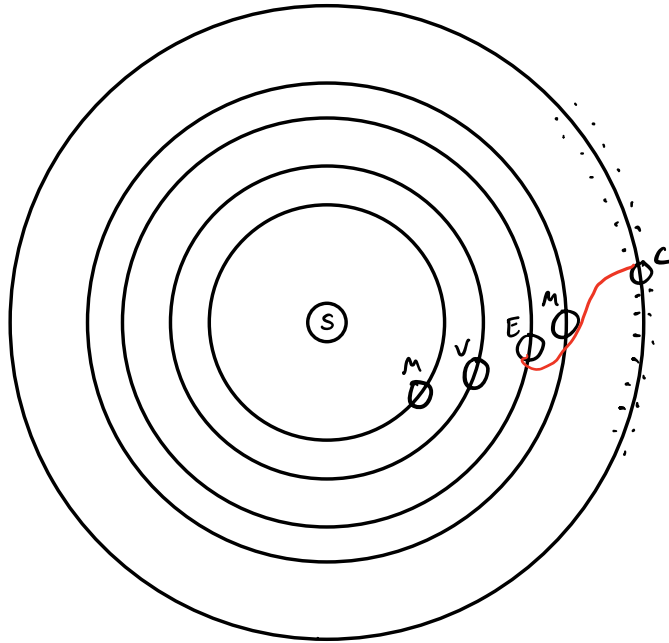


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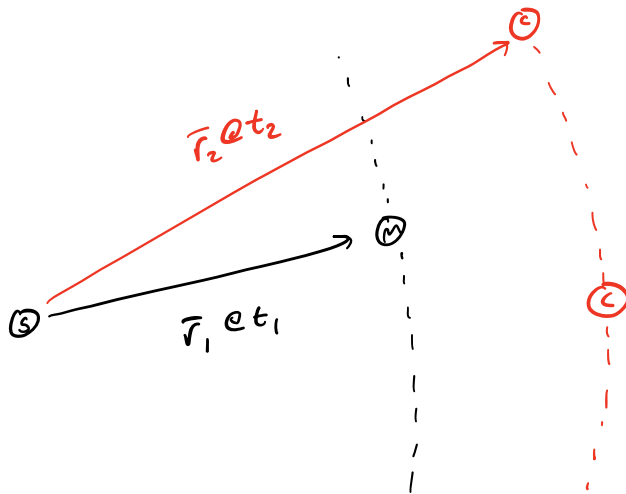


Earth parking orbit → Ceres orbit → Ceres capture  
 ↓  
 plane change + Lambert + Mars g-assist  
 + park + crash

Earth orbit → plane change → Mars → g-assist → Ceres → circularize  
 Lambert  
 + plane change  
 + Lambert?  
 + crash

Lambert Mars  $\rightarrow$  Ceres

Needed for Lambert  
 $\bar{r}_1, \bar{r}_2, (\Delta\theta), \Delta t = t_2 - t_1$



Steps to compute

$$\Delta\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\bar{r}_1 \cdot \bar{r}_2}{r_1 r_2} \right)$$

find  $\beta_{min}, \Delta t_m$

$$c = \|\bar{r}_2 - \bar{r}_1\|$$

$$s = \frac{r_1 + r_2 + c}{2}$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{s}{2a}}, \quad \sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right) = \frac{s-c}{2a}$$

$$\text{TOF: } \Delta t = \frac{a^{3/2}}{\sqrt{\mu}} [\alpha - \beta - (\sin \alpha - \sin \beta)]$$

solve for  $a$  with Matlab bisection

- plot  $\Delta\theta$  vs  $t$  from jpl horizons  $\rightarrow$  python?

$\rightarrow$  maybe calc. params for each  $\Delta\theta$

- plot  $\Delta t_p$  &  $\Delta t_m$  vs.  $a$

- elliptic trajectory from flyby assist

- test different  $\phi$  to find optimal  $\phi$