



# Physics I

## Lecture02- Physics & measurements-I

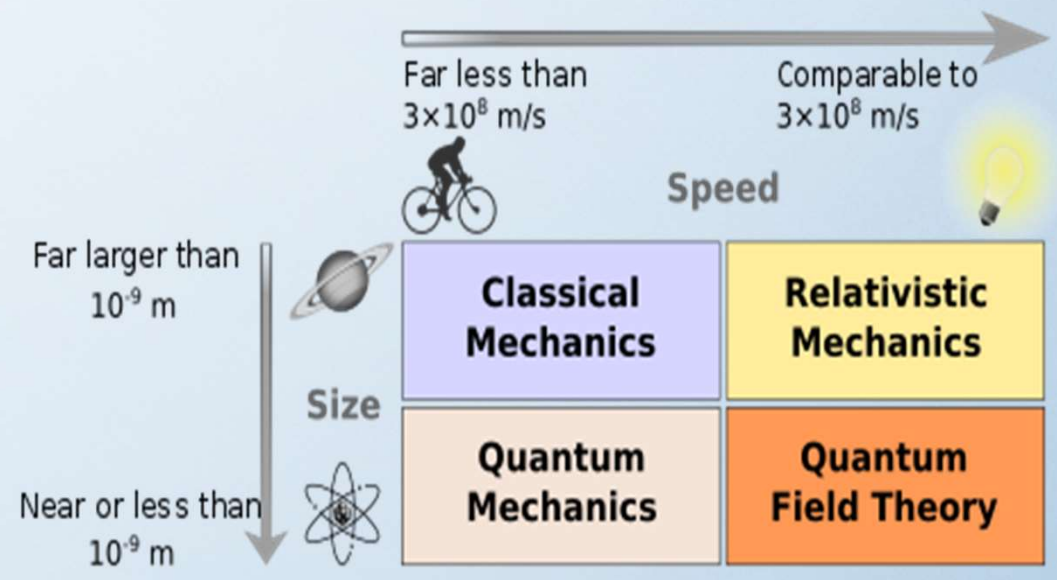
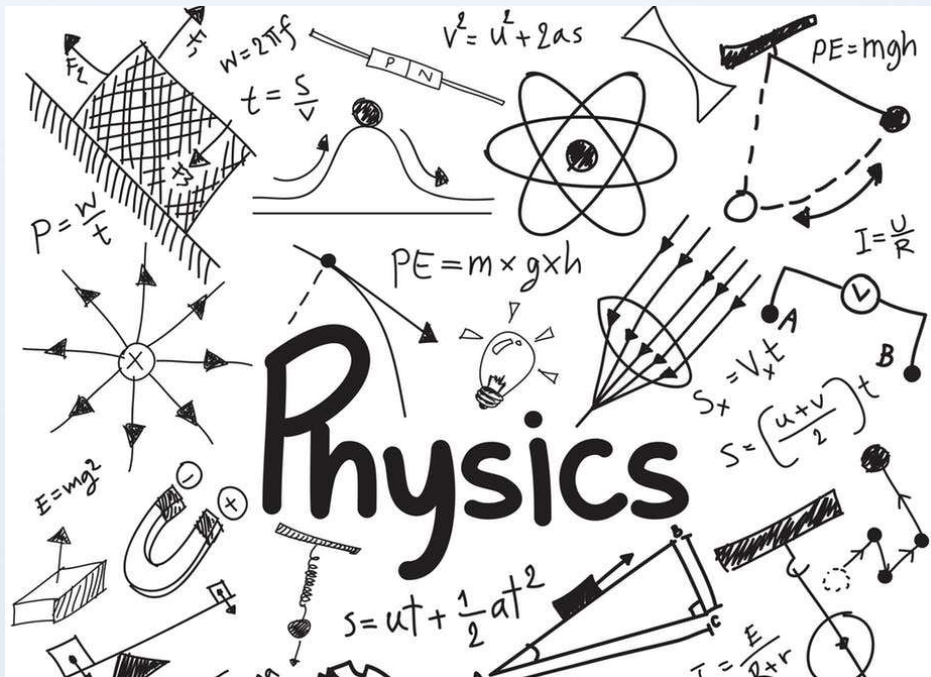
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# WHAT IS PHYSICS?



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Classical  
Mechanics

mechanics (rotation, energy, gravitation), mechanical waves, thermodynamics, electromagnetics  
atomic physics, nuclear physics, solid state physics

Relativity

special relativity, general relativity

many-particle physics – particle & solid state physics

Physics

Quantum  
Mechanics

Quantum  
Field Theory

# 1. MEASUREMENT STANDARD - LENGTH, MASS, AND TIME

The **international system (SI)** of units:

Length – Meter (m)

Mass – kilogram (kg)

Time – second (s)

The **English system** of units:

Length – inch (in., 2.54 cm), foot (ft., 12 inches), mile (mi, 1.609 km)

Mass – pound (lb, 0.454 kg), ounce (oz, 1 lb = 16 oz)

Time – second (s)

The **derived** units:

Force – Newton (N, 1 N = 1 kg m / s<sup>2</sup>)

Energy – Joule (J, 1 J = 1 kg m<sup>2</sup> / s<sup>2</sup>)

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The units in **electromagnetics**:

Unit for electric current: ampere (A)

Charge unit: Coulomb (C,  $1 \text{ C} = 1 \text{ A s}$ )

Voltage unit: Volt (V,  $1 \text{ V} = 1 \text{ J} / \text{C} = 1 \text{ kg m}^2 \text{ s}^{-2} / \text{A s}$ )

$$1 \text{ V} = 1 \text{ kg m}^2 \text{ s}^{-3} \text{ A}^{-1}$$

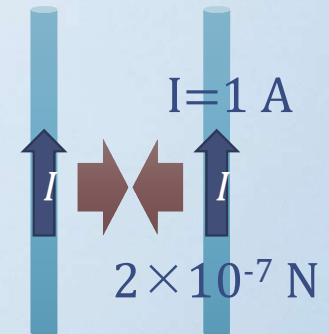
The units in **thermodynamics**:

Ambiguous unit for temperature: Kelvin (k)

Thermal conductivity:  $\text{W} / \text{m K} = \text{kg m} / \text{K s}^2$

The units **used in Lab**:

Pressure: PSI ( $\text{lb} / \text{in.}^2$ ,  $1 \text{ atm} = 14.7 \text{ PSI}$ ,  
 $1 \text{ atm} \cong 1 \text{ kgw} / \text{cm}^2$ )



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The standard of **length**:

~1799 – 1 meter -> one ten millionth of the distance from the equator to the north pole – Earth based standard

~1960 – 1 meter -> distance between two lines on a specific PtIr alloy bar stored in France

~1970 – 1 meter -> 1 650 763.73 wavelengths of orange-red light emitted from a Krypton-86 lamp (605.78 nm visible light)

~1983 – 1 meter -> the distance traveled by light in vacuum during a time of  $1/299\,792\,458$  s, where the light is of wavelength





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The standard of **mass**:

since 1887 – 1 kg -> the mass of a specific Ptlr alloy cylinder, kept at the International Bureau of Weights and Measures at Severes, France

In November 2018, the international scientific community plans to redefine the kilogram, freeing it from its embodiment in one golf-ball-sized artifact, and basing it instead on a constant of nature.– mentioned in NIST report

$$ILB = mg$$

$$V = vBL \rightarrow IV = mgv$$

$$V = \frac{hf}{2e}, \frac{1}{R} = N \frac{e^2}{h}$$



<http://museum.nist.gov>



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Animated Gif image from the report - "Redefining The Kilogram", NIST (<http://www.nist.gov>)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oo0jm1PPRuo>

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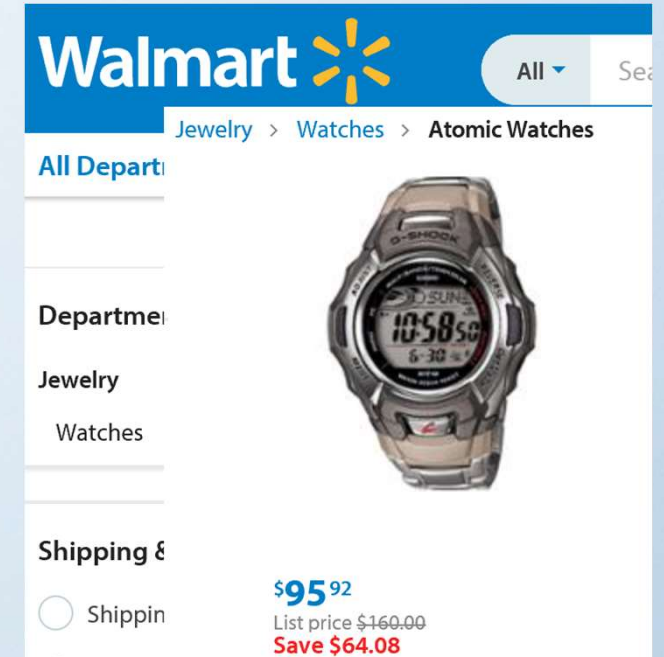
The standard of **time**:



before 1967 – mean solar day is the standard of time, a second is  $1 / 86\,400$  of a mean solar day

after 1967 – after the invention of “atomic clock”, one second is 9 192 631 770 times the period of vibration of radiation from the Cs-133 atom

2004 Aug 27, NIST Unveils Chip-Scale Atomic Clock, “cesium vapor confined in a sealed cell and probed with light from an infrared laser”

<http://phys.org/news/2004-08-chip-scale-atomic-clock.html#jCp>



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Prefix:

Factor	Prefix	Symbol					
$10^{24}$	E24	yotta	Y	$10^{-1}$	E-1	deci	d
$10^{21}$	E21	zetta	Z	$10^{-2}$	E-2	centi	c
$10^{18}$	E18	exa	E	$10^{-3}$	E-3	milli	m
$10^{15}$	E15	peta	P	$10^{-6}$	E-6	micro	$\mu$
$10^{12}$	E12	tera	T	$10^{-9}$	E-9	nano	n
$10^9$	E9	giga	G	$10^{-12}$	E-12	pico	p
$10^6$	E6	mega	M	$10^{-15}$	E-15	femto	f
$10^3$	E3	kilo	k	$10^{-18}$	E-18	atto	a
$10^2$	E2	hector	h	$10^{-21}$	E-21	zepto	z
$10^1$	E1	deca	da	$10^{-24}$	E-24	yocto	y



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Some number with units that **you must know:**

## **Length:**

Radius of the Earth: 6400 km,  $6.4 \times 10^6$  m

Altitude of a satellite: 200 km above the Earth surface

Diameter of a hydrogen atom:  $10^{-10}$  m,  $r = 0.529 \text{ \AA}$

Diameter of a proton:  $10^{-15}$  m = 1 fm

## **Mass:**

Human:  $7 \times 10^1$  kg

Hydrogen atom:  $1 \times 10^{-3} / 6.02 \times 10^{23} = 1.67 \times 10^{-27}$  kg

## **Time:**

Period of audible sound waves:  $10^{-3}$  s

Period of visible light waves:  $10^{-15}$  s

## **Magnetic Field:**

B on the Earth: 0.5 Gauss



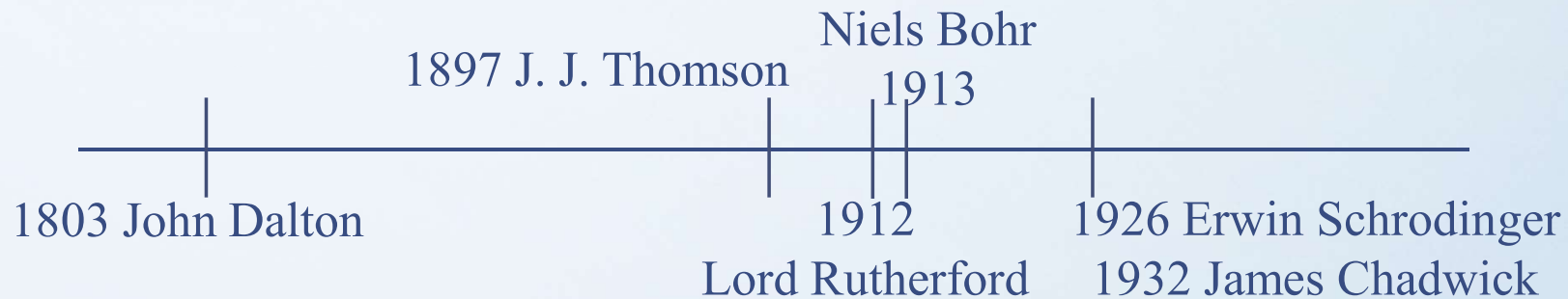


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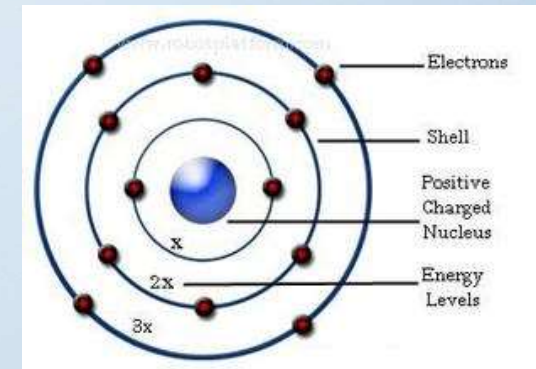
**Dalton:** All elements are composed of atoms.

**Thomson:** Plum Pudding Model

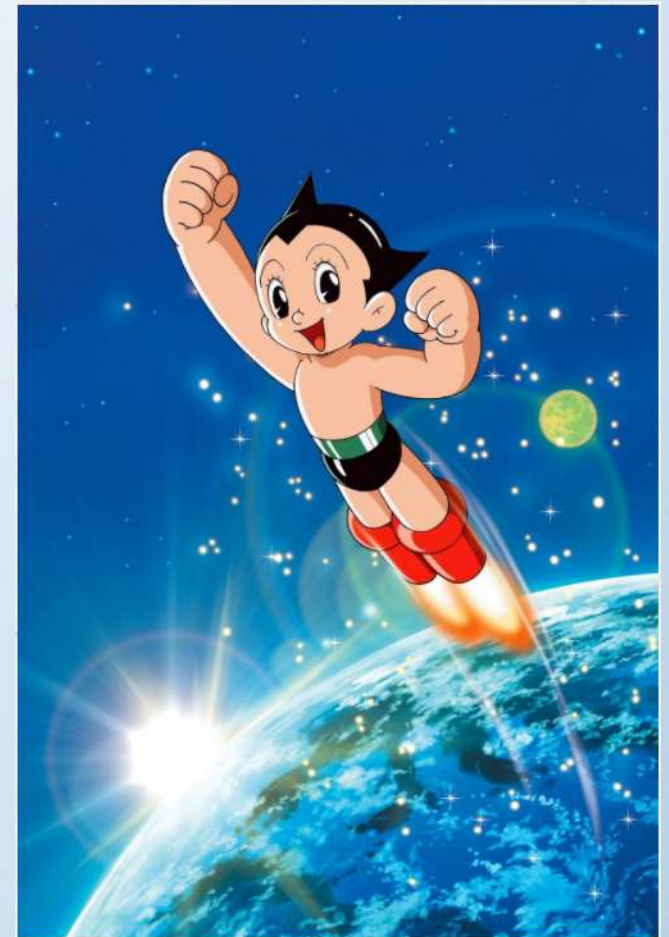
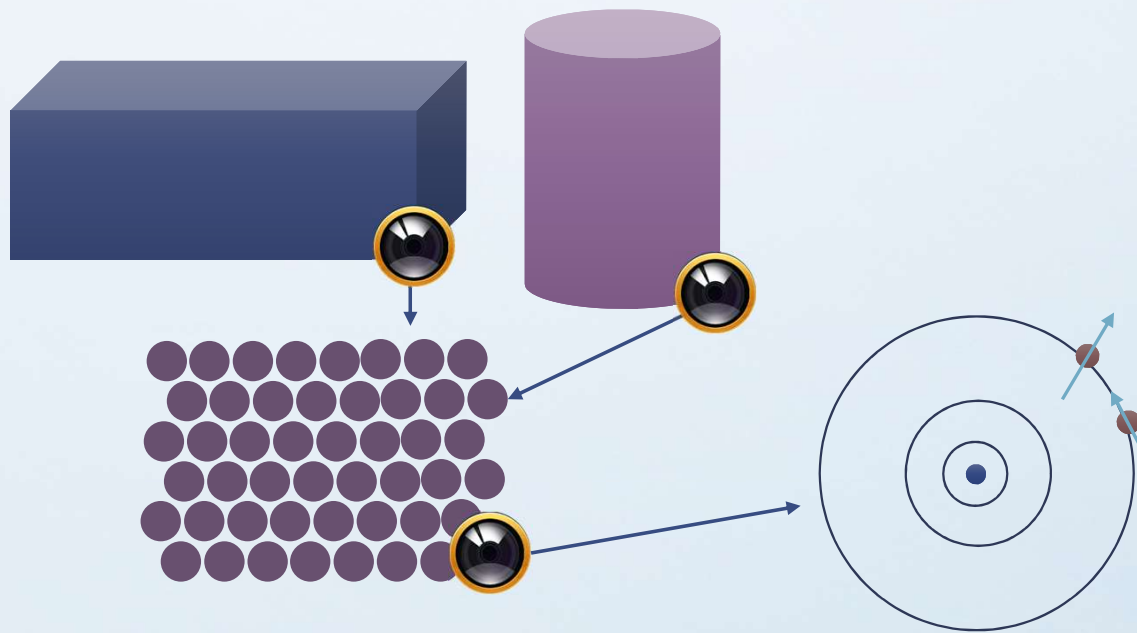
**Rutherford:** atoms consisted of a small dense center (named nucleus) filled with positive charges, negatively charged electrons were scattered surrounding the nucleus and were held in orbit.

**Bohr:** electrons in fixed, circular orbits, more electrons in outer orbits and those in outer orbits have higher energy, there are certain energy transition for electrons from inner (outer) to outer (inner) orbits.

**Modern theory:** wave description



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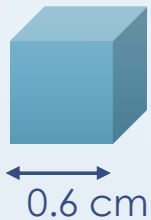


<http://sabella.pixnet.net/blog/post/190794622>

## 2. MATTER & PHYSICAL MODEL

Density ( $\rho = m/V$ ) of Materials:

Example: A solid cube of aluminum has a volume of  $0.216 \text{ cm}^3$ . It is known that  $27.0 \text{ g}$  of aluminum contains  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  atoms. How many atoms are there in the cube?



$$m = \rho V = 2.7 \times 0.216 \text{ (g)}$$

$$\frac{0.5832}{27} = 0.0216 \text{ (mol)}$$

$$0.0216 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} = 1.30032 \times 10^{22} \cong 1.3 \times 10^{22}$$

Material	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )
Gold	19.3
Lead	11.3
Copper	8.93
Iron	7.87
Aluminum	2.7

# 3. DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS

Example: It is proposed that the radial acceleration  $a_r$  is proportional to the speed  $v$  and the radius  $r$  as  $a_r = kv^m r^n$ , where  $n, m$  are two exponents and  $k$  is a dimensionless const. Please use the dimensional analysis to determine the two exponents.

Quantity	Symbol	Dimension
Area	A	$L^2$
Volume	V	$L^3$
Speed	v	$L/T$
Acceleration	a	$L/T^2$
Force	f	$ML/T^2$
Pressure	p	$M/LT^2$
Density	d	$M/L^3$
Energy	E	$ML^2/T^2$
Power	P	$ML^2/T^3$

$$v: L^1 T^{-1} \quad r: L^1 \quad a_r: L^1 T^{-2}$$

$$\rightarrow L^1 T^{-2} = (L^1 T^{-1})^m (L^1)^n$$

$$m = 2, n = -1$$

# 4. UNIT CONVERSION

Write down all the details – number & unit for conversion

$$5 \text{ in.} = 5 \text{ in.} \times \left( \frac{2.54 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ in.}} \right) = 12.7 \text{ cm}$$

$$161 \text{ km} = 161 \text{ km} \times \left( \frac{1 \text{ mi}}{1.61 \text{ km}} \right) = 100 \text{ mi}$$

Example: The 1<sup>st</sup> car is moving with a speed of 42 m/s and the 2<sup>nd</sup> car is moving with a speed of 55 mi/h. Are the drivers exceeding the speed limit of 100 km/h?

$$1st \text{ Car: } \frac{42 \text{ m}}{s} = \frac{42 \text{ m}}{s} \times \frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}} \times \frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ h}} = 151.2 \text{ km/h}$$

$$2nd \text{ Car: } \frac{55 \text{ mi}}{h} = \frac{55 \text{ mi}}{h} \times \frac{1.61 \text{ km}}{1 \text{ mi}} = 88.55 \text{ km/h}$$



# 5. ESTIMATES AND ORDER OF MAGNITUDE

Scientific notation, two or three digits with the multiplier of the power of 10 -  $N_1.N_2N_3 \times 10^{N_4}$

Order of magnitude without the prefix of digital number

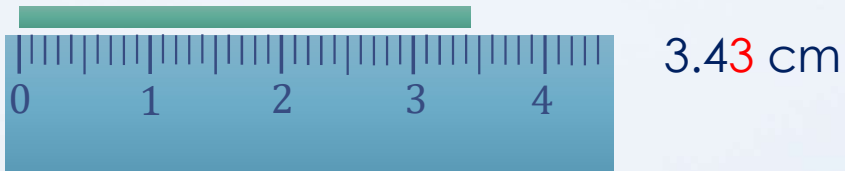
change  $N_1.N_2N_3$  to  $10^{N_5}$        $N_1.N_2N_3 > 10^{0.5} \rightarrow 10^1$        $10^{0.5} = \sqrt{10} = 3.162$   
 $N_1.N_2N_3 < 10^{0.5} \rightarrow 10^0$

Example: There are  $N_A$  atoms in 12 g of carbon. If counting 1 atom takes 1 s, how long does it take to count all atoms in 1 g of carbon?

$$1g \times \frac{6.02 \times 10^{23}}{12g} \div \left(\frac{1g}{1s}\right) \times \left(\frac{1D}{86400s}\right) \times \left(\frac{1Y}{365D}\right) \cong 1.6 \times 10^{15}$$

# 6. SIGNIFICANT FIGURES

Measurements: precise digits with the first estimated digit.



How to count the significant figure?

The rule of addition & subtraction: no significant figures beyond the last decimal place where both of the original numbers have significant figures.

$$1.002 + 11.0 = 12.0$$

$$10.25 - 1.1 = 9.15 \cong 9.2$$

The rule of multiplication & division: no greater than the least number of significant figures in any of the numbers.

$$2.12 \times 3.214 = 6.81368 \cong 6.81$$

# 6. SIGNIFICANT FIGURES

The standard deviation shall be less than the lowest decimal number.

$$3.21 \pm 0.04 \quad 3.21 \pm 0.05 \quad \times$$

Example: A rectangle has a length of  $6.21 \pm 0.02$  m and a width of  $7.8 \pm 0.2$  m. Please calculate the area.

$$\begin{aligned} (6.21 \pm 0.02) \times (7.8 \pm 0.2) &= 48.438 \pm 0.156 \pm 1.242 \\ &= 48.438 \pm 1.398 = 48 \pm 1 \end{aligned}$$

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