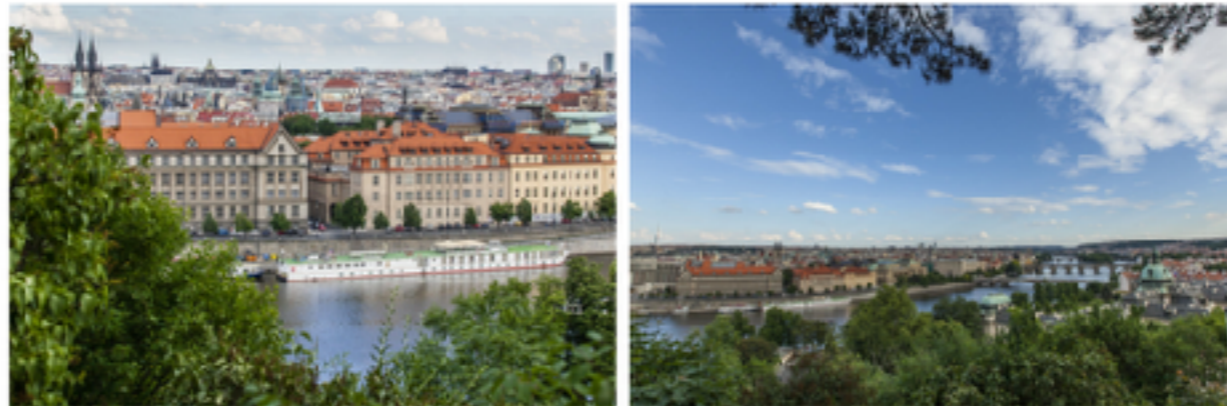


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# The Darwin LAGRANGIAN at 100

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$$L_D = \frac{q_1 q_2}{r} \frac{1}{2c^2} \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot [\mathbf{1} + \hat{\mathbf{r}} \hat{\mathbf{r}}] \cdot \mathbf{v}_2$$

“The dynamical motions of charged particles”,  
C. G. Darwin, *Phil. Mag.* 6, 1920.



Sir Charles Galton Darwin  
(1887-1962)

Two-body relativistic effects  
correct to order  $(v/c)^2$

Helium-like atoms

Breit Operator (1929)

$$\hat{H}_2 = - \sum_{i>j} \frac{q_i q_j}{2r_{ij} m_i m_j c^2} \left[ \hat{\mathbf{p}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}}_j + \frac{(\mathbf{r}_{ij} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}}_i)(\mathbf{r}_{ij} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}}_j)}{r_{ij}^2} \right]$$

Lowest order perturbation of the Dirac equation

aka

A Brief History of  
**Dynamical Time**

A look back  
(and forward)  
at a century of  
the search for a  
manifestly covariant  
dynamics of  
many bodies  
with interaction

aka **“SHP 101”**  
(Stueckelberg-Horwitz-Piron)  
(Classical (mostly))

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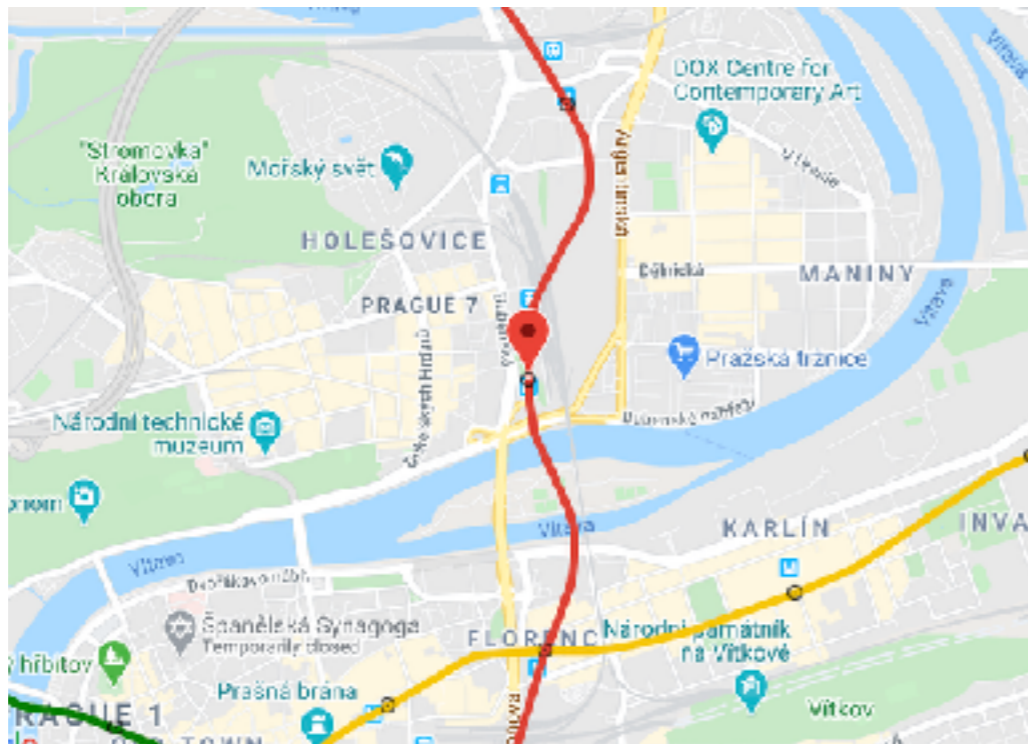
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# Prague Typical day c. 2020





*Franz Kafka*



**PRAHA**



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# Kepler

1571-1630

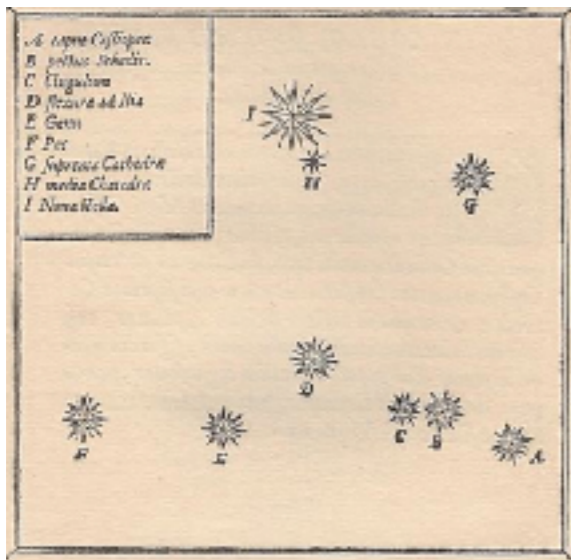
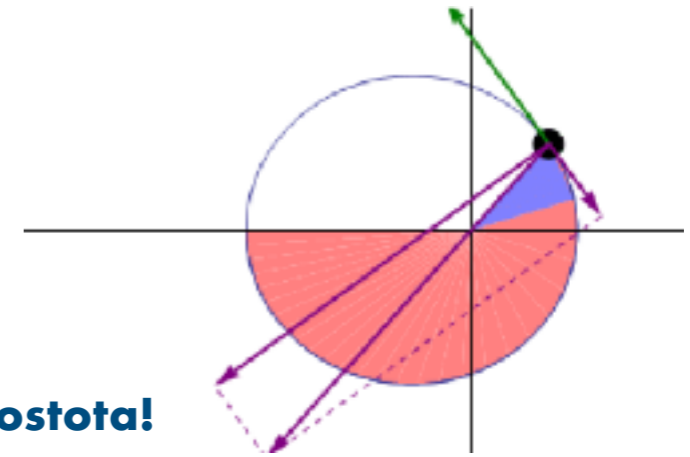
Prague 1600-1612

1600-1601 as assistant to Tycho Brahe



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# Theory



# Tycho Brahe

1546 – 1601

born **Tyge Ottesen Brahe**  
Scania (then Denmark, now Sweden)

1597 Brahe, age 51, is exiled from Denmark. He is invited to become the official imperial astronomer in Prague by Rudolf II, Emperor and King of Bohemia.



# Observation

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2000 Tel Aviv

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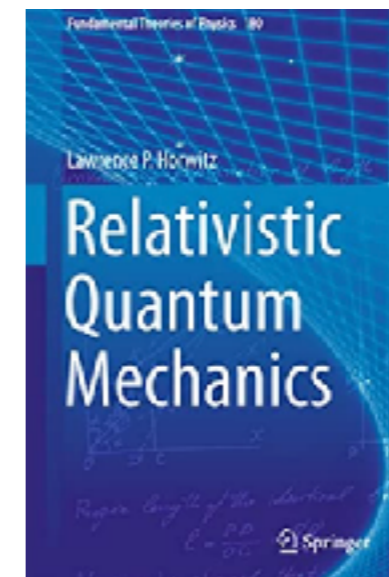
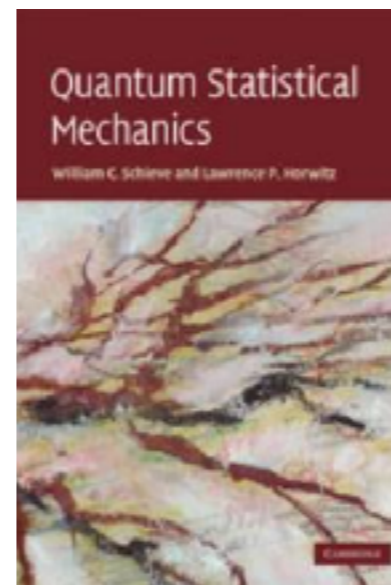
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**2020 Prague\***

**\*in progress**



*Foundations of Physics*  
**Alwyn Van de Merwe**



# IARD 2018

“The Era of  
Patience”

Quantum  
Classical **Relativistic Dynamics**

Rel. Field Theory

Rel. Statistical Mechanics

Rel. Complex Systems

Covariant mechanics

Dynamical Time

Rel. Many-body Systems

Fundamentals of Relativity

Gravitation

Astrophysical

**Applied Relativity**

Neutron Stars

Galactic Dynamics

Special General

Quasars

Electrodynamics



...and any other unsolved or interesting problems in physics we felt like talking about



# The Darwin Lagrangian

$$L_D = \frac{q_1 q_2}{r} \frac{1}{2c^2} \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot [\mathbf{1} + \hat{\mathbf{r}} \hat{\mathbf{r}}] \cdot \mathbf{v}_2$$

Radiative reaction

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{rad}} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^2}{c^3} \dot{\mathbf{a}}$$

Classical  
Special Relativity

Many-Body Problem

Classical-Quantum Correspondence



Higher order derivatives in equations of motion

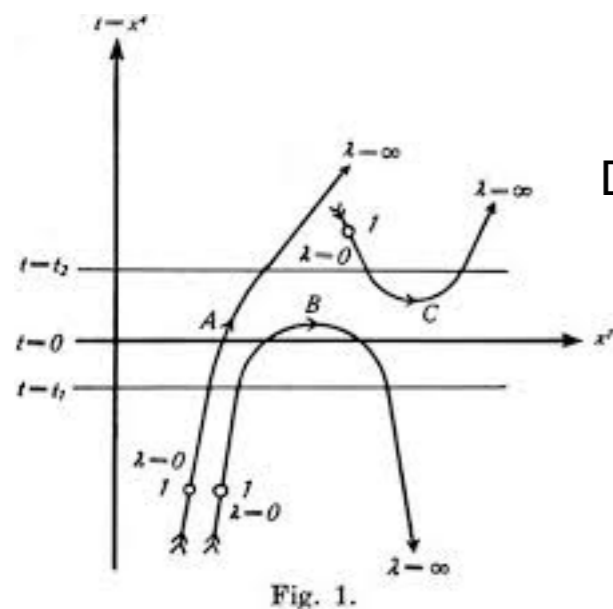


Fig. 1.

$\tau$

Dynamical Time

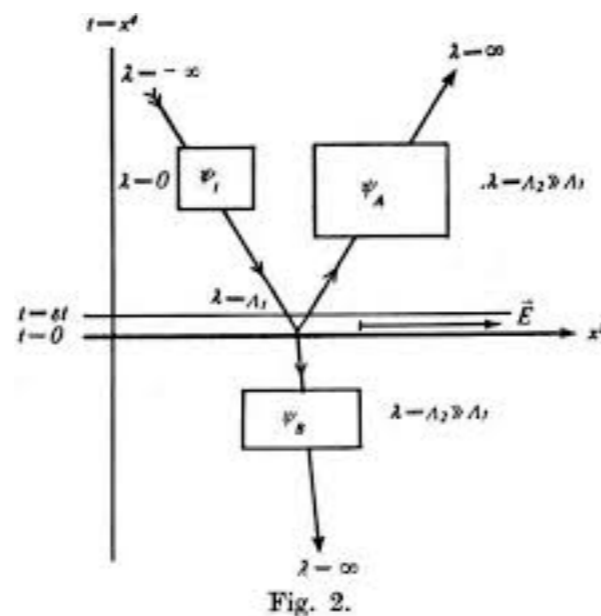


Fig. 2.

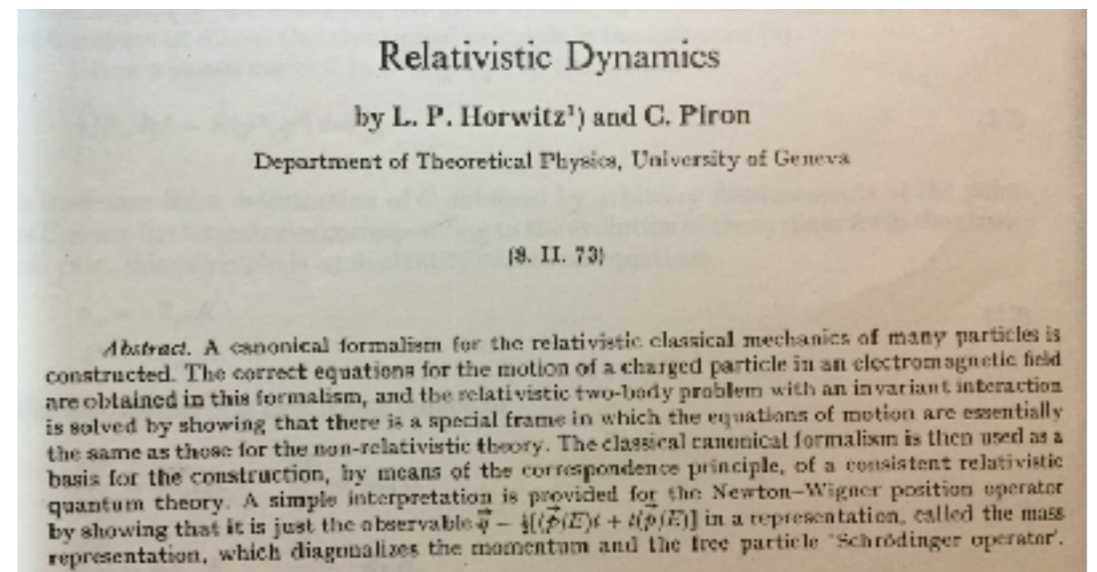


E.C.G. Stueckelberg, *Helvetica Physica Acta*, Vol. 14, 1941, pp. 51-80

## Liénard-Wiechert Potentials

$$\varphi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{q}{(1 - \mathbf{n}_s \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}_s) |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_s|} \right)_{t_r}$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{\mu_0 c}{4\pi} \left( \frac{q\boldsymbol{\beta}_s}{(1 - \mathbf{n}_s \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}_s) |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_s|} \right)_{t_r}$$



L.P. Horwitz and C. Piron, *Helvetica Physica Acta*, Vol. 46, 1973, pp. 316-326

**Manifest Covariance**

## Perihelion Precession in the Special Relativistic Two-Body Problem

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(May 21, 1996)

The classical two-body system with Lorentz-invariant Coulomb action-at-a-distance  $V = -k/\rho$  is solved in 3+1 dimensions using the manifestly covariant Hamiltonian mechanics of Stückelberg. Particular solutions for the reduced motion are obtained which correspond to bound attractive, unbound attractive, and repulsive scattering motion. A lack of perihelion precession is found in the bound attractive orbit, and the semi-classical hydrogen spectrum subsequently contains no fine structure corrections. It is argued that this prediction is indicative of the correct classical special relativistic two-body theory.

## Classical Scattering in the Covariant Two-Body Coulomb Potential

M. A. Trump<sup>1</sup> and W. C. Schieve<sup>1</sup>

Received November 5, 1997

The problem of two relativistically-moving pointlike particles of constant mass is undertaken in an arbitrary Lorentz frame using the classical Lagrangian mechanics of Stückelberg, Horwitz, and Piron. The particles are assumed to interact at events along their world lines at a common "world time," an invariant dynamical parameter which is not in general synchronous with the particle proper time. The Lorentz-scalar interaction is assumed to be the Coulomb potential (i.e., the inverse square spacetime potential) of the spacetime event separation. The classical orbit equations are found in 1+1 spacetime dimensions in the hyperbolic-angle coordinates for the reduced problem. The solutions to the reduced motion in these coordinates are the spacetime generalizations of the nonrelativistic Kepler solutions, and they introduce an invariant eccentricity which is a function of other known constants of the motion for the reduced problem. Solutions compatible with physical scattering are obtained by the assumption that the eccentricity is a given function of the ratio of the particle masses.

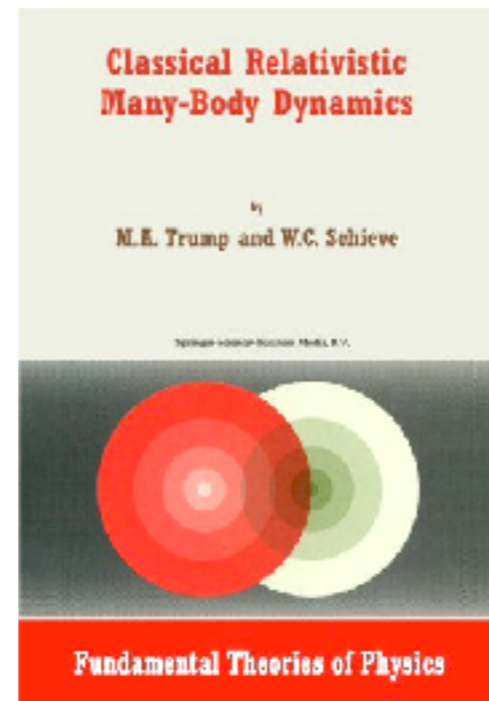
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## The Synchronization Problem in Covariant Relativistic Dynamics

Matthew Trump<sup>1</sup> and W. C. Schieve<sup>1</sup>

Received November 9, 1996

In the classical Stückelberg-Horwitz-Piron relativistic Hamiltonian mechanics, a significant aspect of evolution of the classical n-body particle system with mutual interaction is the method by which events along distinct particle world lines are put into correspondence as a dynamical state. Approaches to this procedure are discussed in connection with active and passive symmetry principles.



$$|p_i^\mu| = \pi_i(\tau) \neq m_i,$$

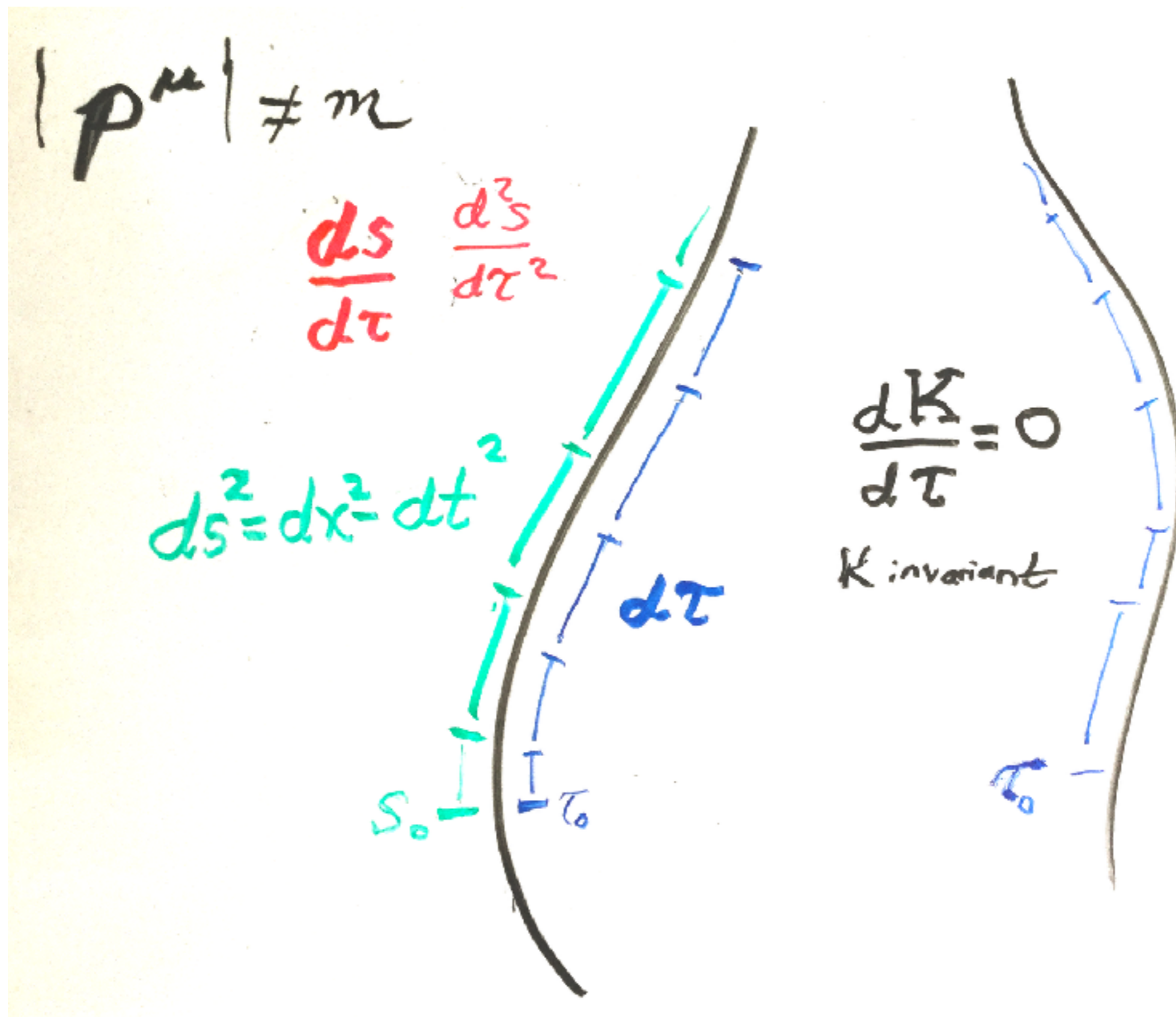
$$K = \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{p_i^\mu p_{\mu i}}{2m_i} + V(\rho),$$

$$x_{ij}^\mu(\tau) = x_j^\mu(\tau) - x_i^\mu(\tau).$$

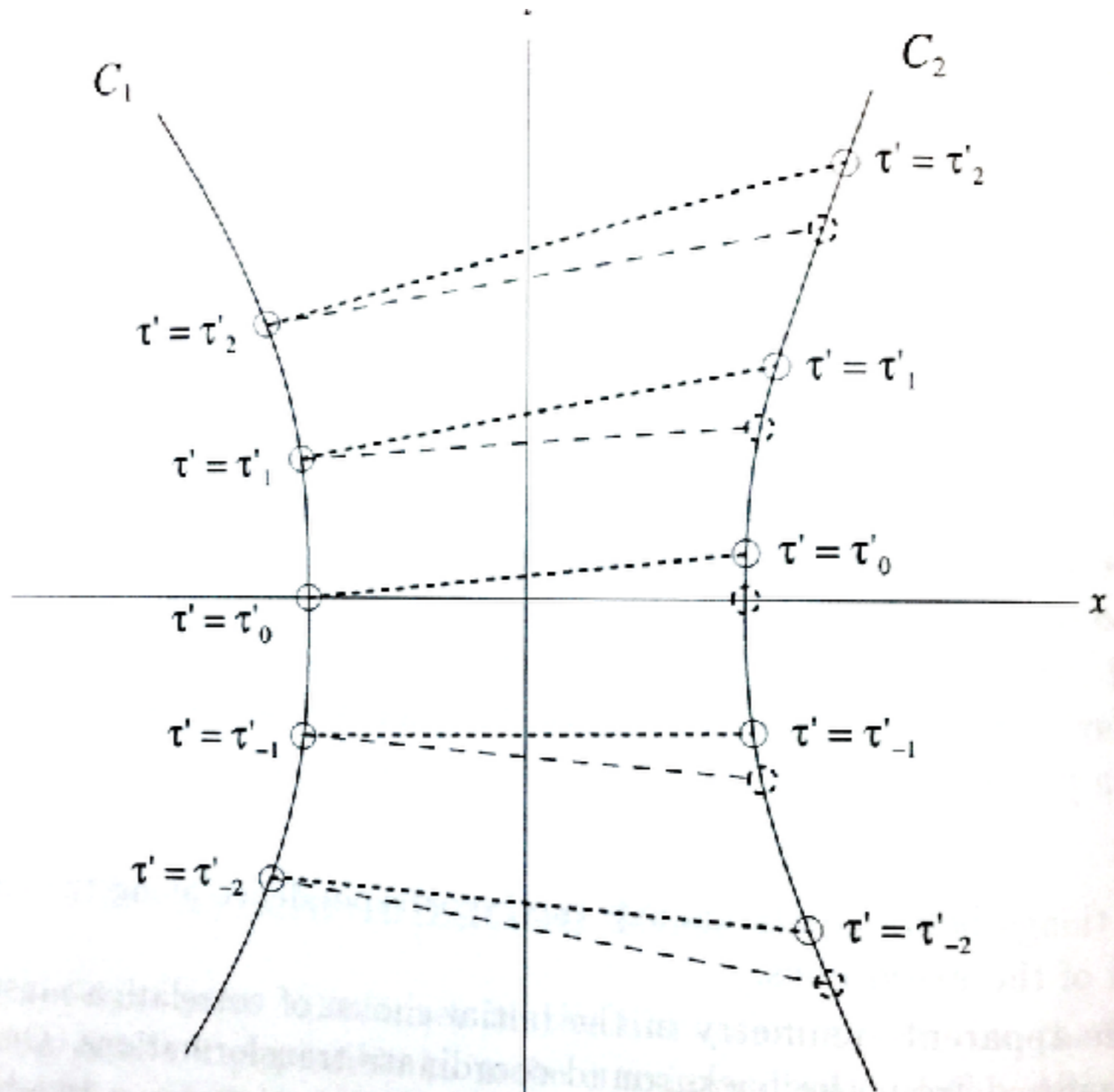
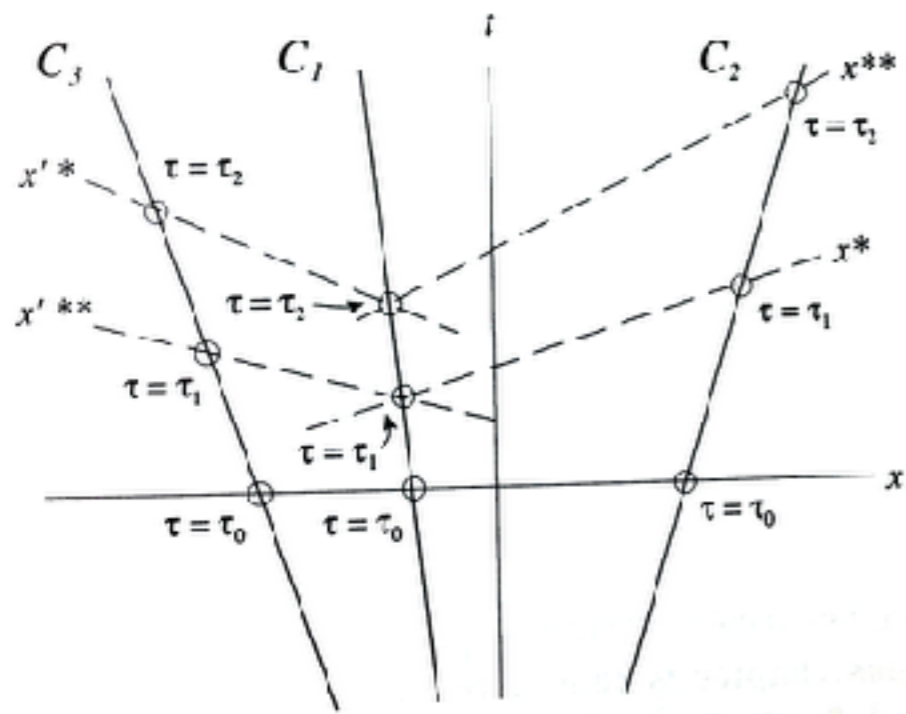
$$\rho_{ij}(\tau) = |x_{ij}^\mu|,$$

# Off Mass Shell

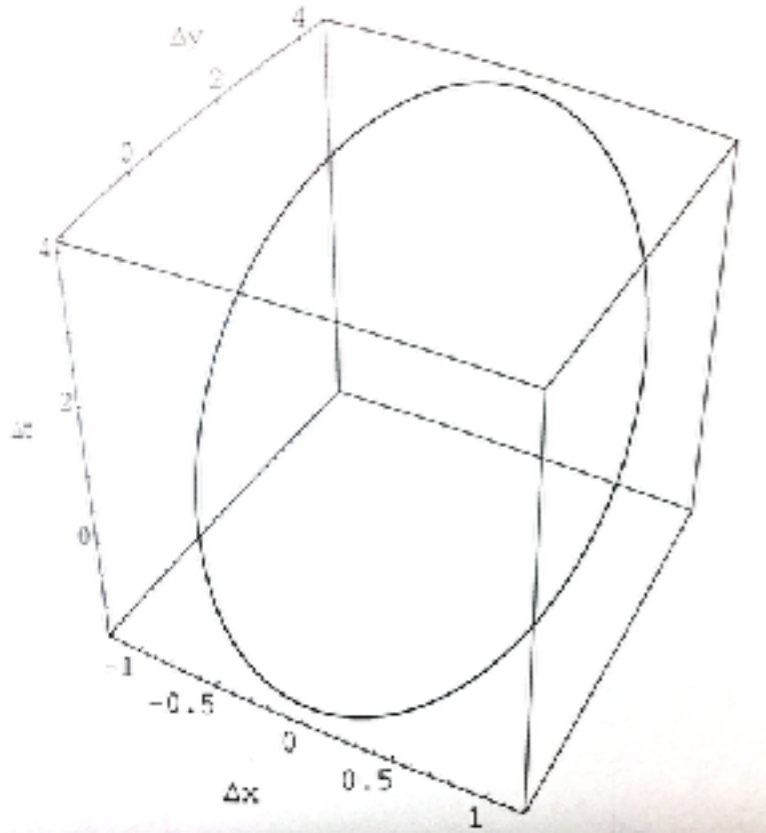
Magnitude of 4-momentum is *not* constant



# “The Synchronization Problem”



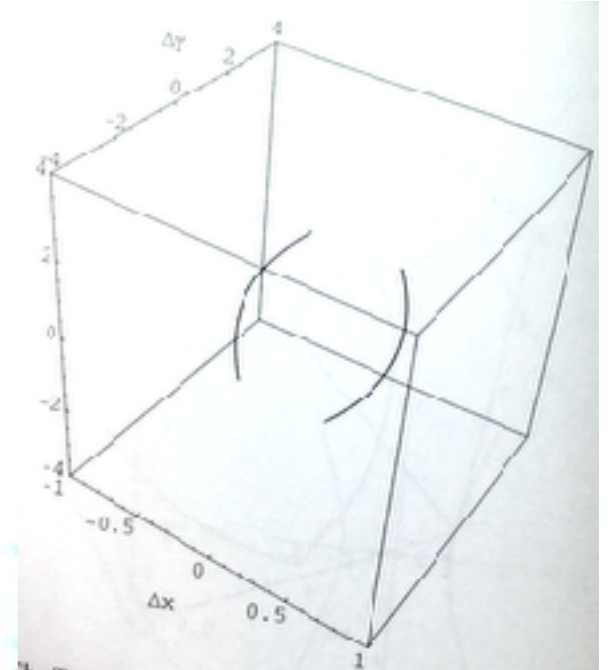
# Two-Body Reduced Orbits



$$L = \frac{1}{2} m_i \dot{x}_1^\mu \dot{x}_{\mu 1} + \frac{1}{2} m_i \dot{x}_2^\mu \dot{x}_{\mu 2} + V(|x_2^\mu - x_1^\mu|).$$

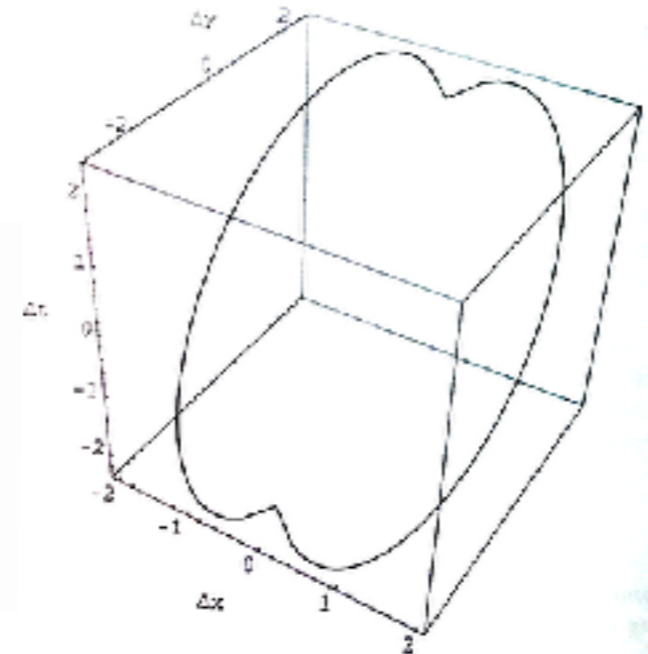
$$X^\mu(\tau) = (\mathbf{X}(\tau), T(\tau)), \quad x^\mu(\tau) = (\Delta\mathbf{x}(\tau), \Delta t(\tau)),$$

$$K = \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{p_i^\mu p_{\mu i}}{2m_i} + V(\rho),$$

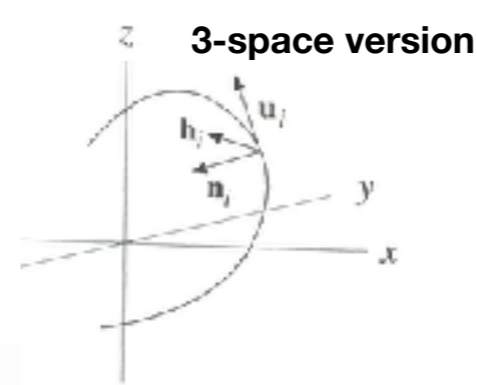


Type I:  $\frac{1}{\rho} = -\frac{mk}{\Lambda^2} (1 - e_1 \sinh(\beta - \beta_0)),$

Type II:  $\frac{1}{\rho} = -\frac{mk}{\Lambda^2} (1 - e_2 \cosh(\beta - \beta_0)),$



$$L_D = \frac{q_1 q_2}{r} \frac{1}{2c^2} \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot [\mathbf{1} + \hat{\mathbf{r}} \hat{\mathbf{r}}] \cdot \mathbf{v}_2$$

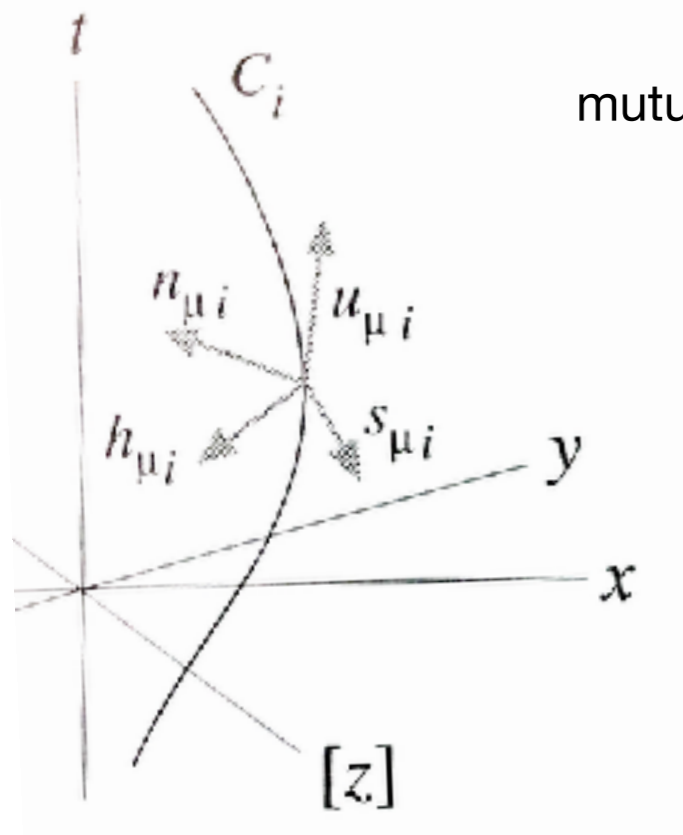


Lorentz-invariant matrix elements  
Completely determine world line  
as a function of *arc-length*

## The Covariant Serret-Frenet Equations

$$\frac{d}{ds_i} \begin{bmatrix} u_i^\mu \\ n_i^\mu \\ h_i^\mu \\ s_i^\mu \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \xi_{1i} & 0 & 0 \\ \xi_{1i} & 0 & \xi_{2i} & 0 \\ 0 & -\xi_{2i} & 0 & \xi_{3i} \\ 0 & 0 & -\xi_{3i} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_i^\mu \\ n_i^\mu \\ h_i^\mu \\ s_i^\mu \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{1i}(s_i) &= \alpha_i, \\ \xi_{2i}(s_i) &= \frac{\sigma_i}{\alpha_i}, \\ \xi_{3i}(s_i) &= \frac{\eta_i}{\sigma_i^2 \alpha_i}, \end{aligned}$$



mutually orthogonal unit 4-vectors

$$u_\mu u^\mu = 1$$

$$n_\mu = \frac{1}{\alpha} a_\mu$$

$$h_\mu = \frac{1}{\sigma} \left[ \frac{da_\mu}{ds} - \alpha^2 u_\mu - \frac{\zeta^2}{\alpha^2} a_\mu \right]$$

$$s_\mu = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} u^\nu n^\kappa h^\lambda$$

$$\alpha = (-a_\mu a^\mu)^{1/2}$$

$$\alpha = (a^2 \gamma^4 + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a})^2 \gamma^6)^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{dK}{d\tau} = 0. \quad ?$$

$$\zeta = \left( -\frac{da_\mu}{ds} a^\mu \right)^{1/2},$$

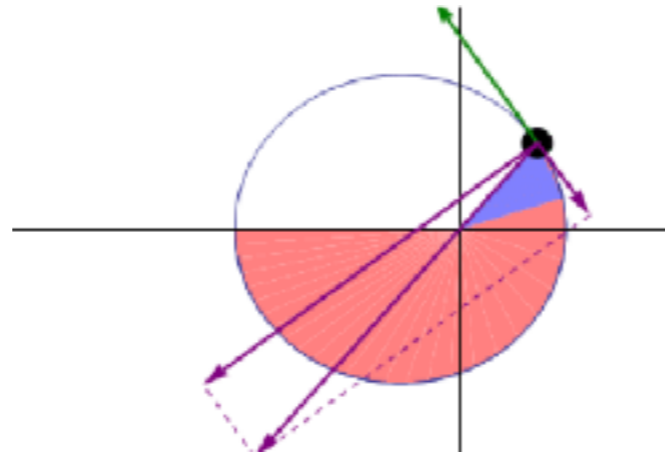
**Svatá prostota!**

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \left[ b^2 a^2 \gamma^{10} - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})^2 \gamma^{10} + b^2 (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a})^2 \gamma^{12} + a^2 (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{b})^2 \gamma^{12} - 2(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{b})(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}) \gamma^{12} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\eta = -\mathbf{d} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a}) \gamma^{10}$$

$$u_i^\mu = \frac{dx_i^\mu}{ds_i}, \quad a_i^\mu = \frac{d^2 x_i^\mu}{ds_i^2}, \quad b_i^\mu = \frac{d^3 x_i^\mu}{ds_i^3}.$$

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \frac{d\mathbf{x}_i}{dt}, \quad \mathbf{a}_i = \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_i}{dt^2}, \quad \mathbf{b}_i = \frac{d^3 \mathbf{x}_i}{dt^3}, \quad \mathbf{d}_i(t) = \frac{d^4 \mathbf{x}_i}{dt^4}$$



Děkuju

