

2024 Gertrude Scharff-Goldhaber Prize presented to


Zhiwan Xu

by Brookhaven Women in Science

July 26, 2024


Agenda

11:00 AM → 11:10 AM **Welcome**

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Speakers: Jessica Gasparik (Brookhaven National Lab), Dr Marc-André Pleier (BNL)

11:10 AM → 11:20 AM **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at BNL**


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Speaker: Dr John Hill (Brookhaven National Laboratory)

11:20 AM → 11:30 AM **Memories of Gertrude Scharff-Goldhaber**

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Speakers: Prof. David Goldhaber (Stanford University), Dr Michael H. Goldhaber

 Michael H. Goldhab...

11:35 AM → 11:55 AM **Search for the Chiral Magnetic Effect from RHIC Beam Energy Scan-II data with STAR**

🕒 20m 

Parity (left-right) symmetry violation in the weak interaction was discovered in 1956, winning the Nobel Prize in 1957. However, parity violation in strong interactions remains undiscovered. The strong interaction describes how quarks, fundamental constituents of matter, are bound together by gluons. Gluons, carrying color charges, can also interact with each other, causing an imbalance in the chirality (handedness) of quarks, known as chirogenesis. This phenomenon is analogous to baryogenesis (production of matter (baryons)) in the early universe, to which we owe our own existence. At the Relativistic Heavy-ion Collider (RHIC) at Brookhaven National Laboratory, a new state of matter is created known as Quark-Gluon-Plasma, where quarks and gluons are unbound. The collisions at RHIC also generate the most powerful magnetic fields on earth, providing an opportunity to study chirogenesis through the Chiral Magnetic Effect (CME). The Beam Energy Scan (BES) program at RHIC explores a variety of magnetic field conditions in terms of strength and decay time length. Scientists aim to detect CME-induced electric charge separation using the STAR detector, employing innovative methods to minimize background. We will present the findings of charge separation at BES-II in search for this local parity and charge-parity violation in strong interactions.

Speaker: Dr Zhiwan Xu (University of California, Los Angeles)

About BWIS



- ❖ Brookhaven Women in Science (BWIS) is a diverse and inclusive community that promotes equal opportunity and advancement for all women in support of world-class science.
- ❖ We sponsor workshops, speaker series, scholarship and award ceremonies, and networking events.
- ❖ We contribute to the community by working with schools, community groups, and organizations to support education in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), and professional development.



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- ❖ first woman PhD to be hired by BNL in 1950.
- ❖ started the Brookhaven Lecture series in 1960
- ❖ founding member of BWIS in 1979
- ❖ “The vicious cycle which was originally created by the overt exclusion of women from mathematics and science must be broken... [I]t is of the utmost importance to give a girl at a very early age the conviction that girls are capable of becoming scientists.”

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- ❖ Robert Park (APS): “One of the great women pioneers in what was an almost exclusively male profession. ... An inspiration to generations of women in physics, she was only the third female physicist elected to the National Academy of Sciences.”

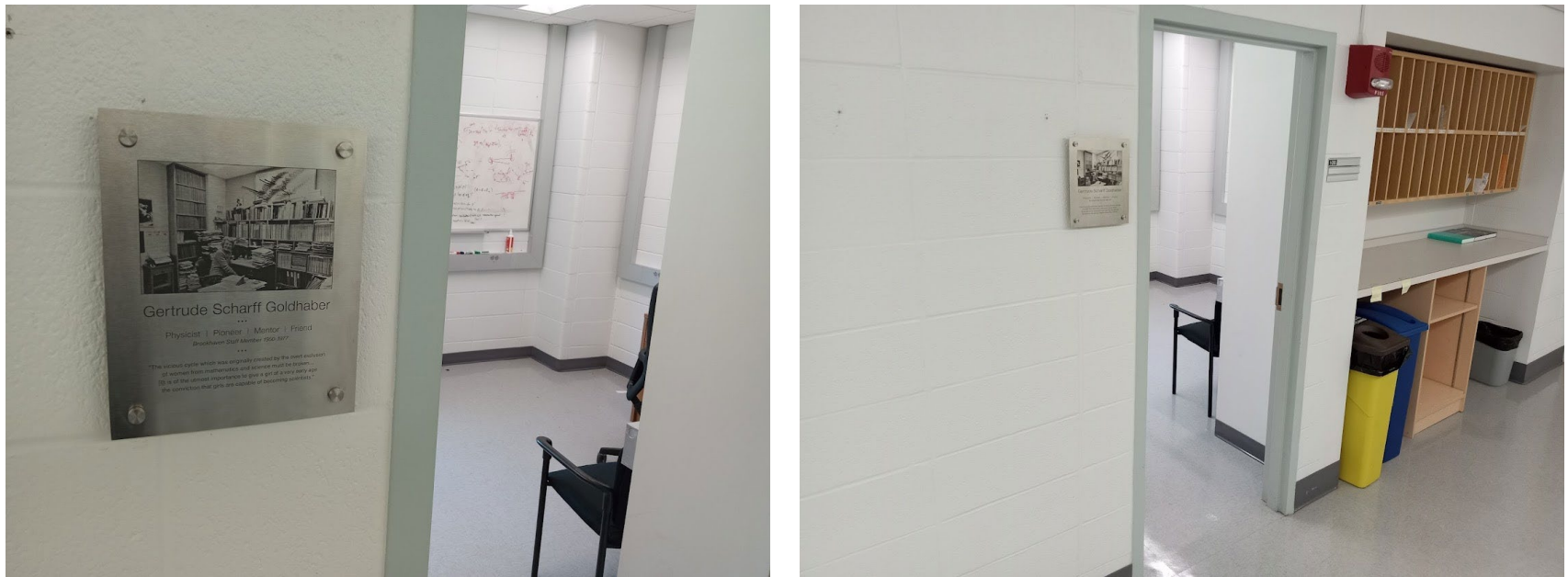
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- ❖ Peter Bond: “Trudy Goldhaber made important contributions to science, but she also made strong contributions to the Lab as a whole, to women in science and to education. She made the Lab a better place.”

Commemorative Plaque

- ❖ Gertrude Scharff-Goldhaber plaque installed in B510 next to her old office (1-200):



- ❖ Thanks for the support by Brookhaven Women in Science, the Nuclear & Particle Physics Directorate & the Physics Department!

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BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY

Mary White Heads Labwide Training Effort

To ensure that all employees are appropriately trained in accordance with a new Lab training policy, the BNL Training Office has been established — headed by Mary White, Personnel Division.

As explained by BNL Director Nicholas Samios, the office was created "as part of our commitment to the Tiger Team to establish standards for the Laboratory's training program."

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Tiger Team visited BNL in 1990 during DOE's assessments of the national laboratories' compliance with applicable environmental, safety and health regulations. It recommended a more consistent Labwide approach to training. Thus, the new office will put a new BNL training policy into effect.

This policy, together with standards and guidelines for training, was the recommendation of an 18-person task force, which reported to BNL Deputy Director Martin Blume and included representatives of management, existing training functions, and environmental safety and health coordinators. The task force's proposals, the result of several months of work, were tried out on a small scale in the Alternating Gradient Synchrotron Department (AGS), which was chosen for this purpose because it had already developed a training plan.

Following a successful pilot program in the AGS, the BNL Training Office was established. Its responsibilities, as announced in Samios' January memo to department and division managers, include: establishing training standards and seeing that they are carried out; coordinating preparation of department and division training plans; setting up and maintaining a Labwide training database; assisting department training coordinators in the design

and development of training courses; and evaluating and reporting on the Lab's progress toward achieving a documented, performance-based training program.

"To establish the training program on these lines is an tremendous undertaking," said White, "but once it is in place, there will be many advantages. Labwide coordination will avoid duplication of effort and provide consistency of documentation. Many departments and divisions are already delivering excellent training to employees, but without consistent documentation,

the Lab does not always get credit for these efforts.

"I feel strongly, however," continued White, "that it is very important to recognize the diversity of the Lab. Within our policy there is flexibility to accommodate differences in how departments accomplish the common goal. For example, as training procedures are proposed, we will ask for input as to how they might work in practical application. Of course, there must be a minimum level of consistency in order to have an effective database."

As White sees it, one of her first



Mary White, Training Office Manager, meets with Management Oversight Committee members: (standing, from left) Gerald Klane, Associate Director for Reactor, Safety & Security; Robert D'Angio, Personnel Division Manager; Richard Spellman, Central Shops Division Manager; (seated, from left) Chemistry Department Chairman Norman Sutin and BNL Deputy Director Martin Blume. Not present is Mark Sakitt, Assistant Director for Planning & Policy.

Feldberg Honored for Research

Senior Chemist Stephen Feldberg, who heads the Chemical Sciences Division (CS3) in the Department of Applied Science (DAS), was awarded this year's Charles N. Reilly Memorial Award for Electroanalytical Chemistry.

The award was presented to Feldberg in the form of a plaque and a \$1,500 honorarium by the Society of Electroanalytical Chemistry on March 11, at an award symposium during its annual Pittsburgh Conference and Exposition on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy in New Orleans. Recognizing an active researcher who has made a major contribution to the theory,

instrumentation or applications of electroanalysis, the Reilly Award award is supported by BAS, Inc.

Electrochemistry deals with the physical chemical changes accompanying the passage of an electric current through a solution. In electroanalytical chemistry, electrochemical measurements are used to analyze and describe the behavior of various chemical systems.

Feldberg was cited for "persistently novel insights [in] electrochemical processes [that] have benefited [his] many colleagues around the world." In addition, it was noted, his "nomination was supported by an unusually wide spectrum of [his] colleagues and was indicative of their appreciation of [his] pioneering role and the influence of [his] outstanding collaborations over the breadth of electrochemistry."

As his major contribution to electroanalytical chemistry, Feldberg was recognized for using what are called finite-difference equations to solve previously intractable problems evolving from complex interaction of electron transfer, mass transport and chemical reactions.

Prior to his work, "Many problems of interest were being oversimplified to make them mathematically tractable," explains Feldberg. "Now, because these numerical methods are reasonably user-friendly, people



Stephen Feldberg

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Women's History Month Salute

Mary White is only one of the 852 women who today make up nearly one-quarter of BNL's work force of 3,400. She is also representative of approximately 500 Brookhaven women in management, administrative, clerical or supervisory positions.

Said Women's Program Coordinator Virginia Brown, "The business of the Laboratory is science, but our scientists, engineers and others on the research and development staff need administrative support to accomplish research objectives. Because, at BNL, there is a relatively large proportion of women performing many aspects of administrative support, it is appropriate for BNL to salute their accomplishments as part of the 1992 observance of Women's History Month."

At the Laboratory, administrative support specialists range from administrative division managers, accountants and budget analysts to secretaries, office services assistants and administrative assistants.

It is to establish strong links with each department and division through the designated training coordinator who will be the liaison with the Training Office.

"I think the key to a good Labwide program is participation at the working level," said White. "I am soliciting ideas from training coordinators so that they may develop workable departmental training plans. The Training Office will provide hands-on assistance, especially in the beginning stages, to help training coordinators get started."

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New Women's Physics Prize Honors Gertrude Goldhaber

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Any member of the BNL staff or the faculty in Stony Brook's Physics Department may nominate candidates for this prize. The nomination deadline is May 8, 1992, and the award receipt will be announced by mid-June.

For more information on nominations or to make a contribution to the prize fund, contact BWIS Goldhaber Prize, P.O. Box 183, Upton NY 11973, or call Vicki McLane, Ext. 5205.



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1992 First Prize Recipient

July 17 1992

First Goldhaber Prize Awarded

Xiaodong Zhang, a BNL guest junior research associate who has just completed her third year as a physics graduate student at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, has been selected by Brookhaven Women in Science (BWIS) as the first winner of the new Gertrude S. Goldhaber Prize in physics.

Zhang was nominated for the \$500 prize by Janos Kirz, a professor of physics at Stony Brook who conducts research at BNL's National Synchrotron Light Source (NSLS) on x-ray microscopy, a technique for producing images of biological specimens. Zhang began working with Kirz's NSLS group after completing her first year of graduate school. As Kirz wrote, "It took her very little time to learn enough to become an important contributor."

Among Zhang's accomplishments, Kirz cited the deconvolution of the point spread function from the



Roger Stoutenburg

Xiaodong Zhang at x-ray microscopy beam line X1A, at the NSLS.

First Gertrude S. Goldhaber Prize Presented

Xiaodong Zhang (left), a graduate student in physics at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and a guest junior research associate at BNL, was awarded the first \$500 Gertrude S. Goldhaber Prize in Physics on October 1.

Presented by Brookhaven Women in Science (BWIS), the award honors Gertrude Scharff-Goldhaber (second from right). Now a collaborator in the Physics Department, the noted nuclear physicist was a founding member of BWIS and has long been a champion of education and opportunities for women in science. She was also the first woman Ph.D. to be hired at Brookhaven, when she and her husband, former BNL Director Maurice Goldhaber (right), AUI Distinguished Scientist emeritus, came to the Lab in 1950.

Their son, Alfred Goldhaber (second from left), is with Stony Brook's Physics Department. He presented the award to Zhang just before she gave a seminar on her research in scanning soft x-ray microscopy.



Roger Stoutenburg



Oct. 1st 1992

1992 First Prize Recipient

Imperial College
London

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PROFESSOR XIAODONG ZHANG

/// Faculty of Medicine, Department of Medicine

Professor of Macromolecular Structure and Function

■ SUMMARY

■ MINI CV

- 1988 - B.Sc. in Physics, Peking University, China
- 1995 - Ph.D. in Physics, SUNY @ Stony Brook, USA
- 1995 - 1997 postdoctoral fellow, Harvard University

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			2006	Enju Lima	SBU
2023	Xiaofeng Wang	Shandong	2005	Anne Sickles	SBU
2022	Jiayi Chen	Brandeis	2004	Mirna Lerotic	SBU
2021	Yanzhu Chen	SBU	2003	Lilia Anguelova	SBU
2020	Rebekah Pestes	Virginia Tech	2003	Carola Berger	SBU
2019	Brooke Russell	Yale	2002	Yiing-Rei Chen	SBU
2018	Minjung Kim	Seoul NU	2001	Jane Burward-Hoy	SBU
2017	Anna Gura	SBU	2001	Irina Mocioiu	SBU
2016	Kathryn Meehan	UC Davis	2001	Rebecca Christianson	MIT
2015	Fen Guan	SBU	2000	Diana Vaman	SBU
2014	Li Yi	Purdue	1999	Angelika Osanna	SBU
2013	Sara Callori	SBU	1998	Shan-Ho Tsai	SBU
2012	Marija Kotur	SBU	1998	Mary Josephine Bellanca	SBU
2011	Megan Connors	SBU	1997	<i>N.N.</i>	<i>N.N.</i>
2010	Johanna Nelson	SBU	1996	Q. Joan Harris	MIT
2009	Na Li	CCNU	1995	<i>N.N.</i>	<i>N.N.</i>
2008	Christine Nattrass	Yale	1994	Fang Shu	SBU
2007	Manuela Kulaxizi	SBU	1992	Xiaodong Zhang	SBU

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2018	Minjung Kim	Seoul NU	2001	Edward-Hoy	SBU
2017	Anna Gura	SBU	2000	Ana Mocioiu	SBU
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Still in academia: ≥63%; in tenure (track) position: ≥56%



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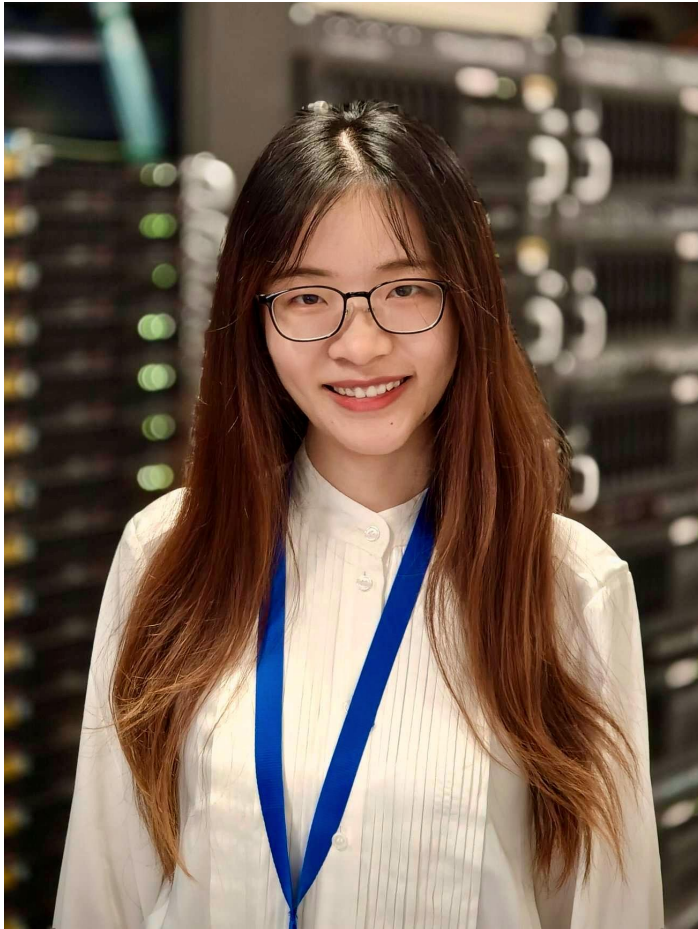


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2014-2018 B.S. Fudan University

2018-2024 Ph.D. in Physics, UCLA

2024-now Postdoc, Los Alamos National Lab

“My curiosity of about the basic entities of matter and the origin of our universe led me on a journey to the cutting-edge research at the Brookhaven National Lab, where we focus on studying the fascinating world of particles and fundamental forces that shape everything around us.”

“Stay hungry. Stay foolish.”

— Steve Jobs 2005

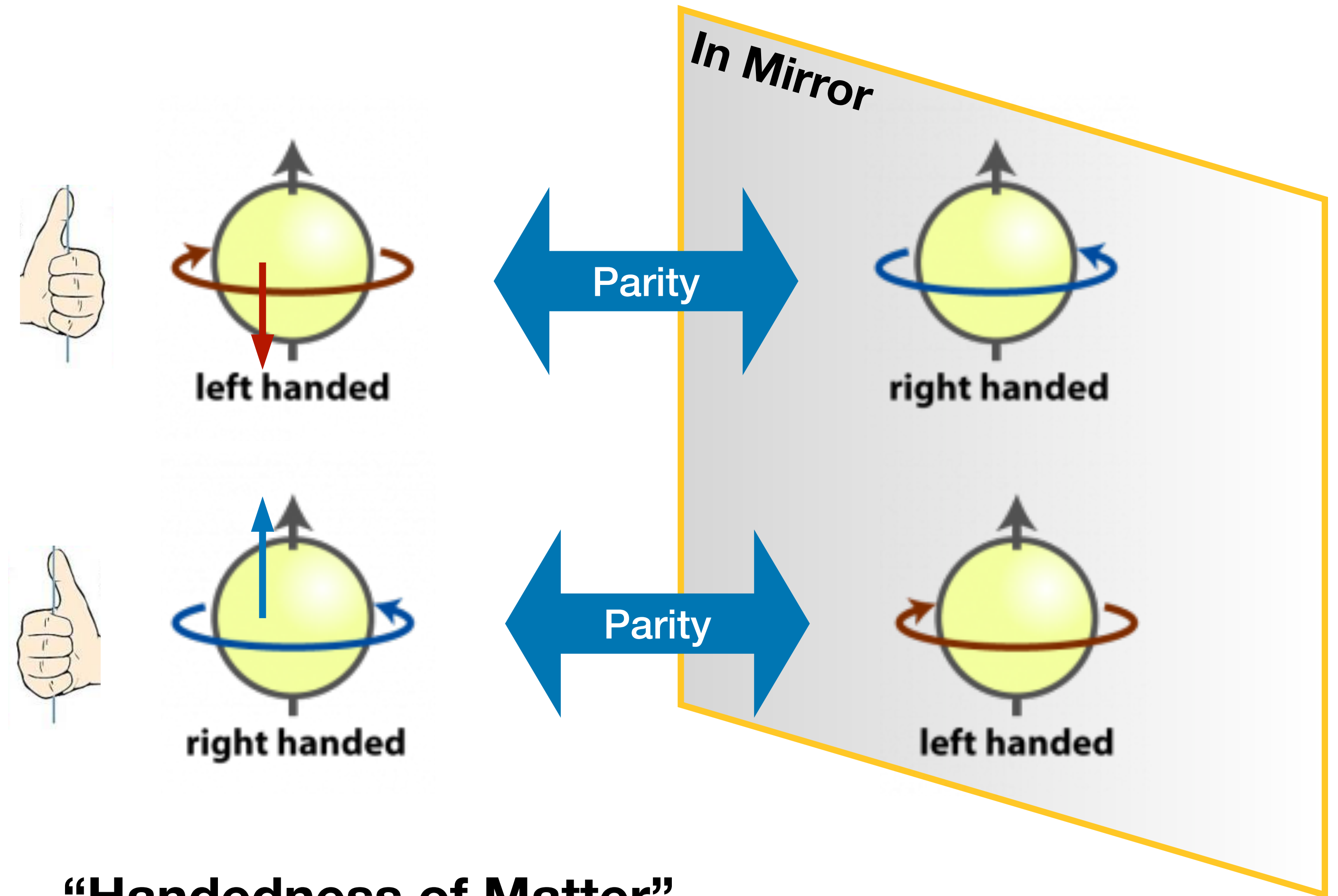
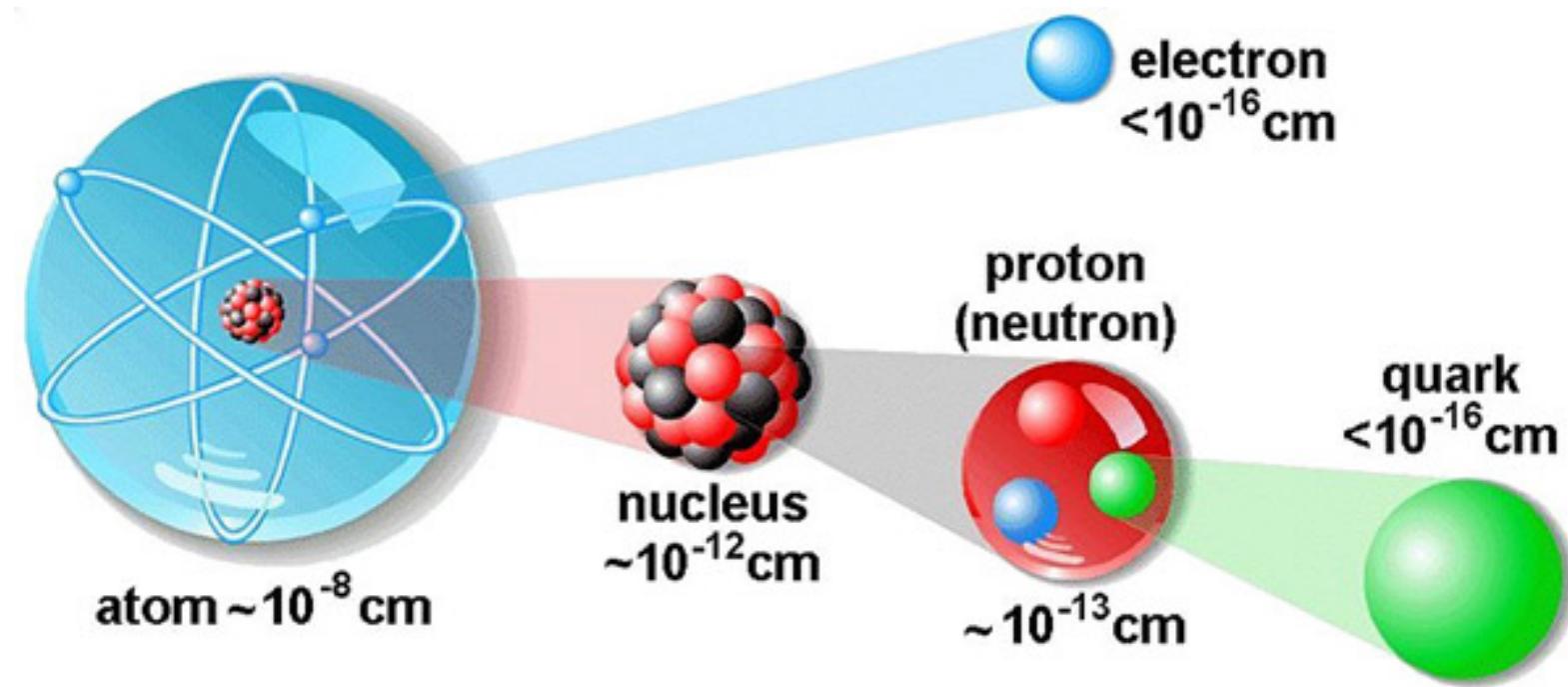
Search for the Chiral Magnetic Effect from RHIC Beam Energy Scan-II data

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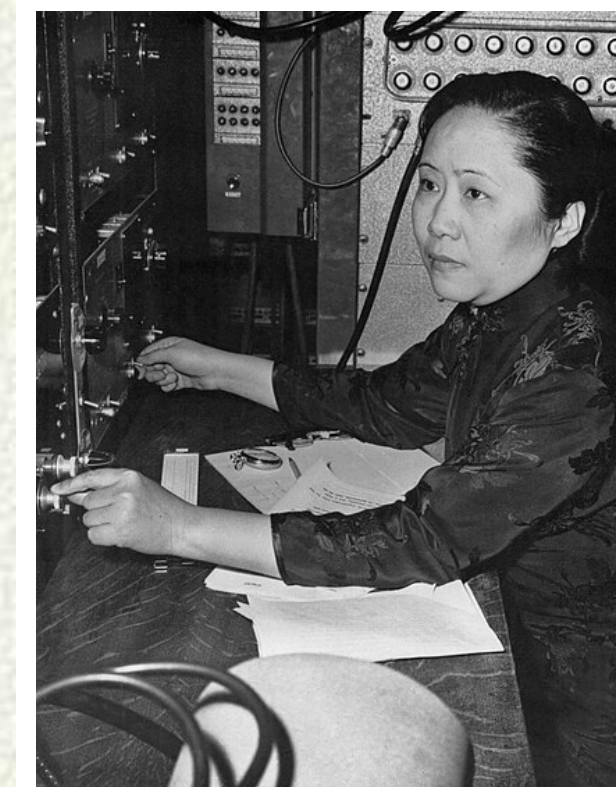
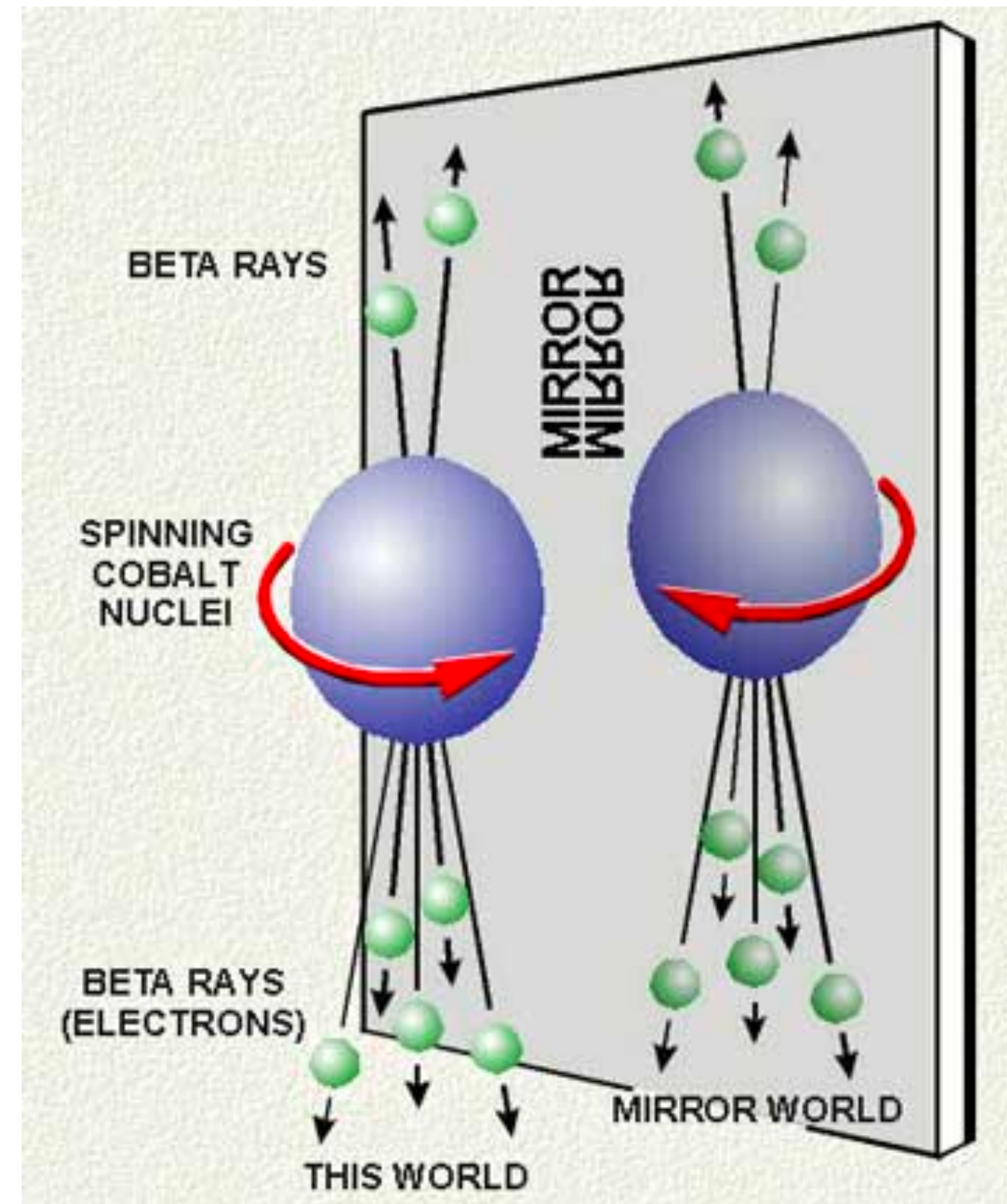
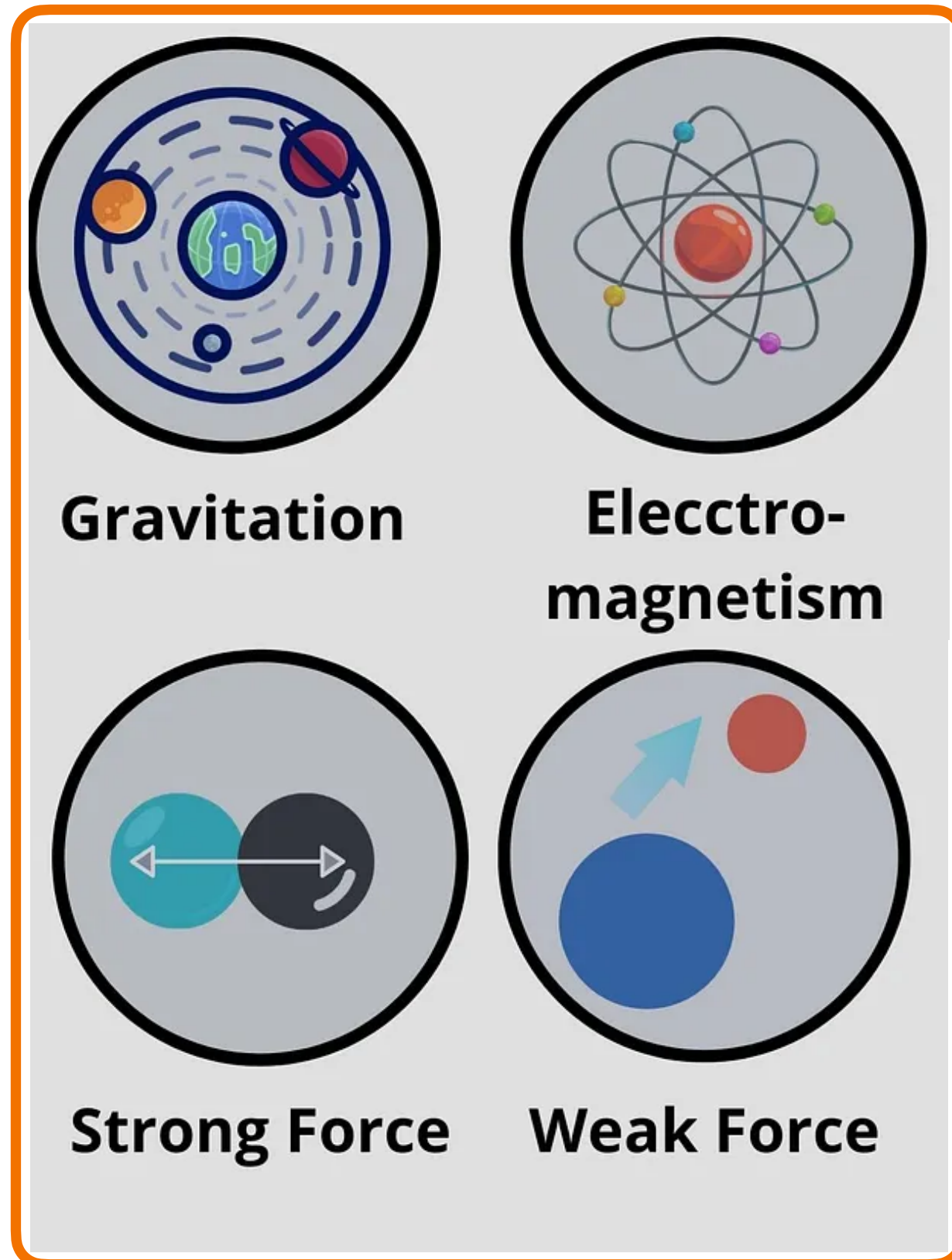


The Parity of Elementary Particles



“Handedness of Matter”
~ Chirality

Discovery of Parity Violation in Weak Interaction



Chien-Shiung Wu

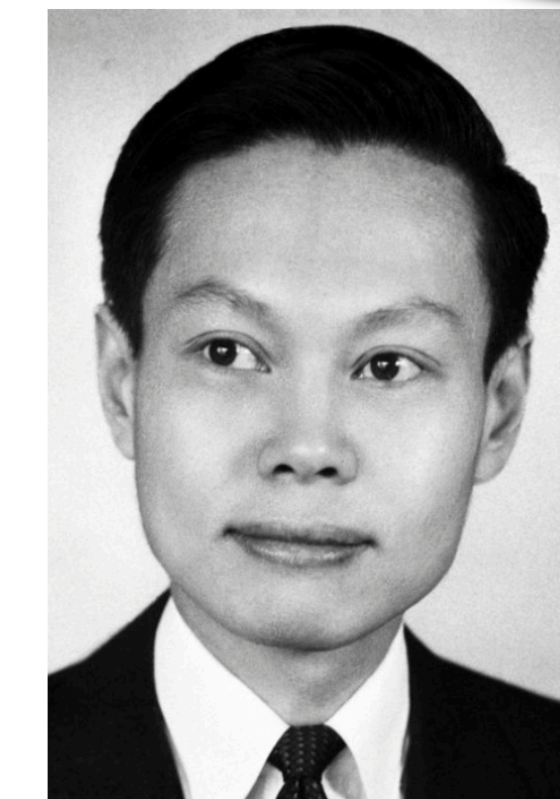


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Chen Ning Yang
Prize share: 1/2

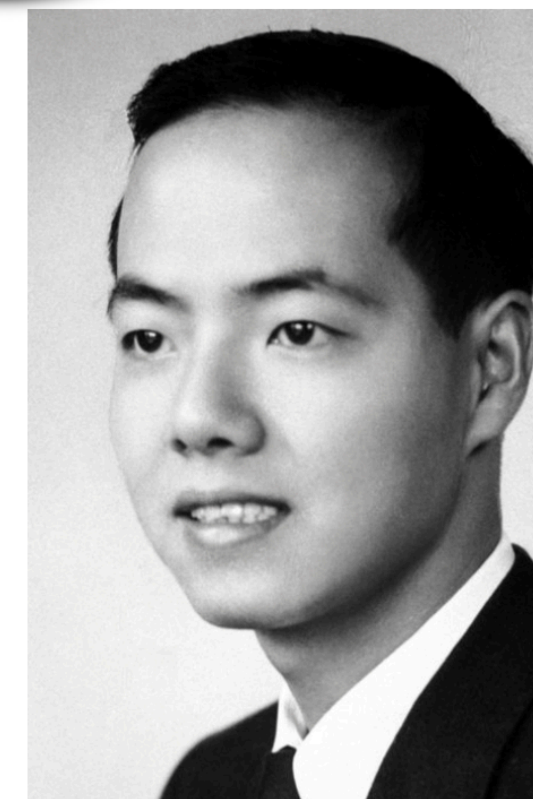
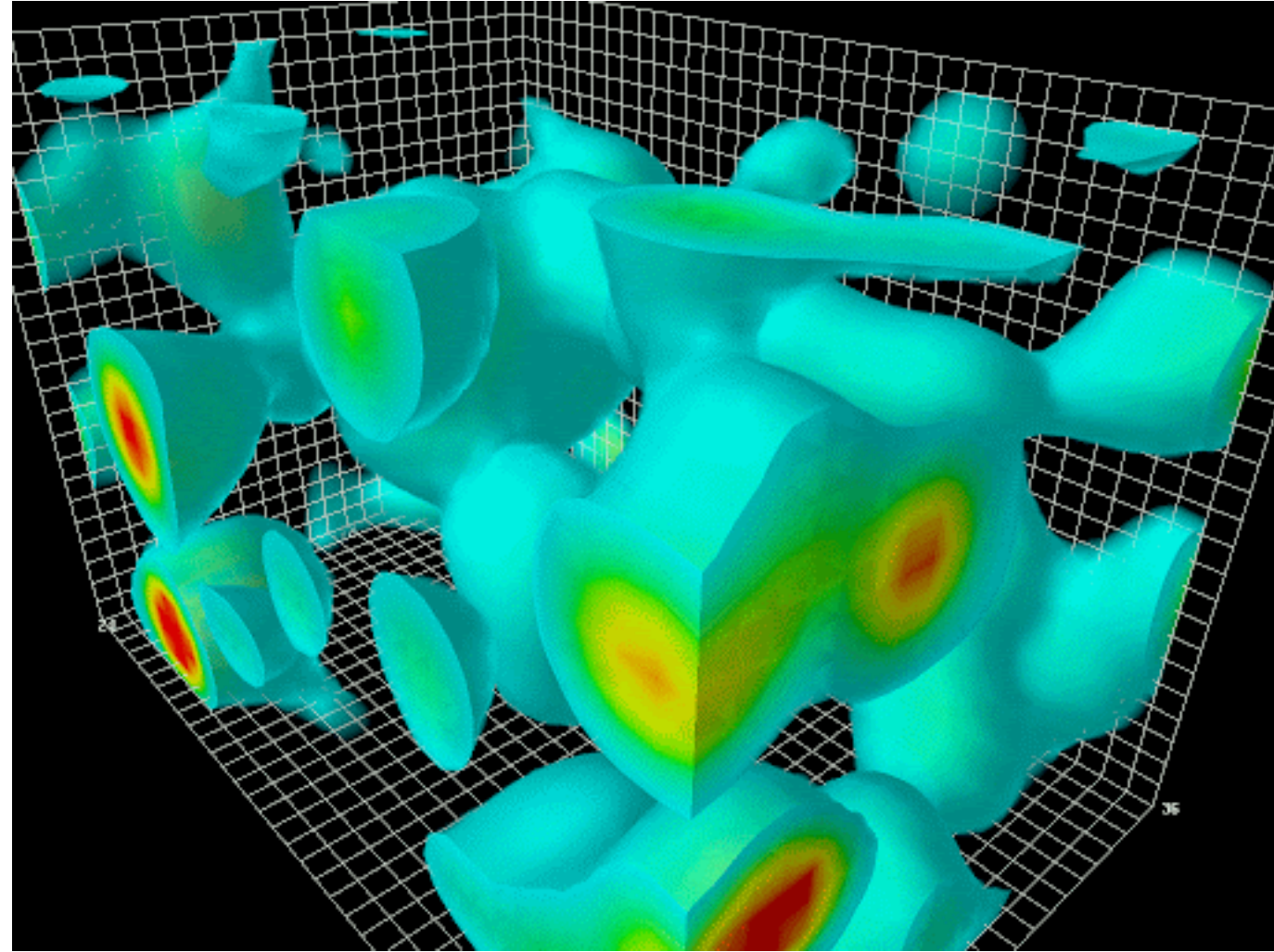


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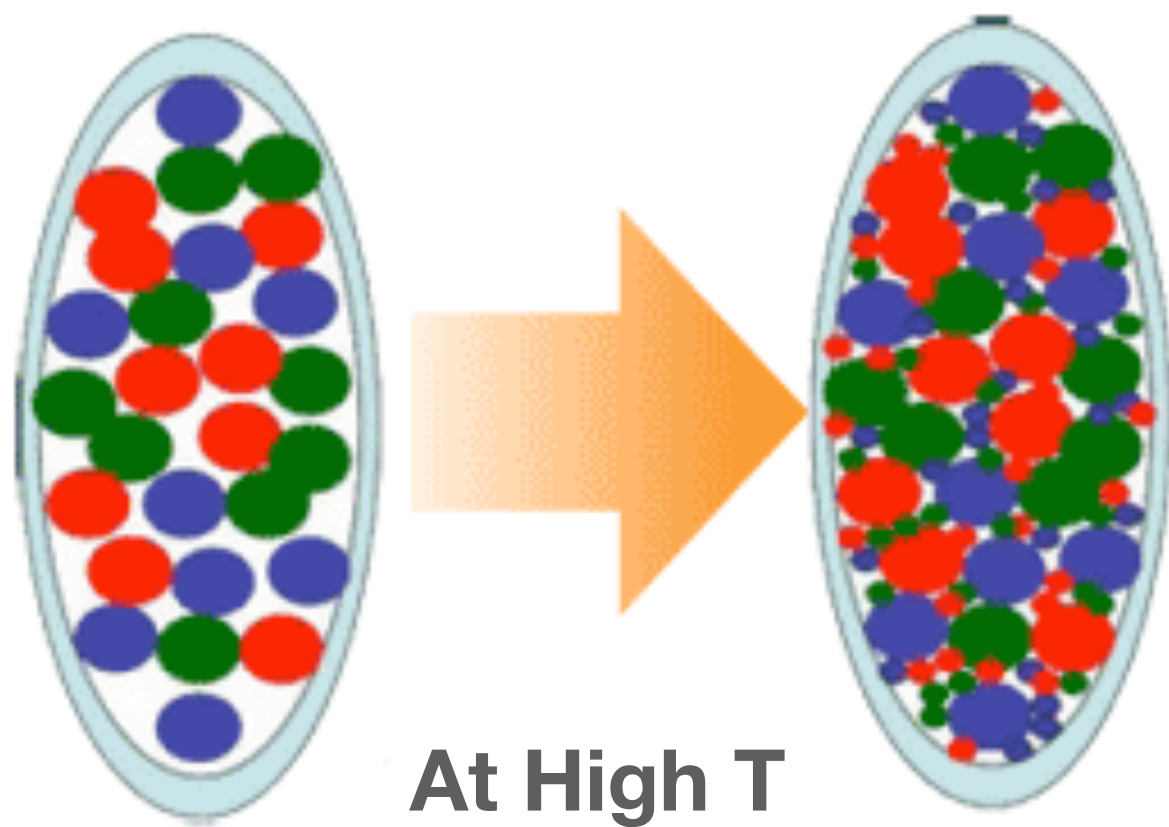
1956: Co60 experiment (by Chien-Shiung Wu et al) discovered **Parity symmetry breaking** in the weak interaction.

1957: Nobel Prize for Yang and Lee

Parity Violation in Strong Interaction?



A vacuum still has stuff in it



At High T

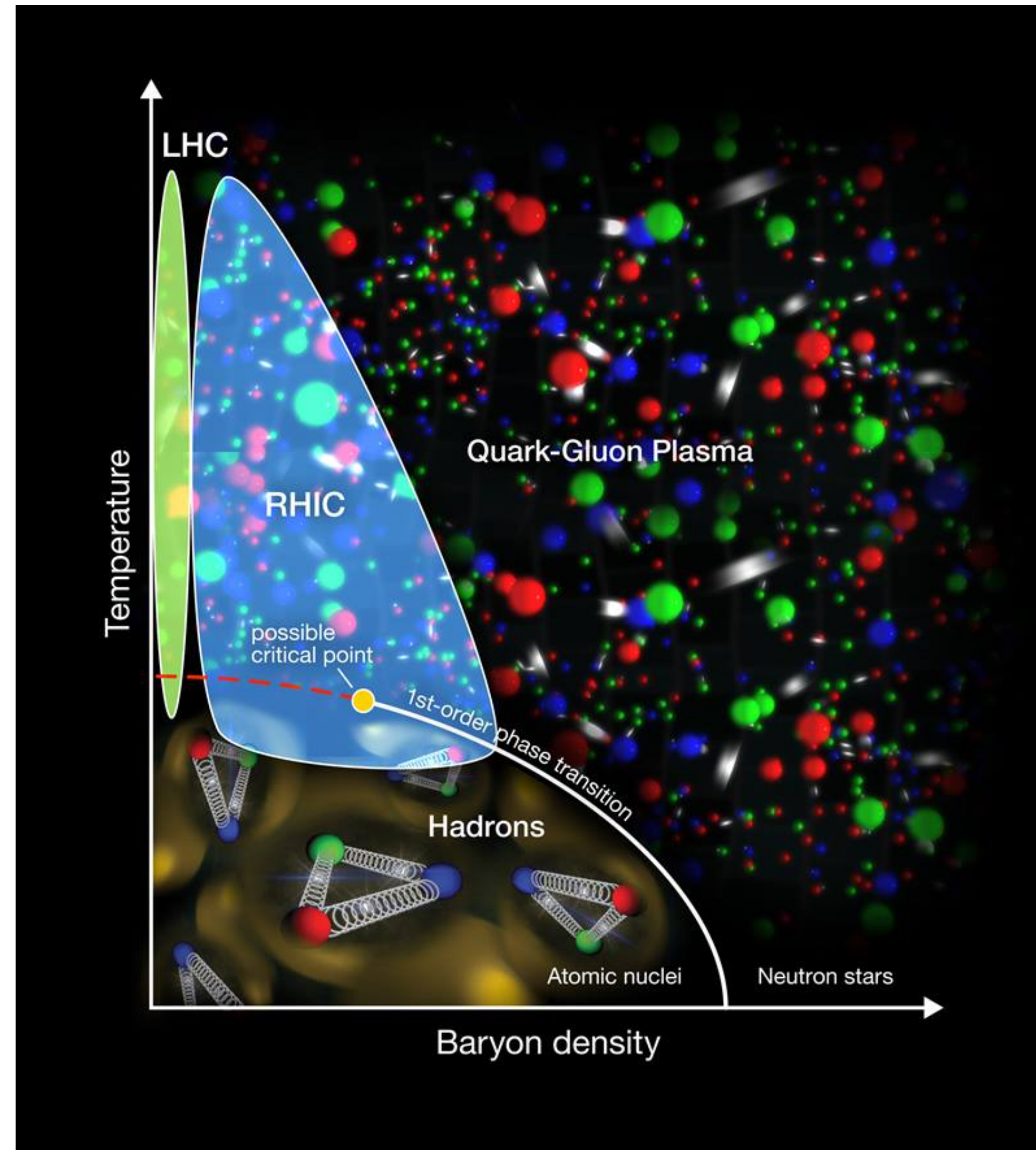
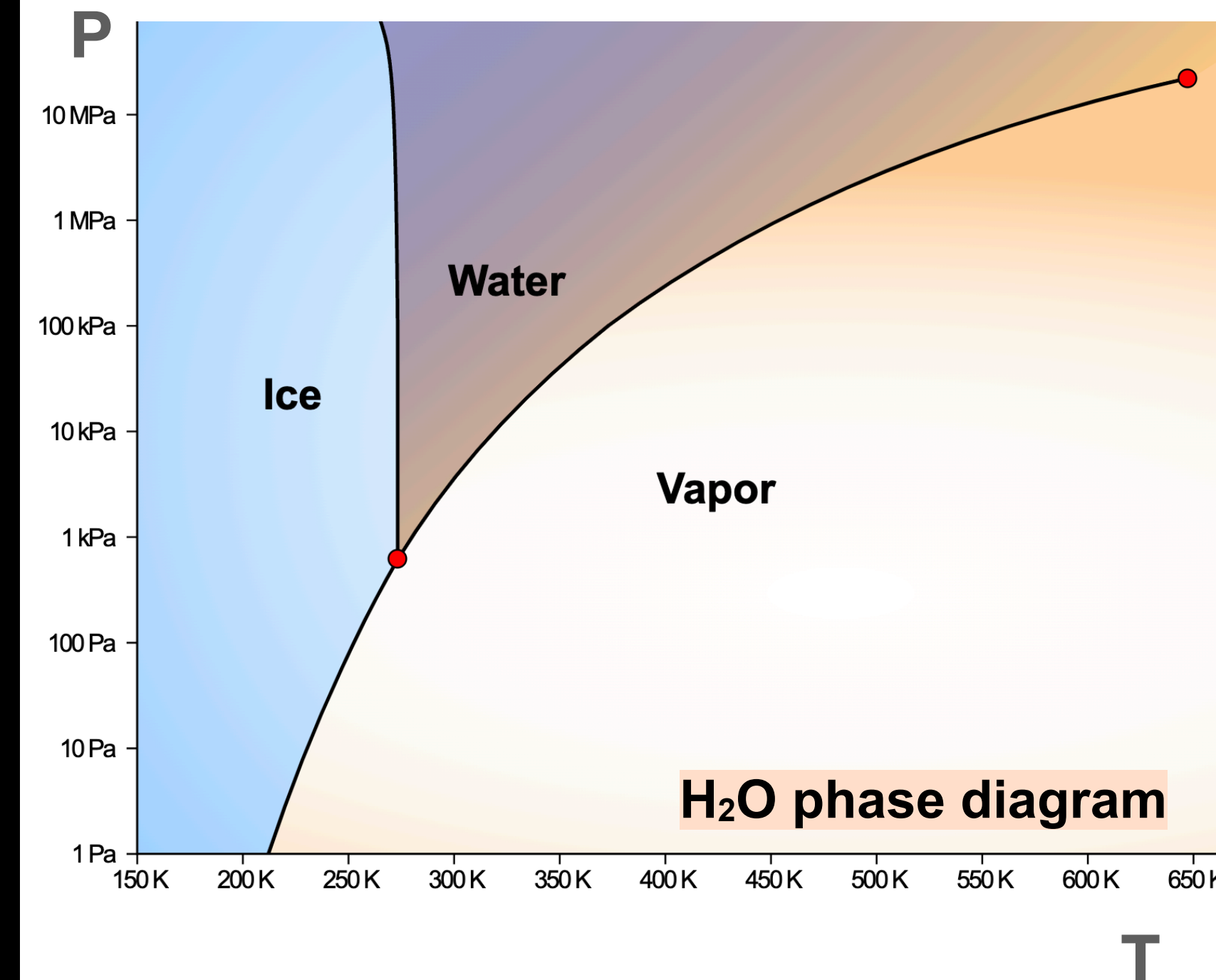


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Phase change to Plasma

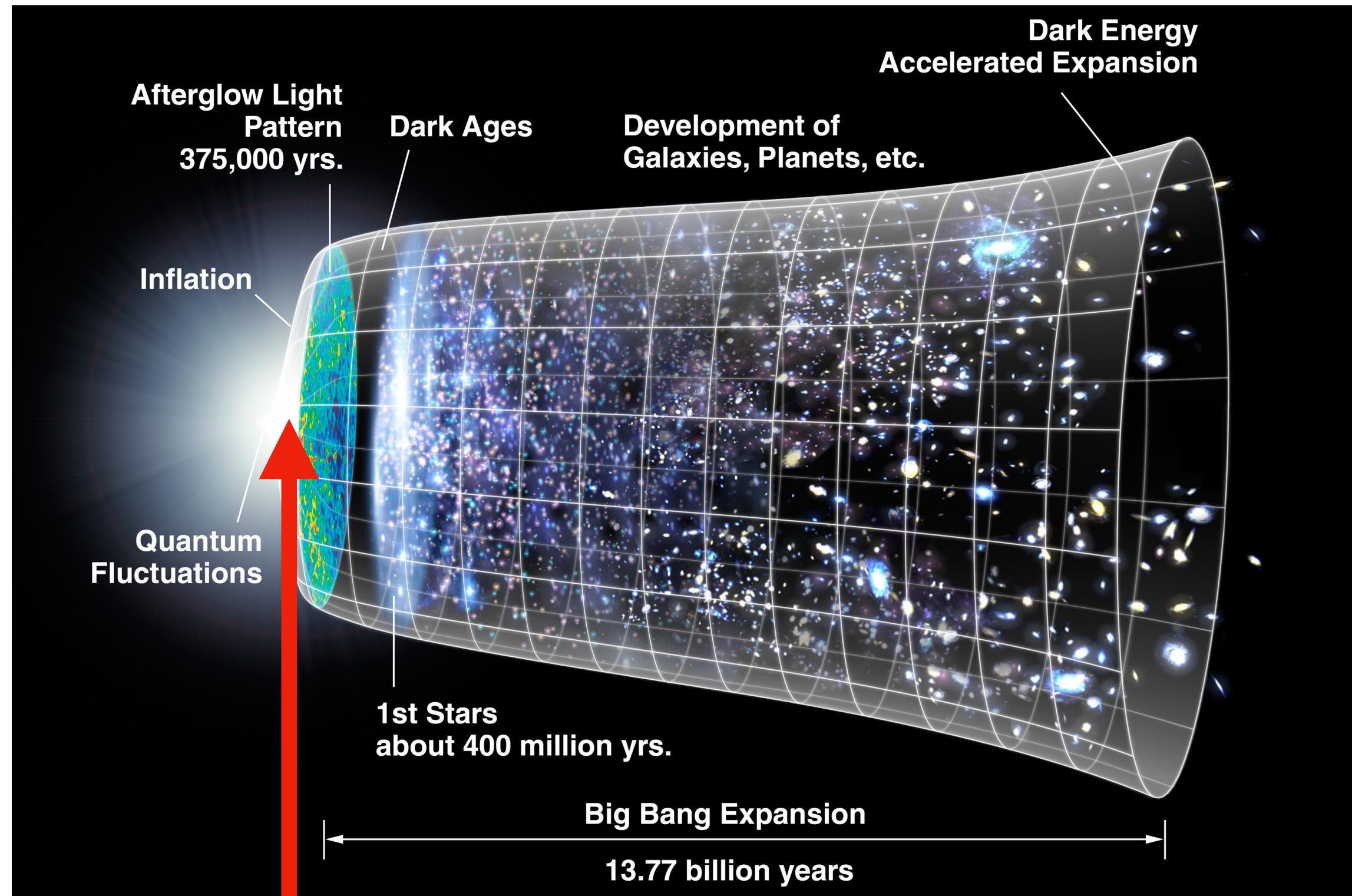


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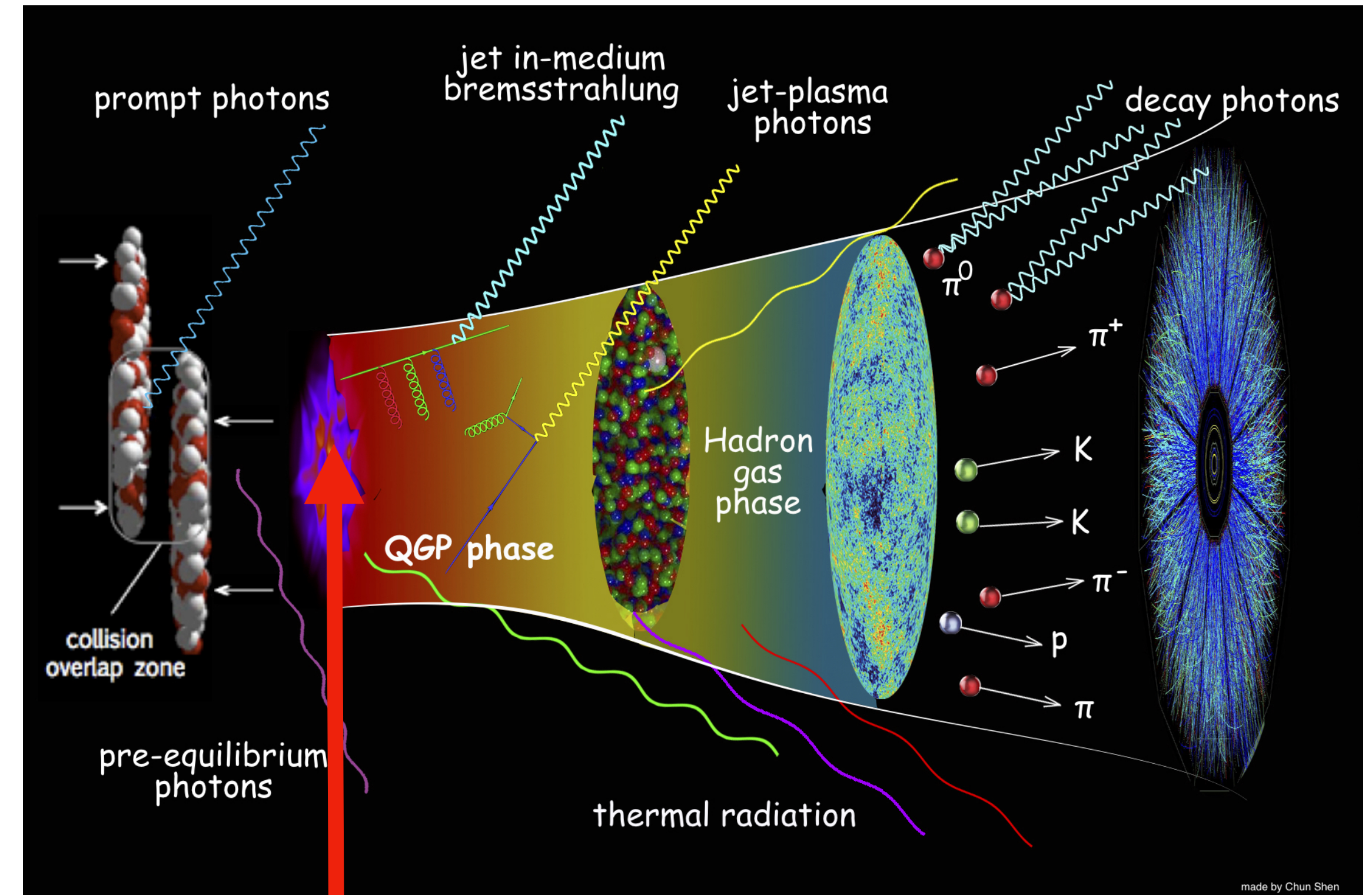
Quark Gluon Plasma: the Small Bang

The Big Bang Theory



“Baryogenesis” Matter > Anti-matter

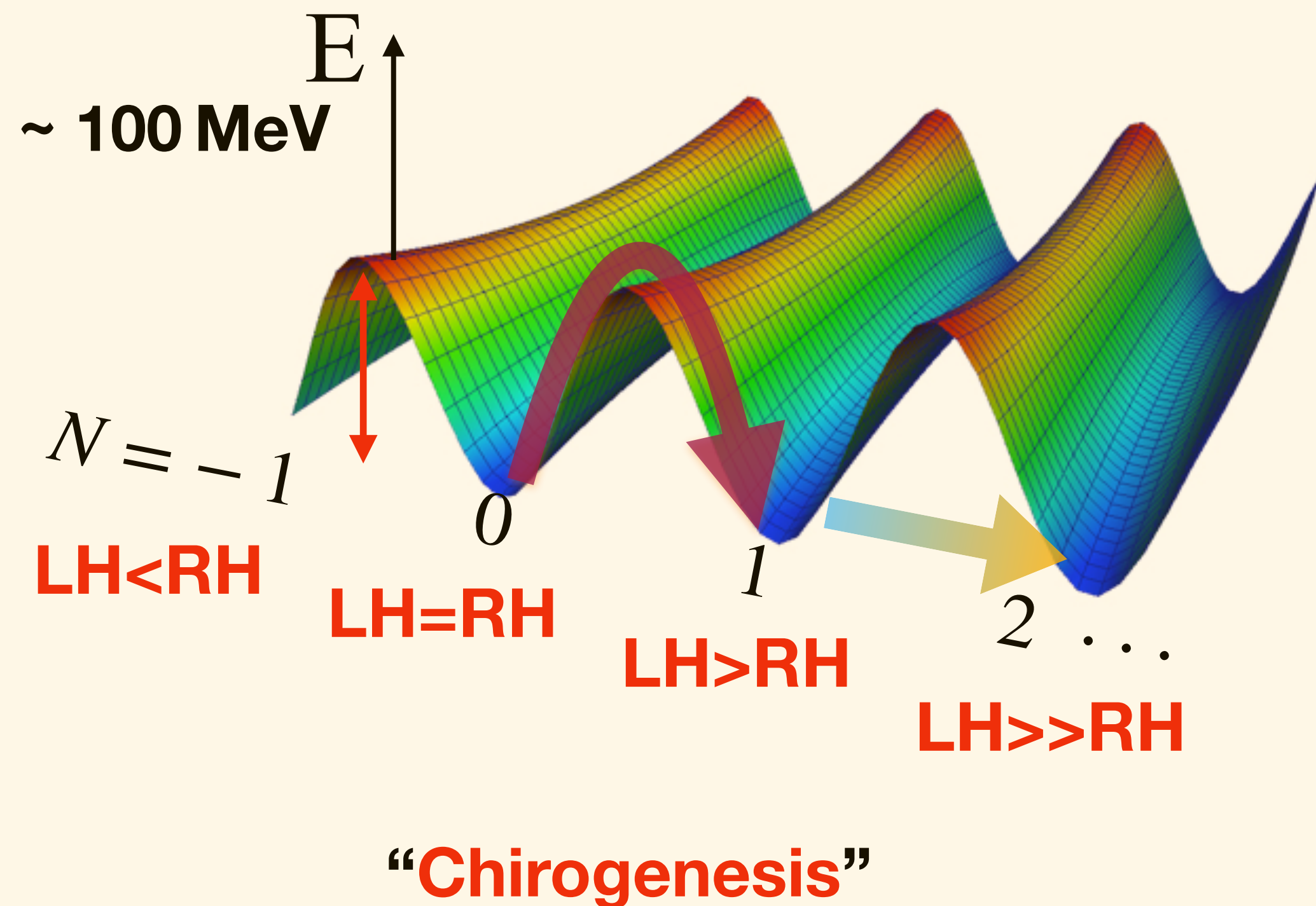
the “Small Bang” at RHIC



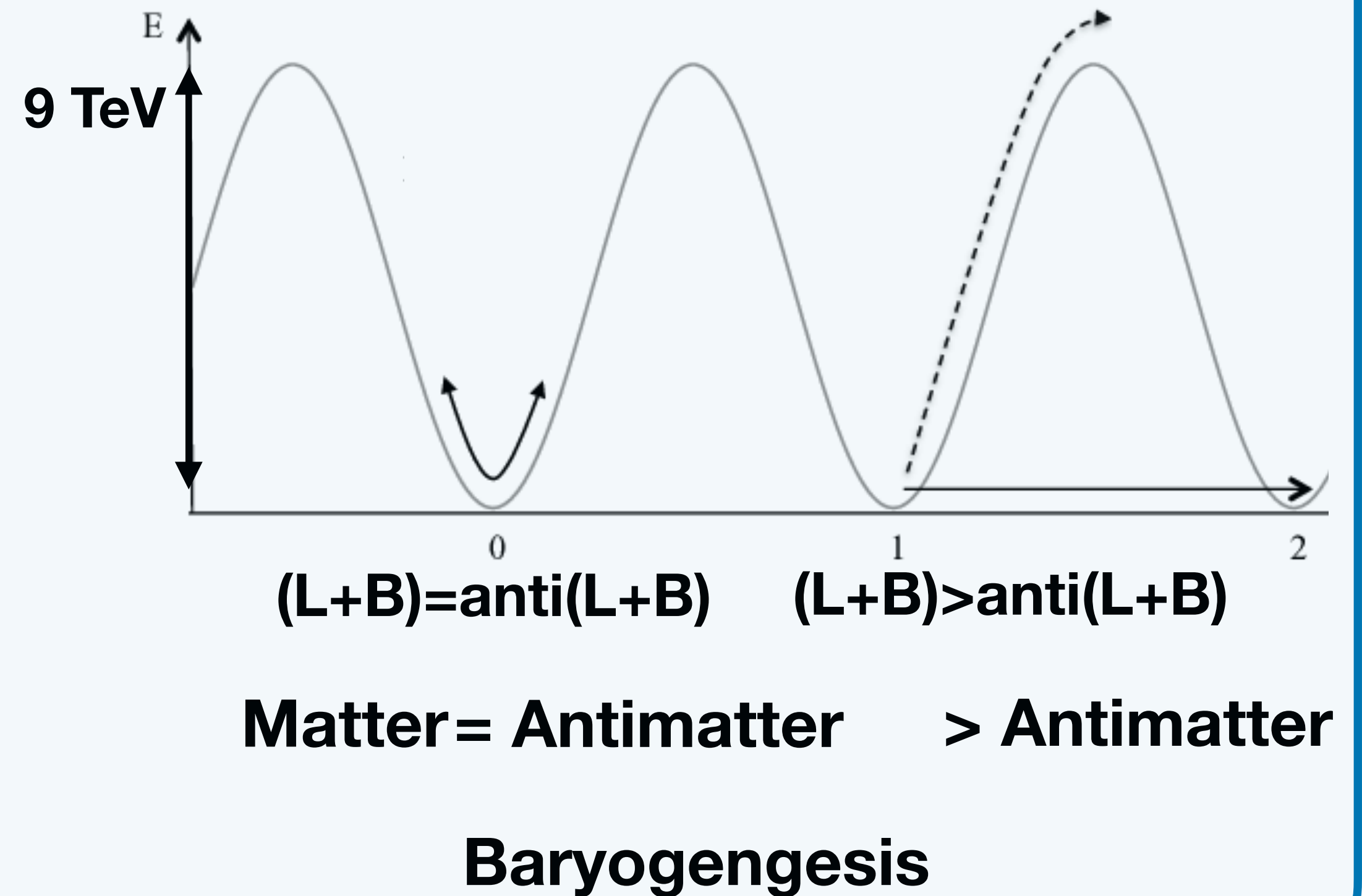
“Chirogenesis” More LH>RH (RH>LH) in local domain

The Role of Vacuum Topology

- Valleys represent a different universe (domain) with different proportions of hardness

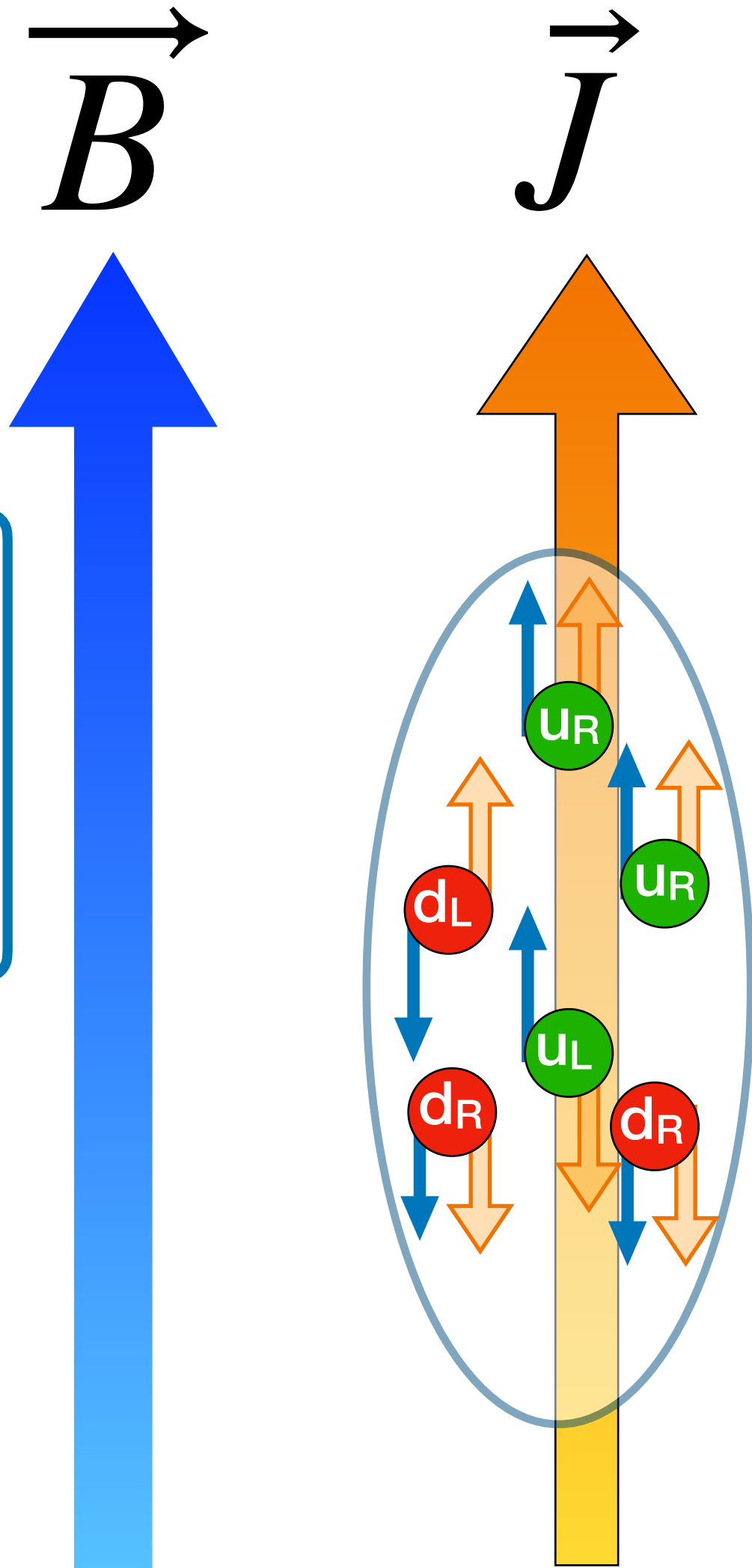


- Analogy: Electro-Weak vacuum



Amoroso, Simone & Kar, Deepak & Schott, Matthias. (2020). How to discover QCD Instantons at the LHC.

Chiral Magnetic Effect



Magnetic field (B) can induce charge separation (current J) for quarks at chirality imbalance (μ_5): CME.

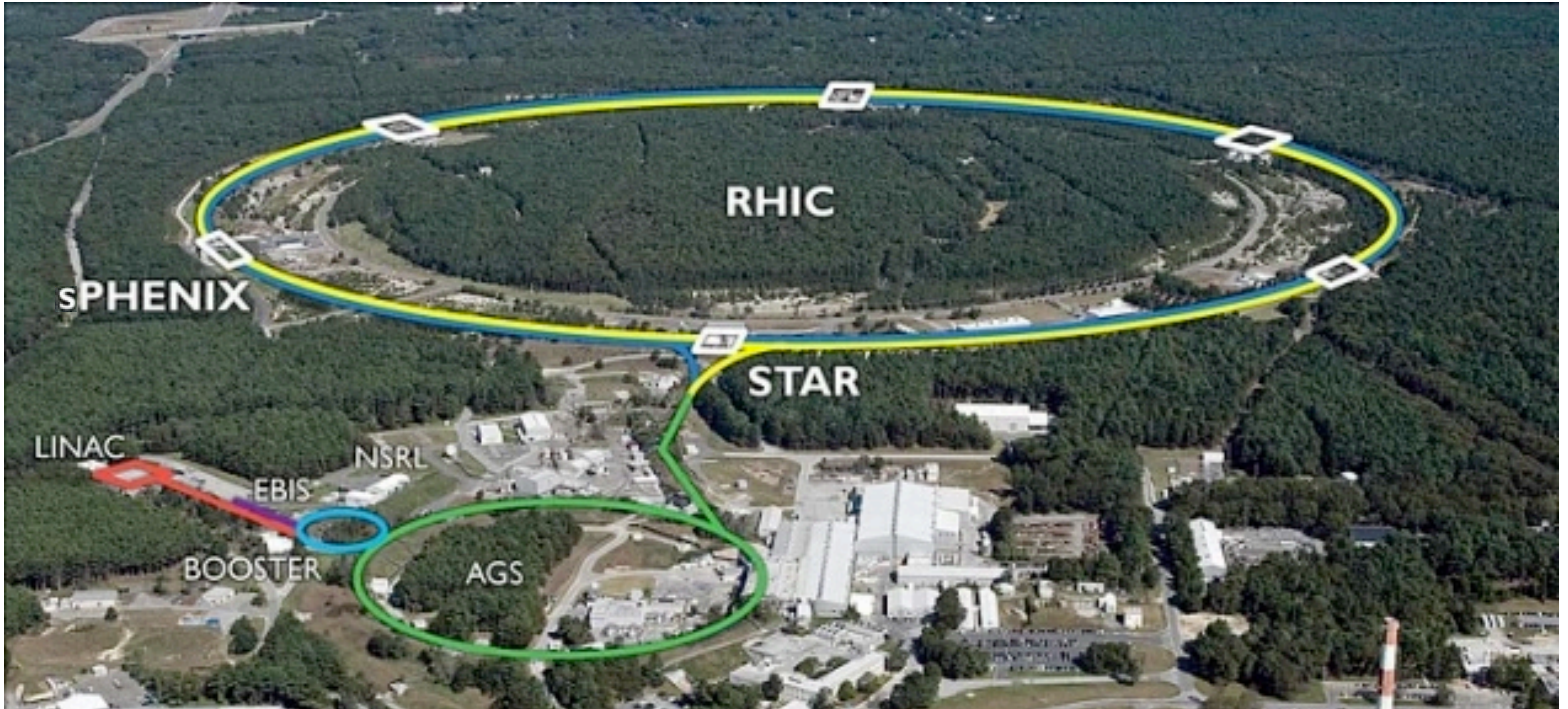
$$\vec{J} \propto \mu_5 \vec{B}$$

↑ *odd parity* ↑ *even parity*

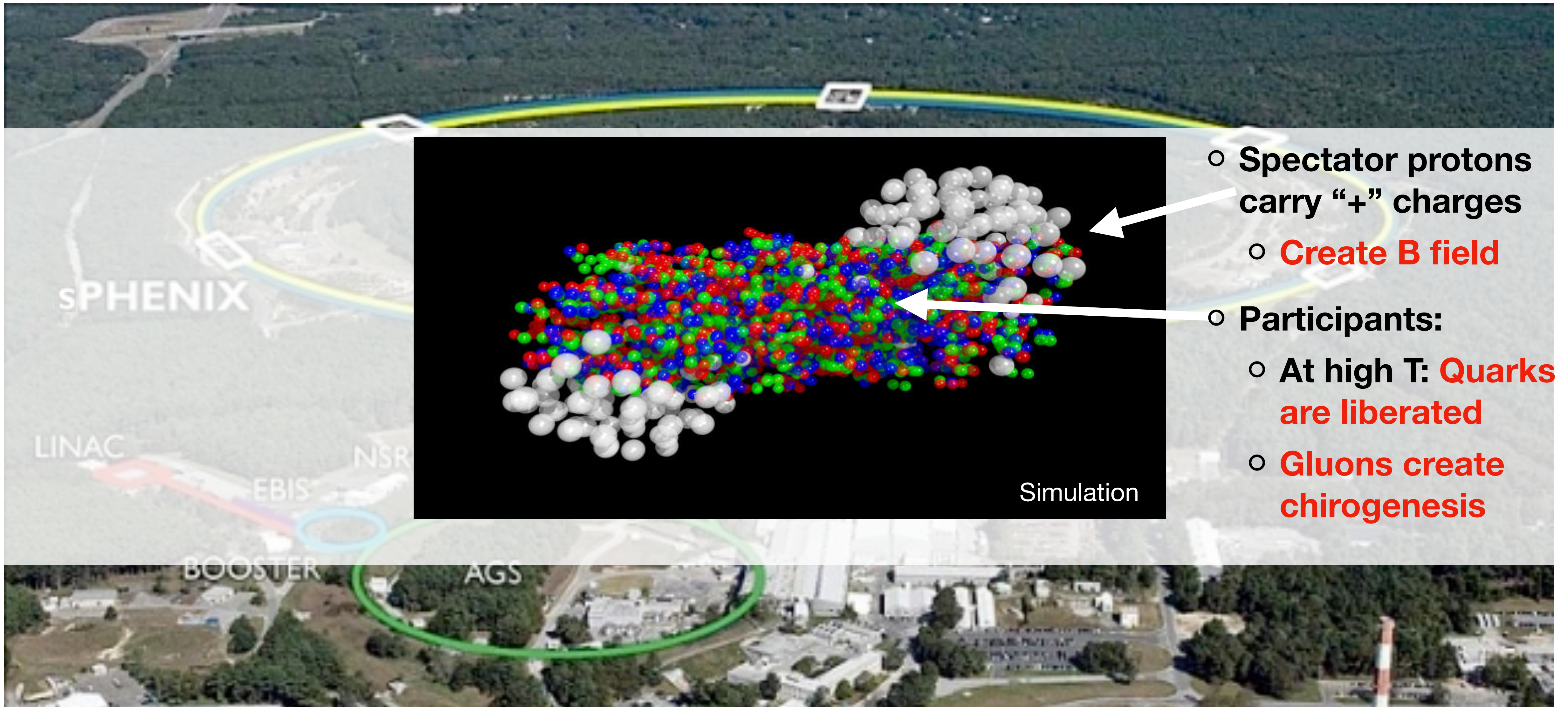
- Manifestly violate **local** Parity symmetry.

- A strong B field **The key condition**

Gold-Gold Collisions at RHIC

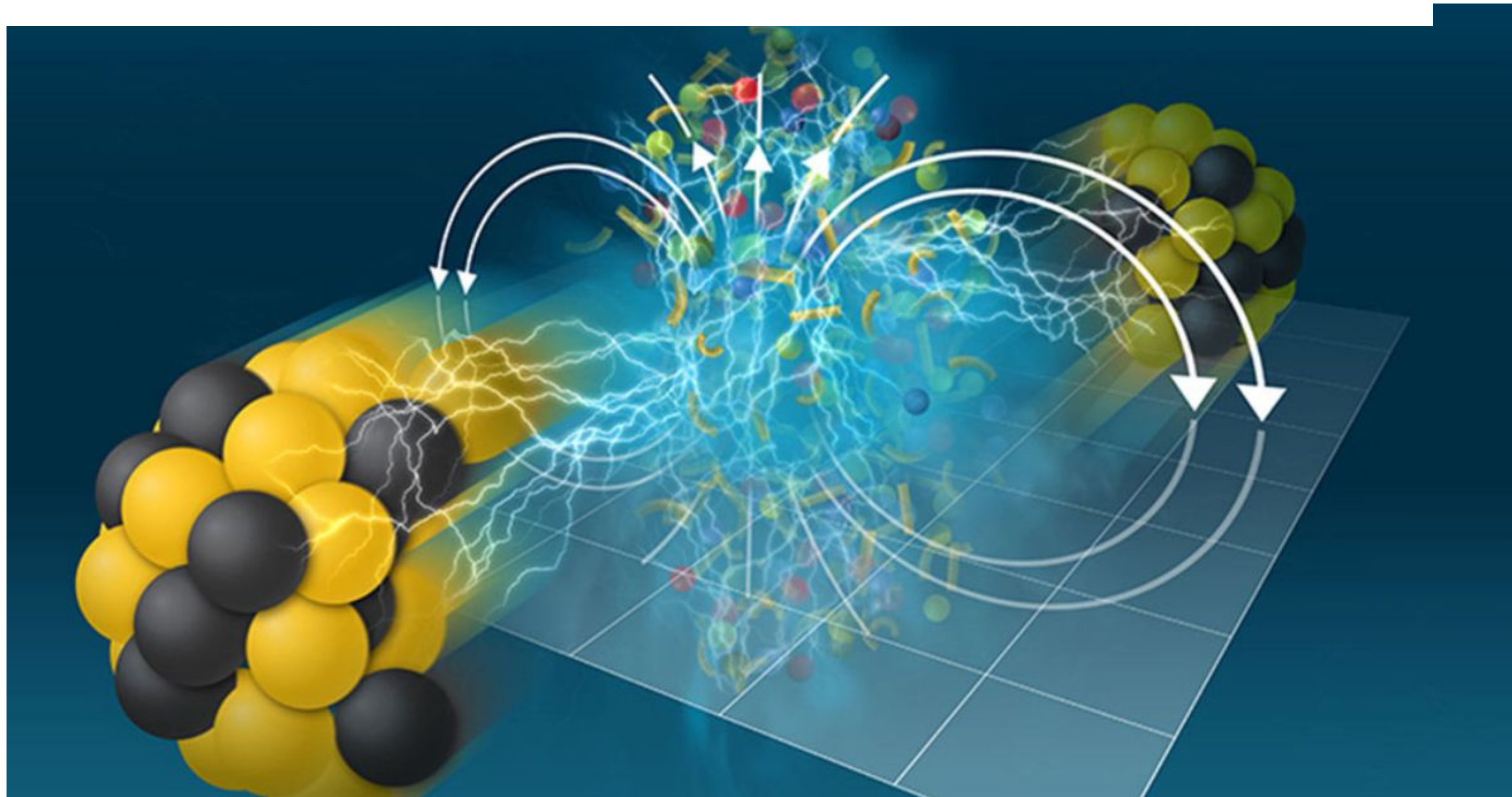


Heavy-Ion Collisions at RHIC

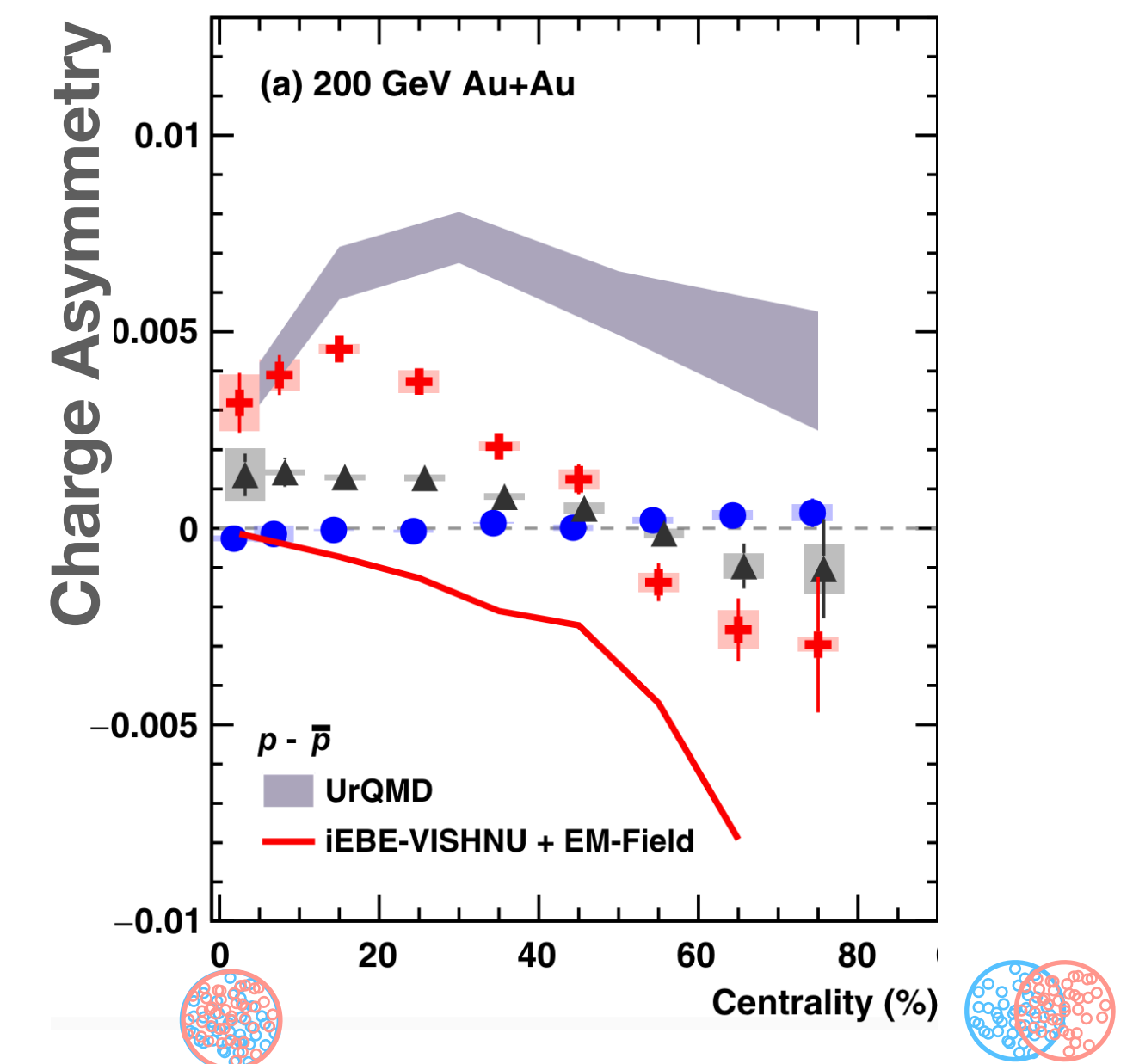
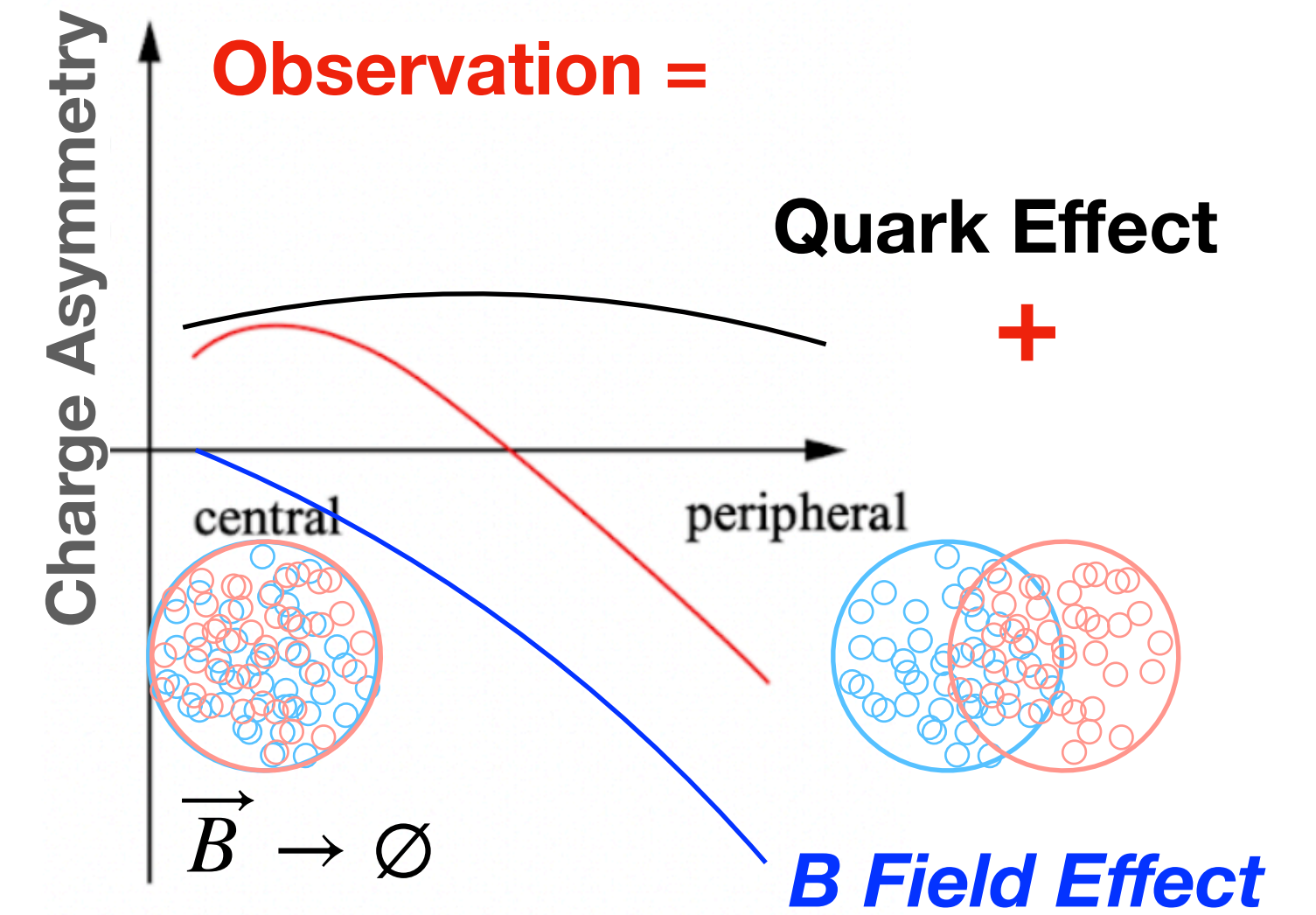


- Spectator protons carry “+” charges
- **Create B field**
- Participants:
- At high T: **Quarks are liberated**
- **Gluons create chirogenesis**

Strongest Magnetic Field on Earth

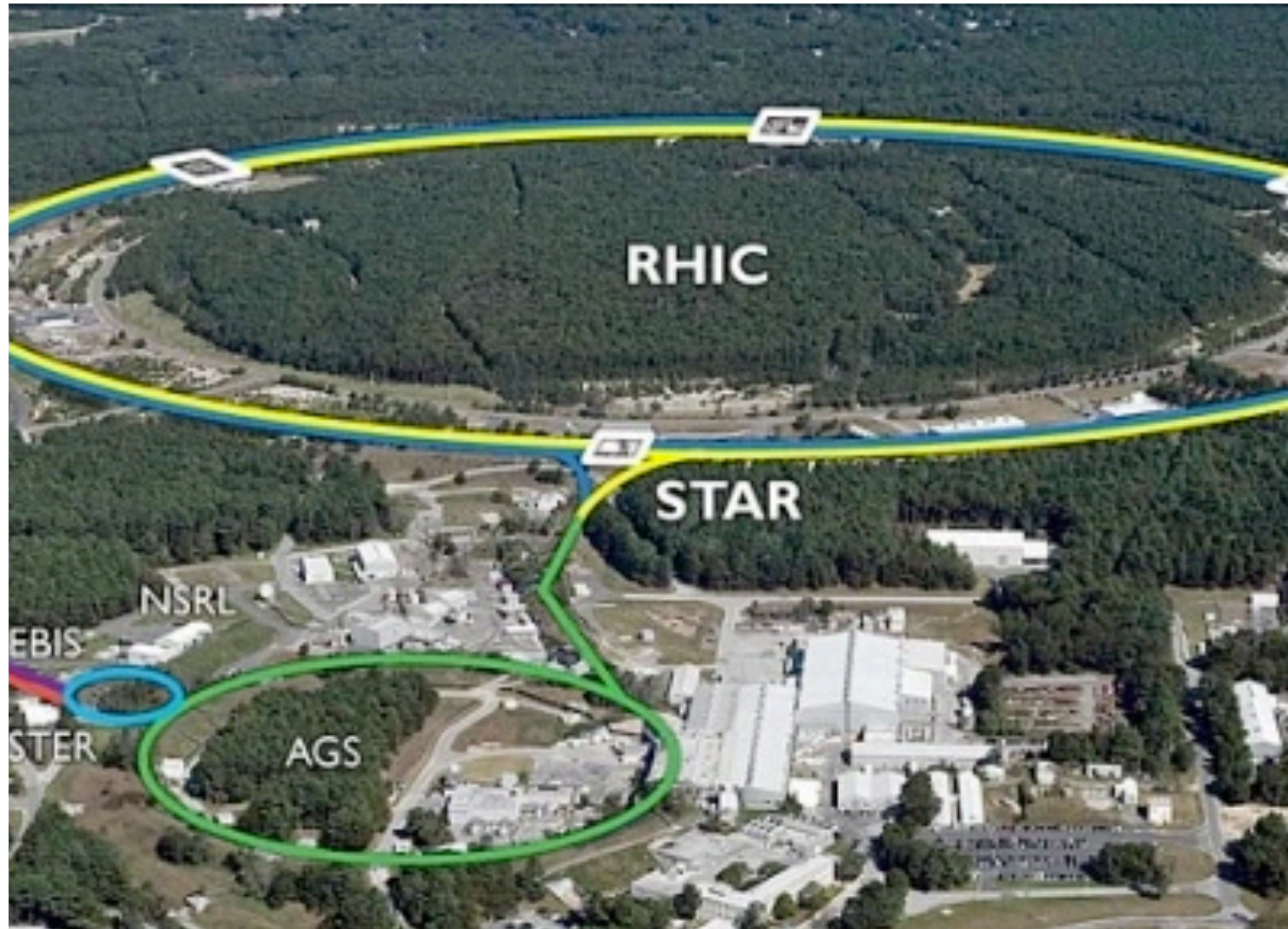
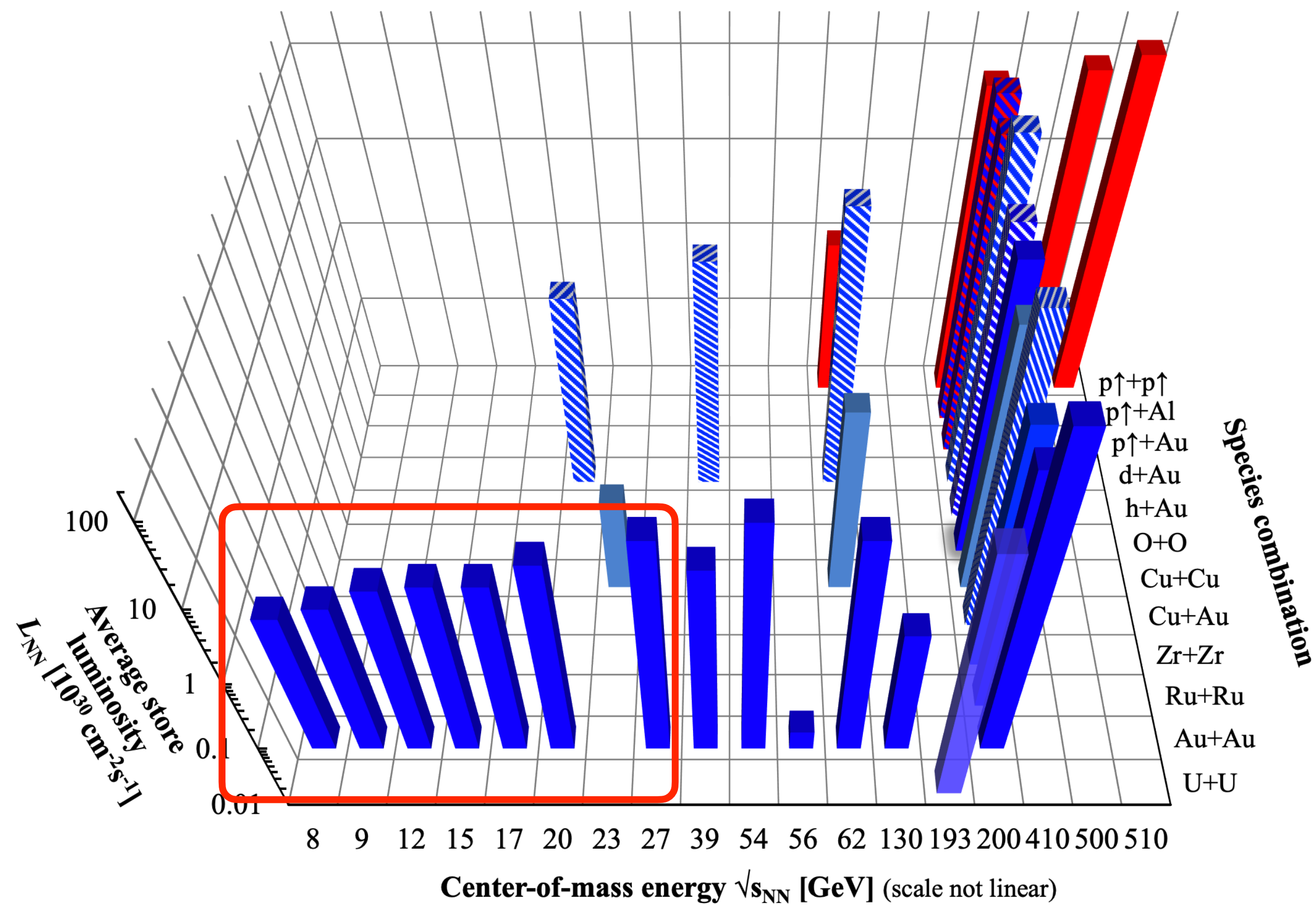


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Beam Energy Scan at RHIC

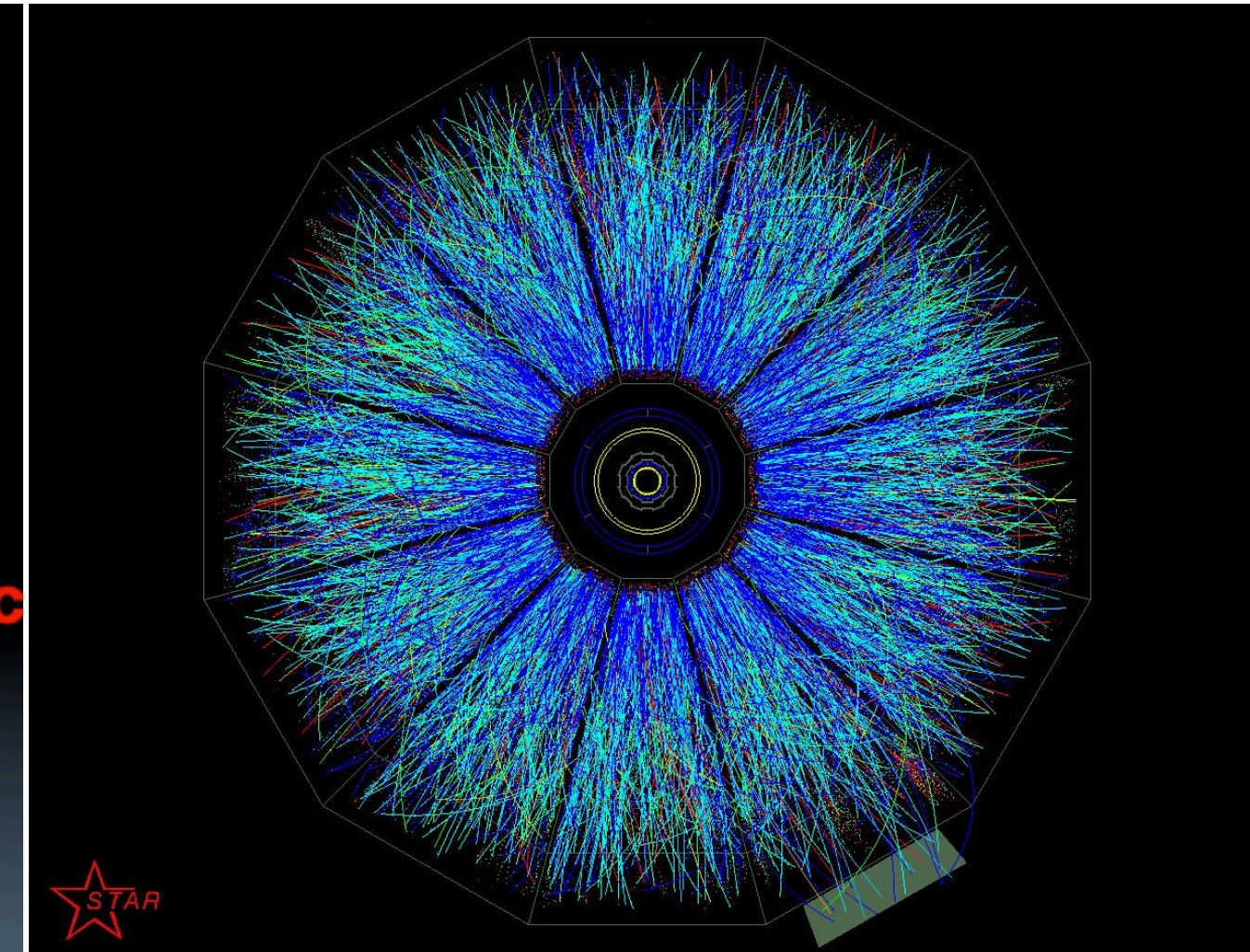
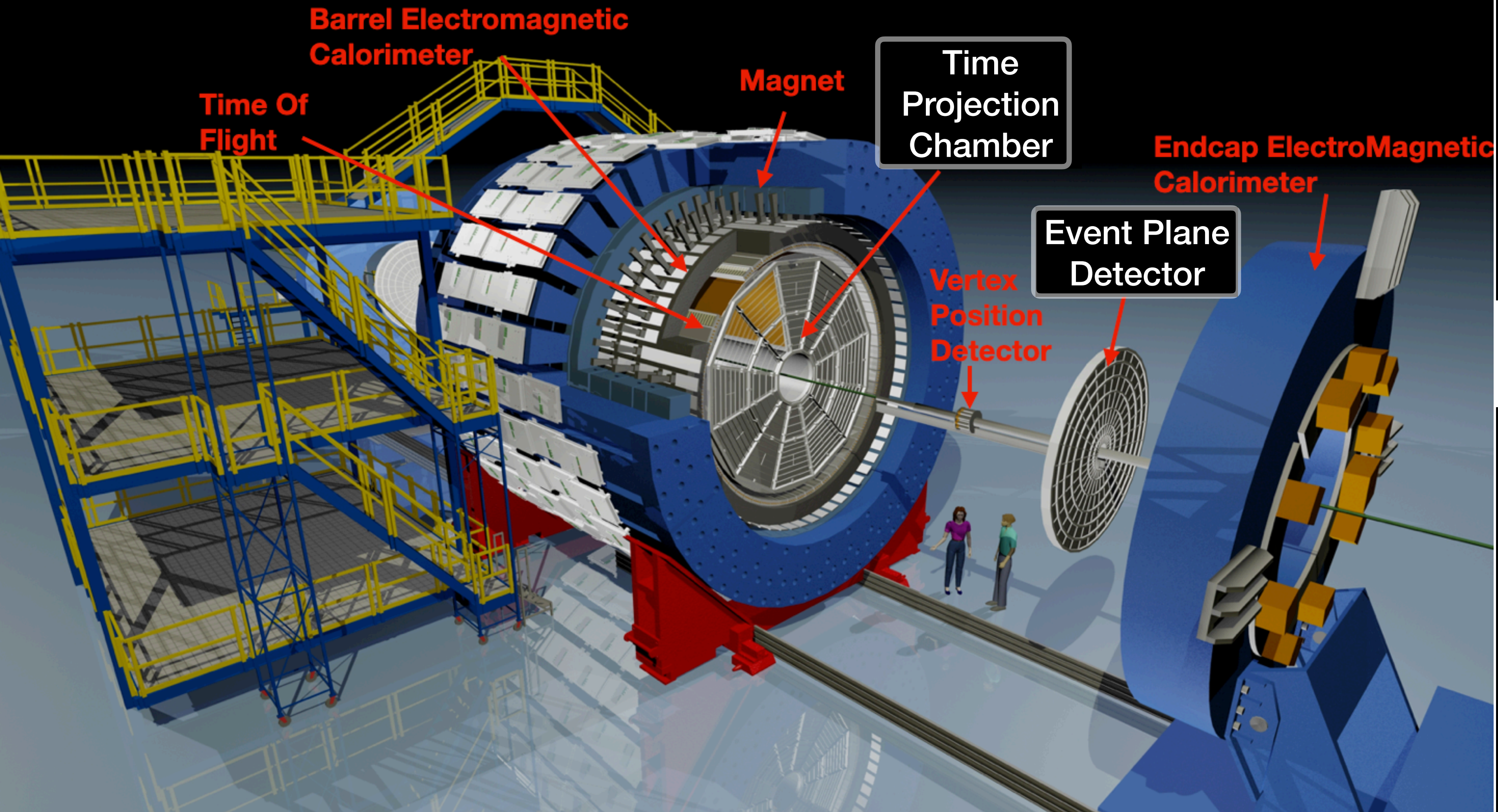
RHIC energies, species combinations and luminosities (Run-1 to 22)



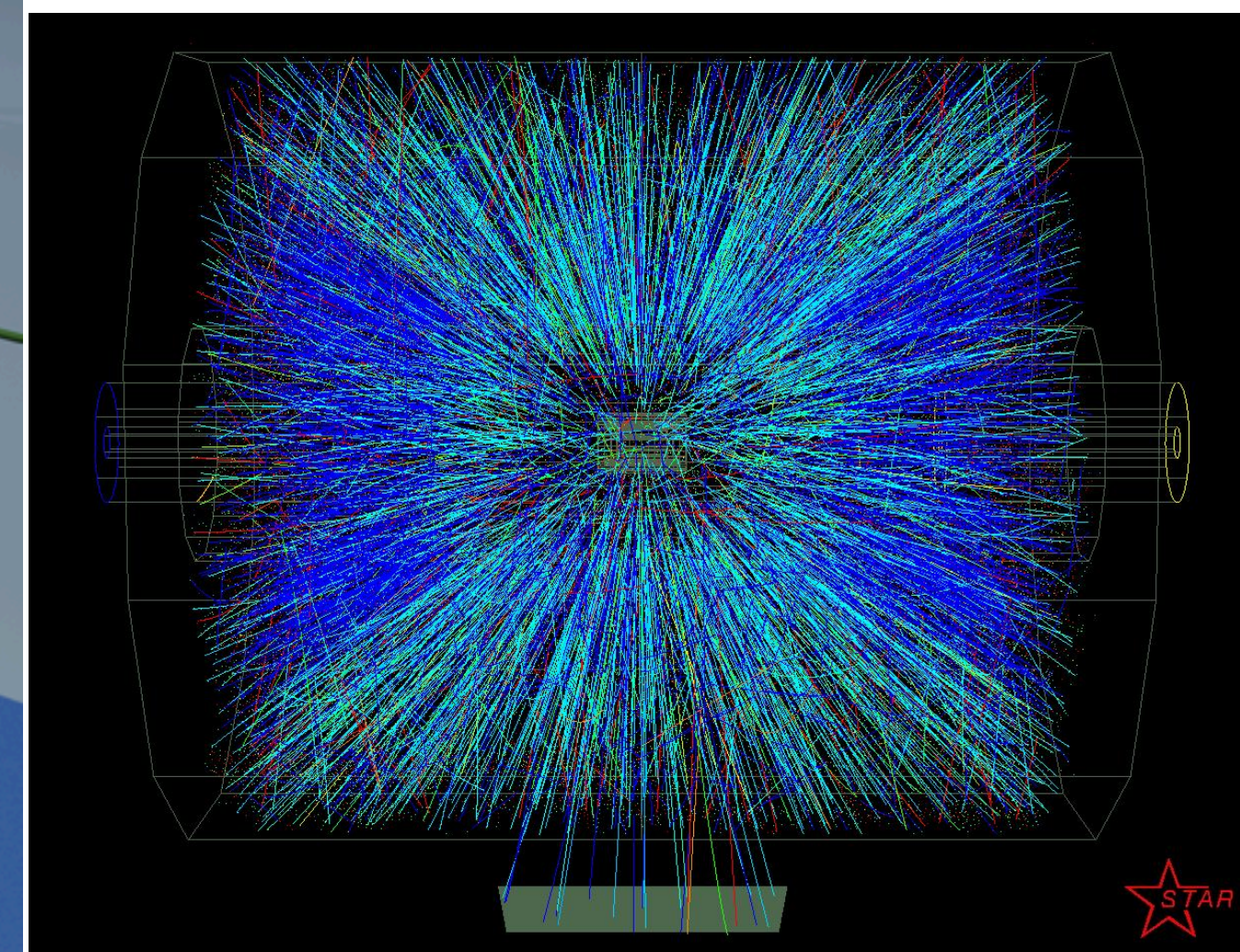
Beam Energy Scan-II

The STAR detector

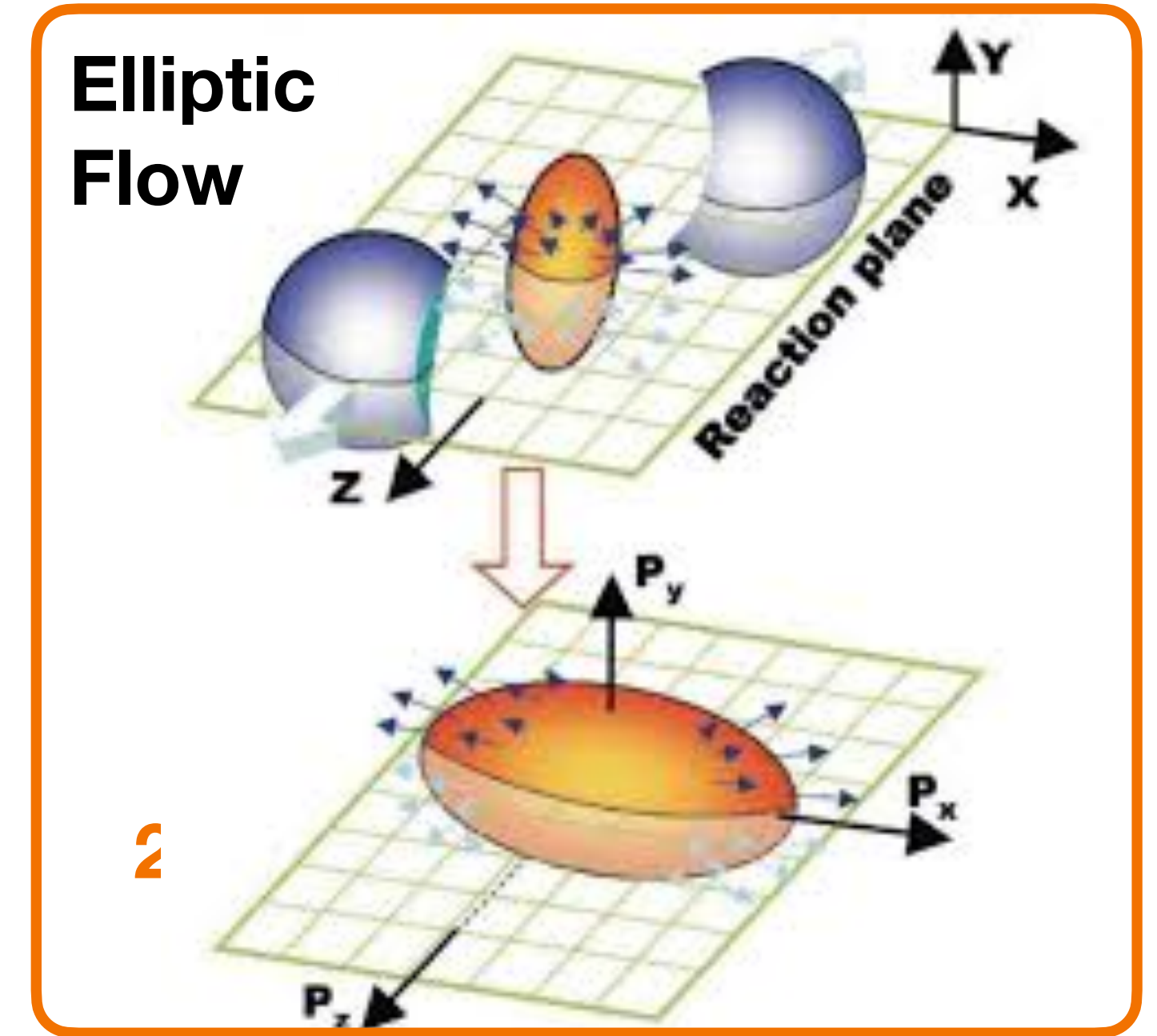
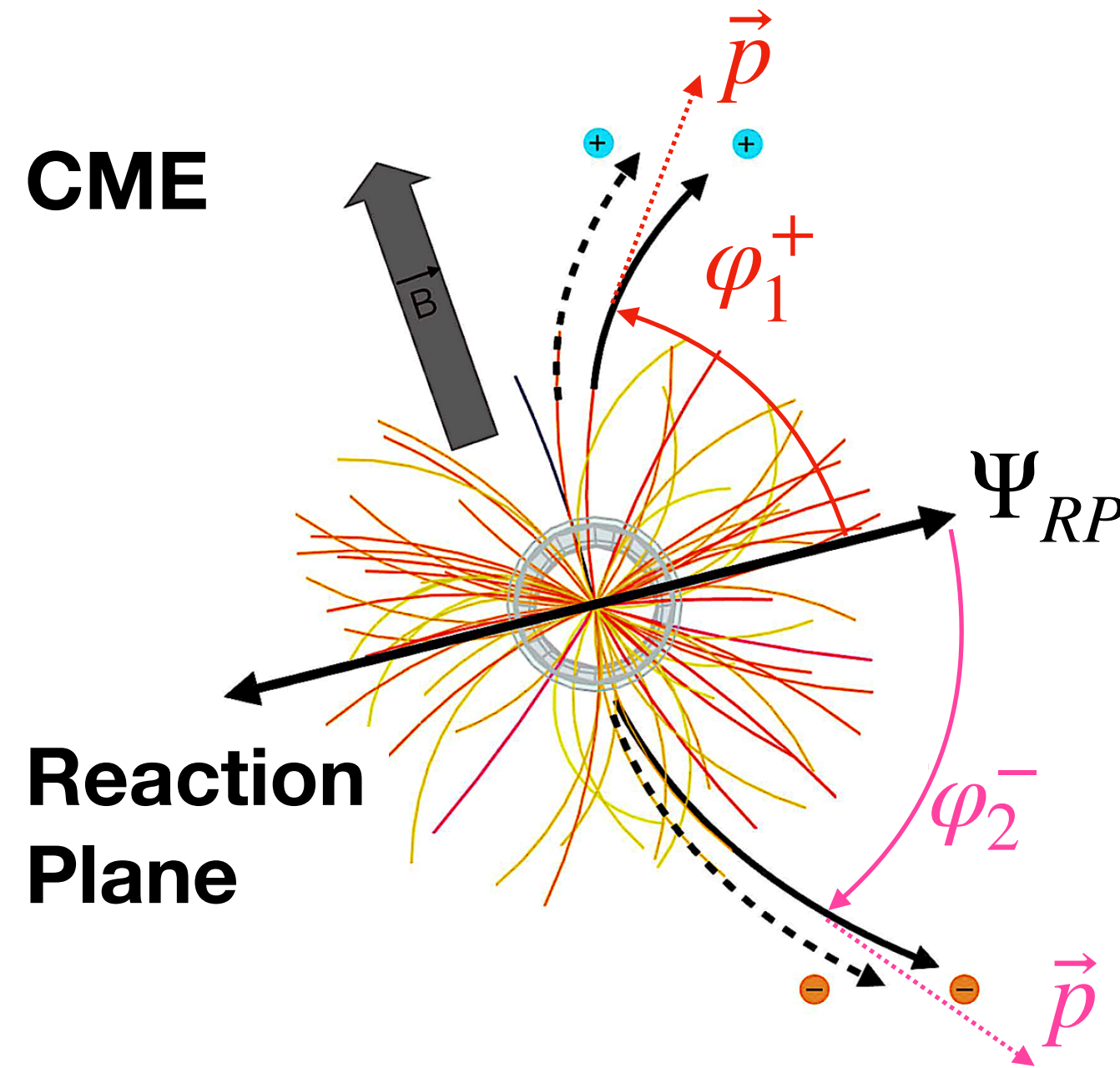
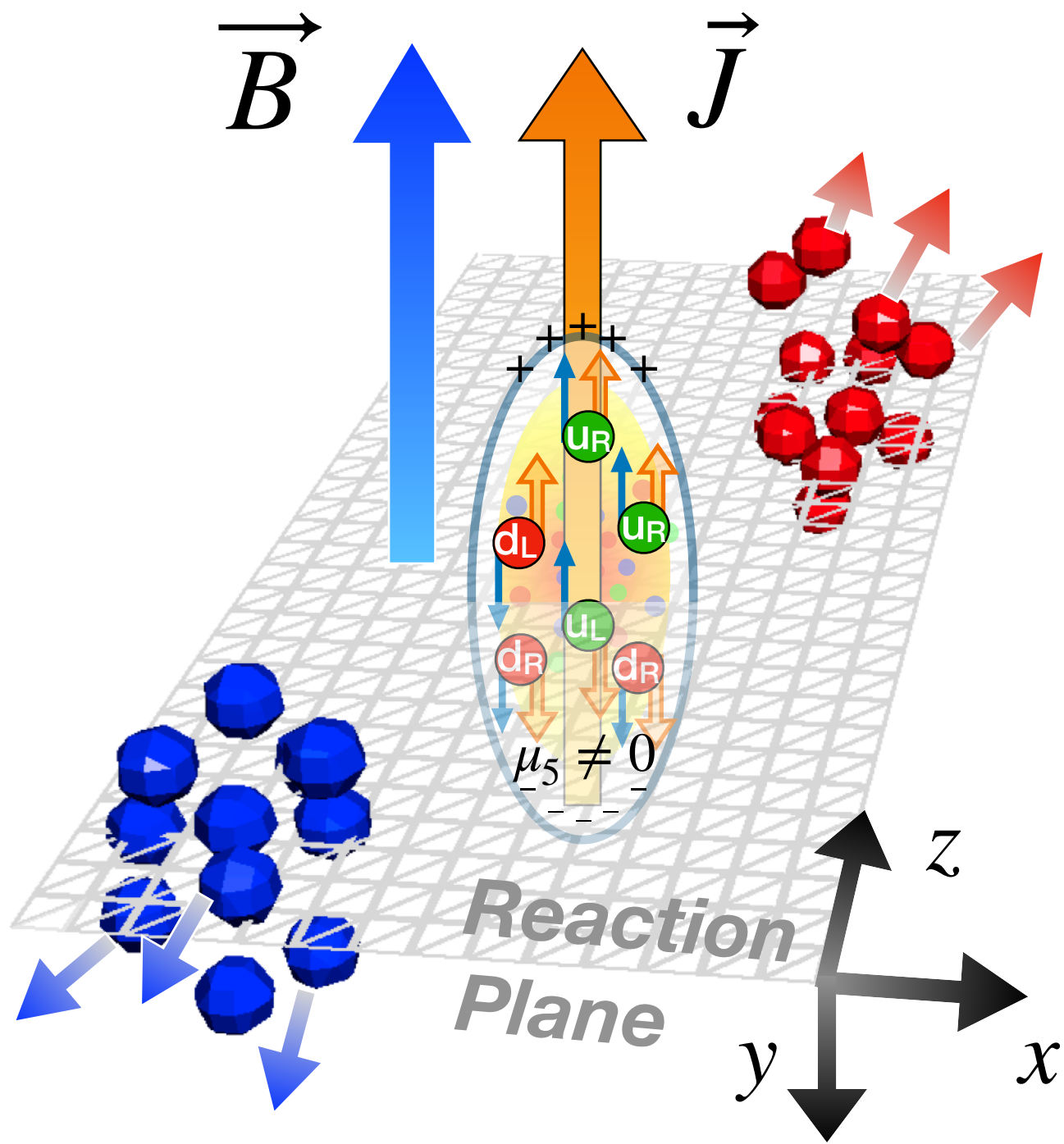
The Solenoid Tracker At RHIC (STAR)



Front and Side View



How to measure the Chiral Magnetic Effect?



– Expansion:

$$\frac{dN_{\pm}}{d\varphi} \propto 1 + 2v_1 \cos(\varphi - \Psi_{RP}) + 2a_1^{\pm} \sin(\varphi - \Psi_{RP}) + 2v_2 \cos(2\varphi - 2\Psi_{RP}) + \dots$$

$\propto \mu_5 B$ but $\langle a_1 \rangle$ averaged out to be zero

Chiral Magnetic Effect observables:

$$\gamma^{112} = \langle \cos(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2 - 2\Psi_{RP}) \rangle = \langle v_1 v_1 \rangle - \langle a_1 a_1 \rangle + \text{BG}(v_2^{\text{cl}})$$

$$\Delta\gamma^{112} = \gamma^{OS} - \gamma^{SS}$$

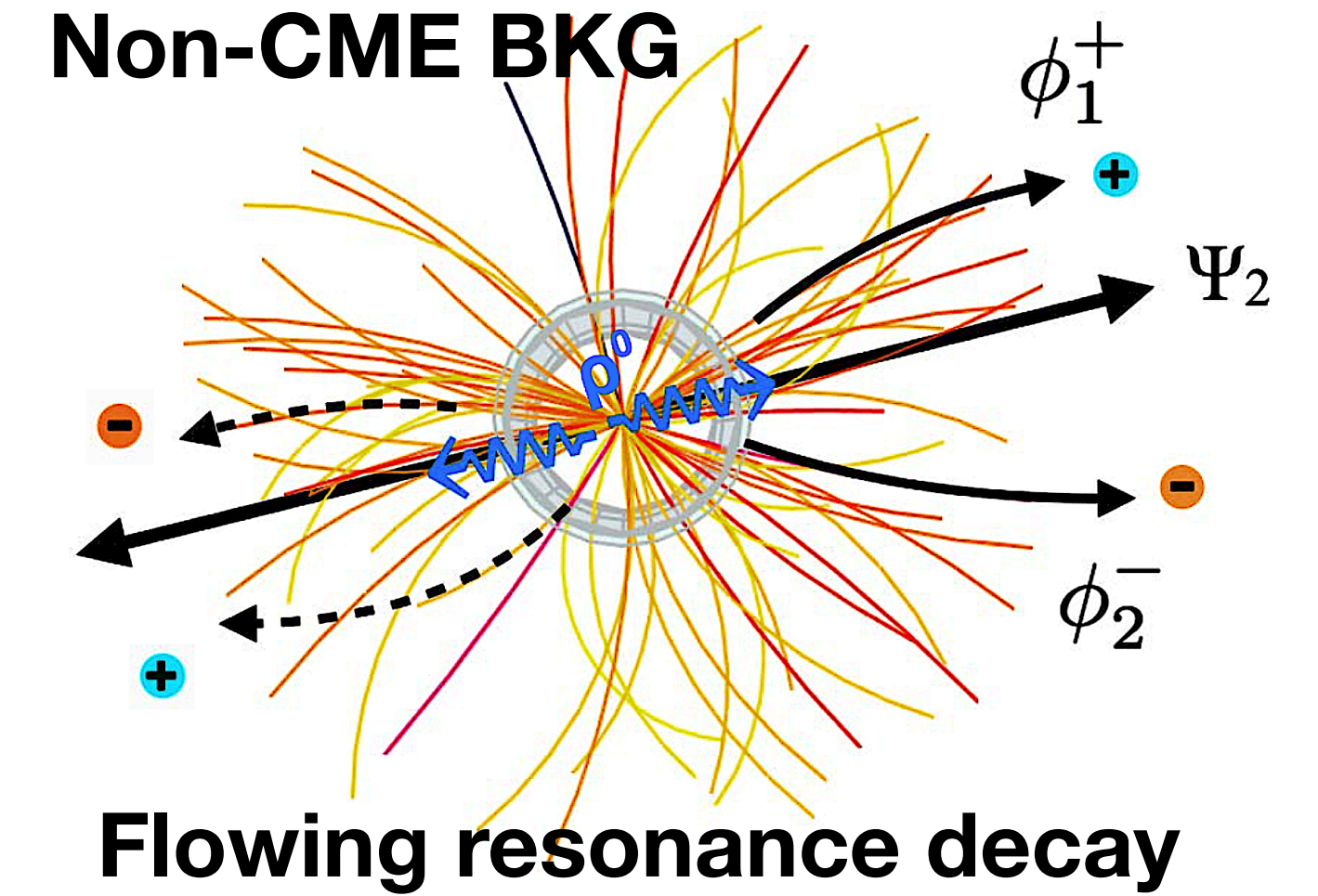
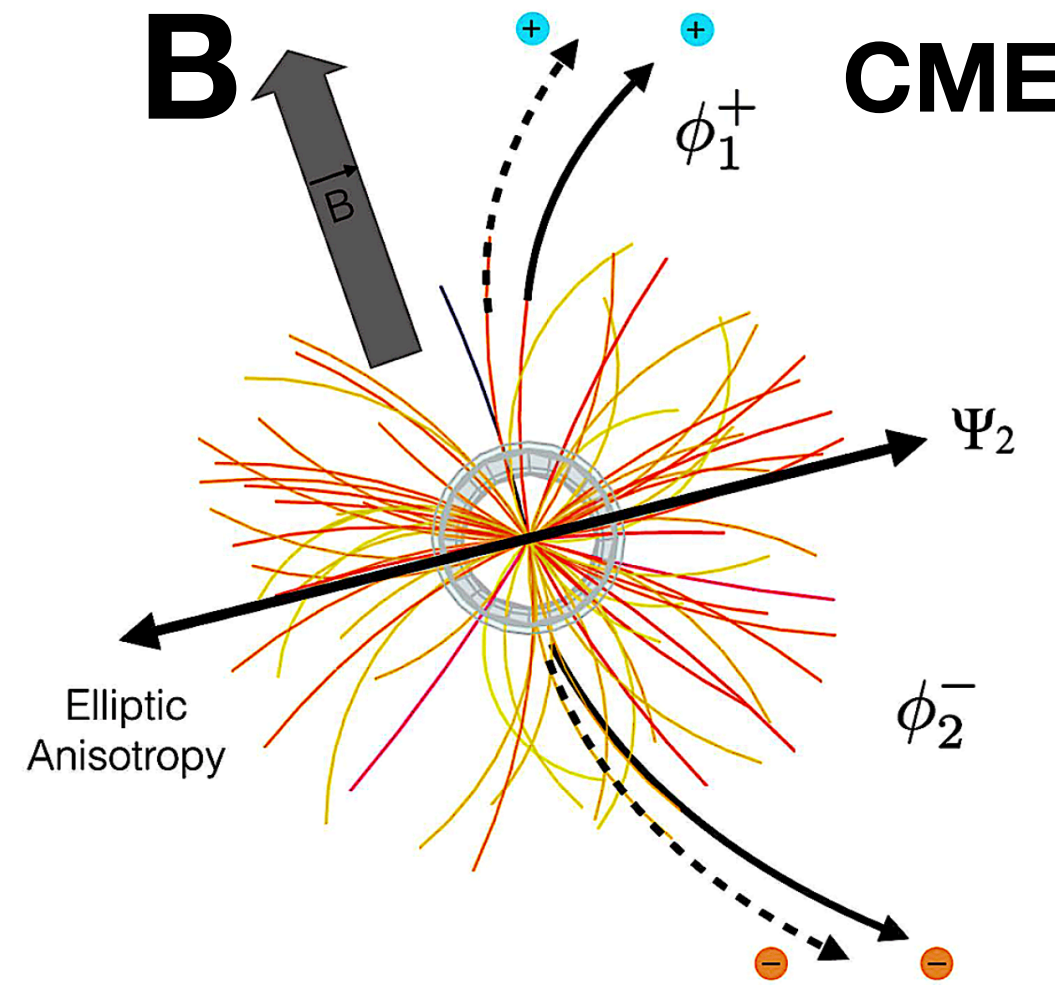
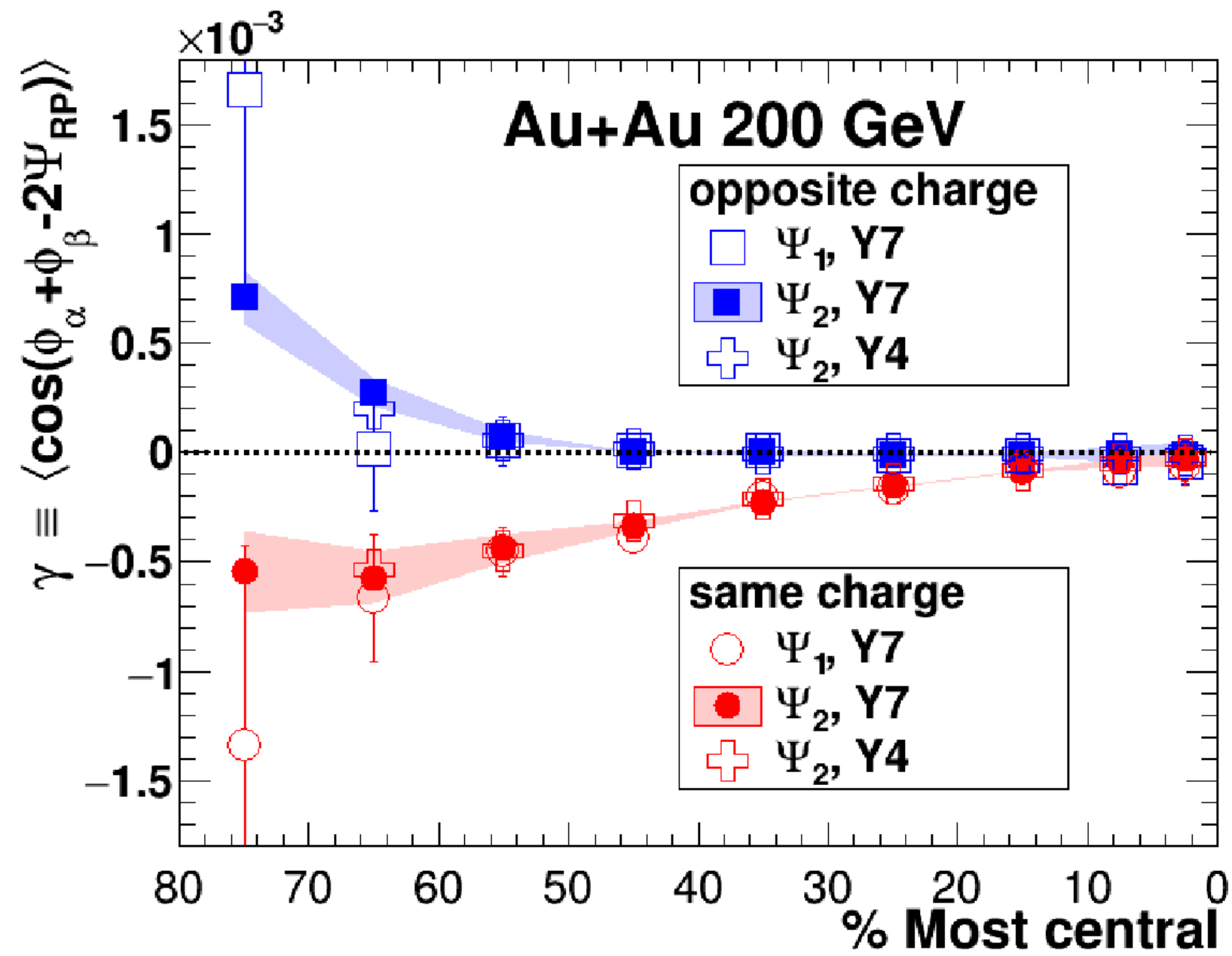
Cancels out

Signal

BKG

Measurement of Chiral Magnetic Effect

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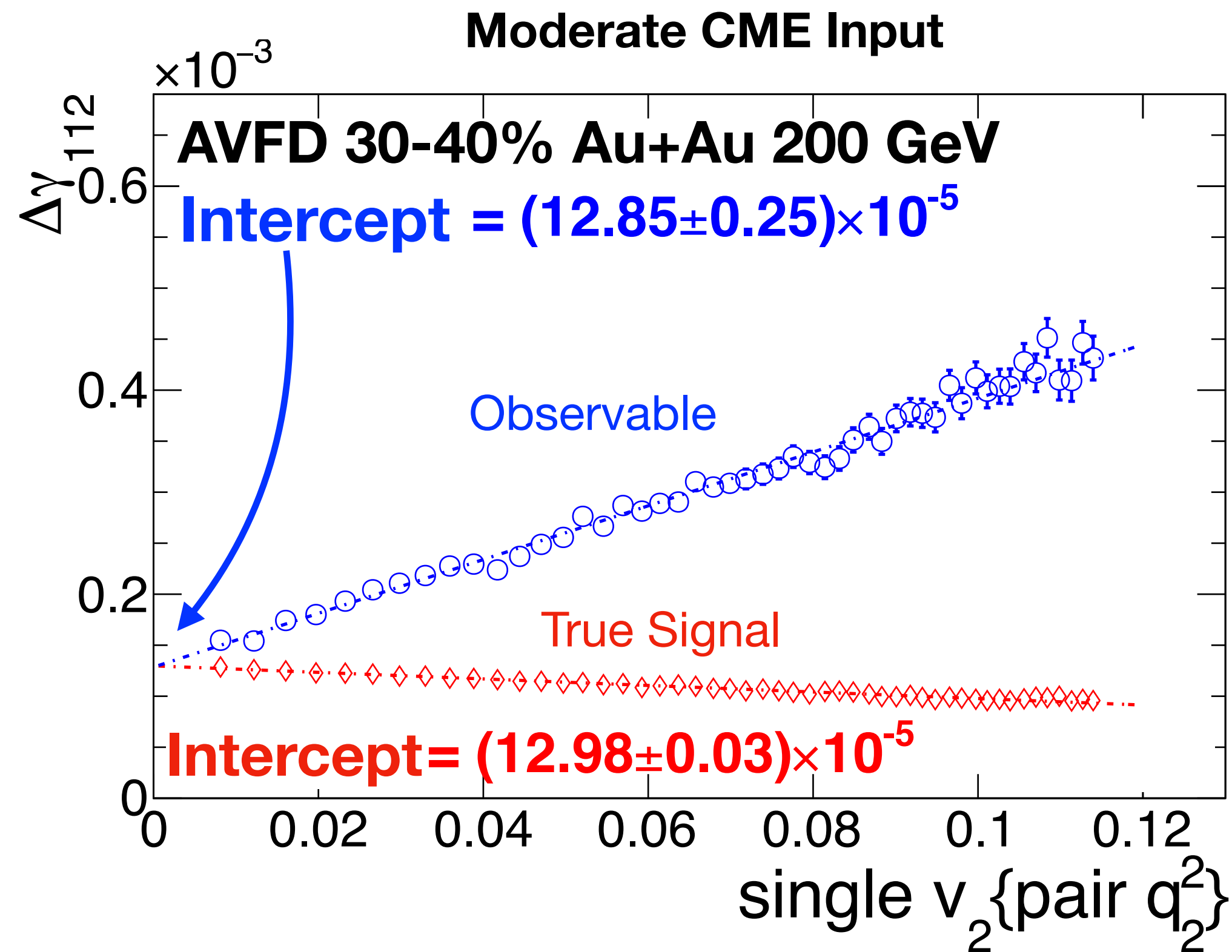
$$\Delta\gamma^{112} = \gamma^{OS} - \gamma^{SS} = \underbrace{\Delta\gamma^{\text{CME}}}_{\text{Signal}} + \underbrace{k \frac{v_2}{N}}_{\text{Background } > 80\%} + \underbrace{\Delta\gamma^{\text{nonflow}}}_{\text{Background } > 80\%}$$

$\gamma_{os} > \gamma_{ss}$, consistent with Chiral Magnetic Effect expectation

Measurement of CME is challenging because of the **dominated background**.

Suppress the major background

- We develop a new method to directly remove flow background in measurement.
- Project to spherical shape events ($v_2 = 0$), by utilizing the emission pattern.

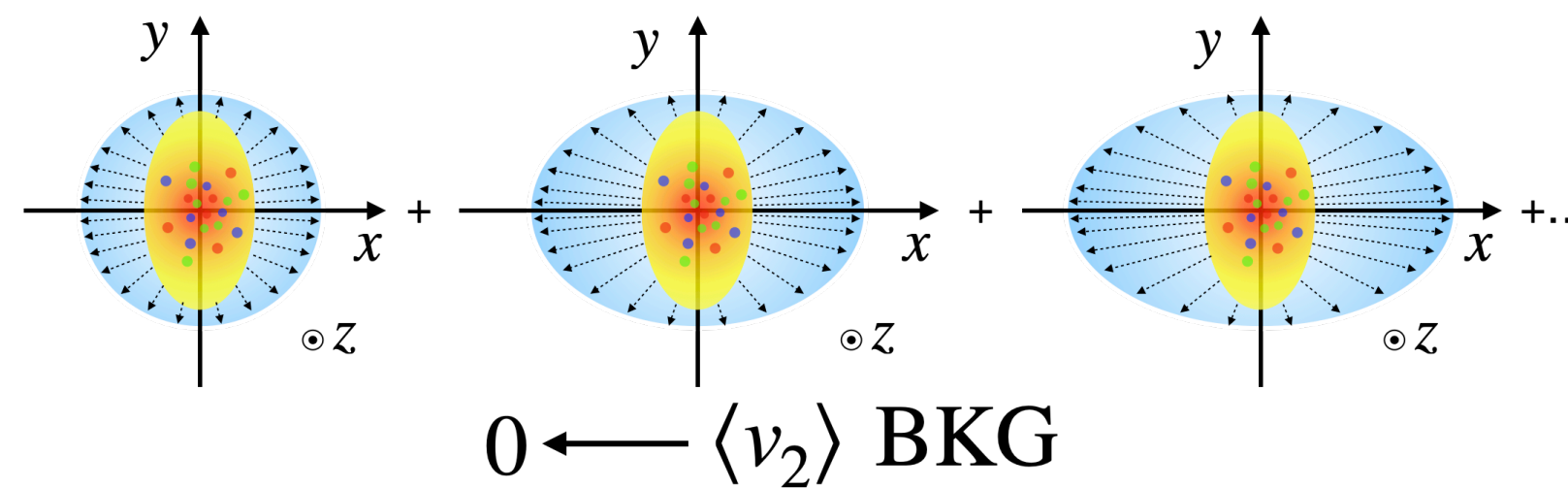


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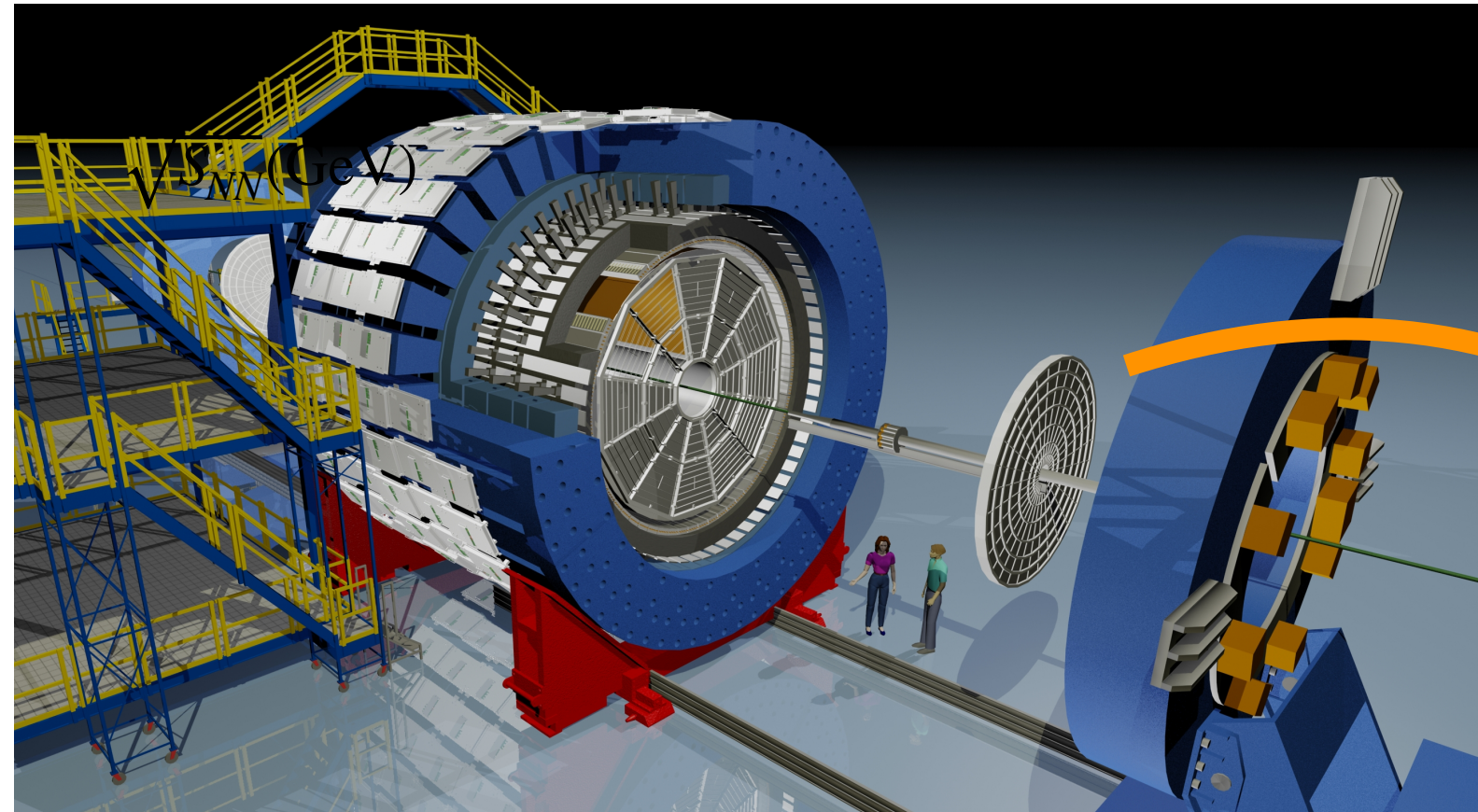
Event Shape Selection **Spectator Detector**

$$\Delta\gamma^{112} = \Delta\gamma^{\text{CME}} + k \frac{v_2}{N} + \Delta\gamma_{\text{non-flow}}$$

Measured Signal Backgrounds



Beam Energy Scan II data at RHIC



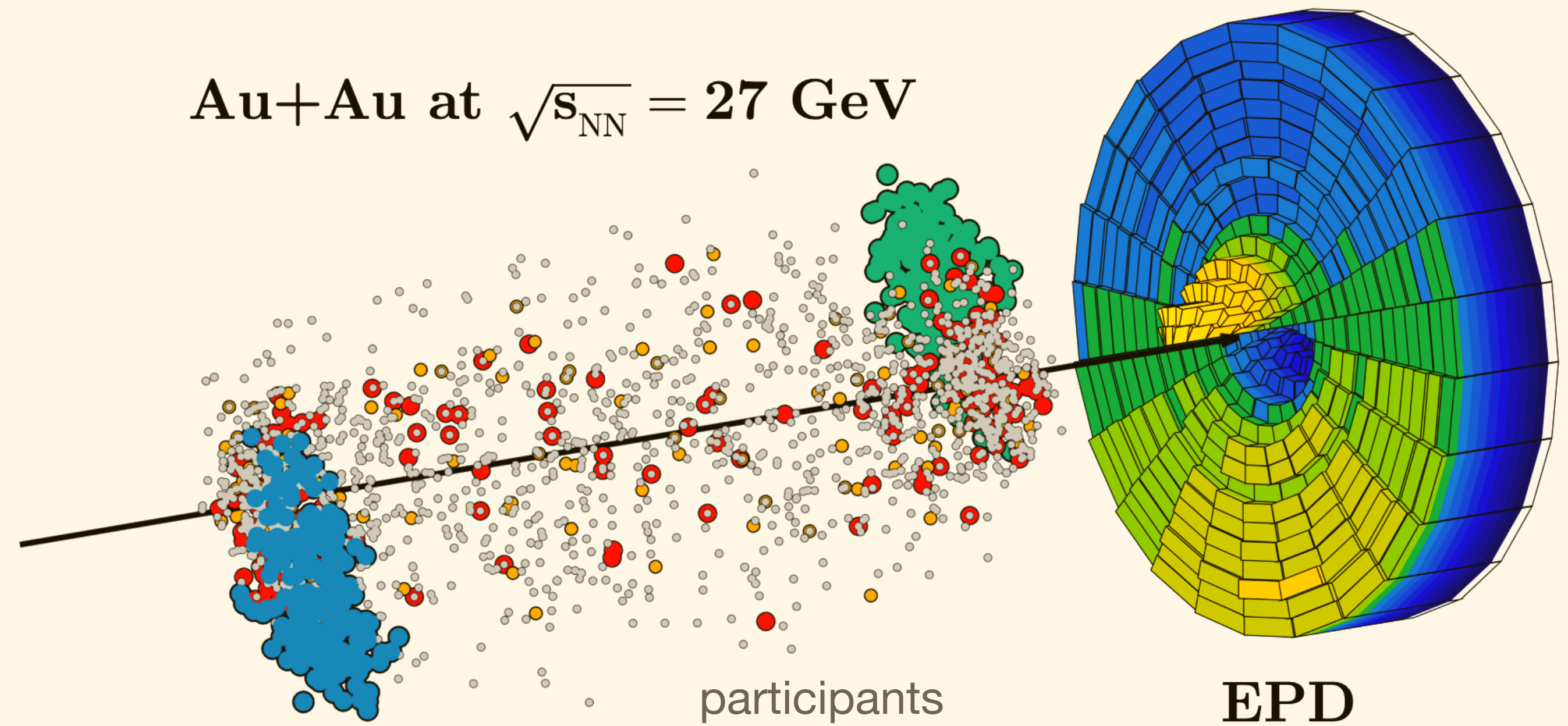
BES-II

Energy (GeV)	Events (10 ⁶)	Year
27	555	2018
19.6	478	2019
17.3	220	2021
14.6	324	2019
11.5	230	2020
9.2	160	2020
7.7	101	2021

Forward spectators

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Au+Au at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 27$ GeV

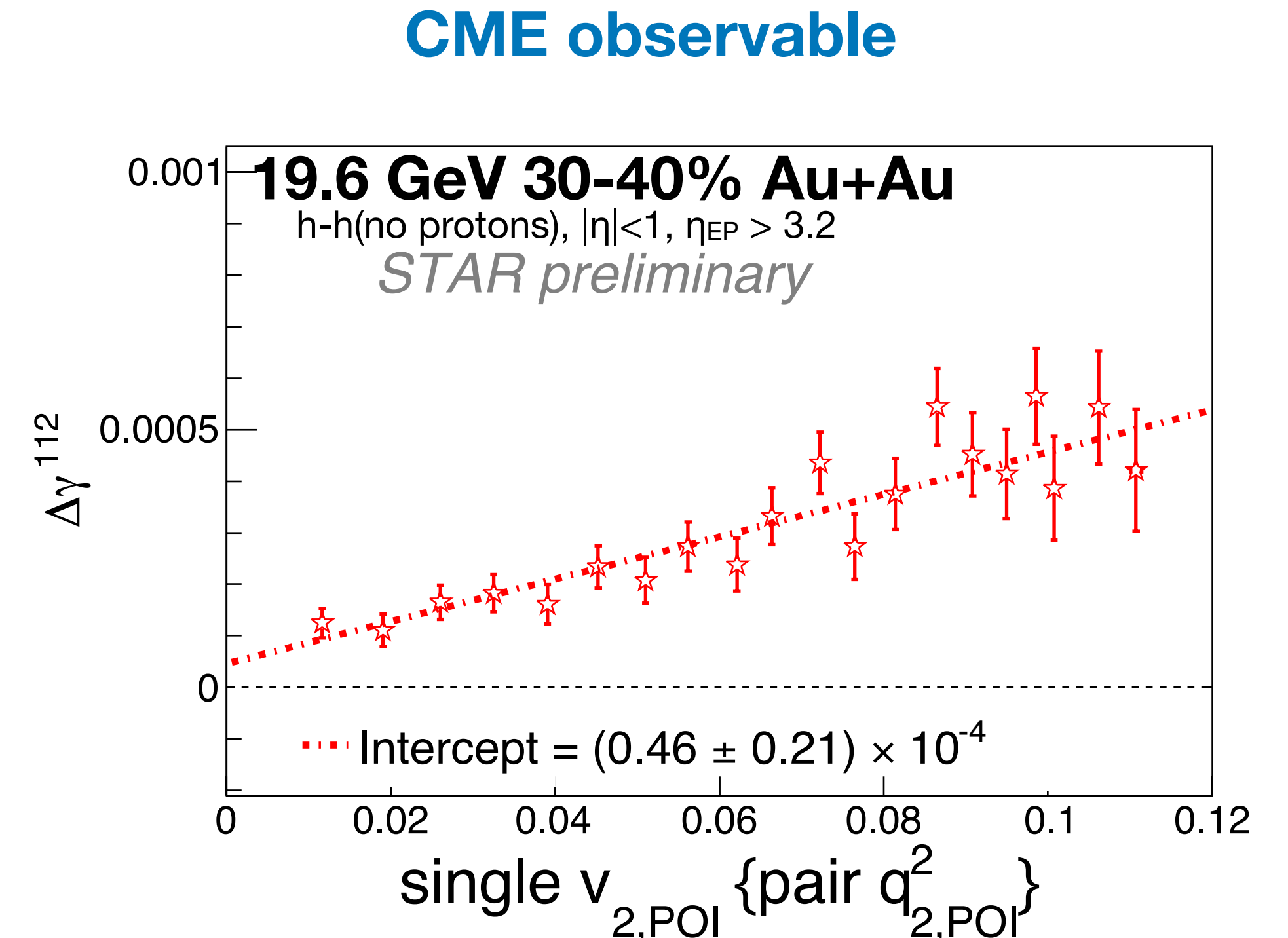
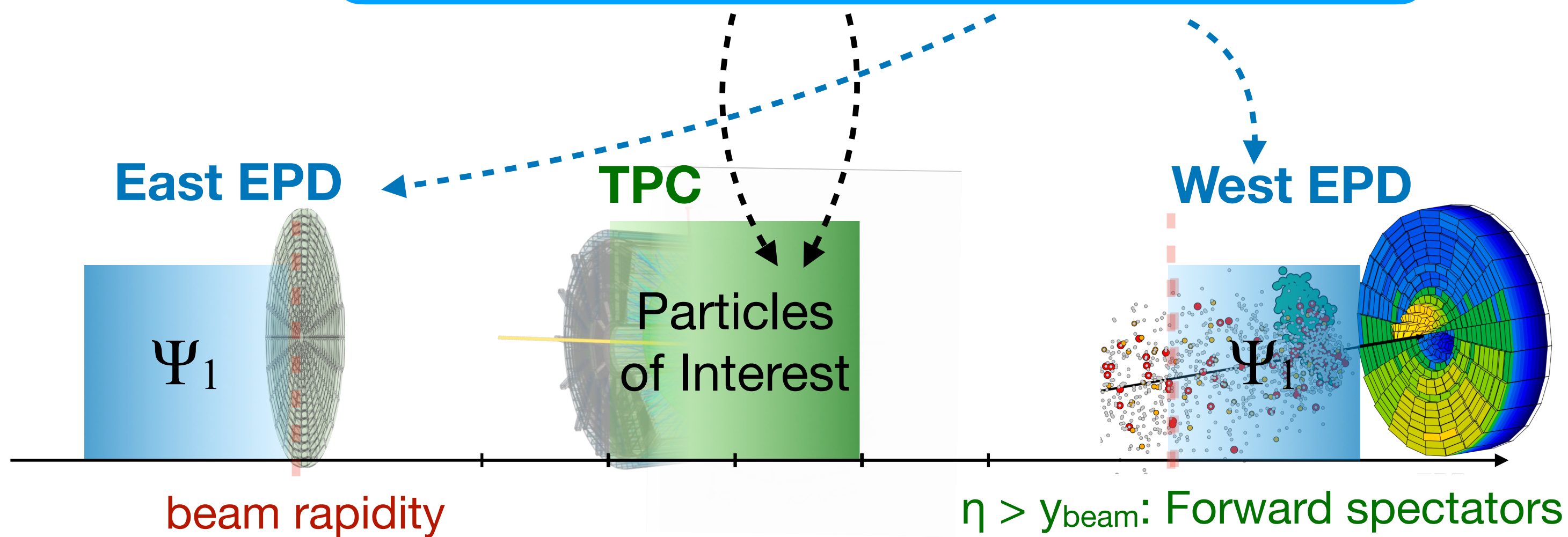


Event Plane Detector (EPD) Upgraded in 2018

- Targeting the **spectator regions** for B field
- Suppressing non- flow background

Beam Energy Scan II at STAR

$$\gamma^{112} = \langle \cos(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2 - \Psi_{EPD,e} - \Psi_{EPD,w}) \rangle$$



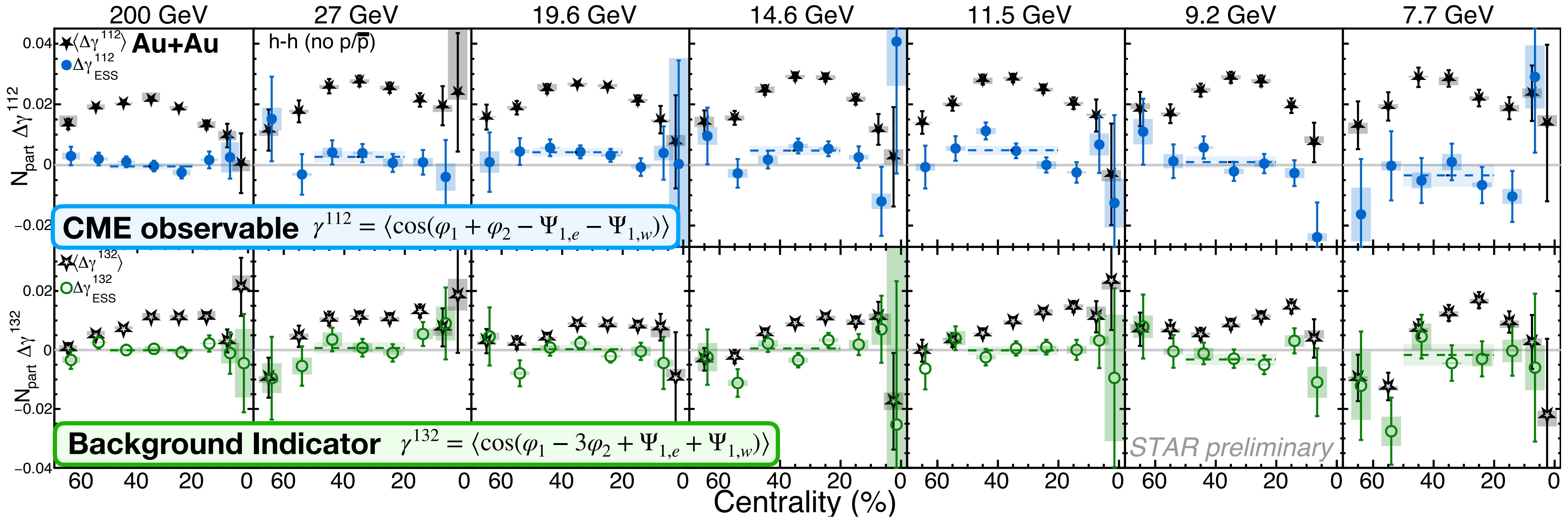
- After Suppressing the flow BKG with ESS, and non-flow BKG with spectator plane from EPD:
 - The intercept of CME observable present **a finite value**.

Event Shape Selection **Spectator Ψ_1**

$$\Delta\gamma^{112} = \Delta\gamma^{\text{CME}} + k \frac{v_2}{N} + \Delta\gamma^{\text{non-flow}}$$

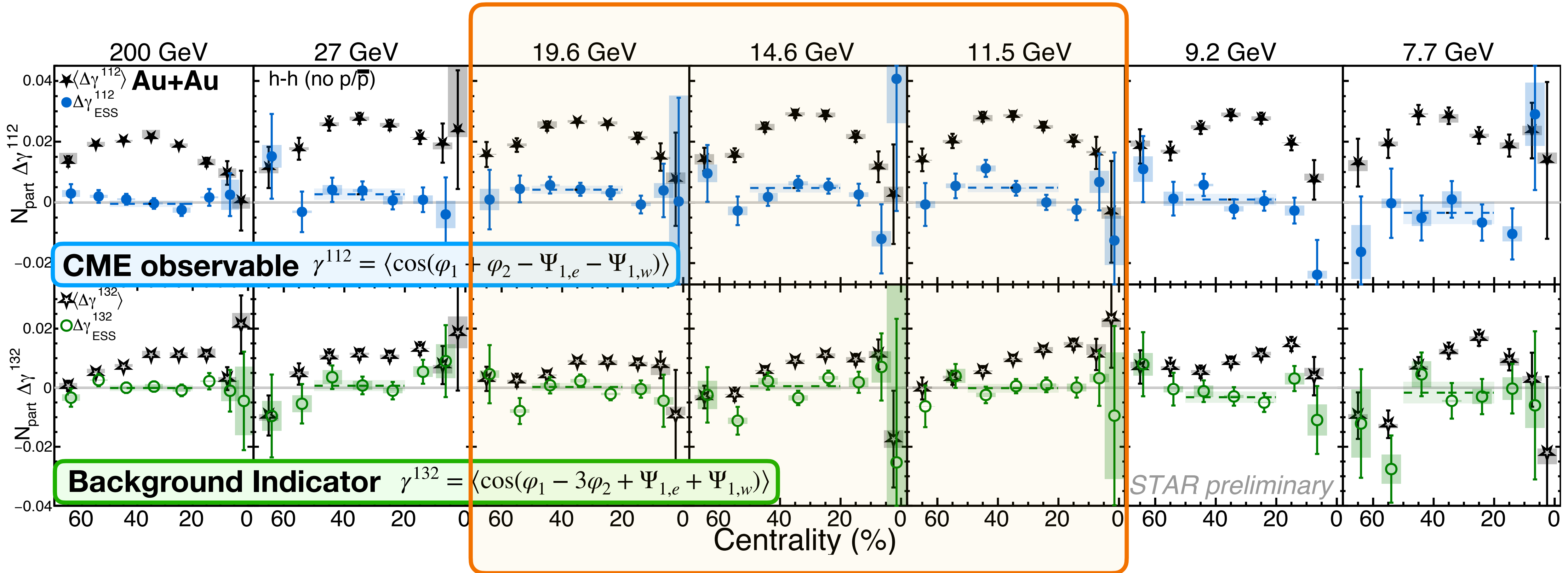
Measured Signal Backgrounds

The Beam Energy Scan II Results



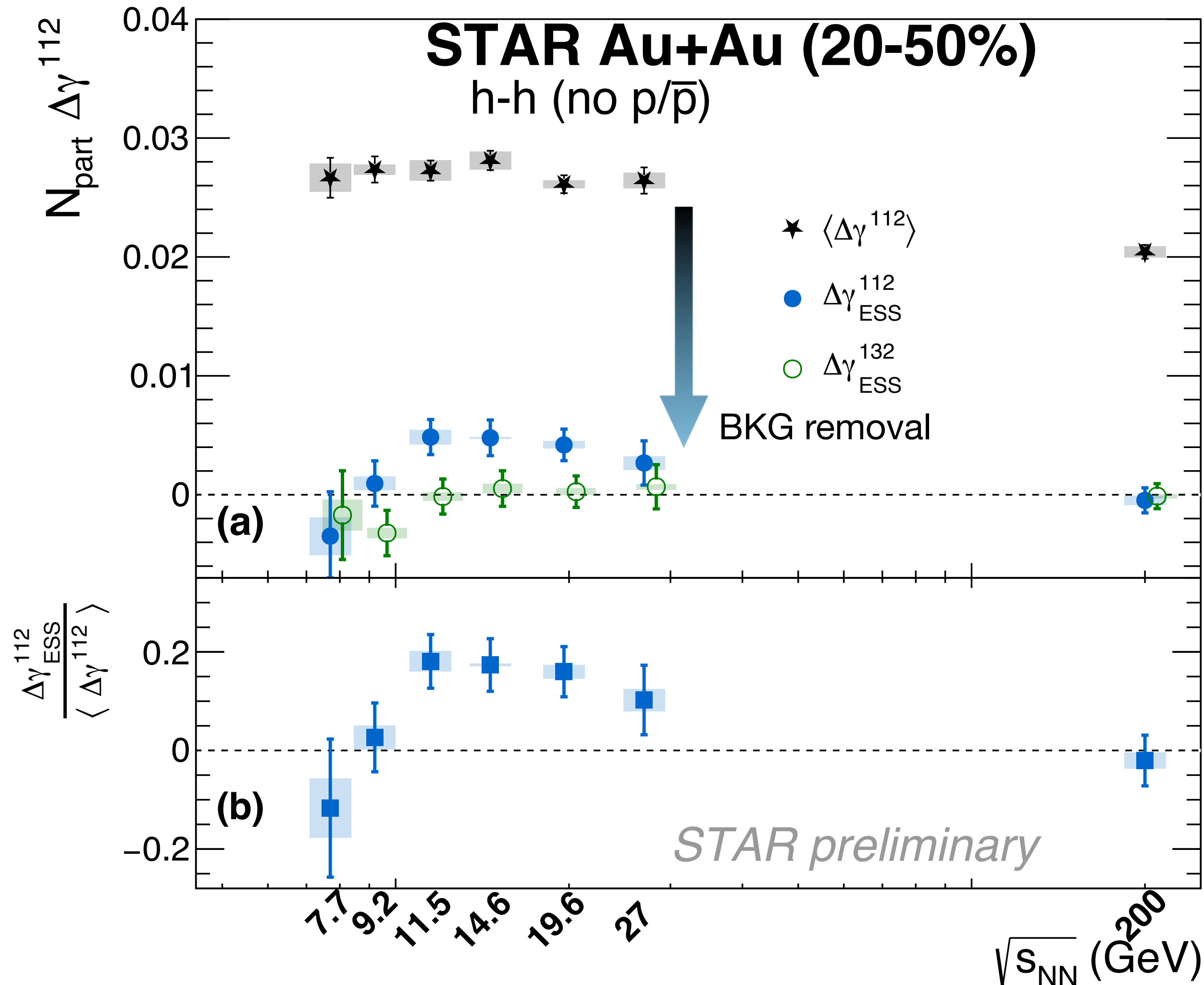
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Beam Energy Dependence



- After removing the flow BKG with ESS, and nonflow BKG using Spectator Plane,
 - A finite residual charge separation (**3 σ above zero**) at 11.5, 14.6 and 19.6 GeV
- The **background indicator** is consistent with zero.
- The residual charge separation may come from the Chiral Magnetic Effects?
- It can largely enhance our understanding of the local parity violation in the strong interaction.

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