

## Day 18, 20.03.2018

## Einstein's Theory of Special Relativity, 5



# housekeeping

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 this and next lecture for HW! So HW7 due Sunday, rather than Friday MasteringAstronomy registration expiration now set to March 15.





# honors project began

https://qstbb.pa.msu.edu/storage/Homework\_Projects/honors\_project\_2018/

contains the first instructions: the plan & tutorial

Minervalnstructions1\_2018.pdf

dates:

complete first part, March 16

analyze data and complete writeup, April 20

# is Relativity

## the case?

I showed you two classic tests



# Energy

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a resistance to acceleration

## inertia

## the measure of inertia

mass

## classical dynamical quantities



These have to change!

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# relativity and energy

through the back door...

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

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# we took a quick aside

approximating functions

see Lesson 3

# what equation comes to mind?

when you're on the spot?

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

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} \sim 1 + \frac{\beta^2}{2} + \frac{3\beta^4}{8} + \frac{5\beta^6}{16} + \frac{35\beta^8}{128} + \frac{63\beta^{10}}{256}$$









## now let's play

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## jargon alert: rest mass

refers to:

entomology:

example:

mass of an object in its own rest frame (related to Rest Energy, the mass-energy of an object in its own frame) "rest" implying...not moving

the rest mass of the electron is 9.109 x 10<sup>-31</sup> kg





## Mass is energy and energy is mass.

no.

\$ = € \* 1.06 just a conversion factor...

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

and I will.

just a conversion factor...

a big conversion factor

## both currency, can both buy stuff

 $E_m = m c^2$  both energy, can both do work

## Energy



lots of pent-up energy in an apple

mass of the apple = 100 gm = 0.1 kg

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

$$E_m = mc^2$$
  
=  $(0.1)(3 \times 10^8)^2$  = Mass energy = 9,000,000,000





## Motion energy = 1 Joule 00,000,000 Joules!





## cheat shirt

the mass of a penny is  $3 \text{gm} = 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{kg}$ The speed of light squared is:  $c^2 = 9 \times 10^{16} \text{m}^2/\text{s}^2$ 

that mass?

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

## How many Joules of energy is trapped in



cheat shirt

# the mass of a penny is $3 \text{gm} = 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{kg}$ The speed of light squared is: $c^2 = 9 imes 10^{16} { m m}^2 { m /s}^2$ $E_m(\text{penny}) = 27 \times 10^{13} \text{J}$

Aircraft Carrier Nimitz: 91,400 tons at 32 knots:  $K(\text{Nimitz}) = 1.1 \times 10^{10} \text{J}$ 





# the new energy

## energy related to mass.



The Tee Shirf Equation!

Mass in rest frame, - "rest mass"  $\mathcal{M}$ 

*Energy* related to mass, - "rest energy"  $E_m = mc^2$ 

*Energy* related to motion, "kinetic," K

Total energy of anything, I'll call  $E_T$ 

$$E_T = E_m + K$$

what "mass" really is: "trapped energy"





# down this rabbit hole

if an object has mass it has energy

if an object has energy it has mass

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## play some more

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look at the total energy

 $E_T = m\gamma c^2$ 

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

$$E_T = (m\gamma)c^2$$
 so  $E_T$ 

...and speak of a speed-dependent "relativistic mass."

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

and increase of mass with velocity







 $T = m_R c^2$ 



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 + 4

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

mass energy:

total energy:

kinetic energy?

Fully relativistic now

$$E_m = mc^2$$

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





 $E_T = E_m + K$ 

 $K = E_T - E_m$ 

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

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

# You might want to remember this:



energy of motion...Kinetic Energy

+ energy of mass...Rest Energy

Total energy of an object

there aren't any other kinds of energy

# 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...

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



"Energy-momentum relation"...

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

## no velocity dependences, just a number...

$$+ (pc)^{2}$$

practical

## Energy/momentum relations:

the mass of an

object in its own "rest mass"... m "relativistic mass"... $m_R = m\gamma$ frame "Energy"...  $E_T = m\gamma c^2$ the total Energy of a moving object Kinetic Energy... $K = mc^2(\gamma - 1)$ the energy due to motion momentum for Relativistic momentum... $p = m\gamma u$ each component of space Energy-momentum relation...  $E_T^2 = (mc^2)^2 + (pc)^2$ 

useful expression



the mass of a moving object

## "rest Energy"... $E = mc^2$

the mass-energy of an object in its own frame

an alternative,



## glad you asked



Einstein preferred "Invariant Theory" to "Relativity"

"Invariants"

## Cousin Quantities!

- Space and time are not separate entities, but linked as "<u>spacetime</u>"
- Electric and magnetic fields are not separate entities, but linked as "<u>electromagnetism"</u>
- Energy and momentum are not separate entities, but linked as "<u>4-momentum"</u>

## 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

where mechanical energy was not conserved.





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and they stick together

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

Now...energy conservation is different:  $E_{\text{(before)}} = E_{(after)}$ 

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

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

brand new thing!





a collision from earlier

where mechanical energy was not conserved.

completely inelastic collision

But before we certainly would have said:

 $m_1 + m_2 = M_{12}$ 

and they stick together, and stop

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

brand new thing!

$$m(1)c^2 + m(2)c^2 + K(1) + K(2)$$

$$M(12)c^2 = m(1)c^2 + m(2)$$

$$M(12)c^2 > m(1)c^2 + m(2)$$

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

## 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:

# $A + B \rightarrow C + D$

 $[MassEnergy_0(A) + KE_0(A)] + [MassEnergy_0(B) + KE_0(B)] =$ 

[MassEnergy(C) + KE(C)] + [MassEnergy(D) + 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





# what about the

"energy of mass" and "mass of energy" crack?

## suppose we have a bound system

e

What holds the electron to the proton?

## Hydrogen Atom

p

Last week: the electrostatic force, or the Electric field, right?



What's it take to ionize\* Hydrogen?

You must supply 13.6 eV

\*make the electron free of the proton's influence

# energy diagram for H



The mass of a hydrogen atom is LESS than the sum of  $m_p + m_e$ No negative binding energy... just a "mass deficit" in the attraction of the P and e. The energy is in the field.

# a hydrogen atom, take

weighs less than the components of a hydrogen atom

so it can't fall apart into its components

where is that "missing mass"?

in the energy of the Electric Field,









## the 'mass deficit' in nuclei

is observable and works for good and for ill.

## a bound system like an atom

but much stronger!



It happens many ways, here is one:

"Uranium 235" is a big nucleus of 92 protons and 143 neutrons





<sup>90</sup>Zr

the  $M(^{235}U) < 143 \times M(neutron) + 92 \times M(proton)$ 

so, it's "bound" like Hydrogen

But when a neutron tickles it... the mass deficit in binding energy is released as K...which becomes heat in nuclear reactors

 $M(^{235}U) + M(neutron) > M(^{143}Nd) + M(^{90}Zr) + 3 \times M(neutron)$ 

by 200 MeV

## 1 gm <sup>235</sup>U releases 23,000 kW-h about 25 households' energy needs 45

<sup>143</sup>Nd

looky here...

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

## two things to worry about



massless objects...





# Energy and momentum are related for

E = pc

## What about the negative solution?



## so, how was this all received?

According to Einstein's sister,

...he anticipated a large reaction with much criticism

What he got at first was silence.

oh, a nice note from Max Planck asking for some clarification

then a seminar by Planck in Berlin which touched on Relativity...

• only then... a little professional attention, to "Prof. Einstein, University of Bern"

The first paper published on Relativity by not-Einstein:

also by Planck, who derived the relativistic momentum relation,  $p = \gamma mv$ 

The 1908 Minkowski lecture, in which he worked out completely in modern form the mathematics of relativity and the spacetime view got people's attention

What about experiment?

# the first experimental confirmation New experiments were done,

## and by 1910, the results were:



the special relativity prediction

become a part of everyday scientific and engineering life





## These results are from 1910 for three experiments, and the curve is

# From this point on relativity has

# shift gears

special relativity  $\rightarrow$  general relativity



## Special Relativity

## created a problem

## What about most of the universe...?

Where gravitation is a fact of life?

In particular...the action-at-a-distance thing.

Think about the tides...caused by Moon

closer, so stronger, high tide further, so weaker, low tide

That violates the rules of Special Relativity



## Suppose Moon disappeared?

## Would the tides flatten instantly?

## what's worse

Masses appearing different from different frames?

How do you deal with Newton's Universal **Gravitational formula?** 

distance?



## Worrying about Gravity led Einstein to

think hard about

SPACE and TIME

moving coordinate systems

accelerating

stupid
elevator
trick, #1

# gravitational attraction



# gravitational force

stupid
elevator
trick, #2

# gravitational attraction



force up to create an acceleration of 1g

## Here comes a Relativity-like statement:

similar to Galileo's ship-hold...

"you can not perform any mechanical experiment to tell you that a ship is moving at constant speed relative to the land."

or Einstein's...

"you can not perform any mechanical or electromagnetic experiment to tell you that a ship is moving at constant speed relative to the land."

# There is no mechanical or electromagnetic experiment he can perform

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# said another way

## any effect in an accelerated rest frame

should occur in a rest frame at rest in a gravitational field