

# Quasi-two-body decays $B_{(s)} \rightarrow P\rho \rightarrow P\pi\pi$ in the perturbative QCD approach

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In this work, we calculate the  $CP$ -averaged branching ratios and the direct  $CP$ -violating asymmetries of the quasi-two-body decays  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow P(\rho \rightarrow)\pi\pi$  by employing the perturbative QCD (PQCD) approach (here  $P$  stands for a light pseudoscalar meson  $\pi, K, \eta$  or  $\eta'$ ). The vector current timelike form factor  $F_\pi$ , which contains the final-state interactions between the pion pair in the resonant region associated with the  $P$ -wave states  $\rho(770)$  along with the two-pion distribution amplitudes, is employed to describe the interactions between the  $\rho$  and the pion pair under the hypothesis of the conserved vector current. We found that (a) the PQCD predictions for the branching ratios and the direct  $CP$ -violating asymmetries for most considered  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow P(\rho \rightarrow)\pi\pi$  decays agree with currently available data within errors, (b) for  $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \pi^0\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^0(\pi^+\pi^-))$ , the PQCD prediction is much smaller than the measured one, and (c) for the  $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay mode, there is a negative  $CP$  asymmetry  $(-27.5_{-3.7}^{+3.0})\%$ , which agrees with other theoretical predictions but is different in sign from those reported by the *BABAR* and LHCb Collaborations.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Experimental data from different collaborations, like *BABAR* [1–5], Belle [6–9], and LHCb [10–12], provide valuable information for the three-body hadronic  $B$ -meson decays. For these decay modes, both the resonant and nonresonant contributions may appear, as well as the possible significant final-state interactions (FSIs) [13–15]. Different frameworks have been developed for the study of the three-body hadronic  $B$ -meson decays, based on the symmetry principles [16–24] or factorization theorems [25–34]. The QCD-improved factorization (QCDF) [31–34] has been widely used in the study of the three-body charmless hadronic  $B$ -meson decays [35–41]. In Refs. [40,41], the authors studied the nonresonant contributions using heavy meson chiral perturbation theory (HMChPT) [42–44] with some modifications and analyzed the resonant contributions with the isobar model in terms of the usual Breit-Wigner formalism [45]. The perturbative QCD (PQCD) approach based on the  $k_T$  factorization theorem [46,47] has also been adopted in Refs. [48–52].

As discussed in Refs. [46–49], the hard  $b$ -quark decay kernels containing two virtual gluons at leading order is not important due to the power-suppression. The contributions from the region, where there is at least one pair of light

mesons having an invariant mass below  $O(\bar{\Lambda}m_B)$  [46,47],  $\bar{\Lambda} = m_B - m_b$  being the  $B$ -meson and  $b$ -quark mass difference, is dominant. It's reasonable that the dynamics associated with the pair of mesons can be factorized into a two-meson distribution amplitude  $\Phi_{h_1h_2}$  [53]. As a result, one can describe the typical PQCD factorization formula for a  $B \rightarrow h_1h_2h_3$  decay amplitude as the form of [46,47]

$$A = \Phi_B \otimes H \otimes \Phi_{h_1h_2} \otimes \Phi_{h_3}. \quad (1)$$

With the hard kernel  $H$  describing the dynamics of the strong and electroweak interactions in three-body hadronic decays in a similar way as the one for the two-body  $B \rightarrow h_1h_2$  decays, the  $\Phi_B$  and  $\Phi_{h_3}$  are the wave functions for the  $B$  meson and the final-state  $h_3$ , which absorb the non-perturbative dynamics in the process. The  $\Phi_{h_1h_2}$  is the two-hadron ( $h_1$  and  $h_2$ ) distribution amplitude proposed in Refs. [53–59], which describes the structure of the final-state  $h_1$ - $h_2$  pair.

With the help of the two-pion distribution amplitudes, quasi-two-body decays  $B \rightarrow K\rho \rightarrow K\pi\pi$ , the subprocesses of the three-body decays  $B \rightarrow K\pi\pi$ , have been studied in Ref. [50] in the PQCD approach utilizing the framework discussed in [46–49]. The consistency between the PQCD predictions and the data supports the usability of the quasi-two-body framework in Ref. [50] for the study of the three-body hadronic  $B$  decays. In this work, we extend the previous studies in Ref. [50] to the quasi-two-body decays  $B \rightarrow P\rho \rightarrow P\pi\pi$ , with the  $P$  standing for the light

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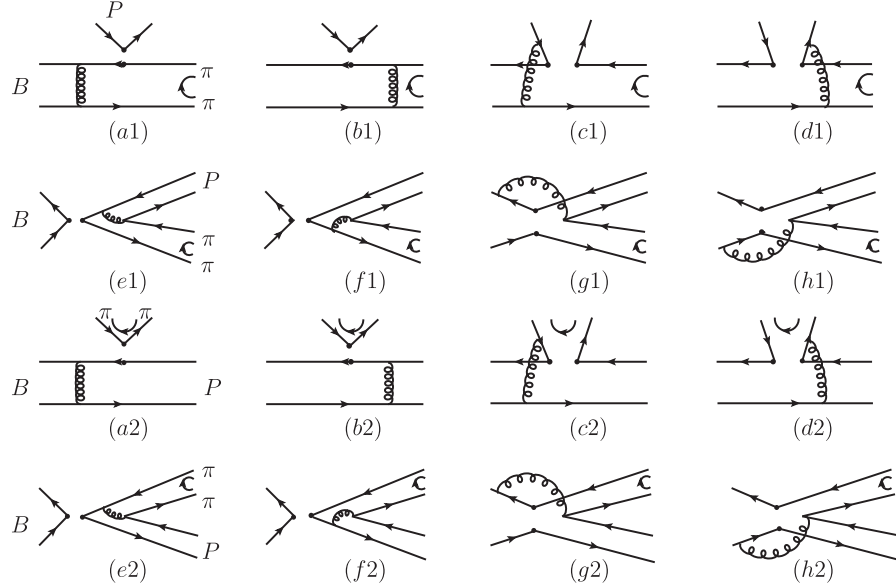


FIG. 1. Typical Feynman diagrams for the quasi-two-body decays  $B \rightarrow P(\rho \rightarrow)\pi\pi$ , where  $B$  stands for the  $B^\pm$ ,  $B^0$  or  $B_s$  meson and  $P$  denotes  $\pi$ ,  $K$ ,  $\eta$  or  $\eta'$ . With  $\alpha = a-d$  and  $\beta = e-h$ , the diagrams ( $\alpha 1$ ) for the  $B \rightarrow \rho \rightarrow \pi\pi$  transition and ( $\alpha 2$ ) the  $B \rightarrow P$  transition, as well as the diagrams ( $\beta 1$ ) and ( $\beta 2$ ) for annihilation contributions.

pseudoscalar mesons,  $P = (\pi, K, \eta \text{ or } \eta')$ , as shown in Fig. 1. In the literature, much work has been done on the decays of  $B \rightarrow P\rho$  in the two-body framework [30,34,60–63], and some of the experimental data can be found in [64–67]. From [50], we know that the width of the resonant state  $\rho$  and the interactions between the final-state pion pair will show their effects on the branching ratios, especially on the direct  $CP$  violations of the quasi-two-body decays. We should not neglect these effects in  $B \rightarrow P\rho$  decays. In order to describe the strong interactions between the  $P$ -wave resonant state  $\rho$  and the final-state pion pair, the vector current timelike form factor  $F_\pi$  containing final-state interactions between the pion pair has been employed in Ref. [50]. Guaranteed by the Watson theorem [68], the results from the  $\pi$ - $\pi$  scattering and  $\tau$  decays for the timelike form factor  $F_\pi$  could be borrowed for the study of quasi-two-body  $B$ -meson decays. The detailed discussion of  $F_\pi$  can be found in [50] and its references.

This paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II, we give a brief introduction for the theoretical framework. The numerical values, some discussions, and the conclusions will be given in last two sections.

## II. FRAMEWORK

For the quasi-two-body  $B \rightarrow P(\rho \rightarrow)\pi\pi$  decays, the weak effective Hamiltonian can be specified as [69]

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{uq} [C_1(\mu) O_1^u(\mu) + C_2(\mu) O_2^u(\mu)] - V_{tb}^* V_{tq} \left[ \sum_{i=3}^{10} C_i(\mu) O_i(\mu) \right] \right\} + \text{H.c.}, \quad (2)$$

with  $q = d, s$ ,  $C_i(\mu)$  ( $i = 1, \dots, 10$ ) as the Wilson coefficients, and  $O_i$  the local four-quark operators.

We let the pion pair and the final-state  $P$  move along the direction of  $n = (1, 0, 0_T)$  and  $v = (0, 1, 0_T)$  in the light-cone coordinates, respectively. The  $B$ -meson momentum  $p_B$ , the total momentum of the pion pair,  $p = p_1 + p_2$ , and the final-state  $P$  momentum  $p_3$  are chosen as

$$\begin{aligned} p_B &= \frac{m_B}{\sqrt{2}} (1, 1, 0_T), \\ p &= \frac{m_B}{\sqrt{2}} (1, \eta, 0_T), \\ p_3 &= \frac{m_B}{\sqrt{2}} (0, 1 - \eta, 0_T), \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where  $m_B$  is the mass of the  $B$  meson, the variable  $\eta$  is defined as  $\eta = \omega^2/m_B^2$ , the invariant mass squared  $\omega^2 = p^2$ . We define  $\zeta = p_1^+/p^+$  as one of the pion pair's momentum fractions, in terms of which the other kinematic variables of the two pions are expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} p_1^- &= (1 - \zeta)\eta \frac{m_B}{\sqrt{2}}, \\ p_2^+ &= (1 - \zeta) \frac{m_B}{\sqrt{2}}, \\ p_2^- &= \zeta\eta \frac{m_B}{\sqrt{2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

We employ  $x_B, z, x_3$  to denote the momentum fraction of the positive quark in each meson,  $k_{BT}, k_T, k_{3T}$  stands for the transverse momentum of the positive quark, respectively. The momentum  $k_B$  of the spectator quark in the  $B$  meson,

the momentum  $k$  for the resonant state  $\rho$ , and  $k_3$  for the final-state  $P$  are of the form of

$$\begin{aligned} k_B &= \left(0, x_B \frac{m_B}{\sqrt{2}}, k_{BT}\right), \\ k &= \left(\frac{m_B}{\sqrt{2}}z, 0, k_T\right), \\ k_3 &= \left(0, (1-\eta)x_3 \frac{m_B}{\sqrt{2}}, k_{3T}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The momentum fractions  $x_B$ ,  $z$ , and  $x_3$  run from zero to unity.

In this work, we use the wave function [70–74]

$$\Phi_B = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2N_c}} (\not{\epsilon}_B + m_B) \gamma_5 \phi_B(\mathbf{k}_1), \quad (6)$$

for the  $B^+$ ,  $B^0$ , and  $B_s^0$  mesons, and we adopt the widely used distribution amplitude [70–74]

$$\phi_B(x, b) = N_B x^2 (1-x)^2 \exp\left[-\frac{M_B^2 x^2}{2\omega_B^2} - \frac{1}{2}(\omega_B b)^2\right] \quad (7)$$

for them, with the normalization factor  $N_B$  depending on the value of  $\omega_B$  and  $f_B$ , which is defined through the normalization relation  $\int_0^1 dx \phi_B(x, b=0) = f_B/(2\sqrt{6})$ .  $\omega_B = 0.40 \pm 0.04$  GeV and  $\omega_{B_s} = 0.50 \pm 0.05$  GeV [70,75,76] will be employed in the following numerical calculations.

For the final-state  $P$  ( $\pi$ ,  $K$ ,  $\eta$  or  $\eta'$ ), we have the wave functions [71,72]

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_P(P_3, x_3) &\equiv \frac{i}{\sqrt{2N_c}} \gamma_5 [\not{\epsilon}_3 \phi_P^A(x_3) + m_{03} \phi_P^P(x_3) \\ &+ m_{03} (\not{\epsilon}_3 - 1) \phi_P^T(x_3)], \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where  $m_{03}$  is the corresponding meson chiral mass, and  $P_3$  and  $x_3$  are the momentum and the momentum fraction of  $P$ , respectively. The expressions of the relevant distribution amplitudes of the pion and kaon mesons are the following [77–82]:

$$\phi_\pi^A(x) = \frac{3f_\pi}{\sqrt{6}} x(1-x) [1 + 0.44C_2^{3/2}(t)], \quad (9)$$

$$\phi_\pi^P(x) = \frac{f_\pi}{2\sqrt{6}} [1 + 0.43C_2^{1/2}(t)], \quad (10)$$

$$\phi_\pi^T(x) = \frac{f_\pi}{2\sqrt{6}} (1-2x) [1 + 0.55(10x^2 - 10x + 1)], \quad (11)$$

$$\phi_K^A(x) = \frac{3f_K}{\sqrt{6}} x(1-x) [1 + 0.17C_1^{3/2}(t) + 0.2C_2^{3/2}(t)], \quad (12)$$

$$\phi_K^P(x) = \frac{f_K}{2\sqrt{6}} [1 + 0.24C_2^{1/2}(t)], \quad (13)$$

$$\phi_K^T(x) = -\frac{f_K}{2\sqrt{6}} [C_1^{1/2}(t) + 0.35C_3^{1/2}(t)]. \quad (14)$$

The distribution amplitudes  $\phi_{\eta_{q(s)}}^{A,P,T}$  ( $q = u, d$ ) for  $\eta_{q(s)}$  are given as [77–79,83]

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{\eta_{q(s)}}^A(x) &= \frac{f_{q(s)}}{2\sqrt{2N_c}} 6x(1-x) [1 + a_1^\eta C_1^{3/2}(2x-1) \\ &+ a_2^\eta C_2^{3/2}(2x-1) + a_4^\eta C_4^{3/2}(2x-1)], \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{\eta_{q(s)}}^P(x) &= \frac{f_{q(s)}}{2\sqrt{2N_c}} \left[1 + \left(30\eta_3 - \frac{5}{2}\rho_{\eta_{q(s)}}^2\right) C_2^{1/2}(2x-1) \right. \\ &\left. - 3\left[\eta_3\omega_3 + \frac{9}{20}\rho_{\eta_{q(s)}}^2(1+6a_2^\eta)\right] C_4^{1/2}(2x-1)\right], \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{\eta_{q(s)}}^T(x) &= \frac{f_{q(s)}}{2\sqrt{2N_c}} (1-2x) \left[1 + 6\left(5\eta_3 - \frac{1}{2}\eta_3\omega_3 - \frac{7}{20}\rho_{\eta_{q(s)}}^2\right) \right. \\ &\left. - \frac{3}{5}\rho_{\eta_{q(s)}}^2 a_2^\eta\right] (1-10x+10x^2), \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

with the Gegenbauer moments,

$$a_1^\eta = 0, \quad a_2^\eta = 0.44, \quad a_4^\eta = 0.25. \quad (18)$$

The parameters  $\rho_{\eta_q} = 2m_q/m_0^q$  with  $m_0^q = 1.07$  GeV for  $\eta_q$  and  $\rho_{\eta_s} = 2m_s/m_0^s$  with  $m_0^s = 1.92$  GeV for  $\eta_s$  [84]. The Gegenbauer polynomials  $C_n^\nu(t)$  ( $n = 1, 2, 3, 4$  and  $\nu = 1/2, 3/2$ ) above could be found in Ref. [82].

In this paper, we consider the meson  $\eta$ ,  $\eta'$  as a mixture from  $\eta_q$  and  $\eta_s$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta \\ \eta' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \eta_q \\ \eta_s \end{pmatrix}, \quad (19)$$

with

$$\eta_q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d}), \quad \eta_s = s\bar{s}. \quad (20)$$

The mixtures among the  $\eta_q$ ,  $\eta_s$  and a possible glueball [85–88] will be neglected in this work. For the decay constant and the mixing angle  $\phi$ , we have the forms as [89,90],

$$\begin{aligned}
f_q &= (1.07 \pm 0.02)f_\pi, \\
f_s &= (1.34 \pm 0.06)f_\pi, \\
\phi &= 39.3^\circ \pm 1.0^\circ, \\
f_\pi &= 0.131 \text{ GeV}.
\end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

The two-pion distribution amplitudes are the same ones as those being used in Ref. [50],

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi_{\pi\pi}^P &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2N_c}} \left[ \not{p} \Phi_{v\nu=-}^{I=1}(z, \zeta, \omega^2) + \omega \Phi_s^{I=1}(z, \zeta, \omega^2) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{\not{p}_1 \not{p}_2 - \not{p}_2 \not{p}_1}{w(2\zeta - 1)} \Phi_{v\nu=+}^{I=1}(z, \zeta, \omega^2) \right],
\end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi_{v\nu=-}^{I=1} &= \phi_0 = \frac{3F_\pi(s)}{\sqrt{2N_c}} z(1-z) \\
&\quad \times \left[ 1 + a_{2\rho}^0 \frac{3}{2} (5(1-2z)^2 - 1) \right] P_1(2\zeta - 1),
\end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi_s^{I=1} &= \phi_s = \frac{3F_s(s)}{2\sqrt{2N_c}} (1-2z) \\
&\quad \times [1 + a_{2\rho}^s (10z^2 - 10z + 1)] P_1(2\zeta - 1),
\end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi_{v\nu=+}^{I=1} &= \phi_t = \frac{3F_t(s)}{2\sqrt{2N_c}} (1-2z)^2 \\
&\quad \times \left[ 1 + a_{2\rho}^t \frac{3}{2} (5(1-2z)^2 - 1) \right] P_1(2\zeta - 1),
\end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

where the Legendre polynomial  $P_1(2\zeta - 1) = 2\zeta - 1$ . We make tiny corrections of the Gegenbauer moments for the two-pion distribution amplitudes compared with those in Ref. [50]. By referring to all the existing data of  $B \rightarrow P(\rho \rightarrow)\pi\pi$  in Ref. [91], we adjust  $a_{2\rho}^0, a_{2\rho}^s, a_{2\rho}^t$  to cater to the data, and we have the new Gegenbauer coefficients  $a_{2\rho}^0 = 0.30, a_{2\rho}^s = 0.70, a_{2\rho}^t = -0.40$ .

We adopt the same  $F_\pi(s)$  in this work as that in Ref. [50], and the approximate relations  $F_{s,t}(s) \approx (f_\rho^T/f_\rho)F_\pi(s)$  [50] will also be used in the following section. By taking the  $\rho - \omega$  interference and the excited states into account, the form factor  $F_\pi(s)$  can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned}
F_\pi(s) &= \left[ \text{GS}_\rho(s, m_\rho, \Gamma_\rho) \frac{1 + c_\omega \text{BW}_\omega(s, m_\omega, \Gamma_\omega)}{1 + c_\omega} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \Sigma c_i \text{GS}_i(s, m_i, \Gamma_i) \right] [1 + \Sigma c_i]^{-1},
\end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

where  $s = m^2(\pi\pi)$  is the two-pion invariant mass squared,  $i = (\rho'(1450), \rho''(1700), \rho'''(2254))$ ,  $\Gamma$  is the decay width for the relevant resonance, and  $m_{\rho,\omega,i}$  are the masses of the corresponding mesons, respectively. The function  $\text{GS}_\rho(s, m_\rho, \Gamma_\rho)$  has been parametrized as the Gounaris-Sakurai (GS) model based on the Breit-Wigner (BW) model [45,92],

$$\text{GS}_\rho(s, m_\rho, \Gamma_\rho) = \frac{m_\rho^2 [1 + d(m_\rho)\Gamma_\rho/m_\rho]}{m_\rho^2 - s + f(s, m_\rho, \Gamma_\rho) - im_\rho\Gamma(s, m_\rho, \Gamma_\rho)}, \tag{27}$$

with the functions

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma(s, m_\rho, \Gamma_\rho) &= \Gamma_\rho \frac{s}{m_\rho^2} \left( \frac{\beta_\pi(s)}{\beta_\pi(m_\rho^2)} \right)^3, \\
d(m) &= \frac{3}{\pi} \frac{m_\pi^2}{k^2(m^2)} \ln \left( \frac{m + 2k(m^2)}{2m_\pi} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{m}{2\pi k(m^2)} - \frac{m_\pi^2 m}{\pi k^3(m^2)}, \\
f(s, m, \Gamma) &= \frac{\Gamma m^2}{k^3(m^2)} [k^2(s)[h(s) - h(m^2)] \\
&\quad + (m^2 - s)k^2(m^2)h'(m^2)], \\
k(s) &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{s} \beta_\pi(s), \\
h(s) &= \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{k(s)}{\sqrt{s}} \ln \left( \frac{\sqrt{s} + 2k(s)}{2m_\pi} \right),
\end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

where  $\beta_\pi(s) = \sqrt{1 - 4m_\pi^2/s}$ . For the  $\rho(770)$  resonant state, for example, the measured value of its resonance width is  $\Gamma_\rho = 0.149 \text{ GeV}$ , to be used as input in the numerical calculations.

### III. NUMERICAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The following input parameters (the masses, decay constants and QCD scale are in units of GeV) will be used [91] in numerical calculations,

$$\begin{aligned}
\Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^{(f=4)} &= 0.25, & m_{B^0} &= 5.280, & m_{B_s} &= 5.367, \\
m_{B^\pm} &= 5.279, & m_{\pi^\pm} &= 0.140, & m_{\pi^0} &= 0.135, \\
m_{K^\pm} &= 0.494, & m_{K^0} &= 0.498, & m_\eta &= 0.548, \\
m_{\eta'} &= 0.958, & m_{\rho^0} &= 0.775, & m_{\rho^\pm} &= 0.775, \\
m_b &= 4.8, & m_c &= 1.275, & m_s &= 0.095, \\
f_B &= 0.19 \pm 0.02, & f_{B_s} &= 0.236 \pm 0.02, \\
\tau_{B^0} &= 1.519 \text{ ps}, & \tau_{B_s} &= 1.512 \text{ ps}, \\
\tau_{B^\pm} &= 1.638 \text{ ps}, & f_\rho &= 0.216 \pm 0.003, \\
f_\rho^T &= 0.184.
\end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

TABLE I.  $CP$ -averaged branching ratios and direct  $CP$ -violating asymmetries of  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow K(\rho \rightarrow)\pi\pi$  decays calculated in PQCD approach together with experimental data [91].

Modes		Quasi-two-body results	Experiment
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$4.04^{+0.75}_{-0.58}(\omega_B)^{+0.24}_{-0.20}(a_{2\rho}^t)^{+0.27}_{-0.25}(a_{2\rho}^s)^{+0.22}_{-0.21}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$3.70 \pm 0.50$
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$50.7^{+3.8}_{-2.6}(\omega_B)^{+3.3}_{-4.7}(a_{2\rho}^t)^{+0.0}_{-0.7}(a_{2\rho}^s)^{+0.9}_{-1.5}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$37.0 \pm 10.0$
$B^0 \rightarrow K^+(\rho^- \rightarrow)\pi^-\pi^0$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$8.17^{+1.93}_{-1.39}(\omega_B)^{+0.36}_{-0.31}(a_{2\rho}^t)^{+0.46}_{-0.51}(a_{2\rho}^s) \pm 0.43(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$7.00 \pm 0.90$
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$39.7^{+2.6}_{-0.6}(\omega_B)^{+5.1}_{-5.4}(a_{2\rho}^t)^{+0.5}_{-0.0}(a_{2\rho}^s)^{+1.0}_{-0.9}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$20.0 \pm 11.0$
$B_s^0 \rightarrow K^-(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$19.68^{+7.63}_{-5.18}(\omega_{B_s}) \pm 0.01(a_{2\rho}^t) \pm 0.01(a_{2\rho}^s)^{+0.05}_{-0.06}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	...
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$21.8^{+3.7}_{-3.4}(\omega_{B_s}) \pm 0.3(a_{2\rho}^t) \pm 0.2(a_{2\rho}^s) \pm 1.2(a_{2\rho}^0)$	...
$B^+ \rightarrow K^0(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$8.13^{+1.82}_{-1.23}(\omega_B) \pm 0.87(a_{2\rho}^t)^{+0.44}_{-0.43}(a_{2\rho}^s)^{+0.36}_{-0.39}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$8.00 \pm 1.50$
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$13.8^{+3.1}_{-2.9}(\omega_B)^{+2.2}_{-1.9}(a_{2\rho}^t)^{+0.2}_{-0.0}(a_{2\rho}^s)^{+0.2}_{-0.3}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$-12.0 \pm 17.0$
$B^0 \rightarrow K^0(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$4.39^{+1.12}_{-0.81}(\omega_B) \pm 0.38(a_{2\rho}^t)^{+0.21}_{-0.22}(a_{2\rho}^s)^{+0.19}_{-0.16}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$4.70 \pm 0.60$
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$8.1^{+0.1}_{-0.2}(\omega_B)^{+0.8}_{-0.3}(a_{2\rho}^t)^{+0.8}_{-0.6}(a_{2\rho}^s) \pm 0.0(a_{2\rho}^0)$	...
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \bar{K}^0(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$0.21^{+0.05}_{-0.01}(\omega_{B_s})^{+0.01}_{-0.00}(a_{2\rho}^t)^{+0.01}_{-0.00}(a_{2\rho}^s)^{+0.03}_{-0.01}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	...
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$63.7^{+13.1}_{-15.2}(\omega_{B_s})^{+5.7}_{-7.0}(a_{2\rho}^t)^{+3.1}_{-4.0}(a_{2\rho}^s)^{+1.5}_{-2.0}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	...

The values of the Wolfenstein parameters are the same as given in Ref. [91]:  $A=0.814^{+0.023}_{-0.024}$ ,  $\lambda=0.22537 \pm 0.00061$ ,  $\bar{\rho}=0.117 \pm 0.021$ ,  $\bar{\eta}=0.353 \pm 0.013$ .

For the decay  $B \rightarrow P(\rho \rightarrow)\pi\pi$ , the differential branching ratio is written as [91]

$$\frac{d\mathcal{B}}{ds} = \tau_B \frac{|\vec{p}_\pi||\vec{p}_P|}{32\pi^3 m_B^3} |\mathcal{A}|^2, \quad (30)$$

where  $\tau_B$  is the mean lifetime of the  $B$  meson, and  $s$  is the invariant mass squared  $s = \omega^2 = p^2$ . The kinematic variables  $|\vec{p}_\pi|$  and  $|\vec{p}_P|$  denote the magnitudes of one  $\pi$  meson in the pion pair and the  $P$ 's momenta in the center-of-mass frame of the pion pair,

$$|\vec{p}_\pi| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{s - 4m_\pi^2},$$

$$|\vec{p}_P| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{[(m_B^2 - M_3^2)^2 - 2(m_B^2 + M_3^2)s + s^2]}/s}. \quad (31)$$

By using the differential branching fraction in Eq. (30) and the decay amplitudes in the Appendix, we calculate and list the  $CP$ -averaged branching ratios ( $\mathcal{B}$ ) and direct  $CP$ -violating asymmetries ( $\mathcal{A}_{CP}$ ) for  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow K(\rho \rightarrow)\pi\pi$  in the third column of Table I,  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \pi(\rho \rightarrow)\pi\pi$  in Table II, and  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \eta^{(\prime)}(\rho \rightarrow)\pi\pi$  in Table III. The first error of these PQCD predictions comes from  $\omega_B = (0.40 \pm 0.04)$  GeV for the  $B^+$ ,  $B^0$  mesons and  $\omega_{B_s} = (0.50 \pm 0.05)$  GeV for the  $B_s$  meson, the second error is from  $a_{2\rho}^t = -0.40 \pm 0.10$ , and the other two errors result from  $a_{2\rho}^s = 0.70 \pm 0.20$  and  $a_{2\rho}^0 = 0.30 \pm 0.05$ , respectively.

From the numerical results as shown in the above three tables, one can address some issues as follows:

- (i) Although we have made small changes for the three Gegenbauer moments  $a_2^{0,s,t}$ , the PQCD predictions for the branching ratios and direct  $CP$  asymmetries of the quasi-two-body decays  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$ ,  $B^+ \rightarrow K^0(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0$ ,  $B^0 \rightarrow K^+(\rho^- \rightarrow)\pi^-\pi^0$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow K^0(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$  agree well with those as given previously in Ref. [50]. The PQCD predictions for the decay rates of these four decay modes are consistent with currently available data [91]. For the decay  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$ , the predicted direct  $CP$  asymmetry  $\mathcal{A}_{CP} = (50.7^{+5.1}_{-5.6})\%$  matches the measured value  $(37.0 \pm 10.0)\%$ .
- (ii) For the  $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay, the PQCD prediction for its branching ratio is well consistent with the world average  $(8.3^{+1.2}_{-1.3}) \times 10^{-6}$  within errors, but its  $CP$  asymmetry is found to be negative:  $\mathcal{A}_{CP} = (-27.5^{+3.0}_{-3.7})\%$  numerically. The BABAR and LHCb measurements for this quantity, however, prefer a positive  $CP$  asymmetry in the  $m(\pi^+\pi^-)$  region peaked at  $m_\rho$ . The theoretical predictions based on the QCDF, PQCD and SCET all give a negative  $CP$  asymmetry of order  $-0.20$  for  $B^+ \rightarrow \rho^0\pi^+$  (see Table XIII of [93]). This puzzle concerning the sign of  $\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\rho^0\pi^+)$  needs to be resolved in the near future.
- (iii) The agreements of PQCD predictions with the data could be achieved for  $B \rightarrow \pi(\rho \rightarrow)\pi\pi$  decays comparing with the results in Ref. [60]. The sum of the branching ratios of the  $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+(\rho^- \rightarrow)\pi^-\pi^0$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^-(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0$  decays are in consistent with the world average data. The calculated  $\mathcal{A}_{CP}(B^0 \rightarrow \pi^-(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0) = (8.2^{+2.0}_{-1.6})\%$  agree with the data

TABLE II.  $CP$ -averaged branching ratios and direct  $CP$ -violating asymmetries of  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \pi(\rho \rightarrow)\pi\pi$  decays calculated in PQCD approach together with experimental data [91].

Modes	Quasi-two-body results		Experiment
$B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$8.84_{-1.24}^{+1.48}(\omega_B)_{-0.13}^{+0.12}(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-1.11}^{+1.17}(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-0.26}^{+0.25}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$8.30 \pm 1.20$
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$-27.5_{-3.1}^{+2.3}(\omega_B)_{-1.0}^{+0.9}(a_{2\rho}^t) \pm 1.4(a_{2\rho}^s) \pm 0.9(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$18.0_{-17.0}^{+9.0}$
$B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+(\rho^- \rightarrow)\pi^-\pi^0$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$7.85_{-1.82}^{+2.60}(\omega_B)_{-1.58}^{+1.77}(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-0.91}^{+0.94}(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-0.25}^{+0.26}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$23.00 \pm 2.30^a$
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$-31.4_{-3.3}^{+3.4}(\omega_B)_{-4.0}^{+3.2}(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-1.6}^{+1.1}(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-0.7}^{+0.9}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$-8.0 \pm 8.0$
$B^0 \rightarrow \pi^-(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$18.78_{-4.80}^{+6.92}(\omega_B)_{-0.55}^{+0.56}(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-0.21}^{+0.20}(a_{2\rho}^s) \pm 0.01(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$23.00 \pm 2.30^a$
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$8.2_{-1.5}^{+1.9}(\omega_B) \pm 0.3(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-0.1}^{+0.2}(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-0.5}^{+0.6}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$13.0 \pm 6.0$
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^+(\rho^- \rightarrow)\pi^-\pi^0$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$0.38 \pm 0.05(\omega_{B_s}) \pm 0.01(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-0.01}^{+0.00}(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-0.03}^{+0.02}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$\dots$
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$-4.9_{-1.7}^{+0.0}(\omega_{B_s})_{-4.4}^{+1.3}(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-2.5}^{+0.0}(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-1.5}^{+0.6}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$\dots$
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^-(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$0.41 \pm 0.05(\omega_{B_s})_{-0.02}^{+0.00}(a_{2\rho}^t) \pm 0.01(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-0.03}^{+0.02}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$\dots$
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$-36.7_{-2.5}^{+0.0}(\omega_{B_s})_{-5.4}^{+2.8}(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-0.3}^{+0.1}(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-0.3}^{+0.0}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$\dots$
$B^+ \rightarrow \pi^0(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$5.53_{-1.79}^{+2.65}(\omega_B)_{-0.71}^{+0.76}(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-0.47}^{+0.49}(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-0.02}^{+0.00}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$10.90 \pm 1.40$
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$34.9_{-6.9}^{+7.3}(\omega_B)_{-2.1}^{+1.6}(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-1.7}^{+1.6}(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-1.8}^{+1.9}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$2.0 \pm 11.0$
$B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$0.11_{-0.03}^{+0.06}(\omega_B)_{-0.00}^{+0.02}(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-0.00}^{+0.01}(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-0.00}^{+0.01}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$2.00 \pm 0.50$
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$-14.2_{-4.3}^{+17.1}(\omega_B)_{-0.7}^{+3.6}(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-9.2}^{+11.3}(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-0.0}^{+2.8}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$\dots$
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^0(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$0.35_{-0.05}^{+0.06}(\omega_{B_s}) \pm 0.01(a_{2\rho}^t) \pm 0.00(a_{2\rho}^s) \pm 0.03(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$\dots$
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$-24.6_{-0.0}^{+2.8}(\omega_{B_s})_{-0.0}^{+1.9}(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-1.6}^{+0.0}(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-2.6}^{+0.0}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$\dots$

<sup>a</sup>Branching fraction for the decay  $B^0 \rightarrow \rho^\pm \pi^\mp$  in [91].

$(13.0 \pm 6.0)\%$ . We also obtain  $\mathcal{A}_{CP}(B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+(\rho^- \rightarrow)\pi^-\pi^0) = (-31.4_{-5.5}^{+4.9})\%$  which needs to be tested precisely in the future experiments.

(iv) We calculated the branching ratios and  $CP$  violations of the quasi-two-body  $B \rightarrow \eta^{(\prime)}(\rho \rightarrow)\pi\pi$  and find that  $\mathcal{A}_{CP}(B^+ \rightarrow \eta(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0) = (-0.3_{-0.2}^{+0.4})\%$  and

$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(B^+ \rightarrow \eta'(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0) = (21.0_{-2.5}^{+2.4})\%$  agree with the data. The contributions of the tree diagrams are larger than the penguin ones by roughly a factor of 200 for the decay  $B^+ \rightarrow \eta(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0$  and a factor of 40 for the  $B^+ \rightarrow \eta'(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0$ . The tree contribution is therefore dominant for the decay

TABLE III.  $CP$ -averaged branching ratios and direct  $CP$ -violating asymmetries of  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \eta^{(\prime)}(\rho \rightarrow)\pi\pi$  decays calculated in PQCD approach together with experimental data [91].

Modes	Quasi-two-body results		Experiment
$B^+ \rightarrow \eta(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$6.74_{-1.50}^{+2.04}(\omega_B)_{-0.27}^{+0.29}(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-0.09}^{+0.10}(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-0.01}^{+0.02}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$7.00 \pm 2.90$
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$-0.3_{-0.0}^{+0.2}(\omega_B)_{-0.2}^{+0.3}(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-0.1}^{+0.0}(a_{2\rho}^s) \pm 0.0(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$11.0 \pm 11.0$
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$0.17_{-0.02}^{+0.03}(\omega_B)_{-0.02}^{+0.03}(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-0.00}^{+0.01}(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-0.00}^{+0.02}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$< 1.5$
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$16.3_{-1.6}^{+3.3}(\omega_B)_{-7.2}^{+9.1}(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-1.9}^{+0.0}(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-1.8}^{+0.0}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$\dots$
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \eta(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$0.10_{-0.02}^{+0.04}(\omega_{B_s}) \pm 0.00(a_{2\rho}^t) \pm 0.00(a_{2\rho}^s) \pm 0.00(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$\dots$
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$19.2_{-0.2}^{+0.1}(\omega_{B_s})_{-0.4}^{+0.0}(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-0.4}^{+0.2}(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-1.7}^{+1.5}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$\dots$
$B^+ \rightarrow \eta'(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$4.56_{-1.02}^{+1.44}(\omega_B)_{-0.13}^{+0.16}(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-0.03}^{+0.04}(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-0.01}^{+0.02}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$9.70 \pm 2.20$
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$21.0_{-1.9}^{+1.7}(\omega_B) \pm 1.6(a_{2\rho}^t) \pm 0.2(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-0.2}^{+0.3}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$26.0 \pm 17.0$
$B^0 \rightarrow \eta'(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$0.17_{-0.04}^{+0.05}(\omega_B)_{-0.00}^{+0.01}(a_{2\rho}^t) \pm 0.01(a_{2\rho}^s) \pm 0.01(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$< 1.3$
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$12.8_{-1.2}^{+0.0}(\omega_B)_{-23.6}^{+21.1}(a_{2\rho}^t)_{-7.3}^{+8.3}(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-0.8}^{+0.1}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$\dots$
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \eta'(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	$0.23_{-0.06}^{+0.08}(\omega_{B_s})_{-0.01}^{+0.00}(a_{2\rho}^t) \pm 0.00(a_{2\rho}^s)_{-0.01}^{+0.00}(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$\dots$
	$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	$37.9_{-0.5}^{+0.3}(\omega_{B_s}) \pm 0.2(a_{2\rho}^t) \pm 0.3(a_{2\rho}^s) \pm 0.2(a_{2\rho}^0)$	$\dots$

$B^+ \rightarrow \eta(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0$ . Its direct  $CP$  asymmetry is really small in size. We also give predictions for  $B^0 \rightarrow \eta(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow \eta'(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$  decays.

- (v) For all the  $B_s \rightarrow K(\pi, \eta^{(\prime)})\rho \rightarrow K(\pi, \eta^{(\prime)})\pi\pi$  decay channels considered in this paper, we can compare our PQCD predictions with those as given in the Table VII and Table VIII of Refs. [82,94]. From the  $CP$ -averaged branching ratios, for example, our results for decays  $B_s \rightarrow K(\pi, \eta^{(\prime)})\rho \rightarrow K(\pi, \eta^{(\prime)})\pi\pi$  are a little larger than the corresponding ones in Table VII of Ref. [82]. As verified in Ref. [50], it may be more appropriate to treat  $B \rightarrow K(\pi, \eta^{(\prime)})\rho$  as the quasi-two-body decays. For  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^-(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \eta(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$  decays, we obtain sizeable negative  $CP$  asymmetries which could be examined in the forthcoming experiments. Our PQCD predictions for the direct  $CP$  asymmetries of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^-(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0$ ,  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \bar{K}^0(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$ ,  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \eta(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$  and  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \eta'(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$  decays are positive and sizable.
- (vi) For the  $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^+\pi^-$  decay process, PQCD prediction is  $\mathcal{B} = (0.11_{-0.03}^{+0.07}) \times 10^{-6}$  at leading order in the quasi-two-body framework in this work, such a branching ratio is much smaller than the value  $(2.0 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-6}$  in [91]. Similar with the  $\pi\pi$ ,  $\pi K$  or  $\rho\rho$  puzzles discussed in Refs. [84, 95–102], the  $B \rightarrow \pi\rho$  puzzle has been noticed by some groups [103–109]. For example, in Ref. [105], the authors examined the role of  $\sigma\pi$  channel in the Dalitz plot analysis of  $\rho\pi$  decays and concluded that the effect of  $\sigma$  to  $B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0\pi^0$  is not important. While, in [106], the authors found that  $B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0\pi^0$  process could receive large contributions from the heavy-meson  $B^*$  and  $B_0$  backgrounds. Since the isospin-violating effect is visible in the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  data at  $s = m_\omega^2$  [110], the  $\rho^0$ - $\omega$  mixing need to be taken into studies [105,111–115]. We leave the gap between the data in [91] and the PQCD prediction  $\mathcal{B} = (0.11_{-0.03}^{+0.07}) \times 10^{-6}$  to the future studies.

For the considered  $B/B_s \rightarrow P(\rho \rightarrow)\pi\pi$  decays, we know that the introduction of the resonance width  $\Gamma_\rho$  is one of the crucial differences between the two-body formalism and the quasi-two-body one and may play an important role in our theoretical predictions for the  $CP$ -averaged branching ratios and the  $CP$ -violating asymmetries. In order to check the  $\Gamma_\rho$  dependence of these physical observables, we vary  $\Gamma_\rho$  in Eqs. (26)–(27) in the range of  $0 \leq \Gamma_\rho \leq 0.149$  GeV and list our PQCD predictions in Table IV. For the sake of simplicity, we take the experimentally measured decay mode  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$  as an example, and make numerical calculations for the seven fixed values of  $\Gamma_\rho$ . From the numerical results in Table IV, we find easily that

- (i) Our PQCD predictions for the branching ratios are very sensitive on the variations of the given value of

TABLE IV. For the measured decay mode  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$ , the  $\Gamma_\rho$  dependence of the PQCD predictions for the branching ratios and the direct  $CP$ -violating asymmetries, assuming  $0 \leq \Gamma_\rho \leq 0.149$  GeV.

$\Gamma_\rho$ (GeV)	0	0.005	0.015	0.060	0.090	0.120	0.149
$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	5370.2	105.5	35.4	9.2	6.3	4.9	4.0
$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(\%)$	50.9	53.3	52.8	51.8	51.2	50.8	50.7

the resonance width  $\Gamma_\rho$ . For  $\Gamma_\rho = \Gamma_\rho^{\text{exp}} = 0.149$  GeV, the PQCD prediction  $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-) \approx 4.0 \times 10^{-6}$  agrees well with the measured value  $(3.7 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-6}$  [91].

- (ii) For  $CP$  asymmetries  $\mathcal{A}_{CP}$ , the  $\Gamma_\rho$  dependence is indeed negligible.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we calculated the  $CP$ -averaged branching ratios and direct  $CP$ -violating asymmetries of the quasi-two-body decays  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow (\pi, K, \eta, \eta')\rho \rightarrow (\pi, K, \eta, \eta')\pi\pi$  by using the PQCD factorization approach. The two-pion distribution amplitude  $\Phi_{\pi\pi}^P$  with the  $P$ -wave timelike form factor  $F_\pi$  was employed to describe the resonant state  $\rho$  and its interactions with the pion pair. General agreements between the PQCD predictions and the data achieved by making a little adjustments of the Gegenbauer moments of the  $P$ -wave two-pion distribution amplitudes. We listed the PQCD predictions for those considered decay channels, which will be tested at the LHCb and Belle-II experiment.

From the numerical results, we found the following points:

- (i) Except for the  $B \rightarrow \pi^0\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^0(\pi^+\pi^-)$  decay mode, the PQCD predictions for the branching ratios of other  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow (\pi, K, \eta, \eta')\rho \rightarrow (\pi, K, \eta, \eta')\pi\pi$  decays agree with currently available data within errors.
- (ii) For  $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \pi^0\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^0(\pi^+\pi^-))$  decay, the PQCD prediction is about  $(0.11_{-0.03}^{+0.07}) \times 10^{-6}$  and is much smaller than the measured one:  $(2.0 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-6}$ .
- (iii) For  $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-$  decay mode, we found a negative  $CP$  asymmetry  $(-27.5_{-3.7}^{+3.0})\%$ , which agrees with theoretical predictions based on QCDF or other factorization approaches, but different in sign from the measured ones in the  $m(\pi^+\pi^-)$  region peaked at  $m_\rho$ , as reported by BABAR and LHCb Collaboration. Such difference should be tested in the forthcoming experimental measurements.

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**APPENDIX: DECAY AMPLITUDES**

The total decay amplitude for each considered decay mode in this work are given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-) &= \frac{G_F}{2} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{us} \left[ \left( \frac{C_1}{3} + C_2 \right) (F_{e\rho}^{LL} + F_{a\rho}^{LL}) + \left( C_1 + \frac{C_2}{3} \right) F_{eP}^{LL} + C_2 M_{eP}^{LL} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + C_1 (M_{e\rho}^{LL} + M_{a\rho}^{LL}) \right] - V_{tb}^* V_{ts} \left[ \left( \frac{C_3}{3} + C_4 + \frac{C_9}{3} + C_{10} \right) (F_{e\rho}^{LL} + F_{a\rho}^{LL}) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( \frac{C_5}{3} + C_6 + \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) (F_{e\rho}^{SP} + F_{a\rho}^{SP}) + (C_3 + C_9) (M_{e\rho}^{LL} + M_{a\rho}^{LL}) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + (C_5 + C_7) (M_{e\rho}^{LR} + M_{a\rho}^{LR}) + \frac{3C_8}{2} M_{eP}^{SP} + \frac{3C_{10}}{2} M_{eP}^{LL} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \frac{3}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} + C_9 + \frac{C_{10}}{3} \right) F_{eP}^{LL} \right] \right\}, \tag{A1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B^0 \rightarrow K^+(\rho^- \rightarrow)\pi^-\pi^0) &= \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{us} \left[ \left( \frac{C_1}{3} + C_2 \right) F_{e\rho}^{LL} + C_1 M_{e\rho}^{LL} \right] - V_{tb}^* V_{ts} \left[ (C_3 + C_9) M_{e\rho}^{LL} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( \frac{C_3}{3} + C_4 + \frac{C_9}{3} + C_{10} \right) F_{e\rho}^{LL} + \left( \frac{C_5}{3} + C_6 + \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) F_{e\rho}^{SP} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + (C_5 + C_7) M_{e\rho}^{LR} + \left( \frac{C_3}{3} + C_4 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_9}{3} + C_{10} \right) \right) F_{a\rho}^{LL} + \left( C_3 - \frac{C_9}{2} \right) M_{a\rho}^{LL} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( \frac{C_5}{3} + C_6 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) \right) F_{a\rho}^{SP} + \left( C_5 - \frac{C_7}{2} \right) M_{a\rho}^{LR} \right] \right\}, \tag{A2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow K^-(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0) &= \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{ud} \left[ \left( \frac{C_1}{3} + C_2 \right) F_{eP}^{LL} + C_1 M_{eP}^{LL} \right] - V_{tb}^* V_{td} \left[ (C_3 + C_9) M_{eP}^{LL} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( \frac{C_3}{3} + C_4 + \frac{C_9}{3} + C_{10} \right) F_{eP}^{LL} + (C_5 + C_7) M_{eP}^{LR} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( \frac{C_3}{3} + C_4 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_9}{3} + C_{10} \right) \right) F_{aP}^{LL} + \left( \frac{C_5}{3} + C_6 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) \right) F_{aP}^{SP} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( C_3 - \frac{C_9}{2} \right) M_{aP}^{LL} + \left( C_5 - \frac{C_7}{2} \right) M_{aP}^{LR} \right] \right\}, \tag{A3}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow K^0(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0) &= \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{us} \left[ \left( \frac{C_1}{3} + C_2 \right) F_{a\rho}^{LL} + C_1 M_{a\rho}^{LL} \right] - V_{tb}^* V_{ts} \left[ \left( C_3 - \frac{C_9}{2} \right) M_{e\rho}^{LL} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( \frac{C_3}{3} + C_4 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_9}{3} + C_{10} \right) \right) F_{e\rho}^{LL} + \left( \frac{C_5}{3} + C_6 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) \right) F_{e\rho}^{SP} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( C_5 - \frac{C_7}{2} \right) M_{e\rho}^{LR} + \left( \frac{C_3}{3} + C_4 + \frac{C_9}{3} + C_{10} \right) F_{a\rho}^{LL} + (C_3 + C_9) M_{a\rho}^{LL} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( \frac{C_5}{3} + C_6 + \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) F_{a\rho}^{SP} + (C_5 + C_7) M_{a\rho}^{LR} \right] \right\}, \tag{A4}
\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B^0 \rightarrow K^0(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-) &= \frac{G_F}{2} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{us} \left[ \left( C_1 + \frac{C_2}{3} \right) F_{eP}^{LL} + C_2 M_{eP}^{LL} \right] - V_{tb}^* V_{ts} \left[ \frac{3C_8}{2} M_{eP}^{SP} \right. \right. \\
&\quad - \left( \frac{C_3}{3} + C_4 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_9}{3} + C_{10} \right) \right) (F_{eP}^{LL} + F_{aP}^{LL}) - \left( C_3 - \frac{C_9}{2} \right) (M_{eP}^{LL} + M_{aP}^{LL}) \\
&\quad - \left( \frac{C_5}{3} + C_6 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) \right) (F_{eP}^{SP} + F_{aP}^{SP}) - \left( C_5 - \frac{C_7}{2} \right) (M_{eP}^{LR} + M_{aP}^{LR}) \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \frac{3}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} + C_9 + \frac{C_{10}}{3} \right) F_{eP}^{LL} + \frac{3C_{10}}{2} M_{eP}^{LL} \right] \right\}, \tag{A5}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow K^0(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-) &= \frac{G_F}{2} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{ud} \left[ \left( C_1 + \frac{C_2}{3} \right) F_{eP}^{LL} + C_2 M_{eP}^{LL} \right] - V_{tb}^* V_{td} \left[ \frac{3C_8}{2} M_{eP}^{SP} \right. \right. \\
&\quad + \left( -\frac{C_3}{3} - C_4 + \frac{5C_9}{3} + C_{10} + \frac{3}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} \right) \right) F_{eP}^{LL} + \left( -C_3 + \frac{C_9}{2} + \frac{3C_{10}}{2} \right) M_{eP}^{LL} \\
&\quad - \left( C_5 - \frac{C_7}{2} \right) (M_{eP}^{LR} + M_{aP}^{LR}) - \left( \frac{C_3}{3} + C_4 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_9}{3} + C_{10} \right) \right) F_{aP}^{LL} - \left( C_3 - \frac{C_9}{2} \right) M_{aP}^{LL} \\
&\quad \left. \left. - \left( \frac{C_5}{3} + C_6 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) \right) F_{aP}^{SP} \right] \right\}, \tag{A6}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-) &= \frac{G_F}{2} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{ud} \left[ \left( \frac{C_1}{3} + C_2 \right) (F_{eP}^{LL} + F_{aP}^{LL} - F_{aP}^{LL}) + \left( C_1 + \frac{C_2}{3} \right) F_{eP}^{LL} \right. \right. \\
&\quad + C_1 (M_{eP}^{LL} + M_{aP}^{LL} - M_{aP}^{LL}) + C_2 M_{eP}^{LL} \left. \right] - V_{tb}^* V_{td} \left[ \frac{3C_8}{2} M_{eP}^{SP} \right. \\
&\quad + \left( \frac{C_3}{3} + C_4 + \frac{C_9}{3} + C_{10} \right) (F_{eP}^{LL} + F_{aP}^{LL} - F_{aP}^{LL}) + (C_3 + C_9) (M_{eP}^{LL} + M_{aP}^{LL} - M_{aP}^{LL}) \\
&\quad + \left( -C_5 + \frac{C_7}{2} \right) M_{eP}^{LR} + \left( \frac{C_5}{3} + C_6 + \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) (F_{eP}^{SP} + F_{aP}^{SP} - F_{aP}^{SP}) \\
&\quad + (C_5 + C_7) (M_{eP}^{LR} + M_{aP}^{LR} - M_{aP}^{LR}) + \left( -\frac{C_3}{3} - C_4 + \frac{5}{3} C_9 \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + C_{10} + \frac{3}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} \right) \right) F_{eP}^{LL} + \left( -C_3 + \frac{C_9}{2} + \frac{3C_{10}}{2} \right) M_{eP}^{LL} \right] \right\}, \tag{A7}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B^0 \rightarrow \pi^-(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0) &= \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{ud} \left[ \left( C_1 + \frac{C_2}{3} \right) F_{aP}^{LL} + \left( \frac{C_1}{3} + C_2 \right) F_{eP}^{LL} + C_2 M_{aP}^{LL} + C_1 M_{eP}^{LL} \right] \right. \\
&\quad - V_{tb}^* V_{td} \left[ \left( \frac{C_3}{3} + C_4 + \frac{C_9}{3} + C_{10} \right) F_{eP}^{LL} + (C_4 + C_{10}) M_{aP}^{LL} \right. \\
&\quad + \left( C_3 + \frac{C_4}{3} - C_5 - \frac{C_6}{3} - C_7 - \frac{C_8}{3} + C_9 + \frac{C_{10}}{3} \right) F_{aP}^{LL} \\
&\quad + (C_3 + C_9) M_{eP}^{LL} + (C_5 + C_7) M_{eP}^{LR} + \left( C_5 - \frac{C_7}{2} \right) M_{aP}^{LR} \\
&\quad + \left( \frac{4}{3} \left( C_3 + C_4 - \frac{C_9}{2} - \frac{C_{10}}{2} \right) - C_5 - \frac{C_6}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} \right) \right) F_{aP}^{LL} \\
&\quad + \left( \frac{C_5}{3} + C_6 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) \right) F_{aP}^{SP} + \left( C_6 - \frac{C_8}{2} \right) M_{aP}^{SP} \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( C_3 + C_4 - \frac{C_9}{2} - \frac{C_{10}}{2} \right) M_{aP}^{LL} + (C_6 + C_8) M_{aP}^{SP} \right] \right\}, \tag{A8}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+(\rho^- \rightarrow)\pi^-\pi^0) &= \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{ud} \left[ \left( \frac{C_1}{3} + C_2 \right) F_{ep}^{LL} + \left( C_1 + \frac{C_2}{3} \right) F_{aP}^{LL} + C_1 M_{ep}^{LL} + C_2 M_{aP}^{LL} \right] \right. \\
&\quad - V_{tb}^* V_{td} \left[ \left( \frac{C_3}{3} + C_4 + \frac{C_9}{3} + C_{10} \right) F_{ep}^{LL} + (C_3 + C_9) M_{ep}^{LL} + \left( \frac{C_5}{3} + C_6 + \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) F_{ep}^{SP} \right. \\
&\quad + (C_5 + C_7) M_{ep}^{LR} + (C_6 + C_8) M_{aP}^{SP} + \left( \frac{4}{3} \left( C_3 + C_4 - \frac{C_9}{2} - \frac{C_{10}}{2} \right) \right. \\
&\quad - C_5 - \frac{C_6}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} \right) \left. \right) F_{aP}^{LL} + \left( \frac{C_5}{3} + C_6 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) \right) F_{aP}^{SP} + \left( C_3 + C_4 - \frac{C_9}{2} - \frac{C_{10}}{2} \right) M_{aP}^{LL} \\
&\quad + \left( C_5 - \frac{C_7}{2} \right) M_{aP}^{LR} + \left( C_6 - \frac{C_8}{2} \right) M_{aP}^{SP} + (C_4 + C_{10}) M_{aP}^{LL} \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( C_3 + \frac{C_4}{3} - C_5 - \frac{C_6}{3} - C_7 - \frac{C_8}{3} + C_9 + \frac{C_{10}}{3} \right) F_{aP}^{LL} \right] \right\}, \tag{A9}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^-(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0) &= \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{us} \left[ \left( C_1 + \frac{C_2}{3} \right) F_{ap}^{LL} + C_2 M_{ap}^{LL} \right] - V_{tb}^* V_{ts} \left[ (C_6 + C_8) M_{ap}^{SP} \right. \right. \\
&\quad + \left( C_3 + \frac{C_4}{3} - C_5 - \frac{C_6}{3} - C_7 - \frac{C_8}{3} + C_9 + \frac{C_{10}}{3} \right) F_{ap}^{LL} + \left( C_3 + \frac{C_4}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \left( C_9 + \frac{C_{10}}{3} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. - C_5 - \frac{C_6}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} \right) \right) F_{aP}^{LL} + \left( C_4 - \frac{C_{10}}{2} \right) M_{aP}^{LL} + \left( C_6 - \frac{C_8}{2} \right) M_{aP}^{SP} + (C_4 + C_{10}) M_{aP}^{LL} \right] \right\}, \tag{A10}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^+(\rho^- \rightarrow)\pi^-\pi^0) &= \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{us} \left[ \left( C_1 + \frac{C_2}{3} \right) F_{aP}^{LL} + C_2 M_{aP}^{LL} \right] - V_{tb}^* V_{ts} \left[ \left( C_4 - \frac{C_{10}}{2} \right) M_{aP}^{LL} + \left( C_3 + \frac{C_4}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \left( C_9 + \frac{C_{10}}{3} \right) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. - C_5 - \frac{C_6}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} \right) \right) F_{aP}^{LL} + \left( C_6 - \frac{C_8}{2} \right) M_{aP}^{SP} + (C_4 + C_{10}) M_{aP}^{LL} + (C_6 + C_8) M_{aP}^{SP} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( C_3 + \frac{C_4}{3} - C_5 - \frac{C_6}{3} - C_7 - \frac{C_8}{3} + C_9 + \frac{C_{10}}{3} \right) F_{aP}^{LL} \right] \right\}, \tag{A11}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow \pi^0(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0) &= \frac{G_F}{2} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{ud} \left[ \left( C_1 + \frac{C_2}{3} \right) F_{ep}^{LL} + \left( \frac{C_1}{3} + C_2 \right) (-F_{ap}^{LL} + F_{eP}^{LL} + F_{aP}^{LL}) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + C_2 M_{ep}^{LL} + C_1 (-M_{ap}^{LL} + M_{eP}^{LL} + M_{aP}^{LL}) \right] - V_{tb}^* V_{td} \left[ \frac{3C_8}{2} M_{ep}^{SP} \right. \right. \\
&\quad + \left( -\frac{C_3}{3} - C_4 - \frac{3}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} \right) + \frac{5C_9}{3} + C_{10} \right) F_{ep}^{LL} \\
&\quad + \left( -\frac{C_5}{3} - C_6 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) \right) F_{ep}^{SP} + \left( -C_3 + \frac{C_9}{2} + \frac{3C_{10}}{2} \right) M_{ep}^{LL} \\
&\quad + \left( \frac{C_3}{3} + C_4 + \frac{C_9}{3} + C_{10} \right) (-F_{ap}^{LL} + F_{eP}^{LL} + F_{aP}^{LL}) \\
&\quad + \left( \frac{C_5}{3} + C_6 + \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) (-F_{aP}^{SP} + F_{aP}^{SP}) + \left( -C_5 + \frac{C_7}{2} \right) M_{ep}^{LR} \\
&\quad + (C_3 + C_9) (-M_{ap}^{LL} + M_{eP}^{LL} + M_{aP}^{LL}) \\
&\quad \left. \left. + (C_5 + C_7) (-M_{aP}^{LR} + M_{eP}^{LR} + M_{aP}^{LR}) \right] \right\}, \tag{A12}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B^0 \rightarrow \pi^0(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-) = & -\frac{G_F}{2\sqrt{2}} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{ud} \left[ \left( C_1 + \frac{C_2}{3} \right) (F_{e\rho}^{LL} - F_{a\rho}^{LL} + F_{eP}^{LL} - F_{aP}^{LL}) \right. \right. \\
& + C_2 (M_{e\rho}^{LL} - M_{a\rho}^{LL} + M_{eP}^{LL} - M_{aP}^{LL}) \left. \right] - V_{tb}^* V_{td} \left[ \frac{3C_8}{2} (M_{e\rho}^{SP} + M_{eP}^{SP}) \right. \\
& + \left( -\frac{C_3}{3} - C_4 - \frac{3}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} \right) + \frac{5C_9}{3} + C_{10} \right) (F_{e\rho}^{LL} + F_{eP}^{LL}) \\
& + \left( -\frac{C_5}{3} - C_6 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) \right) F_{e\rho}^{SP} + \left( -C_3 + \frac{C_9}{2} + \frac{3C_{10}}{2} \right) (M_{e\rho}^{LL} + M_{eP}^{LL}) \\
& + \left( -C_5 + \frac{C_7}{2} \right) (M_{e\rho}^{LR} + M_{eP}^{LR}) - \left( 2C_6 + \frac{C_8}{2} \right) (M_{a\rho}^{SP} + M_{aP}^{SP}) \\
& - \left( \frac{7C_3}{3} + \frac{5C_4}{3} - 2 \left( C_5 + \frac{C_6}{3} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} - \frac{2}{3} (C_9 - C_{10}) \right) \right) (F_{a\rho}^{LL} + F_{aP}^{LL}) \\
& - \left( \frac{C_5}{3} + C_6 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) \right) (F_{a\rho}^{SP} + F_{aP}^{SP}) - \left( C_5 - \frac{C_7}{2} \right) (M_{a\rho}^{LR} + M_{aP}^{LR}) \\
& \left. \left. - \left( C_3 + 2C_4 - \frac{C_9}{2} + \frac{C_{10}}{2} \right) (M_{a\rho}^{LL} + M_{aP}^{LL}) \right] \right\}, \tag{A13}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^0(\rho^0 \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^-) = & \frac{G_F}{2\sqrt{2}} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{us} \left[ \left( C_1 + \frac{C_2}{3} \right) (F_{a\rho}^{LL} + F_{aP}^{LL}) + C_2 (M_{a\rho}^{LL} + M_{aP}^{LL}) \right] \right. \\
& - V_{tb}^* V_{ts} \left[ \left( 2 \left( C_3 + \frac{C_4}{3} - C_5 - \frac{C_6}{3} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} - C_9 - \frac{C_{10}}{3} \right) \right) (F_{a\rho}^{LL} + F_{aP}^{LL}) \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \left( 2C_4 + \frac{C_{10}}{2} \right) (M_{a\rho}^{LL} + M_{aP}^{LL}) + \left( 2C_6 + \frac{C_8}{2} \right) (M_{a\rho}^{SP} + M_{aP}^{SP}) \right] \right\}, \tag{A14}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow \eta_q(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0) = & \frac{G_F}{2} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{ud} \left[ \left( C_1 + \frac{C_2}{3} \right) F_{e\rho}^{LL} + \left( \frac{C_1}{3} + C_2 \right) (F_{a\rho}^{LL} + F_{eP}^{LL} + F_{aP}^{LL}) \right. \right. \\
& + C_2 M_{e\rho}^{LL} + C_1 (M_{a\rho}^{LL} + M_{eP}^{LL} + M_{aP}^{LL}) \left. \right] - V_{tb}^* V_{td} \left[ \left( C_5 - \frac{C_7}{2} \right) M_{e\rho}^{LR} + \left( \frac{7C_3}{3} + \frac{5C_4}{3} - 2 \left( C_5 + \frac{C_6}{3} \right) \right. \right. \\
& - \frac{1}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} - \frac{2}{3} (C_9 - C_{10}) \right) \left. \right) F_{e\rho}^{LL} + \left( \frac{C_5}{3} + C_6 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) \right) F_{e\rho}^{SP} \\
& + \left( C_3 + 2C_4 - \frac{C_9}{2} + \frac{C_{10}}{2} \right) M_{e\rho}^{LL} + \left( \frac{C_3}{3} + C_4 + \frac{C_9}{3} + C_{10} \right) (F_{a\rho}^{LL} + F_{eP}^{LL} + F_{aP}^{LL}) \\
& + \left( \frac{C_5}{3} + C_6 + \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) (F_{a\rho}^{SP} + F_{aP}^{SP}) + (C_3 + C_9) (M_{a\rho}^{LL} + M_{eP}^{LL} + M_{aP}^{LL}) \\
& \left. \left. + (C_5 + C_7) (M_{a\rho}^{LR} + M_{eP}^{LR} + M_{aP}^{LR}) + \left( 2C_6 + \frac{C_8}{2} \right) M_{e\rho}^{SP} \right] \right\}, \tag{A15}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow \eta_s(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0) = & \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ -V_{tb}^* V_{td} \left[ \left( C_3 + \frac{C_4}{3} - C_5 - \frac{C_6}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} - C_9 - \frac{C_{10}}{3} \right) \right) F_{e\rho}^{LL} \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \left( C_4 - \frac{C_{10}}{2} \right) M_{e\rho}^{LL} + \left( C_6 - \frac{C_8}{2} \right) M_{e\rho}^{SP} \right] \right\}, \tag{A16}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow \eta(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0) = \mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+\eta_q) \cos \phi - \mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+\eta_s) \sin \phi, \tag{A17}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow \eta'(\rho^+ \rightarrow)\pi^+\pi^0) = \mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+\eta_q) \sin \phi + \mathcal{A}(B^+ \rightarrow \rho^+\eta_s) \cos \phi, \tag{A18}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B^0 \rightarrow \eta_q(\rho^0 \rightarrow) \pi^+ \pi^-) = & -\frac{G_F}{2\sqrt{2}} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{ud} \left[ \left( C_1 + \frac{C_2}{3} \right) (F_{ep}^{LL} - F_{ap}^{LL} - F_{eP}^{LL} - F_{aP}^{LL}) \right. \right. \\
& + C_2 (M_{ep}^{LL} - M_{ap}^{LL} - M_{eP}^{LL} - M_{aP}^{LL}) \left. \right] - V_{ib}^* V_{id} \left[ \left( C_5 - \frac{C_7}{2} \right) M_{ep}^{LR} \right. \\
& + \left( \frac{7C_3}{3} + \frac{5C_4}{3} - 2 \left( C_5 + \frac{C_6}{3} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} - \frac{2}{3} (C_9 - C_{10}) \right) \right) F_{ep}^{LL} \\
& + \left( \frac{C_5}{3} + C_6 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) \right) F_{ep}^{SP} + \left( C_3 + 2C_4 - \frac{C_9}{2} + \frac{C_{10}}{2} \right) M_{ep}^{LL} \\
& - \left( -\frac{C_3}{3} - C_4 - \frac{3}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} \right) + \frac{5C_9}{3} + C_{10} \right) (F_{ap}^{LL} + F_{aP}^{LL}) \\
& - \left( -\frac{C_5}{3} - C_6 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{C_7}{3} + C_8 \right) \right) (F_{ap}^{SP} + F_{aP}^{SP}) + \left( 2C_6 + \frac{C_8}{2} \right) M_{ep}^{SP} \\
& - \left( -C_3 + \frac{C_9}{2} + \frac{3C_{10}}{2} \right) (M_{ap}^{LL} + M_{eP}^{LL} + M_{aP}^{LL}) \\
& - \left( -C_5 + \frac{C_7}{2} \right) (M_{ap}^{LR} + M_{eP}^{LR} + M_{aP}^{LR}) - \frac{3C_8}{2} (M_{ap}^{SP} + M_{eP}^{SP} + M_{aP}^{SP}) \\
& \left. \left. - \left( -\frac{C_3}{3} - C_4 + \frac{3}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} \right) + \frac{5C_9}{3} + C_{10} \right) F_{eP}^{LL} \right] \right\}, \tag{A19}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B^0 \rightarrow \eta_s(\rho^0 \rightarrow) \pi^+ \pi^-) = & -\frac{G_F}{2} \left\{ -V_{ib}^* V_{id} \left[ \left( C_3 + \frac{C_4}{3} - C_5 - \frac{C_6}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} - C_9 - \frac{C_{10}}{3} \right) \right) F_{ep}^{LL} \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \left( C_4 - \frac{C_{10}}{2} \right) M_{ep}^{LL} + \left( C_6 - \frac{C_8}{2} \right) M_{ep}^{SP} \right] \right\}, \tag{A20}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(B^0 \rightarrow \eta(\rho^0 \rightarrow) \pi^+ \pi^-) = \mathcal{A}(B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 \eta_q) \cos \phi - \mathcal{A}(B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 \eta_s) \sin \phi, \tag{A21}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(B^0 \rightarrow \eta'(\rho^0 \rightarrow) \pi^+ \pi^-) = \mathcal{A}(B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 \eta_q) \sin \phi + \mathcal{A}(B^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 \eta_s) \cos \phi, \tag{A22}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \eta_q(\rho^0 \rightarrow) \pi^+ \pi^-) = & \frac{G_F}{2\sqrt{2}} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{us} \left[ \left( C_1 + \frac{C_2}{3} \right) (F_{ap}^{LL} + F_{aP}^{LL}) + C_2 (M_{ap}^{LL} + M_{aP}^{LL}) \right] \right. \\
& - V_{ib}^* V_{is} \left[ -\frac{3}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} - C_9 - \frac{C_{10}}{3} \right) (F_{ap}^{LL} + F_{aP}^{LL}) \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \frac{3C_8}{2} (M_{ap}^{SP} + M_{aP}^{SP}) + \frac{3C_{10}}{2} (M_{ap}^{LL} + M_{aP}^{LL}) \right] \right\} \tag{A23}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \eta_s(\rho^0 \rightarrow) \pi^+ \pi^-) = & \frac{G_F}{2} \left\{ V_{ub}^* V_{us} \left[ \left( C_1 + \frac{C_2}{3} \right) F_{eP}^{LL} + C_2 M_{eP}^{LL} \right] - V_{ib}^* V_{is} \left[ \frac{3C_8}{2} M_{eP}^{SP} \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \frac{3}{2} \left( C_7 + \frac{C_8}{3} + C_9 + \frac{C_{10}}{3} \right) F_{eP}^{LL} + \frac{3C_{10}}{2} M_{eP}^{LL} \right] \right\}, \tag{A24}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \eta(\rho^0 \rightarrow) \pi^+ \pi^-) = \mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 \eta_q) \cos \phi - \mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 \eta_s) \sin \phi, \tag{A25}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \eta'(\rho^0 \rightarrow) \pi^+ \pi^-) = \mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 \eta_q) \sin \phi + \mathcal{A}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \rho^0 \eta_s) \cos \phi, \tag{A26}$$

where  $G_F$  is the Fermi coupling constant and  $V_{ij}$ 's are the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa matrix elements. The functions  $(F_{ep}^{LL}, F_{ap}^{LL}, M_{ep}^{LL}, M_{ap}^{LL}, \dots)$  appearing in the above equations are the individual decay amplitudes corresponding to different currents, and their explicit expressions can be found in the Appendix of Ref. [50].

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