

Helium, He $M_H = 2g$ $T_H = 300K$	Oxygen, O <sub>2</sub> $M_O = 8g$ $T_O = 600K$
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First, the number of moles

Helium:  $M_{mol} = 0.004 \text{ kg/mole}$ ;  $n_H = \frac{M_H}{M_{mol}} = 0.5 \text{ mol}$   
(He)

and He is monatomic, so

$$C_{V_H} = \frac{3}{2} R \quad \& \quad C_{P_H} = \frac{5}{2} R$$

Oxygen:  $M_{mol} = 0.032 \text{ kg/mole}$ ;  $n_O = \frac{M_O}{M_{mol}} = 0.25 \text{ mol}$   
(O<sub>2</sub>) and O<sub>2</sub> is diatomic, so

$$C_{V_O} = \frac{5}{2} R \quad \& \quad C_{P_O} = \frac{7}{2} R$$

Now: One gas will lose thermal energy while the other one gains, but the total thermal energy will remain constant.

Final final temp. T<sub>f</sub>:

The total thermal energy is:

$$E = E_{H_i} + E_{O_i}$$

$$= n_H C_{V_H} T_H + n_O C_{V_O} T_O$$

$$= n_H \frac{3}{2} R T_H + n_O \frac{5}{2} R T_O$$

So  $E = 4988.4 \text{ J}$

now, as heat flows from one gas to the other, the thermal energy of each gas changes, but the total remains constant.

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So, at the final equilibrium temp,  $T_f$ :

$$E = 4988.6 \text{ J} = n_H c_{VH} T_f + n_O c_{VO} T_f$$

and,

$$T_f = \frac{E}{n_H \frac{3}{2} R + n_O \frac{5}{2} R} = \underline{436.4 \text{ K}}$$

You could also do this like this:

The total change in thermal energy  $\Delta E = \Delta E_H + \Delta E_O = 0$

and,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E &= n_H c_{VH} \Delta T_H + n_O c_{VO} \Delta T_O = 0 \\ &= n_H \frac{3}{2} R (T_f - T_H) + n_O \frac{5}{2} R (T_f - T_O) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So:

$$(3n_H + 5n_O) T_f - 3n_H T_H - 5n_O T_O = 0$$

$$T_f = \frac{3n_H T_H + 5n_O T_O}{3n_H + 5n_O} = 436.4 \text{ K}$$