## REDOX LANGUAGE

# "oxidizer"

- "Oxidation" is loss of electrons, but an OXIDIZING AGENT is something that causes ANOTHER substance to lose electrons. An oxidizing agent is itself reduced during a redox reaction.

- "Reduction" is gain of electrons, but a REDUCING AGENT is something that causes ANOTHER substace to gain electrons. Reducing agents are themselves oxidized during a redox reaction.

$$2A (s) + 3B (2(l) \rightarrow 2A (B (3) (s))$$
Aluminum is OXIDIZED during this process. We say that metallic aluminum is a REDUCING AGENT!
Bromine is REDUCED during this process. We say that bromine is an OXIDIZING AGENT!

\* Strong oxidizers (oxidizing agents) can cause spontaneous fires if placed into contact with combustibles (safety issue!).

\* Reactive metals tend to be REDUCING AGENTS, while oxygen-rich ions like NITRATES tend to be OXIDIZING AGENTS. HALOGENS (Group VIIA) also tend to be OXIDIZING AGENTS

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<sup>133</sup> GASES

- Gases differ from the other two phases of matter in many ways:

- They have very low viscosity (resistance to flow), so they flow from one place to another very easily.

- They will take the volume of their container. In other words, gas volumes are variable.

- They are the least dense of all three phases.

- Most gases are transparent, and many are invisible. Thermal expansion.

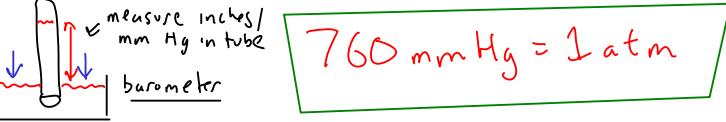
- Gases show a much larger change of volume on heating or cooling than the other phases.

- Gases react to changes in temperature and pressure in a very similar way. This reaction often does not depend on what the gas is actually made of.

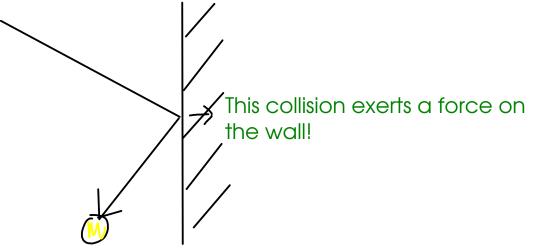
**KINETIC THEORY** 

- is a way to explain the behavior of gases.
- views the properties of gases as arising from them being molecules in motion.

- Pressure: force per unit area. Units: Pascal, bar, mm Hg, in Hg, atm, etc.

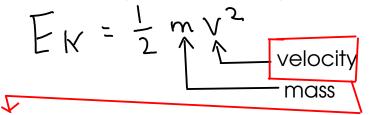


- According to kinetic theory, pressure is caused by collisions of gas molecules with each other and the walls of the container the gas is in.



<sup>135</sup>- Temperature:

- a measure of the average kinetic energy of the molecules of the gas

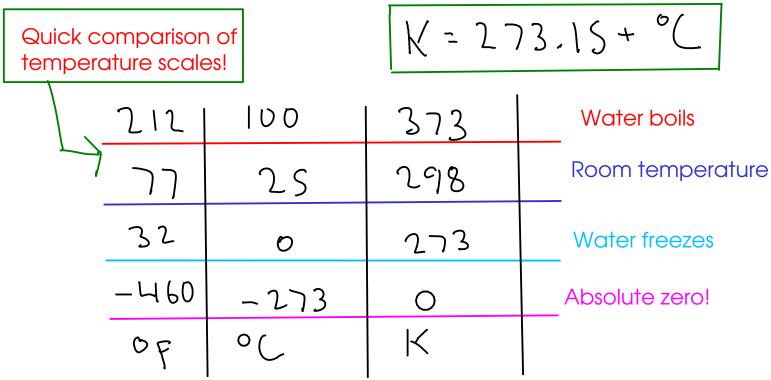


- The faster the gas molecules move, the higher the temperature!

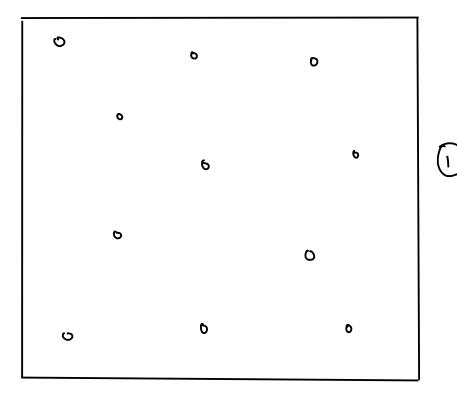
- The temperature scales used when working with gases are ABSOLUTE scales.

- ABSOLUTE: scales which have no values less than zero.

- KELVIN: metric absolute temperature scale.

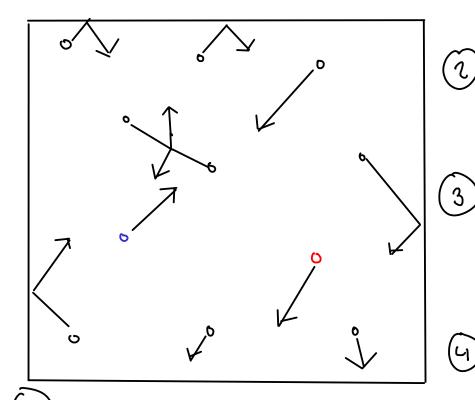


### THE KINETIC PICTURE OF GASES



Gas molecules are small compared to the space between the gas molecules!

LOW DENSITY!



Gas molecules are constantly in motion. They move in straight lines in random directions and with various speeds.

Attractive and repulsive forces between gas molecules are so small that they can be neglected except in a collision.

- Each gas molecule behaves independently of the others.

Collisions between gas molecules and each other or the walls are ELASTIC.

) The average kinetic energy of gas molecules is proportional to the absolute temperature.

How does this picture explain the properties of gases?

- Gases expanding to fill their container? Agrees with kinetic picture, since gas molecules are independent

- Thermal expansion of gas at constant pressure? Agrees, because the container has to EXPAND to keep the pressure (from collisions) constant when the gas molecules move faster.

- Pressure increases with temperature at constant volume: Agrees, because the number and force of collisions increases with molecular speed.

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### GAS LAWS

- were derived by experiment long before kinetic theory, but agree with the kinetic picture!

Boyle's Law:

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rue at constant temperature

$$V_1 = constant$$
  
 $P_2V_2 = constant$   
 $P_2V_2 = constant$   
 $P_1V_1 = P_2V_2$   
True at constant temperature

Charles's Law:

$$\frac{V}{T} = constant$$
True at constant pressure, and  
using ABSOLUTE temperature
$$\frac{V_1}{T_1} = \frac{V_2}{T_2}$$
True at constant pressure, and  
using ABSOLUTE temperature

