

Charle's law.

(1) French chemist, **Jacques Charles** first studied variation of volume with temperature, in 1787.

(2) It states that, "The volume of a given mass of a gas is directly proportional to the absolute temperature ($= ^\circ C + 273$) at constant pressure".

Thus, $V \propto T$ at constant pressure and mass

or $V = KT = K(t(^\circ C) + 273.15)$, (where k is constant),

$$\frac{V}{T} = K$$

For two or more gases at constant pressure and mass

$$\frac{V_1}{T_1} = \frac{V_2}{T_2} = \dots K,$$

Charle's law can also be given as, $\left(\frac{dV}{dT}\right)_p = K$.

(3) If $t = 0^\circ C$, then $V = V_0$

Hence, $V_0 = K \times 273.15$

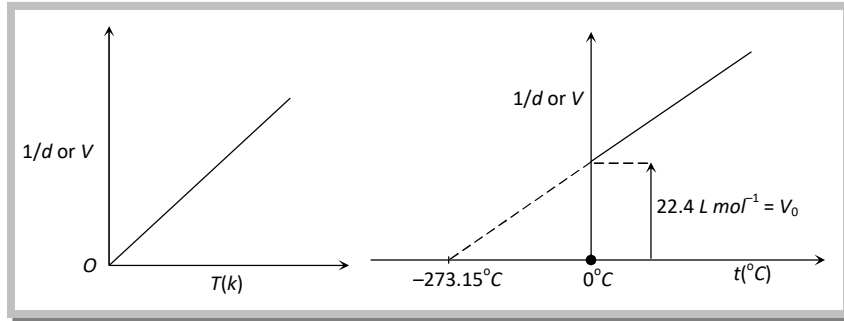
$$\therefore K = \frac{V_0}{273.15}$$

$$V = \frac{V_0}{273.15} [t + 273.15] = V_0 \left[1 + \frac{t}{273.15} \right] = V_0 [1 + \alpha_v t]$$

Where α_v is the volume coefficient, $\alpha_v = \frac{V - V_0}{tV_0} = \frac{1}{273.15} = 3.661 \times 10^{-3} \text{ } ^\circ C^{-1}$

Thus, for every 1° change in temperature, the volume of a gas changes by $\frac{1}{273.15} \left(\approx \frac{1}{273} \right)$ of the volume at $0^\circ C$.

(4) **Graphical representation of Charle's law:** Graph between V and T at constant pressure is called isobar or isoplestics and is always a straight line. A plot of V versus $t(^\circ C)$ at constant pressure is a straight line cutting the temperature axis at $-273.15^\circ C$. It is the lowest possible temperature.



(5) To lower the temperature of a substance, we reduce the thermal energy. Absolute zero (0K) is the temperature reached when all possible thermal energy has been removed from a substance. Obviously, a substance cannot be cooled any further after all thermal energy has been removed.

(6) At constant mass and pressure density of a gas is inversely proportional to its absolute temperature.

Thus, $d \propto \frac{1}{T} \propto \frac{1}{V}$ $\left[\because V = \frac{\text{mass}}{d} \right]$ or $\frac{d_1}{d_2} = \frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{V_2}{V_1} = \dots = K$

(7) Use of hot air balloons in sports and meteorological observations is an application of Charles's law.