



# Temperature, Kinetic Theory, and the Gas Laws

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# Learning Outcomes

- Convert temperatures between the Celsius, Fahrenheit, and Kelvin scales.
- Define, describe and calculate thermal expansion
- State the ideal gas law in terms of molecules and in terms of moles.
- Use the ideal gas law to calculate change in pressure, temperature, volume or the number of molecules or moles
- State the relationship between the kinetic energy, temperature and root mean square velocity of a gas
- Interpret a phase diagram.
- State Dalton's law.

# Concepts

$TF$  = Temperature in Fahrenheit

$TC$  = Temperature in Celsius

$T=TK$ =Temperature in Kelvin

$\Delta L$ =Expansion ( $L_f-L_0$ )

$L$  = Original length

$\alpha$  = Coefficient of linear expansion

$k$ =universal Boltzmann constant

$R = 8.31 \text{ J/ (mole K)}$  universal gas constant

$P$  = Pressure

$V$ = Volume

$N_A$  = Avogadro number

$N$ = number of atoms or molecules

$n$ = number of moles

$m$  =mass of molecule in kg

$M$ = molar mass in kg/mole

$v_{rms}$  = Root mean square of speed of a molecule

# Units

## SI UNITS

Volume is in cubic meters " $\text{m}^3$ "

Pressure is in Pascal " $\text{Pa}$ "

Temperature in Kelvin " $\text{K}$ "

Energy in Joules " $\text{J}$ "

vrms in meters per second " $\text{m/s}$ "

R is in  $\text{J}/(\text{mole K})$

K is in  $\text{J/K}$

# Formulas and Constants

$$T_F = 9/5 T_C + 32$$

$$T_K = T_C + 273.15$$

$$\Delta L = \alpha L \Delta T$$

$$\Delta A = 2\alpha A \Delta T$$

$$\Delta V = 3\alpha V \Delta T$$

$$PV = NkT$$

$$PV = nRT$$

$$P_1 V_1 / (n_1 T_1) = P_2 V_2 / (n_2 T_2)$$

$$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$

$$R = 8.31 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K}$$

$$n/N = R/k = N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$KE = 3/2 nRT = 3/2 NkT \text{ for monatomic gas}$$

$$v_{rms} = \sqrt{3RT/M_m} \text{ } M_m \text{ is the molar mass}$$

# CLASSWORK FOR UNIT CONVERSIONS

Complete the table below for unit conversion using the given temperature

$$TF = \frac{9}{5} TC + 32 \quad TK = TC + 273$$

TC(Celcius)	TF(Fahrenheit)	TK(Kelvin)
90	?	?
?	100	?
?	?	300
300	?	?
?	212	?
?	?	0

Solution for the first row:  $TK = 90 + 273 = 363$  Kelvin     $TF = (\frac{9}{5})90 + 32 = 204$  Fahrenheit

# CLASSWORK FOR THERMAL EXPANSION

Complete the table below

Object	Alpha	Initial Measurement	Ti	Tf	Change
Copper Wire	$16.7 \cdot 10^{-6}$	Length=?	30 C	230 C	$\Delta L=0.03$
Aluminum Plate	$23.0 \cdot 10^{-6}$	L=5meters W=3meters	70 degrees C	?	$\Delta A= - 0.02 \text{ m}^2$
Unknown Plate	?	L=4 meters W=2meters	23 C	73 C	$\Delta A=0.005 \text{ m}^2$
Copper Sphere	$16.7 \cdot 10^{-6}$	Radius 0.4 meters	30 C	70 C	$\Delta V=?$

$$\Delta L = \alpha L \Delta T \quad \Delta A = 2\alpha A \Delta T \quad \Delta V = 3\alpha V \Delta T \quad V(\text{sphere}) = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

Model word problem for the first row: A copper wire is heated from 30 degrees celcius to 230 degrees Celcius. As a result it expanded by 0.03 meters. What was the original length.

$$\text{Solution: } 0.03 = L (16.7 \cdot 10^{-6})(230-30) \quad L=89.8 \text{ meters}$$

# IDEAL GAS

An **ideal gas** is a hypothetical gas composed of randomly moving point size gas molecules where interparticle interactions are negligible.

The image contains handwritten notes on a black background, detailing several gas laws and the ideal gas equation. The central equation is  $PV = nRT$ , labeled "Ideal gas law." To its left, Boyle's law is written as  $P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$ . Below it, Avogadro's law is shown as  $\frac{V_1}{n_1} = \frac{V_2}{n_2}$ . To the right of the central equation, Gay-Lussac's law is given as  $\frac{P_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2}{T_2}$ , with conversion factors:  $1 \text{ bar} \sim 1 \text{ atm}$ ,  $1 \text{ atm} = 760 \text{ mmHg}$ , and  $101.325 \text{ kPa} = 1 \text{ atm}$ ,  $760 \text{ mmHg} = 760 \text{ torr}$ . Further right, the combined gas law is written as  $\frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 V_2}{T_2}$ . Below the central equation, Dalton's law is shown as  $P_T = P_1 + P_2 + P_3 + \dots + P_n$ . To the right of Dalton's law, Charles's law is written as  $\frac{V_1}{T_1} = \frac{V_2}{T_2}$ .



# CLASSWORK: IDEAL GAS STATES

$$PV=NkT \quad PV= nRT \quad k=1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K} \quad R=8.31 \text{ J/mol}\cdot\text{K}$$

Volume is in cubic meters “m<sup>3</sup>” Pressure is in Pascal “Pa” Temperature in Kelvin “K”

Q: Three moles of ideal gas has 100,000 Pascal pressure at 242 degrees Kelvin. What is its volume ?

$$n=3 \quad P=100,000 \text{ Pa} \quad V=? \quad T=242 \quad V=nRT/P \quad V= 0.06 \text{ m}^3$$

Complete the table below, use unit conversion if necessary.

Pressure	Volume	number	Constant	Temperature
100,000 Pa	?	3 moles	R	242K
1 atm	0.2 m <sup>3</sup>	?	R	600K
75 kPa	0.15 gallon	?	R	-10 Celcius
?	8 10 <sup>(-18)</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	1000 molecules	k	400 K

$$TK=TC+273 \quad 1 \text{ atm}=101,325 \text{ Pascal} \quad 1\text{kPa}=1 \text{ kilopascal}=1000 \text{ Pascal} \quad 1 \text{ Gallon}=0.003785 \text{ m}^3$$

# IDEAL GAS PROCESS EQUATION

$$P_1 V_1 / (n_1 T_1) = P_2 V_2 / (n_2 T_2)$$

This is a comprehensive equation for a gas going from State 1 to State 2

Each state has Pressure Volume Temperature and number of moles or molecules

If any of the variables is a constant, they could be crossed out

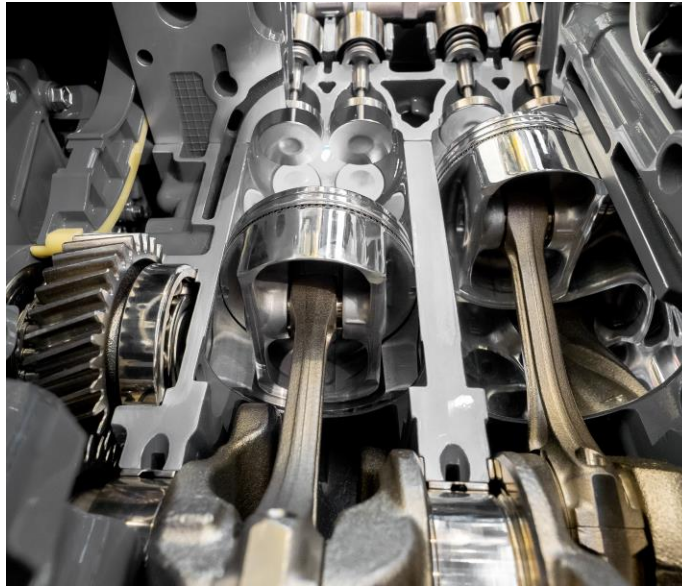
Above equation is unit independent, as long as units are consistent for both states. The only unit that must be used is Temperature in Kelvin.

# IDEAL GAS PROCESSES

Some Typical Systems with Constants



Hot air balloon has elastic surface and exposed to atmospheric pressure.  $P$  is constant



Sealed piston has moveable walls.  $P$   $T$   $V$  can change but number of moles is constant



Sealed solid container has constant volume. It has constant number of moles unless it leaks or gas is pumped

# KEY STRATEGIES

- Identify the variables for the initial state, label them with index "1"
- Identify the variables for the final state, label them with index "2"
- Use the ideal gas process equation. If anything is constant, cross it out from both sides.
- Solve for the unknown. Unknown will have the unit of the other state variable

# IDEAL GAS PROCESS CLASSWORK

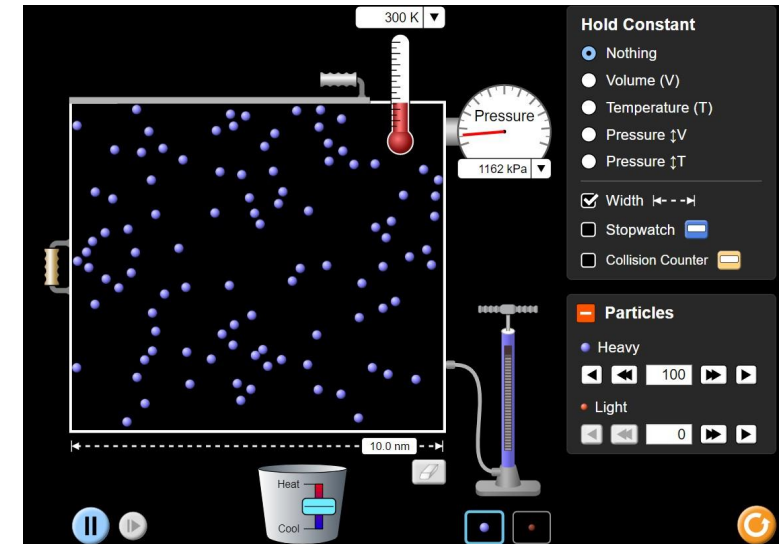
3 Moles of gas has pressure 100,000 Pascal is at 250-degree Kelvin.  
What happens to the pressure if temperature is raised to 300-degree Kelvin and 0.5 moles of gas is added under constant volume.

$$P_1=100,000\text{Pa} \quad n_1=3 \quad T_1=250\text{K} \quad P_2=? \quad n_2=3.5 \quad T_2=300\text{K} \quad V_1=V_2$$

$$P_1V_1/(n_1 T_1) = P_2 V_2/(n_2 T_2) \quad \text{cross out the } V\text{'s}$$

# ACTIVITY IDEAL GAS PROCESSES

- Open Phet simulation [https://phet.colorado.edu/sims/html/gas-properties/latest/gas-properties\\_en.html](https://phet.colorado.edu/sims/html/gas-properties/latest/gas-properties_en.html)
- Click on ideal.
- Click on width. The container is 10nm width, 10nm height and there is an unseen depth, which is 3.5nm
- $1\text{nm}=10^{-9}$  meters. So the original box has volume  $V=0.035 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ m}^3$
- Click on particles. You can adjust number of particles inside the container
- You may add heat to the system and observe the temperature change
- The activity is about calculating the pressure and comparing with the values of the pressure gauge.
- Change the units of pressure gauge to kilopascal kPa.  $1\text{kPa}=1000 \text{ Pa}$ .
- Pressure is caused by particles hitting the walls of the container. It fluctuates statistically. Make sure your calculated pressure is within the range of what the pressure gauge reads. You can see a minimum pressure and maximum pressure.

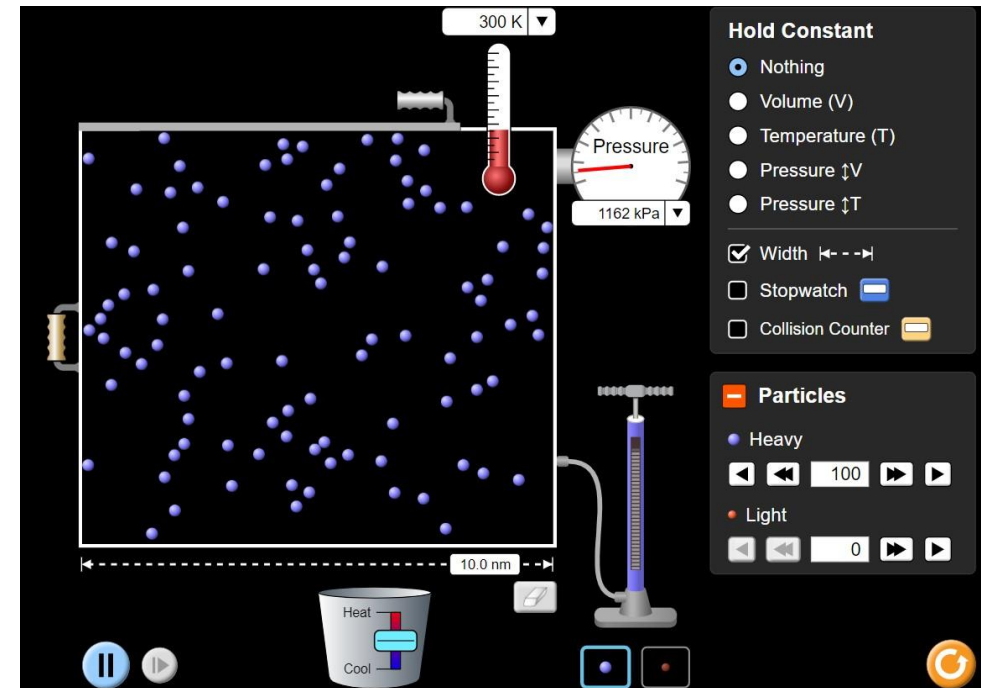


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- Calculate Pressure using  $P_1V_1/(N_1 T_1)=P_2V_2/(n_2 T_2)$  for the problems below.
- Simulate the problem using the app and compare the Pressure read from the gauge.

100 gas molecules is inside a container with  $0.035 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ m}^3$  Volume  
It has about 1200 kPa pressure at 300K temperature.

- 1) Find the new pressure if 50 more molecules are pumped at constant volume and temperature
- 2) Find the new pressure if 50 more molecules are pumped at constant volume but temperature is increased to 350K
- 3) Find the new pressure if 50 more molecules are pumped, temperature is raised to 350K and volume is halved.
- 4) Come up with your own questions. Compare you measure pressure with the pressure given by the pressure gauge.



# CLASSWORK FOR KINETIC THEORY OF GAS

$KE = \frac{3}{2} nRT = \frac{3}{2} NKT$  for monatomic gas

$v_{rms} = \sqrt{3RT/Mm}$   $Mm$  is the molar mass

Molar mass of a monatomic gas is 0.040 kg/mol

Calculate the Kinetic energy and root mean square velocity at

A) 300 K

B) 600 K

C) 10 K



# CLASSWORK FOR PHASE CHANGE

A substance has the triple point at 0.02 atm pressure and at 5 degrees Celcius temperature.

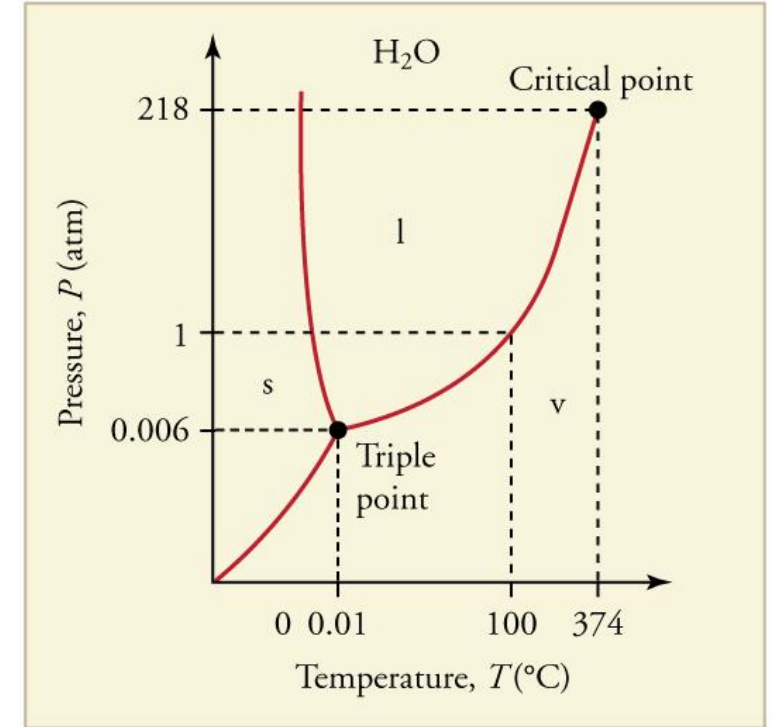
Q1) Draw an approximate P T diagram for the substance **near** its triple point.(Draw only near the triple point as a partial graph since the slopes will change as we move away from the triple point).

Consider

- A) Slope of the sublimation curve is 0.8 atm/C
- B) Slope of the evaporation curve is 0.2 atm/C
- C) Slope of the melting curve is  $-4$  atm/C

Q2) Identify 6 points on the graph, one for each pure state and one for each phase transition

PT graph for water is given as reference, the image for the particular gas in the question will be different.



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