

Argon

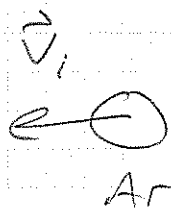
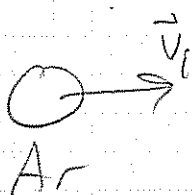
$$r_{\min} = 3.82 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

$$E = 1.65 \times 10^{-21} \text{ J}$$

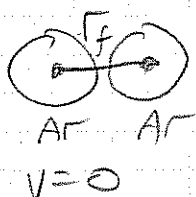
$$\left( \frac{40 \text{ g}}{\text{mol}} \right) \left( \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{1000 \text{ g}} \right) \left( \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms}} \right) = 6.64 \times 10^{-26} \text{ kg}$$

When Ar atoms are far apart,

$$v_i = 1 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$



Before



After

$$\Delta E = 0$$

$$\Delta K + \Delta U = 0$$

$$K_f - K_i + U_f - U_i = 0$$

$$r_i = \infty \text{ so } U_i = 0$$

(Note that for  $r_0 = 1 \text{ nm}$ ,  $U_i = -5 \times 10^{-60} \text{ J} \approx 0$ )

$K_f = 0$  at closest approach. So,

$$K_i = U_f$$

$$K_{1i} + K_{2i} = U_f$$

$$2K_{1i} = U_f$$

$$K_{1i} = \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2 = \frac{1}{2} (6.64 \times 10^{-26} \text{ kg}) (1 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})^2 = 3.32 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J}$$

$$K_{\text{tot}} = 6.64 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J}$$

$$U_f = \epsilon \left( \left( \frac{r_{\text{min}}}{r_f} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{r_{\text{min}}}{r_f} \right)^6 \right)$$

$$K_i = U_f$$

$$6.64 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J} = 1.65 \times 10^{-21} \text{ J} \left( \left( \frac{3.82 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}}{r} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{3.82 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}}{r} \right)^6 \right)$$

$$4.02 \times 10^5 = \left( \frac{3.82 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}}{r} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{3.82 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}}{r} \right)^6$$

$$\boxed{r = 1.30 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}} \quad \text{using Wolfram Alpha}$$