States of Matter

- **Matter can exist in several different *forms*, or *states of aggregation*.**

- **Matter commonly exists in four fundamental states:**
  - Solid
  - Liquid
  - Gas
  - Plasma

- **The different states of matter are based upon distance between particles (atoms and/or molecules), particle arrangement, and energy of particles.**

SOLIDS

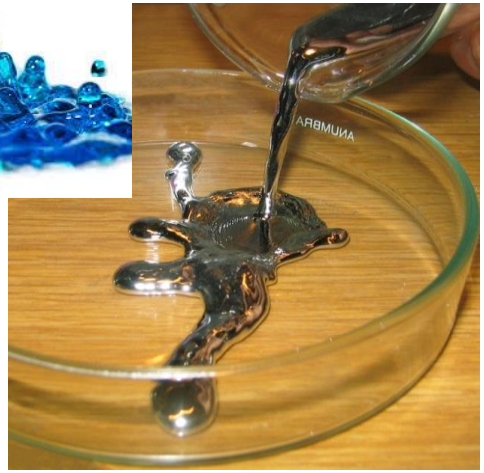
- **Particles of <u>solids</u> are tightly packed.**
- **The forces between particles are strong: the particles cannot move freely but <u>can only vibrate about a fixed position</u>.**
- **Solids have a stable, definite shape and a definite volume.**
- **Solids can only change their shape *by force*, as when broken or cut.**

LIQUIDS

- **Particles of liquids are tightly packed but are far enough apart to slide over one another (*mobile structure*).**

- **The shape of a liquid is not definite but is determined by its container.**

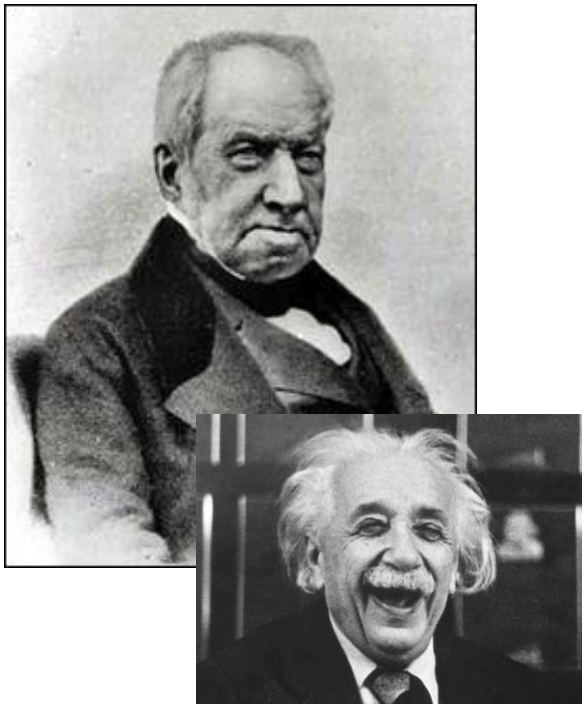
- **Liquids are known to be *nearly incompressible*. At constant temperature and pressure, liquids have a definite volume.**



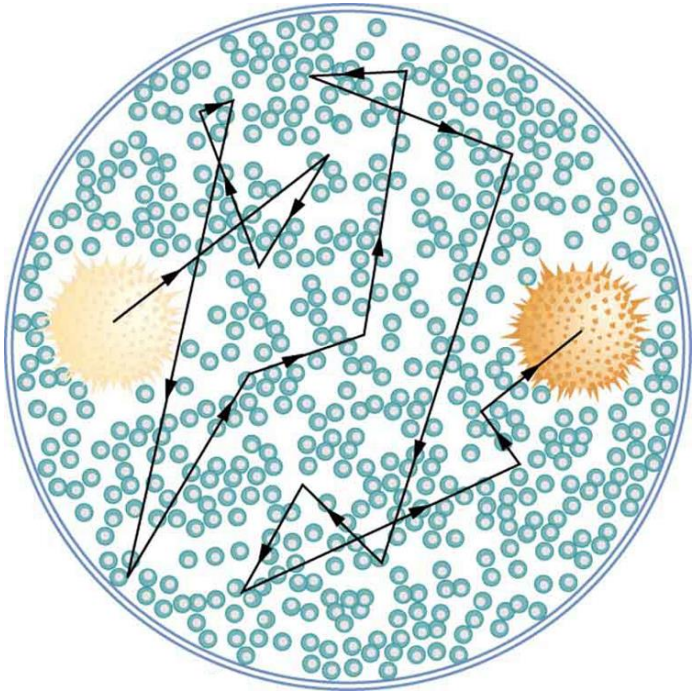
- **The volume of liquid is usually greater than the volume of the corresponding solid (the best-known *exception* being *water*).**

Brownian motion

Robert Brown, 1827

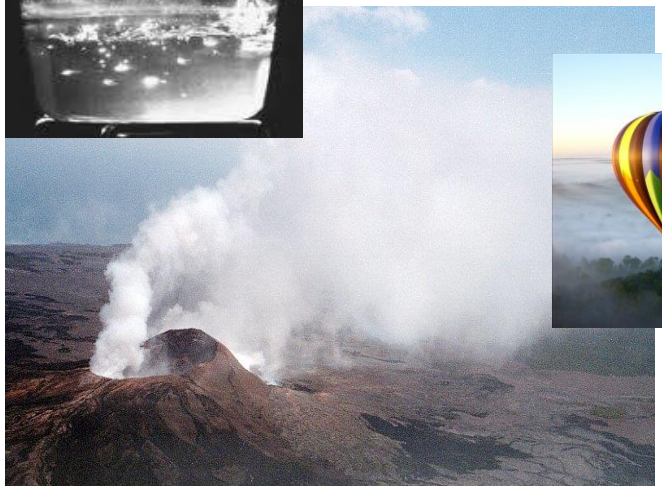


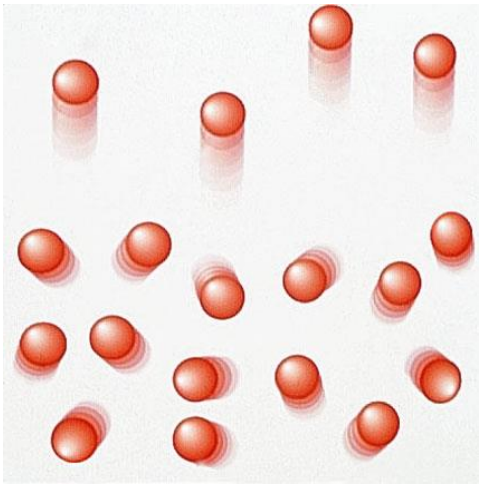
- In 1827, while looking through a microscope at particles found in pollen grains in water, **Brown noted that the particles moved through the water** but was not able to determine the mechanisms that caused this motion.



- **Albert Einstein, 1905:** Any minute particle suspended in a liquid (or gas) moves chaotically under the action of collisions with surrounding molecules. The intensity of this chaotic motion is increased with an increase in temperature.
- This explanation of Brownian motion served as **definitive confirmation** that **atoms and molecules actually exist**.

GAS





- **Particles of a gas are very far apart and move freely.**
- **A gas has an indefinite shape and an indefinite volume: it will expand to *fill the entire container* in which it is confined.**
    - **A gas is *compressible*.**

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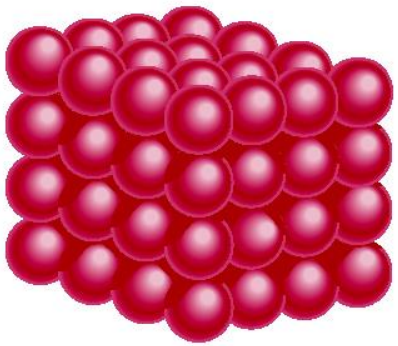

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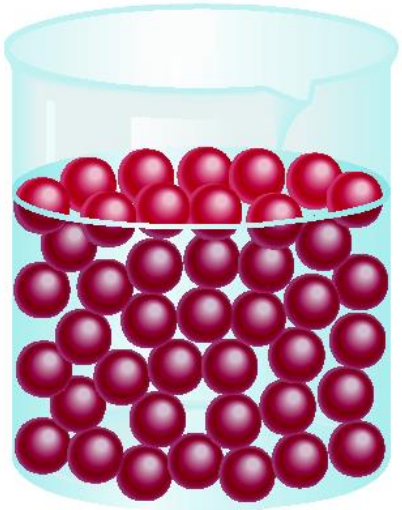

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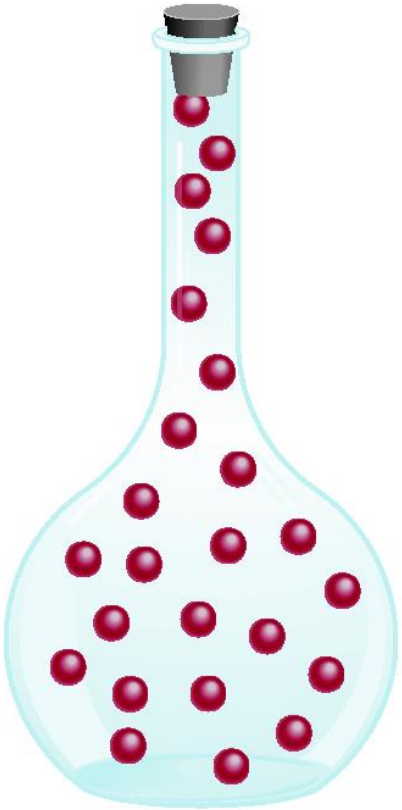

Gas

Example: ICE → WATER → WATER VAPOR

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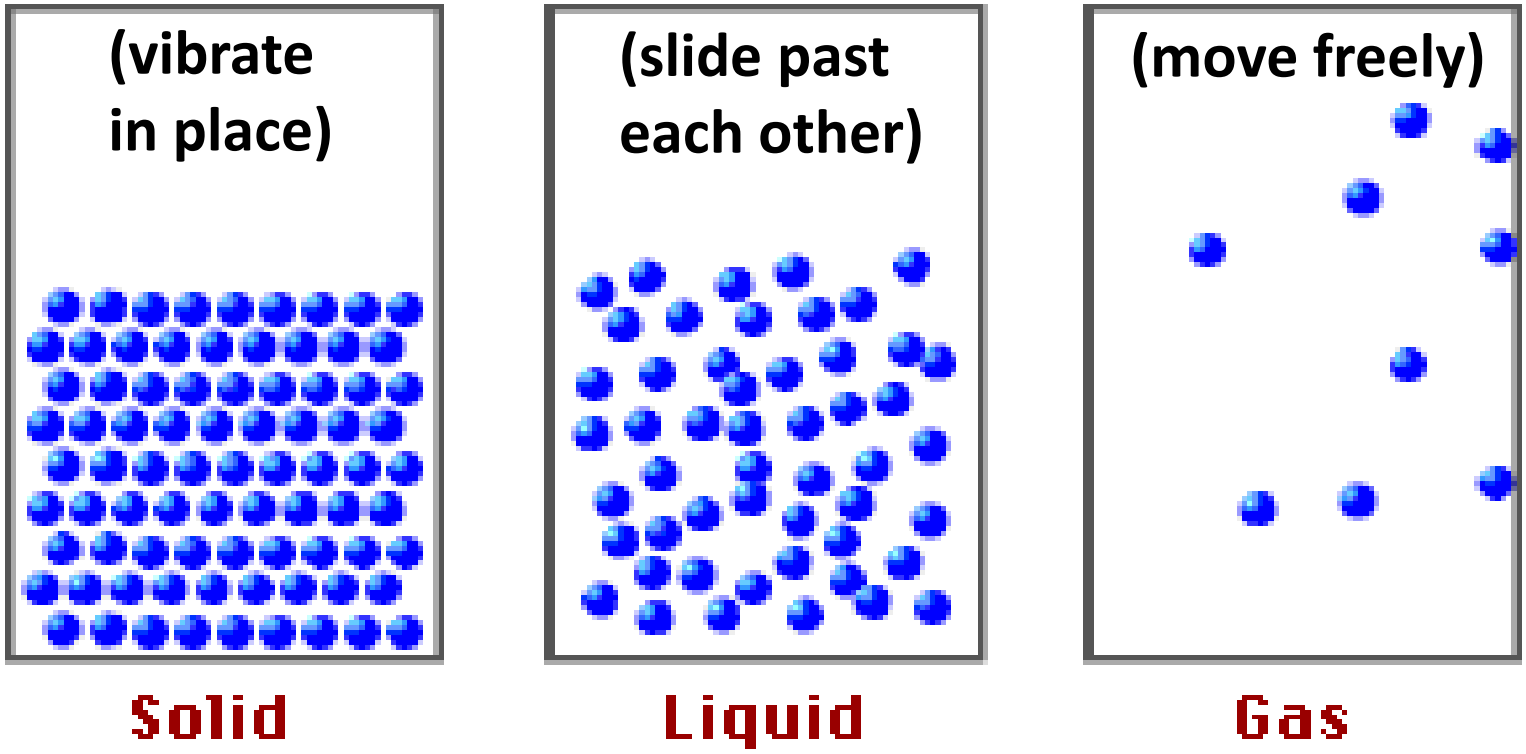

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What is Temperature?

- **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.**
- **<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.**