

## Review of KMT PhET sims: Friction, States of Matter and Gas Properties

This is for College Chemistry for students who have already taken Physics and completed the KMT inquiry lesson  
<http://phet.colorado.edu/en/contributions/view/2616>

Or this activity can be used as an introduction to the particle nature of matter. The learning goals are lesson

Also uses Molecules 360 by Chem Ed DL

Have *Friction*, *States of Matter* and *Gas Properties* and *Molecules 360* all running before class starts

## Learning Goals:

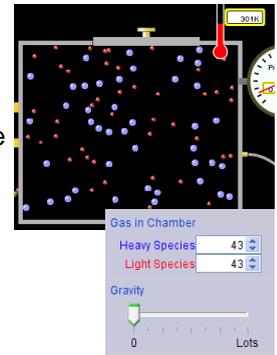
- Students will be able to describe matter in terms of molecular motion. The description should include
- Diagrams to support the description.
- How the particle mass and temperature affect the image.
- What are the differences and similarities between solid, liquid and gas particle motion
- How the size and speed of gas molecules relate to everyday objects

Rub your hands together. What does friction do to molecules?

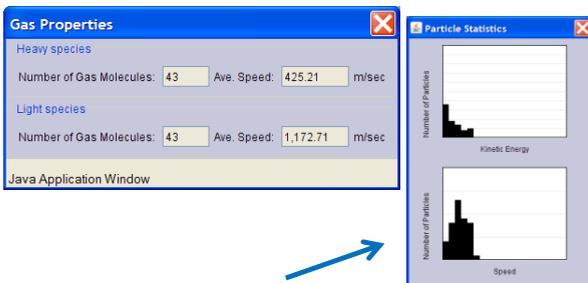
- Draw your ideas

If you have a bottle with Helium & Nitrogen at room temperature, how do the speed of the particles compare?

- All have same speed
- The average speeds are the same
- Helium particles have greater average speed
- Nitrogen particles have greater average speed

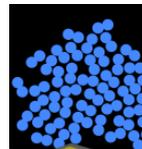


Light and heavy gas at same temperature 300K

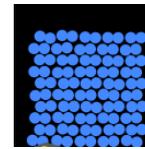


Speed of each particle varies!!

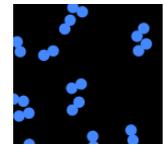
Which is most likely oxygen gas?



A

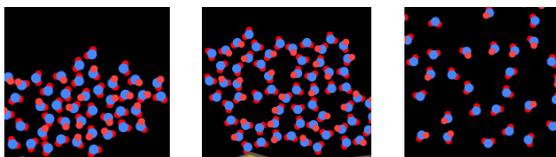


B



C

Which is most likely liquid water?

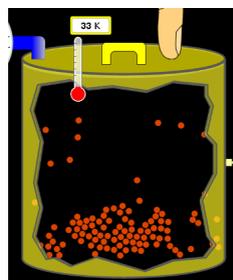


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How could material be the same temperature and yet have different Phase?



**Neon**  
**Liquid-Gas**

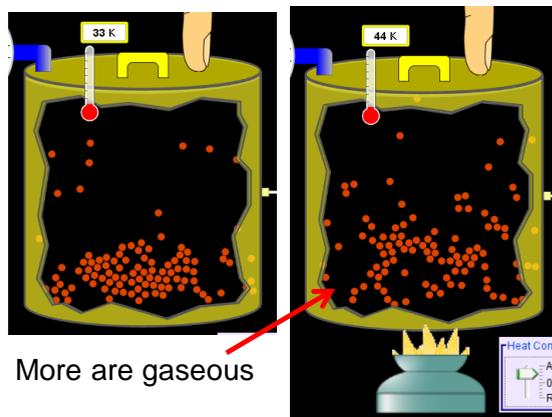
Like water-water vapor in a water bottle



What happens if you add energy using the heater?



- A. No change other than all atoms speed up
- B. More atoms would condense
- C. More atoms would evaporate



More are gaseous

KMT summary:

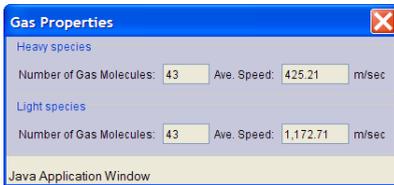
- Matter is made up of particles having negligible mass are in constant random motion (vibrate, rotate, translate)
- The particles are separated by great distances
- The particles collide perfectly elastically (there are no forces acting except during the collision)
- The temperature of a substance is related to the molecular velocity.

To show vibration

- <http://chemeddl.org/collections/molecules/index.php>
- Check **Spin Molecule** to see 3D rotation
- Show vibration under **Normal modes of vibration** (toggle down to see bond length changing)

An air particle travels about \_\_\_\_\_  
as fast as a car on the highway.

60 mph is about 26m/s



How many water molecules are  
in a raindrop (.5 cm diameter).  
*The molecules are about .1nm*

**If we just look at how  
many are across  
.05m/.1E-9m = 5E7 or  
50 million.**