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**Brendan J Foreman\*** ([bforeman@jcu.edu](mailto:bforeman@jcu.edu)), John Carroll University, Department of Math/CS, 20700 N. Park Boulevard, University Heights, OH 44118. *A vertex-type theorem on the projective plane and its applications to curve theory on  $\mathbb{H}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$ .* Preliminary report.

In this talk, we will present a vertex-type theorem to curves in the projective plane. Namely, we will prove that, if  $\Gamma$  is a strictly convex curve in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  whose image is closed in the projective plane and if  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  are distinct lines tangent to  $\Gamma$ , then there are at least four conics that are tangent to both  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  and have contact order of at least three with  $\Gamma$ .

We will then show how this theorem has been recently refined by M. Umehara and G. Thorbergsson in such a way that we can develop vertex-type theorems for closed curves in  $\mathbb{H}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$  with respect to constant angle surfaces. (Received January 19, 2015)