

# Introduction to Physics I

## **Kinetic gas theory**

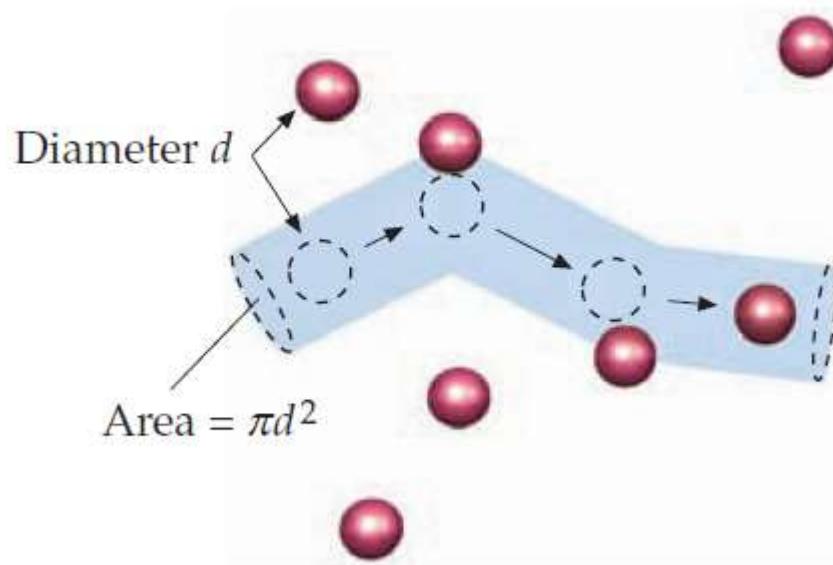
- equipartition, degrees of freedom
- mean free path
- Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution
- Brownian motion

**Ideal gas examples:** adiabatic processes

**Real gas law:** van der Waals equation

# mean free path

## collisions for a moving molecule



# mean free path, ideal gas at STP

**STP**

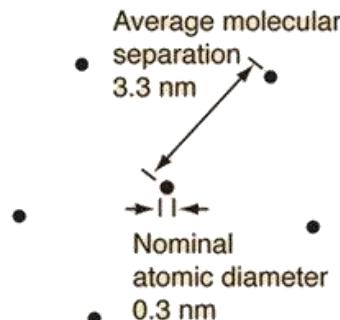
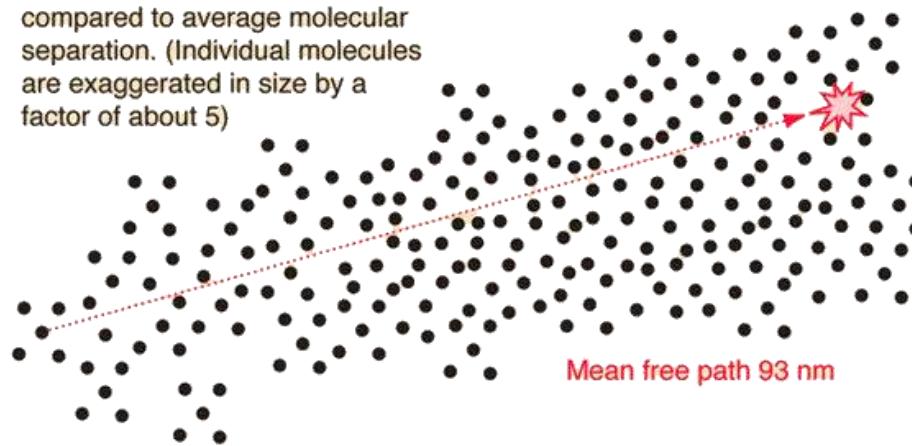
standard pressure  
& temperature

$P = 100\text{kPa}$  (1bar)  
 $T = 273.15 \text{ K}$  (0C)

**Atomic diameter**  
assumed here  
0.3nm

The mean free path is 310 times the nominal atomic diameter and 28 times the average molecular separation.

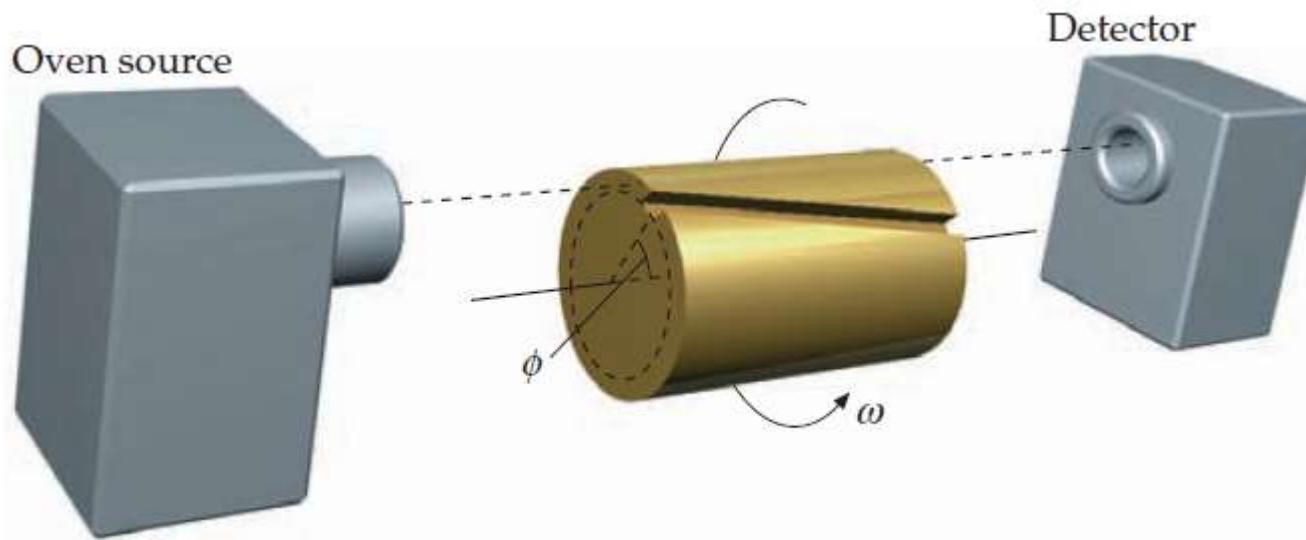
Perspective of mean free path compared to average molecular separation. (Individual molecules are exaggerated in size by a factor of about 5)



Perspective of molecular size compared to average molecular separation.

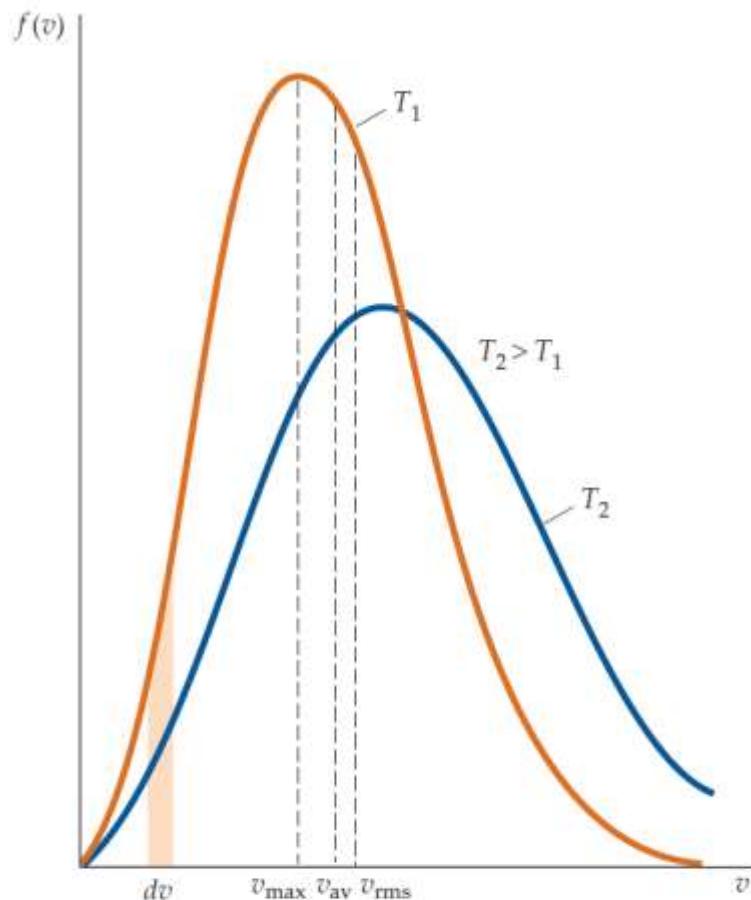
The average molecular separation is about 10x the atomic diameter.

# measuring the speed distribution of molecules



**FIGURE 17-16** Schematic diagram of the apparatus for determining the speed distribution of the molecules of a gas. A substance is vaporized in an oven and the vapor molecules are allowed to escape through a hole in the oven wall into a vacuum chamber. The molecules are collimated into a narrow beam by a series of slits (not shown). The beam is aimed at a detector that counts the number of molecules that are incident on it in a given period of time. A rotating cylinder stops most of the beam. Small slits in the cylinder (only one of which is depicted here) allow the passage of molecules that have a narrow range of speeds that is determined by the angular speed of the rotating cylinder. Counting the number of molecules that reach the detector for each of a large number of angular speeds, gives a measure of the number of molecules in each range of speeds.

# Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution



**FIGURE 17-17** Distributions of molecular speeds in a gas at two temperatures,  $T_1$  and  $T_2 > T_1$ . The shaded area  $f(v) dv$  equals the fraction of the number of molecules having a particular speed in a narrow range of speeds  $dv$ . The mean speed  $v_{av}$  and the rms speed  $v_{rms}$  are both slightly greater than the most probable speed  $v_{\max}$ .

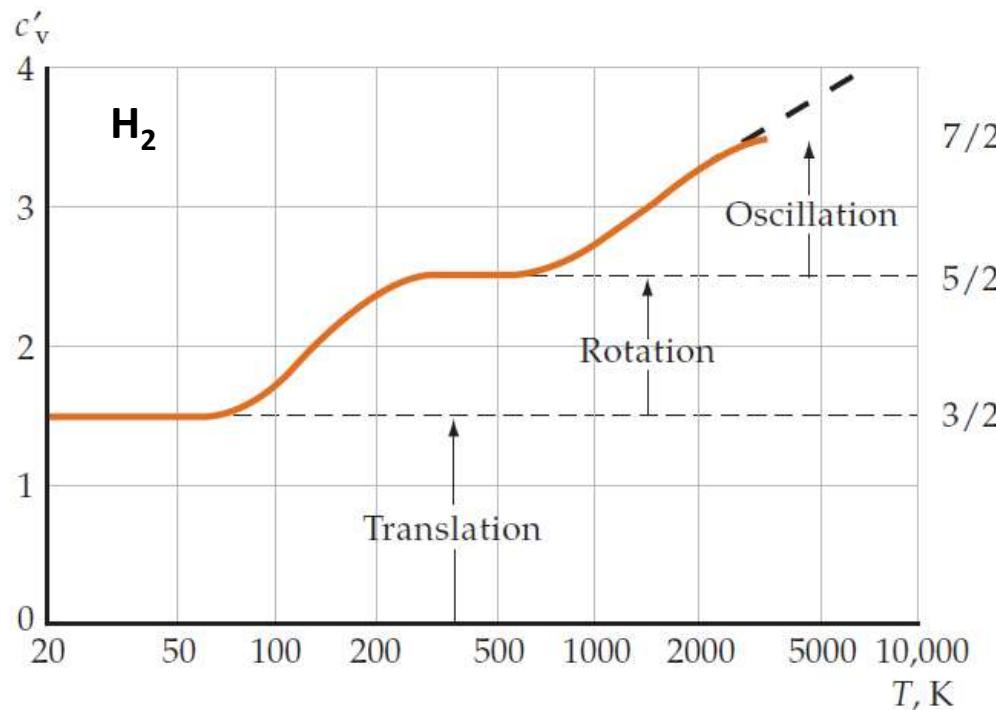
# equipartition theorem

## degrees of freedom & molar heat capacity

Molekül	Beispiel	$C_V(\text{J/mol}\cdot\text{K})$
einatomig 	ideal	$3 R/2 = 12.5$
	He	12.5
	Ar	12.6
zweiatomig 	ideal	$7 R/2 = 29.0$
	$\text{N}_2$	20.7
	$\text{O}_2$	20.8
dreiatomig (gestreckt) 	ideal	$13 R/2 = 54.0$
	$\text{CO}_2$	29.7

# equipartition theorem

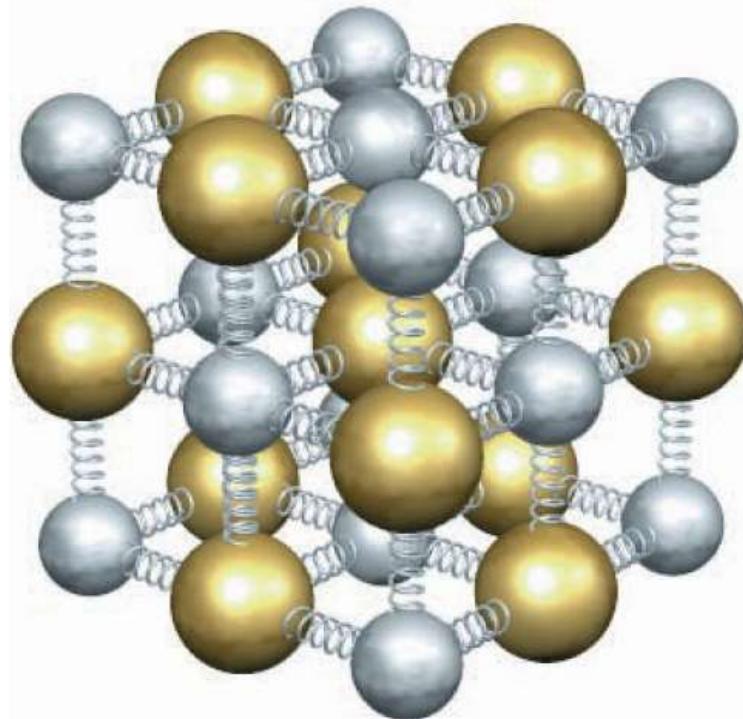
## degrees of freedom



**FIGURE 18-17** Temperature dependence of the molar heat capacity of  $H_2$ . (The curve is qualitative in those regions where  $c'_v$  is changing.) Ninety-five percent of  $H_2$  molecules are dissociated into atomic hydrogen at 5000 K.

# equipartition theorem

## heat capacity of a solid



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**FIGURE 18-16** Model of a solid in which the atoms are connected to each other by springs. The internal energy of the molecule consists of the kinetic and potential energies of vibration.

# (Makro-)Mechanik



Temperaturschwankungen:

$$x_{th} = 0.2 \text{ pm} = 2 \times 10^{-13} \text{ m}$$

$$T = 21 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$$

# Nanomechanik

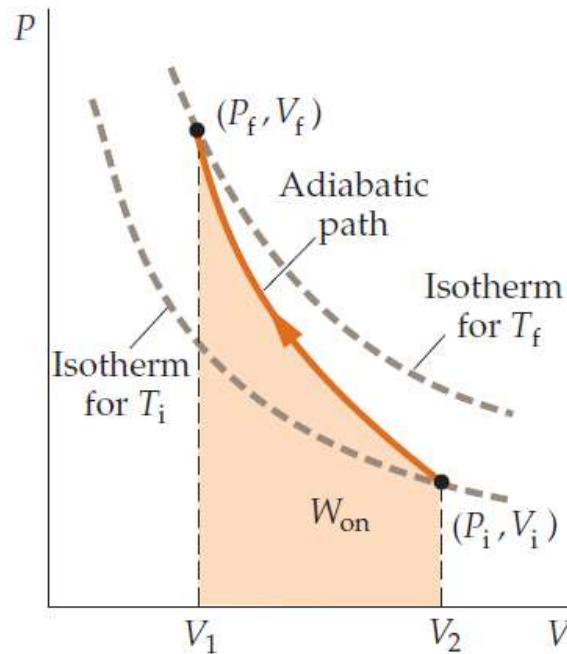


Temperaturschwankungen:

$$x_{th} = 8 \text{ nm} = 8 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$$

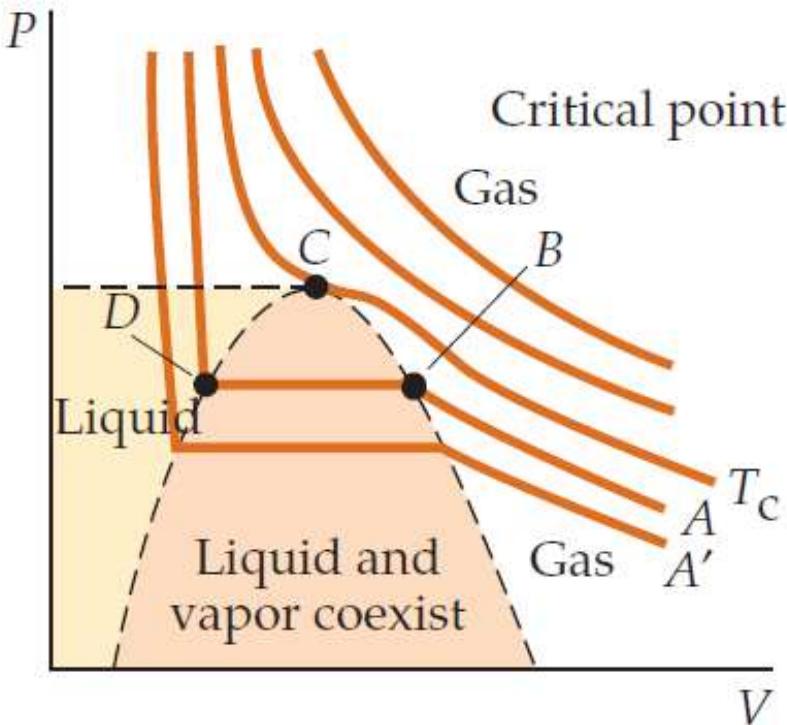
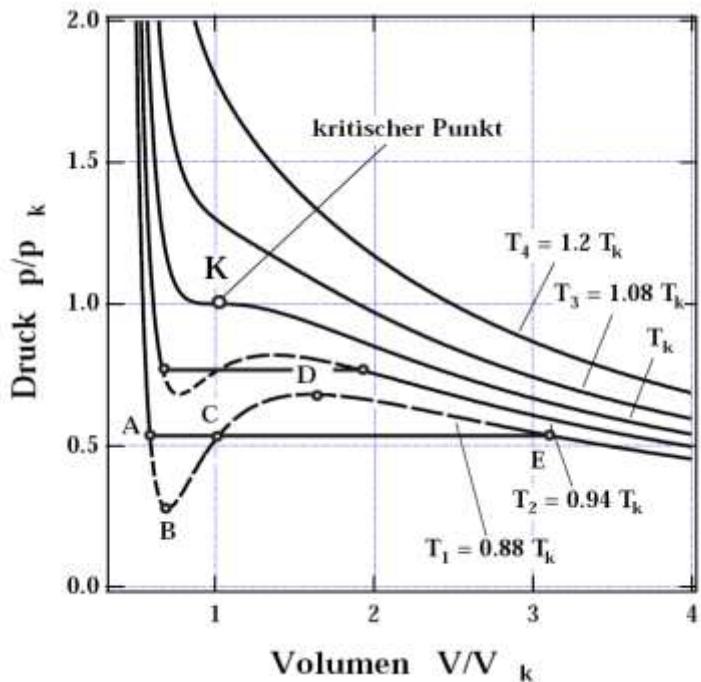
$$T = 21 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$$

# adiabatic process



**FIGURE 18 - 20** Quasi-static adiabatic compression of an ideal gas. The dashed lines are the isotherms for the initial and final temperatures. The curve connecting the initial and final states of the adiabatic compression is steeper than the isotherms because the temperature increases during the compression.

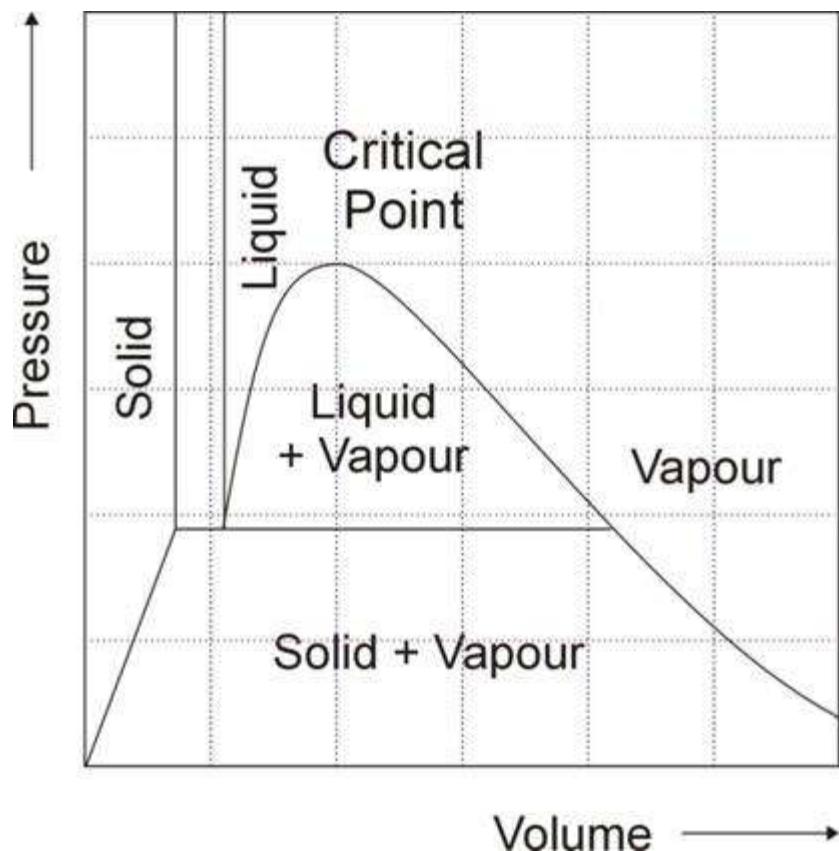
# real gas law: van der Waals



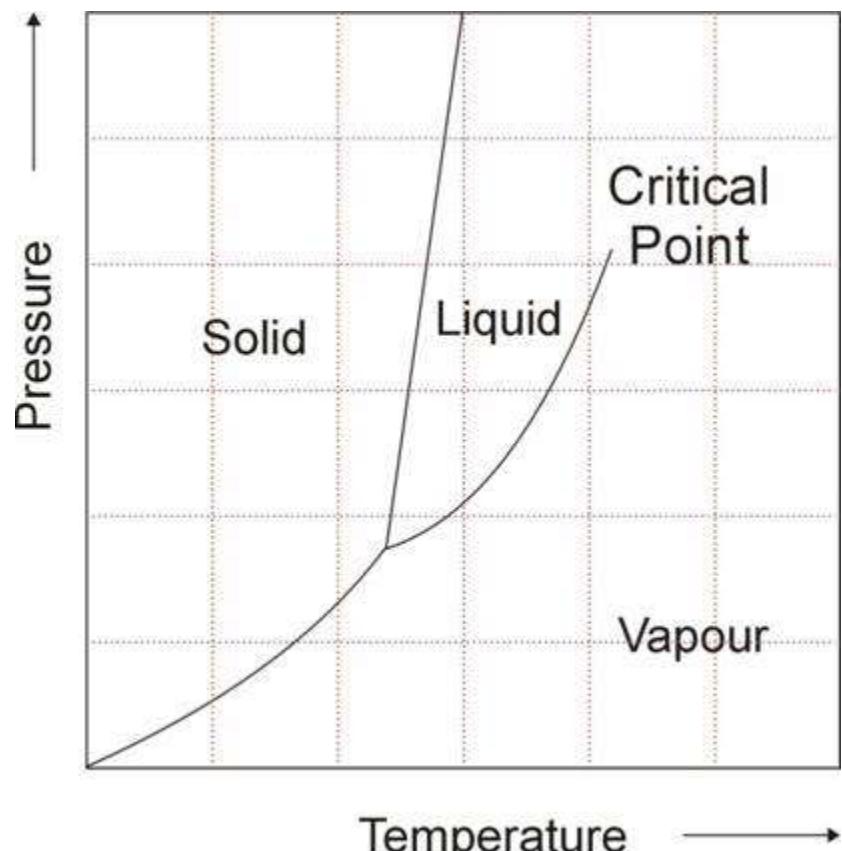
**FIGURE 20-5** Isotherms on the  $PV$  diagram for a substance. For temperatures above the critical temperature  $T_c$ , the substance remains a gas at all pressures. Except for the region where the liquid and vapor coexist, these curves are described quite well by the van der Waals equation. The pressure for the horizontal portions of the curves in the shaded region is the **vapor pressure** which is the pressure at which the vapor and liquid are in equilibrium. In the region shaded yellow, to the left of the region shaded pink, the substance is a liquid and is nearly incompressible.

# real gas law: van der Waals

PV diagram

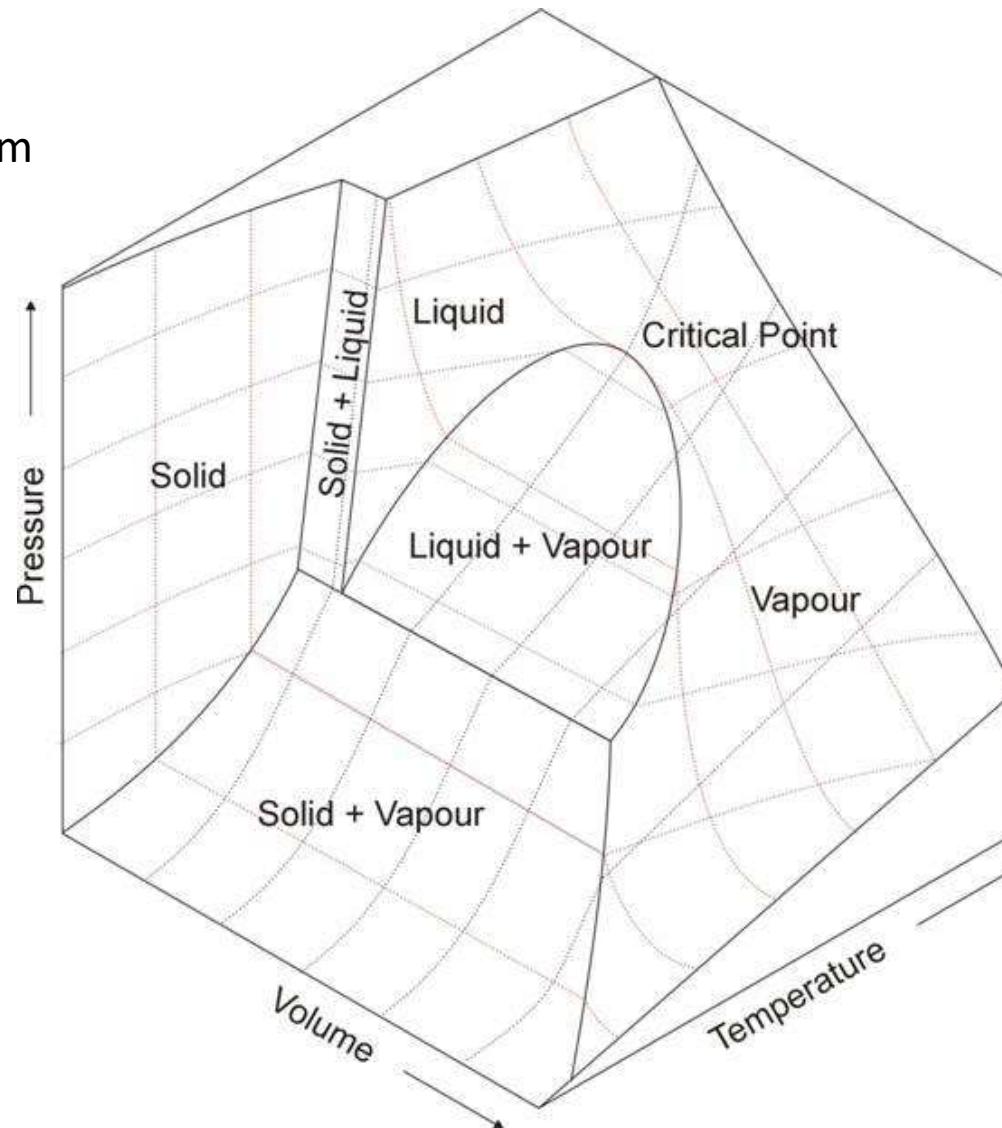


PT diagram



# real gas law: van der Waals

PVT phase diagram



# real gas law: van der Waals



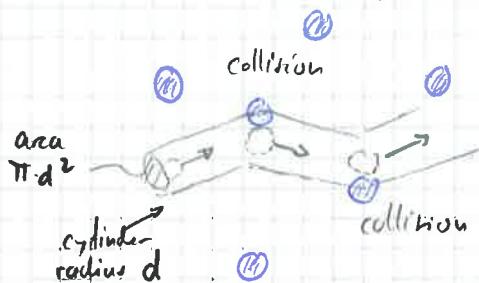
Cloud forming behind an aircraft as it breaks the sound barrier. As the aircraft moves through the air, an area of low pressure forms behind it. When the pressure of this air parcel falls below the vapor pressure of gaseous water, the water in the air condenses to form the cloud. Different atmospheric conditions cause the phenomenon to occur at different aircraft speeds. (*U.S. Department of Defense/Photo Researchers, Inc.*)

mean free path,  $\lambda$ ,  $[d] = m$

$\lambda$ : avg. distance between two collisions for a molecule

Consider 1 moving molecule (other, ~~attracted~~) during time  $t$ :

$\rightarrow$   $d$ , diameter



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drawing

if center of incoming molecule (○) is ~~attracted~~, closer or equal than  $d$  to other molecule: collision.

in time  $t$ , moving molecule (speed  $v$ ) will collide with all molecule within cylinder with volume  $\pi \cdot d^2 \cdot v \cdot t$

$\frac{\text{length of cylinder}}{v \cdot t}$

$$\text{nb collisions} = n_v \cdot \pi d^2 \cdot v \cdot t, \text{ where } n_v = \frac{N}{V}, \text{ nb molecules per unit volume}$$

$$\parallel \text{Mean free path (mfp)} = \frac{\text{total path}}{\text{nb collisions}} = \frac{v \cdot t}{n_v \cdot \pi d^2 \cdot v \cdot t} = \frac{1}{n_v \cdot \pi \cdot d^2} = d$$

taking into account correction due to motion of other molecules (need to know speed distribution function, if later)

$$\parallel \lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{n_v \cdot \pi \cdot d^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{k_B T}{P \cdot \pi \cdot d^2}$$

example  
 $\hookrightarrow \%$

$$\text{collision time } \bar{\tau} : \quad \bar{\tau} = \frac{\lambda}{v_{avg}}$$

(avg. time between collisions,

$$\ast P \cdot V = n R T = N \cdot N_A \cdot k_B T, \text{ hence } \frac{N}{V} = \frac{P}{k_B T}$$

$N$ : nb molecules

$n$ : nb moler

$$N_A = 6.022 \cdot 10^{23} \frac{\text{molecules}}{\text{mole}}$$

example 1

for molecules with  $d = 0.3 \text{ nm}$ , at  $T = 300 \text{ K}$  &  $P = 100 \text{ kPa}$

$\lambda \approx 10^{-7} \text{ m}$        $(26.85^\circ \text{C})$        $(1 \text{ bar})$

$= 0.1 \mu\text{m} = \underline{100 \text{ nm}}$ ,  $\sim 345 \times$  molecule diameter

avg dist. between  
molecules,  $\simeq 3.05 \text{ nm}$



mfp for ideal gas

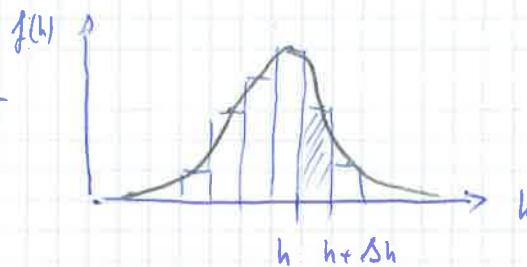
## distribution function of gas velocities (Maxwell-Boltzmann)

(see Tipler ch 17-4, p 575 for example)

Intuition: distrib. function, e.g.  $f(h) \rightarrow$  nb of persons with height  $h$

- a) histogram: count persons within  $[h \text{ and } h+Δh]$

- b) function  $f(h)$



For  $N$  people,  $N \cdot f(h) \cdot Δh$  is the nb of people whose height is between  $h$  and  $h+Δh$

↑  
continuous function

Similarly, Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution function (distrib can be measured)  
(c) Tipler ch 17-4

$$dN = N \cdot f(v) \cdot dv$$

$N$ : gas molecules

$dN$ : nb gas molecules with speed between  $v$  and  $v+dv$

Result from stat mech:

$$f(v) = \frac{4}{\pi r^2} \cdot \left( \frac{m}{2k_B T} \right)^{3/2} \cdot v^2 \cdot e^{-mv^2/(2k_B T)}$$

Boltzmann factor,  $e^{-\text{Energy}/(k_B T)}$

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Max-Boltz. distrib. function

relevant to problem  
here: kin energy molecule

- most probable speed  $v_{\max}$  for  $f(v)$  max

$$v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{2R T}{M}}$$

$M$ : molar mass

$$M = m \cdot N_A$$

- root-mean square speed  $v_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{3R T}{M}}$   
(see before)

# Specific heat of gases

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Reminder:  $\Delta Q = Q \cdot \Delta T$   
capital  $Q$

$$\Delta Q = c \cdot m \cdot \Delta T \quad , \quad c = \frac{C}{m}$$

↑  
small  $c$

$C$ : heat capacity,  $[C] = \frac{J}{K}$   
energy (heat) needed to warm  
a substance by 1 degree  
 $c$ : specific heat (capacity)  
 $[c] = \frac{J}{kg \cdot K}$ , depend. on substance

, we have seen that the internal energy of a gas (monatomic)  
consists of translational kinetic energy  $\sqrt{3 \text{ deg. of freedom}}$

$$K_{\text{trans.}} = N \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \right)_{\text{avg.}} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{N \cdot k_B \cdot T}{p} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{n \cdot R \cdot T}{p} = E_{\text{int}}$$

nb. molecule      nb. mole

Increasing  $T$  is equivalent to increase  $E_{\text{int}}$ , hence, the heat capacity can be written ( $\Delta T \rightarrow dT$ )

$$c_V = \frac{dE}{dT} = \frac{dE_{\text{int}}}{dT} = \frac{3}{2} n R$$

$$\parallel C_V = \frac{3}{2} n R \quad \text{molar specific heat capacity}$$

(subscript "V" means at constant volume)

NB: why at const. volume?

~~If~~  $V = \text{const.}$ : all energy goes only to increasing the internal energy ( $\frac{1}{2} m v^2$ )  
if  $V = \text{const.}$  ( $P \propto$ ), no work done

$V \neq \text{const.}$ : expansion (assume  $P = \text{const.}$ ), hence the heat  $dQ$  added to gas has to also produce work  $[P \cdot V] = \frac{N}{m^2} \cdot m^3$

$$dW = F \cdot dS = P \cdot A \cdot dS = P \cdot dV$$

only if  $dV=0$ , is  $dW=0$ .

$$= \frac{N \cdot m}{m^3} \cdot m^2$$

$$= N \cdot m = ?$$

energy, work

and  $C_p \cdot dT - C_V \cdot dT = P \cdot dV$

Using the state eq.  $PV = nRT$ ,  $PdV = nRdT$

We get

$$\parallel C_p - C_V = n \cdot R \quad \text{for an ideal, monatomic gas}$$

$$\parallel C_p = C_V + nR = \frac{5}{2} nR \quad , \quad C_V = \frac{3}{2} nR$$

def. molar (specific) heat  $c'$

$$c' = \frac{Q}{n} = \frac{mc}{n} = M \cdot c$$

$Q$ : heat capacity

$n$ : nb. mole

$m$ : mass of sample (substance)

$M$ : molar mass  $[M] = \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{mol}}$

and  $C_V = \frac{3}{2} R$

- We only accounted for translational mode here; ok for monoatomic gas

Rem. equipartition theorem: if  $N$  nb. atom  $\geq 1$  (in molecule), rot + vibrat  
 (slides)  $\Rightarrow$  equip. theor.  
 total  $3N$  modes  
 (deg. freedom)

2)  $C_V'$  for various molecules  
 compare measured value to ideal gas

remember vibration modes

contribute to kin and pot energy

$c \propto 10^3$  (but future)

$$E_{\text{int}} = \sum_i E_{\text{kin}}^{\text{trans}} + \sum_i E_{\text{kin}}^{\text{rot}} + \left( \underbrace{\sum_i E_{\text{kin}}^{\text{vibr}}}_{\text{Weight } 2^{-4}} + \underbrace{\sum_i E_{\text{pot}}^{\text{vibr}}}_{\frac{1}{2} k_B T} \right)$$

(for He, monoatomic 3 deg. freedom (trans))

$$C_V' = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} R = \frac{3}{2} R$$

for  $N_2$ , diatomic 3 trans, 2 rot, 1 vibr ( $= 6 = 3 \times 2$ )  
 atoms

$\text{H}_2$   $\text{O}_2$   $\text{CO}_2$

$$C_V' = (3 + 2 + 1 + 1) \cdot \frac{1}{2} R = \frac{7}{2} R$$

kin pot

$\text{CO}_2$  for  $\text{CO}_2$  : 3 trans, 2 rot, 4 vibr ( $= 9 = 3 \times 3$ )

$$C_V' = (3 + 2 + 4 + 4) \cdot \frac{1}{2} R = \frac{13}{2} R$$

slide •  $C_V'$  for  $\text{H}_2$ : excitation of rotation modes and vibration modes as  $T \nearrow$   
 note: molecule start dissociating above 700K.

# heat capacity / specific heat of solid

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following previous reasoning : no translation of atoms ; no travel of whole body  
no rotation of atoms/molecule ; no rot.  $\Rightarrow$  vibrations (kin + pot.)

(slide) model of solid

total internal energy of solid

$$E_{int} = \frac{1}{2}mv_x^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_y^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_z^2 + \frac{1}{2}k_{eff}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}k_{eff}y^2 + \frac{1}{2}k_{eff}z^2$$

$\uparrow$  vibration, kin       $\uparrow$  vibration, pot.

$k_{eff}$  : effective force constant of  
(hypothetical) springs between atoms

that is : 6 deg. of freedom

$$\Rightarrow E_{int} = 6 \cdot \frac{1}{2}RT = 3RT \quad \text{for 1 mole}$$

$$\text{and } \parallel C_V = 3R \quad \text{heat capacity}$$

Dulong - Petit law, ok for a lot of solids

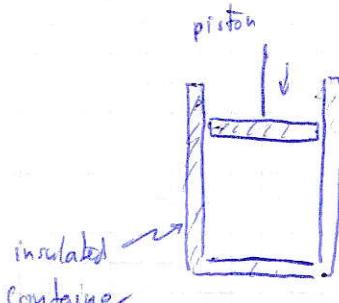
at not too low temperature

(fails at low T; due to energy quantization)

## adiabatic process

process in which no heat transfer in or out of a system  
 $(Q)$

(e.g. very well insulated system)



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adiabatic  
process,  
pV diagram

slow compression of gas,  
 (insulated container,  $\Delta Q=0$ )

→ Eq. of state :  $P.V = n.R.T$   
 (ideal gas)

→ first law thermo :  $dE_{int} = \underbrace{dQ_{in}}_{=0} + dW_{out}$ , adiabatic process

seen previously :  $dE_{int} = C_V dT$   
 (L20 - L21)

$\downarrow$  heat capacity at const V.

$$dW_{out} = -P dV$$

$\downarrow$  work done on gas  
 $dQ=0$ , adiabatic process

$$C_V dT = 0 + P dV$$

$$(P.V = nRT, P = \frac{nRT}{V})$$

$$C_V dT + \frac{n.R.T}{V} dV = 0$$

$$\frac{dT}{T} + \frac{n.R}{C_V} \cdot \frac{dV}{V} = 0$$

integrate

$$\ln T + \frac{n.R}{C_V} \cdot \ln V = \text{const}$$

$$\ln V^{\frac{nR}{C_V}}$$

and

$$\ln (T \cdot V^{\frac{nR}{C_V}}) = \text{const}$$

thus,

$$T \cdot V^{\frac{nR}{C_V}} = \text{const}$$

Using  $\gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_v}$  and  $C_p - C_v = nR$

$C_p$ : specific heat at const P.

(monatomic gas, cf L20, L21)

$$\frac{nR}{C_V} = \frac{C_p}{C_V} - 1 = \gamma - 1$$

We have  $\parallel T \cdot V^{\delta-1} = \text{const}$

Using  $PV = nRT$ ,  $T = \frac{PV}{nR}$

$$\frac{P \cdot V}{nR} \cdot V^{\delta-1} = \frac{P \cdot V^\delta}{nR} = \text{const}$$

and  ~~$n=1$~~ , also

$$\parallel P \cdot V^\delta = \text{const} \quad (\text{at } n=\text{const}) \quad \delta = \frac{C_p}{C_v}$$

adiabatic process

(quasi-static)

exp adiabatic

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gas mixtures (ideal gases)

e.g. air ~21% oxygen, ~78% nitrogen

diving: oxygen-enriched air (nitrox)  $\rightarrow$  longer dives

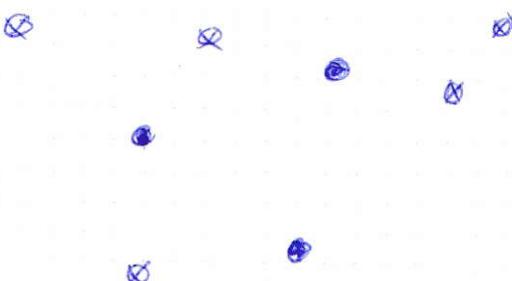
deep diving: oxygen + helium (heliox) -  
(avoid nitrogen narcosis)

if mixture sufficiently dilute (in confined volume  $V$ ),  
each gas occupies the whole volume  $V$   
(Vol. of gas molecule negligible as compared to  $V$ )

thus  $P_{\text{mixture}} = \sum_i P_i$ , sum of individual pressures  
or partial pressure

$$= \frac{1}{V} \cdot \sum_i n_i \cdot R \cdot T$$

$\uparrow$   
# of mole individual gases



brownian motion : random movement of microscopic particles suspended in a liquid or gas

(Robert Brown 1827)

botanist

(explanation: Einstein, 1905) / Jean Perrin: quantitative observations 1905-1911, Nobel 1926; ended skepticism about atoms/molecules

exp Rauchhammer - smoke particle in air  
 $\sim 10\text{ }\mu\text{m} - 1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$

( $\hookrightarrow$  discontinuous structure of matter)

origin of brownian motion:  
 || jittering of particle in a gas/liquid  
 || due to repeated collisions with molecules of gas

$\rightarrow$  hypothesis/explanation: Einstein: brownian motion as evidence for the existence of atoms (molecules)

N.B.: 1st "observation" of atoms: 1981's STP, ATOM.  
 (at  $\sim$  of electrons  $\sim 2010$ )

diffusion of particle,  $D$ : diffusion constant,  $[D] = \frac{m^2}{s}$

avg particle motion:  $\langle r^2 \rangle_{\text{avg}} \sim D \cdot t$

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \text{avg} & \text{time} \\ \text{particle} & \text{constant} \end{matrix}$

Einstein  
 (Sutherland-Einstein)  
 of PAo, Sutherland  
 Lord

$$D = \frac{k_B T}{f}$$

$$= \frac{k_B T}{6\pi \eta R}$$

$f = G \tau \eta R$ , Stokes friction coefficient  
 $\tau$  viscosity of liquid  
 $R$  particle radius  $R$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle_{\text{avg}}^{1/2} \sim \sqrt{\frac{k_B T \cdot t}{6\pi \eta R}}$$

and  $\left(\frac{1}{2} m v^2\right)_{\text{avg}} = \frac{3}{2} k_B T$

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \text{mass of atom} & \text{avg speed of atom} \end{matrix}$

relationship between a macroscopic diffusion constant and the atomic nature/ properties of matter

(like considering the motion of an iceberg due to penguin jumping on it)

sticks

- macro mechanics
- nanomechanics

example: Brownian motion

gas, normal / standard condition

$$n = \frac{N_A}{V} = \frac{6.02 \cdot 10^{23}}{0.022 \cdot 4} \frac{\text{particle}}{\text{m}^3}$$

density of gas molecules

for 1 mol in std conditions

$$P = 100 \text{ kPa}, T = 273.15 \text{ K}, V = 22.4 \text{ L}$$

typ. mean free path for gas molecule

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi d^2}, \quad d = 1 \text{ \AA} = 10^{-10} \text{ m} \quad (\text{~\AA atom size})$$

$$\approx 8.4 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 0.84 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\text{assuming } \langle v^2 \rangle_{\text{avg}}^{1/2} = 10^3 \text{ m/s} \quad (\text{Hydrogen estimate } \approx 480 \text{ m/s})$$

$$\lambda = (v^2)_{\text{avg}}^{1/2} \cdot \tau \Rightarrow \tau \approx 8.4 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ s}, \text{ time between collision}$$

$$\text{hence } \frac{1}{\tau} \approx 10^9 \text{ s}^{-1} : \text{ub collisions per second}$$

## real gas law - van der Waals equation of state

Klausur  
L2u 8

- at high pressure  $P$  or low temperature  $T$ : breakdown of ideal gas law

and  $PV = n \cdot R \cdot T$  requires corrections

$$\left( P - \frac{a \cdot n^2}{V^2} \right) \cdot (V - b \cdot n) = n \cdot R \cdot T \quad n \text{ mole of gas}$$

Van der Waals eq. of state

(correction because 1) molecules have a finite (non zero) volume  
b for one mole of gas

2) force  $F$  between gas molecules:

- $F$  attracts gas molecule approaching wall container  
( $\rightarrow$  remember how we calculated  $P$ )

$F \propto \frac{n}{V}$ , density of molecules pulling back

- nb of molecule hitting container wall per unit time  
 $\propto \frac{n}{V}$

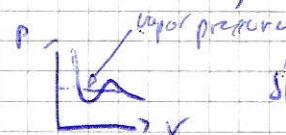
hence correction to pressure  $P \propto \left(\frac{n}{V}\right)^2$

constant  $a$ : small for inert gases ( $\text{Ar}, \text{N}_2$ )  
(low reactivity)

$\left( \frac{a \cdot n^2}{V^2}, b \cdot n \text{ small for large } V \right)$

$\rightarrow$  ideal gas law

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isotherms  shape!  $\rightarrow$  3 critical points  $T_c$

phase diag.

- v.d.Waals eq. describes isotherms outside shaded region  
where liquid & vapor coexist  $\rightarrow$  2 different states gas
- $\Rightarrow$  gas can condensate when  $P \& V \downarrow$  Wanted
- phase diag.  $PV, PT, PVT$
- condensation cloud behind aircraft

exp. q.