

# Analysis of $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)[\psi(2S)]\pi^+\pi^-(K^+K^-)$ decays

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We have phenomenologically investigated the decays  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-(K^+K^-)$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-(K^+K^-)$ . In our analysis, the scalar meson  $f_0(980)$  is formed through the final state interactions of coupled channels  $\pi\pi$  and  $K\bar{K}$ . Our findings indicate that the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  invariant mass distribution of the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay can be accurately reproduced. Furthermore, we have explored the  $\pi^+\pi^-(K^+K^-)$  invariant mass distribution of the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-(K^+K^-)$  decay, accounting for the different production mechanisms between  $X(3872)$  and  $\psi(2S)$ , up to a global factor. It is found that the production rates for  $X(3872)$  and  $\psi(2S)$  are much different, which indicates that the structure of  $X(3872)$  is more complicated than the  $\psi(2S)$ , which is a conventional  $c\bar{c}$  state. Additionally, we have considered the contributions from  $f_0(1500)$  to  $\pi^+\pi^-$  and the  $\phi$  meson to  $K^+K^-$  in our analysis. Utilizing the model parameters, we have calculated the branching fraction of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)K^+K^-$ , and anticipate that the findings of our study can be experimentally tested in the future.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The nonleptonic weak decays of bottom hadrons are widely acknowledged as a valuable means to elucidate the nature of certain enigmatic hadrons [1–6], especially these decays with charmonia in the final states [7, 8]. For example, it was found that the scalar meson  $f_0(500)$  has a relatively bigger signal than  $f_0(980)$  in the decay of  $\bar{B}^0$  into  $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$  [9]. While the decay of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$  was measured by the LHCb collaboration [10], and a pronounced peak was found for the scalar meson  $f_0(980)$  in the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  invariant mass distributions. However, there was no appreciable signal for the scalar meson  $f_0(500)$  [10]. This counter-intuitive result attracted experimental and theoretical attention. New measurements about the  $B$  and  $B_s$  decays have been performed by the Belle Collaboration [11], CDF Collaboration [12], D0 Collaboration [13], and LHCb Collaboration [14, 15].

The  $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$  decay was studied in Ref. [6] based on the final state interaction of pseudo-scalar meson-pseudo-scalar meson provided by the chiral unitary approach, where the scalar mesons  $f_0(500)$  and  $f_0(980)$  were dynamically generated. The theoretical results are in agreement with the experimental data [10]. The approach of Ref. [6] was successfully extended to study other weak decays of  $B_s^0$  and  $B$

mesons [16–21] (see also Ref. [1] for an extensive review). The  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay was firstly measured by the LHCb collaboration [22] and the  $f_0(980)$  meson played an important role in the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  invariant mass distributions. Recently, the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay was also firstly observed by the LHCb collaboration [23], where a large contribution from  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)[f_0(980) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-]$  was found. Determining the  $f_0(980)$  nature in the  $B_s^0$  decays is possible. Indeed, it is interesting to investigate  $f_0(980)$  in  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$ , since it is the analogous decay compared with the decay of  $B_s^0$  into  $\psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-$  within the assumption that  $X(3872)$  can be generated by the hadronization of  $c\bar{c}$  which is used to produce  $\psi(2S)$  in the former case. The  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay is also a useful platform to explore the exotic feature of  $X(3872)$  [24–33]. Even if it was discovered about two decades ago [34–43], its nature is still unclear. For instance, molecular perspective is one common explanation for  $X(3872)$  rather than a pure charmonium. As discussed in Ref. [33], one has investigated the decays of  $B$  meson into  $X(3872)$  with a pseudoscalar or vector meson based on the molecular perspective of  $X(3872)$  from the interaction of  $D\bar{D}^* + c.c.$  (charge conjugate). Following the analysis about the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay, we will also study the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay.

It is natural to study the role of  $f_0(980)$  in the  $K^+K^-$  invariant mass distribution of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)K^+K^-$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)K^+K^-$  decays using the chiral unitary approach, since  $f_0(980)$  has strong coupling to the  $K\bar{K}$  channel [44, 45]. Note that, within the chiral unitary approach [46–49], the production of  $f_0(980)$  and  $f_0(500)$  mesons in  $B^0$

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and  $B_s^0$  into  $J/\psi$  and a  $\pi^+\pi^-$  or  $K^+K^-$  pair were investigated in Refs. [4, 6, 21]. To understand the new experimental data collected by the LHCb collaboration [23] and study the nature of  $X(3872)$  and the scalar meson  $f_0(980)$ , in this work, we perform a coherent analysis of the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$  ( $K^+K^-$ ) and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-$  ( $K^+K^-$ ) decays. In addition to the  $f_0(980)$ , we also consider the contribution from the scalar meson  $f_0(1500)$ , since its signal is clearly seen in the invariant  $\pi^+\pi^-$  mass distributions [23, 50, 51].

This paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II, we present the theoretical formalism for the production of the scalar meson  $f_0(980)$  in the  $B_s^0$  decays into  $\psi(2S)$  or  $X(3872)$  and  $\pi^+\pi^-$  or  $K^+K^-$ , together with a discussion about the scalar meson  $f_0(1500)$  in the corresponding decays, while the contribution of the  $\phi$  meson in the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)K^+K^-$  decay is also shown. In Sec. III, we show our theoretical numerical results and discussions, followed by a summary in the last section.

## II. THEORETICAL FORMALISM

### A. The $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)[f_0(980), f_0(1500) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-]$ decay

The leading contributions to the decays of  $B_s^0$  into  $\psi(2S)$  plus a scalar meson is the Cabibbo favored  $\bar{b} \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$  process, therefore, the decay diagram of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)[f_0(980) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-]$ , at the quark level, is shown in Fig. 1, which can be separated into two steps. The first step, namely the Cabibbo favored process, consists of the  $\bar{b}$  decaying into a  $\bar{c}$  quark and a  $W^+$  boson followed by its decay into a  $c$  quark and a  $\bar{s}$  quark. Then, in addition to the hadronization of  $c\bar{c}$  to produce  $\psi(2S)$ , we need another  $q\bar{q}$  ( $\equiv u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} + s\bar{s}$ ) pair to generate the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  in the final states from  $s\bar{s}$ .

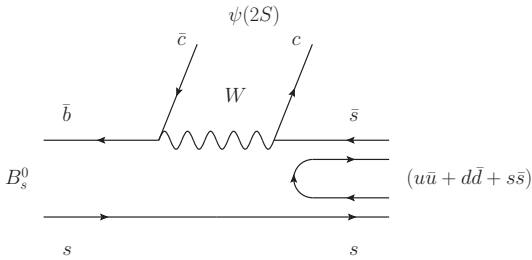


FIG. 1: Diagram for the decay of  $B_s^0$  into  $\psi(2S)$  (formed by the  $c\bar{c}$  pair) and a primary  $s\bar{s}$  pair, which hadronizes with an extra ( $u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} + s\bar{s}$ ) pair from the vacuum.

Following Refs. [4, 6], the hadronization of  $s\bar{s}$ , in terms of pseudoscalar mesons, can be written as

$$s\bar{s}(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} + s\bar{s}) \rightarrow K^+K^- + K^0\bar{K}^0 + \frac{2}{3}\eta\eta. \quad (1)$$

After the pseudoscalar meson-pseudoscalar meson pair is produced, final-state interactions between the mesons occur, where the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  pair can be obtained in the final states. The

scalar meson  $f_0(980)$  is dynamically generated from the  $s$ -wave interaction of the pseudoscalar meson-pseudoscalar meson in coupled channels [52–54]. Hence, the decay amplitude for  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)[f_0(980) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-]$  can be written as [6],

$$\mathcal{M}_{B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-}^{f_0(980)} = g_1 \mathcal{M}_a = \frac{g_1 V_{cs} \mathbf{p}_{\psi(2S)} \cos \theta}{m_{B_s^0}} \times \left( G_{K^+K^-} t_{K^+K^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-} + G_{K^0\bar{K}^0} t_{K^0\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-} + \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{2} G_{\eta\eta} t_{\eta\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-} \right), \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{p}_{\psi(2S)}$  is the three momentum of  $\psi(2S)$  in the center-mass system of  $B_s^0$  and  $\theta$  is an integration variable of final-state phase space. Note that for the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)[f_0(980) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-]$  decay, we shall need a  $p$ -wave interaction to match angular momentum conservation. We introduce a parameter  $g_1$  to contain all dynamical factors, which is assumed to be real and positive in this work. The  $V_{cs}$  is one matrix element of the Cabbibo-Kobayashi-Maskawa matrix which is related to the Cabbibo angle [21]:  $V_{cs} = \cos \theta_c = 0.97427$ .

In Eq. (2),  $G_i$  is the loop function of two meson propagators

$$G_i(s) = i \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(P-q)^2 - m_1^2 + i\epsilon} \frac{1}{q^2 - m_2^2 + i\epsilon}, \quad (3)$$

where “ $i$ ” represents the  $i$ th-channel,  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ , and  $q$  are the masses and four-momentum of one meson in this channel, respectively.  $P$  is the total momentum in this system, satisfying  $s = P^2$ . The three-momentum integral is carried out by precisely integrating the  $q^0$  variable and applying a cutoff  $\Lambda$  of the order of 1 GeV, which is impacted by the number of channels. The element of the scattering matrix,  $t_{ij}$ , for the transition of channel  $i$  to  $j$ , is given by  $t = (1 - VG)^{-1}V$ . Now numbering the channels as 1 for  $\pi^+\pi^-$ , 2 for  $\pi^0\pi^0$ , 3 for  $K^+K^-$ , 4 for  $K^0\bar{K}^0$ , and 5 for  $\eta\eta$ , the  $V$  matrix can be used in the same form as [6]. It is worth noting whether or not considering the  $\eta\eta$  channel does not affect the results much, as long as a reasonable cutoff  $\Lambda$  is used. See more details in Refs. [6, 44, 53]. We don’t consider the  $\eta\eta$  channel in this work and take  $\Lambda = 903$  MeV. The loop function  $G$  and two-body scattering amplitude  $t$  depend on the invariant mass  $M_{\pi\pi}$  of the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  system.

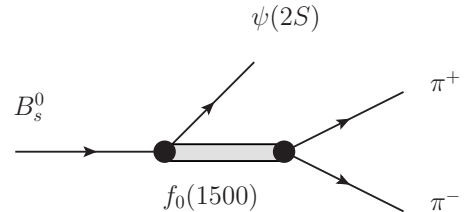


FIG. 2: Diagram for the decay of  $B_s^0$  into  $\psi(2S)$  and  $\pi^+\pi^-$  through the resonance  $f_0(1500)$ .

In addition to the scalar meson  $f_0(980)$ , we consider the scalar meson, namely  $f_0(1500)$  as shown in Fig. 2. It is treated

in the amplitude as a Breit-Wigner (BW) propagator.

$$\mathcal{M}_{B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-}^{f_0(1500)} = g_2 \mathcal{M}_b = \frac{ig_2 m_{f_0(1500)} \Gamma_{f_0(1500)} \mathbf{p}_{\psi(2S)} \cos \theta}{m_{B_s^0} (M_{\pi\pi}^2 - m_{f_0(1500)}^2 + im_{f_0(1500)} \Gamma_{f_0(1500)})}, \quad (4)$$

where  $m_{f_0(1500)}$  and  $\Gamma_{f_0(1500)}$  are the mass and width of  $f_0(1500)$ . Here,  $g_2$  is a free parameter, and we consider it real and positive. Furthermore, ongoing debates exist about the nature of  $f_0(1500)$ , and its mass and width are not well determined [55]. Hence,  $m_{f_0(1500)}$  and  $\Gamma_{f_0(1500)}$  will be fitted to the experimental data.

Then, the total decay amplitude for  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-$  is written as,

$$\mathcal{M}_{B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-} = g_1 \mathcal{M}_a + g_2 \mathcal{M}_b e^{i\varphi}, \quad (5)$$

where  $\varphi$  is the relative phase between  $\mathcal{M}_a$  and  $\mathcal{M}_b$ , and it is a free parameter. In fact, as discussed in Ref. [23], there are indeed contributions from the interference between  $f_0(980)$  and  $f_0(1500)$  to the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  invariant mass spectrum of the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay.

### B. The mechanism of $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^- (K^+K^-)$

In contrast with the charmonium state  $\psi(2S)$ , the production of  $X(3872)$  in the decay of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$  may have a more involved mechanism because of the exotic nature of the  $X(3872)$  state. Therefore, we should involve a different parameter  $g'_1$  [see Eq. (2)] for the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay:<sup>1</sup>

$$\mathcal{M}_{B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-} = \frac{g'_1 V_{cs} \mathbf{p}_{X(3872)} \cos \theta}{m_{B_s^0}} \times (G_{K^+K^-} t_{K^+K^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-} + G_{K^0\bar{K}^0} t_{K^0\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-}). \quad (6)$$

In other words, the mechanism for the production of  $X(3872)$  is the same as that shown in Fig. 1 if we only consider the short-range contribution to the hadronization of  $c\bar{c}$ .

On the other hand, the contribution of  $f_0(1500) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  in  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$  is different from that in the decay  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-$ . Referring to the masses of relevant particles in the Review of Particle Physics (RPP) [55], the phase space is tiny for the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay. The upper limit of the invariant mass of  $M_{\pi\pi}$  is barely bigger than the mass of  $f_0(1500)$ , which means that the peak of  $f_0(1500)$  in the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  invariant mass distribution is seriously suppressed. Even if there is some contribution from  $f_0(1500)$ , it can be omitted in our mechanism. Thus, Eq. (6) is essentially the complete amplitude of the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay.

The  $K^+K^-$  pair can not only be directly produced by the hadronization of  $s\bar{s}$  with  $u\bar{u}$  from the vacuum in Fig. 1,

but also be dynamically produced by the final-state interaction of  $K\bar{K}$  in  $s$ -wave. According to the diagrams shown in Fig. 3, the decay amplitude of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)f_0(980) \rightarrow X(3872)K^+K^-$  is given by

$$\mathcal{M}_{B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)K^+K^-} = \frac{g'_1 V_{cs} \mathbf{p}_{X(3872)} \cos \theta}{m_{B_s^0}} \left( 1 + G_{K^+K^-} t_{K^+K^- \rightarrow K^+K^-} + G_{K^0\bar{K}^0} t_{K^0\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-} \right), \quad (7)$$

where we have used the same coupling constant  $g'_1$  as in Eq. (6) because of the similar mechanism and the same final state  $X(3872)$ .

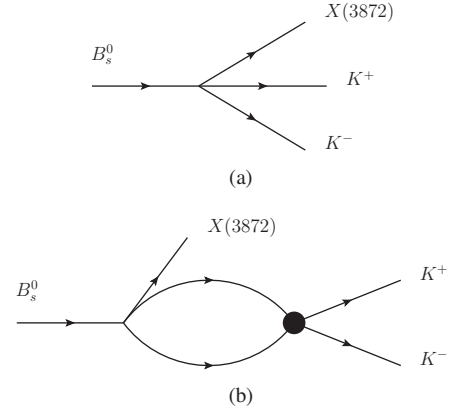


FIG. 3: Diagram for the decay of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)K^+K^-$  where  $K^+K^-$  is produced in  $s$ -wave. (a) is the tree diagram, and (b) is the rescattering.

On the other hand, we also consider the contribution of the  $\phi$  meson to the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)K^+K^-$  decay. In this case, the  $K^+K^-$  is produced in  $p$ -wave. The decay amplitude is written as,

$$\mathcal{M}_{B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)K^+K^-} = g_{BX\phi} g_{\phi KK} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \times \epsilon_\mu^*(\mathbf{p}_X) p_{X\nu} q_\sigma \frac{i(p_{K^+} - p_{K^-})_\rho}{q^2 - m_\phi^2 + im_\phi \Gamma_\phi}, \quad (8)$$

where  $\epsilon_\mu^*(\mathbf{p}_X)$  and  $p_X$  are the polarization and four momentum of  $X(3872)$ . And  $\epsilon_\nu^*(\mathbf{q})$ ,  $q$ ,  $m_\phi$  and  $\Gamma_\phi$  are the polarization, four-momentum, mass, and width of the  $\phi$  meson. Besides,  $g_{BX\phi}$  and  $g_{\phi KK}$  are the coupling parameters of the vertexes of  $B_s^0 X(3872) \phi$  and  $\phi K K$ . With the branching fractions of  $\mathcal{B}[B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\phi] = (1.1 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4}$  and  $\mathcal{B}[\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-] = (49.1 \pm 0.5)\%$  from RPP [55], one can obtain that  $g_{BX\phi}^2 = (7.3 \pm 2.7) \times 10^{-22} \text{MeV}^{-2}$  and  $g_{\phi KK}^2 = (20.0 \pm 0.2)$ .

### C. The mass distribution and partial decay width of $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)[\psi(2S)]\pi^+\pi^- (K^+K^-)$

With these decay amplitudes obtained above, the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  and  $K^+K^-$  invariant mass distributions of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow$

<sup>1</sup> Note that the  $\eta\eta$  channel is also neglected.

$X(3872)[\psi(2S)]\pi^+\pi^-(K^+K^-)$  decay can be easily obtained as follows

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dM_{\text{inv}}} = \frac{1}{512\pi^5 m_{B_s^0}^2} \int d\Omega \Omega^* |\mathbf{p}| |\mathbf{p}^*| |\mathcal{M}|^2, \quad (9)$$

where  $(\mathbf{p}, \Omega)$  is the three momentum of  $X(3872)$  or  $\psi(2S)$  in the rest frame of  $B_s^0$ , while  $(\mathbf{p}^*, \Omega^*)$  is the three momentum of one  $\pi$  ( $K$ ) in the final  $\pi^+\pi^-$  ( $K^+K^-$ ) center of mass frame with invariant mass  $M_{\text{inv}}$ .

### III. NUMERICAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

We calculate the invariant  $\pi^+\pi^-$  mass distributions of the process  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-$  with the above theoretical formalism. There are five free parameters to be obtained by fitting to the experimental data:  $g_1$  in Eq. (2),  $g_2$ ,  $m_{f_0(1500)}$ , and  $\Gamma_{f_0(1500)}$  in Eq. (4), and  $\varphi$  in Eq. (5). Since our numerical results are  $d\Gamma/dM_{\text{inv}}$ , and the experimental data are events as a function of the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  invariant mass, there is a global factor  $C$  between our theoretical calculations and the experimental data. On the other hand, in the fitting to the experimental data, we use the following form:

$$\text{data} = C \frac{d\Gamma}{dM_{\text{inv}}} = \frac{C g_2^2}{512\pi^5 m_{B_s^0}^2} \int d\Omega \Omega^* |\mathbf{p}| |\mathbf{p}^*| \times \left[ \left( \frac{g_1}{g_2} \right)^2 |\mathcal{M}_a|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_b|^2 + \frac{2g_1}{g_2} \text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_a^* \mathcal{M}_b e^{i\varphi}) \right]. \quad (10)$$

Thus, we take  $C g_2^2$ ,  $g_1/g_2$ ,  $m_{f_0(1500)}$ ,  $\Gamma_{f_0(1500)}$ , and  $\varphi$  as free parameters. It should be noted that the global factor  $C$  can normalize the theoretical results to match the experimental mass distribution. And more importantly, the factor  $C$  is the same for the two processes  $B_s^0$  into  $\psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-$  and  $X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$ . In this way, the fitted parameters are listed in Table I. The obtained  $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f}$  is 1.4, which is reasonably small.

TABLE I: The fitted parameters in this work.

Parameters	Fitting Results
$C g_2^2$	$(2.77 \pm 0.35) \times 10^8$
$g_1/g_2$	$0.68 \pm 0.04$
$\varphi(^{\circ})$	$-85.11 \pm 8.65$
$m_{f_0(1500)} \text{ (MeV)}$	$1450.0 \pm 6.8$
$\Gamma_{f_0(1500)} \text{ (MeV)}$	$164.4 \pm 22.4$
$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f}$	1.4

The fitted results of the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  invariant mass distributions of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-$  are shown in Fig. 4. One can see that thanks to the contributions from  $f_0(980)$  and  $f_0(1500)$ , the experimental data can be well reproduced. In the calculations, the scalar meson  $f_0(980)$  is produced in the final-state interaction of  $K\bar{K}$  and  $\pi\pi$  in coupled channels. The first higher

peak can be described by only the  $f_0(980)$  state. In contrast, the second small peak and the long tail between the two peaks can be reproduced by the  $f_0(1500)$  and the interference between  $f_0(980)$  and  $f_0(1500)$ . It is worth mentioning that the mass and width of  $f_0(1500)$  state are mainly determined by the second peak, and the fitted results are different from the values quoted in the RPP [55].

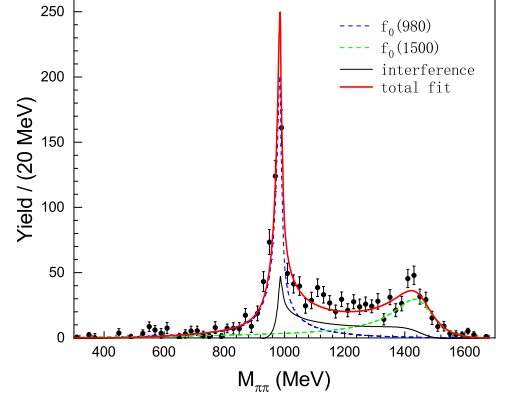


FIG. 4: Invariant mass distribution of  $\pi^+\pi^-$  for the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay, compared with the experimental data taken from Ref. [23]. The blue-dashed, green-dashed, and black-solid curves are the contributions from the  $f_0(980)$ ,  $f_0(1500)$ , and their interference, respectively. The red-solid line is their total contribution.

With the fitted parameters and the branching ratio of  $\mathcal{B}[B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-] = (6.9 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-5}$  [55], we can extract the global factor  $C$ , which is  $C = (8.28 \pm 1.44) \times 10^{17}$ . Then, we can also get  $g_2 = (1.83 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{-5}$  and  $g_1 = (1.24 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-5}$ . If we take the same coupling constant  $g_1$  for the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$  decay, we obtain  $\Gamma[B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0(980) \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-] = (3.9 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-14} \text{ MeV}$ , which is in agreement with the value of  $(5.4 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-14} \text{ MeV}$  quoted in the RPP [55]. This indicates that the coupling constants for producing charmonium states in the  $B_s^0$  decays are universal.

Next, we turn to the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay. We firstly set  $g'_1 = g_1$ . The resulting invariant mass  $M_{\pi\pi}$  distribution of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$  is shown as the black-dashed curve in Fig. 5. In this case, the obtained peak of  $f_0(980)$  is too high compared with the available experimental data around 980 MeV. This indicates that the coupling of  $g'_1$  should differ from that of  $g_1$ . In another words, the production mechanism of  $X(3872)$  and  $\psi(2S)$  in the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)[\psi(2S)]\pi^+\pi^-$  decays are different. Indeed, the contributions from the long-distance  $\bar{D}D^*$  scattering to the  $X(3872)$  production in the  $B_s^0$  decays are important [32, 33].

To get a good description of the experimental data on the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay, we modify the value of  $g'_1$  and enable the theoretical results to pass through the highest experimental point around  $M_{\pi\pi} = 980 \text{ MeV}$ . We get  $g'_1 = 0.69g_1$ , and the corresponding results are shown in



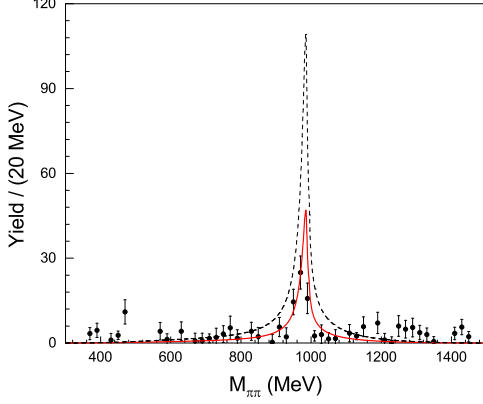


FIG. 5: Invariant mass distribution of  $\pi^+\pi^-$  for the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay, compared with the experimental data [23]. The red-solid and black-dashed curves are obtained with different values for the production parameter  $g'_1$ .

Fig. 5 by the red curve. To explore more details about the difference between the production of  $X(3872)$  and the charmonium states in the  $B_s^0$  decays, we compare the modulus squared of their decay amplitudes, where the effect of the phase space is removed. For this purpose, we write,

$$|\mathcal{M}_{B_s^0 \rightarrow R f_0(980)}|^2 = \Gamma_{B_s^0 \rightarrow R f_0(980)} / |\mathbf{p}_R|, \quad (11)$$

where  $R$  represents the  $X(3872)$ ,  $\psi(2S)$ , or  $J/\psi$ , respectively. For the partial decay width of  $\Gamma_{B_s^0 \rightarrow R f_0(980)}$ , we calculate them with the spectral function for the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  distribution as follows [2, 21],

$$\Gamma_{B_s^0 \rightarrow R f_0(980)} = \frac{\int_{M_{\pi\pi}^{\min}}^{M_{\pi\pi}^{\max}} \frac{d\Gamma_{B_s^0 \rightarrow R \pi^+\pi^-}}{dM_{\pi\pi}} / S(M_{\pi\pi}^2) dM_{\pi\pi}}{\int_{M_{\pi\pi}^{\min}}^{M_{\pi\pi}^{\max}} dM_{\pi\pi}}, \quad (12)$$

with the special function  $S(M_{\pi\pi}^2)^2$ ,

$$S(M_{\pi\pi}^2) = -\text{Im} \frac{2m_{f_0(980)}/\pi}{M_{\pi\pi}^2 - m_{f_0(980)}^2 + im_{f_0(980)}\Gamma_{f_0(980)}}, \quad (13)$$

where we take  $m_{f_0(980)} = 985$  MeV and  $\Gamma_{f_0(980)} = 100$  MeV as quoted in the RPP [55], while  $M_{\pi\pi}^{\max} = 1035$  MeV and  $M_{\pi\pi}^{\min} = 935$  MeV.

On the other hand, we can also evaluate the modulus squared of decay amplitudes for  $B_s^0 \rightarrow R\phi(\eta, \eta')$  by replacing  $f_0(980)$  with  $\phi$ ,  $\eta$  or  $\eta'$ , which contain an  $s\bar{s}$  component. We define:

$$R_1 = \frac{|\mathcal{M}_{B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)f_0(980)[\phi, \eta, \eta']}|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_{B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0(980)[\phi, \eta, \eta']}|^2}, \quad (14)$$

$$R_2 = \frac{|\mathcal{M}_{B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)f_0(980)[\phi, \eta, \eta']}|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_{B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0(980)[\phi, \eta, \eta']}|^2}. \quad (15)$$

These obtained numerical results for  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are listed in Table II. In the calculations, we take the two-body decay branching fractions from the RPP [55] except  $\mathcal{B}[B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\eta]$  and  $\mathcal{B}[B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\eta']$ . While for the decays of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\eta$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\eta'$ , there are still no experimental measurements, and thus we rely on the results obtained in Ref. [32] with the subtraction parameter  $\alpha = -1.91$  (see more details in that reference). These values are listed in Table III. On the other hand, Ref. [33] also gives the results of  $\mathcal{B}[B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\eta]$  and  $\mathcal{B}[B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\eta']$  based on the molecular picture of  $X(3872)$ .

TABLE II: Ratios of the two-body decays of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)[\psi(2S)]f_0(980)[\phi, \eta, \eta']$  to the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi f_0(980)[\phi, \eta, \eta']$ .

	$R_1$	$R_2$
$f_0(980)$	$0.16 \pm 0.09$	$0.51 \pm 0.28$
$\phi$	$0.18 \pm 0.07$	$0.71 \pm 0.06$
$\eta$	$0.05 \pm 0.03$	$1.07 \pm 0.35$
$\eta'$	$0.08 \pm 0.04$	$0.54 \pm 0.16$

TABLE III: Branching fractions of  $B_s^0$  decaying into  $X(3872)[\psi(2S), J/\psi]$  and  $\phi[\eta, \eta']$ .

Decay modes	Branching fractions ( $\times 10^{-4}$ )
$X(3872)\phi$	$1.1 \pm 0.4$
$X(3872)\eta$	$0.15 \pm 0.07$
$X(3872)\eta'$	$0.17 \pm 0.08$
$\psi(2S)\phi$	$5.2 \pm 0.4$
$\psi(2S)\eta$	$3.3 \pm 0.9$
$\psi(2S)\eta'$	$1.29 \pm 0.35$
$J/\psi\phi$	$10.4 \pm 0.4$
$J/\psi\eta$	$4.0 \pm 0.7$
$J/\psi\eta'$	$3.3 \pm 0.4$

Table II shows that the results for  $R_2$  are close to one since both  $\psi(2S)$  and  $J/\psi$  are charmonium states. Furthermore, the obtained ratios of  $R_1$  are much smaller than that of  $R_2$ , which indicates that the  $X(3872)$  state is not pure charmonium.

Finally, we consider the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)[\psi(2S)]K^+K^-$  process. The theoretical results for the invariant  $K^+K^-$  mass distributions are shown in Fig. 6, where the numerical results for the invariant  $\pi^+\pi^-$  mass distributions of the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)[\psi(2S)]\pi^+\pi^-$  decays are also shown. The production rate of the  $X(3872)$  is almost an order of magnitude smaller than that of the production of  $\psi(2S)$  for both  $\pi^+\pi^-$  and  $K^+K^-$  final states. The final-state interactions of  $\pi^+\pi^-$  and  $K^+K^-$  occur in  $s$ -wave, where only the  $f_0(980)$  contribution is considered. It is expected that future experimental measurements can test these calculations.

<sup>2</sup> Here, we use a Breit-Wigner form for the  $f_0(980)$ , and it will not change our main conclusion if we worked in the dynamically generated picture.

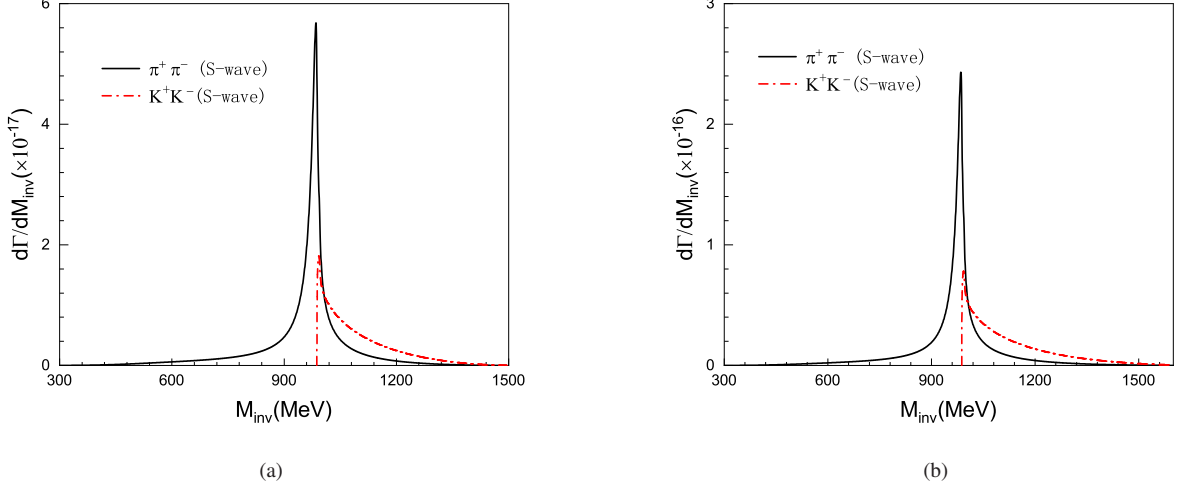


FIG. 6: The  $\pi^+\pi^-$  and  $K^+K^-$  invariant mass distribution of  $B_s^0$  decay with the final state (a)  $X(3872)$  and (b)  $\psi(2S)$ .

It is interesting to compare the branching fractions through the integral of invariant mass  $M_{\pi\pi}$  and  $M_{KK}$ . The results are given by

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}[B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)(f_0(980) \rightarrow K^+K^-)]}{\mathcal{B}[B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)(f_0(980) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)]} = 0.5 \pm 0.3, (16)$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}[B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)(f_0(980) \rightarrow K^+K^-)]}{\mathcal{B}[B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)(f_0(980) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)]} = 0.6 \pm 0.3, (17)$$

which shows that the branching fraction obtained from the integral over invariant mass  $M_{KK}$  is of the same order of magnitude as that for  $M_{\pi\pi}$  while the strength of  $K^+K^-$  invariant mass distribution below the peak of  $f_0(980)$  is much smaller than that for  $\pi^+\pi^-$ .

Moreover, it is easy to get the branching fraction from the measurements of Ref. [56],

$$\mathcal{B}[B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)(K^+K^-)_{\text{non-}\phi}] = (8.6 \pm 3.5) \times 10^{-5}, (18)$$

Then, one can also get the following ratio,

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}[B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)(f_0(980) \rightarrow K^+K^-)]}{\mathcal{B}[B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)(K^+K^-)_{\text{non-}\phi}]} = 0.06 \pm 0.02, (19)$$

which means that the  $s$ -wave  $K^+K^-$  contribution from  $f_0(980)$  is extremely small compared with other non- $\phi$  contributions.

For the contribution of the  $\phi$  meson to the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)K^+K^-$ , with the above obtained couplings of  $g_{BX\phi}^2$  and  $g_{\phi KK}^2$ , we get the branching fraction

$$\mathcal{B}[B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)(\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-)] = (8.3 \pm 3.0) \times 10^{-5}, (20)$$

which is consistent with the following result from the narrow width approximation within the uncertainty,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}[B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)(\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-)] &= \mathcal{B}[B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\phi] \\ &\times \mathcal{B}[\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-] = (5.4 \pm 2.0) \times 10^{-5}, \end{aligned} (21)$$

where we have used  $\mathcal{B}[\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-] = (49.1 \pm 0.5)\%$  from the RPP [55].

#### IV. SUMMARY

We have investigated the decays of  $B_s^0$  into  $\psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-$  and  $X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$  and performed a  $\chi^2$ -fit to the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  invariant mass distributions based on the experimental data from the LHCb collaboration. Taking the dominant Cabibbo favored weak decay mechanism of  $B_s^0$ , we firstly get  $\psi(2S)$  or  $X(3872)$  and an  $s\bar{s}$  pair. Second, after the hadronization of  $s\bar{s}$ , we get  $\pi^+\pi^-$  and  $K^+K^-$  in the final state, and this interaction is mediated by the scalar meson  $f_0(980)$ . In addition, the contribution from the scalar meson  $f_0(1500)$  is also considered for the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay. It is found that the recent LHCb experimental measurements on the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  invariant mass distributions of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay can be well reproduced.

Within the same picture, we also studied the  $B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay. We find that, to reproduce the experimental data, one needs a different production coupling parameter for  $X(3872)$ , which indicates that the production of  $X(3872)$  is not the same as the production of the charmonium state  $\psi(2S)$ . Moreover, we have compared the modulus squared of amplitudes of  $B_s^0$  decays into  $X(3872)$  or  $\psi(2S)$  and one light meson, namely  $f_0(980)$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $\eta$ , and  $\eta'$ . The results indicate that the production amplitudes of  $X(3872)$  in  $B_s^0$  decays are different from that of one charmonium in the same  $B_s^0$  decays. This may indicate that the  $X(3872)$  is not a pure charmonium state.

The  $\pi^+\pi^-$  and  $K^+K^-$  invariant mass distributions for the processes  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)[X(3872)]\pi^+\pi^-$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \psi(2S)[X(3872)]K^+K^-$  are calculated, where we have naturally considered the  $K^+K^-$  final state from  $f_0(980)$  for the decays of  $B_s^0$  into  $\psi(2S)K^+K^-$  and  $X(3872)K^+K^-$  in the coupled channel approach, and compared with the  $\pi^+\pi^-$  final state in the same situation. On the one hand, it is found that the peak strength of  $f_0(980)$  in  $m_{\pi\pi}$  is higher than that in  $m_{KK}$  for the production of  $X(3872)$  or  $\psi(2S)$  in the  $B_s^0$  decays. On

the other hand, we realize that  $\mathcal{B}[B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)\pi^+\pi^-]$  is bigger than  $\mathcal{B}[B_s^0 \rightarrow X(3872)K^+K^-]$  while both are of the same order of magnitude. The above result does not change with the substitution of  $\psi(2S)$  for  $X(3872)$ . The results here shed light on the fact that the low-lying scalar meson  $f_0(980)$  is formed from the interaction of pseudoscalar meson and pseudoscalar meson and that  $X(3872)$  is indeed not a pure charmonium state.

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