Learning goals

- Explain quantitatively how the intensity of light from an object radiating uniformly in all directions varies with the distance to the object
- Describe which molecular properties of a gas affect the pressure on the walls of a container, and what proportionality relationship each of these quantities has with the pressure
- Describe the microscopic origin of the ideal gas law

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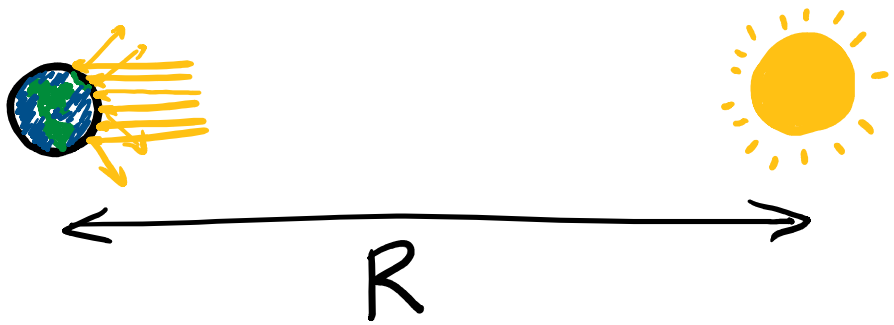

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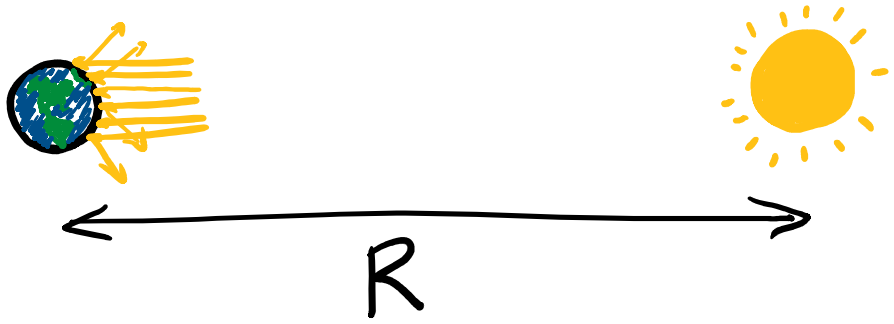

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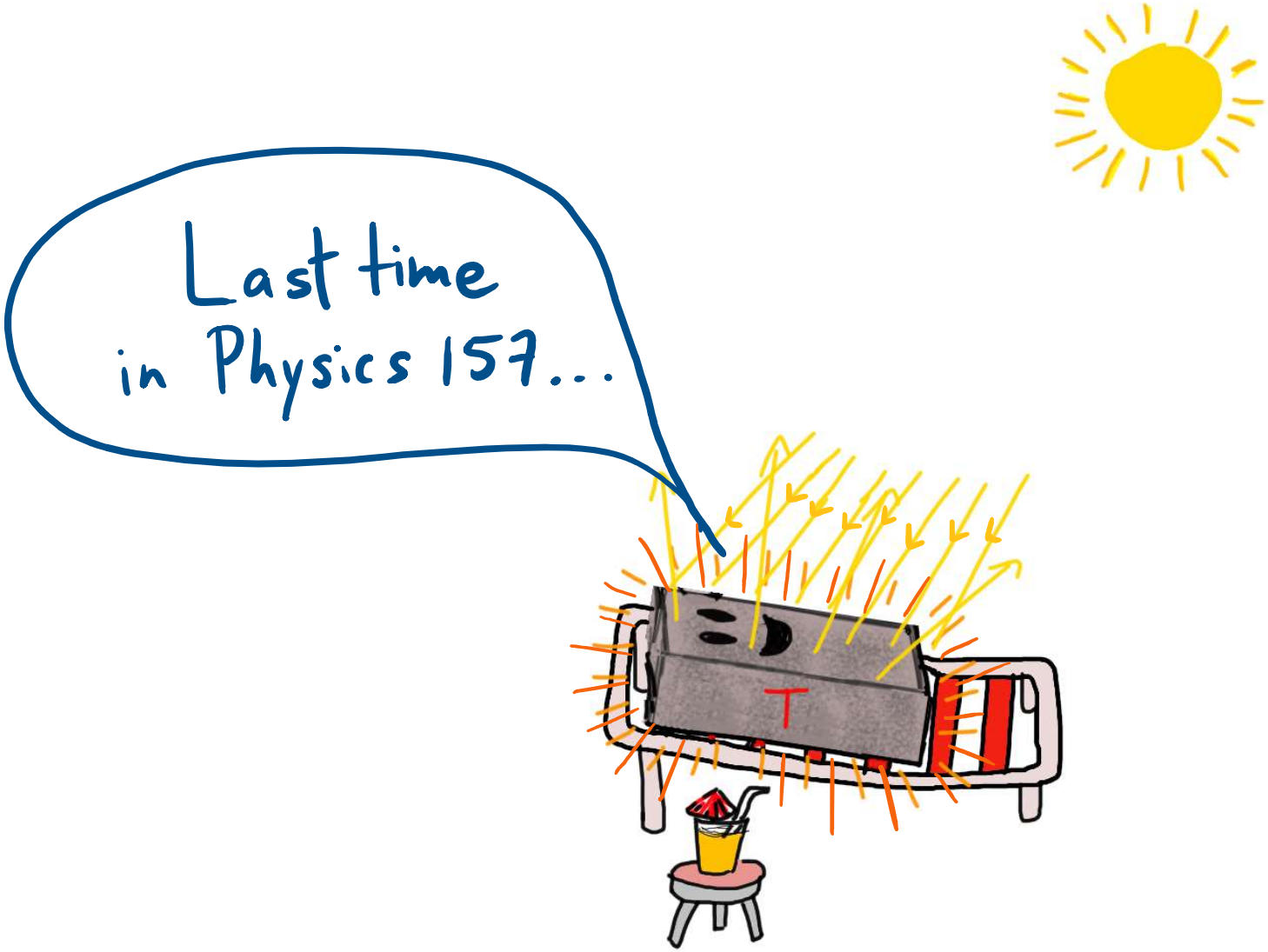
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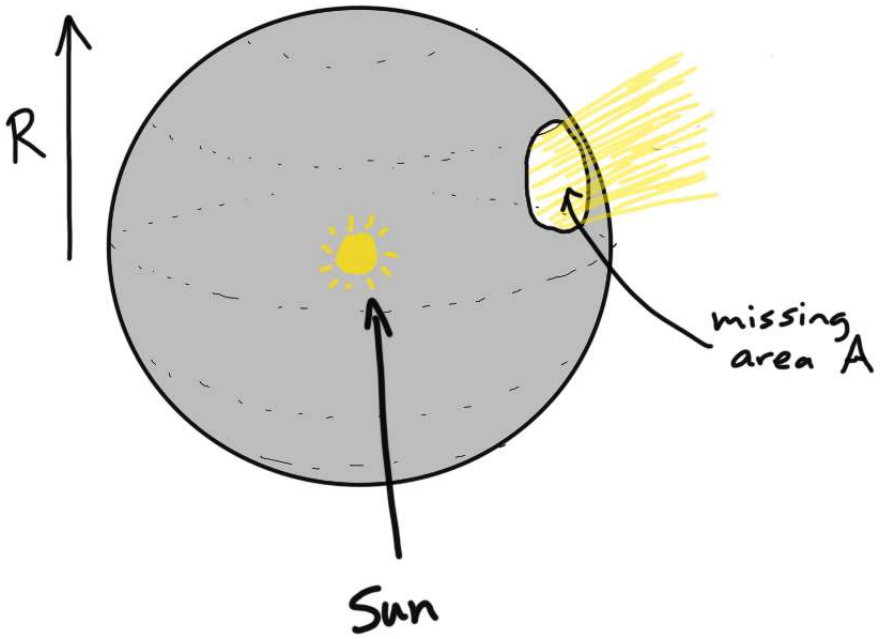


Power through hole is

$$H_{sun} \cdot \frac{A}{4\pi R^2}$$

INTENSITY of sunlight (power per area) is

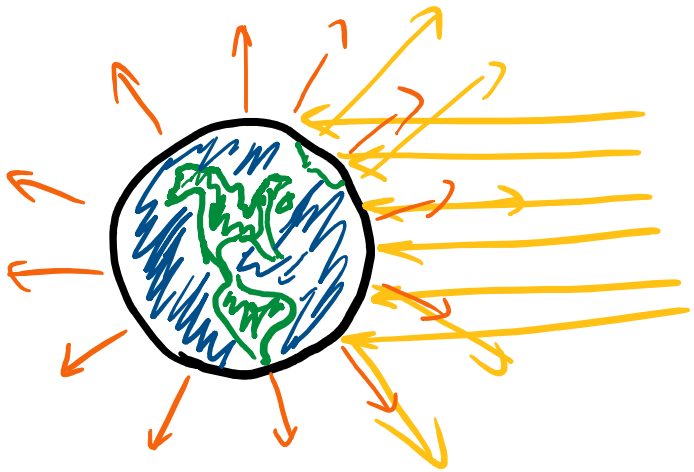
$$I = \frac{H_{sun}}{4\pi R^2} \longrightarrow \text{double } R \Rightarrow \tfrac{1}{4} I$$

At distance of Earth, $I = I_{sc} = 1367\ W/m^2$

Key relation for steady-state heat flow:

$$H_{in} = H_{out}$$

Our problem:



H_{out}: thermal IR radiation

$= (4\pi r^2)\, e\, \sigma\, T^4$

↑ $A_{surface}$

H_{in}: absorbed sunlight

$I_{sc} \cdot \pi r^2 \cdot (1 - a)$

albedo = fraction reflected

★ set equal + solve for T ★

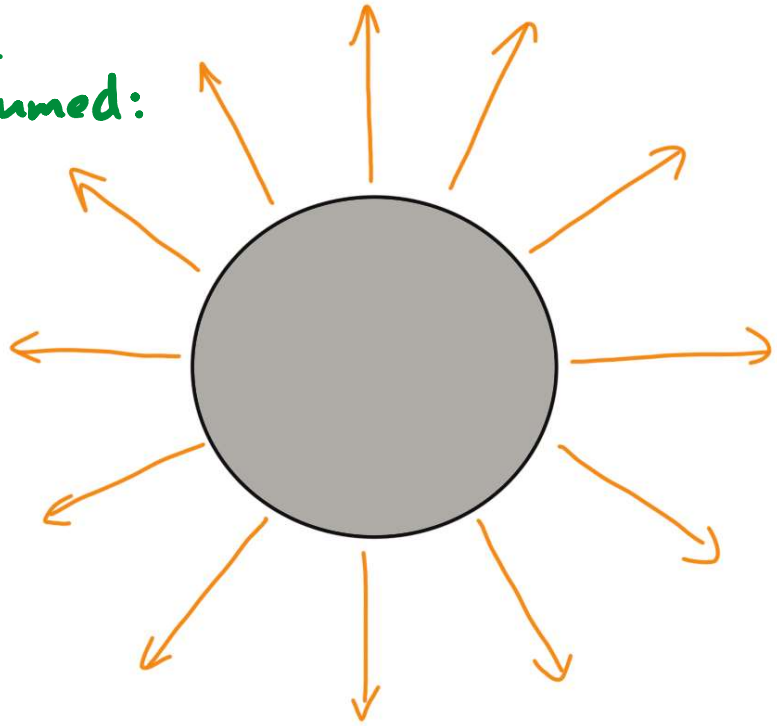
Result:

$$T = \left(\frac{I_{sc} \cdot (1-a)}{4 \, e \, \sigma} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Gives $T = -18°C$ for $e = 1$ but...

Actual surface temperature is larger due to the GREENHOUSE EFFECT: some IR radiation is absorbed by "greenhouse gases" + re-emitted back to Earth.

we assumed:



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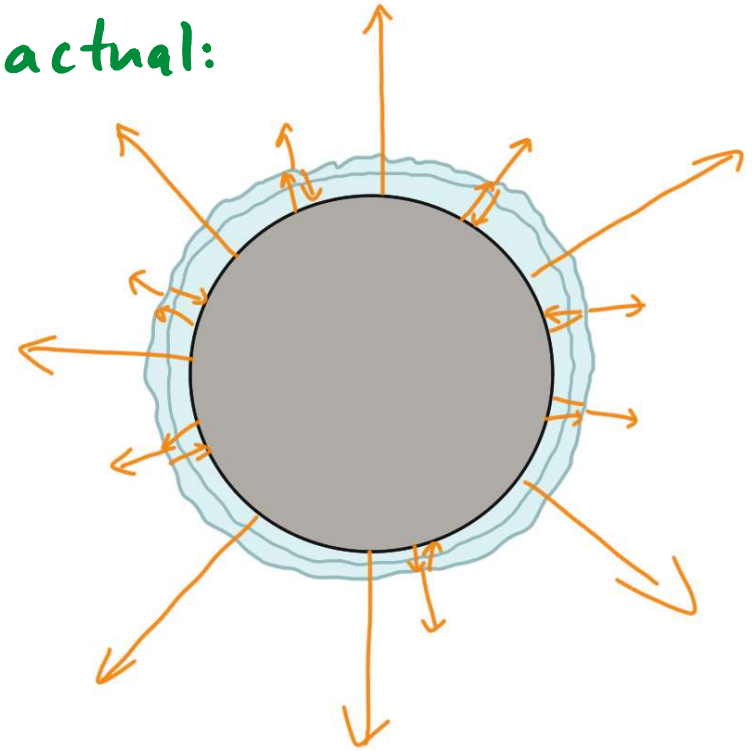
actual:



$e \approx 0.6$

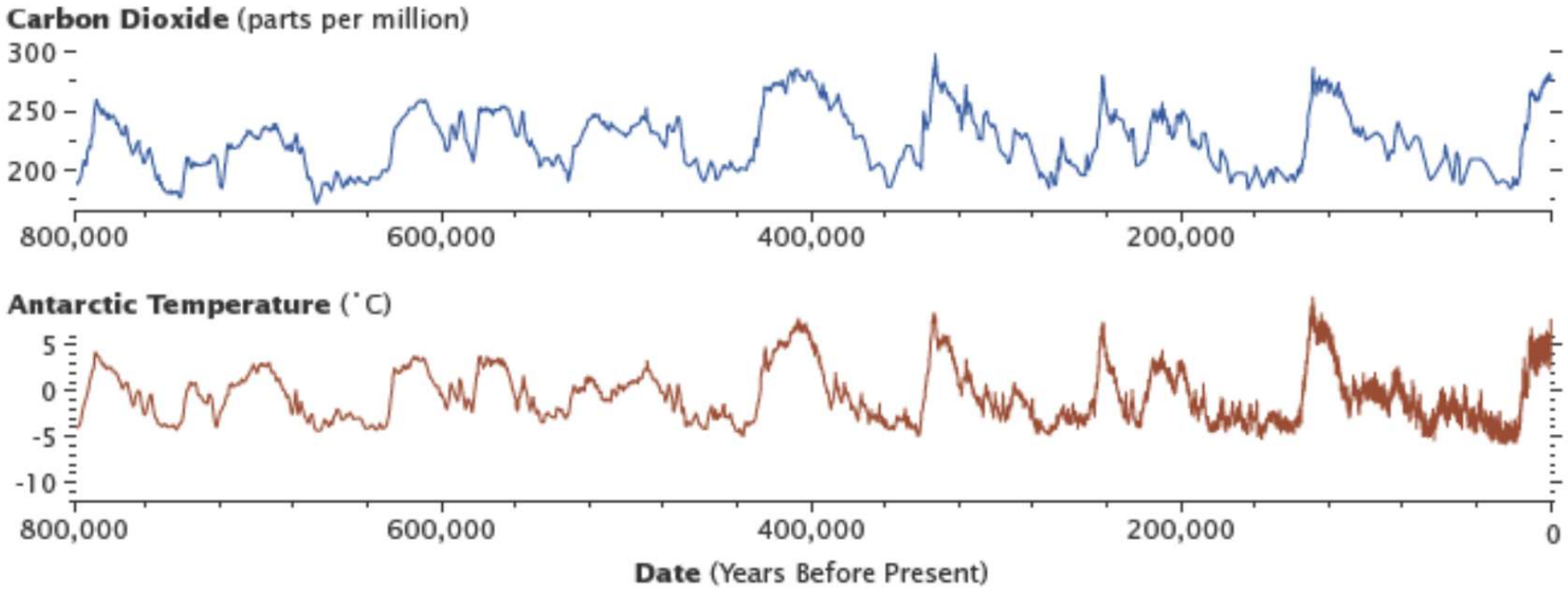
$$\star \quad T = \left[\frac{(1-a)I_{sc}}{4e\sigma}\right]^{\frac{1}{4}} \quad \star$$

Lower $e \Rightarrow$ higher T

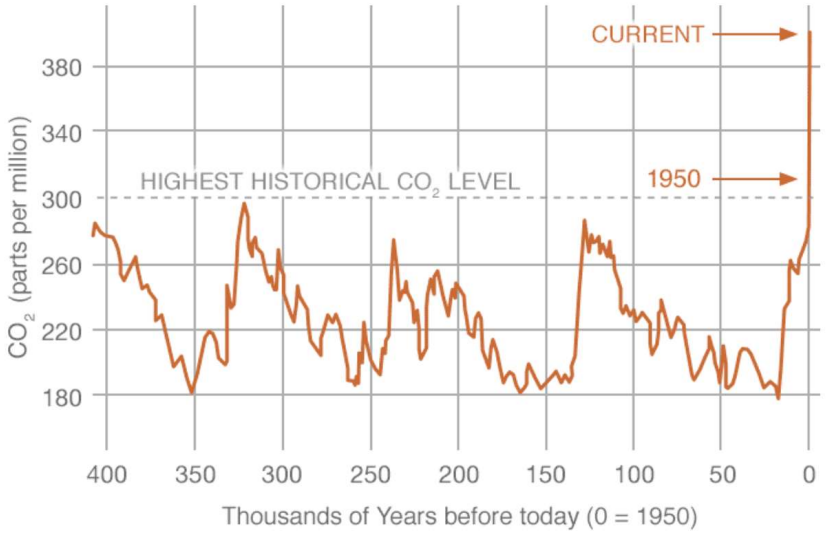
Real $e \approx 0.6$ gives $T = 14.5°C$

But e can decrease e.g. due to increasing CO_2 concentration in atmosphere. $\longrightarrow$ Global warming

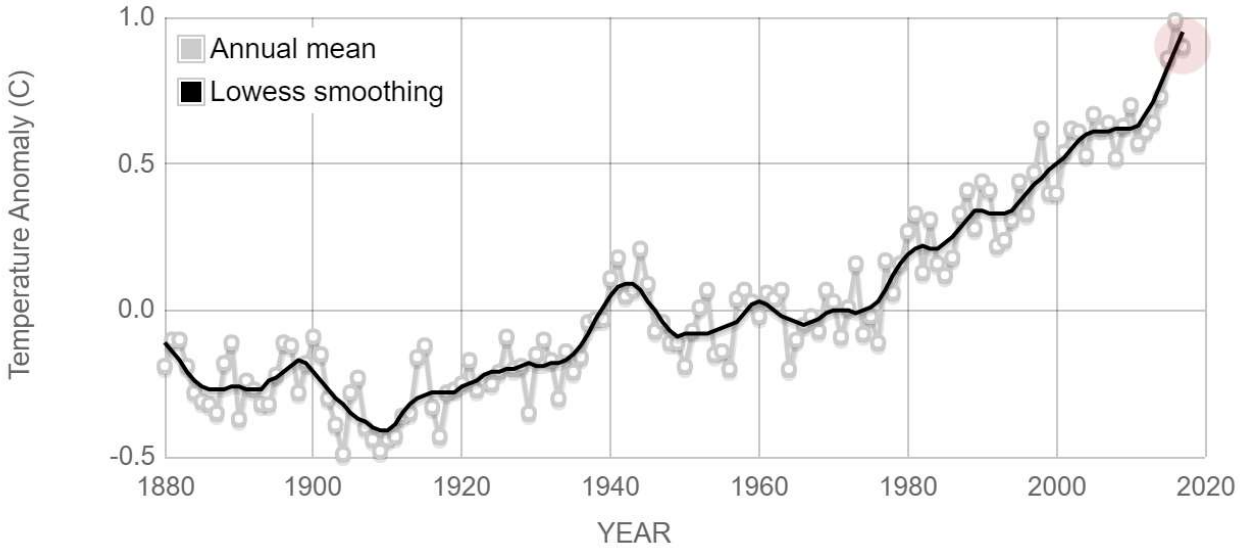
CO_2 correlates closely with temperature



CO_2 levels:



Temperature:



Almost all climate scientists believe this rise due to human activity

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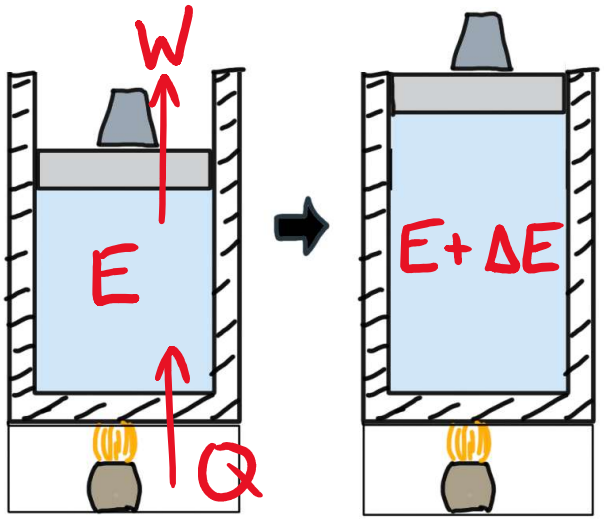
for Earth $H_{in} = I_{sc} \times \pi r_E^2 \times (1 - a_E)$

for Mars: $H_{in} = I_{Mars} \times \pi r_M^2 \times (1 - a_M)$

$R_{Mars} = 1.52\, R_{Earth}$ so $I_{Mars} = \frac{1}{1.52^2} I_{Earth}$

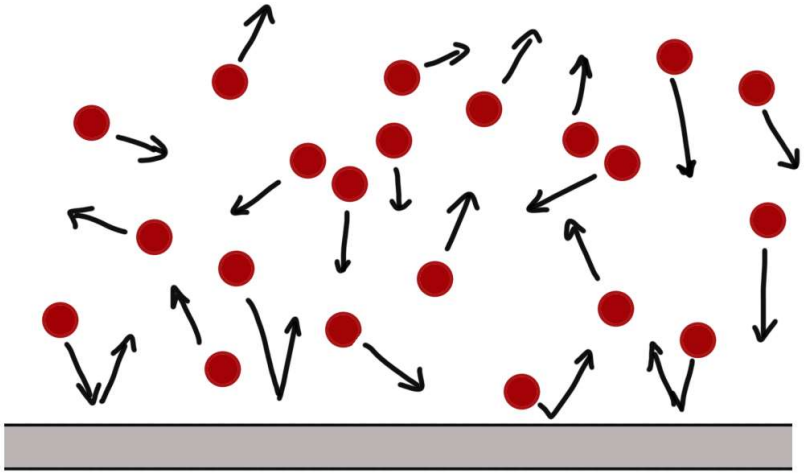
New Topic: THE FIRST LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS

= Conservation of energy



$$\Delta E_{gas} = Q - W$$

↑ work done by gas



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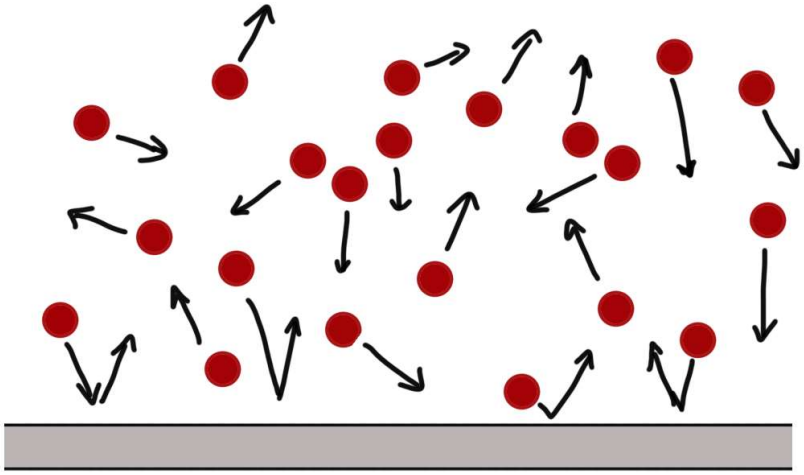
EXTRA: for each quantity you identify, what would happen to the pressure if you double that quantity?



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double density → double P

double mass → double P

double velocity → quadruple P

(twice as many collisions twice as much impact)

$$P = \text{const} \cdot \frac{N}{V} \cdot m \cdot v_{avg}^2$$

density

2x kinetic energy per molecule

Temperature & Kinetic Energy

If we define $T = \text{constant}_1 \times E_{kin}^{avg}$

Molecular model gives:

$$P = \text{constant}_2 \times \frac{N}{V} \times T$$

So P is proportional to T for fixed n, V

★ Molecular definition of temperature is consistent with Kelvin scale definition!

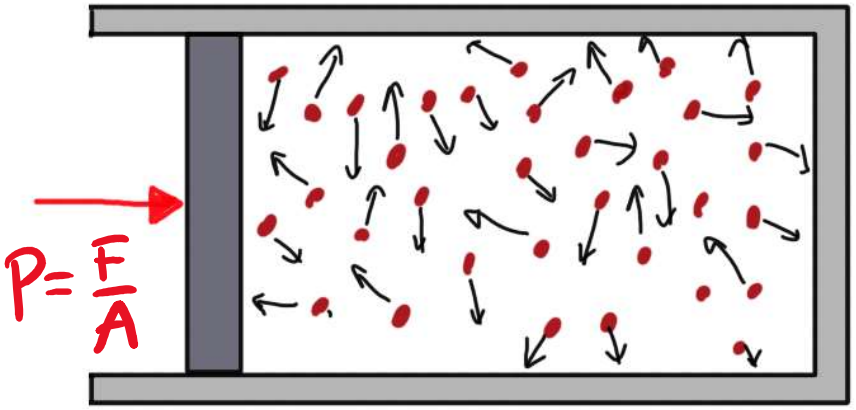
Definitions match exactly if:

$$\text{constant}_2 = \frac{8.31\ J/mol \cdot K}{6.02 \times 10^{23}}$$

← call this R

← this is N_A

Ideal Gas Law



molecular density

avg. kinetic energy per molecule

$$P = \text{const} \cdot \frac{N}{V} \cdot E_{avg}^{kin}$$

$$PV = n \cdot R \cdot T$$

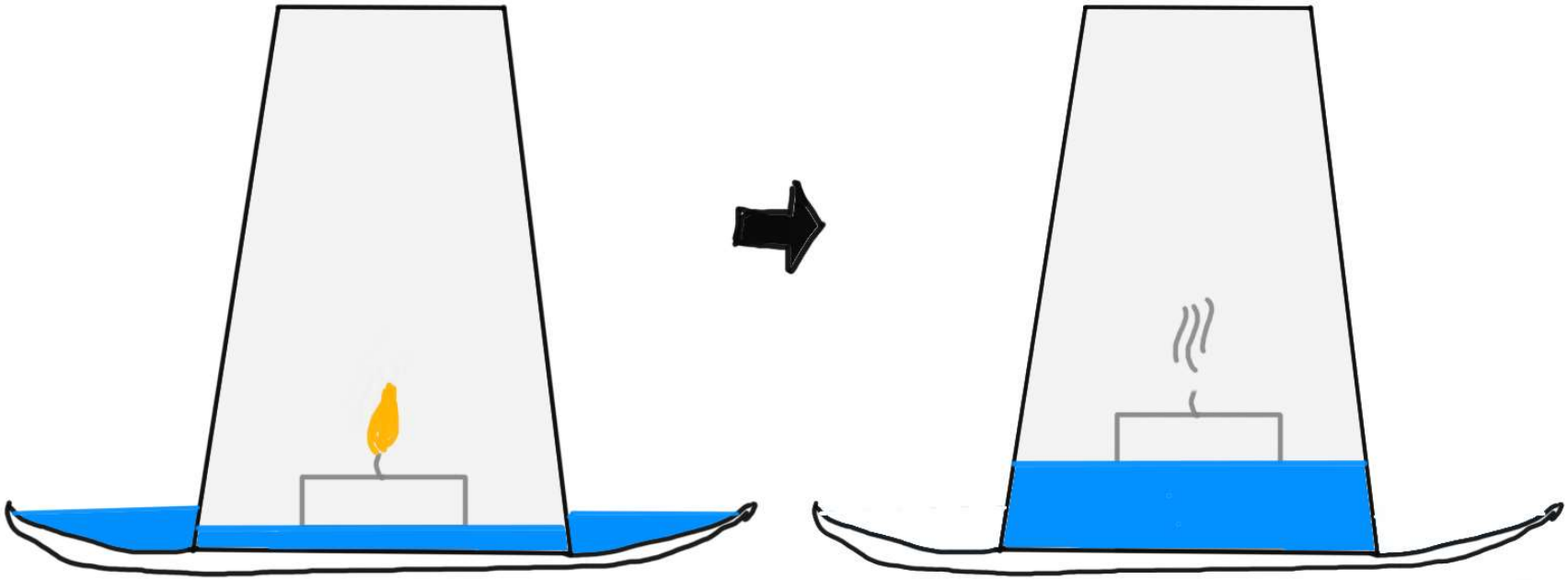
moles

$8.31 \frac{J}{mol \cdot K}$

Tells us how much force a gas exerts on the wall

Thirsty cup demo

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EGfqU_zBec



Why?

Hint: $PV = nRT$