

The spectra of pentaquarks, obtained within topological soliton models, are compared with simplified quark picture. Some similarity of spectra takes place, although certain differences are pointed out as well, which require careful interpretation. In particular, considerable variation of the strange antiquark mass in different SU(3) multiplets of pentaquarks is necessary to fit their spectra obtained from chiral solitons. The difference of masses between "good" and "bad" diquarks which can be extracted from chiral soliton spectra, is in qualitative agreement with previous estimates. Some deficiencies in the argumentation against validity of the chiral soliton approach for describing pentaquarks, existing in the literature (based, in particular, on the large  $N_c$  limit), are pointed out.