

Physics 114 - April 27, 2010

- Exam requests done ... can pick up here or in box

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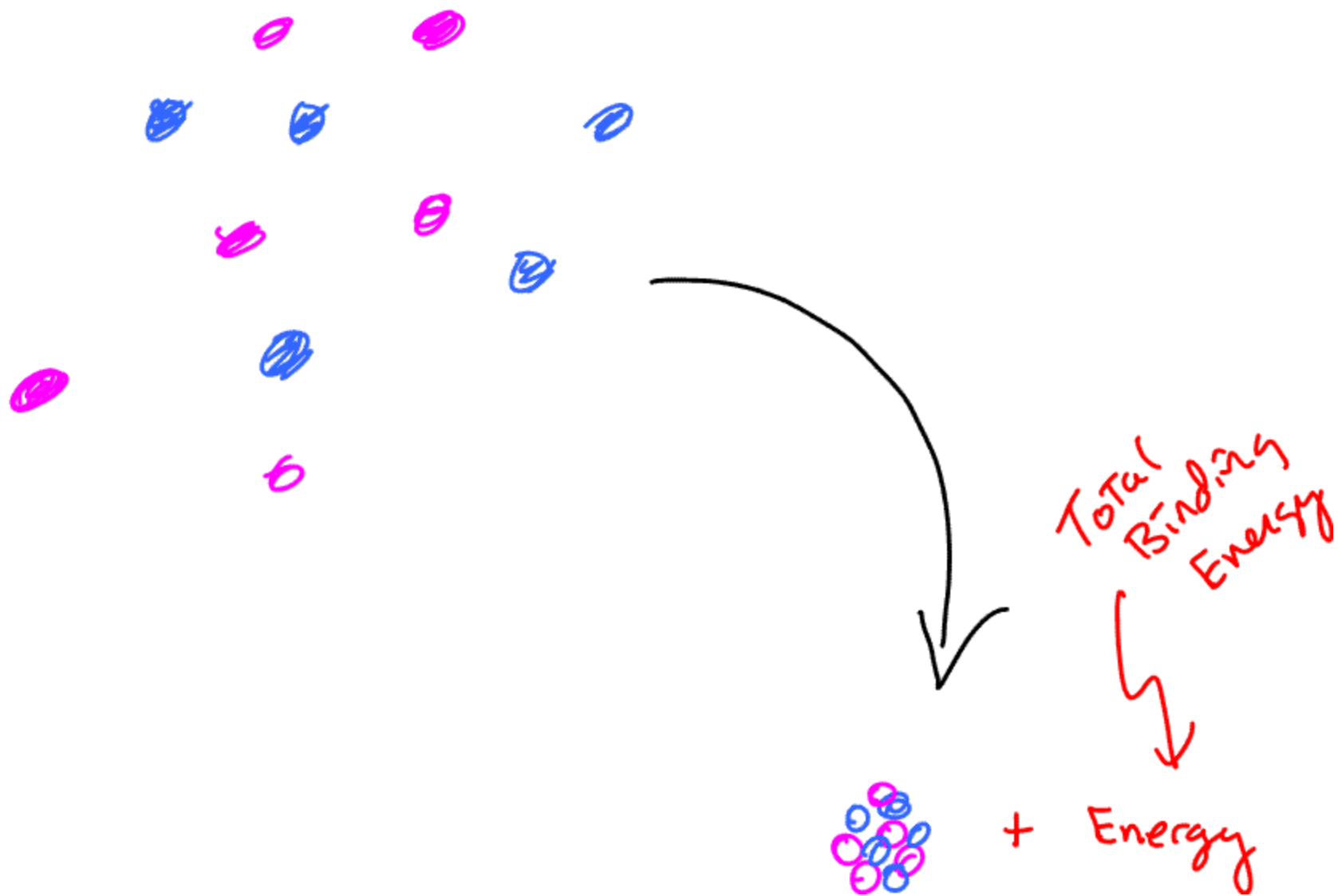
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All very
reasonable requests
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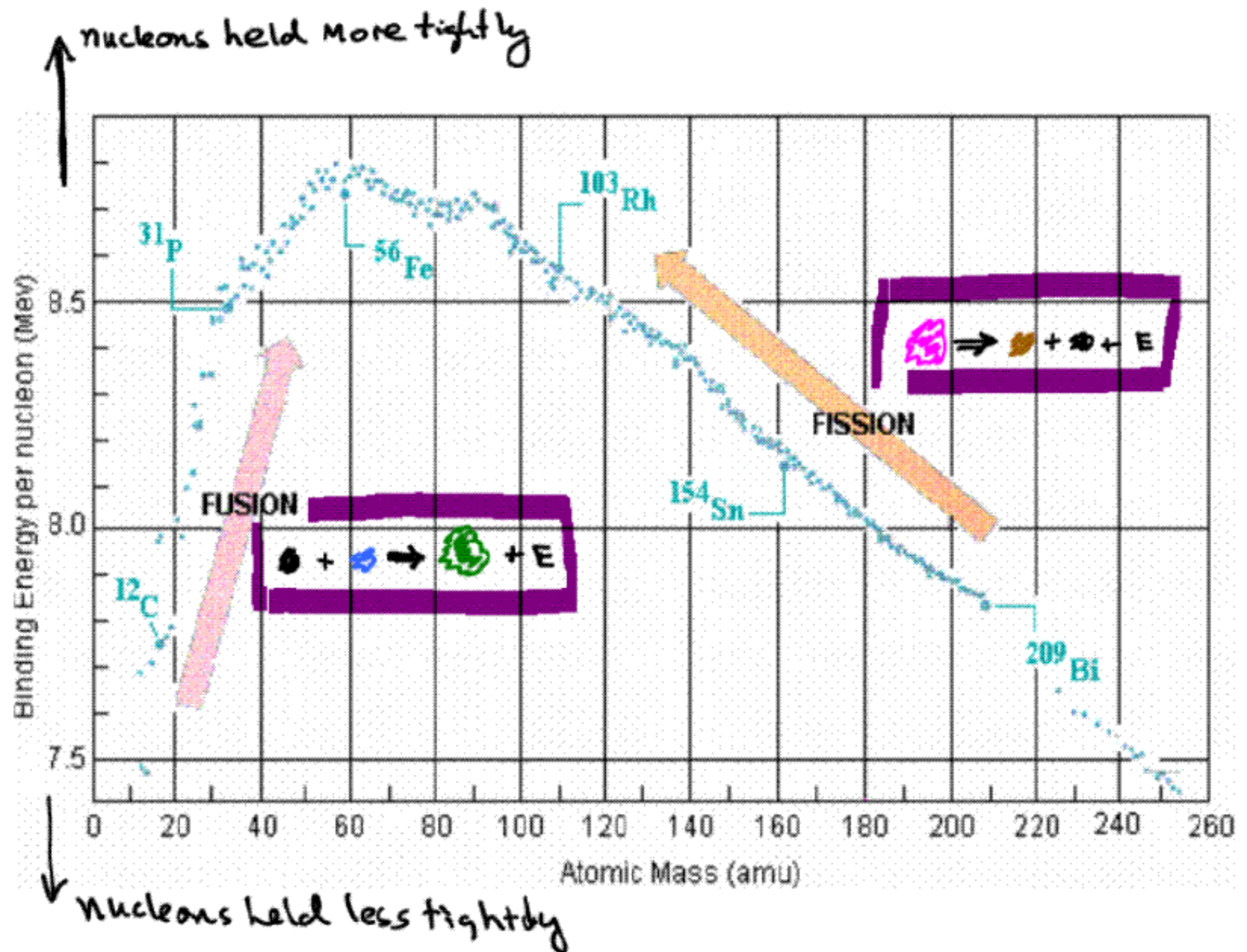
- Q+A session

- Final exam ~40% new material
Topics listing sent out via email



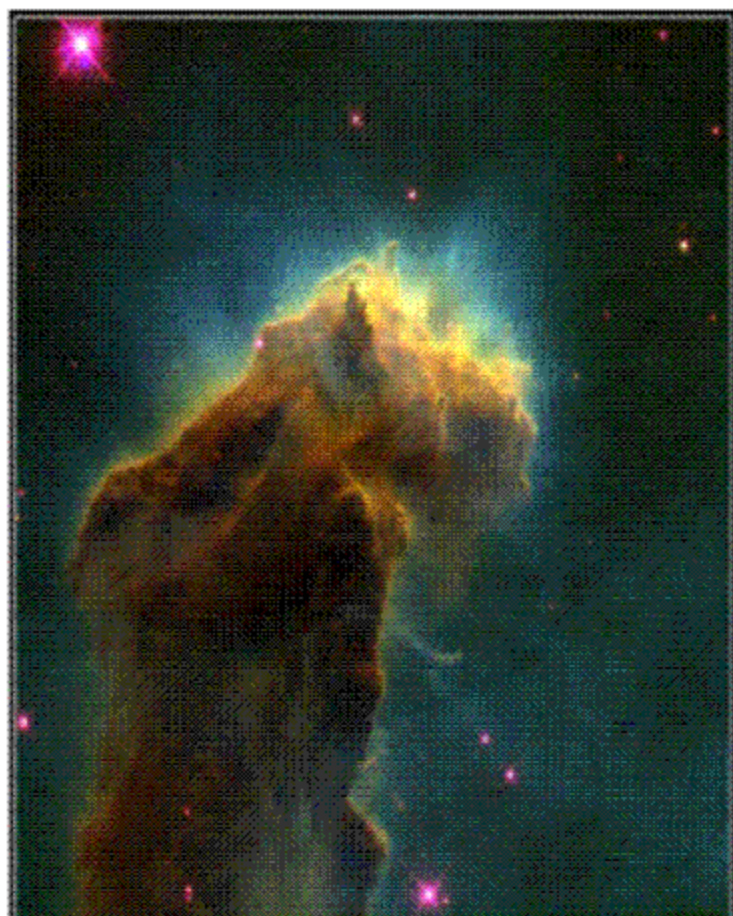


Inherent Nuclear Stability as function of nuclear size





Stars - from dust to dust



Star-Birth Clouds • M16

HST • WFPC2

PRC95-44b • ST ScI OPO • November 2, 1995
J. Hester and P. Scowen (AZ State Univ.), NASA

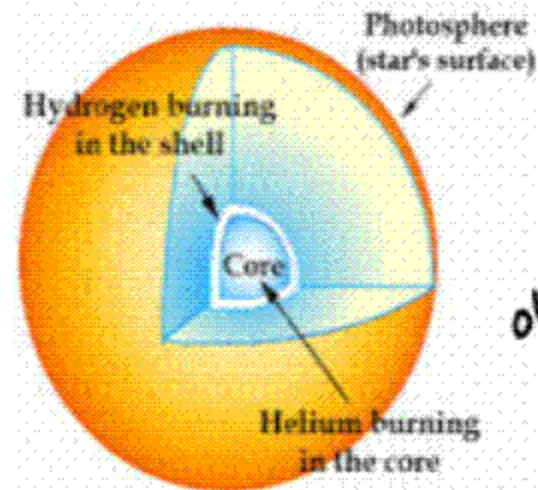
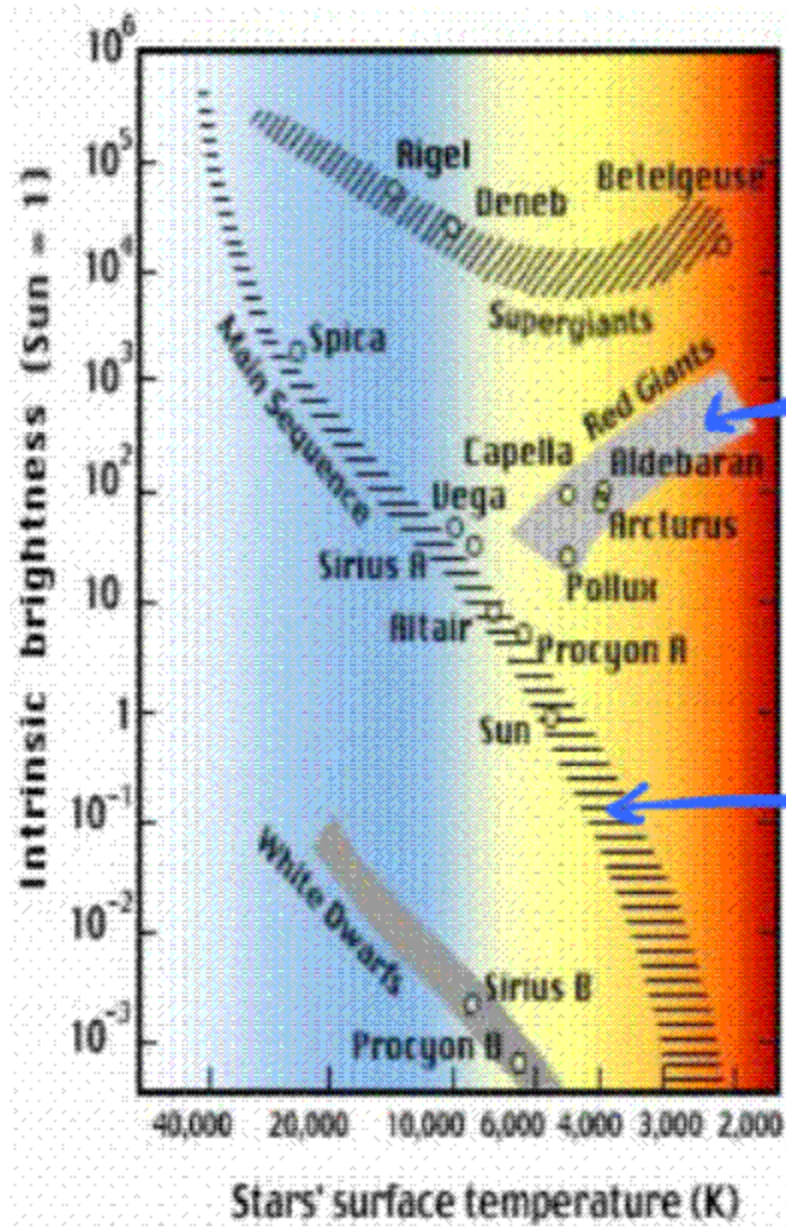
Stars Form From
Condensation of gas/dust
due to gravitation

mostly hydrogen gas

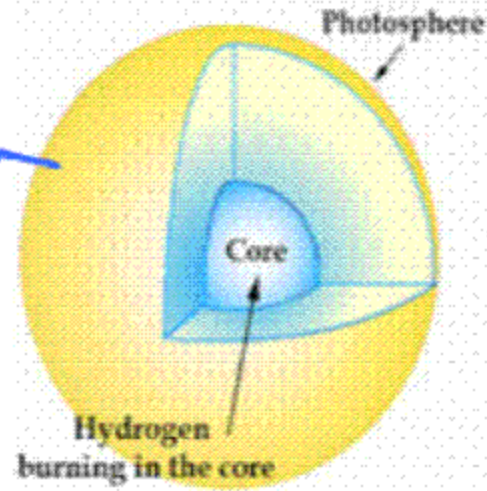


The Pleiades

Young stars residual dust
surrounding them



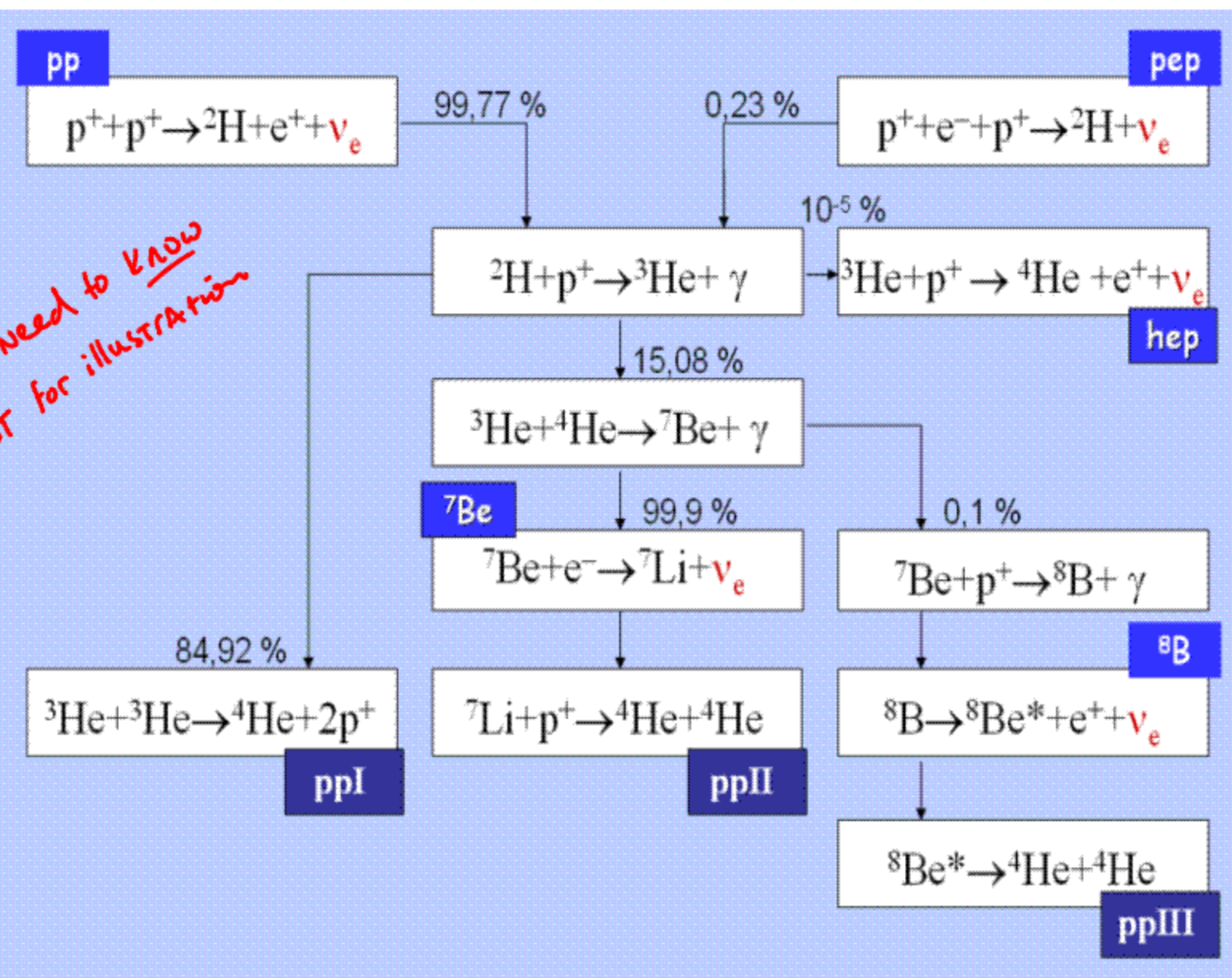
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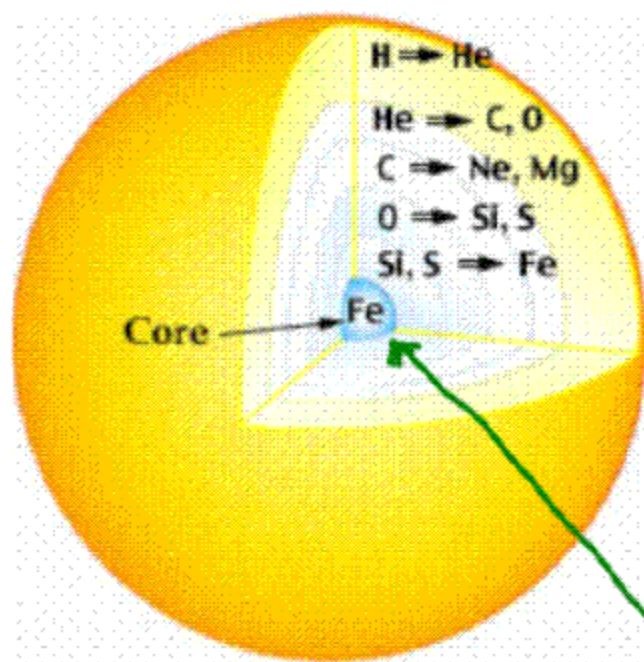


young

Primary Fusion Processes in the Sun

No need to know
just for illustration

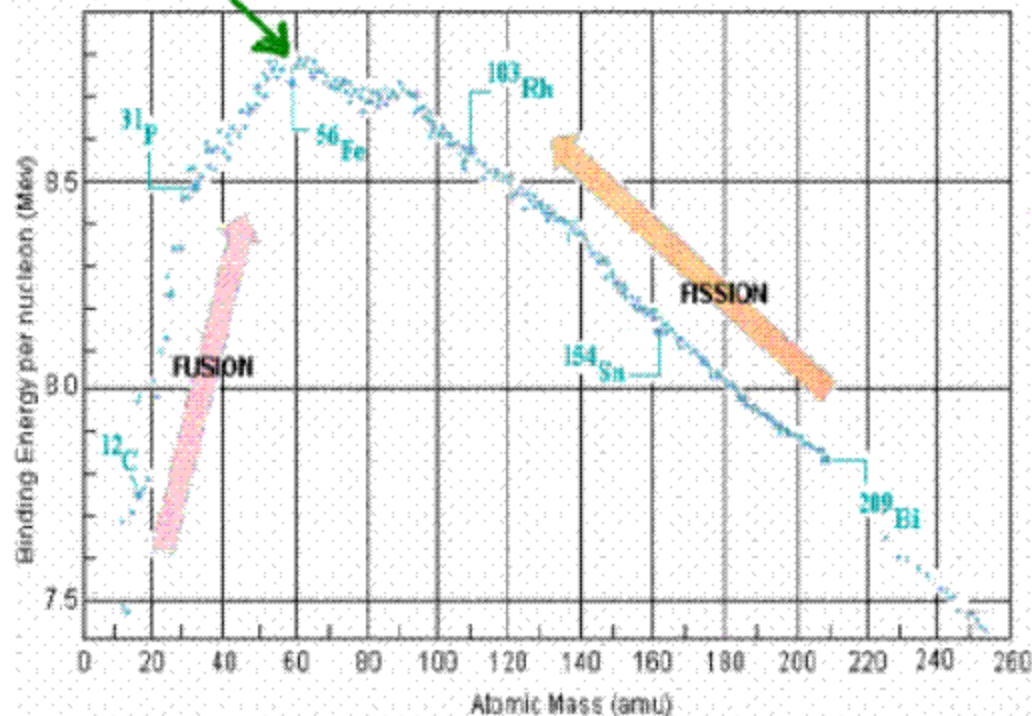


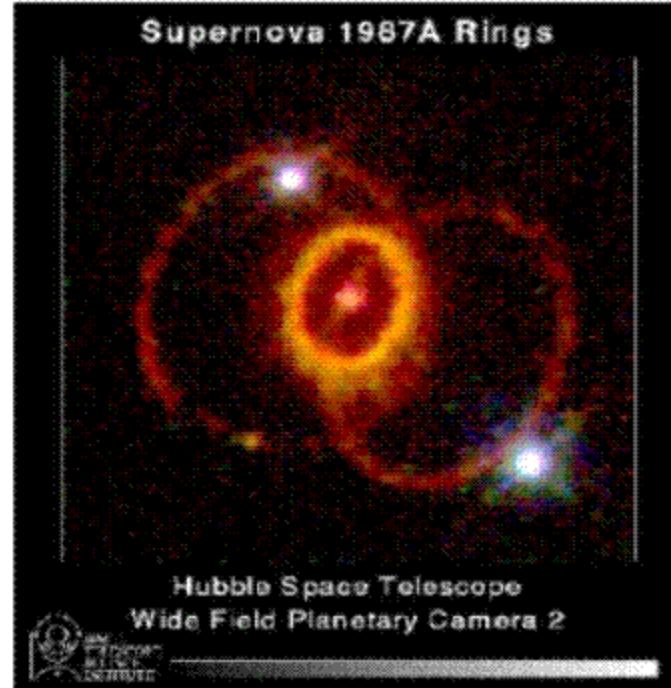
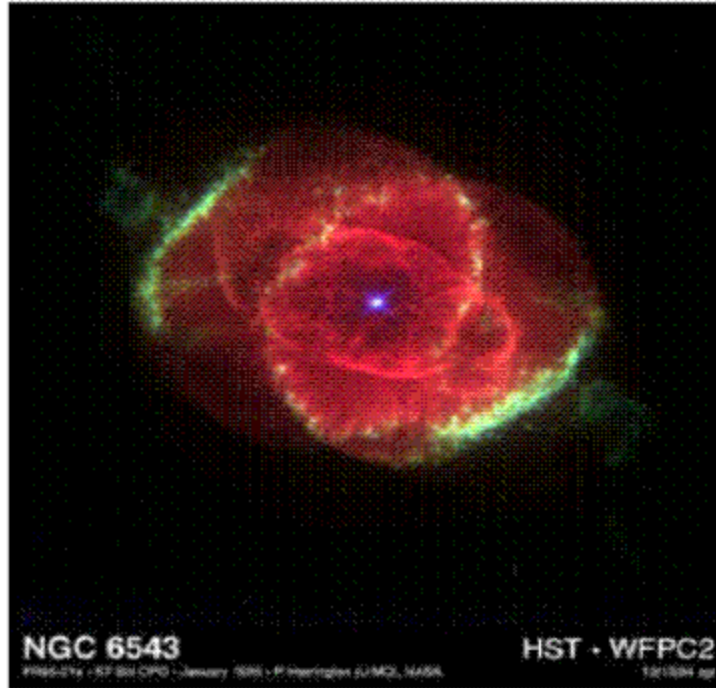


late l.f.e massive star

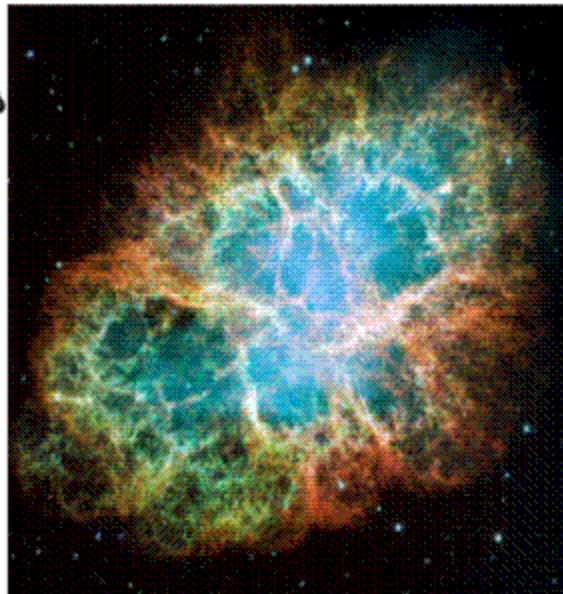
fusion process into nuclei
larger than ^{56}Fe takes
energy rather than releasing
energy

- Early universe almost entirely Hydrogen
- Normal stellar evolution \rightarrow fusion A up to ~ 57
- Supernova processes \rightarrow fusion A > 57





Star went supernova in day
1054 - observed during
by Chinese and Arab
Astronomers



Crab
Nebula
Star went
Supernova in
1054

Interaction of radiation with matter

Charged particles e^- , e^+ , α for example

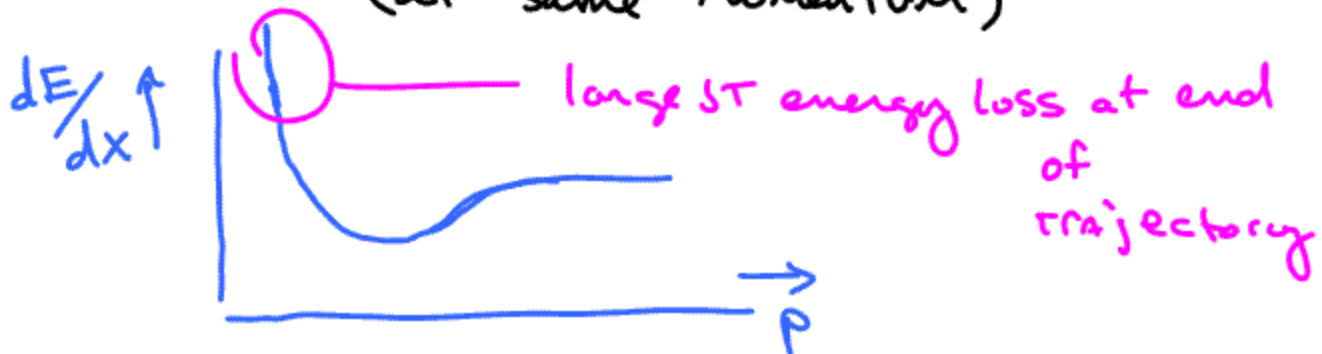
$\alpha \longrightarrow$



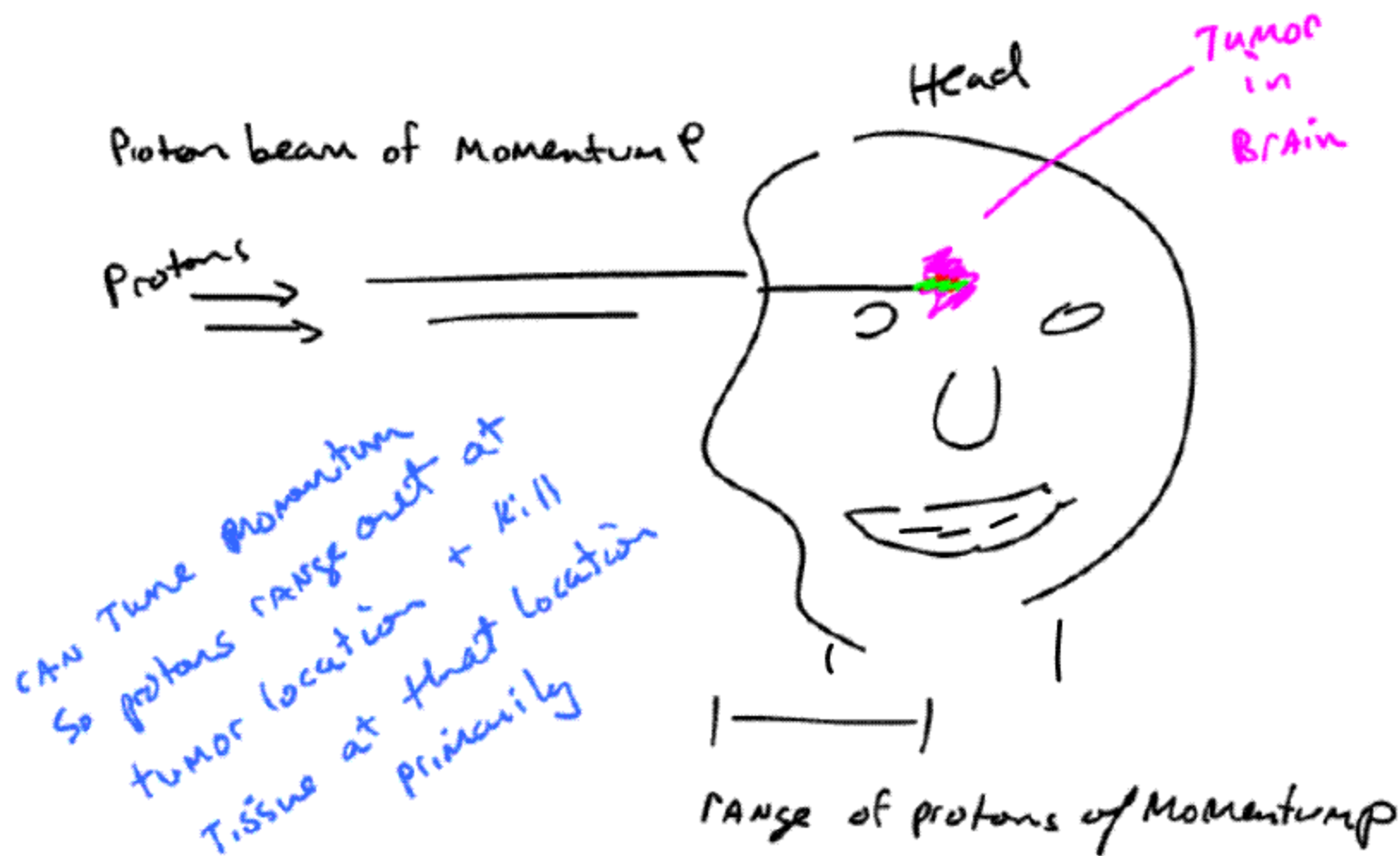
Primary mechanism - energy loss by ionization

Higher for large m , large q

\therefore Range of α is shorter than e^- for example
(at same momentum)



CAN use this

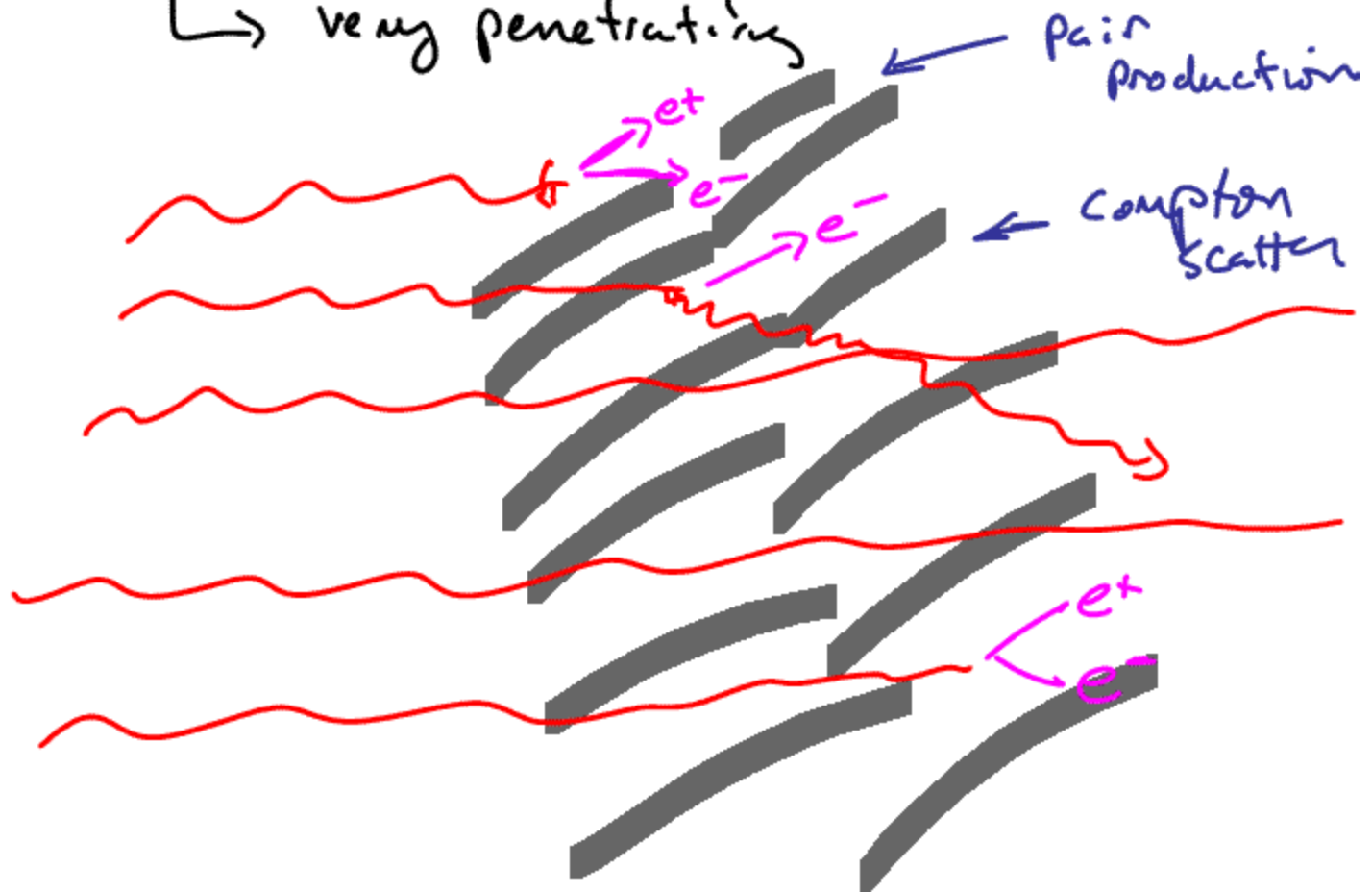


ionization energy loss greatest when proton
almost stops ... Energy deposition and
Tissue destruction greatest at end of path

Natural α Stopped by paper
 β " " Plexiglass or glass

γ -rays

↳ very penetrating



Radiation Danger Depends on

- Activity of Material
- location of Material relative to you
+ vital organs
- Exposure time
- Type of Radiation

outside body

inside body

Danger (relative)

$$\gamma > \beta > \alpha$$

$$\alpha > \beta > \gamma$$

moral to this story: Don't ingest your α sources

Special Theory of Relativity

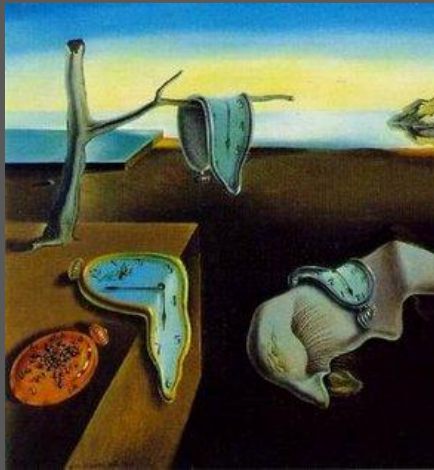
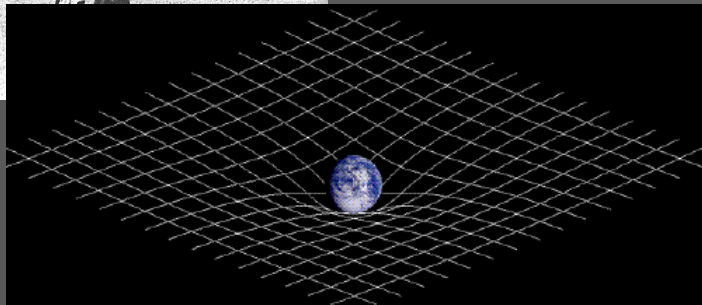
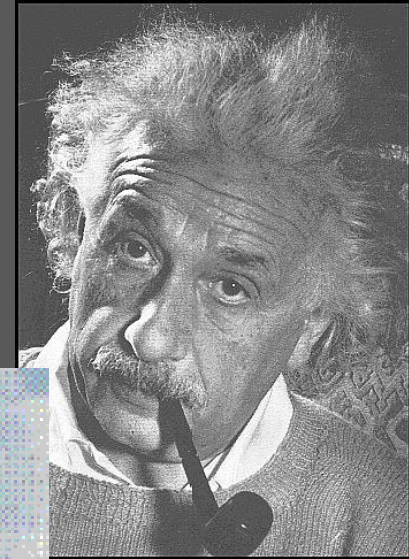
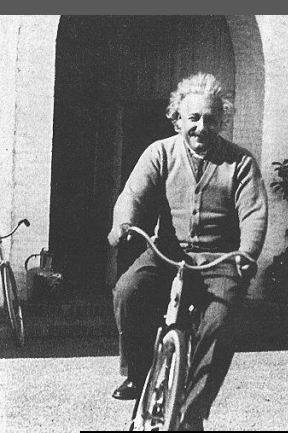
↳ PPT Slides

Know postulates of special relativity

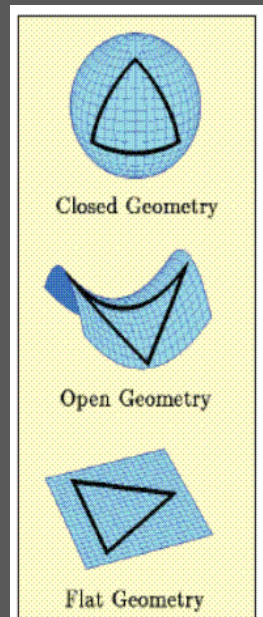
How to do / length contraction > problems
time dilation

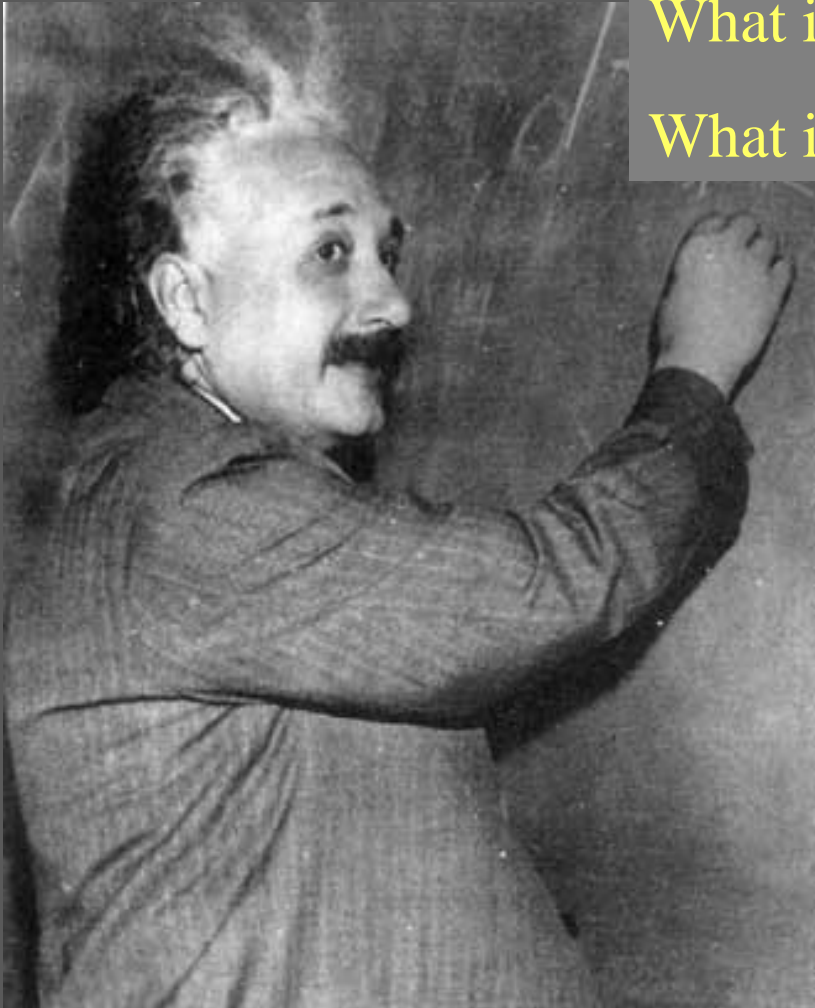
No Lorentz transformations, Energy-mass equivalence
general relativity

Relativity: the warping of space, time, and minds



Steve Manly
Department of Physics and Astronomy
University of Rochester





What is time??

What is space??

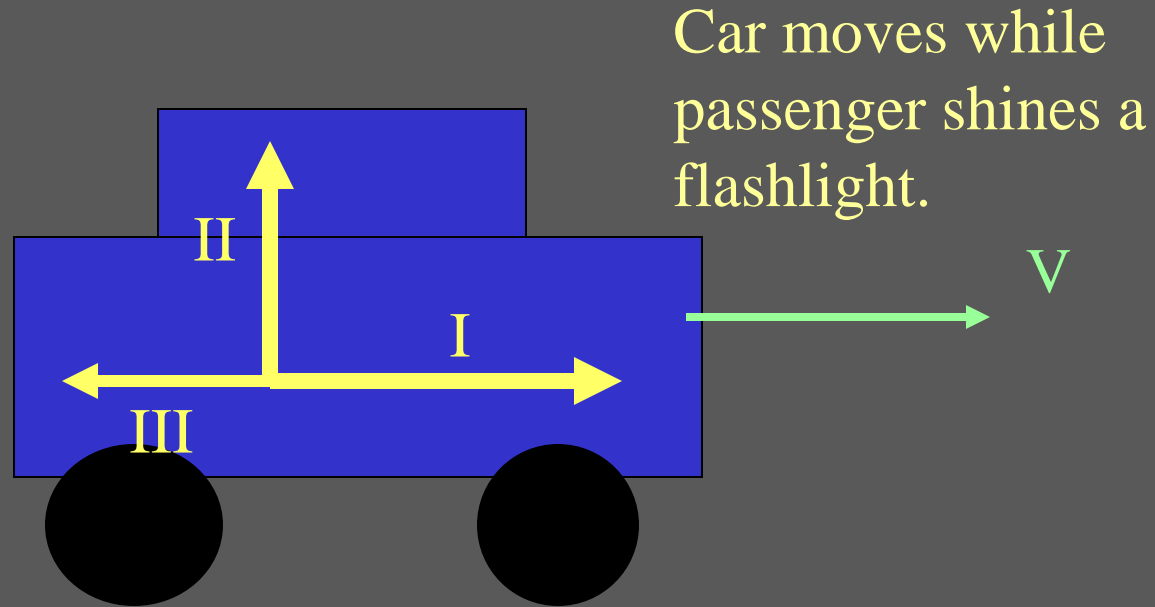


Speed with respect to you is 4 mi/hr



Speed with respect to you is $2 + 4 = 6$ mi/hr

The speed of light is greater for beam I, beam II or beam III?



Experiment says the speed of light is the same in all directions!!



waves



Photo credit: Andrew Davidhazy

Michelson-Morley experiment

1881 – A.A. Michelson in Berlin

1887 - A.A. Michelson and E.W. Morley in US (Case Western)

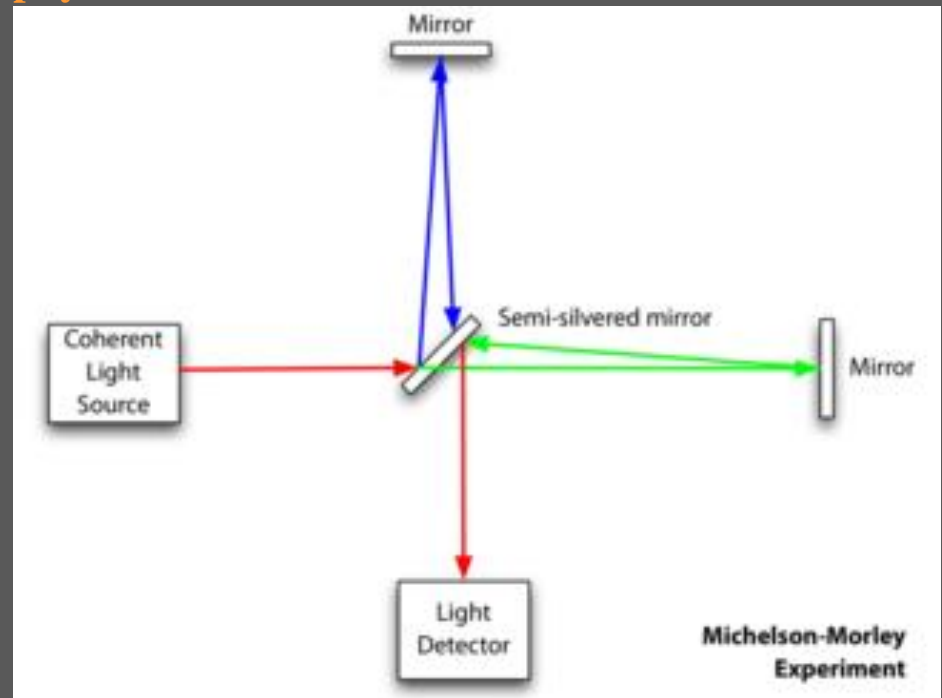


1907 Nobel Prize in physics

Michelson

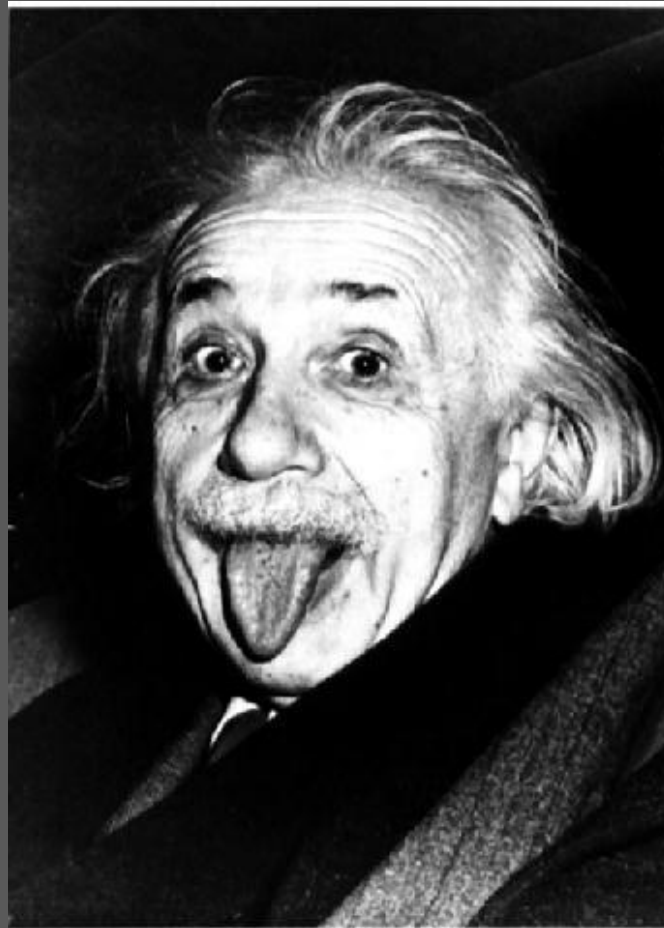


Morley



Weird, huh? What does it mean for the real world?

Enter our man Einstein!



Instead of trying to “save the current paradigm”, Einstein bowed before the experiment.

What if it is true??

Two postulates:

1) Michelson-Morley is correct. Speed of light is the same in all inertial reference frames

2) Physics is the same in all inertial reference frames

Moving at constant speed

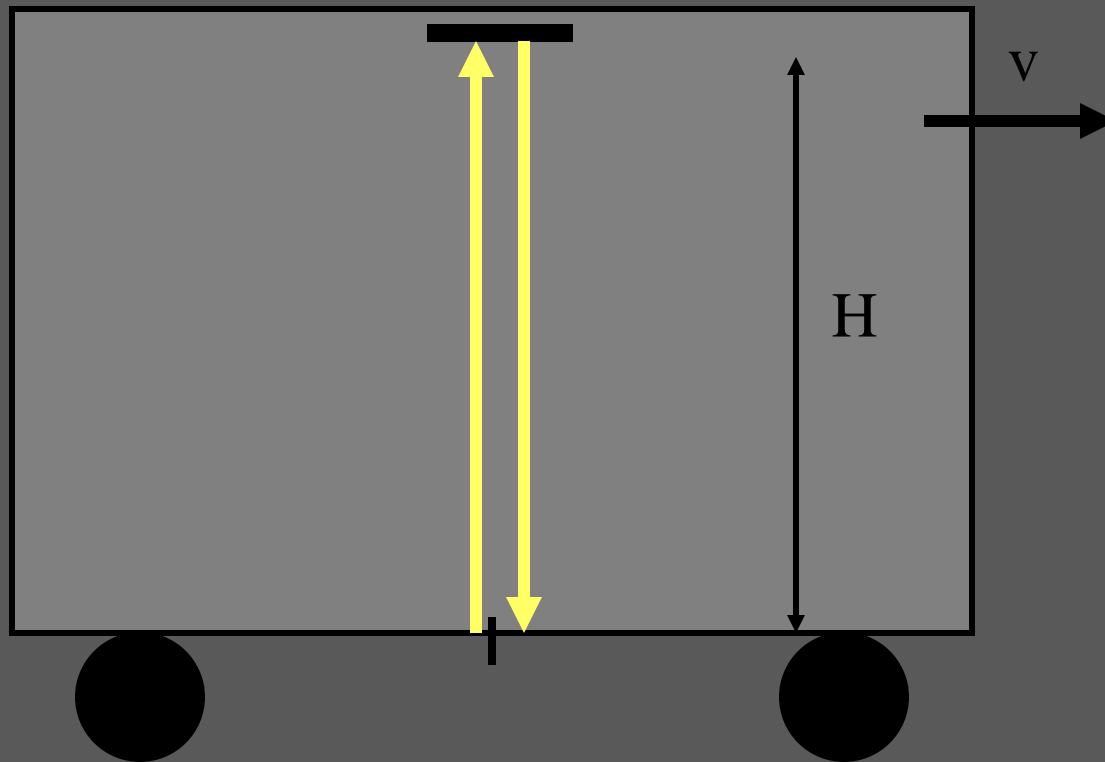


Point of view of observer



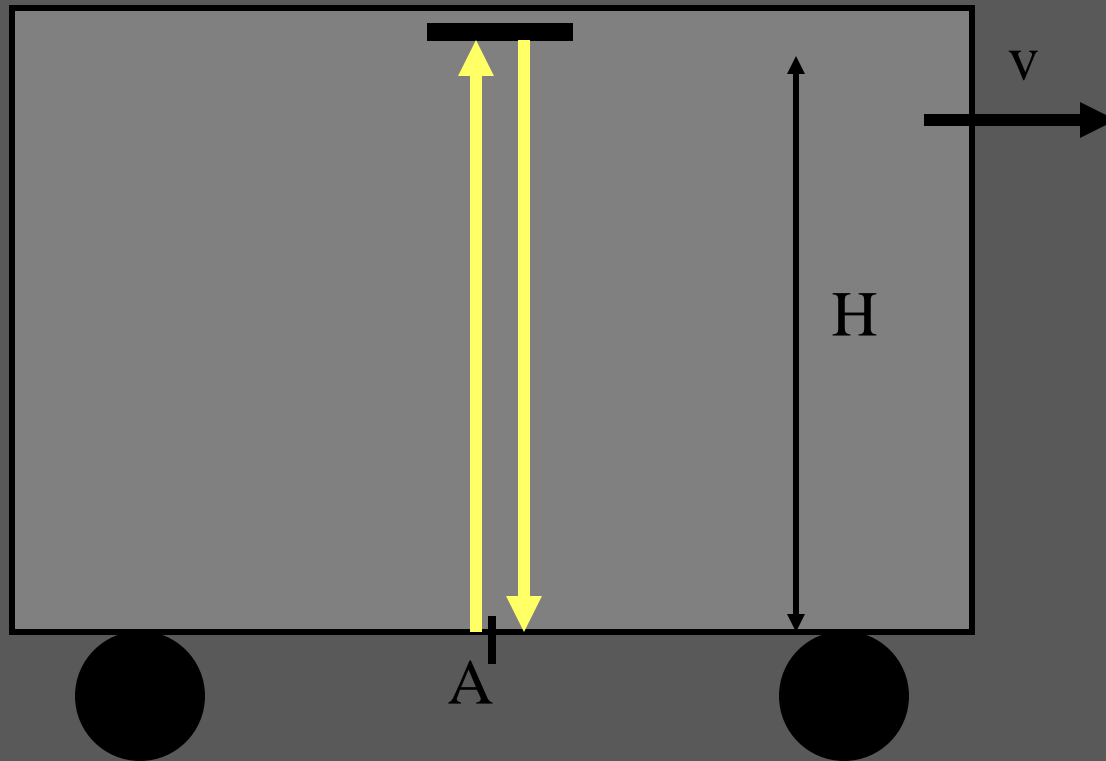
Einstein thought experiment:

Consider a beam of light that is emitted from the floor of a train that bounces off a mirror on the ceiling and returns to the point on the floor where it was emitted.

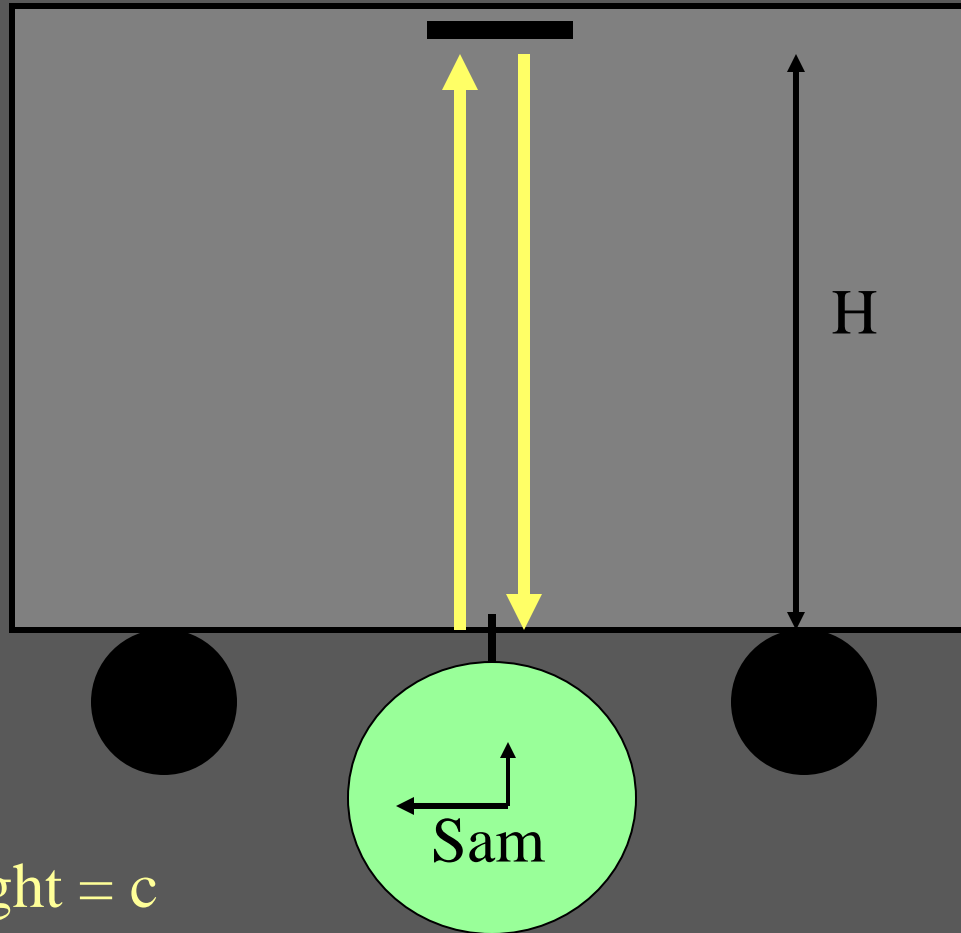


Fact: Light is emitted and detected at point A.

This fact must be true no matter who makes the measurement!!!!



Sam is on the train



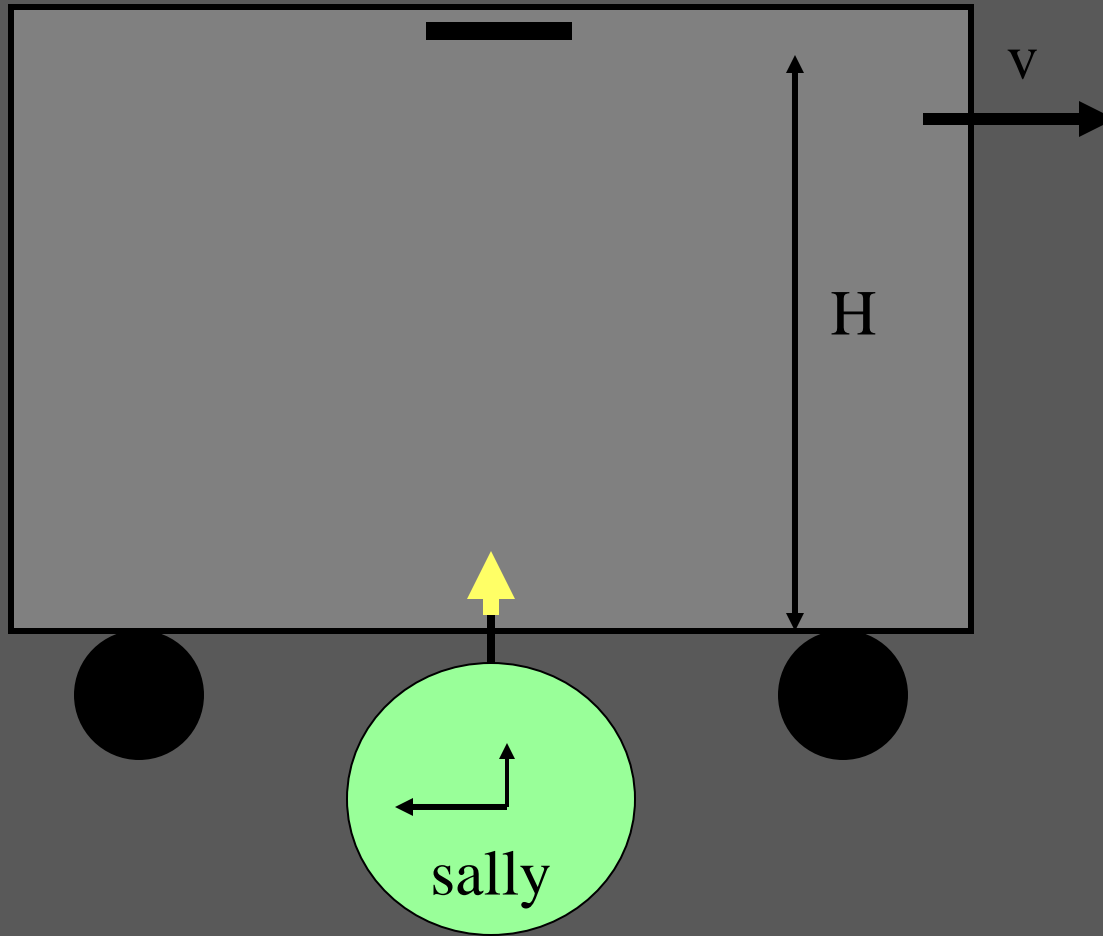
Velocity of light = c

$c = \text{distance}/\text{time}$

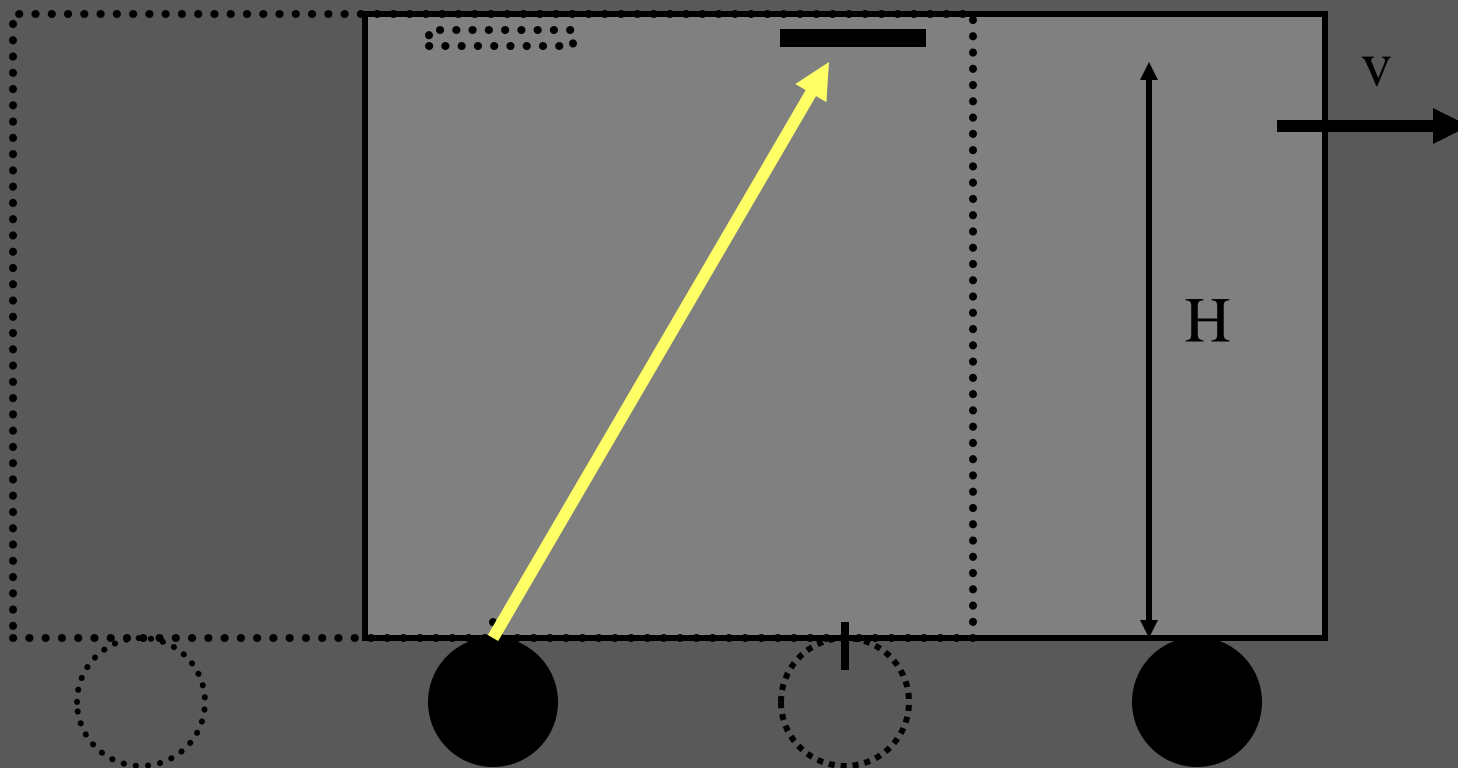
$c = 2H/T_{\text{sam}}$

$T_{\text{sam}} = 2H/c$

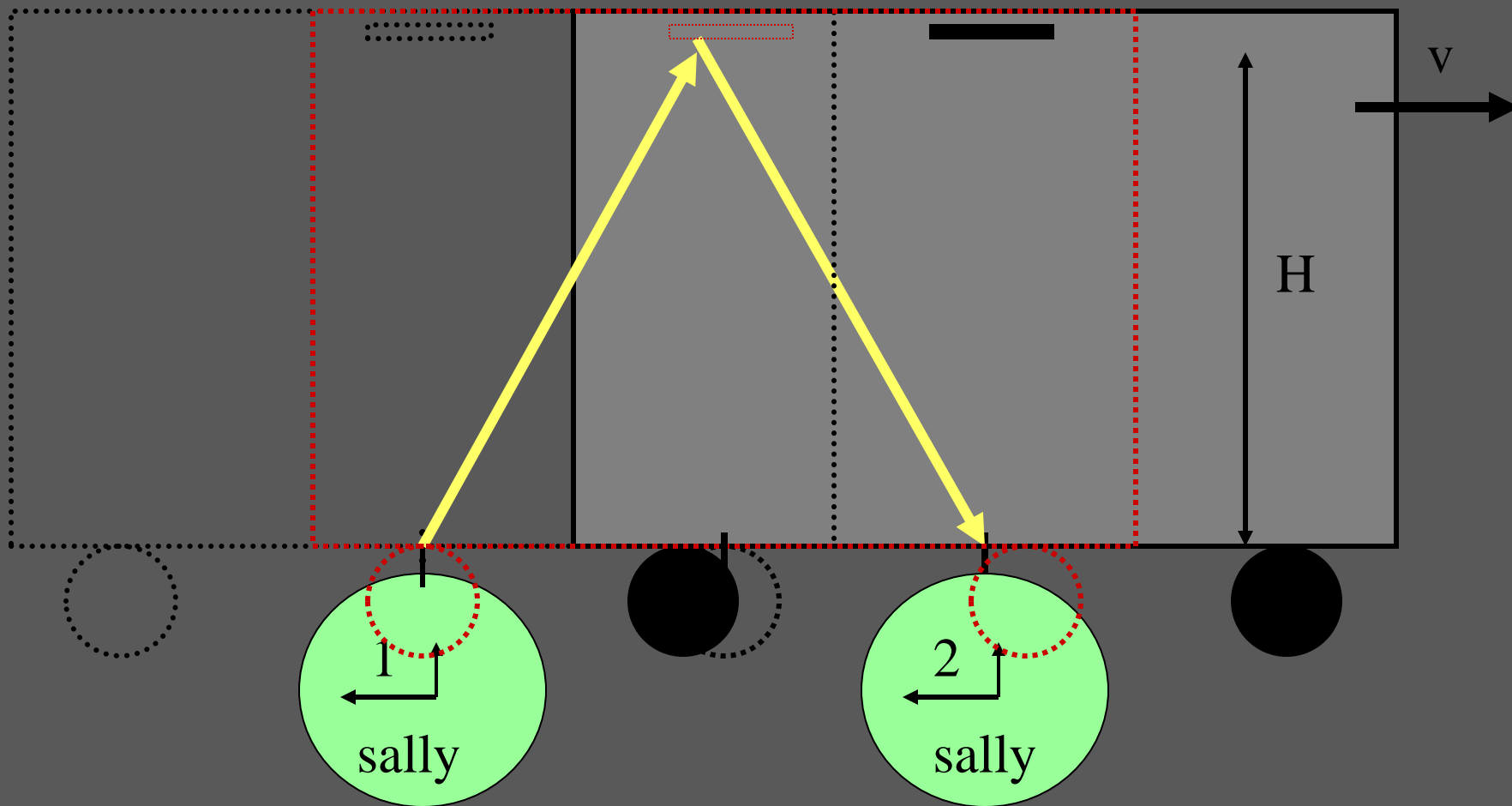
Sally watches the train pass and makes the same measurement.



Light is emitted



Sally is standing still, so it takes two clocks.



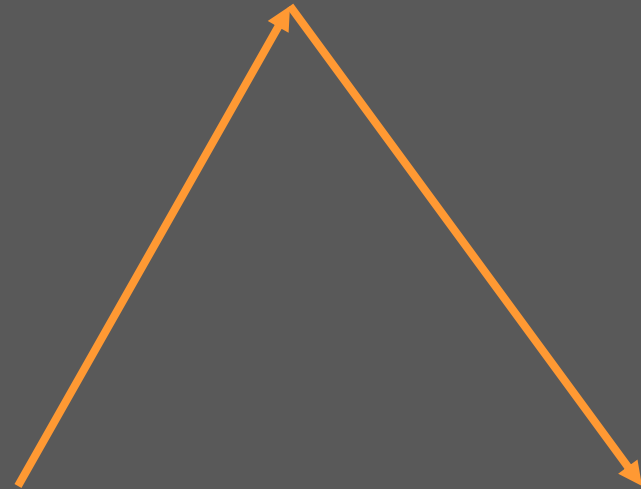
Light is emitted

Light returns

Sam



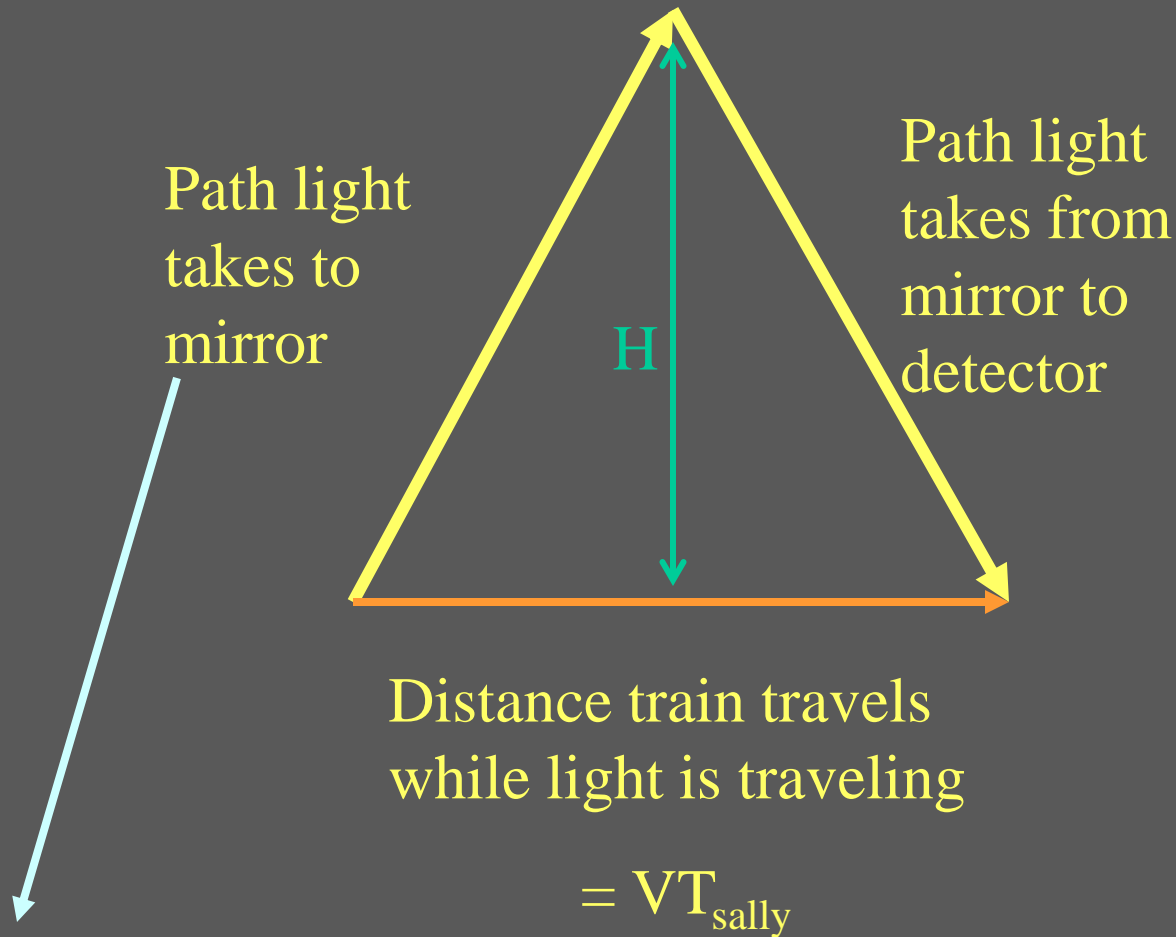
Sally



Sally sees the light traveling further. If light travels at a constant speed, the same “event” must seem to take longer to Sally than Sam!

Time is relative ... not absolute!!

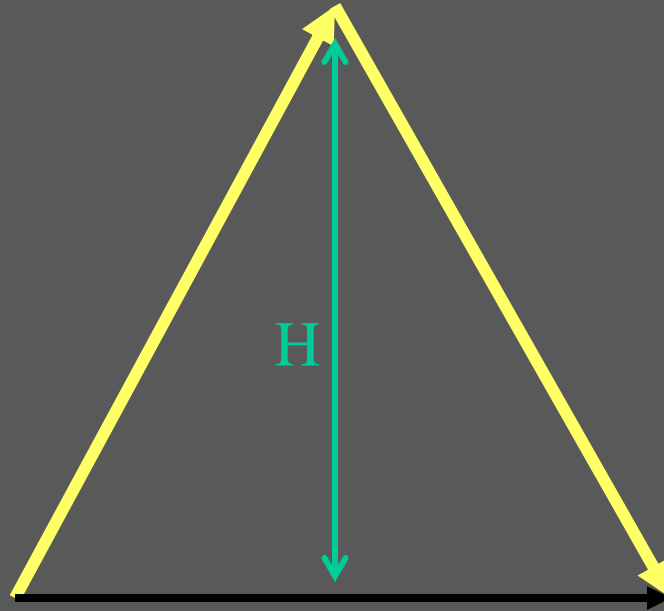
From Sally's point of view



$$D = \sqrt{H^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} vT_{sally}\right)^2}$$

Makes use of Pythagorean theorem

From Sally's point of view



$$c = \text{distance/time} = 2D/T_{\text{sally}}$$

$$T_{\text{sally}} = 2D/c$$

Sam (on train)

Sally (on ground)

$$2H/T_{\text{sam}} = c$$

$$c = 2D/T_{\text{sally}}$$

$$c = \frac{2}{T_{\text{sally}}} \sqrt{H^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} v T_{\text{sally}}\right)^2}$$

$$\frac{2H}{T_{\text{sam}}} = \frac{2}{T_{\text{sally}}} \sqrt{H^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} v T_{\text{sally}}\right)^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{2H}{T_{\text{sam}}}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{2H}{T_{\text{sally}}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{T_{\text{sally}}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} v T_{\text{sally}}\right)^2$$

$$\left(\frac{2H}{T_{sam}}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{2H}{T_{sally}}\right)^2 + v^2$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{T_{sam}}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{T_{sally}}\right)^2 + \frac{v^2}{(2H)^2}$$

Recall $2H/T_{sam} = c$ or $2H = cT_{sam}$

$$\left(\frac{1}{T_{sam}}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{T_{sally}}\right)^2 + \frac{v^2}{(cT_{sam})^2}$$

$$c^2 = \frac{c^2 T_{sam}^2}{T_{sally}^2} + v^2 \quad \rightarrow$$

$$T_{sally} = \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2}} \right] T_{sam}$$

Sam (on train)

Sally (on ground)

$$2H/T_{\text{sam}} = c$$

$$c = 2D/T_{\text{sally}}$$

$$c = \frac{2}{T_{\text{sally}}} \sqrt{H^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} v T_{\text{sally}}\right)^2}$$

A bit of algebra.

$$T_{\text{sally}} = \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2}} \right] T_{\text{sam}}$$

This number is >1 .

It becomes larger as
 v approaches c .

Think about it!

Sam and Sally measure the time interval for the same event.

The ONLY difference between Sam and Sally is that one is moving with respect to the other.

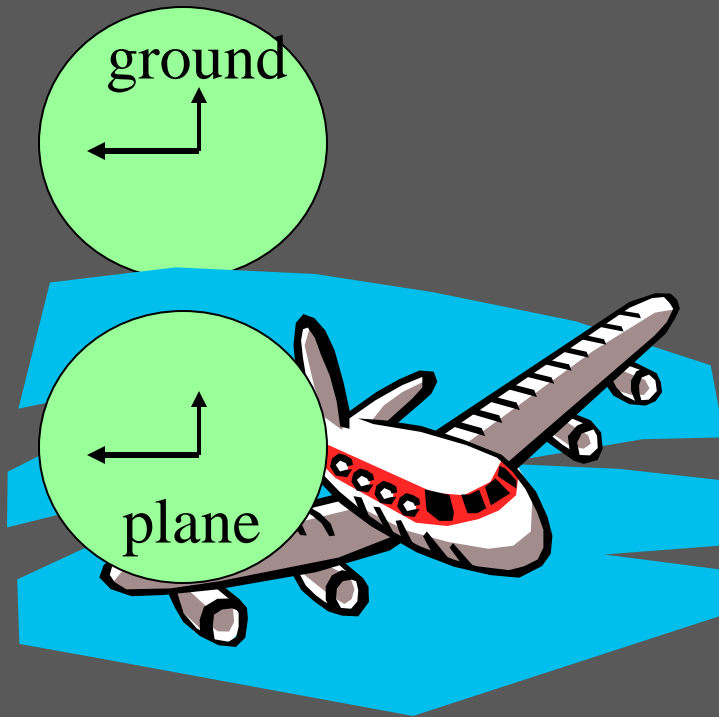
$$\text{Yet, } T_{\text{sally}} > T_{\text{sam}}$$

The same event takes a different amount of time depending on your “reference frame”!!

Time is not absolute! It is relative!

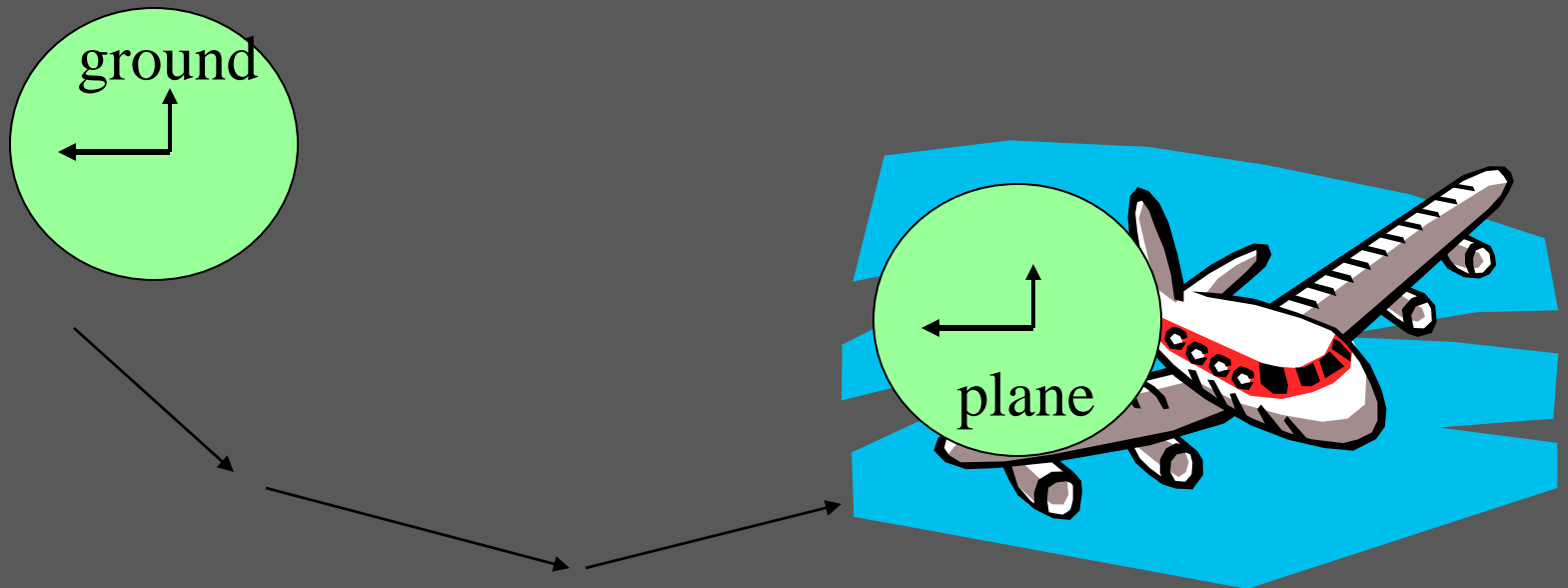
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Experiment says YES!

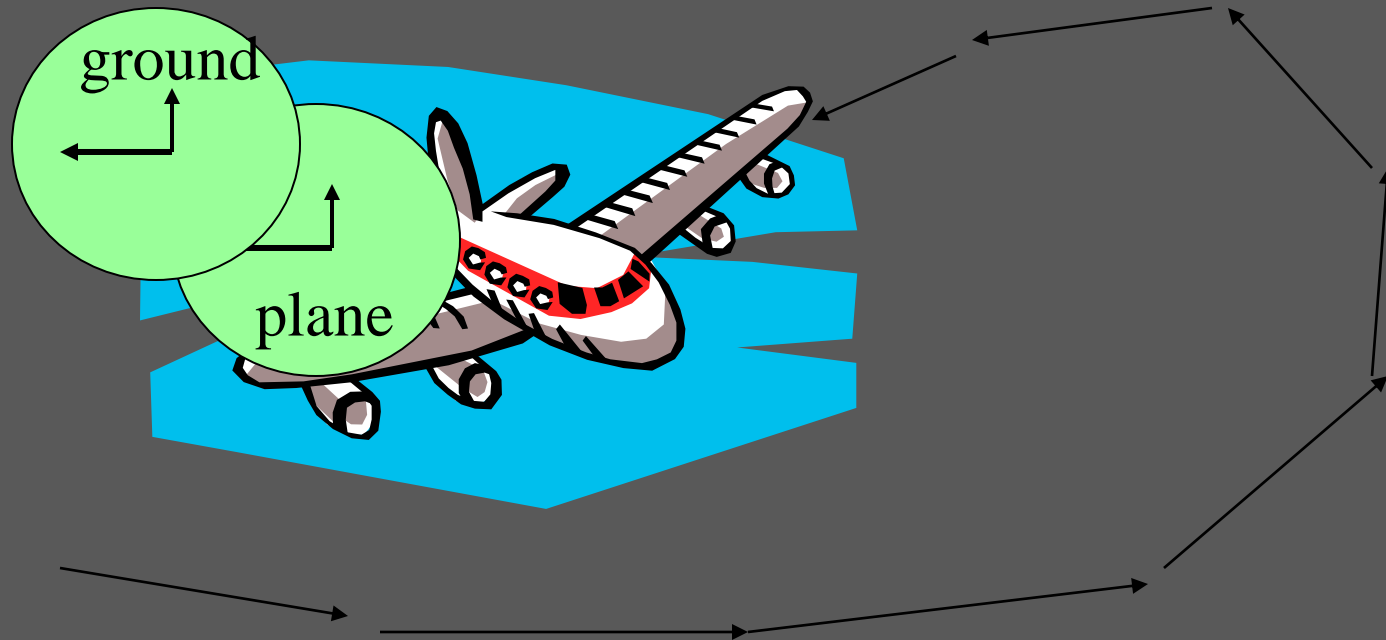


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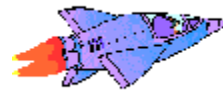
Experiment says YES!



Less time elapsed on the clocks carried on the airplane



$$V=0.98c$$



**Lifetime=70 years
on spaceship**

$$t_{\text{earth}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{V}{c}\right)^2}} t_{\text{spaceship}}$$

$\gamma > 1$

"Proper Time"

$$t_{\text{earth}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{0.98c}{c}\right)^2}} (70 \text{ years})$$

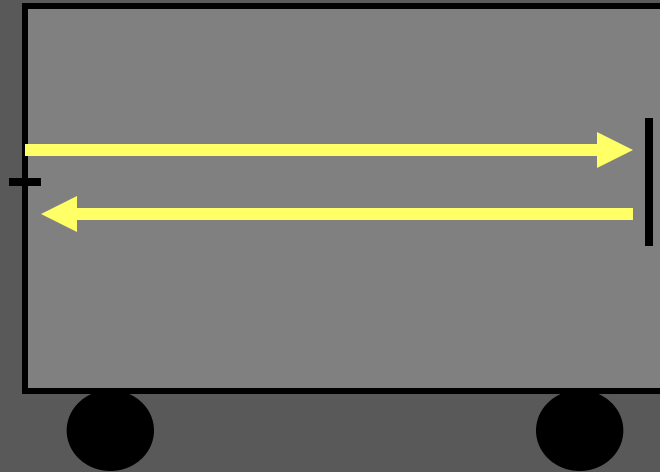
$$t_{\text{earth}} = (5) (70 \text{ years})$$

$$t_{\text{earth}} = 350 \text{ years!}$$

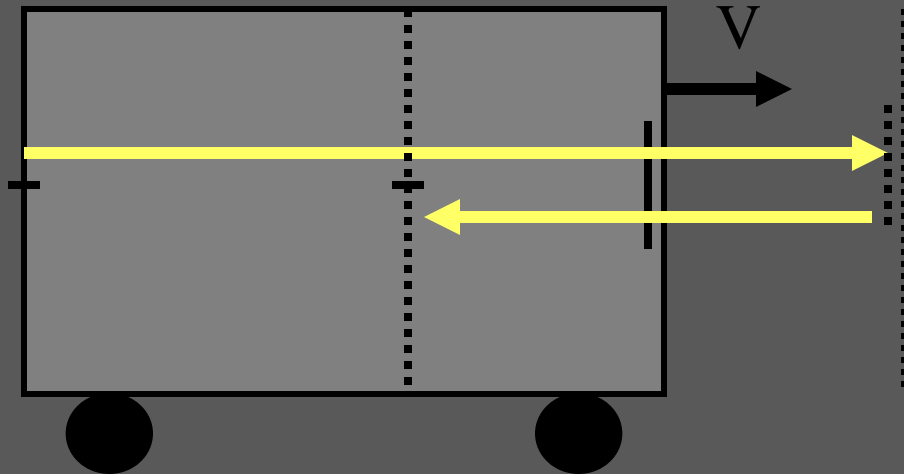
Earth at rest



**How long does person
appear to live to
astronomers on earth?**

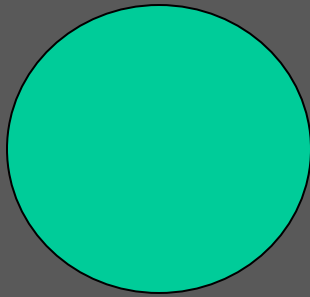


Measure the length of a boxcar where you are on the car.



Measure the length of a boxcar moving by you.

Length is relative, too!

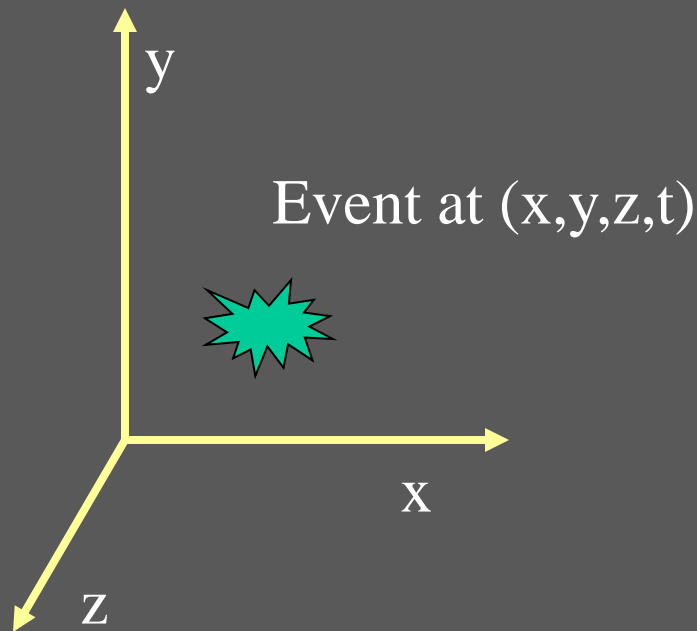


$V=0$

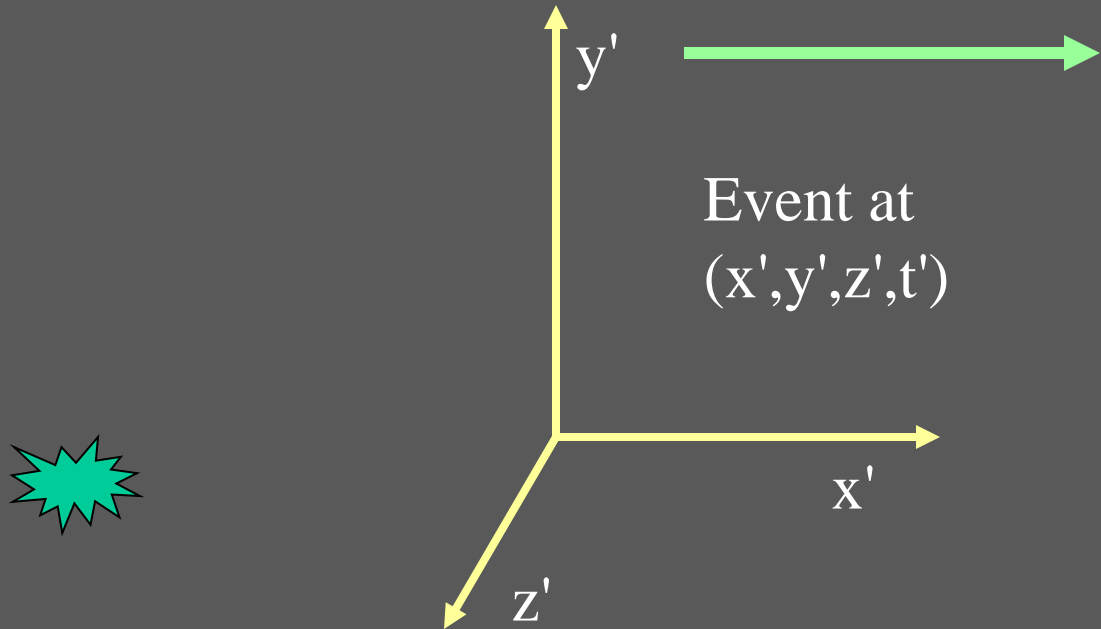


Large V

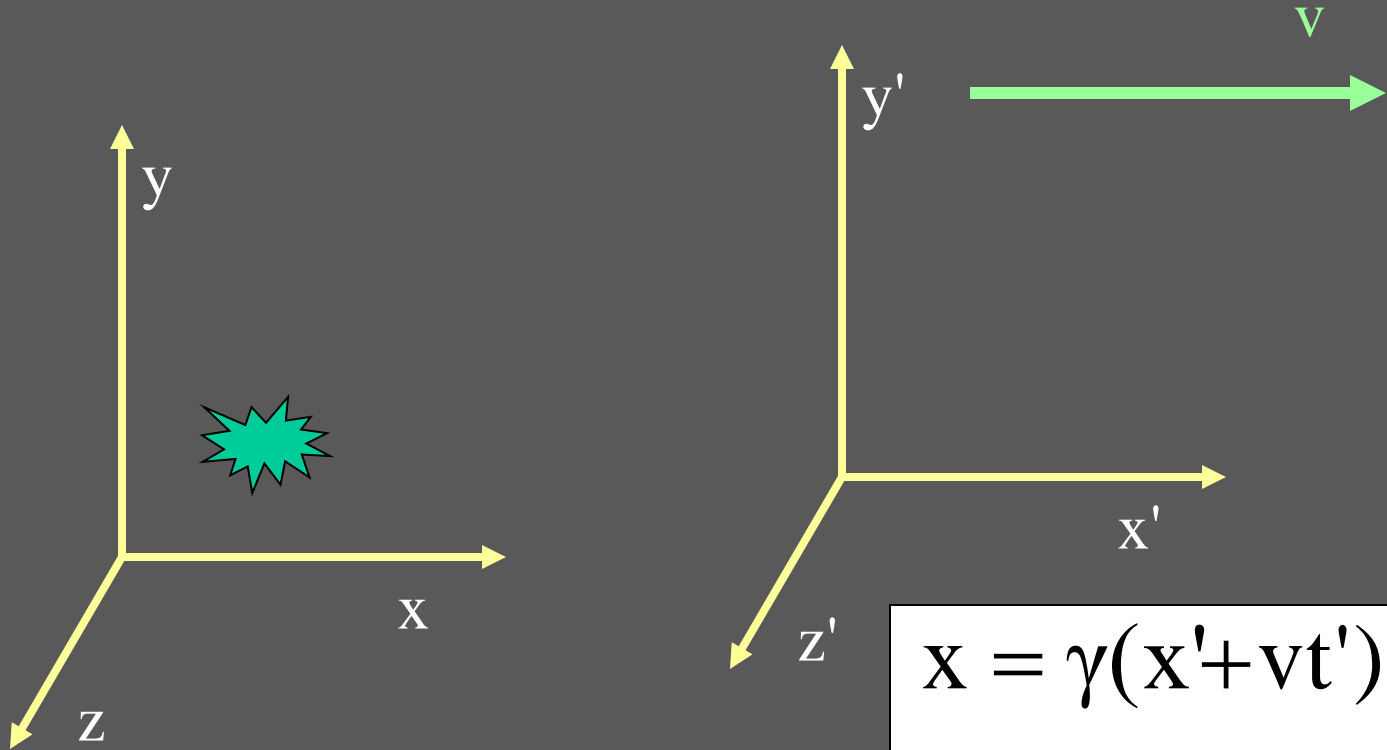
Lorentz transformations



Lorentz transformations



Lorentz transformations



How are (x,y,z,t) related to (x',y',z',t') ?

$$x = \gamma(x' + vt')$$

$$y = y'$$

$$z = z'$$

$$t = \gamma(t' + v \frac{x'}{c^2})$$

Lorentz transformations



Why is this vitally important for science as a whole and physics in particular?

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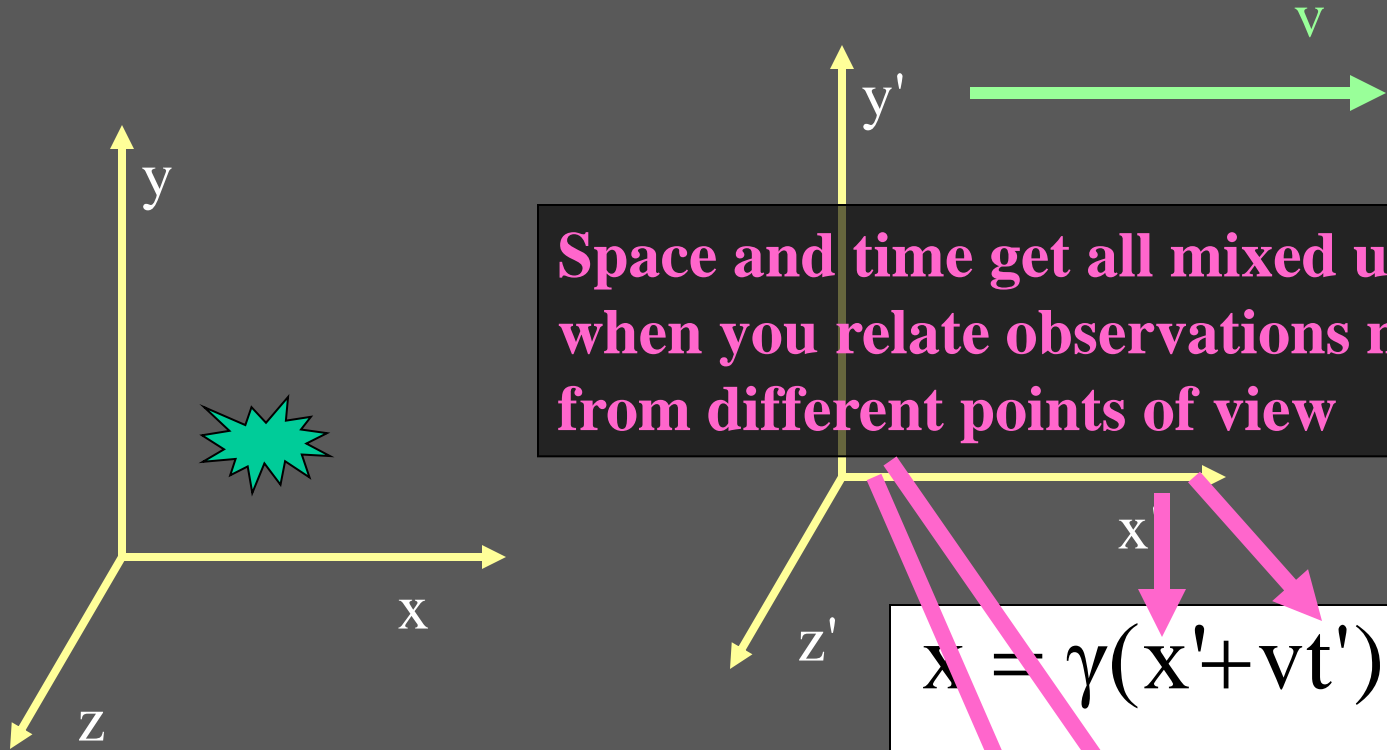
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Lorentz transformations



Space and time get all mixed up
when you relate observations made
from different points of view

How are (x, y, z, t) related to (x', y', z', t') ?

Spacetime

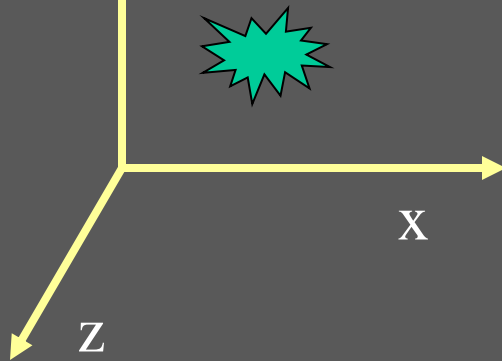
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All other things that can be observed must have “relativistic transformations”, too!

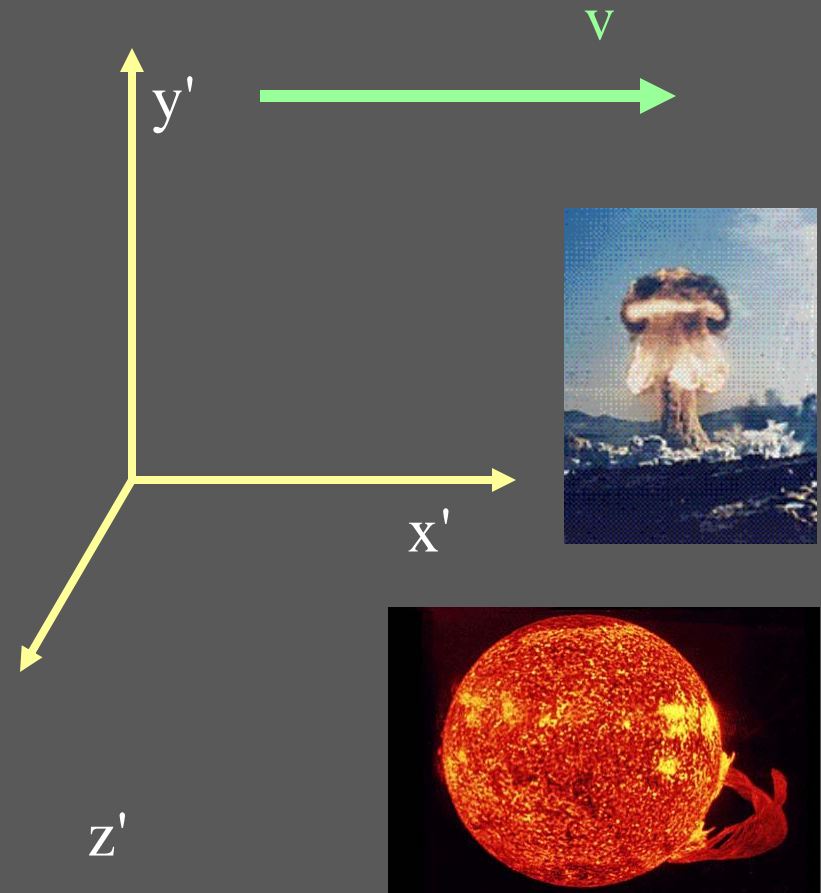


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$$p = mv$$

$$\mathbf{E} = mc^2$$

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3. Zur Elektrodynamik bewegter Körper; von A. Einstein.

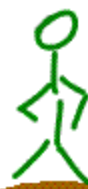
Daß die Elektrodynamik Maxwells — wie dieselbe gegenwärtig aufgefaßt zu werden pflegt — in ihrer Anwendung auf bewegte Körper zu Asymmetrien führt, welche den Phänomenen nicht anzuhaften scheinen, ist bekannt. Man denke z. B. an die elektrodynamische Wechselwirkung zwischen einem Magneten und einem Leiter. Das beobachtbare Phänomen hängt hier nur ab von der Relativbewegung von Leiter und Magnet, während nach der üblichen Auffassung die beiden Fälle, daß der eine oder der andere dieser Körper der bewegte sei, streng voneinander zu trennen sind. Bewegt sich nämlich der Magnet und ruht der Leiter, so entsteht in der Umgebung des Magneten ein elektrisches Feld von gewissem Energiewerte, welches an den Orten, wo sich Teile des Leiters befinden, einen Strom erzeugt. Ruht aber der Magnet und bewegt sich der Leiter, so entsteht in der Umgebung des Magneten kein elektrisches Feld, dagegen im Leiter eine elektromotorische Kraft, welcher an sich keine Energie entspricht, die aber — Gleiches der Relativbewegung bei den beiden ins Auge gefaßt — vorausgesetzt — zu elektrischen Strömen von derselben Stärke und demselben Verlaufe Veranlassung gibt, wie im ersten Falle die elektrischen Kräfte.

Beispiele ähnlicher Art, sowie die mißlungenen Versuche, eine Bewegung der Erde relativ zum „Lichtmedium“ zu konstatieren, führen zu der Vermutung, daß dem Begriffe der absoluten Ruhe nicht nur in der Mechanik, sondern auch in der Elektrodynamik keine Eigenschaften der Erscheinungen entsprechen, sondern daß vielmehr für alle Koordinatensysteme, für welche die mechanischen Gleichungen gelten, auch die gleichen elektrodynamischen und optischen Gesetze gelten, wie dies für die Größen erster Ordnung bereits erwiesen ist. Wir wollen diese Vermutung (deren Inhalt im folgenden „Prinzip der Relativität“ genannt werden wird) zur Voraussetzung erheben und außerdem die mit ihm nur scheinbar unverträgliche

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Force is due to \vec{E}

+



Force now due to \vec{E}, \vec{B}
(line currents)

+

+ $\longrightarrow v$

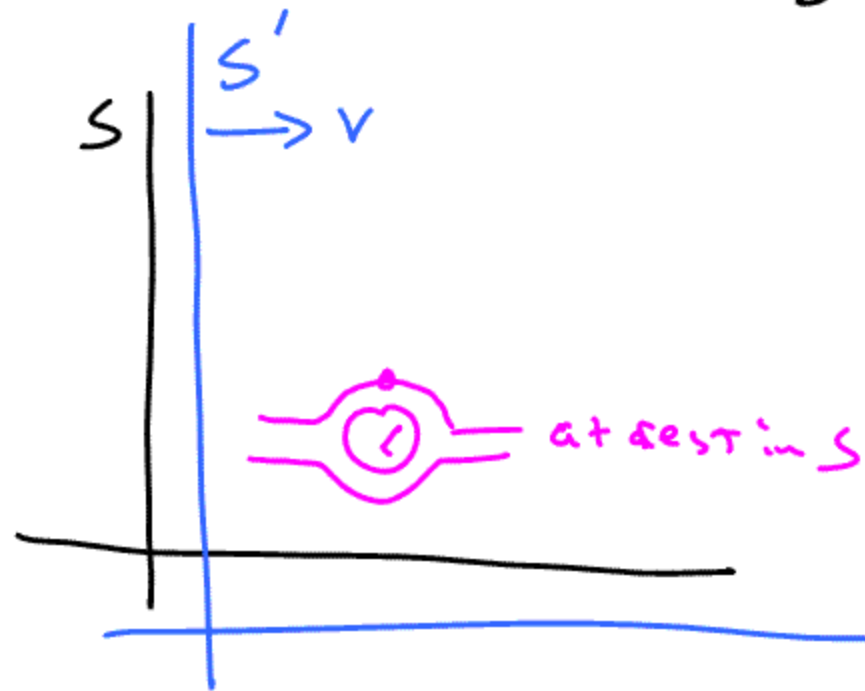
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+ $\longrightarrow v$

Equivalent
to



"on the electrodynamics of moving bodies"



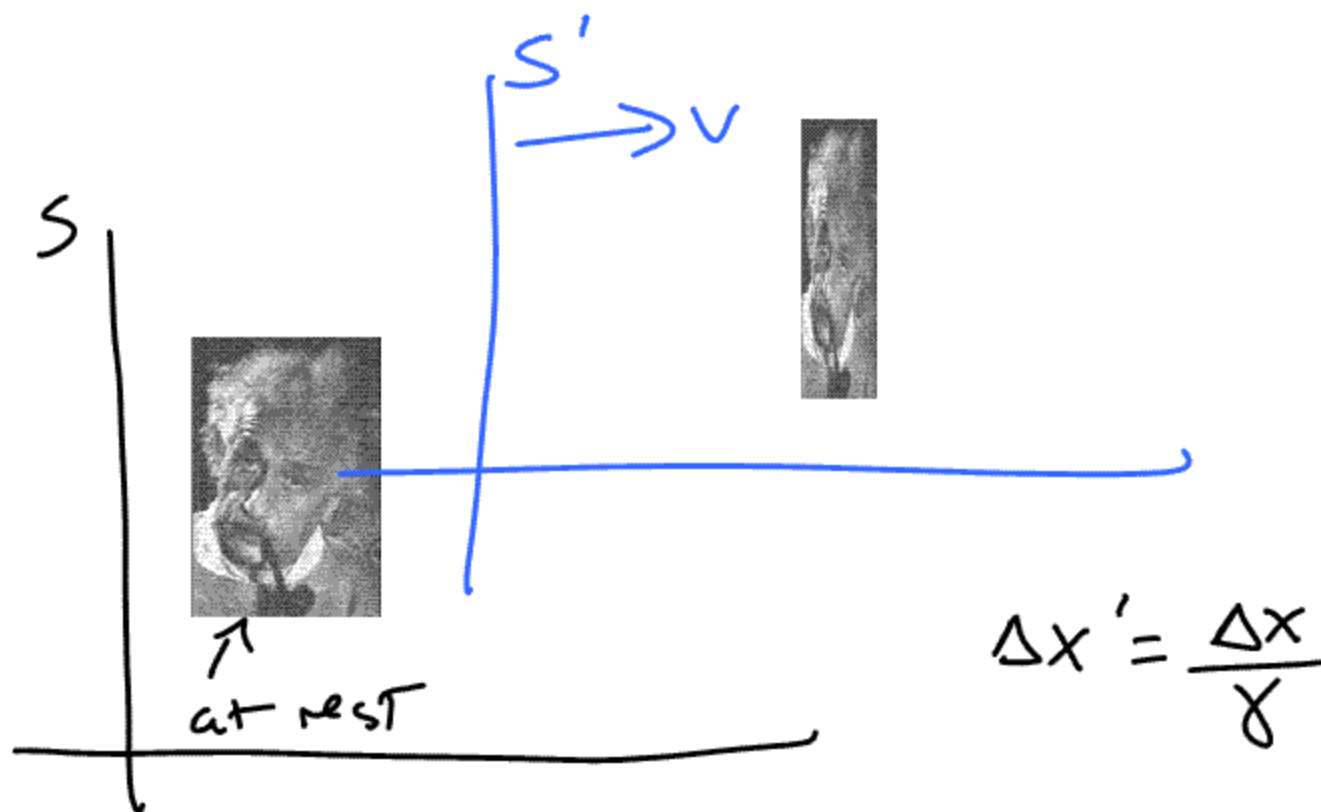
S is proper frame
Event at rest

$$\Delta t' = \gamma \Delta t$$

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

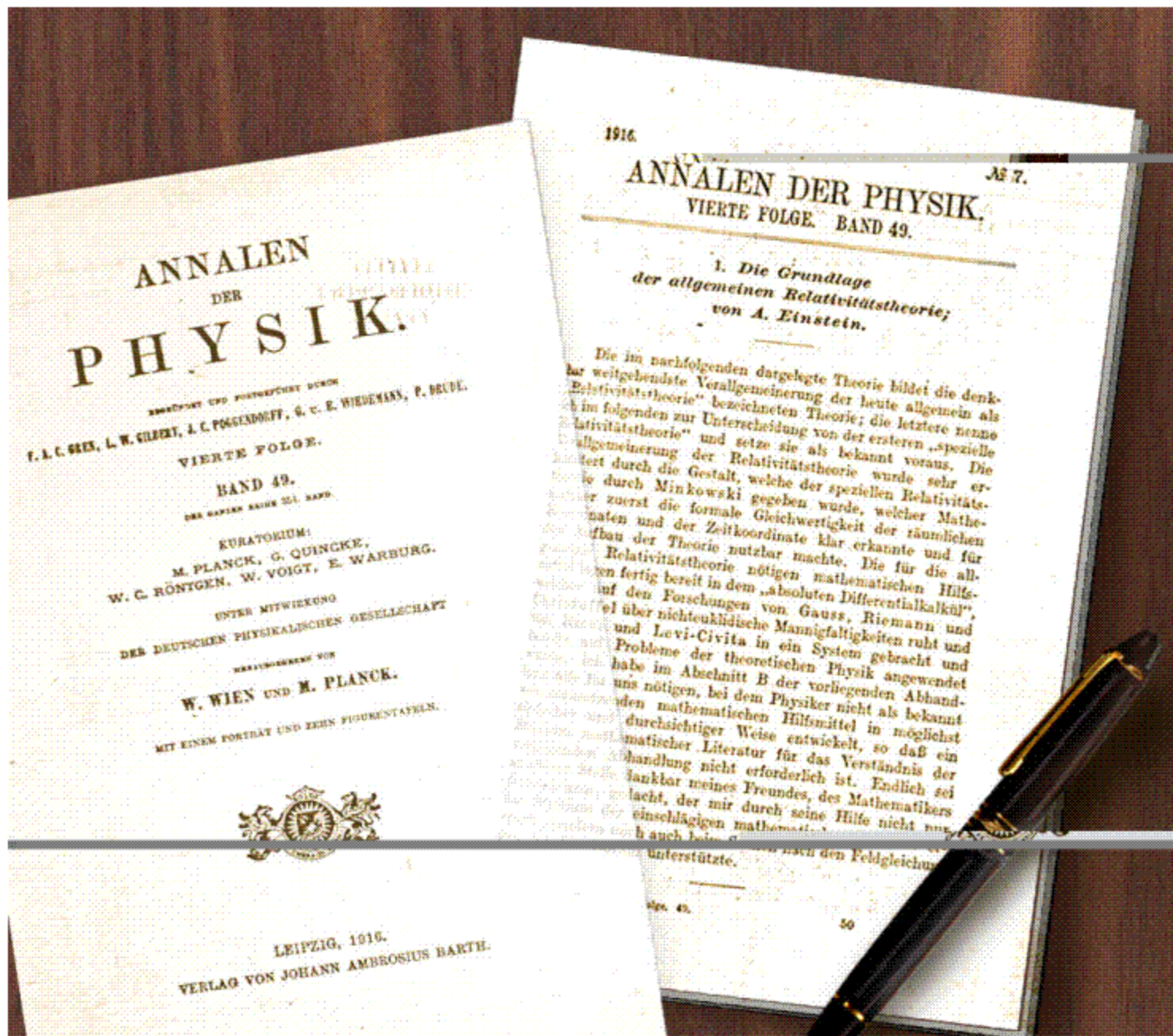
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measured time is shortest in proper frame
where event at rest



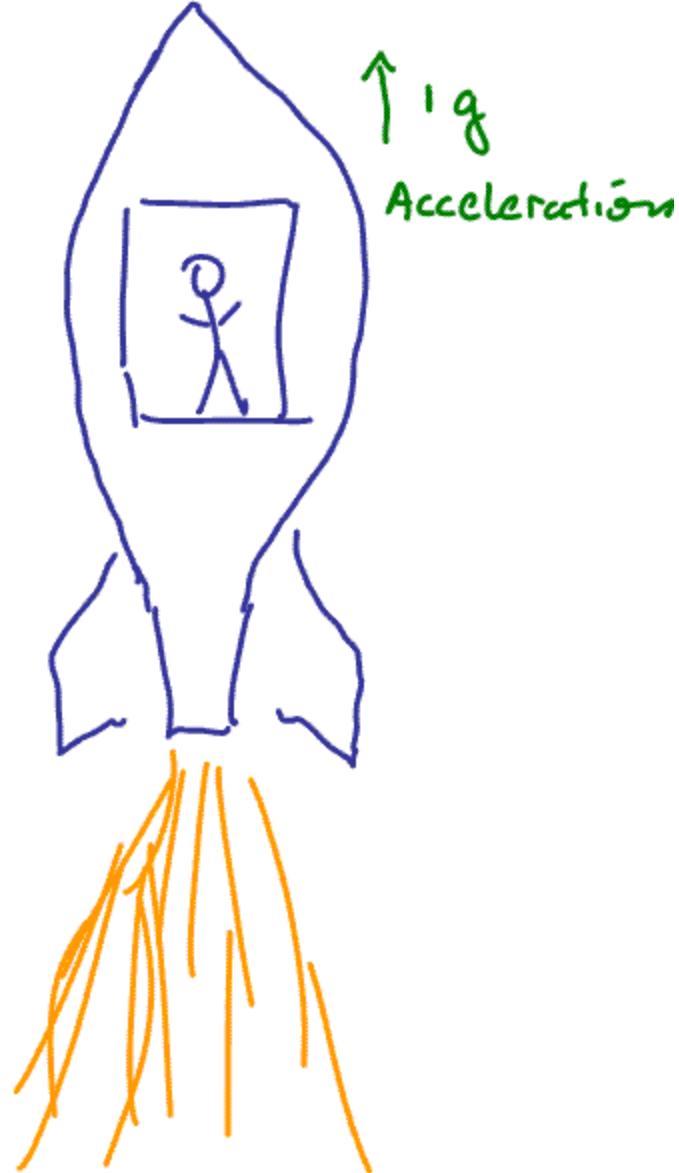
length is greatest in proper frame
of reference

The Theory of General Relativity - Einstein 1916





vs



accelerated reference frames

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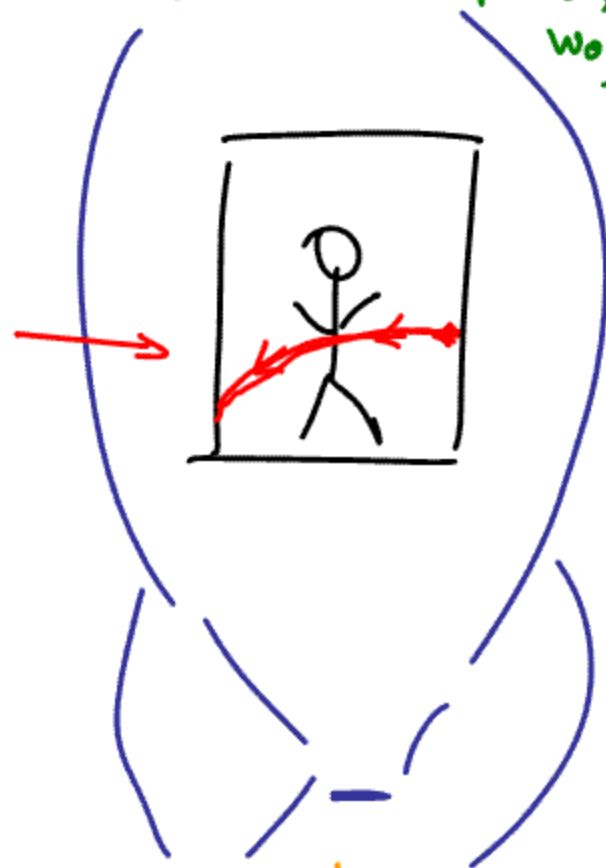
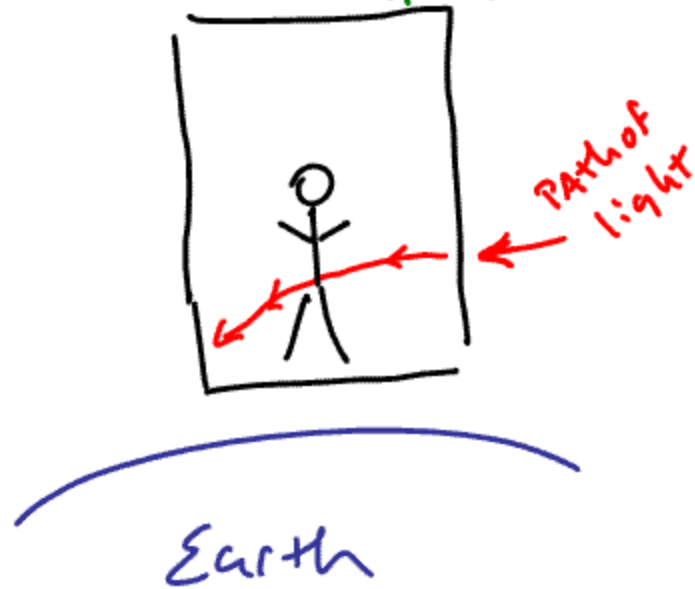
gravitational field

If you are in a closed box —

you can't tell if you are at rest on earth's surface or accelerating in a rocket at $1g$.

Equivalence of gravity \Leftarrow Means grav. field must curve spacetime

In accelerated rocket ship case, light would seem to travel on curved path



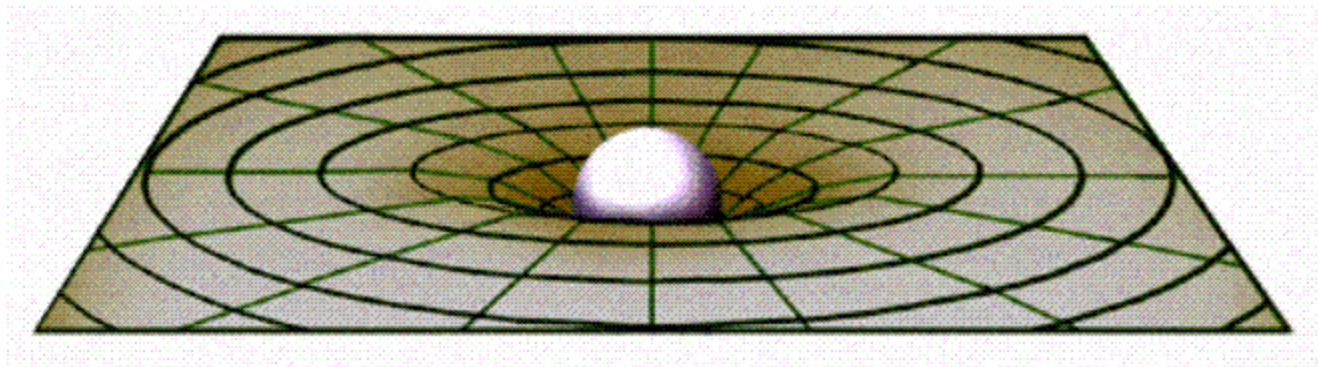
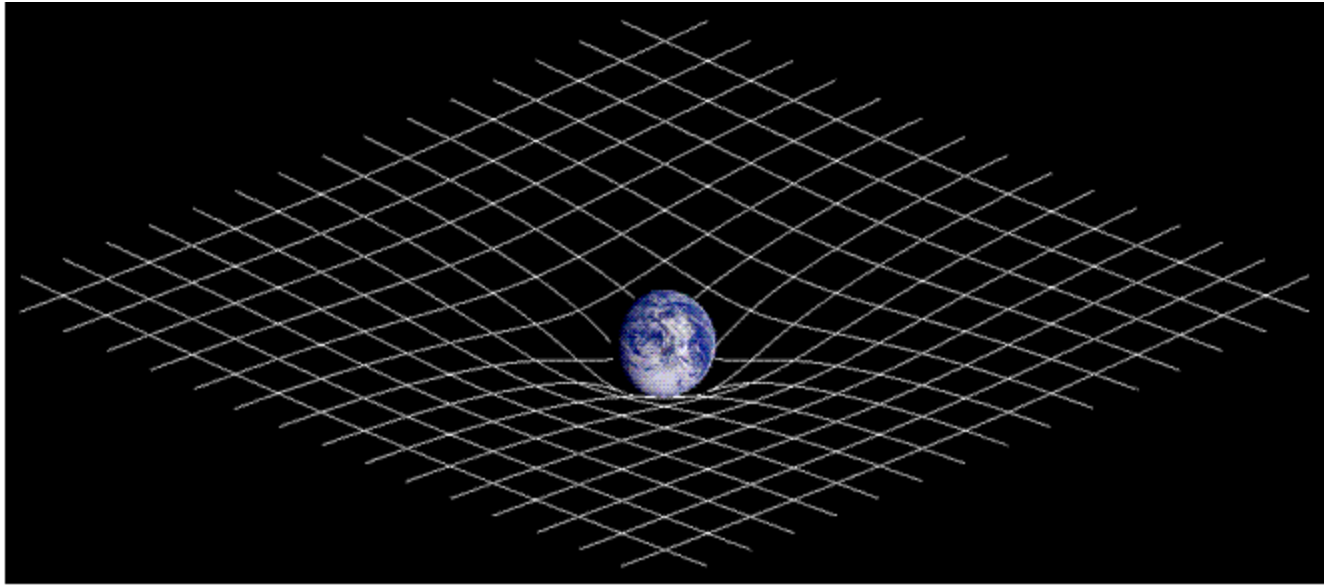
Accel.
 $\uparrow 1g$

grav \equiv Accel. frame

light moves on a geodesic
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Shortest dist. between two points

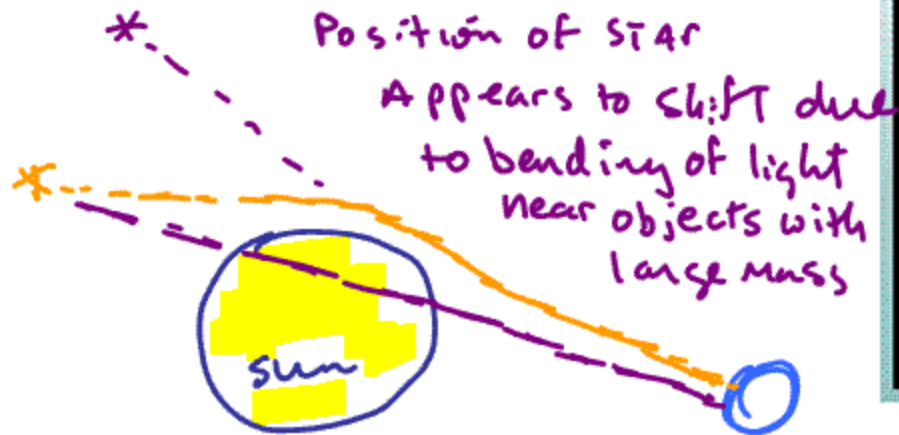
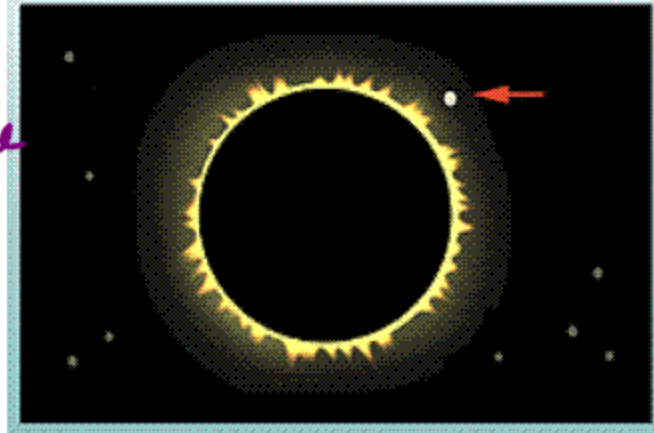
So, Einstein interprets gravitation as a curvature of spacetime



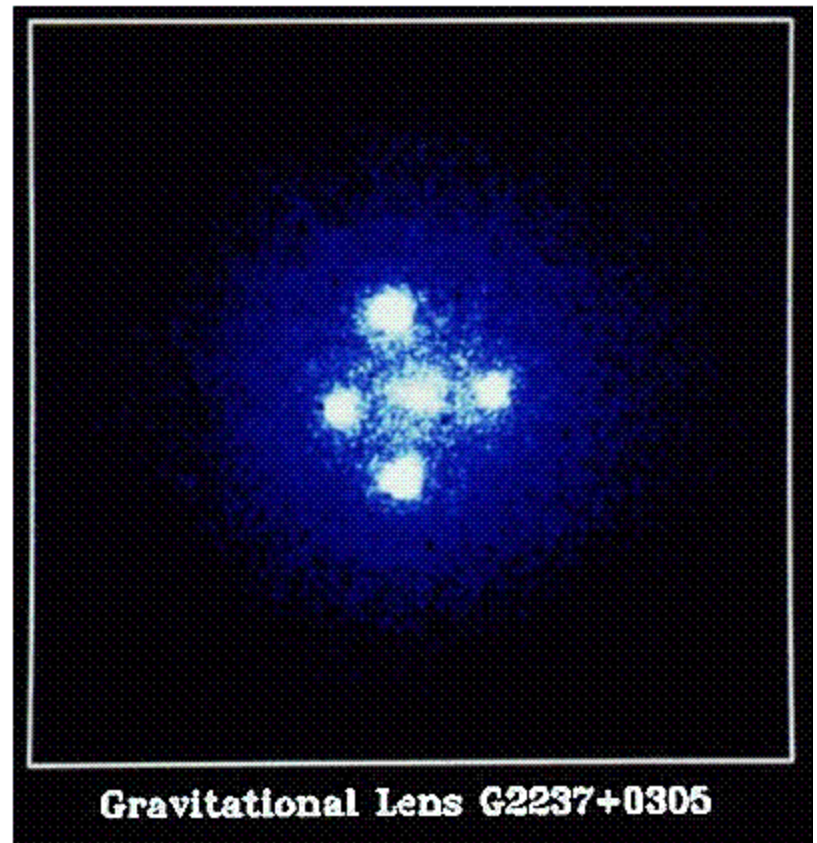
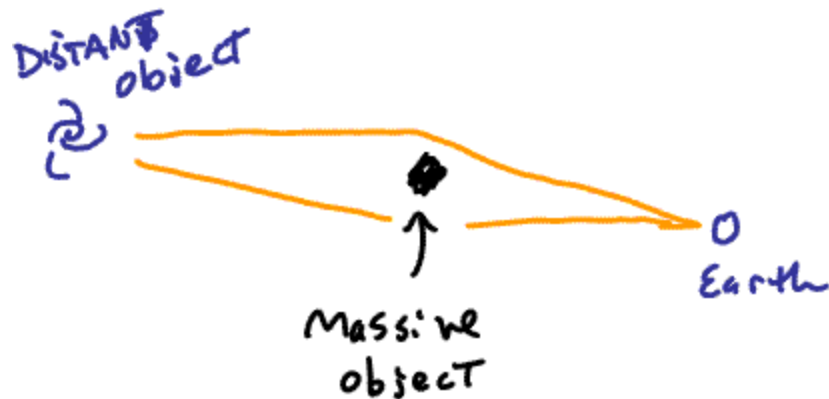
Imagine that mass causes curvature / depression in the fabric of spacetime ... is it true??

Experimental evidence supporting General Relativity

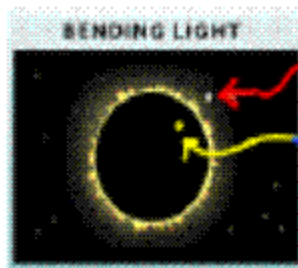
BENDING LIGHT



Gravitational Lensing



Gravitational Lens G2237+0305

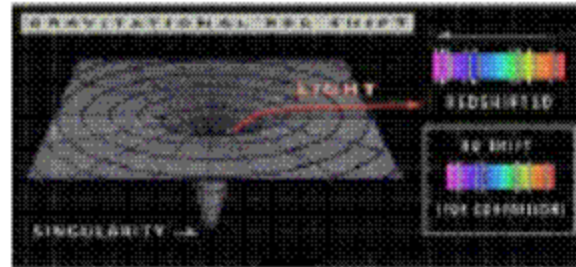


Apparent position

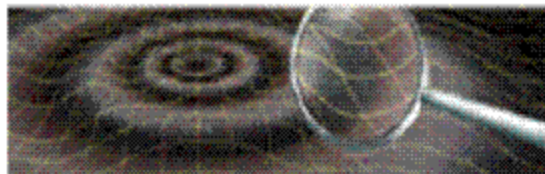
■ Bending of light by gravitational field ✓

Actual Position

■ Gravitational Redshift of light ✓



■ Perihelion advance of Mercury ✓



■ Gravitational Waves ?

Amplitude $\sim 10^{-16}$ m

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