

# HR-XRPD and Polymorph Stability

**HR-XRPD, A CRUCIAL FACTOR IN THE DETERMINATION OF  
THE STABILITY HIERARCHY OF POLYMORPHS BY  
TOPOLOGICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL PRESSURE-  
TEMPERATURE DIAGRAMS**

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# Paracetamol

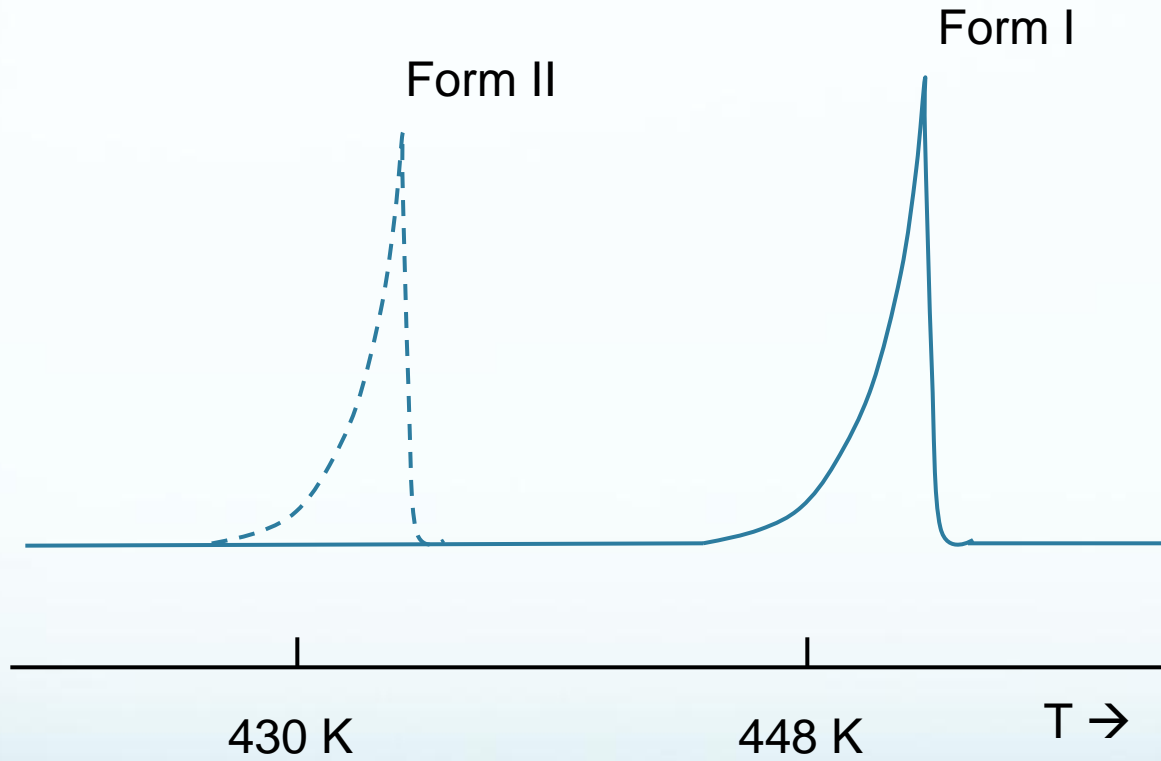
Two known polymorphs:

**Form I:** Monoclinic  $P2_1/a$  fusion: 442.8 K, 191.4 J g<sup>-1</sup>

**Form II:** Orthorhombic  $Pbca$  fusion: 430.2 K, 181.7 J g<sup>-1</sup>

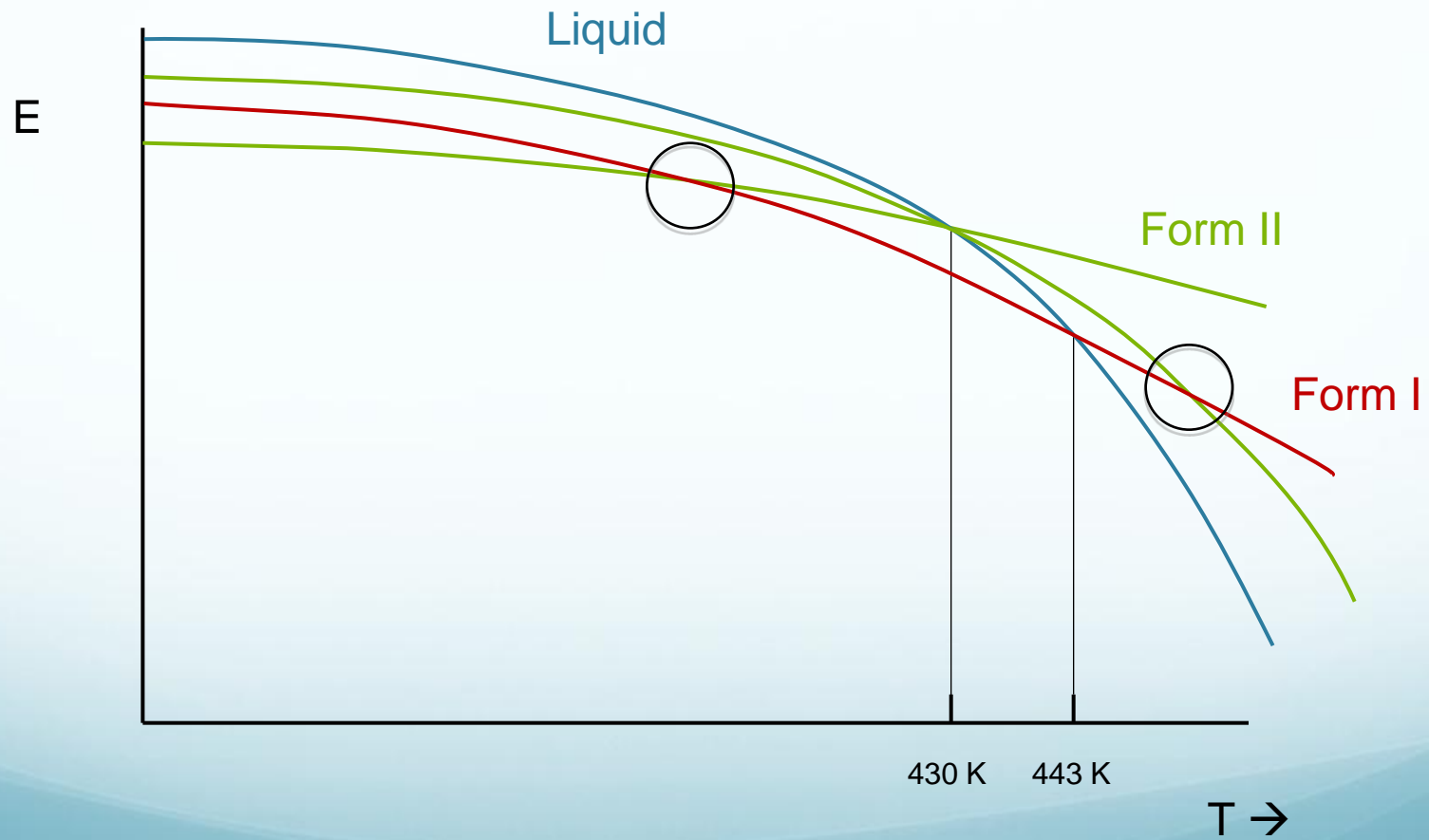
Which is the most stable?

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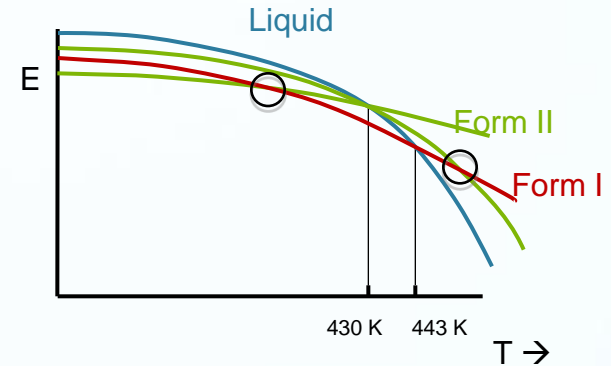
Where is the equilibrium between form I and form II?



# Gibbs Energy

$$G = H - TS$$

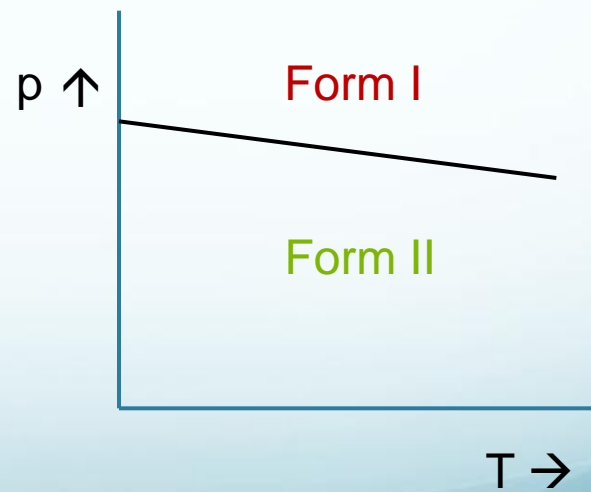
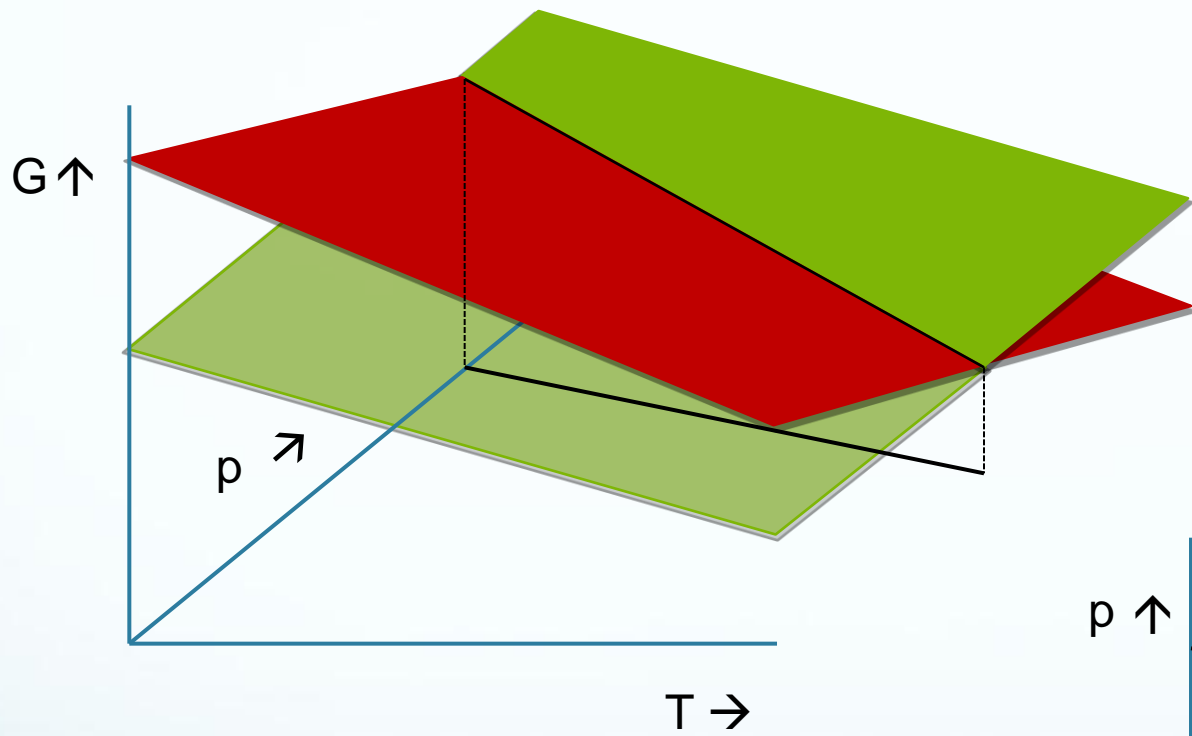
$$dG = -SdT + Vdp$$



G is *characteristic* for the variables:

Temperature and **Pressure**

# Gibbs Energy



# Clapeyron Equation

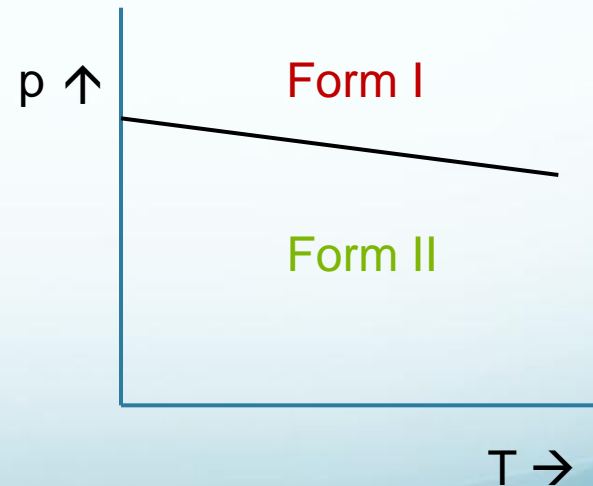
The slope of a two-phase equilibrium:

$$\frac{dp}{dT} = \frac{DS}{Dv} = \frac{DH}{TDv}$$

Calorimetry

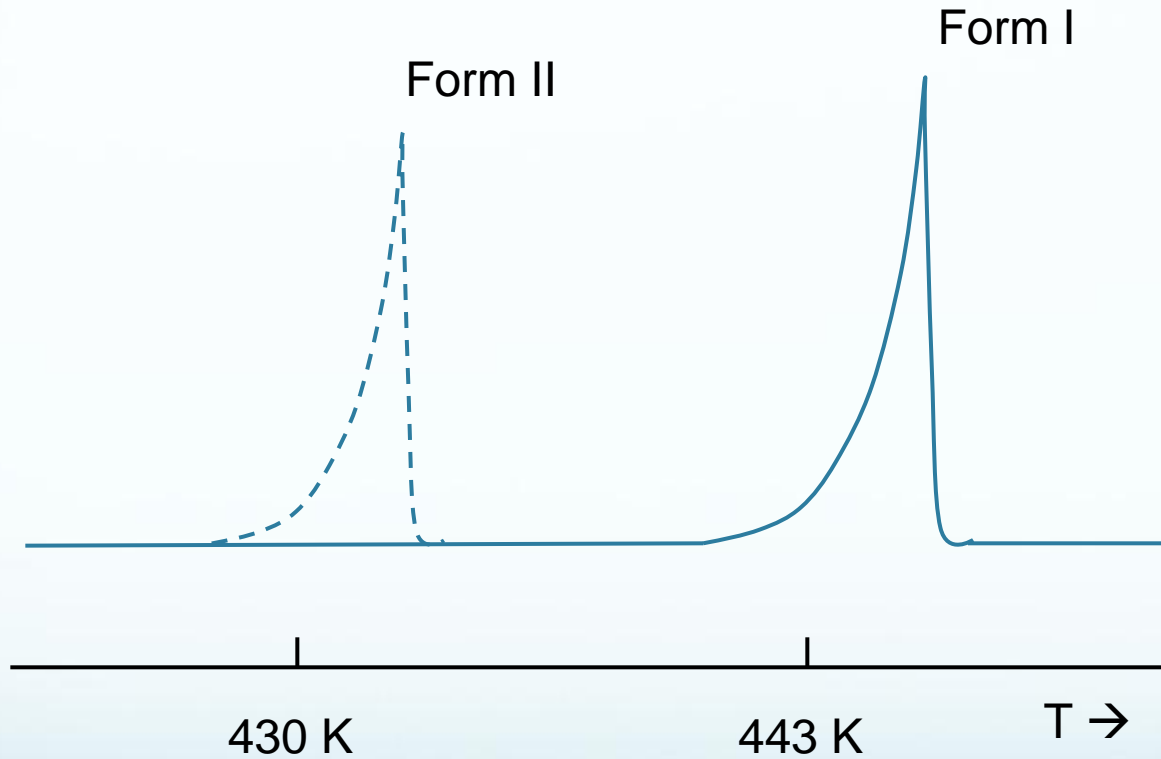
X-ray diffraction

Pressure can be incorporated by X-ray diffraction without even measuring it!

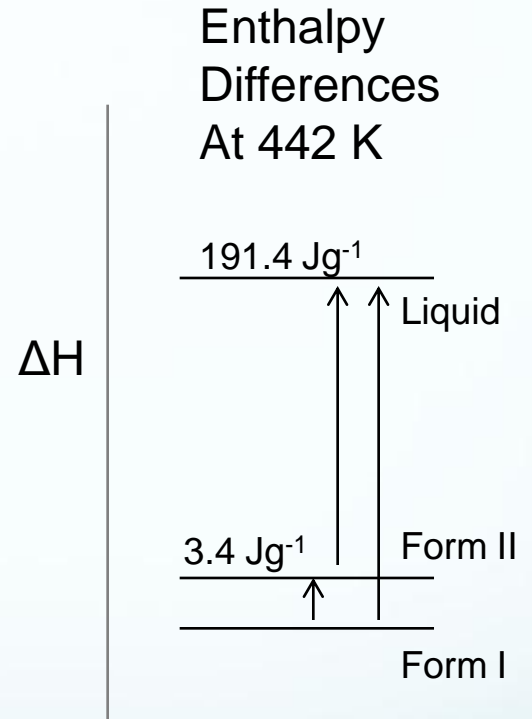
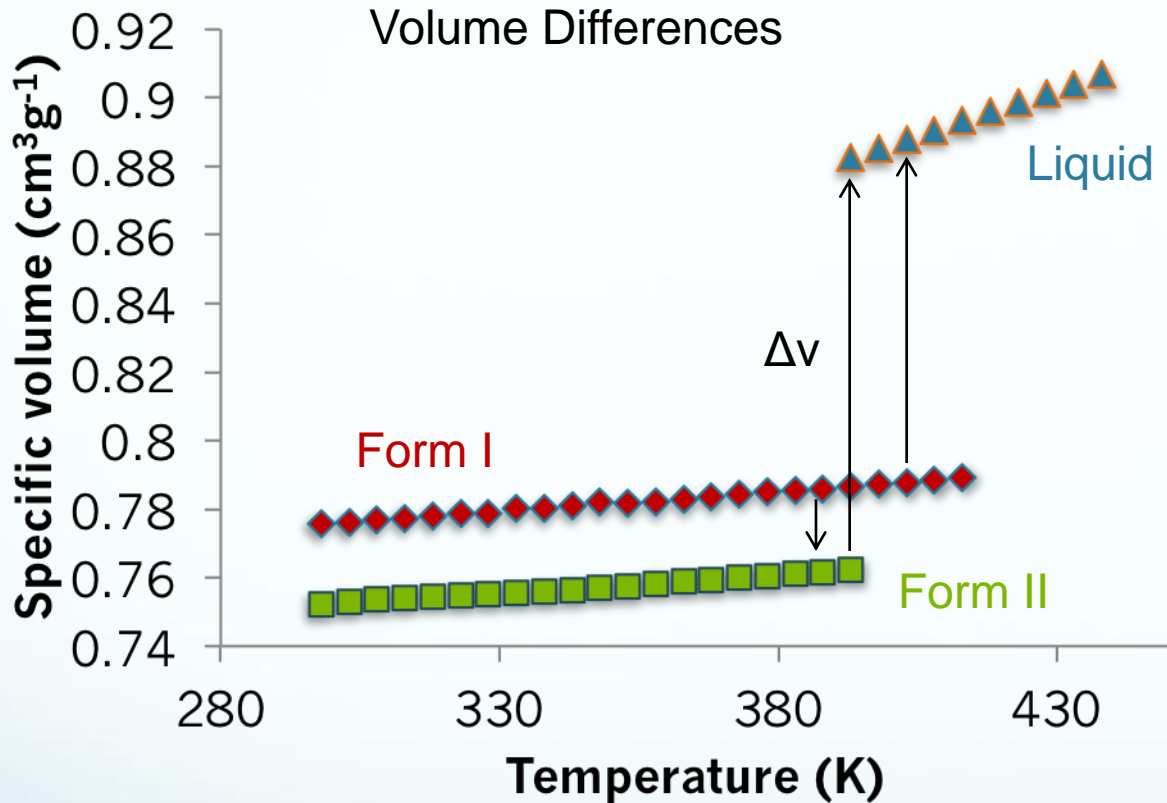




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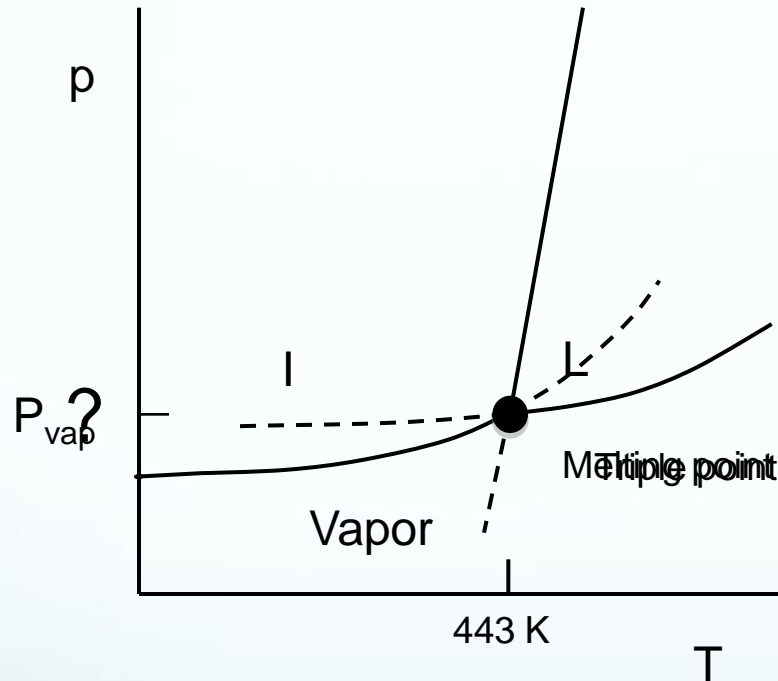


$$dp/dT (\text{I} \rightarrow \text{L}) = 3.7 \text{ MPa K}^{-1}$$

$$dp/dT (\text{II} \rightarrow \text{L}) = 3.1 \text{ MPa K}^{-1}$$

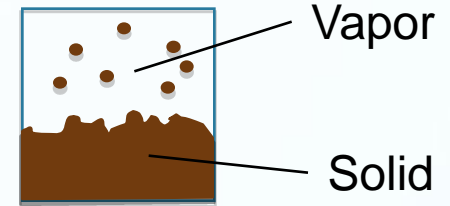
$$dp/dT (\text{I} \rightarrow \text{II}) = -0.3 \text{ MPa K}^{-1}$$

# Pressure, Triple Points, and Alternation Rule

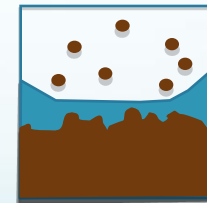


$$dp/dT (I \rightarrow L) = 3.7 \text{ MPa K}^{-1}$$

Rigid DSC capsule

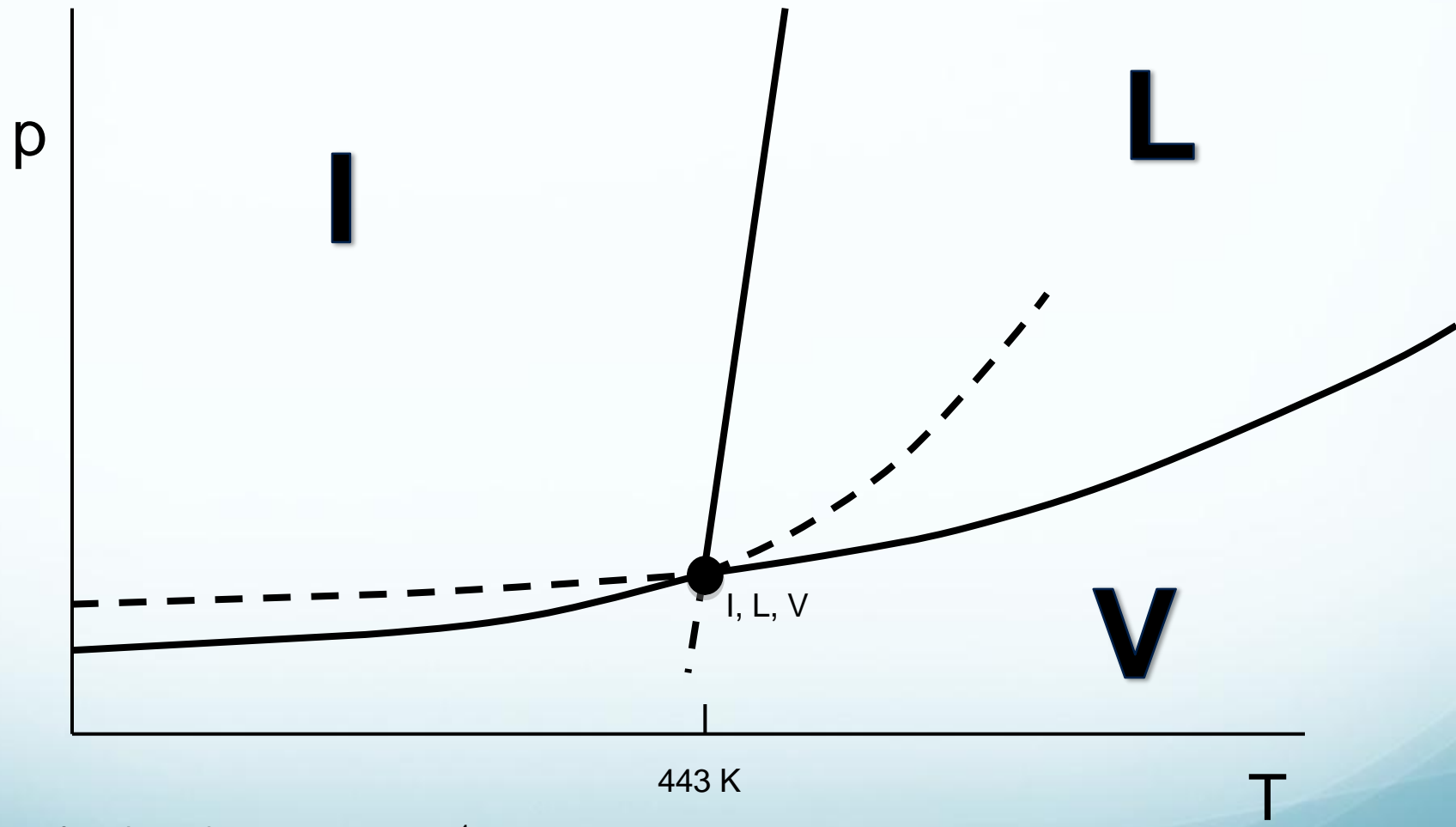


The pressure of the system is its **vapor pressure**



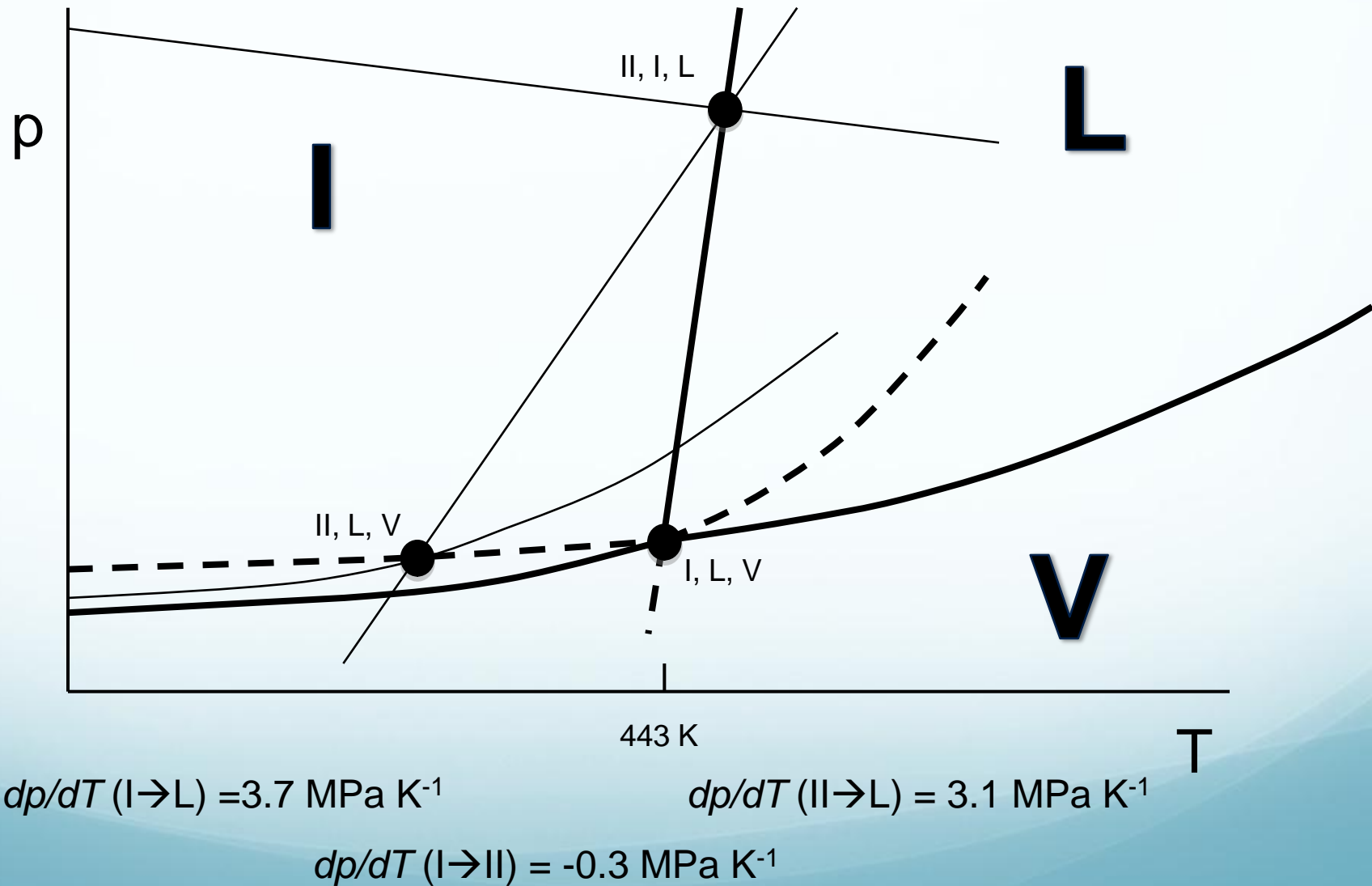
At Fusion: Three Phases  
→ Triple point

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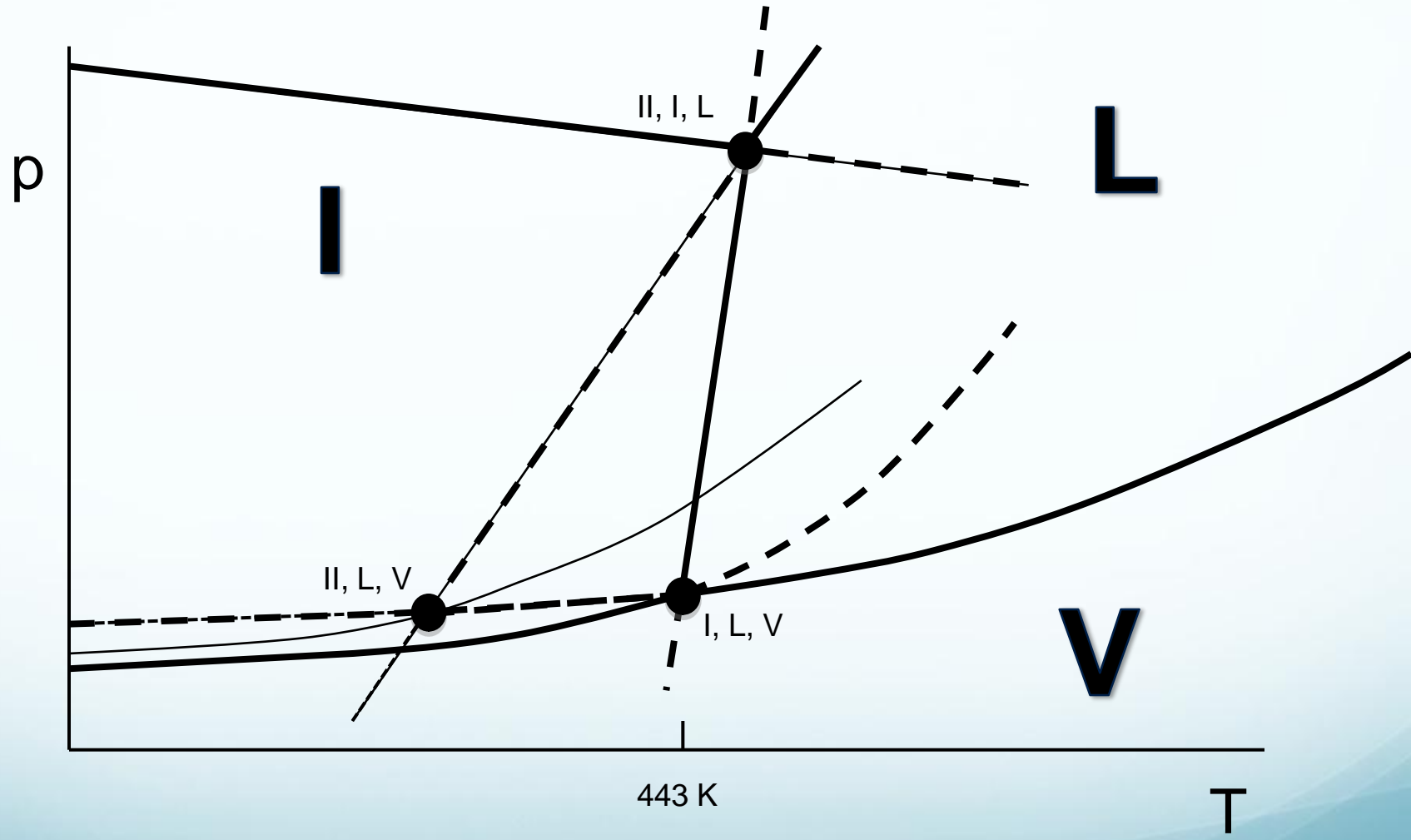


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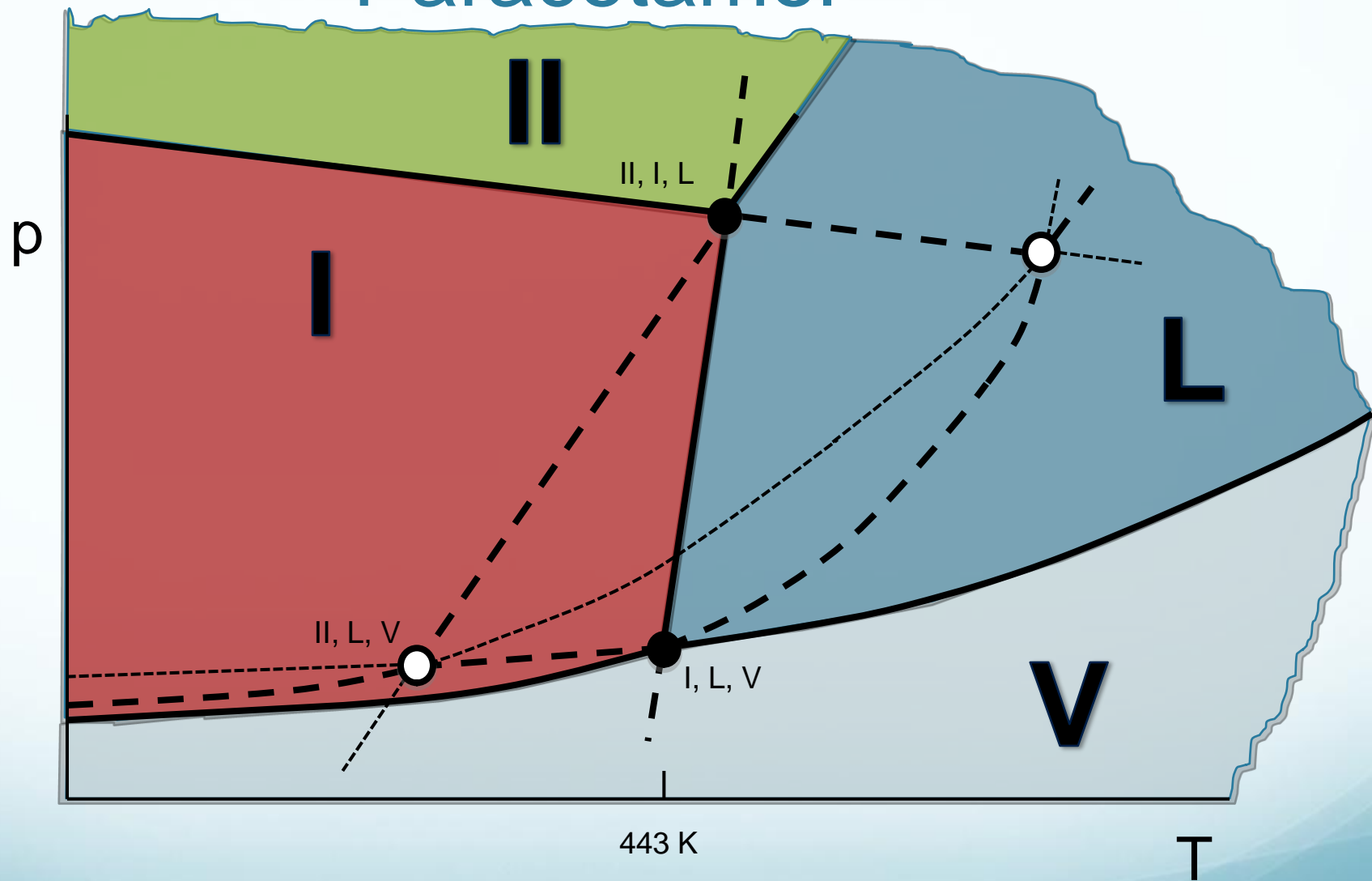
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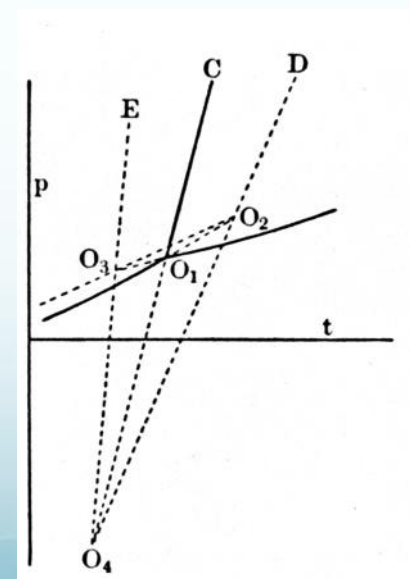
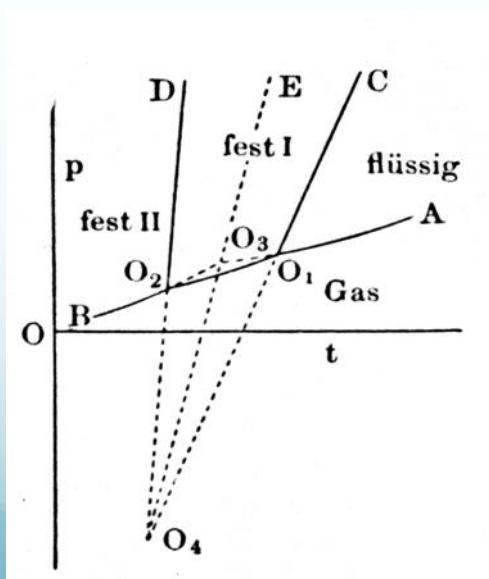
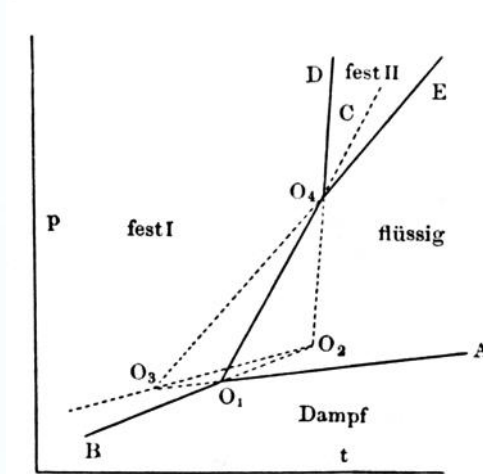
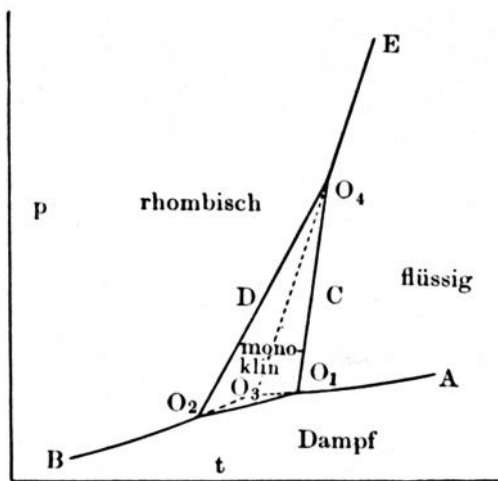


# Paracetamol



# Bakhuys-Roozeboom

4 Phases → 4 Phase Diagrams - 1901





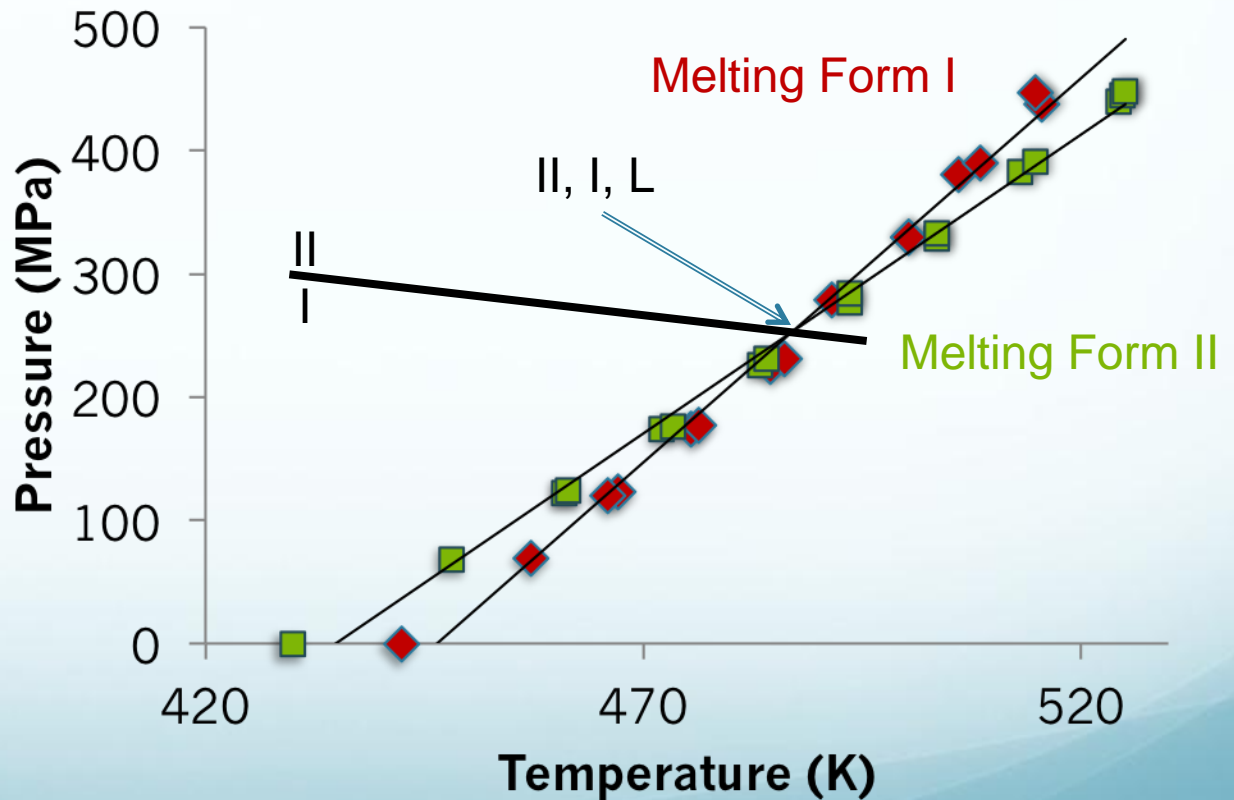
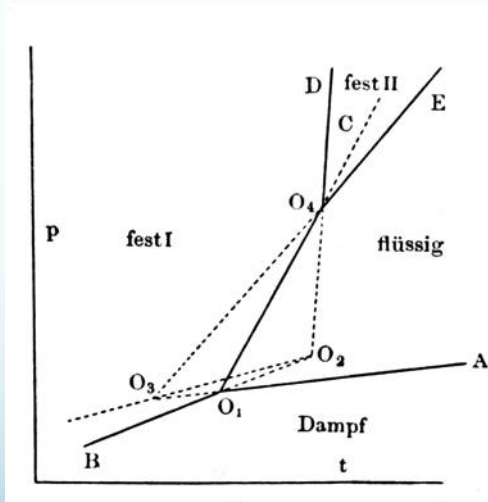
# Paracetamol

## Experimental Verification

### Experimental Triple Point

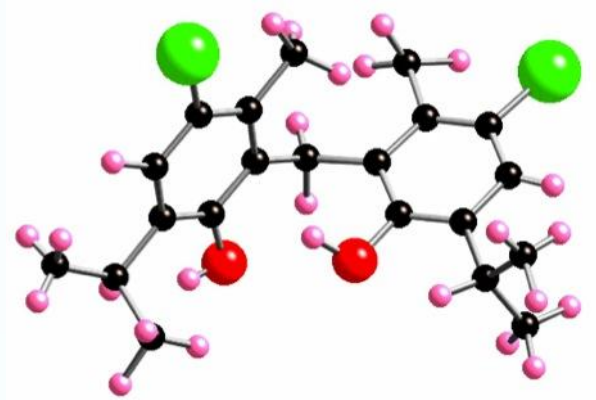
$T = 489.6 \text{ K}$

$p = 258.7 \text{ MPa}$



# Biclotymol

## Pulmonary antiseptic



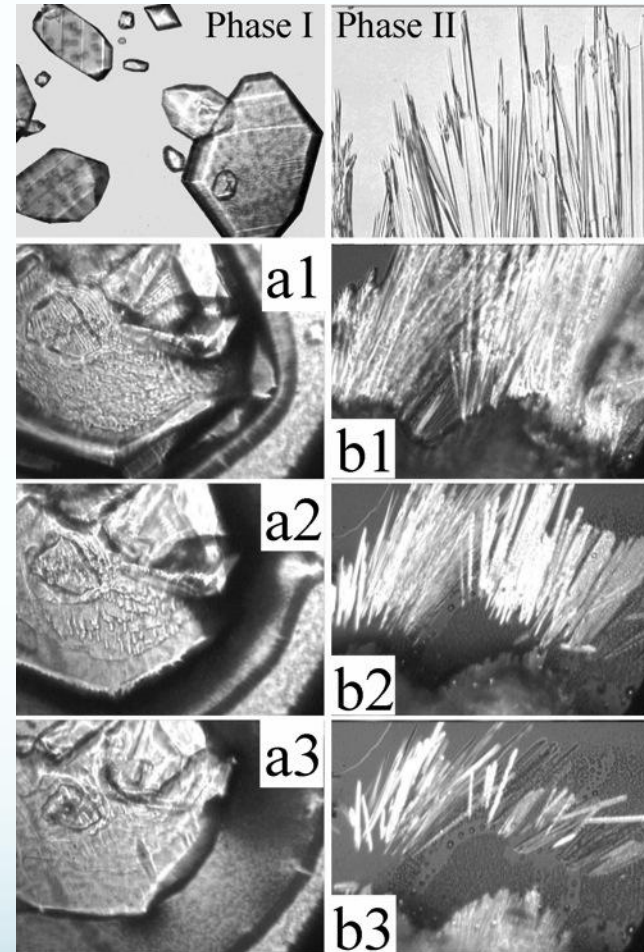
Form I

Form II

$P2_1/c$

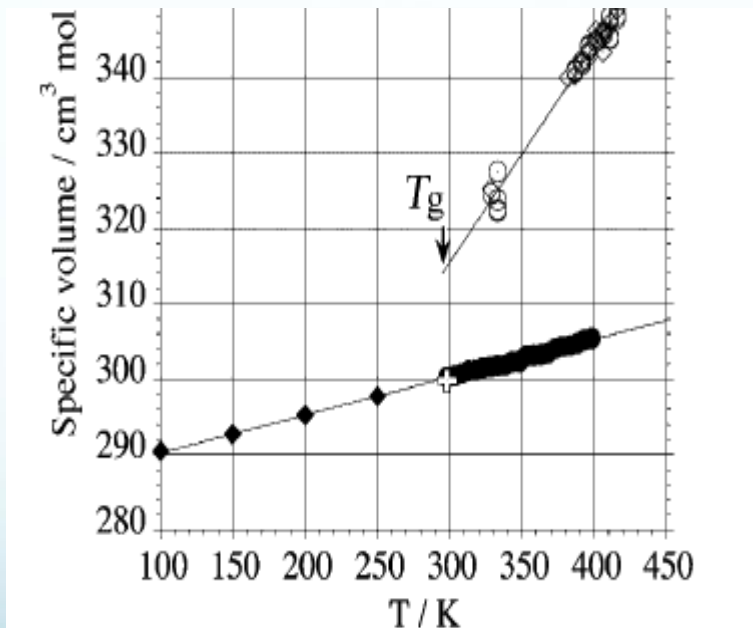
$T_{fus}$ : 400 K  
 $\Delta H_{fus}$ : 36.6 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>

374 K  
 28.8 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>

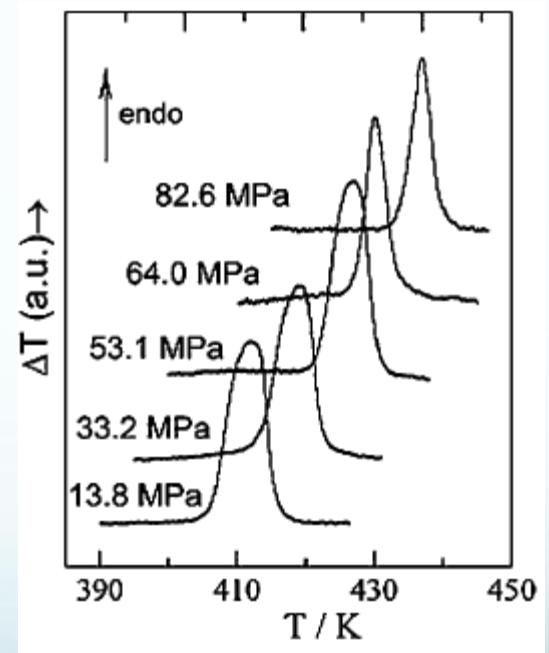


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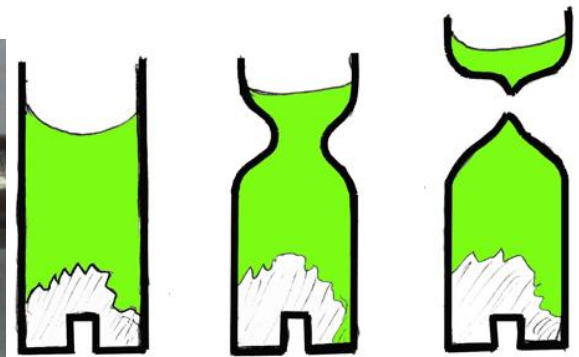
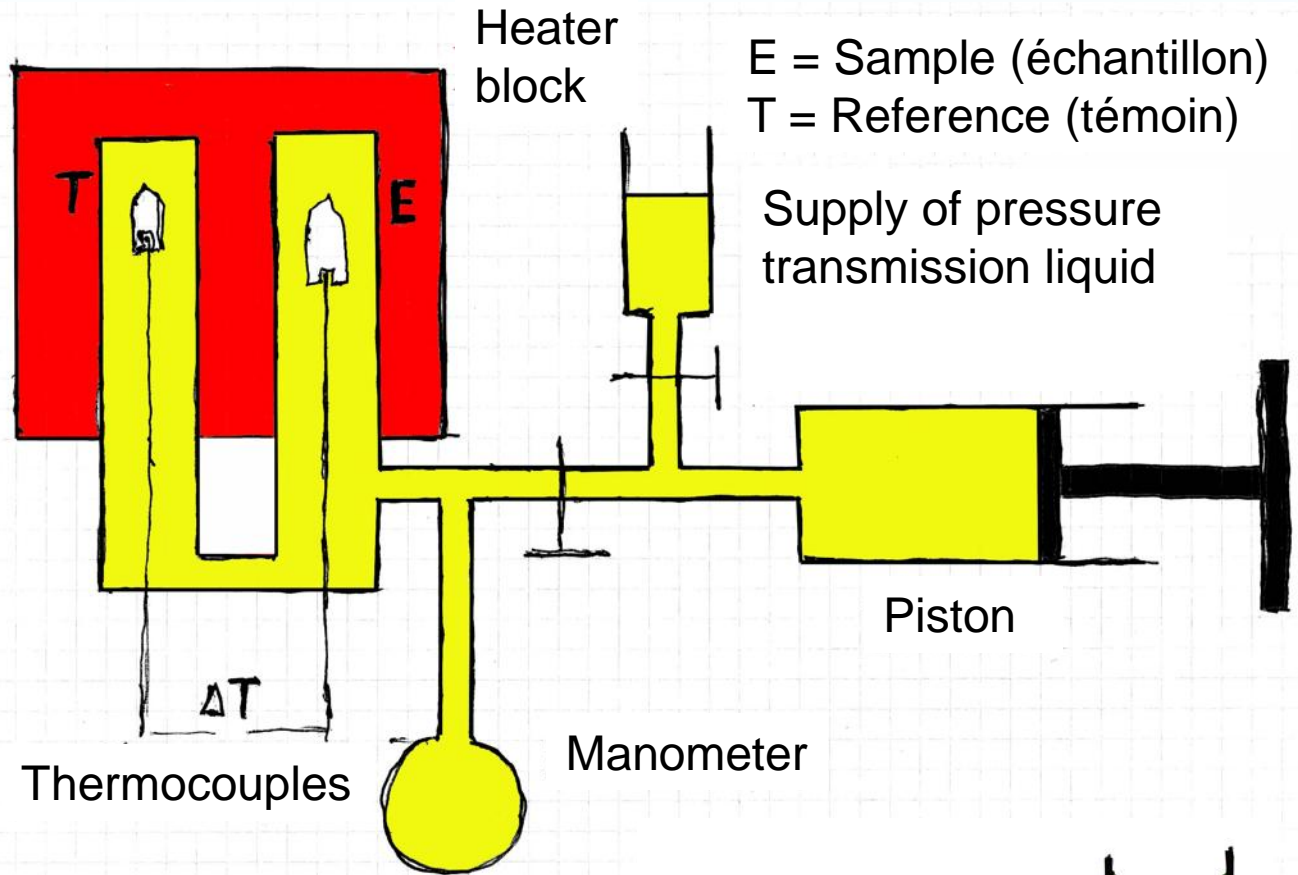
Volume of form I and liquid



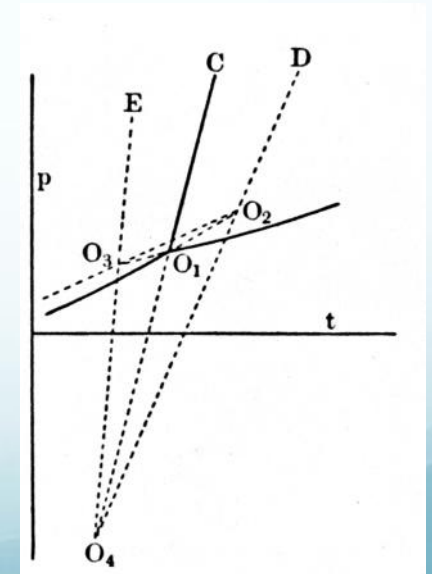
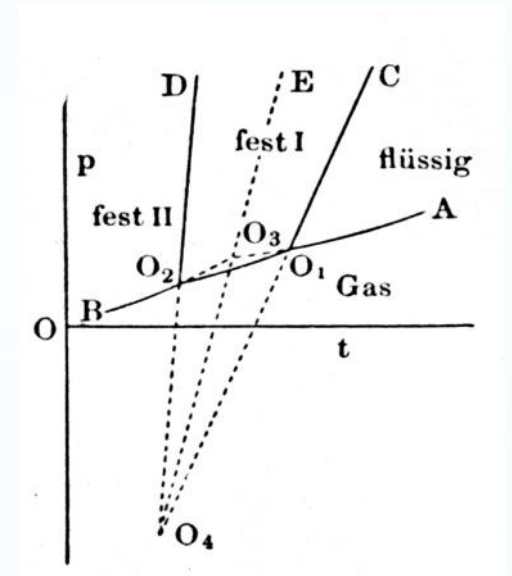
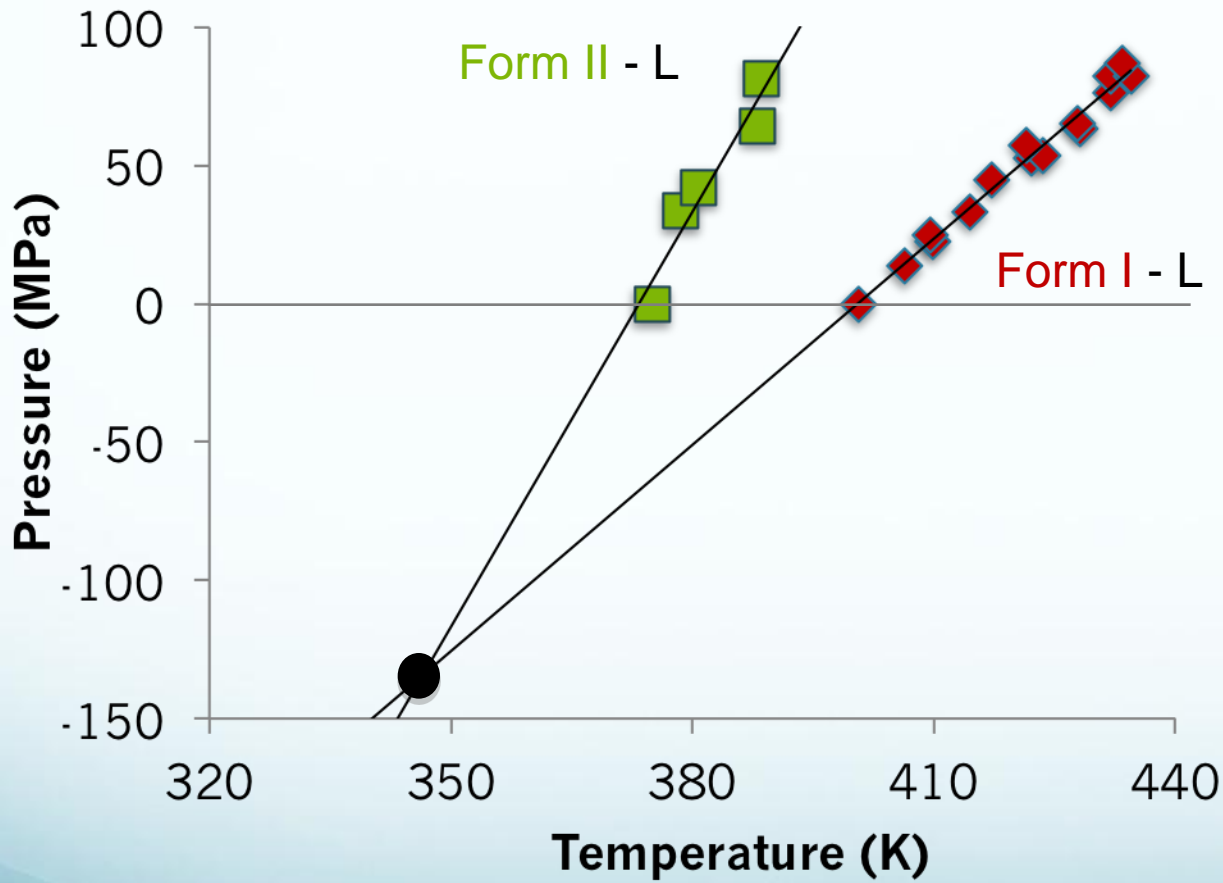
Melting peaks versus pressure



# High Pressure DTA

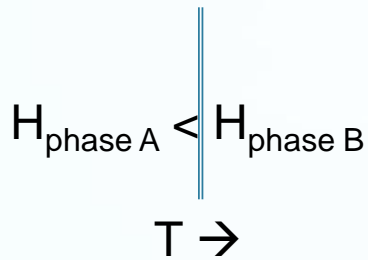


# Biclotymol

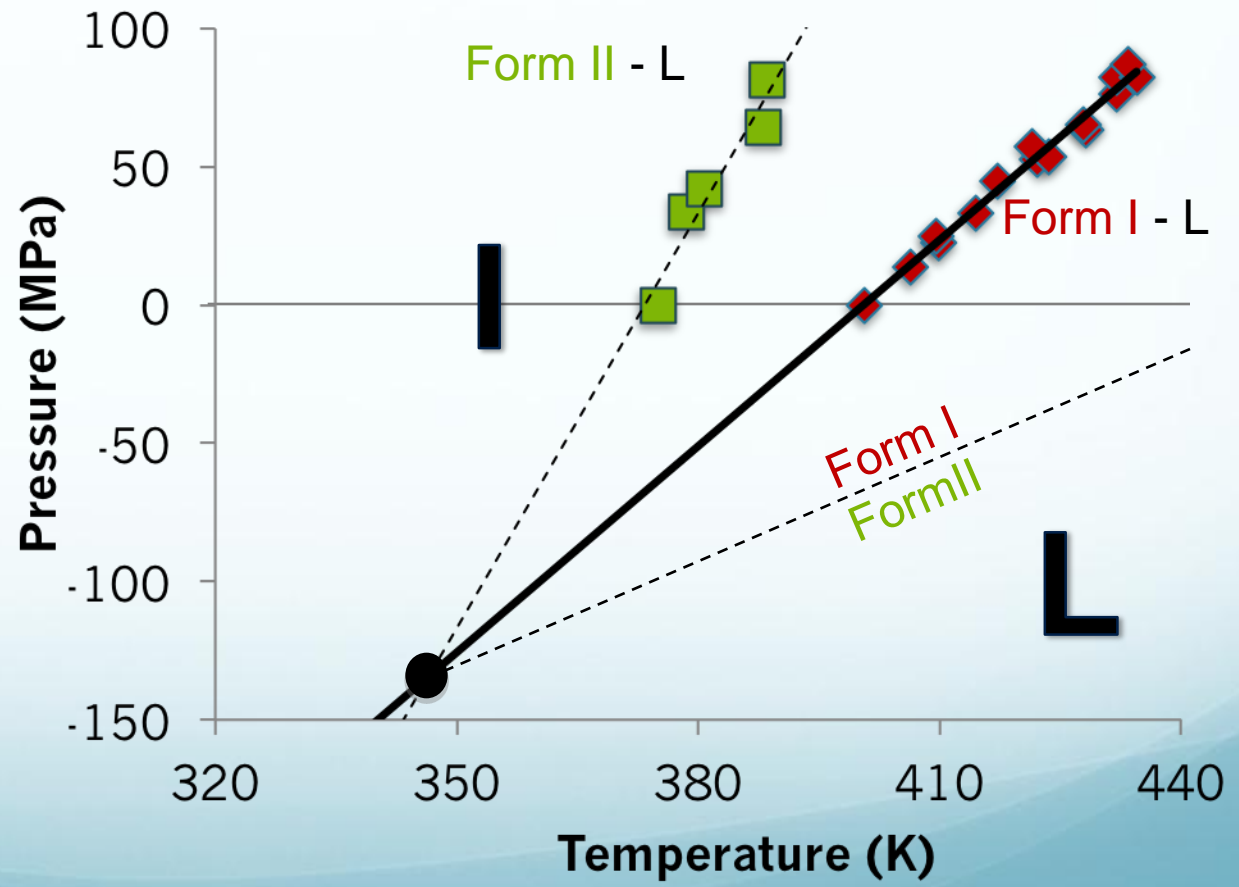
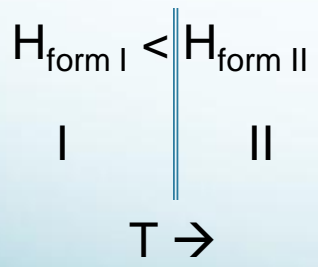


# Biclotymol

## Le Chatelier

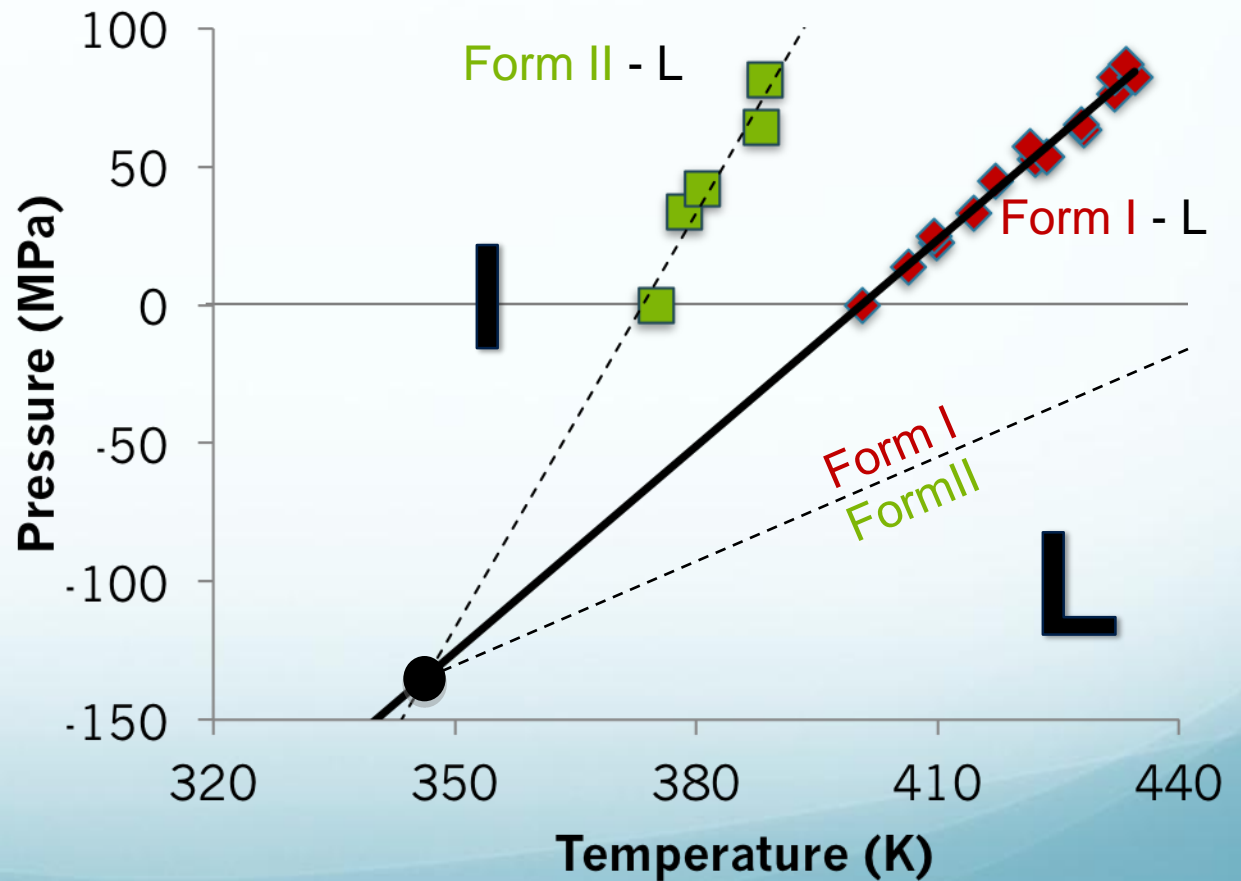
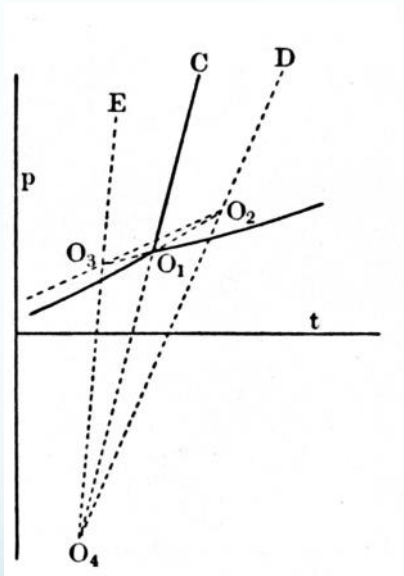


Observation  
Form II into Form I  
transition exothermic



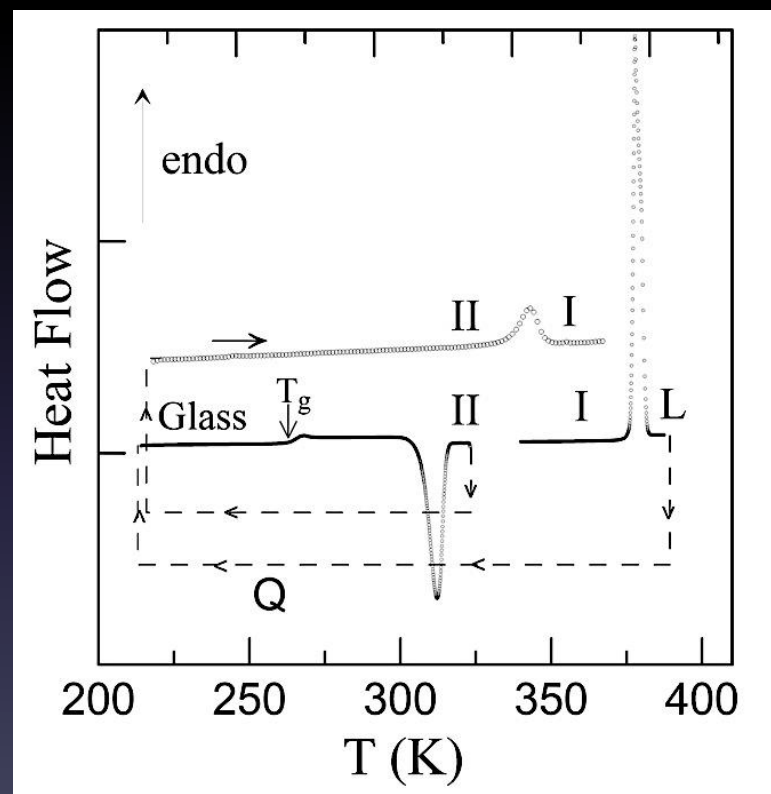
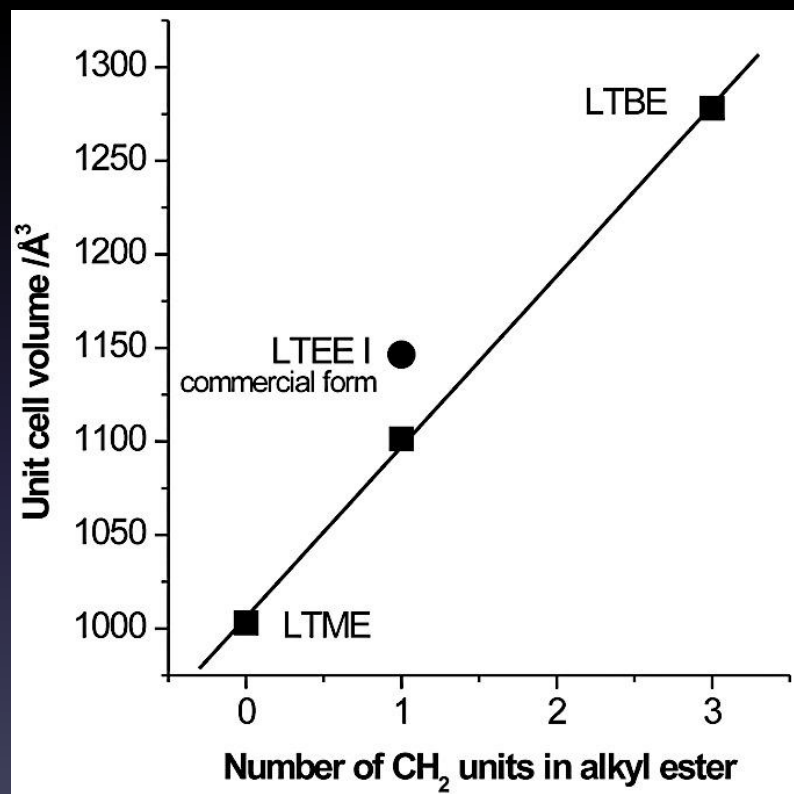
# Biclotymol

## Overall monotropy



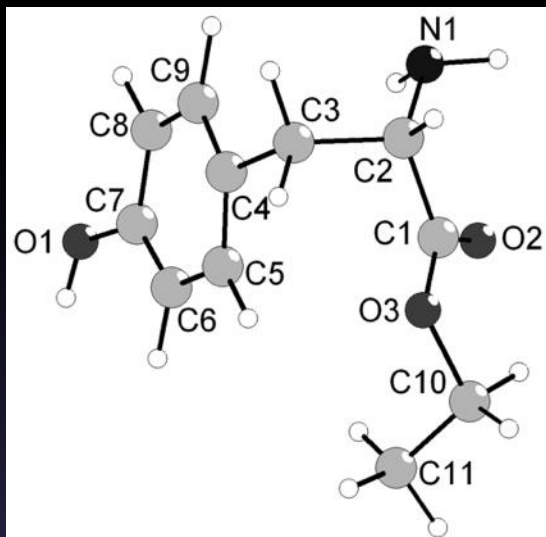
# Dimorphic Tyrosine Ethyl Ester

Prodrug against tyrosine deficiency



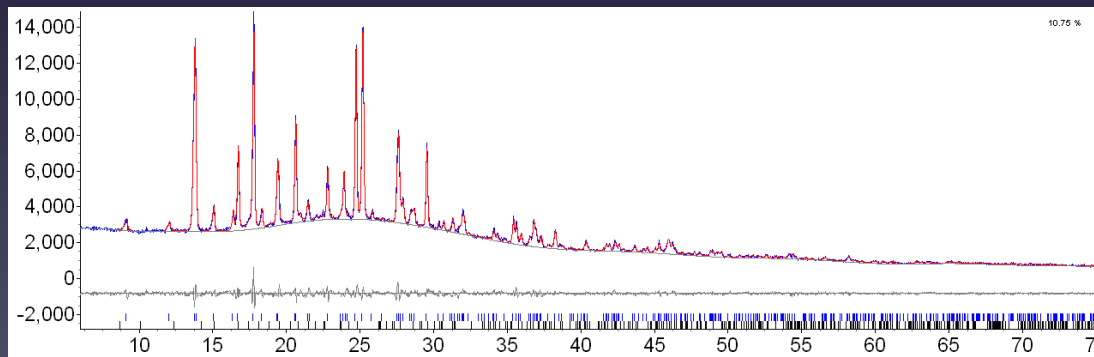


# Crystal Structure

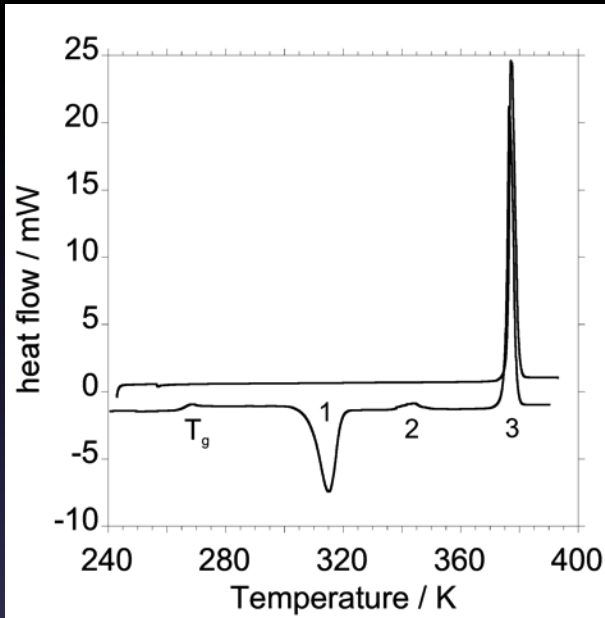


Ethyl ester, Phase II:

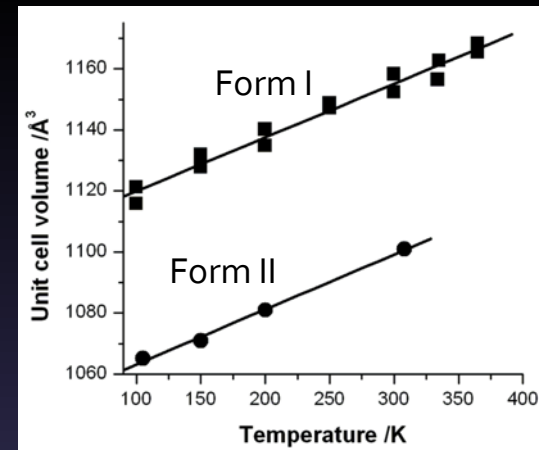
orthorhombic  $P2_12_12_1$



# P-T, Necessary Data

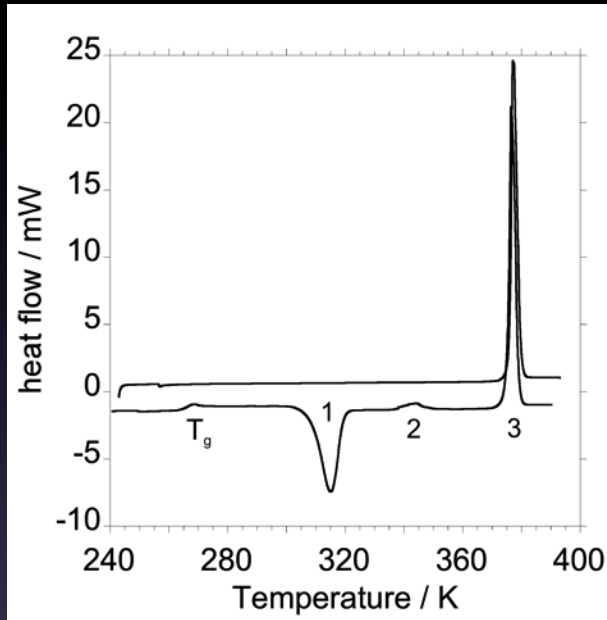


DSC: temperature and enthalpy

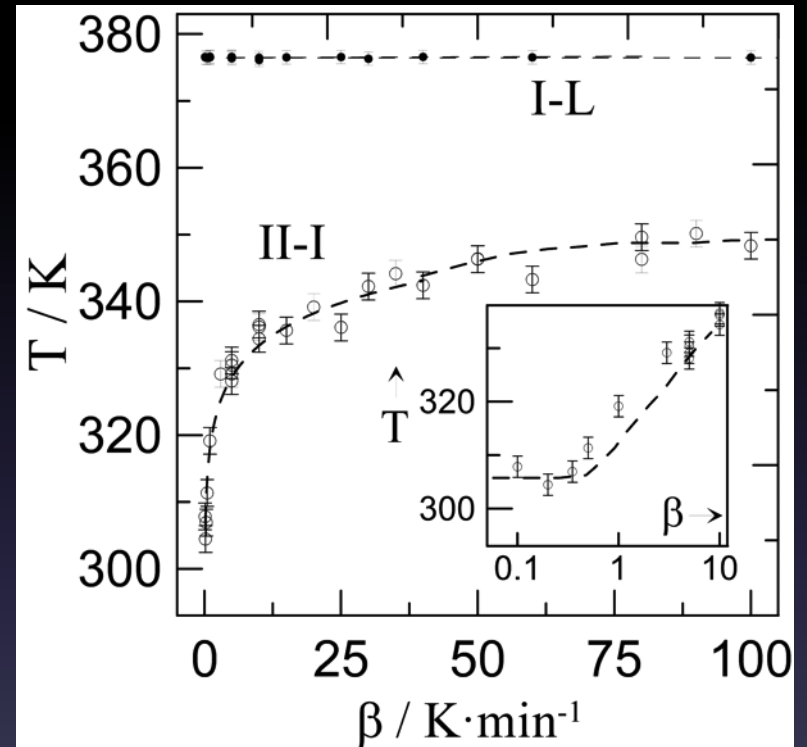


X-ray: Volume difference

# P-T, Necessary Data



DSC: temperature and enthalpy



DSC:  $T$  II  $\rightarrow$  I and heating rate

# Topological Pressure – Temperature Diagram

Clapeyron Equation: 
$$\frac{dp}{dT} = \frac{DH}{TDv}$$

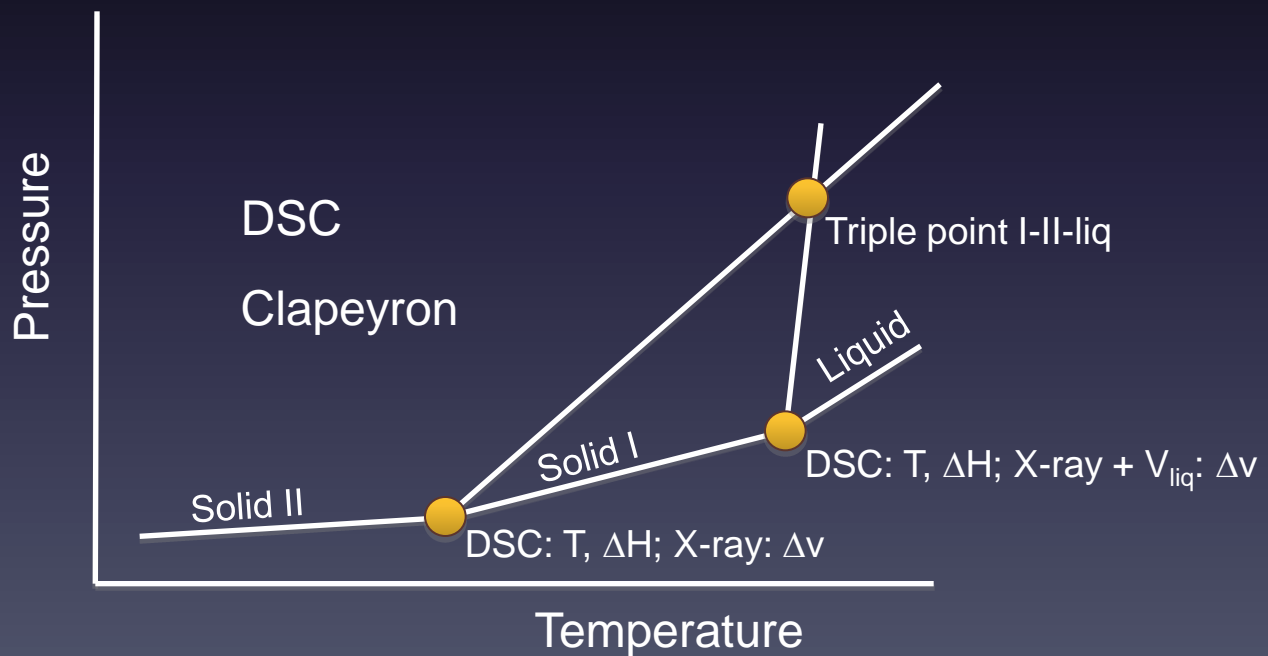
The slope of a phase equilibrium

By DSC, high pressure DTA and X-ray:

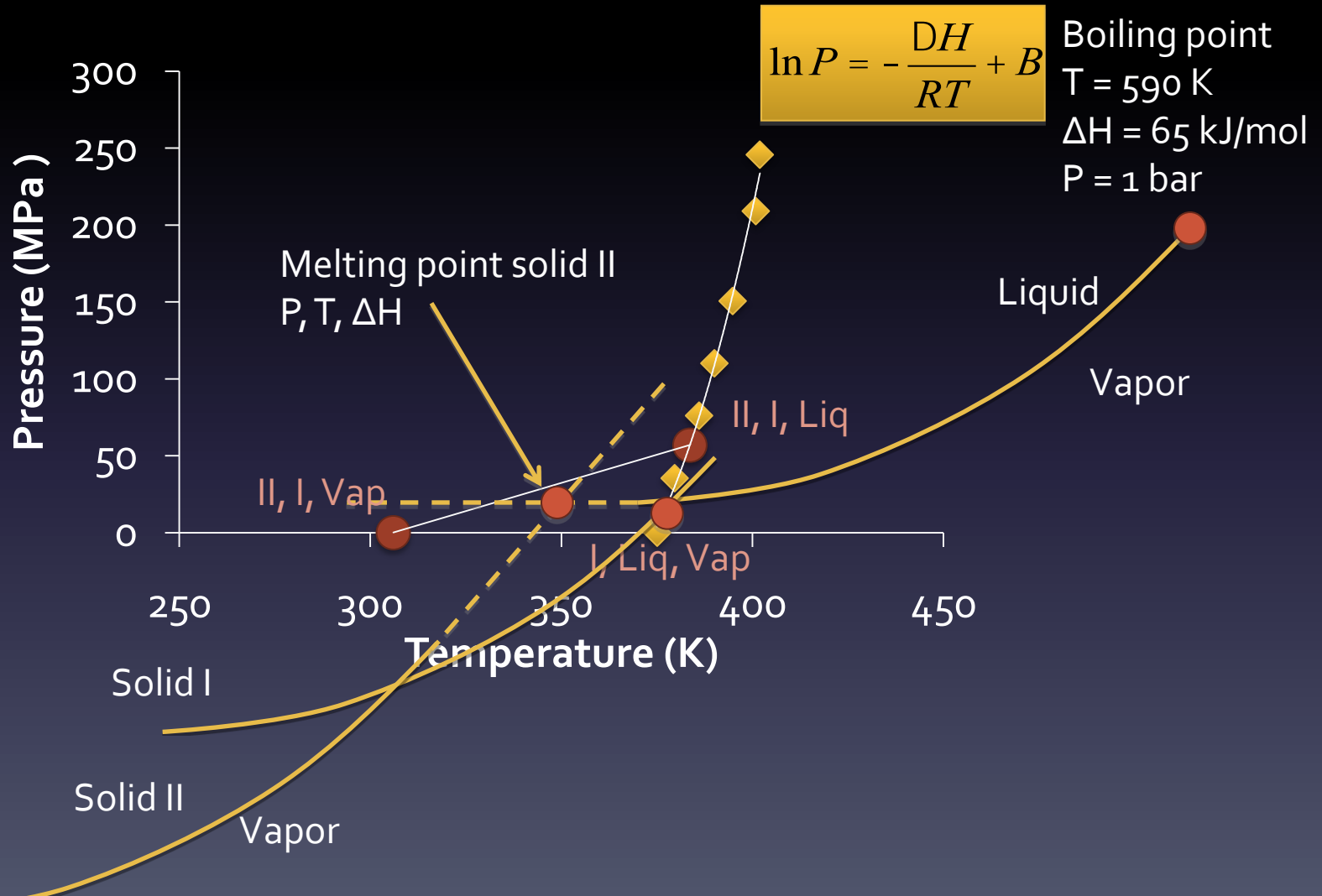
Transition temperature

Enthalpy of transition

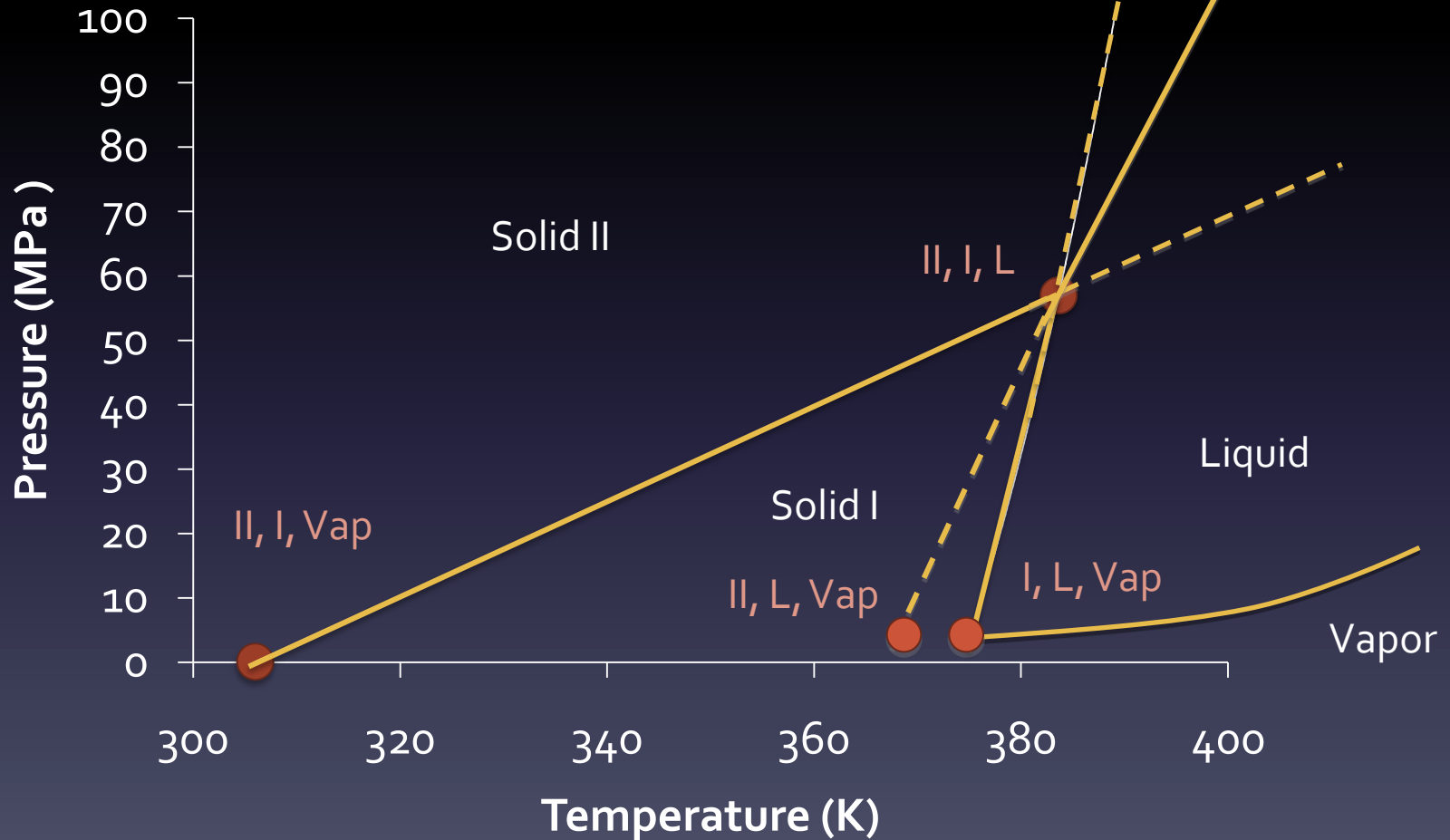
Volume change at transition



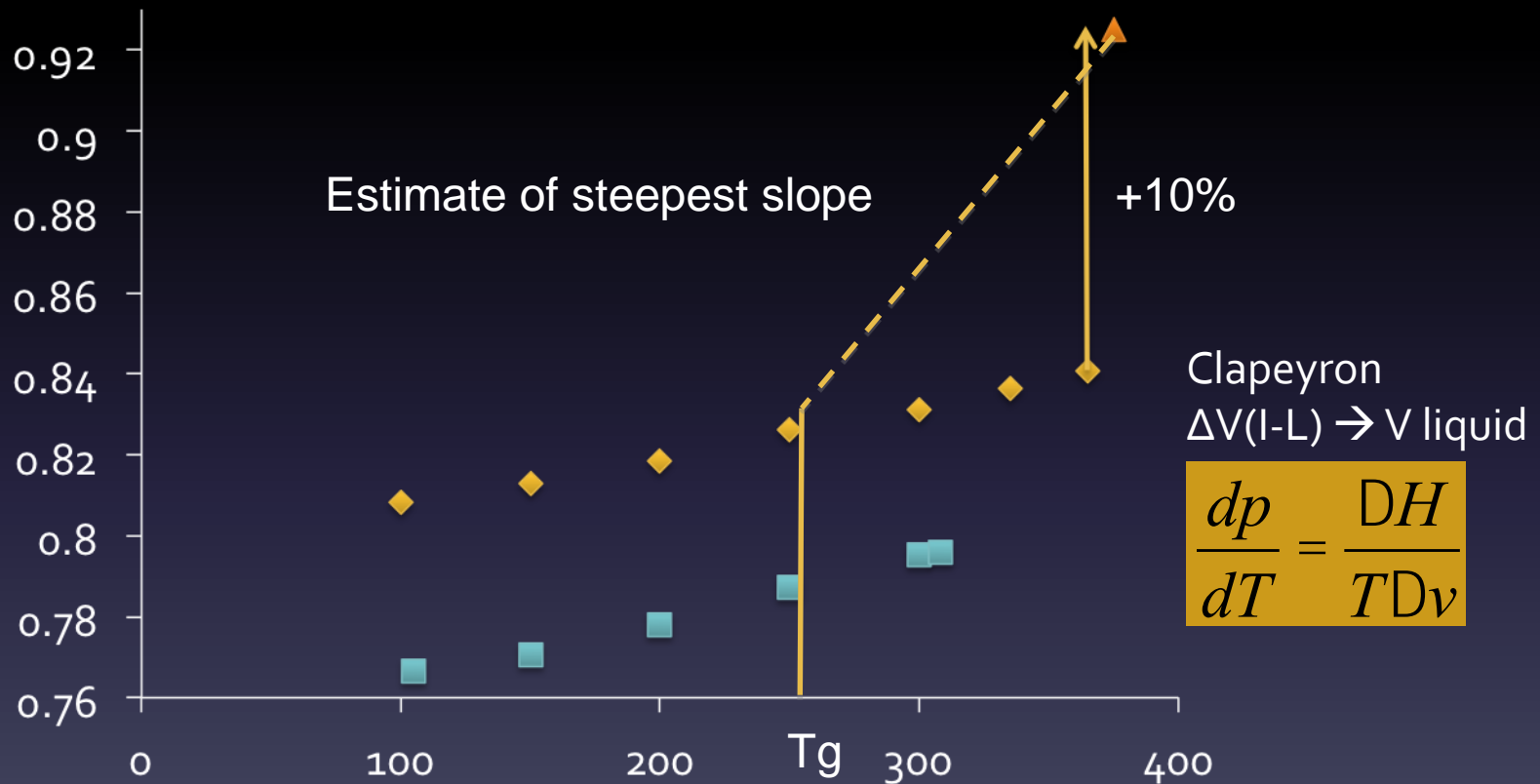
# Construction of P-T Diagram



# Dimorphism stability regions (P, T)



# Specific volume of liquid without measurement



Céolin, Rietveld, J Therm Anal Calorim 102, 2010, 357-360

Rietveld et al. J Pharm Sci submitted (tyrosine ethyl ester, previous slides)

# Benfluorex (Mediator)

anorectic and hypolipidemic agent

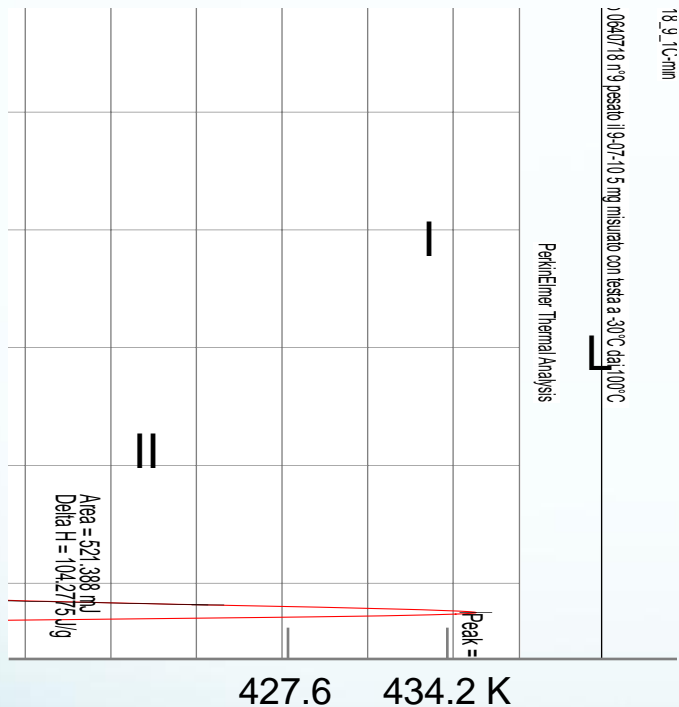
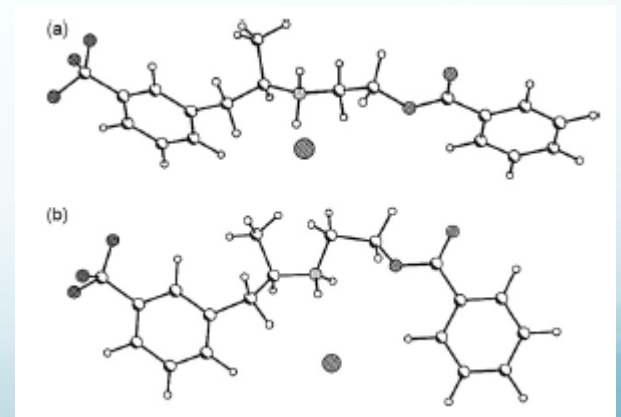
Form I highest melting point

Stable form?

Maccaroni et al. J. Pharm. Biomed. Analysis 53, **2010**, 1-6

Form I  
Monoclinic  
 $P2_1/n$ ,  $Z = 4$

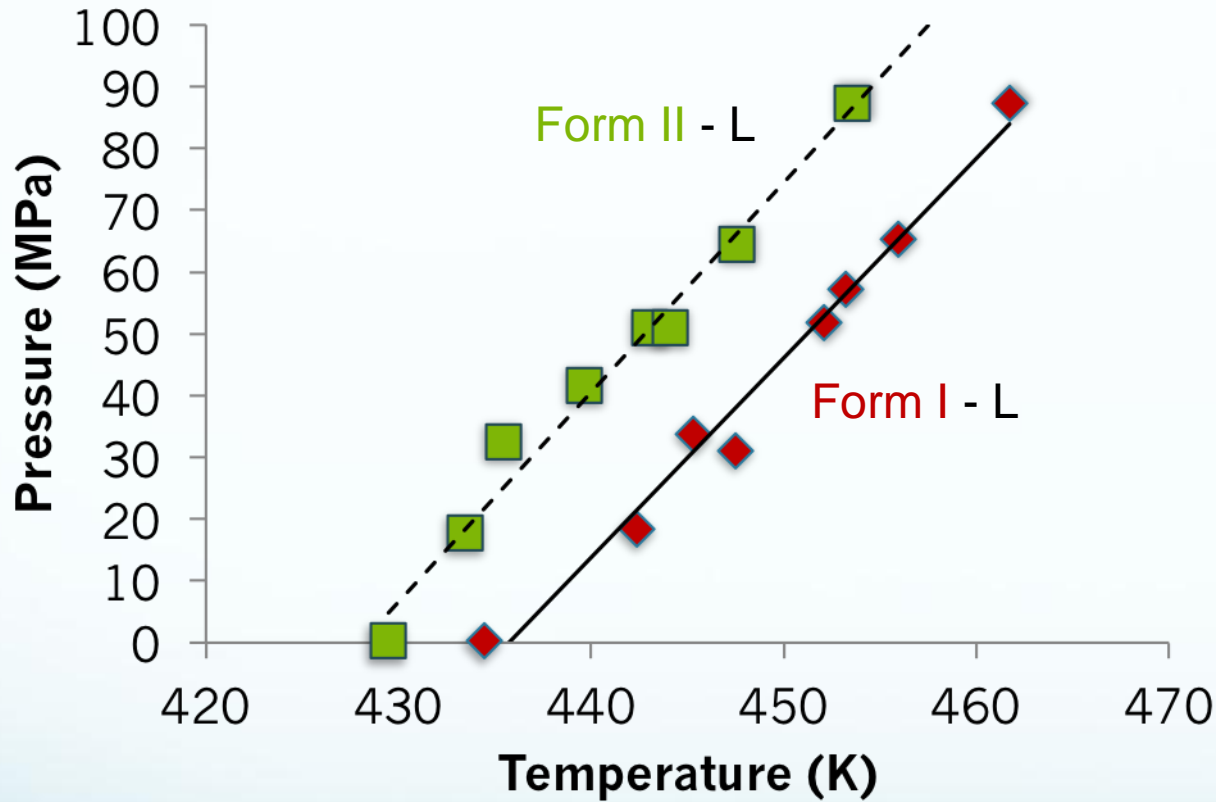
Form II  
Orthorhombic  
 $Pbca$ ,  $Z = 8$





# Benfluorex

## High Pressure Data



Lines parallel...

- Measured

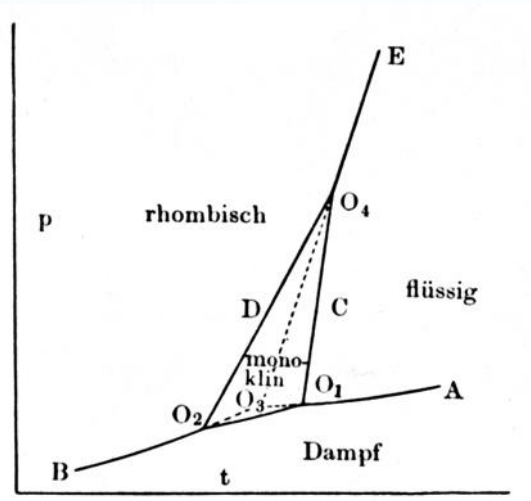
- Calculated

No  $v_{\text{spec}}$  of liquid

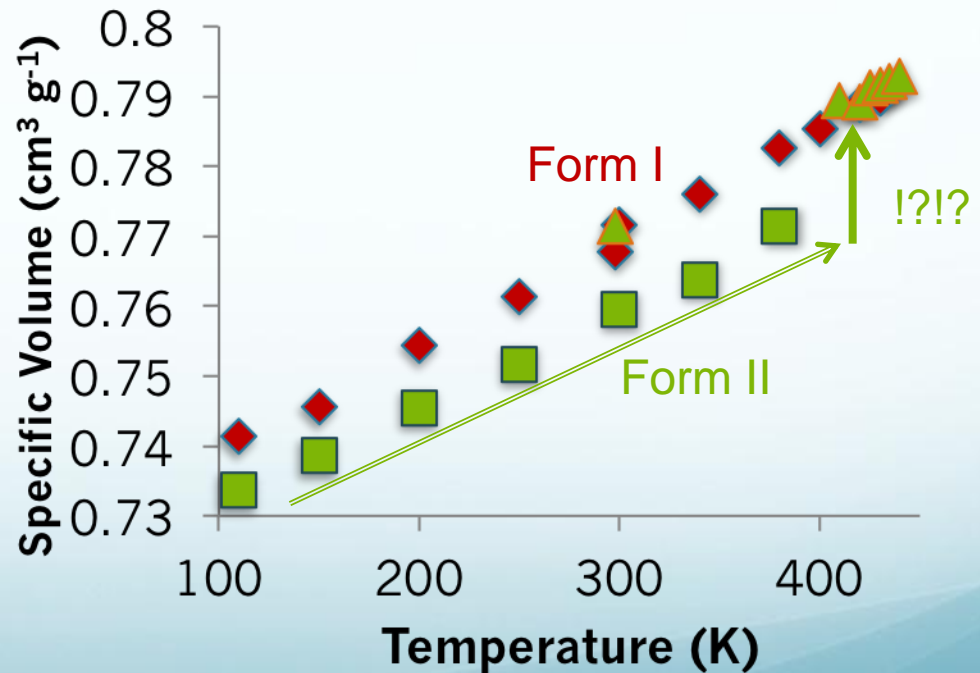
No triple point!?



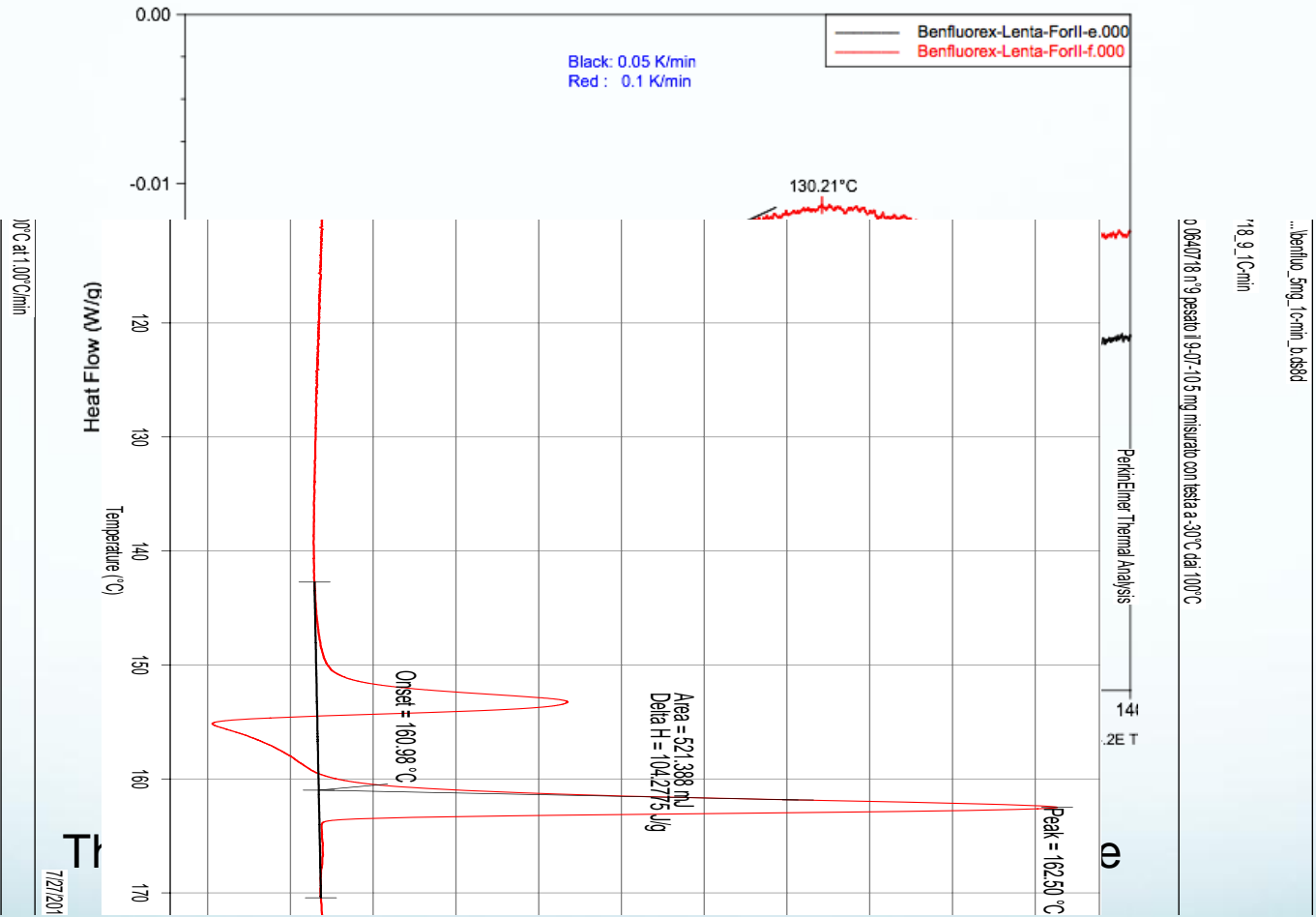
# Benfluorex



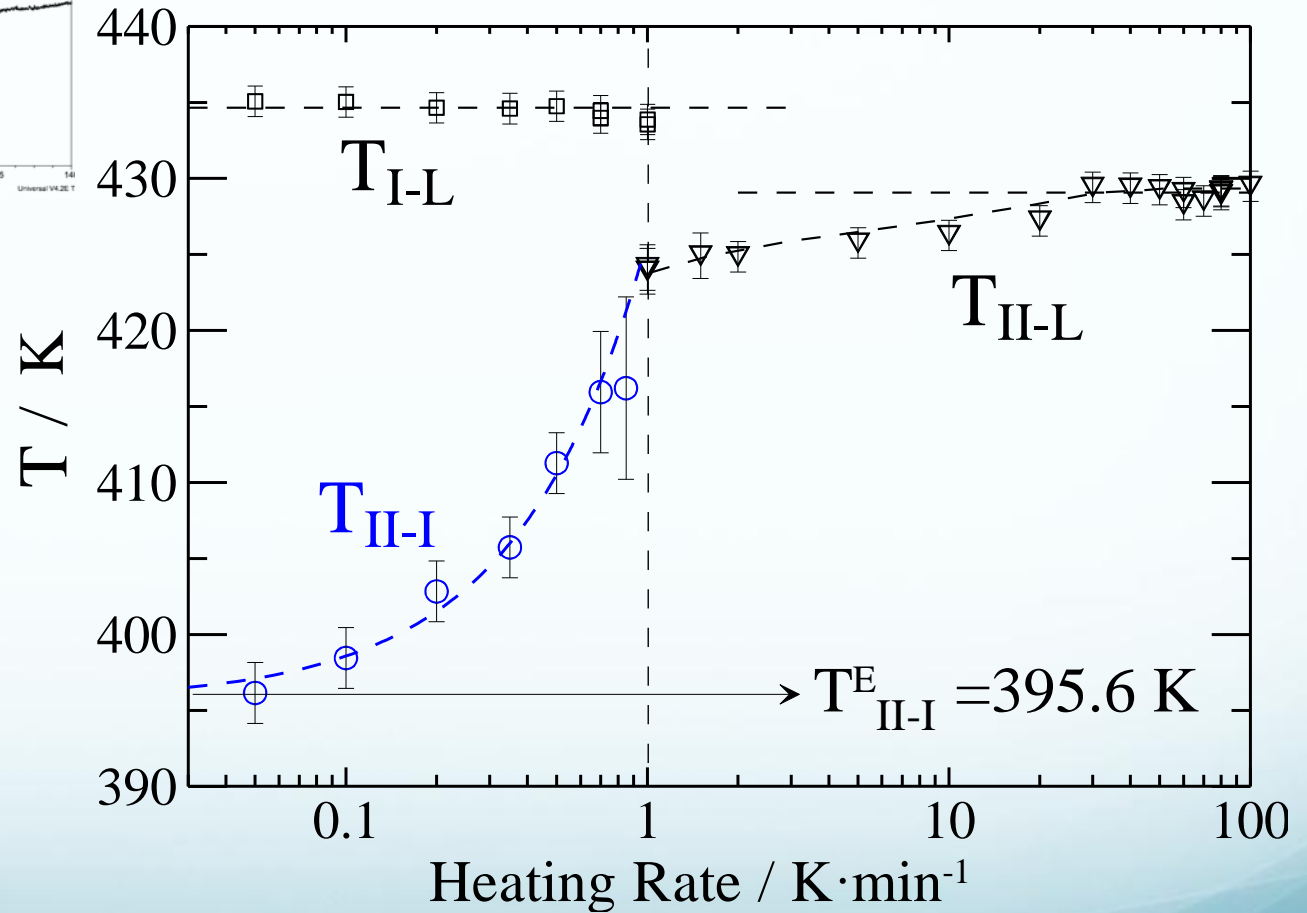
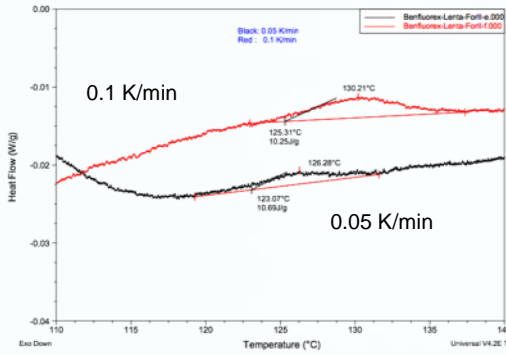
A transition at about 420 K!  
Invisible in all DSC measurements



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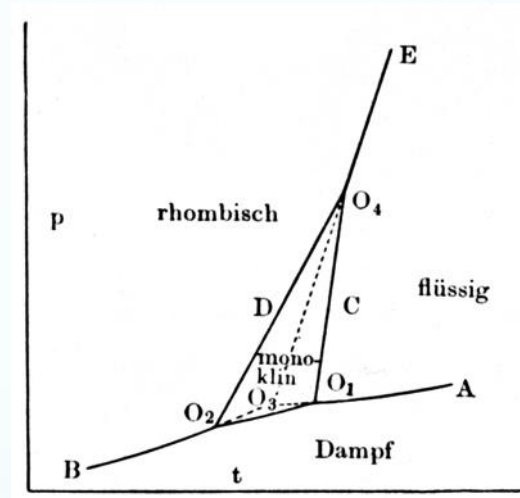
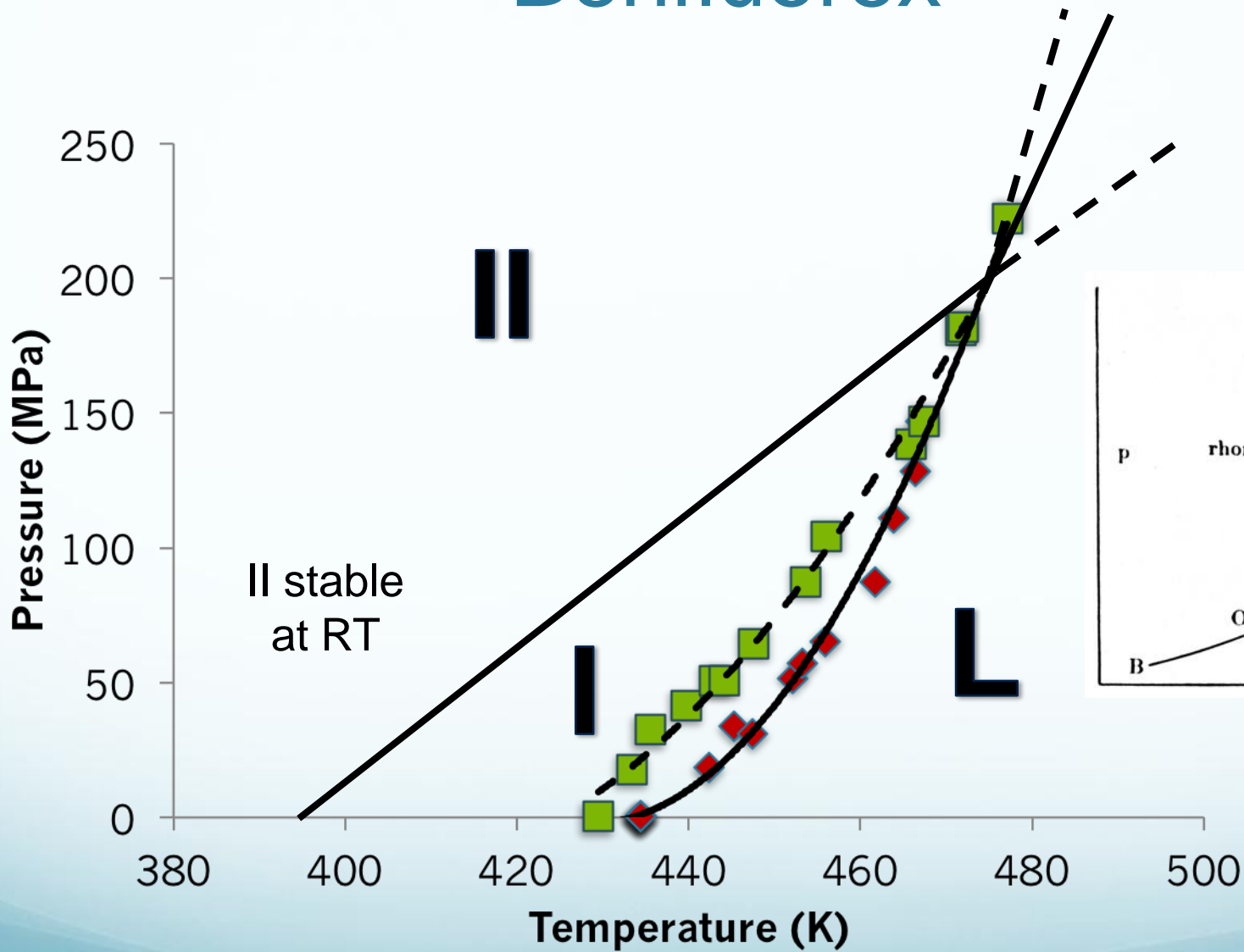


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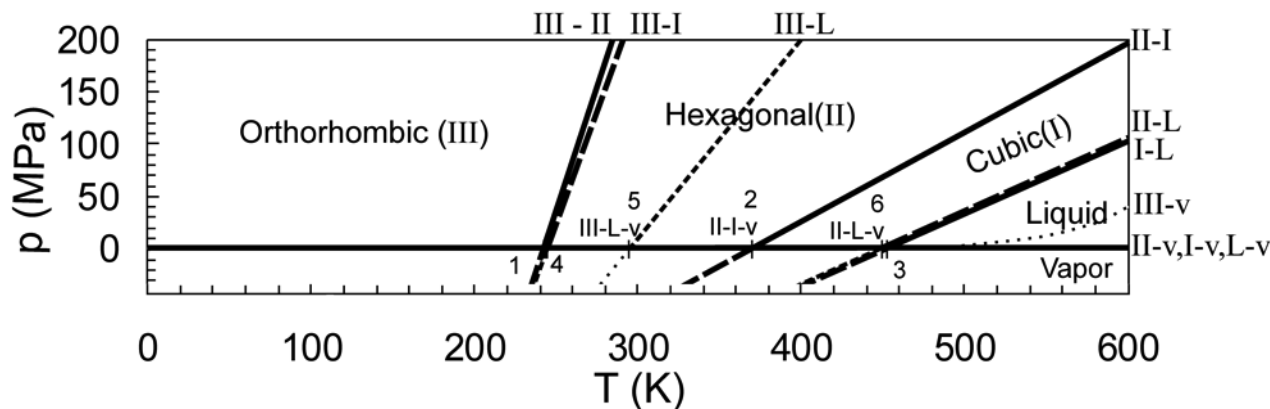
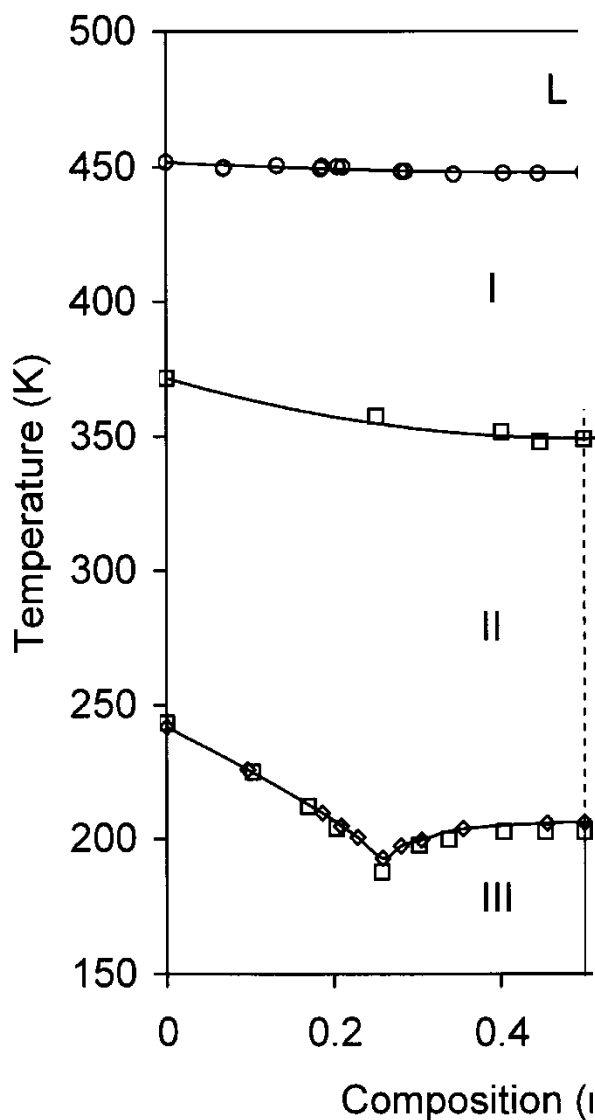
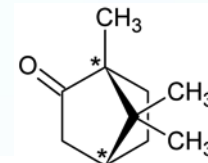
Solid-solid transition heating rate dependent and disappearing in II melt

# Benfluorex

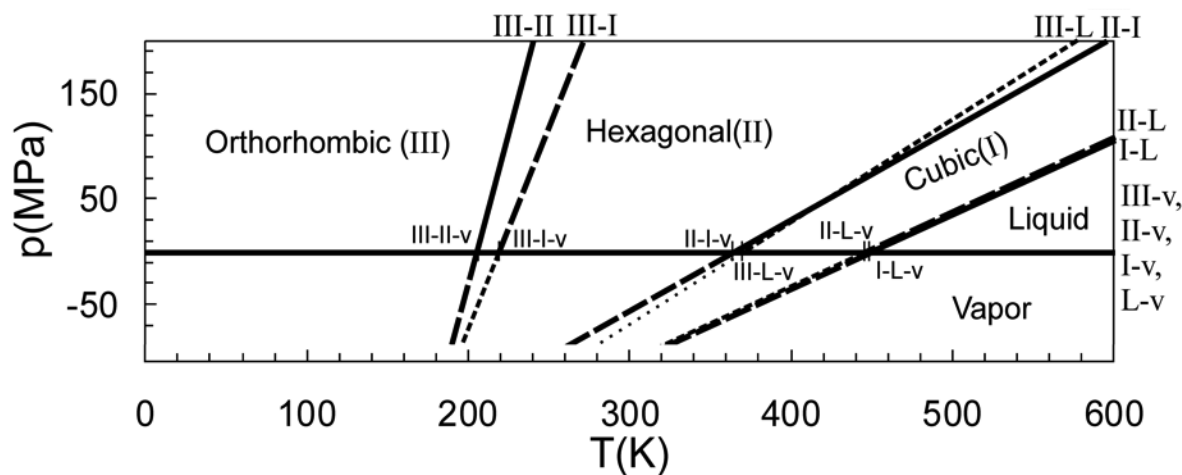
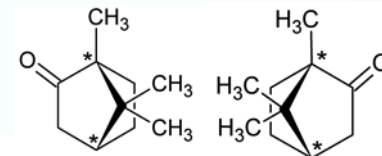


# Pressure – Temperature - Composition

## D-Camphor

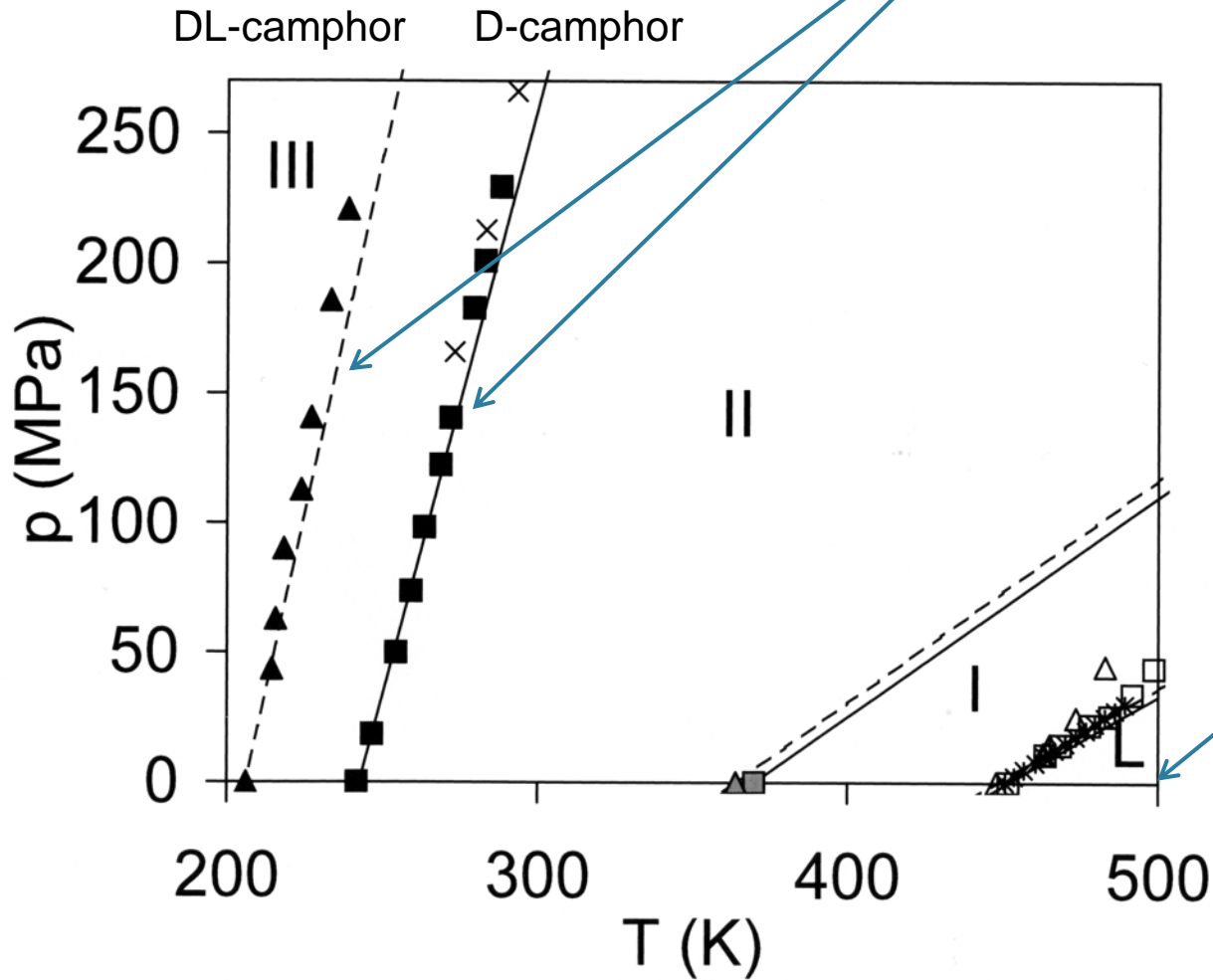


## DL-Camphor



# Experimental P-T data

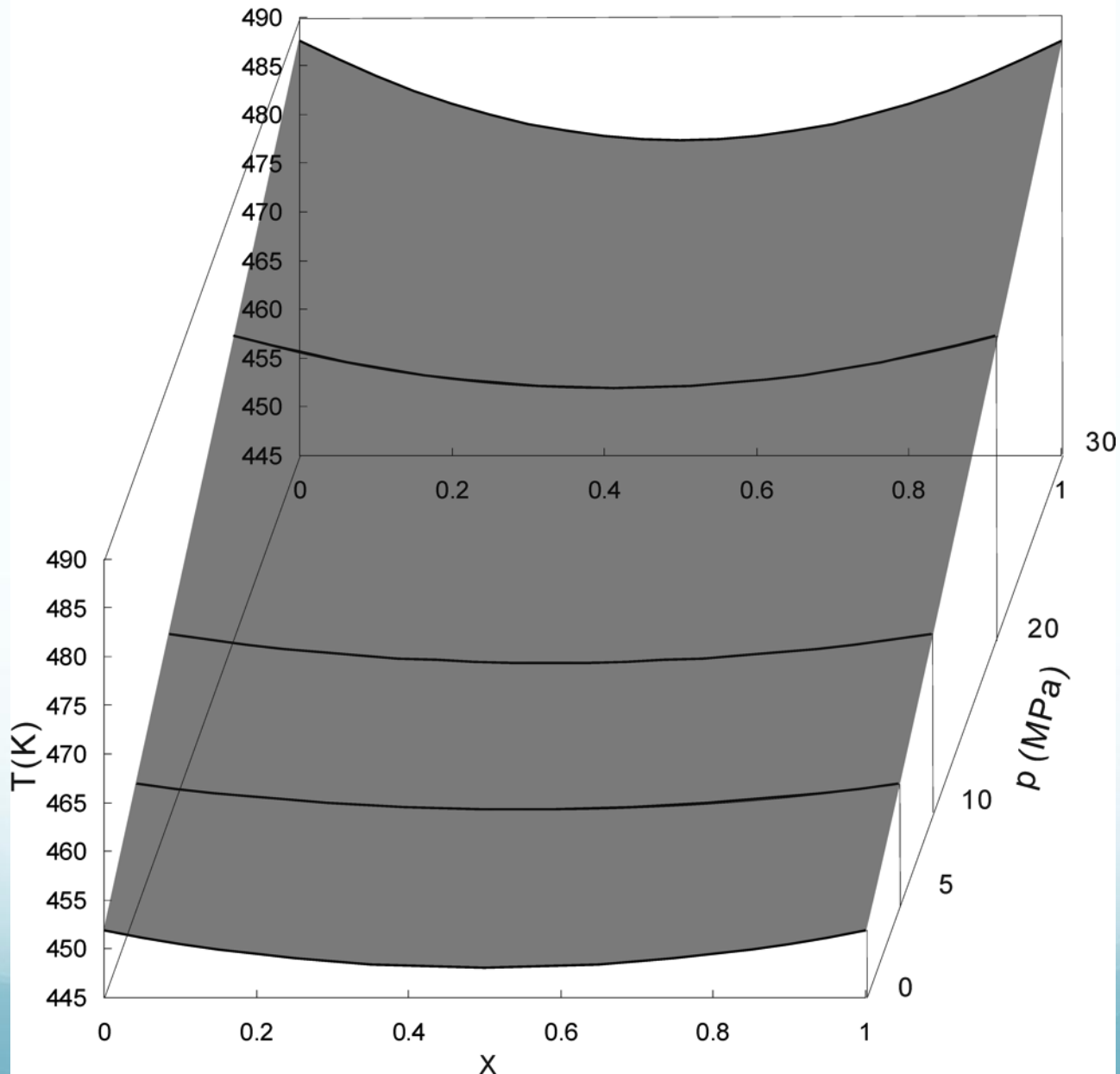
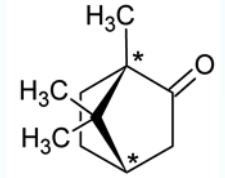
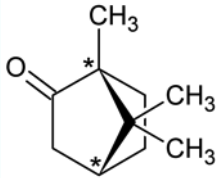
Solid-solid equilibria!



Vapor pressure  
 $\approx 0,05$  MPa



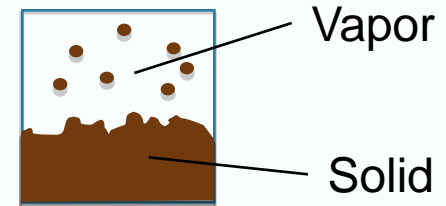
# P-T-x Phase Diagram of the camphor melting transition



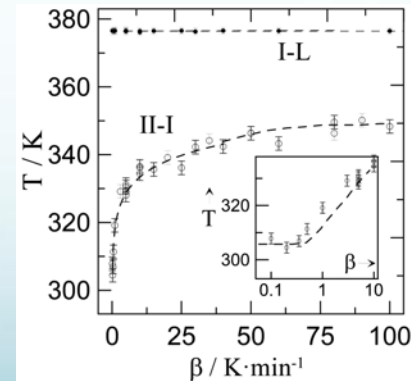
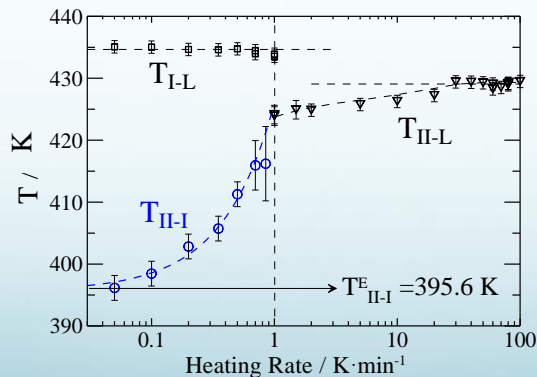
# Toolbox

## Conclusions 1/4

Pressure is the pressure of the system, not 1 atm!



Always check heating rate dependence of solid-solid transitions!



# Toolbox

## Conclusions 2/4

Required data:

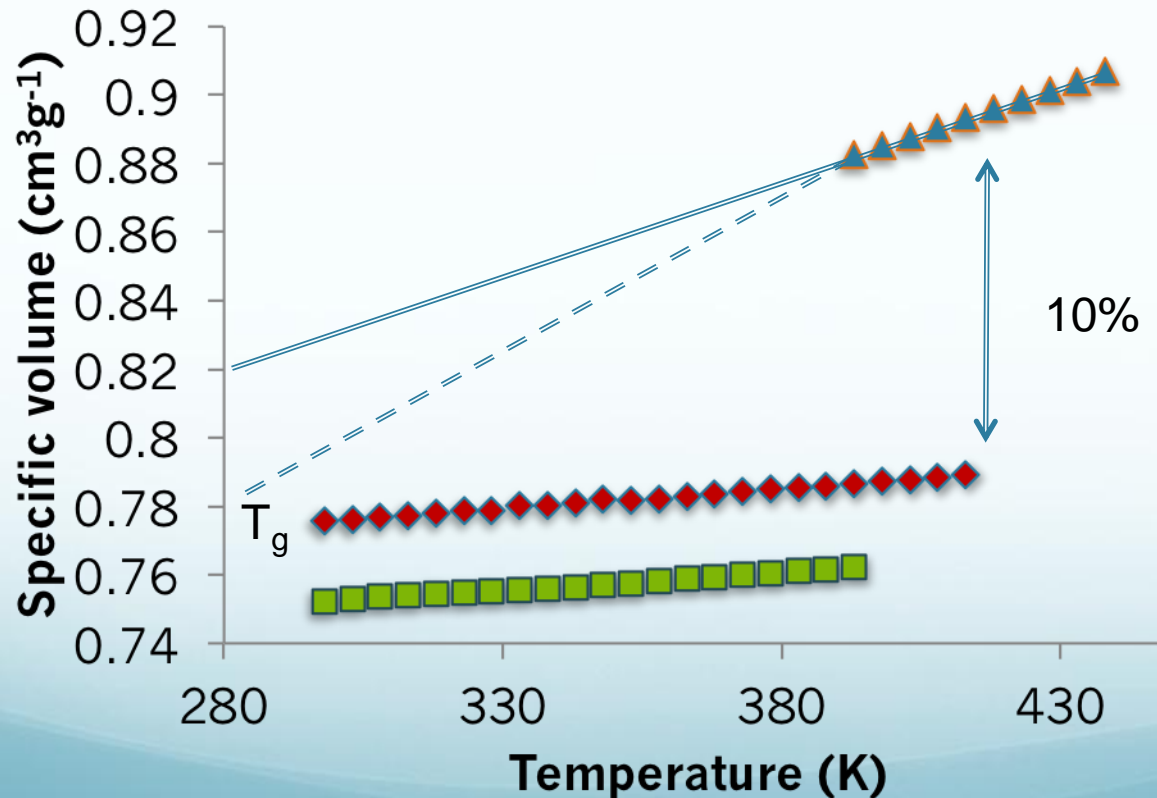
DSC

X-ray

High Pressure – Differential Thermal Analysis

Glass transition

Liquid volume

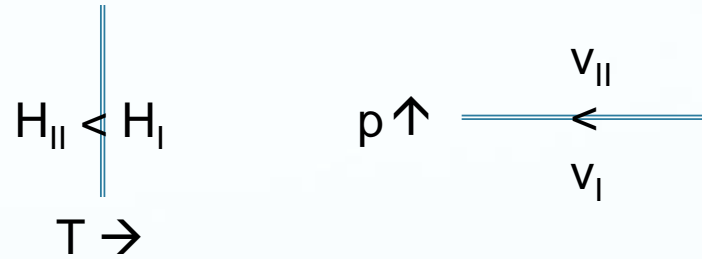


Specific volume of liquid serves the topological approach

# Toolbox

## Conclusions 3/4

Le Chatelier



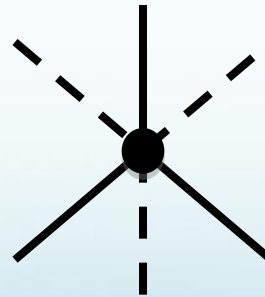
Clapeyron

$$\frac{dp}{dT} = \frac{DS}{Dv} = \frac{DH}{TDv}$$

Vapor pressure

$$\ln P = -\frac{DH}{RT} + B$$

Alternation Rule

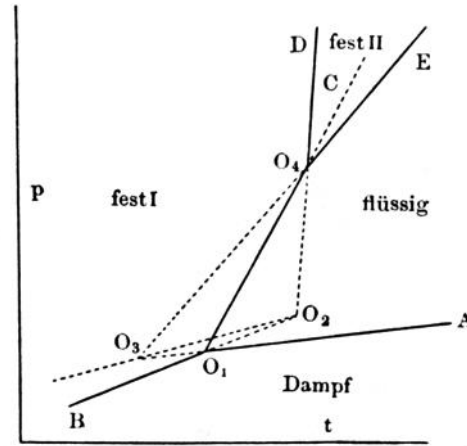
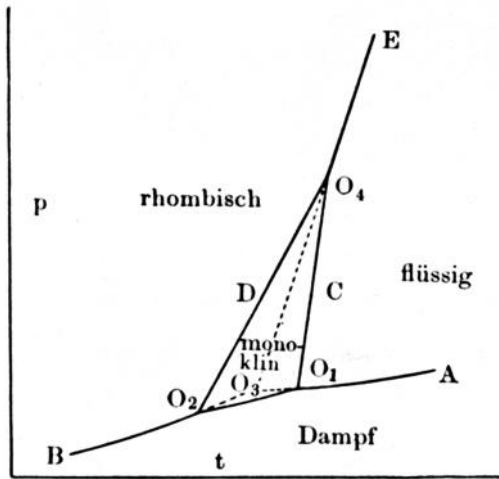


Triple points

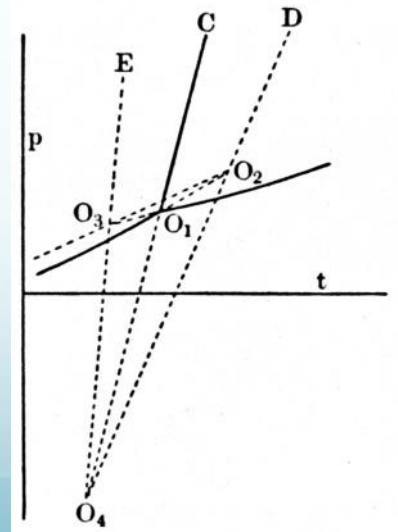
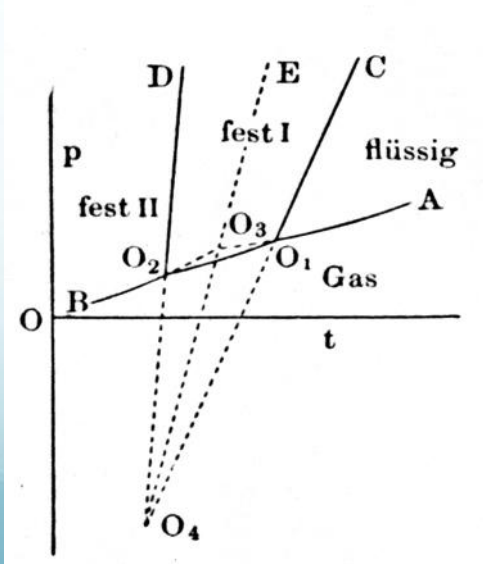
Each case is a different puzzle!

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4 phases (solid 1, solid 2, liquid, vapor): 4 phase diagram options



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