

## Gay-Lussac's law (Amonton's law).

(1) In 1802, French chemist **Joseph Gay-Lussac** studied the variation of pressure with temperature and extended the Charles's law so, this law is also called Charles's-Gay Lussac's law.

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

Thus,  $P \propto T$  at constant volume and mass

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

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

For two or more gases at constant volume and mass

$$\frac{P_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2}{T_2} = \dots = K$$

(3) If  $t = 0^\circ C$ , then  $P = P_0$

Hence,  $P_0 = K \times 273.15$

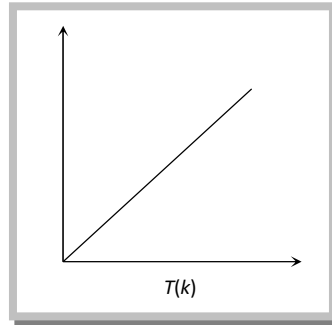
$$\therefore K = \frac{P_0}{273.15}$$

$$P = \frac{P_0}{273.15} [t + 273.15] = P_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{t}{273.15} \right] = P_0 [1 + \alpha t]$$

Where  $\alpha_p$  is the pressure coefficient,  $\alpha_p = \frac{P - P_0}{tP_0} = \frac{1}{273.15} = 3.661 \times 10^{-3} \text{ } ^\circ C^{-1}$

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

(4) **Graphical representation of Gay-Lussac's law:** A graph between P and T at constant V is called **isochore**.



Note: This law fails at low temperatures, because the volume of the gas molecules become significant.