

# PHYSICS 2DL – SPRING 2010

## MODERN PHYSICS LABORATORY

Monday April 5, 2010

Prof. Brian Keating

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2DL Lecture 2



# 2DL

- Review of policies from last week
- Theory of first few experiments continues *in lab* this week
- No lecture May 31
- Error propagation

# ☹ Policies ☹

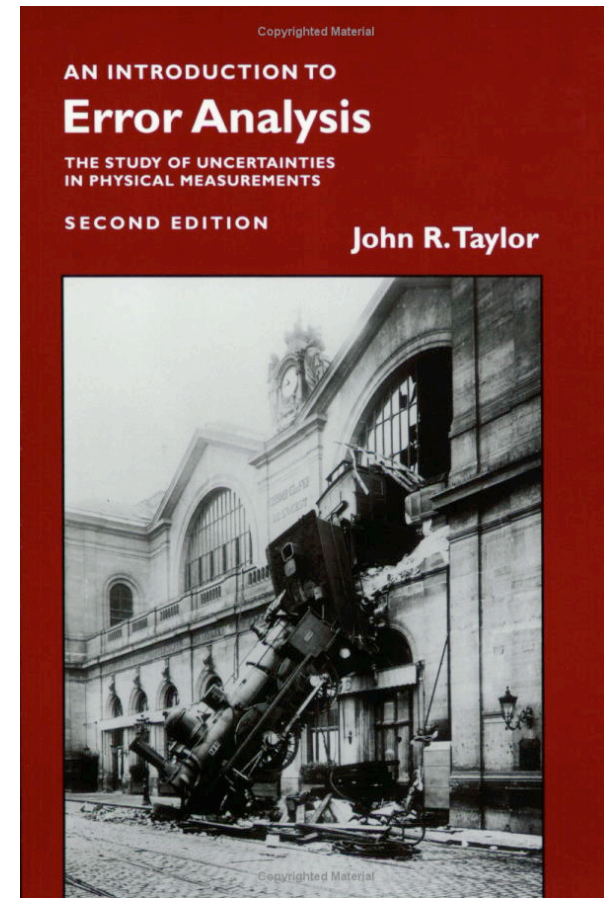
- Missed labs CAN'T be copied!
- Must attend make up lab, take data YOURSELF, and write up labs. Missing, Copying data and/or reports will result in 0 points for that lab.
- Need a note from doctor or UCSD official to be allowed to re-take lab.

# Lab Manual

Printed out and bound for you.

Will be distributed in your lab section next week.

# Textbook



“Introduction to Error Analysis”, by Taylor

No experimental information but good intro on how to handle data once your experiment produces some...

Full of Homework problems and helpful examples. \$28 used on Amazon

# Homework

- Problems listed on 2DL Spring 2010 syllabus -Website:
- <http://physics.ucsd.edu/students/courses/spring2010/physics2dl/>
- Website has lecture notes from prev week
- All HW problems are found in Taylor
- Hand-in HW to TA in Lab as on schedule, (changed on syllabus).
- HW #10 IS due in lab, week of 31 May (Memorial Day week so no lecture).

# Lab Sections (Tuesday/Thursday 12:30p & Wednesday 1p, 3 hours

- Introduction to the experiments (this week) in lab.
- *You* start doing the labs in week 3 - next week.
- Pick your partners **THIS WEEK IN LAB.**
- Sign up for your weekly labs **THIS WEEK IN LAB.**

# Notebooks

- Few pages of text
- Include data, plots

# Lab Notebooks & Reports

- See 'Ace your Reports'
- Include data, plots with labels, sketches, in ink.

10  
18:24  $C_s = .5208$   $M_C \sim 83.5K$  I may have the high peak back - pretty small.  
19:13  $C_s = .518$   $M_C = 89K$   
19:21  $C_s = .5175$   $M_C = 90K$  increase  $P_f$  some  
20:31  $C_s = .512$   $M_C = 96K$   
20:49  $C_s = .5105$   $M_C \sim 97.5K$   
21:10  $C_s = .509$   $M_C = 98K$   
21:44  $C_s = .507$   $M_C = 98K$   
22:00  $C_s = .50644$   $M_C = 98K$  hit A + pass thru  
23:25  $C_s \sim .5059$   $M_C \sim 97K$   
Apr 20 1972  
Decided to fool with sweep to try to "sit" on a peak.  
1:15 retransf, fill pot  
2:40 Have discovered the BCS transition in liquid  $^3He$  tonite. The pressure phenomena associated with B + B' are accompanied by changes in the  $He^3$  susceptibility both on + off the peaks approximately equal to the entire liquid susceptibility.  
19:48  $M_C = 51K$

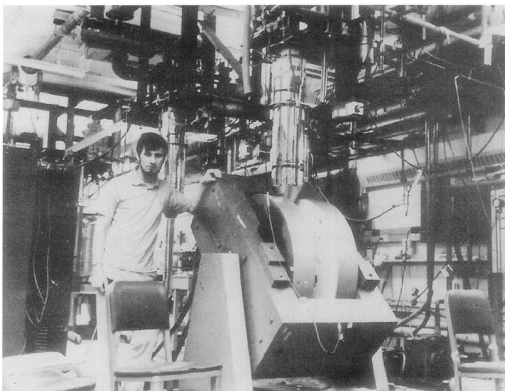


Figure 8: Photograph from my lab book showing entry the night of April 20, 1972, when I realized the B transition was in the liquid.

D. Osheroff, 1972. Winner of 1996 Nobel Prize in Physics



# Scientific Errors

**Errors** → **uncertainties**  
**not mistakes!**  
**inevitable and intrinsic part**  
**of any measurement**

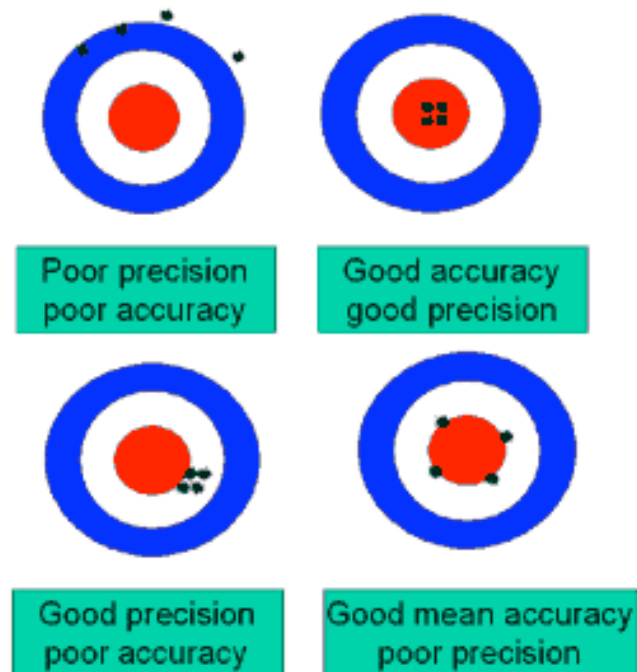
**Principal sources of errors in measurements:**

- 1) limitations of measurements tool**
- 2) limitations of experiment design**
- 3) imprecise definition of measured quantity**

**random errors can be reduced through statistical methods**

# Quantifying Errors

- **a. Precision.** This is a measure of repeatability, i.e. the degree of agreement between individual measurements of a set of measurements, all of the same quantity
- **b. Accuracy.** This is a measure of reliability, and is the difference between the True Value of a measured quantity and the Most Probable Value which has been derived from a series of measures.
- **c. Resolution.** This is the smallest interval measurable by an instrument.



# Measurements and **Errors**

$$x = x_{best} \pm \delta x$$

**best  
estimate**

**uncertainty**

$$9999.7 \pm 0.1$$



**Always present,  
Inevitable!**

9999 10000

**“true” mileage?**

# Error Propagation

$$v = \frac{s}{t}$$

$$s = s_{best} \pm \delta s$$

$$t = t_{best} \pm \delta t$$

$$\delta v = ???$$

$$\tau = RC$$

$$R = R_{best} \pm \delta R$$

$$C = C_{best} \pm \delta C$$

$$\delta \tau = ???$$

# Limitations of measurement tools



$10^{-3}$  m



$10^{-4}$  m



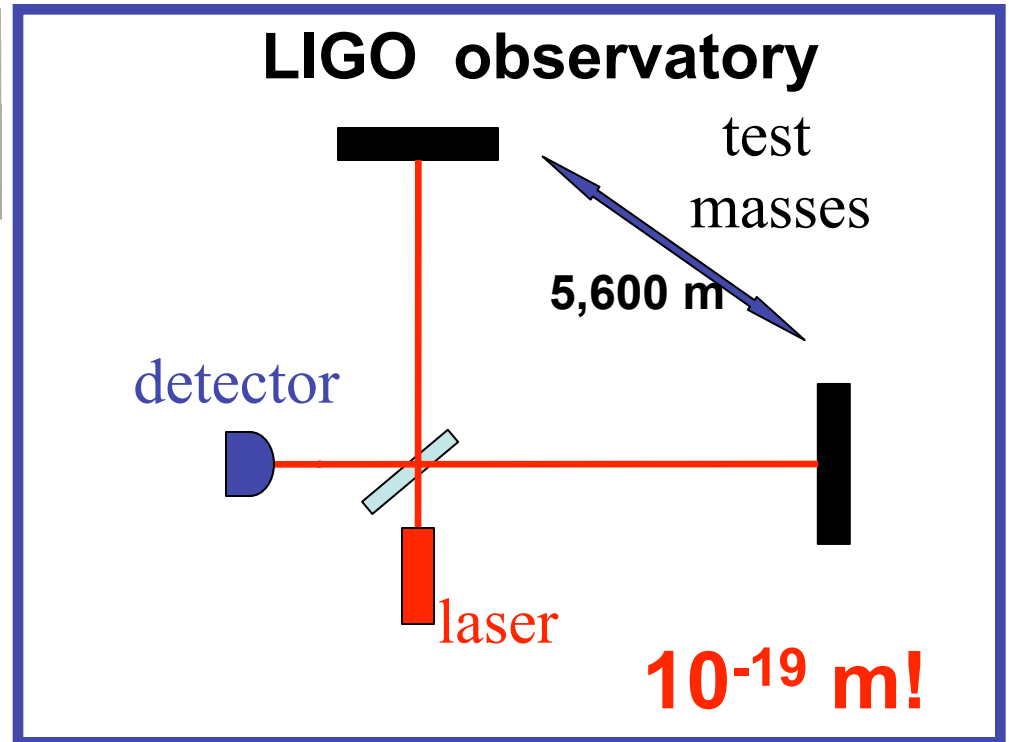
$10^{-5}$  m

Measure  $L = L1 + L2$

$L1 = 1.01$ ,  $L2 = 1.1$ , what is  $L$ ?

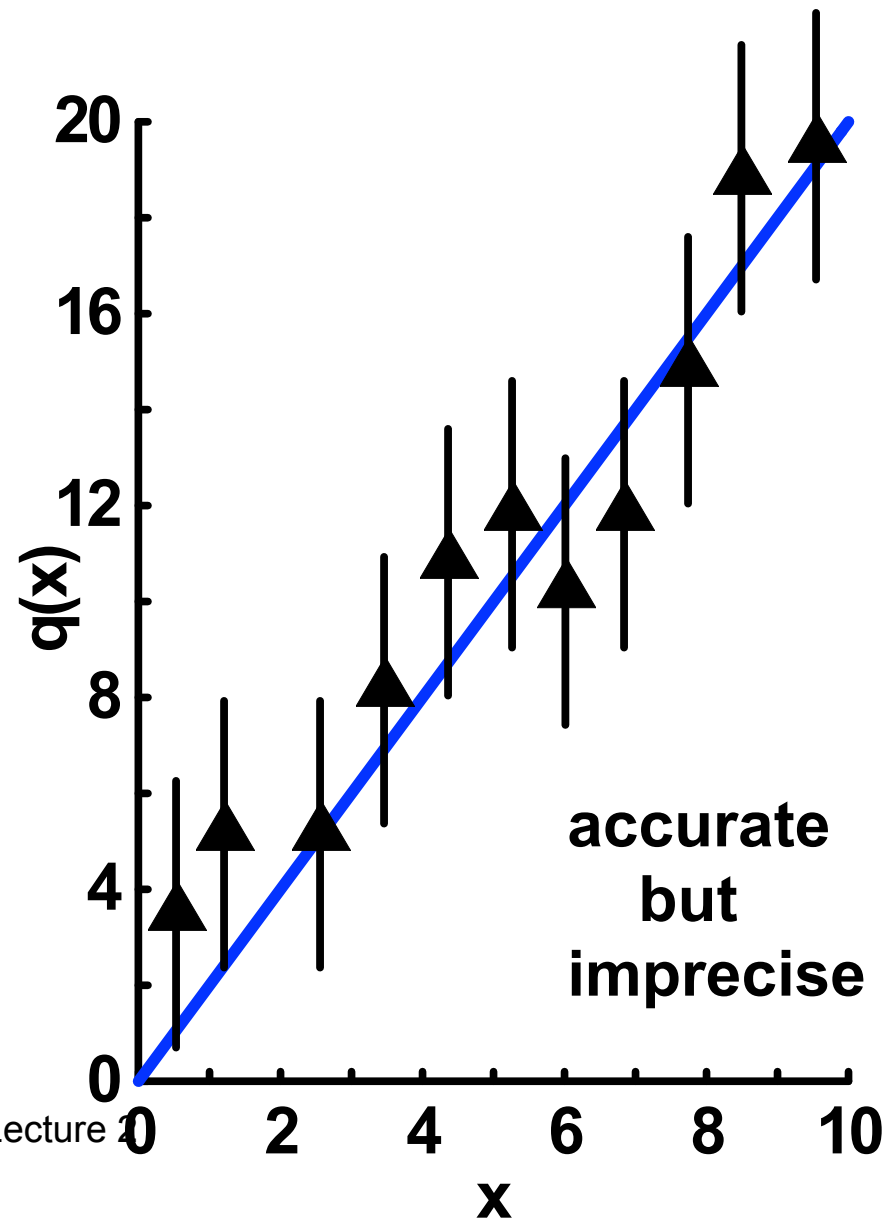
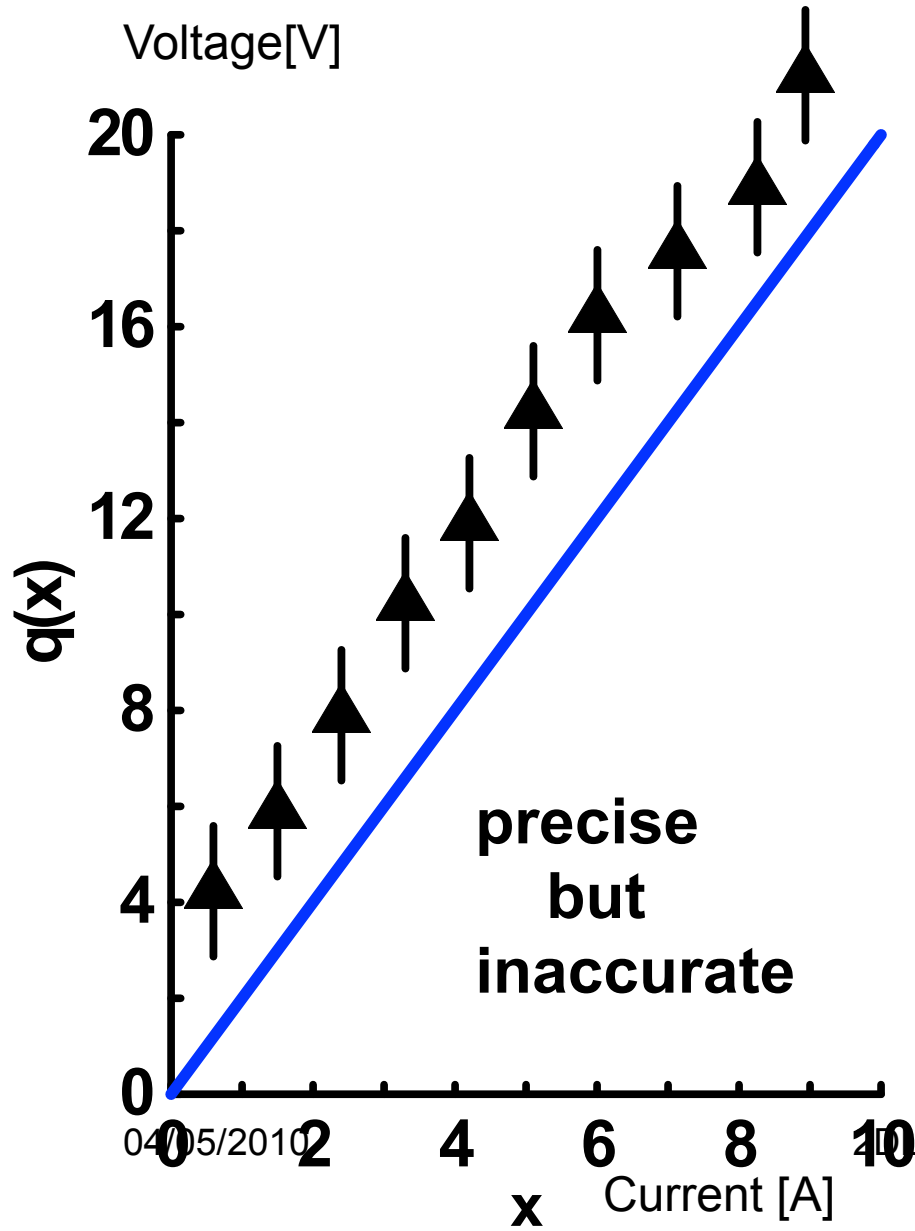
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# Accuracy versus Precision

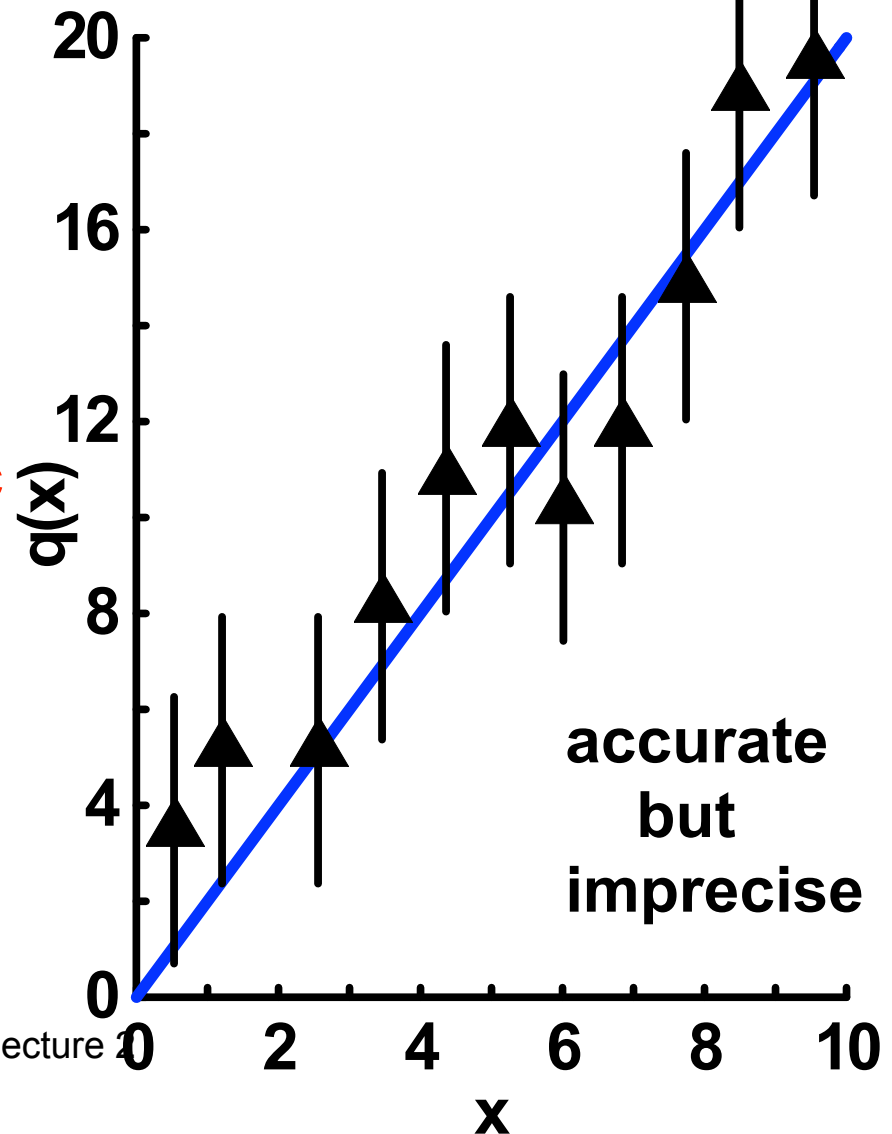
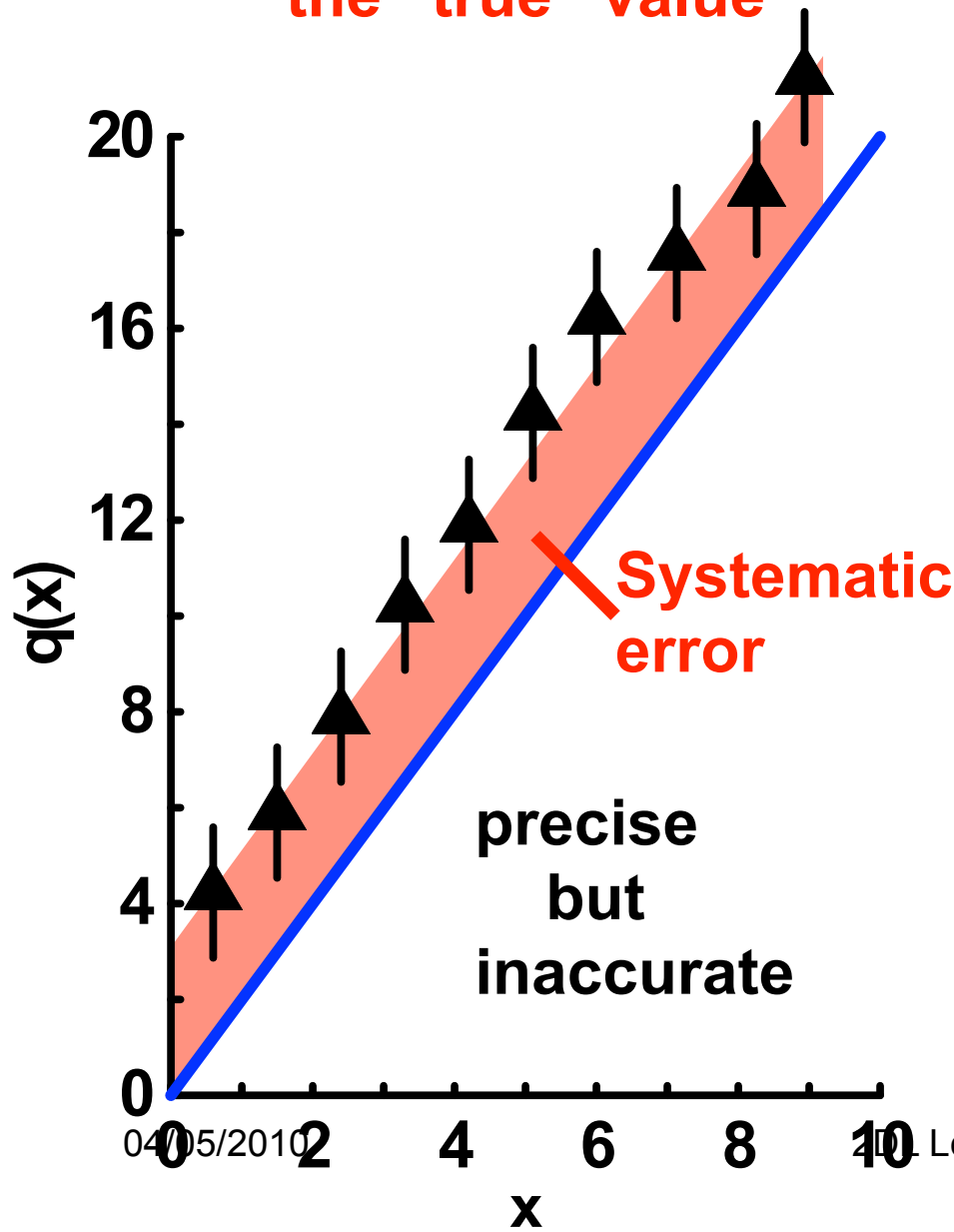
Ohm's Law:  $V=IR$



# Accuracy versus Precision

... how close to the "true" value

... uncertainty



# Error Propagation

Principles Formulas in Part I

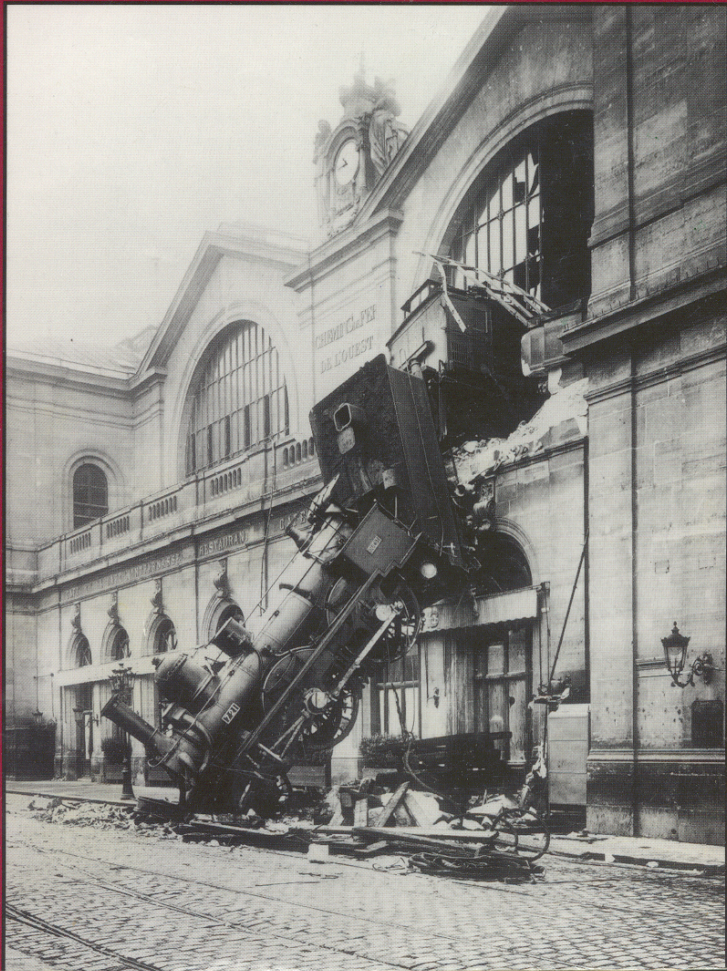
AN INTRODUCTION TO

## Error Analysis

THE STUDY OF UNCERTAINTIES  
IN PHYSICAL MEASUREMENTS

SECOND EDITION

John R. Taylor



### Notation (Chapter 2)

$$(\text{Measured value of } x) = x_{\text{best}} \pm \delta x, \quad (\text{p. 13})$$

where

$x_{\text{best}}$  = best estimate for  $x$ ,

$\delta x$  = uncertainty or error in the measurement.

$$\text{Fractional uncertainty} = \frac{\delta x}{|x_{\text{best}}|}. \quad (\text{p. 28})$$

### Propagation of Uncertainties (Chapter 3)

If various quantities  $x, \dots, w$  are measured with small uncertainties  $\delta x, \dots, \delta w$ , and the measured values are used to calculate some quantity  $q$ , then the uncertainties in  $x, \dots, w$  cause an uncertainty in  $q$  as follows:

If  $q$  is the sum and difference,  $q = x + \dots + z - (u + \dots + w)$ , then

$$\delta q \begin{cases} = \sqrt{(\delta x)^2 + \dots + (\delta z)^2 + (\delta u)^2 + \dots + (\delta w)^2} & \text{for independent random errors;} \\ \leq \delta x + \dots + \delta z + \delta u + \dots + \delta w & \text{always.} \end{cases} \quad (\text{p. 60})$$

If  $q$  is the product and quotient,  $q = \frac{x \times \dots \times z}{u \times \dots \times w}$ , then

$$\frac{\delta q}{|q|} \begin{cases} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta x}{x}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{\delta z}{z}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta u}{u}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{\delta w}{w}\right)^2} & \text{for independent random errors;} \\ \leq \frac{\delta x}{|x|} + \dots + \frac{\delta z}{|z|} + \frac{\delta u}{|u|} + \dots + \frac{\delta w}{|w|} & \text{always.} \end{cases} \quad (\text{p. 61})$$

If  $q = Bx$ , where  $B$  is known exactly, then

$$\delta q = |B| \delta x. \quad (\text{p. 54})$$

If  $q$  is a function of one variable,  $q(x)$ , then

$$\delta q = \left| \frac{dq}{dx} \right| \delta x. \quad (\text{p. 65})$$

If  $q$  is a power,  $q = x^n$ , then

$$\frac{\delta q}{|q|} = |n| \frac{\delta x}{|x|}. \quad (\text{p. 66})$$

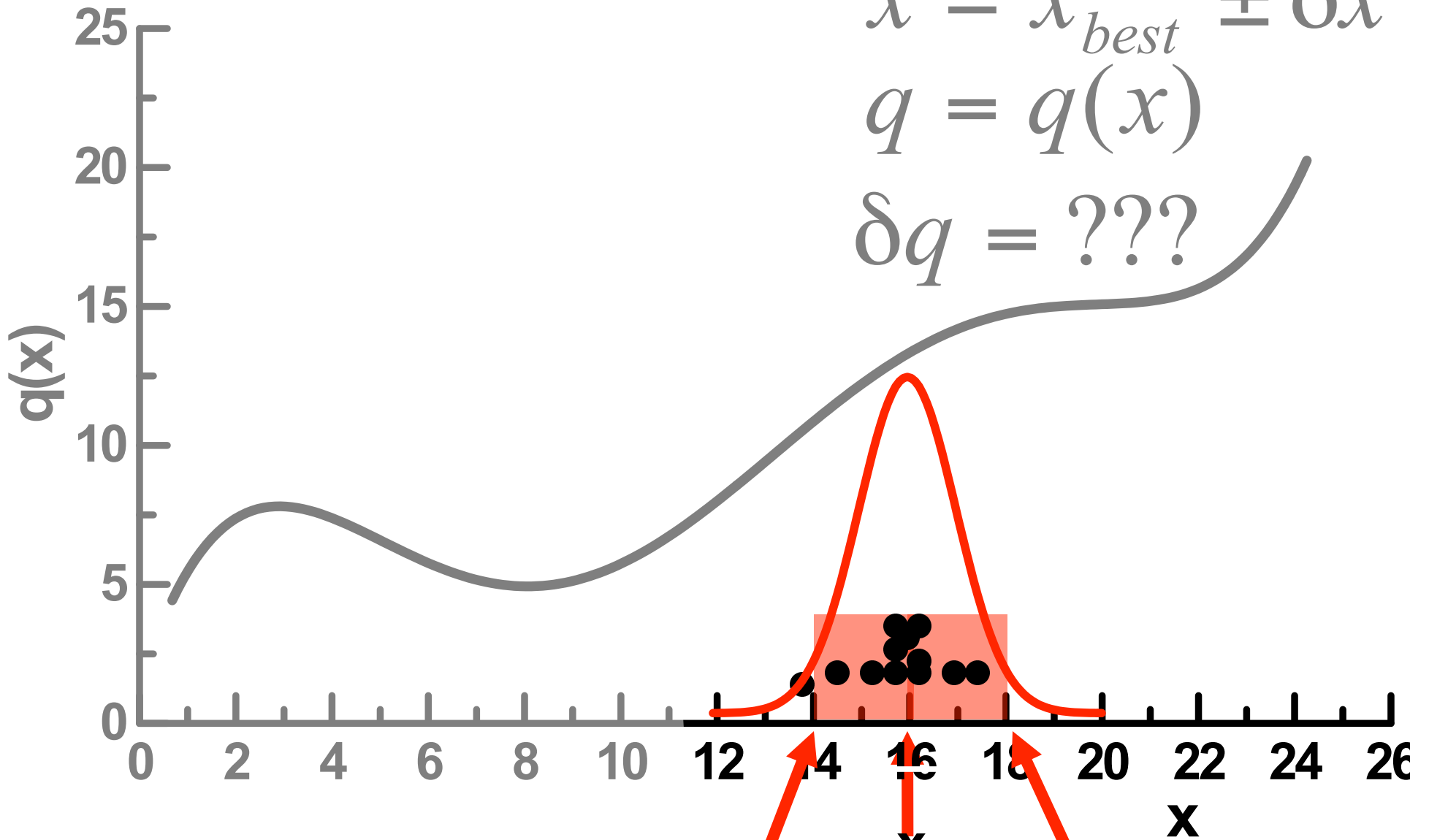


# Error Propagation

$$x = x_{best} \pm \delta x$$

$$q = q(x)$$

$$\delta q = ???$$



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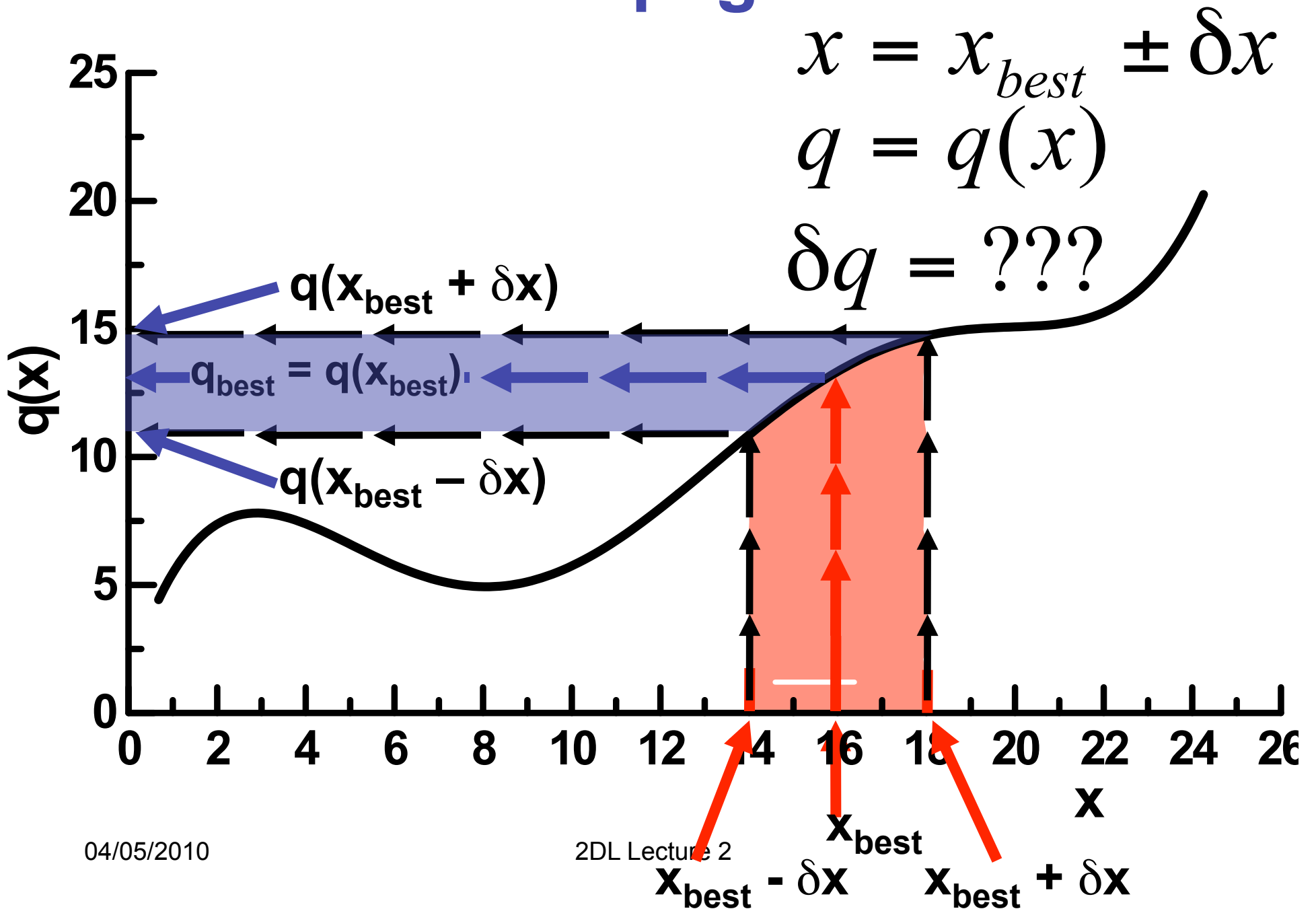
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$x_{best} - \delta x$

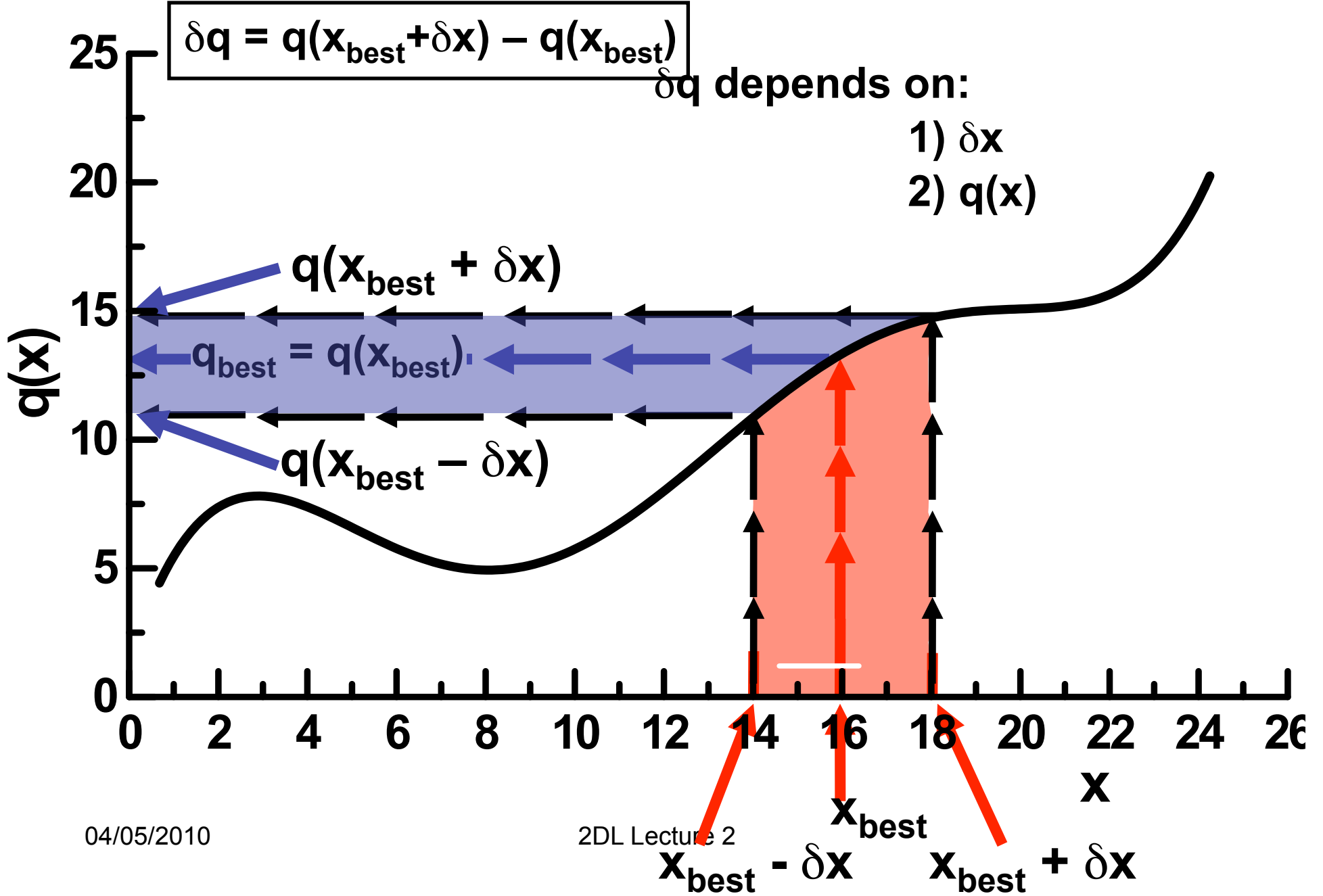
$x_{best}$

$x_{best} + \delta x$

# Error Propagation



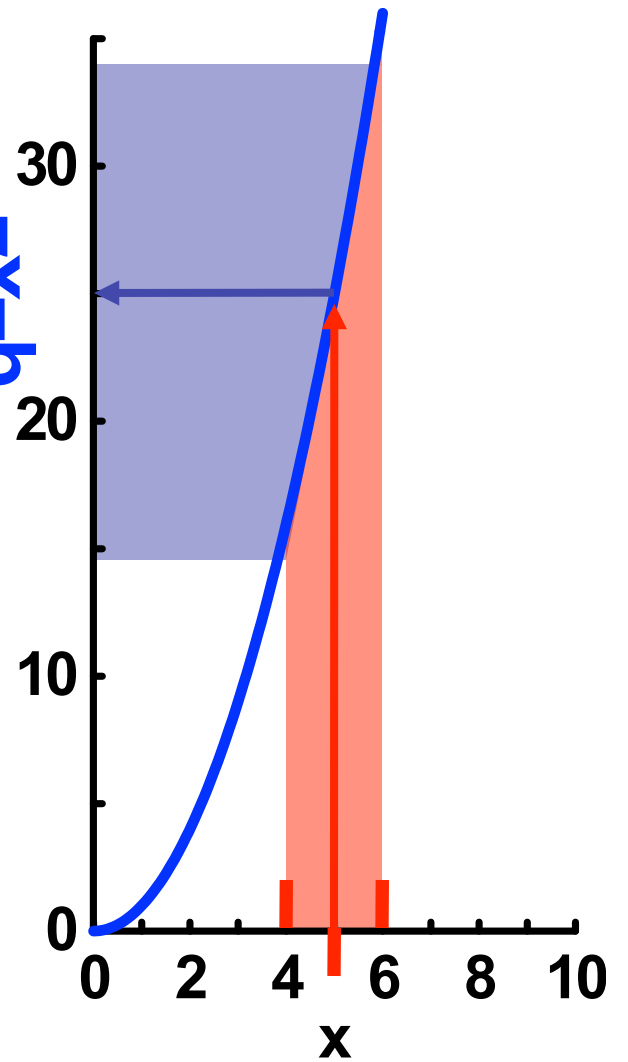
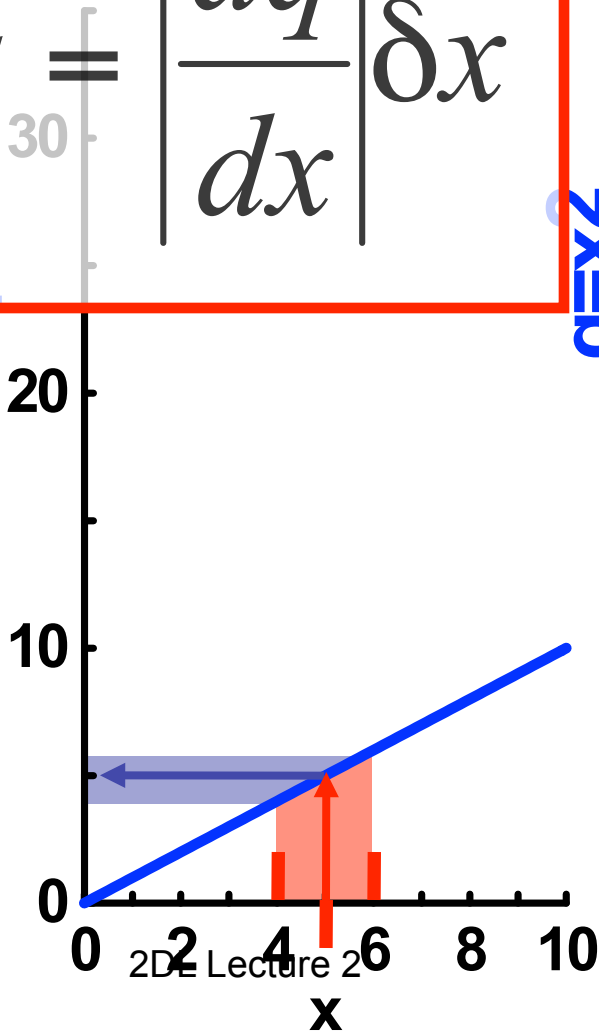
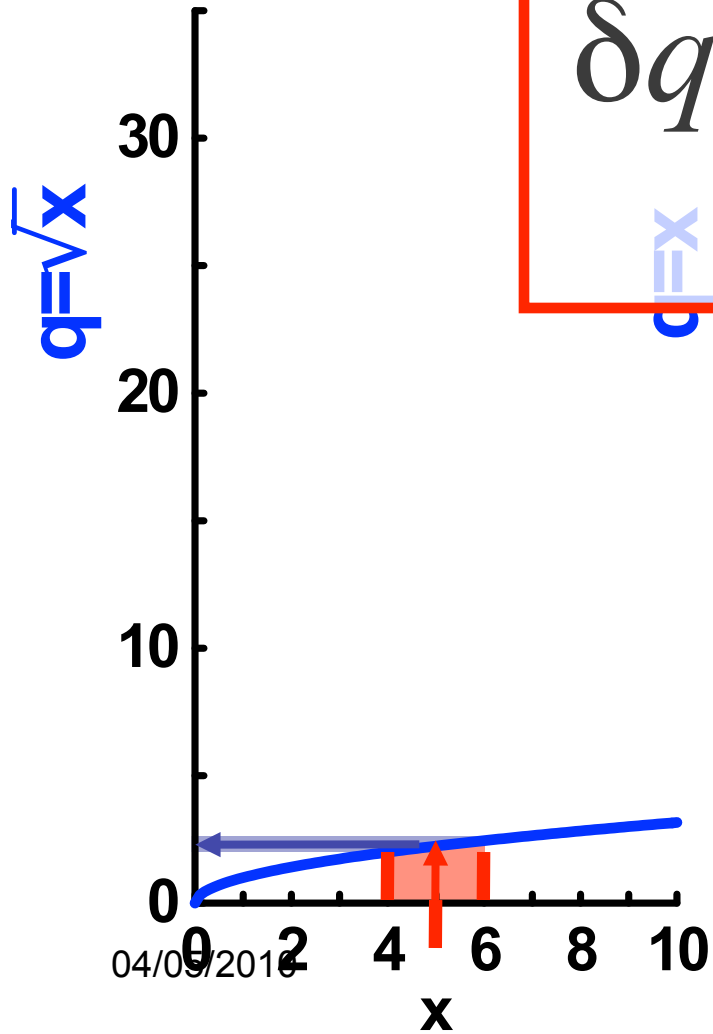
# Error Propagation



# Error propagation

$$\delta q = q(x_{\text{best}} + \delta x) - q(x)$$

$$\delta q = \left| \frac{dq}{dx} \right| \delta x$$



# Error propagation

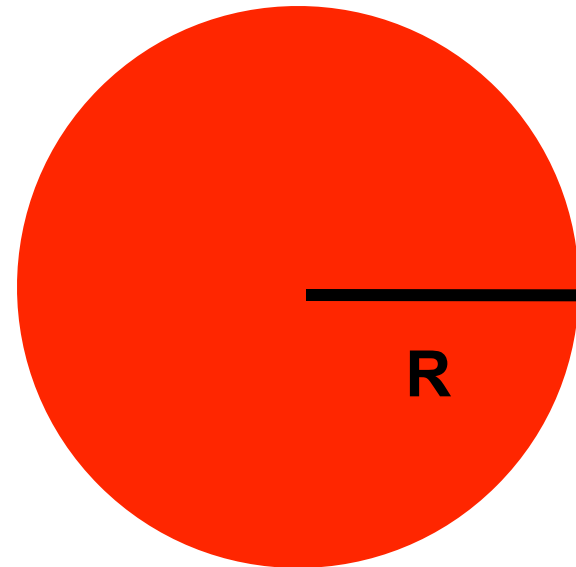
$$\delta q = \left| \frac{dq}{dx} \right| \delta x$$

$$q = q(x, y, z)$$

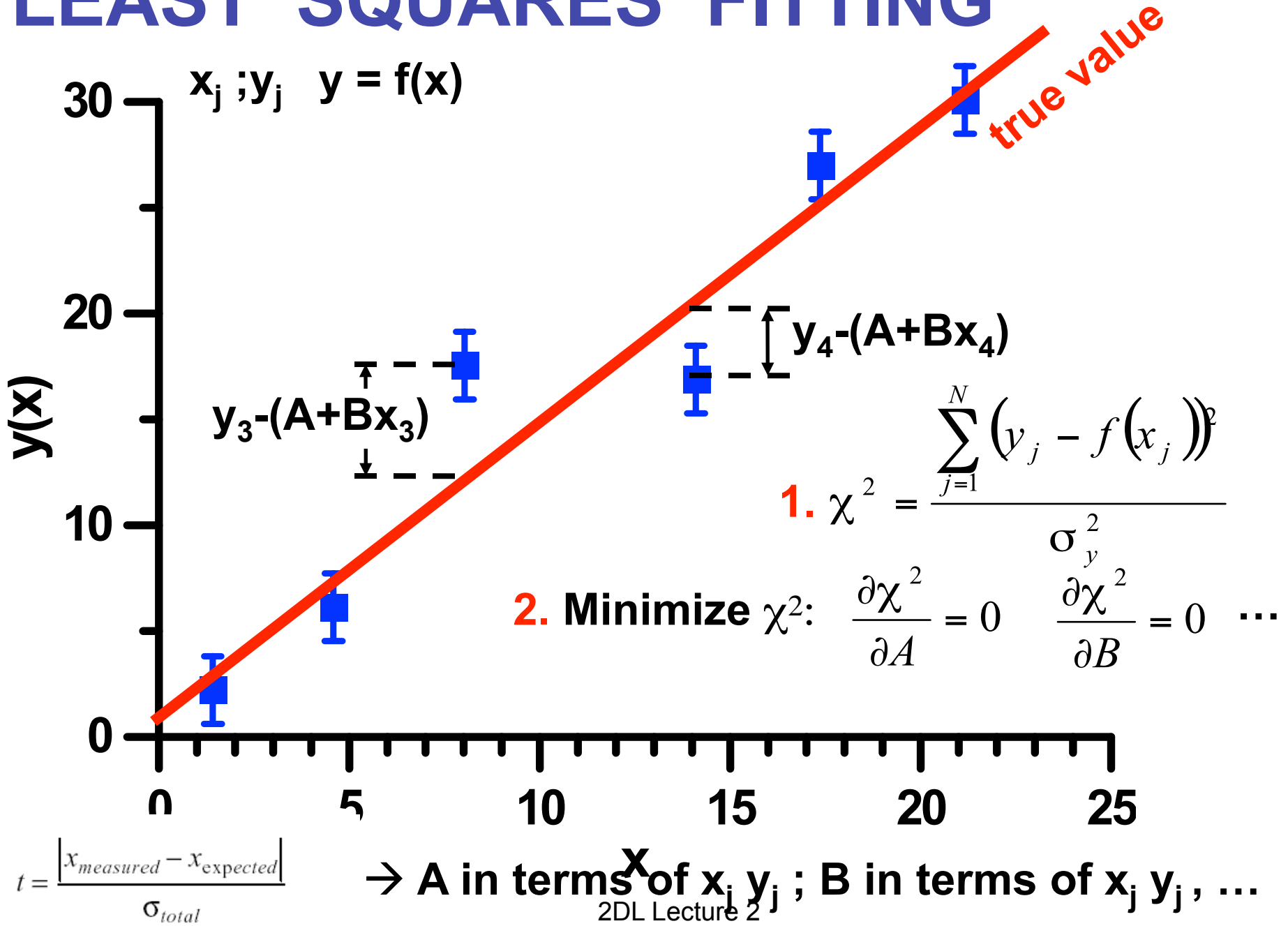
$$\delta q = \sqrt{\left( \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} \delta x \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial q}{\partial y} \delta y \right)^2 + \dots + \left( \frac{\partial q}{\partial z} \delta z \right)^2}$$

# Simple Example: Adding Uncertainties

- Measure Diameter,  $D = 6.0 \pm 0.1$  m
- Radius =  $R$ ?
- Circumference =  $C$ ?
- $C = 18.8 \pm 0.3$  m
- $R = 3.00 \pm 0.05$  m



# LEAST SQUARES FITTING

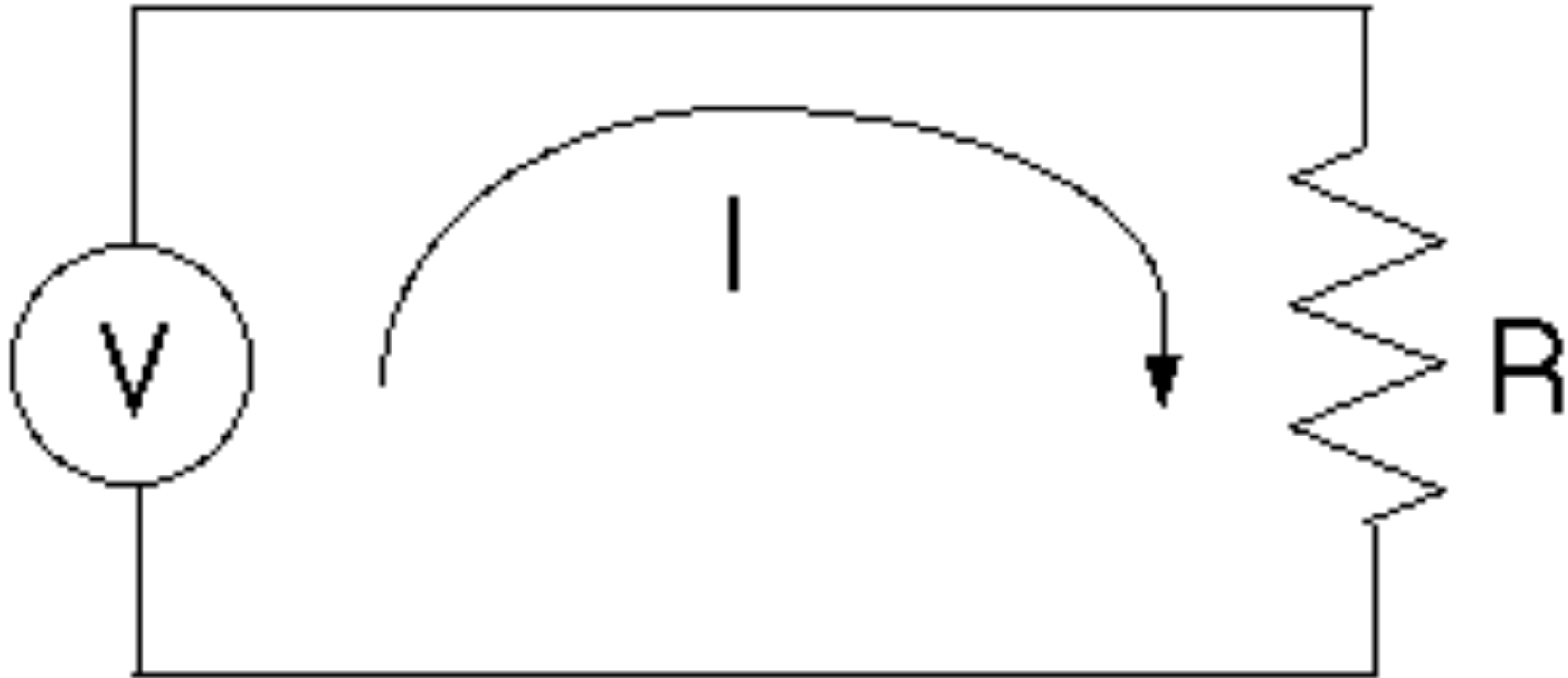


# Basic Electronics- this week in Lab

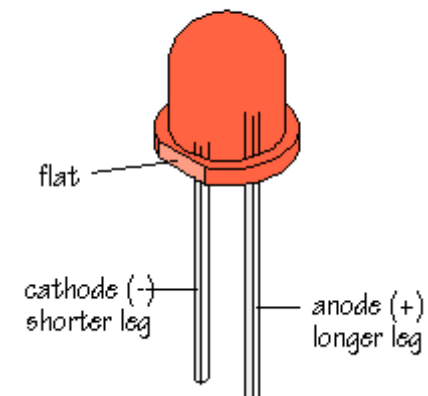
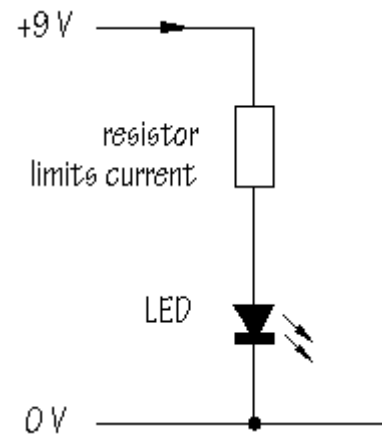
- Play with RLC circuit elements and Oscilloscopes



# Simplest Circuit



LED connections



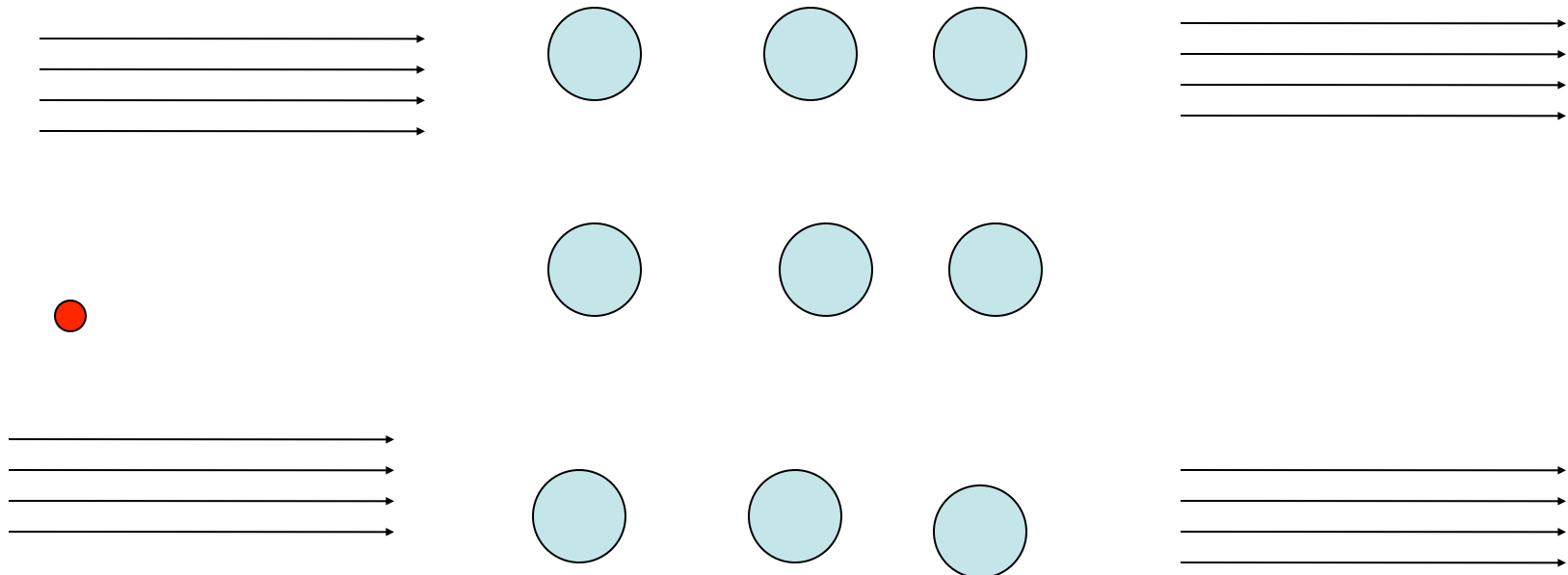
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# Electrons in a Resistor

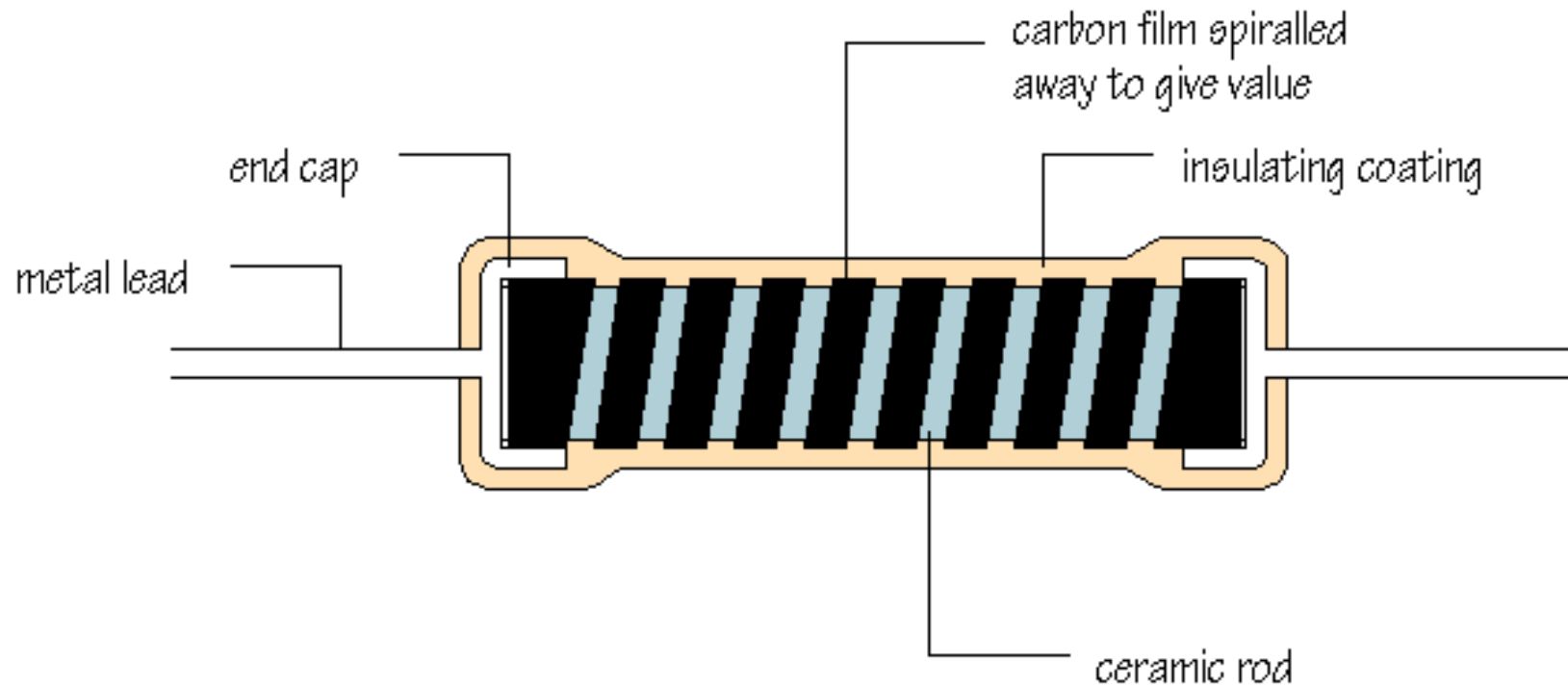
$$F = ma = qE$$

Lines of Electric Force  
(-Electric Field)

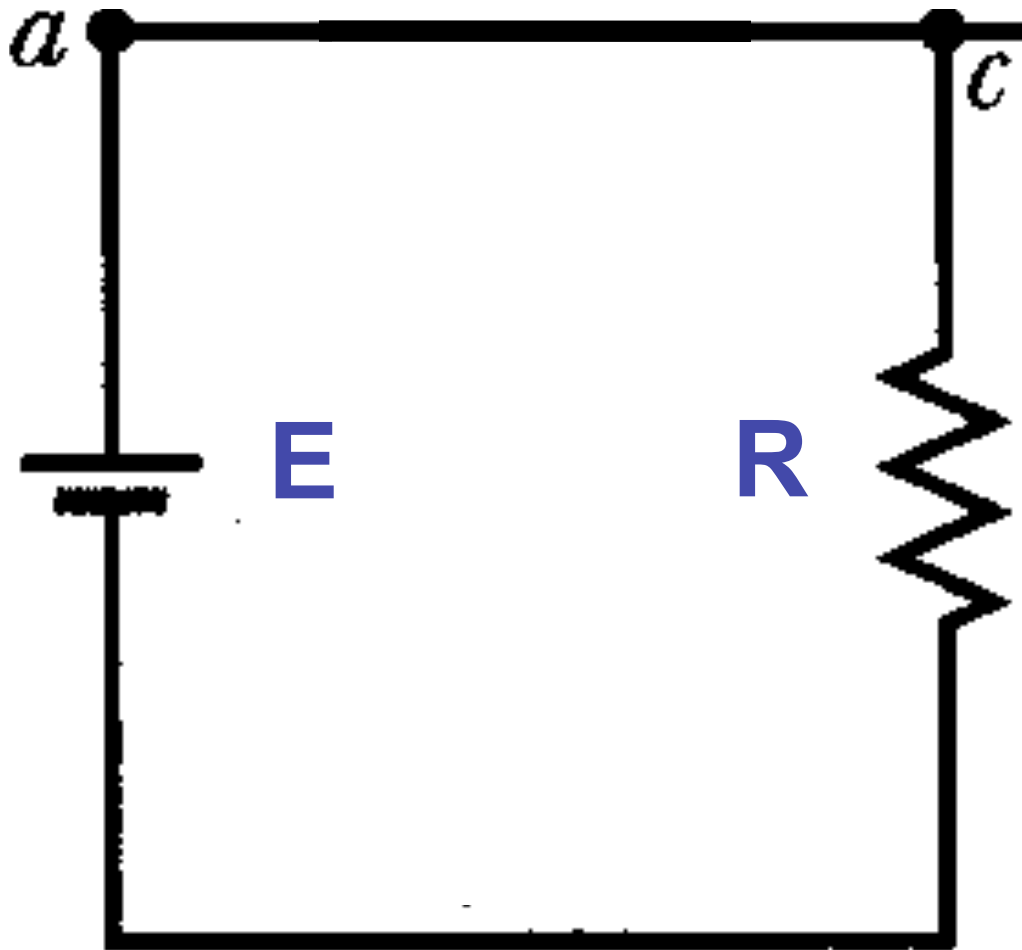
Atoms of Resistor  
Material (e.g. Carbon)



# Resistor Fabrication



# RLC Circuits: the Loop Rule



Work done by battery  
on the charge:

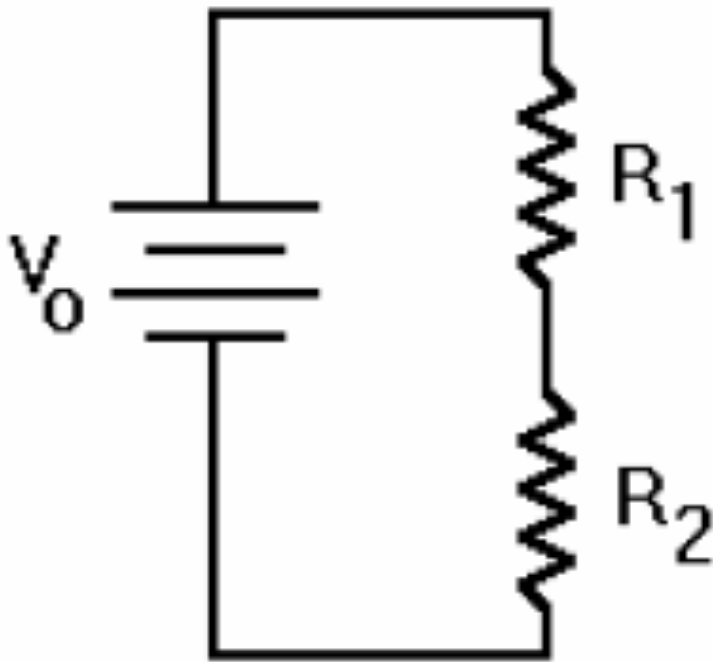
$$dW = Edq = Eidt$$

$$~~E \frac{dq}{dt} = i R \frac{dq}{dt} (\sim Fd)~~$$

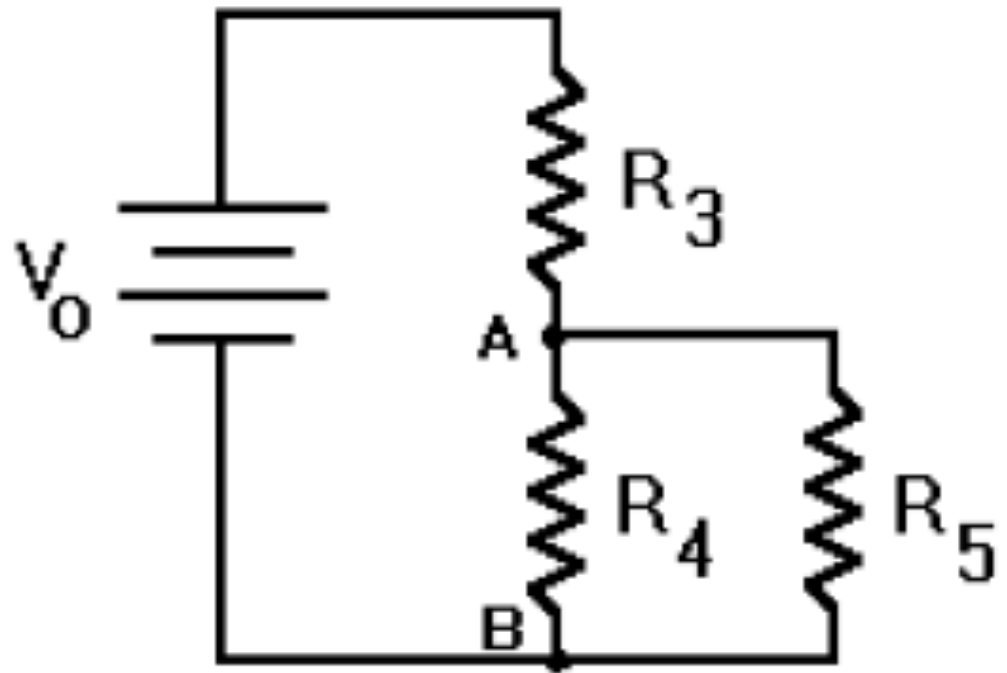
Thermal energy  
at the resistor

$$E = iR$$

# More Advanced Circuits



**Figure 1** *Resistors in series*



**Figure 2** *Resistors in parallel*

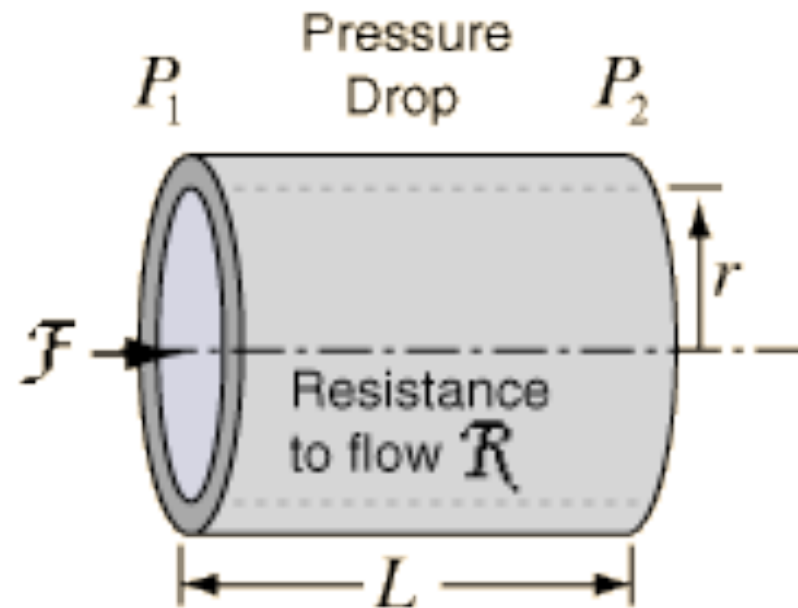
# E&M & H<sub>2</sub>O

- Example analogies

# H<sub>2</sub>O resistor

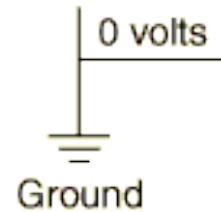
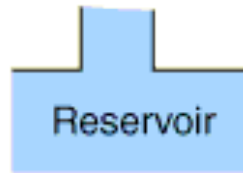
$$\text{Volume Flowrate} = \mathcal{F} = \frac{P_1 - P_2}{\mathcal{R}} = \frac{\pi(\text{Pressure difference})(\text{radius})^4}{8(\text{viscosity})(\text{length})}$$

$$\text{Resistance to Flow } \mathcal{R} = \frac{8\eta L}{\pi r^4}$$



# E&M & H<sub>2</sub>O

The reservoir can supply water to the circuit, and holds the pressure of the adjacent pipes at the pressure of the reservoir.



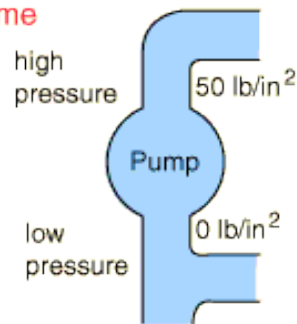
The ground can supply charge to the circuit, but its main function is to hold the voltage of nearby wires at the voltage of the earth.

$$\text{pressure} = \frac{\text{energy}}{\text{volume}}$$

$$\text{pressure} = \frac{F}{A}$$

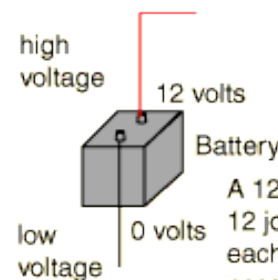
$$\frac{F}{A} = \frac{F d}{A d} = \frac{W}{V}$$

$$= \frac{\text{energy}}{\text{volume}} \frac{\text{joule}}{\text{m}^3}$$



$$\text{voltage} = \frac{\text{energy}}{\text{charge}}$$

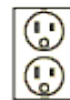
$$\text{volt} = \frac{\text{joule}}{\text{coulomb}}$$



A 12 volt battery does 12 joules of work on each unit of charge which passes through it.



A closed faucet has pressure behind it, but no flow.  
(resistance  $\rightarrow \infty$ )

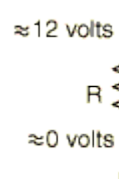
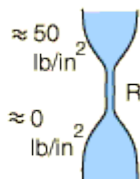


A receptacle has voltage behind it, but no current if nothing is plugged in.  
(resistance  $\rightarrow \infty$ )

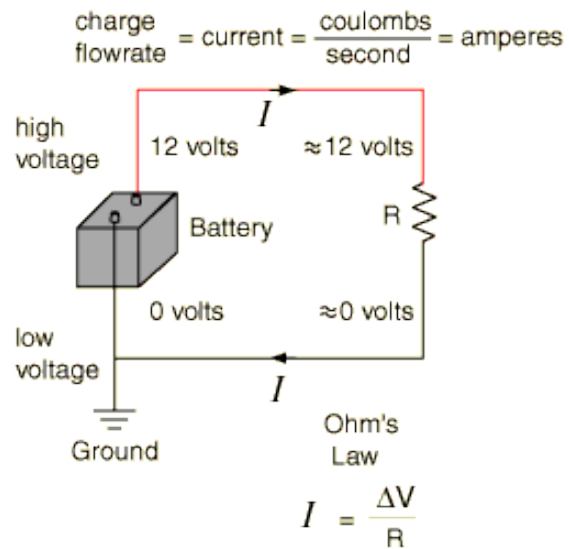
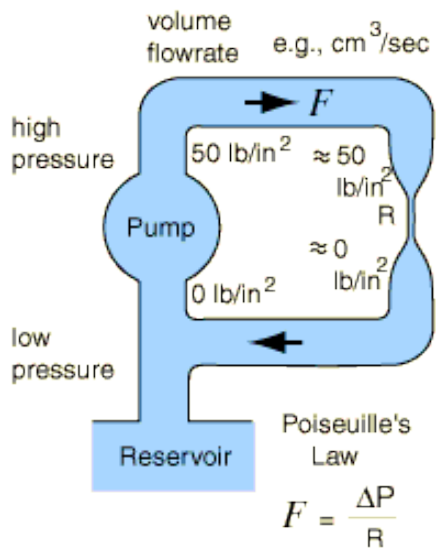


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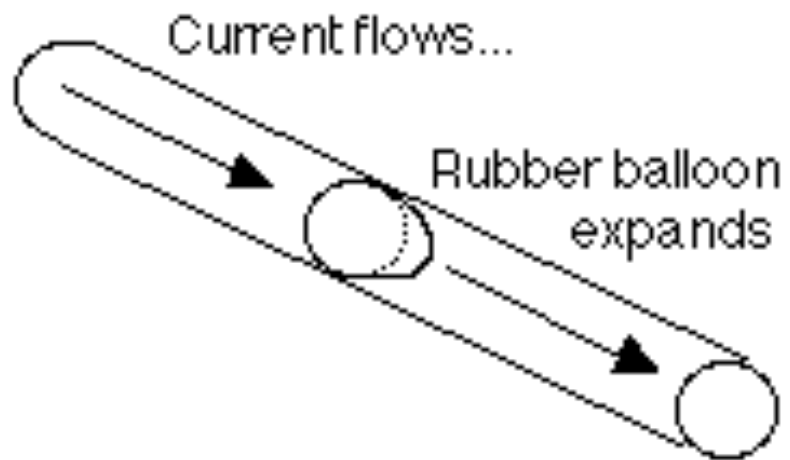
The resistance of a constriction in a large pipe is so great that essentially all the pressure drop will appear across the resistance.



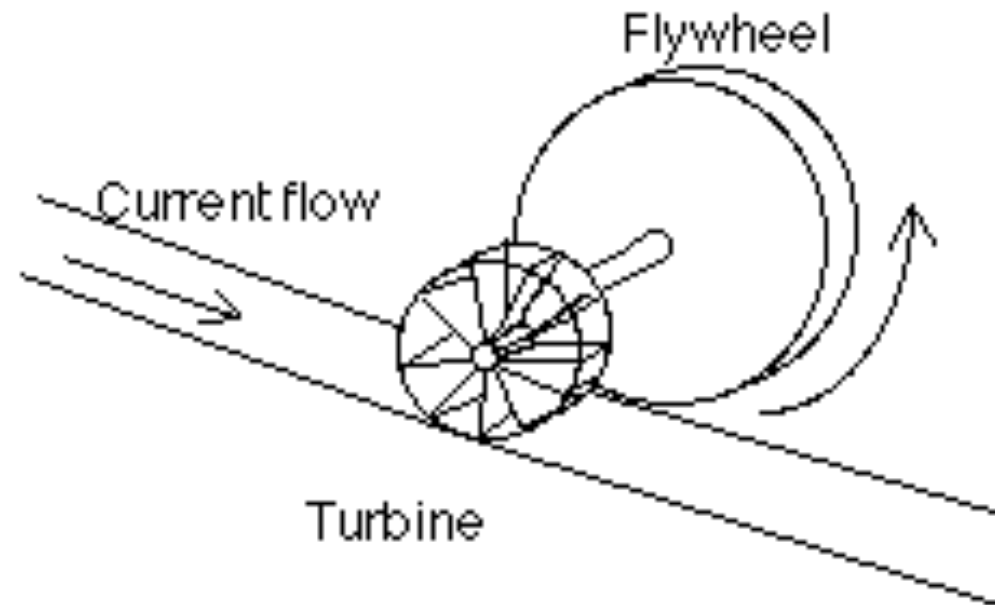
The resistance of a copper wire is so small that essentially all the voltage drop will appear across the resistor (or an appliance).

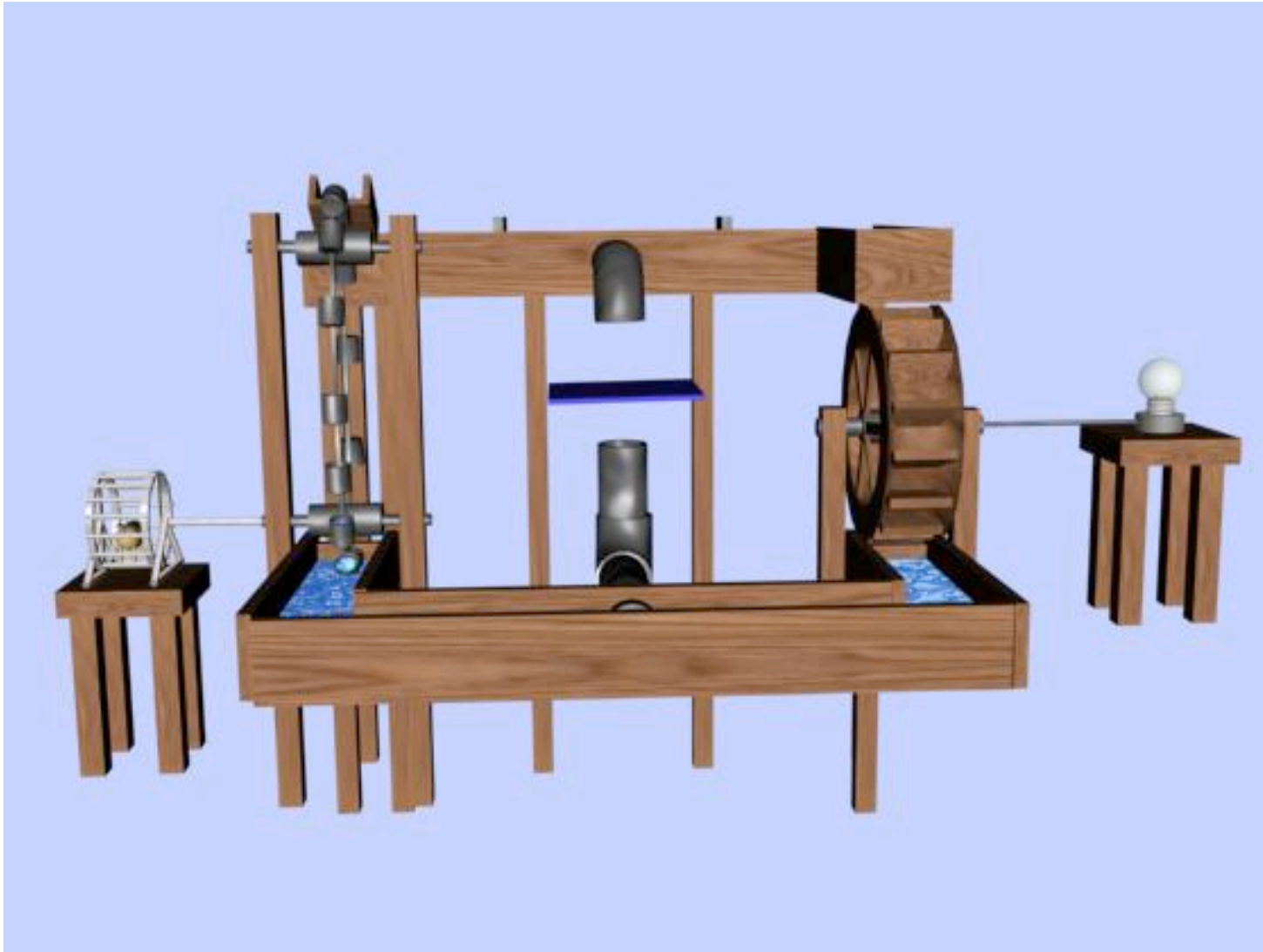


# Capacitor



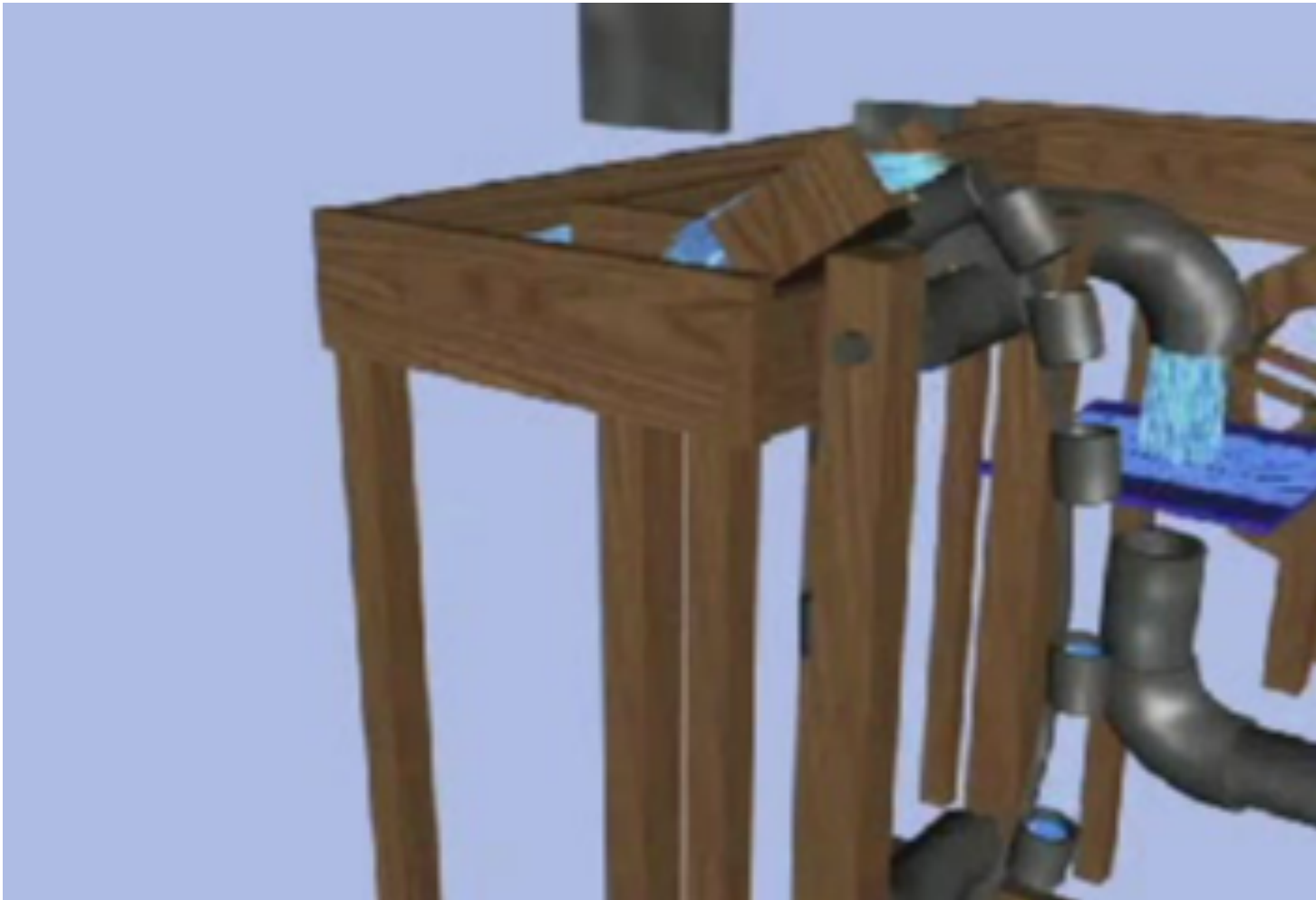
# Inductors





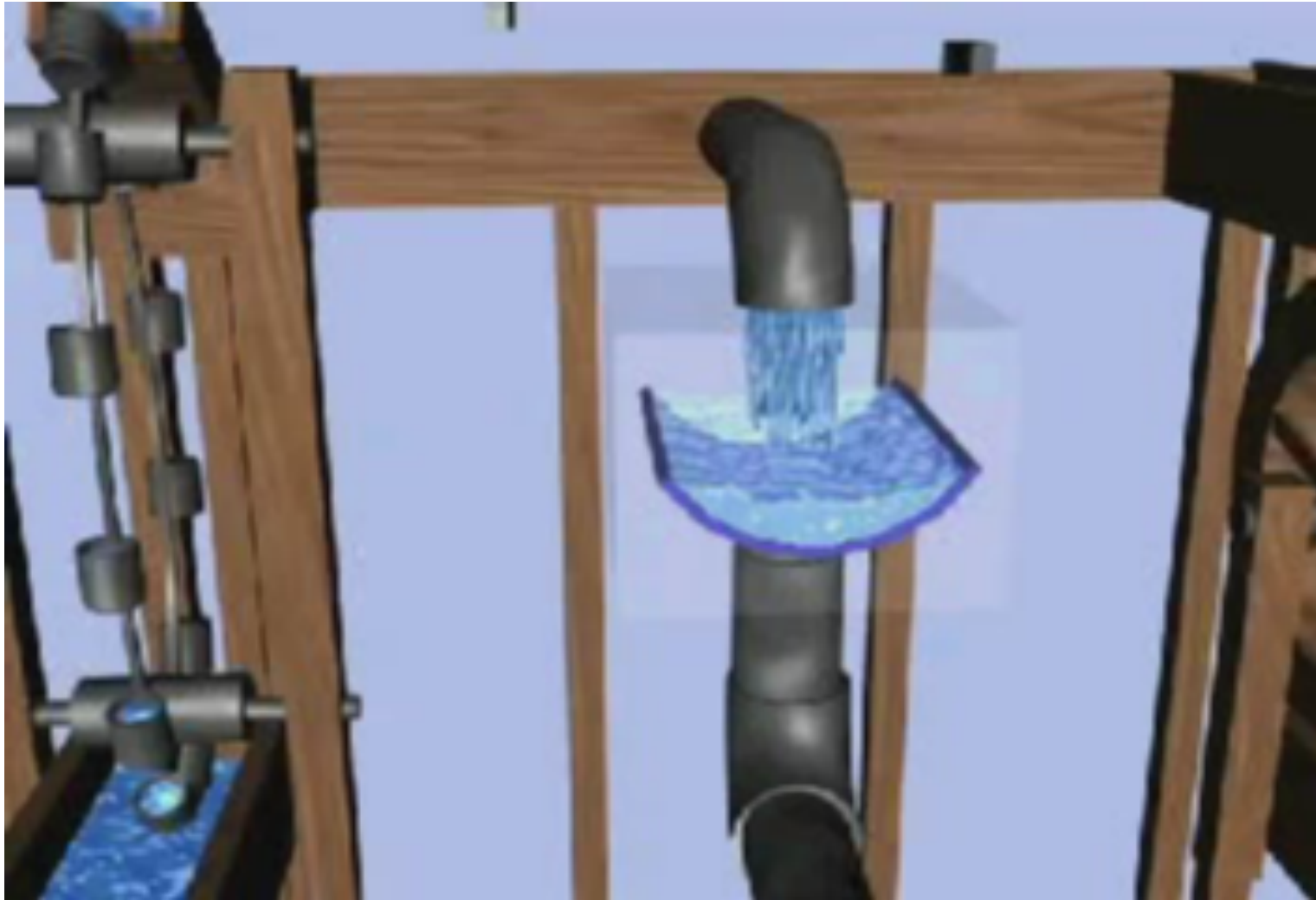
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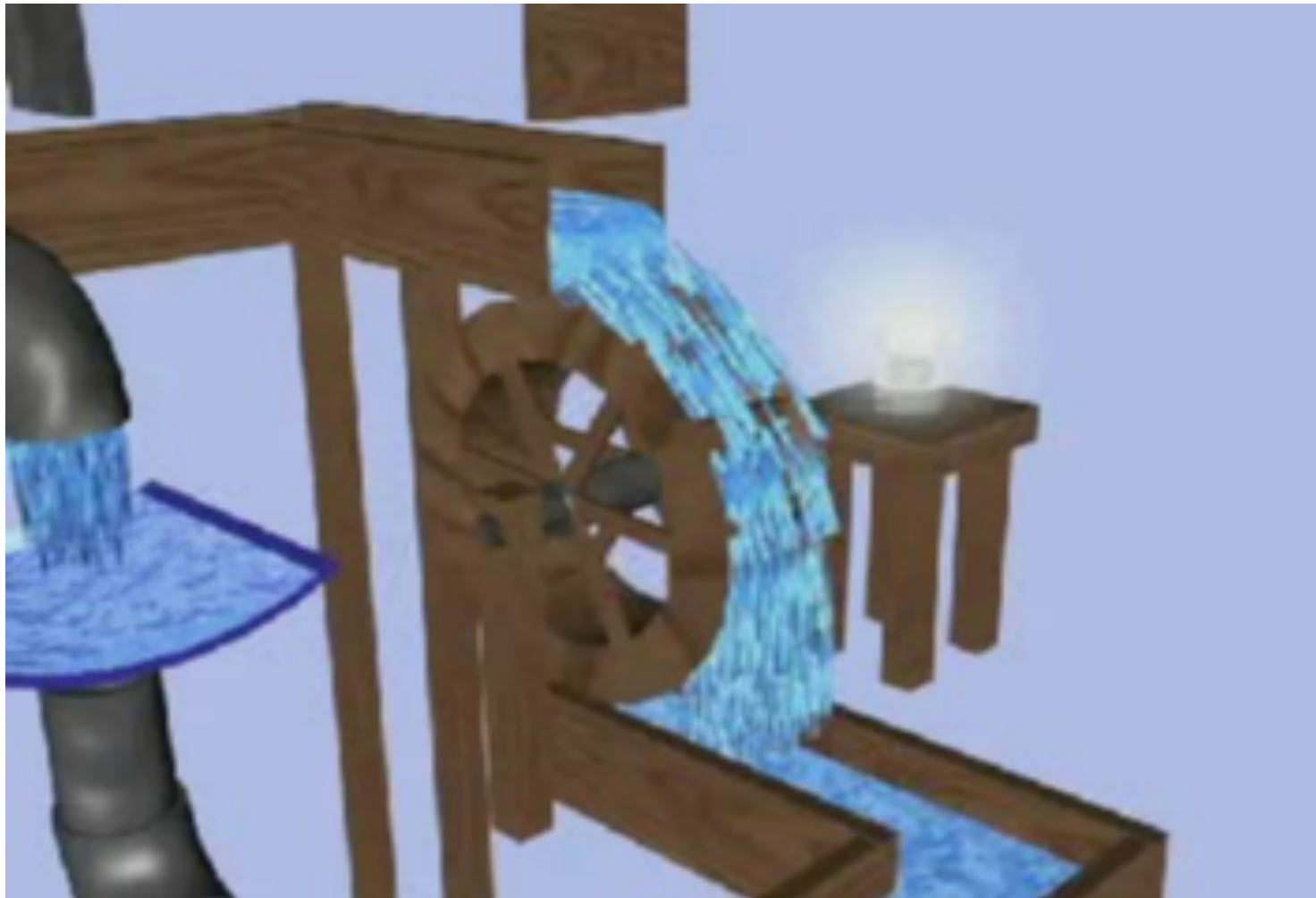
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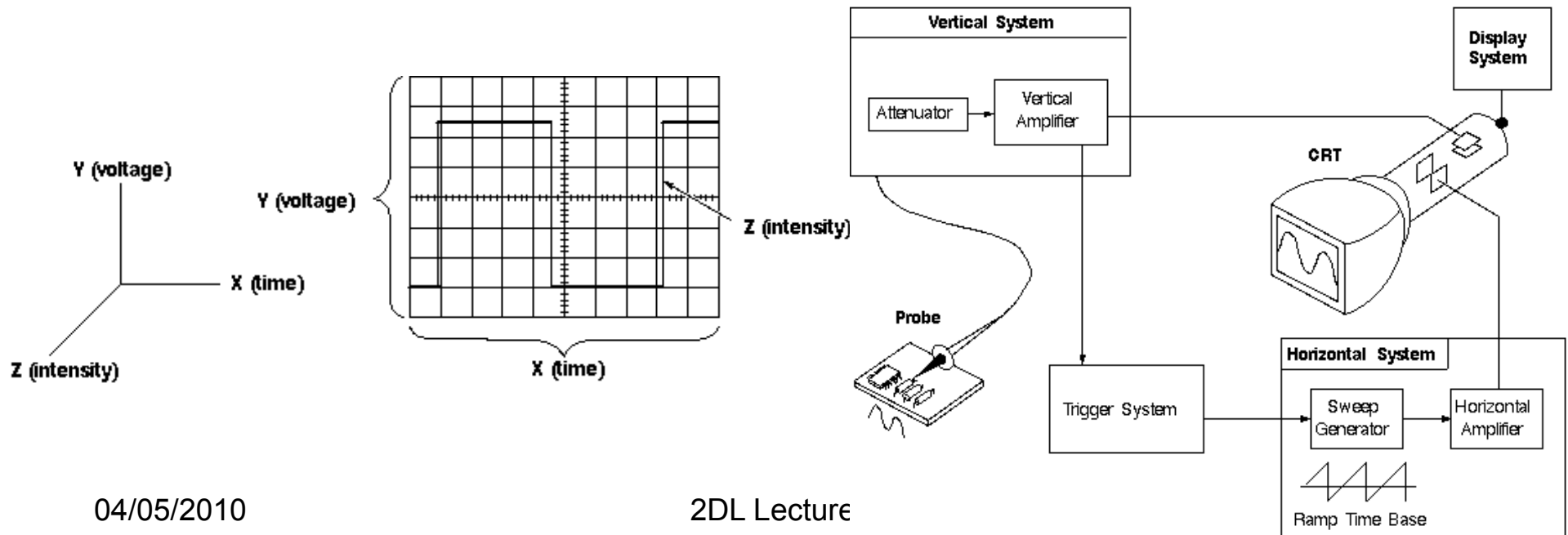


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# Oscilloscopes

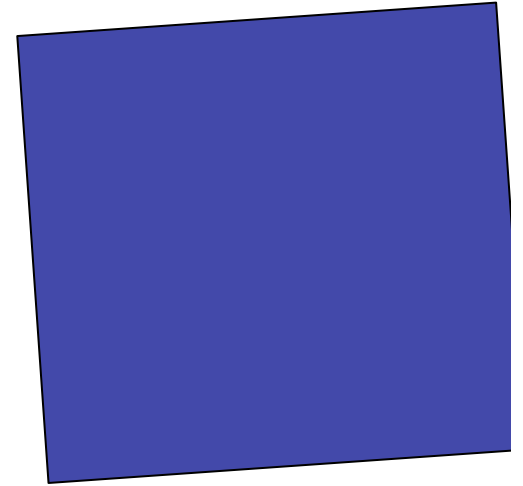
- You can determine the time and voltage values of a signal.
- You can calculate the frequency of an oscillating signal.
- You can tell if a malfunctioning component is distorting the signal.
- You can find out how much of a signal is direct current (DC) or alternating current (AC).
- You can tell how much of the signal is noise and whether the noise is changing with time.



# Oscilloscope



**J.J. Thomson**  
**N.P. physics 1906**

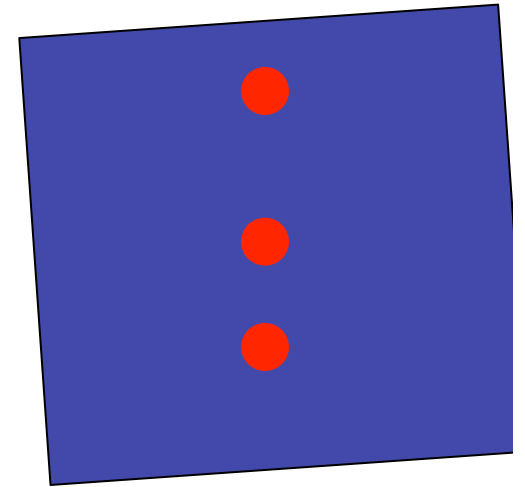
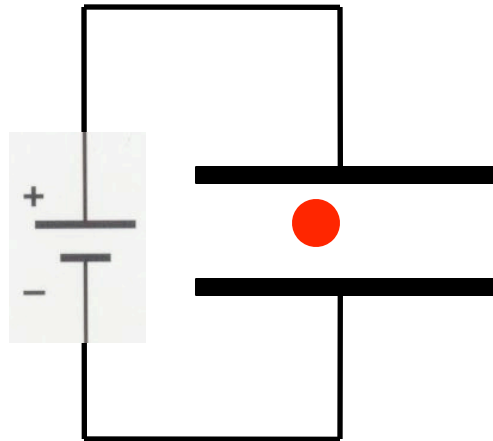




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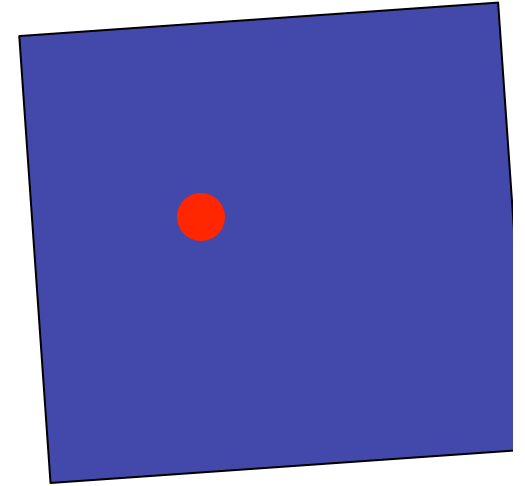
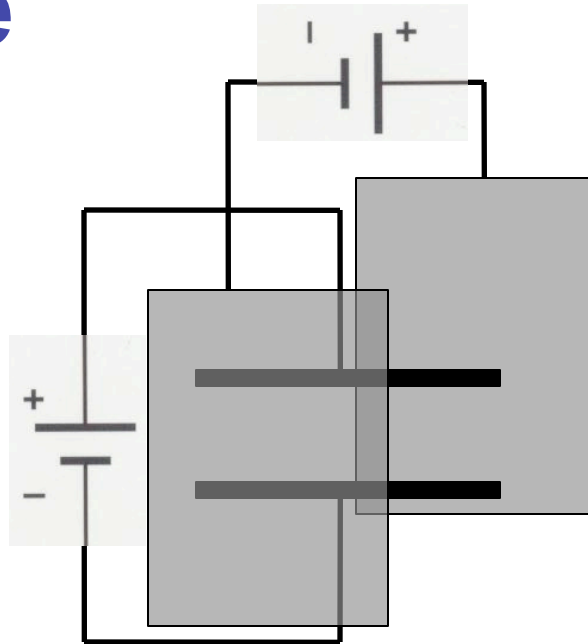


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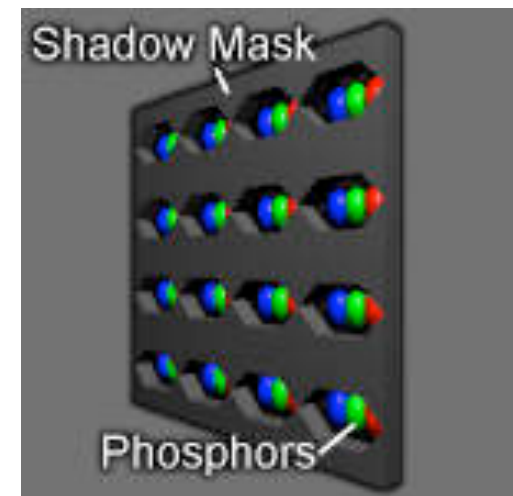
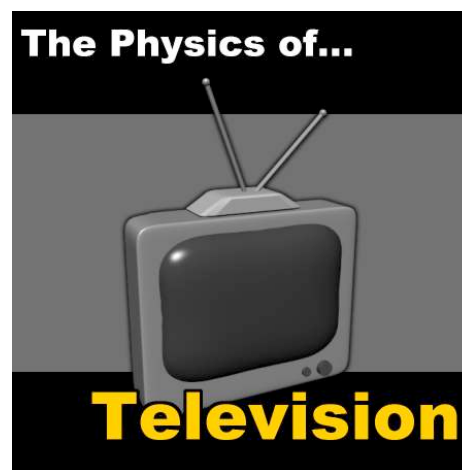


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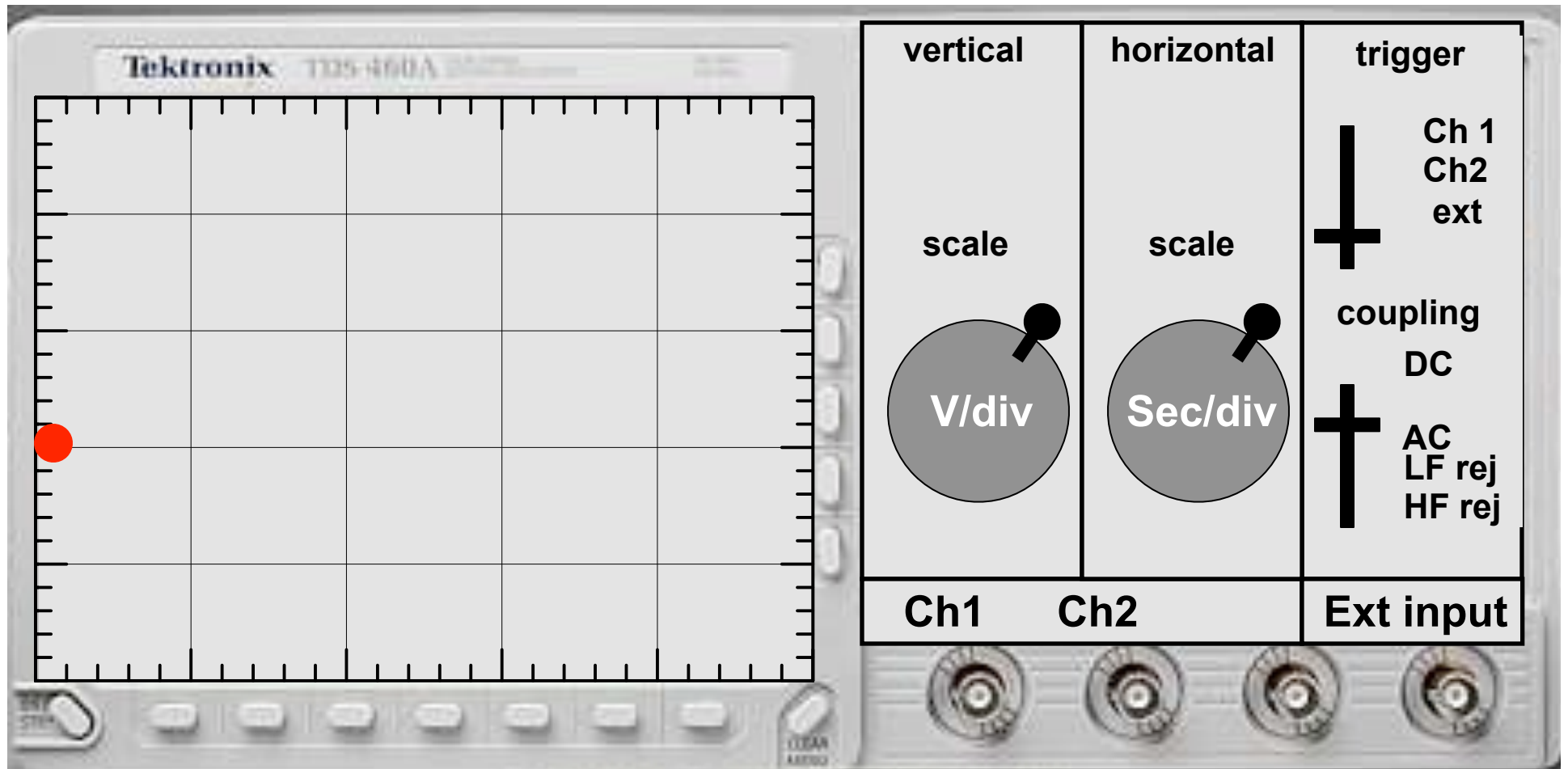
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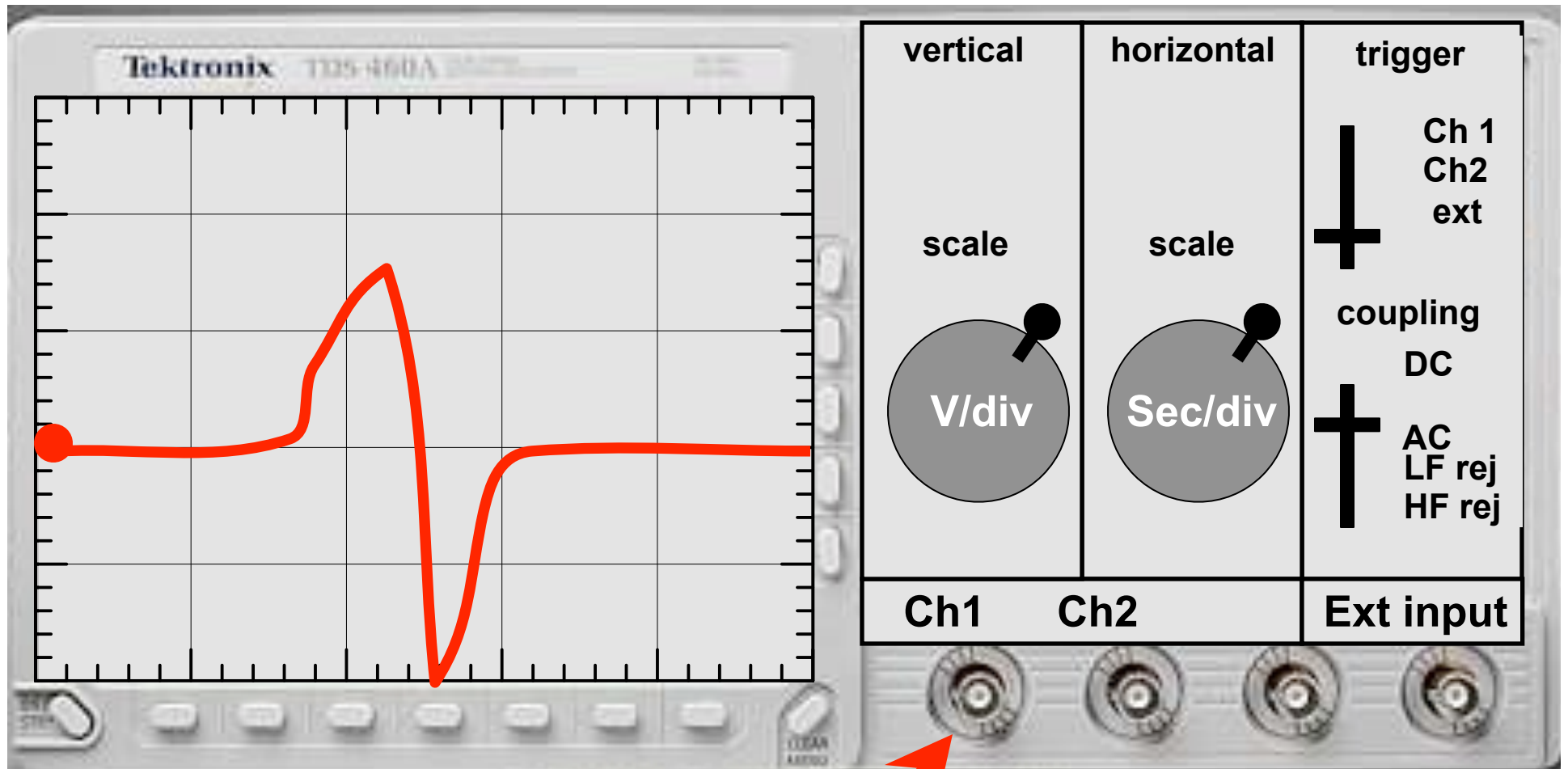
Similar to the TV...



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