

Task:

How much space would 2.56 moles of xenon gas occupy at STP?

Solution:

STP (standard temperature and pressure):

$$T = 273\text{K}$$

$$P = 1 \text{ atm}$$

The Ideal Gas Law shows how the volume of gas depends on pressure, temperature and amount of gas.

$$P \cdot V = n \cdot R \cdot T$$

P – pressure of gas

V – volume (L)

n – amount of gas (mol)

T – temperature (K)

R – universal gas constant ($0.082 \text{ L}\cdot\text{atm}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$)

$$V = n \cdot R \cdot T / P$$

The volume of 2.56 mol of gas at STP is

$$V = 2.56 \cdot 0.082 \cdot 273 / 1 = 57.3 \text{ L}$$

Or the second way we can find the volume of the gas at STP is using Avogadro Law.

Avogadro law: 1 mol of gas at STP occupies 22.4 L (it doesn't depend on the kind of gas).

We have 2.56 mol of gas that's why The volume is $V = 2.56 \cdot 22.4 = 57.3 \text{ L}$

Answer: V = 57.3 L