# **Trident process \*)**

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(strong) laser pulses: trident = Compton x Breit-Wheeler, first step in seeded cascades, F QED vs. pQED

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Furry picture
= laser dressed e+-



former exps. E-144 [Burke et al., PRL 79 (1997) 1526] [Bamber et al., PRD 60 (1999) 092004] theory [Hu, Muller, Keitel, PRL 105 (2010) 020404] [Ilderton, PRL 106 (2011) 020404] [King, Ruhl, PRD 88 (2013) 013005] [King, Fedotov, PRD 98 (2018) 016005] [Dinu, Torgrimsson, PRD 97 (2018) 036021] [Mackenroth, Di Piazza, 1805.01731]

# pQED exclusive $2 \rightarrow 3$ process

[Borsellino, Phys. Rev. 89 (1953) 1023] [Suh, Bethe, PR 115 (1959) 674] [Mork, Phys. Rev. 160 (1967)1065] [Jarp, Mork, PRD 8 (1973) 159] [Haug, Z. Naturf. A30 (1973) 159] [Enod, Kobayashi, NIM A328 (1993) 517]

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 $s = [k + p(e-)]^{2}$ 



# phase space distributions



E = mT cosh y p|| = mT sinh y = p cos Theta mT = sqrt{m^2 + pT^2} p = sqrt{E^2 - m^2}

### $\rightarrow$ invariant distribution w.r.t. long. Lorentz boosts





includes multi-photon & pulse shape effects



#### (i) impact of the pulse width: blowing up the phase space



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### (ii) impact of the intensity a0: sigma vs. W normalization



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#### (iii) Dalitz plot as E1 – E2 distribution



impact of the pulse width?

# Aside: Breit-Wheeler below threshold



[Hartin, Ringwald, Tapia 1807.10670] LUXE measure Ec by BW in Ritus corner X = e- XFEL bremsstrahlung





IPA: infinitely-long pulse approx. (= mono-chromatic plane wave)



# Pair Production in Ultra-Short Laser Pulses

lin. polarization, sigma [mb]

[Nousch, Seipt, BK, Titov PLB (2012)] [Titov, Takabe, BK, Hosaka PRL (2012)]

pulse shape:  $g(\varphi) = cos^2(\varphi/2N)$ 



# **N** dependence



harmonics & finite bandwidth effects  $\rightarrow$ 

### laser enabled subthreshold production

Seipt, BK, PLB 2012: folding model(s) - intensity vs. frequency variation → spectrum [Titov et al., PRA 87 (2013) 042106]

### lessons from pQED trident

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e- init. at rest (pT = 0, y = 0)
omega = 5.12 m
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#### d sigma / dy dpT [mb/m]









### Trident vs. Compton background



# Dalitz plot





 $d\Gamma = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{8M} \,\overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \, dE_1 \, dE_3$  $= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{32M^3} \,\overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \, dm_{12}^2 \, dm_{23}^2$ 

#### M = mass of parent particle





recall: Dalitz plot in particle physics  $\rightarrow$  access to intermediate resonances



# $P \rightarrow pi0 pi0 pi0$





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# **Trident Summary**

Furry picture vs. pert. QED background

Focus on weak (XFEL) pulses

To do: subthreshold a la E-144

Potential of Dark Photon detection/exclusion?



# Experiment hall: SASE2 (HED, MID)



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Photon-Dark Photon mixing manifest Ordinary matter has millicharge under new force



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## searching a signal in background, e.g. HADES data



Kolomogorov-Smirnov test, Cousins-Feldman method

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exp. signature:
peak in e+e- distrib.
→ bump hunting

e.g. [HADES, PLB 731 (2014) 265]

colored region: exp. excluded (90% CL)

DRESDEN concept

# View on HADES (rear side)



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### No Dark Photons seen in HADES



#### Hades/Serapis with Cerberus



in preparation: Dalitz plots impact of the energy impact of the pulse shape larger a0 sub-threshold energies e+ as trigger particle







## **Breit-Wheeler processes**

### (i) probe photon + laser pulse

[Nousch, Seipt, BK, Titov PLB (2012)] [Titov, Takabe, BK, Hosaka PRL (2012), PRA (2013]



sqrt(s) = 1.2 MeV, N = 8 envelope: cos^2 (phi/2N) circ. pol.



"pair production in a<sup>y</sup>plane wave is a diffractive process with interference pattern and rich substructure"

[Heinzl, Ilderton, Marklund, PLB 692 (2010) 250]

### (ii) probe photon + bi-frequent laser pulse (XFEL + laser: HIBEF)

[Nousch et al., PLB 755 (2016) 162] [Jansen, Muller, PLB 766 (2017) 71]

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Z = nucleus, proton  $\rightarrow$  formfactors  $\bullet$  but proton charge radius puzzle  $\rightarrow$  replace Z by e+ or e-: clean QED processes e.g. BESS III  $\rightarrow$  simplify further: trident process



### Caustics in laser assisted Breit-Wheeler process



Figure 1:  $a_{0L} = 1$ ,  $a_{0X} = 10^{-5}$ ,  $\sqrt{s} = 1.2$  MeV,  $\omega_{ph} = \omega_X = 0.6$  MeV,  $\omega_L = 1$  keV,  $\tau_L = 4\pi$ ,  $\tau_X = 5.1/\kappa$ ,  $\kappa = \omega_L/\omega_X \simeq 1.67 \times 10^{-3}$ ,  $g_L = \cos^2$ ,  $g_X =$  Gauss, lineare Polarisation,  $\phi_{pos} = \pi$ , z = 0

# A growing idea

At <u>IRIDE we can search for U boson</u> via the lepton triplet production process in the electron-photon collision. The main QED process of the lepton triplet production is through u channel exchange ("BH diagram") and the t channel exchange ("VCS diagram"), see Fig. 9.5. [1307.7967]

### B. Kampfer, talk at ExHILP, Lisboa 2017

gamma

The triplet photoproduction on a free electron as a possible way to search for a dark photon

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[Gakh et al., 1711.01770]



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m/Td

E/m

### **Laser assisted Breit-Wheeler process**





Figure 1. Integrand function  $X(E_0, \varepsilon_0, s, E_+, E_-, x, y, \phi_+)[a_1(y_{\text{max}} - y)(y - y_{\text{min}})]^{-1/2}$  [astro-ph/0001252] in arbitrary units (before change of variables) versus the polar-angle cosine  $y = \cos \theta_$ at  $E_0 = 10^8$ ,  $\varepsilon_0 = 10^{-3}$ ,  $s = 10^5$ ,  $E_+ = 4.999925000425 \times 10^7$ ,  $E_- = 2.500037499837 \times$  $10^7$ ,  $x = \cos \theta_+ = 0.99999999995$ ,  $\phi_+ = \pi$ .



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