A Comparison: The Three States of Matter



Gas

Example: ICE -----> WATER ----> WATER VAPOR

Temperature

• Ordinary matter is made of particles - atoms or molecules.

Flame: 1000-1500°C

 Particles of matter are in constant motion (vibrating in place in solids, sliding past each other in liquids, flying around freely in gases), but they don't all move at the same speed and in the same direction all the time.

100

60

- <u>Temperature</u> is a measure of the *average* energy associated with *random motion* of the particles of a substance.
- The higher the temperature of an object, the faster on average its particles move.

But what happens if you raise the temperature to <u>super-high levels</u>... between 1000°C and 1,000,000,000°C?

Will everything just be a gas?

PLASMA

- A <u>plasma</u> is an ionized gas: positively charged nuclei swim in a "sea" of freely-moving dissociated electrons.
- A plasma is a very good conductor of electricity: it produces and responds to magnetic fields.



- Plasmas, like gases, have an indefinite shape and an indefinite volume.
- A gas is usually converted to a plasma in one of the following two ways:
 - From a huge voltage difference between two points
 - by exposing gas to extremely high temperatures that cause electrons to leave the atoms

Plasma is a **<u>common state of matter</u>**!

Some places where plasmas are found...



Physical Properties of Matter

We can describe <u>physical properties</u> of matter in terms of physical quantities and laws.

- An <u>extensive</u> property depends upon how much matter is being considered:
 - ≻ mass
 - > volume
 - > electrical charge



- An <u>intensive</u> property does <u>not</u> depend upon how much matter is being considered:
 - density
 - > temperature
 - ≻ color

- elasticity
- > metallicity
- ➤ solubility etc...



- Mass is the amount of material in an object (doesn't change).
- <u>Don't confuse with weight</u>, a measure of how strongly gravity is pulling on an object (decreases as elevation increases).



Volume

heigh

length

width

- Volume is the <u>amount of three-</u> <u>dimensional space that a substance</u> <u>or shape occupies or contains</u>.
- SI unit of volume is m³
- V_{rectangular prism} = length × width × height



Density

 Density is a measure of <u>how much matter</u> is contained in a unit of volume:

$$\blacktriangleright \text{ density} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$$

SI unit is kg/m³









- The density of a material varies with temperature and pressure (this variation is typically small for solids and liquids but much greater for gases).
 - In general, lowering the temperature results in density increase
 - Increasing the pressure also results in density increase

How many states of matter can you find in each picture?

