

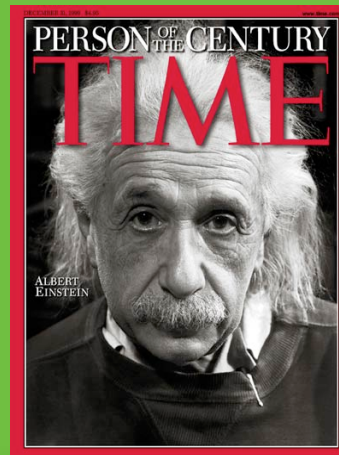
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aaack!

03.03.2018

Day 15, ~~27.02.2018~~

Einstein's Theory of Special Relativity, 2



housekeeping

Lectures forever now.

Gotta come to class

question about anything? I'll make a movie for you:

Special Relativity:

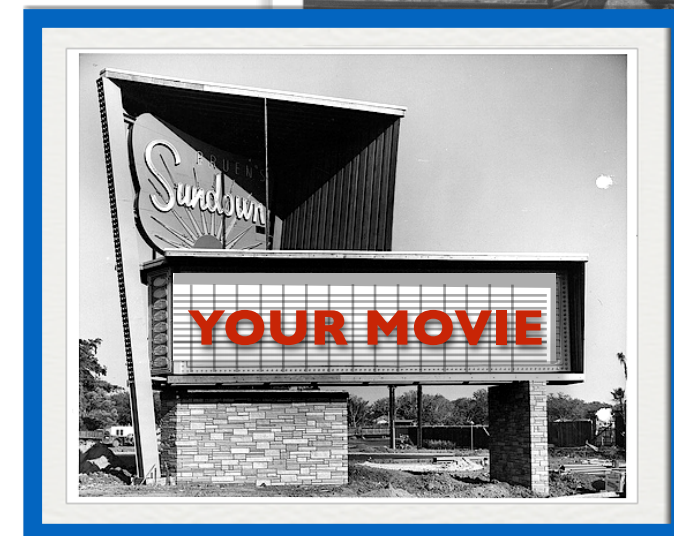
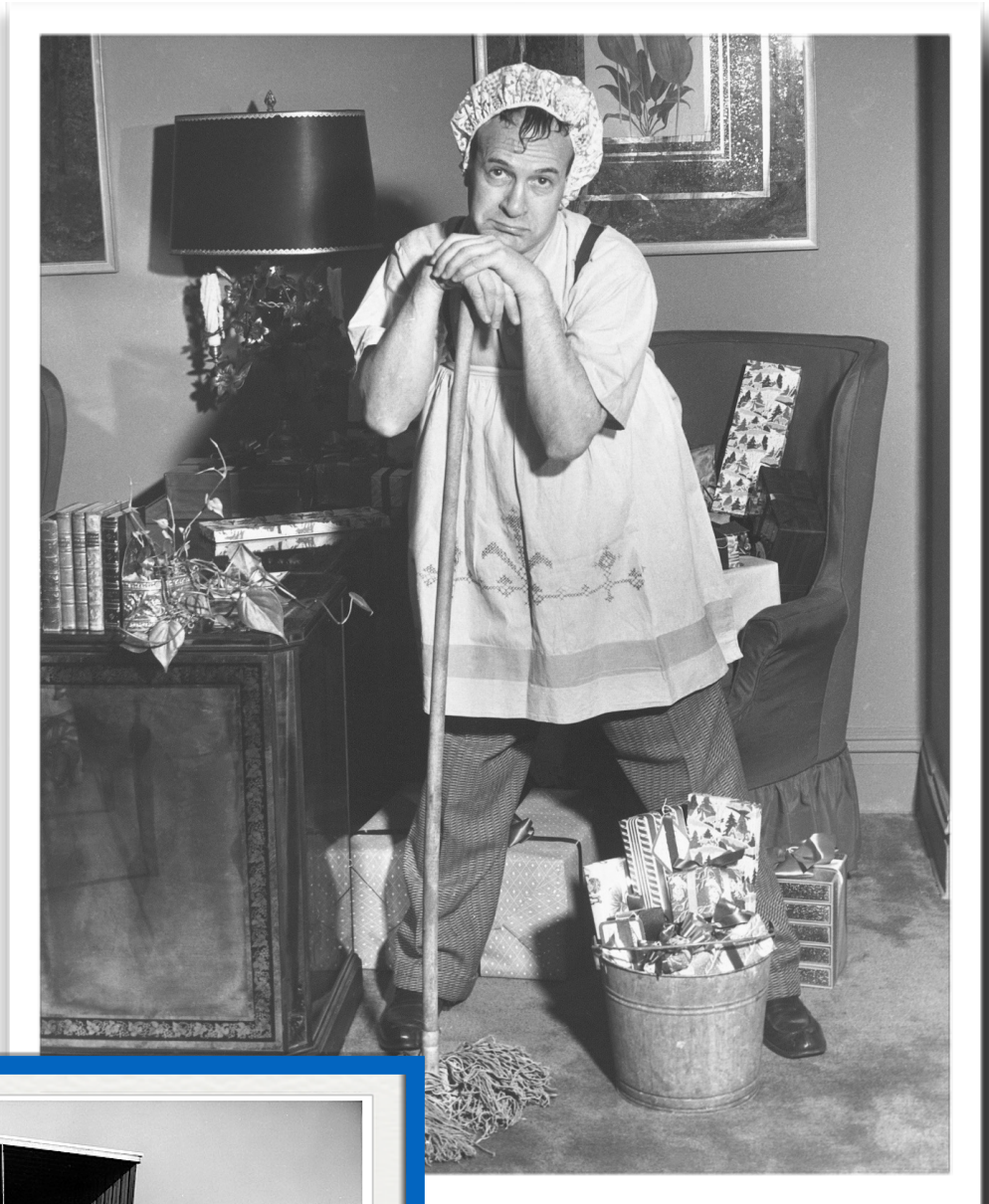
Hobson_Relativity.pdf is chapter 10 out of Hobson

Also, chapter 2 in Oerter is good.

need next lecture for HW! will move due date a few days later (see next slide)

MasteringPhysics registration expiration now set to March 15. My bad.

Marie Curie movie anyone?



February 2018

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← midterm →		lecture		lecture!		HW7

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HW7 due ~~3/16~~ 3/18

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honors project begins

https://qstbb.pa.msu.edu/storage/Homework_Projects/honors_project_2018/

contains the first instructions: the plan & tutorial

MinervaInstructions1_2018.pdf

dates:

complete first part, March 16

analyze data and complete writeup, April 20

You might want to remember this:

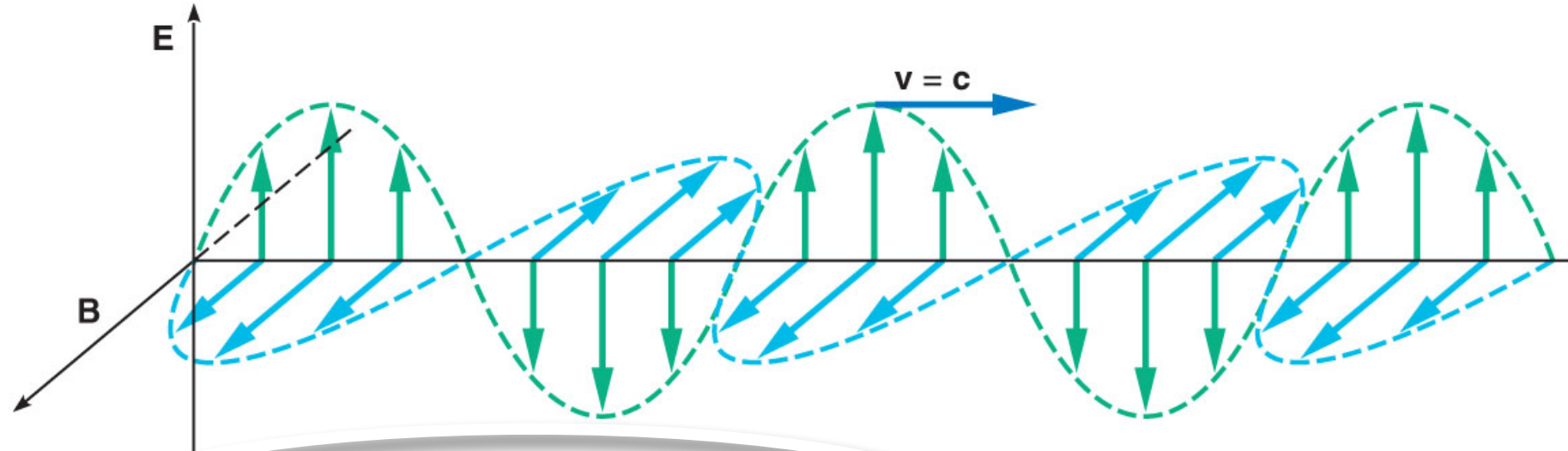


a changing B field creates an E field

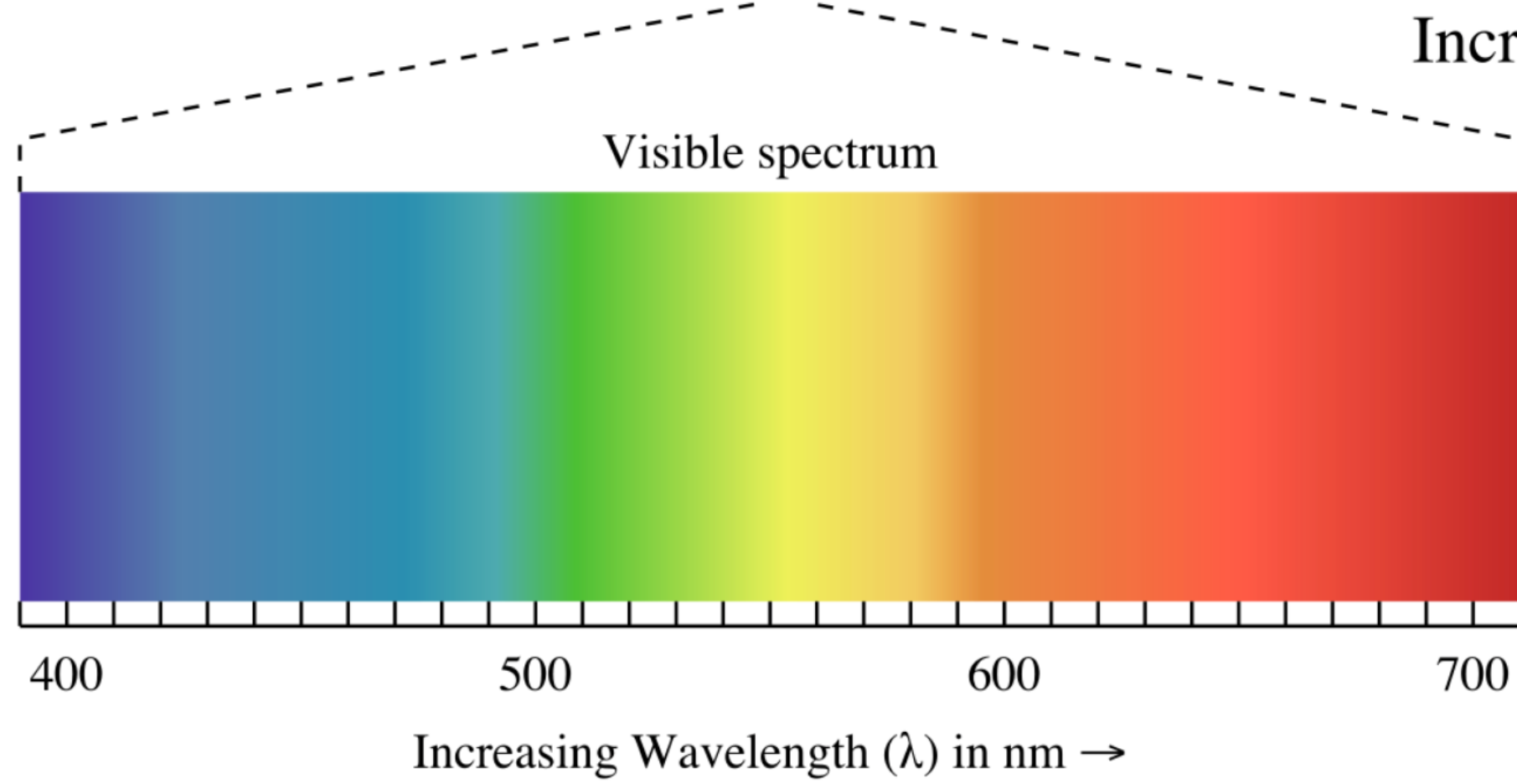
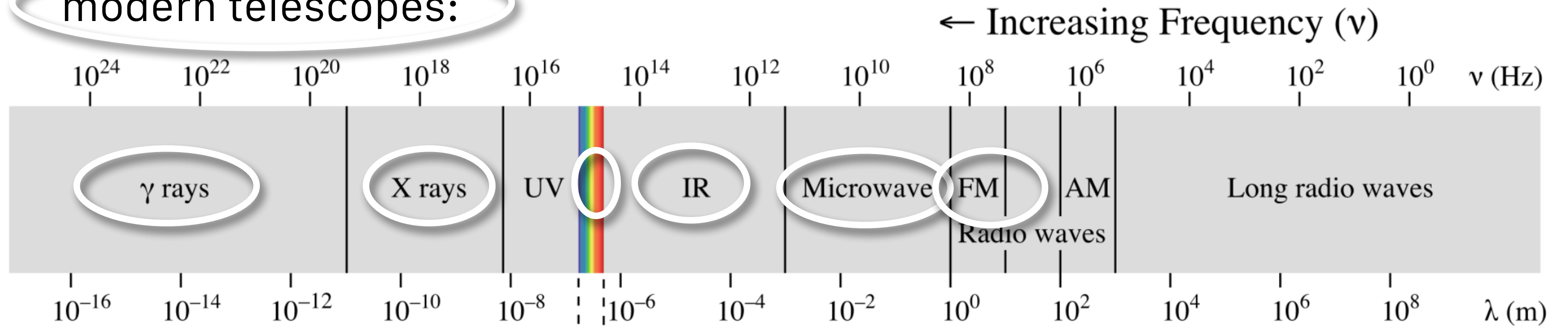
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**accelerated charges produce
electromagnetic radiation**

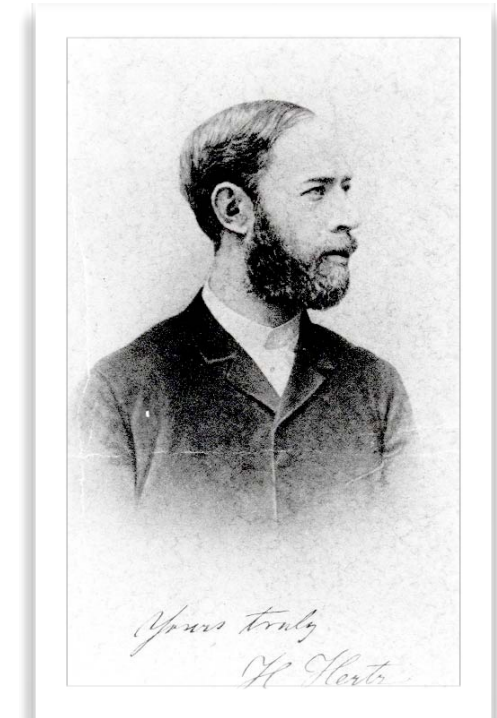
Modern Electromagnetic Spectrum



modern telescopes:



all travel at $c = 3 \times 10^8$ m/s

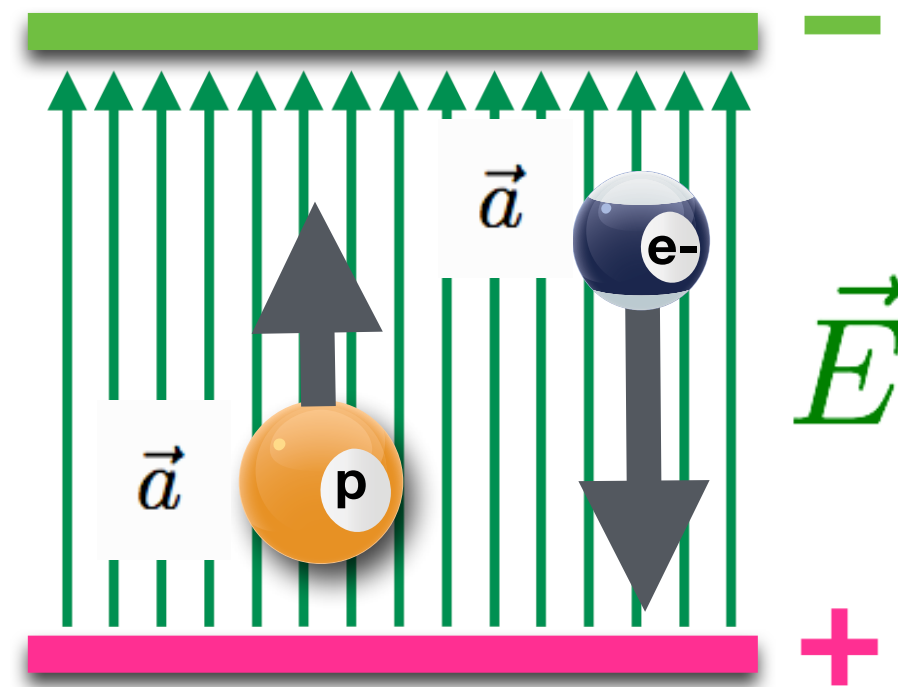


Heinrich Hertz
1857 – 1 January 1894

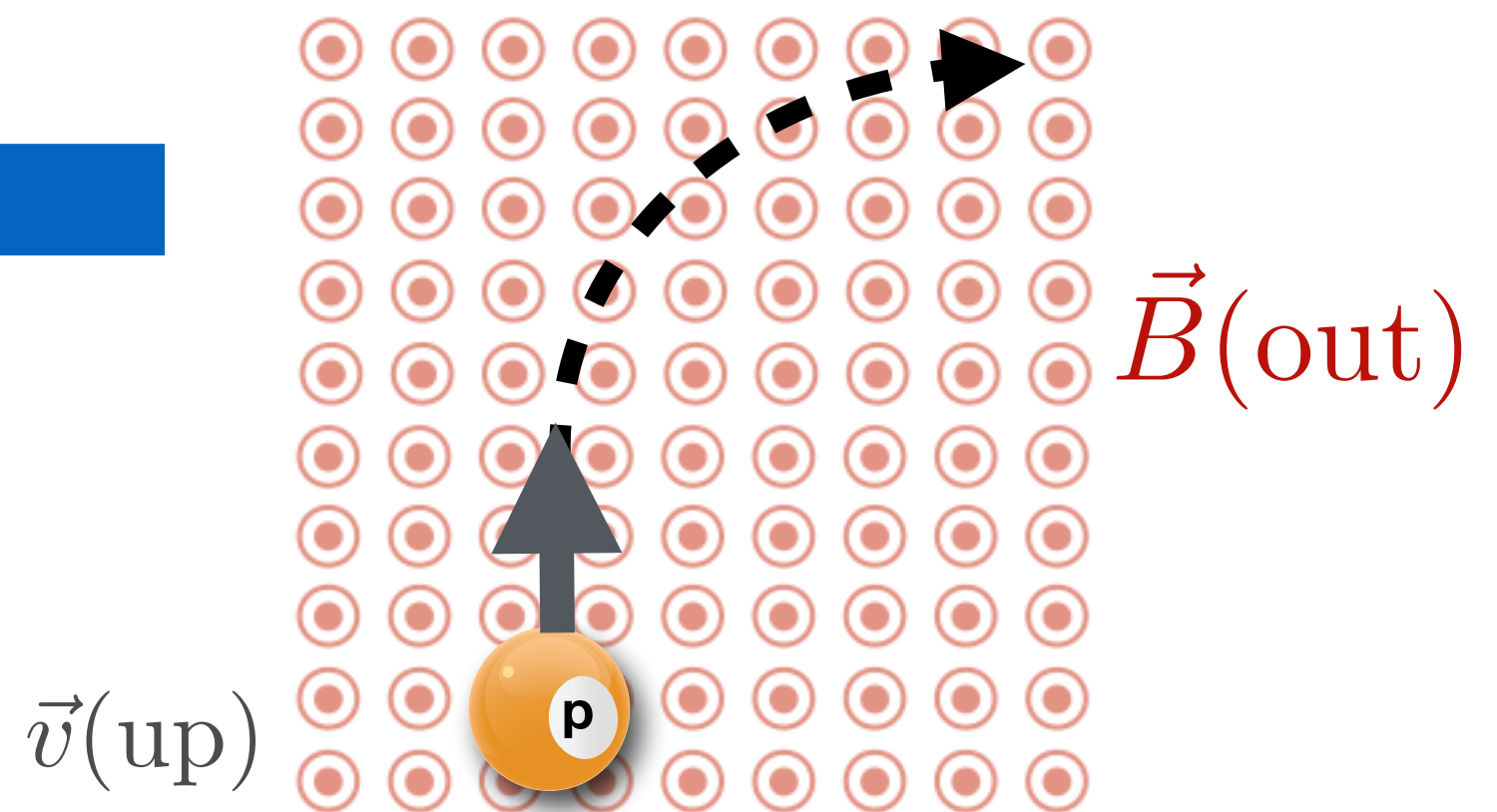
Accelerator ingredients: E and B

for two configurations of charges and currents

**Electric Fields
accelerate**



**Magnetic Fields
bend**



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The Nobel Prize in Physics 1901
Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen

The Nobel Prize in Physics 1901

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it got strange

Nobel 1906



The Nobel Prize in Physics 1906

J.J. Thomson

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The Nobel Prize in Physics 1906



Joseph John
Thomson

Prize share: 1/1

The Nobel Prize in Physics 1906 was awarded to J.J. Thomson "*in recognition of the great merits of his theoretical and experimental investigations on the conduction of electricity by gases*".

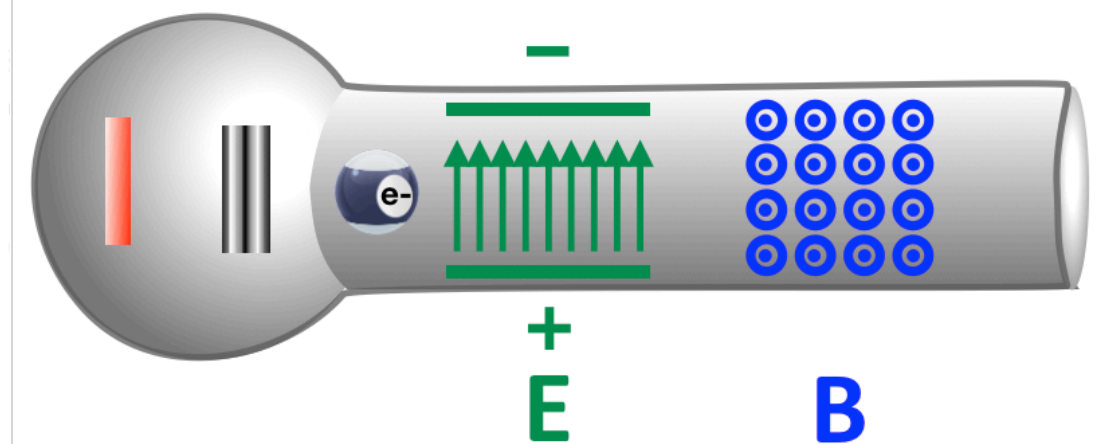
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The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1911
Marie Curie



Marie Curie, née Skłodowska

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Henri Becquerel, Pierre Curie, Marie Curie

The Nobel Prize in Physics 1903

- Henri Becquerel
- Pierre Curie
- Marie Curie



Antoine Henri Becquerel | **Pierre Curie** | **Marie Curie, née Skłodowska**

The Nobel Prize in Physics 1903 was divided, one half awarded to Antoine Henri Becquerel *"in recognition of the extraordinary services he has rendered by his discovery of spontaneous radioactivity"*, the other half jointly to Pierre Curie and Marie Curie, née Skłodowska *"in recognition of the extraordinary services they have rendered by their joint researches on the radiation phenomena discovered by Professor Henri Becquerel"*.

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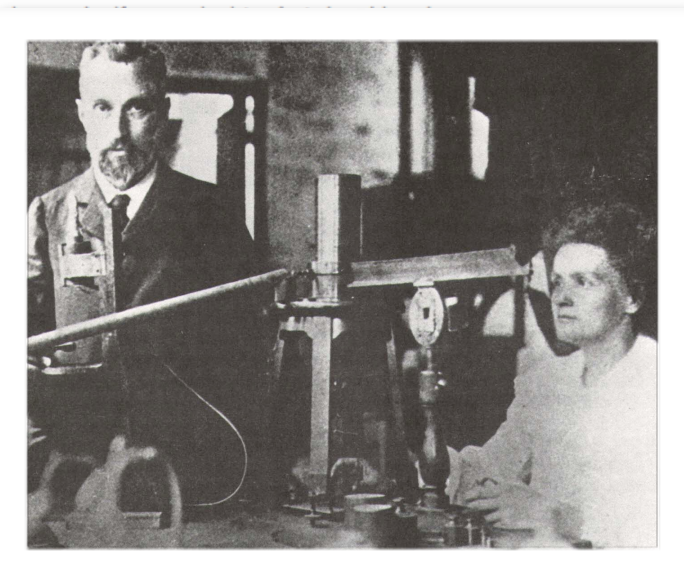


Antoine Henri Becquerel | **Pierre Curie** | **Marie Curie, née Skłodowska**

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but


it had already been strange

1887

Albert
Michelson
(1852-1931)


and

Edward Morley

 **The Nobel Prize in Physics 1907**
Albert A. Michelson

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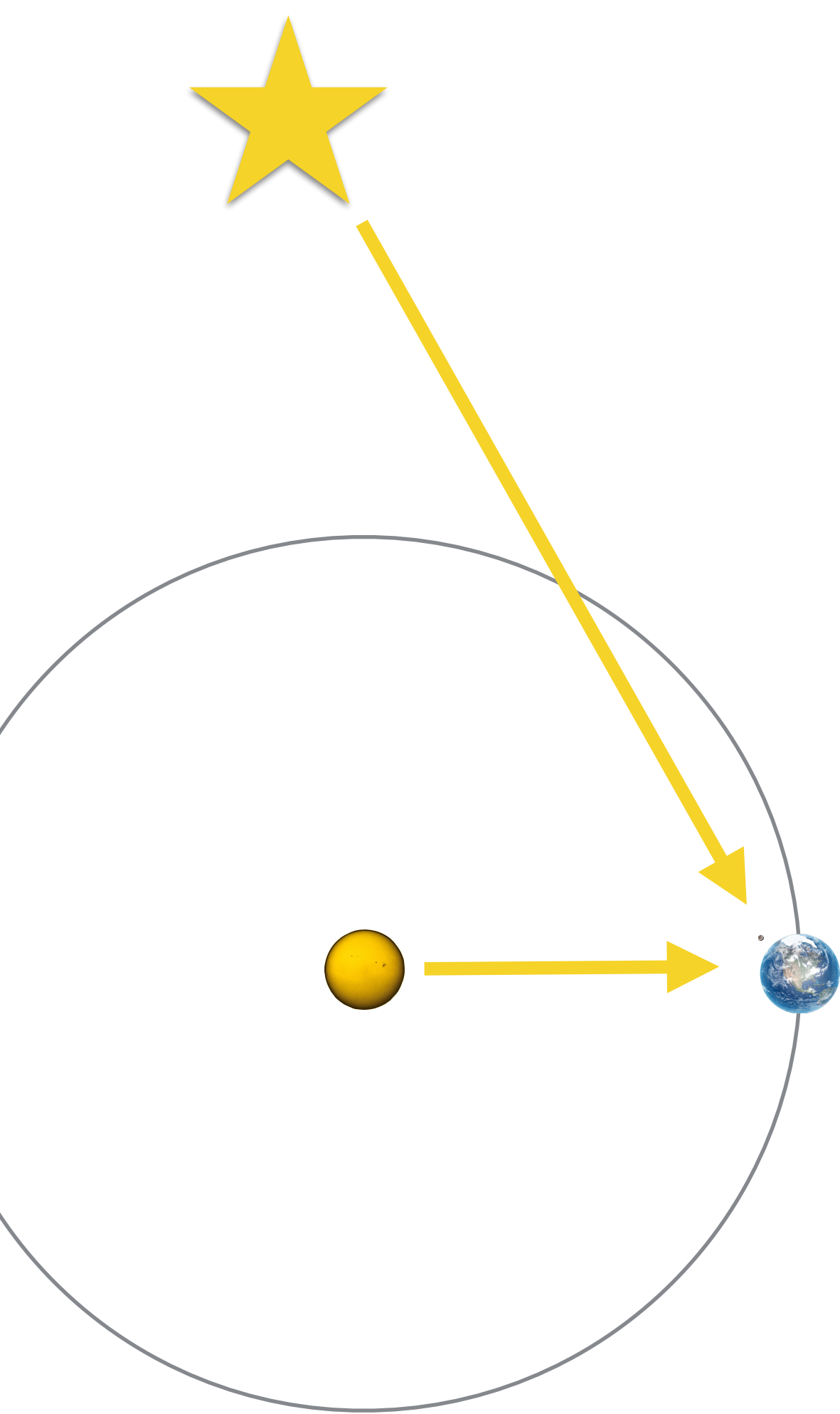
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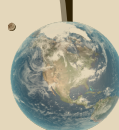


We remember
him for the most
important
measurement of
nothing ever.

any problem seeing stars
or the sun?



the ether



Earth's Motion
should cause an
"ether wind"

stationary, Newtonian-like
Absolute rest frame

any problem seeing stars
or the sun?

everyone knew that light
was vibrations of the
"luminiferous ether".
everyone.

light going upstream should take
a different time to go a distance
than going downstream

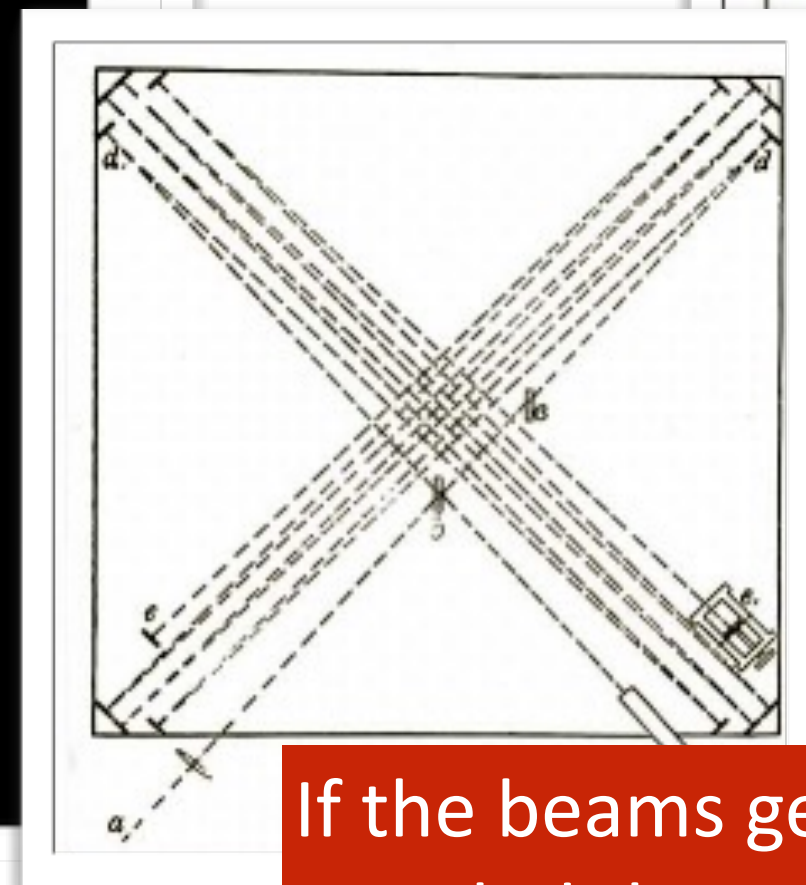
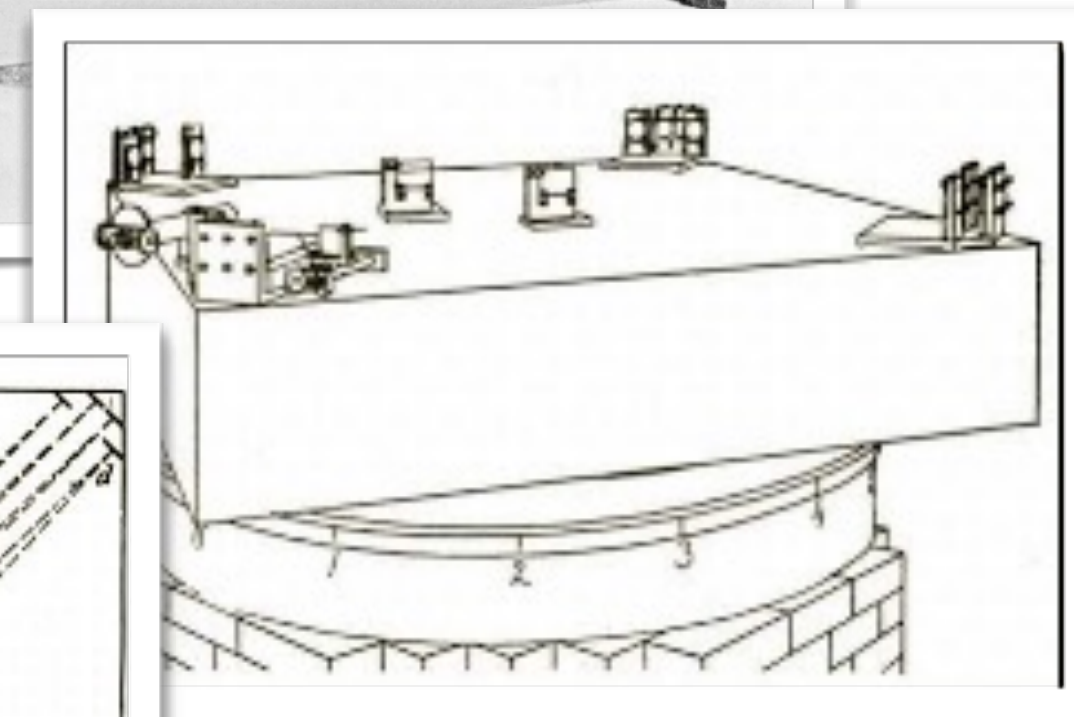
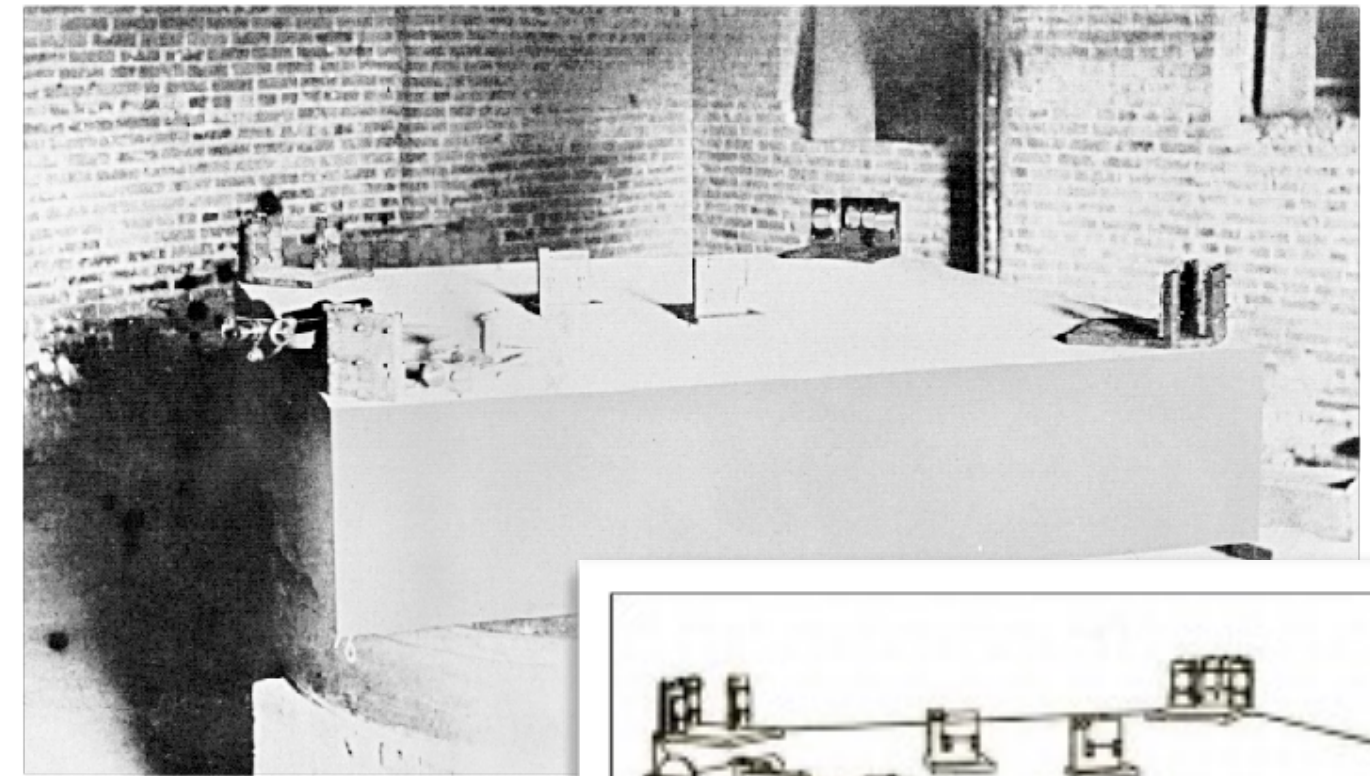
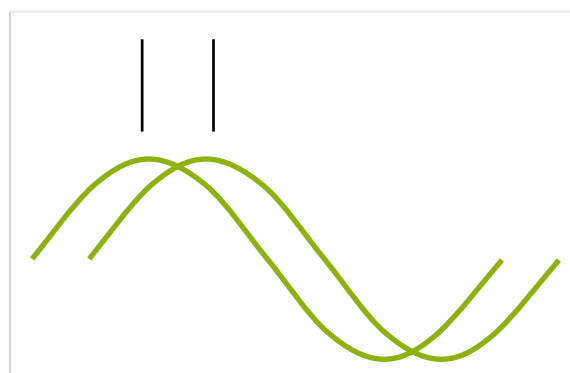
‘‘Michelson Morley Experiments’’

trying to measure the speed of Earth relative to Ether

This technique was perfected by cowboy, Albert Michelson and eventually his sidekick, Edward Morley at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland between 1880 and 1888

measure the fringes in light interfering from the two paths...then rotate the instrument 90 degrees - and do it again.


The differences between the two configurations is related to the time difference



If the beams get back out of phase...one traveled through the ether differently from the other.

neat simulation

http://www.kcvs.ca/site/projects/physics_files/specialRelativity/michelsonMorley/mmExperiment.swf



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repeated results for Earth-ether speed:

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zero. zip. nada. nothing. uh-uh. zilch. naught. diddly-squat.

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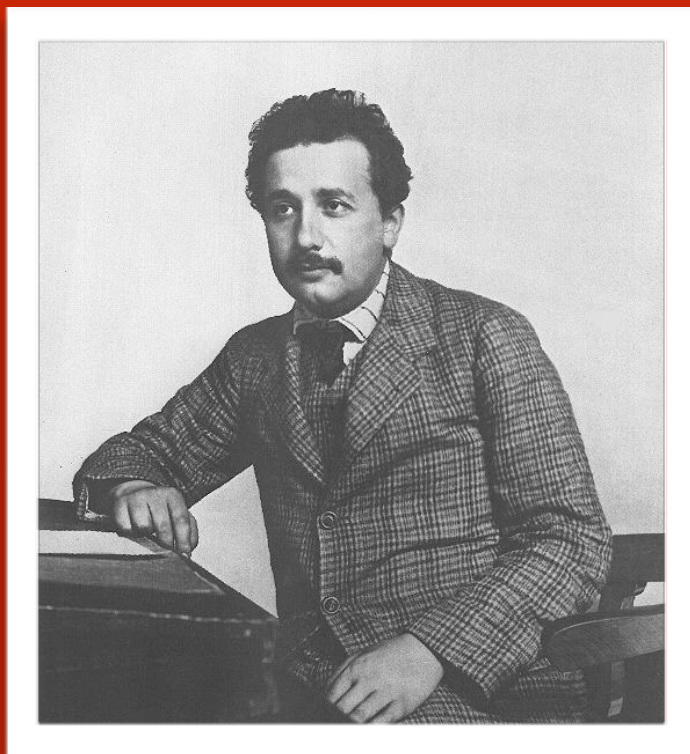
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The earth did not appear to be moving through an Ether.
The question: did Einstein know of the MM experiment?
He always said "no."

back to Einstein

following his
nose



March, 1905: The photoelectric effect paper.

May, 1905: Brownian Motion...

<http://www.aip.org/history/einstein/brownian.htm>

June, 1905: The Special Theory of Relativity

September, 1905: $E = mc^2$ paper

} couple
of
weeks

} this
week

This? ...a pretty good year.

1907, 1911, 1912, 1915, 1917: General Relativity

General Relativistic Cosmology

} after
break

Lots of Einstein on the web. This is good:

<http://www.aip.org/history/einstein/index.html>

The Einstein House in Bern

<http://www.einstein-bern.ch/index.php?lang=en&show=start>

he moved around

1905: patent clerk at the Swiss Patent office

- 1915 4 lectures with complete GR theory
- 1916 publishes GR theory
- 1917 1st paper on Cosmology
introduces Cosmological Constant
moves in with Elsa
- 1919 divorces Mileva, marries Elsa
Solar Eclipse data confirmed by Eddington
- 1920 anti-relativity lectures in Berlin
- 1922 Nobel Prize
- 1931 rejects Cosmological Constant
- 1933 Hitler elected Chancellor
Einstein renounces German citizenship
Moves to Princeton

1913 Professor
separates from Mileva

1911 Professor



1907 University Bern? nope

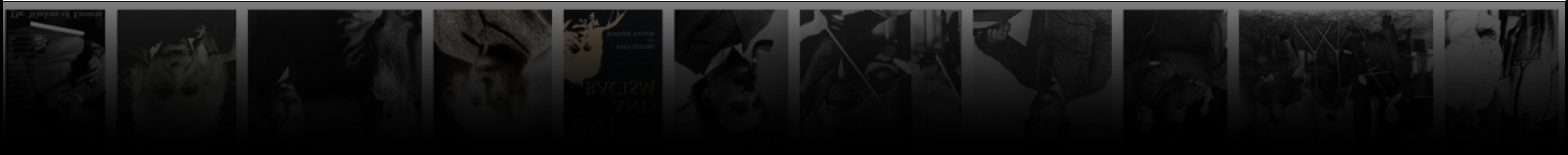
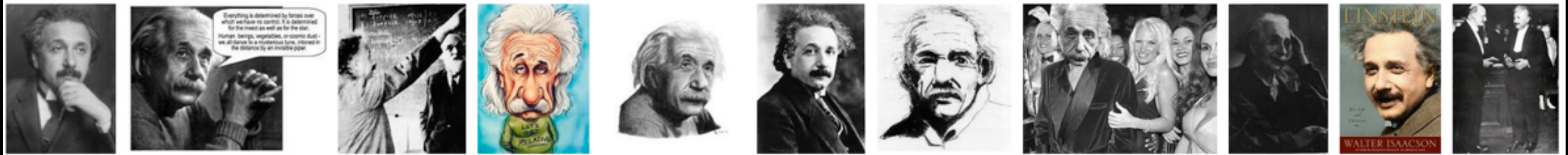
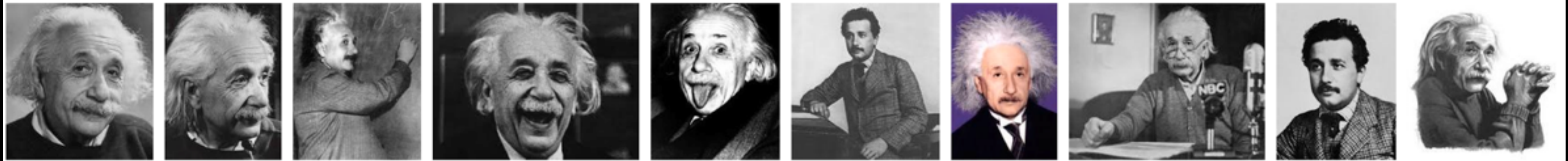
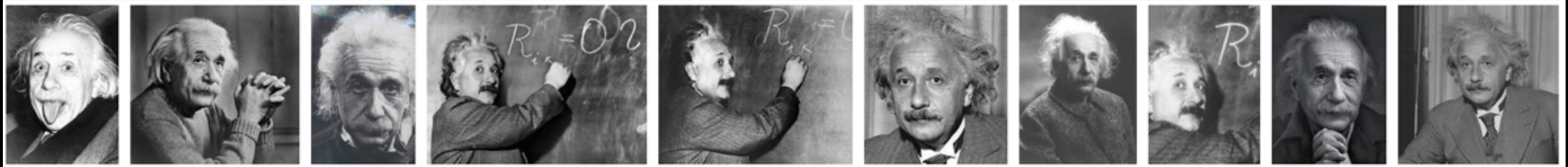
1906 Doctorate

1909 Professor

1912 Professor

work with Grossman

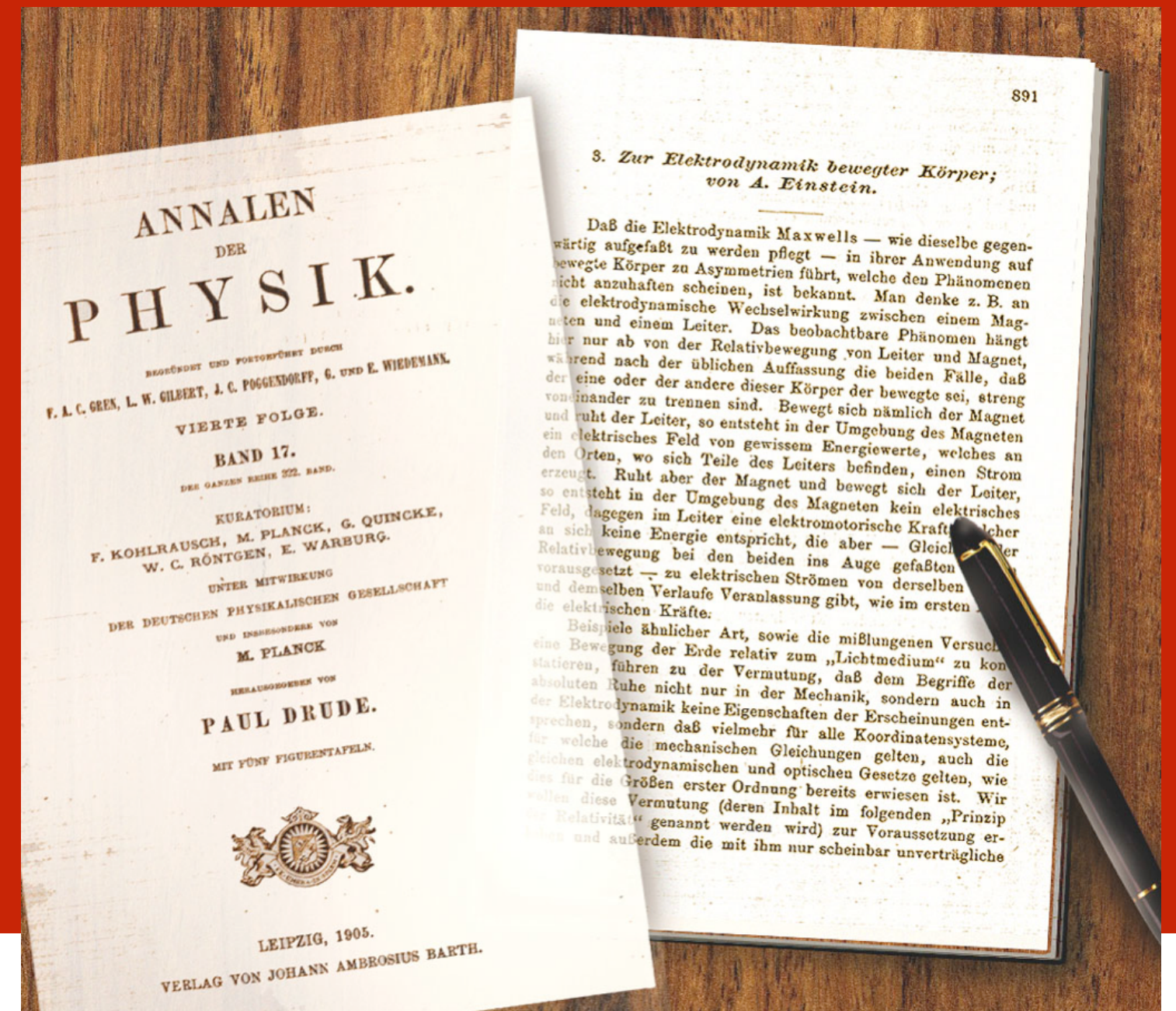
1913 1st GR paper



His 1905 Relativity paper:

On the Electrodynamics of Moving Bodies

"A storm broke loose in my mind."



Galileo had solved a serious problem

The bus/train/car-beside-you-illusion

you've all had the sensation:

you're in a bus/train/car next to a bus/train/car

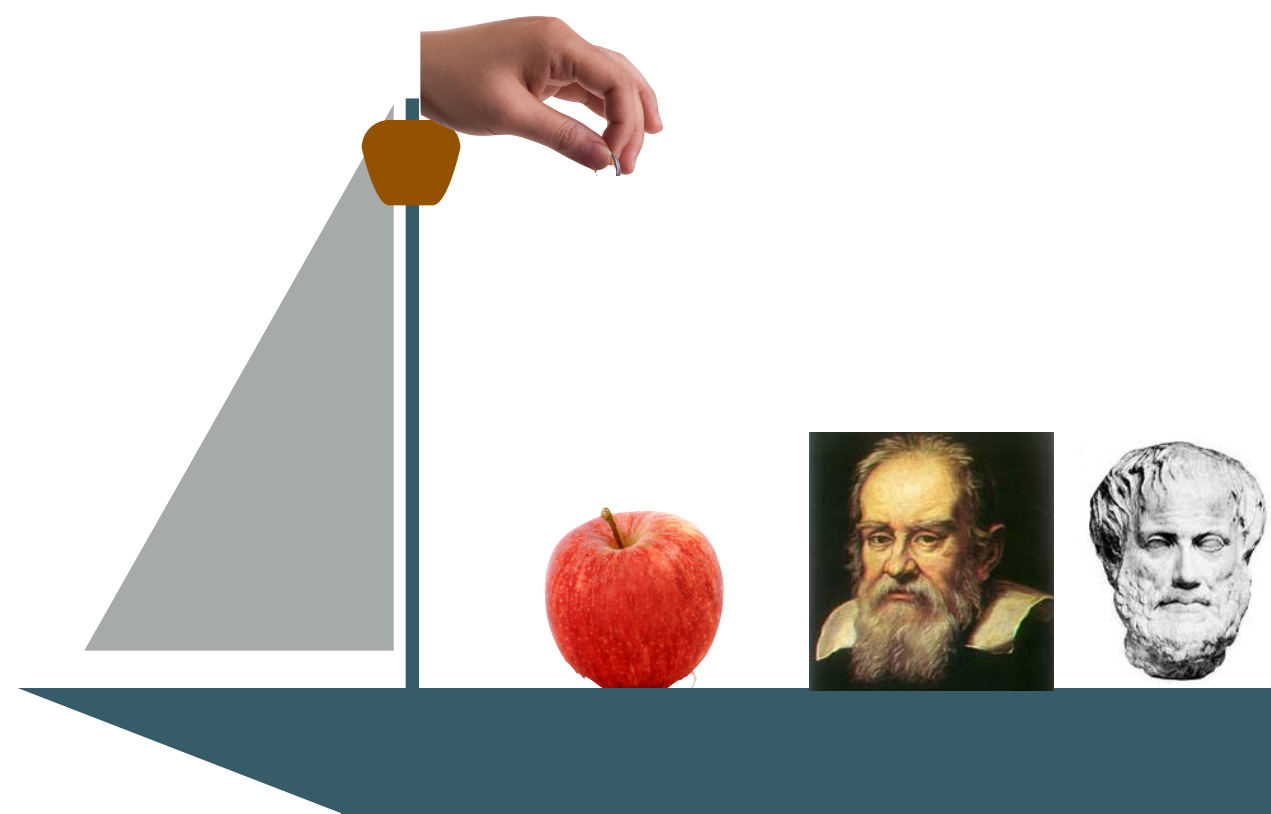
one of them moves...you instantly wonder if it's your bus/
train/car or the other bus/train/car...right?

Aristotle
would not
have been
amused

they disagreed
about what
would be the
case

between two
different frames
of reference

"Galilean
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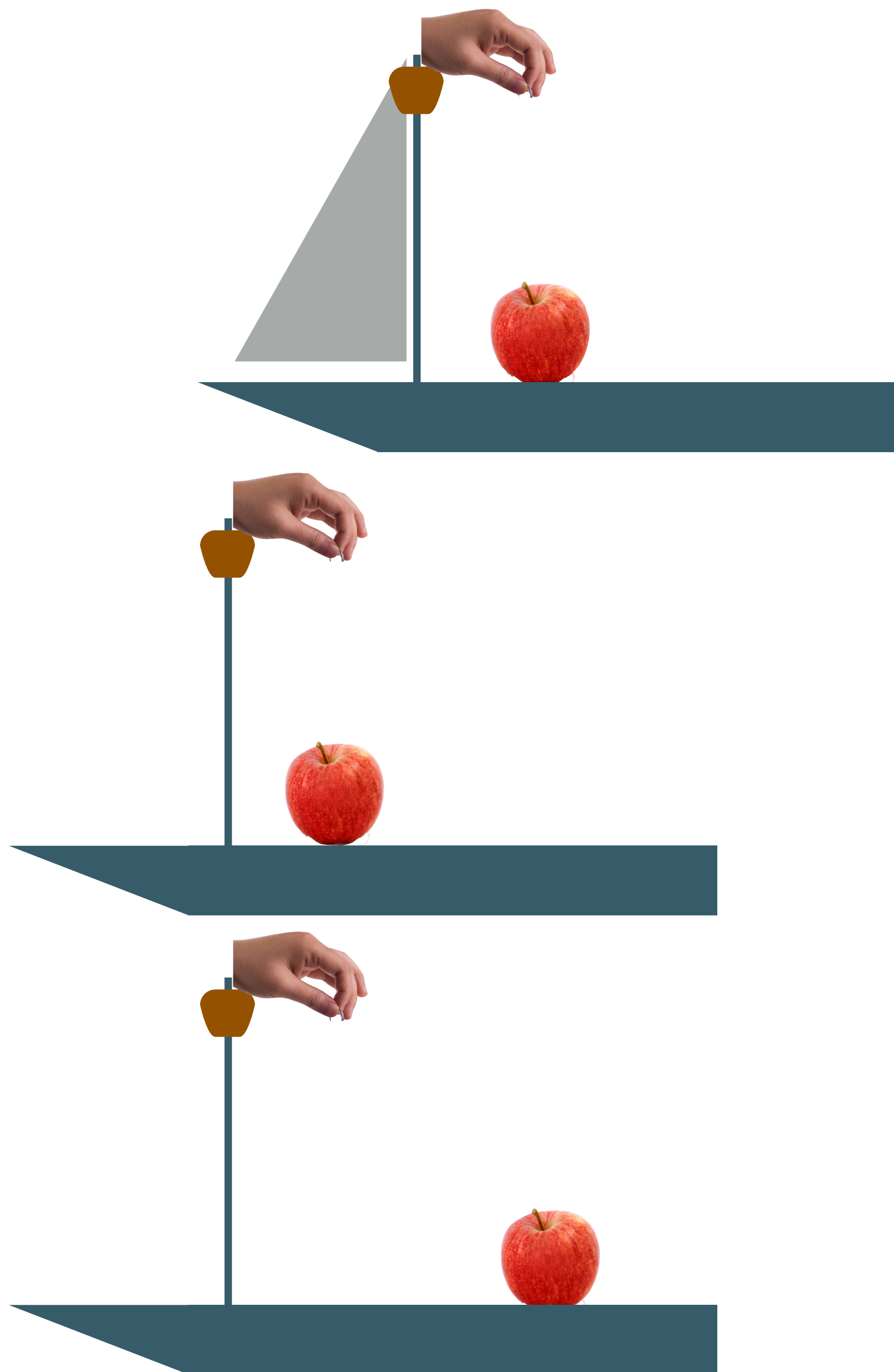
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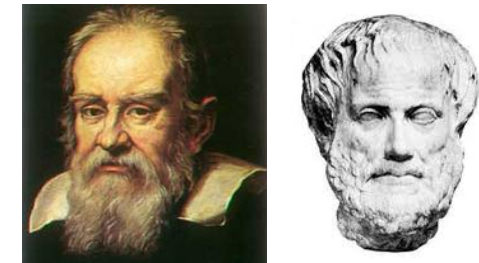
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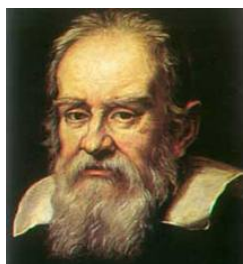
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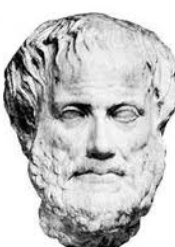
G and A:
standing on
deck, boat still
Same on shore



G:
standing
on shore,
boat
moving



A:
standing
on shore,
boat
moving



Galileo

1632

"Shut yourself up with some friend in the main cabin below decks on some large ship, and have with there some flies, butterflies, and other small flying animals. Have a large bowl of water with some fish in it; hang up a bottle that empties drop by drop into a wide vessel beneath it. With the ship standing still, observe carefully how the little animals fly with equal speed to all sides of the cabin. The fish swim indifferently in all directions; the drops fall into the vessel beneath; and, in throwing something to your friend, you need throw it no more strongly in one direction than another, the distances being equal; jumping with your feet together, you pass equal spaces in every direction. When you have observed these things carefully (though there is no doubt that when the ship is standing still everything must happen in this way), have the ship proceed with any speed you like, so long as the motion is uniform and not fluctuating this way and that. **You will discover not the least change in all the effects named,** nor could you tell from any of them whether the ship was moving or standing still."

Galileo

1632

He says that the physics
doesn't know the
difference between moving
at constant speed and not
moving at all

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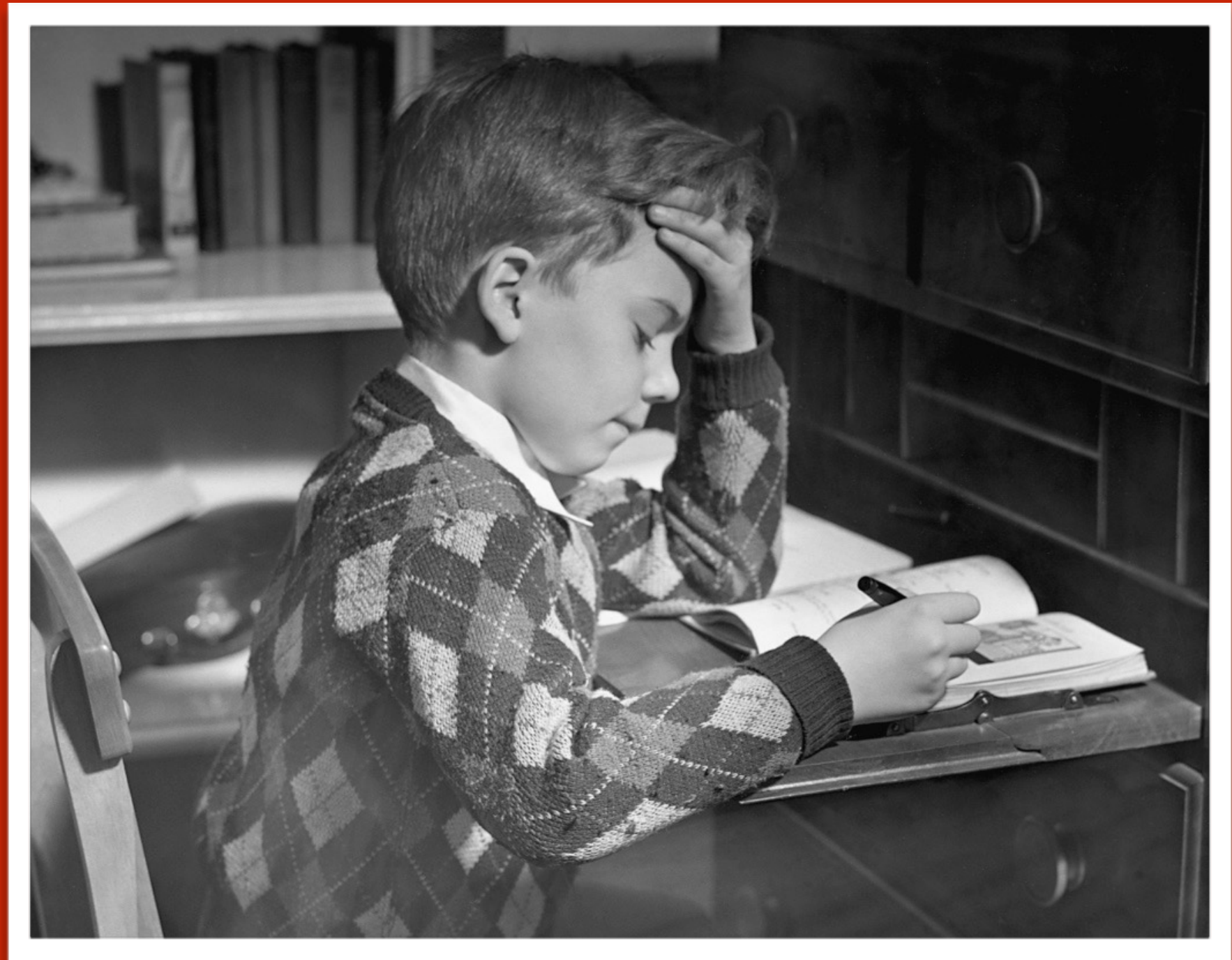
let's think

hard about

SPACE and TIME

~~moving~~ coordinate systems

relatively moving



a frame of reference: Cool Guy and Old Guy.



They each have a coordinate system attached

They each have a clock attached

Each is at rest in his own frame of reference –
his unique **Rest Frame**

If the relative speed of Cool Guy is constant with
respect to Old Guy...

a frame of reference: Cool Guy and Old Guy.



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his unique **Rest Frame**

If the relative speed of Cool Guy is constant with
respect to Old Guy...

They are each in an **Inertial Frame of Reference**

What does Cool Guy see?
(when he's not looking in a mirror)

Old guy moving backwards.

jargon alert:

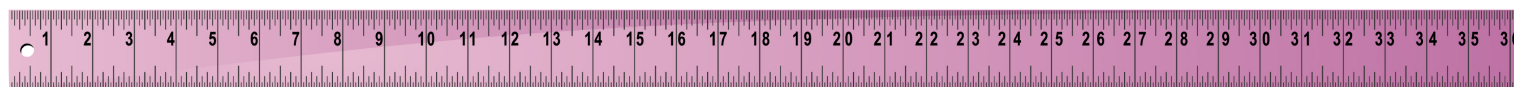
Inertial Frame of Reference

- refers to: a Frame of Reference moving at a constant, linear velocity
- etymology: from Newton's First Law idea
- example: a spaceship at constant speed

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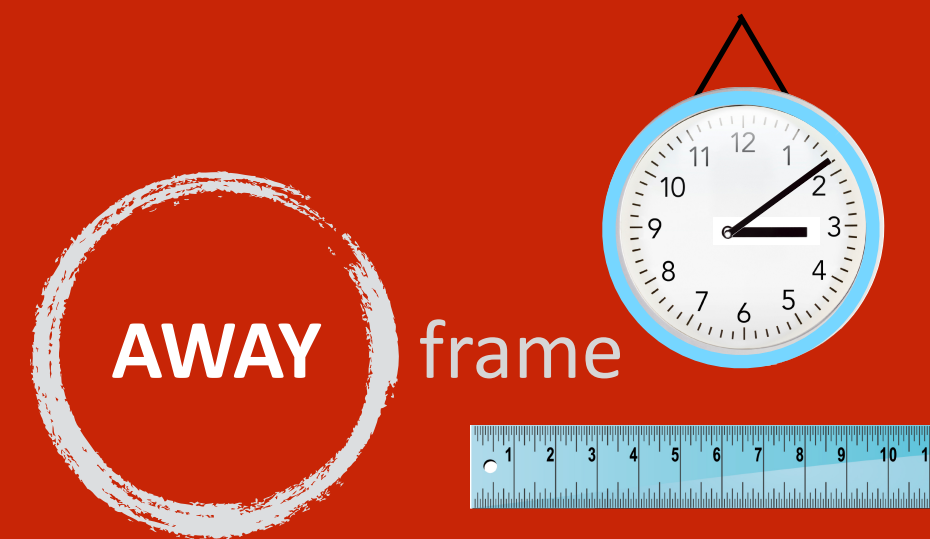
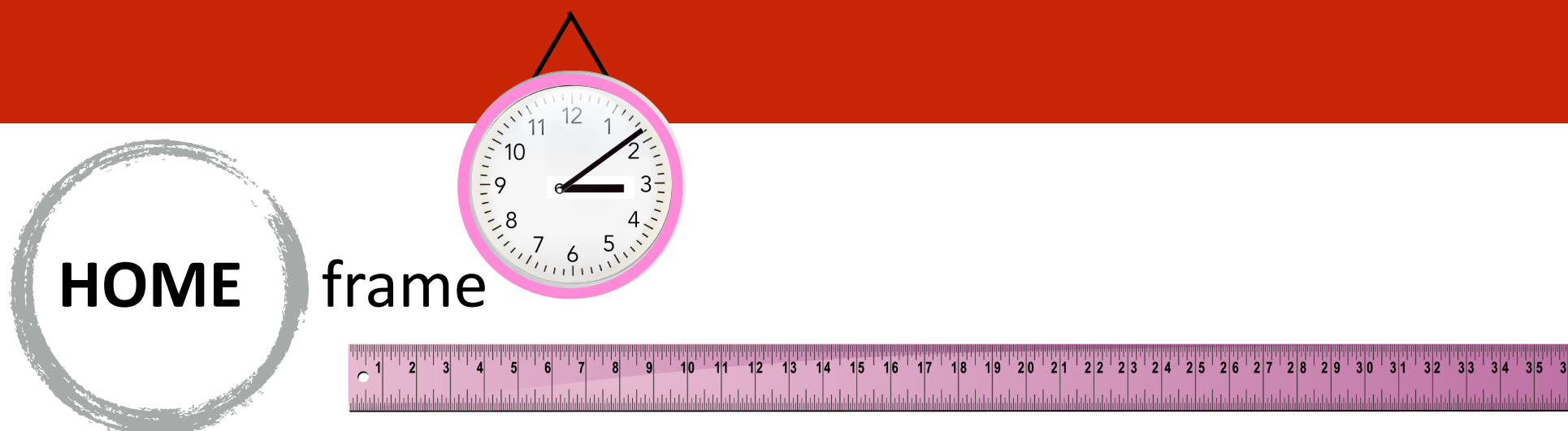
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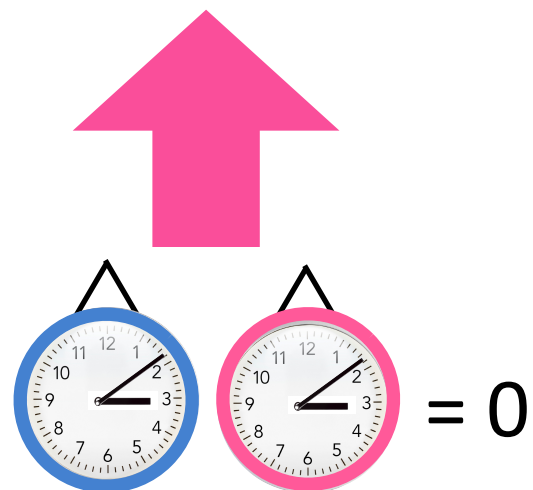
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the frame being watched



When the origins cross...
define that as $t = 0$



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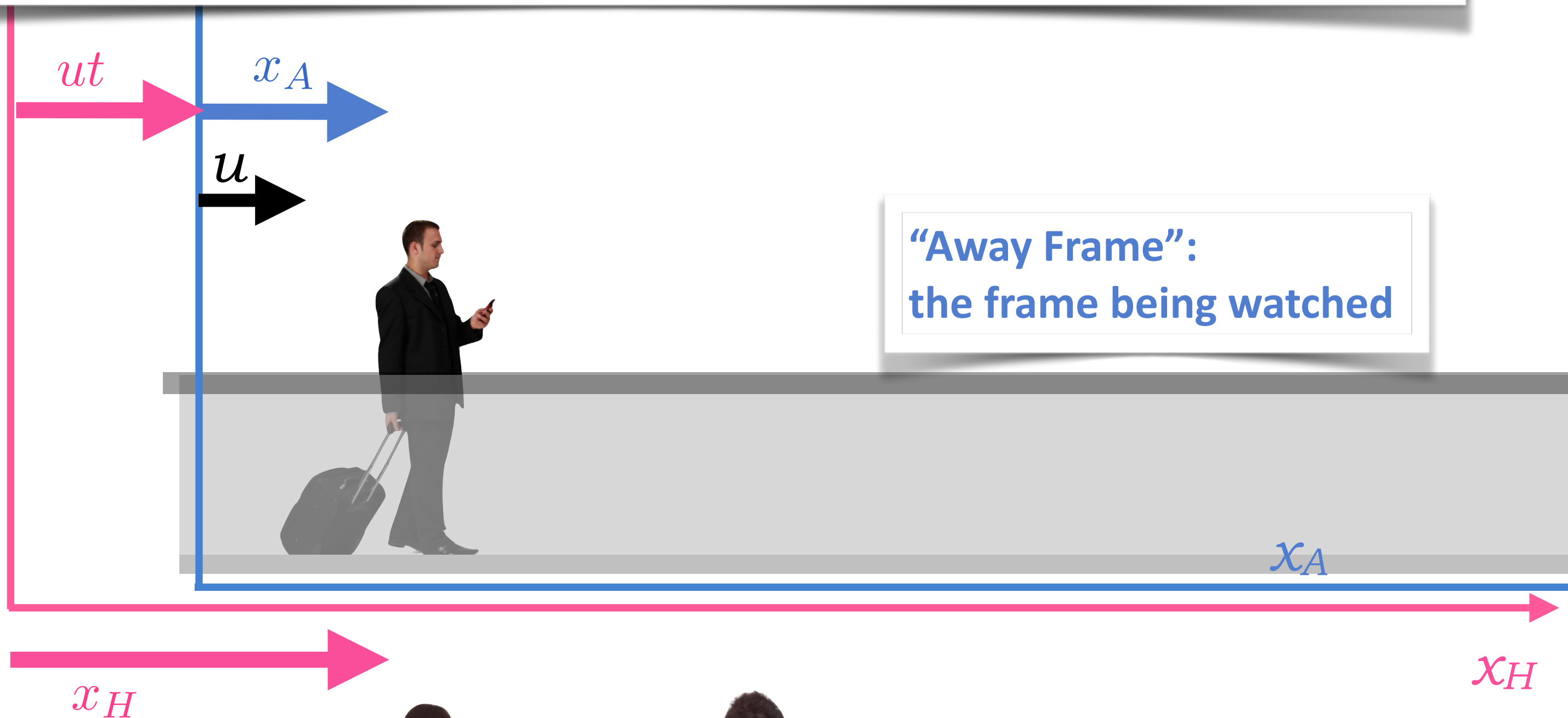
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sidewalk velocity relative to concourse: $u = 2 \text{ m/s}$

after 2 s, how far has the sidewalk moved relative to the concourse?

traveler is at $x_A = 2 \text{ m}$, what's traveler's position relative to the concourse after 2 s?



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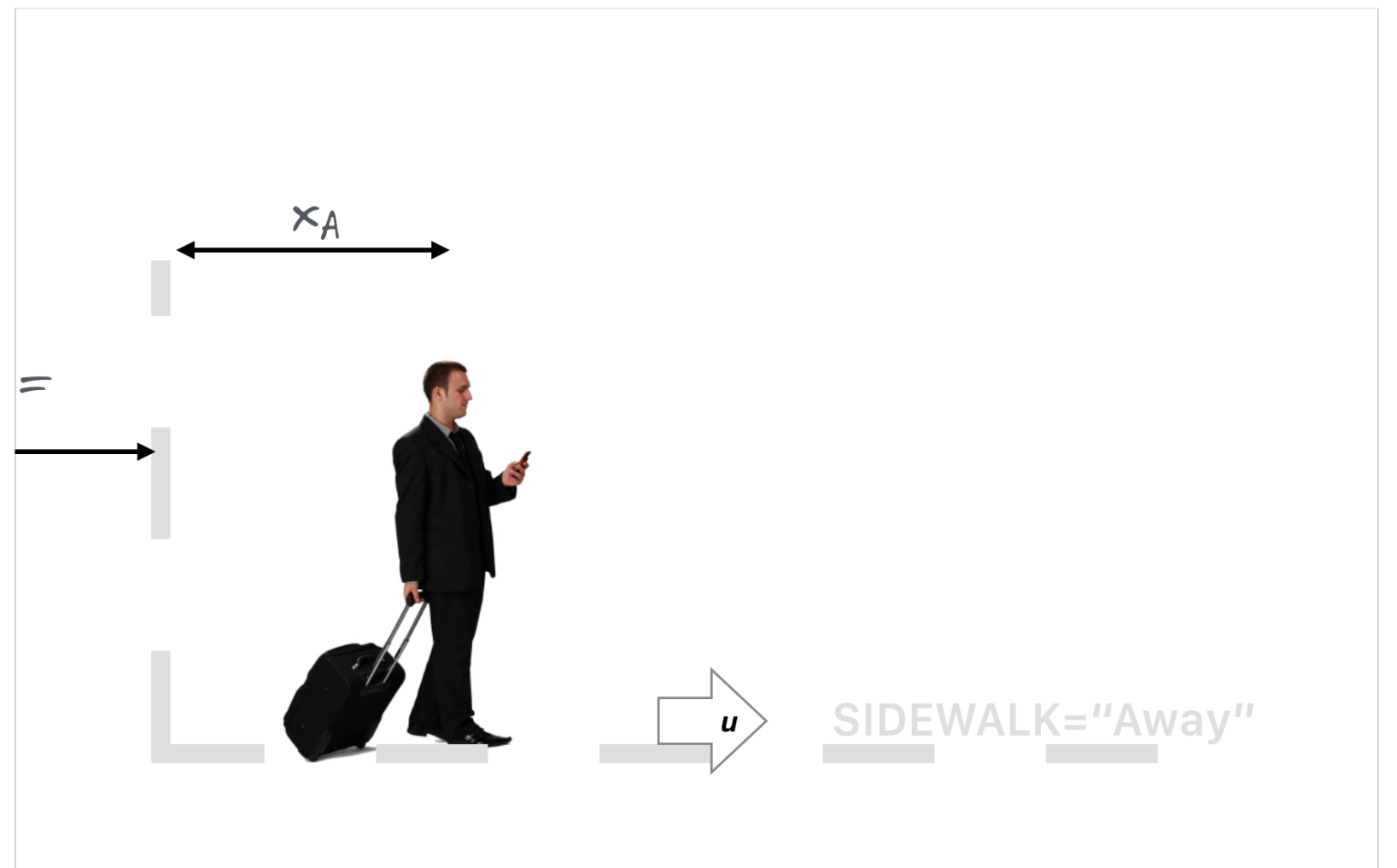
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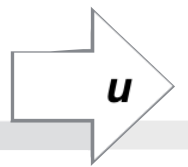




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$= d(t)_H$



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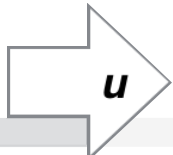
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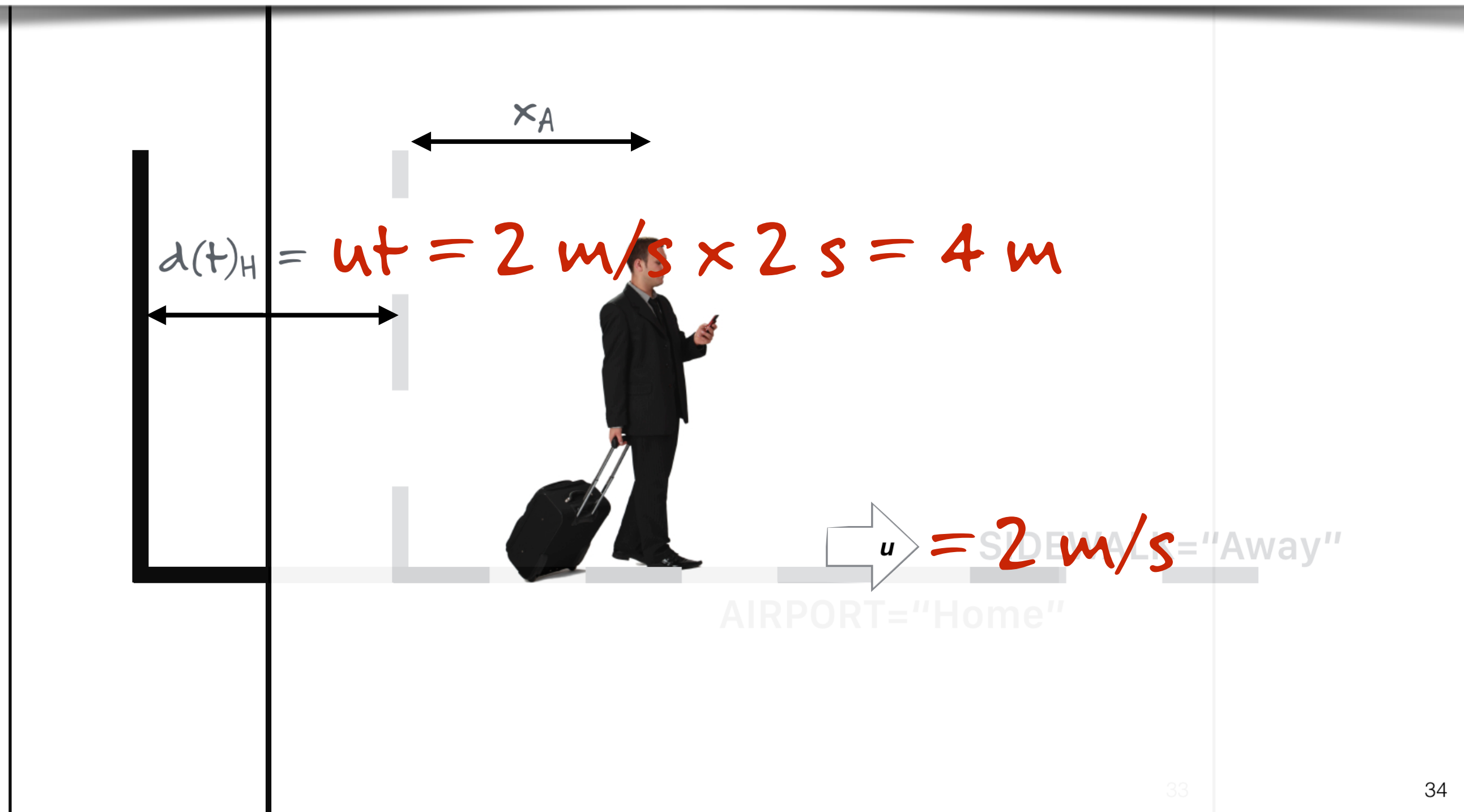
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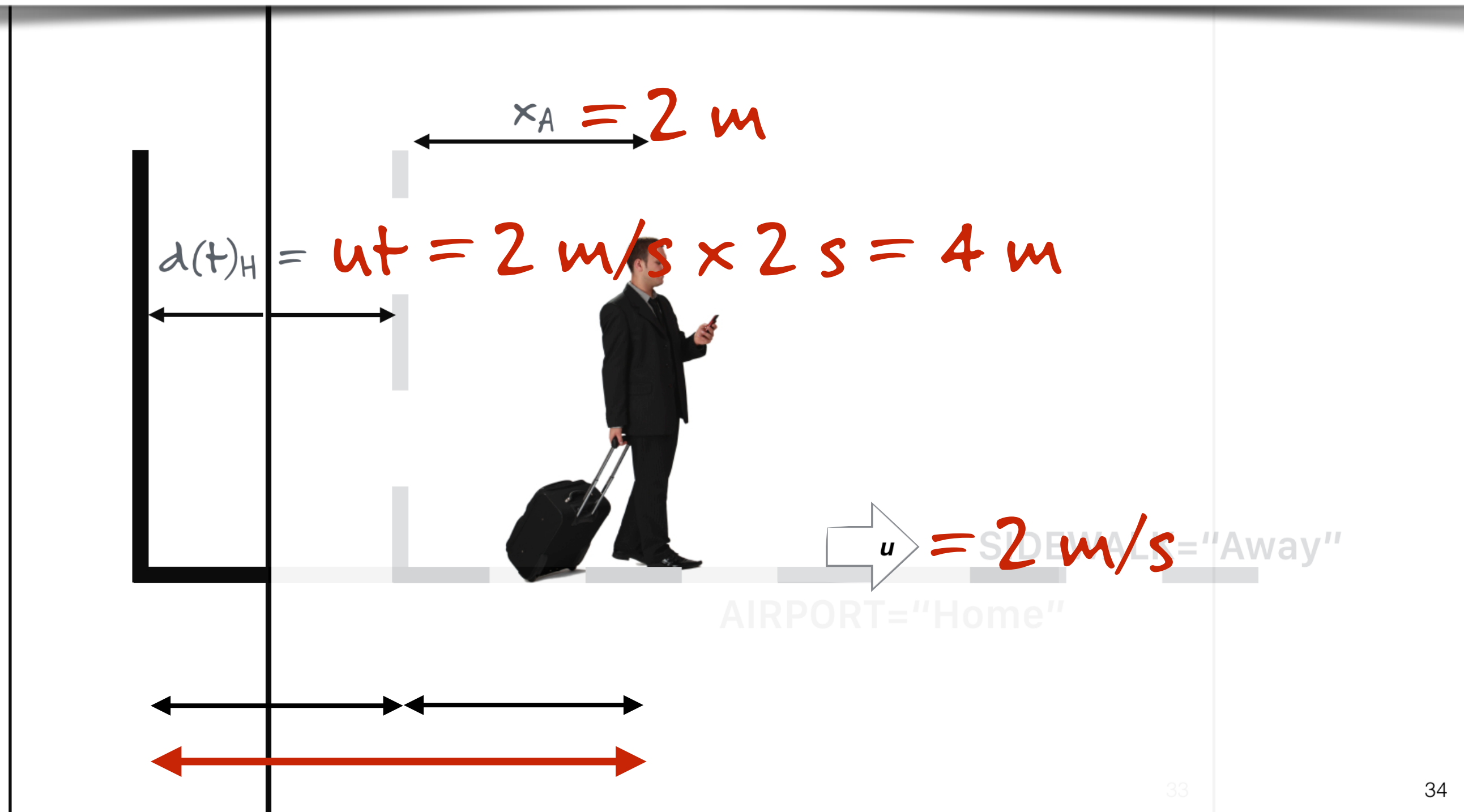
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$$x_H = d(t)_H + x_A = 4 + 2 = 6 \text{ m}$$

“coordinate transformation”

take the coordinates in one Frame and

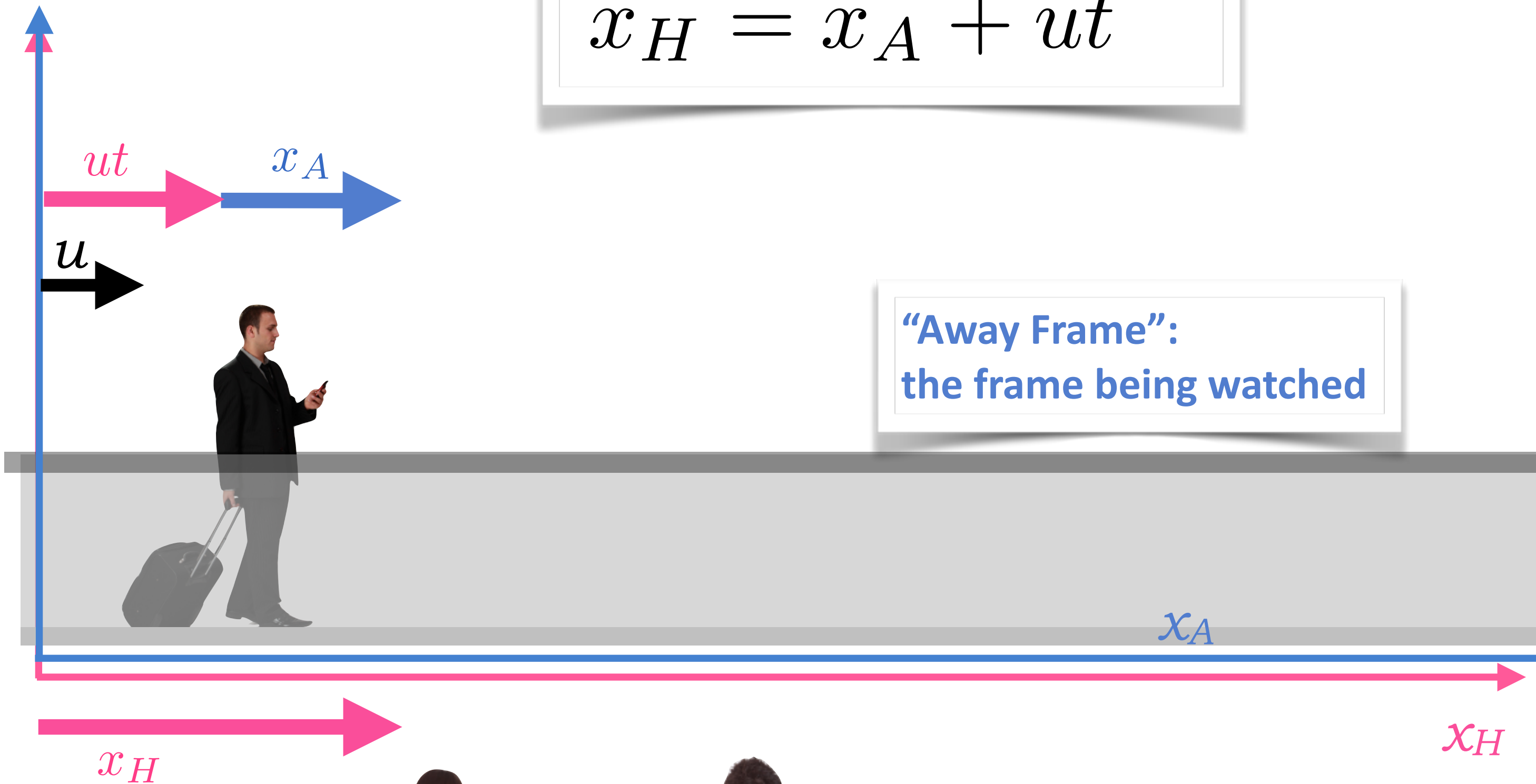
write them in a different Frame

here, Home and Away

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“Galilean Transformation”

$$x_H = x_A + ut$$



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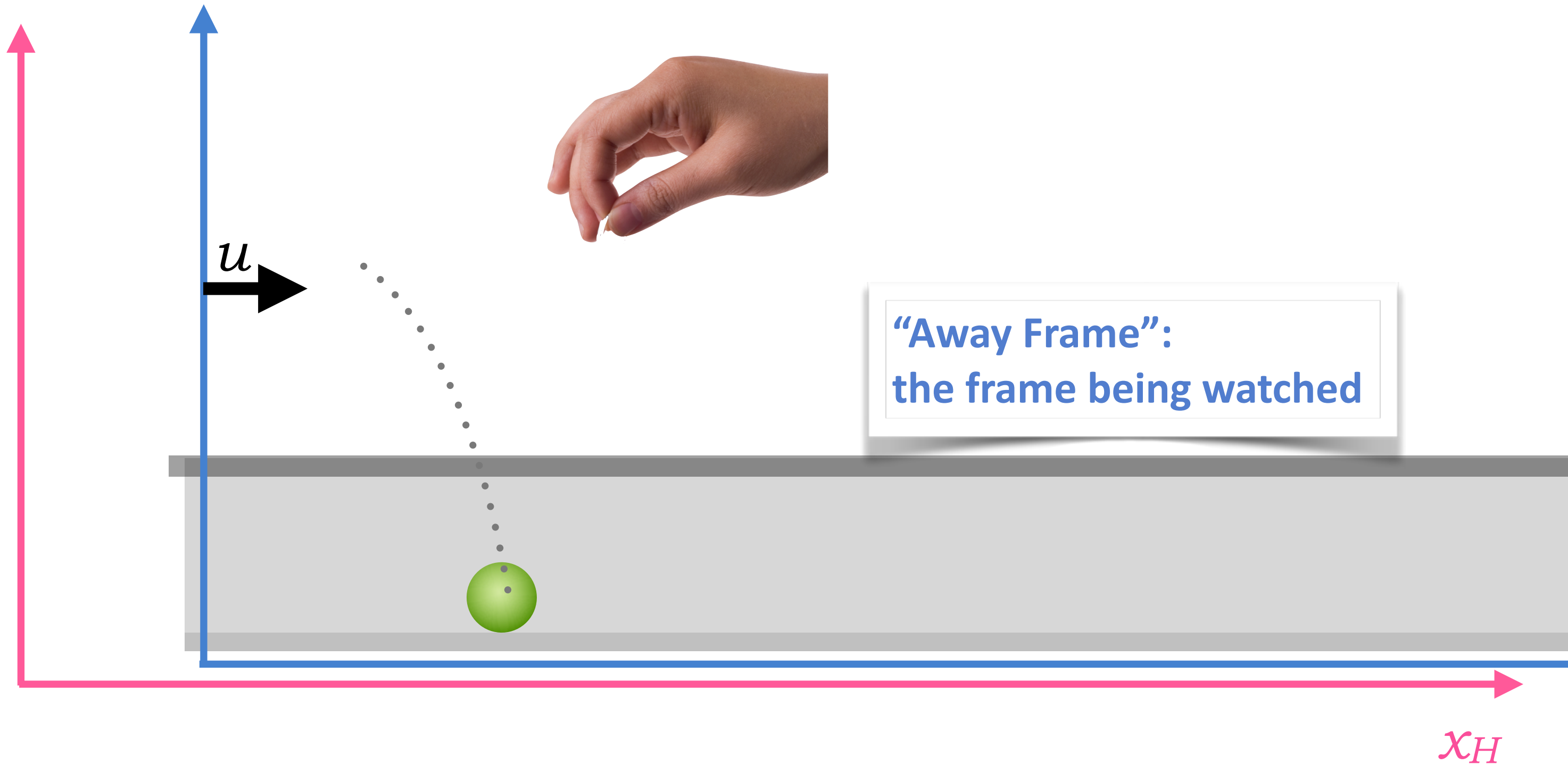
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Remember, what Galileo said was:

the physics doesn't care
about constant-velocity motion

view from the concourse:



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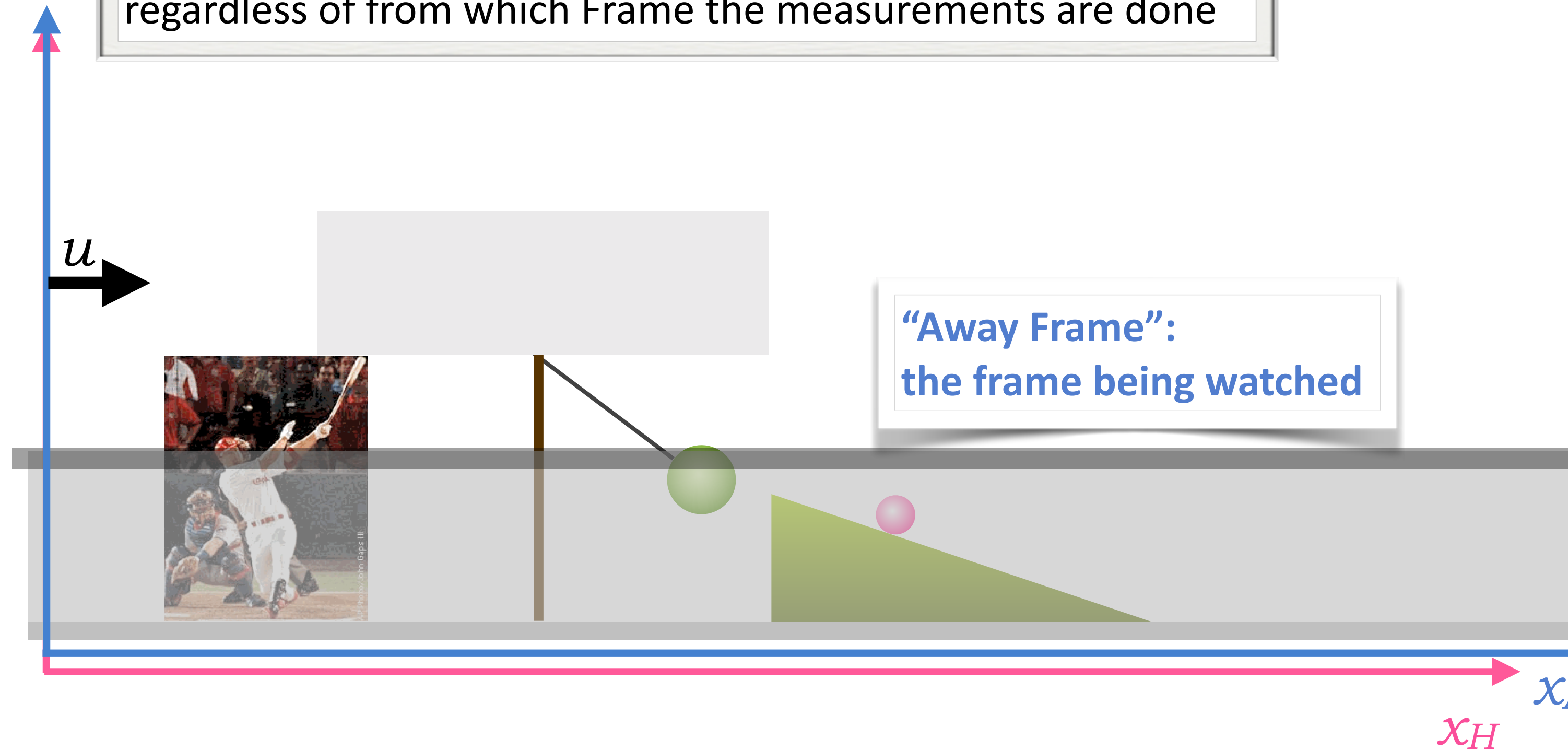


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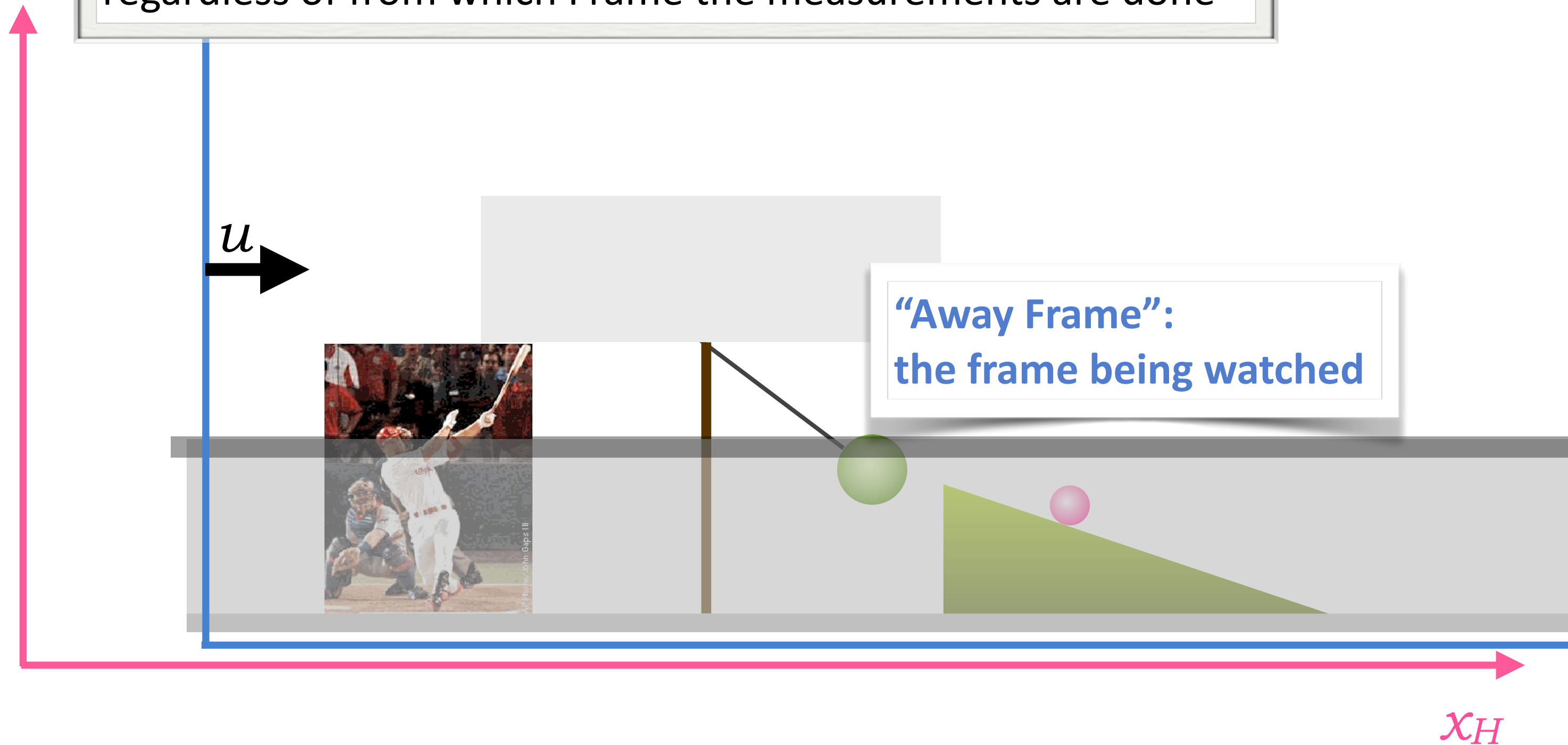
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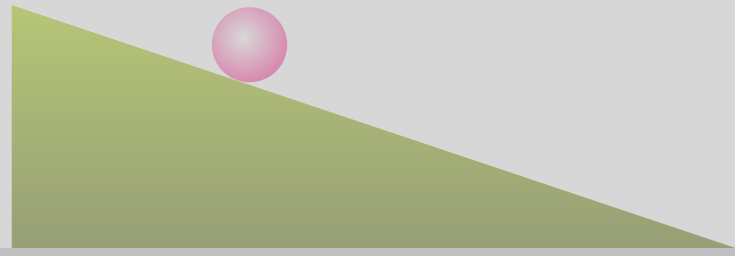
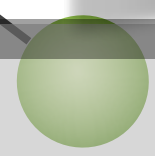
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In many ways “Relativity” theory is mis-named.
It's not about what changes...but what stays the same.

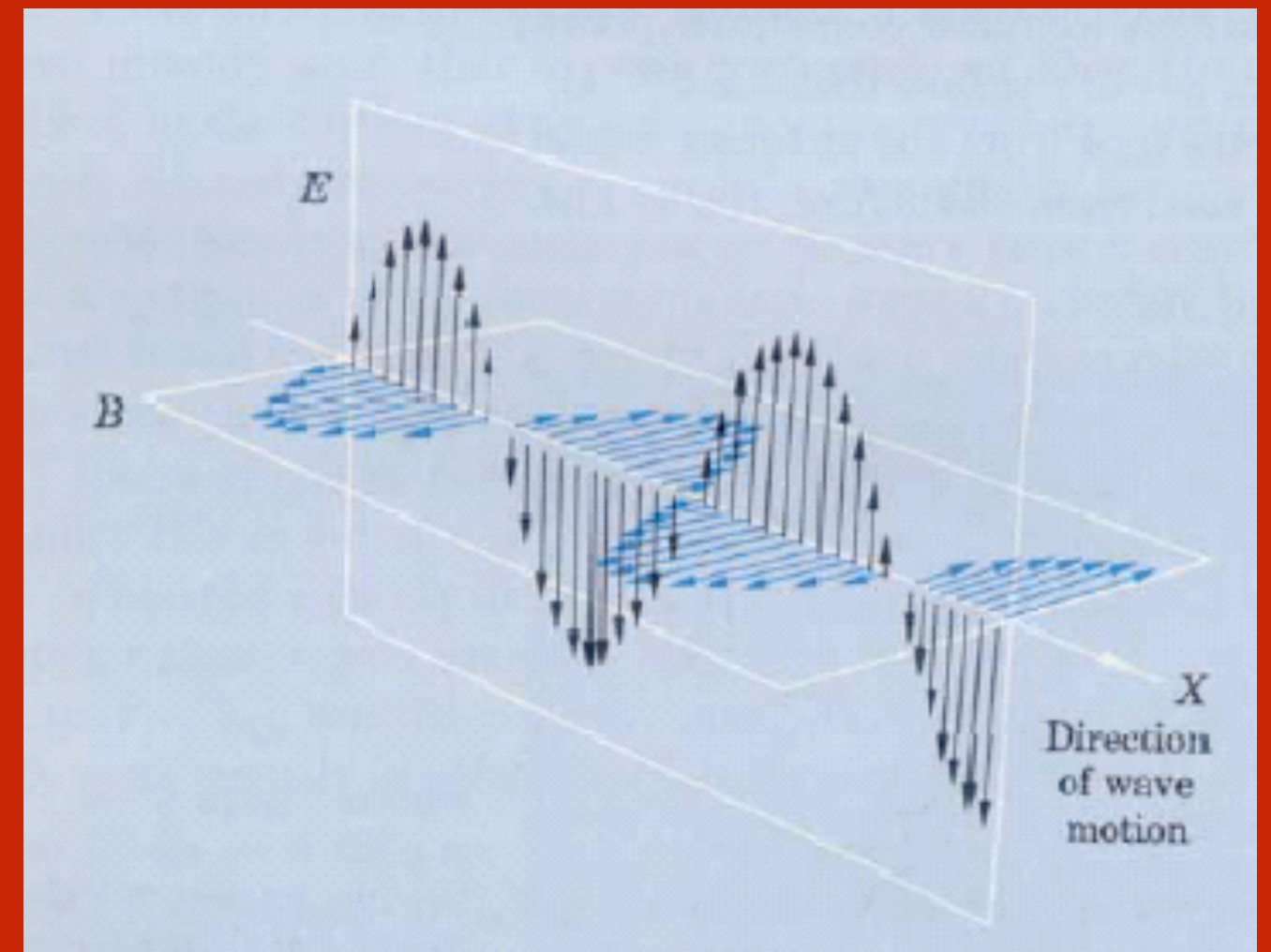
Here, it's the form of the equations that stay the same...labels don't matter

So mechanical physics seems not to care

what about the other Big System:

Electromagnetism?

Einstein always asked



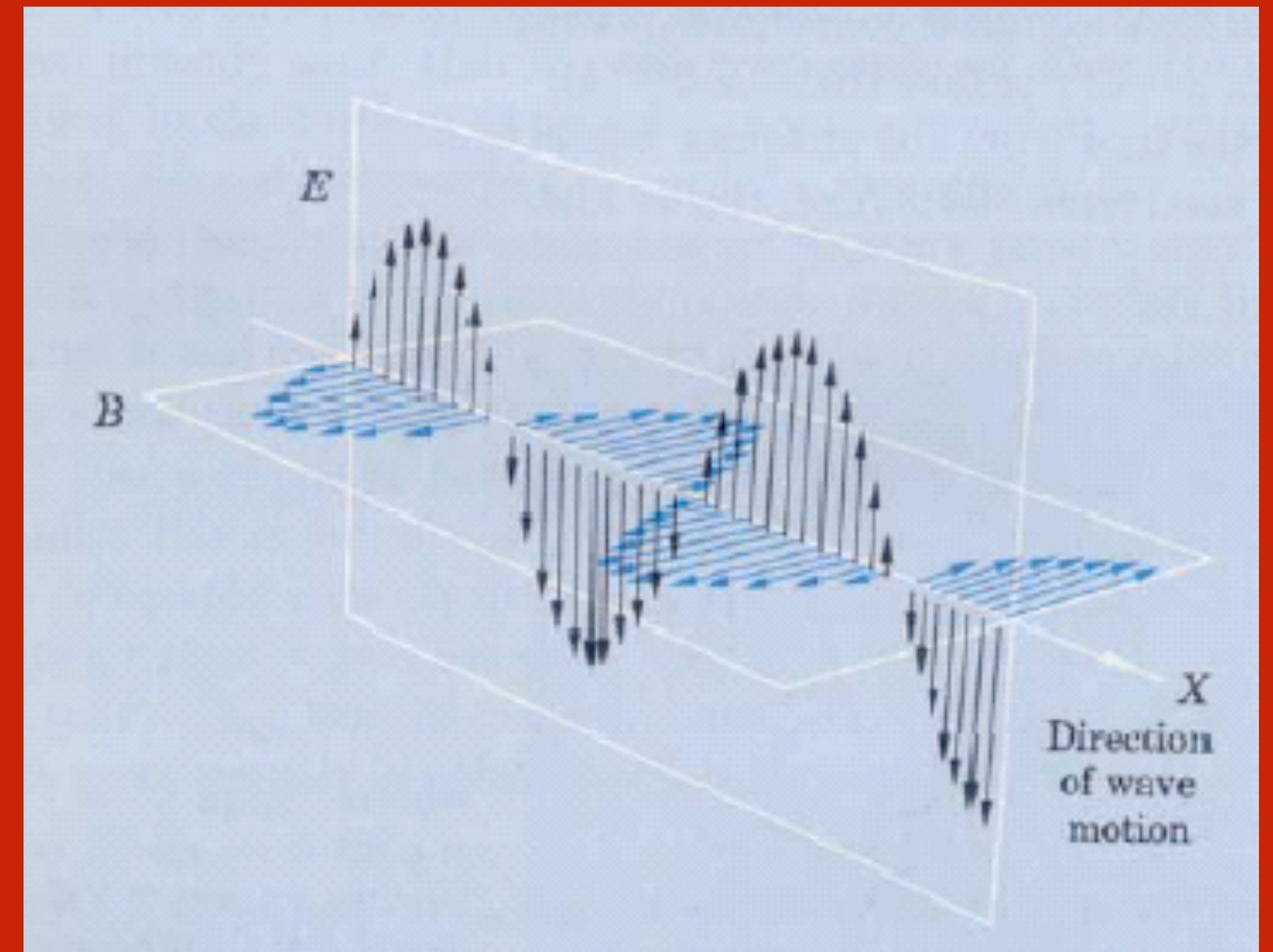
Einstein always asked

simple questions.

what if you traveled at c alongside of a light beam?

It's stopped! No changing E , B !

No wave any more!



since it's a traveling pair of waves

changing E creating changing B

changing B creating changing E

if there's no "changing"...is there light?

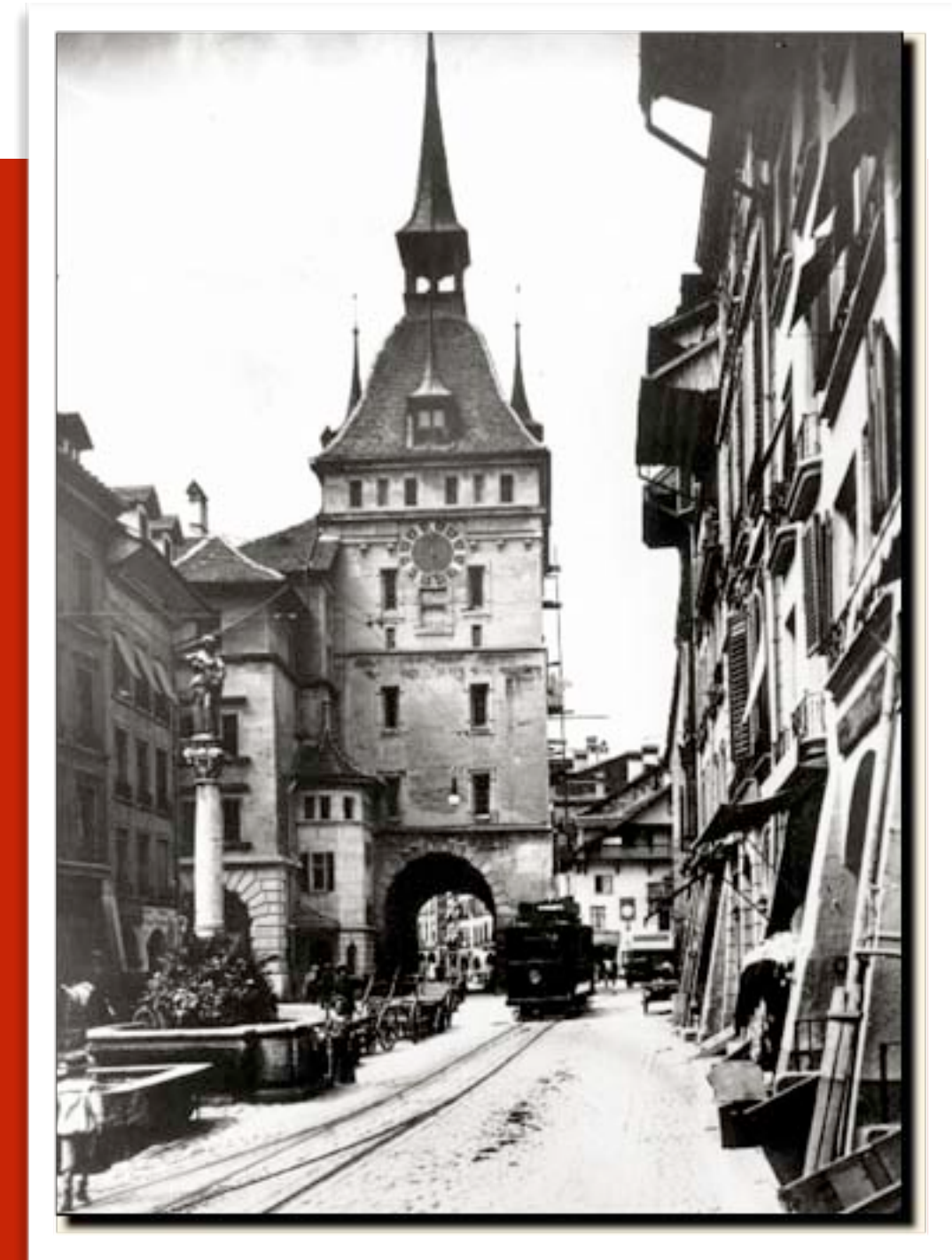


in fact

the faster in space you would travel

time would appear to stop

a light beam from the clock could not keep up

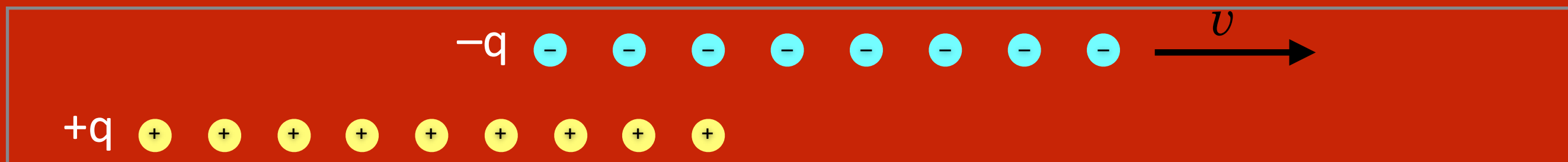


The famous clock tower in Bern, Switzerland that Einstein mused about

a simple question

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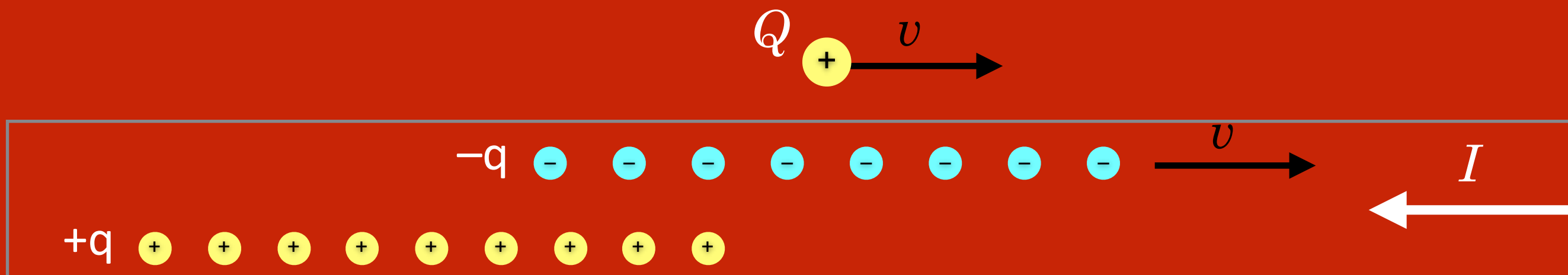
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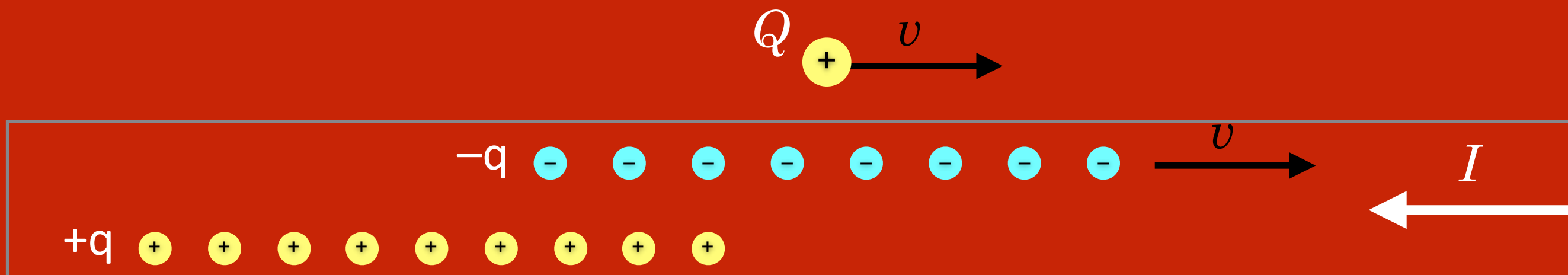
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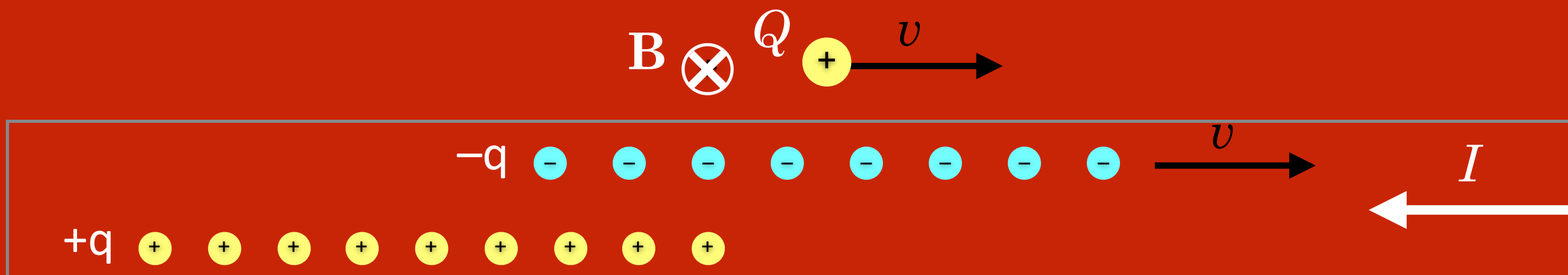
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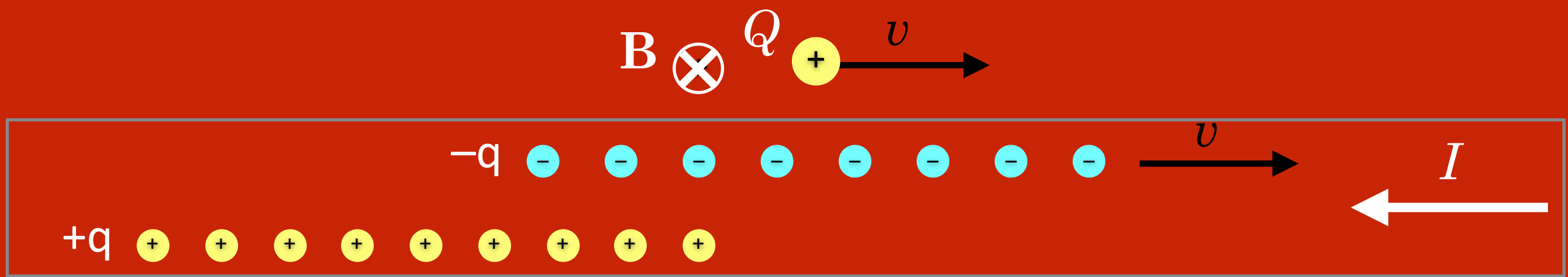


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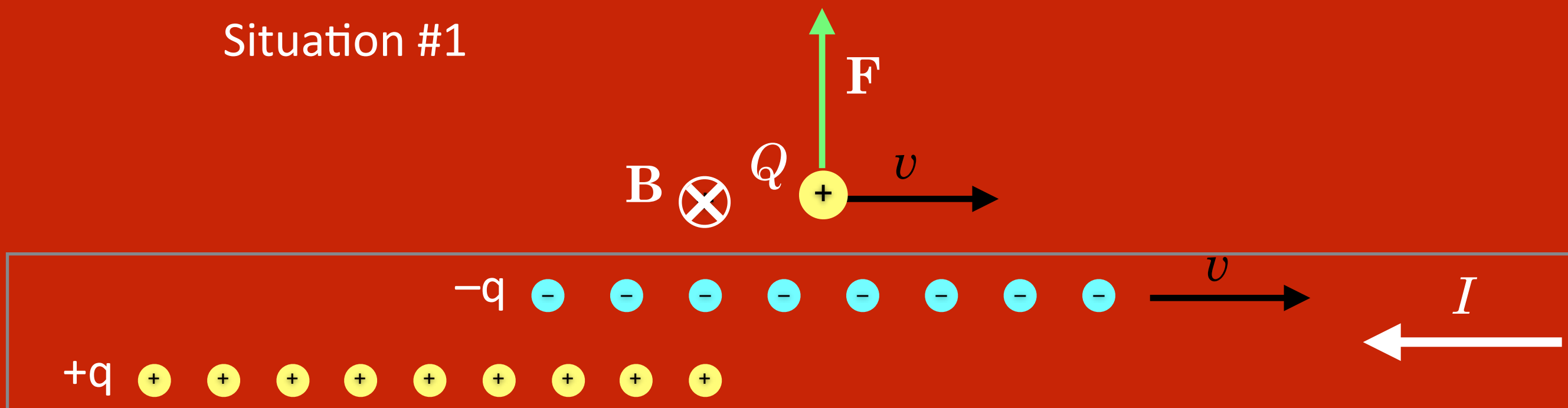
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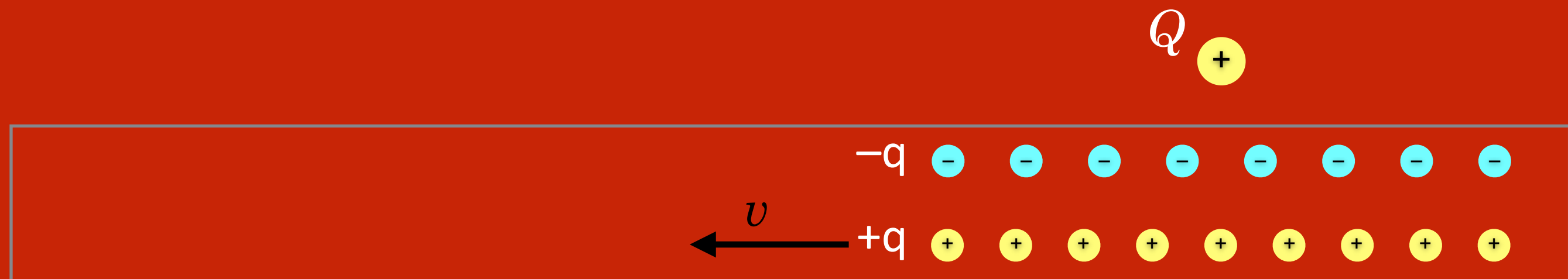
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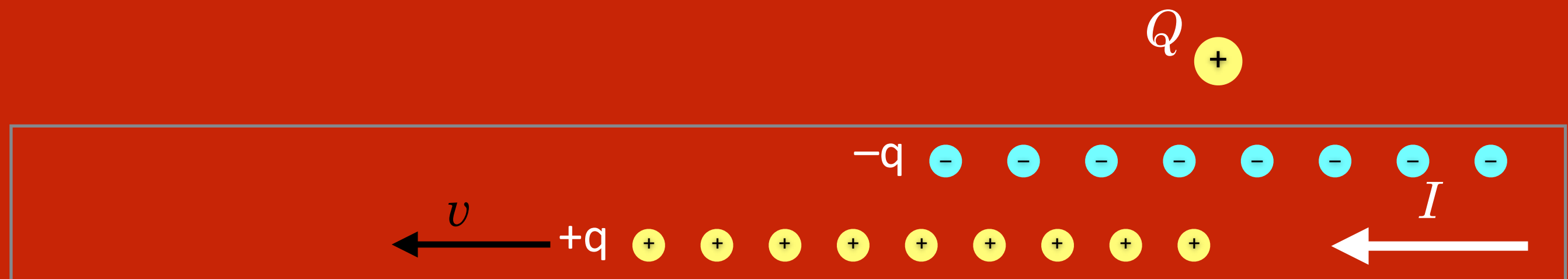
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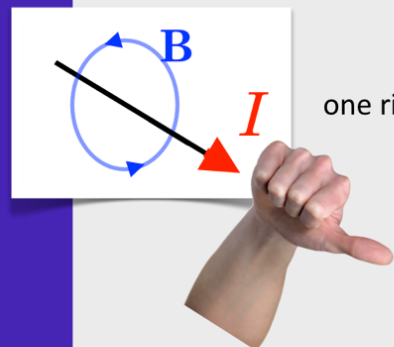


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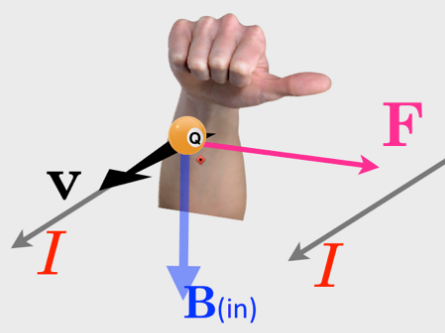
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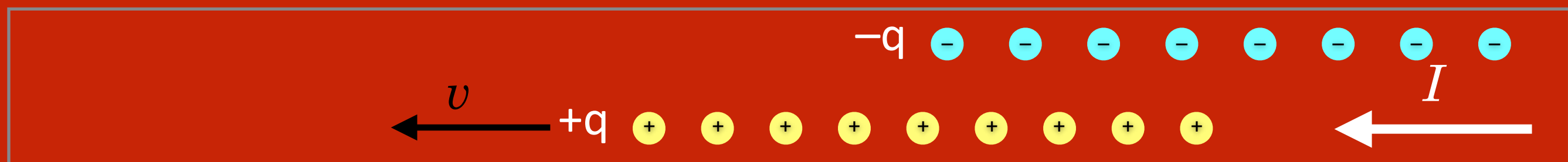


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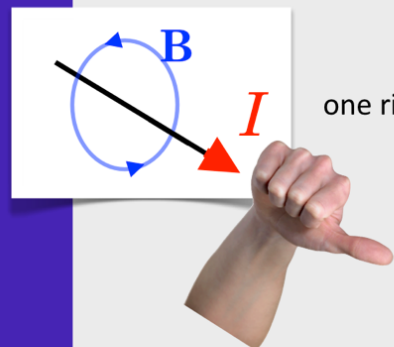
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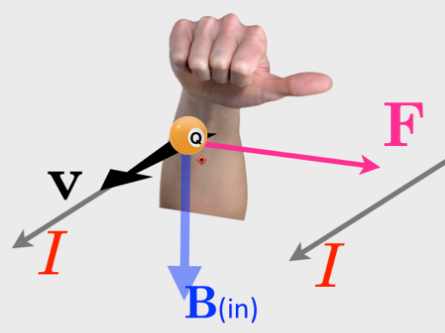
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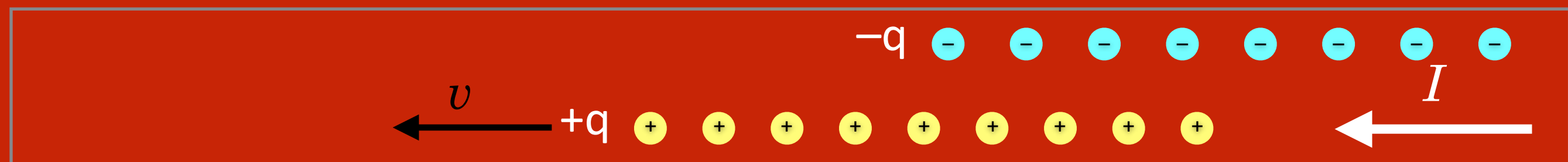


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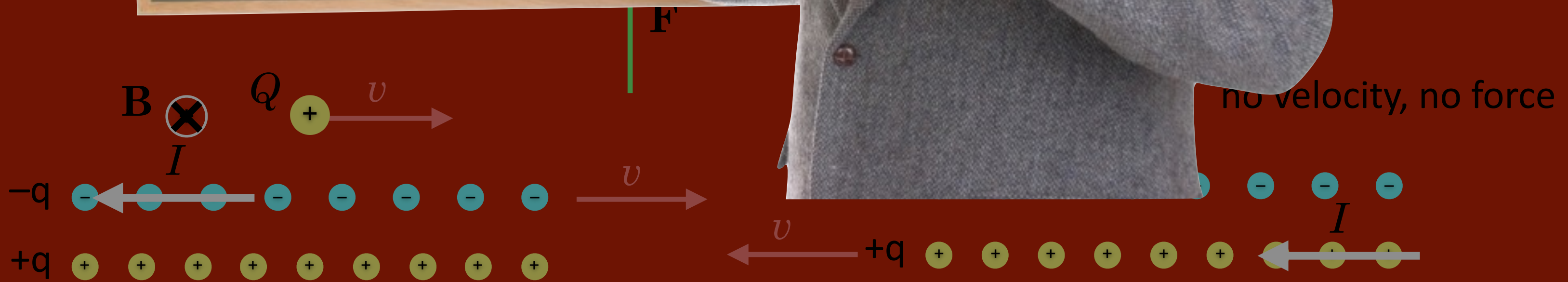
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hold the phone.



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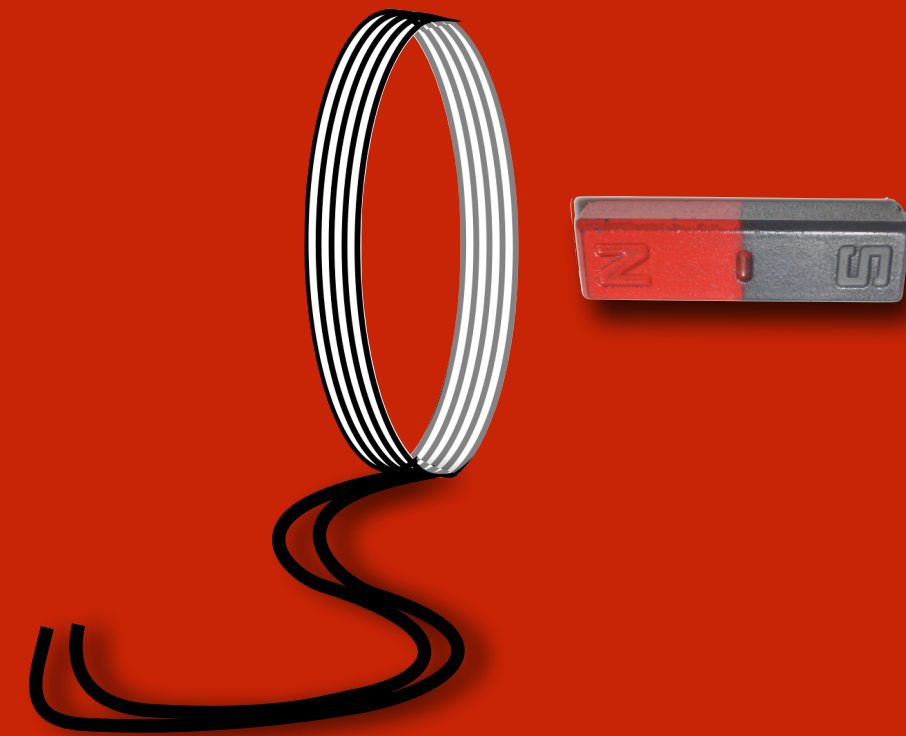
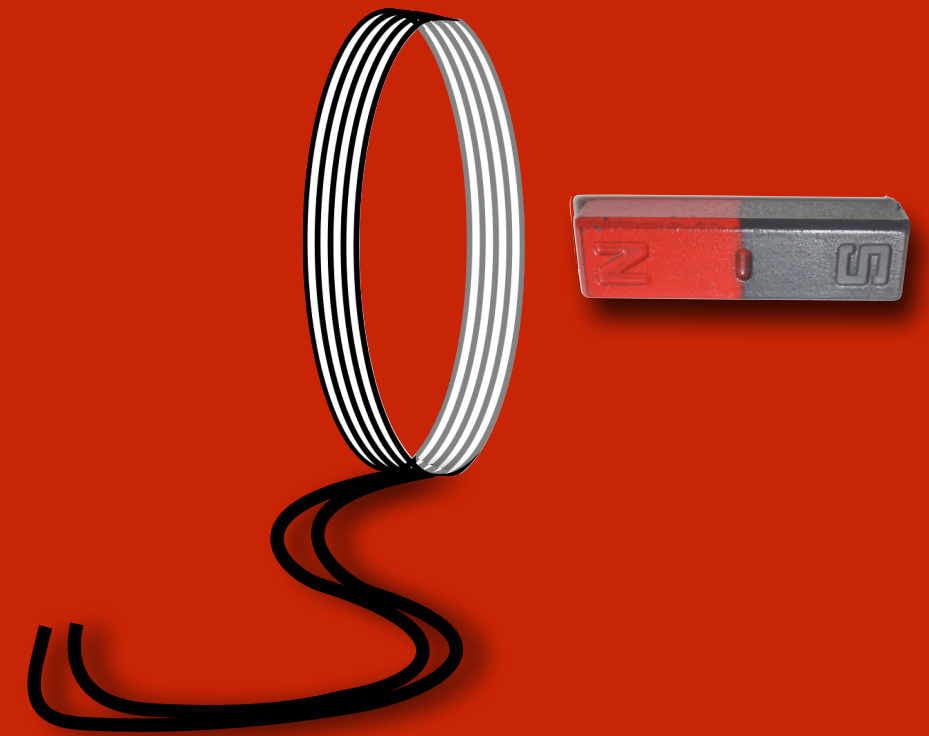
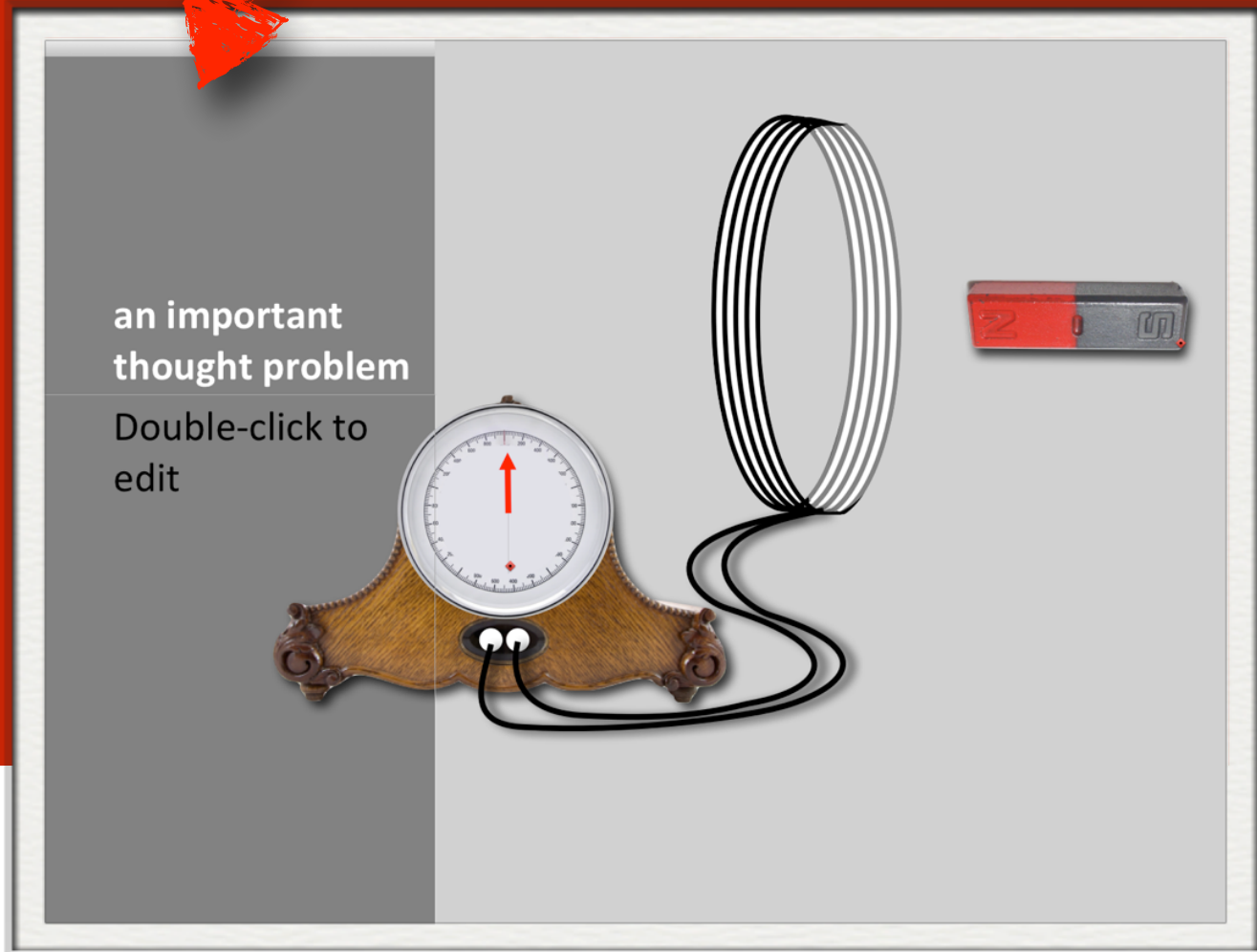


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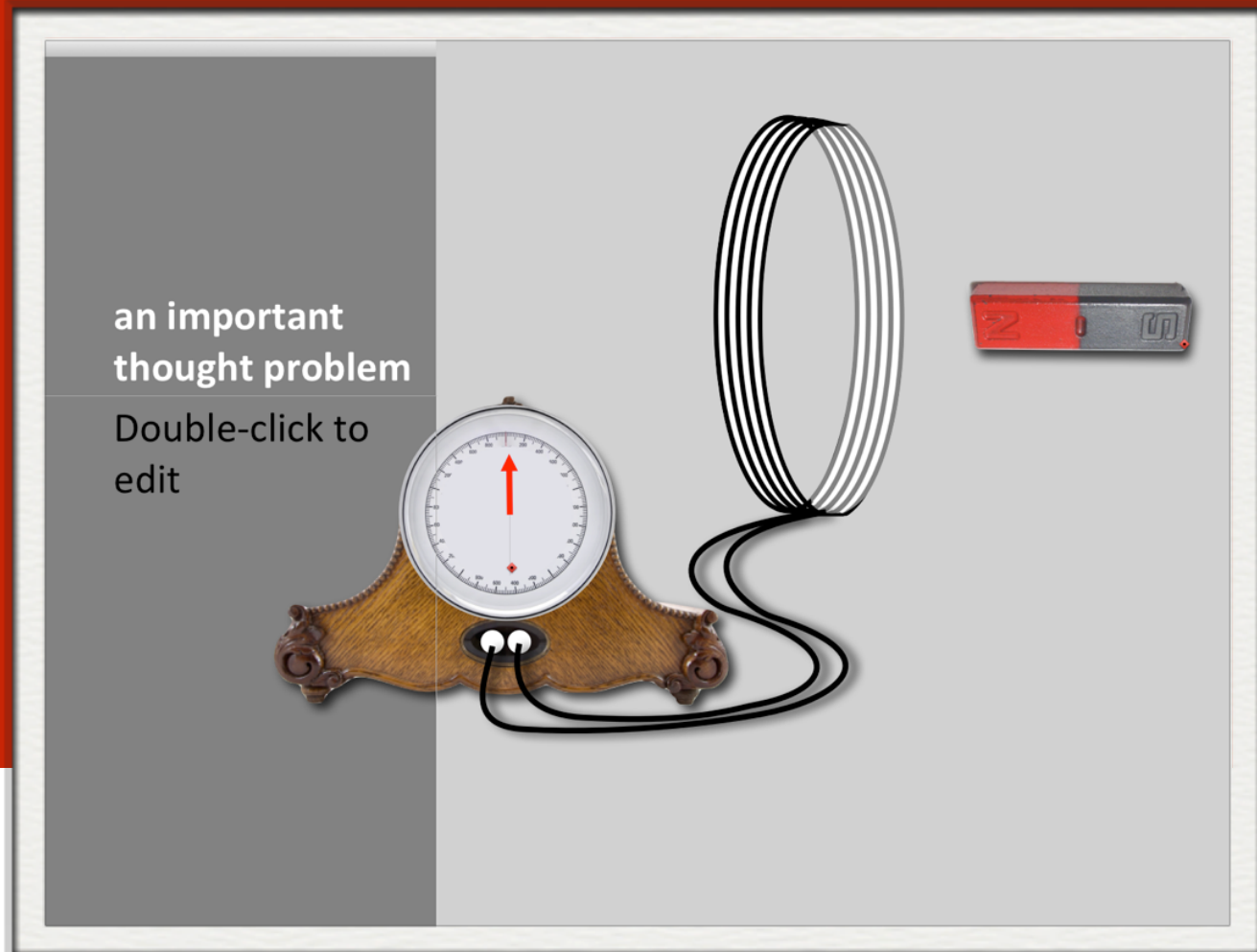
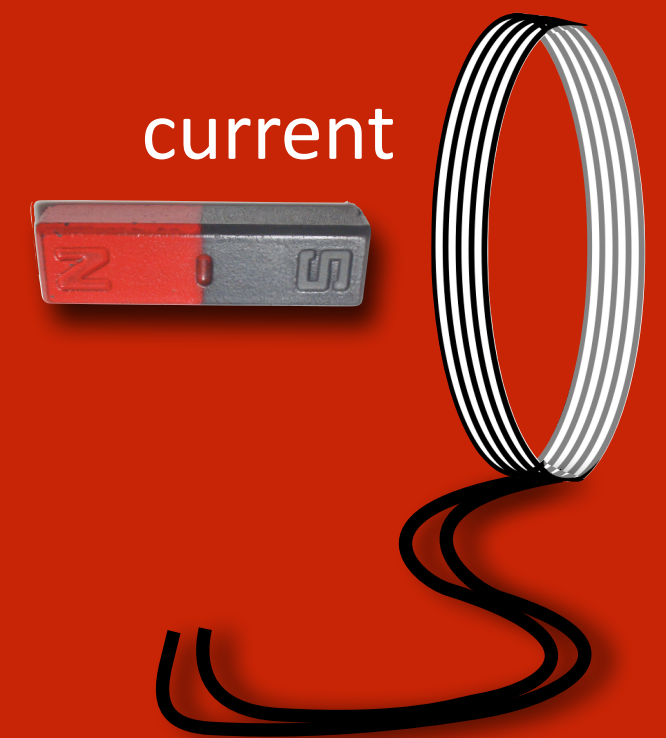
REMEMBER?

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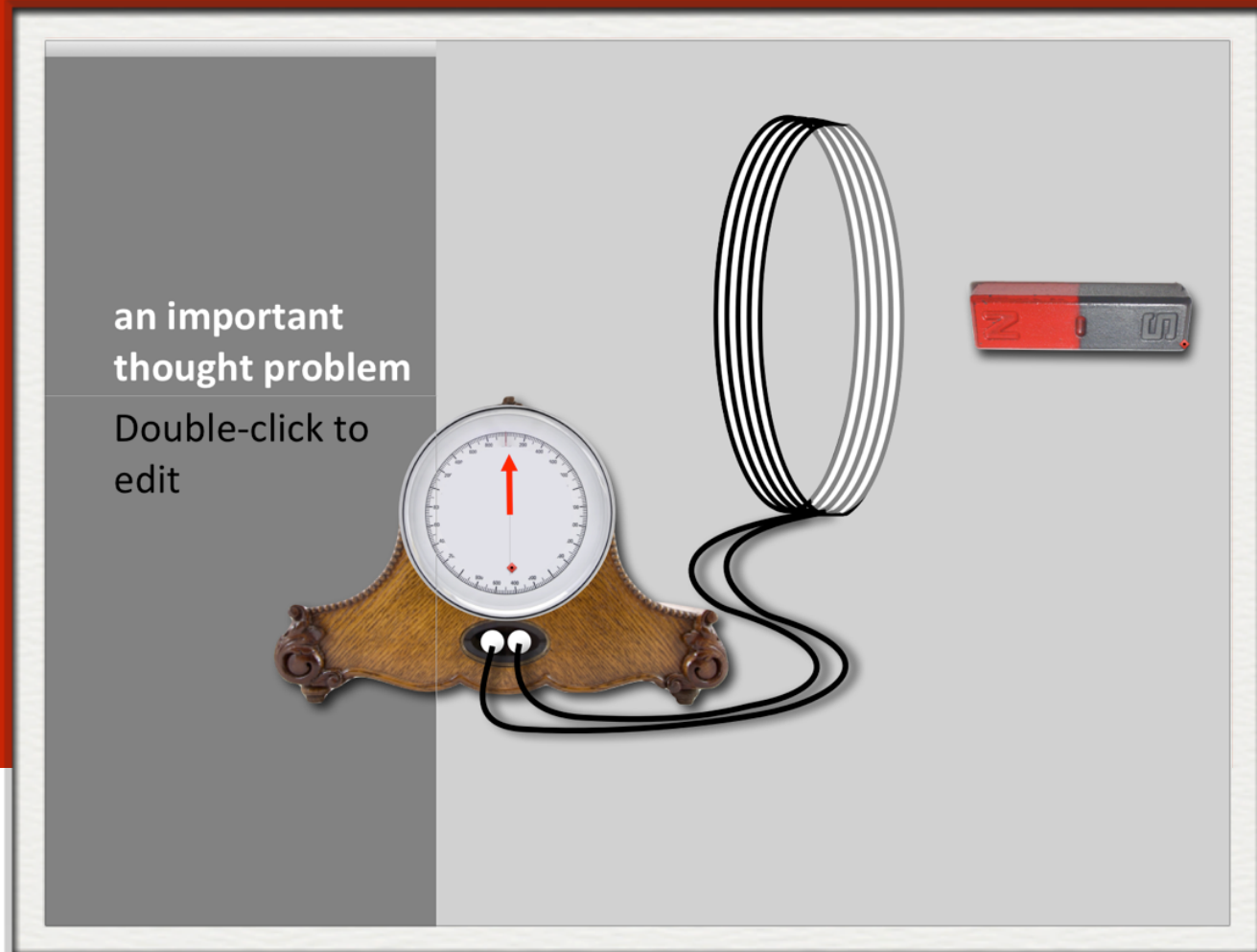
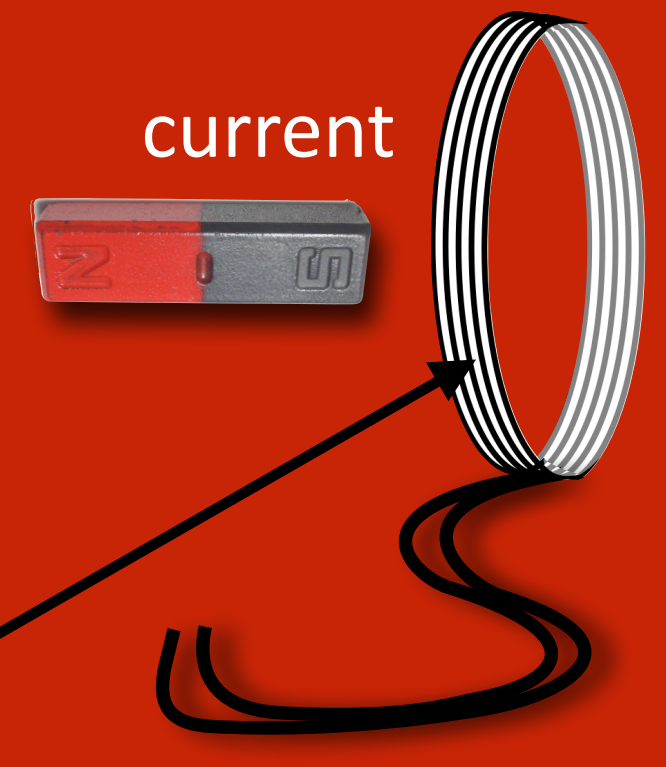
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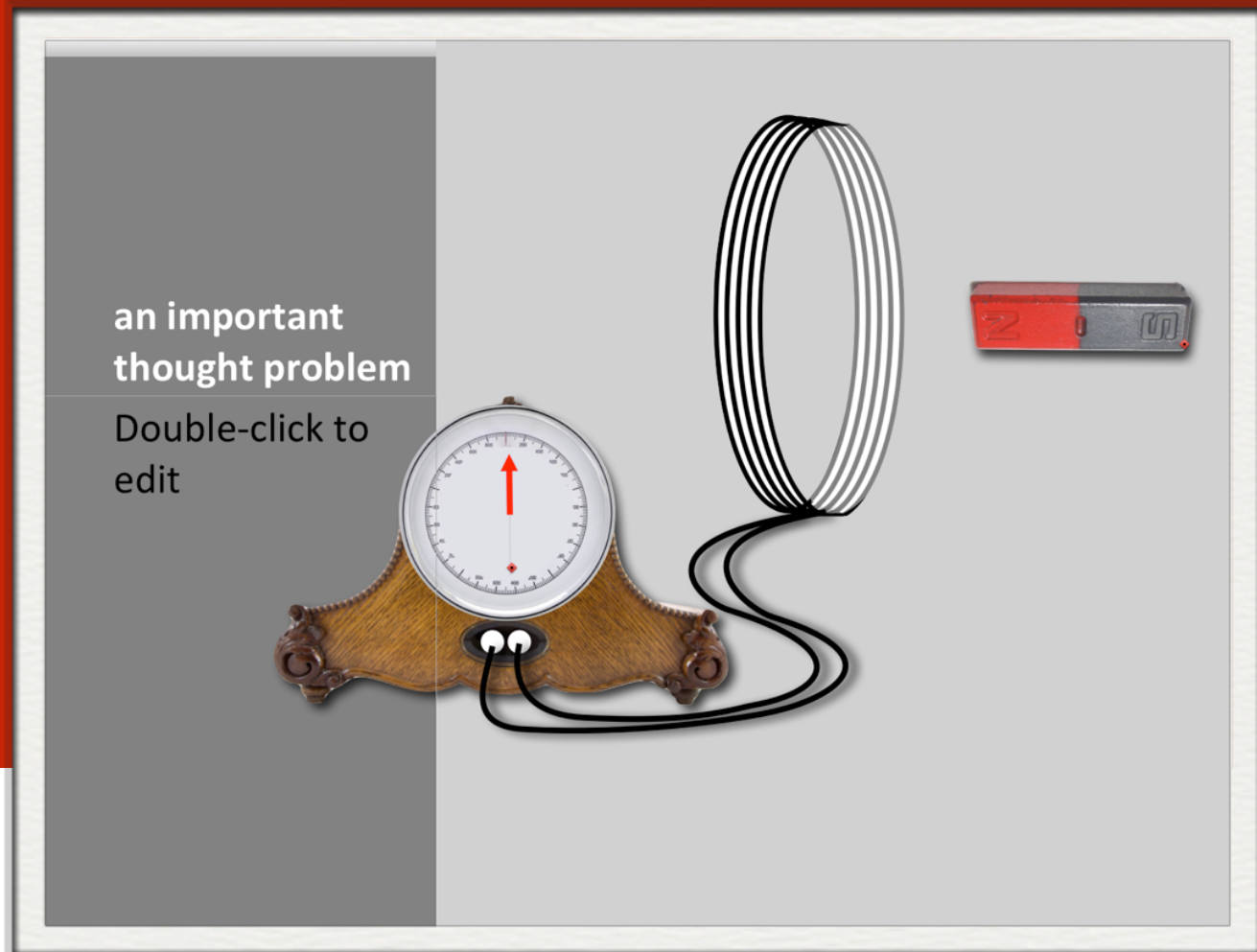
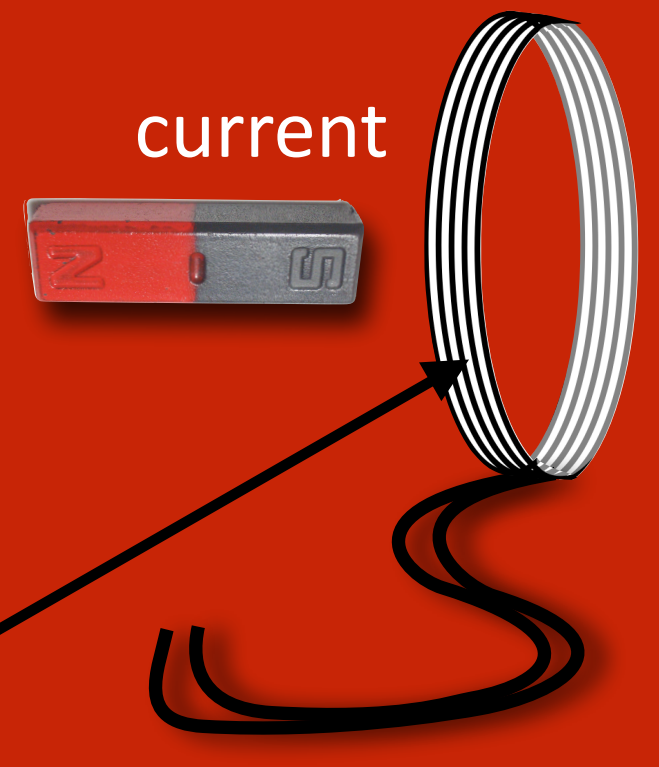
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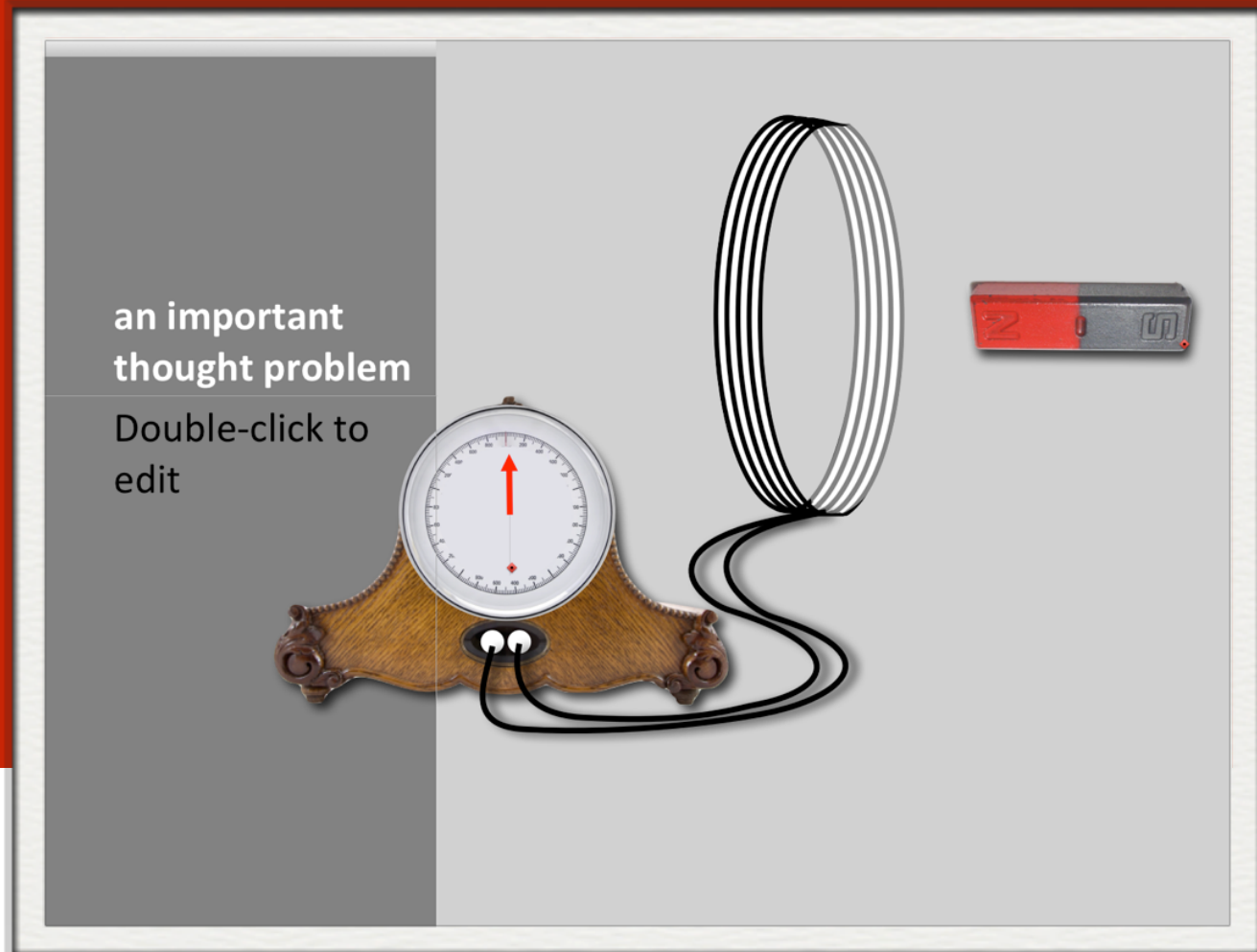
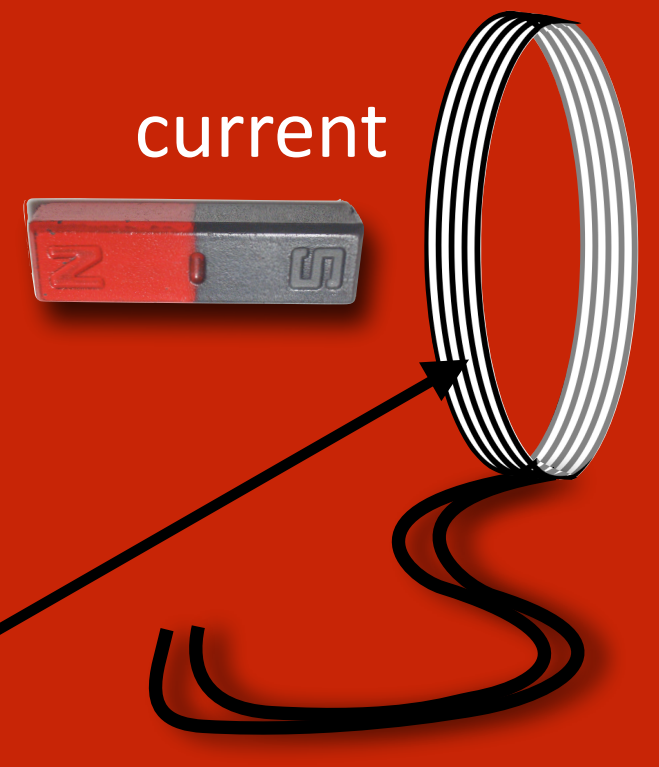
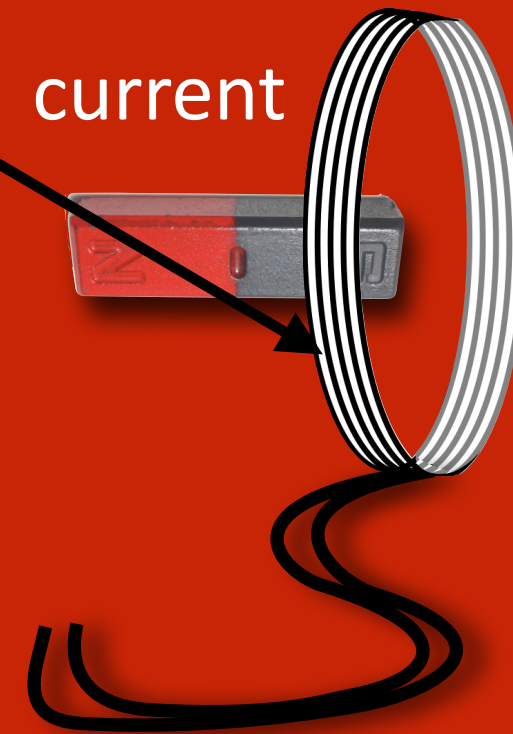
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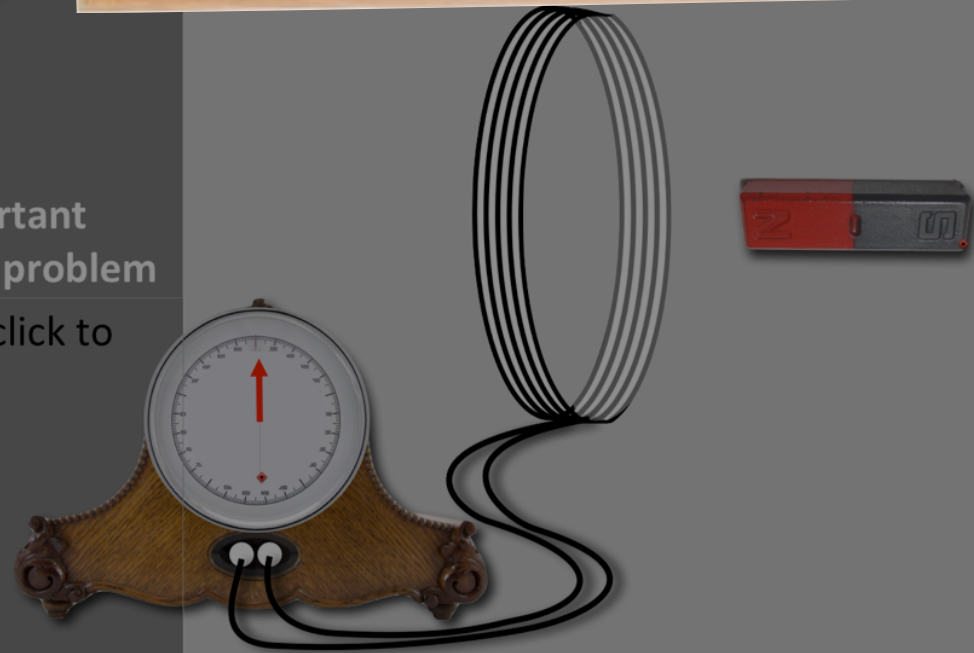


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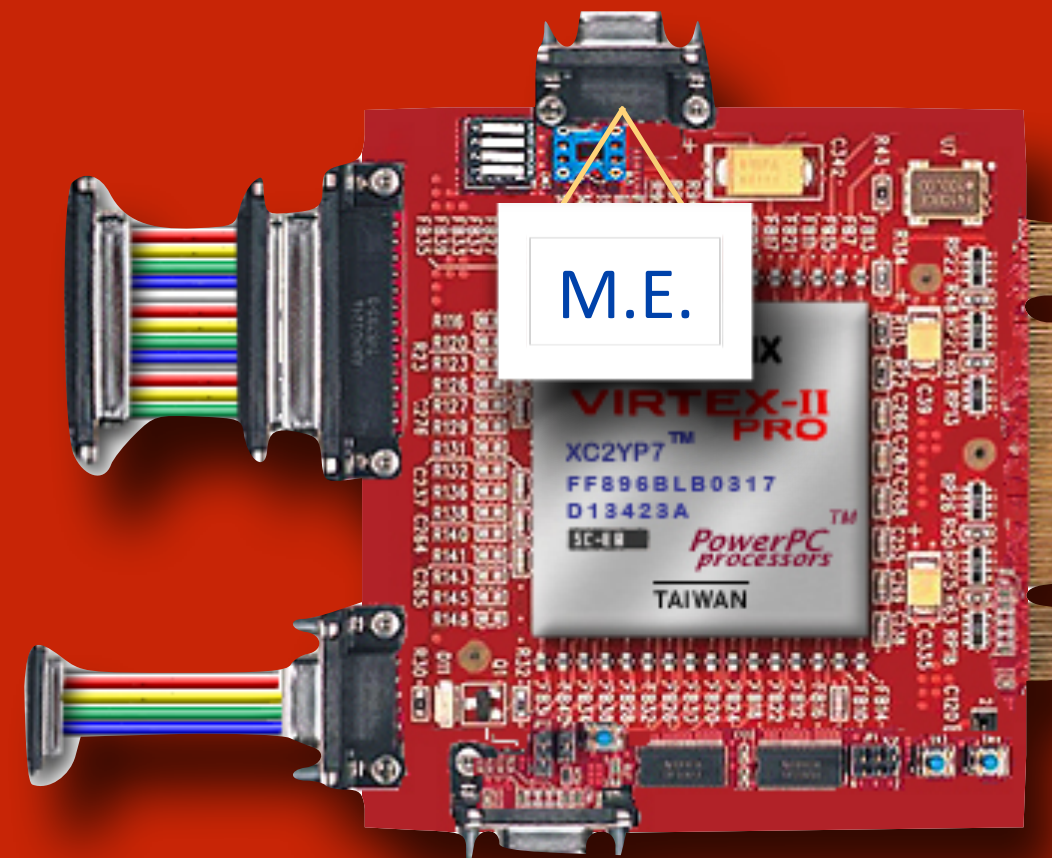
an important
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Double-click to
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so Maxwell's Equations

seem to fail between
relatively moving inertial frames



this is crazy! the two models of
the world differ

in their treatment of relatively-moving frames of reference!

Seems to depend on Frame:

Don't appear to depend on Frame:



remember what Maxwell found?

Maxwells aha! moment

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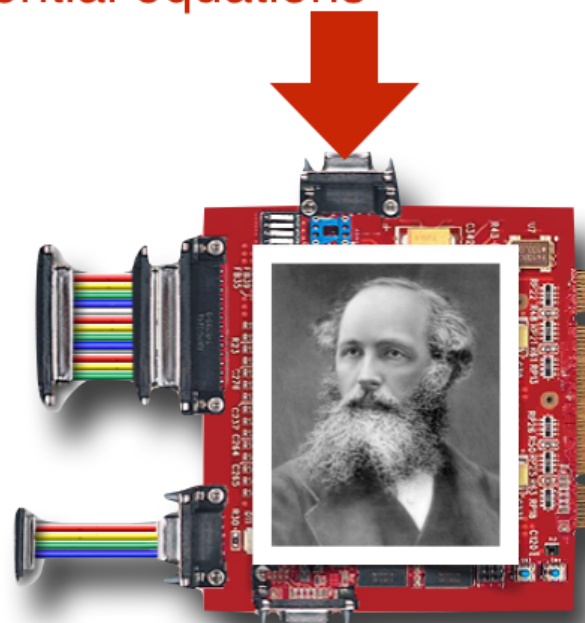
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remove the explicit sources, Q & I

Look how the equations are symmetric: $E \leftrightarrow B$

$$\frac{E}{B} = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

$c!$ the **speed of light!**
Which Maxwell knew.



This offended the young Einstein.

He took the Maxwell prediction seriously:

light moves at a constant speed

and proposed that c is special

he elevated c to be an **invariant parameter**

Principle of Relativity

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

taking Galileo seriously, and then adding Maxwell

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

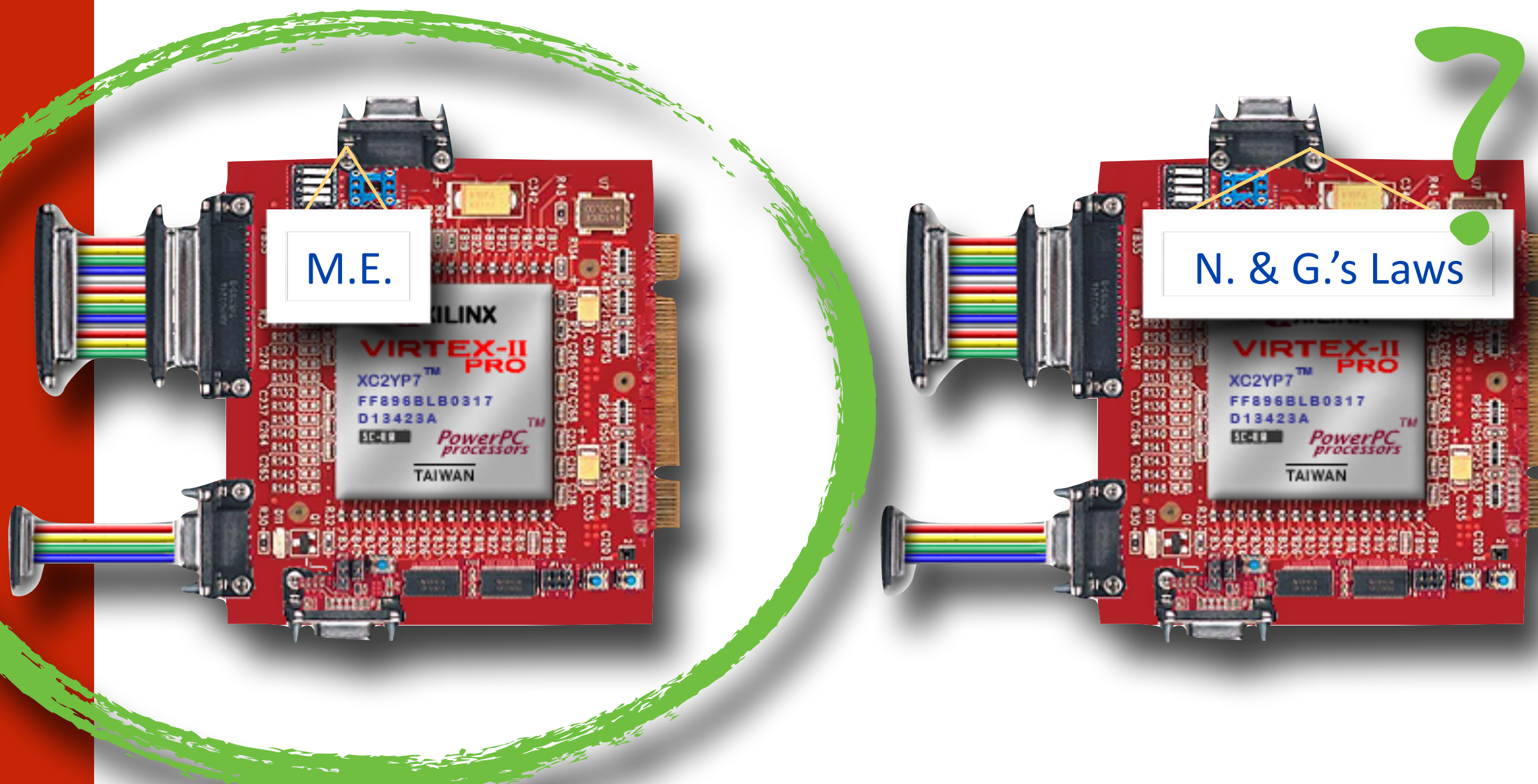
taking Maxwell seriously

2

Postulates:

"inertial frame":

constant
velocity



Einstein writes
very simply

His 1905 Relativity
paper:

"On the Electrodynamics
of Moving Bodies"

*not your standard physics
journal introduction*

Let us take a system of co-ordinates in which the equations of Newtonian mechanics hold good. In order to render our presentation more precise and to distinguish this system of co-ordinates verbally from others which will be introduced hereafter, we call it the "stationary system."

If a material point is at rest relatively to this system of co-ordinates, its position can be defined relatively thereto by the employment of rigid standards of measurement and the methods of Euclidean geometry, and can be expressed in Cartesian co-ordinates.

If we wish to describe the motion of a material point, we give the values of its co-ordinates as functions of the time. Now we must bear carefully in mind that a mathematical description of this kind has no physical meaning unless we are quite clear as to what we understand by "time." We have to take into account that all our judgments in which time plays a part are always judgments of simultaneous events. If, for instance, I say, "That train arrives here at 7 o'clock," I mean something like this: "The pointing of the small hand of my watch to 7 and the arrival of the train are simultaneous events."

It might appear possible to overcome all the difficulties attending the definition of "time" by substituting "the position of the small hand of my watch" for "time." And in fact such a definition is satisfactory when we are concerned with defining a time exclusively for the place where the watch is located; but it is no longer satisfactory when we have to connect in time series of events occurring at different places, or-what comes to the same thing-to evaluate the times of events occurring at places remote from the watch.

and then

he played the two postulates out
to see what would result

"A storm broke loose in my mind."

his concern:

simultaneity

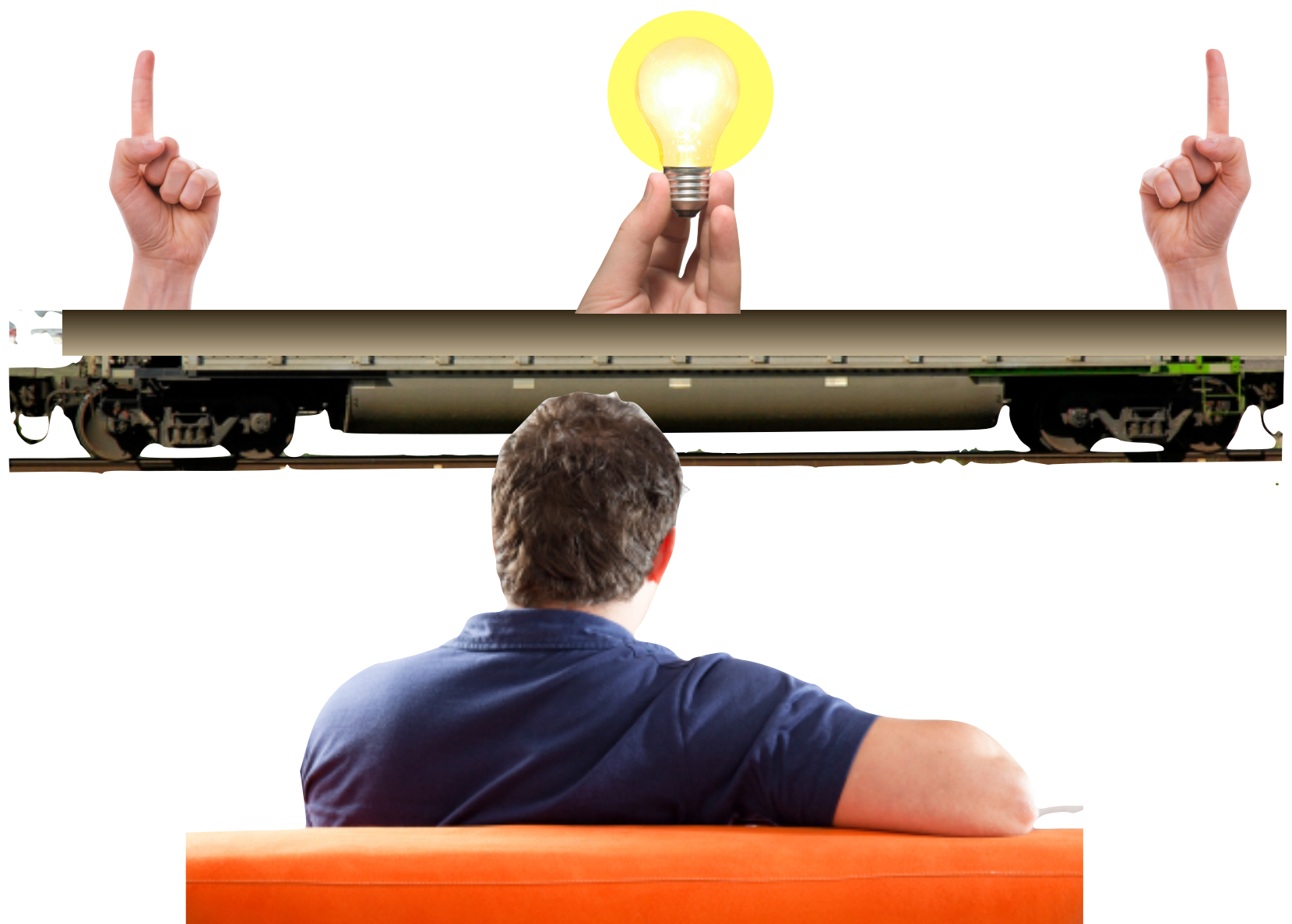
because that's how two observers would synchronize their watches

put on
your
seatbelt

philosophical
issues

and

very pragmatic
issues

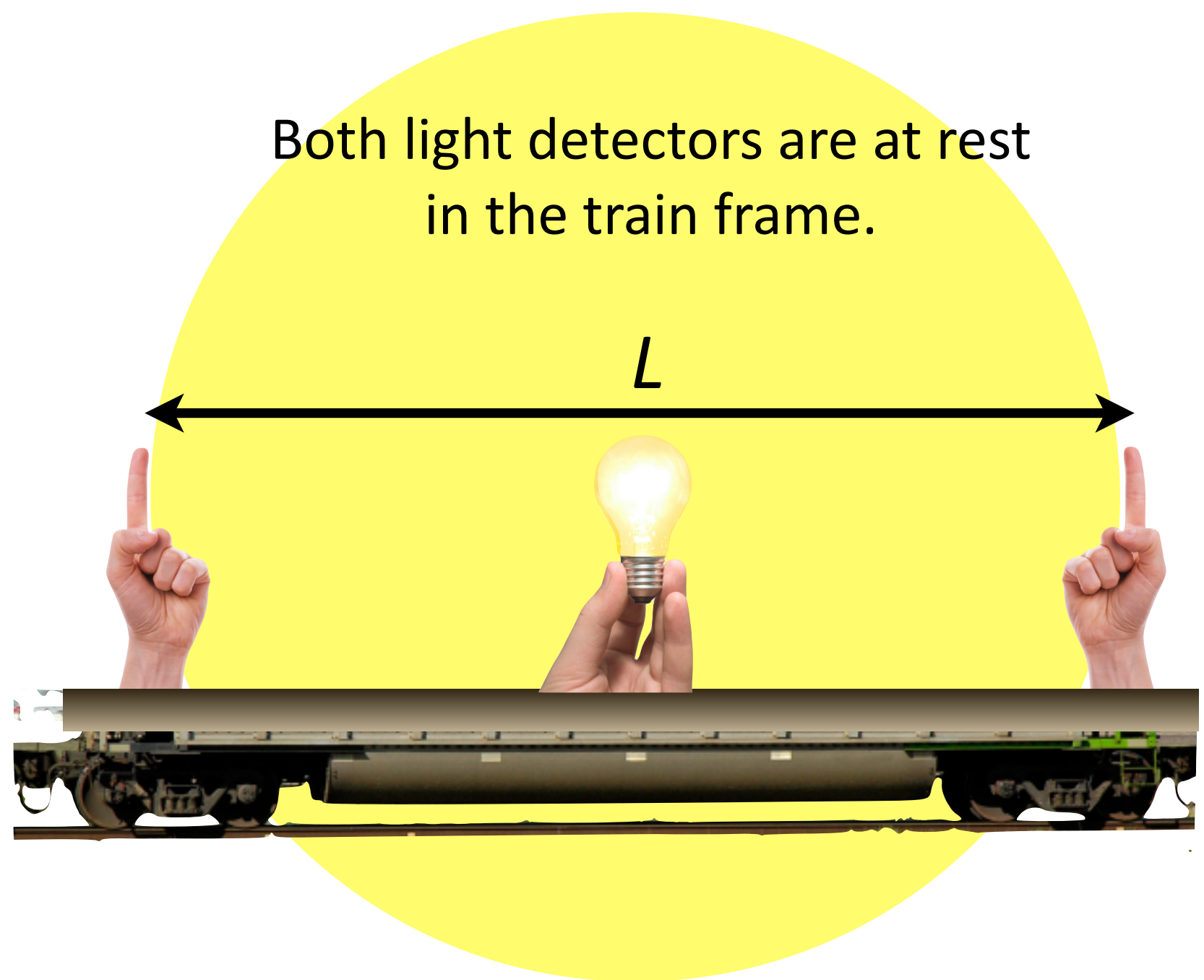


thinking
simple

philosophical
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imagine a frame
in which a light
beam is emitted
in the center and
detected in that
frame equal
distances away

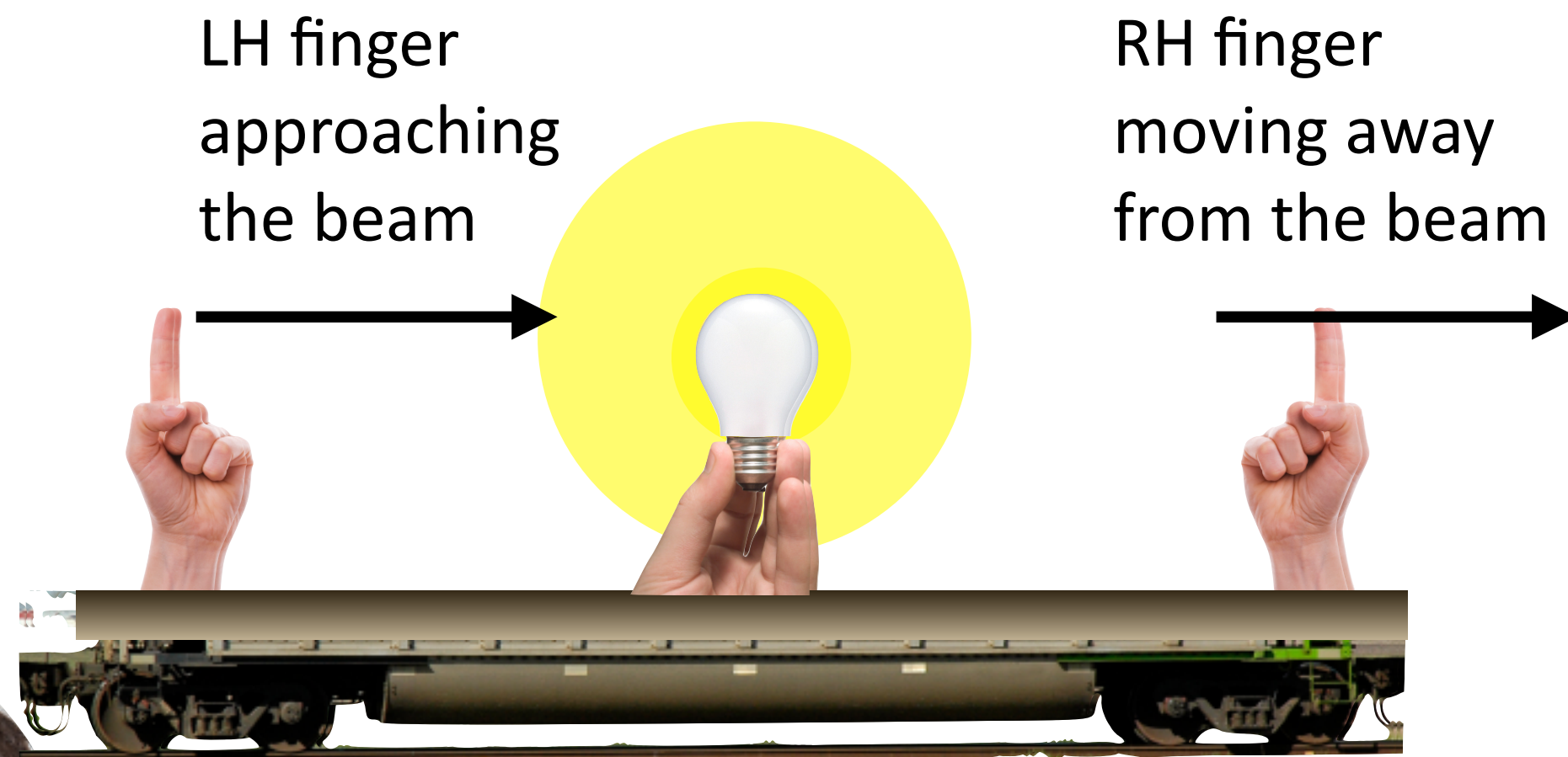
**The train observer would declare:
the beams arrived simultaneously**



Left and Right hands register receipt of the light beam at the same time.

simple is hard

Notice that the Second Postulate disallows the addition of the train's motion to the light speed.



What does a H observer see?

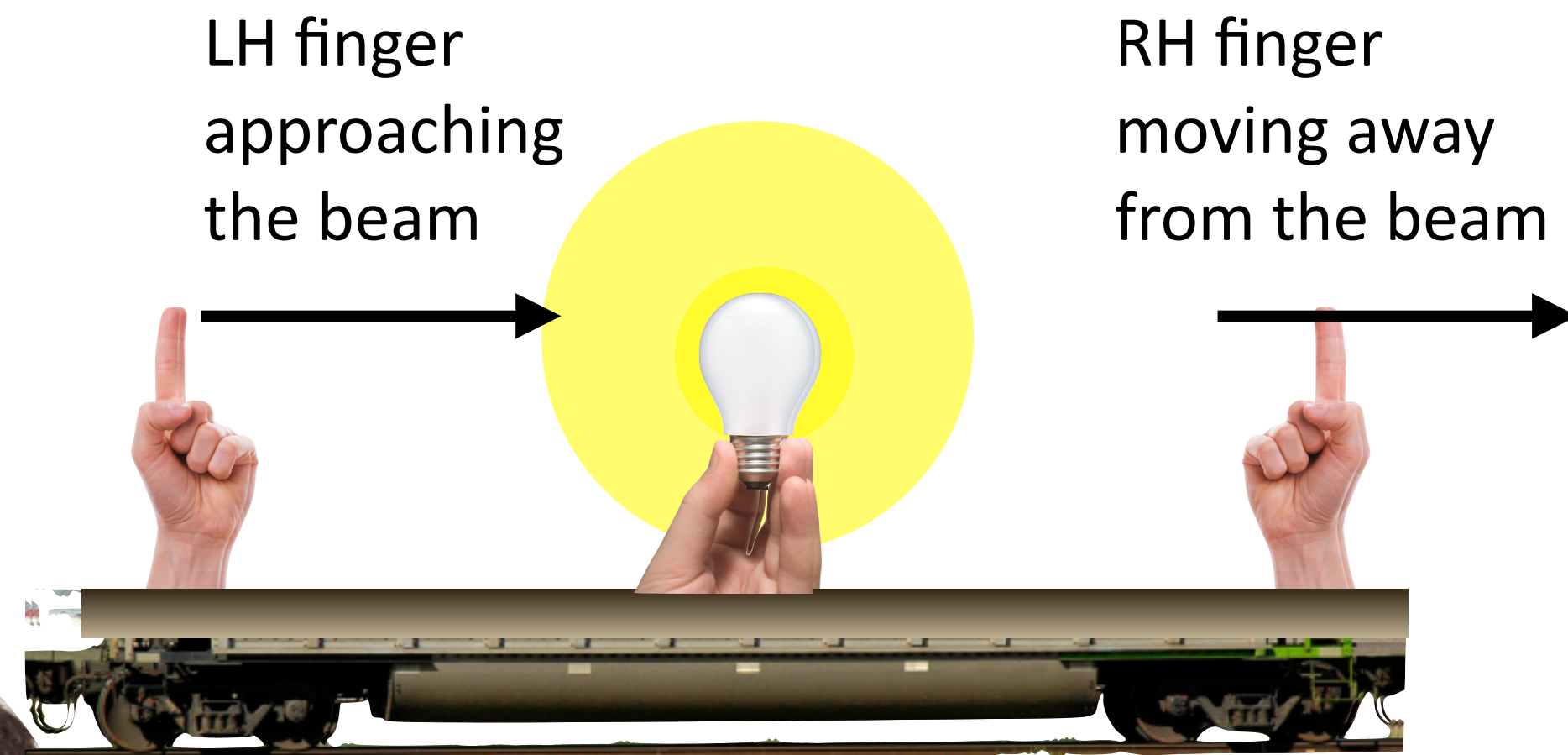
**Light hits LH finger
before RH.**

simple
is hard

the 1st of three
odd things
about space
and time

**The ground observer would declare:
the beams did not arrive
simultaneously**

Notice that the Second Postulate disallows the addition of the train's motion to the light speed.



What does a H observer see?

**Light hits LH finger
before RH.**

There is no such thing as the *concept of*
simultaneous events

between co-moving frames of reference



two problems with this:

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1. Since there is no way to determine that something is simultaneous in one frame and also in another

one can never synchronize clocks between co-moving frames of reference

so no meaningful translation from one frame to another

So .

No inertial frame is special.

All are equivalent.

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All are equivalent.

Why?

because no measurement can be made to tell otherwise

2. “Causality” requires care

Two observers disagree about when events happen
the same time? at different times?

Suppose the hospital order is: first I’m born, then I cry
would a moving observer observe that first I cry, then I’m born?



2. “Causality” requires care

is CAUSALITY

the same time? at different times?

Suppose the hospital order is: first I'm born, then I cry
would a movie camera ever be able to first cry, then I'm born?

a casualty!?



the 2nd postulate

makes things strange

because c

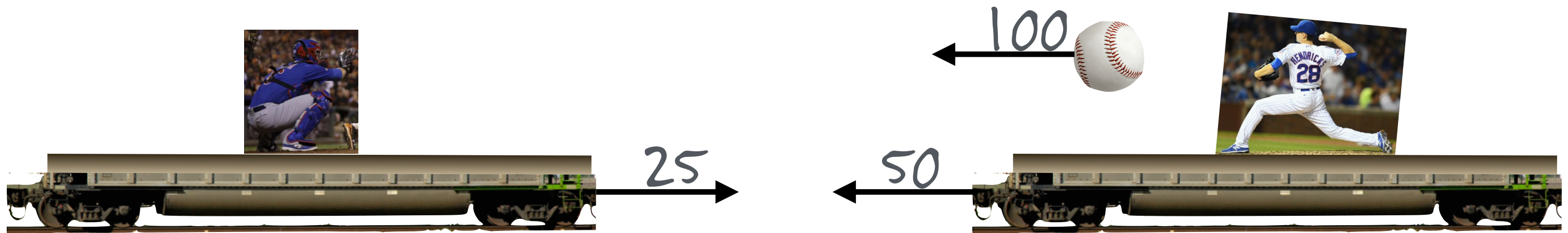
the speed of light is constant in all inertial frames:

$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} = 300 \text{ million m/s} = 1,080 \text{ million km/h}$

$c = 671 \text{ million mph}$

this seems reasonable:

a trap.



case 1: $v(\text{catcher})=0$

$v(\text{ball})=100$ $v(\text{pitcher})=0$

what's $v(\text{ball})$ that catcher experiences: $v(\text{caught})=100$

case 2: $v(\text{catcher})=0$

$v(\text{ball})=100$ $v(\text{pitcher})=50$

what's $v(\text{ball})$ that catcher experiences: $v(\text{caught})=150$

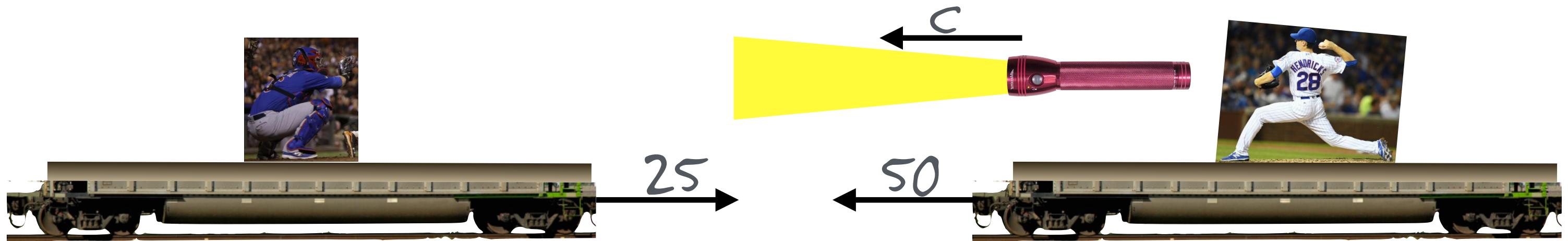
case 3: $v(\text{catcher})=25$

$v(\text{ball})=100$ $v(\text{pitcher})=50$

what's $v(\text{ball})$ that catcher experiences: $v(\text{caught})=175$

this seems strange:

light's different.



case 1: $v(\text{catcher})=0$ $v(\text{light})=c$ $v(\text{pitcher})=0$

what's $v(\text{light})$ that catcher experiences: $v(\text{caught})=c$

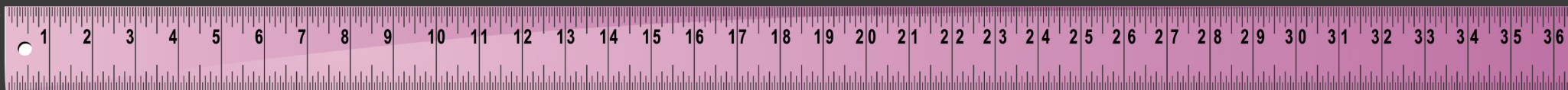
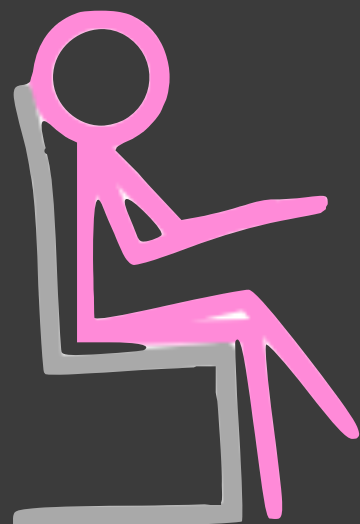
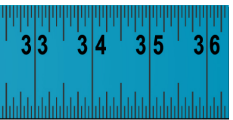
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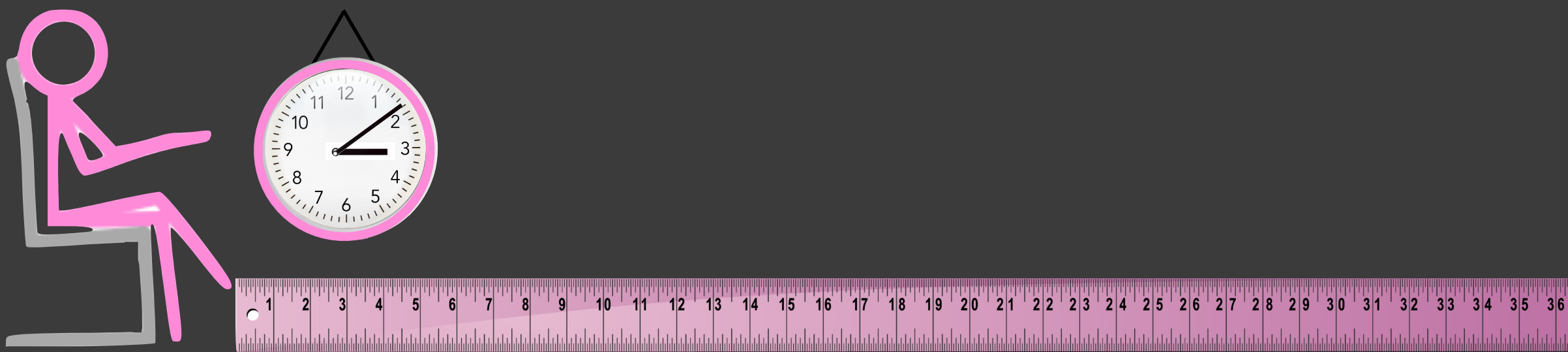
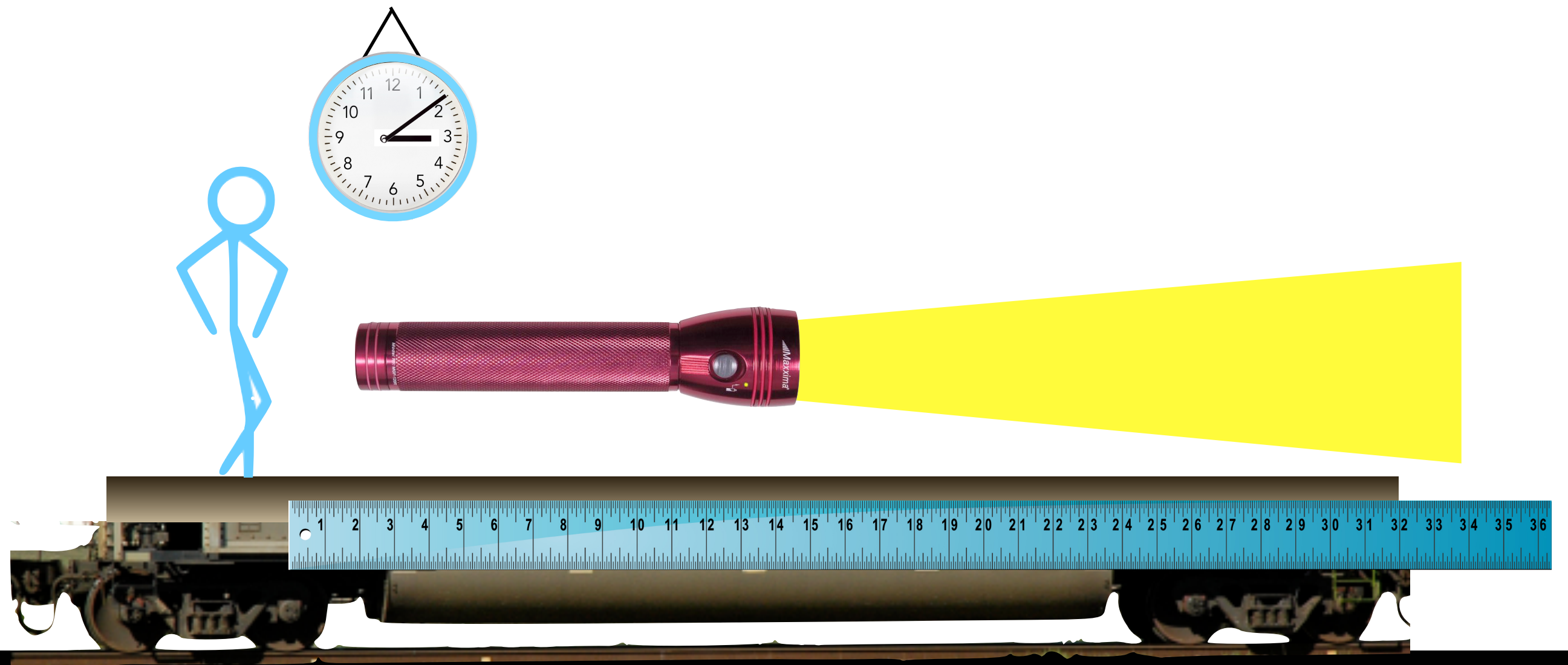
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light is constant speed everywhere

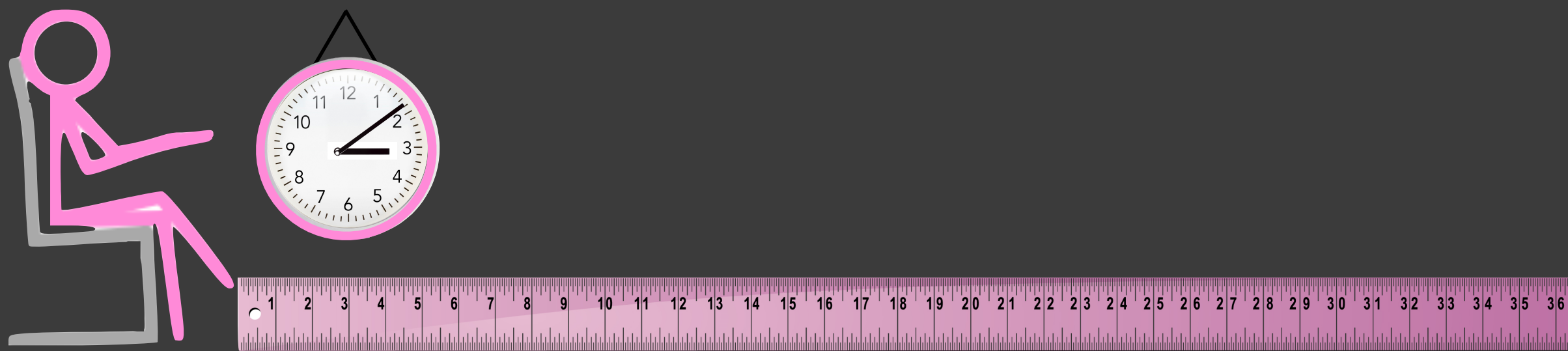
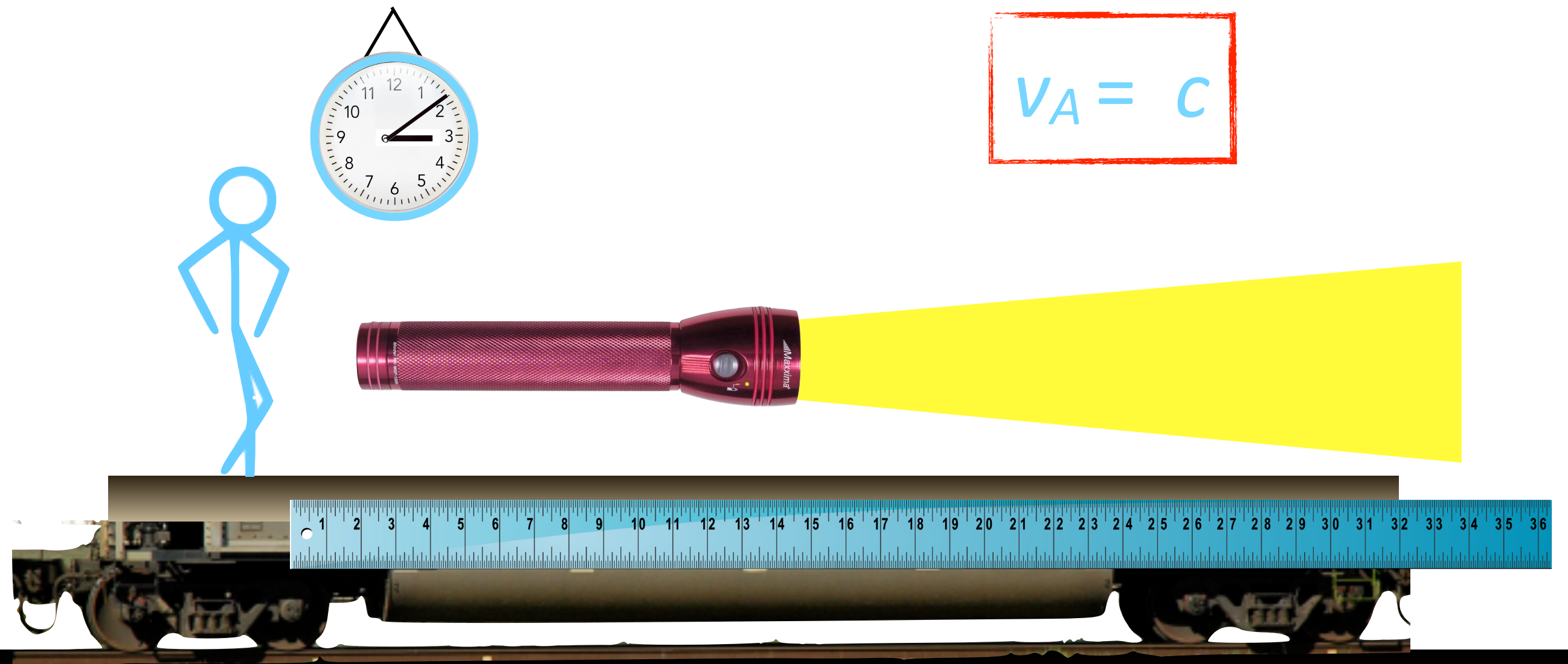


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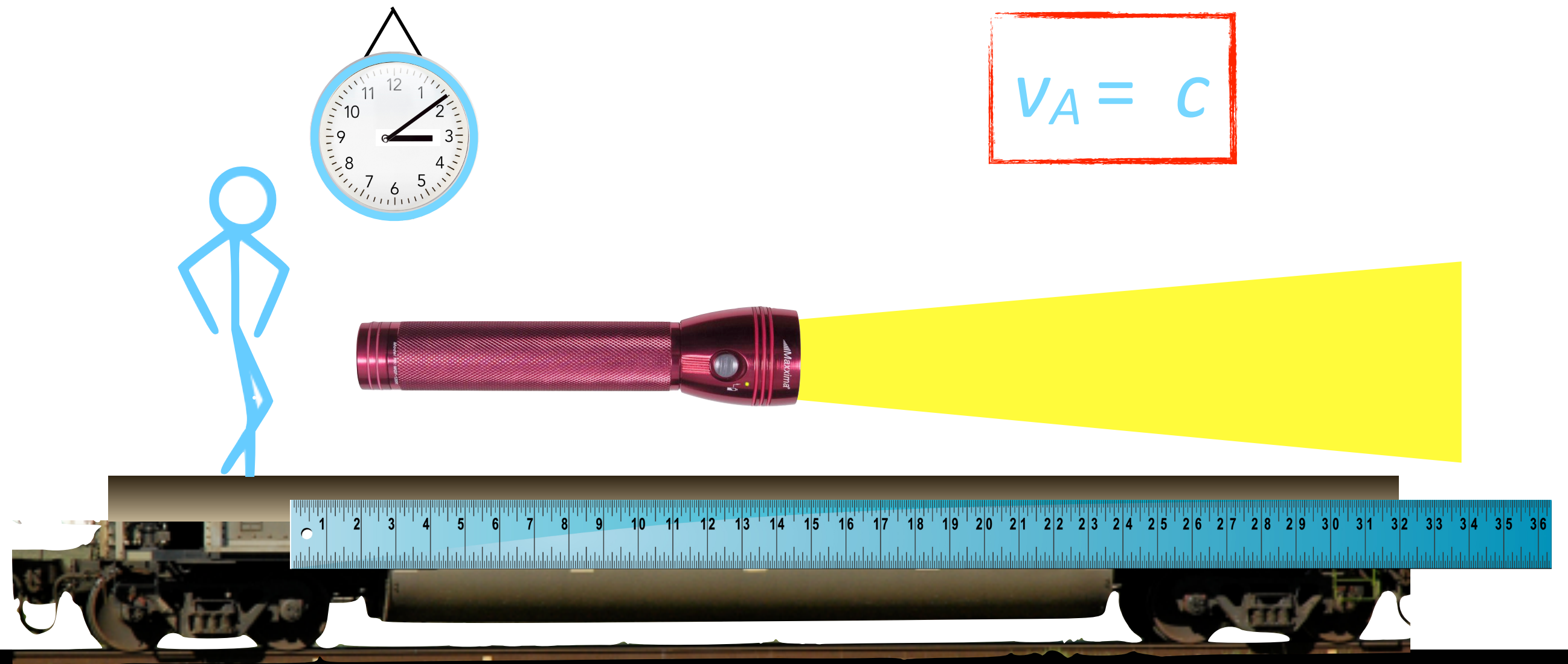


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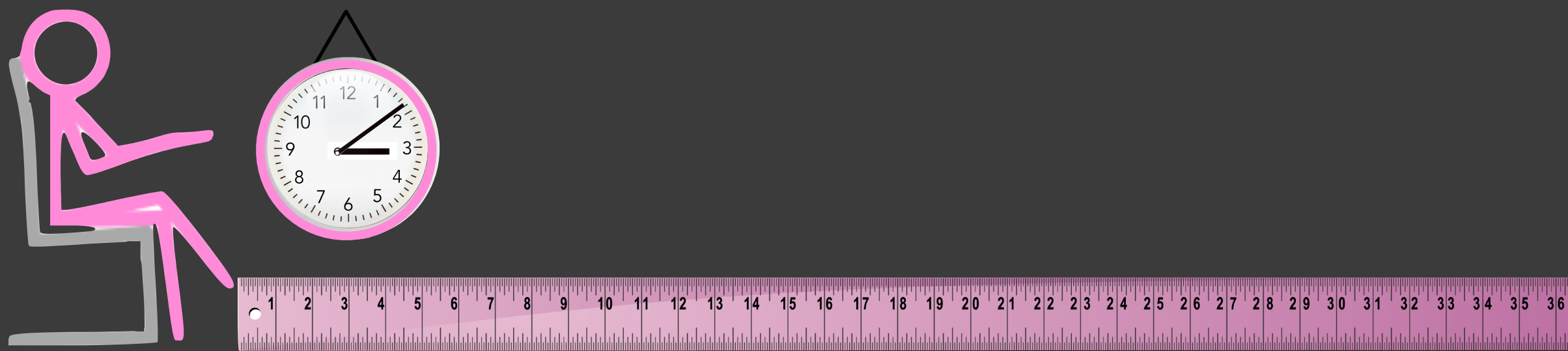
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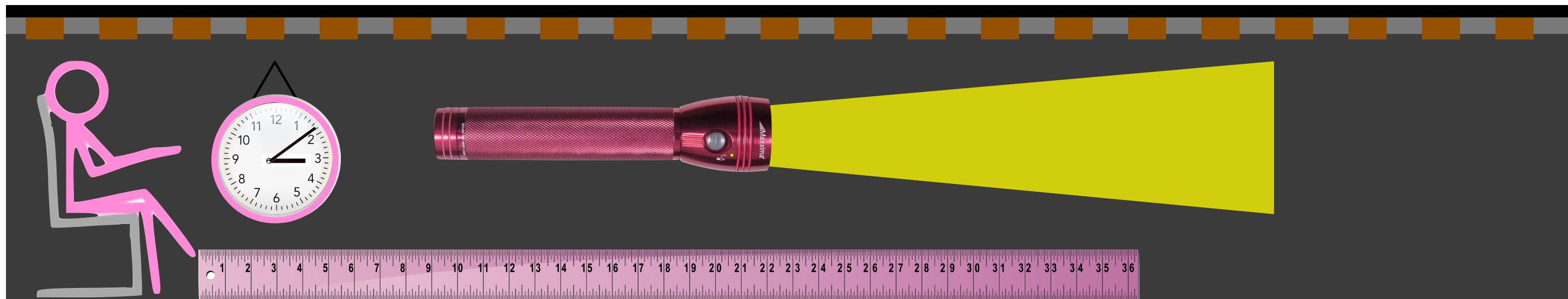
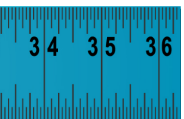


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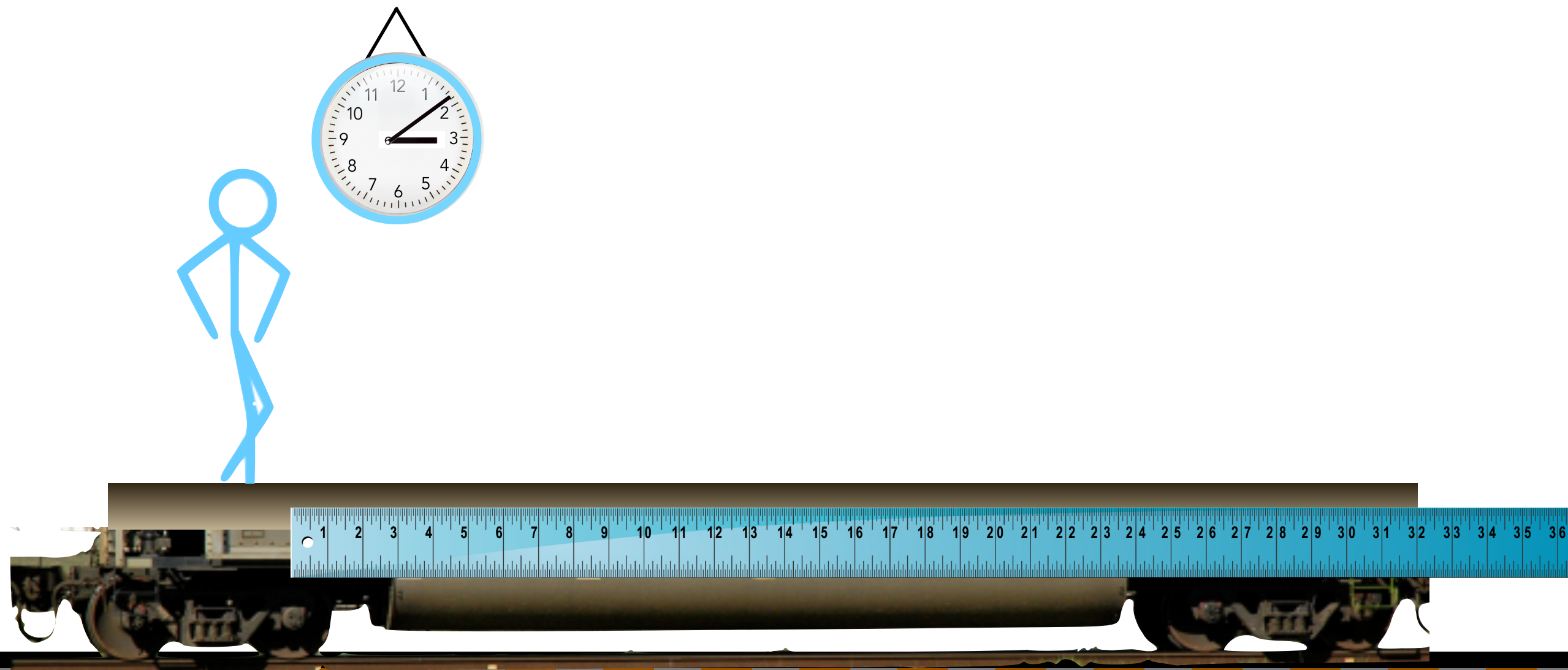


$$v_H = c!!$$

and the other way as well.

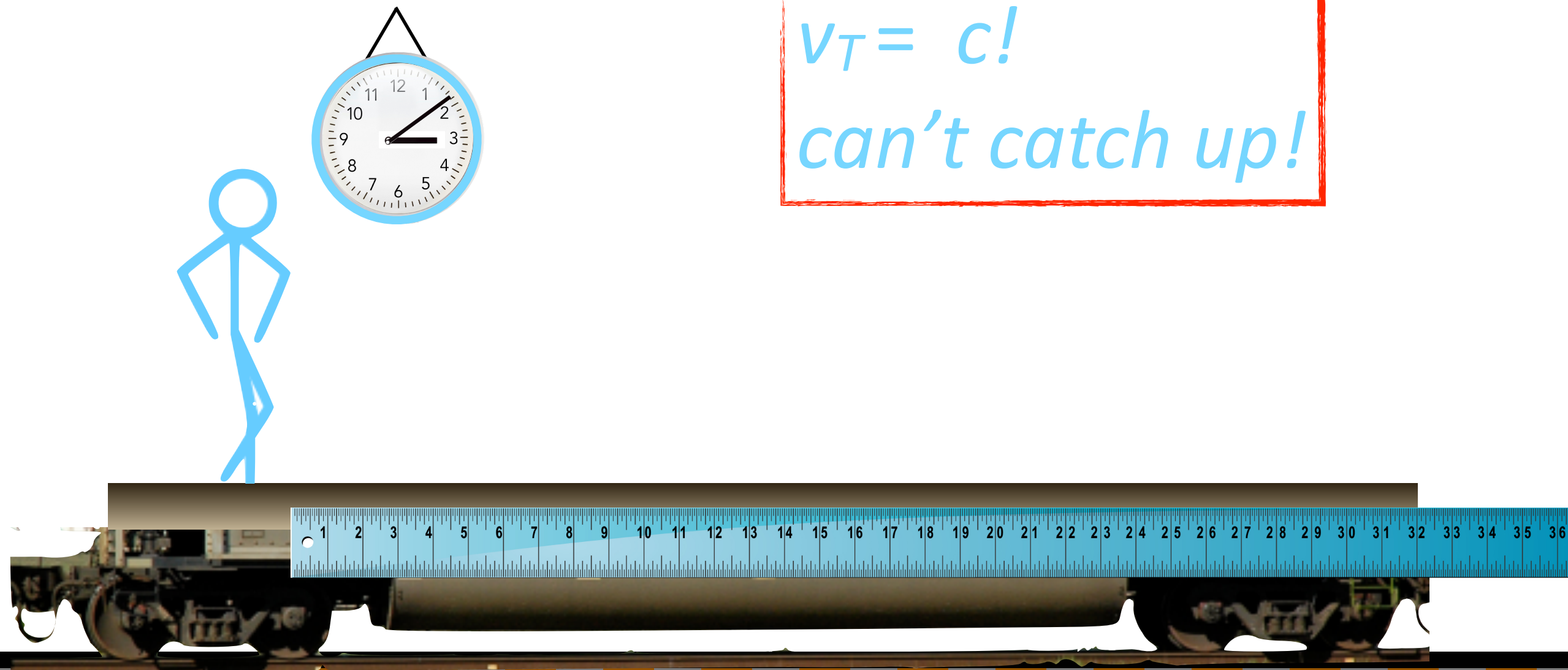


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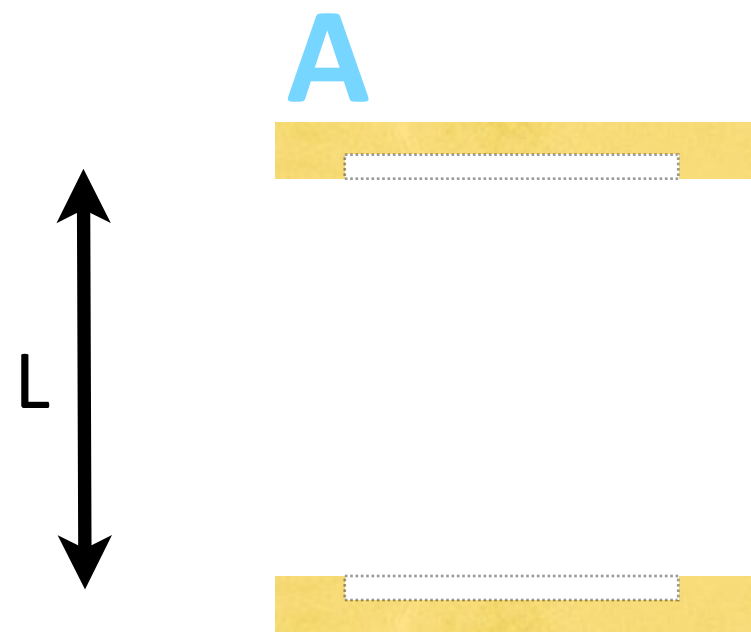
$v_T = c!$
can't catch up!



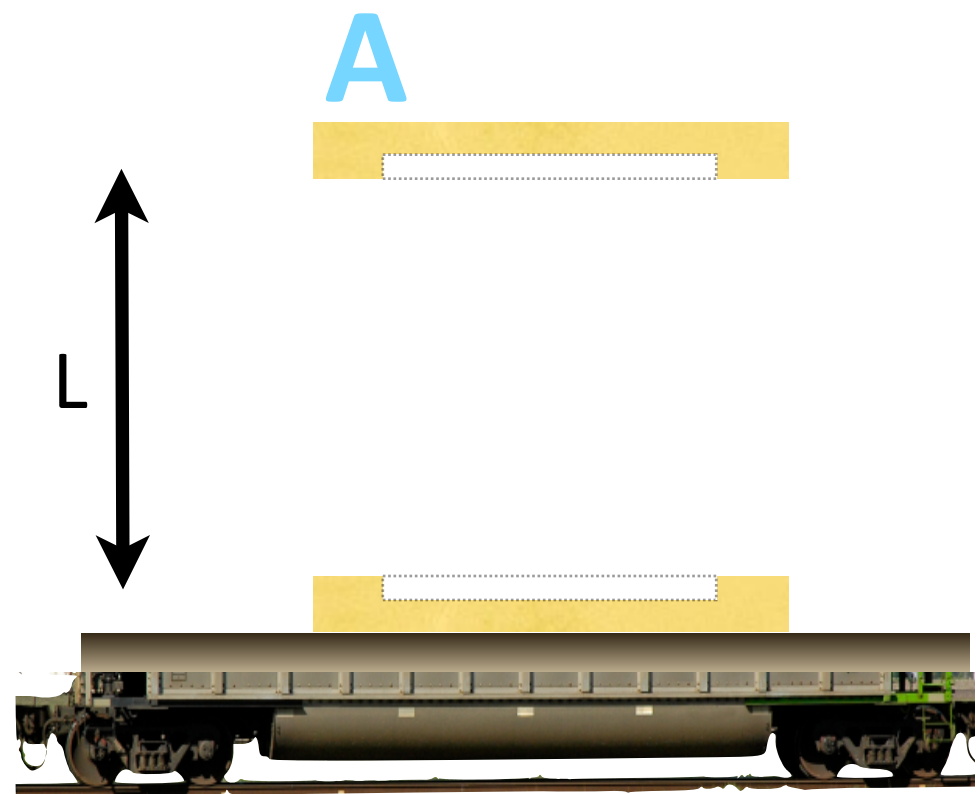
$v_G = c$

there are consequences to this

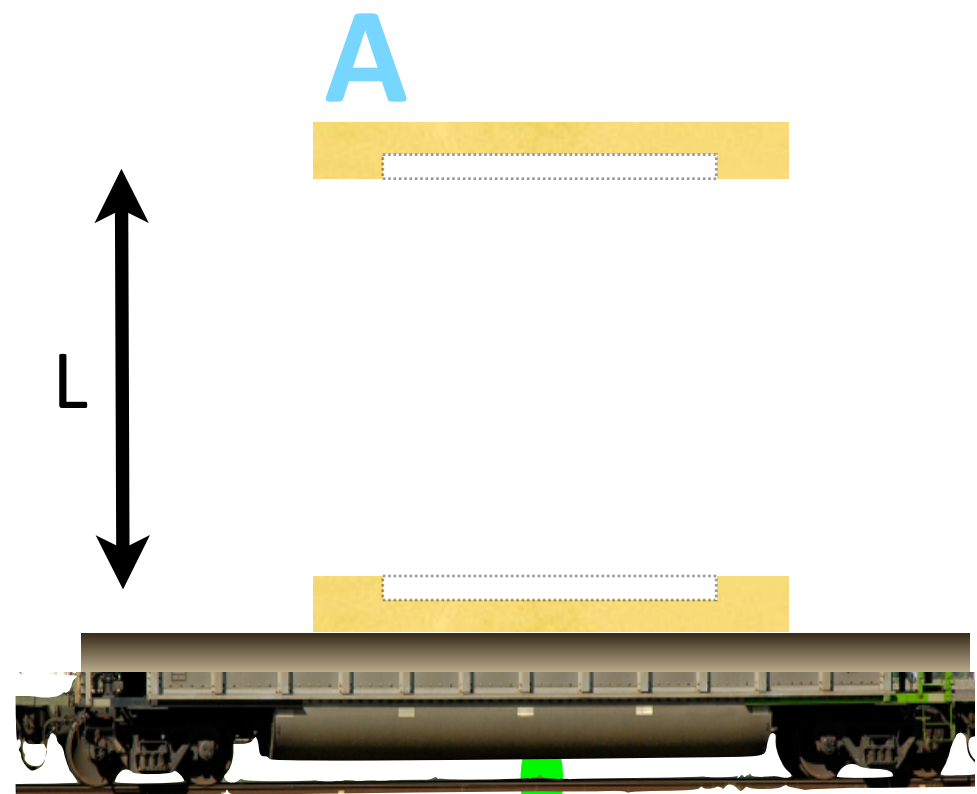
let's make a light clock
and follow the mathematics



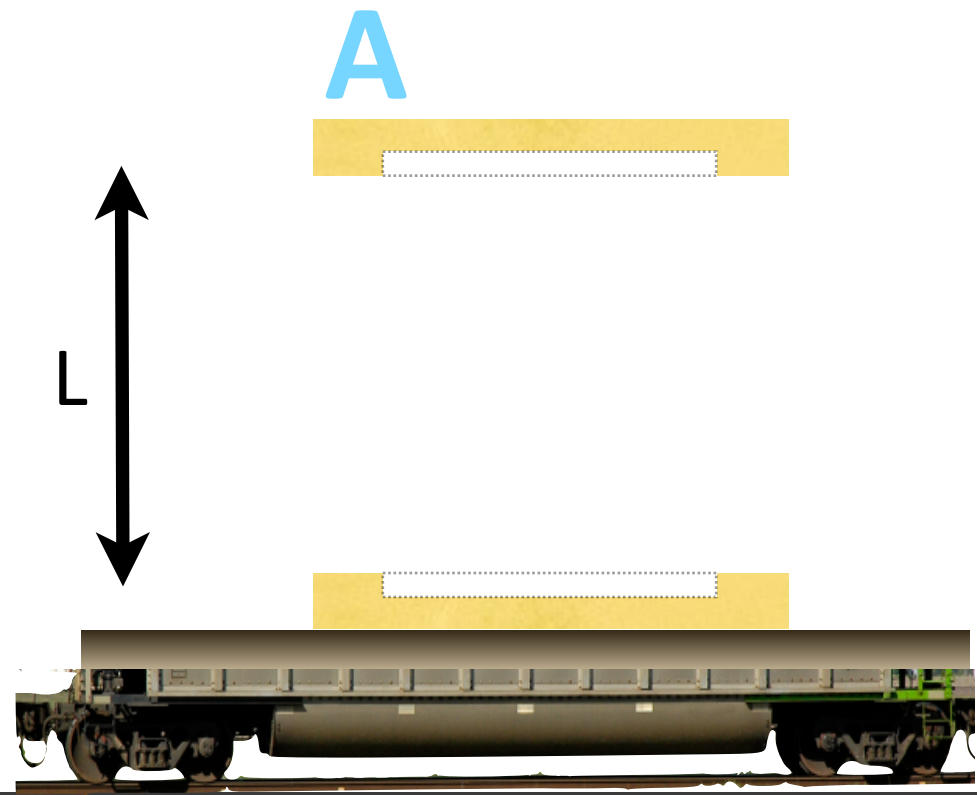
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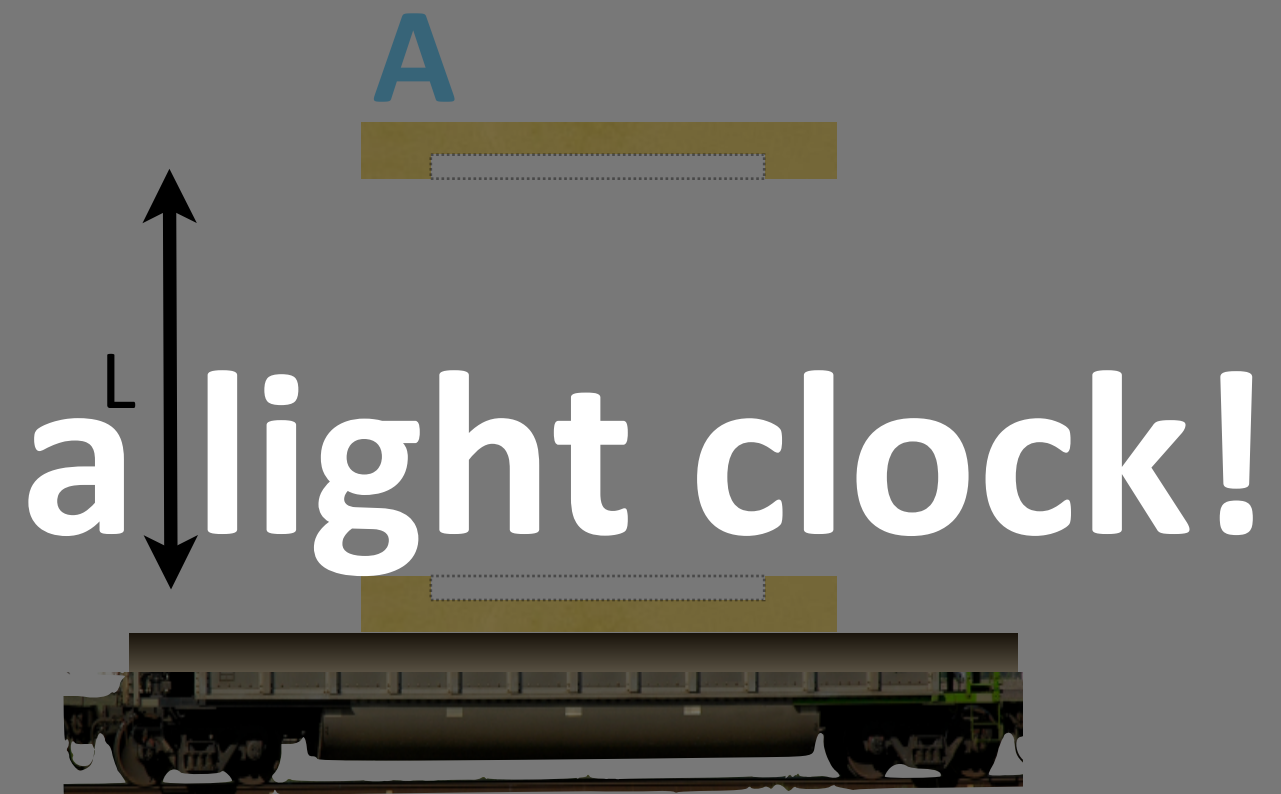
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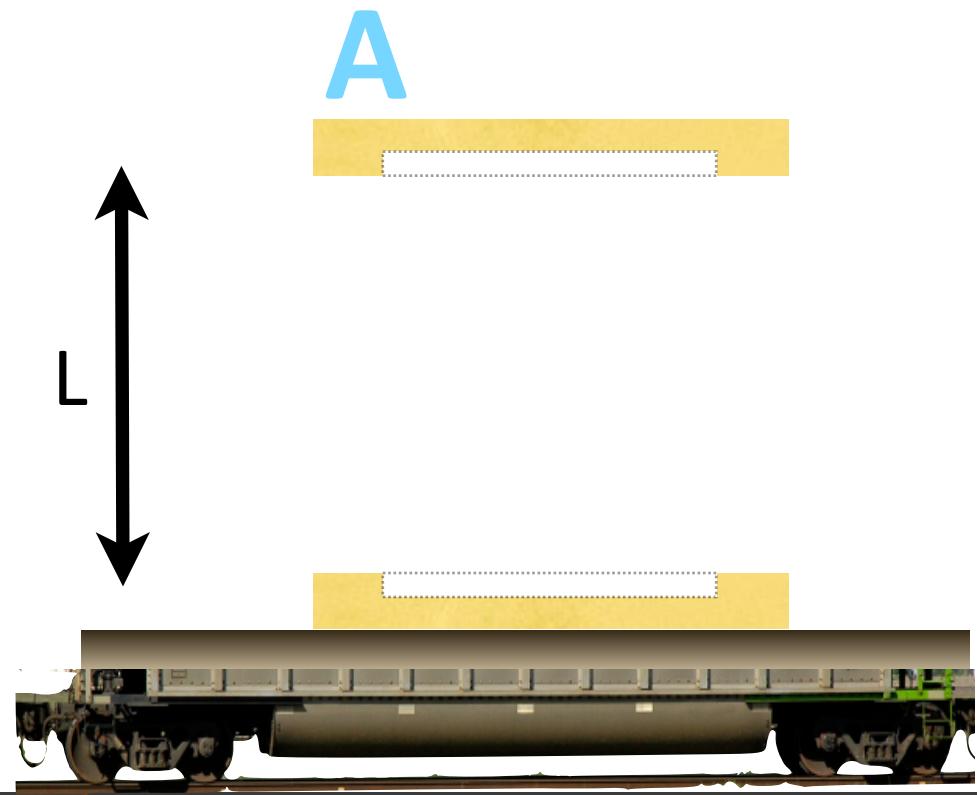
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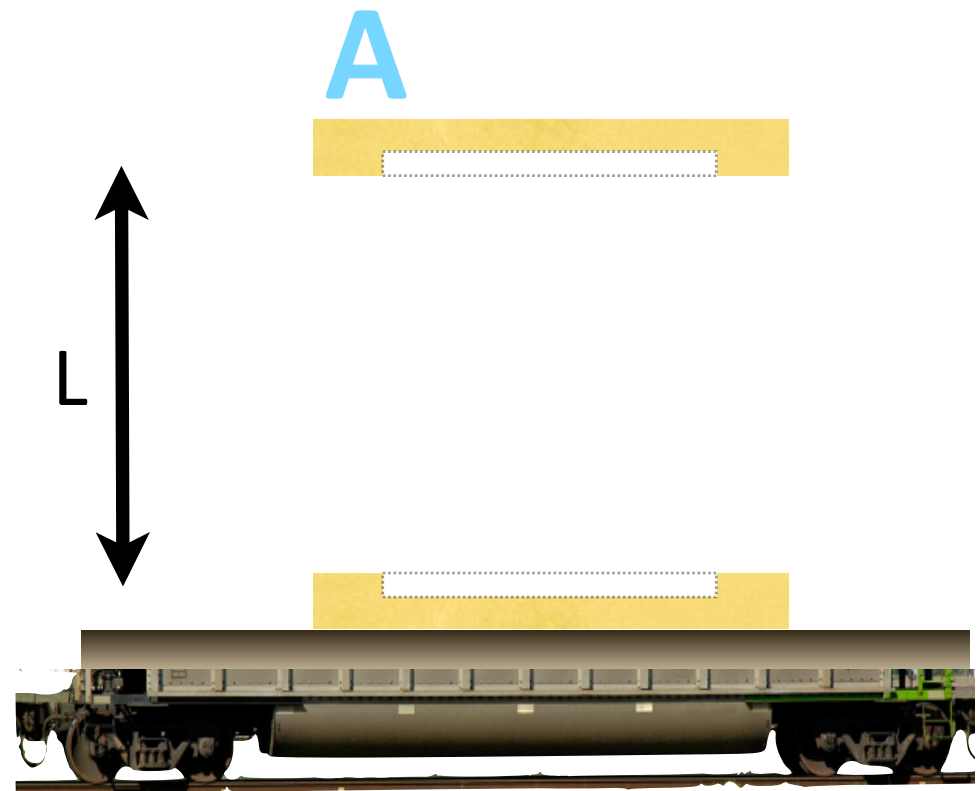
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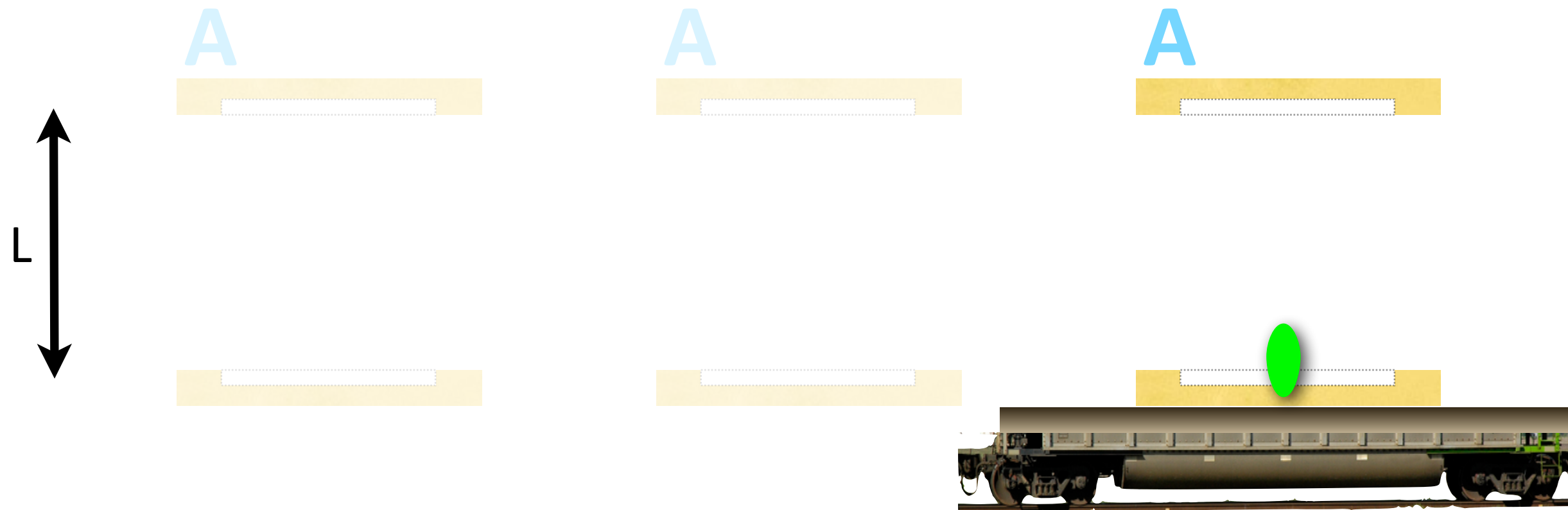


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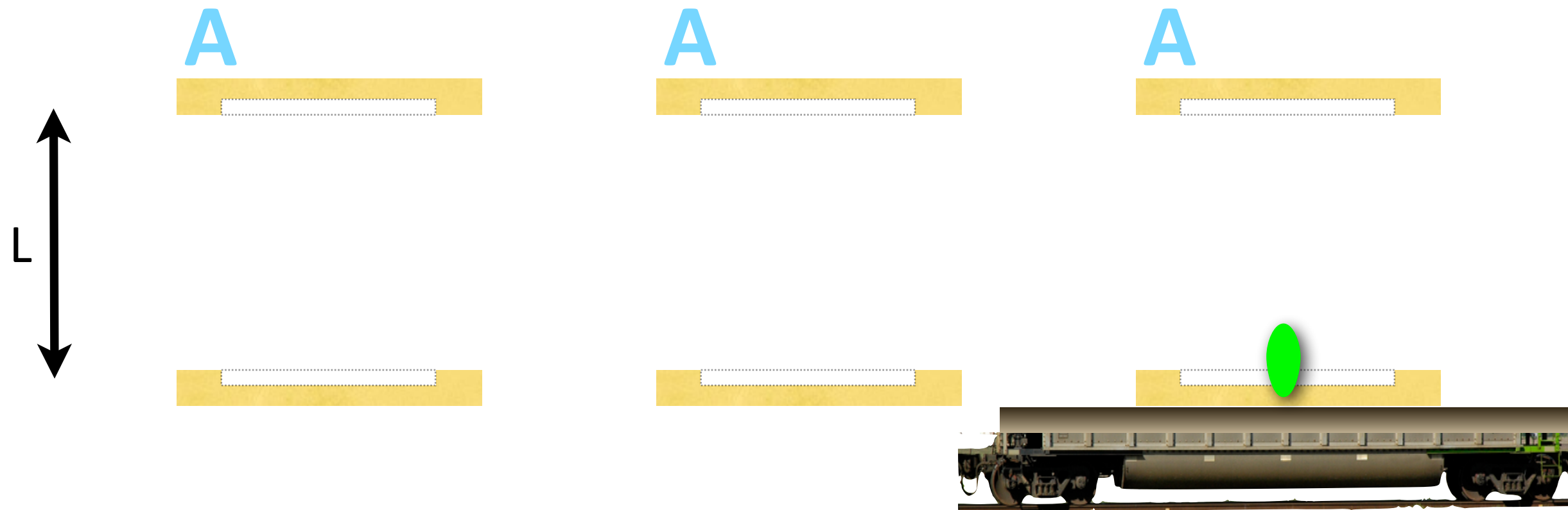
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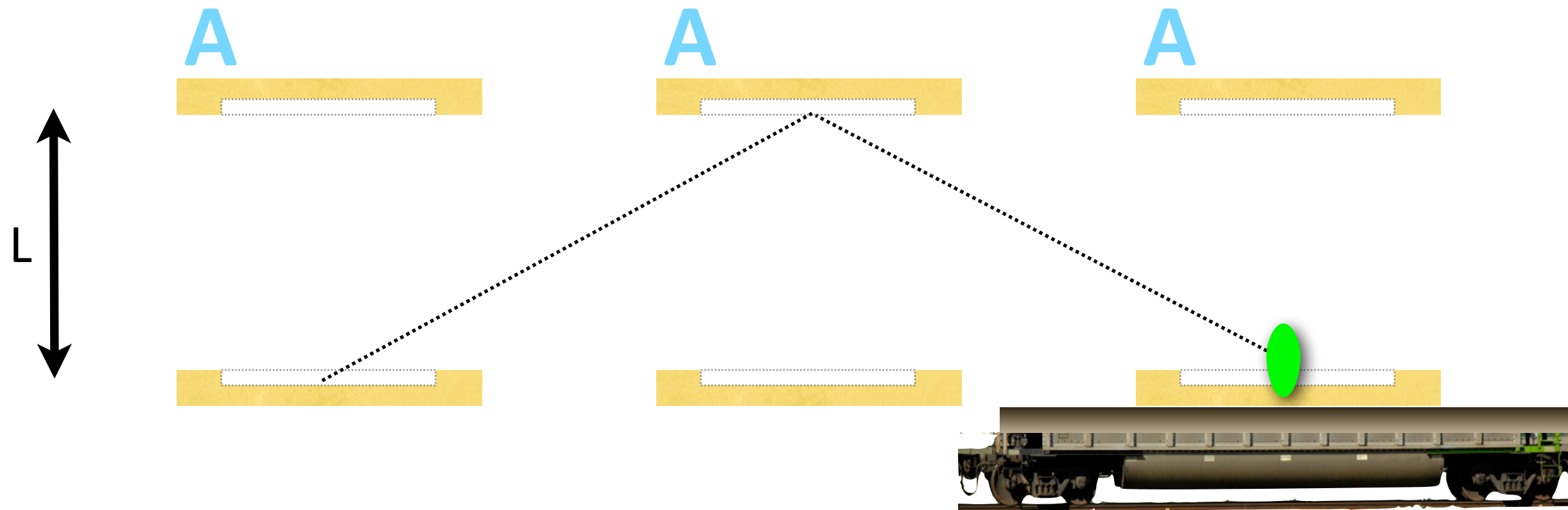
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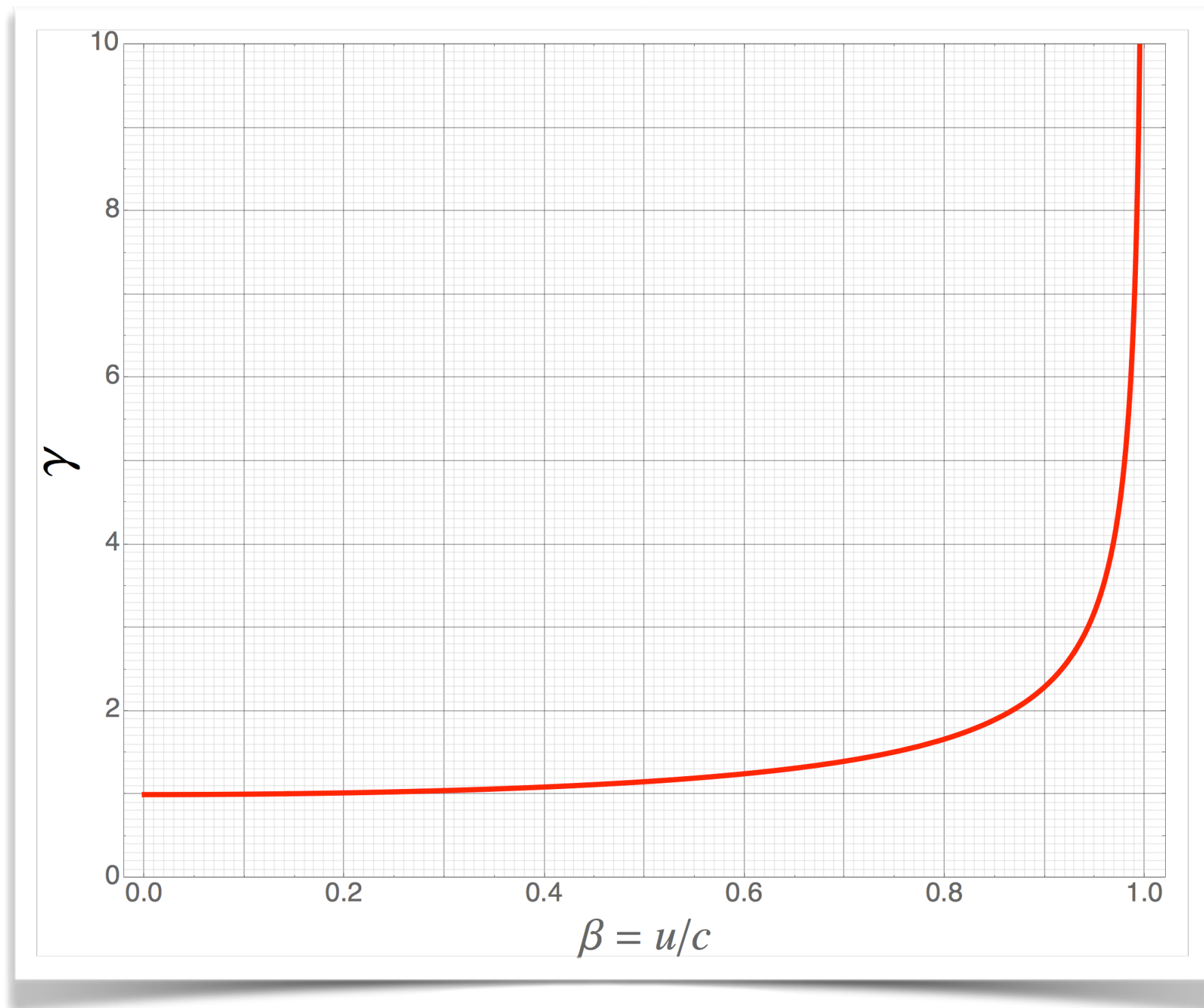


Moving clocks appear to run slower as seen by a relatively stationary observer

$$t_H = \frac{t_A}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2}}$$
$$t_H = \gamma t_A$$

time dilation

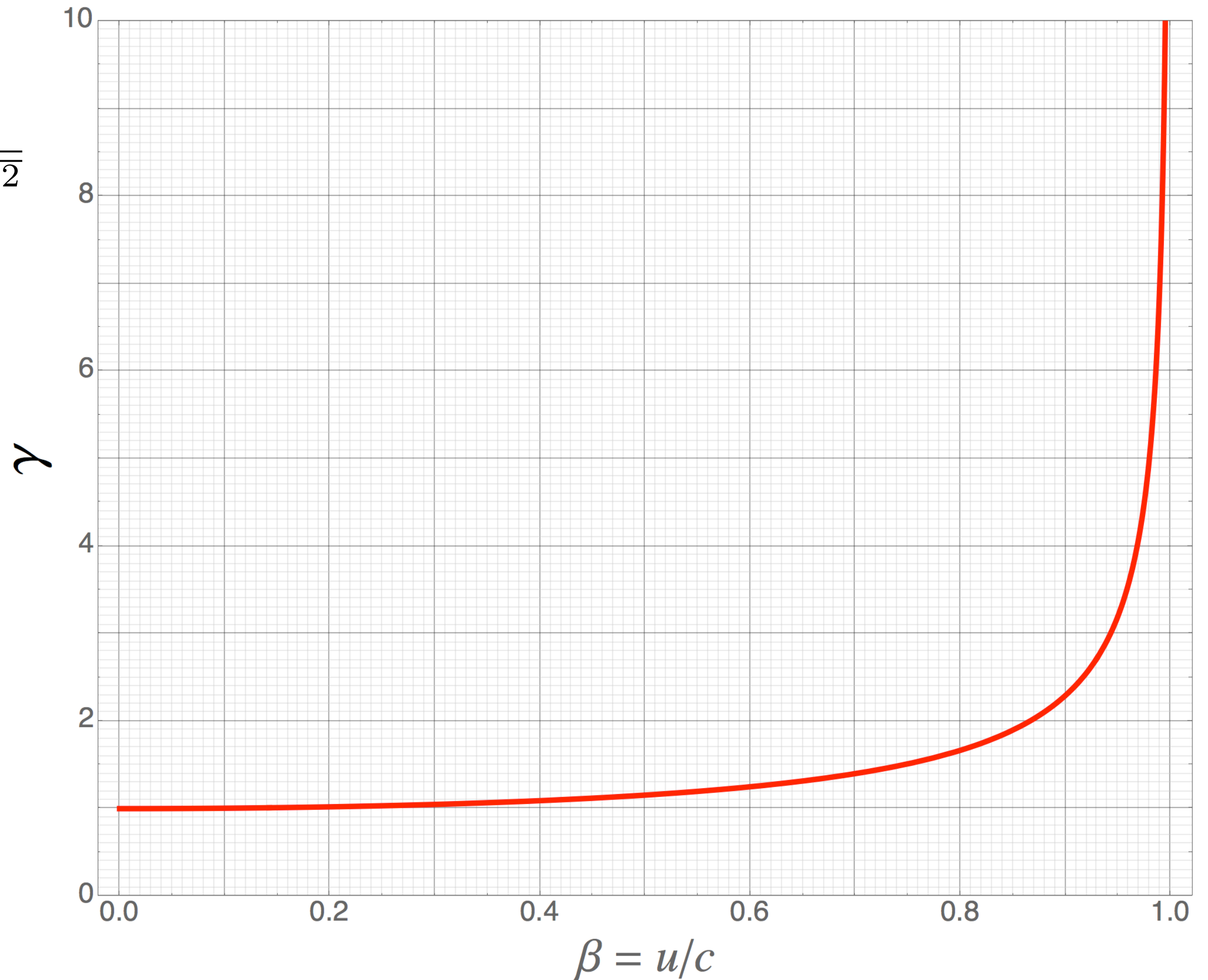
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3 strange
things about
space and
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“relativistic gamma”

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