

# Implications of the $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0\eta$ decay in the nature of $a_0(980)$ and molecular interpretation of the new $X_0(2900)$

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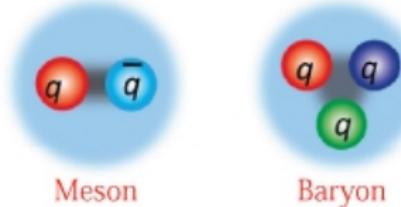
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# **Introduction**

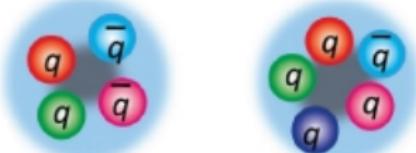
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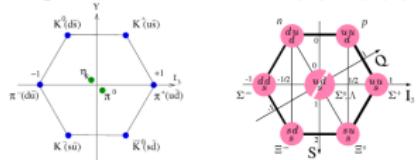
Standard Hadrons



Exotic Hadrons

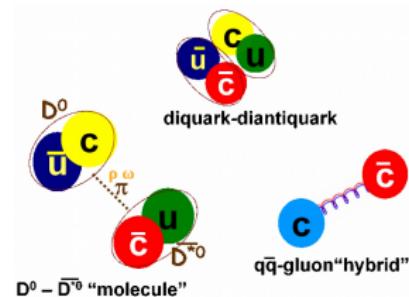


- 'Regular' hadrons:  $q\bar{q}$ ,  $qqq$

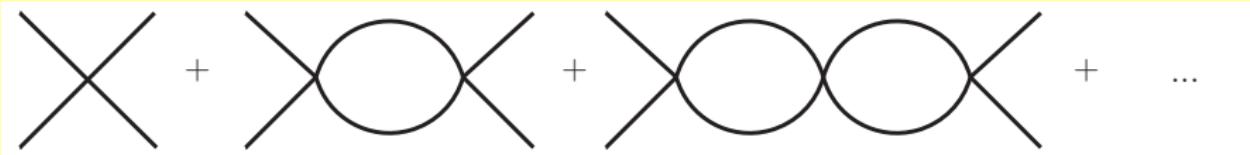


- Exotics:  $q\bar{q}q\bar{q}$ ,  $qqqq\bar{q}\bar{q}$ ,  $qqg$ , ...

Not  $q\bar{q}$ :  $J^{PC} = 0^{+-}, 1^{-+}, 2^{+-}, 3^{-+}, \dots$



# Dynamically Generated Resonances



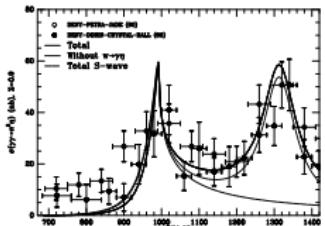
## Examples

- $\sigma$ ,  $a_0(980)$ ,  $f_0(980)$ ... Oller, Oset, Pelaez, PRL80(1998)
- $N(1440)$  Krehl, Hanhart, Krewald and Speth, PRC62(2000)
- $\Lambda(1405)$  Ramos, Oset, NPA635(1998); Jido, Meissner, Oller NPA725(2003); Hyodo, Weise PRC77(2008)
- $P_c(4450)$  Wu, Molina, Zou, Oset, PRL105(2010)
- **New state**  $X_0(2900)$  Molina, Branz, Oset PRD82(2010)

# **The $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0\eta$ decay and the nature of the $a_0(980)$**

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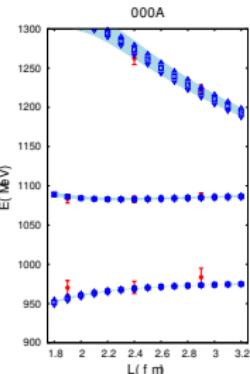
# Is the $a_0(980)$ a threshold effect or a true resonance?



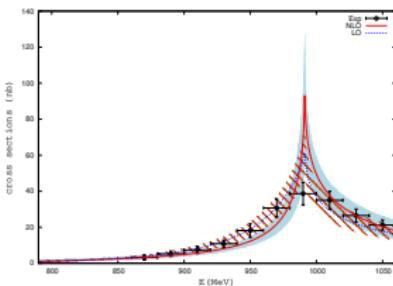
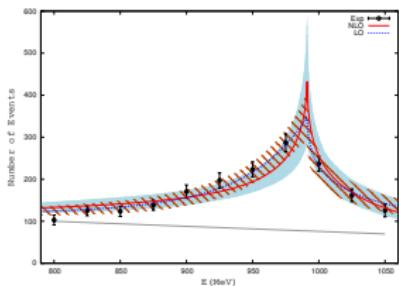
**Figure 1:** Integrated cross section for  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi^0\eta$ . Data: Oest(1990), Antreasyan(1986).

UChPT  
predictions

Channels:  $K\bar{K}$ ,  $\pi\eta$   
Oller, Oset,  
NPA629(1998)  
Guo, Liu, Oller,  
Rusetski, Meissner  
PRD95(2017)



**Figure 2:** Fit to HadSpec data.



**Figure 3:** Left:  $\pi\eta$  distribution. Data: WA76(1991). Right. Cross section  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\eta$ . Data: Belle(2009).

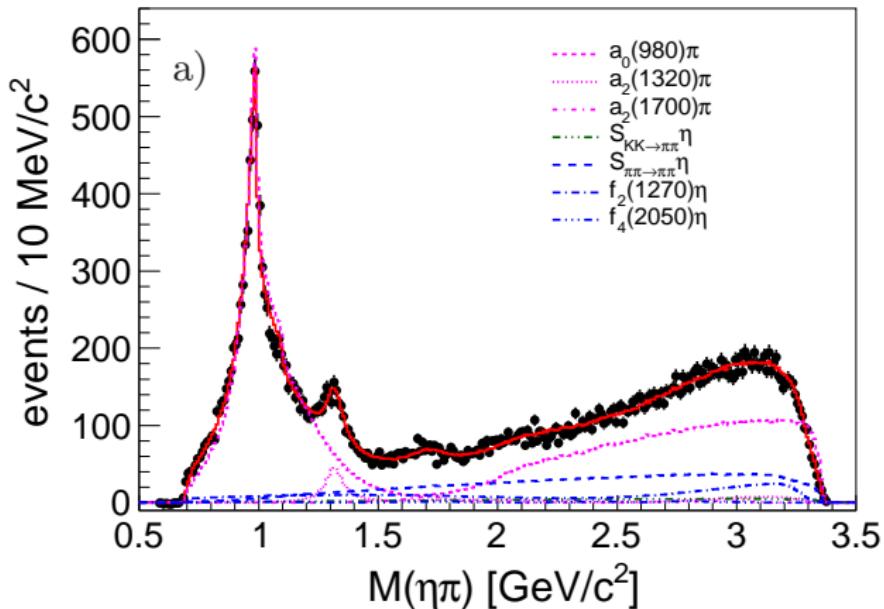
# Is the $a_0(980)$ a threshold effect or a true resonance?

## Large $N_c$ behaviour

"In particular, we have shown that the QCD large  $N_c$  scaling of the unitarized meson-meson amplitudes of chiral perturbation theory is in conflict with a  $\bar{q}q$  nature for the lightest scalars [not so conclusively for the  $a_0(980)$ ]. The  $a_0(980)$  behavior is more complicated. We cannot rule out a possible  $\bar{q}q$  nature, or a sizable mixing], and strongly suggests a  $\bar{q}\bar{q}qq$  or two-meson main component, maybe with some mixing with glue-balls, when possible."

Pelaez, PRL92(2004)

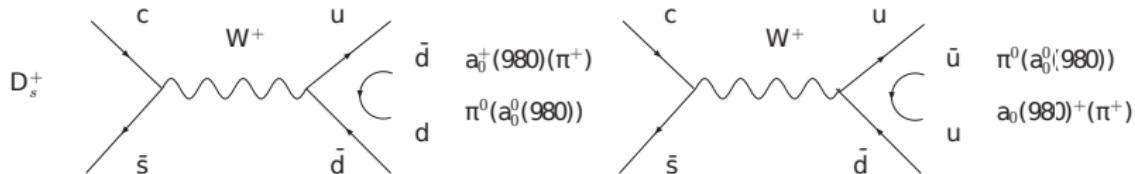
# Amplitude analysis of $\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-$



**Figure 4:** Projections in the (a) $\eta\pi$ -invariant mass from data, compared with a base-line fit (solid curve) and corresponding amplitudes (various dashed and dotted lines) from PRD95(2017), BESIII.

# BESIII: $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \eta$

2019. BESIII has reported the so-called first observation of a pure  $W$ -annihilation decays  $D_s^+ \rightarrow a_0^+(980)\pi^0$  and  $D_s^+ \rightarrow a_0^0(980)\pi^+$



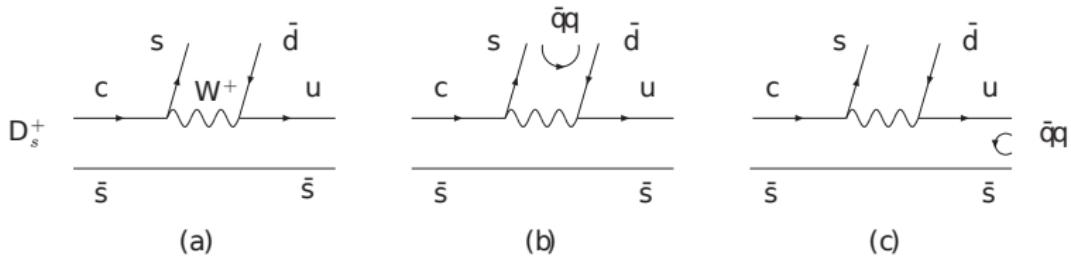
**Figure 5:** Annihilation mechanisms assumed in Ref. for the  $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 a_0^+(980)$ ,  $\pi^+ a_0^0(980)$ .  $\mathcal{B}[D_s^+ \rightarrow a_0(980)^+\pi^0, a_0(980)^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \eta] = (1.46 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.23)\%$

## Topological classification of Weak decays

1. W-external emission
2. W-internal emission
3. W-exchange
4. W-annihilation
5. Horizontal W-loop
6. Vertical W-loop

L.L.Chau. PR(1983), PRD36(1987), PRD39(1989)

(Cabibbo favored) W-external emission?  $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{s}s$ , but  $\bar{s}s$  has  $I = 0$ .  
Requires  $f_0(980)$  upon hadronization. **Not good**



**Figure 6:**  $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 a_0^+(980), \pi^+ a_0^0(980)$ :  $W$  internal emission mechanisms, (a) Primary step; (b) hadronization of the  $s\bar{d}$  pair; (c) hadronization of the  $u\bar{s}$  pair.

## Hadronization

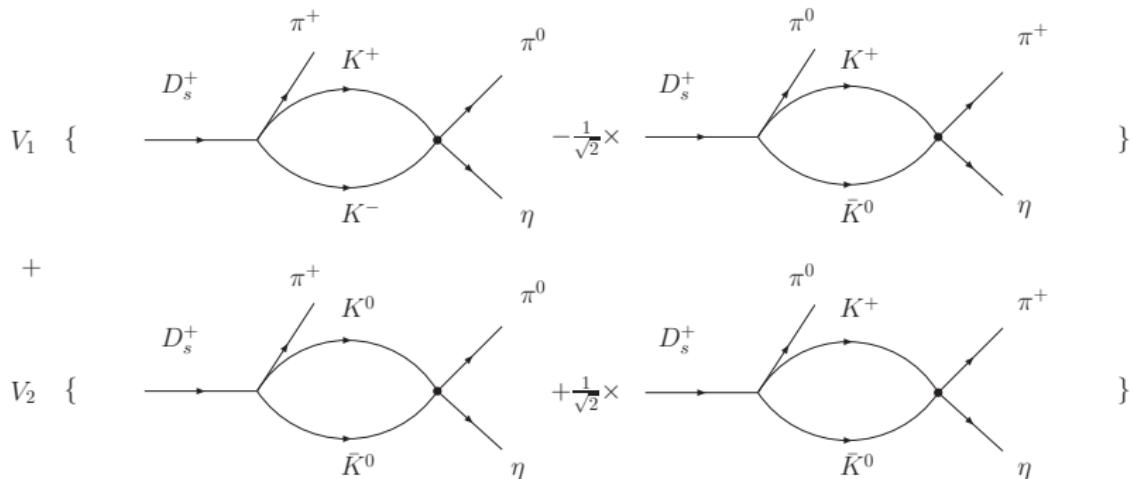
$$M = \begin{pmatrix} u\bar{u} & u\bar{d} & u\bar{s} \\ d\bar{u} & d\bar{d} & d\bar{s} \\ s\bar{u} & s\bar{d} & s\bar{s} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sum_i s\bar{q}_i q_i \bar{d} = \sum_i M_{3i} \quad M_{i2} = (M^2)_{32},$$

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

$$(M^2)_{32} = \pi^+ K^- - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \pi^0 \bar{K}^0, \quad H_1 = (\pi^+ K^- - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \pi^0 \bar{K}^0) K^+,$$

$$(M^2)_{13} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \pi^0 K^+ + \pi^+ K^0, \quad H_2 = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \pi^0 K^+ + \pi^+ K^0) \bar{K}^0.$$

$$D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 a_0^+(980), \pi^+ a_0^0(980)$$



**Figure 7:** Diagrammatic representation of the \$K\bar{K}\$ final state interaction of the states \$H\_1\$ and \$H\_2\$ leading to \$\pi^+ \pi^0 \eta\$ in the final states.

$$t = V_1 [G_{K\bar{K}}(M_{\pi^0\eta}) t_{K^+ K^- \rightarrow \pi^0\eta}(M_{\pi^0\eta}) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} G_{K\bar{K}}(M_{\pi^+\eta}) t_{K^+ \bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\eta}(M_{\pi^+\eta})] \\ + V_2 [G_{K\bar{K}}(M_{\pi^0\eta}) t_{K^0 \bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\eta}(M_{\pi^0\eta}) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} G_{K\bar{K}}(M_{\pi^+\eta}) t_{K^+ \bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\eta}(M_{\pi^+\eta})],$$

$$D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 a_0^+(980), \pi^+ a_0^0(980)$$

### Chiral Unitary approach

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

Oller, Oset, Pelaez, PRL80(1998)

Xie, Dai, Oset, PLB742(2015)

$q_{\max} = 600$  MeV

### Isospin

$$t_{K^+ K^- \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} t_{K \bar{K} \rightarrow \pi \eta}^{I=1},$$

$$t_{K^0 \bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} t_{K \bar{K} \rightarrow \pi \eta}^{I=1},$$

$$t_{K^+ \bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \eta} = -t_{K \bar{K} \rightarrow \pi \eta}^{I=1},$$

We obtain,

$$t = \bar{V} \left[ G_{K \bar{K}}(M_{\pi^0 \eta}) t_{K \bar{K} \rightarrow \pi \eta}^{I=1}(M_{\pi^0 \eta}) - G_{K \bar{K}}(M_{\pi^+ \eta}) t_{K \bar{K} \rightarrow \pi \eta}^{I=1}(M_{\pi^+ \eta}) \right]$$

with  $\bar{V} = (V_2 - V_1)/\sqrt{2}$ .

Note that, with the isospin multiplets  $(u, d)$ ,  $(-\bar{d}, \bar{u})$ ,

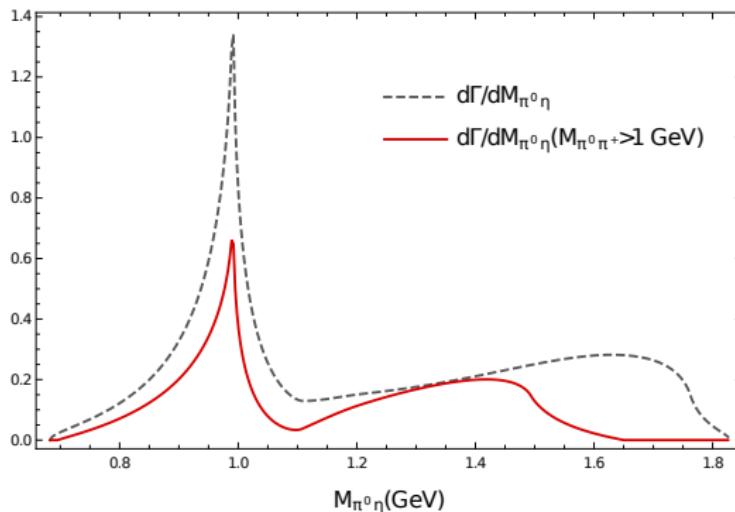
$$|s\bar{d}\rangle = -|1/2, 1/2\rangle \quad |s\bar{d}, u\bar{s}\rangle = -|1, 1\rangle$$

$$|u\bar{s}\rangle = |1/2, 1/2\rangle \quad |\pi a_0; I = 1, I_3 = 1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\pi^0 a_0^+ - \pi^+ a_0^0\rangle$$

$$D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 a_0^+(980), \pi^+ a_0^0(980)$$

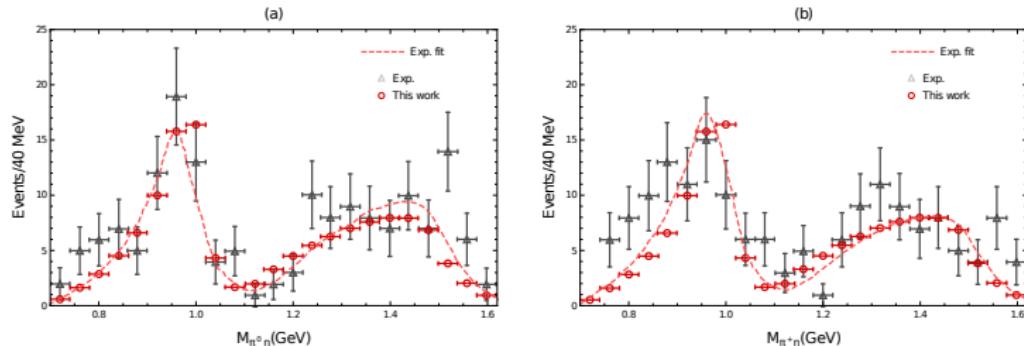
## Invariant mass distribution

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{dM_{\pi^0\eta} dM_{\pi^+\eta}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{M_{\pi^0\eta} M_{\pi^+\eta}}{8M_{D_s^+}^2} |t|^2$$



**Figure 8:**  $d\Gamma/dM_{\pi^0\eta}$  as a function of  $M_{\pi^0\eta}$ . Dashed line with no  $M_{\pi^+\pi^0}$  restriction. Solid line with the restriction of  $M_{\pi^+\pi^0} > 1$  GeV.

# $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 a_0^+(980), \pi^+ a_0^0(980)$



**Figure 9:** Event distribution in 40 MeV bins of  $d\Gamma/dM_{\pi\eta}$  compared with experiment with  $M_{\pi^+ \pi^0} > 1$  GeV. (a) for  $\pi^0 \eta$  distribution; (b) for  $\pi^+ \eta$  distribution. The dashed lines are taken from [1] after the non  $\pi a_0$  events are removed. Molina, Xie, Liang, Geng and Oset, PLB803(2020)

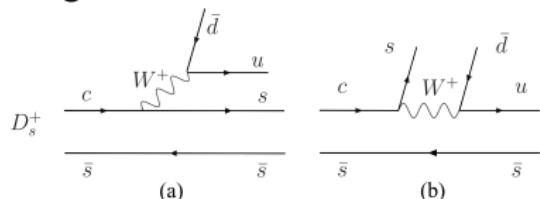
[1] BESIII Collaboration, PRL123(2019)

**But...this is not the end of the story!**

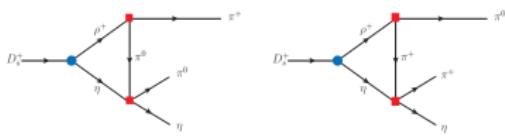
$$D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 a_0^+(980), \pi^+ a_0^0(980)$$

Arxiv: 2102.0534, Ling, Liu, Lu, Geng and Xie

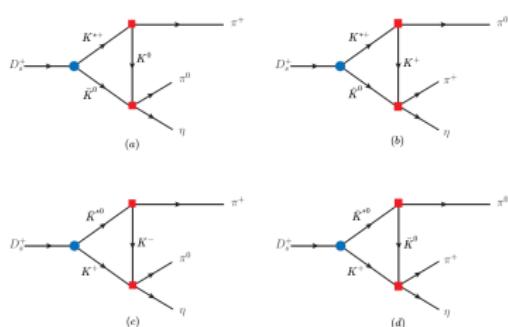
Inspired in the work of Hsiao et al., EPJC80(895), the authors find that both mechanisms, internal and external-W emission through triangle diagrams are relevant.



**Figure 10:** a) External  $W$ -emission mechanism for  $D_s^+ \rightarrow \rho^+ \eta$  and b) internal  $W$ -conversion mechanisms.



**Figure 11:**  $D_s^+ \rightarrow (\rho^+ \eta \rightarrow) \pi^+ \pi^0 \eta$ .



**Figure 12:** Triangle rescattering diagrams for  $D_s^+ \rightarrow (K^{*0} \bar{K}^0 \rightarrow) \pi^+ \pi^0 \eta$  and  $D_s^+ \rightarrow (K^+ \bar{K}^{*0} \rightarrow) \pi^+ \pi^0 \eta$ .

## **The new state $X_0(2900)$**

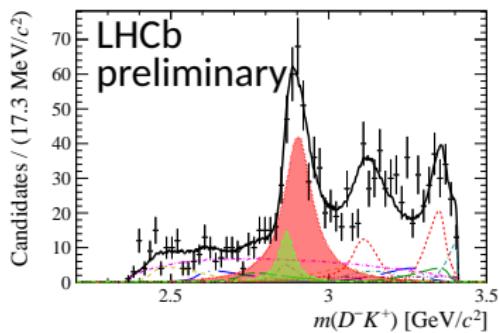
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# New flavor exotic tetraquark ( $C = -1; S = 1$ )

## LHCb (2020)

Two states  $J^P = 0^+, 1^-$  decaying to  $\bar{D}K$ . First clear example of an heavy-flavor exotic tetraquark,  $\sim \bar{c}\bar{s}ud$ .

$$X_0(2866) : M = 2866 \pm 7 \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma = 57.2 \pm 12.9 \text{ MeV},$$
$$X_1(2900) : M = 2904 \pm 5 \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma = 110.3 \pm 11.5 \text{ MeV}.$$



D. Johnson (CERN), LHC seminar,  $B \rightarrow DDh^-$ ; a new (virtual) laboratory for exotic searches at LHCb p. August 11 (2020)

# Vector-vector scattering Bando,Kugo,Yamawaki

$$\mathcal{L}_{III} = -\frac{1}{4} \langle V_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu} \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{III}^{(3V)} = ig \langle (\partial_\mu V_\nu - \partial_\nu V_\mu) V^\mu V^\nu \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{III}^{(c)} = \frac{g^2}{2} \langle V_\mu V_\nu V^\mu V^\nu - V_\nu V_\mu V^\mu V^\nu \rangle$$

$$V_{\mu\nu} =$$

$$\partial_\mu V_\nu - \partial_\nu V_\mu - ig [V_\mu, V_\nu]$$

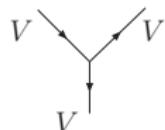
$$g = \frac{M_V}{2f}$$

$$V_\mu =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\rho^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{2}} & \rho^+ & K^{*+} & \bar{D}^{*0} \\ \rho^- & -\frac{\rho^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{2}} & K^{*0} & D^{*-} \\ K^{*-} & \bar{K}^{*0} & \phi & D_s^{*-} \\ D^{*0} & D^{*+} & D_s^{*+} & J/\psi \end{pmatrix}_\mu$$



a)

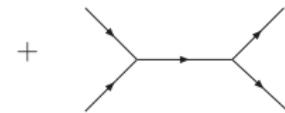


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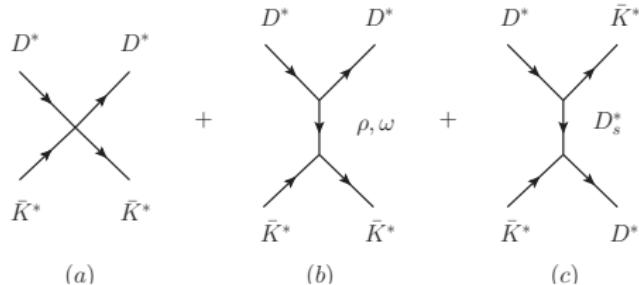
c)



d)

# New flavor exotic tetraquark ( $C = 1, S = -1$ )

Molina, Branz, Oset, PRD82(2010)



**Figure 13:** The  $D^*\bar{K}^* \rightarrow D^*\bar{K}^*$  interaction at the tree level; (a) contact term; (b) exchange of light vectors; (c) exchange of a heavy vector.

$J$	Amplitude	Contact	V-exchange	$\sim$ Total
0	$D^*\bar{K}^* \rightarrow D^*\bar{K}^*$	$4g^2 - \frac{g^2(p_1+p_4).(p_2+p_3)}{m_{D_s^*}^2} + \frac{1}{2}g^2(\frac{1}{m_\omega^2} - \frac{3}{m_\rho^2})(p_1+p_3).(p_2+p_4)$		$-9.9g^2$
1	$D^*\bar{K}^* \rightarrow D^*\bar{K}^*$	$0 + \frac{g^2(p_1+p_4).(p_2+p_3)}{m_{D_s^*}^2} + \frac{1}{2}g^2(\frac{1}{m_\omega^2} - \frac{3}{m_\rho^2})(p_1+p_3).(p_2+p_4)$		$-10.2g^2$
2	$D^*\bar{K}^* \rightarrow D^*\bar{K}^*$	$-2g^2 - \frac{g^2(p_1+p_4).(p_2+p_3)}{m_{D_s^*}^2} + \frac{1}{2}g^2(\frac{1}{m_\omega^2} - \frac{3}{m_\rho^2})(p_1+p_3).(p_2+p_4)$		$-15.9g^2$

**Table 1:** Tree level amplitudes for  $D^*\bar{K}^*$  in  $I = 0$ . Last column: ( $V_{\text{th.}}$ ).

# New flavor exotic tetraquark ( $C = 1, S = -1$ )

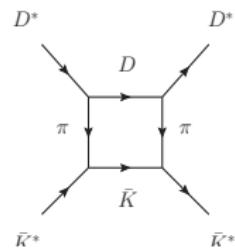
Spin projectors

$$\mathcal{P}^{(0)} = \frac{1}{3} \epsilon_\mu \epsilon^\mu \epsilon_\nu \epsilon^\nu$$

$$\mathcal{P}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_\mu \epsilon_\nu \epsilon^\mu \epsilon^\nu - \epsilon_\mu \epsilon_\nu \epsilon^\nu \epsilon^\mu)$$

$$\mathcal{P}^{(2)} = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_\mu \epsilon_\nu \epsilon^\mu \epsilon^\nu + \epsilon_\mu \epsilon_\nu \epsilon^\nu \epsilon^\mu) - \frac{1}{3} \epsilon_\mu \epsilon^\mu \epsilon_\nu \epsilon^\nu \right\} .$$

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



$I(J^P)$	$M[\text{MeV}]$	$\Gamma[\text{MeV}]$	Channels	state
$0(2^+)$	2572	23	$D^* K^*$ , $D_s^* \phi$ , $D_s^* \omega$	$D_{s2}(2572)$
$0(1^+)$	2707	-	$D^* K^*$ , $D_s^* \phi$ , $D_s^* \omega$	?
$0(0^+)$	2683	71	$D^* K^*$ , $D_s^* \phi$ , $D_s^* \omega$	?

**Table 2:** States with  $C = 1, S = 1, I = 0$ .

$I(J^P)$	$M[\text{MeV}]$	$\Gamma[\text{MeV}]$	Channels	state
$0(2^+)$	2733	36	$D^* \bar{K}^*$	?
$0(1^+)$	2839	-	$D^* \bar{K}^*$	?
$0(0^+)$	2848	59	$D^* \bar{K}^*$	$X_0(2866)$

**Table 3:** States with  $C = 1, S = -1, I = 0$ .

# New flavor exotic tetraquark ( $C = 1, S = -1$ )

Two-meson loop function:

$$G_i(s) = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left( \alpha + \text{Log} \frac{M_1^2}{\mu^2} + \frac{M_2^2 - M_1^2 + s}{2s} \text{Log} \frac{M_2^2}{M_1^2} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{p}{\sqrt{s}} \left( \text{Log} \frac{s - M_2^2 + M_1^2 + 2p\sqrt{s}}{-s + M_2^2 - M_1^2 + 2p\sqrt{s}} + \text{Log} \frac{s + M_2^2 - M_1^2 + 2p\sqrt{s}}{-s - M_2^2 + M_1^2 + 2p\sqrt{s}} \right) \right),$$

Form factor (box-diagram):

$$F(q) = e^{((p_1^0 - q^0)^2 - \vec{q}^2)/\Lambda^2} \quad \text{Navarra, PRD65(2002)}$$

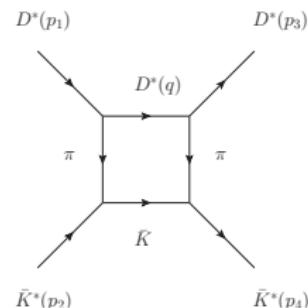
(1)

with  $q_0 = (s + m_D^2 - m_K^2)/2\sqrt{s}$ ,  $\Lambda \sim 1 - 1.3$  GeV. Previous work (2010):

$\alpha = -1.6$  (with  $\mu = 1500$  MeV) and  $\Lambda = 1200$ . Recent work: **Molina, Oset PLB811 2020**,  $\alpha = -1.474$ ,  $\Lambda = 1300$ .

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{iG'}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \langle \delta_\mu V_\nu \delta_\alpha V_\beta P \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{VPP} = -ig \langle [P, \partial_\mu P] V^\mu \rangle$$



## Decay of the $D^*\bar{K}^*$ states to $D^*\bar{K}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 -it = & \frac{9}{2}(G' g m_{D^*})^2 \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \epsilon^{ijk} \epsilon^{i'j'k'} \left( \frac{1}{(p_1 - q)^2 - m_\pi^2 + i\epsilon} \right)^2 \\
 & \times \frac{1}{q^2 - m_{D^*}^2 + i\epsilon} \frac{1}{(p_1 + p_2 - q)^2 - m_K^2 + i\epsilon} \\
 & \times \epsilon^{j(1)} \epsilon^{m(2)} \epsilon^{k(3')} q^i q^m \epsilon^{j'(1)} \epsilon^{m'(4)} \epsilon^{k'(3')} q^{i'} q^{m'} F^4(q) \quad (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking now into account that,

$$\int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} f(\vec{q}^2) q^i q^m q^{i'} q^{m'} = \frac{1}{15} \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} f(\vec{q}^2) \vec{q}^4 (\delta_{im} \delta_{i'm'} + \delta_{ii'} \delta_{mm'} + \delta_{im'} \delta_{m'i}) ,$$

one obtains,

$$4\epsilon^{j(1)} \epsilon^{m(2)} \epsilon^{j(3)} \epsilon^{m(4)} - \epsilon^{j(1)} \epsilon^{j(2)} \epsilon^{m(3)} \epsilon^{m(4)} - \epsilon^{j(1)} \epsilon^{m(2)} \epsilon^{m(3)} \epsilon^{j(4)} ,$$

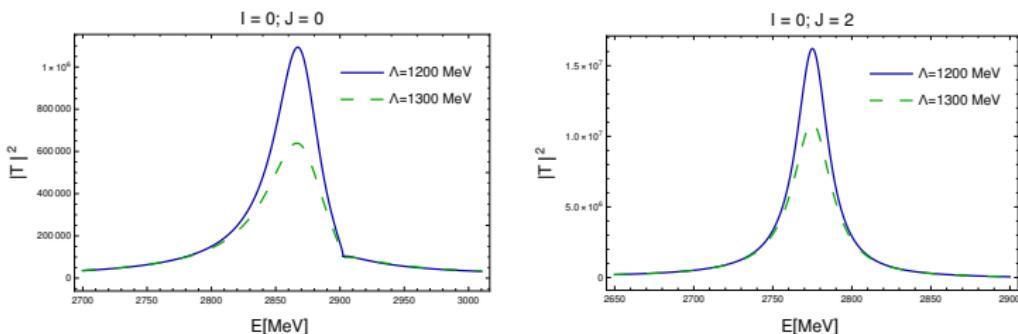
which is a combination of the spin projectors,  $5\mathcal{P}^{(1)} + 3\mathcal{P}^{(2)}$ , zero component for  $J = 0$  (violates parity). Taking  $q$  on-shell,

$$\text{Im}t = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{8\pi} (G' g m_{D^*})^2 q^5 \left( \frac{1}{(m_D^* - \omega^*(q))^2 - \omega^2(q)} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} F^4(q)$$

# Decay of the $D^*\bar{K}^*$ states to $D^*\bar{K}$

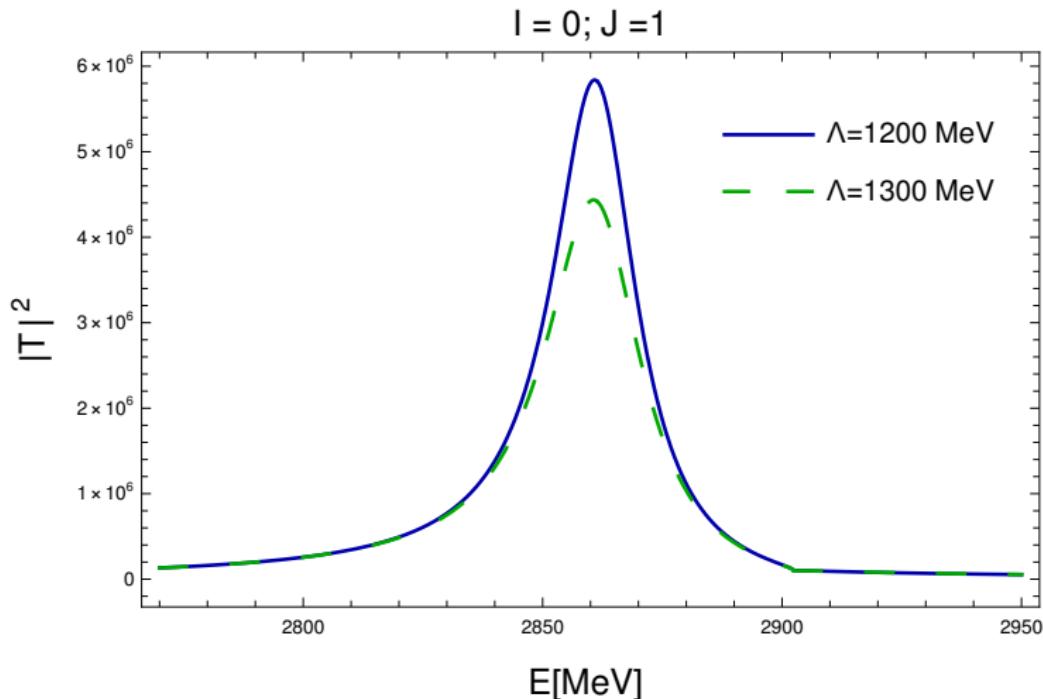
$I(J^P)$	$M[\text{MeV}]$	$\Gamma[\text{MeV}]$	Coupled channels	state
$0(2^+)$	2775	38	$D^*\bar{K}^*$	?
$0(1^+)$	2861	20	$D^*\bar{K}^*$	?
$0(0^+)$	2866	57	$D^*\bar{K}^*$	$X_0(2866)$

**Table 4:** New results including the width of the  $D^*K$  channel.



**Figure 14:**  $|T|^2$  for  $C = 1, S = -1, I = 0, J = 0$  and  $J = 2$ .

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**Figure 15:**  $|T|^2$  for  $C = 1, S = -1, I = 0, J = 0$  and  $J = 1$ .

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- The  $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\eta$  through the  $a_0(980)$  proceeds via W-internal/external emission and not W-annihilation.
- The new BESIII data and the analysis shown here supports the  $a_0(980)$  as a dynamically generated resonance from the  $\pi\eta$  and  $K\bar{K}$  channels.
- The new discovered  $X_0(2900)$  is compatible with a  $\bar{D}^*K^*(D^*\bar{K}^*)$  molecular state and there should be other similar states with  $J^P = 1^+, 2^+$ .