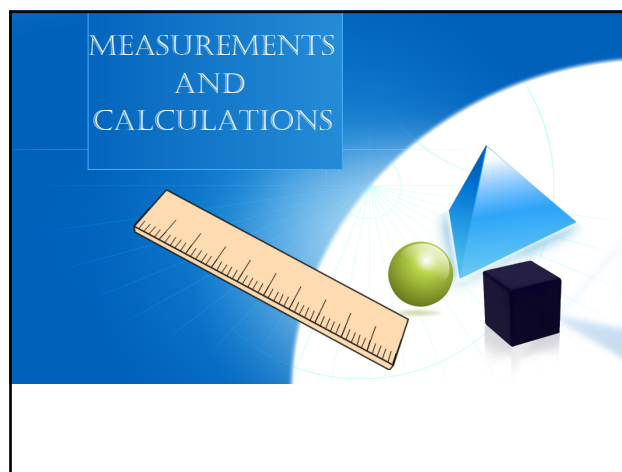


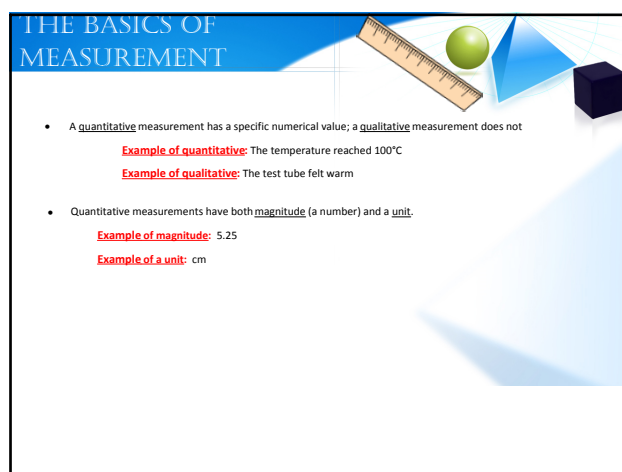
Measurement



Measurement and Calculation



The Metric System vs Customary Units



The Metric System vs Customary Units

### MAGNITUDE

You will encounter very small and very large numbers in chemistry. Scientific notation is useful for expressing these numbers.

**Rules for expressing numbers in scientific notation:**

- Move the decimal so that there is only ONE nonzero digit to the left of the decimal
- Express that number  $\times 10$
- Count the number of times you moved the decimal and that is your power of ten
- If the number was a BIG number (greater than 1), the exponent is positive
- If the number was a SMALL number (less than 1), the exponent is negative

**Examples:**

56000 = \_\_\_\_\_

0.095 = \_\_\_\_\_

Scientific Notation

### MAGNITUDE

**Rules for expressing numbers in standard notation:**

- look at the exponent and move the decimal \_\_\_\_\_ times to the left/right
  - BIG numbers have a positive exponent
  - SMALL numbers have a negative exponent

**Examples:**

$6.6 \times 10^5 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

$5.34 \times 10^{-3} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

Standard Notation

### UNIT

A unit tells us what was measured. Units must always follow the numerical portion of a measurement.

There are **two** major unit systems used in the world today.

1. **The United States Customary System (USCS)**
  - Used in the U.S. primarily for nonscientific purposes
  - **Example:** pound and the gallon
2. **The Système international d'unités (or SI)**
  - English translation: International System of Units
  - Is used by most other countries and all scientists in the U.S.
  - We will be using SI units in this class

Measuring Systems of the World

- United States Customary System (USCS)
- International System of Units (SI)
- Metric System (not SI)
- Other systems (not SI)

The Metric System vs Customary Units

### SI UNITS IN CHEMISTRY

Physical quantity measured	Base unit	SI abbreviation
	mole	mol
	meter	m
	kilogram	kg
	second	s
	kelvin	K
	ampere	A
	candela	cd

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The Metric System vs Customary Units

### METRIC SYSTEM

The metric system is based on powers of ten.

- Metric system **prefixes** are used with SI units to represent quantities that are larger or smaller (by powers of 10) than the base units.

Prefix	Symbol	Value	Power of 10	Meaning
tera	T	1,000,000,000,000	$10^{12}$	trillion
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mega	M	1,000,000	$10^6$	million
kilo	k	1000	$10^3$	thousand
hecto	h	100	$10^2$	hundred
deca	da	10	$10^1$	ten
—	—	1	$10^0$	one
deci	d	0.1	$10^{-1}$	tenth
centi	c	0.01	$10^{-2}$	hundredth
milli	m	0.001	$10^{-3}$	thousandth
micro	$\mu$	0.000001	$10^{-6}$	millionth
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\*\*\*You need to memorize the order and meaning of the prefixes from kilo- to milli-  
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The Metric System

### METRIC SYSTEM

**The basics of metric relationships:**  
To relate two metric units to each other, start by putting a "1" on the larger unit. Count the number of metric place moves to the desired unit. This is the same number of zeros you must add on to make the conversion, since the metric system is based on powers of 10.

**Example of a metric equality: 1 km = 1000 m**

Practice: Write an equality for the following metric unit pairs:

- m and cm
- m and dm
- m and mm
- g and Mg
- g and Gg
- g and dag
- L and nL
- L and hL
- L and  $\mu$ L

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Answers:

- $1 \times 10^3 \text{ g} = 1 \text{ Gg}$
- $10 \text{ g} = 1 \text{ dag}$
- $1 \text{ L} = 1 \times 10^3 \text{ nL}$
- $100 \text{ L} = 1 \text{ hL}$
- $1 \text{ L} = 1 \times 10^3 \mu\text{L}$  or  $1\,000\,000 \mu\text{L}$

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### METRIC SYSTEM

**Derived units are combinations of simple units.**

- They are produced by multiplying or dividing simple units.

**Example:** a derived unit for volume is  $\text{cm}^3$  (length x width x height)

\*Important note: A cubic centimeter ( $\text{cm}^3$ ) is sometimes abbreviated as a "cc" in medical applications. A cubic centimeter is the same size volume as a milliliter.  $1 \text{ cm}^3 = 1 \text{ mL}$

**Example:** Density (the ratio of mass to volume for a substance) also uses a derived unit:  $\text{g/cm}^3$  or  $\text{g/mL}$  for solids and liquids and  $\text{g/L}$  for gases.

The Metric System

### USING SCIENTIFIC MEASUREMENTS

If you have ever measured something several times, you know that the results can vary. In science, for a reported measurement to be useful, there must be some indication of its reliability or uncertainty.

- **Accuracy** refers to the closeness of a measurement to the correct or accepted value.  
Accuracy = correctness
- **Precision** refers to the closeness of repeated measurements to each other.  
Precision = reproducibility

Using Scientific Measurements

### PRECISION VS ACCURACY

Are the following groups of measurements accurate, precise, both, or neither?

- The true volume of sample of water is 33.3 mL  
measurements made: 22.4 mL, 22.2 mL, 22.4 mL, 22.3 mL
- The true length of copper wire is 58.5 cm  
measurements made: 58.4 cm, 58.5 cm, 58.5 cm, 58.4 cm
- The true mass of sample of zinc is 14.5 g  
measurements made: 13.2 g, 15.6 g, 17.9 g, 12.0 g

Precision vs Accuracy

### PERCENT ERROR

**Percent error** is a calculation scientists use to compare an experimental result with a theoretical or accepted value. It is an assessment of accuracy and is a lab "quality check."

$$\% \text{ error} = \frac{|\text{accepted value} - \text{experimental value}|}{\text{accepted value}} \times 100$$

**Example:** Calculate the percent error in a length measurement of 4.25 cm if the correct value is 4.08 cm.

Percent Error

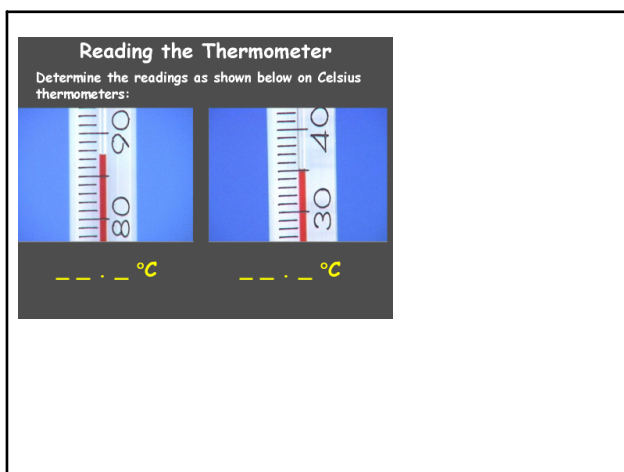
### Making Measurements

Due to human error, measurements always contain a degree of uncertainty.

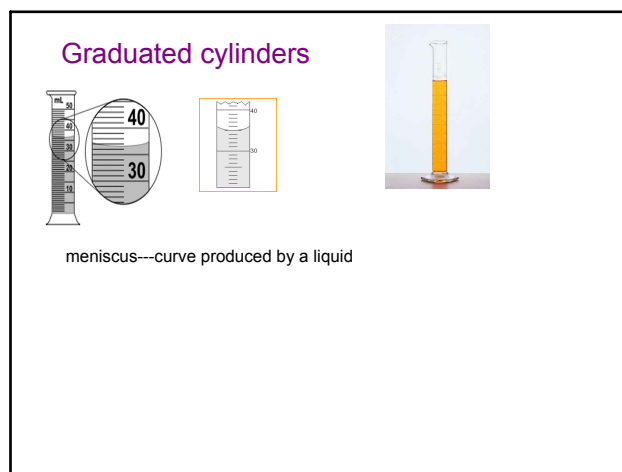
When recordings measurements from equipment, it is important to record answers to the correct number of figures. A measurement should include all certain digits and one uncertain digit (estimated digit). The certain digits are determined by the calibrations on the equipment.

How to do this? Examine the equipment and find the smallest increment (interval). Your final answer must be one place past the smallest increment.

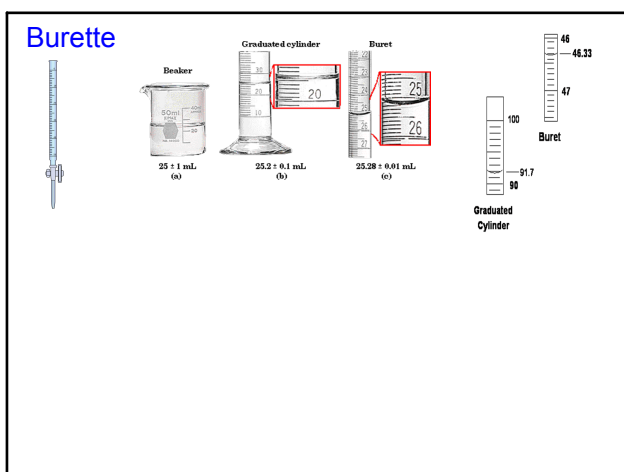
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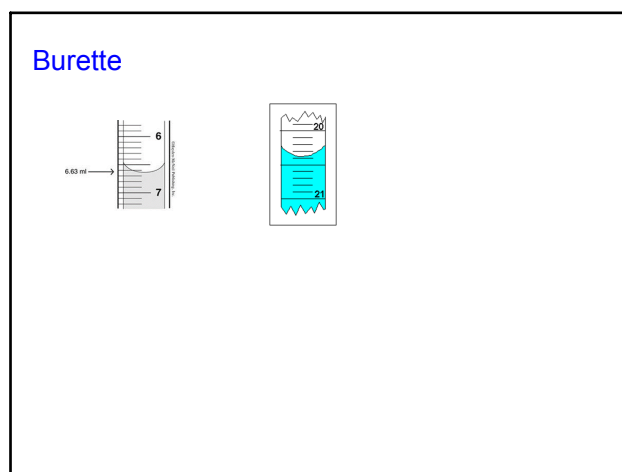
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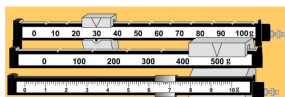


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Triple beam balance



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Digital equipment



Note: On digital equipment, record exactly what you see.



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Concludes Video 1:  
 Make sure you have taken good notes.  
 Come to class with any questions.

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**SIG FIGS**

Scientific measurements are limited by the degree of "exactness" or precision that the measuring instrument gives us.

**EX:** If we wish to measure the length of a paperclip with a centimeter ruler, we can estimate the length to the hundredths place, estimating one digit beyond what we can see marked on the ruler. **The digits we obtain in our measurements are called significant figures.**

Sig Figs