

Charm-full tetraquarks and new mass relations

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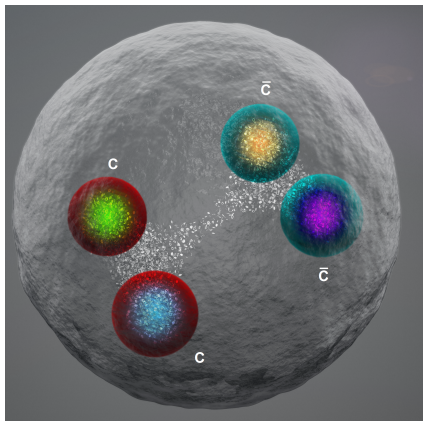
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Charm-Full Tetraquarks $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$



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$cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$ states

LHCb 2020:

The experimental era of all-heavy tetraquark spectroscopy started at LHCb with $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$ state $X(6900)$ observed in the $J/\psi J/\psi$ final state

[Sci.Bull. 65 \(2020\) 23, 1983-1993](#)

CMS 2023:

The $X(6900)$ state was subsequently confirmed at CMS which, in addition, identified two further states $X(6600)$ and $X(7300)$ in $J/\psi J/\psi$ decays

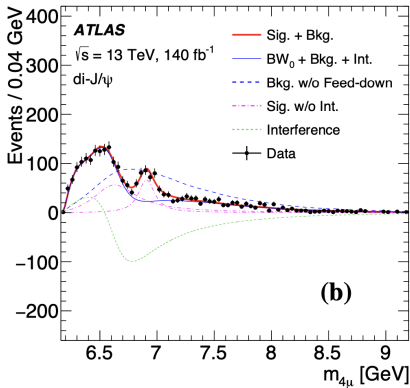
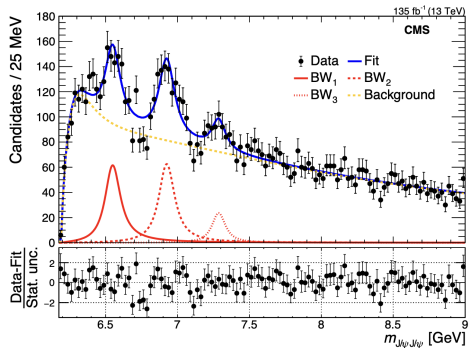
[Phys.Rev.Lett. 132 \(2024\) 11, 111901](#)

ATLAS 2023:

The $X(6900)$ was also confirmed in $J/\psi J/\psi$ and $J/\psi\psi(2S)$ at ATLAS. Hint at a lower mass peak $X(6400)$ in addition to $X(6600)$

[Phys.Rev.Let. 131 \(2023\) 15, 151902](#)

$c\bar{c}c\bar{c}$ states at CMS & ATLAS



Parameters: Summary

State	Parameters	LHCb 2020	CMS 2023	ATLAS 2023
$X(6900)$	M (MeV)	$6905 \pm 11 \pm 7$	$6927 \pm 9 \pm 4$	$6860 \pm 30_{-20}^{+10}$
	Γ (MeV)	$80 \pm 19 \pm 33$	$122_{-21}^{+24} \pm 18$	$110 \pm 50_{-10}^{+20}$
$X(6600)$	M (MeV)		$6552 \pm 10 \pm 12$	$6630 \pm 50_{-10}^{+80}$
	Γ (MeV)		$124_{-26}^{+32} \pm 33$	$350 \pm 110_{-40}^{+110}$
$X(6400)$	M (MeV)		“(6402 ± 15)” [†]	$6410 \pm 80_{-30}^{+80}$
	Γ (MeV)		?	$590 \pm 350_{-200}^{+120}$

† This entry is based on our finding.

$X(7300)$ is not included in this comparison.

Expected mass of $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$: Naive phenomenology

From the observed masses,
 $X(6xxx)$ states are most likely to have four valence charm quarks

From ccu baryon Ξ_{cc}^{++} (3621.40 ± 0.78 MeV)
the mass of $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$ state can be estimated very roughly

- cc pair has same quantum numbers in ccu baryon and $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$ (w/o colour mix.) ($\bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1$) of (colour, spin)
- cc ($\bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1$) pair mass ranges 3200 \sim 3300 MeV e.g., [PRD, 95\(2017\) 034011](#)
- mass of S -wave ground state $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$ lies in the ball park of $X(6400) \sim X(6600)$

Quantum numbers/Ansatz

↔ Pauli principle constrains the colour and spin of the cc and $\bar{c}\bar{c}$ pairs

↔ For cc pair ($\bar{\mathbf{3}},1$) or ($\mathbf{6},0$);

and for $\bar{c}\bar{c}$ pair ($\mathbf{3},1$) or ($\bar{\mathbf{6}},0$)

S-wave multiplet (subscripts are colour and superscripts are spins)

$$|\varphi_2\rangle = |\{(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}^1(\bar{c}\bar{c})_{\mathbf{3}}^1\}^2\rangle \quad (2^{++})$$

$$|\varphi_1\rangle = |\{(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}^1(\bar{c}\bar{c})_{\mathbf{3}}^1\}^1\rangle \quad (1^{+-})$$

$$|\varphi_0\rangle = |\{(cc)_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}^1(\bar{c}\bar{c})_{\mathbf{3}}^1\}^0\rangle \quad (0^{++})$$

$$|\varphi'_0\rangle = |\{(cc)_{\mathbf{6}}^0(\bar{c}\bar{c})_{\bar{\mathbf{6}}}^0\}^0\rangle \quad (0^{++'})$$

☛ Treatment of colour basis

- Quark model: four states with $M_0 < M_1 < M_2 < M'_0$
- Diquark model: three S-wave states φ_2 , φ_1 and φ_0 with $M_0 < M_1 < M_2$

Model

Considerations:

- Dynamics are dominated by the short-distance OGE interaction
- Potential can be treated as pair-wise, quark-level interactions

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Chromomagnetic interaction model (CMI)

$$H = \overline{M} - \sum_{i < j} C_{ij} \lambda_i \cdot \lambda_j \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j, \quad (1)$$

\overline{M} is the centre of mass (valence quarks + chromoelectric contribution)

λ_i colour and σ_i spin (Pauli) matrices

C_{ij} are (positive) parameters which depend on quark flavours

In [PLB 847, 138248, 2023](#), we showed that the CMI model produces same results as the OGE quark potential model under some symmetry assumptions. Note

$$C_{ij} = \frac{\pi}{6} \frac{\alpha_s}{m^2} \langle \delta^3(\mathbf{r}_{ij}) \rangle,$$

Model: Focus on $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$

For one flavour $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$ case, two couplings C_{cc} and $C_{c\bar{c}}$ required

For convenience, let's define a ratio

$$R = \frac{C_{c\bar{c}}}{C_{cc}}$$

Express masses in terms of R

$$M_2 = \bar{M} + \frac{16}{3}C_{cc}(1 + R)$$

$$M_1 = \bar{M} + \frac{16}{3}C_{cc}(1 - R)$$

For scalars, colour mixture

$$H = \bar{M} + 2C_{cc} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{8}{3}(1 - 2R) & -4\sqrt{6}R \\ -4\sqrt{6}R & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Mixing angle

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\Delta - 1 - 4R}{6\sqrt{6}R} \right) \quad \Delta = \sqrt{232R^2 + 8R + 1}$$

Tetraquark Mass Relations

↔ New mass relation *among* tetraquark masses

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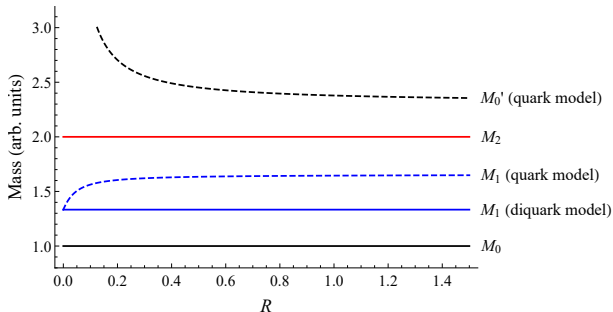
$$M_1 = M_0 + \frac{\Delta - 1}{\Delta - 1 + 8R} (M_2 - M_0) \quad (2)$$

$$M'_0 = M_0 + \frac{2\Delta}{\Delta - 1 + 8R} (M_2 - M_0) \quad (3)$$

$$\Delta = \sqrt{232R^2 + 8R + 1}$$

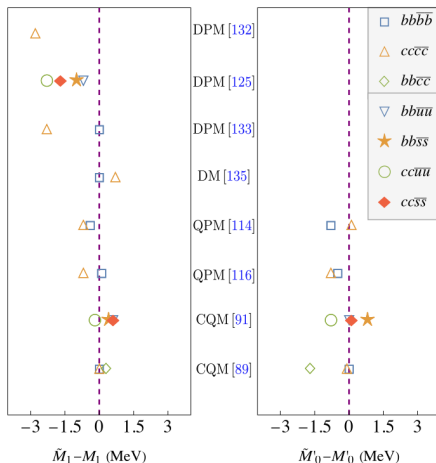
In the diquark model, $M_1 = \frac{1}{3} (2M_0 + M_2)$:

($R = 0$, Type-II diquark model Maiani & Polosa)



Mass relations at work

Generalised for two flavours $QQ\bar{q}\bar{q}$ (isovectors only)



Chromomagnetic quark model CQM
 Quark potential models QPM

Diquark model DM
 Diquark potential model DPM

Mass Spectrum

For $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$ tetraquarks, C_{cc} and $C_{c\bar{c}}$ and \bar{M} required (2+1 parameters)

For the simplest case, $R = 1 \rightarrow C_{c\bar{c}} = C_{cc} \equiv C$

From meson and baryon spectrum, $C = 5.0 \pm 0.5 \text{ MeV}$

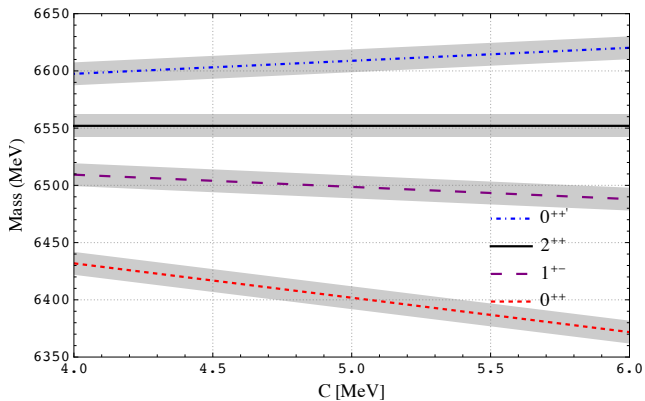
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Status	Quantum Numbers	Mass (MeV)
Prediction	0^{++}	6402 ± 15
Prediction	1^{+-}	6499 ± 11
Input	2^{++}	6552 ± 10 CMS-2023
Prediction	$0^{++'}$	6609 ± 16

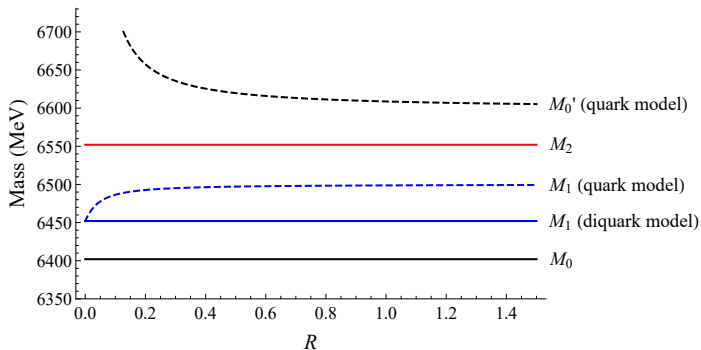
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Note: Also extracted C from $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$ tetraquark spectrum, same conclusion

Mass Spectrum II

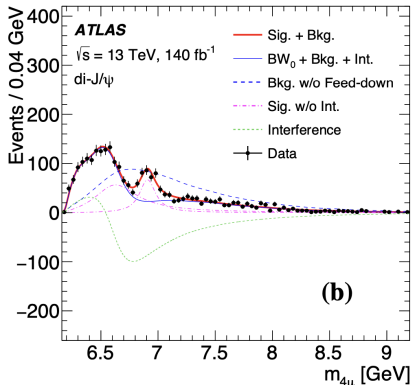
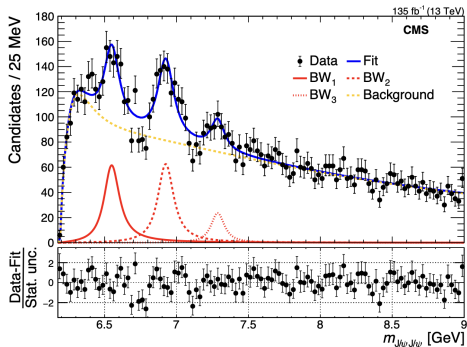


Mass Spectrum III



LHC states

In the $J/\psi J/\psi$, three S -wave states would be prominent: $X(6600) 2^{++}$; $X(6400) 0^{++}$; and $0^{++'}$



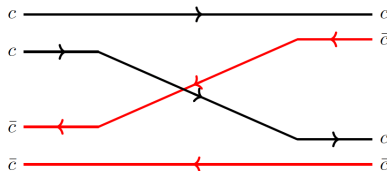
👉 $X(6400)$ needs careful treatment, CMS data show peaking behaviour around 6400 MeV, and ATLAS extracted mass for lowest peak is 6410 MeV

$0^{++'}$ state lies at $6609 \pm 16 \text{ MeV}$, shoulder in CMS data? and $J/\psi\psi(2S)$ threshold

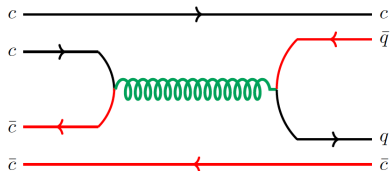
Decays of $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$ states

Possible decays of $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$

Rearrangement decays



Annihilation decays



The allowed decays of $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$ states to combinations of J/ψ and η_c (rearrangement) and to $D^{(*)}\bar{D}^{(*)}$ (annihilation) are constrained by C -parity.

↪ The channels accessible in S-wave are

$$2^{++} \rightarrow J/\psi J/\psi, D^* \bar{D}^* \quad (4)$$

$$1^{+-} \rightarrow J/\psi \eta_c, D \bar{D}^*, D^* \bar{D} \quad (5)$$

$$0^{++^{(\prime)}} \rightarrow J/\psi J/\psi, \eta_c \eta_c, D^* \bar{D}^*, D \bar{D} \quad (6)$$

The 2^{++} state can also decay to $\eta_c \eta_c$ ($D\bar{D}$) but in D-wave, hence suppressed.

Ingredients for Decays

Spin recoupling (Fierz rearrangement)

$$|\{(cc)^1(\bar{c}\bar{c})^1\}^2\rangle = |\{(c\bar{c})^1(c\bar{c})^1\}^2\rangle, \quad (7a)$$

$$|\{(cc)^1(\bar{c}\bar{c})^1\}^1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\{(c\bar{c})^0(c\bar{c})^1\}^1\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|\{(c\bar{c})^1(c\bar{c})^0\}^1\rangle, \quad (7b)$$

$$|\{(cc)^1(\bar{c}\bar{c})^1\}^0\rangle = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}|\{(c\bar{c})^0(c\bar{c})^0\}^0\rangle - \frac{1}{2}|\{(c\bar{c})^1(c\bar{c})^1\}^0\rangle, \quad (7c)$$

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Colour wavefunctions recouple as

$$|(cc)_{\mathbf{3}}(\bar{c}\bar{c})_{\mathbf{3}}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}|(c\bar{c})_{\mathbf{1}}(c\bar{c})_{\mathbf{1}}\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}|(c\bar{c})_{\mathbf{8}}(c\bar{c})_{\mathbf{8}}\rangle, \quad (8a)$$

$$|(cc)_{\mathbf{6}}(\bar{c}\bar{c})_{\mathbf{6}}\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}|(c\bar{c})_{\mathbf{1}}(c\bar{c})_{\mathbf{1}}\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}|(c\bar{c})_{\mathbf{8}}(c\bar{c})_{\mathbf{8}}\rangle. \quad (8b)$$

Colour mixing

$$\begin{pmatrix} |0^{++}\rangle \\ |0^{++'}\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |\varphi_0\rangle \\ |\varphi_0'\rangle \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\Delta - 1 - 4R}{6\sqrt{6}R} \right) \quad (9)$$

Rearrangement decays

Decay amplitude factorises into spin, colour, and spatial parts. For example, for $0^{++} \rightarrow \eta_c \eta_c$

$$\langle \eta_c \eta_c | \hat{H}_0 | 0^{++} \rangle = \phi_{\text{spin}} \times \phi_{\text{colour}} \times A(p) \quad (10)$$

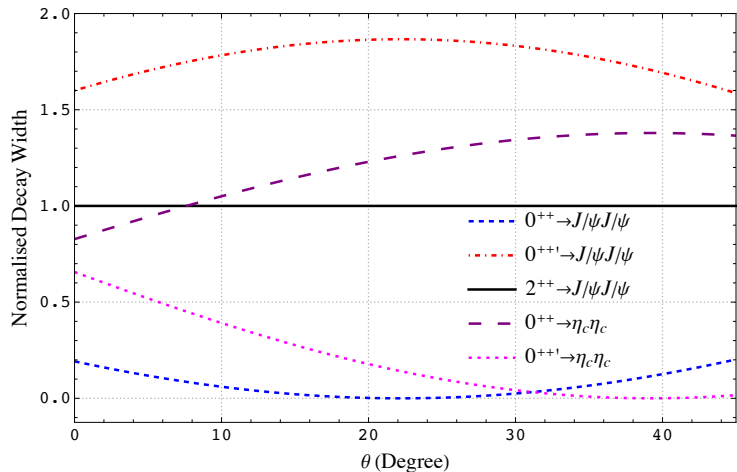
Normalised decay width

$$\frac{\Gamma(0^{++} \rightarrow \eta_c \eta_c)}{\Gamma(2^{++} \rightarrow J/\psi J/\psi)} = \frac{\omega(0^{++} \rightarrow \eta_c \eta_c)}{\omega(2^{++} \rightarrow J/\psi J/\psi)} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos \theta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta \right)^2 \quad (11)$$

↪ For full S-wave multiplet

Final State	$\theta = 35.6^\circ$		$\theta = 0^\circ$		2 ⁺⁺	1 ⁺⁻
	0 ⁺⁺	0 ^{++'}	0 ⁺⁺	0 ^{++'}		
$J/\psi J/\psi$	0.072	1.76	0.19	1.60	1.0	—
$\eta_c \eta_c$	1.38	0.01	0.83	0.66	~ 0	—
$J/\psi \eta_c$	—	—	—	—	—	1.08

Rearrangement decays

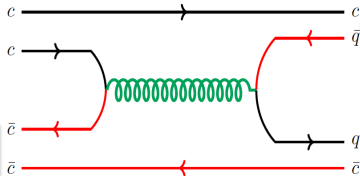


Annihilation decays

↪ Same strategy as rearrangement decays

$$\langle D^* \bar{D}^* | \hat{H}_2 | X_{cc\bar{c}\bar{c}} \rangle = \phi_{\text{spin}} \times \phi_{\text{colour}} \times B(p)$$

Coefficients $\{\phi_{\text{spin}}, \phi_{\text{colour}}\}$ are different than the rearrangement decays

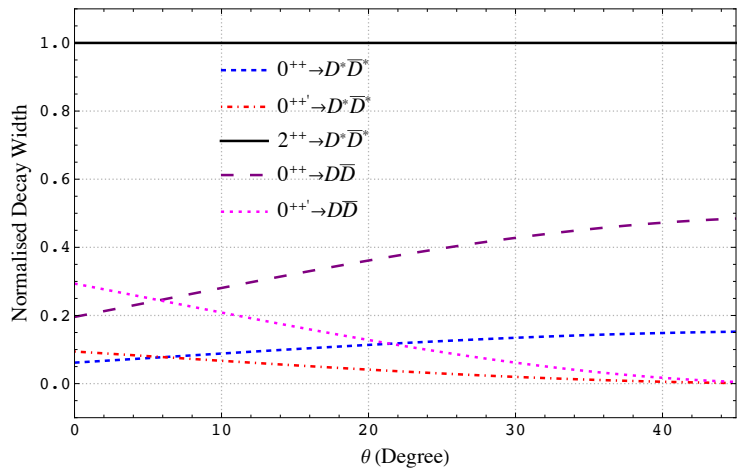


Final State	$\theta = 35.6^\circ$		$\theta = 0^\circ$		2^{++}	1^{+-}
	0^{++}	$0^{++'}$	0^{++}	$0^{++'}$		
$D^* \bar{D}^*$	0.14	0.011	0.062	0.094	1.0	0.248
$D \bar{D}$	0.46	0.034	0.20	0.29	~ 0	—
$D \bar{D}^* + \bar{D} D^*$	—	—	—	—	—	0.252

An interesting feature, decay rate of $\{0^{++}, 0^{++'}\} \rightarrow D \bar{D} : D^* \bar{D}^* = 3 : 1$

$$\frac{\Gamma(0^{++} \rightarrow D \bar{D})}{\Gamma(0^{++} \rightarrow D^* \bar{D}^*)} \approx \frac{\Gamma(0^{++'} \rightarrow D \bar{D})}{\Gamma(0^{++'} \rightarrow D^* \bar{D}^*)} = 3.12 \quad (12)$$

Annihilation decays



Summary

- $X(6600)$ is **well described** as 2^{++} S-wave $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$ tetraquark
- The emergence of lowest scalar (0^{++}) around 6400 MeV is important to **analyse further**
- The decay of lowest-scalar into $\eta_c\eta_c$ is notably **larger** as compared to $J/\psi J/\psi$
- Both scalars (0^{++} and $0^{++'}$) can decay into $\eta_c\eta_c$, strongly suggest confirming their existence in this final state
- **Annihilation decays** of $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$ states into $D^{(*)}\bar{D}^{(*)}$ would provide an independent test to the existence and their structure
- Super τ -Charm Facility STCF (R&D is ongoing), with centre-of-mass energy up to **7 GeV** of colliding e^+e^- can **produce** $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$ states

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Thanks



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Model

- For all-heavy tetraquarks $QQ\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$, the characteristic scale is $1/(m_Q\alpha_s)$
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Utilise chromomagnetic interaction model (CMI)

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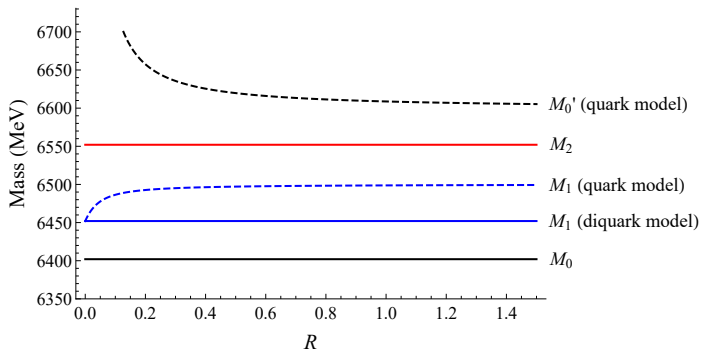
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Mass Spectrum II



Quark vs Diquark Models

The ratio of splittings Δ_2/Δ_1

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$$\Delta_1 = M_1 - M_0 \quad (15)$$

$$\Delta_2 = M_2 - M_1 \quad (16)$$

In the diquark model, $\Delta_2/\Delta_1 = 2$; in the quark model, $\Delta_2/\Delta_1 = 0.55$ with $R = 1$.

