# **2.1.Lorentz-Transformations**

From Einstein, Mein Weltbild

1.) Newton: He Introduces: Absolute space and absolute time

Newton realizes: Only distances in space and time are not enough!

Newton: Realizes that space has a kind of reality!

2.) Newton: Introduction instantaneous forces in his gravitation theory

Newton: Gravitation interaction not the final answer

3.) Newton: Weight and inertia have the same mass, he finds it strange

# **Postulate of Einstein:**

The laws of nature have the same shape in all inertial systems



 $\gamma$  independent of space and time, but  $\gamma(
u)$ 

$$x = \gamma \cdot (x' + v \cdot t')$$
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Constraint:

For v  $\rightarrow 0, \gamma \rightarrow 1$ 

At x=0, t=0 be x = 0 and t =0 Flash into x- direction, light propagation with c in all reference systems!

Put now: 
$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{t}$$
 and  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{t}'$  and  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{t}' = \mathbf{\gamma} \cdot (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{t}$   
 $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{t}'$  b (2)  $\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{\gamma} \cdot (\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{t}'$   
 $\frac{(1) \cdot (2)}{\mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{t}'} \implies \mathbf{c}^2 = \mathbf{\gamma}^2 \cdot (\mathbf{c}^2 - \mathbf{v}^2) \implies \mathbf{\gamma} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{\mathbf{c}^2}}} \Longrightarrow$ 

$$x' = \frac{x - v \cdot t}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}; x = \frac{x' + v \cdot t'}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$t' = \frac{t - \frac{v \cdot x}{c^2}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}; t = \frac{t' + \frac{v \cdot x'}{c^2}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

Lorentz-Transformations

For 
$$v \ll c \Rightarrow t = t'$$

and x=x'+v• t

t'(x): No universal time

Postulate of Einstein can be expressed to: All laws of physics must be invariant by carrying out Lorentz-Transformations

### Addition of velocity:

$$x' = \frac{x - v \cdot t}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}; x = \frac{x' + v \cdot t'}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \qquad \Delta x = \frac{\Delta x' + v \cdot \Delta t'}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}; \Delta t = \frac{\Delta t' + \frac{v \cdot \Delta x'}{c^2}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$
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or with 
$$\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = u$$
 and  $\frac{\Delta x'}{\Delta t'} = u' \Rightarrow u = \frac{u'+v}{1+\frac{u'+v}{c^2}}$   
Difference to Galilei-Transformation:  $\frac{1}{1+\frac{u'+v}{c^2}}$ 

Length depends on movement:

$$x_2 - x_1 = \frac{x'_2 - x'_1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}};$$
 Contraction of lengths!

i.e.: Elektron with 3.5 GeV energy flies 165 m through lab.system:

Längenmessung

$$\begin{aligned} x_2' - x_1' \\ t_1' = t_2' \end{aligned}$$

In **its** restsystem this are 2.36cm

$$\frac{v}{c} = 0.99985$$

Contraction only in direction of the relative movement:

Dilatation of time: 
$$\Delta t' = \frac{\Delta t - (\frac{v}{c^2}) \cdot \Delta x}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}; \quad \Delta x = 0,$$
  
because the clock rest in S  
 $\Delta t' = \frac{\Delta t}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$ : Dilatation of time!

Example: Decay of a myon in Atmosphere

Lifetime in rest system  $\approx 2 \cdot 10^{-6} s$ 

Lifetime in the moving system:  $141 \cdot 10^{-6}s$ 

It covers with almost speed of light

 $141 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot 3 \cdot 10^5 = 42.3 km$ 

### **Relativistic Mechanics:**

Conditions: 1. Relativistic momentum and rel. energy are conserved

2.  $v \ll c \implies$  Newtons Mechanics

Def.: Momentum:  $\vec{p} = \frac{m \cdot \vec{v}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$ ; Force:  $\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \vec{F}$ Example:  $\frac{dp}{dt} = F = \text{ constant} \Rightarrow \int dp = \int F \cdot dt \Rightarrow$  $p = F \cdot t = \frac{m \cdot v}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{2}}}$  $\frac{m^2 \cdot v^2}{F^2 \cdot t^2} = 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}; F^2 \cdot t^2 \cdot \frac{v^2}{c^2} + m^2 \cdot v^2 = F^2 \cdot t^2$  $\frac{v^2}{c^2} \cdot (F^2 \cdot t^2 + m^2 \cdot c^2) = F^2 \cdot t^2$  $\frac{v^2}{c^2} = \frac{\frac{F^2 \cdot t^2}{m^2 \cdot c^2}}{1 + \frac{F^2 \cdot t^2}{m^2 \cdot c^2}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{v}{c} = \frac{\frac{F \cdot t}{m \cdot c}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{F^2 \cdot t^2}{m^2 \cdot c^2}}}$ 



Limiting cases:

$$\lim_{\substack{\frac{F \cdot t}{m \cdot c} \ll 1}} \frac{\frac{F}{c}}{m \cdot c} = \frac{F \cdot t}{m \cdot c}$$

Non relativistic

$$\frac{F}{m} = a$$

 $\lim_{\frac{F \cdot t}{m \cdot c} \gg 1} \stackrel{v}{\Rightarrow} \text{It does not depend how long force acts} \quad v = a \cdot t$ the velocity does not exceed c !

**Relativistic Energy:** 
$$A = \int_0^x F \cdot dx = \int_0^t \frac{dp}{dt} \cdot v \cdot dt = \int_0^p v \cdot dp$$

with s.a.  $v = \frac{\frac{p}{m}}{\sqrt{(1 + (\frac{p}{m \cdot c})^2)}} \Longrightarrow$  $A = \int_0^p \frac{\frac{p}{m}}{\sqrt{(1 + (\frac{p}{m \cdot c})^2)}} dp = \sqrt{\left(\frac{m^2 c^2 + p^2}{m^2 c^2}\right)} mc^2 - mc^2$ 

$$p = \gamma \cdot m \cdot v \Longrightarrow A = \gamma \cdot mc^2 - mc^2$$
$$v \ll c \Longrightarrow A = mc^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{v^2}{c^2} + \frac{3}{8} (\frac{v^2}{c^2})^2 + \dots - 1 \right] \qquad \Longrightarrow A \simeq \frac{1}{2} m \cdot v^2$$

$$\gamma \cdot mc^2$$
 : Total energy E

$$\gamma \cdot mc^{2} - mc^{2} : \text{Kinetic energy E}_{kin}$$
At what  
time E<sub>kin</sub> =mc<sup>2</sup>?  $\gamma = \frac{2 \cdot m \cdot c^{2}}{m \cdot c^{2}} = 2;$   $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^{2}}{c^{2}}}} \Rightarrow$   
 $1 - \frac{v^{2}}{c^{2}} = \frac{1}{\gamma^{2}} \Rightarrow \frac{v}{c} = \beta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\gamma^{2}}}$   
 $\frac{v}{c} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{2^{2}}} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} = .86603$   
 $E^{2} = (p \cdot c)^{2} + (m \cdot c^{2})^{2}$ 

#### Mechanics: Unit of energy: Joule

Elementary particle : 1 eV  $\simeq 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19}$  Joule

Particle with  $\mathbf{m} \cdot c^2 = 0 \Rightarrow E \cdot \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} = m \cdot c^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{if}$  $E \neq 0 \Rightarrow v = c$  Example for mass energy conversion:

Ass.: Complete conversion of mass in energy in one year

 $3600 \cdot 24 \cdot 365 = 31536000s$ 

 $\frac{9 \cdot 10^{16}}{31536000} = 2.8539 \times 10^9 = 2.8539 \times 10^3 MW$ 

Conversions in reactions:

 $\begin{array}{ll} m\\ \text{Chemisty} & \sim 10^{-9}\\ \text{Nuclei} & \backsim 10^{-3}\\ \text{Fission} & \backsim 10^{-3}\\ \text{Fusion} & \backsim 6 \cdot 10^{-3}\\ \text{Annihilation} & =1 \end{array}$ 

 $\Delta m$ 

1kg:

 $E_0 = m \cdot c^2 \Longrightarrow$ 

$$E_0 = 9 \cdot 10^{16} J$$

Outcome of the Lorentz transformations: World lines have to lie within the light cone

Geometry of Euklid:

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

Minkowski geometry:

$$s^{2} = t^{2} - (\frac{x}{c})^{2} - (\frac{y}{c})^{2} - (\frac{z}{c})^{2}$$







$$s^{2} = t^{2} - (\frac{x}{c})^{2} - (\frac{y}{c})^{2} - (\frac{z}{c})^{2}$$

Twin paradox:

AC: Twin on earth ABC: Twin underway

Minkowski: AC > AB+BC



Geometry of Euklied: AC < AB+BC