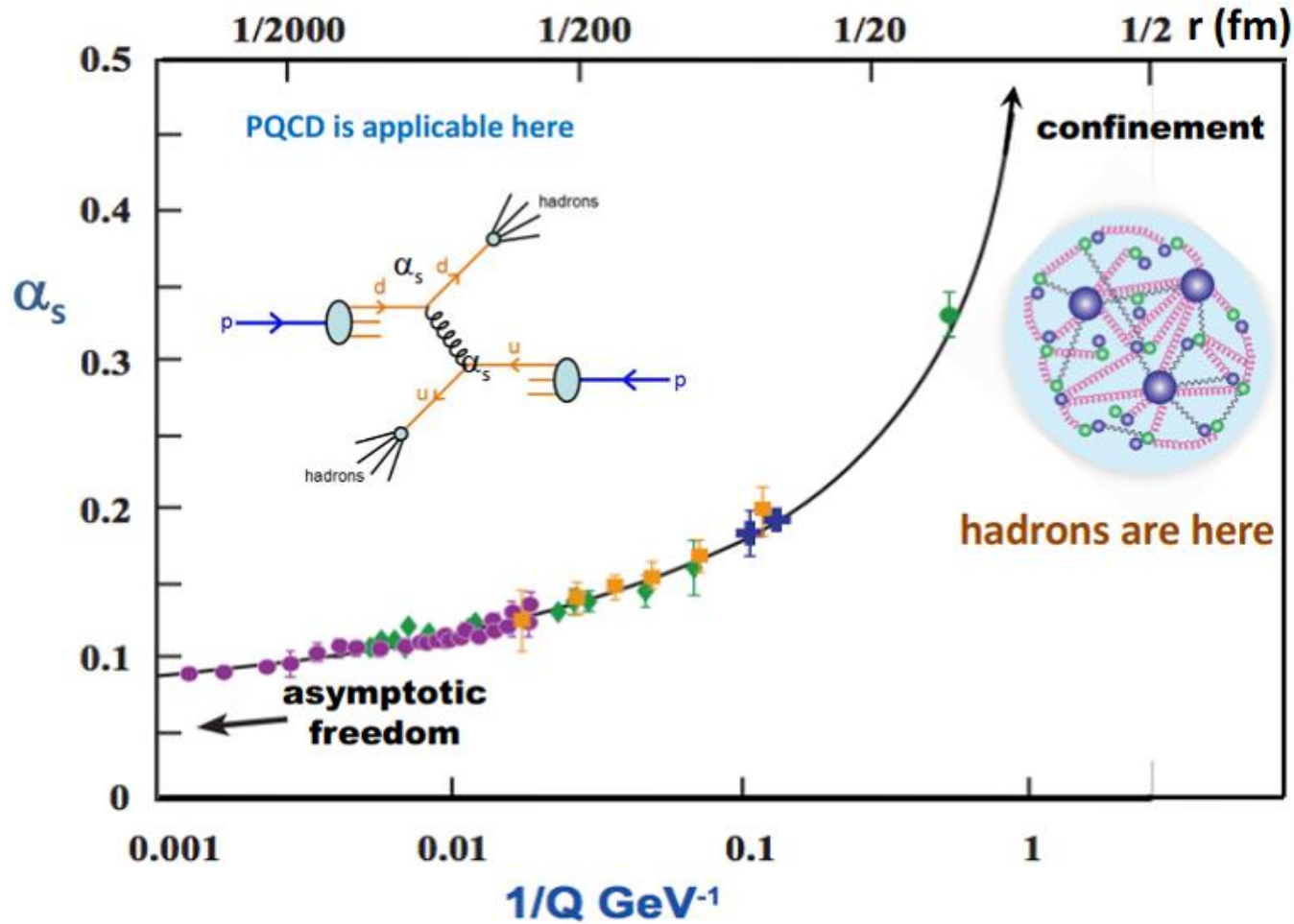




# The production of $D\bar{D}$ and $D_S\bar{D}_S$ bound states in the B decay within the Bethe–Salpeter framework

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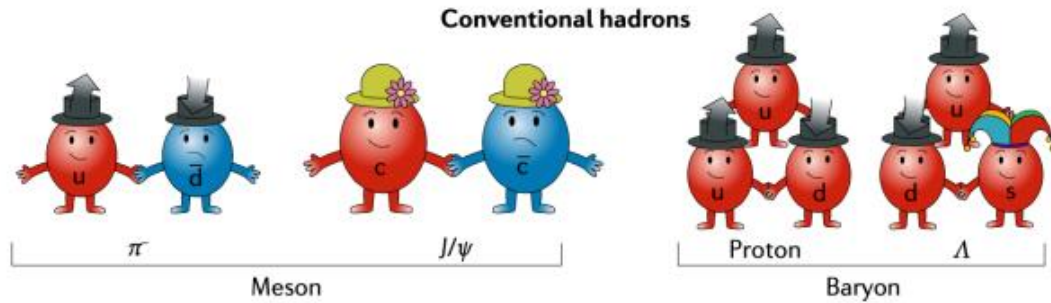


- The strong interaction is fundamentally described by QCD.
- In QCD, the basic constituents are quarks and gluons.
- Two essential features of QCD are **color confinement** and asymptotic freedom. Because of color confinement, quarks and gluons are not observed as free particles; instead, only **hadrons** are seen in experiments.

The behavior of the QCD coupling strength  $\alpha_s(Q)$  vs.  $1/Q$  (bottom axis) and distance (top axis) (*Front. Phys. (Beijing)* 19 (2024), 14701).

# Hadrons

- **Quark Model** [1964 by Gell-Mann and Zweig]



## A SCHEMATIC MODEL OF BARYONS AND MESONS \*

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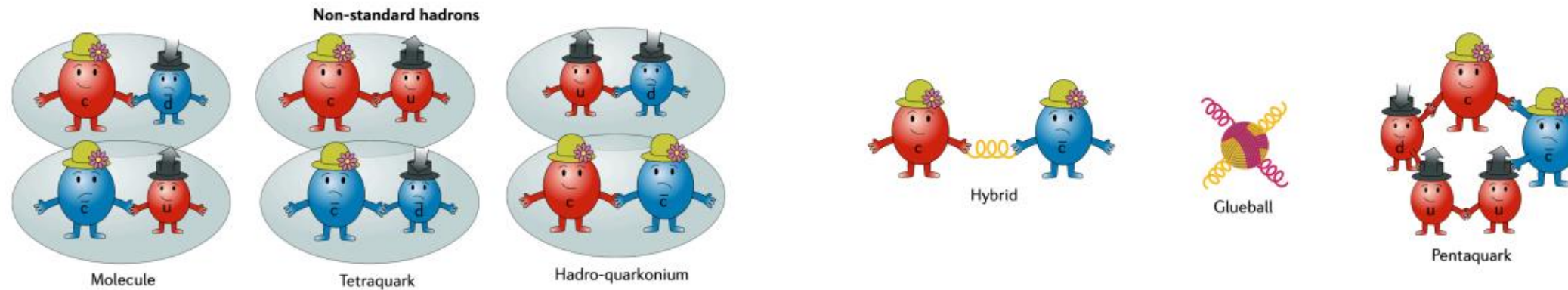
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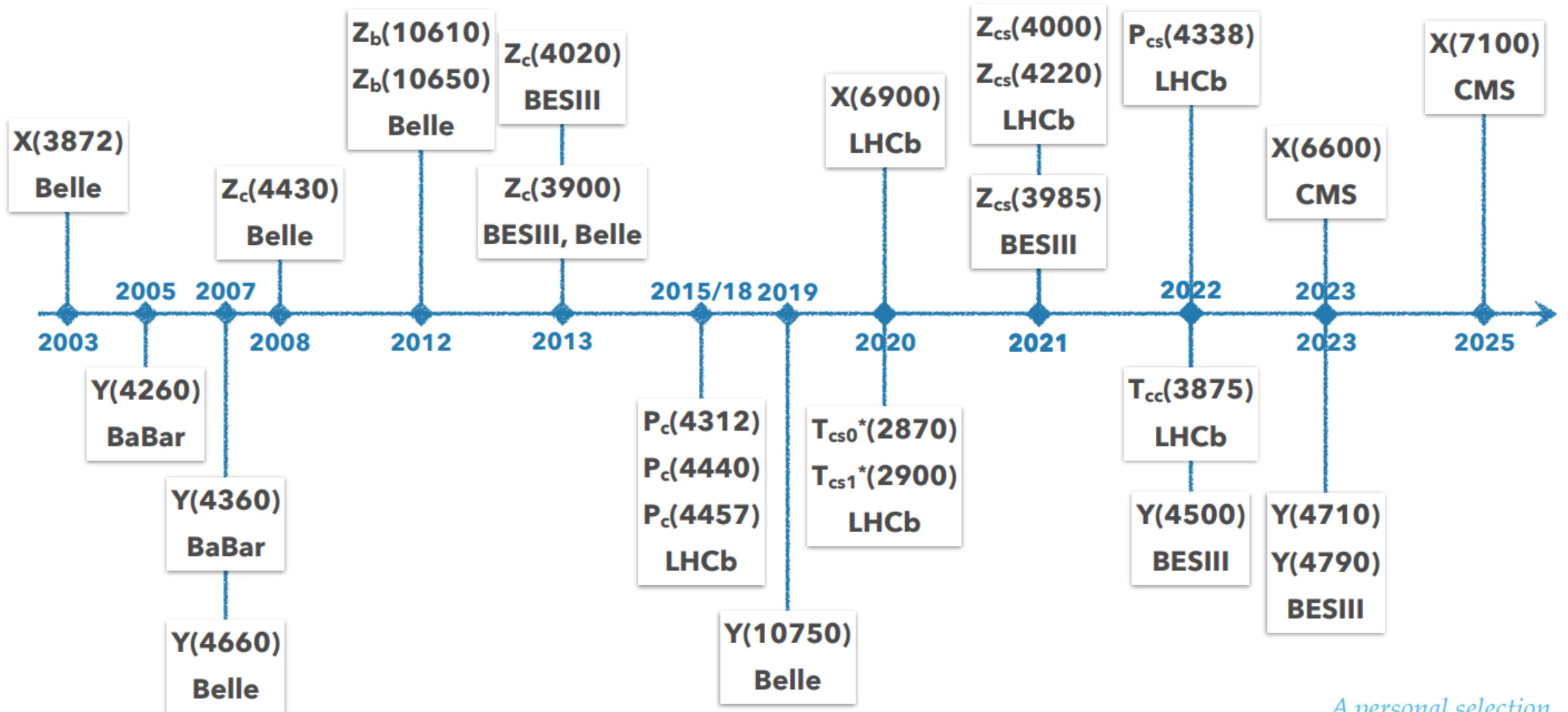
anti-triplet as anti-quarks  $\bar{q}$ . Baryons can now be constructed from quarks by using the combinations  $(qqq)$ ,  $(qqq\bar{q})$ , etc., while mesons are made out of  $(q\bar{q})$ ,  $(qq\bar{q}\bar{q})$ , etc. It is assuming that the lowest baryon configuration  $(qqq)$  gives just the representations 1, 8, and 10 that have been observed, while the lowest meson configuration  $(q\bar{q})$  similarly gives just 1 and 8.

- **Exotic hadrons:**



# Exotic Hadron Candidates

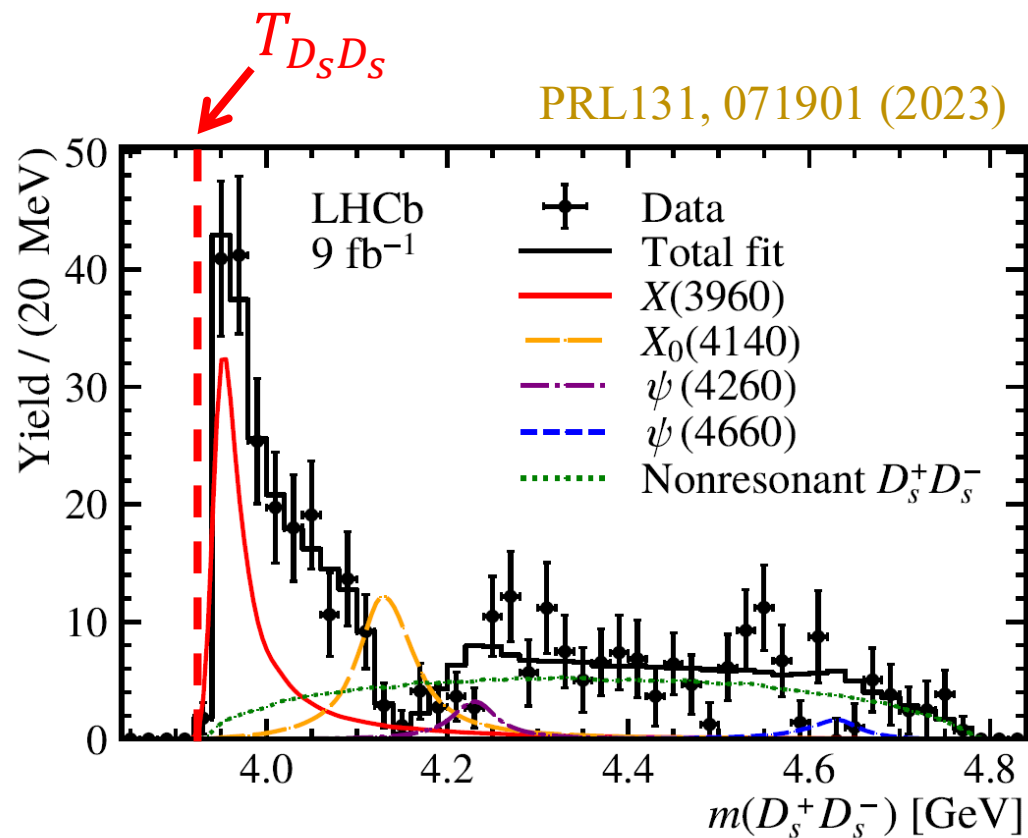
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# Experiment data

- Observed  $X(3960)$  in  $B^+ \rightarrow D_s^+ D_s^- K^+$

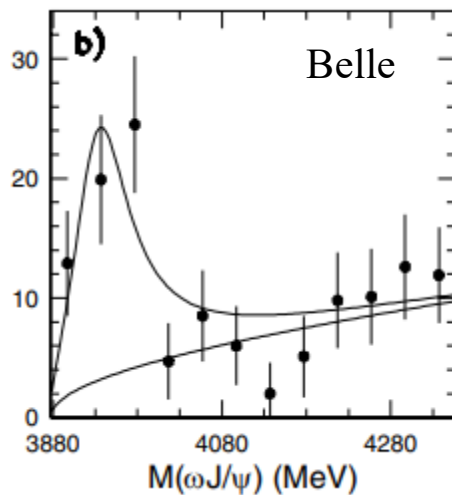


- $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$
- $M = 3956 \pm 5 \pm 10$  MeV
- $\Gamma = 43 \pm 12 \pm 8$  MeV

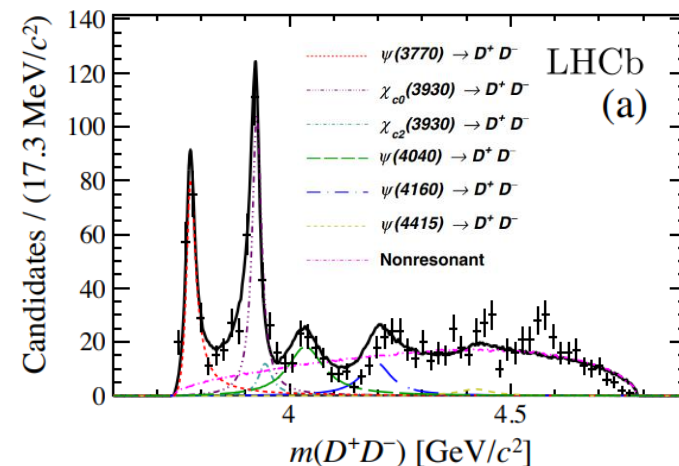
$$T_{D_s D_s} = 3936.7 \text{ MeV}$$

- $X(3915)$  observed by BaBar, BES, Belle, LHCb, and other experiments.

PRL 94, 182002 (2005)



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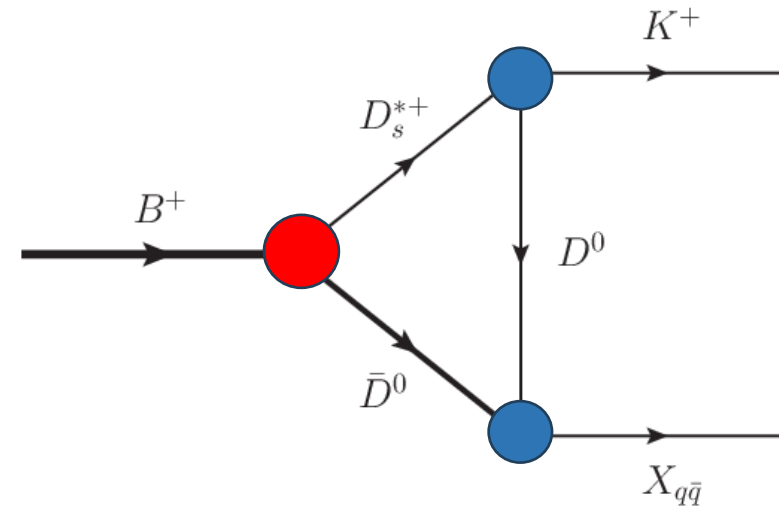
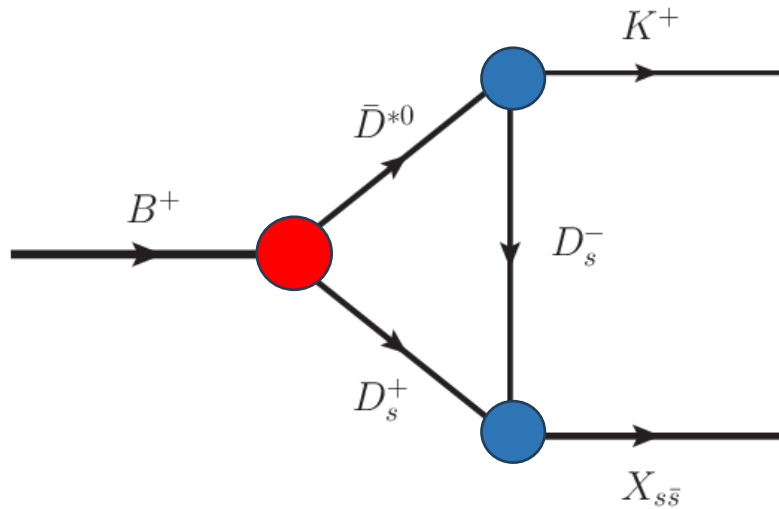


- $M = 3922.1 \pm 1.8$  MeV (PDG)
- $M_{\chi_{c0}} = 3923.8 \pm 1.5 \pm 0.4$  MeV (LHCb)
- $M_{\chi_{c2}} = 3926.8 \pm 2.4 \pm 0.8$  MeV (LHCb)

# Theoretical research

- The coupled-channel  $D\bar{D}$  and  $D_s\bar{D}_s$  interaction have been investigated by both the **chiral unitary approach** [PRD107, 034007 (2023)] and **lattice QCD** [JHEP06, 035 (2021)], where both methods consistently predict the existence of  $D\bar{D}$  and  $D_s\bar{D}_s$  bound states.
- The freshly measured  $D_s^+D_s^-$  invariant mass distribution in the  $B^+ \rightarrow D_s^+D_s^-K^+$  reaction can be well described by a  $D_s\bar{D}_s$  bound or virtual state below threshold [PRD106, 094002 (2022)].
- The existence of  $D\bar{D}$  and  $D_s\bar{D}_s$  bound states have been studied in various approaches, like **Bethe-Salpeter equation** [Progr.Phys. 41, 65-93 (2021), EPJC81, 732 (2021), PRD105, 114019 (2022)], **potential model** [CPC41, 053105 (2017)], **Lippmann-Schwinger equation** [Sci.Bull. 66, 1288-1295 (2021)], **coupled-channel Bethe-Salpeter equation** [PRD112, 016003 (2025)], and **unitarized coupled channel framework** [Phys.Rev.D 76 (2007) 074016].
- The production of  $D\bar{D}$  and  $D_s\bar{D}_s$  bound states been studied in the  $B \rightarrow XK$  [PRD107, 016003 (2023) and EPJC76, 121(2016)],  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow D\bar{D}$  [PRD103, 054008 (2021) and PLB827, 136982 (2022)],  $\psi(3770) \rightarrow \gamma D\bar{D}$  [EPHJC 80, 510 (2020)],  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda D\bar{D}$  [PRD103, 114013 (2021)],  $B^- \rightarrow K^- \eta \eta_c$  [PRD109, 094014 (2024)], and  $B^- \rightarrow K^- J/\psi \omega$  [EPJC83, 309 (2023)].
- The decay of  $X(3915)$  as  $D_s\bar{D}_s$  bound states also been study in Ref. [PRD 91, 114014 (2015) and CPC50, 022001(2026)].
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# $B \rightarrow XK$ in the Bethe-Salpeter equation



- The decay  $B \rightarrow XK$  consists of a weak-interaction part and a strong-interaction part.
- The weak process  $B \rightarrow \bar{D}^* D$  is treated within the naive factorization approach.
- The strong-interaction part is described by the effective Lagrangian and the Bethe–Salpeter equation.

$$\mathcal{M} = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \mathcal{A}_{weak}(B \rightarrow \bar{D}^* D) \Gamma(\bar{D}^* \rightarrow \bar{D} K) \chi_P(p) \quad D = (D^0, D^+, D_s^+)$$

# The weak interaction

- Within the naive factorization framework, the decay amplitude for  $B \rightarrow \bar{D}^* D$  is given by

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{weak}} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} v_{cb} v_{cs} a_1 \langle D^{(*)} | s\bar{c} | 0 \rangle \langle \bar{D}^{(*)} | c\bar{b} | B \rangle$$

- The matrix elements of pseudoscalar and vector mesons with the vacuum can be parameterized as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle D_s^+ | c\bar{s} | 0 \rangle &= f_{D_s^+} p_{D_s^+}^\mu \\ \langle D_s^{*+} | \bar{s}c | 0 \rangle &= m_{D_s^{*+}} f_{D_s^{*+}} \epsilon_\mu^* \end{aligned}$$

- The weak-current transition matrix elements for  $B \rightarrow \bar{D}^{*0} / \bar{D}^0$

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle \bar{D}^{*0} | c\bar{b} | B^+ \rangle \\ &= \epsilon_\beta^* \left\{ i \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} P_\mu q_\nu \frac{V(q^2)}{m_{\bar{D}^{*0}} + m_{B^+}} - g^{\alpha\beta} (m_{\bar{D}^{*0}} + m_{B^+}) A_1(q^2) + P^\alpha P^\beta \frac{A_2(q^2)}{m_{\bar{D}^{*0}} + m_{B^+}} + q^\alpha P^\beta \left[ \frac{m_{\bar{D}^{*0}} + m_{B^+}}{q^2} A_1(q^2) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \frac{m_{B^+} - m_{\bar{D}^{*0}}}{q^2} A_2(q^2) - \frac{2m_{\bar{D}^{*0}}}{q^2} A_0(q^2) \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle \bar{D}^0 | c\bar{b} | B^+ \rangle = [(p_{B^+} + p_{\bar{D}^0})^\mu - \frac{m_{B^+}^2 - m_{\bar{D}^0}^2}{q'^2} q'^\mu] F_{1D}(q'^2) + \frac{m_{B^+}^2 - m_{\bar{D}^0}^2}{q'^2} q'^\mu F_{0D}(q'^2)$$

# Factorization parameter

- The decay constants  $f_{D_S^+}$  and  $f_{D_S^{*+}}$  take from Ref. [EPJC80, 113 (2020) ]

$$f_{D_S^+} = 250 \text{ MeV}$$

$$f_{D_S^{*+}} = 272 \text{ MeV}$$

- The form factors of  $F_{1,0D}(t)$ ,  $A_{0,1,2}(t)$ , and  $V(t)$  with  $t \equiv q^{(\prime)2}$  are parameterized as

$$F(t) = \frac{F(0)}{1 - a(t/m_B^2) + b(t/m_B^2)}$$

with  $(F_{1D}(0), a, b) = (0.67, 1.22, 0.36)$ ,  $(F_{0D}(0), a, b) = (0.67, 0.63, 0.01)$ ,

$(A_0(0), a, b) = (0.68, 1.21, 0.36)$ ,  $(A_{-1}(0), a, b) = (0.65, 0.60, 0.00)$ ,

$(A_2(0), a, b) = (0.61, 1.12, 0.31)$ , and  $(V(0), a, b) = (0.77, 1.25, 0.38)$ .

J. Phys. G 39, 025005 (2012).

# Strong interaction

- $\Gamma(\bar{D}^* \rightarrow \bar{D}K)$  is described by the effective Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{D}^*\mathcal{D}\mathcal{P}} = -ig_{\mathcal{D}^*\mathcal{D}\mathcal{P}}(D_i^\dagger \partial_\mu \mathcal{P}_{ij} D_j^{*\mu} - D_i^{*\mu\dagger} \partial_\mu \mathcal{P}_{ij} D_j) + \text{H.c.}$$

- The  $D\bar{D}$  and  $D_s\bar{D}_s$  bound state are characterized by the **Bethe-Salpeter wave function**

$$\chi_P(x_1, x_2) = \langle 0 | T \phi(x_1) \bar{\phi}(x_2) | P \rangle = e^{-iPX} \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ipx} \chi_P(p),$$

- In momentum space, the Bethe–Salpeter equation takes the form

$$\chi_P(p) = S(p_1) \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} K(P, p, q) \chi_P(q) S(p_2)$$

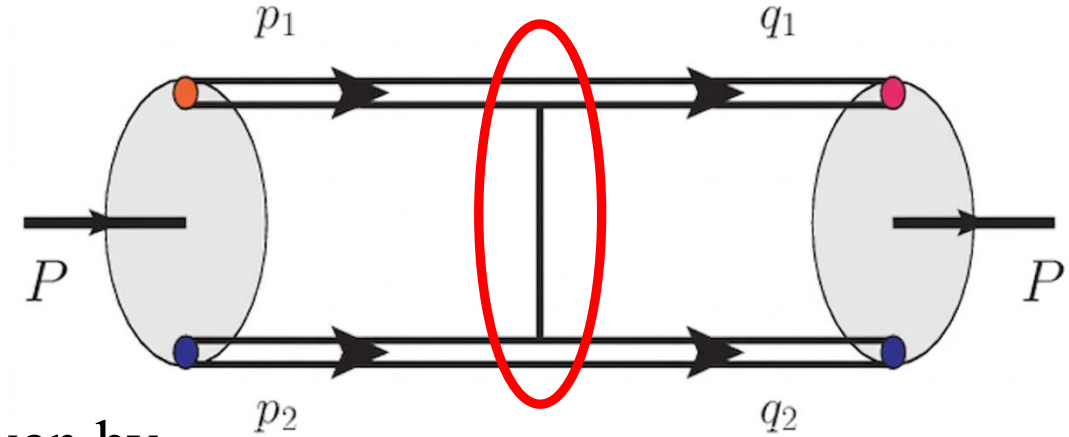
- The normalization condition for the Bethe–Salpeter wave function is

$$i \int \frac{d^4 p d^4 p'}{(2\pi)^8} \bar{\chi}_P(p) \frac{\partial}{\partial P_0} [I_P(p, p') + \bar{K}_P(p, p')] \chi_P(p') = 1$$

# Bethe-Salpeter equation

- The effective Lagrangian for the  $DD\mathcal{V}$  interaction

$$\mathcal{L}_{DD\mathcal{V}} = -ig_{DD\mathcal{V}} D_i^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu D_j(\mathcal{V})_{ij} + \text{H.c.}$$



- At tree level, the  $t$ -channel interaction kernel is given by

$$K_P(p, p') = (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p'_1 + p'_2 - p_1 - p_2) g_{DD\mathcal{V}}^2 (p_1 + p'_1)^\mu (p_2 + p'_2)^\nu \Delta_{\mu\nu}(k)$$

- A form factor is introduced at each vertex

$$F(k^2) = \frac{\Lambda^2 - m^2}{\Lambda^2 - k^2}$$

with  $\Lambda = \alpha\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} + m$ .

# Bethe-Salpeter equation

- In the covariant instantaneous approximation

$$p_l = q_l = 0$$

$$p_l = p \cdot v$$

$$p_t = p - p_l v$$

- The interaction kernel is constructed from vector-meson exchanges:

$\rho$  and  $\omega$  for the  $D\bar{D}$  system

$\phi$  for the  $D_s\bar{D}_s$  system:

- The coupling constants

1) hidden gauge symmetry approach  $g_{DDV} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \beta g_V \approx 3.69$   
PRD68, 114001(2003)

with  $\beta \approx 0.9$  and  $g_V \approx 5.8$

2) LQCD  $g_{DD\rho} = 4.84 \pm 0.34$  PLB719, 103 (2013)

3) LCSR  $g_{DD\rho} = 2.64 \pm 0.58$ ,  $g_{D_s D_s \phi} = 2.9 \pm 0.68$  EPJ.C 52, 553 (2007)

4) LCSR(next-to-leading order)  $g_{DD\rho} = 4.30^{+0.82}_{-0.72}$ , JHEP03, 106(2025)

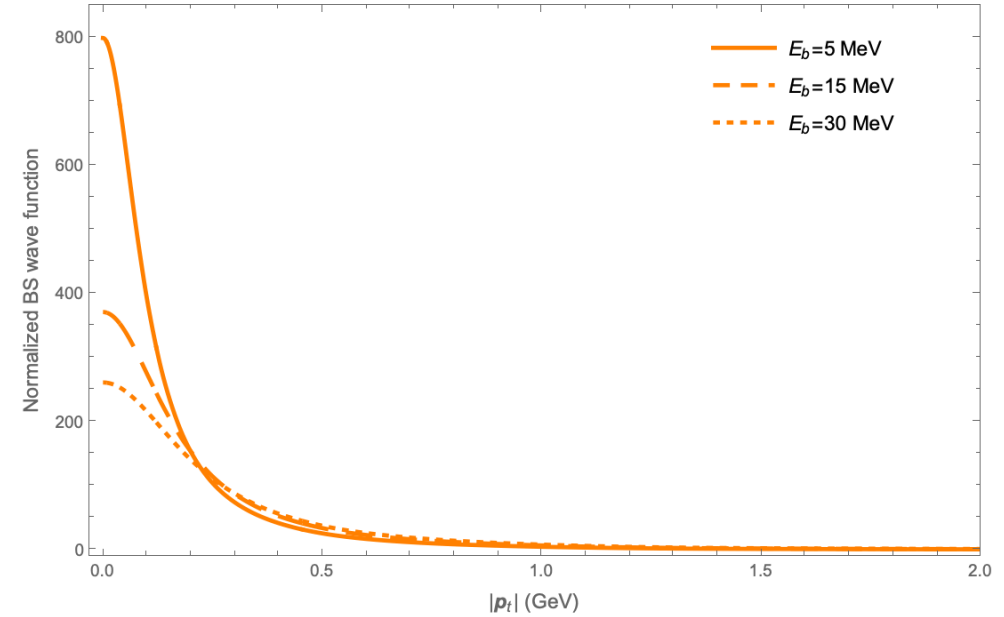
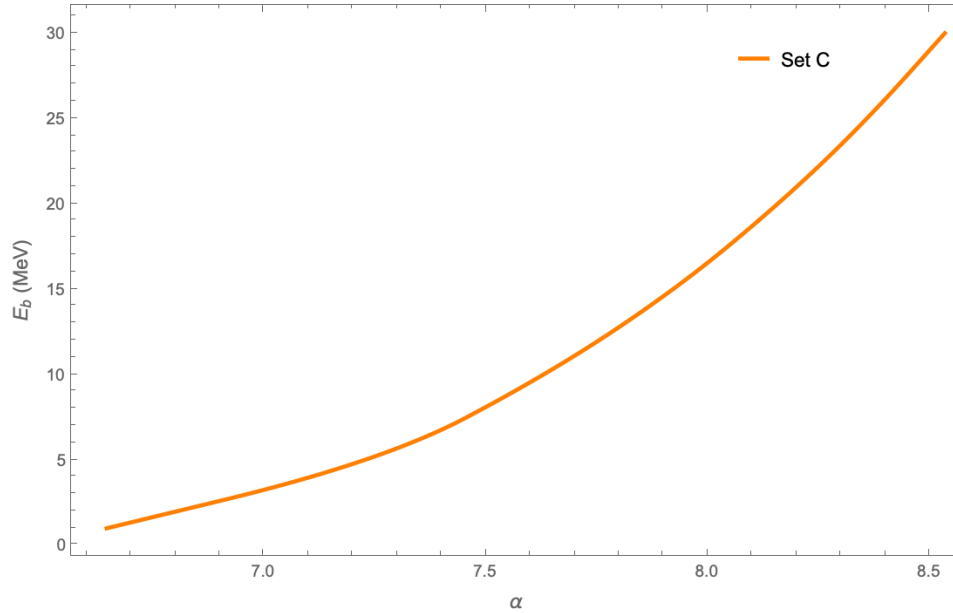
$$g_{DD\omega} = 2.80^{+0.54}_{-0.48}, g_{D_s D_s \phi} = 3.65^{+0.93}_{-0.59}$$

Set A: **Lower limit**, Set B: **Central value**, Set C: **Upper limit**

# $D_S \bar{D}_S$ and $D \bar{D}$ Bethe-Salpeter equation results (Preliminary)

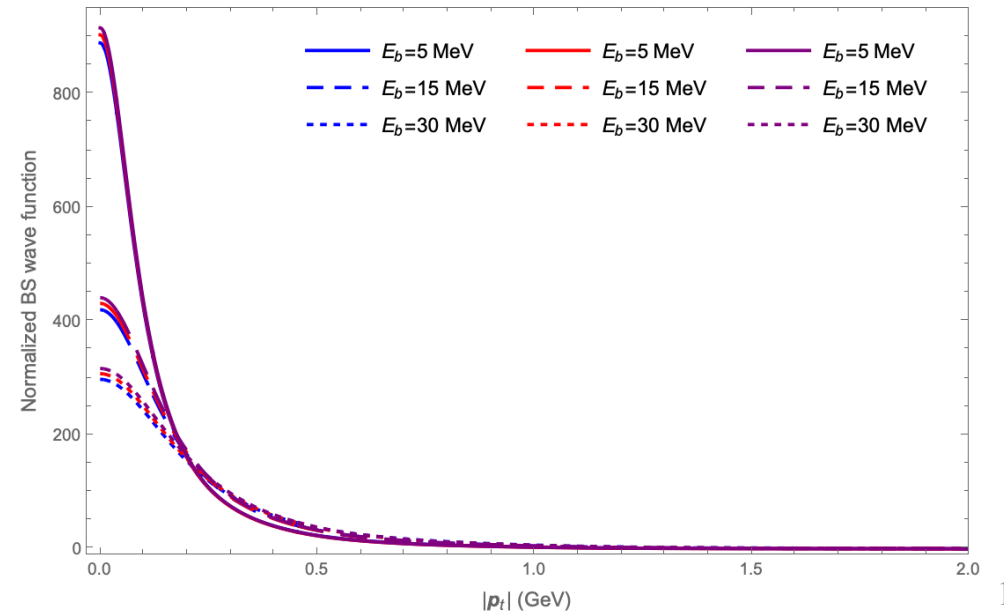
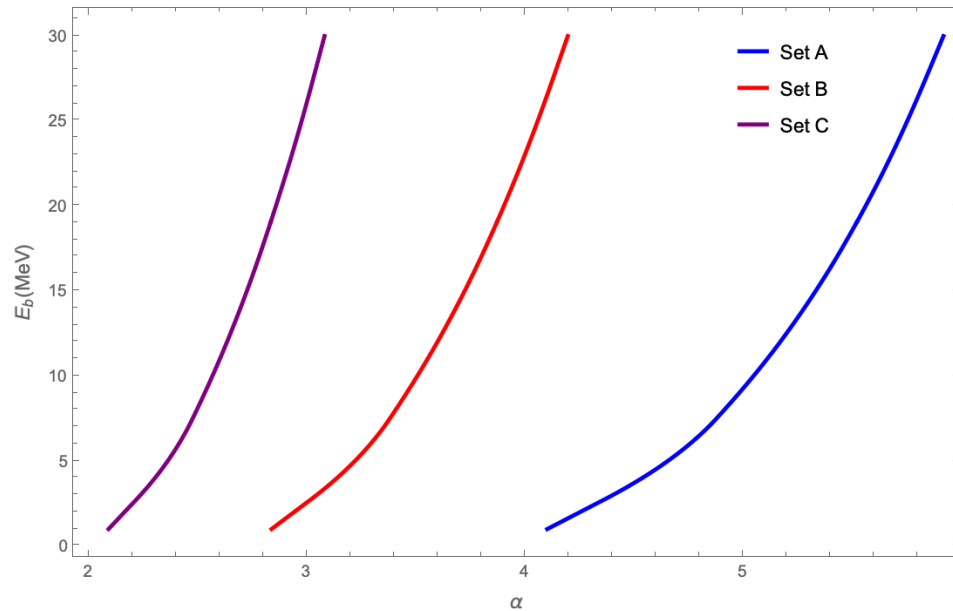
$\mathcal{G}_{D_S D_S \phi}$

Set A: **3.06** ✗  
 Set B: **3.65** ✗  
 Set C: **4.58** ✓



$\mathcal{G}_{DD\rho}$      $\mathcal{G}_{DD\omega}$

Set A: **3.58**    **2.32**  
 Set B: **4.30**    **2.80**  
 Set C: **5.12**    **3.34**



# The amplitudes for $B^+ \rightarrow X_{ss}K^+$ and $B^+ \rightarrow X_{qq}K^+$

- The amplitudes of  $B^+ \rightarrow D_s^+ \bar{D}^{*0}$  and  $B^+ \rightarrow D_s^{*+} \bar{D}^0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow D_s^+ \bar{D}^{*0}) \\
 &= \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} V_{cs}^* a_1 f_{D_s} \frac{\epsilon_\alpha^*}{m_B + m_{D^*}} \left\{ -q^\alpha (m_{B^+} + m_{\bar{D}^{*0}}) A_1(q^2) + q^\mu P_\mu P_\alpha A_2(q^2) \right. \\
 & \left. + P_\alpha \left[ (m_{B^+} + m_{\bar{D}^{*0}})^2 A_1(q^2) - (m_{B^+}^2 - m_{\bar{D}^{*0}}^2) A_2(q^2) - 2m_{\bar{D}^{*0}} (m_{B^+} + m_{\bar{D}^{*0}}) A_0(q^2) \right] \right\} \\
 &= \mathcal{M}^\alpha (B^+ \rightarrow D_s^+ \bar{D}^{*0}) \epsilon_\alpha^*
 \end{aligned}$$

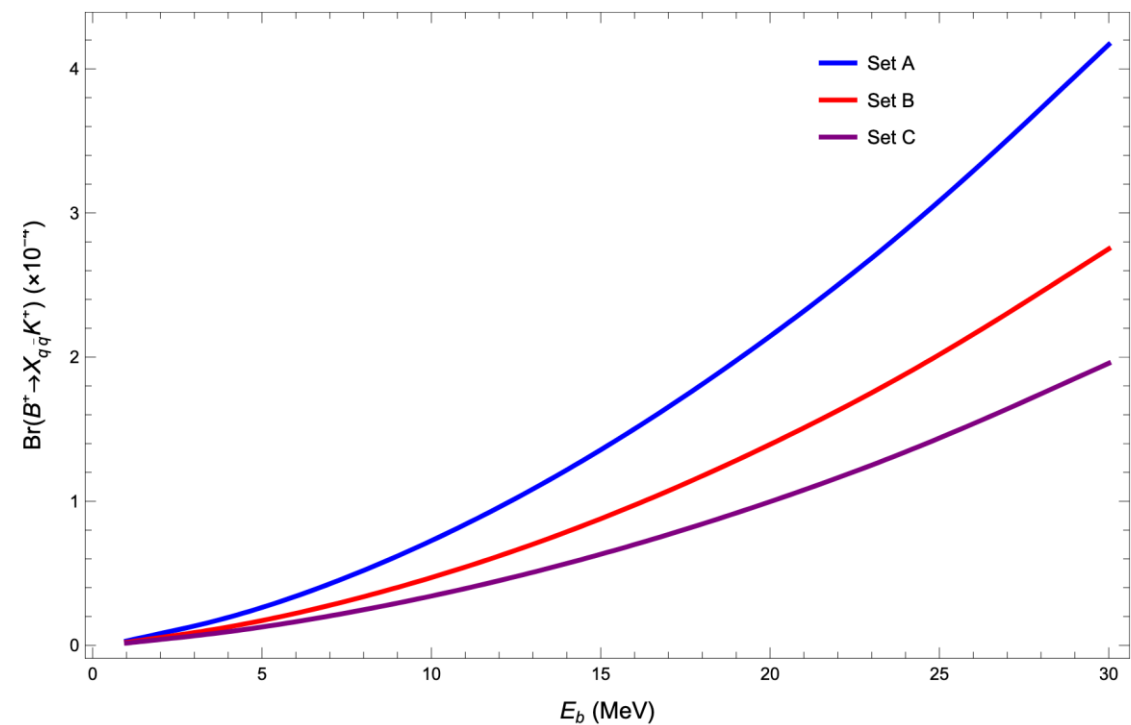
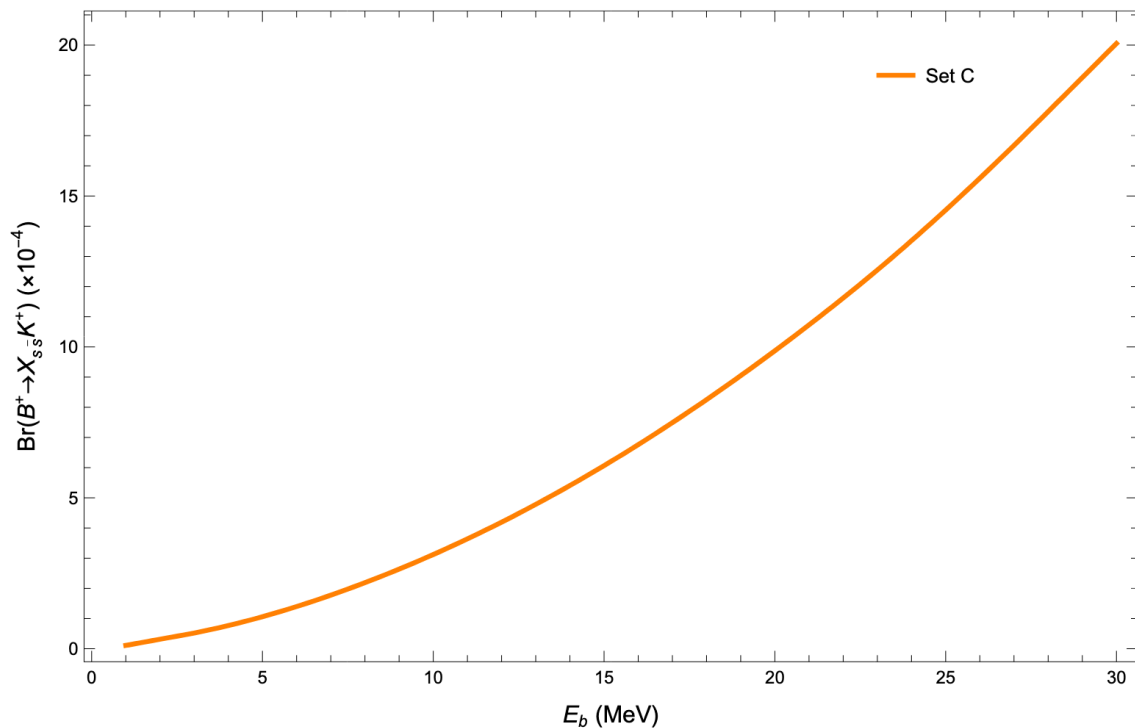
$$\mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow D_s^{*+} \bar{D}^0) = \frac{2G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} V_{cs} a'_1 m_{D_s^{*+}} f_{D_s^{*+}} \epsilon_\alpha p_{\bar{D}^0}^\alpha F_{1D}(q'^2) = \mathcal{M}^\alpha (B^+ \rightarrow D_s^{*+} \bar{D}^0) \epsilon_\alpha$$

- The amplitudes for  $B^+ \rightarrow X_{ss}K^+$  and  $B^+ \rightarrow X_{qq}K^+$

$$\mathcal{M}_{B^+ \rightarrow X_{ss}K^+} = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} g_{\bar{D}^* \bar{D}_s K} \mathcal{M}^\alpha (B^+ \rightarrow D_s^+ \bar{D}^{*0}) p_{K^+}^\beta \frac{-i(g_{\alpha\beta} - p_{\bar{D}^{*0}\alpha} p_{\bar{D}^{*0}\beta} / m_{\bar{D}^{*0}}^2)}{p_{\bar{D}^{*0}}^2 - m_{\bar{D}^{*0}}^2 + im_{\bar{D}^{*0}} \Gamma_{\bar{D}^{*0}}} \chi_P(p)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{B^+ \rightarrow X_{qq}K^+} = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} g_{\bar{D}_s^* DK} \mathcal{M}^\alpha (B^+ \rightarrow D_s^{*+} \bar{D}^0) p_{K^+}^\beta \frac{-i(g_{\alpha\beta} - p_{D_s^{*+}\alpha} p_{D_s^{*+}\beta} / m_{D_s^{*+}}^2)}{p_{D_s^{*+}}^2 - m_{D_s^{*+}}^2 + im_{D_s^{*+}} \Gamma_{D_s^{*+}}} \chi_P(p)$$

# Branching ratios (Preliminary)



Decay modes	Our results	PRD107, 016003 (2023)	Exp[PDG]
$B^+ \rightarrow X_{s\bar{s}} K^+$	$(0.11 \sim 20.06) \times 10^{-4}$	$(2.1 \sim 17.0) \times 10^{-4}$	$\text{Br}(B^+ \rightarrow X(3915)K^+) < 2.8 \times 10^{-4}$
$B^+ \rightarrow X_{q\bar{q}} K^+$	$(0.0156 \sim 4.17) \times 10^{-4}$	$(0.9 \sim 6.7) \times 10^{-4}$	$\text{Br}(B^+ \rightarrow \eta_c \eta K^+) < 2.2 \times 10^{-4}$

# Summary

- ✓ The  $D\bar{D}$  and  $D_s\bar{D}_s$  systems have been studied within the Bethe–Salpeter framework.
  - The  $D\bar{D}$  system can form a bound state.
  - Whether the  $D_s\bar{D}_s$  system can form a bound state requires further investigation.
  - The coupling constants significantly affect the existence of the bound state and the value of the binding energy.
  
- ✓ The branching ratios of  $B^+ \rightarrow X_{s\bar{s}}K^+$  and  $B^+ \rightarrow X_{q\bar{q}}K^+$  have been studied.
  - The binding energy significantly affects the decay branching ratio.

Thank you for your attention !