



# THE IDEAL GAS LAW

Outcome 3.14

# Ideal Gases

An “ideal” gas exhibits certain theoretical properties.

Specifically, an ideal gas ...

- Obeys all of the gas laws under all conditions.
- Does not condense into a liquid when cooled.
- Shows perfectly straight lines when its  $V$  and  $T$  &  $P$  and  $T$  relationships are plotted on a graph.

In reality, there are no gases that fit this definition perfectly.

We assume that gases are ideal to simplify our calculations.

# Ideal-Gas Equation

- So far we've seen that

$$V \propto 1/P \text{ (Boyle's law)}$$

$$V \propto T \text{ (Charles' law)}$$

$$V \propto n \text{ (Avogadro's law)}$$

- Combining these, we get

$$V \propto \frac{nT}{P}$$

# WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

$$V \propto \frac{nT}{P}$$

V	$\propto$	$\frac{nT}{P}$
0		0
1		0.5
2		1
3		1.5
4		2
5		2.5
6		3

- What is the pattern or the proportionality of the data on the left?
- Is there a number you could multiply the right column by so that its values are EQUAL TO the volumes?
- **R = 2**

# Ideal-Gas Equation

The relationship

$$V \propto \frac{nT}{P}$$

then becomes

$$V = R \frac{nT}{P}$$

or

$$PV = nRT$$

# The Ideal Gas Law

$$PV = nRT$$

P = Pressure (in kPa)

V = Volume (in L)

T = Temperature (in K)

n = moles

$$R = 8.31 \frac{\text{kPa} \cdot \text{L}}{\text{K} \cdot \text{mol}}$$

**R is constant. If we are given three of P, V, n, or T, we can solve for the unknown value.**

# Ideal-Gas Equation

Units	Numerical Value
L-atm/mol-K	0.08206
J/mol-K*	8.314
cal/mol-K	1.987
m <sup>3</sup> -Pa/mol-K*	8.314
L-torr/mol-K	62.36

\*SI unit

1. How many moles of H<sub>2</sub> molecules are in a 3.1 L sample of H<sub>2</sub> measured at 300 kPa and 20°C? **What is the mass of that sample?**

$$P = 300 \text{ kPa}$$

$$T = 20^\circ\text{C} + 273 = 293\text{K}$$

$$V = 3.1 \text{ L}$$

$$\frac{PV}{RT} = \frac{nRT}{RT}$$

$$RT \quad RT$$

**Isolate “n”**

$$n = \frac{PV}{RT}$$

$$RT$$

$$n = \frac{(300 \text{ kPa})(3.1 \text{ L})}{(8.314)(293\text{K})} = 0.38 \text{ mol H}_2$$

$$n = 0.38 \text{ mol H}_2 \times \frac{2.02 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ mol}} = 0.77 \text{ g}$$



2. At 150 C and 100 kPa, 1.00 L of a compound has a mass of 2.506 g. Calculate its molar mass.

$$P = 100 \text{ kPa}$$

$$T = 150^{\circ}\text{C} + 273 = 423\text{K}$$

$$V = 1.00 \text{ L}$$

$$m = 2.506 \text{ g}$$

$$\frac{PV}{RT} = \frac{nRT}{RT} \quad \text{Isolate "n"}$$

$$n = \frac{PV}{RT}$$

$$n = \frac{(100 \text{ kPa})(1.00 \text{ L})}{(8.314)(423\text{K})}$$

$$n = 0.028 \text{ mol}$$

$$n = \frac{0.028 \text{ mol}}{0.028 \text{ mol}} \times \frac{? \text{ g}}{1 \text{ mol}} = \frac{2.506 \text{ g}}{0.028 \text{ mol}}$$

$$\frac{? \text{ g}}{1 \text{ mol}} = \frac{2.506 \text{ g}}{0.028 \text{ mol}} = 89.5 \text{ g/mol}$$

# Ideal Gas Law Questions

1. How many moles of  $\text{CO}_2(\text{g})$  are in a 5.6 L sample of  $\text{CO}_2$  measured at STP?
2. a) Calculate the volume of 4.50 mol of  $\text{SO}_2(\text{g})$  measured at STP. b) What volume would this occupy at 25 C and 150 kPa?
3. How many grams of  $\text{Cl}_2(\text{g})$  can be stored in a 10.0 L container at 1000 kPa and 30 C?
4. 98 mL of an unknown gas weighs 0.087 g at STP. Calculate the molar mass of the gas. Can you determine the identity of this unknown gas?

1. Moles of CO<sub>2</sub> is in a 5.6 L at STP?

P=101.325 kPa, V=5.6 L, T=273 K PV = nRT

(101.3 kPa)(5.6 L) = n (8.31 kPa•L/K•mol)(273 K)

$$n = \frac{(101.325 \text{ kPa})(5.6 \text{ L})}{(8.31 \text{ kPa}\cdot\text{L}/\text{K}\cdot\text{mol})(273 \text{ K})} = \mathbf{0.25 \text{ mol}}$$

2. a) Volume of 4.50 mol of SO<sub>2</sub> at STP.

$$P = 101.3 \text{ kPa}, n = 4.50 \text{ mol}, T = 273 \text{ K} \quad PV = nRT$$

$$(101.3 \text{ kPa})(V) = (4.5 \text{ mol})(8.31 \text{ kPa} \cdot \text{L}/\text{K} \cdot \text{mol})(273 \text{ K})$$

$$V = \frac{(4.50 \text{ mol})(8.31 \text{ kPa} \cdot \text{L}/\text{K} \cdot \text{mol})(273 \text{ K})}{(101.3 \text{ kPa})} = \underline{100.8} \text{ L}$$

b) Volume at 25 C and 150 kPa?

Given:  $P = 150 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $n = 4.50 \text{ mol}$ ,  $T = 298 \text{ K}$

$$V = \frac{(4.50 \text{ mol})(8.31 \text{ kPa}\cdot\text{L}/\text{K}\cdot\text{mol})(298 \text{ K})}{(150 \text{ kPa})} = 74.3 \text{ L}$$

3. How many grams of  $\text{Cl}_2(\text{g})$  can be stored in a 10.0 L container at 1000 kPa and 30 C?

$$PV = nRT \quad P = 1000 \text{ kPa}, V = 10.0 \text{ L}, T = 303 \text{ K}$$

$$\frac{(1000 \text{ kPa})(10.0 \text{ L})}{(8.31 \text{ kPa}\cdot\text{L}/\text{K}\cdot\text{mol})(303 \text{ K})} = 3.97 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Cl}_2 = 70.9 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$3.97 \text{ mol} \times 70.9 \text{ g/mol} = \mathbf{282 \text{ g}}$$

4. 98 mL of an unknown gas weighs 0.081 g at STP. Calculate the molar mass.

$$PV = nRT \quad P = 101.3 \text{ kPa}, \quad V = 0.098 \text{ L}, \quad T = 273 \text{ K}$$

$$\frac{(101.3 \text{ kPa})(0.098 \text{ L})}{(8.31 \text{ kPa}\cdot\text{L}/\text{K}\cdot\text{mol})(273 \text{ K})} = n = 0.00396 \text{ mol}$$

$$0.004378 \text{ mol} \quad \times \quad \frac{? \text{ g}}{\text{mol}} = 0.081 \text{ g}$$

$$? = 19.88 \text{ g/mol}$$

It's probably neon

(neon has a molar mass of 20.18 g/mol)