

# STATISTICAL MOLECULAR THERMODYNAMICS

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Video 2.2

Non-ideal Gas Equations of State

# TEMPERATURE AND THE GAS CONSTANT

The Ideal Gas obeys:  $PV = nRT$  or  $P\bar{V} = RT$ ,  $\bar{V} = \frac{V}{n}$

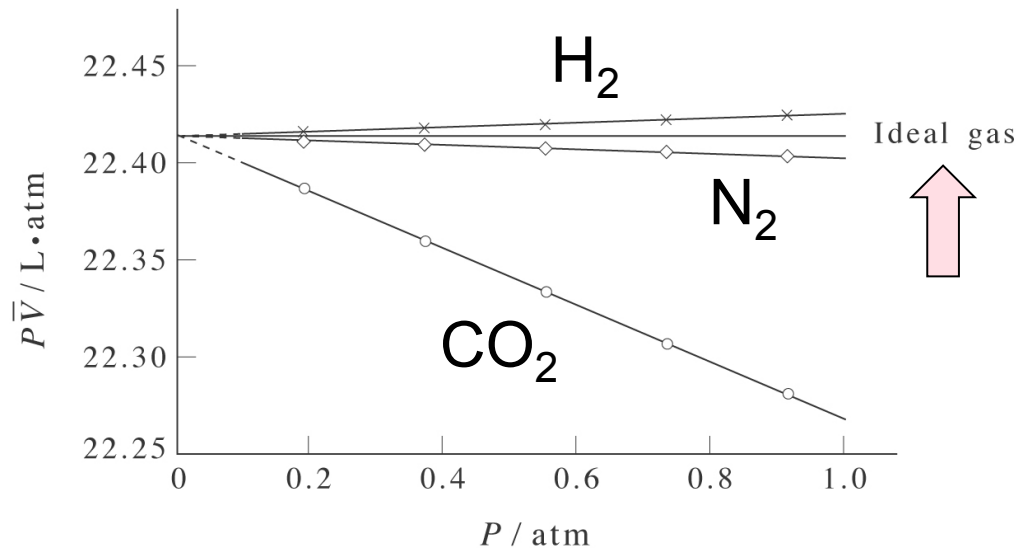
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*universal gas constant* *molar volume*

273.15 K measurements 

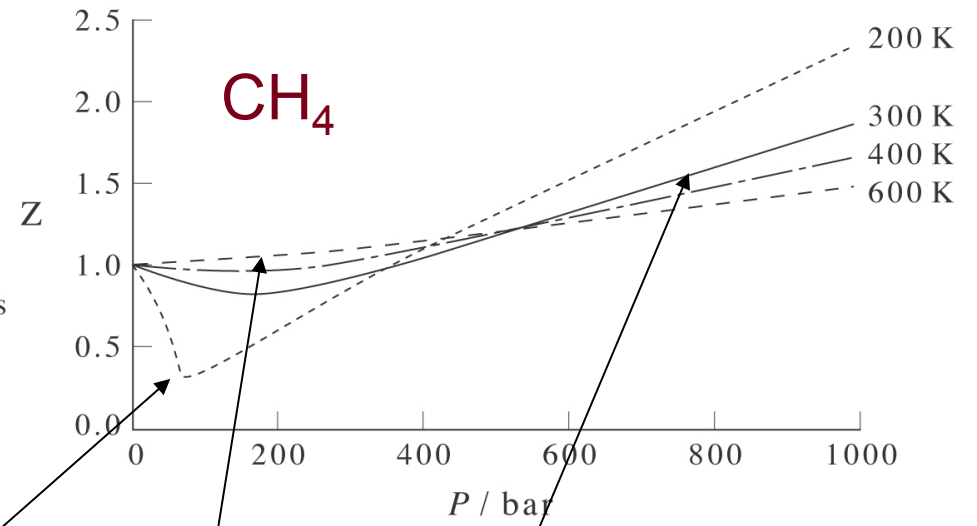
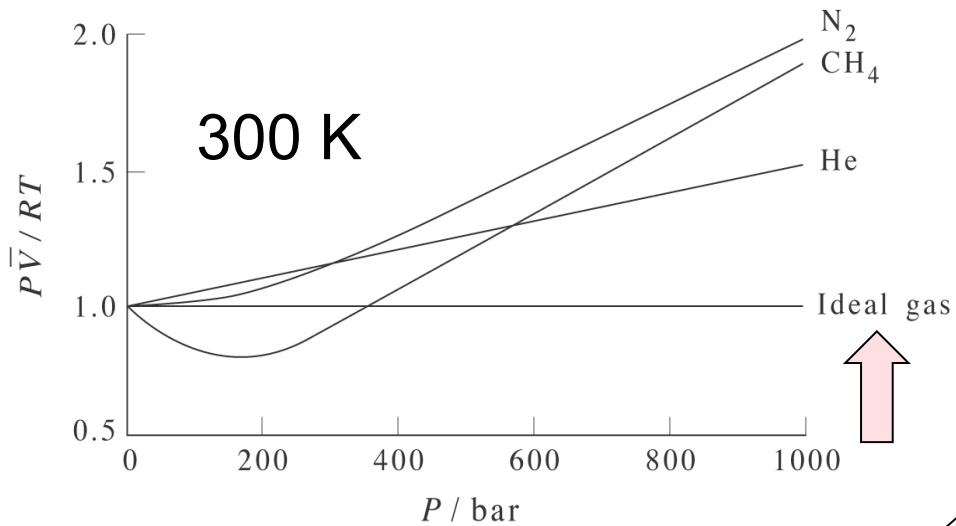
At low pressures, all gases converge to ideal behavior

$$P\bar{V}(273.15) = 22.414 \text{ L} \cdot \text{atm} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$



# GASES ARE RARELY IDEAL

$$\frac{P\bar{V}}{RT} = Z \quad \text{compressibility (unitless)}$$



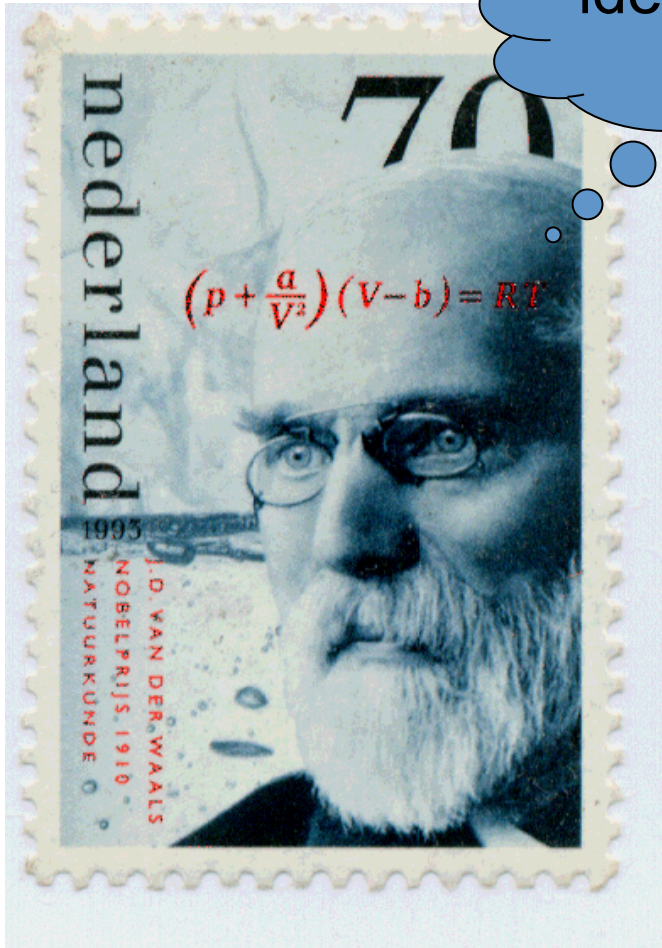
Low  $T$  and low  $P$ : attractive forces

$$\bar{V}_{\text{real}} < \bar{V}_{\text{ideal}}$$

High  $T$  or high  $P$ : repulsive forces

$$\bar{V}_{\text{real}} > \bar{V}_{\text{ideal}}$$

# JOHANNES DIDERIK VAN DER WAALS



ideal nonsense!

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

*van der Waals equation of state*

$a$  and  $b$  are constants that depend on the specific gas in question:

$a \sim$  intermolecular interaction strength

$b \sim$  molecular size

	$a$ (dm <sup>6</sup> •bar•mol <sup>-2</sup> )	$b$ (dm <sup>3</sup> •mol <sup>-1</sup> )
helium	0.035	0.024
ammonia	4.304	0.037

## VARIOUS CUBIC EQUATIONS OF STATE

van der Waals

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

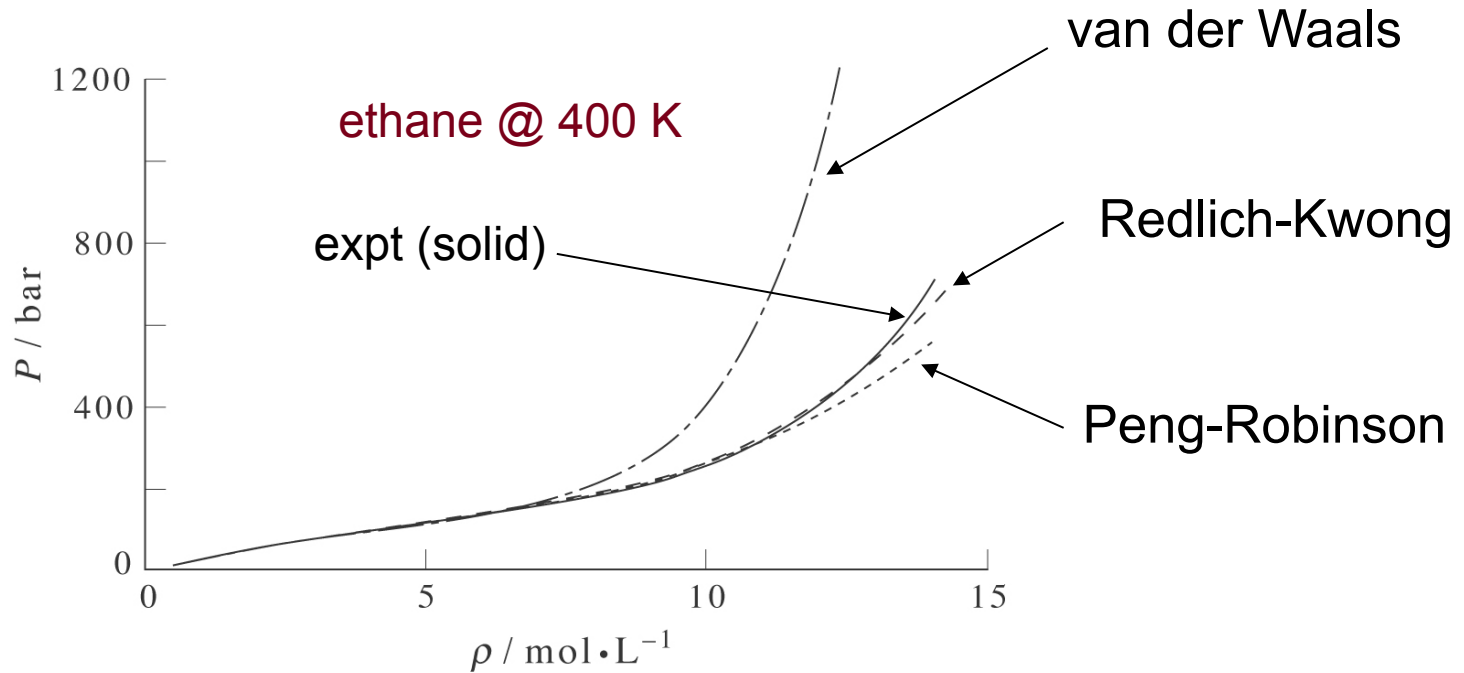
Redlich-Kwong

$$P = \left( \frac{RT}{\bar{V} - B} \right) - \left( \frac{A}{T^{1/2} \bar{V} (\bar{V} + B)} \right)$$

Peng-Robinson

$$P = \left( \frac{RT}{\bar{V} - \beta} \right) - \left( \frac{\alpha}{\bar{V} (\bar{V} + \beta) + \beta (\bar{V} - \beta)} \right)$$

# VARIOUS CUBIC EQUATIONS OF STATE

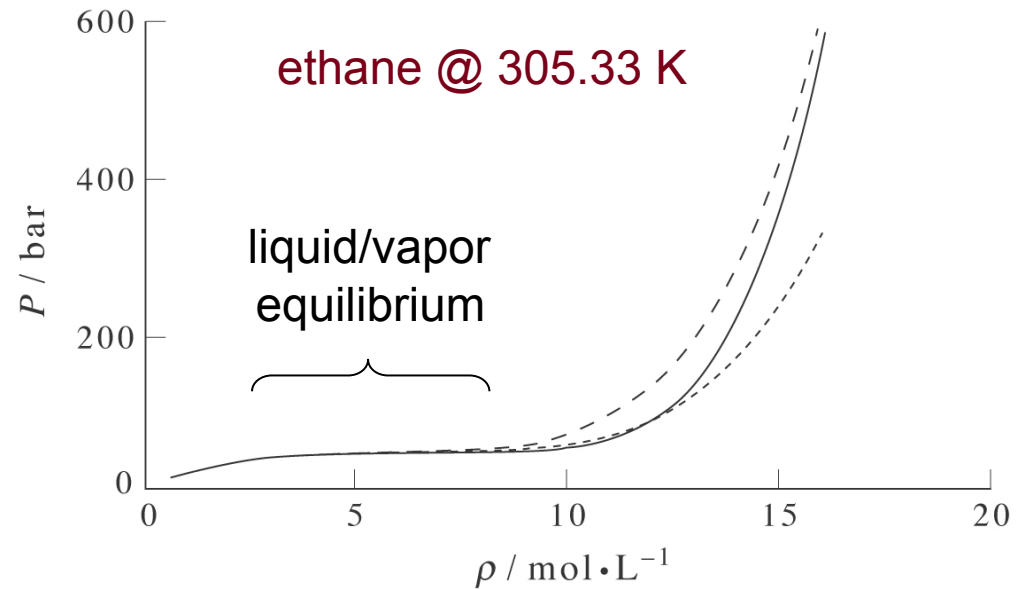
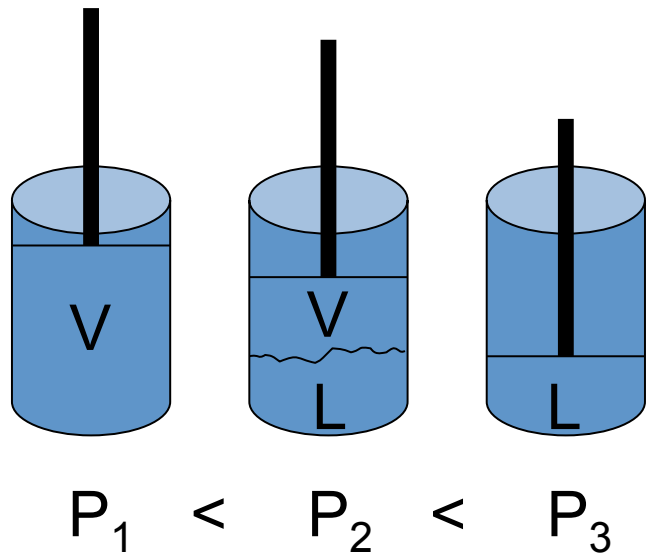


Improved performance of the more complex equations of state at very high pressures

$$\bar{V}^{-1} = \rho \quad (\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1})$$

$$1 \text{ L} = 1 \text{ dm}^3$$

# VARIOUS CUBIC EQUATIONS OF STATE



While Redlich-Kwong and Peng-Robinson perform reasonably well into the liquid phase, at a certain point the van der Waals equation of state predicts negative pressures!

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

$$\lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} = RT\rho - a\rho^2$$