Study of the semileptonic decays $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)} \ell \bar{\nu}_{\ell}^*$

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Abstract: We study the exclusive semileptonic decays $\Upsilon(1S) \to B_{(c)}\ell\bar{\nu}_{\ell}$, where $\ell = e, \mu, \tau$. The relevant hadronic form factors are calculated using the covariant confined quark model developed previously by our group. We predict the branching fractions $\mathscr{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \to B_{(c)}\ell\bar{\nu}_{\ell})$ to be of the order of 10^{-13} and 10^{-10} for the case of *B* and B_c , respectively. Our predictions agree well with other theoretical calculations. We also consider the effects of possible new physics in the case of $\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c \tau \bar{\nu}_{\tau}$ and show that the branching fraction of this decay can be enhanced by an order of magnitude using constraints from the $B \to D^{(*)}\ell\bar{\nu}_{\ell}$ and $B_c \to J/\psi\ell\bar{\nu}_{\ell}$ experimental data.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Low-lying quarkonia systems such as $\Upsilon(1S)$ mostly decay through intermediate gluons or photons produced by the annihilation of the parent $\bar{q}q$ pair. As a result, strong and radiative decays of $\Upsilon(1S)$ have been widely studied both theoretically and experimentally. Meanwhile, weak decays of $\Upsilon(1S)$ have attracted less attention. Owing to the significant progress in the improvement of collider luminosity over recent years, a large amount of rare weak decays have been observed. In particular, the rare semileptonic decay of the charmonium $J/\psi \rightarrow D\ell^+ \nu_\ell$, $(\ell = e, \mu)$, was considered one of the main research topics at the BESIII experiment [1]. In 2021, BESIII reported a search for the decay $J/\psi \rightarrow De^+ v_e$ based on a sample of 10.1×10^9 J/ ψ events [2]. The results placed an upper limit of the branching fraction of $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow De^+\nu_e + \text{c.c.}) <$ 7.1×10^{-8} at the 90% confidence level (CL). Note that this upper limit was improved by a factor of 170 compared to the previous value [3]. In 2023, using the same J/ψ event sample, BESIII searched for the semimuonic channel for the first time and found an upper limit of $\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \to D\mu^+ \nu_\mu + \text{c.c.}) < 5.6 \times 10^{-7}$ at the 90% CL [4]. These upper limits are still considerably larger than

standard model (SM) predictions, which are of the order of 10^{-11} [5–9]. Nevertheless, the experimental data implied constraints on several new physics (NP) models that could enhance the branching fractions to the order of 10^{-5} [10]. In light of the extensive search for rare charmonium decays, it is reasonable to explore similar decays of the bottomonium $\Upsilon(1S)$.

The semileptonic decays $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)}\ell\bar{\nu}_{\ell}$, where $\ell =$ e,μ,τ , have been investigated in several theoretical studies. However, there are few such studies, and the existing predictions differ. The first calculation of decays $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow$ $B_{c}\ell\bar{\nu}_{\ell}$ was performed by Dhir, Verma, and Sharma [7] in the framework of the Bauer-Stech-Wirbel model. They $\mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_c e \bar{\nu}_e) = \left(1.70^{+0.03}_{-0.02}\right) \times 10^{-10}$ obtained and $\mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c \tau \bar{\nu}_{\tau}) = (2.9^{+0.05}_{-0.02}) \times 10^{-11}$. However, in this study, the authors only considered the $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_c$ transition. In 2017, Wang et al. calculated the decays $\Upsilon(1S) \to B_{(c)}^{(*)} \ell \bar{\nu}_{\ell}$ using the Bethe-Salpeter method [9]. The results for the $\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c$ case were $\mathscr{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c e \bar{\nu}_e) =$ $(1.37^{+0.22}_{-0.19}) \times 10^{-10}$ and $\mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c \tau \bar{\nu}_{\tau}) = (4.17^{+0.58}_{-0.52})$ $\times 10^{-11}$. The results of the two studies above only marginally agree. Considering the ratio of branching fractions, namely, $R(\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c) = \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c \tau \bar{\nu}_{\tau}) / \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S))$

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→ $B_c e \bar{v}_e$), $R(\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c)$ was estimated to be approximately 0.17±0.01 (Dhir *et al.*) and 0.30±0.09 (Wang *et al.*). The results implied a tension at 1.5 σ between the two studies. Moreover, in 2016, Chang *et al.* considered the decays $\Upsilon(nS) \to B_c \ell \bar{v}_\ell$ (n = 1, 2, 3) based on nonrelativistic QCD (NRQCD) [11]. They found $R(\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c) = 0.24^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$, which agrees with the results by Wang *et al.* but disagrees with those by Dhir *et al.* Therefore, it is necessary to provide more theoretical predictions for these decays.

There is another interesting aspect of the $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ decay: at the quark level, it is induced by the transition $b \rightarrow c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$. For more than a decade, tensions between experimental data and the SM predictions for the ratios of the branching fractions $R_D = \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau) / \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D e \bar{\nu}_e)$ and $R_{D^*} = \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^* \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau) / \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^* e \bar{\nu}_e)$ could not be eliminated. This is known in the community as "the $R_{D^{(*)}}$ puzzle," which hints at a possible violation of lepton flavor universality (LFU) and has motivated a significant search for NP in the semileptonic decays $B^0 \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ (see, *e.g.*, [12, 13] and references therein). Thus, the decay $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ is a reasonable candidate for probing possible NP beyond the SM.

The weak decays of hadrons, such as $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)}\ell\bar{\nu}_{\ell}$, are characterized by the interplay of strong and weak interactions. Although the structure of the weak interaction in semileptonic decays is well established, the strong interaction in the hadronic transitions $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)}$ can only be calculated using nonperturbative methods. Hadronic transitions are often parameterized by invariant form factors. In this study, the hadronic form factors of the semileptonic decays of $\Upsilon(1S)$ are calculated in the framework of the covariant confined quark model (CCQM) developed previously by our group. One of the advantages of our model is the ability to calculate the form factors in the entire physical range of momentum transfer without any extrapolation.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II, we present the relevant theoretical formalism for the calculation of the semileptonic decays $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)}\ell\bar{\nu}_{\ell}$. In Sec. III, we briefly introduce the CCQM and demonstrate the calculation of the hadronic form factors in our model. Subsequently, we present our numerical results in Sec. IV and conclude in Sec. V.

II. FORMALISM

In the CCQM, the semileptonic decays $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)}\ell\bar{\nu}_{\ell}$ are described by the Feynman diagram shown in Fig. 1. The effective Hamiltonian for the semileptonic decays $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)}\ell\bar{\nu}_{\ell}$ is given by

$$\mathcal{H}_{\rm eff}(b \to q \ell \bar{\nu}_{\ell}) = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{qb} \left[\bar{q} O^{\mu} b \right] \left[\bar{\ell} O_{\mu} \nu_{\ell} \right], \tag{1}$$

where q = (u, c), G_F is the Fermi constant, V_{qb} is the



Fig. 1. Feynman diagram for semileptonic decays $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)} \ell \bar{\nu}_{\ell}$.

Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa matrix element, and $O^{\mu} = \gamma^{\mu}(1 - \gamma_5)$ is the weak Dirac matrix with left chirality. The invariant matrix element of the decays is written as

$$\mathcal{M}(\Upsilon(1S) \to B_{(c)}\ell\bar{\nu}_{\ell}) = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{qb} \langle B_{(c)} | \bar{q} O^{\mu} b | \Upsilon(1S) \rangle \bar{\ell} O_{\mu} \nu_{\ell}.$$
(2)

The squared matrix element can be written as a product of the hadronic tensor $H_{\mu\nu}$ and leptonic tensor $L^{\mu\nu}$:

$$|\mathcal{M}|^{2} = \frac{G_{F}^{2}}{2} H_{\mu\nu} L^{\mu\nu}.$$
 (3)

The leptonic tensor for the process $W_{\text{off-shell}}^- \to \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ $\left(W_{\text{off-shell}}^+ \to \ell^+ \nu_\ell\right)$ is given by [14]

$$L^{\mu\nu} = \begin{cases} \operatorname{tr} \left[(\not p_{\ell} + m_{\ell}) O^{\mu} \not p_{\nu_{\ell}} O^{\nu} \right] & \text{for } W^{-}_{\text{off-shell}} \to \ell^{-} \bar{\nu}_{\ell} \\ \operatorname{tr} \left[(\not p_{\ell} - m_{\ell}) O^{\nu} \not p_{\nu_{\ell}} O^{\mu} \right] & \text{for } W^{+}_{\text{off-shell}} \to \ell^{+} \nu_{\ell} \\ = 8 \left(p^{\mu}_{\ell} p^{\nu}_{\nu_{\ell}} + p^{\nu}_{\ell} p^{\mu}_{\nu_{\ell}} - p_{\ell} \cdot p_{\nu_{\ell}} g^{\mu\nu} \pm i \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_{\ell\alpha} p_{\nu_{\ell}\beta} \right), \end{cases}$$

$$\tag{4}$$

where the upper/lower sign refers to the two $(\ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell)/(\ell^+ \nu_\ell)$ configurations. The sign change is due to the parity violating part of the leptonic tensors. In our case, we must use the upper sign in Eq. (4).

The hadronic matrix element in Eq. (2) is often parameterized as a linear combination of Lorentz structures multiplied by scalar functions, namely, invariant form factors that depend on the momentum transfer squared. For the $V \rightarrow P$ transition, we have

$$\langle B_{(c)}(p_2) \left| \bar{q} O_{\mu} b \right| \Upsilon(1S)(\epsilon_1, p_1) \rangle \equiv \epsilon_1^{\alpha} T_{\mu\alpha}$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon_1^{\nu}}{m_1 + m_2} [-g_{\mu\nu} p q A_0(q^2) + p_{\mu} p_{\nu} A_+(q^2)$$

$$+ q_{\mu} p_{\nu} A_-(q^2) + i \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p^{\alpha} q^{\beta} V(q^2)],$$
(5)

where $q = p_1 - p_2$, $p = p_1 + p_2$, $m_1 = m_{\Upsilon(1S)}$, $m_2 = m_{B_{(c)}}$, and ϵ_1 is the polarization vector of $\Upsilon(1S)$, such that $\epsilon_1^{\dagger} \cdot p_1 = 0$.

The particles are on-shell, *i.e.*, $p_1^2 = m_1^2 = m_{T(1S)}^2$ and $p_2^2 = m_2^2 = m_{B_{(c)}}^2$. The form factors $A_0(q^2)$, $A_{\pm}(q^2)$, and $V(q^2)$ are calculated later in our model. In terms of the invariant form factors, the hadronic tensor reads as

$$H_{\mu\nu} = T^{VP}_{\mu\alpha} \left(-g^{\alpha\alpha'} + \frac{p_1^{\alpha} p_1^{\alpha'}}{m_1^2} \right) T^{VP\dagger}_{\nu\alpha'}, \tag{6}$$

where

$$T^{VP}_{\mu\alpha} = \frac{1}{m_1 + m_2} \Big[-g_{\mu\alpha} p q A_0(q^2) + p_{\mu} p_{\alpha} A_+(q^2) + q_{\mu} p_{\alpha} A_-(q^2) + i \varepsilon_{\mu\alpha\gamma\delta} p^{\gamma} q^{\delta} V(q^2) \Big].$$
(7)

Finally, by summing the vector polarizations, we obtain the decay width

$$\Gamma\left(\Upsilon(1S) \to B_{(c)}\ell\bar{\nu}_{\ell}\right) = \frac{G_F^2}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{|V_{qb}|^2}{64m_1^3} \int_{m_{\ell}^2}^{(m_1-m_2)^2} dq^2 \int_{s_1^-}^{s_1^-} ds_1 \frac{1}{3} H_{\mu\nu} L^{\mu\nu},$$
(8)

where $m_1 = m_{\Upsilon(1S)}$, $m_2 = m_{B_{(c)}}$, and $s_1 = (p_{B_{(c)}} + p_{\ell})^2$. The upper and lower bounds of s_1 are given by

$$s_{1}^{\pm} = m_{2}^{2} + m_{\ell}^{2} - \frac{1}{2q^{2}} \left[(q^{2} - m_{1}^{2} + m_{2}^{2})(q^{2} + m_{\ell}^{2}) \mp \lambda^{1/2}(q^{2}, m_{1}^{2}, m_{2}^{2}) \lambda^{1/2}(q^{2}, m_{\ell}^{2}, 0) \right],$$
(9)

where $\lambda(x, y, z) \equiv x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2(xy + yz + zx)$ is the Källén function.

III. FORM FACTORS IN THE COVARIANT CONFINED QUARK MODEL

A. CCQM in a nutshell

The CCQM has been used for approximately three decades as a tool for hadronic calculations. The model has been introduced in great detail within many studies by our group, for instance, in Refs. [15-17], and successfully employed to explore the various decays of not only mesons and baryons, but also tetraquarks, pentaquarks, and other multiquark states [18-27]. In this paper, we only list the main features of the model for concision and to focus more on the new results.

The CCQM is based on an effective interaction Lagrangian describing the coupling of hadrons to their constituent quarks. The coupling of a meson $M(q_1\bar{q}_2)$ to its constituent quarks q_1 and \bar{q}_2 is described by the nonlocal Lagrangian (see, *e.g.*, Ref. [17])

$$\mathcal{L}_{int}(x) = g_M M(x) \int dx_1 \int dx_2 F_M(x, x_1, x_2) \times \bar{q}_1(x_1) \Gamma_M q_2(x_2) + \text{H.c.}$$
(10)

Here, g_M is the meson-quark coupling constant, Γ_M is the relevant Dirac matrix (or a string of Dirac matrices) chosen appropriately to describe the spin quantum numbers of the meson field M(x), and the vertex function $F_M(x, x_1, x_2)$ characterizes the finite size of the meson. To satisfy translational invariance, the vertex function must obey the identity $F_M(x+a, x_1+a, x_2+a) = F_M(x, x_1, x_2)$ for any given four-vector a. In what follows, we adopt a specific form for the vertex function, which satisfies the above translation invariance relation.

$$F_M(x;x_1,x_2) = \delta^{(4)}(x - \omega_1 x_1 - \omega_2 x_2) \Phi_M[(x_1 - x_2)^2], \quad (11)$$

where Φ_M is a correlation function of the two constituent quarks with masses m_1 and m_2 . The variable w_i is defined by $w_i = m_i/(m_1 + m_2)$ such that $w_1 + w_2 = 1$. In principle, the Fourier transform of the correlation function, which we denote by $\Phi_M(-p^2)$, can be calculated from the solutions of the Bethe-Salpeter equation for the meson bound states [28].

The authors of Ref. [29] found that, using various forms for the vertex function, the basic hadron observables were insensitive to the details of the functional form of the hadron-quark vertex function. Therefore, we use this observation as a guiding principle and choose a simple Gaussian form for the Fourier transform of the correlation function $\Phi_M(-p^2)$. The minus sign is chosen to emphasize that we are working in Minkowski space.

$$\Phi_M(-p^2) = \exp(p^2/\Lambda_M^2), \tag{12}$$

where the parameter Λ_M characterizes the size of the meson. Because p^2 becomes $-p_E^2$ in Euclidean space, the form (12) has the appropriate falloff behavior in the Euclidean region. We must reiterate that any choice for Φ_M is appropriate as long as it falls off sufficiently fast in the ultraviolet region of Euclidean space to render the Feynman-diagram ultraviolet finite.

Recently, we also considered a more complicated structure for the vertex functions. In Ref. [30], we introduced the vertex functions as Gaussian multiplying some polynomial to describe the radial excitations of the charmonium and bottomonium as follows:

$$\Phi_n(-k^2) = \left(1 + \sum_{m=1}^n c_{m+n-1} s_n^m k^{2m}\right) \Phi_V(-k^2),$$

where $\Phi_V(-k^2) = \exp(k^2/\Lambda_V^2)$. Here, we assumed that the

different radial excitations cannot pass into each other through a quark loop. We called this assumption the orthogonality condition. This condition allowed us to determine the numerical values of the coefficients c_{m+n-1} in the allowed region of p^2 for a certain quarkonium spectrum.

The quark-meson coupling is obtained using the compositeness condition [31, 32]

$$Z_M = 1 - \Pi'_M(m_M^2) = 0, \tag{13}$$

where Z_M is the wave function renormalization constant of the meson M, and Π'_M is the derivative of the meson mass function.

The meson mass function in Eq. (13) is defined by the Feynman diagram shown in Fig. 2 and has the following form:

$$\Pi_{P}(p) = 3g_{P}^{2} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}k}{(2\pi)^{4}i} \widetilde{\Phi}_{P}^{2} \left(-k^{2}\right) \\ \times \operatorname{tr}\left[S_{1}(k+w_{1}p)\gamma^{5}S_{2}(k-w_{2}p)\gamma^{5}\right], \qquad (14)$$

$$\Pi_{V}(p) = g_{V}^{2} \left[g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{p^{\mu}p^{\nu}}{p^{2}} \right] \int \frac{\mathrm{d}k}{(2\pi)^{4}i} \widetilde{\Phi}_{V}^{2} \left(-k^{2} \right)$$

$$\times \operatorname{tr} \left[S_{1}(k+w_{1}p)\gamma_{\mu}S_{2}(k-w_{2}p)\gamma_{\nu} \right],$$
(15)

where

$$S_{i}(k) = \frac{1}{m_{q_{i}} - \not k - i\epsilon} = \frac{m_{q_{i}} + \not k}{m_{q_{i}}^{2} - k^{2} - i\epsilon}$$
(16)

is the quark propagator.

The CCQM has several free parameters, including the constituent quark masses m_q , hadron size parameters Λ_H , and a universal cutoff parameter λ , which guarantees the confinement of constituent quarks inside hadrons. These parameters are obtained by fitting to available experimental data and/or lattice QCD. Once they are fixed, the CCQM can be used to calculate hadronic quantities in a straight-forward manner. The parameters relevant to this study are listed in Table 1.

B. Hadronic matrix element and form factors

In the CCQM, the hadronic matrix element of the semileptonic decays $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)}\ell\bar{\nu}_{\ell}$ is given in the diagram in Fig. 1 and is written as





Fig. 2. One-loop self-energy diagram for a meson.

 Table 1.
 Quark masses, meson size parameters, and infrared cutoff parameter (all in GeV).

$m_{u/d}$	m_s	m_c	m_b	Λ_B	Λ_{B_c}	$\Lambda_{\Upsilon(1S)}$	λ
0.241	0.428	1.67	5.04	1.96	2.73	4.03	0.181

$$\langle B_{(c)}(p_2) \left| \bar{q} O_{\mu} b \right| \Upsilon(1S)(\epsilon_1, p_1) \rangle = \epsilon_1^{\alpha} T_{\mu\alpha}^{VP}$$

$$T_{\mu\alpha}^{VP} = 3g_{\Upsilon(1S)} g_P \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4 i} \widetilde{\Phi}_{\Upsilon(1S)}$$

$$\times [-(k + w_{13} p_1)^2] \widetilde{\Phi}_P [-(k + w_{23} p_2)^2]$$

$$\times \operatorname{tr} \left[S_2(k + p_2) O_{\mu} S_1(k + p_1) \gamma_{\alpha} S_3(k) \gamma_5 \right]$$

$$\equiv \frac{1}{m_1 + m_2} \left[-g_{\mu\alpha} p q A_0(q^2) + p_{\mu} p_{\alpha} A_+(q^2)$$

$$+ q_{\mu} p_{\alpha} A_-(q^2) + \mathrm{i} \varepsilon_{\mu\alpha\gamma\delta} p^{\gamma} q^{\delta} V(q^2) \right],$$
(17)

where k is the loop momentum, and $w_{ij} = m_{q_j}/(m_{q_i} + m_{q_j})$ (*i*, *j* = 1,2,3).

The form factors are then calculated using standard one-loop calculation techniques (see, *e.g.*, Ref. [33]). The main steps are as follows. First, the Gaussian form of the vertex functions in Eq. (12) is substituted into Eq. (17). Second, the Fock-Schwinger representation is used for the quark propagator

$$S_{q_i}(k) = (m_{q_i} + k) \int_0^\infty d\alpha_i e^{-\alpha_i (m_{q_i}^2 - k^2)}.$$
 (18)

Third, the integrals are treated over the Fock-Schwinger parameters $0 \le \alpha_i < \infty$ by introducing an additional integration, which converts the set of these parameters into a simplex:

$$\prod_{i=1}^{n} \int_{0}^{\infty} d\alpha_{i} f(\alpha_{1}, \dots, \alpha_{n})$$

=
$$\int_{0}^{\infty} dt t^{n-1} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \int d\alpha_{i} \delta\left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_{i}\right) f(t\alpha_{1}, \dots, t\alpha_{n}).$$
(19)

Note that Feynman diagrams are calculated in the Euclidean region, where $p^2 = -p_E^2$. The vertex functions fall

off in the Euclidean region; therefore, no ultraviolet divergence appears. To avoid possible thresholds in the Feynman diagram, we introduce a universal infrared cutoff, which effectively guarantees the confinement of quarks within hadrons.

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} dt(\cdots) \to \int_{0}^{1/\lambda^{2}} dt(\cdots).$$
 (20)

Each form factor for the semileptonic transition $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)}$ is finally transformed into three-fold integrals of the general form

$$F(q^{2}) = \int_{0}^{1/\lambda^{2}} dtt^{2} \int_{0}^{1} d\alpha_{1} \int_{0}^{1-\alpha_{1}} d\alpha_{2} f(t\alpha_{1}, t\alpha_{2}).$$
(21)

The expressions for $f(t\alpha_1, t\alpha_2)$ are obtained using our FORM code. The numerical calculation of the three-fold integrals is performed using FORTRAN codes with the help of the NAG library (see appendix).

IV. NUMERICAL RESULTS

Before listing our numerical results, we briefly discuss the estimation of the theoretical errors in our approach. We reiterate that all phenomenological quark models of hadrons are simplified physics pictures; therefore, it is difficult to treat the theoretical error rigorously. The main source of uncertainties originates from the free parameters listed in Table 1. They are obtained by a leastsquares fit of leptonic and electromagnetic decay constants to experimental data and/or lattice QCD, and the allowed deviation in the fit is in the range 5%–10%. This range can be used as a reasonable estimation of the model's errors. Moreover, the CCQM has been applied to study a broad range of hadron decay processes, and we find that our predictions often agree with experimental data within 10%. Therefore, we estimate the theoretical error of the predictions in this study to be approximately 10%.

Note that the 10% error arises from the existence of free parameters in the model, which are determined through a fit to the experimental data (see Ref. [34]). These fitted parameters carry their own uncertainties, and these uncertainties propagate through to the form factors and decay widths. As a result, the overall error remains below 10%. The errors associated with the numerical calculation of the multifold integrals are negligible, as we use a highly reliable subroutine from the NAG library. This ensures that the precision of the numerical integration does not contribute significantly to the overall error. More details on the NAG subroutine are given in the appendix.

A. Form factors

In Fig. 3, we present the form factors of the $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)}$ transitions in the full range of momentum transfer $0 \le q^2 \le q_{\max}^2 = (m_{\Upsilon(1S)} - m_{B_{(c)}})^2$. Note that in the CCQM, the form factors are directly calculated in the entire physical range without the extrapolation typically observed in lattice QCD and the QCD sum rules. We then parameterize the q^2 dependence of the form factors using a general dipole approximation

$$F(q^2) = \frac{F(0)}{1 - as + bs^2}, \quad s \equiv \frac{q^2}{m_{\Upsilon(1S)}^2}.$$
 (22)

The dipole-approximation parameters for the $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)}$ form factors are displayed in Table 2. We also list the values of the form factors at zero recoil, *i.e.*, at q_{max}^2 . We compare the form factors at maximum recoil $(q^2 = 0)$ with those of other theoretical studies in Table 3.

B. Branching fractions

We present our results for the branching fractions of the semileptonic decays $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)} \ell \bar{v}_{\ell}$ ($\ell = e, \mu, \tau$) in



Fig. 3. (color online) Our results for the form factors of the $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B$ (left) and $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_c$ (right) transitions.

	$\Upsilon(1S) \to B$				$\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c$			
	A_0	A_+	A_{-}	V	A_0	A_+	A_{-}	V
F(0)	0.46	0.013	1.03	0.38	2.54	0.27	2.56	1.23
а	3.93	8.99	5.64	5.63	3.49	4.91	4.57	4.54
b	3.41	21.9	8.34	8.37	2.83	7.43	5.93	5.89
$F(q_{\max}^2)$	1.28	0.18	4.78	1.75	3.96	0.50	4.59	2.19

Table 2. Parameters of the dipole approximation for the $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)}$ form factors and the form-factor values at zero recoil q_{max}^2 .

Table 3. Form factors at maximum recoil $q^2 = 0$ in the CCQM and other theoretical studies. The values in the row labeled BS were obtained based on the form-factor graphs of Ref. [9] and private communication with its authors.

	$\Upsilon(1S) \to B$				$\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c$			
	$A_0(0)$	$A_{+}(0)$	$A_{-}(0)$	<i>V</i> (0)	$A_0(0)$	$A_{+}(0)$	$A_{-}(0)$	<i>V</i> (0)
This study	0.46	0.013	1.03	0.38	2.54	0.27	2.56	1.23
BSW [7]					$3.06^{+0.10}_{-0.05}$	$0.38^{+0.06}_{-0.09}$		$1.61\substack{+0.01 \\ -0.01}$
Ref. [35]					4.99	1.01		1.01
NRQCD [11]					3.46	0.51		1.66
BS [9]	0.20	0.031	0.29	0.15	1.63	0.26	1.28	0.80

Table 4. Branching fractions of the $\Upsilon(1S)$ semileptonic decays in the CCQM, Bethe-Salpeter (BS) approach [9], Bauer-Stech-Wirbel (BSW) model [7], and NRQCD framework [11].

Channel	Unit	This study	BS [9]	BSW [7]	NRQCD [11]
$\Upsilon(1S) \to Be\bar{\nu}_e$	10^{-13}	5.96	$7.83^{+1.40}_{-1.20}$		
$\Upsilon(1S) \to B \mu \bar{\nu}_{\mu}$	10^{-13}	5.95	$7.82^{+1.40}_{-1.20}$		
$\Upsilon(1S) \to B \tau \bar{\nu}_{\tau}$	10^{-13}	3.30	$5.04_{-0.79}^{+0.92}$		
$\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c e \bar{\nu}_e$	10^{-10}	1.84	$1.37^{+0.22}_{-0.19}$	$1.70^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$	$5.58^{+3.32}_{-1.54}{}^{+0.14}_{-0.12}{}^{+0.08}_{-0.12}$
$\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c \mu \bar{\nu}_{\mu}$	10^{-10}	1.83	$1.37^{+0.22}_{-0.19}$	$1.69^{+0.04}_{-0.02}$	$5.58^{+3.32}_{-1.54}{}^{+0.14}_{-0.12}{}^{+0.08}_{-0.12}$
$\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c \tau \bar{\nu}_{\tau}$	10 ⁻¹¹	4.74	$4.17_{-0.52}^{+0.58}$	$2.90^{+0.05}_{-0.02}$	$13.0^{+7.7}_{-3.5}{}^{+0.3}_{-0.3}{}^{+0.2}_{-0.4}$

Table 4. We also show the relevant predictions of other theoretical studies for comparison. Our predictions agree well with the Bethe-Salpeter-approach results [9]. Regarding the results obtained using the Bauer-Stech-Wirbel model [7], the branching fractions for the electron and muon modes agree with ours; however, that for the tau mode disagrees. The results obtained in NRQCD [11] for the branching fractions are larger than those in other studies, including ours.

It is interesting to consider the ratio $R_{B(c)} \equiv \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)}\tau\bar{\nu}_{\tau})/\mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)}\ell\bar{\nu}_{\ell}), \ (\ell = e,\mu), where a large part of theoretical and experimental uncertainties cancels. Note that the key advantage in considering this ratio is the cancellation of various uncertainties. Specifically, the hadronic form factors, which describe the <math>\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_c$ transition and carry theoretical uncertainties, largely cancel out. Similarly, uncertainties from radiative corrections, including QCD, QED, and electroweak interactions, also cancel out owing to their similar impacts on both decay channels in the ratio. Additionally, CKM-mat-

rix-element uncertainties are eliminated, as they affect both processes identically. These cancellations make the ratio a particularly clean observable for studying potential deviations from the SM and probing NP effects.

Eqs. (23) and (24) list all available predictions for $R_{B_{(c)}}$ to date:

$$R_B = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \to B\tau\bar{\nu})}{\mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \to B\ell\bar{\nu})} = \begin{cases} 0.64 & \text{BS [9]}\\ 0.55 & \text{This work} \end{cases},$$
(23)

$$R_{B_c} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c \tau \bar{\nu})}{\mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c \ell \bar{\nu})} = \begin{cases} 0.30 & \text{BS [9]} \\ 0.17 & \text{BSW [7]} \\ 0.24 & \text{NRQCD [10]} \\ 0.26 & \text{This work} \end{cases}$$
(24)

Our results for the ratios R_B and R_{B_c} agree well with those in the BS approach. Meanwhile, the result for R_{B_c} in the BSW model is approximately two times smaller than the BS and our predictions. Moreover, the NRQCD prediction for R_{B_c} is very close to ours. Therefore, we propose that the value $R_{B_c} \simeq 0.3$ is a reliable prediction.

C. $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ beyond the standard model

As already mentioned in the introduction, the semileptonic decay $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ is induced by the quark-level transition $b \rightarrow c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ and can be linked with the $R_D^{(*)}$ anomaly. Therefore, it is interesting to probe the possible NP effects in the $\Upsilon(1S)$ semitauonic decay. Based on the current status of the anomalies, we assume that NP only affects leptons of the third generation and modify the effective Hamiltonian for the quark-level transition $b \rightarrow c\tau \bar{\nu}_\tau$ as follows:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\rm eff} = 2 \sqrt{2} G_F V_{cb} [(1 + V_L) O_{V_L} + V_R O_{V_R}], \qquad (25)$$

where the four-fermion operators are written as

$$O_{V_L} = (\bar{c}\gamma^{\mu}P_Lb)\left(\bar{\tau}\gamma_{\mu}P_L\nu_{\tau}\right),$$

$$O_{V_R} = (\bar{c}\gamma^{\mu}P_Rb)\left(\bar{\tau}\gamma_{\mu}P_L\nu_{\tau}\right).$$
 (26)

Here, $P_{L,R} = (1 \mp \gamma_5)/2$ are the left and right projection operators, and $V_{L,R}$ are the complex Wilson coefficients governing the NP contributions. In the SM, $V_{L,R} = 0$.

The invariant matrix element of the semileptonic decay $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_c \tau \bar{\nu}_{\tau}$ is then written as

$$\mathcal{M}|_{\rm NP} = \frac{G_F V_{cb}}{\sqrt{2}} \Big[(1 + V_R + V_L) \langle B_c | \bar{c} \gamma^{\mu} b | \Upsilon(1S) \rangle \bar{\tau} \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma^5) v_{\tau} + (V_R - V_L) \langle B_c | \bar{c} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5 b | \Upsilon(1S) \rangle \bar{\tau} \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma^5) v_{\tau} \Big].$$
(27)

Note that the axial hadronic currents do not contribute to the $P \rightarrow P'$ transition. Therefore, assuming that NP appears in both the $\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D$ and $\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^*$ transitions, the case of pure $V_R - V_L$ coupling is ruled out. Therefore, the branching fraction $\mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_c \tau \bar{\nu}_{\tau})$ is modified according to

$$\mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau)|_{\mathrm{NP}} = |1 + V_L + V_R|^2 \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau)|_{\mathrm{SM}}.$$
(28)

By assuming the dominance of only one NP operator at a time, the allowed regions for the NP Wilson coefficients $V_{L(R)}$ are obtained using experimental data for the ratios of branching fractions $R_D = 0.344 \pm 0.026$, $R_{D^*} =$ 0.285 ± 0.012 [36], and $R_{J/\psi} = 0.71 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.18$ [37], the upper limit $\mathcal{B}(B_c \to \tau \nu) \leq 10\%$ from the LEP1 data [38], and the longitudinal polarization fraction of the D^* meson, $F_L^{D^*}(B \to D^*\tau \bar{\nu}_{\tau}) = 0.43 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.03$ [39]. The relevant form factors for the transitions $B \to D^{(*)}$ and $B_c \to J/\psi$ were calculated in Ref. [40]. In Fig. 4, we show the allowed regions for V_L and V_R within 2σ , and in each region, we find a best-fit value and mark it with an asterisk.

We summarize our predictions for the branching fraction $\mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_c \tau \bar{\nu}_{\tau})$ and the ratio of branching fractions R_{B_c} in Table 5. The row labeled SM (CCQM) contains our predictions within the SM with the CCQM form factors. The predicted intervals for the observables in the



Fig. 4. (color online) Constraints on the complex Wilson coefficients V_L and V_R from the measurements of R_D , R_{D^*} , $R_{J/\psi}$, and $F_L^{D^*}(B \to D^* \tau v_{\tau})$ within 2σ and from the branching fraction $\mathcal{B}(B_c \to \tau v_{\tau}) \le 10\%$. The allowed regions are indicated in light-blue, and the asterisks indicate the best-fit values.

Table 5. Observables in the SM and in the presence of NP.

Quantity	SM (CCQM)	V_R	V_L
$10^{11} \times \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \to B_c \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau)$	4.74	(4.77, 7.07)	(4.74, 27.3)
R_{B_c}	0.26	(0.26, 0.39)	(0.26, 1.50)

presence of NP are given in correspondence with the 2σ allowed regions of the NP Wilson coefficients depicted in Fig. 4. Note that the V_L NP scenario can enhance the physical observables by a factor of 6.

Finally, it is worth mentioning the possibility of experimental observation of the semileptonic decays $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)}\ell\bar{\nu}_{\ell}$. As noted in Ref. [11], a branching fraction of the order of 10^{-10} of the decays $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_c\ell\bar{\nu}_{\ell}$ is almost impossible to achieve at LHCb, CMS, and Belle-II. Although the accumulated number of $\Upsilon(1S)$ samples at these colliders can be as large as $10^{10}-10^{11}$, the low reconstruction efficiency (assumed to be several percent) makes it extremely difficult to observe any significant signal. Even if NP effects enhance the branching fractions by an order of magnitude (in the case of semitauonic decay), studying these decays experimentally remains a challenge (see Ref. [11] for more details).

V. SUMMARY

This paper presents a new study of the semileptonic decays $\Upsilon(1S) \to B_{(c)}\ell\bar{\nu}_{\ell}$, where $\ell = e, \mu, \tau$, inspired by the recent search for similar rare weak decays of J/ψ at BE-SIII. The relevant form factors for the $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)}$ transitions are calculated in the entire momentum transfer squared region within the framework of the CCQM. Predictions of the branching fractions and their ratios are reported and compared with those of other theoretical studies. A good agreement is found with the results of the Bethe-Salpeter approach. However, our prediction of the ratio of branching fractions $R_{B_{(c)}} \equiv \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow B_{(c)}\tau\bar{\nu}_{\tau})/$ $\mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \to B_{(c)}\ell\bar{\nu}_{\ell})$ disagrees with the Bauer-Stech-Wirbel model prediction. We predict $R_{B_c} = 0.26$ and $R_B = 0.55$, which are close to the values $R_{B_c} = 0.30$ and and $R_B = 0.64$ obtained in the Bethe-Salpeter approach. We also extend the SM effective Hamiltonian for the $b \rightarrow c \tau \bar{\nu}_{\tau}$ transition by including left- and right-handed

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four-fermion operators of dimension six. The relevant Wilson coefficients are obtained based on experimental data. Using the 2σ allowed regions for these coefficients, we find that the branching fraction of the tau mode and the ratio R_{B_c} can be enhanced by approximately an order of magnitude. There have been few theoretical calculations for $\Upsilon(1S)$ semileptonic decays to date. Therefore, this study provides more insights for experimental testing of the SM and the search for NP at future colliders.

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APPENDIX: NAG subroutine d01fcf

For numerical calculations of multifold integrals, we use the NAG subroutine d01fcf.

For instance, in the case of threefold integrals:

external FA0: function supplied by the user (our form factor)

 $eps=10^{-5}$: the relative errors acceptable by the user

maxpts=10000000: the maximum number of integrand evaluations

minpts=0: the minimum number of integrand evaluations

lenwrk=500000

wrkstr(50000)

ifail=0

ndim =3: the number of dimensions

finval: contains the best estimate obtained for the integral

acc: contains the estimated relative error in finval

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do 20 k=1,3
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a(k)=0.d0

b(k)=1.d0

20 continue

call d01fcf(ndim,a,b,minpts,maxpts,FA0,eps,acc,lenwrk,wrkstr,finval,ifail)

A0=finval acc= 10^{-4} .

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