## Study of $B_{u,d} \to K_0^*(1430)\eta^{(\prime)}$ decays within QCD factorization

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Recently *BABAR* has measured charmless *B* decays with final states containing  $\eta$  or  $\eta'$  [1]. Comparing the first measurements of  $B \to K_0^*(1430)\eta'$  and  $B \to K_2^*(1430)\eta'$  by *BABAR* with previous results of  $B \to K_0^*(1430)\eta$  and  $B \to K_2^*(1430)\eta$  (see Table I) clearly indicates that  $\mathcal{B}(B \to K_0^*(1430)\eta') < \mathcal{B}(B \to K_0^*(1430)\eta)$  and  $\mathcal{B}(B \to K_2^*(1430)\eta') > \mathcal{B}(B \to K_2^*(1430)\eta)$ . It is well known that  $\mathcal{B}(B \to K\eta') \gg \mathcal{B}(B \to K\eta)$  and  $\mathcal{B}(B \to K^*\eta') \ll \mathcal{B}(B \to K^*\eta)$ . The last two patterns can be understood as the interference between the dominant penguin amplitudes.

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$$\begin{pmatrix} |\eta\rangle \\ |\eta'\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\phi & -\sin\phi \\ \sin\phi & \cos\phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |\eta_q\rangle \\ |\eta_s\rangle \end{pmatrix}, \tag{1}$$

where  $\phi = (39.3 \pm 1.0)^{\circ}$ 

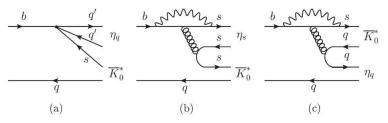


FIG. 1. Three different penguin contributions to  $\bar{B} \to \bar{K}_0^*(1430) \eta^{(\ell)}$ , where (a) is induced by the penguin operators  $O_{3,5,7,9}$ , (b) from the penguin operator  $O_6$ , and (c) from the penguin operator  $O_8$ .

(b)

$$\sqrt{2}\mathcal{A}(\bar{B}^{0} \to \bar{K}_{0}^{*0}\eta^{(\prime)}) = A_{\bar{K}_{0}^{*0}\eta_{q}^{(\prime)}}[\delta_{u}^{p}\alpha_{2} + 2\alpha_{3}^{p} + \frac{1}{2}\alpha_{3,\text{EW}}^{p}] 
+ \sqrt{2}A_{\bar{K}_{0}^{*0}\eta_{s}^{(\prime)}}[\alpha_{3}^{p} + \alpha_{4}^{p} - \frac{1}{2}\alpha_{3,\text{EW}}^{p} - \frac{1}{2}\alpha_{4,\text{EW}}^{p} + \beta_{3}^{p} - \frac{1}{2}\beta_{3,\text{EW}}^{p}] 
+ A_{\eta_{q}^{(\prime)}\bar{K}_{0}^{*0}}[\alpha_{4}^{p} - \frac{1}{2}\alpha_{4,\text{EW}}^{p} + \beta_{3}^{p} - \frac{1}{2}\beta_{3,\text{EW}}^{p}] 
+ \sqrt{2}A_{\bar{K}^{*0}\eta_{s}^{(\prime)}}[\delta_{c}^{p}\alpha_{2} + \alpha_{3}^{p}],$$
(2)

$$\sqrt{2}\mathcal{A}(B^{-} \to K_{0}^{*-}\eta^{(\prime)}) = A_{K_{0}^{*-}\eta_{q}^{(\prime)}}[\delta_{u}^{p}\alpha_{2} + 2\alpha_{3}^{p} + \frac{1}{2}\alpha_{3,\text{EW}}^{p}] 
+ \sqrt{2}A_{K_{0}^{*-}\eta_{s}^{(\prime)}}[\alpha_{3}^{p} + \alpha_{4}^{p} - \frac{1}{2}\alpha_{3,\text{EW}}^{p} - \frac{1}{2}\alpha_{4,\text{EW}}^{p} + \delta_{u}^{p}\beta_{2} + \beta_{3}^{p} + \beta_{3,\text{EW}}^{p}] 
+ A_{\eta_{q}^{(\prime)}K_{0}^{*-}}[\delta_{u}^{p}\alpha_{1} + \alpha_{4}^{p} + \alpha_{4,\text{EW}}^{p} + \delta_{u}^{p}\beta_{2} + \beta_{3}^{p} + \beta_{3,\text{EW}}^{p}] 
+ \sqrt{2}A_{K_{0}^{*-}\eta_{c}^{(\prime)}}[\delta_{c}^{p}\alpha_{2} + \alpha_{3}^{p}],$$
(3)

$$\sqrt{2}\mathcal{A}(\bar{B}_{s} \to K_{0}^{*0}\eta^{(\prime)}) = A_{K_{0}^{*0}\eta_{q}^{(\prime)}}[\delta_{u}^{p}\alpha_{2} + 2\alpha_{3}^{p} + \alpha_{4}^{p} + \frac{1}{2}\alpha_{3,\text{EW}}^{p} - \frac{1}{2}\alpha_{4,\text{EW}}^{p} + \beta_{3}^{p} - \frac{1}{2}\beta_{3,\text{EW}}^{p}] 
+ \sqrt{2}A_{K_{0}^{*0}\eta_{s}^{(\prime)}}[\alpha_{3}^{p} - \frac{1}{2}\alpha_{3,\text{EW}}^{p}] 
+ \sqrt{2}A_{\eta_{s}^{(\prime)}K_{0}^{*0}}[\alpha_{4}^{p} - \frac{1}{2}\alpha_{4,\text{EW}}^{p} + \beta_{3}^{p} - \frac{1}{2}\beta_{3,\text{EW}}^{p}] 
+ \sqrt{2}A_{\bar{K}_{0}^{*0}\eta_{s}^{(\prime)}}[\delta_{c}^{p}\alpha_{2} + \alpha_{3}^{p}],$$
(4)

Where

$$A_{M1M2} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{cases} -(m_B^2 - m_{M_1}^2) U_0^{B \to M_1}(m_{M_2}^2) f_{M_2} & \text{if } M_1 M_2 = SP, \\ (m_B^2 - m_{M_1}^2) F_0^{B \to M_1}(m_{M_2}^2) f_{M_2} & \text{if } M_1 M_2 = PS. \end{cases}$$
 (5)

$$B_{M1M2} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} f_{B_q} f_{M_1} f_{M_2} \qquad \text{if } M_1 M_2 = PS, SP, \tag{6}$$

chiral factors  $r_{\chi}$  is defined as

$$r_{\chi}^{P}(\mu) = \frac{2m_{P}^{2}}{m_{b}(\mu)(m_{1}(\mu) + m_{2}(\mu))}, \qquad r_{\chi}^{\eta_{s}} = \frac{h_{P}^{s}}{f_{P}^{s}m_{b}(\mu)m_{s}(\mu)}, \tag{7}$$

$$r_{\chi}^{S}(\mu) = \frac{2m_{S}}{m_{b}(\mu)} \frac{\bar{f}_{S}(\mu)}{f_{S}} = \frac{2m_{S}^{2}}{m_{b}(\mu)(m_{1}(\mu) - m_{2}(\mu))}.$$
 (8)

where  $f_P^s$  and  $h_P^s$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} f_{\eta}^{q} & f_{\eta}^{s} \\ f_{\eta'}^{q} & f_{\eta'}^{s} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\phi & -\sin\phi \\ \sin\phi & \cos\phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_{q} & 0 \\ 0 & f_{s} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{9}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_{\eta}^{q} & h_{\eta}^{s} \\ h_{\eta'}^{q} & h_{\eta'}^{s} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\phi & -\sin\phi \\ \sin\phi & \cos\phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h_{q} & 0 \\ 0 & h_{s} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{10}$$

decay amplitudes of  $B \to f_0 K$ ,  $a_0^0 \pi$ ,  $a_0^0 K$ . (ii) Attention has not been paid to the relative sign difference of the he vector decay constants between  $a_0^-$  and  $a_0^+$  and between  $K_0^*$ and  $\bar{K}_0^*$  or  $K_0^{*-}$  and  $K_0^{*+}$  in our previous study. (iii) There were some errors in our previous computer code which may significantly affect some of the calculations done 1). before. (iv) Progress has been made in the past in the study en of  $B \rightarrow S$  transition form factors in various approaches [14,21–26]. (v) Experimental data for some of  $B \rightarrow SV$ decays such as  $K_0^*(1430)\phi$ ,  $K_0^*(1430)\rho$ , and  $K_0^*(1430)\omega$ are now available. (vi) It is known that in order to account ot for the penguin-dominated  $B \rightarrow PP$ , VP, VV decay modes within the framework of QCDF, it is necessary to include or ill power corrections due to penguin annihilation [27,28]. In the present work, we wish to examine if the same effect holds in the scalar meson sector; that is, if the penguinannihilation induced power corrections are also needed to explain the penguin dominated  $B \rightarrow SP$  and  $B \rightarrow SV$ 

This paper is organized as follows. We specify in Sec. II various input parameters for scalar mesons, such as decay constants, form factors and light-cone distribution amplitudes. The relevant decay amplitudes are briefly discussed in Sec. III. Results and detailed discussions are presented

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whether the scalar meson  $K_0^*(1430)$  is an excited state of  $\kappa$ or a lowest-lying P-wave  $q\bar{q}$  state. In scenario 1, we have (in units of GeV3)

$$X^{(BK_0^*,\eta_q)} = -0.60, X^{(BK_0^*,\eta_s)} = 0.61,$$

$$X^{(B\eta_q,K_0^*)} = -0.15, X^{(BK_0^*,\eta_q')} = -0.49, (23)$$

$$X^{(BK_0^*,\eta_s')} = -0.75, X^{(B\eta_q',K_0^*)} = -0.12.$$
(e)

 $F_0^{BK}(0) = 0.35,$   $F_0^{B_s\eta_s}(0) = 0.28,$   $A_0^{BK^*}(0) = 0.374,$  $F_0^{B\pi}(0) = 0.25$ ,  $F_0^{B_sK}(0) = 0.24,$   $A_0^{B\rho}(0) = 0.303,$ 

$$\begin{array}{ll} F_0^{B_sK}(0) = 0.24 \,, & F_0^{B_s\eta_s}(0) = 0.28 \,, \\ A_0^{B\rho}(0) = 0.303 \,, & A_0^{BK^*}(0) = 0.374 \\ A_0^{B_sK^*}(0) = 0.30 \,, & A_0^{B_s\phi}(0) = 0.32 \,. \end{array}$$

Numerically,

$$h_{\eta}^{q} = 0.0013 \text{ GeV}^{3}, \qquad h_{\eta}^{s} = -0.0555 \text{ GeV}^{3},$$
 $h_{\eta'}^{q} = 0.0011 \text{ GeV}^{3}, \qquad h_{\eta'}^{s} = 0.068 \text{ GeV}^{3},$ 
 $f_{\eta}^{q} = 109 \text{ MeV}, \qquad f_{\eta}^{s} = -111 \text{ MeV},$ 
 $f_{\eta'}^{q} = 89 \text{ MeV}, \qquad f_{\eta'}^{s} = 136 \text{ MeV},$ 
 $f_{\eta'}^{c} = -2.3 \text{ MeV}, \qquad f_{\eta'}^{c} = -5.8 \text{ MeV},$ 
 $m_{\eta_{q}} = 741 \text{ MeV}, \qquad m_{\eta_{s}} = 802 \text{ MeV},$ 

The decay pattern in scenario 2 is quite different. Because of the large magnitude of  $\alpha_3(K_0^*\eta_{q,s})$  and the large cancellation between  $\alpha_3(K_0^*\eta_s)$  and  $\alpha_4(K_0^*\eta_s)$  in  $C_2$ ,  $B \to K_0^* \eta^{(\prime)}$  decays are dominated by the contributions from Figs. 1(a) and 1(c), contrary to the  $B \to K^{(*)} \eta^{(')}$ decays which are governed by Figs. 1(b) and 1(c). Numerically, we obtain

$$C_1 = -0.098 + 0.011i,$$
  $C_3 = 0.455 + 0.017i,$   $X^{(B\eta_q, K_0^*)} = 0.22,$   $X^{(BK_0^*, \eta_q)} = -0.74,$  (24)  $X^{(BK_0^*, \eta_q')} = -0.60,$   $X^{(B\eta_q', K_0^*)} = 0.18.$ 

$$F_0^{B\eta_q}(0) = 0.296,$$
 
$$A_0^{B\omega}(0) = 0.281,$$
 (3.1)

Here for  $\eta^{(\prime)}$  we have used the flavor states  $q\bar{q}\equiv(u\bar{u}+d\bar{d})/\sqrt{2},\;s\bar{s}$  and  $c\bar{c}$  labeled by the  $\eta_q$ ,  $\eta_s$  and  $\eta_c$ , respectively, and the form factors for  $B \to \eta^{(\prime)}$  are given by

$$F^{B\eta} = F^{B\eta_q} \cos \theta , \qquad F^{B\eta'} = F^{B\eta_q} \sin \theta ,$$

$$F^{B_s\eta} = -F^{B_s\eta_s} \sin \theta , \qquad F^{B_s\eta'} = F^{B_s\eta_s} \cos \theta ,$$

$$(g)$$

$$h_q = f_q(m_n^2 \cos^2 \phi + m_{n'}^2 \sin^2 \phi) - \sqrt{2} f_s(m_{n'}^2 - m_n^2) \sin \phi \, \cos \phi, \tag{11}$$

$$h_s = f_s(m_{\eta'}^2 \cos^2 \phi + m_{\eta}^2 \sin^2 \phi) - \frac{f_q}{\sqrt{2}} (m_{\eta'}^2 - m_{\eta}^2) \sin\phi \, \cos\phi, \tag{12}$$

$$f_q = (1.07 \pm 0.02) f_{\pi}, \quad f_s = (1.34 \pm 0.06) f_{\pi}.$$
 (13)

we obtain (in units of MeV)

$$f_{K_0^*(1430)} = 18 \pm 5$$
 S1,  $f_{K_0^*(1430)} = 43 \pm 10$  S2, (14)

$$f_{\pi} = 131 \pm 7,$$
  $f_{\eta}^{q} = 108,$   $f_{\eta}^{s} = -111$   $f_{\eta'}^{q} = 89$  (15)

$$f_{n'}^s = 136,$$
  $f_n^c = -2.3,$   $f_{n'}^c = -5.8,$  (16)

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$$F_{0}^{B\eta_{q}} = F_{0}^{B\pi} = 0.27, \qquad F_{0}^{B\eta} = 0.217, \qquad F_{0}^{B\eta'} = 0.177,$$

$$(17)$$

Table 1: Branching fractions (in units of  $10^{-6}$ ) of  $B_{u,d} \to K_0^*(1430)\eta^{(\prime)}$  decays with  $(\rho_i, \phi_i)$  $(\rho_f, \phi_f) = (0, 0^\circ).$ 

Decay modes	S2(Cheng)	S2(This)	S1(Cheng)	S1(This)	Exp
$B^- \to K_0^* (1430)^- \eta$	$17.9^{+3.9+8.3+9.1}_{-3.4-5.3-12.3}$	$14.12^{+0.25+0.75}_{-0.19-0.71}$	$5.4^{+1.9+1.2+3.7}_{-1.6-1.0-4.4}$	$3.14^{+0.61+2.55}_{-0.44+2.39}$	$18.2 \pm 3.7$
$B^- \to K_0^* (1430)^- \eta'$	$9.3^{+4.7+4.0+51.6}_{-3.6-4.4-8.0}$	$2.03^{+0.01+0.04}_{-0.01-0.03}$	$6.2^{+1.0+1.0+35.8}_{-0.8-1.0-6.1}$	$0.08^{+0.04+0.12}_{-0.03-0.11}$	$5.2 \pm 2.1$
$\bar{B}_d^0 \to \bar{K}_0^* (1430)^0 \eta$	$16.1^{+3.6+7.6+9.1}_{-3.1-4.9-11.7}$	$13.11^{+0.01+0.03}_{-0.01-0.03}$	$5.8^{+2.1+1.4+4.9}_{-1.7-1.1-5.2}$	$2.92^{+0.03+0.11}_{-0.03-0.10}$	$11.0 \pm 2.2$
$\bar{B}_d^0 \to \bar{K}_0^* (1430)^0 \eta'$	$8.7^{+4.4+3.7+48.7}_{-3.3-4.1-7.5}$	$1.88^{+0.01+0.06}_{-0.01-0.05}$	$5.9^{+0.9+0.9+33.6}_{-0.8-0.9-5.8}$	$0.08^{+0.01+0.03}_{-0.01-0.03}$	$6.3 \pm 1.6$

Table 2: Branching fractions (in units of  $10^{-6}$ ) of  $B_{u,d} \to K_0^*(1430)\eta^{(\prime)}$  decays with  $(\rho_i, \phi_i) =$  $(\rho_f, \phi_f) = (1, -55^\circ).$ 

Decay modes	S2	S1	Exp
$B^- \to K_0^* (1430)^- \eta$	$14.26^{+1.90+5.97}_{-1.60-5.09}$	$3.18^{+0.61+2.55}_{-0.44+2.39}$	$18.2 \pm 3.7$
$B^- \to K_0^* (1430)^- \eta'$	$9.43^{+1.00+6.82}_{-0.80-4.90}$	$1.48^{+0.04+0.12}_{-0.03-0.11}$	$5.2 \pm 2.1$
$\bar{B}_d^0 \to \bar{K}_0^* (1430)^0 \eta$	$13.28^{+2.10+5.56}_{-1.70-5.56}$	$2.96^{+0.03+0.11}_{-0.03-0.10}$	$11.0 \pm 2.2$
$\bar{B}_d^0 \to \bar{K}_0^* (1430)^0 \eta'$	$8.63^{+0.90+6.25}_{-0.80-4.49}$	$1.35^{+0.01+0.03}_{-0.01-0.03}$	$6.3 \pm 1.6$

$$r_{\chi}^{\eta_s} = r_{\chi}^{\eta_s'} = 1.49$$
  $r_{\chi}^{\eta_q} = r_{\chi}^{\eta_q'} = 0.93$   $r_{\chi}^{K_0^*} = 12.6,$  (18)

$$\frac{X(B\eta_q K_0^*)}{X(B\eta_q' K_0^*)} = \cot\phi \approx 1.23,\tag{19}$$

$$\frac{A(B \to K_0^* \eta_q)}{A(B \to K_0^* \eta_q')} \approx \cot \phi \tag{20}$$

$$\frac{A(\bar{B}_d^0 \to \bar{K}_0^{*0} \eta_q)}{A(\bar{B}_d^0 \to \bar{K}_0^{*0} \eta_q')} \approx 1.85, \qquad \frac{A(B^- \to K_0^{*-} \eta_q)}{A(B^- \to K_0^{*-} \eta_q')} \approx 1.92. \qquad Cheng$$
 (21)

$$\frac{A(\bar{B}_d^0 \to \bar{K}_0^{*0} \eta_q)}{A(\bar{B}_d^0 \to \bar{K}_0^{*0} \eta_q')} \approx 1.54, \qquad \frac{A(B^- \to K_0^{*-} \eta_q)}{A(B^- \to K_0^{*-} \eta_q')} \approx 1.51. \qquad This \ work$$
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