High Energy Photons from Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions

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- Motivation
- The PCM: Fundamentals & Implementation
- Photon production in the PCM
- Medium Effects: Jet-Photon Conversion (FMS Photons)

Part #1:
Photon Production in the PCM

- *Light from cascading partons in relativistic heavy-ion collisions*
- S.A. Bass, B. Mueller and D.K. Srivastava, Phys. Rev. Lett. **90** (2003) 082301

- *Intensity interferometry of direct photons in Au+Au collisions*
- S.A. Bass, B. Mueller and D.K. Srivastava, Phys. Rev. Lett. **93** (2004) 162301

- *Dynamics of the LPM effect in Au+Au Collisions at 200 AGeV*
- T. Renk, S.A. Bass and D.K. Srivastava, nucl-th/0505059

Basic Principles of the PCM

Goal: provide a microscopic space-time description of relativistic heavy-ion collisions based on perturbative QCD

- degrees of freedom: quarks and gluons
- classical trajectories in phase space (with relativistic kinematics)
- initial state constructed from experimentally measured nucleon structure functions and elastic form factors
- an interaction takes place if at the time of closest approach d_{min} of two partons

$$d_{\min} \le \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{tot}}{\pi}} \quad \text{with} \quad \sigma_{tot} = \sum_{p_3,p_4} \int \frac{d\sigma\left(\sqrt{\hat{s}};p_1,p_2,p_3,p_4\right)}{d\hat{t}} d\hat{t}$$

- system evolves through a sequence of binary (2→2) elastic and inelastic scatterings of partons and initial and final state radiations within a leading-logarithmic approximation (2→N)
- binary cross sections are calculated in leading order pQCD with either a momentum cut-off or Debye screening to regularize IR behavior
- guiding scales: initialization scale Q_0, p_T cut-off p_0 / Debye-mass μ_D

Parton-Parton Scattering Cross-Sections

g g → g g	[illegible]	q q’ → q q’	[illegible]
q g→ q g	[illegible]	q qbar→ q’ qbar’	[illegible]
g g → q qbar	[illegible]	q g →q γ	[illegible]
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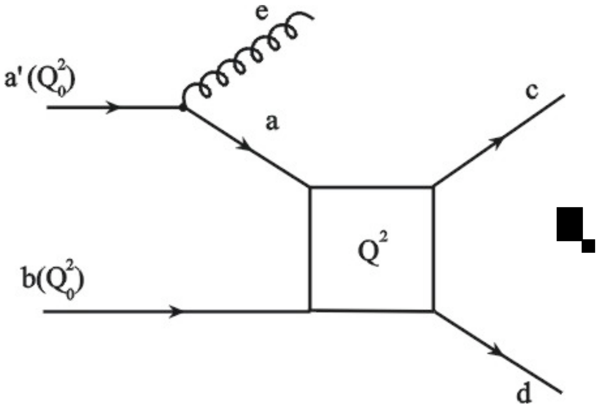
q qbar → q qbar	[illegible]	q qbar → γ γ	[illegible]
q qbar → g g	[illegible]		

- a common factor of $\pi\alpha_s^2(Q^2)/s^2$ etc.
- further decomposition according to color flow

Initial and final state radiation

Probability for a branching is given in terms of the Sudakov form factors:



space-like branchings:

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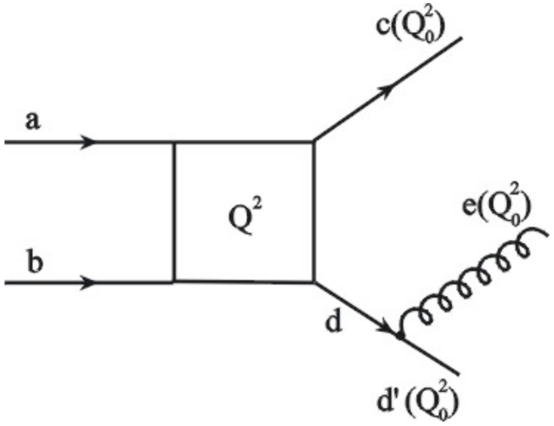
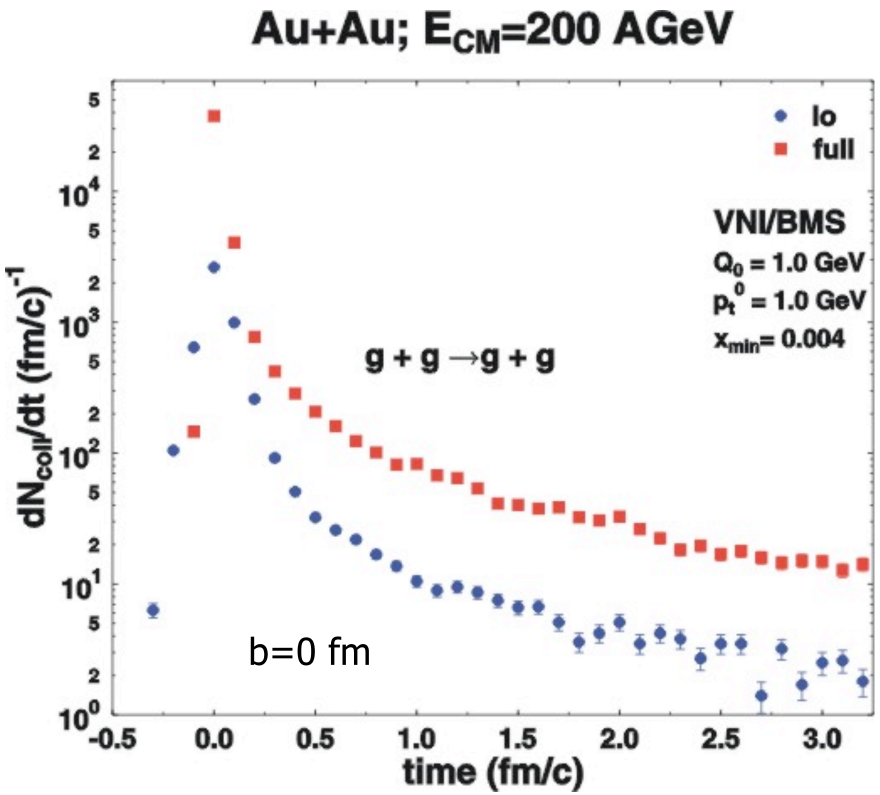


time-like branchings:

$$T_d(x_d, t_{\max}, t) = \exp\left\{ -\int_t^{t_{\max}} dt' \frac{\alpha_s(t')}{2\pi} \sum_{a'} \int dz \, P_{d\to d'e}(z) \right\}$$

- Altarelli-Parisi splitting functions included: $P_{q\to qg}$, $P_{g\to gg}$, $P_{g\to qqbar}$ & $P_{q\to q\gamma}$

Collision Rates & Numbers


Au+Au; E_{CM}=200 AGeV

# of collisions	lo	full
q + q	70.6	274
q + qbar	1.3	38.52
q + g	428.3	2422.6
g + g	514.4	4025.6

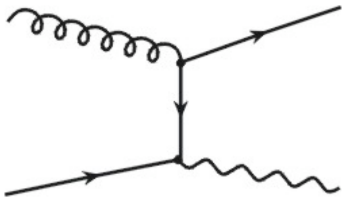
- lifetime of interacting phase: ~ 3 fm/c
- partonic multiplication due to the initial & final state radiation increases the collision rate by a factor of 4-10

➢ are time-scales and collision rates sufficient for thermalization?

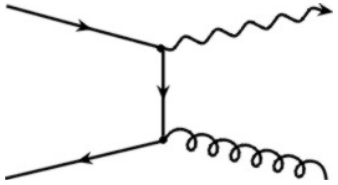
Photon Production in the PCM

relevant processes:

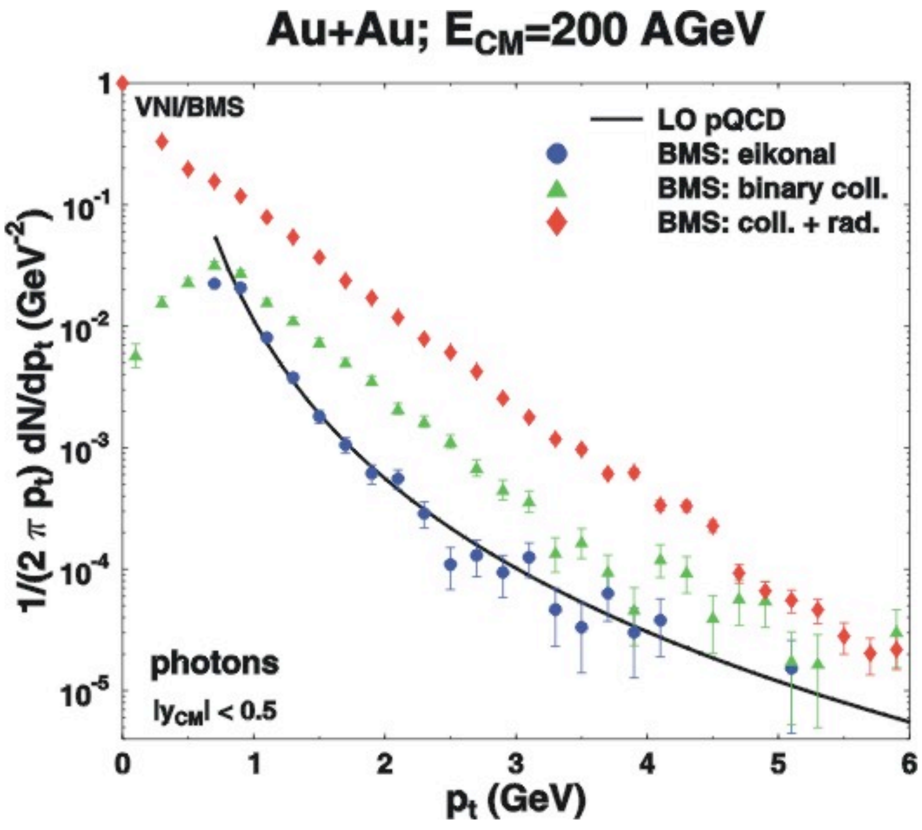
- Compton: **q g →q γ**



- annihilation: **q qbar → g γ**



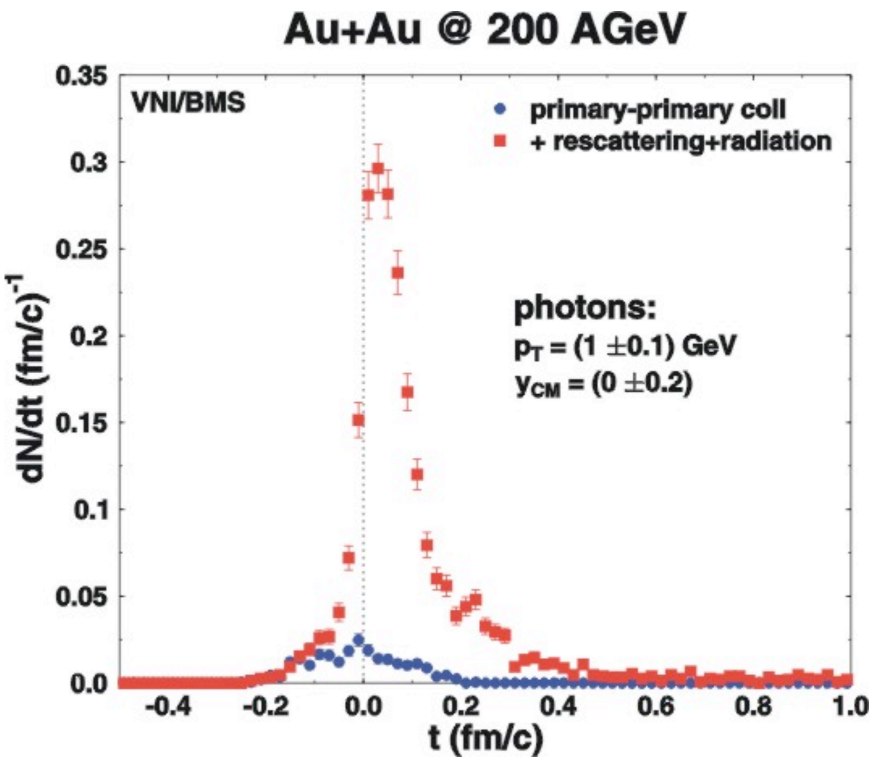
- bremsstrahlung: **q* →q γ**

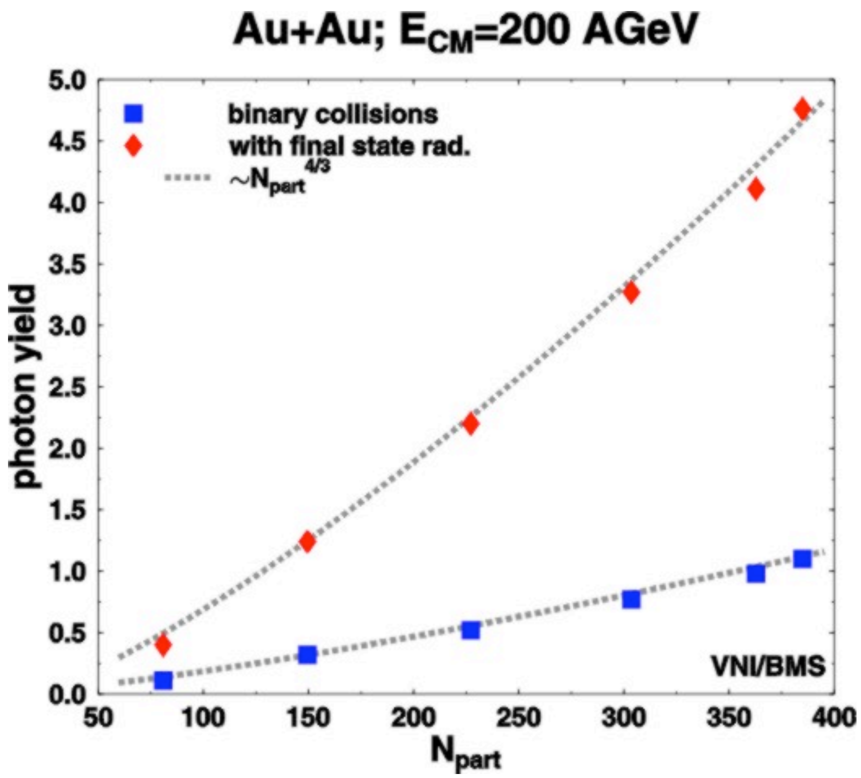


Au+Au; E_{CM}=200 AGeV

➢photon yield very sensitive to parton-parton rescattering

What can we learn from photons?

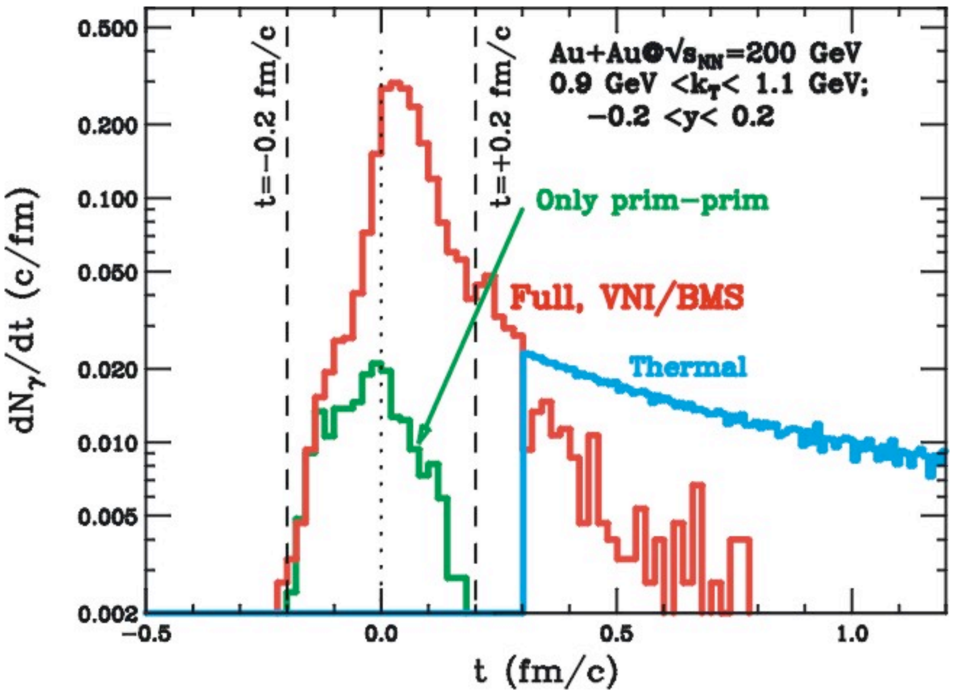




- primary-primary collision contribution to yield is < 10%
- emission duration of pre-equilibrium phase: ~ 0.5 fm/c

- photon yield directly proportional to the # of hard collisions
- ➢ photon yield scales with $N_{part}^{4/3}$

Photons: pre-equilibrium vs. thermal



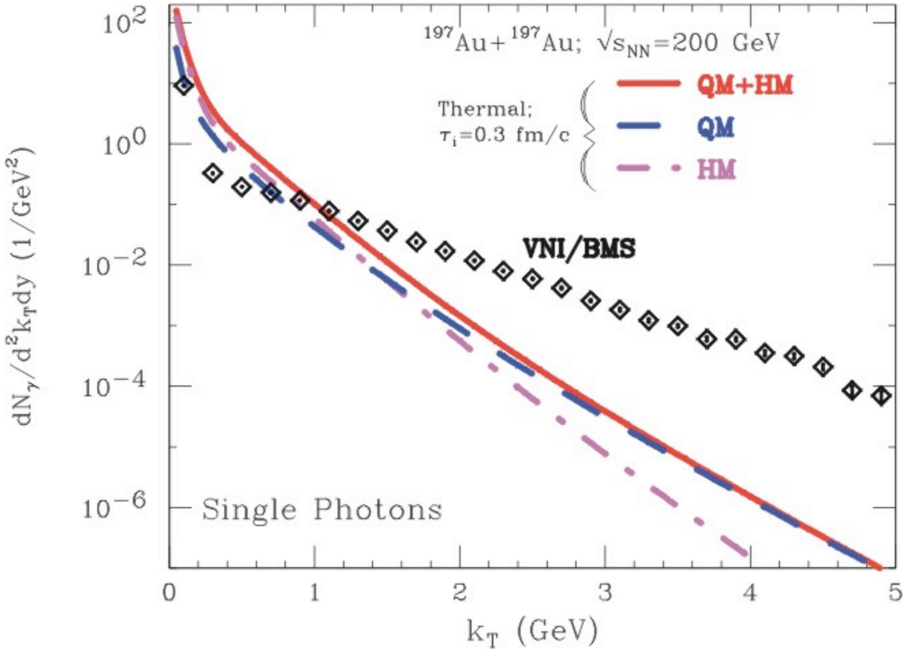
•short emission time in the PCM, 90% of photons before 0.3 fm/c

➢hydrodynamic calculation with τ_0=0.3 fm/c allows for a smooth continuation of emission rate

➢pre-equilibrium contributions are easier identified at large p_t:

•window of opportunity above p_t=2 GeV

•at 1 GeV, need to take thermal contributions into account



HBT Interferometry: formalism

- Correlation between two photons with momenta k_1 and k_2 is given by:

$$C(\vec{q},\vec{K}) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\left|\int d^4x\, S(x,\vec{K})\, e^{ixq}\right|^2}{\int d^4x\, S(x,\vec{k}_1) \int d^4x\, S(x,\vec{k}_2)} \quad \text{with } \vec{q} = \vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2 \text{ and } \vec{K} = (\vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2)/2$$

with S(x,k) the photon source function for a chaotic source

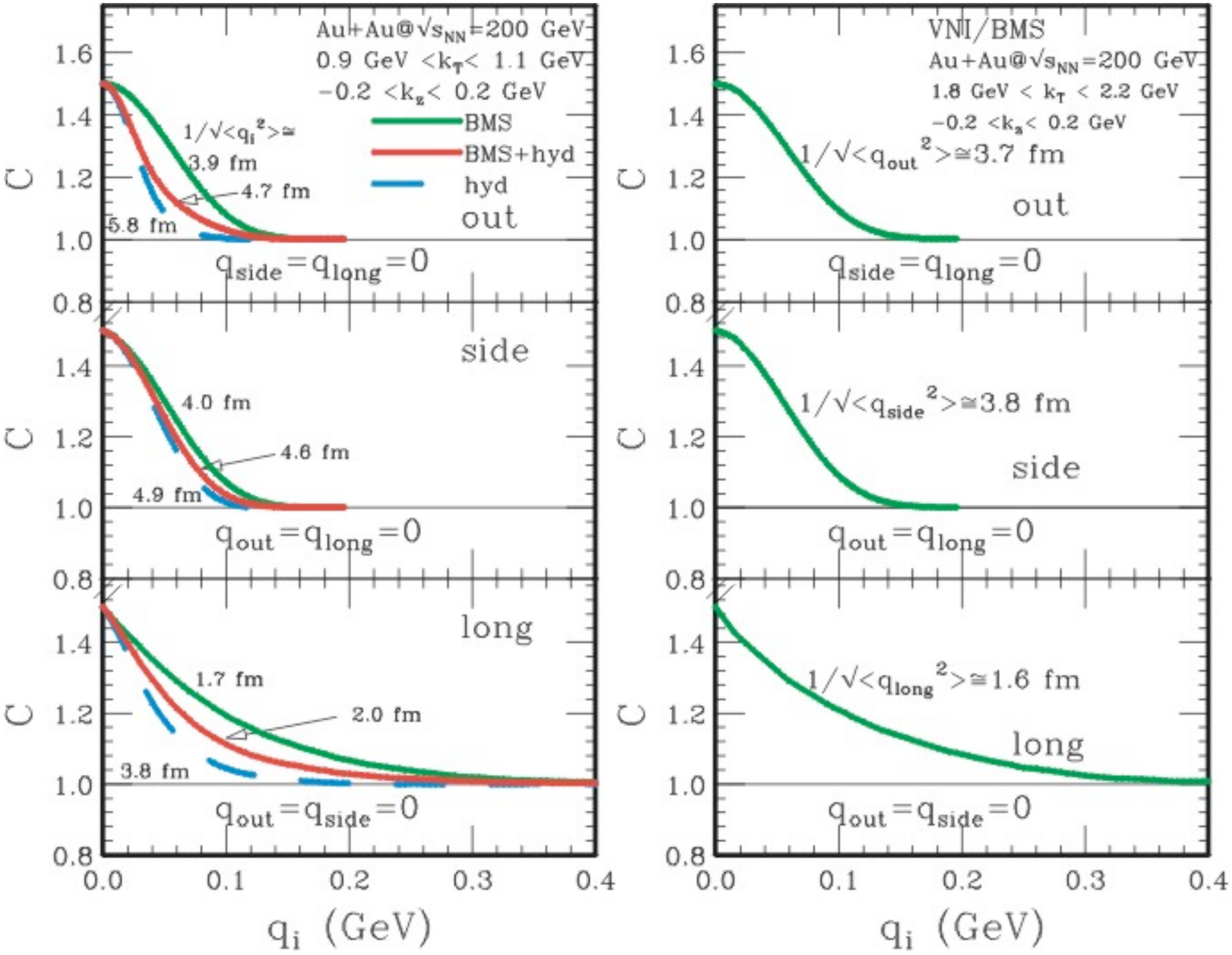
- use Wigner function scheme (Hansa code by Sollfrank & Heinz)
  - emission vertices of a semiclassical transport are not valid Wigner fnct.
  - need to smear out emission vertices x_i by $\hbar/p_i$
- results are given in terms of outward, sideward & longitudinal correlators

$$q_{long} = \left|k_{1z} - k_{2z}\right| = \left|k_{1T} \sinh y_1 - k_{2T} \sinh y_2\right|$$

$$q_{out} = \vec{q}_T \; \vec{K}_T / K_T$$

$$q_{side} = \left|\vec{q}_T - q_{out} \vec{K}_T / K_T\right|$$

Photons: HBT Interferometry

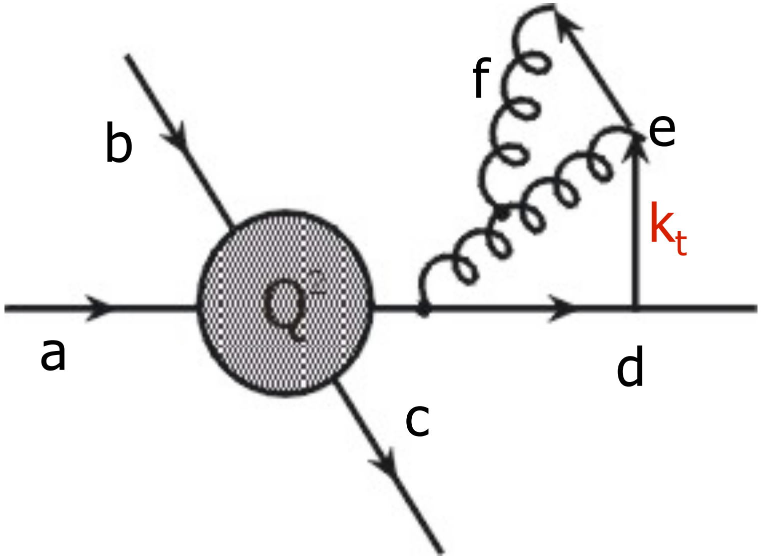


- p_t=2 GeV: pre-thermal photons dominate, small radii

- p_t=1 GeV: superposition of pre- & thermal photons: increase in radii

Landau-Pomeranchuk-Migdal Suppression

- the LPM effect accounts for the suppression of radiation due to coherence effects in multiple scattering

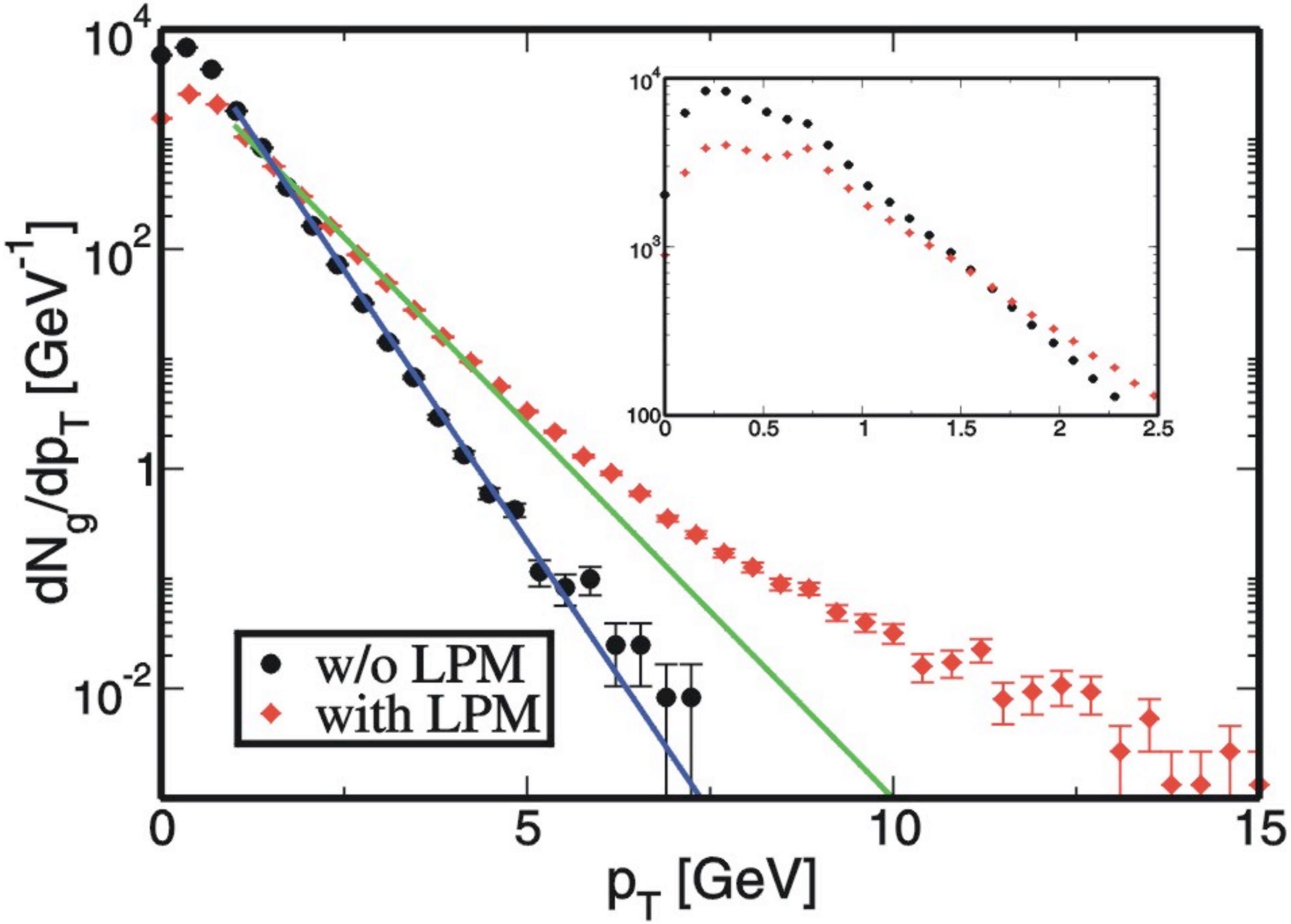


- the radiated parton *e* is assigned a formation time:

$$\tau_{\text{form}} = \frac{z(1-z)E_a}{(1-z)q_d^2 + z\,q_e^2 + k_t^2} \qquad \frac{E_a}{q_a^2}$$

- if the radiating parton *d* suffers a collision before τ_{form} has elapsed, then the radiation of parton *e* and it's daughters does not take place
- likewise for parton *f* with respect to *e* …

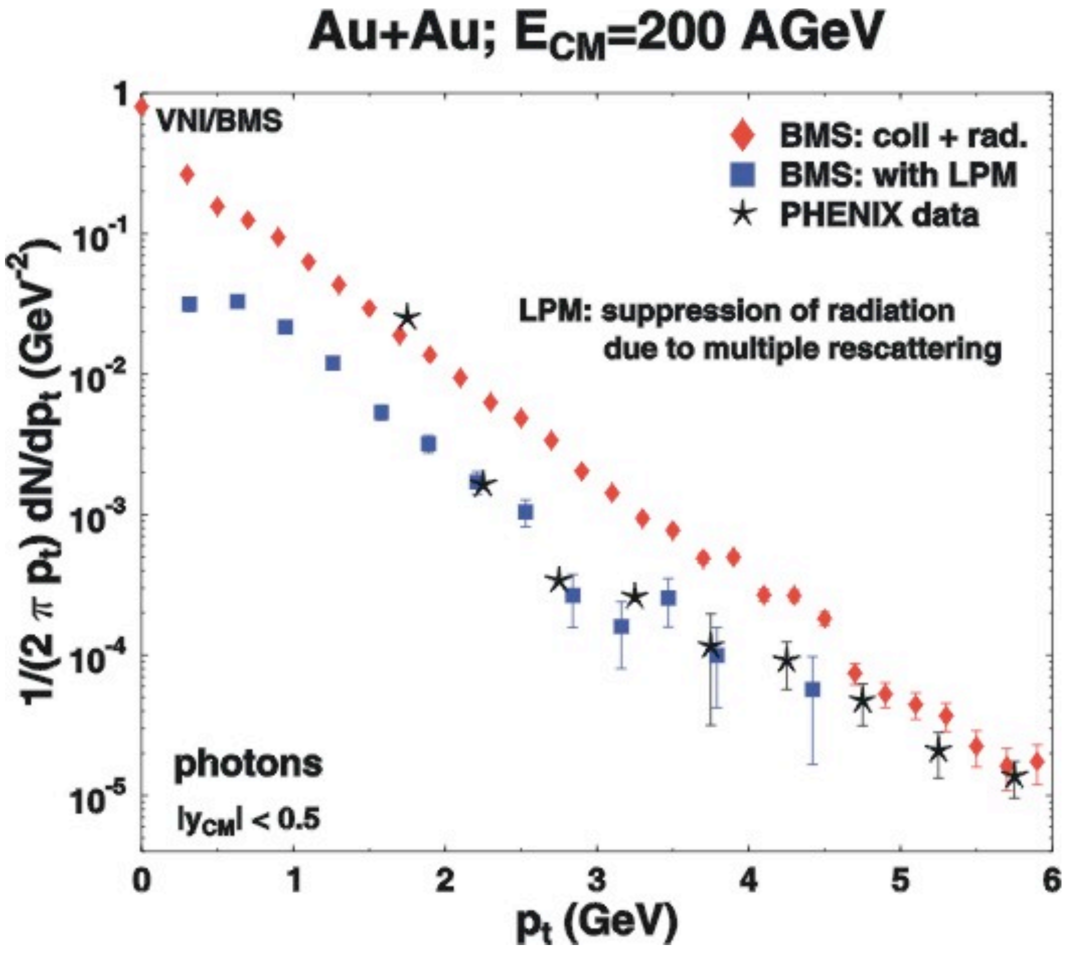
LPM: Reaction Dynamics



gluon p_t distribution

- high p_t: harder slope, enhanced particle production
- low p_t: suppression of particle production

Photon Production: LPM & comparison to data



PCM without LPM:

- overprediction of photon yield

PCM with LPM:

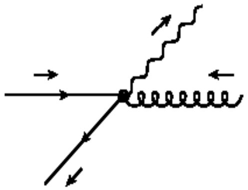
- photon yield for $p_t < 6$ GeV strongly reduced
- strong p_t dependence of LPM suppression
- good agreement with data

Part #2:
Photons via Jet-Plasma Interactions

R.J. Fries, B. Mueller & D.K. Srivastava, PRL **90**, 132301 (2003)

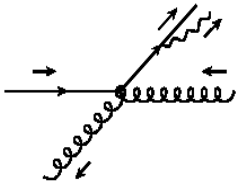
Photon sources

- Hard direct photons



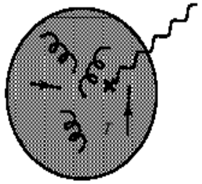
pQCD calculation including shadowing

- EM bremsstrahlung

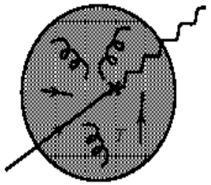


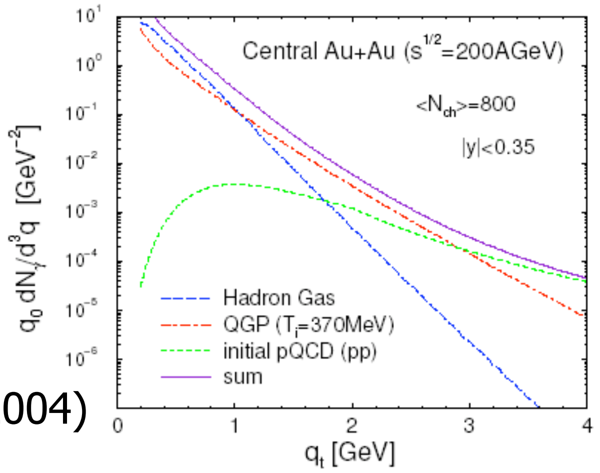
pQCD calculation including shadowing

- Thermal photons from hot medium



- Jet-photon conversion

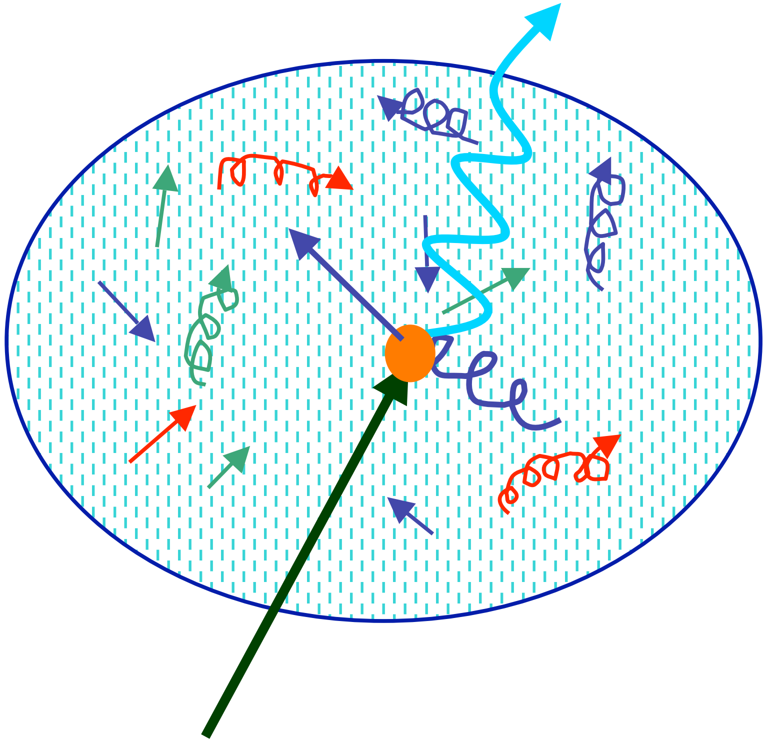




Turbide, Gale & Rapp, PRC 69 014903 (2004)

Jet-Plasma interactions

plasma mediates a jet-photon conversion:



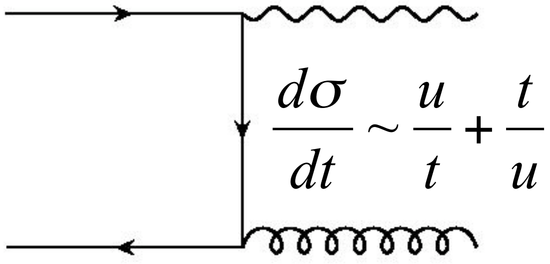
jet passing through the medium:

- large energy loss: jet quenching
- electromagnetic radiation (real and virtual photons) from jet-medium interactions
- suppressed by α_{EM}; negligible as a source of additional jet quenching

- can escape without rescattering
  - ➢use as probe of energy loss?
- ➢ visible among other sources of electromagnetic signals?

QGP-Induced EM Radiation

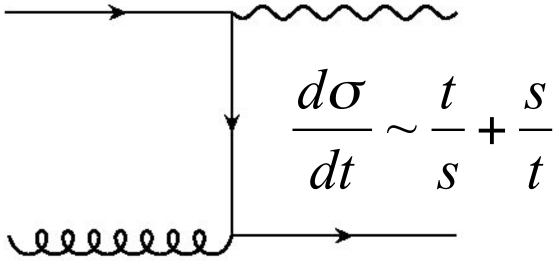
- annihilation and compton processes peak in forward and backward directions:



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \sim \frac{u}{t} + \frac{t}{u}$$

$$\vec{p}_\gamma \approx \vec{p}_q$$

$$\vec{p}_\gamma \approx \vec{p}_{\bar{q}}$$



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \sim \frac{t}{s} + \frac{s}{t}$$

- one parton from hard scattering, one parton from the thermal medium; cutoff $p_{\gamma,min}$ > 1 GeV/c.

➢ photon carries momentum of the hard parton

➢ Jet-Photon Conversion

Jet-Photon Conversion: Rates

- annihilation and compton rates:

$$E_\gamma \frac{dN^{(A)}}{d^4x d^3p_\gamma} = \frac{16E_\gamma}{2(2\pi)^6} \sum_{q=1}^{N_f} f_q(p_\gamma)$$

$$\times \int d^3p\, f_{\bar{q}}(p)[1+f_g(p)]\,\sigma^{(A)}(s)\frac{\sqrt{s(s-4m^2)}}{2E_\gamma E} + (q \Leftrightarrow \bar{q})$$

$$E_\gamma \frac{dN^{(C)}}{d^4x d^3p_\gamma} = \frac{16E_\gamma}{2(2\pi)^6} \sum_{q=1}^{N_f} f_q(p_\gamma)$$

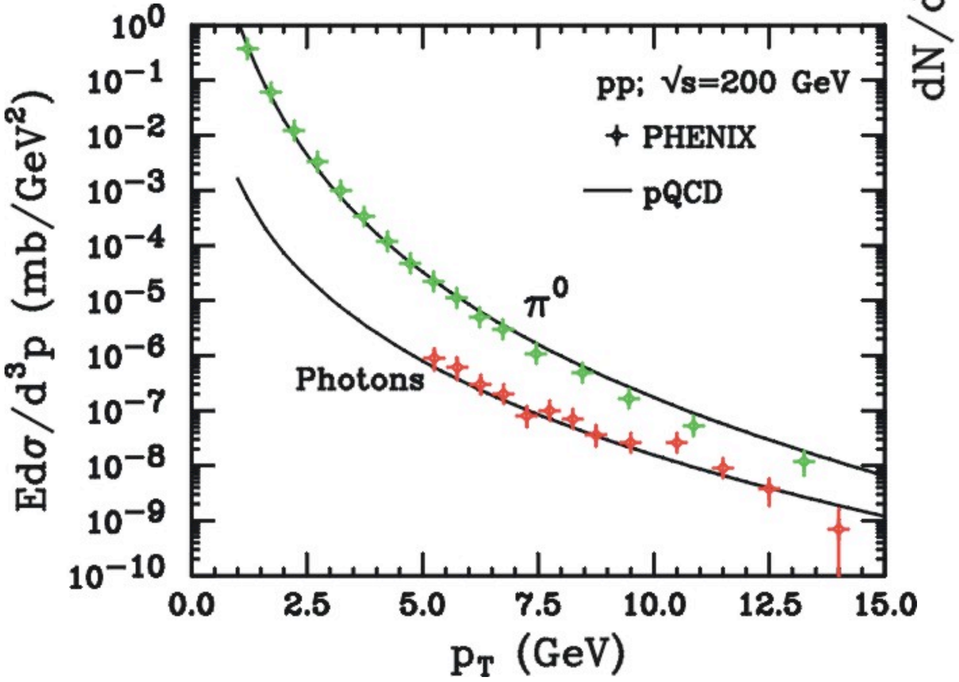
$$\times \int d^3p\, f_g(p)[1-f_q(p)]\,\sigma^{(C)}(s)\frac{s-m^2}{2E_\gamma E} + (q \Leftrightarrow \bar{q})$$

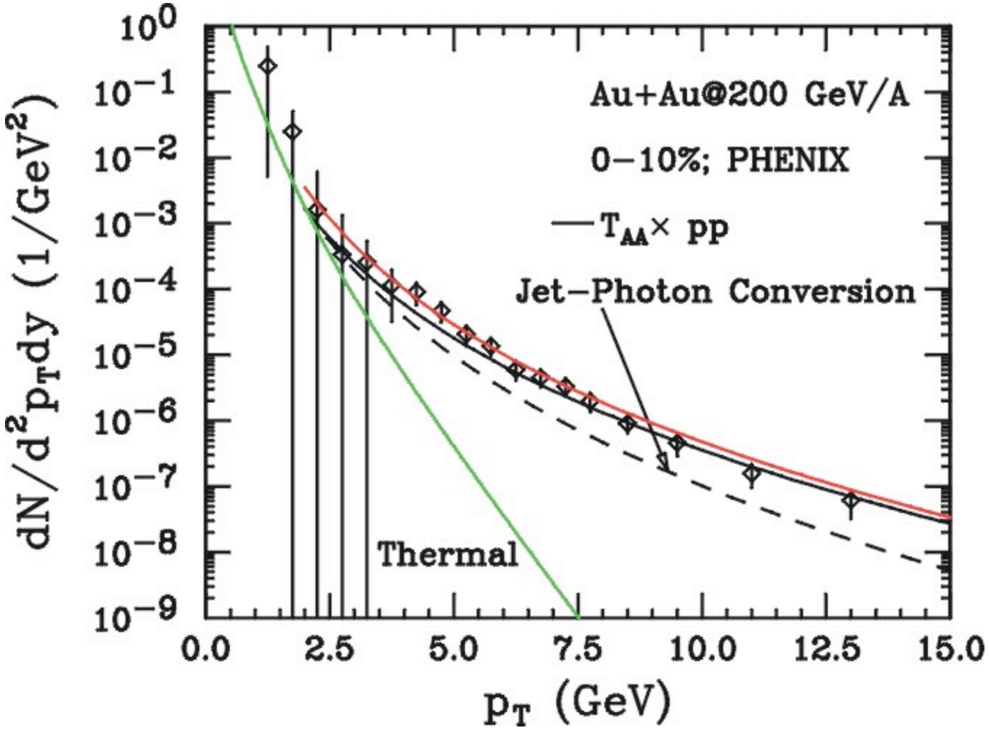
- thermal medium:

$$E_\gamma \frac{dN_\gamma}{d^3p_\gamma} = \frac{\alpha\alpha_s}{8\pi^2}\int d^4x \frac{2}{3}\left[f_q(p_\gamma)+f_q(p_\gamma)\right]T^2\left(\ln\frac{4E_\gamma T}{m^2}+C\right)$$

FMS Results: Comparison to Data

calibrate pQCD calculation of direct and Bremsstrahlung photons via p+p data:

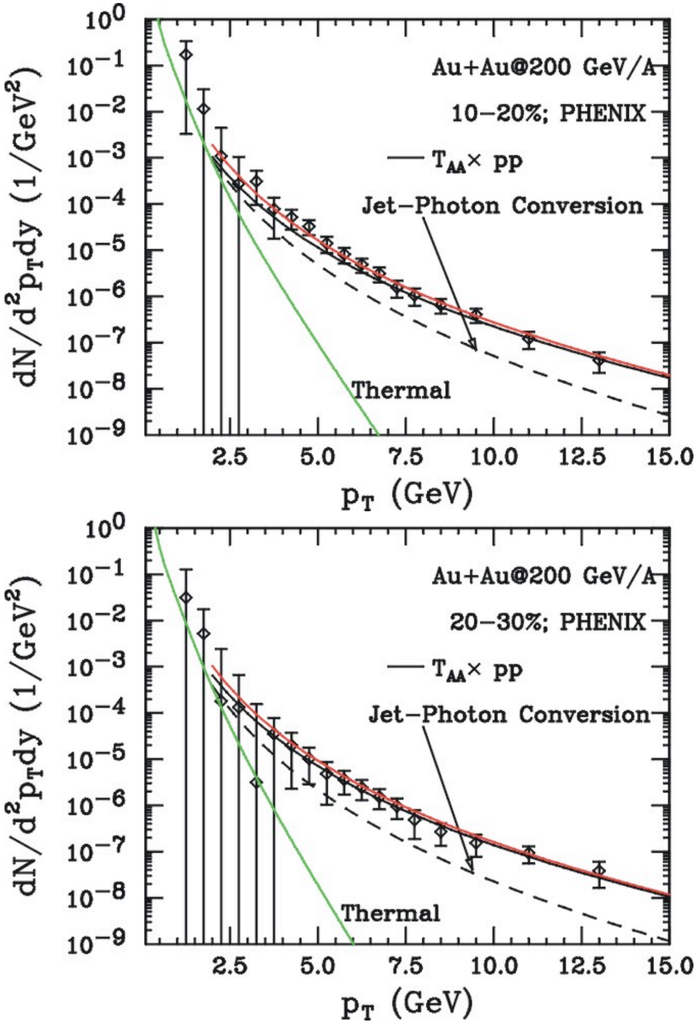


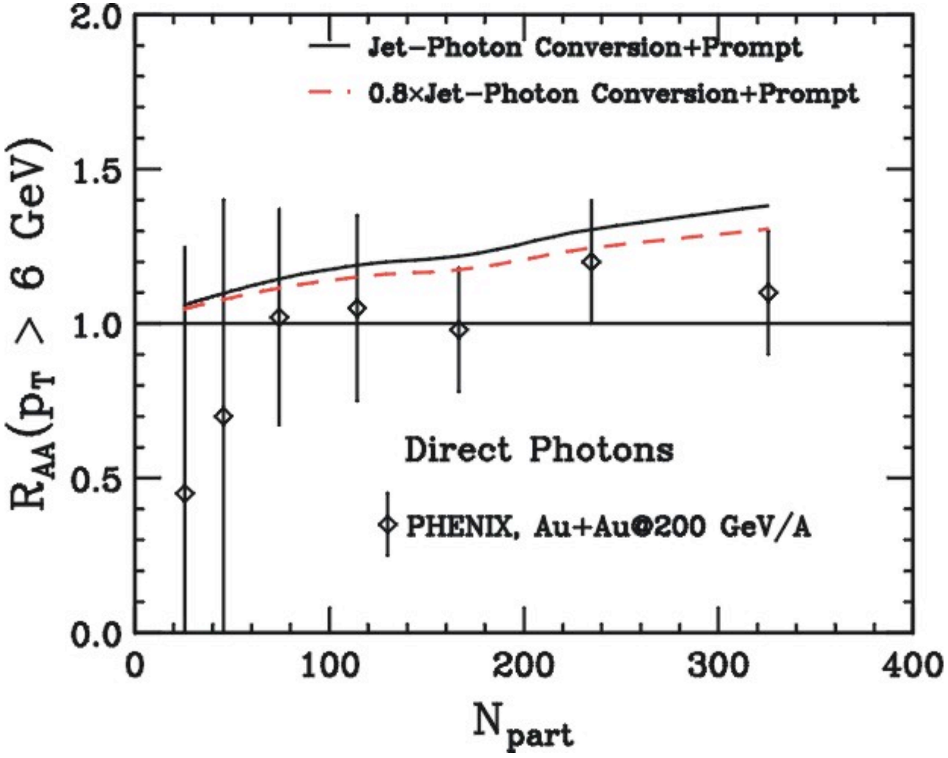


- for p_t<6 GeV, FMS photons give significant contribution to photon spectrum: 50% @ 4 GeV

(Fries, Mueller & Srivastava, ms in preparation)

FMS: Centrality Dependence and Jet-Quenching





- centrality dependence well described
- effect of energy-loss on jets before conversion ~ 20%

(Turbide, Gale, Jeon & Moore: hep-ph/0502248)

Application: Monitoring Jet Quenching

full jet reconstruction not possible at RHIC:

- ✓ Measure suppression of single inclusive hadron spectra (compare to p+p baseline)
- ❖ better: photon-tagged jets (Wang & Sarcevic)
  - q+g → q+γ: recoil photon knows the initial energy of the jet
  - ➢ measure energy loss of quark as a function of quark energy E
- ❖ photons from jet-photon conversion provide a third, independent measurement. (FMS)
  - ➢ better handle on the L dependence of energy loss
  - ➢ jet-photon conversion is background for photon tagged jets

Summary

Photon Production in the PCM:

- Photon yield very sensitive to parton rescattering
- ➢ LPM effect needed for proper description of reaction dynamics
- HBT experimentally challenging, but feasible with high statistics data sets
- ➢ calculable in the framework of PCM and hydro
- ➢ short emission duration in pre-equilibrium phase: small radii at high p_t
- ➢ larger source at later times due to emission of thermal photons

Photon Production via Jet-Medium Interactions:

- jet-photon conversion may contribute up to 50% @ 4 GeV to photon yield
- results compatible with PHENIX data (centrality dependence, R_{AA})
- analogous process for virtual photons: contribution to dilepton production