

3. From the time dilation equation $\Delta t = \gamma \Delta t_0$ (where Δt_0 is the proper time interval, $\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}$, and $\beta = v/c$), we obtain

$$\beta = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\Delta t_0}{\Delta t} \right)^2} .$$

The proper time interval is measured by a clock at rest relative to the muon. Specifically, $\Delta t_0 = 2.2 \mu\text{s}$. We are also told that Earth observers (measuring the decays of moving muons) find $\Delta t = 16 \mu\text{s}$. Therefore,

$$\beta = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{2.2 \mu\text{s}}{16 \mu\text{s}} \right)^2} = 0.9905 .$$

The muon speed is $v = \beta c = 0.9905(2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}) = 2.97 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$.