

# Lecture 21

Special Relativity Continued

# Outline

\* Review relativistic classical mechanics

\* Lorentz transformation in 4D

o Invariant separation

o Proper time

o

\* Four vectors

# Short Story

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ME	In Vacuum	Newton's Eqs
$\nabla \times \underline{H} = \underline{J} + \frac{\partial \underline{E}}{\partial t}$ $\nabla \times \underline{E} = -\mu_0 \frac{\partial \underline{B}}{\partial t}$	$\underline{B} = \mu_0 \underline{H}$ $\underline{D} = \epsilon_0 \underline{E}$	<p>FIELDS AFFECT PARTICLES</p> $\frac{d\underline{p}_i}{dt} = q_i (\underline{E} + \underline{v}_i \times \underline{B})$ $\underline{p}_i = m \underline{v}_i$
$\nabla \cdot \underline{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0$ $\nabla \cdot \underline{B} = 0$	<p>PARTICLES AFFECT FIELDS</p> $\frac{d\underline{x}_i}{dt} = \underline{v}_i$ $\underline{J} = \left\langle \sum_i q_i \underline{v}_i \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_i) \right\rangle$ $\rho = \sum_i q_i \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_i)$	

What needs to be changed to make things

relativistically correct?

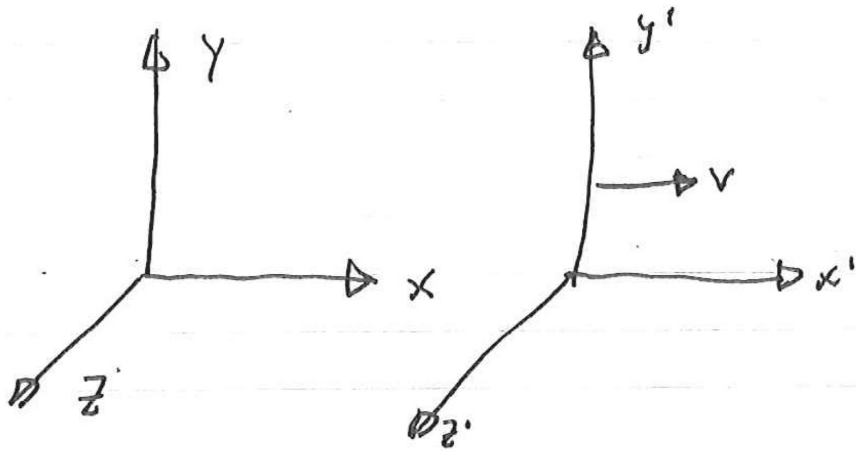
$$\underline{p}_i \Rightarrow m \gamma_i \underline{v}_i$$

$$\gamma_i^2 = \frac{1}{1 - v_i^2/c^2}$$

OK so long as you

stay in one frame

# Lorentz Trans



$$\left. \begin{aligned} x' &= \gamma(x - vt) \\ t' &= \gamma(t - xv/c^2) \\ y' &= y \\ z' &= z \end{aligned} \right\} \text{TRANSFORMATION OF} \\ \text{SPACETIME COORDINATES OF AN EVENT}$$

Generalize to arbitrary dirns

$$x'_{\parallel} = \gamma(x_{\parallel} - \beta ct)$$

$$\beta = v/c$$

$$ct' = \gamma(ct - \beta x_{\parallel})$$

$\parallel \hat{e}_1 \perp$  Refers to  $\parallel \hat{e}_1 \perp$  to  $\underline{v}$

$$\underline{x}'_{\perp} = \underline{x}_{\perp}$$

# Four Vectors

INTRODUCE 4-vectors

$$\underline{A} = (ct, \underline{x}) = (ct, x, y, z) = (A_0, \underline{A})$$

$$A_0' = \gamma(A_0 - \beta \cdot \underline{A})$$

$$A_{ii}' = \gamma(A_{ii} - \beta A_0)$$

$$\underline{A}_{\perp}' = \underline{A}_{\perp}$$

"Scalar Product"  $(A_0, \underline{A}) (B_0, \underline{B})$

$$SP = (A_0 B_0 - \underline{A} \cdot \underline{B}) \quad \because A \cdot O \cdot B$$

What is  $SP' = A_0' B_0' - \underline{A}' \cdot \underline{B}'$  ?

$$= (A_0 B_0 - \underline{A} \cdot \underline{B}) = SP$$

# Four Vector Examples

Space-time coordinate  $(ct, z, x, y) \equiv X$

Space-time wave vector  $\left(\frac{\omega}{c}, k_z, k_x, k_y\right) \equiv K$

Invariant product

$K \circ X = \omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \Phi$  wave phase

Same for all observers

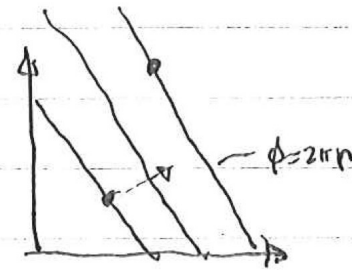
# Differentiation

$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial ct}, -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{||}}, -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{\perp}} \right)$  is a 4-vector

Wave Phase  $\Phi = \omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}$   $\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial ct}, -\nabla \right) \Phi = \left( \frac{\omega}{c}, \mathbf{k} \right)$

$\Phi = 2\pi n$  <sup>integer</sup> denotes the crests of the wave

In an other frame



# Four Vectors

THIS means if  $(A_0, \underline{A})$  is a four vector  
Field

Then

$$\frac{\partial A_0}{\partial ct} - \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{x}} \cdot \underline{A} \right) \text{ is a Lorentz } \underline{\text{invariant}}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial ct} A_0 + \nabla \cdot \underline{A} \text{ is a Lorentz } \underline{\text{invariant}}$$

Continuity of charge

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho + \nabla \cdot \underline{J} = 0$$

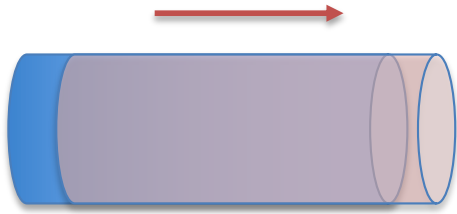
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial ct} c\rho + \nabla \cdot \underline{J} = 0$$

is a 4 vector

$$(c\rho, \underline{J})$$



# Field Transformations



Current carrying wire

In lab frame:

$$\rho_e = -\rho_i$$

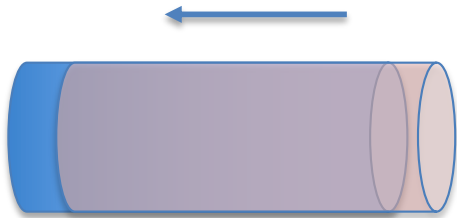
$$J_e = v_e \rho_e$$

Fields

$$E = 0$$

$$B = B_\theta = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$

In frame co-moving with electrons:



$$\rho'_e = \gamma \left( \rho_e - \frac{v_e}{c^2} J_e \right) = \gamma \left( 1 - \frac{v_e^2}{c^2} \right) \rho_e = \gamma^{-1} \rho_e$$

$$J'_e = \gamma (J_e - v_e \rho_e) = 0$$

Fields

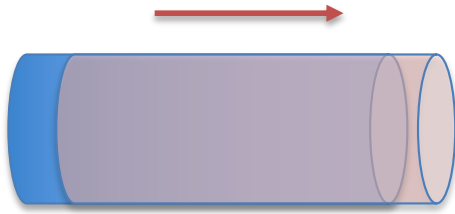
$$E = E_r = (\gamma - \gamma^{-1}) \frac{I / v_e}{2\pi \epsilon_0 r}$$

$$\rho'_i = \gamma \left( \rho_i - \frac{v_e}{c^2} J_i \right) = \gamma \rho_i = -\gamma \rho_e$$

$$J'_i = \gamma (J_i - v_e \rho_i) = -\gamma v_e \rho_i = \gamma v_e \rho_e$$

$$B = B_\theta = \gamma \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$

# Fields Transform



Fields

$$E = 0$$

$$B = B_{\theta} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$



Fields

$$E' = E'_r = (\gamma - \gamma^{-1}) \frac{I / v_e}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r} = \gamma(1 - \gamma^{-2}) \frac{1}{v_e \epsilon_0 \mu_0} \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} = \gamma v_e B_{\theta}$$

$$B' = B'_{\theta} = \gamma \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} = \gamma B_{\theta}$$

## Transformation of fields

$$(\Phi, \mathbf{A}) \Leftrightarrow (\Phi', \mathbf{A}') \quad \text{4-vector}$$

$$\mathbf{B}' = \nabla' \times \mathbf{A}'$$

$$\mathbf{E}' = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \mathbf{A}' - \nabla' \Phi'$$

$$\mathbf{E}'_{\perp} = \gamma (\mathbf{E}_{\perp} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}_{\perp})$$

$$\mathbf{B}'_{\perp} = \gamma \left( \mathbf{B}_{\perp} - \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{E}_{\perp}}{c^2} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{E}'_{\parallel} = \mathbf{E}_{\parallel}$$

$$\mathbf{B}'_{\parallel} = \mathbf{B}_{\parallel}$$

# Transformation of Maxwell's Equations

What about

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial ct}, -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \right) \circ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial ct}, -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial ct} \right)^2 - \left( \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \right)^2 \right) = \text{wave operator}$$

Lorenz Gauge condn

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{A} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial ct} + \nabla \right) \circ \left( \phi_{lc}, \underline{A} \right) = 0$$

Thus,  $(\phi_{lc}, \underline{A})$  is a 4-vector

$$\left( \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \right) \underline{A} = \mu_0 \underline{j}$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \right) \phi_{lc} = R/\epsilon_0 C \quad \epsilon_0 C =$$

$$= c\rho / (\epsilon_0 c^2) = \mu_0 (c\rho)$$

Same Equation in all frames

## Particle velocity is not part of a four vector

addition of velocities

$$\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$$

(not part of a  
four vector)

$$u_{\parallel}^{\prime} = \frac{u_{\parallel} - V}{1 - \frac{V \cdot u_{\parallel}}{c^2}}$$

$\#$   $u_{\parallel}$  refers to  
 $\parallel$  to  $\vec{\beta}$

$$u_{\perp}^{\prime} = \frac{u_{\perp}}{\gamma_V (1 - \frac{V \cdot u_{\parallel}}{c^2})}$$

Relation between Energy  $\leftrightarrow$  momentum  
and proper time

consider the trajectory of a  
particle defined by the 4 vector

$$(ct, \underline{x}(t))$$

The proper time for this particle

is defined by the equation

$$d\tau = \frac{dt}{\gamma(u(t))} \quad \underline{u}(t) = \frac{d\underline{x}(t)}{dt}$$

differentiate the position four vector

$(ct, \underline{x}(t))$  with respect to

proper time

$$\frac{d(ct, \underline{x}(t))}{d\tau} = \left( c \frac{dt}{d\tau}, \frac{d\underline{x}(t)}{d\tau} \right)$$

also a four vector, why

$(cdt, d\underline{x}(t))$  is a four vector

$d\tau$  is a lorentz invariant

since is calculated in any frame

THUS THEIR RATIO IS A FOUR VECTOR

$$\left( c \frac{dt}{d\tau}, \frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{d\tau} \right) = (c\gamma, \gamma \mathbf{u}) = \left( \frac{cE}{m}, \mathbf{p} \right)$$

$m$  is a Lorentz invariant //

Energy – Momentum four vector

$$\left( \frac{cdt}{d\tau}, \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{d\tau} \right) = (\gamma c, \gamma \mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{m} \left( \frac{\gamma m c^2}{c}, \gamma m \mathbf{u} \right) = \frac{1}{m} \left( \frac{E}{c}, \mathbf{p} \right)$$

$$E = \gamma m c^2$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \gamma m \mathbf{u}$$



# Relativistic Energy

The **total energy**  $E$  of a particle is

$$E = \gamma_p mc^2 = E_0 + K = \text{rest energy} + \text{kinetic energy}$$

This total energy consists of a **rest energy**

$$E_0 = mc^2$$

and a relativistic expression for the *kinetic energy*

$$K = (\gamma_p - 1)mc^2 = (\gamma_p - 1)E_0$$

This expression for the kinetic energy is very nearly  $mu^2/2$  when  $u \ll c$ .

Where does this definition of energy come from?

$$\frac{d}{dt} \gamma_p mc^2 = mc^2 \frac{d}{dt} \sqrt{1 + (p / mc)^2} = \frac{p}{m \sqrt{1 + (p / mc)^2}} \frac{dp}{dt}$$

Thus,

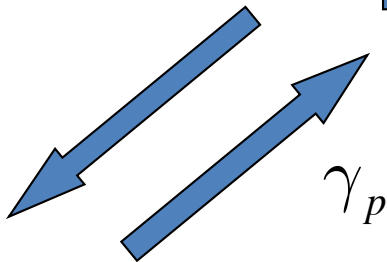
$$\frac{d}{dt} \gamma_p mc^2 = \frac{p}{m \gamma_p} \frac{dp}{dt} = u \frac{dp}{dt} = uF \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Rate at which work is} \\ \text{done} \end{array}$$

Replaces kinetic energy

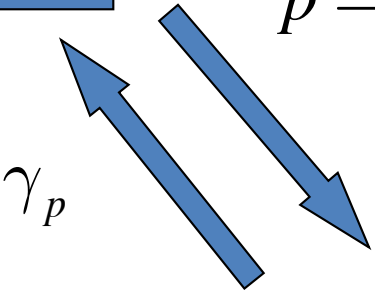
**Energy**

$$E = \gamma_p mc^2$$

$$u = c\sqrt{1 - 1/\gamma_p^2}$$



$$p = mc\sqrt{\gamma_p^2 - 1}$$



**Velocity**

$$\vec{u}$$
$$\gamma_p = 1 / \sqrt{1 - u^2 / c^2}$$

$$\vec{p} = m\gamma_p \vec{u}$$



$$\vec{u} = \vec{p} / (m\gamma_p)$$

**Momentum**

$$\vec{p}$$
$$\gamma_p = \sqrt{1 + (p / mc)^2}$$

Energy of EM waves and particles now given by the same formula

Energy in an EM  
wave

$$E = pc$$

$p$  = momentum in an EM  
wave

For particles:

$$E = \gamma_p mc^2 = mc^2 \sqrt{1 + (p / mc)^2} = c \sqrt{(mc)^2 + (p)^2}$$

Let

$$m \rightarrow 0$$

$$E \rightarrow pc$$

## Revised Newton's Laws

$$\#1 \quad \frac{d}{dt} \vec{\mathbf{p}}_i = q(\vec{\mathbf{E}} + \vec{\mathbf{v}}_i \times \vec{\mathbf{B}})$$

$$\#2 \quad \vec{\mathbf{p}}_i = m\gamma_i \vec{\mathbf{v}}_i$$

$$\gamma_i = 1 / \sqrt{1 - |\vec{\mathbf{v}}_i|^2 / c^2}$$

Momentum can become large, but particle speed is always less than  $c$

$$\#3 \quad \frac{d}{dt} \vec{\mathbf{x}}_i = \vec{\mathbf{v}}_i$$

# Relativistic Charged Particle Motion

Relativistic Momentum Equation (esu)

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{p} = q\left(\mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}}{c}\right) = q\left(-\nabla\Phi - \frac{\partial}{c\partial t}\mathbf{A} + \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A}}{c}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{v} \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \nabla(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{A} \quad \text{Vector identity}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{p} = q\left(-\frac{1}{c}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla\right)\mathbf{A} - \nabla\left(\Phi - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{A}}{c}\right)\right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{p} = -q\nabla\left(\Phi - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{A}}{c}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{p} + \frac{q}{c}\mathbf{A} \quad \text{Canonical Momentum}$$

# Hamiltonian - Energy

$$H(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{x}, t) = mc^2\gamma + q\Phi$$

$$\gamma = \left(1 + \frac{p^2}{m^2c^2}\right)^{1/2}$$

$$\gamma = \left(1 + \frac{(\mathbf{P} - q\mathbf{A}/c)^2}{m^2c^2}\right)^{1/2}$$

Write relativistic factor in terms of P

Differentiate H w.r.t. time

$$\frac{d}{dt}H = \frac{1}{m\gamma}(\mathbf{P} - q\mathbf{A}/c) \cdot \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{P} - q\mathbf{A}/c) + q\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla\right)\Phi$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}H = \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{p} + q\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla\right)\Phi = q\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{E} + q\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla\right)\Phi = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}H$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}H = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}H$$

Time independent H is constant

# Hamilton's Equations - Conservation Laws

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{P} = -q \nabla \left( \Phi - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{A}}{c} \right) = -\nabla H$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{x} = \frac{\mathbf{p}}{\gamma m} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}} H$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} P_z = -q \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \Phi - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{A}}{c} \right) = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial z}$$

If fields only depend on z-ct (plane wave) then:

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial t}$$

$$P_x = \text{constant}$$

$$P_y = \text{constant}$$

$$H - cP_z = \text{constant}$$



- Plane Wave Laser Field: 
$$E = -\frac{\partial}{c\partial t} A_{\perp} = \left[ i\frac{\omega}{c} \hat{A}_{\perp} \exp[-i\omega(t-z/c)] + c.c. \right] / 2$$

- Electron Hamiltonian: 
$$H = mc^2 \gamma = H(\mathbf{P}, t - z/c), \quad \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{p} + \frac{q\mathbf{A}}{c}$$

- Relativistic Factor: 
$$\gamma = \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{P_z}{mc} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{P_{\perp} - qA_{\perp}/c}{mc} \right)^2}$$

- Hamilton's Equations:

$$\frac{dP_{\perp}}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_{\perp}} \Rightarrow P_{\perp} = \text{constant} \quad \frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial t}, \quad \frac{dP_z}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial z} \Rightarrow H - cP_z = \text{constant}$$

- **Laser Field:**

$$E = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} A(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}, z, t)$$

Weak dependence on transverse coordinate

- **Transverse Canonical Momentum:**

$$p_{\perp} + \frac{q}{c} A_{\perp} = \text{const.} = 0$$

- **Quiver velocity:**

$$\frac{p_{\perp}}{mc} = \frac{\gamma v_{\perp}}{c} = -\frac{qA_{\perp}}{mc^2} = -a$$

Normalized vector potential

- **Example:**

$$I = 10^{18} \text{ watts/cm}^2, \quad \lambda = 10^{-4} \text{ cm}, \quad |a| = .86$$

Assume electrons originate in field-free region:

$$P_{\perp} = 0, \quad P_{z0} = 0, \quad \gamma_0 = 1$$

Constants of motion imply:

$$p_{\perp} = -\frac{qA_{\perp}}{c} \propto -\cos\omega t, \quad p_z = \frac{p_{\perp}^2}{2mc} \propto \cos^2\omega t = \frac{1 + \cos 2\omega t}{2}$$

Mean drift in propagation direction

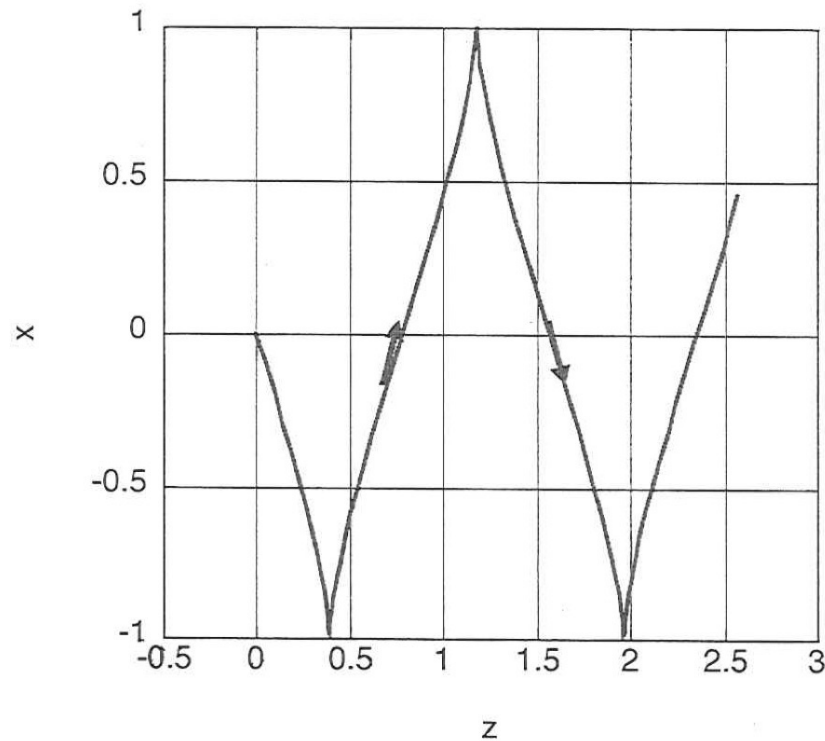
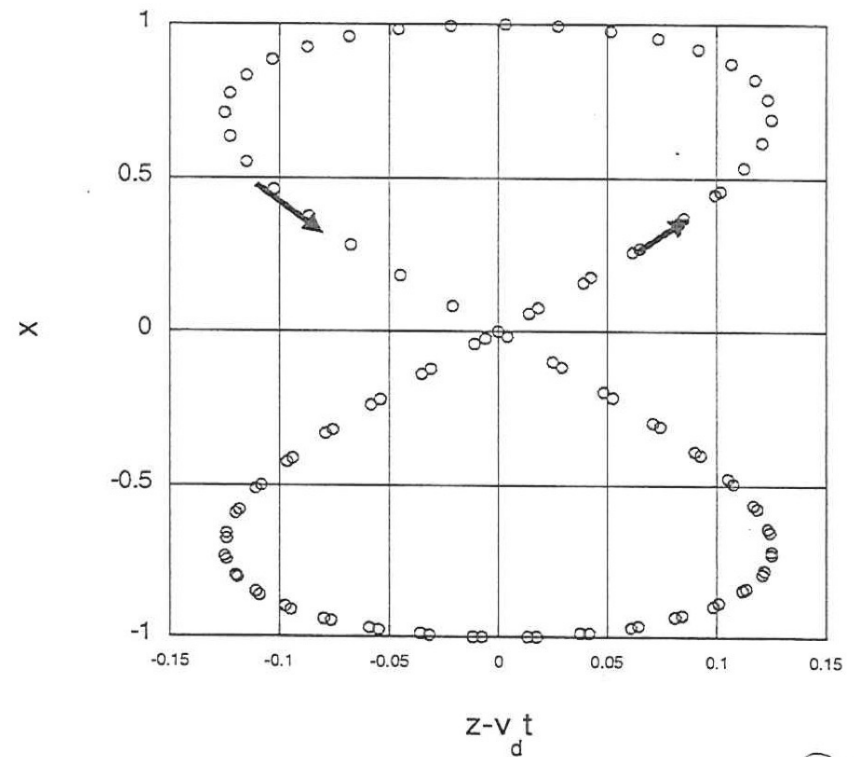


Figure-8 in drifting frame



- **Ponderomotive Force:** low frequency force , quadratic in field strength

- **Lorentz force:** 
$$F = q(\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x},t) + \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x},t)}{c})$$

- **Trajectory:** 
$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}_0(t) + \tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t)$$

↑ Slowly varying
↙ Rapid quiver

- **Slowly varying component:** 
$$F_p = q \left\langle \tilde{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \nabla E(\mathbf{x}_0, t) + \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{v}} \times \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}_0, t)}{c} \right\rangle_{\text{Laser period}}$$

- **Ponderomotive Potential:** 
$$F_p = -\frac{mc^2}{2\gamma} \nabla \langle |a|^2 \rangle$$

↙ Proportional to laser intensity