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MULTIQUARK HADRONS II
METHODS*

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ABSTRACT

Techniques for estimating the masses and decay couplings of multiquark hadrons ($Q^m\bar{Q}^n$, n + m $>$ 3) are developed with specific reference to the $Q^2\bar{Q}^2$ sector. The dynamics is based on a quark-bag model of light, colored, and permanently confined quarks gauge-coupled to non-Abelian colored gluons. The SU(6) of "colorspin" generated by color-SU(3) and the SU(2) of relativistic j = 1/2 quarks dominates the spectrum. Colorspin rules analogous to Hund's Rules of atomic spectroscopy dictate that the lightest multiquark hadrons are not exotic, low spin and coupled predominantly to strange Q^3 and $Q\bar{Q}$ decay channels. Multi-quark hadrons are consequently elusive and may be mis-classified as conventional $Q\bar{Q}$ mesons or Q^3 baryons.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In a previous paper[1] we presented the phenomenology of two-quark, two-antiquark hadrons in a quark-bag model. The discussion was based on a phenomenological Hamiltonian describing light, S-wave, colored quarks weakly coupled to massless colored gluons, all confined to the interior of a bag. Two major technical questions were left unanswered in Ref. 1 (referred to hereafter as I): first, how is the phenomenological Hamiltonian diagonalized in the space of color-flavor-spin eigenstates, and second, how are the couplings to fall apart decay channels calculated? These are the subjects of the present paper.

Although we deal specifically with $Q^2\overline{Q}^2$ mesons, some effort is made to develop techniques applicable to all multiquark ($Q^m\overline{Q}^n$; n, m $\geq$ 2) S-wave hadrons. In particular, we introduce colorspin—the SU(6) generated by color and the relativistic "spin" of S-wave quarks—in order to diagonalize the gluon interaction terms in the Hamiltonian. The qualitative effects of the gluon interactions are summarized by analogues of Hund's rules, which single out spectroscopically prominent multiquark configurations on the basis of colorspin quantum numbers. They enable us to make general arguments why multiquark hadrons are less prominent than might naively be expected.

The paper is organized as follows: In Section II we introduce the necessary symmetry groups and define a convenient notation for the remainder of the paper. In Section III we construct eigenstates of the bag Hamiltonian. First we diagonalize the flavor content of relevant SU(3) representations. This is the analogue of the (trivial) "magic mixing" of ω and ϕ in the $Q\overline{Q}$ sector. Secondly, the gluon exchange interaction must be diagonalized in a basis of magically mixed flavor states. This leads us to introduce the SU(6) of colorspin. Rules are given for spectroscopically important states. In Section IV we summarize the recoupling transformations which determine amplitudes for fall apart decays. In Section V we return to the colorspin formalism and show that the rules of Section III reduce the spectroscopic importance of multiquark states in general. A simple expression for the quadratic Casimir operator of SU(3) or SU(6) is derived in the Appendix.

II. SYMMETRIES, SYMMETRY BREAKING AND NOTATION

Our quarks carry three labels[2,3,4]: color ($SU(3)_c$), flavor ($SU(3)_f$) and spin (SU(2)). Color is gauged, unbroken and confined. Flavor is not gauged, broken by giving the strange quark a small mass and leaving the up and down quarks massless, and of course not confined. Spin is not actually spin at all but rather the SU(2) generated angular momentum of fully relativistic quarks in S-wave modes in a cavity. Neither $\vec{L}$ nor $\vec{S}$ is conserved in a relativistic quark model. Nevertheless, if we fix our attention on the $j = 1/2$ (S-wave) sector of the theory, the algebra generated by the states and their currents is an SU(2).

As discussed in I, the phenomenological Hamiltonian (H) includes a kinetic energy term diagonal in eigenstates of the strange quark number (n_s) and independent of color and spin, and a gluon interaction term which is approximately diagonal in eigenstates of n_s but mixes color and spin representations. The eigenstates of H are therefore characterized by the following quantum numbers (in the $Q^2\bar{Q}^2$ sector):

1. The flavor multiplet of the two quarks, denoted $\underline{\bar{3}}$ or $\underline{6}$; and of the two antiquarks, denoted $\underline{3}$ or $\underline{\bar{6}}$.
2. The colorspin ($SU(6)_{sc}$) multiplet of the two quarks, denoted [15] or [21] and of the two antiquarks, denoted $[\overline{15}]$ or $[\overline{21}]$.
3. The total spin, labelled by $2J+1$, of the quarks and antiquarks together.
4. The total color, which is always a singlet, of the quarks and antiquarks together.

It is important to understand why the other obvious quantum numbers are not diagonal. The total flavor is not a good quantum number because of magic mixing. For example, many states in the $\underline{1}$, $\underline{8}$ and $\underline{27}$ (which result from $\underline{6} \otimes \underline{\bar{6}}$) are mixed to diagonalize the number of s-quarks. Generally only the states at the periphery of weight diagrams (e.g., the I = 2 multiplet in $\underline{27}$) are pure $SU(3)_f$ eigenstates.

Total colorspin multiplets are mixed by the gluon interactions. For example:

$$[21] \otimes [\overline{21}] = [1] \oplus [35] \oplus [405] \qquad (2.1)$$

The $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)$ decomposition of these shows that total color singlets with J = 0 occur in both the [1] and [405] representations of $SU(6)_{cs}$. The gluon interactions mix these multiplets.

Eigenstates of total colorspin, color and spin for $Q^2\bar{Q}^2$ are mixtures of color and spin representations of quarks and antiquarks separately. Again an example clarifies matters. The [1] in $[21] \otimes [\overline{21}]$ is a linear combination of $(6,3)(\bar{6},3)$ and $(\bar{3},1)(3,1)$. (The notation is $(d_c(Q), 2j_Q+1)(d_c(\bar{Q}), 2j_{\bar{Q}}+1)$. d_c is the dimension of a color multiplet, 2j + 1 is the dimension of a spin multiplet.) Clearly both $(6,3)(\bar{6},3)$ and $(\bar{3},1)(3,1)$ can be coupled to total color and spin singlets. The (1,1) in [405] is the orthogonal linear combination.

To summarize the notation introduced above:

$[d_{cs}]$ – denotes $SU(6)_{cs}$ multiplets labelled by their dimension.

$(d_c, 2j+1)$ – denotes $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)$ multiplets labelled by their color and spin dimensions.

$\underline{d_f}$ – denotes flavor multiplets by their dimension.

It will always be apparent from context whether the notation refers to quarks, antiquarks or both taken together. For reference, the SU(6) representations available to Q^2, $\bar{Q}^2$ and $Q^2\bar{Q}^2$ are summarized in Table 1. Generally states will be labelled with quark quantum numbers, antiquark quantum numbers, and overall quantum numbers in that order. We will often suppress labels when they are unnecessary. Specifically, antisymmetrization fixes the flavor once the colorspin is chosen, so we often suppress flavor labels. Also Q^2 (or $\bar{Q}^2$) $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)$ multiplets belong to unique colorspin representations (see Table 1) so we may suppress colorspin labels if the $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)$ representation is given.

III. EIGENSTATES AND INTERACTION ENERGIES

Consider first the requirements of antisymmetrization. Quarks are [6] in colorspin, thus

$$[6] \otimes [6] = [15] \oplus [21] \tag{3.1}$$

are representations for Q^2. The flavor states available to two quarks are $\underline{\bar{3}}$ and $\underline{6}$. In both cases the smaller representation is antisymmetric; the larger, symmetric. Antiquarks are in conjugate representations. There are four antisymmetric combinations:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{a.} \quad [21]\ \underline{\bar{3}} \otimes [\overline{21}]\ \underline{3} \\
&\text{b.} \quad [15]\ \underline{6} \otimes [\overline{15}]\ \underline{\bar{6}} \\
&\text{c.} \quad [15]\ \underline{6} \otimes [\overline{21}]\ \underline{3} \\
&\text{d.} \quad [21]\ \underline{\bar{3}} \otimes [\overline{15}]\ \underline{\bar{6}}
\end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

In addition to being antisymmetrized, these multiplets are not mixed by the gluon interactions.

A. Magic Mixing

The flavor multiplets in Eq. (3.2 a-d) mix to diagonalize the strange quark content. The problem is familiar from the $Q\overline{Q}$ sector (η - η', ω - ϕ, f - f') where I = Y = 0 octet and singlet members mix. Typically

$$\eta_s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}\ \eta_{\underline{1}} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\ \eta_{\underline{8}}$$
$$\eta_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\ \eta_{\underline{1}} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}\ \eta_{\underline{8}} \tag{3.3}$$

where $\eta_{\underline{1}}$ and $\eta_{\underline{8}}$ are singlet and octet members, while η_0 and η_s contain zero or two strange quarks, respectively. The mixing in the $\underline{\overline{3}} \otimes \underline{3}$ of $Q^2\overline{Q}^2$ is exactly opposite to that in the $\underline{3} \otimes \underline{\overline{3}}$ of $Q\overline{Q}$ (compare Eq. (3.3) with Table 2). This has important phenomenological implications.[1]

The mixing matrices for the four $SU(3)_f$ multiplets of Eq. (3.2) are given in Table 2. The magically mixed states are given as linear continuations of $SU(3)_f$ eigenstates. The $\underline{6} \otimes \underline{3}$ representation and its conjugate cause special problems. The flavor octets in $\underline{\overline{3}} \otimes \underline{\overline{6}}$ and $\underline{6} \otimes \underline{3}$ individually are not eigenstates of G-parity. Appropriate linear combinations yield an f-type octet $\underline{8}_f$ and a d-type octet $\underline{8}_d$ which have different hadronic decays and may have quite different physical masses though in our (zero-width) approximation they remain degenerate. The hypercharge zero members of $\underline{6} \otimes \underline{3}$ and $\underline{\overline{3}} \otimes \underline{\overline{6}}$ mix to diagonalize G-parity[5]:

$$C_\pi^\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(C_\pi(\underline{18}) \mp C_\pi(\underline{\overline{18}})\right)$$
$$C_\pi^{s\,\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(C_\pi^s(\underline{18}) \mp C_\pi^s(\underline{\overline{18}})\right) \tag{3.4}$$
$$C^{s\,\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(C^s(\underline{18}) \mp C^s(\underline{\overline{18}})\right)$$

The names of states are defined in Fig. 6-8 of paper I, and for the most part also in Table 2. This mixing will figure in the calculation of decay couplings.

B. Diagonalizing the Gluon Interaction

The spectroscopically important interaction between quarks (aside from the interaction with the Bag which provides confinement and sets the overall scale) is the spin-spin force mediated by one gluon exchange. The gluon interaction Hamiltonian is given by[4]

$$H_g = -\frac{\alpha_c}{R} \sum_{a=1}^{8} \sum_{i>j} \vec{\sigma}_i \cdot \vec{\sigma}_j \; \lambda_i^a \lambda_j^a \, M(m_i R,\, m_j R) \tag{3.5}$$

where $\alpha_c = g^2/4\pi$ is the color fine structure constant ($\alpha_c = 0.55$); R is the bag radius, later to be eliminated by a boundary condition[1,4]; a labels colors and i (j) labels quarks. $\vec{\sigma}_i$ and λ_i^a are the spin and color vectors for the i^{th} quark. To be precise, if i or j indicates an antiquark, the following replacement should be understood:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_i &\to -\sigma_i^* \\ \lambda_i &\to -\lambda_i^* \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

M is the magnetic interaction strength determined by an integral over bag wavefunctions. It is a function of quark masses. In paper I, we approximated M as follows:

$$M(m_i R, m_j R) \to M\left(\frac{n_s m_s}{N}\, ,\ \frac{n_s m_s}{N}\right) \tag{3.7}$$

where n_s is the number of strange quarks in the state of being considered, N is the total number of quarks and m_s is the strange quark mass (270 MeV).[4] M(x,x) may be read off of Fig. 3 in paper I. So approximated, M may be removed from beneath the summation.

The products $\sigma^k \lambda^a$ are among the generators of $SU(6)_{cs}$. The entire algebra is generated by these together with the 8 λ-matrices and the 3 σ-matrices. Specifically, define the generators of $SU(6)_{cs}$ as follows:

$$\{\alpha\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\,\sigma^k & k = 1, 2, 3 \\ \lambda^a & a = 1, 2 \ldots 8 \\ \sigma^k \lambda^a & \end{array} \right\} \tag{3.8}$$

The 35 α's generate an SU(6). They are normalized to Tr $\alpha^2 = 4$ (we have chosen Tr $\lambda^2 = 2$ and Tr $\sigma^2 = 2$, as is conventional). The SU(6) of the antiquarks is generated by $\{-\alpha^*\}$.

It is straightforward to express Eq. (3.5) in terms of the quadratic Casimir operators of SU(2), $SU(3)_c$, and $SU(6)_{cs}$:

$$-\sum_a \sum_{i>j} \vec{\sigma}_i \cdot \vec{\sigma}_j \lambda_i^a \lambda_j^a = 8N + \frac{1}{2} C_6(TOT) - \frac{4}{3} S_{TOT}(S_{TOT}+1)$$

$$+ C_3(Q) + \frac{8}{3} S_Q (S_Q + 1) - C_6(Q) \tag{3.9}$$

$$+ C_3(\bar{Q}) + \frac{8}{3} S_{\bar{Q}} (S_{\bar{Q}} + 1) - C_6(\bar{Q})$$

The Casimir operators are defined as follows:

$$C_6 = \sum_{\mu=1}^{35} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i^\mu \right)^2 \tag{3.10}$$

$$C_3 = \sum_{a=1}^{8} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_i^a \right)^2 \tag{3.11}$$

$$4S(S+1) = \sum_{k=1}^{3} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sigma_i^k \right)^2 \tag{3.12}$$

The labels Q, $\overline{Q}$ and TOT refer to the representations of the quarks, antiquarks and the entire system, respectively. The SU(2) Casimir is familiar. The SU(3) and SU(6) Casimirs may readily be evaluated if the SU(2) × U(1) or SU(3) × SU(2) content of a given representation is known. Simple formulas for C_3 and C_6 are derived in Appendix A. Values for C_3 and C_6 for representations of interest are given in Table 1.

The systematics of multiquark spectroscopy may be read off from Eq. (3.9). We may enumerate a pair of "Hund's rules"[6]: The magnetic interaction is most attractive (negative) for states in which:

Rule 1: The quarks and antiquarks are separately in the largest possible representations of $SU(6)_{cs}$.

Rule 2: C_6 (TOT) is as small as possible.

Generally the Casimirs of colorspin dominate Eq. (3.9) because they are larger than those of color or spin (see Table 1) for the representations of interest. The spectroscopy is therefore less sensitive to S_{TOT}, $C_3(Q)$, $C_3(\overline{Q})$, etc.[7] In Section V, we combine these two rules with the requirements of antisymmetrization to establish some general patterns among exotic and cryptoexotic masses.

Armed with Eq. (3.9), we may construct the eigenstates of H_g.

1. $[21] \otimes [\overline{21}]$

These are flavor nonets (see Eq. (3.2) and Table 2) and (according to Rule 1 above) should contain the lightest $Q^2\overline{Q}^2$ states. First we must look for color singlets in

$$[21] \otimes [\overline{21}] = [1] \oplus [35] \oplus [405] \qquad (3.13)$$

$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)$ decomposition of these reveals the following singlets:

$$\begin{aligned} &(1,1) \subset [1] \\ &(1,3) \subset [35] \\ &(1,1) \text{ and } (1,5) \subset [405] \end{aligned} \qquad (3.14)$$

To apply Eq. (3.9), we must know which $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)$ representations of quarks and antiquarks contribute which total color × spin multiplet. For total spin-1 and spin-2, this is trivial (see Table 2): Both must arise from $(6,3) \otimes (\overline{6},3)$ since $(\overline{3},1) \otimes (3,1)$ can yield only spin zero. The wave functions of the $J_{TOT} = 1$ and $J_{TOT} = 2$ states are fixed,

$$|2^+,\underline{9}\rangle \equiv |(6,3)\underline{\overline{3}};\ (\overline{6},3)\underline{3};\ (1,5)[405]\rangle \qquad (3.15)$$

$$|1^+,\underline{9}\rangle \equiv |(6,3)\underline{\overline{3}};\ (\overline{6},3)\underline{3};\ (1,3)[35]\rangle \qquad (3.16)$$

The corresponding magnetic energies are listed in Table 3.

The two spin-0 states are linear combinations of $(\overline{3},1) \otimes (3,1)$ and $(6,3) \otimes (\overline{6},3)$. Graphical techniques for calculating the coefficients weighting these states have been developed by J. Mandula.[8] The application of his methods yields:

$$|0^+\ \underline{9}\,[1]\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{6}{7}}\ |(6,3)\underline{\overline{3}};\ (\overline{6},3)\underline{3};\ (1,1)\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{7}}\ |(\overline{3},1)\underline{\overline{3}};\ (3,1)\underline{3};\ (1,1)\rangle \qquad (3.17)$$

$$|0^+\underline{9}\,[405]\rangle = \sqrt{\tfrac{1}{7}}\;|(6,3)\underline{\bar{3}};\,(\bar{6},3)\underline{3};\,(1,1)\rangle$$

$$-\sqrt{\tfrac{6}{7}}\;|(\bar{3},1)\underline{\bar{3}};\,(3,1)\underline{3};(1,1)\rangle \qquad (3.18)$$

H_g mixes these two states. The eigenstates are

$$|0^+,\underline{9}\rangle = .972\;|0^+\underline{9}\;[1]\rangle\;+.233\;|0^+\underline{9}\;[405]\rangle \qquad (3.19)$$

$$|0^+,\underline{9^*}\rangle = .233\;|0^+\underline{9}\;[1]\rangle\;-.972\;|0^+\underline{9}\;[405]\rangle \qquad (3.20)$$

The eigenvalues are collected in Table 3. Notice that the lighter state ($\underline{9}$) is predominantly [1] as dictated by Rule 2. The small admixture of [405] comes about through the effect of spin and color within colorspin eigenstates.

2. $[15] \otimes [\overline{15}]$

These multiplets should be relatively heavy and contain truly exotic members. The calculation is analogous to $[21] \otimes [\overline{21}]$:

$$[15] \otimes [\overline{15}] = [1] \oplus [35] \oplus [189] \qquad (3.21)$$

with color singlets as follows:

$$(1,1) \subset [1]$$
$$(1,3) \subset [35]$$
$$(1,1) \text{ and } (1,5) \subset [189] \qquad (3.22)$$

The spin-1 and spin-2 states are trivial: They are formed uniquely from $(\bar{3},3) \otimes (3,3)$,

$$|2^+,\underline{36}\rangle \equiv |(\bar{3},3)\underline{6};\,(3,3)\underline{\bar{6}};\,(1,5)\;[189]\rangle \qquad (3.23)$$

$$|1^+,\underline{36}\rangle \equiv |(\bar{3},3)\underline{6};\,(3,3)\underline{\bar{6}};\,(1,3)\;[35]\rangle \qquad (3.24)$$

The two spin-0 states are linear combinations of $(\bar{3},3) \otimes (3,3)$ and $(6,1) \otimes (\bar{6},1)$. Using Mandula's[8] methods:

$$|0^+ \underline{36}[1]\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}\ |(\bar{3},3)\underline{6};(3,3)\underline{\bar{6}};(1,1)\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}\ |(6,1)\underline{6};(\bar{6},1)\underline{\bar{6}};(1,1)\rangle \qquad (3.25)$$

$$|0^+ \underline{36}[189]\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}\ |(\bar{3},3)\underline{6};(3,3)\underline{\bar{6}};(1,1)\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}\ |(6,1)\underline{6};(\bar{6},1)\underline{\bar{6}};(1,1)\rangle \qquad (3.26)$$

Once again these are mixed by H_g:

$$|0^+,\underline{36}\rangle = -.998\ |0^+\ \underline{36}\ [1]\rangle + .063\ |0^+\ \underline{36}\ [189]\rangle \qquad (3.27)$$

$$|0^+,\underline{36}^*\rangle = .063\ |0^+\ \underline{36}\ [1]\rangle + .998\ |0^+\ \underline{36}\ [189]\rangle \qquad (3.28)$$

The magnetic interaction matrix elements for all these states may be found in Table 3.

3. $[15] \otimes [\overline{21}]$ and $[21] \otimes [\overline{15}]$

The multiplets are related by charge conjugation. We discuss $[21] \otimes [\overline{15}]$ and obtain results for $[15] \otimes [\overline{21}]$ by inspection:

$$[21] \otimes [\overline{15}] = [35] \oplus [280] \qquad (3.29)$$

The overall color singlets are

$$(1,3) \subset [35]$$
$$(1,3) \subset [280] \qquad (3.30)$$

which are linear combinations of $(6,3) \otimes (\bar{6},1)$ and $(\bar{3},1) \otimes (3,3)$

$$|1^+ \underline{\overline{18}}\ [35]\rangle = \sqrt{\tfrac{1}{3}}\ |(\bar{3},1)\underline{\bar{3}};(3,3)\underline{6};(1,3)\rangle$$

$$-\sqrt{\tfrac{2}{3}}\ |(6,3)\underline{\bar{3}};\ (\bar{6},1)\underline{6};(1,3)\rangle \tag{3.31}$$

$$|1^+ \underline{\overline{18}}\,[280]\rangle = \sqrt{\tfrac{2}{3}}\ |(\bar{3},1)\underline{\bar{3}};\ (3,3)\underline{\bar{6}};\ (1,3)\rangle$$

$$+\sqrt{\tfrac{1}{3}}\ |(6,3)\underline{\bar{3}};\ (\bar{6},1)\,\underline{\bar{6}};(1,3)\rangle \tag{3.32}$$

which in turn are mixed to produce eigenstates of H_g:

$$|\underline{1}^+, \underline{\overline{18}}\rangle = \frac{2-\sqrt{2}}{3}\ |1^+ \underline{18}\,[35]\rangle - \frac{1}{3}\,|1^+ \underline{18}\ [280]\rangle \tag{3.33}$$

$$|\underline{1}^+, \underline{\overline{18}}{*}\rangle = \frac{1}{3}\,|\,1^+ \underline{18}\ [35]\rangle + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}\ |\,1^+ \underline{18}\,[280]\rangle \tag{3.34}$$

The wavefunctions for the states in $[15] \otimes [\overline{21}]$ are obtained from Eq. (3.29) - (3.34) by interchanging quarks and antiquarks. The reader should keep in mind that these two sets of states will be mixed by the available decay channels. The magnetic interaction energies tabulated in Table 3 complete the information necessary to calculate $Q^2\bar{Q}^2$ masses. The recipe for masses is reviewed in paper I and discussed in detail in Ref. 4.

IV. RECOUPLING TO DECAY CHANNELS

The decays of $Q^2\bar{Q}^2$ S-wave mesons are expected to be dominated by S-wave $(Q\bar{Q})(Q\bar{Q})$ channels into which they simply fall apart.[1] To estimate decay amplitudes, we transform from the $Q^2\bar{Q}^2$ basis of the previous section to a $(Q\bar{Q})(Q\bar{Q})$ basis. The techniques for constructing these recoupling matrices are well known. The cases of interest to us have not been written down previously (to our knowledge) because the Q^2 and $\bar{Q}^2$ channels are separately unphysical.

The calculation is conveniently performed in two steps: first the color and spin are recoupled; then flavor is recoupled, remembering the mixing induced by diagonalizing n_s.

A. Color and Spin

The crossing matrices for color and spin separately are given in Tables 4 and 5. The recoupling of H_g eigenstates is obtained by combining the wavefunctions of the last section with the recoupling coefficients in Tables 4 and 5. The results, presented in Tables 4, 5, and 6 of paper I, express $Q^2\bar{Q}^2$ eigenstates as linear combinations of $Q\bar{Q}$ mesons of definite color and spin.[9]

Notice that the lightest $Q^2\bar{Q}^2$ state of each total spin recouples most strongly to the two lightest $Q\bar{Q}$ states available (see Tables 4 - 6, Ref. 1). For example, the lightest 0^+, $|0^+\underline{9}\rangle$ is predominantly two color-singlet pseudoscalars. This is to be expected in order that H_g be minimized. It has important phenomenological consequences.

B. Flavor

The SU(3) crossing matrix is given in Table 6. Were it not for the mixing of multiplets induced by the strange quark mass, the flavor recoupling coefficients could be read off Table 6, together with any standard table of SU(3) isoscalar factors.[10] We have rewritten mixed states as linear combinations of $SU(3)_f$

eigenstates in Table 2. Tables 2 and 6, together with the isoscalar factors of de Swart[10] enable us to construct the relevant recoupling coefficients. The results were given in Fig. 6 - 8 of Ref. 1. These provide a check on the magic mixing described in Table 2: the number of s and $\bar{s}$-quarks is conserved in fall-apart decays.

V. GENERAL FEATURES OF MULTIQUARK SPECTRA

Hadron masses are roughly linear in the number of quarks plus antiquarks. Without dynamical input, we would expect often to find a multiquark state ($Q^m\bar{Q}^n$) less massive than the ordinary ($Q\bar{Q}$ or Q^3) hadrons into which it might decay. No narrow exotics are known. This was the problem posed at the outset of Ref. 1 which originally led us into this subject. Studying $Q^2\bar{Q}^2$ mesons, we found no narrow exotics. Instead we found broad heavy exotics and a low spin cryptoexotic nonet. Many states in the nonet contain "hidden" $s\bar{s}$ pairs which make them heavy and coupled to strange particles.

This is a general phenomenon. The systematics of the colorspin interaction is such that for any $Q^n\bar{Q}^m$ sector of the quark-bag model: (1) the lightest multiplets are generally not exotic; (2) they are low spin cryptoexotic states with many s or $\bar{s}$ quarks, making them heavier and coupled predominantly to obscure channels (involving hyperons, K's, η's, etc.). The exceptions occur when n or m is a multiple of 3, where the situation is more complicated.

The argument goes as follows: According to Eq. (3.9) (and Rule 1), maximizing $C_6(Q)$ and $C_6(\bar{Q})$ minimizes the mass. This generally selects $SU(6)_{cs}$ representations in which the maximum number of quarks (or antiquarks) are symmetrized.[11] "Horizontal" colorspin Young Tableaux are favored. Antisymmetry requires the SU(3)-flavor Young Tableau to be conjugate—as antisymmetric as possible. In fact, the largest $SU(6)_{cs}$ Casimir is associated with a $\underline{3}$ or $\underline{\bar{3}}$ of flavor (with the noted exception).[11] Exotics are associated with less symmetric colorspin representations and are consequently heavier.

Furthermore a nonet made from many quarks and antiquarks $(n + m > 4)$ must contain triplets of Q's and $\bar{Q}$'s coupled to flavor singlets ($\mathscr{A}$(uds) or $\mathscr{A}(\bar{u}\bar{d}\bar{s})$). Consequently the states generally contain hidden $s\bar{s}$-pairs. This elevates them to higher mass (not only are the s-quarks heavier but also their magnetic interactions are weaker) and dictates that they couple (fall apart) predominantly into strange particles.

Rule 2 selects small representations of total colorspin. These generally contain only low spin states. The lightest nonet will have low spin. Higher spin nonets are heavier.

The $Q^2\bar{Q}^2$ states of Ref. 1 are a case in point. Another important example are the $Q^4\bar{Q}$ baryons.[12] The lightest multiplet is a $1/2^-$-nonet of the form

$$B_{ij} = \mathscr{A}(uds)\,Q_i\,\bar{Q}_j \qquad (5.1)$$

Were the strange quark massless, the nonet would lie at about 1200 MeV—embarrassingly low. Unlike a Q^3-nonet, the $S = 0$ doublet contains an $s\bar{s}$ pair making it heavier (1600 - 1700 MeV) and coupled predominantly to channels like $K\Sigma$, ηN and $K\Lambda$, not πN, as one would naively expect. Truly exotic $Q^4\bar{Q}$ baryons are more massive.

The moral of this section is that simple gluon exchange may provide a systematic dynamical explanation for the failure to observe relatively narrow multiquark hadrons in familiar channels. Perhaps the light 0^+-mesons are $Q^2\bar{Q}^2$ states. Further tests of the model await detailed calculations of other channels (e.g., $Q^4\bar{Q}$, $Q^3\bar{Q}^3$, ...) and more experimental input.

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APPENDIX

It is particularly easy to calculate the quadratic Casimir operator C_n for a given representation of SU(n) if the SU(2) content of the representation is known. (SU(n) always contains an SU(2) subgroup.) As an example, consider SU(6):

$$C_6 = \sum_{\mu=1}^{35} \alpha_\mu^2$$

Take the trace of C_6 in the representation $[R]$ of SU(6) (N_R-dimensional):

$$N_R C_6 [R] = \sum_{\mu=1}^{35} \mathrm{Tr}\, \alpha_\mu^2 \qquad \text{(A1)}$$

Since the generators are related by unitary transformations, all traces are identical:

$$C_6 [R] = \frac{35}{N_R} \mathrm{Tr}\, \alpha_\nu^2 \qquad \text{(A2)}$$

Choose ν to be the third generator of the SU(2) subgroup

$$C_6 [R] = \frac{70}{3 N_R} \mathrm{Tr}\, \sigma_z^2 \qquad \text{(A3)}$$

$$= \frac{70}{3 N_R} \sum_j d_j \, \mathrm{Tr}_j \, \sigma_z^2 \qquad \text{(A4)}$$

The sum on j covers all SU(3) × SU(2) representations contained in $[R]$. d_j is the dimension of the SU(3) representation. An analogous calculation for SU(2) itself gives:

$$\mathrm{Tr}_s \, \sigma_z^2 = \frac{4(2s+1)\, s\, (s+1)}{3} \qquad \text{(A5)}$$

in a representation with spin-s. Finally, then,

$$C_6[R] = \frac{280}{9N_R} \sum_j d_j (2s_j + 1) s_j (s_j + 1) \tag{A6}$$

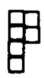
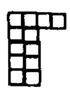
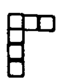
The analogous calculation for SU(3) makes use of the isospin subgroup:

$$C_3(R) = \frac{32}{3N_R} \sum_k (2I_k + 1) I_k (I_k + 1) \tag{A7}$$

where the sum extends over all isospin multiplets in the given SU(3) representation.

Table 1

SU(6) REPRESENTATIONS

Sector	Young Tableau	Dimension	SU(3) × SU(2) Content	Casimir
Q^2[†]		21	(6,3), $(\bar{3},1)$	160/3
		15	(6,1), $(\bar{3},3)$	112/3
$Q^2\bar{Q}^2$		1	(1,1)	0
		35	(1,3), (8,1), (8,3)	48
		189	(1,1), (1,5), (8,1), 2(8,3), (8,5), (10,3), $(\overline{10},3)$, (27,1)	80
		405	(1,1), (1,5), (8,1), 2(8,3), (8,5), (10,3), $(\overline{10},3)$, (27,1), (27,3), (27,5)	112
		280	(1,3), (8,1), 2(8,3), (8,5), (10,1), (10,3), (10,5), $(\overline{10},1)$, (27,3)	96

SU(3) REPRESENTATIONS

Sector	Tableau	Dimension	Casimir
Q^2[†]		6	40/3
		3	16/3
$Q^2\bar{Q}^2$		1	0
		8	12

†$\bar{Q}^2$ representations are obtained by interchanging quarks and antiquarks and drawing conjugate tableaux.

Table 2

MAGIC MIXING IN $Q^2\bar{Q}^2$ STATES

a. $\underline{\bar{3}} \otimes \underline{3}$

Isospin	Hypercharge	Name[1]	$\underline{1}$	$\underline{8}$	Number of $s\bar{s}$ - pairs
0	0	$C^o(\underline{9})$	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$	$-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$	0
0	0	$C^s(\underline{9})$	$\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$	1

b. $\underline{6} \otimes \underline{\bar{6}}$

Isospin	Hypercharge	Name[1]	$\underline{27}$	$\underline{8}$	$\underline{1}$	Number of $s\bar{s}$ - pairs
0	0	$C^o(\underline{36})$	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{10}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$	0
0	0	$C^s(\underline{36})$	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{15}}$	$-\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$	1
0	0	$C^{ss}(\underline{36})$	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{10}}$	$-\sqrt{\frac{8}{15}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}}$	2
1	0	$C_\pi(\underline{36})$	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{5}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{4}{5}}$	0	0
1	0	$C_\pi^s(\underline{36})$	$\sqrt{\frac{4}{5}}$	$-\sqrt{\frac{1}{5}}$	0	1
1/2	±1	$C_K(\underline{36})$	$\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}$	0	0
1/2	±1	$C_K^s(\underline{36})$	$-\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}$	0	1

Table 2 (cont'd)

c. $\underline{6} \otimes \underline{3}$

Isospin	Hypercharge	Name[1]	$\underline{8_f}$	$\underline{8_d}$	$\underline{10}$	Number of $s\bar{s}$ pairs
1	0	$C_\pi(\underline{18})$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	0
1	0	$C_\pi^s(\underline{18})$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$	1
1/2	-1	$C_{\bar{K}}^s(\underline{18})$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	1
1/2	-1	$C_{\bar{K}}(\underline{18})$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$	$-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$	0

d. $\underline{\bar{3}} \otimes \underline{\bar{6}}$

Isospin	Hypercharge	Name[1]	$\underline{8_f}$	$\underline{8_d}$	$\underline{\overline{10}}$	Number of $s\bar{s}$ pairs
1	0	$C_\pi(\underline{\overline{18}})$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	0
1	0	$C_\pi^s(\underline{\overline{18}})$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$	1
1/2	1	$C_K^s(\underline{\overline{18}})$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	1
1/2	1	$C_K(\underline{\overline{18}})$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$	$-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$	0

Table 3

MAGNETIC INTERACTION ENERGIES OF $Q^2\bar{Q}^2$ EIGENSTATES

State	Wave Function	Magnetic Interaction Energy $(2RH_g/\alpha_c M)$†
$\vert 0^+ \underline{9}\rangle$	eq. 3.19	-43.36
$\vert 0^+ \underline{36}\rangle$	eq. 3.27	-19.37
$\vert 0^+ \underline{9}^*\rangle$	eq. 3.20	- 1.97
$\vert 0^+ \underline{36}^*\rangle$	eq. 3.28	22.03
$\vert 1^+ \underline{9}\rangle$	eq. 3.16	-16
$\vert 1^+ \underline{36}\rangle$	eq. 3.24	0
$\vert 1^+ \underline{\overline{18}}\rangle$	eq. 3.33	-40/3
$\vert 1^+ \underline{\overline{18}}^*\rangle$	eq. 3.34	32/3
$\vert 2^+ \underline{9}\rangle$	eq. 3.15	32/3
$\vert 2^+ \underline{36}\rangle$	eq. 3.23	32/3

†This is the eigenvalue of the operator of Eq. 3.9.

Table 4

CROSSING MATRIX FOR COLOR

	$\vert (Q\bar{Q})^1 (Q\bar{Q})^1 >^1$	$\vert (Q\bar{Q})^8 (Q\bar{Q})^8 >^1$
$\vert (Q^2)^6 (\bar{Q}^2)^{\bar{6}} >^1$	$\sqrt{2/3}$	$-\sqrt{1/3}$
$\vert (Q^2)^{\bar{3}} (\bar{Q}^2)^3 >^1$	$\sqrt{1/3}$	$+\sqrt{2/3}$

Table 5

CROSSING MATRICES FOR SPIN

	$\lvert(Q\bar{Q})^3(Q\bar{Q})^3\rangle^1$	$\lvert(Q\bar{Q})^1(Q\bar{Q})^1\rangle^1$
$\lvert(Q^2)^3(\bar{Q}^2)^3\rangle^1$	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}$
$\lvert(Q^2)^1(\bar{Q}^2)^1\rangle^1$	$-\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}$	$-\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}}$

	$\lvert(Q\bar{Q})^3(Q\bar{Q})^3\rangle^3$	$\lvert(Q\bar{Q})^3(Q\bar{Q})^1\rangle^3$	$\lvert(Q\bar{Q})^1(Q\bar{Q})^3\rangle^3$
$\lvert(Q^2)^3(\bar{Q}^2)^3\rangle^3$	0	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$	$-\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$
$\lvert(Q^2)^3(\bar{Q}^2)^1\rangle^3$	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$
$\lvert(Q^2)^1(\bar{Q}^2)^3\rangle^3$	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$

	$\lvert(Q\bar{Q})^3(Q\bar{Q})^3\rangle^5$
$\lvert(Q^2)^3(\bar{Q}^2)^3\rangle^5$	1

Table 6

CROSSING MATRICES FOR FLAVOR

Singlet

	$\vert (Q\bar{Q})^1 (Q\bar{Q})^1 >^1$	$\vert (Q\bar{Q})^8 (Q\bar{Q})^8 >^1$
$\vert (Q^2)^6 (\bar{Q}^2)^6 >^1$	$\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$	$-\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$
$\vert (Q^2)^{\bar{3}} (\bar{Q}^2)^3 >^1$	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$

f-type Octet

	$\vert (Q\bar{Q})^8 (Q\bar{Q})^8 >^{8_f}$	$\vert (Q\bar{Q})^1 (Q\bar{Q})^8 >^{8_f}$	$\vert (Q\bar{Q})^8 (Q\bar{Q})^1 >^{8_f}$
$\vert (Q^2)^6 (\bar{Q}^2)^6 >^{8_f}$	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{12}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{12}}$
$\vert (Q^2)^{\bar{3}} (\bar{Q}^2)^3 >^{8_f}$	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{6}}$	$-\sqrt{\frac{1}{12}}$	$-\sqrt{\frac{1}{12}}$
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\vert (Q^2)^{\bar{3}} (\bar{Q}^2)^{\bar{6}} >^8 + \vert (Q^2)^6 (\bar{Q}^2)^3 >^8 \right)$	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$-\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$

d-type Octet

	$\vert (Q\bar{Q})^8 (Q\bar{Q})^8 >^{8_d}$
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\vert (Q^2)^{\bar{3}} (\bar{Q}^2)^{\bar{6}} >^8 - \vert (Q^2)^6 (\bar{Q}^2)^3 >^8 \right)$	1

Anti-Decuplet

	$\vert (Q\bar{Q})^8 (Q\bar{Q})^8 >^{\overline{10}}$
$\vert (Q^2)^{\bar{3}} (\bar{Q}^2)^{\bar{6}} >^{\overline{10}}$	1

Decuplet

	$\vert (Q\bar{Q})^8 (Q\bar{Q})^8 >^{10}$
$\vert (Q^2)^6 (\bar{Q}^2)^3 >^{10}$	1

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	$\vert (Q\bar{Q})^8 (Q\bar{Q})^8 >^{27}$
$\vert (Q^2)^6 (\bar{Q}^2)^{\bar{6}} >^{27}$	1