Spectroscopy of light N^* baryons

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Abstract: We present the masses of N baryons up to 3300 MeV. The radial and orbital excited states are determined using hypercentral constituent quark model with the first-order correction. The obtained masses are compared with the experimental results and other theoretical predictions. The Regge trajectories are also determined in (n, M^2) and (J, M^2) planes. Moreover, the magnetic moments with $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+, \frac{1}{2}^-$ are calculated. We also calculates the $N\pi$ decay width of excited nucleons.

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1 Introduction

The evaluation of the static and dynamic properties of the hadrons has always been a major concern for nuclear and particle physicists. The new experimental observations in the field of light baryons, heavy baryons, and exotic states have been determined very recently. Different research groups have provided light baryon resonances with increasing confidence levels [1-4]. These experimental observations have generated interest in the theoretical study of light baryon spectra (radial and orbital excited states). A description of all the baryon systems can be found in review articles [5-10].

The combination of three confined light quarks with the flavors up, down, and strange provides a basis for the study of light baryons; it belongs to the $SU(3)_f$ symmetry multiplet. It also provides a basis to understand the nonabelian character of quantum chromodynamics (QCD). The light baryons can be in the following multiplets:

$$10_S \oplus 8_M \oplus 8_M \oplus 1_A$$

We study the N^* baryon system, which is a combination of two d quarks and one u quark. The nature and interactions of the compound system can be evaluated by hadron spectroscopy. N^* can provide us with critical insights into the nature of QCD in the confinement domain and its relevance to nuclear and low energy hadron physics [11]. Particle Data Group(PDG) has provided many excited states resonances of N baryons [4]. The search for

these resonances is the main focus of the baryon programs at JLab [12], Mainzer Mikrotron (MAMI) [13], the Beijing Spectrometer (BES), the Electron Stretcher and Accelerator (ELSA) facility (the Crystal Barrel collaboration) [14], GRAAL [15, 16] and the Two Arms Photon Spectrometer (TAPS) [17], SAPHIR [18, 19], and CLAS [20]. In addition, we can expect new results from analysis projects such as EBAC, Julich, SAID, and MAID. Many theoretical studies have investigated the excited resonances of nucleons using various quark models [21-28], basis light-front quantization approach [29], BnGa partial wave analysis [30], chiral Lagrangian theory [31], Fadeev approach [32, 33] Lattice QCD [34-36], etc.

We determined the spectra of N^* resonances in the framework of hypercentral constituent quark model (hC-QM). The model has already been extended to obtain the excited state baryon resonances for heavy baryons. The excited states masses of singly, doubly, and triply heavy baryons in both the charm and bottom sectors are in good agreement with other theoretical predictions, as well as with the recent experimental outcomes [37-43]. Further, the magnetic moments of heavy baryons are also determined at L = 0, and radiative and strong decays are calculated [44]. Moreover, using the Regge trajectories the unknown quantum states and J^P values are also identified. In this study, we use the hCQM and identify several hadronic properties of N^* baryons. Giannini et al. used this model to study light flavored baryons for low-lying radial, as well as orbital and excited states below 2 GeV.

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Here, we calculated the spectra for 1S-5S, 1P-5P, 1D-4D, and 1F-2F states and constructed Regge trajectories upto 3.3 GeV. From Fig. 1, it is clear that the new experimental resonances agree well with our predicted states. A brief description of the model is given in Section 2. Further, we determined several hadronic properties, such as Regge trajectories, magnetic moments, and decay widths of excited states, using the obtained masses. The hadronic propeties are discussed in Section 3, which is followed by the conclusion in Section 4.

2 The model

Spectroscopy is a powerful tool to observe the constituents of a compound system in order to study their nature and interactions. Hadron spectroscopy has provided many unexpected results. In our previous work, we studied heavy baryon spectra for singly, doubly, and triply heavy baryons excited states, starting from S state to F states, using hCQM with all isospin splittings [37-43].

In the present study, we predict the radial and orbital excited states of *N* baryon in the hypercentral approach [9, 45]. The two relative coordinates are rewritten as a single six-dimensional vector, and the non-relativistic Schrödinger equation. We numerically solve six-dimensional space equation in the Mathematica notebook [46]. The potential, expressed in terms of the hypercentral radial coordinate, effectively considers the three-body interactions. We employ the Coulomb plus linear confinement potential with the first-order correction for the quarks. The relative Jacobi coordinates can be expressed as [47]

$$\vec{\rho} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\vec{r_1} - \vec{r_2}), \tag{1a}$$

$$\vec{\lambda} = \frac{m_1 \vec{r_1} + m_2 \vec{r_2} - (m_1 + m_2) \vec{r_3}}{\sqrt{m_1^2 + m_2^2 + (m_1 + m_2)^2}}.$$
 (1b)

The Hamiltonian of the baryonic system in the hC-QM is then expressed as

$$H = \frac{P_x^2}{2m} + V(x). \tag{2}$$

where $m = \frac{2m_{\rho}m_{\lambda}}{m_{\rho} + m_{\lambda}}$ is the reduced mass, and x is the six-

dimensional radial hyper central coordinate of the three-body system. The quark masses are $m_u = m_d = 0.290$ GeV. We add the first-order correction to the energy term of the potential to observe the effect. For heavy baryons, we demonstrate results without adding correction as well as with first-order correction. Here, however, we only considered the excited state masses adding the first-order correction. The model is formed by a linear confining interaction with a spin, flavor, and orbital angular mo-

mentum dependent hyperfine interaction. The potential is of the form

$$V(x) = V^{0}(x) + \left(\frac{1}{m_{0}} + \frac{1}{m_{\lambda}}\right)V^{(1)}(x) + V_{SD}(x).$$
 (3)

where $V^0(x)$ and the first-order correction $V^1(x)$ is given by

$$V^{(0)}(x) = \frac{\tau}{x} + \beta x, \quad V^{(1)}(x) = -C_F C_A \frac{\alpha_s^2}{4x^2}.$$
 (4)

 $V^{(0)}(x)$ is the sum of hyper Coulomb (hC) (vector) interaction and a confinement (scalar) term. Here, the hC strength $\tau = -\frac{2}{3}\alpha_s$, where α_s corresponds to the strong running coupling constant; β corresponds to the string tension of the confinement. C_F and C_A are the Casimir charges of the fundamental and adjoint representation, respectively.

For computing the mass difference between different degenerate baryonic states, we consider the spin-dependent part of the usual one gluon exchange potential. The spin-dependent part, $V_{SD}(x)$, contains three types of the interaction terms: the spin-spin term $V_{SS}(x)$, spin-orbit term $V_{VS}(x)$, and tensor term $V_{T}(x)$. It is given by

$$V_{SD}(x) = V_{SS}(x)(\vec{S_{\rho}}.\vec{S_{\lambda}}) + V_{\gamma S}(x)(\vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{S}) + V_{T}(x)$$

$$\times \left[S^{2} - \frac{3(\vec{S} \cdot \vec{x})(\vec{S} \cdot \vec{x})}{x^{2}} \right]. \tag{5}$$

The coefficient of the spin-dependent terms can be written as

$$V_{\gamma S}(x) = \frac{1}{2m_{\rho}m_{\lambda}x} \left(3\frac{\mathrm{d}V_V}{\mathrm{d}x} - \frac{\mathrm{d}V_S}{\mathrm{d}x} \right),\tag{6a}$$

$$V_T(x) = \frac{1}{6m_{\rho}m_{\lambda}} \left(3\frac{d^2V_V}{dx^2} - \frac{1}{x}\frac{dV_V}{dx} \right), \tag{6b}$$

$$V_{SS}(x) = \frac{1}{3m_{\rho}m_{\lambda}} \nabla^2 V_V. \tag{6c}$$

The spin-orbit and tensor terms describe the fine structure of the states, while the spin-spin term gives the spin singlet triplet splittings.

3 Results and discussions

3.1 N^* resonances

N baryon has isospin $I = \frac{1}{2}$ and strangeness S = 0. We constructed a complete classification of N^* baryons spectrum in this study. Indeed, many experimentally known excited state resonances agree well with our predicted states. Theses resonances are listed in Table 1 along with their mass, experimental status, and respective J^P values. The status (*) indicates the likelihood of the existence: four stars indicates that it the existence is certain; three

Table 1. List of the *N* resonances from baryon summary Table of PDG (2018).

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state	J^{P}	M(exp.)	status
N(939)	1/2+	939	****
N(1440)	1/2+	1420-1470	****
N(1710)	1/2+	1680-1740	***
N(2100)	1/2+	2100	*
N(1535)	1/2	1525-1545	****
N(1520)	3/2	1515-1525	****
N(1895)	1/2	1880-1910	**
N(1680)	5/2+	1680-1690	****
N(1875)	3/2	1820-1920	***
N(2000)	5/2+	1950-2150	**
N(1720)	3/2+	1700-1750	****
N(1880)	1/2+	_	**
N(1990)	7/2+	1950-2100	**
N(2190)	7/2	2100-2200	****
N(2250)	9/2	2250-2320	****
N(2570)	5/2	-	**

star indicates that the existence is likely to certain, and more information is desirable; two stars indicate that the probability of existence is fair; and one star indicates that the existence is poor. Further, few additional three and four star baryons are mentioned in PDG(2018) [4], such as, N(1650), N(1675), N(1700), N(1900) with J^P values $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{5}{2}$, $\frac{3}{2}$, $\frac{3}{2}$ and the two star baryons N(1860), N(2120), N(2300); these values do not fit our obtained resonances.

Table 2 lists the light baryon masses from 1*S*-5*S*, 1*P*-5*P*, 1*D*-4*D*, and 1*F*-2*F* states. The obtained *N* baryon masses are tabulated with the experimental resonances and other theoretical approaches. The radial excited states are calculated for $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+$, and the orbital excited *P*, *D*, and *F* states are calculated for J^P values, $\left(\frac{1}{2}^-, \frac{3}{2}^-, \frac{5}{2}^-\right)$, $\left(\frac{1}{2}^+, \frac{3}{2}^+, \frac{5}{2}^+, \frac{7}{2}^+\right)$, and $\left(\frac{3}{2}^-, \frac{5}{2}^-, \frac{7}{2}^-, \frac{9}{2}^-\right)$, respectively. The states, *N*(1440), *N*(1710), *N*(1535), and *N*(1520) are listed as a four-star states. They are determined as 2*S*, 3S, $1P\left(\frac{1}{2}^-\right)$, and $1P\left(\frac{3}{2}^-\right)$ states by many other theoretical

Table 2. Predicted excited state masses of N baryon (in MeV).

state	J^{P}	mass	exp. [4]	[48]	[24]	[49]	[24]	[50]	[51]	[52]	[30]	[26]	[27]
1 <i>S</i>	1/2+	939	938	938	938	939	938	938	939	938	960		
2S	1/2+	1425	1420-1470	1444	1448	1511	1463	1467	1440	1492	1430		
3 <i>S</i>	1/2+	1721	1680-1740	1832	1795	1776	1752	1710	1710	1763	1710		
4S	1/2+	2089	2100						2100				
5.5	1/2+	2515											
1P	1/2	1565	1525-1545	1567	1543	1537	1524		1535	1511	1501	1490	1460
1P	3/2	1535	1515-1525	1567	1543	1537	1524	1536	1520	1511	1517	1535	1495
1 <i>P</i>	5/2	1495											1630
2P	1/2	1898	1880-1910			1888			1650		1895		
2P	3/2	1865	1820-1920						1700		1880		
2 <i>P</i>	5/2	1820		,					1675				
3P	$1/2^{-}$	2288							2090				
3P	3/2	2251	2150						2080		2150		
3 <i>P</i>	5/2	2202		,									
4P	$1/2^{-}$	2741											
4P	3/2	2697											
4 <i>P</i>	5/2	2628											
5 <i>P</i>	$1/2^{-}$	3242											
5 <i>P</i>	3/2	3192											
5 <i>P</i>	5/2	3126											
1D	1/2+	1849	1835-1910			1890					1870		
1 <i>D</i>	3/2+	1815	1700-1750			1648				1735	1690		

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state	$J^{^{P}}$	mass	exp. [4]	[48]	[24]	[49]	[24]	[50]	[51]	[52]	[30]	[26]	[27]
1D	5/2+	1769	1680-1690			1799	1680	1704		1735	1689		
1 <i>D</i>	7/2+	1712											
2D	1/2+	2244											
2D	3/2+	2204											
2D	5/2+	2150	1950-2150								2090		
2D	7/2+	2083	1950-2100								2060		
3D	1/2+	2694											
3D	3/2+	2648											
3D	5/2+	2586)				
3 <i>D</i>	7/2+	2510				,							
4D	1/2+	3197											
4D	3/2+	3144					0						
4D	5/2+	3074						7					
4 <i>D</i>	7/2+	2986											
1F	3/2	2167											
1F	5/2	2112											
1F	7/2	2045	2100-2200		Y	7			2190		2180		
1F	9/2	1963			<u> </u>								
2F	3/2	2614			\								
2F	5/2	2551											
2F	7/2	2473											
2 <i>F</i>	9/2	2379	2250-2320	/							2280	-	

approaches. All the masses are close to the experimental values. We suggest baryons resonances N(1895) and N(1875) should be the 2P states with J^P vales $\frac{1}{2}^-$ and $\frac{3}{2}^-$. The mass obtained by Ref. [49] shows a difference of only 10 MeV difference with our mass of 2P. Further, the calculated masses of the 3P state have a difference of ≈ 200 MeV with Ref. [51].

The assigned J^P value of N(1720) is $\frac{3}{2}^+$. Our $1D\left(\frac{3}{2}^+\right)$ state mass is 65 MeV greater than the upper bound of the experimental mass, and 80 MeV greater than Ref. [52], so that we predict as 1D state. Our predicted $1D\left(\frac{5}{2}^+\right)$ state mass is ≈ 80 MeV greater than the baryon N(1680) mass, and it also shows a difference of 30, 65, and 34 MeV with Refs. [49, 50, 52]

The other two baryon resonances, N(1990) and N(2000), have J^P values $\frac{5}{2}^+$ and $\frac{7}{2}^+$, respectively, and our 2D state masses with same J^P values agrees well with them.

For the greater excited negative parity resonances, N(2190), N(2250), and N(2570) baryons, our 1F state

mass is 55 MeV less than experimental mass, while the $2F\left(\frac{9}{2}\right)$ state is 59 MeV greater than the experimental mass. The mass of baryon N(2570) is experimentally unknown; if we consider it to be equal to 2570 MeV, then it has a difference of 20 MeV with our 2F state with $J^P = \frac{5}{2}$.

We do not find any results which gives the masses for higher negative and positive parity excited states (which can be determined as 4P, 5P, 2D, 3D, 4D, and 2F states). The N resonances are compared with the experimental masses and possible J^P values in Fig. 1.

3.2 Regge trajectories

Another important property of hadronic spectroscopy is the Regge trajectory. The Regge trajectories are useful for spectral as well as nonspectral purposes. The spin and mass of the hadrons are related in these plots. Using the obtained results of Table 2, we plot the graphs in (n, M^2) and (J, M^2) planes [See Fig. 2]. The relation is,

$$n = \beta M^2 + \beta_0$$
 & $J = \alpha M^2 + \alpha_0$, (7)

where n is a principal quantum number; β , α are slopes;

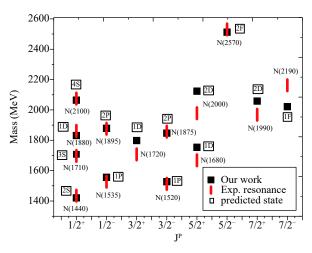


Fig. 1. (color online) Light baryon classification. Squares denote our predicted masses with particular state, and the bars denote experimental available resonances.

and β_0 , α_0 are intercepts. The ground and radial excited states $S\left(\text{with }J^P=\frac{1}{2}^+\right)$ and the orbital excited state $P\left(\text{with }J^P=\frac{1}{2}^-\right)$, $D\left(\text{with }J^P=\frac{5}{2}^+\right)$, and $F\left(\text{with }J^P=\frac{7}{2}^-\right)$ are plotted from bottom to top in $(M^2\to n)$ plot. In $(M^2\to J)$ plot, we use $\left(J^P=\frac{1}{2}^+,J^P=\frac{3}{2}^-,J^P=\frac{5}{2}^+,J^P=\frac{7}{2}^-\right)$ for n=1 to 4. We have already introduced these plots and determined the experimentally unknown heavy baryons in our previous work [37-43]. Here, we aim to study the nature of the graphs for light baryons.

3.3 Magnetic moments

The magnetic moment of the nucleon is also an important hadronic property because it is an important input for electromagnetic transitions, form factor, and radiative decays of baryons. Here, we determined the magnetic moment of N(939) state with $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+$ and N(1535) states with $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$. The magnetic moments of the baryons are obtained in terms of the spin, charge, and effective mass of the bound quarks as in Ref. [37]

$$\mu_B = \sum_i \langle \phi_{sf} | \mu_{iz} | \phi_{sf} \rangle \rangle; \quad \mu_i = \frac{e_i \sigma_i}{2m_i^{\text{eff}}}, \tag{8}$$

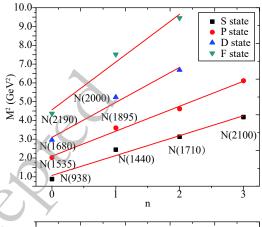
where e_i is a charge and σ_i is the spin of the respective constituent quark. The effective mass for each constituting quark m_i^{eff} can be defined as

$$m_i^{\text{eff}} = m_i \left(1 + \frac{\langle H \rangle}{\sum_i m_i} \right),$$
 (9)

where $\langle H \rangle = E + \langle V_{\rm spin} \rangle$. The wave-function and obtained magnetic moment are provided in Table 3.

Table 3. Magnetic moment (in nuclear magneton) for N(939) baryon.

wave-function	our	exp.	Ref. [53]	Ref. [54]	Ref. [55]
$\frac{4}{3}\mu_d - \frac{1}{3}\mu_u$	-1.997	-1.913	-2.07	-1.97	-1.69



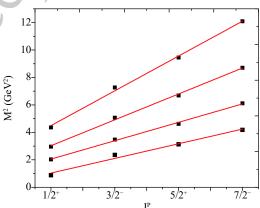


Fig. 2. (color online) Regge trajectories of N^* baryons in (n, M^2) and (J, M^2) planes

The magnetic moment is also carried out by orbital excitation. The final spin flavor wave function from the quark model for the nucleons with $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$ are given by [56] as:

$$\mu(1535) = \left(\frac{1}{9}\mu_u + \frac{2}{9}\mu_d\right)\cos^2\theta + \left(\frac{1}{3}\mu_u + \mu_d\right)\sin^2\theta - \left(-\frac{8}{9}\mu_u + \frac{8}{9}\mu_d\right)\cos\theta\sin\theta,$$

$$\mu(1535) = \left(\frac{2}{9}\mu_u + \frac{1}{9}\mu_d\right)\cos^2\theta + \left(\frac{8}{9}\mu_u + \frac{1}{3}\mu_d\right)\sin^2\theta$$

The value of the mixing angle θ = -31.7. The obtained magnetic moment value for N(1535) is -0.7695 and 1.8299 (in nuclear magneton), and the values in Ref. [56] were are -1.284 and 1.894. Other Refs. [57, 58, 59, 60] obtained the values for $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$ as -0.9, -0.56, -0.54 and

 $-\left(\frac{8}{9}\mu_u - \frac{8}{9}\mu_d\right)\cos\theta\sin\theta.$

-0.84.

3.4 Decay width

The wave functions of nucleons will be bilinear combinations of spin, flavor, and orbital wave functions and then the product of two Jacobi coordinates of the three-quark system. S. Capstick et al. had already determined the decay widths of light baryons in their work [61]. The decay width relations will depend on the orbital wave functions of the baryons. The decay widths are expressed as in Ref. [62]. We used the pion-nucleon coupling constants (f) from [62] and determined the widths using our masses as the input. The energy (E) and the momentum of pion κ are,

$$E = \frac{m^{*2} - m_{\pi}^2 + m_N^2}{2m^*},\tag{10a}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{\sqrt{[m^{*2} - (m_N + m_{\pi})^2][m^{*2} - (m_N - m_{\pi})^2]}}{2m^*},$$
 (10b)

where, m_N = 939 MeV and m_{π} = 139 MeV are the mass of the nucleon and pion, respectively. m^* is the resonance mass, from Table 2, for each case. We calculate some of the decay widths of the excited nucleons:

1. $N(1440) \rightarrow N\pi$

$$\Gamma = \frac{3f^2}{4\pi} \frac{E - m_N}{m^*} \frac{\kappa}{m_{\pi}^2} (m^* + m_N)^2$$
 (10)

is 62%, which is in the range of PDG 55%-75% with f= 0.39 and m*=1425.

2. $N(1535) \rightarrow N\pi$

$$\Gamma = \frac{f^2}{4\pi} \frac{E + m_N}{m^*} \frac{\kappa}{m_\pi^2} (m^* - m_N)^2$$
 (11)

is 86%, which is higher than the range of PDG 55%-65% and 25%-65% of Ref. [63], with f=0.36 and m*= 1565.

3. $N(1520) \rightarrow N\pi$

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{3} \frac{f^2}{4\pi} \frac{E - m_N}{m^*} \frac{\kappa^3}{m_\pi^2}$$
 (12)

is 16%, which is lower than the range of PDG 32%-52%, with f = 1.56 and $m^* = 1535$.

4. $N(1720) \rightarrow N\pi$

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{3} \frac{f^2}{4\pi} \frac{E + m_N}{m^*} \frac{\kappa^3}{m^2}$$
 (13)

is 11%, which is in the range of PDG 8%–14% with f= 0.25 and m*= 1815.

5. $N(1680) \rightarrow N\pi$

$$\Gamma = \frac{2}{5} \frac{f^2}{4\pi} \frac{E - m_N}{m^*} \frac{\kappa^5}{m_\pi^4}$$
 (14)

is 118%, which is higher than the range of PDG 60%–70% with f = 0.42 and $m^* = 1769$.

4 Conclusions

 N^* resonances are determined using the hCQM model by adding the first-order correction to the potential. The complete mass spectra with individual states and predicted J^P values are presented in Table 2 and graphically compared with the experimental states in Fig. 1. We can observe that the resonances are predicted from the first radial excited state (2S) to the orbital excited state (2F). The major results are summarized below:

- We compared 14 experimentally known states with our prediction. We also plotted their masses against their J^P values. The conclusion of the plot suggests that the states N(1440), N(1710), N(1880), N(2100), N(1535), N(1895), N(1520), N(1875), and N(2570) are close to our determined resonances. While the states, N(1720), N(1680), N(2000), N(1990), and N(2190)did not agree with our predicted values. All the determined states are presented according to our predictions of the isospin splitting states.
- The radial excited states (2S-4S) masses are agree with our predicted values within the range of an experimental error
- It can be concluded that the mass spectra of hadrons can be conveniently described through Regge trajectories. These trajectories will aid in identifying the quantum number of particular resonance states. From Fig. 1, we can see that the trajectories are linear but not parallel, similar to Ref. [64].
- The magnetic moment was calculated for $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+$ and $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$. We will attempt to reproduce the nucleon magnetic moments of other excited states after this preliminary calculation.
- Nucleons N(1440), N(1535), N(1520), N(1720), and N(1680) for $N\pi$ decay widths were calculated. In case of N(1680), the ratio of $\frac{\Gamma_{N\pi}}{\Gamma_{\text{tot}}}$ was very high. For other cases, it was near/in range.
- We successfully studied the mass spectra of N^* baryons using the hCQM. We would like to extend the model for other light baryons as well.

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