



# Physics of the Isobar Comparison Run

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# Anomalous chiral effects

$$\mathbf{j}_{\text{anom}} = \kappa_B \mathbf{B} + \kappa_\omega \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

$$\mathbf{j}_{5,\text{anom}} = \xi_B \mathbf{B} + \xi_\omega \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

# Anomalous chiral effects

- Macroscopic manifestation of chiral anomaly
  - Dissipationless
  - Many theoretical derivations
    - Perturbation theory, lattice QCD, real-time lattice...
    - Required piece of hydrodynamics [\[Son-Surówka PRL'09\]](#)
  - Transport coefficients are fixed by anomaly itself
  - Experimentally found in Dirac semimetals  
[\[Li et. al. Nature Phys.'16\]](#)

# Chiral magnetic effect requires chirality imbalance

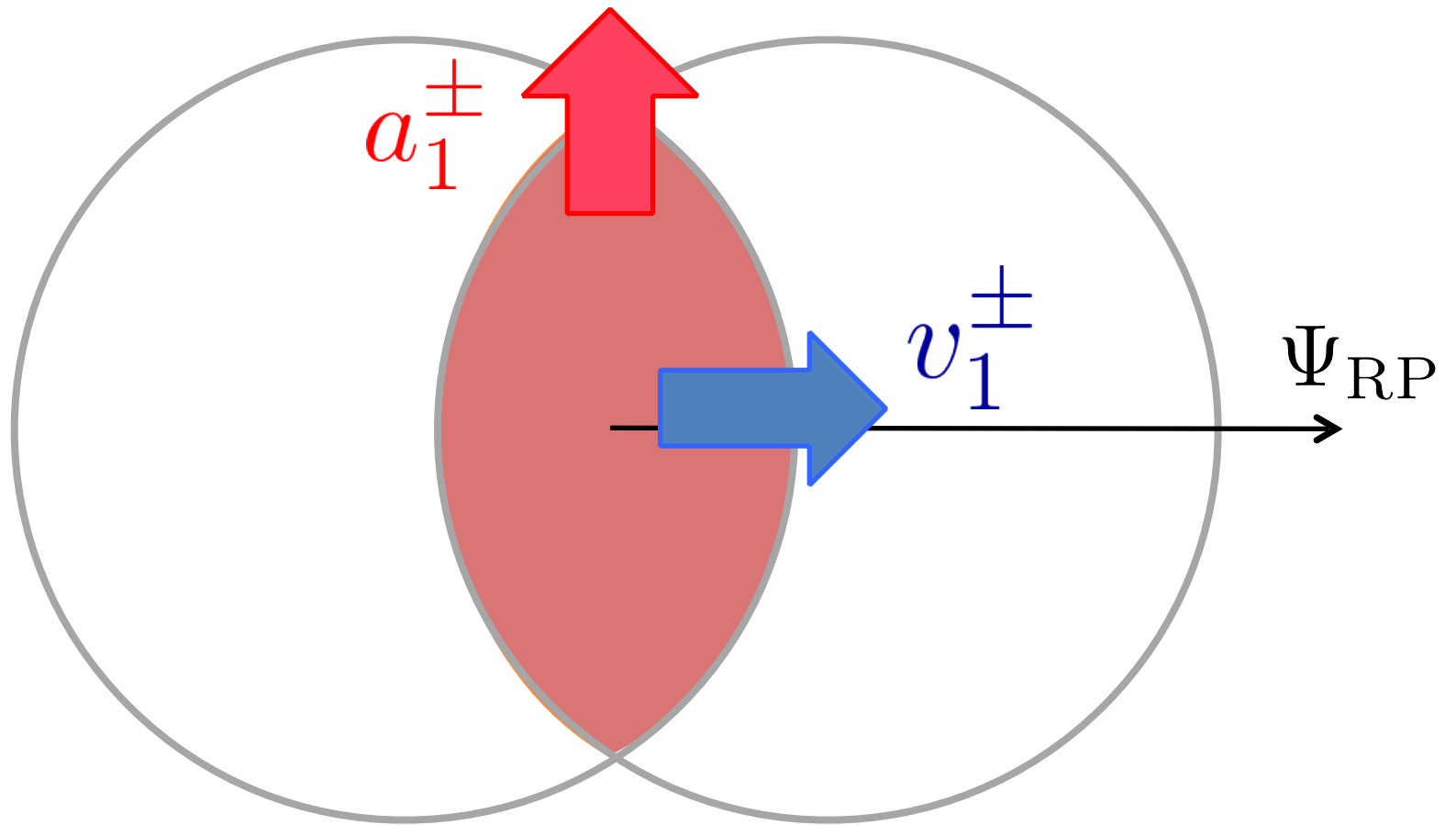
- Axial charge generation from color fields

$$\partial_{\mu} j_5^{\mu} = \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \mathbf{E}^a \cdot \mathbf{B}^a$$

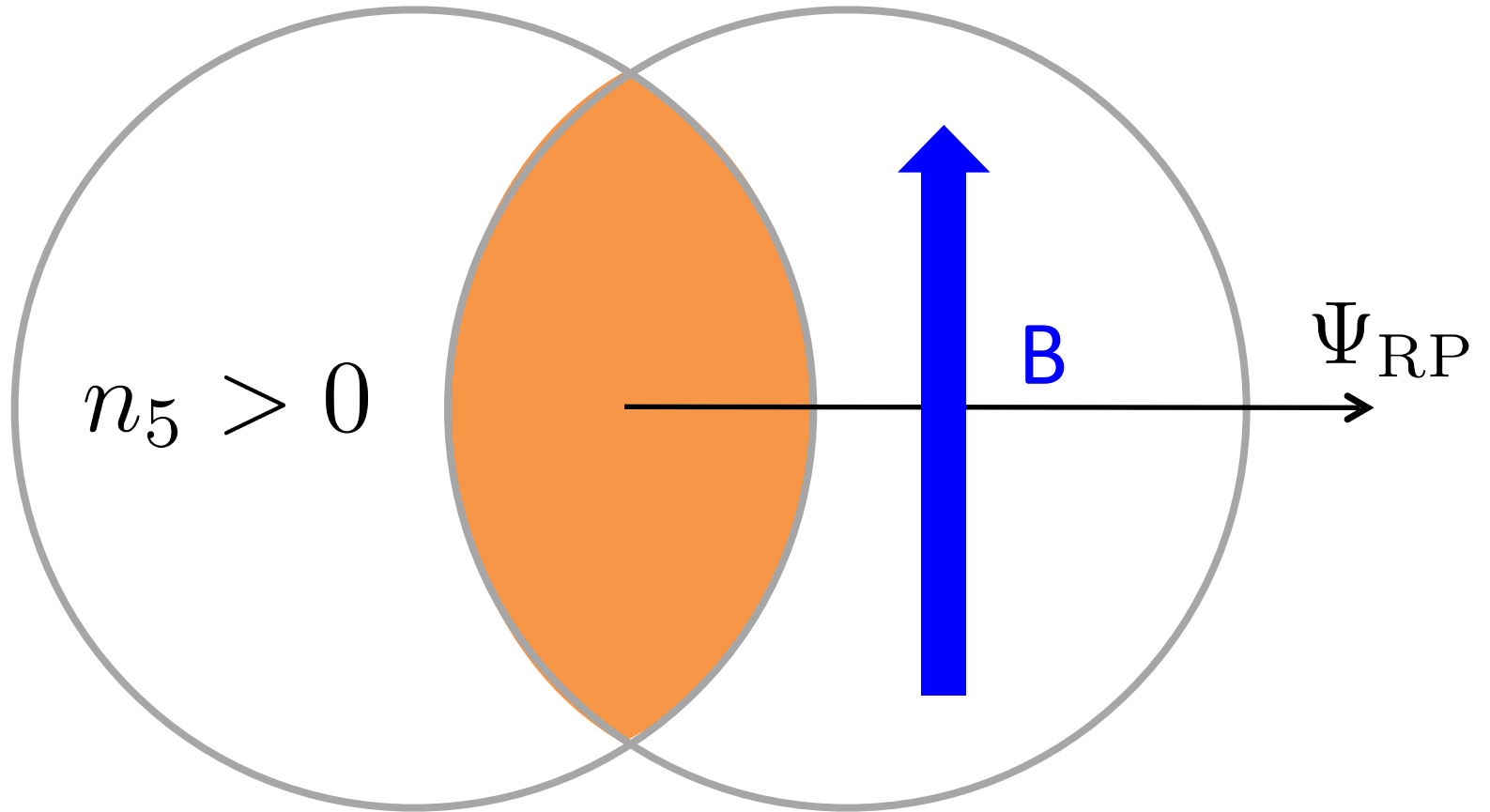
- Signature of chiral symmetry restoration
  - In the presence of chiral condensate, the chirality imbalance dissipates at the time scale ( 1 / the constituent quark mass) < 1 fm
  - If the chiral symmetry is restored, the chirality dissipation occurs with  $(2 \text{ MeV})^{-1} \simeq 100 \text{ fm}$

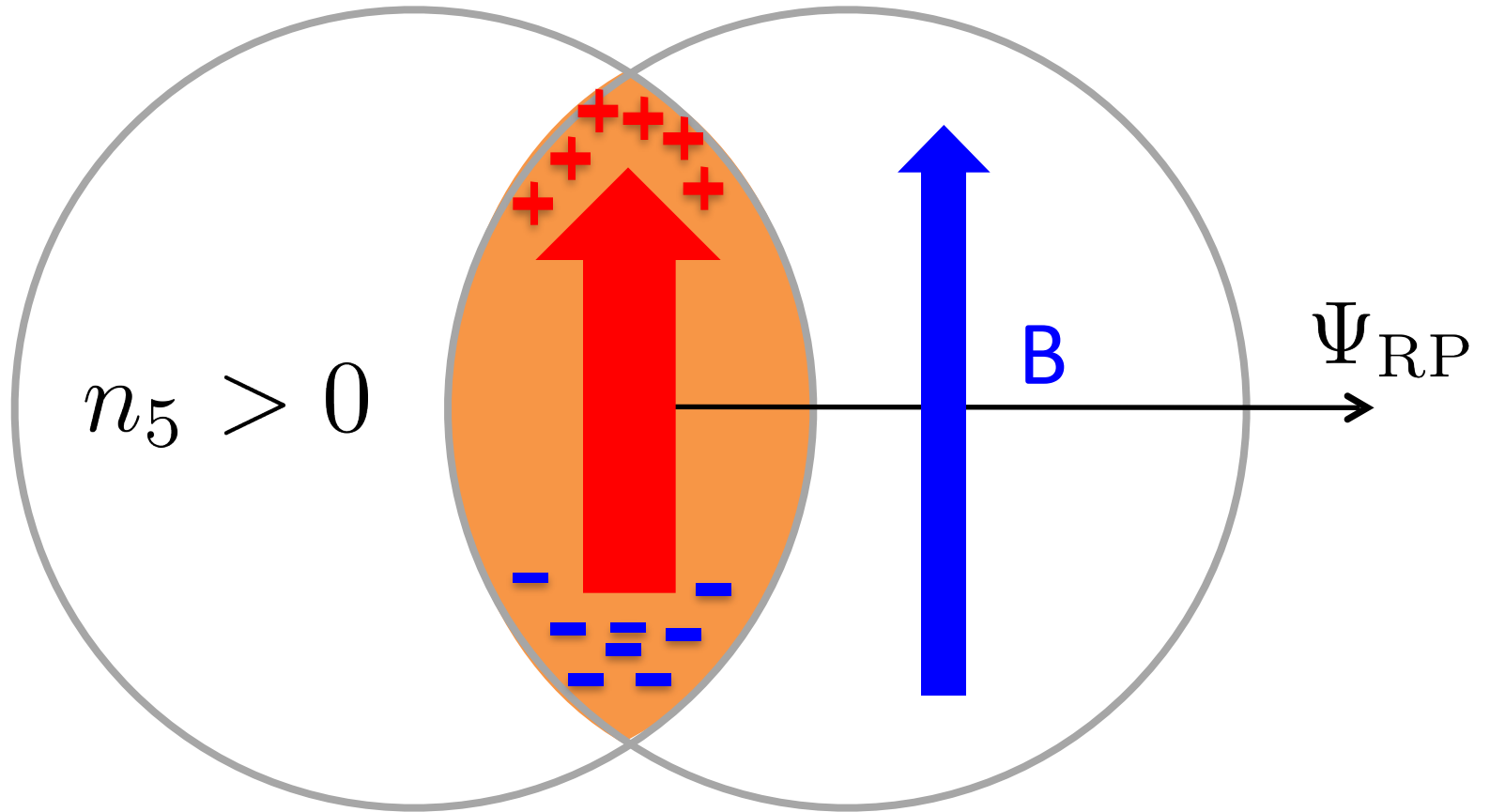
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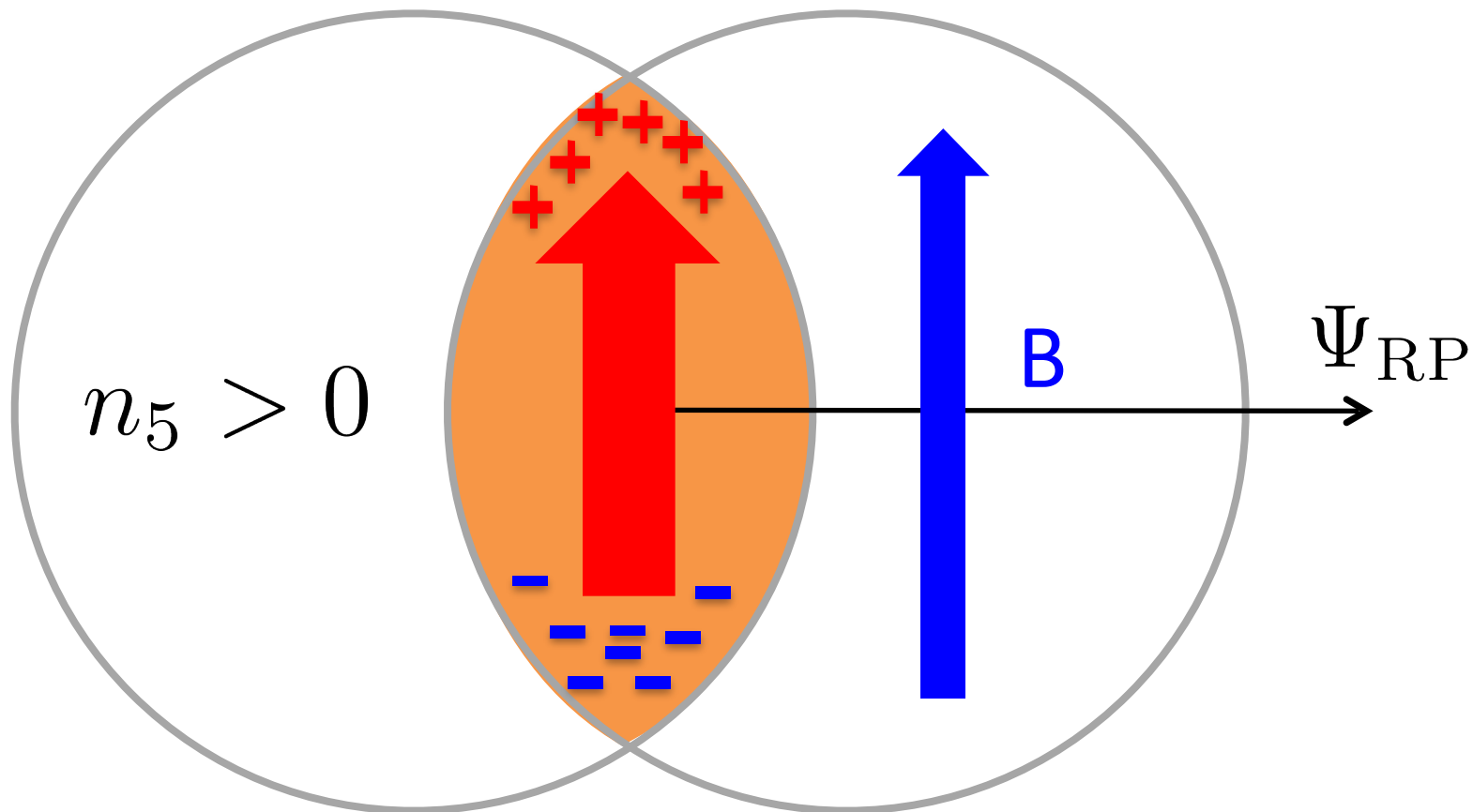


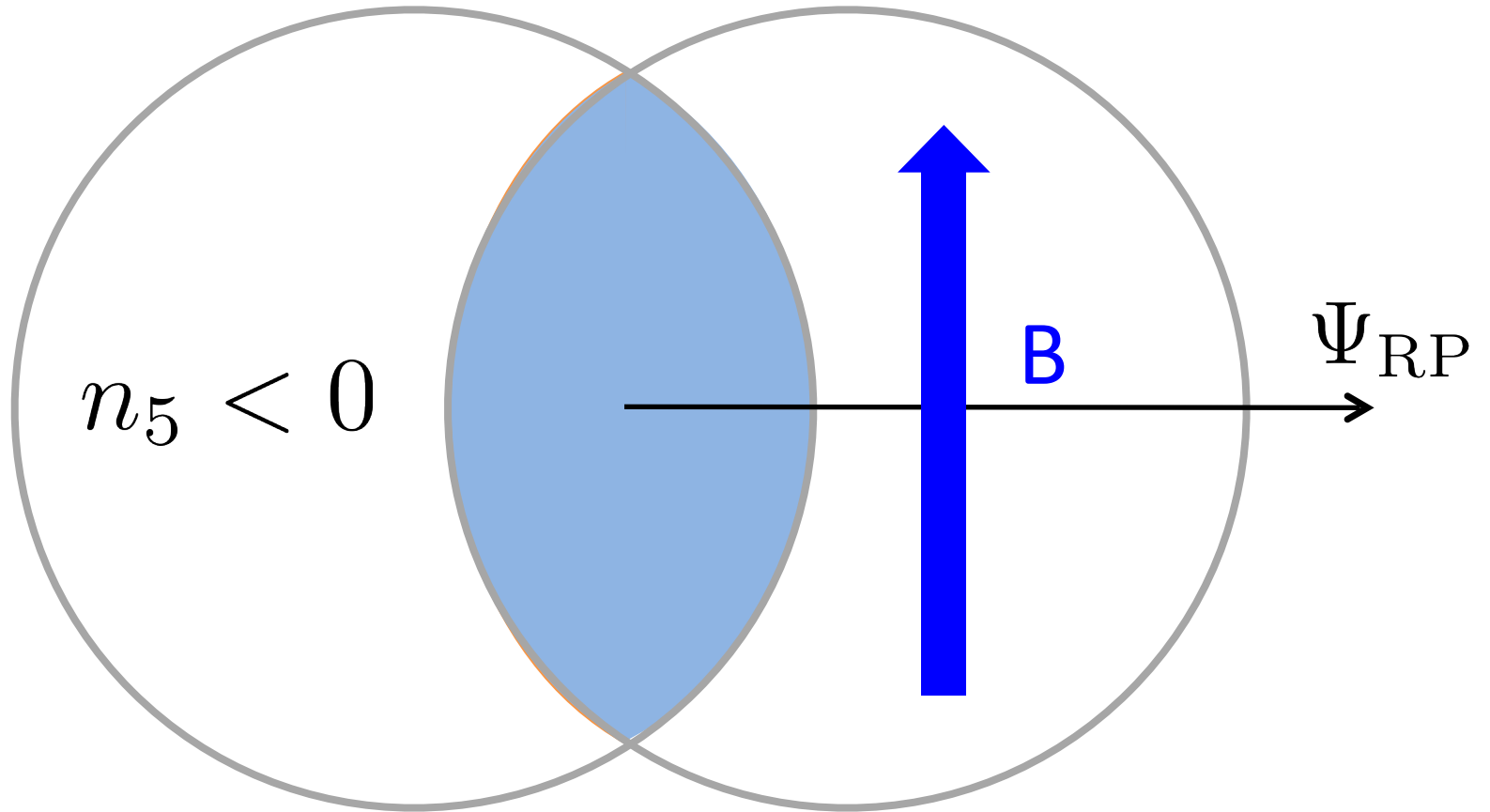


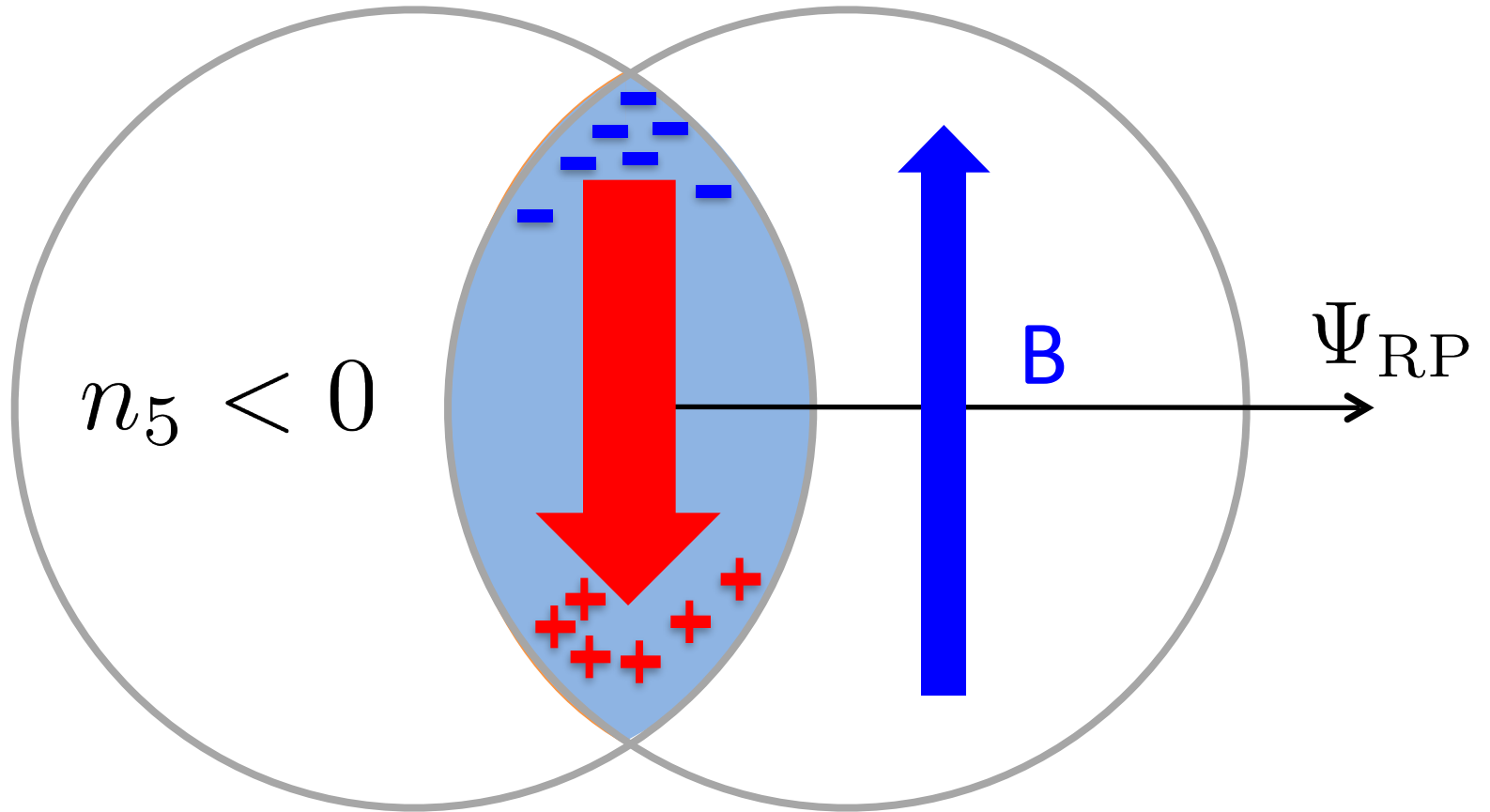




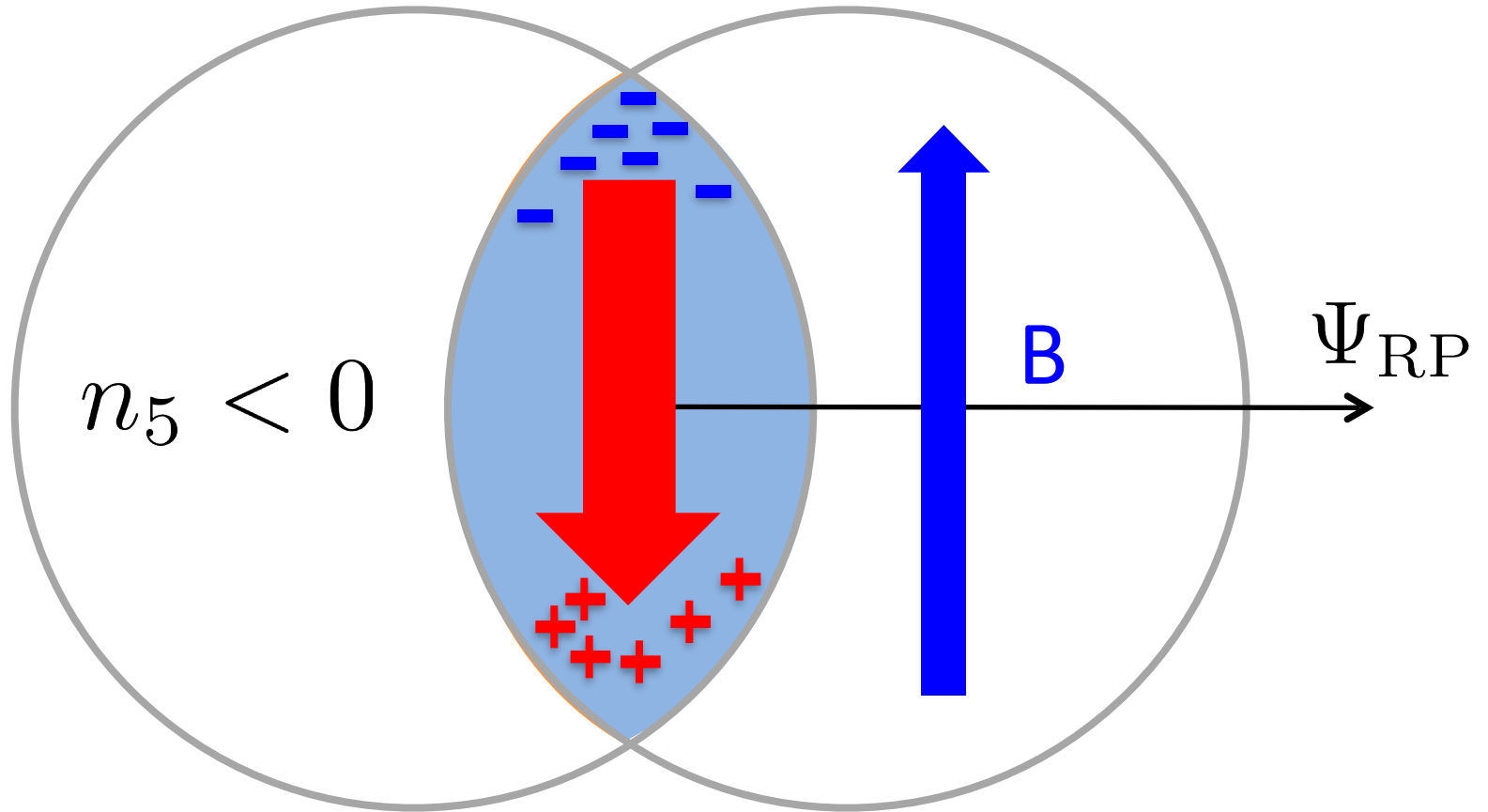
$$a_1^+ > 0 \quad a_1^- < 0$$







$$a_1^+ < 0 \quad a_1^- > 0$$



# Charged single-particle distribution

$$\frac{dN^\alpha}{d\phi} = \frac{\bar{N}^\alpha}{2\pi} [1 + 2a_1^\alpha \sin(\phi - \Psi_{\text{RP}}) + 2v_1^\alpha \cos(\phi - \Psi_{\text{RP}}) + 2v_2^\alpha \cos 2(\phi - \Psi_2) + \dots]$$

$$a_1^+ = -a_1^-$$

$$\langle a_1^+ \rangle = \langle a_1^- \rangle = 0$$

# Observables

- gamma correlation  $\gamma_{\alpha\beta} = \left\langle \cos(\phi_1^\alpha + \phi_2^\beta - 2\Psi_{\text{RP}}) \right\rangle$
- Can pick up two-particle correlations unrelated to charge separation (“non-flow”)

$$f_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) = f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_1) f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_2) + \underbrace{f_{\alpha\beta}^c(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2)}_{\sim \frac{1}{N}}$$

- Reaction-plane independent background cancels out

$$\gamma_{\alpha\beta} = \left[ \left\langle v_1^\alpha v_1^\beta \right\rangle + B_{\text{in}} \right] - \left[ \left\langle a_1^\alpha a_1^\beta \right\rangle + B_{\text{out}} \right]$$



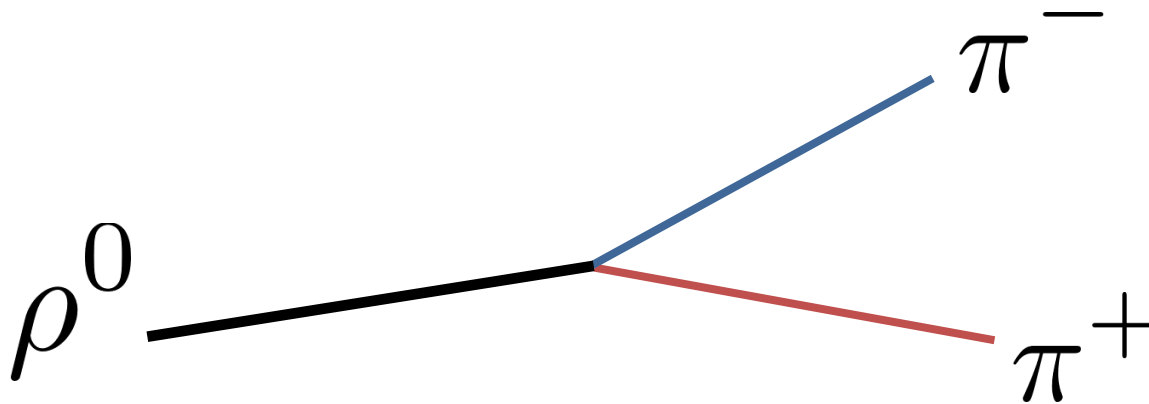
# Backgrounds

- Flowing resonances [Voloshin PRC'04]  
[F. Wang PRC'10]
- Local charge conservation + flow  
[Schlichting-Pratt, PRC'11]  
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- Transverse momentum conservation  
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Those all contribute as  $\sim \frac{v_2}{N}$

# Flowing resonances

$$B_{\text{in}} - B_{\text{out}} \propto v_{2,\text{clust}} \cos(\phi_1^\alpha + \phi_2^\beta - 2\phi_{\text{clust}})$$



Local charge conservation + flow  
gives similar correlations

# Transverse momentum conservation

[Bzdak-Koch-Liao PRC (2011)]

$$\gamma_{SS} = \left\langle \frac{\sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \cos(\phi_i + \phi_j)}{\sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} 1} \right\rangle$$

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- Charge-independent background removed by

$$\Delta\gamma = \gamma_{OS} - \gamma_{SS}$$



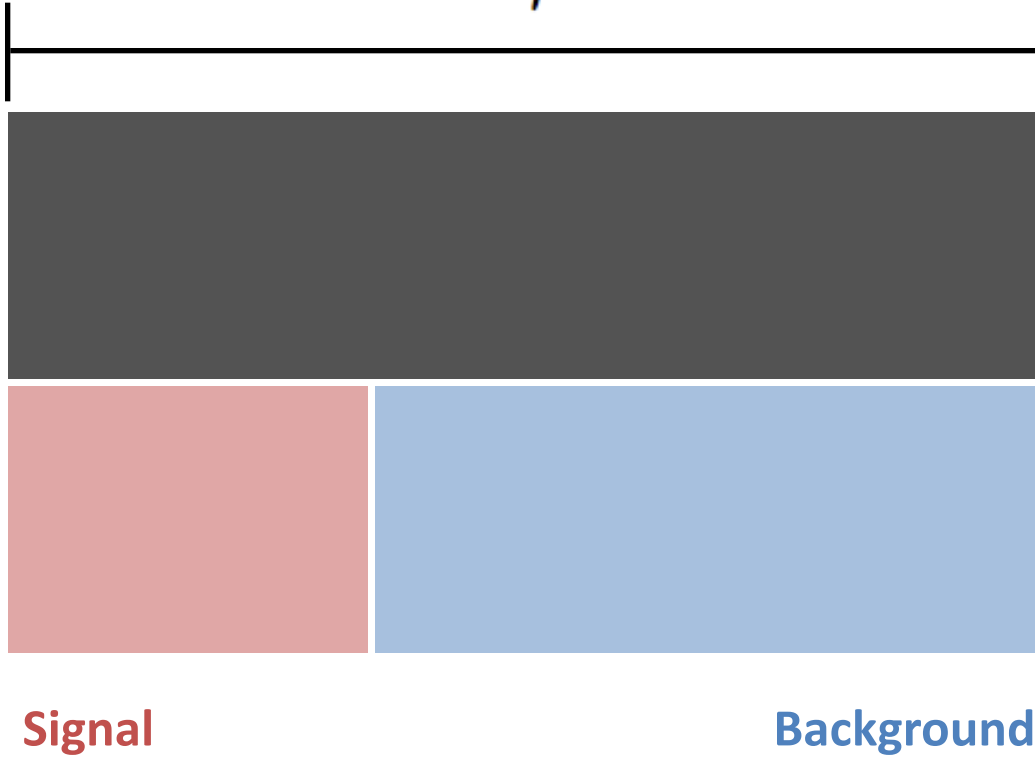
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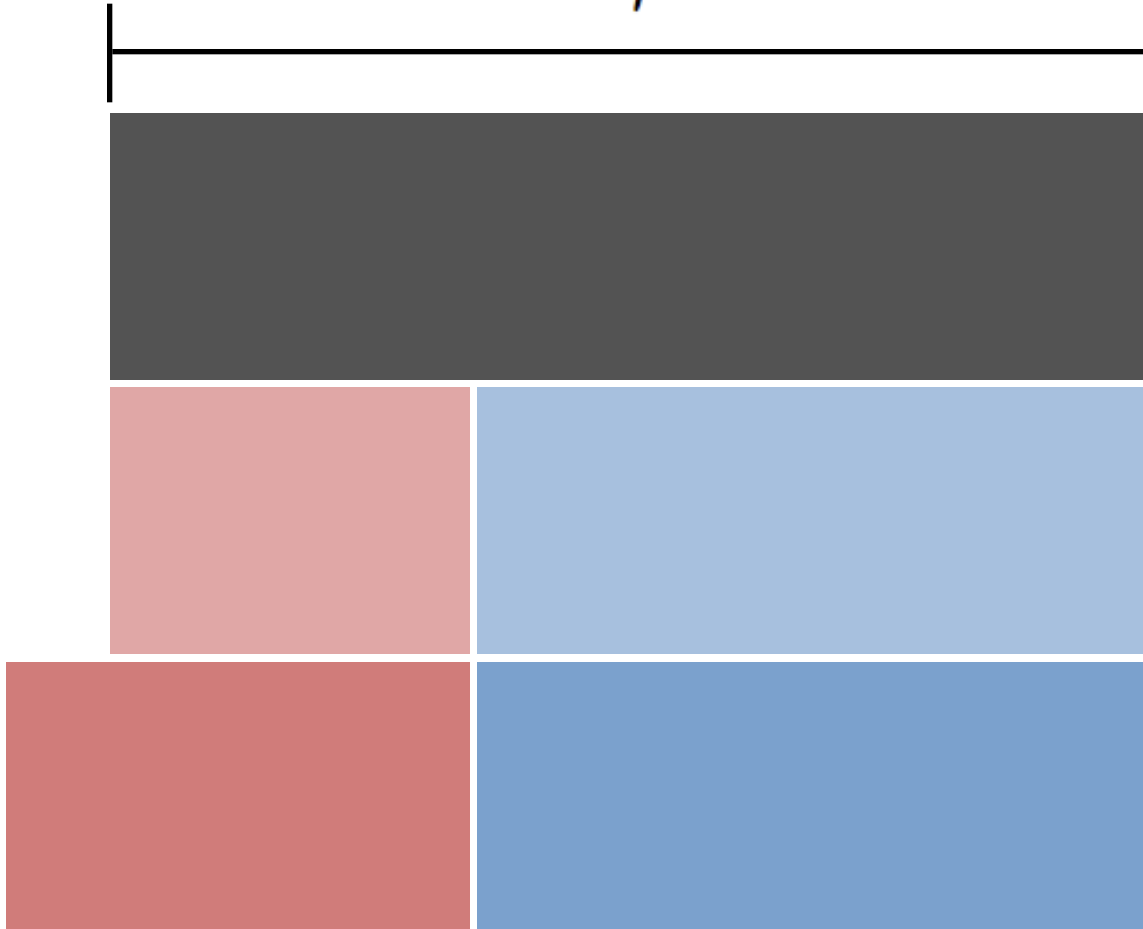
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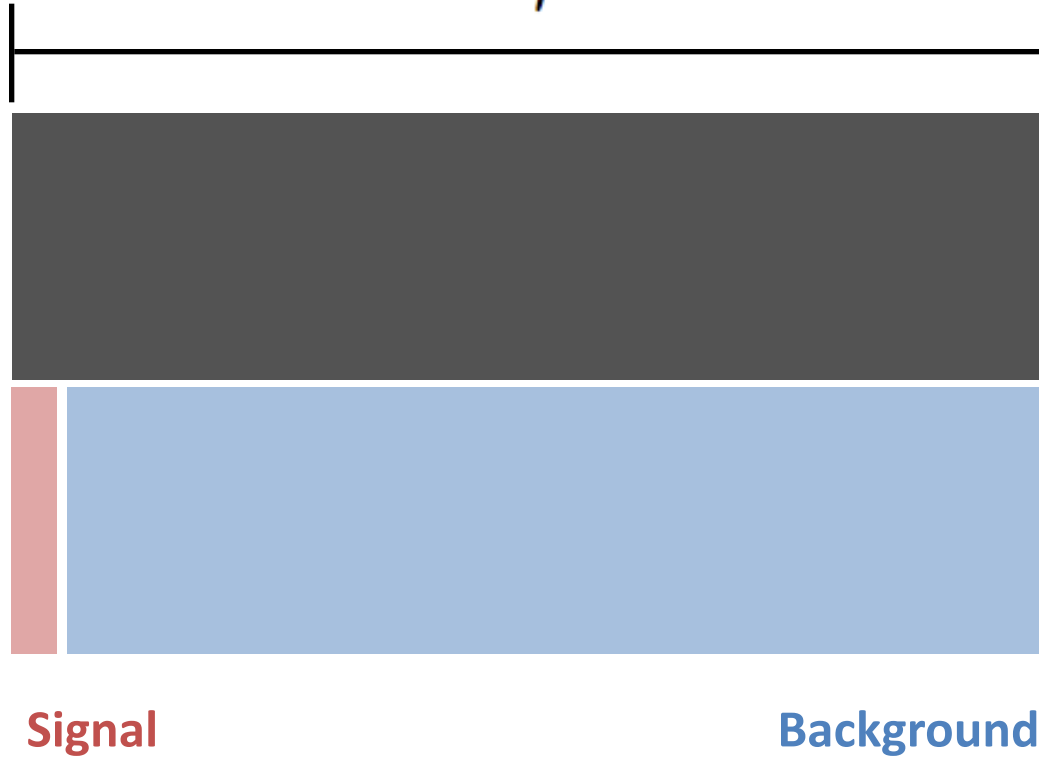
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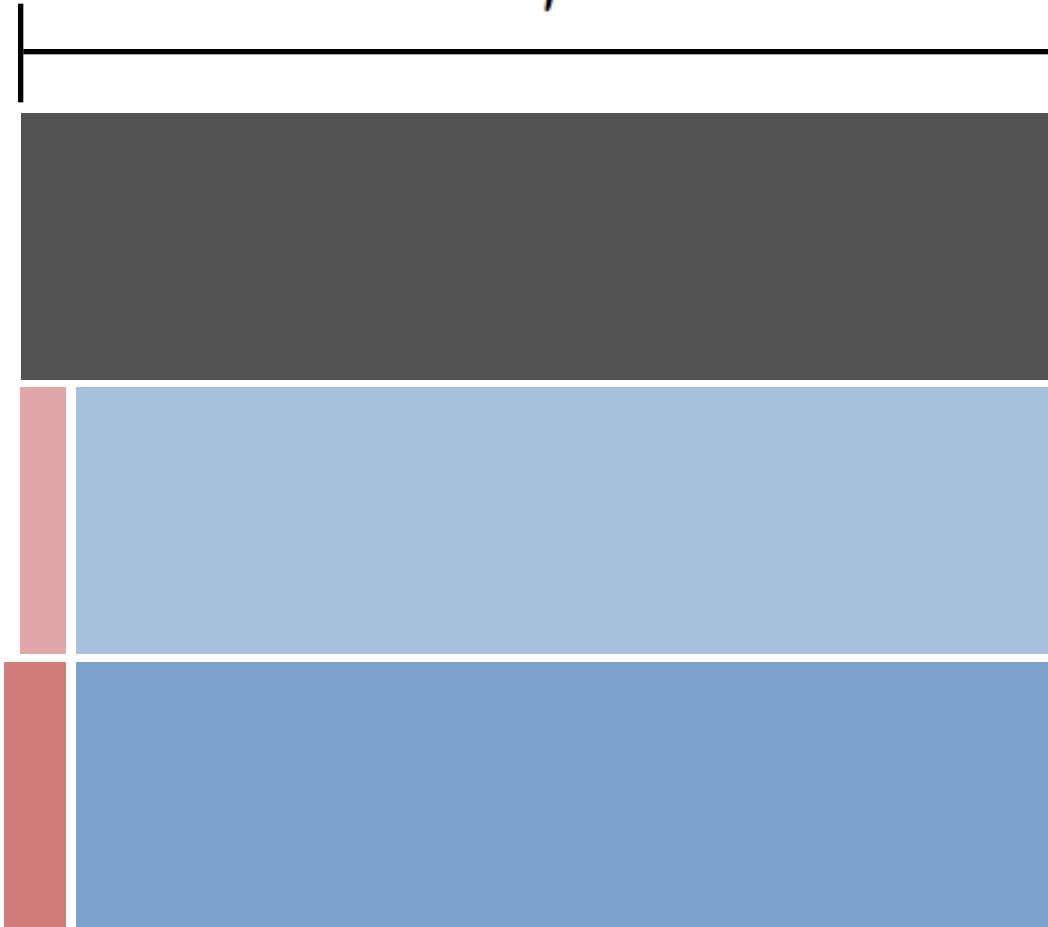
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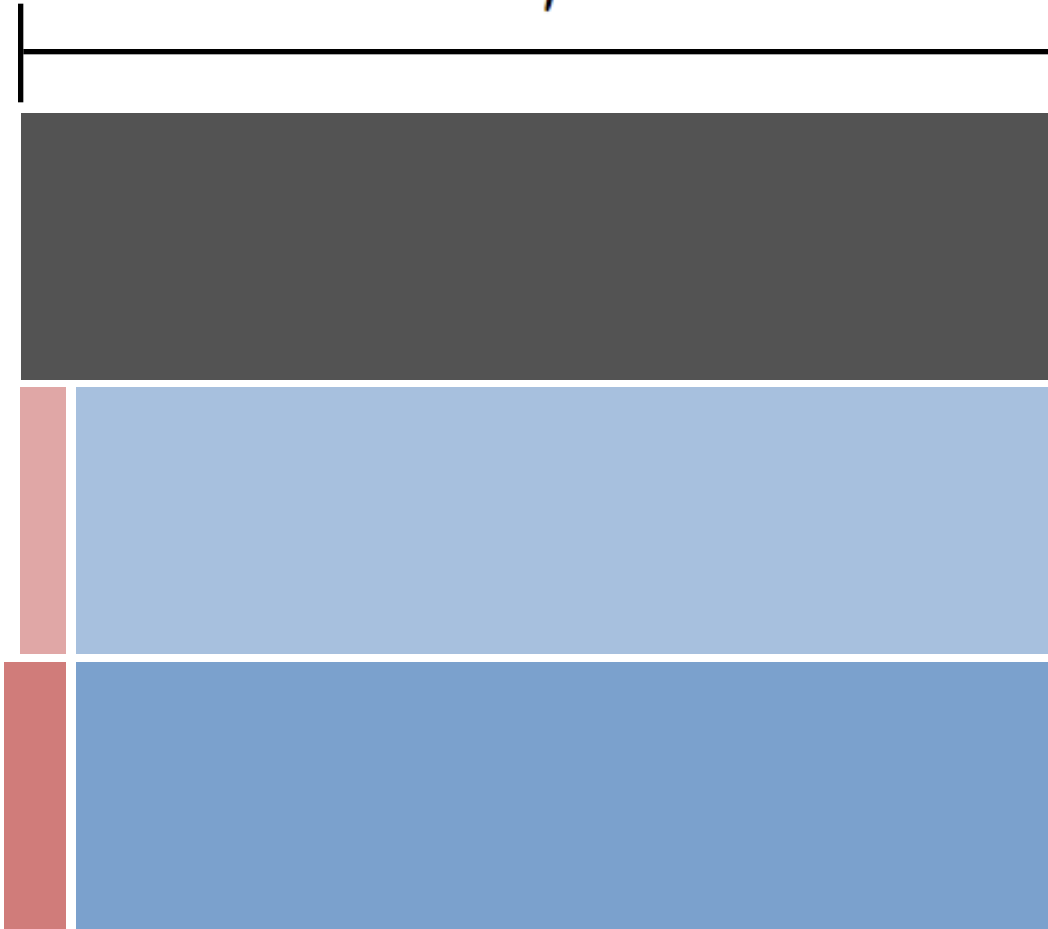
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$^{96}_{44}\text{Ru}$   $^{96}_{40}\text{Zr}$

# Varying signal with fixed background

- CME-driven part is proportional to

$$B_{\text{sq}} = \left\langle \frac{(eB)^2}{m_{\pi}^4} \cos 2(\Psi_B - \Psi_{\text{RP}}) \right\rangle$$

[Błoczyński-Huang-Zhang-Liao PLB'13]

$$a_1 \propto \mu_5 \mathbf{B} \quad \Delta\gamma \sim \langle a_1^\alpha a_1^\beta \rangle \sim \langle B^2 \cos 2(\Psi_B - \Psi_{\text{RP}}) \rangle$$



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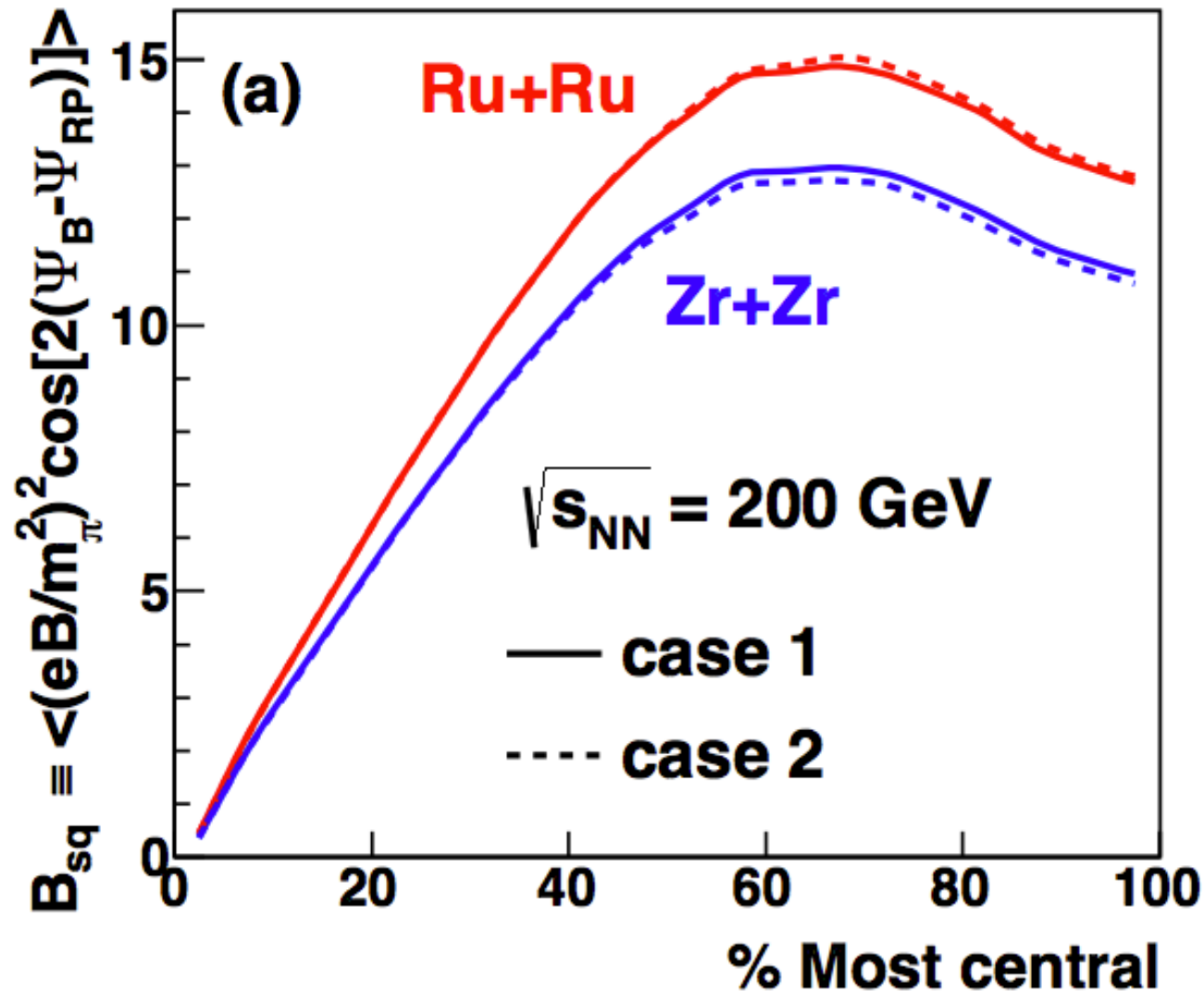
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$$\rightarrow f_s = \frac{\delta \ln S}{\delta \ln B_{\text{sq}}} \leftarrow \text{Theoretically calculable}$$

# B\_sq is varied 10-20%

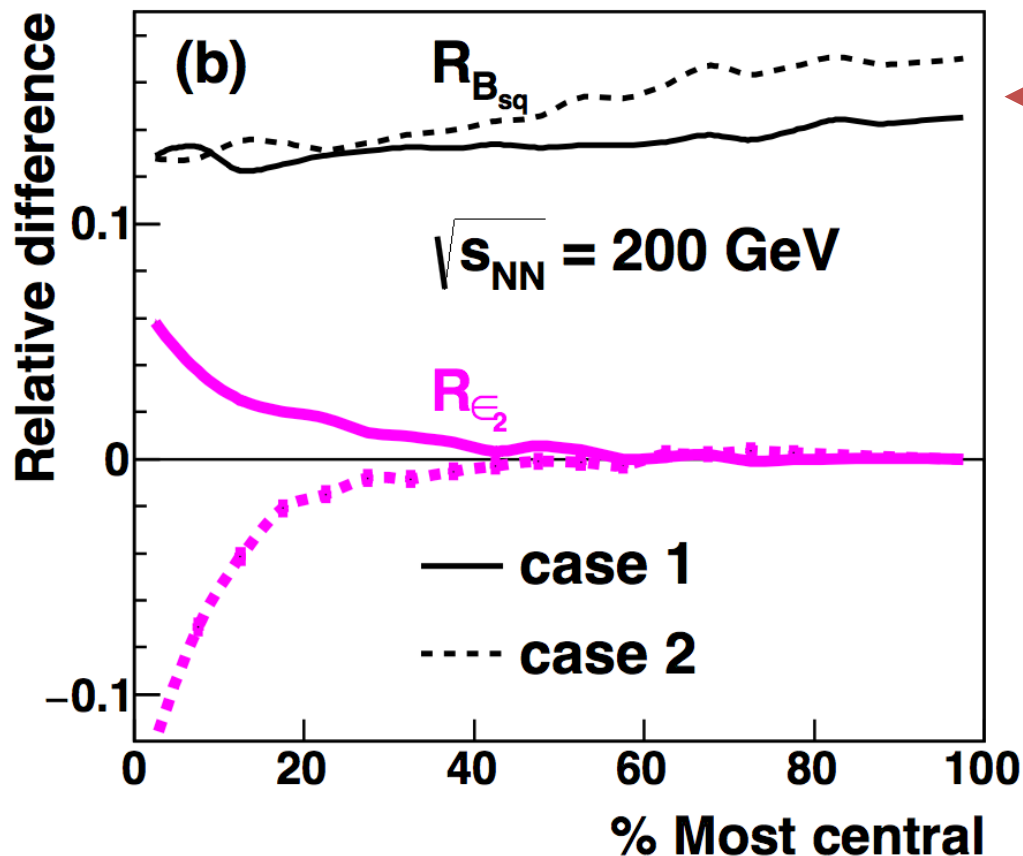
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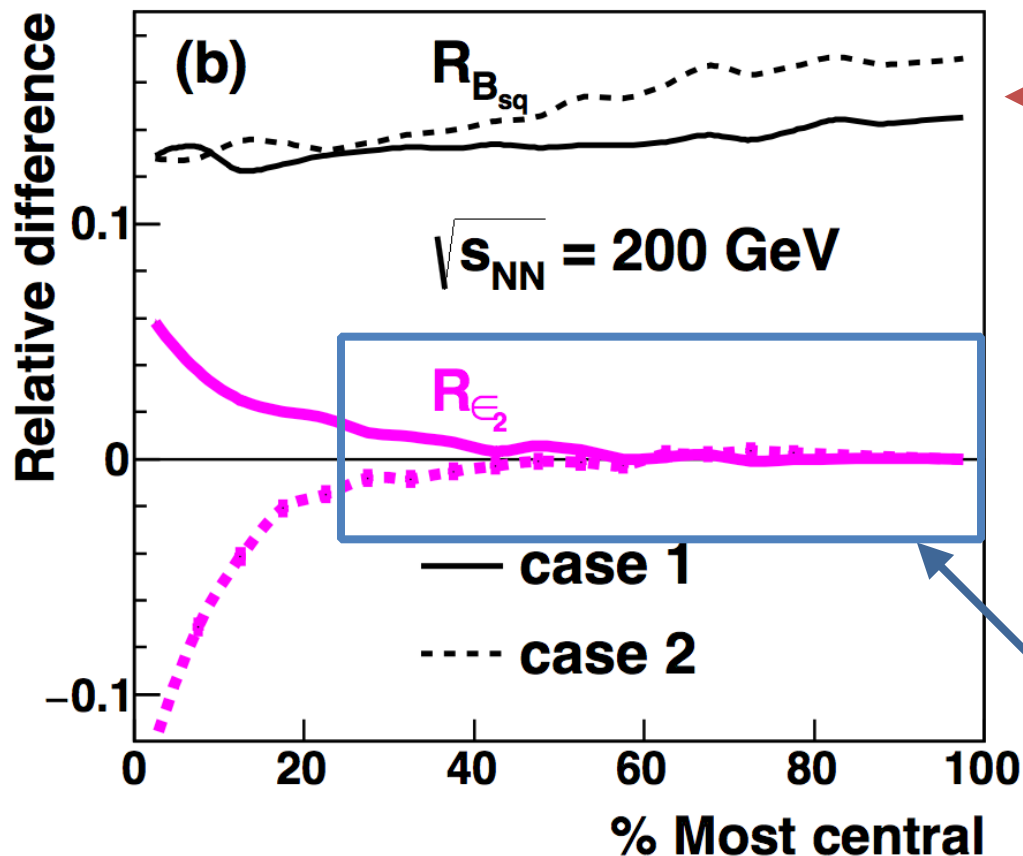
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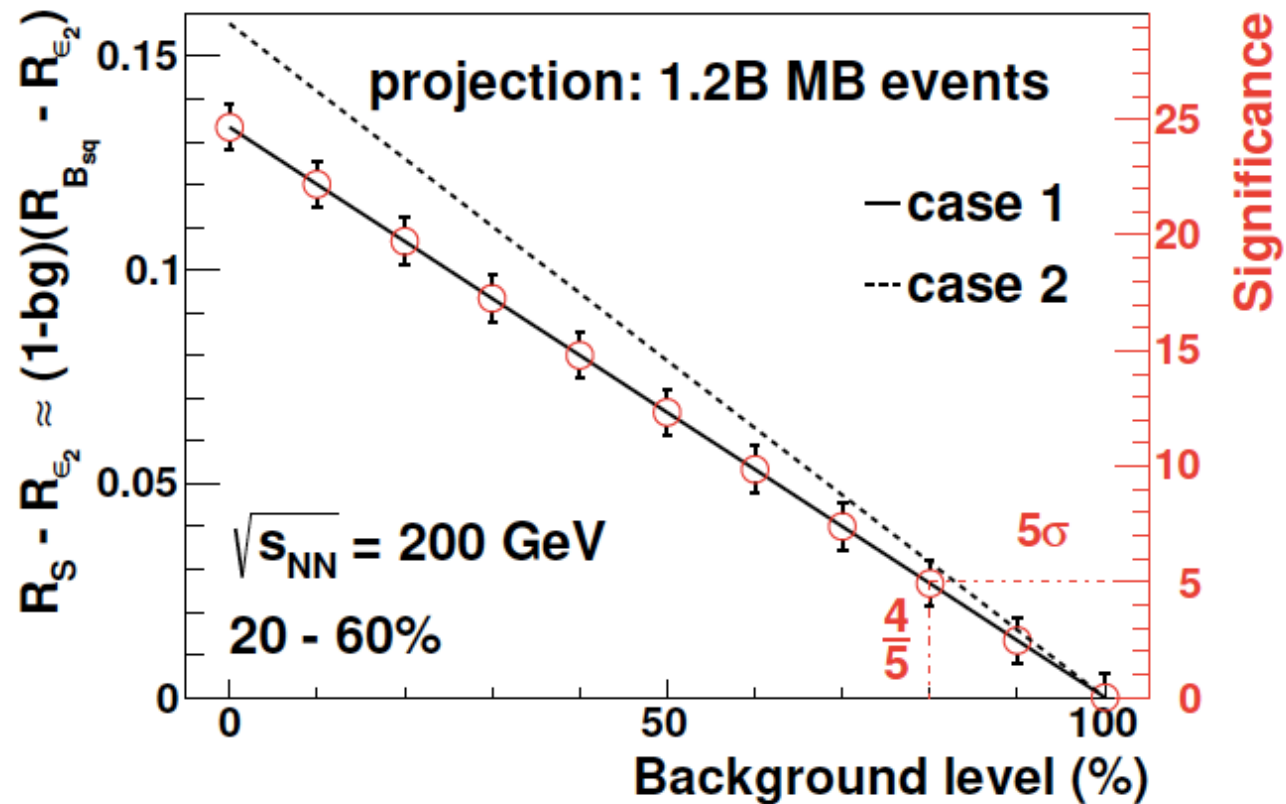
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Little difference  
in eccentricity,  
hence flow

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# Significance vs background level

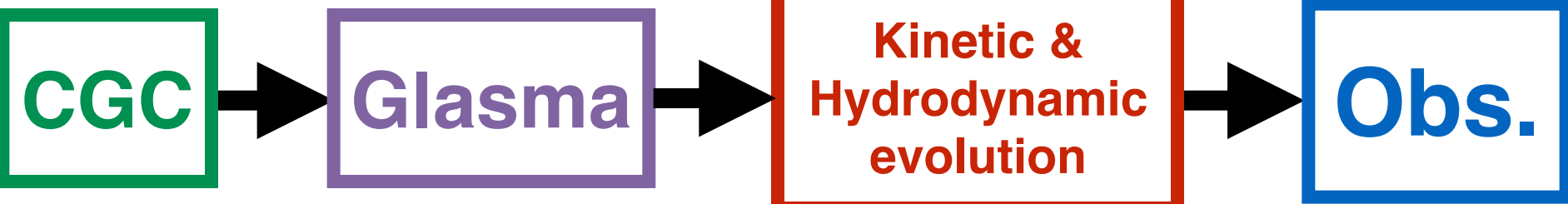
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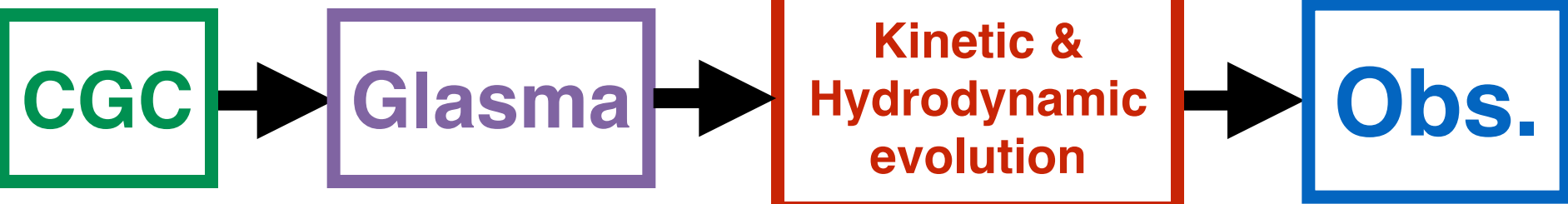
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Freezeout





**Axial charge generation**



**Magnetic field**



**CME/CMW**

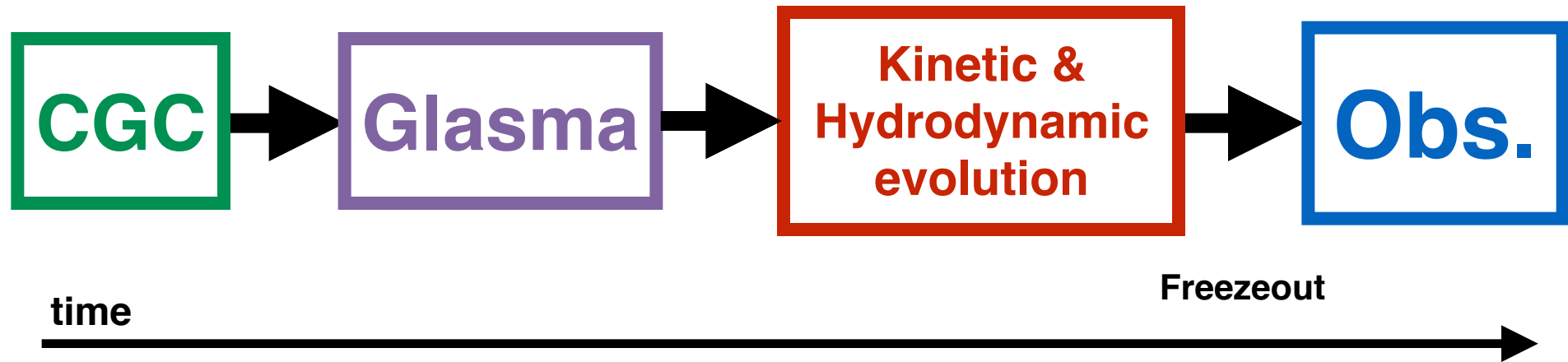


**Vorticity**



**CVE/CVW**





## Theoretical descriptions:

Classical lattice  
sim.

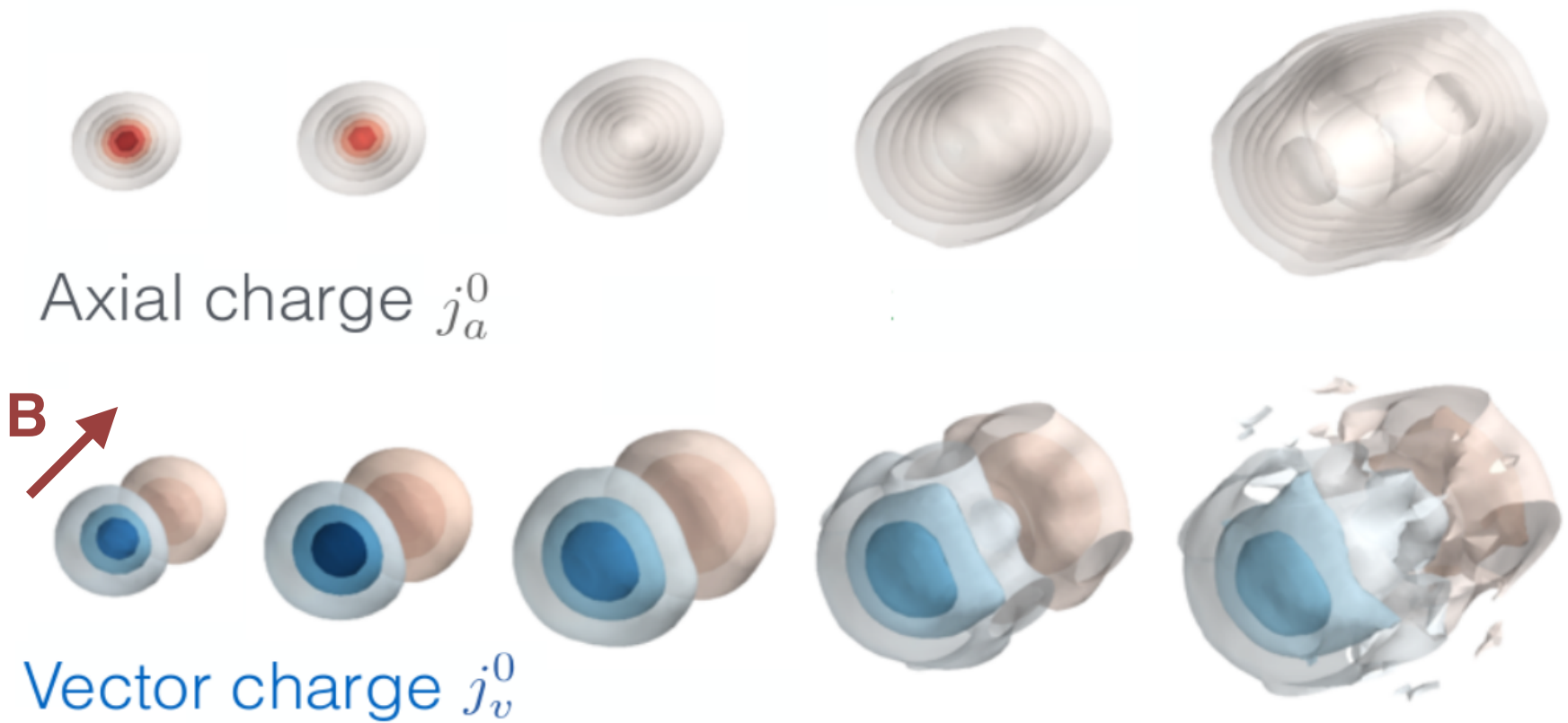
Chiral kinetic theory

Anomalous hydro  
/ Chiral MHD

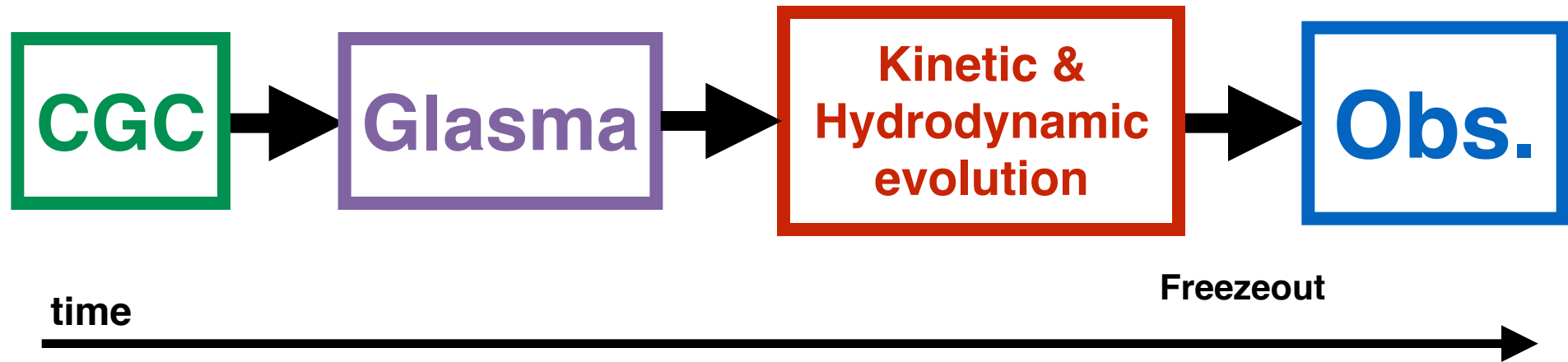
# CME in real-time lattice sim.

[Mueller-Schlichting-Sharma PRL'16]

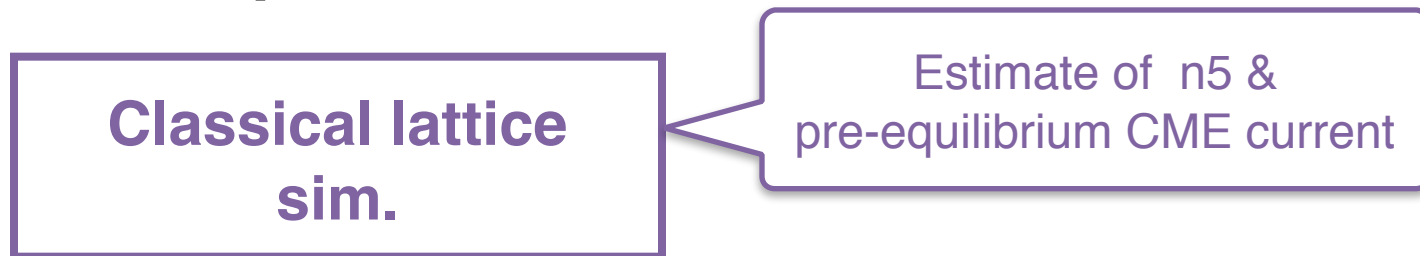
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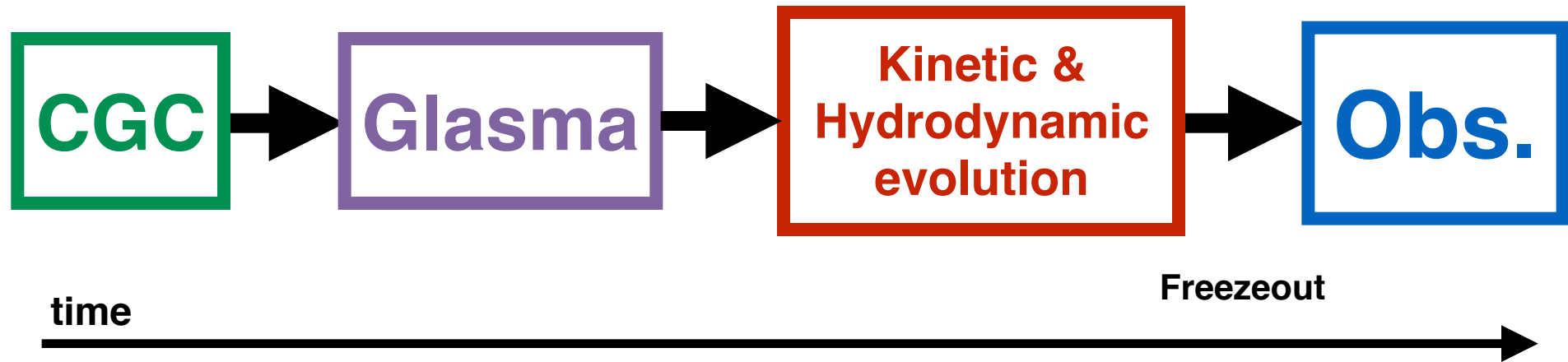




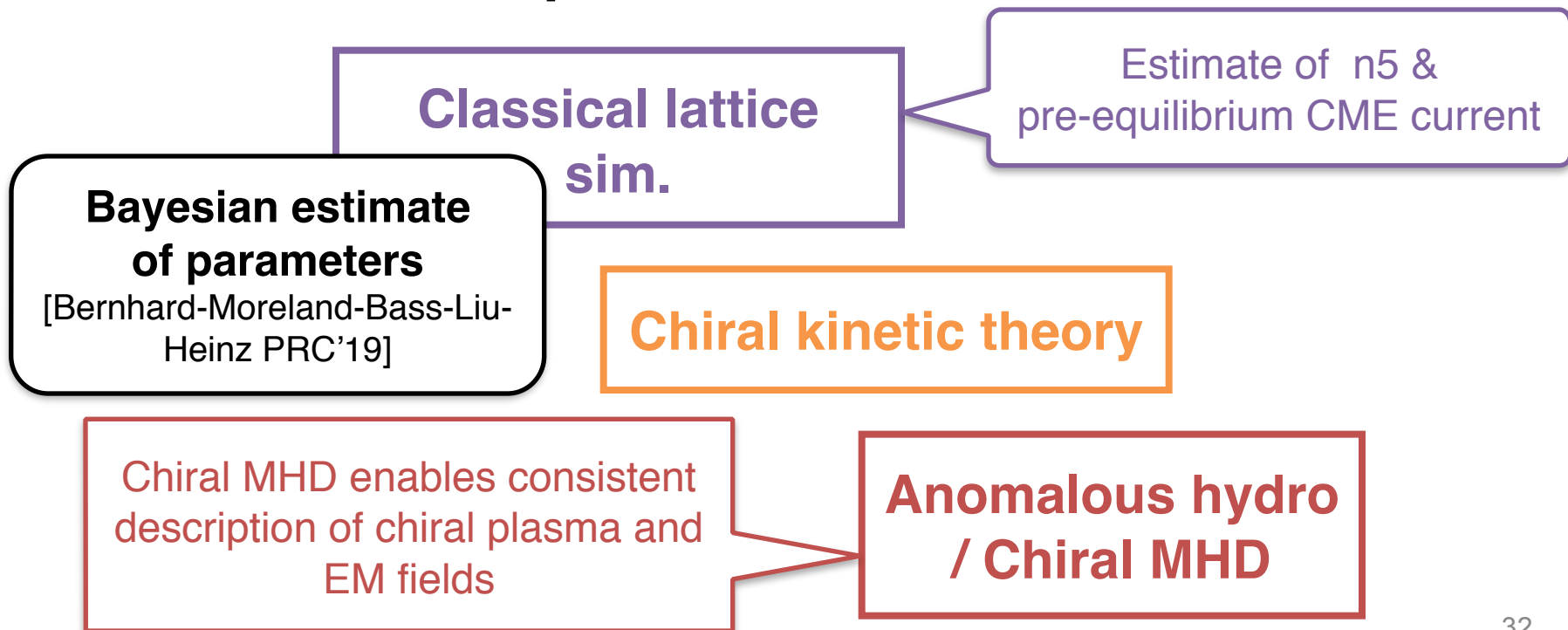


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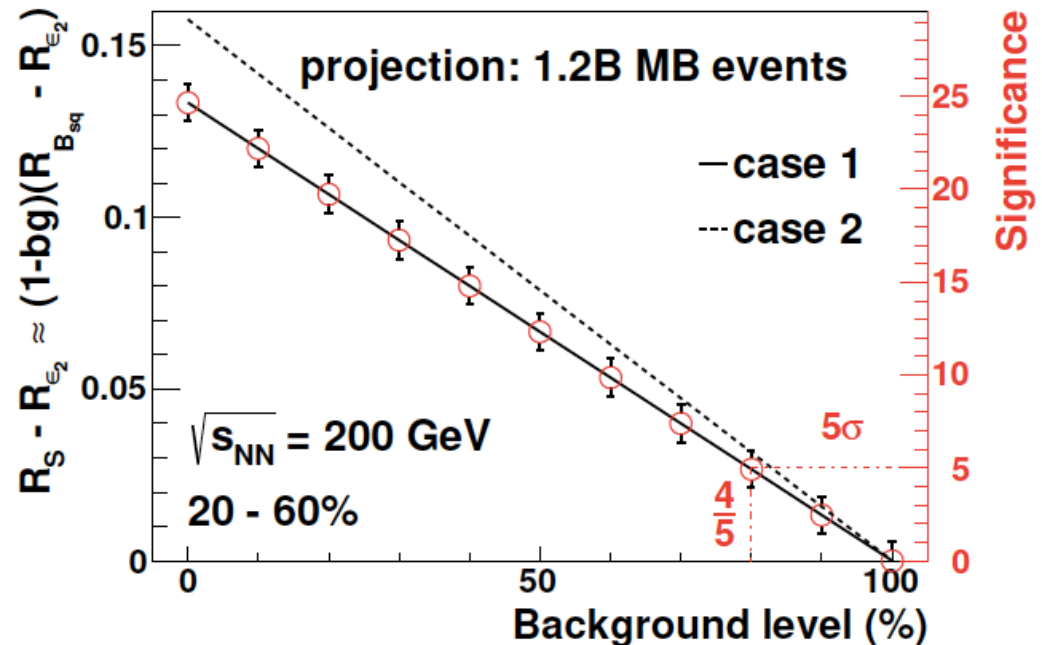


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# Summary

- Study of anomaly-induced transport in HIC
  - Existence of CME
  - Chirality generation from color fields
  - Chiral symmetry restoration
- Multi-particle correlations contaminate the obs.
  - contribute as  $v_2 / N$
- Isobar collisions
  - Vary the signal with backgrounds fixed



**Back up slides**

# Toward quantitative description

- **Pre-hydro CME current**
- **Pre-hydro  $n_5$  generation**
- **Lifetime of B**
- **Vortical contribution**
- **Background/dilution**
  - **TMC/LCC**
  - **Resonance decays**

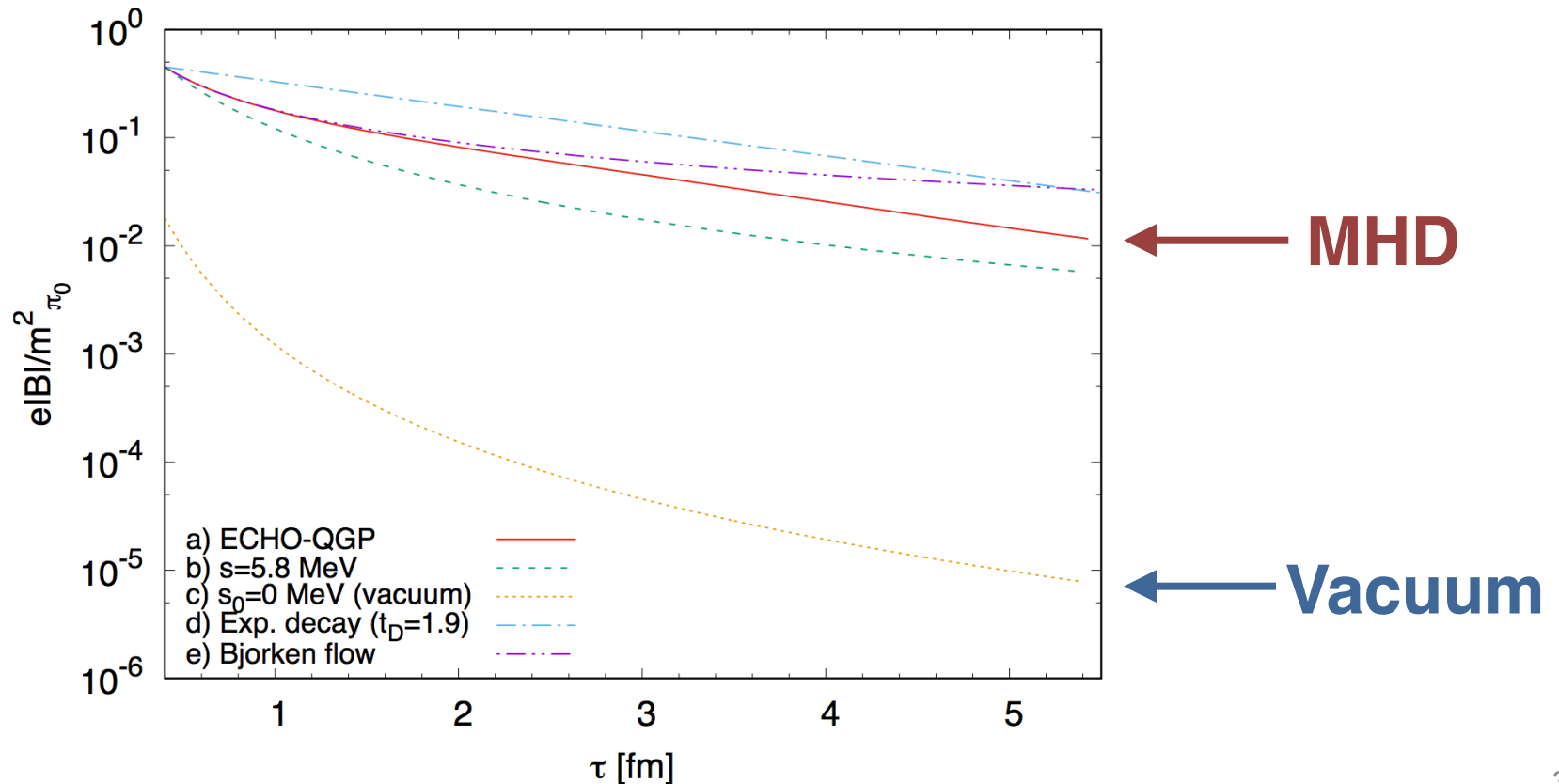
**Real-time lattice  
simulations of  
glasma**

**Hydro (CMHD)  
Chiral kinetic th.**

# MHD evolution of B field

- MHD

“ECHO-QGP” [Inghirami et. al. EPJC’16]



# Recent calculation from hydro/kinetic theory

## [Yin-Liao PLB'16]

- Anomalous charge transport on 2+1D viscous fluid (VISH)
- Quantify the effects of transverse momentum conservation (TMC)

## [Jiang-Shi-Yin-Liao 1611.04586]

- Anomalous charge transport on 2nd order viscous fluid in 2+1D (VISHNew)
- Smooth profile
- Include background from resonance decay
- Event-by-event

## [Sun-Ko 1612.02408]

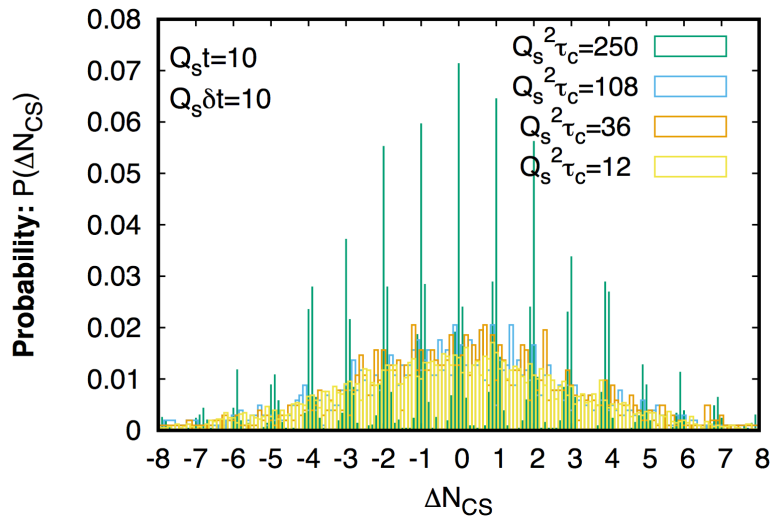
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## [Huang-Jiang-Shi-Liao-Zhuang in progress] [poster by Huang]

- Kinetic theory with CME
- Pre-hydro contribution

# Enhanced sphaleron rate in glasma

[Mace-Schlichting-Venugopalan PRD'16]



Glasma evolution in  
classical YM equations

Probability dist. of  $\Delta N_{CS}$

## Enhanced sphaleron rate in non-eq