

# Measurement

Chemistry Chapter 2

Scientific Notations, Measurement,  
Metric System

# Scientific Notation

- Scientific notation: a method for making very large or small numbers more compact and easier to write.
- Express # as a product of a # between 1-10 and an appropriate power of 10

$$\underline{\quad} \times 10^{\quad}$$

# Practice

- 1. Ex 93000000 becomes  $9.3 \times 10^7$ 
  - (moved to the left, number got “smaller” so exponent is positive)
- 2.  $0.010$  become  $1.0 \times 10^{-2}$ 
  - (moved to the right, number got “bigger” so exponent is negative)

# Measurement

- Units: part of measurement that tells us what scale or standard to represent the result.
- 2 systems of measurement:
  - English System – Empirical Units (used in United States) includes: feet, inches, ounces pounds)
  - System International- Metric System (used around the world, and in science) meters, grams etc.
    - Includes derived units (density, volume)

# Metric System

- We use the metric system in science!!
- All SI standards (metric system) are universally accepted and understood by scientists throughout the world.
- Each type of SI measurement has a base unit
- The SI system is easy to use because it is based on multiples of 10

Quantity Measured	Unit	Symbol
Length	meter	m
Mass	kilogram	kg
Time	second	s
Electric current	ampere	A
Temperature	kelvin	K
Amount of substance	mole	mol
Intensity of light	candela	cd

# Standards of Measurement

- A ***Standard*** is an exact quantity that people agree to use to compare measurements
  - All scientists around the world can compare results
- For a measurement to make sense, it must include both a *number* and a *unit*

# Measuring Matter

- Mass is a measurement of the quantity of matter in an object
- It is how much stuff makes up the object
- The SI unit for mass is the kilogram (kg)
- Mass is measured by either a triple beam balance or an electric balance

# Measuring Length

- Length: the distance between two points
- Measured in meters (m)
- We use a meter stick or metric ruler to measure length.



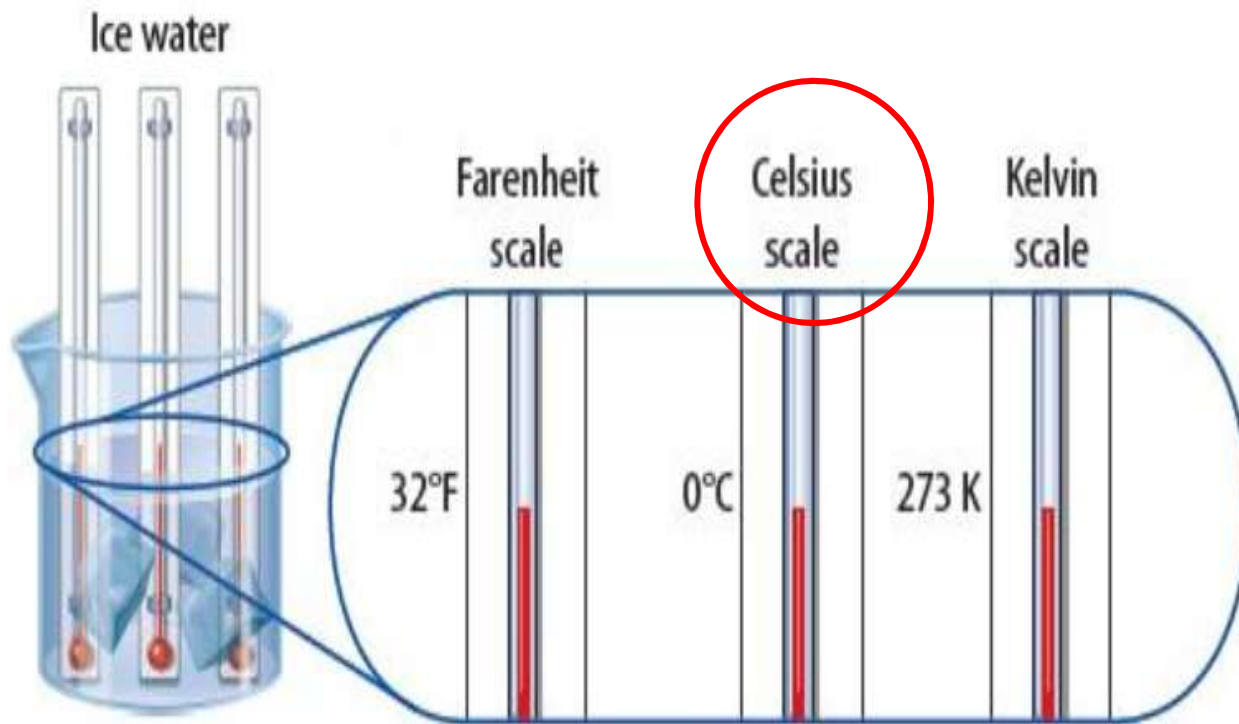
# Measuring Time

- Time is the interval between two events
- The SI unit for time is the second (s)
- Time is measured by using a clock or stopwatch

# Measuring Temperature

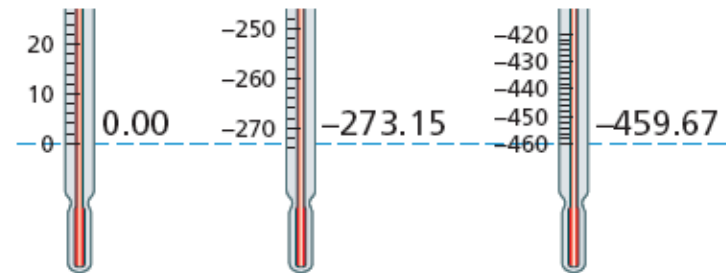
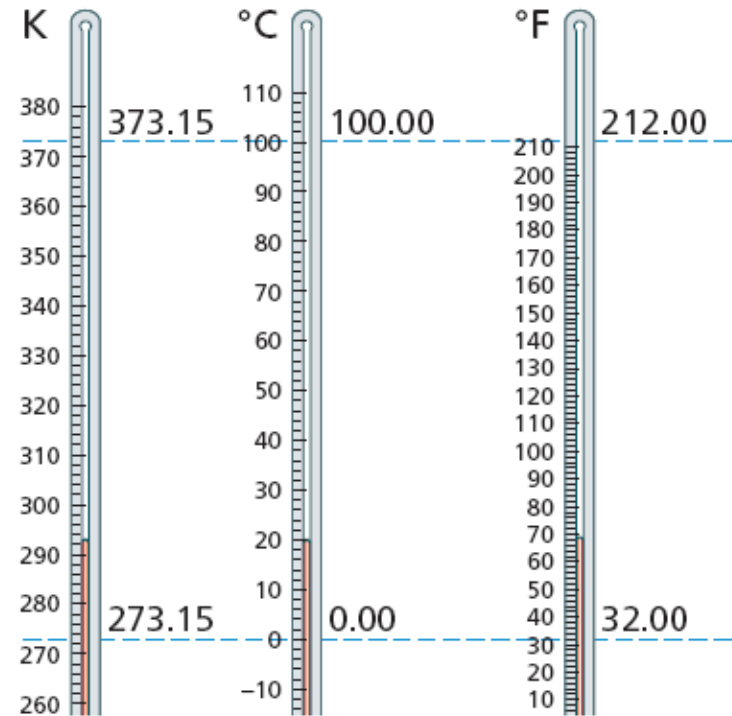
- Temperature (for now) is a measure of how hot or cold an object is
- The SI unit for temperature is the Kelvin (K)
- For most scientific work, temperature is measured using Celsius ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- Temperature can also be measured in Fahrenheit ( $^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) [will not use this in science!] or Kelvin  
Note that Celsius and Fahrenheit both use the degree ( $^{\circ}$ ) symbol, but that Kelvin does not!
- Zero on the Kelvin scale (0 K) is the coldest possible temperature, also known as absolute zero

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- These three thermometers illustrate the scales of temperature between the freezing and boiling points of water.



# Converting Temperatures

- $^{\circ}\text{C}$  to Kelvin:
  - since zero Celsius corresponds to 273 K– add 273 to the Celsius temp. (subtract 273 to other way)
  - $45^{\circ}\text{C} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}\text{K}$
- $^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $^{\circ}\text{F}$ :
  - $180^{\circ}\text{F} = 100^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $1.8^{\circ}\text{F} = 1^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
  - $T(^{\circ}\text{F}) = 1.80(T^{\circ}\text{C}) + 32$
- $^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ :
  - Rearrange the equation above

# Practice

- $100\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow \underline{\hspace{2cm}}\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$

- $67\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F} \rightarrow \underline{\hspace{2cm}}\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

- $33\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow \underline{\hspace{2cm}}\text{ K}$

# Derived Units

- A unit obtained by combining or manipulating different SI units is called a derived unit
- Examples of derived units include volume and density

# Measuring Volume

- Volume is the amount of space occupied by an object
- To measure the volume of a solid rectangle, you measure its length, width, and height and multiply the three numbers together ( $V = l \times w \times h$ ).
- If measured in centimeters (cm), the volume would then be expressed in cubic centimeters ( $cm^3$ )



# Measuring Volume

- Another way to measure solid objects is by using the water displacement method
- This is the preferred way when the object does not have a mathematical equation for its volume or is an irregular shape.
- *Volume = Final volume – Initial volume*
- $V = V_f - V_i$

# Measuring Liquid Volumes

- Liquid volumes indicate the capacity (or amount) that the container holds
- The most common units for liquid volumes are L and mL
- Liquid volumes are measured by graduated cylinders
- Sometimes liquid volumes such as doses of medicine are measured in cubic centimeters
- One cubic centimeter is exactly the same volume as one milliliter.
- $1 \text{ mL} = 1 \text{ cm}^3 = 1 \text{ cc}$

# Density

- Combining the mass and volume of an object can be used to find the density of the object
- Density cannot be measured directly. It must be calculated from the objects mass and volume.
- Density is the mass per unit volume of a substance

$$\text{Density} = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}} \quad \text{or} \quad D = \frac{M}{V}$$

# Practice

- What is the density of a bowling ball if it has a mass of 17.6kg and a volume of 4.18L?
- If a block of wood has a density of 0.85g/mL and is 114mL, what is the mass of the wood?

# Uncertainty in Measurement

- Must rely on visual measurements often or equipment with measurement limits so some measurements could be recorded slightly different by another.
- Certain numbers: numbers the same regardless of who measures (shown on tool)
- Uncertain number: estimated, can vary
- Record certain numbers and first uncertain number!

# Significant Figures

- All measurement has some degree of uncertainty.
- chemistry requires math so we must know the uncertainty of the result.

# Rules for Significant Figures

1. Nonzero Integers always count!  
- (ex. 1457 = 4 sig figs)
2. Zeros:
  - A. Leading zero: (precedes all nonzero digits) NEVER count. Ex. 0.0025 = 2 sig figs
  - B. Captive zero: (fall between nonzeros) ALWAYS count. Ex. 1.008 = 4 sig figs
  - C. Trailing zeros: (right at end of #) significant if with decimal Ex. 100 = 1 sig fig ; 100. = 3 sig figs
3. Exact numbers: (arise from definitions) unlimited significant figures

Rules apply to scientific notation also 100.  $\rightarrow$   $1.0 \times 10^2 = 3$  sig figs

# Rules for Rounding

If digit to be removed is...:

1. less than 5 = preceding digit stays same  
(1.33  $\rightarrow$  1.3)
2. equal to increased/greater than 5 =  
preceding digit (ex. 1.36  $\rightarrow$  1.4)

In series of calculation: carry extra digits to final,  
then round



# Significant Figures in Calculations

1. Multiplication/Division: keep the same significant numbers as that in the measurement with the **least # of sig figs.**

Ex.  $4.56 \times 1.4 = 6.384$

→ 6.4

$8.315/298 = 0.0279027$

→  $2.79 \times 10^{-2}$

# Sig Figs in Calculations

- 2. Addition/Subtraction: limiting term is one with least # of decimal places.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Ex } 12.11 \\ 18.00 \\ + \underline{1.013} \\ 31.123 \\ \rightarrow 31.1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Ex. } 0.6875 \\ - \underline{0.1} \\ 0.5875 \\ \rightarrow 0.6 \end{array}$$

# Conversions

Prefix	Symbol	Meaning	Scientific notation
Mega	M	1,000,000	$10^6$
kilo	k	1000	$10^3$
deca	da	10	$10^1$
deci	D	0.1	$10^{-1}$
centi	C	0.01	$10^{-2}$
milli	M	0.001	$10^{-3}$
micro		0.000001	$10^{-6}$
nano	n	0.000000001	$10^{-9}$

# Conversions Steps

1. Start with what's given.
2. Multiply by conversion factor w/ wanted unit on top (repeat until final unit is what's wanted)
3. Cancel units (double check you get correct units)
4. Multiply Straight Across
5. Divide
6. Round/Sig Figs
7. Does answer make sense?

# Conversions Practice

- From Empirical to metric:

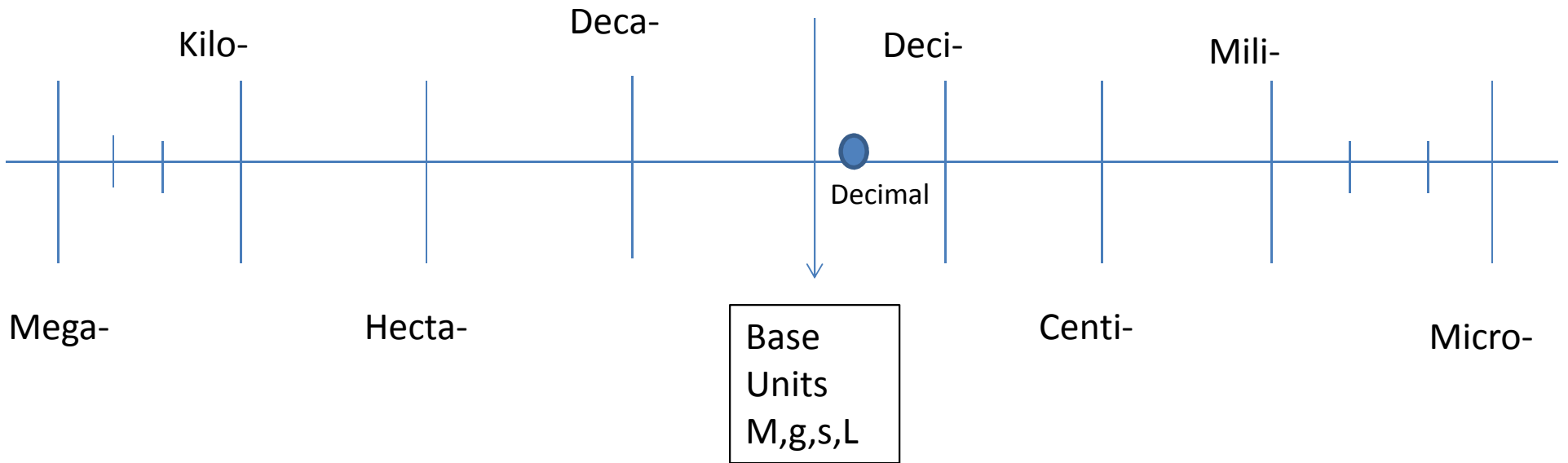
Ex. 2.85cm = \_\_\_\_\_in

Conversion  
Factor:  
**2.54cm=1in**

Ex. Covert 48 ounces to grams.

Conversion  
Factor: **1 Ounce =  
28.35 Grams**


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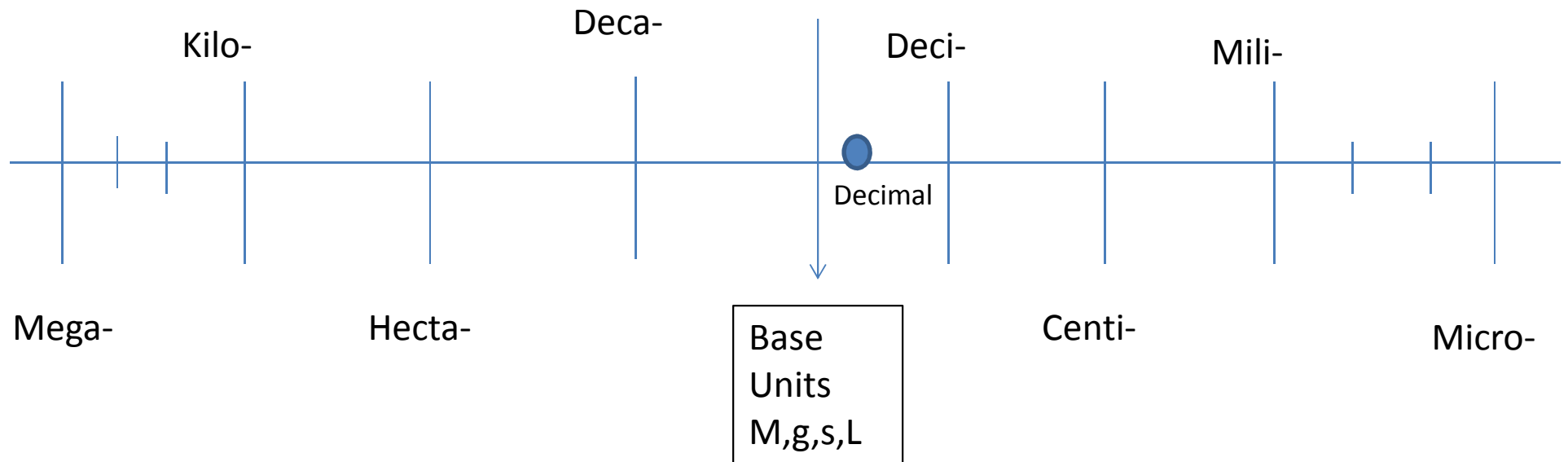
1. Meters  $\rightarrow$  kilometers (1000m = 1 km)

$$4.21 \times 10^4 \text{ m} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ km}$$



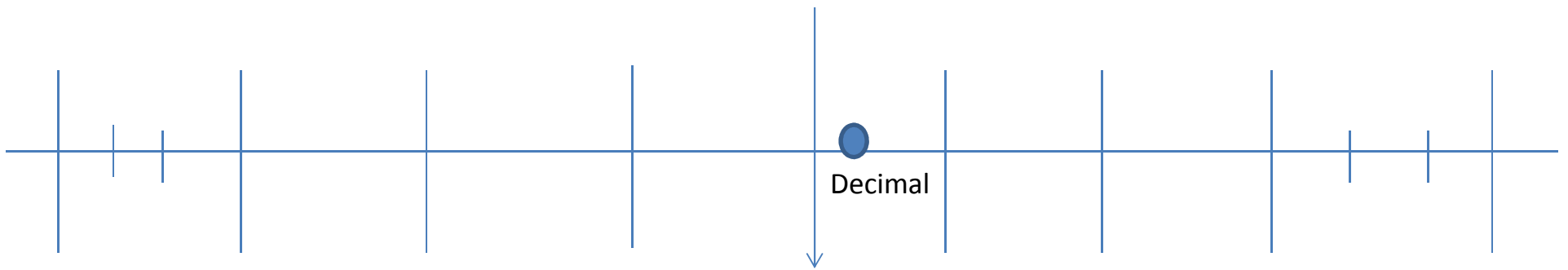
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SHORTCUT! –  
Look at the  
staircase

# Convert 180 milliliters to liters



**YAY! For the Metric System--- So much easier!**





Decimal

Base  
Units  
M,g,s,L