A Systematic Study on Nonrelativistic Quarkonium Interaction

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Abstract

A recently proposed strictly phenomenological static quark-antiquark potential belonging to the generality $V(r) = -Ar^{-\alpha} + \kappa r^\beta + V_0$ is tested with heavy quarkonia in the context of the shifted large $N$-expansion method. This non-relativistic potential model fits the spin-averaged mass spectra of the $c\bar{c}$, $b\bar{b}$ and $c\bar{b}$ quarkonia within a few MeV and also the five experimentally known leptonic decay widths of the $c\bar{c}$ and $b\bar{b}$ vector states. Further, we compute the hyperfine splittings of the bottomonium spectrum as well as the fine and hyperfine splittings of the charmonium spectrum. We give predictions for not yet observed $B_c$ splittings. The model is then used to predict the masses of the remaining quarkonia and the leptonic decay widths of the two pseudoscalar $c\bar{c}$ states. Our results are compared with other models to gauge the reliability of the predictions and point out differences.

I. INTRODUCTION

The charm-beauty ($B_c$) quarkonium states provide a unique window into heavy quark dynamics. The properties of the $B_c$ mesons are of special interest, since they are the only quarkonia consisting of two heavy quarks with different flavours and are also intermediate to the charmonium and bottomonium systems. Additionally, because they carry flavour they cannot annihilate into gluons so are more stable with widths less than a hundred keV. Excited $B_c$ meson states lying below BD (and BD* or B*D) threshold can only undergo hadronic (pionic) or radiative transitions to the ground pseudoscalar state which then decays weakly. This results in a rich spectroscopy of narrow radial and orbital excitations which are considerably more stable than their charmonium and bottomonium analogues. The discovery of
the $B_c$ meson by the Collider Detector at Fermilab (CDF) Collaboration [1] in $p\bar{p}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 1.8$ TeV with an observed pseudoscalar mass $M_{B_c}(1S) = 6.40 \pm 0.39 \pm 0.13$ GeV has inspired new theoretical interest in the study of the $B_c$ spectroscopy in the framework of heavy quarkonium theory [2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15].

On the other hand, for bottomonium system, the ALEPH collaboration in 2002 has searched for the pseudoscalar bottomonium meson, $\eta_b$, in two-photon interactions at LEP2 with an integrated luminosity of 699 pb$^{-1}$ collected at $e^+e^-$ centre-of mass energies from 181 GeV to 209 GeV. One candidate event is found in the six-charged-particle final state and none in the four-charged-particle final state. The candidate $\eta_b(1S)$ ($\eta_b \rightarrow K_S K^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$) has reconstructed invariant mass of $9.30 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.02$ GeV [16]. Theoretical estimates (from perturbative QCD and lattice nonrelativistic QCD) to the hyperfine mass splitting for the 1S bottomonium state $\Delta_{HF}(1S)$ are reported (cf. [16] and references therein).

Moreover, the inconsistent Crystal Ball measurement for the pseudoscalar charmonium mass, $M_{\eta_c(2S)} = 3594 \pm 5$ MeV [17] has been given for more than 20 years, before a new measurement of $3654 \pm 6 \pm 8$ MeV was available by Belle Collaboration in summer of 2002 [18] for the exclusive $B \rightarrow K K_S K^- \pi^+$ decays. It is close to the $\eta_c(2S)$ mass observed by the same group in the experiment $e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi \eta_c$ where $M_{\eta_c(2S)} = 3622 \pm 12$ MeV was found [19]. It is giving rise to a small hyperfine splitting for the 2S charmonium state, $\Delta_{HF}(2S,\text{exp}) = M_{\psi(2S)} - M_{\eta_c(2S)} = 32 \pm 14$ MeV [20].

Very recently, several more new measurements have been appeared that support the Belle value: BaBar measures $3630.8 \pm 3.4 \pm 1.0$ MeV [21] (an earlier analysis resulted in $3632.2 \pm 5.0 \pm 1.8$ MeV [22]), CLEO II gives $3642.7 \pm 4.1 \pm 4.0$ MeV [23] (CLEO III prelim: $3642.5 \pm 3.6\pm$ ? MeV) and a different Belle analysis yields $3630 \pm 8$ MeV [24]. The $\Delta_{HF}(2S)$ splitting calculated from a naive average of the central values of all measurements except Crystal Ball is 47 MeV). Further, the following mass values have been obtained: $M_{J/\psi(1S)} = 3096.917 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.007$ MeV and $M_{\psi(2S)} = 3686.111 \pm 0.025 \pm 0.009$ MeV. The relative measurement accuracy reached $4 \times 10^{-6}$ for the $J/\psi(1S)$, $7 \times 10^{-6}$ for the $\psi(2S)$ and is approximately 3 times better than that of the previous precise experiments in [25] and [26].
The new result for the mass difference is $M_{\psi(2S)} - M_{J/\psi(1S)} = 589.194 \pm 0.027 \pm 0.011$ MeV [2].

Consequently, such observations of hyperfine splittings for the 2S charmonium and 1S bottomonium spectra have inspired new theoretical interest in the study of the hyperfine splittings of the charmonium and bottomonium states as well as their spectra [5,14,27,28,29]. Badalian and Bakker [27] calculated the hyperfine splitting for the 2S charmonium state, $\Delta_{HF}(2S,\text{theory}) = 57 \pm 8$ MeV, in their recent work. Recksiegel and Sumino developed a new formalism [28] based on improved perturbative QCD approach to compute the fine and hyperfine splittings of charmonium and bottomonium [28,29].

As a result, one is able to test the validity of the conventional phenomenological potential models where the core potential follow from simple ansatzes by comparing our theoretical predictions of the spectrum of heavy quarkonia in terms of agreement with the experimental data with respect to the estimated uncertainties. Thus, these phenomenological potential models are not a priori connected to a fundamental QCD parameters [4,5,6,7,8]. In general, where the masses of bottomonium and charmonium states have been measured, the experimental uncertainties are much smaller than the theoretical uncertainties [20]. The only two exceptions are the very poorly measured masses of $\eta_b(1S)$ and $\eta_c(2S)$. With suitable potential model, very good agreement with the observed spectra can be obtained for the charmonium and bottomonium states (e.g., [15]). These studies established the non-relativistic nature of the heavy quarkonium systems and, in overall, a unified shape of the inter-quark potential in the distance region $0.5 \lesssim r \lesssim 5$ GeV$^{-1}$.

In this work we extend our previous analysis of the shifted large-N expansion technique (SLNET) developed for the Schrödinger wave equation [4,30,31,32] and then applied to semirelativistic and relativistic wave equations [5,32,33] to reproduce the hyperfine splittings of the $c\bar{c}$, $b\bar{b}$ and $c\bar{b}$ spectra using a recently proposed phenomenological potential [15]. The calculations of the bottomonium hyperfine splittings constitute predictions of the yet unobserved states. The motivation of the present work is to give a detailed analysis of mass spectra and decay widths for $c\bar{c}$, $b\bar{b}$ and $B_c$ systems using a recently proposed phenomenolog-
ical potential form [15]. We also calculate the masses of the recently found new charmonium \( \eta_c (2S) \) and the searched bottomonium \( \eta_b (1S) \) mesons together with the hyperfine splittings of their states.

The outline of this paper is as following: In Section II, we first review briefly the analytic solution of the Schrödinger equation for unequal mass case \( (m_{q_i} \neq m_{q_j}) \). Section III is devoted for the spin-averaged quarkonium masses of spin triplet states. The leptonic decay widths are briefly reviewed in Section IV. Finally, Section V contains our conclusions.

II. SCHRÖDINGER MASS SPECTRUM

We limit our discussion to the following generality of potentials [5,15,34]:

\[
V(r) = -Ar^{-\alpha} + \kappa r^\beta + V_0, \tag{1}
\]

where \( A, \kappa, \alpha \) and \( \beta \) are nonnegative constants whereas \( V_0 \) is taking any sign. These static quarkonium potentials are monotone nondecreasing, and concave functions satisfying the condition [4,5,30,32,33]

\[
V'(r) > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad V''(r) \leq 0. \tag{2}
\]

At least ten potentials of this generality, but with various values of the parameters, have been proposed in the literature. Cornell potential has \( \alpha = \beta = 1 \), Lichtenberg potential has \( \alpha = \beta = 0.75 \), Song-Lin potential has \( \alpha = \beta = 0.5 \), and the logarithmic potential of Quigg and Rosner corresponds to \( \alpha = \beta \rightarrow 0 \), have been recently studied (cf. e.g., [4,5,6,30,32,33] and references therein). The Song’s potential used in [34] has \( \alpha = \beta = 2/3 \). Potentials with \( \alpha \neq \beta \) have also been popular. Thus, Martin potential \( \alpha = 0, \beta = 0.1 \) [4,5,6,30,32,33], while Grant, Rosner and Rynes [35] prefer \( \alpha = 0.045, \beta = 0 \). Heikkilä, Törnquist and Ono [36] tried \( \alpha = 1, \beta = 2/3 \). More successful potential known in literature as Indiana potential [37] and the Richardson potential [38]. Recently, Motyka and Zalewski [15] have also explored the quality of fit in the region \( 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1.2, 0 \leq \beta \leq 1.1 \) of the \( \alpha, \beta \) plane. They choose the region with coordinates \( \alpha = 1, \beta = 0.5 \).
In the present work, in order to get a good fit, we test the second generality (1) with \( \alpha = 1, \beta = 0.5 \). Therefore, the nonrelativistic phenomenological potential used by Motyka and Zelawiski [15] for the \( q_i\bar{T}_i \) and \( q_i\bar{T}_j \) systems has the form
\[
V(r) = -\frac{0.325250}{r} + 0.70638\sqrt{r} - 0.78891,
\]
where \( V(r) \), \( \sqrt{r} \) and \( r^{-1} \) are all in units of GeV. Consequently, as \( r \to 0 \), this potential has the \( r^{-1} \) dependence corresponding to one gluon exchange. The expected part of the potential which is linear in \( r \) is not seen. Probably the bottomonia are too small to reach sufficiently far into the asymptotic region of linear confinement. Perhaps a more flexible potential would exhibit the linear part, but one may be observing an effect of the expected screening of the interaction between the heavy quarks by the light sea quarks [15]. The corresponding potential (3) is very reasonable (cf. e.g., [15]).

The quark massses are
\[
m_c = 1.3959 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_b = 4.8030 \text{ GeV}.
\]
(4)

For the \( c\bar{b} \) quarkonium we use the reduced mass
\[
\mu_{cb} = \frac{m_cm_b}{m_c + m_b} = 1.0816 \text{ GeV}.
\]
(5)

We follow Ref.[15] in choosing the centers of gravity of the triplets for the practical reasons that the masses of the spin singlets for the \( b\bar{b} \) quarkonium are not known or very poorly measured.

For two particles system, we shall consider the \( N- \)dimensional space Schrödinger equation for any spherically symmetric central potential \( V(r) \). If \( \psi(r) \) denotes the Schrödinger’s wave function, a separation of variables \( \psi(r) = Y_l,m(\theta,\phi)u(r)/r^{(N-1)/2} \) gives the following radial Schrödinger equation \( (\hbar = c = 1) [4,6,30,31,32] \)
\[
\left\{ -\frac{1}{4\mu} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \left[ \frac{k - (1 - a)(3 - a)}{16\mu r^2} + V(r) \right] \right\} u(r) = E_{n,l}u(r),
\]
(6)

with \( \mu = \frac{m_qm_j}{m_q + m_j} \) is the reduced mass for the two quarkonium composite particles. Here, \( E_{n,l} \) denotes the Schrödinger binding energy of meson, and \( k = N + 2l - a \), with \( a \) representing a
proper shift to be calculated later on and \( l \) is the angular quantum number. We follow the shifted \( 1/N \) or \( 1/k \) expansion method [4,5,30,31,32,33] by defining

\[
V(x(r_0)) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{d^m V(r_0)}{dr_0^m} \right) \frac{(r_0 x)^m}{m! Q} k^{(4-m)/2},
\]

and also the energy eigenvalue expansion [4,5,30,32,33]

\[
E_{n,l} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{k}^{(2-m)}}{Q} E_m,
\]

where \( x = \bar{k}^{1/2}(r/r_0 - 1) \) with \( r_0 \) is an arbitrary point where the Taylor’s expansions is being performed about and \( Q \) is a scale parameter to be set equal to \( \bar{k}^2 \) at the end of our calculations. Following the approach presented by Ref.[4,30,32], we give the necessary expressions for calculating the binding energies:

\[
E_0 = V(r_0) + \frac{Q}{16\mu r_0^2},
\]

\[
E_1 = \frac{Q}{r_0^2} \left[ \left( n_r + \frac{1}{2} \right) \omega - \frac{(2-a)}{8\mu} \right],
\]

\[
E_2 = \frac{Q}{r_0^2} \left[ \frac{(1-a)(3-a)}{16\mu} + \alpha^{(1)} \right],
\]

\[
E_3 = \frac{Q}{r_0^2} \alpha^{(2)},
\]

where \( \alpha^{(1)} \) and \( \alpha^{(2)} \) are two useful expressions given by Imbo et al [31] and also the scale parameter \( Q \) is defined by the relation

\[
Q = 8\mu r_0^3 V'(r_0).
\]

Thus, for the \( N = 3 \) physical space, the Schrödinger binding energy to the third order is [4,30]

\[
E_{n,l} = V(r_0) + \frac{1}{2} r_0 V'(r_0) + \frac{1}{r_0^2} \left[ \frac{(1-a)(3-a)}{16\mu} + \alpha^{(1)} + \frac{\alpha^{(2)}}{k} + O \left( \frac{1}{k^2} \right) \right].
\]
where the shifting parameter, $a$, is defined by

$$a = 2 - (2n_r + 1) \left[ 3 + \frac{r_0 V''(r_0)}{V'(r_0)} \right]^{1/2}, \quad (15)$$

and the root, $r_0$, is being determined via

$$1 + 2l + (2n_r + 1) \left[ 3 + \frac{r_0 V''(r_0)}{V'(r_0)} \right]^{1/2} = \left[ 8\mu r_0^3 V'(r_0) \right]^{1/2}, \quad (16)$$

with $n_r = n - 1$ is the radial quantum number and $n$ is the principal quantum number. Once $r_0$ is found via equation (16), then the Schrödinger binding energy of the $q_i q_j$ system in (14) becomes relatively simple and straightforward. Hence, the bound state mass of the $q_i q_j$ system is written as

$$M(q_i q_j)_{nl} = m_{q_i} + m_{q_j} + 2E_{n,l}. \quad (17)$$

where $m_{q_i}$ and $m_{q_j}$ are the masses of the quark and antiquark, respectively. The expansion parameter $1/N$ or $1/k$ becomes smaller as $l$ becomes larger since the parameter $k$ is proportional to $n$ which it appears in the denominator in higher-order correction.

### III. SPIN-AVERAGED MASSES OF SPIN TRIPLET STATES

Since the systems that we investigate in the present work are often considered as nonrelativistic system, then our treatment is based upon Schrödinger equation with a Hamiltonian

$$H_o = -\frac{\nabla^2}{2\mu} + V(r) + V_{SS}, \quad (18)$$

where $V_{SS}$ is the spin-dependent term. The spin dependent correction to the nonrelativistic Hamiltonian, which is responsible for the hyperfine splitting of the mass levels, is generally used in the form [7,8,39,40,41,42]

$$V_{SS} \rightarrow V_{HF} = \frac{32\pi\alpha_s}{9m_{q_i}m_{q_j}}(s_1 \cdot s_2 - \frac{1}{4})\delta^3(r), \quad (19)$$

adapted from the Breit-Fermi Hamiltonian. The number $\frac{1}{4}$ substituted from the product of the spins corresponds to the recent assumption that the unperturbed nonrelativistic
Hamiltonian gives the energy of the triplet states. Since for the states with orbital angular momentum \( L > 0 \) the wave function vanishes at the origin, the shift effect only the S states. Thus, the only first order effect of this perturbation is to shift the \(^1S_0\) states down in energy by

\[
\Delta E_{\text{HF}} = \frac{32\pi \alpha_s}{9m_\pi m_q} |\psi(0)|^2 ,
\]

(20)

with the wave function at the origin is calculated by using the expectation value of the potential derivative via [4,5,6,30,42,43]

\[
|\psi(0)|^2 = \frac{\mu}{2\pi} \left\langle \frac{dV(r)}{dr} \right\rangle .
\]

(21)

In order to apply the last formula one needs the value of the wavefunction at the origin—this is obtained by solving the Schrödinger equation with the nonrelativistic Hamiltonian and the coupling constant. In this approach, the QCD strong coupling constant \( \alpha_s(4\mu^2) \) on the renormalization point \( \mu^2 \) is not an independent parameter. It can be connected (in the \( \overline{MS} \) renormalization scheme) through the two-loop relation [10,15]

\[
\alpha_s(\mu^2) = \frac{4\pi}{\beta_0} \left( \frac{\lambda(\mu^2)}{\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}} \right)^2 - 1
\]

(22)

where \( \beta_0 = 11 - \frac{2}{3}n_f \). Like most authors (cf. e.g. [4,5,6,7,8,15]), the strong coupling constant \( \alpha_s(m_c^2) \) is fitted to the experimental charmonium hyperfine splitting number \( \Delta_{\text{HF}}(1S,\text{exp}) = 117 \pm 2 \text{ MeV} \) [4,20] yields

\[
\alpha_s(m_c^2) = 0.254 .
\]

(23)

Knowing the coupling at the scale \( m_c^2 \) we obtain the couplings at other scales as follows. The number of flavours \( (n_f) \) is put equal to three for \( 4\mu^2 \leq m_c^2 \) (we are not interested in the region \( 4\mu^2 \leq m_b^2 \)), equal to four for \( m_b^2 \geq 4\mu^2 \geq m_c^2 \) and equal to five for \( 4\mu^2 \geq m_b^2 \) (we are not interested in the region \( 4\mu^2 \geq m_t^2 \)). Then the value of \( \alpha_s(4\mu^2 = m_c^2) \) from (22) is used to
calculate $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}^{(n_f=3)}$ and $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}^{(n_f=4)}$. Using the known value of $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}^{(n_f=4)}$ and the formula form (22) we find the value

$$\alpha_s(m_b^2) = 0.200,$$

(24)

From this the value of $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}^{(n_f=5)}$ is found. Note that this supports our model since a different choice of the Hamiltonian would in general lead to a different value of the wave function at the origin and to a different determination of $\alpha_s(m_c^2)$ from the same hyperfine splitting. Then the estimate of $\alpha_s(m_Z^2)$ would, of course, be also different. For the hyperfine splitting of the $c\bar{b}$ quarkonium we use the coupling constant

$$\alpha_s(4\mu_{cb}^2) = 0.224,$$

(25)

so that in each case the scale is twice the reduced mass of the quark-antiquark system.

The calculated quarkonium masses together with hyperfine splittings are given in Tables 1-3. The hyperfine mass splittings of $c\bar{c}$ and $b\bar{b}$ predicted by the potential model is listed with some other models in Table 4. Therefore, as for the hyperfine splittings in Table 4, all of the potential model calculations try to reproduce the old experimental values, while the lattice calculations and perturbative QCD favor the new values. No confirmed experimental data to check these predictions are available yet. Let us note, however, that the unconfirmed experimental splitting of the $2S(c\bar{c})$ level $-92/32$ MeV- is much bigger/lower than expected from the potential models. In all cases, where comparison with the other models are significantly smaller than the splittings found by Eichten and Quigg [7] and similar to, but usually a little smaller than, the splittings calculated by Gupta and Johnson [44].

One can also try to compare our results with more ambitious approaches. A careful analysis in the framework of QCD sum rules [45] finds the hyperfine splitting of the bottomonium $\Delta_{\text{HF}}(1S,\text{theory}) = 63^{+29}_{-51}$ MeV. The central value agrees to several MeV very well with our expectation, but the uncertainty is too large to distinguish between the potential models. A lattice calculation [9] gives the hyperfine splitting $\Delta_{\text{HF}}(1S,\text{theory}) = 60$ MeV.
with a large uncertainty. Again the central value is close to our model, but the uncertainty is big enough to be consistent with all the potential models quoted here.

IV. LEPTONIC DECAY WIDTHS

The leading terms in the leptonic decay widths of the heavy quarkonia are proportional to the squares of the wave functions at the origin. Therefore, they are significant only for the $S$ states. For the $c\bar{c}$ and $b\bar{b}$ quarkonium systems, we shall consider the decays of the $n^3S_1$ (vector) states into pairs of charge conjugated charged leptons, e.g. for definiteness into $e^+e^-$ pairs. For the $c\bar{b}$ quarkonium we consider the decays of the $n^1S_0$ (pseudoscalar) states into $\tau\nu_\tau$ pairs. Since the probability of such decays contains as a factor the square of the lepton mass, the decays into lighter leptons are much less probable.

The decay widths of the vector $c\bar{c}$ and $b\bar{b}$ quarkonium systems into charged lepton pairs are usually calculated from the QCD corrected Van Royen-Weiskopf formula [46]

$$\Gamma_{V\rightarrow ll} = 16\pi\alpha^2 e_q^2 \frac{|\psi(0)|^2}{M_V^2} \left( 1 - \frac{16\alpha_s(m_q^2)}{3\pi} \right).$$

(26)

For vector mesons containing light quarks this formula leads to paradoxes (cf. [47] and references therein). For quarkonia, however, the main problem seems to be the QCD correction. Thus, in order to get quantitative predictions it is necessary to include higher order corrections which are not known. In order to estimate the missing terms we tried two simple forms. Exponentialization of the first correction

$$C_1(\alpha_s(m_q^2)) = \exp(-\frac{16\alpha_s(m_q^2)}{3\pi}),$$

(27)

and Padeization

$$C_2(\alpha_s(m_q^2)) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{16\alpha_s(m_q^2)}{3\pi}}.$$

(28)

We use the average of these two estimates as our estimate of the QCD correction factor extended to higher orders. The difference between $C_1$ and $C_2$ is our crude evaluation of the
uncertainty of this estimate. The resulting leptonic widths are collected in Table 5. Further, we have the relation

\[ \Gamma_{V \to \ell \ell} = \frac{9}{8} m_q^2 \frac{\alpha^2 e_q^2}{M_V^2} C_{av} \Delta E_{HF}, \]  

(29)

where \(C_{av}\) is the averaged QCD correction factor. With our choice of parameters this formula reduces to

\[ \Gamma_{V \to \ell \ell} = F(q) \frac{4m_q^2}{M_V^2} \Delta E_{HF}, \]  

(30)

with \(F(c) = 7.07 \times 10^{-5}\) and \(F(b) = 2.43 \times 10^{-5}\).

The formula for the leptonic widths of the pseudoscalar \(c\bar{b}\) quarkonium reads

\[ \Gamma_{\tau \nu \tau} = G^2 \frac{2}{8\pi} f_{B_c}^2 |V_{cb}|^2 M_{B_c} m_{\tau}^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_{\tau}^2}{M_{B_c}^2}\right)^2, \]  

(31)

where \(G\) is the Fermi constant, \(V_{cb} \approx 0.04\) is the element of the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Masakawa matrix and the decay constant \(f_{B_c}\) is given by the formula (cf. e.g. [48])

\[ f_{B_c}^2 = 12 \frac{|\psi(0)|^2}{M_{B_c}^2} \overline{C}^2(\alpha_s), \]  

(32)

where \(\overline{C}(\alpha_s)\) is QCD correction factor. Formally this decay constant is defined in terms of the element of the axial weak current

\[ \langle 0 | A_{\mu}(0) | B_c(q) \rangle = i f_{B_c} V_{cb} q_{\mu}. \]  

(33)

The QCD correction factor is [48]

\[ \overline{C}(\alpha_s) = 1 - \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_{cb}^2)}{\pi} \left[ 2 - \frac{m_b - m_c}{m_b + m_c} \ln \frac{m_b}{m_c} \right]. \]  

(34)

With our parameters \(\overline{C}(\alpha_s) \approx 0.905\) and since this is rather close to unity, we use it without trying to estimate the higher order terms.

Substituting the numbers one finds the decay widths given in Table 5. The corresponding decay constants for the ground state and for the first excited S–state of the \(c\bar{b}\) quarkonium are found to be \(f_{B_c} = 492\) MeV and \(f_{B_c} = 338\) MeV (cf. e.g., [6]).
Let us note the convenient relation

\[ f_{Bc}^2 = \frac{27\mu_{cb}}{8\pi\alpha_s(4\mu_{cb}^2)} \frac{m_b + m_c}{M_{Bc}} C^2(\alpha_s) \Delta E_{HF}, \]  

which for our values of the parameters yields

\[ f_{Bc} = 65.2 \sqrt{\frac{6199}{M_{Bc}}} \sqrt{\Delta E_{HF}}, \]  

where all the parameters are in suitable powers of MeV.

**V. CONCLUSIONS**

Figure 1 shows the behavior of the present potential form in comparison with some other potential forms considered in [4]. From this figure it is noticed that, all potential forms are nearly the same at large \( r \), but the behavior seem different at very small \( r \) (\( r < 0.5 \text{ GeV}^{-1} \), about 0.1 fm), due to the variation of the one-gluon exchange term in each potential model. Further, the present potential model containing six free parameters: the three parameters in the strictly nonrelativistic phenomenological potential (3), the masses of the \( c \) and \( b \) quarks (4) and the strong coupling constant at the \( m_c \) scale (22). This model is applicable to all heavy quarkonia below their strong decay thresholds.

Consequently, we obtain the \( c\bar{c}, b\bar{b} \) and \( c\bar{b}(b\bar{c}) \) quarkonium mass spectra and also their leptonic decay widths in good agreement with up-to-date experimental findings. We also give prediction for the \( c\bar{b} \) quarkonium masses and also for the leptonic widths of the pseudoscalar \( c\bar{b} \) quarkonium. Our model predicts similar hyperfine splitting for the 1S bottomonium and 2S charmonium as in the other potential models [7,15], lattice [49,50] and perturbation QCD [28,29,51]. Further, the fine splitting in charmonium is found to be \( M_{\psi(1S)} - M_{J/\psi(1S)} = 597 \text{ MeV} \).

Finally, in general, the potential models reproduce the experimental values much better. This feature would be understandable, since the potential models contain much more input parameters than the lattice or perturbative QCD models.
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FIGURES

FIG. 1. The behavior of the different potential models versus $r$. 

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TABLE I. Schrödinger bound-state mass spectrum of $c\bar{c}$ quarkonium (in $MeV$). $\Delta X$ denotes the difference between the mass of particle $X$ and the centre of gravity of the spin triplet part of the multiplet, where $X$ belongs.

| State   | EQ [7] | GJ [44] | MZ [15] | This work | Expt.[20] |
|---------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| $1^3S_1$ | 3097   | 3097    | 3097    | 3097      | 3096.87±0.04 |
| $\Delta 1^1S_0$ | -117   | -117    | -117    | -117      | -117      |
| $1P(c.o.g)$ | 3492   | 3526    | 3521    | 3521      | 3525.3±0.2 |
| $2^3S_1$ | 3686   | 3685    | 3690    | 3694      | 3685.96±0.09 |
| $\Delta 2^1S_0$ | -78    | -68     | -72     | -65.9     | -92/-32   |
| $1D(c.o.g)$ |       |         |         | 3806      | (1$^3D_1$ state) 3769.9±25 |
| $2P(c.o.g)$ |       |         |         | 3944      |           |
| $3^3S_1$ | 4078   |         |         | 4040±10   |           |
| $2D(c.o.g)$ |       |         |         | 4150      | 4159±20?  |
| $3P(c.o.g)$ |       |         |         | 4265      |           |
| $4^3S_1$ | 44377  |         |         | 4415±6    |           |
| $3D(c.o.g)$ |       |         |         | 4430      |           |
| $5^3S_1$ | 4628   |         |         |           |           |
TABLE II. Schrödinger bound-state mass spectrum of $b\bar{b}$ quarkonium (in $MeV$). $\Delta X$ denotes the difference between the mass of particle $X$ and the centre of gravity of the spin triplet part of the multiplet, where $X$ belongs.

| State   | EQ [7]   | KR [11]  | MZ [15]  | This work | Expt. [20] |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| $1^3S_1$ | 9464     | 9460     | 9460     | 9460      | 9460       |
| $\Delta 1^1S_0$ | -87      | -56.7    | -57.9    | (160)     |
| $1P$ (c.o.g) | 9873     | 9903     | 9900     | 9900      | 9900       |
| $2^3S_1$ | 10007    | 10023    | 10031    | 10023     |
| $\Delta 2^1S_0$ | -44      | -28      | -23.2    |           |
| $1D$ (c.o.g) | 10127    | 10156    | 10155    | 10155     |
| $2P$ (c.o.g) | 10231    | 10259    | 10260    | 10261     | 10260      |
| $3^3S_1$ | 10339    | -        | 10355    | 10364     | 10355      |
| $2D$ (c.o.g) | -        | 10441    | 10438    | 10438     |
| $3P$ (c.o.g) | -        | 10520    | 10525    | 10527     |
| $4^3S_1$ |          |          |          | 10614     |
| $3D$ (c.o.g) |          |          |          | 10666     |
| $5^3S_1$ |          |          |          | 10820     |
TABLE III. Schrödinger bound-state mass spectrum of $c \bar{b}$ ($b \bar{c}$) quarkonium in MeV. $\Delta X$ denotes the difference between the mass of particle $X$ and the centre of gravity of the spin triplet part of the multiplet, where $X$ belongs.

| State          | MZ [15] | CK [52] | EQ [7] | R [53] | G [12] | GJ [44] | This work |
|----------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-----------|
| $1^3S_1$       | 6349    | 6355    | 6337   | 6320   | 6317   | 6308    | 6349      |
| $\Delta 1^1S_0$ | -58     | -45     | -73    | -65    | -64    | -41     | -58.2     |
| $1P$(c.o.g)    | 6769    | 6764    | 6736   | 6753   | 6728   | 6753    | 6769      |
| $2^3S_1$       | 6921    | 6917    | 6899   | 6900   | 6902   | 6886    | 6926      |
| $\Delta 2^1S_0$ | -33    | -27     | -43    | -35    | -33    | -30     | -30       |
| $1D$(c.o.g)    | -       | -       | -      | -      | -      | -       | 7040      |
| $2P$(c.o.g)    | 7165    | 7160    | 7160   | 7122   | 7165   |         | 7165      |
| $3^3S_1$       |         |         |        |        |        | 7288    |           |
| $2D$(c.o.g)    |         |         |        |        |        | 7359    |           |
| $3P$(c.o.g)    |         |         |        |        |        | 7464    |           |
| $4^3S_1$       |         |         |        |        |        | 7567    |           |
| $3D$(c.o.g)    |         |         |        |        |        | 7619    |           |
| $5^3S_1$       |         |         |        |        |        | 7800    |           |
### TABLE IV. Level splittings in charmonium and bottomonium (in $MeV$).

| Level splitting | Expt. | [7]\(a\) | [15]\(a\) | [14]\(a\) | [54]\(a\) | [49]\(b\) | [50]\(b\) | [29]\(c\) | This work |
|----------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| $\Delta_{HF}^{(c\bar{c})}(2S) = M_{\psi(2S)} - M_{\eta_c(2S)}$ | $92/32$ | $78$ | $72$ | $98$ | $92$ | $43$ | $-$ | $38$ | $66$ |
| $\Delta_{HF}^{(b\bar{b})}(1S) = M_{\Upsilon(1S)} - M_{\eta_b(1S)}$ | $(160)$ | $87$ | $57$ | $60$ | $45$ | $-$ | $51$ | $44$ | $58$ |
| $\Delta_{HF}^{(b\bar{b})}(2S) = M_{\Upsilon(2S)} - M_{\eta_b(2S)}$ | $-$ | $44$ | $28$ | $30$ | $28$ | $-$ | $-$ | $21$ | $23$ |

\(a\)Potential model.  
\(b\)Lattice.  
\(c\)Perturbative QCD.

### TABLE V. Leptonic widths (in $KeV$).

| State | EQ [7] | MZ [15] | This work | Expt. |
|-------|--------|---------|-----------|-------|
| $1^3S_1(c\bar{c})$ | $8$ | $4.5\pm0.5$ | $6.72\pm0.49$ | $5.3\pm0.4$ |
| $2^3S_1(c\bar{c})$ | $3.7$ | $1.9\pm0.2$ | $2.66\pm0.19$ | $2.1\pm0.2$ |
| $1^3S_1(b\bar{b})$ | $1.7$ | $1.36\pm0.07$ | $1.45\pm0.07$ | $1.32\pm0.05$ |
| $2^3S_1(b\bar{b})$ | $0.8$ | $0.59\pm0.03$ | $0.52\pm0.02$ | $0.52\pm0.03$ |
| $3^3S_1(b\bar{b})$ | $0.6$ | $0.40\pm0.02$ | $0.35\pm0.02$ | $0.48\pm0.08$ |
| $1^1S_0(c\bar{b})$ | $4\times10^{-8}$ | $2.8\times10^{-8}$ | $3.58\times10^{-8}$ | $-$ |
| $2^1S_0(c\bar{b})$ | $-$ | $1.6\times10^{-8}$ | $1.89\times10^{-8}$ | $-$ |
$V(r), \text{MeV}$

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- Song–Lin

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