

Derivation of critical constants
from Van der Waals constant.

The van der Waals equation for n moles is

$$\left(P + \frac{an^2}{V^2}\right) (V - nb) = nRT \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$n = 1$ mole.

$$\left(P + \frac{a}{V^2}\right) (V - b) = RT \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

on expanding the above equation (2)

$$PV + \frac{a}{V} - Pb - \frac{ab}{V^2} - RT = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

multiply eqn by V^2/P

$$\frac{V^2}{P} \left(PV + \frac{a}{V} - Pb - \frac{ab}{V^2} - RT \right) = 0$$

$$V^3 + \frac{aV}{P} - bV^2 - \frac{ab}{P} - \frac{RTV^2}{P} = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

~~REARRANGE~~

Rearrange the equation in power of V

$$V^3 - \left(\frac{RT}{P} + b\right)V^2 + \frac{aV}{P} - \frac{ab}{P} = 0 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

The eqn (5) is a cubic equation in V .

$$V = V_c$$

$$V - V_c = 0$$

$$(V - V_c)^3 = 0$$

$$V^3 - 3V_c V^2 + 3V_c^2 V - V_c^3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Equate the coefficients of V^2 , V and constant terms in eqn (5) and (6)

$$+3V_c V^2 = +\left(\frac{RT_c}{P_c} + b\right)V^2$$

$$3V_c = \frac{RT}{P_c} + b \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

$T \rightarrow T_c$
 $P \rightarrow P_c$ } - in the eqn (5)

$$V^3 - \left(\frac{RT_c}{P_c} + b\right)V^2 + \frac{aV}{P_c} - \frac{ab}{P_c} = 0$$

$$3V_c^2 V = \frac{aV}{P_c}$$

$$3V_c^2 = \frac{a}{P_c} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

$$\cancel{V_c^3} = \cancel{\frac{ab}{P_c}}$$

$$V_c^3 = \frac{ab}{P_c} \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

Divide eqn (9) by (8)

$$\frac{V_c^3}{3V_c^2} = \frac{\cancel{ab}}{\cancel{P_c}} \times \frac{\cancel{P_c}}{\cancel{a}}$$

$$\frac{V_c}{3} = b$$

$$\boxed{V_c = 3b} \quad \text{--- 10}$$

Equation (10) is substituted in eqn (8)

$$V_c = 3b$$

$$3V_c^2 = \frac{a}{P_c}$$

$$3(3b)^2 = \frac{a}{P_c}$$

$$27b^2 = \frac{a}{P_c}$$

$$P_c = \frac{a}{27b^2} \quad (11)$$

Sub the values of V_c & P_c in the eqn (7)

$$3V_c = \frac{RT_c}{P_c} + b$$

$$3(3b) = RT_c \times \frac{27b^2}{a} + b$$

$$9b = \frac{27RT_cb^2}{a} + b$$

$$9b - b = \frac{27RT_c b^2}{a}$$

$$8b = \frac{27RT_c b^2}{a}$$

$$T_c = \frac{8ab}{27Rb^2}$$

$$\boxed{T_c = \frac{8a}{27Rb}} \quad \text{--- (12)}$$

The critical constants can be calculated using the values of Van der Waals constant of gas & vice versa.

$$V_c = 3b$$

$$\boxed{b = \frac{V_c}{3}}$$

$$P_c = \frac{a}{27b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3V_c^2 = \frac{a}{P_c}$$

$$\boxed{3V_c^2 P_c = a}$$

$$\frac{a}{P_c} = \frac{a}{3(3b^2)} = \frac{a}{3 \times 9b^2} = \frac{a}{27b^2}$$

$$P_c = \frac{a}{27b^2} \quad \text{----- (6.32)}$$

Substituting the values of V_c and P_c in equation (6.28),

$$V_c = b + \frac{R T_c}{P}$$

$$3b = b + \frac{R T_c}{\left(\frac{a}{27b^2}\right)}$$

$$2b = \left(\frac{R T_c}{a}\right) 27b^2$$

$$2b = \frac{T_c R 27b^2}{a}$$

$$\therefore T_c = \frac{8ab}{27Rb^2} = \frac{8a}{27Rb}$$

$$T_c = \frac{8a}{27Rb} \quad \text{----- (6.33)}$$

The critical constants can be calculated using the values of van der Waals constant of a gas and vice versa.

$$a = 3 V_c^2 P_c \quad \text{and} \quad b = \frac{V_c}{3}$$

6.7 Liquefaction of gases

For important commercial operations such as LPG and rocket fuels, we require gases in their liquid state. The liquefaction methods are based on the Joule-Thomson effect. He observed appreciable cooling when the compressed gas is forced through an orifice plug into

a low-pressure region. This phenomenon of lowering of temperature when a gas is made to expand adiabatically from a region of high pressure into a region of low pressure is known as Joule-Thomson effect. This effect is observed only below a certain temperature, which is a characteristic one for each gas. This temperature below which a gas obeys Joule-Thomson effect is called inversion temperature (T_i). This value is given using van der Waals constants a and b .

$$T_i = \frac{2a}{Rb} \quad \text{----- (6.34)}$$

Gases like O_2 , He, N_2 and H_2 have very low T_i , hence Joule-Thomson effect can be applied for cooling effectively. At the inversion temperature, no rise or fall in temperature of a gas occurs while expanding. But above the inversion temperature, the gas gets heated up when allowed to expand through a hole.

There are different methods used for liquefaction of gases:

- 1) In **Linde's method**, Joule-Thomson effect is used to get liquid air or any other gas.
- 2) In **Claude's process**, the gas is allowed to perform mechanical work in addition to Joule-Thomson effect so that more cooling is produced.
- 3) In **Adiabatic process**, cooling is produced by removing the magnetic property of magnetic material such as gadolinium sulphate. By this method, a temperature of 10^{-4} K i.e. as low as 0 K can be achieved.

Evaluate yourself

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$$\text{Volume of Freon } (V_1) = 1.5 \text{ dm}^3$$

$$\text{Pressure } (P_1) = 0.3 \text{ atm}$$

(T) is constant

$$P_2 = 1.2 \text{ atm}$$

$$V_2 = ?$$

$$P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$$

$$V_2 = \frac{P_1 V_1}{P_2}$$

$$= \frac{0.3 \text{ atm} \times 1.5 \text{ dm}^3}{1.2 \text{ atm}}$$

$$= 0.375 \text{ dm}^3$$

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$$V_1 = 0.375 \text{ dm}^3$$

$$P_1 = 1.05 \text{ atm}$$

$$T = \text{const}$$

$$V_2 = 0.125 \text{ dm}^3$$

$$P_2 = ?$$

$$P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$$

$$P_2 = \frac{P_1 V_1}{V_2} = \frac{1.05 \times 0.375}{0.125}$$

$$= 3.15 \text{ atm}$$

$$V_1 = 3.8 \text{ dm}^3$$

$$T_1 = ?$$

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

$$T_2 = 0^\circ\text{C} = 273 \text{ K}$$

$$V_2 = 2.27 \text{ dm}^3$$

$$T_1 = \frac{T_2}{V_2} \times V_1 = \frac{273 \text{ K}}{2.27 \text{ dm}^3} \times 3.8 \text{ dm}^3$$

$$T_1 = 457 \text{ K}$$

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$$T_1 = 8^\circ\text{C}$$

$$T_1 = 8 + 273 = 281 \text{ K}$$

$$V_1 = 2.1 \text{ mol}$$

$$P_1 = 6.4 \text{ atm}$$

$$V_2 = ?$$

$$T_2 = 25^\circ\text{C}$$

$$T_2 = 25 + 273 = 298 \text{ K}$$

$$\frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 V_2}{T_2}$$

$$V_2 = \left(\frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} \right) \times \frac{T_2}{P_2}$$

$$= \frac{6.4 \text{ atm} \times 2.1 \text{ mol}}{281 \text{ K}} \times \frac{298 \text{ K}}{1 \text{ atm}}$$

$$V_2 = 14.25 \text{ ml}.$$

$$V_{O_2} = 12 \text{ dm}^3$$

$$V_{He} = 46 \text{ dm}^3$$

$$V_{\text{total}} = 58 \text{ dm}^3$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T = 298 \\ P = 1 \text{ atm} \end{array} \right\} \text{ const}$$

$$P_{O_2} = X_{O_2} \times P_{\text{total}}$$

$$X_{O_2} = \frac{n_{O_2}}{n_{O_2} + n_{He}}$$

$$= \frac{0.54}{0.54 + 2.05}$$

$$= \frac{0.54}{2.59}$$

$$= 0.21$$

$$\text{no of mole} = \frac{V \text{ in litre}}{22.4 \text{ L}}$$

$$\cancel{V_{O_2}} = \frac{12}{22.4}$$

$$n_{O_2} = \frac{12 \cancel{\text{ L}}}{22.4 \cancel{\text{ L}}} = 0.54 \text{ mol}$$

$$n_{He} = \frac{46 \cancel{\text{ L}}}{22.4 \cancel{\text{ L}}} = 2.05 \text{ mol}$$

$$P_{\text{total}} \times V_{\text{total}} = 1 \text{ atm} \times 22.4 \text{ L}$$

$$P_{\text{total}} = \frac{1 \text{ atm} \times 22.4 \text{ L}}{5 \text{ L}}$$

$$P_{\text{total}} = 4.48 \text{ atm}$$

$$P_{\text{O}_2} = X_{\text{O}_2} \cdot P_{\text{total}}$$

$$= 0.21 \times 4.48 \text{ atm}$$

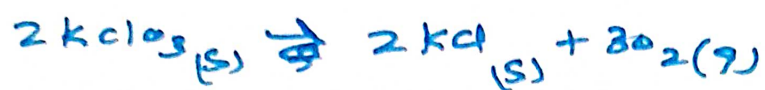
$$= 0.94 \text{ atm}$$

$$P_{\text{He}} = X_{\text{He}} \cdot P_{\text{total}}$$

$$X_{\text{He}} = \frac{n_{\text{He}}}{n_{\text{O}_2} + n_{\text{He}}} = \frac{2.05}{0.54 + 2.05} = \frac{2.05}{2.59} = 0.79$$

$$P_{\text{He}} = 0.79 \times 4.48 \text{ atm} = 3.54 \text{ atm}.$$

6. (b)



$$P_{\text{total}} = 772 \text{ mm Hg}$$

$$P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 26.7 \text{ mm Hg}$$

$$P_{\text{total}} = P_{\text{O}_2} + P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$$

$$P_{\text{O}_2} = P_{\text{total}} - P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$$

$$P_1 = 26.7 \text{ mm Hg} \quad T_2 = 295 \text{ K}$$

$$T_1 = 300 \text{ K} \quad P_2 = ?$$

$$\frac{P_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2}{T_2}$$

$$P_2 = \left(\frac{P_1}{T_1} \right) T_2 = \frac{26.7 \text{ mm Hg}}{300 \text{ K}} \times 295 \text{ K}$$

$$P_2 = 26.26 \text{ mm Hg}$$

$$P_{\text{O}_2} = 772 - 26.26 = 745.74 \text{ mm Hg}$$

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$$t_1 = 1.5 \text{ min}$$

$$t_2 = 4.73 \text{ min}$$

$$\frac{V_{\text{hydrocarbon}}}{V_{\text{Bromine}}} = \frac{t_{\text{Bromine}}}{t_{\text{hydrocarbon}}}$$

(\therefore Volume const)

$$= \frac{4.73 \text{ min}}{1.5 \text{ min}}$$

$$= 3.15$$

$$\frac{V_{\text{hydrocarbon}}}{V_{\text{Bromine}}} = \sqrt{\frac{m_{\text{Bromine}}}{m_{\text{hydrocarbon}}}}$$

$$3.15 = \sqrt{\frac{159.8 \text{ g mol}^{-1}}{m_{\text{hydrocarbon}}}}$$

Squaring on both side

$$(3.15)^2 = \sqrt{\frac{159.8}{m_{\text{Hydro Carbon}}}}$$

$$3.15 = \frac{159.8}{m_{\text{hydrocarbon}}}$$

$$m_{\text{hydro Carbon}} = \frac{159.8}{(3.15)^2} \\ = 16.1 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$$

$$n(12) + (2n+2)1 = 16$$

$$12n + 2n + 2 = 16$$

$$14n = 16 - 2$$

$$14n = 14$$

$$n = \frac{14}{14}$$

$$n = 1$$

\therefore General formula
for hydrocarbon
 $C_n H_{2n+2}$.

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critical temperature of a gas is defined as the temperature above which it cannot be liquefied even at high pressures.

\therefore when cooling starts from 700K H_2O will be liquefied first, then followed by NH_3 & finally CO_2 will be liquefied