



Professor Dr. Joan van der Waals holding the thesis of Johannes Diderik van der Waals next to the Citation plaque in the lobby of the Department of Physics at Leiden University, September 2016. Nearby is a stained glass window picturing the discovery and explanation of the Zeeman effect by Zeeman and Lorentz. Opposite to the plaque is the historic set-up used by Heike Kamerlingh Onnes to liquefy helium on July 10, 1908. Onnes's research in the field of extreme cryogenic temperatures led to his discovery of superconductivity in 1911.