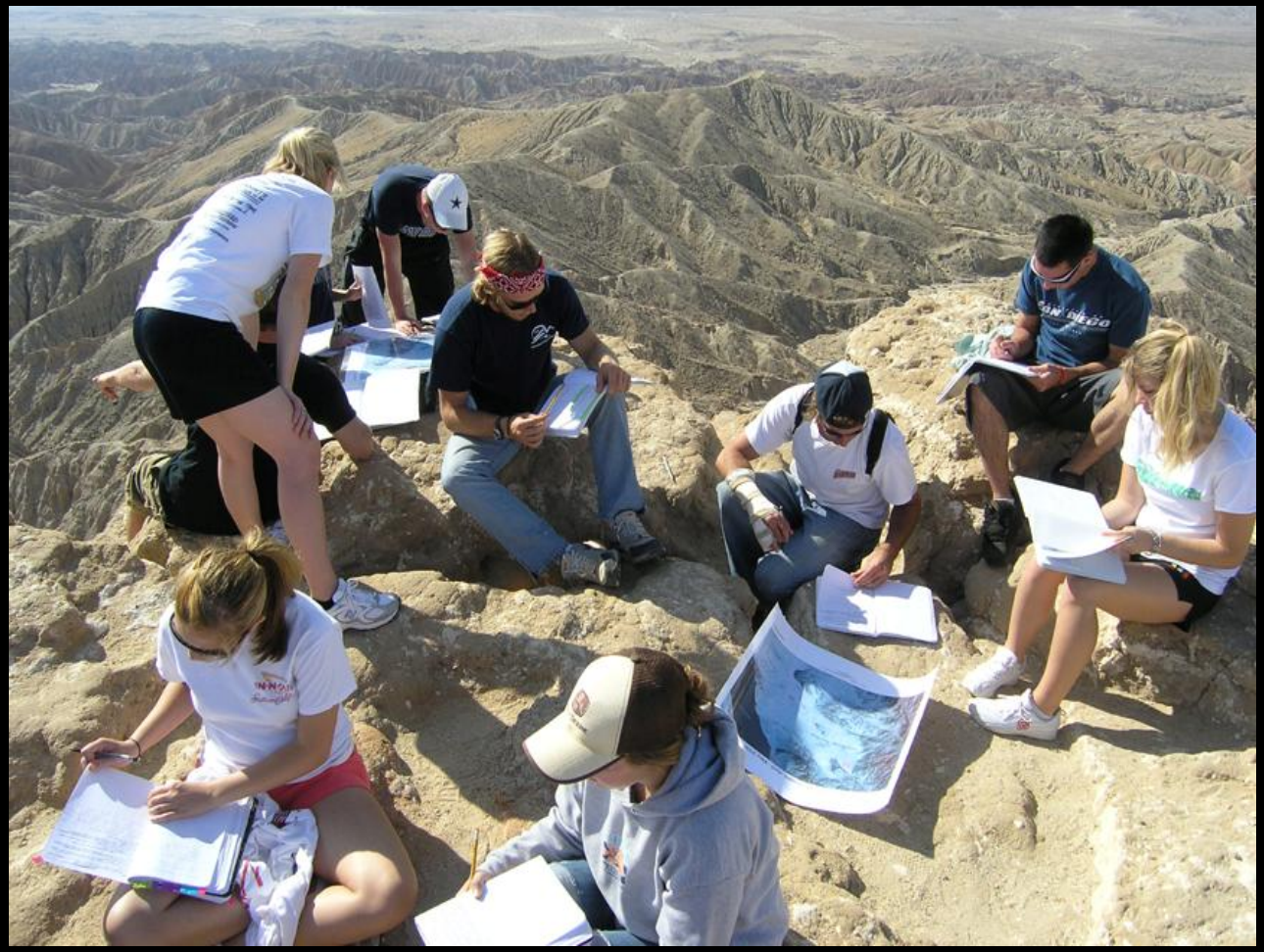
Introductory Geology Lab

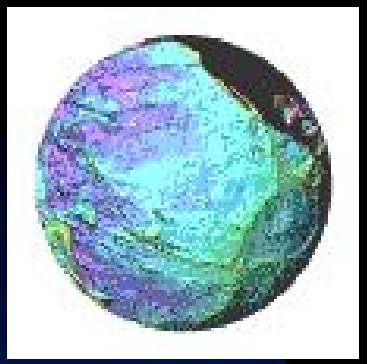


Geology 101 Lab

Fall 2017

Mesa College

Instructor: Ray Rector



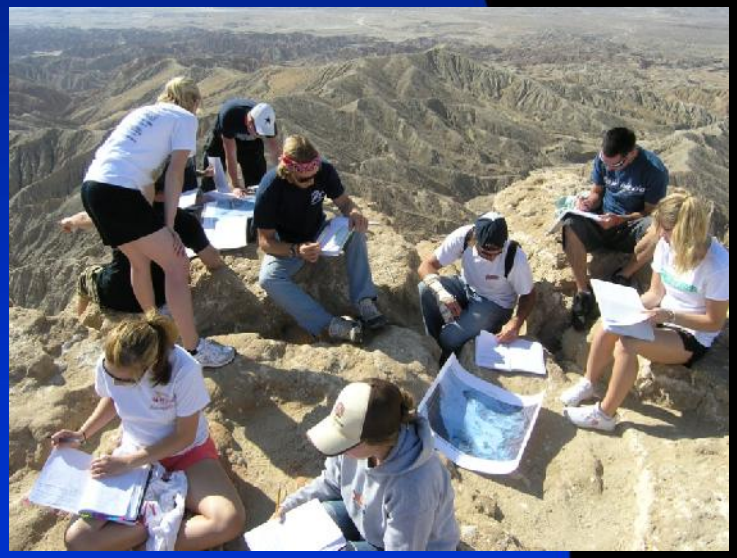
First Day Agenda

- Course Description
- Review of Course Syllabus
- Safety Instruction
- Instructor Background
- Student Introductions
- Scientific Method Activity
- Units and Measurement Skills
- Unit Conversions Activity
- Density Measurement Activity

Course Description

- Hands-on, Inquiry-based Lab and Field Activities that Examine the Features and Processes of the Earth, Ocean and Atmosphere
- Topics Include:
  - Scientific Method
  - Topographic Mapping
  - Plate Tectonics
  - Minerals
  - Rocks
  - Geologic Dating
  - Structural Geology
  - Geologic Mapping
  - Shoreline, Desert and River Systems
  - Weather and Climate

Course Design



- Laboratory-Based Format
- Course Activities Include:
  - Group-centered, hands-on, inquiry-based lab exercises
  - Field trips
  - Online interactive exercises
  - Lab discussion forums
  - Demonstrations
  - Instructor presentations

Course Syllabus

- Basic Logistics
- Course Objectives
- Important Enrollment Dates
- Instructor's Attendance Policy
- Classroom Do's and Don'ts
- Grading
- Field Trips
- Extra Credit
- Classroom Website
- **Schedule of Study**
- **Safety Concerns**

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Mesa Geo 101 Lab Link

Laboratory Safety Issues

Wise Suggestions for my Students of Earth Science

- 50% Motivation – 50% Perspiration
- SHOW UP for ALL laboratory meetings
- DO the Pre-lab assignment BEFORE the corresponding laboratory meeting
- ASK lots of questions
- BE PROACTIVE in lab and field activities and discussions
- HAVE FUN learning about the Earth

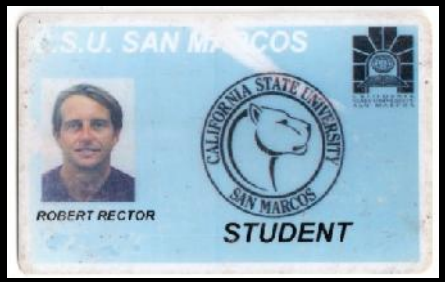
- Instructor's Academic Background
- Instructor's Connection with Ocean
- Instructor's Role in Classroom
- Instructor's Teaching Philosophy

Who am I?

EARTH SCIENCE EDUCATION

California Single Subject Teaching Credential – Geosciences -
California State University, San Marcos, CA

- 35 graduate-level semester units completed; GPA = 3.9
- Cross-Cultural Language and Academic Development
- Additional emphasis of technology in the classroom



Earth Science Doctoral Program – Volcanism and Tectonics
University of California Riverside, Riverside, CA.

- 38 graduate-level semester units completed; GPA = 3.9
- Graduate Division Fellowship
- Mineralogical Society of America scholarship

Master of Science Degree – Igneous Petrology
San Diego State University, San Diego, CA

- 35 graduate-level semester units completed; GPA=3.9
- Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Scholarship

Bachelor of Science Degree - Magna Cum Laude - Geology
San Diego State University, San Diego, CA

- 172 semester units completed; GPA = 3.8
- Outstanding Senior Research Award--College of Sciences
- Outstanding Research Award—Department Of Geology

Engineering Undergraduate Program
California State University, Northridge, CA

- Marine Engineering emphasis

TEACHING EARTH SCIENCE

Cuyamaca College, El Cajon, CA — **2013 - Present**
- Oceanography Lecture

University of San Diego, San Diego, CA — **2007 - Present**
- Earth Science Laboratory

MiraCosta College, Oceanside, CA — **2004 - Present**
- Oceanography Lecture and Laboratory
- Online Geology

San Diego Miramar College, San Diego, CA — **2003 - Present**
- Geology Laboratory
- Online Oceanography Lecture

San Diego Mesa College, San Diego, CA — **2002 - Present**
- Online Geology Lecture
- Geology Laboratory

University of California Riverside, Riverside, CA — **1994-1997**
- General geology, Historical geology, Mineralogy, Optical mineralogy, Igneous petrology, and Metamorphic petrology

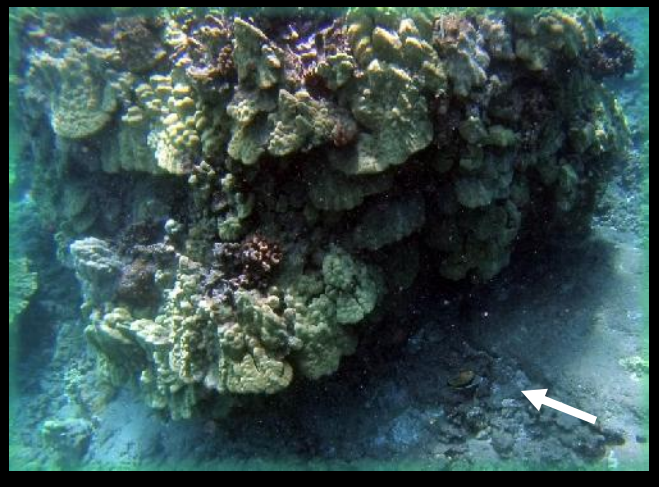
San Diego State University, San Diego, CA — **1991-1993**
- General geology laboratory
- Advanced field geology course in Baja, Mexico.

Professor's Interests

Travel to Cool Places, Adventure, Hanging Out, and Partying with Fun and Interesting Friends

This Year's Big Adventure – The Big Island

Aloha from Hawaii!



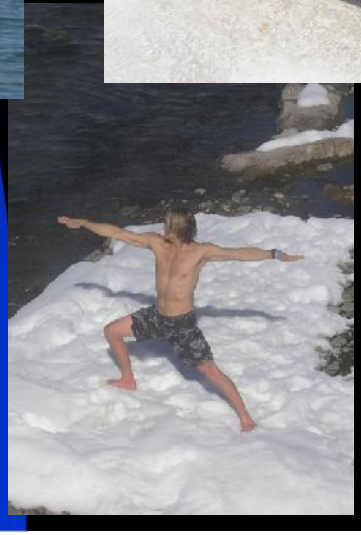
Outdoor Sports









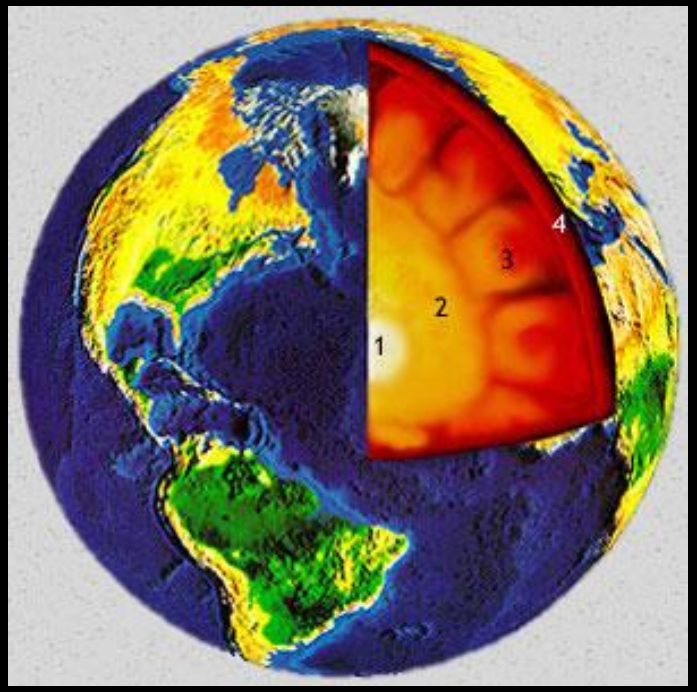


Who are You?

- Your Name
- Academic Focus
- Earth Passions
- Personanl Interests


Wishing You a Great Fall Semester

Geology of Planet Earth

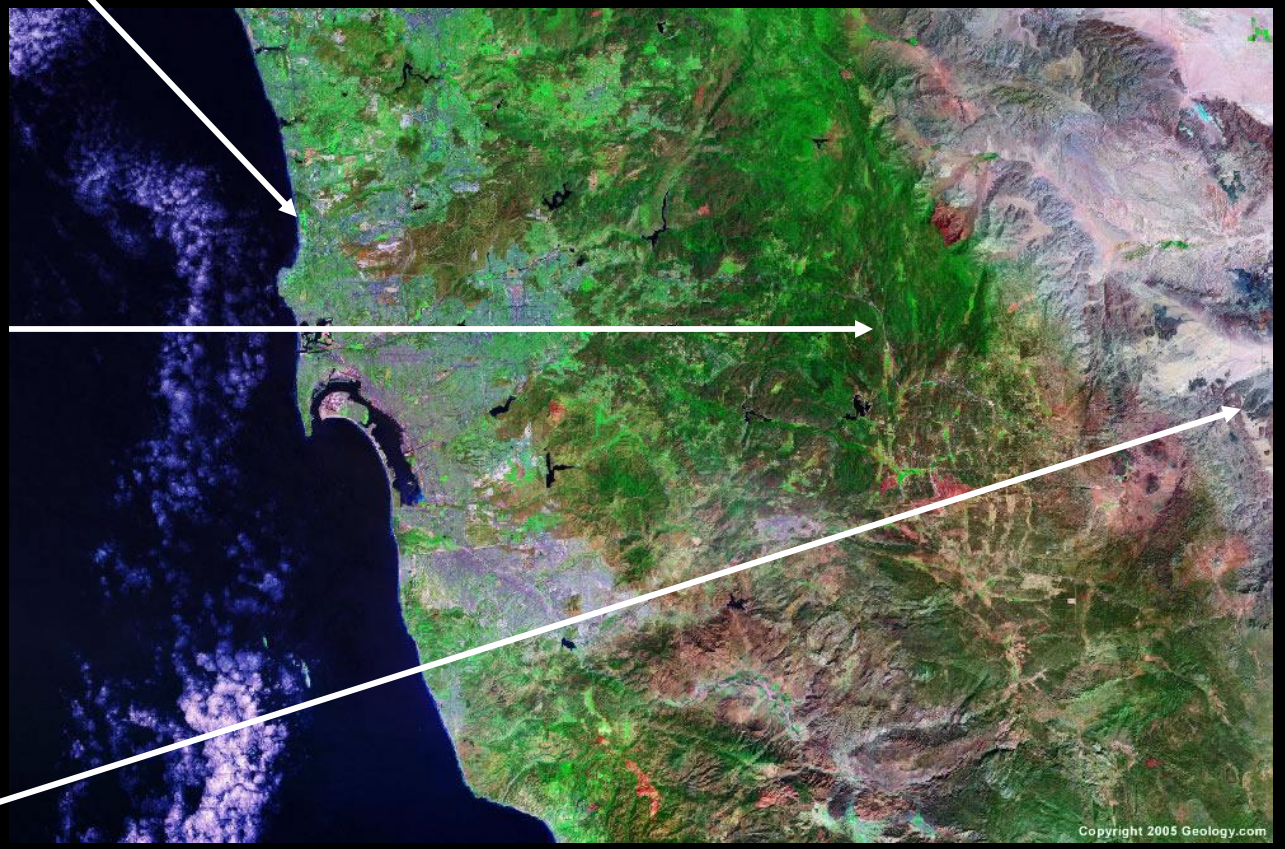


Geology of San Diego County

The Coastal Geology

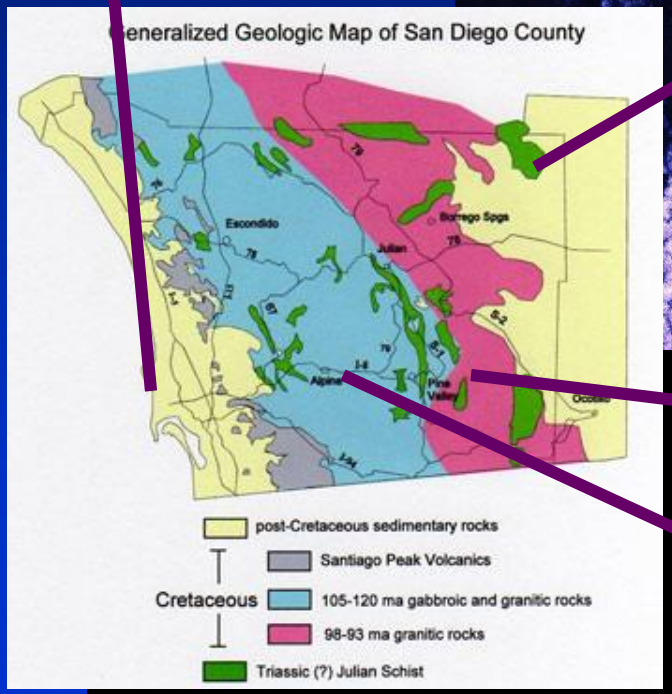
Backcountry Geology

Desert Geology



Geology of San Diego

Sedimentary



Metamorphic

Igneous

Local Natural Hazards

Homes on cliffs of Pacifica, CA

Question:

What other geologic hazards do we face in San Diego?

What is Geology?

- ✓ Geology is the scientific study of the Earth
- ✓ An interdisciplinary science

Hydrologic Studies

Volcanic Studies

Seismic Studies

Marine Studies

GEOLOGY -- an Interdisciplinary Science

Geology integrates many different types of geosciences

- **Mineralogy and Petrology** - the study of minerals and rocks
- **Marine geology** - the study of Earth's ocean bottom
- **Geochemistry**- study of chemical nature of rocks, minerals and fluids
- **Hydrology** - study of rivers, groundwater, flooding, dams
- **Volcanology** – study of the nature and distribution of volcanoes
- **Engineering geology-** design and construction of structures
- **Structural geology** - form and development of geologic structures
- **Geophysics** – study of forces and mechanisms of geologic phenomena
- **Environmental geology** – study of geological resources and pollution
- **Petroleum geology** – Locate. assess, and extract oil and natural gas

What Do Geologists Do?

Answer: …they *do* earth science.

Science defined: The investigation and acquisition of useful, reliable knowledge of earth's crust that is based on empirical observations (physical evidence).

- ✓ Earth scientists use a powerful way of thinking, that is rational, logical, and organized, called ***scientific thinking.***
- ✓ Intelligence, imagination, creativity, inspiration, and luck are other important attributes of scientific study.
- ✓ Earth scientists use a powerful approach to inquiry called the ***scientific method.***
- ✓ Central to science is community and peer review.

Today Geo Lab: *Investigation and Application of the Scientific Method*

Rationalism
(Logic & Reasoning)

Empiricism
(Experience & Observation)

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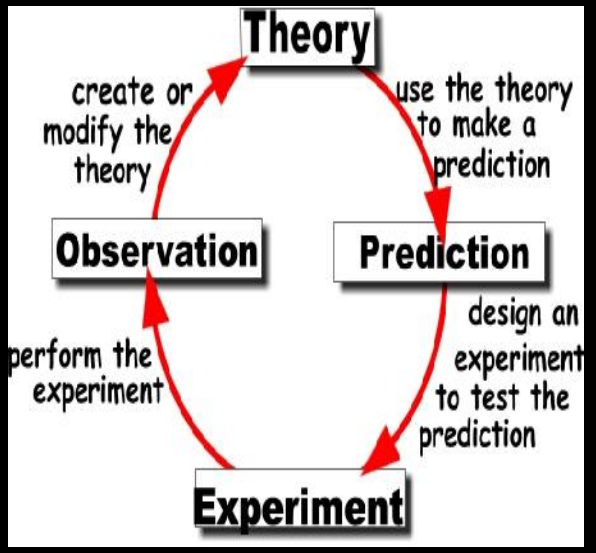
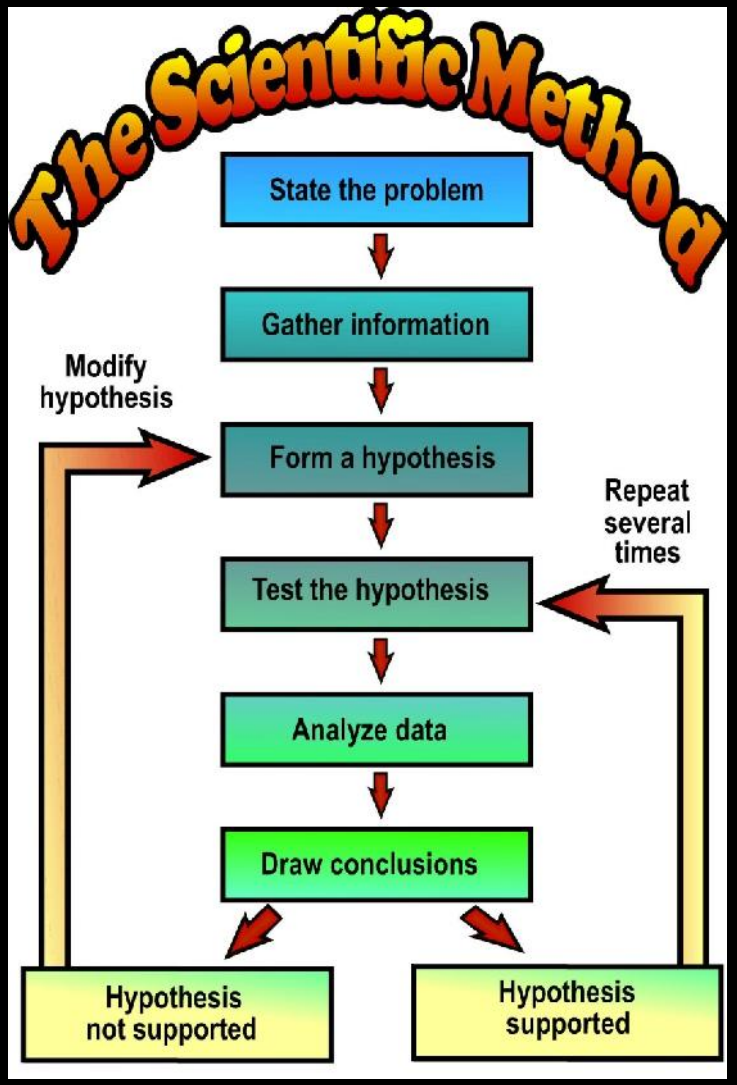
Science



THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD

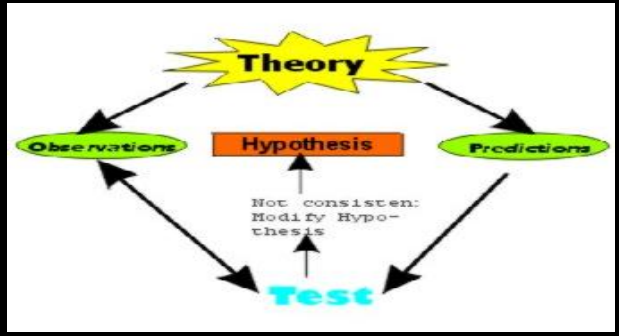
The Basic Components

- ✓ *Empirical Observations*
- ✓ *Questions / Problems*
- ✓ *Hypotheses / Models*
- ✓ *Predictions*
- ✓ *Tests / Experiments*
- ✓ *Analysis of Results*
- ✓ *Draw Conclusions*
- ✓ *Reevaluate Hypothesis*



Note: The scientific method is NOT a *recipe* – it's a *process*

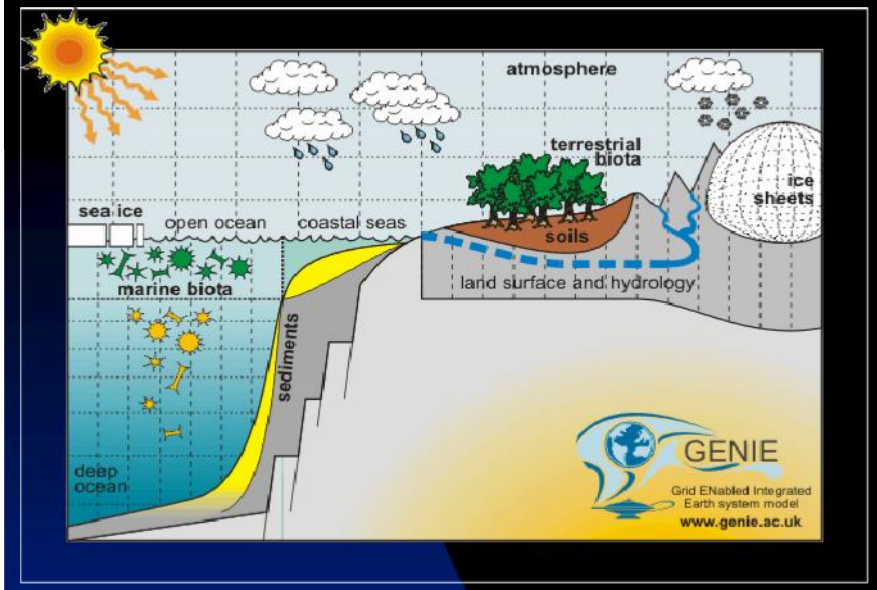
Hypotheses and Theories



Observations and Testing

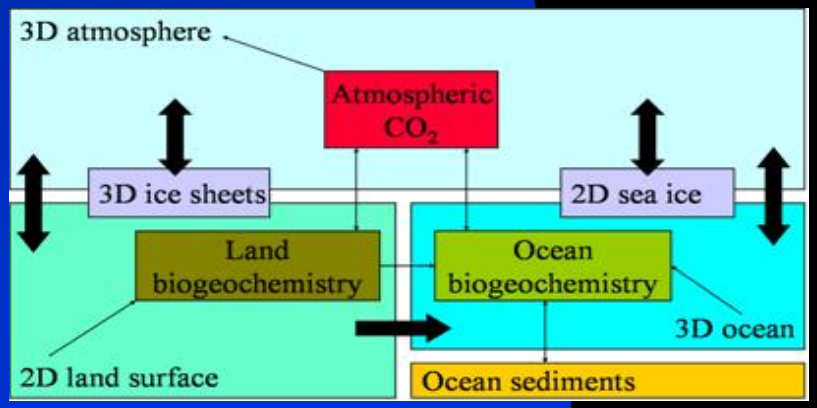
1) A hypothesis is a simple explanation, model, or prediction of nature that requires testing (attempt to falsify or confirm).
2) Hypotheses are based on empirical physical evidence (data).
3) Hypotheses must be falsifiable (testable/predictable).
4) Hypotheses can never be proven as an absolute fact.
5) Hypotheses are always open to elimination or modification.
6) A theory is a broad, elegant, unifying explanation of a set of otherwise unconnected natural phenomena.
7) A theory is established by the interconnection (framework) of well-tested and confirmed hypotheses that are, in turn, supported by an enormous amount of physical evidence.

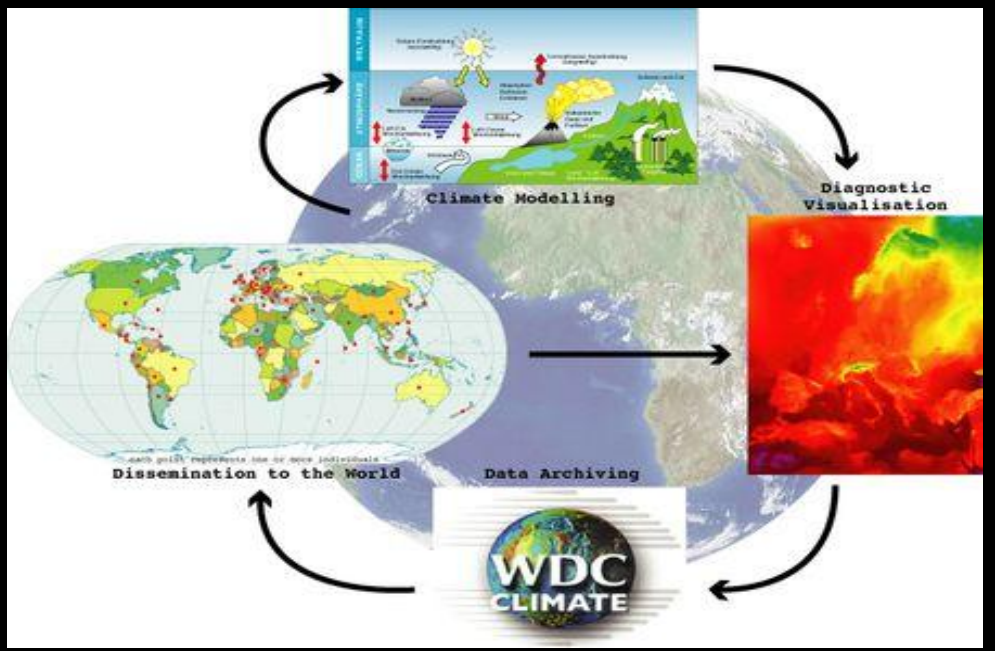
Scientific *Modeling* and *Predicting*

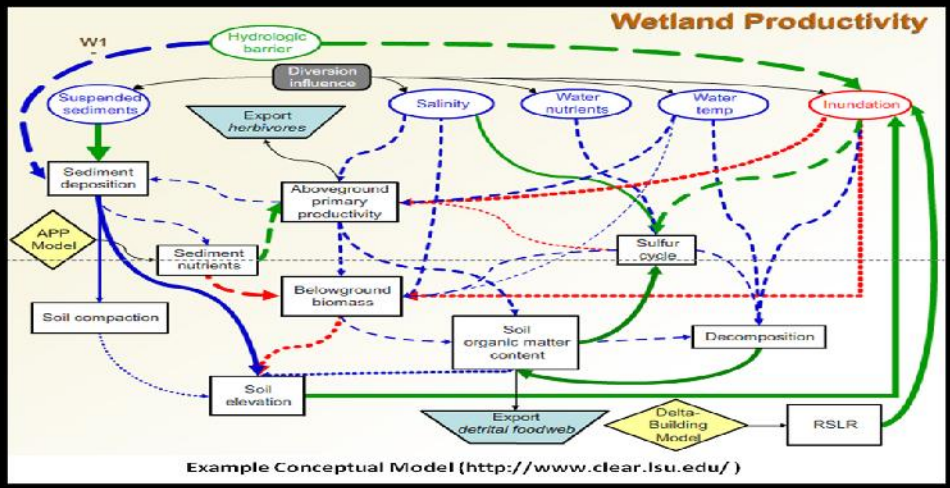


Purpose of Modeling:

Understand how parts of the Earth operate and interact with each other – *start simple and get more complicated*







Units of Measurement

US Standard System of Units

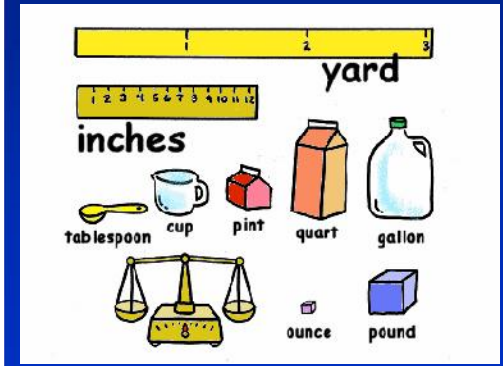
inch/foot
square foot
ounce/gallon
ounce/pound
second
Fahrenheit

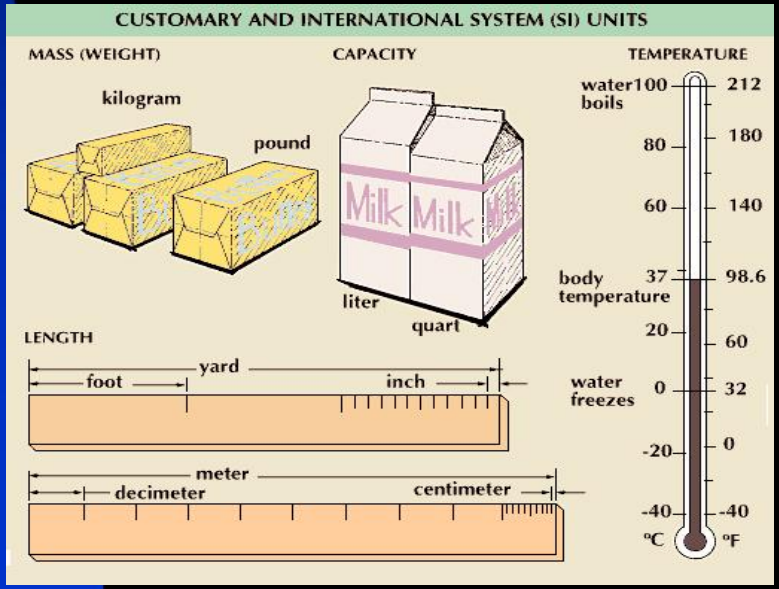
Measurable Physical Quantities

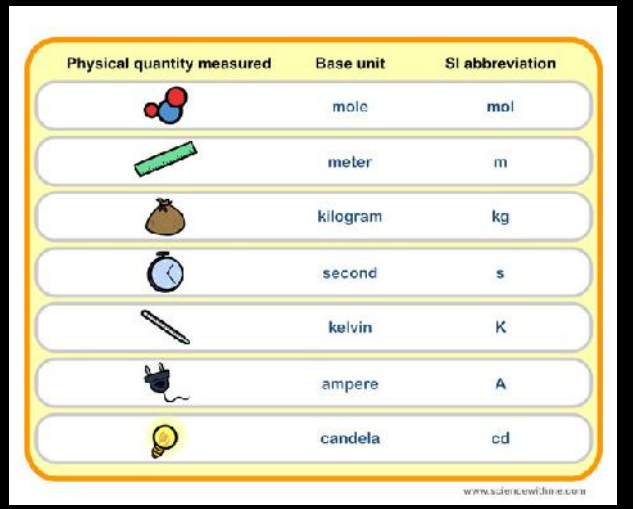
1) Distance -
2) Area -
3) Volume -
4) Mass -
5) Time -
6) Temperature -

International Metric System of Units

centimeter/meter
square meter
milliliter/liter
gram/kilogram
second
Kelvin/Celsius







International Metric Units

Quantity measured	Unit	Symbol	Relationship
	millimeter	mm	10 mm = 1 cm
Length, width, distance, thickness, girth, etc.	centimeter	cm	100 cm = 1 m
	meter	m	
	kilometer	km	1 km = 1000 m
	milligram	mg	1000 mg = 1 g
Mass ("weight")*	gram	g	
	kilogram	kg	1 kg = 1000 g
	metric ton	t	1 t = 1000 kg
Time	second	s	
Temperature	degree Celsius	°C	
	square meter	m^2	
Area	hectare	ha	1 ha = 10 000 m^2
	square kilometer	km^2	1 km^2 = 100 ha
	milliliter	mL	1000 mL = 1 L
	cubic centimeter	cm^3	1 cm^3 = 1 mL
Volume	liter	L	1000 L = 1 m^3
	cubic meter	m^3	
	meter per second	m/s	
Speed, velocity	kilometer per hour	km/h	1 km/h = 0.278 m/s

Metric Unit Prefixes

Prefix	Symbol	Factor	Numerically	Name
giga	G	10^{9}	1 000 000 000	billion**
mega	M	10^{6}	1 000 000	million
kilo	k	10^{3}	1 000	thousand
centi	c	10^{-2}	0.01	hundredth
milli	m	10^{-3}	0.001	thousandth
micro	μ	10^{-6}	0.000 001	millionth
nano	n	10^{-9}	0.000 000 001	billionth**

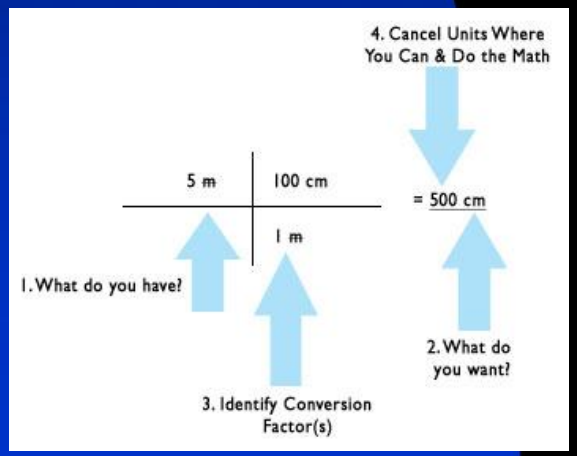
Converting Units of Measurement

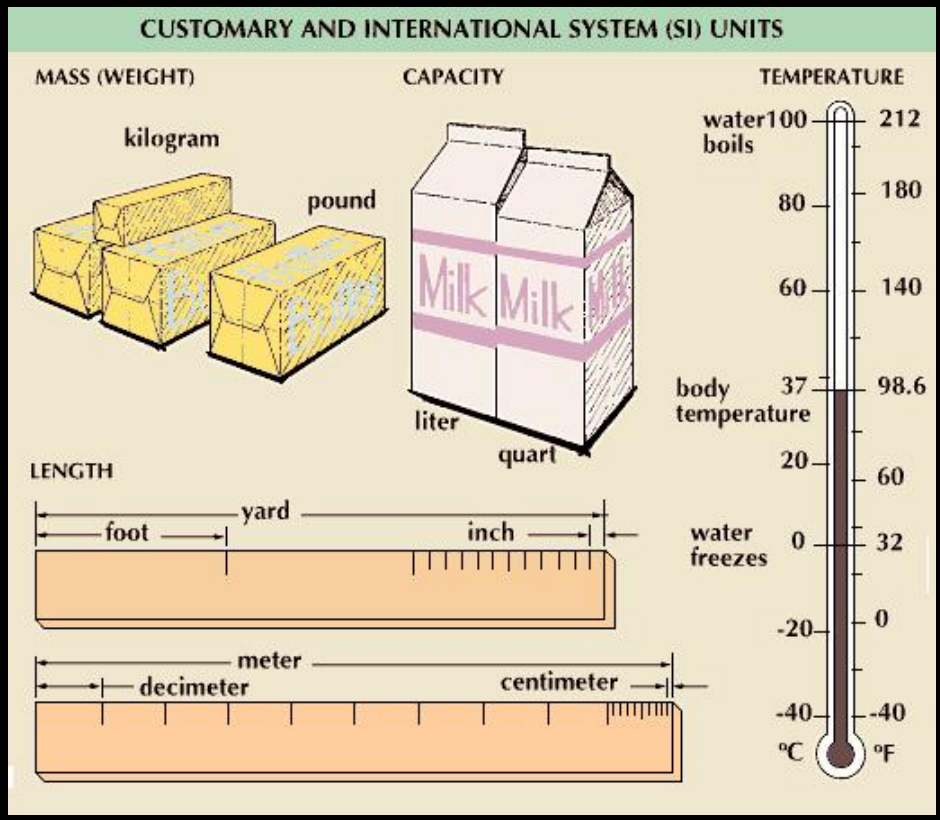
Setting Up the Problem:

$$\frac{\text{Starting Units}}{\text{Starting Units}} \times \frac{\text{Desired Units}}{\text{Desired Units}} = \text{Desired Units}$$

Example:

Convert 15 m to ? cm





Converting Units

Make sure to:

1) Find the proper conversion factor for the two units
2) Set up the equation with all numeric values having a unit symbol
3) Do the conversion making sure that the old unit cancels

APPROXIMATE CONVERSIONS FROM ENGLISH UNITS TO SI UNITS				
SYMBOL	**WHEN YOU KNOW**	**MULTIPLY BY (CF)**	**TO FIND**	**SYMBOL**
		LENGTH		
in	inches	25.4	millimeters	mm
ft	feet	0.305	meters	m
yd	yards	0.914	meters	m
mi	miles	1.61	kilometers	km
		AREA		
in^2	square inches	645.2	square millimeters	mm^2
ft^2	square feet	0.093	square meters	m^2
yd^2	square yard	0.836	square meters	m^2
ac	acres	0.405	hectares	ha
mi^2	square miles	2.59	square kilometers	km^2
		VOLUME		
fl oz	fluid ounces	29.57	milliliters	mL
gal	gallons	3.785	liters	L
ft^3	cubic feet	0.028	cubic meters	m^3
yd^3	cubic yards	0.765	cubic meters	m^3
NOTE: volumes greater than 1000 L shall be shown in m^3				
		MASS		
oz	ounces	28.35	grams	g
lb	pounds	0.454	kilograms	kg
T	short tons (2000 lb)	0.907	megagrams (or "metric ton")	Mg (or "t")
		TEMPERATURE (exact degrees)		
°F	Fahrenheit	5 (F-32) ÷ 9	Celsius	°C

Accuracy, Precision and Uncertainty in Measurement

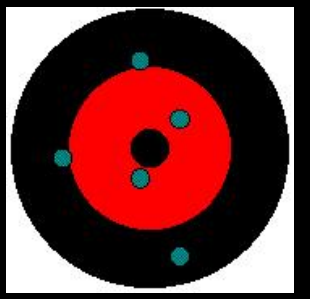
1) ***Accuracy*** of the measurement refers to how close the measured value is to the true or accepted value.

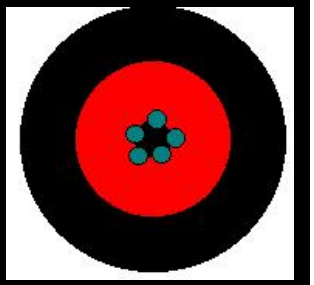
2) ***Precision*** refers to how close together a group of measurements actually are to each other.

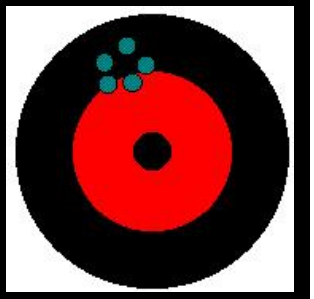
3) Accuracy can be determined by only one measurement, while precision can only be determined with multiple measurements.

4) Precision has nothing to do with the true or accepted value of a measurement, so it is quite possible to be very precise and totally inaccurate.

5) When precision is high and accuracy is low, the fault can lie with the instrument.







Significant Digits or Figures

Rules For Significant Digits

1. Digits from 1-9 are always significant.

2. Zeros between two other significant digits are always significant

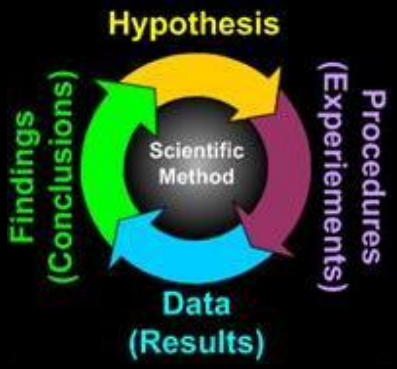
3. One or more additional zeros to the right of both the decimal place and another significant digit are significant.

4. Zeros used solely for spacing the decimal point (placeholders) are not significant.

EXAMPLES	# OF SIG. DIG.	COMMENT
453 g	3	All non-zero digits are always significant.
5057 L	4	Zeros between 2 sig. dig. are significant.
5.00 ml	3	Additional zeros to the right of decimal and a sig. dig. are significant.
0.007 km	1	Placeholders are not sig.

Application of the Scientific Method

Glitter Lamp Inquiry



Purpose:

Use the scientific method to gain a better understanding of how a glitter lamp works as a dynamic system

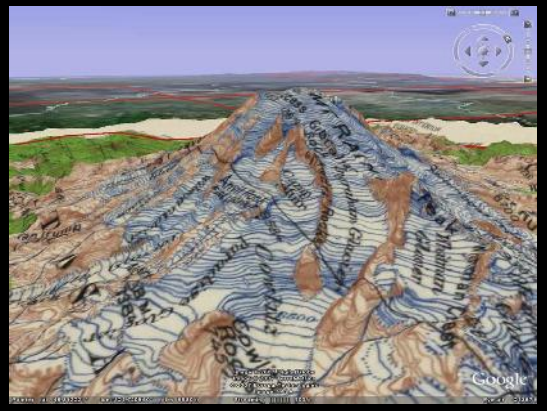
Procedure:

Get into groups of 2 to 4. Make good observations, explanations, predictions, and tests on the lamp. Focus on the dynamic properties of the lamp.

Next Weeks Lab Topics

Topographic Maps

- Basic Concepts
- Reading
- Orientation



Pre-lab Exercises

- Read Topo Map Chapter in Lab Textbook
- Study Professor's Topo Map PowerPoint
- Print out the Topo Map Lab Worksheet

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