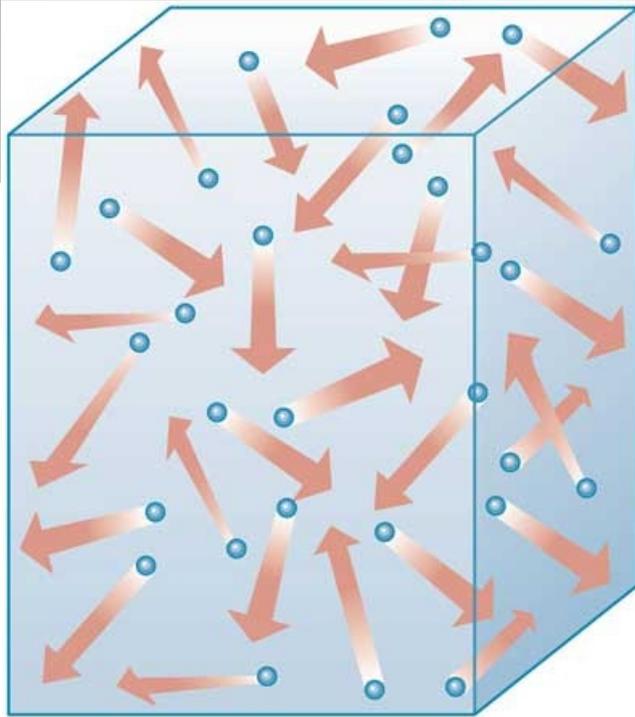


# Kinetic Molecular Theory of GASES



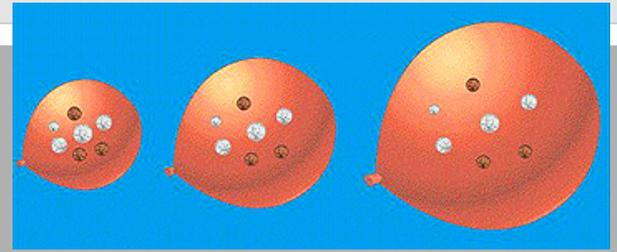
**Kinetic Theory** is based on two ideas:

- 1) Particles of matter are always in motion
- 2) This motion has consequences  
(Properties)

**Kinetic Molecular Theory**

# **PROPERTIES OF GASES**

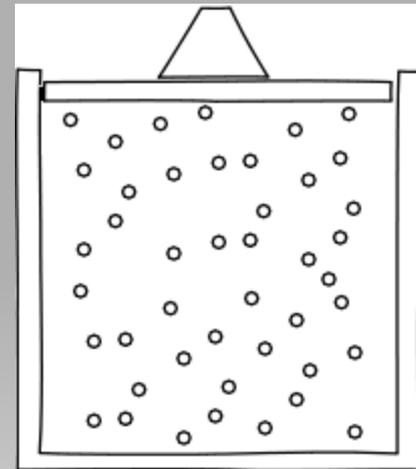
## 1) Expansion (Expands)



No definite shape or volume

## 2) Fluidity (Fluid)

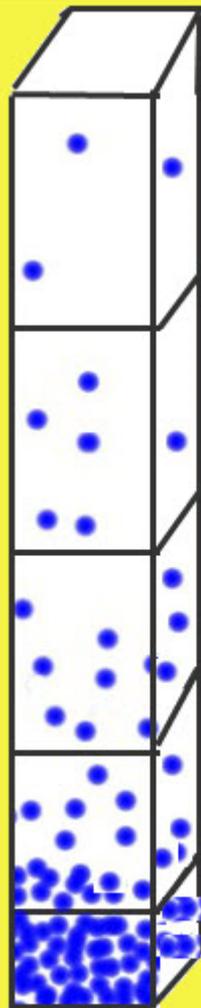
Gas particles glide easily past one another



# Physical Properties of Gases

### 3) Low Density

The density of a substance in the gaseous state is about 1/1000 the density of the same substance in the liquid or solid state



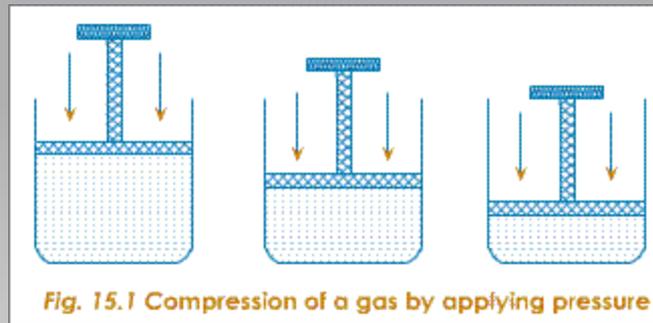
Atmosphere  
Density

# Physical Properties of Gases

## 4) Compressibility (Highly Compressible)

During compression of a gas, gas particles are crowded close together

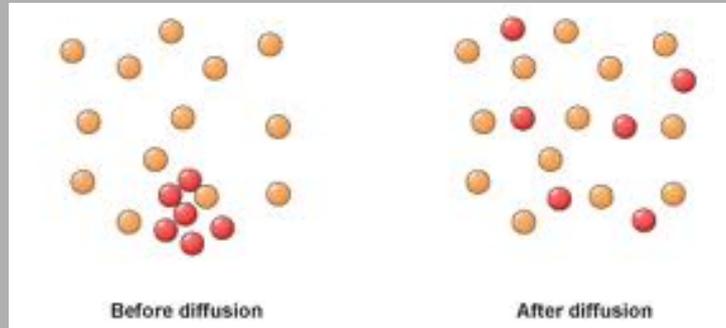
With sufficient compression, the volume of a gas can be decreased thousands of times



# Physical Properties of Gases

## 5) Diffusion/Effusion

**Diffusion** = spontaneous mixing of the particles of two substances without being stirred



Rate of diffusion depends on:

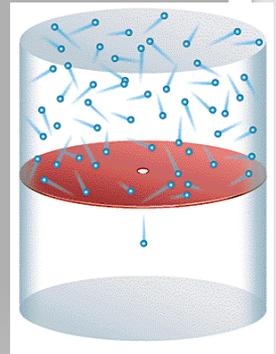
- Speed of gas particles (Higher speed = Faster diffusion)
- Diameter of gas particles (Smaller = Faster Diffusion)
- Attraction Force between gas particles  
(Small attraction = Faster diffusion)

# Physical Properties of Gases

## 5) Diffusion/Effusion

**Effusion** = gas particles under pressure pass through a very small opening from one container to another

Rates of effusion is directly proportional to velocity of particles  
(Faster particles = faster effusion)



# Physical Properties of Gases

Kinetic Molecular Theory (KMT) explains WHY gases have these properties.

Kinetic Molecular Theory states five assumptions...

**Kinetic Molecular Theory**

- Assumption # 1

Gases consist of large numbers of tiny particles that are far apart relative to their size

- Most of the volume occupied by a gas is empty space

## **Kinetic Molecular Theory**

- Assumption # 2

Particles of a gas are in constant, rapid & random motion therefore possessing Thermal Energy

Thermal energy = energy of random motion

## **Kinetic Molecular Theory**

- Assumption # 3

Collisions between particles of a gas and between particles & container walls are **elastic collisions**

- Elastic collisions = no net loss or gain of thermal energy

## **Kinetic Molecular Theory**

- Assumption # 4

There are no forces of attraction or repulsion between the particles of a gas

- They do not stick together but immediately bounce off of each other like billiard balls

## **Kinetic Molecular Theory**

- Assumption # 5

The average thermal energy of the particles of a gas depends on the temperature

- If temperature goes up,  $E_{th}$  goes up (direct proportion)

$$E_{th} = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

$m$  = mass

$v$  = velocity

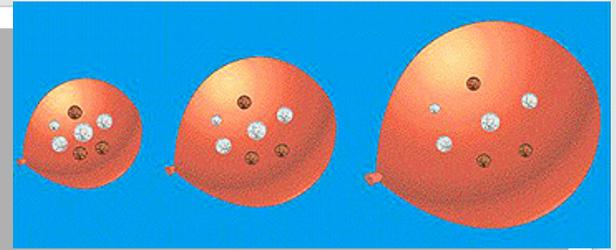
- If same gas, mass is the same therefore  $E_{th}$  depends on velocity
- With different gases, low mass means higher average speeds

## **Kinetic Molecular Theory**

Using Kinetic Molecular Theory  
to EXPLAIN properties

**Explaining Properties**

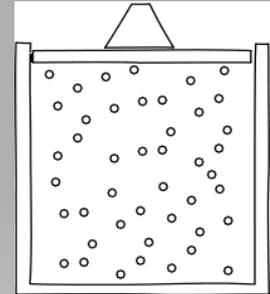
## 1) Gases Expand because...



- #2 Particles are in constant, random motion
- #4 There are no attractive forces between particles

## 2) Gases act like Fluids because...

- #4 There are no attractive forces between particles



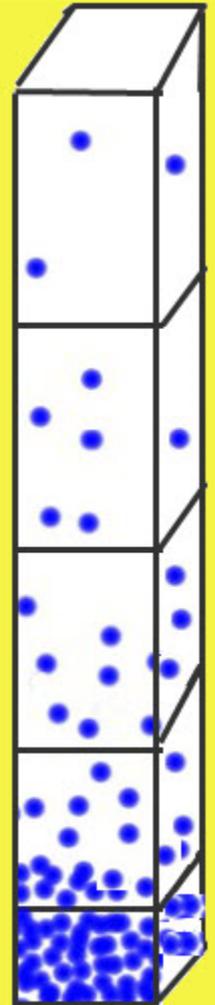
# Explaining Properties

### 3) Gases have a low density because...

- #1 Gases consist of tiny particles that are far apart
- #4 There are no attractive forces between particles



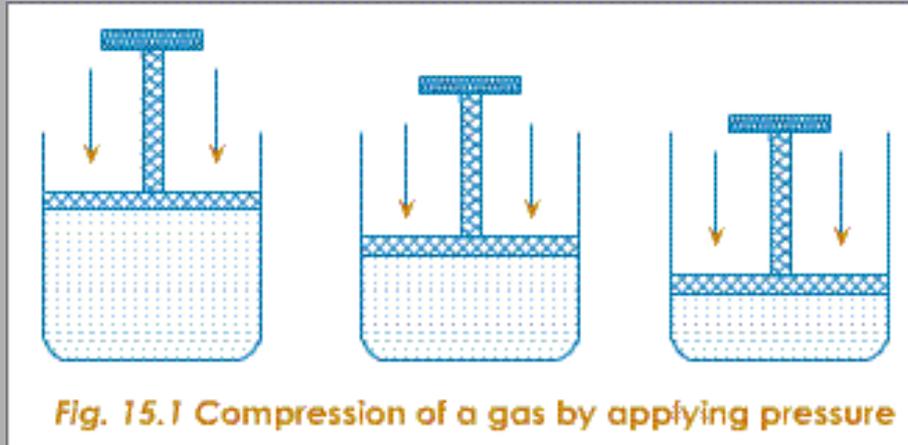
## Explaining Properties



Atmosphere  
Density

#### 4) Gases are highly compressible because...

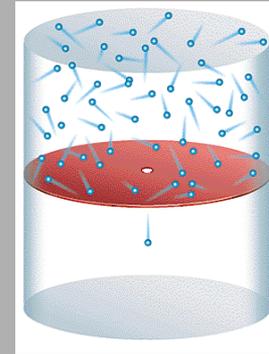
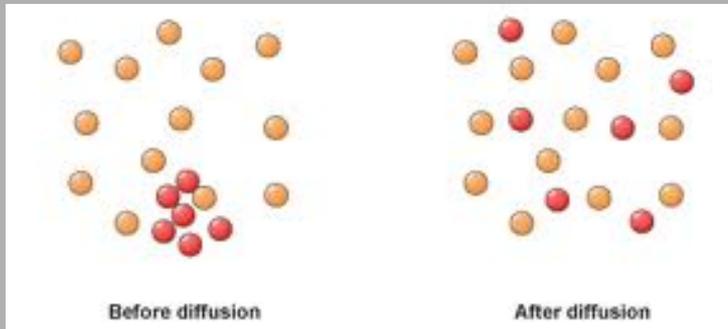
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## Explaining Properties

## 5) Gases diffuse & effuse because ...

- #2 Particles are in constant, random motion



# Explaining Properties

Ideal Gas = imaginary gas that conforms perfectly to all assumptions of the Kinetic Molecular Theory

Real Gas = a gas that does not completely obey all the assumptions of the Kinetic Molecular Theory (KMT)

## **Ideal Versus Real Gases**

Real gases deviate from ideal gases because...

- 1) Particles of real gases occupy space
- 2) Particles of real gases exert attractive forces on each other

Real gases behave like ideal gases when..

- 1) Particles are very far apart
- 2) Particles have high thermal energies
- 3) Particles have a weak attraction to each other

## **Ideal Versus Real Gases**

- Measureable quantities of gases:
  - 1) Volume
  - 2) Temperature
  - 3) Pressure
  - 4) Quantity or number of moles

Describe the volume, temperature & pressure needed for a gas to

- a) Act most like an ideal gas
- b) Deviate the most from an ideal gas

## **Ideal Versus Real Gases**