

# Production of the glueball-like particle $X(2370)$ in $e^+e^-$ and $pp$ collisions with PACIAE model

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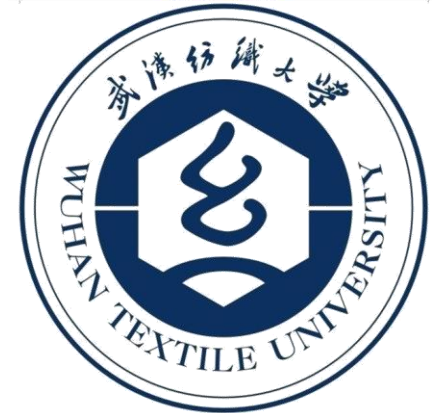
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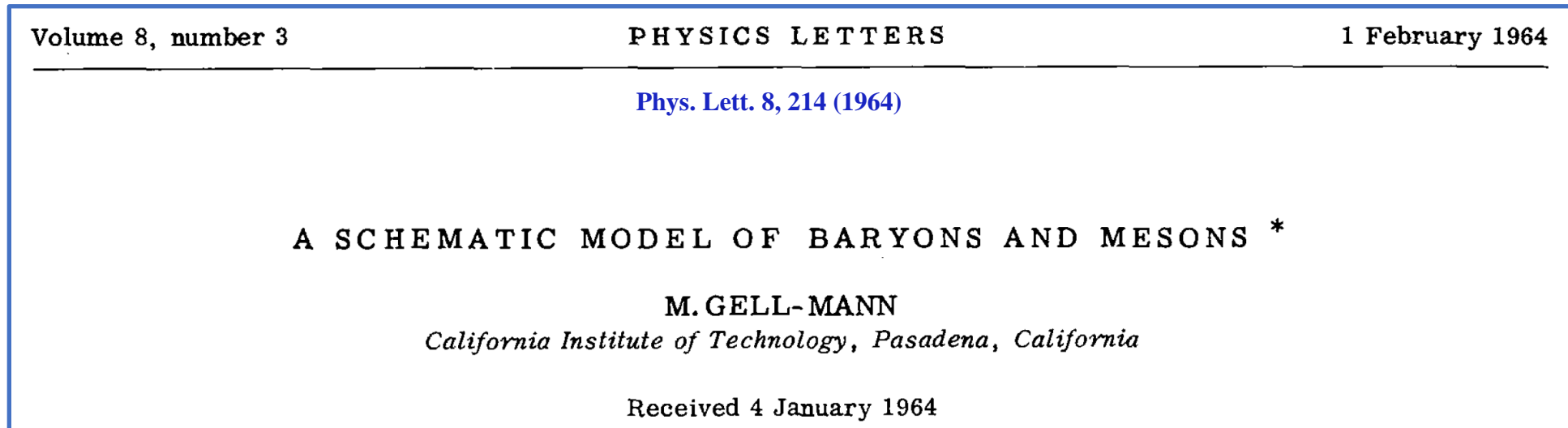
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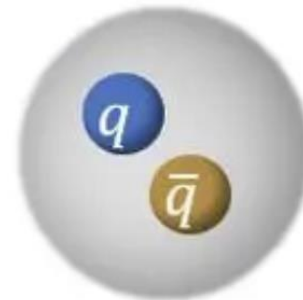
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# Hadrons in the naive quark model

- The naive **constituent quark model** has been the basic framework within which most of the hadronic states could be understood.

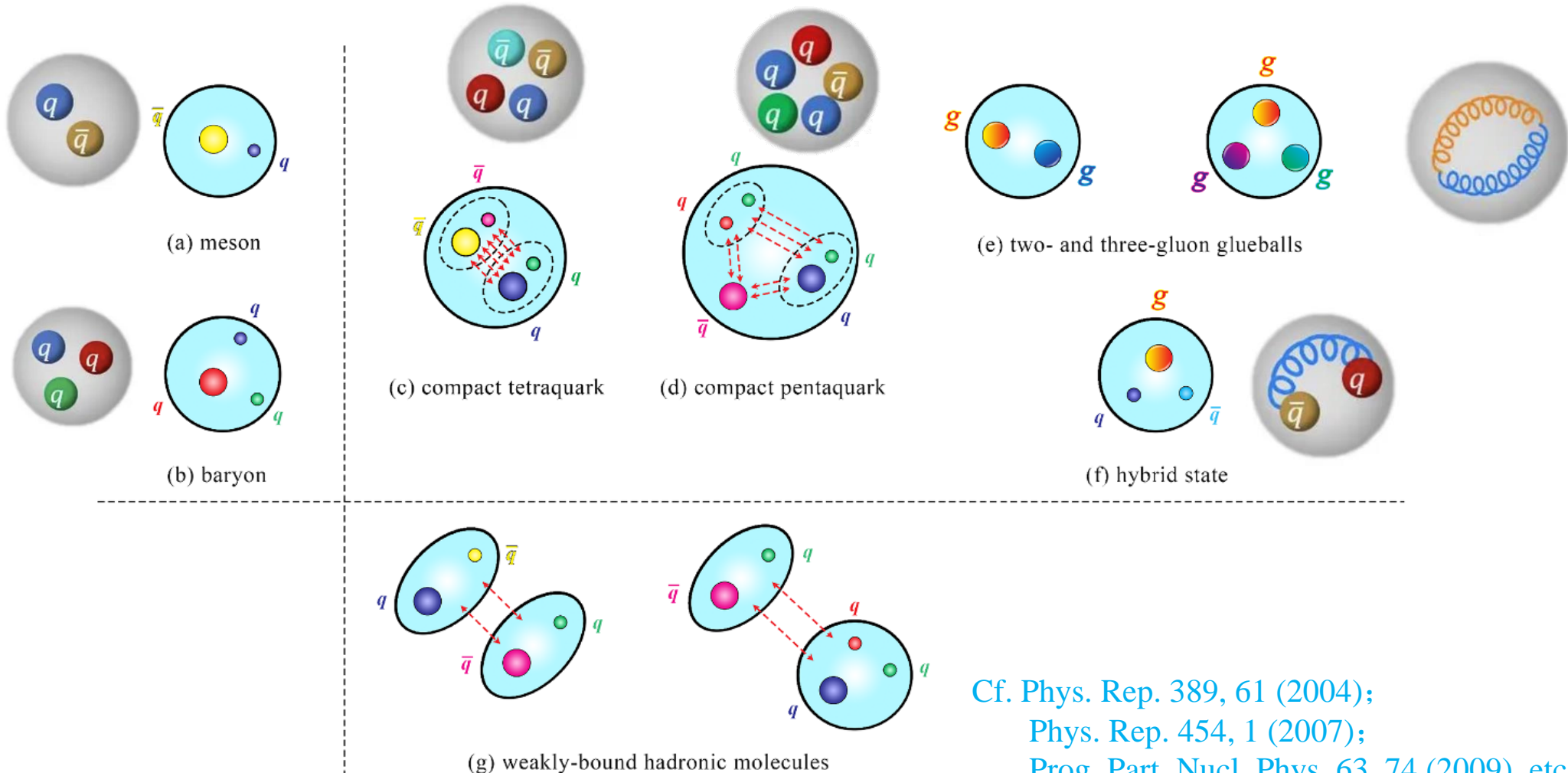


“Ordinary” hadrons:



# Exotic Hadrons

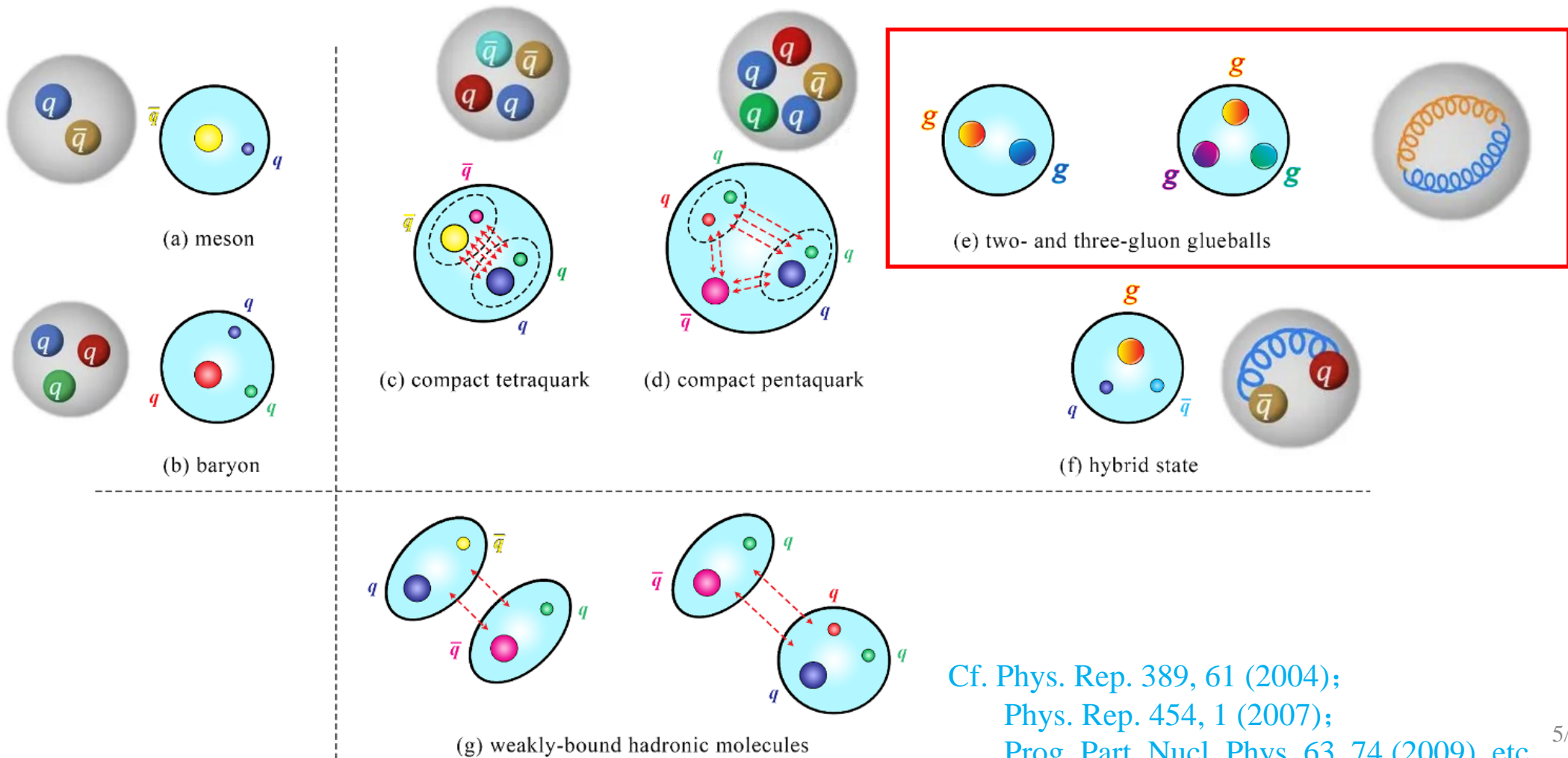
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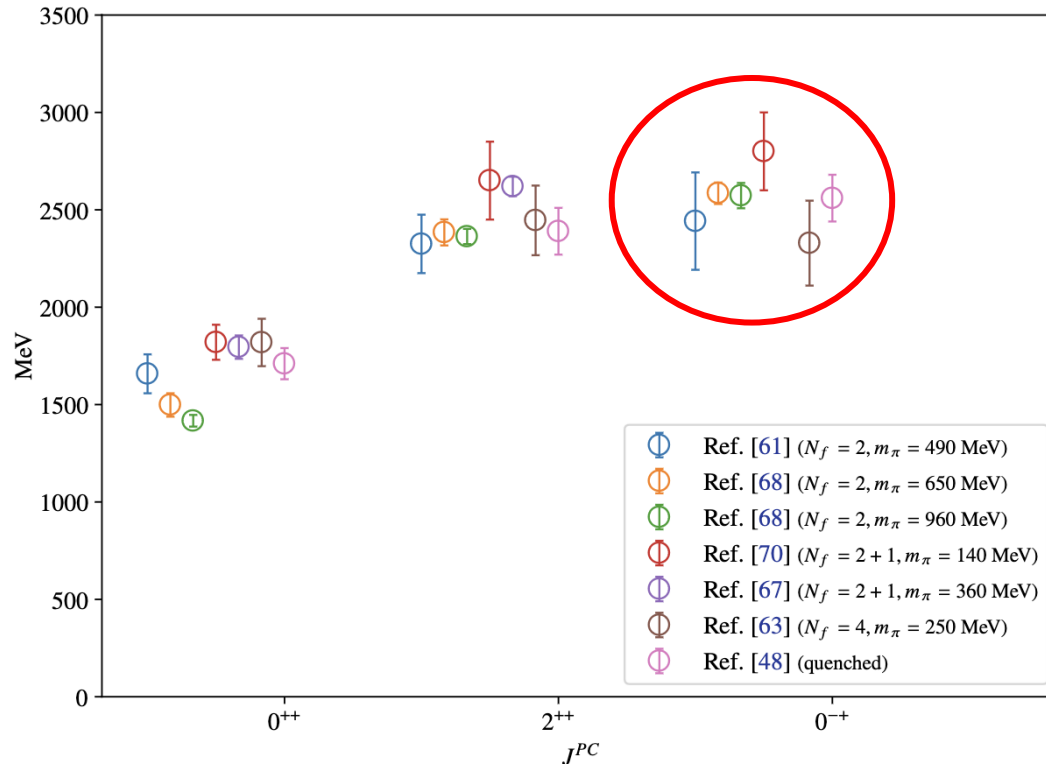
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# Glueball hunting

## Lattice QCD predictions:



$0^{++}$  ground state: 1.5 - 1.7 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

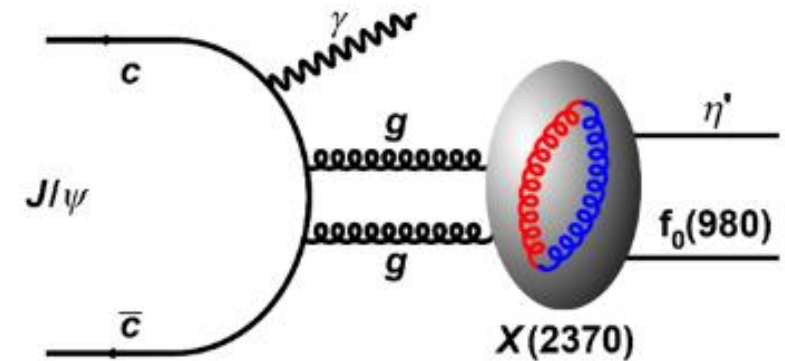
$2^{++}$  ground state: 2.3 - 2.4 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

$0^{-+}$  ground state: 2.3 - 2.6 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

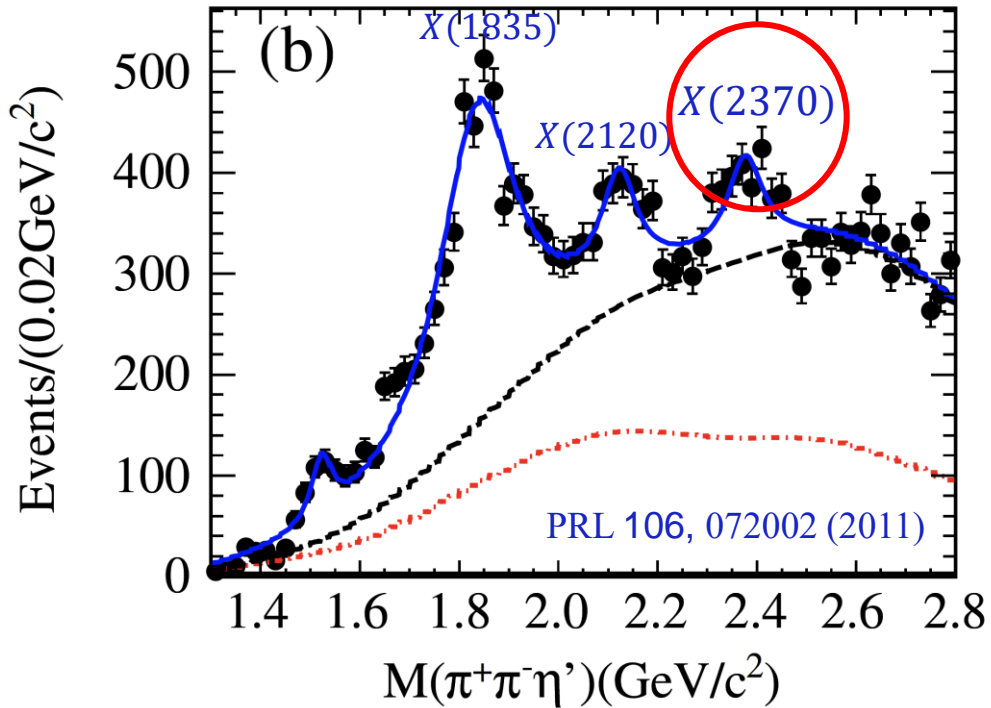
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# Glueball hunting

- Experimental measurements: mostly in *gluon-rich radiative decays* from  $J/\psi$  in the  $e^+e^-$  collisions.
- *Glueball candidates*: the scalar mesons  $f_0(1500)$  and  $f_0(1710)$ , the tensor meson  $f_2(2340)$ , and the pseudoscalar meson  $X(2370)$ .
- Among them, the  $X(2370)$  is a good candidate for the  $0^{-+}$  glueball, as its mass, production and decay properties are consistent with the LQCD prediction.

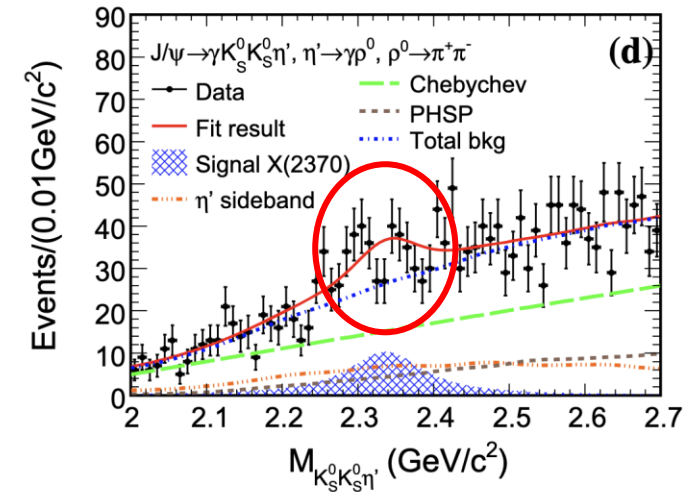
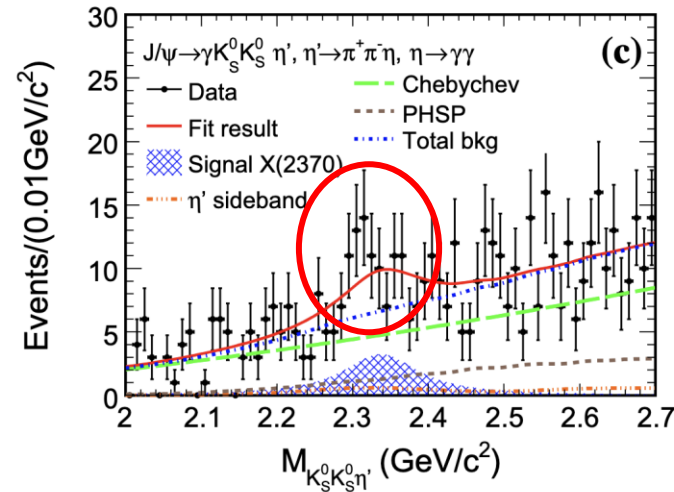
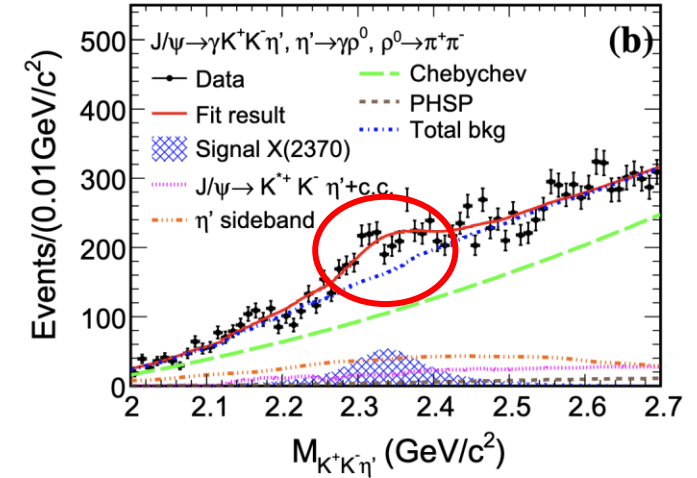
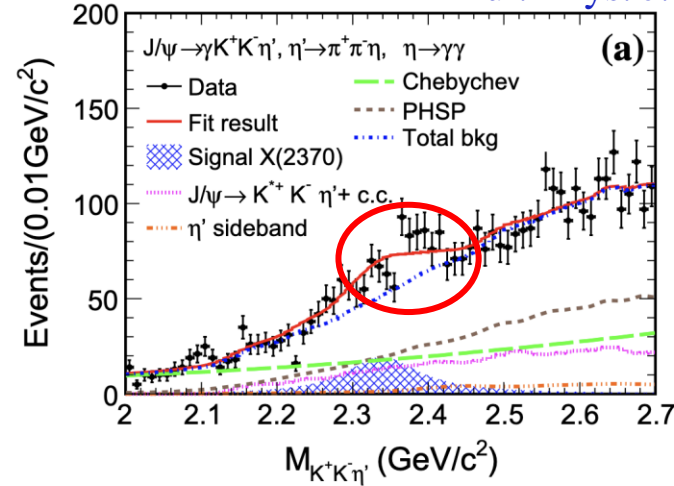


# Glueball hunting



$X(2370)$  was first observed in  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^- \eta'$  decays with a statistical significance of  $6.4\sigma$  by BESIII.

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It was further observed from the combined measurement of  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K^+ K^- \eta'$  and  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S^0 K_S^0 \eta'$  with a statistical significance of  $8.3\sigma$  by BESIII.



# Glueball hunting

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Editors' Suggestion

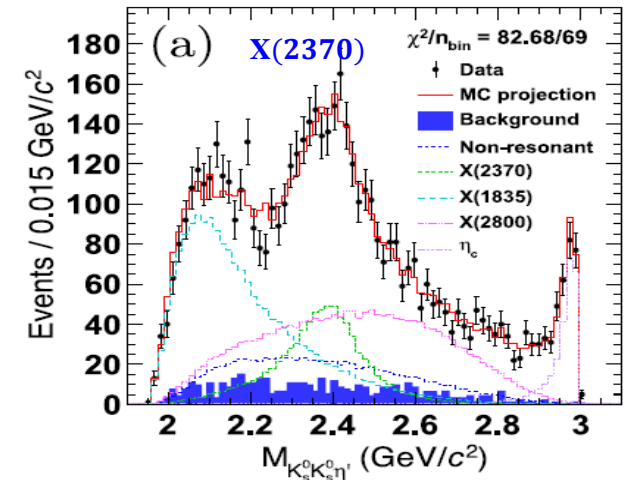
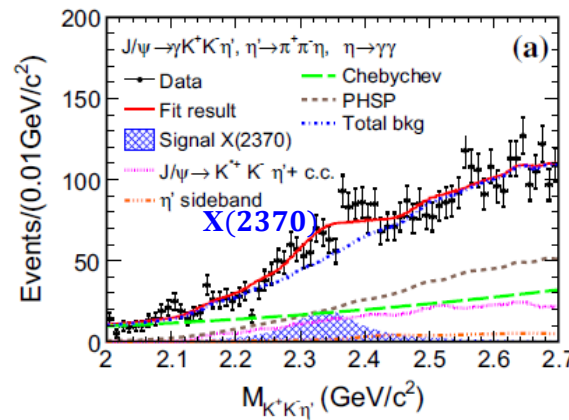
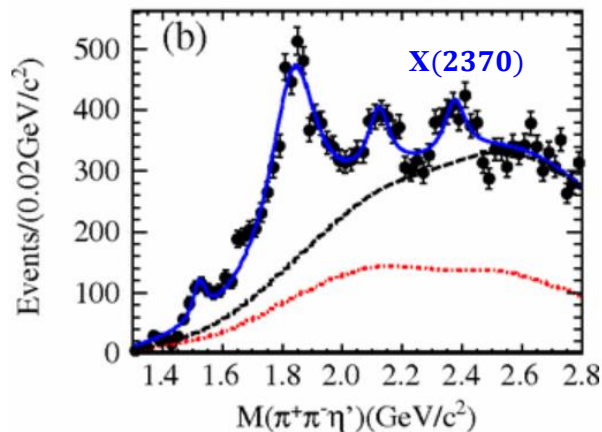
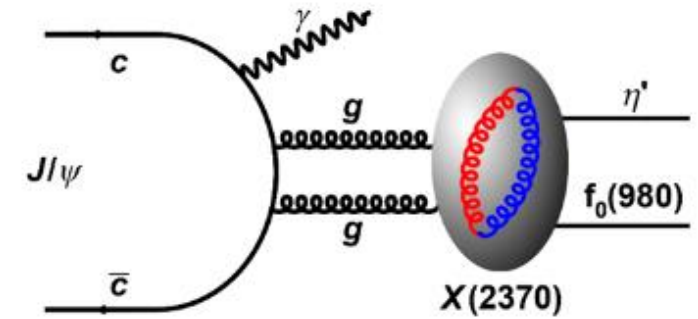
## Determination of Spin-Parity Quantum Numbers of $X(2370)$ as $0^{-+}$ from $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S^0 K_S^0 \eta'$

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Based on  $(10087 \pm 44) \times 10^6$   $J/\psi$  events collected with the BESIII detector, a partial wave analysis of the decay  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S^0 K_S^0 \eta'$  is performed. The mass and width of the  $X(2370)$  are measured to be  $2395 \pm 11(\text{stat})_{-94}^{+26}(\text{syst})$  MeV/ $c^2$  and  $188_{-17}^{+18}(\text{stat})_{-33}^{+124}(\text{syst})$  MeV, respectively. The corresponding product branching fraction is  $\mathcal{B}[J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma X(2370)] \times \mathcal{B}[X(2370) \rightarrow f_0(980)\eta'] \times \mathcal{B}[f_0(980) \rightarrow K_S^0 K_S^0] = (1.31 \pm 0.22(\text{stat})_{-0.84}^{+2.85}(\text{syst})) \times 10^{-5}$ . The statistical significance of the  $X(2370)$  is greater than  $11.7\sigma$  and the spin parity is determined to be  $0^{-+}$  for the first time. **The measured mass and spin parity of the  $X(2370)$  are consistent with the predictions of the lightest pseudoscalar glueball.**

$X(2370)$  at BESIII most recently!



# Interpretations of $X(2370)$

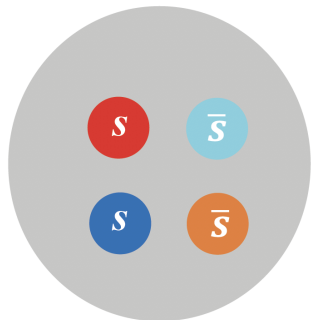
- Fourth radial excitation of  $\eta/\eta'$ .

TABLE I. The pseudoscalar nonet.

1S	2S	3S	4S	5S
$\eta, \eta'$	$\eta(1295)$ $\eta(1475)$	$\eta(1760)$ $X(1835)$	$X(2120)$	$X(2370)$
$K(494)$	$K(1460)$	$K(1830)$		
$\pi$	$\pi(1300)$	$\pi(1800)$		

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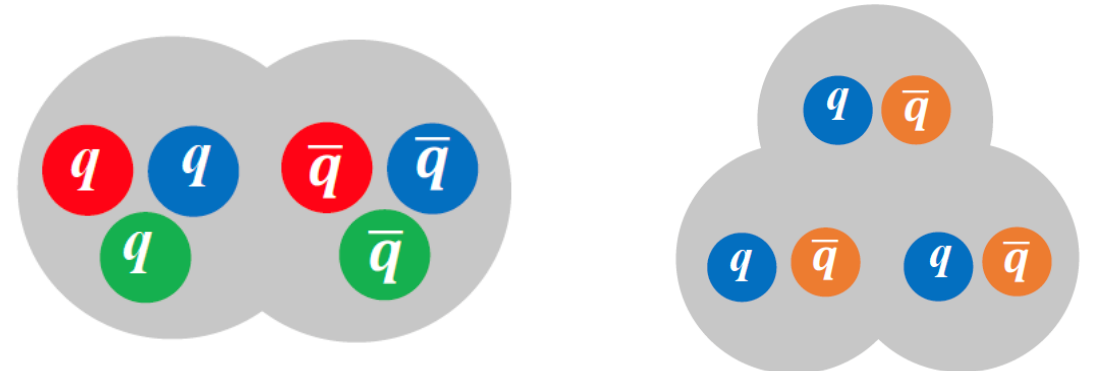
- $P$ -wave  $ss\bar{s}\bar{s}$  tetraquark states of  $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$ .



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- Light baryonium states  $\Lambda - \bar{\Lambda} / \Sigma - \bar{\Sigma}$  or three-meson states  $\pi^+\pi^-\eta' / K^+K^-\eta' / K_S^0K_S^0\eta'$ .

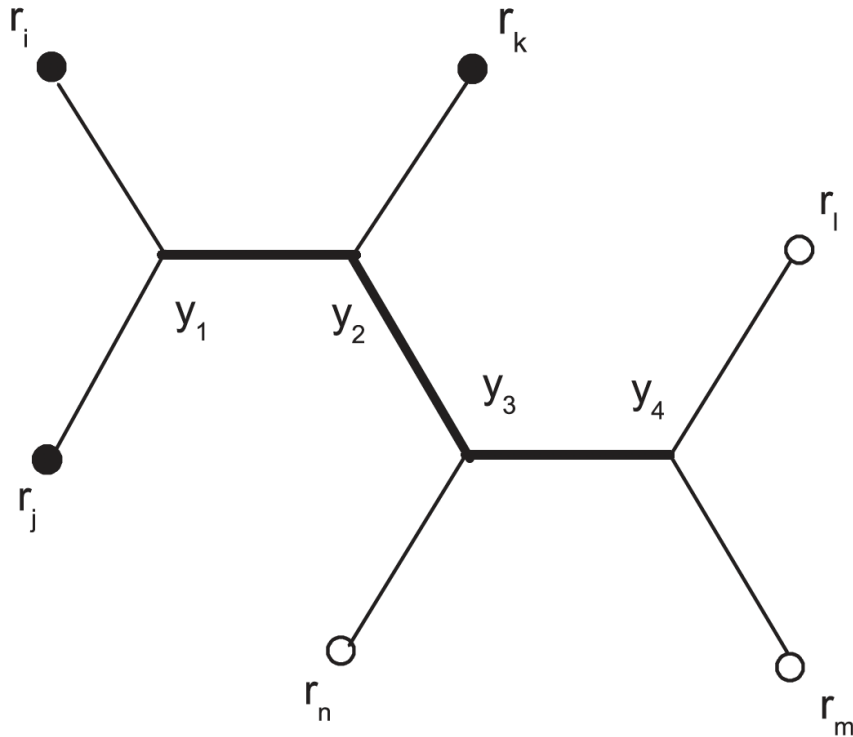
$J^{PC}$	$N - \bar{N}$	$\Lambda - \bar{\Lambda}$	$\Sigma - \bar{\Sigma}$	$\Xi - \bar{\Xi}$
$0^{-+}$	$\pi\pi\pi$ $\pi\pi\eta$ $\pi\pi\eta'$	$\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$ $\pi\pi\eta$ $\pi\pi\eta'$ $\pi KK$	$\Sigma\bar{\Sigma}$ $\pi\pi\eta$ $\pi\pi\eta'$ $\pi KK$	$\Xi\bar{\Xi} \eta KK$ $\eta\eta\pi \eta' KK$ $\eta'\eta'\pi$ $\eta\eta'\pi$
$1^{-}$	$\pi\pi\omega$ $\pi\pi\phi$	$\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$ $\pi\pi\omega$ $\pi\pi\phi$ $\pi K^*K^*$	$\Sigma\bar{\Sigma}$ $\pi\pi\omega$ $\pi\pi\phi$ $\pi K^*K^*$	$\Xi\bar{\Xi} \omega KK$ $\phi\phi\pi \phi KK$ $\omega\omega\pi$ $\omega\phi\pi$



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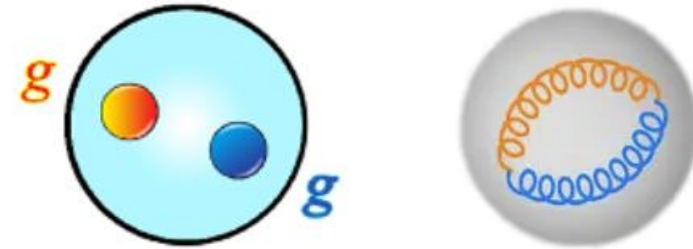
# Interpretations of $X(2370)$

- Nonstrange hexaquark state



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- Pseudoscalar glueball

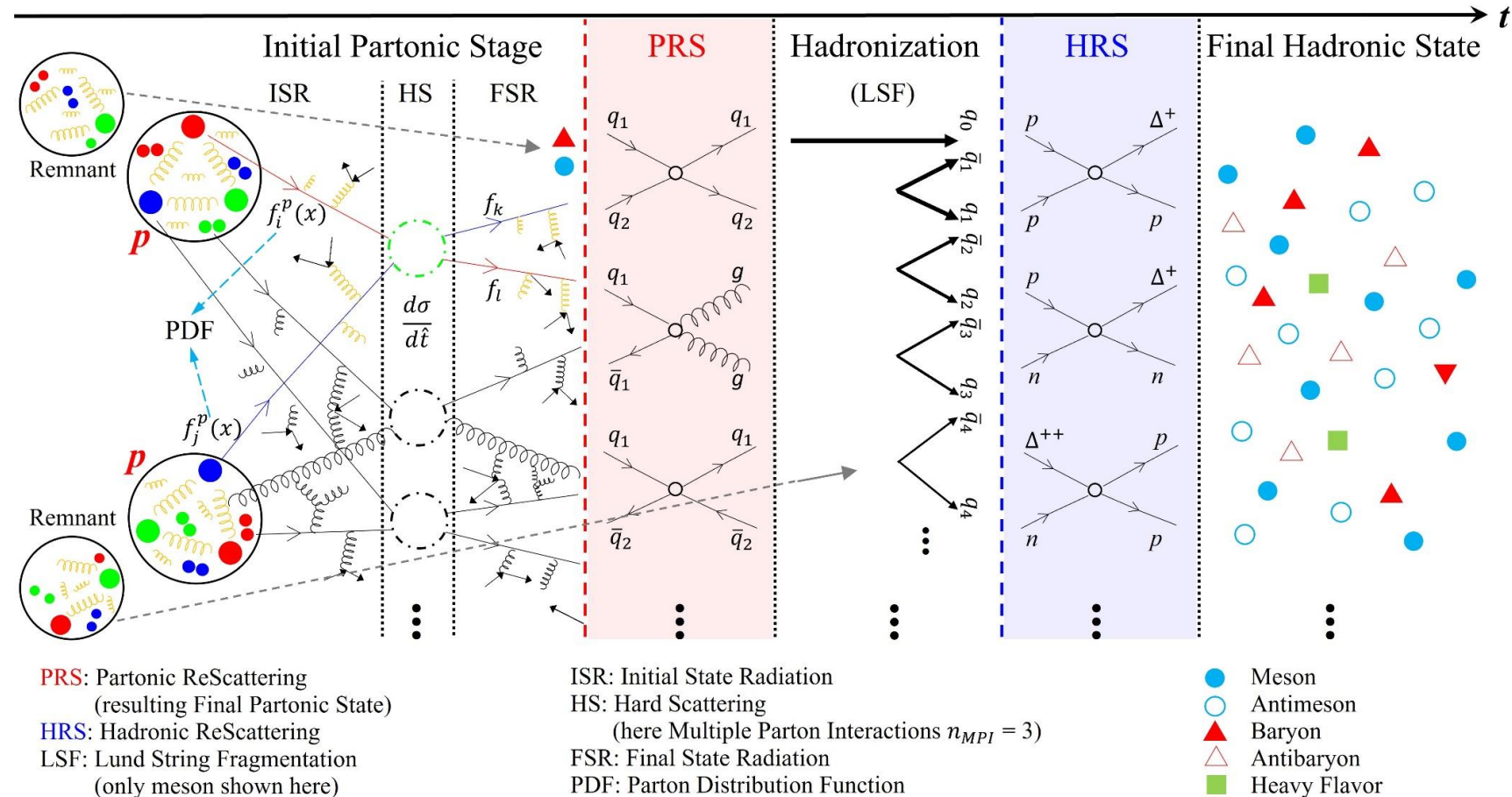
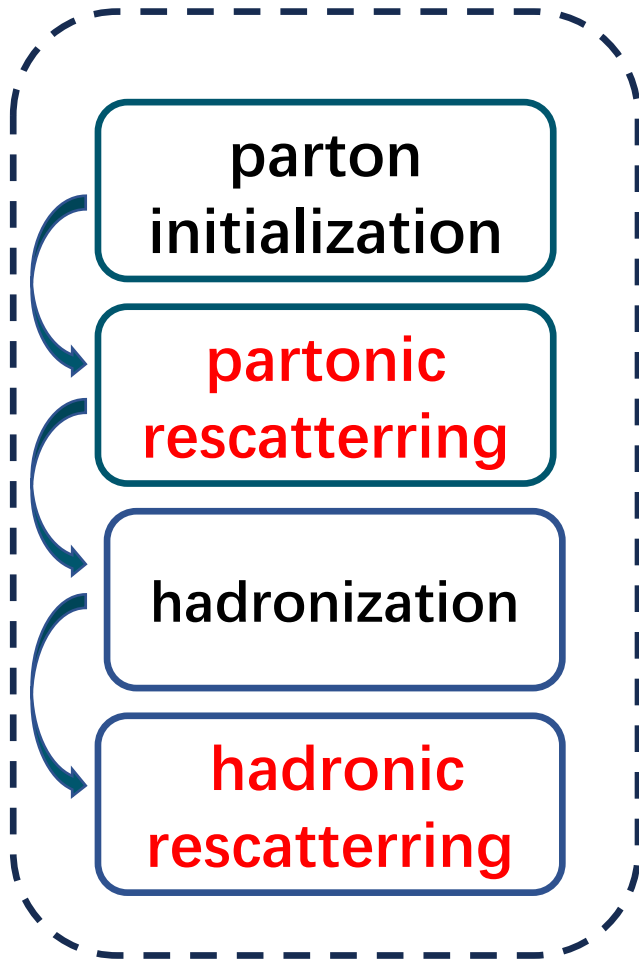


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Nucl. Phys. A 728 (2003) 165–181;  
Phys. Lett. B 642 (2006) 53–61.

However, the **consensus** on its nature is still lacking indeed.

# PACIAE + DCPC model

PACIAE (*Parton And-hadron China Institute of Atomic Energy*):  
A microscopic parton and hadron transport model (event generator)



# PACIAE + DCPC model

## DCPC: a *Dynamically Constrained Phase-space Coalescence* model

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$$Y_N = \int \dots \int \frac{d\vec{q}_1 d\vec{p}_1 \dots d\vec{q}_N d\vec{p}_N}{h^{3N}}$$

If the cluster could exist naturally, two-gluon cluster of  $gg$  for instance, the yield can be calculated by

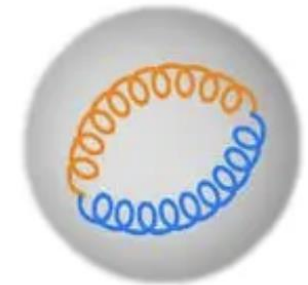
$$Y_{gg} = \frac{1}{2!} \int \dots \int \delta_{12} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{i=2} d\vec{q}_i d\vec{p}_i}{h^6} \quad (1/2! \text{ for identical particles})$$

with constraints:

**component constraint** if  $[1 \equiv g, 2 \equiv g]$ ,  $\delta_{12} = 1$ ; otherwise  $\delta_{12} = 0$

**spatial coordinate constraint**  $|\vec{q}_{ij}| = |\vec{q}_i - \vec{q}_j| \leq R_0, (i \neq j; i, j = 1, 2), R_0 = 1 \text{ fm}$

**Momentum constraint**  $m_{X(2370)} - \Delta m \leq m_{inv} \leq m_{X(2370)} + \Delta m$ ;  $m_{X(2370)} = 2395 \text{ MeV}/c^2, \Delta m = \frac{\Gamma}{2} = 94 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ .



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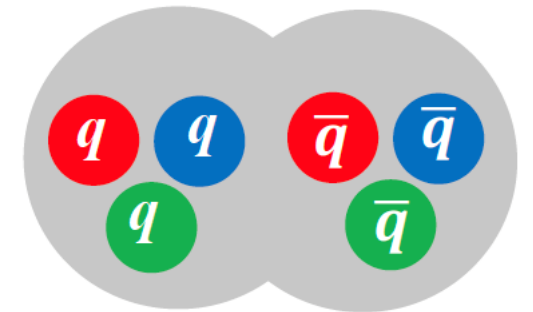
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with constraints:

**component constraint** if  $[1 \equiv \Lambda(\Sigma), 2 \equiv \bar{\Lambda}(\bar{\Sigma})]$ ,  $\delta_{12} = 1$ ; otherwise  $\delta_{12} = 0$

**spatial coordinate constraint**  $1 \text{ fm} \leq |\vec{q}_{ij}| = |\vec{q}_i - \vec{q}_j| \leq 2 \text{ fm}$ , ( $i \neq j$ ;  $i, j = 1, 2$ )

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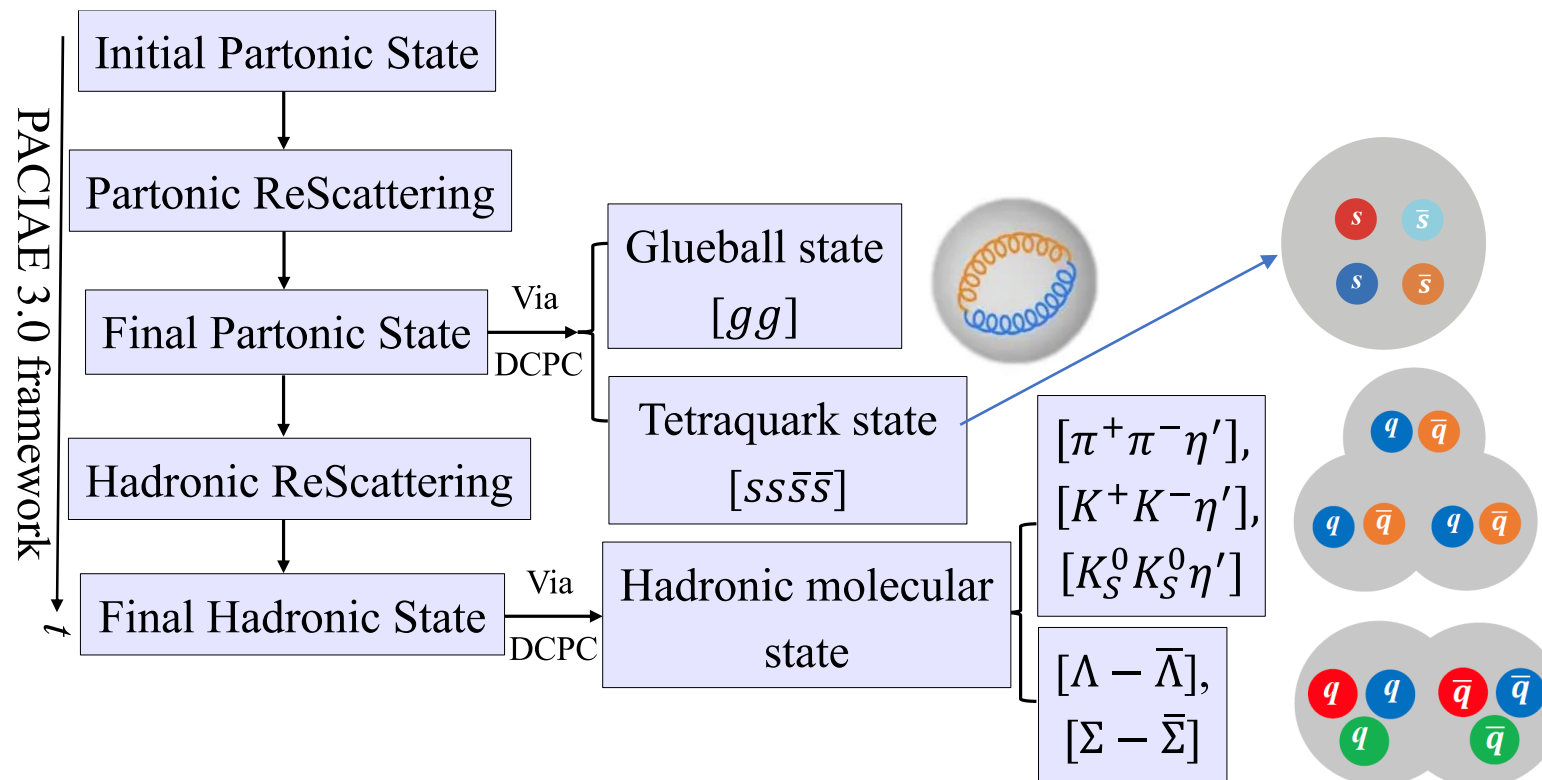


# PACIAE + DCPC model

PACIAE+DCPC model has successfully described **exotics** production ( $X(3872)$ ,  $Z_c(3900)$ ,  $P_c$  states, etc.).

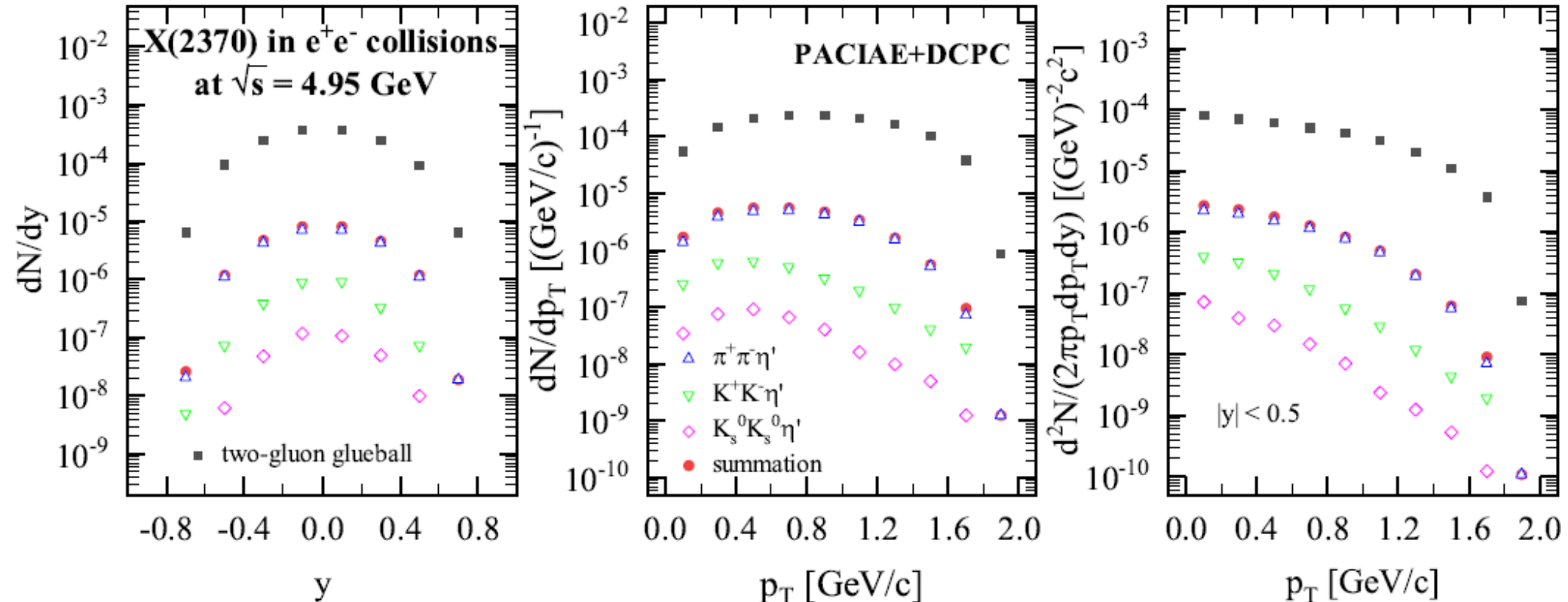
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In this work, three scenarios of  $X(2370)$  are considered: the two-gluon **glueball**-state, **tetraquark**-state and the **molecular**-states composed of baryon-antibaryon or three mesons.



# $X(2370)$ production in $e^+e^-$ at BESIII energy

$y$  and  $p_T$  single, with  $p_T$  and  $y$  double differential distributions:

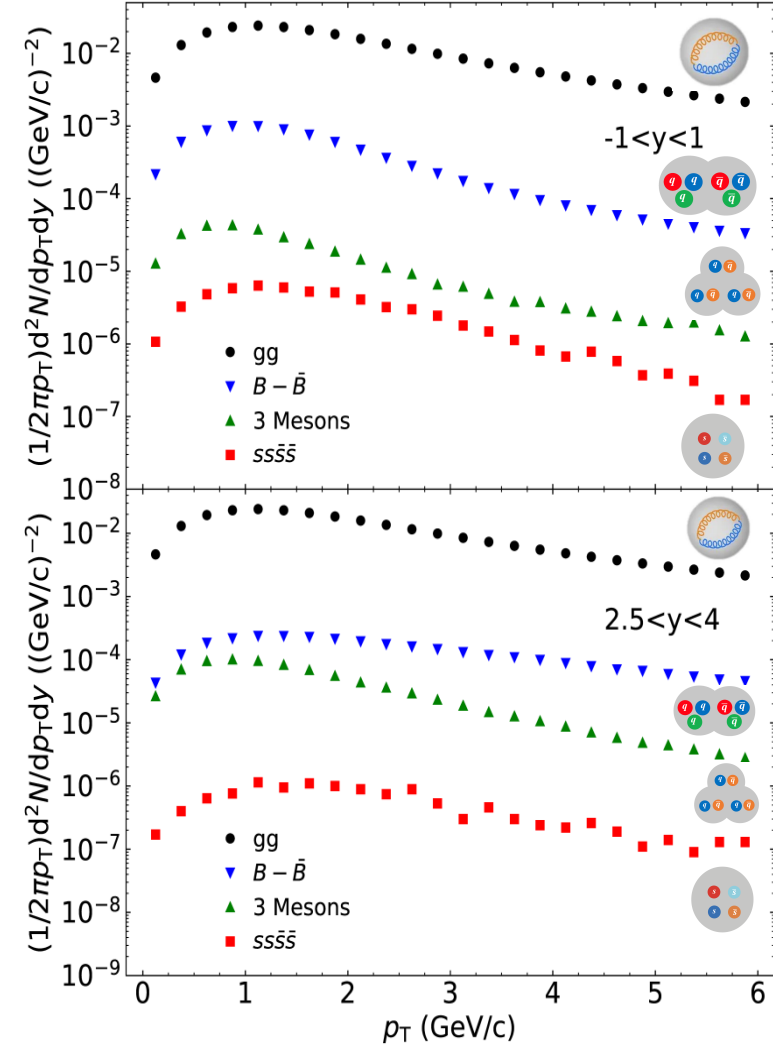
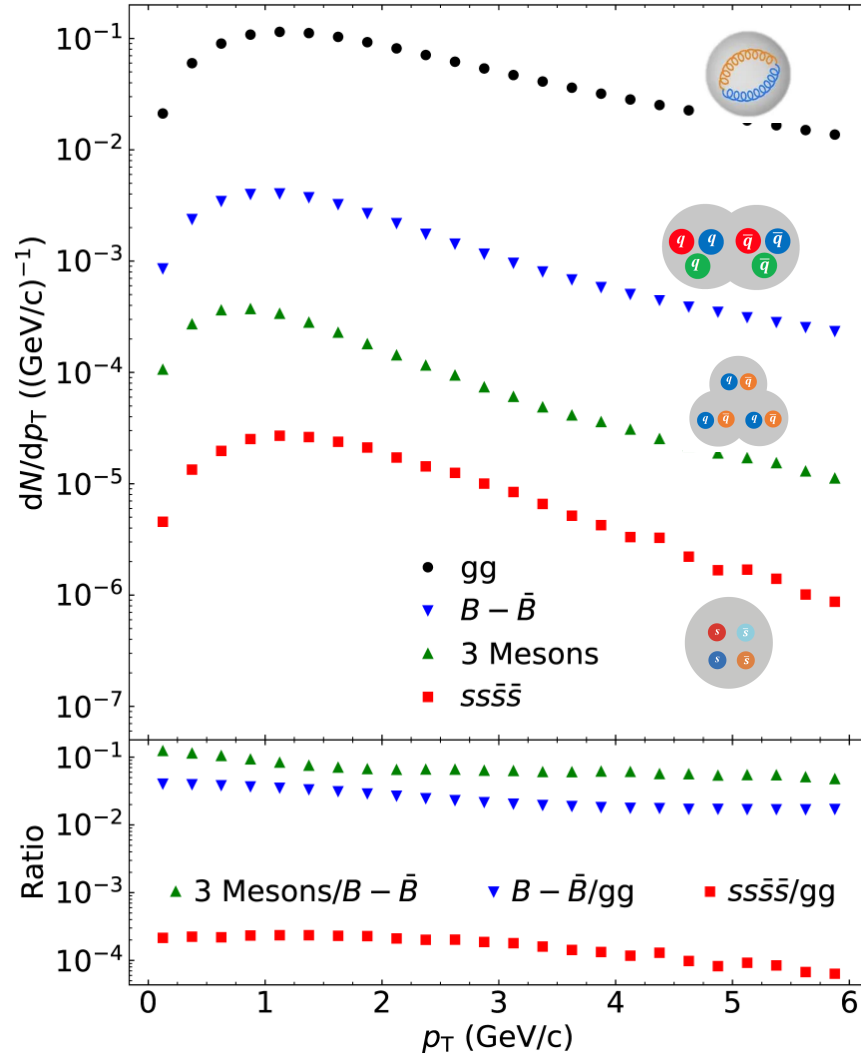
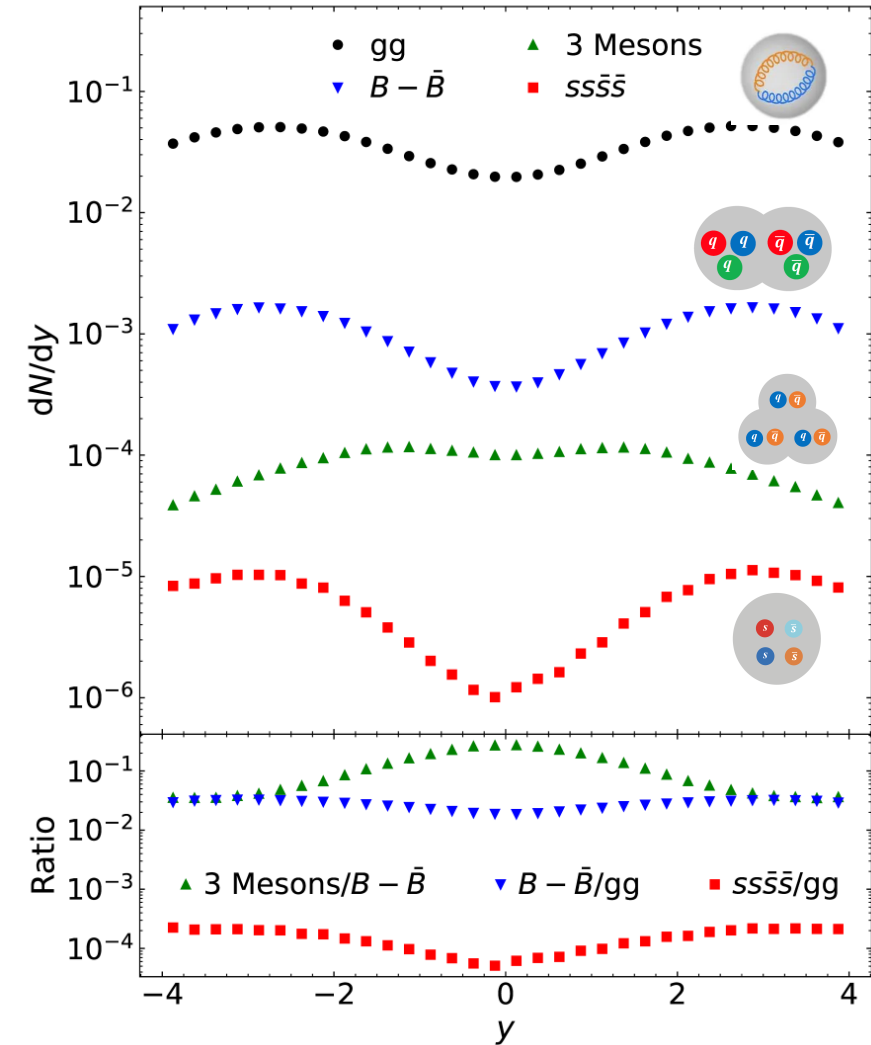


An ordering of  $\pi^+\pi^-\eta' > K^+K^-\eta' > K_s^0K_s^0\eta'$ , which is consistent with the ordering shown in  $X(2370)$  radiative decay branching fraction.



# $X(2370)$ production in $pp$ at LHC energy

$pp$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV



# Summary

- Inspired by the newest BESIII observation of  $X(2370)$  glueball-like particle production in  $e^+e^-$  collisions, we have studied its production in  $e^+e^-$  and  $pp$  collisions at BESIII and LHC energies.
- Discrepancies between **glueball**-, **tetraquark**- and **molecular**-state of the  $X(2370)$  in the basic observables (yield,  $p_T$  spectra, rapidity distribution, etc.).
- They may serve as distinguishing criteria to identify the nature of the  $X(2370)$ .

Next:  $pA$  and  $AA$  collisions at both RHIC and LHC energies.

Other observables,  $R_{AA}$ ,  $v_2$ , correlations...

*Thanks!*

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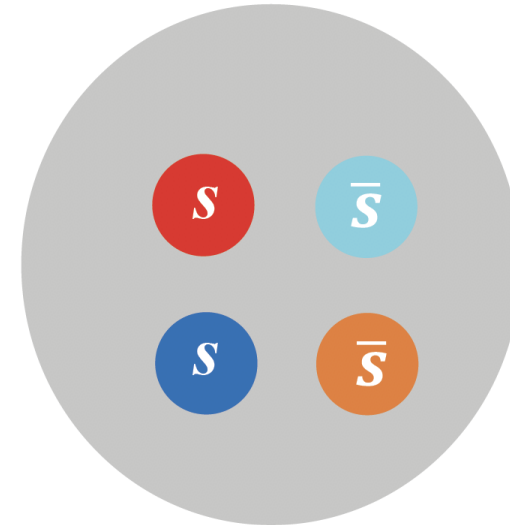
$$Y_{cluster} = \int \cdots \int \frac{d\vec{q}_1 d\vec{p}_1 \cdots d\vec{q}_N d\vec{p}_N}{h^{3N}}$$

For the tetraquark-state, its yield reads as

$$Y_{tetraquark} = \int \cdots \int \delta_{1234} \frac{d\vec{q}_1 d\vec{p}_1 d\vec{q}_2 d\vec{p}_2 d\vec{q}_3 d\vec{p}_3 d\vec{q}_4 d\vec{p}_4}{h^{12}}$$

$$\delta_{1234} = \begin{cases} 1. & \text{if } 1 = s, 2 = s, 3 = \bar{s}, 4 = \bar{s}, R \leq 1fm \\ & m_{X(2370)} - \Delta m < m_{inv} < m_{X(2370)} + \Delta m \\ 0. & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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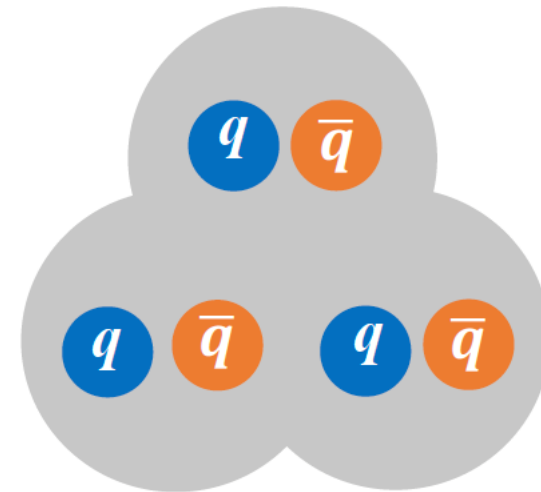
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For the 3-meson molecular-state, its yield reads as

$$Y_{3-meson} = \int \dots \int \delta_{123} \frac{d\vec{q}_1 d\vec{p}_1 d\vec{q}_2 d\vec{p}_2 d\vec{q}_3 d\vec{p}_3}{h^9}$$

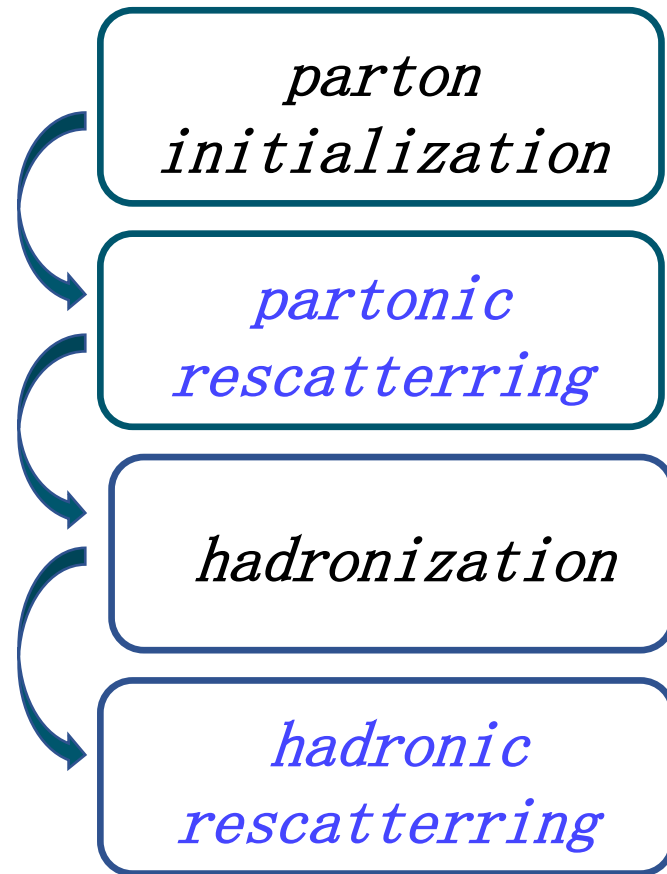
$$\delta_{123} = \begin{cases} 1. & \text{if } 1 = \pi^+(K^+, K_S^0), 2 = \pi^-(K^+, K_S^0), 3 = \eta' \\ & m_{X(2370)} - \Delta m < m_{inv} < m_{X(2370)} + \Delta m \\ & 1fm \leq R \leq 2fm \\ 0. & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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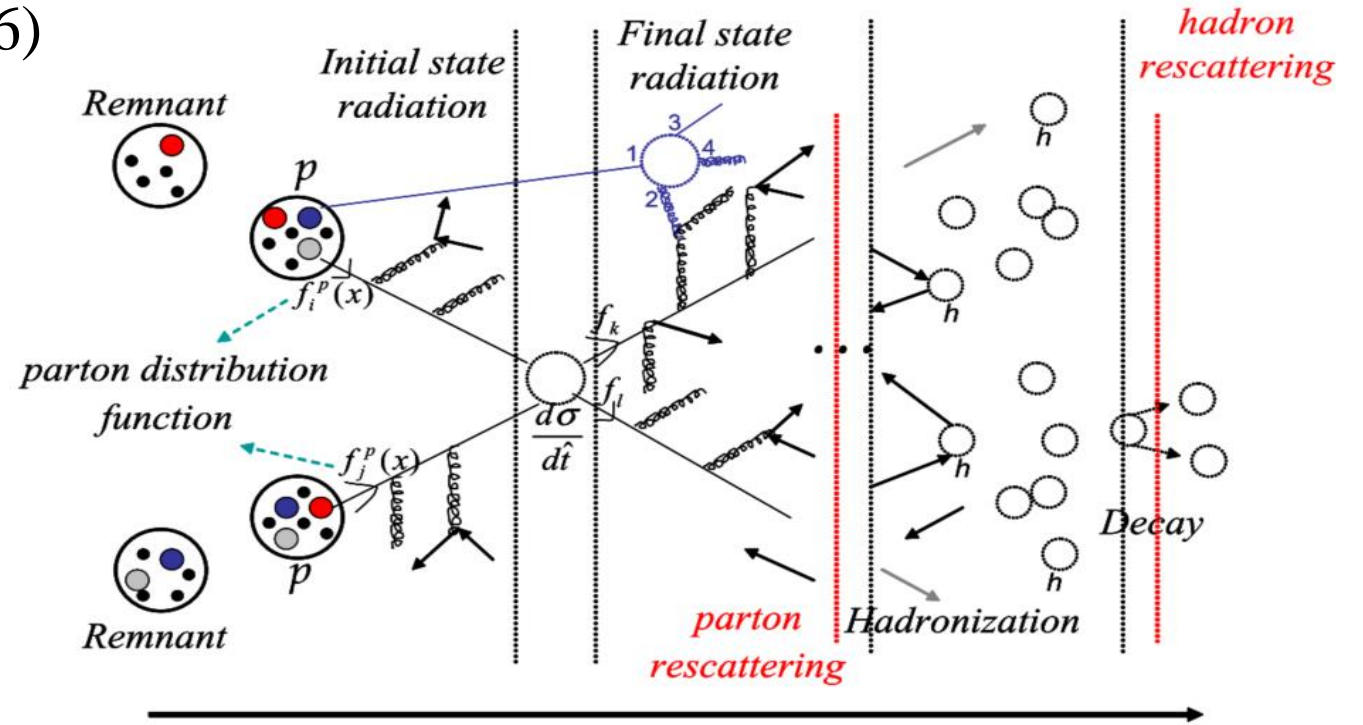


# PACIAE model: Ver. 2.0

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 a microscopic parton and hadron  
 transport model ( based on PYTHIA 6)



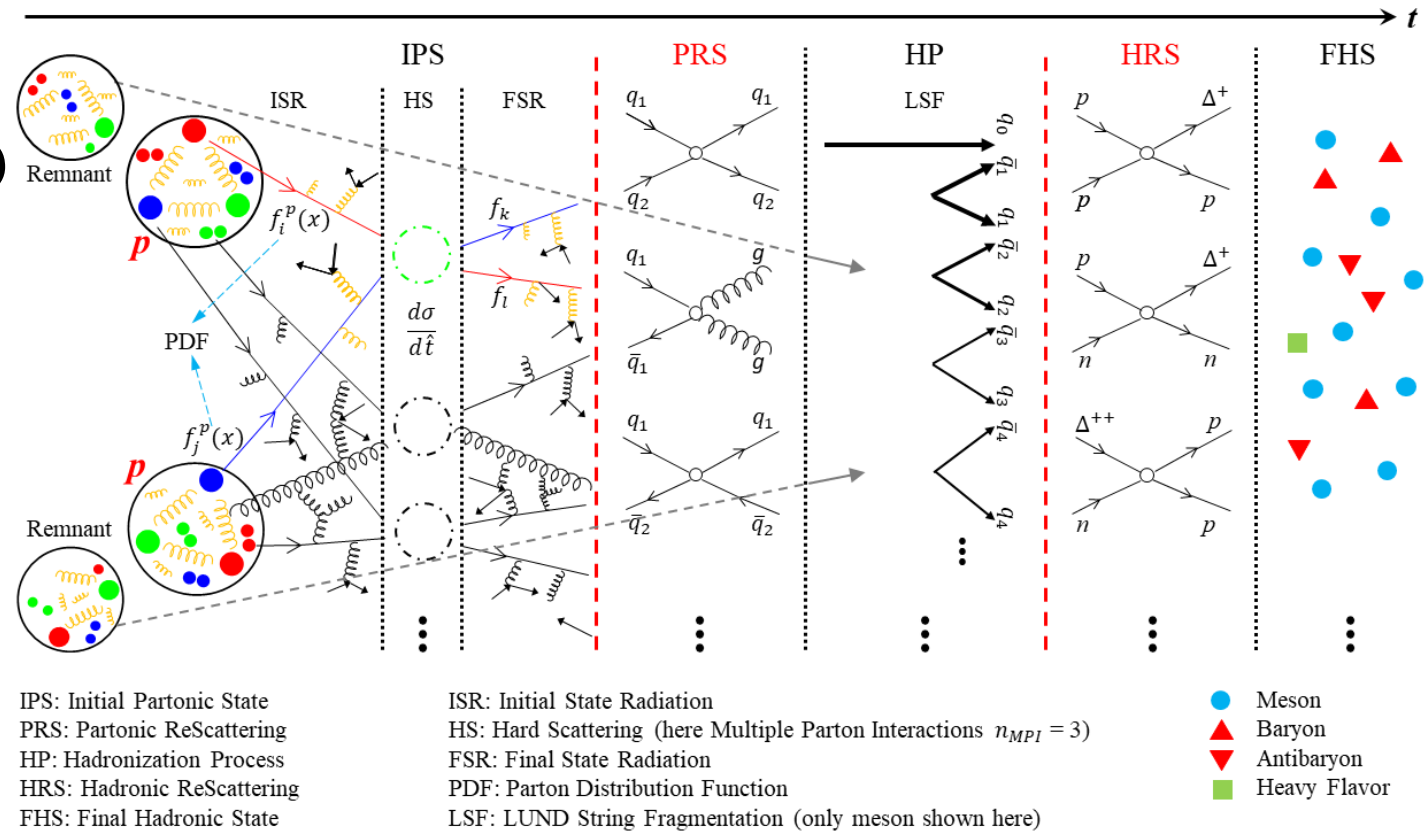
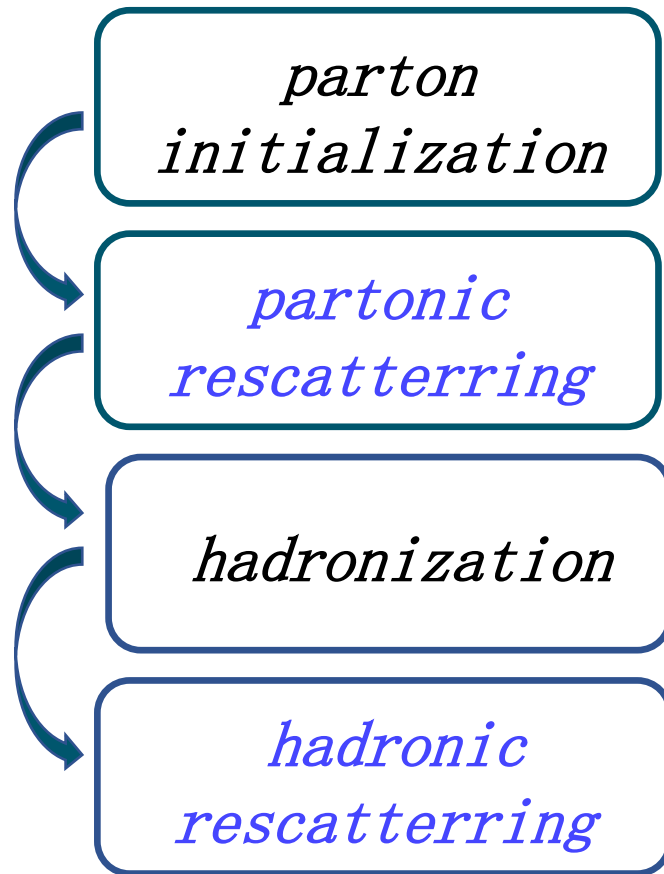
Sketch for *pp* dynamic simulation  
 (PYTHIA & PACIAE)



$\pi, K, p, n, \rho(\omega), \Delta, \Lambda, \Sigma, \Xi, \Omega, J/\psi$

# PACIAE model: Ver. 3.0

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IPS: Initial Partonic State  
 PRS: Partonic ReScattering  
 HP: Hadronization Process  
 HRS: Hadronic ReScattering  
 FHS: Final Hadronic State

ISR: Initial State Radiation  
 HS: Hard Scattering (here Multiple Parton Interactions  $n_{MPI} = 3$ )  
 FSR: Final State Radiation  
 PDF: Parton Distribution Function  
 LSF: LUND String Fragmentation (only meson shown here)

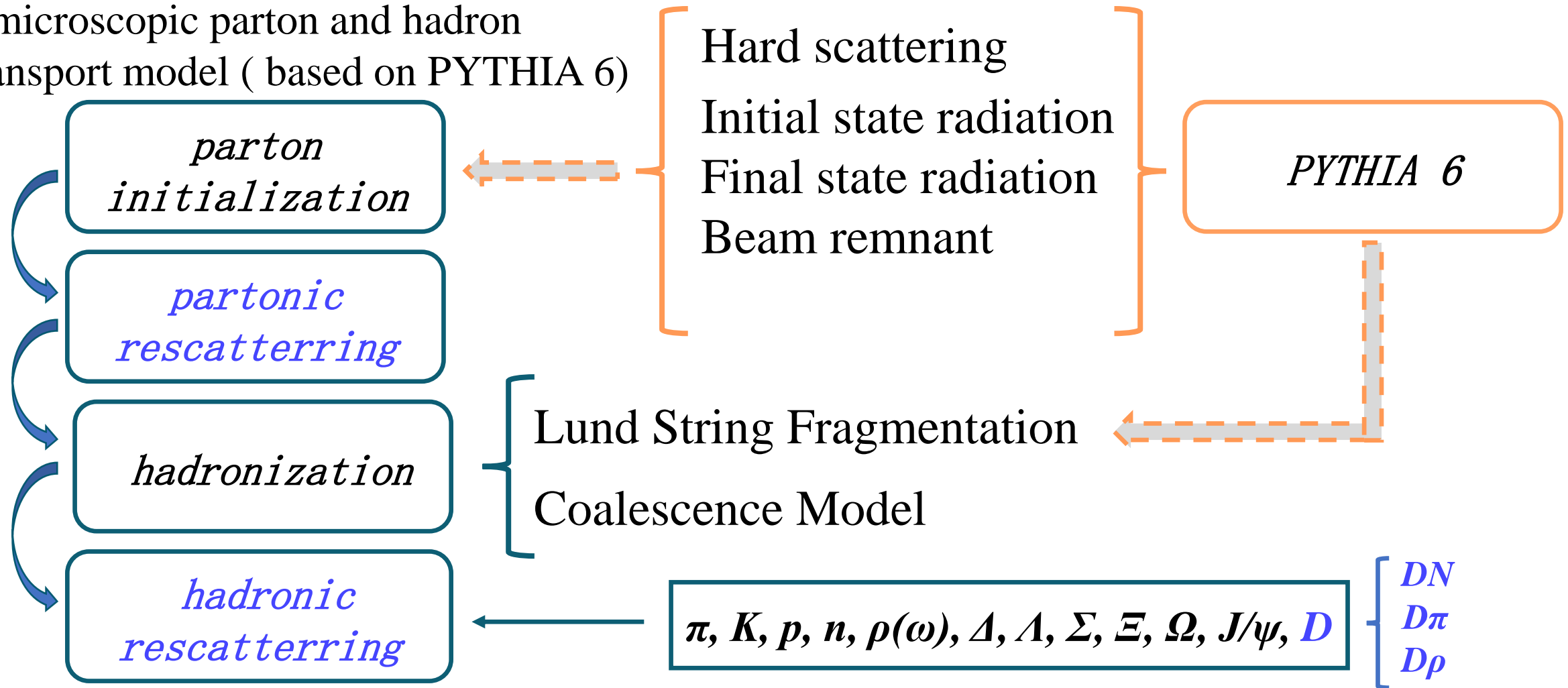
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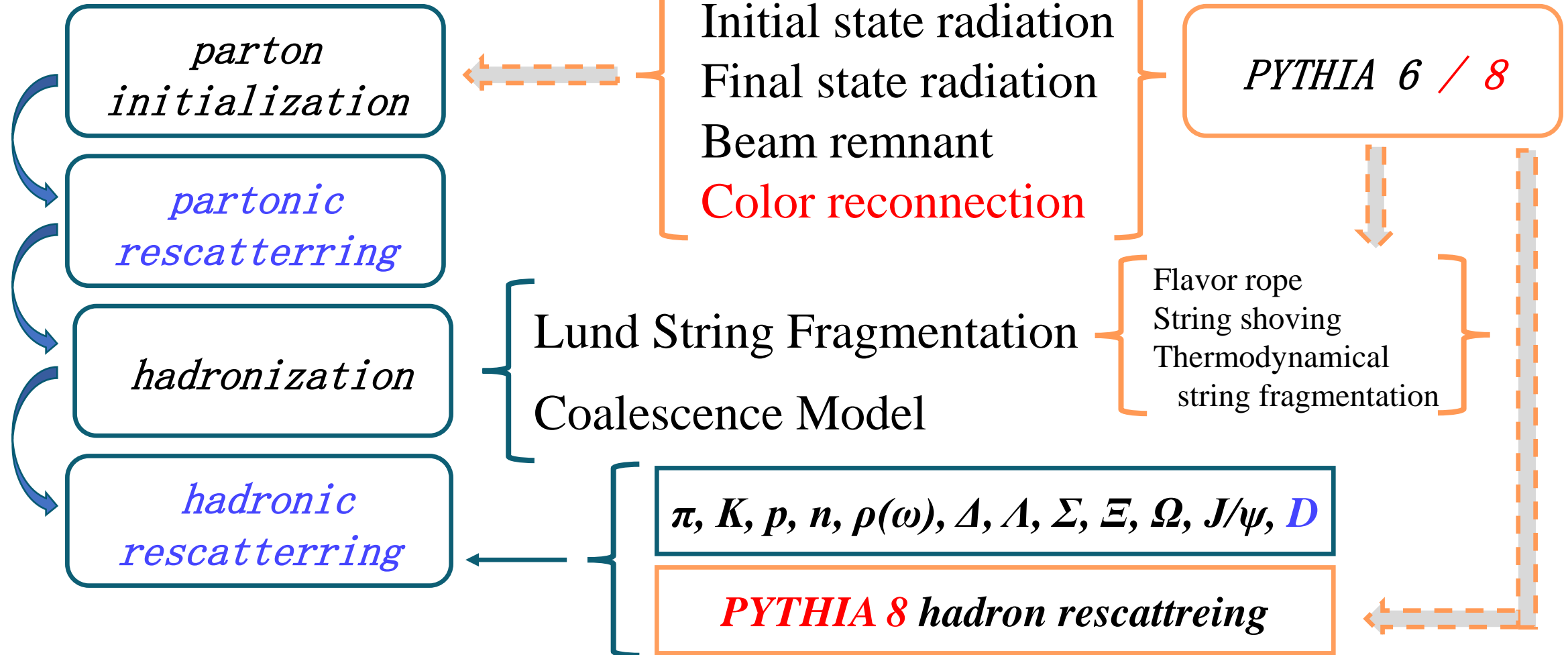
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# PACIAE model: Ver. 4.0

## PACIAE: *Parton And-hadron CIAE*

a microscopic parton and hadron transport model ( based on PYTHIA 6/8)





# PACIAE model

