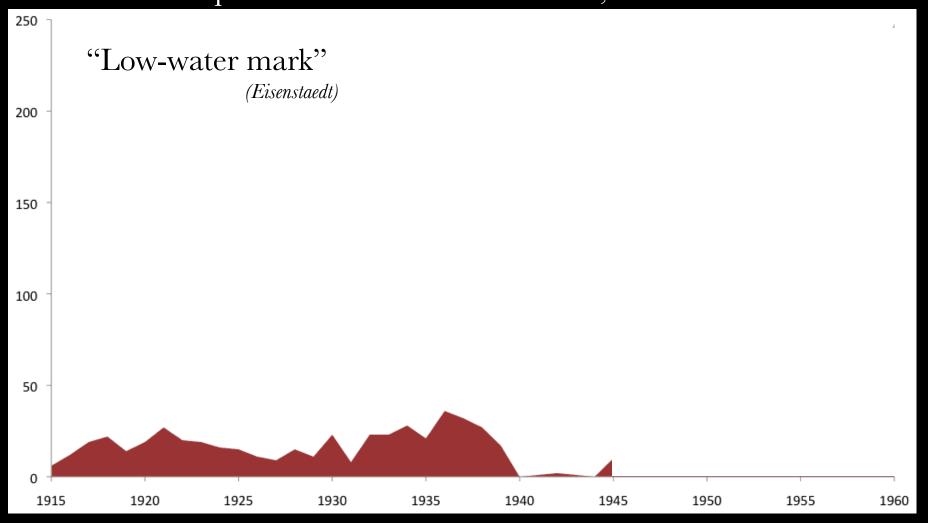
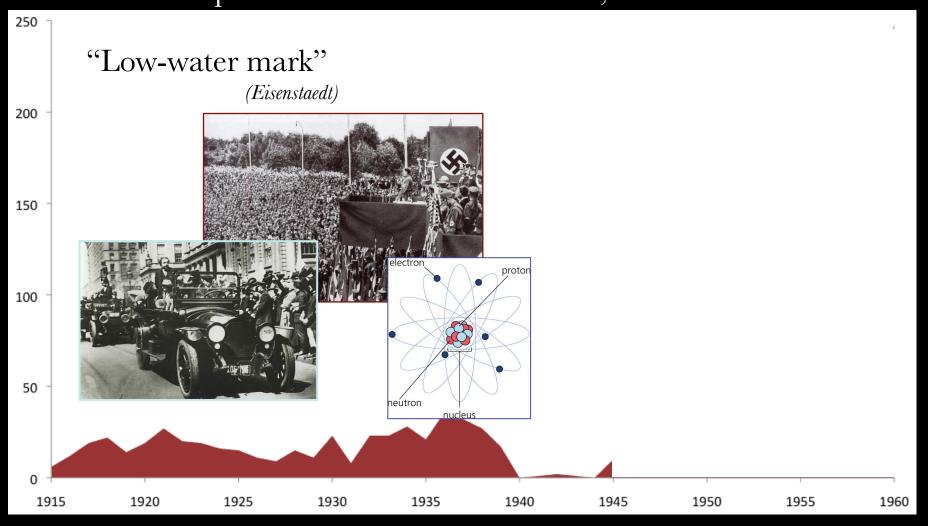
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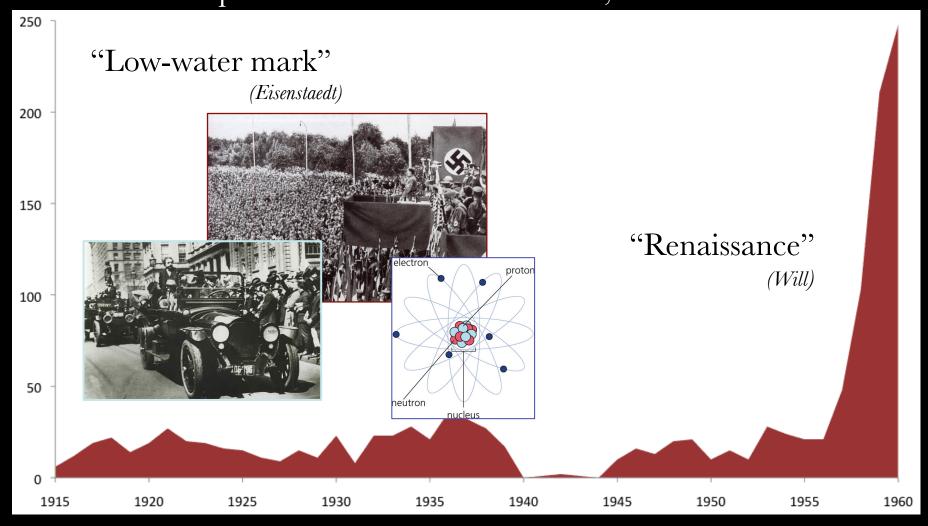
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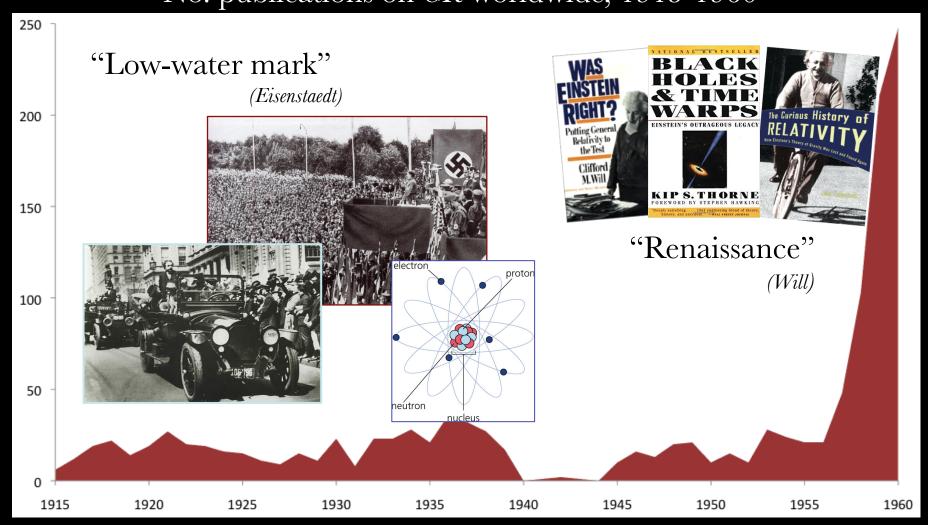




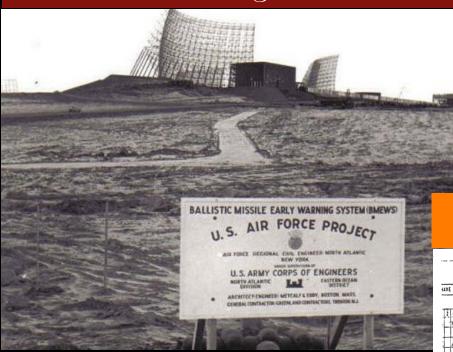








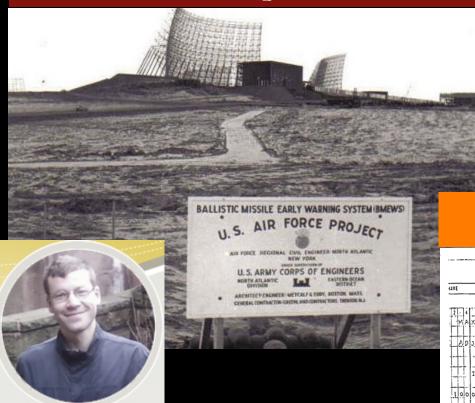
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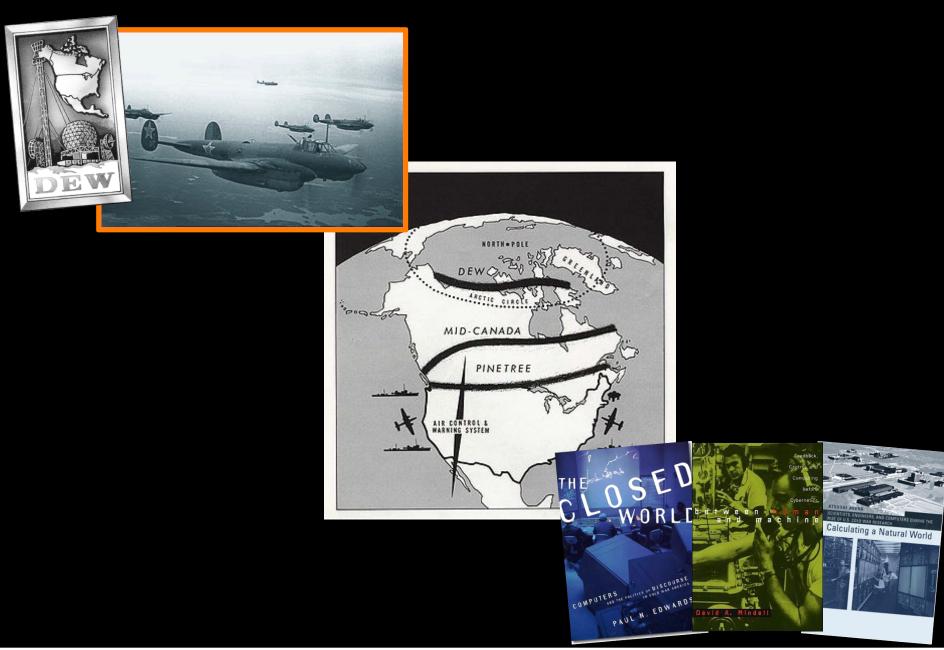


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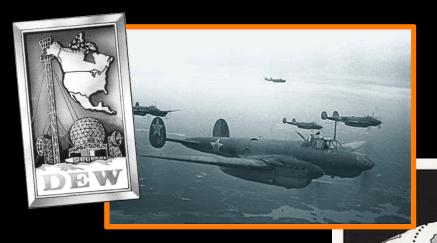




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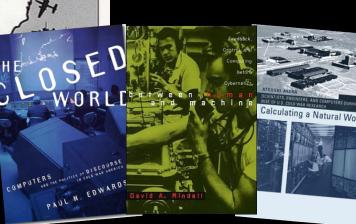
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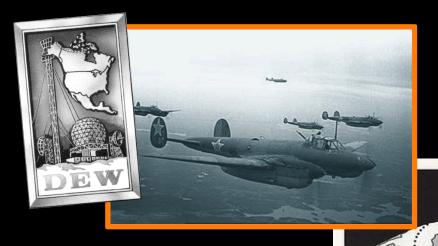
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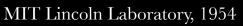
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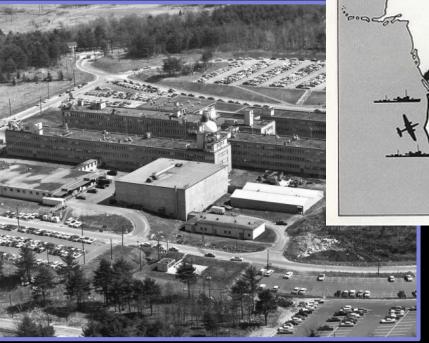


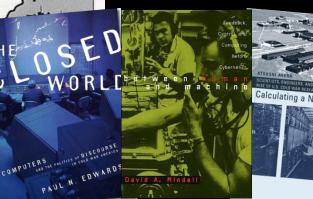


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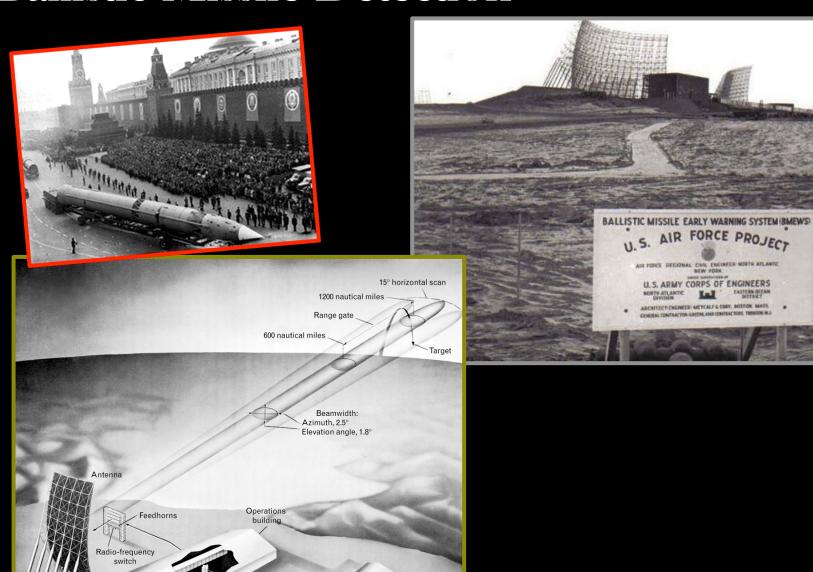
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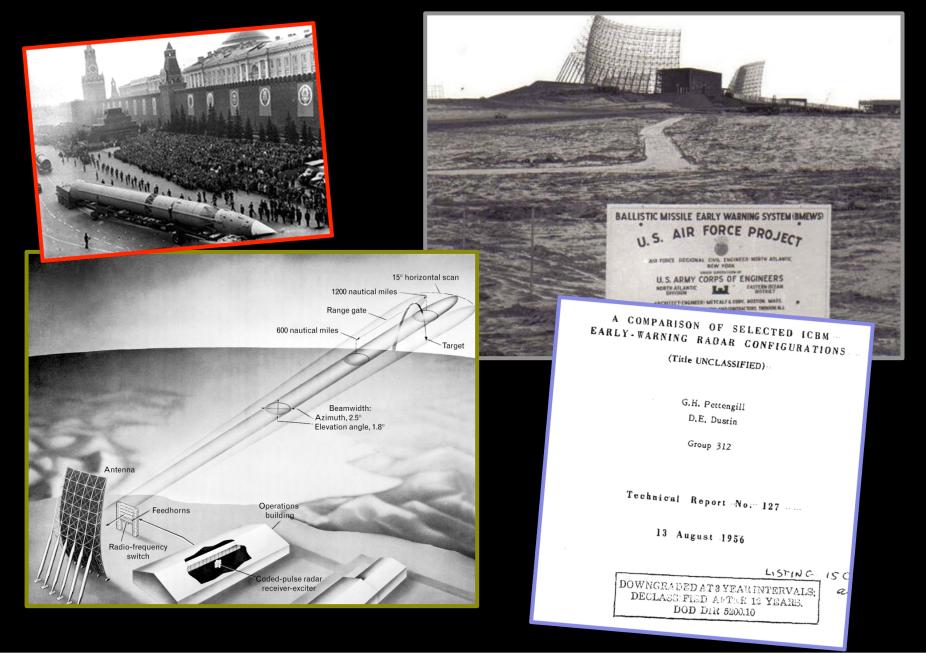




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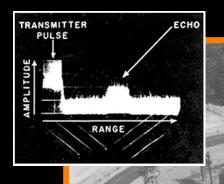


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"Clutter environments": use Doppler signatures of individual reflections to distinguish signal from noise.

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Test of equipment and design:

use magnetic tape for data recording;

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"Planetary Ephemeris Program": use radar inputs to estimate future position of objects in the sky; builds on statistical procedure for BMEWS.



Millstone control room

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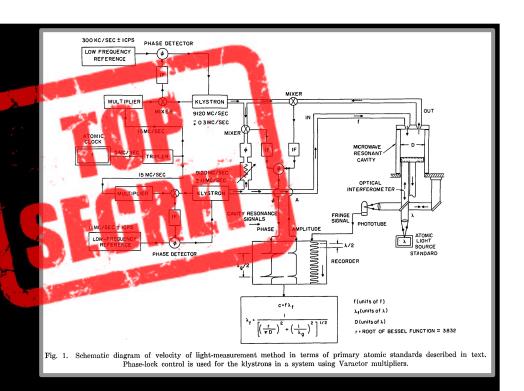
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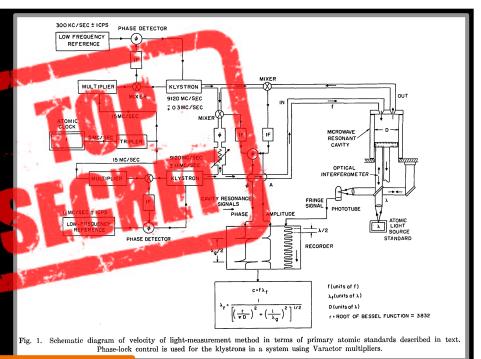
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3.3 RESULTS OF THE GENERAL THEORY OF RELATIVITY (1916)

The propagation of light is influenced by gravitation. This is one of the fundamental results of Einstein's general theory of relativity which has been put to experimental test and found to be valid (16).

Three important results involving light need to be singled out (4).

(i) The velocity of light, measured by the same magnitude c independently of the state of motion of the frame in which the measurement is being carried out, should depend on the gravitational potential Φ of the field in which it is being measured, according to the equation

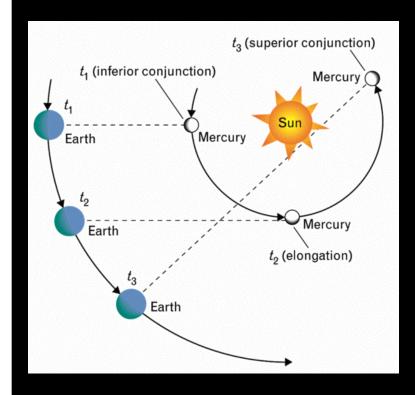
$$c = c_0 \left(1 + \frac{\Phi}{c^2} \right)$$

where $\Phi = -GM/R$ [G is the universal constant of gravitation (6.670 × 10⁻⁸ cgs units), M, the mass of the heavenly body (grams), and R, the radius of the body (cm)].

For example, the term Φ/c^2 is approximately 3000 times greater on the sun than on earth, so that the measurements of c are smaller by 2 parts in a million on the sun, as compared with measurements on earth.



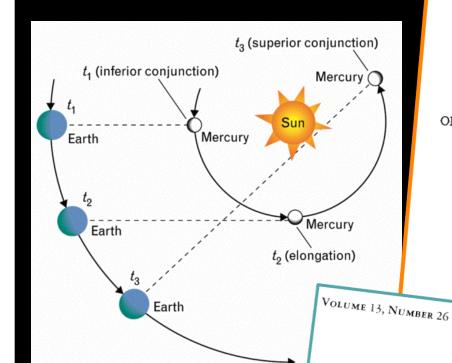
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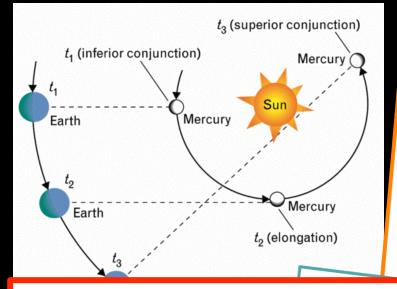
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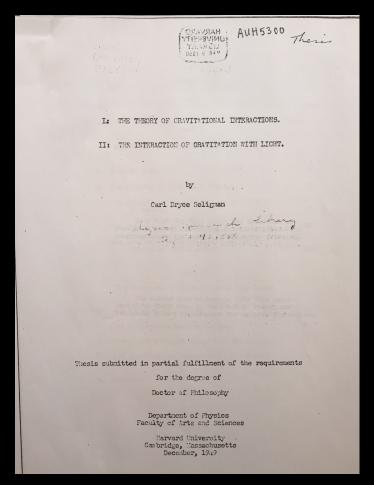
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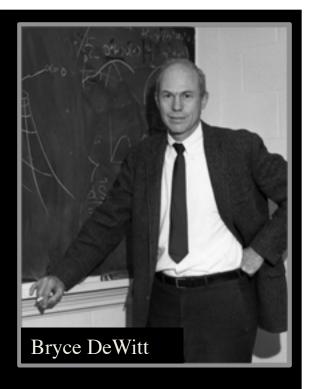
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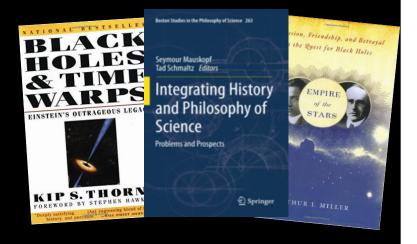
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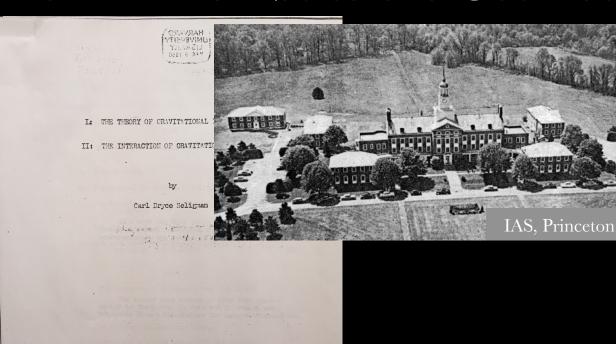
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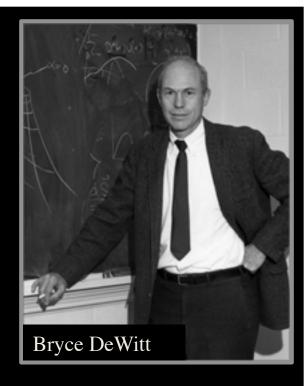
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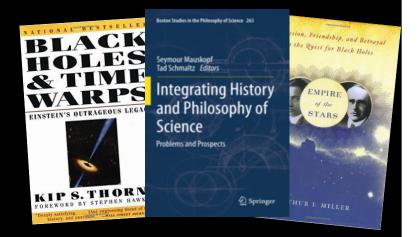


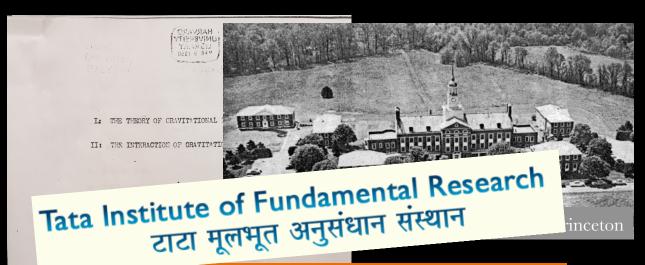
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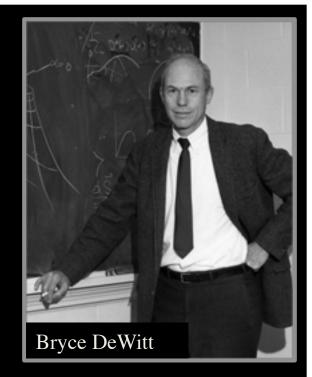
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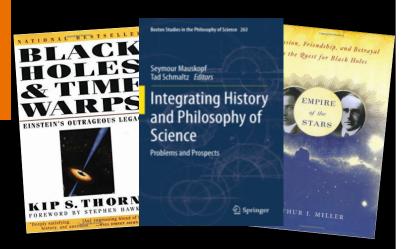


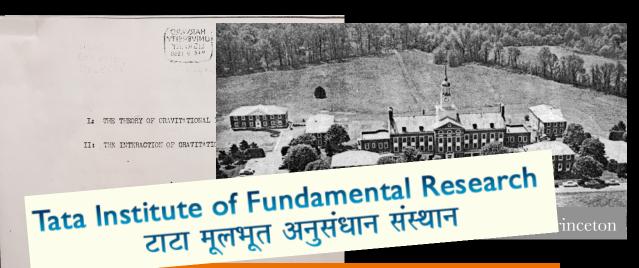


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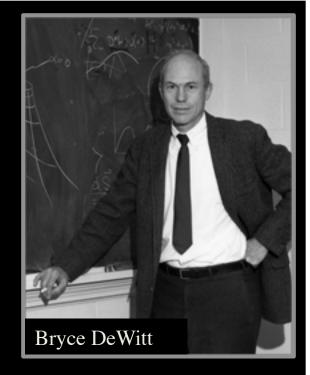


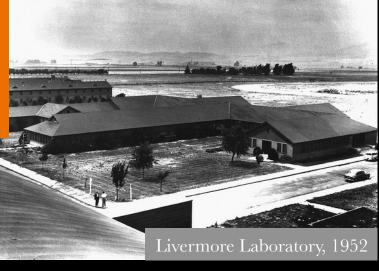




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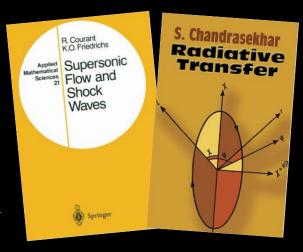
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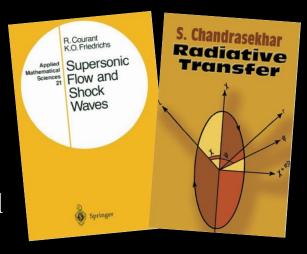
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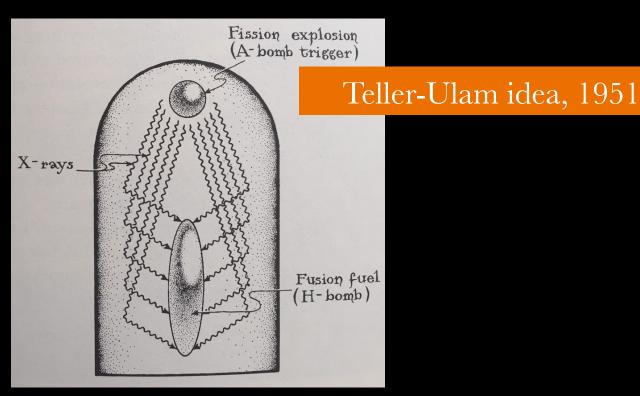
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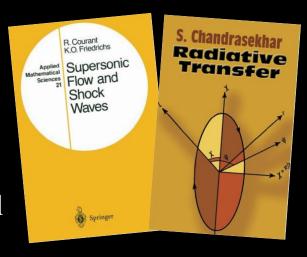


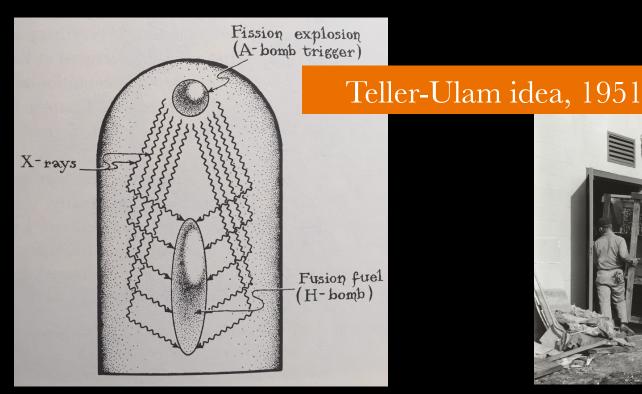


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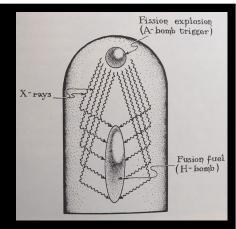






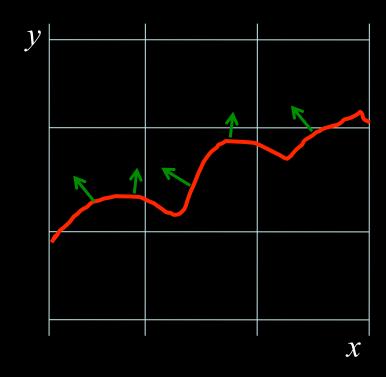
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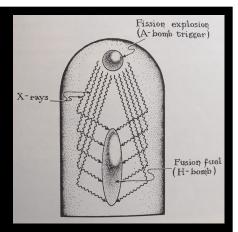


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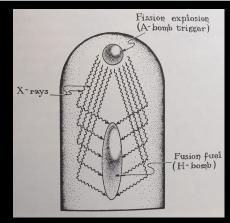


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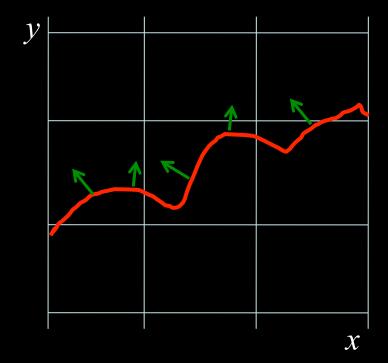


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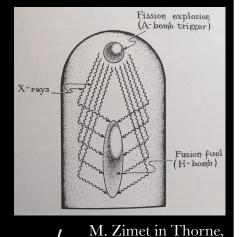
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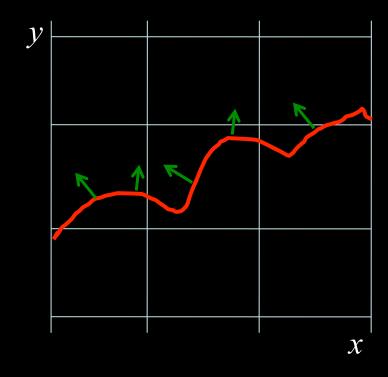


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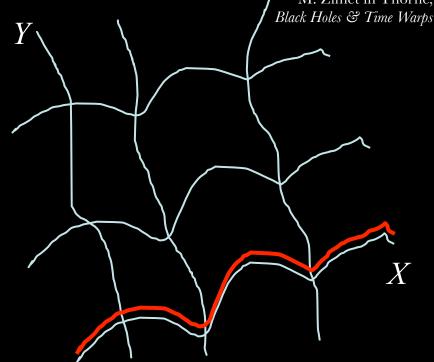
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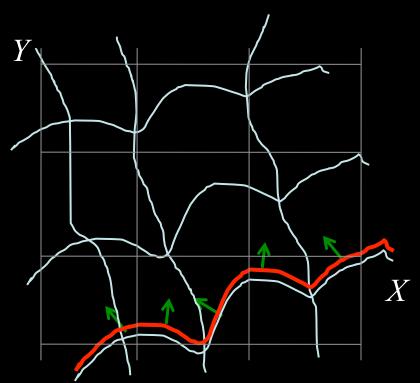


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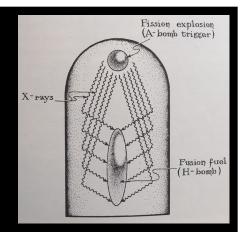


Lagrangian coordinates: flow with fluid elements

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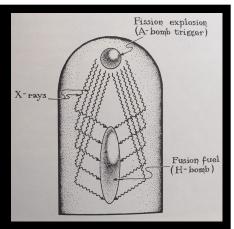


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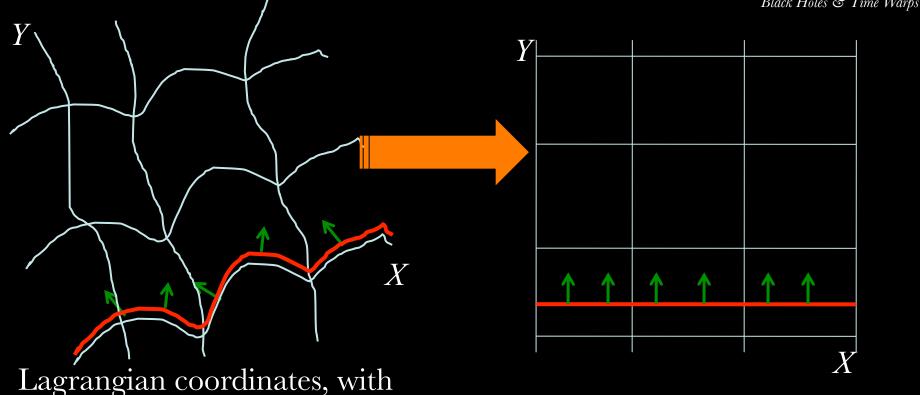


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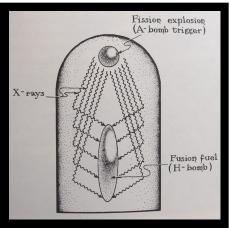
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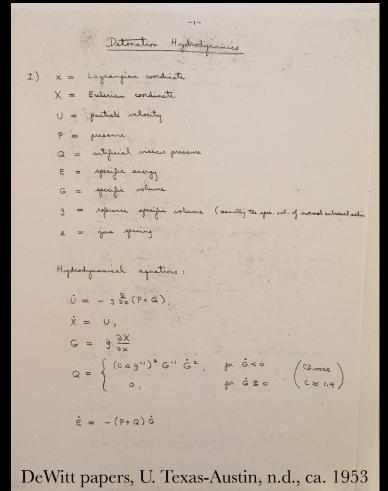
"One evening, breaking the rules of the lab, I decided to work on the problem at home, actually writing things down on paper. I took the hydrodynamic equations in two dimensions and differenced them."

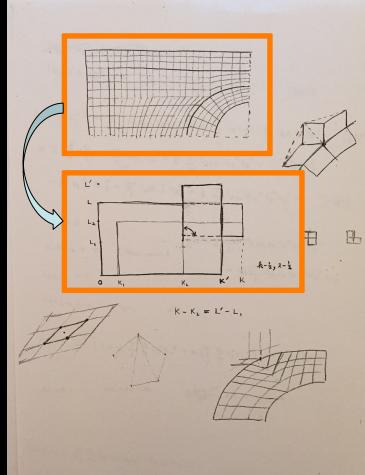
DeWitt at 1982 celebration for Jim Wilson

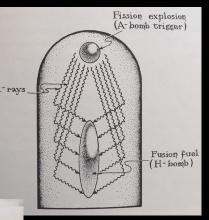


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A Numerical Method for Two-Dimensional Lagrangian Hydrodynamics

Bryce DeWitt

Radiation Laboratory, University of California, Livermore, California

With the increasing availability of high speed computing machines having large fast-memory storage it becomes possible to undertake the numerical investigation of hydrodynamic shock problems in two dimensions. Here is presented in outline a simple scheme for setting up the difference equations of such problems in purely Lagrangian form.

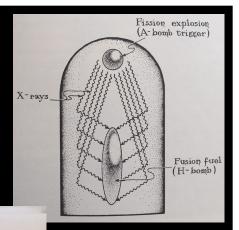
Introduce the following notation: x, y = Lagrangian coordinates, X, Y = Eulerian coordinates, U, V = velocity components, P = pressure, Q = artificial longitudinal viscous pressure, and G = specific volume. Then the basic hydrodynamical equations are

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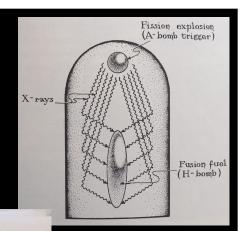
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Bryce DeWitt

Radiation Laboratory, University of California, Livermore, California

With the increasing availability of high speed computing machines



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The advantages of a Lagrangian scheme over an Eulerian one are obvious: 1) Boundary conditions are much more easily applied.

2) Moving interfaces as well as boundaries are automatically taken care of. 3) Computations are always confined to the physical region of interest.

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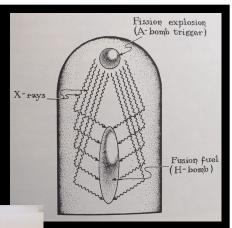
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"I was told that I had to have a program coded and run before a certain date in June [1954]. There was going to be a test shot and the lab wanted some numbers. Well, it's one thing to have these simple-looking equations, and another to apply them. I had to sit down and think about things that had never occurred to me before."

He worked closely with a programmer, who taught him how to improve the data input; and DeWitt also learned tricks like inserting "artificial viscosity" to improve numerical stability.

DeWitt at a 1982 celebration for Jim Wilson



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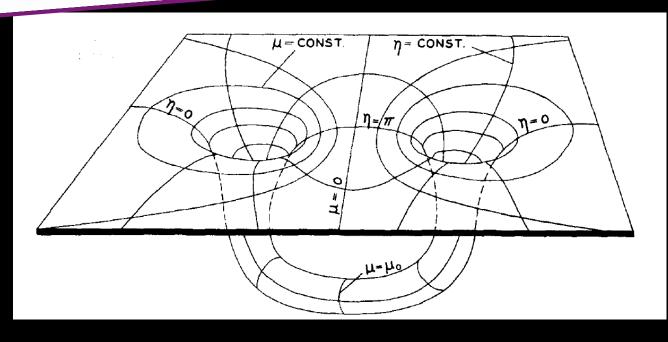
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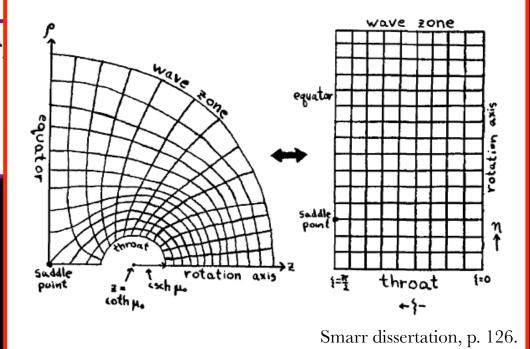
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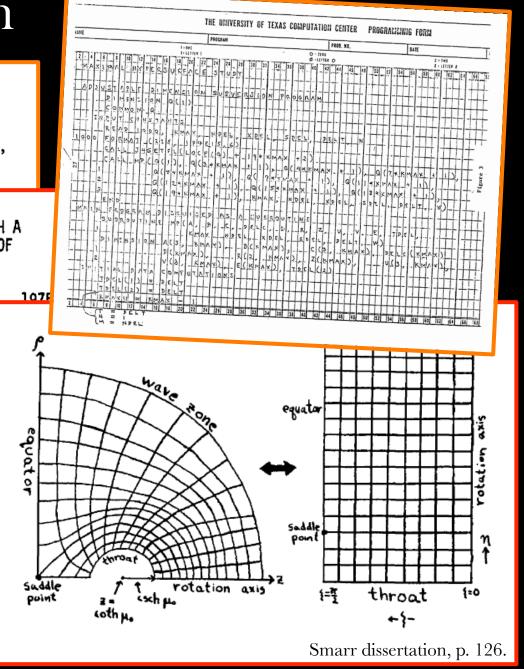
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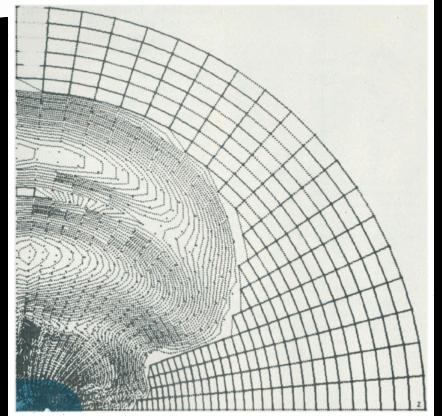


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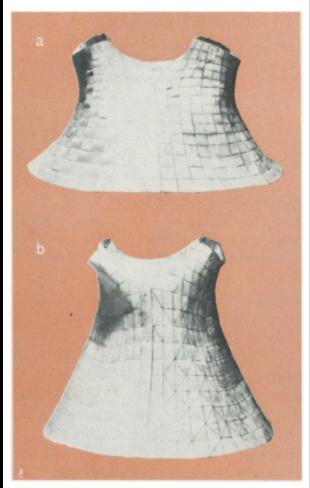
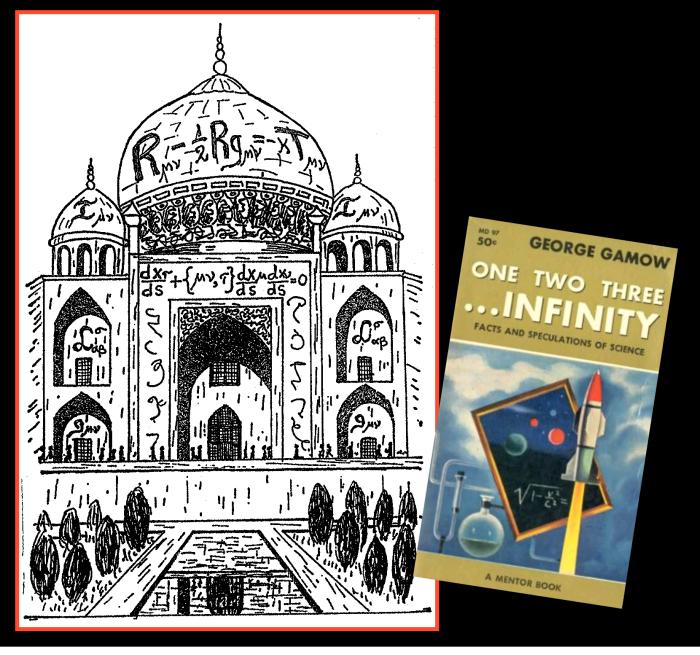


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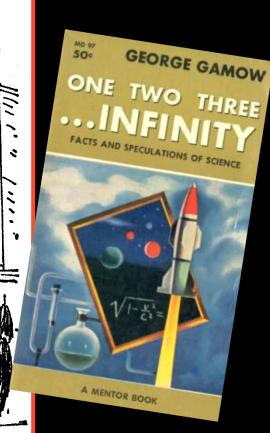
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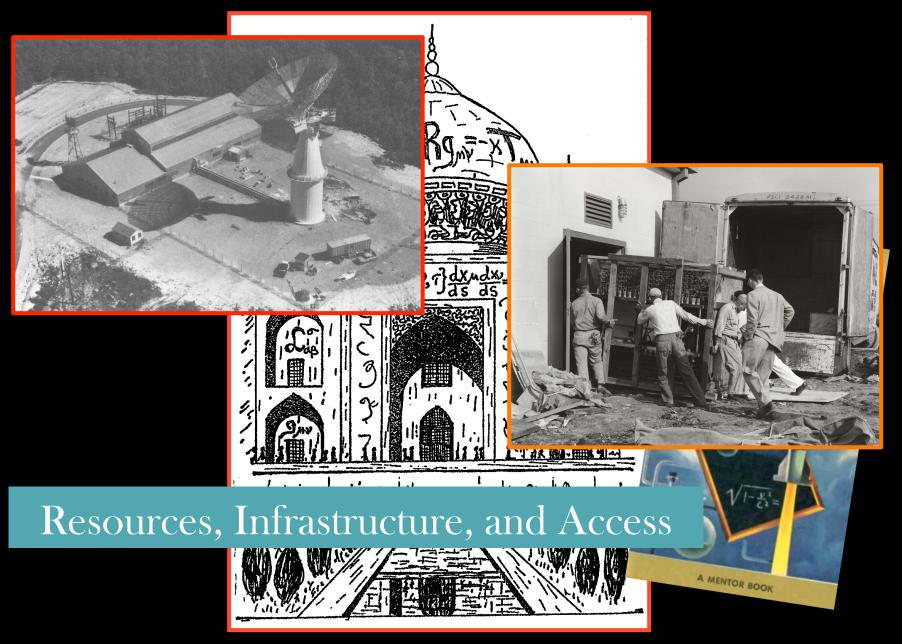
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"Of all physicists, the general relativist has the least social commitment. [...] Let the relativist rejoice in the ivory tower where he has peace to seek understanding of Einstein's theory as long as the busy world is satisfied to do its jobs without him."

J. L. Synge, Relativity: The General Theory (1960)

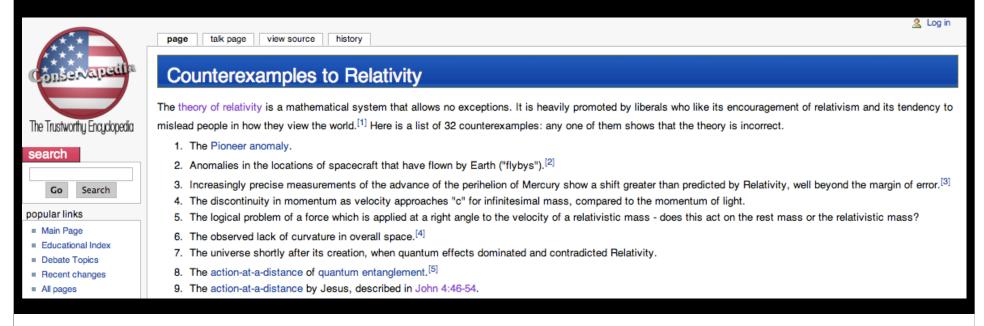


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Despite censorship of dissent about relativity, evidence contrary to the theory is discussed outside of liberal universities. [37]

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Counterexamples to Relativity

The theory of relativity is a mathematical system that allows no exceptions. It is heavily promoted by liberals who like its encouragement of relativism and its tendency to mislead people in how they view the world. [1] Here is a list of 32 counterexamples: any one of them shows that the theory is incorrect.

- 1. The Pioneer anomaly.
- Anomalies in the locations of spacecraft that have flown by Earth ("flybys").
- 3. Increasingly precise measurements of the advance of the perihelion of Mercury show a shift greater than predicted by Relativity, well beyond the margin of error. [3]
- 4. The discontinuity in momentum as velocity approaches "c" for infinitesimal mass, compared to the momentum of light.
- 5. The logical problem of a force which is applied at a right angle to the velocity of a relativistic mass does this act on the rest mass or the relativistic mass?
- The observed lack of curvature in overall space. [4]
- 7. The universe shortly after its creation, when quantum effects dominated and contradicted Relativity.
- 8. The action-at-a-distance of quantum entanglement. [5]
- 9. The action-at-a-distance by Jesus, described in John 4:46-54.

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