



Linking laboratory observations and changes at the molecular level using hand-held models

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Workshop Learning Goals

- Guided-inquiry learning activities to use with students
- Discuss extensions of the activity to real-world applications
- Evaluate hand-held model representations for their impact on learning
- Experience activities first-hand that could be used in a virtual or in-person setting
- Discuss connections to NGSS standards such as HS-PS1-3 and MS-PS1-2

Goals for Activity

- Link observations of pure substances and mixtures to attractive forces between molecular models



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Let's Play





Current Version

Students:
engineering,
nursing,
business

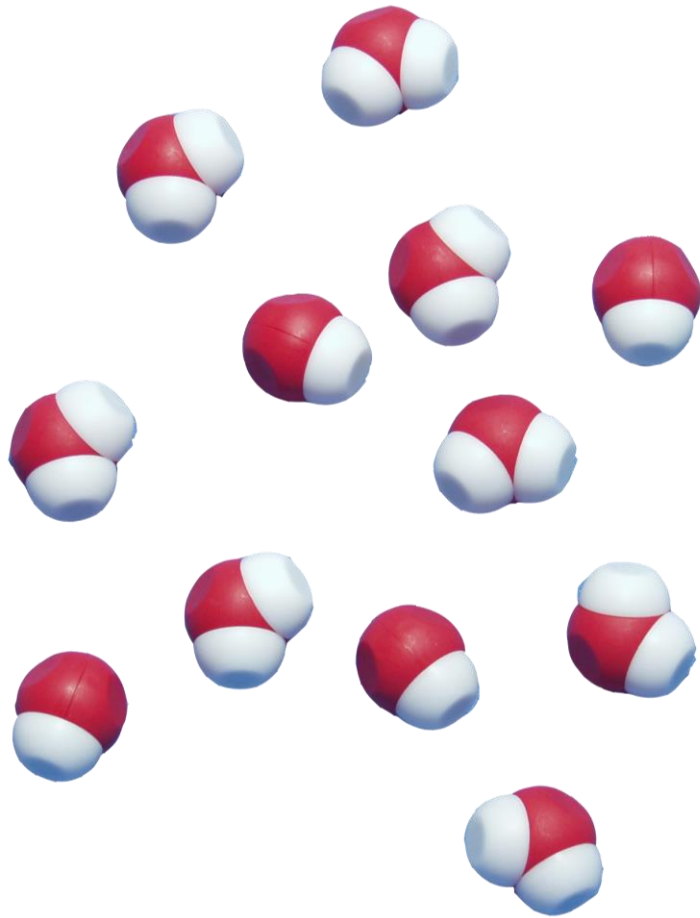
Duration:
30 - 40 minutes

Implementation:
class or lab

Models:
water
ethanol
ethane



Learning Outcomes (Current Version)



Learning Outcomes (Original Version)

- Compare and contrast ionic, polar and non-polar molecules
- Compare and contrast effects of hydrogen bonding on evaporation
- Compare and contrast intermolecular interactions between ionic, polar and non-polar molecules
- Evaluate small mixtures and the relevant intermolecular forces
- Identify molecules as polar or non-polar and the appropriate intermolecular forces
- Evaluate the relative strengths of ion-dipole, hydrogen bonding and ionic forces
- Relate mixtures of different solutes in water to their environmental impacts



Reflection Exercise



40 CFR, Protection of Environment

40 CFR 51.100(s)

Volatile organic compounds (VOC) means any compound of carbon, excluding carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, carbonic acid, metallic carbides or carbonates, and ammonium carbonate, which participates in atmospheric photochemical reactions.

<https://ecfr.federalregister.gov/current/title-40>

Current Version:

- Evaporation: water and ethanol
- Pure substances: water, ethanol and ethane (models)
- Mixtures: water, ethanol, and oil (models and chemicals)

Original Version:

- Evaporation: water and ethanol
- Pure substances: water, ethanol, ethane and NaCl (models)
- Mixtures: water, ethanol, oil, salt and sugar (models and chemicals)

Original Virtual Version:

- Pure substances: water, ethanol and ethane (models)
- Mixtures: water, ethanol, oil, salt and sugar (models and chemicals)





Reflection Exercise

Based on what you have learned about intermolecular forces, specifically as they relate to solvents, describe a situation where your choice of a solvent used in a specific application has or had a positive or negative impact on the environment.

- This situation can be something from your own experience, or it can be a situation that you may encounter in the future based on your anticipated educational or career path.
- Please explain the situation in enough detail to give the reader a clear understanding why you have chosen it as relevant to this activity.
- Be sure to describe what the impact on the environment is/was, include what the intermolecular forces are relevant to your example, the physical properties of the solvent and how those properties led or will lead to the environmental impact you described.

Workshop NGSS Connections

SEPs	CCCs	DCIs
Asking questions	Cause and effect	LS1.A: Structure and function
Developing and using models	Structure and function	PS1.A: Structure and properties of matter
Constructing explanations		PS1.B: Chemical reactions



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Introduction to Intermolecular Forces



Folders

▼ Instructor notes and documents

Description

Includes:

- Instructor notes: Introduction and background for the activity
- Instructor notes: Considerations for using activity with models or videos
- student activity (in-person with models)
- student activity (for virtual or in-person instruction with videos)
- post-activity reflection
- list of video links (links are embedded in student activity)
- condensed activity (used at WSST conference)

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