

# Some Numerology

Standard units (m, kg, s) are not convenient for talking about *photons & electrons*

- 1 eV = energy gained by a charge +e when accelerated through a potential difference of 1 Volt
  - $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$  so  $1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
- $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{sec}$
- $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ 
  - $hc = 1.988 \times 10^{-25} \text{ J}\cdot\text{m} = 1240 \text{ eV}\cdot\text{nm}$
- mass of electron  $m = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ 
  - $mc^2 = 8.2 \times 10^{-14} \text{ J} = 511,000 \text{ eV} = 511 \text{ keV}$