

**COURSE TITLE : PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY I**

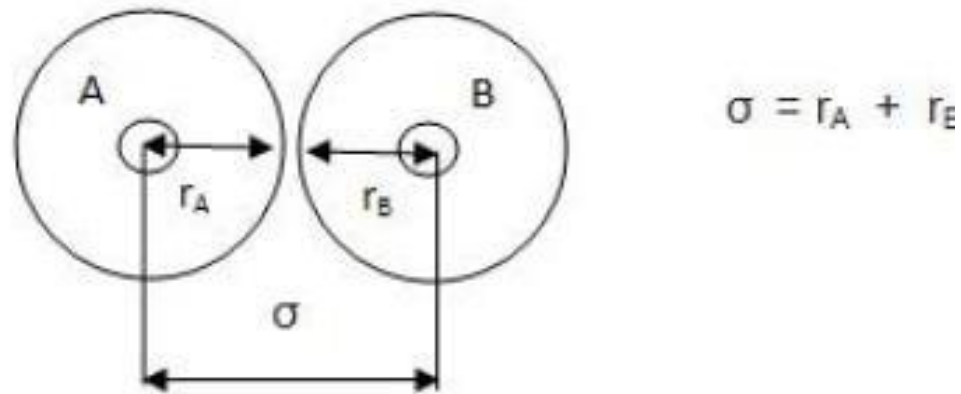
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**UNIT 1 : GASEOUS STATE**

**SESSION 8: Collision Parameters**

## ***Collision Diameter, $\sigma$***

- The distance between the centres of two gas molecules at the point of closest approach to each other is called the collision diameter.
- Two molecules come within a distance of  $\sigma$  - *Collision occurs*
- $\text{H}_2$  -  $2.74 \text{ \AA}$        $\text{N}_2$  -  $3.75 \text{ \AA}$        $\text{O}_2$  -  $3.61 \text{ \AA}$



## ***Collision Number, Z***

- The average number of collisions suffered by a **single molecule** per unit time per unit volume of a gas is called collision number.

$$Z = \sqrt{2} \pi v \sigma^2 \rho$$

$$\rho = \frac{N}{V}$$

*Number Density ( $\rho$ ) – Number of Gas Molecules per Unit Volume*

$$\text{Unit of } Z = \text{ms}^{-1} \times \text{m}^2 \times \text{m}^{-3} = \text{s}^{-1}$$

## ***Collision Frequency, $Z_{11}$***

- The total number of collisions between the molecules of a gas **per unit time** **per unit volume** is called collision frequency.

***Collision Frequency,  $Z_{11}$  = Collision Number  $\times$  Total Number of molecules***

$$\text{Collision Frequency, } Z_{11} = \sqrt{2}\pi v \sigma^2 \rho \times \rho$$

***Considering collision between like molecules***

$$\text{Collision Frequency, } Z_{11} = \frac{1}{2} \times \sqrt{2}\pi v \sigma^2 \rho \times \rho = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \pi v \sigma^2 \rho^2$$

$$\text{Unit of } Z_{11} = s^{-1} m^{-3}$$

***The number of bimolecular collisions in a gas at ordinary T and P –  $10^{34} s^{-1} m^{-3}$***

## Influence of T and P

$$Z_{11} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \pi v \sigma^2 \rho^2$$

$$Z_{11} = 2\sigma^2 \rho^2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi RT}{M}}$$

$$Z_{11} \propto \sqrt{T}$$

at a given P

$$Z_{11} \propto \rho^2$$

at a given T

$$Z_{11} \propto P^2$$

at a given T

$$Z_{11} \propto \sigma^2$$

at a given T, P

For collisions between two different types of molecules.

$$Z_{12} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \pi v^2 \sigma^2 \rho_1^2 \rho_2^2$$

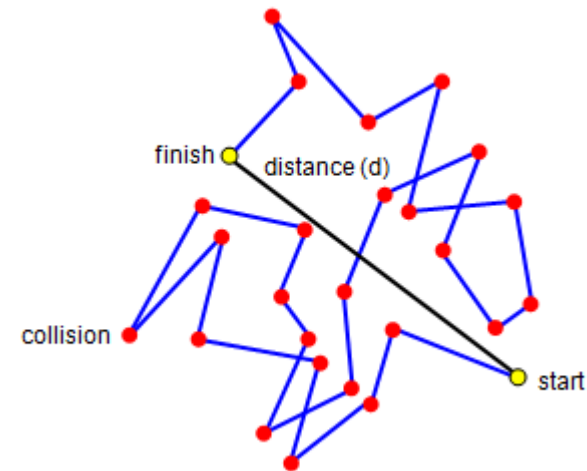
# MEAN FREE PATH, $\lambda$

**FREE PATH** – The distance travelled by a molecule between two successive collisions.

**MEAN FREE PATH** – The average distance travelled by a molecule between two successive collisions.

$$\lambda = \frac{v}{Z} = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}\pi n \sigma^2}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\pi n \sigma^2}$$



*Larger the size of molecule – Smaller will be the mean free path*

*Mean freepath is of the order  $10^{-7}$  m*

# EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE AND PRESSURE ON MEAN FREE PATH

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\pi\sigma^2\rho}$$

' $\sigma$ ' is the collision diameter and ' $\rho$ ' is the number density

## Relation between Number Density and Pressure:

$$PV = nRT$$

$$\frac{n}{V} = \frac{P}{RT}$$

$$\frac{n}{V} \cdot N_0 = \frac{P}{RT} \cdot N_0$$

$$\rho = \frac{P}{RT} \cdot N_0$$

$$\rho = \frac{P}{(R/N_0)T}$$

$$\rho = \frac{P}{kT}$$

$nN_0$  = Total no. of molecules in  $n$  moles of the gas.

$\frac{nN_0}{V}$  = Total no. of molecules per unit volume of the gas =  $\rho$



$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\pi\sigma^2\rho}$$

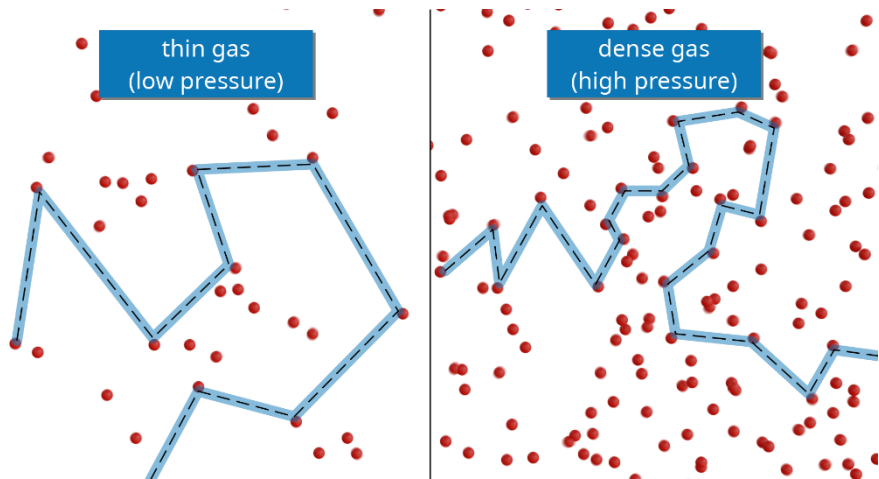
$\rho = \frac{P}{kT}$

$$\lambda = \frac{kT}{\sqrt{2}\pi\sigma^2 P}$$

$\sigma$  is independent of temperature and pressure.

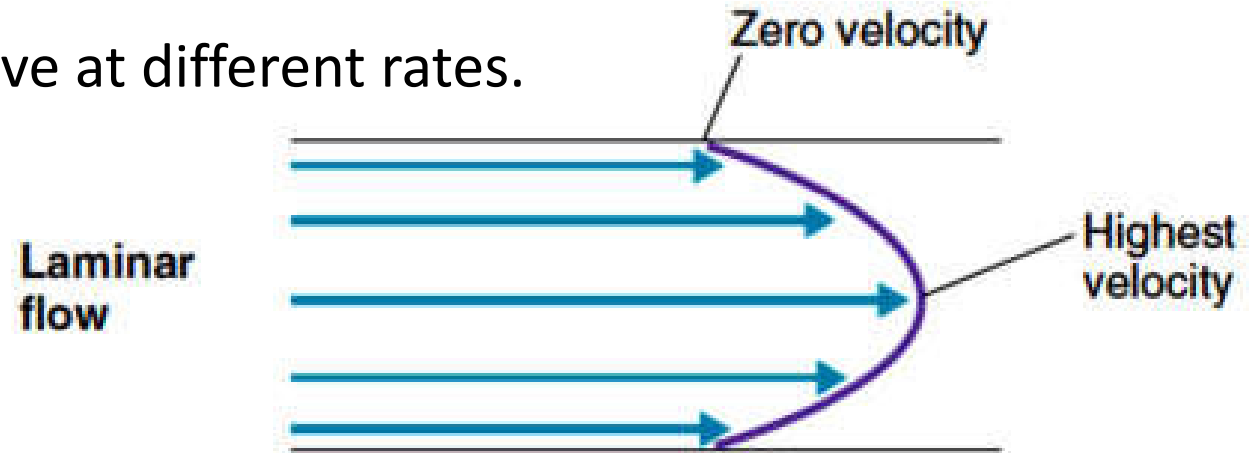
$$\lambda \propto T \quad \text{at constant } P$$

$$\lambda \propto \frac{1}{P} \quad \text{at constant } T$$



# VISCOSITY OF GASES

- **Viscosity is the resistance one part of a fluid offers to the flow of another part of it.**
- **Internal friction operating within a fluid due to the shearing effect.**
- Gas is moving in layers – LAMINAR FLOW OR STREAMLINE FLOW
- Adjacent layers of gas molecules move at different rates.



- The velocity changes gradually from one layer to other.
- The velocity increases with increase in distance from the stationary surface.
- Each layer experiences a frictional force called **viscous drag**.
- Retarding influence of the slower-moving layer on the adjacent faster-moving layer
  - Manifested as resistance to flow or **viscosity**.

The viscous force depends on area of contact and velocity gradient

$$F \propto \frac{dv}{dz} \quad F \propto A$$

$$F = -\eta \cdot A \cdot \frac{dv}{dz}$$

$\eta$  = coefficient of viscosity or viscosity.

$$\frac{F}{A} = \eta \quad \text{when } \frac{dv}{dz} = 1$$

Coefficient of viscosity is defined as the force per unit area required to maintain a unit velocity difference between two adjacent parallel layers of a fluid unit distance apart.

## Unit of Coefficient of Viscosity

$$\eta = - \cdot \frac{F}{A} \cdot \frac{dz}{dv}$$

Unit of  $\eta$  = **Nm<sup>-2</sup>s** or **Pa s**

In CGS system the unit is ***Poise***

***1 Poise = 0.1 Pa s***

# Relationship between Coefficient of Viscosity and Mean Free Path

$$\eta = \frac{1}{3} \cdot v \cdot d \cdot \lambda$$

Where, 'd' is the density of the gas

$$d = \frac{\text{mass}}{V} = \frac{mN}{V} = \frac{M}{N_0} \cdot \frac{N}{V} = \frac{M}{N_0} \rho$$

$$\lambda = \frac{kT}{\sqrt{2}\pi\sigma^2 P} \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{8RT}{\pi M}}$$

$$\eta = \frac{2}{3\pi N_0 \sigma^2} \sqrt{\frac{MRT}{\pi}}$$

## Dependence of Viscosity on Temperature and Pressure

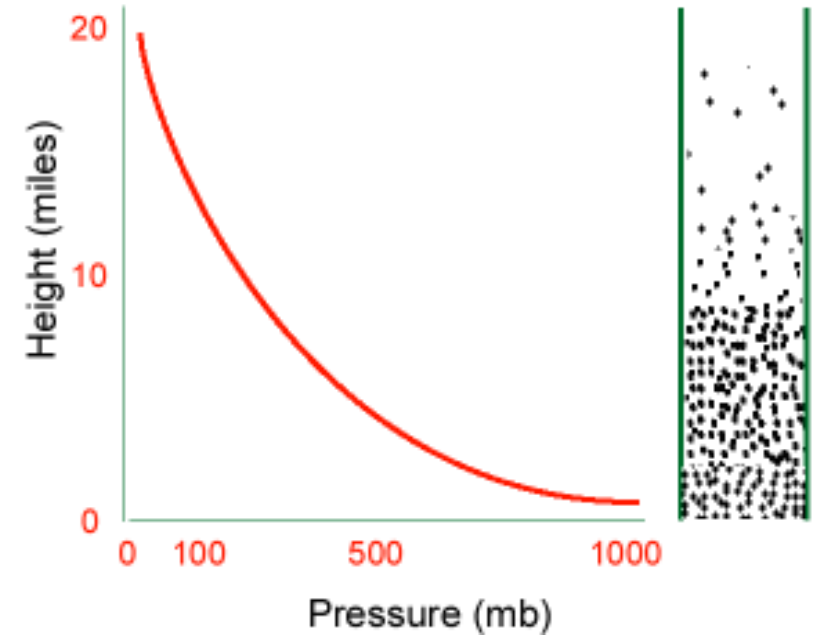
$$\eta = \frac{2}{3\pi N_0 \sigma^2} \sqrt{\frac{MRT}{\pi}}$$

$$\eta \propto \sqrt{T}$$

*Viscosity is independent of Pressure*

## BAROMETRIC DISTRIBUTION LAW

- The molecules in a very large column of gas under the influence of gravity.
- Due to this the molecules are not distributed evenly.
- More molecules at the lower levels than at higher levels.
- Pressure of the gas will be different at different vertical positions in the container.
- Variation in pressure is explained by Barometric Distribution law.



$$p = p_0 e^{-\frac{Mgh}{RT}}$$

$p$  = Pressure at height  $h$  above the reference level

$p_0$  = Pressure at some reference level

$M$  = Molecular Mass

$g$  = Acceleration due to gravity

$R$  = Universal Gas Constant

$T$  = Kelvin Temperature

