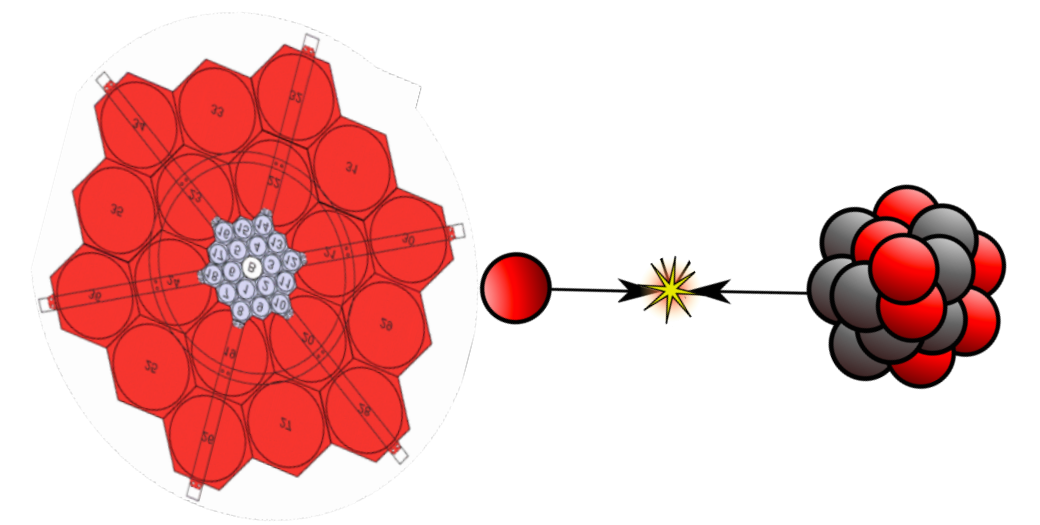


# Event activity



- Event activity (EA) defined by the **inner east beam-beam counter** signal sum (iBBCEsum) distribution in the Au-going direction ( $-5.2 < \eta < -3.3$ )
- Centrality not easily defined in  $p$ +Au collisions; use backward event activity (EA) as a proxy for centrality (related to impact parameter)
- EA percentiles determined by iBBCEsum distribution of min-bias  $p$ +Au events

