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- Kinetic molecular theory, PDF: <http://goo.gl/njf3em>
- Practice with particle picture of gases;

Next: Molecular speeds and their distribution; Real gases (attraction and size)

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Kinetic-molecular theory of gases

Force due to j^{th} particle of mass m and speed u_j is $\Delta p / \Delta t$...

$\Delta p = 2mu_j$ (elastic collision)
 $\Delta t = 2L/u_j$ (travel time to opposite wall and back)
 $F = \Delta p / \Delta t = mu_j^2 / L$

Pressure due to j^{th} particle of mass m and speed u_j ...

$$P_j = \frac{F}{\text{area}} = \frac{F}{L^2} = \frac{mu_j^2}{L^3} = \frac{mu_j^2}{V}$$

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Kinetic-molecular theory of gases

A single particle j exerts a pressure

$$P_j = \frac{mu_j^2}{V}$$

The total pressure P due to all of the N particles in the container is

$$P = \frac{m}{V} (u_1^2 + u_2^2 + \dots + u_j^2 + \dots + u_N^2)$$

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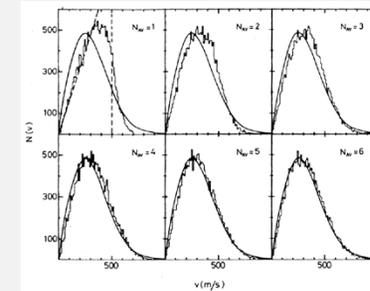
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Distribution of molecular speeds

Here is what happens to the speeds of 20,000 particles, all initially at the same speed, after they each have undergone successive numbers of collisions.

Bonomo & Riggi,
Am. J. Phys., Vol 52, p 54 (1984)

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Kinetic-molecular theory of gases

We can rewrite the total pressure due to the N particles,

$$P = \frac{m}{V} (u_1^2 + u_2^2 + \dots + u_j^2 + \dots + u_N^2)$$

in terms of the **average squared speed**

$$u_{\text{avg}}^2 = (u_1^2 + u_2^2 + \dots + u_j^2 + \dots + u_N^2)/N$$

by multiplying and dividing P by N ,

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \frac{m}{V} N (u_1^2 + u_2^2 + \dots + u_j^2 + \dots + u_N^2)/N \\ &= \frac{m}{V} N u_{\text{avg}}^2 = \frac{m}{V} N_A n u_{\text{avg}}^2 = \frac{M}{V} n u_{\text{avg}}^2 \end{aligned}$$

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Kinetic-molecular theory of gases

The expression for pressure,

$$P = \frac{nM}{V} u_{\text{avg}}^2 \text{ (one dimension)}$$

assumes the particle **moves in just one dimension**, back and forth between opposite walls, say the walls perpendicular to the x axis.

A more detailed treatment that takes into account motion in all **three dimensions** shows that the pressure on any one wall is **only $\frac{1}{3}$ as great**,

$$P = \frac{nM}{3V} u_{\text{avg}}^2 \text{ (three dimensions)}$$

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Calculation of molecular speeds

We now have two expressions for pressure:

The **microscopic** expression $P = \frac{nMu_{\text{avg}}^2}{3} / V$

and the **macroscopic** expression $P = nRT / V$

Comparing these, we get that $\frac{Mu_{\text{avg}}^2}{3} = RT \dots$

and so that the average squared speed is $u_{\text{avg}}^2 = \frac{3RT}{M}$

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Calculation of molecular speeds

$$u_{\text{avg}}^2 = \frac{3RT}{M}$$

is the connection between...

microscopic **motion**, quantified as u_{avg}^2 , and ...

the macroscopic concept **temperature**, T , and molar **mass**, M .

The square **root** of the **mean** (average) squared speed is the **rms speed** ...

$$u_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{u_{\text{avg}}^2} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}}$$

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Practice with particle picture of gases

Let's consider some questions to help us develop a **particle-level understanding** of why gases behave the way they do.

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[TP] A container of volume V is filled with a gas at $20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. If V is **decreased** (while keeping T **constant**), the pressure P exerted by the gas on the walls of the container goes up ($P = nRT/V$). **Why?**

- 0% 1. The particles move faster
- 0% 2. The particles move slower
- 0% 3. The particles hit the walls harder
- 0% 4. The particles hit the walls less hard
- 0% 5. The particles hit the walls more often
- 0% 6. The particles hit the walls less often



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[TP] When more particles are added to the **same** V at the **same** T , P goes up ($P = nRT/V$). **Why?**

- 0% 1. The particles move faster
- 0% 2. The particles move slower
- 0% 3. The particles hit the walls harder
- 0% 4. The particles hit the walls less hard
- 0% 5. More particles hit the walls in a given time
- 0% 6. Fewer particles hit the wall in a given time



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[TP] When a gas is **heated**, if the P is to remain **constant**, then volume V must go up ($V = nRT/P$). **Why?**

- 17% 1. The particles move faster
- 17% 2. The particles move slower
- 17% 3. The particles hit the walls harder
- 17% 4. The particles hit the walls less hard
- 17% 5. The distance travelled between collisions with the walls must increase
- 17% 6. The distance travelled between collisions with the walls must decrease



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[TP] Two 1 L containers, A and B, each contain equal numbers of particles at $20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The particles of gas in A are **twice as heavy** as those in B, $m_A = 2 m_B$. Therefore ...

- 0% 1. particles of gas A move faster than those of gas B
- 0% 2. particles of gas A move slower than those of gas B
- 0% 3. particles of gas A move at the same average speed as those of gas B



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[Quiz] Two 1 L containers, A and B, each contain equal numbers of particles at 20 °C. The particles of gas in A are **twice as heavy** as those in B, $m_A = 2 m_B$. What are the relative pressures in the two containers?

- 0% 1. Pressure of A is half the pressure of B
- 0% 2. Pressure of A equals the pressure of B
- 0% 3. Pressure of A is twice the pressure of B
- 0% 4. Pressure of A is four times the pressure of B



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