

Critical phenomenon - Critical constants of gas -

A gas can maintain their existence when temperature and pressure is accordingly. At high temperature and low pressure the a real gas can behave as ideal gas. Just opposite to this condition at low temperature and high pressure a gas can be liquified. As temperature decreases the kinetic energy of the molecule decreases motion of molecule decreases, volume decreases at a high pressure gas converts into liquid. Hence to liquify the gas there are two parameters first is temperature (low) & second is pressure (high).

As we increase the temperature gradually then a time comes when whatever high pressure we apply on gas it can not be liquified, this minimum temperature at & above which gas can not be liquified even by applying a high pressure is called critical temperature (T_c). Similarly that minimum pressure ~~at~~ required ~~at~~ which we can ~~not~~ liquify the gas at critical temperature is called critical pressure (P_c). The volume of one mole of gas at critical temperature & critical pressure is called critical volume (V_c).

Critical Parameters

Symbolic representation

Critical temperature

T_c

Critical Pressure

P_c

Critical Volume

V_c

For example: The T_c , P_c & V_c value of CO_2 .

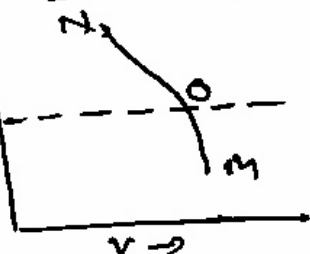
for CO_2 $T_c = 30.98^\circ C = 304.13 K$

$P_c = 73.9 \text{ atm.}$

$V_c = 95.6 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$

Relation between Critical Constants & Vander- waal Constants: $\rightarrow$

At a Critical Isotherm MON, the critical point 'O' curve is horizontal, so the value of $\frac{dp}{dv} = 0$. and at this point the tangent is said to be stationary, so $\frac{d^2p}{dv^2} = 0$.



By van der Waal equation: for 1 mol of gas.

$$\left(p + \frac{a}{V^2}\right)(V-b) = RT$$

$$\text{So } p = \frac{RT}{(V-b)} - \frac{a}{V^2} \quad \text{--- I}$$

Differentiating equation I we have

$$\frac{dp}{dv} = -\frac{RT}{(V-b)^2} + \frac{2a}{V^3} \quad \text{--- II}$$

Now differentiate equation II we have.

$$\frac{d^2p}{dv^2} = \frac{2RT}{(v-b)^3} - \frac{6a}{v^4} \quad \text{--- III}$$

At Critical point, $T = T_c$, $p = p_c$, $v = v_c$ the equation I can be written as:-

Here $dp/dv = 0$, $d^2p/dv^2 = 0$.

$$p_c = \frac{RT_c}{(v_c-b)} - \frac{a}{v_c^2} \quad \text{--- IV}$$

From eqn II we have

$$0 = -\frac{RT_c}{(v_c-b)^2} + \frac{2a}{v_c^3}$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{2a}{v_c^3} = \frac{RT_c}{(v_c-b)^2} \quad \text{--- V}$$

From eqn III

$$0 = -\frac{2RT_c}{(v_c-b)^3} + \frac{6a}{v_c^4}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{2RT_c}{(v_c-b)^3} = \frac{6a}{v_c^4} \quad \text{--- VI}$$

Divide Eqn V by VI we have.

$$\frac{2a}{v_c^3} \times \frac{(v_c-b)^3}{2RT_c} = \frac{RT_c}{(v_c-b)^2} \times \frac{v_c^4}{6a}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\frac{2a}{v_c^3}}{\frac{6a}{v_c^4}} = \frac{\frac{RT_c}{(v_c-b)^2}}{\frac{2RT_c}{(v_c-b)^3}}$$

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$$\text{or } \frac{2a}{\cancel{V_c}} \times \frac{\cancel{V_c^4}}{3a} = \frac{RT_c}{(\cancel{V_c}-b)^2} \times \frac{(\cancel{V_c}-b)^3}{2RT}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{V_c}{3} = \frac{(V_c-b)}{2}$$

$$\text{or } 2V_c = 3V_c - 3b$$

$$\text{or } 3V_c - 2V_c = 3b$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{V_c = 3b} \quad \text{--- VII}$$

Substitute equation VII to VI we have:

$$\frac{2a}{(3b)^3} = \frac{RT_c}{(3b-b)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2a}{27b^3} = \frac{RT_c}{4b^2}$$

$$= \frac{2a}{27b} = \frac{RT_c}{4}$$

$$= \frac{8a}{27b} = RT_c$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{T_c = \frac{8a}{27bR}} \quad \text{--- VIII}$$

~~From eqn (i) :-~~

$$P_c = \frac{R \times 8a}{27b^2} - \frac{a}{(3b)^2}$$

Now we put the value of V_c (from vii) & T_c (from eqn viii) in the ~~above~~ equation (i) we have.

$$P_c = \frac{R \times 8a}{27b^2} - \frac{a}{(3b)^2}$$

$$\text{or } P_c = \frac{8a}{27b} - \frac{a}{9b^2}$$

$$\text{or } P_c = \frac{8a}{54b^2} - \frac{a}{9b^2}$$

$$\text{or } P_c = \frac{8a - 6a}{54b^2}$$

$$\text{or } P_c = \frac{2a}{27b^2}$$

$$P_c = \frac{a}{27b^2}$$

Hence

$$V_c = 3b$$

$$T_c = 8a$$

$$27b^2R$$

$$P_c = \frac{a}{27b^2}$$

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