$a_0(980)$

$I^G(J^{PC}) = 1^-(0^{++})$

See our minireview on scalar mesons under $f_0(600)$. (See the index for the page number.)

$a_0(980)$ MASS

VALUE (MeV)	DOCUMENT ID
980±20 OUR ESTIMATE	Mass determination very model dependent

$\eta\pi$ FINAL STATE ONLY

VALUE (MeV)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	CHG	COMMENT
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •						
$982.5 \pm 1.6 \pm 1.1$	16.9k	[1] AMBROSINO	09F	KLOE		1.02 $e^+e^- \to \eta\pi^0\gamma$
986 ± 4		ANISOVICH	09	RVUE		0.0 $\overline{p}p$, πN
$982.3 ^{+0.6}_{-0.7} {}^{+3.1}_{-4.7}$		[2] UEHARA	09A	BELL		$\gamma\gamma \to \pi^0\eta$
$987.4 \pm 1.0 \pm 3.0$		[3,4] BUGG	08A	RVUE	0	$\overline{p}p \to \pi^0\pi^0\eta$
$989.1 \pm 1.0 \pm 3.0$		[4,5] BUGG	08A	RVUE	0	$\overline{p}p \to \pi^0\pi^0\eta$
$985 \pm 4 \pm 6$	318	ACHARD	02B	L3		183–209 $e^+e^- \to e^+e^-\eta\pi^+\pi^-$
$995 ^{+52}_{-10}$	36	[6] ACHASOV	00F	SND		$e^+e^- \to \eta\pi^0\gamma$
$994 ^{+33}_{-8}$	36	[7] ACHASOV	00F	SND		$e^+e^- \to \eta\pi^0\gamma$
975 ± 7		BARBERIS	00H			450 $pp \to p_f\eta\pi^0 p_s$
988 ± 8		BARBERIS	00H			450 $pp \to \Delta_f^{++}\eta\pi^- p_s$
~ 1055		[8] OLLER	99	RVUE		$\eta\pi$, $K\overline{K}$
~ 1009.2		[8] OLLER	99B	RVUE		$\pi\pi \to \pi\pi$, $K\overline{K}$
993.1 ± 2.1		[9] TEIGE	99	B852		18.3 $\pi^- p \to \eta\pi^+\pi^- n$
988 ± 6		[8] ANISOVICH	98B	RVUE		Compilation
987		TORNQVIST	96	RVUE		$\pi\pi \to \pi\pi$, $K\overline{K}$, $K\pi$, $\eta\pi$
991		JANSSEN	95	RVUE		$\eta\pi \to \eta\pi$, $K\overline{K}$, $K\pi$, $\eta\pi$
$984.45 \pm 1.23 \pm 0.34$		AMSLER	94C	CBAR		0.0 $\overline{p}p \to \omega\eta\pi^0$
982 ± 2		[10] AMSLER	92	CBAR		0.0 $\overline{p}p \to \eta\eta\pi^0$
984 ± 4	1040	[10] ARMSTRONG	91B	OMEG	±	300 $pp \to pp\eta\pi^+\pi^-$
976 ± 6		ATKINSON	84E	OMEG	±	25–55 $\gamma p \to \eta\pi n$
986 ± 3	500	[11] EVANGELIS...	81	OMEG	±	12 $\pi^- p \to \eta\pi^+\pi^-\pi^- p$
990 ± 7	145	[11] GURTU	79	HBC	±	4.2 $K^- p \to \Lambda\eta 2\pi$
980 ± 11	47	CONFORTO	78	OSPK	−	4.5 $\pi^- p \to pX^-$
978 ± 16	50	CORDEN	78	OMEG	±	12–15 $\pi^- p \to n\eta 2\pi$
977 ± 7		GRASSLER	77	HBC	−	16 $\pi^\mp p \to p\eta 3\pi$
989 ± 4	70	WELLS	75	HBC	−	3.1–6 $K^- p \to \Lambda\eta 2\pi$

972 ±10	150	DEFOIX	72	HBC	±	0.7 $\overline{p}p \rightarrow 7\pi$
970 ±15	20	BARNES	69C	HBC	−	4–5 $K^- p \rightarrow \Lambda\eta 2\pi$
980 ±10		CAMPBELL	69	DBC	±	2.7 $\pi^+ d$
980 ±10	15	MILLER	69B	HBC	−	4.5 $K^- N \rightarrow \eta\pi\Lambda$
980 ±10	30	AMMAR	68	HBC	±	5.5 $K^- p \rightarrow \Lambda\eta 2\pi$

[1] Using the model of ACHASOV 89 and ACHASOV 03B.
[2] From a fit with the S-wave amplitude including two interfering Breit-Wigners plus a background term.
[3] Parameterizes couplings to $\overline{K}K$, $\pi\eta$, and $\pi\eta'$.
[4] Using AMSLER 94D and ABELE 98.
[5] From the T-matrix pole on sheet II.
[6] Using the model of ACHASOV 89. Supersedes ACHASOV 98B.
[7] Using the model of JAFFE 77. Supersedes ACHASOV 98B.
[8] T-matrix pole.
[9] Breit-Wigner fit, average between $a_0^\pm$ and a_0^0. The fit favors a slightly heavier $a_0^\pm$.
[10] From a single Breit-Wigner fit.
[11] From $f_1(1285)$ decay.

$K\overline{K}$ ONLY

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• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •						
~ 1053		[12] OLLER	99C	RVUE		$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\overline{K}$
982 ± 3		[13] ABELE	98	CBAR		0.0 $\overline{p}p \rightarrow K_L^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$
975 ±15		BERTIN	98B	OBLX	±	0.0 $\overline{p}p \rightarrow K^\pm K_S \pi^\mp$
976 ± 6	316	DEBILLY	80	HBC	±	1.2–2 $\overline{p}p \rightarrow f_1(1285)\omega$
1016 ±10	100	[14] ASTIER	67	HBC	±	0.0 $\overline{p}p$
1003.3± 7.0	143	[15] ROSENFELD	65	RVUE	±	

[12] T-matrix pole.
[13] T-matrix pole on sheet II, the pole on sheet III is at 1006-i49 MeV.
[14] ASTIER 67 includes data of BARLOW 67, CONFORTO 67, ARMENTEROS 65.
[15] Plus systematic errors.

$a_0(980)$ WIDTH

VALUE (MeV)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	CHG	COMMENT
50 to 100 OUR ESTIMATE Width determination very model dependent. Peak width in $\eta\pi$ is about 60 MeV, but decay width can be much larger.						
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •						
75.6 ± 1.6 $^{+17.4}_{-10.0}$		[16] UEHARA	09A	BELL		$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi^0\eta$
80.2 ± 3.8 ± 5.4		[17] BUGG	08A	RVUE	0	$\overline{p}p \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\eta$
50 ±13 ± 4	318	ACHARD	02B	L3		183–209 $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\eta\pi^+\pi^-$
72 ±16		BARBERIS	00H			450 $pp \rightarrow p_f \eta\pi^0 p_s$
61 ±19		BARBERIS	00H			450 $pp \rightarrow \Delta_f^{++}\eta\pi^- p_s$
~ 42		[18] OLLER	99	RVUE		$\eta\pi, K\overline{K}$
~ 112		[18] OLLER	99B	RVUE		$\pi\pi \rightarrow \eta\pi, K\overline{K}$
71 ± 7		TEIGE	99	B852		18.3 $\pi^- p \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^- n$

92 ±20		[18] ANISOVICH	98B	RVUE		Compilation
65 ±10		[19] BERTIN	98B	OBLX	±	0.0 $\overline{p}p \rightarrow K^{\pm}K_S\pi^{\mp}$
∼ 100		TORNQVIST	96	RVUE		$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi$, $K\overline{K}$, $K\pi$, $\eta\pi$
202		JANSSEN	95	RVUE		$\eta\pi \rightarrow \eta\pi$, $K\overline{K}$, $K\pi$, $\eta\pi$
54.12± 0.34± 0.12		AMSLER	94C	CBAR		0.0 $\overline{p}p \rightarrow \omega\eta\pi^0$
54 ±10		[20] AMSLER	92	CBAR		0.0 $\overline{p}p \rightarrow \eta\eta\pi^0$
95 ±14	1040	[20] ARMSTRONG	91B	OMEG	±	300 $pp \rightarrow pp\eta\pi^+\pi^-$
62 ±15	500	[21] EVANGELIS...	81	OMEG	±	12 $\pi^-p \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-\pi^-p$
60 ±20	145	[21] GURTU	79	HBC	±	4.2 $K^-p \rightarrow \Lambda\eta 2\pi$
60 $^{+50}_{-30}$	47	CONFORTO	78	OSPK	−	4.5 $\pi^-p \rightarrow pX^-$
86.0 $^{+60.0}_{-50.0}$	50	CORDEN	78	OMEG	±	12–15 $\pi^-p \rightarrow n\eta 2\pi$
44 ±22		GRASSLER	77	HBC	−	16 $\pi^{\mp}p \rightarrow p\eta 3\pi$
80 to 300		[22] FLATTE	76	RVUE	−	4.2 $K^-p \rightarrow \Lambda\eta 2\pi$
16.0 $^{+25.0}_{-16.0}$	70	WELLS	75	HBC	−	3.1–6 $K^-p \rightarrow \Lambda\eta 2\pi$
30 ± 5	150	DEFOIX	72	HBC	±	0.7 $\overline{p}p \rightarrow 7\pi$
40 ±15		CAMPBELL	69	DBC	±	2.7 π^+d
60 ±30	15	MILLER	69B	HBC	−	4.5 $K^-N \rightarrow \eta\pi\Lambda$
80 ±30	30	AMMAR	68	HBC	±	5.5 $K^-p \rightarrow \Lambda\eta 2\pi$

[16] From a fit with the S-wave amplitude including two interfering Breit-Wigners plus a background term.
[17] From the T-matrix pole on sheet II, using AMSLER 94D and ABELE 98.
[18] T-matrix pole.
[19] The $\eta\pi$ width.
[20] From a single Breit-Wigner fit.
[21] From $f_1(1285)$ decay.
[22] Using a two-channel resonance parametrization of GAY 76B data.

$K\overline{K}$ ONLY

VALUE (MeV)	*EVTS*	*DOCUMENT ID*		*TECN*	*CHG*	*COMMENT*
92± 8		[23] ABELE	98	CBAR		0.0 $\overline{p}p \rightarrow K^0_L K^{\pm}\pi^{\mp}$
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •						
∼ 24		[24] OLLER	99C	RVUE		$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi$, $K\overline{K}$
∼ 25	100	[25] ASTIER	67	HBC	±	
57±13	143	[26] ROSENFELD	65	RVUE	±	

[23] T-matrix pole on sheet II, the pole on sheet III is at 1006-i49 MeV.
[24] T-matrix pole.
[25] ASTIER 67 includes data of BARLOW 67, CONFORTO 67, ARMENTEROS 65.
[26] Plus systematic errors.

$a_0(980)$ DECAY MODES

	Mode	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)
Γ_1	$\eta\pi$	dominant
Γ_2	$K\overline{K}$	seen
Γ_3	$\rho\pi$	
Γ_4	$\gamma\gamma$	seen
Γ_5	e^+e^-	

$a_0(980)$ PARTIAL WIDTHS

$\Gamma(\gamma\gamma)$ — Γ_4

VALUE (keV)	DOCUMENT ID		TECN
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •			
0.30±0.10	[27] AMSLER	98	RVUE

[27] Using $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}$B($a0(980) \rightarrow \eta\pi$) =0.24 ± 0.08 keV.

$a_0(980)$ $\Gamma(i)\Gamma(\gamma\gamma)/\Gamma(\text{total})$

$\Gamma(\eta\pi) \times \Gamma(\gamma\gamma)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$ — $\Gamma_1\Gamma_4/\Gamma$

VALUE (keV)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
0.21 $^{+0.08}_{-0.04}$ OUR AVERAGE					
$0.128^{+0.003}_{-0.002}{}^{+0.502}_{-0.043}$		[28] UEHARA	09A	BELL	$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi^0\eta$
0.28 ±0.04 ±0.10	44	OEST	90	JADE	$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\pi^0\eta$
0.19 ±0.07 $^{+0.10}_{-0.07}$		ANTREASYAN	86	CBAL	$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\pi^0\eta$

[28] From a fit with the S-wave amplitude including two interfering Breit-Wigners plus a background term.

$\Gamma(\eta\pi) \times \Gamma(e^+e^-)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$ — $\Gamma_1\Gamma_5/\Gamma$

VALUE (eV)	CL%	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
<1.5	90	VOROBYEV	88	ND	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0\eta$

$a_0(980)$ BRANCHING RATIOS

$\Gamma(K\overline{K})/\Gamma(\eta\pi)$ — Γ_2/Γ_1

VALUE	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	CHG	COMMENT
0.183±0.024 OUR AVERAGE Error includes scale factor of 1.2.					
0.57 ±0.16	[29] BARGIOTTI	03	OBLX		$\overline{p}p$
0.23 ±0.05	[30] ABELE	98	CBAR		0.0 $\overline{p}p \rightarrow K^0_L K^\pm\pi^\mp$
0.166±0.01 ±0.02	[31] BARBERIS	98C	OMEG		450 $pp \rightarrow p_f f_1(1285) p_s$
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
1.20 ±0.15	[32] ANISOVICH	09	RVUE		0.0 $\overline{p}p$, πN
1.05 ±0.07 ±0.05	[33] BUGG	08A	RVUE	0	$\overline{p}p \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\eta$
∼ 0.60	OLLER	99B	RVUE		$\pi\pi \rightarrow \eta\pi$, $K\overline{K}$
0.7 ±0.3	[31] CORDEN	78	OMEG		12–15 $\pi^- p \rightarrow n\eta 2\pi$
0.25 ±0.08	[31] DEFOIX	72	HBC	±	0.7 $\overline{p} \rightarrow 7\pi$

$\Gamma(\rho\pi)/\Gamma(\eta\pi)$ — Γ_3/Γ_1

$\rho\pi$ forbidden.

VALUE	CL%	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	CHG	COMMENT
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •						
<0.25	70	AMMAR	70	HBC	$\pm$	4.1,5.5 $K^- p \rightarrow \Lambda\eta 2\pi$

[29] Coupled channel analysis of $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$, $K^+K^-\pi^0$, and $K^\pm K^0_S\pi^\mp$.
[30] Using $\pi^0\pi^0\eta$ from AMSLER 94D.
[31] From the decay of $f_1(1285)$.
[32] This is a ratio of couplings.
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