Hub-99

Biophysics

We meet to share ideas and support each other in the teaching of Physics

Theme **Biophysics**

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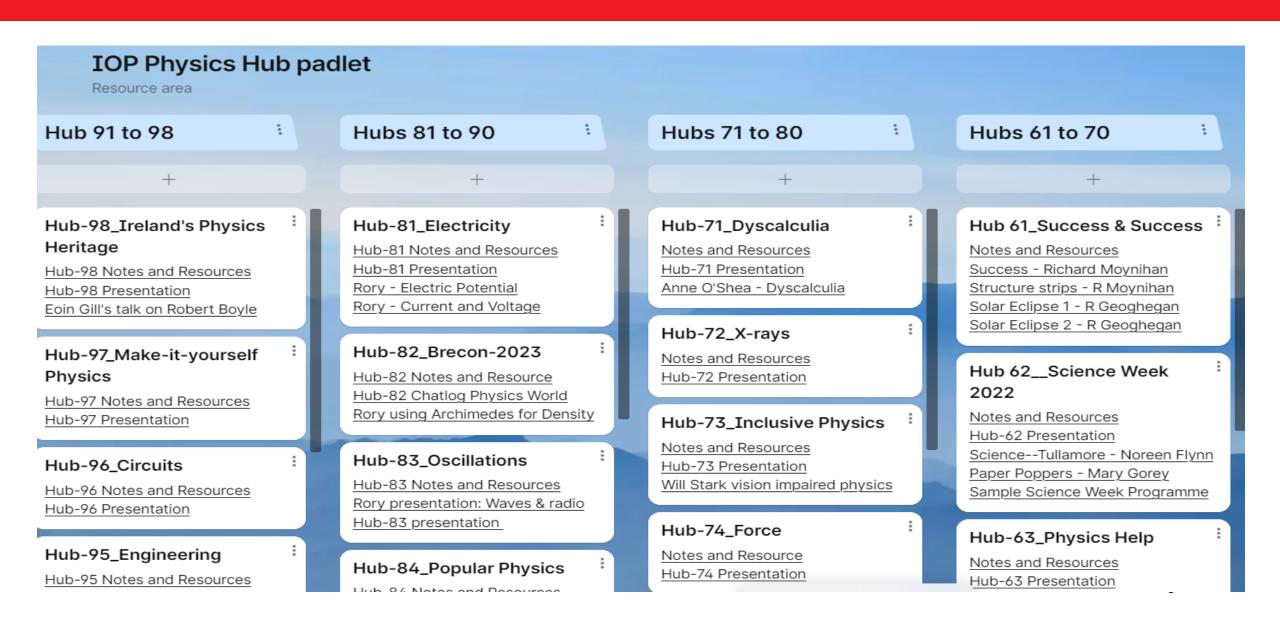
Chair of Physics with Biomedical Sciences degree

IOP *Rosse medal* winner in 2014 for her research

programme



Hub resources on Padlet



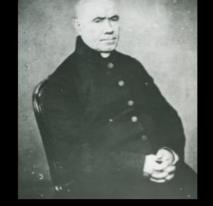
Hub-98 Theme: Ireland's Physics Heritage

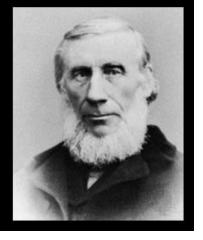
Eoin Gill was our guest











Robert Boyle

Nicholas Callan

John Tyndall

Largest Battery in the World (1848) in Maynooth

- Zinc and cast iron
- Potassium Nitrate, Sulphuric acid and Water
 - 577 cells
 - Over 1,000 volts

https://www.robertboyle.ie/robert-boyle-summer-school/



Edith Anne Stoney (born Dublin 1869)

https://www.tcd.ie/physics/300/



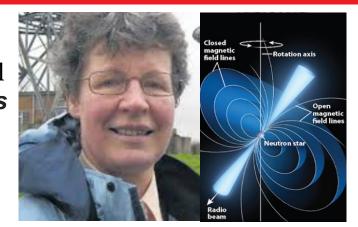
Tercentenary of Physics in Trinity | 1724 – 2024

First woman medical physicist

Ernest Walton *split the nucleus* in 1932 with Cockroft

$${}_{1}^{1}H + {}_{3}^{7}Li \rightarrow {}_{2}^{4}He + {}_{2}^{4}He + Energy$$

Jocelyn Bell Burnell discovered *pulsars* in 1967



Overview of Hub-99

Our Physics syllabus mentions:

Eye defects

Hearing impairment

ECG

Diagnostic imaging

Some sample exam questions

The ear canal acts as a cylindrical pipe closed at one end. It is of average length 2.3 cm. The speed of sound in air is 340 m s^{-1} .

What is the fundamental frequency of the ear canal?



Blood pressure can be measured in many ways. One technique uses the Doppler effect; another uses strain gauges contained in Wheatstone bridges.



Eye

$$\frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2} = \frac{1}{f}$$

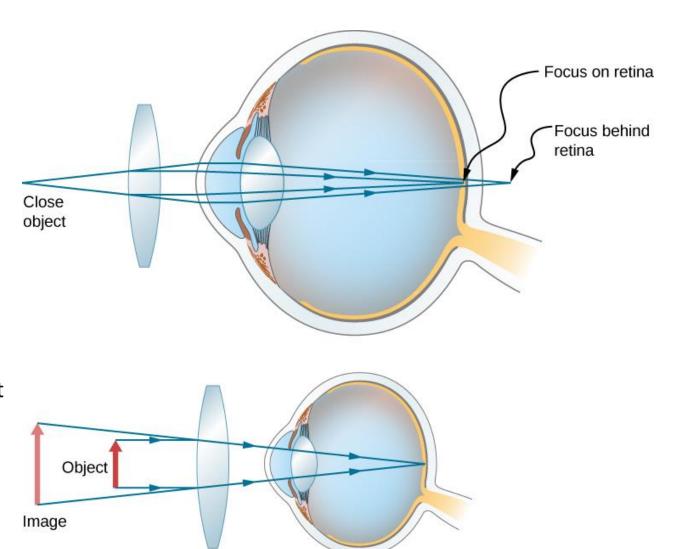
$$P_1 + P_2 = P$$

1. Myopia (Short-Sightedness):

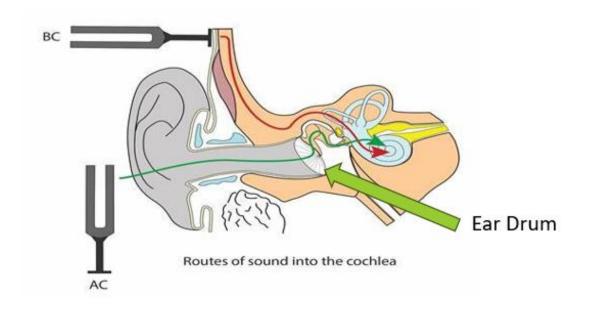
Symptoms: People with myopia can see near objects clearly but struggle to focus properly on distant objects. Myopia is corrected using a **concave lens**.

2. Hyperopia (Long-Sightedness):

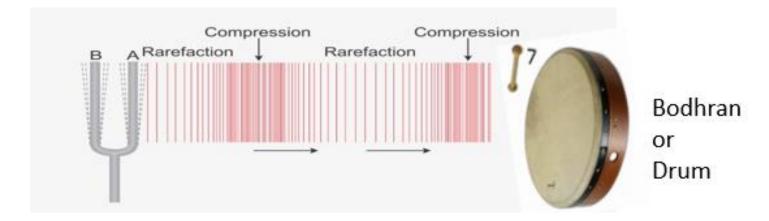
Symptoms: People with hyperopia can see distant objects clearly but struggle with near vision. Hyperopia is corrected using a **convex lens**.



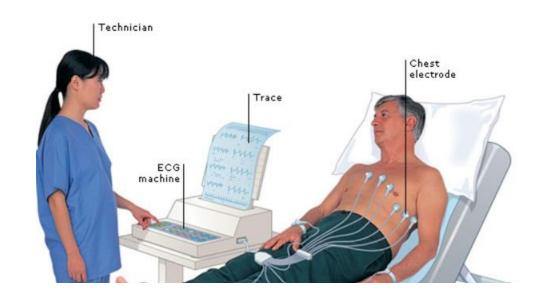
Ear

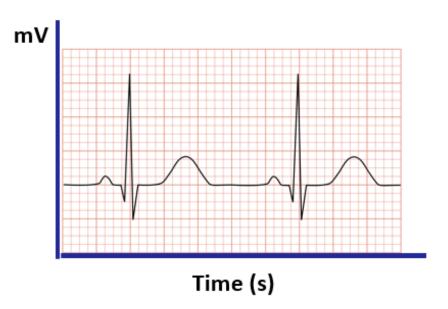


Range of human hearing is **20 to 20,000 Hz**.



ECG Electro Cardio Graph





Defibrillators AEDs

External Defibrillators (AEDs):

(Automated External Defibrillators or AEDs) are used.

External defibrillators are used in emergency situations

Sticky pads containing *electrodes* are attached to the chest of someone experiencing cardiac arrest.

These *electrodes* send information about the person's heart rhythm to a computer in the AED.

The computer analyses the heart rhythm to determine if an electric shock is needed.

If necessary, the *electrodes* deliver one or more shocks to restore a normal heart rhythm

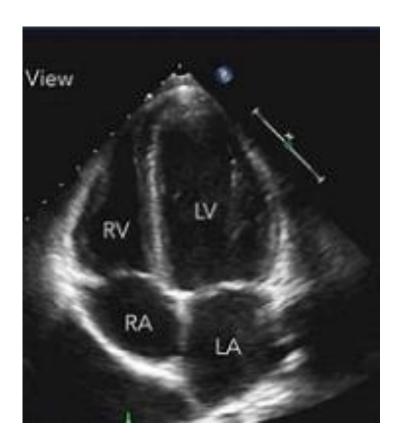


Ultrasound (20kHz to 20MHz)

Ultrasound is a safe medical imaging technique that employs high-frequency sound waves to create detailed images of internal body parts.

Uses include:

- 1. Monitoring pregnancy:
- 2. Cardiac Imaging:
- 3. Breast check imaging



Dr. Jennifer Gaughran

Dr. Jennifer Gaughran shared her full presentation and also her solutions to 4 mathematical problems.

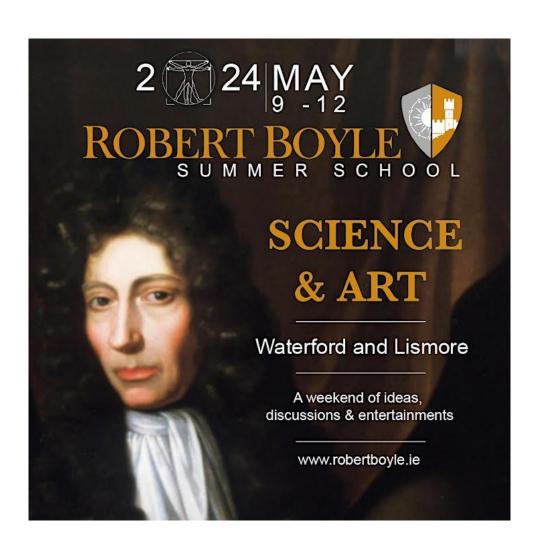
Both these documents were emailed to attendees.

Upcoming events

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Robert Boyle Summer School

9 – 12 May 2024



Booking and further information at: https://www.robertboyle.ie/robert-boyle-summer-school/

Hub-100

2 May

Physics Miscellany

The next IOP Physics Hub

Next IOP Physics Hub will be on 2 May 2024

Booking for Hub-100 at:

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/GQOT1C/

or

https://spark.iop.org/events

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Resources including Notes, Weblinks & Presentations will be emailed to attendees and will be available at the following link:

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