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# Gases

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# Kinetic Theory

## Principles

- Matter is composed of particles in constant, random, motion
- Particles collide elastically if they do not react
- All particles at a given temp do not have the same KE

Solids and liquids have particles that are relatively close together.

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Gas particles are very far apart -hundreds to thousands of times their own diameters. Thus interactions are usually small and if we neglect them we will not make a large error.

This allows us to “model” the behavior of gases by defining an *ideal gas* which is often close to a real gas.

1. Ideal gas particles are point masses so the particles occupy no volume themselves.
2. Particles have no attraction for each other.

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# Gas Laws

Measurement- 4 variables specify the state of a gas -

- Pressure - many units are used (we shall look at this next)
- Volume -  $m^3$ , liters
- Number of particles - moles
- Temperature - Kelvin (we shall see why soon!)

Pressure = Force/Area

- Units -  $lb/in^2$ ,  $N/m^2$  = Pascal, bar =  $10^5$  Pa, mm Hg = Torr, inches of Hg, Atmospheres
- It is more difficult to measure gas pressure in force/area units. That is why we often measure pressure in terms of what pressure can do - Torr, in Hg
- Manometers are used to measure the pressure of gases and are of 2 types – open and closed. Barometers are specifically designed to measure atmospheric pressure.

- It is necessary to convert between these units. A convenient way to do this is to memorize the values for standard pressure

760. mm Hg	760. Torr	30.0 in Hg
1.00 Atm	14.7 lb/in <sup>2</sup>	1.013 x 10 <sup>5</sup> Pa
101.3 kPa	1.013 bar	

## Temperature

The Kelvin scale is used because it is an absolute temperature scale. This means that it begins at absolute zero - the point at which all translational motion would cease. For an ideal gas this means that volume would be zero since it is composed of point masses.  $K = ^\circ C + 273.15$

Standard temperature is defined as 0°C or 273.15 K.

“STP” represents standard temperature and pressure.

Boyle's Law  $P \propto 1/V$  when  $n$  and  $T$  are constant

Charles' Law  $V \propto T$  when  $n$  and  $P$  are constant

$T$  must be expressed in Kelvin.

### Ideal Gas Law Equation

$$PV = nRT$$

The constant  $R$  relates the other variables. From both experimental and theoretical work we know that 1 mole of a gas occupies 22.4 l at 273 K and 1.00 atm pressure. This gives a value of 0.0821 Atm - Liters/mole-K or  $62.4 \times 10^3$  Torr-mL/mole-K.

$PV = nRT$  can also be used to obtain a general use equation for changes in a gas.

$$\frac{P_1V_1}{P_2V_2} = \frac{n_1T_1}{n_2T_2}$$

We can also substitute for the ( $n$ ) in  $PV = nRT$ .

$n = m/M$  where  $m$  = mass in grams and  $M$  = molar mass in g/mole. This gives

$$PV = \frac{m}{M} RT$$

Since Density = mass/volume, an expression for density can also be obtained for a gas

$$D = \frac{PM}{RT}$$

### Particle speeds and Graham's Law

If different gases are at the same temperature, do they have the same average KE? do they have the same average speed?



Since temperature is a measure of KE they have the same average KE but not the same speed. In fact

$$\frac{v_1}{v_2} = \sqrt{\frac{M_2}{M_1}}$$

where  $v$  is velocity (speed) and  $M$  is molar mass.

Since distance = velocity x time we also find that

$$\frac{Dist_1}{Dist_2} = \sqrt{\frac{M_2}{M_1}} \text{ and } \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \sqrt{\frac{M_2}{M_1}}$$

These speeds affect gaseous diffusion (the gradual mixing of gases due to collisions) and effusion (the process by which a gas escapes from a high pressure area to a low pressure area through a small opening). The relative rates of diffusion and effusion are the same for gases and obey the equations above.

What are the relationships between different gases in a mixture?

$$\text{total moles} = n_x + n_o + n_z$$

$$\text{total volume} = V_x = V_o = V_z$$

$$\text{Temperature} = T_x = T_o = T_z$$

$$\text{total pressure} = P_x + P_o + P_z$$

This last statement is called Dalton's Law of Partial Pressures. It means that each gas acts independently in the container and exerts its own pressure.

$$\text{For each component } P_x = n_x RT/V$$

$$\text{For the total gas } P_{\text{tot}} = n_{\text{tot}} RT/V$$

$$\text{so } P_x = (\text{mole fraction of X}) P_{\text{tot}}$$

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# Stoichiometry

Mass/volume or volume/mass

(1 reactant or product given)

2.02 g of hydrogen react with an excess of oxygen to produce how many liters of water vapor? The water vapor has a pressure of 300. torr and a temperature of 300. K.

Mass/volume or volume/mass (limiting reactant)

(more than one reactant or product given) -

2.02 g of hydrogen react with 8.00 g of oxygen to produce how many liter of water vapor? The water vapor has a pressure of 300. torr and a temperature of 300. K.

## Volume/volume under same conditions

10.0 liters of hydrogen react with 8.00 liters of oxygen to produce how many liters of water vapor at the same T and P?

Use Avogadro's hypothesis - equal volumes of gases at the same T and P contain equal numbers of molecules. This means that a ratio of volumes is the same as a ratio of moles.