

# Theoretical study of the $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \eta \eta$ and $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \eta$ reactions

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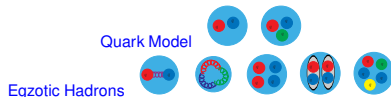
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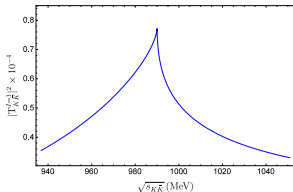
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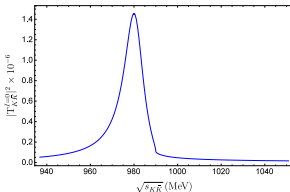
- The nature of the low-lying light scalar resonances are still problematic
- Their nature is still discussed, either as  $q\bar{q}$ , hybrids, tetraquarks and meson-meson molecules.



- Both  $a_0(980)$  and  $f_0(980)$  have a mass around the  $K\bar{K}$  threshold, and couple to  $K\bar{K}$



(a)  $K\bar{K}$  amplitude in  $I = 1$ ; couples to  $a_0(980)$ ,



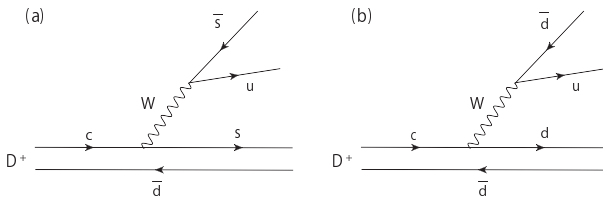
(b)  $K\bar{K}$  amplitude in  $I = 0$ ; couples to  $f_0(980)$

- CLEO Collaboration measured the branching ratio of  $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \eta$  (M. Artuso et al. [CLEO Collaboration], Phys. Rev. D 77, 092003(2008))
- BESIII Collaboration : amplitude analysis of the decay  $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \eta$  and the W-annihilation dominant decays  $D_s^+ \rightarrow a_0(980)^+ \pi^0$ ,  $D_s^+ \rightarrow a_0(980)^0 \pi^+$  (M. Ablikim et al. PRL 123, 112001 (2019))
- BESIII Collaboration measured the absolute branching fractions of the  $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \eta \eta$  and  $D^{0(+)} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^{-(0)} \eta$  reactions (M. Ablikim et al. PRD 101, 052009 (2020))
- The  $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \eta$  decay and the nature of  $a_0(980)$  (R. Molina, J.J. Xie, WH. Liang, L.S. Geng, E. Oset Phys. Lett. B803(2020)135279) ( R. Molina, Monday,P.S. A1, 17:45)
- Role of scalar  $a_0(980)$  in the single Cabibbo Suppressed process  $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \eta$  (MY. Duan, JY. Wang, GY. Wang, E. Wang, DM. Li, Eur. Phys.J. C 80, 1041 (2020))

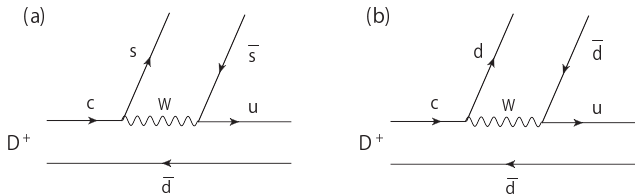
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# Weak Decay

- External emission: (a) Cabibbo suppressed  $Wu\bar{s}$  vertex, (b) Cabibbo suppressed  $Wcd$  vertex.



- Internal emission: (a) Cabibbo suppressed  $W\bar{s}u$  vertex, (b) Cabibbo suppressed  $Wcd$  vertex.



# Hadronization

- Hadronization  $\Rightarrow$  a  $\bar{q}q$  pair SU(3) singlet  $\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d + \bar{s}s$
- The hadronization of the  $u\bar{s}$  pair as:

$$u\bar{s} \rightarrow \sum_i u\bar{q}_i q_i \bar{s} = \sum_i M_{1i} M_{i3} = (M^2)_{13}, \quad (1)$$

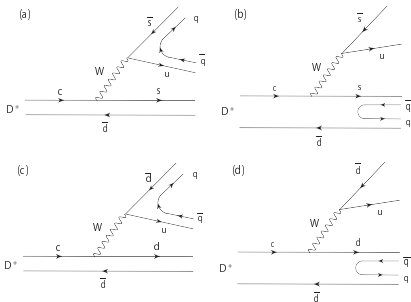
$M$  is the  $q\bar{q}$  matrix  $\Rightarrow$  in terms of physical mesons

$$M \rightarrow P \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{3}} & \pi^+ & K^+ \\ \pi^- & -\frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{3}} & K^0 \\ K^- & \bar{K}^0 & -\frac{\eta}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$



# Hadronization: external emission

$$(a) : (M^2)_{13} \bar{K}^0 = \left( \frac{\pi^0 K^+}{\sqrt{2}} + \pi^+ K^0 \right) \bar{K}^0, \quad (b) : (M^2)_{32} K^+ = \left( K^- \pi^+ - \frac{\pi^0 \bar{K}^0}{\sqrt{2}} \right) K^+, \quad (3)$$



$$(c) : (M^2)_{12} \left( -\frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \eta \pi^+ + K^+ \bar{K}^0 \right) \left( -\frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{3}} \right), \quad (4)$$

$$(d) : (M^2)_{22} \pi^+ = \left( \pi^- \pi^+ + \frac{\pi^0 \pi^0}{2} + \frac{\eta \eta}{3} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \pi^0 \eta + K^0 \bar{K}^0 \right) \pi^+, \quad (5)$$

# Hadronization: external emission

- (a) and (c) [(b) and (d)]  $\Rightarrow$  the same topology and the same Cabibbo suppressing factor

$$H_1 = \pi^+ K^0 \bar{K}^0 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \eta \pi^+ \pi^0 + \frac{2}{3} \eta \eta \pi^+ + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \pi^0 K^+ \bar{K}^0, \quad (6)$$

$$H_2 = K^+ K^- \pi^+ + K^0 \bar{K}^0 \pi^+ - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \pi^0 \bar{K}^0 K^+ \quad (7)$$

$$+ \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ + \frac{1}{2} \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^+ + \frac{1}{3} \eta \eta \pi^+ - \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \pi^0 \eta \pi^+.$$

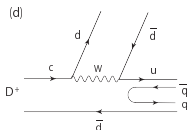
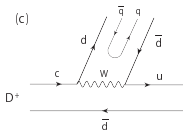
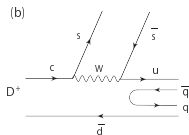
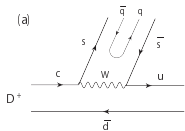
$$H_2 \equiv -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \pi^0 \bar{K}^0 K^+ + \frac{1}{3} \eta \eta \pi^- - \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \pi^0 \eta \pi^+.$$

- $K^- K^+ + K^0 \bar{K}^0 \Rightarrow I = 0$  and  $\pi^0 \eta \Rightarrow I = 1 \Rightarrow (K^- K^+ + K^0 \bar{K}^0) \pi^+$  cannot give rise to  $\pi^0 \eta \pi^+$
- $\pi^+ \pi^- + \frac{\pi^0 \pi^0}{2} \Rightarrow I = 0$  and hence cannot give  $\pi^0 \eta$
- Contribute to  $\eta \eta \pi^+$  production but  $\eta \eta$  is far away from the narrow  $f_0(980)$  resonance

# Hadronization: internal emission

$$(a) : (M^2)_{33}\pi^+ = \left( K^- K^+ + \bar{K}^0 K^0 + \frac{\eta\eta}{3} \right) \pi^+, \quad (8)$$

$$(b) : (M^2)_{12} \left( -\frac{\eta}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \eta \pi^+ + K^+ \bar{K}^0 \right) \left( -\frac{\eta}{\sqrt{3}} \right), \quad (9)$$



$$(c) : (M^2)_{22}\pi^+ = \left( \pi^- \pi^+ + \frac{\pi^0 \pi^0}{2} + \frac{\eta\eta}{3} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \pi^0 \eta + K^0 \bar{K}^0 \right) \pi^+, \quad (10)$$

$$(d) : (M^2)_{12} \left( -\frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \eta \pi^+ + K^+ \bar{K}^0 \right) \left( -\frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{3}} \right). \quad (11)$$

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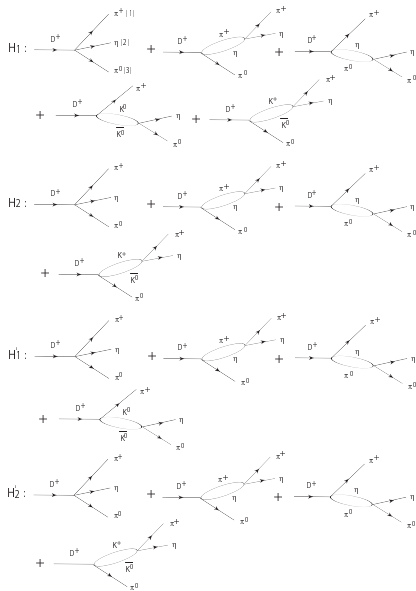
$$H'_1 = K^- K^+ \pi^+ + 2K^0 \bar{K}^0 \pi^+ + \frac{2}{3} \eta \eta \pi^+ + \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^+ \quad (12)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^+ - \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \pi^0 \eta \pi^+,$$

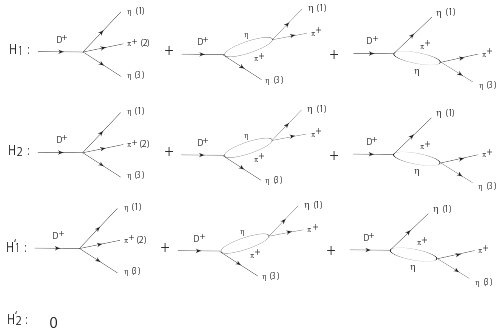
$$H'_1 \equiv -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \pi^0 \eta \pi^+ + K^0 \bar{K}^0 \pi^+ + \frac{2}{3} \eta \eta \pi^+,$$

$$H'_2 = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \eta \pi^0 \pi^+ - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \pi^0 K^+ \bar{K}^0. \quad (13)$$

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# Formalism: the amplitudes:

we give weights to the different terms;

$$H_1 \rightarrow A\beta, \quad H_2 \rightarrow A, \quad H'_1 \rightarrow B, \quad H'_2 \rightarrow B\gamma. \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 t_{D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \eta} &= \left( h_{\pi^+ \pi^0 \eta} A\beta + \bar{h}_{\pi^+ \pi^0 \eta} A + h'_{\pi^+ \pi^0 \eta} B + \bar{h}'_{\pi^+ \pi^0 \eta} B\gamma \right) \\
 &\quad \cdot \left( 1 + G_{\pi\eta}(M_{\text{inv}}(\pi^+ \eta)) t_{\pi^+, \pi^+ \eta}(M_{\text{inv}}(\pi^+ \eta)) + G_{\pi\eta}(M_{\text{inv}}(\pi^0 \eta)) t_{\pi^0 \eta, \pi^0 \eta}(M_{\text{inv}}(\pi^0 \eta)) \right) \\
 &+ \left( h_{\pi^+ K^0 \bar{K}^0} A\beta + h'_{\pi^+ K^0 \bar{K}^0} B \right) G_{K\bar{K}}(M_{\text{inv}}(\pi^0 \eta)) t_{K^0 \bar{K}^0, \pi^0 \eta}(M_{\text{inv}}(\pi^0 \eta)) \\
 &+ \left( h_{\pi^0 K^+ \bar{K}^0} A\beta + \bar{h}_{\pi^0 K^+ \bar{K}^0} A + \bar{h}'_{\pi^0 K^+ \bar{K}^0} B\gamma \right) G_{K\bar{K}}(M_{\text{inv}}(\pi^+ \eta)) t_{K^+ \bar{K}^0, \pi^+ \eta}(M_{\text{inv}}(\pi^+ \eta)), \quad (15) \\
 t_{D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \eta \eta} &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \left( h_{\pi^+ \eta \eta} A\beta + \bar{h}_{\pi^+ \eta \eta} A + h'_{\pi^+ \eta \eta} B \right) \\
 &\quad \cdot \left( 1 + G_{\pi\eta}(M_{\text{inv}}(\pi^+ \eta(1))) t_{\pi^+, \pi^+ \eta}(M_{\text{inv}}(\pi^+ \eta(1))) \right) \\
 &+ G_{\pi\eta}(M_{\text{inv}}(\pi^+ \eta(3))) t_{\pi^+, \pi^+ \eta}(M_{\text{inv}}(\pi^+ \eta(3))), \quad (16)
 \end{aligned}$$

# The scattering matrices and the differential width

- The Bethe-Salpeter equation

$$T = [1 - VG]^{-1} V$$



- The chiral unitary approach with the coupled channels,  $K^+K^-$ ,  $K^0\bar{K}^0$ ,  $\pi^0\eta$
- The differential width:

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{dM_{\text{inv}}(12)dM_{\text{inv}}(23)} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{M_{\text{inv}}(12)M_{\text{inv}}(23)}{8m_{D^+}^3} |t|^2 \quad (17)$$



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$$\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \eta) = (1.38 \pm 0.35) \times 10^{-3}. \quad (18)$$

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$$\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \eta \eta) = (2.96 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-3}, \quad (19)$$

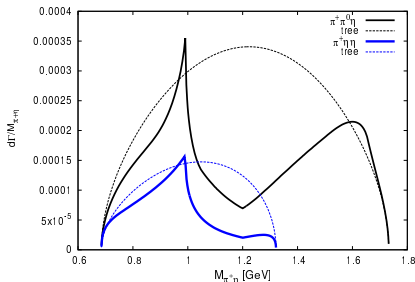
$$\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \eta) = (2.23 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-3}. \quad (20)$$

- $A, \beta, B, \gamma$ :  $A = 1$  or  $-1$  and find a set of three parameters  $\beta, B, \gamma$  that provide a ratio of

$$R = \mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \eta \eta) / \mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \eta) = 1.33 \pm 0.16, \quad (21)$$

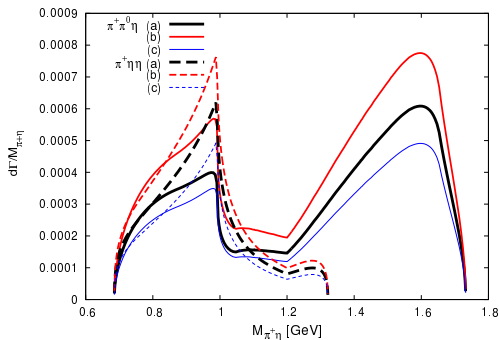
# Results

- $A = 1$ ;  $B \in [0.1, 0.6]$ ;  $\beta \in [-1, 3.0]$ ;  $\gamma \in [0.3, 1.5]$
- $A = 1, \beta = 1, B = \frac{1}{3}, \gamma = 1$



$d\Gamma/dM_{\text{inv}}(\pi^+\eta)$  for  $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0\eta$  and  $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\eta\eta$  and the phase space of  $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0\eta$  and  $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\eta\eta$

- Differential cross sections for  $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \eta$  (solid lines) and  $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \eta \eta$  (dashed lines)



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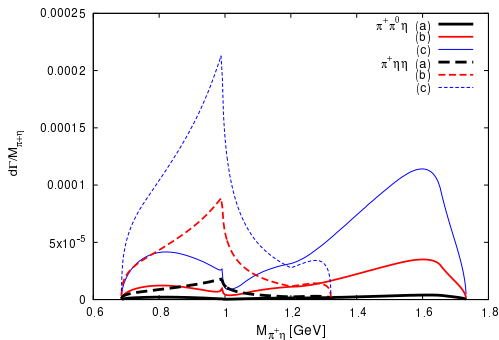
(a)  $\beta = 3.0$ ,  $B = 0.15$ ,  $\gamma = 0.33$ ,  $R = 0.46$ ,

(b)  $\beta = 3.0$ ,  $B = 0.55$ ,  $\gamma = 0.33$ ,  $R = 0.44$ ,

(c)  $\beta = 2.6$ ,  $B = 0.15$ ,  $\gamma = 0.33$ ,  $R = 0.45$ . (22)

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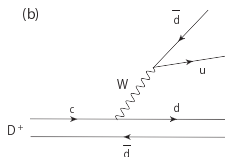
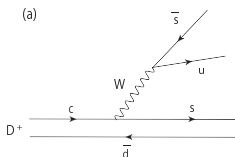
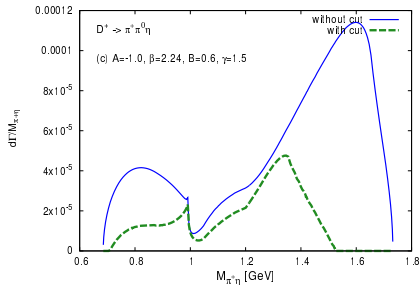
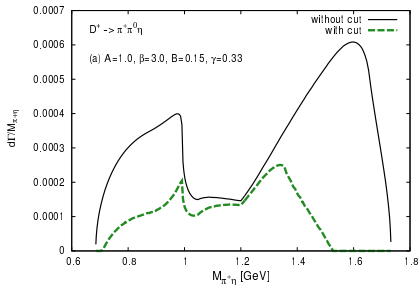
$$(a) \quad \beta = 0.72, \quad B = 0.6, \quad \gamma = 1.21, \quad R = 2.22,$$

$$(b) \quad \beta = 1.48, \quad B = 0.6, \quad \gamma = 1.50, \quad R = 1.35,$$

$$(c) \quad \beta = 2.24, \quad B = 0.6, \quad \gamma = 1.50, \quad R = 1.00. \quad (23)$$

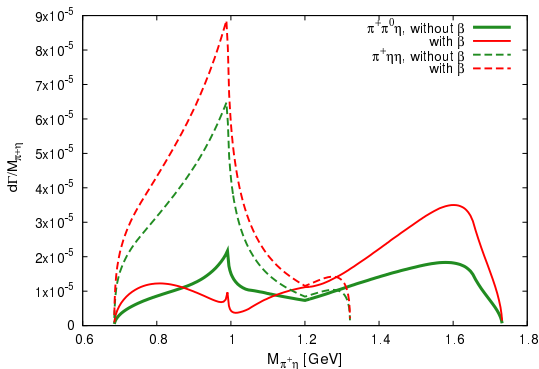
# Results for $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0\eta$ with and without the cut $M_{\text{inv}}(\pi^+\pi^0) > 1 \text{ GeV}$

- to remove the  $\rho^+\eta$  contribution (Fig. (b))  $\Rightarrow$  a cut  $M_{\text{inv}}(\pi^+\pi^0) > 1 \text{ GeV}$



# Results

- Mass distributions with and without  $\beta$  term.
- $A = -1$ ,  $B = -0.68$ .  $\gamma = -1.5$  for which  $R = 1.35$
- $A = -1$ ,  $\beta = 1.48$ ,  $B = 0.6$ ,  $\gamma = 1.50$ ,  $R = 1.35$



# Summary and Conclusion

- We have studied the  $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \eta \eta$  and  $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \eta$  reactions
- Both reactions are single Cabibbo suppressed
- Both the internal and external emission mechanisms are possible
- In all cases the  $a_0(980)$  signal was visible in the  $\pi^+ \eta$  invariant mass distributions
- More neat in the  $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \eta \eta$  reaction
- There are still uncertainties in the theory
- When the actual mass distributions are measured
  - ⇒ provide information on the reaction mechanism
  - ⇒ more assertive conclusions on the role played by the  $a_0(980)$  resonance in these reactions

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