

Probing the quantum vacuum by high-intensity lasers - toward search for dark fields -

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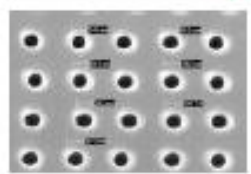
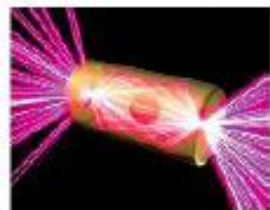
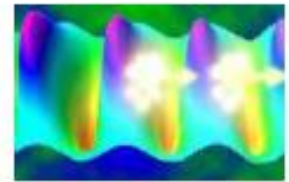
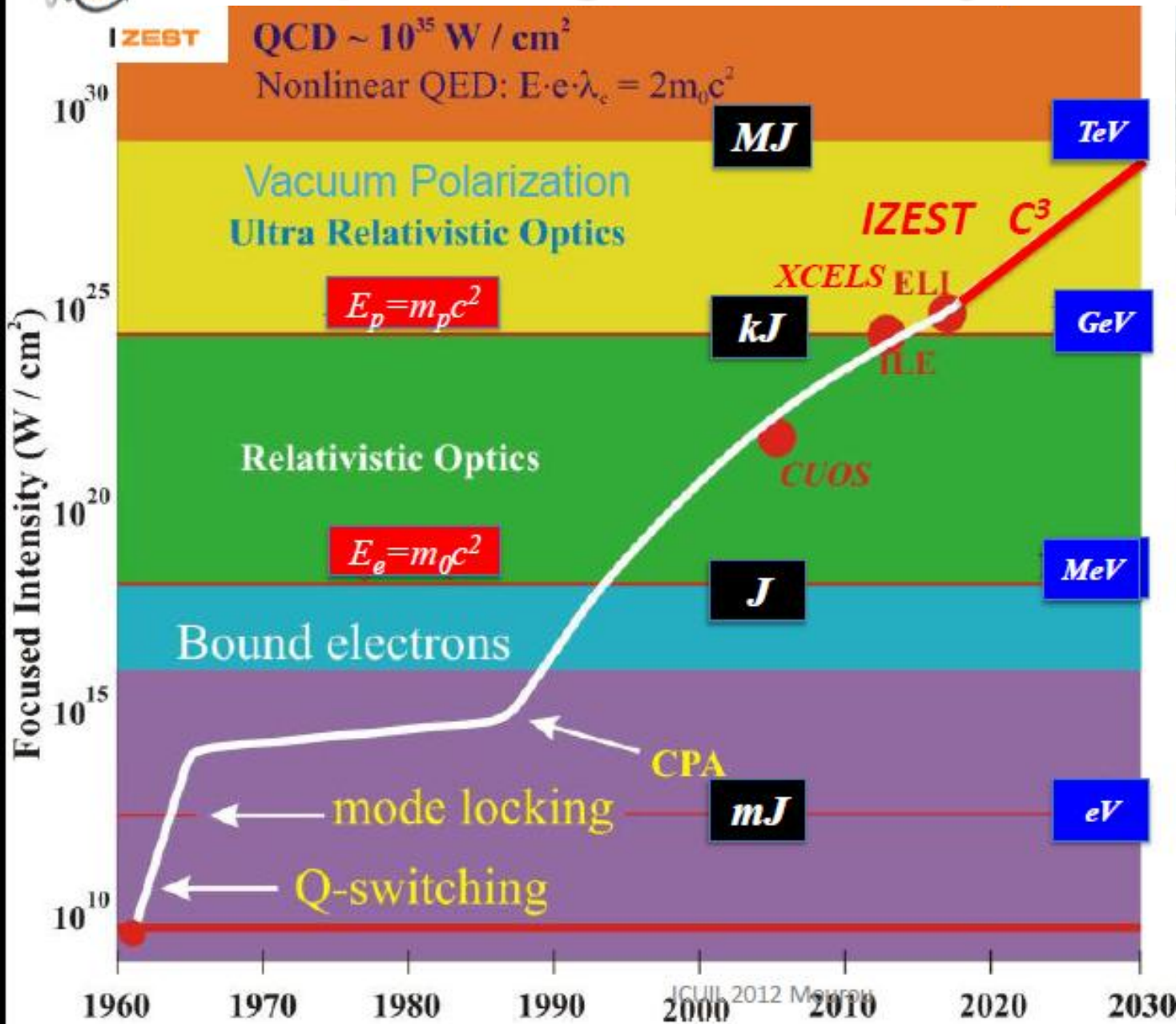
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1. Leap of high-intensity lasers
2. International center on Zetta-Exawatt Science and Technology (IZEST association)
3. *Four-Wave-Mixing to detect low-mass Dark Fields*
4. *Particle Collider vs. Degenerate Particle Collider*
5. Explorable three directions of fundamental physics by high-intensity laser technologies



Leap of high-intensity lasers



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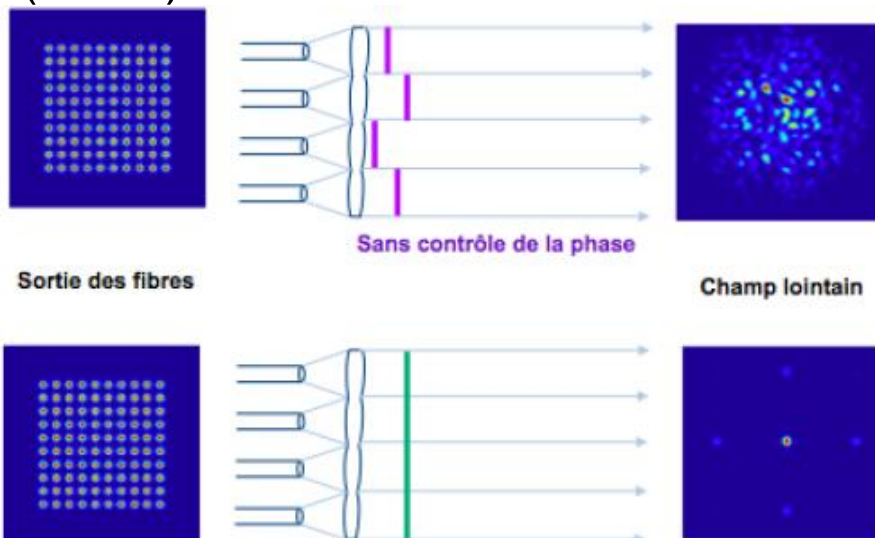
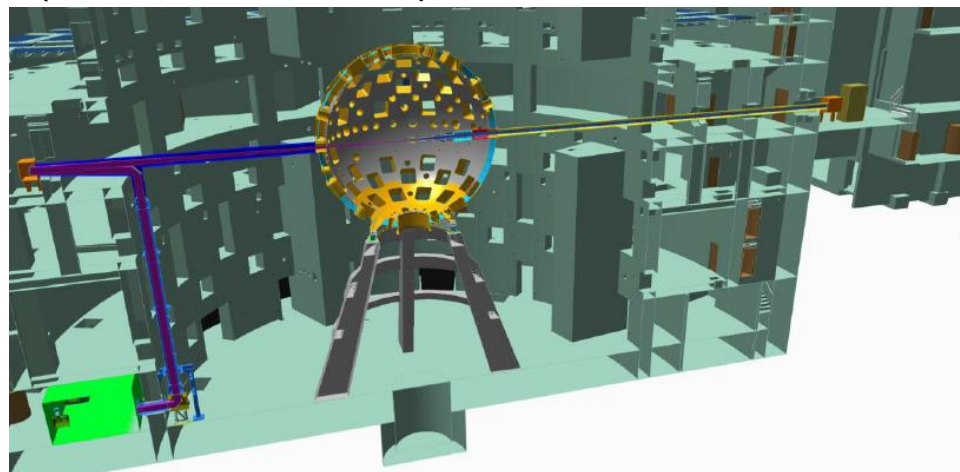


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<http://www.izest.polytechnique.edu>

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IZEST pillars at present

Laser plasma Wake Field Acceleration (100GeV ascent) High repetition rate laser R&D (ICAN)



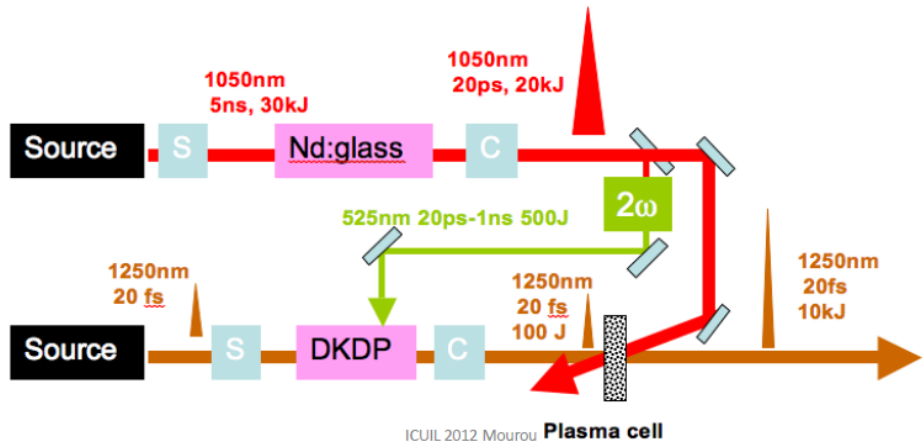
Fundamental Physics

T. Tajima and K. Homma
Int. J. M. Phys. A 27 (2012) 1230027

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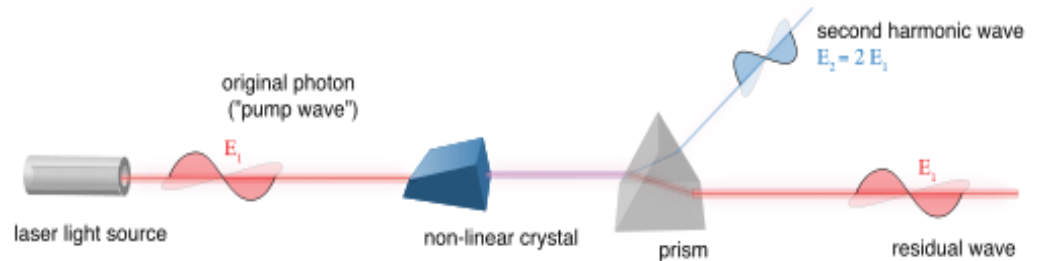
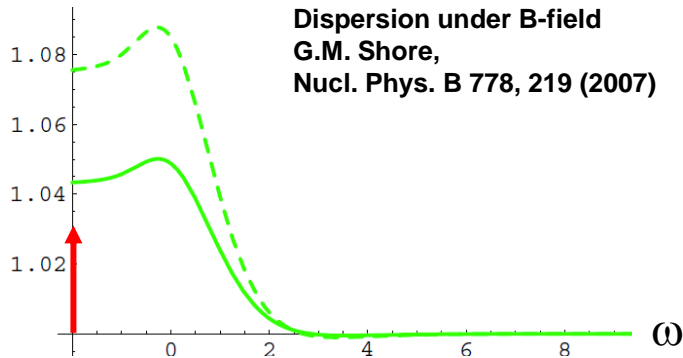
Pulse compression from ns to sub-ps (C3)



Accessible subjects by high-intensity lasers

① Laser-laser collision: **nonlinear QED and light DM/DE**

Re $n(\omega)$

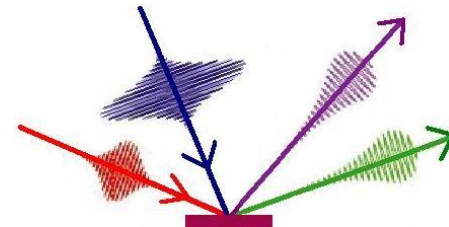


Harmonic generation in vacuum



Vacuum Birefringence

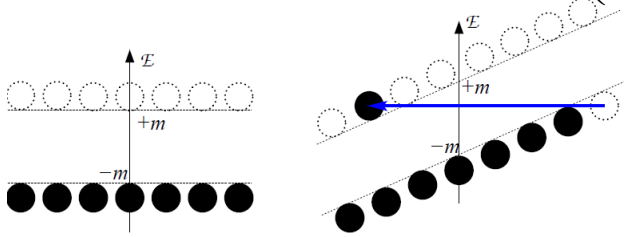
Optical Parametric Effect in vacuum



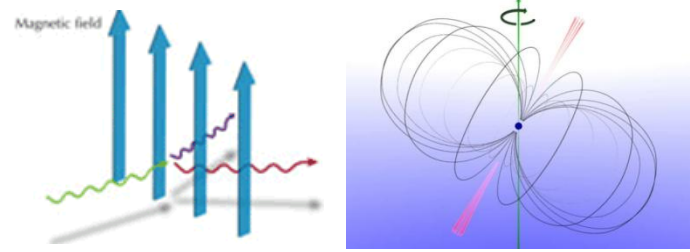
② Laser- γ collision:

non-perturbative aspect of QED/QCD vacuum structure

$$R \propto \exp\left(-\pi \frac{E_s}{E}\right) \longrightarrow R \propto \exp\left(-\frac{8}{3} \frac{E_s}{E} \frac{m_e}{E_\gamma}\right)$$

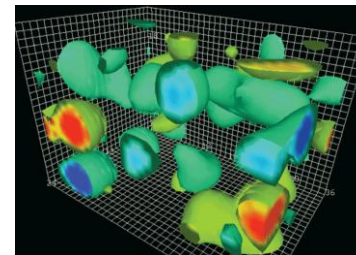
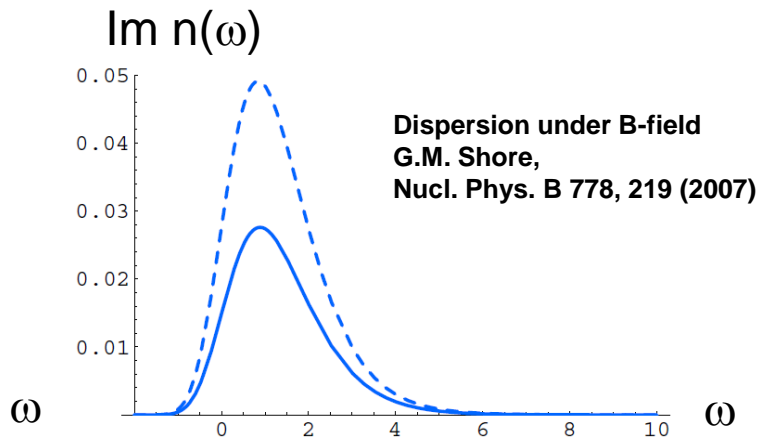


QED/QCD tunneling



<http://www.extreme-light-infrastructure.eu/>

Photon splitting (magnetar)

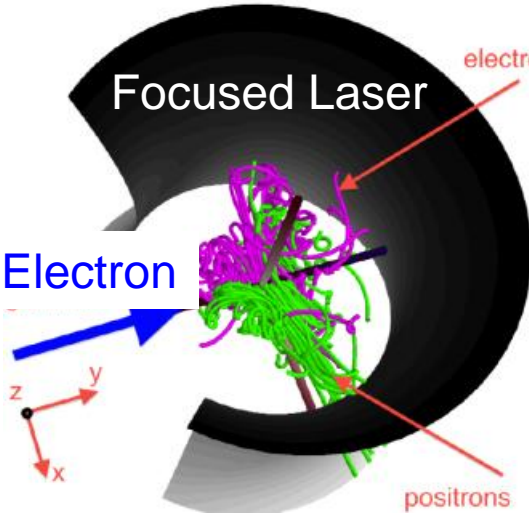


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QCD vacuum

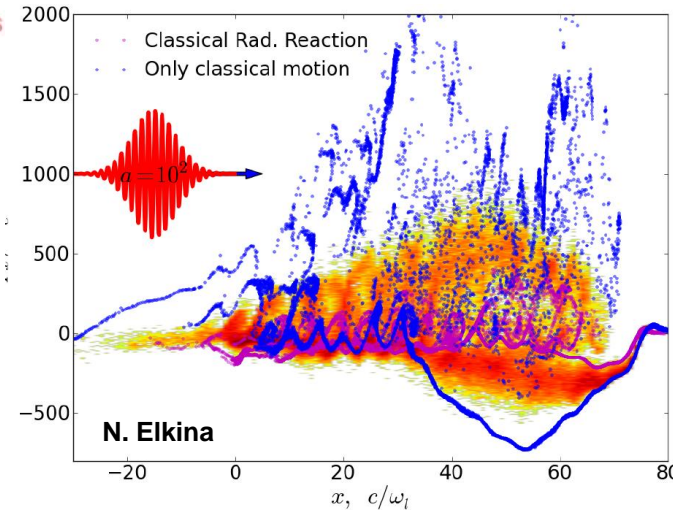
③ Laser-electron collision:

QED cascade and quantum radiations under high-acceleration field



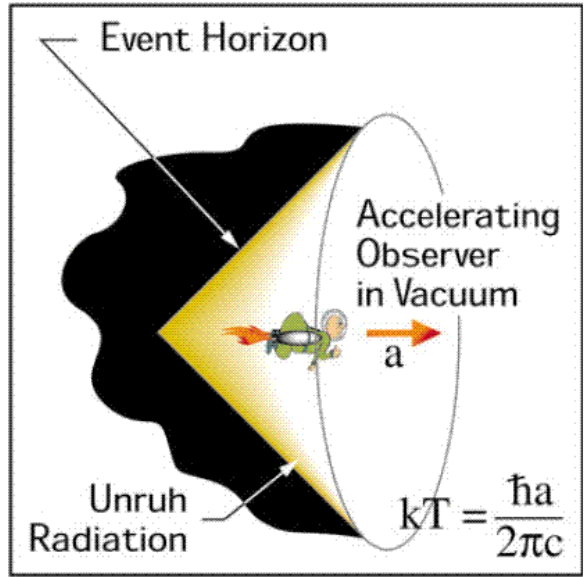
N. Elkina and H. Ruhl

QED cascade



N. Elkina

Mechanisms of radiations under acceleration

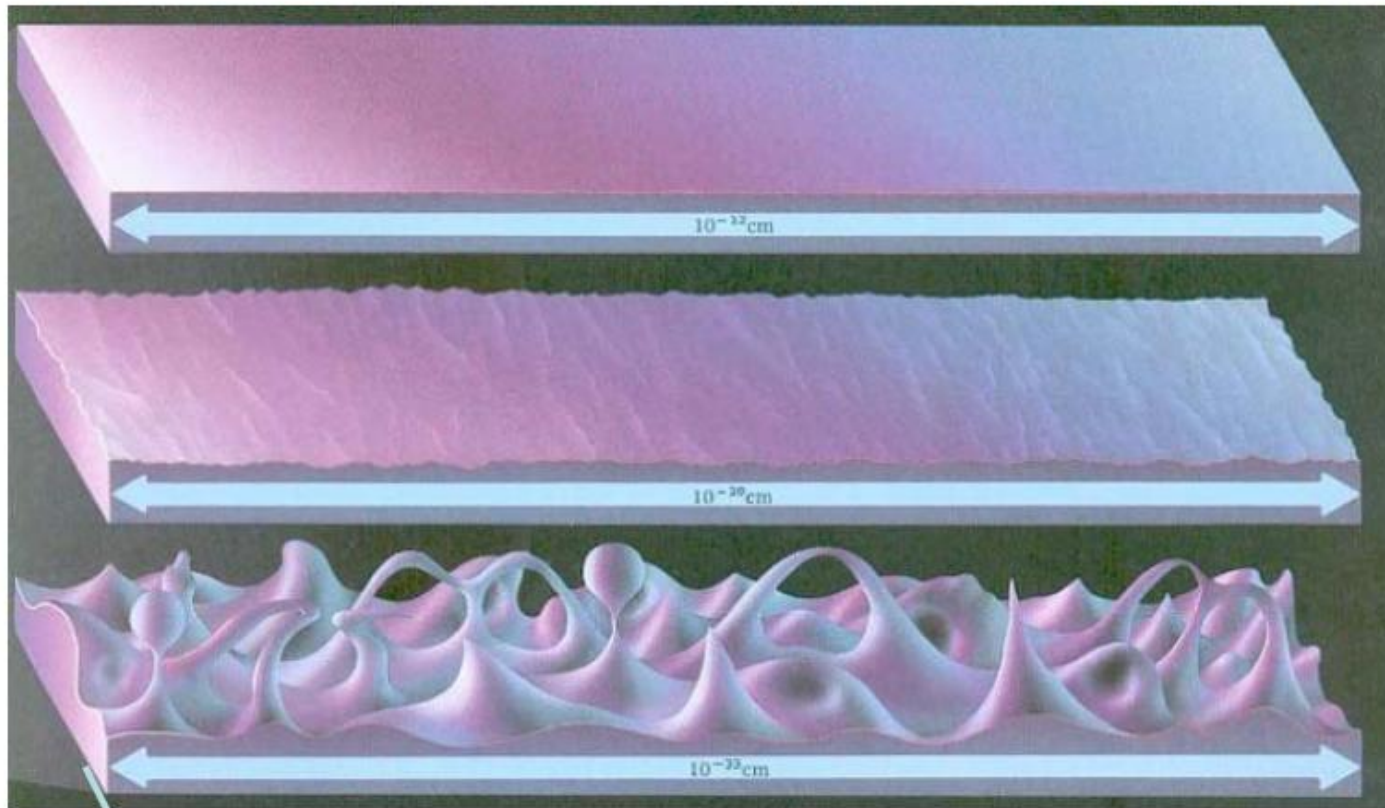


P.Chen, AAPS Bulletin Vol.13, No.1, 3-10, (2003)

Feel vacuum texture: PeV energy γ



Laser acceleration \rightarrow controlled laboratory test to see quantum gravity texture on photon propagation (Special Theory of Relativity: c_0)



Coarser,
lower energy
texture



Finer,
higher energy
texture

$c < c_0$

← (0.1PeV)
1km ← (1PeV : fs behind)
goalline

← PeV γ (converted from e^-)

Shown at CEA by T. Tajima

Symmetry breaking accompanies (pseudo-) Nambu-Goldstone bosons

Chiral symmetry breaking @ sub-GeV \Leftrightarrow π -mesons mass \sim 100MeV

Gauge symmetry breaking @ sub-TeV \Leftrightarrow Higgs scenario mass \sim 100GeV

Other symmetry breakings also predict N.G. bosons

GUT scale

PQ symmetry breaking @ 10^{16} GeV \Leftrightarrow Axion mass \sim 10⁻⁴-10⁻⁶ eV

Cold Dark Matter

Planck scale

Conformal symmetry breaking @ 10^{18} GeV \Leftrightarrow Dilaton mass \sim 10⁻⁹ eV

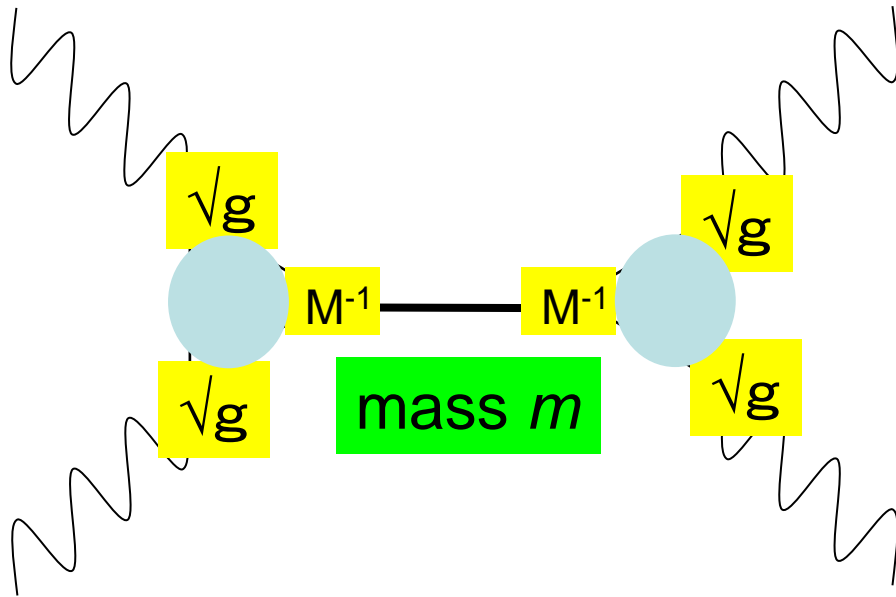
Dark Energy

Search for neutral spin-0 scalar / pseudo-scalar bosons !

Resonant production of low-mass N.G. bosons by laser-laser collision

Coupling to Higgs boson

$$\sim g(246 \text{ GeV})^{-1} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} h$$



If $M \sim M_{\text{GUT}}$, **Cold Dark Matter**

$$gM^{-1} F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \sigma$$

arXiv:1103.1748 [hep-ph]
K.Homma, D.Habs, T.Tajima
Appl. Phys. B, 2011

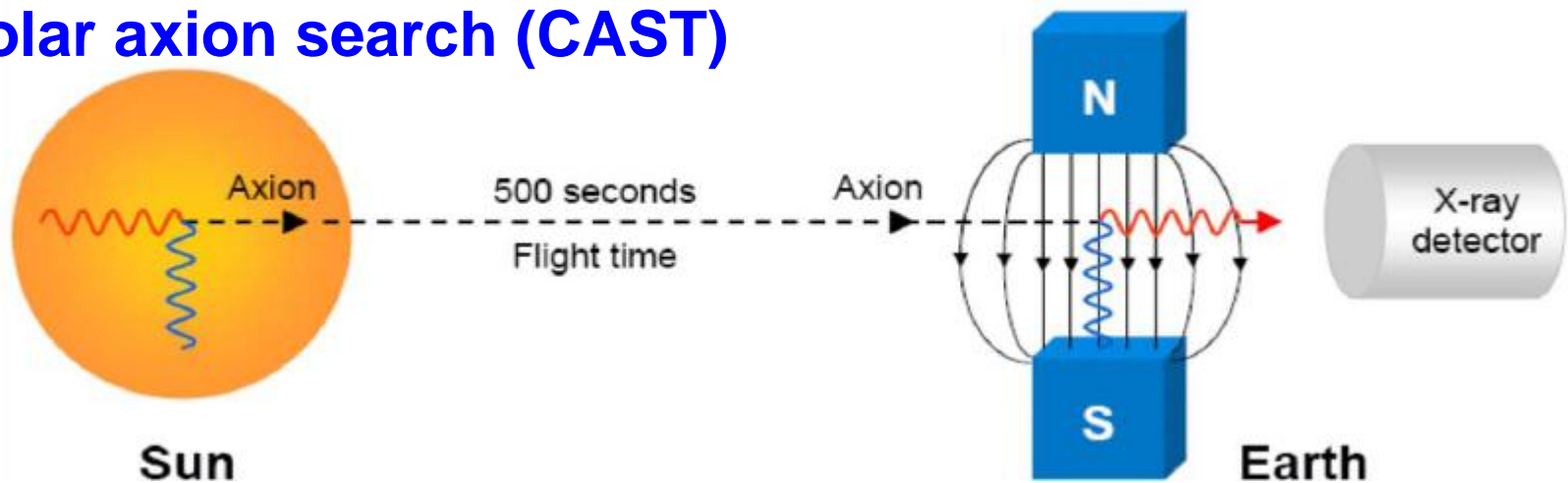
If $M \sim M_{\text{Planck}}$, **Dark Energy**

$$gM^{-1} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \phi$$

arXiv:1006.1762 [gr-qc]
Y. Fujii and K.Homma
Prog. Theo. Phys. 2011

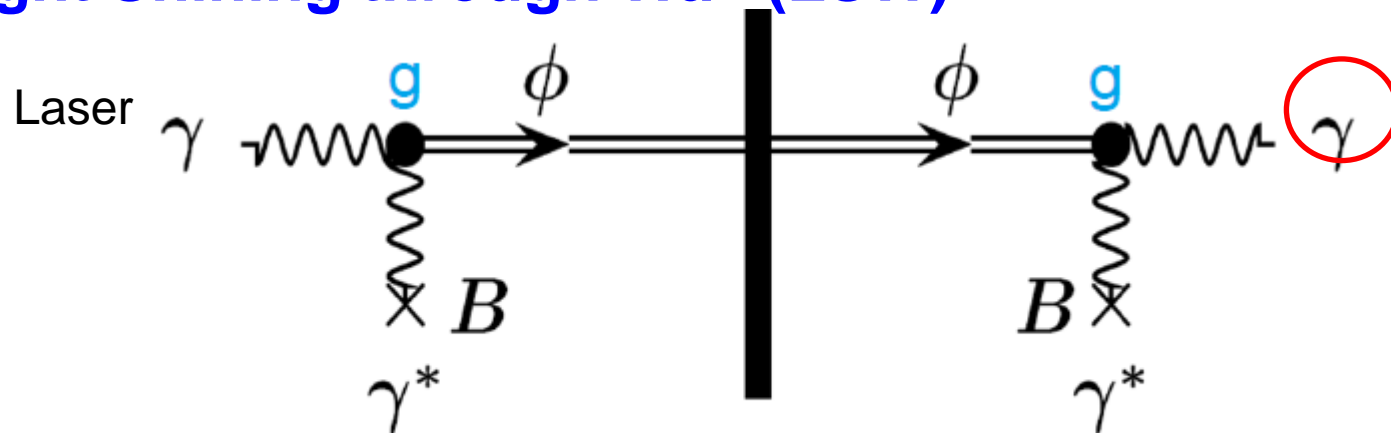
Conventional Axion search

Solar axion search (CAST)



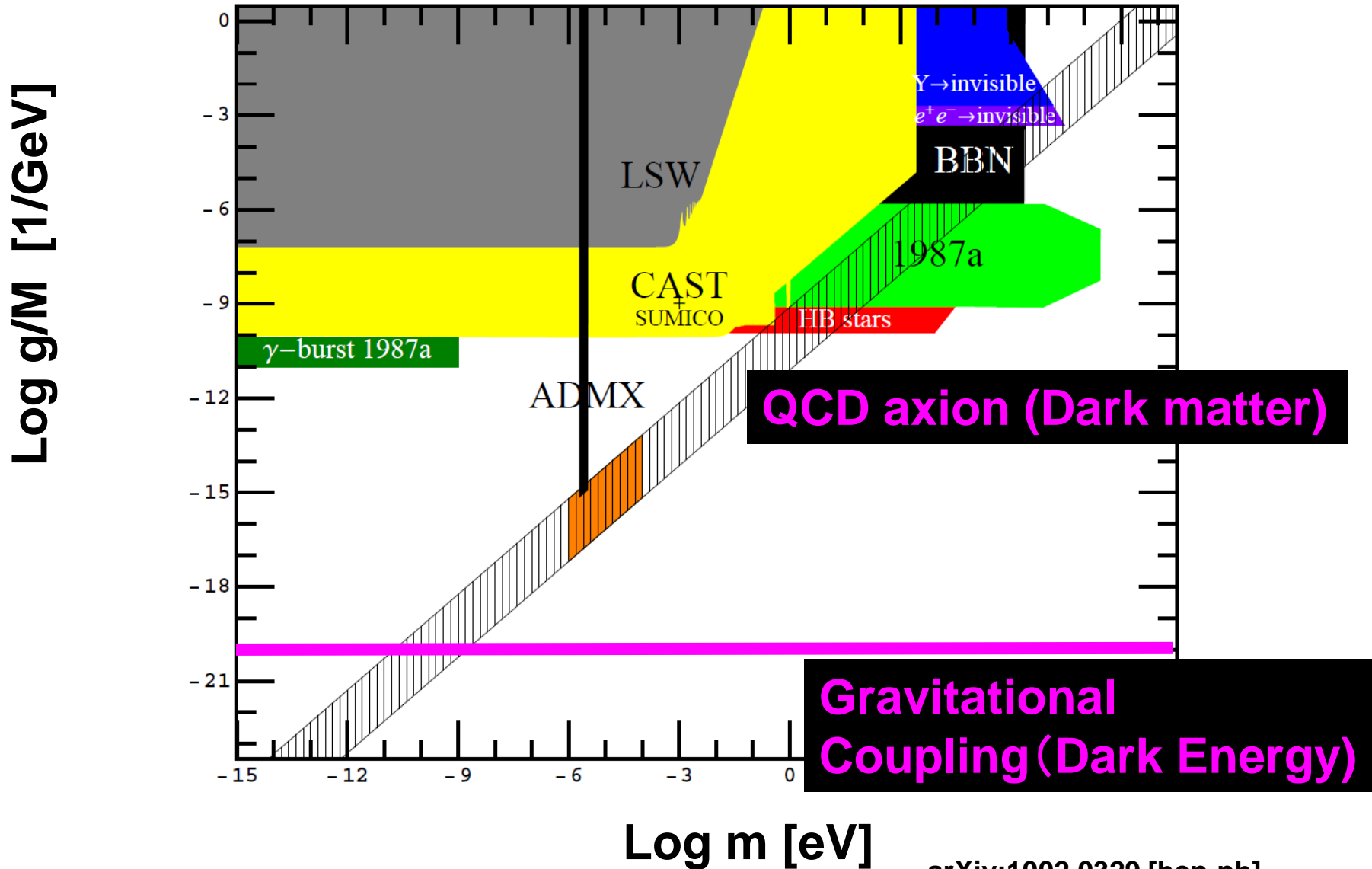
CAST, Theopisti Dafni, 7th Patras Workshop, Mykonos 2011

Light Shining through Wall (LSW)



Okun 1982, Skivie 1983, Ansel'm 1985, Van Bibber et al. 1987

Present limits on coupling vs. mass



arXiv:1002.0329 [hep-ph]
J. Jaeckel, A. Ringwald

Approach to dark energy in neV range

Observation

$$a(t) \propto t^{1/2}$$

constant particle mass

$t = 10^{60.2}$ in reduced Planckian units

Cosmological constant $\Lambda = 10^{-120}$

The Scalar-Tensor Theory of Gravitation
(Cambridge 2003) Y.Fujii arXiv:0908.4324

Why Λ is extremely small?

Because a scalar field (dilaton)

causes $\Lambda \propto t^{-2}$

$m_\sigma > 10^{-9} \text{eV}$ ($\lambda \sim 100 \text{m}$) through **gravitational coupling**

$$m_\sigma^2 \sim \frac{m_q^2 M_{ssb}^2}{M_P^2}$$



Huge massive bodies

Large background from EM-force

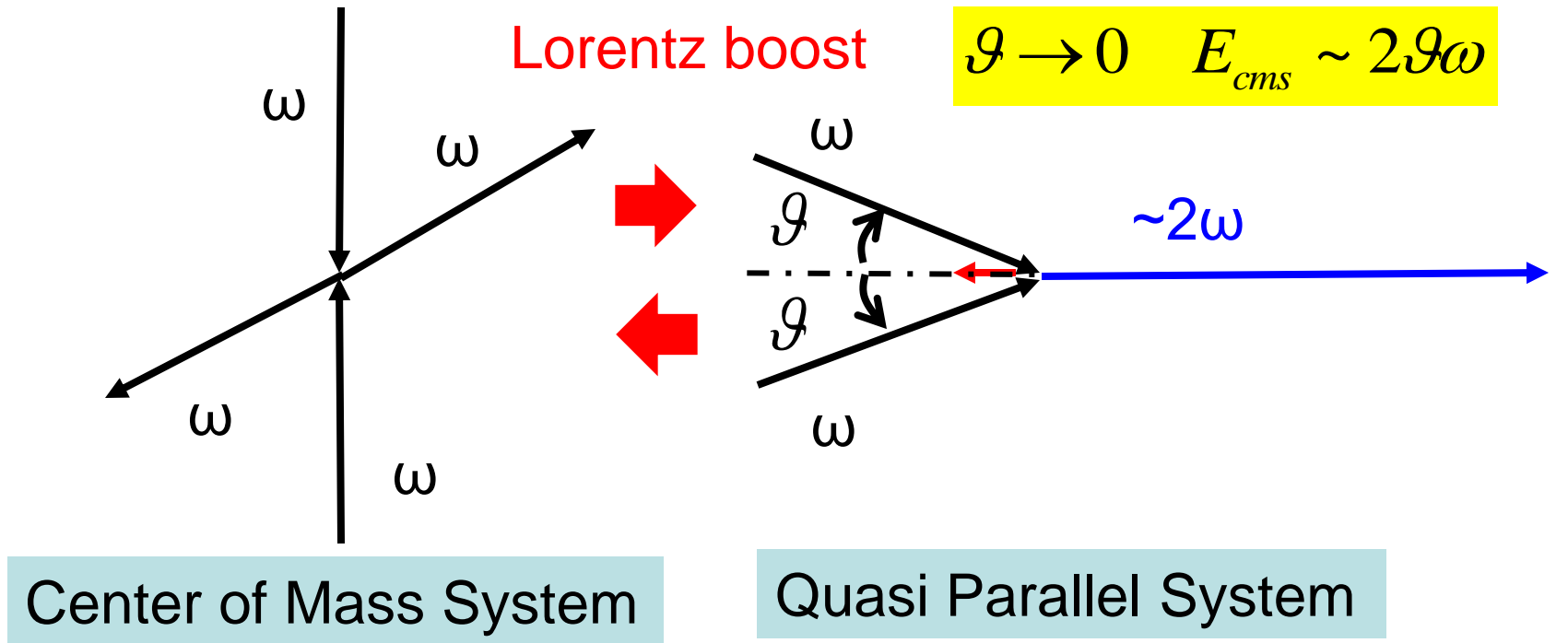


QED process is suppressed
by in photon-photon

$$\sigma_{QED} @ 1 \text{eV} \ll 10^{-42} b$$

How to overcome the weakness of coupling ?

Hit resonance by lowering C.M.S. energy



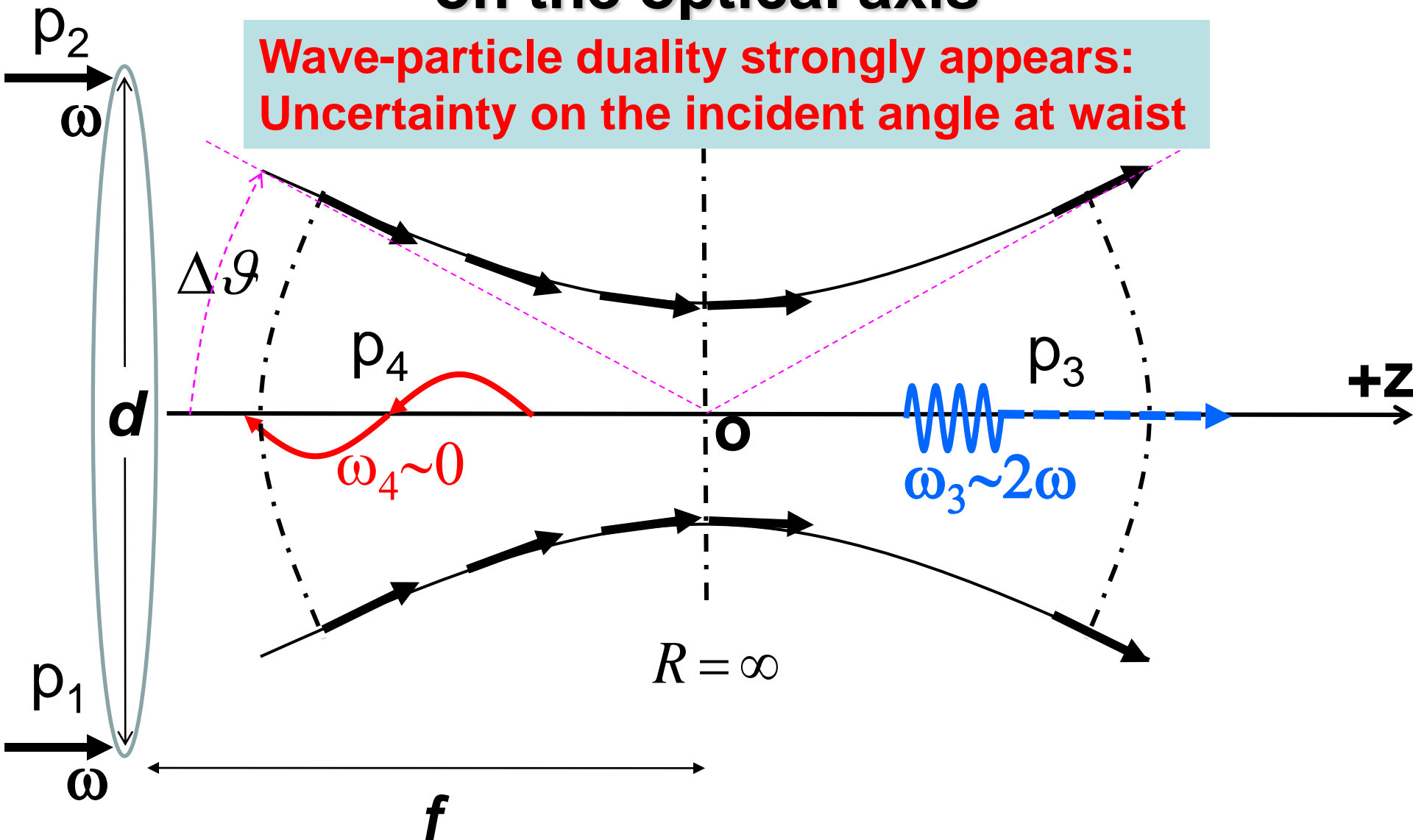
No frequency shift

- Frequency shift on the boost axis
- Lower E_{cms} by θ keeping ω constant

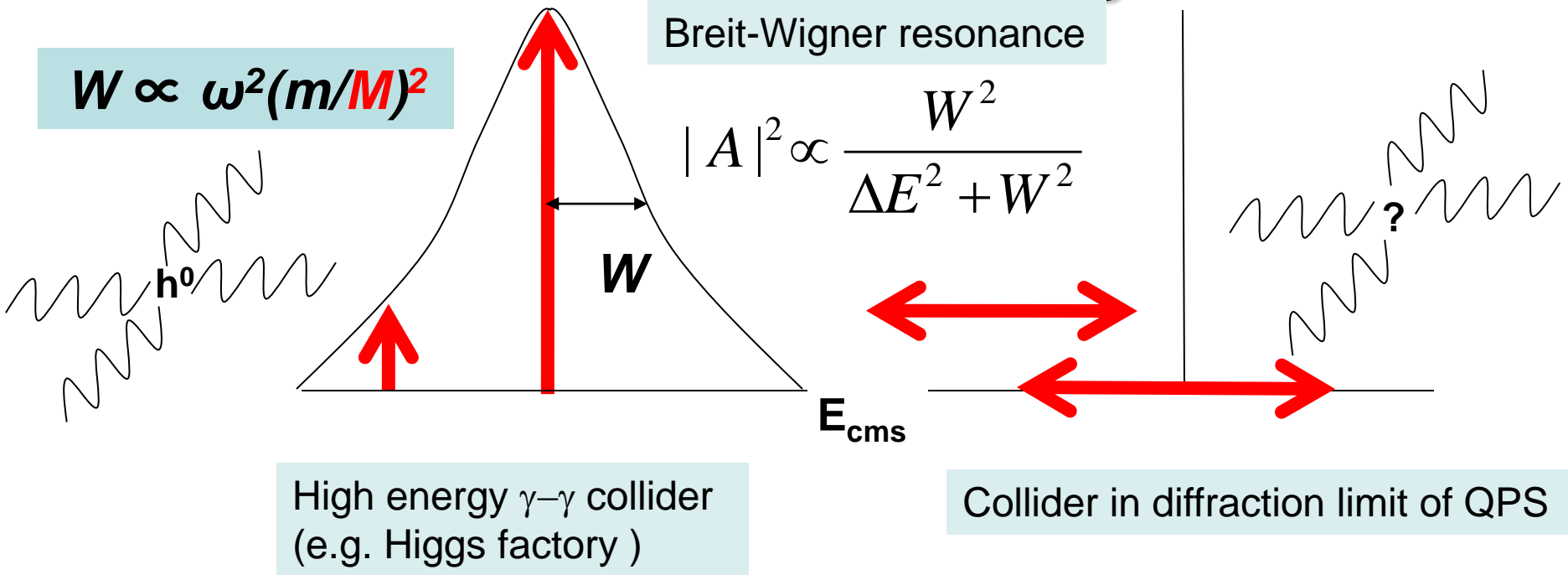
Low frequency photon in QPS is an ideal system !

Single laser focusing and second harmonic on the optical axis

Wave-particle duality strongly appears:
Uncertainty on the incident angle at waist



Enhancement by containing resonance



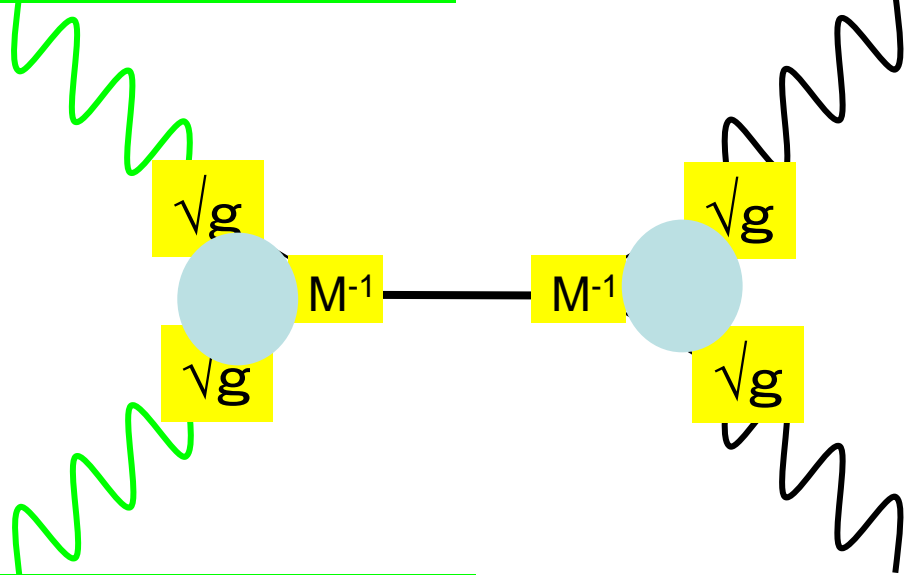
We must integrate square of invariant amplitude in QPS

$$|A|^2 \propto W^2 \text{ if } \Delta E \gg W \leftrightarrow |\bar{A}|^2 \propto \int_{-W}^{+W} \frac{W^2}{\Delta E^2 + W^2} dE = \frac{\pi}{2} W$$

Gain by M^2

High-intensity laser is required - spontaneous decay in vacuum -

$$\sqrt{N_{1\omega}} = \langle\langle N_{1\omega} | a | N_{1\omega} \rangle\rangle$$



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$$1 = \langle 1 | a^+ | 0 \rangle$$

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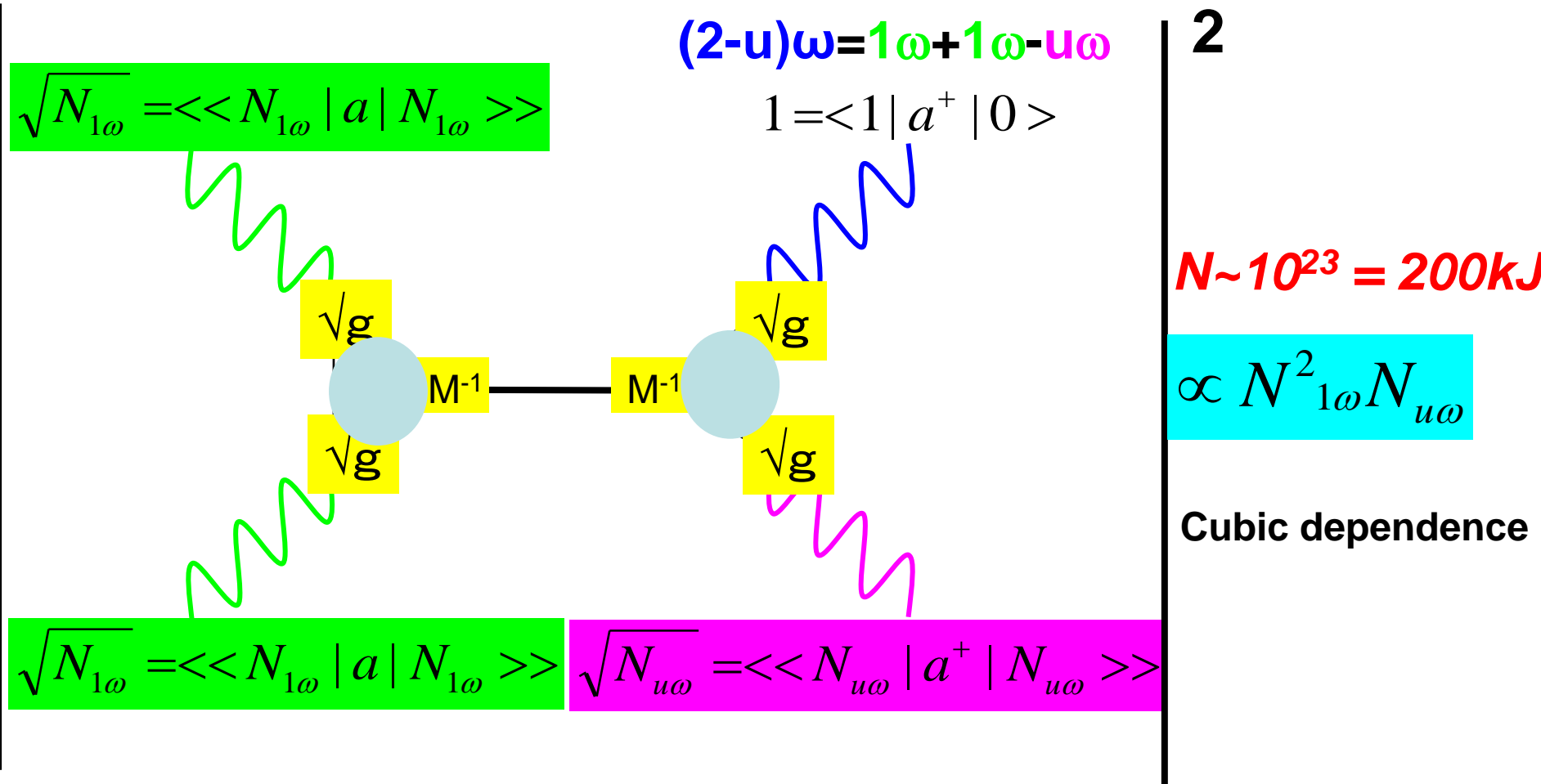
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$$\propto N_{1\omega}^2$$

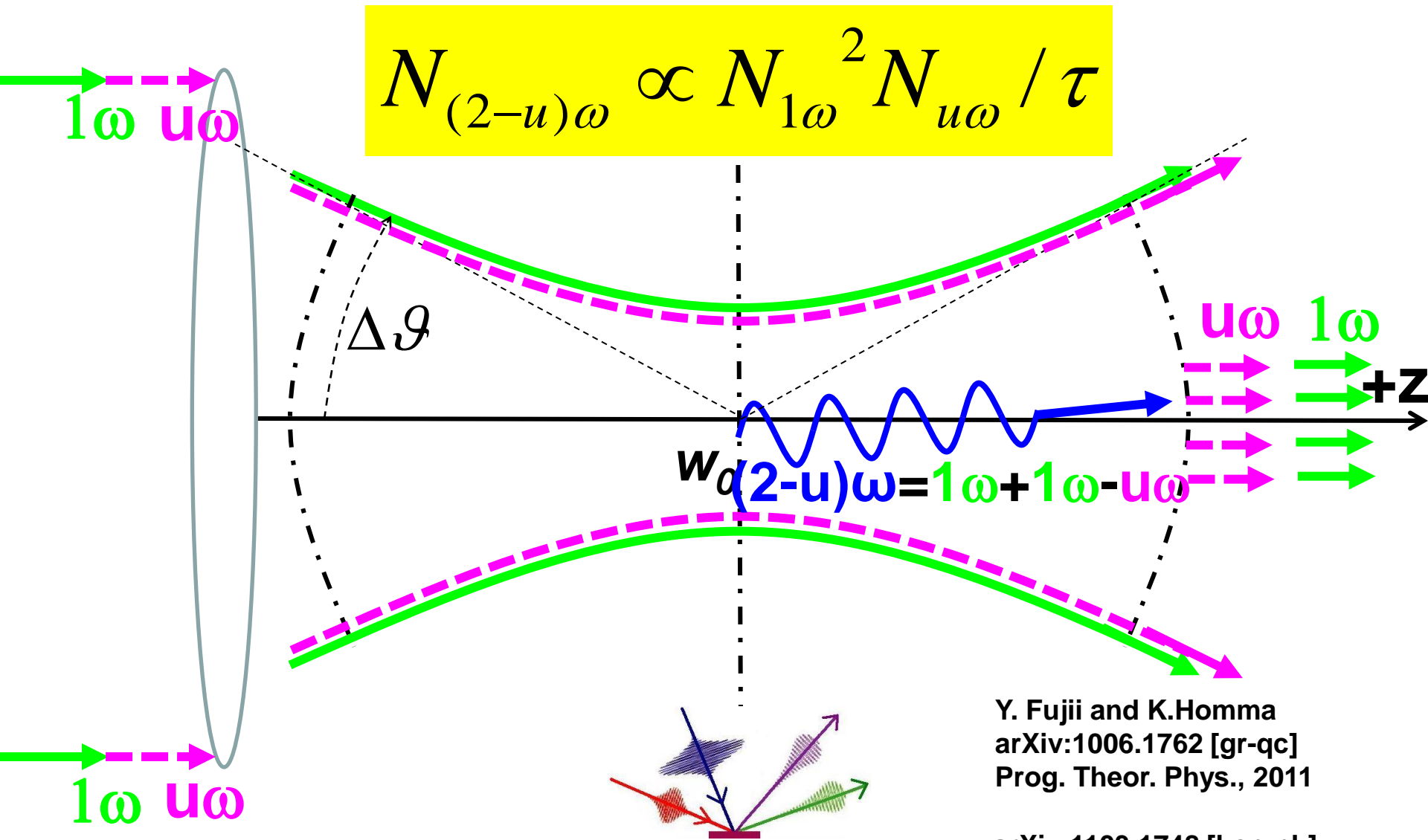
same rate as
particle colliders

Enhancement by inducing laser field

- decay in the coherent photon medium-



Degenerate Four-Wave Mixing



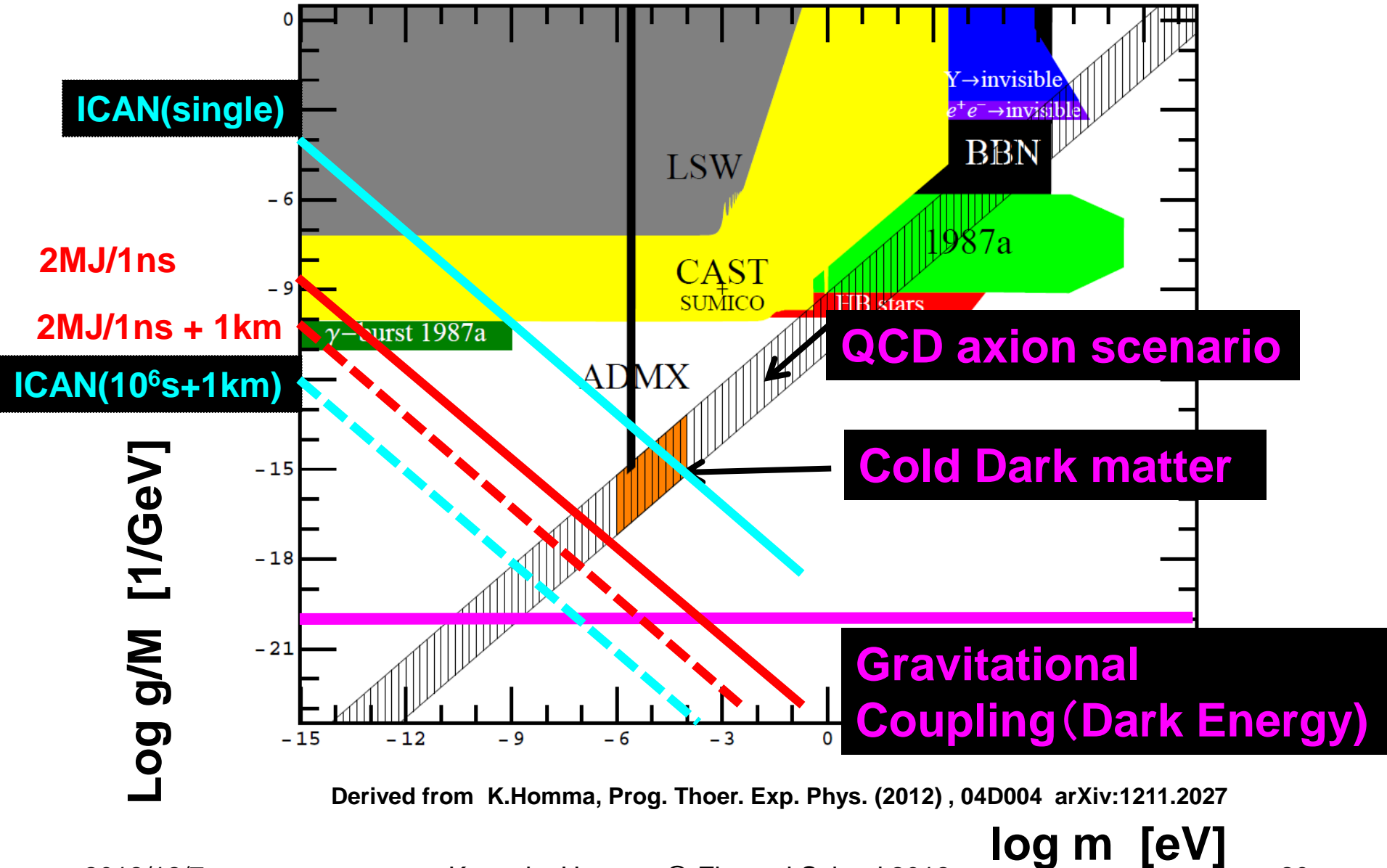
$$N_{(2-u)\omega} \propto N_{1\omega}^2 N_{u\omega} / \tau$$

$$w\omega (2-u)\omega = 1\omega + 1\omega - u\omega$$

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 arXiv:1006.1762 [gr-qc]
 Prog. Theor. Phys., 2011

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Single shot sensitivity on coupling vs. mass

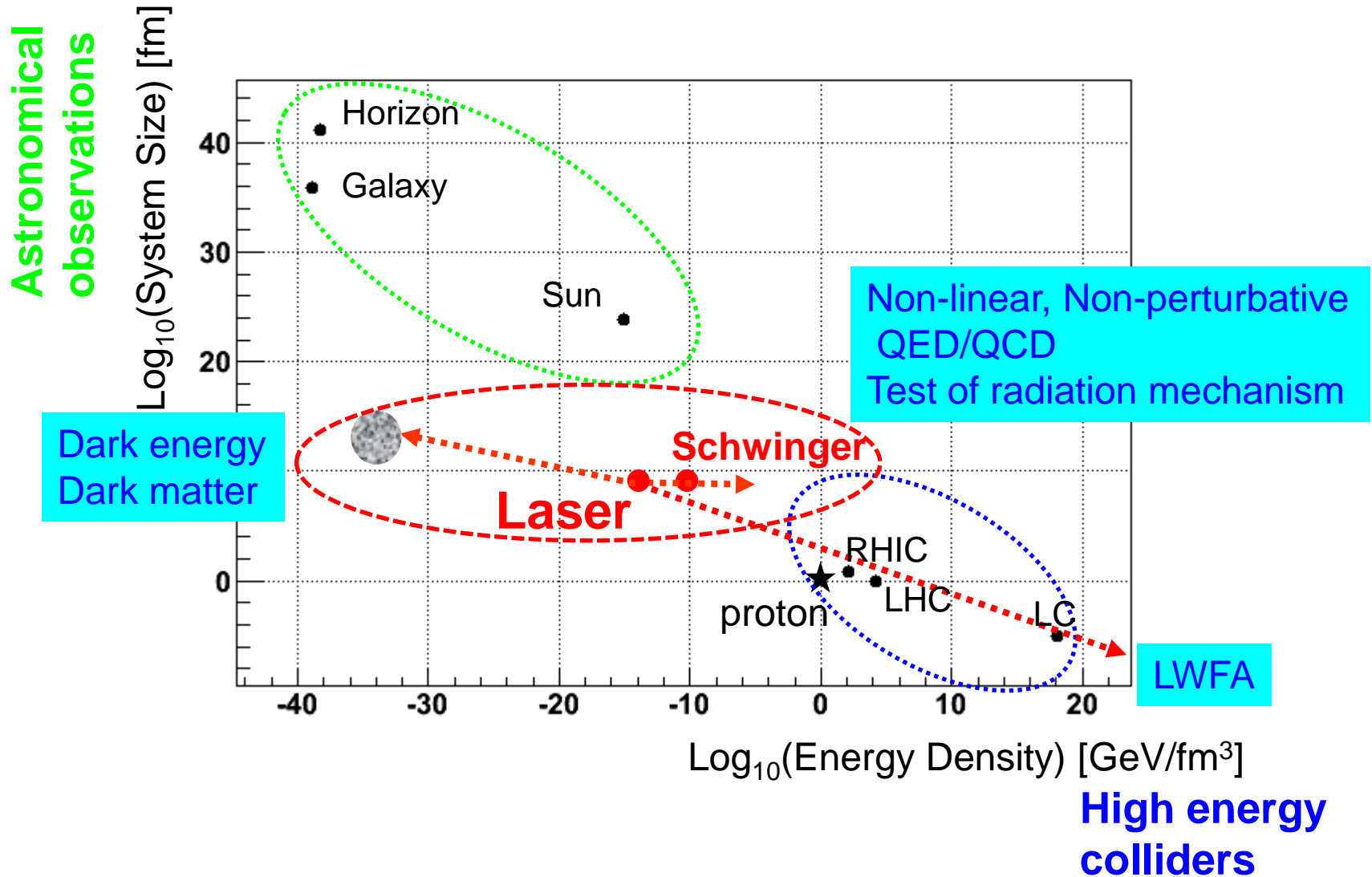


Derived from K.Homma, Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. (2012), 04D004 arXiv:1211.2027

Particle Collider vs. Degenerate Particle Collider

Parameters	Particle Collider	Degenerate Particle Collider
c.m.s energy E_{cms}	$E_{\text{cms}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$	$E_{\text{cms}} < 1 \text{ eV}$
# of particles / bunch	10^{11} charged particles physically limited by space-charge effect	10^{22} (@10kJ/pulse) limited by technology
Single shot dimensionless intensity in luminosity	$(10^{11})^2 = 10^{22}$	$(10^{22})^3 = 10^{66}$
Collision rate	100MHz	ICAN provides 10kHz rep. rate
Overall dimensionless intensity in luminosity	$(10^{11})^2 \times 10^8 = 10^{30}$	$(10^{22})^3 \times 10^5 = 10^{71}$

Explorable three major directions by high-intensity lasers



Einstein Gravity vs. Cosmological Constant(?)

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R = 8\pi G (T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G} g_{\mu\nu})$$

Thank you for your attention

