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Role of $a_0(980)$ in the decays of $D^0 \to K^+K^-\eta$ and $\pi^+\pi^-\eta$

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§1. Introduction

$a_0(980)$

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

VALUE (MeV)
980±20 OUR ESTIMATE M
$\eta\pi$ FINAL STATE ONLY

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.				

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PDG review

64. Scalar Mesons below 1 GeV

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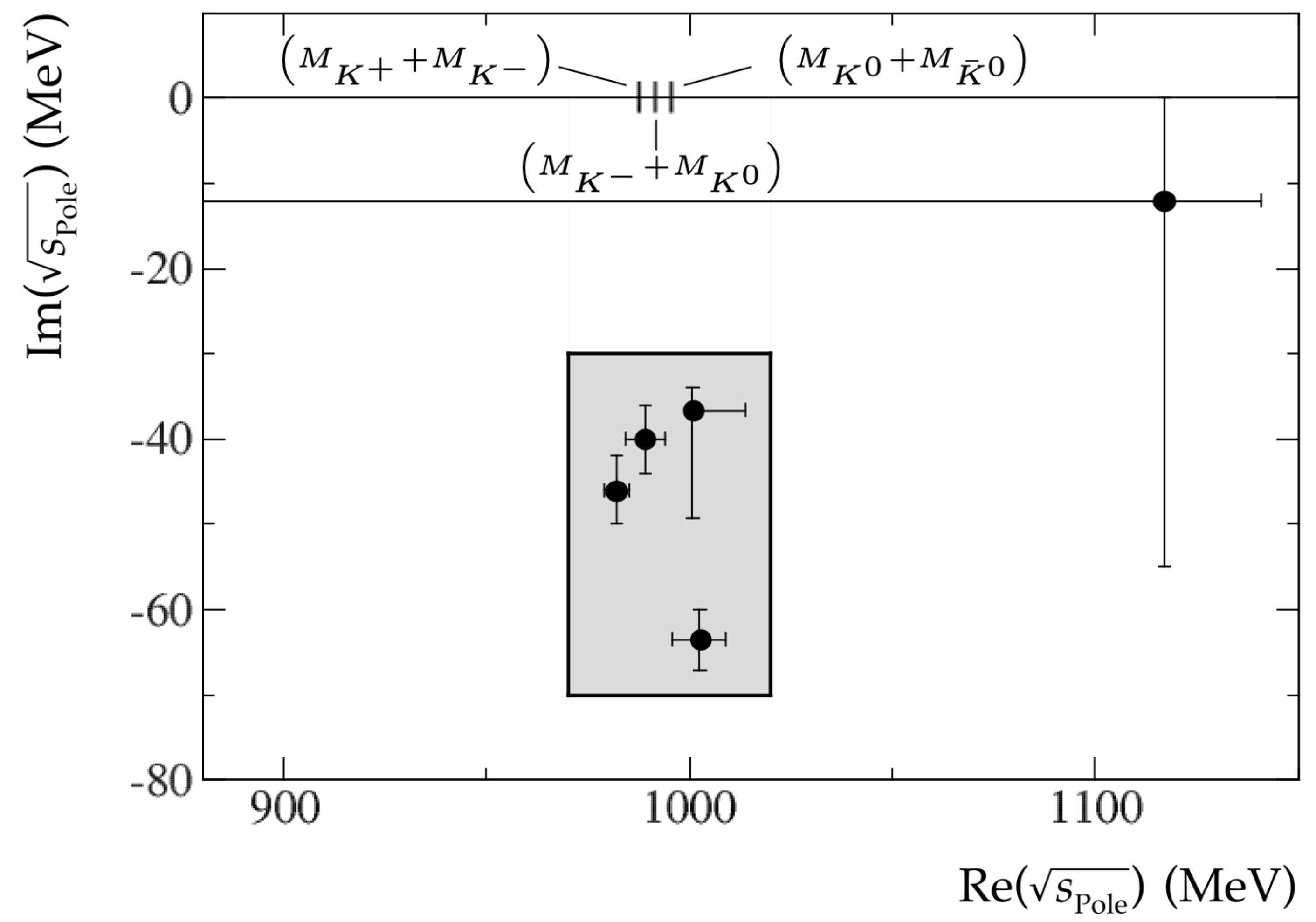

$$\sqrt{s_{\rm Pole}^{a_0(980)}} = (970 - 1020) - i(30 - 70)\ \mathrm{MeV}$$

Conventional scalar $q\bar{q}$ states:

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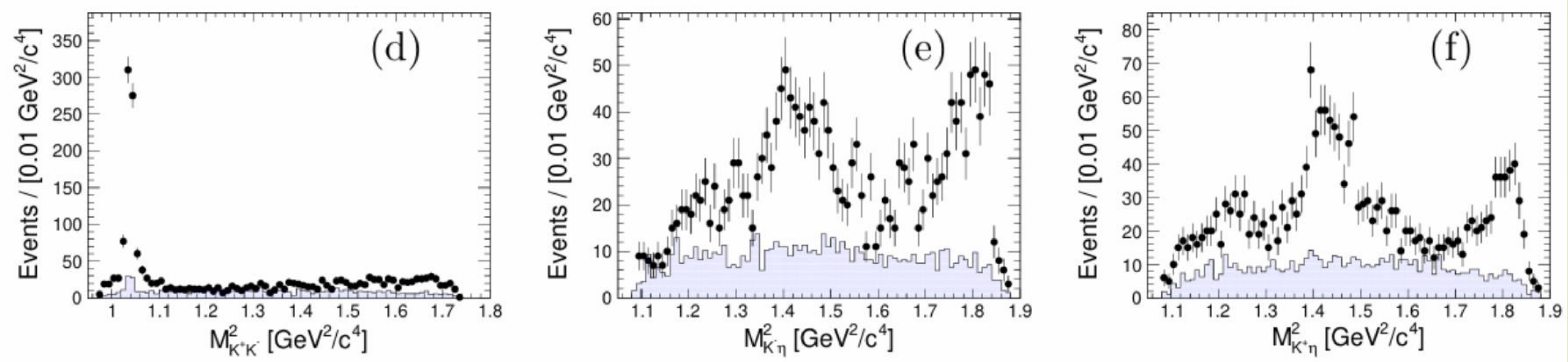
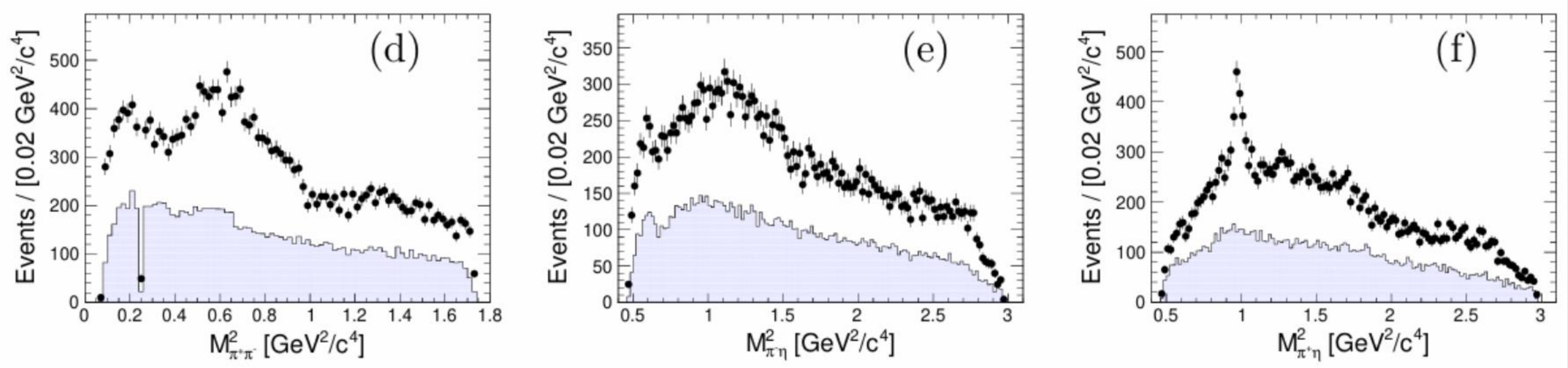
$D^0 \to K^+K^-\eta,\ \ \pi^+\pi^-\eta$





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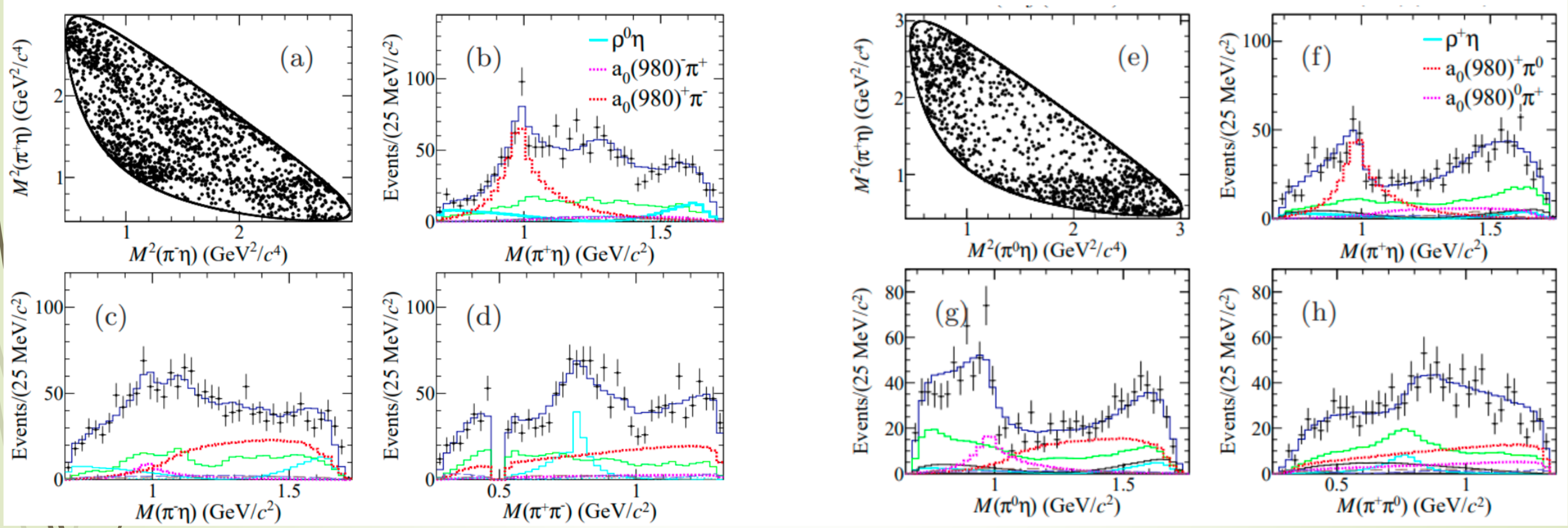
$D^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-\eta$, $D^+ \to \pi^+\pi^0\eta$

Yu Lu's talk



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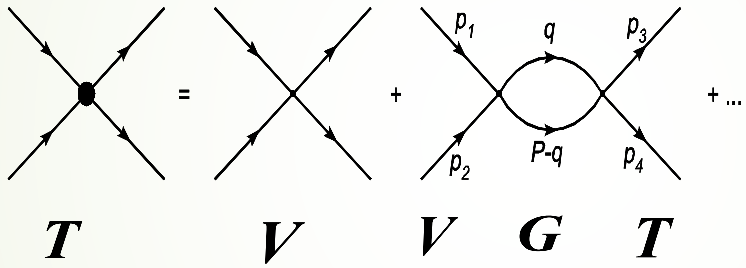
What can we learn from the invariant mass distributions of the experimental measurement?

§2. Formalism

(1) Coupled channel interaction from the chiral unitary approach

- **Chiral Unitary Approach**: solving Bethe-Salpeter equations, which take on-shell approximation for the loops.

$$T = V + V\,G\,T,\; T = [1 - V\,G]^{-1}\,V$$



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where V matrix (potentials) can be evaluated from the interaction Lagrangians.

$I = 0$ sector	$\pi^+\pi^-,\ \pi^0\pi^0,\ K^+K^-,\ K^0\overline{K}^0,\ \eta\eta$
$I = 1$ sector	$K^+K^-,\ K^0\overline{K}^0,\ \pi^0\eta$
$I = 1/2$ sector	$K^+\pi^-,\ K^0\pi^0,\ K^0\eta$

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G is a diagonal matrix with the loop functions of each channels:

$$G_{ll}(s) = i\int \frac{d^4q}{(2\pi)^4}\frac{1}{(P-q)^2-m_{l1}^2+i\varepsilon}\ \frac{1}{q^2-m_{l2}^2+i\varepsilon}$$

The coupled channel scattering amplitudes **T matrix satisfy the unitary** :

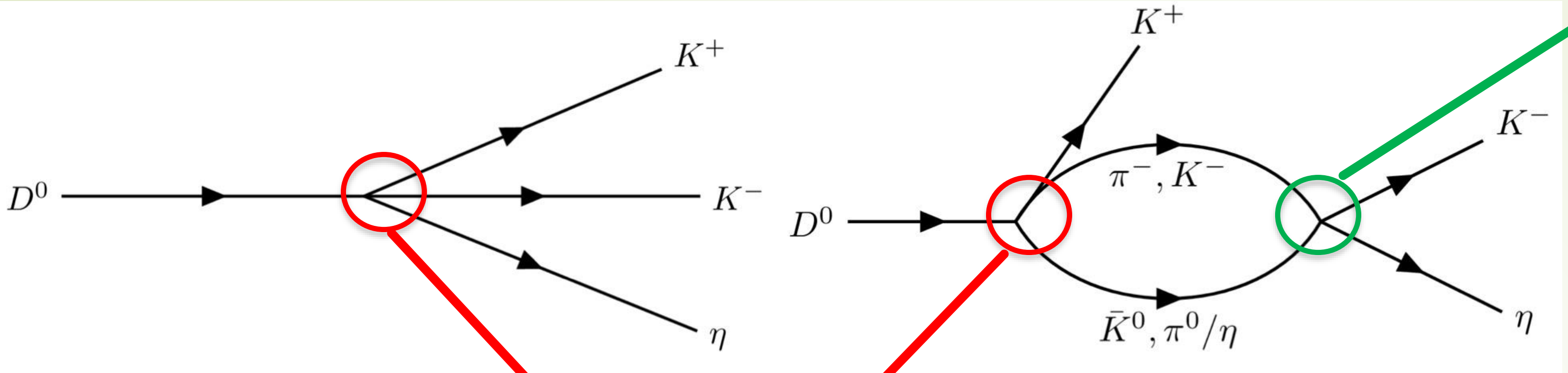
$$\text{Im}\ T_{ij} = T_{in}\,\sigma_{nn}\,T^*_{nj}$$

$$\sigma_{nn} \equiv \text{Im}\ G_{nn} = -\frac{q_{cm}}{8\pi\sqrt{s}}\theta(s-(m_1+m_2)^2))$$

To search the poles of the resonances, we should extrapolate the scattering amplitudes to the second Riemann sheets:

$$G^{II}_{ll}(s) = G^{I}_{ll}(s) + i\,\frac{q_{cm}}{4\pi\sqrt{s}}$$

(2) Final state interaction



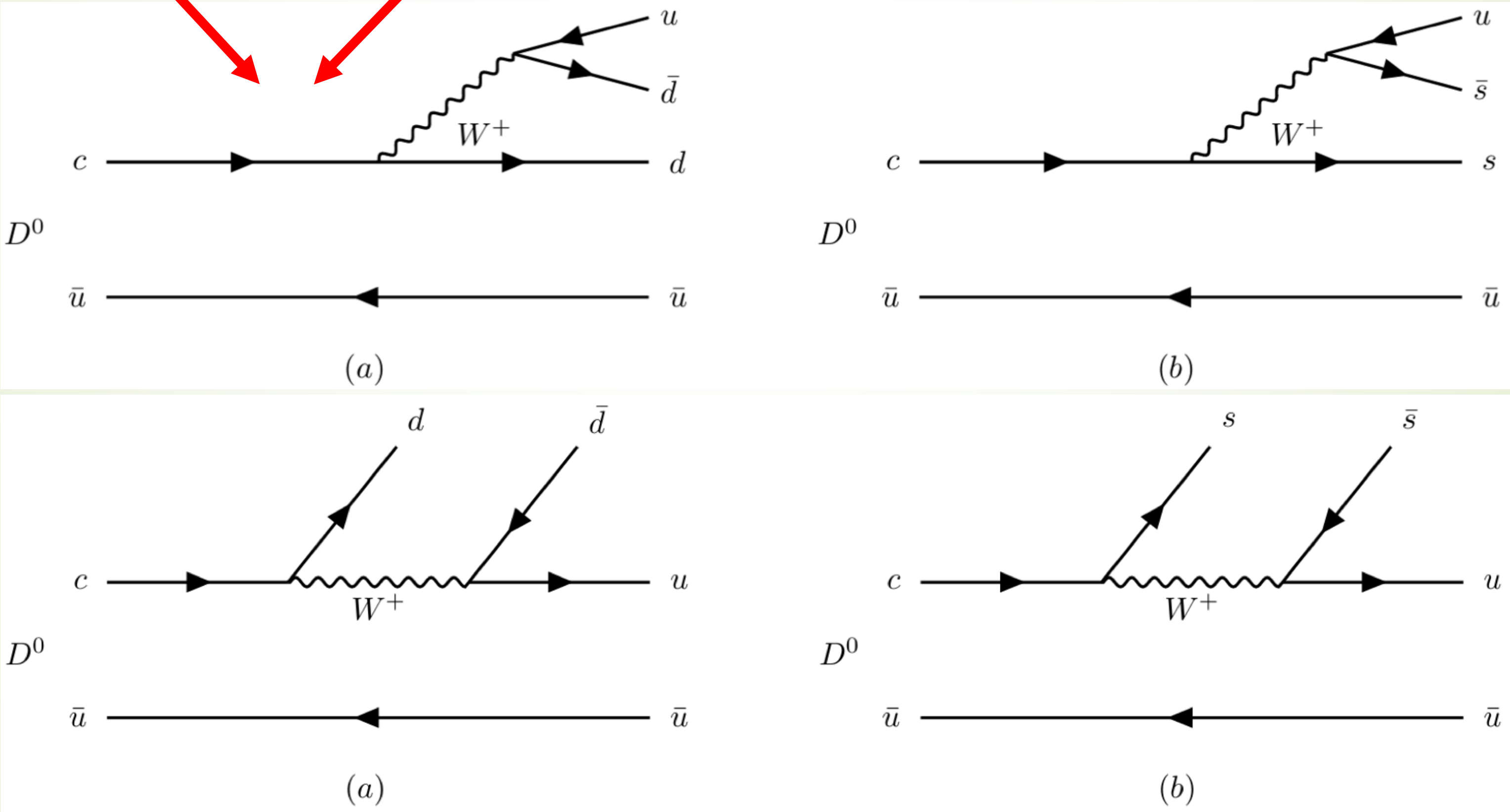
(a) Tree-level production.   (b) Rescattering of $\pi^-\bar{K}^0$, $K^-\pi^0$ and $K^-\eta$.

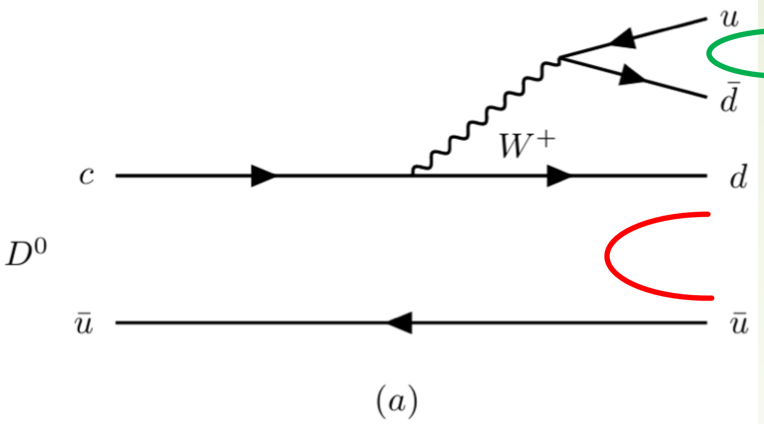
$$T = [1 - VG]^{-1}V$$

S-wave

The final state interaction at the hadron level

The weak decay process at the quark level





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\begin{aligned}
H^{(1a)} &= V_P V_{cd} V_{ud}\{(u\bar{d} \to \pi^+)\,[d\bar{u} \to d\bar{u}\,(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} + s\bar{s})] \\
&\quad + (d\bar{u} \to \pi^-)\,[u\bar{d} \to u\bar{d}\,(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} + s\bar{s})]\} \\
&= V_P V_{cd} V_{ud}\{(u\bar{d} \to \pi^+)\,[M_{21} \to (M\cdot M)_{21}] \\
&\quad + (d\bar{u} \to \pi^-)\,[(M\cdot M)_{12}]\},
\end{aligned}
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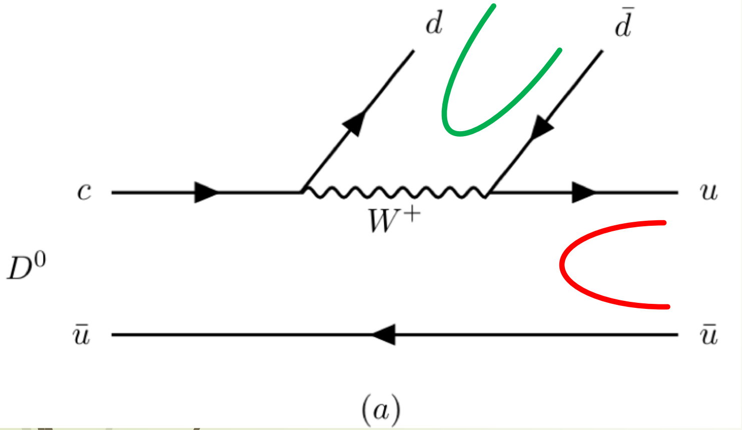

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\begin{aligned}
H^{(2a)} &= \beta V_P V_{cd} V_{ud}\Big[\Big(d\bar{d} \to -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi^0\Big)\,[u\bar{u} \to u\bar{u}\,(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} + s\bar{s})] \\
&\quad + \Big(d\bar{d} \to \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\eta\Big)\,[u\bar{u} \to u\bar{u}\,(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} + s\bar{s})] \\
&\quad + \Big(u\bar{u} \to \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi^0\Big)\,[d\bar{d} \to d\bar{d}\,(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} + s\bar{s})] \\
&\quad + \Big(u\bar{u} \to \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\eta\Big)\,[d\bar{d} \to d\bar{d}\,(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} + s\bar{s})]\Big] \\
&= \beta V_P V_{cd} V_{ud}\Big[\Big(d\bar{d} \to -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi^0\Big)\,[M_{11} \to (M\cdot M)_{11}] \\
&\quad + \Big(d\bar{d} \to \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\eta\Big)\,[M_{11} \to (M\cdot M)_{11}] \\
&\quad + \Big(u\bar{u} \to \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi^0\Big)\,[M_{22} \to (M\cdot M)_{22}] \\
&\quad + \Big(u\bar{u} \to \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\eta\Big)\,[M_{22} \to (M\cdot M)_{22}]\Big],
\end{aligned}
$$

$$M=\begin{pmatrix} u\bar{u} & u\bar{d} & u\bar{s} \\ d\bar{u} & d\bar{d} & d\bar{s} \\ s\bar{u} & s\bar{d} & s\bar{s} \end{pmatrix}=\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi^0+\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\eta & \pi^+ & K^+ \\ \pi^- & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi^0+\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\eta & K^0 \\ K^- & \bar{K}^0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\eta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(M\cdot M)_{12}=\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\pi^+\eta+K^+\bar{K}^0$$

$$(M\cdot M)_{21}=\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\pi^-\eta+K^0K^-$$

$$(M\cdot M)_{11}=\frac{1}{2}\pi^0\pi^0+\frac{1}{6}\eta\eta+\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\pi^0\eta+\pi^+\pi^-+K^+K^-$$

$$(M\cdot M)_{22}=\pi^+\pi^-+\frac{1}{2}\pi^0\pi^0+\frac{1}{6}\eta\eta-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\pi^0\eta+K^0\bar{K}^0$$

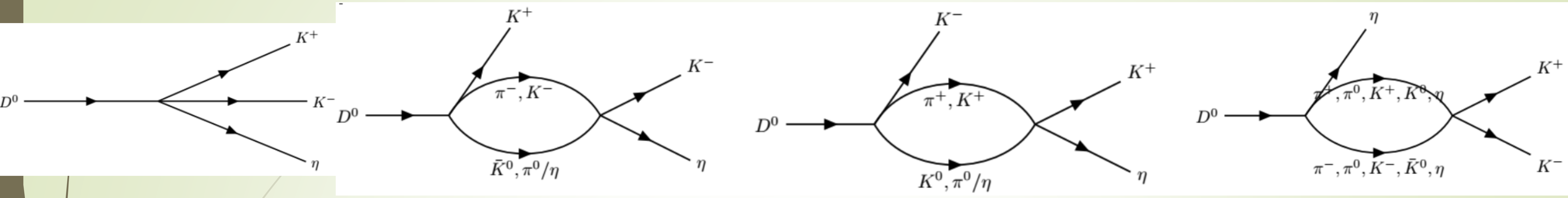
$$H^{(1a)}=V_PV_{cd}V_{ud}\left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{6}}\underline{\pi^+\pi^-\eta}+\pi^+K^0K^-+\pi^-K^+\bar{K}^0\right)$$

$$H^{(2a)}=\beta V_PV_{cd}V_{ud}\left(\frac{1}{3\sqrt{6}}\eta\eta\eta-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi^0K^+K^-+\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\underline{\pi^+\pi^-\eta}+\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\underline{K^+K^-\eta}-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\pi^0\pi^0\eta+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi^0K^0\bar{K}^0+\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}K^0\bar{K}^0\eta\right),$$

$D^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-\eta$ and $K^+K^-\eta$, having

$$H = H^{(1a)} + H^{(1b)} + H^{(2a)} + H^{(2b)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}(2C_1 + \beta C_1 + \beta C_2)\pi^+\pi^-\eta + (C_1 - C_2)\pi^+K^0K^- + (C_1 - C_2)\pi^-K^+\bar{K}^0 \\ &- \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(2C_2 + \beta C_1 + \beta C_2)K^+K^-\pi^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(2C_2 + \beta C_1 + \beta C_2)K^+K^-\eta \\ &+ \frac{1}{3\sqrt{6}}\beta(C_1 - C_2)\eta\eta\eta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\beta(C_2 - C_1)\pi^0\pi^0\eta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\beta(C_1 - C_2)\pi^0K^0\bar{K}^0 \\ &+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\beta(C_1 - C_2)K^0\bar{K}^0\eta, \end{aligned}$$



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\begin{aligned}
t_{D^0\to K^+K^-\eta}(s_{12},s_{23}) &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}(2C_1+\beta C_1+\beta C_2)G_{\pi^+\pi^-}(s_{12})\,T_{\pi^+\pi^-\to K^+K^-}(s_{12}) \\
&+\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(2C_2+\beta C_1+\beta C_2)+\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(2C_2+\beta C_1+\beta C_2)\,G_{K^+K^-}(s_{12})\,T_{K^+K^-\to K^+K^-}(s_{12}) \\
&+\frac{1}{3\sqrt{6}}\beta(C_1-C_2)G_{\eta\eta}(s_{12})\,T_{\eta\eta\to K^+K^-}(s_{12})-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\beta(C_1-C_2)G_{\pi^0\pi^0}(s_{12})\,T_{\pi^0\pi^0\to K^+K^-}(s_{12}) \\
&+\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\beta(C_1-C_2)G_{K^0\bar{K}^0}(s_{12})\,T_{K^0\bar{K}^0\to K^+K^-}(s_{12})+(C_1-C_2)G_{\pi^-\bar{K}^0}(s_{23})\,T_{\pi^-\bar{K}^0\to K^-\eta}(s_{23}) \\
&-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(2C_2+\beta C_1+\beta C_2)\,G_{K^-\pi^0}(s_{23})\,T_{K^-\pi^0\to K^-\eta}(s_{23})+\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(2C_2+\beta C_1+\beta C_2)\,G_{K^-\eta}(s_{23})\,T_{K^-\eta\to K^-\eta}(s_{23}) \\
&+(C_1-C_2)G_{\pi^+K^0}(s_{13})\,T_{\pi^+K^0\to K^+\eta}(s_{13})-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(2C_2+\beta C_1+\beta C_2)\,G_{K^+\pi^0}(s_{13})\,T_{K^+\pi^0\to K^+\eta}(s_{13}) \\
&+\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(2C_2+\beta C_1+\beta C_2)\,G_{K^+\eta}(s_{13})\,T_{K^+\eta\to K^+\eta}(s_{13}),
\end{aligned}
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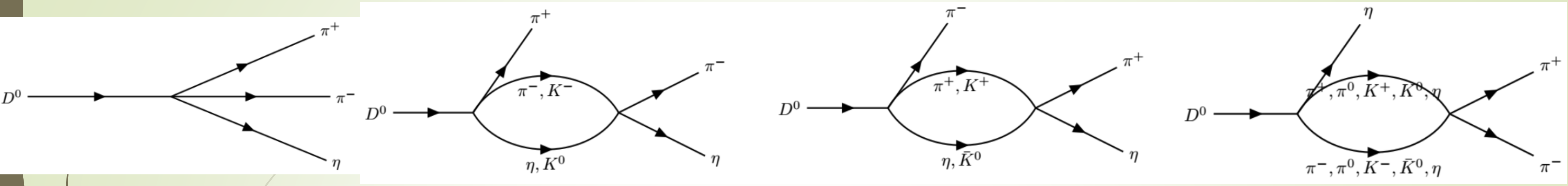

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\begin{aligned}
t_{D^0\to\pi^+\pi^-\eta}(s_{12},s_{23}) =\ & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}(2C_1+\beta C_1+\beta C_2) + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}(2C_1+\beta C_1+\beta C_2)G_{\pi^+\pi^-}(s_{12})\,T_{\pi^+\pi^-\to\pi^+\pi^-}(s_{12}) \\
& + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(2C_2+\beta C_1+\beta C_2)\,G_{K^+K^-}(s_{12})\,T_{K^+K^-\to\pi^+\pi^-}(s_{12}) + \frac{1}{3\sqrt{6}}\beta(C_1-C_2)G_{\eta\eta}(s_{12})\,T_{\eta\eta\to\pi^+\pi^-}(s_{12}) \\
& - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\beta(C_1-C_2)G_{\pi^0\pi^0}(s_{12})\,T_{\pi^0\pi^0\to\pi^+\pi^-}(s_{12}) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\beta(C_1-C_2)G_{K^0\bar{K}^0}(s_{12})\,T_{K^0\bar{K}^0\to\pi^+\pi^-}(s_{12}) \\
& + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}(2C_1+\beta C_1+\beta C_2)G_{\pi^-\eta}(s_{23})\,T_{\pi^-\eta\to\pi^-\eta}(s_{23}) + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}(2C_1+\beta C_1+\beta C_2)G_{\pi^+\eta}(s_{13})\,T_{\pi^+\eta\to\pi^+\eta}(s_{13}) \\
& + (C_1-C_2)G_{K^0K^-}(s_{23})\,T_{K^0K^-\to\pi^-\eta}(s_{23}) + (C_1-C_2)G_{K^+\bar{K}^0}(s_{13})\,T_{K^+\bar{K}^0\to\pi^+\eta}(s_{13}),
\end{aligned}
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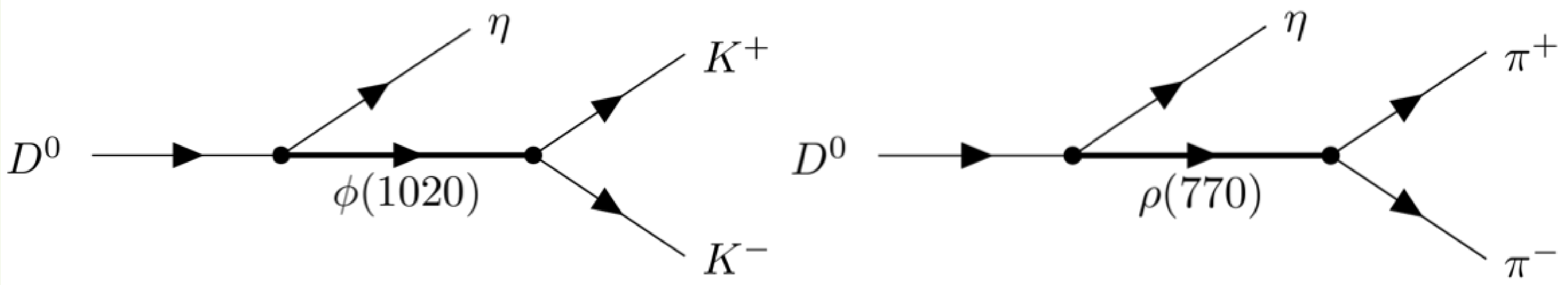
(3) Contributions from P-wave



$$M_\phi(s_{12}, s_{23}) = \frac{D_\phi e^{i\alpha_\phi}}{s_{12} - m_\phi^2 + i m_\phi \Gamma_\phi}(s_{23} - s_{13})$$

$$M_\rho(s_{12}, s_{23}) = \frac{D_\rho e^{i\alpha_\rho}}{s_{12} - m_\rho^2 + i m_\rho \Gamma_\rho}(s_{23} - s_{13})$$

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{ds_{12}ds_{23}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3}\frac{1}{32 m_{D^0}^3}\left|t_{D^0\to\pi^+\pi^-\eta}(s_{12}, s_{23}) + M_\rho\right|^2$$

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{ds_{12}ds_{23}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3}\frac{1}{32 m_{D^0}^3}\left|t_{D^0\to K^+K^-\eta}(s_{12}, s_{23}) + M_\phi\right|^2$$

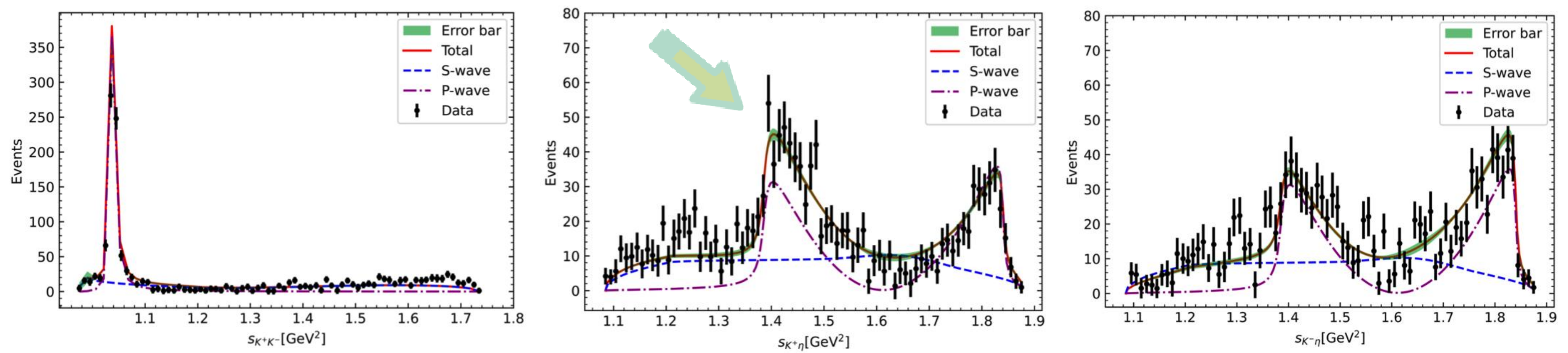
$$G(s)T(s) = G(s_{cut})T(s_{cut})e^{-\alpha(\sqrt{s}-\sqrt{s_{cut}})}, \quad \text{for } \sqrt{s} > \sqrt{s_{cut}}, \quad \sqrt{s_{cut}} = 1.1 \text{ GeV}$$

- **free parameters** S-wave: C_1, C_2, β, α P-wave: $D_\rho, \alpha_\rho, D_\phi, \alpha_\phi$

§3. Results

(1) $D0 \to K^+K^-\eta$ results (Belle)

Parameters	C_1	C_2	β	α	$D_{\phi(1020)}$	$\alpha_{\phi(1020)}$	$\chi^2/dof.$
Fit	-3448.24±221.07	99.07±91.70	0.77±0.04	6.28±0.05	123.75±2.02	2.89±0.12	1.48



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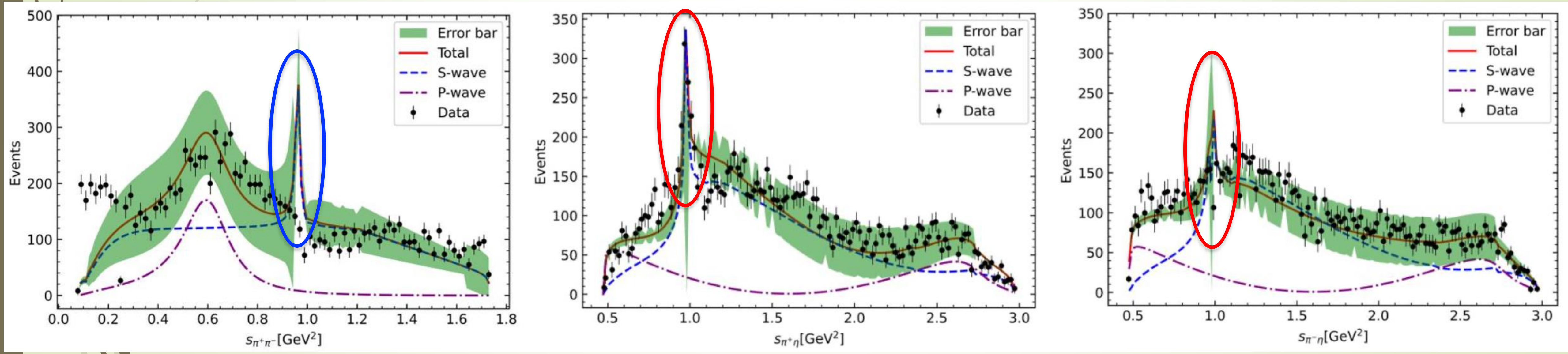
(2) $D0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- \eta$ results (Belle)

Parameters	C_1	C_2	β	α	$D_{\rho(770)}$	$\alpha_{\rho(770)}$	$\chi^2/dof.$
Fit	419.79± 23.61	2196.24±57.25	1.00±0.006	0.38±0.10	-170.97±2.90	2.20±0.03	5.23



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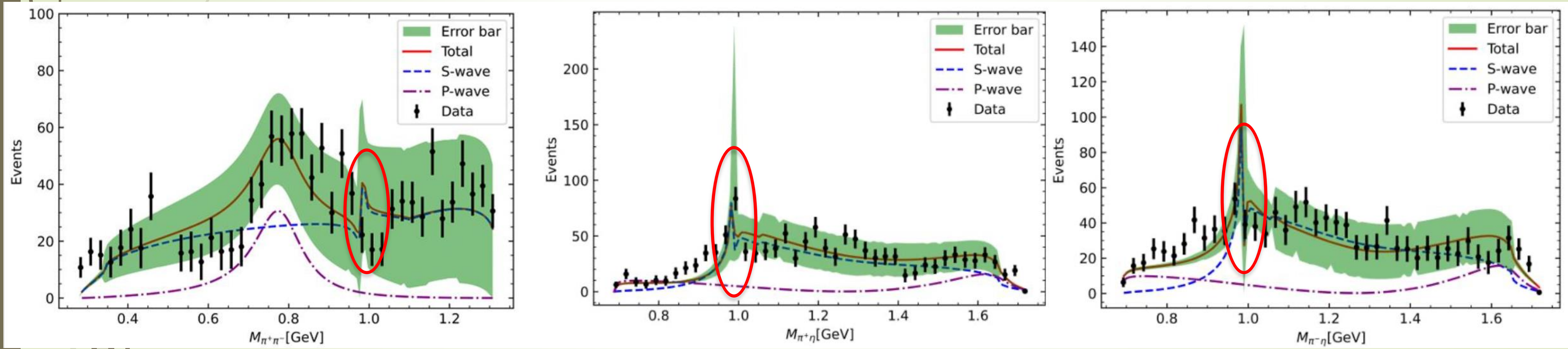
(3) $D0 \rightarrow \pi+\pi- \eta$ results (BESIII)

Parameters	C_1	C_2	β	α	$D_{\rho(770)}$	$\alpha_{\rho(770)}$	$\chi^2/dof.$
Fit	282.74±15.25	-516.33±26.32	1.00±0.03	2.47±0.44	58.41±2.98	4.36±0.13	2.52



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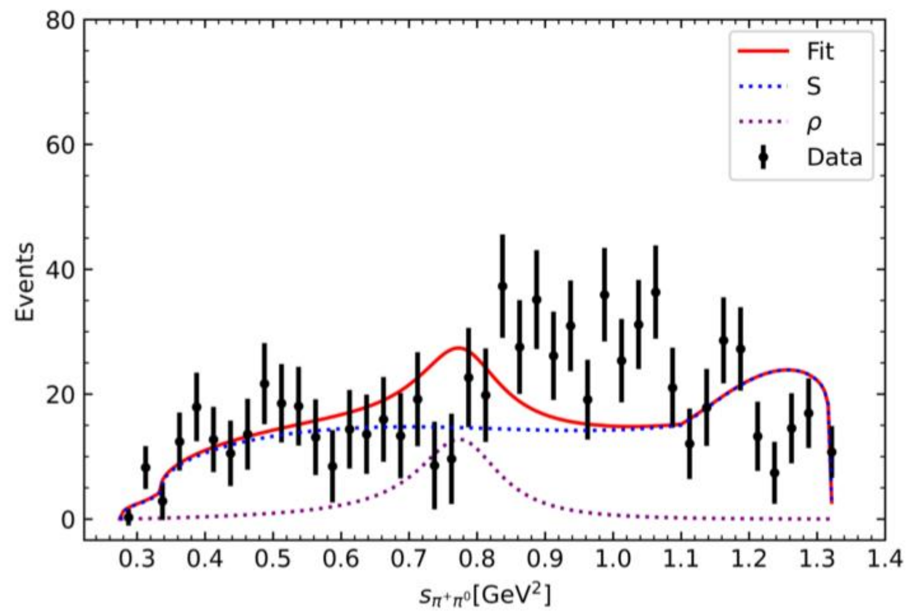
(4) $D^+ \to \pi^+\pi^0\eta$ results (BESIII)



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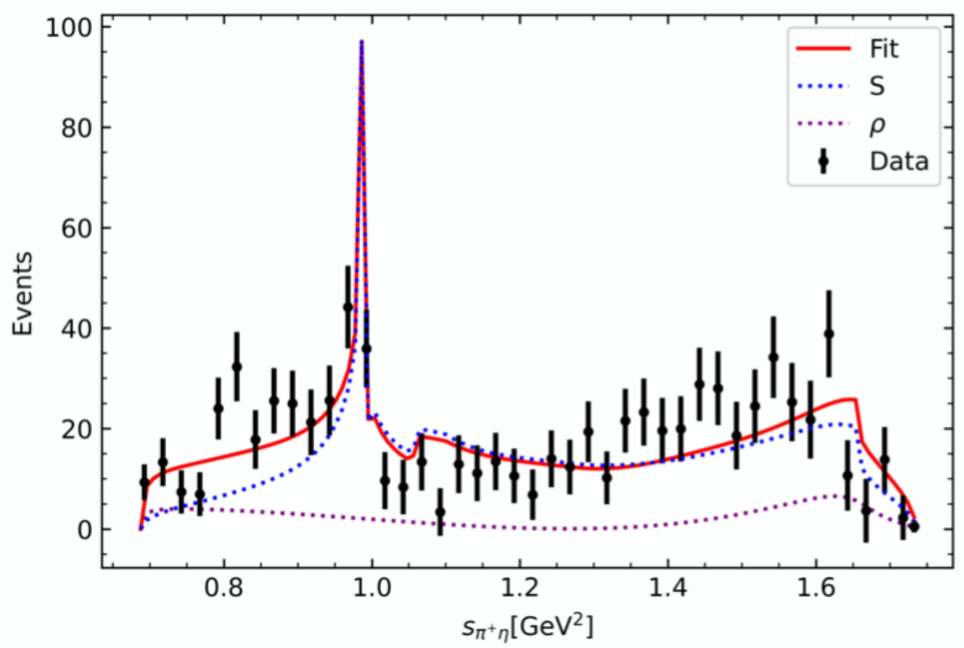

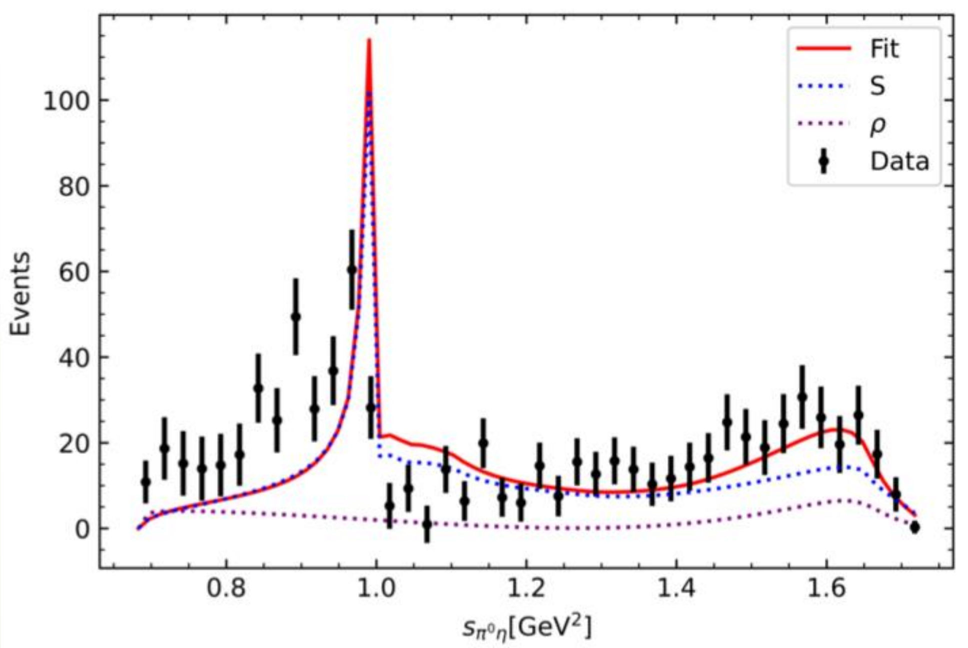

§4. Summary

- We use the chiral unitary approach to dynamically generate the state $a_0(980)$
- Taking the data from Belle, we fit the invariant mass distributions of the decays $D^0 \to K^+K^-\eta$, $\pi^+\pi^-\eta$
- Taking the data from BESIII, we fit the invariant mass distributions of the decays $D^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-\eta$, $D^+ \to \pi^+\pi^0\eta$
- Indicating the molecular nature of the $a_0(980)$

Thanks for your attention!

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