

Confinement Mechanism in Tetraquark States: An Application to the Fully Heavy Tetraquark State

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Content

In this talk, I will introduce a new color basis system and confinement mechanism for multi-quark systems according to the string-type picture of QCD. The color string configurations in the strong coupling QCD are implemented in the set of color basis states. The extended color Hilbert space for $QQ\bar{Q}\bar{Q}$ systems includes a "hidden color" state, which mixes with two-meson states $Q\bar{Q}+Q\bar{Q}$. This mixing effect leads to an attractive potential sufficient to form a bound state. We apply a realistic Hamiltonian model with the new scheme to fully charmed tetraquark states, $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$, and find a bound and two resonant states, which could potentially correspond to the $cc\bar{c}\bar{c}$ tetraquark candidates recently observed in experiments. The results will be compared with the conventional confinement potential which is taken as the sum of the two-body color-dependent linear potentials.

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