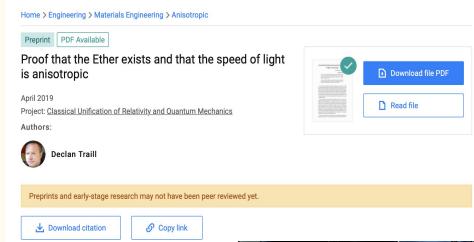
# Relativity: Fact or Fiction?

## Relativistic Dynamics

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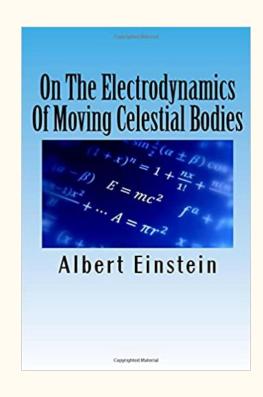




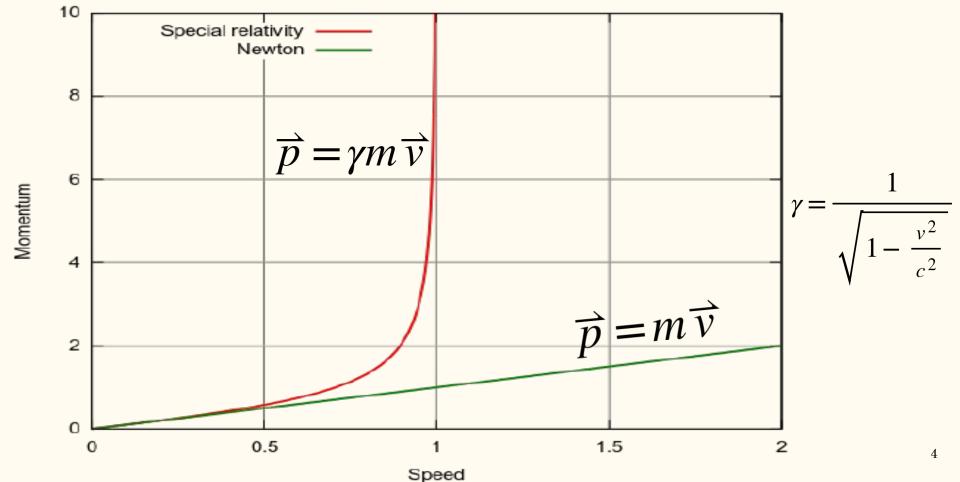
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#### Where did it all begin?

- 1900-1910
  - Energy, momentum, velocity
- Contradictions Newtonian and Maxwell
- Where is the "aether"?
- "the electrodynamics of moving bodies"



#### Classical and Relativistic Corrections

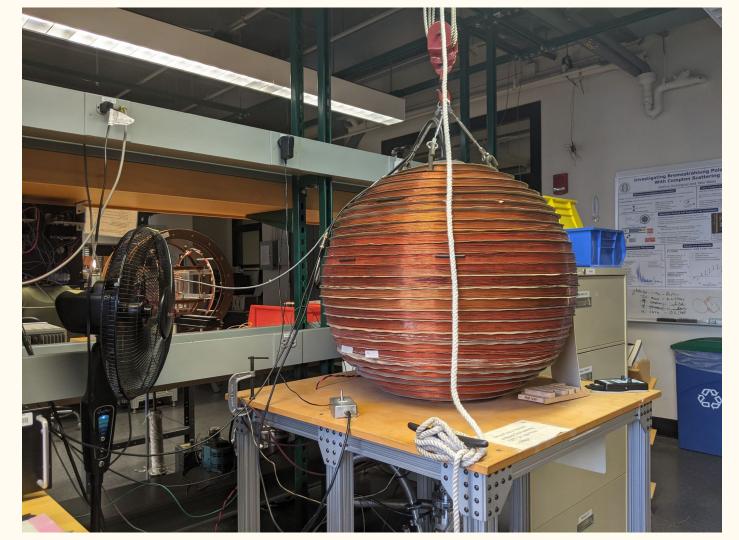


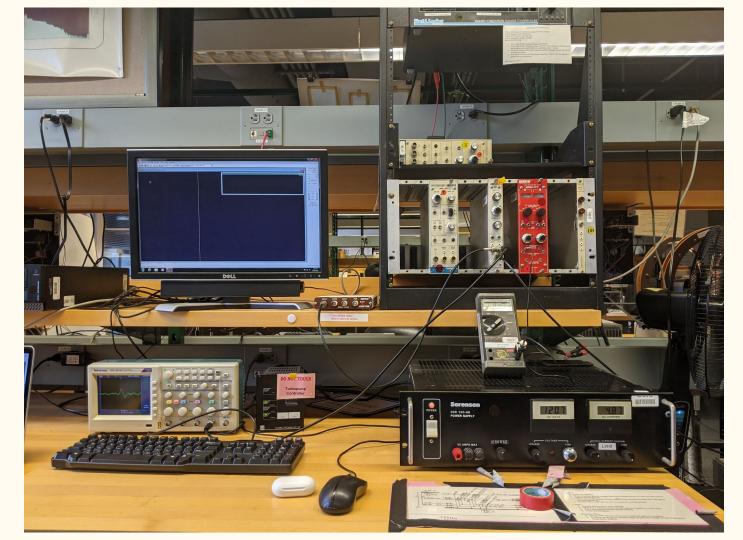
#### Goal

Make measurements of the velocity, momentum, energy of something moving fast!

• Compare relativistic and non-relativistic models

What moves fast? Runner? Light? Electrons!





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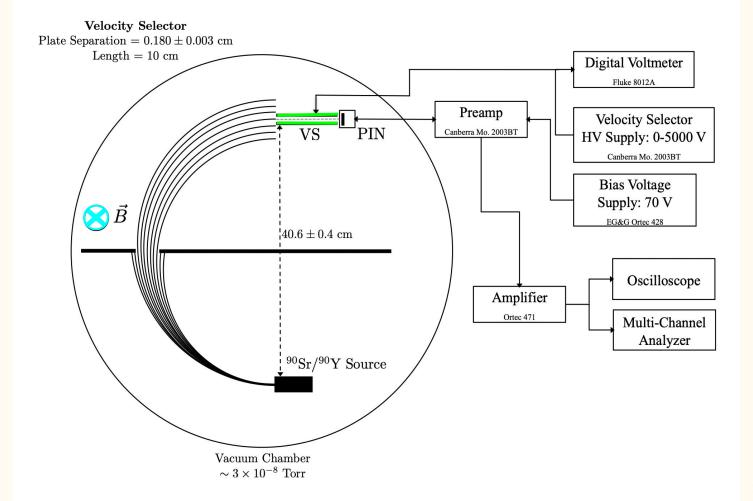
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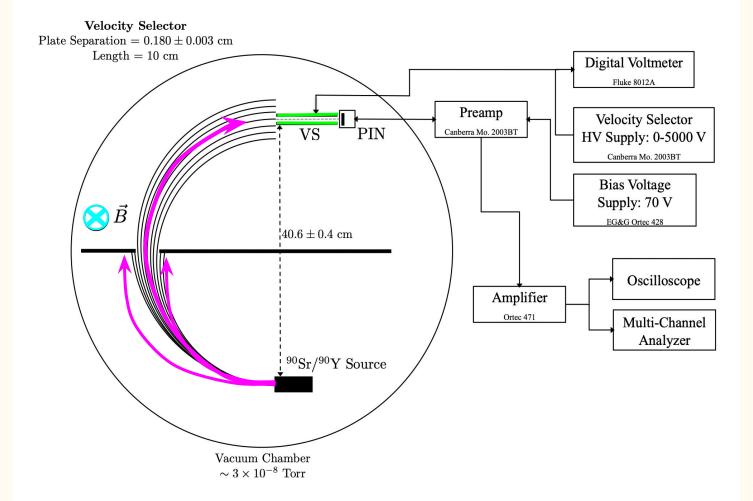
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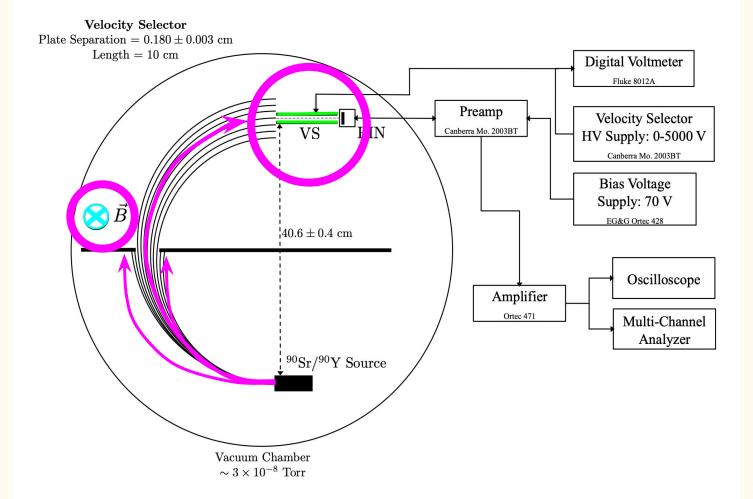
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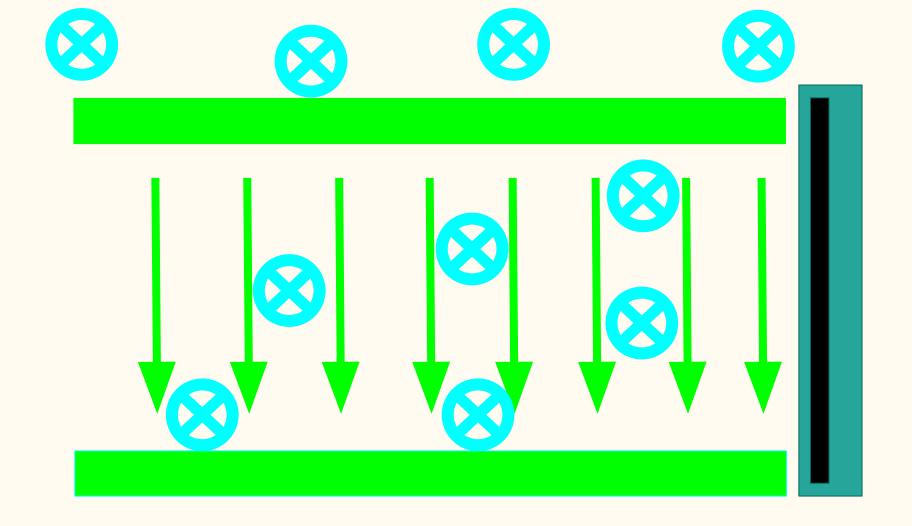
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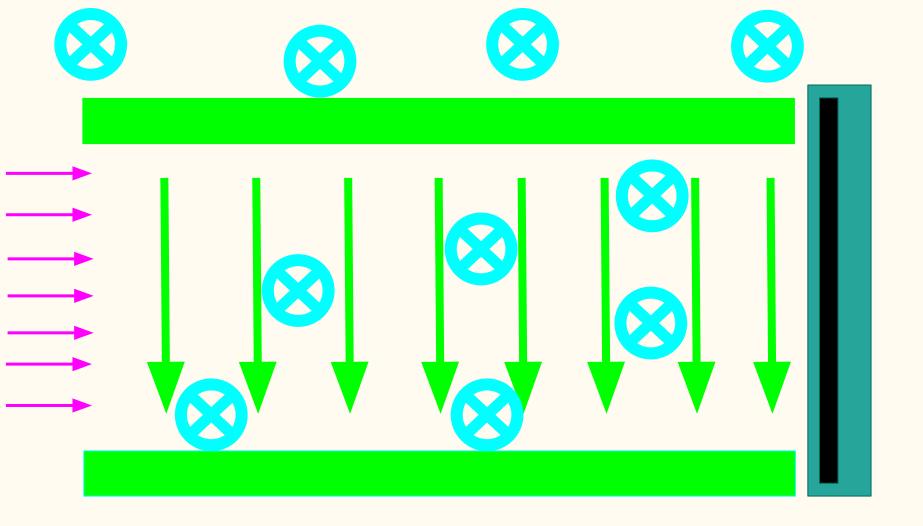
Does relativity make sense?

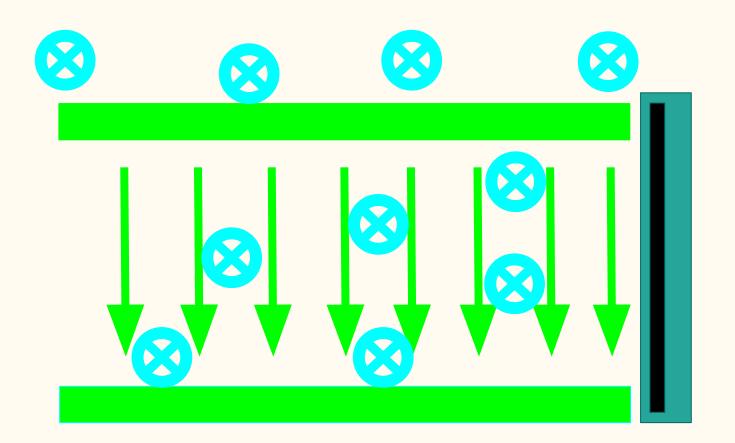


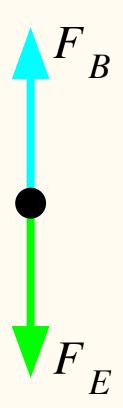


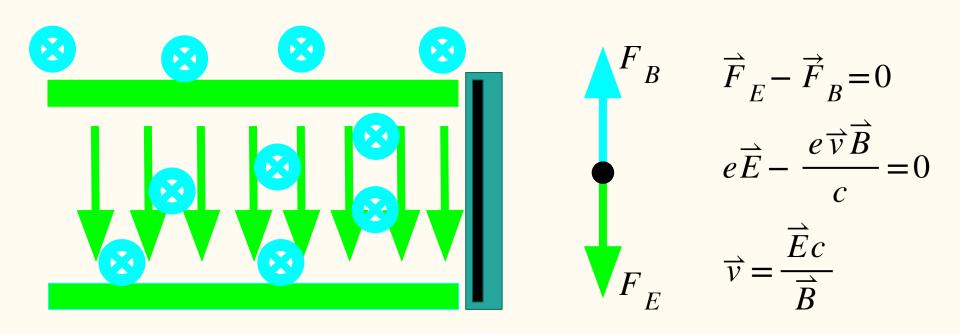












What voltage between the velocity selector plates make the electric and magnetic force cancel?

Determining the central voltage for different magnetic fields

80 G

90 G

95 G

100 G

105 G

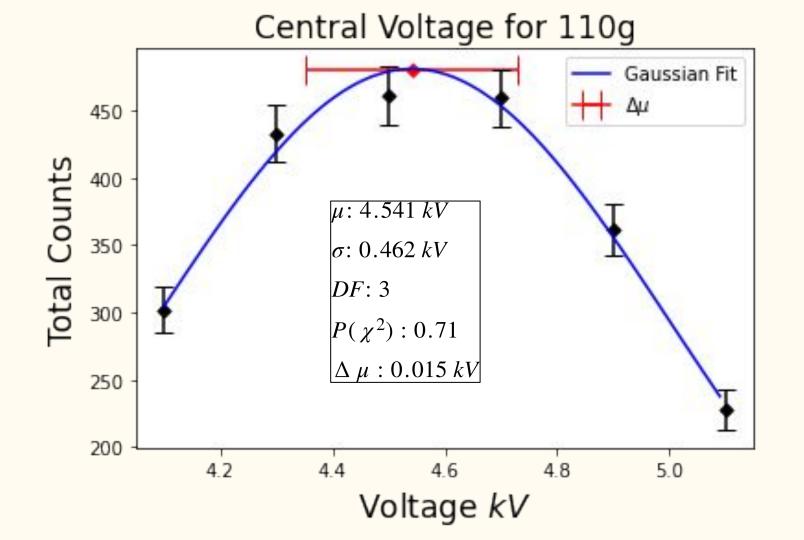
110 G

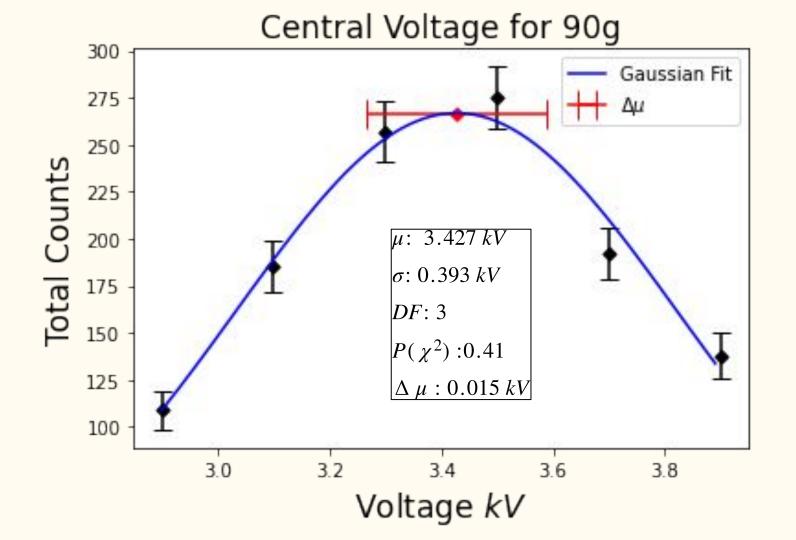
First pass: Large increments to get predicted central voltage

Second pass: Finer increments around predicted central voltage

Perform a fit

Extract mean value





#### Three Types of $\beta$ : 2 Theoretical, 1 Experimental

$$\beta_{Classical} = \frac{eB\rho}{mc^2}$$

$$\beta_{Relativistic} = \frac{eB\rho}{mc^2 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{eB\rho}{mc^2}\right)^2}}$$

$$\beta_{Experimental} = \frac{E}{B} = \frac{V_{Central}}{Bd}$$

*e* Charge of electron

ho Path Radius

m Mass of electron

C Speed of light

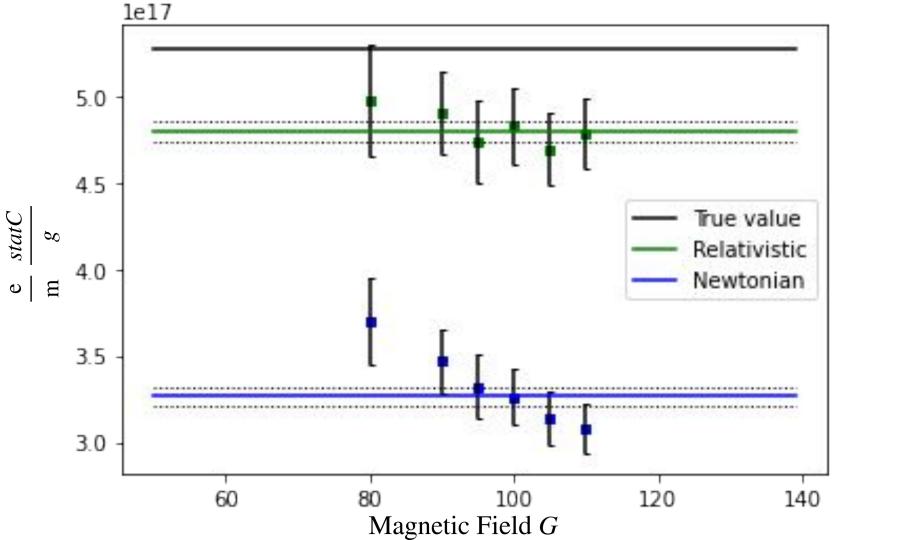
 $d_{\mathrm{plates}}^{\mathrm{Distance\ between\ the}}$ 

After a little massaging...

#### Charge Mass Ratio Described By Two Theories

$$\left(\frac{e}{m}\right)_{Classical} = \frac{V_{Central} c^{2}}{B^{2} d\rho}$$

$$\left(\frac{e}{m}\right)_{Relativistic} = \frac{V_{Central} c^{2} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{V_{Central}}{Bd}\right)^{2}}}{B^{2} d\rho}$$



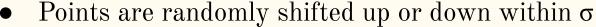
#### Uncertainty of Line

Monte Carlo simulation to determine uncertainty on line of best fit

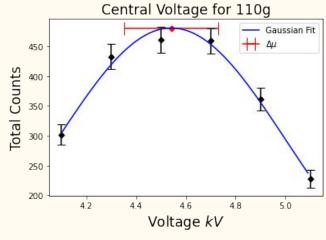
#### Why Monte Carlo?

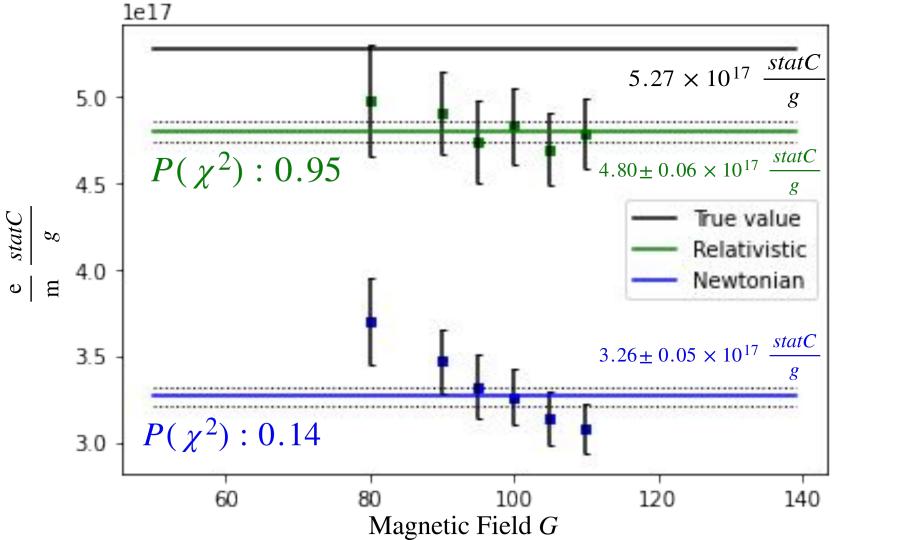
- Each count is a random variable
- From the counts we determine central voltage

#### Monte Carlo introduces randomness



- Perform a fit (constant)
- The standard deviation between simulations is the uncertainty





#### Systematic Uncertainties

The given quantities may have larger uncertainties:

$$\sigma_{\rho} = 0.4 \text{ cm}$$

$$\left(\frac{e}{m}\right)_{Classical} = \frac{V_{Central} c^{2}}{B^{2} d \rho}$$

$$\sigma_{d} = 0.003 \text{ cm}$$

$$\left(\frac{e}{m}\right)_{Relativistic} = \frac{V_{Central} c^{2} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{V_{Central}}{Bd}\right)^{2}}}{B^{2} d \rho}$$

The magnetic field is not truly uniform

$$\sigma_G = 1.14 G$$

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The given quantities may have larger uncertainties:

$$\sigma_{\rho} = 0.4 \text{ cm} \approx 2\%$$
  $\sigma_{other} \approx 1\%$   $\sigma_{d} = 0.003 \text{ cm} \approx 2\%$ 

The magnetic field is not truly uniform

$$\sigma_G = 1.14 G$$
  $\approx 5\%$ 

#### Conclusion

The charge to mass ratio suggests that a relativistic model is a better description of the moving electron

$$\frac{e_{exp}}{m_{exp}}$$
 = 4.80 ± 0.06(stat.) ± 0.48(sys) × 10<sup>17</sup>  $\frac{statC}{gram}$ 

$$\frac{e_{true}}{m_{true}} = 5.27 \times 10^{17} \frac{statC}{gram}$$

The barium calibration will connect voltage and energy and allow extraction of the value the charge and mass of the electron and therefore the momentum and energy.

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#### Resources

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# Thank YOU

