



# PROBING OF EXOTIC MULTIQUARK STATES WITH HADRON AND HEAVY ION COLLISIONS

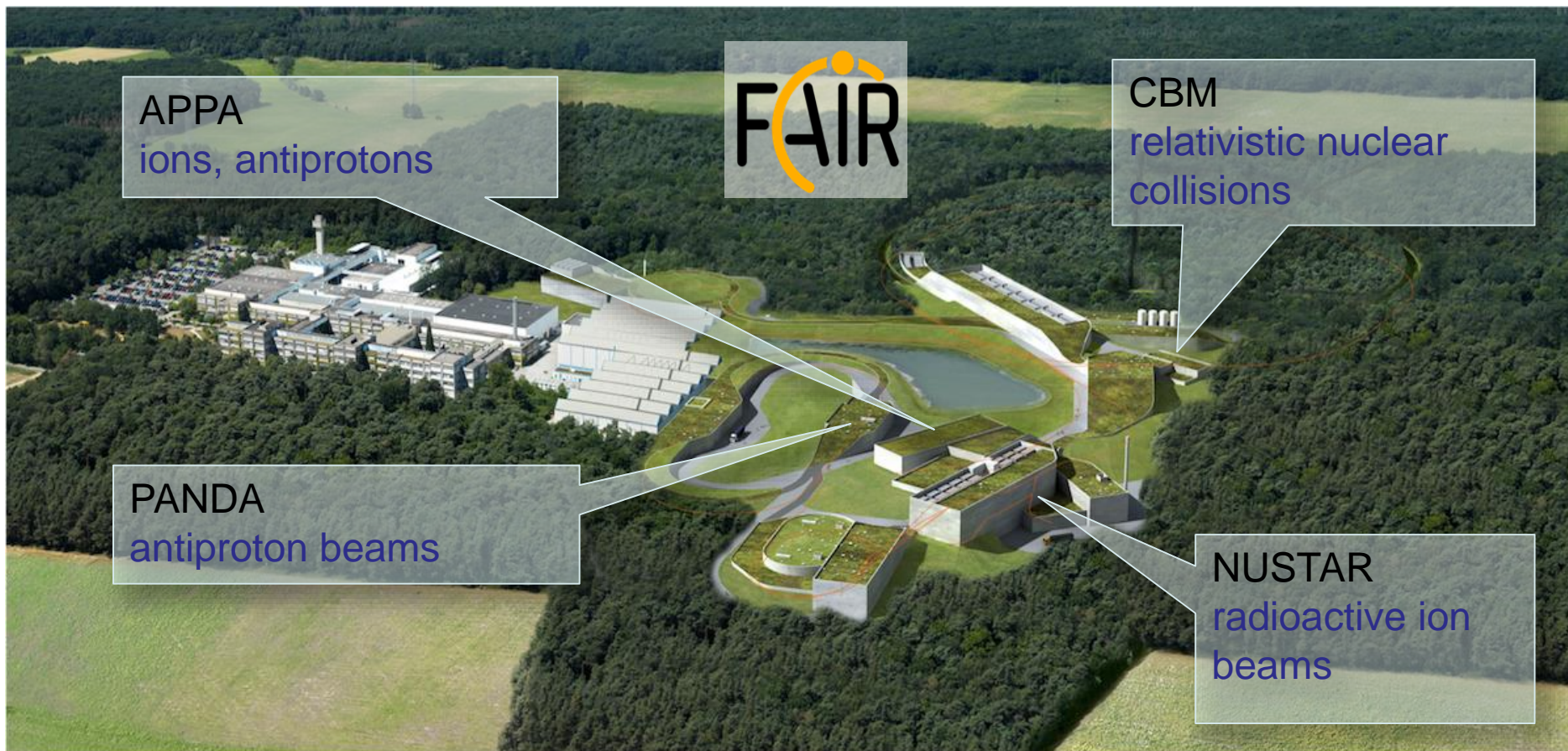
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# FAIR COMPLEX



## HESR: Storage ring for $\bar{p}$

- Injection of  $\bar{p}$  at 3.7 GeV/c
- Slow synchrotron (1.5-15 GeV/c)
- Luminosity up to  $L \sim 2 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Beam cooling (stochastic & electron)

$$\sqrt{s} \approx 5.5 \text{ GeV}$$

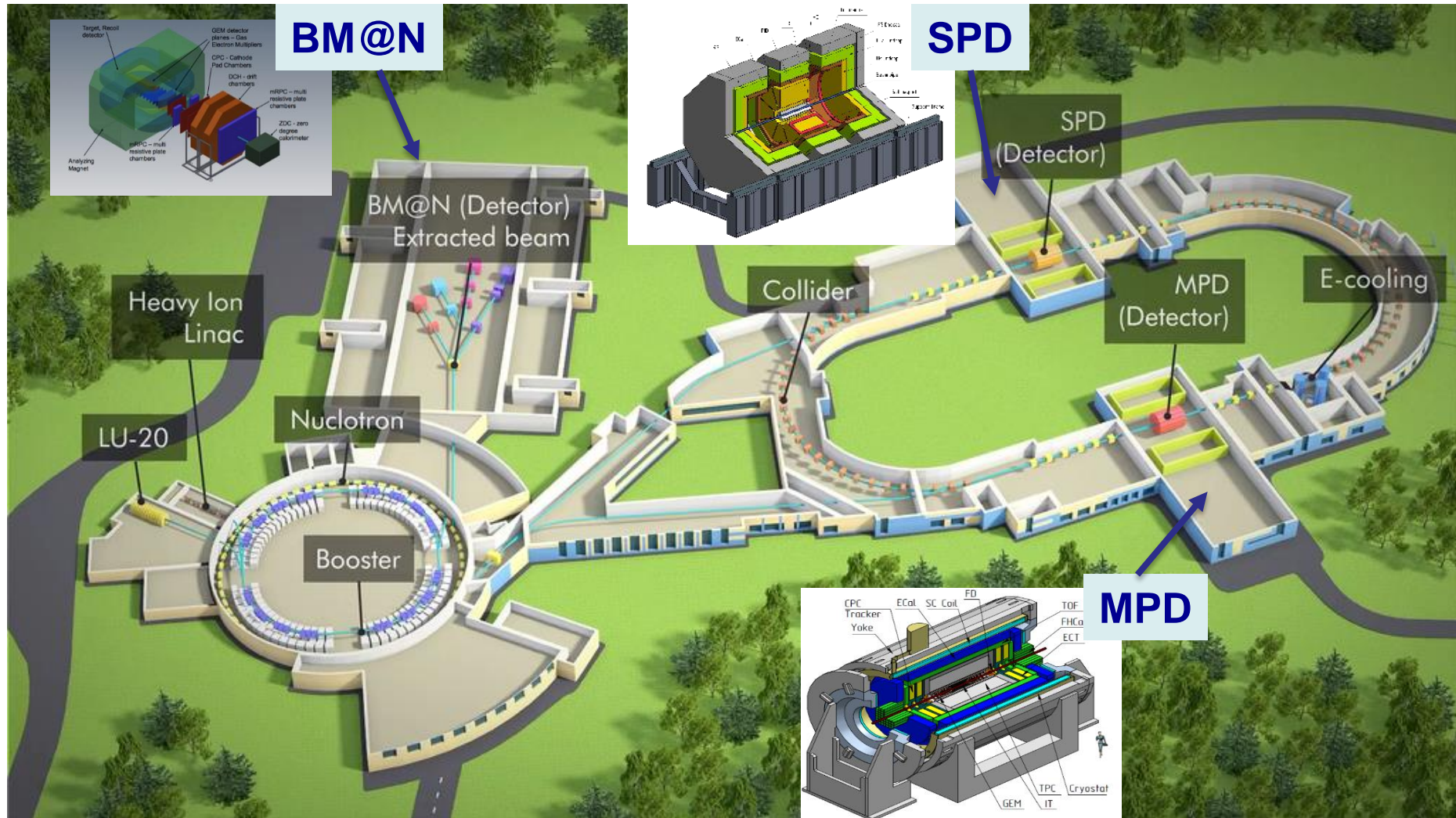
## Antiproton production

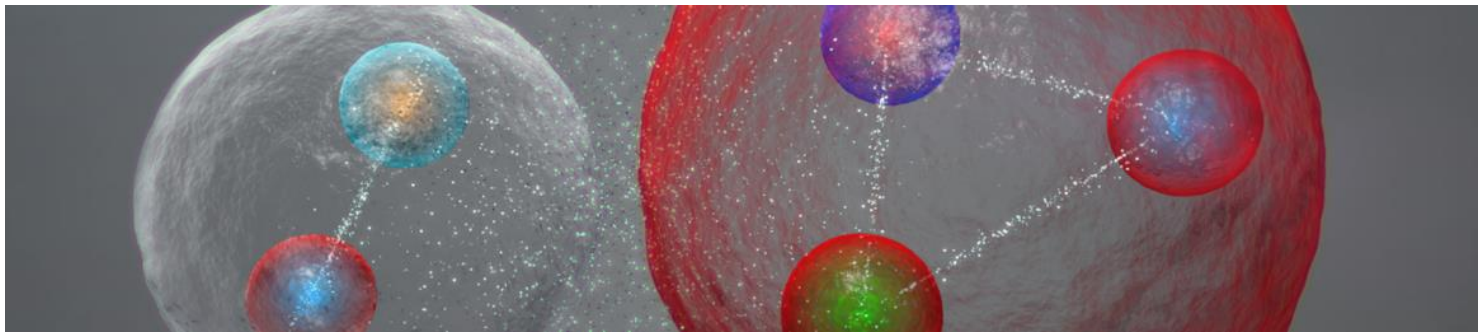
- Proton Linac 70 MeV
- Accelerate p in SIS18 / 100
- Produce  $\bar{p}$  on Cu target
- Collection in CR, fast cooling
- Accumulation in RESR
- Storage and usage in HESR

# NICA COMPLEX

Collider basic requirements: beams from  $p$  to  $Au$

$L \sim 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{c}^{-1} (Au) \sqrt{S_{NN}} = 4\text{-}11 \text{ GeV}; L \sim 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{c}^{-1} (p) \sqrt{S_{pp}} = 12\text{-}27 \text{ GeV}$





# THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF HEAVY FLAVOUR AND EXOTIC HADRON SPECTROSCOPY

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## MOTIVATION

To look for different flavor hadrons together with charmonium-like states (conventional and exotic) in  $pA$  and  $AA$  collisions to obtain complementary results to the ones from  $e^+e^-$  interactions,  $B$ -meson decays and  $pp\bar{p}$  interactions (on a restricted scale of energy)

# HADRONIC PHYSICS BEFORE AND AFTER 2003

## Consensus before 2003:

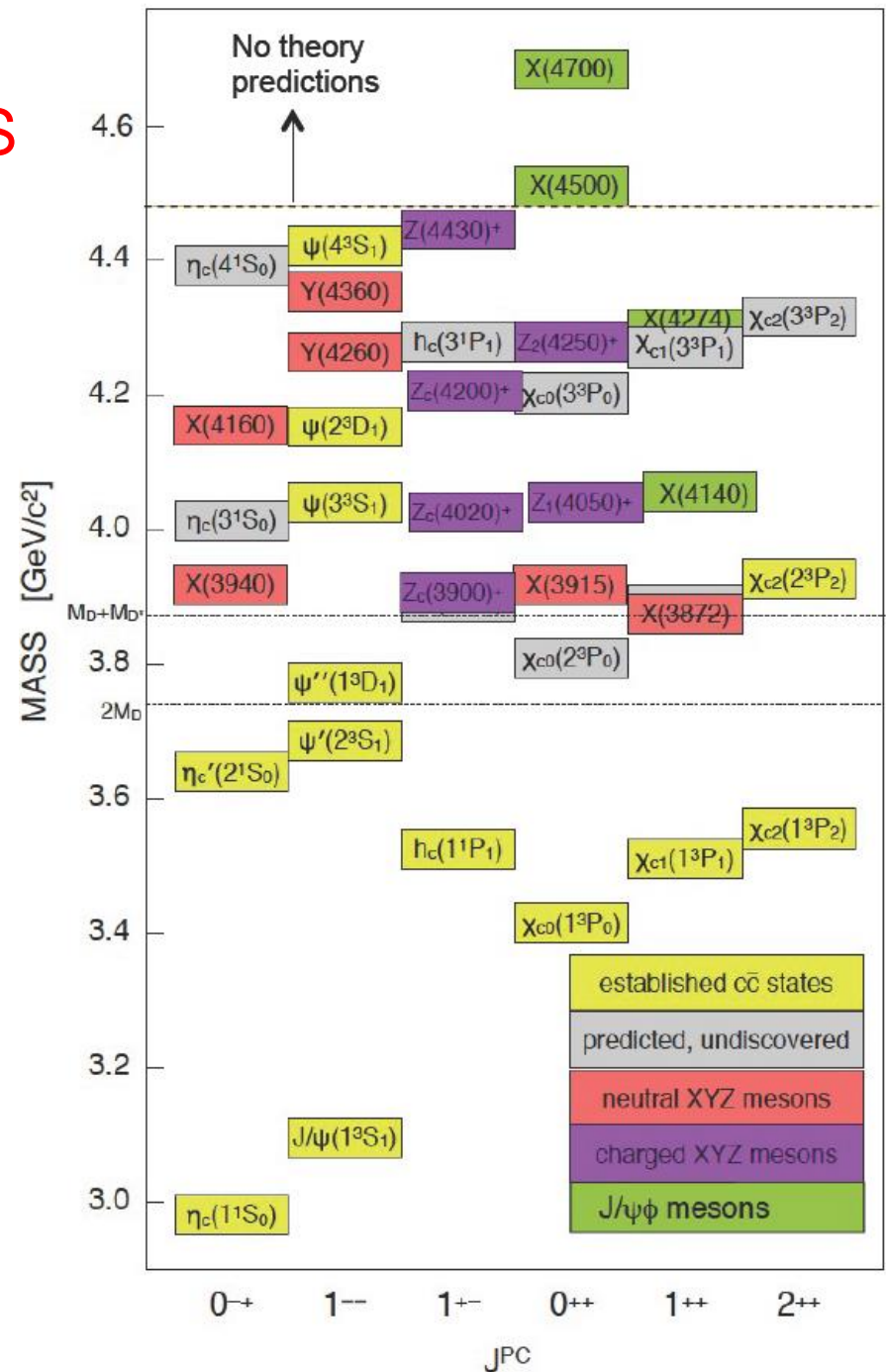
- Quark model provides a decent description of low-lying hadrons
- Quark model works surprisingly well even for light flavours
- Heavy flavours ( $c$  and  $b$ ) comply with nonrelativistic theory
- Relativistic corrections improve the description
- Experiment gradually fills “missing states”
- Lattice provides additional/alternative source of information

## Situation after 2003:

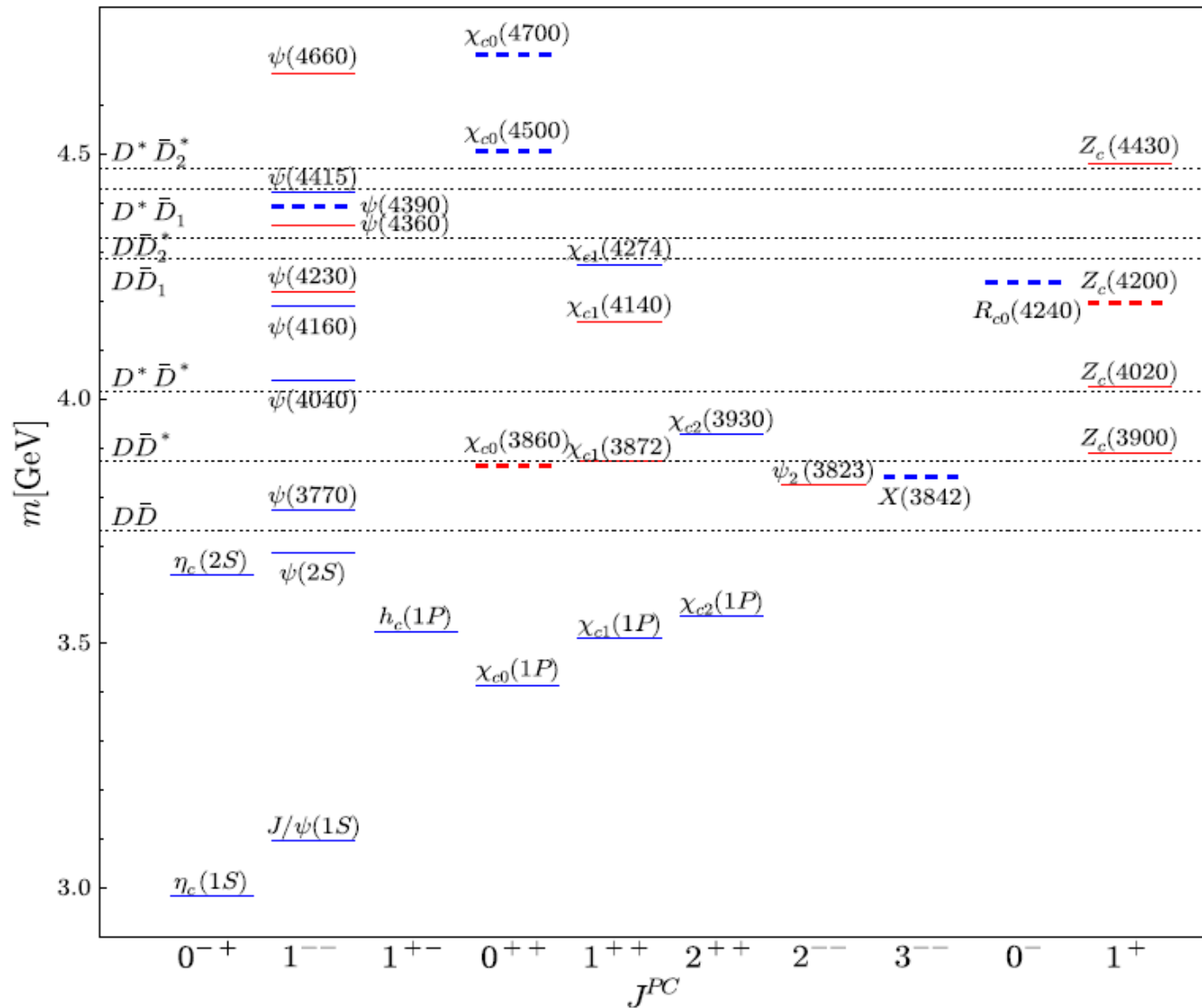
- $X(3872)$  observed by Belle with properties at odds with quark model
- Number of such unconventional hadrons with heavy quarks grows fast
- New branch of hadrons spectroscopy — exotic  $XYZ$  states

# QUARKONIUM-LIKE STATES

- Predicted neutral charmonium states compared with found  $c\bar{c}$  states, & both neutral & charged exotic candidates
- Based on Olsen [\[arXiv:1511.01589\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1511.01589)
- Added 4 new  $J/\psi\phi$  states



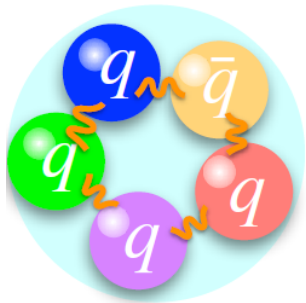
# QUARKONIUM-LIKE STATES



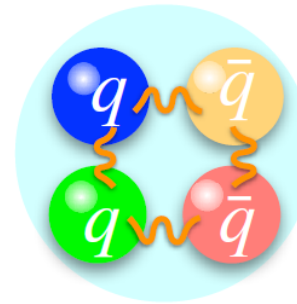


# NON-STANDARD EXOTIC HADRONS

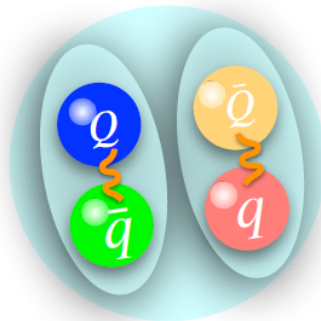
Evidence for QCD exotic states is a missing piece of knowledge about the nature of strong QCD



Pentaquarks  
4 quarks and 1 antiquark

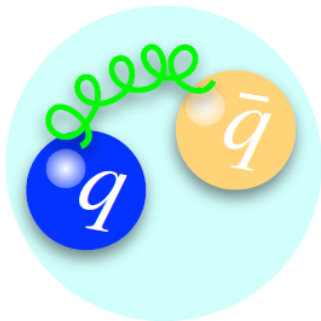
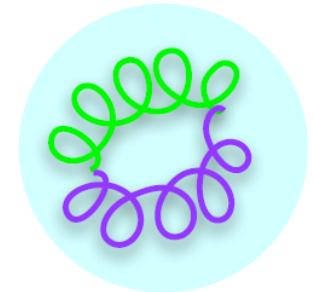


Tetraquarks  
2 quarks and 2 antiquarks

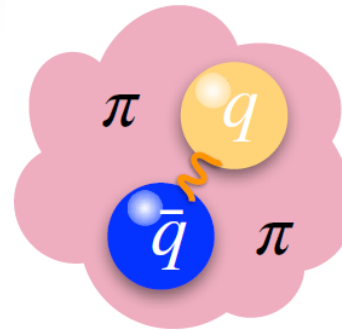


Hadronic molecule  
2 loosely bound heavy mesons

Glueball  
only gluons, no quarks



Hybrid  
states with excited gluonic  
degrees of freedom



Hadroquarkonium  
specific quarkonium core “coated” by  
excited light-hadron matter

threshold effects should also be taken into account

Multiquark states have been discussed since the 1<sup>st</sup> page of the quark model

## A SCHEMATIC MODEL OF BARYONS AND MESONS \*

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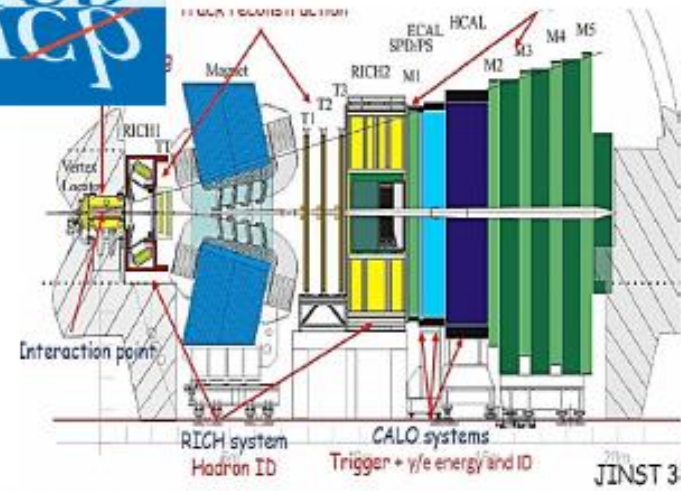
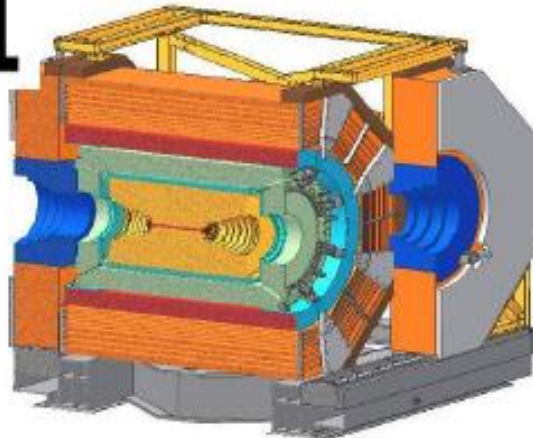
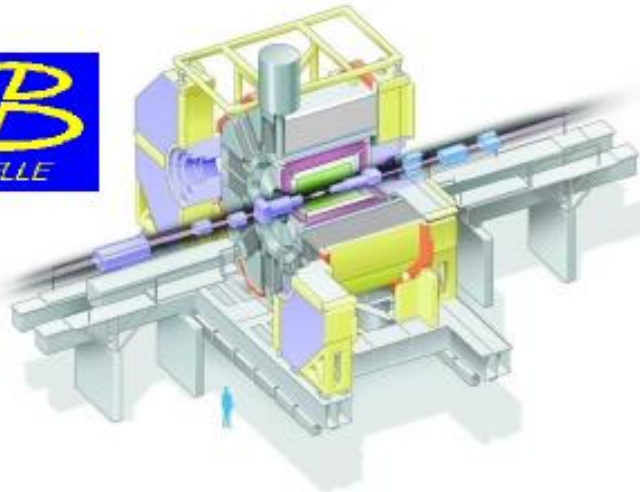
If we assume that the strong interactions of baryons and mesons are correctly described in terms of the broken "eightfold way" <sup>1-3</sup>, we are tempted to look for some fundamental explanation of the situation. A highly promised approach is the purely dynamical "bootstrap" model for all the strongly interacting particles within which one may try to derive isotopic spin and strangeness conservation and broken eightfold symmetry from self-consistency alone <sup>4</sup>). Of course, with only strong interactions, the orientation of the asymmetry in the unitary space cannot be specified; one hopes that in some way the selection of specific components of the F-spin by electromagnetism and the weak interactions determines the choice of isotopic spin and hypercharge directions.

Even if we consider the scattering amplitudes of strongly interacting particles on the mass shell only and treat the matrix elements of the weak, electromagnetic, and gravitational interactions by means

ber  $n_t - n_{\bar{t}}$  would be zero for all known baryons and mesons. The most interesting example of such a model is one in which the triplet has spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $z = -1$ , so that the four particles  $d^-$ ,  $s^-$ ,  $u^0$  and  $b^0$  exhibit a parallel with the leptons.

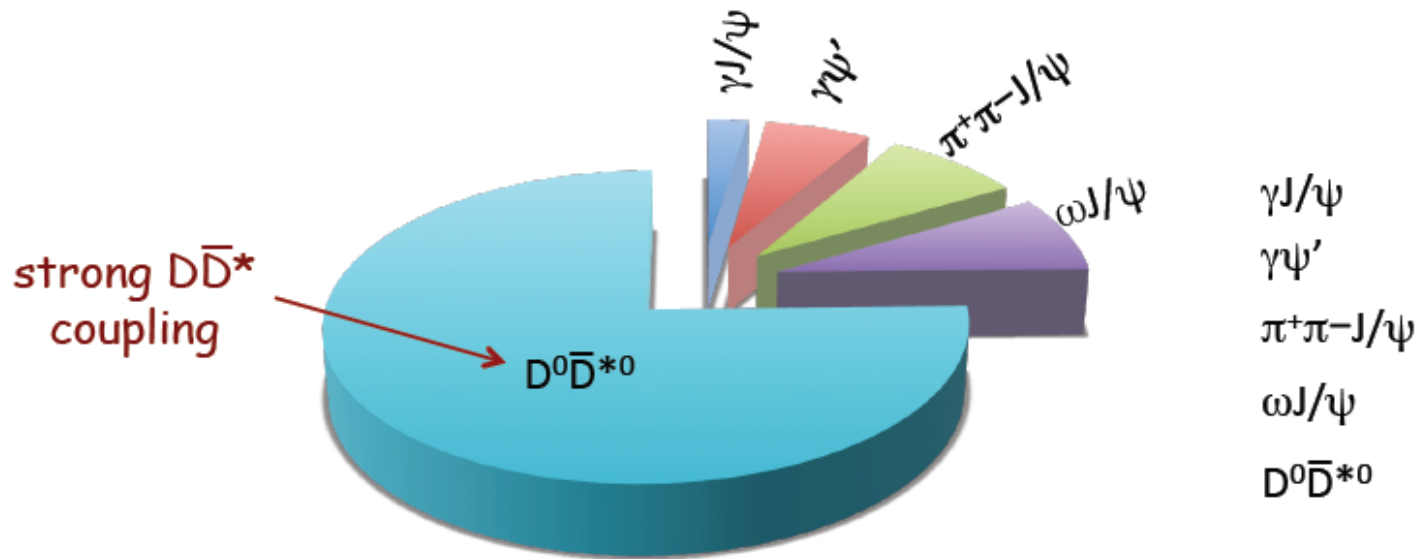
A simpler and more elegant scheme can be constructed if we allow non-integral values for the charges. We can dispense entirely with the basic baryon  $b$  if we assign to the triplet  $t$  the following properties: spin  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $z = -\frac{1}{3}$ , and baryon number  $\frac{1}{3}$ . We then refer to the members  $u^{\frac{2}{3}}$ ,  $d^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ , and  $s^{-\frac{1}{3}}$  of the triplet as "quarks" <sup>6</sup>)  $q$  and the members of the anti-triplet as anti-quarks  $\bar{q}$ . Baryons can now be constructed from quarks by using the combinations  $(qqq)$ ,  $(qqq\bar{q})$ , etc., while mesons are made out of  $(q\bar{q})$ ,  $(qq\bar{q}\bar{q})$ , etc. It is assuming that the lowest baryon configuration  $(qqq)$  gives just the representations 1, 8, and 10 that have been observed, while the lowest meson configuration  $(q\bar{q})$  similarly gives just 1 and 8.

# RESULTS WERE OBTAINED FROM THESE EXPERIMENTS



+ CLEO<sub>c</sub>, CDF, CMS/ATLAS ...

# X(3872) decay channels



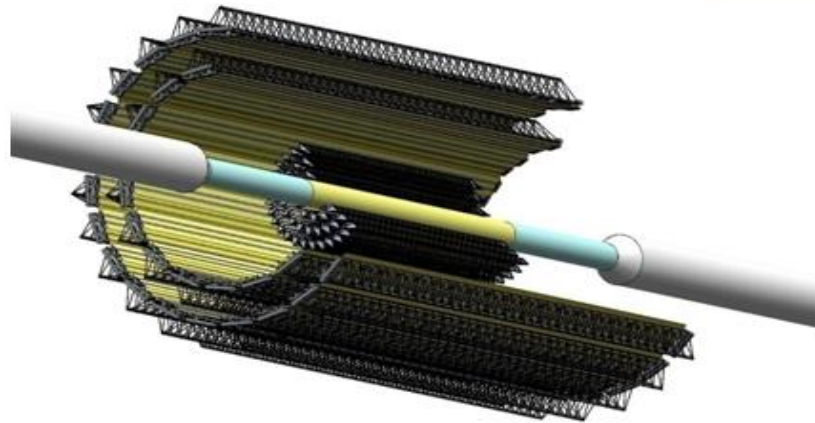
$$\Gamma_{\text{tot}} \approx 15 \Gamma(X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-J/\psi)$$

$$\Gamma(X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-J/\psi) < 80 \text{ keV}$$

$$\Gamma(X(3872) \rightarrow p\bar{p}) < 0.002\Gamma(\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi) < 160 \text{ eV}$$

# MPD INNER TRACKING SYSTEM BASED ON MAPS

## Reconstruction of charmed particles in Au+Au central collisions with MPD ITS3+TPC tracking system



Open charm studies: exclusive decays  $\rightarrow$  Inner tracking System (ITS). Dedicated track reconstruction methods ("Vector Finder").

# MPD INNER TRACKING SYSTEM BASED ON MAPS

## MPD ITS geometric models

Two ITS geometric models were used for simulation:

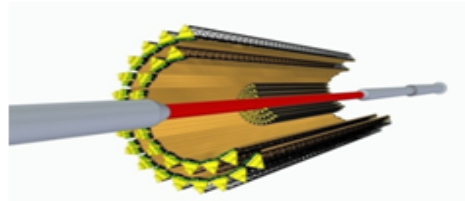
1) project model (ITS-5-40) with 5 layers consisting of ladders with standard MAPS

Sensitive area:  $15 \times 30 \text{ mm}^2$

Thickness:  $50 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$

Number of pixels:  $512 \times 1024$

Pixel size:  $28 \times 28 \text{ }\mu\text{m}^2$ .



2) ITS3-like model (ITS-5-35) with OB consisting of 2 layers of standard MAPS and

IB consisting of 3 layers of bended staves of MAPS ( $15 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$  pitch) with

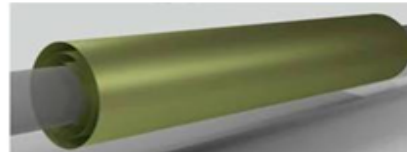
large area and thickness of  $30 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$

Size of bended MAPS:

1 layer -  $280 \times 56.5 \text{ mm}^2$

2 layer -  $280 \times 75.5 \text{ mm}^2$

3 layer -  $280 \times 94.0 \text{ mm}^2$



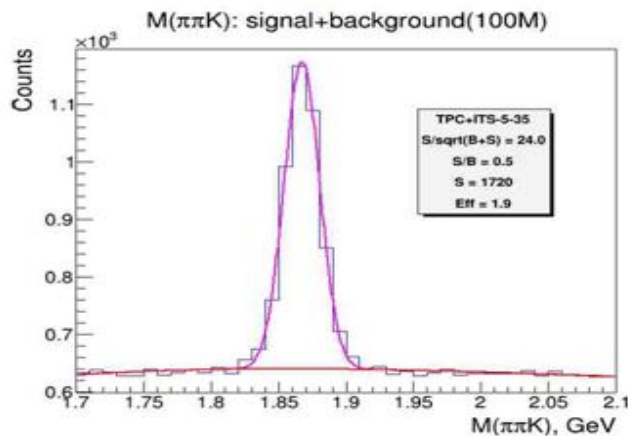
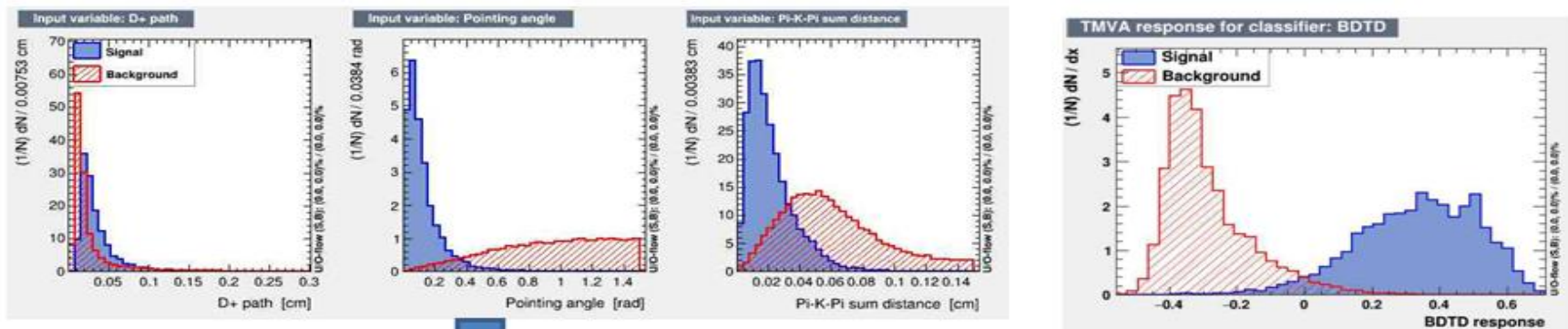
# D<sup>+</sup> RECONSTRUCTION

**D<sup>+</sup> reconstruction in ITS-5-35 + TPC using VF + TMVA**

**dca( $\pi$ ), dca(K), dist( $\pi$ K),  $\lambda(D^+)$ ,  $\theta(D^+)$  cuts**



**BDT cut**

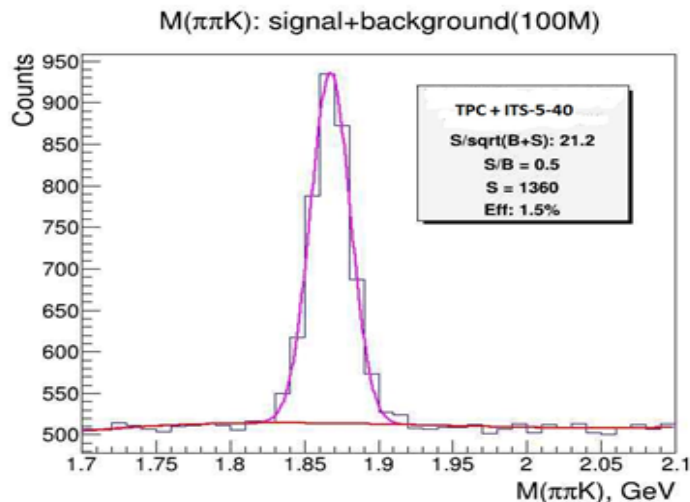


**D<sup>+</sup> reconstruction efficiency  
obtained:  $\epsilon=1.9\%$**

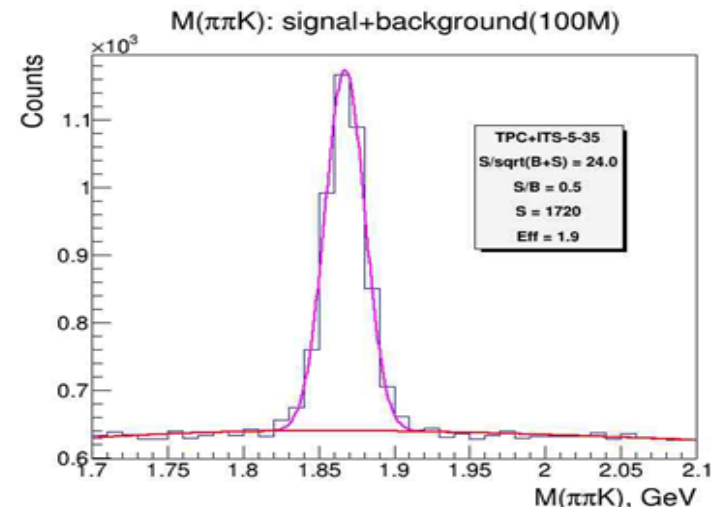
# D<sup>+</sup> RECONSTRUCTION

## D<sup>+</sup> reconstruction efficiency with two ITS models

### Project model



### ITS3-like model



ITS	S	S/B	S/ $\sqrt{S+B}$	$\epsilon$ , %
ITS-5-40	1360	0.50	21.2	1.5
ITS-5-35	1720	0.50	24.0	1.9

The reconstruction efficiency increases by **25%** when using ITS with an Internal Barrel built on the base of a new type of sensors (bended MAPS with large area)



# Probing the $X(3872)$ meson structure with near-threshold $pp$ and $pA$ collisions at NICA

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The spectroscopy of charmonium-like mesons with masses above the  $2m_D$  open charmed threshold has been full of surprises and remains poorly understood [1]. The currently most compelling theoretical descriptions of the mysterious  $XYZ$  mesons attributes them to hybrid structure with a tightly bound  $c\bar{c}$  diquark [2] or a  $c\bar{c}q\bar{q}'$  tetraquark [3] core that strongly couples to  $S$ -wave  $D^{(*)}\bar{D}^{(*)}$  molecule-like structures. In this picture, the production of an  $XYZ$  particle in high energy hadron collisions and its decays to light hadron + charmonium final states proceed via the core component of the meson, while decays to pairs of open-charmed mesons proceed via the  $D^{(*)}\bar{D}^{(*)}$  component.

These ideas have been applied with some success to the  $X(3872)$  [2], where a detailed calculation finds a  $c\bar{c}$  core component that is only about 5 percent of the time, with the  $D\bar{D}^*$  component (mostly  $D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$ ) accounting for the rest. In this picture, illustrated in cartoon form in Fig. 1, the  $X(3872)$  is composed of three rather disparate components: a small charmonium-like  $c\bar{c}$  core with  $r_{\text{rms}} < 1$  fm, a larger  $D^+D^{*-}$  component with  $r_{\text{rms}} = \hbar/\sqrt{2\mu_+B_+} \simeq 1.5$  fm and a dominant  $D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$  component with a huge,  $r_{\text{rms}} = \hbar/\sqrt{2\mu_0B_0} > 9$  fm spatial extent. Here  $\mu_+$  ( $\mu_0$ ) and  $B_+$  ( $B_0$ ) denote the reduced mass for the  $D^+D^{*-}$  ( $D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$ ) system and the relevant *binding energy*:  $|(m_D + m_{D^*}) - M_{X(3872)}|$  ( $B_+ = 8.2$  MeV and  $B_0 < 0.3$  MeV). The different amplitudes and spatial distributions of the  $D^+D^{*-}$  and  $D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$  components ensure that the  $X(3872)$  is not an isospin eigenstate; instead it is mostly  $I = 0$ , but has a significant ( $\sim 25$  percent)  $I = 1$  component.

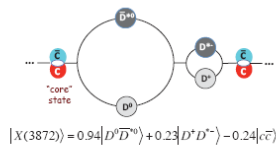


Figure 1: The  $X(3872)$  in a hybrid picture. The numerical values come from ref. [2].

In the hybrid scheme, an  $X(3872)$  is produced in high-energy  $pN$  collisions via its compact ( $r_{\text{rms}} < 1$  fm) charmonium-like structure and this rapidly mixes (in a time  $t \sim \hbar/\delta M$ ) into huge and fragile, mostly  $D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$ , molecule-like structure;  $\delta M$  is the difference between the  $X(3872)$  mass and that of the nearest  $c\bar{c}$  mass pole core state, which we take to be that of the  $\chi_{c1}(2P)$  pure charmonium state that is expected to lie about 20  $\sim$  30 MeV above  $M_{X(3872)}$  [4]. In this case, the mixing time,  $c\tau_{\text{mix}} = 5 \sim 10$  fm, is much shorter than the the lifetime of the  $X(3872)$ , which is  $c\tau_{X(3872)} > 150$  fm [5].

The NICA superconducting collider is uniquely well suited to test this picture for the  $X(3872)$  (and, possibly, other  $XYZ$  mesons). In near-threshold production experiments

in the  $\sqrt{s_{pN}} \simeq 8$  GeV energy range,  $X(3872)$  mesons can be produced with typical c.m.s. kinetic energies of a few hundred MeV (*i.e.*, with  $\gamma\beta \simeq 0.3$ ). In the case of the  $X(3872)$ , its decay length will be greater than 50 fm while the distance scale for the  $c\bar{c} \rightarrow D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$  transition would be  $2 \sim 3$  fm. Since the survival probability of an  $r_{\text{rms}} \sim 9$  fm “molecule” inside nuclear matter should be very small,  $X(3872)$  meson production on a nuclear target with  $r_{\text{rms}} \sim 5$  fm or more ( $A \sim 60$  or larger) should be strongly quenched (see Fig. 2). Thus, if this hybrid picture is correct, the atomic number dependence of  $X(3872)$  production at fixed  $\sqrt{s_{pN}}$  should have a dramatically different behaviour than that of the  $\psi'$ , which is a long-lived compact charmonium state.

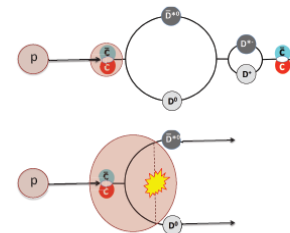


Figure 2: (Top)  $X(3872)$  production on a proton target ( $r_{\text{rms}} \simeq 1$  fm). Here the  $X(3872)$  escapes the target region before it establishes a significant  $D\bar{D}^*$  component. (Bottom)  $X(3872)$  production on a nuclear target. Here the presence nuclear material disrupts the ( $< 200$  keV) coherence between the well separated  $D^0$  and  $D^{*0}$  (represented by the dashed line).

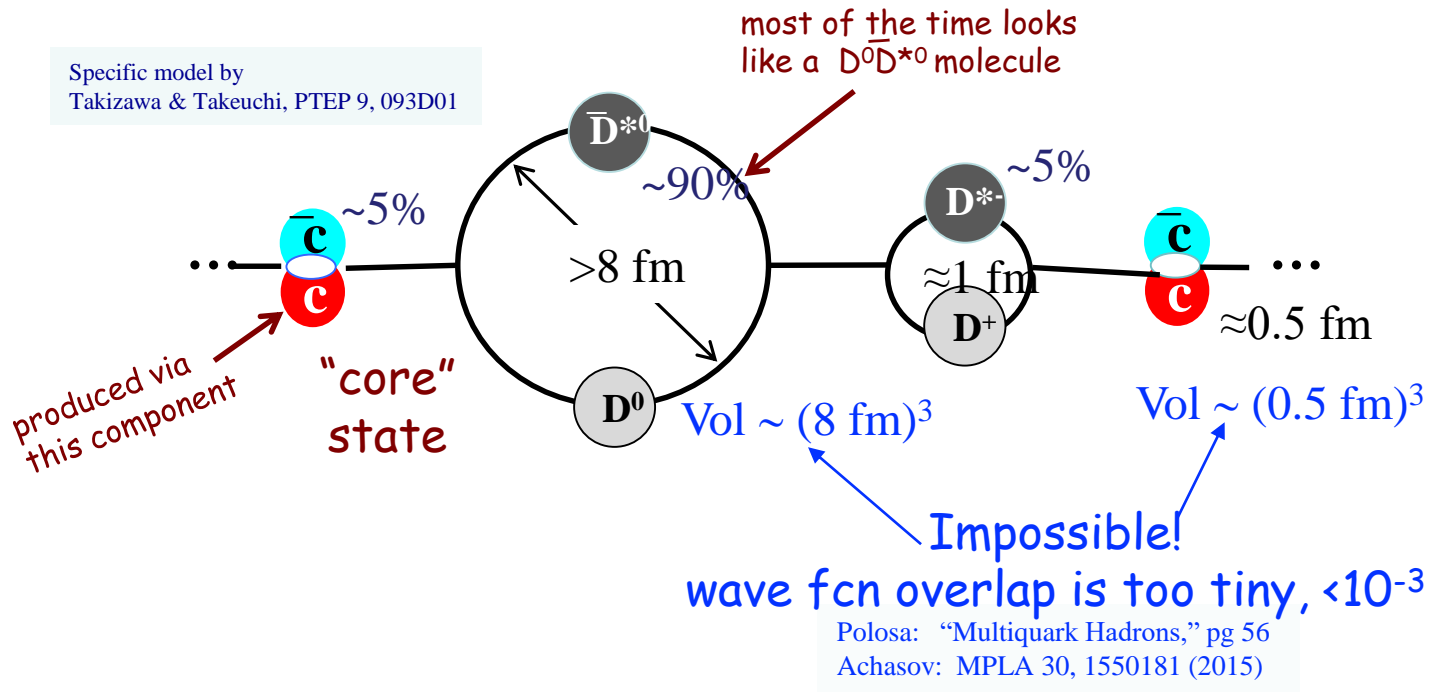
In this talk I will summarize the current experimental status of the  $XYZ$  mesons and hidden-charm pentaquark candidates and present simulations of what we might expect from an  $A$ -dependence of  $X(3872)$  mesons at NICA.

## References

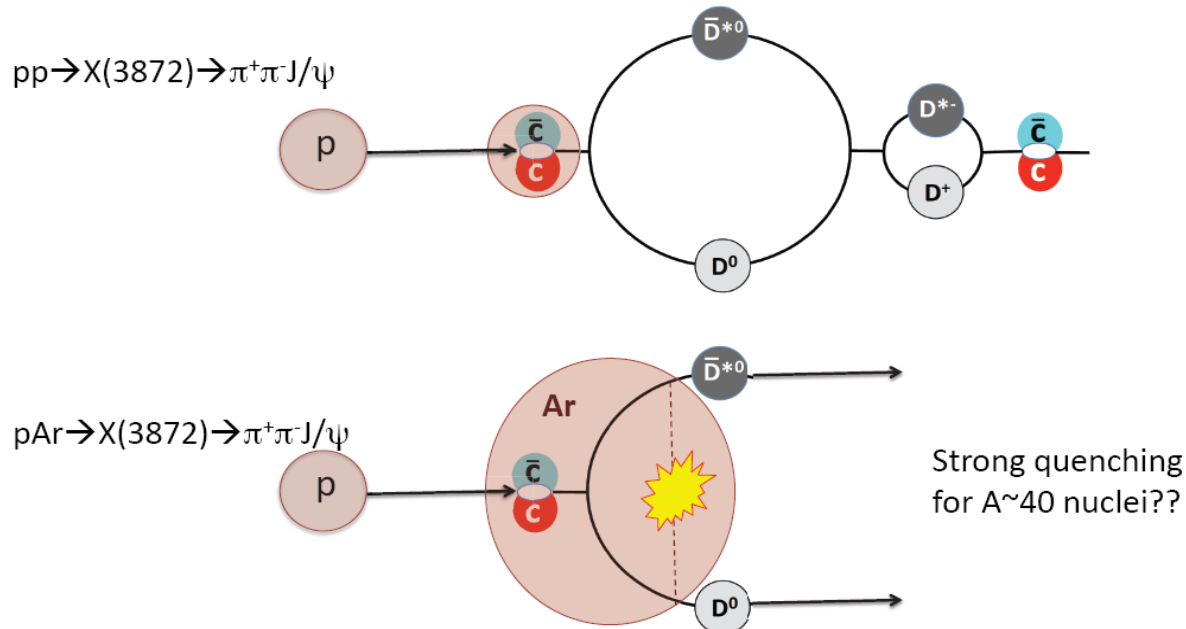
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- [4] Here we use  $\chi_{c2}(2P)$ - $\chi_{c1}(2P)$  mass splitting from S. Godfrey and N. Isgur, *Phys. Rev. D* **32**, 189 (1985) and scale the  $\chi_{c1}(2P)$  mass from the measured  $\chi_{c2}(2P)$  mass reported in K.A. Olive *et al.* (PDG), *Chin. Phys. C* **38**, 090001 (2014).
- [5] The width of the  $X(3872)$  is experimentally constrained to be  $\Gamma_{X(3872)} < 1.2$  (90% CL) in S.-K. Choi *et al.* (Belle Collaboration), *Phys. Rev. D* **84**, 052004 (2011).

# X(3872) as a $D\bar{D}^*$ molecule + a $c\bar{c}$ -“core” mixture?

-- “consensus” opinion (?) --



# Near-threshold prod. via pp & pA



Use NICA, a new pp/pA/AA collider at JINR (Dubna)?

The production experiments with proton-proton and proton-nuclei collisions with  $\sqrt{s_{pN}} \geq 8$  GeV may be well suited to test the structure of X(3872) and, possibly, other exotic mesons.

In near threshold production experiments with the  $\sqrt{s_{pN}} \approx 8$  GeV energy range, XYZ mesons can be produced with typical low kinetic energies of a few hundred MeV.

Since the survival probability of such “molecular” inside nuclear matter should be very small, XYZ meson production on a nuclear target with  $A \sim 40$  or larger should be strongly quenched.

Thus, if this hybrid picture is correct, the atomic number dependence of X(3872) production at fixed  $\sqrt{s_{pN}}$  for  $A \sim 40$  or larger should have a dramatically different behavior than that of the  $\psi'$ , which is a long-lived compact charmonium state.

# SUMMARY

- ◆ Many observed exotic states remain puzzling and can not be explained for many years. This stimulates and motivates for new searches and ideas to obtain their nature.
- ◆ Modern facilities with hadron and heavy ion collisions should provide good opportunities for identification of charged and neutral particles and shed light on the nature of exotics.
- ◆ The experiments with  $pp$  and  $pA$  collisions at NICA can obtain some valuable information on the charm production. For hadronic decays the ITS should greatly enhance the research potential (reconstruction and selection).
- ◆ Measurements of charmonium-like states may be considered as one of the “pillars” of the  $pp$  and  $pA$  program at NICA.

**THANK YOU!**

and

**WELCOME FOR  
COLLABORATION...**

## Toolkit for MultiVariate Analysis

**TMVA** is a ROOT package for training, testing and performances evaluation of multivariate classification techniques.

Analysis is generally organized in 2 steps :

### ❑ Training phase

At this stage the variables from the signal and background samples are trained according the classifier chosen by the user. The results of the classification is written into weight files, traducing the initial **N** input variables **V** to one dimensional variable **R** (response) :

$$V^N \rightarrow R$$

### ❑ Application phase

At this stage the data classification, reading from the weight files, is applied to the data to be analyzed.

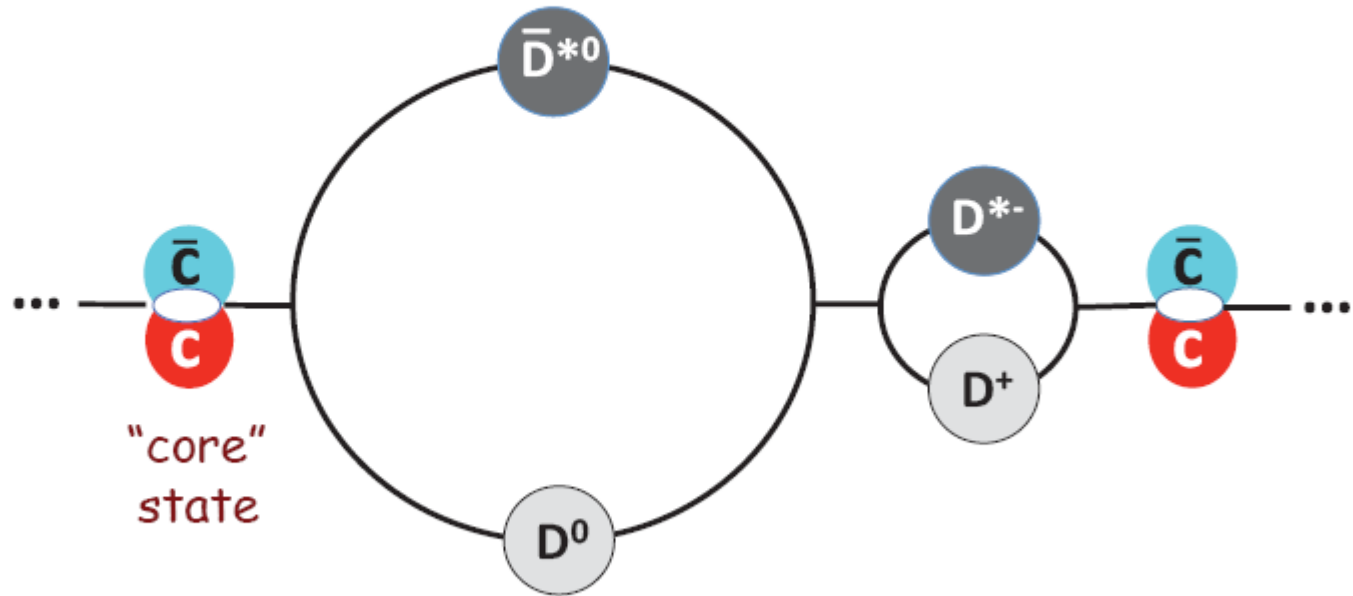
The classifier BDT (Boosted Decision Trees) has been chosen for the analysis phase when reconstructing D mesons

# Charm in AA

1. *J/ψ polarization studies*
2. *Open charm selection via hadronic decays*

# Can the X(3872) structure be probed?

Takizawa & Takeuchi, PTEP 9, 093D01



$$|X(3872)\rangle = 0.94|D^0\bar{D}^{*0}\rangle + 0.23|D^+D^{*-}\rangle - 0.24|c\bar{c}\rangle$$