

# Chapter 1. The properties of gases

**Gas** - a form of matter that fills any container it occupies

**Physical state** - the state of physical properties of a sample such as

**volume, mole, pressure, and temperature**

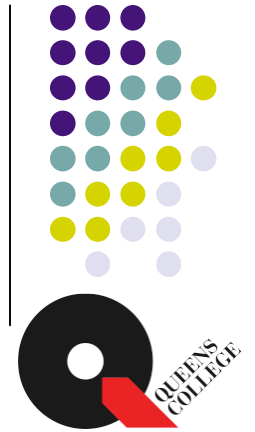
**Mole** - the number of atoms or molecules equal to Avogadro's number  $N_A = 6.022137 \times 10^{23}$ , which is defined as the number of atoms in exactly 12 grams of  $^{12}\text{C}$ .

**Pressure** - the amount of force applied to a surface of unit area

SI unit of force : Newton (N) =  $1 \text{ kgms}^{-2}$

SI unit of pressure : Pascal (Pa) =  $1 \text{ N m}^{-2}$

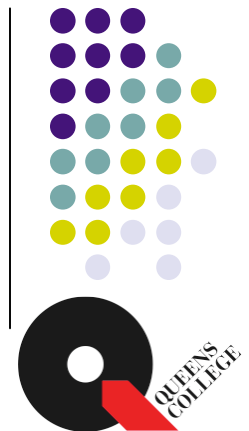
1 bar = 100,000 Pa, 1 atm = 101,325 Pa



## Temperature

- (1) The **degree** of **hotness** or coldness (general chemistry)
- (2) The property that indicates the **direction of flow of energy through a thermally conducting, rigid wall** (Atkins and de Paula)
- (3) Unique physical property that determines the **direction of heat flow** between two objects placed in thermal contact (macroscopic definition, wikipedia)
- (4) **Average energy** of microscopic motions of a single particle in the system **per degree of freedom** (microscopic definition, wikipedia)
- (5) A universal measure that determines the **capability of a system to give out or take in heat energy**

**Heat** - a form of non-mechanical energy due to the **random or uncontrollable** motion of atoms and molecules



## Temperature scale

Celsius scale  $\theta$  : expressed in  $^{\circ}\text{C}$

Thermodynamic temperature scale: expressed in K, kelvins

$$T/\text{K} = \theta/^{\circ}\text{C} + 273.15$$

Fahrenheit scale  $f$ : expressed in  $^{\circ}\text{F}$

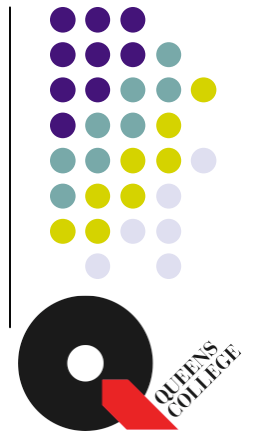
$$f = 9 \theta/5 + 32$$

Standard ambient temperature and pressure (SATP) : 298.15 K and 1 bar

Standard temperature and pressure (STP): 273.15 K and 1 atm

**Diathermic** - transfer heat,    **Adiabatic** - do not transfer heat

**Zeroth law of thermodynamics** - If systems A and B are in thermal equilibrium and systems B and C are also in thermal equilibrium, then A and C should be in thermal equilibrium when brought into thermal contact.



## Ideal (perfect) gas law

$$pV = nRT \quad \text{or} \quad pV_m = RT, V_m = V/n$$

$$R = 8.31447 \text{ JK}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

Joule (J): Unit of energy,  $1\text{J} = 1\text{kg m}^2 \text{ s}^{-2}$

## Real gas law -Virial equation of state

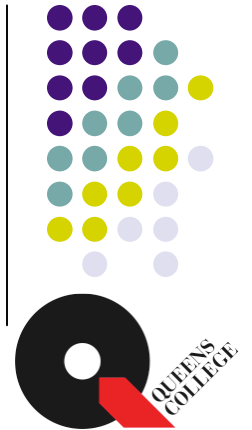
$$pV_m = RT(1 + B'p + C'p^2 + \dots)$$

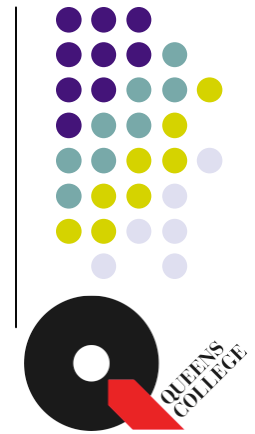
, or equivalently

$$pV_m = RT\left(1 + \frac{B}{V_m} + \frac{C}{V_m^2} + \dots\right)$$

$B', C', B, C, \dots$  are temperature dependent parameters

Compression factor:  $Z = \frac{pV_m}{RT}$





Boyle Temperature,  $T_B$

The second virial coefficient  $B(T_B)=0$ .

**Condensation** - transformation of real gas to liquid at high pressure or low temperature

Critical Temperature,  $T_c$

If  $T > T_c$ , no condensation, supercritical fluid

Critical pressure and volume,  $p_c$  and  $V_c$  - the pressure and volume where condensation starts to occur just below  $T=T_c$

## van Der Waals equation

$$p = \frac{nRT}{V - nb} - a \left( \frac{n}{V} \right)^2 = \frac{RT}{V_m - b} - \frac{a}{V_m^2}$$



Decrease of volume  
due to finite size of  
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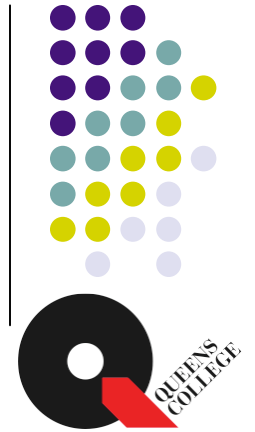
Decrease of pressure  
due to attractive  
interactions between  
molecules or atoms

Can explain condensation - need Maxwell construction

$$V_c = 3b, T_c = \frac{8a}{27bR}, p_c = \frac{a}{27b^2}, Z_c = \frac{3}{8} = 0.375$$

Compression factors of actual gases:

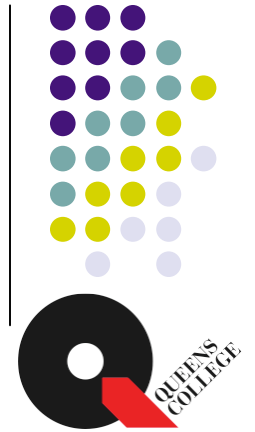
Ar - 0.292, CO<sub>2</sub> - 0.274, He - 0.305, O<sub>2</sub> - 0.308



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van der Waals equation: 
$$p_r p_c = \frac{RT_r T_c}{V_r V_c - b} - \frac{a}{V_r^2 V_c^2}$$
$$p_r \frac{a}{27b^2} = \frac{T_r}{(3V_r - 1)} \frac{8a}{27b^2} - \frac{a}{V_r^2} \frac{1}{9b^2}$$
$$p_r = \frac{8T_r}{(3V_r - 1)} - \frac{3}{V_r^2}$$

Consistent with the PCS.

True for any equation with two parameters.

