

(iv) *The thermal expansion*

From the relationship (3) and from the compressibility the volume thermal expansion coefficient, α , can be derived. Table 6 shows the variation of the expansion coefficient with temperature at three different densities.

TABLE 6. THE THERMAL EXPANSION OF SOLID HELIUM; THE VOLUME EXPANSION COEFFICIENT AS A FUNCTION OF TEMPERATURE

T ($^{\circ}\text{K}$)	10.6 ml. $10^4\alpha$	12 ml. $10^4\alpha$	15 ml. $10^4\alpha$
0	0	0	0
2	—	—	1.05
4	0.09	0.48	10.2
8	0.93	4.9	—
12	3.4	14.6	—
16	7.3	—	—
20	12.6	—	—

(v) *The internal energy at 0°K and the lattice energy*

By integrating the p, V relationship at 0°K the internal energy at absolute zero, U_0 , can be obtained as a function of volume. In this calculation, the value of U_0 at 25 atm pressure is taken as -11.9 cal/mole (Simon & Swenson 1950;

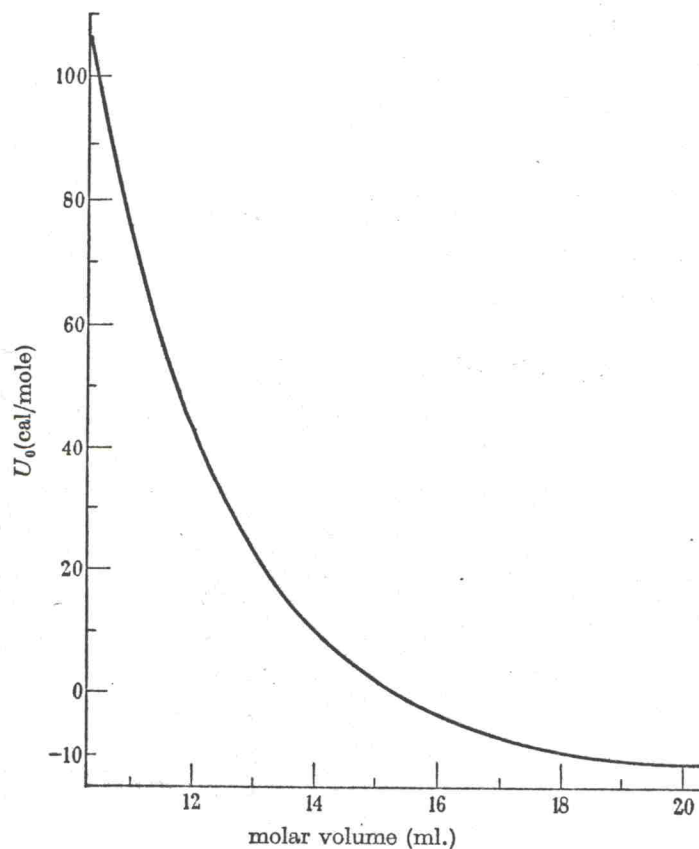


FIGURE 11. The internal energy of solid helium at 0°K as a function of volume.