

# Scientific Notation

- **Scientific notation** (also referred to as "*standard form*" or "*standard index form*") is a way of writing numbers that are too big or too small to be conveniently written in decimal form.

World  
Population  
in 2025

The diagram illustrates the components of the scientific notation  $8.2 \times 10^9$ . An arrow labeled "decimal point" points to the dot in 8.2. Another arrow labeled "exponent" points to the 9 in  $10^9$ . A blue bracket under 8.2 is labeled "a real number with an absolute value between 1 and 10". A red bracket under  $10^9$  is labeled "an order of magnitude value written as a power of 10".

decimal point

exponent

$8.2 \times 10^9$

a real number with  
an absolute value  
between 1 and 10

an order of magnitude  
value written as a  
power of 10

- large positive (+) exponent represents **very large** number
- large negative (-) exponent represents **very small** number

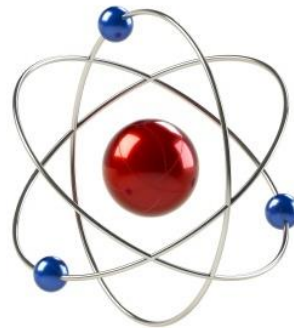
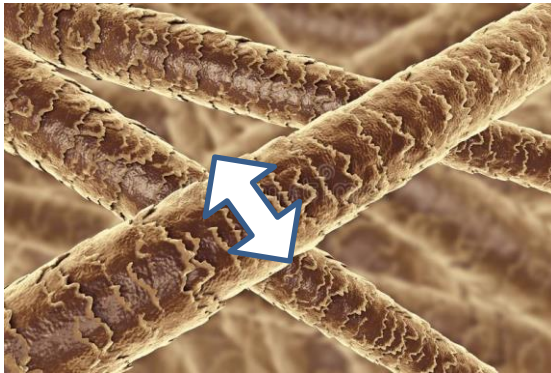
# Atoms are extremely small!



A human hair is  
(approximately)  
how many  
atoms thick?

$$10^{-6} \text{ m} / 10^{-12} \text{ m} =$$

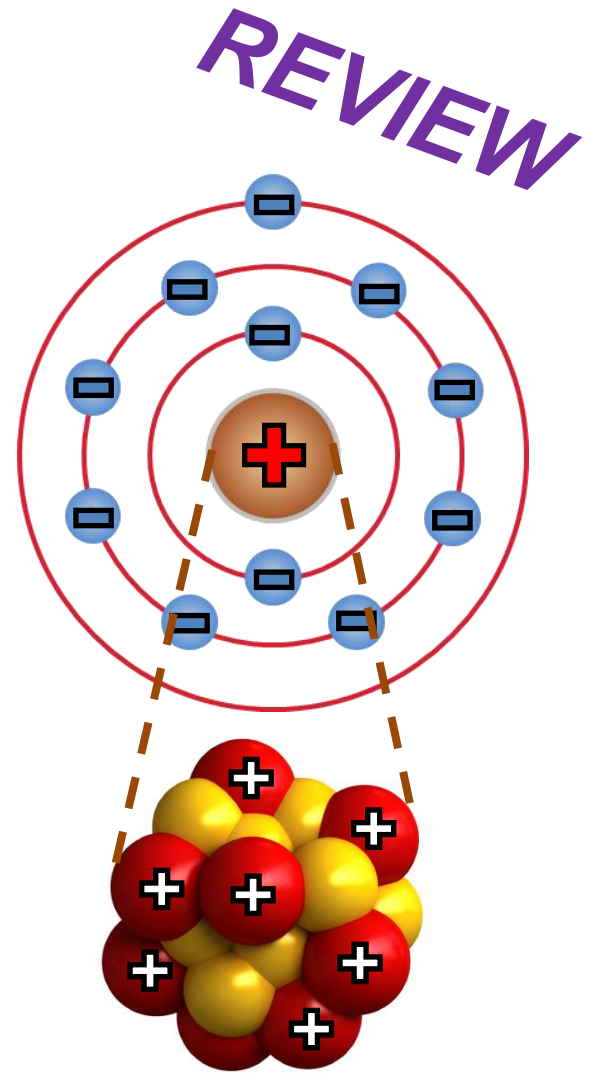
**=1,000,000**  
**or**  
**1 million!**



**HUMAN HAIR ~ 100  $\mu\text{m}$     ATOM ~ 100 pm**

# Atomic Structure

- All atoms have:
  - a positively charged **nucleus**
  - and negatively charged **electrons** moving around within atomic orbitals
- Atomic **nucleus** consists of:
  - positively charged **protons** (**# of protons** = **# of electrons**)
  - and **neutrons** that have no electric charge
- The # of protons (*atomic number*) defines the “kind of atom”, or the identity of a chemical element.



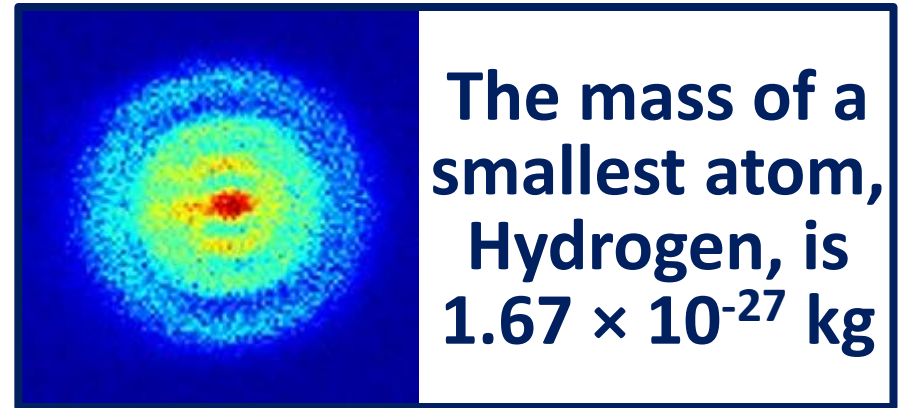
Atom  $\sim 10^{-10}\text{m}$   
Nucleus  $\sim 10^{-14}\text{m}$   
**Proton/Neutron**  $\sim 10^{-15}\text{m}$   
**Electron**  $< 10^{-18}\text{m}$

**Mass** is the **amount of material** in an object

- SI unit of mass is **kg**

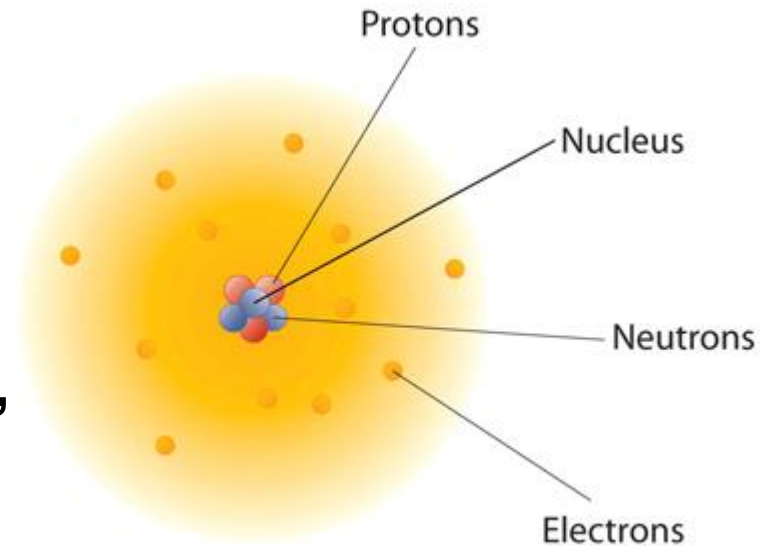
The Sun:  
 $1.99 \times 10^{30}$  kg

The Earth:  
 $6 \times 10^{24}$  kg

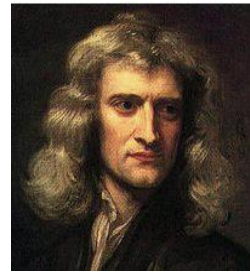


- Since all atoms making up any object are composed of protons, neutrons and electrons, mass is essentially defined by the

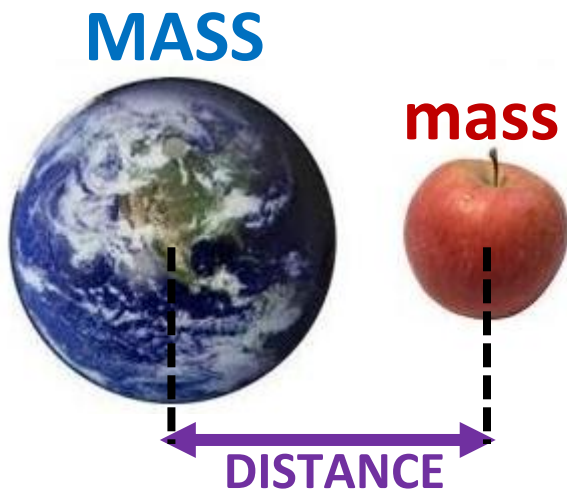
**total amount of all those particles in an object.**



# Gravity aka gravitation



is the universal **force of attraction** that acts between any two or more objects that have mass



$$\text{GRAVITY} = G \cdot \frac{\text{MASS} \cdot \text{mass}}{(\text{DISTANCE})^2}$$

$6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2 / \text{Kg}^2$   
“gravitation constant”

- Gravity is generally a “weak” force...but massive objects create strong gravitational pull!
- Gravity has infinite range...but very distant objects experience very little mutual attraction!

# Charge, $+$ or $-$ , is the basic property of matter that gives rise to all **electrical** and **magnetic** forces and interactions.



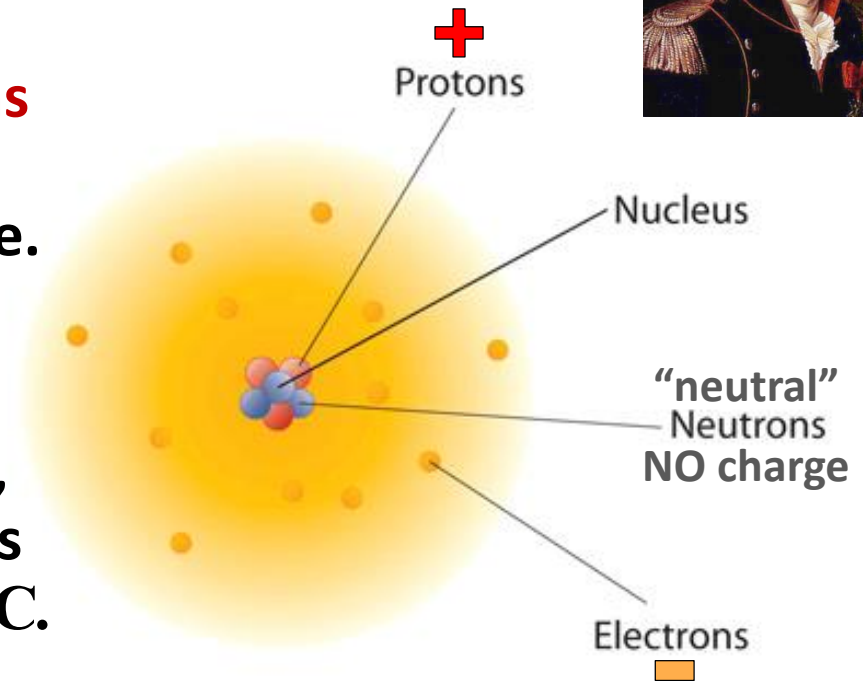
- In atoms, **electrons** carry the **negative** (-) charge, and **protons** carry the **positive** (+) charge; neutrons have NO (zero) charge.

- SI unit of charge is **Coulomb**.

- The charge of a single electron, known as *elementary charge*, is equal to **negative  $1.602 \times 10^{-19}$  C**.

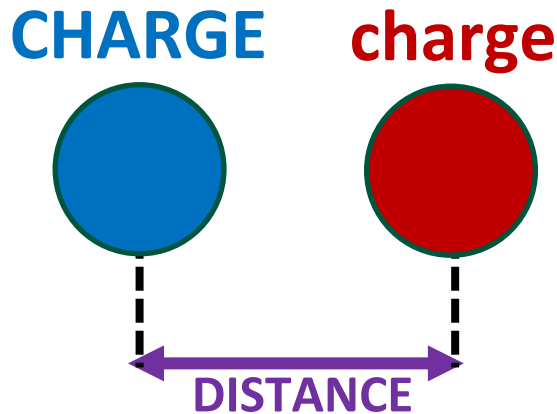
- The charge of a single proton is the same but *positive*.

- Matter is usually *charge-neutral*, meaning the positive and negative charges balance out on large scale.



# Electromagnetism

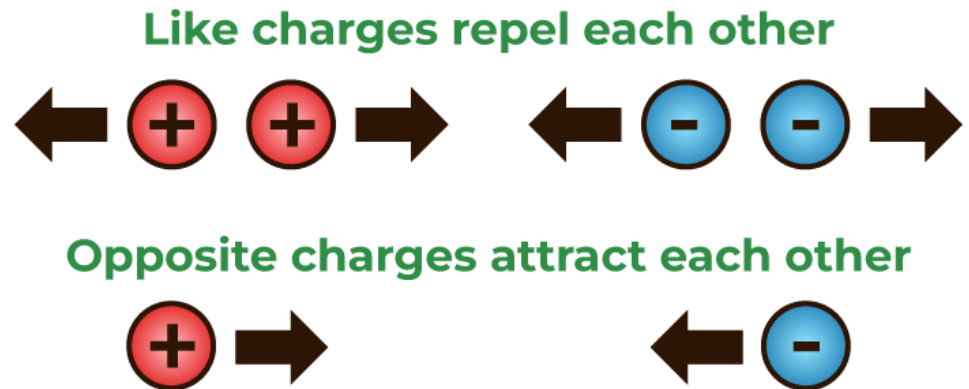
is an interaction that occurs between particles that have electric charge



$$\text{ELECTRIC FORCE} = k \cdot \frac{\text{CHARGE} \cdot \text{charge}}{(\text{DISTANCE})^2}$$

$8.99 \cdot 10^9 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2 / \text{C}^2$   
“electrostatic force constant”

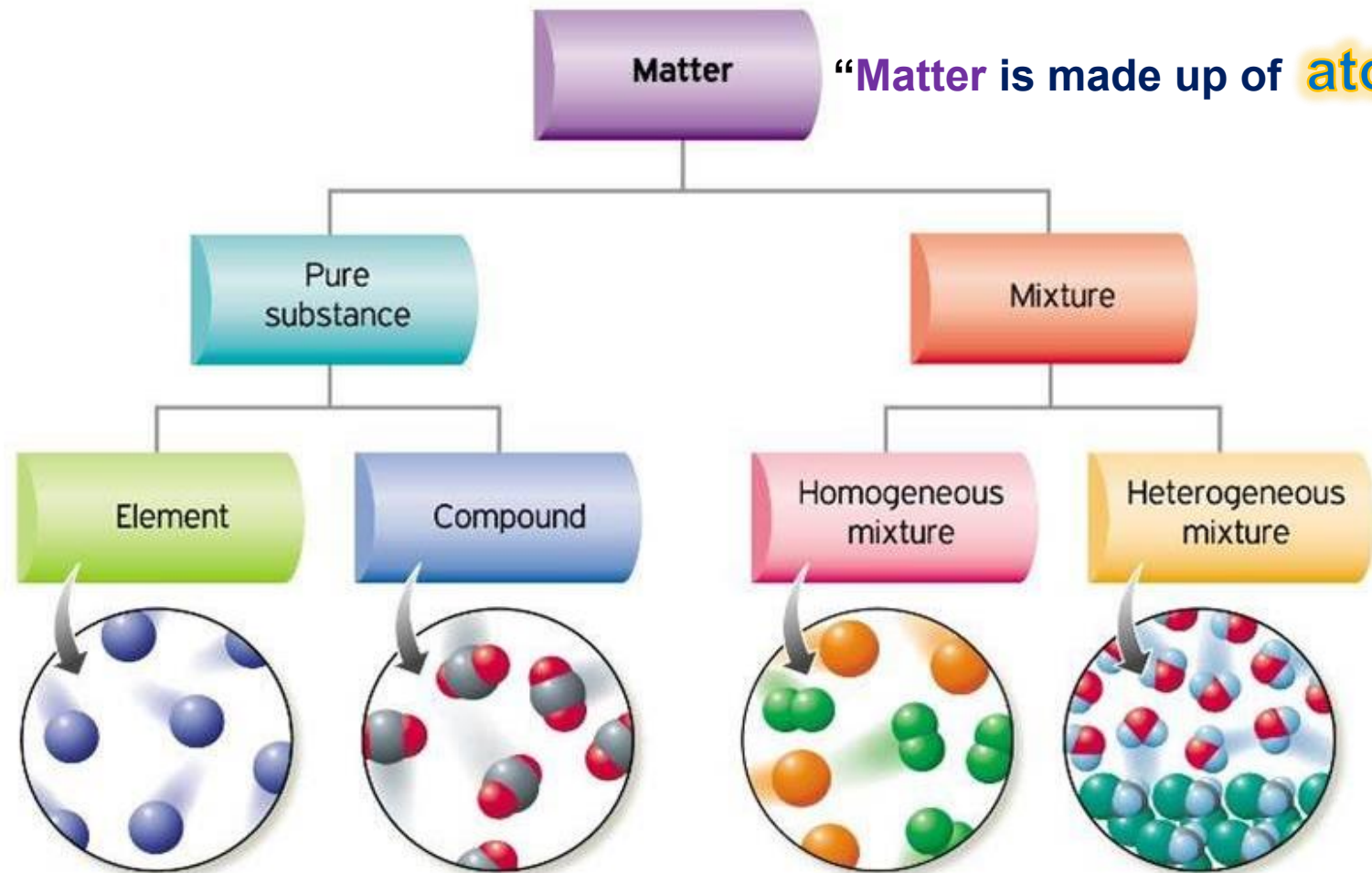
A “strong” force at the atomic level...  
responsible for binding atoms into molecules and molecules into liquids and solids!





# Classification of Substances

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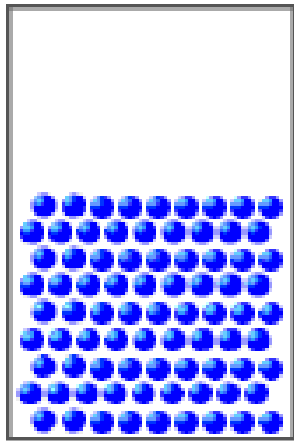
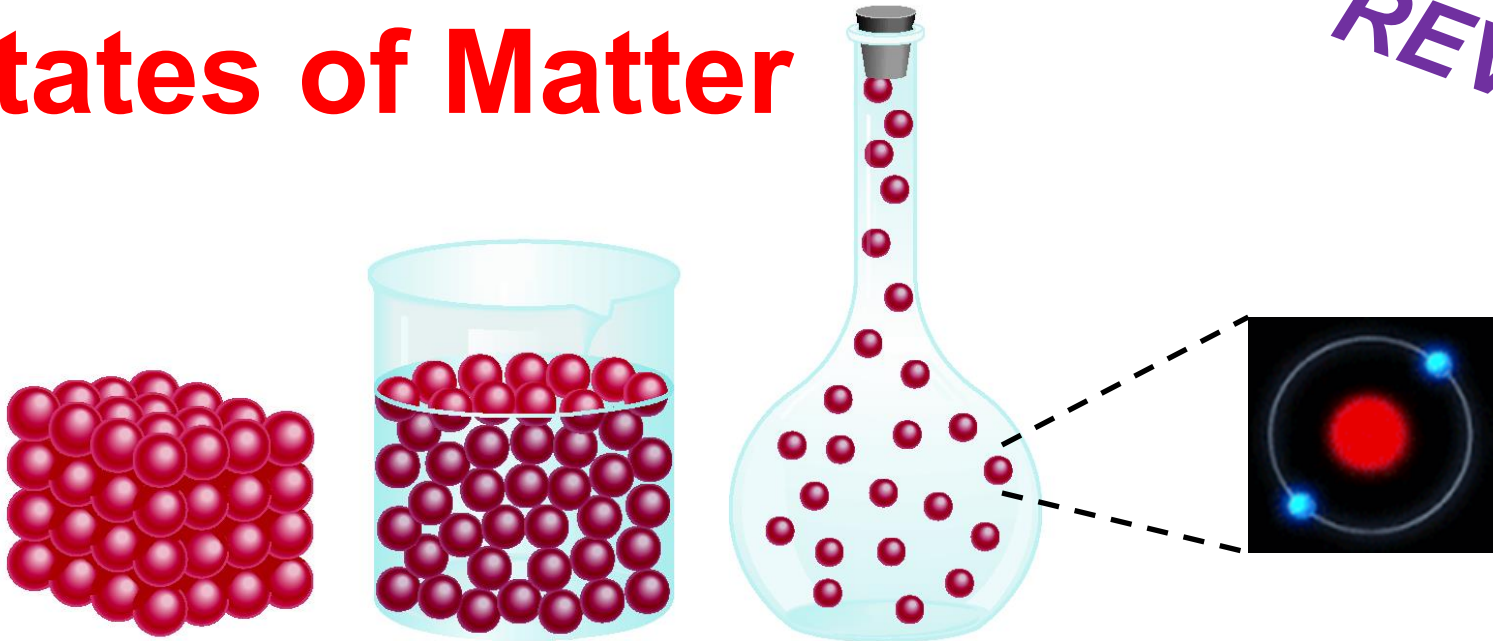


“Single kind”

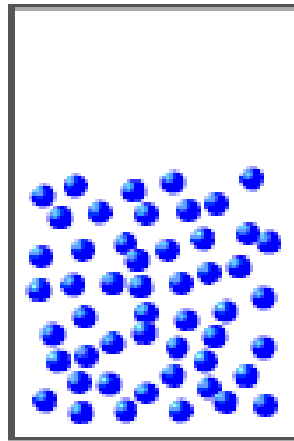


# States of Matter

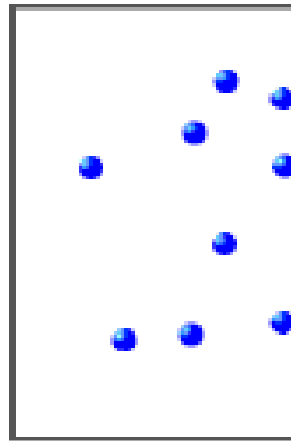
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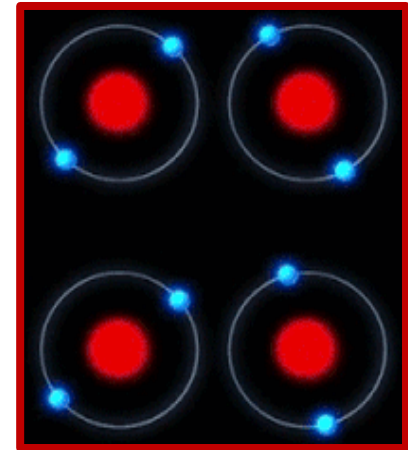
**Solid**



**Liquid**



**Gas**



**Plasma**

