

# Physics of dense plasmas – correlations, magnetic fields and quantum effects

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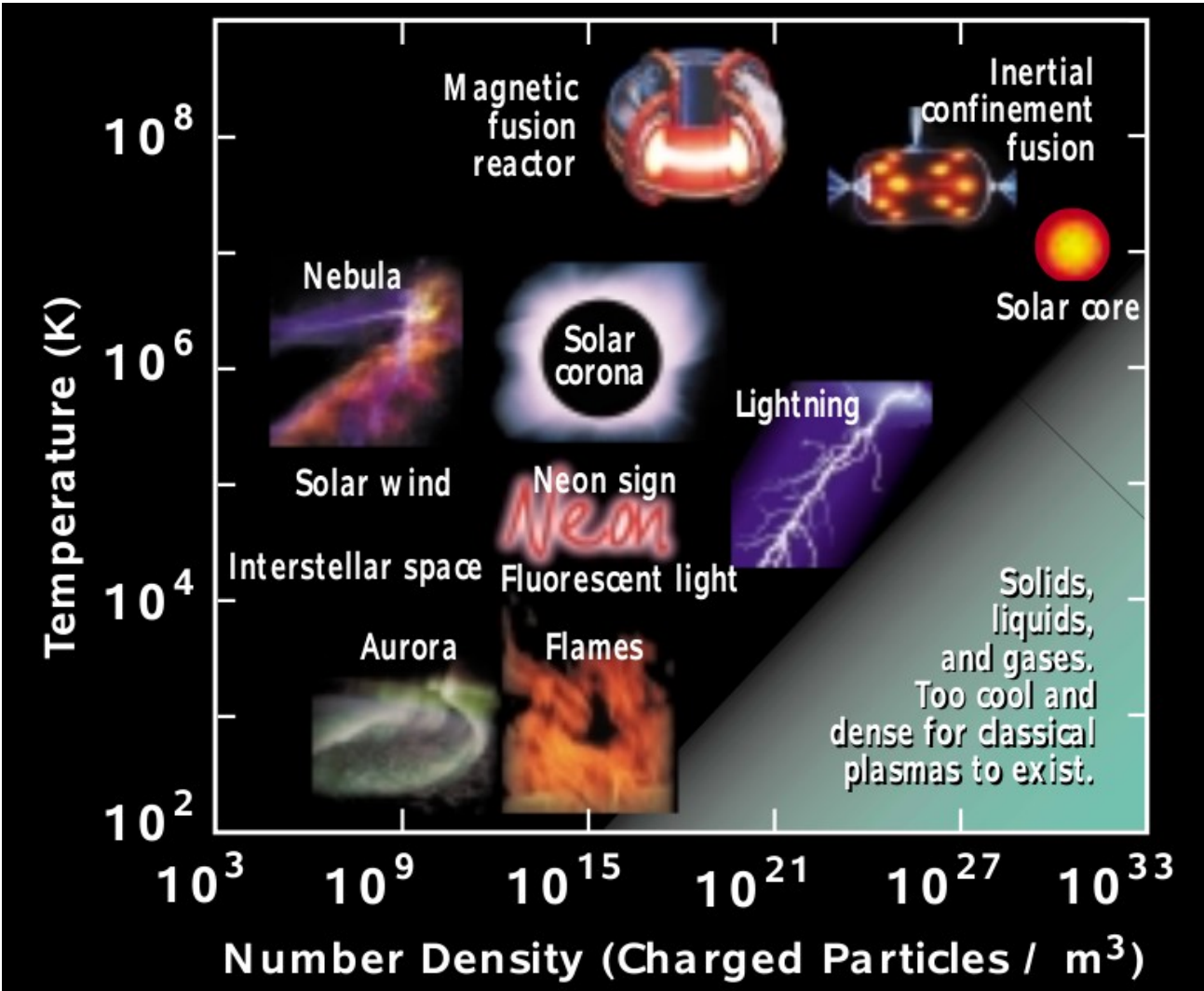
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# Plasmas in the Universe and in the Lab



Plasma: hot gas of charged particles

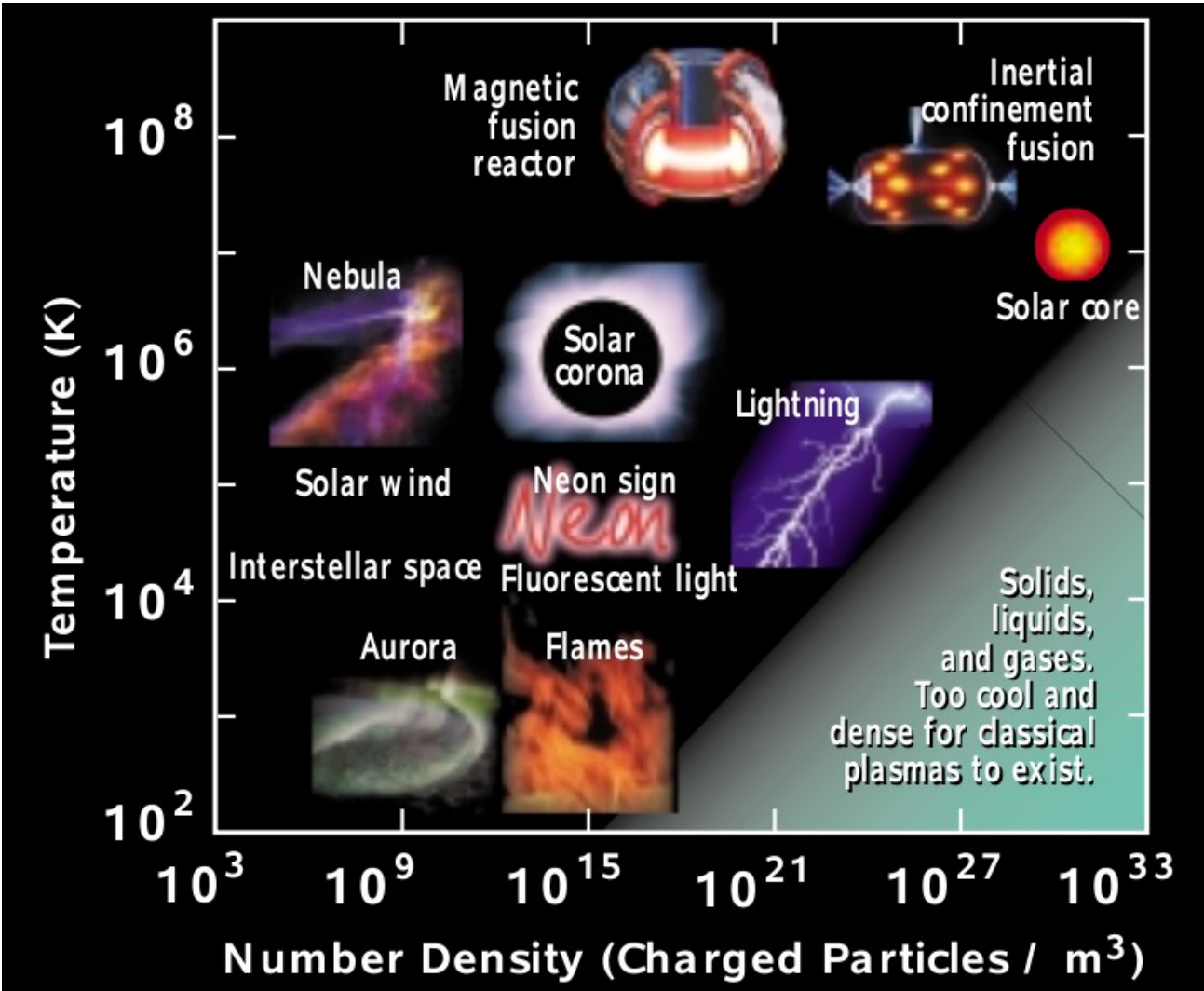
Ideal gas  
Simple physics

?

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# Plasmas in the Universe and in the Lab



Lots of exciting plasmas missing!

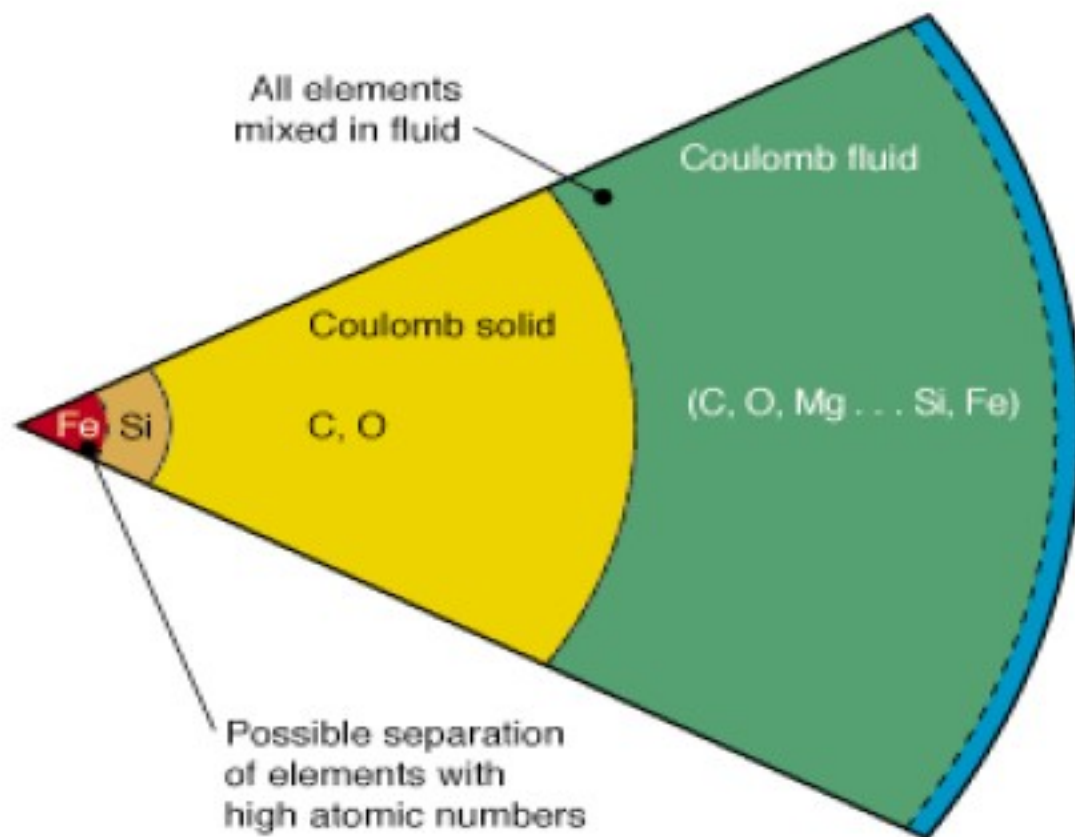
### Dense space plasmas:

- Cores of giant planets
- dwarf stars
- neutron stars

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# Dense plasma in White dwarf star



Structure of the interior of a white dwarf star, showing how the elements are distributed. EBIT-RETRAP recreates the thermodynamic conditions shown in the yellow section, where the ion plasmas crystallize. D. Schneider, LLNL

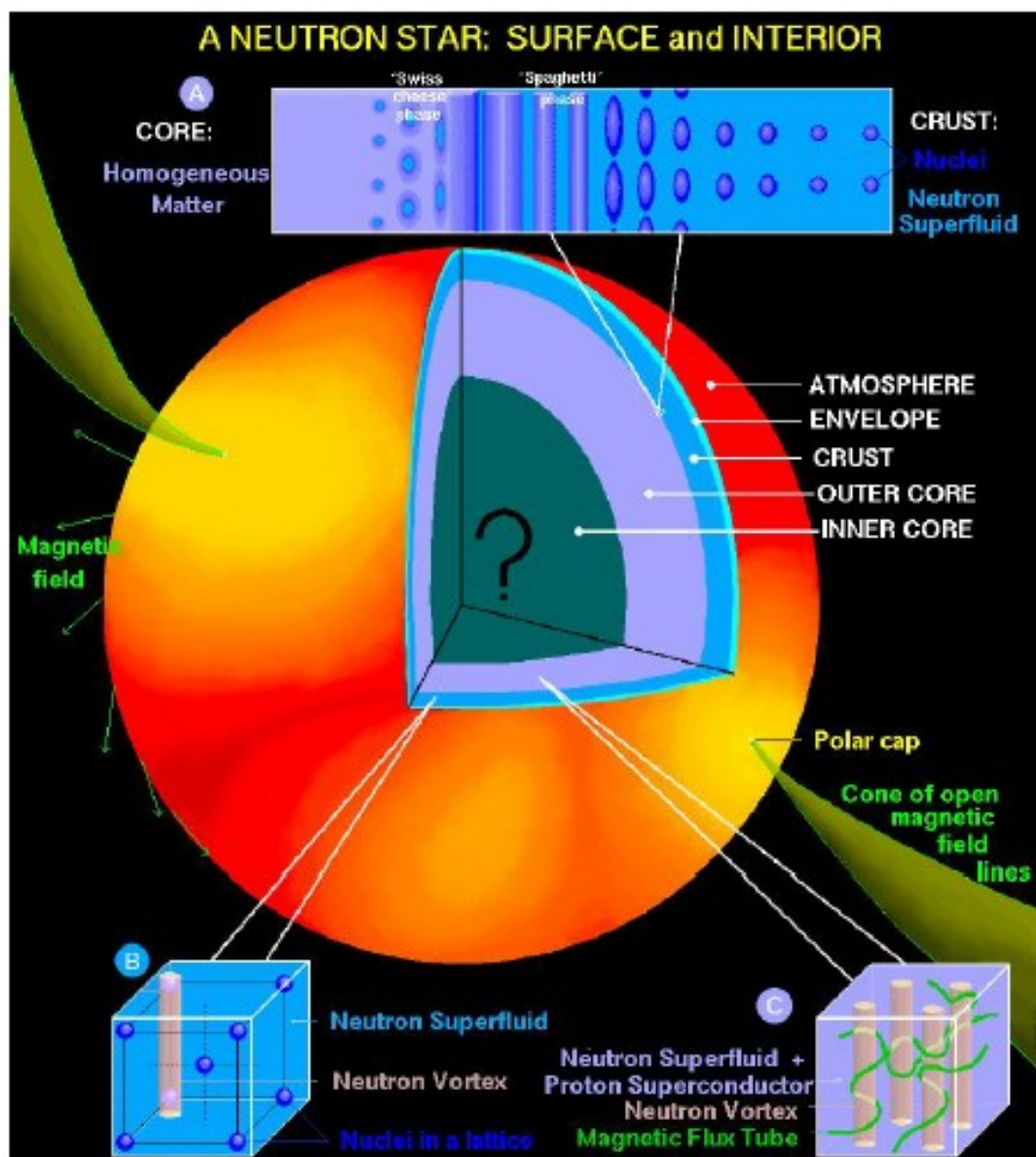
classical  
fluid and crystal  
in „quantum sea“  
of electrons

Size ~ our Earth  
Mass ~ our Sun  
→ density:

$$\rho \cong 10^6 \rho_{ERDE}$$

$$B = 10^3 \dots 10^7 T$$

# Dense plasma in Neutron stars



crystal and  
quantum fluid  
of Fe-nuclei

in „quantum sea“  
of electrons

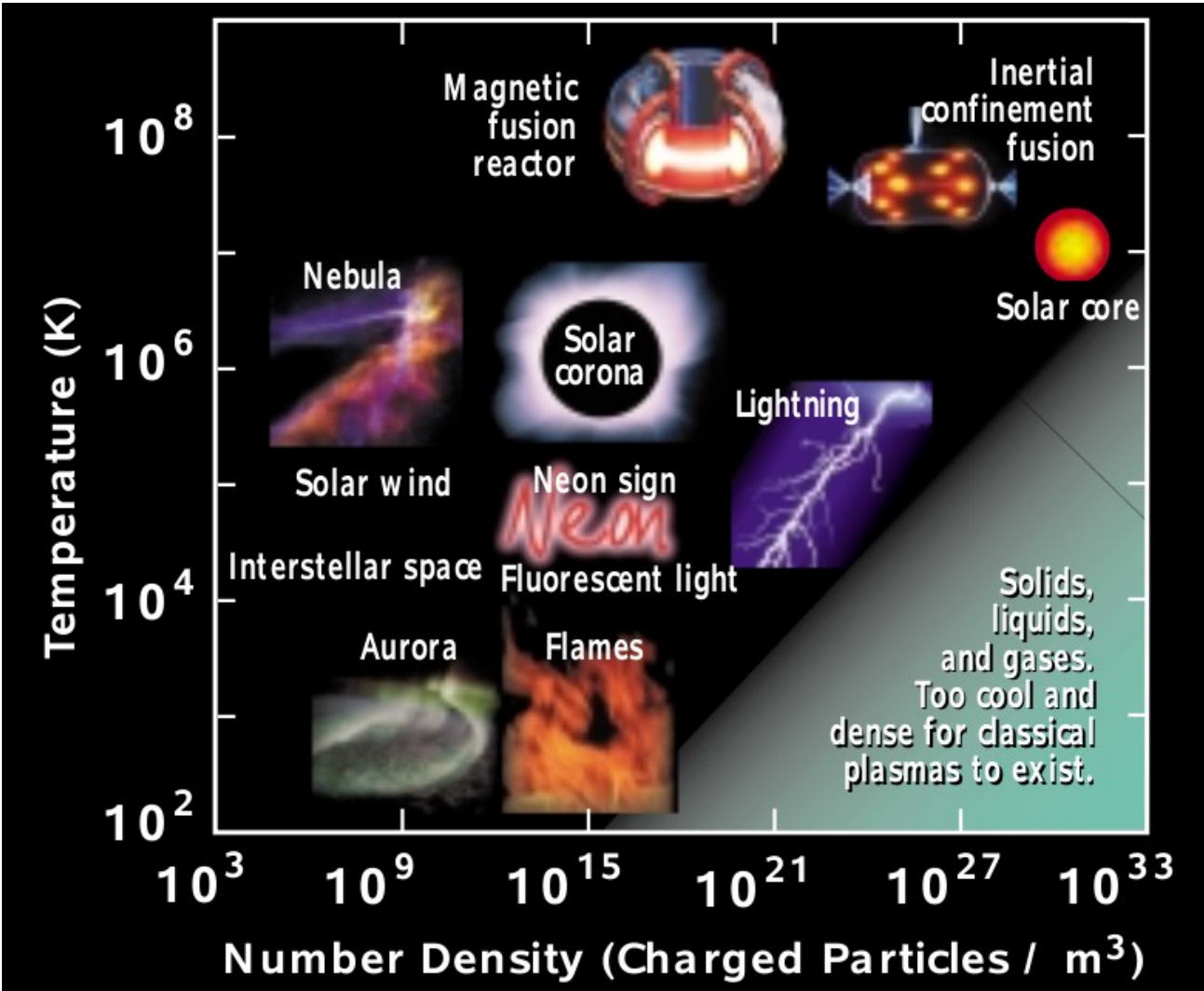
Radius ~ 10km  
Mass ~ our Sun

$$\rho \cong 10^{15} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

$$B = 10^6 \dots 10^{11} \text{ T}$$

Source: Coleman, UMD

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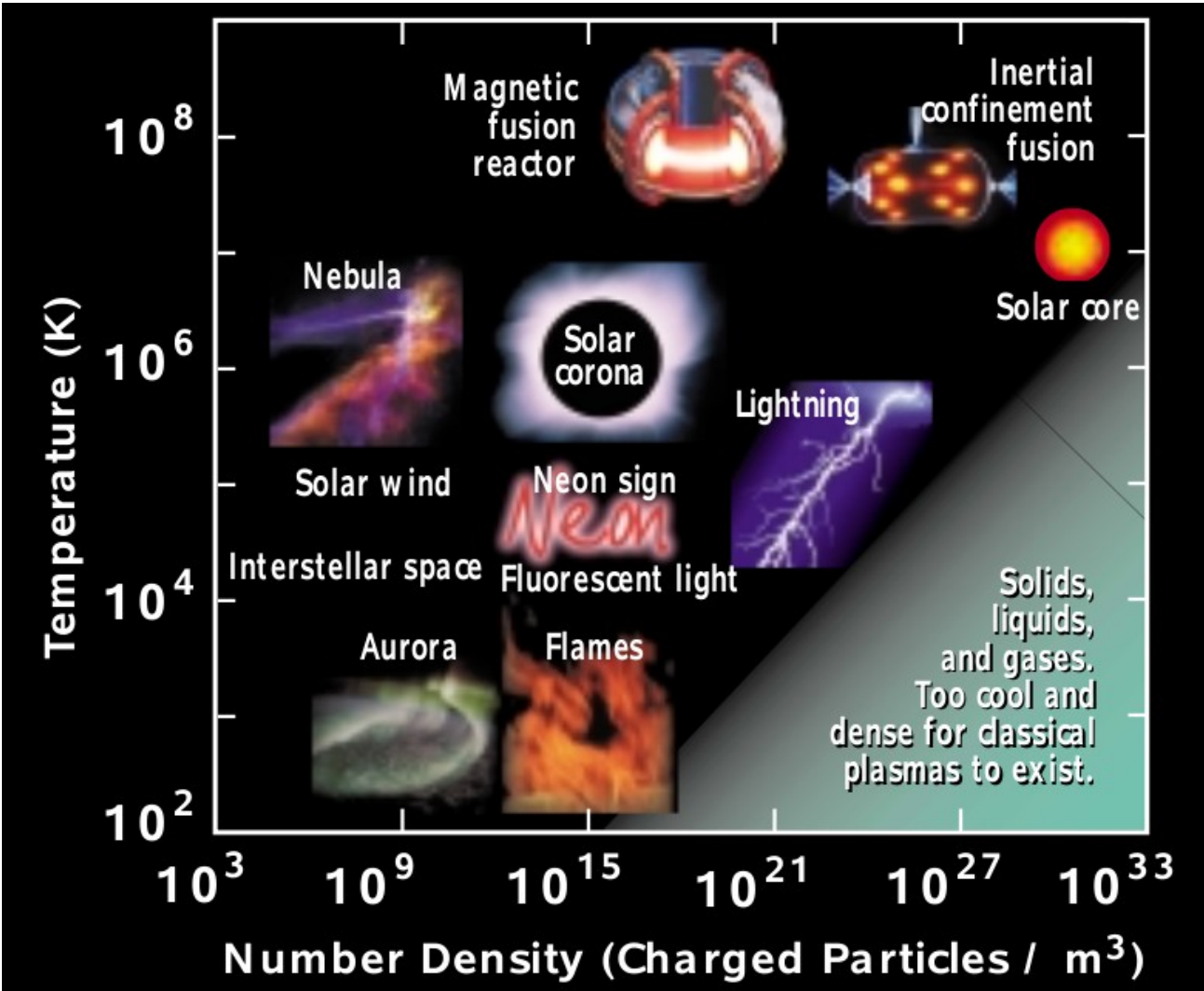
### Dense laboratory plasmas:

- laser plasmas
- ion beam produced plasmas
- ICF

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# Plasmas in the Universe and in the Lab



Lots of exciting plasmas missing!  
Strong correlations  
Cooperative behavior  
Coulomb liquid and crystal states

- mass asymmetry
- quantum effects
- nonequilibrium
- magnetic fields

→ Theory challenging!

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# Selforganization in charged particle systems

## Prediction of spontaneous spatial ordering (crystallization)



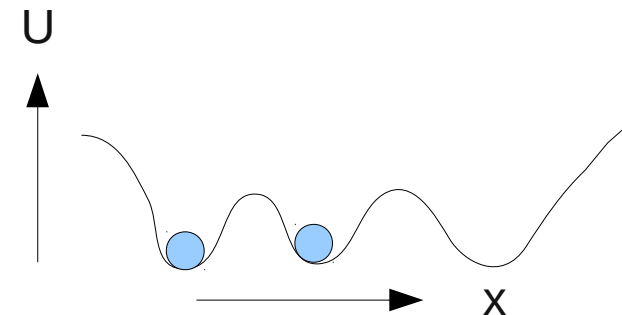
*E. Wigner, Physical Review* **46**, 1002 (1934):

computed exchange and correlation energy of the electron gas in metals

„If the electrons had no kinetic energy, they would settle in configurations which correspond to the absolute minima of the potential energy. These are close-packed lattice configurations, with energies very near to that of the body-centered lattice....“

But: no electron crystal in metals observed yet

Ongoing search with other types of charged particles



# Coulomb crystallization upon cooling

Gradual crystallization upon cooling

Particles settle in potential minima when kinetic energy below threshold

MD simulation (Torben Ott): steady cooling

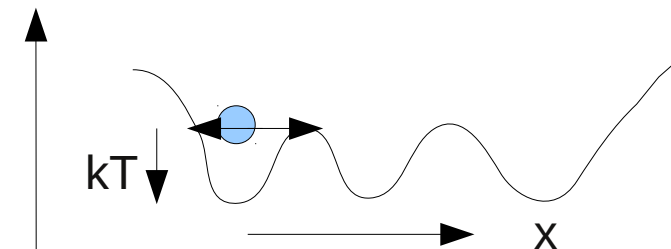
video  $\longrightarrow$

Coulomb coupling parameter

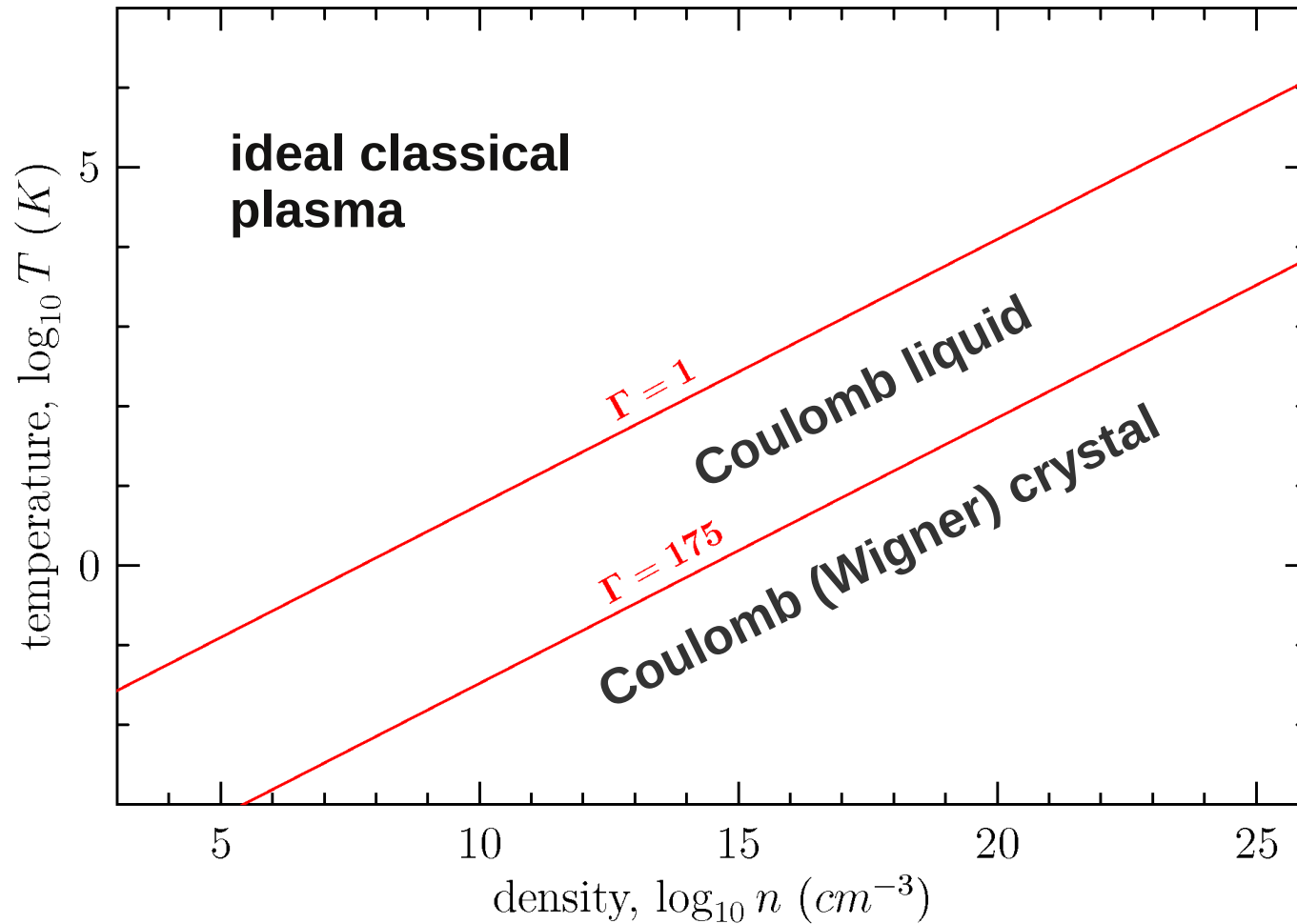
$$\Gamma \equiv \frac{Q^2}{\bar{r} k_B T}$$

Freezing for  $\Gamma > 175$

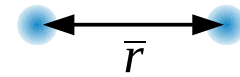
U: total potential energy



# Strongly coupled Coulomb systems

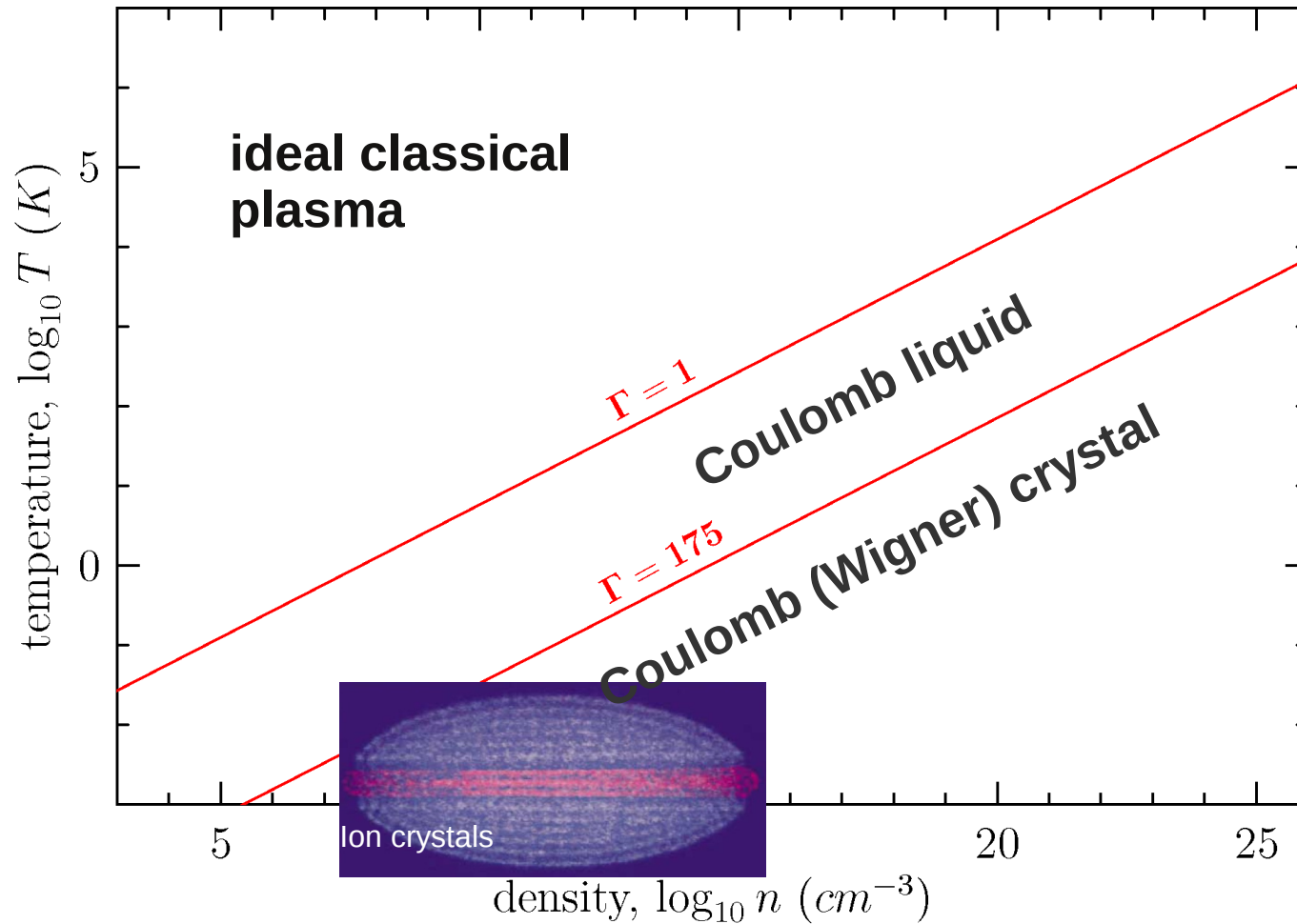


## Coulomb interaction

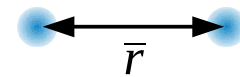


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# How to achieve Coulomb crystallization (1)



## Coulomb interaction

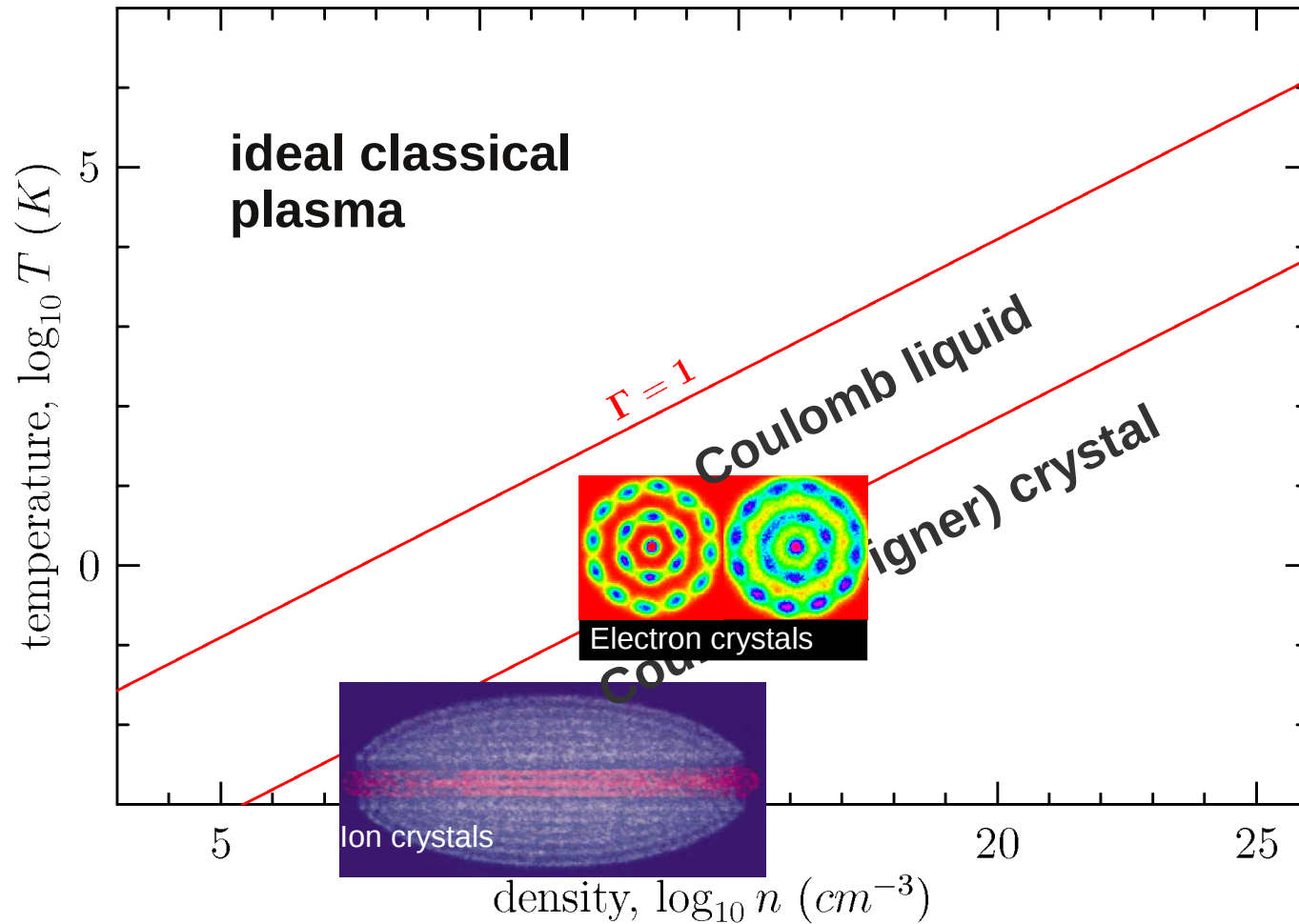


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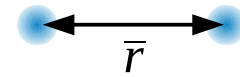
→ cooling

Ions in traps, mk temperature

# How to achieve Coulomb crystallization (2)



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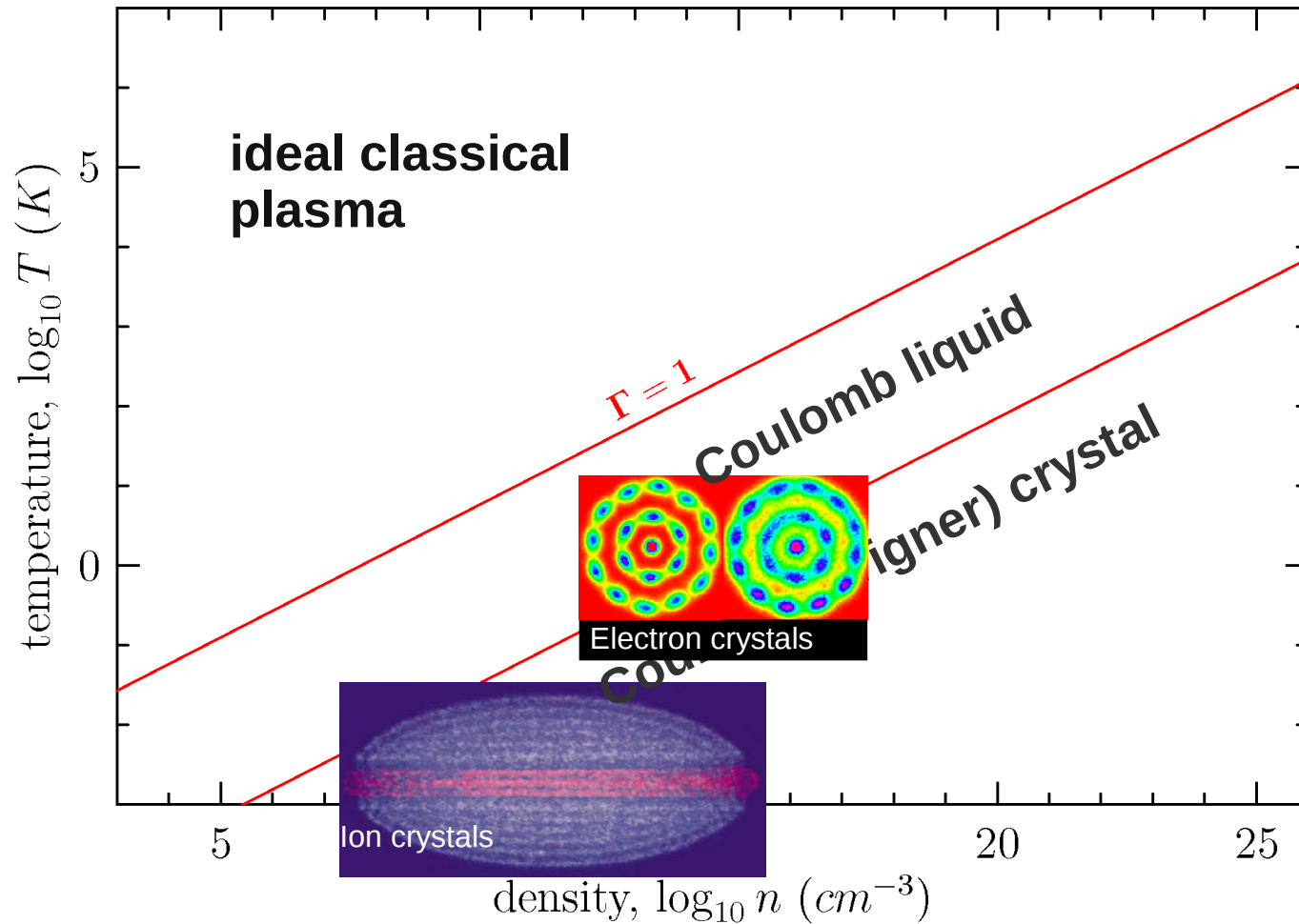
→ compression

Ions in traps, mk temperature

electrons in quantum dots (predicted)

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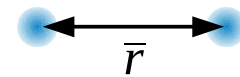


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# Coulomb crystal in complex plasma

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## **1994: Experimental observation**

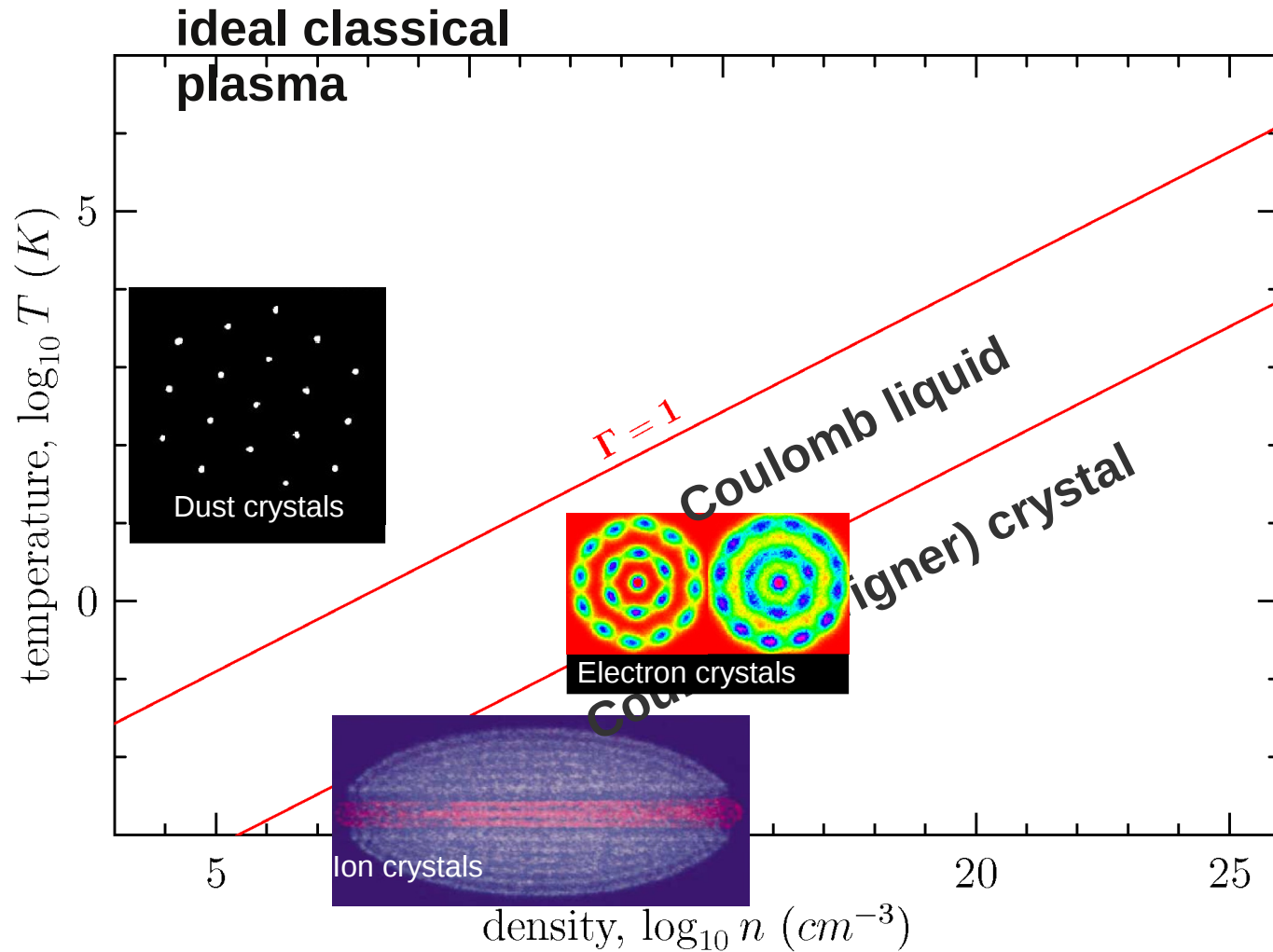
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H. Thomas et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **73**, 652 (1994)

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Tremendous activity  
By many groups...

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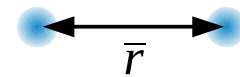


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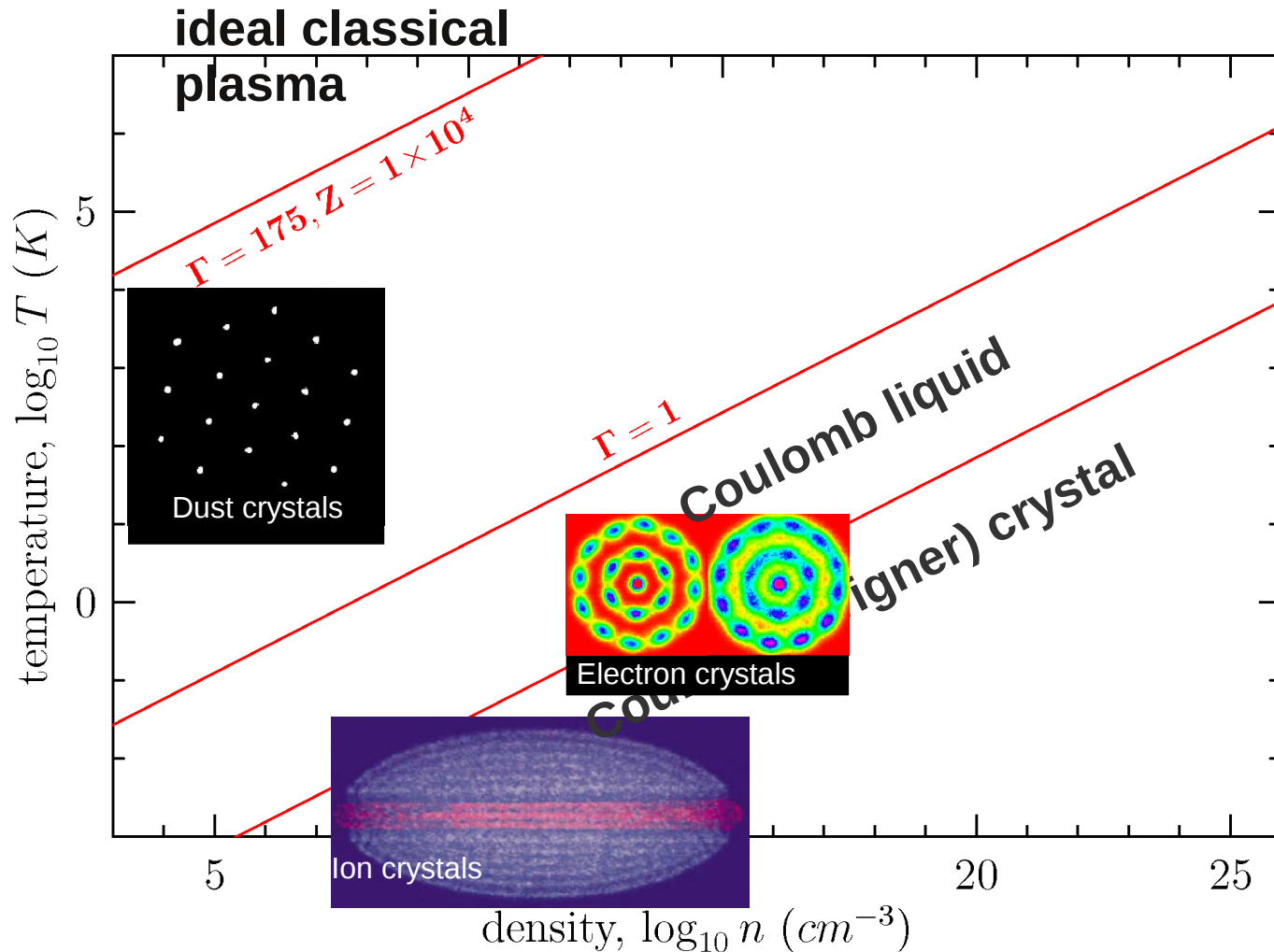
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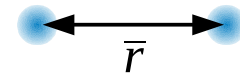


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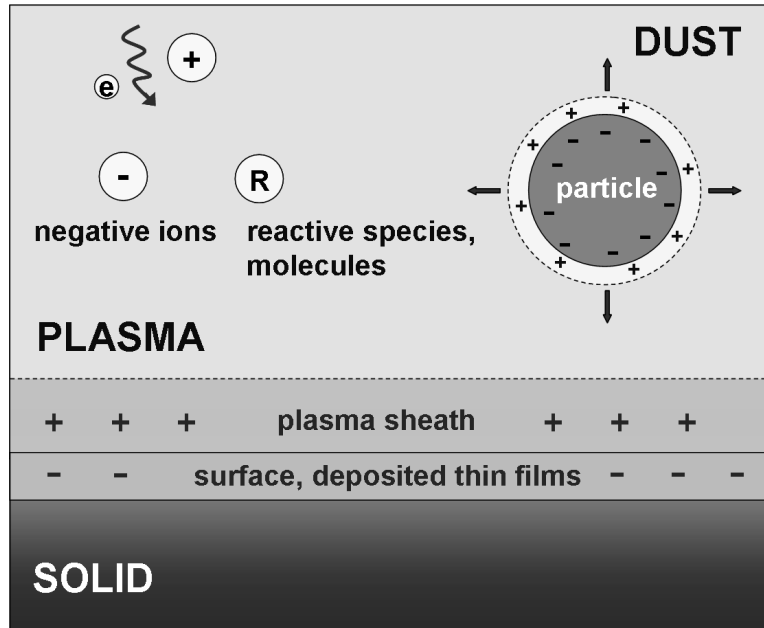
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→ charging

$Q=10,000 \dots$   
 $100,000$

Ideal test system for Coulomb correlations

# Complex Plasmas



## Transregional Research Center „Fundamentals of Complex Plasmas“

Speaker: J. Meichsner

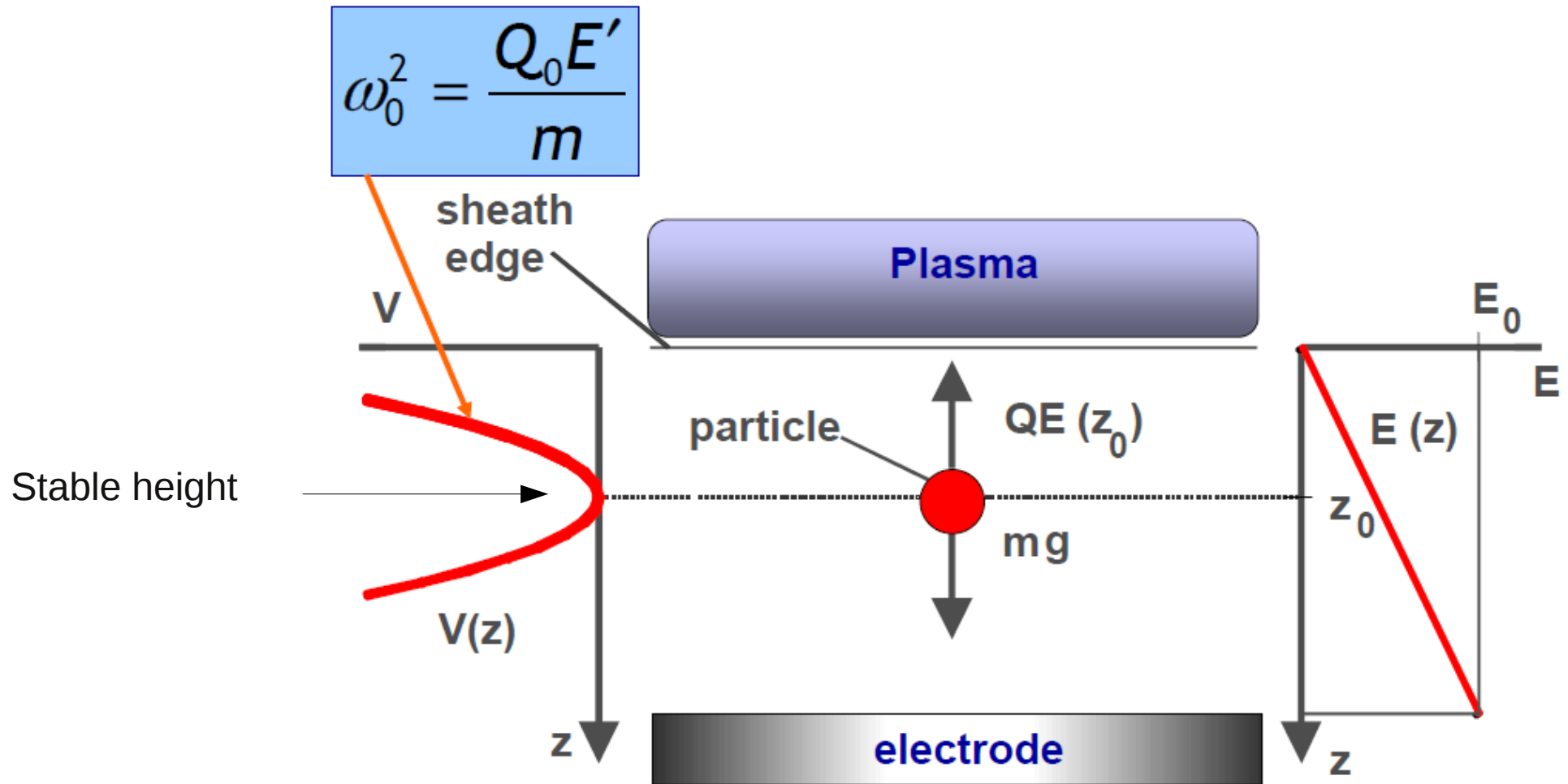
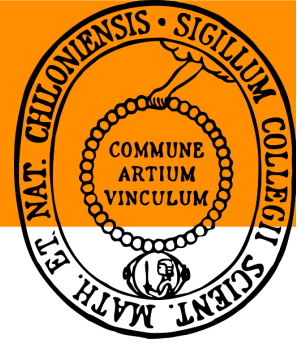
- Kiel University
- Greifswald University
- INP Greifswald



### Challenging large parameter space and the diversity of physical conditions

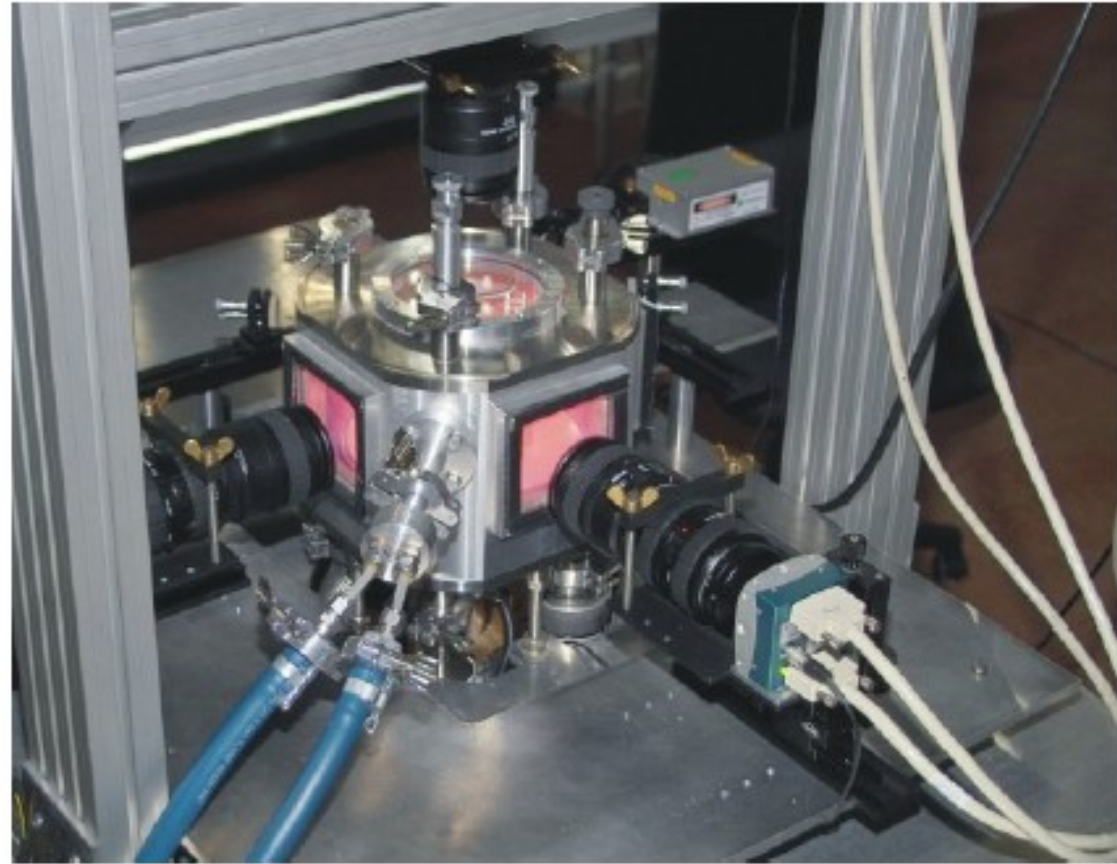
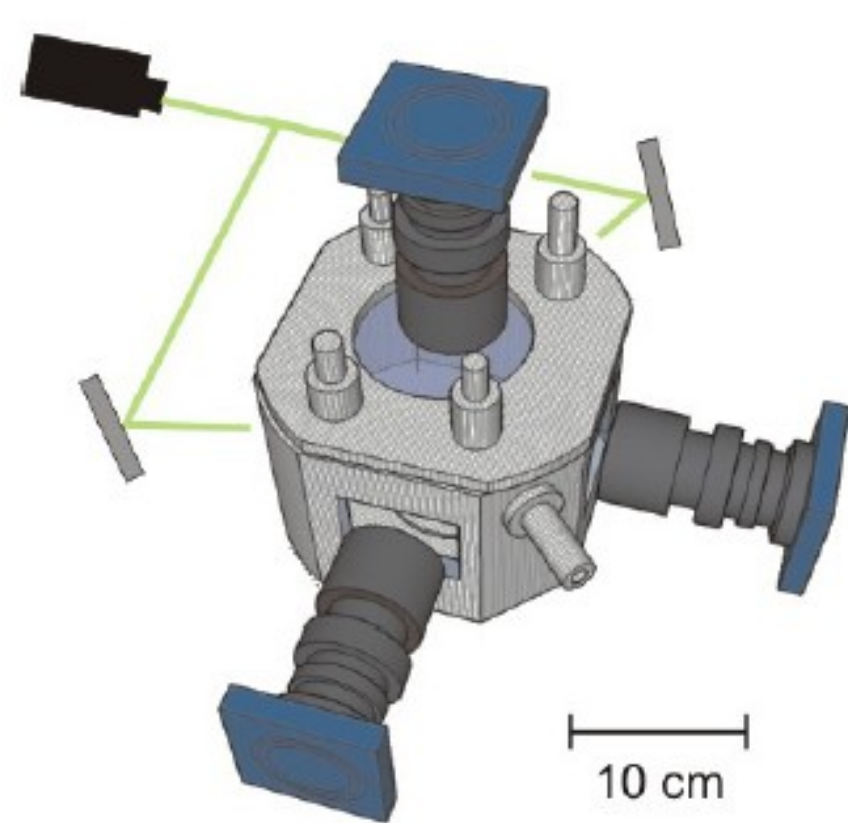
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|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Plasma size:</b>      | From large and stable plasmas to <i>micro and nano plasmas</i>   |
| <b>Plasma pressure:</b>  | From low pressure to <i>atmospheric and higher pressure</i>  |
| <b>Plasma chemistry:</b> | From rather <b>simple rare-gas plasmas</b> to more complex and <i>reactive molecular plasmas</i> (e.g., oxygen, hydrocarbons, fluorocarbons) and their interaction with condensed matter |
| <b>Time scales:</b>      | From electron and ion dynamics to <i>chemical reactions</i> and <b>Collective behaviour of massive dust particles</b>  |

# Trapping of Complex (Dusty) Plasma layer



Slight curvature of electrode provides lateral confinement

# Stereoscopic imaging: 3 video cameras

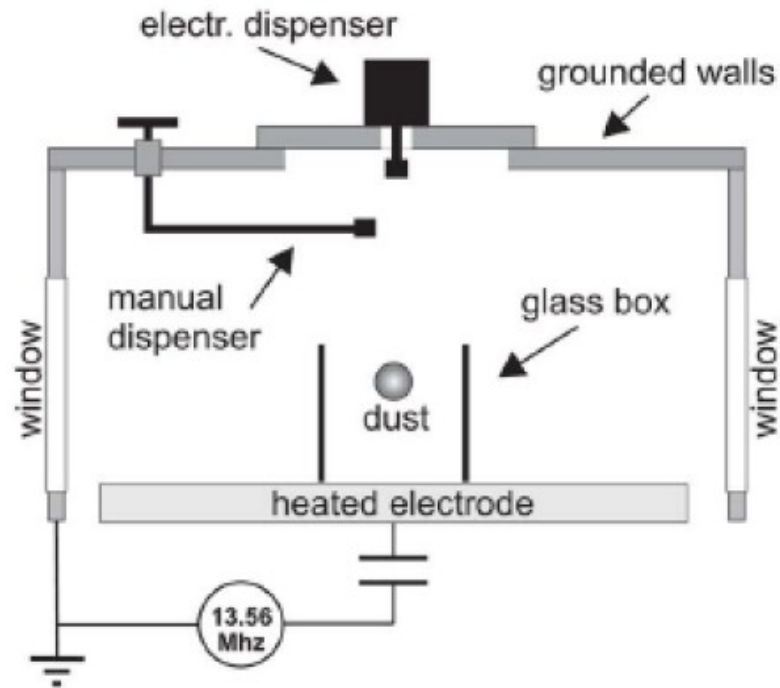


Plasma optically transparent  
Slow time scales, room temperature  
→ single-particle resolution!  
Unique diagnostics of correlation effects!

AG Melzer, EMAU Greifswald

# 3D dust crystals without void

## RF discharge, Argon



## 3D Coulomb balls

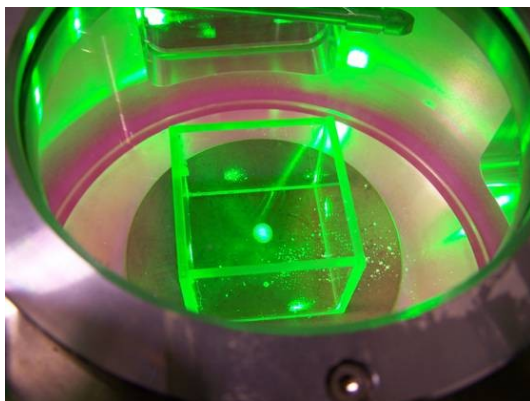
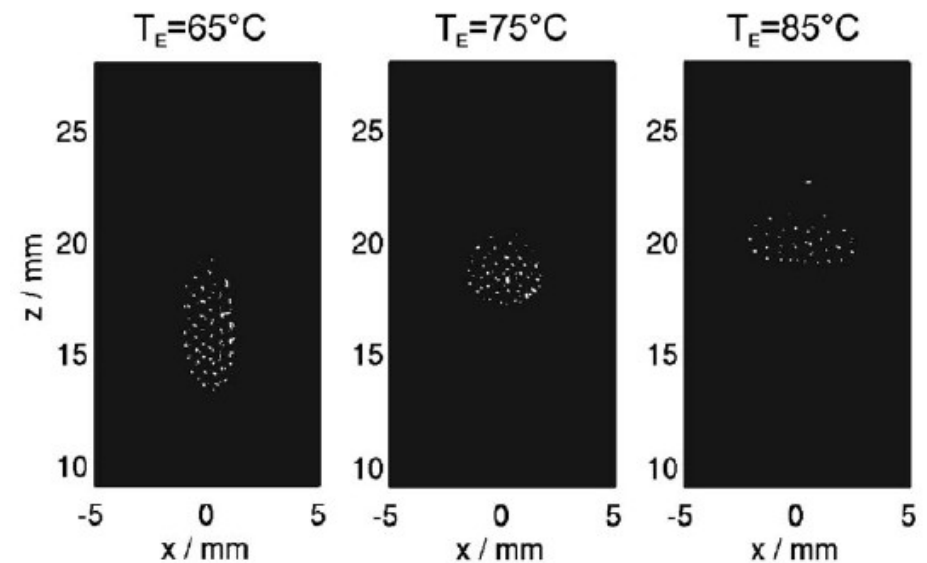
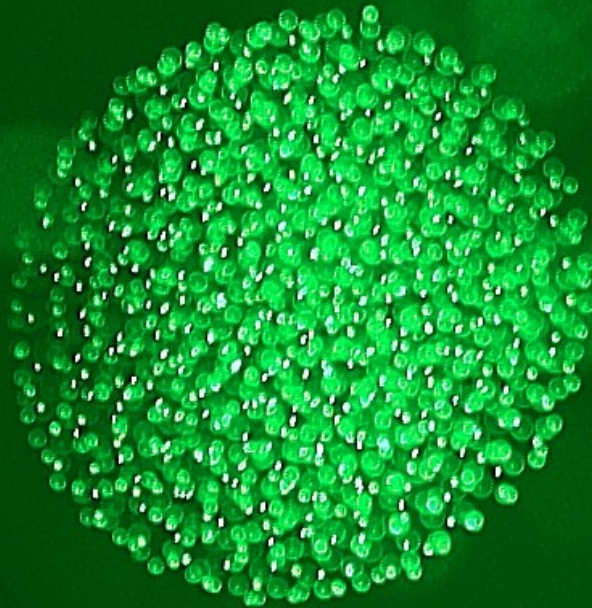


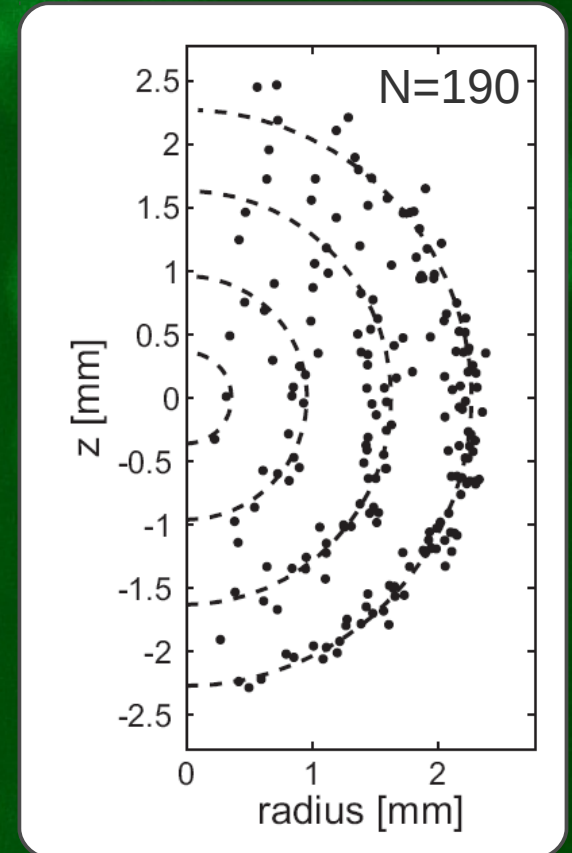
Foto: S. Käding, U Greifswald

- gravity compensated by **thermophoretic force** and **electric fields**
- **glass box prevents** formation of **void region** inside the dust cloud
- confinement (almost) isotropic
- dust in plasma bulk (slowly streaming ions)

# 3D Spherical Dust Crystals



- Particles arranged on concentric spherical shells
- Optically transparent crystal



Arp, Block, Piel & Melzer, Phys. Rev. Lett. **93**, 165004 (2004)

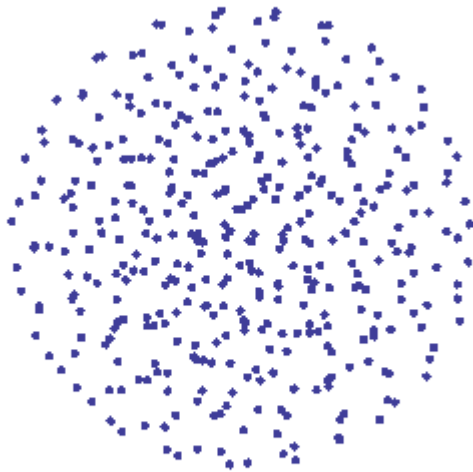
shell structure theoretically explained by Yukawa potential:  
Bonitz et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. **96**, 075001 (2006)

## **Accurate diagnostics:**

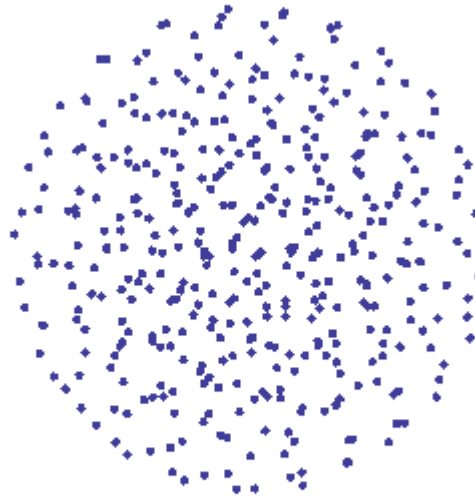
- Video stereoscopy or
- Digital holography



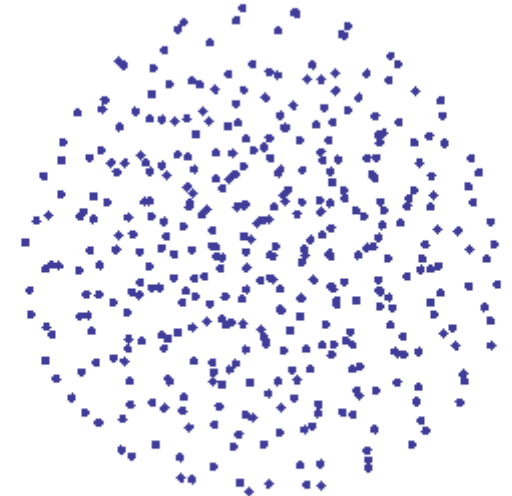
monopole



quadrupole



octupole



## Cold fluid theory for Yukawa systems

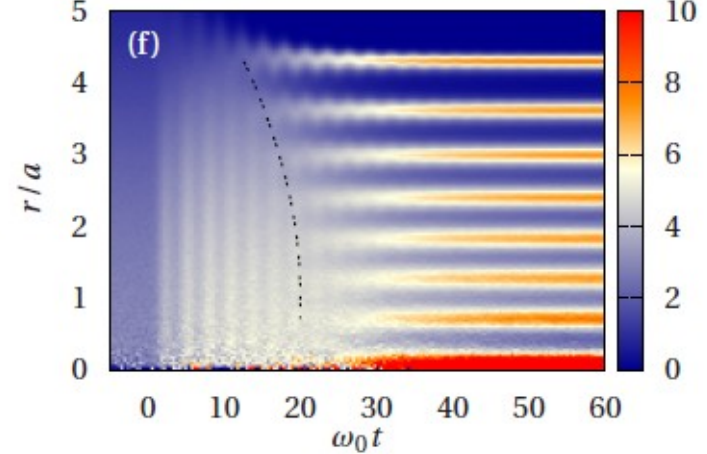
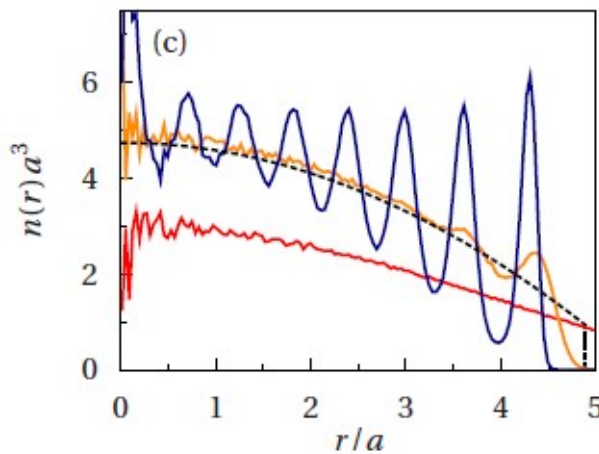
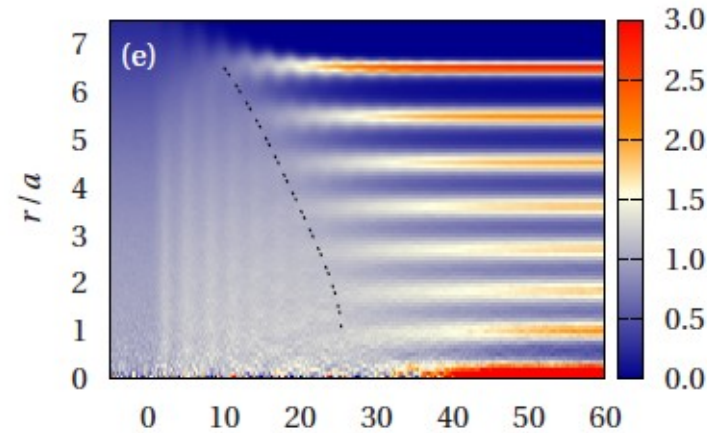
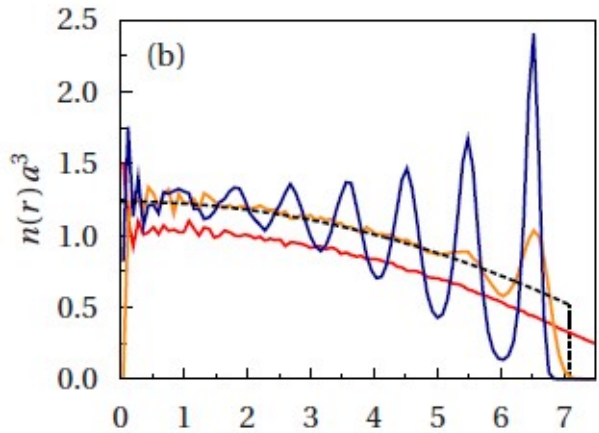
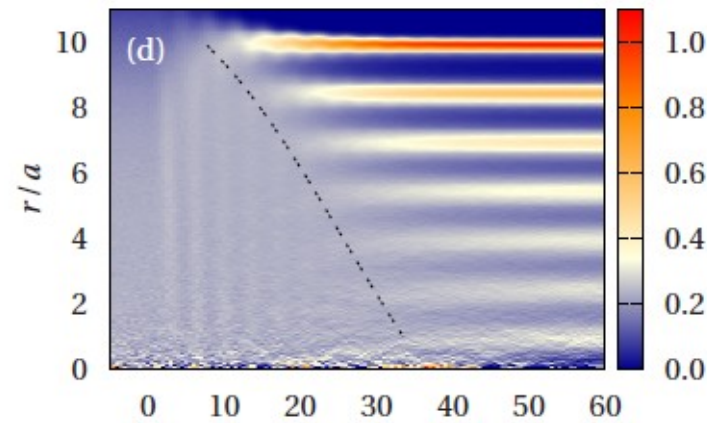
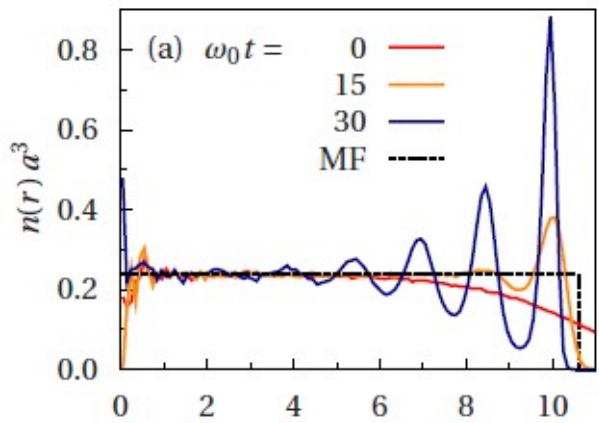
Sensitive diagnostics. Direct comparison with simulations and experiment  
Current work: inclusion of correlations [Kählert, Bonitz, Kalman 2013]

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Kählert, MB, Phys. Rev. E **82**, 036407 (2010)

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# Crystallization (Shell Formation) Dynamics



Rapid cooling of weakly coupled initial state

screening

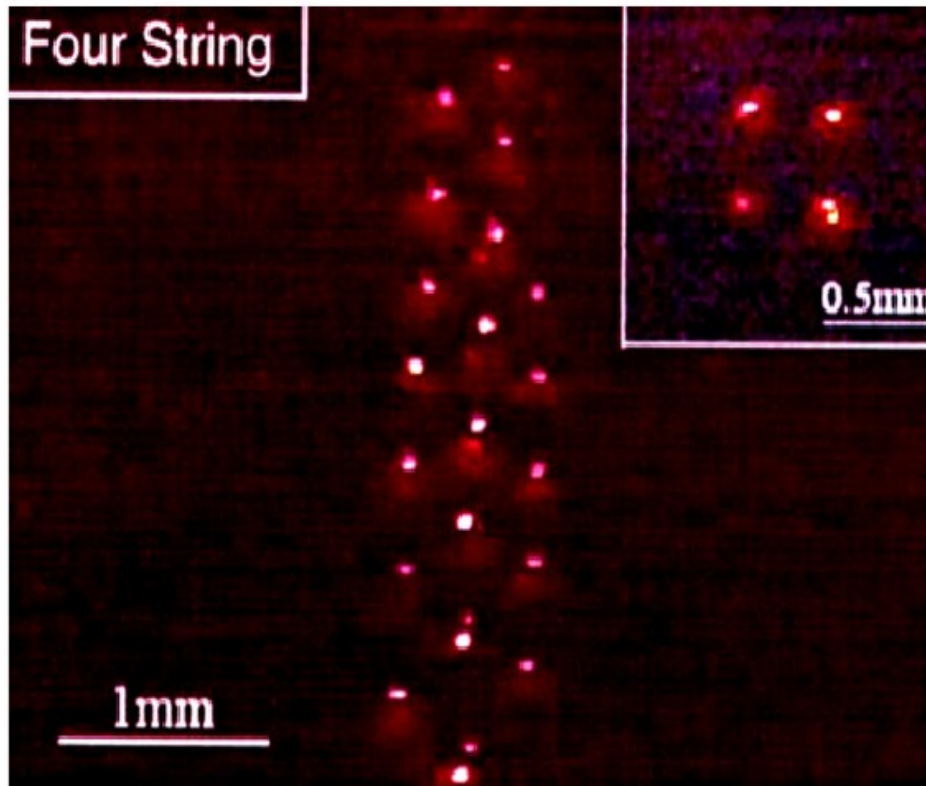
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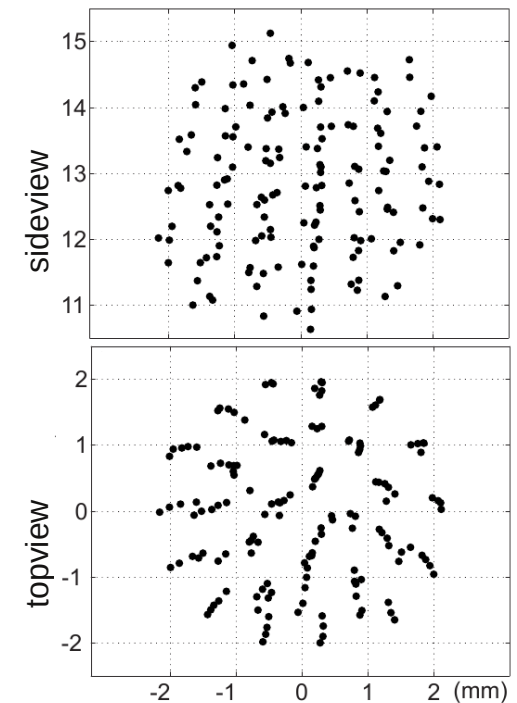
# Close to electrode: dust-dust attraction

## String Formation in Vertically Elongated 3D Confined Dusty Plasmas

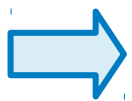
➔ VIDEO



N. Sato et al. (2001)



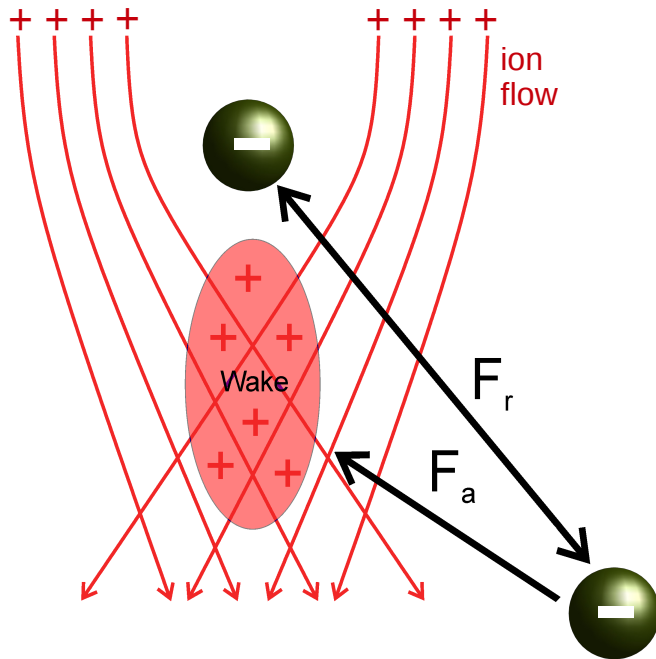
M. Kroll, J. Schablinski, D. Block, and A. Piel, Phys. Plas. **17**, 013702 (2010)



Vertical alignment not explainable with repulsive Yukawa potential!  
Effective particle-particle attraction

# Origin of attractive force

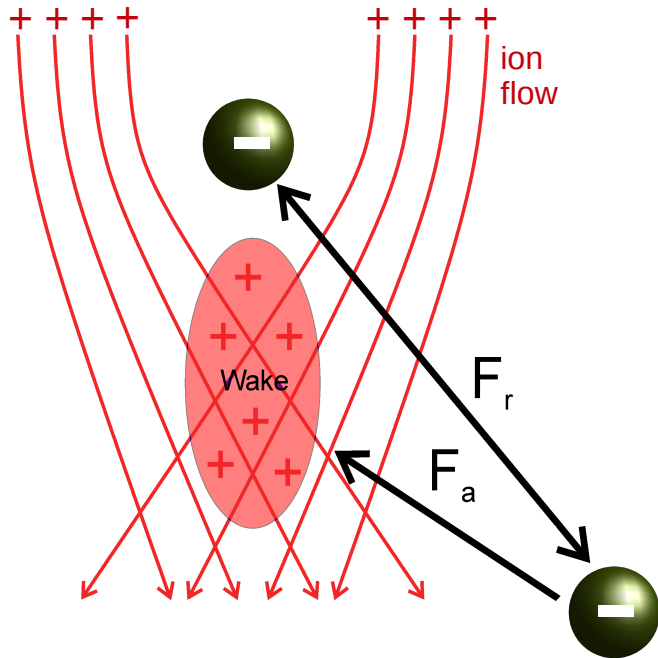
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- wake-field behind charged grain
- non-reciprocal grain interaction
- vertical grain alignment

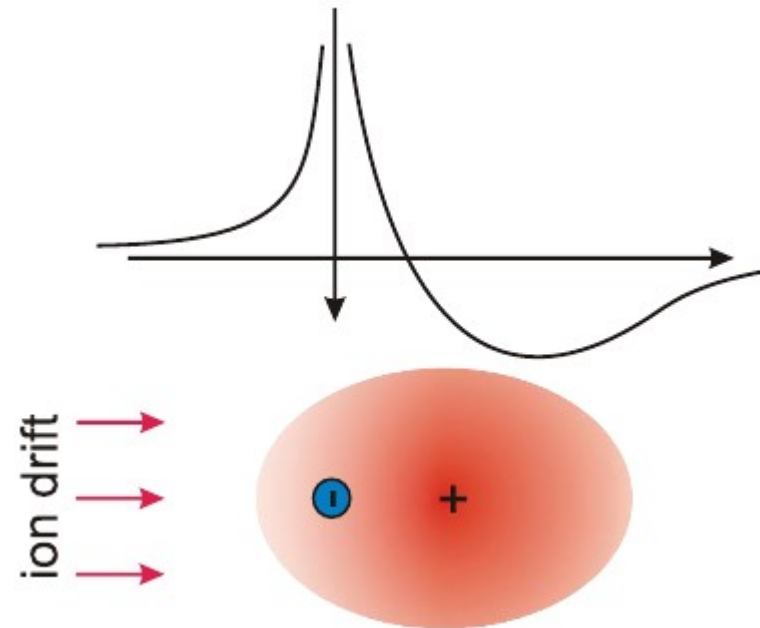
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Effective potential of single particle



Confirmed by simulations (PIC):  
Hutchinson, Schneider, Miloch...

But: can treat only 1...3 particles

An aerial photograph of the Elbe river at Bastei. The river flows through a lush green valley, flanked by dense forests. In the distance, a small town with colorful buildings is visible on the right bank. A small boat is moving down the river, leaving a distinct wake field behind it. The sky is clear, and the overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

## Other wake fields:

- Surfing
- Laser wake field acceleration
- Electrons in undulator
- ...

# Linear response: dynamically screened potential

$$\Phi_i(\mathbf{r}, t) = \int \frac{d^3k}{2\pi^2} \frac{q}{k^2} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{v}_i t)}}{\epsilon^l(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{v}_i)}$$

*Dust grains are „dressed“,  
mediated by dielectric function*

Fourier transform of bare Coulomb potential



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Dielectric function for a (shifted) Maxwellian plasma with BGK-type collisions included

$$\epsilon^l(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = 1 + \frac{1}{k^2 \lambda_{De}^2} + \frac{1}{k^2 \lambda_{Di}^2} \left[ \frac{1 + \zeta_i Z(\zeta_i)}{1 + \frac{i\nu_{in}}{\sqrt{2}k v_{Ti}} Z(\zeta_i)} \right]$$

$\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{v}_i$  / bar Coulomb potential  
 static screening  $\rightarrow$  Yukawa potential  
 dynamical screening  $\rightarrow$  wake effects  
 Ion-neutral scattering  $\rightarrow$  collisional damping

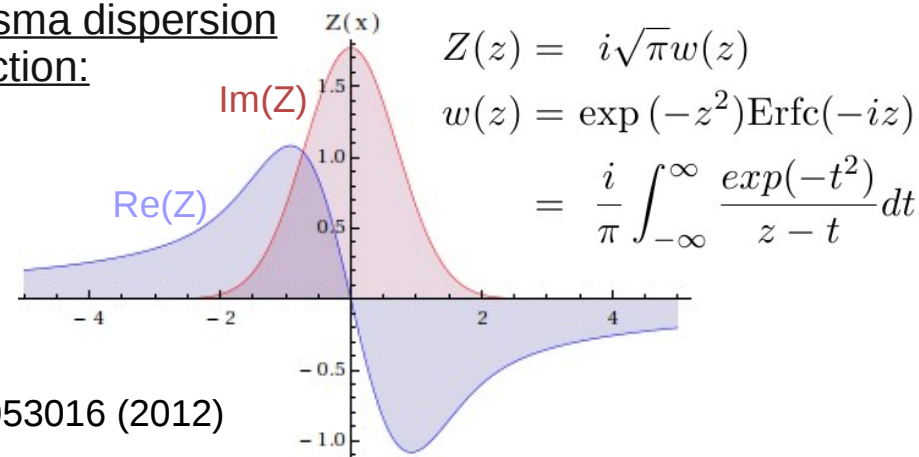
*electrons: statical screening ( $u_e \ll V_{Te}$ )*  
*ions: dynamical screening ( $T_i < T_e$ ) (collisionless)*

$$\lambda_{D\alpha}^2 = \frac{v_{T\alpha}^2}{\omega_p^2} = \frac{\epsilon_0 k_B T_\alpha}{n_\alpha q_\alpha^2}$$

$$\zeta_i = \frac{\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{v}_d - \mathbf{u}_i) + i\nu_{in}}{\sqrt{2}k v_{Ti}} \quad \text{— ion neutral collision frequency}$$

$$\text{thermal velocity } v_{T\alpha} = \sqrt{\frac{k_B T_\alpha}{m_\alpha}}$$

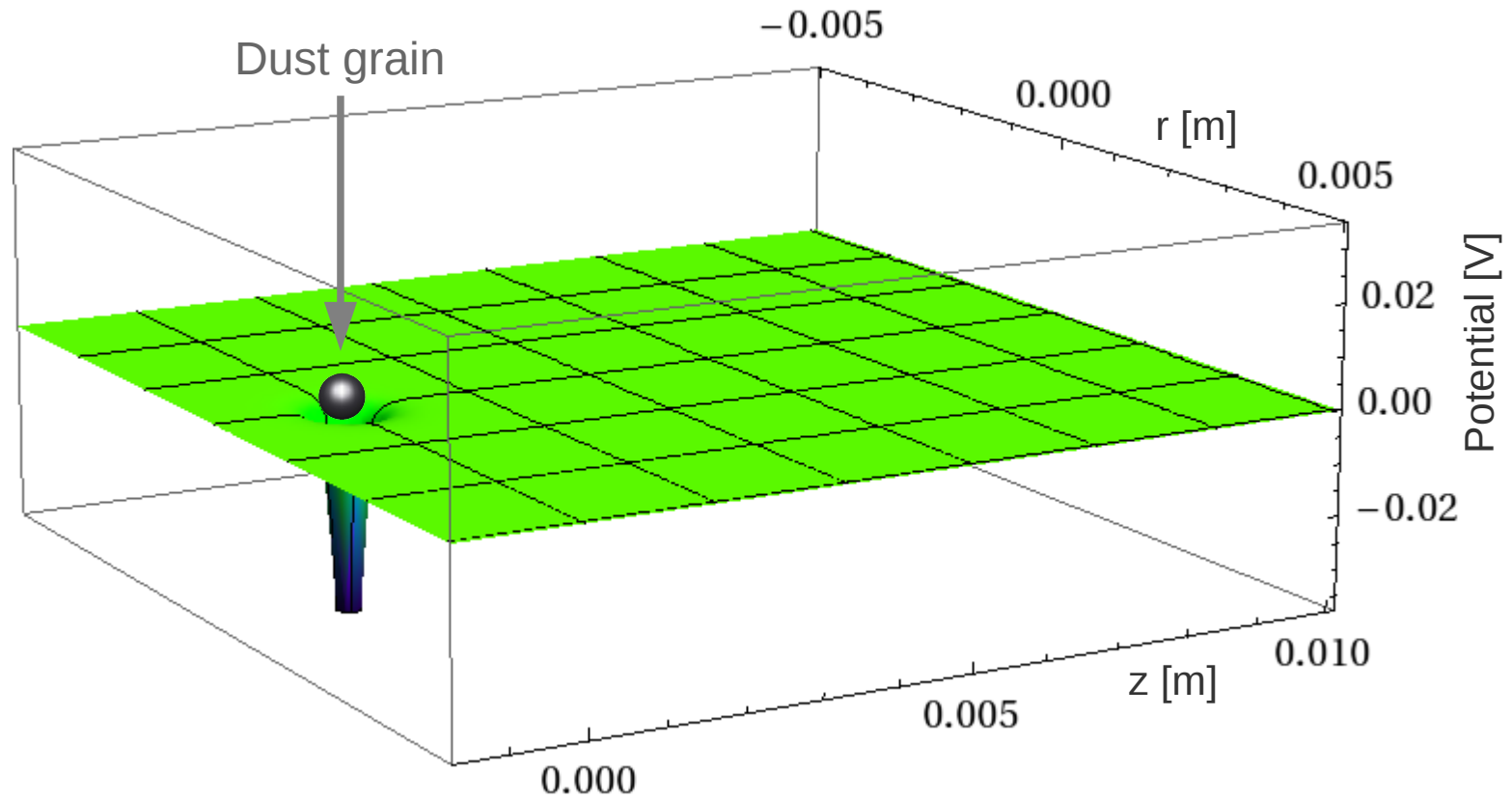
Plasma dispersion function:



M. Lampe, G. Joyce, et al., Phys. Plasmas **7**, 3851 (2000)

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# No ion flow: Yukawa Potential



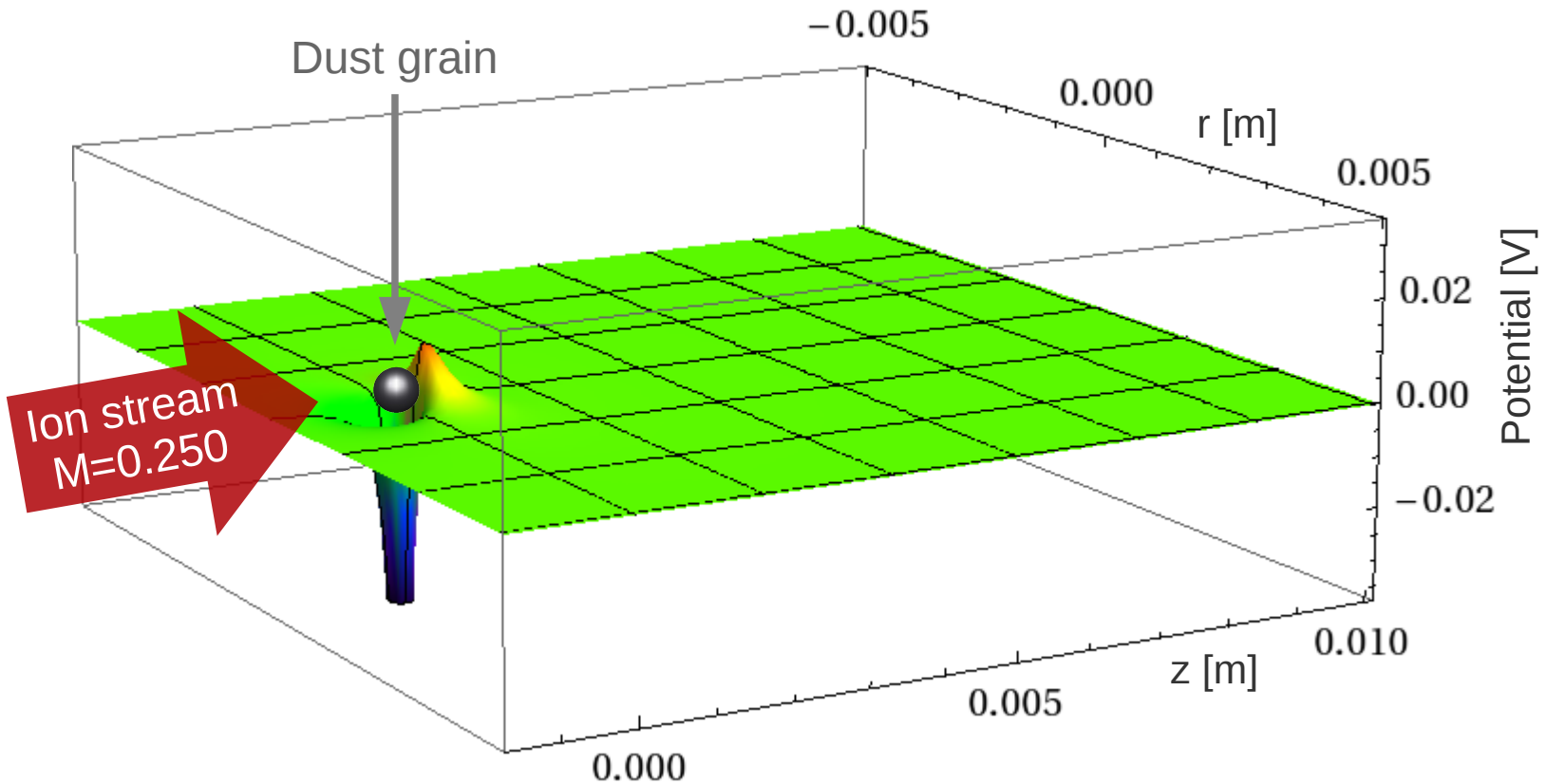
Statically screened Coulomb  
(Yukawa) potential

$$\frac{(Ze)^2 e^{-\kappa \cdot |r_i - r_j|}}{|r_i - r_j|}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{\lambda_D}$$

$$\lambda_D^2 = \sum_a \frac{k_B T_a}{e^2 n_a}$$

# Potential for Streaming Ions: $M=0.250$

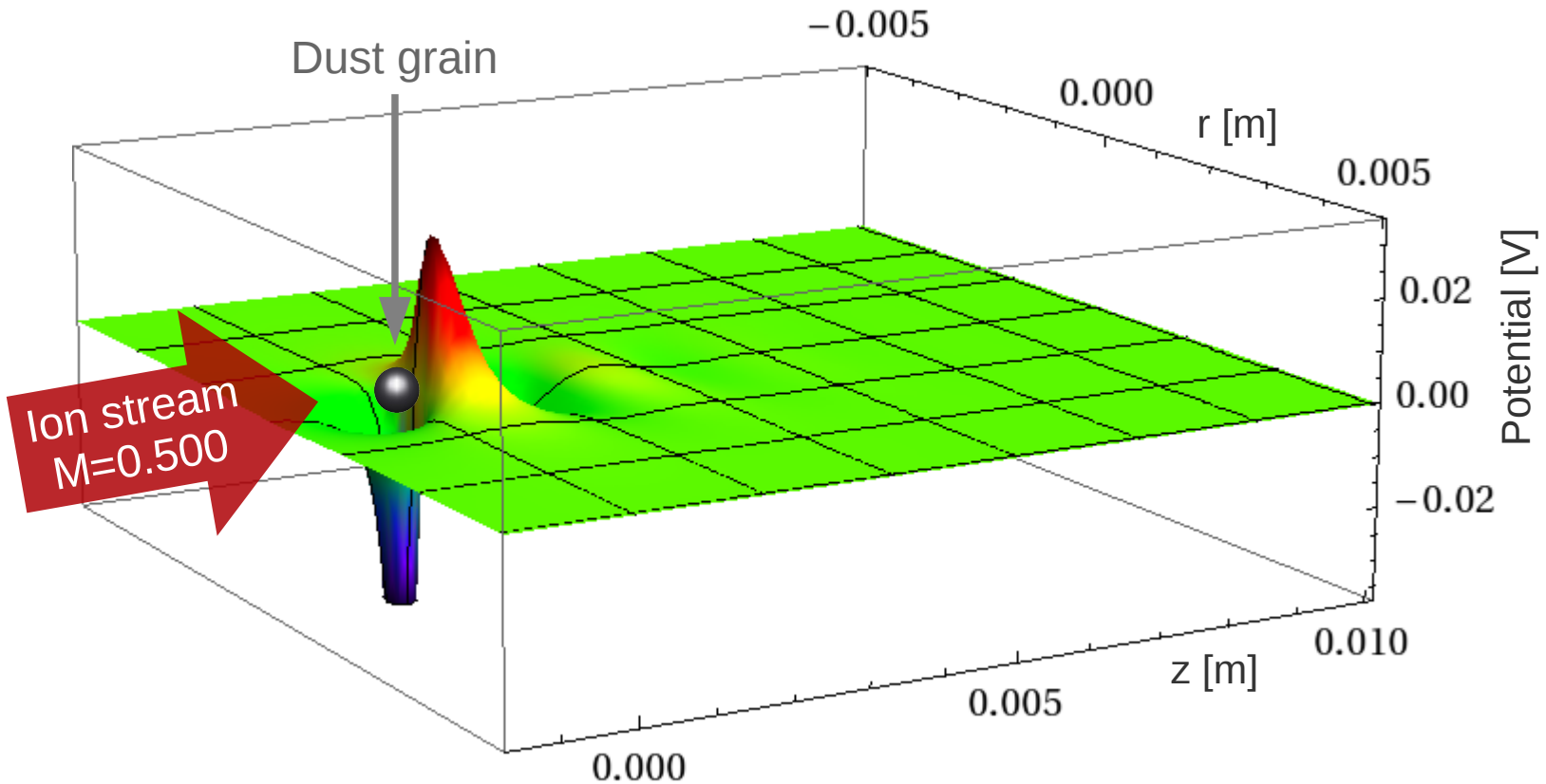


Dynamically screened Coulomb potential: 'wake' potential  
(first peak height: 10.9mV @  $z=0.29$ mm)

P.Ludwig, W.J. Miloch,  
H. Kählert, M. Bonitz,  
New J. Phys. **14**,  
053016 (2012)

Mach number  $M \equiv \frac{u_i}{c_s}$ , Bohm speed  $c_s \equiv \sqrt{\frac{k_B T_e}{m_i}}$

# Potential for Streaming Ions: $M=0.500$

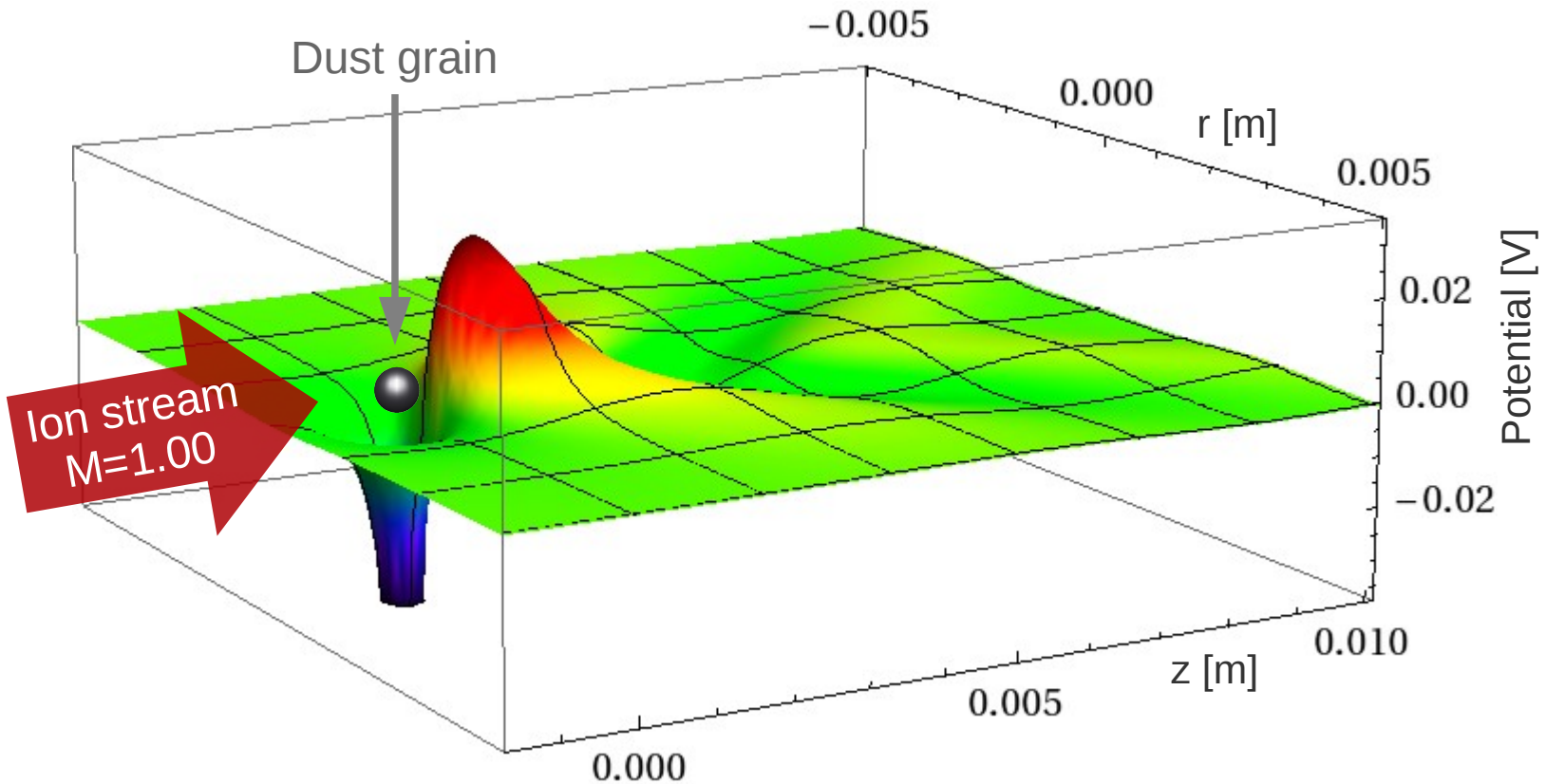


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# Potential for Streaming Ions: $M=1.00$

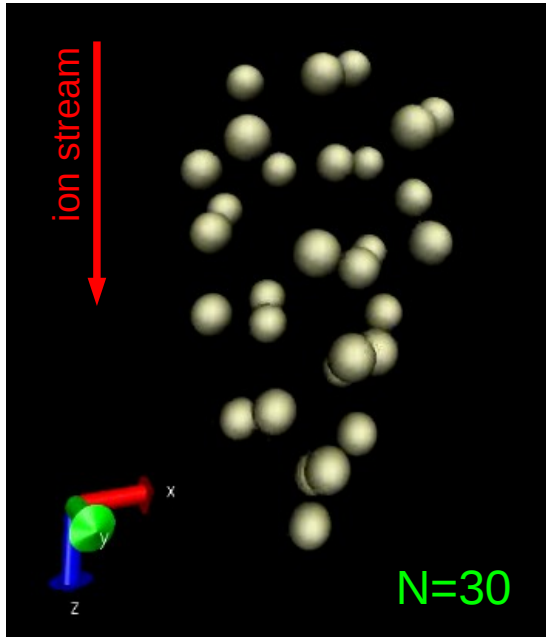


Dynamically screened Coulomb potential: 'wake' potential  
(first peak height: 29.9mV @  $z=0.97$ mm)

Mach number  $M \equiv \frac{u_i}{c_s}$ , Bohm speed  $c_s \equiv \sqrt{\frac{k_B T_e}{m_i}}$

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# N-particle simulations using effective potential



Mixed structure of Yukawa ball and Strings

**Langevin dynamics scheme:**

$$m_d \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_k = -\nabla V_k^{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{r}, t) - \omega_0^2 m_d \mathbf{r}_k - \nu_{dn} m_d \dot{\mathbf{r}}_k + \mathbf{f}_k(t)$$

$$V_k^{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_{l \neq k}^{N_d} q_d \Phi_l(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

friction coefficient, Gaussian random force, and plasma temperature are related by the fluctuation-dissipation theorem

$$\langle \mathbf{f}_i^\alpha(t) \mathbf{f}_j^\beta(t') \rangle = 2m\nu_{dn} k_B T \delta_{ij} \delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta(t - t'), \quad \alpha, \beta \in \{x, y, z\}$$

Accurate nonequilibrium multi-scale simulation



**VIDEO**

Benchmark against full nonlinear PIC simulations  
Ludwig et al., New J. Phys. **14**, 053016 (2012)

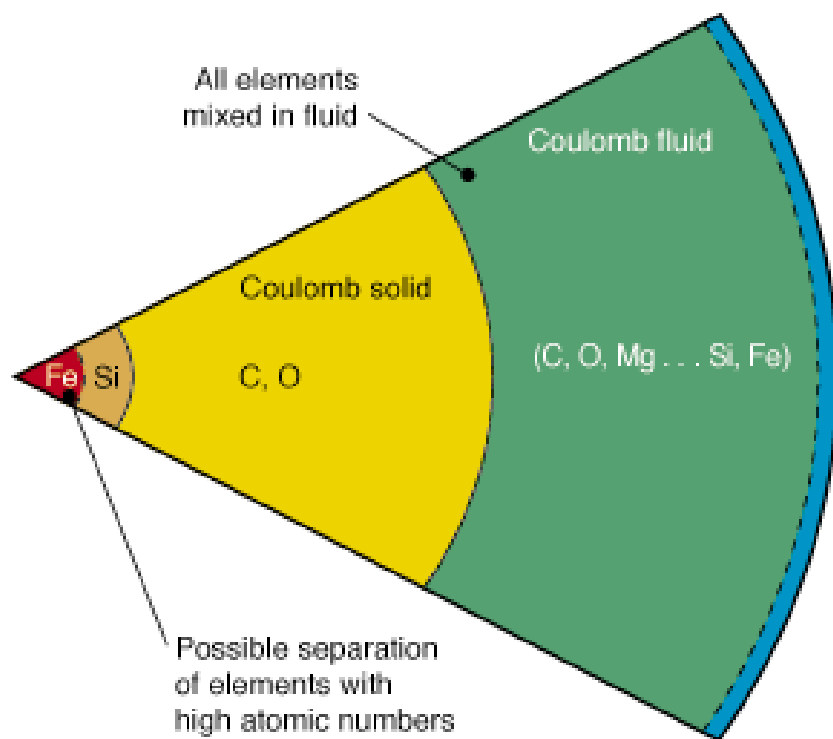
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Pioneered by G. Joyce, M. Lampe,  
See also: Murillo, Jenko et al.

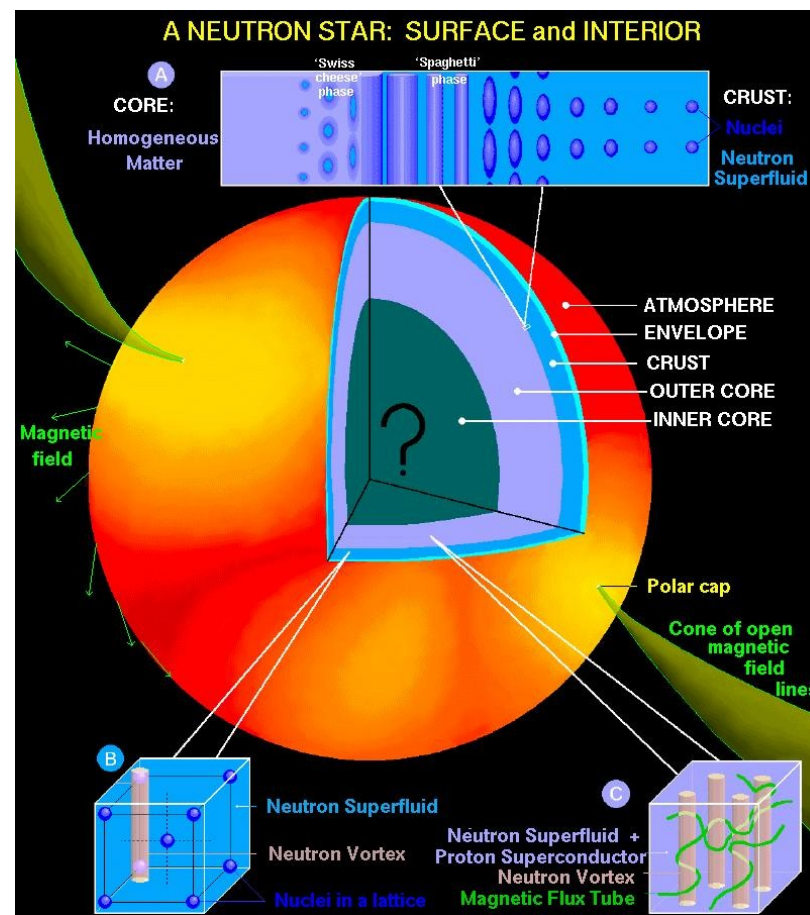
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# Strongly correlated plasmas in strong B-field

$$B = 10^3 \dots 10^7 \text{ T}$$



$$B = 10^6 \dots 10^{11} \text{ T}$$



? Effect of magnetic field on plasma  
 ? when is a field strong/relevant



# Transport of ideal plasma in a magnetic field

**B-field:** Larmor precession of charged particles  
→ **reduced mobility across field**

**Known behavior of diffusion coefficient:**

$D_{\perp}(B) \sim 1/B^2$  , weak field

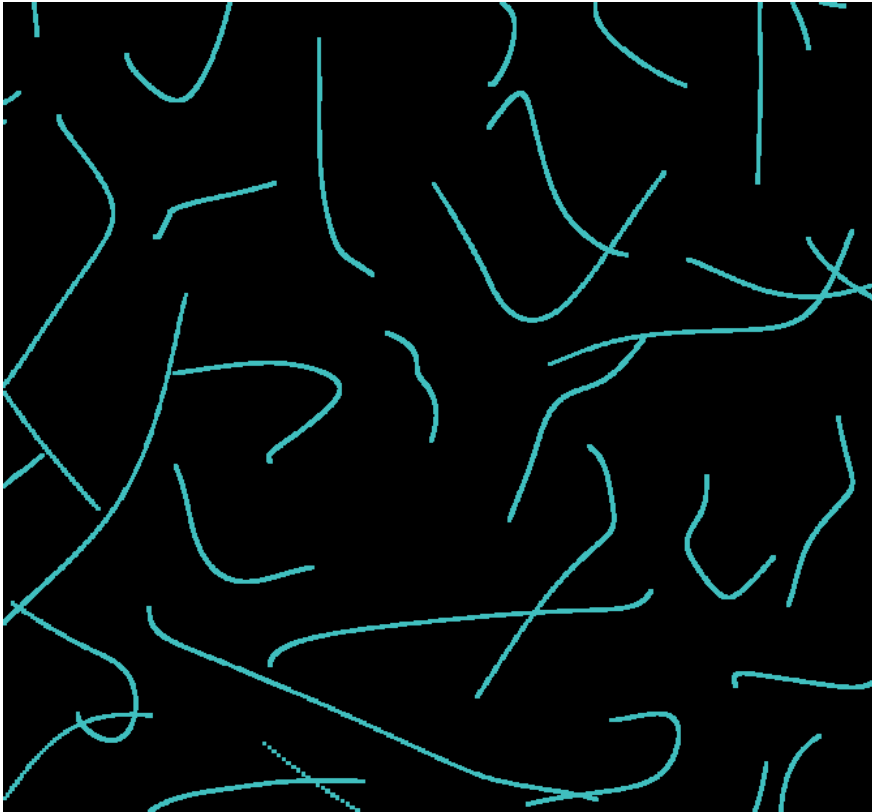
$\sim 1/B$  , strong field (Bohm diffusion)

$D_{\parallel}(B) \sim \text{const}$

**Behavior at strong coupling?**

# Trajectories in a correlated plasma ( $B=0$ )

Moderate coupling,  $\Gamma=2$



Coupling parameter  $\Gamma = Q^2 / (4 \pi \epsilon_0 a k_B T)$

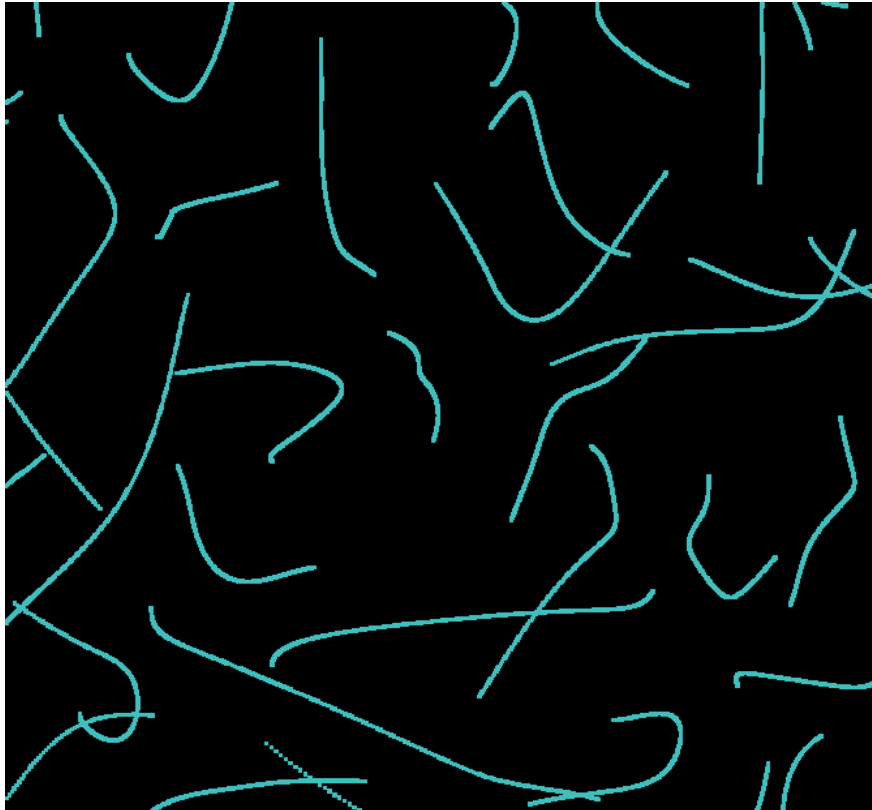
Thermal velocity, plasma frequency, mean distance:  $v_T, \omega_0, a$

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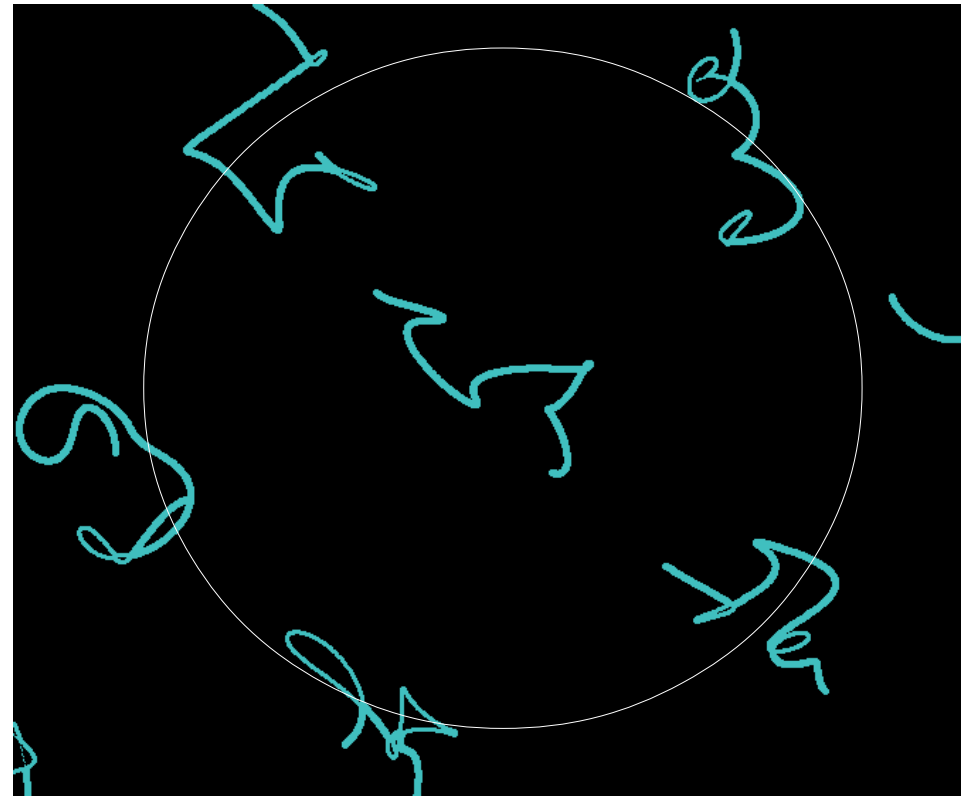
2D one-component plasma during 5 plasma periods, MD simulation by T. Ott

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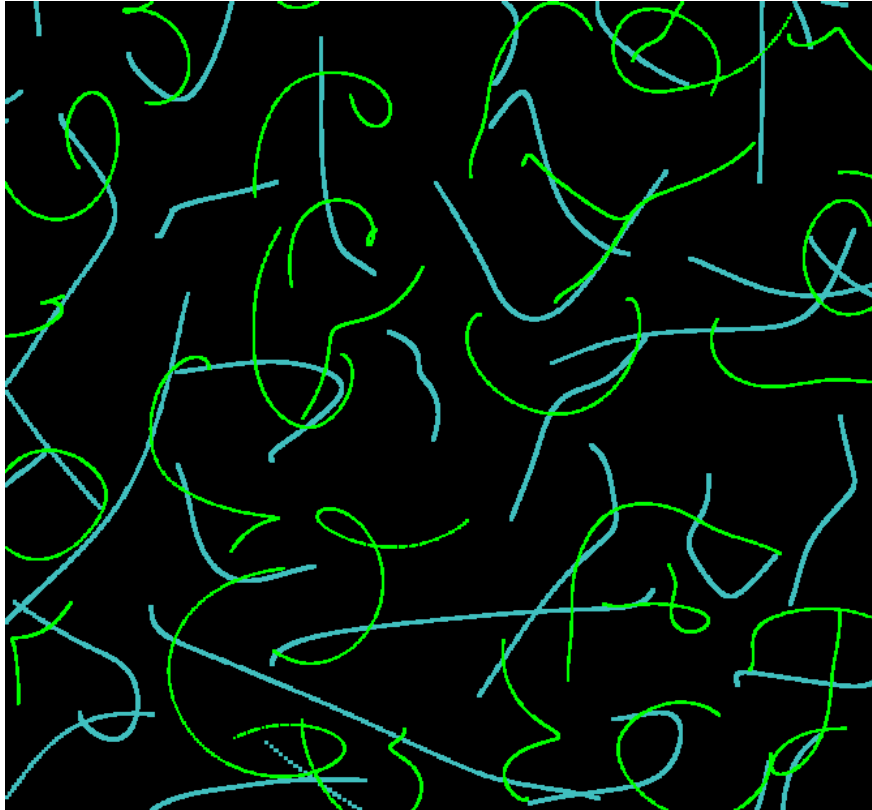
Strong coupling,  $\Gamma=100$



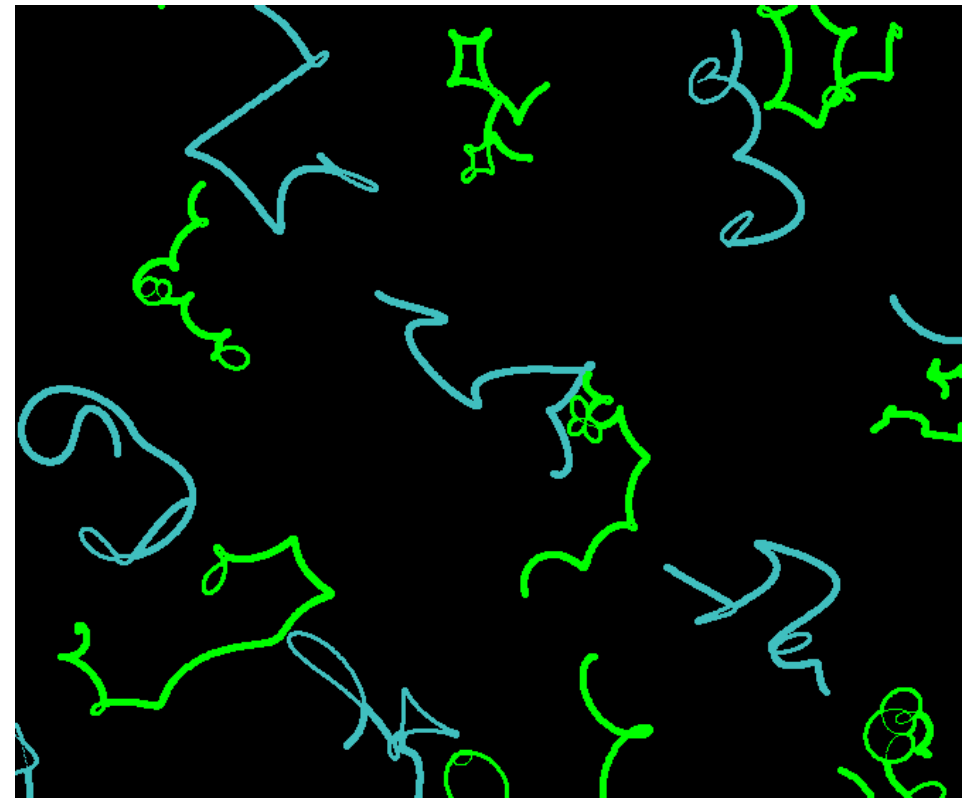
Coupling parameter  $\Gamma = Q^2 / (4 \pi \epsilon_0 a k_B T)$

# Moderate magnetic field

Moderate coupling,  $\Gamma=2$



Strong coupling,  $\Gamma=100$



Cyclotron frequency:

$$\omega_c = QB/mc.$$

Larmor radius:

$$r_L = v_T/\omega_c$$

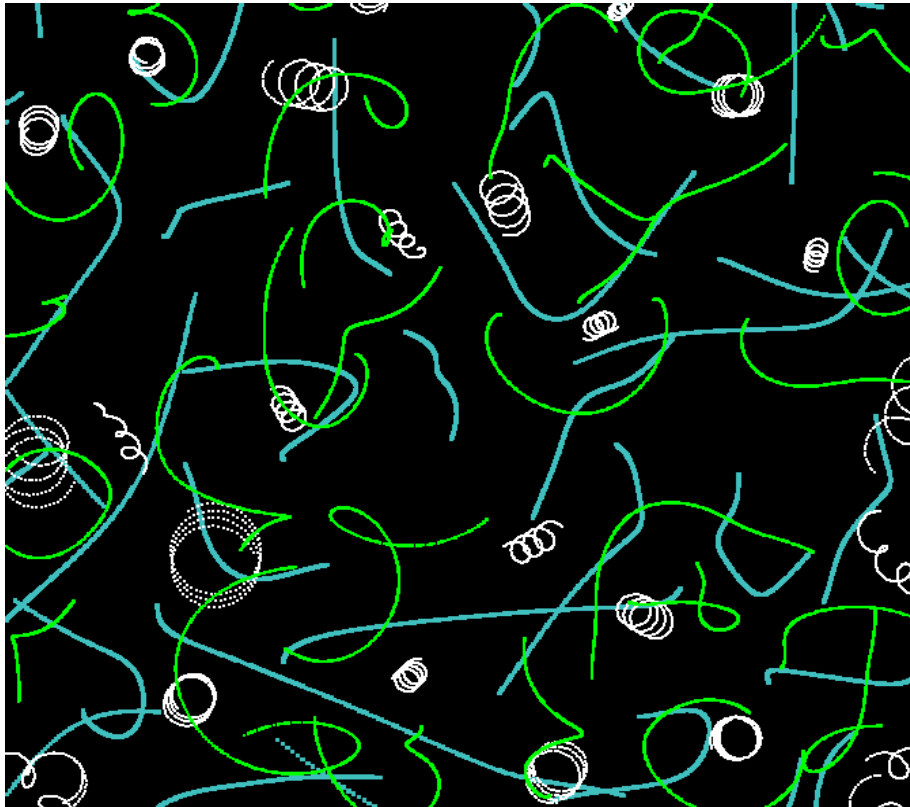
$$\beta=0.0$$
$$\beta=1.0$$

$$\beta = \omega_c/\omega_0$$

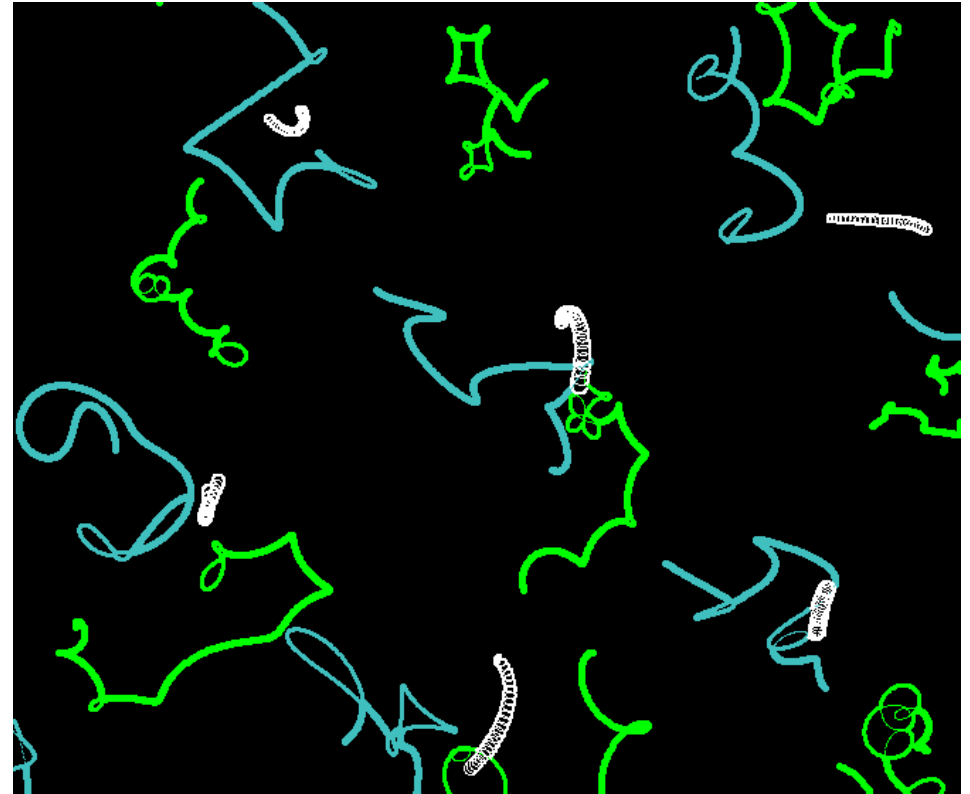
$$\delta = r_L/a \propto 1/\Gamma^{0.5}$$

# Strong magnetic field

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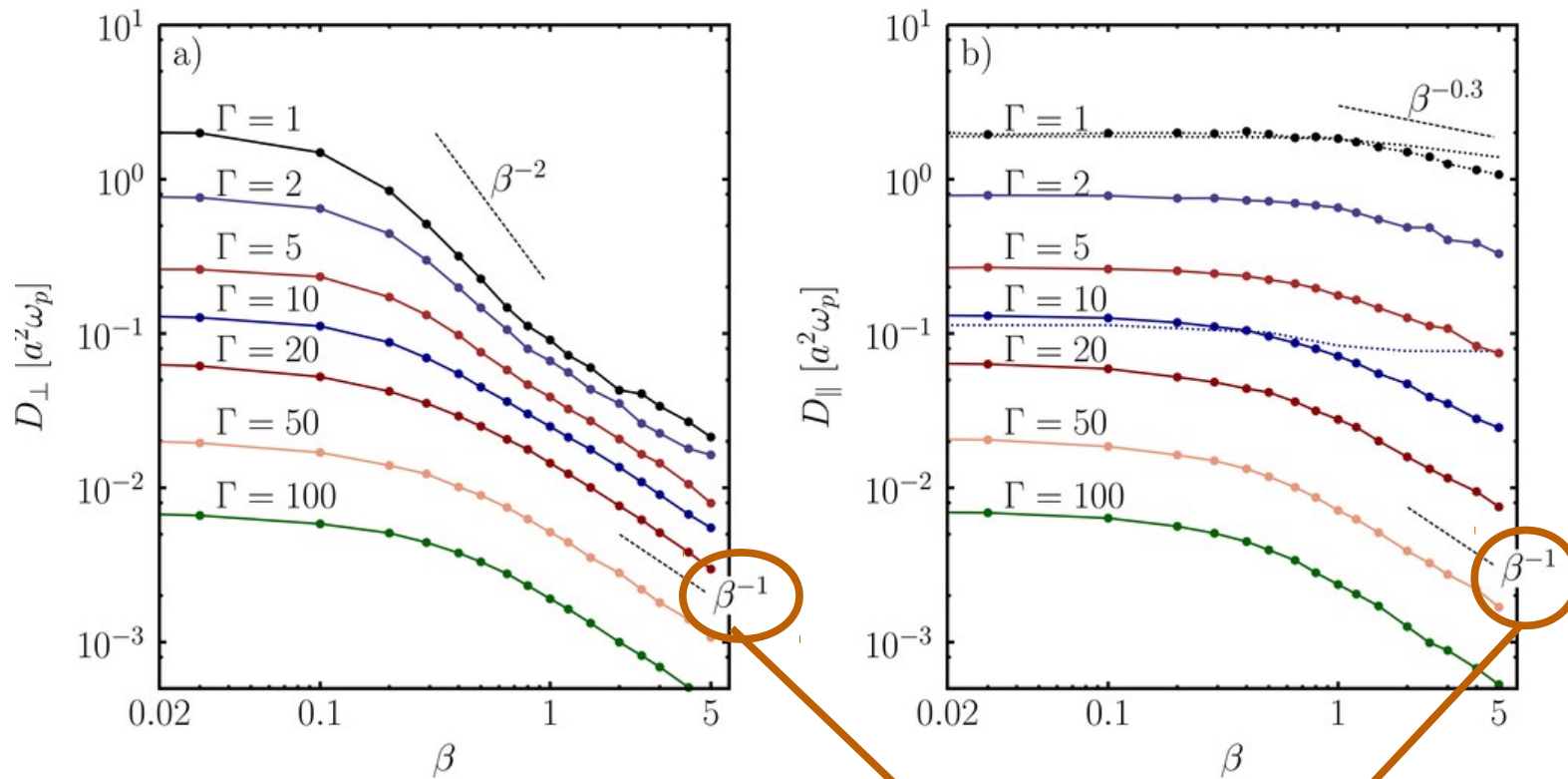
$\beta=0.0$   
 $\beta=1.0$   
 $\beta=4.0$

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# Diffusion in a magnetized 3D complex plasma

First-principle MD simulations: T. Ott and M. Bonitz, Phys. Rev. Lett. **107**, 135003 (2011)  
(One-component plasma model)



**Large B:** Cohen, Suttrop (1984): for any coupling saturation of  $D_{\parallel}$  (not confirmed)

**Simulation result:** large coupling: Bohm diffusion  
small coupling: slower algebraic decay

## Superposition of Coulomb correlations and B-field leads to new effects:

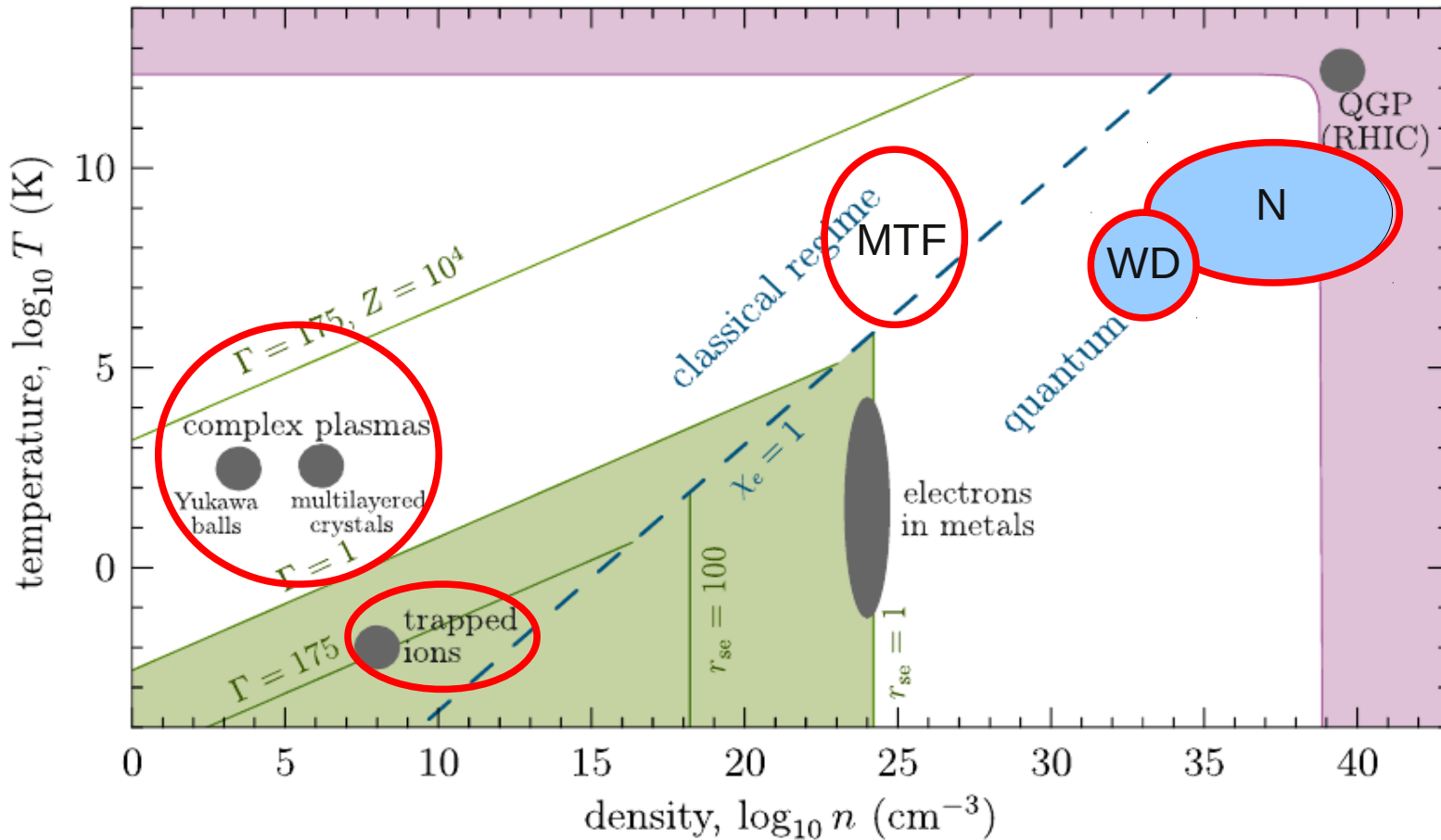
- radically altered transport properties (diffusion, heat conduction, viscosity etc.)
  - strongly modified collective excitation spectrum,
    - Shear modes (Kalman, Golden)
    - „correlation-dressed“ Bernstein modes:
      - 2D: M. Bonitz, Z. Donkó, T. Ott, H. Kählert, P. Hartmann, PRL **105**, 055002 (2010)
      - 3D: T. Ott, H. Kählert, A. Reynolds, M. Bonitz, PRL **108**, 255002 (2012)
    - inhibition of crystallization: T. Ott, H. Löwen, and M. Bonitz, PRL (2013)
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## Questions

1. Experimental verification in real **complex (dusty) plasmas**?
2. Use of dusty plasmas as test system for **magnetized correlated plasmas**?

# Magnetized strongly coupled Coulomb systems

**Universality:** plasmas with **same Gamma and beta** have same properties (equilibrium, OCP)



WD: White dwarfs

N: Neutron stars

MTF: magnetized target fusion

Coupling parameter

$$\Gamma = Q^2 / (4\pi\epsilon_0 a k_B T)$$

Magnetic field strength

$$\beta = \omega_c / \omega_0$$

$$\delta = r_L / a \propto 1 / \Gamma^{0.5}$$

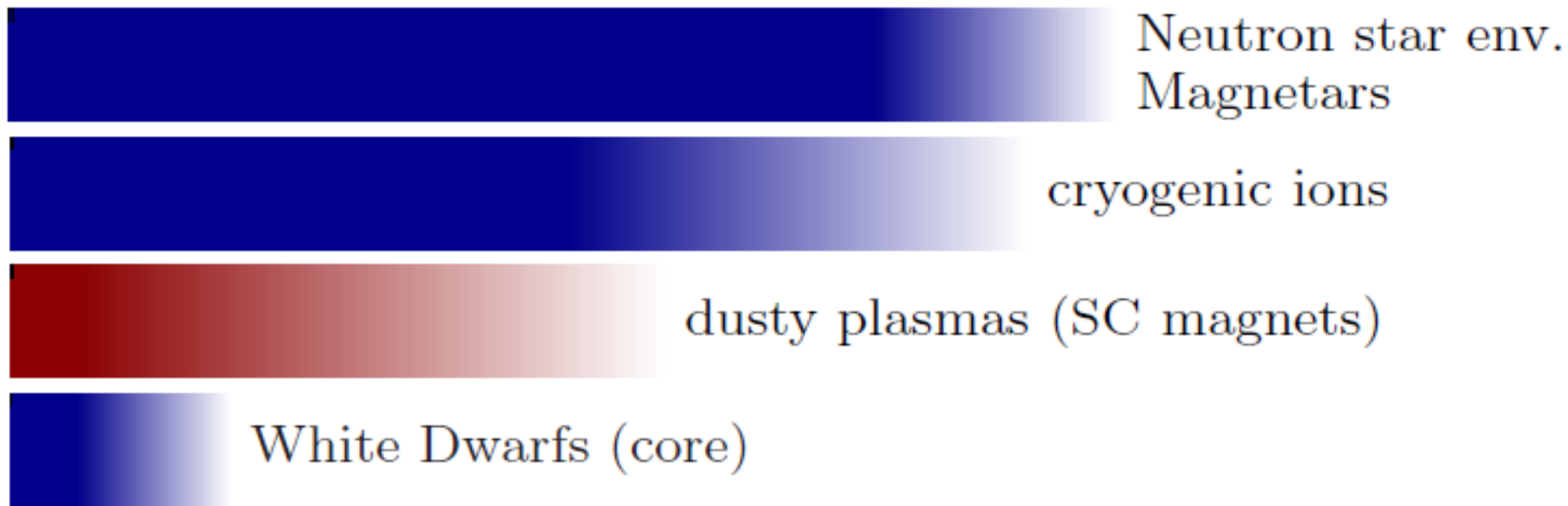
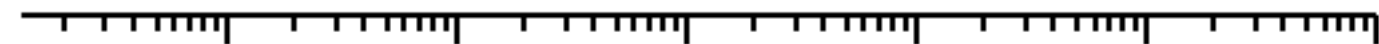


# Magnetization of strongly coupled plasmas

$$\beta = \frac{\omega_c}{\omega_p} = B \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\rho}} \approx 3 \cdot 10^{-6} \frac{B [\text{T}]}{\sqrt{\rho [\text{kg m}^{-3}]}}$$

Mass density  
 $\rho = mn$

0.001   0.01   0.1   1   10   100    $\beta$



# Complex plasma in a magnetic field

## Dusty plasma experiments with superconducting magnets:

Recent results: G. Morfill (Garching), A. Piel (Kiel)

New devices: E. Thomas (Auburn)...

Fully magnetized electrons, partially magnetized ions

**But:** dust un-magnetized because of large particle mass

$$\beta = \frac{\omega_c}{\omega_p} = B \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\rho}} \approx 3 \cdot 10^{-6} \frac{B [\text{T}]}{\sqrt{\rho [\text{kg m}^{-3}]}}$$

Mass density  
 $\rho = mn$

## Examples (4T):

$$d = 20 \mu\text{m}, \rho = 1200 \text{ kgm}^{-3} \rightarrow \beta = 3 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

$$d = 100 \text{ nm}, \rho = 4 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ kgm}^{-3} \rightarrow \beta = 0.06, (\text{but : no optical diagnostics})$$

Dust particles set into rotation by rotating neutral gas  $u(r) = (\Omega \hat{e}_z) \times r$ .

Confinement potential:  $V(\rho, z) = \frac{m}{2} (\omega_{\perp}^2 \rho^2 + \omega_z^2 z^2)$

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_i = -\nabla_i V(\rho_i, z_i) + \sum_{j \neq i}^N F_{ij}^{\text{int}} - \nu m [\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i - \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r}_i)] + \mathbf{f}_i$$

# Magnetizing a complex plasma without a magnetic field

Dust particles set into rotation by rotating neutral gas  $u(r) = (\Omega \hat{e}_z) \times r$ .

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Transform to frame rotating with the neutral gas

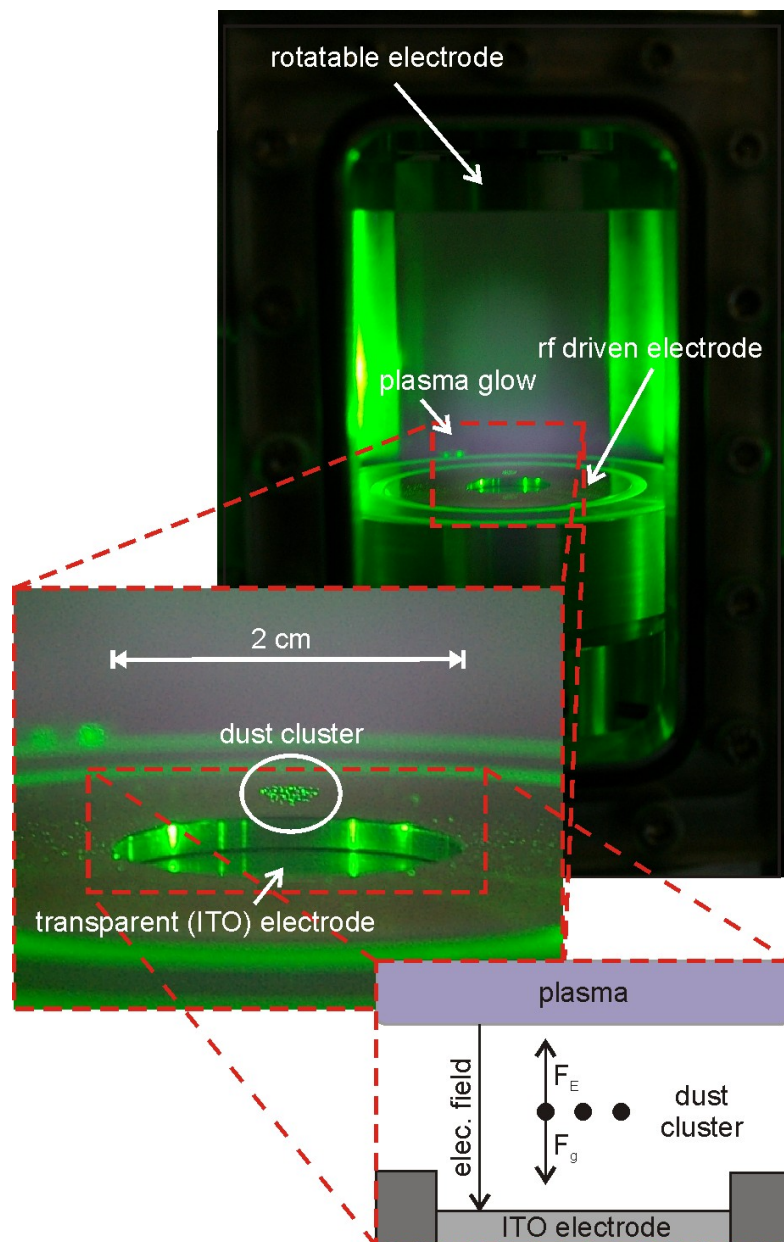
$$m\ddot{\bar{\mathbf{r}}}_i = -\bar{\nabla}_i \bar{V}(\bar{\rho}_i, \bar{z}_i) + \sum_{j \neq i}^N \bar{\mathbf{F}}_{ij}^{\text{int}} + \bar{\mathbf{F}}_{\text{Cor}}(\dot{\bar{\mathbf{r}}}_i) - \nu m \dot{\bar{\mathbf{r}}}_i + \bar{\mathbf{f}}_i,$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{F}}_{\text{Cor}}(\dot{\bar{\mathbf{r}}}) = m \dot{\bar{\mathbf{r}}} \times (2\Omega \hat{e}_z)$$

Coriolis force equivalent to Lorentz force:

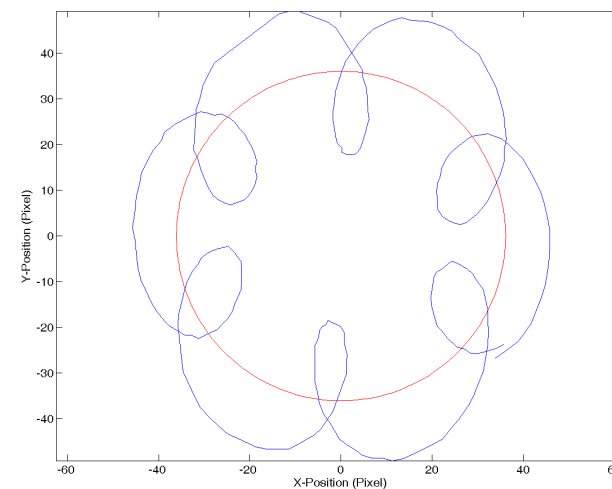
$$\mathbf{B}_{\text{eff}} = (2m\Omega/Q)\hat{e}_z$$

# Experimental verification



$P=0.4\text{Pa}$ , Argon,  $\Omega=0\text{...}30\text{ Hz}$   
2D dust cluster

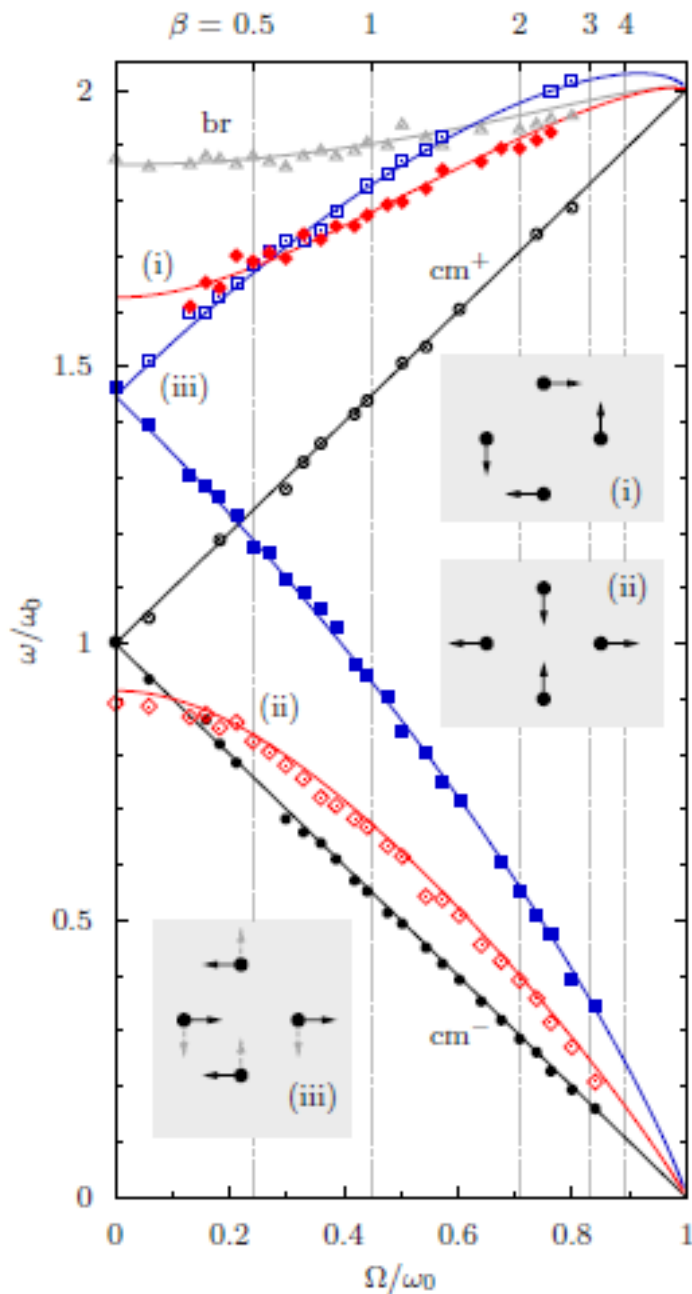
Typical trajectory (rest frame)



Experiment: J. Carstensen

Kählert et al., PRL **109**, 155003 (2012).

# Theory-Experiment comparison



## Video camera diagnostics

Particles with  $d=21.8\mu\text{m}$  in horizontal plane

7 (of 8) Normal modes of 4 particles  
for different rotation speeds

Symbols: experiment

Lines: theory

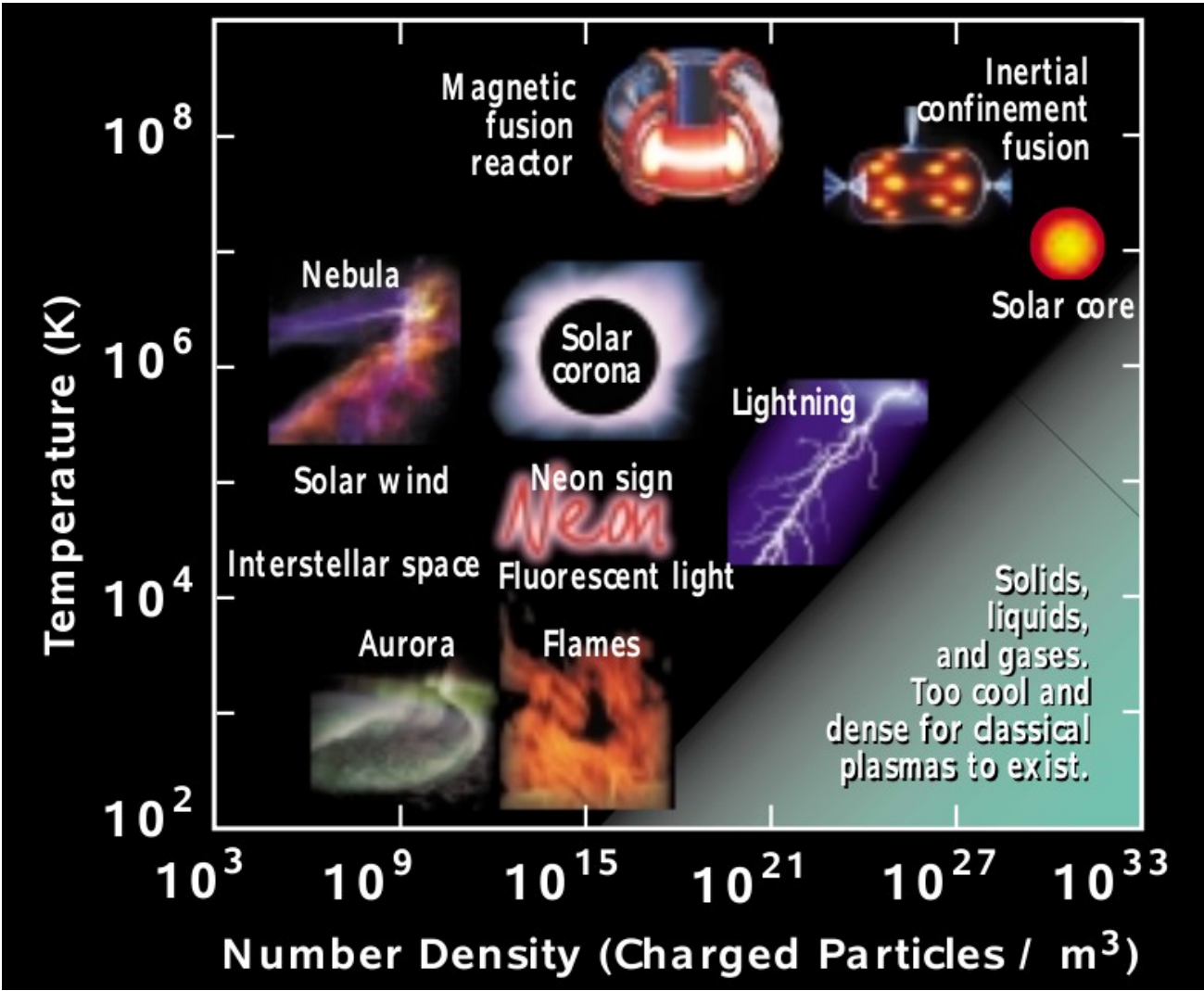
→ easily reach  $\beta=3$   
equivalent B-field (without rotation): 100,000T!

Kählert et al., PRL **109**, 155003 (2012)

Extension to macroscopic 2D systems:  
M. Bonitz, H. Kählert, T. Ott, and H. Löwen,  
Plasma Sources Sci.Technol. **22**, 015007 (2013)

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# Quantum plasmas in the Universe and in the Lab



### Dense space plasmas:

- Cores of giant planets
- dwarf stars
- neutron stars

### Dense laboratory plasmas:

- laser plasmas
- ion beam produced plasmas
- Inertial confinement fusion

From Contemporary physics education project 2010 (NSF, DOE sponsored)

<http://www.cpepphysics.org/fusion.html>



# Correlations of quantum plasmas

crystal:  $\Gamma^Q = r_s \propto \frac{\bar{r}}{a_B} \geq r_s^{cr}$

$$\Gamma^Q = \frac{|\langle U \rangle|}{\langle E_{KIN} \rangle} \sim \frac{e^2}{E_F \bar{r}} \propto \frac{e^2 n^{1/3}}{n^{2/3}} \propto n^{-1/3}$$

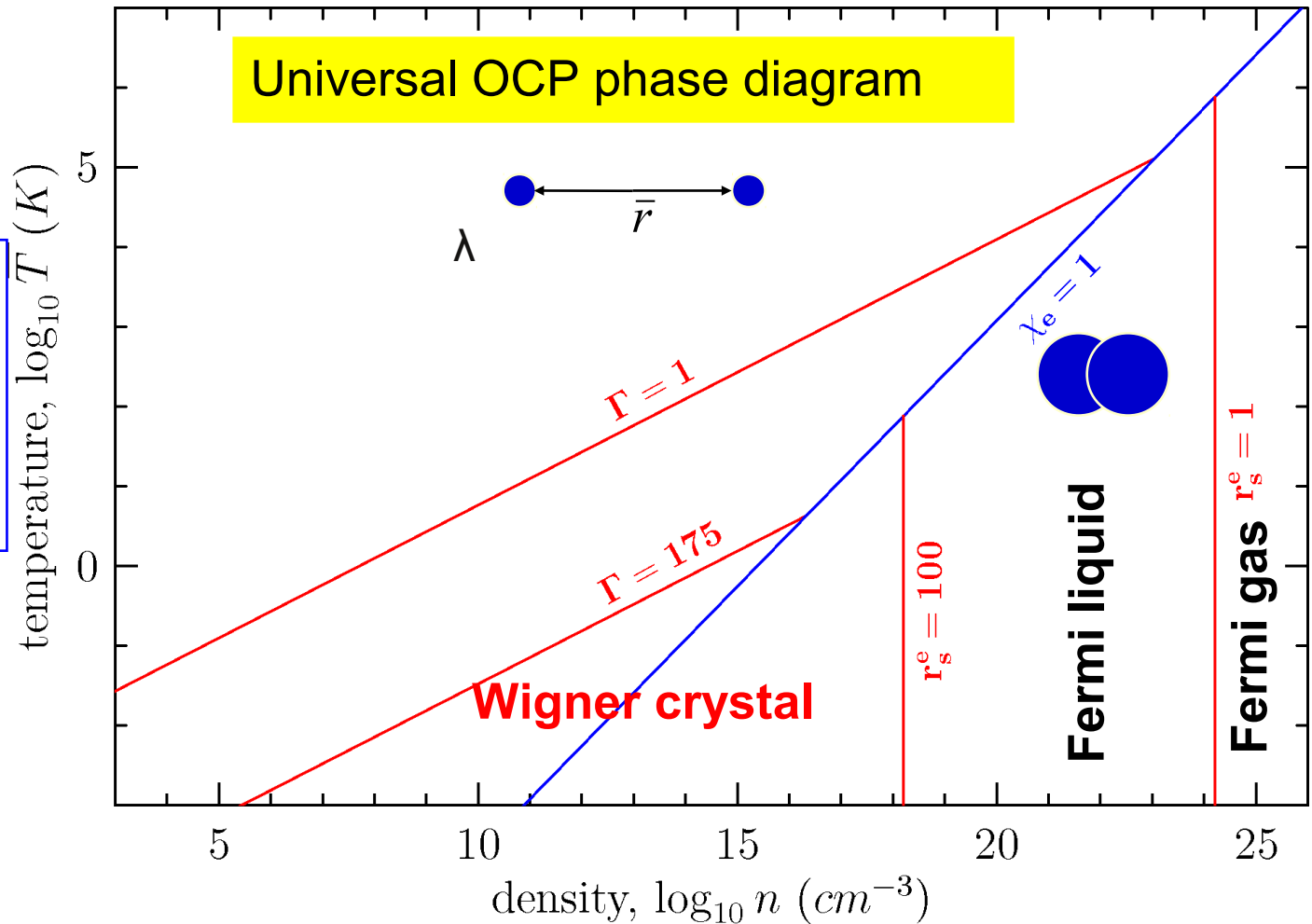
Quantum degeneracy

$$\chi = n\lambda^3$$

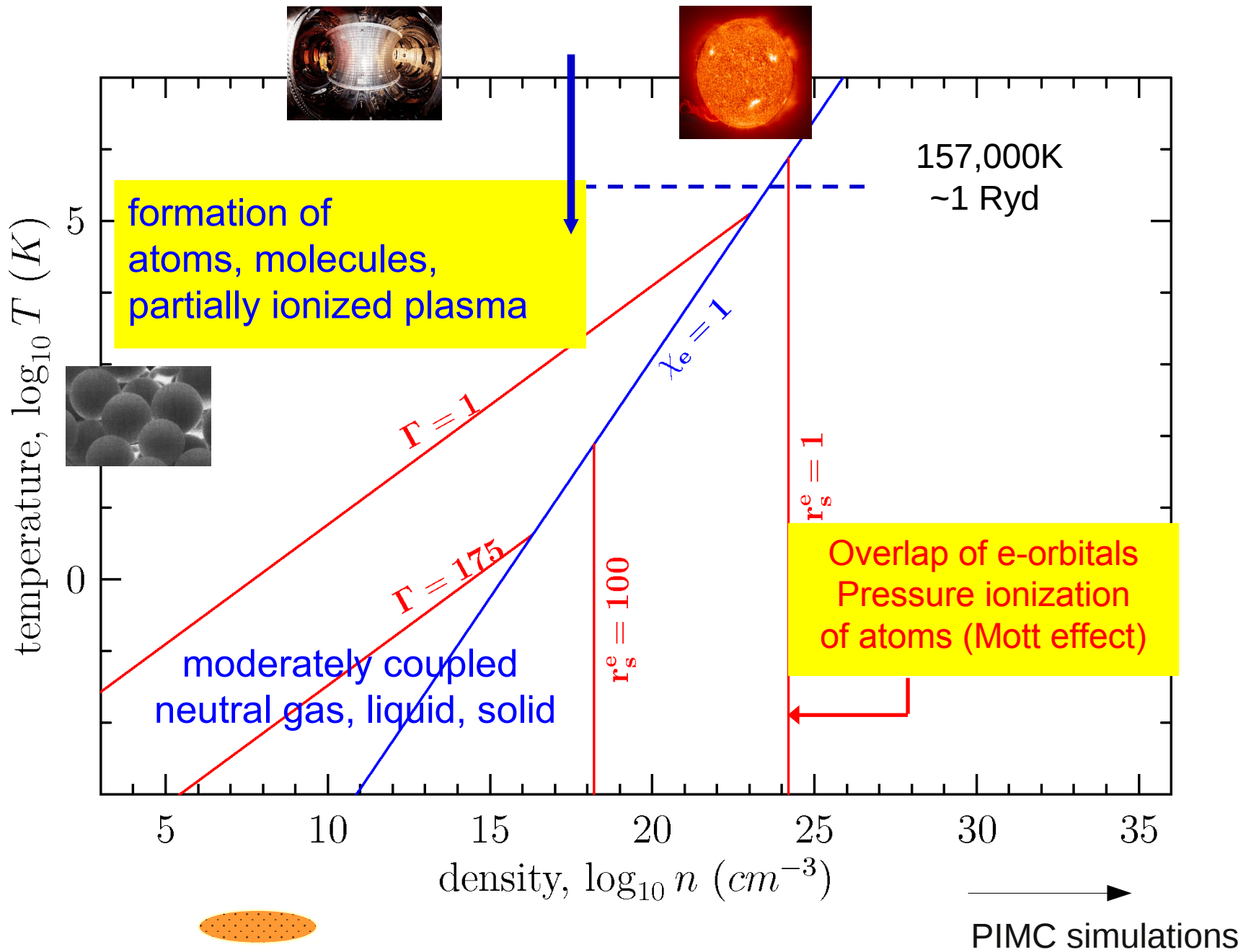
DeBroglie  
wave length

$$\lambda = h / \sqrt{2\pi m k_B T}$$

$r_s^{cr} \approx 100/37$  (3D/2D)  
Ceperley et al.,  
A. Filinov, MB



# Partially ionized 2-comp. plasma



# Partially ionized dense plasma

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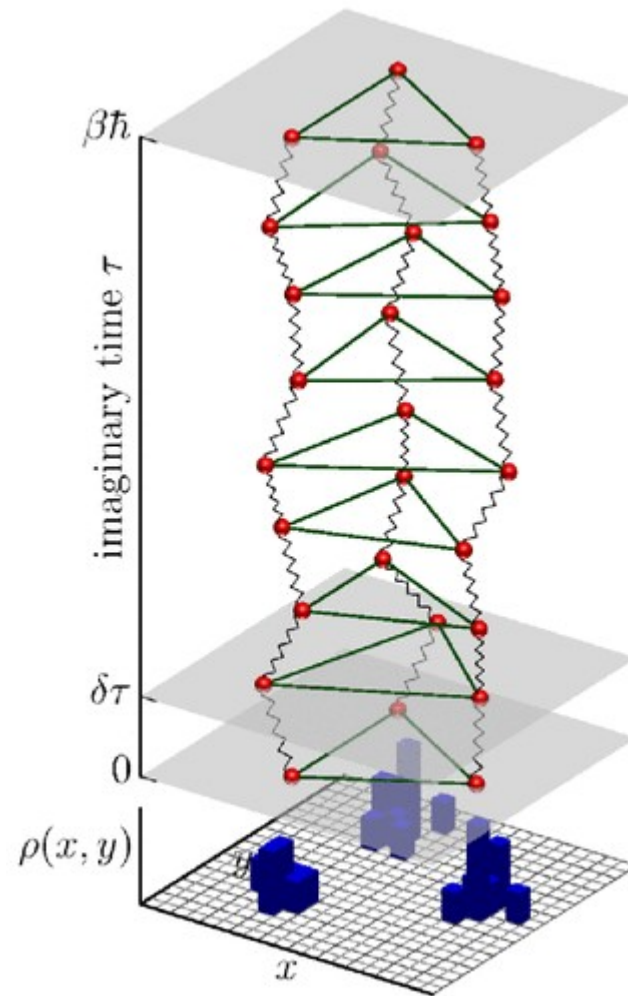
Need „**chemical**“ **composition** of plasma: fraction of free and bound electrons

Equilibrium: **mass action law** (Saha equation),  
including correlation and quantum effects, Mott effect

→ chemical models break down

Alternative: first principle simulations: Path integral quantum Monte Carlo

# Illustration of PIMC



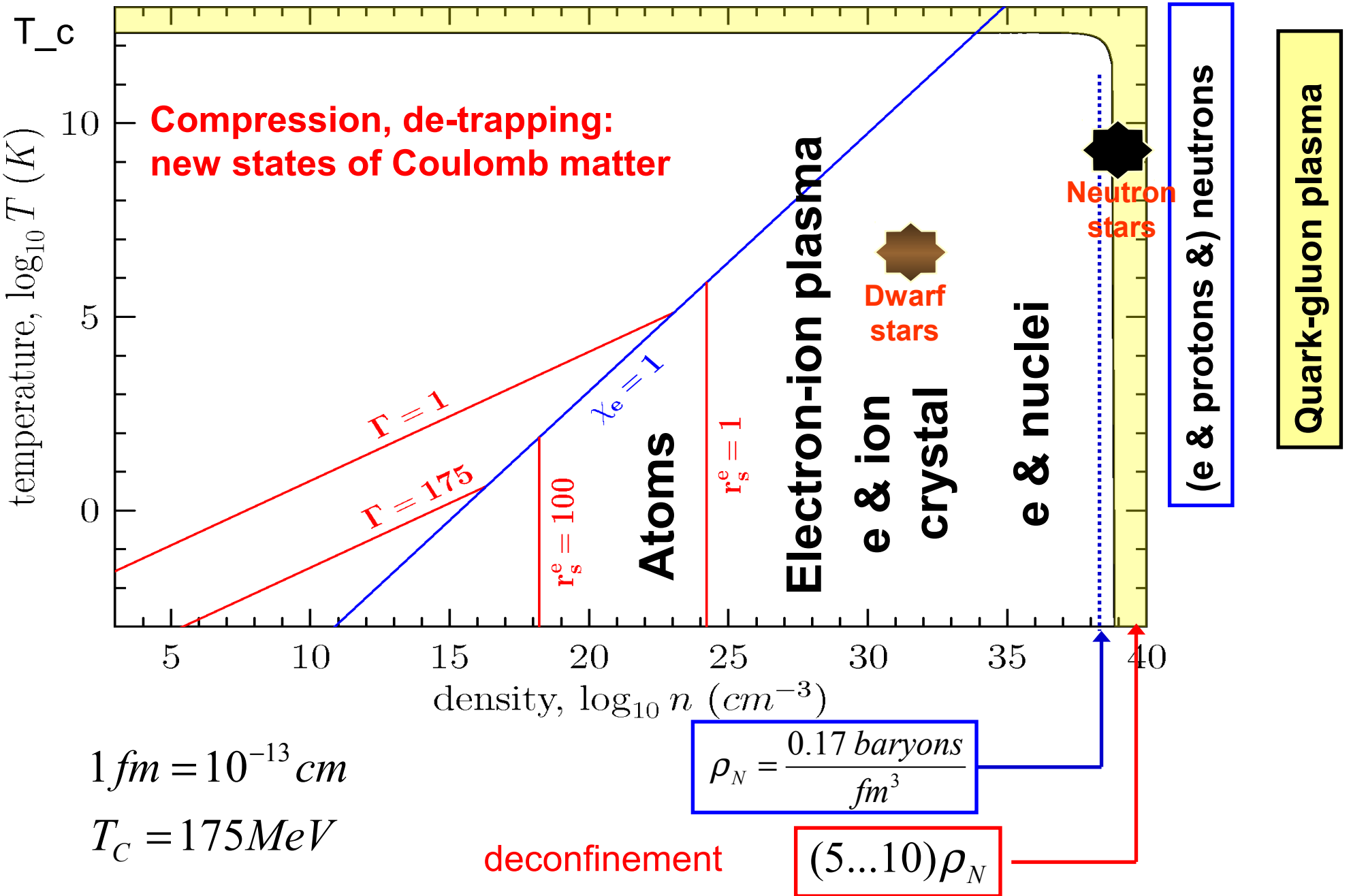
animation  
→  
PIMC simulations  
of dense hydrogen

Computer lab, text books:

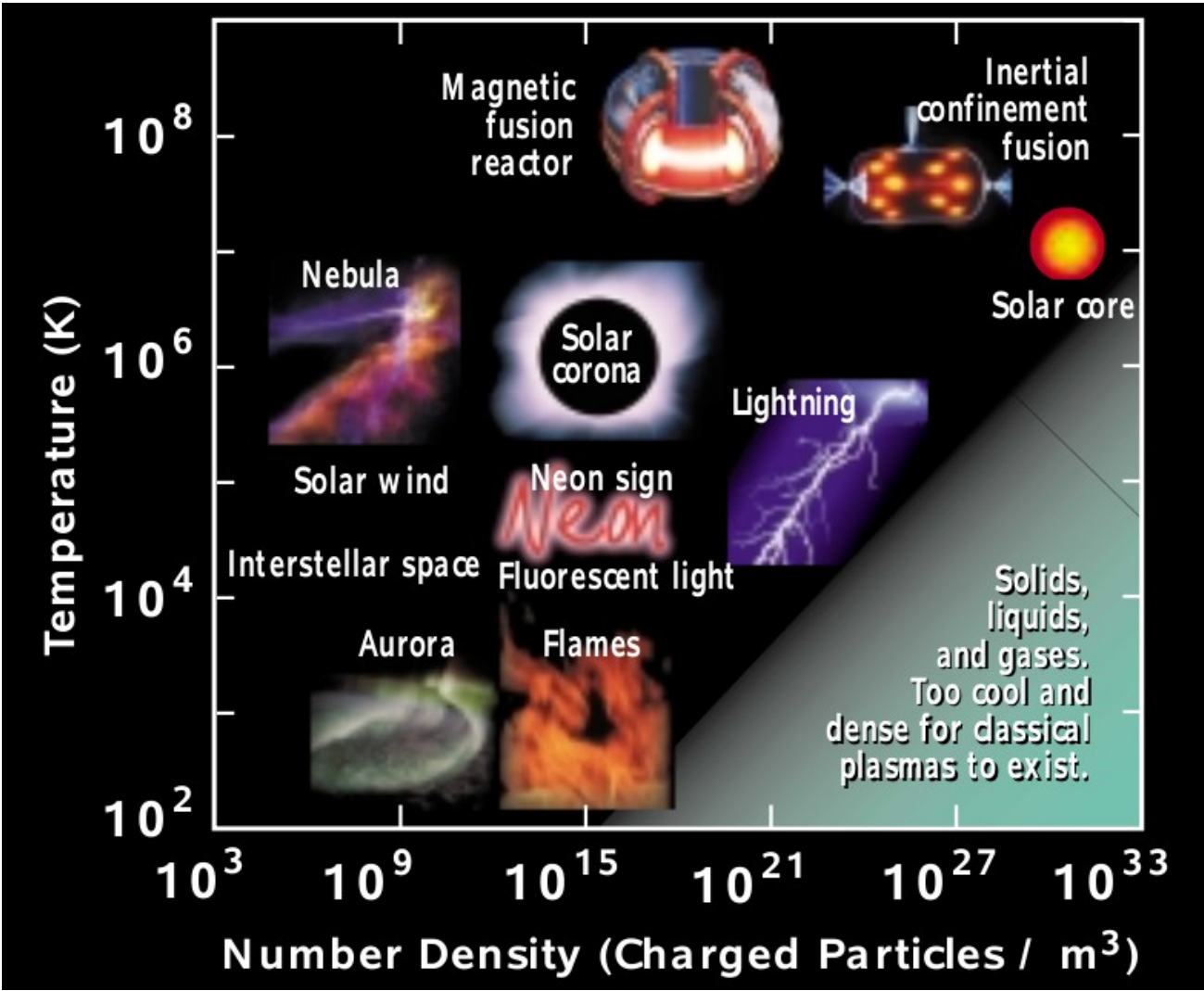
„Introduction to Computational Methods for Many-Body Physics“, Rinton Press 2006  
„Introduction to Complex Plasmas“, Springer 2010



# From atomic nuclei to quarks



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# Idea of laser fusion (ICF)

→ Radiation



Laser beams or laser-produced x rays rapidly heat the surface of the fusion target, forming a surrounding plasma envelope.

→ Blowoff



Fuel is compressed by the rocketlike blowoff of the hot surface material.

→ Inward transported thermal energy



During the final part of the capsule implosion, the fuel core reaches 20 times the density of lead and ignites at  $100,000,000^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



Thermonuclear burn spreads rapidly through the compressed fuel, yielding many times the input energy.





# Failure of NIF

ScienceInsider, News Reports 12 December 2012

## Agency Tells Congress That NIF Is Not Working

by Daniel Clery

Ignition scheduled by Oct 1 2012, but campaign unsuccessful

"At present, it is too early to assess **whether or not ignition can be achieved at the National Ignition Facility**," wrote Thomas P. D'Agostino, administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) in a report requested by Congress that was submitted last week....

...Although the laser itself, the diagnostic instruments, and the target fabrication have all met or exceeded specifications, the physics of the implosions was unexpected. "Experimental data demonstrate that the **physics underlying ignition implosions are not predicted accurately by the simulation codes** that were used to design ignition targets and to predict their performance," the report says.

**New theoretical / simulation efforts in dense quantum plasmas needed**

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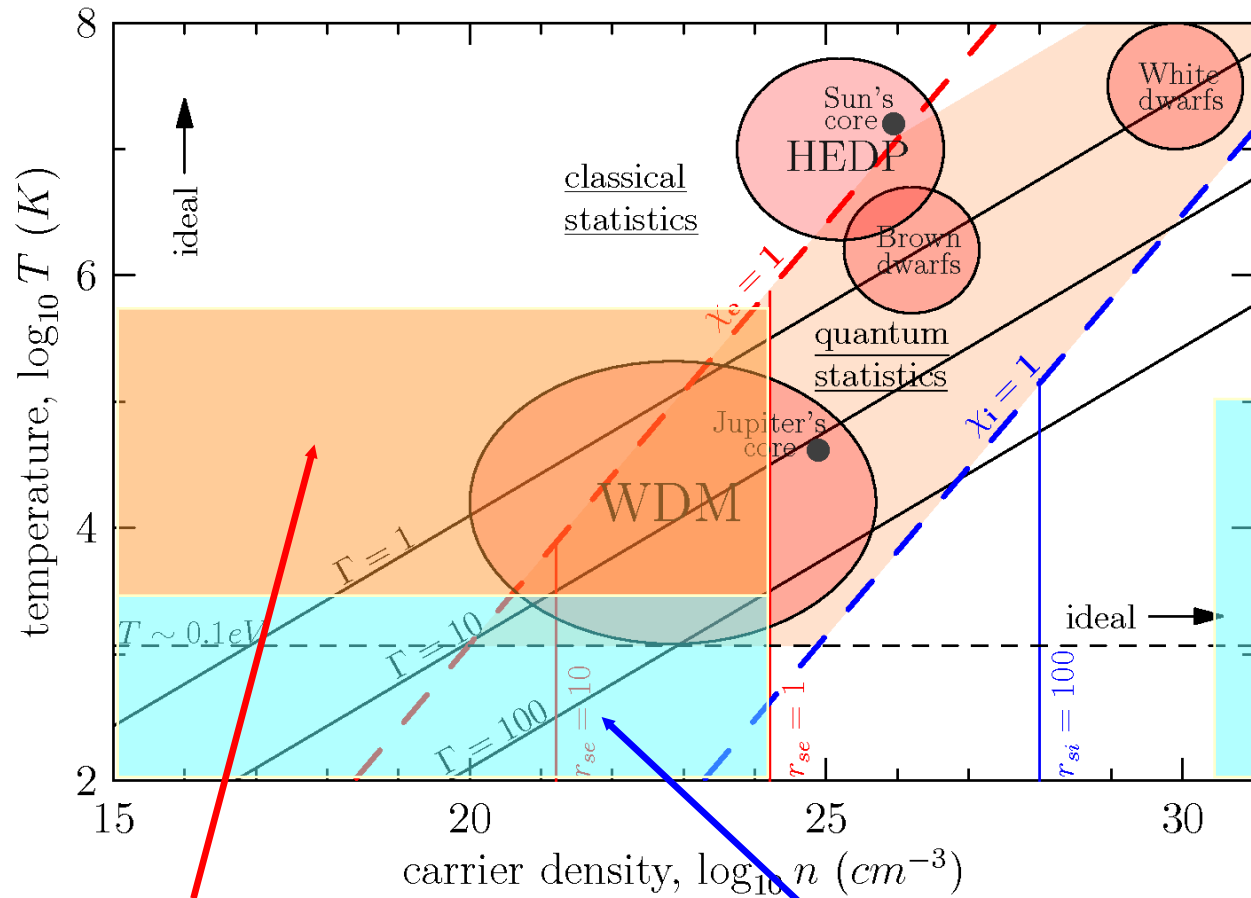
National Research Council, Report, Feb 20 2103

## Required: selfconsistent account of

1. Many-component system (mass-asymmetric)
2. Quantum degeneracy of light component (electrons)
3. Bound states of electrons and ions
4. Strong ion coupling
5. Strong magnetic field
6. Nonequilibrium:
  - streaming plasmas, ion beams
  - laser pulse or FEL excitation etc.

**Current status:** no solution of the quantum many-body problem  
Theoretical concepts for limiting cases  
Accurate computer simulations in TD equilibrium

# Theoretical concepts for dense quantum plasmas



**Overlap of plasma physics with other disciplines**

**Nuclear physics, High-energy physics**

## Atomic physics

- atoms, molecules
- ionization/recombination

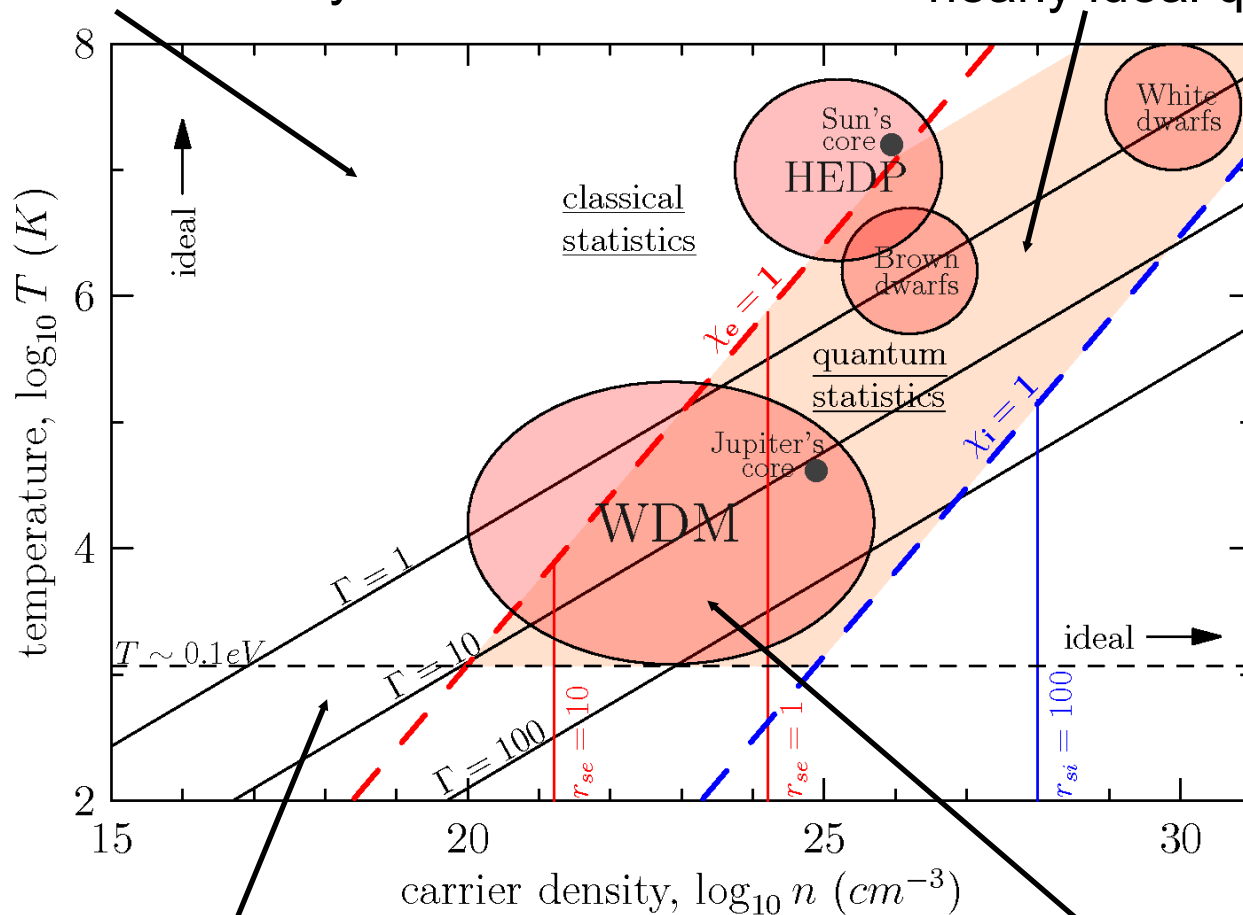
## Solid state physics

- molecular/atomic crystal
- targets for laser ionization

# Regimes of equilibrium plasmas

I. weakly nonideal plasma,  
perturbation theory

IV. strongly coupled classical ions,  
nearly ideal quantum electrons



*Coupling grows with ion charge!*

figure:  
Hydrogen

II. strongly coupled classical OCP

III. partially ionized plasma

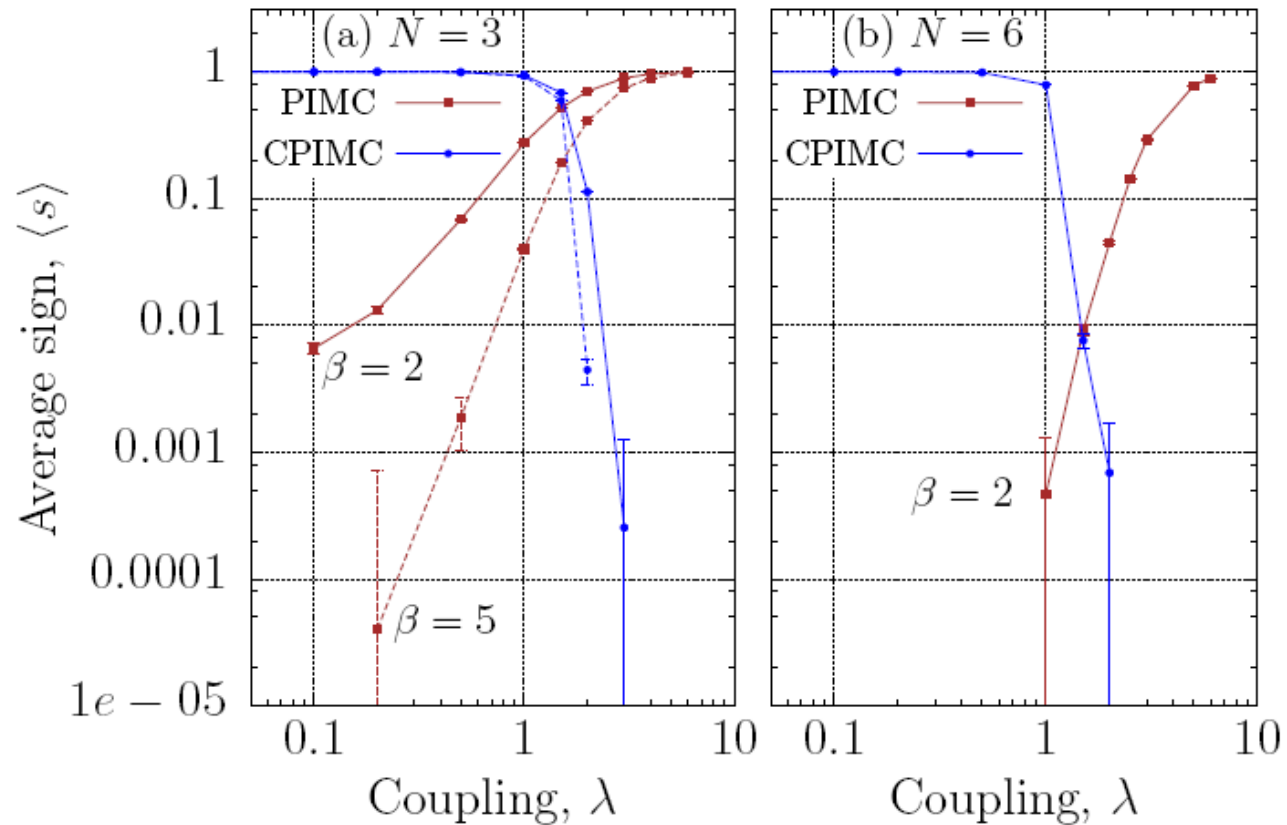
# Theory of dense plasmas: Methods

	<b>Classical Systems</b>	<b>Quantum Systems</b>
<b>Theory</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Density functional theory</li><li>-Fluid theory</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Density operator theory</li><li>-Nonequilibrium Greens functions</li></ul>
<b>1st principle simulations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-MC</li><li>-MD</li><li>-Langevin MD</li><li>-Kinetic MC</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-PIMC, CPIMC</li><li>-QMD</li><li>-DFT</li><li>-TDSE, TDCI, MCTDHF</li><li>-NEGF</li></ul>

# Configuration PIMC

Fighting the fermion sign problem  
(NP hard)

New PIMC approach (CPIMC):  
Exact for weak coupling  
Complementary to standard PIMC



T. Schoof, MB, A. Filinov, D. Hochstuhl and J.W. Dufty, *Contrib. Plasma Phys.* **51**, 687 (2011)  
T. Schoof, *Diplomarbeit, Uni Kiel* 2011

# Strongly correlated classical ions & weakly coupled quantum electrons

Dynamics, Transport → new multi-scale approach\*:

- ions treated exactly (MD)
- electrons give rise to *dynamically screened* ion pair potential, includes quantum dielectric function with correlations (Mermin DF) and external field effects
- includes nonequilibrium effects, such as wakes

$$\phi_{ij}(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j) = \int d^3\vec{k} \frac{Z^2 e^2}{(2\pi)^2 k^2} \frac{e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j)}}{\epsilon(\vec{k}, -\vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_0)}$$



Similar concept: „Kinetic theory MD“ (F. Graziani, LLNL 2011)

\*P. Ludwig, MB, H. Kählert, and J.W. Dufty, *J. Phys. Conf. Series* **220**, 012003 (2010)

Correlated dielectric function: N.H. Kwong, and MB, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **84**, 1768 (2000)

# Conclusions

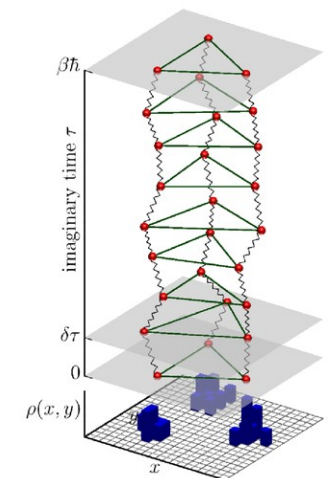
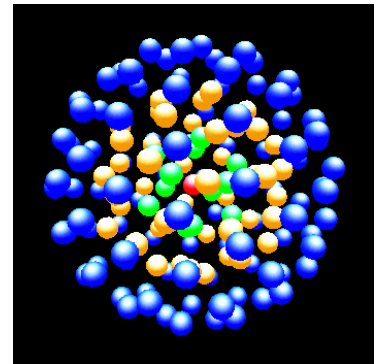
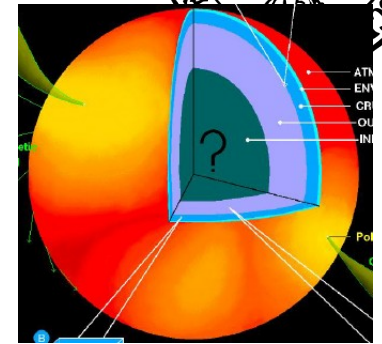


**Strongly correlated plasmas**  
fluid and crystal structures

**Complex plasmas**  
room temperature, direct optical diagnostics  
prototype for correlated plasmas

**Magnetized strongly coupled plasmas**  
reduced transport  
realized in complex plasmas without magnetic field

**Dense quantum plasmas**  
Partial ionization  
First principle PIMC simulations  
Multiscale simulations for electrons and ions



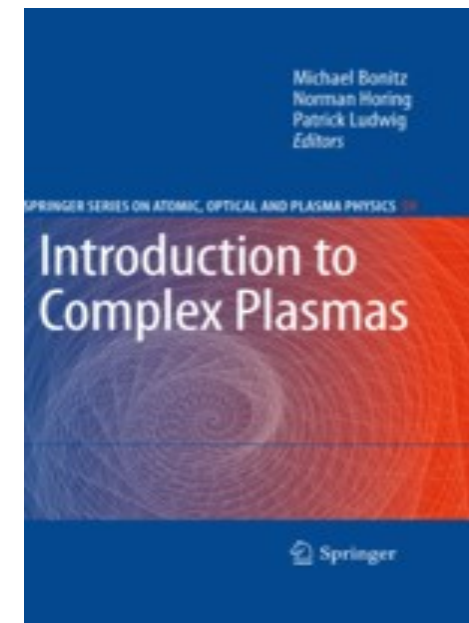




→ Diagnostics with unprecedented single-particle resolution  
→ Unique opportunities for comparison experiment – simulation - theory

- **Fundamental properties, interaction**  
beyond linear response
- **Many-particle properties:**  
phase diagram  
collective oscillation spectrum
- **Magnetic field effects:**  
competition of correlations and magnetization  
shear instabilities
- **Technological applications:**  
nanoparticle growth in magnetron discharge  
nanocomposite formation

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complex plasmas



**Review:** Bonitz, Henning, Block, Rep. Prog. Phys.**73**, 066501 (2010)

**Further information:** [www.theo-physik.uni-kiel.de/~bonitz](http://www.theo-physik.uni-kiel.de/~bonitz)