Chapter 5: Gases

Gases: fluid or rigid?

compressible or incompressible?



atmosphere (atm): 1 atm = average atmospheric pressure at sea level

millimeters mercury (mmHg): 1 atm = 760 mmHg

1 mmHg = 1 torr

pascal (Pa): SI unit of pressure I atm = 101,325 Pa



<u>Simple gas laws</u> (sometimes called empirical gas laws): relationships between pressure (*P*), volume (*V*), absolute temperature (*T*), and amount in moles (*n*)

# **Boyle's Law**: relationship of *P* and *V*, and the compressibility of gases



Boyle's law:

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 $V = \text{constant x} \frac{1}{P}$ 

6.2 L air at 760 mmHg is compressed to 4.4 L. What is the new pressure (assuming constant temperature)?

#### Charles's Law

**<u>Charles's Law</u>** relates *V* and *T* for a fixed amount of gas



Charles's law:

A balloon has a volume of 1.0 L at 298 K. What is its volume at 77.4 K?

Avogadro's Law

Avogadro's law relates amount (in mol) with volume, assuming constant temperature and pressure

Avogadro's law:

Ideal Gas Law

Boyle's law:

Charles's law:

Avogadro's law:

Combined:

 $R = 0.08206 \frac{\text{L} \cdot \text{atm}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}}$ 

Ideal gas law:



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Ideal gas law problem

A 438 L gas cylinder contains 0.885 kg  $O_2(g)$  at 21.0 °C. What is the pressure (in atm and mmHg) inside this container? Molar volume at STP

Standard temperature and pressure (STP):

- *T* = 0 °C = 273 K
- *P* = 1.00 atm

At STP, solve PV = nRT for V and for n = 1.00 mol:

## *V* = 22.4 L for 1.00 mol of <u>**any</u>** gas at STP.</u>



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Density of a gas

 $d = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}} = \frac{\text{molar mass}}{\text{molar volume}}$ 

What is the density of oxygen gas at STP?

At other pressures or temperatures...

*n* =

What is the density of  $O_2(g)$  at 125 °C and 740 mmHg?

Molar mass of a gas

Given: mass, volume, pressure, temperature Calculate: molar mass (g/mol)

$$PM_m = dRT$$
  $M_m = \frac{dRT}{P}$ 

Calculate the molar mass of a gas sample with mass of 0.582 g, volume of 213 mL, pressure of 754 mmHg, and temperature of 100.0 °C.

Mixtures of gases

Gas molecules act independently!

For any mixture of gases, the total pressure is the sum of the pressures that each gas exerts (partial pressures)

 $P_{\text{total}} = P_{\text{a}} + P_{\text{b}} + P_{\text{c}} + \dots$  (Dalton's law of partial pressures)

Mole fraction =  $\frac{n_{a}}{n_{total}} = \chi_{a}$ 

In one container with constant V and T,

$$\frac{n_{\rm a}}{n_{\rm total}} = \frac{P_{\rm a}}{P_{\rm total}} = \chi_{\rm a} \qquad P_{\rm a} = \chi_{\rm a} P_{\rm total}$$

Air is 78% nitrogen by volume. What is the partial pressure of nitrogen if the atmospheric pressure is 755 mmHg that day?

A mixture of 5 g H<sub>2</sub>, 8 g N<sub>2</sub>, and 10 g O<sub>2</sub> has a total pressure of 7 atm. What is  $P_{H2}$ ,  $P_{N2}$ , and  $P_{O2}$ ?

Collecting a gas over water

Partial pressures work in the ideal gas law too...

 $P_{a}V = n_{a}RT$  for one gas (a) in a mixture of gases

Collection of a gas over water



When  $H_2$  is produced by the reaction, the gas collected is a mixture of  $H_2$  and water vapor.

### Vapor pressure of water:

max  $P_{H2O}$  when a gas is saturated with water vapor

TP<sub>H20</sub> (mmHg)20 °C17.5523 °C21.1025 °C23.78

$$P_{\text{total}} = P_{\text{H2O}} + P_{\text{H2}}$$

Collecting gases over water

If you collect 19.0 mL of gas over water from a reaction that produces  $H_2(g)$ , how many moles of hydrogen gas were collected? Atmospheric pressure = 760 mmHg, T = 23 °C. Stoichiometry and gas laws

With known *P*, *V*, and *T*, you can calculate...

From a balanced chemical equation you can construct a...

 $CO_2(g) + 2 LiOH(s) \rightarrow Li_2CO_3(s) + H_2O(l)$  (a  $CO_2$  scrubber)

How many L of CO<sub>2</sub> (at 1 atm and 293 K) can be removed by 10.0 g LiOH?

On your own, how many kg LiOH are necessary to remove the CO<sub>2</sub> produced by 2 men for 2 days? (Assume 12 breaths per minute, 0.50 L air per breath, 5.0% of exhaled air's volume is CO<sub>2</sub>)

#### Kinetic molecular theory

Simplest model for behavior of gases:

- Gases made of particles (atoms/molecules) with nearly negligible volumes (mostly empty space)
- Average kinetic energy is proportional to absolute temperature
- Particles fly in a straight line until they collide with another particle or wall of container
- Collisions are completely elastic (energy is exchanged, not lost)

## **Boyle's law**

**Charles's law** 

Avogadro's law

**Dalton's law** 

Temperature and velocity

Average molecular velocity  $(u_{RMS})$ (root mean square is a type of average)

What is the root mean square velocity of nitrogen molecules at 298 K?

### Be very careful of units in these calculations!!

 $R = 8.314 (\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2)/(\text{s}^2 \cdot \text{K} \cdot \text{mol})$  (This is R in SI units)

Effusion and diffusion

**<u>Effusion</u>**: escape of gas through a pinhole into a vacuum



**<u>Diffusion</u>**: gas spreading in a container or mixing with other gases

**<u>Both</u>** are related to molar mass of gas

Effusion/diffusion rate

Which balloon would shrink faster? One filled with He or  $N_2$ ? By what ratio?

Real Gases, the Van der Waals Equation

The ideal gas law is accurate when:

- The volume of gas particles is small compared to the space between them
- The attractive forces between gas molecules are not significant

These assumptions are valid around STP, but they are not valid:

• when the pressure is much higher than 1 atm.

With higher pressure (several hundred atm), the molecules themselves take up a significant amount of the sample's volume. Ideal gas law predicts the molecules have <u>no</u> volume, so the actual volume will be:

To correct for this, *V* becomes:

when the temperature is much lower than 298 K.
With low temperatures, the molecules begin to stick together more, reducing the number of collisions with the walls of the container. The actual pressure will be:

To correct for this, *P* becomes:

Van der Waals Equation: