

Re: e NOT EQUAL TO mc2

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On Wed, 16 Feb 2005, Bilge wrote:

> *Creighton Hogg:*

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>>*On 16 Feb 2005, vignesh wrote:*

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>>*Sorry, but if you were one of my students you wouldn't be passing the class.*

>>*You can argue that classical kinetic energy isn't $1/2 mv^2$, but even the*

>>*freshman physics labs I teach *show* that it is through practical*

>>*demonstration.*

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> *Hey -- it's not fair to use real examples taken from any*

> *actual experiment to shoot down the navel contemplations of*

> *a crackpot. That's like telling a little kid that santa claus*

> *doesn't exist or that there is no starship enterprise. And*

> *stop calling me ``surely.''*

There's no starship enterprise?!?!

Putting that aside though, I honestly think it takes a certain amount of maturity to realize how important experimental results are and that whatever *you* think doesn't matter when nature says otherwise.