

1. Physics 13: Force, Energy, Fission

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Momentum and mass

- Relativistic (3-) momentum
 - $\underline{p} = m \underline{u} / \sqrt{1-u^2/c^2}$ for (3-vector) velocity \underline{u}
- is conserved in the absence of force \underline{F}
- Note that \underline{p} looks like classical momentum with "relativistic mass" $m / \sqrt{1-u^2/c^2}$
- But only consider Rest Mass ($u=0$) m_0 and $\underline{p} = m_0 \underline{u} / \sqrt{1-u^2/c^2}$
- "Inertia" gets large as $u \rightarrow c$

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2. Force and Energy

Force and Energy

- $\sum \underline{F} = d\underline{p}/dt = d[m_0 \underline{u} / \sqrt{1-u^2/c^2}]/dt$
 - Constant \underline{F} does **not** produce constant \underline{a}
- Work and energy? Work produces KE. Consider 1 dimensional motion.



- F acts to accelerate from $u=0$ at $x=0$, $u = dx/dt$

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3. Alter second law

Alter second law

- **a** could not be constant, since velocity would increase without limit, exceeding c .
- Work and energy? Work produces KE. Consider 1 dimensional motion.
- **F** acts to accelerate from $u=0$ at $x=0$, to some u_1 at x_1 . Both u and "m" increase, so that u always $< c$.
- For F continuing to act, inertia or "m" increases to make additional u increase difficult

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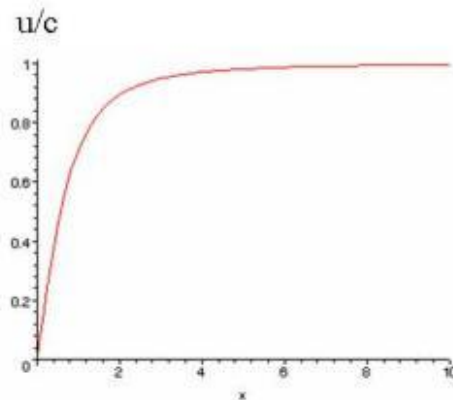
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4. Constant force in relativity

Constant force in relativity



$$F = \frac{dp}{dt} = m_0 c \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{u/c}{\sqrt{1-u^2/c^2}} \right)$$

Differentiate, solve for $a=du/dt$. Get a as function of constants & u/c . Solve differential eqn for $u(t)/c$.

Ft/m_0c proportional to time

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5. Work and Kinetic Energy

Work and Kinetic Energy

Force does work to increase Kinetic Energy, K

$$\begin{aligned}
 K &= \int_0^{x(u)} \sum F dx = \int_0^{x(u)} \frac{dp}{dt} dx = \int_0^{x(u)} \frac{dp}{dt} u dt = \int_0^{p(u)} u dp \\
 &= \int_0^u u d \left(\frac{m_0 u}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2}}} \right) = \int_0^u \frac{m_0 u}{\left(1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} du = m_0 c^2 \int_0^{\frac{u}{c}} \frac{\zeta d\zeta}{\left(1 - \zeta^2\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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6. Kinetic and Total Energy

Kinetic and Total Energy

Hence K can be written

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= m_0 c^2 \int_0^{\left(\frac{u}{c}\right)} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d(\zeta^2)}{\left(1 - \zeta^2\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = m_0 c^2 \left[\frac{1}{\left(1 - \zeta^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right]_0^{\left(\frac{u}{c}\right)} \\
 &= m_0 c^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2}}} - 1 \right) = \frac{m_0 c^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2}}} - m_0 c^2
 \end{aligned}$$

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Relativistic Energy

Relativistic Energy

$$K = \frac{m_0 c^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2}}} - m_0 c^2$$

Why is there a constant piece, $m_0 c^2$, subtracted? Part of Energy independent of \underline{u} .

If full energy is $E = K + m_0 c^2$, then
 $E = m_0 c^2 / \sqrt{1 - u^2/c^2}$ and E is Conserved.

Some consequences:

$$\mathbf{p} c^2 = E \underline{\mathbf{u}}$$

$$E^2 = |\mathbf{p}|^2 c^2 + m_0^2 c^4$$

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Relativistic Energy cont'd

Relativistic Energy - 2

For $u/c \ll 1$, binomial expansion

$$1/\sqrt{1 - u^2/c^2} \approx 1 + 1/2 u^2/c^2$$

$$\text{So } E \approx m_0 c^2 + 1/2 m_0 u^2$$

↑
Rest energy

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Classical Kinetic Energy

Rest Energy $E = m_0 c^2$ for $c = 3.00 \times 10^8$ m/s

Scale: If $m_0 = 1$ Kg,

$$E = 1 \text{ Kg} \times (3.00 \times 10^8)^2 = 9.0 \times 10^{16} \text{ Joule}$$

$\approx 2 \times 10^4$ kiloTons of TNT (huge!)

or released over 1 yr $\rightarrow 9 \times 10^{16} \text{ J} / 3 \times 10^7 \text{ sec} = 3 \text{ GW}$ (3 Nplants)

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9. Nuclear fission and fusion

Nuclear fission and fusion



- $E_i = E_1 + E_2 = K_1 + K_2 + m_{10}c^2 + m_{20}c^2$
- $E_f = K_f + M_0c^2 = E_i$
- So $K_i - K_f = M_0c^2 - m_{10}c^2 - m_{20}c^2 = (\Delta m_0)c^2$
- (Δm_0) is the mass difference of final nucleus
- If negative there is a "mass defect"
- If positive there is a "mass surplus"

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10. Fusion

Fusion

- **Example - deuteron = $d = {}^2_1\text{H} \sim p$ and n**
 - $m_d c^2 < m_p c^2 + m_n c^2$ by 2.2 MeV (binding energy)
 - So $n + p \rightarrow d + 2.2 \text{ MeV}$ (extra KE or radiation)
- **Solar energy**
 - $d + t \rightarrow \text{He} + n + 17.6 \text{ MeV}$ extra energy
 - or ${}^2_1\text{H} + {}^3_1\text{H} \rightarrow {}^4_2\text{He} + {}^1_0\text{n} + \text{Energy}$
 - need cycle at very high temperature to overcome Coulomb repulsion
 - Enhance energy by many N_{Avogadro}
- **H bomb**

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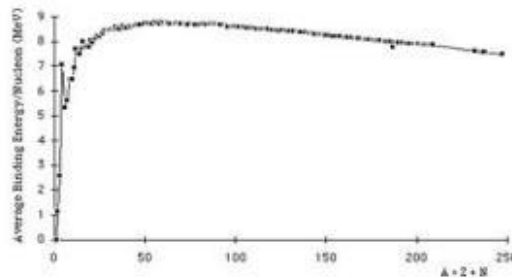
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11. Fission

Fission

Curve of Binding Energy



BE/nucleon
around
7.5 to 8.7 MeV
for $A > 20$

Source: www.tl.gov/shc/walkhart/chapters/02G.html

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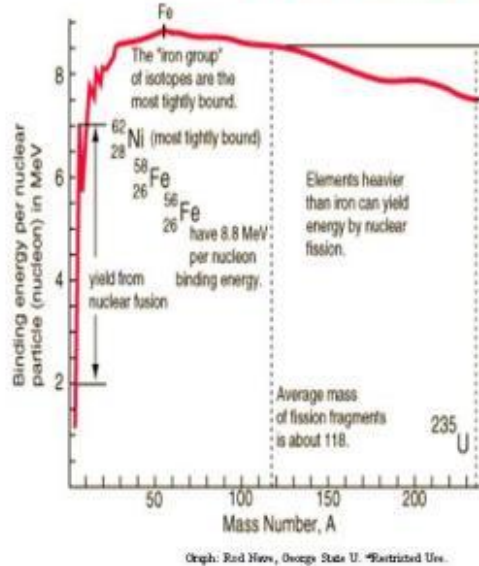
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Fission and Binding Energy



- $A \sim 50$ to 90 is most tightly bound (Fe to Y)
- ^{238}U has $BE/A \sim 7.7$ MeV
- It is energetically favorable to split into 2 with each fragment at 8.5 MeV
- Need a trigger - neutron
- $n + ^{235}\text{U} \rightarrow X + Y + \text{Energy of other forms}$
- Meitner, Hahn, Strassmann (Berlin 1938)
- Nuclear chain reaction - ~ 2 n's output (Szilard, Fermi)
- A-bombs 15 to 20 kilotons (Manhattan Project, Los Alamos)
- The Nuclear Age!

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