



# Lecture 4

## Gases

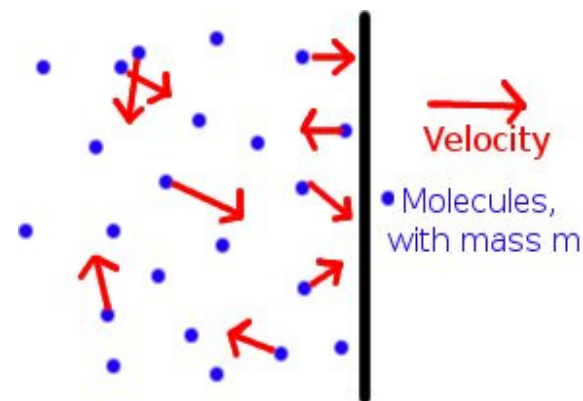


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# Properties of Gases

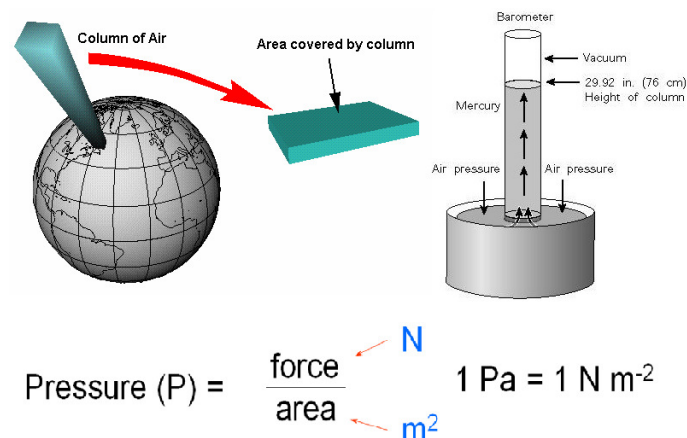
- Gases have four main characteristics compared with solids and liquids:
- Gases take the volume and shape of their containers.
- Mix completely (homogeneously) with any other gas.
- Compressible: their volume decrease when pressure applied.
- Exert pressure on its surroundings.



# Pressure of Gases and its Units

Pressure is defined as the force applied per unit area.

**Standard atmospheric pressure:** the pressure that supports a column of mercury exactly 760 mm high at 0°C at sea level. A **barometer** is used to measure the pressure as shown.



## Common Units of Pressure

SI units of pressure is kg/m. s<sup>2</sup>

Pascal, Pa = Newton/meter<sup>2</sup> = N/m<sup>2</sup> (N = kg m/s<sup>2</sup>)

Standard Atmospheric Pressure = 101.3 kPa

= 1 atmosphere (atm)

= 760 torr

= 760 mm Hg



# Gas Laws

## Boyle's Law:

(the relationship between volume and pressure):

*"The volume of a sample of gas is inversely proportional to its pressure, if temperature remains constant"*

Pressure x Volume = Constant (T = constant)

$P_1$  and  $V_1$  are initial conditions

$P_2$  and  $V_2$  are final conditions

$$P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2 \quad (T = \text{constant})$$

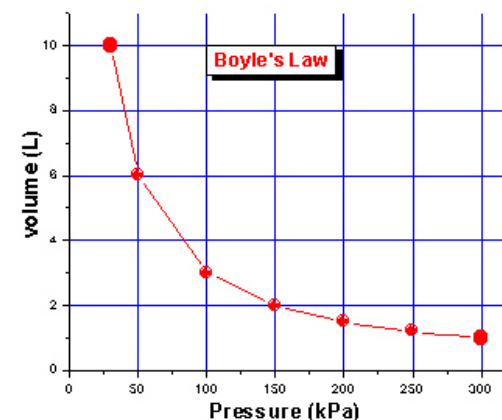


Fig 6.2 Boyle's Law and the relationship between volume and pressure.

## Example

A cylinder of oxygen has  $V = 50.0$  L and  $P = 10$  atm at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ . What will be the volume of the gas at atmospheric pressure (1 atm) and  $20^\circ\text{C}$ ?

According to Boyle's law  $P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$

$P_1 = 10$  atm,  $V_1 = 50.0$  L,  $P_2 = 1$  atm,  $V_2 = ??$

$(10 \text{ atm} \times 50 \text{ L}) = (1 \text{ atm} \times V_2)$ , and  $V_2 = 500$  L



# Gas Laws

## Charles's Law:

(the relationship between volume and temperature):

*"The volume of a fixed amount of gas is directly proportional to the absolute temperature of the gas at constant pressure."*

Volume = Temperature x Constant (P = constant)

$$\frac{V_1}{T_1} = \frac{V_2}{T_2}$$

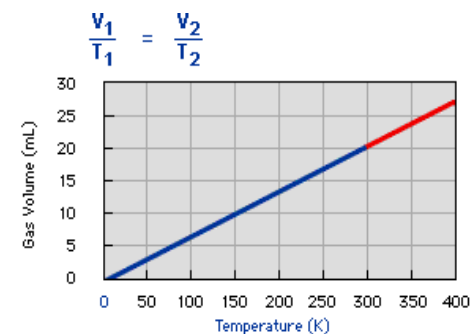


Fig. 6.3 Charles's Law and the relationship between volume and temperature.

## Example

A sample of gas at 1 atm pressure and 25°C has V = 1 L, The gas is cooled to -196 °C. What is the new volume?

According to Charles' law

$$V_1/T_1 = V_2/T_2$$

$$V_1 = 1.0 \text{ L}, T_1 = 25^\circ\text{C} = 25 + 273.15 = 298.15 \text{ K},$$

$$V_2 = ?? \text{ L}, T_2 = -196^\circ\text{C} = -196 + 273.15 = 76.15 \text{ K}$$

$$V_1/T_1 = V_2/T_2 \quad (1.0 \text{ L} / 298.15 \text{ K}) = (V_2 \text{ L} / 76.15 \text{ K})$$

$$V_2 = 0.26 \text{ L} \quad (\text{temperature decreased, volume decreased})$$



# Gas Laws

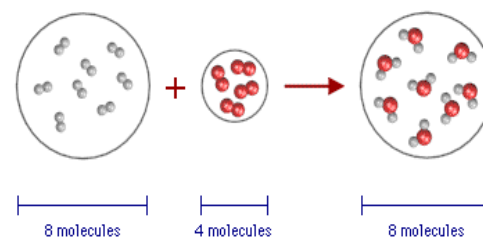
## Avogadro's Law:

(the relationship between volume and amount):

*"The volume of a gas is directly proportional to the number of moles (n) of gas at constant temperature and pressure."*

Volume = # moles x Constant

$$\frac{V_1}{n_1} = \frac{V_2}{n_2}$$



### Example

In the following reaction:  $3 \text{H}_2 (\text{g}) + \text{N}_2 (\text{g}) \rightarrow 2 \text{NH}_3 (\text{g})$

Before the reaction begins, the reactants occupy a volume of 1.32 L. If a constant pressure is maintained in the reaction, what is the final volume occupied by the product after the completion of the reaction (assume all reactants are consumed)?

According to Avogadro's law  $V_1/n_1 = V_2/n_2$

$V_1 = 1.320 \text{ L}$ ,  $n_1 = 3 \text{ mole } (\text{H}_2) + 1 \text{ mole } (\text{N}_2) = 4 \text{ moles}$ ,

$V_2 = ?? \text{ L}$ ,  $n_2 = 2 \text{ moles } (\text{NH}_3)$

$V_1/n_1 = V_2/n_2$   $(1.32 \text{ L} / 4 \text{ moles K}) = (V_2 \text{ L} / 2 \text{ moles})$

$V_2 = 0.660 \text{ L}$  (number of moles decreased, volume decreased)



# Ideal Gas Law

**Boyle's Law:**  $V \propto 1/P$  ( $T = \text{constant}$ )

**Charles's Law:**  $V \propto T$  ( $P = \text{constant}$ )

**Avogadro's Law:**  $V \propto n$   $T$  and  $P$  are constant

**Therefore:**  $V \propto nT/P$  or  $PV \propto nT$

**So, the Ideal Gas Law:**  $PV = nRT$

**Where:**  $R$  = proportionality constant called the universal gas constant and it is equal =  $0.08206 \text{ L atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ , or  $8.3145 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ .

**P** = pressure in atm

**V** = volume in Litres

**n** = moles

**T** = temperature in Kelvin



## Example

What is the lung capacity (volume) of an average adult lung, if the number of moles of the air in the lungs is 0.15 moles? Assume that the person is at 1.00 atm pressure and has a normal body temperature of 37°C.

## Answer

According to the ideal gas law

$$PV = nRT$$

$P = 1.00 \text{ atm}$ ,  $V = ??$ ,  $n = 0.15 \text{ moles}$ ,  $R = 0.08206 \text{ L atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ,

$$T = 37 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} = 37 + 273.15 = 310.15 \text{ K}$$

$$V = nRT/P$$

$$= (0.15 \text{ mole} \times 0.08206 \text{ L atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \times 310.15 \text{ K}) / 1.00 \text{ atm}$$

**The lung capacity  $V = 3.8 \text{ L}$**







# Standard Temperature and Pressure “STP”

The STP are considered when the pressure is equal to 1 atm and the temperature = 0 °C (273 K).

## Example

What is the molar volume (volume of 1 mole) of an ideal gas at STP?

According to the ideal gas law:  $PV = nRT$

- $V = (nRT)/P = (1 \text{ mole} \times 0.08206 \text{ L atm K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \times 298.15 \text{ K}) / (1.00 \text{ atm})$
- Molar volume  $V_m = 22.4 \text{ L}$
- ***The molar volume of ANY ideal gas is 22.4 liters at STP.***



# Dalton's Law of Partial Pressure:

*For a mixture of gases in a container, the overall pressure is the sum of all the partial pressures of the individual components.*

$$P_{Total} = P_1 + P_2 + P_3 + \dots$$

## Example

A mixture of oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen gases exerts a total pressure of 278 kPa. If the partial pressures of the oxygen and the hydrogen are 112 kPa and 101 kPa respectively, what would be the partial pressure exerted by the nitrogen.

According to Dalton's law of partial pressure

$$P_{total} = P_1 + P_2 + \dots + P_n$$

$$278 \text{ kPa} = 112 \text{ kPa} + 101 \text{ kPa} + P_{\text{nitrogen}}$$

$$P_{\text{nitrogen}} = 278 \text{ kPa} - (112 \text{ kPa} + 101 \text{ kPa})$$

$$P_{\text{nitrogen}} = 65 \text{ kPa}$$



## Mole Fraction (X)

- If a mixture contains two components, A and B, then:

$$X_A = \frac{\text{moles A}}{\text{moles A} + \text{moles B}}$$

$$X_B = \frac{\text{moles B}}{\text{moles A} + \text{moles B}}$$

$$X_A + X_B = 1$$

### Example

A gaseous mixture contains 0.38 moles of nitrogen gas and 0.45 moles of oxygen gas. Determine the mole fractions of oxygen and nitrogen.

Total number of moles = 0.38 mol nitrogen + 0.45 mole oxygen = 0.83 moles

$$\begin{aligned} X_{\text{Oxygen}} &= (\text{moles of oxygen} / \text{total number of moles}) \\ &= (0.45 \text{ mole} / 0.83 \text{ moles}) = 0.54 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_{\text{nitrogen}} &= (\text{moles of nitrogen} / \text{total number of moles}) \\ &= (0.38 \text{ mole} / 0.83 \text{ moles}) = 0.46 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Check: } X_{\text{Oxygen}} + X_{\text{nitrogen}} = 0.54 + 0.46 = 1.00$$



# Determining Partial Pressure from Mole Fraction

$$X_A = \frac{\text{moles A}}{\text{moles of all species in sample}}$$

$$P_A = \frac{n_A RT}{V}$$

$$P_{\text{total}} = \frac{n_{\text{total}} RT}{V}$$

$$\frac{P_A}{P_{\text{total}}} = \left( \frac{\frac{n_A RT}{V}}{\frac{n_{\text{total}} RT}{V}} \right) = \frac{n_A}{n_{\text{total}}} = X_A$$

$$P_A = P_{\text{total}} X_A$$

## Example

The mole fraction of nitrogen in air is 0.7808. Calculate the partial pressure of N<sub>2</sub> in air when the atmospheric pressure is 760 torr.

Use the partial pressure formula:

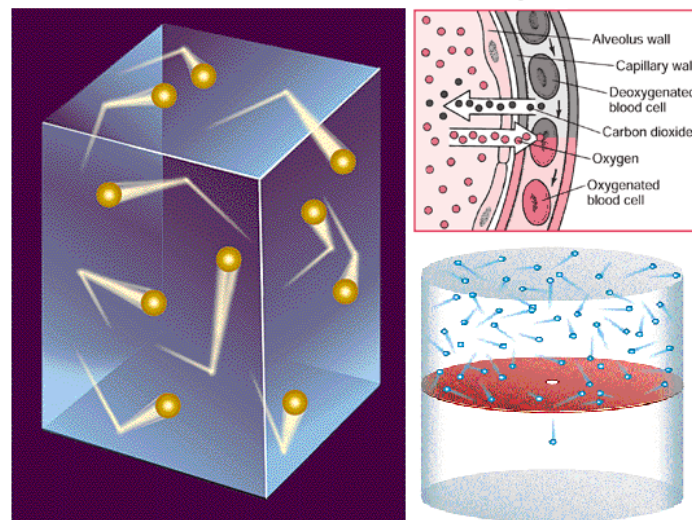
$$P_{\text{N}_2} = P_{\text{total}} X_{\text{N}_2} = (760 \text{ torr})(0.7808) = 593 \text{ torr}$$



# Graham's Law of diffusion and effusion of gases

**Gas Diffusion** is the gradual mixing of molecules of different gases. A good example is the diffusion of oxygen in the lungs through the alveoli.

**Gas Effusion** is the escape of a gas from its container through a small hole.



**Graham's Law** stated that "The relative rates at which two gases under identical conditions of temperature and pressure will diffuse vary inversely as the square roots of the molecular masses of the gases."

$$\frac{\text{Rate}_A}{\text{Rate}_B} = \sqrt{\frac{\text{MW}_B}{\text{MW}_A}}$$

## Example

Calculate the relative rates of effusion of  $\text{H}_2(\text{g})$  and  $\text{He}(\text{g})$

$$\frac{\text{Rate}_{\text{H}_2}}{\text{Rate}_{\text{He}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\text{MW}_{\text{He}}}{\text{MW}_{\text{H}_2}}} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{2}} = \sqrt{2} = 1.41$$



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