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## $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$ in the standard model

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### Abstract

We study  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$  within the framework of the Standard Model. Several mechanisms such as  $b \rightarrow \eta' sg$  through the QCD anomaly, and  $b \rightarrow \eta' s$  and  $B \rightarrow \eta' s \bar{q}$  arising from four-quark operators are treated simultaneously. Using QCD equations of motion, we relate the effective Hamiltonian for the first mechanism to that for the latter two. By incorporating next-to-leading-logarithmic(NLL) contributions, the first mechanism is shown to give a significant branching ratio for  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$ , while the other two mechanisms account for about 15% of the experimental value. The Standard Model prediction for  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$  is consistent with the CLEO data. © 1999 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

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The recent observation of  $B \rightarrow \eta' K$  [1] and  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$  [2] decays with high momentum  $\eta'$  mesons has stimulated many theoretical activities [3–10]. One of the mechanisms proposed to account for this decay is  $b \rightarrow sg^* \rightarrow sg \eta'$  [3,4] where the  $\eta'$  meson is produced via the anomalous  $\eta' - g - g$  coupling. According to a previous analysis [4], this mechanism within the Standard Model (SM) can only account for 1/3 of the measured branching ratio:  $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \eta' X_s) = [6.2 \pm 1.6(\text{stat}) \pm 1.3(\text{syst})_{-1.5}^{+0.0} \times (\text{bkg})] \times 10^{-4}$  [2] with  $2.0 < p_{\eta'} < 2.7$  GeV. There are also other calculations of  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$  based on

four-quark operators of the effective weak-Hamiltonian [5,6]. These contributions to the branching ratio, typically  $10^{-4}$ , are also too small to account for  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$ , although the four-quark-operator contribution is capable of explaining the branching ratio for the exclusive  $B \rightarrow \eta' K$  decays [8,9]. These results have inspired proposals for an enhanced  $b \rightarrow sg$  and other mechanisms arising from physics beyond the Standard Model [4,6,7]. In order to see if new physics should play any role in  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$ , one has to have a better understanding on the SM prediction. In this letter, we carry out a careful analysis on  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$  in the SM using next-to-leading effective Hamiltonian and consider several mechanisms simultaneously.

We have observed that all earlier calculations on  $b \rightarrow sg \eta'$  were either based upon one-loop result [4]

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which neglects the running of QCD renormalization-scale from  $M_W$  to  $M_b$  or only taking into account part of the running effect [3]. Since the short-distance QCD effect is generally significant in weak decays, it is therefore crucial to compute  $b \rightarrow sg\eta'$  using the effective Hamiltonian approach. As will be shown later, the process  $b \rightarrow sg\eta'$  alone contribute significantly to  $B \rightarrow \eta'X_s$  while contributions from  $b \rightarrow \eta's$  and  $B \rightarrow \eta's\bar{q}$  are suppressed.

The effective Hamiltonian<sup>3</sup> for the  $B \rightarrow \eta'X_s$  decay is given by:

$$H_{\text{eff}}(\Delta B = 1) = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \sum_{f=u,c} V_{fb}V_{fs}^* (C_1(\mu)O_1^f(\mu) + C_2(\mu)O_2^f(\mu)) - V_{ts}^*V_{tb} \left( \sum_{i=3}^6 C_i(\mu)O_i(\mu) + C_8(\mu)O_8(\mu) \right) \right], \quad (1)$$

with<sup>4</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} O_1^f &= (\bar{s}_i f_j)_{V-A} (\bar{f}_j b_i)_{V-A}, \\ O_2^f &= (\bar{s}_i f_i)_{V-A} (\bar{f}_j b_j)_{V-A}, \\ O_3 &= (\bar{s}_i b_i)_{V-A} \sum_q (\bar{q}_j q_j)_{V-A}, \\ O_4 &= (\bar{s}_i b_j)_{V-A} \sum_q (\bar{q}_j q_i)_{V-A}, \\ O_5 &= (\bar{s}_i b_i)_{V-A} \sum_q (\bar{q}_j q_j)_{V+A}, \\ O_6 &= (\bar{s}_i b_j)_{V-A} \sum_q (\bar{q}_j q_i)_{V+A}, \\ O_8 &= -\frac{g_s}{4\pi^2} \bar{s}_i \sigma^{\mu\nu} (m_s P_L + m_b P_R) T_{ij}^a b_j G_{\mu\nu}^a, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $V \pm A \equiv 1 \pm \gamma_5$ . In the above, we have dropped  $O_7$  since its contribution is negligible. For

numerical analyses, we use the scheme-independent Wilson coefficients discussed in Ref. [13,14]. For  $m_t = 175$  GeV,  $\alpha_s(m_z^2) = 0.118$  and  $\mu = m_b = 5$  GeV, we have [14]

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &= -0.313, & C_2 &= 1.150, & C_3 &= 0.017, \\ C_4 &= -0.037, & C_5 &= 0.010, & C_6 &= -0.045. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

At the NLL level, the effective Hamiltonian is modified by one-loop matrix elements which effectively change  $C_i(\mu)$  ( $i=3, \dots, 6$ ) into  $C_i(\mu) + \bar{C}_i(q^2, \mu)$  with

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{C}_4(q^2, \mu) &= \bar{C}_6(q^2, \mu) = -3\bar{C}_3(q^2, \mu) \\ &= -3\bar{C}_5(q^2, \mu) = -P_s(q^2, \mu), \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where

$$P_s(q^2, \mu) = \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} C_2(\mu) \left( \frac{10}{9} + G(m_c^2, q^2, \mu) \right), \quad (5)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} G(m_c^2, q^2, \mu) &= \\ &= 4 \int x(1-x) \log \left( \frac{m_c^2 - x(1-x)q^2}{\mu^2} \right) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

The coefficient  $C_8$  is equal to  $-0.144$  at  $\mu = 5$  GeV<sup>5</sup>, and  $m_c$  is taken to be 1.4 GeV.

Before we discuss the dominant  $b \rightarrow sg\eta'$  process, let us first work out the four-quark-operator contribution to  $B \rightarrow \eta'X_s$  using the above effective Hamiltonian. We follow the approach of Ref. [3,5,15] which uses factorization approximation to estimate various hadronic matrix elements. The four-quark operators can induce three types of processes represented by (1)  $\langle \eta' | \bar{q}\Gamma_1 b | B \rangle \langle X_s | \bar{s}\Gamma_1' q | 0 \rangle$ , (2)  $\langle \eta' | \bar{q}\Gamma_2 q | 0 \rangle \langle X_s | \bar{s}\Gamma_2' b | B \rangle$ , and (3)  $\langle \eta'X_s | \bar{s}\Gamma_3 q | 0 \rangle \langle 0 | \bar{q}\Gamma_3' b | B \rangle$ . Here  $\Gamma_i^{(\prime)}$  denotes appropriate gamma matrices. The contribution from (1) gives a ‘‘three-body’’ type of decay,  $B \rightarrow \eta's\bar{q}$ . The contribution from (2) gives a ‘‘two-body’’ type of decay  $b \rightarrow s\eta'$ . The contribution from (3) is the annihilation type which is relatively suppressed and will be neglected. Note that there are interferences

<sup>3</sup> For an extensive review on the subject of effective Hamiltonian, see Ref. [11], which contains a detailed list of original literatures.

<sup>4</sup> The sign of  $O_8$  is consistent with the covariant derivative,  $D_\mu = \partial_\mu - igT^a A_\mu^a$ , in the QCD Lagrangian. See, [12].

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between (1) and (2), so they must be coherently added together [5].

Several decay constants and form factors needed in the calculations are listed below:

$$\langle 0 | \bar{u} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 u | \eta' \rangle = \langle 0 | \bar{d} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 d | \eta' \rangle = i f_\eta^u p_\mu^{\eta'},$$

$$\langle 0 | \bar{s} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 s | \eta' \rangle = i f_\eta^s p_\mu^{\eta'},$$

$$\langle 0 | \bar{s} \gamma_5 s | \eta' \rangle = i (f_\eta^u - f_\eta^s) \frac{m_\eta^2}{2m_s},$$

$$f_\eta^u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left( f_1 \cos \theta_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} f_8 \sin \theta_8 \right),$$

$$f_\eta^s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (f_1 \cos \theta_1 - \sqrt{2} f_8 \sin \theta_8),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \eta' | \bar{u} \gamma_\mu b | B^- \rangle &= \langle \eta' | \bar{d} \gamma_\mu b | \bar{B}^0 \rangle \\ &= F_1^{Bq} (p_\mu^B + p_\mu^{\eta'}) \\ &\quad + (F_0^{Bq} - F_1^{Bq}) \frac{m_B^2 - m_\eta^2}{q^2} q_\mu, \end{aligned}$$

$$F_{1,0}^{Bq} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta F_{1,0}^{B\eta_8} + \cos \theta F_{1,0}^{B\eta_1} \right). \quad (7)$$

For the  $\eta' - \eta$  mixing associated with decay constants above, we have used the two-angle -parametrization. The numerical values of various parameters are obtained from Ref. [16] with  $f_1 = 157$  MeV,  $f_8 = 168$  MeV, and the mixing angles  $\theta_1 = -9.1^\circ$ ,  $\theta_8 = -22.1^\circ$ . For the mixing angle associated with form factors, we use the one-angle parametrization with  $\theta = -15.4^\circ$  [16], since these form factors were calculated in that formulation [5,15]. In the latter discussion of  $b \rightarrow sg\eta'$ , we shall use the same parametrization in order to compare our results with those of earlier works [3,4]. For form factors, we assume that  $F^{B\eta_1} = F^{B\eta_8} = F^{B\pi}$  with dipole and monopole  $q^2$  dependence for  $F_1$  and  $F_0$ , respectively. We used the running mass  $m_s \approx 120$  MeV at  $\mu = 2.5$  GeV and  $F^{B\pi} = 0.33$  following Ref. [9].

The branching ratios of the above processes also depend on two less well-determined KM matrix ele-

ments,  $V_{ts}$  and  $V_{ub}$ . The dependences on  $V_{ts}$  arise from the penguin-diagram contributions while the dependences on  $V_{ub}$  and its phase  $\gamma$  occur through the tree-diagram contributions. We will use  $\gamma = 64^\circ$  obtained from Ref. [17],  $|V_{ts}| \approx |V_{cb}| = 0.038$  and  $|V_{ub}|/|V_{cb}| = 0.08$  for an illustration. We find that, for  $\mu = 5$  GeV, the branching ratio in the signal region  $p_{\eta'} \geq 2.0$  GeV ( $m_X \leq 2.35$  GeV) is

$$\mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow \eta' X_s) \approx 1.0 \times 10^{-4}. \quad (8)$$

The branching ratio can reach  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  if all parameters take values in favour of  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$ . Clearly the mechanism by four-quark operator is not sufficient to explain the observed  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$  branching ratio.

We now turn to the major mechanism for  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$ :  $b \rightarrow \eta' sg$  through the QCD anomaly. To see how the effective Hamiltonian in Eq. (1) can be applied to calculate this process, we rearrange part of the effective Hamiltonian such that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=3}^6 C_i O_i &= \left( C_3 + \frac{C_4}{N_c} \right) O_3 + \left( C_5 + \frac{C_6}{N_c} \right) O_5 \\ &\quad - 2(C_4 - C_6) O_A + 2(C_4 + C_6) O_V, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where

$$O_A = \bar{s} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) T^a b \sum_q \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 T^a q,$$

$$O_V = \bar{s} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) T^a b \sum_q \bar{q} \gamma^\mu T^a q. \quad (10)$$

Since the light-quark bilinear in  $O_V$  carries the quantum number of a gluon, one expects [3]  $O_V$  give contribution to the  $b \rightarrow sg^*$  form factors. In fact, by applying the QCD equation of motion:  $D_\nu G_a^{\mu\nu} = g_s \sum \bar{q} \gamma^\mu T^a q$ , we have  $O_V = (1/g_s) \bar{s} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) T^a b D_\nu G_a^{\mu\nu}$ .<sup>6</sup> In this form,  $O_V$  is easily seen to give

<sup>6</sup> By applying the QCD equation of motion or performing a direct calculation, it was shown that the operator basis of  $O_3 - O_6$  are suitable to describe nonleptonic weak decays although effective vertices such as  $s \rightarrow d + \text{gluons}$  are encountered. Here the operator basis on the r.h.s of Eq. (9) is more suitable for our purpose. For detail, see Ref. [18].

rise to  $b \rightarrow sg^*$  vertex. Let us write the effective  $b \rightarrow sg^*$  vertex as

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_\mu^{bsg} = & -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ts}^* V_{tb} \frac{g_s}{4\pi^2} \\ & \times (\Delta F_1 \bar{s}(q^2 \gamma_\mu - q/q_\mu) L T^a b \\ & - i F_2 m_b \bar{s} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu R T^a b). \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

In the above, we define the form factors  $\Delta F_1$  and  $F_2$  according to the convention in Ref. [4]. Inferring from Eq. (9), we arrive at

$$\Delta F_1 = \frac{4\pi}{\alpha_s} (C_4(\mu) + C_6(\mu)), \quad F_2 = -2C_8(\mu). \quad (12)$$

We note that our relative sign between  $\Delta F_1$  and  $F_2$  agree with those in Ref. [4,6], and shall result in a destructive interference for the rate of  $b \rightarrow sg\eta'$ . We stress that this relative sign is fixed by treating the sign of  $O_8$  and the convention of QCD covariant derivative consistently.<sup>7</sup> To ensure the sign, we also check against the result by Simma and Wyler [19] on  $b \rightarrow sg^*$  form factors. An agreement on sign is found. Finally, we remark that, at the NLL level,  $\Delta F_1$  should be corrected by one-loop matrix elements. The dominant contribution arises from the operator  $O_2$  where its charm-quark-pair meets to form a gluon. In fact, this contribution, denoted as  $\Delta \bar{F}_1$  for convenience, has been shown in Eqs. (4)-(6), namely  $\Delta \bar{F}_1 = \frac{4\pi}{\alpha_s} (\bar{C}_4(q^2, \mu) + \bar{C}_6(q^2, \mu))$ .

To proceed further, we recall the distribution of the  $b(p) \rightarrow s(p') + g(k) + \eta'(k')$  branching ratio [4]:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 \mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow sg\eta')}{dx dy} \cong & 0.2 \cos^2 \theta \left( \frac{g_s(\mu)}{4\pi^2} \right)^2 \frac{a_g^2(\mu) m_b^2}{4} \\ & \times \left[ |\Delta F_1|^2 c_0 + \text{Re}(\Delta F_1 F_2^*) \frac{c_1}{y} \right. \\ & \left. + |\Delta F_2|^2 \frac{c_2}{y^2} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

where  $a_g(\mu) \equiv \sqrt{N_F} \alpha_s(\mu) / \pi f_{\eta'}$  is the strength of  $\eta' - g - g$  vertex:  $a_g \cos \theta \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} q^\alpha k^\beta$  with  $q$  and  $k$  the momenta of two gluons;  $x \equiv (p' + k)^2 / m_b^2$  and

$y \equiv (k + k')^2 / m_b^2$ ;  $c_0$ ,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are functions of  $x$  and  $y$  as given by:

$$\begin{aligned} c_0 = & [-2x^2 y + (1-y)(y-x')(2x+y-x')]/2, \\ c_1 = & (1-y)(y-x')^2, \\ c_2 = & [2x^2 y^2 - (1-y)(y-x')(2xy-y+x')]/2, \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

with  $x' \equiv m_{\eta'}^2 / m_b^2$ ; and the  $\eta' - \eta$  mixing angle  $\theta$  is taken to be  $-15.4^\circ$  as noted earlier. Finally, in obtaining the normalization factor: 0.2, we have taken into account the one-loop QCD correction [20] to the semi-leptonic  $b \rightarrow c$  decay for consistency.

In previous one-loop calculations without QCD corrections, it was found  $\Delta F_1 \approx -5$  and  $F_2 \approx 0.2$  [3,4]. In our approach, we obtain  $\Delta F_1 = -4.86$  and  $F_2 = 0.288$  from Eqs. (3) and (12). However,  $\Delta F_1$  is enhanced significantly by the matrix-element correction  $\Delta \bar{F}_1(q^2, \mu)$ . The latter quantity develops an imaginary part as  $q^2$  passes the charm-pair threshold, and the magnitude of its real part also becomes maximal at this threshold. From Eqs. (3), (4) and (5), one finds  $\text{Re}(\Delta \bar{F}_1(4m_c^2, \mu)) = -2.58$  at  $\mu = 5$  GeV. Including the contribution by  $\Delta \bar{F}_1(q^2, \mu)$  with  $\mu = 5$  GeV, and using Eq. (13), we find  $\mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow sg\eta') = 5.6 \times 10^{-4}$  with the cut  $m_X \equiv \sqrt{(k+p')^2} \leq 2.35$  GeV imposed in the CLEO measurement [2]. This branching ratio is consistent with CLEO's measurement on the  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$  branching ratio [2]. Without the kinematic cut, we obtain  $\mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow sg\eta') = 1.0 \times 10^{-3}$ , which is much larger than  $4.3 \times 10^{-4}$  calculated previously [4]. We also obtain the spectrum  $d\mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow sg\eta')/dm_X$  as depicted in Fig. 1. The peak of the spectrum corresponds to  $m_X \approx 2.4$  GeV.

It is interesting to note that the CLEO analysis [2] indicates that, without the anomaly-induced contribution, the recoil-mass( $m_X$ ) spectrum of  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$  can not be well reproduced even if the four-quark operator contributions are normalized to fit the branching ratio of the process. On the other hand, if  $b \rightarrow sg^* \rightarrow sg\eta'$  dominates the contributions to  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$ , as shown here, the  $m_X$  spectrum can be fitted better as shown in Fig. 2 of Ref. [2]. It is also interesting to remark that although the four-quark operator contributions can not fit the branching ratio nor the spectrum, it does play a role in producing a small peak in the spectrum, which corresponds to the  $B \rightarrow \eta' K$

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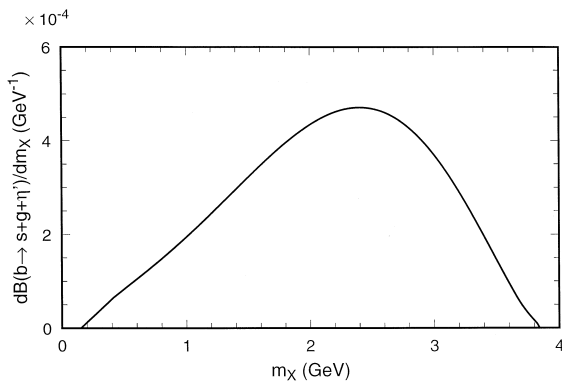


Fig. 1. The distribution of  $\mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow s + g + \eta')$  as a function of the recoil mass  $m_X$ .

mode. Specifically, the  $B \rightarrow \eta' K$  mode is accounted for by the  $b \rightarrow s\eta'$  type of decays discussed earlier. Based on results obtained so far, one concludes that the Standard Model is not in conflict with the experimental data on  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$ . It can produce not only the branching ratio for  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$  but also the recoil-mass spectrum when contributions from the anomaly mechanism and the four-quark operators are properly treated.

Up to this point,  $a_g(\mu)$  of the  $\eta' - g - g$  vertex has been treated as a constant independent of invariant-masses of the gluons, and  $\mu$  is set to be 5 GeV. In practice,  $a_g(\mu)$  should behave like a form-factor which becomes suppressed as the gluons attached to it go farther off-shell [3,4,6]. However, it remains unclear how much the form-factor suppression might be. It is possible that the branching ratio we just obtained gets reduced significantly by the form-factor effect in  $\eta' - g - g$  vertex. Should a large form-factor suppression occur, the additional contribution from  $b \rightarrow \eta's$  and  $B \rightarrow \eta's\bar{q}$  discussed earlier would become crucial. We however like to stress that our estimate of  $b \rightarrow sg\eta'$  with  $\alpha_s$  evaluated at  $\mu = 5$  GeV is conservative. To illustrate this, let us compare branching ratios for  $b \rightarrow sg\eta'$  obtained at  $\mu = 5$  GeV and  $\mu = 2.5$  GeV respectively. In NDR scheme<sup>8</sup>, branching ratios at the above two scales with the cut  $m_X \leq 2.35$  GeV are  $4.9 \times 10^{-4}$  and

<sup>8</sup> In NDR scheme, apart from a different set of Wilson coefficients compared to Eq. (3), the constant term:  $\frac{10}{9}$  at the r.h.s. of Eq. (5) is replaced by  $\frac{2}{3}$ . For details, see, for example Ref. [21].

$9.1 \times 10^{-4}$  respectively. One can clearly see the significant scale-dependence! With the enhancement resulting from lowering the renormalization scale, there seems to be some room for the form-factor suppression in the attempt of explaining  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$  by  $b \rightarrow sg\eta'$ <sup>9</sup>.

It should be noted that the above scale-dependence is solely due to the coupling constant  $\alpha_s(\mu)$  appearing in the  $\eta' - g - g$  vertex. In fact, the  $b \rightarrow sg^*$  vertex is rather insensitive to the renormalization scale. Indeed, from Eq. (11), we compute in the NDR scheme the scale-dependence of  $g_s(\Delta F_1 + \Delta \bar{F}_1(q^2))$ . We find that, as  $\mu$  decreases from 5 GeV to 2.5 GeV, the peak value of the above quantity increases by only 10%. Therefore, to stabilize the scale-dependence, one should include corrections beyond those which simply renormalize the  $b \rightarrow sg^*$  vertex. We shall leave this to a future investigation.

It is instructive to compare our results with those of Refs. [3,4]. With the kinematic cut, our numerical result for  $\mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow sg\eta')$  is only slightly smaller than the branching ratio,  $8.2 \times 10^{-4}$ , reported in Ref. [3], where the  $\alpha_s(\mu)$  coupling of  $\eta' - g - g$  vertex is evaluated at  $\mu \approx 1$  GeV, and  $\Delta F_1$  receives only short-distance contributions from the Wilson coefficients  $C_4$  and  $C_6$ . Although we have a much smaller  $\alpha_s$ , which is evaluated at  $\mu = 5$  GeV, and the interference of  $\Delta F_1$  and  $F_2$  is destructive [4] rather than constructive [3], there exists a compensating enhancement in  $\Delta F_1$  due to one-loop matrix elements. The branching ratio in Ref. [4] is 2–3 times smaller than ours since it is given by a  $\Delta F_1$  smaller than ours but comparable to that of Ref. [3]. Concerning the relative importance of  $\Delta F_1$  and  $F_2$ , we find that  $\Delta F_1$  alone gives  $\mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow sg\eta') = 6.5 \times 10^{-4}$  with the kinematic cut  $m_X \leq 2.35$  GeV. Hence the inclusion of  $F_2$  lowers down the branching ratio by only 14%. Such a small interference effect is quite distinct from results of Refs. [3,4] where 20%–50% of inter-

<sup>9</sup> We do notice that  $\mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow sg\eta')$  is suppressed by more than one order of magnitude if  $a_g(\mu)$  in Eq. (13) is replaced by  $a_g(m_{\eta'}) \cdot \frac{m_{\eta'}^2}{(m_{\eta'}^2 - q^2)}$  according to Ref. [6]. However, this prescription for  $a_g$  stems from the assumption that  $g^* \rightarrow g\eta'$  form factor behaves in the same way as the QED-anomaly form factor  $\gamma^* \rightarrow \gamma\pi^0$ . It remains unclear as raised in Refs. [3,4] that one could make such a connection between two distinct form factors.

ference effects are found. We attribute this to the enhancement of  $\Delta F_1$  in our calculation.

Before closing we would like to comment on the branching ratio for  $B \rightarrow \eta X_s$ . It is interesting to note that the width of  $b \rightarrow \eta sg$  is suppressed by  $\tan^2\theta$  compared to that of  $b \rightarrow \eta' sg$ . Taking  $\theta = -15.4^\circ$ , we obtain  $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \eta X_s) \approx 4 \times 10^{-5}$ . The contribution from the four-quark operator can be larger. Depending on the choice of parameters, we find that  $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \eta X_s)$  is in the range of  $(6 \sim 10) \times 10^{-5}$ .

In conclusion, we have calculated the branching ratio of  $b \rightarrow sg\eta'$  by including the NLL correction to the  $b \rightarrow sg^*g$  vertex. By assuming a low-energy  $\eta' - g - g$  vertex, and cutting the recoil-mass  $m_X$  at 2.35 GeV, we obtained  $\mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow sg\eta') = (5 - 9) \times 10^{-4}$  depending on the choice of the QCD renormalization-scale. Although the form-factor suppression in the  $\eta' - g - g$  vertex is anticipated, it remains possible that the anomaly-induced process  $b \rightarrow sg\eta'$  could account for the CLEO measurement on  $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \eta' X_s)$ . For the four-quark operator contribution, we obtain  $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \eta' X_s) \approx 1 \times 10^{-4}$ . This accounts for roughly 15% of the experimental central-value and can reach 30% if favourable parameters are used. Finally, combining contributions from the anomaly-mechanism and the four-quark operators, the entire range of  $B \rightarrow \eta' X_s$  spectrum can be well reproduced.

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