- Dalton's Law of Partial Pressures
- Gas collection over Water

1) (PART I) A piece of solid carbon dioxide, with a mass of 13.3 grams is placed in a 5.3 liter otherwise empty container at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. What is the pressure in the container after all the carbon dioxide vaporizes? (PART II) If 13.3 grams of solid carbon dioxide were placed in the same container but the container already contained air at 750 torr, what would be the partial pressure of carbon dioxide and the total pressure in the container after the carbon dioxide vaporizes?
PART I:
Answers:

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\begin{aligned}
& \frac{13.3 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{CO}_{2}}{} \times \frac{1 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{CO}_{2}}{44.011 \mathrm{~g}}=0.302 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{CO} 2 \\
& P_{\mathrm{CO}_{2}}=\frac{n R T}{V}=\frac{(0.302 \mathrm{~mol})(0.0821 \mathrm{~atm} \cdot \mathrm{~L})(298 \mathrm{~K})}{5.3 \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{~mol} \cdot \mathrm{~K}}=1.39 \mathrm{~atm}
\end{aligned}
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PART II:

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\begin{gathered}
\frac{750 \mathrm{torr}}{} \times \frac{1 \mathrm{~atm}}{760 \mathrm{torr}}=0.987 \mathrm{~atm} \\
P_{T}=P_{\mathrm{CO}_{2}}+P_{\mathrm{Air}}=1.39 \mathrm{~atm}+0.987 \mathrm{~atm}=2.38 \mathrm{~atm}
\end{gathered}
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2) Consider the flasks in the diagram to the right. In flask $1,3.00 \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{H}_{2}$ at 520 torr. In flask $2,1.00 \mathrm{~L}$ He at 0.350 atm . What are the final partial pressures of of $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ and He after the stopcock between the two flasks is opened? (Assume the final volume is 4.00 liters). What is the total pressure (in torr)?

Answers:


Use the relationship $\boldsymbol{P}_{\mathbf{1}} \boldsymbol{V}_{\boldsymbol{1}}=\boldsymbol{P}_{\mathbf{2}} \boldsymbol{V}_{\mathbf{2}}$ since $\boldsymbol{T}$ and $\boldsymbol{n}$ remain a constant

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\begin{gathered}
H_{2}: P_{2}=\frac{P_{1} V_{1}}{V_{2}}=\frac{(0.648 \mathrm{~atm})(3.00 \mathrm{~L})}{4.00 \mathrm{~L}}=0.513 \mathrm{~atm} \\
H e: P_{2}=\frac{P_{1} V_{1}}{V_{2}}=\frac{(0.350 \mathrm{~atm})(1.00 \mathrm{~L})}{4.00 \mathrm{~L}}=0.0875 \mathrm{~atm} \\
P_{\text {total }}=P_{H_{2}}+P_{H e}=0.513 \mathrm{~atm}+0.0875 \mathrm{~atm}=0.601 \mathrm{~atm} \\
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\frac{0.601 \mathrm{~atm}}{} \times \frac{760 \mathrm{torr}}{1 \mathrm{~atm}}=457 \mathrm{torr}
\end{gathered}
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3) A sample of a mixture of gases with a pressure of 575 torr contains $50.0 \%$ argon and $50.0 \%$ xenon gas by mass. What are the partial pressures of the individual gases?

## Answers:

If we had a 100 gram sample of gas, we would have 50 g Ar and 50 g Xe .

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\begin{gathered}
n_{A r}=\frac{50.0 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{Ar}}{} \times \frac{1 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{Ar}}{39.948 \mathrm{~g}}=1.25 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{Ar} \\
n_{X e}=\frac{50.0 \mathrm{gXe}}{} \times \frac{1 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{Xe}}{131.29 \mathrm{~g}}=0.381 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{Xe} \\
\chi_{A r}=\frac{n_{A r}}{n_{A r}+n_{X e}}=\frac{1.25 \mathrm{~mol}}{1.25 \mathrm{~mol}+0.381 \mathrm{~mol}}=0.7664 \\
\boldsymbol{P}_{A r}=\left(\chi_{A r}\right)\left(\boldsymbol{P}_{\text {total }}\right)=\mathbf{0 . 7 6 6 4 \times 5 7 5 \mathrm { torr } = \mathbf { 4 4 1 } \text { torr }} \\
\boldsymbol{P}_{X e}=\mathbf{5 7 5} \text { torr }-\mathbf{4 4 1} \text { torr }=\mathbf{1 3 4} \text { torr }
\end{gathered}
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4) Helium is collected over water at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and 1.00 atm total pressure. What total volume of gas must be collected to obtain 0.586 grams of helium? (At $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ the vapor pressure of water is 23.8 torr.)

Answers:
To calculate the volume of the gas, we can use $P_{\text {total }}$ and $n_{\text {total }}$ $V=\frac{n_{\text {total }} R T}{P_{\text {total }}}$, Since moles for water is unknown, we will use $P_{H e}$ and $n_{H e}$. $P_{\mathrm{He}}+P_{\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}}=1.00 \mathrm{~atm}=760 \mathrm{torr}=P_{\mathrm{He}}+23.8 \mathrm{torr}, \quad=P_{\mathrm{He}}=736 \mathrm{torr}$ $n_{H e}=\frac{0.586 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{He}}{} \times \frac{1 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{He}}{4.0026 \mathrm{~g}}=0.1464 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{He}$

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V=\frac{n_{H e} R T}{P_{H e}}=\frac{(0.1464 \mathrm{~mol})(0.0821 \mathrm{~atm} \cdot \mathrm{~L})(298 \mathrm{~K})}{0.9684 \mathrm{~atm} \mathrm{~mol} \cdot \mathrm{~K}}=3.7 \mathrm{~L}
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5) A mixture of 3.25 grams of hydrogen gas an 3.25 grams of helium is placed in a 2.50 liter container at $27.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Calculate the partial pressure of each gas and the total pressure.

Answers:

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\begin{aligned}
& n_{H_{2}}=\frac{3.25 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{H}}{2} \\
& n_{H e}=\frac{1 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{H}}{2.0158 \mathrm{~g}}=1.612 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{H} \\
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& P_{H_{2}}=\frac{n R T}{V}=\frac{(1.612 \mathrm{~mol})(0.0821 \mathrm{~atm} \cdot \mathrm{~L})(300 \mathrm{~K})}{2.50 \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{~mol} \cdot \mathrm{~K}}=15.88 \mathrm{~atm} \\
& 4.0026 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{He} \\
& P_{H e}=\frac{n R T}{V}=\frac{(0.812 \mathrm{~mol})(0.0821 \mathrm{~atm} \cdot \mathrm{~L})(300 \mathrm{Kol})}{2.50 \mathrm{~L} \mathrm{~mol} \cdot \mathrm{~K}}=8.00 \mathrm{~atm} \\
& \quad P_{\text {total }}=P_{H_{2}}+P_{\mathrm{He}}=15.88 \mathrm{~atm}+8.00 \mathrm{~atm}=23.9 \mathrm{~atm}
\end{aligned}
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