## Stopping time





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- time
- time: the concept - time
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- time: stopping it
- time
- time: the concept - time: stopping it - time: the new frontier


vorher angestellten Versuchen die warme Lufthülle, welche die Kerzenflamme umschließt. Und der


Fig. 52.
Zylinder aus durch Reibung erwärmter Luft, welche das Projektil in Form von Wirbelringen abgestreift


Harold Edgerton (1903-1990)


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## moon

## $10^{\circ} \mathrm{s}$


one second

## moon


one second

## moon

## one second

## moon



## one second

## moon



## one second



10 seconds

## $10^{1} \mathrm{~s}$



## 10 seconds



## 10 seconds



## 10 seconds

## $10^{15}$ H1/

## 10 seconds


one minute


## one minute



## one minute



## one minute



## one minute

## RT to sun



17 minutes

## RT to sun



17 minutes

## RT to sun



17 minutes

## RT to sun



## 17 minutes

## RT to sun



17 minutes

## Uranus

## $10 \%$



# average <br> baseball game 

## Uranus



# average baseball game 

## Uranus



# average baseball game 

## Uranus


average baseball game

## Uranus


average baseball game


1 day


1 day


1 day


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1 \text { day }
$$

## $10^{5} \mathrm{~s}$

$$
1 \text { day }
$$



2 weeks


2 weeks


2 weeks


2 weeks


2 weeks

one
semester

one semester


## one semester



## one semester



## one semester

## Proxima Centauri



3 years

## Proxima Centaurí

$10^{3} \mathrm{~s}$


3 years

## Proxima Centaurí

$10^{3} \mathrm{~s}$


3 years

## Proxima Centaurí



3 years

## Proxima Centaurí



human generation

human generation

human generation

## $10^{9} 5$

## human generation

$10^{9} \mathrm{~s}$
human generation

time since Newton

time since Newton


## time since Newton



## time since Newton


time since Newton

ancient civilizations

## $10^{4} \mathrm{~s}$


ancient civilizations

## 10 s


ancient civilizations

## $10^{14} 5$


ancient civilizations

## $10^{11} \mathrm{~s}$

ancient civilizations

## center of galaxy


most recent ice age

## center of galaxy


most recent ice age

## center of galaxy


most recent ice age

## center of galaxy

## most recent ice age

## center of galaxy

## most recent ice age

## Andromeda galaxy



300,000 years

## Andromeda galaxy



## 300,000 years

## Andromeda galaxy



300,000 years

## Andromeda galaxy



300,000 years

## Andromeda galaxy




300,000 years

## $10^{14 / 5}$


earliest human

## $10^{14 / 5}$



## earliest human

## $10^{14 / 5}$



## earliest human

## earliest human

## $10^{24} 5$

## earliest human


dinosaurs



## dinosaurs



## dinosaurs

## $10^{155}$

dinosaurs

continental drift

continental drift

continental drift

continental drift

## $10^{16} 5$

continental drift

age of the solar system

age of the solar system

age of the solar system

age of the solar system

age of the solar system

## edge of the universe


age of known universe

## moon

## $10^{\circ} \mathrm{s}$


one second

## $10^{-1} \mathrm{~S}$

## blink of an eye


blink of an eye

blink
of an eye

blink of an eye

blink
of an eye

## $10^{-2} \mathrm{~s}$ <br> 

## golf swing

# $10^{-2} \mathrm{~s}$ <br>  

golf swing


## golf swing



## golf swing


golf swing

## San Francisco

## San Francisco


wingbeat of fly

## San Francisco


wingbeat of fly

## San Francisco


wingbeat of fly

## San Francisco



> wingbeat of fly

## $10^{-4} 5$

lightning

## $10^{-4} \mathrm{~s}$


lightning


## lightning



## lightning


lightning

## $10^{-5} \mathrm{~s}$

bullet through glass

bullet through glass

bullet through glass

bullet through glass

bullet through glass


## strobe flash



## strobe flash


strobe flash

strobe flash

strobe flash

## lecture hall


hard disk write time

## lecture hall


hard disk write time

## lecture hall


hard disk write time

## lecture hall


hard disk write time

## lecture hall


hard disk write time

## $10^{-3} 5$

## Deep Blue calculation

## $10^{-8} 5$

# Deep Blue calculation 

## $10^{-8} 5$ <br> 

Deep Blue calculation


Deep Blue calculation


Deep Blue calculation

## one foot


clock speed of chip

## one foot


clock speed of chip

## one foot


clock speed of chip

## one foot


clock speed of chip

## one foot


clock speed of chip

## $10^{-10} 5$

fastest electronic sw itch

fastest electronic sw itch

fastest electronic sw itch

## $10^{-10} \mathrm{~s}$


fastest electronic switch

fastest electronic switch

## window pane


molecular collision

## window pane


molecular collision

## window pane



## molecular collision

## window pane


molecular collision

## window pane



molecular rotation

molecular rotation


## molecular rotation


molecular rotation

molecular rotation

## width of human hair


molecular vibration

## width of human hair


molecular vibration

## width of human hair


molecular vibration

## width of human hair



## molecular vibration

## width of human hair



## $10^{-14} 5$

electronic collision

electronic collision

electronic collision


electronic collision

100 atomic layers
one "femtosecond"


















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## Nanoneurosurgery



## Nanoneurosurgery




Oh, Time, suspend your flight! and you, auspicious hours, suspend your course!
Let us savor the fleeting joy
of our most beautiful days!

Alphonse de La martine (1817)

Plenty of unhappy ones down here beg you; fly by for them!
Along with their days
take the worries that consume them;
Forget the happy ones!

Alphonse de La martine (1817)

In vain I ask for a few more moments, But time escapes and flees;
I say to this night: "Slow down," but dawn will dissipate the night.

Alphonse de Lamartine (1817)

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