

# Lecture 3

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Models

Ideal gas model

Equipartition of energy

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# What is a model in physics?

- Talk to your neighbour 2 min

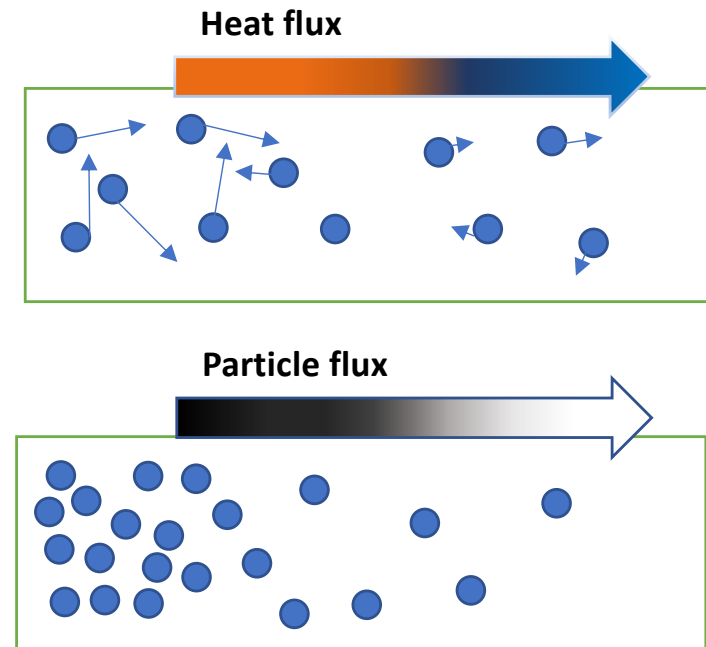


# Phenomena: Relaxation to equilibrium by diffusion

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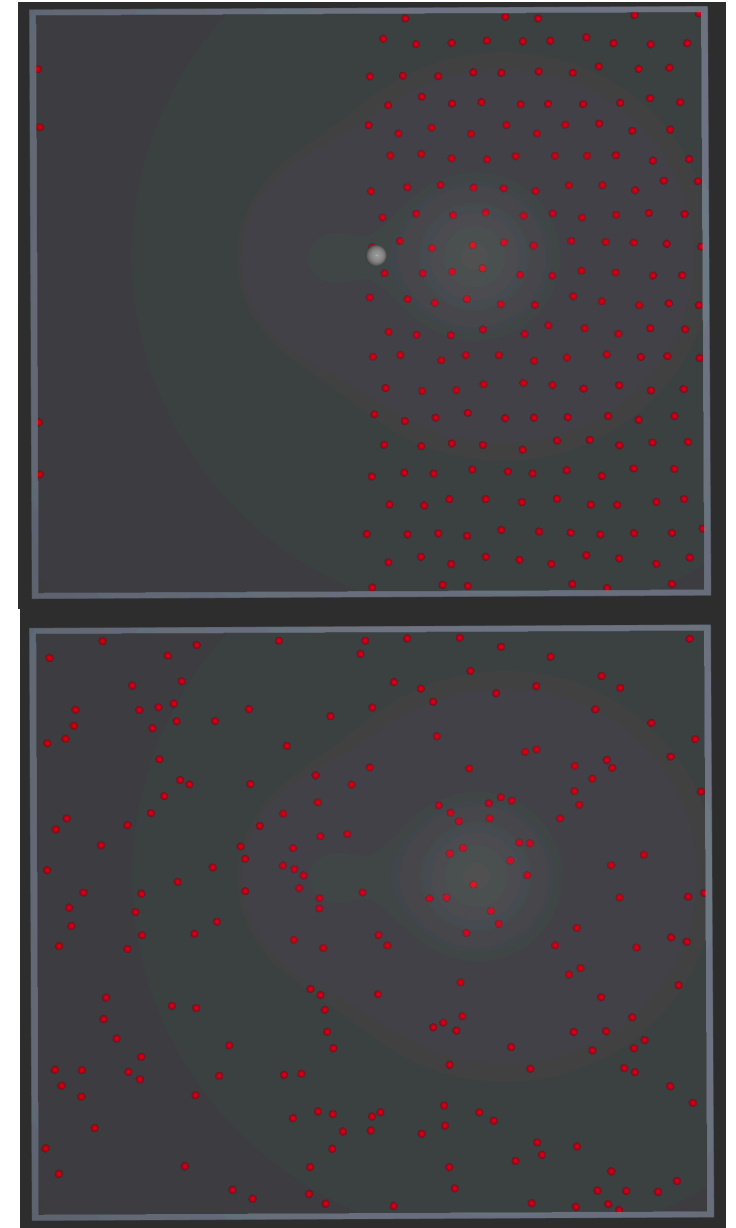
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# Models

- Molecular dynamics
  - Random walk
  - Algorithmic
  - Ideal gas
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- Reversible laws of motion
  - Irreversible development: arrow of time
  - Measure average property: distribution in box

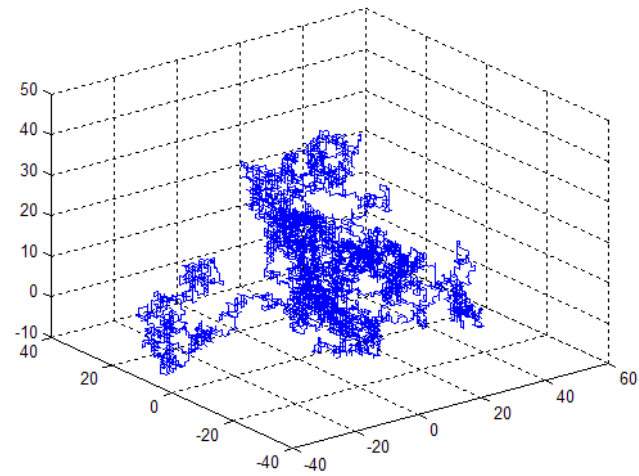
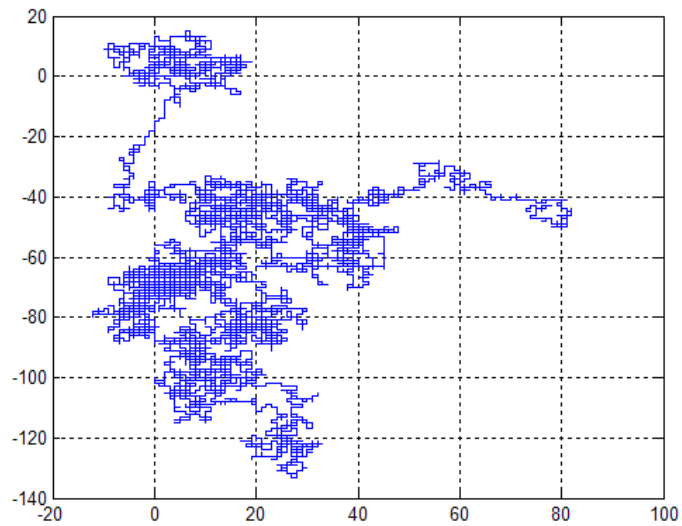
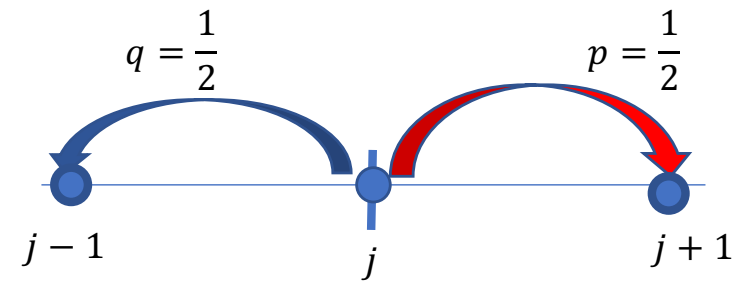
Gas particles moving randomly starting at one side.



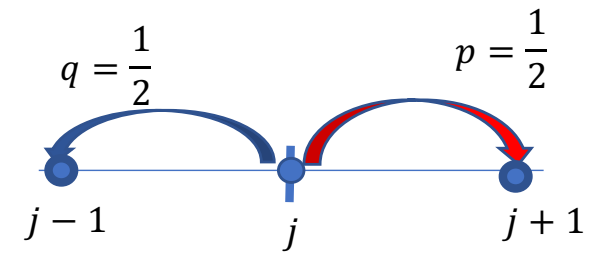
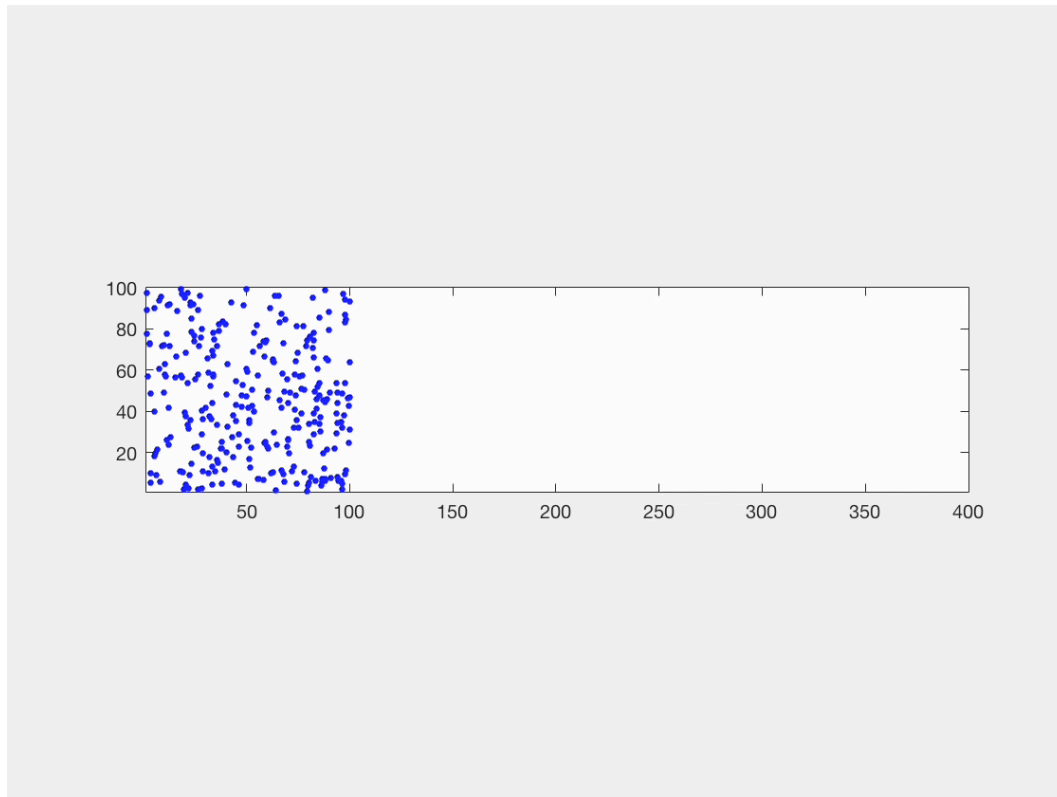
# Molecular dynamics

- Atoms interacting by pairwise potential  $U(r_{ij})$
- Forces  $F_i = \sum_j \frac{d}{dr_{ij}} U(r_{ij})$
- Give atoms some initial positions  $r_i$  and velocity  $v_i$
- Solve Newtons equations of motion
  - $r_i(t+dt) = r_i(t) + dt v_i$
  - $v_i(t+dt) = v_i(t) + dt F_i(t)/m_i$
- Record  $r_i, v_i, F_i$  to compute statistical averages and thermodynamical properties
- Atomify: Package made by Anders Hafreager & Sven Arne Dragly

# Random walk (RW)



# Random walk and diffusion





# Algorithmic model

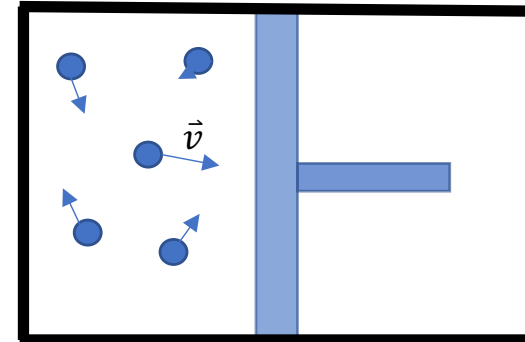


- How can we simplify?
- Positions: only left and right
- All start at left
- Every timestep: randomly ( $P=1/2$ ) move 1 particle from left to right or right to left.
- measure fraction of particles on left side

# Ideal gas model: Pressure

Newtonian gas particle:

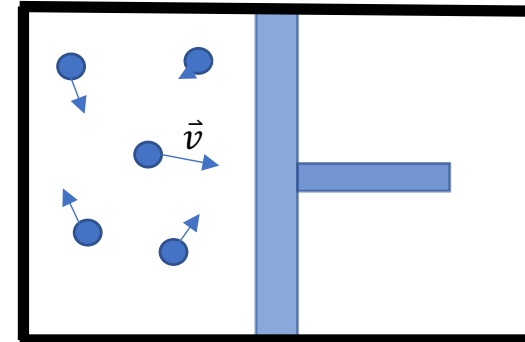
- $m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \vec{F} (= 0)$
- Independent, identical particles



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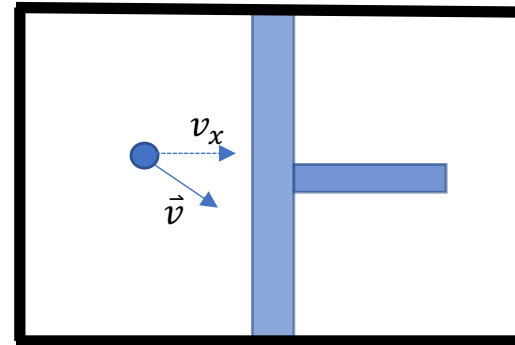
**Q: What is the pressure in the ideal gas model?**



- **pressure is isotropic and the same on all walls**
- **compute the pressure on the piston**

# Ideal gas model: Pressure

What is the long-time averaged pressure exerted on the piston by one particle?



- $$P = \frac{\overline{F_{x,piston}}}{A} = -\frac{\overline{F_x}}{A} = -\frac{m}{A} \overline{\left(\frac{\Delta v_x}{\Delta t}\right)}$$

- Time it takes to go round-trip across the box

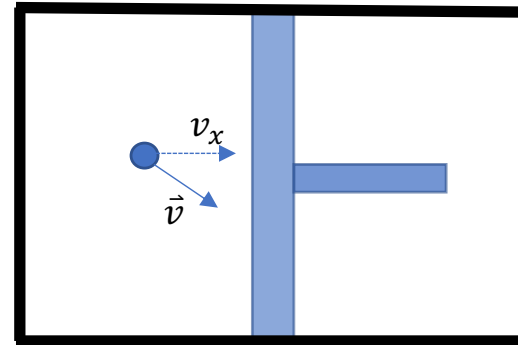
$$\Delta t = \frac{2L}{v_x}$$

- Change in velocity after one perfect collision with the piston

$$\Delta v_x = v_{x,after} - v_{x,before} = -2v_x$$

# Ideal gas model: Pressure

What is the average pressure exerted on the piston by the gas particles?



$$\bullet P = -\frac{m}{A} \overline{\left(\frac{\Delta v_x}{\Delta t}\right)} = \frac{m \overline{v_x^2}}{AL} = \frac{m \overline{v_x^2}}{V}$$

using

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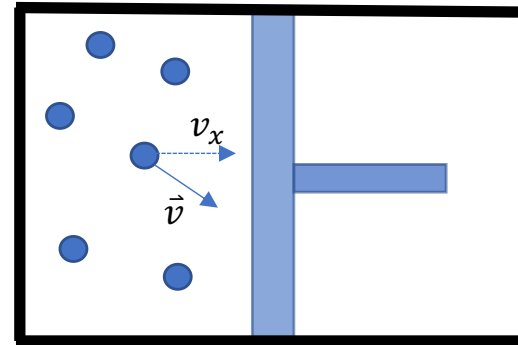
*Pressure is the long-time average of  $v_x^2$*

$$P = \frac{m \overline{v_x^2}}{V}$$

Consider **ALL**  $N$  particles at a given time and average over their velocities (**ensemble average**)

$$PV = Nm \langle v_x^2 \rangle = \frac{N}{3} m \langle v^2 \rangle$$

$$PV = \frac{2N}{3} \langle K_{trans} \rangle, \quad \langle K_{trans} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} m \langle v^2 \rangle$$

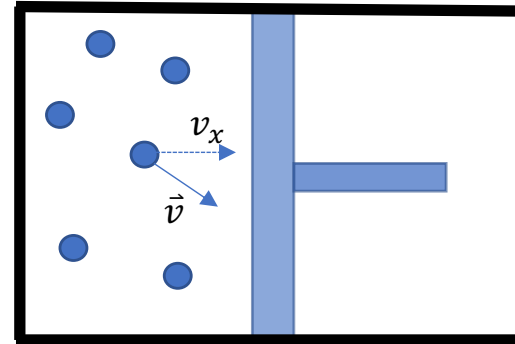


# Ideal gas model: Temperature

$$PV = \frac{2N}{3} \langle K_{trans} \rangle$$

$$PV = NkT$$

Average kinetic energy of a particle gives a measure of the gas temperature



$$\langle K_{trans} \rangle = \frac{3}{2} kT$$

$$\text{In 1-D: } \langle K_{trans} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} kT$$

$$\text{In d-D: } \langle K_{trans} \rangle = \frac{d}{2} kT$$

$$\langle |v| \rangle \approx \sqrt{\langle v^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}}$$

# Ideal gas model: Equipartition

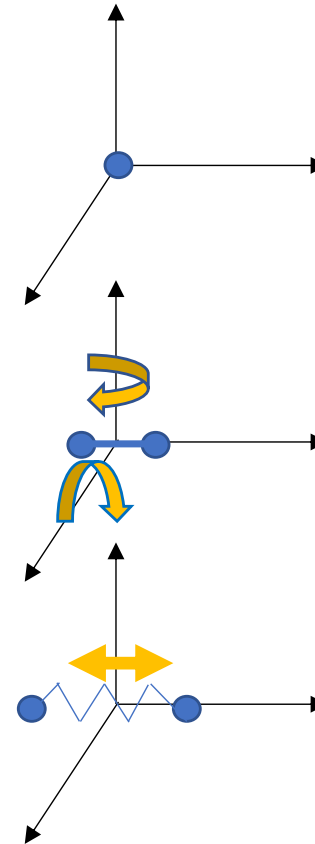
## Equipartition of energy (theorem):

At equilibrium with temperature  $T$ , any quadratic form of the internal energy equal  $\frac{1}{2}kT$  per degree of freedom

$$U = K + U_{potential} = \frac{f}{2}NkT$$

What is a *degree of freedom*?

- Translation  $K_{trans} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$
- Rotation  $K_{rot} = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$
- Vibration/oscillation  $U_{harm} = -\frac{1}{2}k(\Delta x)^2$

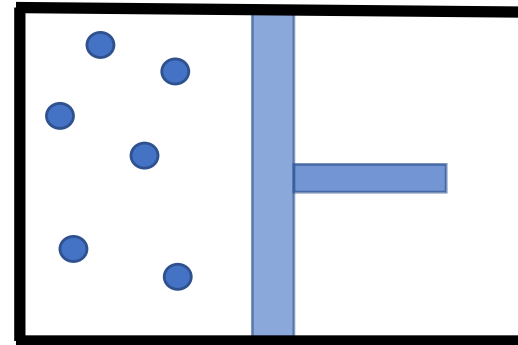




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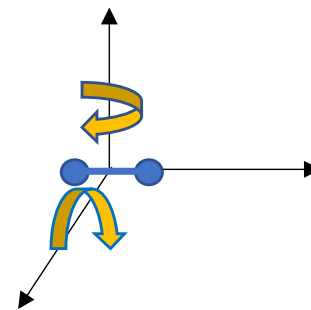


## *Example:*

*What is the internal energy of a diatomic gas:*

$$U = K + U_{potential}$$

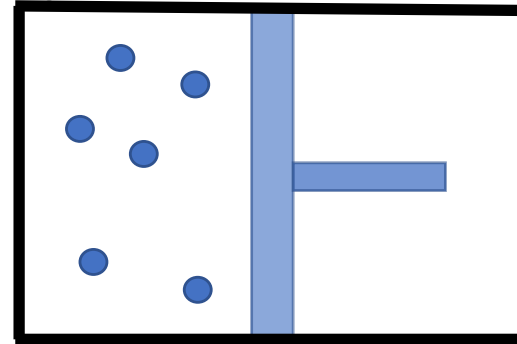
$$U = \frac{5}{2}NkT$$



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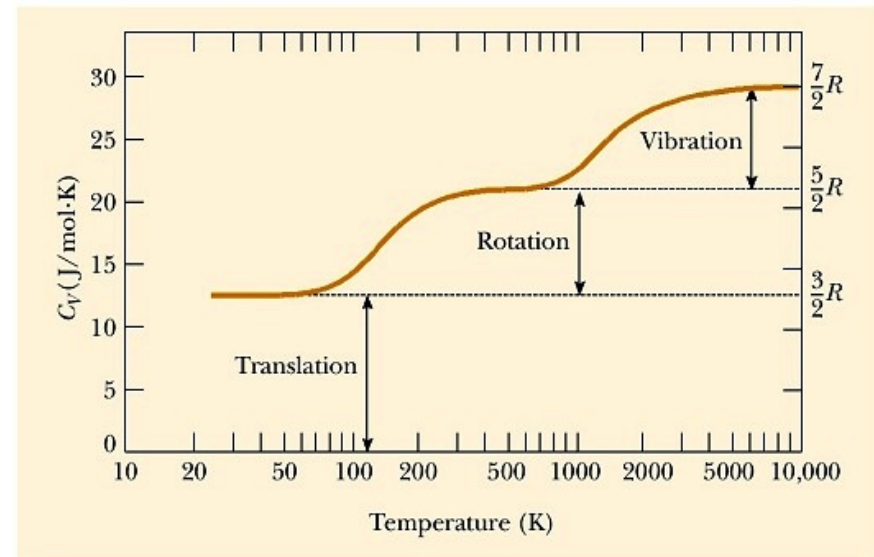
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What are the heat capacities  $C_V, C_P$ ?

$$C_V = \frac{dU}{dT} = \frac{f}{2} Nk$$

$$C_P = C_V + P \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P = \frac{f+2}{2} Nk$$



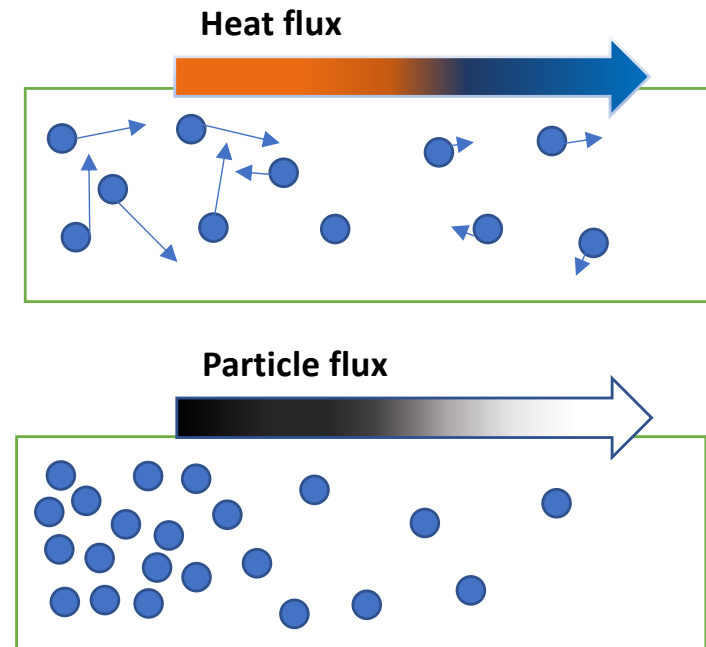
The molar specific heat of hydrogen as a function of temperature. The horizontal scale is logarithmic. Note that hydrogen liquefies at 20 K.

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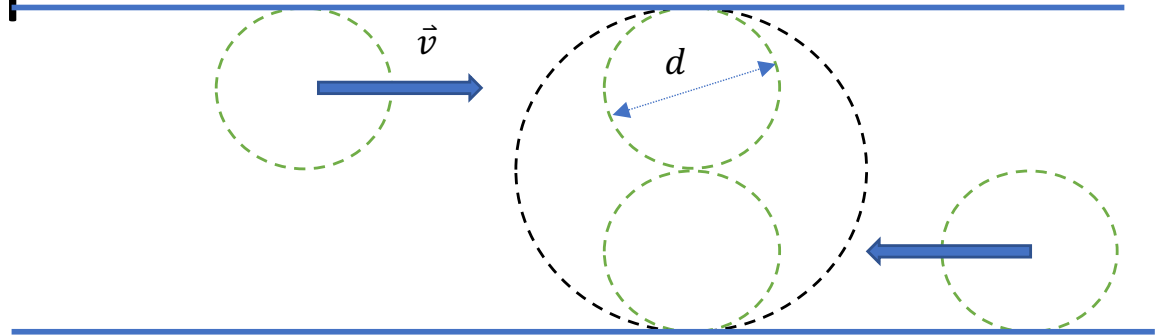
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We have shown that many models displays this irreversibility,  
but how fast does it happen?

# Mean free-path



Free path between collisions

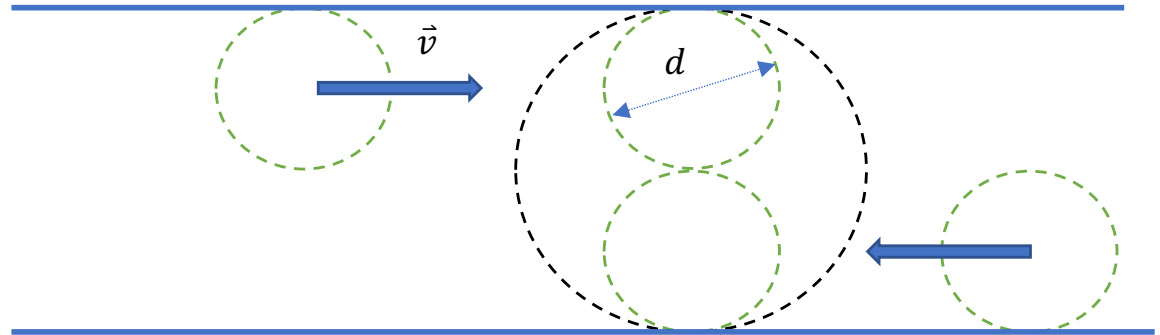
Number of molecules per unit volume  
(density):

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

Effective collision area:  $\sigma = \pi d^2$

Mean free path:  $\lambda = \frac{1}{n\sigma} = \frac{1}{\pi d^2 n}$

# Mean free path



Gas particles spend most of their time between collisions

$$\text{Mean free path: } \lambda = \frac{1}{\pi d^2 n_V}$$

*Average time between collisions:*

$$\tau = \frac{\lambda}{\bar{v}}, \quad \bar{v} \approx \frac{\sqrt{kT}}{\sqrt{m}}$$

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The mean-free path  $\lambda$  and mean lag time  $\tau$  dictate the *kinetics* of the gas  
**(diffusion and heat conduction properties)**

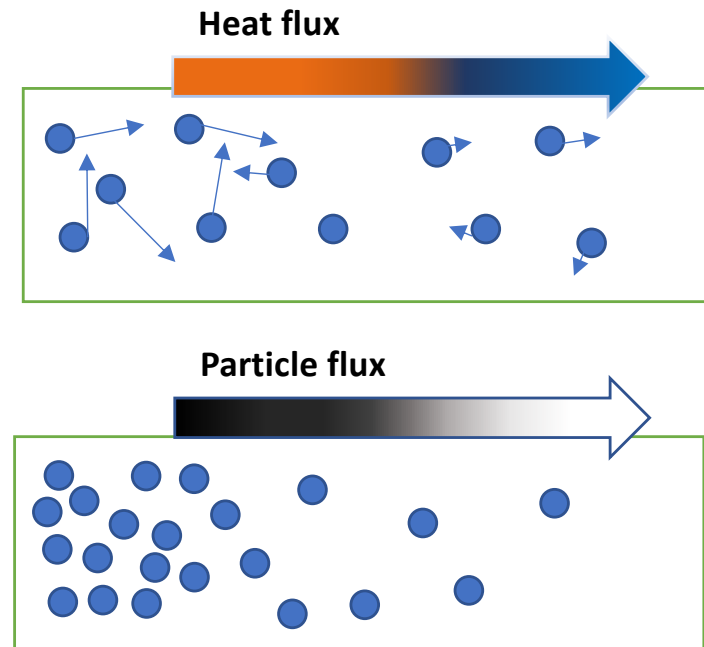
$$\text{Mean square displacement } r^2(t) = \frac{1}{\pi n d^2} \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}} t$$

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# Fick's first law:

- Diffusive particle drift *from high to low* concentration  $C = \frac{N}{V}$  of particles

$$J = -D\nabla C$$

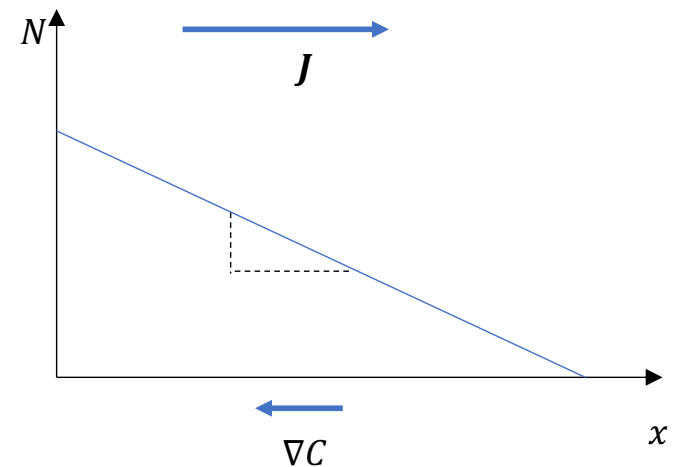
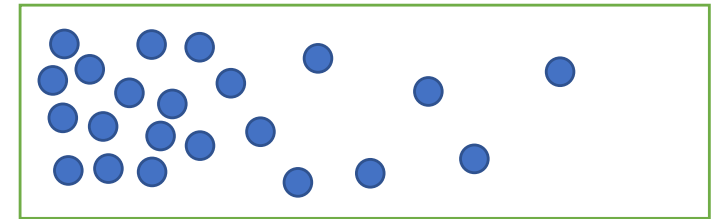
- Diffusivity  $D$ :** mobility of the diffusing particles

$$\frac{N}{A\Delta t} \approx D \frac{\Delta(N V^{-1})}{\Delta x}$$

$$\frac{\text{moles}}{\text{m}^2\text{s}} = [D] \frac{\text{moles} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}}{\text{m}}$$

$$[D] = \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}$$

- $D_{\text{CO}} = 0.2 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}$  in air
- $D_{\text{CO}} = 2 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}$  in water



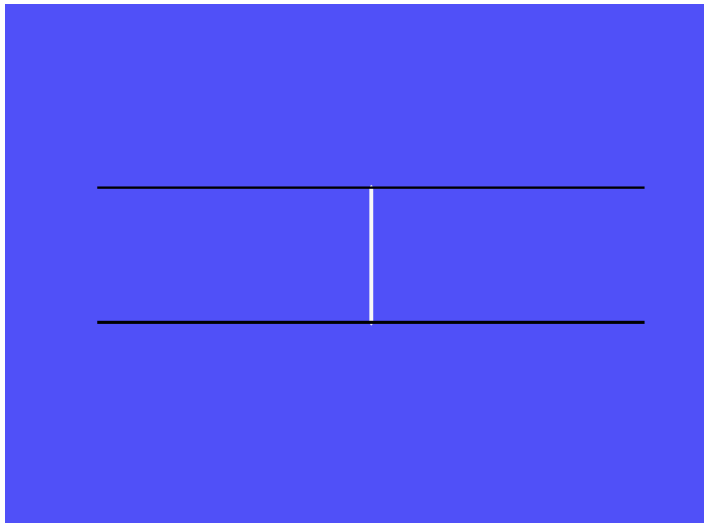
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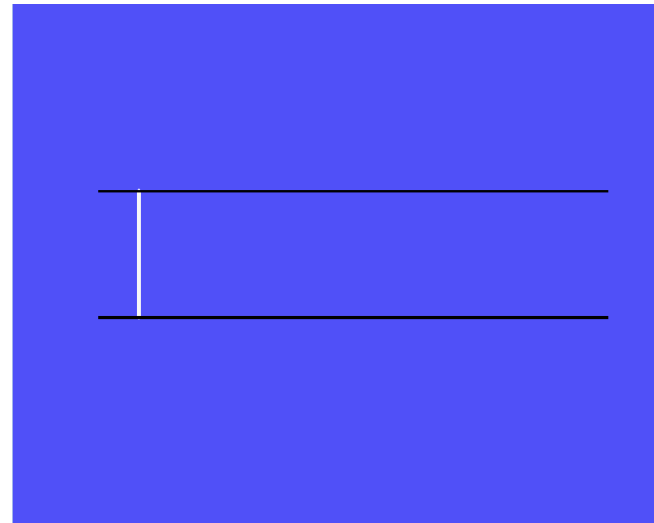
# Flow and dispersion

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**Molecular dispersion  
(Diffusion)**



**Dispersion by flow**



# Molecular Diffusivity: gas kinetics

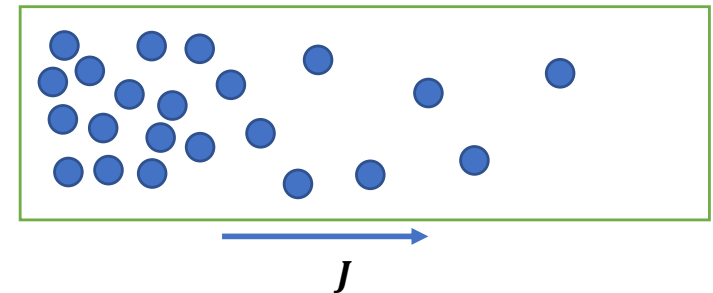
- Flux across a surface in a average time interval between collisions  $\tau$

$$J \approx \frac{N}{A\tau} = \frac{N}{A\lambda} \bar{v} \sim c\bar{v}$$

$$J = -D \frac{dc}{dx} \approx D \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

$$D \approx \lambda \bar{v}$$

$$D \approx \frac{1}{\pi d^2} \frac{kT}{P} \times \frac{\sqrt{kT}}{\sqrt{m}} \sim \frac{T^{\frac{3}{2}}}{P}$$



# Summary

- Irreversibility and models
- Model predictions
- Equipartition of energy

$$U = \frac{f}{2} kT, \quad f \text{ quadratic degrees of freedom}$$

- Kinetic properties of gas depend on the mean-free path and mean velocity of the gas particles

$$D \approx \lambda \bar{v} \sim \frac{T^{\frac{3}{2}}}{P},$$



- identical, monatomic, N particles

- no interaction

-  $V = L^3$

- momentum  $\vec{p}_i = m \vec{v}_i$

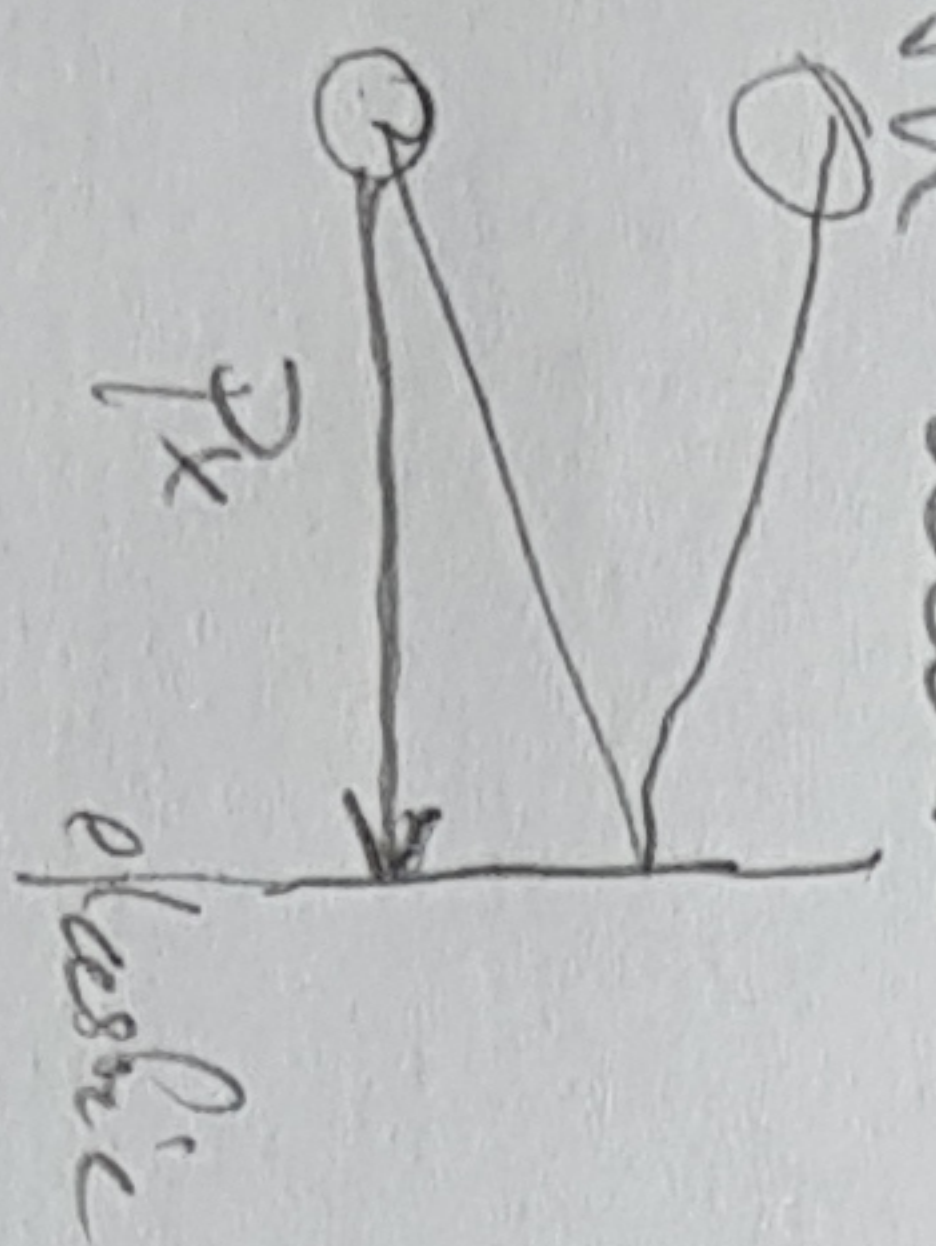
- kinetic energy  $E_{k,i} = \frac{p_i^2}{2m} = \frac{1}{2} m \vec{v}_i^2 = \frac{1}{2} m (v_{x,i}^2 + v_{y,i}^2 + v_{z,i}^2)$

- Total kinetic energy  $E_{k,tot} = \sum_{i=1}^N E_{k,i} = \frac{1}{2} m \sum_{i=1}^N v_i^2 = \frac{1}{2} N m \langle v_i^2 \rangle$

- Pressure  $P = \frac{F}{A} = \frac{1}{A} \sum_i \frac{\Delta p_i}{\Delta t_i} = \frac{1}{A} N \frac{\Delta p_i}{\Delta t}$

- collision with wall  $\Delta p_x = 2 m \bar{v}_x$

$\bar{v}_x = \sqrt{\langle v_x^2 \rangle}$  RMS velocity



- Time between collisions with right wall  $\Delta t = \frac{2L}{v_x}$

$\Rightarrow P_x = \frac{1}{2L} N \frac{2 m \bar{v}_x \cdot \bar{v}_x}{2L} = \frac{N}{V} m \bar{v}_x^2$

$P V = N m \langle v_x^2 \rangle = 2 N E_{k,x}$

## Equipartition principle

At temperature  $T$ , the average energy of any quadratic degree of freedom is  $kT$   
= Definition of  $T$  in our model.

$$\overline{E_{k,x}} = \frac{1}{2} m \overline{v_x^2} = \frac{1}{2} kT$$

$$PV = N m \langle v_x^2 \rangle = NkT$$

1 ideal gas "law"  $PV = NkT$