

# Modern Physics (Phys. IV): 2704

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MWF 12:30-1:20 Lecture

# Announcements

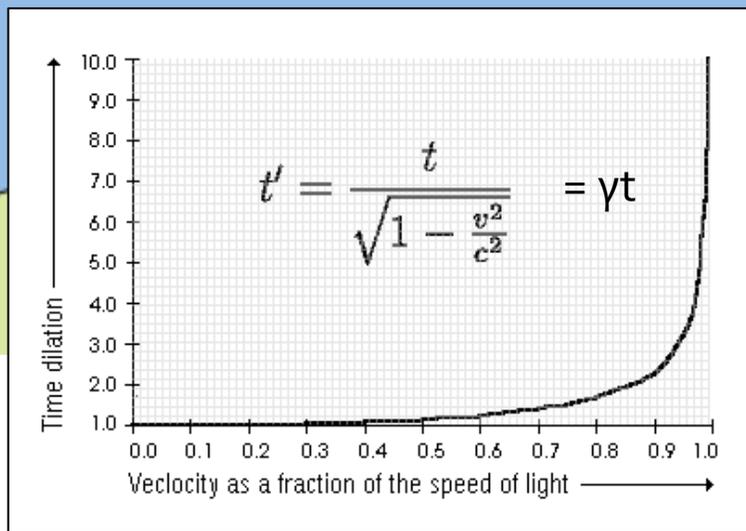
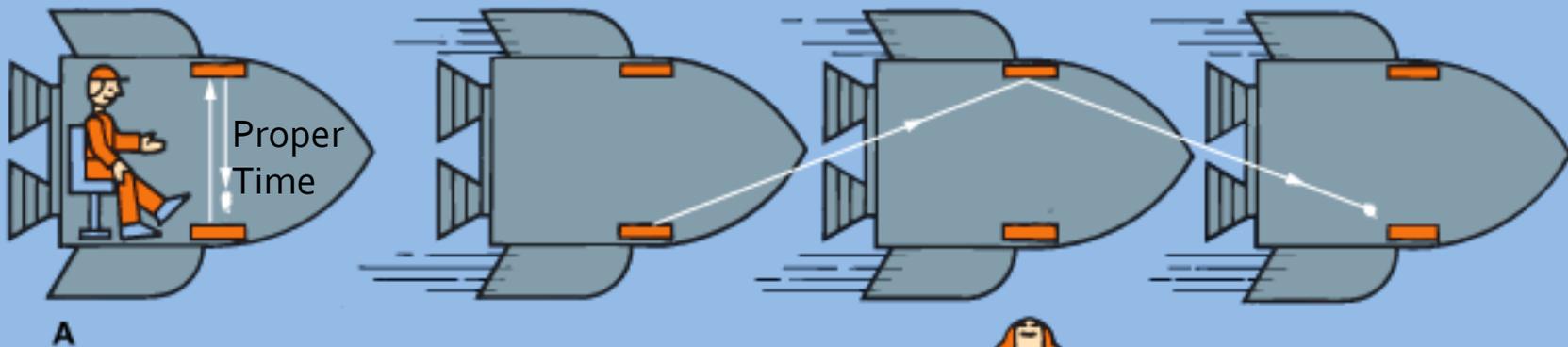
- Wednesday is Midterm 1 in class
  - Midterm 1 covers Ch. 1-4 (lecture through Friday)
  - Bring an 8.5" x 11" (one side) equation sheet
  - You are allowed a calculator
  - Note: Course exams are intended to be difficult, with mean of ~60-65%
- No labs or homework this week

# From Innocuous Assumptions, Strange (but True) Theories Grow

- *1. The Principle of Relativity*
  - The laws of physics are the same in all inertial frames of reference.
- *2. The Constancy of Speed of Light in Vacuum*
  - The speed of light in vacuum has the same value  $c$  in all inertial frames of reference.

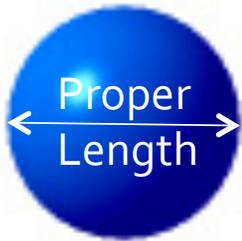
# Time Dilation

## Time dilation



B

# Length Contraction



$$v=0$$
$$\gamma=1$$



$$v=.866c$$
$$\gamma=2$$

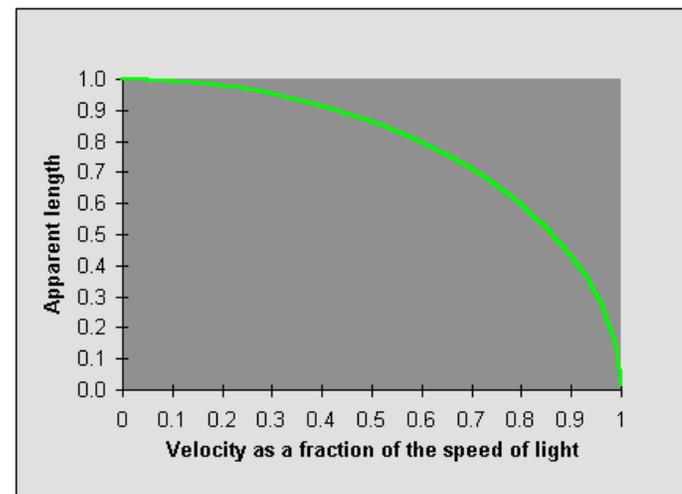


$$v=.995c$$
$$\gamma=10$$



$$v \rightarrow c$$
$$\gamma \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Delta L' = \Delta L \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} = \Delta L / \gamma$$

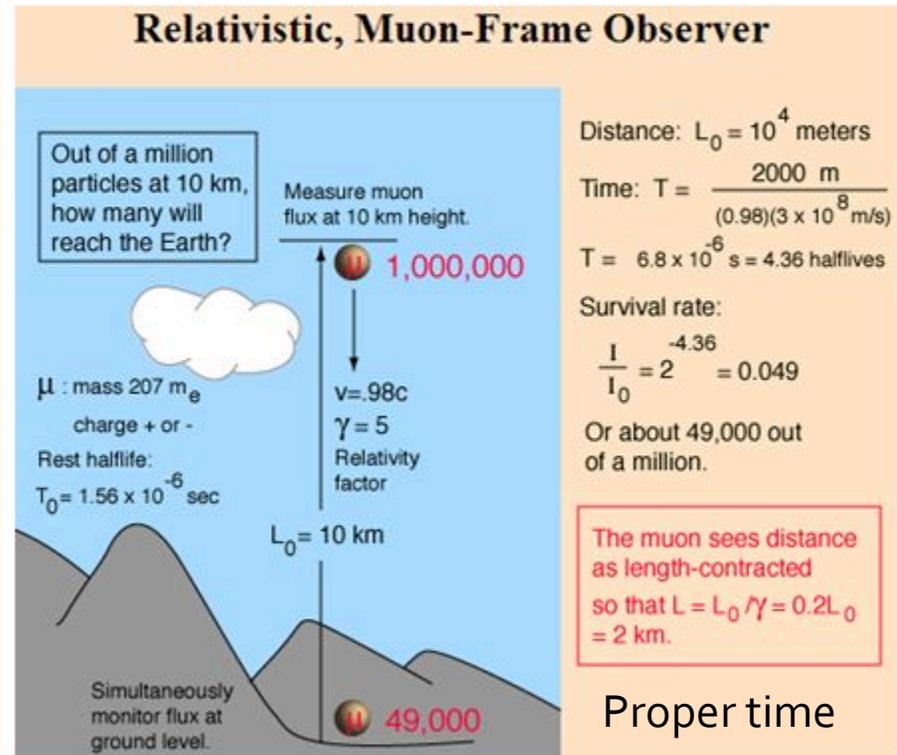
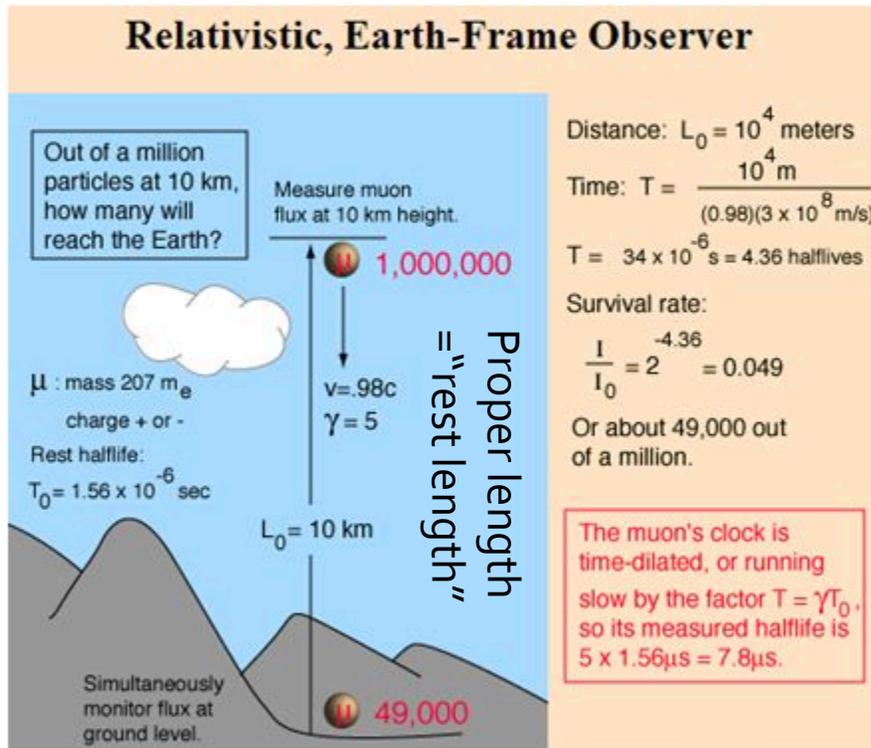


# Concept Check

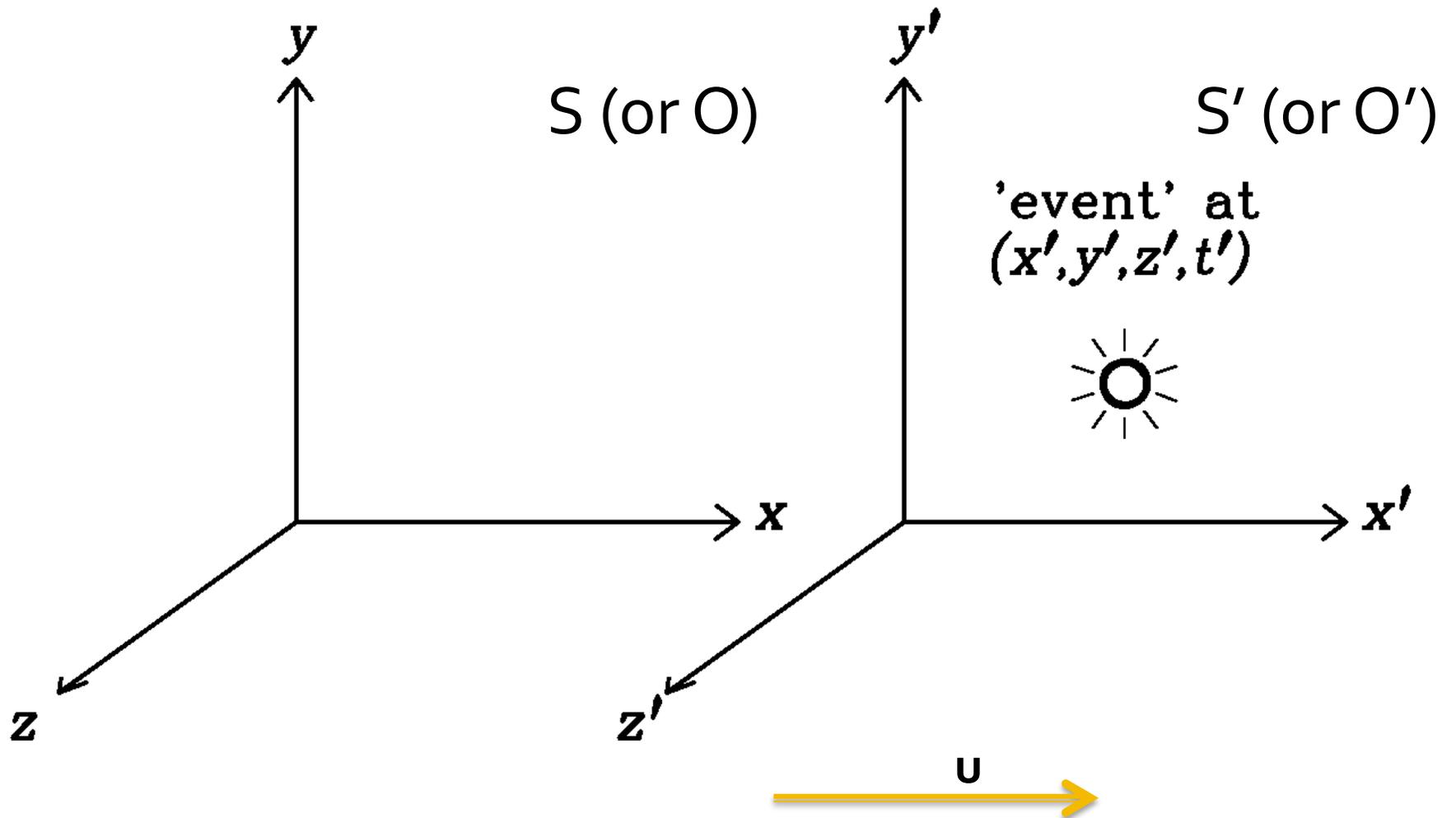
- Do the proper time and the proper length have to be in the same frame?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No

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# Lorentz Transformation



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Lorentz Transformation, and inverse Lorentz transformation:

From  $O$  to  $O'$ , i.e.,  
 $x, y, z, t \rightarrow x', y', z', t'$

$$x' = \frac{x - ut}{\sqrt{1 - u^2 / c^2}}$$

$$y' = y$$

$$z' = z$$

$$t' = \frac{t - (u / c^2)x}{\sqrt{1 - u^2 / c^2}}$$

From  $O'$  to  $O$ , i.e.,  
 $x', y', z', t' \rightarrow x, y, z, t$

$$x = \frac{x' + ut'}{\sqrt{1 - u^2 / c^2}}$$

$$y = y'$$

$$z = z'$$

$$t = \frac{t' + (u / c^2)x'}{\sqrt{1 - u^2 / c^2}}$$

# Lorentz Transformation of Velocity

Classical:

$$v'_x = v_x - u$$

$$v'_y = v_y$$

$$v'_z = v_z$$

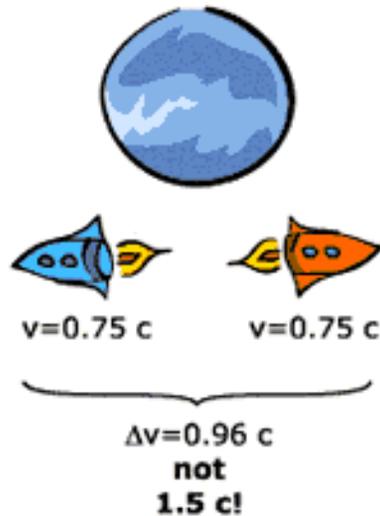
Relativistic:

$$v'_x = \frac{v_x - u}{1 - v_x u / c^2}$$

$$v'_y = \frac{v_y}{\gamma(1 - v_x u / c^2)}$$

$$v'_z = \frac{v_z}{\gamma(1 - v_x u / c^2)}$$

# Relativistic Velocity Addition



## *Relativistic Addition of Velocities*

$$V_{AB} = \frac{\overset{\text{Galilean Transformation}}{V_{AC} + V_{CB}}}{\underset{\text{Lorentz Factor}}{1 + \frac{(V_{AC})(V_{CB})}{c^2}}}$$

# Relativistic Doppler Shift

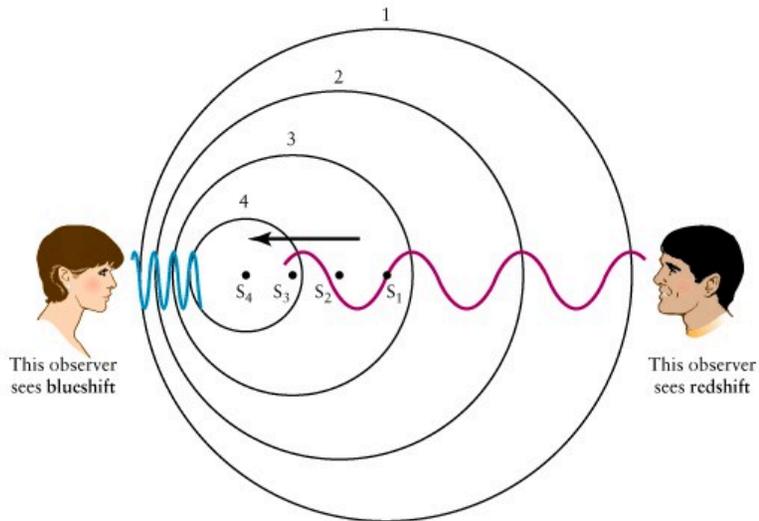
Doppler effect for light

$$v_{observed} = \left[ \frac{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}{1 - \frac{v}{c}} \right] v_{source}$$

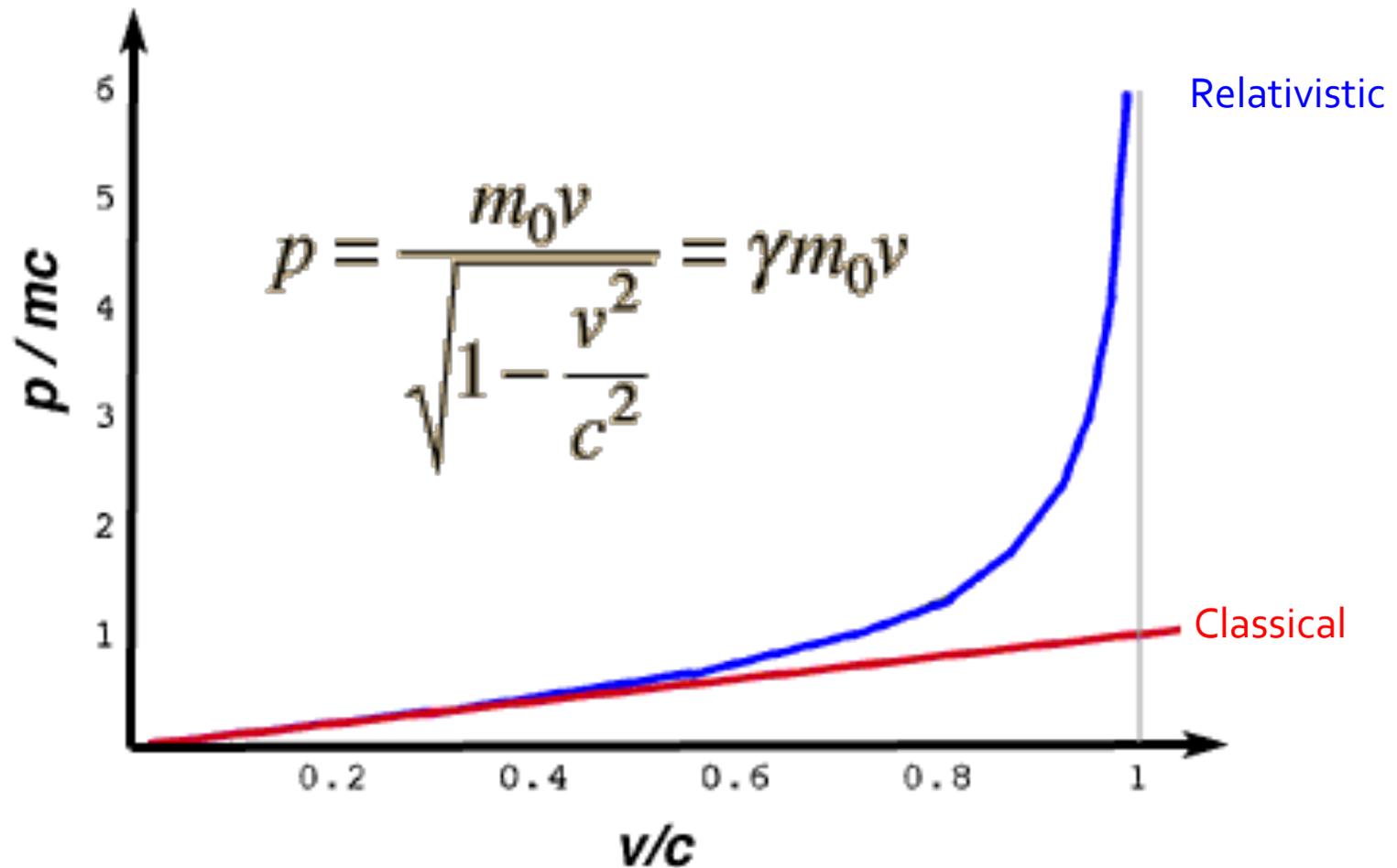
which can be rearranged to the form

$$v_{observed} = v_{source} \sqrt{\frac{1 + \frac{v}{c}}{1 - \frac{v}{c}}}$$

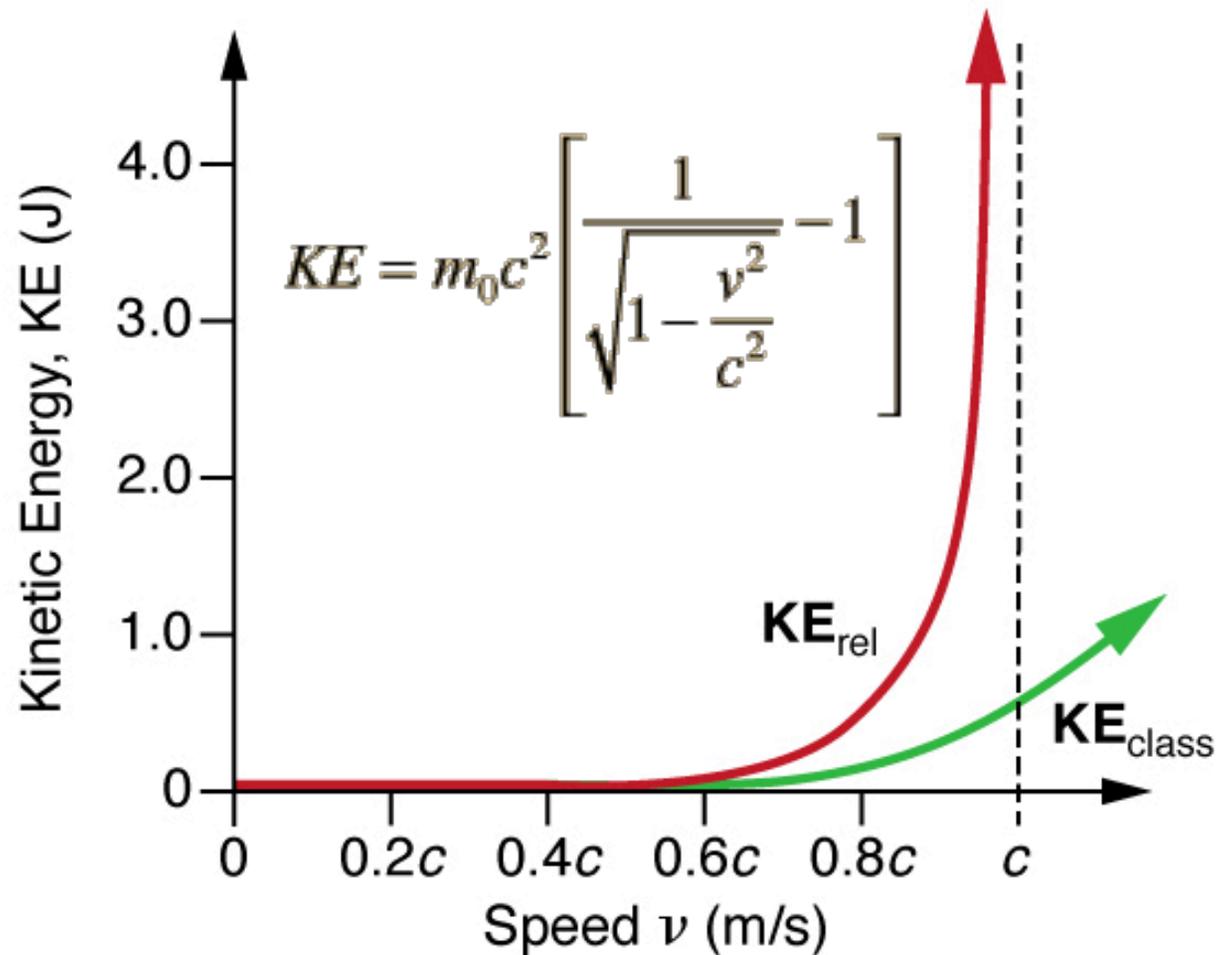
$$\lambda_{observed} = \lambda_{source} \sqrt{\frac{1 - \frac{v}{c}}{1 + \frac{v}{c}}}$$



# Relativistic Momentum



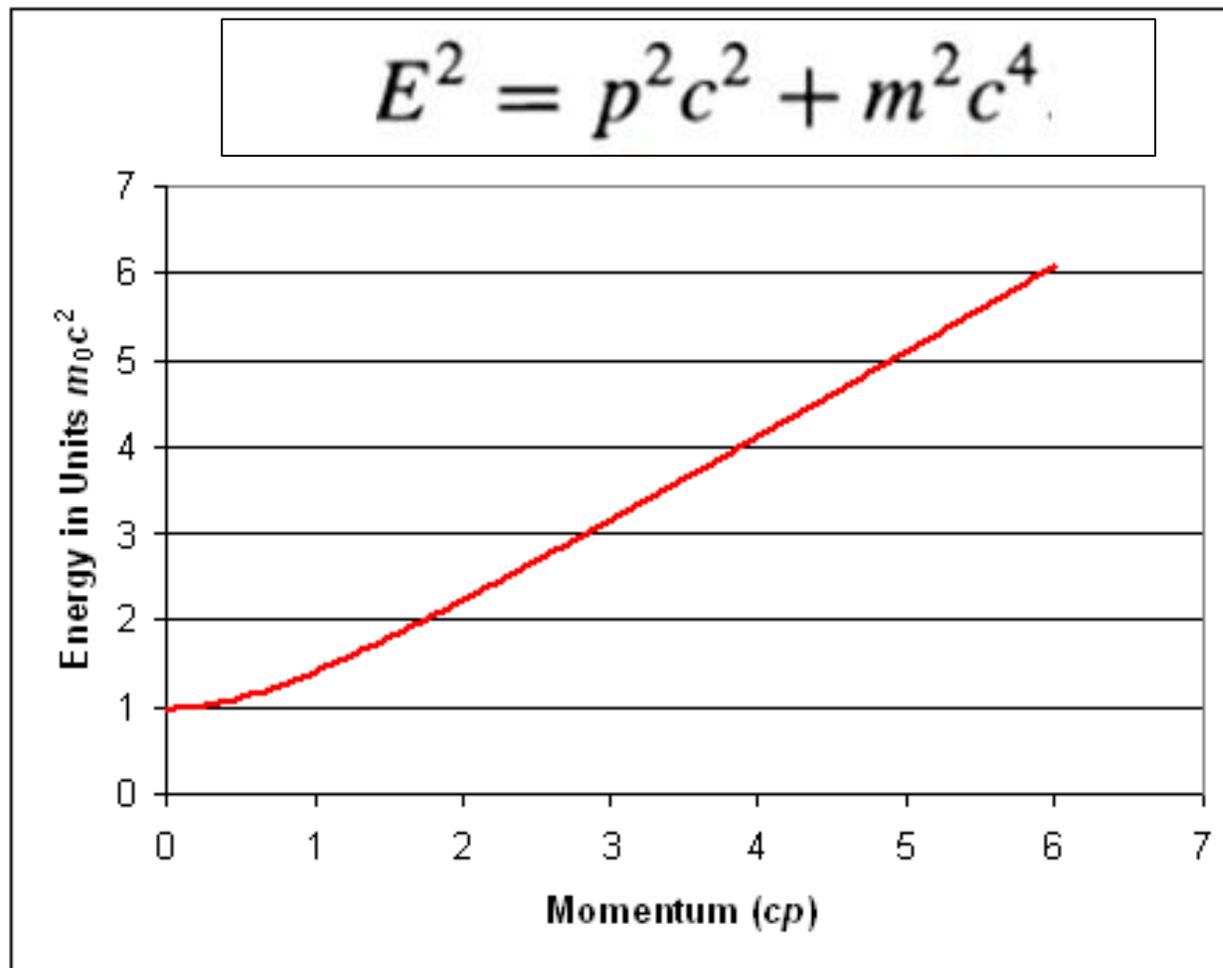
# Relativistic Kinetic Energy



# Relativistic Total Energy

$$\begin{aligned}\text{total energy } E &= \text{rest energy} + \text{KE} \\ &= (mc^2) + (\gamma - 1)mc^2 \\ &= \gamma mc^2\end{aligned}$$

# Energy-Momentum Relationship

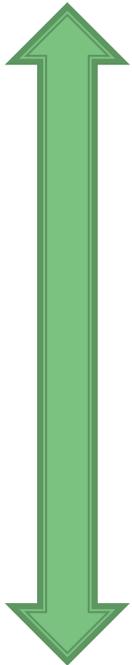


# Conservation Laws

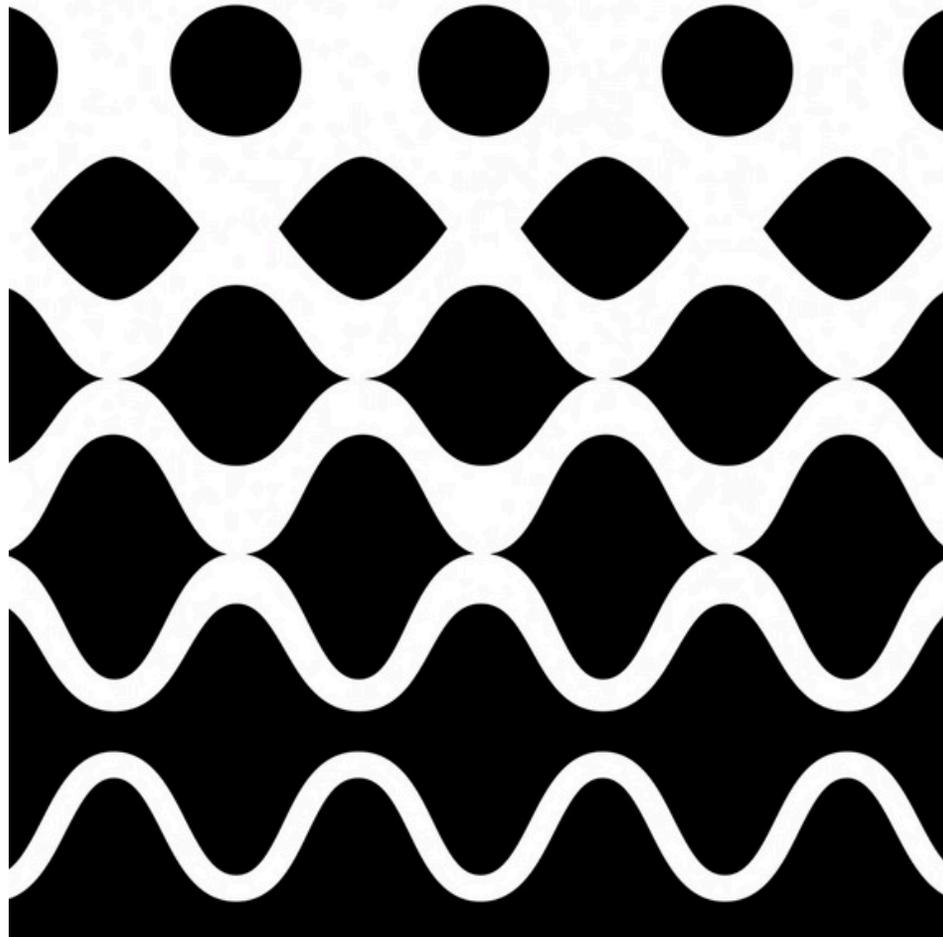
- Total (relativistic) energy is always conserved in any isolated system
  - But, kinetic energy and rest energy can be transformed from one to the other
- Total (relativistic) momentum is always conserved in any isolated system

# Wave-Particle Duality

Particle-Like

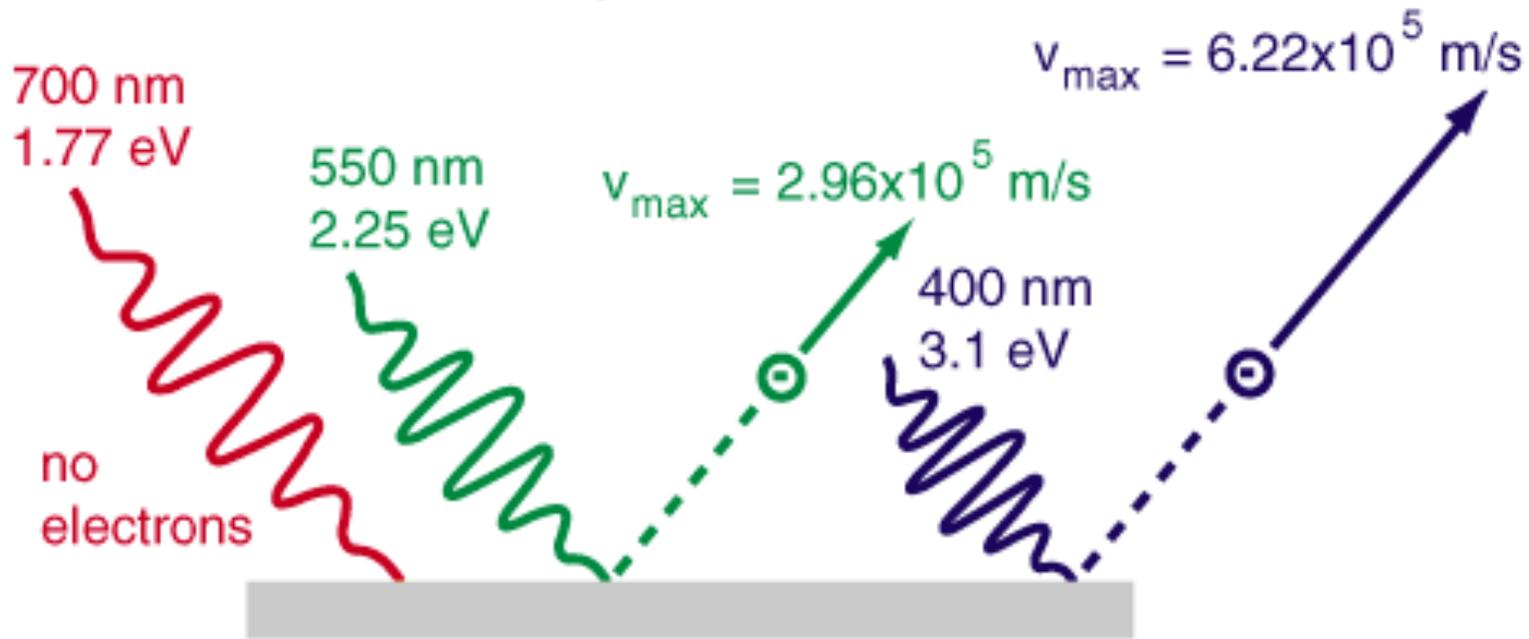


Wave-Like



# Photoelectric Effect

$$E_{\text{photon}} = h\nu$$

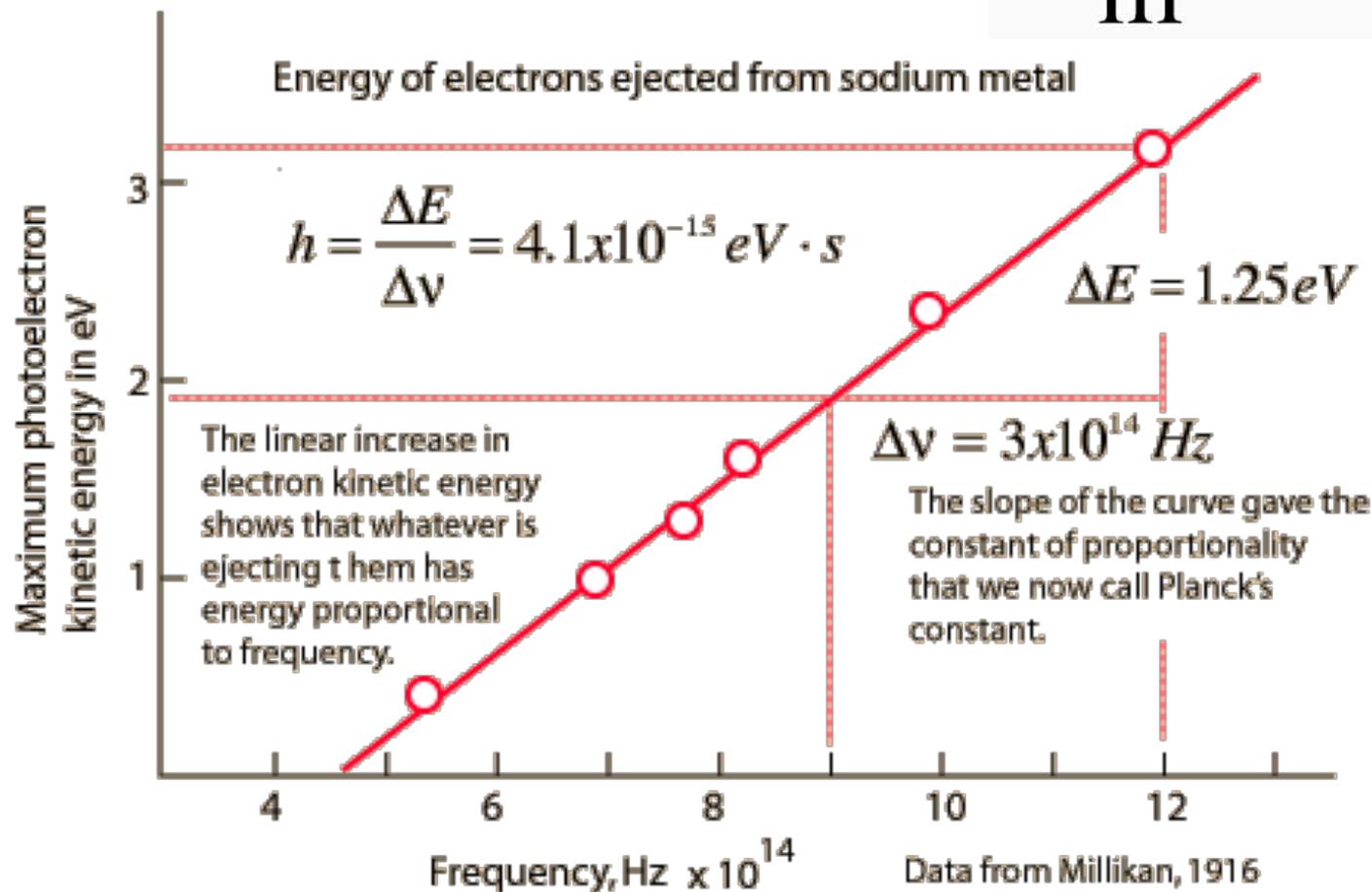


Potassium - 2.0 eV needed to eject electron

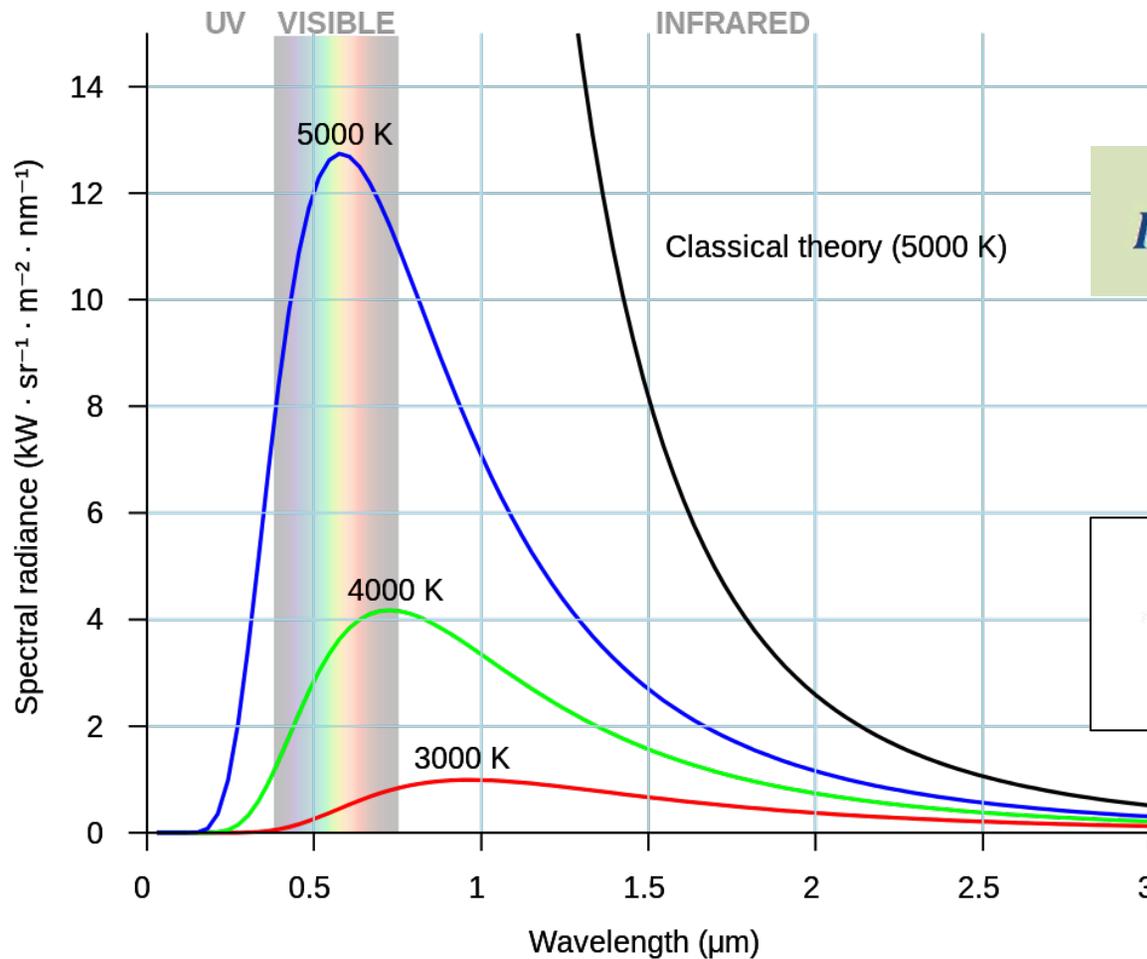
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$$K_m = h\nu - \phi$$



# Blackbody Radiation



$$I(\lambda, T) = \frac{2\pi \cdot c K_b T}{\lambda^4}$$



$$I(\lambda, T) = \frac{2\pi h c^2}{\lambda^5 (e^{hc/\lambda k_B T} - 1)}$$

# Particle-Like Properties of Light

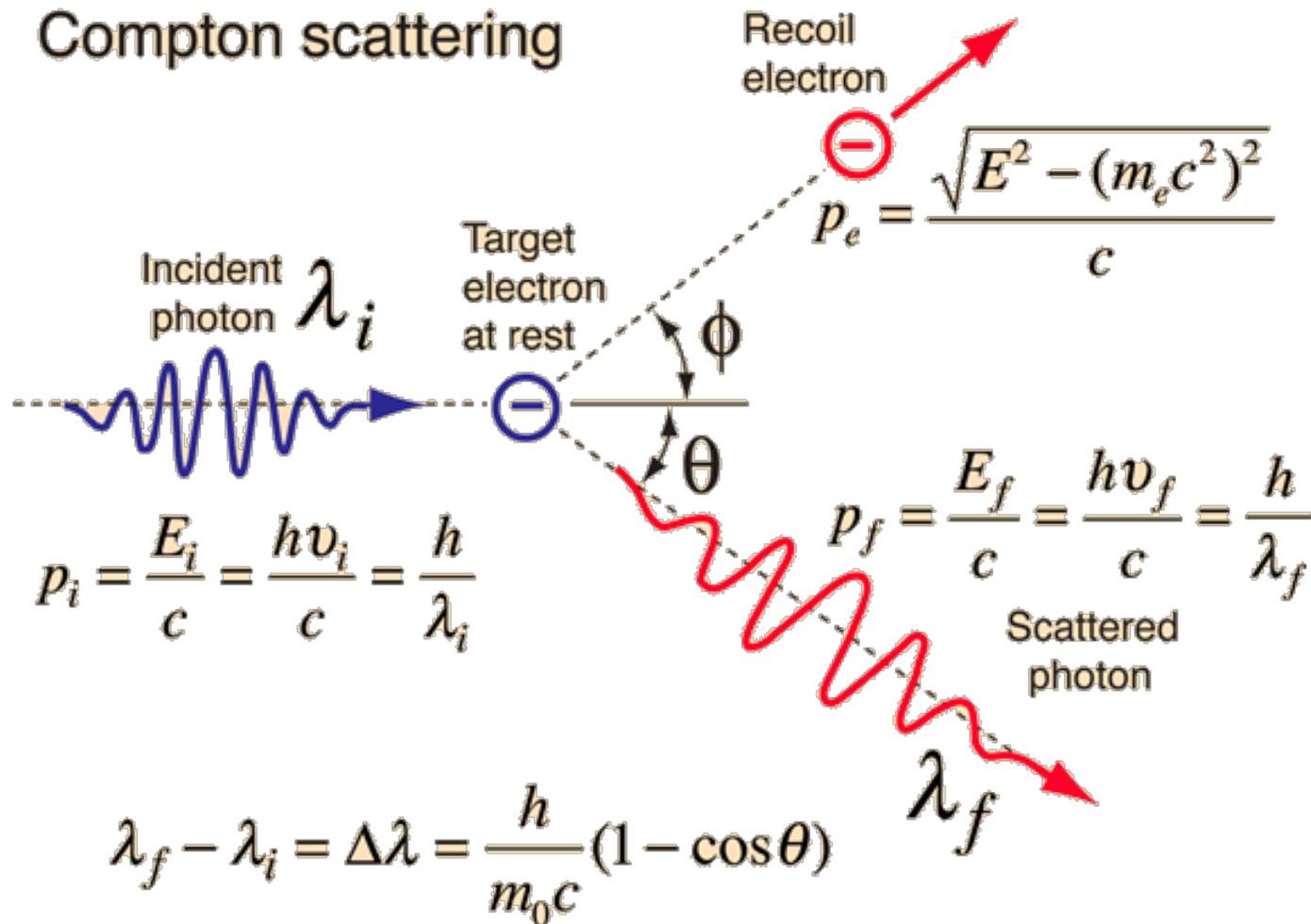
$$E = h\nu = h \frac{c}{\lambda} = 1240 \text{ eV} / \lambda(\text{nm})$$

$$E^2 = (\cancel{mc^2})^2 + p^2c^2 \Rightarrow p = \frac{E}{c} = \frac{h\nu}{c} = \frac{h}{\lambda}$$

Alternatively:

$$p = \frac{h}{2\pi} \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = \hbar k$$

# Compton Scattering



# Concept Check

- The Compton wavelength is  $\lambda_c = h/(m_e c)$ , and the energy of a photon is  $E = hc/\lambda$ . What is the energy of a photon with a wavelength  $\lambda = \lambda_c$ ?
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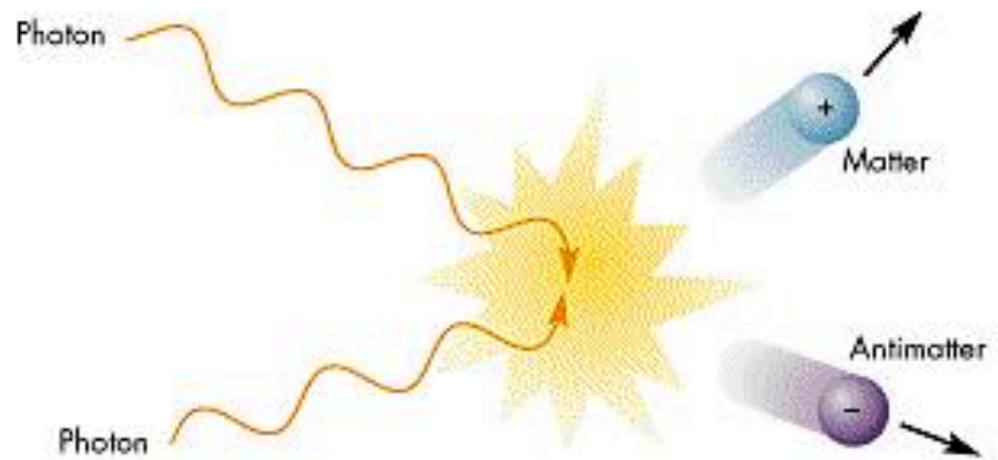
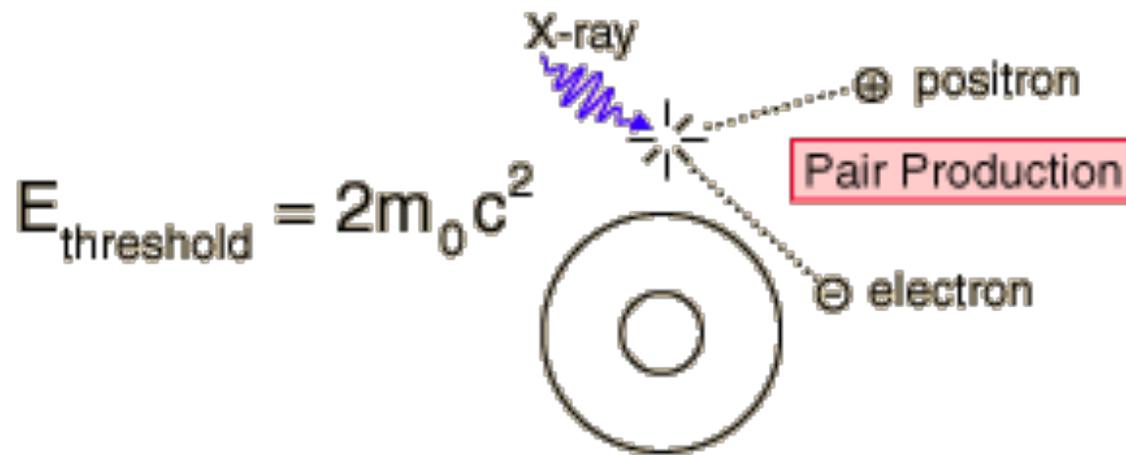
$$m_e c^2 = 511 \text{ keV}$$

or  $\sim 500,000 \text{ eV}$

$$\lambda_c = 0.0024 \text{ nm}$$

$$hc/\lambda = 1240 \text{ eV}\cdot\text{nm}/(\lambda \text{ in nm})$$

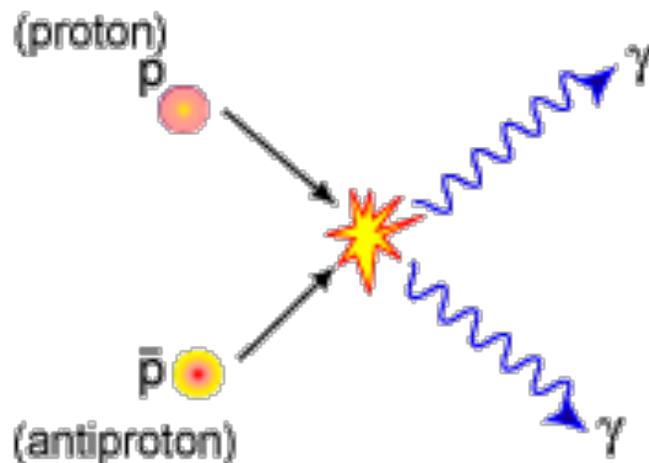
# Pair Production



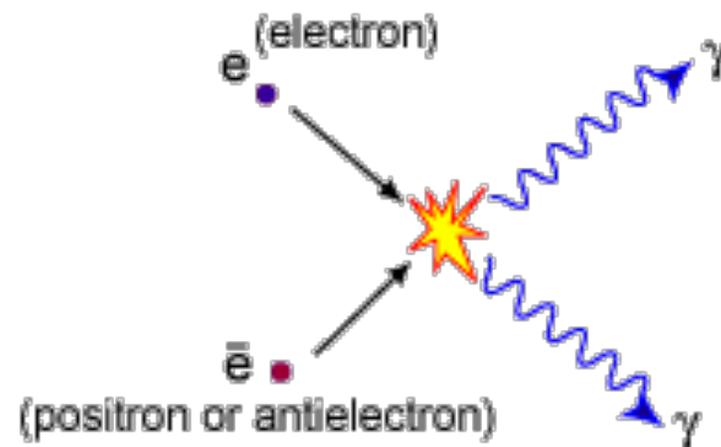
**A** Pair production

# Pair Annihilation

## i. Proton - Antiproton Annihilation

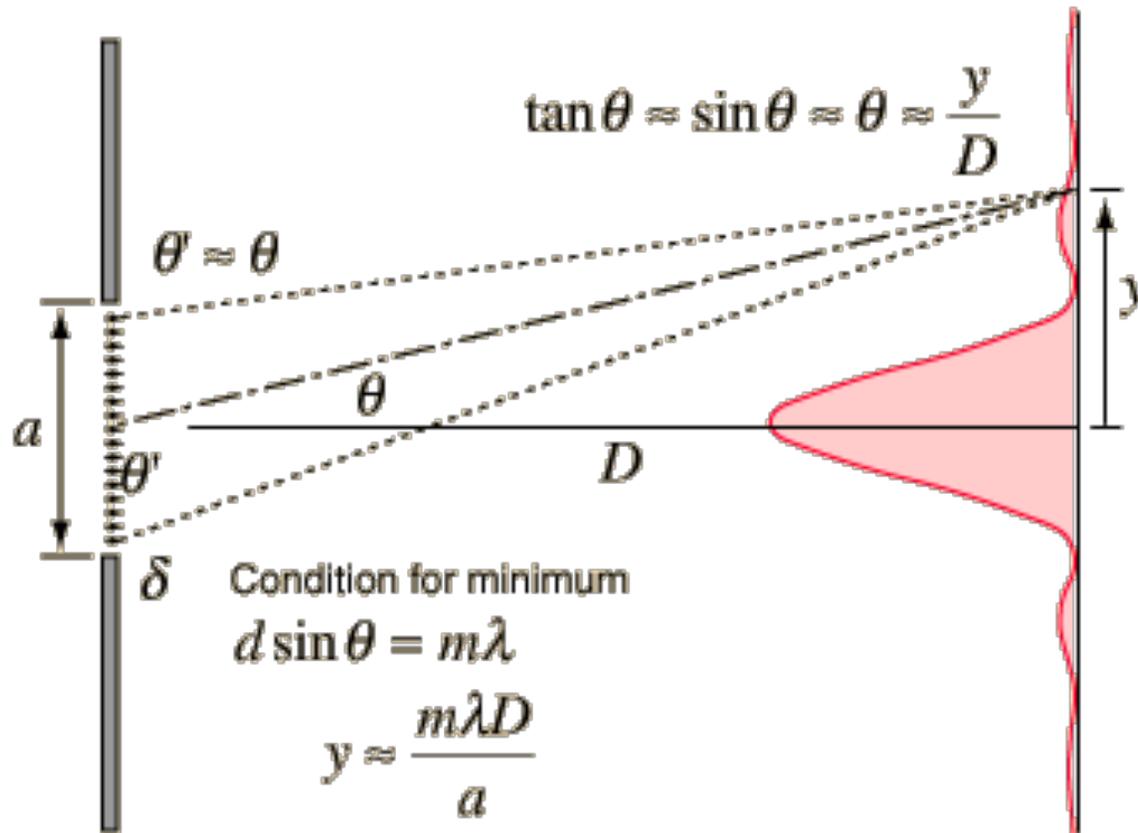


## ii. Electron - Positron Annihilation



In each case the particle and its antiparticle annihilate each other, releasing a pair of high-energy gamma photons

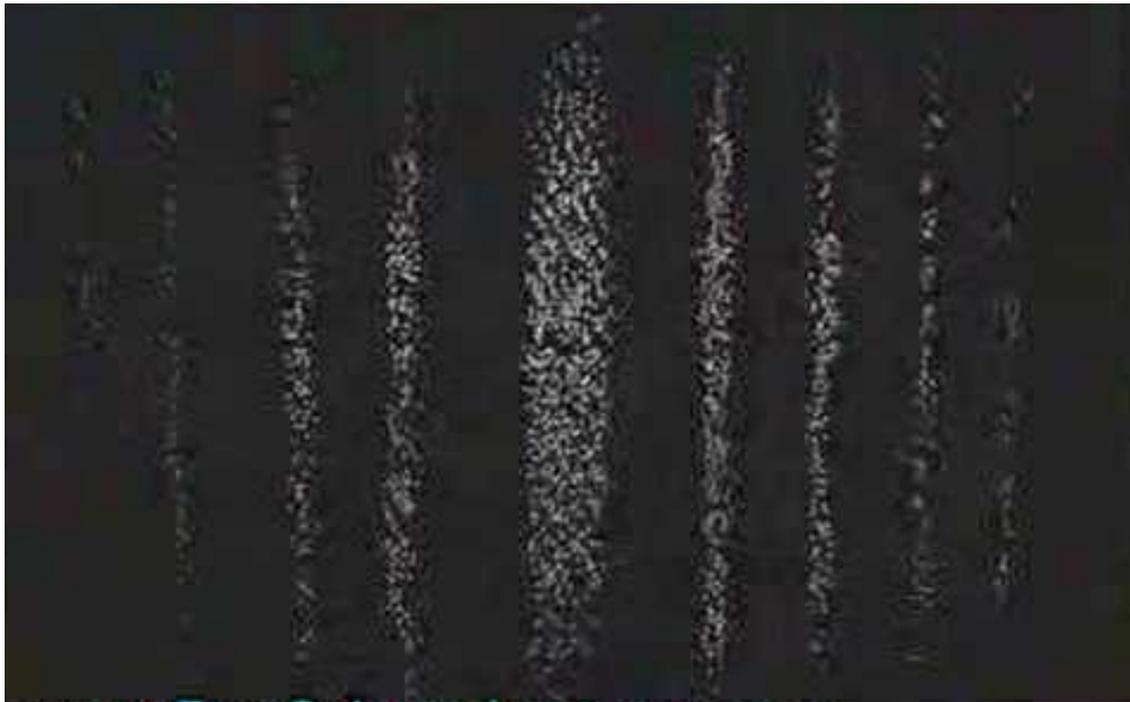
# Diffraction



# Diffraction: Photons vs. Electrons

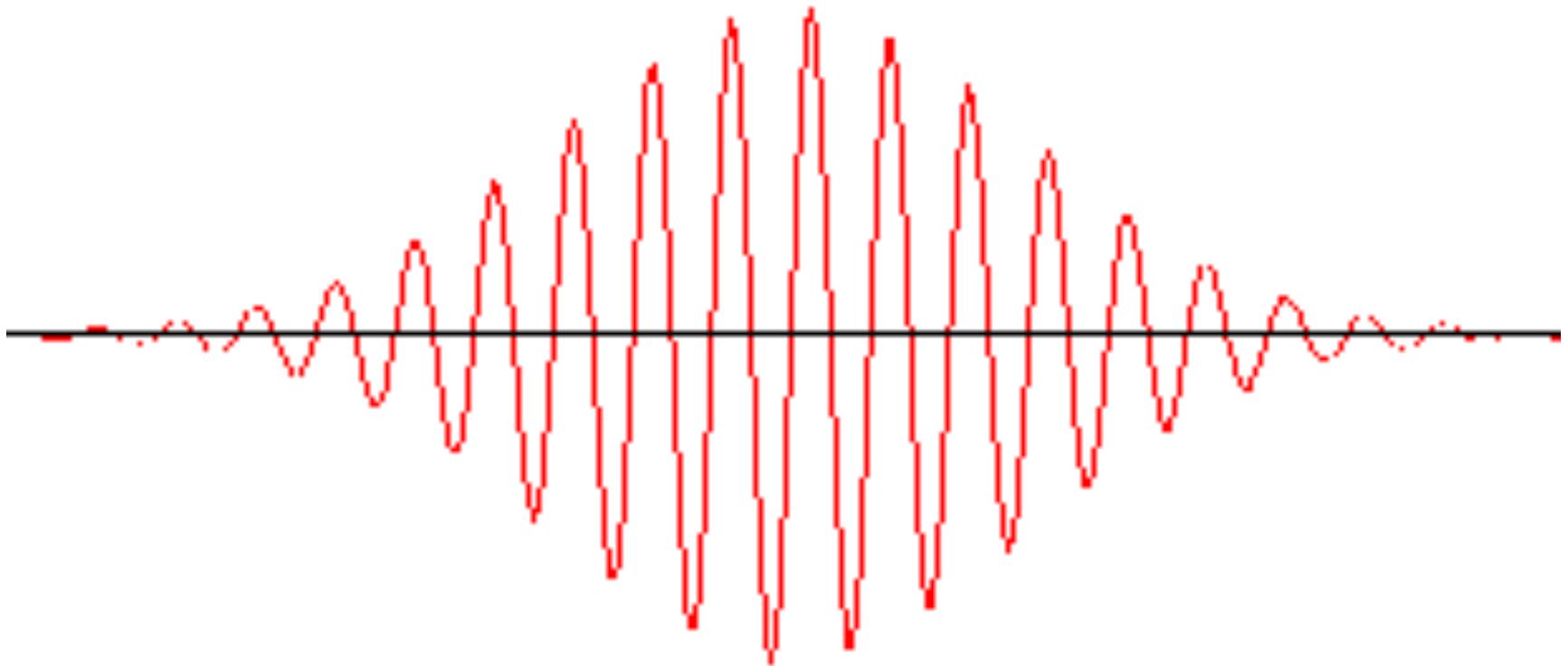


Photons



Electrons

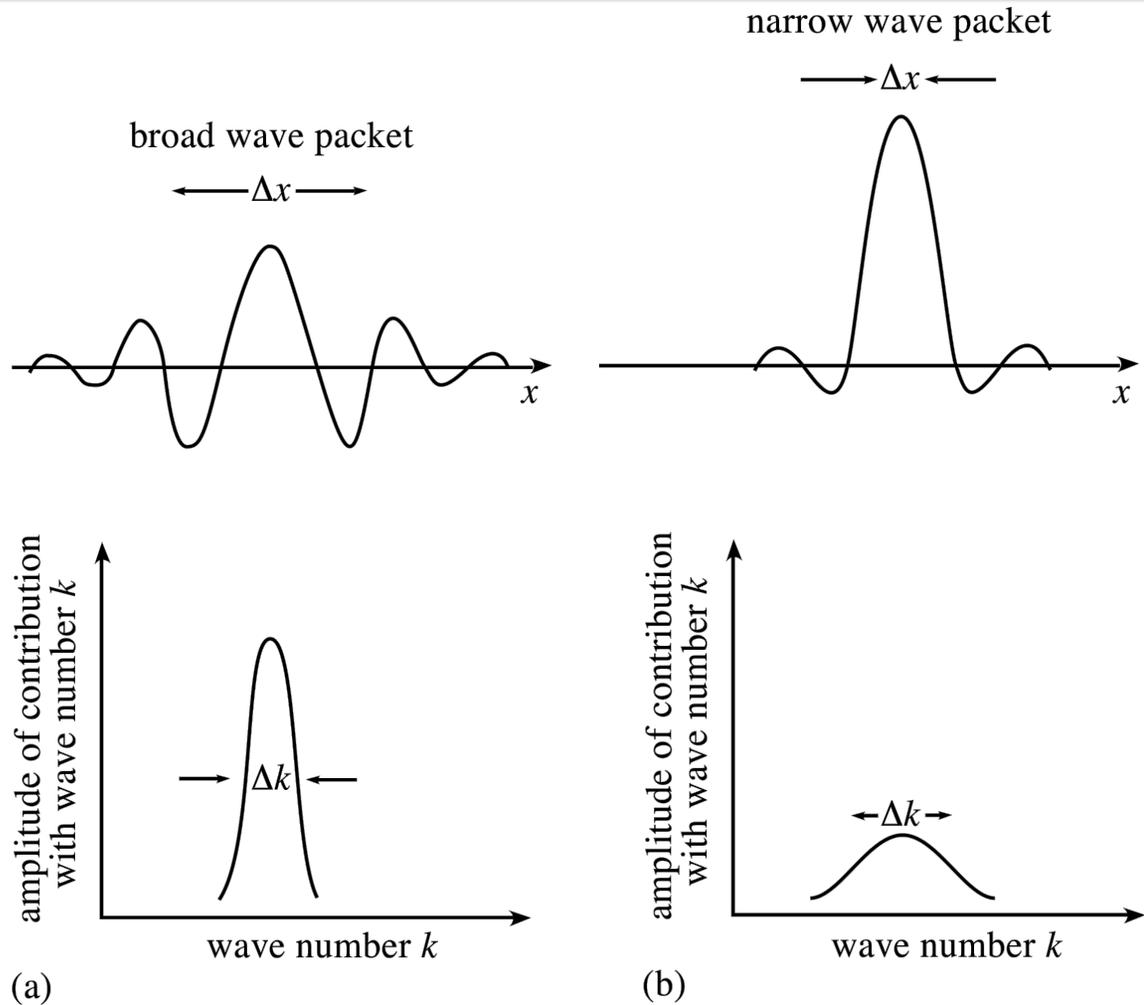
**A particle is... a wave packet?**



# Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle

$$\Delta p \Delta x \geq \frac{1}{2} \hbar$$

$$\Delta E \Delta t \geq \frac{1}{2} \hbar$$



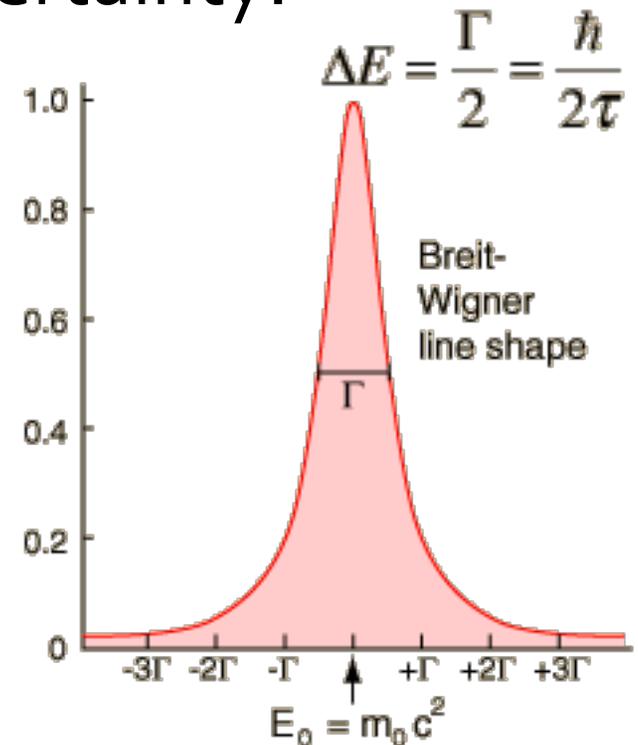
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# Phase and Group Velocity

Group velocity:  $v_g = d\omega/dk =$  "Particle Velocity"

Phase velocity:  $v_p = \frac{\omega}{k} = \lambda f$

