

# KINETIC MOLECULAR THEORY

Describes how/why gases behave the way they do

1) gases have low density

↳ particles typically occupy a volume about 1000 times greater than the volume occupied by particles in liquid/solid state

molecules of gases are much farther apart as most of the volume occupied by a gas is empty space

density:  $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$

gas =  $\frac{\text{less mass}}{\text{more space}} = \downarrow D$

gas can expand/  
compress

2) gas particles bounce off each other when they collide

↳ elastic collisions = no net loss of kinetic energy

kinetic energy (KE) = energy of motion

↳ usually KE is transferred between 2 particles during collisions

but the total KE is same when temperature is same

because KE is same for gases in a specific space, they do not lose energy

3) gas particles move fast, all the time

↳ therefore, they possess kinetic energy

gas particles move in all directions

the KE overcomes the attractive forces between them

↳ only when gas, does not apply to liquids/solids

4) There are no intermolecular forces between gas particles.

↳ assumed for now

5) The KE of gas particles depends on the temperature of gas

↳ more heat = more speed

KE only depends on speed, not mass

because mass (m) is the same regardless

of the temperature. So, speed only matters

$$KE = \frac{mv^2}{2}$$

$$\uparrow KE = \uparrow T$$

## PRESSURE

Pressure: force per unit area      Temperature: degree of hotness

$$P: \frac{F}{A}$$

Volume: space taken up      Mass: amount of matter

$$\uparrow A: \downarrow P$$

Ex. Sneakers have less pressure than high heels because more surface area and the weight is more spread out.

$\downarrow P$  in sneakers allows it to stay flat on wet grass as not much force pushing down

$\uparrow P$  in high heels causes it to sink on wet grass as more force down

↳ in both cases, weight (F) is same

**Atmospheric Pressure**: Air pushes down on us all the time as a result of gravity pulling down air particles towards the center of the Earth

our body is used to it and so many gas molecules average out, so we don't feel anything

1 atm: normal atmospheric pressure

psi = pounds per square inch

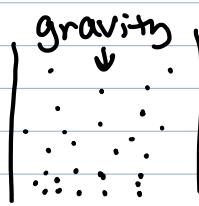
mmHg = millimeters per mercury

Pa = Pascal

kPa = kilo Pascal

torr = mm Hg

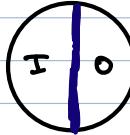
## REAL LIFE EXAMPLES



Gravity pushes down on gas molecules so there is more concentration on the bottom

harder to breathe at high temperatures because there are less gas molecules

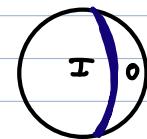
Ears Popping:



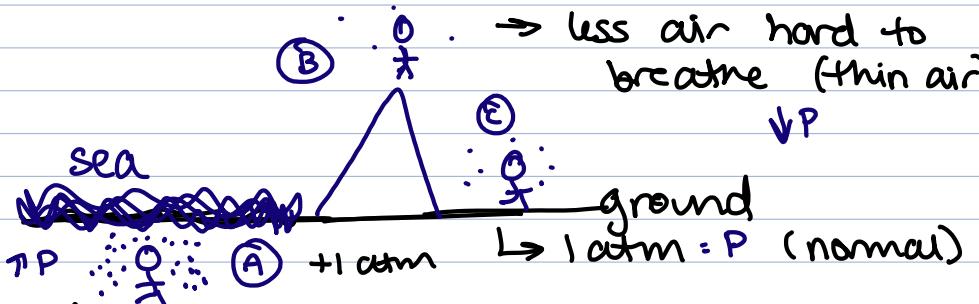
= is ear drum I = inside ear O = outside ear

at 1 atm, I force = outside force

at high altitudes, there is less pressure because there is less gas molecules and less weight ( $F$ )  $\downarrow F = \downarrow P$



So, I force > O force which causes ear drum to bulge forward as the greater force tries to overcome the weak force. "Popping" adjusts ear drum and I = O again



4 mi above = 0.5 atm

10 mi above = 0.2 atm  
P ∝ as height ↑

↳  $H_2O$  is more dense than gas, so more force and more pressure

some animals have their own adaptations (fish) for the pressure in their environment

too fast change in pressure is bad because adaptations can't happen that quickly.

Coke is made under high pressure (hard to press)

but releasing pressure (open) causes gas to escape and the carbonation escapes too

heat increases the pressure  $\Rightarrow$  atoms are faster and they bounce off sides more often, causing can to burst in high temp.

in coke,  $\text{CO}_2$  does not dissolve with the soda.

shaking the can makes the  $\text{CO}_2$  surface, so opening it causes it to fizz

## PRESSURE AND GAS CHARACTERISTICS

**expansion**: gases will expand to fit the size of their container

**compression**: volume changes with pressure

$\hookrightarrow$  push on something squishes particles closer

**vacuum**: no air at all (space: total vacuum)

$\hookrightarrow$  astronauts struggle with the transition from 0 atm to 1 atm

**Boiling water**: water boils at a lower temperature at high altitudes

water boils when its molecules are able to spread out enough to become a gas.

$\hookrightarrow$  this requires a certain amount of energy because there is a certain amount of force being pushed down on the water molecules that prevents it from turning into gas

at high altitudes, there are less gas molecules and less pressure there is less force applied on the water which means that it does not require as much heat energy to overcome attraction

## GAS LAWS

**Boyle's Law**:  $P_1V_1 = P_2V_2$  when temperature and moles are constant

pressure and volume are inversely related in flexible container

**Charles' Law**:  $\frac{V_1}{T_1} = \frac{V_2}{T_2}$  when pressure and moles are constant

volume and temp. are directly related in flexible container

**Gay-Lussac's Law**:  $\frac{P_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2}{T_2}$  when volume and moles are constant

pressure and temp. are directly related in rigid container

**Aragardos Law**:  $\frac{V_1}{n_1} = \frac{V_2}{n_2}$  when pressure and temp. are constant

volume and moles are directly related in flexible

## GAS LAW REASONING

1) as  $\uparrow P \downarrow V$  (inverse in flexible)  $\Rightarrow$  Boyle's law

more outside pressure pushes the object with flexible container and it takes up less space (less volume)

decreasing the outside pressure increases the volume because not as much force pushing down on object, allowing it to expand

- 2) as  $T \propto P$  (directly related in flexible)  $\Rightarrow$  Charles's law  
heat makes particles move faster. This expands the object because particles are colliding with the surface of the object more frequently and with more force.
- 3) as  $T \propto V$  (directly related in rigid)  $\Rightarrow$  Gay Lussac's law  
heat makes the gas particles move faster. This makes the collide to the sides of the rigid container more frequently and more forcefully, but the rigid container can't change to adapt to the pressure change

Diffusion: goes from high concentration to low concentration  
pressure goes from high to low as well  
 $\hookrightarrow$  high pressure exerts more force on low pressure

## GAS LAW EQUATIONS

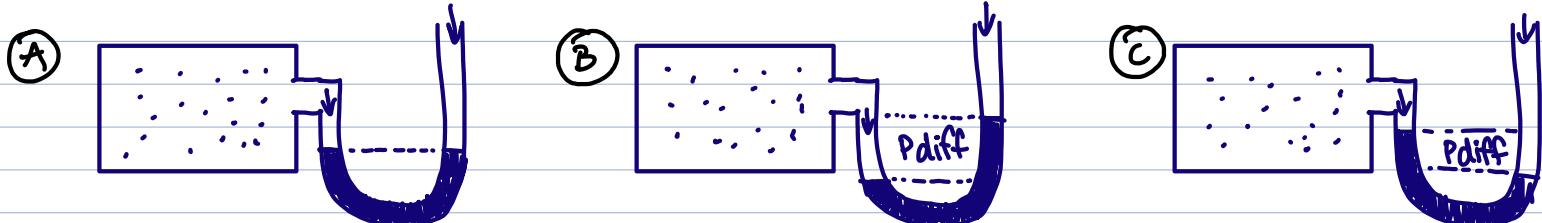
Combined Gas law:  $\frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 V_2}{T_2}$   $\rightarrow$  combines Boyle's and Charles's law because they are both for flexible containers

Ideal Gas law:  $PV = nRT$   $\rightarrow$  R = constant equation can derive all other gas laws when constant

$$\frac{1 \text{ mol}}{22.4 \text{ L}} \quad \text{volume: mol}$$

## MANOMETERS

manometer: device that measures the pressure of a gas in an enclosed container made from U-tube filled with mercury  
the pressure of the gas in container is compared to the atmosphere



gas pressure is same as atmospheric pressure

$$P_{\text{gas}} = P_{\text{atm}}$$

gas pressure is less than atmospheric pressure

$$P_{\text{gas}} = P_{\text{atm}} + P_{\text{diff}}$$

gas pressure is less than atmospheric pressure

$$P_{\text{gas}} = P_{\text{atm}} - P_{\text{diff}}$$

The one with more pushes the mercury towards the other side

\* make sure the units are all the same when adding/subtracting them \*

## KELVIN

Temperature for gas MUST always be in Kelvin, not  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $^{\circ}\text{F}$

**Absolute zero:** when atoms COMPLETELY stop moving  
at  $0\text{ K}$  still vibrates them, not stop

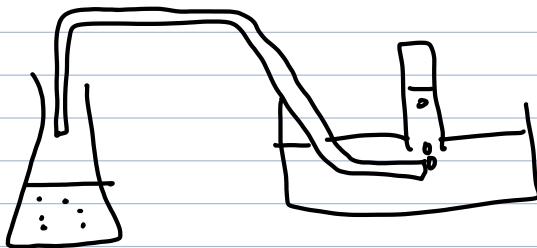
**Kelvin:** at  $0\text{ K}$  is absolute zero which has not achieved  
can never be reached cause below not moving makes no sense  
 $\hookrightarrow$  allows our gas laws to be true

## DALTON'S LAW OF PARTIAL PRESSURE

**Dalton's Law:** the total pressure of a mixture of gases is equal to the sum of partial pressures (part of the pressure)

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

**Collecting Gas over Water:** way to trap gas produced by reaction to quantify it  
have to use Dalton's law because both the gas and water vapor contribute to overall pressure in the tube



gas from the reaction goes to the test tube and occupies space above the water because it has less density

The gas is exerting pressure on the wall  
 $\hookrightarrow$  not only gas, but so is  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

The number of moles is directly related to pressure

$\hookrightarrow$  mass does not matter because pressure is based on # of moles

## GRAHAM'S LAW

**Graham's Law:** temp. is directly proportional to kinetic energy       $\text{J}/\text{K}$        $\text{J}/\text{kg}$   
small molecules have more kinetic energy

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \quad m = \text{molar mass} \quad v = \text{velocity / speed} \quad m \text{ and } v \text{ are inversely related}$$

It takes more energy to move a big molecule

At the same kinetic energy and same temp, smaller molecules will move faster than the larger one

same kinetic energy for big/small mass, but different speed/velocity

$$\frac{r_1}{r_2} = \sqrt{\frac{m_2 s_2^2}{m_1 s_1^2}} \quad \text{rate}_1 \text{ and rate}_2 \quad s_{1,2} = \text{substance} \quad (\text{only when temp same})$$