

Answer on Question #63669, Physics / Atomic and Nuclear Physics

Can 1 kg of stone be converted in to energy according To Einstein mass energy relation?

Solution:

Relationship between mass m and energy E :

$$E = mc^2 \quad (1),$$

where c is the speed of light in a vacuum (about 3×10^8 m/s)

Stone moves with speed v :

$$v = \beta c \quad (2),$$

where $0 < \beta < 1$,

c is the speed of light in a vacuum.

$$\text{Of (2)} \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{v}{c} \quad (3)$$

Relativistic mass m of stone:

$$m = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} \quad (4),$$

where m_0 is the rest mass of stone ($m_0=1$ kg)

$$(4) \text{ in } (1): E = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} c^2 \quad (5)$$

Formula (1) is valid.

Answer:

Yes

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