

Kinetic Molecular Theory



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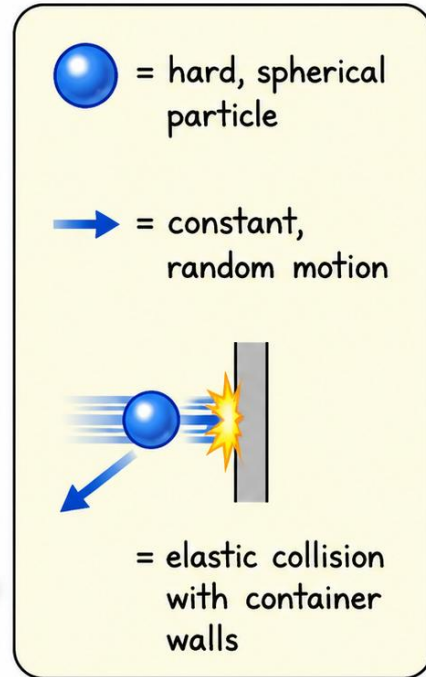
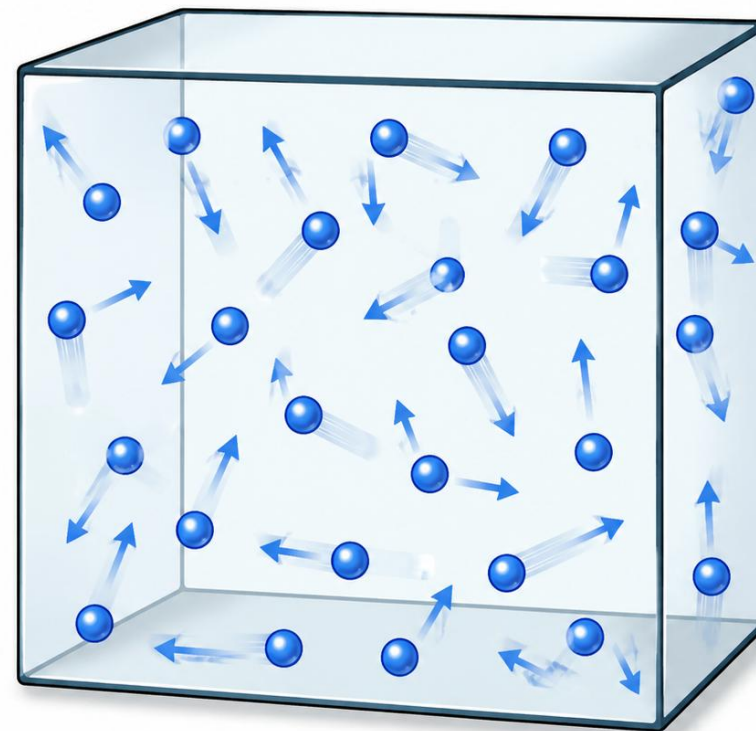
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By end of this unit I can...

- **A.1 Create and/or evaluate models that illustrate how a gas exerts pressure.**
- **A.2 Explain the relationship between pressure in a gas and collisions.**
- **B.1 Explain the relationships between the macroscopic properties of a sample of a gas using the kinetic molecular theory.**
- **B.2 Create and/or evaluate models that illustrate how a sample of gas responds to changes in macroscopic properties.**
- **C.1 Determine mathematically and/or graphically the quantitative relationship between macroscopic properties of gases.**
- **C.2 Perform calculations relating to the macroscopic properties of gases.**

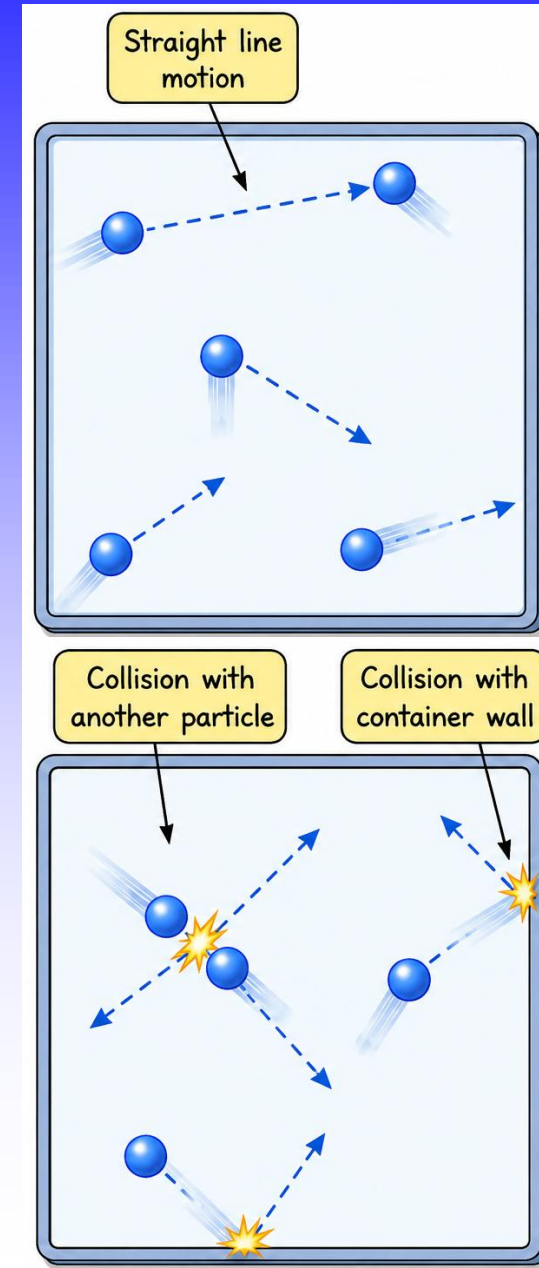
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1. Gases are composed of a large number of particles that behave like hard, spherical objects in a state of constant, random motion.



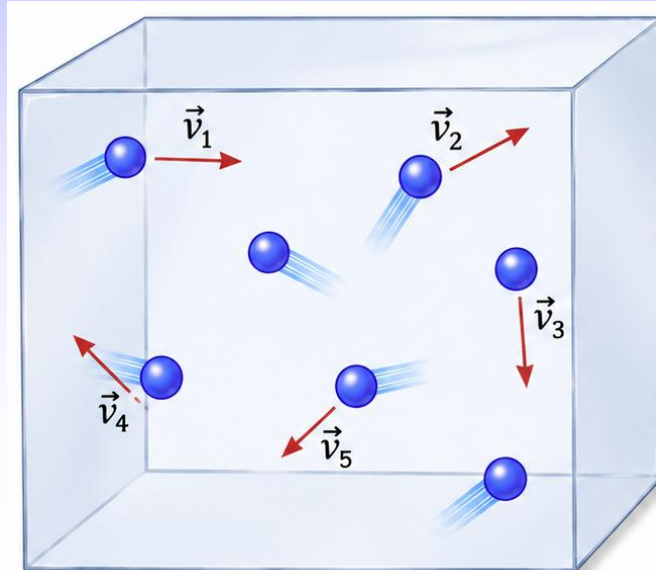
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2. These particles move in a straight line until they collide with another particle or the walls of the container.
3. These particles are much smaller than the distance between particles. Most of the volume of a gas is therefore empty space.



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4. There is no force of attraction between gas particles or between the particles and the walls of the container.
5. The average kinetic energy of a collection of gas particles depends on the temperature of the gas and nothing else.



Formula:

$$\overline{KE} = \frac{3}{2} k_B T$$

(average kinetic energy per particle)

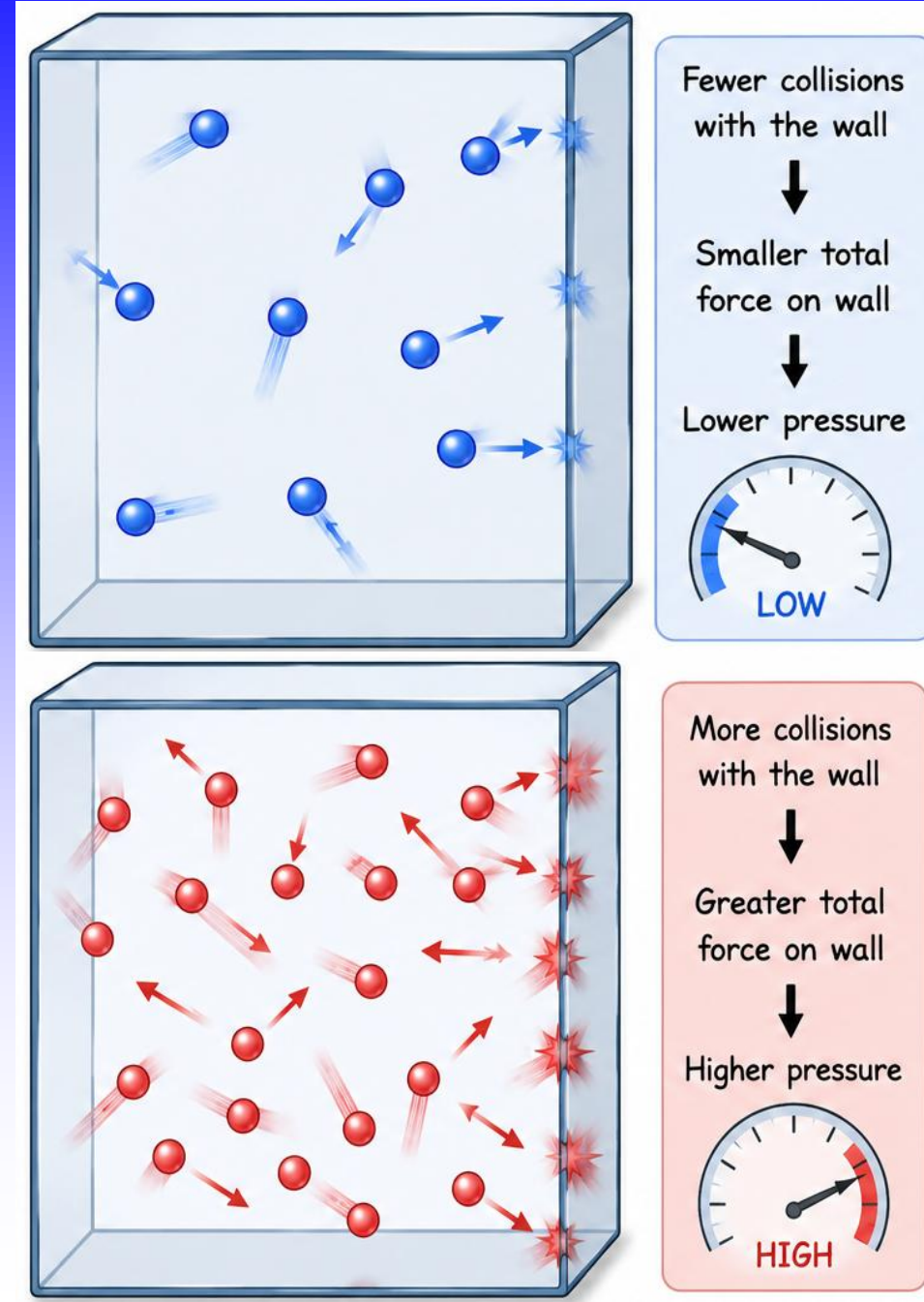
$\overline{KE}$ = average kinetic energy per particle (J)

k_B = Boltzmann constant
(1.38×10^{-23} J/K)

T = absolute temperature (K)

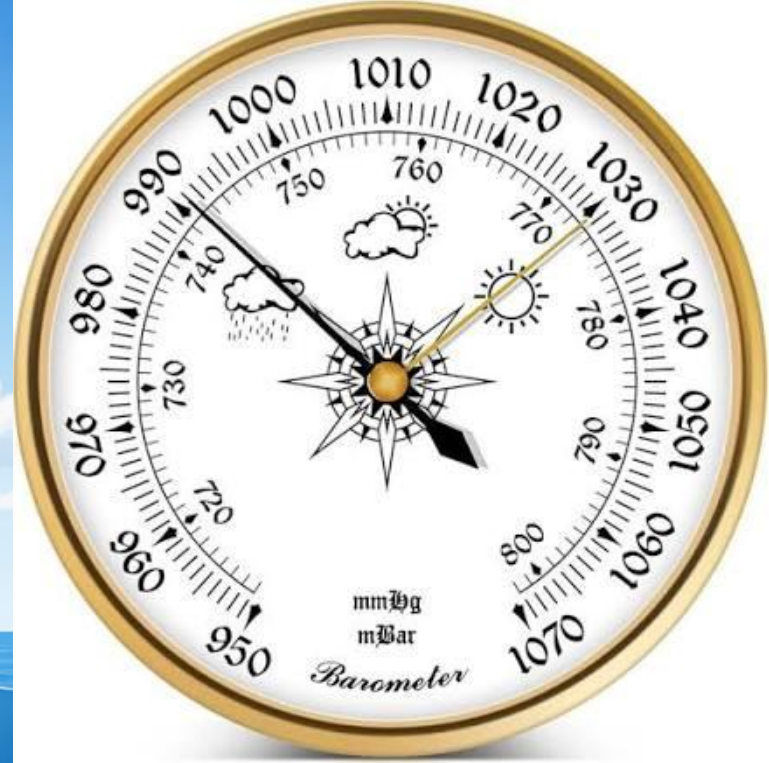
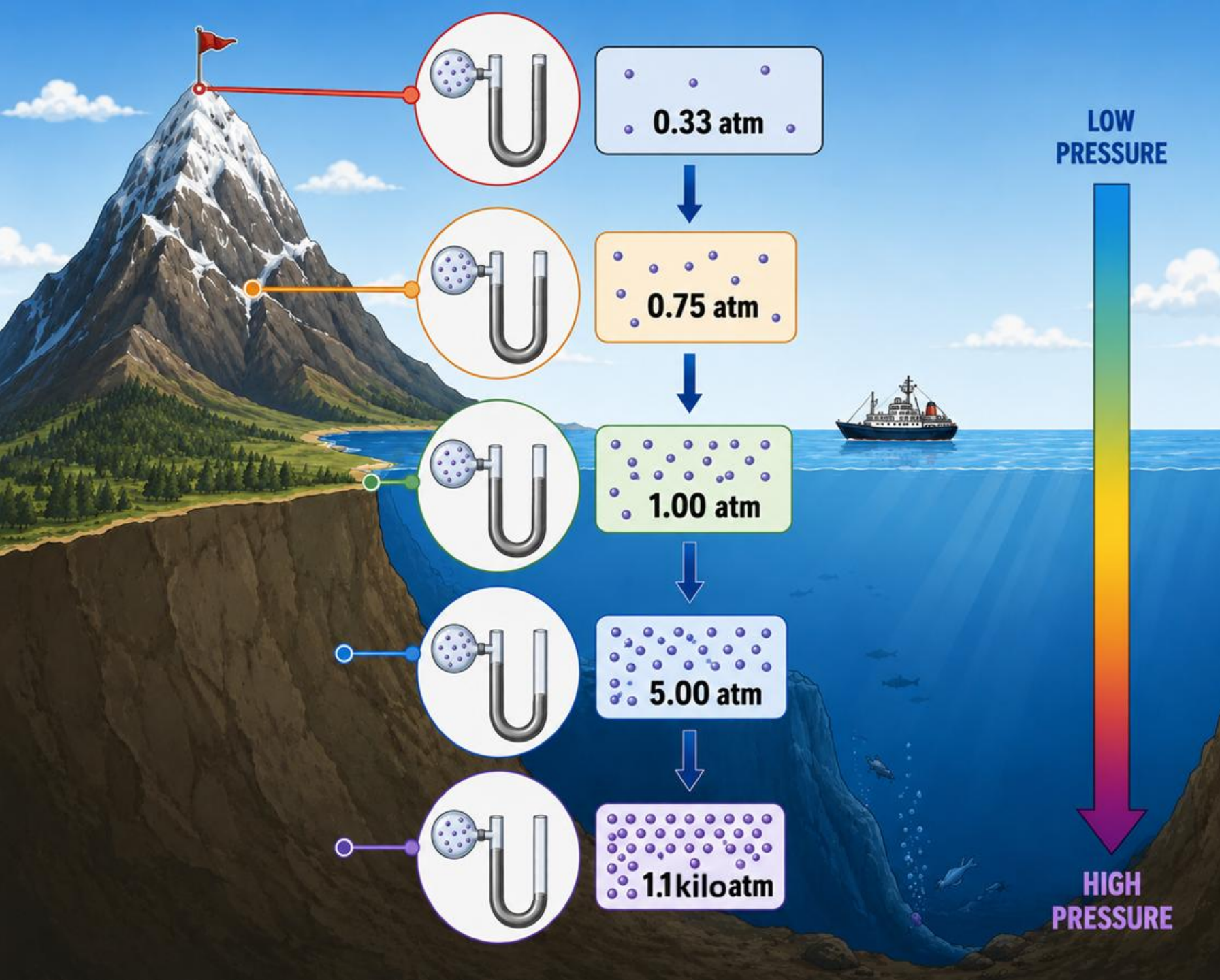
Pressure

- **Collisions with a wall impart a force.**
 - Faster particles hit harder.
 - Faster particles hit more often.
 - More particles hit more often.
 - Smaller container increase hits.
- **Quantified: $P=F/A$**
 - N/m^2 or Pascal (Pa)



Pressure Conversions

- **Atmosphere (atm):** Average pressure at sea level (.33-1,100)
 - Physics, Chemistry, Divers
- **Pascals (Pa):** Default SI unit.
 - Physics, HVAC: 1-atm = 101.3-kPa (kilo Pascal's)
- **mm of Hg:** Difference in Mercury's height in a tube.
 - Medicine: 1-atm = 760 mm Hg
- **psi:** Imperial unit lbs/in²
 - Tires, Hydraulics: 1-atm = 14.7 lb/in² (psi)
- **bar:** Greek for weight
 - Meteorologists, Nautical: 1-atm = 1.013-bar

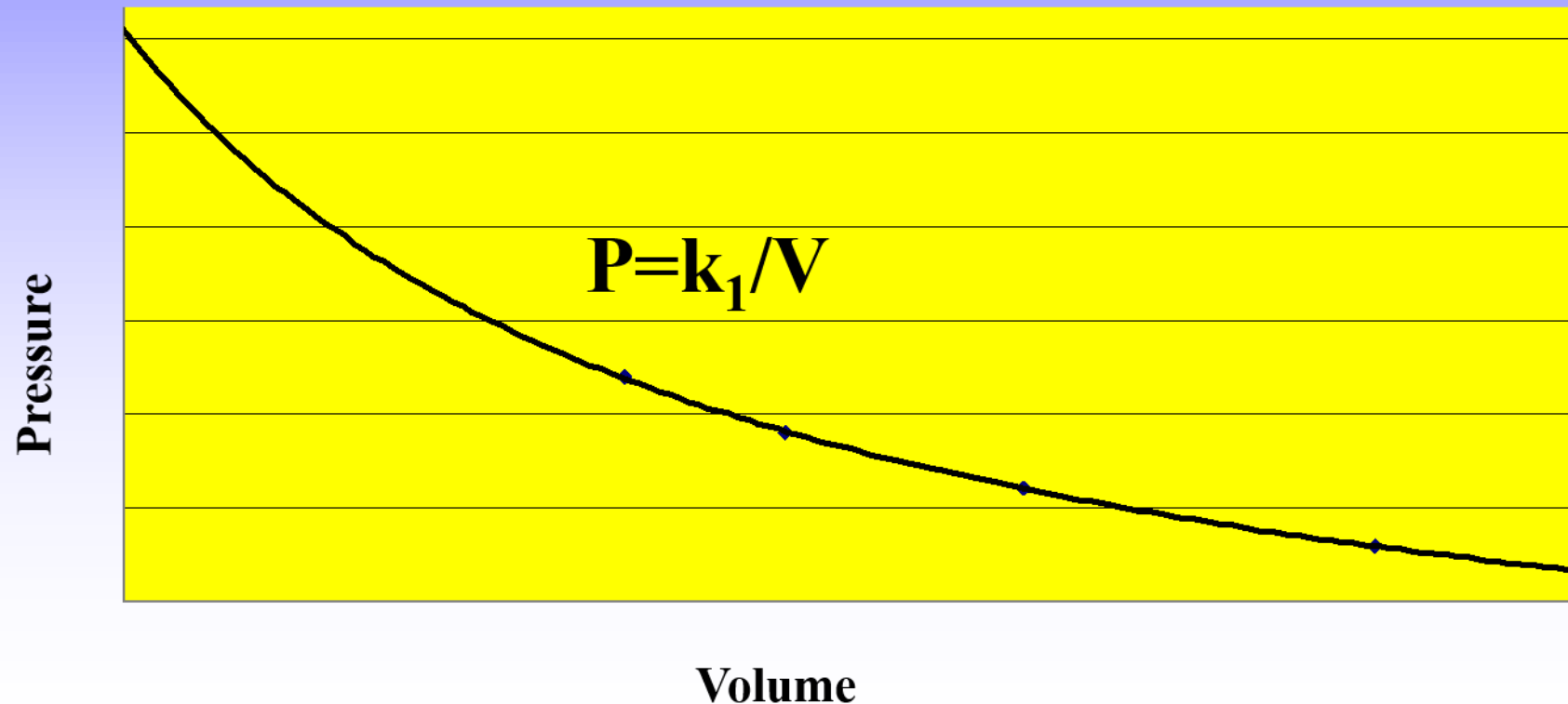


Gas Laws: Boyle



- While looking at gasses Boyle found that for any gas the following is true.

Robert Boyle's Test



Gas Laws: Boyle



- Doing this experiment multiple times, he found that $P=k/V$ or $PV=k$.
 - This assumes a constant Temperature.
- For any sample of gas the following is true:

$$P_1V_1=k_1 \quad \text{and} \quad P_2V_2=k_1$$

so...

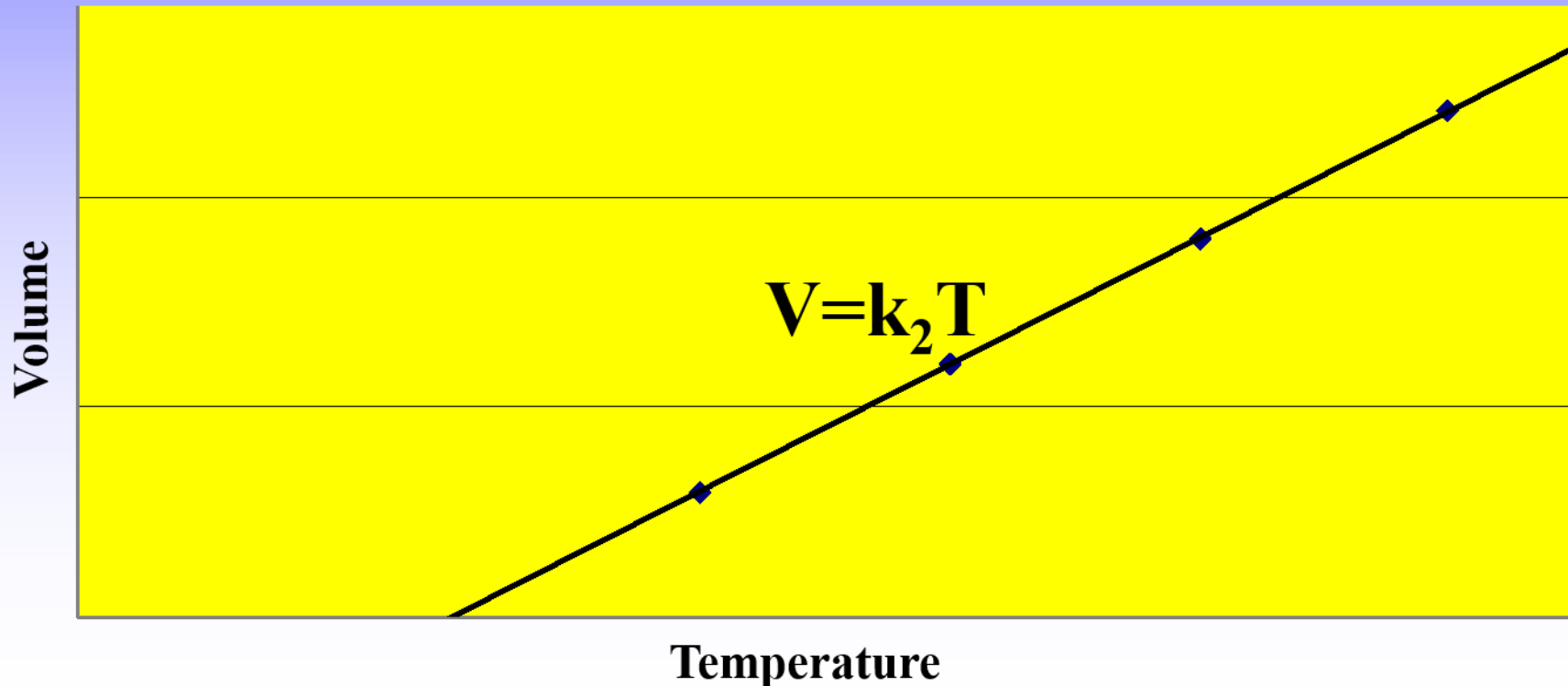
$$P_1V_1=P_2V_2$$

Gas Laws: Charles



- While looking at gasses it was found that for any gas the following is true.

Jacques Charles' Test



Gas Laws: Charles



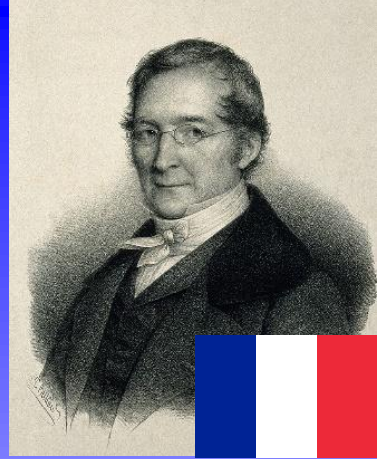
- Doing this experiment multiple times, he found that $V=k_2T$.
 - This assumes a constant Pressure.
- For any sample of gas the following is true:

$$V_1=k_2T_1 \quad \text{and} \quad V_2=k_2T_2$$

so...

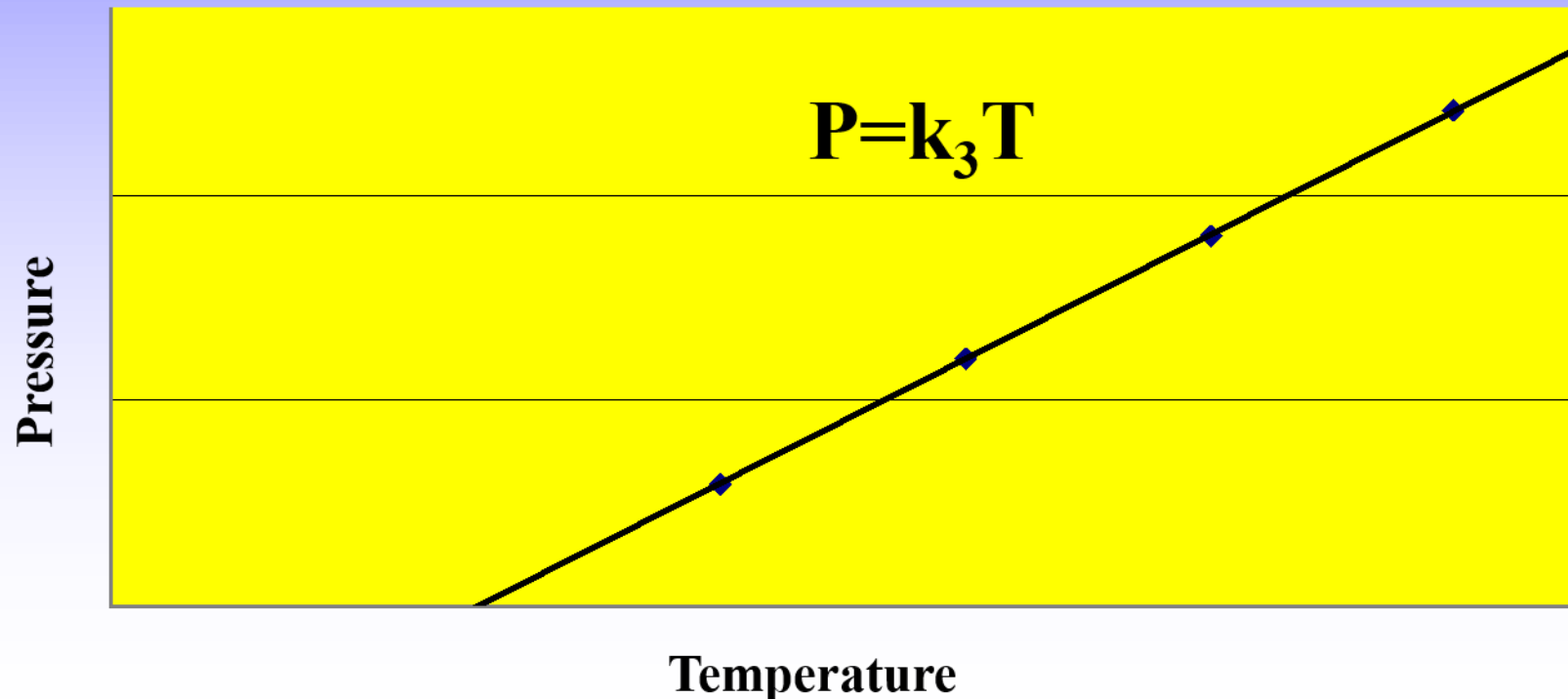
$$V_1/T_1=V_2/T_2$$

Gas Laws: Gay-Lussac

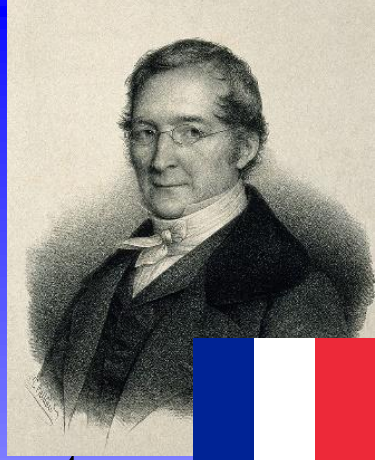


- While looking at gasses it was found that for any gas the following is true.

Joseph Louis Gay-Lussac's Test



Gas Laws: Gay-Lussac



- Doing this experiment multiple times, he found that $P=k_3T$.
 - This assumes a constant Volume.
- For any sample of gas the following is true:

$$P_1=k_3T_1 \quad \text{and} \quad P_2=k_3T_2$$

so...

$$P_1/T_1=P_2/T_2$$

Gas Law's: Combined

All these investigations combine:

Gay-Lussac

Boyles

Boltzmann's Constant

Number of Particles $\rightarrow$

$$\frac{PV}{NT} = k_B$$

← $1.38 \times 10^{-23} \frac{J}{K}$

Charles

If the same gas is looked at later
and there is a change:

Before = After

$$\frac{PV}{T} = \frac{PV}{T}$$

Gas Law Example: Combined



- At **310-K** a balloon at **1.75-atm** has a volume of **2.0-L**.
The temp drops to **250-K** and then has a volume of **2.3-L**.

What is the new **Pressure**?

$$\frac{PV}{T} = \frac{PV}{T}$$

$$\frac{1.75 - atm \cdot 2 - L}{310 - K} = \frac{P \cdot 2.3 - L}{250 - K}$$

$$.01129 - atm = .0092 \cdot P$$

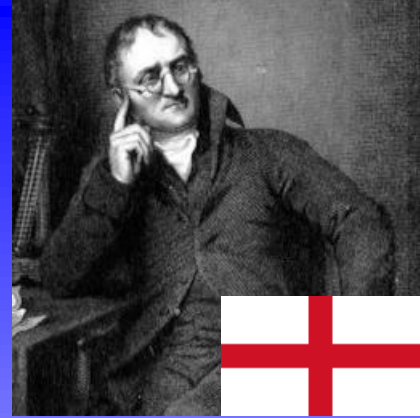
$$1.227 - atm = P$$

Before
P= 1.75-atm
V= 2.0-L
T= 310-K

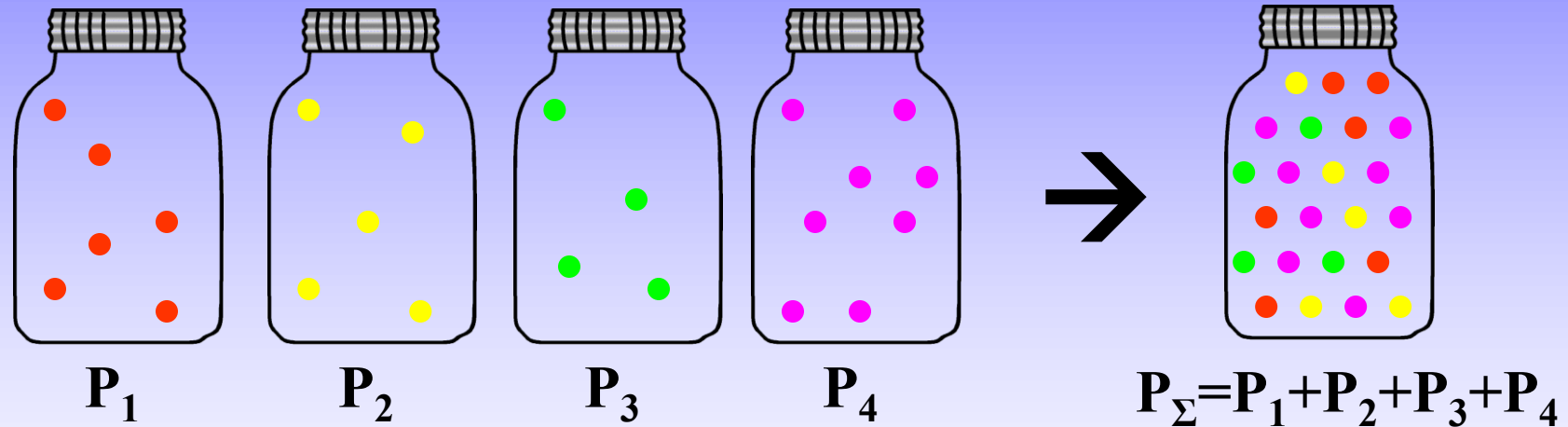
After
P=
V= 2.3-L
T= 250-K

1.2-atm

Gas Law: Dalton



- John Dalton spent his time looking at Pressure. Dalton stated gasses with different Pressures...



- Put together in the same size container, the total Pressure is the sum the parts.