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## Further Analysis of Di-gluon Fusion Mechanism for the Decays of $B \rightarrow K\eta'^*$

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Abstract Di-gluon fusion mechanism might account for the large branching ratios of  $B \rightarrow K \eta'$ . But because we know little about the effective  $\eta'gg$  vertex, there are large uncertainties in perturbative QCD estimations. In this paper, we try several kinds of  $\eta'gg$  form factors and compare the numerical results with the experiment. We find that, though we know little about  $\eta'$ gg form factor, if di-gluon fusion mechanism is important in  $B \to K \eta'$ , the branching ratios of the decays  $B \to K' \eta'$  would be around  $10^{-5}$  which can be tested by future experiments.

Key words B decay, di-gluon fusion mechanism, perturbative QCD

#### 1 Introduction

Recently, CLEO collaboration has improved their previous measurements of  $B \rightarrow K \eta^{r+1}$ :

$$Br(B^+ \to K^+ \eta') = (80^{+10}_{-9} \pm 7) \times 10^{-6}$$
  
 $Br(B^0 \to K^0 \eta') = (89^{+18}_{-16} \pm 9) \times 10^{-6}$ .

These branching ratios are much larger than the estimations under the standard theorectical frame which is based on the effective Hamiltonian and general factorization approximation. Now it is commonly believed that these large branching ratios are due to the special properties of  $\eta'$ , and several new mechanisms have been proposed to enhance the decay rates of  $B \rightarrow \eta' K$  and  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_{\star}$ . In the following we only discuss the standard model (SM) mechanisms because we think that the contribution of the SM should be carefully examined first.

Halperin and Zhitnisky<sup>2</sup> proposed an interesting mechanism:  $\eta'$  can be directly produced through b  $\operatorname{ccs} \to \eta' s$  if  $\langle \eta' \mid c \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_5 c \mid 0 \rangle = -i f_{\eta'}^c P_{\eta'}^{\mu} \neq 0$ . But if this mechanism dominates, one easily finds that

$$\frac{Br(B^{0} \rightarrow \eta' K^{*0})}{Br(B^{0} \rightarrow \eta' K^{0})} = \frac{\left| \langle \eta' \mid (cc)_{V=A} \mid 0 \rangle \langle K^{*0} \mid (sb)_{V=A} \mid B^{0} \rangle \right|^{2}}{\left| \langle \eta' \mid (cc)_{V=A} \mid 0 \rangle \langle K^{0} \mid (sb)_{V=A} \mid B^{0} \rangle \right|^{2}} = \frac{\left| 2f_{\eta}^{c} M_{K}, A_{0}^{BK}, (M_{\eta}^{2})(\epsilon_{K}, P_{B}) \right|^{2}}{\left| if_{\eta}^{c} (M_{B}^{2} - M_{K}^{2}) F_{0}^{BK} (M_{\eta}^{2}) \right|^{2}} \approx \left( \frac{A_{0}^{BK}, (M_{\eta}^{2})}{F_{0}^{BK} (M_{\eta}^{2})} \right)^{2} \approx 0.9, \tag{2}$$

which is in contradiction with the stringent upper limit of  $B^0 \rightarrow \eta' K^{*0}$  given by CLEO<sup>11</sup>:

$$Br(B^0 \to \eta' K^{*0}) < 2.0 \times 10^{-5}$$
 (3)

So this mechanism is unlikely to be dominant. Because the effective vertex of b-sgg in SM is very small,  $b \rightarrow sqq \rightarrow s\eta'^{31}$  is also impossible to account for the large  $B \rightarrow \eta' K$  branching ratios. Atwood

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and Soni<sup>[4]</sup> proposed that  $b \to sg^*$  and  $g^* \to g\eta'$  via QCD anomaly can account for the large semi-inclusive branching ratios of  $B \to \eta' X_*$ . CLEO<sup>[5]</sup> has measured the  $\eta'$  momentum spectrum in  $B \to \eta' X_*$  and the measurement favors this mechanism. But because there is an extra gluon in the final state, unless the gluon is soft and absorbed into the  $\eta'$  wave functions<sup>[6]</sup>, it seems difficult to realize its contribution to two-body exclusive decay  $B \to \eta' K$ .

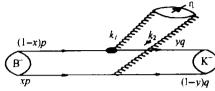


Fig.1 The diagram for di-gluon fusion

Motivated by the idea of Refs. [4,7], the authors of Ref. [8] proposed di-gluon fusion mechanism, which is depicted in Fig.1. Because both of the gluons are hard, it seems reasonable to give a perturbative QCD estimation. But because of our ignorance about the form factor of  $\eta'gg$  vertex, there are large uncertainties in calculations. So in the following we would reanalyze

di-gluon fusion mechanism in detail using several kinds of  $\langle gg \mid \eta' \rangle$  form factors and compare our numerical results with experimental data.

### 2 Analysis of Di-gluon Fusion Mechanism

We first give a brief introduction on how to estimate contributions of di-gluon fusion mechanism in perturbative QCD.

g-g-
$$\eta'$$
 vertex can be parameterized as<sup>[9]</sup>

$$\langle g^a g^b \mid \eta' \rangle = 4 \delta^{ab} g_a^2 A_{\eta'} F(k_1^2, k_2^2) \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\rho} k_1^{\mu} k_2^{\nu} \epsilon_1^{\rho} \epsilon_2^{\sigma}, \qquad (4)$$

where  $A_{\eta}$  is a constant and can be extracted from  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta'$  or  $\eta' \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ ,  $g_*$  is QCD coupling constant,  $F(k_1^2, k_2^2)$  is  $\langle gg \mid \eta' \rangle$  form factor and F(0,0) = 1. Neglecting the transverse momentum of quarks, we take the wave functions for B and K meson as

$$\Psi_{B} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{I_{C}}{\sqrt{3}} \phi_{B}(x) (\not p + m_{B}) \gamma_{5}, \quad \Psi_{K} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{I_{C}}{\sqrt{3}} \phi_{K}(y) (\not q + m_{K}) \gamma_{5}, \quad (5)$$

where  $I_0$  is an identity in color space, and the intergation of the distribution amplitude is related to the meson decay constant,

$$\int \phi_{B}(x) dx = \frac{f_{B}}{2\sqrt{6}}, \qquad \int \phi_{K}(y) dy = \frac{f_{K}}{2\sqrt{6}}.$$
 (6)

In this paper, we take the distribution amplitudes as [10]

$$\phi_{B}(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}}\delta(x - \epsilon_{B}), \qquad \phi_{K}(y) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}y(1 - y).$$
 (7)

Then we can write the amplitude of Fig.1 as

$$\mathcal{M} = \int \! \mathrm{d}x \, \mathrm{d}y \phi_{\mathrm{B}}(x) \, \frac{\mathrm{Tr} [\, \gamma_{5} \, \not q \Gamma_{\mu} (\not p + \, m_{\mathrm{B}}) \, \gamma_{5} \, \gamma_{\nu} \,] 4 \epsilon^{\mu \alpha \beta} k_{1 \alpha} k_{2 \beta} A_{\eta'} F(\,k_{1}^{2} \,,\, k_{2}^{2}) \, C_{\mathrm{F}} g_{s}^{3}}{\sqrt{2} \sqrt{2} \, k_{1}^{2} \, k_{2}^{2}} \phi_{\mathrm{K}}(\,y) \,,$$

where  $\varGamma_{\mu}$  is the effective bightharpoonssg vertex,  $^{[11]}$ 

$$\Gamma^{a}_{\mu} = \frac{G_{\rm F}}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{g_{s}}{4\pi^{2}} V_{is}^{*} V_{is}^{*} V_{ib}^{*} \bar{s} t^{a} \left\{ F_{1}^{i} (k_{1}^{2} \gamma_{\mu} - k_{1\mu} k_{1}) \frac{1 - \gamma_{5}}{2} - F_{2}^{i} i \sigma_{\mu\nu} k_{1}^{\nu} m_{b} \frac{1 + \gamma_{5}}{2} \right\} b,$$

and the color factor  $C_{\rm F}=\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\,\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\,{\rm Tr}[\;t^at^b\;]\,\delta^{ab}=\frac{4}{3}$  . Finally we obtain

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{G_{\rm F}}{\sqrt{2}} \alpha_{\rm s}^2 A_{\gamma} C_{\rm F} 32 V_{\rm is}^* V_{\rm ib} \int dx dy \phi_{\rm B}(x) \phi_{\rm K}(y) F(k_1^2, k_2^2) \times$$

$$F_{1}^{i} k_{1}^{2} [(p \cdot k_{1})(q \cdot k_{2}) - (p \cdot k_{2})(q \cdot k_{1})] + F_{2}^{i} m_{B} m_{b} [(q \cdot k_{2}) k_{1}^{2} - (q \cdot k_{1})(k_{1} \cdot k_{2})] - k_{1}^{2} k_{2}^{2}$$

$$(10)$$

In the above integral, there are two singularities from the gluon propagators and sometimes there would be another singularity from the  $\langle gg \mid \eta' \rangle$  form factor, for example,  $F(k_1^2, k_2^2) = \frac{m_{\eta'}^2}{2(k_1 \cdot k_2)}$ .

We add a small pure imaginary number  $i_{\ell}(\ell > 0)$  to the denominator to get a convergent integral.

To evaluate the numerical result of Eq. (10), we take the form factors  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  according to Refs. [4,12] as

$$F_1 = \frac{4\pi}{\alpha_s} (C_4 + C_6), \qquad F_2 = -2C_8,$$
 (11)

where  $C_i$  are Wilson coefficients at the NLL level. Because QCD corrections may be large, we do not take<sup>[7,11]</sup>  $F_1 \approx -5$  and  $F_2 \approx 0.2$  which are derived from the SM without QCD corrections. It is always subtle to choose the scale of  $\alpha_*$ , because the average momenta squared of the gluons are

$$\langle k_1^2 \rangle \approx 12 \text{GeV}^2, \qquad \langle k_2^2 \rangle \approx 1 \text{GeV}^2, \qquad (12)$$

we prefer to choose  $\alpha_* = \sqrt{\alpha_*(k_1^2)\alpha_*(k_2^2)} = 0.28$  though we also give the branching ratios when  $\alpha_* = \alpha_*(k_1^2) = 0.21$  or  $\alpha_* = \alpha_*(k_2^2) = 0.38$  in Table 1 and Table 2.

Table 1. The branching ratios of  $B \rightarrow K \eta'$  and  $B \rightarrow K \eta'$  in unit of  $10^{-5}$  by using constant form factor  $F(k_1^2, k_2^2) = 1$ . Where  $\alpha_1(k_1^2 = 12 \text{GeV}^2) = 0.21$ ,  $\alpha_1(k_2^2 = 1 \text{GeV}^2) = 0.38$  and  $\alpha_1 = \sqrt{\alpha_1(k_1^2)\alpha_1(k_2^2)} = 0.28$ .

€ B		0.05			0.06			0.07	214	Exp. [1]
$Br(B^- \rightarrow K^- \eta')$	1.99	6.60	21.3	1.32	4.40	14.2	0.94	3.13	10.1	$8.0^{+1.0}_{-0.9} \pm 0.7$
$Br(\overline{\mathbf{R}}^0 \longrightarrow \overline{\mathbf{K}}^0 \eta')$	2.06	6.88	22.2	1.38	4.59	14.8	0.98	3.26	10.5	$8.9^{+1.8}_{-1.6} \pm 0.9$
$Br(B^- \rightarrow K^{*-} \eta')$	4.04	13.5	43.4	2.40	8.00	25.8	1.59	5.30	17.1	< 8.7
$Br(\overline{B}^0 \rightarrow \overline{K}^{*0} \eta')$	4.19	14.0	45.1	2.49	8.31	26.8	1.66	5.52	17.8	< 2.0

Table 2. The branching ratios of  $B \rightarrow K\eta'$  and  $B \rightarrow K'\eta'$  in unit of  $10^{-5}$  by using the form factor  $F(k_1^2, k_2^2) = \frac{m_{\eta'}^2}{2(k_1 \cdot k_2)}$ . Where  $\alpha_*(k_1^2 = 12\text{GeV}^2) = 0.21$ ,  $\alpha_*(k_2^2 = 1\text{GeV}^2) = 0.38$ , and  $\alpha_* = \sqrt{\alpha_*(k_2^2)\alpha_*(k_2^2)} = 0.28$ 

€B	0.05			0.06			0.07			Exp. [1]
α,	0.21	0.28	0.38	0.21	0.28	0.38	0.21	0.28	0.38	
$Br(B^- \rightarrow K^- \eta')$	0.60	2.07	6.42	0.47	1.63	5.05	0.39	1.34	4.15	$8.0^{+1.0}_{-0.9} \pm 0.7$
$Br(\overline{R}^0 \to \overline{K}^0 \eta')$	0.62	2.15	6.67	0.49	1.70	5.27	0.40	1.39	4.31	$8.9^{+1.8}_{-1.6} \pm 0.9$
$Br(B \rightarrow K \rightarrow \eta')$	0.91	3.17	9.83	0.67	2.31	7.16	0.54	1.89	5.86	< 8.7
$Br(\overline{B}^0 \rightarrow \overline{K}^{*0}\eta')$	0.95	3.30	10.2	0.69	2.40	7.44	0.57	1.97	6.11	< 2.0

As to the  $\langle gg \mid \eta' \rangle$  form factor  $F(k_1^2, k_2^2)$ , because of our complete ignorance there are large uncertainties in the numerical evaluation of Eq.(10). In the following we try several kinds of form factors.

In Refs. [4,7], the authors have assumed that  $q^2$ -dependence of the form factor is weak and as an approximation they take form factor as a constant to explain large semi-inclusive decay  $B \rightarrow X_n \eta'$ .

The difference between Ref. [4] and Ref. [7] is that the running of  $\alpha_s(\mu)$  with the scale is considered in Ref. [7] but not in Ref. [4]. We also use their ansatz to estimate exclusive decays  $B \rightarrow K\eta'$  and  $B \rightarrow K'' \eta'$ . Using Eq. (10), we give numerical results in Table 1. From the table it seems that the constant form factor can account for the large branching ratios of  $B \rightarrow K\eta'$ , but unfortunately we would get much larger branching ratios of  $B \rightarrow K'' \eta'$ , which is strongly in contradiction with the CLEO's measurements. (see, for instance, the case of  $\epsilon_B = 0.06$  in Table 1).

From Eq.(10), we notice that the amplitude must be integrated over a wide range of  $k_1^2$  and  $k_2^2$ , therefore the effects of  $k_1^2$ ,  $k_2^2$  dependence of  $F(k_1^2, k_2^2)$  must be taken into account.

The authors of Ref[8] choose the form factor as  $F(k_1^2, k_2^2) = \frac{m_{\gamma}^2}{2(k_1 \cdot k_2)}$  because such a form

factor works well in  $J/\psi \to \gamma \eta'^{-13}$ . We have followed their calculations and it seems that their numerical results are overestimated than ours (in Table 2) by a factor of about three. From Table 2, we can see that our estimations of  $Br(B\to \eta' K)$  are about  $10^{-5}$ , but when considering that the standard theoretical frame (based on effective Hamiltonian and general factorization approximation) can give  $^6$   $Br(B\to \eta' K)\approx 3.6\times 10^{-5}$ , it is still possible to account for the experimental data only if the contributions from di-gluon fusion mechanism and the standard theoretical frame constructively interfere. If this is true, then because the contributions to  $Br(B\to \eta' K^*)$  from the standard theoretical frame are negligible, the di-gluon fusion mechanism would be dominant in  $B\to \eta' K^*$ , i.e.,  $Br(B\to \eta' K^*)\approx 10^{-5}$  which can be tested by future measurements of CLEO or B factories.

Kagan and Petrov<sup>[14]</sup> proposed a model of the g-g- $\eta'$  vertex in which a pseudoscalar current is coupled to two gluons through quark loops. Their perturbative calculations yield a form factor

$$F(k_1^2, k_2^2) \propto \sum_{f = u, d, s} a_f m_f \times \int_0^1 dx \int_0^{1-x} \frac{dy}{m_f^2 - (1 - x - y)(xk_1^2 + yk_2^2) - xym_{\eta}^2 - i\epsilon},$$
 (13)

where we take  $a_a = a_d = 1$ ,  $a_s = 2$  and normalize  $F(k_1^2, k_2^2)$  with the normal condition F(0,0) = 1. We use this form factor in Eq.(10) with  $\epsilon_B = 0.06$  and get

$$Br(B \to \eta' K) = 1.28 \times 10^{-7},$$
 (14)

which is too small to account for the experiments.

In Ref.[15], the authors calculate the transition form factor in  $\pi^0$  coupling to  $\gamma^* \gamma^*$  in the frame of a perturbative QCD based on the modified factorization formula. They find that numerically their results are extremely similar to that obtained by applying the interpolation procedure in the manner of Brodsky and Lepage<sup>[16]</sup> in the case of two off-shell photons:

$$F_{\kappa^0\gamma}$$
,  $(k_1^2, k_2^2) \propto \left(1 - \frac{X^2}{\Lambda_{\pi}^2}\right)^{-1}$ 

with

$$X^{2} = \frac{(k_{1}^{2} - k_{2}^{2})^{3}}{k_{1}^{4} - k_{2}^{4} - 2k_{1}^{2}k_{2}^{2}\ln(k_{1}^{2}/k_{2}^{2})}.$$
 (16)

and  $\Lambda_{\pi} = 2\pi f_{\pi} = 0.83 \, \text{GeV}$ . We assume that the structure of the transition of  $\eta' \rightarrow g - g^*$  is similar to that of  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma^+ \gamma^+$ :

$$F(k_1^2, k_2^2) = \left(1 - \frac{X^2}{\Lambda_{\eta'}^2}\right)^{-1}, \qquad (17)$$

where we approximate  $\Lambda_{\eta'} = \Lambda_{\pi}$ . By using this form factor, we calculate the branching ratios of  $B \rightarrow K \eta'$  which are listed in Table 3. The results are about fifty times smaller than the experimental data.

Table 3. The branching ratios of  $B \rightarrow K\eta'$  in unit of  $10^{-6}$  by using the form factor  $F(k_1^2, k_2^2) = (1 - X^2/\Lambda^2)^{-1}$ .

· FB	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08
$Br(B^- \rightarrow K^- \eta')$	2.31	1.71	1.34	1.09	0.92

In experimental fit, pole approximation is often used to fit the momentum square dependence of form factor  $f(k_1^2, k_2^2) = \frac{1}{(1-k_1^2/m_{\eta'}^2)(1-k_2^2/m_{\eta'}^2)}$  for our calculations, we list the results in Table 4. And we can see that this kind of form factor would make the digluon fusion mechanism completely negligible in  $B \rightarrow \eta' K$ .

Table 4. The branching ratios of  $B \rightarrow K \eta'$  in unit of  $10^{-6}$  by using the form factor

$$F(k_1^2, k_2^2) = \frac{1}{(1 - k_1^2/m_{\eta'}^2)(1 - k_2^2/m_{\eta'}^2)}.$$

$$\frac{{}^{'}_{1}}{B} = \frac{0.04}{0.05} = \frac{0.05}{0.06} = \frac{0.07}{0.08} = \frac{0.08}{0.67}$$

$$\frac{B_{7}(B^{-} + K^{-}\eta')}{B_{7}(\overline{B}^{0} + \overline{K}^{0}\eta')} = \frac{1.35}{0.95} = \frac{0.70}{0.53}$$

To examine the validity of perturbative QCD in the above caculations, or in other words, whether the amplitude calculated by perturbative QCD is dominated by hard gluon contributions, we set cut on  $k_2^2$  and compare the results with those without cut. Taking  $\Lambda_{\rm QCD} \approx 200 {\rm MeV}$ , we list the numerical results in Table 5.

Table 5. When  $\epsilon_{\rm B}$  = 0.06, the ratio of 'hard contribution' to di-gluon fusion mechanism with  $k_2^2$  cut of  $\Lambda_{\rm OCD}^2$ ,  $4\Lambda_{\rm OCD}^2$  and  $9\Lambda_{\rm OCD}^2$ .

Decay Modes	$B^- \to \eta' I$	K-11-12-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-	at the dependence of the second $\overline{B}{}^0 \rightarrow \eta' K^*$		
Form Factor	$F(k_1^2, k_2^2) = \frac{m_{\eta'}^2}{2(k_1 \cdot k_2)}$	$F(k_1^2, k_2^2) = 1$	$F(k_1^2, k_2^2) = \frac{m_{\eta'}^2}{2(k_1 \cdot k_2)}$	$F(k_1^2, k_2^2) = 1$	
$\Lambda_{ m QCD}^2$	71 %	100 %	72 %	94 %	
$4\Lambda_{\rm QCD}^2$	45 %	93 %	43 %	84 %	
$9\Lambda_{ m OCD}^2$	22 %	71 %	17 %	58 %	

We can see that hard gluon contributions are really dominant in the case of constant form factor. But if we take form factor as  $F(k_1^2, k_2^2) = \frac{m_{\gamma}^2}{2\,k_1 \, ^* \, k_2}$ , hard gluon contributions are small, this does not mean that non-perturbative contributions are dominant in this case. This is due to the fact that the singularity in the form factor is accidently close to the other singularities in  $k_1^2$  and  $k_2^2$  and then enhance the contributions of soft gluon.

### 3 Remarks and Conclusions

The authors of Ref.[8] proposed di-gluon fusion mechanism to explain the large branching ratios of  $B \rightarrow \eta' K$ , but because of our ignorance about effective  $\eta' gg$  vertex, there are large uncertainties in perturbative QCD estimations. We try several kinds of  $\langle gg \mid \eta' \rangle$  form factors, and through

our calculations, we find that constant form factor is consistent with the data of  $B \rightarrow \eta' K$ , but inconsistent with the data of  $B \rightarrow \eta' K$  in some cases of different  $\alpha$ , or  $\epsilon_B$ . If we take  $F(k_1^2, k_2^2) =$ 

 $\frac{m_{\gamma}^2}{2\,k_1\cdot k_2}$  as the authors of Ref. [8] have done, di-gluon fusion mechanism is important in B $\rightarrow \eta'$ K

but not dominant. As a consequence, we could anticipate that  $Br(B \rightarrow \eta' K^*)$  would be about  $10^{-5}$  which can be tested by future experiments. We also try the other three kinds of form factors and they all give very small contributions to the branching ratios.

We conclude that, though we know little about  $\langle gg | \eta' \rangle$  form factor, if di-gluon fusion mechanism is important in  $B \rightarrow \eta' K$ , the branching ratios of  $B \rightarrow \eta' K$  would be definitely around  $10^{-5}$ .

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# B→Kη′中双胶子聚合机制的进一步研究\*

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摘要 双胶子聚合机制可能解释  $B \to K \eta' 反常大的分支比.$  然而由于我们对  $\eta' gg$  有效顶点知之甚少,微扰 QCD 的理论计算存在很大的不确定性. 本文尝试了几种不同的  $\eta' gg$  形状因子,并将数值结果和实验相比较. 我们发现,虽然我们对  $\eta' gg$  形状因子了解得很少,但是如果  $B \to K \eta'$  衰变中双胶子聚合机制确实很重要的话, $B \to K \Lambda'$   $\eta'$  的分支比将为  $10^{-5}$  量级,这可以被将来的实验检验.

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