

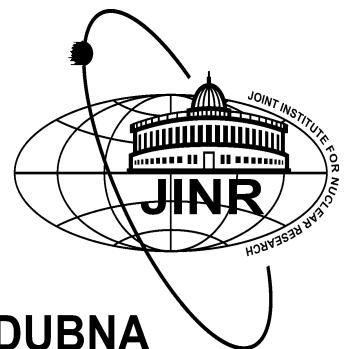
Particle Production in Strong Time-dependent Fields

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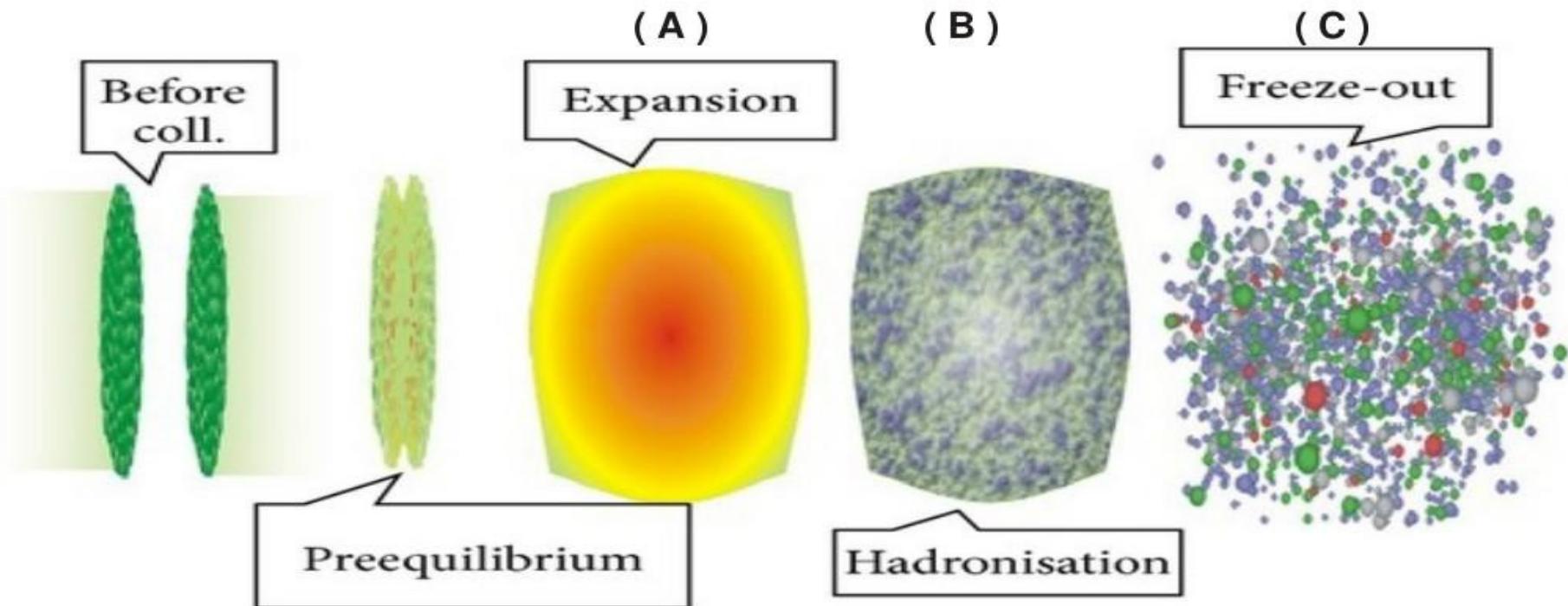


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Quantum Kinetics of Particle Production in Strong Fields



Generic kinetic equation with scalar (mass) and color meanfields, Schwinger source terms and collision integrals for hadronization and rescattering

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\partial_t + \frac{1}{E_X} \vec{p} \cdot \vec{\nabla} - \frac{m_X(\vec{x}, t)}{E_X} \vec{\nabla} m_X(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \vec{\nabla}_p + \vec{F}(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \vec{\nabla}_p \right] f_X(\vec{p}, \vec{x}; t) \\ &= S_X^{\text{Schwinger}} \{f_q, f_{\bar{q}}, f_\pi, \dots\} + C_X^{\text{gain}} \{f_q, f_{\bar{q}}, f_\pi, \dots\} - C_X^{\text{loss}} \{f_q, f_{\bar{q}}, f_\pi, \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

- (A) quark-antiquark pair creation in time-dependent color electric background field
- (B) quantum kinetics of pre-hadron inelastic rescattering in the dense quark plasma
- (C) chemical freeze-out by Mott-Anderson localization of bound states

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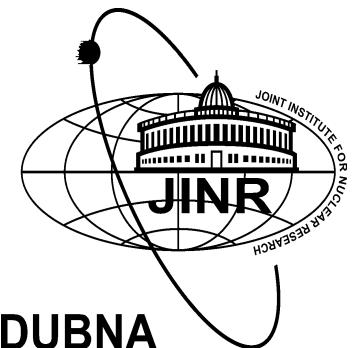
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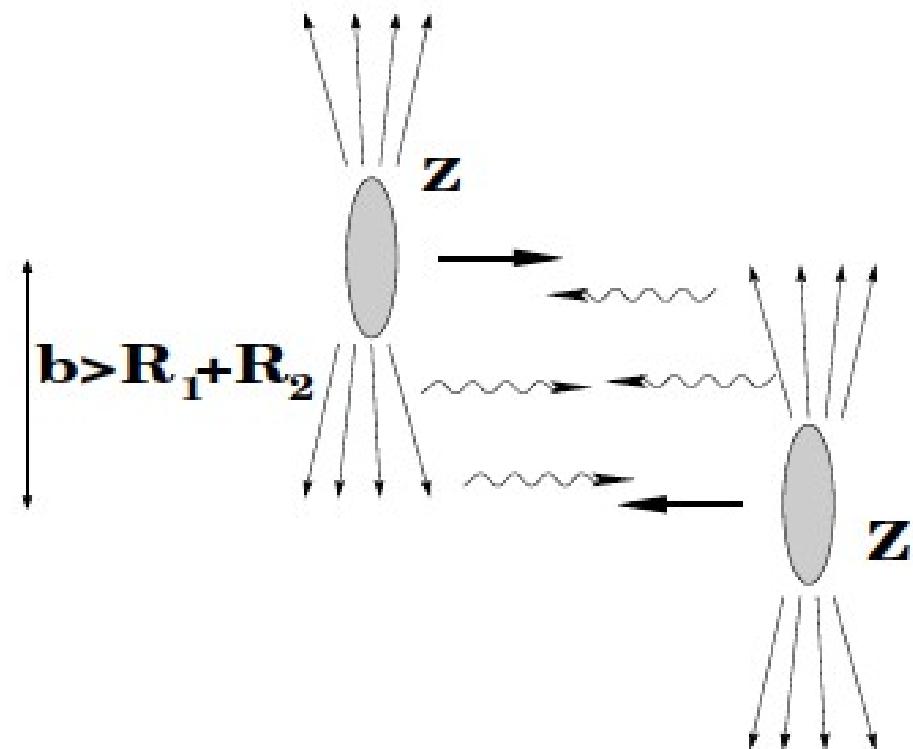


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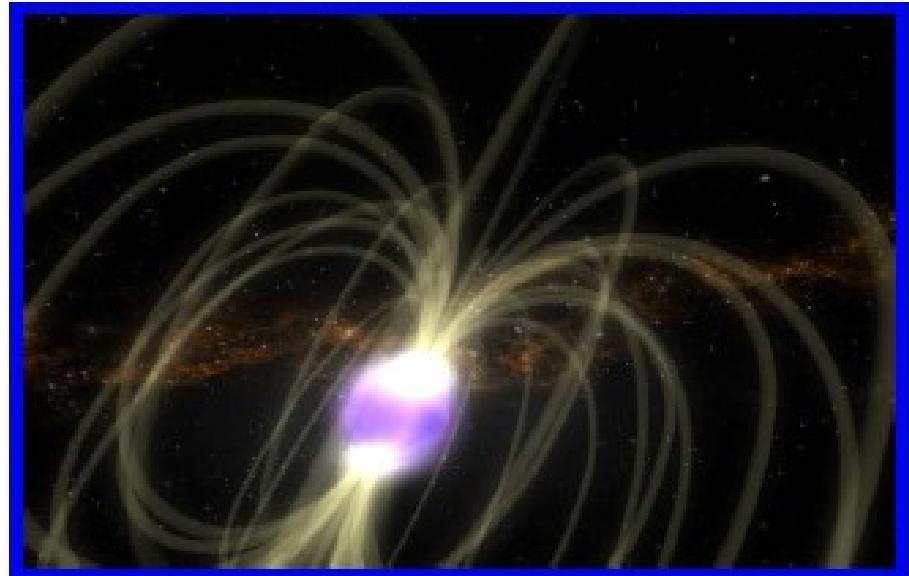


PAIR CREATION IN STRONG ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS

- Magnetars: $B \sim 10^{15} \text{ G}$ \Rightarrow
Problem: unclear conditions!
- Ultra-Peripheral Heavy Ion Coll.



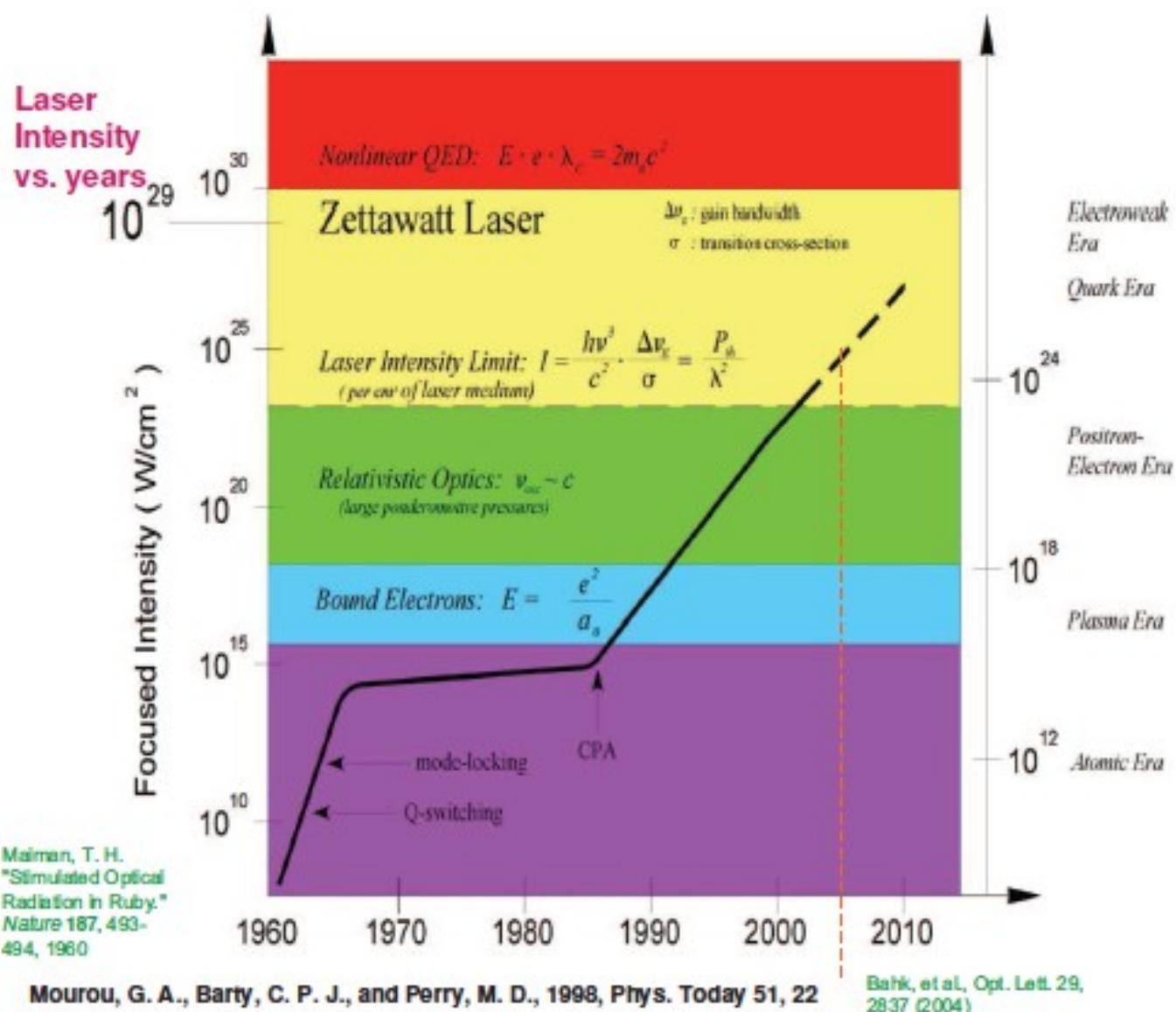
Problem: extremely short $\sim 10^{-29} \text{ s}$



ARTIST VIEW OF A MAGNETAR (NASA)

- **ELI:** Optical \rightarrow X-Ray @ 1 EW:
 $I_0 \sim 10^{25} \text{ W/cm}^2 \rightarrow I_{CHF} \sim 10^{36} \text{ W/cm}^2$
 - + Long lifetime:
 $\tau \sim 10^{-15} \dots 10^{-18} \text{ s} \gg 10^{-22} \text{ s}$
 - + Condition for pair creation:
 $E^2 - B^2 \neq 0$, (crossed lasers)

FRONTIERS OF LASER INTENSITIES



Mourou, G. A., Barty, C. P. J., and Perry, M. D., 1998, Phys. Today 51, 22

ELI - THE EXTREME LIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE



- ELI-Beamlines Facility (Czech Republic)
- ELI-Attosecond Facility (Hungary)
- ELI-Nuclear Physics Facility (Romania)
- ELI-Ultra High Field Facility (location to be fixed)

Power = 200 PW (100.000 times power of world electric grid)
particle physics, nuclear physics, gravitational physics, nonlinear field theory, ultrahigh-pressure physics, astrophysics and cosmology (generating intensities exceeding 10^{23}W/cm^2). It will offer a new paradigm in High Energy Physics.

HAWKING-UNRUH RADIATION AT LASERS

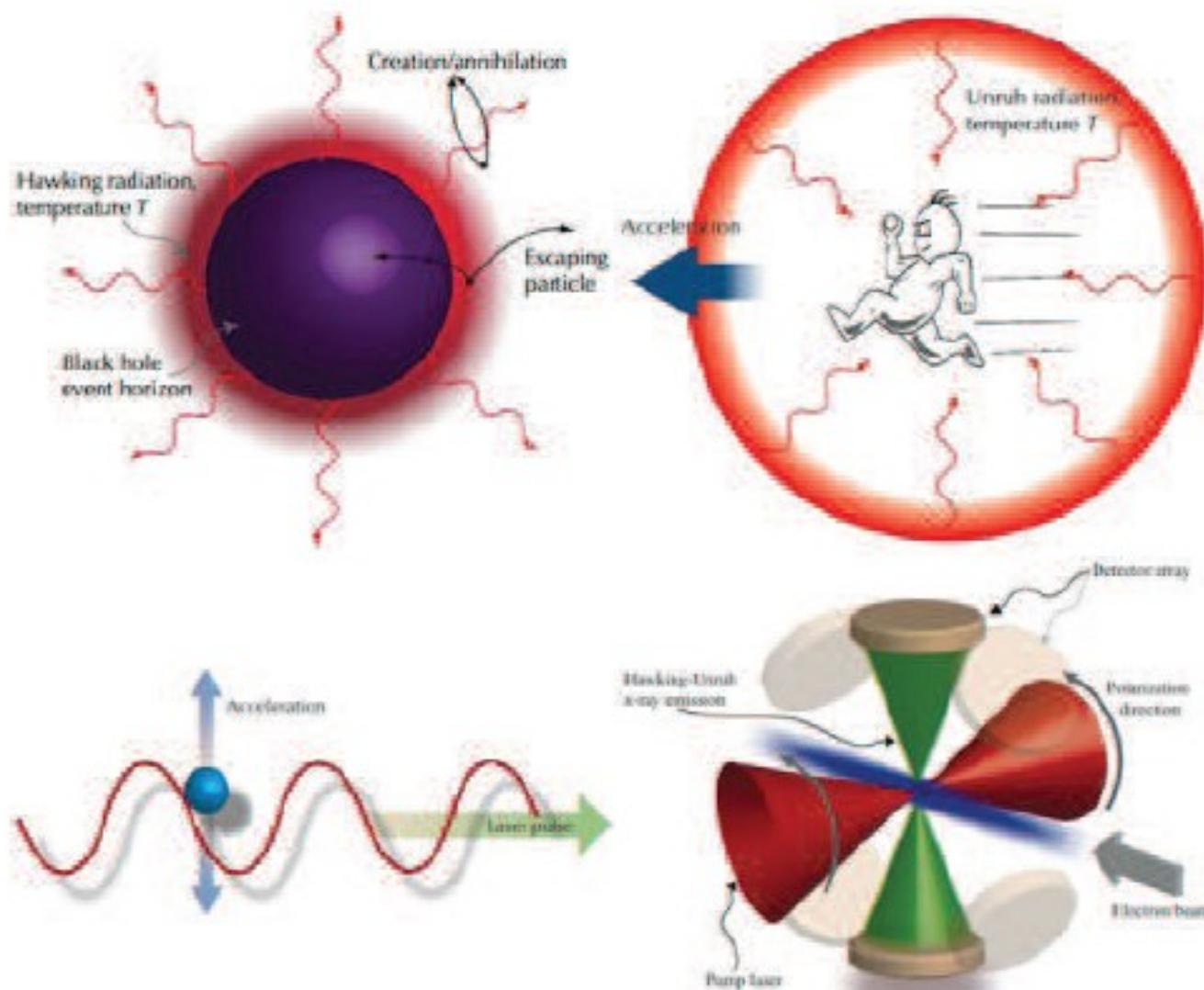


FIG. 7: The schematics of the experimental setup for Unruh radiation detection. Note that the radiation is emitted in a very particular direction as well as frequency, thus being detectable even if the background “noise” is high.

R. Schutzhold, G. Schaller, D. Habs,
“Signatures of the Unruh Effect from Electrons Accelerated by
Ultrastrong Laser Fields”
Phys. Rev. Lett. 97 (2006) 121302

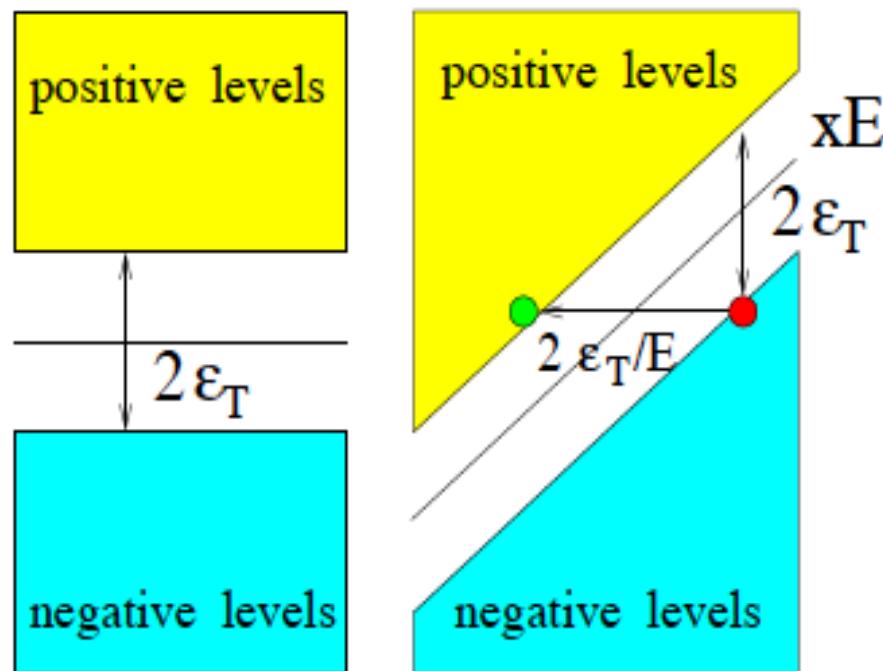
SCHWINGER EFFECT: PAIR CREATION IN STRONG FIELDS

Boom! From Light Comes Matter



SCHWINGER EFFECT: PAIR CREATION IN STRONG FIELDS

Pair creation as barrier penetration
in a strong constant field



Schwinger result (rate for pair production)

$$\frac{dN}{d^3xdt} = \frac{(eE)^2}{4\pi^3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \exp\left(-n\pi \frac{E_{\text{crit}}}{E}\right)$$

- To “materialize” a virtual e^+e^- pair in a constant electric field E the separation d must be sufficiently large

$$eEd = 2mc^2$$

- Probability for separation d as quantum fluctuation

$$P \propto \exp\left(-\frac{d}{\lambda_c}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{2m^2c^3}{e\hbar E}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{2E_{\text{crit}}}{E}\right)$$

- Emission sufficient for observation when $E \sim E_{\text{crit}}$

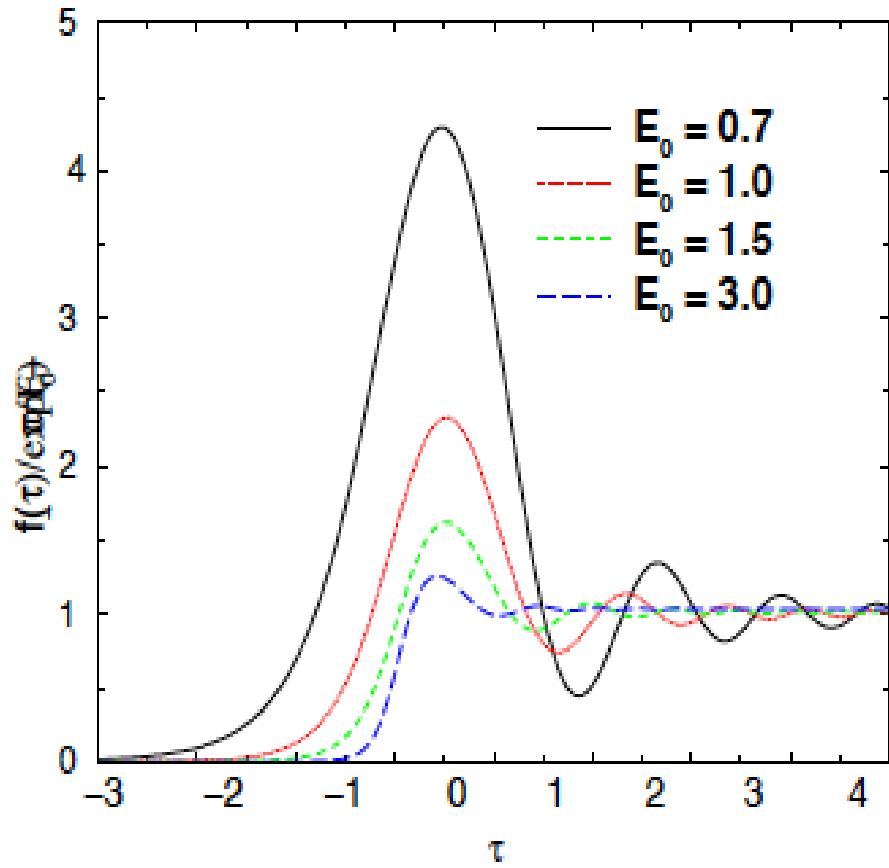
$$E_{\text{crit}} \equiv \frac{m^2c^3}{e\hbar} \simeq 1.3 \times 10^{18} \text{ V/m}$$

- For time-dependent fields: Kinetic Equation approach from Quantum Field Theory

J. Schwinger: “On Gauge Invariance and Vacuum Polarization”, Phys. Rev. 82 (1951) 664

KINETIC FORMULATION OF PAIR PRODUCTION

Kinetic equation for the single particle distribution function $f(\bar{P}, t) = \langle 0 | a_{\bar{P}}^\dagger(t) a_{\bar{P}}(t) | 0 \rangle$



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{df_{\pm}(\bar{P}, t)}{dt} &= \frac{\partial f_{\pm}(\bar{P}, t)}{\partial t} + eE(t) \frac{\partial f_{\pm}(\bar{P}, t)}{\partial P_{\parallel}(t)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{W}_{\pm}(t) \int_{-\infty}^t dt' \mathcal{W}_{\pm}(t') [1 \pm 2f_{\pm}(\bar{P}, t')] \cos[x(t', t)] \end{aligned}$$

Kinematic momentum $\bar{P} = (p_1, p_2, p_3 - eA(t))$,

$$\mathcal{W}_{-}(t) = \frac{eE(t)\varepsilon_{\perp}}{\omega^2(t)},$$

where $\omega(t) = \sqrt{\varepsilon_{\perp}^2 + P_{\parallel}^2(t)}$, with $\varepsilon_{\perp} = \sqrt{m^2 + \vec{p}_{\perp}^2}$
and $x(t', t) = 2[\Theta(t) - \Theta(t')]$.

$$\Theta(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t dt' \omega(t')$$

Schmidt, Blaschke, Röpke, et al:
Non-Markovian effects in strong-field pair creation
Phys. Rev. D 59 (1999) 094005

Constant field: Schwinger limit reproduced

$$f(\tau \rightarrow \infty) = \exp\left(\frac{-\pi}{E_0}\right)$$

Kinetic Approach – sketch of the derivation

- Classical external time-dependant vector potential A^μ
- $A^\mu = (0, 0, 0, A(t))$

\Downarrow
spatially-uniform electric field

$$\vec{E}(t) = (0, 0, E(t))$$

$$E(t) = -\frac{d}{dt}A(t)$$

Ansatz¹ for fermionic wavefunction

$$\psi_{qr}^{(\pm)}(x) = \left[i\gamma^0\partial_0 + \gamma^k p_k - e\gamma^3 A(t) + m \right] \chi^{(\pm)}(\mathbf{q}, t) R_r e^{i\mathbf{q}\bar{x}}$$

Herein R_r ($r = 1, 2$) is an eigenvector of the matrix $\gamma^0\gamma^3$

$$R_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_r^+ R_s = 2\delta_{rs}$$

- If we put $\psi_{qr}^{(\pm)}$ to Dirac $(i\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu - e\gamma^\mu A_\mu - m)\psi(x) = 0$ we get

$$\ddot{\chi}^{(\pm)}(\mathbf{q}, t) + [\varepsilon^2(\mathbf{q}, t) + ie\dot{A}(t)]\chi^{(\pm)}(\mathbf{q}, t) = 0 \quad \varepsilon^2(\mathbf{q}, t) = m^2 + (\mathbf{q} + e\mathbf{A}(t))^2$$

- At $t_0 = t \rightarrow \infty$ vector potential $A(t) \rightarrow 0$ so

$$\chi^{(\pm)}(\mathbf{p}, t) \sim \exp(\pm i\varepsilon_0(\mathbf{p}) t), \quad \varepsilon_0(\mathbf{q}, t) = \sqrt{m^2 + \mathbf{q}^2}$$

Canonical quantization :

- Field operator :

$$\psi(x) = \sum_{\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r}} \left[\psi_{\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}}^{(-)}(x) b_{\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}} + \psi_{\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}}^{(+)}(x) d_{-\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}}^+ \right]$$

- electron operators at t_0 : $b_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{r}}, b_{\mathbf{q}',\mathbf{r}'}^+$

- positron operators : $d_{\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}}, d_{\mathbf{q}',\mathbf{r}'}^+$

- anti-commutator

$$\{b_{\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}}, b_{\mathbf{q}',\mathbf{r}'}^+\} = \{d_{\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}}, d_{\mathbf{q}',\mathbf{r}'}^+\} = \delta_{rr'} \delta_{\mathbf{q}\mathbf{q}'}$$

- Operators describe annihilation /creation in the in-state $|0_{\text{in}}\rangle$

Time-dependent Bogoliubov transformation

- Transformation

$$b_{\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}}(t) = \alpha_{\mathbf{q}}(t) b_{\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}}(t_0) + \beta_{\mathbf{q}}(t) d_{-\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}}^+(t_0),$$

$$d_{\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}}(t) = \alpha_{-\mathbf{q}}(t) d_{\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}}(t_0) - \beta_{-\mathbf{q}}(t) b_{-\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}}^+(t_0)$$

- with the condition

$$|\alpha_{\mathbf{q}}(t)|^2 + |\beta_{\mathbf{q}}(t)|^2 = 1.$$

Kinetic approach - sketch of derivation

- Time-dependent Bogoliubov transformation

$$\{B_{\mathbf{q}r}(t), B_{\mathbf{q}'r'}^+(t)\} = \{D_{\mathbf{q}r}(t), D_{\mathbf{q}'r'}^+(t)\} = \delta_{rr'} \delta_{\mathbf{qq}'}$$

- Heisenberg-type equations of motion

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dB_{\mathbf{q}r}(t)}{dt} &= -\frac{eE(t)\varepsilon_{\perp}}{2\varepsilon^2(\mathbf{q}, t)} D_{-\mathbf{q}r}^+(t) + i [H(t), B_{\mathbf{q}r}(t)] , \\ \frac{dD_{\mathbf{q}r}(t)}{dt} &= \frac{eE(t)\varepsilon_{\perp}}{2\varepsilon^2(\mathbf{q}, t)} B_{-\mathbf{q}r}^+(t) + i [H(t), D_{\mathbf{q}r}(t)] ,\end{aligned}$$

- New Hamiltonian

$$H(t) = \sum_{r,\mathbf{q}} \varepsilon(\mathbf{q}, t) [B_{\mathbf{q}r}^+(t)B_{\mathbf{q}r}(t) - D_{-\mathbf{q}r}(t)D_{-\mathbf{q}r}^+(t)]$$

- Kinetic equation

$$\frac{df_r(\mathbf{q}, t)}{dt} = -\frac{eE(t)\varepsilon_{\perp}}{\varepsilon^2(\mathbf{q}, t)} \text{Re} \langle 0 | D_{-\mathbf{q}r}(t) B_{\mathbf{q}r}(t) | 0 \rangle$$

Kinetic equation (without back reaction)

$$\frac{df_r(\mathbf{q}, t)}{dt} = \frac{eE(t)\varepsilon_{\perp}}{2\varepsilon^2(\mathbf{q}, t)} \int_{t_0}^t dt' \frac{eE(t')\varepsilon_{\perp}}{\varepsilon^2(\mathbf{q}, t')} [1 - 2f_r(\mathbf{q}, t')] \cos[2\theta(\mathbf{q}, t', t)]$$

$$\varepsilon^2(\mathbf{q}, t) = m^2 + \mathbf{P}^2(t) = m^2 + (\mathbf{q} + e\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{t}))^2$$

Non-Markovian kinetic equation

$$\frac{df_r(\mathbf{q}, t)}{dt} = \overbrace{\frac{1}{2} \lambda_{\pm}(\mathbf{q}, t) \int_{t_0}^t dt' \lambda_{\pm}(\mathbf{q}, t') \underbrace{[1 \pm 2f(\mathbf{q}, t')]}_{\text{Non-Markovian factor}} \cos \theta(t, t')}^{\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{q}, t) - \text{source term}}$$

$$\lambda_{-}(\mathbf{q}, t) = eE(t)\varepsilon_{\perp}/\varepsilon^2(\mathbf{q}, t) \quad \lambda_{+}(\mathbf{p}, t) = eE(t)\mathbf{p}/\varepsilon^2(\mathbf{q}, t)$$

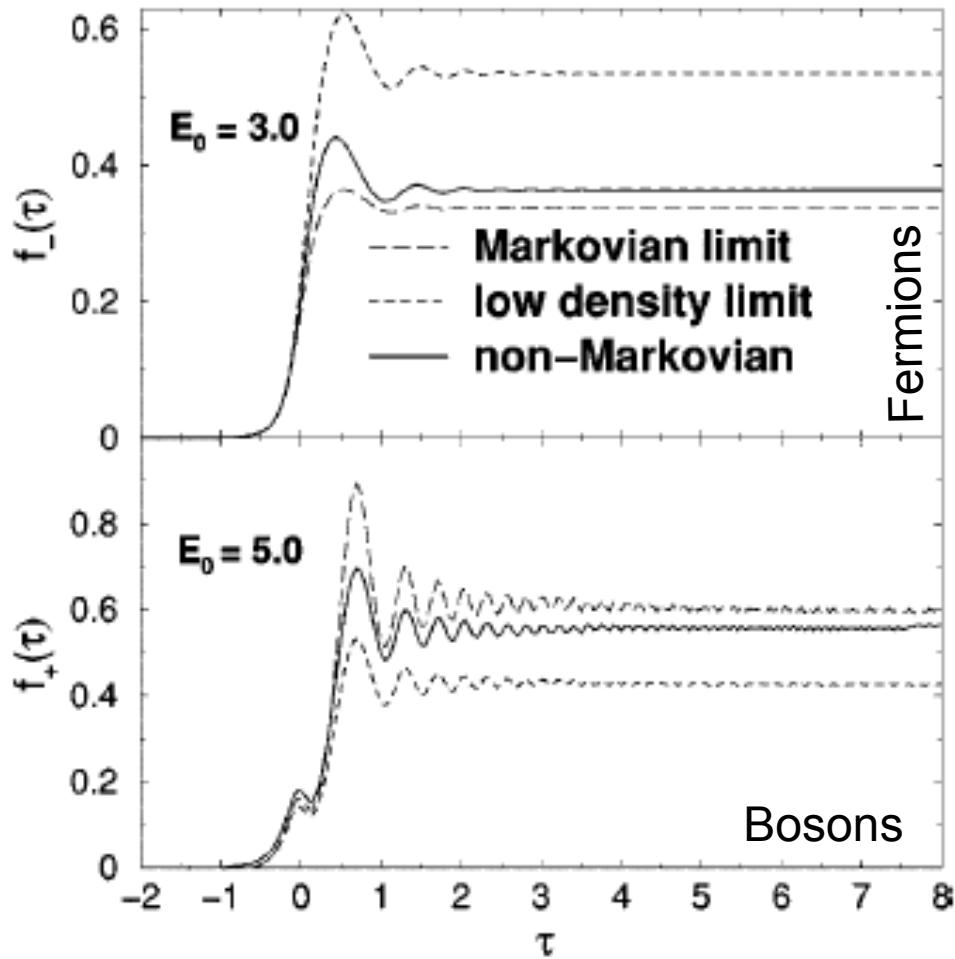
$$\varepsilon_{\perp} = \sqrt{m^2 + \mathbf{q}_{\perp}^2}$$

$$\theta(t, t') = 2 \int_{t'}^t d\tau \varepsilon(\mathbf{q}, \tau)$$

KE is equivalent to a system of ordinary differential equations

$$\dot{f} = \frac{1}{2} \lambda u, \quad \dot{u} = \lambda(1 \pm 2f) - 2\varepsilon v, \quad \dot{v} = 2\varepsilon u,$$

Markovian and Low-Density Limits for the Dynamical Schwinger Process in Strong External Fields



Markovian limit :

$$\frac{d f_{\pm}^M(\tau)}{d \tau} = [1 \pm 2f_{\pm}^M(\tau)] S_{\pm}^0(\tau) = S_{\pm}^M(\tau),$$

$$f_{\pm}^M(\tau) = \mp \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \exp \left[\pm 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} d\tau' S_{\pm}^0(\tau') \right] \right).$$

Low-density limit :

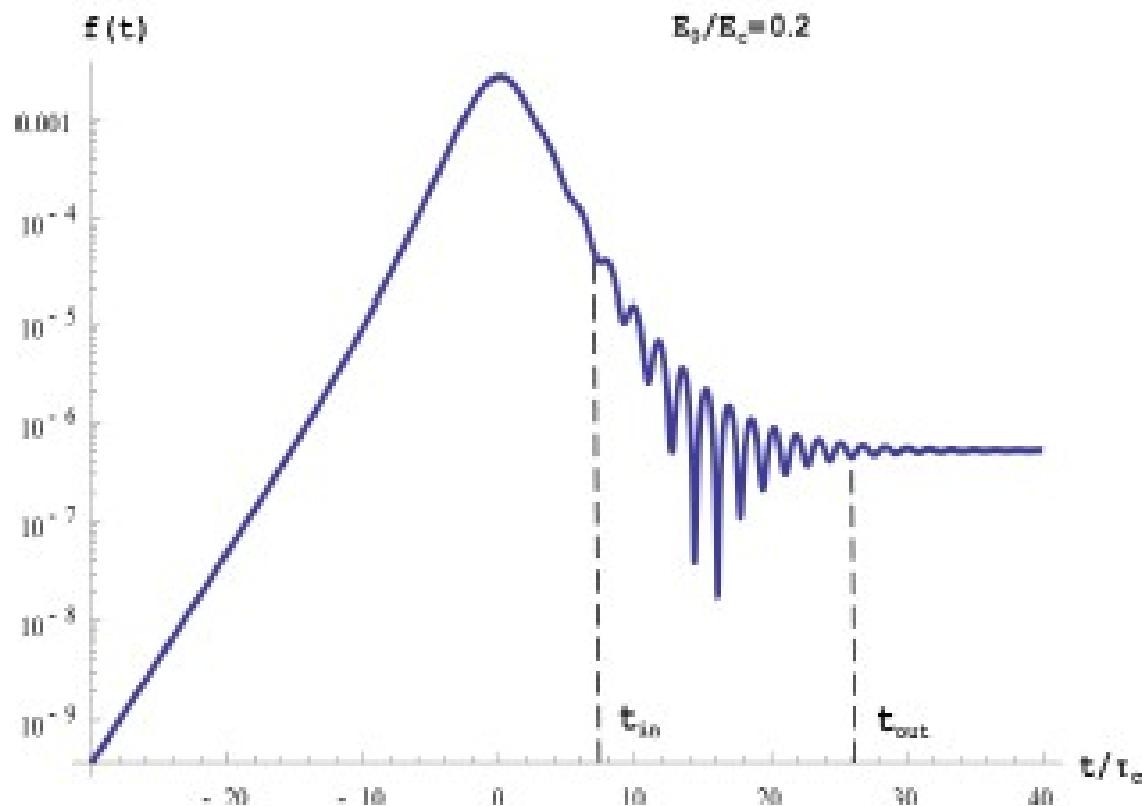
$$f_{\pm}^0(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} d\tau' S_{\pm}^0(\tau').$$

$$f_{\pm}^0(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} d\tau' g_{\pm}^1(\tau') \int_{-\infty}^{\tau'} d\tau'' g_{\pm}^1(\tau'') + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} d\tau' g_{\pm}^2(\tau') \int_{-\infty}^{\tau'} d\tau'' g_{\pm}^2(\tau''),$$

$$g_{\pm}^{1,2}(\tau) = \mathcal{W}_{\pm}(\tau) \begin{cases} \cos[2\Theta(\tau)] \\ \sin[2\Theta(\tau)] \end{cases}.$$

$$f_{\pm}^0(\tau) = \frac{1}{4} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\tau} d\tau' g_{\pm}^1(\tau') \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\tau} d\tau' g_{\pm}^2(\tau') \right)^2.$$

Examples (quasi-particle and mass-shell stage)



- Sauter pulse

$$E(t) = E_0 \cosh^{-2}(t/T)$$

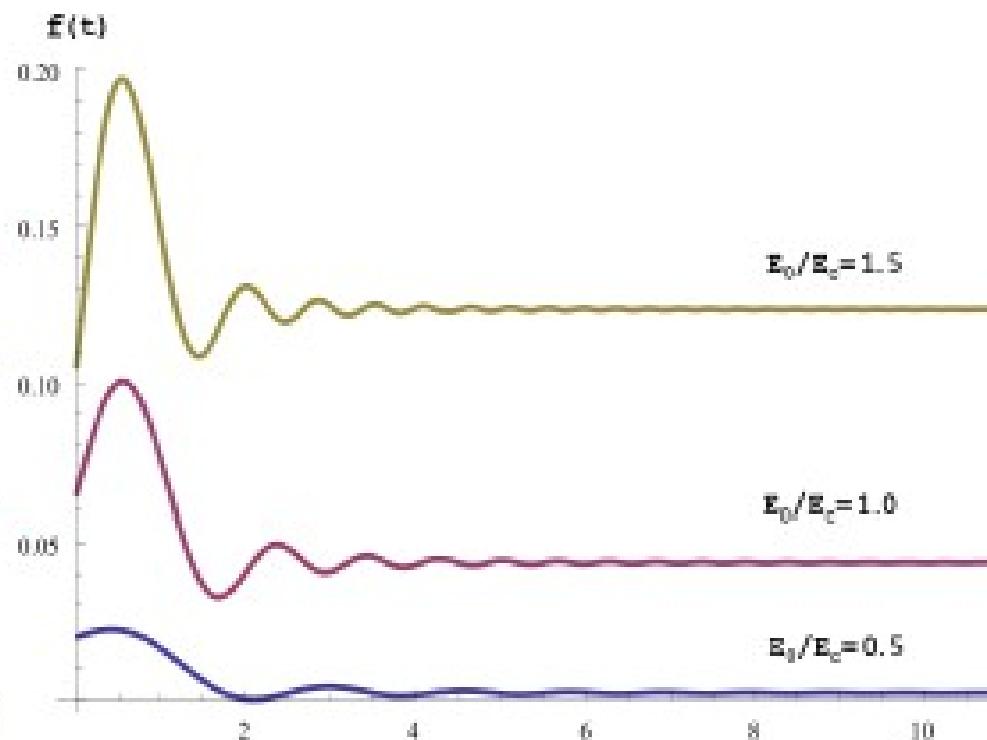
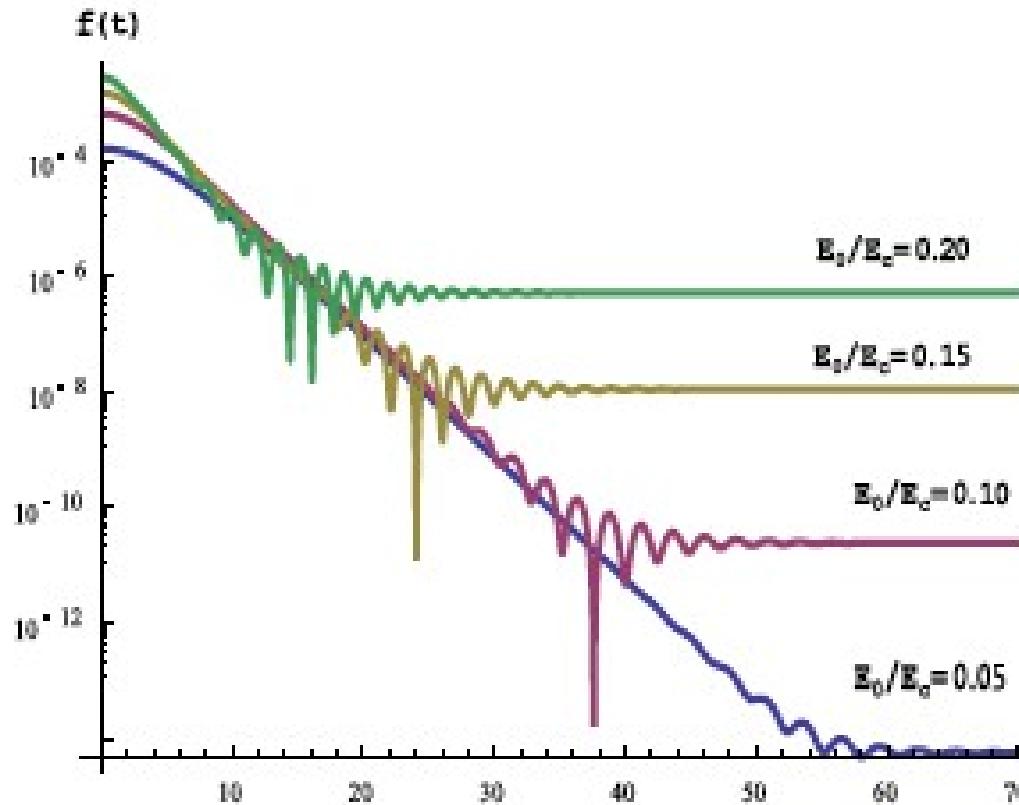
- $T = 0.02\text{nm}$
- $p_{\perp} = p_{||} = 0$
- $[t_{in}, t_{out}]$ - transient region between quasi-particle and mass-shell stage

Dynamical Schwinger effect: Properties of the e^+e^- plasma created from vacuum in strong laser fields

Blaschke, Juchnowski , Panferov et al. arXiv:1412.6372

Examples (quasi-particle and mass-shell stage)

$$E(t) = E_0 \cosh^{-2}(t/T), \quad T = 8.24\tau_c, \quad p_\perp = p_\parallel = 0$$



t/τ_c

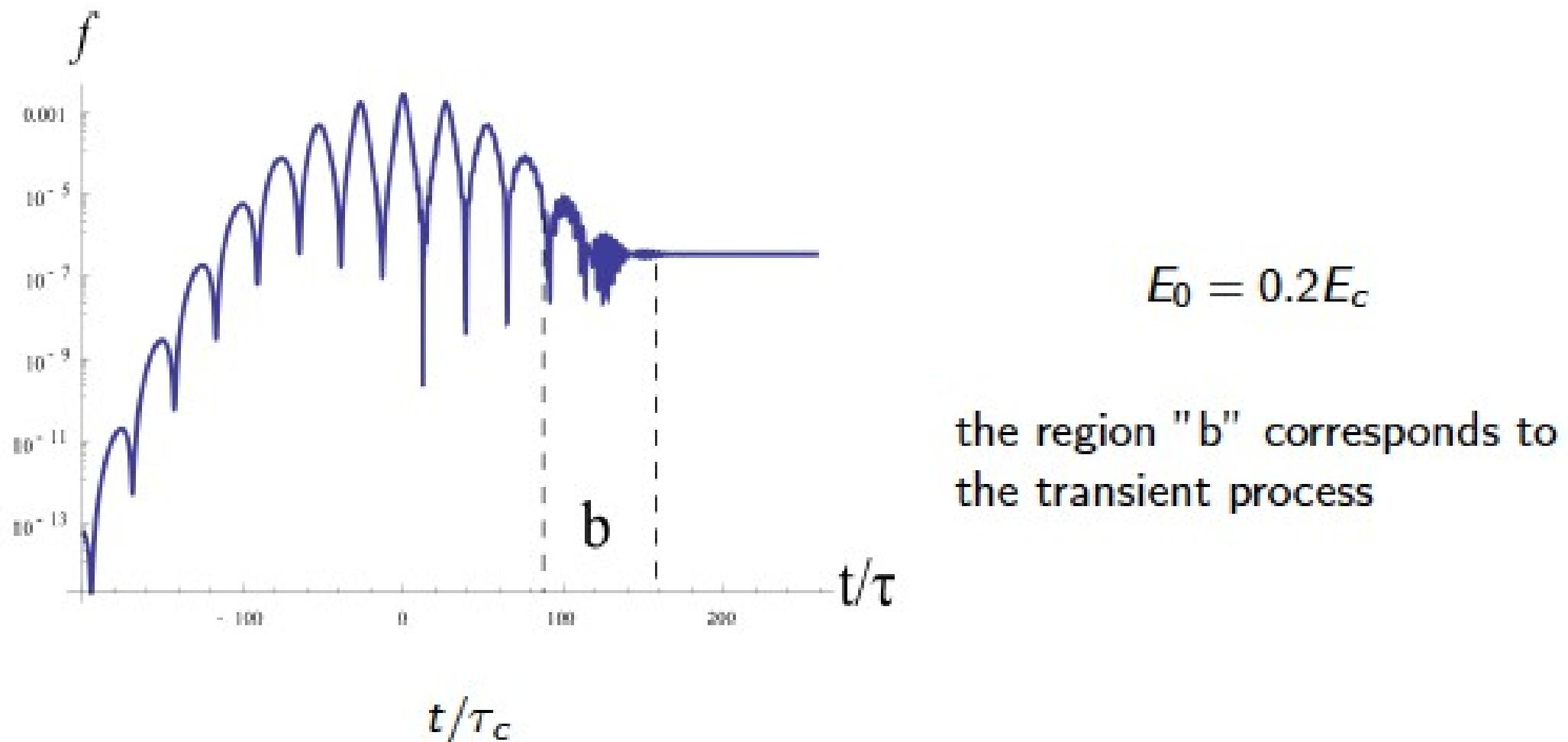
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t/τ_c

Examples (quasi-particle and mass-shell stage)

$$E(t) = E_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi) e^{-t^2/2\tau^2}, \quad \phi = 0, \quad \sigma = \omega\tau = 0.5 \quad p_{\perp} = p_{\parallel} = 0$$

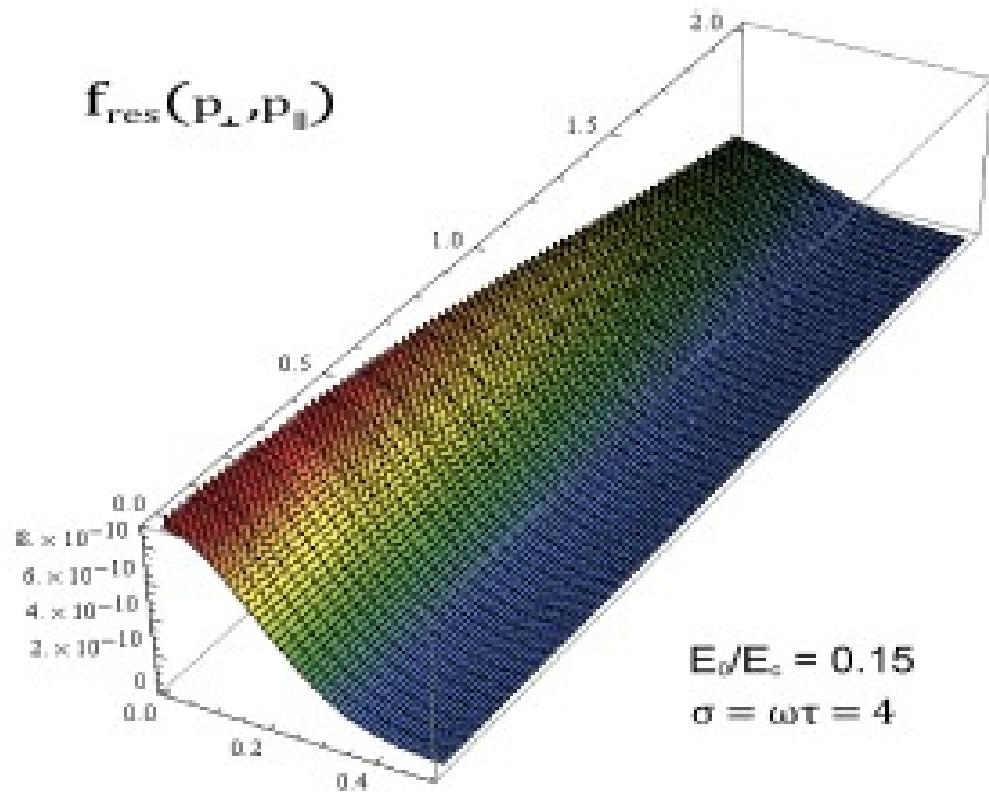


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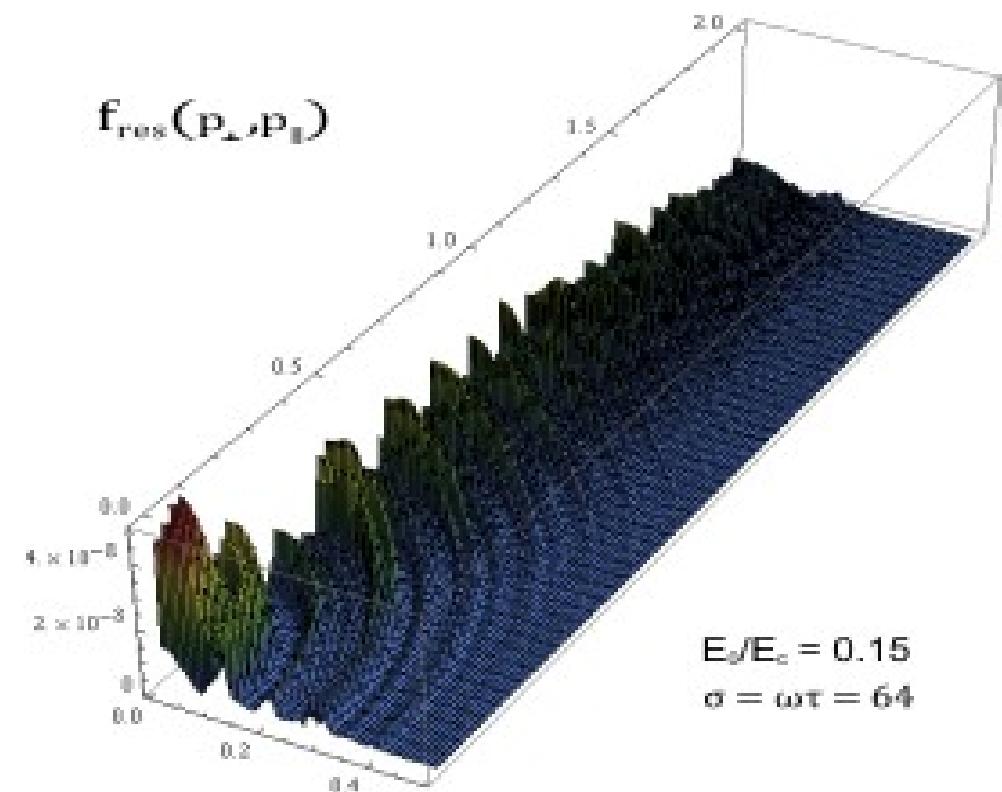
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Mass-shell stage : $f_{\text{res}}(p_{\perp}, p_{\parallel}) = f(p_{\perp}, p_{\parallel}, t \rightarrow \infty)$

$$E(t) = E_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi) e^{-t^2/2\tau^2}, \quad \phi = 0, \quad \lambda_{\omega} = 0.1 \text{nm}$$



Short pulse

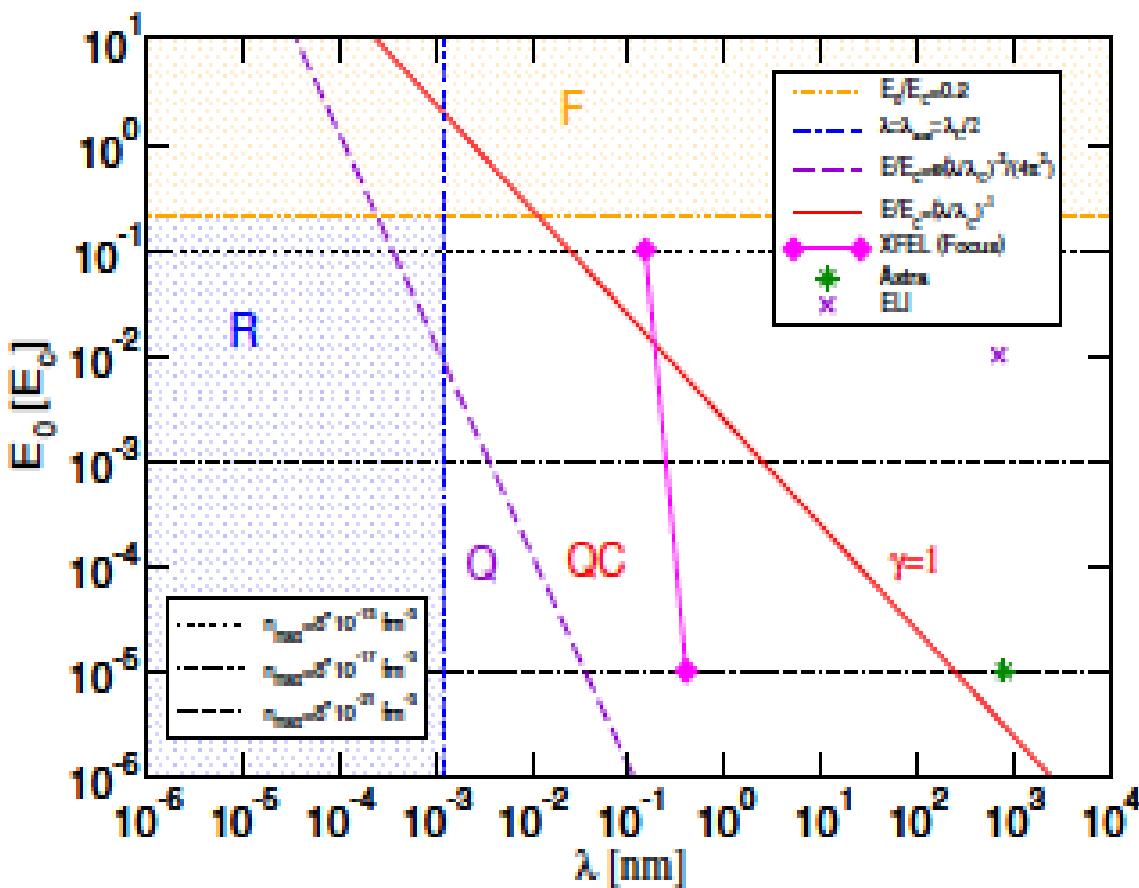


Long pulse

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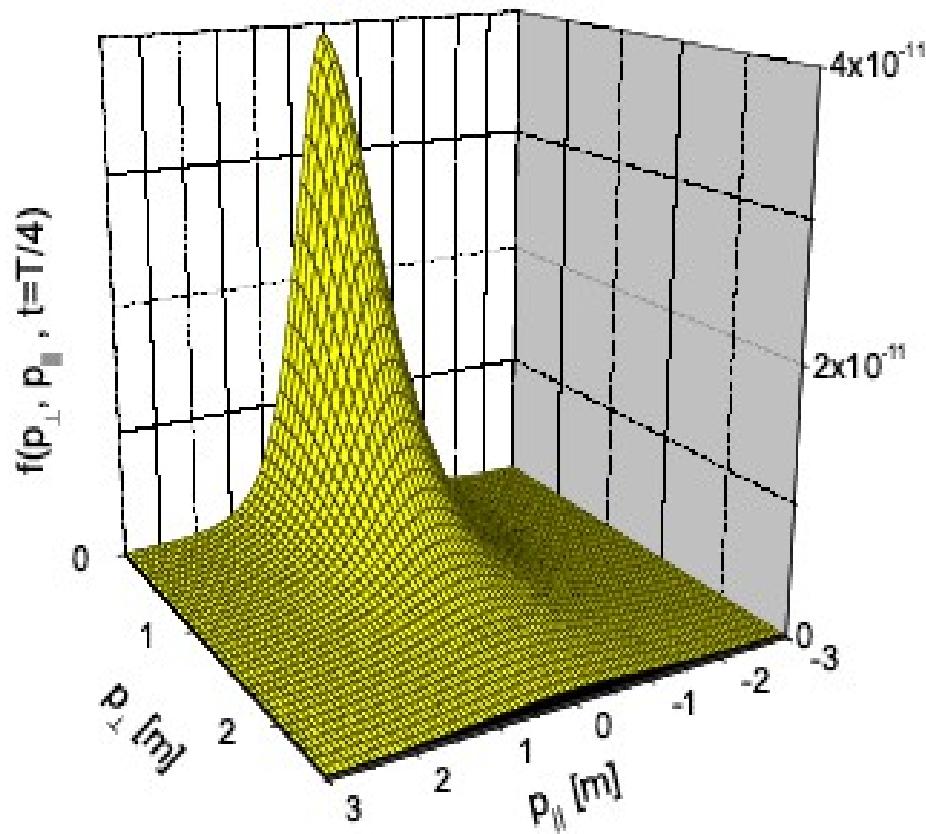
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Landscape

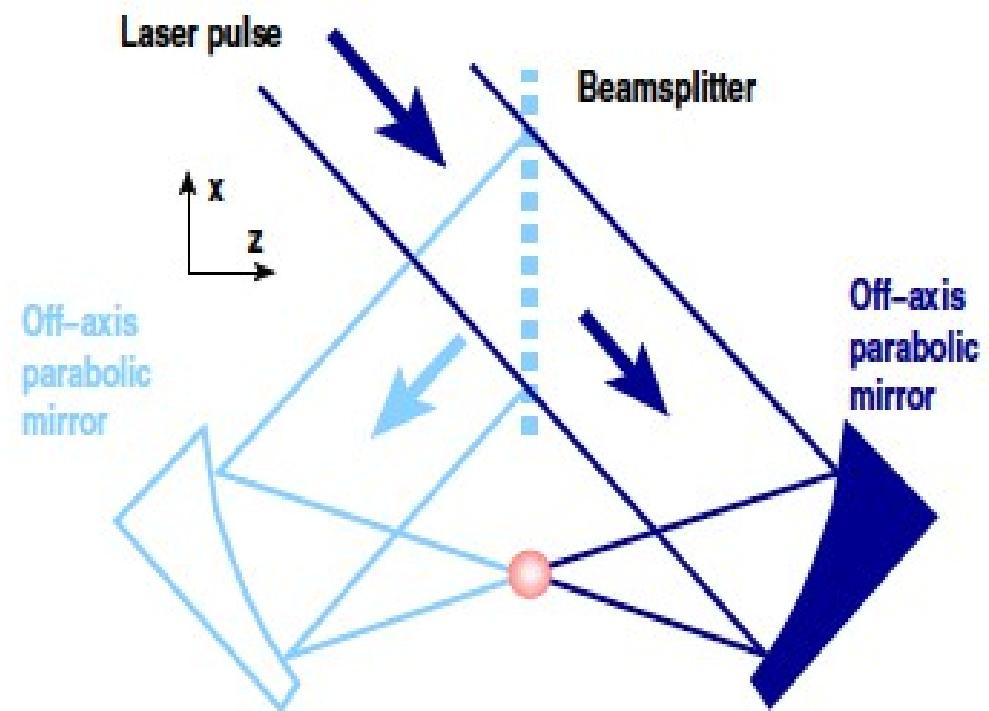


- Change of variables $(\omega, E) \rightarrow (\gamma, E)$
 - Adiabaticity parameter
- $$\gamma = \frac{E_c \omega}{E m} = \frac{E_c \lambda_c}{E \lambda}$$
- Red line $\gamma = 1$ separates two regimes
 - Tunneling limit $\gamma \ll 1$
 - Multiphoton limit $\gamma \gg 1$

APPLICATION TO SUBCRITICAL LASER FIELDS



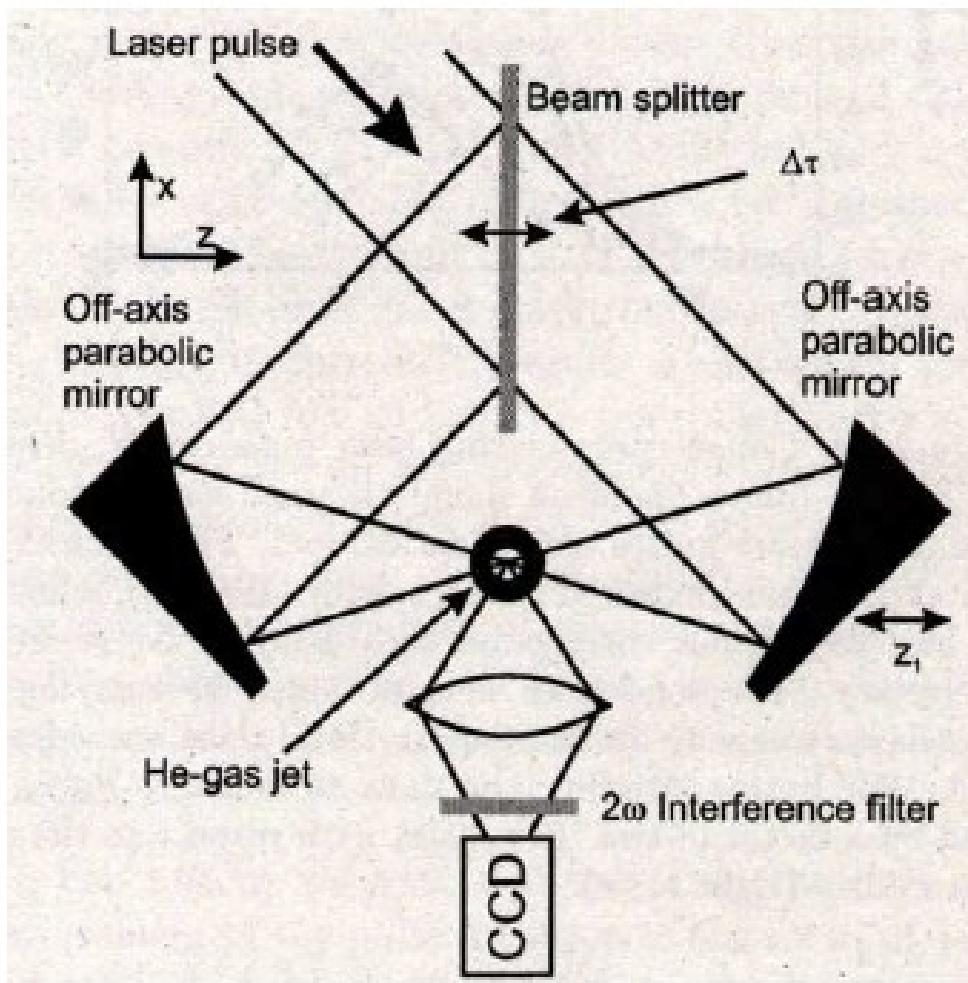
Setup of the Jena Laser Exp. (2005)



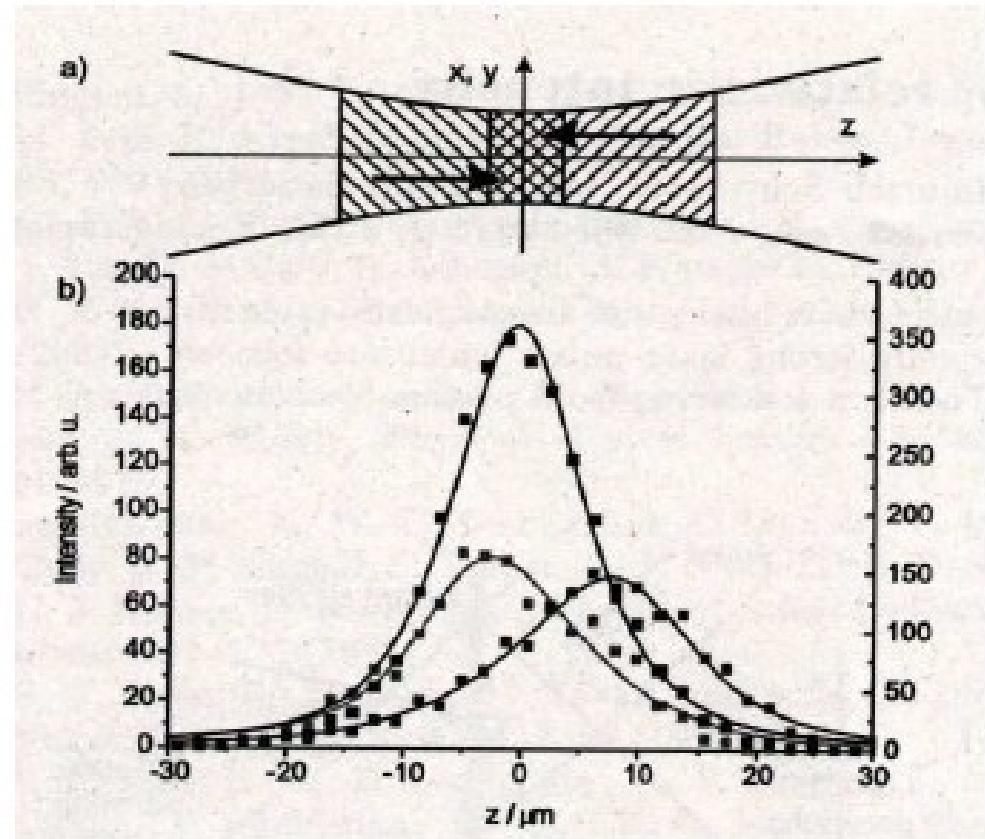
Equilibrium-like momentum distribution at the time of maximal field amplitude $t = T/4$.

Heinzl, et al., Opt. Commun. 267, 318 (2006)

APPLICATION TO JENA MULTI-TW LASER



Colliding laser pulses of a Ti:sapphire laser with $E_m/E_{\text{crit}} \approx 3 \cdot 10^{-5}$ and $\omega/m = 2.84 \cdot 10^{-6}$

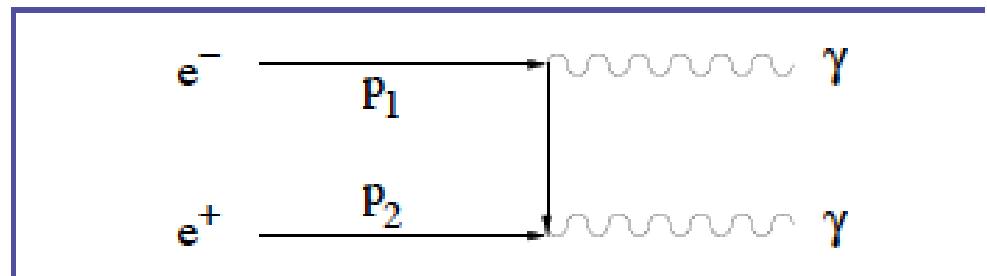
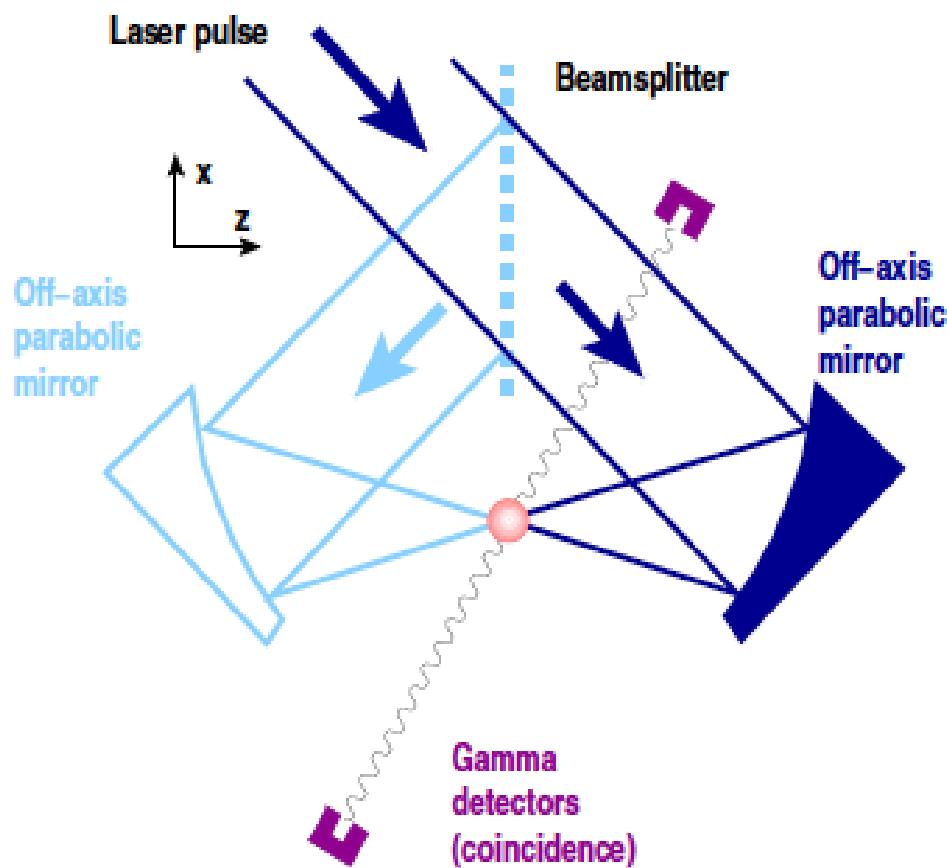


Laser diagnostic by nonlinear Thomson scattering off e^- in a He-gas jet

Pulse intensity: $I = 10^{18} \text{ W/cm}^2$, duration: $\tau_L \sim 80 \text{ fs}$, wavelength: $\lambda = 795 \text{ nm}$, cross-size: $z_0 = 9 \mu\text{m}$

PERSPECTIVES FOR e^+e^- PAIRS @ OPTICAL LASERS (I)

Observable: photon pair $(e^+ + e^- \rightarrow 2 \gamma)$



$$\frac{d\nu}{dVdt} = \int d\mathbf{p}_1 d\mathbf{p}_2 \sigma(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) f(\mathbf{p}_1, t) f(\mathbf{p}_2, t) \times \sqrt{(\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2)^2 - |\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2|^2},$$

cross-section σ of two-photon annihilation

$$\sigma(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) = \frac{\pi e^4}{2m^2\tau^2(\tau-1)} [(\tau^2 + \tau - 1/2) \times \ln \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{\tau} + \sqrt{\tau-1}}{\sqrt{\tau} - \sqrt{\tau-1}} \right\} - (\tau + 1)\sqrt{\tau(\tau-1)}]$$

t-channel kinematic invariant

$$\tau = \frac{(p_1 + p_2)^2}{4m^2} = \frac{1}{4m^2} [(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2)^2 - (\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2)^2].$$

Project: G. Gregori et al. (2008)
at RAL Astra-Gemini Laser

KINETICS OF THE $E^+E^-\gamma$ PLASMA IN A STRONG LASER FIELD

The photon correlation function is defined as

$$F_{rr'}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}', t) = \langle A_r^+(\mathbf{k}, t) A_{r'}^-(\mathbf{k}', t) \rangle ; \quad A_\mu(\mathbf{k}, t) = A_\mu^{(+)}(\mathbf{k}, t) + A_\mu^{(-)}(-\mathbf{k}, t).$$

Lowest truncation of BBGKY hierarchy \rightarrow photon KE for zero initial condition

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{F}(\mathbf{k}, t) &= -\frac{e^2}{2(2\pi)^3 k} \int d^3 p \int_{t_0}^t dt' K(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{k}; t, t') [1 + F(\mathbf{k}, t')] \\ &\quad [f(\mathbf{p}, t') + f(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{k}, t') - 1] \cos \left\{ \int_{t'}^t d\tau [\omega(\mathbf{p}, \tau) + \omega(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{k}, \tau) - k] \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

Markovian approximation; averaging the kernel: $K(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{k}; t, t') \rightarrow K_0 = -5$

Subcritical field case: $E \ll E_c$, lead to ($\delta = 2m - k$, frequency mismatch)

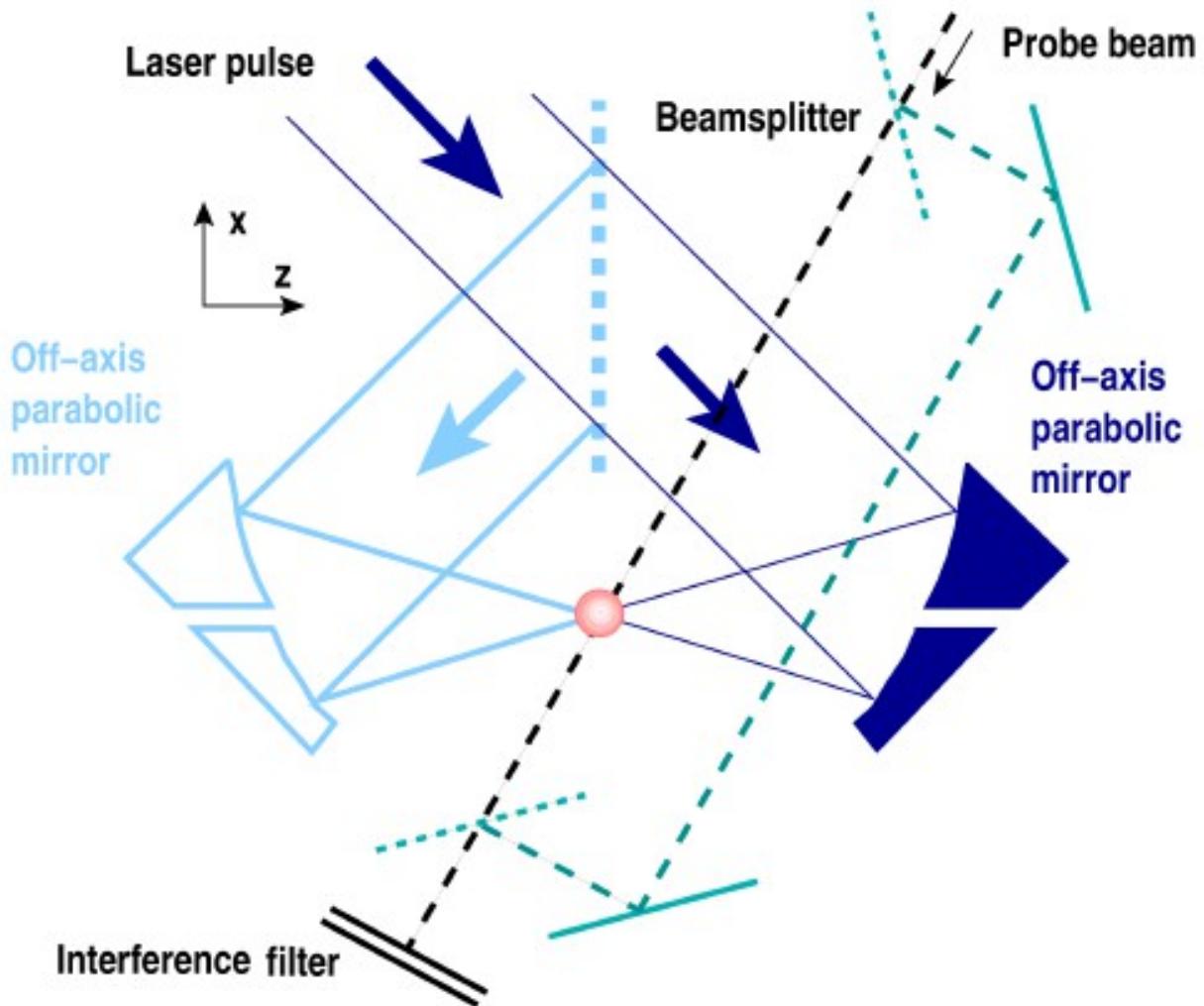
$$F(\mathbf{k}, t) = \frac{5e^2 n(t)}{2k\delta^2} , \quad n(t) = 2 \int d^3 p f(\mathbf{p}, t) / (2\pi)^3$$

Photon distribution in the optical region $k \ll m$ is characteristic for the flicker noise

$$F(k) \sim 1/k$$

D.B. Blaschke et al., Contr. Plasma Phys. 49, 602 (2009); Phys. Rev. D 84, 085028 (2012).

Two Laser Beams: XFEL & High Intensity Optical Laser (HIBEF)



Why is it interesting?

- pump (HI optical laser) & Probe (XFEL) experiment exploring modification of QED vacuum structure
- refraction & birefringence
- “assisted” dynamical Schwinger effect

A. Otto, D. Seipt, D. Blaschke, B. Kaempfer, S.A. Smolyansky, PLB 740, 335 (2015)
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Dynamical Schwinger process in a bifrequent electric field

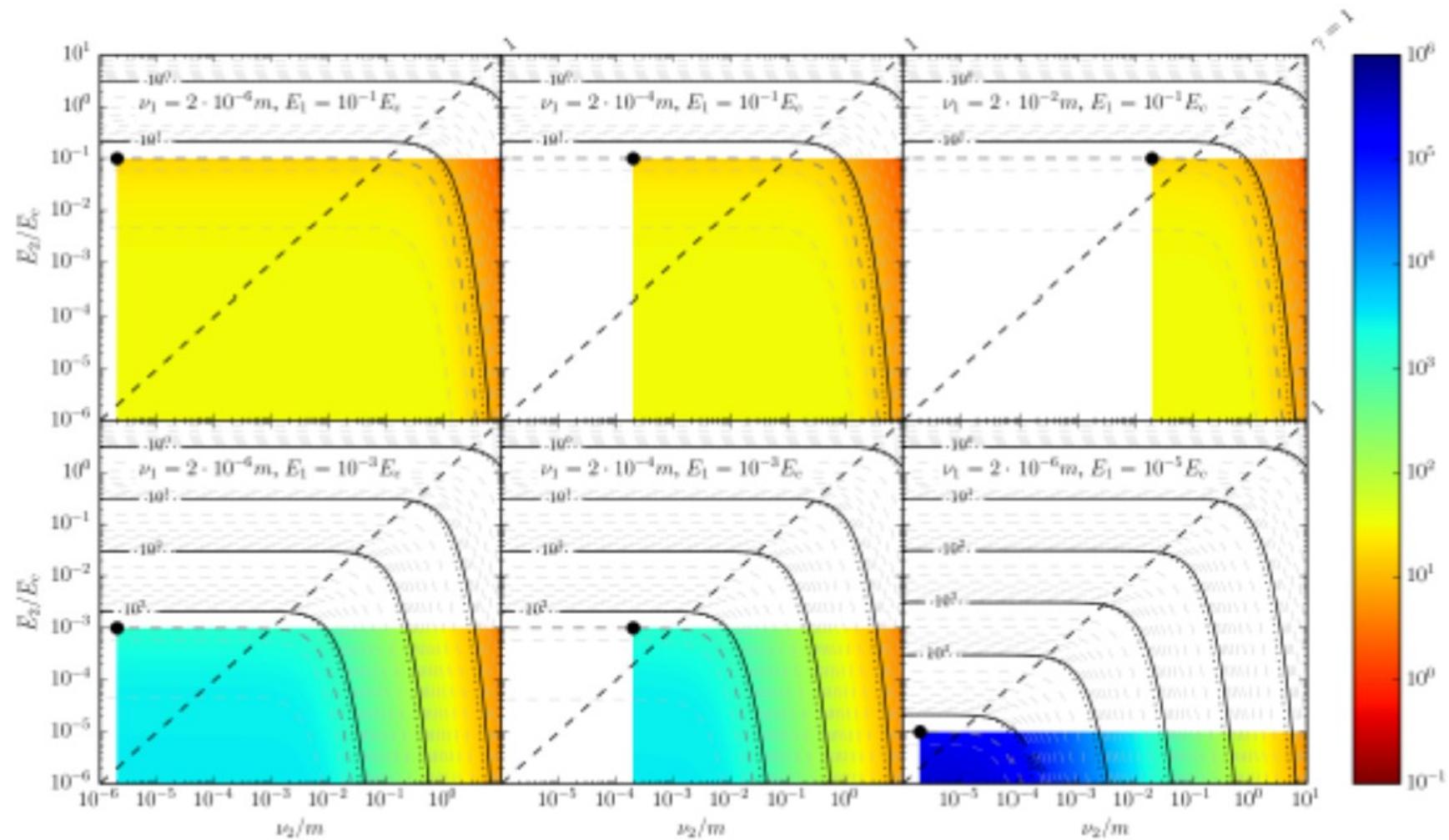


Figure 3: Contour plots of the exponential $4\frac{m}{\nu_1}G(p_{\perp} \ll m, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, N)$ for six given fields ν_1, E_1 in the adiabatic region (positions depicted by the bullets, which are the loci of field doubling) over the field-frequency (E_2/E_c vs. ν_1/m) plane, i.e. actually $4\frac{m}{\nu_1}G(p_{\perp} \ll m, \nu_1, E_1, \nu_2, E_2)$. Despite of the displayed smooth distribution, our results are strictly valid only for $E_2 < E_1$ and $\nu_2 = (4n + 1)\nu_1$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Light grey dashed contour curves are for $2, \dots, 9$ between the solid decade contour curves. The heavy grey dashed curves are constructed to go through the bullets. An amplification beyond the field doubling occurs right and below the bullets and right to the heavy grey dashed curves, in the colored regions.

A. Otto, D. Seipt, D. Blaschke, S.A. Smolyansky, B. Kaempfer,
Phys. Rev. D 91, 105018 (2015); arxiv:1503.08675 [hep-ph]

Lessons for Nonequilibrium Dynamics in Heavy-Ion Collisions ?

Fluctuations of the string tension and transverse mass distribution

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“Schwinger”

“Thermal”

$$\frac{dn_\kappa}{d^2 p_\perp} \sim e^{-\pi m_\perp^2 / \kappa^2}, \quad m_\perp = \sqrt{p_\perp^2 + m^2}. \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{dn}{d^2 p_\perp} \sim \exp\left(-m_\perp \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\langle \kappa^2 \rangle}}\right), \quad T = \sqrt{\frac{\langle \kappa^2 \rangle}{2\pi}}.$$

$$P(\kappa) d\kappa = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi \langle \kappa^2 \rangle}} \exp\left(-\frac{\kappa^2}{2\langle \kappa^2 \rangle}\right) d\kappa, \quad \langle \kappa^2 \rangle = \int_0^\infty P(\kappa) \kappa^2 d\kappa.$$

$$\frac{dn}{d^2 p_\perp} \sim \int_0^\infty d\kappa P(\kappa) e^{-\pi m_\perp^2 / \kappa^2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\pi \langle \kappa^2 \rangle}} \int_0^\infty d\kappa e^{-\kappa^2 / 2\langle \kappa^2 \rangle} e^{-\pi m_\perp^2 / \kappa^2} \sim \exp\left(-m_\perp \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\langle \kappa^2 \rangle}}\right)$$

$$\int_0^\infty dt e^{-st} \frac{u}{2\sqrt{\pi t^3}} e^{-u^2/4t} = e^{-u\sqrt{s}}.$$

SCHWINGER TUNNELING AND THERMAL CHARACTER OF HADRON SPECTRA

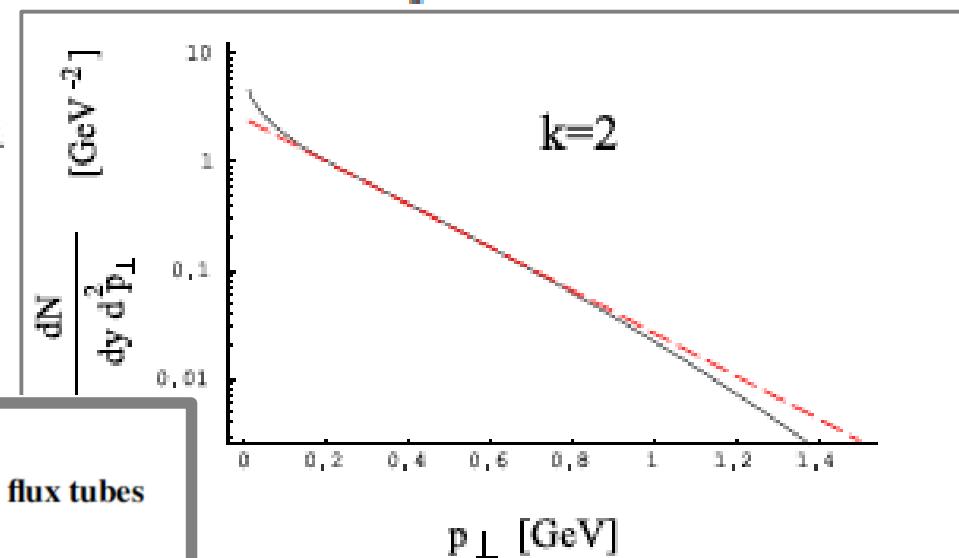
Wojciech Florkowski

$$(p^\mu \partial_\mu \pm g \epsilon_i \cdot F^{\mu\nu} p_\nu \partial_\mu^\mu) G_i^\pm(x, p) = \frac{dN_i^\pm}{d\Gamma},$$

$$\frac{dN}{d\Gamma} = p_0^0 \frac{dN}{d^4x \, d^3p} = \frac{F}{4\pi^3} \left| \ln \left(1 \mp \exp \left(-\frac{\pi p_\perp^2}{F} \right) \right) \right| \delta(w - w_0) v, \quad w_0 = -\frac{p_\perp^2}{2F},$$

$$\frac{dN}{dy \, d^2p_\perp} = \int d^4x \frac{dN}{d\Gamma} = \pi R^2 \int_0^\infty d\tau' \tau' \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\eta \mathcal{R}(\tau', p_\perp) \delta(w \mp w_0) v = \pi R^2 \int_0^\infty d\tau' \tau' \mathcal{R}(\tau', p_\perp),$$

$$\frac{dN}{dy \, d^2p_\perp} = \frac{R^2}{4\pi^2} \sum_{\text{all partons}} \int_0^\infty d\tau' \tau' F(\tau') \left| \ln \left(1 \mp \exp \left(-\frac{\pi p_\perp^2}{F(\tau')} \right) \right) \right|.$$



PHYSICAL REVIEW D 88, 034028 (2013)

Equilibration of anisotropic quark-gluon plasma produced by decays of color flux tubes

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Transport theory with self-consistent confinement related to the lattice data

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Define mean field $V[\{m(T)\}]$ so that $\epsilon_{qp}(T) = \epsilon_{lat}(T)$.

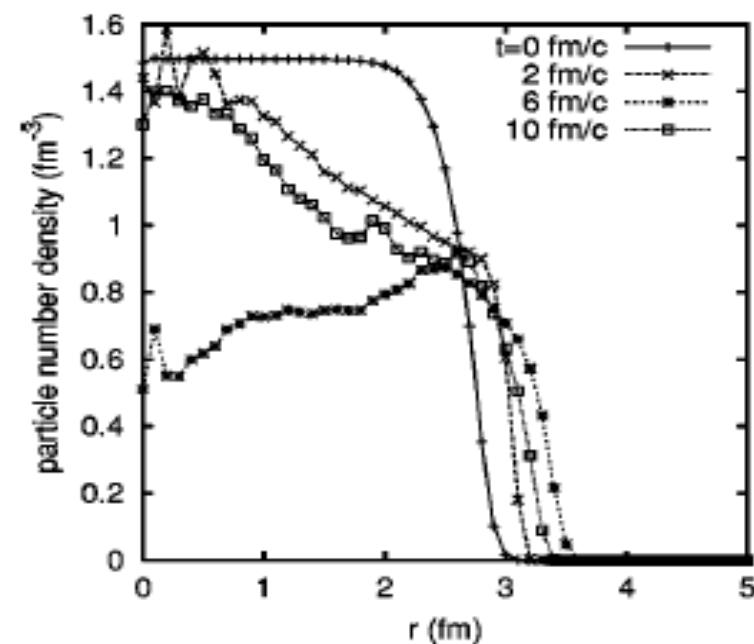
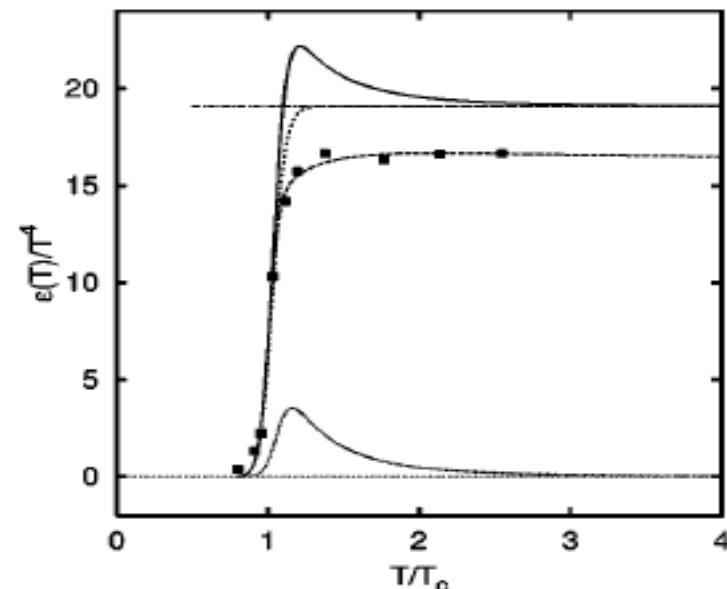
$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_{qp}(T) &= \sum_i g_i \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} E_i f_i(E_i) + V(T) \\ &= \epsilon_{kin}(m, T) + V(T),\end{aligned}$$

Vlasov Equation for phase space distribution function:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t f(x, t, p) + \frac{p}{E(p, x, t)} \nabla_x f(x, t, p) \\ - \frac{m(x, t)}{E(p, x, t)} \nabla_x m(x, t) \nabla_p f(x, t, p) = 0.\end{aligned}$$

Gap equation for space-time dependent mass $m(x, t)$

$$\frac{dV}{dm} = -g \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{m(x, t)}{E(p, x, t)} f(x, t, p) = -\rho(x, t).$$



Low Momentum π -Meson Production from Evolvable Quark Condensate[¶]

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Time-dependent mass at chiral transition

$$\omega_\sigma(\mathbf{p}, t) = \sqrt{m_\sigma^2(T(t)) + \mathbf{p}^2}$$

Generates a source term

$$I_\sigma^{\text{vac}}(\mathbf{p}, t) = \frac{1}{2} \Delta_\sigma(\mathbf{p}, t) \int_{t_0}^t dt' \Delta_\sigma(\mathbf{p}, t') \times [1 + 2f_\sigma(\mathbf{p}, t')] \cos[2\theta_\sigma(\mathbf{p}; t, t')],$$

where

$$\Delta_\sigma(\mathbf{p}, t) = \frac{\dot{\omega}_\sigma(\mathbf{p}, t)}{\omega_\sigma(\mathbf{p}, t)} = \frac{m_\sigma(t)\dot{m}_\sigma(t)}{\omega_\sigma^2(\mathbf{p}, t)},$$

$$\theta_\sigma(\mathbf{p}; t, t') = \int_{t'}^t dt'' \omega_\sigma(\mathbf{p}, t''),$$

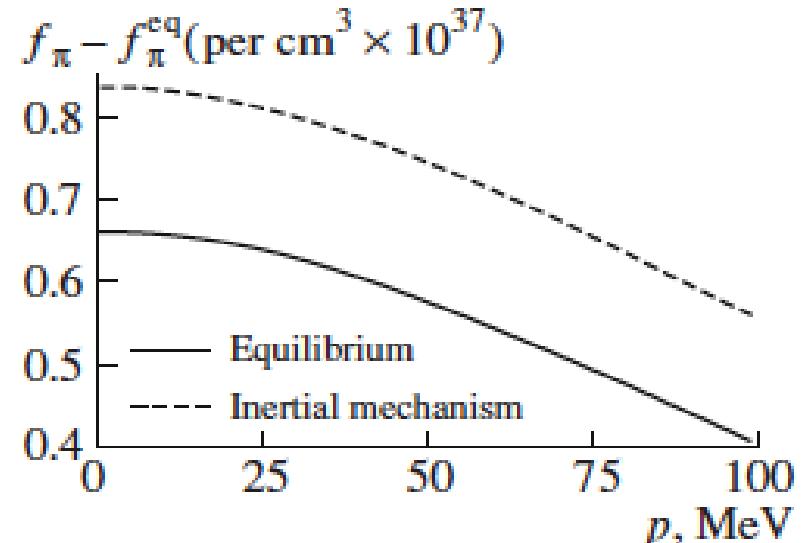
in Kinetic equation for the pion-sigma system

$$\dot{f}_\alpha = I_\alpha^{\text{vac}} + I_\alpha^{\sigma \rightarrow \pi\pi} + I_\alpha^{\text{ex}}$$

Detailed balance: Loss \leftrightarrow Gain ...
Bose enhancement for pion distribution!

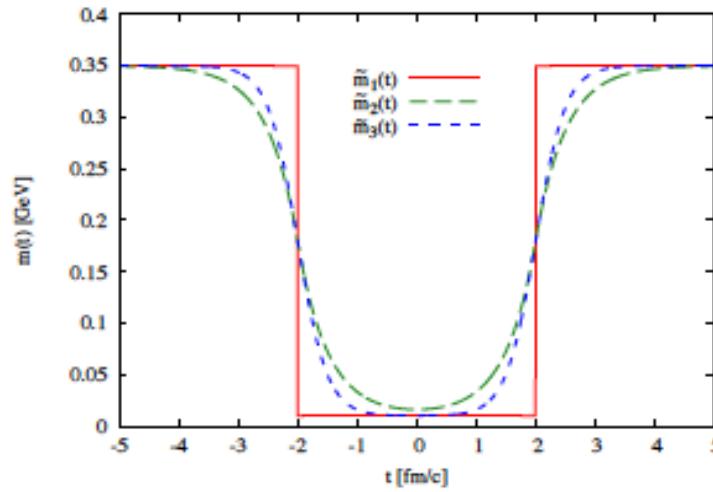
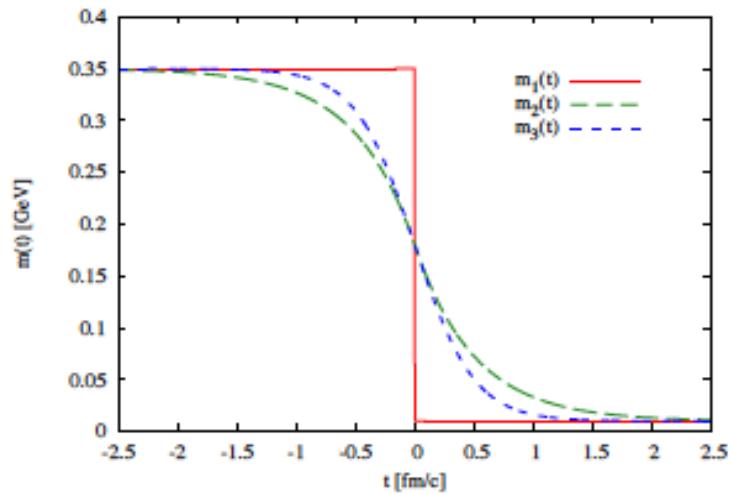
$$I_\sigma^{\text{loss}}(\mathbf{p}, t) = - \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}_1 d\mathbf{p}_2}{\omega_\pi(\mathbf{p}_1, t) \omega_\pi(\mathbf{p}_2, t)} \Gamma_{\sigma \rightarrow \pi\pi}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2; t) \times f_\sigma(\mathbf{p}, t) [1 + f_\pi(\mathbf{p}_1, t)] [1 + f_\pi(\mathbf{p}_2, t)] \times \delta\{\omega_\sigma(\mathbf{p}, t) - \omega_\pi(\mathbf{p}_1, t) - \omega_\pi(\mathbf{p}_2, t)\} \times \delta(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2), \quad (4)$$

$$I_\sigma^{\text{loss}}(t) = \pi \left[\frac{4p_{\text{tr}}(t)}{m_\sigma(t)} \right]^3 \Gamma_{\sigma \rightarrow \pi\pi}(p_{\text{tr}}, t) [1 + f_\pi(p_{\text{tr}}, t)]^2,$$

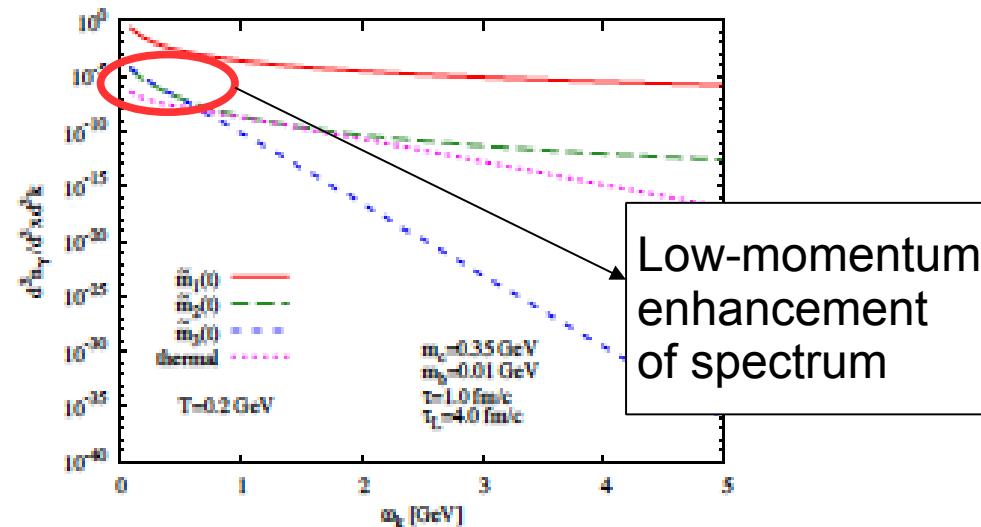
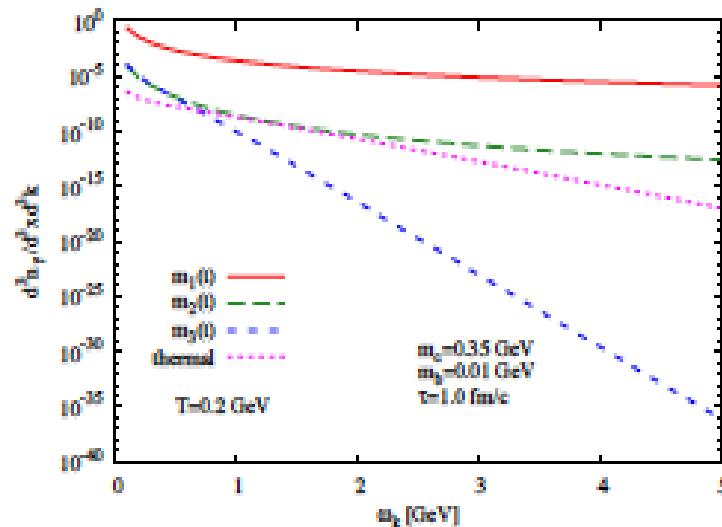


Off-equilibrium photon production during the chiral phase transition

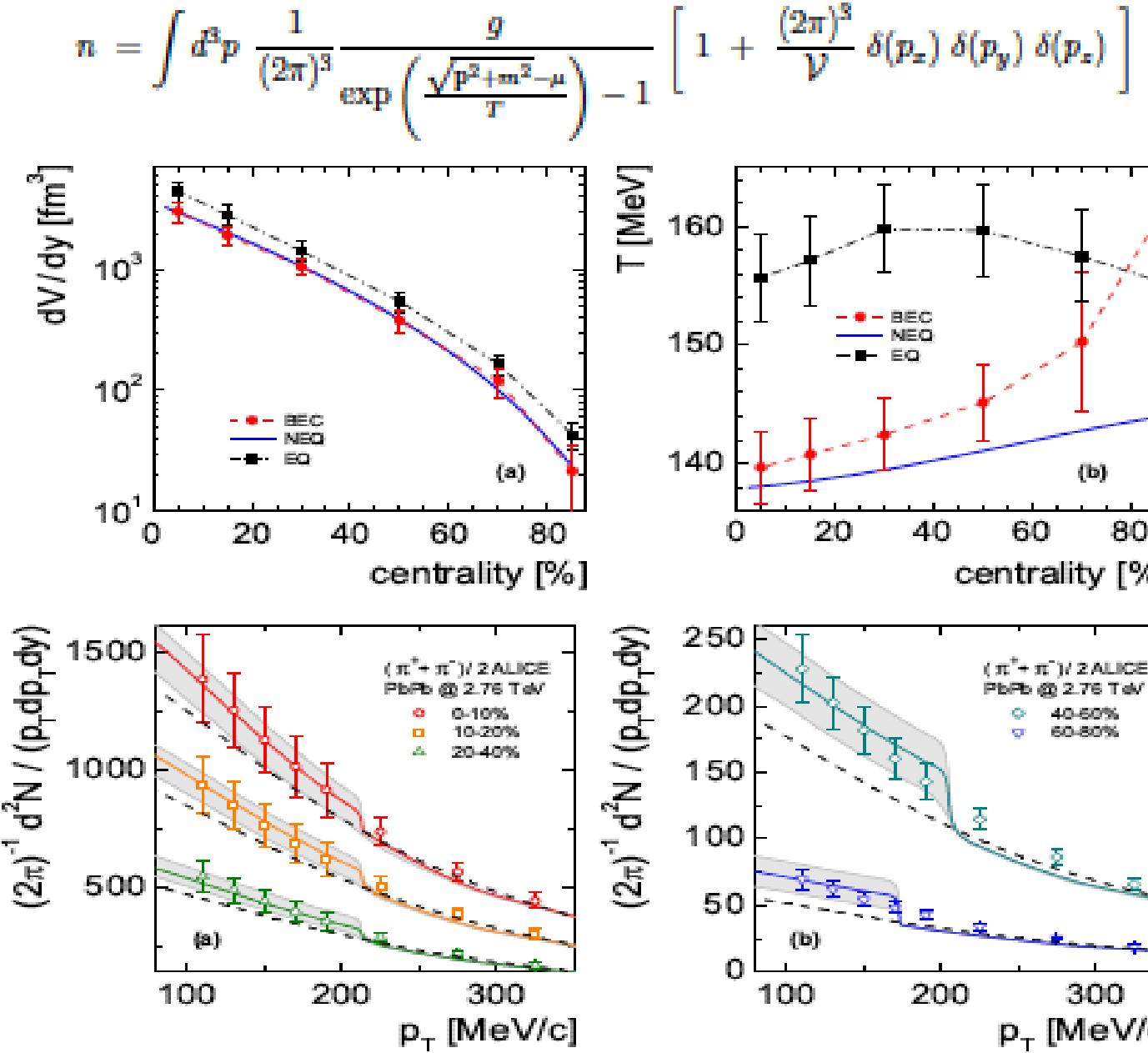
Time dependence of quark mass during chiral transition $E_{\vec{p}}(t) = \sqrt{p^2 + m^2(t)}$



Nonequilibrium photon production by chiral transition vs. Thermal one



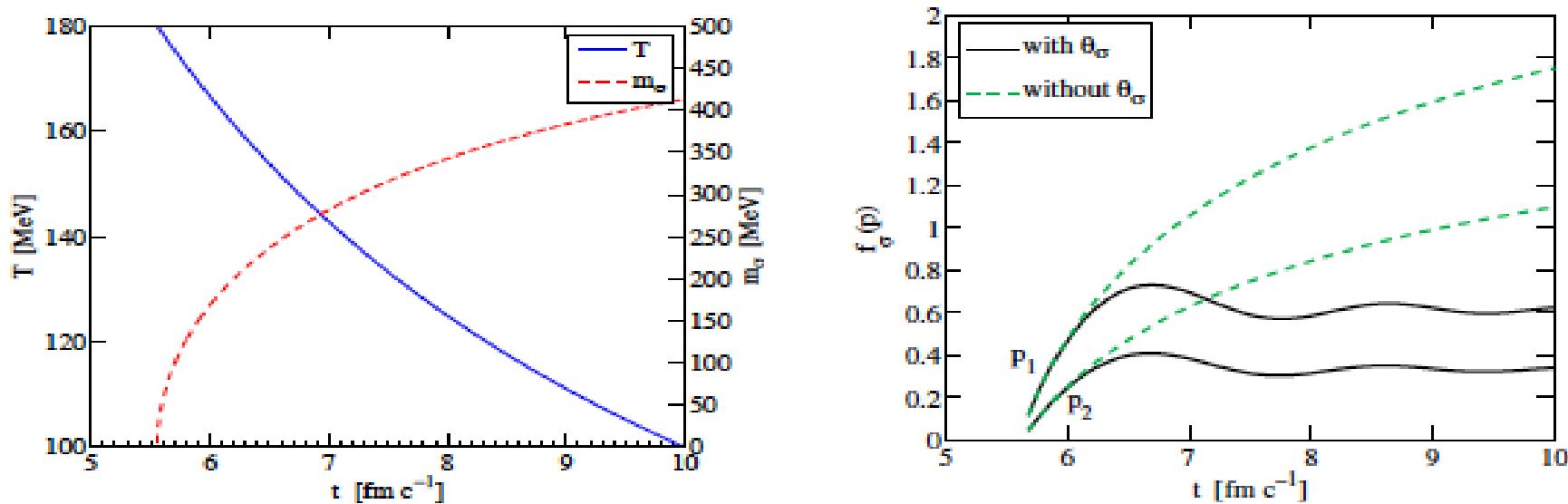
Low-momentum pion enhancement at LHC - Onset of Bose-Einstein Condensation of pions ?



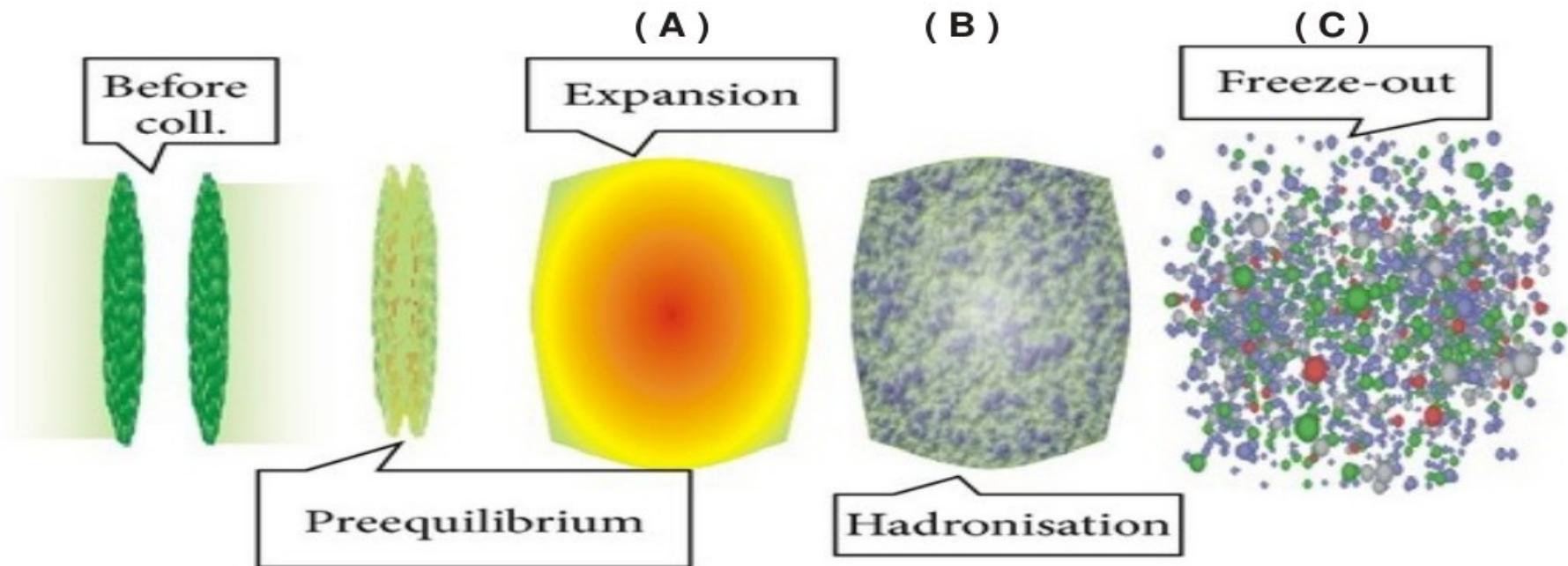
Low-momentum pion enhancement from quantum kinetics of chiral symmetry breaking

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial f_\sigma}{\partial t}(t, \vec{p}_\sigma) &= \left. \frac{df_\sigma}{dt} \right|_{\text{collisions}} \\
&= \frac{\Delta_\sigma(t, \vec{p}_\sigma)}{2} \int_{t_0}^t dt' \Delta_\sigma(t', \vec{p}_\sigma) (1 + f_\sigma(t', \vec{x}, \vec{p}_\sigma)) \cos(2\theta_\sigma(t, t', \vec{p}_\sigma)) \\
&\quad + (1 + f_\sigma(t, \vec{p}_\sigma)) \left(\int \frac{d^3 p_1}{(2\pi)^3 2w_1} \frac{d^3 p_2}{(2\pi)^3 2w_2} \Gamma_{\pi\pi \rightarrow \sigma}(\vec{p}_\sigma, \vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2) f_\pi(t, \vec{p}_1) f_\pi(t, \vec{p}_2) \right) \\
&\quad - f_\sigma(t, \vec{p}_\sigma) \left(\int \frac{d^3 p_1}{(2\pi)^3 2w_1} \frac{d^3 p_2}{(2\pi)^3 2w_2} \Gamma_{\sigma \rightarrow \pi\pi}(\vec{p}_\sigma, \vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2) (1 + f_\pi(t, \vec{p}_1)) (1 + f_\pi(t, \vec{p}_2)) \right) \\
\frac{\partial f_\pi}{\partial t}(t, \vec{p}_1) &= \left. \frac{df_\pi}{dt} \right|_{\text{collisions}} \\
&= (1 + f_\pi(t, \vec{p}_1)) \left(\int \frac{d^3 p_\sigma}{(2\pi)^3 2w_\sigma} \frac{d^3 p_2}{(2\pi)^3 2w_2} \Gamma_{\sigma \rightarrow \pi\pi}(\vec{p}_\sigma, \vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2) (1 + f_\pi(t, \vec{p}_2)) f_\sigma(t, \vec{p}_\sigma) \right) \\
&\quad - f_\pi(t, \vec{p}_1) \left(\int \frac{d^3 p_\sigma}{(2\pi)^3 2w_\sigma} \frac{d^3 p_2}{(2\pi)^3 2w_2} \Gamma_{\pi\pi \rightarrow \sigma}(\vec{p}_\sigma, \vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2) f_\pi(t, \vec{p}_2) (1 + f_\sigma(t, \vec{p}_\sigma)) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_\sigma(t, \vec{p}_\sigma) &= \frac{m_\sigma}{w_\sigma^2} \frac{\partial m_\sigma}{\partial t}, \\
\theta_\sigma(t, t', \vec{p}_\sigma) &= \int_{t'}^t dt'' w_\sigma(t'', \vec{p}_\sigma)
\end{aligned}$$



Quantum Kinetics of Particle Production in Strong Fields



Generic kinetic equation with scalar (mass) and color meanfields, Schwinger source terms and collision integrals for hadronization and rescattering

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\partial_t + \frac{1}{E_X} \vec{p} \cdot \vec{\nabla} - \frac{m_X(\vec{x}, t)}{E_X} \vec{\nabla} m_X(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \vec{\nabla}_p + \vec{F}(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \vec{\nabla}_p \right] f_X(\vec{p}, \vec{x}; t) \\ &= S_X^{\text{Schwinger}} \{f_q, f_{\bar{q}}, f_\pi, \dots\} + C_X^{\text{gain}} \{f_q, f_{\bar{q}}, f_\pi, \dots\} - C_X^{\text{loss}} \{f_q, f_{\bar{q}}, f_\pi, \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

- (A) quark-antiquark pair creation in time-dependent color electric background field
- (B) quantum kinetics of pre-hadron inelastic rescattering in the dense quark plasma
- (C) chemical freeze-out by Mott-Anderson localization of bound states

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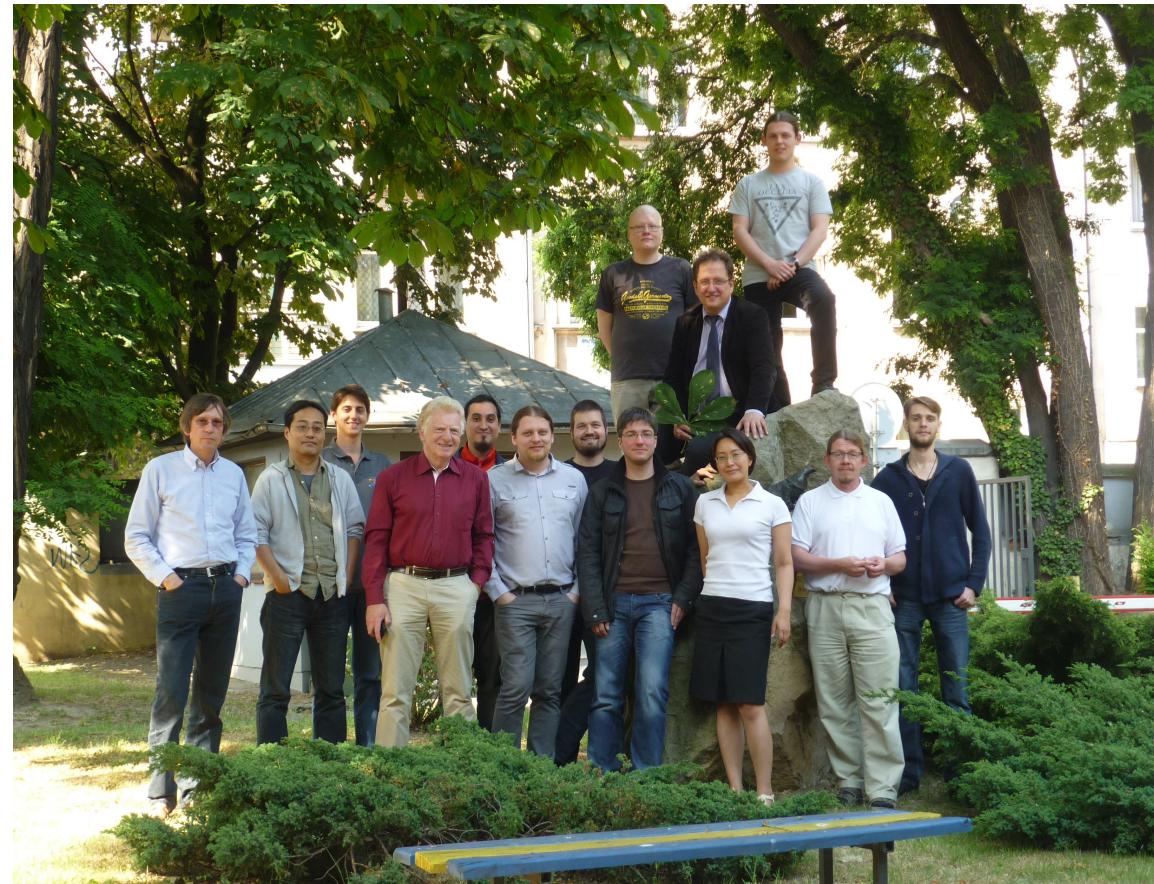
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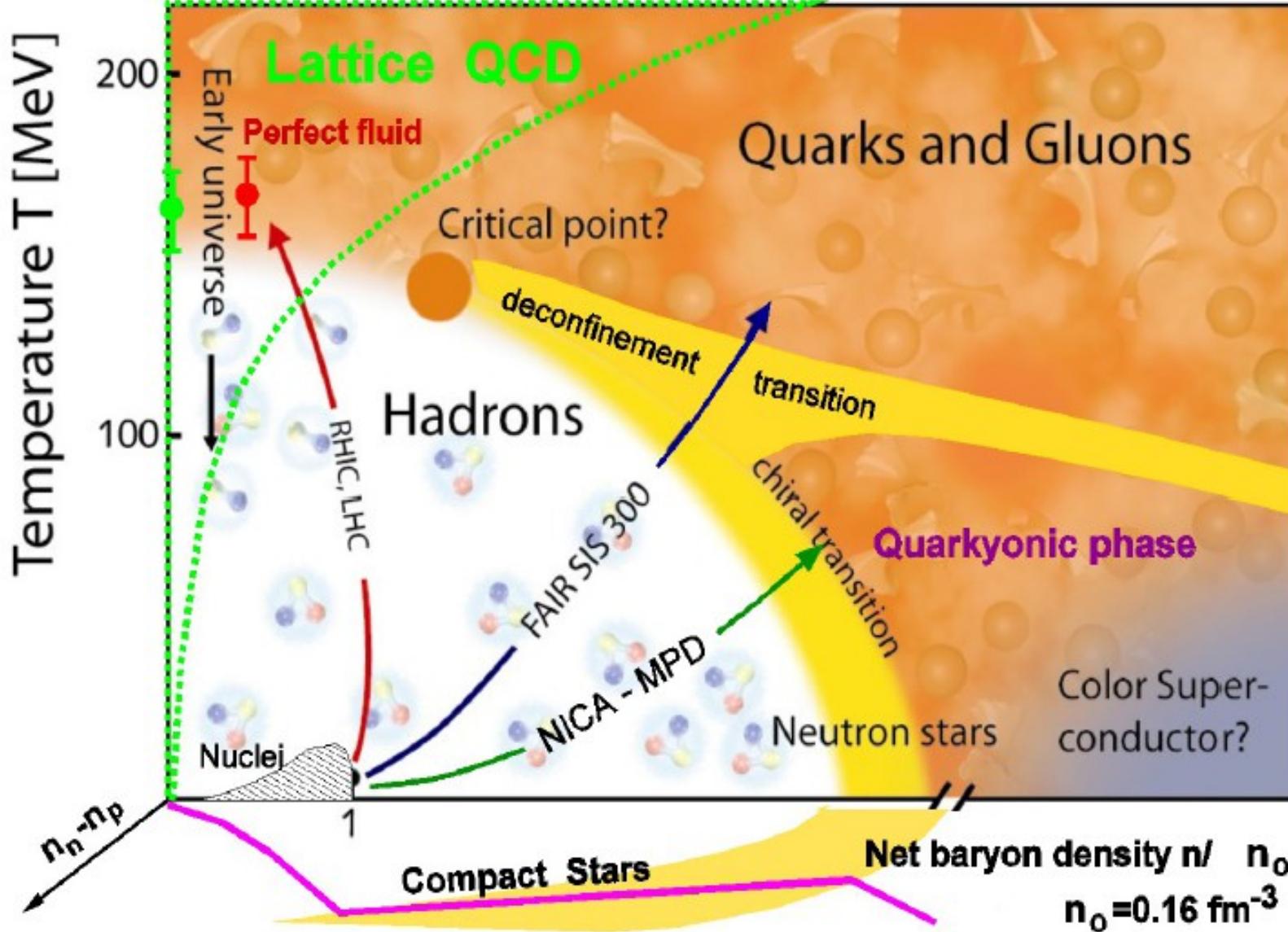


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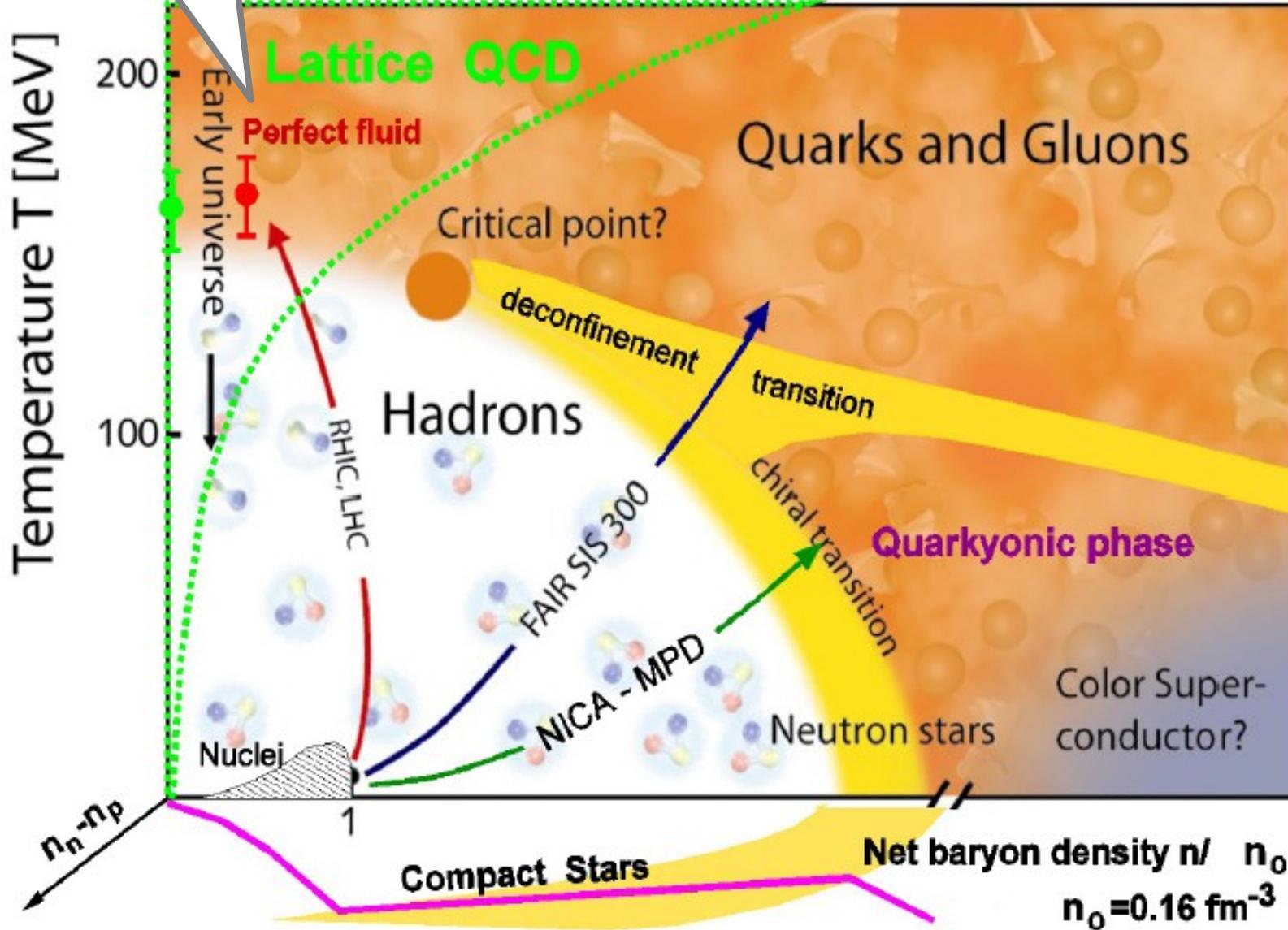
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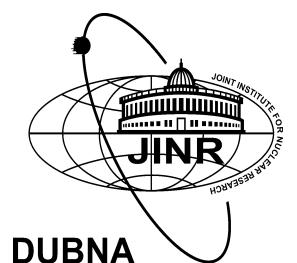
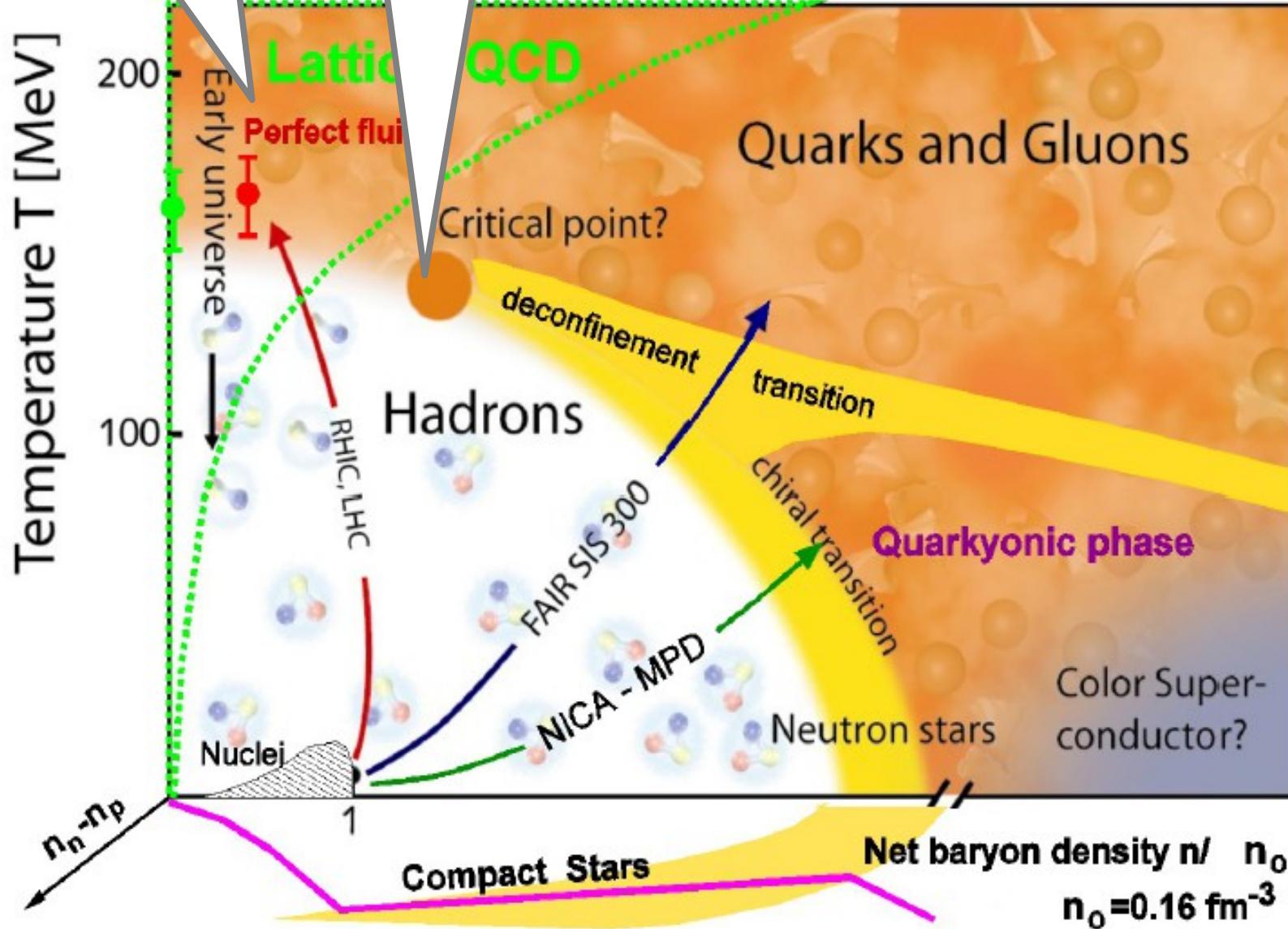
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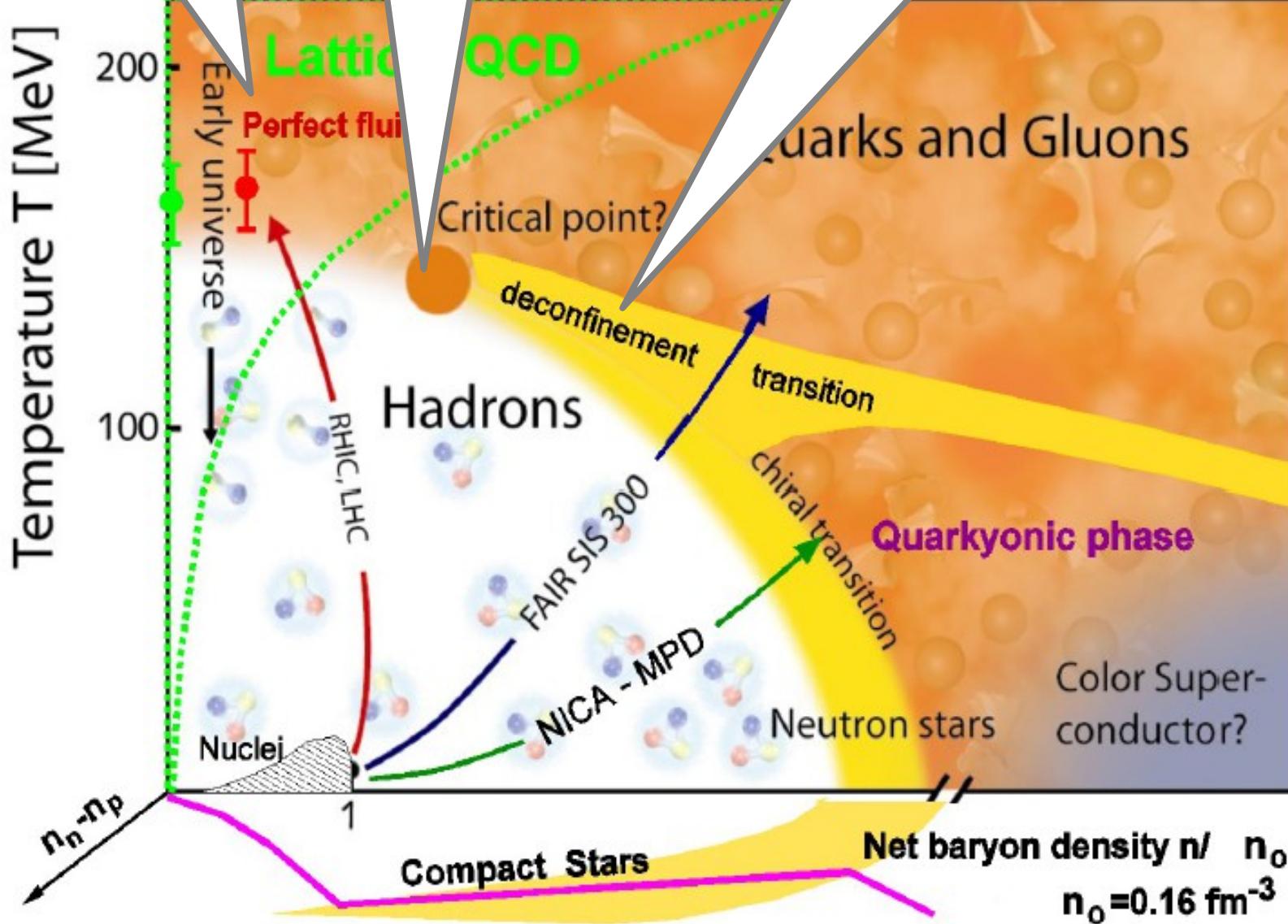
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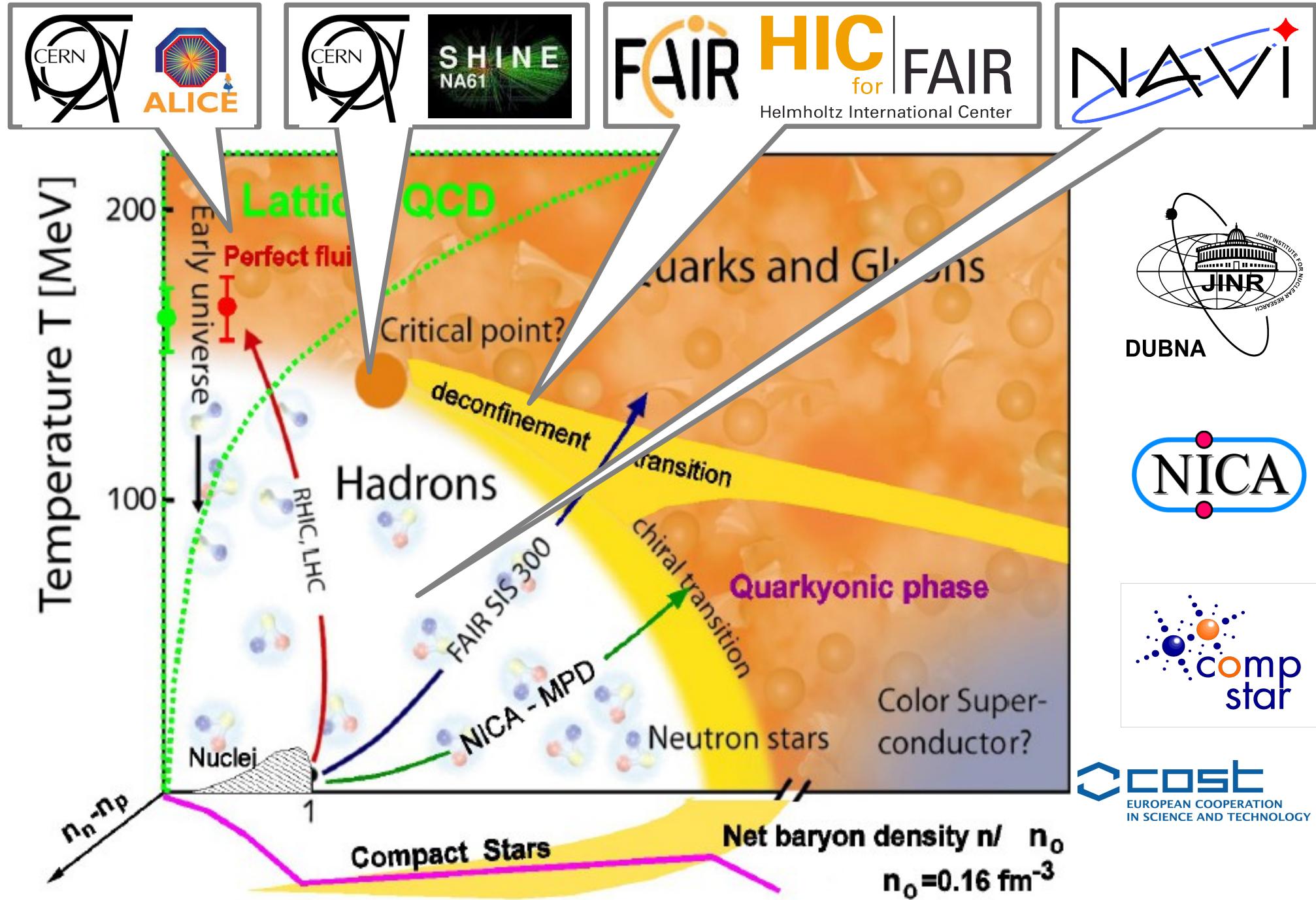


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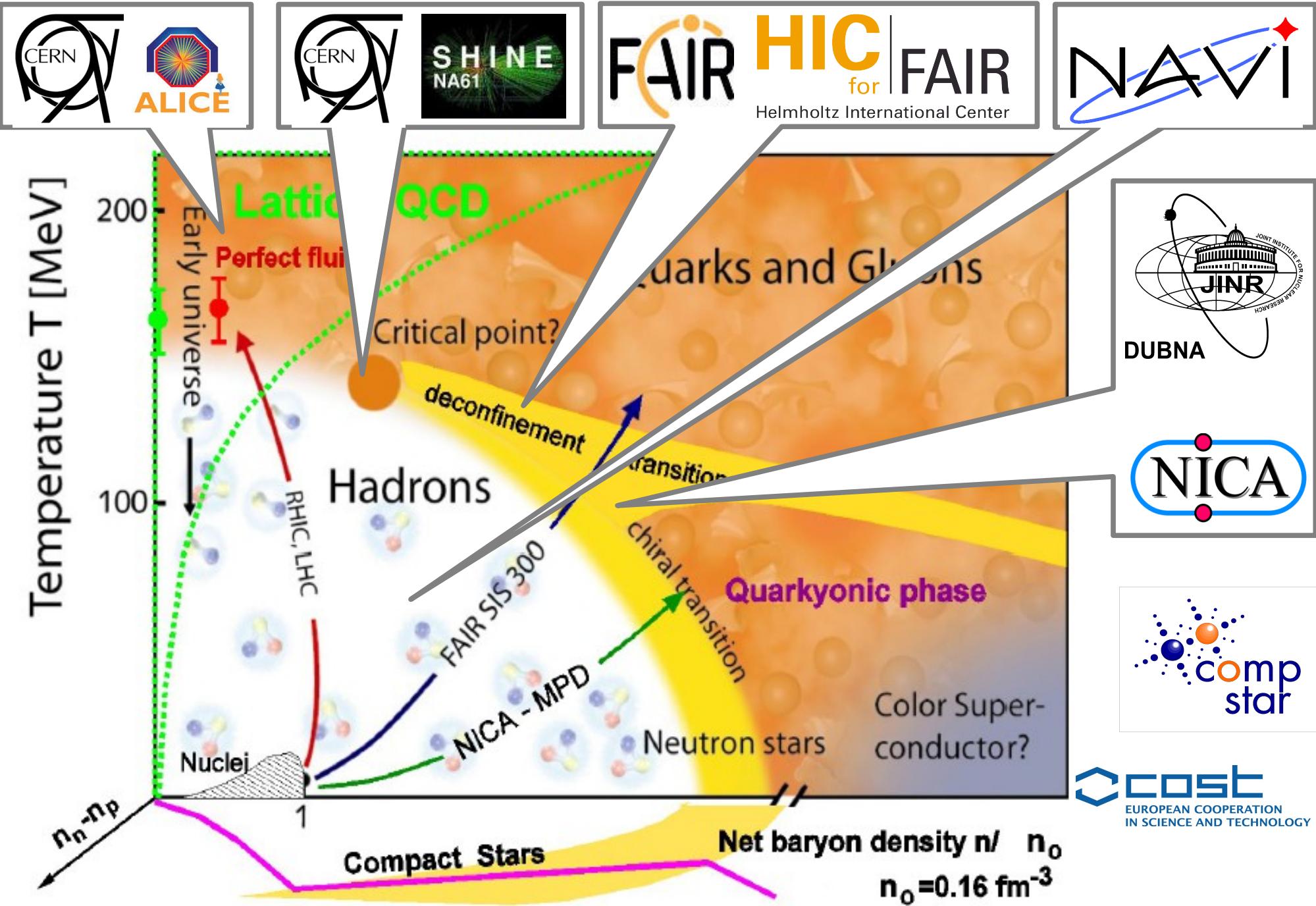


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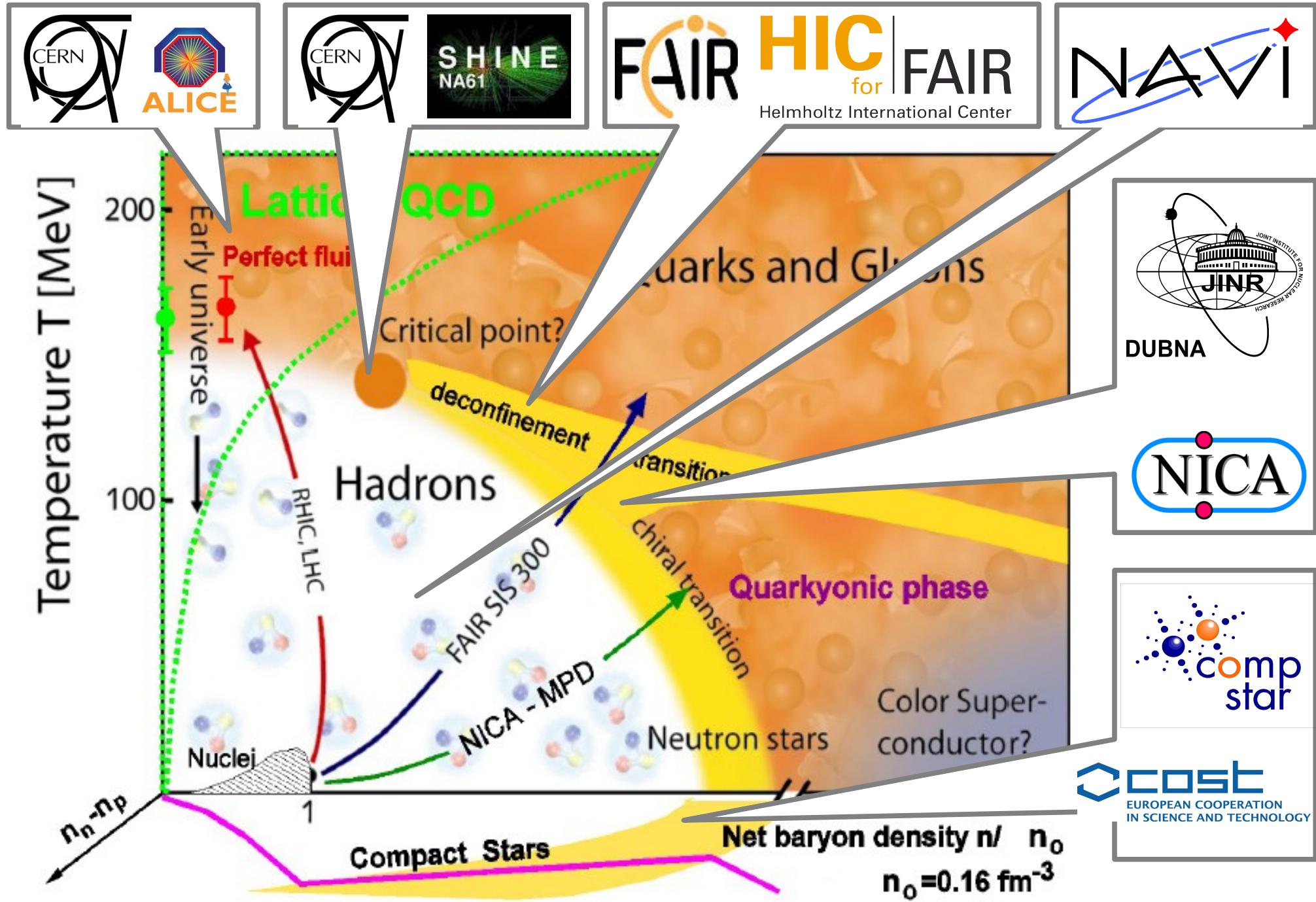
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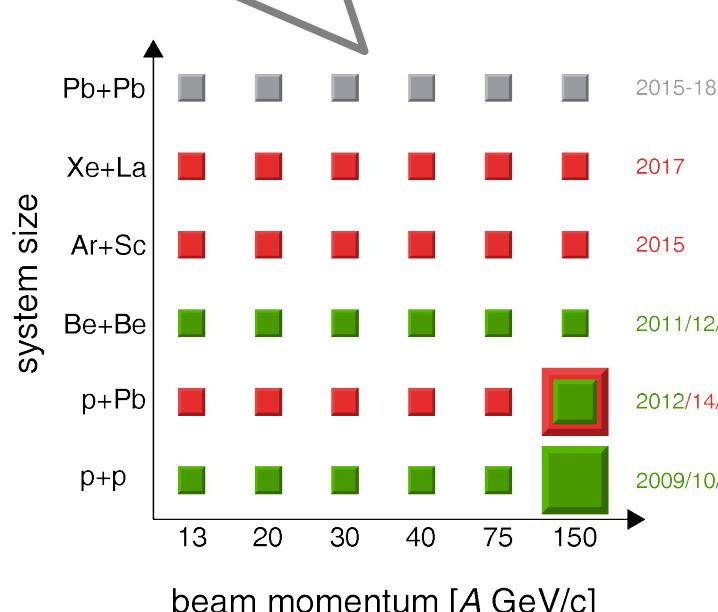
Collaboration with CERN Experiment NA61/SHINE since 2011



Goals of the experiment:

- study of the properties of the onset of deconfinement and the search for the critical point of strongly interacting matter with nucleus-nucleus, proton-proton and proton-lead collisions at six collision momenta
- Precise hadron production measurements for calibrating neutrino beams at J-PARC, Japan and Fermilab, US. Proton/pion-carbon and proton/pion-(replica target) interactions recorded
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Energy and system size scan for
Finding the QCD critical endpoint



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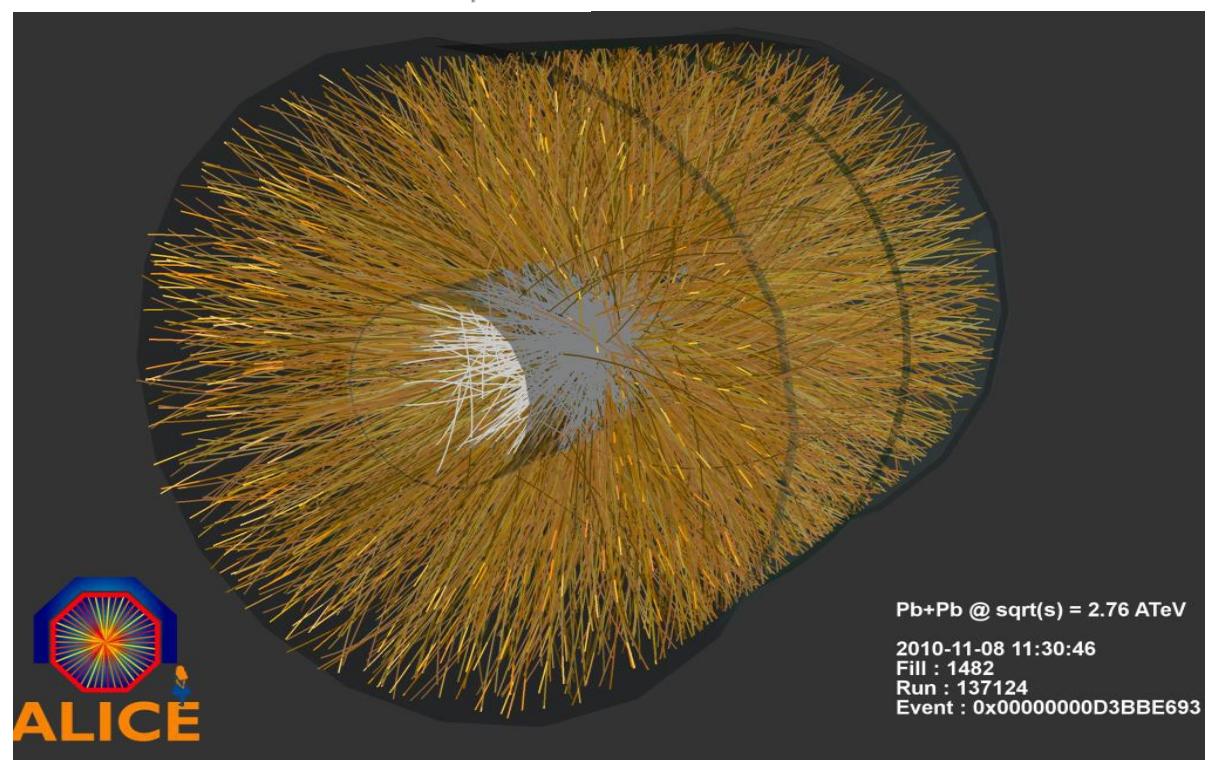
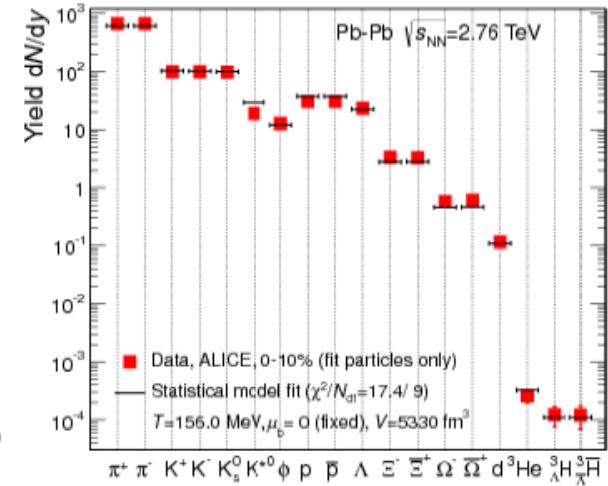
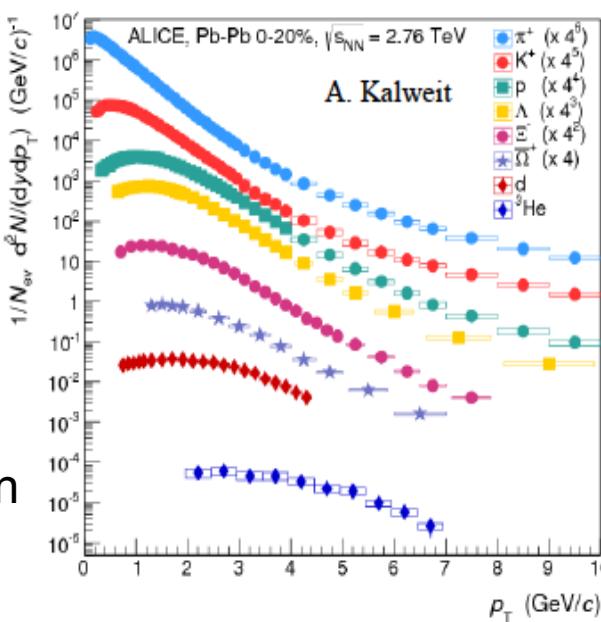
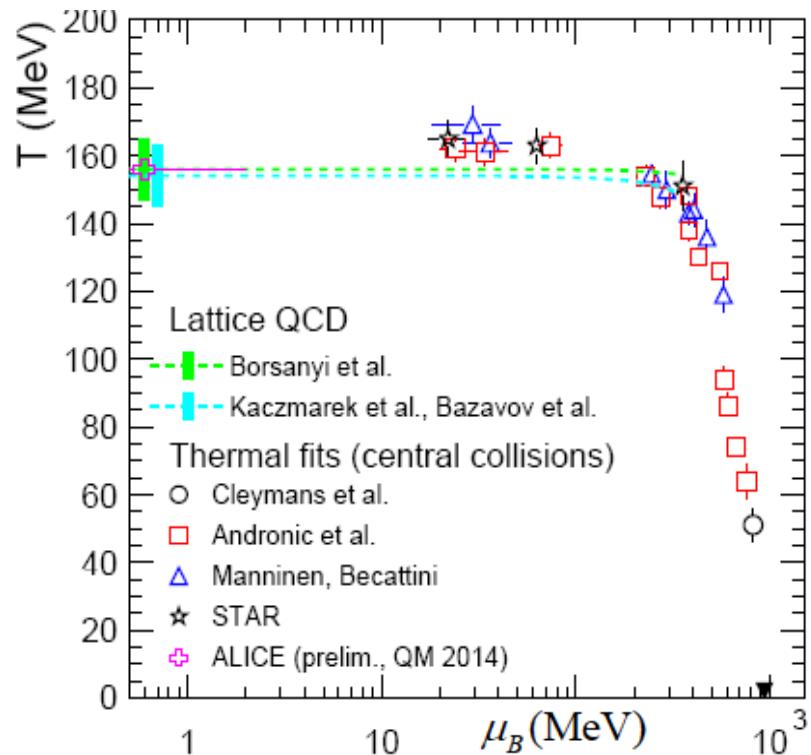
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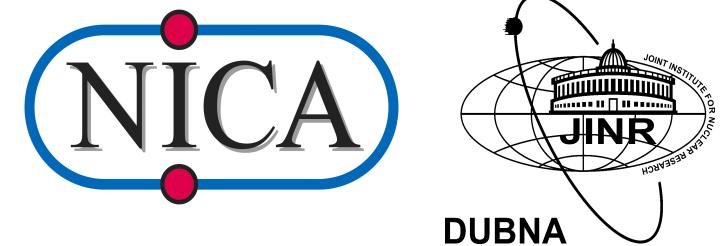
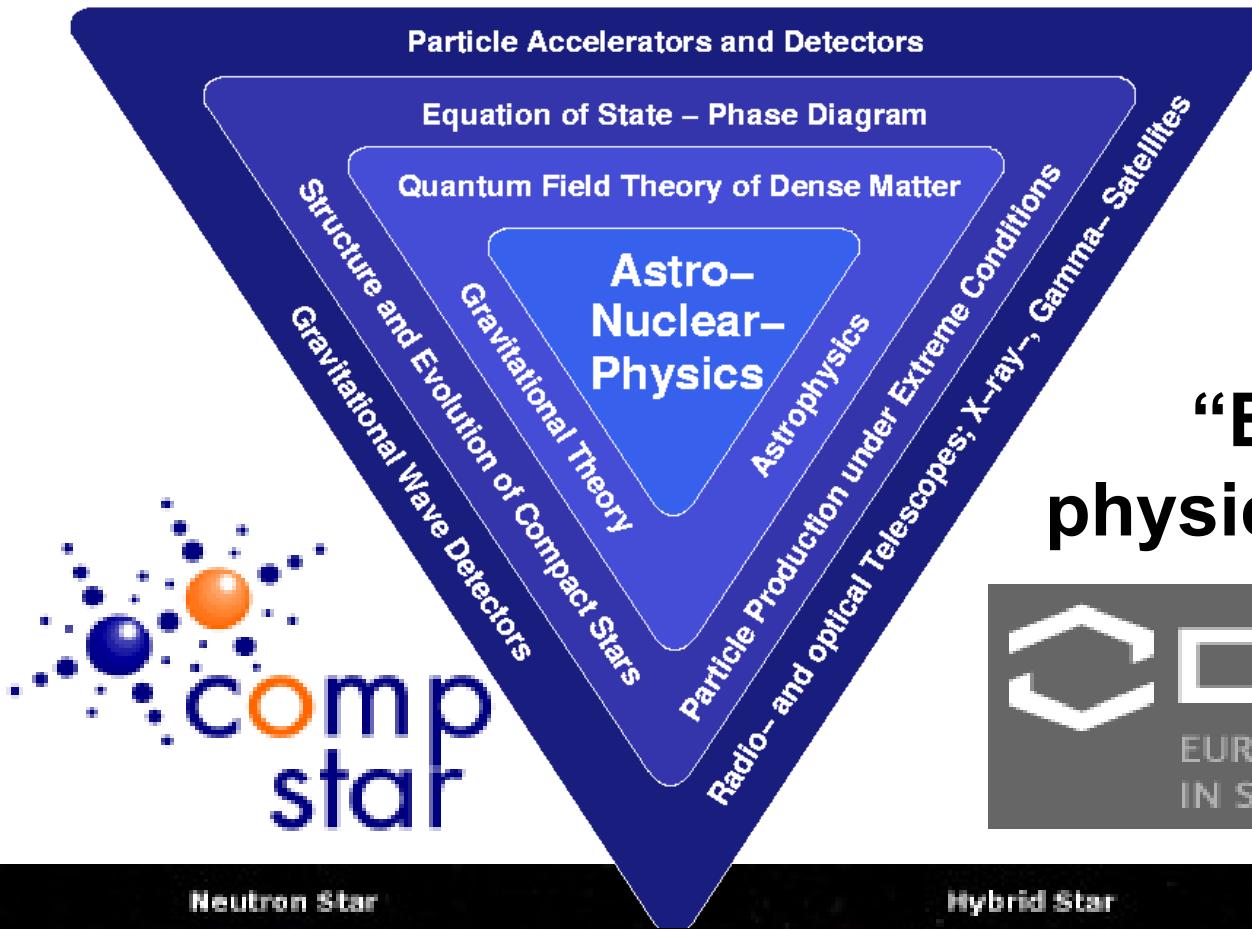
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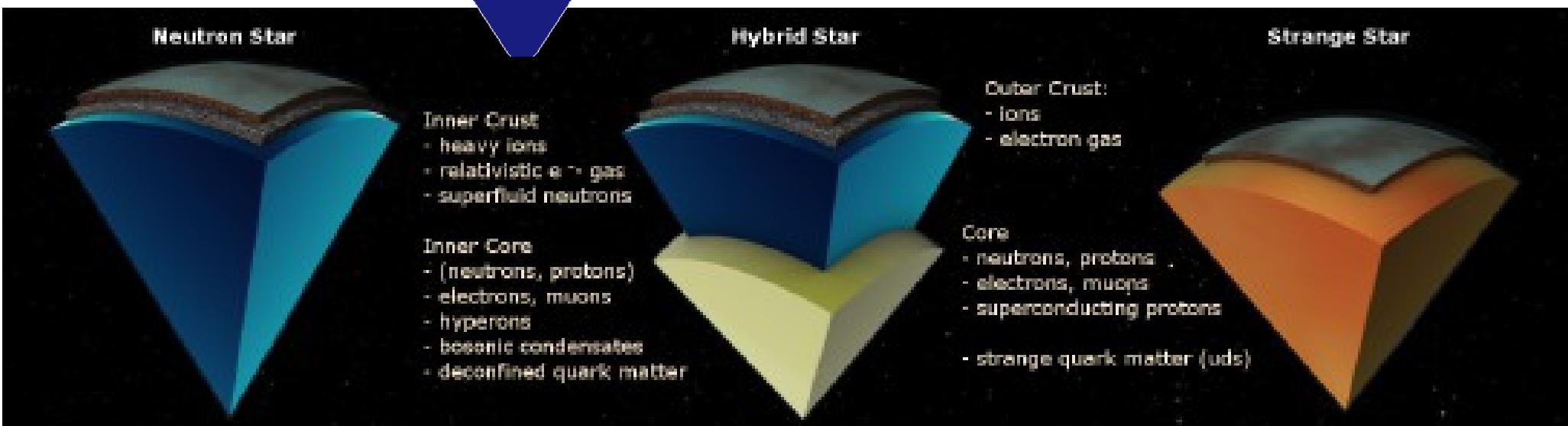
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- confirmation of lattice QCD theory



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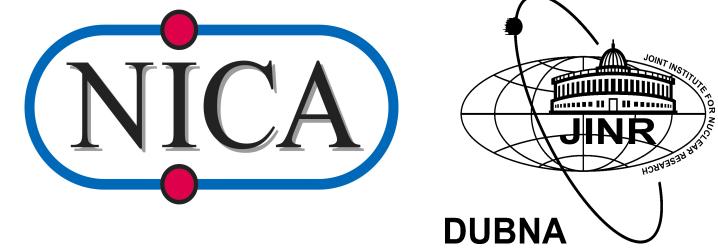


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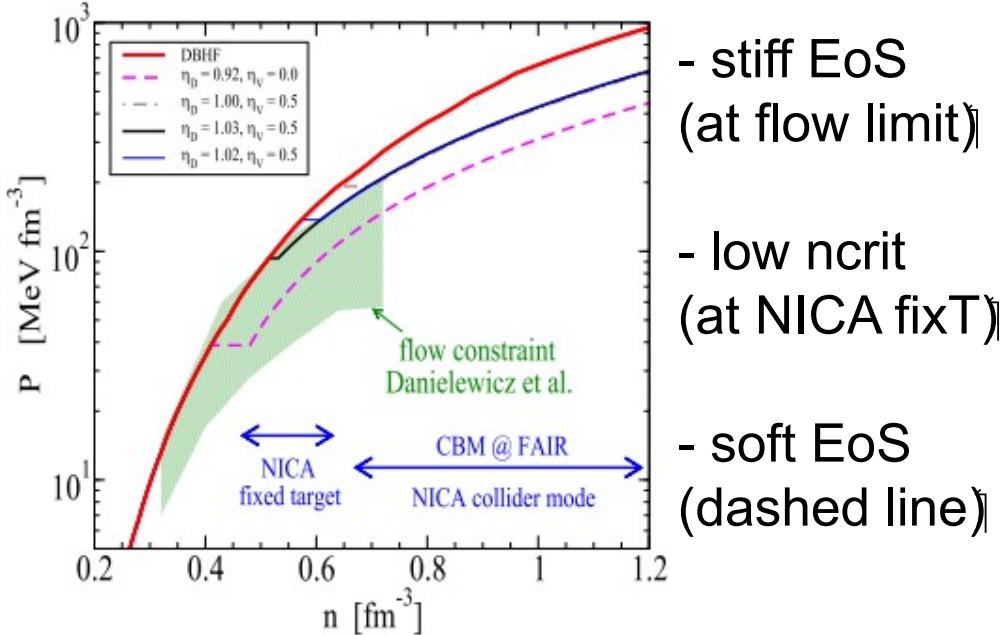


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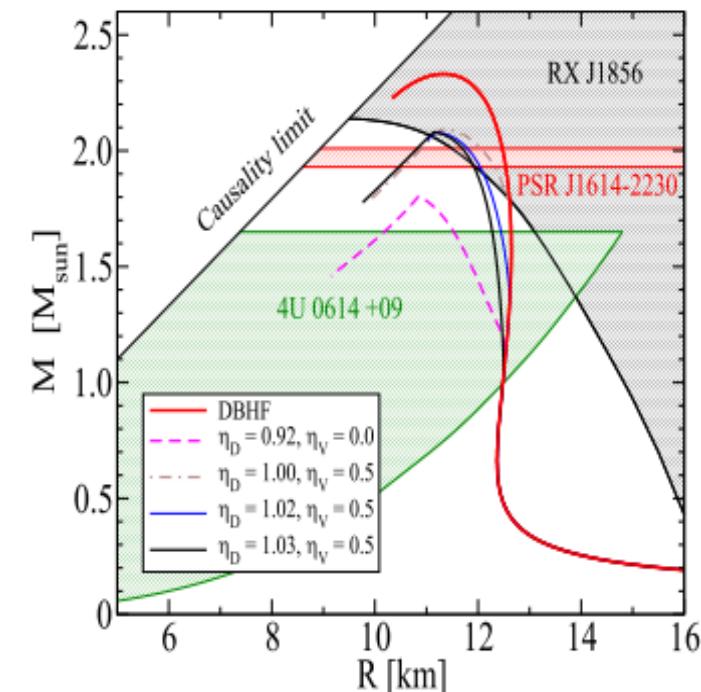


Heavy-Ion Collisions



- stiff EoS (at flow limit)
- low n_{crit} (at NICA fixT)
- soft EoS (dashed line)
- high M_{max} (J1614-2230)
- low Monset (all NS hybrid)
- excluded (J1614-2230)

Compact Stars



29 member countries



Division: Theory of Elementary Particles

