### Chapter 11

# Kinetic Theory of Gases (1)

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Basic assumptions of the kinetic theory

1) Large number of molecules

 $N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{26}$  molecules per kilomole

- 2) Identical molecules which behave like hard spheres
- 3) No intermolecular forces except when in collision



Basic assumptions of the kinetic theory

- 4) Collisions are perfectly elastic
- 5) Uniform distribution throughout the container

$$n = \frac{N}{V} \quad dN = ndV$$
  
Average # of molecules per unit volume



#### **11.1 Basic Assumption**

6) Equal probability on the direction of molecular velocity average # of intersections of velocity vectors per unit area





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- Let  $dN_v$  as # of molecules with specified speed (v< <v+dv)
- $\int_0^\infty dN_v = N$
- Mean speed is  $\bar{v} = \frac{1}{N} \int_0^\infty v dN_v$
- Mean square speed is  $\overline{v^2} = \frac{1}{N} \int_0^\infty v^2 dN_v$
- Square root of  $\overline{v^2}$  is called the root mean square or rms speed:

$$v_{rms} = \sqrt{\overline{v^2}}$$

• The n-th moment of distribution is defined as

$$\overline{v^n} = \frac{1}{N} \int_0^\infty v^n \mathrm{dN}_v$$



#### **11.2 Molecular Flux**

- # of molecules of a gas that strike a surface per unit area and unit time
- Molecules coming from particular direction  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$  with specified speed v in time dt

 $\rightarrow \theta \varphi v \text{ collision} \begin{bmatrix} \theta < & <\theta + d\theta \\ \varphi < & <\varphi + d\varphi \\ v < & <v + dv \end{bmatrix}$ 

- # of  $\theta \phi v$  collisions with dA dt
  - =  $\theta \phi v$  molecules in  $\int_{v}^{t}$
  - =  $\theta \phi$  molecules with speed v



Fig. Slant cylinder geometry used to calculate the number of molecules that strike the area dA in time dt.



#### **11.2 Molecular Flux**



 $dn_v$ : # density between speed (v< <v+dv)

$$d^{3}n_{\theta\phi\nu} = dn_{\nu} \cdot \frac{dA}{A} = dn_{\nu} \frac{\sin\theta d\theta d\phi}{4\pi}$$

 $dV = dA (vdt \cos\theta) \leftarrow Volume of cylinder$ 

• # of  $\theta \phi v$  molecules in the cylinder

$$d^{3}n_{\theta\phi\nu}dV = dA (\nu dt \cos\theta) dn_{\nu} \frac{\sin\theta d\theta d\phi}{4\pi}$$

# of collisions per unit area and time

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^{3}\mathrm{n}_{\theta\varphi\nu}\mathrm{d}\mathrm{V}}{\mathrm{d}\mathrm{A}\,\mathrm{d}\mathrm{t}} = \frac{1}{4\pi}\nu\mathrm{d}\mathrm{n}_{\nu}\mathrm{sin}\theta\mathrm{cos}\theta\mathrm{d}\theta\mathrm{d}\varphi$$



#### **11.2 Molecular Flux**

Total # of collisions per unit area and time

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^{3}\mathrm{n}_{\theta\varphi\nu}\mathrm{d}\mathrm{V}}{\mathrm{d}\mathrm{A}\,\mathrm{d}\mathrm{t}} = \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} \mathrm{sin}\theta\mathrm{cos}\theta\mathrm{d}\theta\mathrm{d}\varphi \cdot \frac{1}{4\pi}v\mathrm{dn}_{v} = \frac{1}{4}v\mathrm{dn}_{v}$$

• Total # of collisions per unit area and time by molecules having all speed

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{4} v \mathrm{dn}_v = \frac{1}{4} n \bar{v}$$

Cf. average speed 
$$\bar{v} = \frac{\sum \bar{v}}{N} = \frac{\sum N_i v_i}{N} = \frac{\sum n_i v_i}{\sum n_i} = \frac{\int v dn_v}{n}$$



• Gas pressure in Kinetic theory

Gas pressure is interpreted as impulse flux of particles striking a surface





- Perfect elastic v = v'
- Average force exerted by molecules

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\mathbf{d}(m\vec{v})}{\mathbf{dt}} = m\vec{a} + \dot{m}\vec{v}$$

Momentum change of one molecule (normal component only)

 $mv\cos\theta - (-mv\cos\theta) = 2mv\cos\theta$ 

• # of  $\theta \phi v$  collisions for dA, dt

 $\frac{1}{4\pi} v dn_v sin\theta cos \theta d\theta d\phi$ 





• Change in momentum due to  $\theta \phi v$  collisions in time dt

 $2mv\cos\theta \times \frac{1}{4\pi}vdn_v\sin\theta\cos\theta d\theta d\phi$ 

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} m v^2 dn_v \sin\theta \cos^2\theta d\theta d\phi dA dt$$

• Change in momentum in all v collisions  $0 < \theta \le \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $0 < \phi \le 2\pi$ 

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} m v^2 dn_v \sin\theta \cos^2\theta d\theta d\phi \cdot dA dt$$

$$=\frac{1}{3}mv^2\mathrm{dn}_v\mathrm{dAdt}$$



• Change in momentum from collisions of molecules at all speed

$$\frac{1}{3}m\int v^2\,\mathrm{dn}_v = d\vec{F}\cdot dt$$

• Average pressure 
$$\overline{P} = \frac{d\vec{F}}{dA}$$

$$\frac{1}{3}m\int v^2 \,\mathrm{dn}_v = \frac{1}{3}mn\overline{v^2} \qquad \qquad \text{cf. } \overline{v^2} = \frac{\sum v^2}{N} = \frac{\int v^2 \,\mathrm{dn}_v}{n}$$



$$n = \frac{N}{V}$$
,  $P = \frac{1}{3} \frac{N}{V} m \overline{V^2}$ 

$$PV = \frac{1}{3}Nm\overline{v^2}$$
 cf. EOS of an ideal gas  $PV = n\overline{R}T = mRT = \underbrace{\frac{N}{N_A}\overline{R}T}_{N_A} = NkT$ 

 $N_A$ : Avogadro's number :  $6.02 \times 10^{26}$  number/kmole k: Boltzmann constant

$$k_B$$
: Boltzmann constant :  $k_B = \frac{\bar{R}}{N_A} = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} J/K$ 

$$PV = \frac{1}{3}Nm\overline{v^2} = NkT$$

$$\frac{1}{2}m\overline{v^2} = \frac{3}{2}kT$$



#### **11.4 Equipartition of Energy**

• Equipartition of energy

Because of even distribution of velocity of particles,

$$\overline{v^2} = \overline{v_x^2} + \overline{v_y^2} + \overline{v_z^2}, \quad \overline{v_x^2} = \overline{v_y^2} = \overline{v_z^2} = \frac{1}{3}\overline{v^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}m\overline{v_x^2} = \frac{1}{2}kT$$

It can be interpreted that a degree of freedom allocate energy of 1/2 kT



#### **11.4 Equipartition of Energy**

$$\overline{E} = \overline{E}_x + \overline{E}_y + \overline{E}_z$$
energy
$$1 \quad \overline{2} \quad 1 \quad \overline{2} \quad 1$$

$$=\frac{1}{2}m\overline{v_x^2} + \frac{1}{2}m\overline{v_y^2} + \frac{1}{2}m\overline{v_z^2}$$

$$\overline{E}_x = \frac{kT}{2}$$
,  $\overline{E}_y = \frac{kT}{2}$ ,  $\overline{E}_z = \frac{kT}{2}$ 



 $\delta q = du + \delta W$   $U = f \cdot \frac{1}{2} NkT$ f: number of degrees of freedom  $u = \frac{U}{N} = f \cdot \frac{1}{2} \overline{R} kT$   $c_{v} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial T} \Big|_{v} = f \cdot \frac{1}{2} \overline{R}$ (n $\overline{R} = Nk$ )

$$c_P = \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial T}\right)_p = \frac{f}{2}\bar{R} + \bar{R} = \frac{(f+2)}{2}\bar{R}$$





Near room temperature, rotational or vibrational DOF are excited, but not both.



Triatomic gas	co₂ ◯·₩·◯·₩·◯	translational 3 rotational 2 vibrational 4	$\frac{c_p}{c_v} = \frac{7+2}{7} = 1.28$
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Vibration modes of CO<sub>2</sub>







