We study effects of new physics beyond the Standard Model on SU(3) symmetry in charmless hadronic two body B decays. It is found that several equalities for some of the decay amplitudes, such as $A(B_d(B_u) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-, \pi^+K^-(\pi^-\bar{K}^0)) = A(B_s \rightarrow K^+\pi^-, K^-K^+(K^0\bar{K}^0))$, $A(B_d \rightarrow \pi^+\rho^-, \pi^+\rho^- K^0(K^0\bar{K}^0)) = A(B_s \rightarrow K^+\rho^-, \pi^-\rho^+ K^0(K^0\bar{K}^0))$, $A(B_d(B_u) \rightarrow \rho^+\rho-, \rho^+ K^-(\rho^-\bar{K}^0)) = A(B_s \rightarrow K^+\rho^-, K^+K^0(K^0\bar{K}^0))$, are valid. To achieve this, one should not only to obtain model calculations can account for some of the measured B decays, but not all of them [1,2]. The results from model calculations are, in any case, far from the desired accuracy needed to test the Standard Model (SM) and models beyond. To overcome some of the difficulties, several groups have proposed to use SU(3) symmetry to study charmless hadronic two body B decays and have obtained some interesting results [3–7]. We find some equalities for hadronic B decays using SU(3) symmetry in charmless hadronic two body B decays.

$A(B_d(B_u) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-, \pi^+K^-(\pi^-\bar{K}^0))$ (1)

$A(B_d \rightarrow \pi^+\rho^-, \pi^+\rho^- K^0(K^0\bar{K}^0)) = A(B_s \rightarrow K^+\rho^-, \pi^-\rho^+ K^0(K^0\bar{K}^0))$ (2)

Further we find that these equalities are not affected by new physics beyond the SM. We note that relations in eqs. (1) and (2) always involve charmless hadronic $B_s$ decays which have not been measured. However these decay modes have relatively large branching ratios $(10^{-5} \sim 10^{-6})$ from model calculations and are expected to be measured at CDF, D0, HERA-B, LHC-B and BTeV. When all related modes are measured SU(3) symmetry will be tested in an electroweak model independent way. In the following we provide more details.

In the SM the quark level effective Hamiltonian for charmless hadronic B decays, including QCD corrections, can be written as

$$H_{eff}^q = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} [V_{ub} V^*_{uq} (c_1 O_1 + c_2 O_2) - \sum_3 (c_i^{uq} + V_{tb} V^*_{tb} c_i^{tq}) O_1^q],$$

where $i$ is summed over from 3 to 12, $c_{1,2}$ and $c_i^{uq} = c_i^t - c_i^k$ are the Wilson coefficients which have been evaluated in various renormalization schemes [8]. Here $j$, $k$ indicate the internal quarks for loop induced operators. $q$ can be $d$ or $s$ depending on whether the decays are $\Delta S = 0$ or $\Delta S = 1$. The specific form of the operators can be found in Ref. [8]. Since we will only need to know their SU(3) structures, we will suppress Lorentz structure and treat the Fierz transformed and un-transformed forms as the same in our later discussions.

The operators $O_{3,4,5,6,11}$ all have a simple SU(3) structure and transform as 3. The complication comes from the fact that $O_{1,2,7,8,9,10,12}$ are not a single SU(3) irreducible representation. They contain two 3’s, one 6 and one 15. Although $O_{7,8,9,10}$ are electroweak type with small Wilson coefficients, they are important for B decays and must be kept [9]. For illustration we give the detailed decomposition of $O_2 = \bar{u}b\bar{q}u$ for $q = d$ and have
coefficients are not important, that is, difference operators in a similar way.

Identification of SU(3) triplet (P

\[ \bar{u}d\nu = \frac{1}{8} \{3[\bar{u}d\nu + \bar{d}u\bar{d} + \bar{s}\bar{b}s]_3 - [\bar{d}s(u + \bar{d} + \bar{s}s)]_3 \} + 2[\bar{u}d\nu - \bar{d}u\bar{d} + \bar{s}\bar{b}s]_6 + 3[\bar{u}d\nu + 3d\bar{u}u - 2d\bar{b}d - \bar{s}\bar{b}s]_s \]  
\[ = \frac{1}{8}[3H(\bar{3}) - H(\bar{3}')] + 2H(6) + H(\bar{15})], \]

where \( H(i) \) are matrices in SU(3) flavor space. With the identification of \( u = 1, d = 2 \) and \( s = 3 \), the non-zero entries of \( H(i) \) are given by [5]

\[ H(\bar{3}(i)) = 1, H(6)_{12} = H(6)_{23} = 1, \]
\[ H(\bar{15})_{12} = 3, H(\bar{15})_{23} = -2, H(\bar{15})_{33} = -1. \]

(4)

\( H(6) \) and \( H(\bar{15}) \) are anti-symmetric and symmetric in exchanging the upper two indices, respectively.

For \( q = s \) case, we have [5]

\[ H(\bar{3}(i)) = 1, H(6)_{13} = H(6)_{23} = 1, \]
\[ H(\bar{15})_{13} = 3, H(\bar{15})_{33} = -2, H(\bar{15})_{33} = -1. \]

(5)

The \( H(i) \) matrices for other operators can be obtained in a similar way.

At the hadronic level, the decay amplitudes can be written as

\[ A(B \to ij) = V_{ub}V_{ug}T^{SM}_{ij} + V_{tb}V_{tg}P^{SM}. \]

Here \( T^{SM} \) and \( P^{SM} \) both have 3, 6 and \( \bar{15} \) components through operators associated with \( c_{1,2}, c^{\mu \nu c} \) and \( c^{\mu c} \). Since we only concern the SU(3) structure, the detailed coefficients are not important, that is, difference operators having the same SU(3) irreducible representations can be combined together and denoted by certain SU(3) invariant amplitudes. The amplitudes \( T^{SM} \) can be written in the following form for \( B \to PP \) decays [5],

\[ T^{SM} = A_3^T B_i H(\bar{3})_i^j (M^T_j M^T_k) + C_3^T B_i M^T_j M^T_k H(\bar{3})_i^j \]
\[ + A_2^{TT} B_i H(6)_i^j (M^T_j M^T_k) + C_2^{TT} B_i M^T_j H(6)_i^j M^T_k \]
\[ + A_1^{TT} B_i H(\bar{15})_i^j (M^T_j M^T_k) + C_1^{TT} B_i M^T_j H(\bar{15})_i^j M^T_k. \]

(7)

where \( M^T_j \) is the pseudoscalar octet \( P \). \( B_i \) is the B-meson SU(3) triplet (\( B_u, B_d, B_s \)). In the case for \( B \to PP \) decays \( A_6 \) and \( C_6 \) always appear together in the form \( C_6 - A_6 \) [5]. We will eliminate \( A_6 \) in the expressions. \( P^{SM} \) can be obtained similarly.

The amplitudes \( A_i \) correspond to annihilation contributions which can be seen from eq. (7) where \( B_i \) is contracted with one of the indices in \( H \) matrices. These contributions are much smaller than the amplitudes \( C_i \) from model calculations [2,5]. The smallness of these annihilation amplitudes can be tested by measuring the branching ratios for \( B_d \to K^+K^- \), \( B_s \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0 \) which are proportional to \( A_3 + A_2^{TT} \) [4,5]. We will work with the assumption that annihilation contributions are small and can be neglected. Future experiments will decide if this assumption is valid [4-6]. Expanding eq. (7) one obtains the decay amplitudes in terms of \( A_i \) and \( C_i \). The relevant decay amplitudes are given by

\[ T^{SM}_{B_d \to \pi^+\pi^-, B_s \to K^-K^+} = 2A_3^T + A_2^{TT} + C_3^T + C_2^{TT} + 3C_1^{TT}, \]
\[ T^{SM}_{B_d \to \pi^+\pi^-, B_s \to \pi^+K^-} = -A_3^T + C_3^T + C_2^{TT} + 3C_1^{TT}, \]
\[ T^{SM}_{B_d \to \pi^+\pi^-, B_s \to \pi^-K^+} = 3A_3^T + C_3^T + C_2^{TT} - C_1^{TT}, \]
\[ T^{SM}_{B_d \to \pi^+\pi^-, B_s \to \pi^-K^0} = 2A_3^T - 3A_2^{TT} + C_3^T + C_2^{TT} - C_1^{TT}. \]

(8)

In naive quark diagram analysis, when annihilation contributions are neglected, \( B_u(B_s) \to \pi^-K^0(K^-K^0) \) do not have contributions from \( O_{1,2} \) [3,4]. This is not true when going beyond naive quark diagram analysis and need to be tested [5]. Our results, however, do not rely on whether they are zero or not.

For \( B \to VV \), the decay amplitudes can be obtained from \( B \to PP \) by a simple replacement of the corresponding final states. The decay amplitudes for \( B \to PV \) are more complicated because the fact that there are two terms, except for \( A_3 \), for each of the terms in eq. (7). For example, the term corresponding to \( C_2^{TT} \) becomes, \( C_2^{TT} B_i V_i M^T_j H(3)_i^j \) and \( C_1^{TT} B_i M^T_j V_i H(3)_i^j \). Although there are relations between \( A^{V,M}_6 \) and \( C^{V,M}_6 \), they do not always appear together as \( C_6 - A_6 \) like for \( B \to PP \). We will need to keep all of them. The details for the whole amplitudes can be found in Ref. [6]. The smallness of annihilation contributions for \( B \to VV \) and \( B \to PV \) can, again, be tested by measuring some pure annihilation decays such as \( B_d \to K^+K^- \), \( K^+K^- \), \( K^-K^+ \), \( B_s \to \rho^+\rho^- \), \( \rho^0\rho^0, \pi^+\pi^- \), \( \pi^-\rho^+ \), \( \pi^0\rho^0 \).

From eq. (8) and Tables in Ref. [6], we find that when annihilation contributions are neglected (setting all \( A_i \) to zero), the equalities in eqs. (1) and (2) hold in the SM. These relations can be used to test whether SU(3) is a good symmetry for B decays in the SM.

The relations in eqs. (1) and (2) hold in SU(3) symmetry limit. There are SU(3) breaking effects. These include differences in phase space for \( B_{u,d} \) and \( B_s \) decays, and also in the decay amplitudes. It is not possible to reliably calculate the breaking effects in the decay amplitudes at present. Factorization approximation gives, for example, \( A(B_d(B_u) \to \pi^+\pi^- \), \( \pi^+K^- \) (\( \pi^-K^0\)) = \( (F_0^{B_i\pi}/F_0^{B_i K}) A(B_s \to K^-K^+, \pi^-K^+) \), where \( F_0^{B_i\pi, K} \) are transition form factors. Model calculations indicate that the ratio \( F_0^{B_{u,d}\pi}/F_0^{B_s K} \) is close to one. Deviation from one for this ratio would be an indication of SU(3) breaking in B decays. Estimates of SU(3) breaking effects for other decays can be obtained in a similar way. As already mentioned that accurate theoretical calculations are very difficult to carry out, we, therefore, will not attempt to obtain precise theoretical predictions of SU(3) symmetry breaking effects, but to study if the relations in eqs. (1) and (2) are modified by new physics beyond the SM and further to study if
SU(3) symmetry and its breaking can be determined in an electroweak model independent way.

In the presence of new physics beyond the SM, there are new operators in addition to the ones already present in the SM. As long as SU(3) structure is concerned, there are two types of new operators which can appear at the four quark level for charmless hadronic $\Delta S = 0$ and $\Delta S = 1$ B decays. These operators are

$$O_{q\bar{d}d} = \bar{q}bd, \quad O_{q\bar{s}s} = \bar{q}bs,$$  \hspace{1cm} (9)

These operators can naturally appear in extensions of the SM. For example the term $URDRDR$ in R-Parity violating supersymmetric models [10] can induce $O_{q\bar{d}d,q\bar{s}s}$ by exchanging s-up-quarks with sizeable contributions to B decays. In the same model exchanging s-down-quarks can also generate $\bar{u}bq$ type of operators which has the same SU(3) structure as the operators $O_{1,2}$ in the SM, but with difference Lorentz structure.

One may wonder if considering operators just up to dimension six are sufficient. Higher order operators may have more complicated structure due to higher SU(3) irreducible representations. However, because exchange of gluons, soft or hard, will not change the SU(3) structure, the contributions of higher order operators with different SU(3) structures will have additional suppression factors from loop integrals or additional propagators of electroweak types in a model and can be neglected. Thus considering operators up to dimension six is sufficient for our purpose.

The operators $O_{q\bar{d}d}$ and $O_{q\bar{s}s}$ contain only $\bar{3}^{(i)}$ and $\bar{15}$. The non-zero entries of $H(\bar{3}^{(i)})$ are the same as the corresponding ones in the SM with an appropriate normalizations. The non-zero entries of $H(\bar{15})$ are given by

$$H_{\bar{15}}^{\bar{d}d} = H_{\bar{15}}^{\bar{s}s} = 4,$$  \hspace{1cm} (10)

The operators $O_{s\bar{d}d}$ and $O_{s\bar{s}s}$ contain $\bar{3}^{(i)}$, 6 and $\bar{15}$. The non-zero entries of $H(\bar{3}^{(i)})$ can again be normalized to be the same as the corresponding ones in the SM. The non-zero entries of the 6 and $\bar{15}$ are

$$H_{\bar{15}}^{\bar{s}s} = 4,$$  \hspace{1cm} (11)

With these new operators the charmless hadronic B decay amplitudes will be modified. Normalizing to the SM amplitudes, we can write the total amplitudes as

$$A(B \to ij) = V_{ub}V_{us}^{*} T^{S}\tau^{SM} + V_{ub}V_{ts}^{*} T^{S}\tau^{SM} + a^{q\bar{u}u} P^{q\bar{u}u} + a^{q\bar{d}d} P^{q\bar{d}d} + a^{q\bar{s}s} P^{q\bar{s}s},$$  \hspace{1cm} (12)

where $a^{i}$ indicate the coefficients due to new physics beyond the SM, and $P^{q\bar{i}i} = <ij |O_{q\bar{i}i}|B >$. Here we have also included the contributions from operators of the form $O_{q\bar{u}u}$ which have the same SU(3) structure as $O_{1,2}$ in the SM, but are due to new physics and also may have difference Lorentz structures.

Following the same procedure as for the SM discussed before, one can obtain the decay amplitudes in terms of the SU(3) invariant amplitudes. The decay amplitudes due to the new operators for the relevant $B \to PP$ modes are given as below.

For $\Delta S = 0$ decay modes, we have

$$P_{B_{d} \to \pi^{+}\pi^{-}}^{\bar{d}d} = 2A_{\bar{d}d}^{\bar{d}d} + 2A_{\bar{d}d}^{\bar{d}d} + C_{3}^{\bar{d}d} - 2C_{\bar{d}d}^{\bar{d}d},$$

$$P_{B_{d} \to K^{+}\pi^{-}}^{\bar{d}d} = -2A_{\bar{d}d}^{\bar{d}d} + C_{3}^{\bar{d}d} - 2C_{\bar{d}d}^{\bar{d}d},$$

$$P_{B_{s} \to \pi^{+}\pi^{-}}^{\bar{s}s} = 2A_{15}^{\bar{s}s} - 3A_{15}^{\bar{s}s} + C_{3}^{\bar{s}s} + C_{6}^{\bar{s}s} - C_{15}^{\bar{s}s},$$

$$P_{B_{s} \to K^{+}\pi^{-}}^{\bar{s}s} = 3A_{15}^{\bar{s}s} + C_{3}^{\bar{s}s} + C_{6}^{\bar{s}s} - C_{15}^{\bar{s}s},$$  \hspace{1cm} (13)

For the two pairs of $\Delta S = 1$ decay modes, we have

$$P_{B_{d} \to \pi^{+}\bar{K}^{0}}^{\bar{d}d} = -2A_{3}^{\bar{d}d} + C_{3}^{\bar{d}d} - 2C_{15}^{\bar{d}d},$$

$$P_{B_{d} \to K^{+}\bar{K}^{0}}^{\bar{s}s} = 2A_{3}^{\bar{s}s} + 2A_{15}^{\bar{s}s} + C_{3}^{\bar{s}s} - 2C_{15}^{\bar{s}s},$$

$$P_{B_{d} \to \pi^{+}\bar{K}^{0}}^{\bar{d}d} = 3A_{15}^{\bar{d}d} + C_{3}^{\bar{d}d} - C_{6}^{\bar{d}d} - C_{15}^{\bar{d}d},$$

$$P_{B_{d} \to K^{+}\bar{K}^{0}}^{\bar{s}s} = 2A_{15}^{\bar{s}s} + 2A_{3}^{\bar{s}s} + C_{3}^{\bar{s}s} + 3C_{15}^{\bar{s}s},$$  \hspace{1cm} (14)

and

$$P_{B_{s} \to \pi^{+}\bar{K}^{0}}^{\bar{s}s} = 2A_{15}^{\bar{s}s} + 2A_{3}^{\bar{s}s} + C_{3}^{\bar{s}s} - 2C_{15}^{\bar{s}s}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (15)

From the above expressions for $P_{q\bar{i}i}^{d\bar{d},q\bar{s}s}$, we clearly see that when annihilation contributions are neglected the equalities in eq. (1) hold. In fact the new operators have zero contributions from $C_{i}$ to the above amplitudes, except $B_{u}(B_{s}) \to \pi^{+}\bar{K}^{0}(K^{0}\bar{K}^{0})$, in the naive quark diagram analysis. Re-scattering effects may generate non-zero contributions. Our results are, however, independent from whether these contributions are large. This also applies to related $B \to VV, PV$ modes.

The decay amplitudes for $B \to VP$ can be obtained, again, by a simple replacement of the corresponding final states. The amplitudes for $B \to PV$ are given in Table 1. We can see that the SU(3) predictions of the relations in eq. (2) are not modified if annihilation amplitudes are neglected. We conclude that the relations in eqs. (1) and (2) are independent of new physics beyond the SM when small annihilation contributions are neglected. Measurements of these relations provide true tests of SU(3) symmetry in charmless hadronic two body B decays. There are also other interesting relations, with some of them depending on electroweak model which
can be tested experimentally. A more detailed study of related relations and applications to new physics beyond the SM will be presented elsewhere [10].

The branching ratios for the decays in the relations in eqs. (1) and (2) are in the range of $10^{-5} \sim 10^{-6}$ and some of the decay modes of $B_{u,d,s}$ have been measured. Although none of the $B_s$ decay modes involved have been measured, they are expected to be measured at near future hadron colliders experiments such as CDF, D0, HERA-B, LHC-B and BTeV. With $10^8$ mesons for each of the $B_{u,d,s}$, most of the relations discussed can be tested at a level better than 10%. Combined studies, such as taking the sum of some of the branching ratios of the $B_{u,d}$ decays on the left-hand side of the equalities and the corresponding decay modes for $B_s$ decays on the right-hand side, can also be carried out to increase the statistics and have earlier tests.

We emphasise that the relations discussed here provide electroweak model independent tests for SU(3) symmetry in hadronic B decays and therefore important information about the QCD hadronic dynamics. Only when these relations are established, one can have confidence in using SU(3) relations to extract important parameters, such as the phase angle $\gamma$, in the SM and to test models beyond the SM using other relations predicted by SU(3) symmetry which are electroweak model dependent [7]. For a full consistent test of SU(3) predicted by SU(3) symmetry which are electroweak model independent tests for SU(3) symmetry in hadronic B decays and therefore important information about the QCD hadronic dynamics.

TABLE I. SU(3) invariant amplitudes for $B \to PV$ decays in models beyond SM. The factors $a_i$ and $b_i$ are defined through $p^{i}_{a,i} = \sum [a_i A_i^V + a_i M_i^M + b_i C_i^V + b_i C_i^M]$ as in Ref.[6]. It is understood that $A_i$ and $C_i$ associated with each type of operators are different.

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