

**$a_0(980)$**

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

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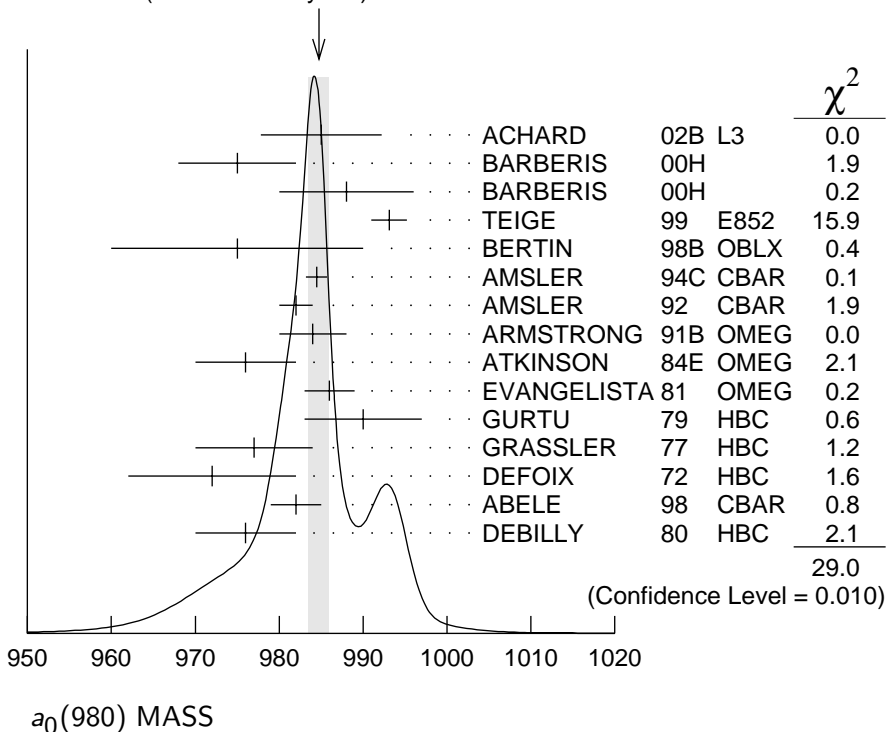
**$a_0(980)$  MASS**

VALUE (MeV)

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**984.7 ± 1.2 OUR AVERAGE** Includes data from the 2 datablocks that follow this one. Error includes scale factor of 1.5. See the ideogram below.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE  
984.7 ± 1.2 (Error scaled by 1.5)



**$\eta\pi$  FINAL STATE ONLY**

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**985.1 ± 1.3 OUR AVERAGE** Error includes scale factor of 1.5. See the ideogram below.

Mass (MeV)	EVTS	Document ID	TECN	CHG	COMMENT
985 ± 4 ± 6	318	ACHARD 02B L3			183-209 $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\eta\pi^+\pi^-$
975 ± 7		BARBERIS 00H			450 $pp \rightarrow p_f\eta\pi^0 p_s$
988 ± 8		BARBERIS 00H			450 $pp \rightarrow \Delta_f^{++}\eta\pi^- p_s$
993.1 ± 2.1	1	TEIGE 99 E852			18.3 $\pi^-\rho \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-n$

975	$\pm 15$		BERTIN	98B OBLX	0.0 $\bar{p}p \rightarrow K^\pm K_S \pi^\mp$
984.45	$\pm 1.23 \pm 0.34$		AMSLER	94C CBAR	0.0 $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \omega \eta \pi^0$
982	$\pm 2$		<sup>2</sup> AMSLER	92 CBAR	0.0 $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \eta \eta \pi^0$
984	$\pm 4$	1040	<sup>2</sup> ARMSTRONG	91B OMEG $\pm$	300 $pp \rightarrow \rho p \eta \pi^+ \pi^-$
976	$\pm 6$		ATKINSON	84E OMEG $\pm$	25–55 $\gamma p \rightarrow \eta \pi n$
986	$\pm 3$	500	<sup>3</sup> EVANGELISTA	81 OMEG $\pm$	12 $\pi^- p \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^- p$
990	$\pm 7$	145	<sup>3</sup> GURTU	79 HBC $\pm$	4.2 $K^- p \rightarrow \Lambda \eta 2\pi$
977	$\pm 7$		GRASSLER	77 HBC $-$	16 $\pi^\mp p \rightarrow \rho \eta 3\pi$
972	$\pm 10$	150	DEFOIX	72 HBC $\pm$	0.7 $\bar{p}p \rightarrow 7\pi$
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995	$+52$ $-10$	36	<sup>4</sup> ACHASOV	00F SND	$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \eta \pi^0 \gamma$
994	$+33$ $-8$	36	<sup>5</sup> ACHASOV	00F SND	$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \eta \pi^0 \gamma$
~ 1055			<sup>6</sup> OLLER	99 RVUE	$\eta \pi, K \bar{K}$
~ 1009.2			<sup>6</sup> OLLER	99B RVUE	$\pi \pi \rightarrow \pi \pi, K \bar{K}$
988	$\pm 6$		<sup>6</sup> ANISOVICH	98B RVUE	Compilation
987			TORNQVIST	96 RVUE	$\pi \pi \rightarrow \pi \pi, K \bar{K}, K \pi, \eta \pi$
991			JANSSEN	95 RVUE	$\eta \pi \rightarrow \eta \pi, K \bar{K}, K \pi, \eta \pi$
980	$\pm 11$	47	CONFORTO	78 OSPK $-$	4.5 $\pi^- p \rightarrow \rho X^-$
978	$\pm 16$	50	CORDEN	78 OMEG $\pm$	12–15 $\pi^- p \rightarrow n \eta 2\pi$
989	$\pm 4$	70	WELLS	75 HBC $-$	3.1–6 $K^- p \rightarrow \Lambda \eta 2\pi$
970	$\pm 15$	20	BARNES	69C HBC $-$	4–5 $K^- p \rightarrow \Lambda \eta 2\pi$
980	$\pm 10$		CAMPBELL	69 DBC $\pm$	2.7 $\pi^+ d$
980	$\pm 10$	15	MILLER	69B HBC $-$	4.5 $K^- N \rightarrow \eta \pi \Lambda$
980	$\pm 10$	30	AMMAR	68 HBC $\pm$	5.5 $K^- p \rightarrow \Lambda \eta 2\pi$

<sup>1</sup> Breit-Wigner fit, average between  $a_0^\pm$  and  $a_0^0$ . The fit favors a slightly heavier  $a_0^\pm$ .

<sup>2</sup> From a single Breit-Wigner fit.

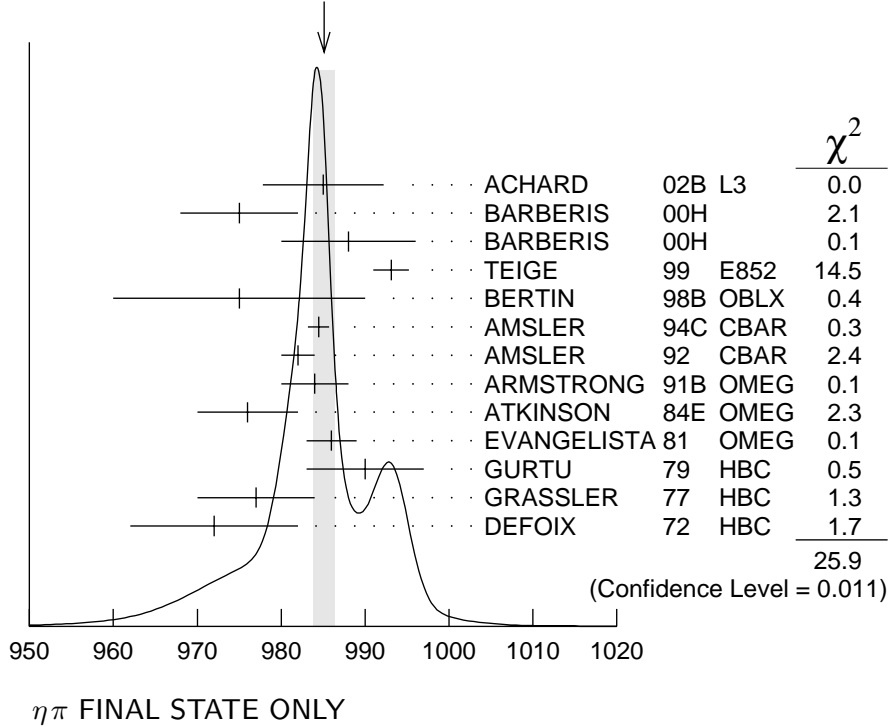
<sup>3</sup> From  $f_1(1285)$  decay.

<sup>4</sup> Supersedes ACHASOV 98B. Using the model of ACHASOV 89.

<sup>5</sup> Supersedes ACHASOV 98B. Using the model of JAFFE 77.

<sup>6</sup> T-matrix pole.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE  
 $985.1 \pm 1.3$  (Error scaled by 1.5)



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**$980.8 \pm 2.7$  OUR AVERAGE**

$982 \pm 3$		<sup>7</sup> ABELE	98 CBAR		$0.0 \bar{p}p \rightarrow K_L^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$
$976 \pm 6$	316	DEBILLY	80 HBC	$\pm$	$1.2-2 \bar{p}p \rightarrow f_1(1285)\omega$
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$\sim 1053$		<sup>8</sup> OLLER	99C RVUE		$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
$1016 \pm 10$	100	<sup>9</sup> ASTIER	67 HBC	$\pm$	$0.0 \bar{p}p$
$1003.3 \pm 7.0$	143	<sup>10</sup> ROSENFELD	65 RVUE	$\pm$	

<sup>7</sup> T-matrix pole on sheet II, the pole on sheet III is at 1006-i49 MeV.

<sup>8</sup> T-matrix pole.

<sup>9</sup> ASTIER 67 includes data of BARLOW 67, CONFORTO 67, ARMENTEROS 65.

<sup>10</sup> Plus systematic errors.

**$a_0(980)$  WIDTH**

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**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.

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50	$\pm 13$	$\pm 4$	318	ACHARD	02B L3		183–209 $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\eta\pi^+\pi^-$
72	$\pm 16$			BARBERIS	00H		450 $p\rho \rightarrow \rho_f\eta\pi^0\rho_S$
61	$\pm 19$			BARBERIS	00H		450 $p\rho \rightarrow \Delta_f^{++}\eta\pi^-\rho_S$
~ 42				<sup>11</sup> OLLER	99 RVUE		$\eta\pi, K\bar{K}$
~ 112				<sup>11</sup> OLLER	99B RVUE		$\pi\pi \rightarrow \eta\pi, K\bar{K}$
71	$\pm 7$			TEIGE	99 E852		18.3 $\pi^-\rho \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-n$
92	$\pm 20$			<sup>11</sup> ANISOVICH	98B RVUE		Compilation
65	$\pm 10$			BERTIN	98B OBLX		0.0 $\bar{p}\rho \rightarrow K^\pm K_S\pi^\mp$
~ 100				TORNQVIST	96 RVUE		$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}, K\pi, \eta\pi$
202				JANSSEN	95 RVUE		$\eta\pi \rightarrow \eta\pi, K\bar{K}, K\pi, \eta\pi$
54.12 $\pm$ 0.34 $\pm$ 0.12				AMSLER	94C CBAR		0.0 $\bar{p}\rho \rightarrow \omega\eta\pi^0$
54	$\pm 10$			<sup>12</sup> AMSLER	92 CBAR		0.0 $\bar{p}\rho \rightarrow \eta\eta\pi^0$
95	$\pm 14$	1040		<sup>12</sup> ARMSTRONG	91B OMEG $\pm$		300 $p\rho \rightarrow \rho\rho\eta\pi^+\pi^-$
62	$\pm 15$	500		<sup>13</sup> EVANGELISTA	81 OMEG $\pm$		12 $\pi^-\rho \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-\pi^-p$
60	$\pm 20$	145		<sup>13</sup> GURTU	79 HBC $\pm$		4.2 $K^-\rho \rightarrow \Lambda\eta 2\pi$
60	$\begin{smallmatrix} +50 \\ -30 \end{smallmatrix}$	47		CONFORTO	78 OSPK $-$		4.5 $\pi^-\rho \rightarrow \rho X^-$
86.0	$\begin{smallmatrix} +60.0 \\ -50.0 \end{smallmatrix}$	50		CORDEN	78 OMEG $\pm$		12–15 $\pi^-\rho \rightarrow n\eta 2\pi$
44	$\pm 22$			GRASSLER	77 HBC $-$		16 $\pi^\mp\rho \rightarrow \rho\eta 3\pi$
80	to 300			<sup>14</sup> FLATTE	76 RVUE $-$		4.2 $K^-\rho \rightarrow \Lambda\eta 2\pi$
16.0	$\begin{smallmatrix} +25.0 \\ -16.0 \end{smallmatrix}$	70		WELLS	75 HBC $-$		3.1–6 $K^-\rho \rightarrow \Lambda\eta 2\pi$
30	$\pm 5$	150		DEFOIX	72 HBC $\pm$		0.7 $\bar{p}\rho \rightarrow 7\pi$
40	$\pm 15$			CAMPBELL	69 DBC $\pm$		2.7 $\pi^+d$
60	$\pm 30$	15		MILLER	69B HBC $-$		4.5 $K^-N \rightarrow \eta\pi\Lambda$
80	$\pm 30$	30		AMMAR	68 HBC $\pm$		5.5 $K^-\rho \rightarrow \Lambda\eta 2\pi$

<sup>11</sup> T-matrix pole.

<sup>12</sup> From a single Breit-Wigner fit.

<sup>13</sup> From  $f_1(1285)$  decay.

<sup>14</sup> Using a two-channel resonance parametrization of GAY 76B data.

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VALUE (MeV)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	CHG	COMMENT
<b>92 <math>\pm</math> 8</b>		<sup>15</sup> ABELE	98 CBAR		0.0 $\bar{p}\rho \rightarrow K_L^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$
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~ 24		<sup>16</sup> OLLER	99C RVUE		$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi, K\bar{K}$
~ 25	100	<sup>17</sup> ASTIER	67 HBC $\pm$		
57 $\pm$ 13	143	<sup>18</sup> ROSENFELD	65 RVUE $\pm$		

<sup>15</sup> T-matrix pole on sheet II, the pole on sheet III is at 1006-i49 MeV.

<sup>16</sup> T-matrix pole.

<sup>17</sup> ASTIER 67 includes data of BARLOW 67, CONFORTO 67, ARMENTEROS 65.

<sup>18</sup> Plus systematic errors.

### $a_0(980)$ DECAY MODES

Mode	Fraction ( $\Gamma_i/\Gamma$ )
$\Gamma_1$ $\eta\pi$	dominant
$\Gamma_2$ $K\bar{K}$	seen
$\Gamma_3$ $\rho\pi$	
$\Gamma_4$ $\gamma\gamma$	seen
$\Gamma_5$ $e^+e^-$	

### $a_0(980)$ PARTIAL WIDTHS

$\Gamma(\gamma\gamma)$					$\Gamma_4$
VALUE (keV)	DOCUMENT ID	TECN			
$0.30 \pm 0.10$	<sup>19</sup> AMSLER	98	RVUE		
<sup>19</sup> Using $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} B(a_0(980) \rightarrow \eta\pi) = 0.24 \pm 0.08$ 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	
<b><math>0.24^{+0.08}_{-0.07}</math> OUR AVERAGE</b>					
$0.28 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.10$	44	OEST	90	JADE $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\pi^0\eta$	
$0.19 \pm 0.07^{+0.10}_{-0.07}$		ANTREASYAN 86	CBAL	$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\pi^0\eta$	
$\Gamma(\eta\pi) \times \Gamma(e^+e^-)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$					$\Gamma_1\Gamma_5/\Gamma$
VALUE (eV)	CL%	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT	
<b>&lt;1.5</b>	90	VOROBYEV	88	ND $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0\eta$	

### $a_0(980)$ BRANCHING RATIOS

$\Gamma(K\bar{K})/\Gamma(\eta\pi)$					$\Gamma_2/\Gamma_1$
VALUE	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	CHG	COMMENT	
<b><math>0.183 \pm 0.024</math> OUR AVERAGE</b>	Error includes scale factor of 1.2.				
$0.57 \pm 0.16$	<sup>20</sup> BARGIOTTI	03	OBLX	$\bar{p}p$	
$0.23 \pm 0.05$	<sup>21</sup> ABELE	98	CBAR	$0.0 \bar{p}p \rightarrow K_L^0 K^\pm \pi^\mp$	
$0.166 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.02$	<sup>22</sup> BARBERIS	98c	OMEG	$450 p p \rightarrow \rho_f f_1(1285) p_S$	

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~ 0.60	OLLER	99B	RVUE	$\pi\pi \rightarrow \eta\pi, K\bar{K}$
1.16 ± 0.18	<sup>23</sup> BUGG	94	RVUE	$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \eta\eta\pi^0$
0.7 ± 0.3	<sup>22</sup> CORDEN	78	OMEG	12-15 $\pi^- p \rightarrow n\eta 2\pi$
0.25 ± 0.08	<sup>22</sup> DEFOIX	72	HBC ±	0.7 $\bar{p} \rightarrow 7\pi$

$\Gamma(\rho\pi)/\Gamma(\eta\pi)$

$\rho\pi$  forbidden.

$\Gamma_3/\Gamma_1$

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<0.25	70	AMMAR	70	HBC ±	4.1,5.5 $K^- p \rightarrow \Lambda\eta 2\pi$
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<sup>20</sup> Coupled channel analysis of  $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ ,  $K^+K^-\pi^0$ , and  $K^\pm K_S^0\pi^\mp$ .

<sup>21</sup> Using  $\pi^0\pi^0\eta$  from AMSLER 94D.

<sup>22</sup> From the decay of  $f_1(1285)$ .

<sup>23</sup> BUGG 94 uses AMSLER 94C data. This is a ratio of couplings.

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