chemically interacting (no covalent bonds)  
Electrically neutral (no electrostatic interaction of ions)



- Repulsive force (Pauli's exclusion principle)
- Interaction between static dipoles (Keesom force)
- - static and induced dipole (induction, Debye force)
- - two induced dipole (London or dispersion forces)



Hard-sphere model with attraction



Johannes van der Waals

**Born** 23 November 1837  
Leiden, Netherlands

**Died** 8 March 1923 (aged 85)  
Amsterdam, Netherlands

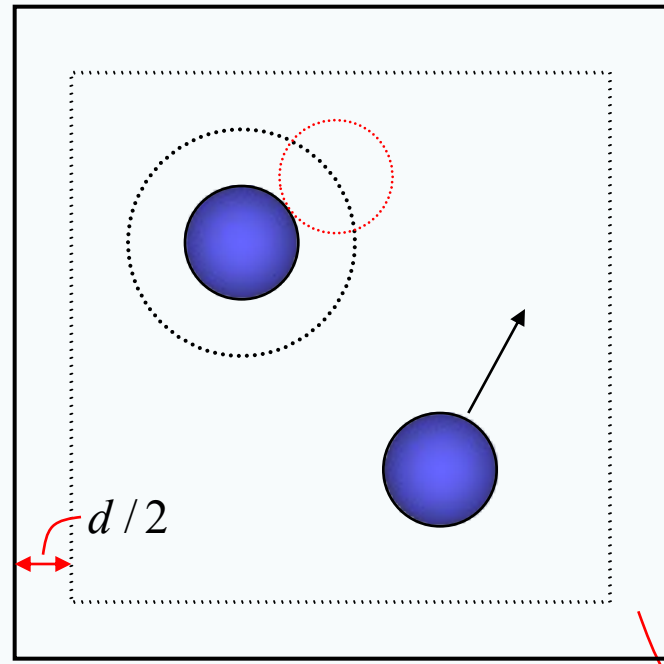
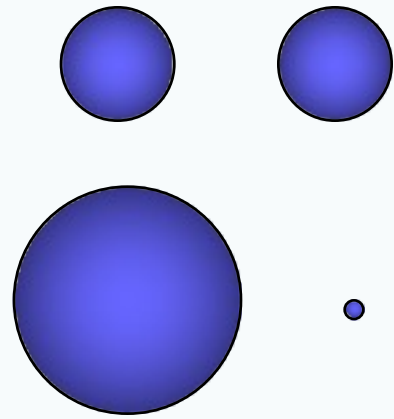
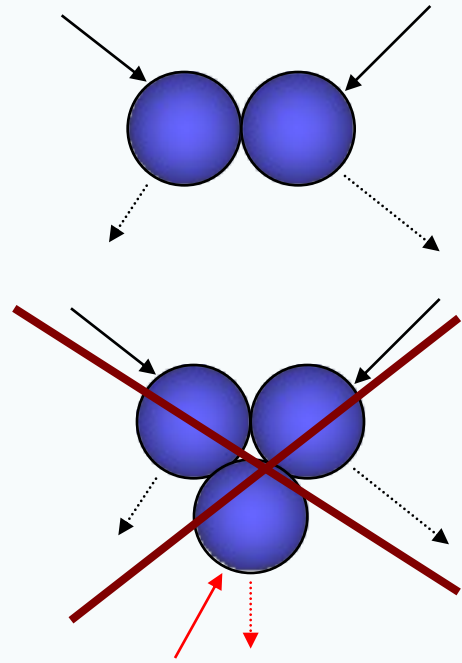
Nobel Prize for Physics (1910)

*"for his work on the equation of state for gases and liquids"*



# Real gases: excluded volume effect

Only binary collisions



$$PV = \frac{2}{3} \langle E_{k,total} \rangle$$

$$N' = \frac{N}{2}$$

$$T' = 2T$$

$$P = n' kT'$$

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$$A(d/2) \ll b$$

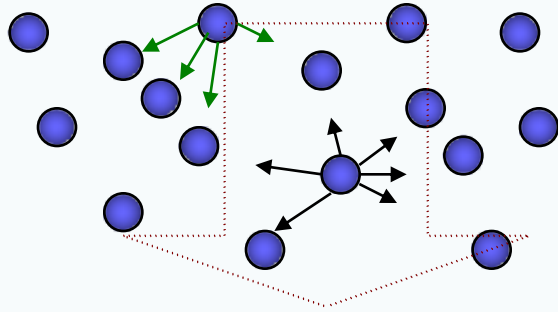
$$4\pi R^2 \frac{d}{2} \ll \frac{2}{3} \pi d^3 N$$

$$R \ll d\sqrt{N}$$

$$P = \frac{N'}{V-b} kT' = \frac{NkT}{V-b}$$

$$b = \frac{N}{2} \frac{4}{3} \pi d^3$$

# Real gases: role of attractive forces



$$P = nkT \rightarrow P + P_i = nkT$$

$$P_i = \frac{F}{S} \propto \frac{N \cdot f}{S} \propto \frac{C_1 \rho \cdot C_2 \rho}{S} \equiv \frac{a}{V^2}$$

## Van der Waals equation

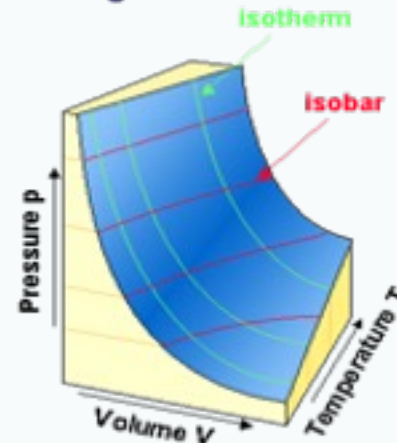
$$PV = \nu RT$$

$$\left( P + \frac{a}{V_m^2} \right) (V_m - b) = RT$$

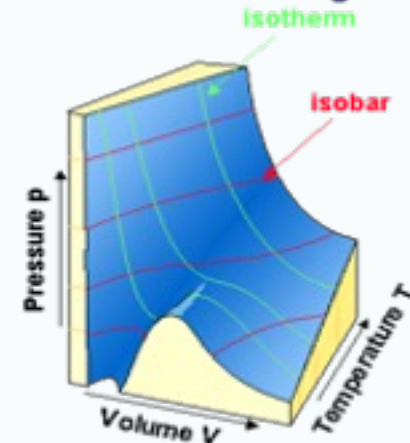
$$\left( P + \frac{a\nu^2}{V^2} \right) (V - \nu b) = \nu RT$$

## Comparison of ideal and van der Waals gas

Ideal gas



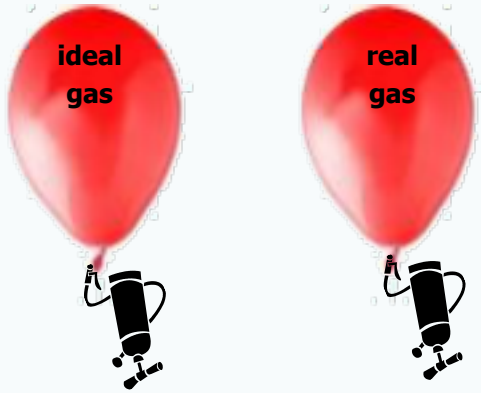
van der Waals gas



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# Real gases: PV versus density

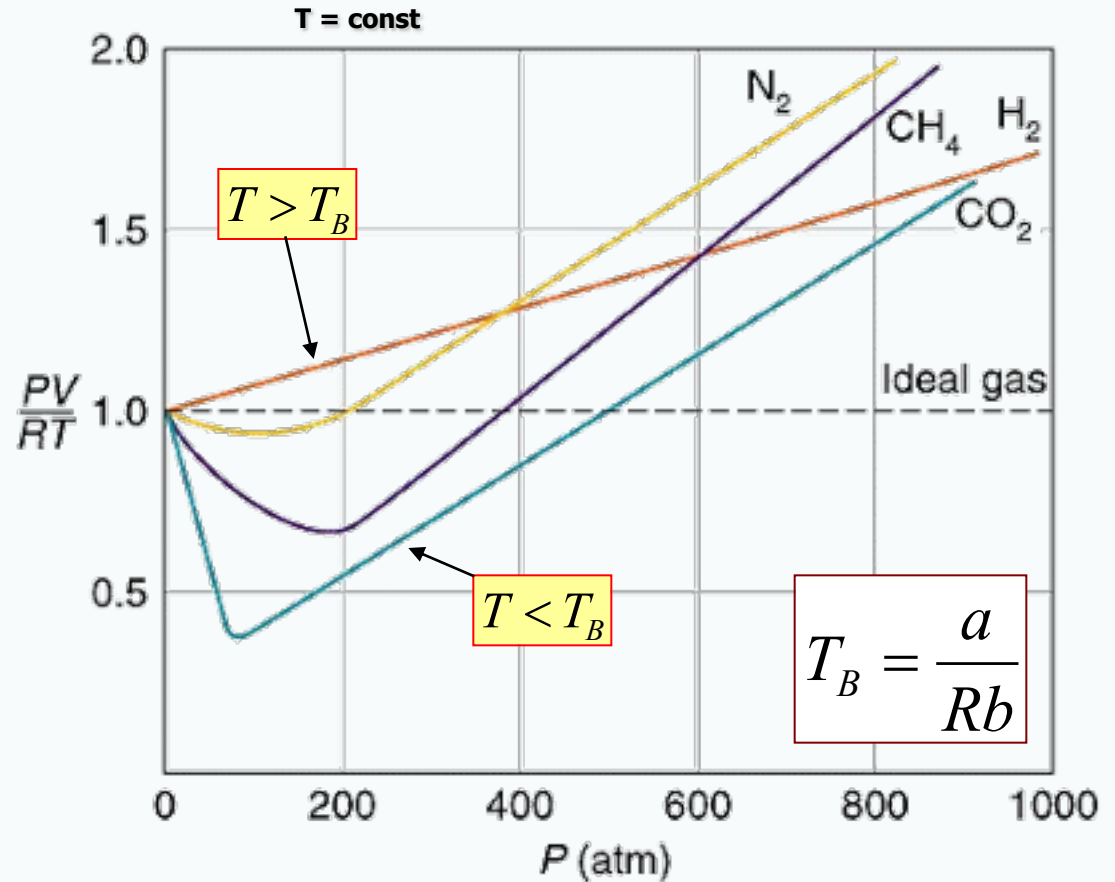
$$\left( P + \frac{av^2}{V^2} \right) (V - vb) = \nu RT$$



$$PV = \frac{MRT}{M - b\rho} - \frac{a}{M}\rho$$

$$\frac{d(PV)}{d\rho} = 0$$

$$\rho_{\min} = \frac{M}{b} \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{RTb}{a}} \right)$$



Gas	$a$ (L <sup>2</sup> bar/mol <sup>2</sup> )	$b$ (L/mol)
Hydrogen	0.2476	0.02661
Carbon dioxide	3.640	0.04267



# Critical parameters

$$P_c V^3 - (RT_c + P_c b)V^2 + aV - ab = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V}\right)_T = 0$$

$$V_k = 3b \quad P_k = \frac{a}{27b^2} \quad T_k = \frac{8a}{27Rb}$$

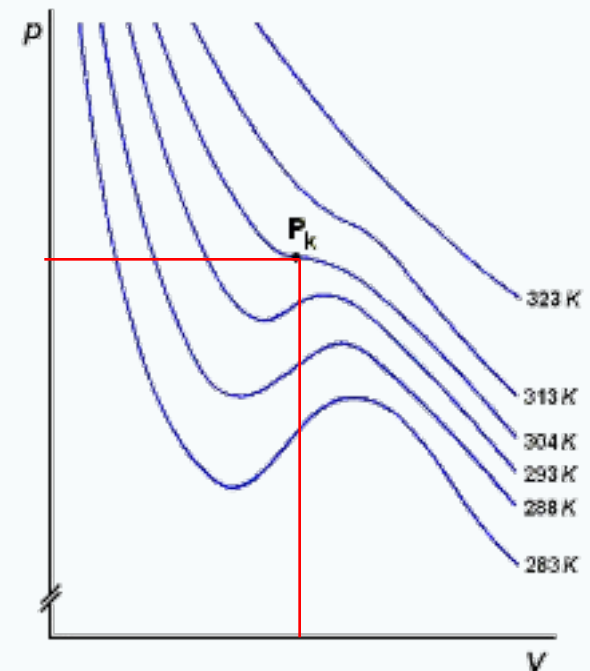
$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial V^2}\right)_T = 0$$

## Reduced form of the Van der Waals equation

$$v = \frac{V}{V_k} \quad p = \frac{P}{P_k} \quad t = \frac{T}{T_k}$$

$$\left(p + \frac{3}{v^2}\right)\left(v - \frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{8}{3}t$$

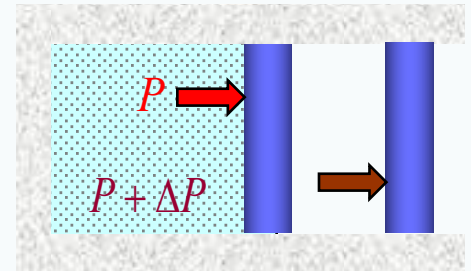
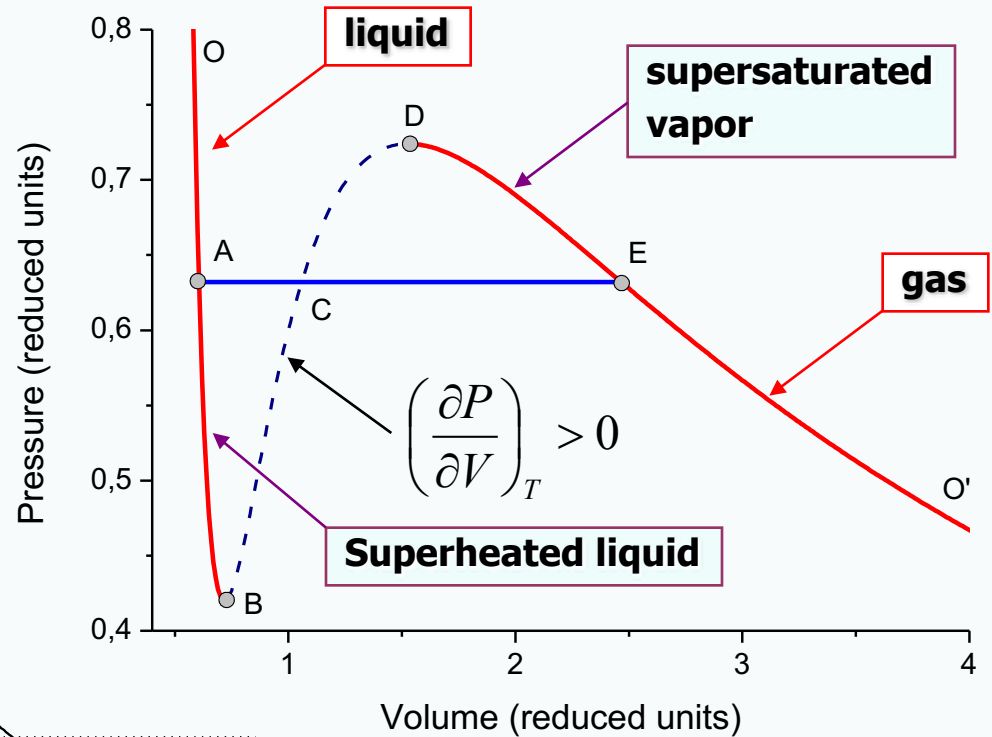
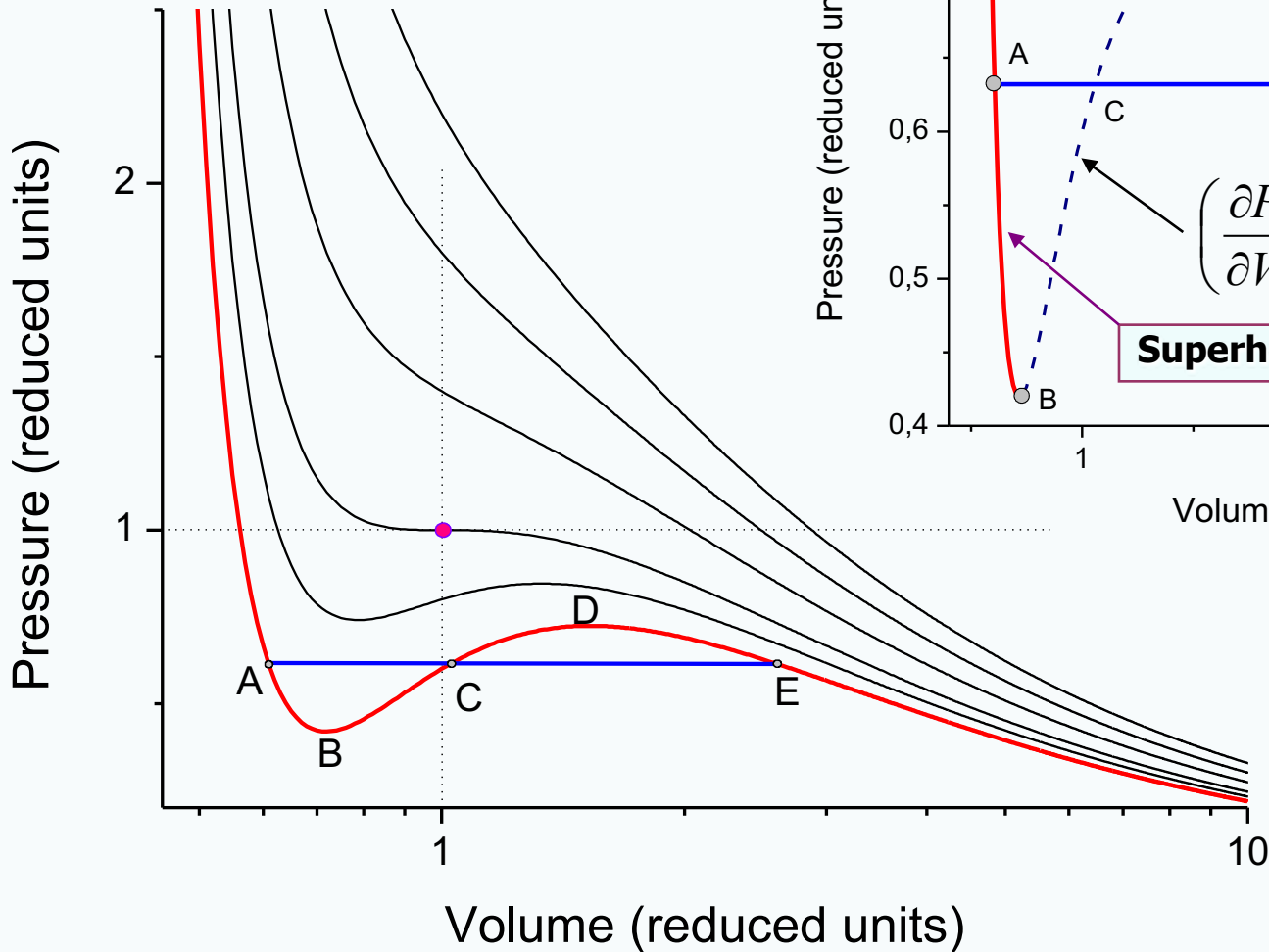
In the reduced form, the isotherms for all gases coincide.  
- Theorem of corresponding states -



# Phase transitions

$$\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial V}\right)_T < 0$$

condition of  
thermodynamic  
stability

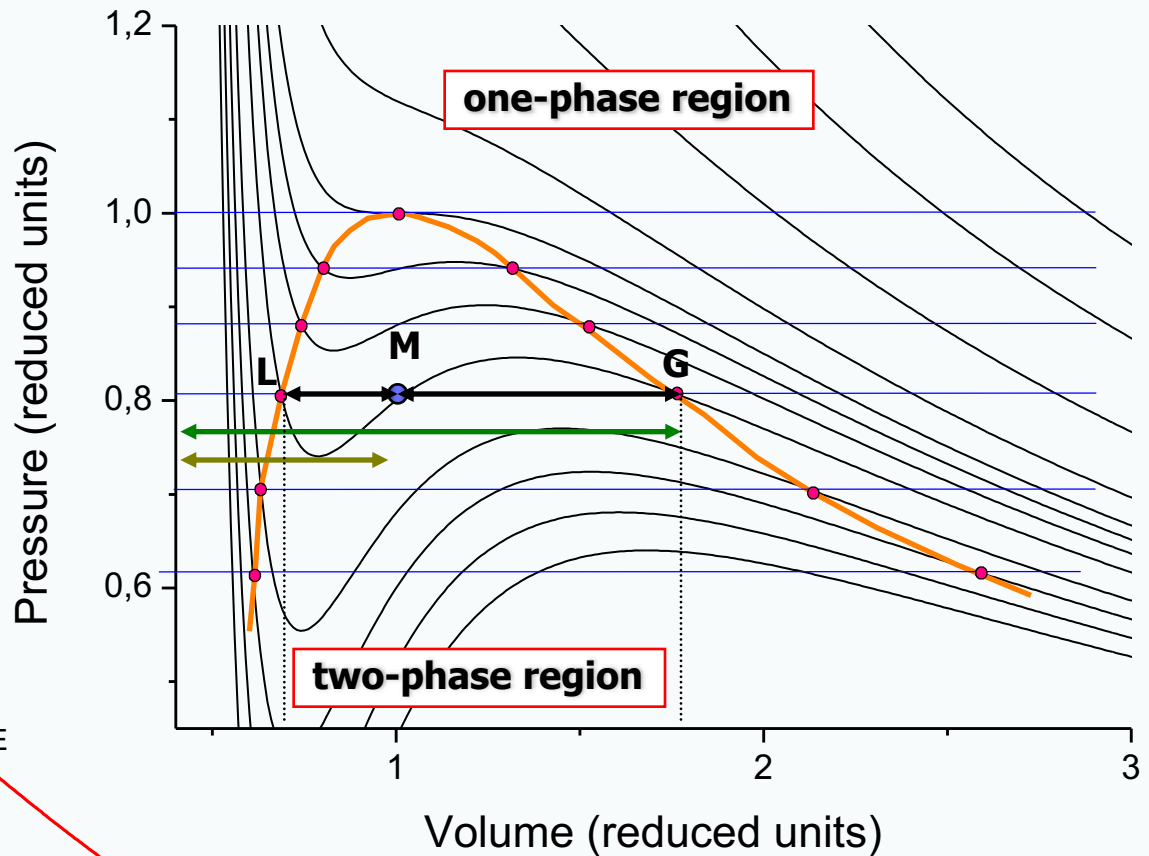
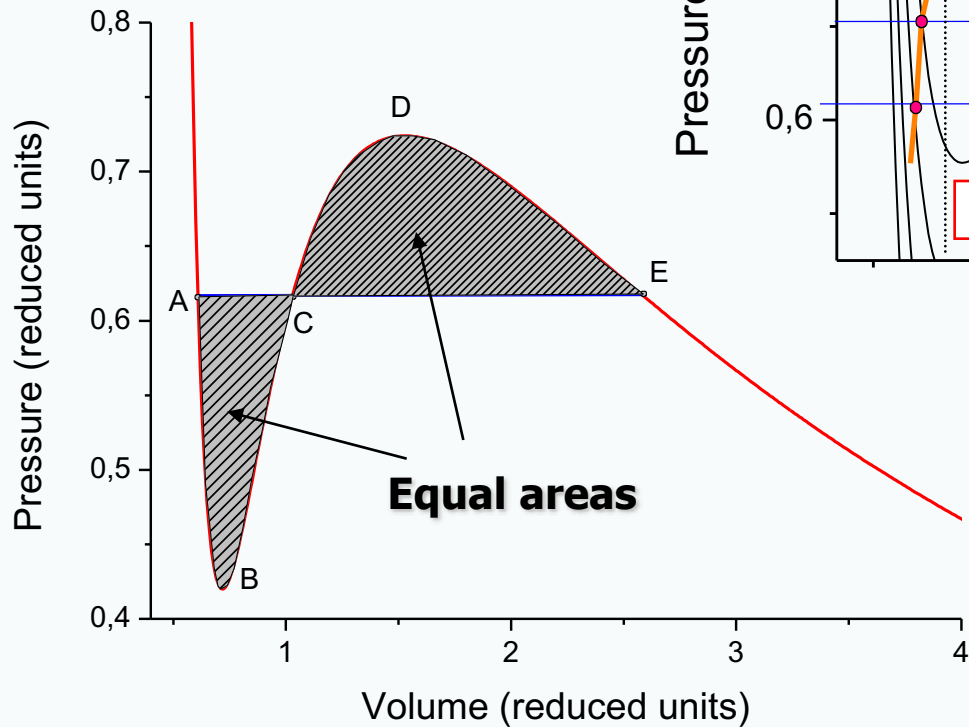




# The Maxwell construction

$$\oint \frac{\delta Q}{T} = 0$$

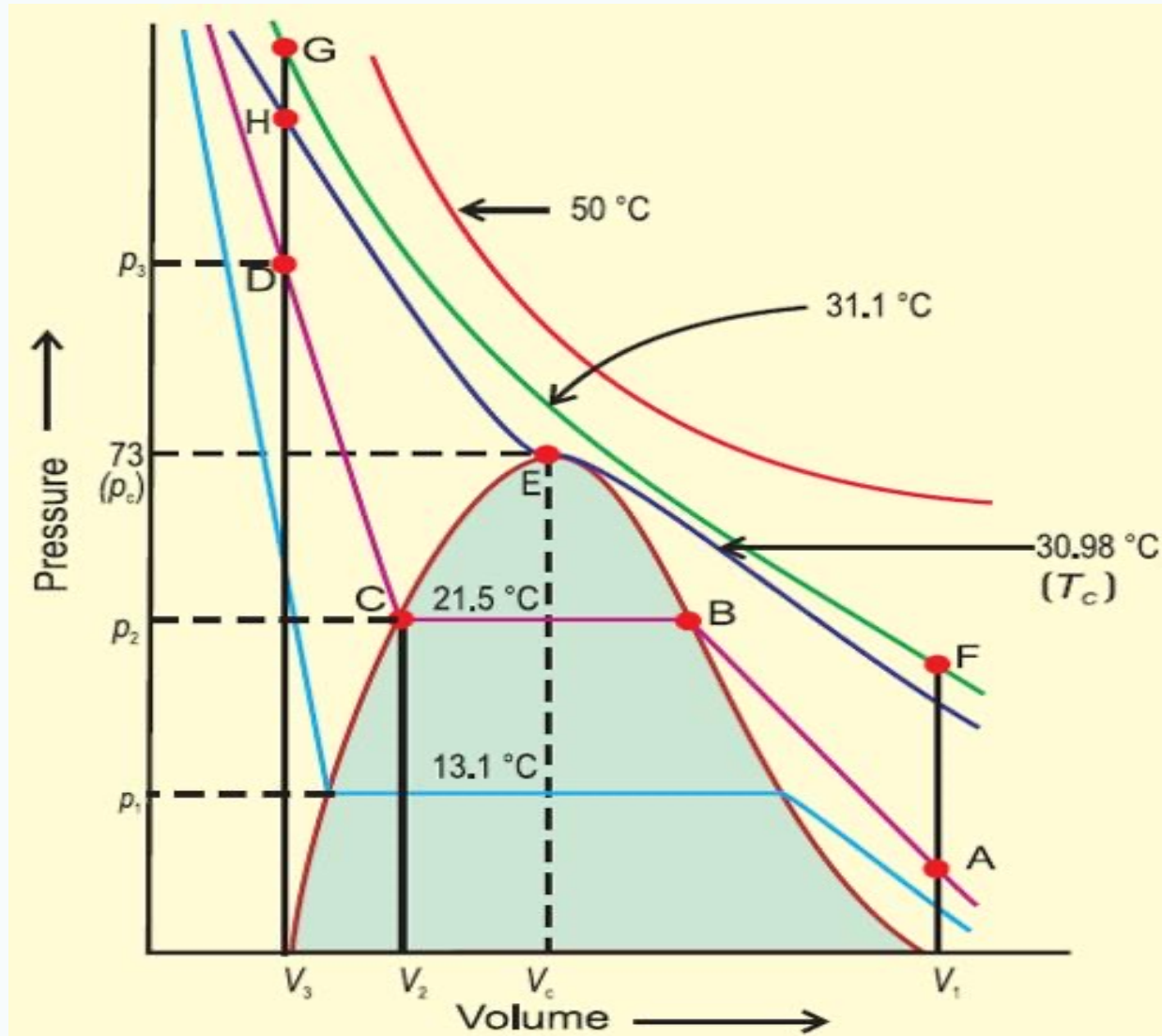
$$\int_{ACE} PdV = \int_{ABCDE} PdV$$



$$\frac{m_{gas}}{m_{liq}} = \frac{|ML|}{|MG|}$$

**the level rule**

# CO<sub>2</sub>



# To remember!

- **Van der Waals forces do refer to all forces except covalent bonding and electrostatic interaction between ions.**
- **Van der Waals equation takes account of the excluded volume and of the van der Waals forces, improving thus the ideal gas law.**
- **This equation leads not only to quantitative improvement, but to qualitative ones.**
- **Van der Waals equation predicts gas-liquid phase transition and coexistence.**
- **In the reduced form, van der Waals equation is the same for all fluids.**

