

TL 5-5 (De Broglie  $\lambda$  of  $N_2$  gas)

$$\langle KE \rangle = \frac{3}{2} kT$$

(The statistical relationship between average kinetic energy & temperature of a gas)

$$\langle KE \rangle = \left\langle \frac{p^2}{2m} \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{h^2}{2m\lambda^2} \right\rangle$$

$$\langle \lambda^2 \rangle = \frac{2m \langle KE \rangle}{h^2} \quad \text{oops}$$

$$\sqrt{\langle \lambda^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{\frac{3mkT}{h}} \quad \text{oops}$$

Average deBroglie  $\lambda$  is  $\frac{h}{\sqrt{3mkT}}$

For room temperature,  $T = 293K$ , so

$$\lambda \text{ is } \boxed{2.79 \times 10^{-4} \text{ meters}}$$

$$\text{or } 0.279 \text{ \AA}$$