

Computational Relational Physics: Architectural Refinements for the Arcsecs Physics Engine

Ontological Realism of Relational Space and Universal Time

To construct a physically consistent thought experiment within the Arcsecs computational framework, the physics engine must reject the reification of mathematics that characterizes standard metric general relativity.¹ In the conventional paradigm, gravity is described as the literal bending of a four-dimensional spacetime "fabric".¹ However, treating a mathematical coordinate manifold as an elastic physical substance constitutes a category mistake.¹ Space is not a physical object or a material medium.¹ Instead, as argued by philosophers and physicists from Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz to Ernst Mach, space is an abstract system of relational arrangements between material bodies; if all matter is removed, no independent space remains.¹

Within this relational framework, the Arcsecs engine treats physical space as flat, Euclidean, and purely emergent, while retaining the physical reality of distance in two distinct ways: it possesses area, and it defines "where" physical events occur.¹ This non-spatiotemporal coordinate structure is built upon a discrete Hilbert space where localized physical subsystems are composed via tensor products, allowing spatial coordinates to emerge as "logical qubits" through quantum entanglement and relational point-coincidences.¹ The name of the engine, "Arcsecs," represents this relational perspective.¹ Rather than tracking absolute spatial positions, the engine evaluates relative angular separation in arcseconds and uses the small-angle approximation to reconstruct physical scale distances in parsecs.¹ A parsec is defined as the distance at which an astronomical unit subtends an angle of one arcsecond, meaning that

the visual parallax angle θ maps directly to distance d via the relational formula ²:

$$d = \frac{1}{\theta}$$

To demonstrate this relational kinematic structure within the engine, stellar proper motions and tangential velocities must be calculated directly from relative angular displacements.¹ If an object's proper motion is measured in arcseconds per year and its distance is evaluated in

parsecs, its tangential velocity v_t is defined as their product.⁴ While this yields units of arcsec-parsecs per year, the engine converts this value to standard physical units.⁴ Because an

arcsecond is defined as $\frac{1}{3600}$ of a degree², its value in radians is $\frac{2\pi}{360 \times 3600}$.⁴

Approximating a parsec as 3×10^{16} meters and a year as $\pi \times 10^7$ seconds, a proper motion of one arcsecond per year at a distance of one parsec translates to a physical velocity of approximately $50,000 \text{ m/s}$ in the relational coordinate frame.⁴

While distance is relational and emergent, time exists as a universal, always consistent "When" that governs the sequential progression of events across the universe.¹ Rather than a malleable fourth dimension that warps and dilates, time is a global, background parameter.¹ This temporal framework aligns with Julian Barbour's Shape Dynamics, which eliminates background space and absolute time in favor of the relational conformal superspace of metric and matter configurations.¹ In this framework, the arrow of time emerges dynamically from the relational complexity of N -body systems evolving away from a central state of minimum structure, known as the Janus point.¹ Local physical "clocks" are simply localized subsystems tracking relational change; because time itself does not warp, there are no temporal coordinate paradoxes.¹

Because the live demonstration at <https://arcsecs.com/arcsecs-physics-engine-demo/> is currently inaccessible⁵, these relational physics principles are presented as a comprehensive design blueprint. The table below outlines the angular resolution limits, corresponding angular scales, and observational thresholds that define the relational coordinate structure of the Arcsecs engine⁶:

Instrument / System	Angular Resolution (θ , arcseconds)	Primary Operating Wavelength	Physical Application in Relational Engine
Global mm-VLBI Array	$0.000012 (12 \mu\text{as})$ ⁶	Radio (1.3 cm) ⁶	High-precision tracking of distant galactic core nodes. ⁶
VLT / PIONIER Array	$0.001 (1 \text{ mas})$ ⁶	Near-Infrared ($1\text{--}2 \mu\text{m}$) ⁶	Resolving close binary star systems and stellar diameters. ⁶
Hubble Space Telescope	0.04 ⁶	Visible (500 nm) ⁶	Measuring fine proper motions and

			parallax distances. ⁶
James Webb Space Telescope	0.1 ⁶	Infrared (2000 nm) ⁶	Imaging highly redshifted, ancient galactic structures. ¹
Theoretical Human Eye Limit	20.0 ⁶	Visible Spectrum ⁶	Basic angular separation threshold for unassisted observers. ⁶
Normal Human Eye Resolution	60.0 ⁶	Visible Spectrum ⁶	Standard baseline for raw visual relational point-coincidences. ⁶

Dynamic Gravity, Mass Alteration, and Atomic Clock Variance

To fulfill the core requirement that gravity directly affects atomic processes—explaining why atomic clocks tick at different rates in space and on Earth without invoking metric time dilation or coordinate paradoxes—the engine must implement a flat-space dynamical gravity framework.¹ Standard general relativity attributes gravitational redshift and clock variations to the metric warping of coordinate time.¹ Conversely, the Arcsecs engine models these effects as physical, dynamical interactions between local gravitational potentials and the internal mass-energy configurations of atomic systems.¹

This physical mechanism is mathematically formalized through the Yarman-Arik-Kholmetskii (YARK) theory of gravity.¹ Founded directly on the conservation of energy and the mass-energy equivalence of special relativity, YARK posits that a massive host body does not warp the coordinate geometry of space.¹ Instead, the static gravitational binding energy E_B of a bound system physically reduces the rest mass m of a test particle relative to its rest mass in empty space m_0 .¹ The decreased rest mass is expressed as ⁸:

$$m(r) = m_0e^{-\alpha}$$

where α is the dimensionless gravitational potential coupling parameter ⁸:

$$\alpha = \frac{GM}{rc^2}$$

In this equation, M represents the mass of the celestial body, r is the relational distance to its coordinate center, and G is the gravitational constant.⁸ Under YARK, the metric-free equation of motion for a bound particle is driven by energy conservation and the Lorentz factor⁸:

$$\frac{e^\alpha}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} = \text{constant}$$

This physical reduction of rest mass in a gravitational potential directly alters the internal quantum-mechanical dynamics of atomic systems.¹ According to quantum mechanics, the energy levels of bound atomic states and the resonant transition frequencies of electrons are proportional to the constituent rest mass of the system.¹ When a Cesium atom in an atomic clock is placed within a gravitational potential, its constituent rest mass decreases.¹ This mass reduction slows down the atom's internal dynamics, causing the clock's transition frequency to shift toward lower values.¹ For an atomic clock on Earth compared to one in space, the transition frequency $\nu(r)$ scales as¹:

$$\nu(r) = \nu_0 e^{-\frac{GM}{rc^2}} \approx \nu_0 \left(1 - \frac{GM}{rc^2} \right)$$

where ν_0 is the transition frequency in a field-free vacuum.¹¹

This frequency shift explains why atomic clocks tick slower on Earth than in space.¹ The variation is entirely mechanical and electromagnetic, arising from flat-space energy conservation rather than coordinate paradoxes or the warping of time.¹ This physical approach matches the framework of Periodic Relativity, which replaces the weak equivalence principle with a dynamic weak equivalence principle equating gravitational mass with relativistic mass.¹⁰ Under Periodic Relativity, the proper time interval of an object is physically linked to the de Broglie pilot waves and periodic oscillations of its constituent particles; when an atom moves or enters a gravitational potential, these pilot waves suffer physical kinematic and gravitational frequency shifts, directly modifying the clock's physical tick rate.¹⁰

Similarly, Andreas Malcherek's flat-space gravity model derives gravitational redshift directly from energy conservation without metric singularities.¹ As a photon of energy $E = \hbar\omega$ propagates out of a central gravitational potential, it must expend energy to overcome the gravitational potential $\phi(r) = -GM/r$.¹¹ At two different locations in a static central field, the total conserved energy E_{tot} remains invariant¹¹:

$$E_{\text{tot}} = \hbar\omega(r)e^{-\frac{\Phi}{c^2}} = \hbar\omega(r_0)e^{-\frac{\Phi_0}{c^2}}$$

where $r_g = GM/c^2$ is the gravitational radius.¹¹ This yields a physical redshift formula that passes the classical tests of general relativity (such as the Pound-Rebka and Hafele-Keating experiments) while maintaining a flat, Euclidean coordinate background and a constant speed of light.¹ The table below provides a comparative analysis of how the standard metric spacetime paradigm and the relational flat-space gravity frameworks represent clock variance and gravitational mechanics:

Conceptual Parameter	Metric General Relativity (Standard)	Relational Flat-Space Gravity (YARK / Malcherek)	Physical Mechanism in Arcsecs Engine
Spacetime Geometry	Curved pseudo-Riemannian manifold with metric tensor $g_{\mu\nu}$. ¹	Flat Euclidean spatial coordinate network; global, uniform time. ¹	Distances exist as relational coordinates; time ticks uniformly. ¹
Equivalence Principle	Einstein Equivalence Principle; gravity is locally equivalent to acceleration and can be transformed away. ⁷	Dynamic Weak Equivalence Principle; gravity represents real localized forces that cannot be transformed away. ¹⁰	Gravitational forces are localized; inertial and gravitational masses are dynamically equated. ¹⁰
Clock Variation Mechanism	Metric time dilation; coordinate intervals stretch in a gravitational field. ¹	Physical reduction of particle rest mass ($m = m_0 \sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}$) and pilot-wave frequency shifts. ¹	Atomic clocks tick slower due to physical mass reduction and altered transition frequencies. ¹
Gravitational Redshift	Metric dilation of light geodesics	Photon energy decay ($E = hf$)	Redshift is a mechanical

	passing through curved spacetime. ¹	$\hbar\omega \exp(-r_g/r)$ as it propagates out of a static potential. ¹¹	consequence of energy conservation on a flat background. ¹
Singularities / Event Horizons	Physical singularities and horizons where coordinate metrics break down. ¹³	Singularity-free compact objects; light is trapped purely by extreme force coupling. ¹¹	Compact objects are simulated as hyper-dense baryonic spheres with continuous coordinate tracking. ¹⁴

Lensing by Massive Photons and Proca Electrodynamics

To satisfy the user's requirement that the mass of photons causes gravitational lensing within a flat spatial framework, the Arcsecs engine must reject the standard curved-spacetime metric derivation of light bending.¹ In general relativity, gravitational lensing is modeled as massless photons traveling along curved null geodesics, making the deflection angle independent of the photon's energy.⁷ In contrast, the Arcsecs engine treats the photon as a physical particle

endowed with a non-zero invariant rest mass m_γ .¹ This physical state is modeled mathematically using Proca electrodynamics, which generalizes standard Maxwellian electromagnetism into a massive spin-1 vector field.¹

The classical Proca field minimally coupled with gravity is governed by the Lagrangian density¹⁵,

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4\mu_0} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\mu^2}{2\mu_0} A_\mu A^\mu$$

where A_μ is the electromagnetic 4-potential, $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$ is the electromagnetic field tensor, μ_0 is the vacuum permeability, and $\mu = \frac{m_\gamma c}{\hbar}$ represents the inverse Compton wavelength of the massive photon.¹⁵ The corresponding Euler-Lagrange equation yields the Proca equation¹⁶:

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} + \mu^2 A^\nu = 0$$

which automatically implies the generalized Lorenz gauge condition, $\partial_\mu A^\mu = 0$, for a non-zero photon mass.¹⁶

Endowing the photon with a rest mass has three major physical consequences: the introduction of a third, longitudinal polarization state for energy transport ¹; vacuum dispersion, where the speed of light in a vacuum becomes frequency-dependent ¹; and Yukawa shielding, where electromagnetic potentials decay exponentially rather than following a strict inverse-square law.¹ Due to vacuum dispersion, the group velocity ^v of a massive photon propagates at sub-luminal speeds according to its frequency ¹⁸:

$$v = c\sqrt{1 - \frac{\nu_0^2}{\nu^2}}$$

where $\nu_0 = \frac{m_\gamma c^2}{h}$ is the characteristic rest frequency associated with the photon's invariant mass.¹⁸

In a flat spatial framework, simple Newtonian gravity acting on a corpuscular photon of mass $m = \frac{h\nu}{c^2}$ yields only half of the observed solar deflection angle.¹ This classical derivation, first calculated by Johann Georg von Soldner in 1801, predicts a grazing deflection of approximately 0.875 arcseconds.¹ Because general relativity predicts exactly double this value (1.75 arcseconds), confirming this "factor of 2" was historically viewed as proof of space curvature.¹

To resolve this double deflection deficit in flat space, the Arcsecs engine implements a velocity-dependent gravitomagnetic force.¹ Under Malcherek's flat-space framework, any moving mass experiences a gravitomagnetic force F_M defined by ¹¹:

$$F_M = \frac{1}{c^2}mv \times g \times v$$

where g is the local Newtonian gravitational acceleration.¹¹ For relativistic massive photons ($v \approx c$), this transverse gravitomagnetic force acts in the same direction as static gravity, exactly doubling the transverse momentum transfer.¹ This reproduces the standard 1.75 arcseconds deflection for solar grazing rays within a flat coordinate system.¹

Furthermore, under the YARK framework, gravitational bending is energy-dependent due to the massive, corpuscular nature of the photon.¹⁴ While low-energy photons (such as visible light) exhibit wave-like propagation that matches the standard deflection angle, high-energy gamma-quanta exhibit corpuscular-like propagation where the gravitational deflection in a flat coordinate potential becomes highly suppressed.¹⁴ This energy-dependent scattering provides a verifiable physical signature of flat-space, massive-photon lensing.¹ The table below compares the electrodynamic and lensing properties of massless Maxwellian photons with

massive Proca photons:

Parameter	Massless Photon (Maxwell / Standard GR)	Massive Photon (Proca / Relational Engine)	Physical Implementation in Arcsecs Engine
Rest Mass (m_γ)	Zero by definition. ¹⁷	Non-zero ($m_\gamma \leq 1.6 \times 10^{-36}$ kg). ¹	Photons possess an invariant rest mass that couples to gravity. ¹
Gauge Invariance	Local $U(1)$ gauge symmetry. ¹⁵	Broken $U(1)$ gauge symmetry. ¹⁵	Proca equations govern electromagnetism; gauge-fixing is physical. ¹⁵
Polarization States	2 transverse states. ¹	3 states (2 transverse, 1 longitudinal). ¹	Massive photons transport energy via three physical polarization modes. ¹
Vacuum Velocity	Invariant constant c at all frequencies. ¹⁸	Frequency-dependent group velocity $v_g = \frac{c}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{m_\gamma^2 c^4}{E^2}}}$. ¹⁸	Lower-frequency photons travel slower than high-frequency photons. ¹⁸
Lensing Mechanism	Metric warping of spacetime; null geodesics. ¹	Physical mass-coupling and velocity-dependent gravitomagnetic force. ¹	Bends light using the transverse gravitomagnetic Lorentz-like force. ¹
Deflection Spectrum	Achromatic; identical deflection at all wavelengths. ¹⁴	Chromatic; energy-dependent deflection. ¹	High-energy gamma-rays undergo different bending than low-

			energy radio waves. ¹
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Relational Cosmological Redshift, Varying Constants, and Galactic Dynamics

The Arcsecs engine models the universe as a static, non-expanding Euclidean space, treating "expanding space" and "dark energy" as coordinate artifacts of comoving FLRW metrics.¹ Because observers have no absolute physical ruler, the coordinate choice of an expanding metric is mathematically equivalent to a static space featuring a systematically varying speed of light and varying physical constants over cosmic history.¹

To simulate cosmological redshift (z) without spatial expansion, the engine utilizes the Covarying Coupling Constants and Tired Light (CCC+TL) paradigm.¹ Within this model, redshift is computed as a joint product of two flat-space physical mechanisms ¹:

- Tired Light Energy Decay:** As massive Proca photons propagate across vast cosmological distances, they experience deterministic, non-dispersive frictional interactions with ambient cosmic vector potentials.¹ Because a photon's energy is directly proportional to its frequency ($E = h\nu$), this frictional loss of kinetic energy causes its frequency to degrade, shifting the light toward the red end of the spectrum.¹⁷ Due to Proca vacuum dispersion, these lower-frequency redshifted photons travel slower, causing their velocity to degrade over billions of years of cosmic travel.¹
- Historical Variation of Coupling Constants:** The fundamental physical constants of nature—the gravitational constant G , the speed of light c , and Planck's constant h —vary in an interrelated, covarying manner over cosmic epochs.¹ Their variation is constrained such that their dimensionless ratios remain strictly invariant, which prevents wavelength-dependent dispersion or image blurring.¹ In the deep past, the local coupling parameter was stronger, causing ancient atomic systems to possess lower rest masses and consequently emit photons at lower frequencies.¹

By dividing the observed redshift between tired-light energy decay and ancient atomic transition shifts, the CCC+TL paradigm extends the calculated age of the universe to approximately 26.7 billion years.¹ This expanded timeline naturally resolves the "impossible early galaxy" problem observed by the James Webb Space Telescope.¹ It provides ample time for mature, highly evolved galaxies to form without requiring dark matter scaffolding.¹ To explain the anomalous flat rotation curves of spiral galaxies without non-baryonic dark matter, the Arcsecs engine models the local spatial variation of the covarying coupling parameter (α).¹ In this relational framework, when the local baryonic density falls below a

critical turn-off threshold, the local coupling parameter α increases.¹ This density-dependent scaling effectively strengthens the gravitational attraction in the outer, diffuse regions of galaxies where visible baryonic matter is low, reproducing observed flat rotation curves (such as those of NGC 3198) using only visible baryonic matter.¹

This localized scaling also resolves the spatial offset in the Bullet Cluster, which is traditionally interpreted as proof of collisionless dark matter.¹ The engine simulates this offset as a non-

linear, non-local gradient in the α field: within the hot, compressed baryonic gas, α is

suppressed, whereas in the outer, diffuse stellar regions, a massive local spike in α occurs, mimicking the displaced gravitational lensing signature of dark matter.¹

Over cosmological timescales, ancient massive photons that have lost their kinetic energy through the tired-light mechanism undergo a thermodynamic phase transition.¹ When their velocity degrades to sub-luminal speeds, they "freeze out" into a cold, sub-luminal condensate of stable, optically invisible bound states called "graviballs" or "slow quanta".¹ Because these frozen light corpuscles lack the kinetic energy to interact via the standard electromagnetic spectrum, they are optically invisible; however, they retain their invariant rest mass and continue to exert gravitational forces.¹ This accumulated "graveyard of tired light" forms the vast halos around galaxies that mainstream astrophysics misidentifies as non-baryonic dark matter.¹

Technical Architecture of the Relational Engine and Spacecraft Shield Dynamics

The technical and numerical architecture of the Arcsecs physics engine operates on a relational coordinate structure.¹ Instead of computing absolute spatial coordinates, the engine represents physical systems as a network of nodes defined by mutual angular coordinates and relational distances.¹ To simulate high-velocity space travel within this flat framework, the engine must model the intense physical hazards encountered when translating a vessel through the relational void.¹

Under classical mechanics, an object in uniform motion requires zero energy to maintain its velocity in a vacuum.¹ However, the physical universe does not contain a perfect vacuum; it is occupied by the interstellar medium (ISM), the Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB), and background radiation fields.¹ As a spacecraft accelerates to relativistic velocities, the ISM is compressed and blueshifted in the vessel's frame.¹ The spacecraft's rest frame views the diffuse interstellar medium as a compressed, extremely high-momentum particle beam, generating massive relativistic drag forces.¹

The engine computes two primary forms of relativistic drag¹:

- **Baryonic Drag (Gas and Dust):** Due to Lorentz length contraction in the direction of

travel, the ambient volume is compressed, boosting the effective gas density to γn_0 , where γ is the Lorentz factor.¹ The relativistic momentum of incoming gas particles is inflated to $p = \gamma mv$.¹ Integrating these factors over the forward hemisphere of a spherical hull of radius R yields the closed-form equation for interstellar gas drag¹:

$$F_{\text{gas}} \approx \pi R^2 \gamma^2 n_0 m_H v^2$$

where n_0 is the ambient hydrogen density and m_H is the hydrogen mass.¹ Interstellar dust contributes less than 1% of the total baryonic drag and is neglected in the primary drag equations.¹

- **Radiative Drag (Photon Drag):** Relativistic stellar aberration concentrates incoming background photons (such as the CMB and starlight) onto the forward hemisphere of the spacecraft.¹ Assuming perfect absorption, this radiative drag scales as¹:

$$F_{\text{rad}} \approx \frac{4}{3} \pi R^2 \gamma^2 U_{\text{rad}} \frac{v}{c}$$

where U_{rad} is the ambient radiation energy density.¹

Because gas drag scales with the square of the velocity (v^2) and radiative drag scales linearly (v), there exists a theoretical crossover velocity (v_{cross}) below which photon drag exerts a stronger retarding force on the spacecraft than interstellar gas.¹

To survive these relativistic drag forces and kinetic impacts, the Arcsecs engine simulates the thermodynamics of advanced composite shields.¹ Historically, monolithic water ice was chosen for shielding due to its exceptional thermal properties and high cosmological abundance.¹

Water ice serves as an exceptional phase-change heat sink, possessing high specific heat capacity ($\approx 2.093 \text{ J/g} \cdot \text{K}$ for ice, $\approx 4.184 \text{ J/g} \cdot \text{K}$ for liquid water), a high enthalpy of

fusion ($\Delta H_{\text{fus}} \approx 334 \text{ kJ/kg}$), and a high enthalpy of vaporization ($\Delta H_{\text{vap}} \approx 2260 \text{ kJ/kg}$).

¹ High-energy kinetic impacts flash-vaporize the outer ice layers into plasma, which expands into the vacuum and carries thermal energy away from the primary hull.¹ Water is also an excellent neutron moderator; the hydrogen nucleus (a single proton) matches the mass of a neutron, allowing elastic scattering to slow down fast neutrons to harmless thermal levels.¹

However, pure ice shields fail due to two primary vulnerabilities¹:

- **Spallation and Brittle Fracture:** Relativistic impacts generate compressive shockwaves.¹ When these waves hit the rear boundary of the shield, the impedance

mismatch reflects them as tensile waves.¹ Because ice has low tensile strength, these reflected waves cause the material to shatter and eject large chunks of ice (spallation), rapidly disintegrating the shield.¹

- **Radiolysis:** High-energy ionizing radiation chemically dissociates water molecules into highly reactive free radicals ($H\cdot$ and $OH\cdot$).¹ In cryogenic ice, these radicals recombine to form diatomic hydrogen (H_2) and oxygen (O_2) gases alongside hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2).¹ Over decades of travel, these explosive gases become trapped under immense pressure within the crystalline matrix; a single kinetic impact can trigger a catastrophic internal detonation.¹

To mitigate these failure modes, the Arcsecs engine models the **Hydrogen-Ice-Basalt-Epoxy (HIBE)** matrix, inspired by Pykrete (a composite of 14% wood pulp and 86% water ice that exhibits the toughness of concrete).¹ By reinforcing the ice structure with carbon nanotubes, graphene meshes, and basalt fibers, the composite matrix halts crack propagation, increases tensile strength, and prevents radiolysis gas accumulation.¹

The Arcsecs propulsion system integrates this shield directly into the ship's energy cycle.¹ Beneath the ablating HIBE shield sits a variable plasma sheath and a series of superconducting intake coils.¹ As the shield vaporizes incoming interstellar matter and radiation, a forward-projected Electromagnetically Induced Transparency (EIT) scoop field and a Fishback solenoid intake project a quantum-optical funnel ahead of the ship.¹ This funnel captures the ablated baryonic plasma alongside the surrounding "tired-light" graviball substrate (dark matter), compressing and routing this mixture directly into the reactor core complex for momentum exchange and active propulsion.¹ The table below outlines the thermodynamic, mechanical, and radiation-shielding properties of these materials:

Shield Material / Layer	Density (ρ , g/cm3)	Tensile Strength (σ_t , MPa)	Thermal Conductivity (k, W/m·K)	Primary Shielding Mechanism
Monolithic Crystalline Ice	0.917 ¹	≈ 1	2.22 ¹	Phase-change heat sink; basic neutron moderation. ¹
Pykrete (14% Wood Pulp)	0.98 ¹	≈ 1	0.15 ¹	Crack-arresting cellulose fibers; reduced

				thermal erosion. ¹
Graphene-Ice HIBE Matrix	1.25¹	≈¹	0.05¹	High-tensile graphene mesh prevents spallation and radiolysis detonation. ¹
Diamondoid Nano-Lattice	3.51¹	≈¹	2000.0¹	Absolute structural rigidity against gravitational shear and tidal gradients. ¹

Architectural Recommendations for Demo Realization

To ensure that the Arcsecs physics engine demo at <https://arcsecs.com/arcsecs-physics-engine-demo/> operates in strict accordance with these relational principles, the following architectural and visual improvements should be integrated into the simulation interface ⁵:

- Visualizing Space as a Rigid Euclidean Coordinate Grid:** The demo must reject the standard curved rubber-sheet visual representation of gravity.¹ Instead, the coordinate grid must remain flat and rigid, demonstrating that distance possesses invariant area and defines "where" physical events happen.¹ Gravity must be represented visually as a vector field of translational gauge forces (such as flat-space torsion or gravitomagnetism) acting directly on physical coordinate nodes.¹
- Atomic Clock Sandbox with Local Mass Reduction:** The demo should feature an interactive "Atomic Clock Sandbox" comparing a clock on Earth's surface to one in deep space.¹ The interface must display a schematic of a Cesium atom; as the user slides the clock closer to a massive body, the simulation should visually demonstrate the physical reduction of the constituent mass (Δm) and the corresponding narrowing of atomic energy levels.¹ This mechanically demonstrates that the clock ticks slower due to local physical changes rather than coordinate time dilation.¹
- Chromatic Lensing of Massive Photons:** The gravitational lensing simulation must be updated to show chromatic light bending.¹ Because the photon is modeled as a massive Proca vector boson, the group velocity is frequency-dependent.¹ The demo should allow users to toggle the lensing source between radio waves, visible light, and gamma-quanta.¹ High-energy gamma rays must undergo a different lensing deflection than low-

energy radio waves, illustrating flat-space, velocity-dependent gravitomagnetic bending.¹

- **Redshift, Tired Light, and Dark Matter Phase Transitions:** The cosmological simulation should include a slider representing the balance between "Tired Light Decay" and "Ancient Atomic Mass shifts".¹ The UI should dynamically display the resulting 26.7-billion-year timeline and show how ancient, exhausted Proca photons "freeze out" into optically dark "graviballs".¹ This visually demonstrates the relational emergence of dark matter halos from the graveyard of tired light.¹
- **Relativistic Flight HUD with Shield Thermodynamics:** Add a flight simulation panel displaying a spacecraft accelerating to relativistic velocities.¹ The interface must feature a live graph plotting gas drag (F_{gas}) and radiative drag (F_{rad}) to highlight the crossover velocity (v_{cross}).¹ It must also show a live thermal cross-section of the 300-meter HIBE bow shield, modeling the active ablation of ice layers, the moderation of fast neutrons, and the capture of ablated plasma and tired-light graviballs via the EIT scoop field.¹ This establishes a completely closed-loop mass-energy propulsion cycle within the relational coordinate frame.¹

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