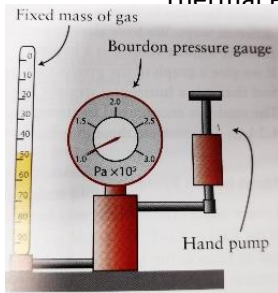


## Thermal Physics

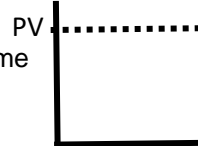


**Boyle's Law:** For a fixed mass of gas at const. temp,  $V$  is inversely proportional to  $P$ ,  $pV = \text{const}$

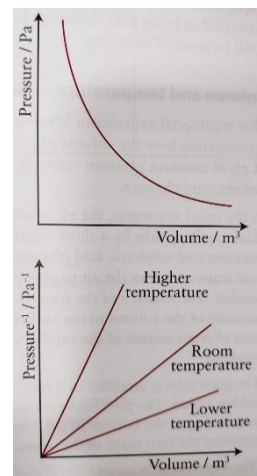
If column of air has constant CSA, length proportional to volume

Oil should have low vapor pressure to keep gas mass const.

Wait for air to return to room temp after using pump



**Charles' Law:** For a fixed mass of gas at const.  $P$ ,  $V$  is directly proportional to Kelvin (absolute)  $T$ ,  $V/T = \text{const}$ .  $L$  against  $T$  (in K) is straight line through origin

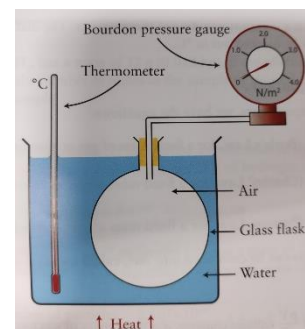


Acid dries air, length of trapped air is  $V$  as diameter const,  $P$  on gas from atmosphere and acid

Stir so  $T_{\text{Air}} = T_{\text{Water}}$ , Heated  $10^\circ\text{C}$  and readings taken ( $V$  &  $T$ )

Absolute Zero:  $-273^\circ\text{C}$  /  $0\text{K}$ : theoretical temp at which molecules stationary as substance has 0 thermal energy

**Guy Lussac/ Pressure Law:** For fixed mass gas at const.  $V$ ,  $P$  is directly proportional to  $K$ / absolute temp,  $P/T = \text{const}$ .



Apparatus may also be used as thermometer with dial on pressure gauge set to  $^\circ\text{C}$  (constant volume gas thermometer)

**Ideal Gas Equ.**  $PV/T = \text{const}$ .  $PV = nRT = NkT$  (in Kelvin)

**Mole** is amount of substance containing same no. particles as atoms in  $0.012\text{kg}$  of  $\text{C-12}$

$N_A = \frac{N}{n}$  = no. particles per mol. Molecular mass ( $m$ ) =  $\frac{\text{molar mass}}{N_A}$  No moles  $1\text{kg U-235} = 1000/235 = 4.2$

Kinetic Theory – no intermolecular  $F$ , molecule's  $V$  negligible, const.  $v$  between perfectly elastic collisions ( $E_k$  and  $p$  conserved) of negligible duration

**Pressure** =  $\frac{\text{Total } F \text{ exerted by all colliding molecules}}{\text{Area of wall}}$ : collisions cause  $\Delta p_v$  (implying  $F$  and reactive  $F$  from Newton's Laws)

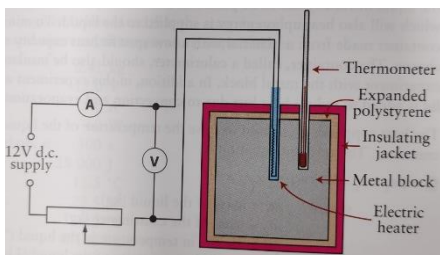
**Boyle's Law:**  $<V> <d>$  between collisions,  $\Delta p$  same but  $>\text{freq}>$  therefore  $>P>$

**Charles' Law:**  $>T> >E_k>$  therefore  $>\Delta p>$  per collision, to maintain pressure const. freq decreases,  $>V>=>d<<\text{freq}>$

**Pressure Law:**  $>T> >E_k>$ ,  $>\Delta p>$  & freq. therefore  $>P>$

**Avogadro's Law:** equal  $V$  of all gases under same conditions contain same no molecules.  $k = \frac{R}{N_A}$

$PV = \frac{1}{3}\rho Nm <c^2>$ , root mean square speed =  $\sqrt{<c^2>}$ ,  $P = \frac{1}{3}\rho <c^2>$ ,  $\rho = Nm/V = M/V$ ,  $\frac{F}{\Delta P} = A$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}m <c^2> = \frac{3}{2}kT$



Real gas  $E_k + E_p$ , Ideal gas: only  $E_k$ ,

SHC exp: Oil around thermometer to improve thermal contact, insulator reduces heat loss by conduction, foil reduces loss by radiation & jacket by convection, mass measured w/ balance, record initial temp, switch on heater (heat  $15^\circ\text{C}$ ), record  $V$  &  $I$ , t w/ stopclock, final temp taken as highest temp reached by block after heater switched off  $c = \frac{Pt}{m\Delta\theta}$

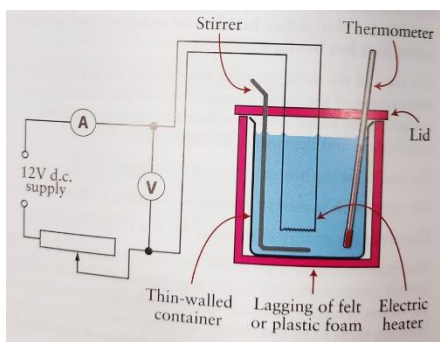
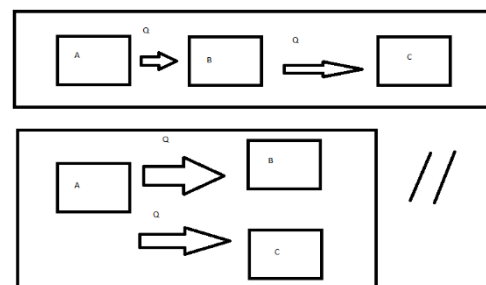
Insulating lid reduces heat loss by evaporation & convection

$Q = Q(\text{liquid}) + Q(\text{calorimeter})$ , heat loss to environment, reduce error: cool liquid to  $5^\circ\text{C}$ , start exp when liquid & calorimeter both (room temp - 5), heat to (room temp + 5) so heat loss cancels heat gain (from environment)

SHC: quantity heat  $E$  required to raise  $1\text{kg}$  of a sample by  $1\text{K}/1^\circ\text{C}$

If block lagged, all heat supplied heats block (no loss)

Scales not used for final mass as mass lost to evaporation



For wind turbine:  $P = \frac{1}{2}\rho Av^3$

Power only depends on  $v$ , as  $\rho$  and  $A$  are fixed

Gas behaves more ideal at  $>T$  &  $<P$ , as  $E_{\text{pot}}$  becomes less significant