

## Collision Properties

(ii) Collision diameter  $\rightarrow$  The minimum distance between the two centers of the two molecules taking part in just collision is called the collision diameter.

It is denoted as  $\sigma$ . Larger the mean free path smaller is the collision diameter.



(iii) Collision frequency  $\rightarrow$  The number of molecular collisions occurs in one second in one unit volume is called collision frequency.

Let a gas contain  $\bar{N}$  molecules per cc and  $n$  is the number of molecules with which a single molecule will collide per second.

It is given by the following relation

$$n = \sqrt{2} \pi \bar{v} \sigma^2 \bar{N}$$

where  $\bar{v}$  = Average velocity  
 $\sigma$  = Collision diameter.

If  $Z$  is the total number of collisions taking place per second then  $Z = \sqrt{2} \pi \bar{v} \sigma^2 \bar{N} \times \bar{N} = \sqrt{2} \pi \bar{v} \sigma^2 \bar{N}^2$

Since each collision involves two molecules, the number of collisions per second per c.c. of the gas will be  $Z/2$  So,  $Z = \frac{\sqrt{2} \pi \bar{v} \sigma^2 \bar{N}^2}{2}$

or  $Z = \frac{\pi \bar{v} \sigma^2 \bar{N}^2}{\sqrt{2}}$