## MILLIMOLE CALCULATIONS

- When working with solutions, we often express the *volume in milliliters* (mL) rather than in liters
- Likewise, we may express the amount of *solute in millimoles* (mmol) rather than in moles.
- Because mL is 1/1000 of a Liter and mmol is 1/1000 of a mole, molarity can also be expressed in mmol of solute in mL of solution:

$$molarity = \frac{mol\ solute}{L\ of\ solution} = \frac{mmol\ of\ solute}{mL\ of\ solution}$$

- For problems that involve volume and concentration, solving in terms of millimoles and milliliters often involves more convenient numbers that using moles and Liters.
- It should also be noted that the reactions coefficients in a balanced chemical equation are exactly the same whether we express the amounts in moles or millimoles.
- When solving solution problems, the millimoles of solute can be easily obtained from given data as shown in the examples below.

## **Examples:**

1. How many mmoles of solute are present in 125 mL of 0.100 M HCl solution?

125 mL x 
$$\frac{0.100 \text{ mmol}}{1 \text{ mL}}$$
 = 12.5 mmol HCl

2. If 100. mL of 1.00 M HCl is added to 100. mL of 0.80 M NaOH, what are the molarities of the solutes in the solution after all reaction has completed?

|            | HCl | + | NaOH | $\rightarrow$ | NaCl | + | H <sub>2</sub> O |
|------------|-----|---|------|---------------|------|---|------------------|
| Start      |     |   |      |               |      |   |                  |
| Change (Δ) |     |   |      |               |      |   |                  |
| End        |     |   |      |               |      |   |                  |