

Gas Law Problems

- 1.) A tank contains a mixture of 3.0 mole N_2 , 2.0 mole O_2 , and 1.0 mole CO_2 at 273K and a total pressure of 20.0 atm. Calculate the partial pressure (in mmHg) of each gas in the mixture.

$$P_{N_2} = \frac{n_{N_2}}{n_T} P_T = \frac{3.0}{6.0} \frac{20.0 \text{ atm}}{1 \text{ atm}} \times \frac{760 \text{ mmHg}}{1 \text{ atm}} = 2333 \text{ mmHg}$$

$$P_{O_2} = \frac{2.0}{6.0} \frac{20.0 \text{ atm}}{1 \text{ atm}} \times \frac{760 \text{ mmHg}}{1 \text{ atm}} = 1556 \text{ mmHg}$$

$$P_{CO_2} = \frac{1.0}{6.0} (20.0 \text{ atm}) = \frac{3.33 \text{ atm}}{1 \text{ atm}} \times \frac{760 \text{ mmHg}}{1 \text{ atm}} = 2533 \text{ mmHg}$$

- 2.) A sample of gas is saturated with water vapor at 27°C. The total pressure of the mixture is 772 torr, and the vapor pressure of water is 26.7 torr at 27°C. The temperature is 27.0°C, the volume is 500.0 mL, and the mass of the collected gas is .638 g. What gas is it?

$$P_T = 772 \text{ torr} \quad P_{\text{gas}} = 772 - 26.7 = 745.3 \text{ torr} \quad \boxed{745 \text{ torr}} \quad P_{\text{gas}}$$

$$\text{molar mass} = \frac{MRT}{PV}$$

$$T = 300.0 \text{ K}$$

$$\frac{.638 \text{ g}}{745 \text{ torr}} \times \frac{760 \text{ torr}}{1 \text{ atm}} \times \frac{.0821 \text{ L} \cdot \text{atm}}{\text{mol} \cdot \text{K}} \times \frac{300.0 \text{ K}}{.5000 \text{ L}} = \boxed{32.1 \text{ g/mol}}$$

$$\boxed{O_2 = 32.00 \text{ g/mol}}$$

- 3.) Assume that oxygen gas is being collected over water (P_{H_2O}). Write an equation for the density of oxygen gas (assume the pressure in the bottle is P_T)

$$D = \frac{M}{V}$$

$$P_T = nRT$$

$$V = \frac{nRT}{P_T}$$

$$P_{O_2} = (P_T - P_{H_2O})$$

$$D = \frac{(M/n)P}{(n/RT)} \quad \frac{M}{n} = \text{molar mass (mm)}$$

$$D = \frac{(P_T - P_{H_2O}) mm}{RT}$$

- 4.) If 3.0 g of $O_2(g)$ and 3.0 g of $He(g)$ are placed in a 4.0 L vessel at $55^\circ C$, what will be the partial pressure of each gas and the total pressure in the vessel?

$$P_T = \frac{n_T RT}{V}$$

$$P_T = \frac{.84 \text{ mol} \cdot .0821 \text{ atm} \cdot 328 \text{ K}}{4.0 \text{ L}} = 5.6 \text{ atm}$$

$$n_T = n_{O_2} + n_{He}$$

$$n_{O_2} = \frac{3.0 \text{ g}}{32.00 \text{ g/mol}} = .094 \text{ mol}$$

$$n_{He} = \frac{3.0 \text{ g}}{4.00 \text{ g/mol}} = .75 \text{ mol}$$

$$n_T = .094 + .75 = .84 \text{ mol of gas}$$

$$P_{O_2} = \left(\frac{.094}{.84} \right) 5.6 \text{ atm} = .63 \text{ atm}$$

$$P_{He} = \left(\frac{.75}{.84} \right) 5.6 \text{ atm} = 5.0 \text{ atm}$$

- 5.) Ethylene burns in oxygen to form carbon dioxide and water vapor:



How many liters of water vapor can be formed if 1.25 L of ethylene at STP are combined with 10.0 L of oxygen in this reaction?

$$\frac{1.25 \text{ L } C_2H_4}{22.4 \text{ L/mol}} \cdot \frac{2 \text{ mol } H_2O}{1 \text{ mol } C_2H_4} \cdot \frac{22.4 \text{ L}}{1 \text{ mol}} = 2.50 \text{ L } H_2O$$

$$\frac{10.0 \text{ L } H_2O}{22.4 \text{ L/mol}} \cdot \frac{2 \text{ mol } H_2O}{3 \text{ mol } O_2} \cdot \frac{22.4 \text{ L}}{1 \text{ mol}} = 6.67 \text{ L } H_2O$$