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GENERAL PHYSICS B1

THE THERMAL BEHAVIOR OF MATTER

2022/12/16

Kinetic Theory of the Ideal Gas

Topic Today

Kinetic Theory of Gases:

- Ideal gases Law
- Pressure
- Temperature
- Thermal speed of ideal gas
- Distribution of molecular speed

Avogadro's Number

- All the materials are made out of atoms. Atoms form molecules, which is the smallest unit of the materials with the same chemical properties.

- Link between macroscopic mass and atomic mass: mole

One mole is the number of atoms in a 12 g sample of carbon-12.

- The number of molecules in a mole is:

$$N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ (Avogadro's number)}$$

Avogadro's Number

- The number of moles n contained in a sample of any substance is equal to the ratio of the number of molecules N in the sample to the number of molecules N_A in 1 mol:

$$n = \frac{N}{N_A}$$

- The number of moles n in a sample from the mass M_{sam} of the sample and either the molar mass M (the mass of 1 mol) or the molecular mass m (the mass of one molecule)

$$n = \frac{M_{\text{sam}}}{M} = \frac{M_{\text{sam}}}{mN_A}$$

Ideal Gas Law

- For a gas that the density is low enough, the state of the gas can be described by:

$$pV = nRT \quad (\text{ideal gas law})$$

p: the absolute pressure.

V: volume of the gas.

n: the number of moles of gas present.

T: the temperature in kelvins.

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

Ideal Gas Law

- A different form of idea gas law:

$$pV = NkT \quad (\text{ideal gas law})$$

where:

N: the number of **gas molecules**.

k: Boltzmann constant

$$k = \frac{R}{N_A} = \frac{8.31 \text{ J/mol}\cdot\text{K}}{6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}} = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$

Idea gas law

- The ideal gas law universally governs macroscopic properties of gases. It can be used to described a state of an gas
- All real gases approach the ideal state at low enough densities—that is, under conditions in which their molecules are far enough apart that they do not interact with one another.

Example of ideal gas

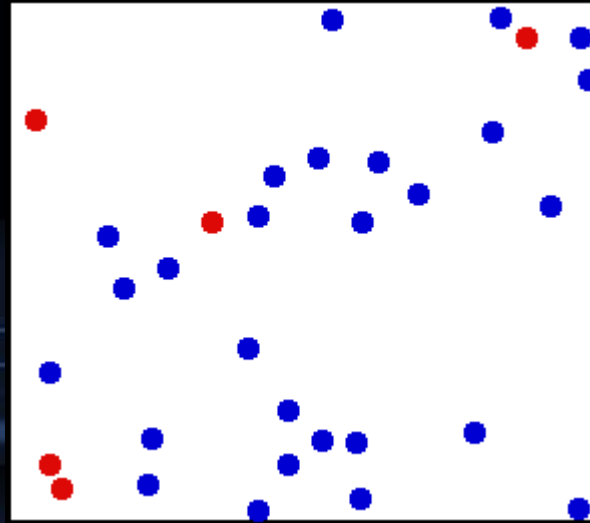
- A stainless-steel tank was filled with steam at a temperature of 110°C through a valve at one end. Then cool it down. Within less than a minute, the enormously sturdy tank was crushed.

$$pV = NkT \quad (\text{ideal gas law})$$



Molecular dynamics to macroscopic quantities

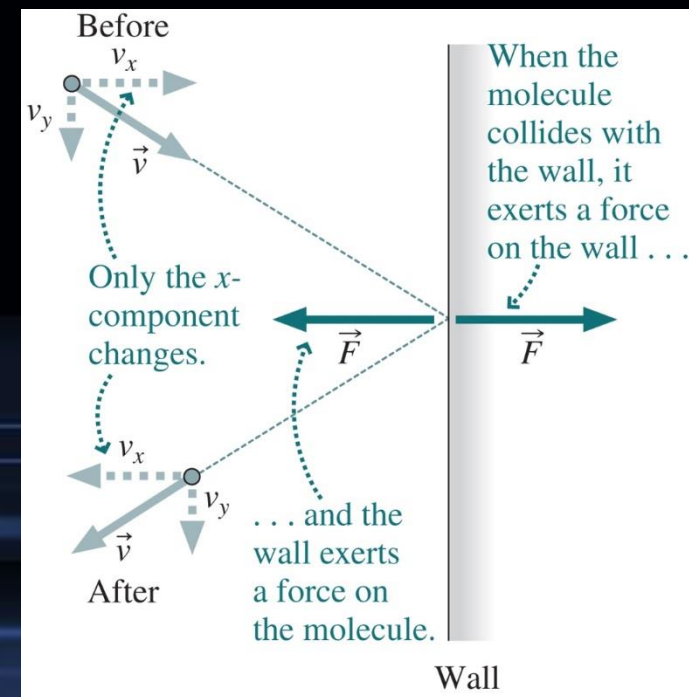
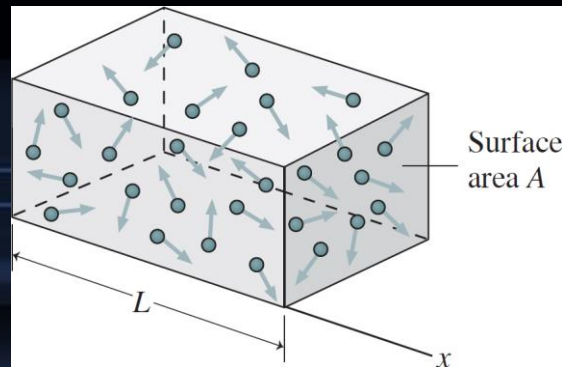
Let n moles of an ideal gas be confined in a cubical box of volume V ($V=L^3$). The walls of the box are held at temperature T . What is the connection between the pressure p exerted by the gas on the walls and the speeds of the molecules?



Pressure due to change of momentum

- A typical gas molecule, of mass m and velocity \vec{v} , that is about to collide with the shaded wall.
- The only change in the particle's momentum is along the x axis, and that change is

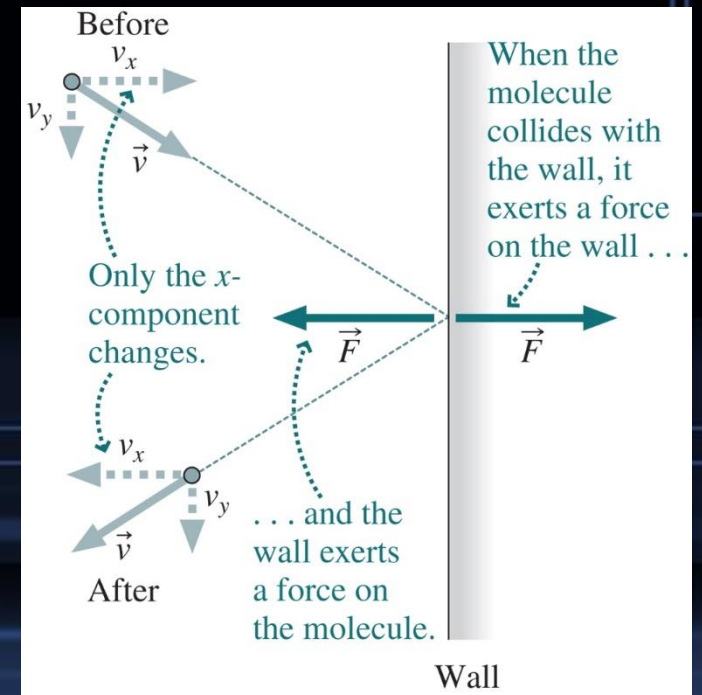
$$\Delta p_x = (-mv_x) - (mv_x) = -2mv_x$$



Pressure due to change of momentum

- The time Δt between collisions is the time the molecule takes to travel to the opposite wall and back again (a distance $2L$) at speed v_x . Thus, Δt is equal to $2L/v_x$.

$$\frac{\Delta p_x}{\Delta t} = \frac{2mv_x}{2L/v_x} = \frac{mv_x^2}{L}$$



Pressure due to change of momentum

- From Newton's second law, the rate at which momentum is delivered to the wall is the force acting on the wall. Using the expression for $\Delta p_x / \Delta t$, we can write this pressure p as at wall due to N molecules is:

$$\begin{aligned} p &= \frac{F_x}{L^2} = \frac{mv_{x1}^2/L + mv_{x2}^2/L + \dots + mv_{xN}^2/L}{L^2} \\ &= \left(\frac{m}{L^3} \right) (v_{x1}^2 + v_{x2}^2 + \dots + v_{xN}^2), \end{aligned}$$

Pressure due to change of momentum

- There are N terms in the second set of parentheses. We can replace that quantity by $N\overline{v_x^2}$, where $\overline{v_x^2}$ is the average value of the square of the x components of all the molecular speeds. The total volume V is L^3 . Thus, we have:

$$p = \frac{mN}{V} \overline{v_x^2}$$

Equal contribution of average velocity from each directions

- For any molecule, $v^2 = v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2$. Because there are many molecules and they are all moving in random directions, the average values of the squares of their velocity components are equal, so that $\overline{v_x^2} = \frac{1}{3} \overline{v^2}$.

Therefore:

$$pV = \frac{mN}{3} \overline{v^2}$$

Average kinetic energy vs temperature

- We can further modify the previous result to be:

$$pV = \frac{mN}{3} \overline{v^2} = \frac{2}{3} N \left(\frac{1}{2} m \overline{v^2} \right)$$

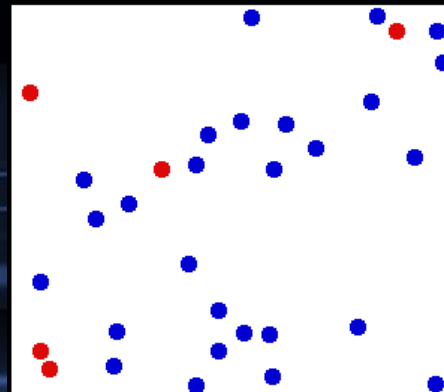
- Comparing to ideal gas law, we have:

$$\frac{2}{3} N \left(\frac{1}{2} m \overline{v^2} \right) = NkT$$

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

Meaning of temperature for idea gas molecules

- At a given temperature T , all ideal gas molecules—no matter what their mass—**have the same average translational kinetic energy**—namely, $\frac{3}{2}kT$. When we measure the temperature of a gas, we are also measuring **the average translational kinetic energy** of its molecules' random motion.



Thermal speed and temperature

- We introduce thermal speed or root-mean-square speed of the molecules and symbolized by v_{th} or v_{rms} . And we have $v_{th} = \sqrt{\overline{v^2}}$.
- By the previous results, we can find

$$v_{th} = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}}$$

- The microscopic quantity v_{th} is linked to macroscopic quantity T

Example of RMS speed

Table 19-1 Some RMS Speeds at Room Temperature ($T = 300 \text{ K}$)

| Gas | Molar Mass (10^{-3} kg/mol) | v_{rms} (m/s) |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Hydrogen (H_2) | 2.02 | 1920 |
| Helium (He) | 4.0 | 1370 |
| Water vapor (H_2O) | 18.0 | 645 |
| Nitrogen (N_2) | 28.0 | 517 |
| Oxygen (O_2) | 32.0 | 483 |
| Carbon dioxide (CO_2) | 44.0 | 412 |
| Sulfur dioxide (SO_2) | 64.1 | 342 |

Example

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(a) The kinetic energy is the same ($K_{\text{He}} = K_{\text{Ne}} = K_{\text{Ar}}$) because it is only related to temperature:

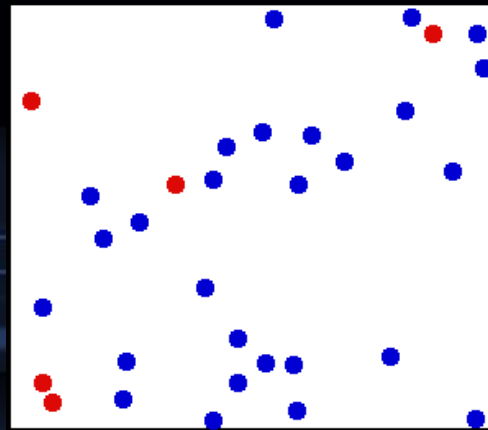
$$\frac{1}{2} m \overline{v^2} = \frac{3}{2} kT$$

(b) The $V_{\text{th,He}} > V_{\text{th,Ne}} > V_{\text{th,Ar}}$ because

$$V_{\text{th}} = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}}$$

The distribution of molecular speed

- The thermal speed V_{th} of gas give us a general idea of typical molecular speed. However, Molecules in a gas exhibit a range of speeds that result from random collisions among the molecules. What is the distribution of the speed?



Maxwell's speed distribution law

- In 1852, Scottish physicist James Clerk Maxwell first solved the problem of finding the speed distribution of gas molecules. His result, known as Maxwell's speed distribution law, is

$$P(v) = 4\pi \left(\frac{M}{2\pi RT} \right)^{3/2} v^2 e^{-Mv^2/2RT}$$

M:the molar mass of the gas,

R:the gas constant,

T: the gas temperature

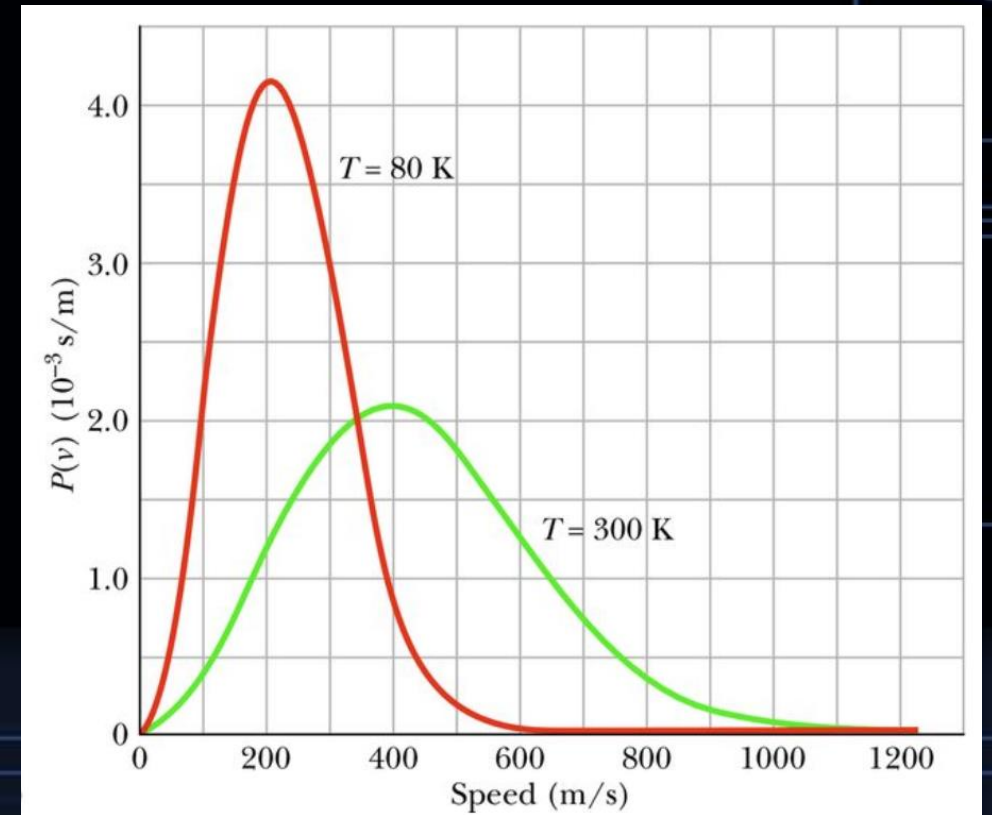
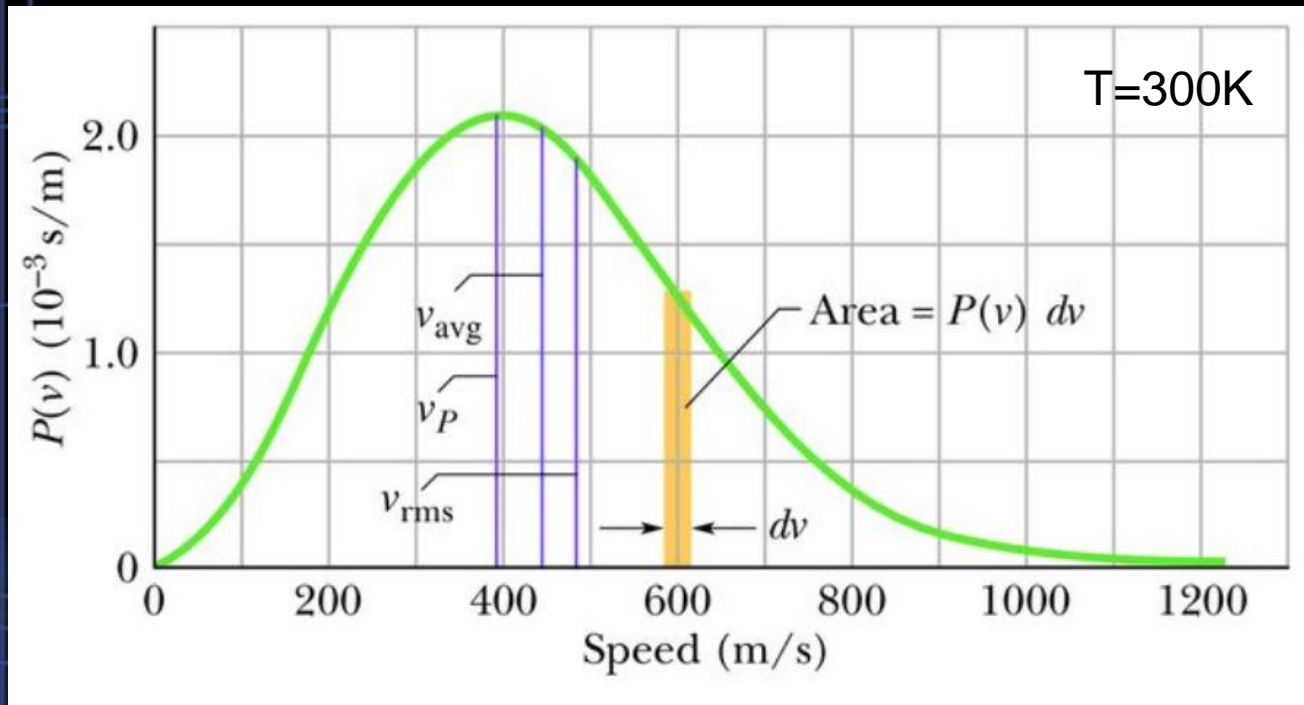
v :the molecular speed.

Maxwell's speed distribution law

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- The quantity $P(v)$ is a probability distribution function: For any speed v , the product $P(v) dv$ (a dimensionless quantity) is the fraction of molecules with speeds in the interval dv centered on speed v .

Maxwell's speed distribution law



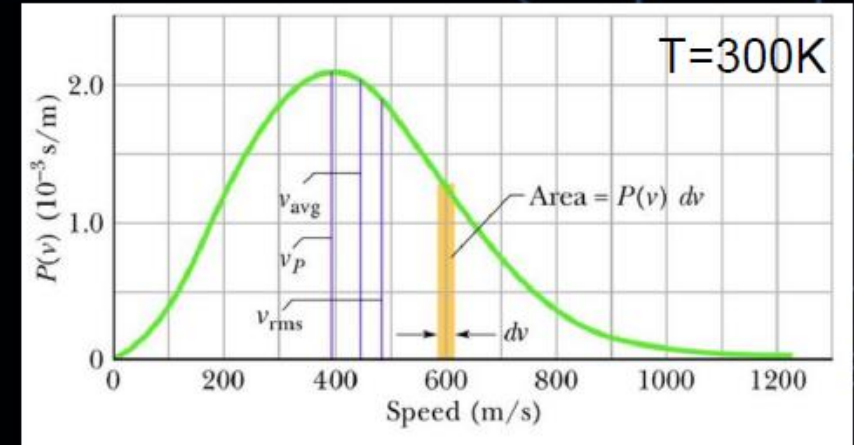
Usage of speed distribution

- Normalization condition

$$\int_0^{\infty} P(v) dv = 1$$

- fraction (frac) of molecules with speeds in an interval:

$$\text{frac} = \int_{v_1}^{v_2} P(v) dv$$

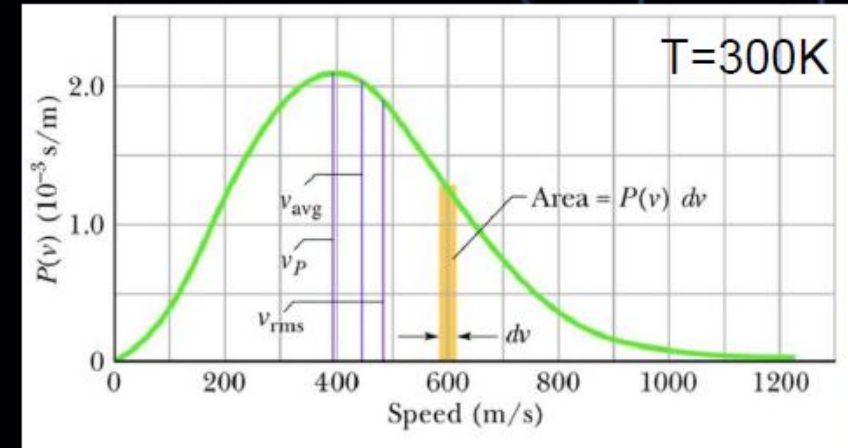


Average speed of gas molecules

- In principle, we can find the average speed v_{avg} of the molecules in a gas with the following procedure: We weight each value of v in the distribution

$$v_{\text{avg}} = \int_0^{\infty} v P(v) dv$$

$$v_{\text{avg}} = \sqrt{\frac{8RT}{\pi M}} \quad (\text{average speed})$$



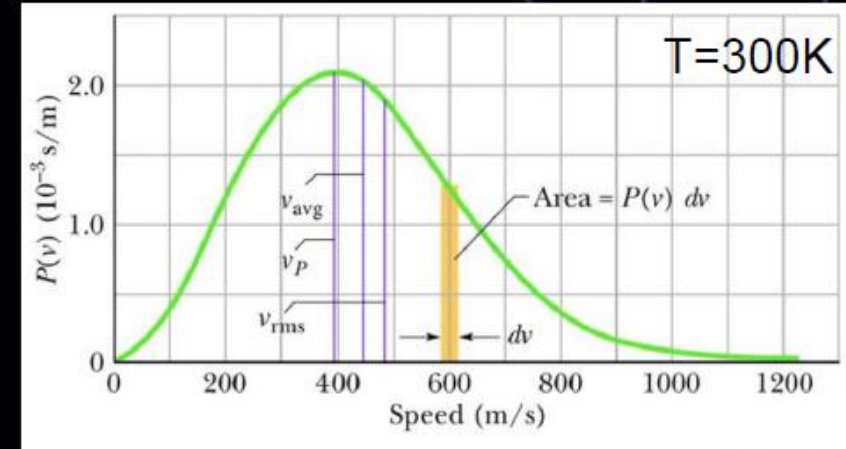
RMS speed of gas molecules

- Similarly, we can find the average of the square of the speeds $(v^2)_{\text{avg}}$ with

$$(v^2)_{\text{avg}} = \int_0^{\infty} v^2 P(v) dv$$

- One can get:

$$v_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}} \quad (\text{rms speed})$$



Most probable speed

- The most probable speed v_P is the speed at which $P(v)$ is maximum. To calculate v_P , we set $dP/dv = 0$

$$v_P = \sqrt{\frac{2RT}{M}} \quad (\text{most probable speed})$$

