## 8.2 Temperature and Heat

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 $\begin{array}{l} \text{A} = \text{Avogadro's number, the number of} \\ \text{molecules in a mole=} 6.02 \times 10^{23} \\ \text{n} = \text{number of moles of gas} \\ \text{T} = \text{Temperature (K)} \end{array}$ 





## Kinetic theory of the ideal gas

The kinetic theory of the ideal gas is a statistical mechanical theory to explain the thermodynamic properties of the gas based on the microscopic properties.

We use classical Newtonian mechanics for a large number of particles in a box, to calculate the pressure.















• The kinetic energy increases linearly with the absolute T.

Question

Find the kinetic energy of a  $N_2$  molecule at 300 K in eV (1eV=  $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  J).

It is useful to remember that the value of kT at room temperature is  ${\sim}25~\text{meV}$ 



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Room temperature (about 293 K) is only about 6.5% higher than a typical refrigerator temperature (275 K). Yet in a refrigerator the rate of typical chemical and biological reactions is greatly reduced. To show the importance of the high energy tail of the Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution in food spoilage calculate the ratio of the no. of oxygen molecules with a speed of 1350m/s -1351 m/s at 293 K and 273 K. How does it compare to the 6.5% increase in T.