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• The gas methane, CH₄, has a critical point at -82 °C and 46 atm. Can methane be liquefied at 25 °C? Explain your answer.

The critical temperature ($T_{\rm c}$) is the temperature above which a substance cannot exist as a liquid. Thus, methane cannot be liquefied above -82 °C and so cannot be liquefied at 25 °C.

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