

Scientific Notation

- a way to represent large and small numbers
- a way to indicate significant figures

Form:

$$a.aad\dots \times 10^a$$

(always ONE nonzero digit before the decimal)

$$3.6 \times 10^4$$

means

$$3.6 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10$$

OR

$$\underline{36000}$$

$$6.21 \times 10^{-3}$$

means

$$6.21 \times \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{1}{10}$$

OR

$$\underline{0.00621}$$

Scientific notation removes the need for placeholder zeros, and that's good when you're dealing with very large and very small numbers!

$$4.70 \times 10^{-6} = \begin{array}{c} 0000 \times 000004.70 \\ 0.00000470 \end{array}$$

Scientific notation indicates significant figures without extra decimal points or lines. All numbers in front of the power of ten are significant!

$$3\bar{7}00 = \begin{array}{c} 3\bar{7}00 \\ 3.70 \times 10^3 \end{array}$$

To write a number in scientific notation, move the decimal point so that it is behind the first nonzero number. The power of ten will be the number of places you moved the decimal. If the number is less than 1, the power of ten is negative. If it's greater than one, the power of ten is positive.

$$\begin{array}{c} 0.00765 \\ 7.65 \times 10^{-3} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 14000 \\ 1,400 \times 10^4 \end{array}$$

$$6.38 \times 10^5$$

6.38000000000000

638000

$$4.20 \times 10^{-6}$$

0000000000004.20

0.00000420

Using scientific notation on a calculator:

$$6.38 \times 10^5$$

on a TI-83:

enter

6.38 EE 5

calculator displays:

6.38 E 5

↑ this E means "x10 raised to"

$$4.20 \times 10^{-6}$$

enter:

4.20 EE (-) 6

calculator displays:

4.2 E⁻⁶

└──┬──┘ means "x10⁻⁶"

Matter

- anything that takes up space and can be perceived!

What about the structure of matter? Matter as atoms!

THE PHASES OF MATTER

SOLIDS

- * Rigid: Fixed shape AND fixed volume
- * Dense: contain much mass in a given volume!

LIQUIDS

- * Variable shape ("fluid")
- * Fixed volume
- * Dense

↑ usually less dense than solid!

exception: water!

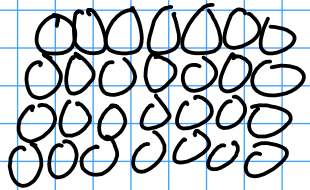
GASES

- * Variable shape ("fluid")
- * Variable volume
- * Not dense ("diffuse")

An atomic picture of the phases of matter

Solids:

- fixed shape, dense, fixed volume



- Atoms closely packed

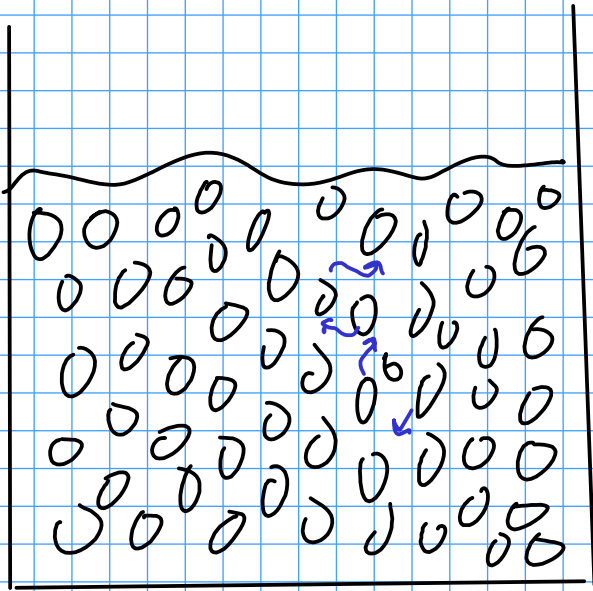
- Atoms are arranged in a regular structure (a CRYSTAL), giving the solid rigidity

- Atoms are strongly attracted to each other, keeping the solid together

- Atoms do not move about freely, but there is some vibration

Liquids:

- variable shape, dense, fixed volume



- Atoms still very close to each other, but usually a little farther apart than in solid phase

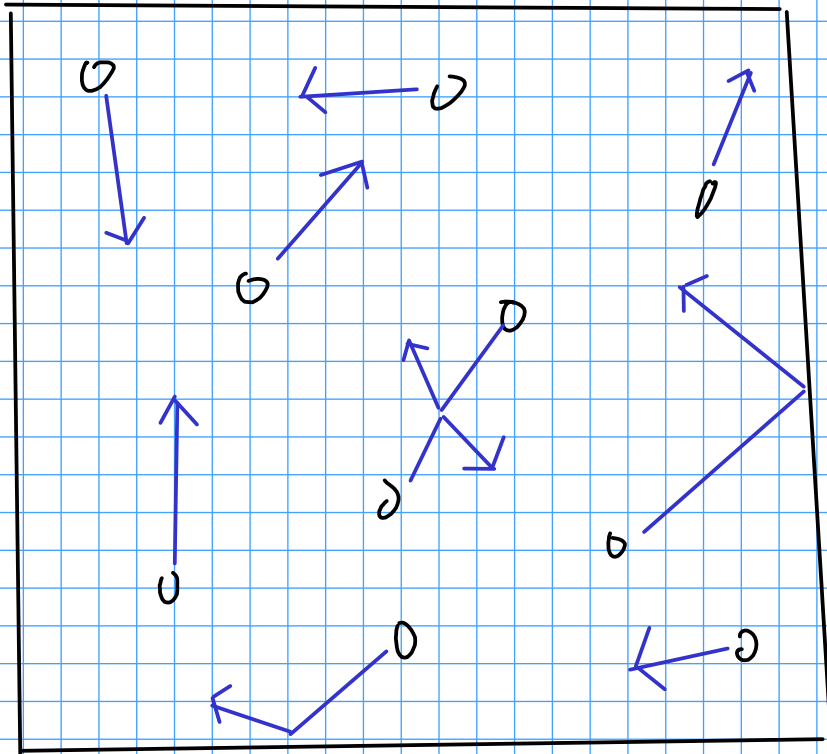
An exception: *Water.*

- Atoms are not arranged in an overall order and can slide past and around one another
- Atoms are still strongly attracted to each other, keeping the liquid together
- Atoms move around each other constantly

Evidence: **DIFFUSION** - a drop of food coloring in a glass of water will eventually spread throughout the glass, even if the glass is **NOT** stirred.

Gases:

- variable shape, diffuse (not dense), variable volume



- Atoms are spread far apart

- No structure

- Atoms are NOT strongly attracted to each other. They don't interact much at all, unless they happen to collide.

- Atoms in constant, rapid motion. The speed of the atoms increases as temperature increases.

Gases take the shape of their containers. Collision of atoms/molecule of gas with the walls of their containers create the effect we call PRESSURE.