

Got Gas?

Chemistry

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By end of this unit I can...

GS1: describe the Kinetic-Molecular Theory and explain how it accounts for observed gas behavior.

GS2: identify and describe the variables that define an ideal gas; Pressure, Volume, Moles, Temperature and Ideal Gas Constant.

GS3: calculate pressure using a manometer.

GS4: relate the variables of an ideal gas to changing conditions.

GS5: calculate for an unknown variable using the ideal gas formula for a static condition.

GS6: calculate the composition of a gas using Dalton's law of partial pressures.

Basic Properties of Gasses

- **1 mole of any gas at 0-°C & 1-atm occupy the same volume.**
 - 1-mol = 22.4-L at Standard Temp and Pressure
- **Can be compressed.**
- **Expand to fill their container.**
- **Different gasses may move through each other.**
- **Constantly travel in random directions.**
- **Have a high amount of Kinetic Energy.**
 - The amount of energy is proportional to the temperature of the gas.

Kinetic Theory

- **When contained, gas molecules constantly hit the side of the container and other molecules.**
 - **The more molecules hit the side of the wall the more the pressure on the wall.**
 - **These impacts do not reduce the energy of the molecule (elastic collision).**

Variables of gas: Pressure (P)

- Amount of contact with a container's walls.
- Some common conversions:
 - 1-atm = 101.3-kPa (kilo Pascal's)
 - 1-atm = 760 mm Hg (mm of Mercury)
 - 1-atm = 14.7 lb/in² (psi)
 - 1-atm = 1.013-bar
- Keep in mind:
 - Since all equal 1-atm they all equal each other.
 - 101.3-Kpa = 760-mm Hg

Pressure Problem Example

- Convert 6.25-atm to mm Hg.

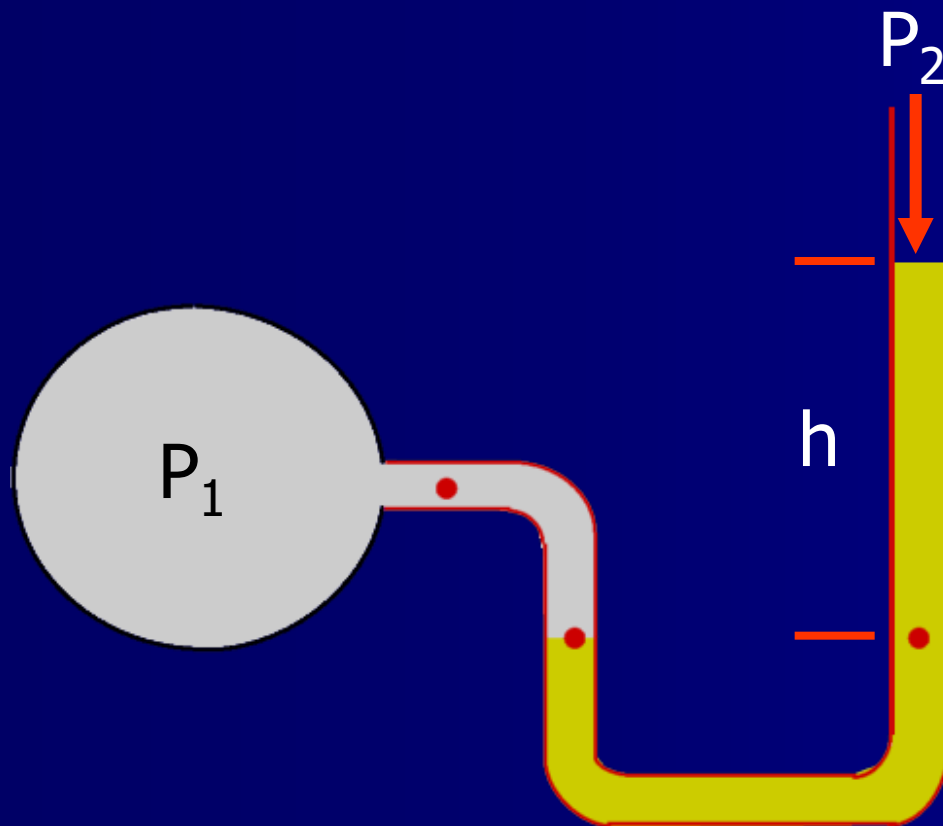
1. Write what you know.
2. What you have: bottom.
3. What you want: top.

$$6.25 - \cancel{atm} \times \frac{760 - mm\ Hg}{1 - \cancel{atm}} = 4750 - mm\ Hg$$

4750.0-mm Hg

Using a Manometer

- Measures differences in pressure.



P_1 is closed

P_2 is open (1-atm)

P should be in mm Hg.

$|P_1 - P_2| = h(\text{height})$ in mm.

The side with more pressure will be lower.

Manometer Example

- A ball is hooked up to a manometer with the open end at sea level. If the height is 25-mm lower on the ball side, what is the balls pressure?

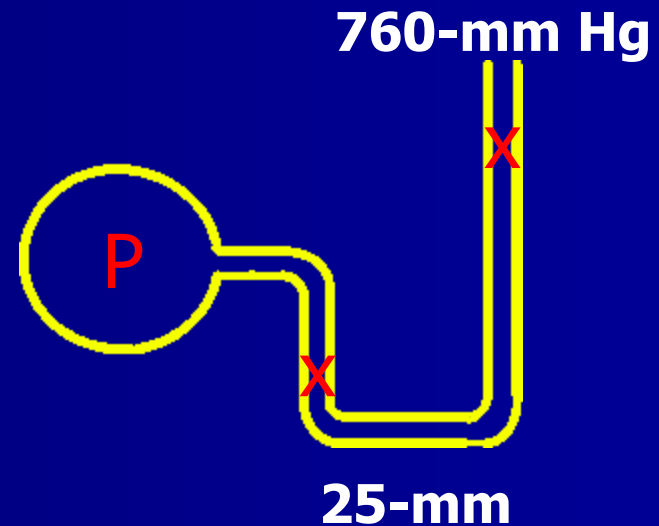
Draw a picture

Ball side height is lower... low side is always larger of the pressures.

To get a larger number add height.

$$P = 760\text{-mm Hg} + 25\text{-mm Hg}$$

$$P = 785.0\text{-mm Hg}$$



Variables of gas: Volume (V)

- A gas will fill its container
- 1-L = 1000-mL
- 1-L = .001-m³
- 1-L = 1-dm³
- 1-L = 1000-cm³

Variables of gas: Moles (n)

- Remember the three ways to convert to moles.
 - Mass → (molar mass-g)
 - Particles → (Avogadro's Number)
 - Volume → (22.4-L)
 - Remember this is only at a specific temperature (273.15-K) and pressure (1-atm).

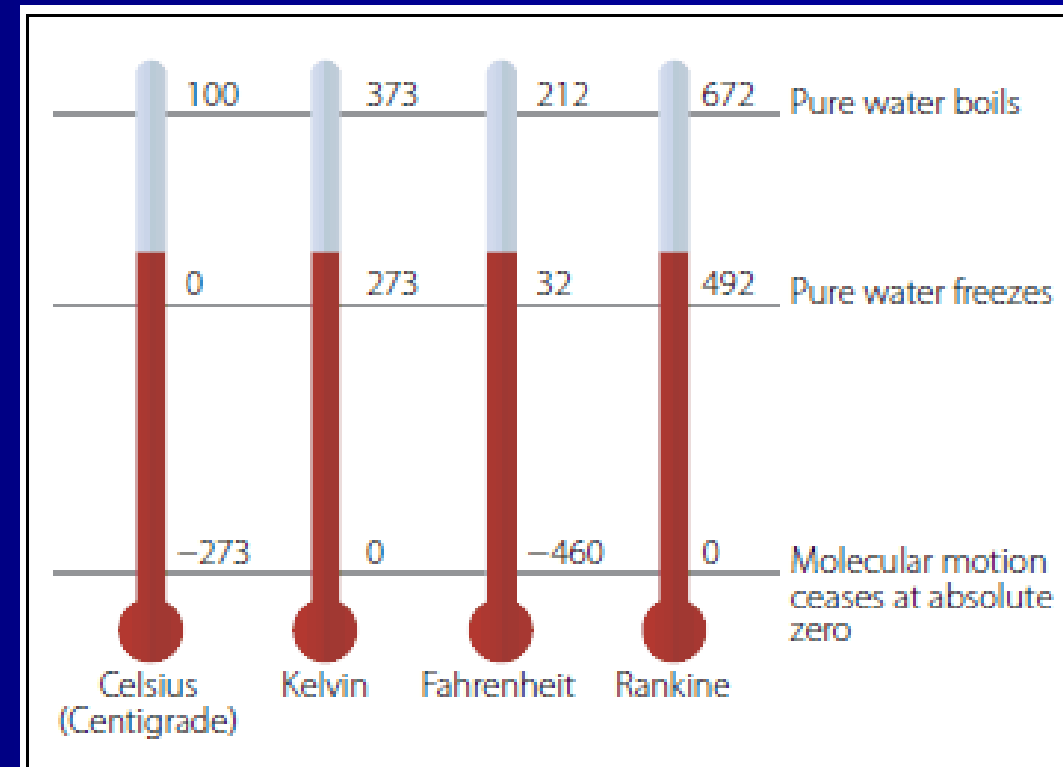
Variables of gas: Temperature (T)

- **Fahrenheit based on a salt-water solution.**

- Rankine \cong Fahrenheit
- Kelvin \cong Celsius

- **Kelvin should be used.**

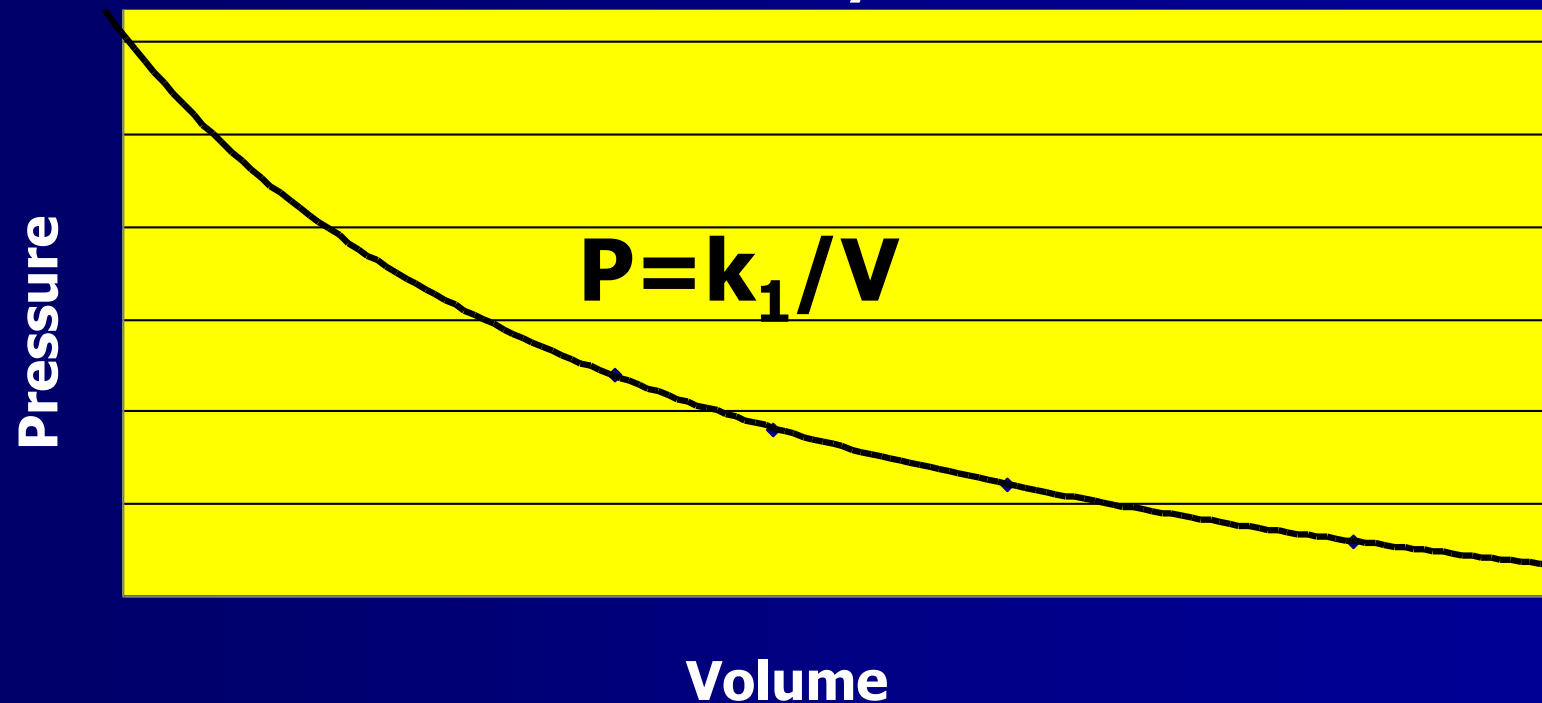
- **Never Negative.**
- $T_K = T_{\circ C} + 273.15$



Gas Laws: Boyle

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

Robert Boyle's Test



(1627-1692)

Gas Laws: Boyle



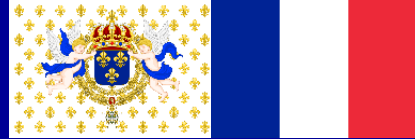
- Doing this experiment multiple times, he found that $P=k/V$ or $PV=k$.
 - This assumes a constant Temperature.
- For any sample of gas the following is true:

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

so...

$$P_1V_1=P_2V_2$$

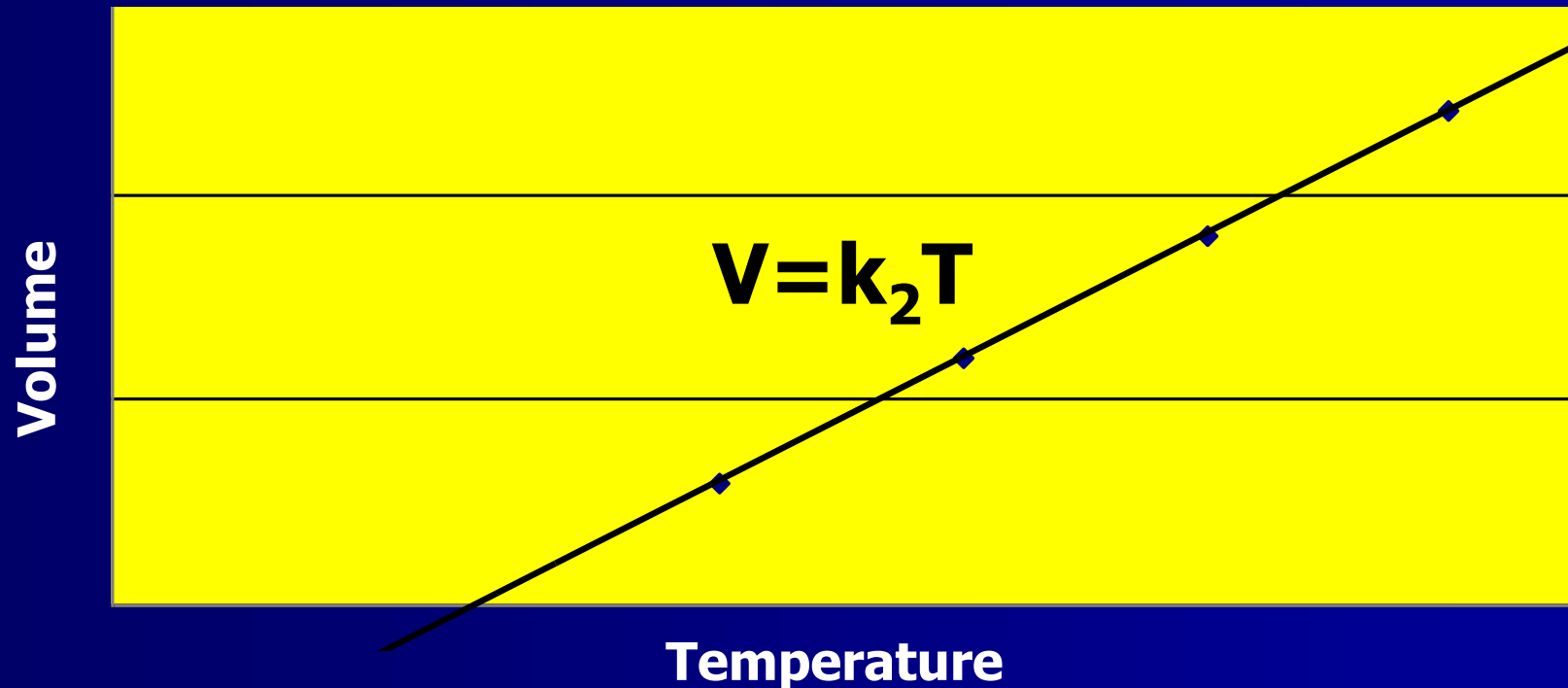
Gas Laws: Charles



(1746-1823)

- 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 $V=k_2T$.

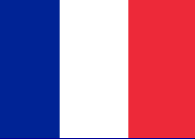
- This assumes a constant Pressure.

- For any sample of gas the following is true:

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

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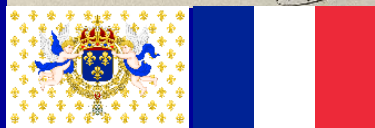
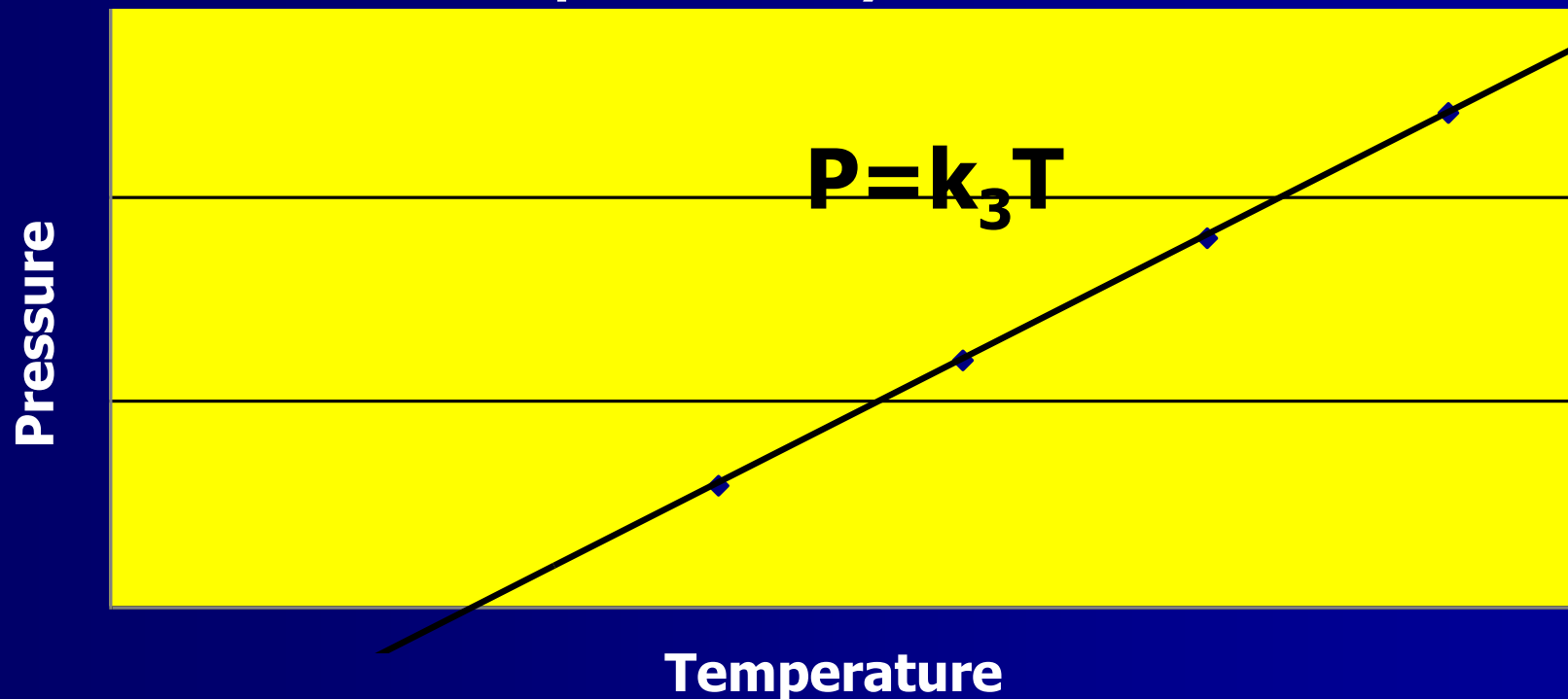
$$V_1/T_1=V_2/T_2$$



Gas Laws: Gay-Lussac

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Joseph Louis Gay-Lussac's Test



(1778-1850)

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 Laws: Avagadro

- Avagadro already stated that at a constant pressure and temperature the Volume of any gas is proportional to the amount.

$$V_1 = k_4 n_1 \quad \text{and} \quad V_2 = k_4 n_2$$

so...

$$V_1/n_1 = V_2/n_2$$



(1776-1856)

Gas Law's: Combined

$$PV=nRT$$

This is called the Ideal Gas Law.

$$R=.0821\text{-atm}\cdot\text{L/mol}\cdot\text{K}$$

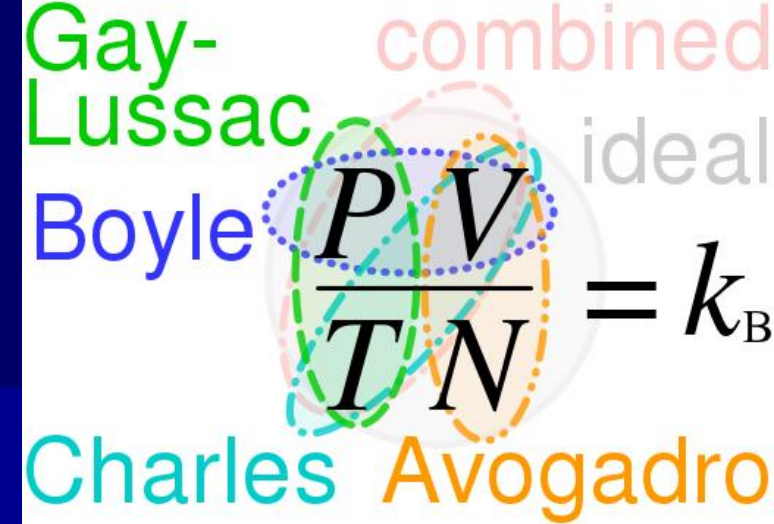
$$R=8.314\text{-Pa}\cdot\text{m}^3/\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}$$

R: Depends on the Pressure and Volume given
(n→moles, T→K always)

If a gas changes condition ("then"):

Before = After

$$\frac{PV}{nT} = \frac{PV}{nT}$$



Gas Law Example: Combined



- At **300-K** a balloon at **1.75-atm** has a volume of **2-L**. The temp drops to **250-K** and then has a volume of **2.3-L**. What is the new **Pressure**?

$$\frac{PV}{nT} = \frac{PV}{nT} \quad \frac{1.75 - atm \cdot 2 - L}{300 - K} = \frac{P \cdot 2.3 - L}{250 - K}$$

$$.011667 - atm = .0092 \cdot P$$

$$1.26 - atm = P$$

1.3-atm

Gas Law Example: Ideal



- In a tire what volume does 6-moles of N_2 occupy at 1.5-atm and 16°-C ?

$$PV = nRT$$

$$1.5 - \cancel{\text{atm}} \cdot V = 6 - \cancel{\text{mol}} \cdot .0821 \frac{\cancel{\text{atm}} \cdot L}{\cancel{\text{mol}} \cdot \cancel{K}} \cdot 289.15 - \cancel{K}$$

$$1.5 V = 142.43529 - L$$

$$V = 94.95686 - L$$

$$P = 1.5\text{-atm}$$

$$V = ?$$

$$n = 6\text{-mol}$$

$$R = .0821\text{-atm}\cdot L/\text{mol}\cdot K$$

$$T = 16 + 273.15 \rightarrow$$

$$T = 289.15\text{-K}$$

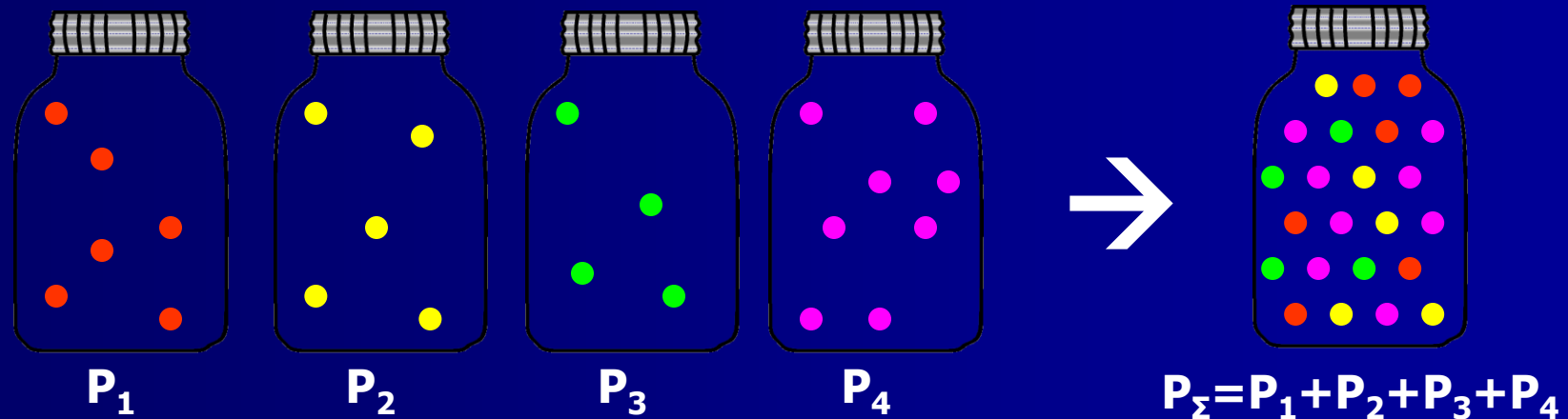
95.0-L

Gas Law: Dalton



(1766-1844)

- 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.