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Topic:
Spectroscopy of All-Heavy Pentaquark States

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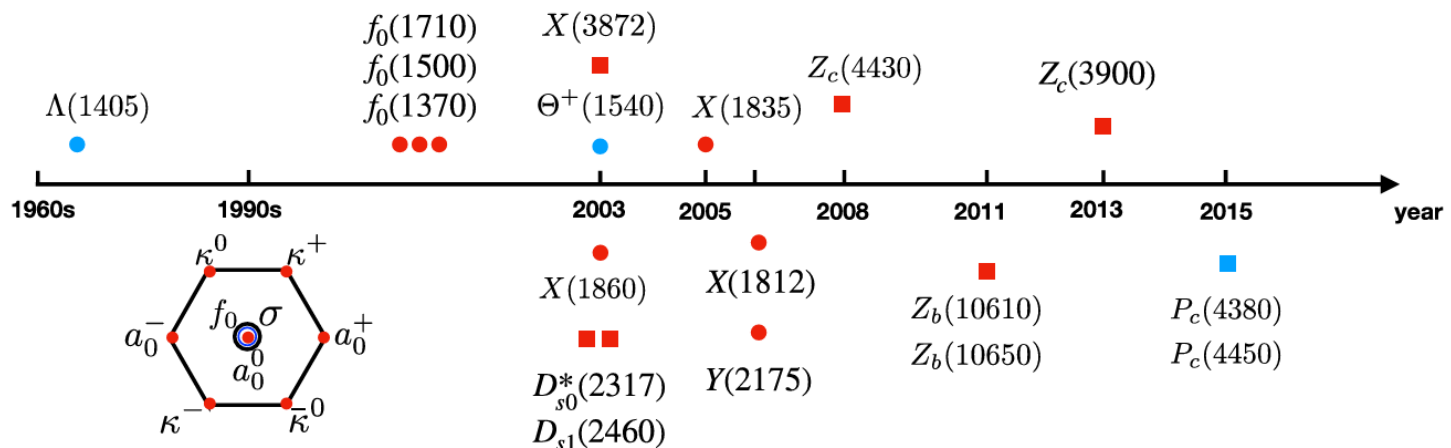
1.

Introduction and motivation

Introduction to the Exotic particles

What Are Exotic Particles?

- According to quark model, conventional mesons are quark- antiquark states and baryons are three-quark states.
- Quark model successfully explain the spectrum of mesons and baryons.
- The discovery of multiquark states has open the new era of particle physics. These unconventional hadrons are called Exotic hadrons.
- Quark model extension was first proposed by Gell-Mann and Zweig.[1-3]
- The quantum chromodynamics (QCD) which is the theory of strong inter actions, allows those unconventional hadrons such as,
 - Tetraquark: $(qq\bar{q}\bar{q})$
 - Pentaquarks: $(qqqq\bar{q})$
 - Hexaquarks: $(qqq\bar{q}\bar{q}\bar{q}, qqqqqq)$
 - Hybrids: Quarks + excited gluons
 - Glueballs: Bound states of gluons only
- Observation of some typical exotic states given below [4]



Pentaquarks:

Pentaquark State	Experimental Facility	Year	Remark
$P_c(4380)$, $P_c(4450)$	LHCb	2015	First observation of structures consistent with hidden-charm pentaquarks
$P_c(4312)$, $P_c(4440)$, $P_c(4457)$	LHCb	2019	Higher-statistics data revealed the narrow $P_c(4312)$ and resolved the previous $P_c(4450)$ structure into $P_c(4440)$ and $P_c(4457)$
$P_{cs}(4459)$	LHCb	2020	Observation of the first prominent strange hidden-charm pentaquark candidate

Pentaquark systems ($qqqq\bar{q}$) can be studied using different internal structure configurations, based on how the quarks are dynamically clustered. The three most widely adopted models are: [5,6]

1. Molecular Model:

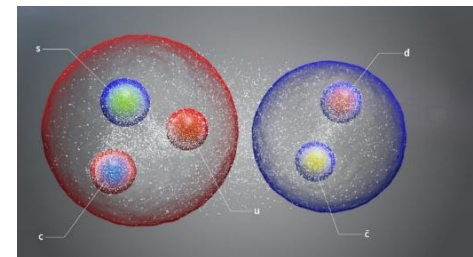
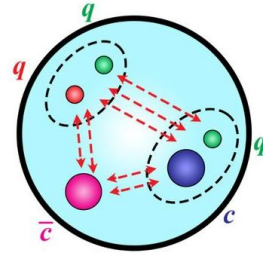
- Treats the pentaquark as a **loosely bound hadronic molecule**, composed of a **baryon** and a **meson**.

2. Diquark–Diquark–Antiquark Model:

- The pentaquark is modeled as **two tightly bound diquarks (qq) + one antiquark ($\bar{q}$)**.
- This compact configuration is suitable for describing **color–spin correlations** and **short- range interactions**.

3. Triquark–Diquark Model:

- One triquark cluster (qqq) is bound to a diquark (qq).



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Theoretical Methodology

The Hypercentral Constituent Quark Model

The hyperspherical coordinates:

- For a three body system, we define **Jacobi vectors**, ρ and λ [6,7]

$$\mathbf{x} = (\rho, \lambda)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\rho} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda} = \frac{(m_1 \mathbf{r}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{r}_2) - (m_1 + m_2) \mathbf{r}_3}{\sqrt{m_1^2 + m_2^2 + (m_1 + m_2)^2}}$$

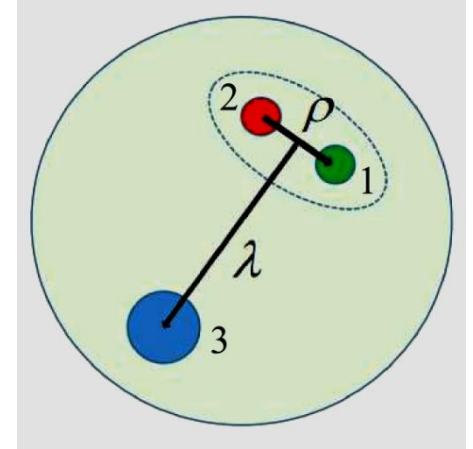
$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{M}(m_1 \mathbf{r}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{r}_2 + m_3 \mathbf{r}_3)$$

$$M = m_1 + m_2 + m_3$$

- From these, we define hyper radius and hyper angle as:

$$X = \sqrt{\rho^2 + \lambda^2}, \quad \xi = \arctan(\rho/\lambda)$$

- X - Overall size of the system (hyperradius)
- ξ - Shape of configuration
- (θ_ρ, ϕ_ρ) – Direction of $\boldsymbol{\rho}$ (Between 1 and 2)
- $(\theta_\lambda, \phi_\lambda)$ – Direction of $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ (between 3 and CM of 1 & 2)



- Lagrangian of the three-body system is written as,

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{1}{2} m_i \dot{r}_i^2 - V(r_1, r_2, r_3)$$

- Transform into Jacobi coordinates $\rightarrow$ separates center-of-mass and internal motion.

$$T = T_{\text{CM}} + T_{\text{int}}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{1}{2} m_i \dot{r}_i^2 = \frac{1}{2} M \dot{R}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_\rho \dot{\rho}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_\lambda \dot{\lambda}^2$$

- Reduced masses are,

$$m_\rho = \frac{2m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$m_\lambda = \frac{2m_3(m_1^2 + m_2^2 + m_1 m_2)}{(m_1 + m_2)(m_1 + m_2 + m_3)}$$

- Kinetic energy operator,

$$\sum_i \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_i} \nabla_i^2 = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla_R^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_\rho} \nabla_\rho^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_\lambda} \nabla_\lambda^2$$

- Kinetic energy operator in 6 dimension,

$$T_{\text{int}} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}(\nabla_{\rho,\lambda}^2) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial X^2} + \frac{5}{X}\frac{\partial}{\partial X} - \frac{L^2(\Omega)}{X^2}\right)$$

- The final Hamiltonian in these coordinates look like,

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial X^2} + \frac{5}{X}\frac{\partial}{\partial X} - \frac{L^2(\Omega)}{X^2}\right) + V(X)$$

- The potential energy,

$$V(x) = V^{(0)}(x) + V_{SD}(x),$$

$$V^{(0)}(x) = \frac{\tau}{x} + \beta x + V_0,$$

Here, $\tau = k\alpha_s$, where k is the color factor and α_s is running coupling constant, and β is string tension.

- The expression for the color factor is[6],

$$k = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i < j} \epsilon_{ij} \sum_{a=1}^8 \lambda_i^a \lambda_j^a,$$

- λ_j^a are Gell-Mann matrices.
- For qq pair, $\epsilon_{ij} = 1$
- For $q\bar{q}$ pair, $\epsilon_{ij} = -1$

- For two quarks,

$$3_c \otimes 3_c = \bar{3}_c \oplus 6_c$$

- For $\bar{3}$, $k = -2/3$
- For 6, $k = 1/3$

- Each diquark in the diquark-diquark-antiquark model is typically assumed to be a color antitriplet because attractive interactions enhance binding and the $\bar{3}$ configuration is energetically favorable.
- The total color decomposition of pentaquark made up of diquarks and antiquark as,

$$\bar{3}_c \otimes \bar{3}_c \otimes \bar{3}_c = (3_c \oplus \bar{6}_c) \otimes \bar{3}_c = (1_c \oplus 8_c) \oplus (8_c \oplus \bar{10}_c).$$

- In this work, we concentrate on the color singlet component of the pentaquark wave function, which represents the physically observable compact pentaquark state with an effective color factor,

$$k = -2/3.$$

- The Running Coupling is written as,

$$\alpha_s = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_0)}{1 + \frac{33-2n_f}{12\pi} \alpha_s(\mu_0) \ln\left(\frac{m_1+m_2+m_3}{\mu_0}\right)}$$

$$V_{SD}(x) = V_{SS}(x)(\vec{S}_\rho \cdot \vec{S}_\lambda) + V_{\gamma S}(x)(\vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{S}) + V_T(x)(S^2 - 3 \frac{(\vec{S} \cdot \vec{x})^2}{x^2}).$$

$$V_{\text{linear}} = V_s = \alpha x$$

$$V_{\text{coulomb}} = V_V = \frac{\tau}{X}$$

- The spin-orbit term,

$$V_{LS}(x) = \frac{1}{2m_\rho m_\lambda} \left(3 \frac{dV_V}{dx} - \frac{dV_S}{dx} \right)$$

- The spin-spin term,

$$V_{SS}(x) = \frac{1}{3m_\rho m_\lambda} \nabla^2 V_V = \frac{A}{6m_\rho m_\lambda} \frac{e^{-x/x_0}}{xx_0^2}$$

- The tensor term,

$$V_T(x) = \frac{1}{6m_\rho m_\lambda} \left(\frac{d^2 V_V}{dx^2} - \frac{1}{x} \frac{dV_V}{dx} \right)$$

- The effective spin-spin operator,

$$\vec{S}_\rho \cdot \vec{S}_\lambda = \frac{1}{2} [S(S-1) - \sum_k S_k(S_k-1)],$$

- The spin-orbit operator,

$$\vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{S} = \frac{1}{2} [j(j-1) - \gamma(\gamma-1) - S(S-1)].$$

For S-wave states, the orbital angular momentum vanishes, and consequently, the spin-orbit and tensor interactions do not contribute.

The Hyperradial Schrodinger Equation

- The hyperradial wave functions $\psi_{\gamma\vartheta}(x)$ are the solution of the hyperradial Schrodinger equation, [6-11]

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dX^2} + \frac{5}{X} \frac{d}{dX} - \frac{L^2(\Omega)}{X^2} \right) \psi_{\gamma\vartheta}(x) = -2m[E - V(x)]\psi_{\gamma\vartheta}(x)$$

$$L^2(\Omega) = \gamma(\gamma + 4),$$

$$m = \frac{2m_\rho m_\lambda}{(m_\rho + m_\lambda)},$$

- The hyperradial function are normalized according to,

$$\int_0^\infty dx \, x^2 |\psi_{\gamma\vartheta}(x)|^2 = 1$$

- It is convenient to introduce the reduced hyperradial wavefunction $u_{\gamma\vartheta}(x)$,

$$u_{\gamma\vartheta}(x) = x^{5/2} \psi_{\gamma\vartheta}(x).$$

- Which obeys the second order differential equation as,

$$\frac{d^2 u_{\gamma\vartheta}(x)}{dx^2} - \frac{(\frac{15}{4} + \gamma(\gamma + 4))}{x^2} u_{\gamma\vartheta}(x) = -2m(E - V(x))u_{\gamma\vartheta}(x)$$

- The first derivative has disappeared, but something new appeared:

$$V_{\text{centrifugal}} = \frac{(\frac{15}{4} + \gamma(\gamma + 4))}{x^2}$$

- So the transformation does not remove physics. It simply moves part of the geometry into an effective $\frac{1}{x^2}$ potential.

- Thus, the effective potential becomes,

$$V_{\text{eff}} = V(x) + \frac{(\frac{15}{4} + \gamma(\gamma + 4))}{x^2}$$

plus whatever spin-dependent contribution is being included.

- For each choice of quantum numbers, we solve,

$$[\frac{1}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_{\text{eff}}] u_{\gamma\vartheta}(x) = E u_{\gamma\vartheta}(x)$$

- Diquark masses taken from Ref. [12]

Quark content	Diquark Type	Mass (GeV)
cc	A	3.226
cb	S	6.519
cb	A	6.526
bb	A	9.778

- Parameters used to produce the spectrum of $Q_1 Q_2 Q_3 Q_4 \bar{c}$ pentaquarks are taken from Ref. [13]

m_c	β	A	x_0
1.57 GeV	0.15 GeV^2	28	1

- The masses of Hadrons used to calculate the thresholds are taken from Ref. [14,15]

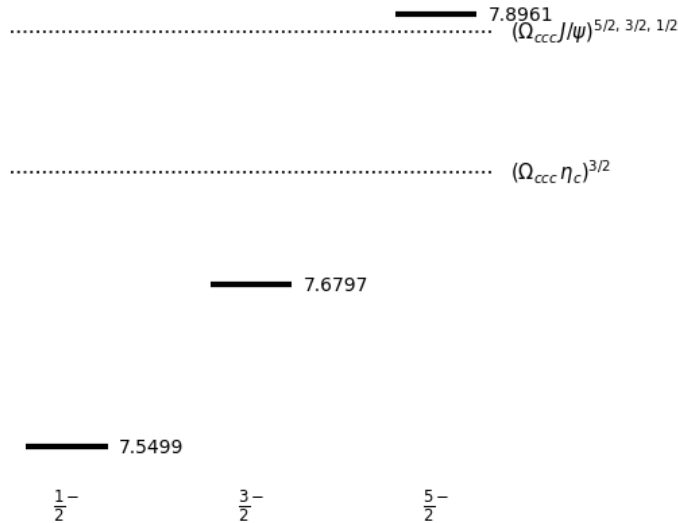
Hadrons	J^p	Mass (GeV)	Hadrons	J^p	Mass (GeV)
η_c	0^-	2.9839	Ω_{ccc}	$3/2^-$	4.7856
J/ψ	1^-	3.0969	Ω_{ccb}	$1/2^-$	7.9903
η_b	0^-	9.3990	Ω_{ccb}^*	$3/2^-$	8.0218
γ	1^-	9.4603	Ω_{bbc}	$1/2^-$	11.1650
B_c	0^-	6.2749	Ω_{bbc}^*	$3/2^-$	11.1964
B_c^*	1^-	6.3380	Ω_{bbb}	$3/2^-$	14.3097

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Results and Discussion

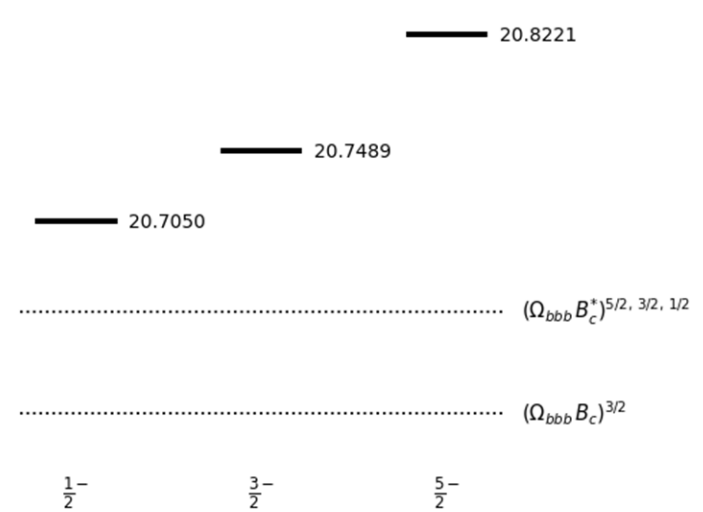
Mass spectra of cccc̄ and bbbb̄ pentaquark

(a) cccc̄ states



State $ S_{d_1}, S_{d_2}, S_Q; J >$	J^p	Present [GeV]	Ref.[16] [GeV]
$ 1, 1, 1/2; 1/2 >$	$1/2^-$	7.5499	
$ 1, 1, 1/2; 3/2 >$	$3/2^-$	7.6797	7.864
$ 1, 1, 1/2; 5/2 >$	$5/2^-$	7.8961	

(b) bbbb̄ states



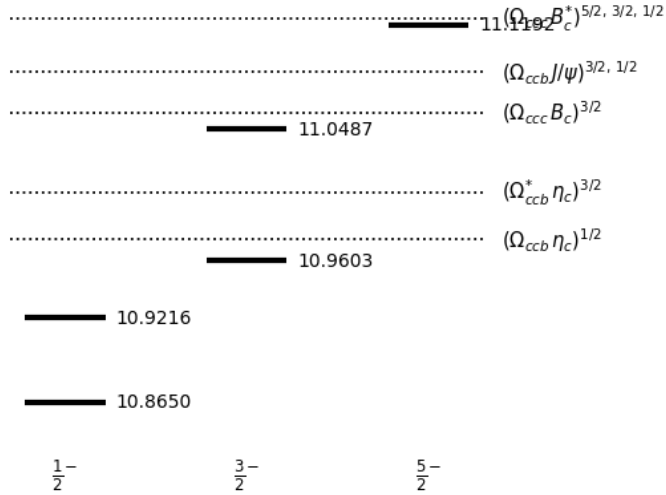
State $ S_{d_1}, S_{d_2}, S_Q; J >$	J^p	Present [GeV]	Ref.[19] [GeV]
$ 1, 1, 1/2; 1/2 >$	$1/2^-$	20.7050	20.699
$ 1, 1, 1/2; 3/2 >$	$3/2^-$	20.7489	20.652
$ 1, 1, 1/2; 5/2 >$	$5/2^-$	20.8221	

➤ No stable pentaquark state exist in bbbb̄ pentaquark subsystem.

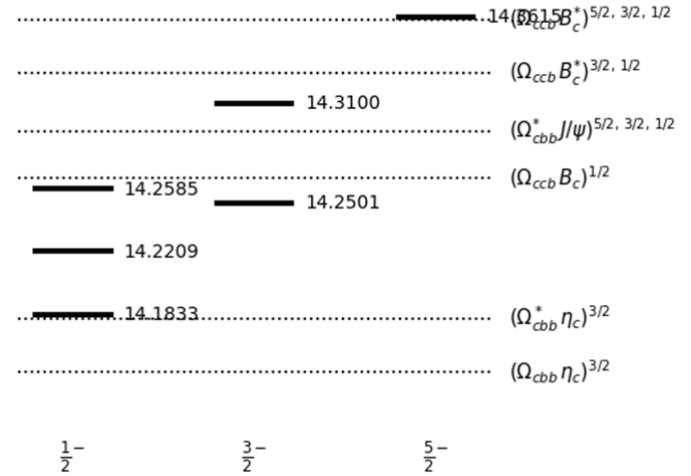
➤ The state (7.5961, $5/2^-$) of cccc̄ pentaquark couple almostly to the $\Omega_{ccc} J/\psi$ syatem, which can be written as direct product of Ω_{ccc} baryon and J/ψ meson. This kind of pentaquarks behaves similarly to the ordinary scattering state made of baryon and meson if the inner interaction is not strong but could also be a resonance.

Mass spectra of cccb $\bar{c}$ and cbcb $\bar{c}$ pentaquark

(c) cccb $\bar{c}$ states



(d) cbcb $\bar{c}$ states

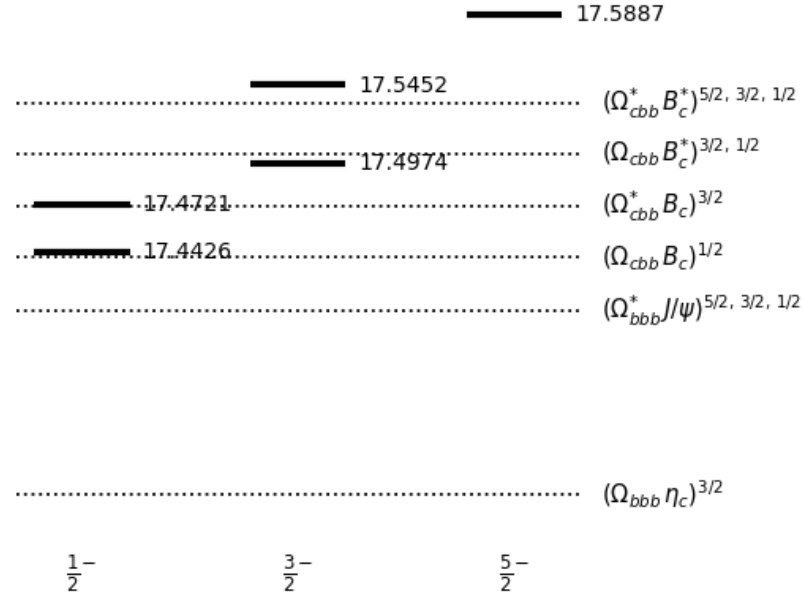


State $ S_{d_1}, S_{d_2}, S_Q; J\rangle$	J^P	Present [GeV]	Ref.[19] [GeV]
$ 1,0,1/2; 1/2\rangle$	$1/2^-$	10.9216	
$ 1,0,1/2; 3/2\rangle$	$3/2^-$	11.0487	
$ 1,1,1/2; 1/2\rangle$	$1/2^-$	10.8650	11.048
$ 1,1,1/2; 3/2\rangle$	$3/2^-$	10.9603	11.038
$ 1,1,1/2; 5/2\rangle$	$5/2^-$	11.1192	11.124

State $ S_{d_1}, S_{d_2}, S_Q; J\rangle$	J^P	Present [GeV]	Ref.[19] [GeV]
$ 0,0,1/2; 1/2\rangle$	$1/2^-$	14.2585	14.253
$ 1,0,1/2; 1/2\rangle$	$1/2^-$	14.2209	
$ 1,0,1/2; 3/2\rangle$	$3/2^-$	14.3100	14.298
$ 1,1,1/2; 1/2\rangle$	$1/2^-$	14.1833	14.183
$ 1,1,1/2; 3/2\rangle$	$3/2^-$	14.2501	14.274
$ 1,1,1/2; 5/2\rangle$	$5/2^-$	14.3615	14.295

Mass spectra of $cbbb\bar{c}$ pentaquark

(e) $cbbb\bar{c}$ states



State $ S_{d_1}, S_{d_2}, S_Q; J >$	J^p	Present [GeV]	Ref.[19] [GeV]
$ 1,0,1/2; 1/2 >$	$1/2^-$	17.4721	17.523
$ 1,0,1/2; 3/2 >$	$3/2^-$	17.5452	17.535
$ 1,1,1/2; 1/2 >$	$1/2^-$	17.4426	17.399
$ 1,1,1/2; 3/2 >$	$3/2^-$	17.4974	
$ 1,1,1/2; 5/2 >$	$5/2^-$	17.5887	

Conclusion:

- All-heavy pentaquark spectra are studied within the hCQM using a diquark–diquark–antiquark configuration.
- Hyperradial Schrödinger equation provides the energy spectrum; spin-spin interaction generates the J^P -dependent hyperfine splittings.
- Predicted masses increase systematically with heavy-quark content: 7.55–7.90, 10.92–11.12, 14.18–14.36, 17.44–17.59, and 20.71–20.82 GeV for the investigated configurations.
- Several states occur near baryon–meson thresholds, highlighting the importance of threshold and decay-channel analysis.
- The obtained spectra provide useful theoretical predictions for the identification and future experimental study of all-heavy pentaquarks.

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