

2.1 Kinetic particle model of matter

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Objective

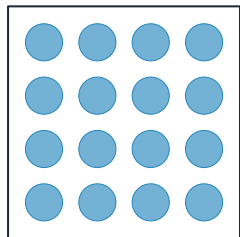
Build the skills to answer exam questions on the **kinetic particle model** the three states, **gas pressure**, $pV = \text{constant}$, and **Brownian motion**.

You must be able to:

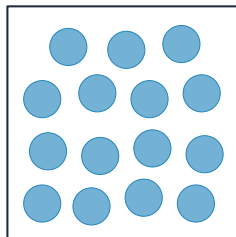
- describe the particle arrangement and motion in solids, liquids, gases
- explain gas pressure and use $p_1V_1 = p_2V_2$ (constant temperature)
- describe Brownian motion as evidence for the particle model

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

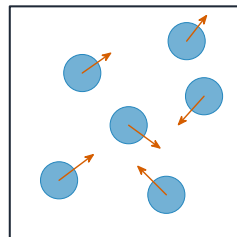
■ States and gas laws



solid
fixed pattern,
vibrate in place

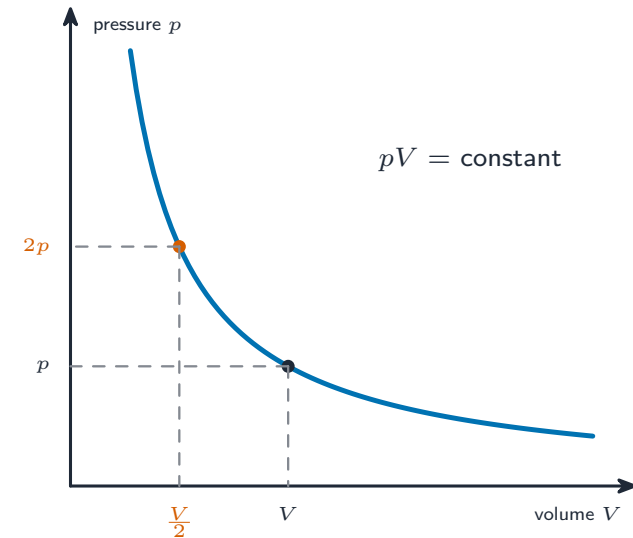


liquid
close, no pattern,
slide past



gas
far apart,
fast and random

Solid: fixed and ordered; liquid: close but disordered; gas: far apart and fast



At constant temperature pV is constant – halve V and p doubles

200 cm³ at 100 kPa squeezed to 50 cm³: $100 \times 200 = p_2 \times 50 \Rightarrow p_2 = 400$ kPa.

2 Practice

2.1 Describe the arrangement of particles in a solid. [1]

2.2 A gas of volume 300 cm³ at 120 kPa is compressed to 100 cm³ at constant temperature. Find the new pressure. [2]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Gas pressure on the container walls is caused by: [1]

- ☐ A particles vibrating in fixed positions
☐ B particles colliding with the walls
☐ C the gas expanding
☐ D the walls heating up

3.2 A fixed mass of gas at constant temperature has $p_1 = 150 \text{ kPa}$ and $V_1 = 400 \text{ cm}^3$.

(a) Find the volume when the pressure is increased to 250 kPa . [3]

(b) Explain, using the particle model, why the pressure rises as the volume falls. [2]

3.3 Explain how Brownian motion provides evidence for the kinetic particle model. [2]
