

# Study of scalar and vector mesons in the charmed hadron decays at BESIII

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# Outline

## **D** Motivation

- BESIII charm dataset
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- **D** Semi-leptonic Decay
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# **Motivation-Quark model**

- The constituent quark model has been very successful in explaining the composition of hadrons in the past few decades.
- > The observed meson spectrum is described as bound  $q\overline{q}$  states grouped into SU(n) flavor multiplets.
- > The properties of pseudoscalar  $(J^P = 0^-)$  and vector  $(J^P = 1^-)$ mesons can be well explained, but the properties of scalar mesons  $(S_0, J^P = 0^+)$  is still controversial. PDG: Tentative classification

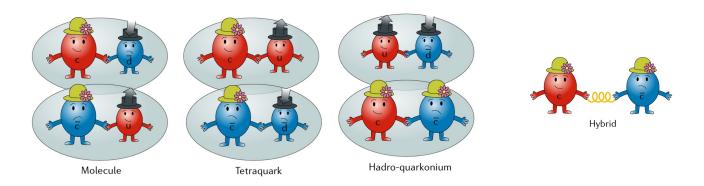
	$\Gamma$ [MeV]	isospin $i$	structure
$a_0(980)$	$\sim 50$	1	$Kar{K},qqar{q}ar{q}$
$f_0(980)$	$\sim 50$	0	$Kar{K}, qqar{q}ar{q}$
$f_0(500)$	$\sim 800$	0	$\pi\pi, qqar qar q$
$K_0^*(700)$	$\sim 600$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$K\pi, qqar qar qar q$
$a_0(1450)$	265	1	$uar{d}, dar{u}, dar{d} - uar{u}$
$f_0(1370)$	$\sim 400$	0	$d\bar{d} + u\bar{u}$
$f_0(1710)$	125	0	$s\bar{s}$
$K_0^*(1430)$	294	$\frac{1}{2}$	$uar{s}, dar{s}, sar{u}, sar{d}$

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# **Motivation-Scalar mesons**

> Puzzles: mass degeneracy between  $a_0(980)$  and  $f_0(980)$ , broad width of K(700) and  $f_0(500)$ .

- $\succ$  It is generally believed that they are not the ordinary  $q\bar{q}$  state.
- > Many interpretations: compact tetraquark  $q^2 \overline{q}^2$  state, molecule (K $\overline{K}$  bound) state, hybrid etc<sup>[1-4]</sup>.

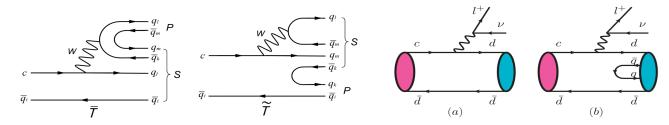


# **Motivation-Scalar mesons**

Charm mesons have abundant final state interactions, which the production of exotic states essentially involves, such as quark exchange, resonance formation, etc.

### Some examples:

1. There are more possible topological amplitudes for tetraquark, i.e. the branching fraction will be different from the  $q\bar{q}$  structure[1].



- 2. Different quark structures have different mixing situations. The mixing angle facilitate a connection of all form factors in  $D \rightarrow S_0 e^+ v_e$  decays under the SU(3) flavor symmetry[2].
- 3. In the SU(3) symmetry limit, the ratio of  $\frac{\mathcal{B}(D^+ \to f_0(980)l^+ v_l) + \mathcal{B}(D^+ \to f_0(500)l^+ v_l)}{\mathcal{B}(D^+ \to a_0^0(980)l^+ v_l)}$ has different expectations for different quark explanations[3].

# Motivation-vector meson $\phi$

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Mode		Fraction ( $\Gamma_i$ / $\Gamma$ )
$\Gamma_1$	$K^+K^-$	$(49.1\pm0.5)\%$
$\Gamma_2$	$K^0_L \ K^0_S$	$(33.9\pm0.4)\%$
$\Gamma_3$	$ ho\pi+\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	$(15.4\pm0.4)\%$

> Most  $\phi$  measurements are performed in the  $e^+e^-$  annihilation and K - p scattering, which may encounter challenges from complex background and various interferences.

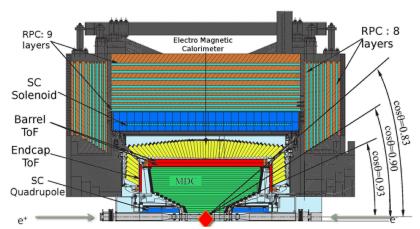
A new, independent method is needed to cross-check  $\phi$  measurements

- > The  $D_{(s)}^+$  decay products contain a large number of  $\phi$  mesons, providing excellent experimental conditions for the study of  $\phi$  mesons.
- → The  $\phi$  relative BF measurement can be obtained (by measuring the BF of  $D^+_{(s)} \rightarrow \phi \pi^+$  in different final states of  $\phi$ ).

# **BESIII charm dataset**

 $D^{\pm,0}$ : 20.3 fb<sup>-1</sup> @ $E_{cm}$ =3.773 GeV  $D_s^{\pm}$ : 7.33 fb<sup>-1</sup> @ $E_{cm}$ =4.128 - 4.226GeV  $\Lambda_c^{\pm}$ : 6.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> @ $E_{cm}$ =4.600-4.843GeV

Pair-production near threshold

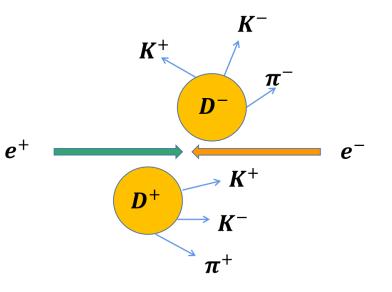


Single Tag (ST): reconstruct only one of the  $(D\overline{D} \text{ or } \Lambda_c^+ \overline{\Lambda}_c^-)$ 

- Relative high background
- Higher efficiency

**Double Tag (DT):** reconstruct both of the hadrons

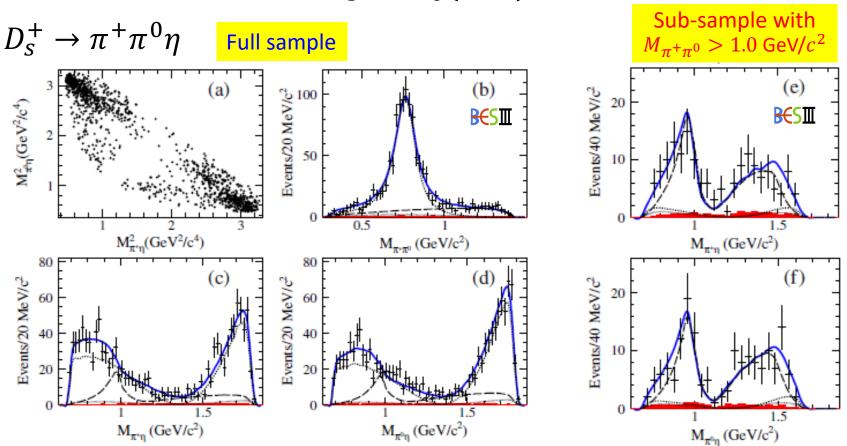
- Clean samples
- Systematics in the tag side almost cancel out
- Absolute branching fraction measurement



# in the hadronic decays

## Amplitude analysis of $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \eta$ - Observation of $D_s^+ \rightarrow a_0(980)\pi$

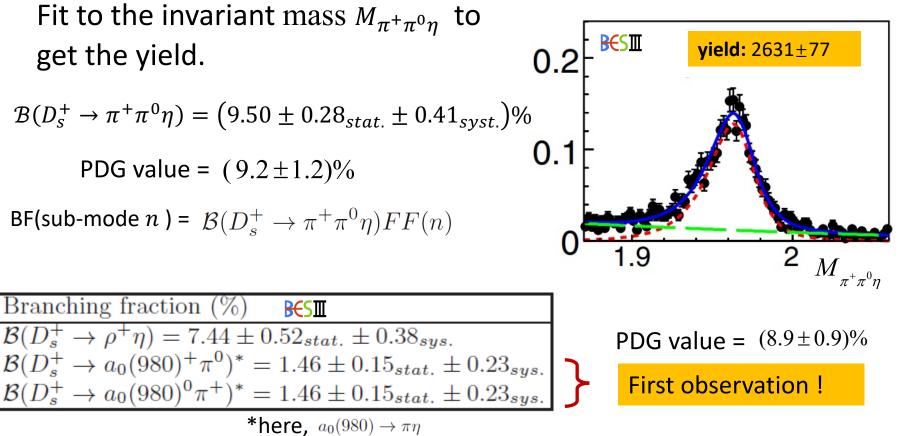
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Dots with error bar: data; solid: total fit; dotted:  $D_s^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \eta$ ; dashed:  $D_s^+ \rightarrow a_0(980)\pi$  (with a stat. significance of 16.2 $\sigma$ ).

### Branching Fraction Results of $D_s^+ ightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \eta$

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•  $\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \to a_0(980)^+ \pi^0 \text{ is larger than other measured pure W-annihilation decays}$  $(D_s^+ \to p\bar{n}, D_s^+ \to \omega \pi^+)$  by one order.

### Amplitude analysis of $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \eta$

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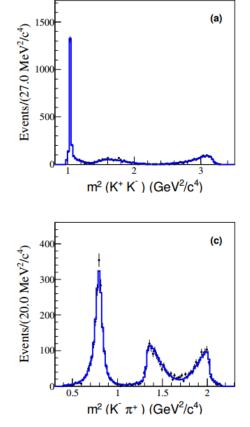
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$$\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{B}(D_{s}^{+} \rightarrow \pi^{+}\pi^{+}\pi^{-}\eta) \\ = (3.12 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.09)\% \\ \mathcal{B}(D_{s}^{+} \rightarrow a_{0}^{+}(980)\rho^{0}, a_{0}^{+}(980)) \\ \rightarrow \pi^{+}\eta) \\ = (0.21 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.05)\% \\ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{B}(D_{s}^{+} \rightarrow a_{0}^{+}(980)\rho^{0}, a_{0}^{+}(980)) \\ \Rightarrow \pi^{+}\eta) \\ = (0.21 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.05)\% \\ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{B}(D_{s}^{+} \rightarrow a_{0}^{+}(980)\rho^{0}, a_{0}^{+}(980)) \\ \Rightarrow \pi^{+}\eta) \\ = (0.21 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.05)\% \\ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{B}(D_{s}^{+} \rightarrow a_{0}^{+}(980)\rho^{0}, a_{0}^{+}(980)) \\ \Rightarrow \pi^{+}\eta) \\ = (0.21 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.05)\% \\ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{B}(D_{s}^{+} \rightarrow a_{0}^{+}(980)\rho^{0}, a_{0}^{+}(980)\rho^{0}) \\ \mathcal{B}(D_{s}^{+} \rightarrow a_{0}^{+}(980)\rho^{0}) \\ \mathcal{B}(D_{s}^{+}$$

### Amplitude analysis of $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+$

Dalitz plot projections:

#### The best precision at present



 $\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \to K^+ K^- \pi^+) = (5.47 \pm 0.08_{stat.} \pm 0.13_{syst.})\%$ 

	BF (%)			
Process	BESIII (this analysis)	PDG		
$\overline{D_s^+  o ar{K}^*(892)^0 K^+,  ar{K}^*(892)^0  o K^- \pi^+}$	$2.64\pm0.06_{\rm stat}\pm0.07_{\rm sys}$	$2.58\pm0.08$		
$D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi(1020)\pi^+, \ \phi(1020) \rightarrow K^+K^-$	$2.21 \pm 0.05_{\rm stat} \pm 0.07_{\rm sys}$	$2.24\pm0.08$		
$D_s^+ \to S(980)\pi^+, S(980) \to K^+K^-$	$1.05\pm0.04_{\rm stat}\pm0.06_{\rm sys}$	$1.14\pm0.31$		
$D_s^+ \to \bar{K}_0^* (1430)^0 K^+, \ \bar{K}_0^* (1430)^0 \to K^- \pi^+$	$0.16 \pm 0.03_{\rm stat} \pm 0.03_{\rm sys}$	$0.18\pm0.04$		
$D_s^+ \to f_0(1710)\pi^+, f_0(1710) \to K^+K^-$	$0.10\pm0.02_{\mathrm{stat}}\pm0.03_{\mathrm{sys}}$	$0.07\pm0.03$		
$D_s^+ \to f_0(1370)\pi^+, f_0(1370) \to K^+K^-$	$0.07\pm0.02_{\mathrm{stat}}\pm0.01_{\mathrm{sys}}$	$0.07\pm0.05$		
$D_s^+ \to K^+ K^- \pi^+$ total BF	$5.47 \pm 0.08_{\rm stat} \pm 0.13_{\rm sys}$	$5.39\pm0.15$		

Both  $a_0(980)$  and  $f_0(980)$  decays to  $K^+K^-$ . Impossible to separate them here

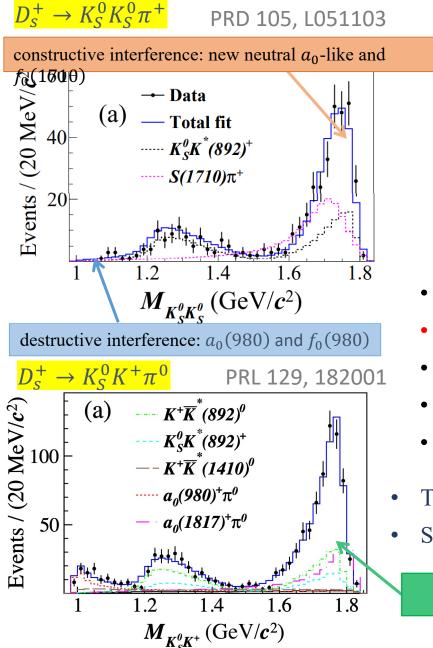
Black dots with error bars: data Blue solid lines: fit results

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Isospin configurations:

 $a_0(980)$   $I=1 \rightarrow (|K^+K^- > - |K^0\overline{K^0} >)$  $f_0(980)$   $I=0 \rightarrow (|K^+K^- > + |K^0\overline{K^0} >)$ The comparison of  $K^+K^-$  and  $K_S^0K_S^0$ spectrum will reveal more information!

## **Observation of new** $a_0$ **-like triplet in** $D_s$ **decays**



[1] Eur. Phys. J. C 82, 225 (2022).
 [2] Phys.Rev. D105, 114014 (2022).
 [3] PRD 104, 072002 (2021)

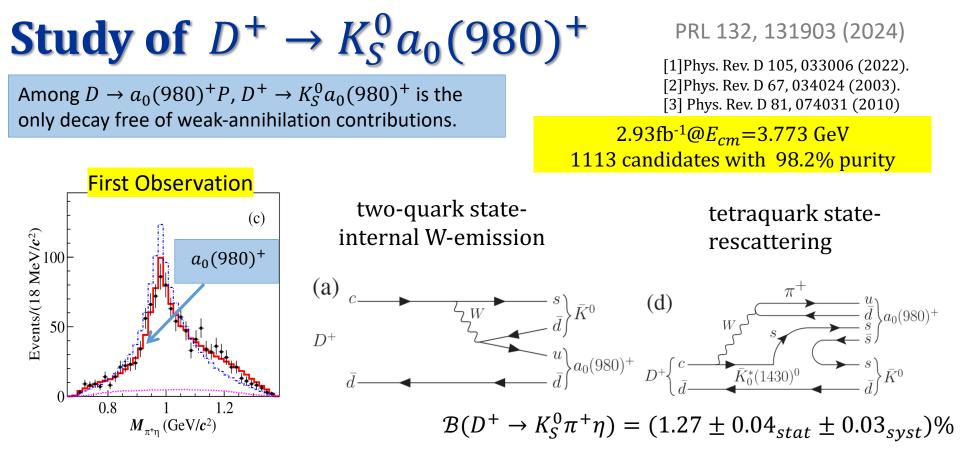
#### A new $a_0$ isospin triplet!

Amplitude	BF (10 <sup>-3</sup> )
$D_s^+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^* (892)^0 K^+$	$4.77 \pm 0.38 \pm 0.32$
$D_s^+ \to K^*(892)^+ K_S^0$	$2.03 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.20$
$D_s^+ \to a_0(980)^+ \pi^0$	$1.12 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.27$
$D_s^+ \to \bar{K}^* (1410)^0 K^+$	$0.88 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.19$
$D_s^+ \to a_0(1817)^+ \pi^0$	$3.44 \pm 0.52 \pm 0.32$

- Double tag method
- $D_s^+ \rightarrow a_0(1817)^+ \pi^0$  is observed for the first time
- Significance >  $10\sigma$
- $M=1.817 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.020 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- $\Gamma = 0.097 \pm 0.022 \pm 0.015 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- The isovector partner of  $f_0(1710)[1]$  or X(1812)?[2]
- Same resonance observed in  $\eta_c$  to  $\pi\pi\eta$  by BaBar[3]?

new charged  $a_0$ -like in  $K_S^0 K^+$  mass

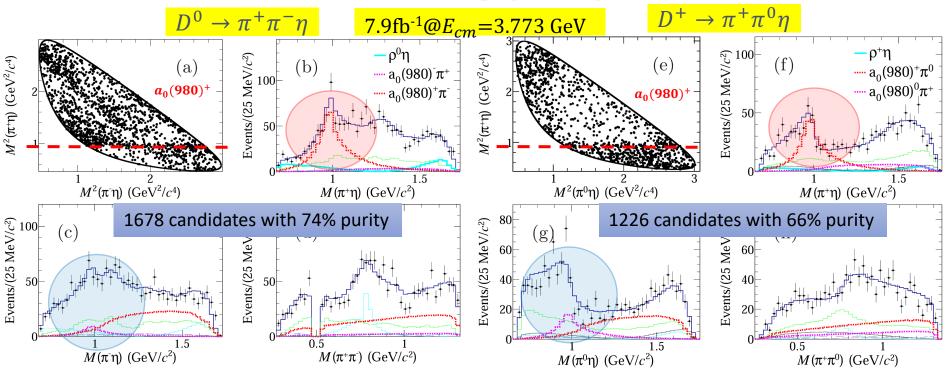
spectrum



- $\mathcal{B}(D^+ \to K_S^0 a_0(980)^+, a_0(980)^+ \to \pi^+ \eta) = (1.33 \pm 0.05_{stat} \pm 0.04_{syst})\%$
- Provide sensitive constraints in the extraction of contributions from external and internal W-emission diagrams of  $D \rightarrow SP$
- Understand the inconsistency between theory and experiment of the  $D \rightarrow a_0(980)^+P[1-3]$ .

## **Observation of** $D \rightarrow a_0(980)\pi$

#### arXiv:2404.09219



Amplitude	Phase (in unit rad)	FF (%)	Significance $(\sigma)$	BF $(\times 10^{-3})$
$D^0 \to \rho^0 \eta$	0 (fixed)	$15.2 \pm 1.7 \pm 1.0$	> 10	$0.19 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.01$
$D^0 \to a_0(980)^- \pi^+$	$0.06 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.12$	$5.9 \pm 1.3 \pm 1.0$	8.9	$0.07 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.01$
$D^0 \to a_0(980)^+\pi^-$	$-1.06 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.10$	$44.0\pm4.0\pm5.3$	> 10	$0.55 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.07$
$D^0 \to a_2(1320)^+ \pi^-$	$-1.16 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.23$	$2.1 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.8$	4.5	$0.03 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.01$
$D^0 \to a_2(1700)^+ \pi^-$	$0.08 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.23$	$5.5 \pm 1.8 \pm 2.7$	6.1	$0.07 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.03$
$D^0 \to (\pi^+\pi^-)_{S-\text{wave}}\eta$	$-0.92 \pm 0.29 \pm 0.14$	$3.9 \pm 1.8 \pm 2.1$	5.3	$0.05 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.03$
$r_{+/-}$		$7.5^{+2.5}_{-0.8} \pm 1.7$	$7.7^{*}$	_
$D^+ \to \rho^+ \eta$	$-4.03 \pm 0.19 \pm 0.13$	$9.3 \pm 3.0 \pm 2.1$	6.0	$0.20 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.05$
$D^+ \to (\pi^+ \pi^0)_V \eta$	$-0.64 \pm 0.22 \pm 0.19$	$15.8\pm4.8\pm5.2$	4.7	$0.34 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.11$
$D^+ \to a_0(980)^+ \pi^0$	0 (fixed)	$43.7 \pm 5.6 \pm 1.9$	9.1	$0.95 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.05$
$D^+ \to a_0 (980)^0 \pi^+$	$2.44 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.10$	$17.0 \pm 4.4 \pm 1.7$	7.9	$0.37 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.04$
$D^+ \to a_2(1700)^+ \pi^0$	$0.92 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.14$	$4.2 \pm 2.1 \pm 0.7$	3.6	$0.09 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.02$
$D^+ \to a_0 (1450)^+ \pi^0$	$0.63 \pm 0.41 \pm 0.30$	$7.0\pm2.8\pm0.7$	4.7	$0.15 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.02$
$r_{+/0}$		$2.6 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.3$	$4.0^{*}$	-

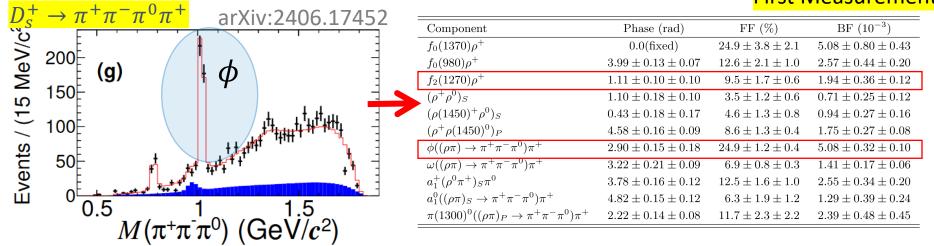
[1] Phys. Rev. D 105, 033006(2022).

The external W-emission dominates the  $D \rightarrow a_0(980)\pi$  decays in the diquark scenario, contrary to expectations of its negligible contribution due to the very small  $a_0(980)$  decay constant[1].

- $\mathcal{B}(D^0 \to \pi^+ \pi^- \eta) = (1.24 \pm 0.04_{stat} \pm 0.03_{syst})\%$
- $\mathcal{B}(D^+ \to \pi^+ \pi^0 \eta) = (2.18 \pm 0.12_{stat} \pm 0.03_{syst})\%$
- $a_0(1817)$  is not observed in both channels

# Study of $D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi(\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0, K^+K^-)\pi^-$

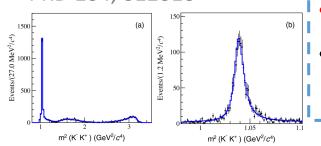
#### First Measurement



- $\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 |_{\text{non}-\eta}) = (2.04 \pm 0.08_{stat} \pm 0.05_{syst})\%$
- $\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \to \phi \pi^+, \phi \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0) = (5.08 \pm 0.32 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-3}$
- $\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \to \phi \pi^+, \phi \to K^+ K^-) = (2.21 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.07)\%$

 $D_s^+ \to K^+ K^- \pi^+$ 

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- $\frac{\mathcal{B}(\phi \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0)}{\mathcal{B}(\phi \to K^+ K^-)} = 0.230 \pm 0.014_{stat} \pm 0.010_{syst}$ 
  - Deviates from PDG value (0.313  $\pm$  0.010) % by > 4 $\sigma$ .
- First measurement of  $R_{\Phi}$  in charmed mesons, and the

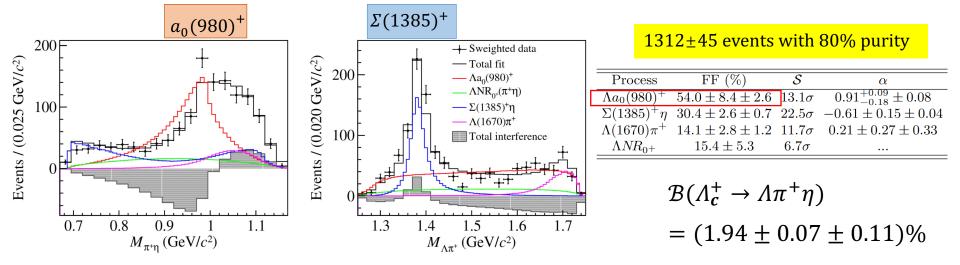
lower than expected value motivates further studies.

## **Observation of** $\Lambda_{\rm c}^+ \rightarrow \Lambda a_0 (980)^+$

#### arXiv:2407.12270

#### First observation

[1] J. Phys. G 36, 075005(2009).[2] Phys. Lett. B 820, 136586 (2021).



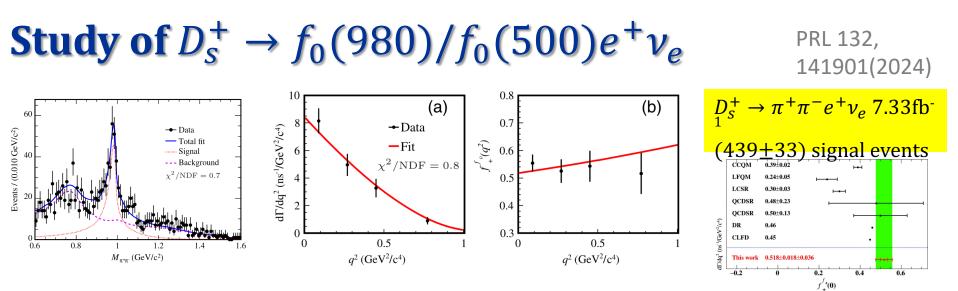
• Theoretical calculation of  $\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda a_0(980)^+)$ :

 $1.9 \times 10^{-4} \implies$  based on factorization and the pole model[1]

 $1.7 \times 10^{-3} \implies$  considering the rescattering  $\Sigma(1385)^+ \eta \rightarrow \Lambda a_0(980)^+[2]$ 

- We measure  $\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda a_0(980)^+) = (1.23 \pm 0.21)\%$ , which is larger than theoretical calculations by 1-2 orders.
- The difference suggests some unknown decay mechanisms.

in the semi-leptonic decays



•  $\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \to f_0(980)e^+\nu_e, f_0(980) \to \pi^+\pi^-) = (1.72 \pm 0.13_{stat} \pm 0.10_{syst}) \times 10^{-3}$ 

 $\phi = (19.7 \pm 12.8)^{\circ} (s\bar{s} \text{ is dominant based on } |f_0(980)\rangle = sin\phi |\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d})\rangle + cos\phi |s\bar{s}\rangle)$ 

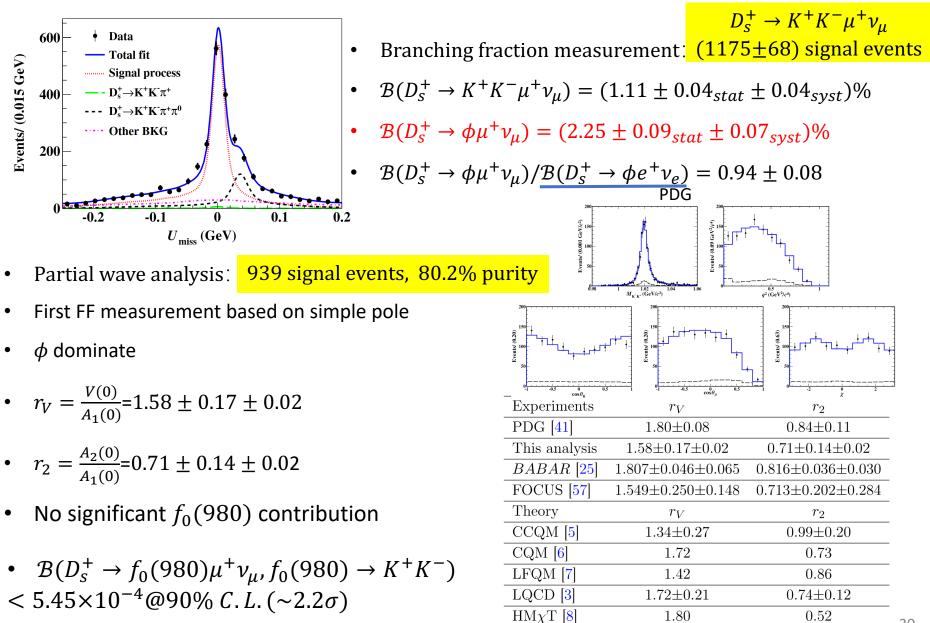
• First form factor measurement with simple pole form and Flatte formula:

	This work	CLFD 6	DR [6]	QCDSR [7]	QCDSR [8]	LCSR [9]	LFQM [11]	CCQM [12]
$f_{+}^{f_{0}}(0)$	$0.518 \pm 0.018_{\rm stat} \pm 0.036_{\rm syst}$	0.45	0.46	$0.50\pm0.13$	$0.48\pm0.23$	$0.30\pm0.03$	$0.24 \pm 0.05$	$0.39\pm0.02$
Difference $(\sigma)$				0.1	0.2	4.3	4.3	2.8
$\phi$ in theory		$(32 \pm 4.8)^{\circ}$	$(41.3 \pm 5.5)^{\circ}$	$35^{\circ}$	$(8^{+21}_{-8})^{\circ}$		$(56 \pm 7)^{\circ}$	31°

- $f_{+}^{f_0}(0)|V_{cs}|=0.504\pm0.017\pm0.035$
- Form factor  $f_{+}^{f_{0}}(0)=0.518\pm0.018\pm0.036(|V_{cs}|=0.97349\pm0.00016$  PDG)
- First search,  $\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \to f_0(500)e^+\nu_e, f_0(500) \to \pi^+\pi^-) < 3.3 \times 10^{-4}$  at 90% confidence level.

# Study of $D_s^+ \rightarrow f_0(980)/\phi \mu^+ \nu_\mu$

#### JHEP12(2023)072



# Study of $D^+ \rightarrow f_0(500) l^+ \nu_l$

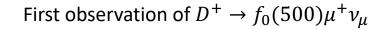
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#### arXiv:2401.13225

 $D_{\rm s}^+ \to \pi^+ \pi^- l^+ \nu_l \ 2.93 {\rm fb}^{-1}$  $@E_{cm} = 3.773 \text{ GeV}$ 



First FF measurement of  $D^+ \rightarrow f_0(500) l^+ v_l$ 

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Signal mode	$N_{\rm obs}$	$\mathcal{S}(\sigma)$	$\epsilon_{ m sig}$ (%)	$\mathcal{B}_{\rm sig}(\times 10^{-3})$
$f_0(500)\mu^+ u_\mu$	$209\pm38$	5.9	$18.93 \pm 0.13$	$0.72\pm0.13$
$ ho^0 \mu^+  u_\mu$	$496\pm38$	> 10	$19.86\pm0.13$	$1.64\pm0.13$
$f_0(500)e^+\nu_e$	$412\pm43$	> 10	$44.76\pm0.25$	$0.60\pm0.06$
$ ho^0 e^+  u_e$	$1237 \pm 47$	> 10	$44.12\pm0.25$	$1.84\pm0.07$

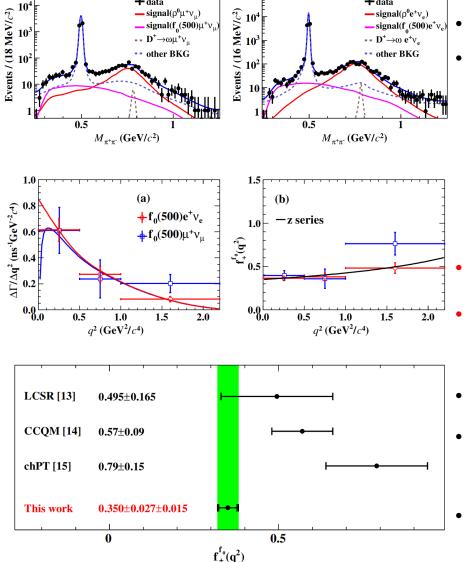
- $f_{+}^{f_0}(0)|V_{cd}|=0.0787\pm0.0060\pm0.0033$
- $f_{+}^{f_0}(0)=0.350\pm 0.027\pm 0.015$

 $(|V_{cd}|=0.22438 \pm 0.00044 \text{ PDG})$ 

- $\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \rho^0 \mu^+ \nu_\mu) / \mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \rho^0 e^+ \nu_e) = 0.88 \pm 0.10$
- $\mathcal{B}(D^+ \to f_0(500)\mu^+\nu_\mu)/\mathcal{B}(D^+ \to f_0(500)e^+\nu_e)$

 $= 1.44 \pm 0.28$ 

Consistent with the standard model expectation.



# **Summary & Outlook**

- BESIII has the largest data samples at  $D\overline{D}/\Lambda_c\overline{\Lambda}_c$  threshold.
- Light scalar mesons are studied systematically via charm decays.
- BFs and FF measurements help to understand the nature of light scalar mesons.
- The  $\phi$  branching ratio is significant different from the PDG result. Outlook
- Many BFs, amplitude analyses are being studied.
- $\phi$  decay will be precisely measured in charm decay.
- More scalar mesons could be studied via charm decays.

## **Thanks for your attention!**