

Phys 317 In-Class Work Aug. 22, 2018

**Problem 1.18**

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$$v_{rms} = \sqrt{\overline{v^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{3N_A kT}{N_A m}} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\frac{1}{2} m \overline{v^2} = \frac{3}{2} kT$

$\underbrace{N_A m}_{M}$   
 molar mass

$$v_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{3 \cdot (8.31 \text{ J/K}) \cdot (300 \text{ K})}{2 \cdot 14 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ kg}}} = 517 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \quad !$$

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3 transl.

2 x 2 vibrational (bonds)



} frozen out at room temp.

1 x 2 vibr. of angle



3 rotational (because not symm.)

→  $f = 12$