

# Commentary on States of Matter, Energy and its Properties Involved in Physics

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## ABOUT THE STUDY

Understanding the characteristics and behaviour of many forms of matter is essential to matter physics. Atoms, which have a nucleus, electrons, protons, and neutrons, make up matter. When atoms exchange electrons via covalent connections or are drawn by ionic or metallic bonding, molecules form. Physical qualities of matter may be viewed or quantified without affecting its composition, and these properties can be classified as intense or extensive based on whether they are independent or reliant on the quantity of matter. Density, mass, volume, temperature, and colour are examples of physical attributes. Knowing matter physics is necessary for comprehending many other branches of science and engineering. Matter is defined as anything with mass that occupies space. Matter studies are a key component of physics, and it entails studying the characteristics and behaviour of many forms of matter.

### States of matter

Matter exists in four states: solid, liquid, gas, and plasma.

**Solid:** A solid is a sort of stuff with a distinct shape and volume. A solid's particles are closely packed together and cannot move freely.

**Liquid:** A liquid is a sort of stuff that has a fixed volume but changes shape depending on its container. A liquid's particles are close together but free to move about.

**Gas:** A gas is a sort of stuff that does not have a distinct shape or volume. A gas's particles are widely apart and easily move about.

**Plasma:** Plasma is a form of substance comparable to a gas, except it is composed of charged particles. Stars, lightning, and various forms of fires include plasma.

### Properties of matter

There are many different properties of matter that can be studied, including mass, volume, density, and temperature.

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**Mass:** Mass is a measure of the amount of matter in an object. Mass is typically measured in kilograms (kg) or grams (g).

**Volume:** Volume is a measure of the amount of space that an object takes up. Volume is typically measured in cubic meters or cubic centimeters.

**Density:** Density is a measure of how much mass is contained in a given volume. The equation that describes density is;

$$\rho = m/V$$

Where  $\rho$  is the density,  $m$  is the mass, and  $V$  is the volume.

**Temperature:** The average kinetic energy of the particles in a material is measured by temperature. Temperature is commonly expressed in degrees Celsius ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) or Kelvin (K).

### States of matter and energy

The state of matter that a substance is in can be changed by adding or removing energy. For example, when a solid is heated, it can become a liquid or a gas. When a gas is cooled, it can become a liquid or a solid.

**Melting:** Melting is the process by which a solid becomes a liquid. This occurs when energy is added to the solid, causing the particles to move faster and break apart from their fixed positions.

**Freezing:** Freezing is the process by which a liquid becomes a solid. This occurs when energy is removed from the liquid, causing the particles to slow down and come together to form a solid.

**Boiling:** Boiling is the process by which a liquid becomes a gas. This occurs when energy is added to the liquid, causing the particles to move faster and break apart from each other.

**Condensation:** Condensation is the process by which a gas becomes a liquid. This occurs when energy is removed from the gas, causing the particles to slow down and come together to form a liquid.