$a_0(980)$

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

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

$a_0(980)$ MASS

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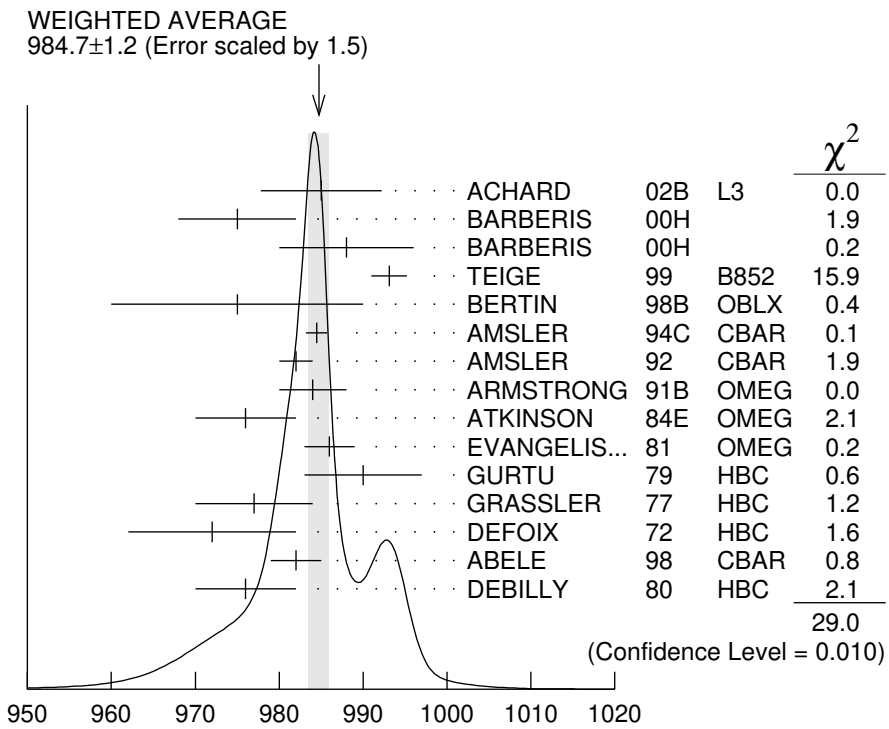
984.7±1.2 OUR AVERAGE Includes data from the 2 datablocks that follow this one. Error includes scale factor of 1.5. See the ideogram below.



$\eta\pi$ FINAL STATE ONLY

VALUE (MeV)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	CHG	COMMENT

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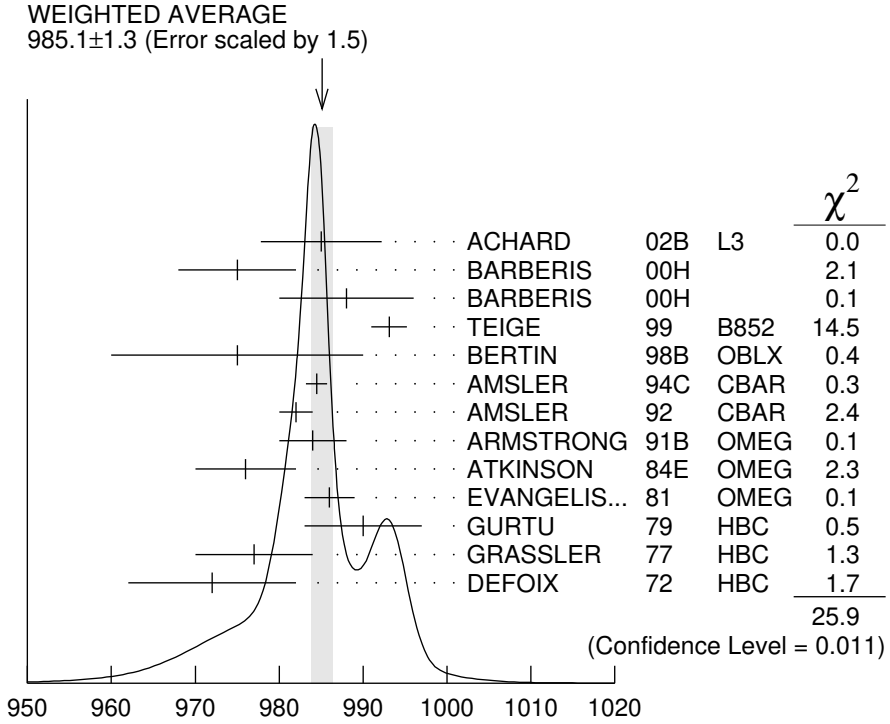
985.1 ± 1.3 OUR AVERAGE Error includes scale factor of 1.5. See the ideogram below.

985 ± 4 ±6	318	ACHARD	02B	L3	183–209 $e^+e^- \to e^+e^-\eta\pi^+\pi^-$
975 ± 7		BARBERIS	00H		450 $pp \to p_f\eta\pi^0 p_s$
988 ± 8		BARBERIS	00H		450 $pp \to \Delta_f^{++}\eta\pi^- p_s$
993.1 ± 2.1		[1] TEIGE	99	B852	18.3 $\pi^- p \to \eta\pi^+\pi^- n$

975	± 15		BERTIN	98B	OBLX		$0.0\ \overline{p}p \rightarrow K^{\pm} K_S \pi^{\mp}$
984.45	$\pm 1.23 \pm 0.34$		AMSLER	94C	CBAR		$0.0\ \overline{p}p \rightarrow \omega\eta\pi^0$
982	± 2		[2] AMSLER	92	CBAR		$0.0\ \overline{p}p \rightarrow \eta\eta\pi^0$
984	± 4	1040	[2] ARMSTRONG	91B	OMEG	$\pm$	$300\ pp \rightarrow pp\eta\pi^+\pi^-$
976	± 6		ATKINSON	84E	OMEG	$\pm$	25–$55\ \gamma p \rightarrow \eta\pi n$
986	± 3	500	[3] EVANGELIS...	81	OMEG	$\pm$	$12\ \pi^- p \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-\pi^- p$
990	± 7	145	[3] GURTU	79	HBC	$\pm$	$4.2\ K^- p \rightarrow \Lambda\eta 2\pi$
977	± 7		GRASSLER	77	HBC	$-$	$16\ \pi^{\mp} p \rightarrow p\eta 3\pi$
972	± 10	150	DEFOIX	72	HBC	$\pm$	$0.7\ \overline{p}p \rightarrow 7\pi$
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •							
995	$^{+52}_{-10}$	36	[4] ACHASOV	00F	SND		$e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta\pi^0\gamma$
994	$^{+33}_{-8}$	36	[5] ACHASOV	00F	SND		$e^+e^- \rightarrow \eta\pi^0\gamma$
~ 1055			[6] OLLER	99	RVUE		$\eta\pi$, $K\overline{K}$
~ 1009.2			[6] OLLER	99B	RVUE		$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi$, $K\overline{K}$
988	± 6		[6] ANISOVICH	98B	RVUE		Compilation
987			TORNQVIST	96	RVUE		$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi$, $K\overline{K}$, $K\pi$, $\eta\pi$
991			JANSSEN	95	RVUE		$\eta\pi \rightarrow \eta\pi$, $K\overline{K}$, $K\pi$, $\eta\pi$
980	± 11	47	CONFORTO	78	OSPK	$-$	$4.5\ \pi^- p \rightarrow pX^-$
978	± 16	50	CORDEN	78	OMEG	$\pm$	12–$15\ \pi^- p \rightarrow n\eta 2\pi$
989	± 4	70	WELLS	75	HBC	$-$	3.1–$6\ K^- p \rightarrow \Lambda\eta 2\pi$
970	± 15	20	BARNES	69C	HBC	$-$	4–$5\ K^- p \rightarrow \Lambda\eta 2\pi$
980	± 10		CAMPBELL	69	DBC	$\pm$	$2.7\ \pi^+ d$
980	± 10	15	MILLER	69B	HBC	$-$	$4.5\ K^- N \rightarrow \eta\pi\Lambda$
980	± 10	30	AMMAR	68	HBC	$\pm$	$5.5\ K^- p \rightarrow \Lambda\eta 2\pi$

[1] Breit-Wigner fit, average between $a_0^{\pm}$ and a_0^0. The fit favors a slightly heavier $a_0^{\pm}$.
[2] From a single Breit-Wigner fit.
[3] From $f_1(1285)$ decay.
[4] Supersedes ACHASOV 98B. Using the model of ACHASOV 89.
[5] Supersedes ACHASOV 98B. Using the model of JAFFE 77.
[6] T-matrix pole.



$\eta\pi$ FINAL STATE ONLY

$K\overline{K}$ ONLY

VALUE (MeV)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	CHG	COMMENT
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980.8± 2.7 OUR AVERAGE						
982 ± 3		[7] ABELE	98	CBAR		0.0 $\overline{p}p \to K^0_L K^\pm \pi^\mp$
976 ± 6	316	DEBILLY	80	HBC	±	1.2–2 $\overline{p}p \to f_1(1285)\omega$
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •						
∼ 1053		[8] OLLER	99C	RVUE		$\pi\pi \to \pi\pi$, $K\overline{K}$
1016 ±10	100	[9] ASTIER	67	HBC	±	0.0 $\overline{p}p$
1003.3± 7.0	143	[10] ROSENFELD	65	RVUE	±	

[7] T-matrix pole on sheet II, the pole on sheet III is at 1006-i49 MeV.
[8] T-matrix pole.
[9] ASTIER 67 includes data of BARLOW 67, CONFORTO 67, ARMENTEROS 65.
[10] 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. • • •					

50	± 13	± 4	318	ACHARD	02B	L3		183–209 $e^+e^- \to e^+e^-\eta\pi^+\pi^-$
72	± 16			BARBERIS	00H			450 $pp \to p_f\eta\pi^0 p_s$
61	± 19			BARBERIS	00H			450 $pp \to \Delta_f^{++}\eta\pi^- p_s$
$\sim$ 42				[11] OLLER	99	RVUE		$\eta\pi$, $K\overline{K}$
$\sim$ 112				[11] OLLER	99B	RVUE		$\pi\pi \to \eta\pi$, $K\overline{K}$
71	$\pm$ 7			TEIGE	99	B852		18.3 $\pi^- p \to \eta\pi^+\pi^- n$
92	± 20			[11] ANISOVICH	98B	RVUE		Compilation
65	± 10			BERTIN	98B	OBLX		0.0 $\overline{p}p \to K^\pm K_s \pi^\mp$
$\sim$ 100				TORNQVIST	96	RVUE		$\pi\pi \to \pi\pi$, $K\overline{K}$, $K\pi$, $\eta\pi$
202				JANSSEN	95	RVUE		$\eta\pi \to \eta\pi$, $K\overline{K}$, $K\pi$, $\eta\pi$
54.12	$\pm$ 0.34	± 0.12		AMSLER	94C	CBAR		0.0 $\overline{p}p \to \omega\eta\pi^0$
54	± 10			[12] AMSLER	92	CBAR		0.0 $\overline{p}p \to \eta\eta\pi^0$
95	± 14		1040	[12] ARMSTRONG	91B	OMEG	$\pm$	300 $pp \to pp\eta\pi^+\pi^-$
62	± 15		500	[13] EVANGELIS...	81	OMEG	$\pm$	12 $\pi^- p \to \eta\pi^+\pi^-\pi^- p$
60	± 20		145	[13] GURTU	79	HBC	$\pm$	4.2 $K^- p \to \Lambda\eta 2\pi$
60	$^{+50}_{-30}$		47	CONFORTO	78	OSPK	$-$	4.5 $\pi^- p \to pX^-$
86.0	$^{+60.0}_{-50.0}$		50	CORDEN	78	OMEG	$\pm$	12–15 $\pi^- p \to n\eta 2\pi$
44	± 22			GRASSLER	77	HBC	$-$	16 $\pi^\mp p \to p\eta 3\pi$
80	to 300			[14] FLATTE	76	RVUE	$-$	4.2 $K^- p \to \Lambda\eta 2\pi$
16.0	$^{+25.0}_{-16.0}$		70	WELLS	75	HBC	$-$	3.1–6 $K^- p \to \Lambda\eta 2\pi$
30	$\pm$ 5		150	DEFOIX	72	HBC	$\pm$	0.7 $\overline{p}p \to 7\pi$
40	± 15			CAMPBELL	69	DBC	$\pm$	2.7 $\pi^+ d$
60	± 30		15	MILLER	69B	HBC	$-$	4.5 $K^- N \to \eta\pi\Lambda$
80	± 30		30	AMMAR	68	HBC	$\pm$	5.5 $K^- p \to \Lambda\eta 2\pi$

[11] T-matrix pole.
[12] From a single Breit-Wigner fit.
[13] From $f_1(1285)$ decay.
[14] Using a two-channel resonance parametrization of GAY 76B data.

$K\overline{K}$ ONLY

VALUE (MeV)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	CHG	COMMENT
92± 8		[15] ABELE	98	CBAR		0.0 $\overline{p}p \to K^0_L K^\pm \pi^\mp$

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~ 24		[16] OLLER	99C	RVUE		$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi$, $K\overline{K}$
~ 25	100	[17] ASTIER	67	HBC	$\pm$	
57 ± 13	143	[18] ROSENFELD	65	RVUE	$\pm$	

[15] T-matrix pole on sheet II, the pole on sheet III is at 1006-i49 MeV.
[16] T-matrix pole.
[17] ASTIER 67 includes data of BARLOW 67, CONFORTO 67, ARMENTEROS 65.
[18] 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
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0.30 ± 0.10	[19] AMSLER	98	RVUE

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

$a_0(980)$ $\Gamma(i)\Gamma(\gamma\gamma)/\Gamma(total)$

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

VALUE (keV)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID		TECN	COMMENT
$0.24^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$ OUR AVERAGE					
$0.28 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.10$	44	OEST	90	JADE	$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\pi^0\eta$
$0.19 \pm 0.07^{+0.10}_{-0.07}$		ANTREASYAN	86	CBAL	$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\pi^0\eta$

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

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	[20] BARGIOTTI	03	OBLX		$\overline{p}p$
0.23 ±0.05	[21] ABELE	98	CBAR		0.0 $\overline{p}p \to K^0_L K^\pm \pi^\mp$
0.166±0.01 ±0.02	[22] BARBERIS	98C	OMEG		450 $pp \to p_f f_1(1285) p_s$
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •					
∼ 0.60	OLLER	99B	RVUE		$\pi\pi \to \eta\pi$, $K\overline{K}$
1.16 ±0.18	[23] BUGG	94	RVUE		$\overline{p}p \to \eta\eta\pi^0$
0.7 ±0.3	[22] CORDEN	78	OMEG		12–15 $\pi^- p \to n\eta 2\pi$
0.25 ±0.08	[22] DEFOIX	72	HBC	±	0.7 $\overline{p} \to 7\pi$

$\Gamma(\rho\pi)/\Gamma(\eta\pi)$ — 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	±	4.1,5.5 $K^- p \to \Lambda\eta 2\pi$

[20] Coupled channel analysis of $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$, $K^+K^-\pi^0$, and $K^\pm K^0_S \pi^\mp$.

[21] Using $\pi^0\pi^0\eta$ from AMSLER 94D.

[22] From the decay of $f_1(1285)$.

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