

CH301 Unit 1

GAS LAWS, KINETIC MOLECULAR THEORY, GAS MIXTURES

Goals for Our Second Review

- Your first exam is in about 1 week!
- Recap the ideal gas law
- Kinetic Molecular Theory
 - 3 important relationships
 - Working problems with KMT
- Partial Pressures
 - Solving a stoichiometry problem with partial pressures

Wrapping up the Ideal Gas Law

The relationship between these state functions is presented in the following equation:

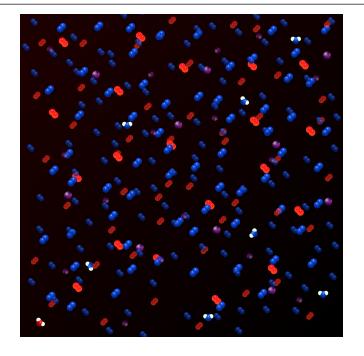
$$PV = nRT$$

- Key points:
 - State functions on the same side have an inverse relationship
 - State functions on opposite sides have a direct relationship
 - R is a constant, not a state function
 - Temperature is always in Kelvin
 - Why? Kelvin can only be expressed as a value 0 or greater. If you used Celsius, you would get negative volumes, pressures, and numbers of moles at certain temperatures
- Common error: choosing the correct R value
 - The role of R is to cancel your units. If it does not match the units of pressure, volume, moles, and temperature, you will end up with the wrong value.
 - The units of R stem from the following relationship:

$$\frac{PV}{nT} = R$$

Kinetic Molecular Theory

- 1. Gases are constantly moving in random directions
- 2. The distance between particles is large compared to the particle size
 - True ideal gases have relatively no volume
- 3. All particles have perfectly elastic collisions
 - There is no energy loss in the system to collisions; energy cannot be created or destroyed based on Newtonian Physics
- 4. No other forces act upon ideal gases
 - There are no attractive or repulsive forces that act upon ideal gas particles



Main conclusions: the ideal gas law works because when these pillars of KMT hold true in a system. The ideal gas law fails us when our assumptions do not hold true (when the size of the particles is large compared to the volume of the container; when there are significant attractions or repulsions – intermolecular forces—in a system)

Kinetic Molecular Theory: Relationships

- Kinetic Molecules Theory gives us three key relationships that you should know as equations and by definition (in words)
- 1. Kinetic Energy vs. Temperature

$$E_k = \frac{3}{2}RT$$

- Kinetic energy is dependent solely on the temperature of a gaseous system (direct relationship)
- This equation expresses kinetic energy in Joules per mole
- R = **8.314 J / mol K**

$$E_k = \frac{3}{2}kT \leftarrow \text{Energy per molecule (J)}$$

- $k = \frac{R}{N_a}$
- 2. Mass vs. Velocity
- 3. Temperature vs. Velocity

Remember that in physics we describe kinetic energy with the equation:

 $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$

KMT: Mass vs. Velocity; Velocity vs. Temperature

1. Kinetic Energy vs. Temperature

Based on the equation:

$$V_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}}$$

We can determine that velocity is proportional to the square root of temperature and the inverse square root of mass.

- 1. Mass vs. Velocity (V_{rms})
 - Velocity is proportional to the inverse square root of mass.
 - When temperature is constant, lighter particles move faster

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

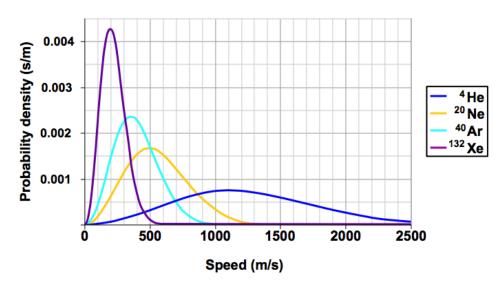
- 2. Velocity (V_{rms}) vs. Temperature
 - Velocity is proportional to the inverse square of temperature
 - When dealing with the same species gas, particles move faster at higher temperatures

$$\frac{v_1}{v_2} = \sqrt{\frac{T_1}{T_2}}$$

Pay very close attention to how the 1 and 2 match up in these relationships

KMT: Mass vs. Velocity; Velocity vs. Temperature

Maxwell-Boltzmann Molecular Speed Distribution for Noble Gases



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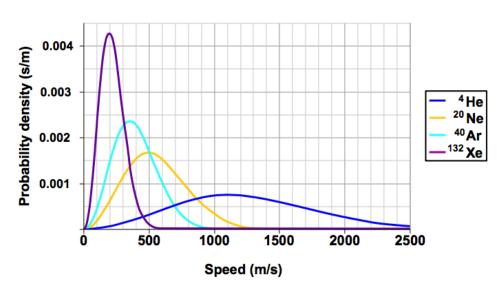
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2. Velocity (V_{rms}) vs. Temperature

- If you were working with the same gas, a similar graph could be created by modifying temperature instead.
- If you were working with Helium and your temperatures are 300K, 500K, 700K, and 1000K, which line represents 1000K and which line represents 300K?

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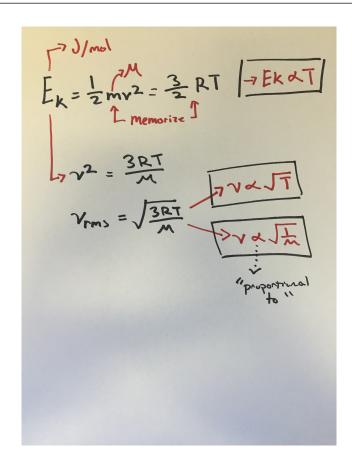
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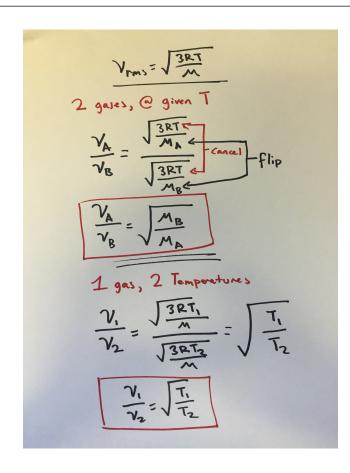
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- The blue line would represent the hottest temperature and the purple line would represent the coldest temperature.

KMT Review Notes





One More Relationship!

- Questions might arise that take velocity, mass, and temperature relationships one step further and incorporate time.
 - This relationship states that a faster object (higher v) will take less time to go the same distance as a slower object (lower v).
 - Obvious, but helpful to think this way
- Velocity and time have an inverse relationship:

$$\frac{V_1}{V_2} = \frac{t_2}{t_1}$$

• We can rewrite the previous relationships like this:

$$\frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{v_1}{v_2} = \sqrt{\frac{M_2}{M_1}}$$

• The equation above states that heavier objects take longer to travel a given distance when temperature is held constant

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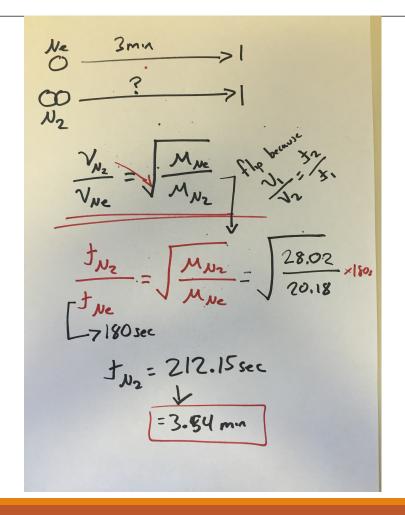
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The neon will move faster because nitrogen is heavier. You should expect your answer to be greater than 3 minutes

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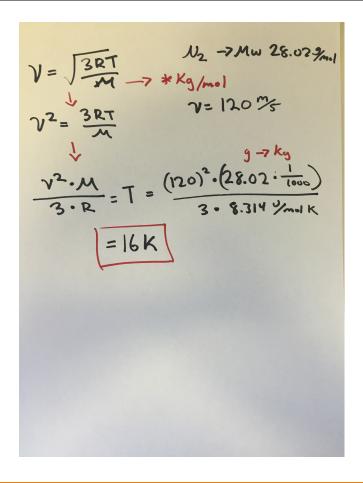
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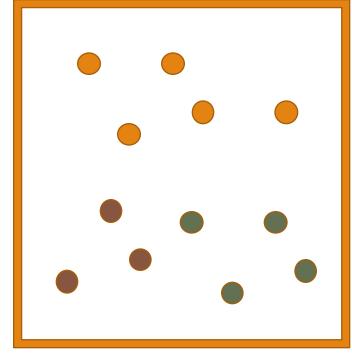
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Ans: 16.1K

Partial Pressure

- Partial pressure is a method for quantifying the pressures exerted by individual species in a gas mixture.
- Three terms are necessary for understanding partial pressures:
 - 1. Total pressure (P or P_{total}): the "actual" pressure of the system
 - 2. Partial pressure (P_i): the pressure exerted by a single species (i)
 - 3. Mole fraction (X_i) : the ratio between the number of moles of a single species (i) and the total number of moles in the system
- Dalton's Law of Partial Pressures:
 - The total pressure is equal to the sum of partial pressures
 - $P_{total} = P_a + P_b \dots + P_i$
- Dalton's Law "Restated:"
 - The partial pressure of a gas species, i, is equal to the total pressure times the mole fraction of i.
 - $P_i = X_i P_{total}$

Gas mixture: 1.2atm



X = 5/12 .5atm X = 1/4 .3atm

X = 1/3 .4atm

Partial Pressure Stoichiometry

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Total pressure = 12atm

Partial pressure of D = 2atm

Mole Fraction of D = 1/6

Important things coming up:

- While the ideal gas law and KMT are very convenient models for gases, we need to all consider when they do not work
- The last topic we will cover is non-ideal gases
 - Deviating from ideal gases: understanding that gas molecules have volume and there are very small but non-negligible interactions between them
- Exam!