

SPECIFIC HEAT OF LIQUID AMMONIA

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I. INTRODUCTION

In reviewing the existing data on the thermodynamic properties of ammonia, the dearth of calorimetric measurements is at once apparent. Only when it is remembered that calorimetric data are of primary importance in the computation of tables adapted to the needs of the engineer can the difficulties of the computer be appreciated. With regard to the specific heat of liquid ammonia it appears that the experimental difficulty of measurement and the absence of urgent need for accurate values have deterred all but a few from the attempt. More recently the progress in the production of artificial refrigeration has led to a need for more accurate tables than those existing, and the measurement of the specific heat of liquid ammonia, together with other thermodynamic properties, has been undertaken in response to the expressed wish of the refrigeration industries.

II. PREVIOUS WORK

The previous determinations of specific heat of liquid ammonia are represented graphically in Fig. 1, together with the results of the present measurements. None of the previous measurements extend to temperatures below 0° C.

Von Strombeck¹ (1890) used the method of mixtures. About 128 g of ammonia contained in a steel bomb were used in a calorimeter having a water equivalent of about 1 kg. The heat capacity from $+30^{\circ}$ to $+60^{\circ}$ was observed. Eight experiments were made.

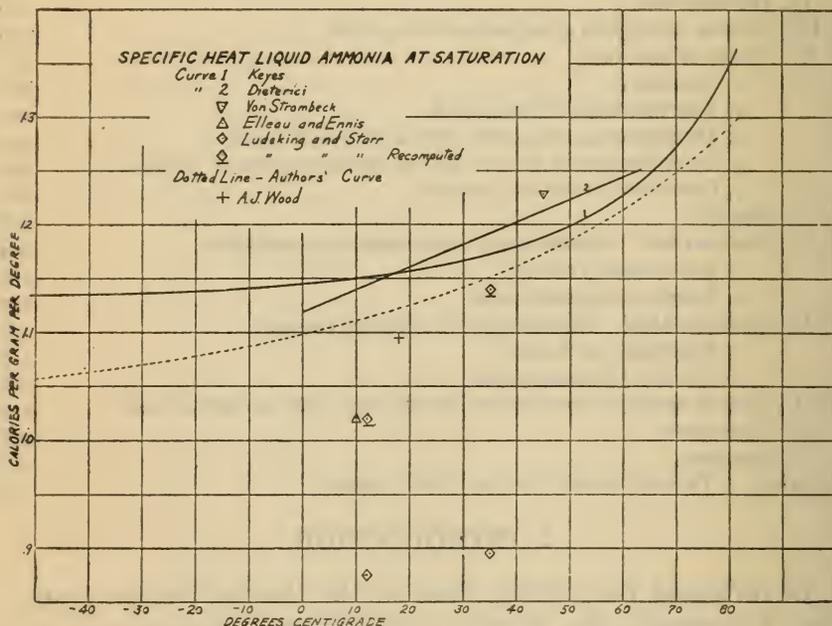


FIG. 1

Ludeking and Starr² (1893) employed a method similar to that of Von Strombeck but smaller apparatus. The total heat capacity of a steel shell of 16.12 cm³ capacity containing 10.01 g of ammonia was measured between $+46^{\circ}$ C and $+26^{\circ}$ C. It appears from present knowledge of the specific volume of liquid ammonia that at temperatures above 13° C the liquid would have completely filled the container, and from the compressibility it may be estimated that at 46° , if the steel did not stretch considerably, the pressure within would have been in the neighborhood of 300 atmospheres. From the heat of compression of liquid ammonia

¹ Jour. Franklin Inst., 130, p. 467, 1890.

² Phil. Mag., 35, p. 393, 1893; Am. Jour. Science, Series (3), 45, p. 200, 1893.

it can be estimated that the heat capacity between 0° and 24° was approximately 15 per cent lower than it would have been under saturation conditions and that between 26° and 46° it was about 21 per cent lower. Both the published values and the values recomputed as indicated are shown in Fig. 1.

Elleau and Ennis³ (1898) also used the method of mixtures between 0° and $+25^{\circ}$. Nine grams of ammonia in a capsule of 20 cm^3 capacity were used.

Dieterici and Drewes⁴ (1904) used the Bunsen ice calorimeter. The specimen of ammonia was inclosed in a sealed glass capsule of 1.2 cm^3 capacity.

A. J. Wood⁵ (1912) used the method of mixtures with a sample of about 60 g of ammonia. Six experiments were made between 16° and 20° C .

Keyes and Brownlee⁶ (1916) have given an equation based upon unpublished experimental work of Babcock.

III. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF APPARATUS AND METHOD

In carrying out the measurements of specific heat of the liquid two independent methods were used. In one method the heat added to a fixed amount confined in the calorimeter and the resulting change in temperature are measured under saturation conditions. By using independent data for the specific volumes of the two phases and for the latent heat of vaporization the corrections for the heat used to change the temperature and amount of vapor present may be determined and the specific heat of the saturated liquid obtained.

In the other method the calorimeter is kept full of liquid at a constant pressure above saturation, the heat added to the variable quantity, and the resulting change in temperature measured, due consideration being paid to the amount and temperature of the expelled portion. The result of this method of measurement is to give the specific heat of the liquid at a constant pressure.

By using the independent data for the latent heat of pressure variation of the liquid, the specific heat of the saturated liquid may be computed by general thermodynamic formulas, thus giving an independent check on the two methods of measurement.

³ Jour. Franklin Inst., 145, pp. 189, 280, 1898.

⁴ Zeit. für die ges. Kalte Ind., 11, pp. 21, 47, 1904.

⁵ Ice and Refrigeration, April, 1912.

⁶ Thermodynamic Properties of Ammonia, John Wiley & Son, 1916. (Since the foregoing went to press a description of the experimental determinations has appeared in Jour. Am. Chem. Soc., XXXIX, p. 1524; August, 1917.)

The calorimeter used in making the experimental determinations having been previously described in detail elsewhere,⁷ only a brief description is here given. The instrument is of the aneroid type and was specially designed to meet the requirements of this investigation. A metal shell of sufficient strength is made in the form of a cylinder having a reentrant central tube. The interior annular space contains the material to be investigated. An electric heating coil and a resistance thermometer are located in the central tube. Heat developed in the coil is transmitted to the surrounding liquid, the distribution being favored by radial metal vanes. The interior of the shell is tinned and the outside nickered. For preventing the transfer of unmeasured heat between this calorimeter and its environment it is suspended within a shield consisting of a thermally controlled jacket, with an air space between for thermal insulation. For evaluating the thermal leakage—that is, the heat exchanged with the surroundings by reason of temperature differences—multiple thermocouples with junctions distributed on the surfaces indicate temperature differences between calorimeter and jacket. Leakage is usually annulled by keeping the average jacket and calorimeter surface temperatures equal. The heat supplied to the calorimeter for producing temperature changes is developed at a nearly constant rate in the heating coil by current from a storage battery. Temperature changes are measured either by the resistance thermometer in the calorimeter or by an auxiliary resistance thermometer in the envelope, using thermocouples for the transfer. The energy supplied is determined by potentiometer measurements of current and potential drop and by the duration of the heating current, which is measured by the standard clock.

The material which is the subject of the measurement is introduced into the previously evacuated calorimeter through the tube provided for this purpose. The sample is confined in a special steel reservoir, which is closed by means of a valve. After being weighed the reservoir is suspended in an auxiliary thermoregulated bath and connected to the calorimeter. When the valves in this connection are open, the flow into the calorimeter is induced by vapor pressure difference caused by heating the reservoir above the temperature of the calorimeter. If the connecting tube is made to extend down to the bottom of the reservoir the transfer occurs by liquid flow, while if this tube terminates at the top of

⁷ This Bulletin, 14, p. 133; 1917.

the reservoir the transfer occurs by distillation. The removal of the material from the calorimeter, except in the case of actual overflow by expansion when already full of liquid, is necessarily by distillation, since the orifices are at the top. The large amount of heat transferred when distilling to or from the calorimeter can be readily extracted or added by use of the cooling device or the heating coil as needed.

IV. THEORY OF METHODS

1. NOTATION

M = mass, in grams, of ammonia in the calorimeter.

θ = temperature, in centigrade degrees, of the thermodynamic scale.

t = time.

I = heating current in amperes (mean value).

E = potential difference, in volts, across heating coil (mean value).

Q = heat added in joules.

N = heat capacity in joules per degree of calorimeter.

V = volumetric capacity in cm^3 of calorimeter.

t' = duration of heating current.

t_2 = duration of entire experiment.

h = mean thermocouple indication, in millimeters of the galvanometer scale, during entire experiment.

B = coefficient of thermal leakage in joules per minute per millimeter galvanometer deflection.

θ_1, θ_2 = initial and final temperatures of calorimeter and contents when in equilibrium.

$$\Delta\theta = \theta_2 - \theta_1.$$

$\theta_m = \frac{\theta_2 + \theta_1}{2}$. The subscript m will be used to refer to temperature θ_m .

C_p = specific heat at constant pressure p and temperature θ .

σ = specific heat, in joules per gram per degree, of the saturated liquid—that is, the liquid in equilibrium with the vapor.

σ' = specific heat, in joules per gram per degree, of the saturated vapor.

u = specific volume in cm^3/g of the saturated liquid.

u' = specific volume in cm^3/g of the saturated vapor.

L = latent heat of vaporization, in joules per gram, under saturation conditions.

x = mass of vapor per gram total contents; i. e., dryness factor.

$1 - x$ = mass of liquid per gram total contents.

p = pressure.

π = saturation pressure at temperature θ .

l = latent heat of pressure variation of liquid.

2. DETERMINATION OF HEAT ADDED

The heat supplied to the system composed of the calorimeter and the material which is the subject of measurement consists of two parts, namely, the heat developed in the electric heating coil and the heat transferred by thermal leakage. The latter is usually zero or small. This heat added is distributed in two parts, namely, that which is absorbed by the calorimeter and that absorbed by the contents. Using the symbols adopted, the above statement is expressed by the equation:

$$\Delta Q + N\Delta\theta = I E t' + B h t_2 \quad (1)$$

where ΔQ denotes the heat absorbed by the contents.

3. DETERMINATION OF SPECIFIC HEAT OF SATURATED LIQUID

The formula expressing the specific heat, σ , of the saturated liquid in terms of the measured quantity of heat added, ΔQ ; the observed change in temperature, $\Delta\theta$, from the initial to the final equilibrium condition; the total mass, M , present; the latent heat of vaporization, L ; and the dryness factor, x , is obtained by the use of two thermodynamic relations for saturation conditions.

Disregarding as insignificant the thermal expansion of the calorimeter and consequent change in total volume of the contents, the amount of heat, dQ , required to produce a temperature change, $d\theta$, under saturation conditions, no external work being done, is given by the equation:

$$\frac{dQ}{M} = (1 - x)\sigma d\theta + x\sigma' d\theta + L \frac{dx}{d\theta} d\theta \quad (2)$$

Since $\sigma' - \sigma = \frac{dL}{d\theta} - \frac{L}{\theta}$, by substituting and combining terms:

$$\frac{dQ}{M} = \sigma d\theta - \frac{Lx}{\theta} d\theta + \frac{d}{d\theta}(Lx) d\theta \quad (3)$$

Integrating between θ_1 and θ_2 and dividing by $\Delta\theta$

$$\frac{1}{M} \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta\theta} = \frac{1}{\Delta\theta} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \sigma d\theta - \frac{1}{\Delta\theta} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{Lx}{\theta} d\theta + \frac{L_2x_2 - L_1x_1}{\Delta\theta} \quad (4)$$

For numerical computation of σ this equation may be simplified if the variations of σ and $\frac{Lx}{\theta}$ with θ are such that over the temperature interval $\theta_2 - \theta_1$ the following approximations may be made:

$$\frac{1}{\Delta\theta} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \sigma d\theta = \sigma_m, \quad \frac{1}{\Delta\theta} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{Lx}{\theta} d\theta = \left(\frac{Lx}{\theta}\right)_m$$

where σ_m denotes the value of σ at the arithmetical mean temperature θ_m and $\left(\frac{Lx}{\theta}\right)_m$ denotes the value of $\frac{Lx}{\theta}$ at that same temperature.

Making these substitutions and solving for σ_m

$$\sigma_m = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta\theta M} - \frac{L_2x_2 - L_1x_1}{\Delta\theta} + \left(\frac{Lx}{\theta}\right)_m \quad (5)$$

The dryness factor, x , is given by the formula

$$x = \frac{\frac{V}{M} - u}{u' - u} \quad (6)$$

4. DETERMINATION OF SPECIFIC HEAT OF LIQUID AT CONSTANT PRESSURE

In this method of measurement of specific heat, all the heat, ΔQ , added to the contents of the calorimeter is used to produce a change in temperature of the liquid phase, but not all of the contents undergo the same change in temperature. Only that part which still remains in the calorimeter at the final equilibrium temperature passes through the entire temperature increment, that which flows out having a certain temperature, θ' , for each infinitesimal portion at the time when it emerges. This variable temperature, θ' , is observable by means provided in the instrument, and although not actually observed in each experiment its relation to the other variables can be established once for all.

The quantity of heat, dQ , added to the liquid in consequence of the change of temperature, $d\theta$, can be divided into two parts, the first the quantity required to produce the change, $d\theta$, in the entire

amount, M , contained at any temperature, θ , and second the quantity required to heat from θ to θ' the amount, dM , expelled during the change, $d\theta$, thus

$$dQ = MC_p d\theta + dM \int_{\theta}^{\theta'} C_p d\theta \quad (7)$$

where θ denotes the uniform temperature which the contents would ultimately attain if thermally isolated at constant pressure. This temperature may be called the effective mean temperature.

In order to get an expression for the total amount of heat, ΔQ , added to the liquid during an experiment, M , C_p and θ' must be expressed in terms of θ , so that equation (7) may be integrated.

Now the experiments show that M and C_p vary with the temperature in such manner that no significant error will be incurred within the range of temperature of any single experiment if they be expressed as linear functions of θ , thus

$$M = (M)_m [1 + b(\theta - \theta_m)]$$

$$C_p = (C_p)_m [1 + a(\theta - \theta_m)]$$

where $(M)_m$ and $(C_p)_m$ are the values of M and C_p , respectively, at the mean temperature θ_m , and b and a are constants. From the first of these equations it follows that

$$dM = (M)_m b d\theta$$

and from the second

$$\int_{\theta}^{\theta'} C_p d\theta = (C_p)_m (\theta' - \theta) \left[1 - a\theta_m + \frac{a}{2} (\theta' + \theta) \right]$$

Making the foregoing approximations in equation (7) by substituting the four above relations, the equation becomes

$$dQ = (M)_m (C_p)_m \left\{ \left[1 + a(\theta - \theta_m) \right] \left[1 + b(\theta - \theta_m) \right] + b(\theta' - \theta) \left[1 - a\theta_m + \frac{a}{2} (\theta' + \theta) \right] \right\} \quad (8)$$

For convenience of integration the equation may be rearranged and written in the form

$$dQ = (M)_m (C_p)_m \left[(1 - a\theta_m)(1 - b\theta_m) + a(1 - b\theta_m)\theta + \frac{ab}{2}\theta^2 + b(1 - a\theta_m)\theta' + \frac{ab}{2}\theta'^2 \right] d\theta \quad (9)$$

in which $(M)_m$, $(C_p)_m$, a , b , and θ_m are constants, while θ' is yet to be expressed in terms of θ .

The relation between the temperature, θ' , at which the overflow leaves the calorimeter and the instantaneous effective mean temperature, θ , of the liquid remaining behind was investigated by means of supplementary experiments, the details of which are described in another section. At the start of an experiment θ and θ' are both equal to the initial temperature θ_1 . As the experiment proceeds and θ rises, θ' also rises but less rapidly at first, so that it lags behind θ . After a certain time, however, this lag becomes nearly constant, and during the remainder of the period of outflow θ' is below θ by a nearly constant amount, which may be denoted by λ . Since the initial period is short and λ is small, it is sufficiently accurate to write

$$\begin{aligned}\theta' &= \theta_1, \text{ for } \theta_1 < \theta < \theta_1 + \lambda \\ \theta' &= \theta - \lambda, \text{ for } \theta_1 + \lambda < \theta < \theta_2\end{aligned}$$

In integrating equation (9) from θ_1 to θ_2 it is therefore necessary to proceed with the terms which contain θ' in two steps, the first from θ_1 to $\theta_1 + \lambda$ with $\theta' = \theta_1$, and the second from $\theta_1 + \lambda$ to θ_2 with $\theta' = \theta - \lambda$.

Accordingly the following expression is obtained for the whole quantity of heat, ΔQ , added to the liquid during the experiment:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta Q &= (M)_m (C_p)_m \left\{ \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \left[(1 - a\theta_m)(1 + b\theta_m) + a(1 - b\theta_m)\theta + \frac{ab}{2}\theta^2 \right] d\theta \right. \\ &\quad + \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_1 + \lambda} \left[b(1 - a\theta_m)\theta_1 + \frac{ab}{2}\theta_1^2 \right] d\theta \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{\theta_1 + \lambda}^{\theta_2} \left[b(1 - a\theta_m)(\theta - \lambda) + \frac{ab}{2}(\theta - \lambda)^2 \right] d\theta \right\} \quad (10)\end{aligned}$$

If now for simplicity, θ_1 be taken equal to zero, and the notation $\frac{\theta_2 - \theta_1}{2} = \theta_m = \frac{1}{2} \Delta\theta$ be used, the result of carrying out the integrations in equation (10) is to give the equation:

$$\Delta Q = (M)_m (C_p)_m \Delta\theta \left[1 - b\lambda + \frac{ab\lambda}{4} + \frac{ab(\Delta\theta)^2}{12} + \frac{b\lambda^2}{2\Delta\theta} \left(1 - \frac{a\lambda}{3} \right) \right] \quad (11)$$

The values of a , b , and λ are, within the range of the present experiments, so small that when $\Delta\theta$ is 10° the sum of the last three

terms within the bracket does not exceed 0.0001 of the bracketed expression, and these terms may, therefore, be ignored. The equation can be completely solved for $(C_p)_m$, but for the purpose of computing this quantity from the observed data it is put in the more convenient form

$$(C_p)_m = \frac{1}{(M)_m} \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta \theta} - \frac{1}{(M)_m} \frac{\Delta M}{\Delta \theta} (C_p)_m \lambda \quad (12)$$

The term $\frac{1}{(M)_m} \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta \theta}$ represents the heat added to the liquid per unit temperature change, per unit mass in calorimeter, when in equilibrium at the mean temperature of the experiment. It would equal the specific heat at the mean temperature if the experiment proceeded under ideal conditions such that the heat were instantaneously distributed uniformly throughout the liquid, making $\lambda = 0$, for then the second term would vanish.

The term $\frac{1}{(M)_m} \frac{\Delta M}{\Delta \theta} (C_p)_m \lambda$ represents the amount of heat per unit temperature change of contents, per unit mass of contents at the mean temperature of the experiment, required to change the temperature of the expelled portion from the effective mean temperature to the overflow temperature. It is, indeed, the correction to the preceding term for the departure of the actual experiment from the ideal process just described above.

5. CORRELATION OF THE TWO METHODS

Having the specific heat, σ , of the saturated liquid, determined by measurements made under saturation conditions, and the specific heat, C_p , at a constant pressure, p , above the saturation pressure for the highest temperature reached during the determination, the first step in the correlation of these results, for the purpose of an experimental check, is to compute the limiting value which C_p approaches as p approaches the saturation pressure, π , for the given temperature. For this computation a knowledge of the latent heat of pressure variation, l , is required over the range of temperature and pressure including the specific heat determinations.

By definition,

$$C_p = \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial \theta} \right)_p$$

$$l = \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial p} \right)_\theta$$

since $\partial Q = \theta \partial \phi$ where ϕ is entropy,

$$C_p = \theta \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \right)_p$$

$$\frac{l}{\theta} = \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial p} \right)_\theta$$

differentiating the first of these identities with respect to p and the second with respect to θ

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p} (C_p) = \theta \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \theta \partial p}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{l}{\theta} \right)_p = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \theta \partial p}$$

hence it follows that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p} (C_p) = \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{l}{\theta} \right)_p \quad (13)$$

The change in C_p for a change in pressure from the observed pressure, p , to the saturation pressure, π , at the same temperature, θ , is obtained by integrating equation (13) over this pressure interval. Examination of the experimental data for l showed that within the range of temperature and pressure employed in the experiments the quantity $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{l}{\theta} \right)$ may be treated as independent of p in this integration without introducing any significant error. Therefore, since θ also is constant during this integration, the following equation is obtained for the change in C_p :

$$\left[C_p \right]_{\theta, \pi} - \left[C_p \right]_{\theta, p} = \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{l}{\theta} \right) (\pi - p) \quad (14)$$

by means of which the values of $[C_p]_{\theta, \pi}$ may be computed from the data for C_p and l .

The next step is to compute the specific heat, σ , of the saturated liquid from these limiting values of $[C_p]_{\theta, \pi}$ just found.

Starting with the general equation

$$dQ = C_p d\theta + l dp,$$

which is true for any simultaneous variations of p and θ during which the fluid remains homogeneous, it follows that

$$\frac{dQ}{d\theta} = C_p + l \frac{dp}{d\theta}$$

If the change be restricted to saturation conditions, then by definition $\frac{dQ}{d\theta} \equiv \sigma$ and $\frac{d\rho}{d\theta} \equiv \frac{d\pi}{d\theta}$,

whence

$$\sigma = \left[C_p \right]_{\theta, \pi} + \left[l \right]_{\theta, \pi} \frac{d\pi}{d\theta}. \quad (15)$$

The values of σ obtained indirectly by the foregoing method of computation from observed values of C_p and l should, of course, agree with those obtained by the method of measurement under actual conditions of saturation, and the comparison of the two series of values affords a valuable test of accuracy.

V. MATERIAL

The material used in these determinations was prepared by Messrs. McKelvy and Taylor of the chemical division of this Bureau by methods described in detail in an independent paper.⁸ A brief description of the process of preparation is here given.

A sample of commercial ammonia was transferred by distillation into a steel container which would hold about a kilogram. From this it was again transferred by distillation into a similar vessel containing metallic sodium, to remove any remaining traces of water. Following this dehydration, the purification was continued by from six to eight consecutive fractional distillations, the first and last tenths of each distillation being rejected. Removal of the rejected first fractions was performed in such a way as to extract the noncondensing gas present.

Two samples purified in the above manner, designated A and C, were used in the determination.

Sample A, prepared March, 1916, and used in the determinations by the first method, was made from commercial anhydrous ammonia manufactured from ammonium sulphate.

Tests showed the following impurities in this sample: Noncondensing gases in the vapor phase at 25° C, 1 part in 10 000 by volume; water, 1 part in 10 000 by weight.

Sample C, prepared July, 1916, and used in the determinations by the second method, was made from commercial anhydrous ammonia manufactured by the synthetic method. The sample showed about the same proportion of noncondensing gases as sample A.

⁸ To be published in this Bulletin.

VI. FIRST METHOD. MEASUREMENTS UNDER SATURATION CONDITIONS

In the determinations by this method the ammonia contained in the calorimeter is part liquid and part vapor, and, therefore, the pressure is that of saturated vapor, and the state and relative amount of each phase when in equilibrium are completely defined by the temperature. The observations yield, as a direct result, the heat added to the contained ammonia per degree temperature rise. For the obvious purpose of minimizing the variation with temperature of the heat content of the vapor present, only enough vapor space is allowed when filling to insure a safe margin at all temperatures to be experienced. From the measured heat capacity of the total contents the specific heat of the liquid may be computed, if the specific volumes of the two phases and the latent heat of vaporization which determine the correction for change in heat content of the vapor are known.

1. EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS

The sample was introduced into the calorimeter and the amount determined by difference between the initial and final weights of the reservoir. Each filling served for a series of experiments. The heat capacity of the filled calorimeter was determined over suitable temperature intervals throughout the range to be covered. The heat capacity of the empty calorimeter was determined by independent experiments. Briefly stated, the manipulations and observations during an experiment occurred as follows:

The calorimeter containing the sample was cooled by means of the special cooling device to the initial temperature of the first experiment of a series. The jacket was brought under control of the thermoregulator at the temperature of the calorimeter. The initial temperature of the calorimeter was determined by observing the resistance of one or both the platinum thermometers. Electric current was then passed through the heating coil of the calorimeter for a measured interval of time. During this time alternate readings of current and potential drop were made periodically to determine the rate of energy supply to the calorimeter. Meanwhile, by hand control of the jacket-heating current, the temperature of the jacket surface was kept nearly equal to the rising temperature of the calorimeter surface, the deviations being observed by means of the thermocouples, and the sum of the deviations during an experiment usually being made zero.

After the interruption of the heating current the jacket was again brought under control of the thermoregulator, and when the calorimeter attained thermal equilibrium the thermometer resistance was again observed to determine the final temperature. This was usually taken as the initial temperature of the succeeding experiment, and the process repeated until completion of the series.

A complete description of the method and the results of the calibration of the calorimeter resistance thermometer and of the determinations of the heat capacity of the calorimeter is given in a preceding paper.⁹

2. RESULTS OF MEASUREMENTS

The experimental data¹⁰ obtained from the observations made by the first method, together with the computations for obtaining the specific heat, σ , of the saturated liquid, are given in Tables 1 and 2. The computations are made following the method described in Section IV.

⁹ This Bulletin, 14, p 133; 1917.

¹⁰ The laboratory scale of temperature actually used in the measurements given in this paper is the scale of a resistance thermometer of Heraeus platinum of highest purity according to the equation:

$$\theta = \frac{R\theta - R_0}{R_{100} - R_0} 100 + \delta \left(\frac{\theta}{100} - 1 \right) \frac{\theta}{100}$$

R_0 and R_{100} are the resistances of the thermometer at the temperatures, under normal atmospheric pressure, of melting ice and saturated steam, respectively, and δ is determined by substituting for $R\theta$ in the above equation the resistance of the thermometer at the temperature of sulphur vapor under normal atmospheric pressure, and 444.6 for θ . The value of δ for the calorimeter thermometer was found by comparison with a standardized thermometer to be 1.48. The departure of the scale so defined from the "thermodynamic" or "ideal gas" scale down to -50°C is not more than the limit of accuracy of existing gas-thermometer data.

For all mathematical relations involving the second law of thermodynamics the temperatures are necessarily referred to the absolute zero. In recording laboratory data numerically it is usually convenient to use the ice point as zero. Sometimes in the mathematical analyses where differences only are involved it is convenient to simplify the algebra by choosing an arbitrary zero for a particular case. In the numerical tables of data and reductions no ambiguity arises on this account, as the experiments were conducted between -50° and $+50^\circ$ from the ice point, so that the recorded temperatures never numerically exceed 50° while the absolute temperatures are never less than 200° .

Where numerical values are given, the joule used in this paper is determined by the relation $\frac{Q}{t} = \frac{E^2}{R}$, where Q is the number of joules transformed into heat in a given electric circuit in t seconds, E the number of volts potential drop, and R the number of ohms resistance; taking 1 volt = $\frac{1}{1.01830} \times \text{emf of mean Weston normal cell at } 20^\circ\text{C}$, and 1 ohm = resistance at 0°C of 106.300 cm of uniform mercury column 14.4521 g in mass. The difference between the international joule, realized thus, and the absolute joule is, according to present evidence, perhaps 1 part in 3000. (B. S. Circular No. 60, 1st ed., p. 56; 1916.) The ampere is used only as an intermediary unit, being determined by the relation $I = \frac{E}{R}$ where I = number of amperes.

TABLE 1.—First Method—Measurements of Specific Heat of Liquid Ammonia, Under Saturation Conditions

$$\text{Calculation of } \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta \theta} = \frac{IE' - Bh t_s}{\Delta \theta} - N$$

PART 1.—MASS IN CALORIMETER, 274.33 GRAMS

Date	Ex- peri- ment No.	$\Delta \theta$ Therm. 15 046	$\Delta \theta$ Therm. 4725	$\Delta \theta$ Mean	I Calo- rim- eter heating current, mean value	P. D. across heating coil, mean value	t' Duration of heating current	IE' Total of supplied electric energy	h Av. thermo- couple defl.	t _s Duration of exper.	Bh t _s Thermal leakage to cal.	Net energy to cal. and to contents	Heat cap., calorimeter and contents	N Heat capacity calorimeter	$\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta \theta}$ Heat capacity contents	$\frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2} = \theta_m$ Mean temper- ature	° C
1916 Mar. 13	1	10.005	10.009	10.007	1.8925	18.958	599.97	21 526	0	42	0	21 526	2151.1	929.0	1222.1	-38.68	
	2	9.875	9.872	9.8735	1.8900	18.943	599.87	21 477	0	37	0	21 477	2175.2	941.8	1233.4	-28.74	
	3	9.756	9.756	9.756	1.8877	18.930	599.92	21 438	0	39	0	21 438	2197.4	953.8	1243.9	-18.93	
	4	9.821	9.824	9.8225	1.9031	19.094	600.00	21 803	0	37	0	21 803	2219.7	964.5	1255.2	-9.13	
Mar. 14	5	9.708	9.707	9.7075	1.9013	19.082	599.98	21 768	0	40	0	21 768	2242.4	974.8	1267.2	+ 0.63	
	1	9.787	9.785	9.786	1.9002	19.064	600.00	21 735	0	39	0	21 735	2221.0	965.0	1256.0	- 8.56	
	2	10.161	10.160	10.1605	1.9457	19.529	600.04	22 800	0	47	0	22 800	2244.0	975.5	1268.5	+ 1.42	
Mar. 15	3	10.048	10.046	10.047	1.9448	19.527	599.97	22 784	0	36	0	22 784	2267.7	985.7	1282.0	+11.52	
	4	10.427	10.429	10.428	1.9921	20.008	599.95	23 913	0	41	0	23 913	2293.1	995.8	1297.3	+21.76	
	5	.....	10.306	10.306	1.9910	20.006	600.03	23 900	0	40	0	23 900	2319.0	1005.8	1313.2	+32.12
	1	5.252	.....	5.252	1.9290	19.324	300.06	11 185	0	39	0	11 185	2129.7	918.5	1211.2	-46.32
	2	10.393	10.391	10.392	1.9277	19.322	599.96	22 947	0	38	0	22 947	2150.4	929.3	1221.1	-38.49	
Mar. 16	3	10.268	10.269	10.2685	1.9264	19.321	600.08	22 335	0	37	0	22 335	2175.1	942.5	1232.6	-28.16	
	4	10.152	10.151	10.1515	1.9252	19.318	599.98	22 314	0	44	0	22 314	2198.1	954.6	1243.5	-17.95	
	5	10.041	10.040	10.0405	1.9241	19.316	600.08	22 303	0	42	0	22 303	2221.3	965.8	1255.5	-7.86	
	1	10.100	10.099	10.0995	1.9363	19.443	600.00	22 588	0	47	0	22 588	2236.5	972.7	1263.8	- 1.33	
	2	9.989	9.989	9.989	1.9351	19.439	600.09	22 573	0	39	0	22 573	2259.8	983.0	1276.8	+ 8.72	
Mar. 16	3	9.877	9.876	9.8765	1.9339	19.435	600.05	22 553	0	37	0	22 553	2283.6	992.8	1290.8	+18.65	
	4	9.760	9.760	9.760	1.9324	19.427	600.05	22 526	0	39	0	22 526	2308.0	1002.3	1305.7	+28.47	
	5	9.647	9.646	9.6465	1.9314	19.424	600.03	22 511	0	41	0	22 511	2333.6	1011.3	1322.3	+38.17	

TABLE 1.—First Method—Measurements of Specific Heat of Liquid Ammonia, Under Saturation Conditions—Continued
 PART 2.—MASS AMMONIA IN CALORIMETER, 274.72 GRAMS

Date	Ex- peri- ment No.	$\Delta\theta$ Therm. 15.06	$\Delta\theta$ Therm. 4.725	$\Delta\theta$ Mean	I Calo- rimeter heating current, mean value	E P. D. across heating coil, value	t' Duration of heating current	$I E V$ Total energy supplied electri- cally	h Av. thermo- couple defl.	t_2 Duration of exper.	$B H t_2$ Thermal leakage to cal.	Net energy to cal. and contents	Heat cap., calorimeter and contents	N Heat capacity calorimeter	$\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta\theta}$ Heat capacity contents	$\frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2} - \theta_m$ Mean temper- ature
		degrees	degrees	degrees	amperes	volts	seconds	joules	mm	minutes	joules	joules	joules/deg.	joules/deg.	joules/deg.	° C
1916 Mar. 18	1	9.471	9.472	9.4715	1.8420	18.453	599.96	20 393	0	40	0	20 393	2153.1	929.0	1224.1	-38.65
	2	9.366	9.365	9.3655	1.8407	18.448	599.89	20 370	0	39	0	20 370	2175.0	941.2	1233.8	-29.23
	3	9.265	9.269	9.267	1.8391	18.440	600.10	20 351	0	41	0	20 351	2196.1	952.4	1243.7	-19.92
	4	9.168	9.168	9.168	1.8378	18.436	600.21	20 336	0	36	0	20 336	2218.1	962.6	1255.5	-10.70
Mar. 20	1	9.750	9.745	9.7475	1.8956	19.019	600.00	21 631	+2.1	37	+11	21 642	2220.3	964.2	1256.1	-9.37
	2	.....	4.816	4.816	1.8862	9.495	600.02	10 745	+3.6	47	+25	10 770	2236.3	972.0	1264.3	-2.08
	3	.....	4.776	4.776	1.8831	9.487	599.98	10 719	+3.1	38	+17	10 736	2247.9	976.8	1271.1	+2.71
Mar. 21	4	.....	4.729	4.729	1.8810	9.478	600.00	10 697	46	46	-19	10 678	2258.0	981.7	1276.3	+7.46
	1	9.549	9.549	9.549	2.6065	13.099	599.97	20 485	+2.9	44	+18	20 503	2147.1	926.2	1220.9	-40.89
	2	9.449	9.447	9.448	2.6047	13.099	600.05	20 473	+3.6	43	+22	20 495	2169.2	938.5	1230.7	-31.39
	3	9.342	9.343	9.3425	2.6035	13.098	600.05	20 462	+1.7	38	+9	20 471	2191.2	949.8	1241.4	-21.96
	4	9.237	9.237	9.237	2.6013	13.094	600.03	20 438	0	39	0	20 438	2212.6	960.5	1252.1	-12.70
Mar. 22	5	9.140	9.140	9.140	2.5992	13.089	600.09	20 416	+0.4	37	+2	20 418	2233.9	970.5	1263.4	-3.51
	1	9.106	9.104	9.105	2.5948	13.061	600.04	20 336	0	38	0	20 336	2233.5	970.0	1263.5	-4.00
	2	8.983	8.983	8.983	2.5875	13.035	600.07	20 239	0	42	0	20 239	2253.0	979.3	1273.7	+5.05
	3	8.888	8.891	8.8895	2.5853	13.031	600.07	20 216	0	42	0	20 216	2274.1	988.3	1285.8	+13.98
	4	8.793	8.790	8.7915	2.5828	13.026	600.03	20 187	0	44	0	20 187	2296.2	996.8	1299.4	+22.82
Mar. 23	5	.....	8.707	8.707	2.5814	13.026	600.00	20 175	0	42	0	20 175	2317.1	1005.4	1311.7	+31.57
	1	8.698	8.696	8.697	2.5788	13.014	600.12	20 141	0	41	0	20 141	2337.8	1004.6	1311.2	+30.85
	2	8.599	8.600	8.5995	2.5757	13.006	600.10	20 103	0	36	0	20 103	2357.7	1012.4	1325.3	+39.49
	3	4.250	4.250	4.250	2.5709	12.985	299.99	10 015	0	40	0	10 015	2356.5	1018.2	1338.3	+45.92

TABLE 2.—First Method—Corrections for Vapor

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{M} \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta \theta} \frac{L_2 x_2 - L_1 x_1}{\Delta \theta} + \left[\frac{Lx}{\theta} \right]_m$$

PART 1

Heat cap. contents from Table 1 $\frac{1}{M} \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta \theta}$	Correction terms for vapor		Specific heat of liquid $\sigma_{\text{obs.}}$	Calc. from empirical equation A $\sigma_{\text{calc.}}$	Obs.—Calc.	Mean temp. from Table 1 θ_m
	$\frac{L_2 x_2 - L_1 x_1}{\Delta \theta}$	$\left[\frac{Lx}{\theta} \right]_m$				
J/g.deg.	J/g.deg.	J/g.deg.	J/g.deg.	J/g.deg.	J/g.deg.	° C
4.455	+0.016	+0.002	4.441	4.441	±0.000	-38.68
4.496	.018	.002	4.480	4.474	+ .006	-28.74
4.534	.022	.003	4.515	4.511	+ .004	-18.93
4.576	.023	.004	4.557	4.553	+ .004	- 9.13
4.620	.023	.004	4.601	4.599	+ .002	+ .63
4.578	.023	.004	4.559	4.554	+ .005	- 8.56
4.624	.023	.004	4.605	4.603	+ .002	+ 1.42
4.673	.021	.005	4.657	4.657	± .000	+11.52
4.729	.009	.005	4.725	4.723	+ .002	+21.76
4.787	- .010	.005	4.802	4.798	+ .004	+32.12
4.415	+ .011	.001	4.405	4.417	- .012	-46.32
4.451	.016	.002	4.437	4.441	- .004	-38.49
4.493	.019	.002	4.476	4.476	± .000	-28.16
4.533	.021	.003	4.515	4.514	+ .001	-17.95
4.577	.024	.004	4.557	4.558	- .001	- 7.86
4.607	.023	.004	4.588	4.590	- .002	- 1.33
4.654	.021	.005	4.638	4.642	- .004	+ 8.72
4.705	.014	.005	4.696	4.703	- .007	+18.65
4.760	- .003	.005	4.768	4.769	- .001	+28.47
4.820	- .023	.005	4.848	4.848	± .000	+38.17

PART 2

4.456	+0.016	+0.002	4.442	4.441	+0.001	-38.65
4.491	.017	.002	4.476	4.473	+ .003	-29.23
4.527	.021	.003	4.509	4.507	+ .002	-19.92
4.570	.023	.004	4.551	4.546	+ .005	-10.70
4.572	.023	.004	4.553	4.552	+ .001	- 9.37
4.602	.023	.004	4.583	4.585	- .002	- 2.08
4.627	.023	.004	4.608	4.610	- .002	+ 2.71
4.646	.021	.005	4.630	4.635	- .005	+ 7.46
4.444	.014	.001	4.431	4.433	- .002	-40.89
4.480	.017	.002	4.465	4.465	± .000	-31.39
4.519	.021	.003	4.501	4.499	- .002	-21.96
4.558	.022	.003	4.539	4.537	+ .002	-12.70
4.599	.023	.004	4.580	4.579	+ .001	- 3.51
4.599	.023	.004	4.580	4.577	+ .003	- 4.00
4.636	.022	.004	4.618	4.622	- .004	+ 5.05
4.680	.019	.005	4.666	4.673	- .007	+13.98
4.730	.007	.005	4.728	4.729	- .001	+22.82
4.775	- .010	.005	4.790	4.793	- .003	+31.57
4.773	- .008	.005	4.786	4.787	- .001	+30.85
4.824	- .029	.005	4.858	4.860	+ .002	+39.49
4.872	- .050	.004	4.926	4.921	+ .005	+45.92

The approximations involved in the application of this method to the data here reduced result in no error in σ_m greater than 1 part in 5000.

The calculation of Lx and $\frac{Lx}{\theta}$ is given in Table 3, the following formula being used, together with the values of L and θ .

$$x = \frac{\frac{V}{M} - u}{u' - u}$$

TABLE 3.—First Method—Calculation of Corrections for Vapor

PART 1.—FIRST FILLING, 274.33 GRAMS

Temperature θ	Total volume in calorimeter V	Mean specific volume of contents $\frac{V}{M}$	Specific volume liquid u	Specific volume vapor u'	$\frac{V}{M} - u$	$u' - u$	Fraction which is vapor $x = \frac{\frac{V}{M} - u}{u' - u}$	Latent heat of vaporization tentative value L	Lx	$\frac{Lx}{\theta}$
° C	cm ³	cm ³ /g	cm ³ /g	cm ³ /g	cm ³ /g	cm ³ /g		joules/g	joules/g	joules/g
-50	500.8	1.8256	1.4241	2550	0.4015	2549	0.000158	1416	0.223	0.0010
-40	501.0	1.8263	1.4489	1514	.3774	1513	.000250	1388	.346	.0015
-30	501.2	1.8270	1.4754	941	.3516	940	.000374	1360	.509	.0021
-20	501.4	1.8277	1.5033	612	.3244	611	.000531	1329	.706	.0028
-10	501.6	1.8285	1.5332	414.0	.2953	412.5	.000716	1297	.929	.0035
0	501.8	1.8291	1.5658	288.7	.2633	287.1	.000917	1263	1.159	.0042
10	502.0	1.8299	1.6006	205.0	.2293	203.4	.001127	1228	1.384	.0049
20	502.2	1.8306	1.6381	148.0	.1925	146.4	.001315	1190	1.564	.0053
30	502.4	1.8313	1.6793	110.2	.1520	108.5	.001401	1147	1.608	.0053
40	502.6	1.8320	1.7251	82.8	.1069	81.1	.001319	1101	1.452	.0046
50	502.8	1.8327	1.7760	63.0	.0567	61.2	.000926	1053	.975	.0030

PART 2.—SECOND FILLING, 274.72 GRAMS

-50	.....	1.8230	.....	.....	0.3989	.....	0.000157	.....	0.222	0.0010
-40	.....	1.8237	.....	.....	.3748	.....	.000248	.....	.344	.0015
-30	.....	1.8244	.....	.....	.3490	.....	.000372	.....	.505	.0021
-20	.....	1.8251	.....	.....	.3218	.....	.000527	.....	.700	.0028
-10	.....	1.8259	.....	.....	.2927	.....	.000710	.....	.921	.0035
0	.....	1.8266	.....	.....	.2607	.....	.000908	.....	1.147	.0042
10	.....	1.8273	.....	.....	.2267	.....	.001115	.....	1.368	.0048
20	.....	1.8280	.....	.....	.1899	.....	.001297	.....	1.543	.0053
30	.....	1.8287	.....	.....	.1494	.....	.001377	.....	1.580	.0052
40	.....	1.8294	.....	.....	.1043	.....	.001287	.....	1.417	.0045
50	.....	1.8301	.....	.....	.0541	.....	.000884	.....	.930	.0029

The values of x for the two fillings are shown graphically as functions of θ in Fig. 2.

The values of $\frac{L_2x_2 - L_1x_1}{\Delta\theta}$ and $\left(\frac{Lx}{\theta}\right)_m$ used in the calculations of Table 2 were interpolated graphically from Table 3.

The volume, V , of the calorimeter was determined before the calorimeter was assembled, by weighing empty and again filled with water at a known temperature. The variation in volume with temperature need not be known accurately. It was obtained from

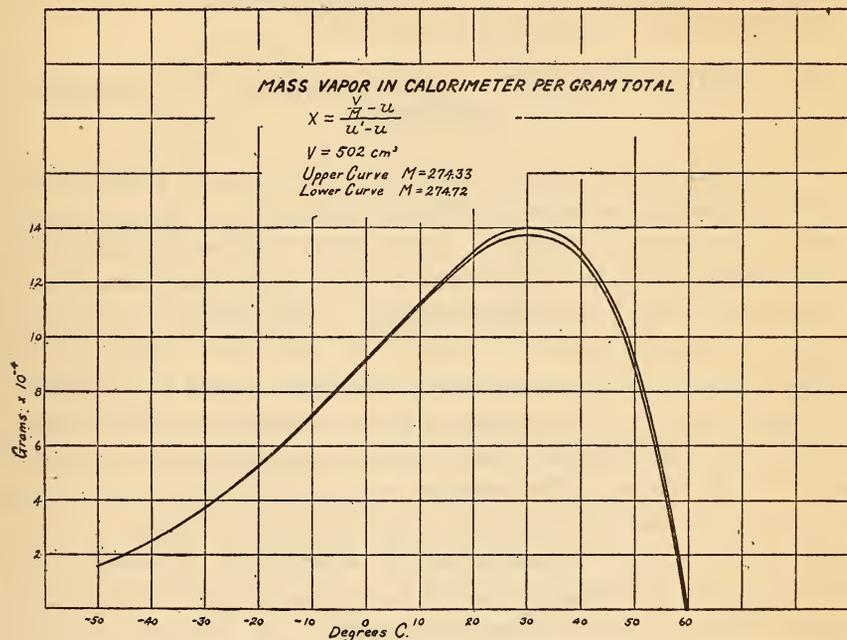


FIG. 2

independent determinations of the change in amount of liquid ammonia contained at various temperatures and pressures.

The values for the specific volumes of ammonia liquid and vapor are preliminary values from the measurements made at this Bureau by Harper, Cragoe, and O'Connor, the final results of which will be published in a separate paper.

The values of the latent heat of vaporization are from data published under a separate title.¹¹

¹¹ Osborne and Van Dusen, Latent Heat of Vaporization of Ammonia. This Bulletin, 14; 1917.

The results of the foregoing direct measurements of the specific heat of liquid ammonia under saturation conditions may be represented by the empirical equation

$$\sigma = 3.0931 - 0.00064\theta + \frac{17.329}{\sqrt{133 - \theta}} \quad (\text{A})$$

in which 133° is taken as the temperature at the critical point. The form of this equation is discussed in Section VIII. A comparison between the observed values and those calculated by this equation is given in Table 2. The possible sources of error in the first method are discussed in Section IX.

VII. SECOND METHOD—MEASUREMENT AT CONSTANT PRESSURE

The primary object of this series of measurements was to afford a check upon the accuracy of the previous series of measurements under saturation conditions. In the first method distillation in the connecting tubes might occur, thus introducing an error¹² which could not be readily evaluated. The method of measurement at constant pressure, however, in which the tubes are kept filled with liquid, eliminates this possibility. The two methods are fundamentally independent. In the first method a fixed mass of material consisting of both liquid and vapor phases is confined in the calorimeter. The relative amounts of these two phases depend upon the temperature, and corrections involving a knowledge of the specific volumes and the latent heat of vaporization are, therefore, necessary. In the second method the liquid phase alone entirely fills the calorimeter space, and, since the thermal expansion of the material differs from that of the calorimeter itself, the amount contained varies with the temperature. It was scarcely anticipated when the second method was undertaken that it would yield results comparable in precision with the first method, on account of greater experimental difficulty, although it was expected to disclose any serious error in the first method due to distillation in the connecting tubes. As eventually carried out, however, this method gave a precision equal to that of the first, and the possible sources of systematic error, while different from those in the first method, appeared no greater.

¹² It is estimated that the maximum error due to this cause could not have exceeded 1 part in 1000, and that the average error was much less than this, but the comparison between the results of the two methods furnishes the most convincing evidence as to its limit.

1. EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS

In filling the calorimeter, the reservoir used to hold the sample was provided with a tube reaching to the bottom, so that the transfer occurred by liquid flow induced by differences of vapor pressures inside the calorimeter and in the reservoir. By keeping the reservoir somewhat warmer than the calorimeter, the latter could always be kept full of liquid when the valves in the connecting tube were open, provided, of course, sufficient material were present to more than fill the calorimeter at all temperatures. In making a determination the reservoir was kept at a constant temperature by means of the thermoregulator. This temperature was observed, and it furnished, when supplemented with data for vapor pressure of ammonia at various temperatures, a means of determining the pressure, which for this purpose need not be known with great exactness. Thus, the pressure in the calorimeter remained constant, whereas the mass contained varied with the temperature. The manner of measurement of the heat added to the calorimeter and the initial and final equilibrium temperatures was identical with that already described under the first method.

The mass of liquid contained in the calorimeter at various temperatures and pressures was determined by a separate series of experiments. By keeping a fixed total mass in calorimeter and reservoir the variation in mass contained in the calorimeter was found by making weighings of the reservoir, closed off and detached from the calorimeter when the latter was in equilibrium. The total amount contained in the calorimeter when full at a single temperature and pressure was determined, as in the first method, by emptying.

It is shown (Sec. IV, 4; p. 403) where the theory of this method is discussed that the computation of the specific heat from the observed quantities can be made with sufficient accuracy, by means of a very simple formula, if the relation between the temperature, θ' , of the outflow and the instantaneous temperature, θ , of the contents has the characteristics of an ordinary case of lag. The survey of these temperatures, by which this relation was established, was made the object of the series of supplementary experiments, which are now to be described. In each of these experiments the operations were the same as in a specific heat measurement, with the exception that the usual calorimetric observations were omitted and, instead, the two temperatures θ

and θ' were each observed periodically. The place of departure of the liquid from the calorimeter was taken as the section of the outflow tube midway between the calorimeter and the jacket. The exactness of this location is not of great importance. To obtain the temperature θ' of the liquid at this place, the auxiliary thermocouples, with junctions on the outflow tubes and calorimeter top, were used. These couples were part of the permanent equipment of the calorimeter and have been described in connection therewith. The reference junction was located on the jacket. The temperature of the jacket was obtained periodically by observing the resistance of the platinum thermometer in the envelope and simultaneously observing, by means of the surface thermocouples, the difference in temperature between this thermometer and the jacket. A record was thus obtained with respect to time of the temperatures of three points in close proximity to the outflowing liquid, namely, the calorimeter top and the two points on the outflow tube one-fourth and three-fourths the distance along the tube from the calorimeter to the jacket and designated respectively *A*, *B*, and *C*.

To obtain a value for the temperature θ , the obvious method of observing the overflow of the liquid itself was employed. For this purpose a vertical glass tube closed at the top, graduated to tenths of cubic centimeters and surrounded by a stirred oil bath thermally controlled, was attached by a small tube, terminated by a valve, to the outlet provided for the manometer connection. This graduated tube constituted the isothermal stem of a thermometer, the bulb of which was the calorimeter itself, the two being connected by a tube of small volume. The fact that the stem was less than a centimeter in diameter made the thermometer sensitive to 0.01 C with ammonia as the liquid, since the volume of the bulb was about 500 cm³. The volume of the stem was sufficient to accommodate the expansion of the ammonia in any experiment covering a range of 10 degrees. This dilatometric thermometer was calibrated in place directly in terms of the equilibrium temperature of the calorimeter as a part of each experiment and for the conditions then existing, and except for corrections far within the precision of the readings¹³ it indicated the instantaneous temperature of the liquid contained in the

¹³ Assuming that the specific heat and specific volume are linear functions of the temperature, and also assuming that the volume of the calorimeter is the same as for equilibrium conditions, the indicated temperature would be identical with the mean effective temperature, θ , as defined on page 404. These assumptions are all so nearly true for the conditions of the experiments that the difference between the two temperatures is insignificant.

calorimeter, whether in equilibrium or not, provided this temperature be defined as above; that is, as the effective mean temperature of the contents or the equivalent equilibrium temperature. The calibration was found to be very nearly linear.

These experiments were carried out at various temperatures and pressures in the range of the specific heat determinations and also at various rates of heating. The jacket was kept as nearly as possible at the same temperature as the calorimeter, just as in the specific heat determinations.

The results of a single experiment are shown graphically in Fig. 3. The temperatures are all plotted with respect to time. The mean temperature, θ , of the calorimeter contents is shown by curve 1. The ideal temperature, supposing the heat added at a uniform rate to be instantaneously distributed, is shown by the dotted line, which is very nearly straight. The jacket temperature is shown by curve 2. This curve also represents the average temperature of the calorimeter surface, since the temperatures of these two surfaces were kept very closely together. The temperatures of the points *A*, *B*, and *C* are shown by curves 5, 3, and 4. (The points *A* and *B* were found to have always essentially the same temperature during the period of heating, and hence curves 5 and 3 coincide for this period.) These curves were plotted by reference to curve 2, using the reduced thermocouple readings.

By study of these curves the temperature changes may be readily analyzed. Initially all parts of the system are at the same temperature, θ_1 . In a short time after starting the heating current, the rate of rise of the temperature θ , as indicated by the outflow, has become constant and remains so until the interruption of the heating current, after which the outflow almost immediately ceases and a slight recession of the liquid gradually occurs while equilibrium is being reestablished. The calorimeter top and the observed points of the outflow tube are more remote from the source of heat, and the temperatures at these points therefore lag behind θ . After a few minutes, during which the convection currents are being established, this lag becomes nearly constant and remains so during the addition of heat. The manner in which the various parts resume equilibrium is shown in the portion beyond the vertical dotted line which marks the time of interruption of the current. The example given is characteristic of what was observed in each of the entire series of experiments.

For the purpose of evaluating the deficiency of heat in the outflow below what it would have contained were there no lag,

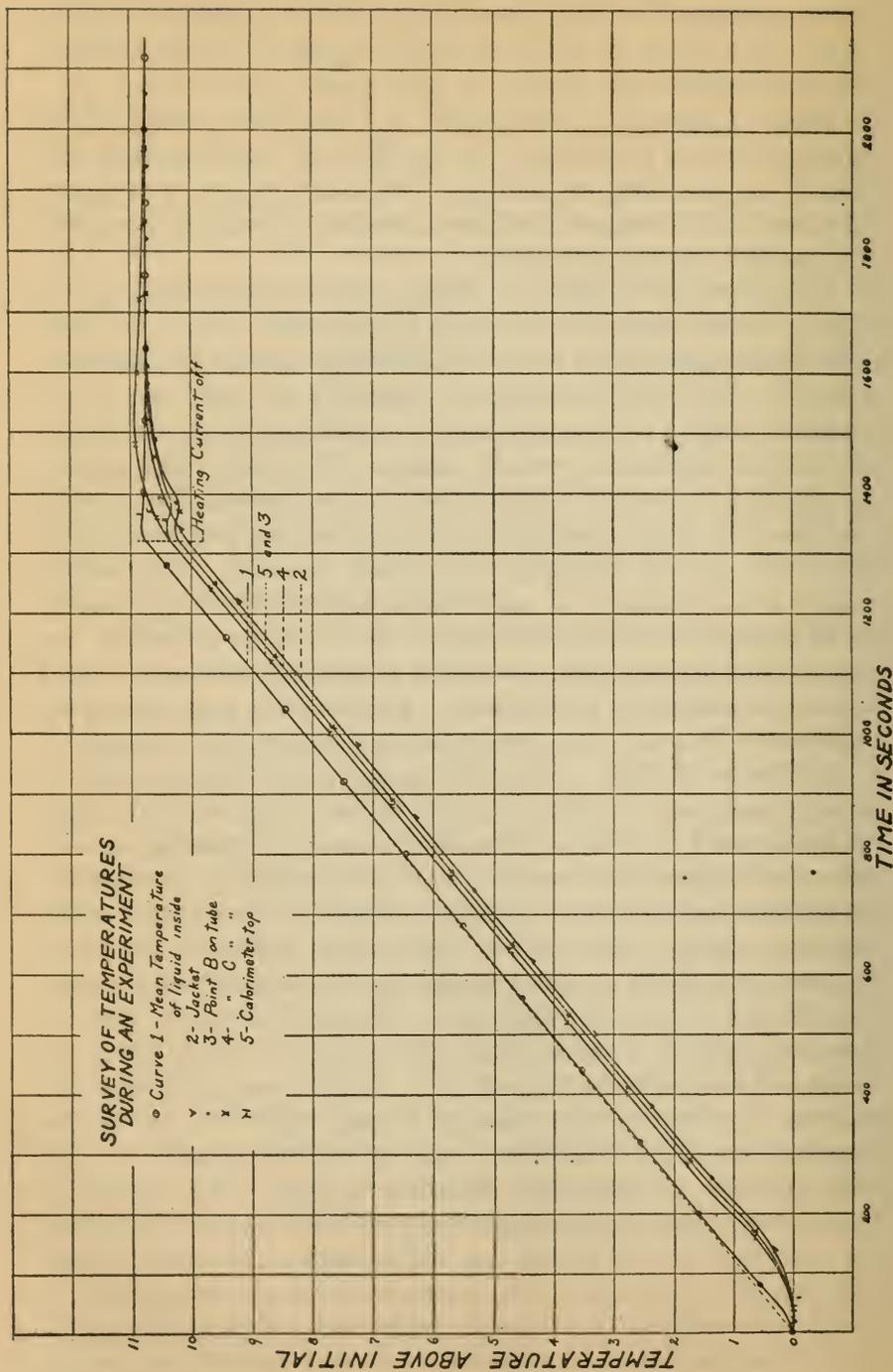


FIG. 3

a sufficiently accurate, simple statement of the results is possible if two periods are considered, the first relatively short, in which the outflow temperature θ' is assumed to remain equal to the initial temperature θ_1 , and a second, lasting until θ_2 is reached at the end of the outflow, in which $\theta - \theta'$ remains nearly constant. Accordingly, using symbols

$$\begin{aligned} \text{for } \theta_1 &\leq \theta \leq \theta_1 + \lambda, & \theta' &= \theta_1 \\ \text{for } \theta_1 + \lambda &\leq \theta \leq \theta_2, & \theta' &= \theta - \lambda \end{aligned}$$

The value of λ was found to depend only slightly on the rate of heating. For the rate of 0.5° per minute, within the range of temperature -40° to $+40^\circ$ C., i. e., for the conditions under which the determinations of C_p were made, λ in degrees as determined in the supplementary experiments may be expressed by the equation:

$$\lambda = 0.53 - 0.0028 \theta \quad (16)$$

It is readily seen that in any of the determinations of C_p , each of which was for a temperature interval of about 10 degrees, the change in λ is less than 0.03 , and therefore in any experiment, λ , which enters as a factor in a small correction term, can be regarded as constant.

2. RESULTS OF MEASUREMENTS

The experimental data obtained from the observations for the determinations of the heat capacity of the liquid at constant pressure made by the second method are given in Table 4, together with the computations for obtaining the heat added to the liquid per unit mass at mean temperature per unit temperature change;

i. e., $\frac{1}{(M)_m} \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta \theta}$. The computations were made following the method described in Section IV.

TABLE 4.—Second Method—Measurements of Specific Heat of Liquid Ammonia at Constant Pressure
 [Calculation of net heat, per unit temperature change, added to liquid per unit mass at mean temperature]

Date	Experiment No.	$\Delta\theta$ Therm 15 046 degrees	$\Delta\theta$ Therm 4725 degrees	Mean $\Delta\theta$ degrees	Current in calorimeter heating coil I amperes	P. D. across heating coil E_c volts	Duration of heating current t seconds	Total electric energy W_{Et} joules	Heat added to calor. and contents joules/deg	Heat capacity calorimeter N joules/deg	Heat added to contents $\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta\theta}$ joules/deg	Temperature of reservoir θ_r °C	Pressure in calorimeter p kg/cm ²	Mean temperature θ_m °C	Mass in calorimeter at mean temperature M_m grams	Net heat added $\frac{1}{M_m} \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta\theta}$ joules/deg
1916 July 21	3	9.966	9.973	9.970	1.4231	14.279	1200.0	24.384	2445.7	990.7	14559.0	+30.7	12.24	+18.05	308.43	4.717
	1	10.346	10.352	10.349	1.4568	14.571	1200.0	25.472	2461.3	926.8	1534.5	15.72	7.69	-38.95	345.64	4.440
29	3	10.426	10.428	10.427	1.4611	14.626	1200.0	25.644	2459.4	943.0	1516.4	15.68	7.69	-26.32	337.85	4.488
	4	10.419	10.421	10.420	1.4594	14.617	1200.0	25.598	2456.6	955.5	1501.1	15.70	7.69	-15.90	331.36	4.530
31	2	10.413	10.417	10.415	1.4573	14.605	1200.1	25.543	2452.5	966.4	1486.1	36.2	14.34	-5.94	325.14	4.571
	3	11.468	11.469	11.468	1.4565	14.605	1320.2	28.083	2448.7	977.9	1470.8	36.2	14.34	+5.00	317.78	4.628
	1	10.445	10.447	10.446	1.4566	14.614	1200.0	25.544	2445.3	987.6	1457.7	39.63	15.78	+14.86	310.89	4.689
31	2	10.423	10.425	10.424	1.4543	14.597	1199.9	25.471	2443.5	997.5	1446.0	39.62	15.78	+25.29	303.21	4.769
	3	10.390	10.390	10.390	1.4517	14.579	1200.0	25.397	2444.4	1007.0	1437.4	42.85	17.25	+35.72	295.28	4.868

The pressure, p , corresponding to saturated vapor pressures at temperatures, θ , in the reservoir were obtained from data for pressure of saturated ammonia vapor given by Keyes and Brownlee.¹⁴

The data obtained from the observations for determining at various temperatures the mass contained in the calorimeter and the variations with pressure of the mass contained appear in Table 5.

TABLE 5.—Method 2—Mass of Liquid in Calorimeter when Full at Saturation Pressure

Temper- ature θ	Mass liquid M	Change of mass with temper- ature $\frac{dM}{d\theta}$	Change of mass with pressure $\left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial p}\right)_\theta$	Temper- ature θ	Mass liquid M	Change of mass with temper- ature $\frac{dM}{d\theta}$	Change of mass with pressure $\left(\frac{\partial M}{\partial p}\right)_\theta$
° C	grams	grams deg.	grams kg/cm ²	° C	grams	grams deg.	grams kg/cm ²
-50	352.0	0.60	0.033	10	313.8	0.69	0.046
-40	345.9	.61	.034	20	306.7	.72	.052
-30	339.8	.62	.035	30	299.3	.76	.059
-20	333.6	.63	.036	40	291.5	.80	.069
-10	327.3	.65	.038	50	283.2	.86	.080
0	320.7	.67	.041				

The computation of the values of C_p at pressures above saturation is found in Table 6, the correction for heat to expelled liquid being computed, using for λ equation (16).

The further computation of the limiting value of C_p at pressure π , corresponding to saturation at temperature θ_m , follows in Table 6, for this computation the coefficient $\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{l}{\theta} \right)_p$, obtained from independent measurements of the latent heat of pressure variation and published elsewhere,¹⁵ being used.

¹⁴ Thermodynamic Properties of Ammonia, p. 13, John Wiley & Son; 1916.

¹⁵ To appear in this Bulletin.

TABLE 6.—Method 2—Calculation of Specific Heat at Constant Pressure Equal to Saturation Pressure

Heat added to liquid $\frac{1}{M_m} \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta \theta}$	Mean temp. θ_m	Corr. for heat to expelled liquid $\frac{1}{M_m} C_p \lambda \times \frac{\Delta M}{\Delta \theta}$	Specific heat at press. p temp. θ_m C_p	Pressure p	Saturation pressure at θ_m π	$p-\pi$	Change in C_p with pressure $\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{l}{\theta} \right)$	$(p-\pi) \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{l}{\theta} \right)$	Specific heat at const. press. equal to saturation press. $C_p \Big|_{\theta, \pi}$	C_p Calc.	Obs.—Calc.
J/g.deg	° C	J/g.deg	J/g.deg	kg/cm ²	kg/cm ²	kg/cm ²	$\frac{\text{J}}{\text{g.deg} \cdot \text{kg/cm}^2}$	J/g.deg	J/g.deg	J/g.deg	J/g.deg
4.440	-38.95	+0.005	4.445	7.69	0.77	6.92	-0.00031	-0.002	4.447	4.450	-0.003
4.488	-26.32	+ .005	4.493	7.69	1.26	6.43	.00041	.003	4.496	4.494	+ .002
4.530	-15.90	+ .005	4.535	7.69	2.32	5.37	.00052	.003	4.538	4.536	+ .002
4.571	- 5.94	+ .005	4.576	14.34	3.53	10.81	.00064	.007	4.583	4.582	+ .001
4.628	+ 5.00	+ .005	4.633	14.34	5.29	9.05	.00079	.007	4.640	4.641	- .001
4.689	+14.86	+ .005	4.694	15.78	7.44	8.34	.00099	.008	4.702	4.703	- .001
4.717	+18.05	+ .005	4.722	12.24	8.28	3.96	.00105	.004	4.726	4.726	± .000
4.769	+25.29	+ .005	4.774	15.78	10.41	5.37	.00123	.006	4.780	4.782	- .002
4.868	+35.72	+ .006	4.874	17.25	14.14	3.11	.00157	.005	4.879	4.877	+ .002

This limiting value of C_p may be represented by the empirical equation:

$$C_p \Big|_{\theta, \pi} = 3.8927 + \frac{95.779}{133 - \theta} \quad (17)$$

Values of C_p computed by means of this equation and comparison of these computed with the observed values are given in the same table.

In Table 7 the computation of the specific heat of the saturated liquid from the limiting values of C_p corresponding to saturation is made, using the limiting values of l obtained from the independent measurements mentioned above.

The values of the specific heat, σ , of the saturated liquid computed from the measurements made at constant pressure may be represented by the empirical equation:

$$\sigma = 3.1800 - 0.00050\theta + \frac{16.356}{\sqrt{133 - \theta}} \quad (B)$$

A comparison between the values of σ computed by this equation and those actually determined is given in the same table.

TABLE 7.—Method 2—Calculation of Specific Heat of Saturated Liquid Ammonia

Temp. θ	Specific heat at const. press. $C_p]_{\theta, \pi}$	Heat of pressure variation $[H]_{\theta, \pi} \frac{d\pi}{d\theta}$	Specific heat at satura- tion σ	Specific heat calc. by equation (B) $\sigma_{calc.}$	Obs- calc
°C	J/g.deg	J/g.deg	J/g.deg	J/g.deg	J/g.deg
-38.95	4.447	-0.002	4.445	4.447	-0.002
-26.32	4.495	.005	4.491	4.489	+ .002
-15.90	4.538	.008	4.530	4.529	+ .001
- 5.94	4.583	.012	4.571	4.571	± .000
+ 5.00	4.640	.018	4.622	4.623	- .001
14.86	4.702	.026	4.676	4.678	- .002
18.05	4.726	.029	4.697	4.697	± .000
25.29	4.780	.038	4.742	4.743	- .001
35.72	4.879	.055	4.824	4.821	+ .003

VIII. FORM OF EMPIRICAL EQUATION FOR SPECIFIC HEAT OF THE SATURATED LIQUID

A form of empirical equation was sought which would closely fit the experimental data and which would also be consistent with other known physical facts. Keyes and Brownlee¹⁶ have given an empirical equation for the specific heat of saturated liquid ammonia, the form of which they chose because "it seems probable that the heat capacity becomes infinite at the critical temperature." This conclusion appears as certain as any physical fact well can be which is not susceptible of direct experimental proof. It is, however, not of more importance than the manner of variation by which the infinite value is reached, and if used alone may easily lead to a form of empirical equation which gives the absurd result of an infinite value for the heat content of the liquid at the critical point. Therefore the limitation should also be imposed that the heat added for any finite temperature increment must be finite.

An empirical equation for σ over an extended range should, therefore, conform to two criteria in addition to adaptability to the experimental data, namely,

$$\sigma_c = \infty$$

$$\int_0^{\theta_c} \sigma d\theta \neq \infty$$

where θ_c is the temperature of the critical point.

¹⁶ Thermodynamic Properties of Ammonia. John Wiley & Son; 1916.

An equation of the form $\sigma = A + B\theta + \frac{C}{(\theta_c - \theta)^{1/2}}$ has been found to meet these requirements, and has been used to represent the results of the present investigation. The equation has the further advantage of giving no real values above the critical temperature.

The form of equation used by Keyes and Brownlee¹⁷ was found to be unsuited to represent these results; indeed, when applied to the data here given the constants found were such as to give a maximum for σ at about 100° and $-\infty$ at the critical temperature 133° .

IX. CONCLUSIONS

The results of the determinations by the two independent methods have been expressed by the following two empirical equations:

$$\text{First method: } \sigma = 3.0931 - 0.00064\theta + \frac{17.329}{\sqrt{133 - \theta}} \quad (\text{A})$$

$$\text{Second method: } \sigma = 3.1800 - 0.00050\theta + \frac{16.356}{\sqrt{133 - \theta}} \quad (\text{B})$$

where the positive value of the square root is to be used.

The agreement of the results by the two methods is shown by the following values computed from the equations:

Temperature.....	-40°	-20°	0°	20°	40°
Equation (A).....	4.438	4.508	4.599	4.711	4.864
Equation (B).....	4.444	4.513	4.599	4.710	4.856
Mean.....	4.441	4.510	4.599	4.710	4.860

The greatest difference between the mean results by both methods and the results of either method as represented by empirical equations is seen to be less than 1 part in 1000.

In Fig. 4 the results of all the determinations by both methods are shown graphically.

In Table 8 the average and maximum deviations of individual experiments from mean values are assembled for convenience in comparison.

¹⁷ Thermodynamic Properties of Ammonia. John Wiley & Son; 1916.

TABLE 8.—Analysis of Precision—Both Methods

Comparison	Mean deviation— parts per 10 000		Per cent of number of obser- vations within 1 part per 1000	Per cent of number within 2 parts per 1000	Maximum deviation parts per 10 000
	Above 0°.0 C	Below 0°.0 C			
σ (method 1) with empirical equation (A) . .	± 6	± 6	90	98	27
σ (method 2) with empirical equation (B) . . .	± 3	± 3	100	100	6
σ (method 1) with empirical equation (C) . . .	± 7	± 7	81	98	36
σ (method 2) with empirical equation (C) . . .	± 3	± 7	100	100	10
σ (both methods) with empirical equation (C)	± 6	± 7	84	96	36

In Table 9, by assigning to the elements which enter into the determination of the result, σ , estimated values of the *average* and *maximum* accidental errors, the corresponding accidental errors which would be produced in σ were estimated.

For method 1, comparison of the calculated with the observed deviations shows that the maximum deviations observed were to be expected, while the average deviations observed were slightly larger than were expected, unless they are to be explained by reason of distillation in the connecting tubes. If an average deviation of about 6 parts in 10 000 due to this cause were assumed, it would account for the observed average deviation.

A similar comparison for method 2 showed excellent agreement for the average deviations, while the observed maximum deviation was less than that estimated, as it might likely happen in so limited a series of observations.

A similar calculation applied to the *total* errors enables limits to be established within which the actual errors should be. As a result of this calculation it is found that total errors to be expected should not exceed 6 parts in 10 000 and the extreme total error possible should not exceed 55 parts in 10 000. These figures agree very well with those obtained from a comparison of the two methods with the mean.

TABLE 9.—Estimation of Errors

[All errors are parts in 10 000 produced in the final result σ]

Source of error. Quantity measured or calculated	First method				Second method				Both methods. Total errors	
	Fortuitous errors		Total errors		Fortuitous errors		Total errors			
	Aver- age	Pos- sible	Aver- age	Pos- sible	Aver- age	Pos- sible	Aver- age	Pos- sible	Aver- age	Pos- sible
Measurement of energy.....	±4	±8	±4	±8	±4	±8	±4	±8	±4	±8
Measurement of temperature change.....	2	10	2	10	2	10	2	10	2	10
Thermal leakage....	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	5
Correction for change of phase in- side closed calor- imeter.....	0	2	6	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	10
Heat capacity calor- imeter.....	0	1	3	5	0	1	3	5	3	5
Determination of mass in calorim- eter.....	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	2	4
Correction for heat of pressure varia- tion.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	2	2	10	3	10
Correction for lag of outgoing liquid (second method).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	2	2	3	2	3
Total, calcu- lated from above esti- mations.....	±4	±26	±6	±38	±4	±30	±4	±45	±6	±55
Total, by com- parison of observed points with least square reductions...	±6	±27	±7	±36	±3	±6	±5	±10	±7	±36

The order of accuracy of the two methods seems to be about the same, with a slight advantage in favor of the second. Giving each method equal weight, the final mean value of σ in joules per gram per degree is expressed in the range -45° to $+45^{\circ}$ C by the equation:

$$\sigma = 3.1365 - 0.00057 \theta + \frac{16.842}{\sqrt{133 - \theta}} \quad (C)$$

If the relation between the joule and the 20° calorie¹³ be taken as 1 calorie₂₀ = 4.183 joules, the specific heat, σ , in Cal₂₀/g. deg., of liquid ammonia under saturation conditions is given by the equation:

$$\sigma = 0.7498 - 0.000136 \theta + \frac{4.0263}{\sqrt{133 - \theta}} \quad (D)$$

X. SUMMARY

Using a calorimeter of the aneroid type specially designed for the peculiar conditions, the specific heat of saturated liquid ammonia has been determined throughout the temperature interval -45° to $+45^{\circ}$ C.

A brief description of the instrument is given in this paper. A detailed description of the design and construction are given in a separate paper.

Two distinct and independent methods were used, each of which avoids sources of error present in the other. In the first method the heat added to a fixed amount confined in the calorimeter under saturation conditions and the resulting change in temperature are measured. By using data for the specific volumes of the two phases and the latent heat of vaporization, the corrections for the vapor are applied, giving the specific heat of the liquid kept saturated.

In the second method the calorimeter is kept full of liquid at a constant pressure. The heat added to the variable amount in the calorimeter and the resulting change in temperature are measured. A correction for the heat withdrawn in the expelled liquid is determined by special experiments. By use of the data for the latent heat of pressure variation of the liquid, obtained from separate measurements, made with the same apparatus and material, the corrections for pressure variation are applied, the result being to give a second determination of the specific heat of the saturated liquid.

¹³ The 20° calorie is taken as the quantity of heat per gram (mass) per degree centigrade required to raise the temperature of water at 20° C. at normal atmospheric pressure.

The greatest difference between the mean results of both methods and the results of either method as represented by empirical equations is less than 1 part in 1000.

As a final result, the specific heat σ , in joules per gram per degree centigrade, of liquid ammonia, kept saturated, at the temperature θ , is given in the range -45° to $+45^{\circ}$ C by the equation

$$\sigma = 3.1365 - 0.00057\theta + \frac{16.842}{\sqrt{133 - \theta}}$$

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APPENDIX

TABLE 10.—Specific Heat of Liquid Ammonia Under Saturation Conditions

[Expressed in Calories₅₉ per Gram per Degree C]

Temp., °C	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
-40	1.062	1.061	1.060	1.059	1.058	1.058	1.057	1.056	1.055	1.055
-30	1.070	1.069	1.058	1.067	1.056	1.055	1.064	1.064	1.063	1.062
-20	1.078	1.077	1.076	1.075	1.074	1.074	1.073	1.072	1.071	1.070
-10	1.088	1.087	1.086	1.085	1.084	1.083	1.082	1.081	1.080	1.079
- 0	1.099	1.098	1.097	1.096	1.094	1.093	1.092	1.091	1.090	1.089
+ 0	1.099	1.100	1.101	1.103	1.104	1.105	1.106	1.108	1.109	1.110
+10	1.112	1.113	1.114	1.116	1.117	1.118	1.120	1.122	1.123	1.125
+20	1.126	1.128	1.129	1.131	1.132	1.134	1.136	1.137	1.139	1.141
+30	1.142	1.144	1.146	1.148	1.150	1.152	1.154	1.156	1.158	1.160
+40	1.162	1.164	1.166	1.169	1.171	1.173	1.176	1.178	1.181	1.183

TABLE 11.—Heat Content of Saturated Liquid Ammonia¹⁹

[Reckoned from the temperature of melting ice]

CALORIES PER GRAM

Temp., °C	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
-40	-43.3	-44.3	-45.4	-46.4	-47.5	-48.6	-49.6	-50.7	-51.7	-52.8
-30	32.6	33.6	34.7	35.8	36.8	37.9	39.0	40.0	41.1	42.2
-20	21.8	22.9	24.0	25.1	26.2	27.2	28.3	29.3	30.4	31.5
-10	11.0	12.1	13.1	14.2	15.3	16.4	17.5	18.6	19.7	20.8
- 0	0.0	1.0	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9
+ 0	+ 0.0	+ 1.1	+ 2.2	+ 3.3	+ 4.4	+ 5.5	+ 6.7	+ 7.8	+ 8.9	+10.0
+10	11.1	12.2	13.4	14.5	15.6	16.7	17.9	19.0	20.1	21.3
+20	22.4	23.5	24.7	25.8	27.0	28.1	29.3	30.4	31.6	32.7
+30	33.9	35.0	36.2	37.4	38.5	39.7	40.8	42.0	43.2	44.4
+40	45.5	46.7	47.9	49.1	50.3	51.5	52.7	53.8	55.0	56.2

BTU PER POUND

Temp., °F	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
- 40	-77.9	-78.9	-80.0	-81.1	-82.1	-83.2	-84.3	-85.3	-86.4	-87.4
- 30	67.2	68.3	69.4	70.4	71.5	72.6	73.6	74.7	75.8	76.8
- 20	56.5	57.6	58.7	59.8	60.8	61.9	63.0	64.0	65.1	66.2
- 10	45.8	46.9	48.0	49.0	50.1	51.2	52.3	53.3	54.4	55.5
- 0	35.0	36.1	37.2	38.2	39.3	40.4	41.5	42.6	43.6	44.7
+ 0	35.0	33.9	32.8	31.7	30.7	29.6	28.5	27.4	26.3	25.2
+10	24.1	23.0	21.9	20.9	19.8	18.7	17.6	16.5	15.4	14.3
+20	13.2	12.1	11.0	9.9	8.8	7.7	6.6	5.5	4.4	3.3
+30	- 2.2	- 1.1	0.0	+ 1.1	+ 2.2	+ 3.3	+ 4.4	+ 5.5	+ 6.7	+ 7.8
+40	+ 8.9	+10.0	+11.1	12.2	13.3	14.4	15.6	16.7	17.8	18.9
+50	20.0	21.1	22.3	23.4	24.5	25.6	26.8	27.9	29.0	30.1
+60	31.3	32.4	33.5	34.7	35.8	36.9	38.1	39.2	40.3	41.5
+70	42.6	43.8	44.9	46.0	47.2	48.3	49.5	50.6	51.8	52.9
+80	54.1	55.2	56.4	57.5	58.7	59.8	61.0	62.1	63.3	64.4
+90	65.6	66.8	67.9	69.1	70.3	71.4	72.6	73.8	74.9	76.1
+100	77.3	78.5	79.6	80.8	82.0	83.2	84.3	85.5	86.7	87.9
+110	89.1	90.3	91.5	92.6	93.9	95.1	96.3	97.5	98.7	99.9

¹⁹ Heat content as used here is defined by the relation:

$$H = \epsilon + \rho v$$

Where H = heat content, taken as zero at the temperature of melting ice, ϵ = internal or "intrinsic" energy, and H , ϵ , and ρv are all expressed in the same units.