

Plasma Physics: Langmuir Probe

$$pV = NkT, k = 1.3806 \cdot 10^{-23} [JK]$$

21) What is the gas number density in cm^{-3} at $0^\circ C$ and $760 [torr]$?

$$p = 101325 [Pa] \quad T = 273.15 [K]$$

$$N = \frac{pV}{kT} = \frac{101325 [Pa] \cdot 1 [m^3]}{1.3806 \cdot 10^{-23} [JK] \cdot 273.15 [K]} = 2.686 \cdot 10^{19} [m^{-3}] \cdot 10^{23} = 2.686 \cdot 10^{19} [cm^{-3}]$$

$$m^{-3} \rightarrow cm^{-3} = (m^{-1} \rightarrow cm^{-1})^3 \quad (100 cm \rightarrow 1 m) \Rightarrow (1 m^{-1} \rightarrow 10^2 cm^{-1})$$

$$\boxed{2.686 \cdot 10^{19} [cm^{-3}]}$$

22) What is N in $[cm^{-3}]$ for $T = 20^\circ C$ and $P = 1 [torr]$?

$$N = \frac{pV}{kT} = \frac{133.322 [Pa] \cdot 1 [m^3]}{1.3806 [JK] \cdot 293.15 [K]} \cdot 10^{23} = 0.3293 \cdot 10^{23} [m^{-3}]$$

$$= 3.293 [m^{-3}] \cdot 10^{22} = \boxed{3.293 \cdot 10^{16} [cm^{-3}]}$$

23) How many electrons (N) are in a plasma tube $l = 80 cm$, $d = 5 cm$, $P = 1 [torr]$, $T = 20^\circ C$?

$$V = l \cdot \pi r^2 = l \pi \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2 = l \pi \frac{d^2}{4} = 80 [cm] \pi \frac{(5 [cm])^2}{4} = 20 \pi (25) [cm^3] = 500 \pi [cm^3]$$

$$P = 133.322 [Pa]$$

$$T = 293.15 [K]$$

$$N = \frac{PV}{kT} = \frac{133.322 [Pa] \cdot 500 \pi [cm^3]}{1.3806 [JK] \cdot 293.15 [K]} \cdot 10^{23} = 10.4387 [N/m^3] [cm^3]$$

$$N = V \cdot N = 3.293 \cdot 10^{16} [cm^{-3}] \cdot 500 \pi [cm^3] = 51.726 \cdot 10^8 = \boxed{5.173 \cdot 10^{10}}$$

24) What would happen to the gas temperature and pressure if a warmer electron were introduced? Systems are closed off?

Temperature should rise. As the temperature rises, in the absence of other changes, the pressure should increase. (constant N) closed (constant N) systems.

$$(x, x+dx), (y, y+dy), (z, z+dz), (v_x, v_x+dv_x), (v_y, v_y+dv_y), (v_z, v_z+dv_z)$$

$$f(x, y, z, v_x, v_y, v_z) = n(x, y, z) \left(\frac{m}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} e^{-\frac{m}{2kT} (v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2)}$$

$$v = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2} \quad \text{so}$$

$$f_{\text{speed}}(x, y, z, v) = n(x, y, z) \left(\frac{m}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} e^{-mv^2/2kT}$$

Q5 Find expressions for:

v_p Most probable speed

Should occur at a maximum point, with respect to v .

$$\frac{df}{dv} = \underbrace{n(x, y, z) \left(\frac{m}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2}}_{\text{"constant"}} \cdot \frac{m}{kT} v e^{-mv^2/2kT} = 0 \quad \text{at } v=0 \text{ and } v \rightarrow \infty$$

Hyperphysics: $v_p = \sqrt{\frac{2kT}{m}}$

Relative ratios:

$$v_p : v_{\text{av}} : v_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{2} : 2 : \sqrt{3}$$

v_{av} Average v

Hyperphysics: $v_{\text{av}} = \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\frac{kT}{\pi m}} = \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\frac{kT}{\pi m}}$

v_{rms} Root mean square v

Hyperphysics: $v_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}}$

Q6 What is v_{rms} (m/s) for N_2 at $T = 20^\circ\text{C} = 293.2\text{K}$?
How does this compare to the speed of sound?

$$\sqrt{\frac{3k(293.2\text{K})}{m_{N_2}}} = 510.94 \text{ m/s}$$

The speed of sound is 295.1 m/s so $v_{\text{rms}} \approx 1.7 v_{\text{sound}}$

Q7] What is the average KE of a molecule ~~at~~ at $T=20^\circ\text{C}$?
Give your answer in [eV]. Does m matter?

Var. $KE = \frac{m}{2} v^2 = \frac{m}{2} v_{\text{avg}}^2 = \frac{m}{2} \left(2 \sqrt{\frac{kT}{\pi m}} \right)^2 = \frac{m}{2} 4 \left(\frac{kT}{\pi m} \right) = \frac{4}{\pi} kT = \frac{4}{\pi} k 293.2 \text{ [K]}$

$KE = 0.032 \text{ [eV]}$

The molecule's mass is irrelevant because $v^2 \propto \frac{T}{m}$ and $KE \propto mv^2$, so $KE \propto T$, and not to m or any term containing it in a meaningful way.

At room temperature, $kT = 0.0253 \text{ [eV]}$ or $\sim \frac{1}{40} \text{ [eV]}$

If a tube has cross-sectional area σ and length equal to the mean-free-path l_m , that volume should have 1 molecule. Let n be density on average

$$n \sigma l_m = 1 \rightarrow l_m = \frac{1}{n \sigma}$$

Identical molecules will collide if distance between their centers is d .

$$\sigma = \pi d^2$$

$$l_m = \frac{1}{n \pi d^2}$$

But we have a distribution of relative velocities so $l_m = (\sqrt{2} n \pi d^2)^{-1}$, but we'll ignore this

Applying gas law, $l_m = \frac{kT}{p \pi d^2}$

Q8] If the gas is 100% N_2 , $T=20^\circ\text{C}$, and $P=1 \text{ [atm]}$ (as in Q2), what is l_m ?

Q2: $\frac{N}{V} = \frac{P}{kT} = 3.293 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ [cm}^{-3}] = Q$

$$l_m = \frac{1}{Q \pi d^2}$$

According to wikipedia, the kinetic diameter of N_2 is 364 [pm]

$l_m = 7.296 \cdot 10^7 \text{ [pm]}$

Q9] Suppose we want to make a plasma inside a cylindrical tube of $d_m = 0.1 \text{ [mm]}$. If $T = 20 \text{ [eV]}$, what is the necessary power? (10)

$$I_m = 0.1 \text{ [mm]} = \frac{kT}{P \pi d^2}$$

$$I_m P \pi d^2 = kT \rightarrow P = \frac{kT}{I_m \pi d^2} = \boxed{97.2 \text{ [W]}}$$

If electrons collide with molecules, our cross-section uses d instead of d_m .

$$\sigma = \pi r^2 = \pi \frac{d^2}{4}$$

Q10] What is σ for N_2 and e^- ?

$$\sigma = \pi \frac{(364 \text{ [pm]}^2)}{4} = \boxed{0.1041 \text{ [nm]}^2}$$

If an object enters a random location in the cross section A , it has a $\frac{1}{A}$ chance of colliding with a target.

If it has speed v , then volume produced in a time interval is $dV = A v dt$ and the average number of targets in that volume is $dN = n A v dt$

$$dN_{\text{hit}} = dN \frac{\sigma}{A} = n A v dt \frac{\sigma}{A} = n \sigma v dt$$

On average, the rate of hits is $\nu \equiv \frac{dN_{\text{hit}}}{dt} = n \sigma v$

Time interval between hits is $\tau = \frac{1}{\nu} = \frac{1}{n \sigma v}$

Q11] Let $V = 1 \text{ [m]}^3$, $N = 100$, $d = 10 \text{ [nm]}$, $v = 60 \text{ [m/s]}$. What are ν and τ ?

$$\nu = n \sigma v = n v \pi \frac{d^2}{4} = \frac{N}{V} v \frac{\pi}{4} d^2 = \frac{100}{1 \text{ [m]}^3} 60 \text{ [m/s]} \frac{\pi}{4} (10 \text{ [nm]})^2 = \boxed{47.123}$$

$$\tau = \boxed{0.02122 \text{ [s]}}$$

$$I_m = \nu \tau = \frac{1}{n \sigma}$$

Let there be n_{BB} BB's entering the box. Then collision rate is $r = n_{BB} \nu = n_{BB} n \sigma v = K n_{BB} n$ ($K \equiv \sigma v$)

Ionization rate due to collision is found by performing a weighted average $n \sigma v$ over e^- speeds using

$$\langle v^2 \rangle = \left(\frac{m_e}{2\pi kT_e} \right)^{3/2} \int_0^\infty 4\pi v^2 e^{-m_e v^2 / 2kT_e} dv \quad \text{Then } \overline{E} = \langle \frac{1}{2} m_e v^2 \rangle = \frac{3}{2} kT_e$$

ionization energy

$$\sigma_i \equiv G_i \left(\frac{m_e v^2}{2E_i} - 1 \right) \text{ for } \frac{m_e v^2}{2} \geq E_i \text{ and } 0 \text{ for } \frac{m_e v^2}{2} \leq E_i$$

Coefficient of the slope of linear growth in ionization cross-section as $E_i > E_i$ and is found either empirically from more detailed theoretical models

Use definition $\sigma \equiv G E_i$, $\sigma_i = G_i \left(\frac{m_e v^2}{2E_i} - 1 \right)$ for $\frac{m_e v^2}{2} \geq E_i$ and 0 for $\frac{m_e v^2}{2} \leq E_i$

Then $n_i = \int_0^\infty n_0 \sigma_i \left(\frac{m_e v^2}{2E_i} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{m_e}{2\pi kT_e} \right)^{3/2} 4\pi v^2 e^{-m_e v^2 / 2kT_e} dv$, which yields

$$n_i = n_0 \sigma_i \left(\frac{m_e}{2\pi kT_e} \right)^{3/2} \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - 2 \frac{kT_e}{E_i} \right) e^{-E_i/kT_e} = n_0 \sigma_i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-E_i/kT_e} \left(1 - 2 \frac{kT_e}{E_i} \right)$$

We could get higher-order terms if we expanded (Kunkel thing)

Derive $n_i = n_0 \sigma_i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-E_i/kT_e} \left(1 + 2 \frac{kT_e}{E_i} \right)$

$$n_i = n_0 \sigma_i \left(\frac{m_e}{2\pi kT_e} \right)^{3/2} 4\pi \int_0^\infty v \left(\frac{m_e v^2}{2E_i} - 1 \right) v^2 e^{-m_e v^2 / 2kT_e} dv$$

$$\frac{m_e}{2\pi kT_e} = 1 \quad n_i = n_0 \sigma_i \left(\frac{1}{\pi} \right)^{3/2} 4\pi \int_0^\infty v^3 e^{-v^2} \left(\frac{m_e v^2}{2E_i} - 1 \right) dv$$

$$A = n_0 \sigma_i \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \quad n_i = A \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\pi} \right)^{3/2} \int_0^\infty v^3 e^{-v^2} dv = \frac{3}{2} A$$

Substitution $e^{-v^2} = e^{-w}$ $dw = -2v dv$

$$n_i = A \frac{3}{2} \int_{v=0}^\infty \frac{1}{2} v^2 e^{-w} dw = \frac{3}{4} A \left(v^2 e^{-w} - \int 2v dv e^{-w} \right) \Big|_{v=0}^\infty$$

$$n_i = \frac{3}{2} A \left(v e^{-w} \right)$$

$$n_i = n_0 \sigma_i \left(\frac{1}{\pi} \right)^{3/2} 4\pi \left(\int_0^\infty \frac{m_e}{2E_i} v^5 e^{-v^2} dv - \int_0^\infty v^3 e^{-v^2} dv \right) = 4A \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\int_0^\infty \frac{m_e}{2E_i} v^5 e^{-v^2} dv - \int_0^\infty v^3 e^{-v^2} dv \right)$$

$$V_i = 4A_{u^{3/2}} \left(\frac{m_e}{2\epsilon_0} \int v^3 e^{-uv^2} dv - \int v^3 e^{-uv^2} dv \right) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty}$$

If $-uv^2 = w$, $dw = -2uv dv \Rightarrow dv = \frac{dw}{-2u}$

$$\int v^3 e^{-uv^2} dv = \int v^3 e^{-w} \left(\frac{-dw}{2u} \right) = -\frac{1}{2u} \int v^3 e^{-w} dw$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2u} (v^4 e^{-w} - \int 4v^3 e^{-w} dv) = -\frac{1}{2u} \left(\frac{1}{2u} \int v^2 e^{-w} dw - 4 \int v^3 e^{-w} dv - v^4 e^{-w} \right)$$

$$\int v^3 e^{-w} dv = \int v^3 \left(\frac{-1}{2uv} \right) e^{-w} dw = -\frac{1}{2u} \int v^2 e^{-w} dw = -\frac{1}{2u} (v^3 e^{-w} - \int 3v^2 e^{-w} dv)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2u} \left(\frac{3}{2u} \int v e^{-w} dv - v^3 e^{-w} \right) = -\frac{1}{2u} \left(\frac{3}{2u} \int v e^{-w} dv - v^3 e^{-w} \right)$$

$$V_i = 4A_{u^{3/2}} \left(\frac{m_e}{2\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{2u} \int v^3 e^{-w} dv - v^4 e^{-w} \right) - \int v^3 e^{-w} dv \right) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty}$$

$$= 4A_{u^{3/2}} \left(\frac{m_e}{2\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{4} \int v^3 e^{-w} dv - v^4 e^{-w} \right) - \int v^3 e^{-w} dv \right) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty}$$

$$= 4A_{u^{3/2}} \left(\left(\frac{m_e}{2\epsilon_0} - 1 \right) \int v^3 e^{-w} dv - \frac{m_e}{2\epsilon_0} v^4 e^{-w} \right) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty}$$

$$= 4A_{u^{3/2}} \left(\frac{m_e - \epsilon_0 u}{\epsilon_0 u} \left(\frac{1}{2u} \right) \left(\frac{1}{u} e^{-w} + v^2 e^{-w} \right) - \frac{m_e}{2\epsilon_0} v^4 e^{-w} \right) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty}$$

$$= 4A_{u^{3/2}} \left(\frac{m_e - \epsilon_0 u}{\epsilon_0 u} \left(\frac{1}{2u} \right) \left(\frac{1}{u} (0 - e^{-2u\epsilon_0/m_e}) + (0 - 2\epsilon_0/m_e e^{-2u\epsilon_0/m_e}) \right) + (0 - 2\epsilon_0/m_e e^{-2u\epsilon_0/m_e}) \right)$$

$$= 4A_{u^{3/2}} \left(\frac{m_e - \epsilon_0 u}{2\epsilon_0 u^2} \frac{1}{u} e^{-2u\epsilon_0/m_e} - 2 \frac{\epsilon_0}{m_e} e^{-2u\epsilon_0/m_e} + 2 \frac{\epsilon_0}{m_e} e^{-2u\epsilon_0/m_e} \right)$$

$$= 2A_{u^{3/2}} \left(\frac{m_e - \epsilon_0 u}{\epsilon_0 u^2} e^{-2u\epsilon_0/m_e} \right) = \frac{2A_{u^{3/2}} (m_e - \epsilon_0 u)}{\epsilon_0 u^2} e^{-2u\epsilon_0/m_e}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{8\epsilon_0 kT_e}{\pi m_e}} \left(1 + 2 \frac{kT_e}{\epsilon_0} e^{-\epsilon_0/m_e} \right)$$

Finding Electron Temperature

We can use the above argument on the ionization rate to find the electron temperature (T_e) by replacing v_i expression v_i in terms of gas density (n_g), proportionality constant (σ_i) for ionization cross-section dependence on energy above ionization energy (E_i), and electron temperature (T_e)

$$n_g \left(\frac{8e}{\pi m_e} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{kT_e}{E_i} \right)^{1/2} e^{-E_i/kT_e} = \mu_i \frac{kT_e}{e} \left(\frac{2.4048}{R} \right)^2$$

$$\frac{E_i}{kT_e} e^{E_i/kT_e} = \frac{n_g C_i}{\mu_i} \left(\frac{8e}{\pi m_e} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{R}{2.4048} \right)^2 \quad \text{using } \sigma_i = C_i E_i$$

Define $\alpha \equiv \frac{n_g C_i}{\mu_i}$ and $eV_i \equiv E_i$. V_i is the ionization potential of gas molecules in volts, while α is ionization per length per gas pressure in volts $\cdot \text{cm}^{-1} \cdot \text{atm}^{-1}$ (electron kinetic energy given in volts: $\frac{1}{2}mv^2/q$)

n_g is number density (not molar density)

At $T_0 = 273.15 \text{ [K]}$, $P_0 = n_g k T_0$, so $\alpha = \frac{e C_i}{k T_0}$ is an inherent property of the gas.

Now

$$\left(\frac{eV_i}{kT_e} \right)^{1/2} e^{eV_i/kT_e} = \frac{\alpha R}{\mu_i} \left(\frac{8e}{\pi m_e} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{R}{2.4048} \right)^2$$

which rearranges to

$$\left(\frac{kT_e}{eV_i} \right)^{1/2} e^{eV_i/kT_e} = \frac{\sqrt{8e}}{\sqrt{\pi m_e}} \frac{1}{2.4048^2} \frac{\alpha \sqrt{V_i}}{\mu_i P_0} (P_0 R)^2$$

Q3. Verify that the units work out in SI

$$\frac{k \text{ Temperature}}{\text{charge} \cdot \text{potential}} e^{\text{charge} \cdot \text{potential} / k \text{ Temperature}} = \frac{\text{charge} \cdot \alpha \cdot \sqrt{\text{potential}}}{\sqrt{\text{mass}} \mu_i \text{ pressure}}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{k \text{ Temp}} \text{ Energy}}{\cancel{\text{Energy}}} \text{ unitless} = \frac{\text{charge} \text{ charge } C}{\sqrt{\text{mass}} \text{ volume} \text{ pressure} \mu_i \text{ pressure}} \frac{\sqrt{\text{potential}}}{\text{pressure}}$$

$$\text{mass} = \frac{\text{change in energy}}{\text{time}} \cdot \frac{1}{c^2} = \text{change in energy} \cdot \frac{1}{c^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{length}} \cdot \frac{1}{\mu_0}$$

Energy = μE then $\mu = \text{velocity/energy}$

$$\text{mass} = \text{change in energy} \cdot \frac{1}{c^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{length}} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{velocity}}$$

$E = \mu E$ proportionality = $c \cdot \text{energy}$ then $c = \frac{\text{energy}}{\text{energy}}$

$$\text{mass} = \text{change in energy} \cdot \frac{1}{c^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{length}} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{velocity}} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{energy}}$$

$E = \text{mass} \cdot \text{velocity}^2$

$$\text{mass} = \text{change in energy} \cdot \frac{1}{c^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{length}} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{velocity}} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{energy}} \quad \sigma = \sigma \cdot \frac{\text{change in length}}{\text{length}} = \text{unitless}$$

Both sides are unitless

then $c^2 = \frac{eV}{\mu p_0}$ or $c^2 = \frac{eV}{\mu p_0} = \frac{eV}{\mu p_0}$

Thus that μp_0 is a property independent of most imposed conditions, since μ is a constant.

$$\frac{eV}{\mu p_0} = 1.6 \cdot 10^7 (\mu p_0)^2$$

In example μp_0 has units [cm/s-V], the "von Engel-Sternberg" constant (c. 1930s) [cm/s-V] and p_0 has units [cm], making both sides unitless.

Consequently it's easy to take the natural log: $\frac{eV}{\mu p_0} - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{eV}{\mu p_0} \right) = 16.27 + 2 \ln(\mu p_0)$

We can assume $\frac{eV}{\mu p_0} \approx 16.27 + 2 \ln(\mu p_0)$

Different gases have different μp_0 constants


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def etempfunc(tempratio, cpkterm):
    fvalue = etempratio * 0.5 * math.log(etempratio) - cpkterm
    return fvalue
from scipy.optimize import fmin

etempratioopt = fmin(etempfunc, etempratio0guess, args=(cpkterm))
etempopt = etempratio
print('The optimal ratio of electron temperature', format(etempopt[0], '.1000e'))

result = fmin(etempfunc, 1.025, 1.104)
print(result, 1100 * result)

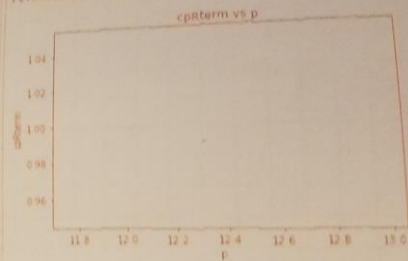
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.plot(cpkterm, [p in range(5, 15)])
plt.xlabel('p')
plt.ylabel('f')
plt.title('cpkterm vs p')
plt.show

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In [49]: runfile('C:/Users/.../.../...')
Out[49]: 1.253 eV 14542 K - first guess of electron
temperature
1.133 eV 13151 K - refined estimate of electron
temperature
[1.54053403] [15556.86745907]

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In [50]: