

METHODS OF PREPARATION:- The lyophilic sols are prepared by simply dispersing the substance in a suitable dispersion medium. For example, starch can be dispersed in water by adding its suspension in bromine water and stirring it. Sometimes stabilizers are added to make the solutions stable.

For the preparation of lyophobic solutions the following methods are used.

DISPERSION METHOD:- In this method the material in bulk is broken down to colloidal dimension. Some experimental methods are described below.

① MECHANICAL DISPERSION:-

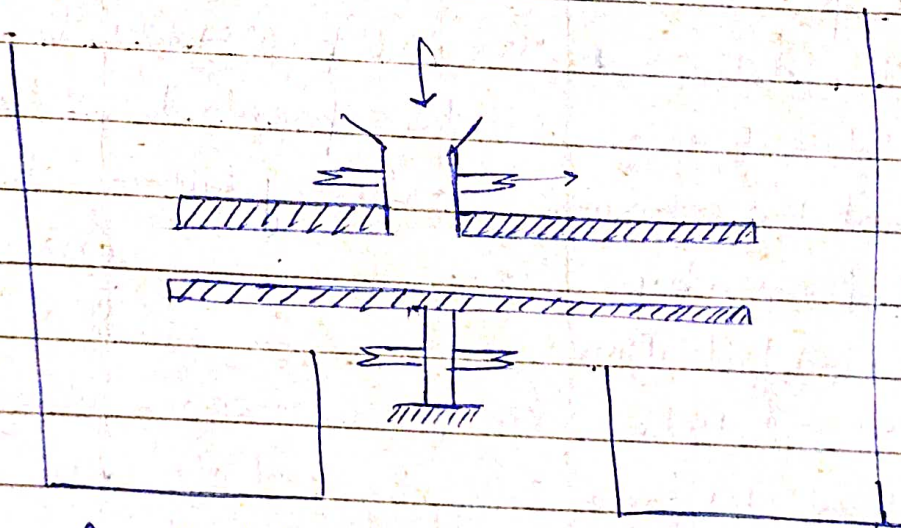


Fig. 1. A colloidal mill.

A critical colloidal mill is shown in the above figure. It consists of two metallic plates rotating at high speeds in the opposite directions. A slurry containing coarse suspension of the material is placed between the rotating plates. Finer dispersion are obtained by using an inert diluent during grinding. The presence of inert diluent prevents the reunion of particles. For example, sulphur solution is prepared by using glucose as diluent.

Calculation of Kinetic Energy.

From kinetic gas equation, we know that

$$PV = \frac{1}{3} m \cdot n \cdot u^2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Where P = Pressure ; V = Volume

m = Mass of one molecule.

n = No. of molecules

u = R.M.S. velocity.

We also know that for an ideal gas

$$PV = nRT \quad \text{--- (11)}$$

From comparing eqn. (1) and (11), we have

$$\frac{1}{3} m \cdot n \cdot u^2 = n \cdot R \cdot T$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} m \cdot n \cdot u^2 = n \cdot R \cdot T$$

$$\text{or } \frac{2}{3} [K.E.] = n R T$$

$$\text{K.E.} = \frac{3}{2} nRT$$

where n = No. of moles

R = Universal gas constant

T = Temp. in Kelvine.

Value of R in different units :

For one mole of an ideal gas

$$PV = RT$$

$$\therefore R = \frac{PV}{T}$$

At N.T.P. $P = 1$ atmospheres

$V = 22.4$ liter

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

$$\therefore R = \frac{1 \times 22.4}{273} \text{ liter atmospheres per degree kelvine per mole}$$

$$= 0.082$$

R in ergs

In C.G.S. System

$$P = h \times D \times g = 76 \times 13.6 \times 981 \text{ ergs dynes}$$

$$V = 22400 \text{ cc}$$

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

$$\therefore R = \frac{76 \times 13.6 \times 981 \times 22400}{273} \text{ ergs}$$

$$= 8.3 \times 10^7 \text{ ergs per degree per mole.}$$

R in Joules

$$\therefore 10^7 \text{ ergs} = 1 \text{ Joule.}$$

$$\therefore R = 8.3 \text{ Joules.}$$

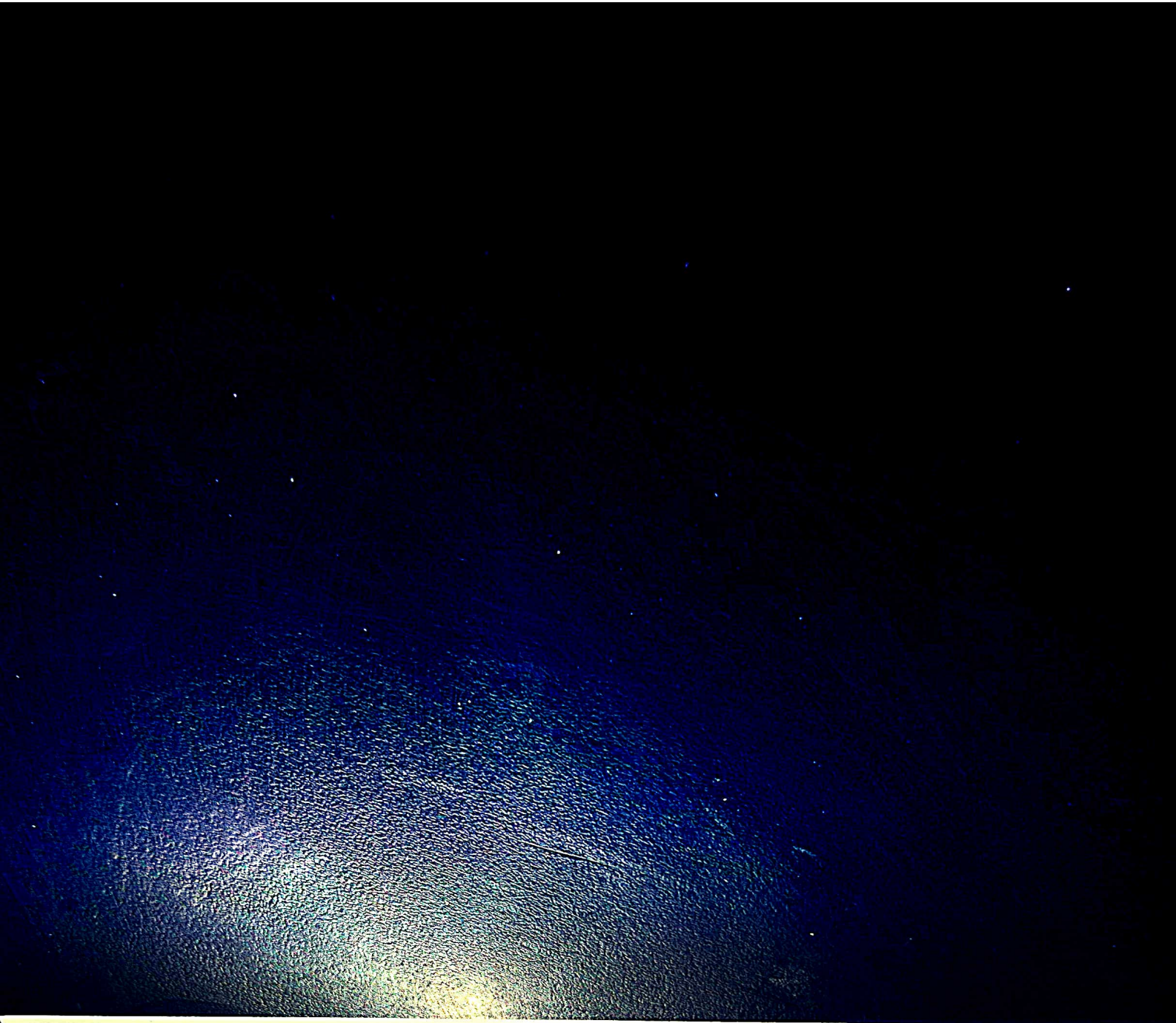
R in Calorizies

$$\text{Work} = \text{Force} \times \text{displacement}$$

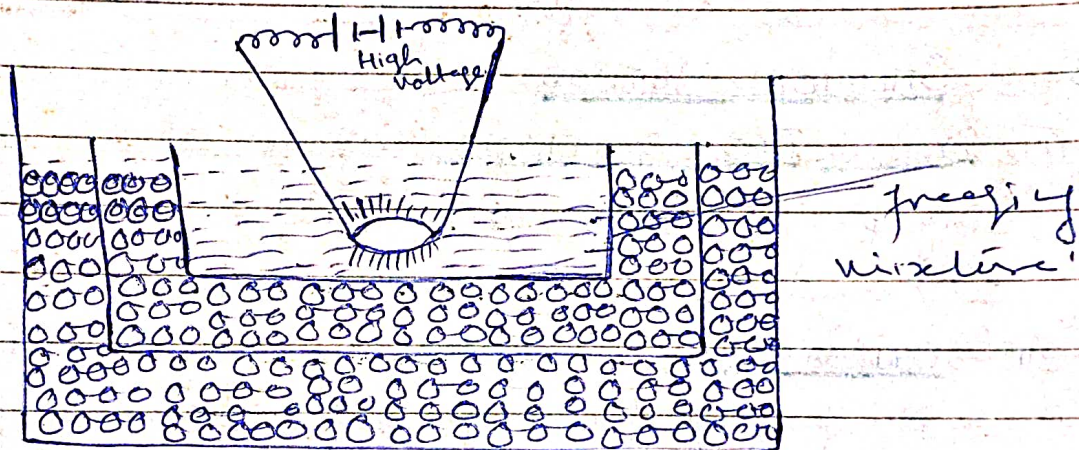
$$= \frac{\text{Force}}{\text{area}} \times \text{area} \times \text{displacement}$$

$$= \text{Pressure} \times \text{Change in volume.}$$

$$= P \times V$$



COLLOIDAL DISPERSION:- This method is employed when sols of metals such as Au and Pt are to be prepared. The rods of the given metal are used as electrodes. The metal is vapourised by striking an electric arc between the metallic rods placed dipped in the called solvent. The vapours get condensed to particles of desired dimension. The apparatus used is shown in the following figure.



The Bredig's method.

Colloidal solutions of Au, Ag, Pt and Cu can be prepared by this method.

(HI) PEPTIZATION:- In this method a ppt is brought back to colloidal state by the addition of an electrolyte. The electrolyte added supplies suitable ions which are adsorbed on the colloidal particles. The electrolyte added known as peptizing agent. For eg:- Freshly pptd ferric hydroxide $[Fe(OH)_3]$ may be converted to the reddish brown sol by the addition of $FeCl_3$ as peptizing agent.

(2) CONDENSATION METHOD:- In these methods the molecules or ions present in solution are allowed to grow in size and become equal to the size of

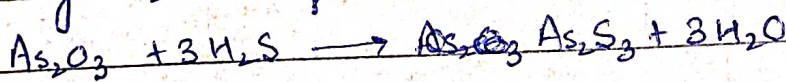
colloidal range. The methods used are described below.

(i) EXCHANGE OF SOLVENTS:- Sulphur and phosphorus are soluble in alcohol when a small amount of their alcoholic solution is poured in excess of water, hydro sols of phosphorus or sulphur are produced.

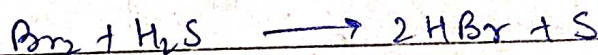
(ii) CHANGE OF PHYSICAL STATE:- Solution of mercury can be prepared by passing vapours from boiling mercury into cold water containing some ammonium salt as stabilizer.

(3) CHEMICAL METHOD:-

(i) DOUBLE DECOMPOSITION:- Colloidal solution of As_2S_3 is prepared by passing H_2S through a dilute solution of As_2O_3 in water.



(ii) OXIDATION:- A colloidal solution of sulphur is prepared by passing hydrogen sulphide through nitric acid solution or bromine water.



(iii) Reduction:- Au solution is prepared by this method. In this method $AuCl_3$ solution is reduced by adding stannous chloride ($SnCl_2$).



(iv) HYDROLYSIS:- A colloidal solution of $Fe(OH)_3$ is obtained by boiling the solution of $FeCl_3$ and adding it to excess of water.

