



A Lesson in Physics

The theory of slip-a-tivity: $v + i = cs^2$. (Velocity plus ice equals crash times slip squared.)

The picture: In March, 2001, a big ice storm hit southern Virginia. Within a couple hours, there were hundreds of accidents, many of which were on frozen overpasses. Hot shot wannabes quickly found out what grease-covered hockey pucks feels like. They plowed into anything and everything because they thought they could continue to drive at excessive speeds on the icy highway.

Lots of people wished they had gone a little more slowly that morning. Even though a quick risk assessment would have prevented many of the accidents, best bet on mornings like this is to stay home.