

**[tex62] Ideal gas atoms escaping from a container I**

A large vessel of volume  $V$  contains  $N$  atoms of a classical ideal gas in thermal equilibrium at temperature  $T$ .

(a) Find the rate  $dN/dt$  at which the number of particles in the vessel decreases as atoms escape into the vacuum through a tiny hole of area  $A$  in a wall.

(b) Find the rate  $dE/dt$  at which energy is exported by the escaping atoms.

(c) If the wall with the hole is perpendicular to the  $z$ -axis, find the distribution  $f_{\text{esc}}(v_x, v_y, v_z)$  for the atoms that have escaped.

**Solution:**