

# Empirical gas-laws

Boyle-Mariotte:  $p \cdot V = \text{constant}$   
at a constant temperature for  
a fixed amount of gas.

Gay-Lussac / Charles:

#1:  $V \sim T$  at constant  $p$  } for a fixed  
#2:  $p \sim T$  at constant  $V$  } amount  
of gas

Note:  $T$  is absolute temperature  
measured in kelvins.

All three laws together:

$$\boxed{\frac{p_1 \cdot V_1}{T_1} = \frac{p_2 \cdot V_2}{T_2}} \quad \text{for a fixed amount of gas}$$

This is sometimes called  
"Unified Gas Law".

# Ideal gas law

$$pV = nRT$$

or

$$pV = Nk_B T$$

equation of state

$p$ : pressure in Pa = N/m<sup>2</sup>

$V$ : volume in m<sup>3</sup>

$T$ : temperature in K

$n$ : amount of substance in mol

$N$ : number of atoms/molecules

$R = 8.31 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol K}}$  : Universal gas constant (Regnault constant)

$k_B = 1.38 \cdot 10^{-23} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K}}$  : Boltzmann's constant

$$nR = Nk_B$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$R = N_A \cdot k_B$$

$$8.31 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}} = 6.02 \cdot 10^{23} \frac{1}{\text{mol}} \cdot 1.38 \cdot 10^{-23} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K}}$$

STP: Standard Temperature and Pressure :  $T = 0^\circ\text{C} = 273\text{K}$

$$p = 1 \text{ atm} = 101.3 \text{ kPa}$$

at STP the volume of

one mole of any idea gas is 22.4 L

$$V = \frac{nRT}{p} = \frac{1 \text{ mole} \times 0.0821 \text{ L} \cdot \text{atm} / (\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}) \times 273 \text{ K}}{1 \text{ atm}} = 22.4 \text{ L}$$

# Moles, masses, numbers

$m$ : mass of one atom/molecule (kg)

$M$ : molar mass: mass of one mole substance (g/mol  $\rightarrow$  kg/mol)

$n$ : amount of substance (mol)

$N$ : number of particles ( $\perp$ )

$N_A = 6.02 \cdot 10^{23} \frac{1}{\text{mol}}$ : Avogadro's constant

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} pV = nRT \\ pV = Nk_B T \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{array}{l} Nk_B = nR \\ N_A k_B = R \end{array}} \quad R = 8.31 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{molK}} \quad k_B = 1.38 \cdot 10^{-23} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K}}$$

$$\boxed{M \cdot n = m \cdot N} \quad \left. \vphantom{\boxed{M \cdot n = m \cdot N}} \right\} \text{mass of the gas}$$

$$\frac{M}{m} = \frac{N}{n} = \frac{R}{k_B} = N_A$$

$$\frac{M}{m} = \frac{R}{k_B} \Rightarrow \frac{k_B}{m} = \frac{R}{M} \quad \downarrow$$
$$v_{\text{RMS}} = \sqrt{\frac{3k_B T}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}}$$