

# Photons from partonic transport

Hirschegg workshop

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# Dynamical photon production in the QGP

## Overview:

### 1) Photons from Heavy Ion Collisions

Physical motivation, open questions, usual approaches

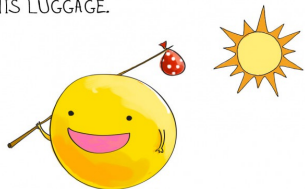
### 2) BAMPS: $3 + 1d$ , $N_f = 3$ transport code

Solving of the Boltzmann equation

### 3) QGP Photonproduction from BAMPS

Diagrams, problems, results, future projects

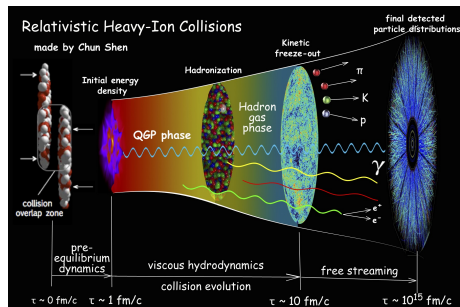
A PHOTON CHECKS INTO A HOTEL AND IS ASKED IF HE NEEDS ANY HELP WITH HIS LUGGAGE.



"NO, I'M TRAVELLING LIGHT."

If you have any ideas or questions, feel free to interrupt! :-)

# Light in heavy ion collision



Direct photons come from:

- ① Nucleus-Nucleus scattering
- ② **QGP: nonequilibrium**
- ③ **QGP: equilibrium**
- ④ photons from hot hadron gas

## Interests:

- Photon  $p_T$ -spectra from different phases
- Photon momentum anisotropies
- Contribution of weights in average anisotropy
- $\Rightarrow$  (Non)-Thermal production mechanisms?  
 $\Rightarrow$  Spacetime evolution well understood?  
 $\Rightarrow$  Role of chemical/kinetical nonequilibrium?

# How to study dynamical direct ( $\neq$ decay) photons

## Usual approach to study photons from heavy ion collisions:

- 1 A **model** (e.g. hydro, fireball,...) gives temperature & velocity evolution for the full collision
- 2 Theory: analytic **equilibrium  $\gamma$  production rate  $R$**
- 3 Integrate:

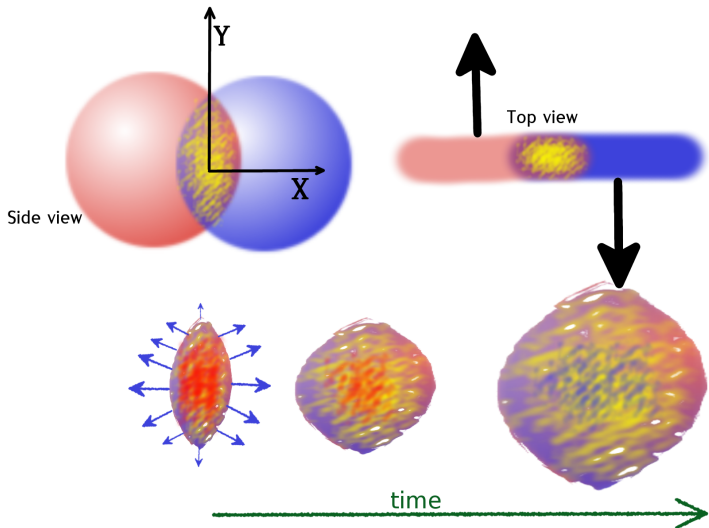
$$\text{Spectrum} = E \frac{dN}{d^3p} = \int_{\text{spacetime evolution}} d^4x (R)_{\text{Local rest frame}}$$

## Other possibility: microscopic parton collisions make photons (our approach)

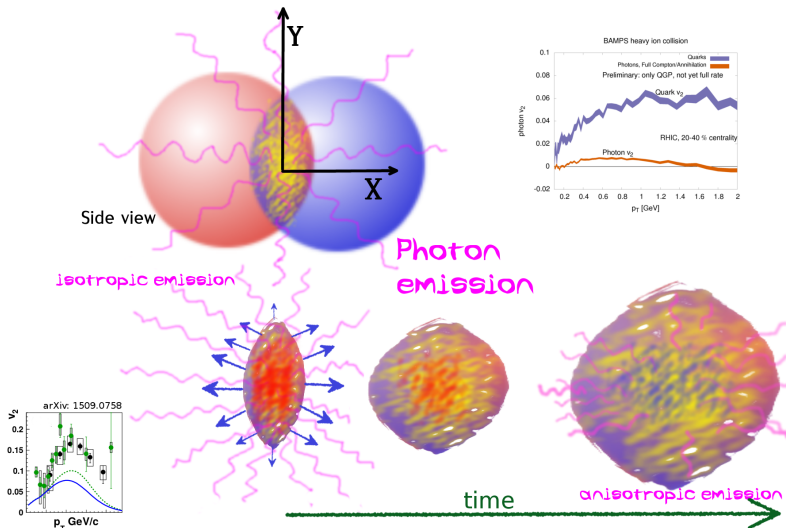
- Partonic cascade: **Boltzmann Approach to Multi Parton Scatterings BAMPS**
- Spacetime evolution and  $\gamma$ -production in common framework
- Microscopic  $\gamma$  production using pQCD matrix elements
- QCD effects: LPM eff. modelled, (+ Debye masses from lattice?)



# Elliptic flow for photons: Transfer of anisotropy from quarks to photons



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# Our approach (in short): BAMPS

## Boltzmann Approach to Multi Parton Scatterings

BAMPS

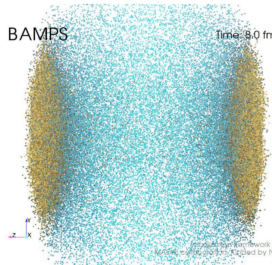
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Visualization framework by  
MADIA collaboration, funded by NSF

BAMPS

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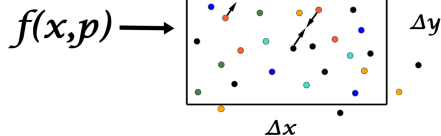
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Zhe Xu & Carsten Greiner, 2005.

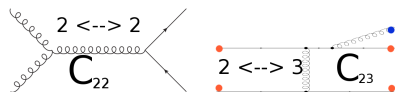
*Phys. Rev. C* 71 (2005) 064901.



Many people have contributed to BAMPS:  
..., **Oliver Fochler, Jan Uphoff, Florian Senzel, MG, Kai Zhou + the Beijing group**

# BAMPS: Boltzmann Approach To Multi-Parton Scatterings

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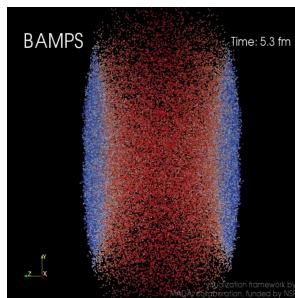


Stochastic collision probability,  
Total cross sections  $\sigma_{22}(s)$ ,  $\sigma_{23}(s)$ , Fully  
Lorentz-invariant formulation

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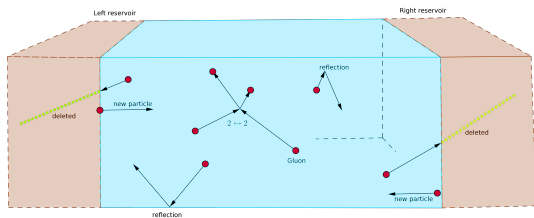
$$P_{23} = v_{\text{rel}} \frac{\sigma_{23}}{N_{\text{test}}} \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta^3 x}, \quad P_{32} = \dots$$

$$v_{\text{rel}} = \frac{s}{2E_1 E_2}$$

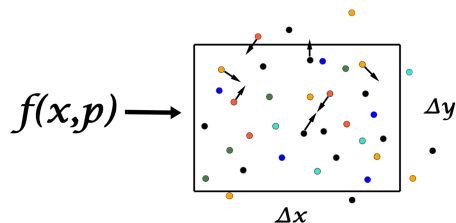


Z. Xu & C. Greiner, 2006.

## BAMPS: run as a fixed box



Scattering in cells:



Baseline:  $\frac{dN}{NE^2 dE} = \frac{1}{T^3} e^{-E/T}$

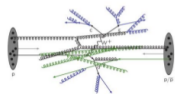
Box calculations useful:

- Test and compare effect of cross sections
- Extract Rates
- Extract transport coefficients

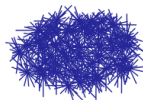
# BAMPS: expanding Heavy-Ion collision

Can be used as fixed box, or expanding system

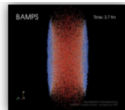
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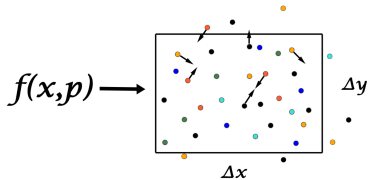
PYTHIA-Glauber



$$AA = pp \times N_{\text{binary}}$$



noneq. QGP



- onshell massless particles  $q, \bar{q}, g$
- **New feature: Photons**
- radiative Gluons/Photons:  
LPM-suppression modelled
- Compton/Annihilation-  $\gamma$ -production
- Exact Bremsstrahlung  $qq \rightarrow qq\gamma$

# BAMPS - many results in the past. Some highlights:

Many features and physical studys:

- Light quarks: up, down, strange; heavy quarks: charm, bottom,  $J/\Psi$ 's, Photons
- Running coupling, Debye-screening dynamically
- Improved gluon radiation ("Gunion-Bertsch") matrix elements
- Bose-Einstein condensate (Phys.Rev.Lett. 114,182301 (2015)) ✓
- Jet quenching, energy loss ✓
- Elliptic flow  $v_2$ , nuclear modification factor  $R_{AA}$  ✓
- Mach cones, jet induced double-peak structure in  $dN/d\phi$  ✓
- Momentum imbalance  $A_j$  of reconstructed Jets ✓
- Shear viscosity, heat conductivity, electric conductivity ✓



M.G. et al, Phys. Rev. E 87, 033019 (2013)  
*Heat Conductivity*



C.Wesp et al., Phys. Rev. C 84, 054911 (2011)  
*Shear Viscosity*



I.Bouras et al., Phys. Rev. C 90, 024904 (2014)  
*Mach Cones*



M.G. et al, Phys.Rev. D 90, 094014 (2014)  
*Electric conductivity*

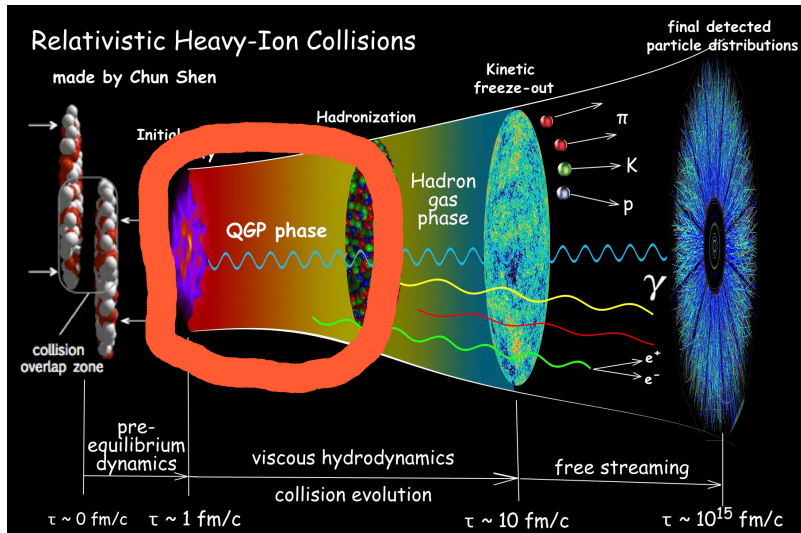


J.Uphoff et al, Phys.Rev.Lett. 114, 112301 (2015)  
 $R_{AA} + v_2$



F.Senzel et al., J.Phys. G42, 115104 (2015)  
*Momentum imbalance of reconstructed Jets*

## Photons from the QGP

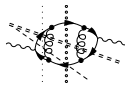




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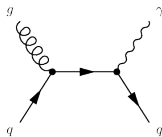
+ all cuts, all diagrams with infinitely more *gluon rungs*

$2 \leftrightarrow 2$  processes,  
gives  $|\mathcal{M}|^2$

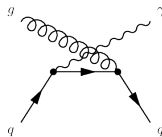
$2 \leftrightarrow 2$  processes,  
gives channel  
interference

Bremsstrahlung  
/Inelastic pair  
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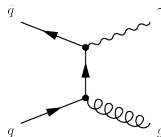
$2 \leftrightarrow 2$ :  
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BAMPS



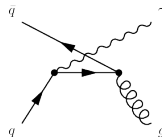
s-channel



u-channel



t-channel



u-channel

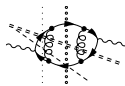


e.g. P. Arnold, G. D. Moore, and L. G. Yaffe, JHEP. 0111, 057 (2001)

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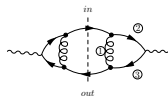
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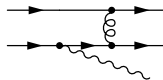
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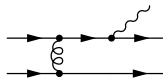
$2 \rightarrow 3$ :



Cut for  $2 \rightarrow 3$



Important  
contributions  
 $2 \rightarrow 3$

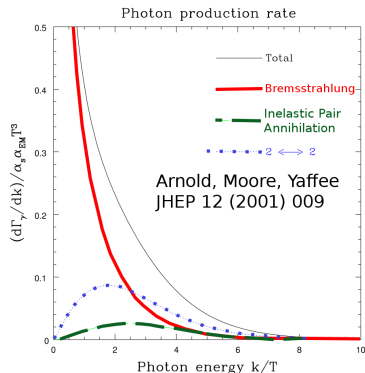


**exact** in  
BAMPS

+  $3 \rightarrow 2$ ,  
 $1 \leftrightarrow 4, \dots$   
not easily  
feasible in  
transport  
models



# How big is the influence of the diagrams?



$2 \leftrightarrow 2$  processes vs.  $2 \leftrightarrow 3 + \dots$  processes

- Blue line: Included in BAMPS
- Red line: Only approximately included in BAMPS
- Bremsstrahlung in QGP as important as Compton-Scattering/Quark-Antiquark photoproduction!

see also NLO corrections: J.Ghiglieri, A. Kurkela et al. JHEP 1305 (2013) 010

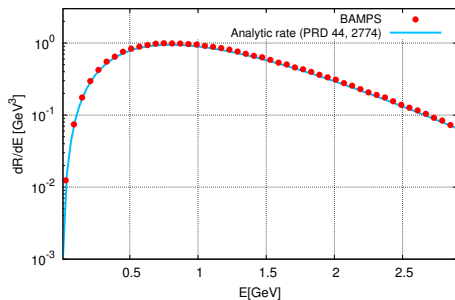
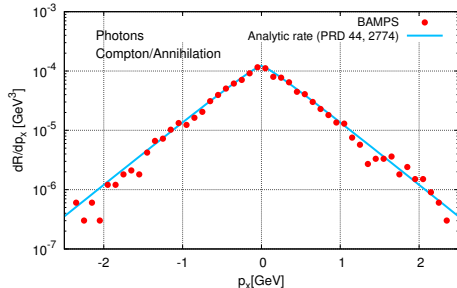
Compton/Annihilation ( $2 \leftrightarrow 2$ ) photon production in BAMPS

## Comparison with fixed IF-cutoff

**Analytic**  $\gamma$  rate equation = BAMPS result

 see Kapusta, Lichard, Seibert, Phys. Rev. D 44, 2774 (1991)

Also in boosted case perfect! (e.g.  $u^\mu = (1, \beta_x, 0, 0)$ )

Compton/Annihilation  $\gamma$ -production: BAMPS vs. analyticsCompton/Annihilation  $\gamma$ -production: BAMPS vs. analytics

## Compton/Annihilation photon production in BAMPS

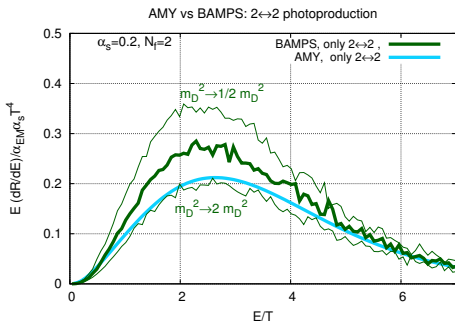
...original treatment valid for high energies (neg. Log):

 Kapusta, Lichard, Seibert, Phys. Rev. D 44, 2774 (1991)

...correct treatment valid for all energies:

 Arnold, Moore, Yaffe, JHEP. 0111, 057 (2001)

BAMPS: Debye-screening of quark propagators:



$$m_{D,q}^2 = 4\pi\alpha_s \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{E} (f_{\text{gluon}} + f_{\text{quark}})$$

$m_{D,q}^2$ : Quark Debye-mass squared

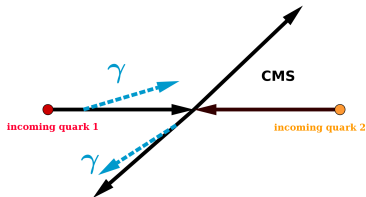
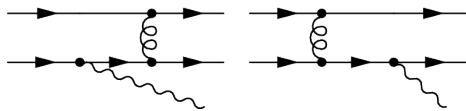
$f_i$ : distribution of particle species  $i$

$N_c$ : No. of colors = 3

Resummed result (AMY) within screening uncertainty ( $m_{D,q}^2 \times 2^{\pm 1}$ )

Possible to include lattice data for Debye-mass (equilibrium extrapolation)

## Photon Bremsstrahlung processes: Some details



Useful coordinates for radiated photon:

Reference: incoming quark 1  $p_z > 0$

$y$ : rapidity wrt incoming quark 1,  $y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E+p_z}{E-p_z}$

$k_\perp$ : transverse momentum of photon wrt to  $p_z$

$q_\perp$ : gluon momentum transfer

$\varphi$ :  $\angle(\vec{q}_\perp, \vec{k}_\perp)$

- We use the **exact** pQCD computation of  $|\mathcal{M}_{\text{brems}}|^2$  with screened quark and gluon propagators
- Inelastic pair annihilation neglected

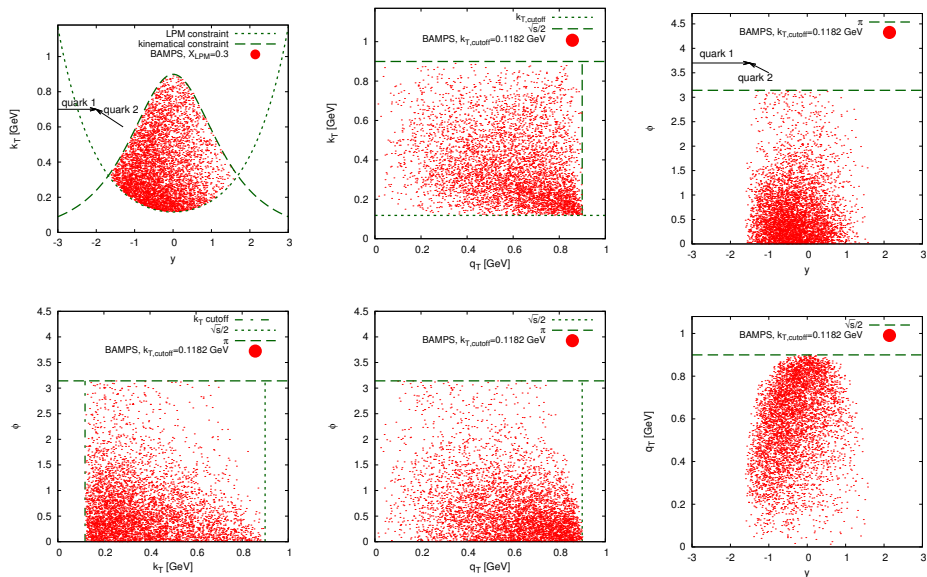
# Inelastic cross section for radiated photons

*Exact matrix element* computed, coordinate transformation from  $P_{in 1}, P_{in 2}, P_{out 1}, P_{out 2}, K \rightarrow$  integrate cross section:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{23} &= \frac{1}{2s} \int_{p'_1} \int_{p'_2} \int_{p'_3} \int_{p_1} \int_{p_2} |\mathcal{M}_{12 \rightarrow 1'2'3'}|^2 (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_1 + p_2 - p'_1 - p'_2 - p'_3) \\ &= \frac{1}{256\pi^4 s} \int d^2q_{\perp} \int d^2k_{\perp} \int dy \int d\phi |\mathcal{M}_{12 \rightarrow 1'2'3'}|^2 \mathcal{J}(k_{\perp}, q_{\perp}, y, \phi)\end{aligned}$$

- For each particle pair in cell: compute  $\sigma_{23}$
- $|\mathcal{M}_{12 \rightarrow 1'2'3'}|^2 (P_{in 1}, P_{in 2}, k_{\perp}, q_{\perp}, y, \phi)$
- *VEGAS* integration algorithm
- If collision happens: sample outgoing momenta with *Metropolis*-algorithm according to  $|\mathcal{M}|^2$
- Numerically very demanding, needs Lookup-Tables.

## Numerical sampling of the outgoing photon momenta

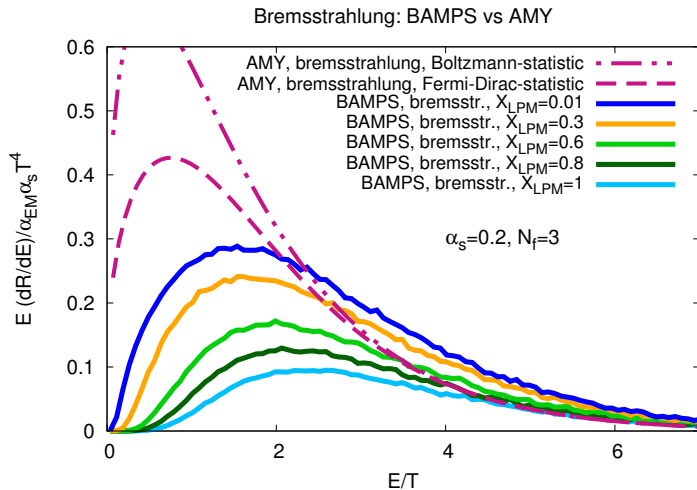




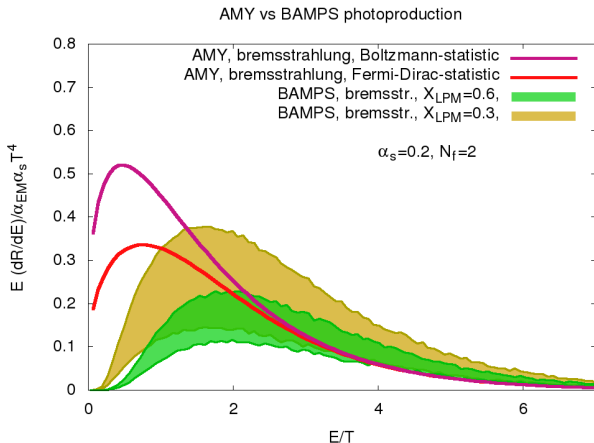
# First results from BAMPS for Bremsstrahlung

Interference can only be treated phenomenologically:

$$|\mathcal{M}_{23}|^2 \rightarrow |\mathcal{M}_{23}|^2 \Theta(\lambda_{\text{mfp}} - X_{\text{LPM}} \tau_{\text{formation}}), \text{ we vary } X_{\text{LPM}}. \tau_f \sim k_T^{-1}.$$

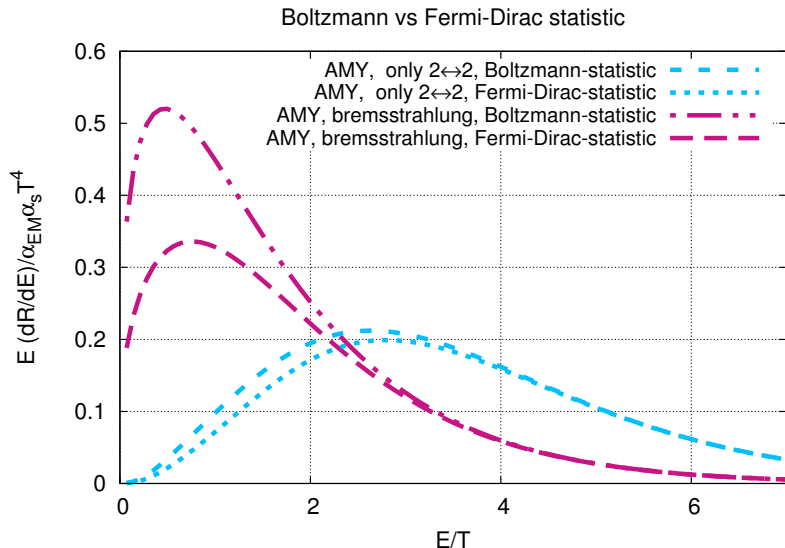


## Debye-screening uncertainty for Bremsstrahlung



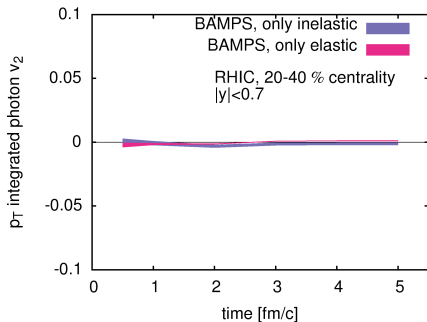
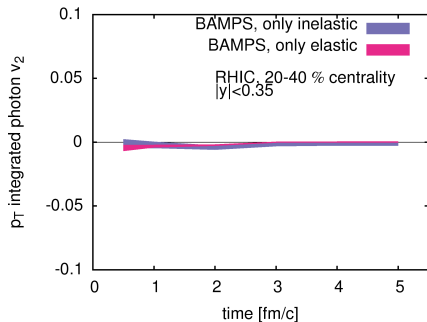
Band: Debye-mass  $\times 2^{\pm 1}$ . Future: use Debye-mass from lattice.

## Type of statistic more important for bremsstrahlung



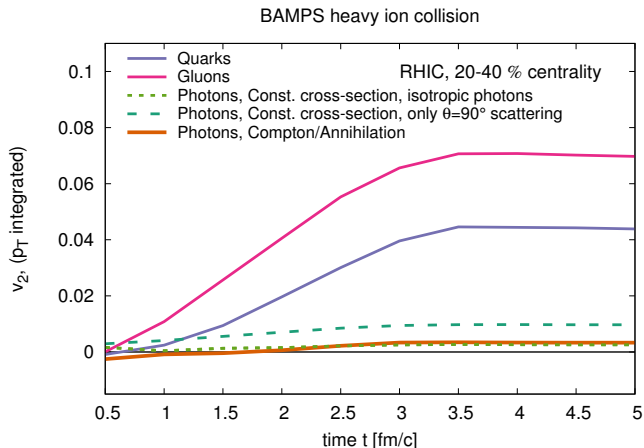
## Anisotropic flow in QGP

Elastic and radiative photon production shows no  $v_2^{\gamma, \text{QGP}}$  ...



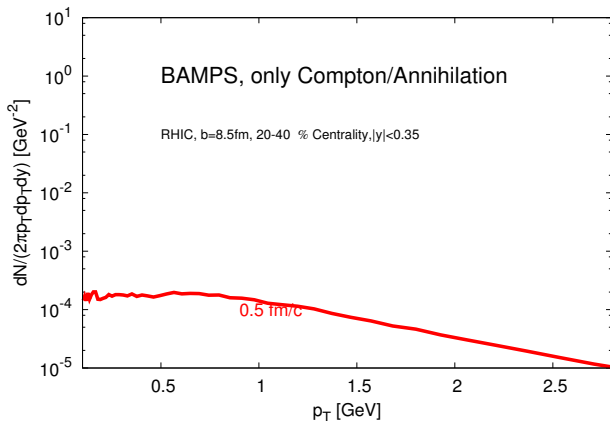
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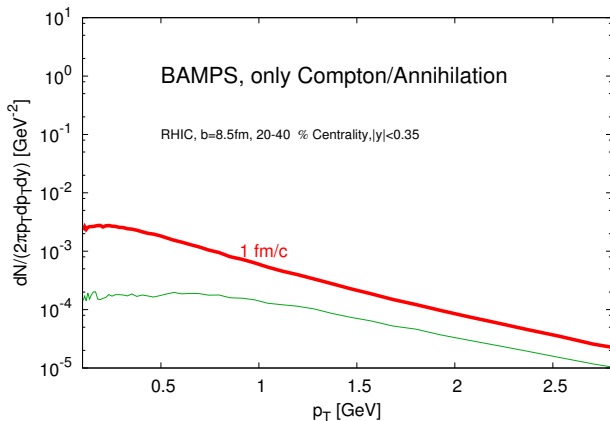
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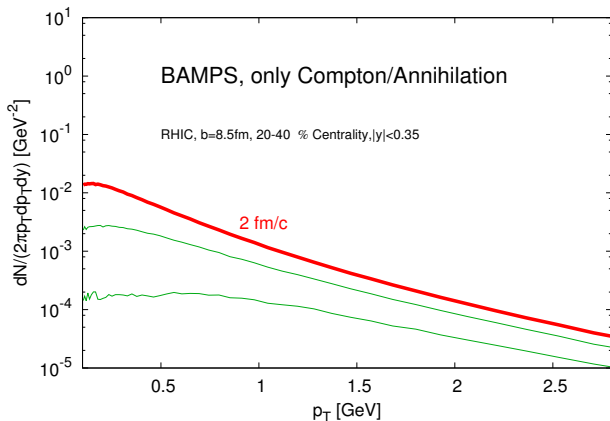
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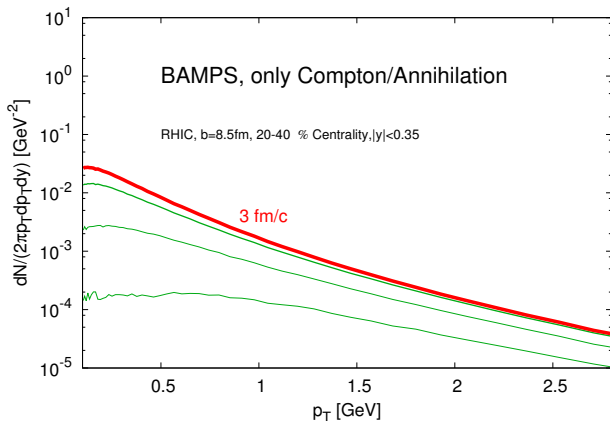
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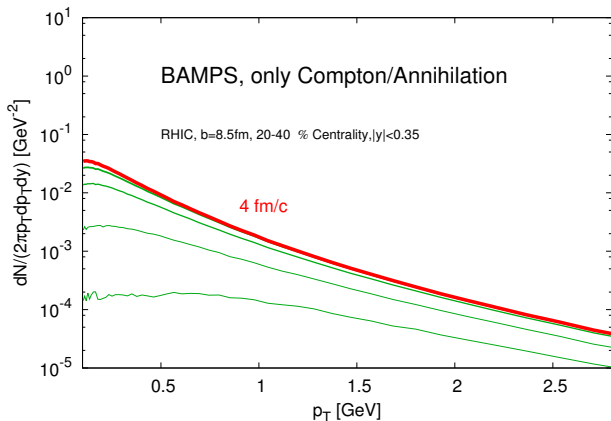
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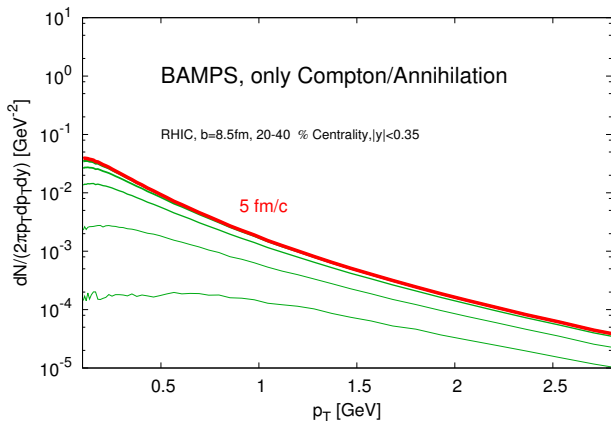
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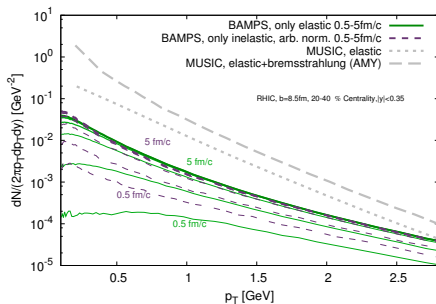


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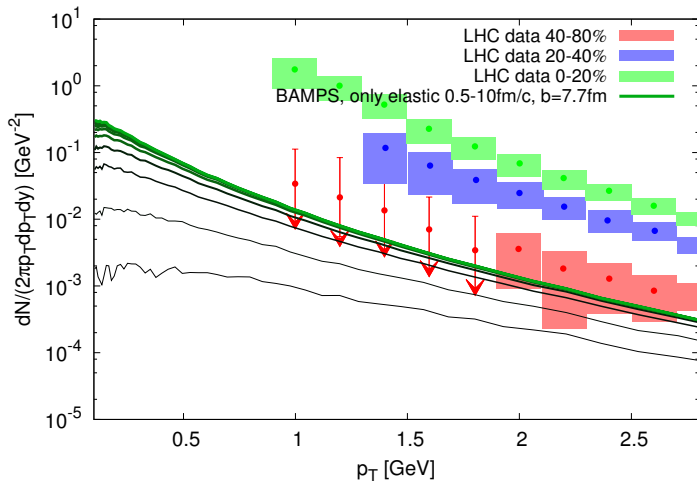


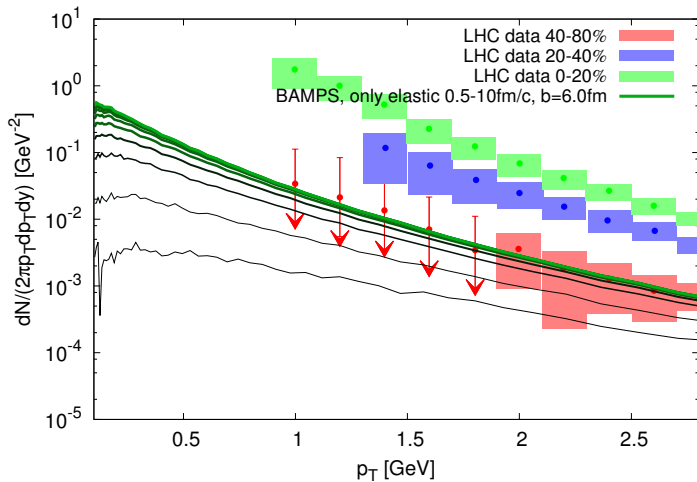
# $p_T$ -spectra from BAMPS



## Still some problems: results not conclusive

- Radiative processes: 12 days on cluster
- Mean free path not yet correct
- No hadronic photons (Prompt photons not plotted)
- Need to include running coupling

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# What comes next? + Conclusions

## Jet-Photon radiation

BAMPS perfectly suited for radiative  $\gamma$ 's from Jets + Analytic solution known (AMY-Kernel). Influence on observables?

## Numerical improvements

Lookup-Tables for cross sections, Better LPM-tuning, Debye-masses

...+some other ideas

## Conclusions

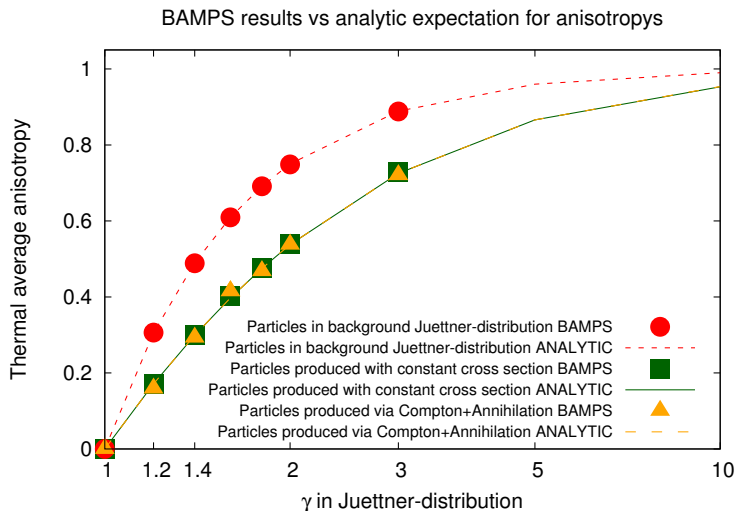
- ① **Full leading order**  $\gamma$  production in microscopic transport
- ② Elastic: good
- ③ Radiative: Only approximative right, some tuning
- ④ BAMPS shows no  $v_2^\gamma$  from QGP (independent on process!)
- ⑤ Microscopic understanding of  $v_2$  transfer

**Thank you for your attention and Hals und Beinbruch!**

# APPENDIX



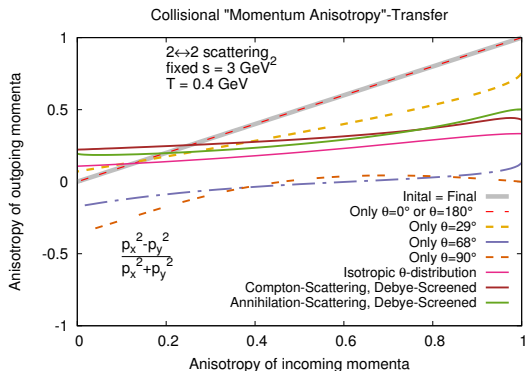
# How anisotropy for photons gets lost



# Change of momentum anisotropy in individual collisions

$$\langle \text{anisotropy}_{\text{in}} \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{Boost}} \text{CM scattering } \frac{d\sigma}{d\Theta_{\text{CM}}} \xrightarrow{\text{Boost}} \langle \text{anisotropy}_{\text{out}} \rangle (\Theta)$$

As an example, one **particular** momentum configuration:



# Transfer of momentum anisotropy in equilibrium

## Anisotropy of quark/gluon distribution

Fix  $\frac{dN}{d^3\vec{p}} \sim \exp(-p^\mu u_\mu/T)$  equilibrium with boost:  $\gamma > 1$

**Analytic:**  $v_2 = \int d^3\vec{p} \frac{dN}{d^3\vec{p}} \left( \frac{p_x^2 - p_y^2}{p_x^2 + p_y^2} \right) / \int d^3\vec{p} \frac{dN}{d^3\vec{p}}$

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## Anisotropy of produced photons

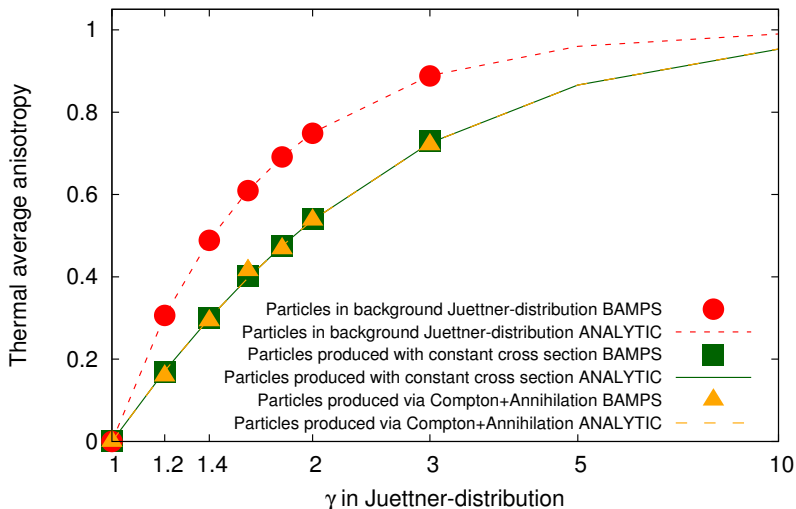
Photon production rate:  $E \frac{dR}{d^3\vec{p}} = \text{function}(p^\mu u_\mu, T)$  same  $\gamma > 1$

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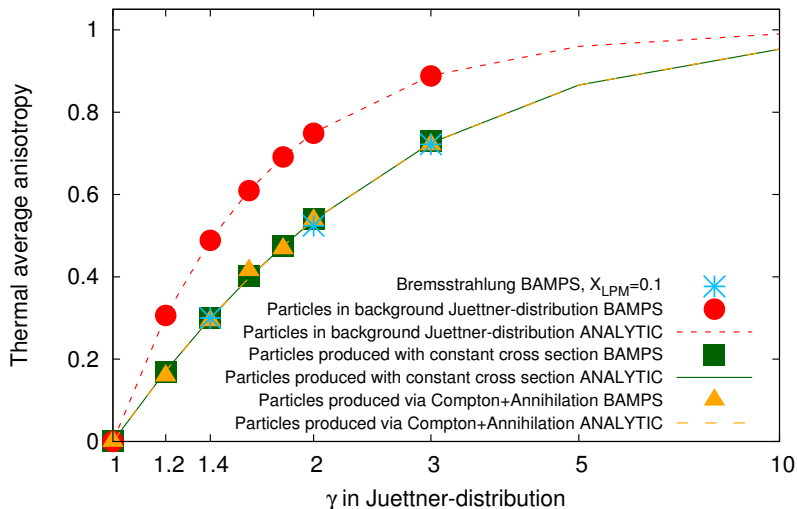
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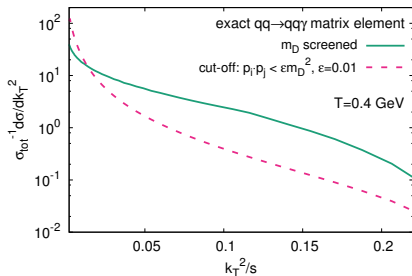
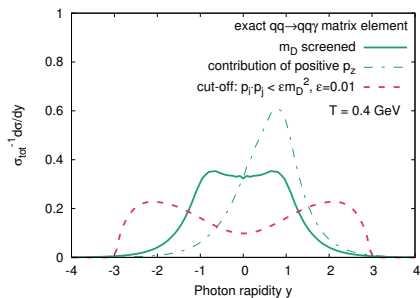


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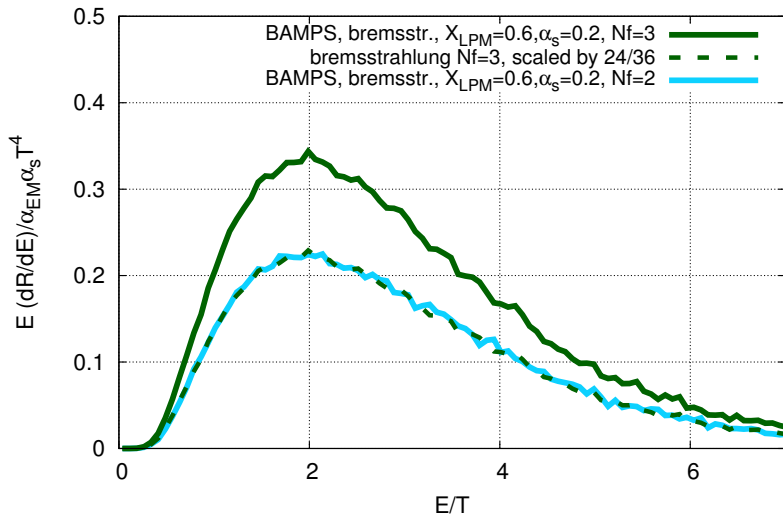


## Differential cross sections for radiative photon emission:



# Trivial dependence on number of flavours...

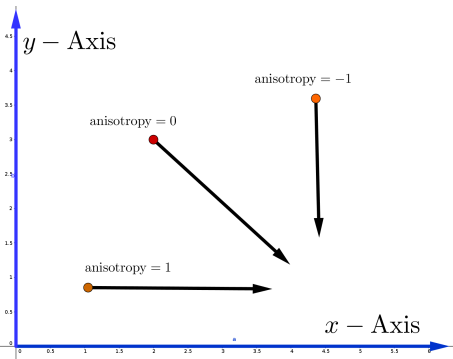
AMY vs BAMPS photoproduction



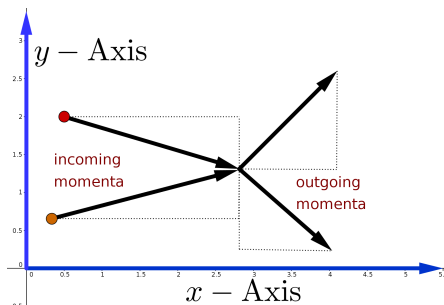
# Elliptic flow in partonic transport simulations

” $v_2$ ” (rather: momentum anisotropy) can be studied per particle:

$$v_2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{\text{all particles}} \frac{p_{i,x}^2 - p_{i,y}^2}{p_{i,x}^2 + p_{i,y}^2} = \left\langle \frac{p_{i,x}^2 - p_{i,y}^2}{p_{i,x}^2 + p_{i,y}^2} \right\rangle_{\text{all particles}}$$



Example: anisotropy can be *lost* after collision:





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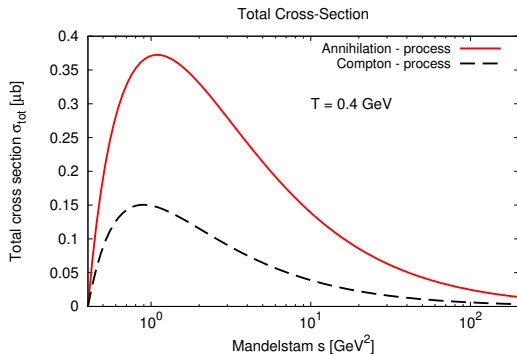
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Probability for collision:  
**s-dependent!**

$$P_{22} = \sigma_{22} \frac{s}{2E_1 E_2} \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta V N_{t\text{est}}}$$

Two effects:

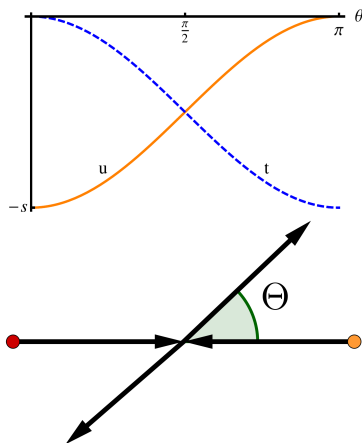
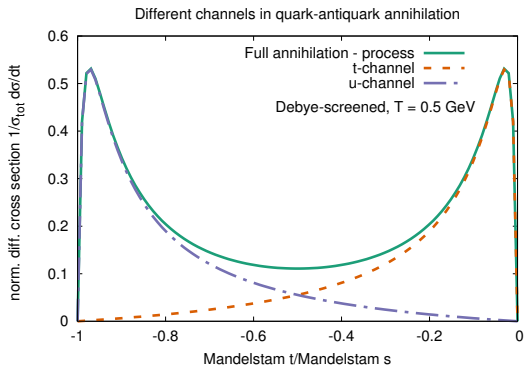
- *Total* cross section: which particles *do* collide?
- *Differential* cross section: preferred scattering angle  $\Theta$



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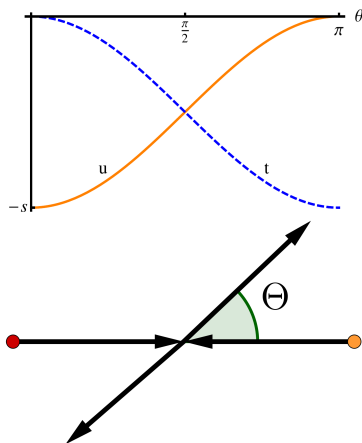
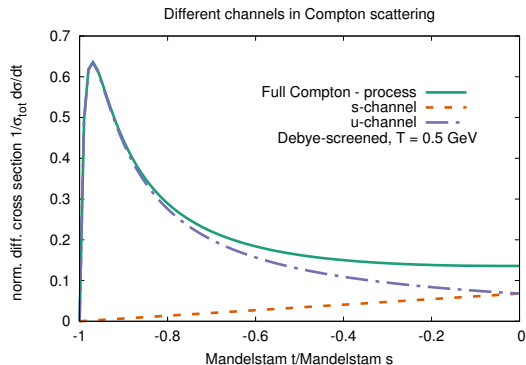


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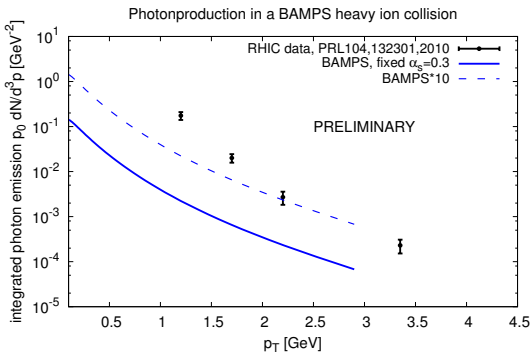


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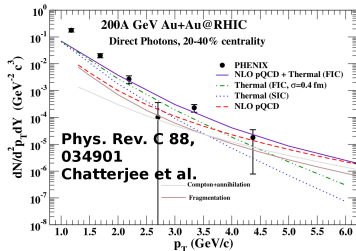
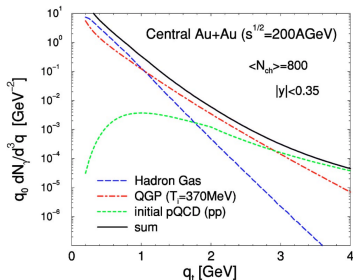
# Photon Yield:

Explain difference to data:

- Only elastic leading order processes
- Only QGP contribution
- 1.5 – 2.5 GeV QGP window?



PHYSICAL REVIEW C 69, 014903 (2004)  
SIMON TURBIDE, RALF RAPP, AND CHARLES GALE



# So far in the microscopic partonic transport model BAMPS:

2 ↔ 2	
$gg \rightarrow gg$	
$qq \rightarrow q\bar{q}$	
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow gg$	$q\bar{q} \rightarrow q' \bar{q}'$
$qg \rightarrow qg$	$\bar{q}g \rightarrow \bar{q}g$
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$qq' \rightarrow qq'$	$q\bar{q}' \rightarrow q\bar{q}'$

2 ↔ 3	
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$qq' \rightarrow qq'g$	
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3 Flavours of quarks, antiquarks, gluons

## New feature: Photons

- Compton/Annihilation - Debye screened
- Exact  $qq \rightarrow qq\gamma$  in near future
- LPM-suppression needs to be modelled

# QGP in thermal equilibrium: Rates are known

These 4 diagrams are used by

 Kapusta, Lichard, Seibert, Phys. Rev. D 44, 2774 (1991)

$$E \frac{dR}{d^3p} \Big|_{\text{Compton}} = \left( \sum_i q_i^2 \right) \frac{2\alpha_{\text{EM}}\alpha_{\text{strong}}}{\pi^4} T^2 e^{-E/T} \ln \left( \frac{4ET}{k_c^2} + 0.5 - C_{\text{Euler}} \right)$$

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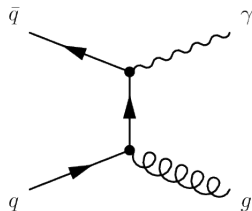
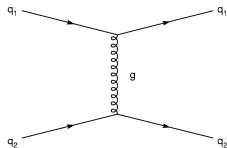
Not complete leading order! Missing contribution of collinear singularities of



**Inelastic Pair Annihilation and Bremsstrahlung**

# Leading Order pQCD Scattering in BAMPS

$1 + 2 \rightarrow 3 + 4$  scattering:



Debye-mass to screen infrared divergencies:  $t^2 \rightarrow (t - m_D^2)^2$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \frac{|\mathcal{M}|^2}{16\pi s^2} \quad (1)$$

For example:  $q + q' \rightarrow q + q'$

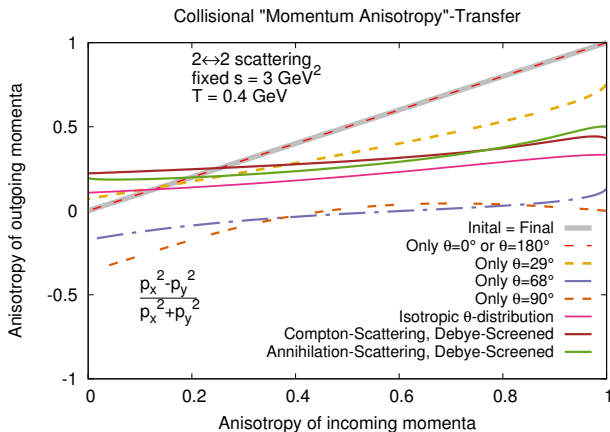
$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{64\pi^2\alpha_s^2}{9} \left[ \frac{u^2 + s^2}{t^2} \right] \quad (2)$$

Photon prod. channel:  $q + \bar{q} \rightarrow g + \gamma$

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{128}{9} \alpha_{\text{EM}} \alpha_s \pi^2 \left[ \frac{ut}{t^2} \right] \quad (3)$$

# Analytic study: momentum anisotropy in collisions

$$\langle \text{anisotropy}_{\text{in}} \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{Boost}} \text{CM scattering } \frac{d\sigma}{d\Theta_{\text{CM}}} \xrightarrow{\text{Boost}} \langle \text{anisotropy}_{\text{out}} \rangle (\Theta)$$





# Leading Order pQCD Scattering in BAMPS

**How the Debye-mass  $m_{D,\text{gluon}}/m_{D,\text{quark}}$  can be calculated:**

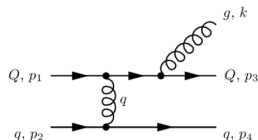
- 1 Boltzmann stat., thermal system  $m_D^2 = (3 + N_f) \frac{8}{\pi} \alpha_s T^2$
- 2 Implementation in BAMPS: Dynamically from the distribution reconstruct the momentum distribution from all particles at each timestep

$$m_{D,\text{gluons}}^2 = 16\pi\alpha_s \int \frac{d^3p}{p(2\pi)^3} (N_{\text{color}} f_{\text{gluon}} + N_{\text{flavor}} f_{\text{quark}})$$

$$m_{D,\text{quarks}}^2 = 4\pi\alpha_s \frac{8}{6} \int \frac{d^3p}{p(2\pi)^3} (f_{\text{gluon}} + f_{\text{quark}})$$

# Inelastic Scattering

elastic scattering with additional gluon radiation:



$$|\mathcal{M}_{23}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_{22}|^2 \cdot 48\pi\alpha_s(k_{\perp}^2)(1 - \bar{x})^2 \left[ \frac{\vec{k}_{\perp}}{k_{\perp}^2} + \frac{\vec{q}_{\perp} - \vec{k}_{\perp}}{(\vec{q}_{\perp} - \vec{k}_{\perp})^2 + m_D^2(\alpha_s(k_{\perp}^2))} \right]$$



O.Fochler et al., Phys. Rev. D 88, 014018 (2013)

*Radiative parton processes in perturbative QCD: An improved version of the Gunion and Bertsch cross section from comparisons to the exact result*

LPM (Landau Pomeranchuk Migdal) effect is effectively modeled