

Introduction for Module 11 – Intermolecular Forces

Textbook: [Open Stax Chemistry 2e](#)

Suggested Reading: Chapter 10.1

Learning Objectives:

- **Identify and recognize different types of intermolecular forces**
- **Connect molecular geometry and polarity to physical properties**
- **Appreciate the uniqueness of hydrogen-bonding, and its role in many biological applications**

Captions and Attributions:

- 1) Intermolecular forces between polar molecules determine physical properties due to providing differences in attraction between molecules. [Figure 10.5, Intramolecular forces keep a molecule intact](#) by [Open Stax](#) is licensed under [CC BY 4.0](#).
- 2) London dispersion force results from temporary dipoles, and will be stronger in larger molecules. [Figure 10.6, Dispersion forces result](#) by [Open Stax](#) is licensed under [CC BY 4.0](#).
- 3) As molecules acquire more kinetic energy (by a sample increasing in Temperature) phase transitions such as the solid, liquid, gas transition shown will occur. [Figure 10.2, Transitions between solid, liquid, and gaseous](#) by [Open Stax](#) is licensed under [CC BY 4.0](#).
- 4) Hydrogen bonding in water is perfectly optimized as each water molecule has two lone pairs on oxygen and two hydrogens, creating the rich hydrogen bonding network shown. [Figure 10.1, London Forces and Their Effects](#) by [Open Stax](#) is licensed under [CC BY 4.0](#).
- 5) Changing the size of hydrocarbons greatly impacts boiling point and physical properties. Common alkanes and their uses are shown.
- 6) The boiling points of alkanes of increasing size can be compared, which demonstrates the connection between intermolecular force increasing and the physical state at room temperature.
- 7) Based on trends in London dispersion forces, we would predict the following molecules shown with "?" to have the boiling points shown. [Figure 10.11, For the group 15, 16, and 17](#) by [Open Stax](#) is licensed under [CC BY 4.0](#).

- 8) A large diversion from the trend in boiling point is present for the molecules shown, which is a consequence of the intermolecular force hydrogen bonding. [Figure 10.12, In comparison to periods 3–5](#) by [Open Stax](#) is licensed under [CC BY 4.0](#).
- 9) Hydrogen bonding in water is perfectly optimized as each water molecule has two lone pairs on oxygen and two hydrogens, creating the rich hydrogen bonding network shown. [Figure 10.10, Water molecules participate](#) by [Open Stax](#) is licensed under [CC BY 4.0](#).
- 10) When matched together, two strands of DNA form the characteristic double helix structure shown. [Figure 10.13, Two separate DNA molecules](#) by [Open Stax](#) is licensed under [CC BY 4.0](#).
- 11) The pairing shown by nucleotides are determined by hydrogen bonding, with proper matching of bases resulting in the maximum number of hydrogen bonds formed. [Figure 10.14, The geometries of the base molecules](#) by [Open Stax](#) is licensed under [CC BY 4.0](#).



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