A case for hidden $b\bar{b}$ tetraquarks based on $e^+e^- \to b\bar{b}$ cross section between $\sqrt{s} = 10.54$ and 11.20 GeV

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A B S T R A C T

We study the spectroscopy and dominant decays of the bottomonium-like tetraquarks (bound diquarks–antidiquarks), focusing on the lowest lying P-wave $[bq][\bar{b}\bar{q}]$ states $Y_{[bq]}$ (with $q = u, d$), having $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$. To search for them, we analyse the BaBar data [1] obtained during an energy scan of the $e^+e^- \to b\bar{b}$ cross section in the range of $\sqrt{s} = 10.54$ to 11.20 GeV. We find that these data are consistent with the presence of an additional $b\bar{b}$ state $Y_{[bq]}$ with a mass of 10.90 GeV and a width of about 30 MeV apart from the $\Upsilon(5S)$ and $\Upsilon(6S)$ resonances. A closeup of the energy region around the $Y_{[bq]}$-mass may resolve this state in terms of the two mass eigenstates, $Y_{[b,l]}$ and $Y_{[b,h]}$, with a mass difference, estimated as about 6 MeV. We tentatively identify the state $Y_{[bq]}(10900)$ from the R_b-scan with the state $Y_b(10890)$ observed by Belle [2] in the process $e^+e^- \to Y_b(10890) \to \Upsilon(1S, 2S)\, \pi^+\pi^-$ due to their proximity in masses and decay widths.

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1. Introduction

In the past several years, experiments at the two B-factories, BaBar and Belle, and at the Tevatron collider, CDF and DØ, have discovered an impressive number of new hadronic states in the mass region of the charmonia [3]. These states generically labelled as X, Y and Z, however, defy a conventional $c\bar{c}$ charmonium interpretation [4,5]. Moreover, they are quite numerous, with some 14 of them discovered by the last count, ranging in mass from the $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$ $X(3872)$, decaying into $D\bar{D}^*$, $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$, $J\psi\gamma$, to the $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$ $Y(4660)$, decaying into $\psi'\pi^+\pi^-$ (for a recent experimental summary and references, see [6]). There is also evidence for an $s\bar{s}$ bound state, $Y_s(2175)$ having the quantum numbers $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$, first observed by BaBar in the initial state radiation (ISR) process $e^+e^- \to \gamma_{\text{ISR}} f_0(980)\phi(1020)$, where $f_0(980)$ is the 0^{++} scalar state [7]. This was later confirmed by BES [8] and Belle [9].

These states are the subject of intense phenomenological studies. Three different frameworks have been suggested to accommodate them: (i) D–D^* molecules [10–12]; (ii) $c\bar{c}g$ hybrids [13]; and (iii) diquark–antidiquark or four quark states [14–16]. Of these hypotheses (i) and (iii) are more popular. For example, the motivation to explain the state $X(3872)$, first observed by Belle [17] and later confirmed by CDF [18], DØ [19] and BaBar [20], as a hadronic molecule is that the mass of this state is very close to the $D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$ threshold. Hence, in this picture, the binding energy is small implying that these are not compact hadrons, which have typical sizes of $O(1)$ Fermi. This makes it unlikely that such a loosely bound state could be produced promptly (i.e. not from B decays, as seen by Belle and BaBar) in high energy hadron collisions, unless one tailors the wave functions to avoid this conclusion. In particular, Bignamini et al. [21] have estimated the prompt production cross section of $X(3872)$ at the Tevatron, assuming it as a $D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$ hadron molecule. Their upper bound on the cross section $p\bar{p} \to X(3872) + \cdots$ is about two orders of magnitude smaller than the minimum production cross section from the CDF data [23], disfavouring the molecular interpretation of $X(3872)$. However, a dissenting estimate [22] yields a much larger cross section, invoking the charm meson rescatterings.

The case that the X, Y, Z and Y_s are diquark–antidiquark hadrons, in which the diquark (antiquark) pairs are in colour $\bar{3}_c$ (3_c) configuration bound together by the QCD colour forces, has been forcefully made by Maiani, Polosa and their collaborators [14–16]. The idea itself that diquarks in this colour configuration can play a fundamental role in hadron spectroscopy is rather old, going back well over thirty years to the suggestions by Jaffe [24]. More recently, diquarks were revived by Jaffe and Wilczek [25] in the context of exotic hadron spectroscopy, in particular, pentaquark baryons (antidiquark–antidiquark–quark), which now seem to have receded into oblivion. However, diquarks as constituents of hadronic matter may (eventually) find their rightful place in particle physics. Lately, interest in this proposal has re-emerged, with a well-founded theoretical interpretation of the low lying scalar mesons as dominantly diquark–antidiquark states and the ones lying higher in mass in the 1–2 GeV region as being dominantly $q\bar{q}$ mesons [26]. Evidence in favour of an attractive diquark (antidiquark) qq channel for the so-called *good* diquarks (colour antitriplet $\bar{3}_c$, flavour antisymmetric $\bar{3}_f$, spin-singlet positive parity) in the characterisation of Jaffe [4] is now also emerging from more than one Lattice QCD studies [27,28] for the light quark systems. On the other hand, no evidence is found on the lattice for an attractive diquark channel for the so-called *bad* diquarks (i.e., spin-1 states) involving light quarks [28]. However, as the effective QCD Lagrangian is spin-independent in the heavy quark limit, we anticipate that also the *bad* diquarks will be found to be in attractive channel for the $[cq]$ and $[bq]$ diquarks having a charm or a beauty quark. This implies a huge number of heavy tetraquark states, as we also show here for the hidden $b\bar{b}$ tetraquark spectroscopy. Earlier work along these lines has been reported in the literature using relativistic quark models [29] and QCD sum rules [30].

In this Letter, we study the tetraquark picture in the bottom ($b\bar{b}$) sector. In the first part (Section 2), we classify these states according to their J^{PC} quantum numbers and calculate the mass spectrum of the diquarks–antidiquarks $[bq][\bar{b}\bar{q}']$ with q, $q' = u$, d, s and c in the ground and orbitally excited states by assuming both *good* and *bad* diquarks. The resulting mass spectrum for the 0^{++}, 1^{++}, 1^{+-}, 1^{--} and 2^{++} states having the valence diquark–antidiquark content $[bq][\bar{b}\bar{q}]$, with $q = u, d, s$ and c, and the mixed ones $[bd][\bar{b}\bar{s}]$ (and charge conjugates) is shown in Fig. 1. The main focus of this Letter is on the $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$ states, which are excited P-wave states. To be specific, there are four neutral states $Y^{(n)}_{[bu]}$ ($n = 1, \ldots, 4$) with the quark content $([bu][\bar{b}\bar{u}])$ (which differ in their spin assignments) and another four $Y^{(n)}_{[bd]}$ with the quark content $([bd][\bar{b}\bar{d}])$. In the isospin symmetry limit, which is used in calculating the entries in Fig. 1, these mass states are degenerate for each n. Isospin-breaking introduces a mass splitting and the mass eigenstates called $Y^{(n)}_{[b,l]}$ and $Y^{(n)}_{[b,h]}$ (for lighter and heavier of the two) become linear combinations of $Y^{(n)}_{[bu]}$ and $Y^{(n)}_{[bd]}$. Thus, $Y^{(n)}_{[b,l]} \equiv \cos\theta Y^{(n)}_{[bu]} + \sin\theta Y^{(n)}_{[bd]}$ and $Y^{(n)}_{[b,h]} \equiv -\sin\theta Y^{(n)}_{[bu]} + \cos\theta Y^{(n)}_{[bd]}$. The mass differences are estimated to be small, with $M(Y^{(n)}_{[b,h]}) - M(Y_{[b,l]}) = (7\pm 2)\cos 2\theta$ MeV, where θ is a mixing angle. The electromagnetic couplings of the tetraquarks $Y^{(n)}_{[b,l]}$ and $Y^{(n)}_{[b,h]}$ are calculated assuming that the diquarks have point-like couplings with the photon, given by $eQ_{[bq]}$ where $e^2/(4\pi)$ is the electromagnetic fine structure constant α and $Q_{[bq]} = +1/3$ for the $[bu]$ and $[bc]$ diquarks and $Q_{[bq]} = -2/3$ for the $[bd]$ and $[bs]$ diquarks. Because of this charge assignment, electromagnetic couplings of the tetraquarks $Y^{(n)}_{[b,l]}$ and $Y^{(n)}_{[b,h]}$ will depend on the mixing angle θ (Section 3).

To calculate the production cross sections $e^+e^- \to Y^{(n)}_{[b,l]} \to$ hadrons and $e^+e^- \to Y^{(n)}_{[b,h]} \to$ hadrons, we need to calculate the partial widths $\Gamma^{(n)}_{ee}(Y_{[b,l]})$ and $\Gamma^{(n)}_{ee}(Y_{[b,h]})$ for decays into e^+e^- pair and the hadronic decay widths $\Gamma(Y^{(n)}_{[b,l]})$ and $\Gamma(Y^{(n)}_{[b,h]})$. For the $\Upsilon(nS)$, the leptonic decay widths are determined by the wave functions at the origin $\Psi_{b\bar{b}}(0)$. The tetraquark states $Y^{(n)}_{[b,l]}$ and $Y^{(n)}_{[b,h]}$ are P-wave states, and we need the derivative of the corresponding wave functions at the origin, $\Psi'_{b\bar{b}}(0)$. To take into account the possibly larger hadronic size of the tetraquarks compared to that of the $b\bar{b}$ mesons, we modify the Quarkonia potential, usually taken as a sum of linear (confining) and Coulombic (short-distance) parts. For example, the Buchmüller–Tye $Q\bar{Q}$ potential [31] has the asymptotic forms $V(r) \sim k_{Q\bar{Q}} r$ (for $r \to \infty$) and $V(r) \sim 1/r \ln(1/\Lambda^2_{\text{QCD}} r^2)$ (for $r \to 0$), where $k_{Q\bar{Q}}$ is the string tension and Λ_{QCD} is the QCD scale parameter. The bound state tetraquark potential $V_{Q\bar{Q}}(r)$[1] will differ from the Quarkonia potential $V_{Q\bar{Q}}(r)$ in the linear part, as the string tension in a diquark k_{QQ} is expected to be different than the corresponding string tension $k_{Q\bar{Q}}$ in the $Q\bar{Q}$ mesons, but as the diquarks–antidiquarks in the tetraquarks and the quarks–antiquarks in the mesons are in the same $(\bar{3}_c 3_c)$ colour configuration, the Coulomb (short-distance) parts of the potentials will be similar. Defining $\kappa = k_{Q\bar{Q}}/k_{Q\bar{Q}}$, we expect κ to have a value in the range $\kappa \in [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}]$ [28]. A value of κ different from unity will modify the tetraquark wave functions $\Psi_{Q\bar{Q}}(0)$ from the corresponding ones of the bound $b\bar{b}$ systems, effecting the leptonic decay widths of the tetraquarks. Hadronic decays of $Y^{(n)}_{[b,l]}$ and $Y^{(n)}_{[b,h]}$ are calculated by relating them to the corresponding decays of the $\Upsilon(5S)$, such as $\Upsilon(5S) \to B^{(*)}\bar{B}^{(*)}$, which we take from the PDG. We assume that the form factors in the two set of decays ($Y_{[b,q]}$ and $\Upsilon(5S)$) are related by κ, yielding us the hadronic decay widths (Section 4).

Having specified the mass spectrum and our dynamical assumptions for the tetraquark decays, we undertake a theoretical analysis of the existing data from BaBar [1] on $R_b(s) = \sigma(e^+e^- \to b\bar{b})/\sigma(e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-)$, obtained during an energy scan of the $e^+e^- \to b\bar{b}$ cross section in the range of $\sqrt{s} = 10.54$ to 11.20 GeV. The question that we ask and try to partially answer is: Are the kinematically allowed tetraquark states $Y^{(n)}_{[b,h]}$ and $Y^{(n)}_{[b,l]}$ visible in the BaBar energy scan of R_b? To that end, we calculate the contributions of the lowest 1^{--} tetraquark states $Y_{[b,h]}$ and $Y_{[b,l]}$ to the hadronic cross sections $\sigma(e^+e^- \to Y_{[b,l]} \to$ hadrons) and $\sigma(e^+e^- \to Y_{[b,h]} \to$ hadrons), and hence the corresponding contributions $\Delta R_b(s)$.[2] Our fits of the BaBar R_b-data are consistent with the presence of a single state $Y_{[bq]}$ as a Breit–Wigner resonance with the mass around 10.90 GeV and a width of about 30 MeV, in addition to the $\Upsilon(5S)$ and $\Upsilon(6S)$. The quality of the fit with three Breit–Wigners is found to be better than the one obtained with just 2 (i.e., with $\Upsilon(5S)$ and $\Upsilon(6S)$), as reported by BaBar [1] (Section 5). A closeup of the energy region around 10.90 GeV is necessary to confirm and resolve the structure reported by us, as the isospin-induced mass difference between the two eigenstates $Y_{[b,h]}$ and $Y_{[b,l]}$ comes out as about 6 MeV, which is comparable to the BaBar centre-of-mass energy step of 5 MeV. We hope that this can be investigated in the near future by Belle.

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[1] We shall use the symbol $\mathcal{Q}$ and $\bar{\mathcal{Q}}$ to denote a generic diquark and antidiquark, respectively. However, where the flavour content of the diquark is to be specified, we use the symbol $[bq]$, and $[\bar{b}\bar{q}]$ with $q = u, d, s, c$.

[2] We shall often refer to the ground states $Y^{(1)}_{[b,h]}$ and $Y^{(1)}_{[b,l]}$ without the superscript for ease of writing.
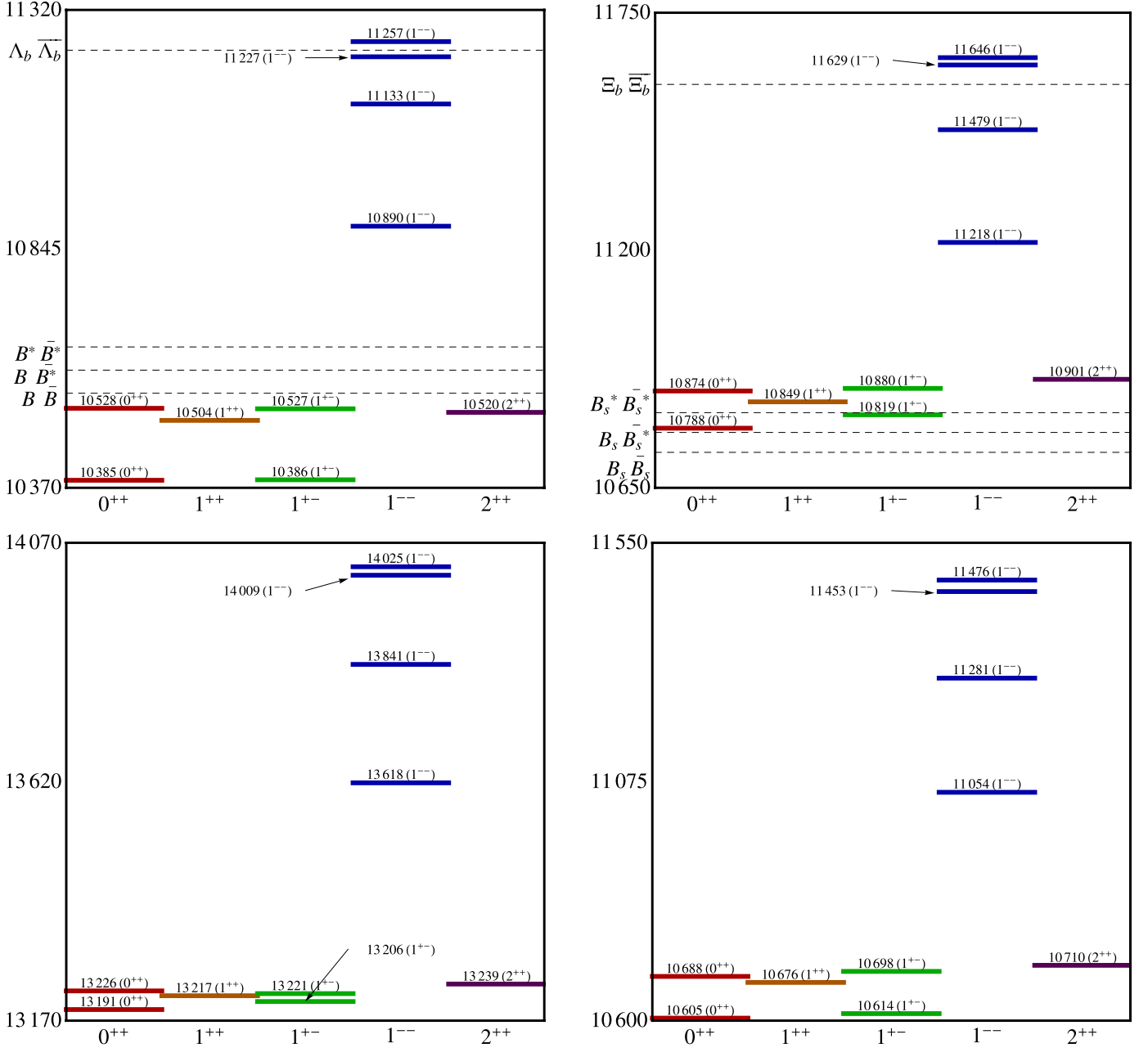
Fig. 1. Tetraquark mass spectrum with the valence quark content $[bq][\bar{b}\bar{q}]$ with $q = u, d$, assuming isospin symmetry (upper left frame), with $q = s$ (upper right frame), with $q = c$ (lower left frame), and for the mixed light quark content $[bd][\bar{b}\bar{s}]$ (lower right frame). Some important decay thresholds are indicated by dashed lines. The value 10890 is an input for the lowest $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$ tetraquark state $Y_{[bq]}^{(1)}$. All masses are given in MeV.

We tentatively identify the state $Y_{[bq]}(10900)$ with the state $Y_b(10890)$ measured in the process $e^+ e^- \rightarrow Y_b(10890) \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S)\pi^+\pi^-$ [2]. An analysis [32] of the Belle data on the decay widths $\Gamma(Y_b \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S)\pi^+\pi^-)$, dipion invariant mass spectra and the helicity angular distributions is in agreement with the tetraquark interpretation presented here.

2. Spectrum of bottom diquark–antidiquark states

The mass spectrum of tetraquarks $[bq][\overline{bq'}]$ with $q = u$, d, s and c can be described in terms of the constituent diquark masses, $m_{\mathcal{Q}}$, spin–spin interactions inside the single diquark, spin–spin interaction between quark and antiquark belonging to two diquarks, spin–orbit, and purely orbital term [16], i.e.

$$H = 2m_{\mathcal{Q}} + H_{SS}^{(\mathcal{QQ})} + H_{SS}^{(\mathcal{Q}\bar{\mathcal{Q}})} + H_{SL} + H_{LL}, \tag{1}$$

where:

$$H_{SS}^{(\mathcal{QQ})} = 2(\mathcal{K}_{bq})_{\bar{3}}\left[(\mathbf{S}_b \cdot \mathbf{S}_q) + (\mathbf{S}_{\bar{b}} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\bar{q}})\right],$$

Table 1
Constituent quark masses derived from the $L = 0$ mesons and baryons.

Constituent mass (MeV)	q	s	c	b
Mesons	305	490	1670	5008
Baryons	362	546	1721	5050

Table 2
Spin–spin couplings for quark–antiquark pairs in the colour singlet state from the known mesons.

Spin–spin couplings	$q\bar{q}$	$s\bar{q}$	$s\bar{s}$	$c\bar{q}$	$c\bar{s}$	$c\bar{c}$	$b\bar{q}$	$b\bar{s}$	$b\bar{c}$	$b\bar{b}$
$(\mathcal{K}_{ij})_0$ (MeV)	318	200	129	71	72	59	23	23	20	36

Table 3
Spin–spin couplings for quark–quark pairs in colour $\bar{3}$ state from the known baryons.

Spin–spin couplings	qq	sq	cq	cs	ss	bq	bs	bc
$(\mathcal{K}_{ij})_{\bar{3}}$ (MeV)	98	65	22	24	72	6	25	10

$$H_{SS}^{(\mathcal{Q}\bar{\mathcal{Q}})} = 2(\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{q}})(\mathbf{S}_b \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\bar{q}} + \mathbf{S}_{\bar{b}} \cdot \mathbf{S}_q) + 2\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}}(\mathbf{S}_b \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\bar{b}}) + 2\mathcal{K}_{q\bar{q}}(\mathbf{S}_q \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\bar{q}}),$$

$$H_{SL} = 2A_{\mathcal{Q}}(\mathbf{S}_{\mathcal{Q}} \cdot \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}_{\bar{\mathcal{Q}}} \cdot \mathbf{L}),$$

$$H_{LL} = B_{\mathcal{Q}} \frac{L_{\mathcal{Q}\bar{\mathcal{Q}}}(L_{\mathcal{Q}\bar{\mathcal{Q}}} + 1)}{2}. \tag{2}$$

Here $m_{\mathcal{Q}}$ is the mass of the diquark $[bq]$, $(\mathcal{K}_{bq})_{\bar{3}}$ is the spin–spin interaction between the quarks inside the diquarks, $\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{q}}$ are the couplings ranging outside the diquark shells, $A_{\mathcal{Q}}$ is the spin–orbit coupling of diquark and $B_{\mathcal{Q}}$ corresponds to the contribution of the total angular momentum of the diquark–antidiquark system to its mass. The overall factor of 2 is used customarily in the literature. For the calculation of the masses we assume isospin symmetry, i.e. the isodoublet consisting of the states

$$Y_{[bu]}^{(n)} = [bu][\bar{b}\bar{u}] \quad \text{and} \quad Y_{[bd]}^{(n)} = [bd][\bar{b}\bar{d}] \tag{3}$$

are degenerate in mass for each n. Later, we will calculate the isospin symmetry breaking effects in the masses.

The parameters involved in the above Hamiltonian (2) can be obtained from the known meson and baryon masses by resorting to the constituent quark model [33]

$$H = \sum_i m_i + \sum_{i<j} 2\mathcal{K}_{ij}(\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j), \tag{4}$$

where the sum runs over the hadron constituents. The coefficient $\mathcal{K}_{ij}$ depends on the flavour of the constituents i, j and on the particular colour state of the pair. Using the entries in the PDG for hadron masses along with the assumption that the spin–spin interactions are independent of whether the quarks belong to a meson or a diquark, the results for diquark masses corresponding to $X(3872)$ and $Y(2175)$ were calculated in the literature [14,16]. Here, we extend this procedure to the tetraquarks $[bq][\bar{b}\bar{q}]$. The constituent quark masses and the couplings $\mathcal{K}_{ij}$ for the colour singlet and antitriplet states are given in Tables 1, 2 and 3.

To calculate the spin–spin interaction of the $\mathcal{Q}\bar{\mathcal{Q}}$ states explicitly, we use the non-relativistic notation $|S_{\mathcal{Q}}, S_{\bar{\mathcal{Q}}}; J\rangle$, where $S_{\mathcal{Q}}$ and $S_{\bar{\mathcal{Q}}}$ are the spin of diquark and antidiquark, respectively, and J is the total angular momentum. These states are then defined in terms of the direct product of the 2×2 matrices in spinor space, Γ^α, which can be written in terms of the Pauli matrices as:

$$\Gamma^0 = \frac{\sigma_2}{\sqrt{2}}; \qquad \Gamma^i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sigma_2\sigma_i, \tag{5}$$

which then lead to the following definitions:

$$|0_{\mathcal{Q}}, 0_{\bar{\mathcal{Q}}}; 0_J\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_2) \otimes (\sigma_2),$$

$$|1_{\mathcal{Q}}, 1_{\bar{\mathcal{Q}}}; 0_J\rangle = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}(\sigma_2\sigma^i) \otimes (\sigma_2\sigma^i),$$

$$|0_{\mathcal{Q}}, 1_{\bar{\mathcal{Q}}}; 1_J\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_2) \otimes (\sigma_2\sigma^i),$$

$$|1_{\mathcal{Q}}, 0_{\bar{\mathcal{Q}}}; 1_J\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_2\sigma^i) \otimes (\sigma_2),$$

$$|1_{\mathcal{Q}}, 1_{\bar{\mathcal{Q}}}; 1_J\rangle = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\varepsilon^{ijk}(\sigma_2\sigma^j) \otimes (\sigma_2\sigma^k). \tag{6}$$

The properties of these matrices are given in the appendix of Ref. [14]. The next step is the diagonalization of the Hamiltonian (1) using the basis of states with definite diquark and antidiquark spin and total angular momentum. There are two different possibilities [14]: Lowest lying $[bq][\bar{b}\bar{q}]$ states ($L_{\mathcal{Q}\bar{\mathcal{Q}}} = 0$) and higher mass $[bq][\bar{b}\bar{q}]$ states ($L_{\mathcal{Q}\bar{\mathcal{Q}}} = 1$), which we discuss below.

2.1. Lowest lying $[bq][\bar{b}\bar{q}]$ states ($L_{\mathcal{Q}\bar{\mathcal{Q}}} = 0$)

The states can be classified in terms of the diquark and antidiquark spin, $S_{\mathcal{Q}}$ and $S_{\bar{\mathcal{Q}}}$, total angular momentum J, parity, P and charge conjugation, C. Considering both *good* and *bad* diquarks and having $L_{\mathcal{Q}\bar{\mathcal{Q}}} = 0$ we have six possible states which are listed below.

i. Two states with $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left|0^{++}\right\rangle &= |0_{\mathcal{Q}}, 0_{\bar{\mathcal{Q}}}; 0_J\rangle; \\
\left|0^{++\prime}\right\rangle &= |1_{\mathcal{Q}}, 1_{\bar{\mathcal{Q}}}; 0_J\rangle.
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

ii. Three states with $J = 1$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left|1^{++}\right\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\big(|0_{\mathcal{Q}}, 1_{\bar{\mathcal{Q}}}; 1_J\rangle + |1_{\mathcal{Q}}, 0_{\bar{\mathcal{Q}}}; 1_J\rangle\big); \\
\left|1^{+-}\right\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\big(|0_{\mathcal{Q}}, 1_{\bar{\mathcal{Q}}}; 1_J\rangle - |1_{\mathcal{Q}}, 0_{\bar{\mathcal{Q}}}; 1_J\rangle\big); \\
\left|1^{+-\prime}\right\rangle &= |1_{\mathcal{Q}}, 1_{\bar{\mathcal{Q}}}; 1_J\rangle.
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

All these states have positive parity as both the *good* and *bad* diquarks have positive parity and $L_{\mathcal{Q}\bar{\mathcal{Q}}} = 0$. The difference is in the charge conjugation quantum number, the state $|1^{++}\rangle$ is even under charge conjugation, whereas $|1^{+-}\rangle$ and $|1^{+-\prime}\rangle$ are odd.

iii. One state with $J^{PC} = 2^{++}$:

$$\left|2^{++}\right\rangle = |1_{\mathcal{Q}}, 1_{\bar{\mathcal{Q}}}; 2_J\rangle. \tag{9}$$

Keeping in view that for $L_{\mathcal{Q}\bar{\mathcal{Q}}} = 0$ there is no spin–orbit and purely orbital term, the Hamiltonian (1) takes the form

$$H = 2m_{[bq]} + 2(\mathcal{K}_{bq})_{\bar{3}}\big[(\mathbf{S}_b \cdot \mathbf{S}_q) + (\mathbf{S}_{\bar{b}} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\bar{q}})\big] + 2\mathcal{K}_{q\bar{q}}(\mathbf{S}_q \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\bar{q}}) + 2(\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{q}})(\mathbf{S}_b \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\bar{q}} + \mathbf{S}_{\bar{b}} \cdot \mathbf{S}_q) + 2\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}}(\mathbf{S}_b \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\bar{b}}). \tag{10}$$

The diagonalisation of the Hamiltonian (10) with the states defined above gives the eigenvalues which are needed to estimate the masses of these states. It is straightforward to see that for the 1^{++} and 2^{++} states the Hamiltonian is diagonal with the eigenvalues [14]

$$M\big(1^{++}\big) = 2m_{[bq]} - (\mathcal{K}_{bq})_{\bar{3}} + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{K}_{q\bar{q}} - \mathcal{K}_{b\bar{q}} + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}}, \tag{11}$$

$$M\big(2^{++}\big) = 2m_{[bq]} + (\mathcal{K}_{bq})_{\bar{3}} + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{K}_{q\bar{q}} + \mathcal{K}_{b\bar{q}} + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}}. \tag{12}$$

All other quantities are now specified except the mass of the constituent diquark. We take the Belle data [6] as input and identify the $Y_b(10890)$ with the lightest of the 1^{--} states, $Y_{[bq]}$, yielding a diquark mass $m_{[bq]} = 5.251$ GeV. This procedure is analogous to what was done in [14], in which the mass of the diquark $[cq]$ was fixed by using the mass of $X(3872)$ as input, yielding $m_{[cq]} = 1.933$ GeV. Instead, if we use this determination of $m_{[cq]}$ and use the formula $m_{[bq]} = m_{[cq]} + (m_b - m_c)$, which has the virtue that the mass difference $m_c - m_b$ is well determined, we get $m_{[bq]} = 5.267$ GeV, yielding a difference of 16 MeV. This can be taken as an estimate of the theoretical error on $m_{[bq]}$, which then yields an uncertainty of about 30 MeV in the estimates of the tetraquark masses of interest for us.

The couplings corresponding to the spin–spin interactions have been calculated for the colour singlet and colour antitriplet only. In Eq. (2), however, the quantities $\mathcal{K}_{q\bar{q}}$, $\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{q}}$ and $\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}}$ involve both colour singlet and colour octet couplings between the quarks and antiquarks in a $\mathcal{Q}\bar{\mathcal{Q}}$ system. So for $\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}}$ [16]

$$\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}}\big([bq][\bar{b}\bar{q}]\big) = \frac{1}{3}(\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}})_0 + \frac{2}{3}(\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}})_8, \tag{13}$$

where $(\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}})_0$ is reported in Table 2. $(\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}})_8$ can be derived from the one gluon exchange model by using the relation [14]:

$$(\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}})_{\mathbf{X}} \sim \big(C^2(\mathbf{X}) - C^2(\mathbf{3}) - C^2(\bar{\mathbf{3}})\big), \tag{14}$$

with $C^2(\mathbf{X}) = 0, 4/3, 4/3, 3$ for $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{3}, \bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{8}$, respectively. Finally, Eq. (13) gives

$$\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}}\big([bq][\bar{b}\bar{q}]\big) = \frac{1}{4}(\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}})_0. \tag{15}$$

Now, we have all the input parameters to calculate the mass spectrum numerically. Putting everything together the masses for the hidden $b\bar{b}$ tetraquark states 1^{++} and 2^{++} states are:

$$\begin{aligned}
M\big(1^{++}\big) &= 10.504 \text{ GeV}, \quad \text{for } q = u, d, \tag{16} \\
&= 10.849 \text{ GeV}, \quad \text{for } q = s, \tag{17} \\
&= 13.217 \text{ GeV}, \quad \text{for } q = c, \tag{18} \\
M\big(2^{++}\big) &= 10.520 \text{ GeV}, \quad \text{for } q = u, d, \tag{19} \\
&= 10.901 \text{ GeV}, \quad \text{for } q = s, \tag{20} \\
&= 13.239 \text{ GeV}, \quad \text{for } q = c. \tag{21}
\end{aligned}$$

Table 4

Eigenvalues of the spin–orbit and angular momentum operator in Eq. (1) for the states having $J = L_{Q\bar{Q}} + S_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1$.

$|S_Q, S_{\bar{Q}}, S_{Q\bar{Q}}, L_{Q\bar{Q}}\rangle$	$a(S_Q, S_{\bar{Q}}, S_{Q\bar{Q}}, L_{Q\bar{Q}})$	$b(S_Q, S_{\bar{Q}}, S_{Q\bar{Q}}, L_{Q\bar{Q}})$
$|0, 0, 0, 1\rangle$	0	1
$|1, 0, 1, 1\rangle$	−2	1
$|1, 1, 2, 1\rangle$	−6	1
$|1, 1, 1, 1\rangle$	−2	1
$|1, 1, 0, 1\rangle$	0	1

For the corresponding 0^{++} and 1^{+-} tetraquark states, the Hamiltonian is not diagonal and we have the following 2×2 matrices:

$$M(0^{++}) = \begin{pmatrix} -3(\mathcal{K}_{bq})_{\bar{3}} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(\mathcal{K}_{q\bar{q}} + \mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}} - 2\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{q}}) \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(\mathcal{K}_{q\bar{q}} + \mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}} - 2\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{q}}) & (\mathcal{K}_{bq})_{\bar{3}} - (\mathcal{K}_{q\bar{q}} + \mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}} + 2\mathcal{K}_{b\bar{q}}) \end{pmatrix}, \tag{22}$$

$$M(1^{+-}) = \begin{pmatrix} -(\mathcal{K}_{bq})_{\bar{3}} + \mathcal{K}_{b\bar{q}} - \frac{(\mathcal{K}_{q\bar{q}} + \mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}})}{2} & \mathcal{K}_{q\bar{q}} - \mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}} \\ \mathcal{K}_{q\bar{q}} - \mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}} & (\mathcal{K}_{bq})_{\bar{3}} - \mathcal{K}_{b\bar{q}} - \frac{(\mathcal{K}_{q\bar{q}} + \mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}})}{2} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{23}$$

To estimate the masses of these two states, one has to diagonalise the above matrices. After doing this, the mass spectrum of these $b\bar{b}$ states is shown in Fig. 1.

2.2. Higher mass $[bq][\bar{b}\bar{q}]$ states ($L_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1$)

We now discuss orbital excitations with $L_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1$ having both *good* and *bad* diquarks. In this Letter, we are particularly interested in the 1^{--} multiplet. Using the basis vectors defined in Ref. [16] the mass shift due to the spin–spin interaction terms H_{SS} becomes:

$$\Delta M_{SS} = \begin{pmatrix} -3(\mathcal{K}_{bq})_{\bar{3}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -(\mathcal{K}_{bq})_{\bar{3}} - \mathcal{K}_{b\bar{q}} + (\mathcal{K}_{q\bar{q}} + \mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}})/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(\mathcal{K}_{bq})_{\bar{3}} - \mathcal{K}_{b\bar{q}} - (\mathcal{K}_{q\bar{q}} + \mathcal{K}_{b\bar{b}})/2 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{24}$$

The eigenvalues of the spin–orbit and angular momentum operators given in Eq. (1) were calculated by Polosa et al. [16], and we have summarised these values in Table 4.[3]

Hence the eight tetraquark states $[bq][\bar{b}\bar{q}]$ ($q = u, d$) having the quantum numbers 1^{--} are:

$$M^{(1)}_{Y_{[bq]}}(S_Q = 0, S_{\bar{Q}} = 0, S_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0, L_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1) = 2m_{[bq]} + \lambda_1 + B_Q,$$

$$M^{(2)}_{Y_{[bq]}}(S_Q = 1, S_{\bar{Q}} = 0, S_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1, L_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1) = 2m_{[bq]} + \Delta + \lambda_2 - 2A_Q + B_Q,$$

$$M^{(3)}_{Y_{[bq]}}(S_Q = 1, S_{\bar{Q}} = 1, S_{Q\bar{Q}} = 0, L_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1) = 2m_{[bq]} + 2\Delta + \lambda_3 + B_Q,$$

$$M^{(4)}_{Y_{[bq]}}(S_Q = 1, S_{\bar{Q}} = 1, S_{Q\bar{Q}} = 2, L_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1) = 2m_{[bq]} + 2\Delta + \lambda_3 - 6A_Q + B_Q, \tag{25}$$

where λ_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) are the diagonal elements of the matrix ΔM_{SS} given in Eq. (24). Note that there are 16 electrically neutral self-conjugate 1^{--} tetraquark states $Y^{(n)}_{[bq]}$ with the quark contents $[bq][\bar{b}\bar{q}]$, with $q = u, d, s$ or c, of which the two corresponding to $[bu][\bar{b}\bar{u}]$ and $[bd][\bar{b}\bar{d}]$, i.e., $Y^{(n)}_{[bu]}$ and $Y^{(n)}_{[bd]}$ are degenerate in mass due to the isospin symmetry. There are yet more electrically neutral $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$ states with the mixed light quark content $[bd][\bar{b}\bar{s}]$ and their charge conjugates $[bs][\bar{b}\bar{d}]$. However, these mixed states don't couple directly to the photons, Z^0 or the gluon, and are not of immediate interest to us in this Letter.

The numerical values of the coefficients corresponding to A_Q and B_Q are given in Table 4 and are labelled by a and b, respectively. The quantity Δ is the mass difference of the *good* and the *bad* diquarks, i.e.,

$$\Delta = m_Q(S_Q = 1) - m_Q(S_Q = 0). \tag{26}$$

In order to calculate the numerical values of these states, we have to estimate Δ which is the only unknown remaining in this calculation. Following Jaffe and Wilczek [4], the value of Δ for diquark $[bq]$ is $\Delta = 202$ MeV for $q = u, d, s$ and c quarks. We recall that we have used the known mesons and baryons to calculate the couplings of the spin–spin interaction and we can extend the same procedure to the $S = 1, L = (0, 1)$ meson states $B^*, B_1(5721), B_2(5747)$ to calculate the values of A_Q and B_Q which are:

$$A_Q = 5 \text{ MeV}, \quad \text{for } q = u, d,$$

$$A_Q = 3 \text{ MeV}, \quad \text{for } q = s, c,$$

$$B_Q = 408 \text{ MeV}, \quad \text{for } q = u, d,$$

$$B_Q = 423 \text{ MeV}, \quad \text{for } q = s, c. \tag{27}$$

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[3] The entry for a in the last row of Table 4 differs from the corresponding one in the first reference in [16], which is given as −2, but this point has now been settled amicably in favour of the value given here.

Table 5
Masses of the 1^{--} tetraquark states $M_{Y_{[bq]}}^{(n)}$ in GeV as computed from Eqs. (25), (26) and (27). The value $M_{Y_{[bq]}^{(1)}}$ (for $q = u, d$) is fixed to be 10.890 GeV, identifying this with the mass of the Y_b from Belle [6].

$M_{Y_{[bq]}}^{(i)}$	$q = u, d$	$q = s$	$q = c$	$q = d, \bar{q} = \bar{s}$
$M_{Y_{[bq]}^{(1)}}$	10.890	11.218	13.618	11.054
$M_{Y_{[bq]}^{(2)}}$	11.130	11.479	13.841	11.281
$M_{Y_{[bq]}^{(3)}}$	11.257	11.646	14.025	11.476
$M_{Y_{[bq]}^{(4)}}$	11.227	11.629	14.009	11.453

Numerical values of the masses for the states given in Eq. (25) are quoted in Table 5. Some of the entries, in particular $M_{Y_{[bq]}^{(1)}}$ ($q = u, d, s$), are comparable with the existing ones in Refs. [29,30].

Finally, the mass spectrum for the tetraquark states $[bq][\bar{b}\bar{q}]$ for $q = u, d, s, c$ with $J^{PC} = 0^{++}, 1^{++}, 1^{+-}, 1^{--}$ and 2^{++} states is plotted in Fig. 1 in the isospin-symmetry limit. The $b\bar{b}$ tetraquark states with mixed light quark content $[bd][\bar{b}\bar{s}]$ are also shown in this figure. Of these, the 1^{--} state $Y_{[bq]}^{(1)}(10.890)$ shown in the upper left frame in Fig. 1 is of central interest to us in this Letter.

3. Isospin breaking and leptonic decay widths of the $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$ tetraquarks

We discuss in this section the isospin breaking effects, which were neglected in the previous section, and calculate the decay widths $\Gamma_{ee}(Y_{[b,l]})$ and $\Gamma_{ee}(Y_{[b,h]})$ for $Y_{[b,l]}$ and $Y_{[b,h]}$. The mass eigenstates are given by a linear superposition of the states defined in (3). Introducing a mixing angle θ, we have, for the lighter and heavier states:

$$Y_{[b,l]} = \cos\theta\, Y_{[bu]} + \sin\theta\, Y_{[bd]}, \tag{28}$$

$$Y_{[b,h]} = -\sin\theta\, Y_{[bu]} + \cos\theta\, Y_{[bd]}. \tag{29}$$

The isospin breaking part of the mass matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2m_u + \delta & \delta \\ \delta & 2m_d + \delta \end{pmatrix}, \tag{30}$$

where δ is the contribution from quark annihilation diagrams, where the light quark pair annihilates to intermediate gluons. Taking this into account, the isospin mass breaking is given by[4]

$$M(Y_{[b,h]}) - M(Y_{[b,l]}) = (7 \pm 3)\cos(2\theta)\ \text{MeV}. \tag{31}$$

The partial electronic widths $\Gamma_{ee}(Y_{[b,l]})$ and $\Gamma_{ee}(Y_{[b,h]})$ are given by the well-known Van Royen–Weisskopf formula for the P-states, which we write generically as:

$$\Gamma_{ee} = \frac{16\pi\, Q^2\alpha^2 |\Psi'_{Q\bar{Q}}(0)|^2}{M^2\omega^2}, \tag{32}$$

where $Q = Q_{[bd]} = -2/3$ is the diquark charge in $Y_{bd} = [bd][\bar{b}\bar{d}]$ and $Q = Q_{[bu]} = +1/3$ is the charge of the diquarks in $Y_{bu} = [bu][\bar{b}\bar{u}]$, and $\Psi'_{Q\bar{Q}}(\vec{r}) = \psi(\phi, \theta)R'(r)$ is the first derivative in r of the wave function of the tetraquark, which needs to be taken at the origin, i.e., $\Psi'_{Q\bar{Q}}(0) = \sqrt{3/(4\pi)}R'(0)$. We have approximated ω by the diquark mass.

We determine the wave functions for the P-state tetraquarks $[bd][\bar{b}\bar{d}]$ and $[bu][\bar{b}\bar{u}]$ from the corresponding wave functions for the P-state $b\bar{b}$ system by scaling the string tension in the linear part of the potential, as discussed in the introduction. As most potential models agree in their linear (confining) parts [31] and the linear part of the potential essentially determines the heavy Quarkonia wave functions, the uncertainty in $\Psi_{b\bar{b}}(0)$ from the underlying model is not a concern. We have used the QQ-onia package of [34], yielding $|R'(0)|^2 = 2.062$ GeV^5 for the $b\bar{b}$ radial wave function, which we have used as normalisation. The corresponding value for the tetraquark states $[bq][\bar{b}\bar{q}]$ is then calculated as $\Psi_{Q\bar{Q}}(0) \simeq \kappa\Psi_{b\bar{b}}(0)$, and used in our derivations of the decay widths. We expect that for all the P-states $Y_{[bu]}^{(n)}$ and $Y_{[bd]}^{(n)}$, the electronic widths will be constant, to a good approximation.

The ratio $\mathcal{R}_{ee}(Y_b)$ of $\Gamma_{ee}(Y_{[b,l]})$ and $\Gamma_{ee}(Y_{[b,h]})$ is given by

$$\mathcal{R}_{ee}(Y_b) \equiv \frac{\Gamma_{ee}(Y_{[b,l]})}{\Gamma_{ee}(Y_{[b,h]})} = \frac{Q_l^2(\theta)}{Q_h^2(\theta)} = \left[\frac{1 - 2\tan\theta}{2 + \tan\theta}\right]^2, \tag{33}$$

where $Q_l(\theta) = Q_{[bu]}\cos\theta + Q_{[bd]}\sin\theta$ and $Q_h(\theta) = -Q_{[bu]}\sin\theta + Q_{[bd]}\cos\theta$ are the mixing-angle weighted charges. Since the total cross sections for $e^+e^- \to (Y_{[b,l]}, Y_{[b,h]}) \to$ hadrons are directly proportional to $\Gamma_{ee}(Y_{[b,l]})$ and $\Gamma_{ee}(Y_{[b,h]})$, the ratio $\mathcal{R}_{ee}(Y_b)$ is accessible from the experiment. The absolute values of the decay widths $\Gamma_{ee}(Y_{[b,l]})$ and $\Gamma_{ee}(Y_{[b,h]})$ are given by $\Gamma_{ee}(Y_{[b,i]}) = 0.4\kappa^2 Q_i(\theta)^2$ keV, where $Q_i(\theta)$ are the mixing angle weighted charges of the two mass eigenstates, $Y_{[b,l]}$ and $Y_{[b,h]}$, which can also be seen in (33).

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[4] The expression (31) differs from the one derived in [14], but there is consensus now on the expression given here.

4. Diquark–antidiquark decay modes

In this section we discuss the dominant hadronic decays of the $L_{Q\bar{Q}} = 1$ states. In doing this, we restrict ourselves to the two-body decays, $Y_{[bq]} \to B_q^{(*)} \bar{B}_q^{(*)}$, and when allowed kinematically, also the decay $Y_{[bq]} \to \Lambda_b \bar{\Lambda}_b$. Their thresholds are pictured in Fig. 1. These decays are Zweig allowed and involve essentially quark rearrangements and the possible pop-up of a light $q\bar{q}$ pair to make the $\Lambda_b \bar{\Lambda}_b$ state. The decays $Y_{[bq]} \to \Upsilon(1S, 2S)\pi^+\pi^-$ are also Zweig allowed. However, they are sub-dominant and can be neglected in estimating the total decay widths.

The vertices and the corresponding decay widths of the dominant decays are given below:

$$L = 1 \mathrel{\widehat{=}} F(k^\mu - l^\mu) \implies \Gamma = \frac{F^2 |\vec{k}|^3}{2M^2\pi},$$

$$\mathrel{\widehat{=}} \frac{F}{M}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} k_\rho l_\sigma \implies \Gamma = \frac{F^2 |\vec{k}|^3}{4M^2\pi},$$

$$L = 1 \mathrel{\widehat{=}} F\big(g^{\mu\rho}(q+l)^\nu - g^{\mu\nu}(k+q)^\rho + g^{\rho\nu}(q+k)^\mu\big)$$

$$\implies \Gamma = \frac{F^2 |\vec{k}|^3 (48|\vec{k}|^4 - 104M^2|\vec{k}|^2 + 27M^4)}{2\pi(M^3 - 4|\vec{k}|^2 M)^2},$$

$$\mathrel{\widehat{=}} \left(F\gamma^\mu + \frac{2F'}{iM} q_\nu \sigma^{\nu\mu}\right)_{\alpha\beta} \implies \Gamma = \frac{3(F^2 + F'^2)|\vec{k}|}{4\pi} - \frac{(F^2 + 2F'^2)|\vec{k}|^3}{M^2\pi}. \tag{34}$$

The centre-of-mass momentum $|\vec{k}|$ is given by

$$|\vec{k}| = \frac{\sqrt{M^2 - (M_1 + M_2)^2}\sqrt{M^2 - (M_1 - M_2)^2}}{2M}, \tag{35}$$

where M is the mass of the decaying particle and M_1, M_2 are the masses of the decay products. The matrix elements are obtained by multiplying the vertices in (34) by the polarisation vectors. Thus, for the decay $Y_{[b,q]} \to B_q \bar{B}_q$, the Lorentz-invariant matrix element is given by $\mathcal{M} = \varepsilon_\mu^{Y[b,q]} F(k^\mu - l^\mu)$, and likewise for the other decays shown above. The decay constants F and F' are non-perturbative quantities. We estimate them using the known two-body decays of $\Upsilon(5S)$, which are described by the same vertices as given above. The different hadronic sizes of the $b\bar{b}$ Onia states and the tetraquarks $Y_{[bq]}$ are taken into account by the quantity κ, discussed earlier. We use the partial decay widths for the decays $\Upsilon(5S) \to B\bar{B}, B\bar{B}^*, B^*\bar{B}^*$ from the PDG values of the full width, given as $\Gamma_{\text{tot}}[\Upsilon(5S)] = 110 \pm 13$ MeV [3] and the respective branching ratios. They are called Γ_{PDG} and given in Table 7, yielding the coupling constants, called F_{PDG}, and $|\vec{k}|$. For the decays $Y_{[bq]}^{(i)} \to \Lambda_b \bar{\Lambda}_b$ and $Y_{[bs]}^{(i)} \to \Xi\bar{\Xi}$, we take $F = F' = 1.1^{+0.3}_{-0.35}$, and include a factor of $1/3$ for the baryonic final state to take into account the creation of the $q\bar{q}$ pair from the vacuum. We remark that the estimates of F_{PDG} will be modified, if as anticipated by the BaBar R_b-analysis [1], the decay width $\Gamma_{\text{tot}}[\Upsilon(5S)]$ has a significantly lower value.

The input values for the masses used in our calculation are listed in Table 6. With this input, our estimates of the decay widths for $Y_{[bq]}^{(i)}$ are given in Table 8. We also give the total decay widths (up to the factor κ^2). As seen in this table, the lowest lying 1^{--} states $Y_{[bq]}^{(1)}$ are expected to have decay widths of $O(50)$ MeV, for $\kappa^2 = 0.5$. Thus, the decay widths of $Y_{[bq]}^{(1)}$ are consistent with the corresponding measurements by Belle, if we identify $Y_{[bq]}^{(1)}$ with their Y_b. The higher 1^{--} states have much larger decay widths and will be correspondingly more difficult to find.

Table 6
Input masses taken from [3] in units of GeV.

Hadron	Mass	Hadron	Mass	Hadron	Mass
B	5.279	π	0.139	$\Upsilon(1S)$	9.46
B^*	5.325	Λ_b	5.62	$\Upsilon(4S)$	10.5794
B_s	5.366	Ξ_b	5.792	$\Upsilon(10860)$	10.865
B_s^*	5.412	K	0.4937	$\Upsilon(11020)$	11.019

Table 7
2-body decays $\Upsilon(5S) \to B^{(*)}\bar{B}^{(*)}$, which we use as a reference, with the mass and the decay widths taken from [3]. The extracted values of the coupling constants F_{PDG} and the centre of mass momentum $|\vec{k}|$ are also shown.

Process	Γ_{PDG} [MeV]	F_{PDG}	$|\vec{k}|$ [GeV]
$\Upsilon(10860) \to B\ \bar{B}$	< 13.2	< 2.15	1.3
$\Upsilon(10860) \to B\ \bar{B}^*$	$15.4^{+6.6}_{-6.6}$	$3.7^{+0.7}_{-0.9}$	1.2
$\Upsilon(10860) \to B^*\ \bar{B}^*$	48^{+11}_{-11}	$1^{+0.13}_{-0.12}$	1.0

Table 8
Reduced partial decay widths for the tetraquarks $Y^{(i)}_{[bq]}$, the extracted value of the coupling constant F and the centre of mass momentum $|\vec{k}|$ (left part of upper table). The reduced total decay widths for $Y^{(i)}_{[bq]}$ are also tabulated (right part of upper table) and for the tetraquarks $Y^{(i)}_{[bs]}$ (left and right parts of the lower table). The errors in the entries correspond to the errors in the decay widths in Table 7.

Decay mode	Γ/κ^2 [MeV]	F	$|\vec{k}|$ [GeV]	1^{--} Tetraquark	$\Gamma_{\mathrm{tot}}/\kappa^2$ [MeV]
$Y^{(1)}_{[bq]} \to B\bar{B}$	< 15	2.15	1.3	$Y^{(1)}_{[bq]}$	88 ± 16
$Y^{(1)}_{[bq]} \to B\bar{B}^*$	18^{+8}_{-8}	3.7	1.2	$Y^{(2)}_{[bq]}$	238 ± 48
$Y^{(1)}_{[bq]} \to B^*\bar{B}^*$	56^{+14}_{-14}	1	1.1	$Y^{(3)}_{[bq]}$	342 ± 65
$Y^{(2)}_{[bq]} \to B\bar{B}$	< 33	2.15	1.8	$Y^{(4)}_{[bq]}$	308 ± 60
$Y^{(2)}_{[bq]} \to B\bar{B}^*$	43^{+18}_{-18}	3.7	1.7		
$Y^{(2)}_{[bq]} \to B^*\bar{B}^*$	162^{+42}_{-42}	1	1.6		
$Y^{(3)}_{[bq]} \to B\bar{B}$	< 43	2.15	2		
$Y^{(3)}_{[bq]} \to B\bar{B}^*$	58^{+25}_{-25}	3.7	1.9		
$Y^{(3)}_{[bq]} \to B^*\bar{B}^*$	231^{+60}_{-60}	1	1.8		
$Y^{(3)}_{[bq]} \to \Lambda_b\bar{\Lambda}_b$	10^{+5}_{-5}	$1.1^{+0.3}_{-0.35}/3$	0.3		
$Y^{(4)}_{[bq]} \to B\bar{B}$	< 41	2.15	1.9		
$Y^{(4)}_{[bq]} \to B\bar{B}^*$	54^{+23}_{-23}	3.7	1.8		
$Y^{(4)}_{[bq]} \to B^*\bar{B}^*$	213^{+55}_{-55}	1	1.8		

Decay mode	Γ/κ^2 [MeV]	F	$|\vec{k}|$ [GeV]	1^{--} Tetraquark	$\Gamma_{\mathrm{tot}}/\kappa^2$ [MeV]
$Y^{(1)}_{[bs]} \to B_s\bar{B}_s$	< 26	2.15	1.6	$Y^{(1)}_{[bs]}$	176 ± 33
$Y^{(1)}_{[bs]} \to B_s\bar{B}_s^*$	33^{+14}_{-14}	3.7	1.6	$Y^{(2)}_{[bs]}$	368 ± 70
$Y^{(1)}_{[bs]} \to B_s^*\bar{B}_s^*$	118^{+30}_{-30}	1	1.5	$Y^{(3)}_{[bs]}$	534 ± 100
$Y^{(2)}_{[bs]} \to B_s\bar{B}_s$	< 47	2.15	2	$Y^{(4)}_{[bs]}$	516 ± 96
$Y^{(2)}_{[bs]} \to B_s\bar{B}_s^*$	64^{+27}_{-27}	3.7	2		
$Y^{(2)}_{[bs]} \to B_s^*\bar{B}_s^*$	258^{+65}_{-65}	1	1.9		
$Y^{(3)}_{[bs]} \to B_s\bar{B}_s$	< 63	2.15	2.3		
$Y^{(3)}_{[bs]} \to B_s\bar{B}_s^*$	86^{+37}_{-37}	3.7	2.2		
$Y^{(3)}_{[bs]} \to B_s^*\bar{B}_s^*$	367^{+90}_{-90}	1	2.1		
$Y^{(3)}_{[bs]} \to \Xi\bar{\Xi}$	19^{+10}_{-10}	$1.1^{+0.3}_{-0.35}/3$	0.6		
$Y^{(4)}_{[bs]} \to B_s\bar{B}_s$	< 61	2.15	2.2		
$Y^{(4)}_{[bs]} \to B_s\bar{B}_s^*$	84^{+35}_{-35}	3.7	2.2		
$Y^{(4)}_{[bs]} \to B_s^*\bar{B}_s^*$	355^{+90}_{-90}	1	2.1		
$Y^{(4)}_{[bs]} \to \Xi\bar{\Xi}$	16^{+10}_{-10}	$1.1^{+0.3}_{-0.35}/3$	0.5		

5. Analysis of the BaBar R_b energy scan and possible signal of a $b\bar{b}$ tetraquark state at 10.90 GeV

BaBar has recently reported the $e^+e^- \to b\bar{b}$ cross section measured in a dedicated energy scan in the range 10.54 GeV and 11.20 GeV taken in steps of 5 MeV [1]. Their measurements are shown in Fig. 2 (left frame) together with the result of the BaBar fit, the details of which are described in their Letter and which were also made available to us.[5] Their fit model of the R_b-data contains the following

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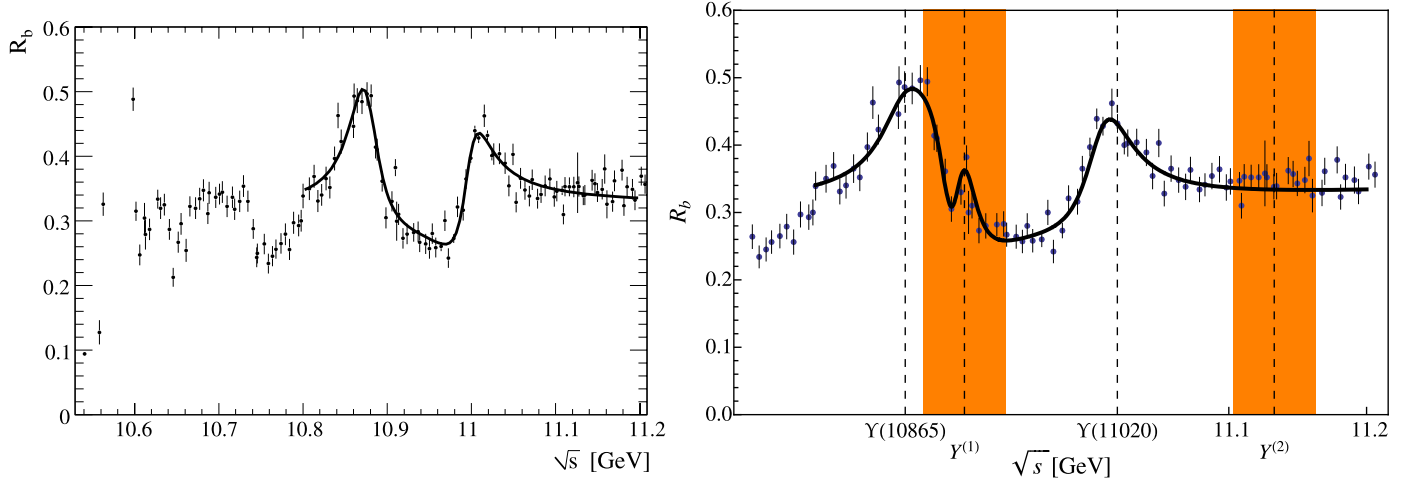
Fig. 2. Measured R_b as a function of $\sqrt{s}$ with the result of the fit with 2 Breit–Wigners described in [1] (left frame). Reprinted from Fig. 1 of B. Aubert et al. [BaBar Collaboration], Phys. Rev. Lett. 102 (2009) 012001 [Copyright (2009) by the American Physical Society]. The result of the fit with 4 Breit–Wigners described in the text is shown in the right-hand frame, where we have indicated the location of the $\Upsilon(5S)$, $\Upsilon(6S)$ and the tetraquark state $Y_{[b,q]}$ (labelled as $Y^{(1)}$). The location of the next higher $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$ state $Y_{[b,q]}^{(2)}$ (labelled as $Y^{(2)}$) is also shown. The shaded bands around the mass of $Y^{(1)}$ and $Y^{(2)}$ reflect our theoretical uncertainty in the masses.

Table 9
Fit values of the masses, decay widths (both in MeV) and the strong phases ϕ (in radians).

	M [MeV]	Γ [MeV]	φ [rad]
$\Upsilon(5S)$	10864 ± 5	46 ± 8	1.3 ± 0.3
$\Upsilon(6S)$	11007 ± 0.3	40 ± 2	0.88 ± 0.06
$Y_{[b,l]}$	$10900 - \Delta M/2 \pm 2$	28 ± 2	4.4 ± 0.2
$Y_{[b,h]}$	$10900 + \Delta M/2 \pm 2$	28 ± 2	1.9 ± 0.2

ingredients: a flat component representing the $b\bar{b}$-continuum states not interfering with resonant decays, called A_{nr}, added incoherently to a second flat component, called A_r, interfering with two relativistic Breit–Wigner resonances, having the amplitudes A_{10860}, A_{11020} and strong phases, ϕ_{10860} and ϕ_{11020}, respectively. Thus,

$$\sigma\left(e^+ e^- \to b\bar{b}\right) = |A_{nr}|^2 + \left| A_r + A_{10860} e^{i\phi_{10860}} BW(M_{10860}, \Gamma_{10860}) + A_{11020} e^{i\phi_{11020}} BW(M_{11020}, \Gamma_{11020}) \right|^2, \tag{36}$$

with $BW(M, \Gamma) = 1/[(s - M^2) + iM\Gamma]$. The results summarised in their Table 2 for the masses and widths of the $\Upsilon(5S)$ and $\Upsilon(6S)$ differ substantially from the corresponding PDG values [3], in particular, for the widths, which are found to be 43 ± 4 MeV for the $\Upsilon(10860)$, as against the PDG value of 110 ± 13 MeV, and 37 ± 2 MeV for the $\Upsilon(11020)$, as compared to 79 ± 16 MeV in PDG. As the systematic errors from the various thresholds are not taken into account, this mismatch needs further study. The fit shown in Fig. 2 (left frame) is not particularly impressive having a $\chi^2/$d.o.f. of approximately 2. In particular, the data points around 10.89 GeV and 11.2 GeV lie systematically above the fit. In our analysis of the BaBar data, we were able to reproduce these features, but also found that the fit-quality can be improved somewhat at the expense of strong phases ϕ_{10860} and ϕ_{11020}, which come out different than the ones reported by BaBar [1]. We do not show this fit here as the resulting R_b-line-shape is close to the one shown in the BaBar publication and reproduced here.

We have repeated the fits of the BaBar R_b-data, modifying the fit model in Eq. (36) by taking into account two additional resonances, corresponding to the masses and widths of $Y_{[b,l]}$ and $Y_{[b,h]}$. Thus, formula (36) is extended by two more terms

$$A_{Y_{[b,l]}} e^{i\phi_{Y_{[b,l]}}} BW(M_{Y_{[b,l]}}, \Gamma_{Y_{[b,l]}}) \quad \text{and} \quad A_{Y_{[b,h]}} e^{i\phi_{Y_{[b,h]}}} BW(M_{Y_{[b,h]}}, \Gamma_{Y_{[b,h]}}), \tag{37}$$

which interfere with the resonant amplitude A_r and the two resonant amplitudes for $\Upsilon(5S)$ and $\Upsilon(6S)$ shown in Eq. (36). We use the same non-resonant amplitude A_{nr} and A_r as in the BaBar analysis [1]. The resulting fit is shown in Fig. 2 (right frame). Values of the best-fit parameters are shown in Table 9, from where one see that the masses of the $\Upsilon(5S)$ and $\Upsilon(6S)$ and their respective full widths from our fit are almost identical to the values obtained by BaBar [1]. However, quite strikingly, a third resonances is seen in the R_b-line-shape at a mass of 10.90 GeV, tantalisingly close to the $Y_b(10890)$-mass in the Belle measurement of the cross section for $e^+ e^- \to Y_b(10890) \to \Upsilon(1S, 2S)\pi^+ \pi^-$, and a width of about 28 MeV. In the region around 11.15 GeV, where the $Y_{[bq]}^{(2)}$ states are expected, our fits of the BaBar R_b-scan do not show a resonant structure due to the large decay widths of the states $Y_{[bq]}^{(2)}$. The resulting $\chi^2/$d.o.f. $= 88/67$ with the 3 Breit–Wigners shown in Fig. 2 (right frame) is better than that of the BaBar fit [1]. A Belle R_b-scan will greatly help to confirm or refute the existence of the state $Y_{[bq]}$ visible in the analysis presented here. As the decays $Y_{[bq]} \to B_s^{(*)} \bar{B}_s^{(*)}$ are not allowed, restricting the final states in R_b to the $B_q^{(*)} \bar{B}_q^{(*)}$ ($q = u, d$), into which $Y_{[bq]}$ decay, will reduce the background to the $Y_{[bq]}$ signal. It will be crucial to check that the characteristics of $Y_{[bq]}$ (mass, full width and the electronic width) match those of the Y_b, measured in the exclusive process $e^+ e^- \to Y_b \to \Upsilon(1S, 2S)\pi^+ \pi^-$. This may solve one of the outstanding mysteries in the $\Upsilon(nS)$ physics.

The quantity $\mathcal{R}_{ee}(Y_b)$ in (33) is given by the ratio of the two amplitudes $A_{Y_{[b,l]}}$ and $A_{Y_{[b,h]}}$, which also fixes the mixing angle θ. From our fit, we get

$$\mathcal{R}_{ee}(Y_b) = 1.07 \pm 0.05, \tag{38}$$

yielding

$$\theta = -19° \pm 1° \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta M = 5.6 \pm 2.8 \text{ MeV}, \tag{39}$$

for the mixing angle and the mass difference between the eigenstates, respectively.

The R_b-analysis in the tetraquark picture can be used to determine κ. The procedure how to do this requires some discussion. κ can be determined from the theoretically estimated total decay widths of the $Y_{[b,q]}$ states and the corresponding result from the R_b-fit. However, the estimated decay width of the $Y_{[b,q]}$ is based on the input $\Gamma[\Upsilon(5S)] = 110 \pm 13$ MeV from the PDG. The BaBar fit and ours, on the other hand, yield a lot smaller value for this decay width (see, Table 9). To avoid the dependence on the absolute value of $\Gamma_{\text{tot}}[\Upsilon(5S)]$, it is safer to determine κ from the ratios of the theoretical decay widths $\Gamma_{\text{tot}}(Y_{[b,q]})/\Gamma_{\text{tot}}[\Upsilon(5S)]_{\text{theory}} = (88 \pm 16)\kappa^2/(110 \pm 13)$, and the corresponding ratio of these widths obtained from the fit of the R_b-data, $\Gamma_{\text{tot}}(Y_{[b,q]})/\Gamma_{\text{tot}}[\Upsilon(5S)]_{\text{fit}} = (28 \pm 2)/(46 \pm 8)$. This yields (adding the errors in quadrature):

$$\kappa = \sqrt{\frac{110 \pm 13}{88 \pm 16}\frac{28 \pm 2}{46 \pm 8}} = 0.87 \pm 0.13, \tag{40}$$

which is in the right ball park expected from the Lattice QCD estimates of the same [28]. For the mass eigenstates $Y_{[b,l]}$ and $Y_{[b,h]}$, the electronic widths $\Gamma_{ee}(Y_{[b,l]})$ and $\Gamma_{ee}(Y_{[b,h]})$ are given by $\Gamma_{ee}(\theta) = 0.4\kappa^2 Q(\theta)^2$ keV, as already stated. With the above determination of κ and θ, we get

$$\Gamma_{ee}(Y_{[b,l]}) = 0.09 \pm 0.03 \text{ keV} \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_{ee}(Y_{[b,h]}) = 0.08 \pm 0.03 \text{ keV}. \tag{41}$$

In conclusion, we have presented a case for the observation of a hidden $b\bar{b}$ tetraquark states in the BaBar R_b-scan [1]. Our analysis is compatible with a $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$ state $Y_{[bq]}(10900)$ having a width of about 30 MeV. A scan of R_b in finer energy steps should be able to resolve the structure seen at this mass in terms of two mass eigenstates, split by about 6 MeV. The electronic widths are estimated to be between 50 and 120 electron volts. Other possible manifestations of tetraquarks have been discussed in the literature [35,36] and a dynamical model for the decays $Y_b(10890) \to \Upsilon(1S, 2S)\pi^+\pi^-$ is presented in [32].

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