

# A brief introduction

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# Boulder, CO



University of Colorado  
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Undergrad  
2011-2015



# Boston, MA

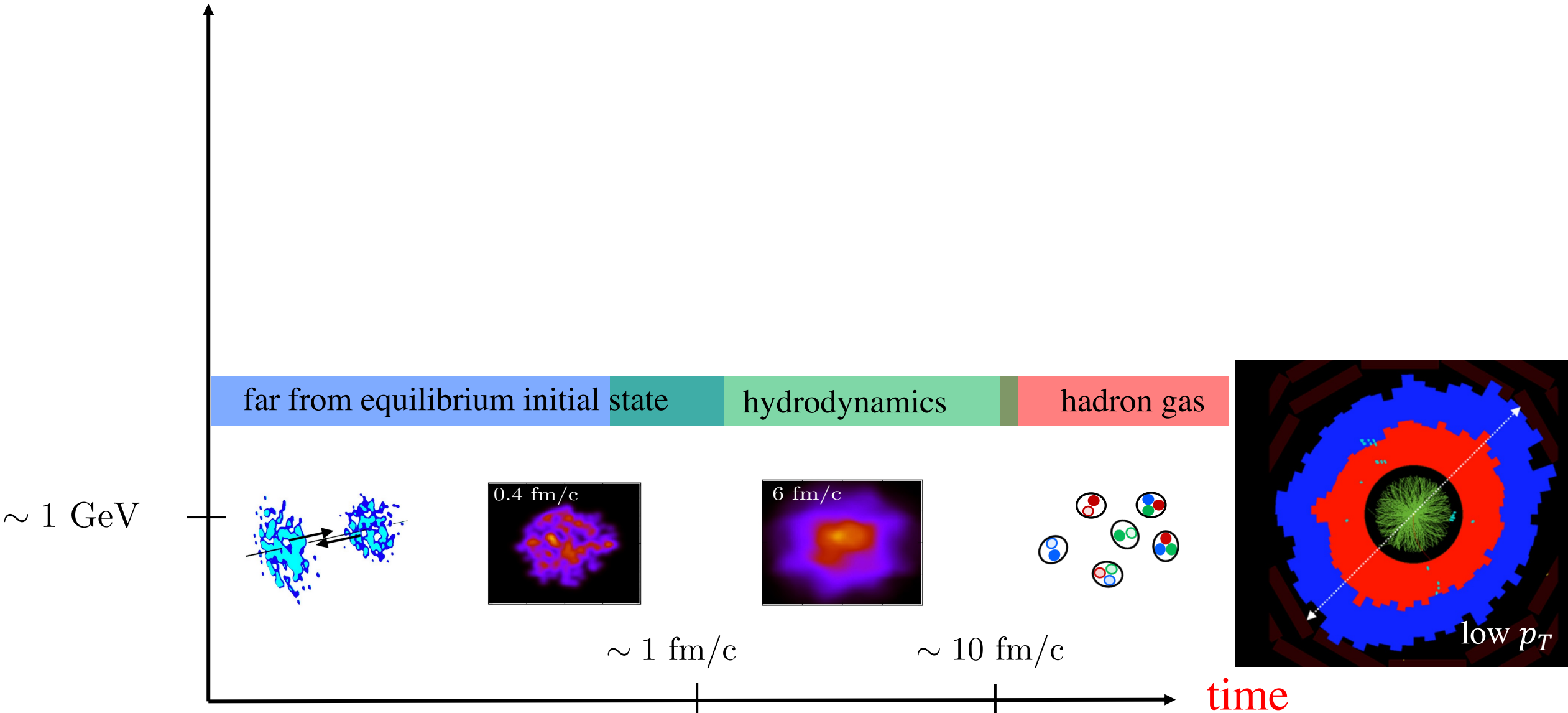


PhD  
2015-2020



# Heavy-ion collisions

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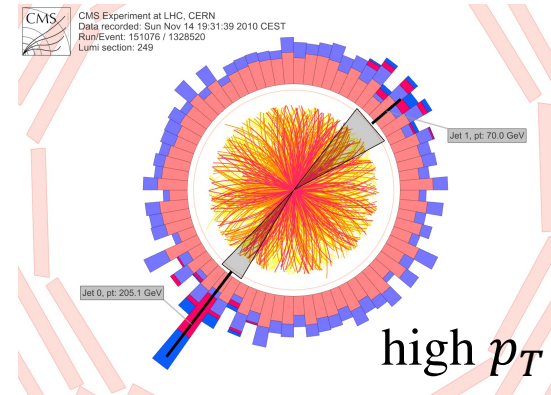


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# Heavy-ion collisions

high energy scatterings

energy loss



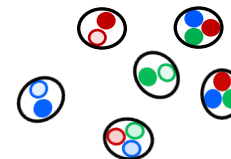
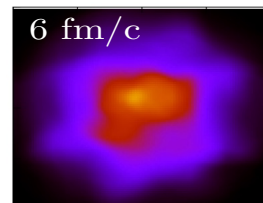
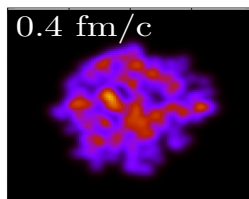
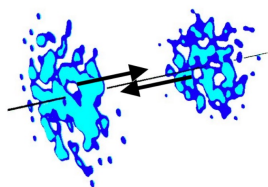
far from equilibrium initial state

hydrodynamics

hadron gas

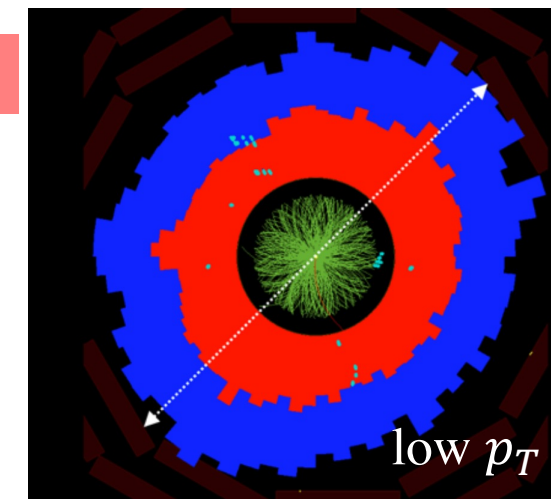
$\sim 100$  GeV

$\sim 1$  GeV



$\sim 1$  fm/c

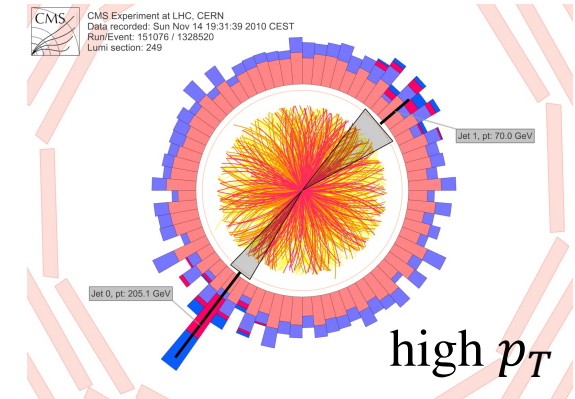
$\sim 10$  fm/c



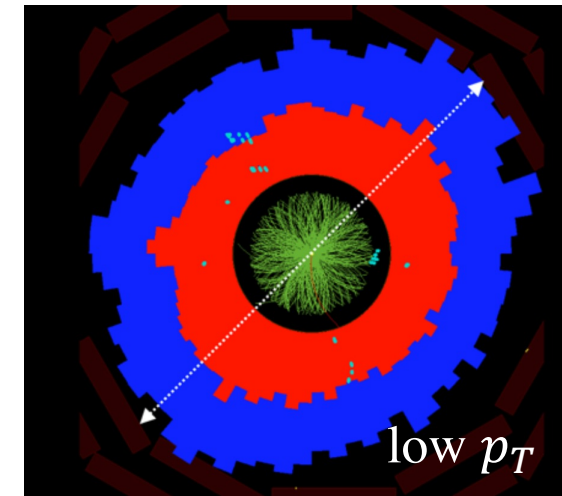
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# Research directions

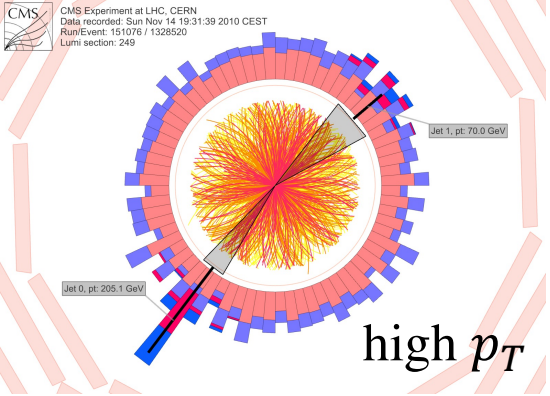
Interpreting jet modification in heavy-ion collisions



Far-from-equilibrium dynamics and thermalization in kinetic theory



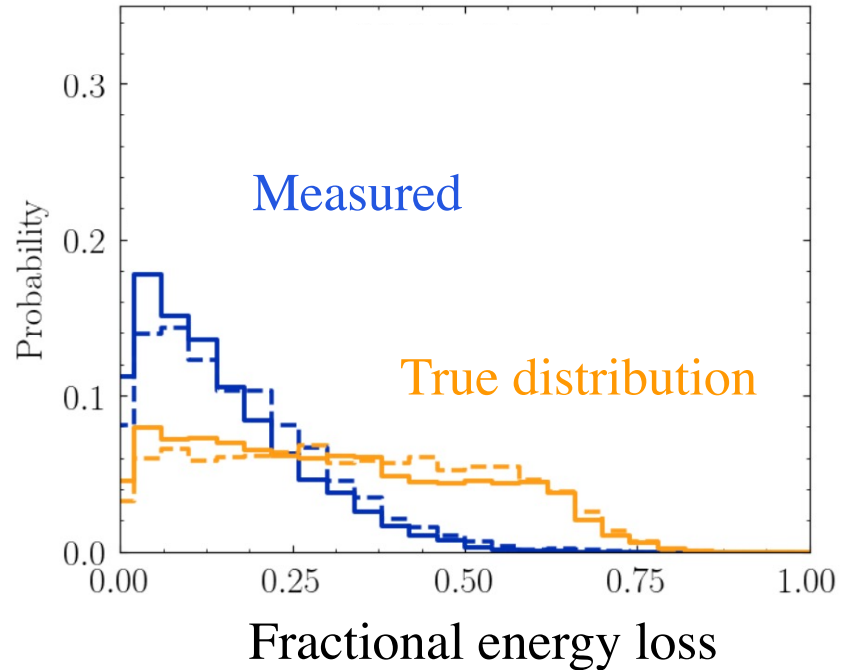
Small collision systems: intersection of quenching and equilibration

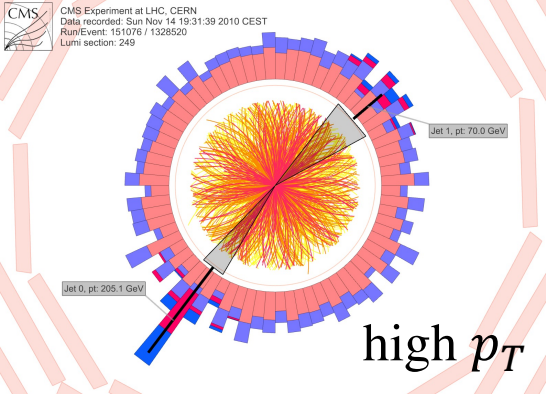


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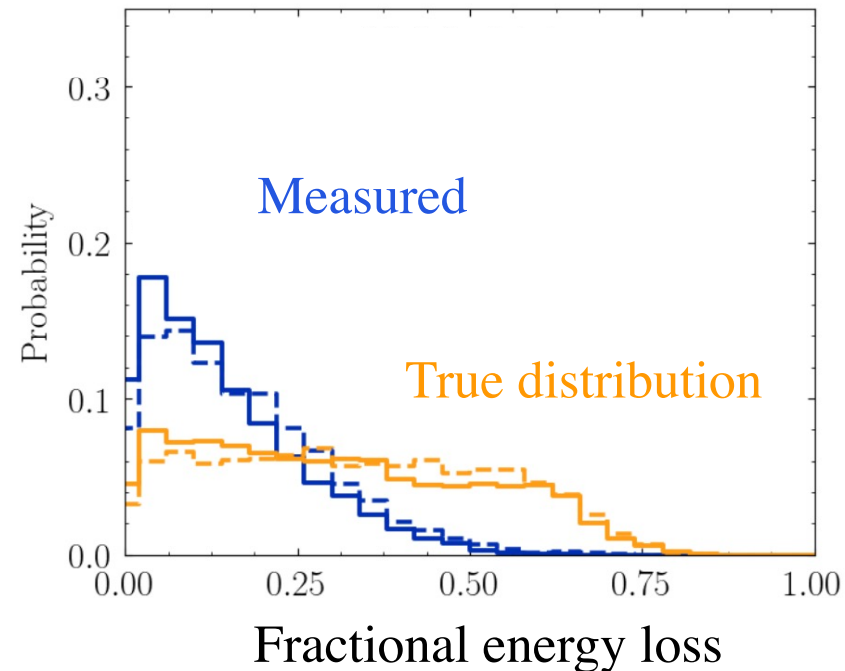
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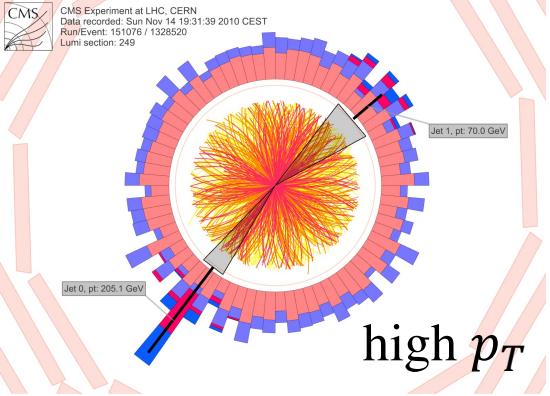
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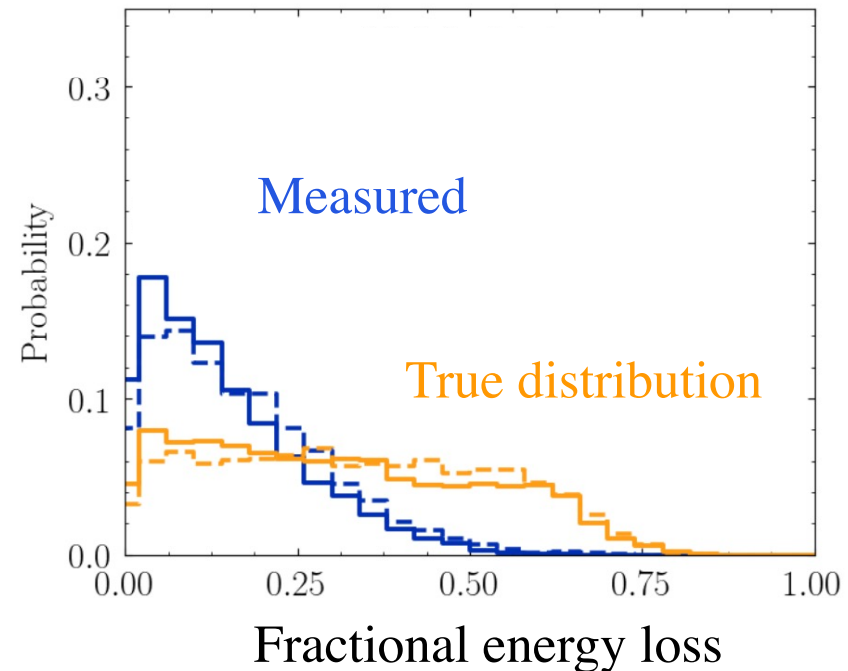




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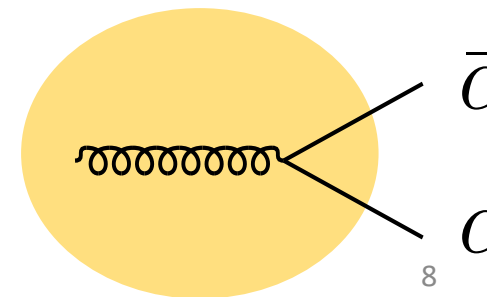
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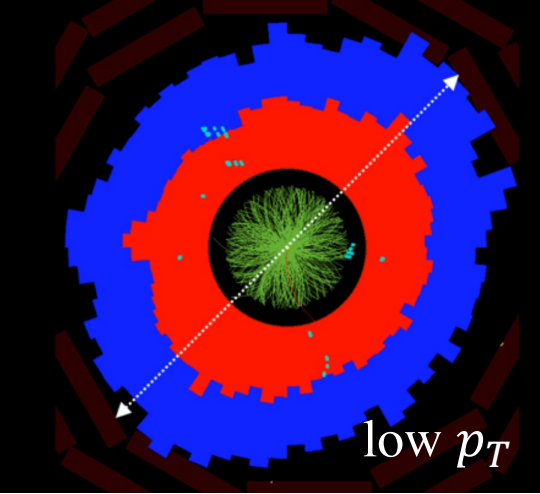
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## Delayed probe of QGP with $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$







far from equilibrium

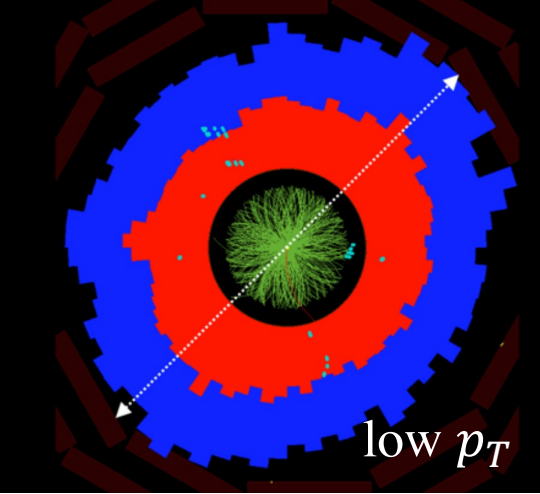
hydrodynamics?

time

kinetic theory

expansion collisions

$$\partial_\tau f - \frac{p_z}{\tau} \partial_{p_z} f = -C[f]$$



far from equilibrium    hydrodynamics?

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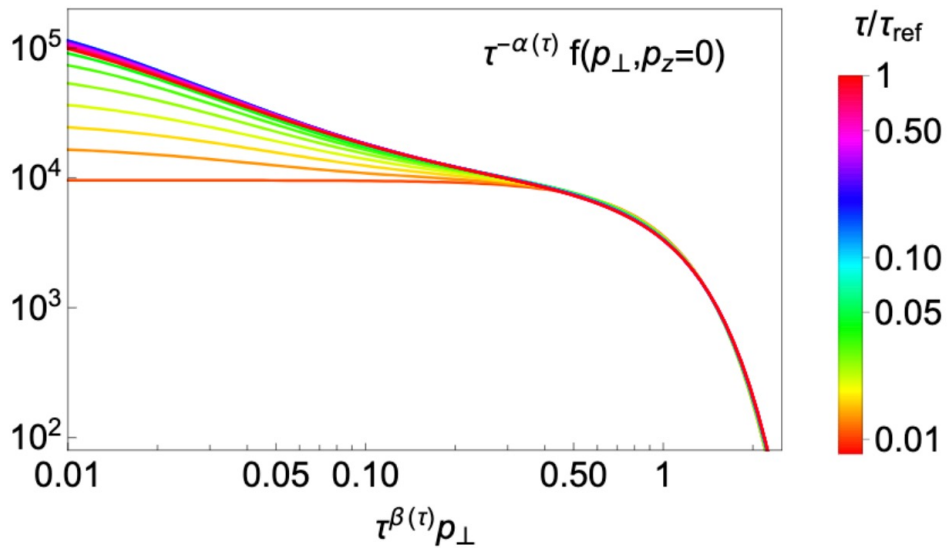
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Far-from-equilibrium scaling of distribution function

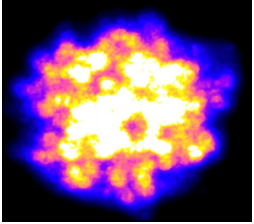
Scaled gluon distribution



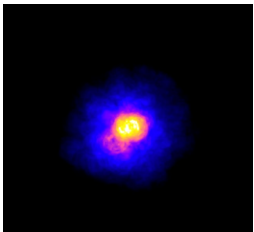
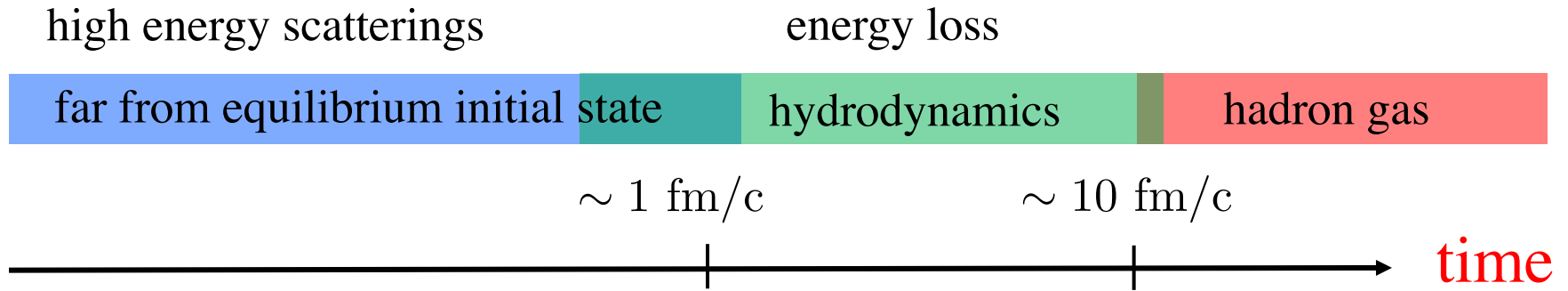
With Bruno Scheiing-Hitschfeld and Yi Yin (*forthcoming*)

Equilibration of momentum-space anisotropy

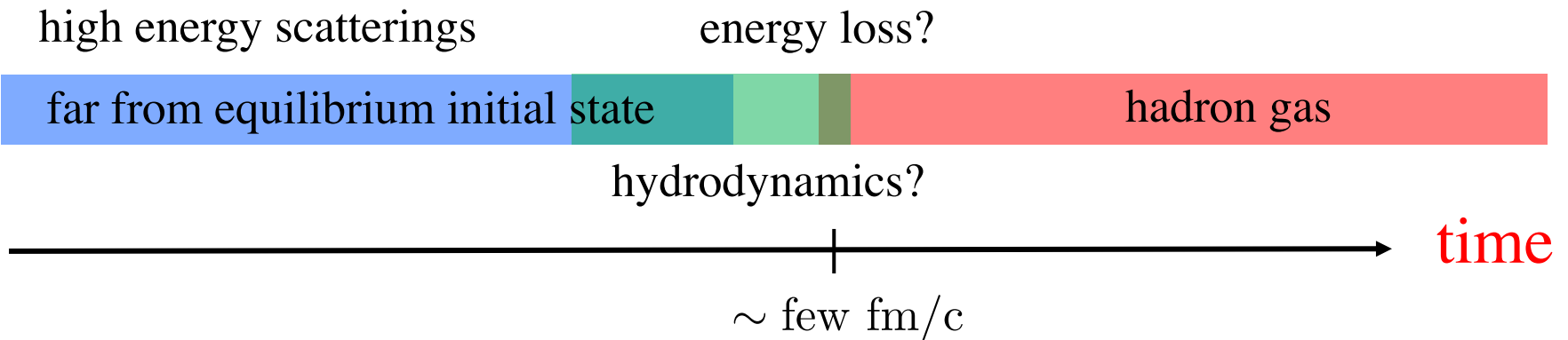
# Pushing our knowledge of heavy-ion physics in smaller systems



## Heavy-ion collisions



## Smaller systems (e.g. p-Pb, O-O)



Intersection of hard and soft sector very important in small systems



With Aleksas Mazeliauskas and Wilke van der Schee  
workshop summary: [2103.01939]

Short run of oxygen planned in LHC  
Run 3

Constructing a pp reference for OO run JB, Huss, Mazeliauskas, van der Schee [2108.13434]

Speculative future directions: interplay of jet quenching and  
equilibration in kinetic theory





## Aleksas Mazeliauskas

Theoretical Physicist

Theoretical Physics Department,  
CERN

## About me

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[AH-lexas ma-zeh-LYOW-skas]

I am a theoretical physicist working on **many-body phenomena** emerging from fundamental interactions of elementary particles.

In my research I connect models of **nuclear, hadronic** and **particle physics** with methods of relativistic hydrodynamics, statistical physics and out-of-equilibrium dynamics to study the **hot and dense nuclear matter** created in high-energy hadron collisions. My work has contributed to a better understanding of fundamental states of matter, thermalisation of isolated quantum systems, and how a fluid-like behaviour emerges from a relatively small number of constituents interacting via the strong force.

I work at [Theoretical Physics department](#) at **CERN**, Switzerland. Previously I was a postdoctoral researcher at **Heidelberg University**, Germany. I had a joint postdoctoral research position in the groups of [Prof. Dr. Jürgen Berges](#) and [Priv.-Doz. Dr. Stefan Floerchinger](#) at the [Institute for Theoretical Physics](#) under the [aleksas.eu](#)

# My route from Lithuania to CERN (via UK, USA and Germany)

2007–2008



Vilnius  
universitetas

2008–2012



UNIVERSITY OF  
CAMBRIDGE

BA+MMath

2012–2017



Stony Brook  
University

PhD

2017–2019

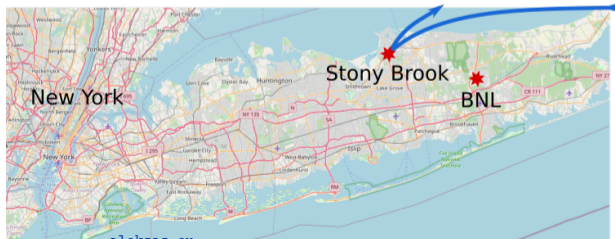


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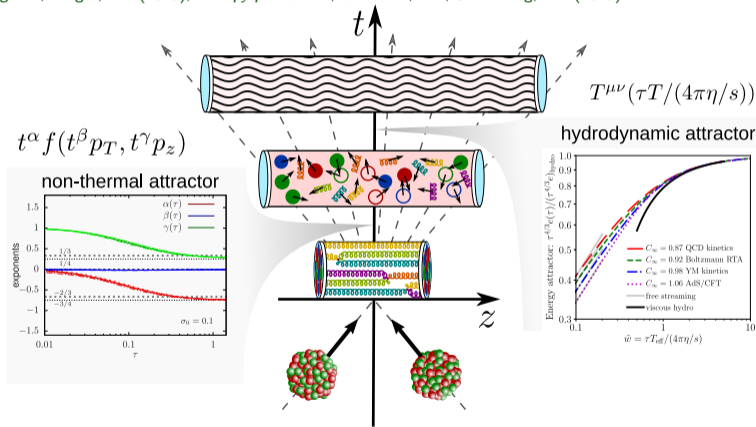
fellow



# QCD thermalization: ab-initio approaches and interdisciplinary connections

Berges, Heller, AM, Venugopalan Rev.Mod.Phys (2021), arXiv:2005.12299

- Effective descriptions of QCD: Classical Yang-Mills, QCD kinetic theory, hydrodynamics
- Simplification of non-equilibrium evolution  $\implies$  attractors  
*pre-scaling AM, Berges, PRL (2019), entropy production, Giacalone, AM, Schlichting, PRL (2019)*



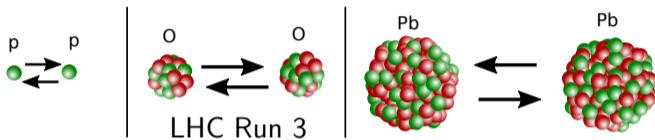
*Significant loss of detail occurs well before thermalization.*



# Light-ion collisions at LHC

Puzzle: many heavy-ion phenomena observed in  $pp$  and  $pPb$  collisions.

New collision system – upcoming special run of oxygen



- Opportunities of OO and  $pO$  collisions at LHC
- 5-day virtual workshop Feb 4-10, 2021.
- Summary document: [arXiv:2103:01939](https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.01939)
- Successful oxygen test at LINAC 3 in May 2021

*The workshop demonstrated the community interest and crystallized open questions and challenges.*

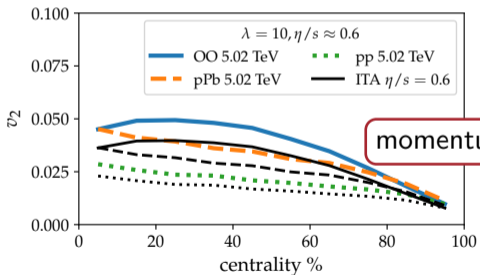
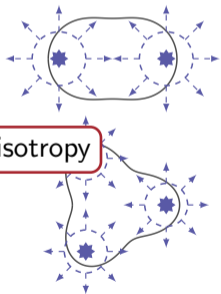
The promotional banner for the "ppOpportunities at the LHC" workshop features two portraits of speakers: a woman on the left and a man on the right. Below the portraits is the event title "ppOpportunities at the LHC" in white text on a blue background. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner, and the event dates and website are listed in the bottom right: "Feb 4-5&8-10, 2021" and "cern.ch/OppOatLHC".

## Collective flow in small collision systems

Describe small droplets of QGP with kinetic theory of quarks and gluons

$$\text{Boltzmann eq.: } \underbrace{\partial_t f + \frac{\mathbf{P}}{|p|} \cdot \nabla f}_{\text{expansion}} = - \underbrace{\mathcal{C}_{2 \leftrightarrow 2}[f] - \mathcal{C}_{1 \leftrightarrow 2}[f]}_{\text{in-medium QCD collisions}}$$

In small collision systems expect only few interactions.



*We estimated elliptic flow generation after single elastic rescattering.*

# Discovering high- $p_T$ parton rescattering in oxygen-oxygen collisions

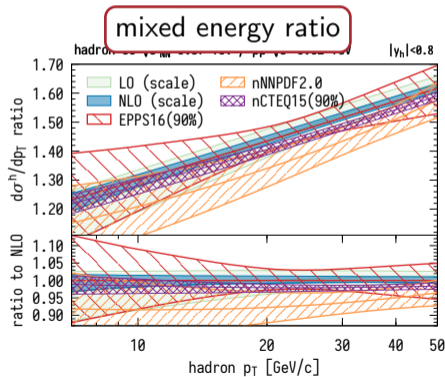
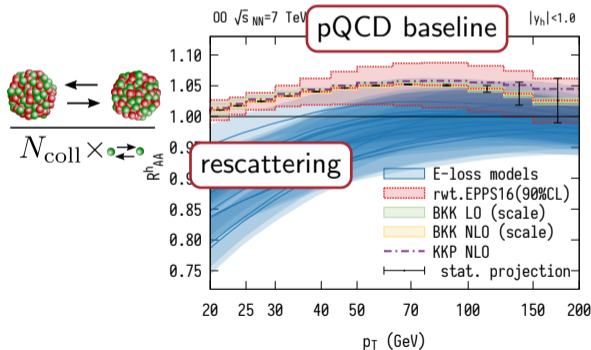
Perturbative QCD spectra modified by secondary scatterings.

- Compare spectra in  $pp$  and  $OO$  at the same collision energy.

Huss, Kurkela, AM, Paatelainen, van der Schee, Wiedemann, (PRL, PRC) 2007.13754, 2007.13758

- Short run  $\Rightarrow$  no  $pp$  reference. Construct  $pp$  spectra or use mixed energy ratio.

Brewer, Huss, AM, van der Schee, 2108.13434



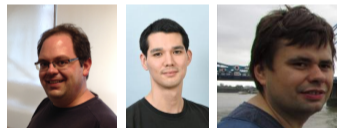
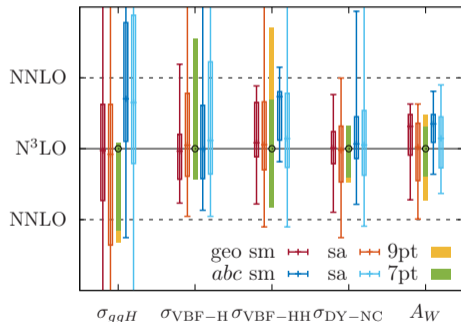
*Discovery of physics beyond pQCD at 100 GeV scale in OO collisions.*

## Estimating uncertainty of the missing high order terms

Given cross-sections  $\Sigma_n$  at LO, NLO, N2LO, ... what is  $\Delta\Sigma_n$ ?

$$abc\text{-model} : \quad -ca^n < \frac{\Sigma_n - \Sigma_{n-1}}{\Sigma_0} - ba^n < ca^n.$$

Perform Bayesian inference of the hidden parameters and estimate  $\Delta\Sigma_n$ .



Duhr, Huss, AM, Szafron JHEP (2021), 2106.04585

*pQCD theory uncertainties with clear statistical interpretation.*

## Summar: LHC phenomenology with $pp$ , heavy and light ions

- Collective flows via single elastic scattering Kurkela, AM, Törnkvist, 2104.08179
- Signals of high- $p_T$  suppression in OO collisions  
TH team: Huss, Kurkela, AM, Paatelainen, van der Schee, Wiedemann, PRL, PRC, 2007.13754, 2007.13758  
TH team: Brewer, Huss, AM, van der Schee, 2108.13434
- Charmed hadron spectra in heavy ion and light ion collisions  
Andronic, Braun-Munzinger, Köhler, Mazeliauskas, Redlich, Stachel, Vislavicius, JHEP (2021), 2104.12754
- Bayesian estimates of missing higher order terms.  
TH team: Duhr, Huss, AM, Szafron JHEP (2021), 2106.04585
- Space-time structure of parton showers (ongoing work with heavy-ion group)
- Other interests: soft pion production,  $\Lambda$  polarization.





# Sohyun Park

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## My path to CERN

2011 - 2012  
Fermilab, USA  
Student Fellow

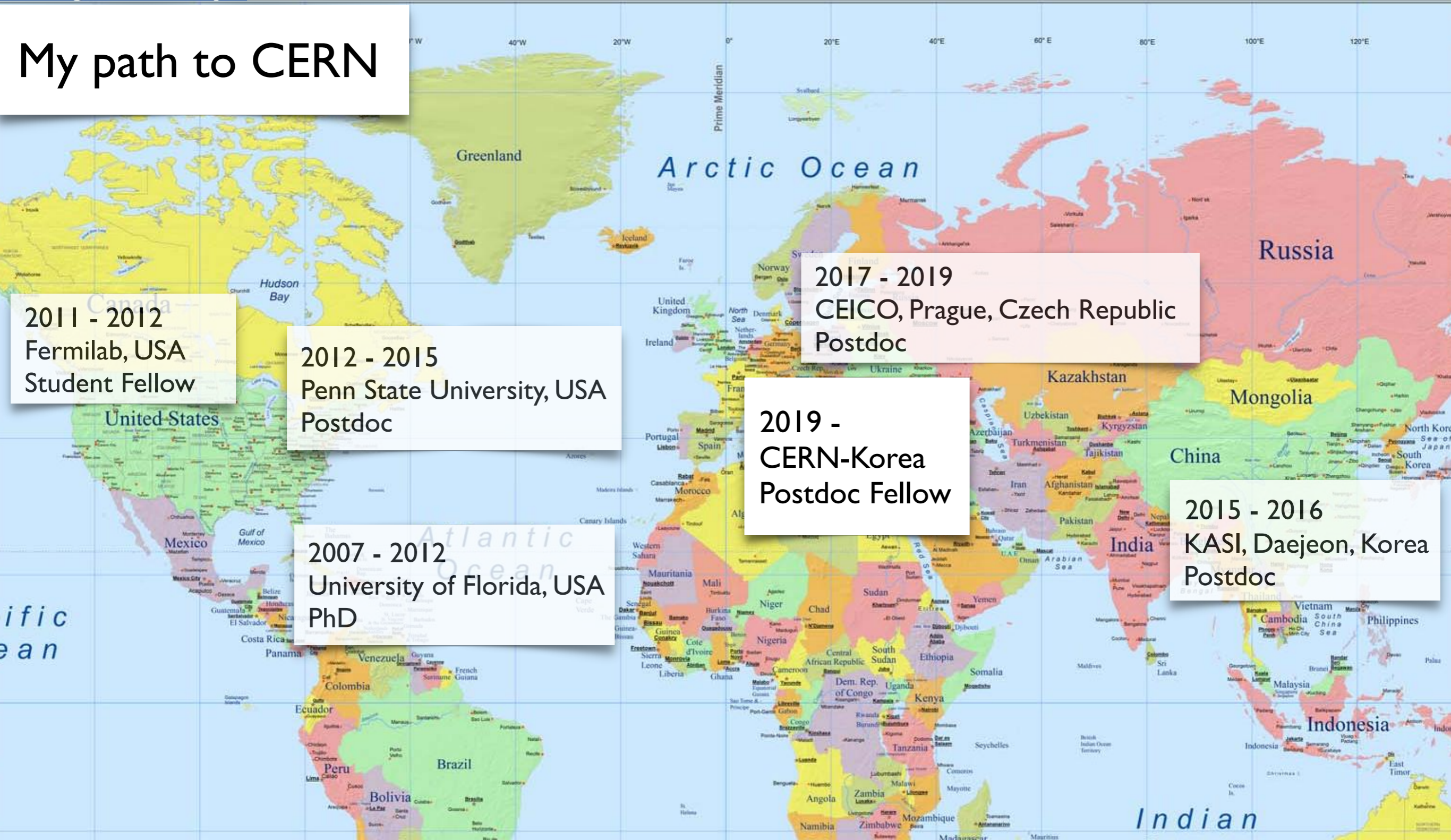
2012 - 2015  
Penn State University, USA  
Postdoc

2007 - 2012  
University of Florida, USA  
PhD

2017 - 2019  
CEICO, Prague, Czech Republic  
Postdoc

2019 -  
CERN-Korea  
Postdoc Fellow

2015 - 2016  
KASI, Daejeon, Korea  
Postdoc



# My past research before joining HI at CERN

## Park, Sohyun



### Fields of interest

Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics

Gravity

Heavy Ion Physics

Quantum Field Theory

## Quantum loop effects during inflation

- How scalars and gravitons interact in de Sitter background?

1101.5804 & 1109.4187 SP, Woodard

1403.0896 Leonard, SP, Prokopec, Woodard

1510.03352 SP, Prokopec, Woodard

1409.7753, 1704.05880, 1708.01831 Boran, Kahya, SP

## Phenomenology of nonlocal gravity

- How structure grows in nonlocal gravity?

1209.0836 & 1310.4329 S. Dodelson, SP 1608.02541 SP, Shafieloo

1711.08759 SP

1901.07832 Amendola, Dirian, Nersisyan, SP

- How GWs propagate in nonlocal gravity?

1811.04647 Chu, SP

- Is the nonlocal model stable (no ghost excitation)?

1809.06841 SP, Woodard

- Is there a bouncing solution in nonlocal gravity?

1905.04557 C. Chen, P. Chen, SP

- How QNMs behave in nonlocal gravity?

2101.06600 C. Chen, SP

# My current research at CERN

## Phenomenology of heavy ion collisions

- Dynamics of light (anti)-nuclei in QCD matter

Jasmine, Aleksas, SP, Urs

- Spatio-temporal ordering of partonic fragmentation in QCD medium

Maximilian, Jasmine, G.M. Innocenti, Aleksas, SP, Wilke, Urs

- Electromagnetic radiation in ALICE-3

“Bremsstrahlung photons from stopping in heavy-ion collisions”

PRC 104, 044903, arXiv:2107.05129 SP and Urs A. Wiedemann



# Bremsstrahlung from stopping

- Pb-ions are  $82+$  → each PbPb collision decelerates a net-charge  $164+$
- Classical Electrodynamics: charge deceleration → **photon bremsstrahlung**
- Why is this interesting?
  - Robust prediction but never measured → experimental challenge  
(could serve to illustrate novel opportunities of a novel detector)
  - Bremsstrahlung sensitive to the degree of **longitudinal stopping**
  - **Longitudinal stopping** determines rapidity distribution of net electric charge  
(complementary access to **longitudinal initial conditions**)

# A detector at RHIC proposed but never realized

- This idea is not new but actually is as old as the field of heavy-ion physics:  
Kapusta 1977; Bjorken and McLerran 1985
- Calculations of classical electromagnetic bremsstrahlung in the late 1990s;  
The effect is measurable; Proposed a detector at RHIC but it was never realized  
Jeon, Kapusta, Chikanian and Sandweiss, 1998

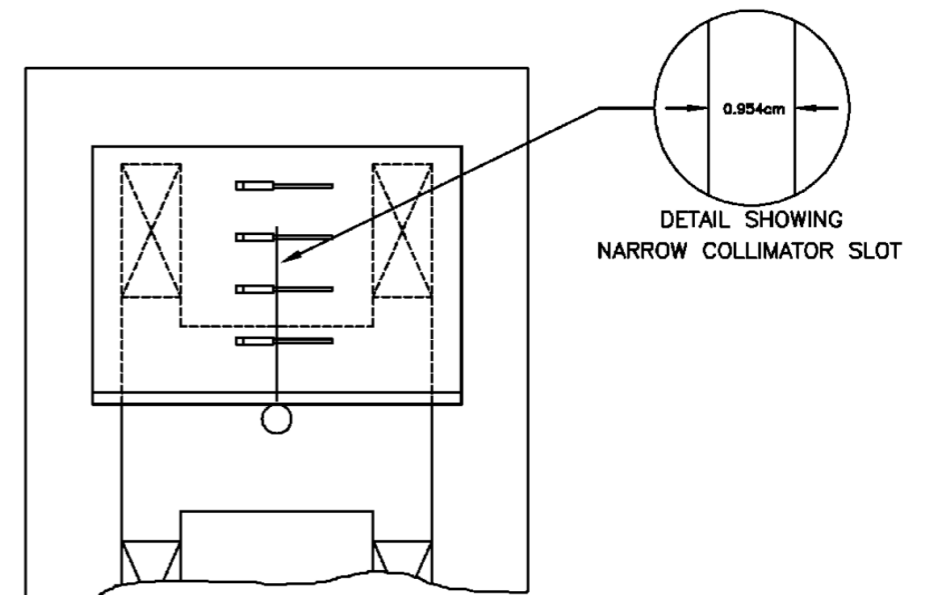
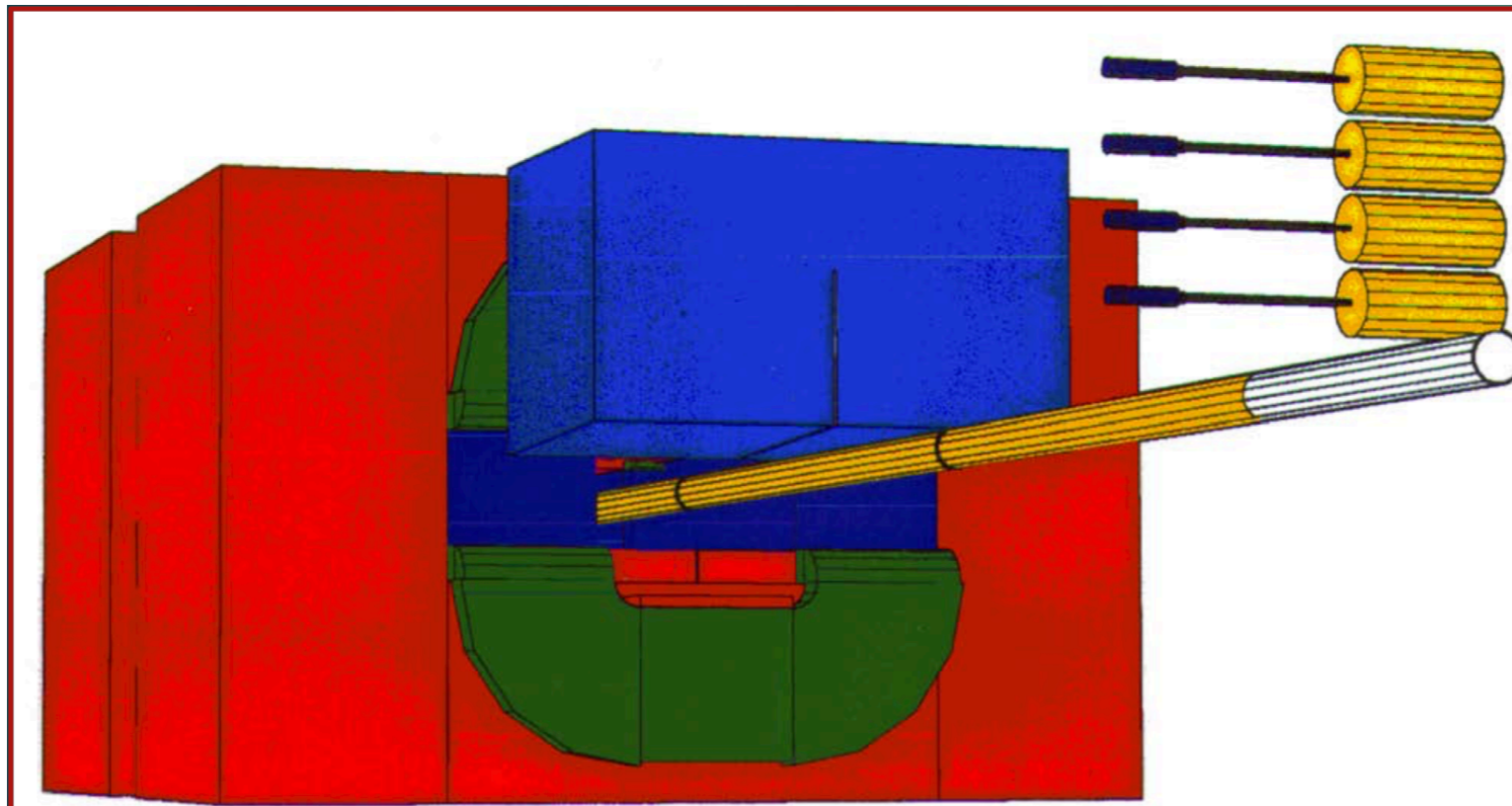


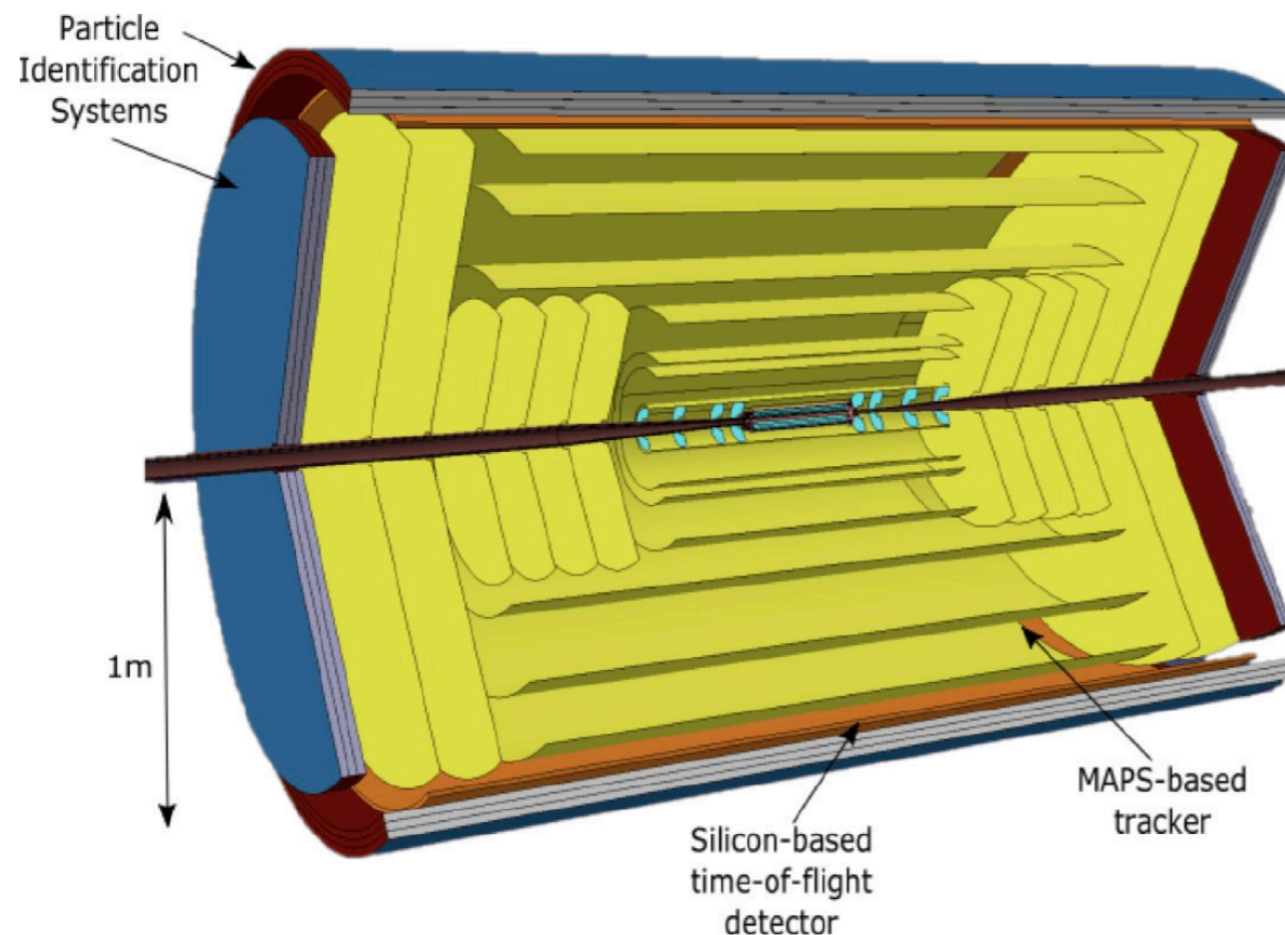
FIG. 7. View of the experiment along the beam, looking back from the detector side.

PRC 58 (1998), 1666  
Jeon, Kapusta, Chikanian and Sandweiss

Image Credit: Jack Sandweiss Memorial by Evan Finch at SQM 2021

# A next-generation LHC heavy-ion experiment 1902.01211

- A next-generation ALICE detector based on ultra-thin silicon technology: ALICE-3
- We adapted RHIC studies of late 90's to the kinematics of LHC.
- We asked: **what acceptance ALICE-3 should have in order to measure bremsstrahlung photons in PbPb @ LHC?**



# Classical bremsstrahlung

- The intensity of photons of energy  $\omega$  in direction  $\mathbf{n}$  from charge current  $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}_+^{(in)} + \mathbf{J}_-^{(in)} + \mathbf{J}^{(out)}$

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = |\mathbf{A}|^2, \quad \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{n}, \omega) = \int dt \int d^3x \mathbf{n} \times (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}, t)) e^{i\omega(t - \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x})}$$

Eq. (14.67) in Jackson, *Classical Electrodynamics* (1998) 3rd ed.

- Incoming current: incoming charges with projectile rapidity  $y_0$  along the beam direction  $z$

$$\mathbf{J}_{\pm}^{(in)}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \pm Z e v_0 \rho_{in}(r) \delta(z \mp v_0 t) \Theta(-t)$$

$\rho_{in}(r)$ : incoming charge density in the transverse plane



$$v_0 = \tanh y_0$$

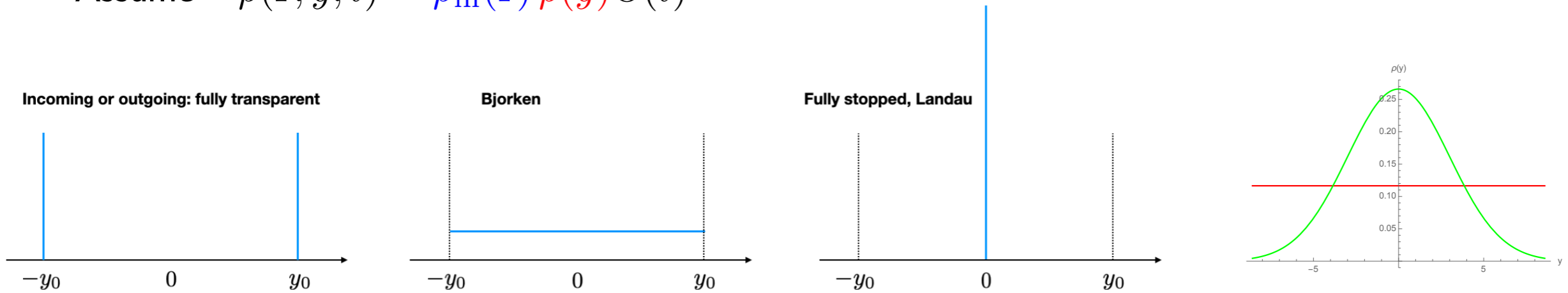
$$y_0 \simeq \ln \left( \frac{\sqrt{s_{NN}}}{m_N} \right)$$

- Outgoing current at shifted velocity  $v(y)$  after collision at time  $t = 0$

$$\mathbf{J}^{(out)}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \Theta(t) \int_{-y_0}^{y_0} \rho(\mathbf{r}, y, t) v(y) \delta(z - v(y)t) dy \quad -v_0 < v(y) = \tanh y < v_0$$

# Modelling the charge-rapidity distribution

- Assume  $\rho(\mathbf{r}, y, t) = \rho_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{r}) \rho(y) \Theta(t)$



- The intensity of photons

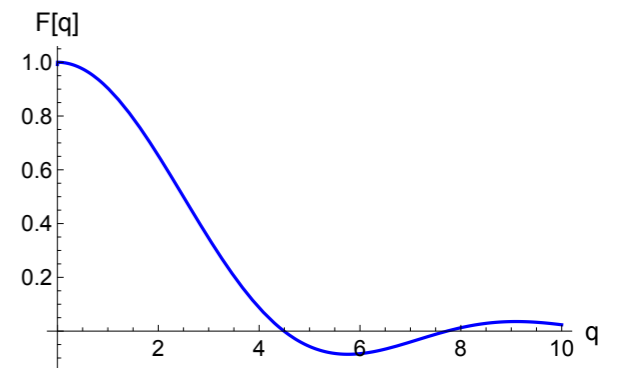
$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha Z^2}{4\pi^2} \sin^2 \theta |F(\omega R \sin \theta)|^2 \left| \left[ \int dy \frac{v(y) \rho(y)}{1 - v(y) \cos \theta} - \frac{2v_0^2 \cos \theta}{1 - v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta} \right] \right|^2$$

Transverse form factor:  $F(\omega R \sin \theta) = \int d^2 r_{\perp} \rho_{\text{in}}(r_{\perp}) e^{-i\omega \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{\perp}} = \frac{3}{q^2} \left( \frac{\sin q}{q} - \cos q \right)$ ,  $q = \omega R \sin \theta$

- Applicability of classical formula

solid sphere

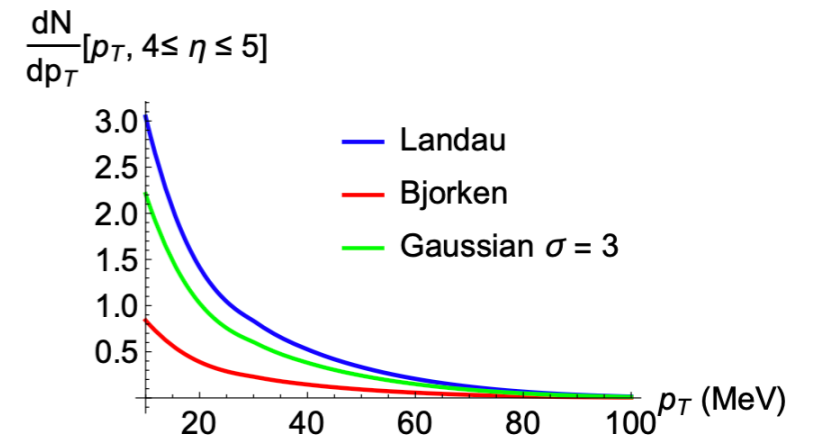
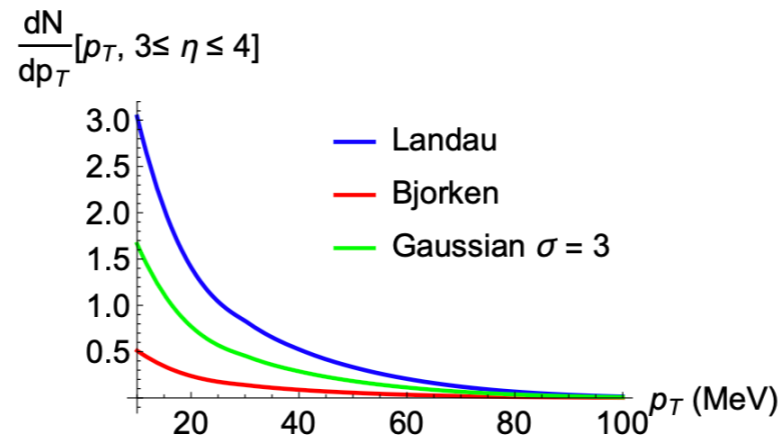
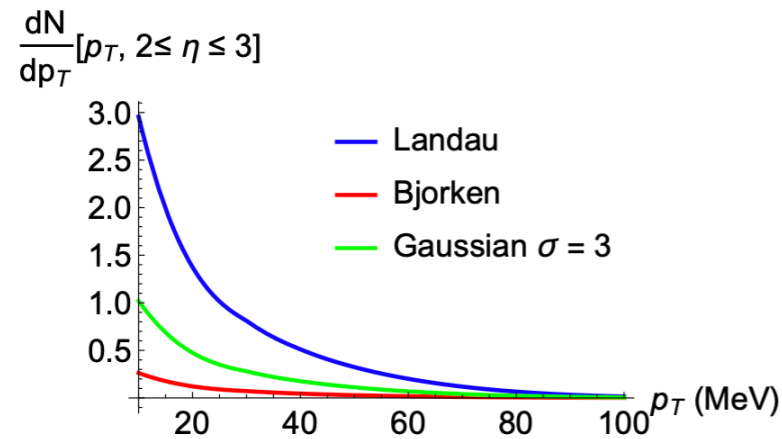
- For soft and collinear photons, i.e.,  $q = \omega R \sin \theta \lesssim 1$   
the transverse profile of the charge distribution is not resolved
- For Lorentz contraction  $\gamma_{\text{LHC}} \approx 2700$   
longitudinal structure is resolved only for photon energies  $1/\omega \gg 0.005 \text{ fm}/c$



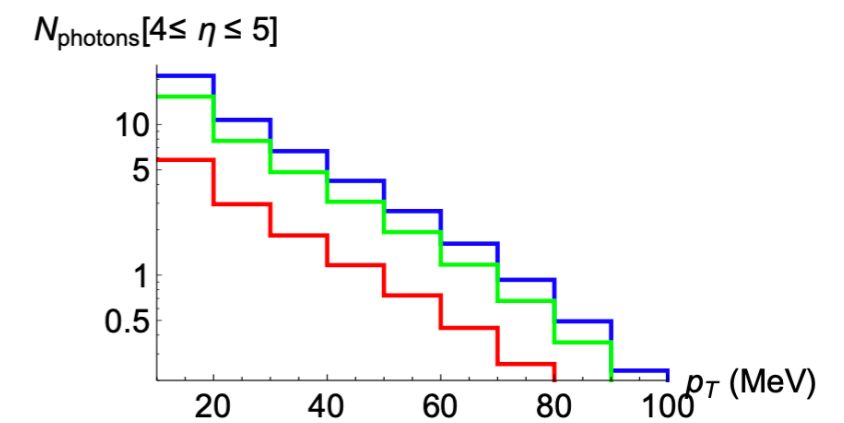
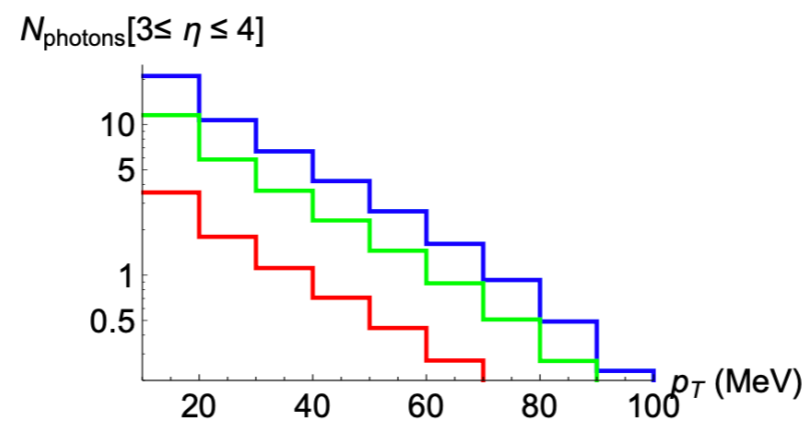
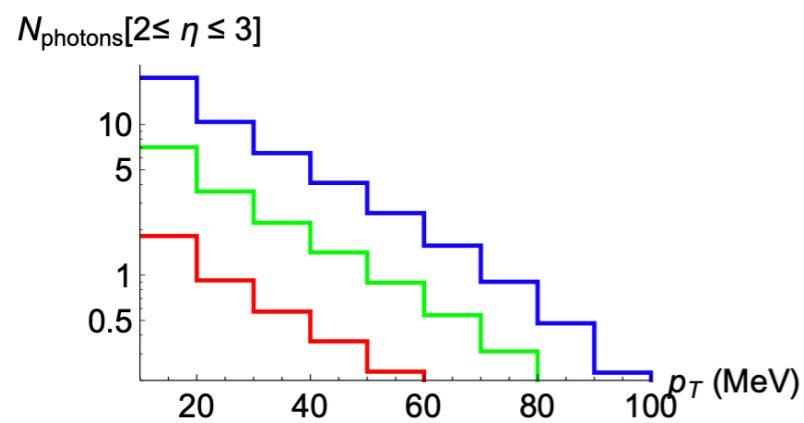
- Classical formula is sufficient for soft/collinear photons that do not resolve internal structure.

# Numerical results: Photon number distribution

- Number of photons radiated per unit phase space  $\frac{d^2 N}{dp_T d\eta} = \frac{1}{p_T \cosh \eta} \frac{d^2 I}{dp_T d\eta}$
- Number spectrum as a function of  $p_T$  in pseudo-rapidity bins



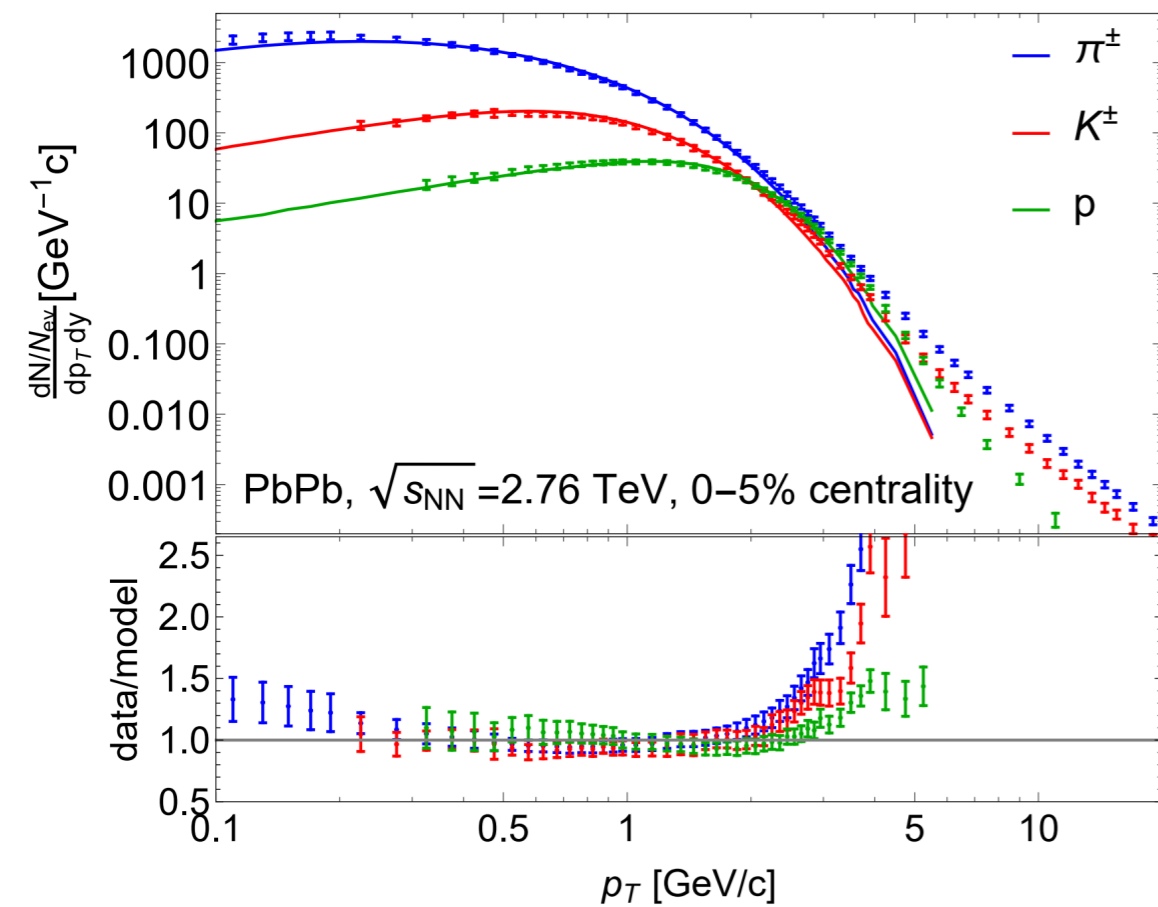
- Number of photons in  $p_T$  bins



# Background photons

- Photons do not come only from electromagnetic bremsstrahlung
- $\pi^0$  decay photons are expected to be the dominant background
- How many? How are they distributed?

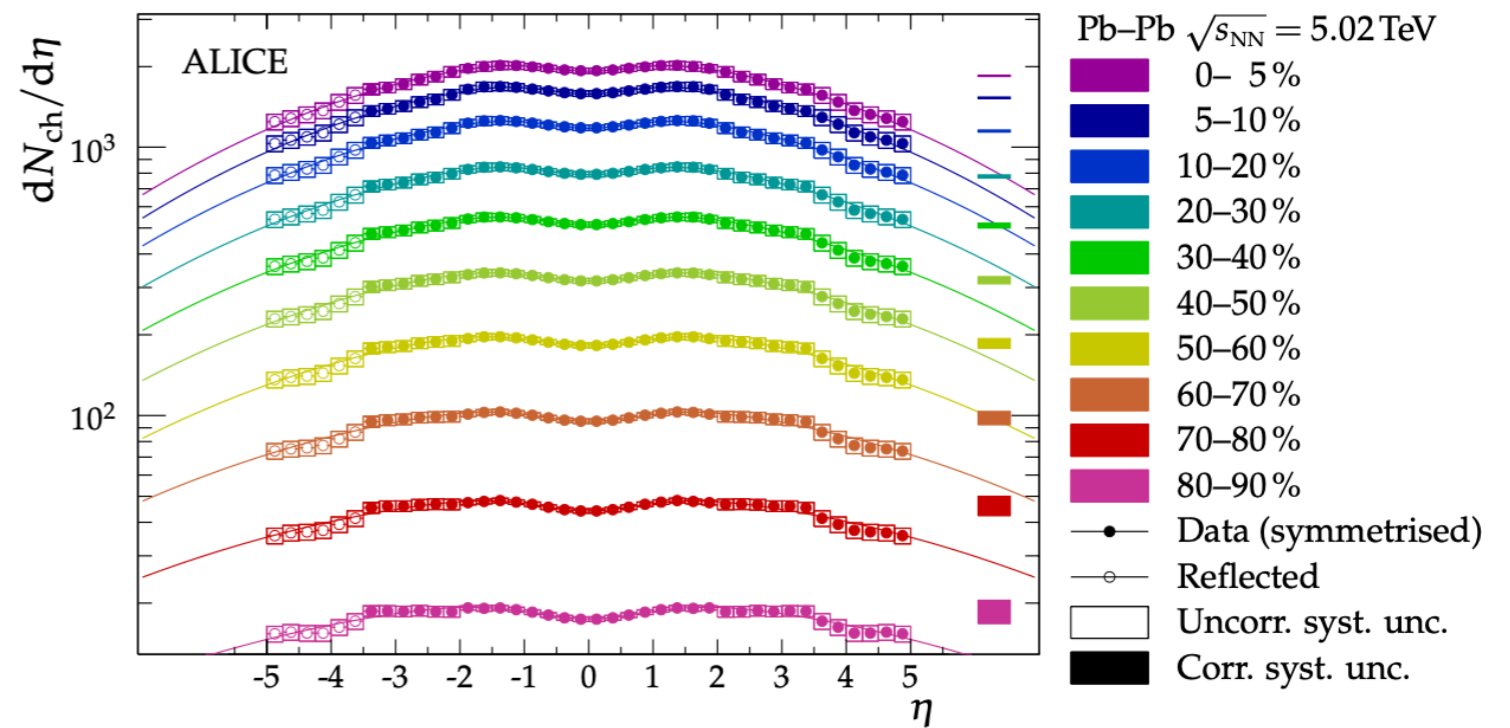
Soft  $\frac{dN^{\pi^0}}{dp_T}$  is flat.



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$$\left. \frac{dN^{\pi^0}}{dp_T d\eta} \right|_{\eta=4} \simeq \frac{500}{\text{GeV}}$$

$$\left. \frac{dN^\gamma}{dp_T d\eta} \right|_{\eta=4} \simeq \frac{1}{\text{MeV}}$$

# Can bremsstrahlung photons be separated from background?

- Signal-to-background

$$0.1 \lesssim \frac{S}{B} \lesssim 1 \quad \text{for } p_T \lesssim 50 \text{ MeV} \quad \text{and} \quad \eta \gtrsim 3$$

- characteristically different  $p_T$  dependence

$$\frac{dN^{\text{bgd}}}{dp_T} \simeq \text{const.} \quad \text{vs} \quad \frac{dN^{\text{brems}}}{dp_T} \propto \frac{1}{p_T}$$

- characteristically different centrality dependence

$$\frac{d^2 N^{\text{bgd}}}{dp_T d\eta} \propto N_{\text{part}} \quad \text{vs} \quad \frac{d^2 N^{\text{brems}}}{dp_T d\eta} \propto Z^2 \propto N_{\text{part}}^2$$



# Conclusion

- ALICE 3 is a new detector to have acceptance at very low- $p_T$  and rather forward rapidity.
- We asked: **what acceptance ALICE-3 should have in order to measure bremsstrahlung photons in PbPb @ LHC?**
- Our answer is:  $\eta \gtrsim 3$   
 $p_T \gtrsim 10 \text{ MeV}$
- Characteristically different  $p_T$  & centrality dependence may help to separate bremsstrahlung photons from background photons.

Thank you for listening!

