

State of matter

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The distinct forms in which [matter](#) can exist, described by its [compressibility](#) behaviour and [structural rigidity](#).

The five most typical [states of matter](#) are:

Solid	Fluid			Plasma
	Supercritical Fluid	Liquid	Gas / Vapour	

The [Liquid](#), [Gas](#) and [Supercritical Fluid](#) are combined under the term [Fluid](#).

It is closely related to the concept of [Phase](#) which exists in one of the [states of matter](#).

The process of changing the [state](#) from one to another is called [Phase Transition](#).

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Fig. 1. [PT Diagram](#) showing the different non-[plasmatic states of matter](#).

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