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Top 10 Most Beautiful Physics Experiments

- 1. Young's Double Slit experiment applied to electrons
 - · Matter can behave as a light wave
 - 2. Galileo's Gravity Experiments
- 121 3. Milikan's Oil Drop

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- Charge quantized
- 4. Sunlight, a prism, and a rainbow Newton
 - White light is made up of lots of colors
- 5. Young's Two Slit Interference
 - Wave nature of light

6. Torsion-bar Experiment – Cavendish

- Shows all objects exert gavitational force
- 7. Eratosthenes' Measurement of the Earth's Circumference
 - Geometry, angle of sun, shadows.
- 8. Galileo's Rolling Balls & Inclined plane
 - Gravity accelerates as t²
 - 9. Rutherford's Gold Foil ScatteringNucleus model of an atom
- Nucleus model of a
 Foucault's Pendulum
- Earth rotates on an axis
 - Just outside A102!