

hi

Lecture 15, 28.02.2017

Einstein's Theory of Special  
Relativity, 4

# housekeeping

Question about anything?

*I'll make a movie for you:*

Marie Curie movie anyone?



*yes! I'll organize for after break...looks like room available March 15, 7-9pm...?*

Midterm...before ~~or after~~ Spring Break. After:

*"The midterm will be released on Sunday night, February 26th\* and close on Tuesday night, February 28. It will cover all of the material through Tuesday, February 21st class."*

See calendar cartoon:

\* senior moment...

# next few weeks, v2

S M T W Th F Sa

						2/25 HW7 HW6 due
2/26	2/27	2/28	3/1	3/2	3/3	3/4 HW8 HW7 due
3/5		Spring Break				3/11
3/12	3/13	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18 HW8 due

# Honors Project

has begun.

Read the first of two sets of instructions:

`MinervaInstructions1_2017.pdf` in

[www.pa.msu.edu/~brock/file\\_sharing/QSandBB/2017homework/honors\\_project\\_2017/](http://www.pa.msu.edu/~brock/file_sharing/QSandBB/2017homework/honors_project_2017/)

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Yes! Some important things...

Principle of Relativity

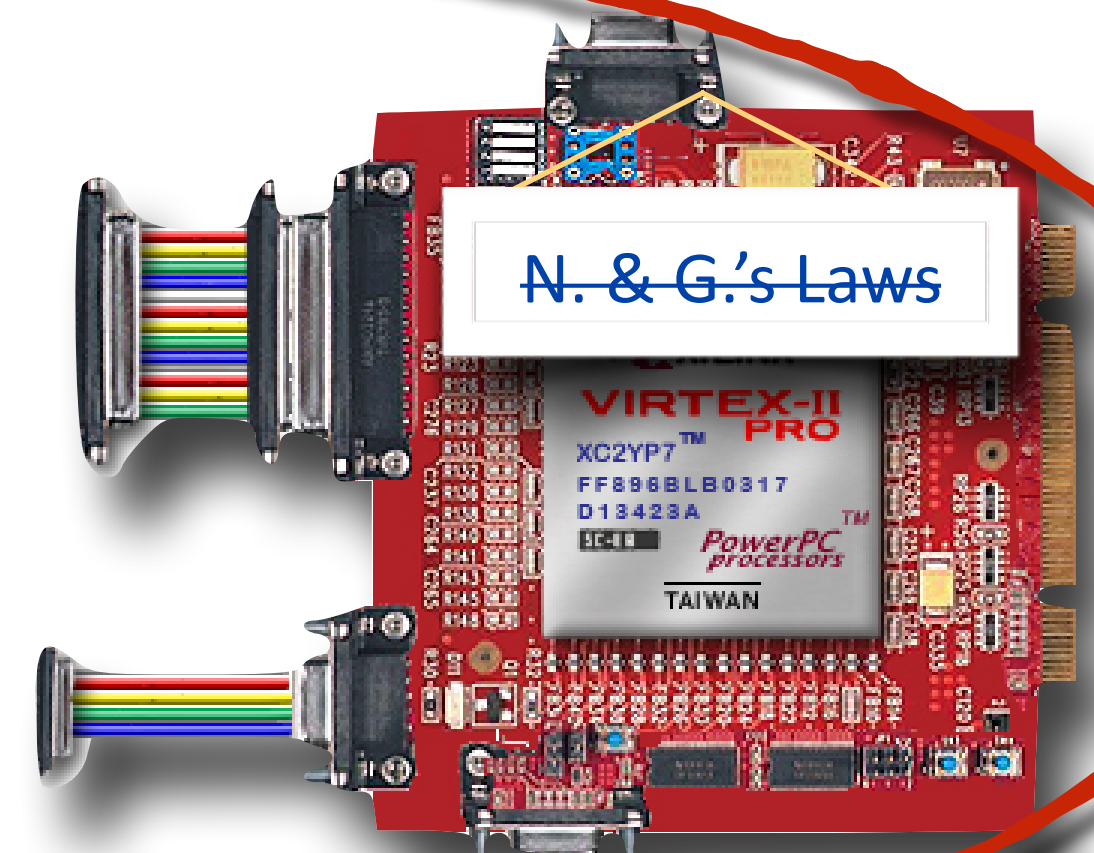
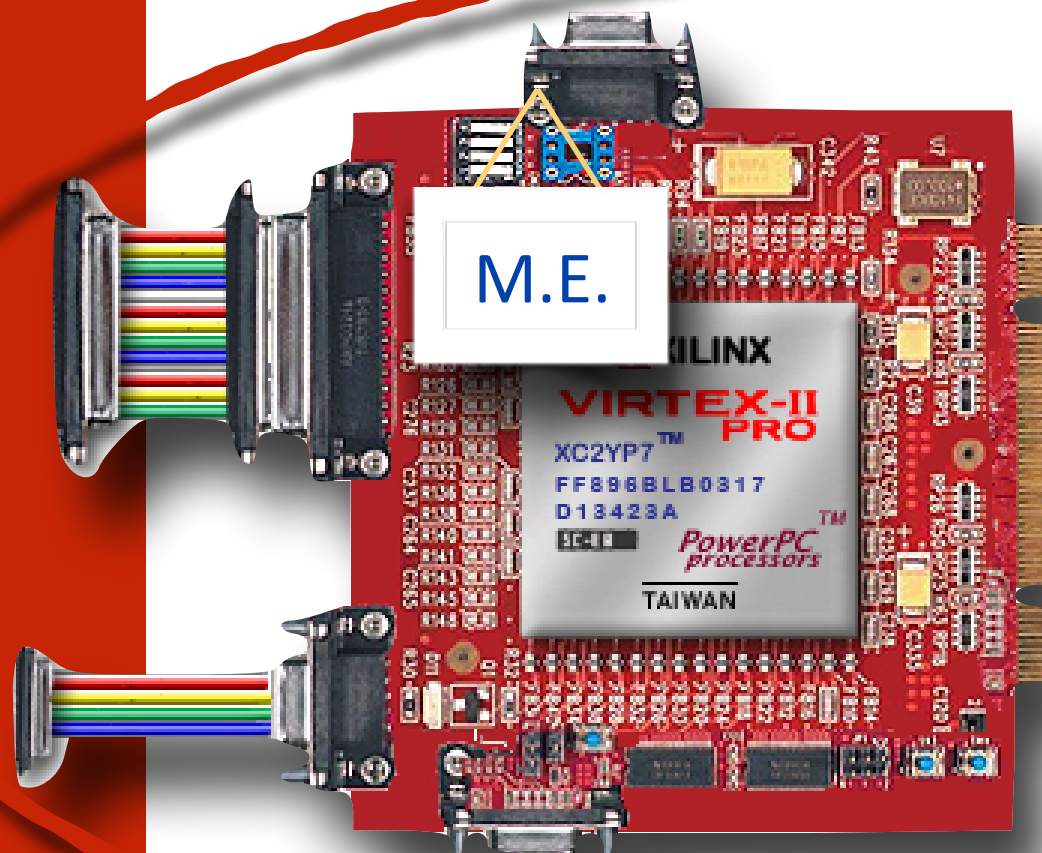
1. All laws of physics – **mechanical and electromagnetic** – are identical in co-moving inertial frames.

2. The speed of light is the same for all inertial observers.

*good all along!*

*had to change!*

“inertial frame”:  
constant velocity



# the ‘‘ether’’

“The introduction of a “luminiferous ether” will prove to be superfluous inasmuch as the view here to be developed will not require an “absolutely stationary space” provided with special properties, nor assign a velocity-vector to a point of the empty space in which electromagnetic processes take place.”

the “Michelson-Morley Experiment” confirmed...or motivated Relativity

?

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is Relativity

the case?

# the Mt Washington experiment and the around the world flight

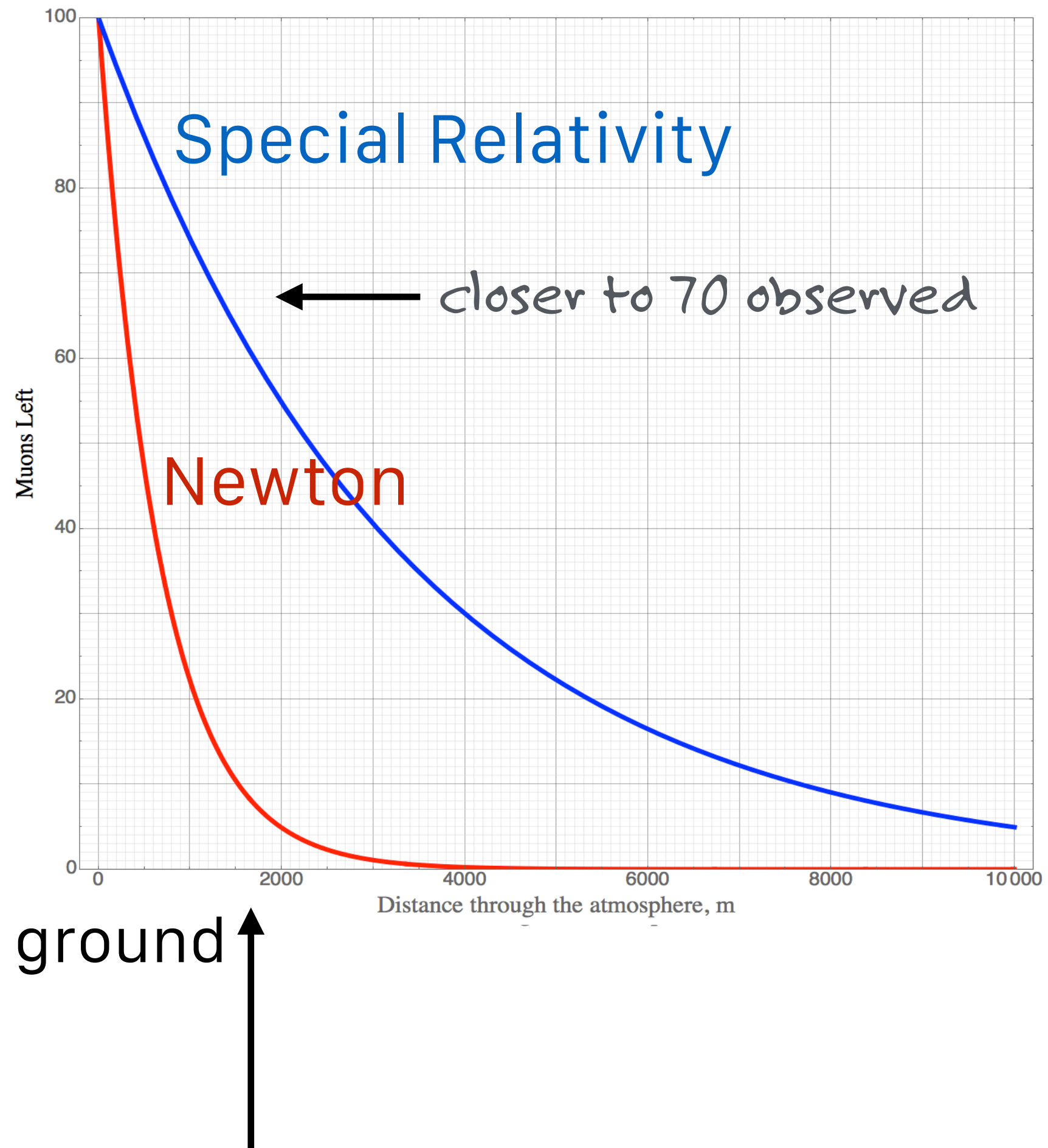
in the muon's rest frame

its "clock" is 1.6  
microseconds of life

in the mountain's rest  
frame

for the muon moving with  
 $\beta = 0.99$

its clock slows to be  $\gamma$   
times that, or  $7 \times 1.6$   
microseconds



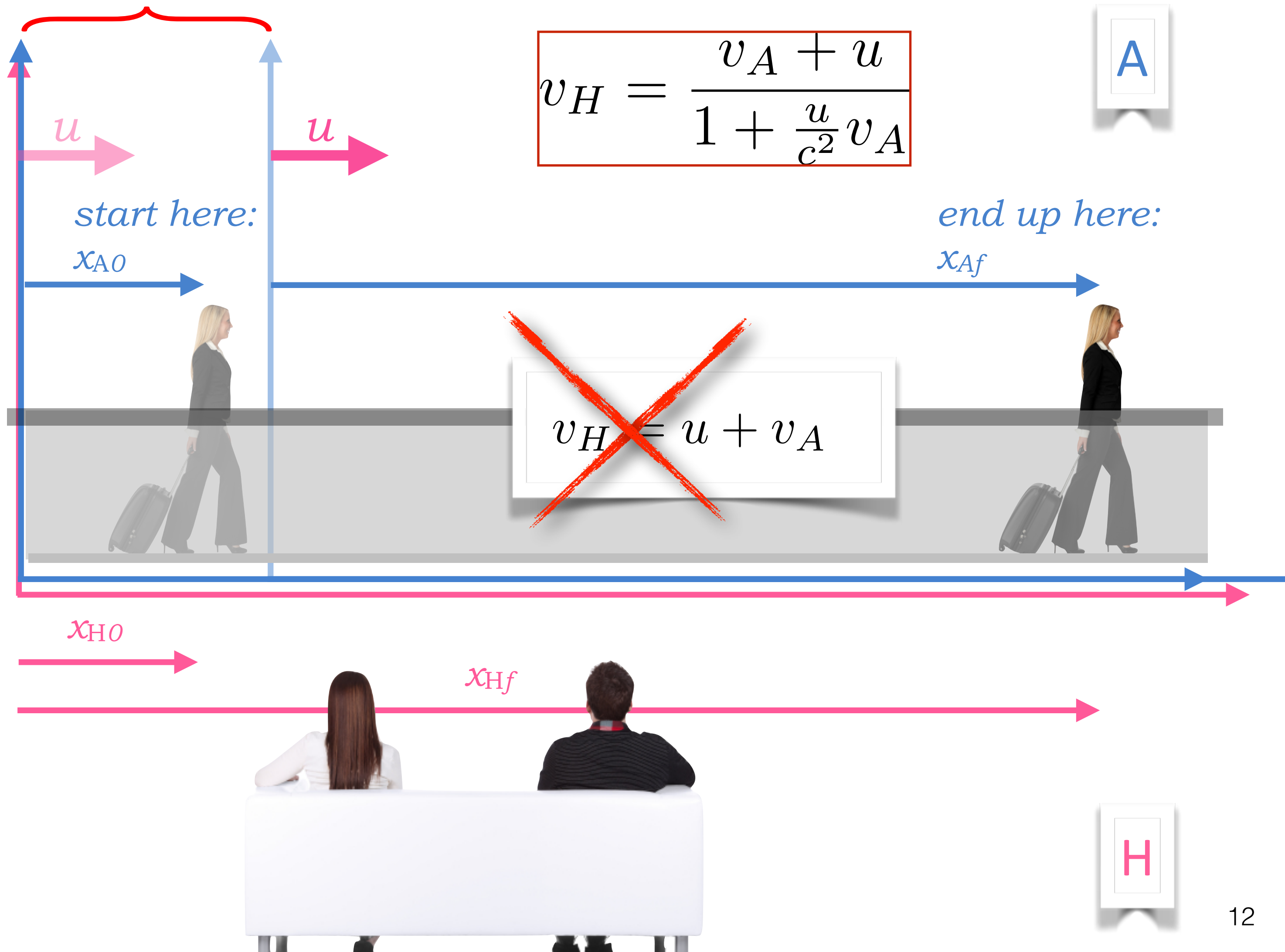
# combine speeds

Galileo, nope.

Einstein, yup.

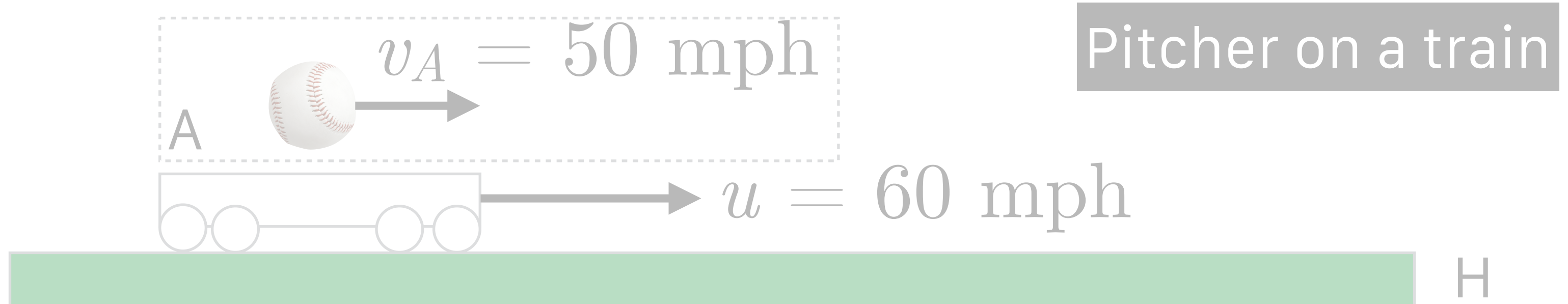
# the airport, going fast

some time interval



$$v_H = \frac{v_A + u}{1 + \frac{u}{c^2} v_A}$$

# two examples



Galilean approach:

What's the speed of the ball relative to the ground?



a pion decays into a muon

the pion travels at  $u = 0.5c$  in the lab (H)

the muon travels right at  $v_A = 0.5c$  in the pion's rest frame

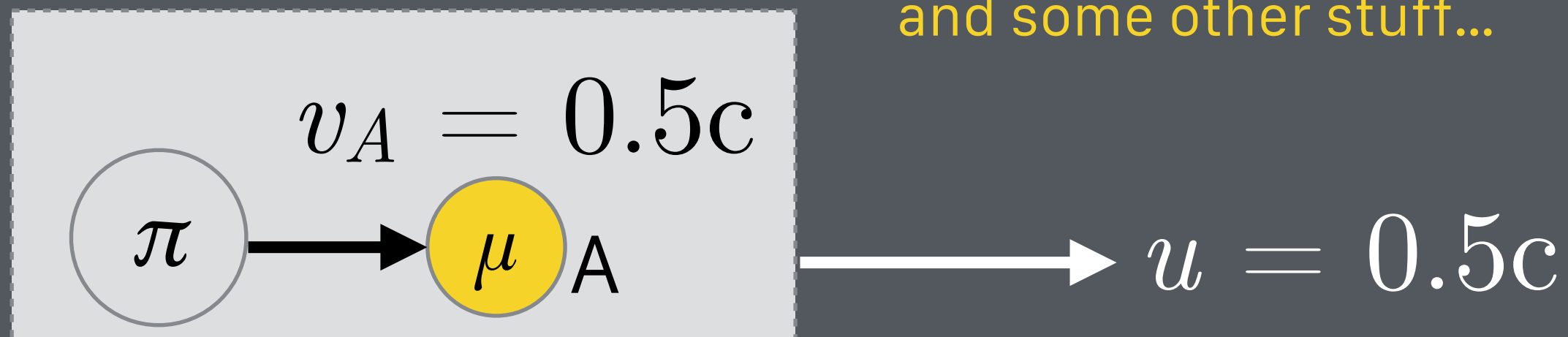
What is the speed of the muon in the lab?

How far does it travel in the lab before decaying?

What is the speed if muon travels left at  $v_A = -0.5c$  in the pion's rest frame?

What if the muon travels left at  $v_A = -0.75c$  in the pion's rest frame?

and some other stuff...

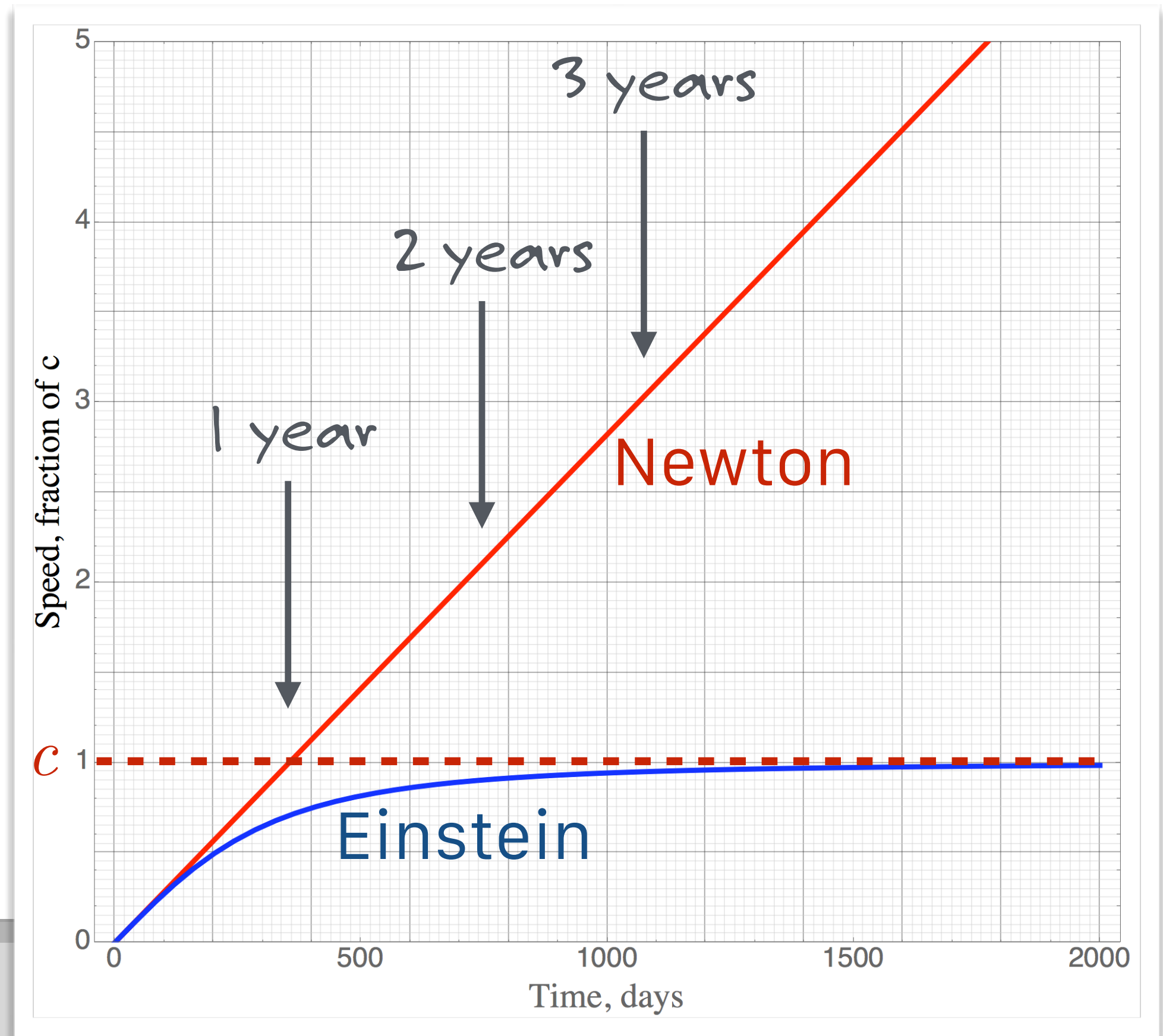


# Energy

# traveler transformation, 1g acceleration

speed not linear

in no frame can she  
be observed to go  
above  $c$





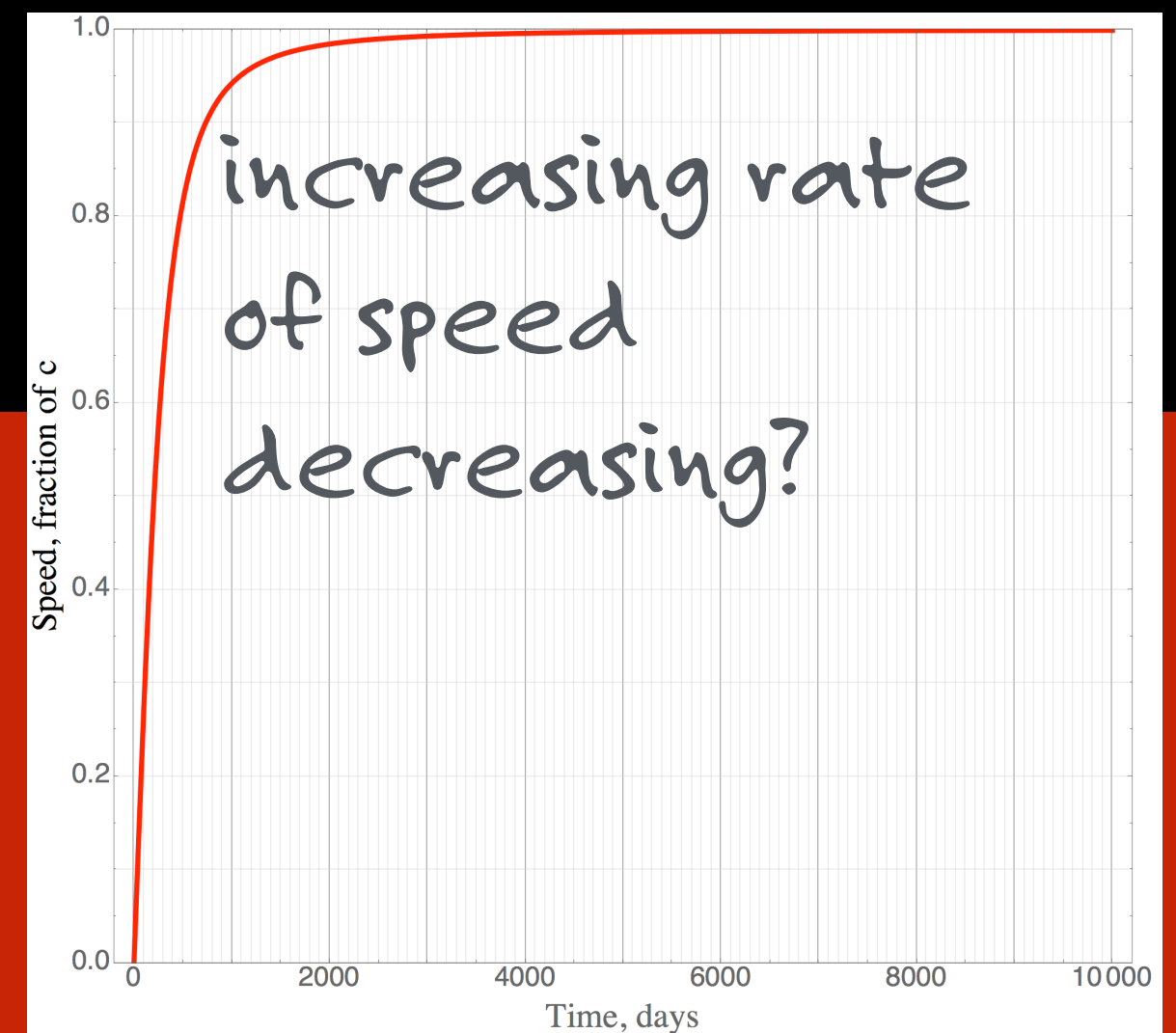
doesn't this look like a  
reluctance to being  
accelerated?

Well.

What quantity is a measure of the reluctance to being  
accelerated?

**Inertia.**

If this reluctance increases...inertia seems to increase



and...what's the measure of a  
body's inertia?

mass

# classical dynamical quantities

momentum,  $p = mv$

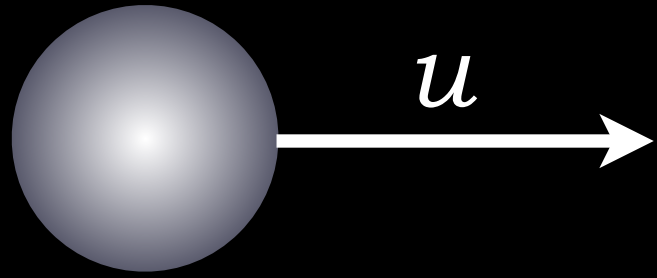
Kinetic Energy,  $K = 1/2mv^2$

and force  $F = ma$

New, relativistic quantities reduce to these when  $u/c$  is very small



These have to change!



# Momentum in relativity

got to be different from Newton  $p_H = m \frac{\Delta x_H}{\Delta t_H}$

want to preserve the idea of momentum conservation

Relativistic Momentum:

$$p = m\gamma u$$

# relativity and energy

through the back door..

there's a "real" derivation, but too much mathematics

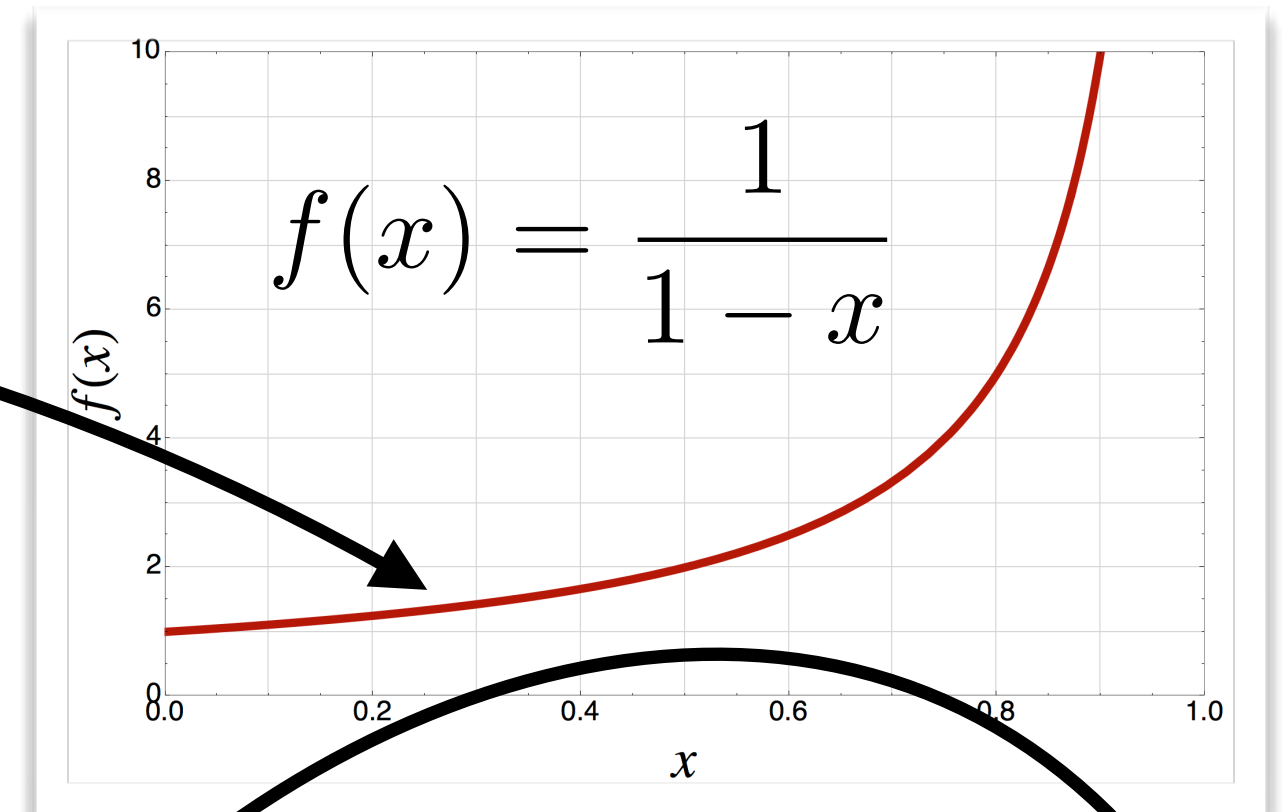
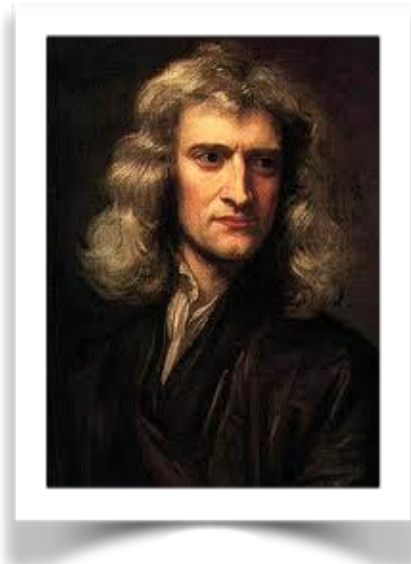
# quick aside

approximating functions

see manuscript math refresher chapter

# somewhere in your life: the Binomial Series

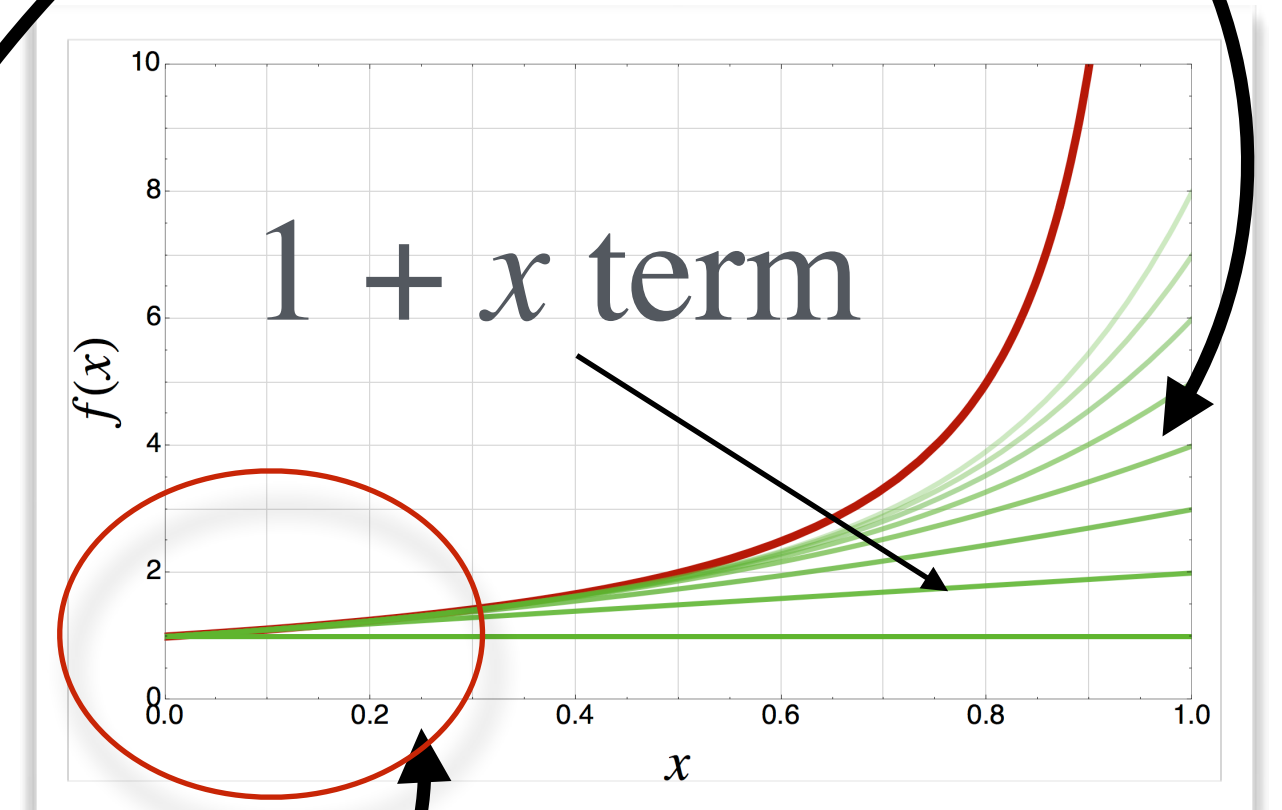
Binomial Series...useful to approximate functions.



$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$$
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + x^6 + x^7 + x^8 + x^9 + x^{10} + O(x^{11})$$

Suppose that  $x \ll 1$ , then the function could be approximated by a couple of terms...

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x$$

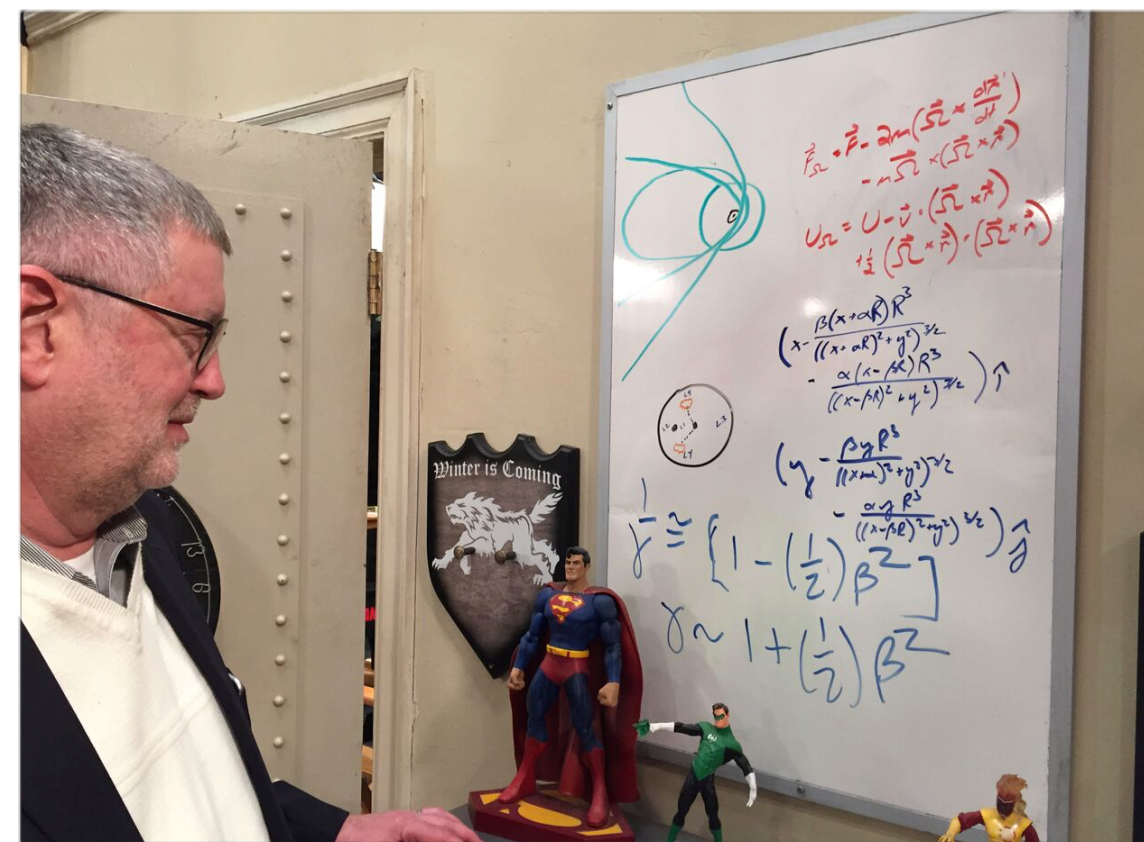


# what equation comes to mind?

when you're on the spot?

Why the binomial expansion of the relativistic gamma function, of course. Because, Relativity.

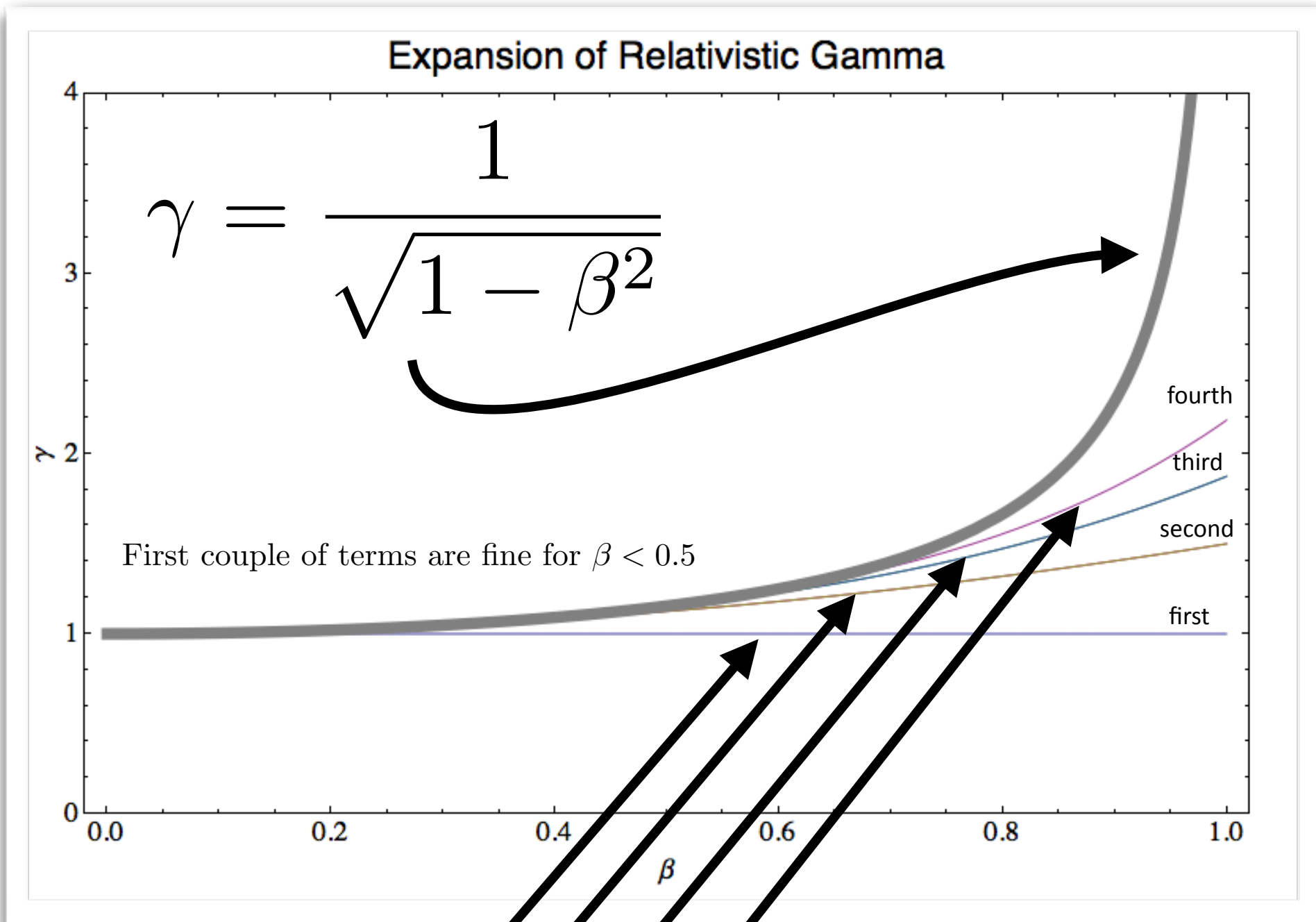
$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} \sim 1 + \frac{\beta^2}{2} + \frac{3\beta^4}{8} + \frac{5\beta^6}{16} + \frac{35\beta^8}{128} + \frac{63\beta^{10}}{256} + \frac{231\beta^{12}}{1024} + \frac{429\beta^{14}}{2048} + O[\beta]^{15}$$



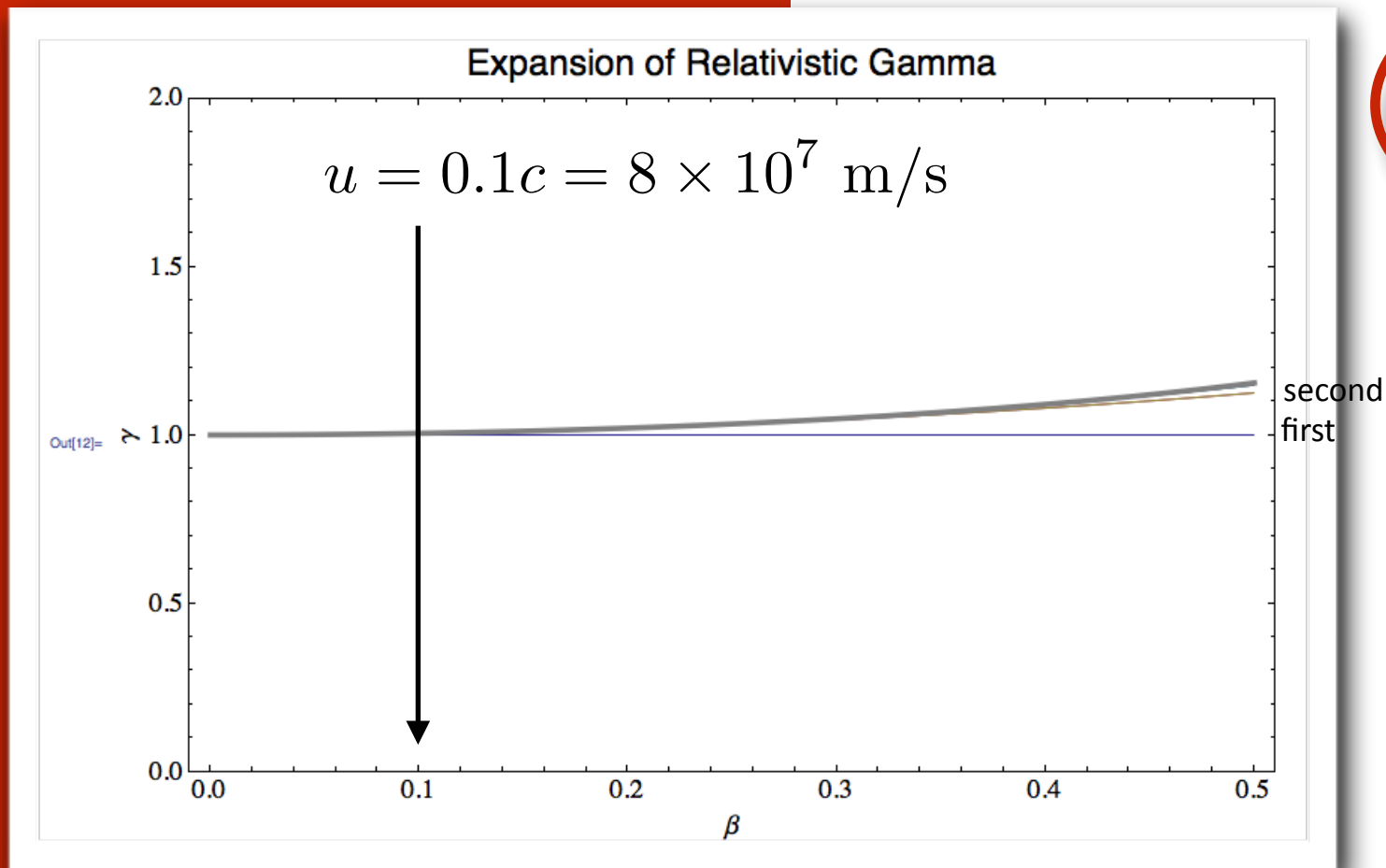


how well?

look at 8 terms in the expansion



$$\gamma \sim 1 + \frac{\beta^2}{2} + \frac{3\beta^4}{8} + \frac{5\beta^6}{16} + \frac{35\beta^8}{128} + \frac{63\beta^{10}}{256} + \frac{231\beta^{12}}{1024} + \frac{429\beta^{14}}{2048} + O[\beta]^{15}$$



Season 9, Episode 12  
The Sales Call  
Sublimation, January 7, 2016



so let's use this and look for familiar things

slow moving objects but not completely classical

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# sing along

for  $\beta$  small:

now copy the  
approximate forms,  
but insert  $\beta = u/c$

$$\gamma \sim 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \beta^2$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$



now, write along with me:

# sing along

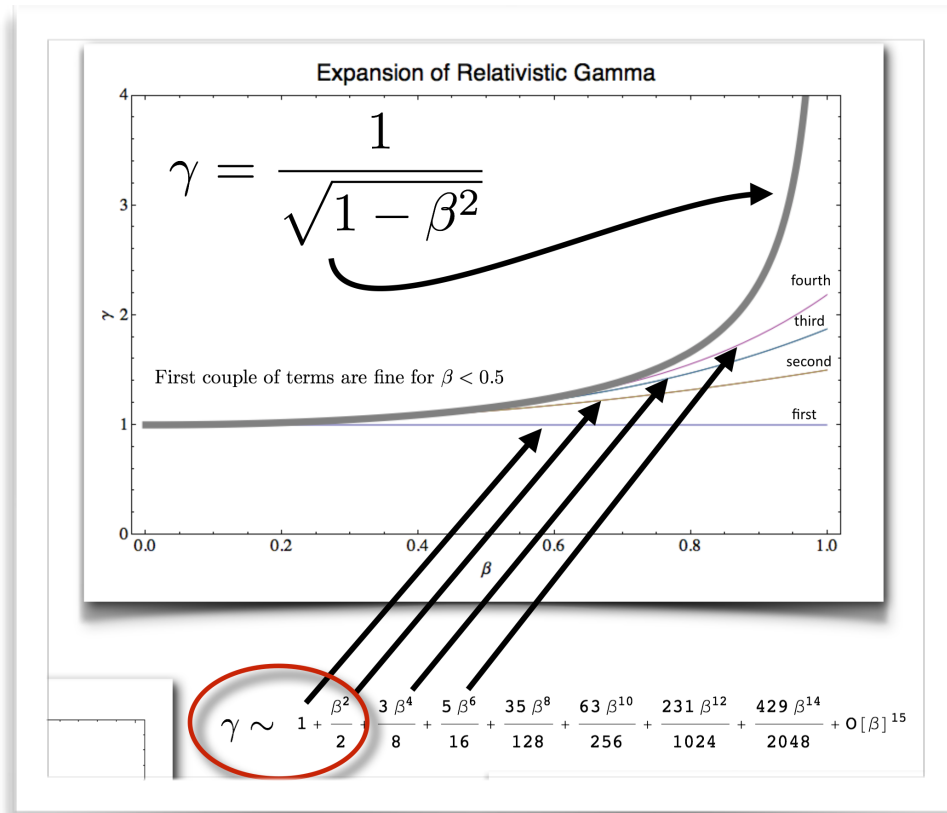
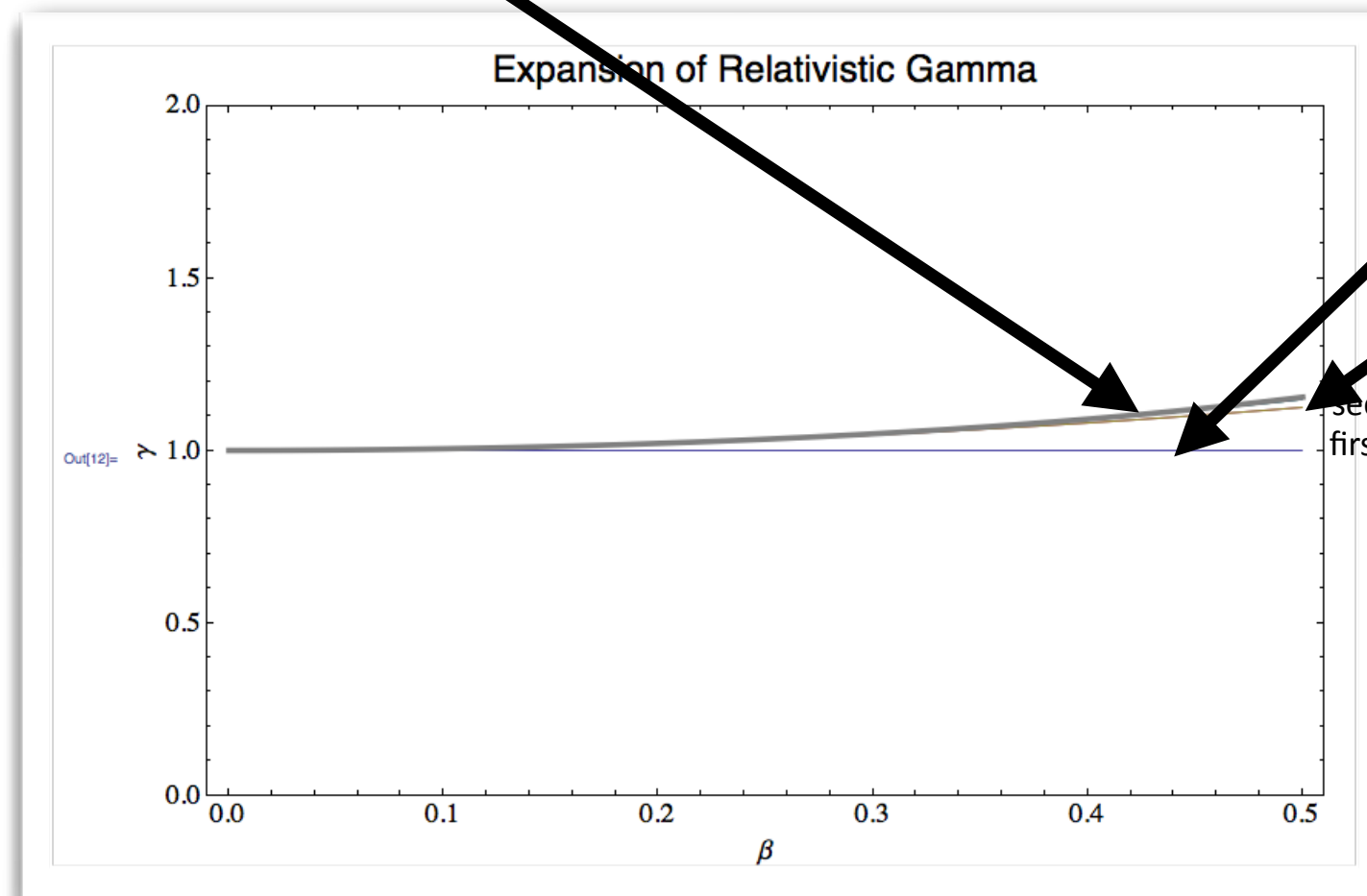
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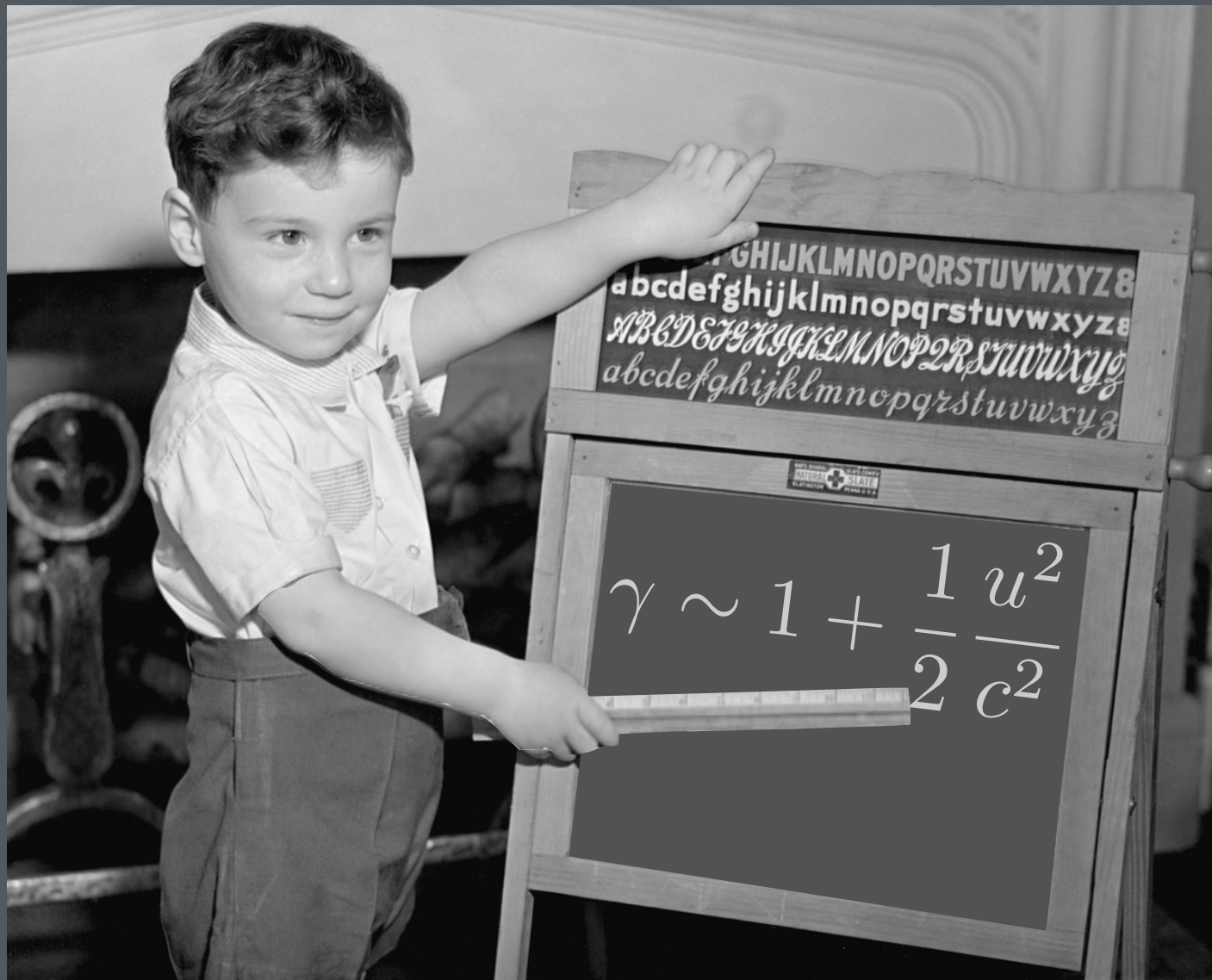
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now let's play

# Relativistic Energy?

Whatever it is...you want it to reduce to Kinetic Energy for small v

$$K = \frac{1}{2}mu^2$$

Suspicious, though.

$$\underbrace{\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2}}}}_{\text{by now you expect gamma to be involved.}} \sim 1 + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \frac{u^2}{c^2}}_{\text{Kinda looks like K.}}$$

$$\gamma \sim 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \beta^2$$

dress it up:  
nip a little here, tuck  
a little there...

$$\underline{c^2 m} \times \gamma = \frac{c^2 m}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2}}} \sim \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{u^2}{c^2}\right) \times c^2 m$$

$$c^2 m + \frac{1}{2} mu^2$$

some new  
kind of  
energy?

looks like  
a kinetic  
energy

$$\underline{\gamma c^2 m}$$

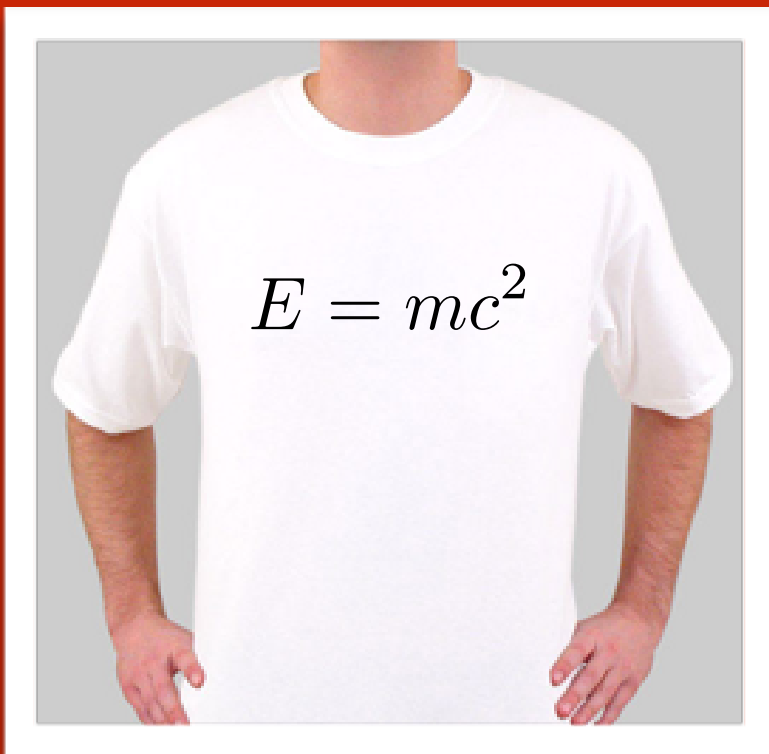
an "energy," that  
includes Kinetic  
Energy

$$E_T = \underline{m\gamma c^2}$$

Relativistic **Total** Energy = new energy + kinetic energy

the new  
energy

energy related  
to mass only.



## *The Tee Shirt Equation!*

*Energy* related to mass, - “**rest mass**”  
- I’ll call  $E_m$

$$E_m = mc^2$$

*Energy* related to motion, I’ll continue to  
call, “**kinetic**,”

$K$

**Total energy** of anything, I’ll call  $E_T$

$$E_T = E_m + K$$

what “mass” really is: “trapped energy”

jargon alert:

## rest mass

refers to:

mass of an object in its own rest frame  
(related to Rest Energy, the mass-energy  
of an object in its own frame)

etymology:

“rest” implying...not moving

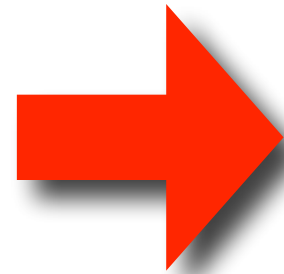
example:

the rest mass of the electron is  
 $9.109 \times 10^{-31}$  kg



~~“convert  
mass  
into  
energy”~~

no.



Mass is energy and energy is mass.

$$\text{\$} = \text{\text{€}} * 1.06$$

both currency, can both buy stuff



just a conversion factor...

$$\underline{E_m} = \underline{mc^2}$$

both energy, can both do work



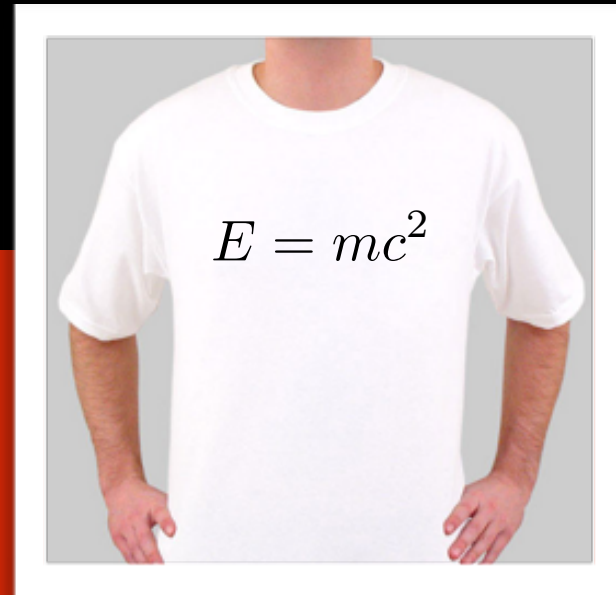
just a conversion factor...

a big conversion factor

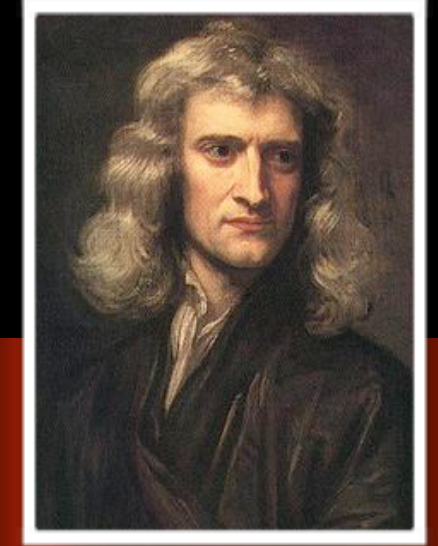
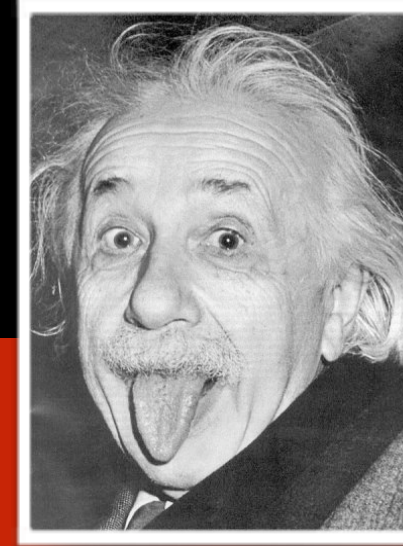
I *could* speak of the  
energy of mass...  
and the mass of energy

and I will.

# Energy



cheat shirt



lots of pent-up energy in an apple

mass of the apple = 100 gm = 0.1 kg

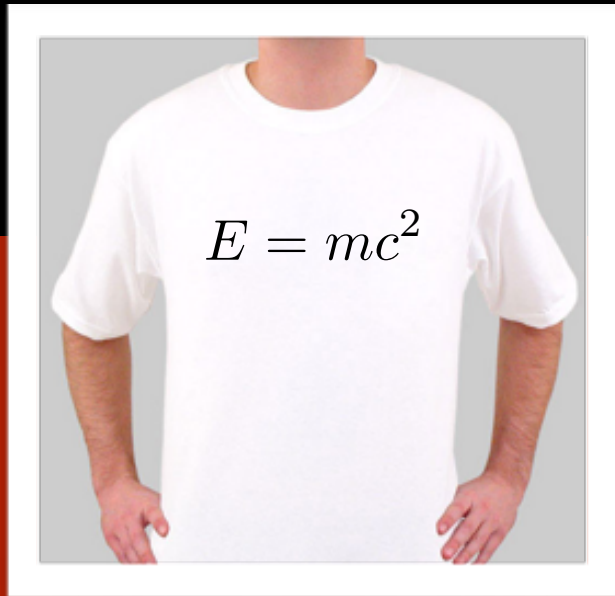
$$c^2 = 9 \times 10^{16} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$$

$$E_m = mc^2$$

$$= (0.1)(3 \times 10^8)^2 = \text{Mass energy} = 9,000,000,000,000,000 \text{ Joules!}$$

Motion energy = 1 Joule

cheat shirt



the mass of a penny is

$$3\text{gm} = 3 \times 10^{-3}\text{kg}$$

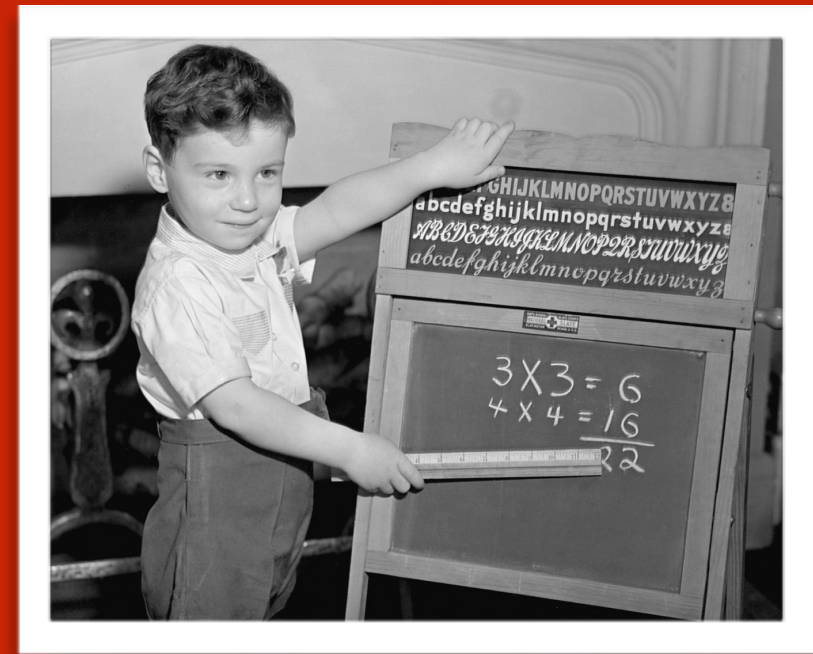
The speed of light squared is:  $c^2 = 9 \times 10^{16}\text{m}^2/\text{s}^2$

How many Joules of energy is trapped in that mass?

*that is...what's the rest energy of a penny?*

*write it down and show me. talk together.*

$$E_m(\text{penny}) = 27 \times 10^{13}\text{J}$$



Aircraft Carrier Nimitz: 91,400 tons at 32 knots:

$$K(\text{Nimitz}) = 1.1 \times 10^{10}\text{J}$$



so: two kinds of energy

energy of motion...Kinetic Energy

+ energy of rest...associated with mass

Total energy of an object

there aren't any other kinds  
of energy

look at  
the total  
energy

and increase  
of mass with  
velocity

*remember the inertia issue?*

$$E_T = m\gamma c^2$$

One way to interpret this is to associate gamma and m.

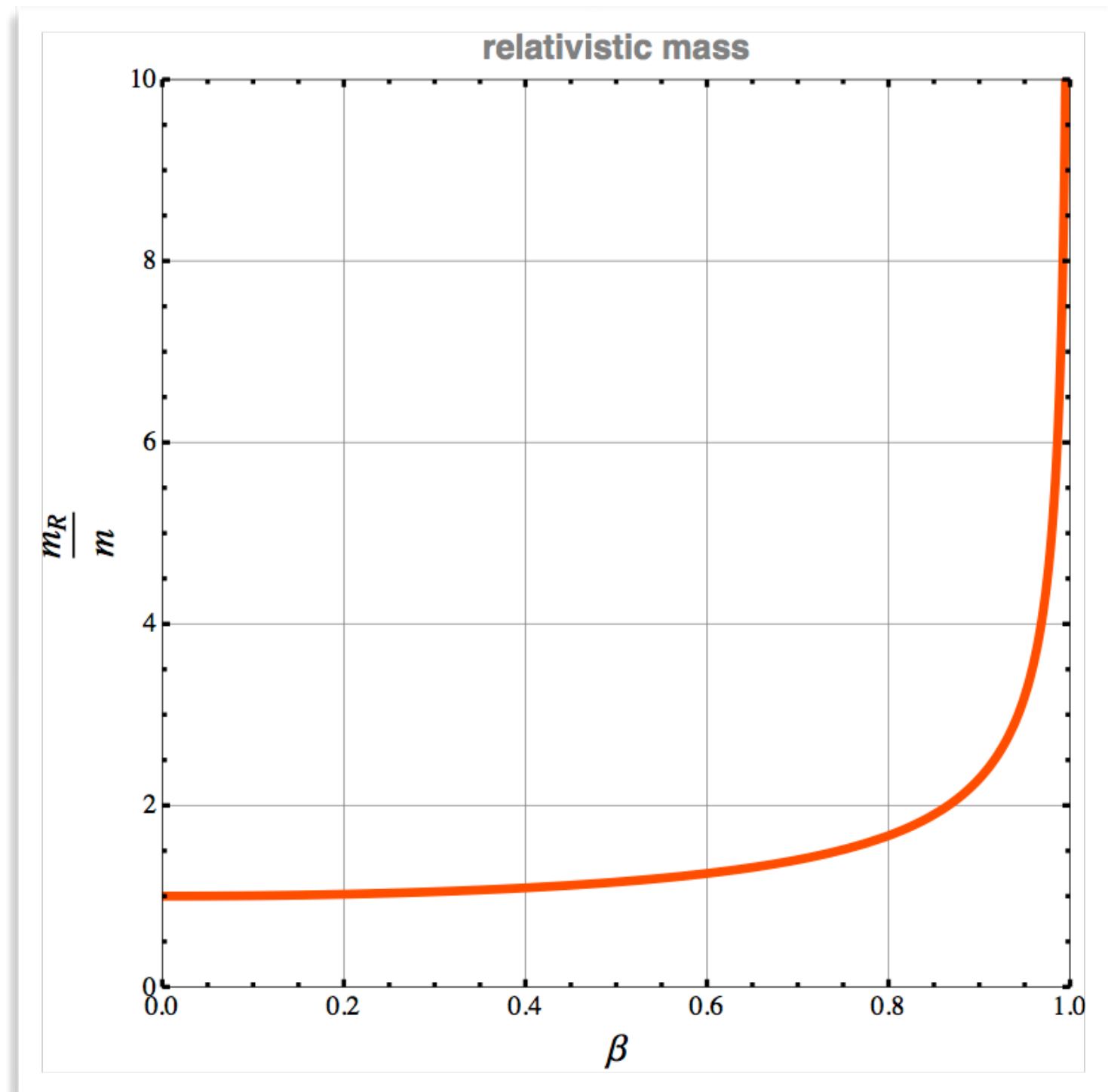
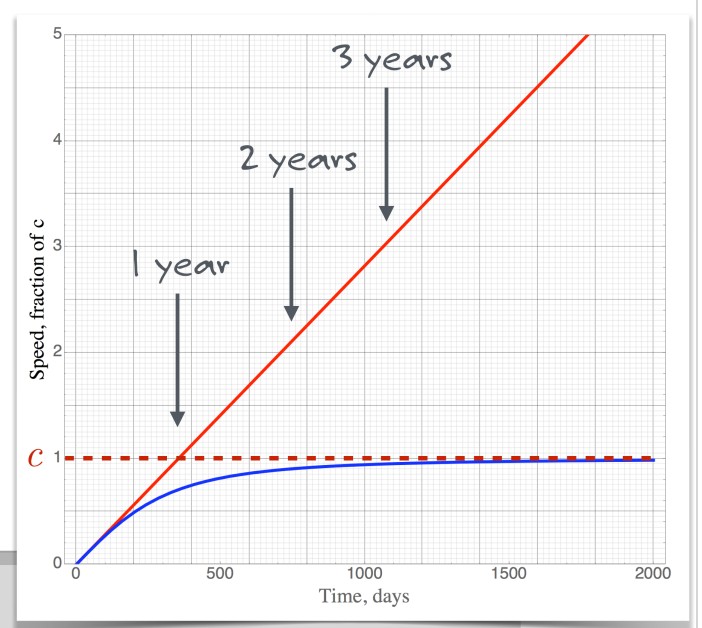
$$E_T = (m\gamma)c^2 \quad \text{so} \quad E_T = m_R c^2$$

...and speak of a speed-dependent “**relativistic mass.**”

$$m_R = \gamma m \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{m_R}{m} = \gamma$$

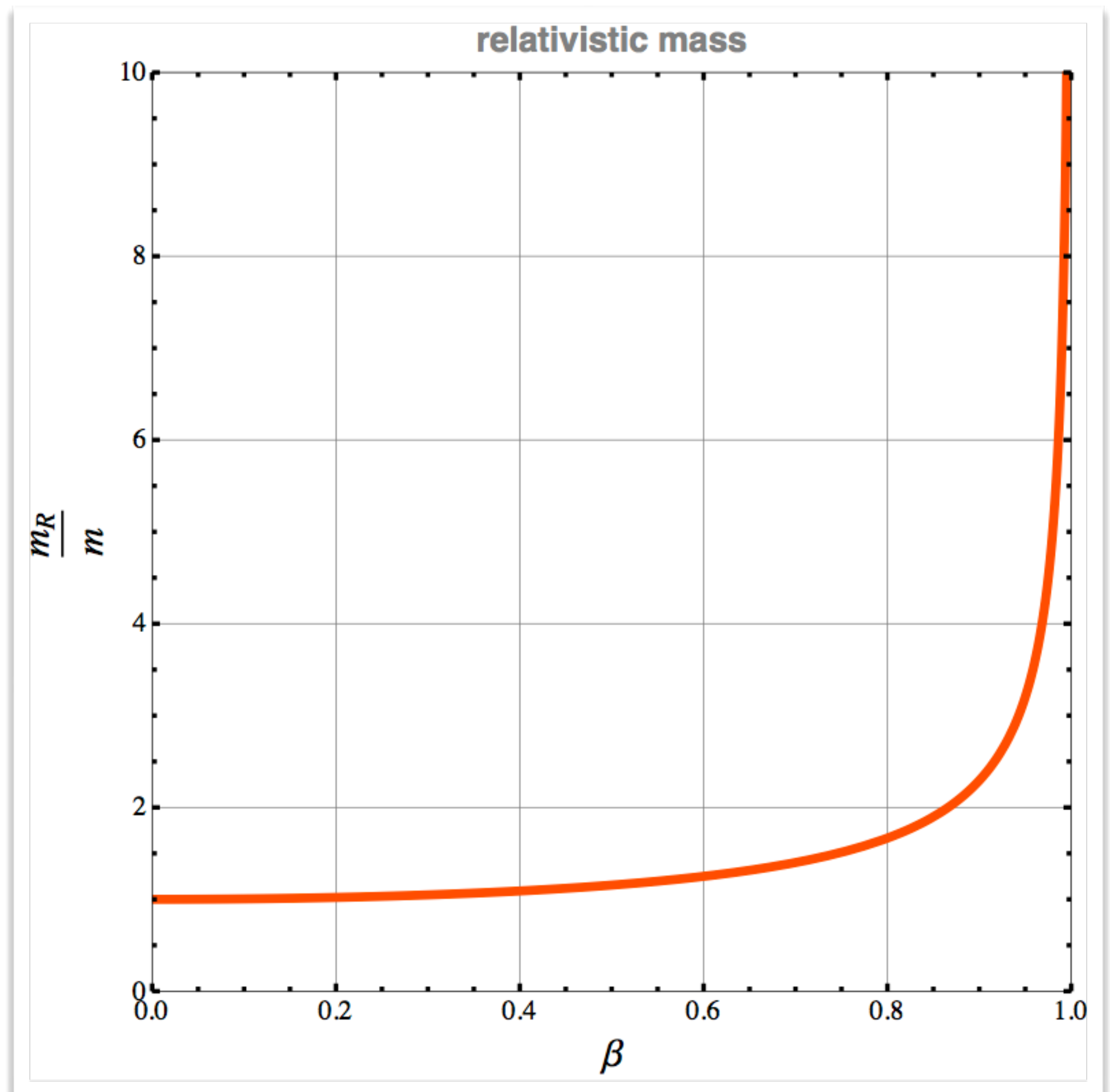
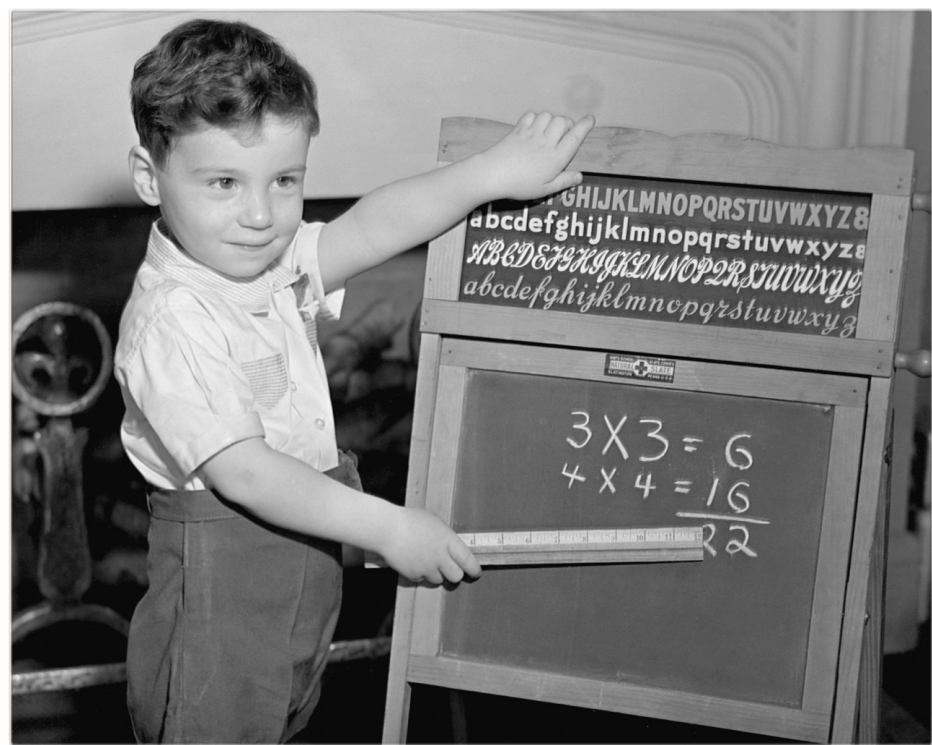
traveler transformation, 1g acceleration

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above c



if a proton  
is going at  
0.95% of the  
speed of  
light and has  
mass of 1p

how massive  
does it appear  
to be?



let's look  
at the  
kinetic  
energy

energy of motion...Kinetic Energy  
+ energy of rest...associated with mass  
Total energy of an object

mass energy:

$$E_m = mc^2$$

total energy:

$$E_T = m\gamma c^2$$

kinetic  
energy?

Fully  
relativistic  
now





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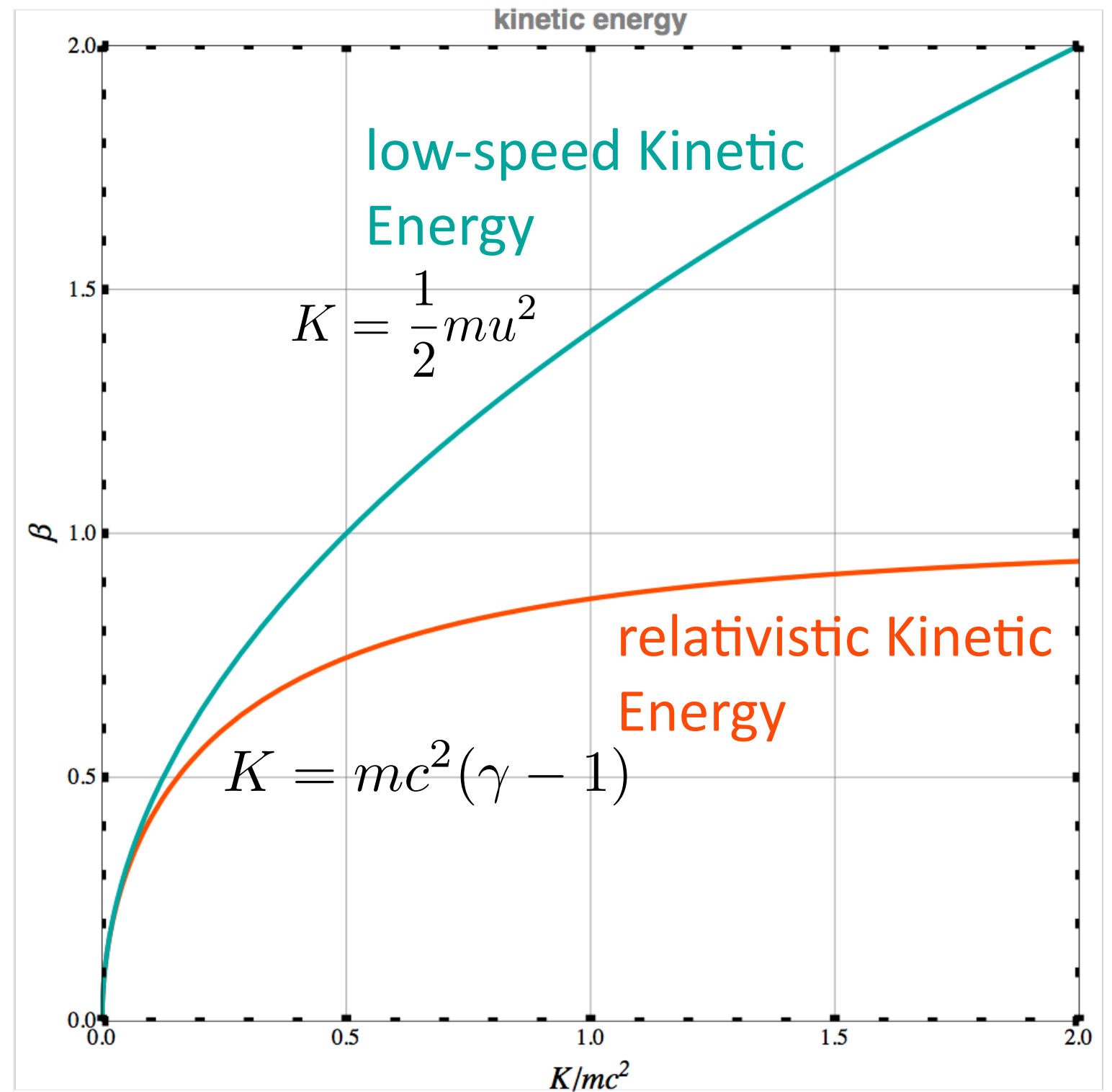


$$E_T = E_m + K$$

$$K = E_T - E_m$$

$$K = m\gamma c^2 - mc^2$$

$$K = mc^2(\gamma - 1)$$



from this point on:

if I refer to the rest mass\*...I'll say so

otherwise, "mass" is this velocity-dependent quantity

\*(This is not how we speak in polite particle physics circles...where "mass" is a constant always.)

But, I think for non-specialists this is more clear.

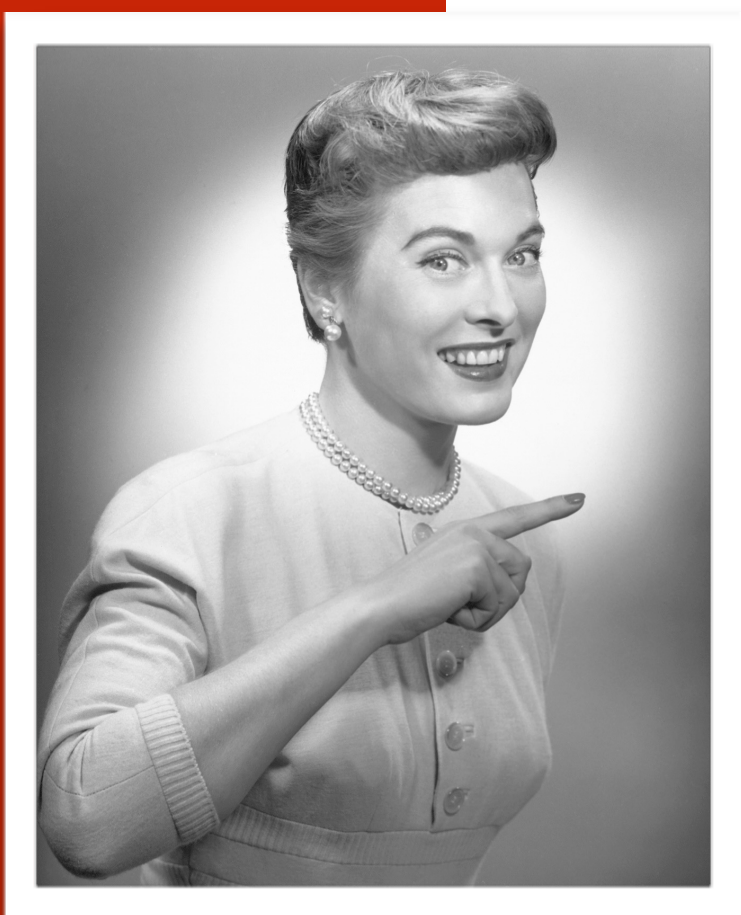
a useful  
invariant

$$E_m = mc^2$$

$$E_T = m\gamma c^2$$

$$p = m\gamma v$$

and an  
important  
formal linkage



fun fact...just with a little algebra... (video)

$$E_m^2 = E_T^2 - p^2 c^2$$

$$m^2 c^4 = E_m^2 = E_T^2 - p^2 c^2$$

no velocity dependences, just a number...

“Energy-momentum relation”...

$$E_T^2 = (mc^2)^2 + (pc)^2$$

practical

# Energy/momentum relations:

“rest mass”...  $m$

the mass of an object in its own frame

“relativistic mass”...  $m_R = m\gamma$

the mass of a moving object

“Energy”...  $E_T = m\gamma c^2$

the total Energy of a moving object

“rest Energy”...  $E = mc^2$

Kinetic Energy...  $K = mc^2(\gamma - 1)$

the energy due to motion

the mass-energy of an object in its own frame

Relativistic momentum...  $p = m\gamma u$

momentum for each component of space

Energy-momentum relation...  $E_T^2 = (mc^2)^2 + (pc)^2$

an alternative, useful expression

# real electrons

HV transmission lines feed substations?

138,000 V is common (BWL for example)

Assume that arc is at 138,000V, so  
electrons have that energy

...which would be the Kinetic Energy



*an exercise in "electron volts"*

What's the rest energy?

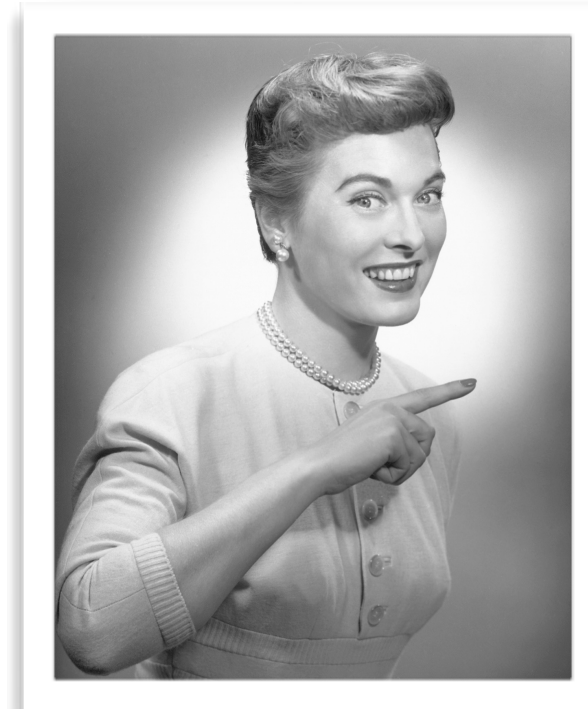
What's the rest mass?

What's the speed of the electrons?

What's the momentum of one of the electrons?

What's the relativistic mass of one of the electrons?

What's the total energy of one of the electrons?



*This will be on video and  
figure into homework*

*completely inelastic collision*



a  
collision  
from  
earlier

and they stick together

where  
mechanical  
energy was  
not conserved.

But we certainly would have said:  $m_1 + m_2 = M_{12}$

Now...energy conservation is different:

$$E_{(before)} = E_{(after)}$$

$$[E_{(Object\ 1)}] + [E_{(Object\ 2)}] = [E_{(Object\ 12)}]$$

$$\underline{E_{m(1)} + K_1} + \underline{E_{m(2)} + K_2} = \underline{E_{m12} + K_{12}}$$

**brand new thing!**



1

12

2

a  
collision  
from  
earlier

where  
mechanical  
energy was  
not conserved.

completely  
inelastic collision

and they stick together, and stop

system's energy of masses + KE's = system's energy of mass + KE

brand new thing!

$$\begin{pmatrix} K(1) + K(2) \\ + \\ m(1)c^2 + m(2)c^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cancel{K(12)} \\ + \\ M(12)c^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{M(12)c^2} = \underline{m(1)c^2 + m(2)c^2 + K(1) + K(2)}$$

But now, the mass of the stuck-together system is more than the masses of the projectiles...

But before we certainly would have said:

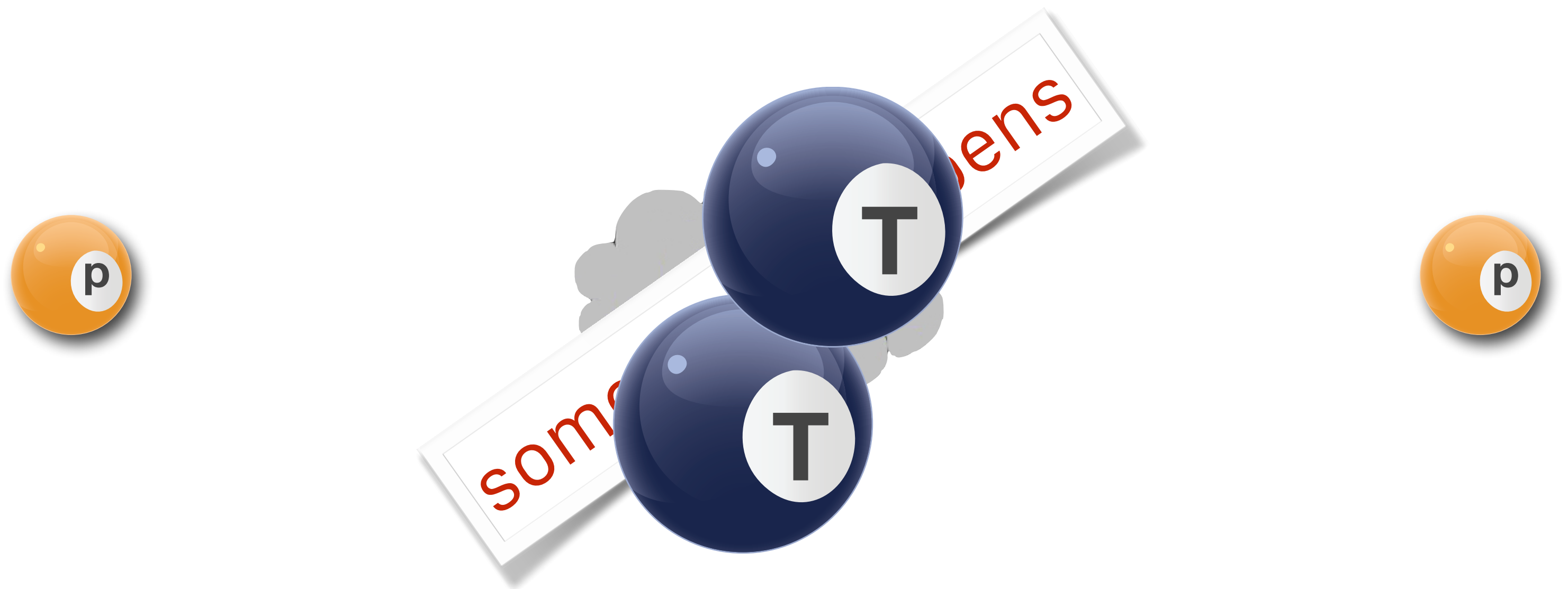
$$m_1 + m_2 = M_{12}$$

**The energy of motion has  
become energy of mass.**

# this is how

we can take two protons, crash them together, and produce 2 "top quarks"...

each of which has the mass of 170 protons





# conserved quantities:

3 of them now:

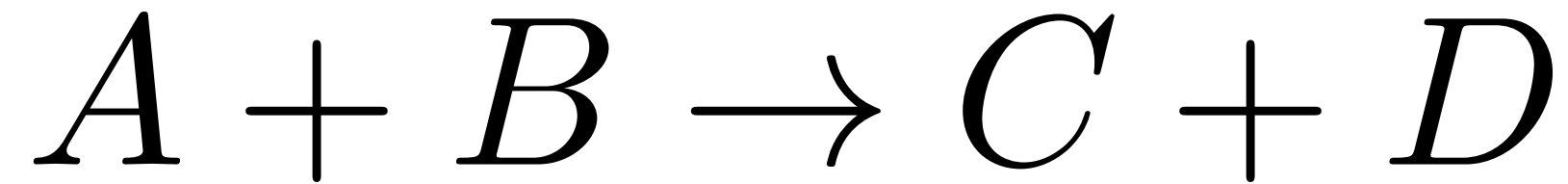
Energy Conservation:

*both mass-energy and kinetic energy are counted*

Momentum Conservation

energy-momentum conservation

# Energy Conservation in a collision:



$$[\text{MassEnergy}_0(A) + \text{KE}_0(A)] + [\text{MassEnergy}_0(B) + \text{KE}_0(B)] =$$

$$[\text{MassEnergy}(C) + \text{KE}(C)] + [\text{MassEnergy}(D) + \text{KE}(D)]$$

$$[m(A)c^2 + K(A)] + [m(B)c^2 + K(B)] =$$

$$[m(C)c^2 + K(C)] + [m(D)c^2 + K(D)]$$

# particle colliding beam

$$E_T = \text{mass energy} + \text{kinetic energy} \quad + \quad E_T = \text{mass energy} + \text{kinetic energy}$$



1 proton's mass =  $M_p$   
1 proton's mass energy =  $M_p c^2$

Use head-on collisions to make objects more massive than protons.

Make Two things that each have  $M(\text{thing}) = 3.5 \cdot M_p$

