

## Diquark-antidiquark states with hidden or open charm

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Some features and predictions of a recently proposed model based on diquark-antidiquark bound states are illustrated. Its ability in accomodating newly discovered charmed resonances around 4 GeV is discussed.

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## 1. Introduction

The recent discovery [1] of the  $j_q = 1/2$  P-wave charm-strange resonance  $D_s^{**}$  with a mass significantly lower than expected has led to new interest in charm spectroscopy. It was followed by the observation of some meson resonances with *no open charm* in  $e^+e^-$  annihilation with masses around 4 GeV starting with  $X(3872)$  [2] and so far ending with  $Y(4260)$  [3]. These states can be fitted with difficulties in the charmonium  $c\bar{c}$  picture (see ref. [4] for a recent review of alternative interpretations). On the other hand, the evidence of low mass resonances (below 1 GeV) by the KLOE Collaboration in the  $\pi\pi$  spectrum of the radiative decay  $\phi \rightarrow \pi_0\pi_0\gamma$ ,  $\sigma(450)$  [5], and by the E791 Collaboration in the  $K\pi\pi$  spectrum from  $D$  decays,  $\kappa(800)$  [6], reinforced the interpretation of the scalar nonet ( $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$ ) components below 1 GeV,  $f(980)$ ,  $a(980)$ ,  $\kappa(800)$  and  $\sigma(450)$ , as 4-quark bound states [7]. In particular such states can be thought of as being S-wave bound states of a diquark and an antidiquark,  $[qq][\bar{q}\bar{q}]$ , where the diquark is taken in the fully antisymmetric configuration  $\bar{\mathbf{3}}_c$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{3}}_f$  and  $\mathbf{1}_s$  of colour, spin and flavour respectively. The most convincing feature in favour of this interpretation is the inverted mass spectrum of the light scalar nonet, *i.e.* the lightest state has  $I = 0$  and no strangeness, while the heaviest particles have  $I = 1, 0$  and like to decay in states containing strange quark pairs. In Ref. [8] we have shown that this interpretation can reasonably describe the OZI allowed strong decays of the light scalar mesons in terms of a single amplitude parameterizing the switch of a  $q\bar{q}$  pair.

If the light scalar mesons are diquark-antidiquark composites, it is natural to consider analogous states with one or more heavy constituents [9, 10], *i.e.* of the form  $[cq][\bar{c}\bar{q}']$ , with  $q, q' = u, d, s$ . With respect to the light diquark case, two new elements come into the game: the near spin-independence of heavy quark forces (exact in the limit  $m_c \rightarrow \infty$ ) and isospin breaking from light-quark masses. The first feature implies the presence of both spin zero and spin one diquarks, giving rise to a rich spectrum of states with  $J = 0, 1, 2$ , with both natural and unnatural  $J^{PC}$  quantum numbers. In the following we summarize the spectrum and decay properties of such four-quark states and their possible identification with recently discovered charmed resonances.

## 2. Spectrum of charmed diquark-antidiquark states

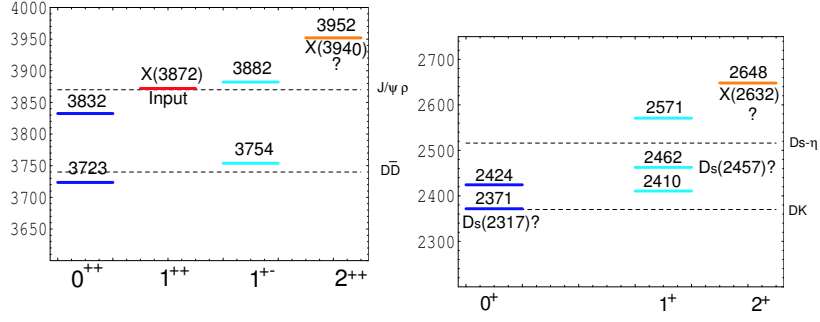
The mass spectrum of the systems  $[cq][\bar{c}\bar{q}']$  with  $q, q' = u, d$  can be described in terms of constituent diquark masses and spin-spin interactions, *i.e.* the Hamiltonian to be diagonalized is given by

$$H = 2m_{[cq]} + 2(\kappa_{cq})\bar{\mathbf{3}}[(S_c \cdot S_q) + (S_{\bar{c}} \cdot S_{\bar{q}})] + 2(\kappa_{q\bar{q}})(S_q \cdot S_{\bar{q}}) \\ + 2(\kappa_{c\bar{q}})[(S_c \cdot S_{\bar{q}}) + (S_{\bar{c}} \cdot S_q)] + 2(\kappa_{c\bar{c}})(S_c \cdot S_{\bar{c}}) \quad (2.1)$$

and analogously for the  $[cs][\bar{c}\bar{q}']$  states. The Hamiltonian parameters can be obtained from known meson and baryon masses by resorting to the constituent quark model [11]

$$H = \sum_i m_i + \sum_{i < j} 2\kappa_{ij}(S_i \cdot S_j), \quad (2.2)$$

where the sum runs over the hadron constituents. The coefficients  $\kappa_{ij}$  depend on the flavour of the constituents  $i, j$  and on the particular colour state of the pair. For instance, applied to the  $L = 0$



**Figure 1:** The predicted spectrum of X particles with hidden charm (left) and with open charm and strangeness (right). Indicated mass values are in MeV. Dashed lines show the decay thresholds.

mesons  $K$  and  $K^*$ , Eq. (2.2) gives the relation  $M = m_q + m_s + \kappa_{s\bar{q}}[J(J+1) - 3/2]$ . Similar equations can be written for the meson pairs  $\pi$ - $\rho$ ,  $D$ - $D^*$  and  $D_s$ - $D_s^*$ . Spin-spin interaction coefficients in antitriplet colour state can be estimated from baryon masses. For the quark-antiquark interactions to which we don't have yet experimental access we rely on estimates based on one-gluon exchange. The obtained results for the diquark masses are:  $m_{[ud]} = 395$  MeV,  $m_{[ud]} = 590$  MeV,  $m_{[cq]} = 1933$  MeV. The explicit values for the spin-spin couplings  $\kappa_{ij}$  are listed in Tab. II and III of Ref. [9]. By diagonalization of the Hamiltonian of Eq. (2.1), on the basis of the states with definite diquark spin  $S_{cq}$ , antidiquark spin  $S_{\bar{c}\bar{q}}$  and total angular momentum  $J$ , we obtain six states corresponding to the following  $J^{PC}$  assignments:  $2 \times 0^{++}$ ,  $1^{++}$ ,  $2 \times 1^{+-}$ ,  $2^{++}$ . The state  $1^{++}$ , with the symmetric spin distribution  $[cq]_{S=1}[\bar{c}\bar{q}]_{S=0} + [cq]_{S=0}[\bar{c}\bar{q}]_{S=1}$ , is a good candidate to explain the properties of the  $X(3872)$ : it is expected to be narrow, like all diquark-antidiquark systems under baryon-antibaryon threshold; the unnatural spin-parity forbids the decay in  $D$ - $\bar{D}$ , which is not seen; it can decay into both channels  $J/\Psi\rho$  and  $J/\Psi\omega$ , as observed experimentally, due to isospin breaking in its wave function. By identification of the  $1^{++}$  state with the observed  $X(3872)$ , the resulting mass spectrum is depicted in Fig. 1 (left). The analogous six eigenvectors of the Hamiltonian for the  $[cq][\bar{s}\bar{q}]$  are not invariant under  $C$ -conjugation and we have the following  $J^P$  quantum numbers and multiplicities:  $2 \times 0^+$ ,  $3 \times 1^+$ ,  $2^+$ . The resulting spectrum is shown in Fig. 1 (right). Of the two states  $0^{++}$ , one can decay in  $\eta_c\pi$ ,  $\eta_c\eta$  or multihadron states, the other one should decay into  $D\bar{D}$ . Up to now none of them has been seen experimentally. The same holds for the  $1^{+-}$  states, which could decay in  $J/\Psi + \pi(\eta)$ ,  $\eta_c + \rho(\omega)$ . The predicted mass of the  $2^{++}$  state is, instead, in the right place of the  $X(3940)$  seen by Belle in the channel  $J/\Psi\omega$ . In the discussed framework, however, it could also decay into  $D^*\bar{D}^*$  and  $D\bar{D}$  in  $D$ -wave. Of the states with strangeness, the lowest lying  $0^+$  and one of the  $1^+$  could be assigned to the  $D_s(2317)$  and  $D_s(2457)$  [1], respectively, in agreement with the observed decays  $D_s(2317) \rightarrow D_s\pi^0$ ,  $D_s(2457) \rightarrow D_s\gamma\pi^0$ ;  $(D_s)^*\pi^0$ . The state  $2^+$  could fit naturally the particle claimed by the SELEX Collaboration [12].

### 3. Isospin breaking

Due to asymptotic freedom, at the large momentum scale implied by the heavy quark, the strength of the self-energy annihilation diagrams decreases. As a consequence, particle masses

should be approximately diagonal with quark masses, even for up and down quarks [10, 13]. In this limit the neutral mass eigenstate coincide with  $X_u = [cu][\bar{c}\bar{u}]$  and  $X_d = [cd][\bar{c}\bar{d}]$ . Non-negligible gluon annihilation diagrams mix  $X_u$  and  $X_d$  giving rise to different eigenvalues separated by  $\Delta M = 2(m_d - m_u)/\cos(2\theta) = (7 \pm 2)/\cos(2\theta)$  MeV. Thus the  $X(3872)$  should consist, to a closer inspection, of two separate states. The mixing angle  $\theta$  could be determined from  $\Delta M$ , as well from the ratio of the decay rates in  $J/\Psi + \rho$  and  $J/\Psi + \omega$ , which are both allowed due to isospin breaking. From the measured ratio  $\Gamma(J/\Psi\pi^+\pi^-)/\Gamma(J/\Psi\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)$  by Belle we derive  $\theta \simeq 20^\circ$ , giving  $\Delta M = 8 \pm 3$  MeV.

#### 4. Orbital excitations

One of the distinctive features of the model based on diquark-antidiquark bound states is the presence of orbital angular momentum excitations, since the basic objects are coloured diquarks in a rising confining potential. Actually, the recently discovered state by BABAR  $Y(4260)$  [3], with  $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$ , could be one of such orbital excitations. It is seen in the channel  $J/\Psi\pi^+\pi^-$ , with  $M(\pi^+\pi^-)$  around 1 GeV, consistently with the decay  $J/\Psi f_0(980)$ . Given these features, the state can be interpreted as a bound state  $[cs][\bar{c}\bar{s}]$  with both diquarks in spin zero and with a unit of relative orbital angular momentum. In Ref. [14] we have shown that this picture predicts a mass of  $4330 \pm 70$  MeV, in nice agreement with the experimental value. A crucial prediction of the model is also the decay channel  $D_s\bar{D}_s$ , which still awaits for experimental observation.

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