



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

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D Motivation

- BESIII charm dataset
- **D** Hadronic decays
- **D** Semi-leptonic Decay
- □ Summary & Outlook

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 $(S_0, J^P = 0^+)$ have been debated. PDG: Tentative classification

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

Motivation-Scalar mesons

- > The number of experimentally observed light scalar mesons (S_0) with masses below 1GeV is higher than predicted by the quark model.
- > Masses puzzle: $a_0(980)$, $f_0(980)$, K(700), $f_0(500)$
- > It is generally believed that S_0 are not the ordinary quark model state— the $q\overline{q}$ state.
- > Many interpretations: ordinary $q\overline{q}$, exotic tetraquark states (meson-pair molecule, four-quark bound state $q^2\overline{q}^2$), hybrid etc^[1-4].



Motivation-Scalar mesons

- Charm mesons(D,Λ[±]_c) have abundant final state interactions, which the production of exotic states essentially involves, such as quark exchange, resonance formation, etc. Here we can explore the nature of scalar mesons.
- ► Hadronic decays $D \to S_0 P$ and semileptonic decays $D \to S_0 l^+ v_l$ offer a favorable platform.
- 1. If $a_0(980)$ is a tetraquark, there are two additional T-like topological amplitudes in $D \rightarrow a_0(980)P$, the branching fraction(BF) will be different from the $q\bar{q}$ structure[1].



- 2. Light scalar mesons are actually mixed with each other, and 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 ϕ

 \succ The PDG average value of ϕ major decay has not been updated in the last 30 years.

$\phi(1020)$ decay modes					
Mode		Fraction (Γ_i / Γ)			
Γ_1	K^+K^-	$(49.1 \pm 0.5)\%$			
Γ_2	$K^0_L \ K^0_S$	$(33.9\pm0.4)\%$			
Γ_3	$ ho\pi+\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	$(15.4\pm0.4)\%$			

▶ Previously measured mainly in the e^+e^- annihilation and K - p scattering, which often encounter challenges from complex background and various interferences.

A new, independent method is needed to obtain more accurate ϕ decay!

- ESIII experiment has accumulated the world's largest sample of near-threshold charm mesons, and their decay products contain a large number of ϕ mesons, which provides us with excellent experimental conditions for the study of ϕ mesons.
- → The ϕ relative BF measurement can be obtained (by measuring the BF of $D^+_{(s)} \rightarrow \phi \pi^+$ in different final states of ϕ).

BESIII charm dataset

- $D^{\pm,0}$: 20.3 fb⁻¹ @ E_{cm} =3.773 GeV
- D_s^{\pm} : 7.33 fb⁻¹ @ E_{cm} =4.128 4.226GeV
- Λ_c^{\pm} : 6.1 fb⁻¹@ 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



RPC: 9

layers

SC

Solenoid` Barrel

ToF

Endcap.

ToF

SC Ouadrupol



RPC:8

Study of scalar and vector mesons in the hadronic decays

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

Single tag method



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

arXiv:2407.12270

$\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda \pi^+ \eta$
1312±45 candidates with
80% purity

Process	FF(%)	S	α
$\Lambda a_0(980)^+$	$54.0 \pm 8.4 \pm 2.6$	13.1σ	$0.91^{+0.09}_{-0.18}\pm 0.08$
$\Sigma(1385)^+\eta$	$30.4 \pm 2.6 \pm 0.7$	22.5σ	$-0.61 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.04$
$\Lambda(1670)\pi^+$	$14.1 \pm 2.8 \pm 1.2$	11.7σ	$0.21 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.33$
$\Lambda NR_{0}+$	15.4 ± 5.3	6.7σ	

 $\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \to \Lambda \pi^+ \eta)$ = (1.94 ± 0.07 ± 0.11)%

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

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

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

- $\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_{c}^{+} \rightarrow \Lambda a_{0}(980)^{+}, a_{0}(980)^{+} \rightarrow \pi^{+}\eta) = (1.05 \pm 0.16_{stat} \pm 0.05_{syst} \pm 0.07_{ext})\%$
- $\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda a_0(980)^+) = (1.23 \pm 0.21)\%$, which is larger than theoretical calculations by 1-2 orders.
- The difference suggests some unknown decay mechanisms.
- Λ_c^+ decays may offer a new window to study the light scalar meson $a_0(980)^+$.

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 ⁻³)
$D_s^+ \to \bar{K}^*(892)^0 K^+$	$4.77 \pm 0.38 \pm 0.32$
$D_s^+ \to K^*(892)^+ K_S^0$	$2.03 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.20$
$D_s^+ \to a_0(980)^+ \pi^0$	$1.12 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.27$
$D_s^+ \to \bar{K}^* (1410)^0 K^+$	$0.88 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.19$
$D_s^+ \to a_0(1817)^+ \pi^0$	$3.44 \pm 0.52 \pm 0.32$

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

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



- Observation of W-annihilation-free decay $D^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 a_0 (980)^+$
- $\mathcal{B}(D^+ \to K_S^0 a_0(980)^+, a_0(980)^+ \to \pi^+ \eta) = (1.33 \pm 0.05_{stat} \pm 0.04_{syst})\%$
- 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]. $\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \eta) = (1.27 \pm 0.04_{stat} \pm 0.03_{syst})\%$ 11

 $\bar{K}_{0}^{*}(1430)^{0}$



Amplitude	Phase (in unit rad)	FF (%)	Significance (σ)	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	$0.15 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.02$
$r_{+/0}$		$2.6\pm0.6\pm0.3$	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 ao(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 $D_s^+ \rightarrow \phi(\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0, K^+K^-)\pi^-$

1) ^T $\rightarrow \pi^{T}\pi^{-}\pi^{0}\pi^{T}$ arXiv:2406 17452					
		Component	Phase (rad)	FF (%)	BF (10^{-3})
		$f_0(1370)\rho^+$	0.0(fixed)	$24.9\pm3.8\pm2.1$	$5.08 \pm 0.80 \pm 0.43$
$\int \frac{1}{200} E(a) = \int \frac{1}{200} 1$		$f_0(980) ho^+$	$3.99 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.07$	$12.6 \pm 2.1 \pm 1.0$	$2.57 \pm 0.44 \pm 0.20$
$\check{\Sigma}$ (9) Ψ		$f_2(1270)\rho^+$	$1.11 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.10$	$9.5\pm1.7\pm0.6$	$1.94 \pm 0.36 \pm 0.12$
μ ¹⁵⁰ -	-	$(ho^+ ho^0)_S$	$1.10 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.10$	$3.5\pm1.2\pm0.6$	$0.71 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.12$
	~	$(ho(1450)^+ ho^0)_S$	$0.43 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.17$	$4.6\pm1.3\pm0.8$	$0.94 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.16$
		$(\rho^+ \rho (1450)^0)_P$	$4.58 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.09$	$8.6\pm1.3\pm0.4$	$1.75 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.08$
		$\phi((\rho\pi) \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0)\pi^+$	$2.90 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.18$	$24.9\pm1.2\pm0.4$	$5.08 \pm 0.32 \pm 0.10$
		$\omega((\rho\pi) \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0)\pi^+$	$3.22 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.09$	$6.9\pm0.8\pm0.3$	$1.41 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.06$
		$a_1^+ (ho^0 \pi^+)_S \pi^0$	$3.78 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.12$	$12.5\pm1.6\pm1.0$	$2.55 \pm 0.34 \pm 0.20$
		$a_1^0((\rho\pi)_S \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)\pi^+$	$4.82 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.12$	$6.3\pm1.9\pm1.2$	$1.29 \pm 0.39 \pm 0.24$
0.0 - 1.0 - 1.0		$\pi (1300)^0 ((\rho \pi)_P \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0) \pi^+$	$2.22 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.08$	$11.7 \pm 2.3 \pm 2.2$	$2.39 \pm 0.48 \pm 0.45$
$M(\pi^{+}\pi\pi^{\circ})$ (GeV/ c^{2})					
	•	Double tag method			
$D^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^+$ PRD 104 012016		Double tag method			
		First mesurement of	$\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+)$	$\pi^{+}\pi^{-}\pi^{0}$) - (2.04)
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		0.08 ± 0.05	0/		
		$0.00_{stat} \pm 0.03_{syst}$	70		
N 1000		$\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \phi \pi^+ \phi \rightarrow \phi$	$\pi^{+}\pi^{-}\pi^{0}) = 0$	(5.00 ± 0.2)	$2 \pm 0.10 \times 10^{-1}$
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		$\mathcal{B}(D^+ \to \phi \pi^+ \phi \to \phi \Phi \to \phi \phi \to \phi \to \phi \phi \to \phi \to \phi \phi \to \phi \to$	$K^+K^-) = (2)$	21 + 0.05 -	+ 0.07)%
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$\phi(1020)$					
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Study of scalar and vector mesons in the semi-leptonic decays



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

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

• 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 ± 0.13	0.48 ± 0.23	0.30 ± 0.03	0.24 ± 0.05	0.39 ± 0.02
Difference (σ)				0.1	0.2	4.3	4.3	2.8
ϕ in theory		$(32 \pm 4.8)^{\circ}$	$(41.3 \pm 5.5)^{\circ}$	35°	$(8^{+21}_{-8})^{\circ}$		$(56 \pm 7)^{\circ}$	31°

- $f_{+}^{f_0}(0)|V_{cs}|=0.504\pm0.017\pm0.035$
- Form factor $f_{+}^{f_0}(0) = 0.518 \pm 0.018 \pm 0.036 (|V_{cs}| = 0.97349 \pm 0.00016 \text{ PDG})$



f^f,(0)

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

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



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

- First observation of $D^+ \rightarrow f_0(500) \mu^+ \nu_{\mu}$
- First FF measurement of $D^+ \rightarrow f_0(500) l^+ v_l$

Signal mode	$N_{\rm obs}$	$\mathcal{S}(\sigma)$	$\epsilon_{ m sig}$ (%)	$\mathcal{B}_{\rm sig}(\times 10^{-3})$
$f_0(500)\mu^+\nu_\mu$	209 ± 38	5.9	18.93 ± 0.13	0.72 ± 0.13
$ ho^0 \mu^+ u_\mu$	496 ± 38	> 10	19.86 ± 0.13	1.64 ± 0.13
$f_0(500)e^+\nu_e$	412 ± 43	> 10	44.76 ± 0.25	0.60 ± 0.06
$ ho^0 e^+ u_e$	1237 ± 47	> 10	44.12 ± 0.25	1.84 ± 0.07

- $f_{+}^{f_0}(0)|V_{cd}|=0.0787\pm 0.0060\pm 0.0033$
- $f_{+}^{f_0}(0)=0.350\pm0.027\pm0.015$

 $(|V_{cd}|$ =0.22438 ± 0.00044 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

Summary

- 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 ϕ branching ratio is significant different from the PDG result.

Outlook

- Many BFs, amplitude analyses are being studied.
- ϕ decay will be precisely measured in charm decay.
- More scalar mesons could be studied via charm decays.
- More results are on the way!

Thanks for your attention!