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# Understanding $\eta^{(\prime)} K^{(*)}$ branching ratios

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# Exp. results since PDG2006

- measurements of  $B \rightarrow \eta' K^*$  from BaBar and strict upper bounds from Belle

Babar :

[hep-ex/0607109](#)

$$Br(\eta' K^{*+}) = (4.9_{-1.7}^{+1.9} \pm 0.8) \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$Br(\eta' K^{*0}) = (3.8 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.5) \cdot 10^{-6}$$

Belle (90%CL):

[J. Schuemann, talk at DPF 2006](#)

$$Br(\eta' K^{*+}) < 2.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$Br(\eta' K^{*0}) < 2.6 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

- updates of many other modes

- Belle:  $\eta' K^+$ ,  $\eta K^+$ ,  $\eta' K^0$

[hep-ex/0603001](#), [hep-ex/0608033](#)

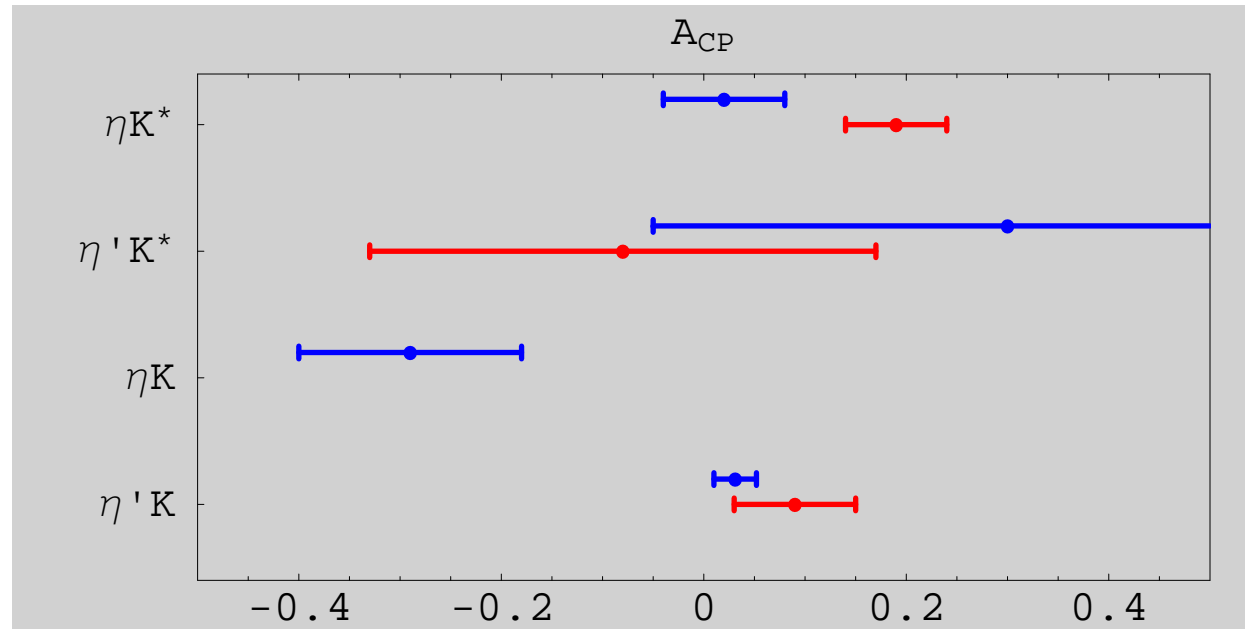
- BaBar and Belle:  $\eta K^{*0/+}$ ,  $\eta K^0$

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# $A_{CP}$

—  $B^+$

—  $B^0$

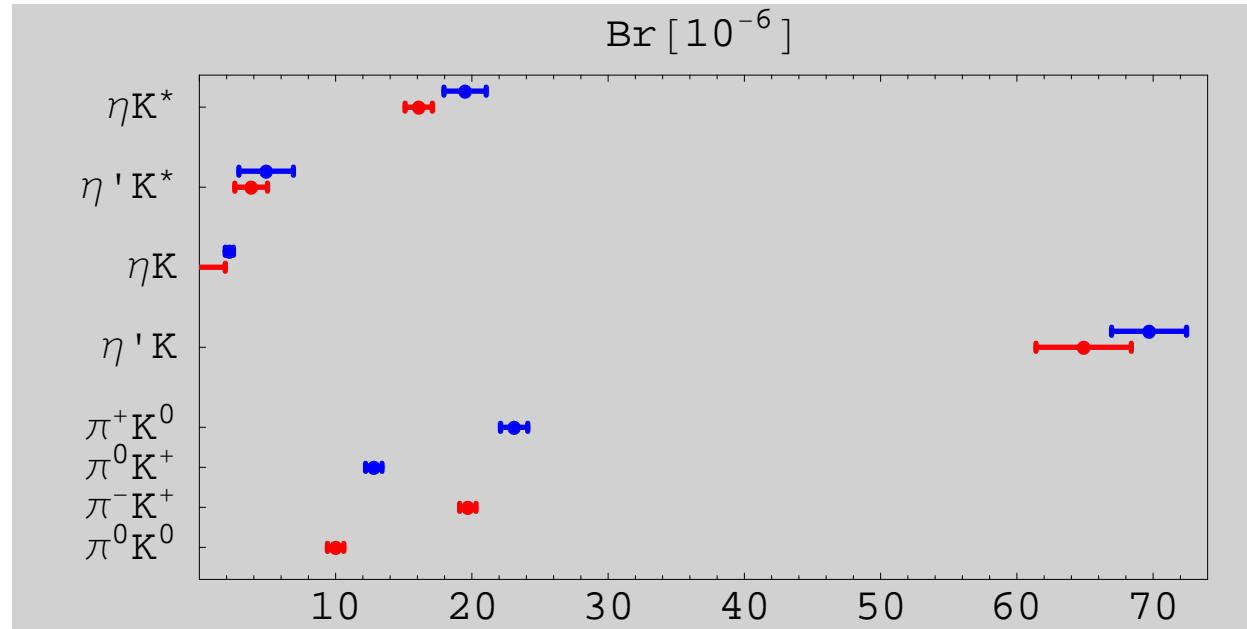


- $A_{CP}(\eta K^+) = -0.29 \pm 0.11 \leftarrow 2.6\sigma$  away from zero
- $A_{CP}(\eta K^{*0}) = 0.19 \pm 0.05 \leftarrow 3.8\sigma$  away from zero (with both Belle and BaBar having new measurements)
- other consistent with zero

# Questions

—  $B^+$

—  $B^0$



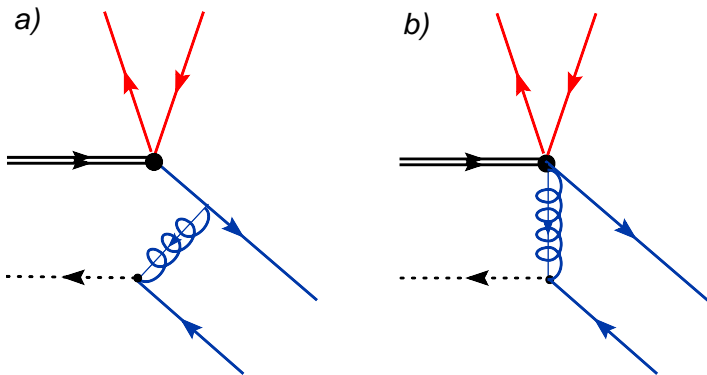
- why  $\text{Br}(B \rightarrow \eta' K) \gg \text{Br}(B \rightarrow \eta K)$ ?
- why in  $B \rightarrow \eta^{(\prime)} K^*$  inverted hierarchy?
- why  $\text{Br}(B \rightarrow \eta' K) \gg \text{Br}(B \rightarrow K\pi)$ ?

# Factorization formula

- $1/m_b$  expansion  $\Rightarrow$  (soft-collinear) effective field theory
- for start only nonisosinglet final states (such as  $B \rightarrow \pi\pi$ )
- at LO in  $1/m_B$

Bauer, Pirjol, Rothstein, Stewart 2004  
Beneke, Buchalla, Neubert, Sachrajda 1999

$$A(B \rightarrow M_1 M_2) \propto f_{M_1} \phi_{M_1}(u) \otimes T_{1J}(u, z) \otimes \zeta_J^{BM_2}(z) \\ + f_{M_1} \phi_{M_1}(u) \otimes T_{1\zeta}(u) \zeta^{BM_2} + 1 \leftrightarrow 2 + \lambda_c^{(f)} A_{cc}^{M_1 M_2}$$



- a) introd. matrix el.  $\zeta^{BM}$
- b) function  $\zeta_J^{BM}(z)$ , calc. in  $\alpha_S(\sqrt{\Lambda m_B})$  expansion

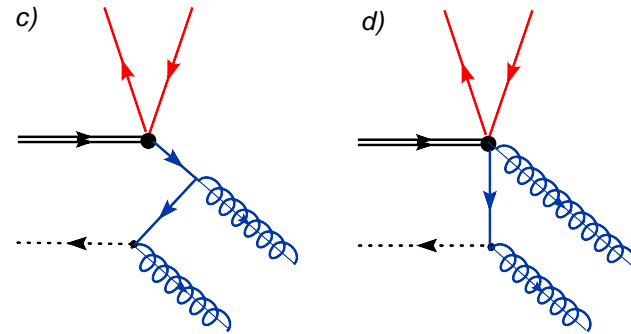
- LO in  $\alpha_S(m_b)$ :  $f_+^{BP}(0) = \zeta^{BP} + \zeta_J^{BP}$ ,  $f_+^{BP}(0) + f_-^{BP}(0) = 2\zeta_J^{BP}$



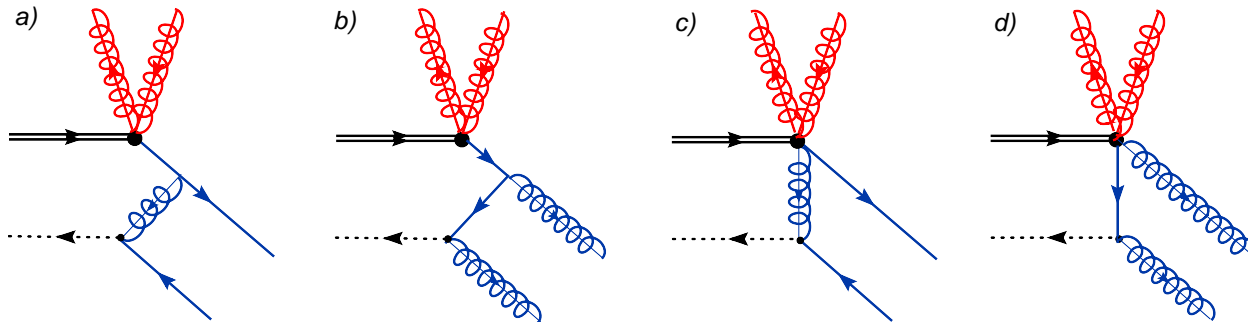
# Isosinglet final states

Beneke, Neubert, 2002  
Williamson, JZ 2006

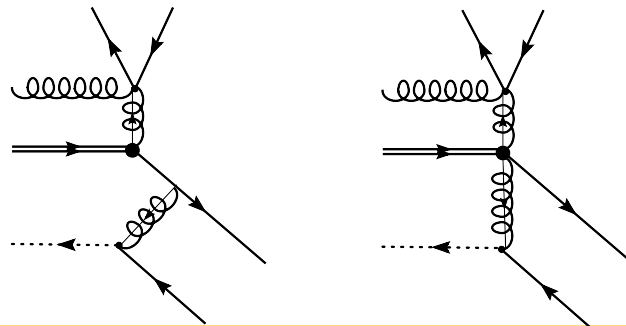
- additional operators in  $\text{SCET}_I \rightarrow \text{SCET}_{II}$  matching, that contribute only for  $\eta, \eta'$



- at  $\alpha_S(m_b)$  also operators (at this order only from  $O_{8g}$ )



- heavy quark–soft quark–soft gluon terms



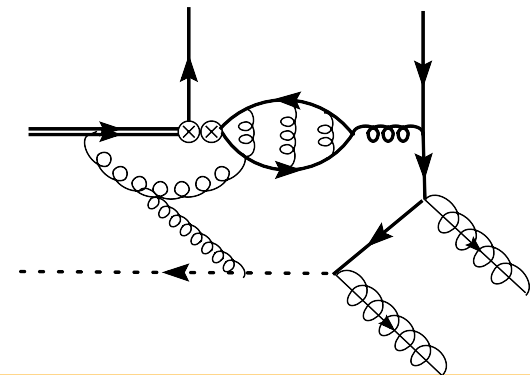
# Factorization including isosinglets

- extended factorization formula

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(B \rightarrow M_1 M_2) &\propto f_{M_1} \phi_{M_1}(u) \otimes T_{1J}(u, z) \otimes \zeta_J^{BM_2}(z) \\
 &+ f_{M_1} \phi_{M_1}(u) \otimes T_{1\zeta}(u) \zeta^{BM_2} + 1 \leftrightarrow 2 + \lambda_c^{(f)} A_{cc}^{M_1 M_2} \\
 &+ \delta_{M_1, \eta^{(\prime)}} \left[ f_{M_1}^1 \bar{\Phi}_{M_1}^g(u) \otimes [T_{1J}^g(u, z) \otimes \zeta_J^{BM_2}(z) + T_{1\zeta}^g(u) \zeta^{BM_2}] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (f_{M_1} \phi_{M_1}(u) \otimes \zeta_3^{BM_2}(u) + f_{M_1}^1 \bar{\Phi}_{M_1}^g(u) \otimes \zeta_{3g}^{BM_2}(u)) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- $\zeta^{B\eta^{(\prime)}}$ ,  $\zeta_J^{B\eta^{(\prime)}}$  receive contribs. from gluonic operators

- for isosinglets also "gluonic charming penguins"  $\Rightarrow$  in SU(3) limit one additional parameter  $A_{ccg}$





# Gluonic contributions

- $\zeta_{(J)g}$  connected to  $B \rightarrow \eta^{(\prime)}$  semileptonic form factors, not known
- $\zeta_{3(g)}, A_{ccg}$  not known from anywhere else
- in QCD factorization (Beneke, Neubert):
  - at LO in  $\alpha_S(\sqrt{\Lambda m_b})$ :  $\zeta_3^{BM}(u) = \zeta_3/(u\bar{u})$ ,  $\zeta_{3g}^{BM}$  const.
  - $\zeta_g, \zeta_3$  varied in some (reasonable) range,  $\zeta_{Jg}, \zeta_{3g}$  set to zero
- in SCET analysis (Williamson, JZ):
  - SU(3) used,  $\zeta_{(J)g}, A_{ccg}$  determined from data (fit)
  - $\zeta_3$  omitted, even so  $\zeta_{(J)g}$  poorly determ., 2 solutions
- measuring  $Br, A_{CP}$  for more modes with  $\eta, \eta'$  in the final state can help a lot!

# Comment about diagrammatic approach

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- in "diagrammatic" SU(3) fits dynamical assump.:  
"annihilation-like" ampl. neglected for  $\eta, \eta'$  final states
  - 4 additional reduced matrix elements for isosinglets, only one ( $s$ ) taken nonzero
  - in SCET counting all 4 LO in  $1/m_b$ : keeping only  $s$  corresponds to  $\zeta_{(J)g} \ll \zeta_{(J)}$  limit not to  $m_b \rightarrow \infty$  limit

# $B \rightarrow K\eta$ vs $B \rightarrow K\eta'$

- Lipkin '91: constructive and destructive interf.

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- exactly what happens in QCDFact, SCET
  - penguin dominated mode

$$A_{\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{K}\eta_q} \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (P^{K\eta_q} + 2P_g^{K\eta_q}) + \dots$$

$$A_{\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{K}\eta_s} \simeq P^{K\eta_s} + 2P_g^{K\eta_s} + \dots$$

# $B \rightarrow K \eta^{(\prime)}$ hierarchy

- SU(3) break.  $1 + \Delta r_{(g)} = P_{(g)}^{K\eta_s} / P_{(g)}$ ,  $P_{(g)} \equiv P_{(g)}^{K\eta_q}$

$$A_{B^- \rightarrow \eta K^-} \propto (\sqrt{2} - r_g \tan \phi) P_g + \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - r \tan \phi \right) P + \dots$$

$$= (0.59 + 0.8\Delta r_g) P_g - (0.11 + 0.8\Delta r) P + \dots$$

$$A_{B^- \rightarrow \eta' K^-} \propto (r_g + \sqrt{2} \tan \phi) P_g + \left( r + \frac{\tan \phi}{\sqrt{2}} \right) P + \dots$$

$$= (2.16 + \Delta r_g) P_g + (1.59 + \Delta r) P + \dots$$

- $Br(B \rightarrow \eta K) \ll Br(B \rightarrow \eta' K)$  for most  $\arg(P_g/P)$ , no cancelation between  $P$  and  $P_g$  needed
- the suppression is larger for  $P$  than for  $P_g$
- $P_g, \Delta r_{(g)} = 0 \Rightarrow Br(\eta K) \sim O(10^{-7})$  and not  $\sim O(10^{-6})$

# Enhancement of $B \rightarrow \eta' K$

- $Br(B \rightarrow \eta' K)$  enhanced over  $Br(B \rightarrow \pi K)$

$$\frac{A_{B^- \rightarrow \eta' K^-}}{A_{\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ K^-}} \simeq \left( r \cos \phi + \frac{\sin \phi}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \frac{P}{P} + \left( r_g \cos \phi + \sqrt{2} \sin \phi \right) \frac{P_g}{P} + \dots$$

$$\simeq 1.22 + 0.8\Delta r + (1.67 + 0.8\Delta r_g) \frac{P_g}{P}$$

- for  $\Delta r = 0.3$ ,  $P_g = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{Br(\eta' K^-)}{Br(\pi^+ K^-)} = 2.1$

- for  $\Delta r_{(g)} = 0$ ,  $P_g = 0.5P \Rightarrow \frac{Br(\eta' K^-)}{Br(\pi^+ K^-)} = 4.2$

- while experimentally  $\frac{Br(\eta' K^-)}{Br(\pi^+ K^-)} = 3.54 \pm 0.18$

- SU(3) breaking and/or gluonic content of  $\eta'$  can naturally explain the enhancement

see also Gerard, Kou, 2006

# More precisely

- fit of SCET param. to all available data assuming SU(3) (errors dominated by  $\delta_{SU(3)} \sim O(0.3)$ , not shown)

Williamson, JZ, 2006

$$P = 4.9 e^{i157^\circ} \text{MeV}$$

$$P_g^{\text{Sol.I}} = 3.5 e^{-i104^\circ} \text{MeV}, \quad P_g^{\text{Sol.II}} = 3.6 e^{+i64^\circ} \text{MeV}$$

- in QCD factorization (default scenario, central values)

Beneke, Neubert, 2003

$$P = 4.0 e^{-i173^\circ} \text{MeV}, \quad P_g = 0.6 \left( \frac{F_2}{0.1} \right) e^{-i173^\circ} \text{MeV}$$

while for SU(3) breaking

$$\Delta r = 0.33 \pm 0.31, \quad \Delta r_g = 0.25 \pm 0.06$$

- need more experimental data to have a better control over unknown parameters
- measurement of direct CP asymmetries crucial

# Results

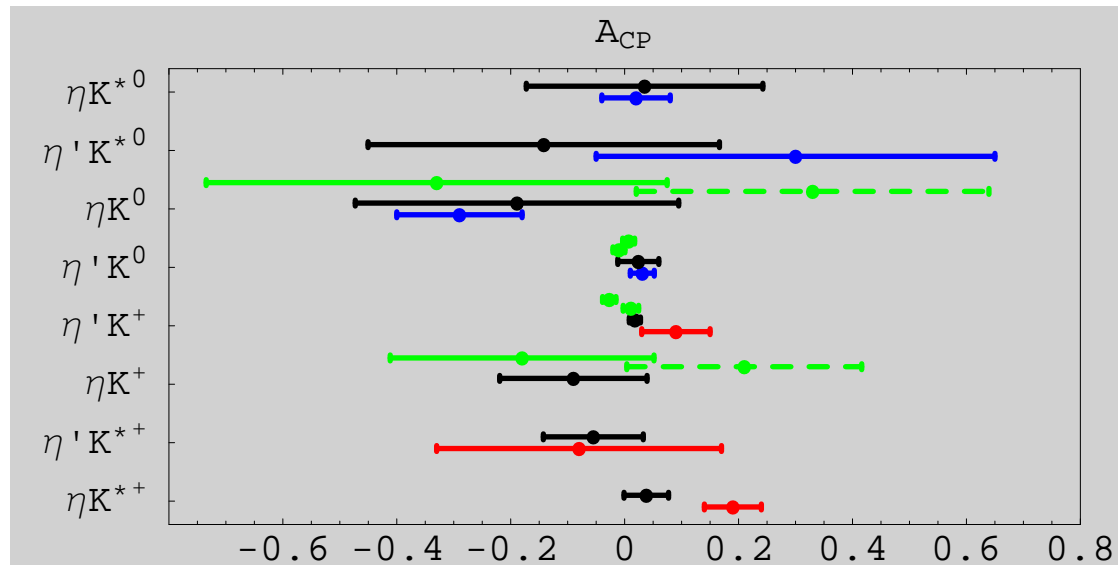
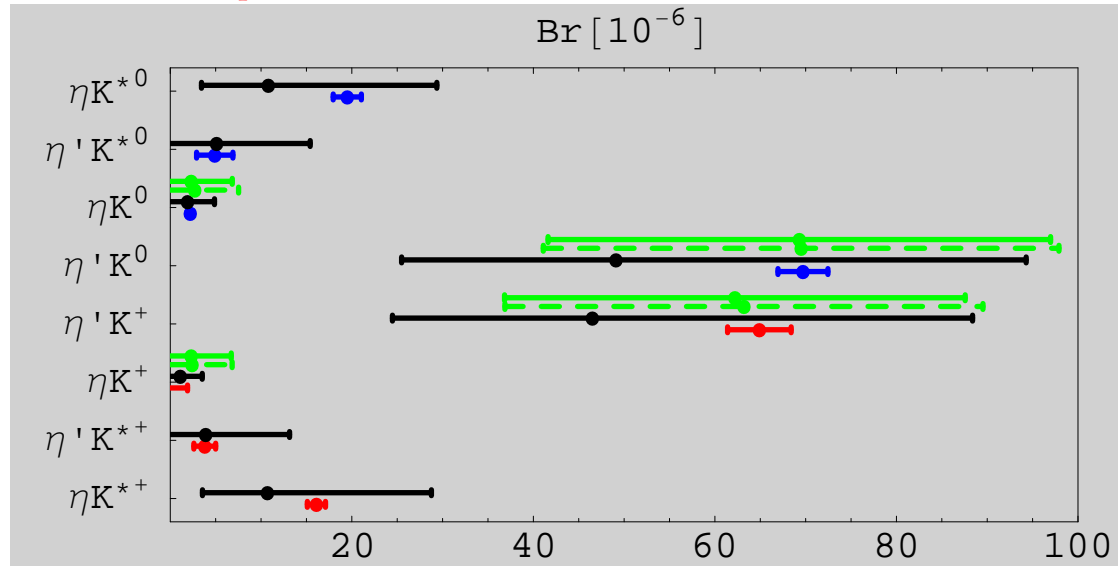
—  $(B^+)_{\text{exp}}$

—  $(B^0)_{\text{exp}}$

— BN

— SCET Sol I

- - - SCET Sol II





$$B \rightarrow K^* \eta^{(\prime)}$$

- two topologies (spectator goes in V or P)
- Lipkin's symmetry argument not sufficient for this case, since symmetries do not relate the two topologies
- further dynamical information required
- no numerical analysis in SCET yet
- in QCDFact the inverted hierarchy comes from a flip of sign (compared to  $KP$ ) in chirally enhanced  $1/m_b$  term

$$\hat{\alpha}_4(PK^*) = \alpha_4(PK^*) + \overbrace{r_\chi^{K^*}}^{\text{small}} \alpha_6(PK^*) \leftarrow \text{becomes smaller}$$

$$\hat{\alpha}_4(K^*P) = \alpha_4(K^*P) - \underbrace{r_\chi^P}_{\text{large}} \alpha_6(K^*P) \leftarrow \text{flips sign}$$

$$F_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\alpha}_4(K^* \eta_s) = \hat{\alpha}_4(\eta_q K^*) = 0, \text{ remaning nonzero}$$

# Conclusions

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- Lipkin argument +SU(3) breaking+ contributions due to gluonic content of  $\eta'$  naturally explains the hierarchy of  $Br(K\eta') \gg Br(K\eta)$  and  $Br(K\eta') \gg Br(K\pi)$
- situation is more complicated in  $B \rightarrow K^*\eta^{(\prime)}$  decays, two topologies, in QCDFactorization the inverted hierarchy comes from formally  $1/m_b$  suppressed terms

# Backup slides

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# Counting of parameters

- assuming isospin, LO in  $1/m_b$ ,  $\alpha_S(m_b)$ , neglecting  $\zeta_3$ 
  - $B \rightarrow \pi\pi$ : 4 real parameters  $\zeta_{(J)}^{B\pi}$ ,  $A_{cc}^{\pi\pi}$  vs. 8 observables (6 measured)
  - $B \rightarrow \pi\eta^{(\prime)}$ : 8 new parameters  $\zeta_{(J)}^{B\eta_{q,s}}$ ,  $A_{cc}^{\pi\eta_{q,s}}$  beyond  $B \rightarrow \pi\pi$  vs. 19 observables (4 measured)
  - similarly  $B \rightarrow \pi K$  vs.  $B \rightarrow K\eta^{(\prime)}$
- at present in the analysis of isosinglets SU(3) needs to be used (this can be relaxed with more data)
- in the SU(3) limit 8 real parameters:  $\zeta$ ,  $\zeta_J$ ,  $A_{cc}$  and the "gluonic"  $\zeta_g$ ,  $\zeta_{Jg}$ ,  $A_{ccg}$  (these only for isosinglets)
- compare with 18 complex reduced matrix elements in most general SU(3) decomposition

# Relation to diagrammatic approach

- in SU(3) limit, for  $\Delta S = 0$  decay (at LO in  $\alpha_S(m_b)$ )

$$t \propto V_{ub}V_{ud}^* \left[ \left( C_1 + \frac{C_2}{N} (1 + \langle x^{-1} \rangle) \right) \zeta_J + \left( C_1 + \frac{C_2}{N} \right) \zeta \right] + \dots$$

$$c \propto V_{ub}V_{ud}^* \left[ \left( C_2 + \frac{C_1}{N} (1 + \langle x^{-1} \rangle) \right) \zeta_J + \left( C_2 + \frac{C_1}{N} \right) \zeta \right] + \dots$$

$$p \propto V_{cb}V_{cd}^* A_{cc} + V_{ub}V_{ud}^* F(\zeta, \zeta_J) + \dots$$

- at LO in  $1/m_b$  no annihilation and exchange amplitudes
- at LO in  $1/m_b$  and  $\alpha_S(m_b)$  strong phase only in  $p$  ( $A_{cc}$ )
- no color suppression (in SCET counting  $\zeta \sim \zeta_J$ )

$$t \propto V_{ub}V_{ud}^* \left[ 0.77\zeta_J + 1.03\zeta \right] + \dots, \quad c \propto V_{ub}V_{ud}^* \left[ 1.23\zeta_J + 0.12\zeta \right] + \dots$$