# PURDUE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

# Physics 22000 **General Physics** Lecture 18 – Gases

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## Ideal Gas Law

### PV = NkT

• Because one mole has Avogadro's number of particles,  

$$N = nN_A$$
, we can write:  
 $PV = nN_AkT$   
where  $n$  is the number of moles of gas.

- Boltzmann constant:  $k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}$  J/K Avogadro's number:  $N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$  /mole Ideal gas constant:  $R = N_A k = 8.31$  J/mole /K

PV = nRT

## Kinetic Energy of Gas Particles

- By considering gas particles colliding with the walls of a container, we deduced that  $Nmv^2 = 3PV$
- Average kinetic energy of one gas particle:  $\frac{1}{2}$  3 PV 3 PV

$$\overline{K} = \frac{1}{2}m\overline{v^2} = \frac{3}{2}\frac{1}{N} = \frac{3}{2}kT$$

• The temperature of the gas is some measure of the average kinetic energy of gas particles.

### **Temperature and Particle Motion**

- You have two containers holding identical gases that have been sitting in the same room for a long time. One container is large and the other one is small. Which one has a higher temperature?
  - Because the average kinetic energy per particle is the same in each container, the temperatures of the two gases are the same.
  - The total kinetic energy of the particles in the large container is larger because it contains more particles.

### **Temperature and Particle Motion**

- What will happen if you mix a container of hot gas with a container of cold gas?
  - The faster-moving particles of the hot gas will collide with the slower-moving particles of the cold gas.
     Following a collision, on average the faster-moving particle will be moving more slowly than before, and the slower particle will be moving more rapidly.
  - Eventually, the particles of the two gases will have the same average kinetic energy and, therefore, the same temperature.
  - This is called thermal equilibrium.

## Remember!

Only when temperature is measured in Kelvin can we use

$$\overline{K} = \frac{3}{2}kT$$

to determine the average kinetic energy of the particles.

After all, negative kinetic energy is nonsense...

## Testing the Ideal Gas Law

 Testing experiment

 Experiment 1: Isothermal process.
 Isot

 n moles of gas are in a variable
 volume V container that is held

 in an ice bath at constant 0 °C
 (273 K) temperature 7. How

 does the pressure of the gas
 change as we change the volume

 of the container? We push the
 piston slowly so that the

 temperature of the gas is always
 the same as the ice bath.



| Testing the Ideal Gas Law  |   |  |  |  |
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| Prediction   | Outcome   |  |  |  |
| According to the ideal gas<br>law $PV = nRT$ , during a con-<br>stant temperature process,<br>the product of $PV$ should<br>remain constant. We predict<br>that as the volume decreases,<br>the pressure will increase so<br>that the product remains<br>constant. | Data collected: $V(m^3)$ $P(N/m^2)$ $3.0 \times 10^{-4}$ $2.0 \times 10^5$ $6.0 \times 10^{-4}$ $1.0 \times 10^5$ $9.0 \times 10^{-4}$ $0.67 \times 10^5$ The product of volume and pressure remains constant in all experiments. |  |  |  |



## Testing the Ideal Gas Law

Experiment 2: Isochoric process. *n* moles of gas and the gas volume *V* are kept constant. The container is placed in different-temperature baths. How does the gas pressure change as the temperature changes?





#### Testing the Ideal Gas Law According to the ideal gas Data collected: law PV = nRT, during a $T(K) P(N/m^2)$ constant volume process, the ratio $\frac{P}{T} = \frac{nR}{V}$ should $1.0 \times 10^{5}$ 300 $1.3 \times 10^{5}$ 400 remain constant. We predict 500 $1.7 \times 10^{5}$ that the pressure should increase in proportion to the The ratio of pressure and temperature. temperature is constant in all experiments.



# Testing the Ideal Gas Law

According to the ideal gas law PV = nRT, during a constant pressure process, the ratio  $\frac{V}{T} = \frac{nR}{P}$  should remain constant. We predict that the volume should increase in proportion to the temperature.

| Data collected:                        |              |                  |  |  |  |
|--|--------------|------------------|--|--|--|
| T(K)                                   | $V(m^3)$     |                  |  |  |  |
| 300                                    | 3.0 ×        | 10 <sup>-4</sup> |  |  |  |
| 400                                    | 4.0 ×        | 10 <sup>-4</sup> |  |  |  |
| 500                                    | $5.0 \times$ | 10 <sup>-4</sup> |  |  |  |
| The ratio of volume<br>and temperature |              |                  |  |  |  |
| remains constant in all                |              |                  |  |  |  |

experiments.

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| Ideal Gas Law Processes |           |        |                 |  |    |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------------|--|----|
|                         | [No name] | N or n | P, V, T         | $\frac{PV}{T} = \text{constant}$ $\frac{P_1V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2V_2}{T_2}$ |    |
|                         | [No name] |        | P, V, T, N or # | $\frac{PV}{NT} = k$ $\frac{PV}{nT} = R$                                    |    |
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# Reflection on the Process of Construction of Knowledge for the Ideal Gas Law

- The first step was to construct a simplified model of a system that could represent a real gas—the ideal gas model.
  - This involved making assumptions about the internal structure of gases.
  - The model was based partly on observations and partly on our knowledge of particle motion and interactions.
- We used this model to devise a mathematical description of the behavior of gases, the ideal gas law.

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# Reflection on the Process of Construction of Knowledge for the Ideal Gas Law

- We then tested the model's applicability to real gases by using it to predict how macroscopic quantities describing the gas would change during specific processes.
  - Macroscopic quantities: temperature, pressure, volume, and the amount of gas
  - Processes: isothermal, isobaric, and isochoric
     Ideal gas law: used to construct equations that described those processes
- These predictions were consistent with the outcomes of the new testing experiments.



## Speed Distribution of Particles

- Fast-moving particles hit the film almost directly across from the slit, whereas slow-moving particles hit somewhat later.
- The density of particles hitting a particular part of the film indicates the particles' relative speed.

Slire Measured speed distribution patterns match the Maxwellpredicted distributions.

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## Limitations of the Ideal Gas Law

- For real gases such as air, measurements of pressure and volume at conditions of normal pressure and temperature are consistent with predictions made by the ideal gas law.
  - At very high pressures or very low temperatures, real measurements differ from those predictions.
  - The ideal gas law describes gases accurately only over certain temperature and pressure ranges.

## Examples

32. \* Even the best vacuum pumps cannot lower the pressure in a container below  $10^{-15}$  atm. How many molecules of air are left in each cubic centimeter in this "vacuum?" Assume that the temperature is 273 K.

# Examples

38. \* **Scuba diving** The pressure of the air in a diver's lungs when he is 20 m under the water surface is  $3.0 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$ , and the air occupies a volume of 4.8 L. How many moles of air should he exhale while moving to the surface, where the pressure is  $1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$ ?

## Examples

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46. **Capping beer** You would like to make homemade beer, but you are concerned about storing it. Your beer is capped into a bottle at a temperature of 27 °C and a pressure of  $1.2 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$ . The cap will pop off if the pressure inside the bottle exceeds  $1.5 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$ . At what maximum temperature can you store the beer so the gas inside the bottle does not pop the cap? List the assumptions that you made.