

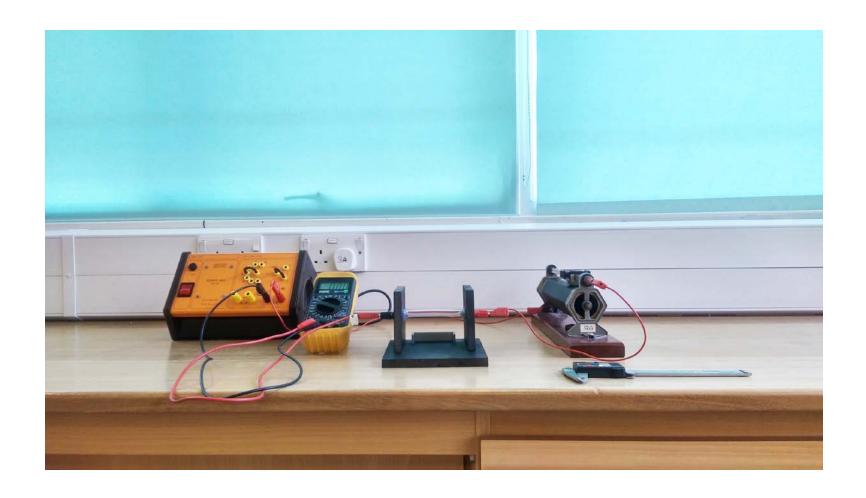
AS and A-level Physics practicals: Equipment set up

Practical 10: Investigate how the force on a wire varies with flux density, current and length of wire using a top pan balance

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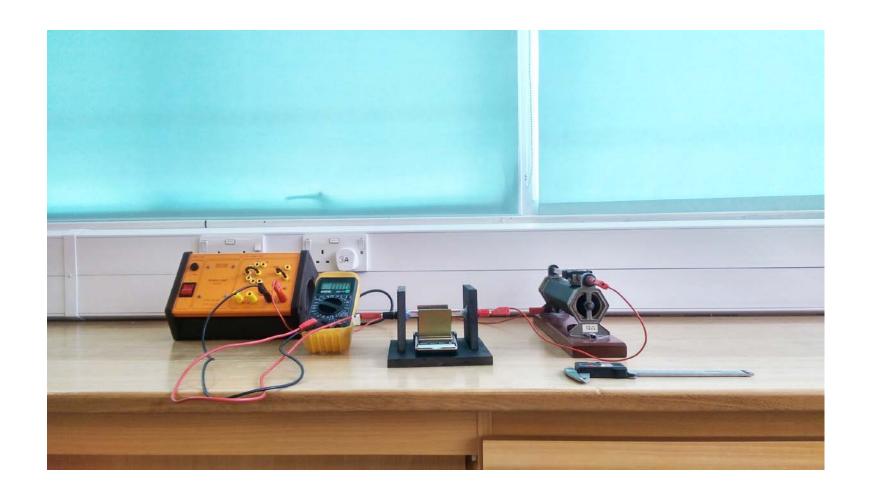
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Setting up the apparatus as shown in the diagram



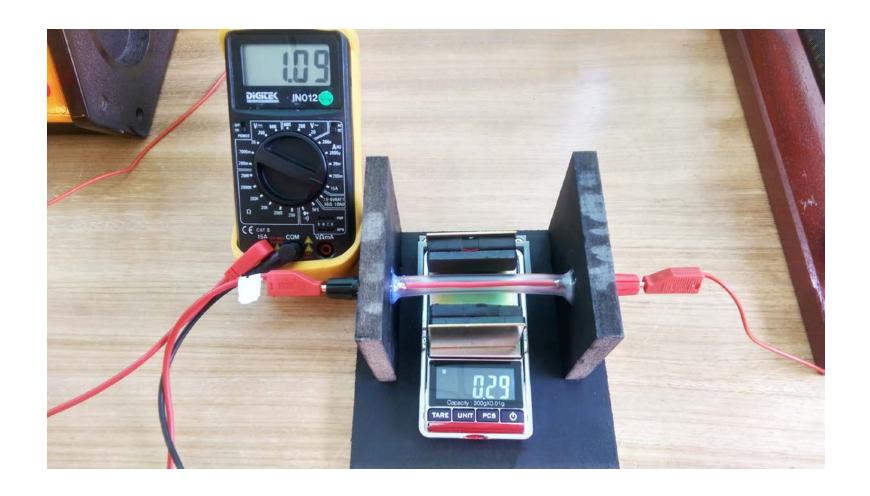


The top pan balance when added should be set to zero when no current is flowing through the wire





When the current is flowing read the top pan balance display in grams





Adding a variable resistor to vary the current will allow more readings to be collected





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