

# Chemistry 151

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# Textbooks/other help

- Textbooks
- An on-line version can be purchased from the publisher.  
[www.MasteringChemistry.com](http://www.MasteringChemistry.com) bundled with the on-line homework.

You can also get the e version at the book store Brown, LeMay, and Bursten, Chemistry, the Central Science, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, editions

- The same text will be used for CEM 152 in the spring semester.
- The 10th edition is stocked by campus bookstores. Also, it can be ordered from Amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, or directly from the publisher.
- Lecture notes will be available on the web.

# On line homework

- Can be purchased  
[masteringchemistry.com](http://masteringchemistry.com)
- Will be required, is a big part of your grade
- Many of the problems are mini tutorials
- Make sure you do the introduction problem set, it is for credit as well.

# Registering for Mastering Chemistry, What You Need:

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**The ZIP or other postal code for your school: 48825**

**A Course ID: **cem1512016****

## **1. Register**

- Go to [www.masteringchemistry.com](http://www.masteringchemistry.com) and click **Students** under **Register**.
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  - • Answers to Frequently Asked Questions
  - • Registration Tips & Tricks video
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# Course organization

- Lectures MWF 12:40-1:30 pm (me)

Recitation once a week (check your schedule). Small class, more individual help from Teaching assistants. Each section = 1 recitation group.

No Recitation this week.

They start next week.

This week only come to class WF  
12:40-1:30 pm.

# Grades

- Four exams (135 points/exam)x4 = 540 points
  - On-line homework (180 points) (Mastering Chemistry)
  - Some quizzes (50 points total).
  - Recitation (50 points, can miss 3)
  - **There will be no makeups.**
    - quiz problems *will be directly copied from homework problems*, except the numerical values will be changed such that the numerical answer is different.
- Final exam (180 points). Will be given on exam week.

# How to succeed:

- Attend lecture and recitation
- Do homework problems
- Do extra problems if you think you need them
- ***Being able to do the problems is key***
- Understand the concepts from lecture.

# **Lectures**

- Will follow the book closely
- Example problems will be a key part.

# Topics to be covered

## First 9 chapters, Chapter 24 and 25 (10<sup>th</sup> ed.)

Chap 1 matter and measurement

- Chap 2, Atoms, molecules and Ions
- Chap 3 Stoichiometry, The Mole!
- Chap 4, reactions in water and solution stoichiometry
- Chap 5, Thermochemistry
- Chap 6, Electronic structure, atoms
- Chap 7, The periodic table
- Chap 8, Chemical bonding
- Chap 9, Molecular geometry
- Chap 24, Coordination chemistry
- Chap 25, Organic and biological chemistry

# Chapter 1

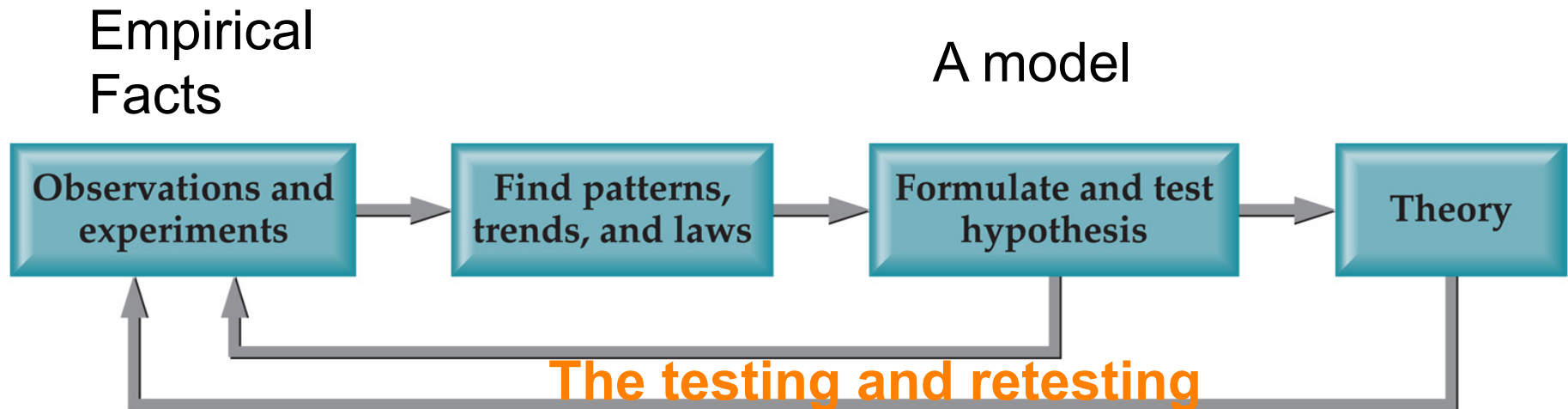
## Introduction:

### Matter and Measurement



# Scientific Method:

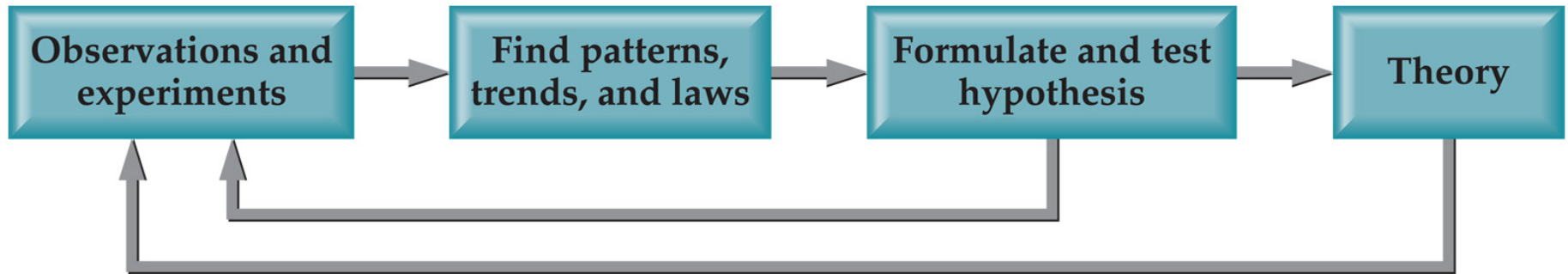
A systematic approach to solving problems.



**THIS IS WHAT MAKES IT SCIENCE!**

# Scientific Method:

A systematic approach to solving problems.



**FIRST DEVOTEE AND DEVELOPER:  
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OPTICS.**

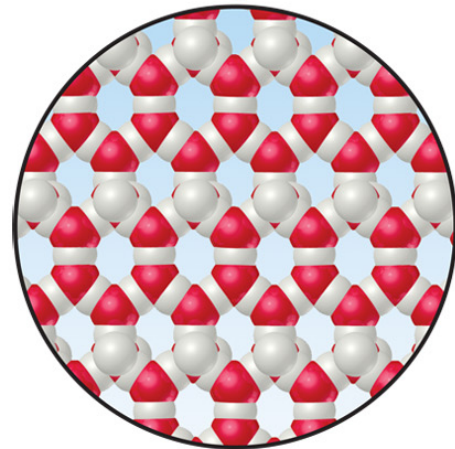
# Chemistry:

The study of matter

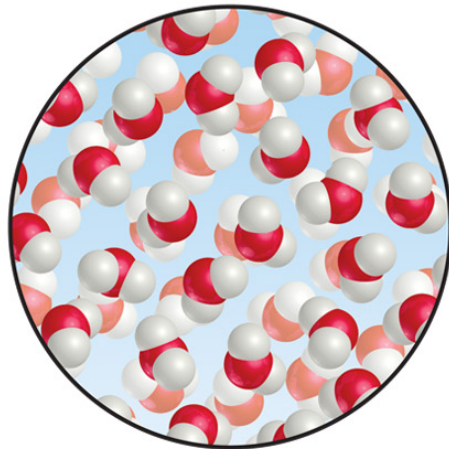
What it is

It's properties

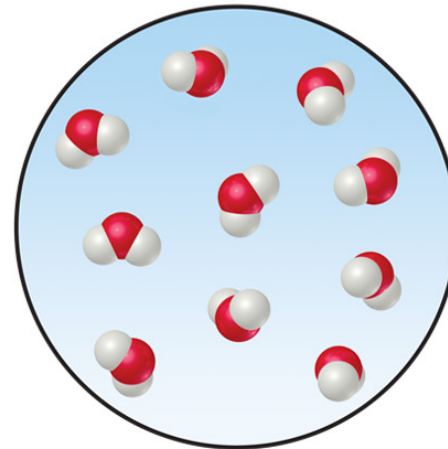
What it becomes



Solid



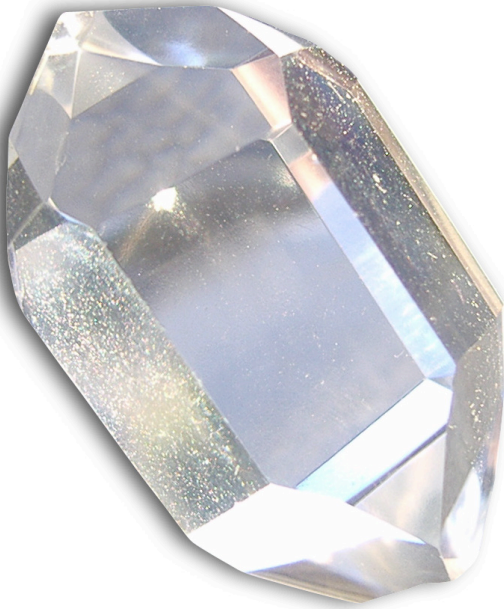
Liquid



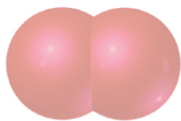
Gas

# Matter:

Anything that has mass and takes up space.



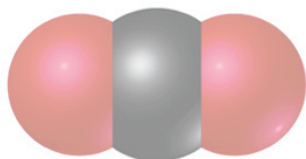
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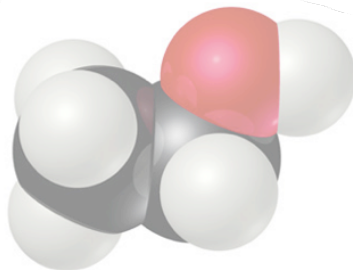
(a) Oxygen



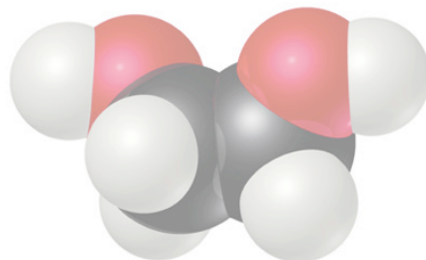
(b) Water



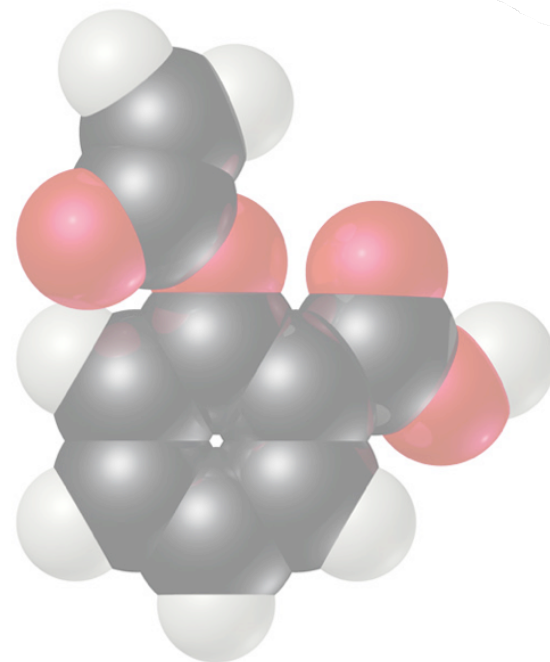
(c) Carbon dioxide



(d) Ethanol



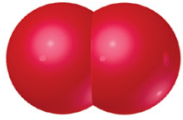
(e) Ethylene glycol



(f) Aspirin

- **Atoms** are the building blocks of matter.

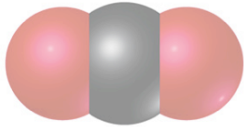
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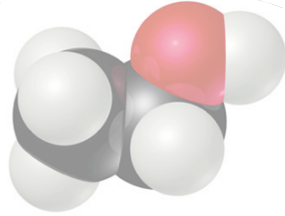
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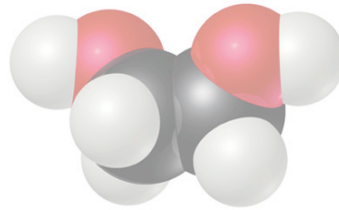
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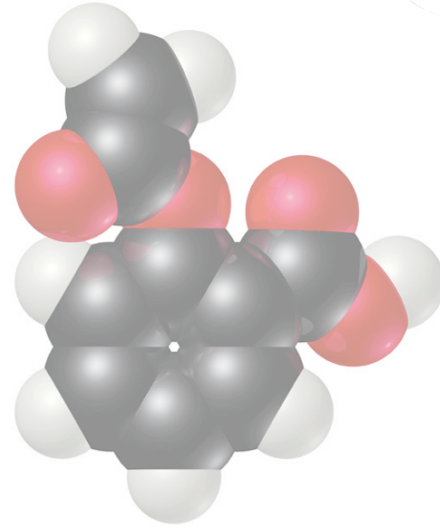
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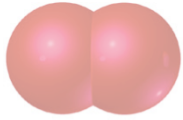


(f) Aspirin

- Each element is made of the same kind of atom.



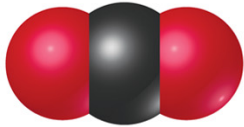
# Matter



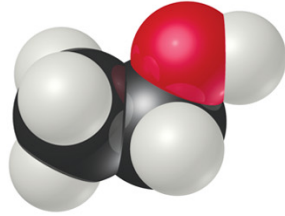
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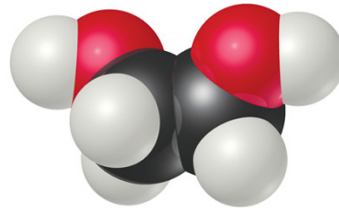
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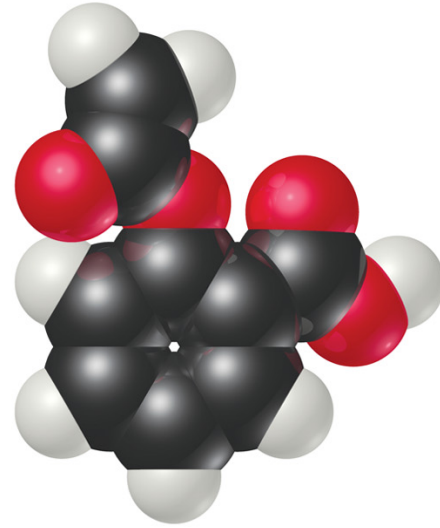
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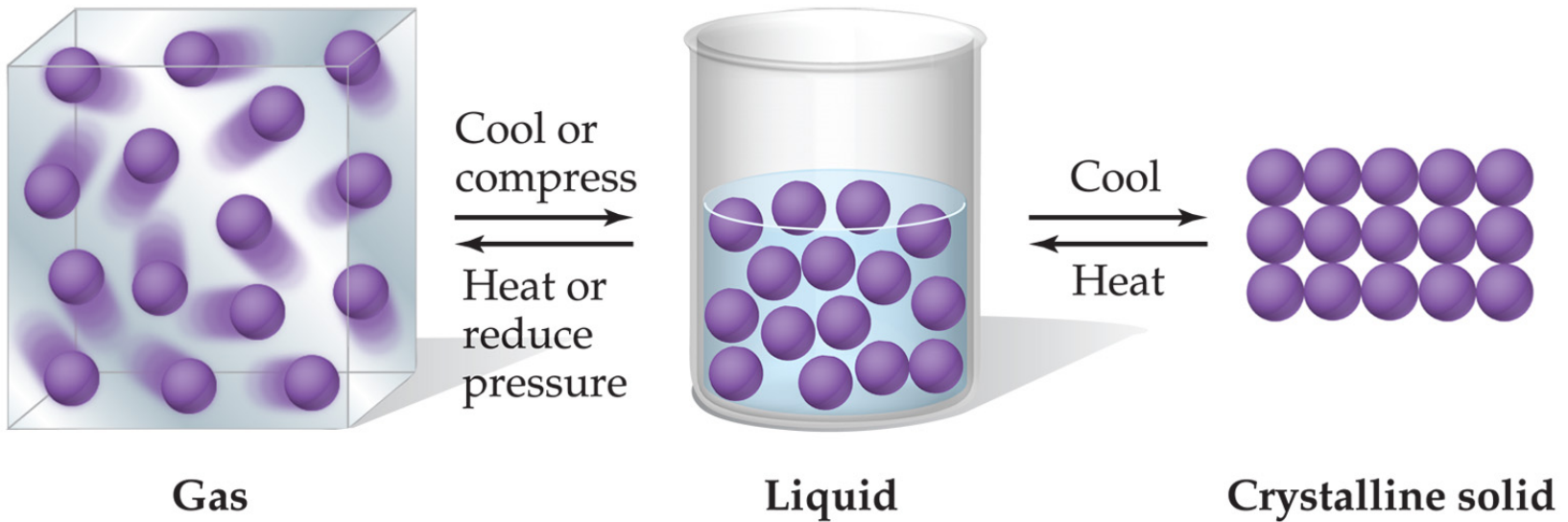
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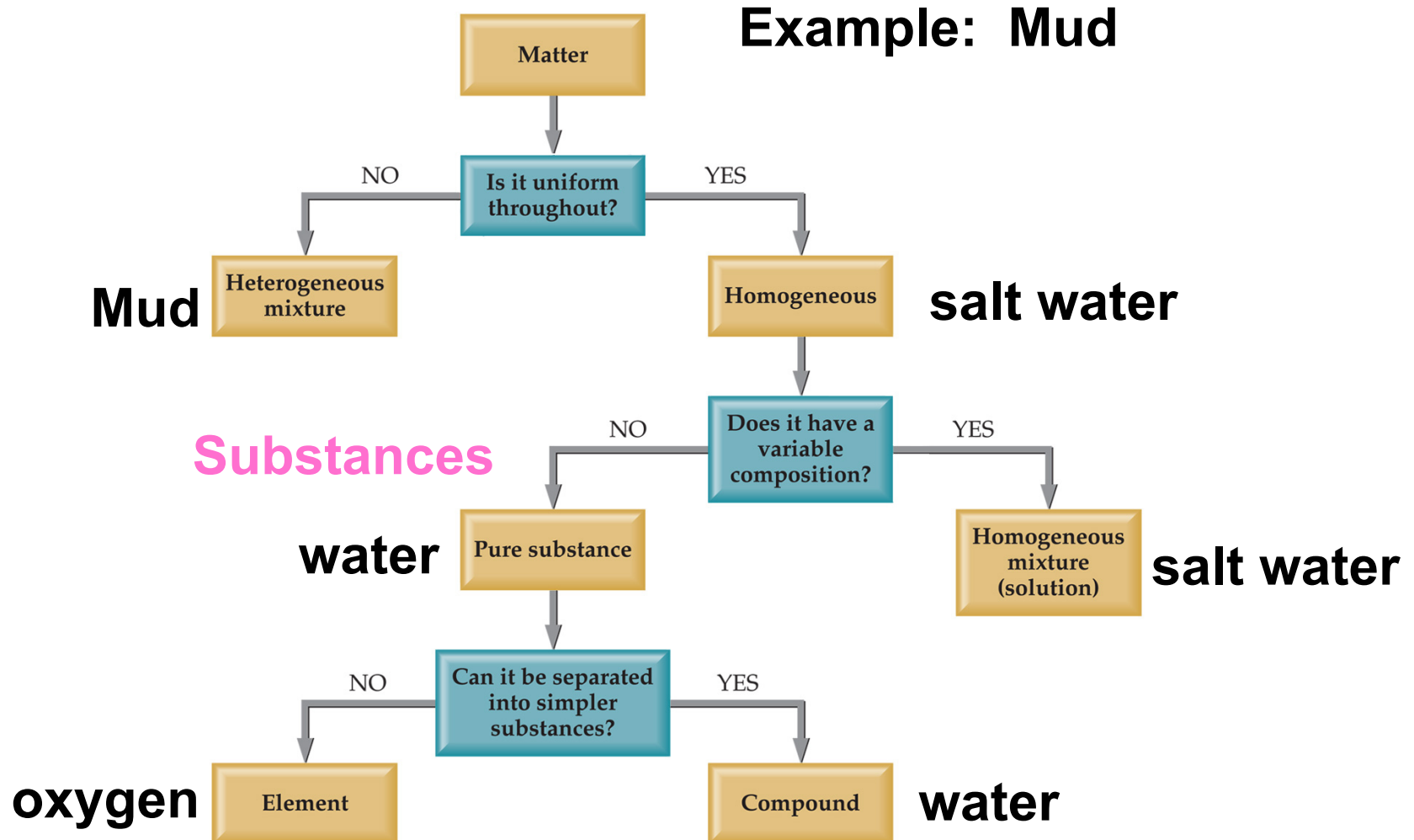
- A compound is made of two or more different kinds of elements.

# States of Matter





# Classification of Matter



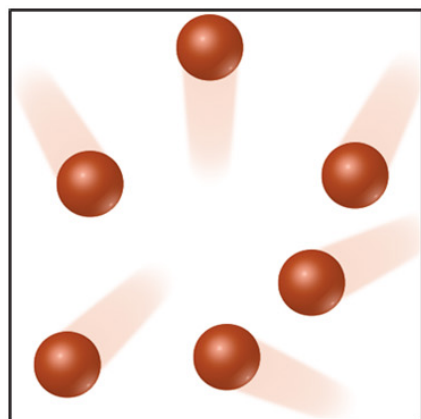
# Mixtures and Compounds

Element  
(atoms)

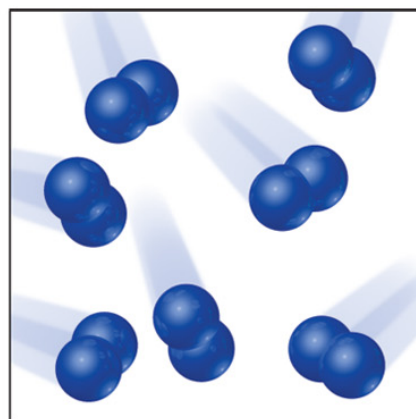
Element  
(molecules)

Compound  
(molecules)

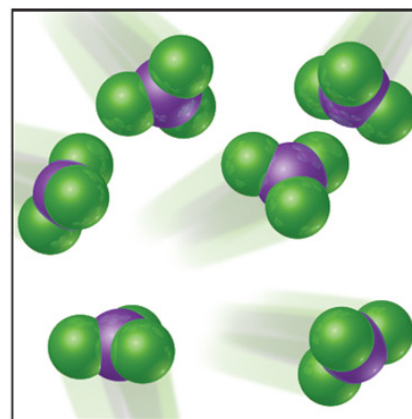
Mixture



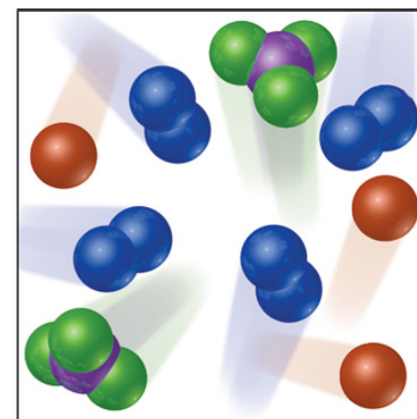
(a) Atoms of an element



(b) Molecules  
of an element



(c) Molecules  
of a compound



(d) Mixture of elements  
and a compound

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$\text{N}_2$ ,  $\text{O}_2$ ,  $\text{Cl}_2$

$\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NH}_3$

Mix

# Properties and Changes of Matter

# Properties of Matter

- Physical Properties:
  - Must be observed without changing a compound/element into another compound/element.
    - **Boiling point, density, mass, volume, etc.**
- Chemical Properties:
  - Can *only* be observed when a compound/element is changed into another compound/element.
    - **Flammability, corrosiveness, reactivity with acid, etc.**

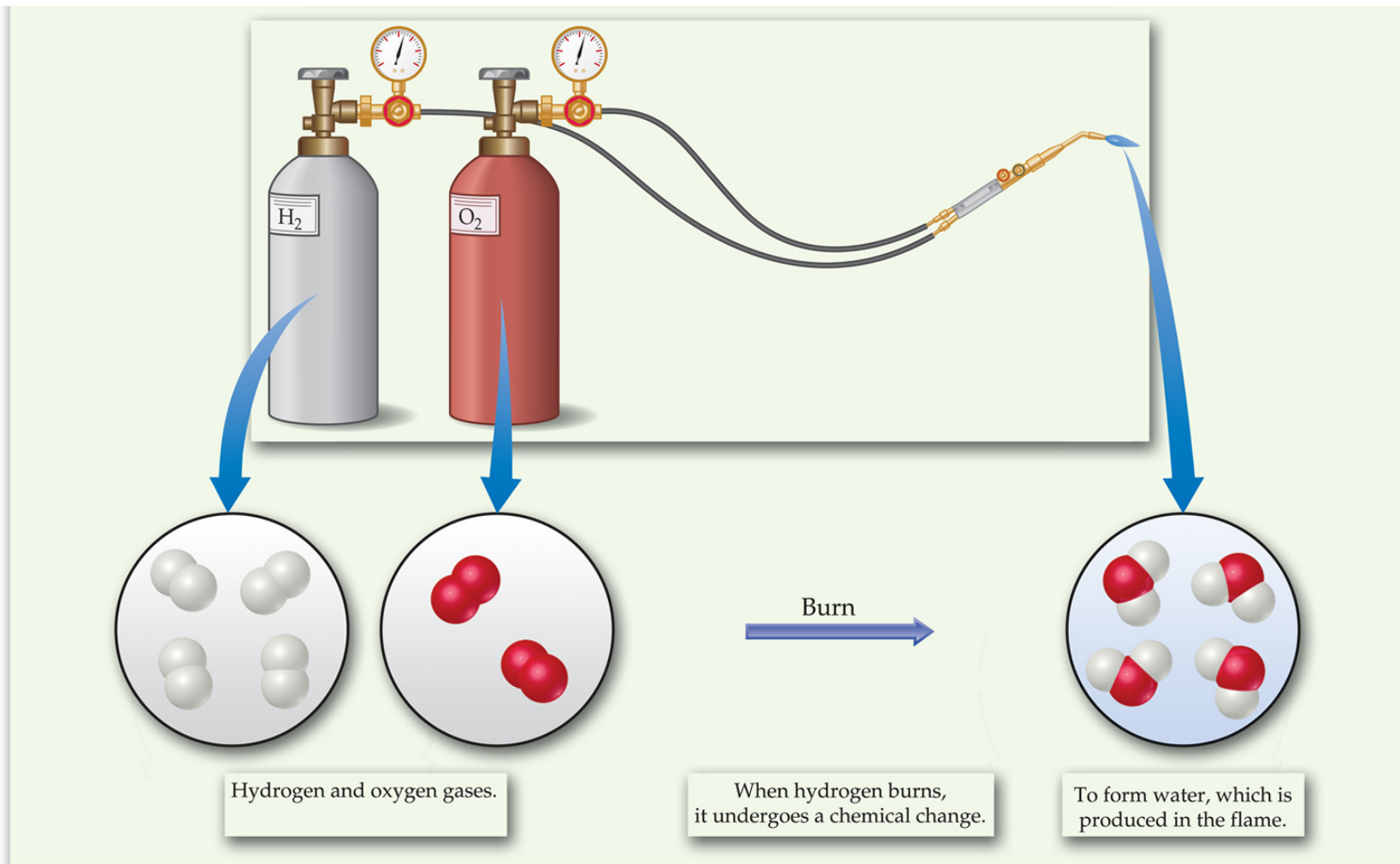
# Properties of Matter

- Intensive Properties:
  - Independent of the amount of the matter that is present.
    - **Density, boiling point, color, etc.**
- Extensive Properties:
  - Dependent upon the amount of the matter present.
    - **Mass, volume, energy, etc.**

# Changes of Matter

- Physical Changes:
  - Changes in matter that do not change the composition of a substance.
    - **Changes of state, temperature, volume, etc.**
- Chemical Changes:
  - Changes that result in new substances.
    - **Combustion, oxidation, decomposition, etc.**

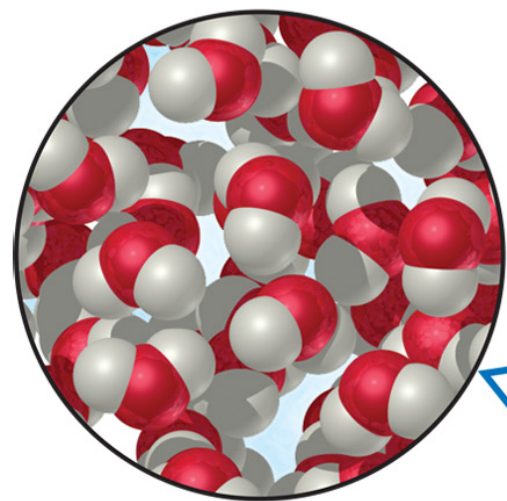
# Chemical Reactions



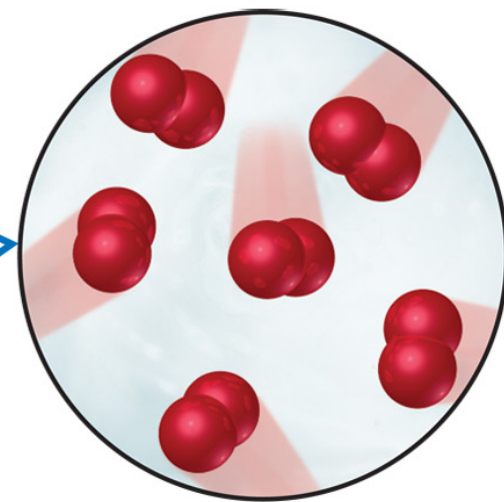
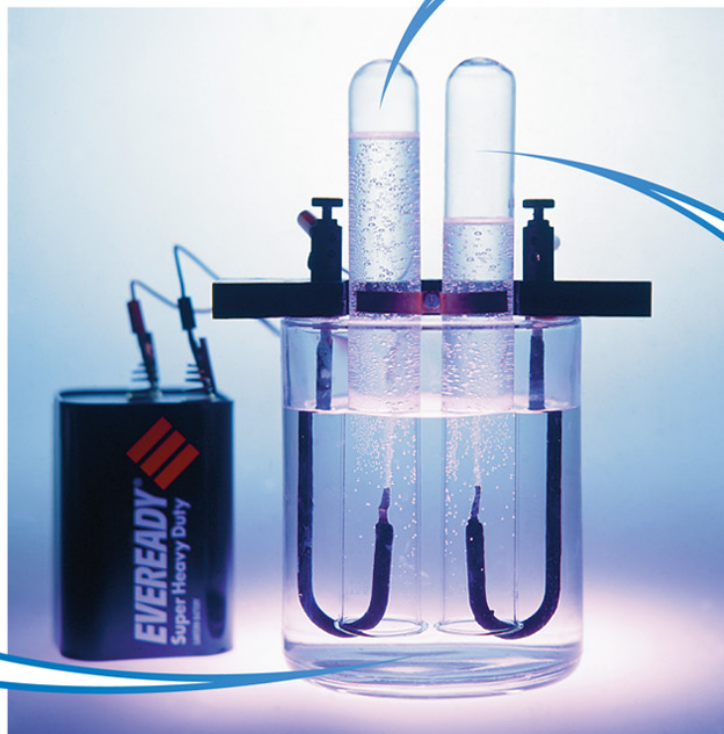
**In the course of a chemical reaction, the reacting substances are converted to new substances.**

# Compounds

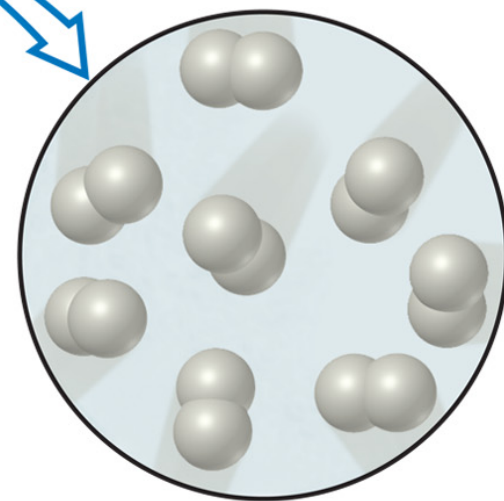
Compounds can be broken down into **elements**.



Water,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$



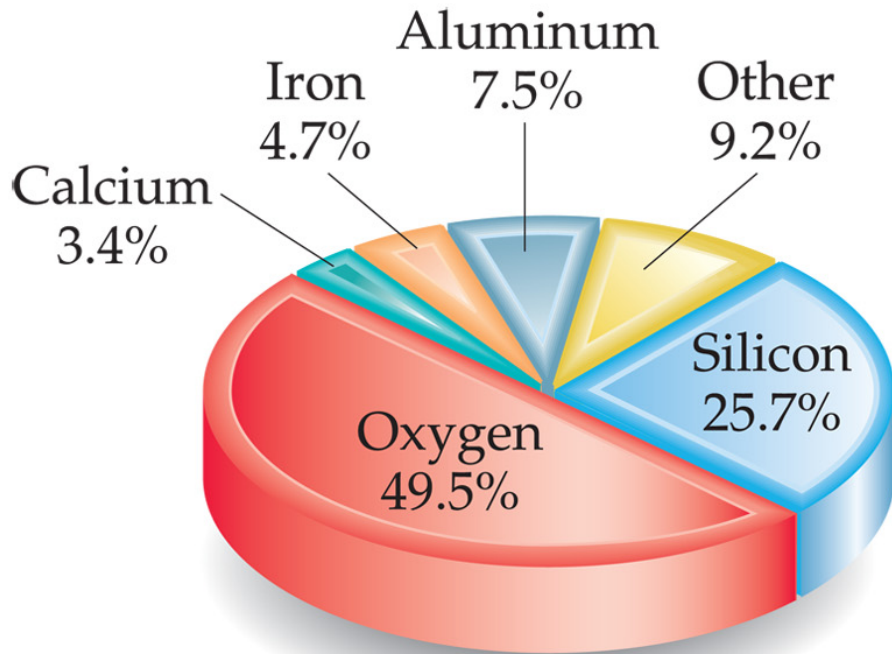
Oxygen gas,  $\text{O}_2$



Hydrogen gas,  $\text{H}_2$

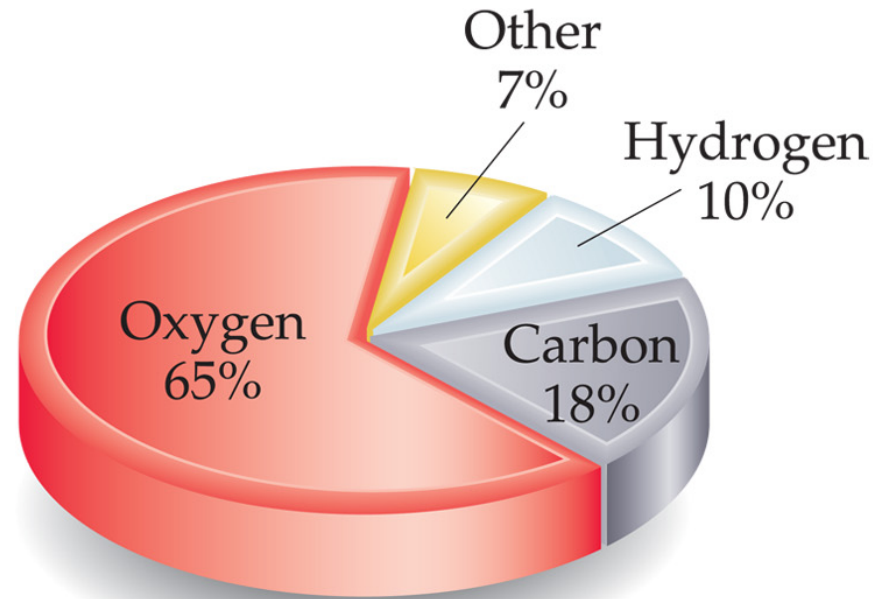


# Relative abundance of elements



Earth's crust

(a)



Human body

(b)

**TABLE 1.1 The Top Ten Chemicals Produced by the Chemical Industry in 2002<sup>a</sup>**

Rank	Chemical	Formula	2002 Production (billions of pounds)	Principal End Uses
1	Sulfuric acid	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	81	Fertilizers, chemical manufacturing
2	Nitrogen	N <sub>2</sub>	73	Fertilizers
3	Oxygen	O <sub>2</sub>	53	Steel, welding
4	Ethylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	52	Plastics, antifreeze
5	Lime	CaO	38	Paper, cement, steel
6	Propylene	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	32	Plastics
7	Ammonia	NH <sub>3</sub>	29	Fertilizers
8	Chlorine	Cl <sub>2</sub>	25	Bleaches, plastics, water purification
9	Phosphoric acid	H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	24	Fertilizers
10	Sodium hydroxide	NaOH	20	Aluminum production, soap

<sup>a</sup>Most data from *Chemical and Engineering News*, July 7, 2003, pp. 53, 56.

Acids

Bases

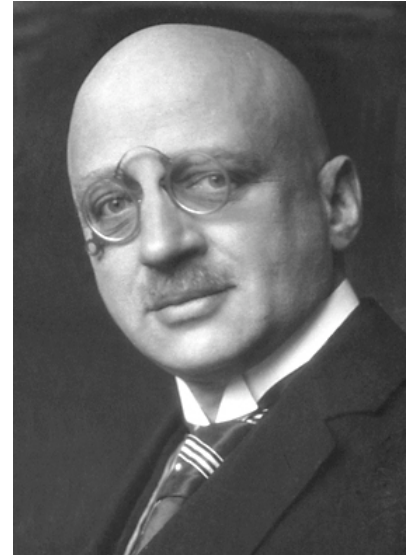
Pure elements

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# Haber Bosch Process

## Ammonia synthesis

- $\text{N}_2 + 3\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NH}_3$
- Responsible for most of the fertilizer used worldwide
- Uses about 1% of world total energy
- Developed by Fritz Haber and Carl Bosch
- The trick: finding a metal **catalyst** that works



# Haber Bosch Process

- $\text{N}_2 + 3\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NH}_3$
- Nitrates for gunpowder:
- $2\text{NH}_3 + 5/2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NO} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- $2\text{NO} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NO}_2$
- $3\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{HNO}_3 + \text{NO}$
- Bottom line: once you have ammonia, you can make all kinds of N-containing compounds.

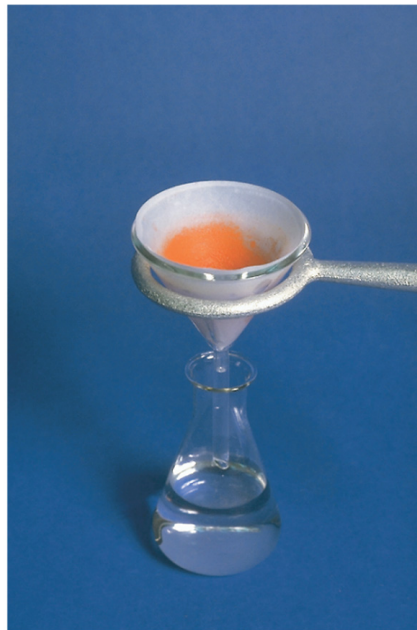


# Ammonia fertilizer runoff Causes Algae blooms



# Separation of Mixtures

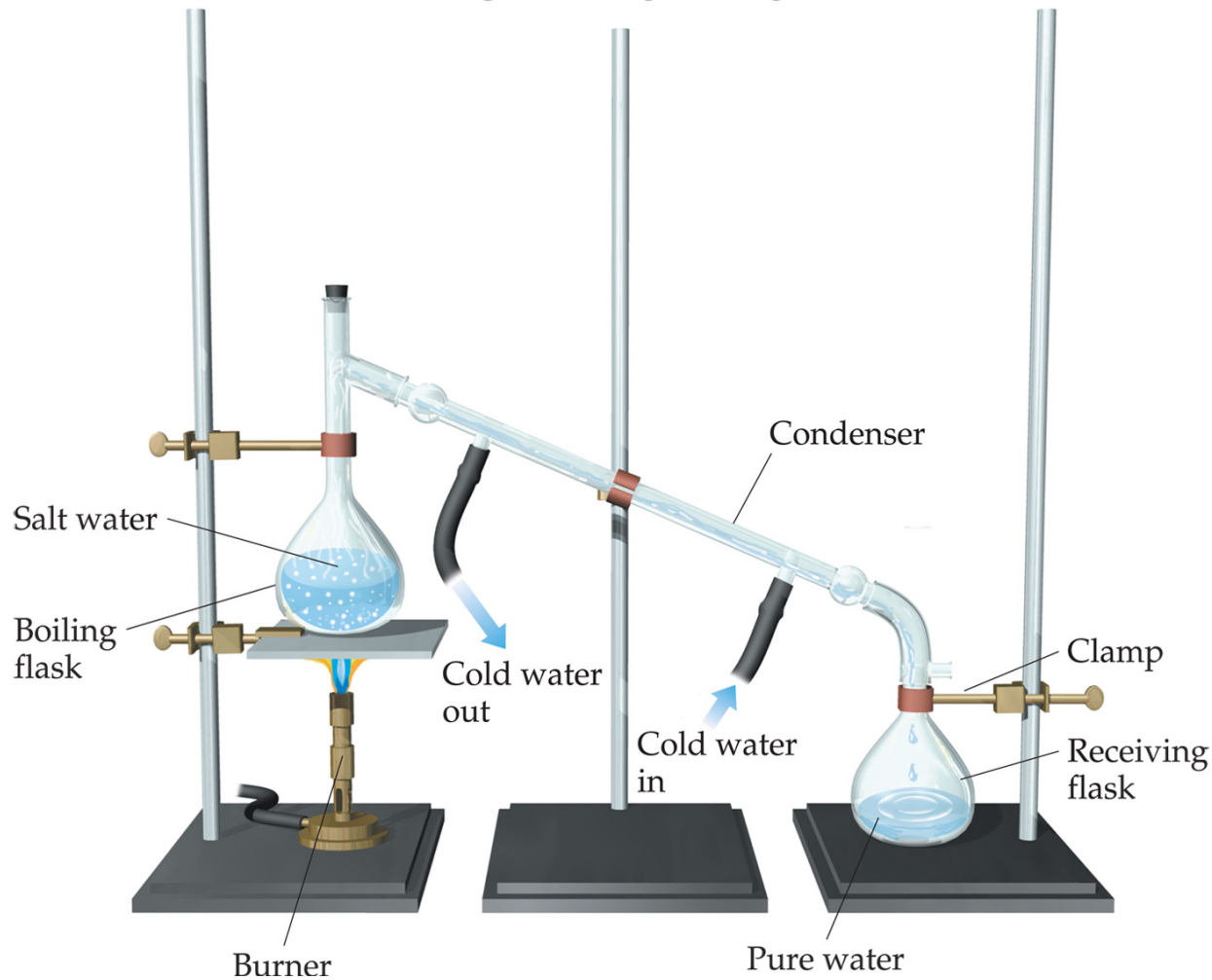
# Filtration:



Separates  
heterogeneous  
mixture, solid  
substances from  
liquids and solutions.



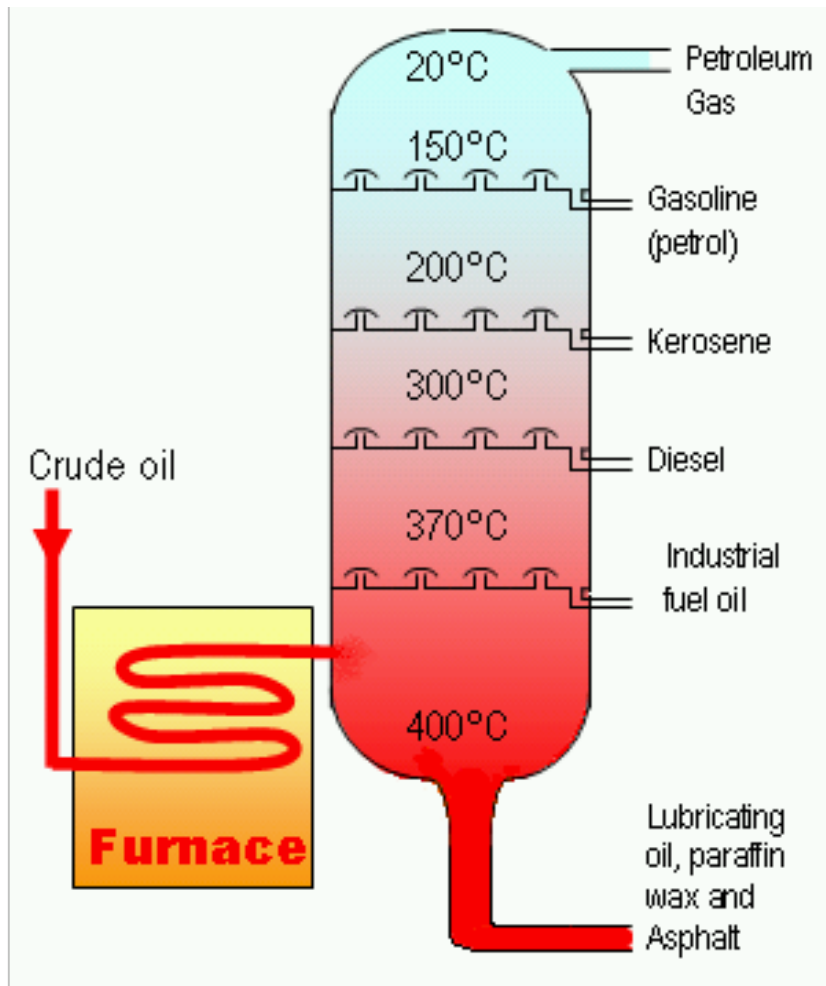
# Distillation:



Separates homogeneous mixture of liquids on the basis of differences in boiling point.

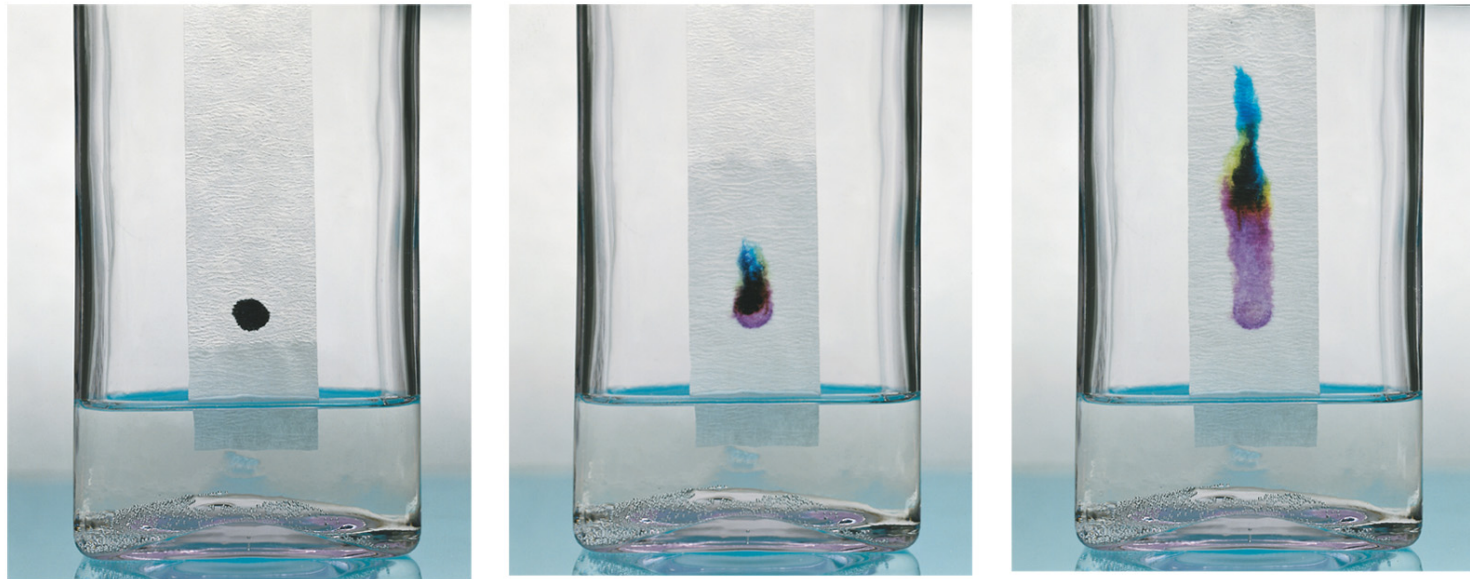


# Distillation: petroleum refining



# Chromatography:

Separates homogeneous mixtures on the basis of differences in solubility in a solvent, or in binding to a solid matrix.

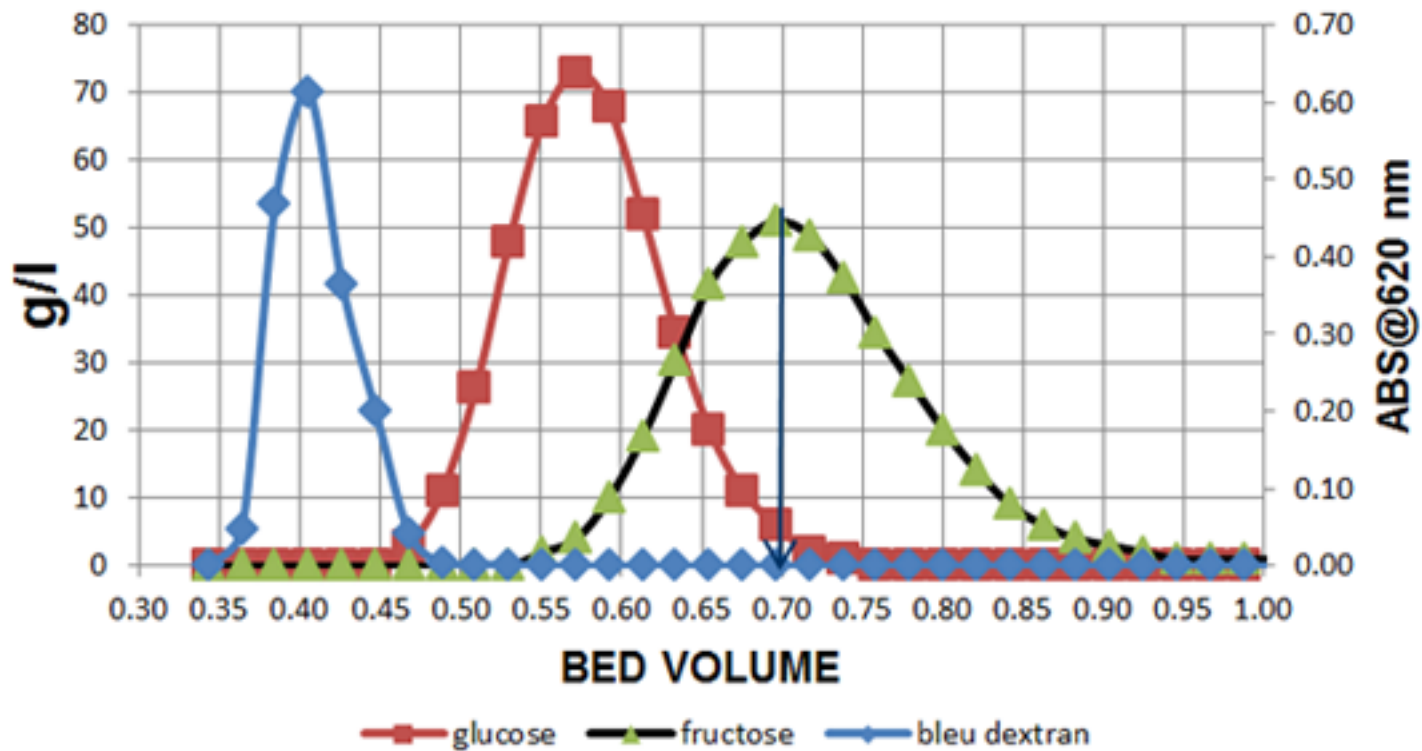


Separation techniques were critical to the development of the basic theories of chemistry.

How do we know there are homogeneous mixtures?

We can separate them.

# Chromatography:



# Units of Measurement

# SI Units

## Learn! symbols and all!

Physical Quantity	Name of Unit	Abbreviation
Mass	Kilogram	kg
Length	Meter	m
Time	Second	s <sup>a</sup>
Temperature	Kelvin	K
Amount of substance	Mole	mol
Electric current	Ampere	A
Luminous intensity	Candela	cd

<sup>a</sup>The abbreviation sec is frequently used.

- *Système International d'Unités*
- Uses a different base unit for each quantity



# Metric System

Prefixes convert the base units into units that are appropriate for the item being measured.

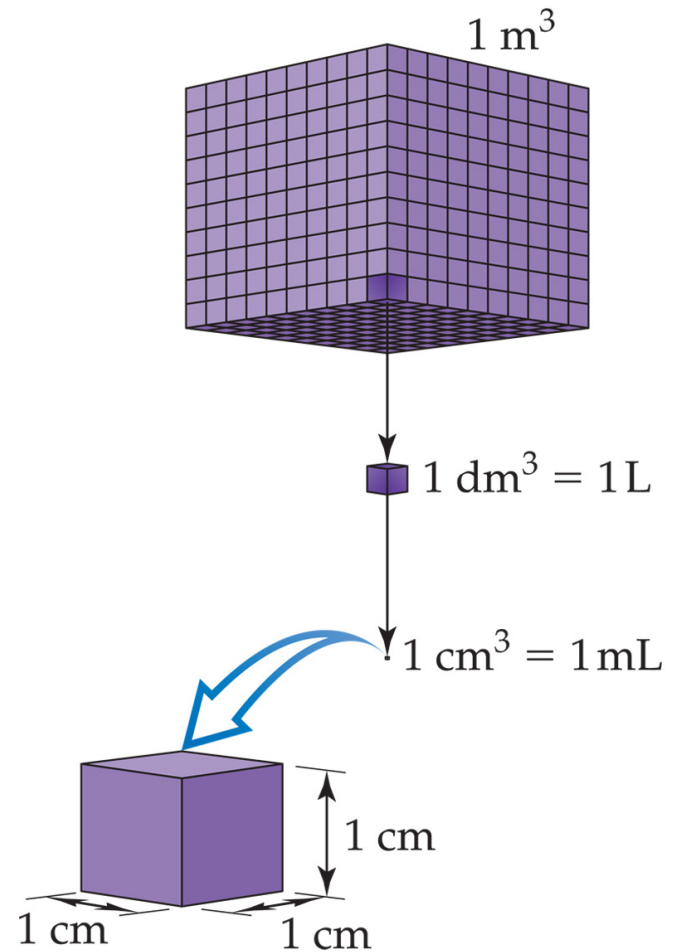
Learn! More important than it looks!!!

Prefix	Abbreviation	Meaning	Example
Giga	G	$10^9$	1 gigameter (Gm) = $1 \times 10^9$ m
Mega	M	$10^6$	1 megameter (Mm) = $1 \times 10^6$ m
Kilo	k	$10^3$	1 kilometer (km) = $1 \times 10^3$ m
Deci	d	$10^{-1}$	1 decimeter (dm) = 0.1 m
Centi	c	$10^{-2}$	1 centimeter (cm) = 0.01 m
Milli	m	$10^{-3}$	1 millimeter (mm) = 0.001 m
Micro	$\mu^a$	$10^{-6}$	1 micrometer ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) = $1 \times 10^{-6}$ m
Nano	n	$10^{-9}$	1 nanometer (nm) = $1 \times 10^{-9}$ m
Pico	p	$10^{-12}$	1 picometer (pm) = $1 \times 10^{-12}$ m
Femto	f	$10^{-15}$	1 femtometer (fm) = $1 \times 10^{-15}$ m

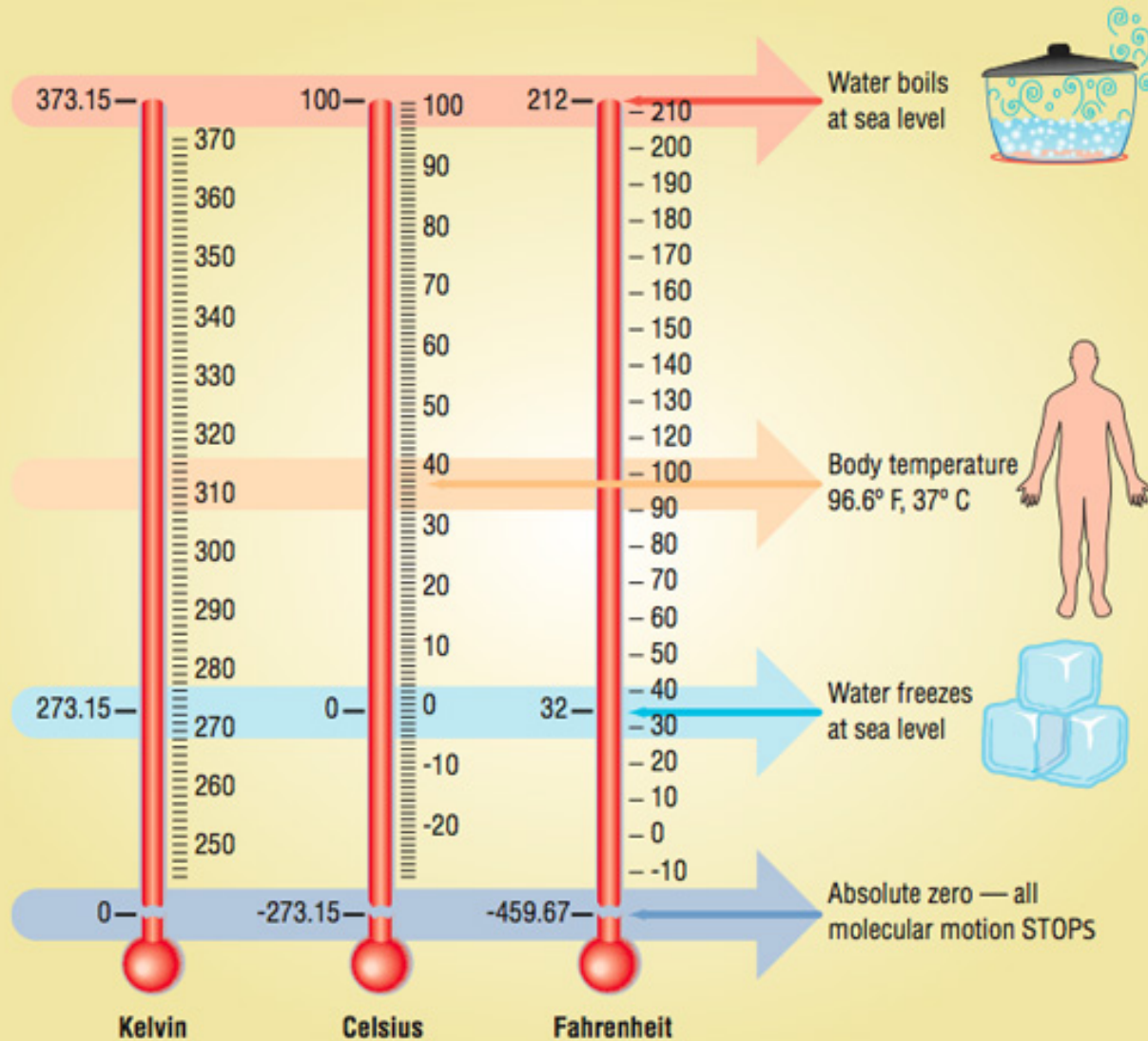
<sup>a</sup>This is the Greek letter mu (pronounced “mew”).

# Volume

- The most commonly used metric units for volume are the liter (L) and the milliliter (mL).
  - A liter is a cube 1 dm (10 cm) long on each side.
  - A milliliter is a cube 1 cm long on each side.



# Temperature:

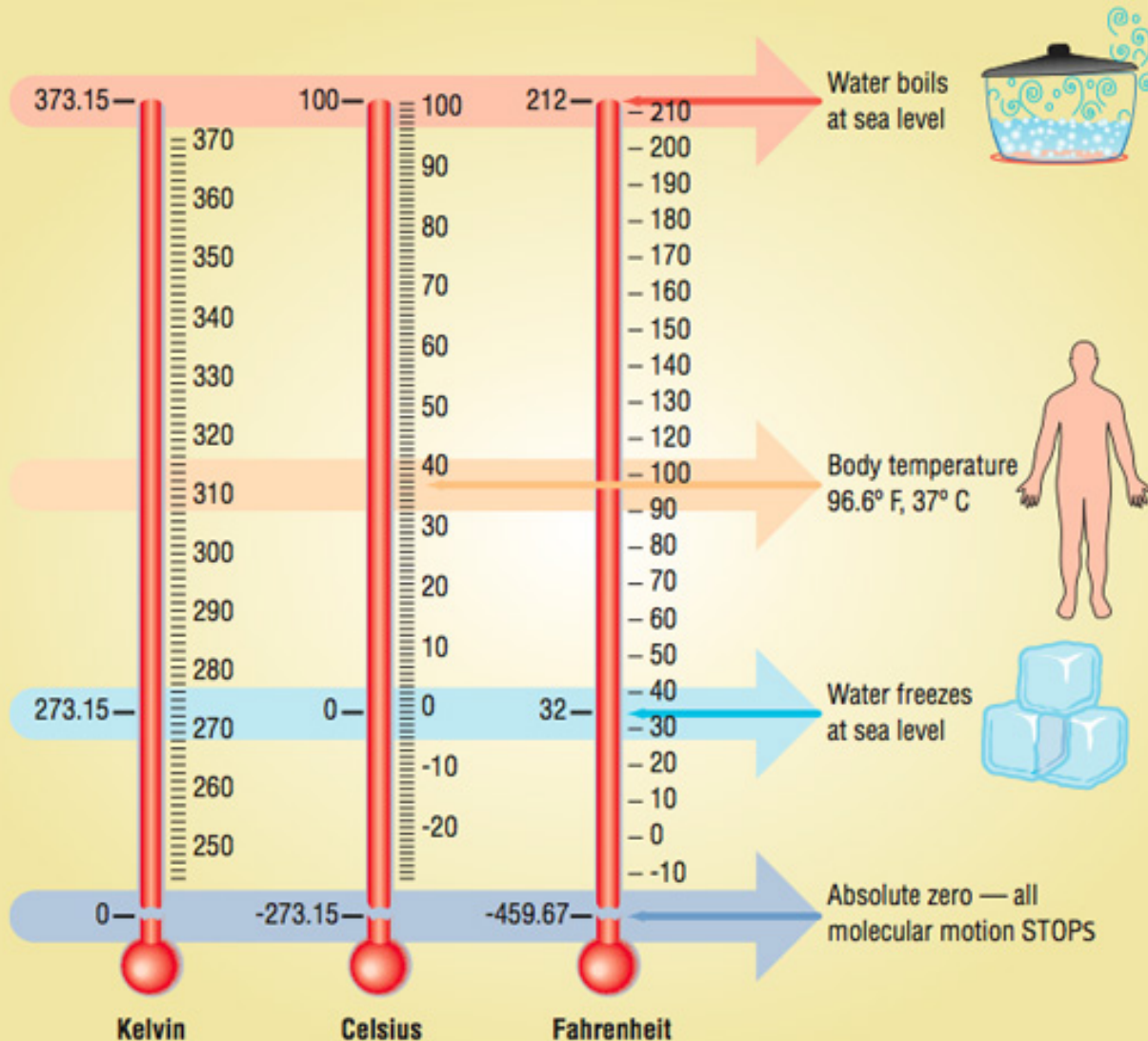


proportional to  
the average  
kinetic energy  
of the particles  
in a sample.

$$K.E. = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$



# Temperature



- Celsius and Kelvin scales
- The Celsius scale is based on water.
  - 0°C is the freezing point of water.
  - 100°C is the boiling point of water.

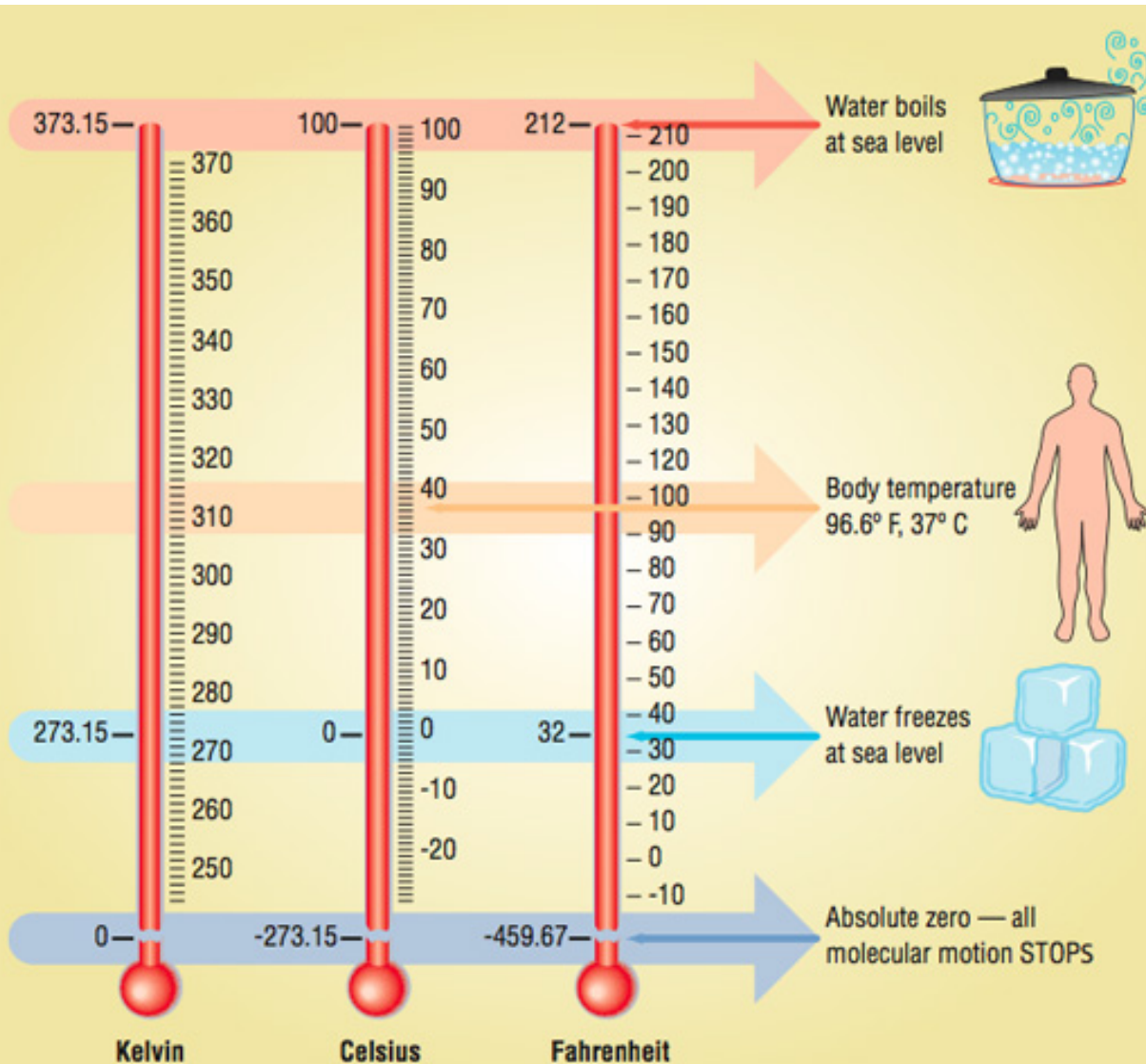
# Temperature

- The Kelvin is the SI unit of T. It is based on the properties of gases.

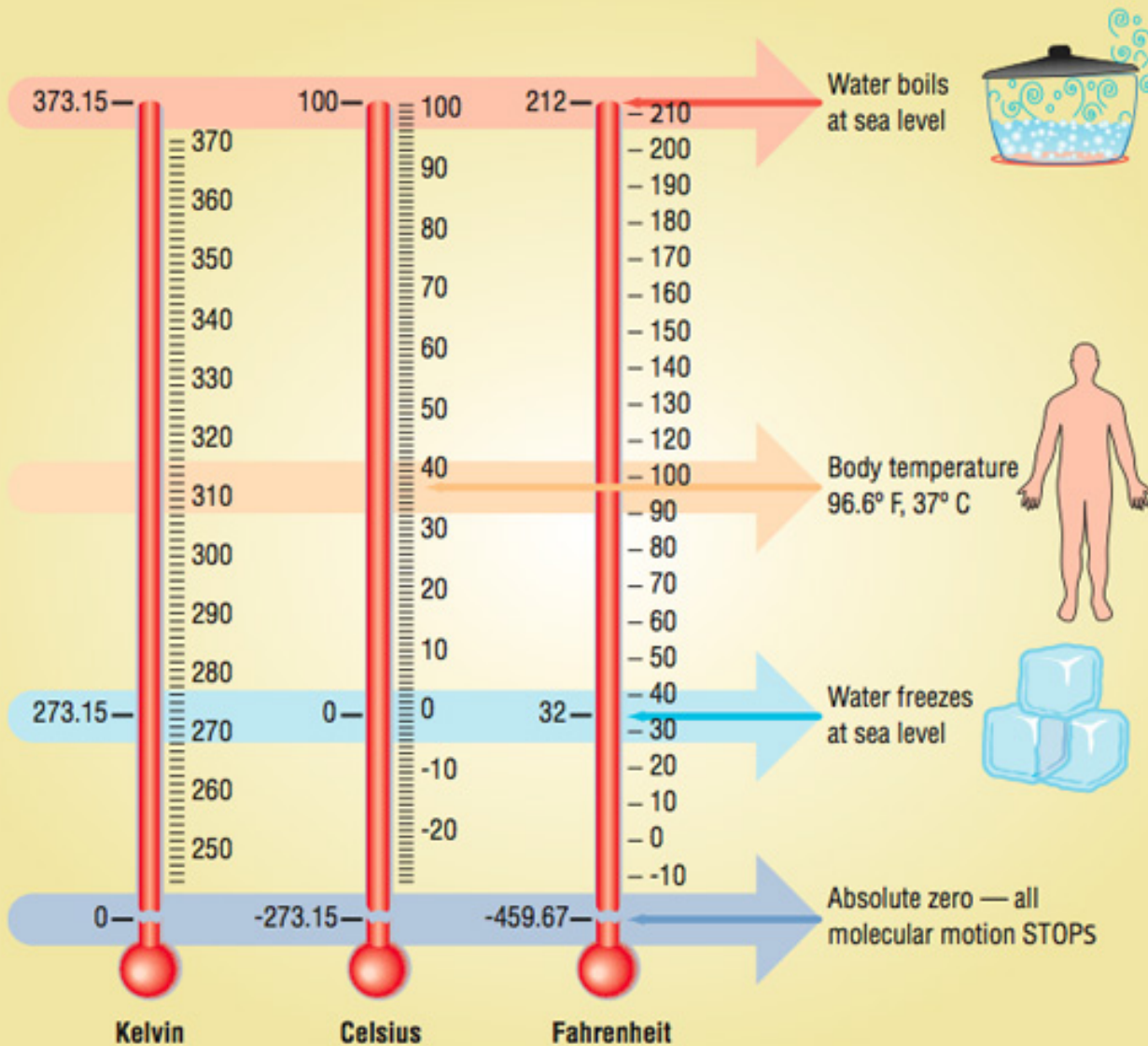
$$0 \text{ K} = 0 \text{ K.E.}$$

There are no negative Kelvin T.

$$\text{K} = ^\circ\text{C} + 273.15$$



# Temperature



The  
Fahrenheit  
not used in  
science

$$^{\circ}\text{F} = 9/5(^{\circ}\text{C}) + 32$$

$$^{\circ}\text{C} = 5/9(^{\circ}\text{F}) - 32$$

# *Density:*

Physical property of a substance  
Intensive.

$$d = \frac{m}{V}$$

# Density of selected substances

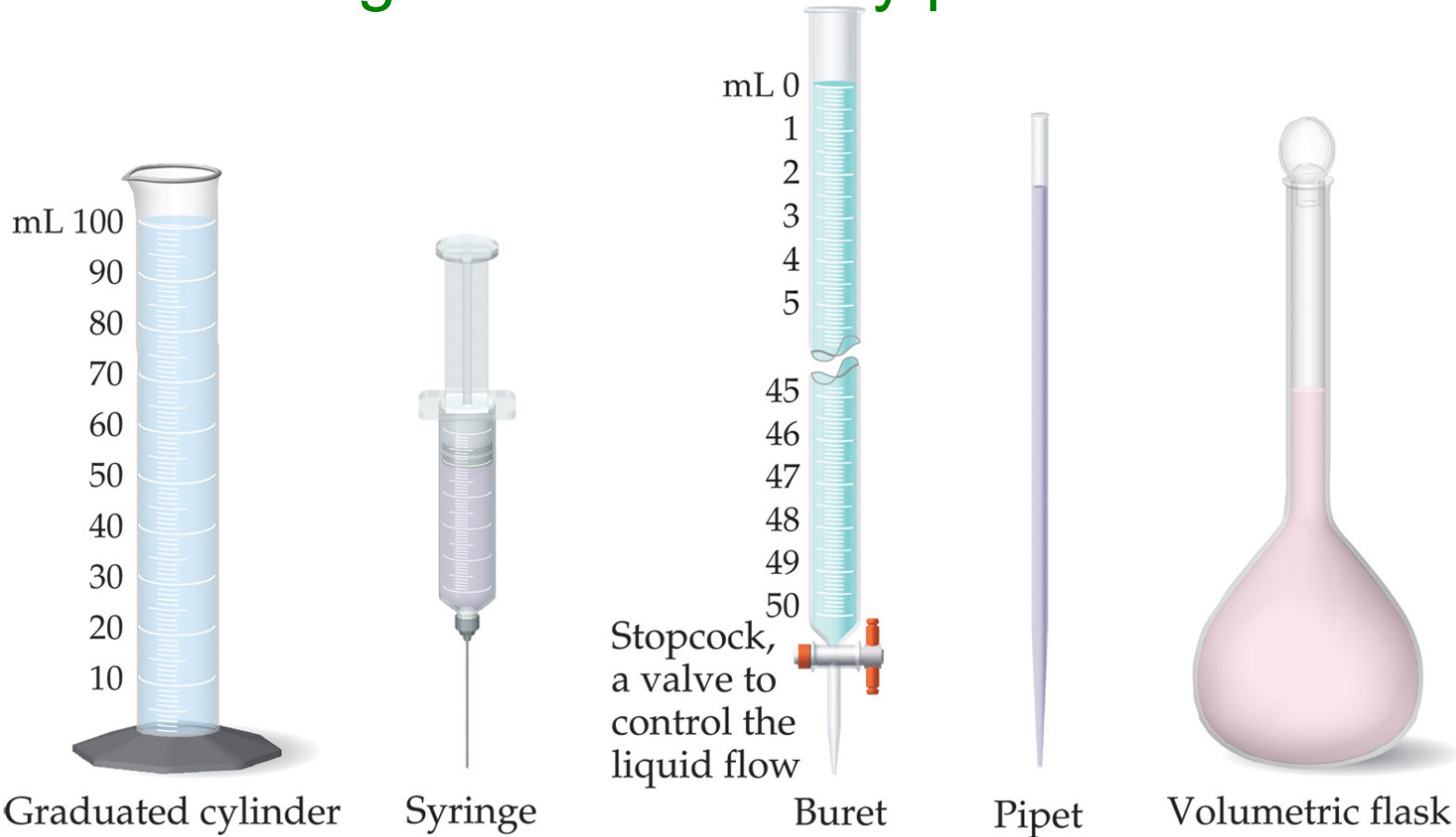
**TABLE 1.6** Densities of Some Selected Substances at 25°C

Substance	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )
Air	0.001
Balsa wood	0.16
Ethanol	0.79
Water	1.00
Ethylene glycol	1.09
Table sugar	1.59
Table salt	2.16
Iron	7.9
Gold	19.32

# *Uncertainty in Measurement*

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Different measuring devices have different uses and different degrees of accuracy/precision.



# *Exact versus inexact numbers*

## Exact

1000 g/kg

2.54 cm/in

12/dozen

any conversion

Factor

## Inexact

ruler measure

Temp. reading

volume or mass

etc. **Things you**

**measured**

*Exact numbers are **defined***  
*Inexact numbers are **measured***



# *Example*

- There are 12 eggs in a dozen
- Each egg weighs about 50.5 g
- How much does a dozen eggs weigh?
- How many sig. figs in your answer?

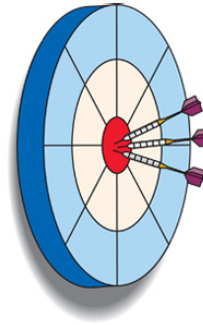
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- How many sig. figs in your answer?

$$\frac{50.5g}{1egg} \left( \frac{12egg}{1dozen} \right) = 606g$$

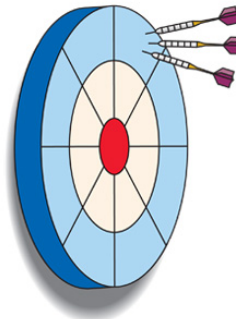
# Accuracy versus Precision

- **Accuracy** How close a measurement is to the true value. (How right you are)
- **Precision** How close measurements are to each other. (Reproducibility). Precise but incorrect data are often the result of systematic errors.



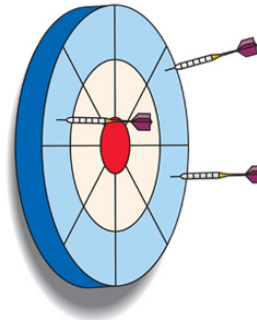
Good accuracy  
Good precision

Good accuracy  
Good precision



Poor accuracy  
Good precision

Good accuracy  
Terrible precision  
Your calibration is Off.



Poor accuracy  
Poor precision

Bad accuracy  
Bad precision

# Significant Figures

- The term significant figures refers to digits *that were measured*.
- When rounding calculated numbers, we pay attention to significant figures so we do not overstate or understate the precision of our answers.

# Significant Figures

1. All nonzero digits are significant. (sig figs in **red**)

423.444

2. Zeroes between two significant figures are themselves significant.

42,300045    42,340.0025

3. Zeroes at the beginning of a number are never significant.

00042345.0    0.00048

4. Zeroes at the end of a number are significant if a decimal point is written in the number.

423,000 versus: 423,000. or: 423,000.000

# Significant Figures

- When addition or subtraction is performed, answers are rounded to the least significant decimal place.

$$\begin{array}{r} 24.245 \\ +22.33488 \\ \hline 46.57988 = 46.580 \end{array}$$

- When multiplication or division is performed, answers are rounded to the number of digits that corresponds to the *least* number of significant figures in any of the numbers used in the calculation.

$$\begin{array}{r} 35.8750 \quad (6 \text{ sig figs}) \\ \times 40.006800 \quad (8 \text{ sig figs}) \\ \hline 1435.24395 = 1435.24 \quad (6 \text{ sig figs}) \end{array}$$

- This is the way that errors are properly propagated through a calculation**

# Dimensional analysis

What do virtually all problems in chemistry have in common?

## Dimensional analysis

Convert centimeters to feet: 1 cm = ? feet

Know: 2.54 cm = 1 in, 12 in = 1 foot.

$$\frac{1\text{in}}{2.54\text{cm}}\left(\frac{1\text{ft}}{12\text{in}}\right)=0.0328\frac{\text{ft}}{\text{cm}}$$

# Dimensional Analysis

- What do I need on top?
- What do I need on the bottom?
- What do I know?
- How do I get there?
- Note: You will always be given the conversion factors you need, you don't have to memorize them.



# Dimensional Analysis

- Remember, you can write any conversion factor 2 ways:
- Example:  $2.54 \text{ cm} = 1 \text{ in}$
- $1 \text{ in}/2.54 \text{ cm}$
- $2.54 \text{ cm}/1 \text{ in}$

# Dimensional analysis, examples

The speed of light is  $2.998 \times 10^{10}$  cm/s. What is it in km/hr?

Know: 1 km = 1000m, 1m=100cm 60 min =1 hr, 60 sec =1 min

What do I need on top? *kilometers*

What do I need on the bottom? *hours*



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$$2.998 \times 10^{10} \frac{\cancel{cm}}{\cancel{s}} \left( \frac{1\cancel{m}}{100\cancel{cm}} \right) \left( \frac{1km}{1000\cancel{m}} \right) \left( \frac{60\cancel{sec}}{1\cancel{min}} \right) \left( \frac{60\cancel{min}}{1hr} \right) = 1.089 \times 10^9 km/hr$$

# Dimensional analysis, examples

The Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB) at the Kennedy Space Center has a volume of:  $3,666,500\text{m}^3$ . What is it in liters?

Know:  $1\text{ L} = 1\text{ dm}^3$ ,  $1\text{dm} = 0.1\text{ m}$

What do I need on top? *Liters*

What do I need on the bottom? *building*

$$3,666,500 \left( \frac{\cancel{\text{m}^3}}{\text{building}} \right) \left( \frac{\cancel{\text{dm}}}{0.1\cancel{\text{m}}} \right)^3 \left( \frac{1\text{L}}{1\cancel{\text{dm}^3}} \right) = 3.6665 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{L}}{\text{building}}$$

# Dimensional analysis, examples

An individual suffering from high cholesterol has 232 mg cholesterol per 100.0 mL of blood. How many grams of cholesterol in the blood, assuming a blood volume of 5.2 L?

Know: 1 L = 1000 mL, 1g = 1000mg,

5.2 L blood = patient blood

What do I need on top? *grams*

What do I need on the bottom? *patient*

$$232 \frac{\cancel{\text{mg}}}{100.0 \cancel{\text{mL}}} \left( \frac{1\text{g}}{1000 \cancel{\text{mg}}} \right) \left( \frac{1000 \cancel{\text{mL}}}{1\text{L}} \right) \left( \frac{5.2\text{L}}{\text{patient}} \right) = 12. \frac{\text{g}}{\text{patient}}$$



# Problem

- Consider a piece of gold jewelry that weighs 9.35 g and has a volume of 0.695 mL . The jewelry contains only gold and silver, which have densities of 19.3 and 10.5 , respectively. If the total volume of the jewelry is the sum of the volumes of the gold and silver that it contains, calculate the percentage of gold (by mass) in the jewelry.

$$\frac{V_{Au}}{V_{Au} + V_{Ag}} = 1 - \frac{V_{Ag}}{V_{Au} + V_{Ag}} = F_{VolAu} = 1 - F_{VolAg}$$

$$D_{Au} = \frac{m_{Au}}{V_{Au}} \quad m_{Au} = V_{Au} D_{Au}$$

$$D_{Jew} = \frac{m_{Jew}}{V_{Jew}} = \frac{V_{Au} D_{Au} + V_{Ag} D_{Ag}}{V_{Au} + V_{Ag}} = D_{Au} \frac{V_{Au}}{V_{Au} + V_{Ag}} + D_{Ag} \frac{V_{Ag}}{V_{Au} + V_{Ag}} = D_{Au} (1 - F_{VolAg}) + D_{Ag} F_{VolAg}$$

$$D_{Jew} = D_{Au} + F_{Ag} (D_{Ag} - D_{Au}) \quad F_{Ag} = \frac{D_{Jew} - D_{Au}}{D_{Ag} - D_{Au}}$$

$$D_{Jew} = \frac{9.35}{0.695} = 13.45 \quad F_{VolAg} = \frac{13.45 - 19.3}{10.5 - 19.3} = 0.664 \quad F_{VolAu} = 0.335$$

$$F_{VolAu} (V_{Jew}) D_{Au} = m_{Au} \quad \frac{m_{Au}}{m_{Jew}} = F_{mAu} \frac{(0.336)(0.695 \text{ cm}^3)(19.3 \text{ g / cm}^3)}{(9.35 \text{ g})} = 0.481$$



# Another way to look at it

$F_{VAu}$  fractional volume for Au (gold)  $D_{Au}$  Density of gold

$F_{Ag}$  fractional volume for Ag (gold)  $D_{Ag}$  Density of silver

$V_{Au}$  Volume of gold  $m_{Jew}$  mass of Jewelry

$V_{Ag}$  Volume of silver  $V_{Jew}$  Volume of Jewelry

$$F_{VAu}(V_{Jew}) = V_{Au}$$

$$V_{Au}(D_{Au}) = m_{Au} \quad V_{Ag}(D_{Ag}) = m_{Ag}$$

$$F_{VAg} = 1 - F_{VAu}$$

$$m_{Au} + m_{Ag} = m_{Jew}$$

$$F_{VAu}(V_{Jew})(D_{Au}) + (1 - F_{VAu})(V_{Jew})(D_{Ag}) = m_{Jew}$$

$$F_{VAu}(V_{Jew})(D_{Au} - D_{Ag}) + (V_{Jew})(D_{Ag}) = m_{Jew}$$

$$F_{VAu} = \frac{m_{Jew} - (V_{Jew})(D_{Ag})}{(V_{Jew})(D_{Au} - D_{Ag})} = \frac{9.35g - (0.695cm^3)10.5gcm^{-3}}{0.695cm^3((19.3 - 10.5)gcm^{-3})} = \frac{2.0525}{6.117} = .336$$

$$F_{VolAu}(V_{Jew})D_{Au} = m_{Au} \quad \frac{m_{Au}}{m_{Jew}} = F_{mAu} \quad \frac{(0.336)(0.695cm^3)(19.3g/cm^3)}{(9.35g)} = 0.481$$

# Mastering chemistry hell

- Their on-line help chat. This is supposed to be there 24 hours a day: [http://247pearsoned.custhelp.com/app/chat/chat\\_launch](http://247pearsoned.custhelp.com/app/chat/chat_launch)
- Or you can call them:
- STUDENT SUPPORT Toll free (800) 677-6337 Mon - Fri Noon - 8:00 pm EST.
- Either way, they should have no problem taking care of your problem. If this does not work, or they want to charge you money, email me and I'll give them much grief.

# Facts and theories

\*Fact: on June 30, 1908 in Tunguska, Siberia, an explosion equivalent to about 15 million tons of TNT occurred.

\* **Hypothesis** is that a comet or meteor collided with the Earth.



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tunguska\\_event](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tunguska_event)

Testing: look for elements and substances characteristic of extraterrestrial objects, elements not found in the area. Such elements (Nickel, Iridium) were found.

However, there is no crater.

**Theory:** Meteor exploded above the ground.