Color-allowed Bottom Baryon to Charmed Baryon non-leptonic Decays

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Abstract

We study color allowed $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c^{(*)} M^-$, $\Xi_b \to \Xi_c^{(*)} M^-$ and $\Omega_b \to \Omega_c^{(*)} M^-$ decays with $M = \pi, K, \rho, K^*, D, D_s, D^*, D_s^*, a_1$, $\Lambda_c^{(*)} = \Lambda_c, \Lambda_c(2595), \Lambda_c(2765), \Lambda_c(2940)$, $\Xi_c^{(*)} = \Xi_c(2790)$ and $\Omega_c^{(*)} = \Omega_c(2940)$, in this work. There are three types of transitions, namely $B_b(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+)$, $B_b(6_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(6_f, 1/2^+)$ and $B_b(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^-)$ transitions. The bottom baryon to charmed baryon form factors are calculated using the light-front quark model. Decay rates and up-down asymmetries are predicted using naïve factorization and can be checked experimentally. We find that in $B_b \to B_c P$ decays, rates in $B_b(6_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(6_f, 1/2^+)$ [type (ii)] transition are smaller than those in $B_b(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+)$ [type (i)] transition, but similar to those in $B_b(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^-) \to B_c(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^-)$ [type (iii)] transition, while in $B_b \to B_c V, B_c A$ decays, rates in $B_b(6_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(6_f, 1/2^+)$ [type (ii)] transition are much smaller than those in $B_b(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+)$ [type (i)] transition and are also smaller than those in $B_b(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^-) \to B_c(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^-)$ [type (iii)] transition. For the up-down asymmetries, the signs are mostly negative, except for those in the $B_b(6_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(6_f, 1/2^+)$ [type (ii)] transition. Most of these asymmetries are large in sizes. The study on these decay modes may shed light on the quantum numbers of some of the charmed baryons as the decays depend on the bottom baryon to charmed baryon form factors, which are sensitive to the configurations of the final state charmed baryons.

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I. INTRODUCTION

As noted in the review of Particle Data Group (PDG) (see the review by C.G. Wohl in [1]), there are 24 singly charmed baryons and nine singly bottom baryons. Among them Λ_c(2864) and five Ω_c states, namely Ω_c(3000)^0, Ω_c(3050)^0, Ω_c(3066)^0, Ω_c(3090)^0 and Ω_c(3119)^0, are newly discovered by LHCb in year 2017 [2,3]. The quantum numbers of 9 out of the 24 charmed baryons are unspecified. These include the above five Ω_c states, Σ_c(2800)^{++,+,0}, Ξ_c(3055)^{+,0}, Ξ_c(3080)^{+,0} and Ξ_c(3090)^{+,0} baryons. Note that, in addition to the above states, some other states, including Λ_c(2765)^+ (or Σ_c(2765)), Ξ_c(2930)^0 and Ξ_c(3123)^+, are not included in the short review and their quantum numbers remain unspecified as well. Furthermore PDG stated that 3^- is the favored quantum number of Λ_c(2940)^+, but it is not certain [1], while the authors of ref. [4] argued that it should be a 1/2^- state. It is not surprising that there are various suggestions on the quantum numbers of the newly discovered Ω_c states, see for example [4–11]. It is, therefore, of great important to identify the quantum numbers of these states and understand their properties.

Among low lying singly bottom baryons, only Λ_b, Ξ_b and Ω_b decay weakly [1]. Several color allowed Λ_b → Λ_c P decay rates with P = π, K, D, D_s were reported by LHCb in year 2014 [12–14]. We expect more to come in the near future. It will be interesting and timely to study weak decays of singly bottom baryons to final states involving singly charmed baryons. In general, baryon decays are complicate processes. Nevertheless, when the transition only involve the heavy quarks, namely b → c transition, while the light quarks are spectating, the decay processes are easier. Accordingly we will study color allowed Λ_b → Λ_c M decays with M = π, K, ρ, K*, D, D_s, D_s^*, D_s^{*+}, a_1, Λ_c^{(s,*)} = Λ_c, Λ_c(2595), Λ_c(2765), Λ_c(2940), Ξ_c^{(s,*)} = Ξ_c, Ξ_0(3090). In this work, we follow ref. [4] to take Λ_c(2765), Λ_c(2940) and Ω_c(3090) as a radial excited s-wave 1/2^- state, a radial excited p-wave 1/2^- state and a radial excite s-wave 1/2^+ state, respectively. There are other quantum number assignments. For example, as noted in the previous paragraph, PDG and LHCb prefer 3/2^- for quantum number of Λ_c(2940) [1,2] and several authors consider Ω_c(3090) as a candidate of a p-wave state, usually with a spin higher than 1/2 [5–10]. It should be noted that some authors also consider Ω_c(3090) as a 1/2^+ state [4,11]. The study on these B_b → B_c M decays may shed light on the quantum numbers of Λ_c(2765), Λ_c(2940) and Ω_c(3090), as the decays depend on the bottom baryon to charmed baryon form factors, which are sensitive to the configurations of the final state charmed baryons. We will use the light-front quark model to calculate the form factors. The formalism is similar to the one in ref. [15], which was used to study a different problem. For some other studies on some of the above modes or on some related form factors in various approaches, one is referred to [16–30].

We begin with a brief review of the spectroscopy of charmed and bottom baryon states and discuss their possible spin-parity quantum numbers and inner structure in Sec. 2. In Sec. 3 we work out the formulas for form factors in the light-front quark model. We present our numerical results for form factors, decay rates and up-down asymmetries in Sec. 4. Sec. 5 comes to our conclusions. Appendix A is prepared to give some details of the derivations of the vertex functions, while some discussions on the technical issue of obtaining form factors are collected in Appendix B.

1 In the review by Wohl, particles in the same isospin-multiplet, such as Σ_c^{++,+,0}, are not counted separately.
II. SPECTROSCOPY OF SINGLY CHARMED AND BOTTOM BARYONS

In this section we briefly review the spectroscopy of singly charmed and bottom baryons. Our discussion follows closely to those in [31, 32]. The singly charmed or bottom baryon is composed of a charmed quark or a bottom quark and two light quarks. We will discuss the allowed quantum numbers for the light quark system before the brief review.

A. Allowed quantum numbers for the light quark system

From Fermi statistics the wave function of the light quarks needs to be antisymmetry under permutation. As the charm or bottom quark is a color triplet $3_c$, the diquark system, consists of the two light quarks, can only be an anti-color triplet $\bar{3}_c$ state, which is anti-symmetric (denoted as $(\bar{3}_c)_A$) under permutation of the two light quarks. The remaining part of the diquark wave function consists of $(\psi_{\text{space}} \times \psi_{\text{flavor}} \times \psi_{\text{spin}})_{S}$, must be symmetry under permutation.

The spin of the light quarks can be in a symmetric triplet state $(3_{sp})_S (S_l = 1)$ or an antisymmetric singlet state $(1_{sp})_A (S_l = 0)$. Under permutation, the spin wave function picks up an phase factor

$$\psi_{\text{spin}} \rightarrow (-)^{S_l+1}\psi_{\text{spin}}.$$  

(2)

Given that each light quark is a triplet of the flavor SU(3) and $3_f \times 3_f = (\bar{3}_f)_A + (6_f)_S$, there are two different SU(3) multiplets of charmed or bottom baryons: a symmetric sextet $(6_f)_S$ and an antisymmetric antitriplet $(\bar{3}_f)_A$. The iso-singlet $\Lambda_Q$ and iso-doublet $\Xi_Q$ form a $(\bar{3}_f)_A$ representation, while the $\Omega_Q$, iso-doublet $\Xi'_Q$, and iso-triplet $\Sigma_Q$ form a $(6_f)_S$ representation. 2 Under permutation, the flavor wave function picks up an phase factor

$$\psi_{\text{flavor}} \rightarrow (-)^{N_f}\psi_{\text{flavor}},$$  

(3)

with $N_f = 3, 6$ for $\bar{3}_f, 6_f$, respectively.

In the quark model, the orbital angular momentum of the light diquark can be decomposed into $L_\ell = L_k + L_K$, where $L_k$ is the orbital angular momentum between the two light quarks and $L_K$ the orbital angular momentum between the diquark (the light quark pair) and the heavy quark. Roughly speaking, we have

$$\psi_{\text{space}} \sim R_n(|\vec{K}|) \times Y_{L_km_k}(\vec{k})Y_{L_Km_K}(\vec{K}),$$  

(4)

where $R_n$ is the radial wave function, $Y_{lm}$ is the spherical harmonics, $\vec{k}$ is basically the relative momentum of the two light quarks and $\vec{K}$ is the relative momentum of the heavy quark and the diquark system. 3 In the above equation, we do not show explicitly the Clebsch-Gordan coefficient

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2 We have followed the Particle Data Group’s convention [11] to use a prime to distinguish the iso-doublet in the $6_f$ from the one in the $\bar{3}_f$.

3 Explicitly, we have $k^\mu \equiv (p_1 - p_2)^\mu - (p_1 + p_2)^\mu [(p_1 + p_2) \cdot (p_1 - p_2)/(p_1 + p_2)^2]$ and $K^\mu \equiv (p_1 + p_2 - p_3)^\mu - P^\mu [P \cdot (p_1 + p_2 - p_3)/P^2]$ with $p_1, p_2$ and $p_3$ the momenta of the light quarks and the heavy quark, respectively, and $P \equiv p_1 + p_2 + p_3$. Note the above constructions in $\vec{K}$ and $k$ are to make sure that in the rest frame of the light-quark system and in the whole baryon system, we have $k = (0, \vec{k})$ and $K = (0, \vec{K})$, respectively.
and the Wigner rotation (see later discussion), as the rest frame of the whole system and the rest frame of the diquark system are not identical. Nevertheless the above wave function can still be used as an book keeping devise for working out the allowed quantum numbers.

The angular momentum of the diquark system, without taking into account the orbital momentum of the $Q-[qq]$ system, is

$$\vec{S}_{[qq]} = \vec{L}_k + \vec{S}_{qq},$$

with $S_{[qq]}$ given by $|L_k - S_{qq}|, \ldots, L_k + S_{qq}$. Note that $\vec{S}_{qq}$ is the spin of the light quark pair without taking into account the orbital momentum between them. The combination of $\vec{S}_{[qq]}$ is better when viewing the diquark as a sub-system, i.e. one may have scalar diquark, axial-vector diquark and so on. The angular momentum of the diquark system, with the orbital momentum of the $Q-[qq]$ system, is

$$\vec{J}_t = \vec{S}_{[qq]} + \vec{L}_K,$$

with $J_t$ given by $|S_{[qq]} - L_k|, \ldots, S_{[qq]} + L_k$. Consequently, the total angular momentum is

$$\vec{J}_{Qqq} = \vec{S}_Q + \vec{L}_k + \vec{S}_{qq} + \vec{L}_K = \vec{S}_Q + \vec{S}_{[qq]} + \vec{L}_K = \vec{S}_Q + \vec{J}_t.$$  

Under permutation of the light quark momenta, $p_1 \leftrightarrow p_2$, we have $\vec{k} \to -\vec{k}$ and $\vec{K} \to \vec{K}$, while under parity we have $\vec{k} \to -\vec{k}$ and $\vec{K} \to -\vec{K}$. Consequently, using the well known symmetry property of $Y_{lm}$, under the permutation, the space part wave function, see Eq. (4), transforms as

$$\psi(\text{space}) \to (-)^{L_k} \psi(\text{space}),$$

while under parity, it transforms as

$$\psi(\text{space}) \to (-)^{L_k+L_K} \psi(\text{space}).$$

The parity eigenvalues of the $[qq]$ diquark and the whole $Qqq$ systems are given by $(-)^{L_k}$ and $(-)^{L_k+L_K}$, respectively.
Putting all of these together, under permutation of the light quarks, we have
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\psi(\text{color}) \times \psi(\text{space}) \times \psi(\text{flavor}) \times \psi(\text{spin})
\] 
\[\rightarrow (-)^{L_k}(-)^{N_f}(-)^{S_l+1}\psi(\text{color}) \times \psi(\text{space}) \times \psi(\text{flavor}) \times \psi(\text{spin}).\]  
(10)

Fermi statistics requires the wave function to be antisymmetric giving the following constraint:
\[(-)^{L_k+N_f+S_l} = -1.\]  
(11)

The quantum numbers of all possible allowed configurations of the diquark system satisfying the Fermi statistic are shown in Table III. The corresponding parity eigenvalues of the diquark and the heavy baryons are also shown.

B. Charmed Baryons

The observed mass spectra and decay widths of charmed baryons are summarized in Table IV. The \(J^P\) quantum numbers of \(\Lambda_c^+, \Lambda_c(2595)^+, \Lambda_c(2860)^+, \Lambda_c(2940)^+\) and \(\Sigma_c(2455)^+\), are determined up to different levels of certainty, while the \(J^P\) quantum numbers given in Table IV other states are either from quark model predictions or totally undetermined. In fact, there are 16 states out of 40 states in Table IV having unknown quantum numbers.

In Table III configurations with \(L_k + L_K = 0, 1, 2\) for charmed baryons are shown. The quantum number assignments are from Tables [I] and [II] while those with \((\dagger)\) are taken from ref. [4]. Only several multiplets are well established. These include the \(J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+ \mathbf{3}_f\) states: \((\Lambda_c^+, \Xi_c^+, \Xi_c^0)\), \(J^P = \frac{1}{2}^- \mathbf{3}_f\) states: \((\Lambda_c(2595)^+, \Xi_c(2790)^+, \Xi_c(2790)^0)\); \(J^P = \frac{3}{2}^- \mathbf{3}_f\) states: \((\Lambda_c(2625)^+, \Xi_c(2815)^+, \Xi_c(2815)^0)\);
\(J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+\) and \(\frac{3}{2}^+\) \(\mathbf{6}_f\) states: \((\Omega_c, \Sigma_c, \Xi_c^0)\) and \((\Omega_c^*, \Sigma_c^*, \Xi_c^0)\), respectively. Ref. [4] makes further suggestions on the classification on some other states. As noted previously PDG and LHCb assign \(\Lambda_c(2940)^+\) as a \(\frac{3}{2}^-\) state \([2]\), while the authors of ref. [4] take it as a \(\frac{1}{2}^-\) state. We follow the suggestions of ref. [4] on the quantum numbers of \(\Lambda_c(2940)^+\) and some other states. Note that other quantum number assignments on the newly observed \(\Omega_c^{(*,**)}\) states, such as those advocated in refs. [5][10], are not shown in the table.

From Table III we see that there are plenty of states in the \(L_k + L_K = 0, 1, 2\) sector to be discovered.

C. Bottom Baryons

The observed mass spectra and decay widths of bottom baryons are summarized in Table V. Note that except \(\Xi_b^0(5935)^-\) and \(\Xi_b(5955)^-\) other \(J^P\) quantum numbers given in Table V are unmeasured. One has to rely on the quark model to determine the \(J^P\) assignments.

In Table V configurations with \(L_k + L_K = 0, 1, 2\) for charmed baryons are shown. The quantum number assignments are from Tables [I] and [V]. Only the \(J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+ \mathbf{3}_f\) multiplet with states: \((\Lambda_b^0, \Xi_b^0, \Xi_b^-)\), is established. Several multiplets are to be completed with the yet to be discovered states, such as \(\Sigma_b^0, \Sigma_b^0, \Xi_b^0(5935)^0\) and so on. From Table V we see that there are plenty of states in the \(L_k + L_K = 0, 1, 2\) sector to be discovered.

As shown in Table V, \(\Lambda_b, \Xi_b^0\) and \(\Omega_b\) are the few singly bottom baryons that decay weakly. We will study their decay modes in this work. In particular, \(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^{(*,**)} M, \Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Xi_c^{(*,**)} M\) and \(\Omega_b \rightarrow \Omega_c^{(*,**)} M\) decays with \(M = \pi, K, \rho, K^*\) will be explored. In Table VI we summary
TABLE II: Mass spectra and widths (in units of MeV unless specified) of charmed baryons. Experimental values and $J^P$ are taken from the Particle Data Group [1]. The quantum number of $\Lambda_c(2940)$ can be different from the one shown in the table, see text for more details.

| State     | $J^P$ | $n$ | $(L_K, L_b)$ | $S^P$ | $S^P(qq)$ | $J^P$ | Mass    | Width   | Decay modes |
|-----------|-------|-----|-------------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|---------|-------------|
| $\Lambda_c^+$ | $\frac{1}{2}^+$ | 1   | (0,0)       | 0$^+$ | 0$^+$     | 2.886.46 ± 0.14 | weak    |
| $\Lambda_c(2595)^+$ | $\frac{1}{2}^+$ | 1   | (1,0)       | 0$^+$ | 1$^-$     | 2592.25 ± 0.28 | $\Lambda_c \Lambda \pi, \Sigma_c \pi$ |
| $\Lambda_c(2625)^+$ | $\frac{1}{2}^+$ | 1   | (1,0)       | 0$^+$ | 1$^-$     | 2628.11 ± 0.19 | < 0.97  | $\Lambda_c \Lambda \pi, \Sigma_c \pi$ |
| $\Lambda_c(2765)^+$ | $\frac{1}{2}^+$ | ?   | ?           | ?$^+$ | ?$^+$     | 2766.6 + 2.4  | 50      | $\Sigma_c \pi, \Lambda_c \pi$ |
| $\Lambda_c(2860)^+$ | $\frac{1}{2}^+$ | 1   | (2,0)       | 0$^+$ | 2$^+$     | 2856.1$^{+2.3}_{-1.6}$ | 68$^{+12}_{-22}$ | $\Sigma_c^(*) \pi, D^0 p, D^+ n$ |
| $\Lambda_c(2885)^+$ | $\frac{1}{2}^+$ | 1   | (2,0)       | 0$^+$ | 2$^+$     | 2881.63 ± 0.24 | 5.6$^{+0.8}_{-0.6}$ | $\Sigma_c^(*) \pi, \Lambda_c \pi, \pi, D^0 p$ |
| $\Lambda_c(2940)^+$ | $\frac{1}{2}^+$ | 2   | (0,0)       | 0$^+$ | 1$^-$     | 2939.6$^{+1.4}_{-1.5}$ | 20$^{+5}_{-4}$ | $\Sigma_c^(*) \pi, \Lambda_c \pi, \pi, D^0 p$ |
| $\Sigma_c(2455)^*$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | 1   | (0,0)       | 1$^+$ | 1$^+$     | 2453.97 ± 0.14 | 1.89$^{+0.09}_{-0.18}$ | $\Lambda_c \pi$ |
| $\Sigma_c(2585)^*$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | 1   | (0,0)       | 1$^+$ | 1$^+$     | 2453.75 ± 0.14 | 1.83$^{+0.11}_{-0.19}$ | $\Lambda_c \pi$ |
| $\Sigma_c(2585)^{(0)}$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | 1   | (0,0)       | 1$^+$ | 1$^+$     | 2517.5 ± 2.3 | < 17    | $\Lambda_c \pi$ |
| $\Sigma_c(2650)^*$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | 1   | (0,0)       | 1$^+$ | 1$^+$     | 2577.4 ± 1.2 | $\Xi_c \gamma$ |
| $\Sigma_c(2800)^*$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | 1   | (0,0)       | 1$^+$ | 1$^+$     | 2578.8 ± 0.5 | $\Xi_c \gamma$ |
| $\Sigma_c(2800)^{(0)}$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | 1   | (0,0)       | 1$^+$ | 1$^+$     | 2646.32 ± 0.31 | 2.35 ± 0.22 | $\Xi_c \gamma$ |
| $\Xi_c(2690)^*$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | 1   | (1,0)       | 0$^+$ | 1$^-$     | 2792.0 ± 0.5 | 8.9 ± 1  | $\Xi_c^* \pi$ |
| $\Xi_c(2790)^{(0)}$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | 1   | (1,0)       | 0$^+$ | 1$^-$     | 2792.8 ± 1.2 | 10.0 ± 1 | $\Xi_c^* \pi$ |
| $\Xi_c(2815)^*$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | 1   | (1,0)       | 0$^+$ | 1$^-$     | 2816.6 ± 0.31 | 2.43 ± 0.26 | $\Xi_c^* \pi, \Xi_c \pi, \Xi_c^* \pi$ |
| $\Xi_c(2815)^{(0)}$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | 1   | (1,0)       | 0$^+$ | 1$^-$     | 2820.2 ± 0.32 | 2.54 ± 0.25 | $\Xi_c^* \pi, \Xi_c \pi, \Xi_c^* \pi$ |
| $\Xi_c(2930)^*$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | 1   | (1,0)       | 0$^+$ | 1$^-$     | 2931.6 ± 0.26 | 36 ± 13  | $\Lambda_c K$ |
| $\Xi_c(2970)^*$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | ?   | ?           | ?$^+$ | ?$^+$     | 2969.4 ± 0.8 | 29.9$^{+2.5}_{-3.4}$ | $\Sigma_c K, \Lambda_c K, \Xi_c \pi, \Sigma_c \pi$ |
| $\Xi_c(2970)^{(0)}$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | ?   | ?           | ?$^+$ | ?$^+$     | 2967.8 ± 0.8 | 28.1$^{+4.0}_{-3.4}$ | $\Sigma_c K, \Lambda_c K, \Xi_c \pi, \Sigma_c \pi$ |
| $\Xi_c(3055)^*$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | ?   | ?           | ?$^+$ | ?$^+$     | 3055.9 ± 0.4 | 7.8 ± 1.9 | $\Sigma_c K, \Lambda_c K, \Xi_c \pi, DA$ |
| $\Xi_c(3080)^*$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | ?   | ?           | ?$^+$ | ?$^+$     | 3077.2 ± 0.4 | 3.6 ± 1.1 | $\Sigma_c K, \Lambda_c K, \Xi_c \pi, DA$ |
| $\Xi_c(3080)^{(0)}$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | ?   | ?           | ?$^+$ | ?$^+$     | 3079.9 ± 1.4 | 5.6 ± 2.2 | $\Sigma_c K, \Lambda_c K, \Xi_c \pi, DA$ |
| $\Xi_c(3123)^*$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | ?   | ?           | ?$^+$ | ?$^+$     | 3122.9 ± 1.3 | 4 ± 4   | $\Sigma_c K, \Lambda_c K, \Xi_c \pi$ |
| $\Omega_c^0$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | 1   | (0,0)       | 1$^+$ | 1$^+$     | 2695.2 ± 1.7 | weak    |
| $\Omega_c(2770)^0$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | 1   | (0,0)       | 1$^+$ | 1$^+$     | 2765.9 ± 2.0 | $\Omega_c \gamma$ |
| $\Omega_c(3000)^0$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | ?   | ?           | ?$^+$ | ?$^+$     | 3000.4 ± 0.4 | 4.5 ± 0.7 | $\Xi_c K$ |
| $\Omega_c(3050)^0$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | ?   | ?           | ?$^+$ | ?$^+$     | 3050.2 ± 0.33 | < 1.2   | $\Xi_c K$ |
| $\Omega_c(3065)^0$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | ?   | ?           | ?$^+$ | ?$^+$     | 3065.6 ± 0.4 | 3.5 ± 0.4 | $\Xi_c K$ |
| $\Omega_c(3090)^0$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | ?   | ?           | ?$^+$ | ?$^+$     | 3090.2 ± 0.7 | 8.7 ± 1.3 | $\Xi(0) K$ |
| $\Omega_c(3119)^0$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | ?   | ?           | ?$^+$ | ?$^+$     | 3119.1 ± 1.0 | < 2.6   | $\Xi(0) K$ |

The transitions we are about to study. There are altogether 8 different $B_b \to B_c$ transitions, which can be classified into 3 types according to the quantum numbers of the initial and final state baryons. These three types of transitions are $B_b(3f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(3f, 1/2^+)$, $B_b(6f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(6f, 1/2^+)$ and $B_b(3f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(3f, 1/2^-)$ transitions. The type (i) and (iii) transitions have 3f...
TABLE III: Allowed configurations with $L_k + L_K = 0, 1, 2$ are shown. The angular momenta are defined as $\vec{S}_{[q]} \equiv \vec{L}_k + \vec{S}_{q}$, $\vec{J}_l \equiv \vec{S}_{[q]} + \vec{L}_K$ and $\vec{J} \equiv \vec{J}_l + \vec{S}_Q$, which are the angular momenta of the diquark system, the light-degree of freedom and the whole baryon, respectively. The quantum number assignments are from Tables I and II while those with (†) are taken from I. There are different assignments of the quantum number of $\Lambda_c(2940)$, see text for more details. There are plenty of states to be discovered.

| $n$ | $L_K$ | $L_k$ | flavor | $S_{[q]}$ | $S^P_{[q]}$ | $J^P_\ell$ | $J^P$ | $B_c$ |
|-----|-------|-------|--------|----------|-------------|-----------|--------|-------|
| 1   | 0     | 0     | $3_f$  | 0        | 0           | 0         | 0      | $\Lambda^+, \Xi^+_{c0}$ |
| 2   | 0     | 0     | $3_f$  | 0        | 0           | 0         | 0      | $\Lambda_c(2765)^+(†)$ |
| 1   | 0     | 0     | $6_f$  | 1        | 1           | 1         | +      | $\Sigma_c(2555)^{++}, \Xi_c^{'+}, \Omega_c^0$ |
| 2   | 0     | 0     | $6_f$  | 1        | 1           | 1         | +      | $\Xi_c(2970)^{+0}(†), \Omega_c(3090)^0(†)$ |
| 1   | 0     | 0     | $6_f$  | 1        | 1           | 1         | +      | $\Sigma_c(2520)^{++}, \Xi_c(2645)^{'+}, \Omega_c(2770)^0$ |
| 2   | 0     | 0     | $6_f$  | 1        | 1           | 1         | +      | $\Omega_c(3119)^0(†)$ |
| 1   | 2     | 0     | $3_f$  | 0        | 0           | 2         | +      | $\Lambda_c(2860)^+, \Xi_c(3055)^{+0}(†)$ |
| 2   | 2     | 0     | $3_f$  | 0        | 0           | 2         | +      | $\Lambda_c(2880)^+, \Xi_c(3080)^{+0}(†)$ |
| 1   | 2     | 0     | $6_f$  | 1        | 1           | 1         | +      | $\Omega_c(2970)^{+0}(†)$ |
| 2   | 0     | 0     | $6_f$  | 1        | 1           | 3         | +      | $\Xi_c(2970)^{+0}(†), \Omega_c(3090)^0(†)$ |
| 1   | 2     | 0     | $6_f$  | 1        | 1           | 3         | +      | $\Sigma_c(2520)^{++}, \Xi_c(2645)^{'+}, \Omega_c(2770)^0$ |
| 2   | 0     | 0     | $6_f$  | 1        | 1           | 3         | +      | $\Omega_c(3119)^0(†)$ |
| n   | 2     | 0     | $6_f$  | 1        | 1           | 1         | +      | $\Xi_c(2970)^{+0}(†), \Omega_c(3090)^0(†)$ |
| n   | 2     | 0     | $6_f$  | 1        | 1           | 1         | +      | $\Xi_c(2970)^{+0}(†), \Omega_c(3090)^0(†)$ |
| n   | 0     | 2     | $3_f$  | 0        | 2           | 2         | +      | $\Lambda_c(2860)^+, \Xi_c(3055)^{+0}(†)$ |
| n   | 0     | 2     | $3_f$  | 0        | 2           | 2         | +      | $\Lambda_c(2880)^+, \Xi_c(3080)^{+0}(†)$ |
| n   | 0     | 2     | $6_f$  | 1        | 1           | 1         | +      | $\Xi_c(2970)^{+0}(†), \Omega_c(3090)^0(†)$ |
| n   | 0     | 2     | $6_f$  | 1        | 1           | 1         | +      | $\Xi_c(2970)^{+0}(†), \Omega_c(3090)^0(†)$ |
| n   | 1     | 1     | $3_f$  | 1        | 0           | 1         | +      | $\Lambda_c(2595)^+, \Xi_c(2790)^{+0}$ |
| n   | 1     | 1     | $3_f$  | 1        | 1           | 1         | +      | $\Lambda_c(2940)^+(†)$ |
| n   | 1     | 1     | $3_f$  | 1        | 1           | 1         | +      | $\Lambda_c(2940)^+(†)$ |
| n   | 1     | 1     | $6_f$  | 1        | 0           | 0         | -      | $\Xi_c(2930)^{+0}(†), \Omega_c(3050)^0(†)$ |
| n   | 1     | 1     | $6_f$  | 1        | 0           | 0         | -      | $\Omega_c(3060)^0(†)$ |

Scalar as spectators, while the type (ii) transition has $6_f$ axial-vector spectator diquarks. Among the final states three charmed baryons are denoted with (†), they are states with unspecified or ambiguous quantum numbers as noted in Tables I and III. As a working assumption we shall use the suggestion from ref. I for their quantum numbers. Accordingly, we take $\Lambda_c(2765)$ as a radial
TABLE IV: Mass spectra and widths (in units of MeV) of bottom baryons. Experimental values are taken from the Particle Data Group [1], except those of Ξ_b(6227)^−, which are from [33].

| State | J^P n (L_K, L_b) | S_{[qq]}^{I_q} \ T_{f}^{I_q} | Mass   | Width  | Decay modes  |
|-------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------------|
| Λ_b  | 1/2^+ 1 (0,0) 0^+ 0^+ | 5619.60 ± 0.17 | weak   |        |              |
| Λ_b(5912) | 0/2^- 1 (1,0) 0^+ 1^- | 5912.20 ± 0.21 | < 0.66 | Λ_b ππ    |              |
| Λ_b(5920) | 0/2^- 1 (1,0) 0^+ 1^- | 5919.92 ± 0.19 | < 0.63 | Λ_b^0 ππ  |              |
| Σ_b^+  | 1/2^+ 1 (0,0) 1^+ 1^+ | 5811.3 ± 1.9 | 9.7^{+4.0}_{-3.0} | Λ_b π     |              |
| Σ_b^-  | 1/2^- 1 (0,0) 1^- 1^- | 5815.5 ± 1.8 | 4.9^{+3.4}_{-2.4} | Λ_b π     |              |
| Σ_b^0  | 1/2^+ 1 (0,0) 1^+ 1^+ | 5832.1 ± 1.9 | 11.5 ± 2.8 | Λ_b π     |              |
| Ξ_b^0  | 1/2^+ 1 (0,0) 1^+ 1^+ | 5835.1 ± 1.9 | 7.5 ± 2.3 | Λ_b π     |              |
| Ξ_b^-  | 1/2^- 1 (0,0) 1^- 1^- | 5791.9 ± 0.5 | weak   |        |              |
| Ξ_b(5935)^−  | 1/2^- 1 (0,0) 1^+ 1^+ | 5935.02 ± 0.05 | < 0.08 | Ξ_b^0 π−  |              |
| Ξ_b(5945) | 0/2^- 1 (0,0) 1^+ 1^+ | 5949.8 ± 1.4 | 0.90 ± 0.18 | Ξ_b π     |              |
| Ξ_b(5955) | 0/2^- 1 (0,0) 1^+ 1^+ | 5955.33 ± 0.13 | 1.65 ± 0.33 | Ξ_b π     |              |
| Ξ_b(6227)^−  | 3/2^- 1 (0,0) 1^+ 1^+ | 6226.9 ± 2.0 ± 0.3 ± 0.2 | 18.1 ± 5.4 ± 1.8 | Λ_b K^- , Ξ_b π^- |          |
| Ω_b^-  | 1/2^- 1 (0,0) 1^+ 1^+ | 6046.1 ± 1.7 | weak   |        |              |

excited s-wave state, Λ_c(2940) a radial excited p-wave state and Ω_c(3090) a radial excited s-wave state. The study on these B_b → B_c transitions may shed light on the quantum numbers of these charmed baryons.

III. FORM FACTORS IN THE LIGHT-FRONT APPROACH

We consider a heavy baryon consisting a heavy quark Q and a scalar isosinglet diquark [qq] or an axial-vector isovector diquark [qq]. In the light-front approach, the baryon bound state with the total momentum P and spin J can be written as (see, for example [34, 35])

\[ |B_Q(P, J, J_z)⟩ = \int \{d^3 p_1\} \{d^3 p_2\} 2(2\pi)^3 δ^3(\tilde{P} - \tilde{p}_1 - \tilde{p}_2) \times \sum_{λ_1, m, α, b} Ψ_{nL_ΚS_{[qq]}}^{J_ι}(\tilde{p}_1, \tilde{p}_2, λ_1, λ_2) C_{αβγ} F_{bc} × |Q^α(p_1, λ_1)[q^β b, q^γ c](p_2, λ_2)⟩, \]

where \( S_{[qq]} \) is the spin of the diquark, \( L_Κ \) is the orbital angular momentum of the Q – [qq] system, \( J_ι \) is the total angular momentum of the light degree of freedom, \( n \) is the quantum number of the wave-function (see later), \( α, β, γ \) and \( b, c \) are color and flavor indices, respectively, \( λ_i \) denotes helicity, \( p_1 \) and \( p_2 \) are the on-mass-shell light-front momenta,

\[ \tilde{p} = (p^+, \tilde{p}_⊥), \quad \tilde{p}_⊥ = (p^1, p^2), \quad p^- = \frac{m^2 + p_⊥^2}{p^+}, \]

and

\[ \{d^3 p\} = \frac{dp^+ d^2 p_⊥}{2(2\pi)^3}, \quad δ^3(\tilde{p}) = δ(p^+)δ^2(\tilde{p}_⊥), \]

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TABLE V: Same as Table III but for bottom baryons. The quantum number assignments are basically taken from Tables I and IV.

There are plenty of states to be discovered.

| $n$ | $L_K$ | $L_b$ | flavor | $S_{qq}$ | $S'_{[qq]}$ | $J^P$ | $J'^P$ | $B_0$ |
|-----|-------|-------|---------|----------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1   | 0     | 0     | 3f      | 0        | 0           | 1/2   | 0/2   | $\Lambda_b^0$, $\Xi_b^0$ |
| 1   | 0     | 0     | 6f      | 1        | 1           | 1/2   | 3/2   | $\Sigma_b^{++}$, $\Xi_b(5935)^-$, $\Omega_b^0$ |
| 1   | 0     | 0     | 6f      | 1        | 1           | 1     | 3/2   | $\Sigma_b^{*-}$, $\Xi_b(5945)^+$, $\Xi_b(5955)^-$ |
| 2   | 0     | 3f    | 0        | 0        | 0           | 1/2   | 0/2   | $\Lambda_b^0$, $\Xi_b^0$ |
| 2   | 0     | 6f    | 1        | 1        | 1           | 1/2   | 3/2   | $\Sigma_b^{++}$, $\Xi_b(5935)^-$, $\Omega_b^0$ |
| 2   | 0     | 6f    | 1        | 1        | 1           | 1     | 3/2   | $\Sigma_b^{*-}$, $\Xi_b(5945)^+$, $\Xi_b(5955)^-$ |
| 0   | 2     | 3f    | 0        | 0        | 0           | 1/2   | 0/2   | $\Lambda_b^0$, $\Xi_b^0$ |
| 0   | 2     | 6f    | 1        | 1        | 1           | 1/2   | 3/2   | $\Sigma_b^{++}$, $\Xi_b(5935)^-$, $\Omega_b^0$ |
| 0   | 2     | 6f    | 1        | 2        | 2           | 1/2   | 3/2   | $\Sigma_b^{++}$, $\Xi_b(5935)^-$, $\Omega_b^0$ |
| 0   | 2     | 6f    | 1        | 3        | 3           | 1/2   | 3/2   | $\Sigma_b^{++}$, $\Xi_b(5935)^-$, $\Omega_b^0$ |
| 1   | 1     | 3f    | 1        | 0        | 1           | 1/2   | 3/2   | $\Lambda_b^0$, $\Xi_b^0$ |
| 1   | 1     | 3f    | 1        | 1        | 1           | 1     | 3/2   | $\Sigma_b^{++}$, $\Xi_b(5935)^-$, $\Omega_b^0$ |
| 1   | 1     | 3f    | 1        | 2        | 2           | 1/2   | 3/2   | $\Sigma_b^{++}$, $\Xi_b(5935)^-$, $\Omega_b^0$ |
| 1   | 1     | 3f    | 1        | 3        | 3           | 1/2   | 3/2   | $\Sigma_b^{++}$, $\Xi_b(5935)^-$, $\Omega_b^0$ |
| 1   | 1     | 6f    | 0        | 1        | 0           | 1/2   | 0/2   | $\Lambda_b^0$, $\Xi_b^0$ |
| 1   | 1     | 6f    | 0        | 1        | 1           | 1/2   | 3/2   | $\Sigma_b^{++}$, $\Xi_b(5935)^-$, $\Omega_b^0$ |
| 1   | 1     | 6f    | 0        | 1        | 2           | 1/2   | 3/2   | $\Sigma_b^{++}$, $\Xi_b(5935)^-$, $\Omega_b^0$ |

\[
\begin{align*}
|Q(p_1, \lambda_1)[g_0qc](p_2, \lambda_2)| &= b^1_{\lambda_1}(p_1)a^1_{\lambda_2}(p_2)|0>, \\
[a_{\chi}(p'), a^1_{\chi}(p)] &= 2(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p}' - \vec{p}) \delta_{\chi, \lambda}, \\
\{b_{\chi}(p'), b^1_{\chi}(p)\} &= 2(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p}' - \vec{p}) \delta_{\chi, \lambda},
\end{align*}
\]

with $\lambda_2 = S_2 = 0$ for scalar diquark and $\lambda_2 = 0, \pm 1$ and $S_2 = 1$ for axial vector diquark. The coefficient $C_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ is a normalized color factor and $F^{bc}$ is a normalized flavor coefficient, obeying the
TABLE VI: Bottom baryon to charmed baryon transitions studied in this work are summarized in this table. There are three basic transition types. Type (i) is the $B_b(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+)$ transition, type (ii) is the $B_b(\bar{6}_f, 1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(\bar{6}_f, 1/2^+)$ transition and type (iii) is the $B_b(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^-)$ transition. Note that type (i) and (iii) transitions involve scalar diquarks, while type (ii) transitions involve axial-vector diquarks. Type (iii) has odd parity baryons in the final states. The quantum number assignments are from Tables [III] and [V] while those with (†) are taken from ref. [4]. The asterisks indicate that the baryons in the final states are radial excited.

| Type | $(n = 1, L_K, S_{[qq]}^P, J_i^P, J_f^P)_b \rightarrow (n, L_K, S_{[qq]}^P, J_i^P, J_f^P)_c$ | $B_b \rightarrow B_c$ |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| (i)  | $(1, 0, 0^+, 0^+, \frac{1}{2}^+) \rightarrow (1, 0, 0^+, 0^+, \frac{1}{2}^+)$ | $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+, \Xi_b^{0(-)} \rightarrow \Xi_c^{+0}(0)$ |
| (i)* | $(1, 0, 0^+, 0^+, \frac{1}{2}^+) \rightarrow (2, 0, 0^+, 0^+, \frac{1}{2}^+)$ | $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c(2765)^{+}(\dagger)$ |
| (ii) | $(1, 0, 1^+, 1^+, \frac{1}{2}^+) \rightarrow (1, 0, 1^+, 1^+, \frac{1}{2}^+)$ | $\Omega_b^- \rightarrow \Omega_c^0$ |
| (ii)*| $(1, 0, 1^+, 1^+, \frac{1}{2}^+) \rightarrow (2, 0, 1^+, 1^+, \frac{1}{2}^+)$ | $\Omega_b^- \rightarrow \Omega_c(3090)^{0}(\dagger)$ |
| (iii)| $(1, 0, 0^+, 0^+, \frac{1}{2}^+) \rightarrow (1, 1, 0^+, 1^+, \frac{1}{2}^-)$ | $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c(2595)^{+}, \Xi_b^{0(-)} \rightarrow \Xi_c(2790)^{+0}(0)$ |
| (iii)*| $(1, 0, 0^+, 0^+, \frac{1}{2}^+) \rightarrow (2, 1, 0^+, 1^-)$ | $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c(2940)^{+}(\dagger)$ |

relation

$$C_{\alpha'\beta'\gamma'}F^{\alpha'\beta'}C_{\alpha\beta\gamma}F^{\alpha\beta}(Q^\alpha(p_1, \lambda_1)[q_\beta^\dagger q_\gamma^\dagger](p_2, \lambda_2)\bigg|Q^\alpha(p_1, \lambda_1)[q_\beta^\dagger q_\gamma^\dagger](p_2, \lambda_2)) = 2^2(2\pi)^6 \delta^3(p_1 - \tilde{p}_1)\delta^3(p_2 - \tilde{p}_2)\delta^{2}(\lambda_1'\lambda_1, \lambda_2'\lambda_2).$$  \hspace{1cm} (15)

The momenta can be defined in terms of the light-front relative momentum variables, $(x_i, \vec{k}_{i\perp})$ for $i = 1, 2$,

$$p_i^+ = x_i P^+, \quad \sum_{i=1}^{2} x_i = 1, \quad \vec{p}_{i\perp} = x_i \vec{P}_{\perp} + \vec{k}_{i\perp}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^{2} \vec{k}_{i\perp} = 0.$$  \hspace{1cm} (16)

The momentum-space wave-function $\Psi_{nL_KS_{[qq]}J_i}^{J_f}b$ can be expressed as

$$\Psi_{nL_KS_{[qq]}J_i}^{J_f}(\tilde{p}_1, \tilde{p}_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \langle \lambda_1|\mathcal{R}_M^f(p_1^+, \vec{p}_{1\perp}, m_1)|s_1\rangle\langle \lambda_2|\mathcal{R}_M^f(p_2^+, \vec{p}_{2\perp}, m_2)|s_2\rangle$$
$$\langle S_1J_i; s_1J_{i\perp}|S_1J_i; J_{i\perp}\rangle\langle L_KS_{[qq]}; L_zs_2|L_KS_{[qq]}; J_{i\perp}\rangle$$
$$\phi_{nL_KL_z}(x_1, x_2, k_{1\perp}, k_{2\perp}),$$  \hspace{1cm} (17)

where $\phi_{nL_KL_z}(x_1, x_2, k_{1\perp}, k_{2\perp})$ describes the momentum distribution of the constituents in the bound state, $\langle J'J''; m''|J', J''; M_jjM\rangle$ is the Clebsch-Gordan coefficients and $\langle \lambda_1|\mathcal{R}_M^f(p_1^+, \vec{p}_{1\perp}, m_1)|s_i\rangle$ is the well normalized Melosh transform matrix element. We will return to these quantities later.

We normalize the state as

$$\langle B_Q(P', J', J_z')|B_Q(P, J, J_z)\rangle = 2(2\pi)^3 P^+\delta^3(\vec{P}' - \vec{P})\delta_{J'J}\delta_{J_z'J_z},$$  \hspace{1cm} (18)

consequently, $\phi_{nL_z}(x, p_{\perp})$ satisfies the following orthonormal condition,

$$\int \frac{dx dp_{\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \phi_{n'J'_{\perp}L_{z}}^{\dagger}(x, p_{\perp})\phi_{nL_z}(x, p_{\perp}) = \delta_{n'n} \delta_{L'L} \delta_{J_z'J_z}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (19)
The wave function is defined as

\[ \phi_{nLM}(\{x\}, \{k_\perp\}) = \sqrt{\frac{dk_{2z}}{dx_2}} \varphi_{nLM}\left(\frac{k_1 - k_2}{2}, \beta\right), \]  

(20)

with

\[ \varphi_{n00}(\vec{k}, \beta) = \varphi_{ns}(\vec{k}, \beta), \]
\[ \varphi_{n1m}(\vec{k}, \beta) = k_m \varphi_{np}(\vec{k}, \beta) = -\varepsilon(k_1 + k_2, m) \cdot \vec{k} \varphi_{np}(\vec{k}, \beta), \]  

(21)

where \( k_m \equiv \varepsilon(m) \cdot \vec{k} \) (or, explicitly \( k_{Lz} = \pm (k^x \pm i k^y)/\sqrt{2}, k_{Lz} = 0 \equiv k^z \)) are proportional to the spherical harmonics \( Y_{1Lz} \) in momentum space, and \( \varphi_{ns} \) and \( \varphi_{np} \) are the distribution amplitudes of s-wave and p-wave states, respectively. For a Gaussian-like wave function, one has (the first two are from refs. [34, 35])

\[ \varphi_{n1, L_K = s}(\vec{k}, \beta) = 4 \left( \frac{\pi}{\beta^2} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \exp\left( -\frac{k_x^2 + k_y^2}{2\beta^2} \right), \]
\[ \varphi_{n1, L_K = p}(\vec{k}, \beta) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\beta^2}} \varphi_{n1}(\vec{k}, \beta), \]
\[ \varphi_{n2, L_K = s}(\vec{k}, \beta) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \left( 1 - \frac{2\vec{k}^2}{3\beta^2} \right) \varphi_{n1}(\vec{k}, \beta), \]
\[ \varphi_{n2, L_K = p}(\vec{k}, \beta) = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \left( 1 - \frac{2\vec{k}^2}{\beta^2} \right) \varphi_{n1, L_K = p}(\vec{k}, \beta). \]  

(22)

The kinematics are given by

\[ M_0^{(l)} = \sum_{i=1}^{2} m_i^{(l)} + k_i^{(l)} \]
\[ k_i^{(l)} = \frac{m_i^{(l)} + k_i^{(l)}}{x_i^{(l)}} \]
\[ x_i^{(l)} = \frac{m_i^{(l)} + k_i^{(l)} + k_{i\perp}^{(l)}}{x_i^{(l)} M_0^{(l)}}, \]
\[ x_i^{(l)} = \frac{m_i^{(l)} + k_i^{(l)}}{2 x_i^{(l)} M_0^{(l)}} \]
\[ \frac{e_1 e_2}{x_1 x_2 M_0} = \frac{dk_{2z}}{dx_2}. \]  

(23)

Under the constraint of \( 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{2} x_i = \sum_{i=1}^{2} (k_i)_{x,y,z} = 0 \), we have

\[ \frac{dk_{2z}}{dx_2} = \frac{e_1 e_2}{x_1 x_2 M_0}, \]  

(24)

Now we turn to the Melosh transform. For the heavy quark part, we have [36, 37],

\[ \langle \lambda_1 | R_M(p_1^+, \vec{p}_1\perp, m_1)| s_1 \rangle = \frac{\bar{u}(p_1, \lambda_1) u_D(p_1, s_1)}{2m_1} \]  

(25)

with \( u(D) \), a Dirac spinor in the light-front (instant) form. For the diquark part, if it is a scalar diquark the Melosh transform is a trivial one, i.e.

\[ \langle \lambda_2 | R_M(p_2^+, \vec{p}_2\perp, m_2)| s_2 \rangle = 1, \]  

(26)

but if it is an axial vector diquark, the Melosh transform is more interesting,

\[ \langle \lambda_2 | R_M(p_2^+, \vec{p}_2\perp, m_2)| s_2 \rangle = -\varepsilon_{LF}^*(p_2, \lambda_2) \cdot \varepsilon_I(p_2, s_2), \]  

(27)
with $\varepsilon_{\text{LF}}$ and $\varepsilon_L$ are polarization vectors in light-front and instant forms, respectively. Note that we have $u_D(k, s) = u(k, \lambda) \langle \lambda | R M | s \rangle$ and $\varepsilon_L(k, s) = \varepsilon_{\text{LF}}(k, \lambda) \langle \lambda | R M^\dagger | s \rangle$. Consequently, the state $|Q(k, \lambda)\rangle \langle \lambda | R M | s \rangle$ and $||qq\rangle \langle k, \lambda\rangle \langle \lambda | R M^\dagger | s \rangle$ transforms like $|Q(k, s)\rangle$ and $||qq\rangle \langle k, s\rangle$, respectively, under rotation, i.e. their transformation do not depend on their momentum. A crucial feature of the light-front formulation of a bound state, such as the one shown in Eq. (12), is the frame-independence of the light-front wave function [36, 38]. Namely, the hadron can be boosted to any (physical) $(P^+, P_\perp)$ without affecting the internal variables $(x_i, \vec{k}_i)$ of the wave function, which is certainly not the case in the instant-form formulation.

In practice it is more convenient to use the covariant form for $\Psi_{nL\gamma KL_{(qq)}; l_l \gamma_l}^{s_{(qq)}; l_l}$:

$$\Psi_{nL\gamma KL_{(qq)}; l_l \gamma_l}^{s_{(qq)}; l_l}((p_1, p_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(M_0 + m_1)^2 - m_2^2}} \bar{u}(p_1, \lambda_1) \Gamma_{L\gamma KL_{(qq)}; l_l \gamma_l}u(P, J_z) \phi_{nL\gamma KL_{(qq)}; l_l \gamma_l}((x_1, x_2, k_{1\perp}, k_{2\perp}), (28)$$

with

$$\Gamma_{s_{00}} = 1,$$

$$\Gamma_{s_{11}} = \frac{7\gamma}{\sqrt{3}} \left( 2\frac{L_F(p_2, \lambda_2)}{P \cdot p_2} - \frac{M_0 + m_1 + m_2}{P \cdot p_2 + m_2 M_0} \varepsilon_{\text{LF}}(p_2, \lambda_2) \cdot \vec{P}, \right),$$

$$\Gamma_{\rho_{01}} = \frac{7\gamma}{2\sqrt{3}} \left( \rho - \frac{m_2^2 - m_1^2}{M_0} \right)$$

for baryon states with a $S_2 = 0$ or $S_2 = 1$ diquark. The derivation of the above results can be found in Appendix A. Note that $\Gamma_{s_{00}}$ agrees with the one in ref. [25], while $\Gamma_{s_{11}}$ and $\Gamma_{\rho_{01}}$ are new results and $\Gamma_{s_{11}}$ is different from those in ref. [26, 29, 39], which have $\Gamma_{s_{11}}$ proportional to $\gamma_5$ $\gamma_\nu_{\text{LF}}(p_2, \lambda_2)$, instead.

It should be remarked that in the conventional LF approach $\vec{P} = p_1 + p_2$ is not equal to the baryon’s four-momentum as all constituents are on-shell and consequently $u(P, S_2)$ is not equal to $u(P, S_2)$; they satisfy different equations of motions $(\vec{P} - M_0)u(P, S_2) = 0$ and $(\vec{P} - M_0)u(P, S_2) = 0$. This is similar to the case of a vector meson bound state where the polarization vectors $\varepsilon(P, S_2)$ and $\varepsilon(P, S_2)$ are different and satisfy different equations $\varepsilon(P, S_2) \cdot \vec{P} = 0$ and $\varepsilon(P, S_2) \cdot \vec{P} = 0$ [40]. Although $u(P, S_2)$ is different than $u(P, S_2)$, they satisfy the relation

$$\gamma^+ u(P, S_2) = \gamma^+ u(P, S_2),$$

followed from $\gamma^+ \gamma^+ = 0$, $\vec{P}^+ = P^+$, $\vec{P}_\perp = P_\perp$. This is again in analogy with the case of $\varepsilon(P, \pm 1) = \varepsilon(P, \pm 1)$.

Note that the normalization of state, Eq. (18), implies

$$\delta_{J_z, J_z}^\gamma = \int \frac{d^2x^2 d^2k_{\perp}}{2((2\pi)^3} \phi_{nL\gamma KL_{(qq)}}((x_i, \vec{k}_i)) \phi_{nL\gamma KL_{(qq)}}((x_i, \vec{k}_i)) \times \bar{u}(\vec{P}, J_z) \Gamma_{L\gamma KL_{(qq)}; l_l \gamma_l}u(P, J_z) \phi_{nL\gamma KL_{(qq)}; l_l \gamma_l}(\vec{p}_1 + m_1) \Gamma_{L\gamma KL_{(qq)}; l_l \gamma_l}u(P, J_z),$$

(31)

with $\Gamma_{L\gamma KL_{(qq)}; l_l \gamma_l} \equiv \gamma_0 \Gamma_{L\gamma KL_{(qq)}; l_l \gamma_l} \gamma_0$. To verify it we note that the right-hand-side of Eq. (31) is a matrix element of a $2 \times 2$ hermitian matrix. Hence, it’s value can be extracted by taking traces with unit and sigma matrices, giving

$$1 = \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^2x^2 d^2k_{\perp}}{2((2\pi)^3} \phi_{nL\gamma KL_{(qq)}}((x_i, \vec{k}_i)) \phi_{nL\gamma KL_{(qq)}}((x_i, \vec{k}_i)) \times \bar{u}(\vec{P} + M_0) \Gamma_{L\gamma KL_{(qq)}; l_l \gamma_l}(\vec{p}_1 + m_1) \Gamma_{L\gamma KL_{(qq)}; l_l \gamma_l},$$

(32)
and
\[
0 = \int \frac{dx_2 d^2 k_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{nL_K}^* \{x_j\}; \{\bar{k}_{j\perp}\} \phi_{nL_K} \{x_i\}; \{\bar{k}_{i\perp}\}}{8P^+ \sqrt{\vec{P} \cdot p_1 + m_1 M_0^' \sqrt{\vec{P} \cdot p_1 + m_1 M_0}}
\]
\[
\times \text{Tr}[(\vec{P} + M_0)\gamma^+ \gamma_5 (\vec{P} + M_0) \Gamma_{L_K S_{\{qq\}} J_i} (\vec{p}_1 + m_1) \Gamma_{L_K S_{\{qq\}} J_i}],
\]
\[
0 = \int \frac{dx_2 d^2 k_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{nL_K}^* \{x_j\}; \{\bar{k}_{j\perp}\} \phi_{nL_K} \{x_i\}; \{\bar{k}_{i\perp}\}}{8P^+ \sqrt{\vec{P} \cdot p_1 + m_1 M_0^' \sqrt{\vec{P} \cdot p_1 + m_1 M_0}}
\]
\[
\times \text{Tr}[(\vec{P} + M_0)\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5 (\vec{P} + M_0) \Gamma_{L_K S_{\{qq\}} J_i} (\vec{p}_1 + m_1) \Gamma_{L_K S_{\{qq\}} J_i}],
\]
where we have made use of the following identities in the above equations,
\[
\frac{1}{2} \sum_{J_z, J_{z'}} u(\vec{P}, J_z) (\sigma^3)_{J_z J_{z'}} u(\vec{P}, J_{z'}) = \frac{1}{4\vec{P}^+} (\vec{P} + M_0)\gamma^+ \gamma_5 (\vec{P} + M_0),
\]
\[
\frac{1}{2} \sum_{J_z, J_{z'}} u(\vec{P}, J_z) (\sigma^3)_{J_z J_{z'}} u(\vec{P}, J_{z'}) = \frac{i}{4\vec{P}^+} (\vec{P} + M_0)\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5 (\vec{P} + M_0). \tag{33}
\]
Eqs. (32) and (33) are non-trivial requirements and we check that using \(\Gamma_{s00}, \Gamma_{s11}\) and \(\Gamma_{p01}\) in Eq. (29) and \(\phi_{nL_K}\) in Eqs. (21) and (22), the above relations are indeed satisfied. 4

A. \(B_0(1/2) \rightarrow B_c(1/2)\) weak transitions, a general discussion

The Feynman diagram for a typical \(B_0 \rightarrow B_c\) transition, is shown in Fig. 1. For the \(B_0(1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(1/2^+)\) transition, the matrix element can be parameterized as
\[
\langle B_c(P', J'_z) | \bar{c} \gamma_{\mu} b | B_0(P, J_z) \rangle
\]
\[
= \bar{u}(P', J'_z) \left[(f_1^V(q^2))^2 \gamma_{\mu} + i \frac{f_2^V(q^2)}{M'} M' \sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu + \frac{j_3^V(q^2)}{M' M} q^\mu \right] u(P, J_z),
\]
\[
\langle B_c(P', J'_z) | \bar{c} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_5 b | B_0(P, J_z) \rangle
\]
\[
= \bar{u}(P', J'_z) \left[ g_1^A(q^2) \gamma_{\mu} + i \frac{g_2^A(q^2)}{M'} M' \sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu + \frac{g_3^A(q^2)}{M' M} q^\mu \right] \gamma_5 u(P, J_z), \tag{35}
\]
with \(q = P - P'\). For the \(B_0(1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(1/2^-)\) transition, we have
\[
\langle B_c(P', J'_z) | \bar{c} \gamma_{\mu} b | B_0(P, J_z) \rangle
\]
\[
= \bar{u}(P', J'_z) \left[ g_1^V(q^2) \gamma_{\mu} + i \frac{g_2^V(q^2)}{M'} M' \sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu + \frac{g_3^V(q^2)}{M' M} q^\mu \right] \gamma_5 u(P, J_z),
\]
\[
\langle B_c(P', J'_z) | \bar{c} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_5 b | B_0(P, J_z) \rangle
\]
\[
= \bar{u}(P', J'_z) \left[ f_1^A(q^2) \gamma_{\mu} + i \frac{f_2^A(q^2)}{M'} M' \sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu + \frac{f_3^A(q^2)}{M' M} q^\mu \right] u(P, J_z). \tag{36}
\]
Armed with the light-front quark model description of \(|B_0(P, J_z)\rangle\) in the previous subsection, we are ready to calculate the weak transition matrix element of heavy baryons. For a \(B_0(1/2) \rightarrow

\[\text{Note that some authors used vertex functions that do not satisfy Eq. (32), while some authors employed some ad hoc additional normalization factors to the vertex functions in order to satisfy Eq. (32). In this work, Eqs. (32) and (33) are satisfied automatically.} \]
\[ \langle B_c(P', J_z') | \bar{c} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) b | B_b(P, J_z) \rangle = \int \{ d^3 p_2 \} \frac{\phi_{n L_K}^* (\{ x' \}, \{ k'_1 \}) \phi_{1 L_K} (\{ x \}, \{ k_1 \})}{2 \sqrt{p_1^+ p_1^{+\prime}(p_1 \cdot P + m_1 M_0)(p_1^{\prime} \cdot P' + m'_1 M'_0)}} \times \bar{u}(P', J_z') \Gamma_{L_K S_{[qq]}, l} (\bar{p}^{}_{1} + m'_1) \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5)(\bar{p}^{}_{1} + m_1) \Gamma_{L_K S_{[qq]}, l} u(\bar{P}, J_z), \] (37)

where the diquark acts as an spectator and

\[ p_i^{(t)+} = x_i^{(t)} P^{(t)+}, \quad p_i^{(t)} = x_i^{(t)} \bar{p}_i^{(t)} + \bar{p}_i^{(t)}, \quad 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{2} x_i^{(t)} = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \bar{p}_i^{(t)} = 0, \]

with \( \Gamma_{L_K S_{[qq]}, l} \) given in Eq. (29). As in [15, 34, 41], we consider the \( q^+ = 0, \bar{q}_\perp \neq \bar{q} \) case. We follow [15, 41] to project out various form factors from the above transition matrix elements (see Appendix B for details). The results are given below.

### B. Form factors for \( B_b(3_f, 1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(3_f, 1/2^+) \) transition [type (i)]

The \( B_b(3_f, 1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(3_f, 1/2^+) \) transitions involve initial states in \( (n, L_K, S_{[qq]}, J_F^P, J_F^P)_b = (1, 0, 0^+, 0^+, 1^+) \) configuration and final states in \( (n, L_K, S_{[qq]}, J_F^P, J_F^P)_c = (n, 0, 0^+, 0^+, 1^+) \) configurations (with \( n=1,2 \)). Explicitly, we have \( \Lambda_0^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_0^+, \Xi_0^{0(0)} \rightarrow \Xi_0^{0(0)} \) and \( \Lambda_0^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_0(2765)^+ \) transitions, where we follow ref. [4] to take \( \Lambda_0(2765)^+ \) as a radial excited s-wave state. In these transitions the scalar diquarks are spectators.

We obtain the following transition form factors for type (i) transition:

\[ f_1^V (q^2) = \int \frac{d x d^2 k_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{n s}^* (\{ x' \}, \{ k'_1 \}) \phi_{1 s} (\{ x \}, \{ k_1 \})}{\sqrt{(m_1 + x_1 M_0)^2 + k_{1\perp}^2)(m'_1 + x_1 M'_0)^2 + k_{1\perp}^2}} \times [k_{1\perp} \cdot k'_{1\perp} + (m_1 + x_1 M_0)(m'_1 + x_1 M'_0)], \]

\[ \frac{f_2^V (q^2)}{M + M'} = \frac{1}{q_{\perp}^2} \int \frac{d x d^2 k_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{n s}^* (\{ x' \}, \{ k'_1 \}) \phi_{1 s} (\{ x \}, \{ k_1 \})}{\sqrt{(m_1 + x_1 M_0)^2 + k_{1\perp}^2)(m'_1 + x_1 M'_0)^2 + k_{1\perp}^2}} \]

\[ \times \frac{1}{q_{\perp}^2} \int \frac{d x d^2 k_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{n s}^* (\{ x' \}, \{ k'_1 \}) \phi_{1 s} (\{ x \}, \{ k_1 \})}{\sqrt{(m_1 + x_1 M_0)^2 + k_{1\perp}^2)(m'_1 + x_1 M'_0)^2 + k_{1\perp}^2}} \]
we follow ref. [4] to consider $\Omega$ axial-vector diquarks are spectators.

where we have

$$\frac{g_1^A(q^2)}{M + M'} = \frac{1}{q_{1\perp}^2} \int \frac{dx_2d^2k_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{n\sigma}^*({\{x',\{k'_1\}}}) \phi_{1\sigma}({\{x,\{k_1\}}})}{\sqrt{[(m_1 + x_1M_0)^2 + k_{1\perp}^2][(m_1' + x_1M_0')^2 + k_{1\perp}'^2]}}$$

$$\times \left[(m_1' + x_1M_0') \vec{F}_{1\perp}' \cdot \vec{q}_{\perp} + (m_1 + x_1M_0)(m_1' + x_1M_0') \vec{F}_{1\perp} \cdot \vec{q}_{\perp} \right].$$ (39)

Note that we have $\vec{k}_{1\perp} - \vec{k}_{1\perp}' = x_2 \vec{q}_{\perp}$ and $q^2 = -q_{1\perp}^2$. For the transition with low laying final state ($n = 1$), the above equations are similar to those obtained in ref. [15] and are identical to those in ref. [25].

C. Form factors for $B_b(6f, 1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(6f, 1/2^+)$ transition [type (ii)]

The $B_b(6f, 1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(6f, 1/2^+)$ transitions involve initial states in $(n, L_K, S_{[qq]}, J_P^e, J_P)^b = (1, 0, 1^+, 1^+, \frac{1}{2}^-)$ configuration and final states in $(n, L_K, S_{[qq]}, J_P^f, J_P)^c = (n, 0, 1^+, 1^+, \frac{1}{2}^-)$ configurations (with $n = 1, 2$). Explicitly, we have $\Omega_b^- \rightarrow \Omega_c^0$ and $\Omega_b^- \rightarrow \Omega_c(3900)^0$ transitions, where we follow ref. [3] to consider $\Omega_c(3900)^0$ as a radial excited s-wave state. In these transitions the axial-vector diquarks are spectators.

We obtain the following transition form factors for type (ii) transition:

$$f_1^V(q^2) = \int \frac{dx_2d^2k_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{n\sigma}^*({\{x',\{k'_1\}}}) \phi_{1\sigma}({\{x,\{k_1\}}})}{\sqrt{[(m_1 + x_1M_0)^2 + k_{1\perp}^2][(m_1' + x_1M_0')^2 + k_{1\perp}'^2]}}$$

$$\times (A_+ + B_+ + C_+ + D_+),$$

$$\frac{f_2^V(q^2)}{M + M'} = \frac{1}{q_{1\perp}^2} \int \frac{dx_2d^2k_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{n\sigma}^*({\{x',\{k'_1\}}}) \phi_{1\sigma}({\{x,\{k_1\}}})}{\sqrt{[(m_1 + x_1M_0)^2 + k_{1\perp}^2][(m_1' + x_1M_0')^2 + k_{1\perp}'^2]}}$$

$$\times (H_+ + I_+ + J_+ + K_+),$$

$$g_1^A(q^2) = \int \frac{dx_2d^2k_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{n\sigma}^*({\{x',\{k'_1\}}}) \phi_{1\sigma}({\{x,\{k_1\}}})}{\sqrt{[(m_1 + x_1M_0)^2 + k_{1\perp}^2][(m_1' + x_1M_0')^2 + k_{1\perp}'^2]}}$$

$$\times (A_- + B_- + C_- + D_-),$$

$$\frac{g_2^A(q^2)}{M + M'} = \frac{1}{q_{1\perp}^2} \int \frac{dx_2d^2k_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{n\sigma}^*({\{x',\{k'_1\}}}) \phi_{1\sigma}({\{x,\{k_1\}}})}{\sqrt{[(m_1 + x_1M_0)^2 + k_{1\perp}^2][(m_1' + x_1M_0')^2 + k_{1\perp}'^2]}}$$

$$\times (H_- + I_- + J_- + K_-),$$ (40)

where we have

$$A_+ = \frac{2e_2M_0}{6m_2^4} \left[ 4e_2' M_0' + x_2(M_0' + m_1')(M_0 - 2M_0' + m_1) + 2m_2^2(x_2 - 1) \right]$$

$$+ 2x_2 \left( e_2' M_0' \left[ (M_0 + m_1)(-2M_0 + M_0' + m_1) + 2m_2^2 \right] \right)$$

$$+ m_2^2 \left[ M_0^2 - M_0(4M_0' + m_1 + 2m_1') + M_0'(M_0' - 2m_1 - m_1') + 2q_2^2 \right]$$

$$+ 2m_2^2 \left[ -2e_2' M_0' + m_1'(M_0 + 2M_0' + m_1) + M_0 M_0' + 2M_0m_1 + M_0'm_1 - m_2^2 - 2q_2^2 \right]$$

$$- x_2 \left[ (M_0 - M_0')^2 + q_2^2 \right] \left[ (M_0 + m_1)(M_0' + m_1') + 2m_2^2 \right].$$ (41)
\[ B_+ = \frac{1}{6M_0m_2^2(e_2 + m_2)} \left[ -2e_2^2M_0^2 \left[ 4e_2'M_0' + x_2(M_0' + m_1')(M_0 - 2M_0' + m_1 + m_2) \right] \\
+ e_2M_0 \left( -2x_2 \left[ e_2'M_0'(-2M_0 + M_0' + m_1')(M_0 + m_1 + m_2) \right] \\
+ m_2 \left[ M_0^2m_2 - M_0M_0'(M_0' + m_1' + 2m_2) \right] \\
+ M_0'(M'_0(m_1 + 2m_2) + (m_1 + m_2)(m_1' - 2m_2) + m_2q^2) \right] \right] \\
+ 4m_2 \left( e_2'M_0'(-2M_0 + m_1 + 2m_2) + m_2 \left( M_0^2 - M_0'm_1' + q^2 \right) \right) \\
+ x_2^2(M_0' + m_1') \left( (M_0 - M_0')^2 + q^2 \right) (M_0 + m_1 + m_2) \right], \] (42)

\[ C_+ = \frac{1}{6M_0m_2^2(e_2 + m_2)} \left[ 2e_2M_0 \left( -4e_2^2M_0^2 + e_2'M_0'(2m_2(-M_0' + m_1' + 2m_2) \\
- x_2(M_0 - 2M_0' + m_1)(M_0' + m_1' + m_2)) \\
+ m_2 \left[ M_0(M_0' + m_1' + m_2) + M_0'(-x_2) + M_0(m_1 - x_2(m_1' + m_2) + m_2) \right] \\
+(m_1 - m_2)(m_1' + m_2) \right] \right] + x_2 \left( -2e_2^2M_0^2(M_0 + m_1)(-2M_0 + M_0' + m_1 + m_2) \right) \\
- 2e_2'M_0'm_2[M_0'(-M_0' + m_1' + 2m_2) - M_0M_0'(m_1 + 2m_2) \\
+ M_0(m_1 - 2m_2)(m_1' + m_2) + m_2(M_0^2 + q^2)] \\
+ m_2 \left[ M_0^2(-M_0' - m_1' - m_2) - M_0'(M_0(m_1 + m_2) + (m_1 - m_2)(m_1' + m_2)) \right] \\
+ M_0(M_0^2 + 2M_0'm_1 - q^2)(M_0' + m_1' + m_2) \\
- q^2[2M_0^2 + M_0'(m_1 + m_1' + m_2) + (m_1 - m_2)(m_1' + m_2)] \\
+ M_0^2 \left( -2M_0^2 + M_0(m_1 - 2m_1' - 3m_2) + (m_1 + m_2)(m_1' + m_2) \right) \right] \right] \\
- 2m_2 \left[ M_0M_0'(m_1 + m_2) + (m_1' + m_2)(-M_0m_1 + M_0m_2 + q^2) - M_0^3 \right] \\
+ M_0^2(m_1' + m_2) - M_0'q^2) - 2e_2'M_0' \left( -M_0m_1 + M_0^2 + q^2 \right) \right) \\
+ M_0'x_2^2 \left( (M_0 - M_0')^2 + q^2 \right) (M_0' + m_1' + m_2) \left( e_2'(M_0 + m_1 + m_2) \right] \right], \] (43)

\[ D_+ = \frac{\left( m_2^2 \left( M_0^2 + M_0^2 + q^2 \right) - 2e_2e_2'M_0'M_0' \right)}{12M_0M_0'm_2^2(e_2 + m_2)(e_2' + m_2)} \times \left[ -2x_2[e_2M_0(M_0' + m_1' + m_2)(M_0 - 2M_0' + m_1 + m_2) \right] \]

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\[ D_+ = D_+ + \frac{(e_2 M_0 e_0 M_0' - m_0^2 (M_0^2 + (M_0')^2 + q^2))}{6M_0 m_0^2 (e_2 + m_0) M_0' (e_2' + m_2)} (M_0 + m_1 + m_2) (M_0' + m_1' + m_2) \]

\[ x_2 \left[ -2 e_2 M_0 - 2 e_2' M_0' + x_2 \left( M_0^2 + M_0'^2 + q^2 \right) \right] + 2 m_2^2, \]

\[ H_+ = \frac{1}{3 m_0^2} \left[ \tilde{k}_{2 \perp} \cdot \tilde{q}_\perp (M_0 - M_0') + e_2 M_0 \left\{ -2 e_2' M_0' (M_0 + m_1 + m_2) \right\} \right. \]

\[ + m_2 \left( m_2 (M_0 - 3 M_0' + m_1 - m_1') + (M_0 - m_1)(M_0' + m_1') + m_2^2 \right) \]

\[ - x_2 (M_0 - M_0') (M_0' + m_1') (M_0 + m_1 + m_2) \]

\[ + m_2^2 \left\{ M_0^2 (1 - x_2) + M_0^2 \left[ M_0^2 (m_2 + m_1 + m_2) + m_2 \right] \right\} \]

\[ + M_0^2 (m_2 + m_1 + m_2) + m_2 \left( M_0' + m_1' \right) (M_0 + m_1 + m_2) \]

\[ + M_0^2 \left( 2 e_2 M_0 (M_0' + m_1') + e_2 M_0 (M_0' + m_1' + 2 m_2) - (m_1 + m_2)(M_0' + m_1' - 2 m_2) \right) \]

\[ + m_2^2 \left( M_0' + m_1' \right) (M_0 + m_1 + m_2) \]

\[ + M_0^2 x_2^2 (m_1 + m_2) + m_2 \left( 2 e_2 M_0 (M_0' + m_1') + M_0 m_2 (M_0' + m_1' + m_2) - m_2 (m_1 + m_2)(M_0' + m_1' - m_2) \right) \]

\[ J_+ = \frac{1}{3 m_0^2 m_0^2 (e_2 + m_2)} \left[ \tilde{k}_{2 \perp} \cdot \tilde{q}_\perp \left( 2 e_2 e_0 M_0 M_0' (M_0' + m_1' + m_2) - 2 e_2' M_0' (M_0 + m_1) \right) \right. \]

\[ + e_2' M_0' \left\{ x_2 (M_0 - M_0)(M_0 + m_1)(M_0' + m_1' + m_2) \right\} \]

\[ + m_2^2 \left\{ M_0^2 (m_2 + m_1 + m_2) + (m_1 - m_2)(m_1' + m_2) \right\} \]

\[ - M_0 x_2 (m_1 + m_2) + m_2^2 \left( 2 M_0 + M_0' + m_1' + m_2 \right) \]

\[ + q^2 \left( e_2' M_0' \left\{ M_0 x_2 (m_1 + m_2) + m_2^2 (2 M_0 + M_0' + m_1' + m_2) \right\} \right) \]

\[ + q^2 \left( e_2' M_0' \left\{ M_0 x_2 (m_1 + m_2) + m_2^2 (2 M_0 + M_0' + m_1' + m_2) \right\} \right) \]
\[ K_+ = \frac{\left( m_2^2 (M_0^2 + M_0'^2 + q^2) - 2e_2e'_2 M_0 M_0' \right)}{6M_0 M_0' m_2^2 (e_2 + m_2) (e'_2 + m_2)} \times \left[ q^2 x_2(M_0' + m_1' + m_2) - 2e_2 M_0 + M_0 x_2(M_0 + m_1 + m_2) + m_2(-M_0 + m_1 + m_2) \right] \]

\[ K_- = K_+ - \frac{k_{2\perp} \cdot \bar{q}_\perp (M_0 + m_1 + m_2)}{3M_0 M_0' m_2^2 (e_2 + m_2) (e'_2 + m_2)} \times \left( m_2^2 \left( M_0^2 + (M_0')^2 + q^2 \right) - 2e_2e'_2 M_0 M_0' \right) \times [-2e_2 M_0' + M_0' x_2(M_0 + m_1 + m_2) + m_2(-M_0' + m_1' + m_2)], \]

and \( A_- \) is equal to \( A_+ \), but with \( M_0' \to -M_0' \) and \( m_1' \to -m_1' \); \( (e_2 + m_2)B_- \) is equal to \( (e_2 + m_2)B_+ \), but with \( M_0'_0 \to -M_0'_0 \), \( m_1' \to -m_1' \) and \( e_2' \to -e_2' \); \( (e_2' + m_2)C_- \) is equal to \( -(e_2' + m_2)C_+ \), but with \( M_0'_0 \to -M_0'_0 \), \( m_1' \to -m_1' \), \( e_2' \to -e_2' \) and \( m_2 \to -m_2 \); \( H_- = \text{equal to} -H_+ \), but with \( M_0'_0 \to -M_0'_0 \) and \( m_1' \to -m_1' \); \( (e_2' + m_2)L_- \) is equal to \( -(e_2' + m_2)L_+ \), but with \( M_0'_0 \to -M_0'_0 \), \( m_1' \to -m_1' \) and \( e_2' \to -e_2' \); \( (e_2' + m_2)J_- \) is equal to \( (e_2' + m_2)J_+ \), but with \( M_0'_0 \to -M_0'_0 \), \( m_1' \to -m_1' \), \( e_2' \to -e_2' \) and \( m_2 \to -m_2 \). Note that we have \( k_{1\perp} = \bar{k}_{1\perp} = x_2 q_{1\perp} \) and \( q^2 = -q_{1\perp}^2 \). The above formulas of the form factors are new results.

### D. Form factors for \( B_0(\bar{3}f, 1^+_2) \to B_c(\bar{3}f, 1^+_2) \) transition [type (iii)]

The \( B_0(\bar{3}f, 1^+_2) \to B_c(\bar{3}f, 1^+_2) \) transitions involve initial states in \((n, L_K, S^P_{(\bar{q}q)}, J^P, J^P)_b = (1, 0, 0^+, 0^+, \frac{1}{2}^+)\) configuration and final states in \((n, L_K, S^P_{(\bar{q}q)}, J^P, J^P)_c = (n, 1, 0^+, 1^+,-\frac{1}{2}^-)\) configurations (with \(n=1,2\)). Explicitly, we have \( \Lambda^0_0 \to \Lambda_c(2595)^+ \), \( \Xi^0_0(-) \to \Xi_c(2790)^{+0} \) and \( \Lambda^0_0 \to \Lambda_c(2940)^+ \) transitions, where we follow ref. [4] to consider \( \Lambda_c(2940)^+ \) as a radial excited \( p \)-wave state. In these transitions, the scalar diquarks are spectators.

We obtain the following transition form factors for type (iii) transition:

\[
\begin{align*}
 f_1^A(q^2) &= \int \frac{dx_2d^2k_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{n_p}^*(\{x'\}, \{k_1'\}) \phi_{1_s}(\{x\}, \{k_1\})R_+}{\sqrt{[(m_1 + x_1 M_0)^2 + k_{1\perp}^2][(m_1' + x_1 M_0')^2 + k_{1\perp}'^2]}}, \\
 f_2^A(q^2) &= \frac{1}{\bar{q}_{1\perp}^2} \int \frac{dx_2d^2k_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{n_p}^*(\{x'\}, \{k_1'\}) \phi_{1_s}(\{x\}, \{k_1\})S_+}{\sqrt{[(m_1 + x_1 M_0)^2 + k_{1\perp}^2][(m_1' + x_1 M_0')^2 + k_{1\perp}'^2]}}, \\
 g_1^V(q^2) &= \int \frac{dx_2d^2k_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{n_p}^*(\{x'\}, \{k_1'\}) \phi_{1_s}(\{x\}, \{k_1\})R_-}{\sqrt{[(m_1 + x_1 M_0)^2 + k_{1\perp}^2][(m_1' + x_1 M_0')^2 + k_{1\perp}'^2]}}, \\
 g_2^V(q^2) &= \frac{1}{\bar{q}_{1\perp}^2} \int \frac{dx_2d^2k_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{n_p}^*(\{x'\}, \{k_1'\}) \phi_{1_s}(\{x\}, \{k_1\})S_-}{\sqrt{[(m_1 + x_1 M_0)^2 + k_{1\perp}^2][(m_1' + x_1 M_0')^2 + k_{1\perp}'^2]}},
\end{align*}
\]
\( \frac{g_2^2(q^2)}{M + M'} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{dx_2 d^2k_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi'_{np}(\{x\}, \{k'_{\perp}\}) \phi_{14}(\{x\}; \{k_{\perp}\}) S_-}{\sqrt{[(m_1 + x_1 M_0)^2 + k_{\perp}^2][(m_1' + x_1 M_0')^2 + k'_{\perp}^2]}}, \) (51)

where we have

\[
R_+ = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}M_0} \left[ 2x_2 \left( M_0' + m_1' \right) \left( e_2 M_0 (M_0' + m_1') - M_0 m_1' (3M_0 + m_1) + M_0 m_1'^2 + M_0'^2 (-m_1) \right) 
+ m_2^2 (-e_2 M_0 + 4M_0 M_0' - M_0 m_1' + M_0 m_1) 
+ 2e_2 M_0' \left( 4M_0' (M_0 + m_1) + x_2 \left( -4M_0 M_0' + (M_0' + m_1')^2 - m_2^2 \right) \right) 
- 2m_2^2 \left( -m_1' (M_0 - 2M_0' + m_1) + M_0' (3M_0 + M_0' + 3m_1) + m_1'^2 \right) 
- 2(M_0 + m_1)(M_0' - m_1')^2 (M_0' + m_1') 
- x_2^2 \left( (M_0 - M_0')^2 + q^2 \right) (M_0' + m_1' - m_2)(M_0' + m_1 + m_2) + 2m_2^2 \right], \] (52)

\[
S_+ = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}M_0} \left[ 4e_2 \vec{k}_{\perp} \cdot \vec{q}_{\perp} M_0'^2 + \vec{k}_{\perp} \cdot \vec{q}_{\perp} \left( M_0 (x_2 - 1) \left( M_0'^2 + 2M_0' m_1' + m_1'^2 - m_2^2 \right) 
+ M_0' (-x_2 + 1) + M_0'^2 (-m_1 - 2m_1' x_2 + m_1') + M_0' \left( -2m_1 m_1' + m_1'^2 (1 - x_2) + m_2^2 (x_2 - 3) \right) 
- (m_1 + m_1') \left( m_1'^2 - m_2^2 \right) \right) 
+ q^2 x_2 (M_0 (-x_2) + M_0 + m_1) \left( M_0'^2 + 2M_0' m_1' + m_1'^2 - m_2^2 \right) \right], \] (53)

\[
R_- = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}M_0} \left[ -2x_2 (M_0' + m_1') \left( e_2 M_0 (M_0' + m_1') + M_0' m_1' (3M_0 + m_1) - M_0 m_1'^2 + M_0'^2 m_1 \right) 
+ 2m_2^2 x_2 (e_2 M_0 + 4M_0 M_0' - M_0 m_1' + M_0 m_1) 
+ 2e_2 M_0' \left( 4M_0' (M_0 + m_1) - x_2 \left( 4M_0 M_0' + (M_0' + m_1')^2 - m_2^2 \right) \right) 
+ 2m_2^2 \left( m_1' (M_0 + 2M_0' + m_1) + M_0' (-3M_0 + M_0' - 3m_1) + m_1'^2 \right) 
- 2(M_0 + m_1)(M_0' - m_1')^2 (M_0' + m_1') 
+ x_2^2 \left( (M_0 + M_0')^2 + q^2 \right) (M_0' + m_1' - m_2)(M_0' + m_1 + m_2) - 2m_2^2 \right], \] (54)

and

\[
S_- = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}M_0} \left[ -4e_2 \vec{k}_{\perp} \cdot \vec{q}_{\perp} M_0'^2 + \vec{k}_{\perp} \cdot \vec{q}_{\perp} \left( M_0 (x_2 - 1) \left( M_0'^2 + 2M_0' m_1' + m_1'^2 - m_2^2 \right) \right) 
+ M_0'^3 (x_2 + 1) - M_0'^2 (m_1 - 2m_1' x_2 + m_1') - 2M_0 m_1 m_1' + M_0 m_1'^2 (x_2 - 1) 
- M_0 m_2^2 (x_2 - 3) - (m_1 - m_1') \left( m_1'^2 - m_2^2 \right) \right) 
+ q^2 x_2 (M_0 (-x_2) + M_0 + m_1) \left( M_0'^2 + 2M_0' m_1' + m_1'^2 - m_2^2 \right) \right]. \] (55)

Note that we have \( \vec{k}_{\perp} - \vec{k}'_{\perp} = x_2 \vec{q}_{\perp} \) and \( q^2 = -q_{\perp}^2 \). The above formulas of the form factors are new results.

**IV. NUMERICAL RESULTS**

In this section we will show the numerical results of various \( B_0 \to B_c \) transition form factors using formulas obtained in Sec. III. We then proceed to estimate the decay rates and up-down
TABLE VII: The input parameters $m^{S,A}_{[qq']}$, $m_q$ and $\beta$’s (in units of GeV) appearing in the Gaussian-type wave function [22]. (The superscript $S$ and $A$ mean scalar and axial vector, respectively.) The constituent quark and diquark masses are taken from ref. [42].

| $m^{S}_{[ud]}$ | $m^{S}_{[us]}$ | $m^{A}_{[ss]}$ | $m_b$ | $m_c$ | $\beta_b$ | $\beta_c$ |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| 0.710         | 0.948         | 1.203         | 4.88  | 1.55  | 0.72      | 0.37      |

TABLE VIII: The transition form factors for various $B_b(3_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(3_f, 1/2^+)$ transitions [type (i)]. We use a three parameter form for these form factors, see Eq. (56).

| $B_b \to B_c$ | $F$ | $F(0)$ | $a$ | $b$ | $F$ | $F(0)$ | $a$ | $b$ |
|---------------|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|-----|
| $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c$ | $f_{11}$ | 0.48 | 0.42 | 0.31 | $g_1^A$ | 0.47 | 0.40 | 0.32 |
| | $f_{12}$ | $-0.05$ | 1.02 | 0.64 | $g_2^A$ | $-0.14$ | 0.77 | 0.50 |
| $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c(2765)$ | $f_{11}$ | 0.34 | 0.57 | 0.58 | $g_1^A$ | 0.33 | 0.55 | 0.58 |
| | $f_{12}$ | $-0.07$ | 1.07 | 0.84 | $g_2^A$ | $-0.10$ | 0.57 | 0.87 |
| $\Xi_b \to \Xi_c$ | $f_{11}$ | 0.40 | 1.02 | 0.84 | $g_1^A$ | 0.39 | 0.99 | 0.82 |
| | $f_{12}$ | $-0.05$ | 1.58 | 1.67 | $g_2^A$ | $-0.14$ | 1.36 | 1.34 |

TABLE IX: The transition form factors for various $B_b(6_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(6_f, 1/2^+)$ transitions [type (ii)]. We use a three parameter form for these form factors, see Eq. (56).

| $B_b \to B_c$ | $F$ | $F(0)$ | $a$ | $b$ | $F$ | $F(0)$ | $a$ | $b$ |
|---------------|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|-----|
| $\Omega_b \to \Omega_c$ | $f_{11}$ | 0.32 | 0.35 | 1.36 | $g_1^A$ | $-0.11$ | 1.76 | $-0.07$ |
| | $f_{12}$ | 0.43 | 1.30 | 2.14 | $g_2^A$ | $-0.013$ | $-5.91$ | 10.55 |
| $\Omega_b \to \Omega_c(3090)$ | $f_{11}$ | 0.20 | 0.58 | 2.79 | $g_1^A$ | $-0.07$ | 2.47 | 1.27 |
| | $f_{12}$ | 0.29 | 1.55 | 5.06 | $g_2^A$ | $-0.018$ | $-6.18$ | 15.50 |

asymmetries of $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c^{(*,**)} M^-$, $\Xi_b \to \Xi_c^{(*,**)} M^-$ and $\Omega_b \to \Omega_c^{(*)} M^-$ decays using naïve factorization.

A. $B_b \to B_c$ form factors

The input parameters $m_{[qq']}$, $m_q$, $\beta$ are summarized in Table VII. The constituent quark and diquark masses are taken from ref. [42]. For the diquark masses, we use $m^{S}_{[ud]}$ for $\Lambda_b$ and $\Lambda_c^{(*,**)}$, $m^{S}_{[us]}$ for $\Xi_b$ and $\Xi_c^{(*,**)}$, and $m^{A}_{[ss]}$ for $\Omega_b$ and $\Omega_c^{(*)}$. The $\beta$’s are chosen to reproduce the $Br(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c P)$ data (see later discussion).

The form factors of various $B_b \to B_c$ transitions can be obtained using formulas in the previous section. There are three types of transitions. For the type (i) transition, the $B_b(3_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(3_f, 1/2^+)$ transition, the form factors can be obtained by using Eq. (39), for the type (ii) transition, $B_b(6_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(6_f, 1/2^+)$ transition, we use Eq. (40) and for the type (iii) transition, the $B_b(3_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(3_f, 1/2^-)$ transition, Eq. (51) should be employed.

As our calculation of form factors is done in the $q^+ = 0$ frame, where $q^2 \leq 0$, we shall follow...
The parameters $a$ and $b$ are expected to be of order $\mathcal{O}(1)$. As we shall see this is usually true in our numerical results. Occasionally some $a$s and $b$s are larger than $\mathcal{O}(1)$, but in most of these cases the corresponding form factors are small and do not have much impact on decay rates.

The $B_b(\mathbf{3}_f, 1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(\mathbf{3}_f, 1/2^+)$ transition form factors $f^V_{1,2}(q^2)$ and $g^V_{1,2}(q^2)$ are given in Table VIII and are plotted in Fig. 2. These include the form factors for $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c(2765)$ and $\Xi_b \rightarrow \Xi_c(2790)$ transitions. In this case, we have $f^V_1, g^V_1 > 0$ and $f^V_2, g^V_2 < 0$. We see that $|f^V_1|$ and $|g^V_1|$ are larger than $|f^V_2|$ and $|g^V_2|$ in these transitions. Note that except $|f^V_2|$, the $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c(2765)$ transition form factors have smaller sizes comparing to those in the other two transitions. This is reasonable, since $\Lambda_c(2765)$ is a radial excited state. The configurations of the final states in excited state differ from those in the low lying states and larger mis-match between initial and final state configurations, usually lead to smaller form factors.

The $B_b(\mathbf{6}_f, 1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(\mathbf{6}_f, 1/2^+)$ transition form factors $f^V_{1,2}(q^2)$ and $g^V_{1,2}(q^2)$ are given in Table IX and are plotted in Fig. 3. These includes the form factors for $\Omega_b \rightarrow \Omega_c$ and $\Omega_c(3090)$ transitions. In this case, we have $f^V_1, f^V_2 > 0, g^V_1$ and $g^V_2 < 0$. We see that $|f^V_1|$ and $|f^V_2|$ are larger than $|g^V_1|$ and $|g^V_2|$ in these transitions. Note that except $g^V_2$, the $\Omega_b \rightarrow \Omega_c(2940)$ transition form factors have smaller sizes comparing to those in the $\Omega_b \rightarrow \Omega_c$ transition. This is reasonable, since we take $\Omega_c(2940)$ as a radial excited state. Larger mis-match between initial and final state configurations, usually lead to smaller form factors.

The $B_b(\mathbf{3}_f, 1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(\mathbf{3}_f, 1/2^-)$ transition form factors $f^A_{1,2}(q^2)$ and $g^A_{1,2}(q^2)$ are given in Table X and are plotted in Fig. 4. These includes the form factors for $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c(2595), \Lambda_c(2940)$ and $\Xi_b \rightarrow \Xi_c(2790)$ transitions. In this case, we have $f^A_1, g^A_1 > 0$ and $f^A_2, g^A_2 < 0$. The signs of the form factors are identical to those in the $B_b(\mathbf{3}_f, 1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(\mathbf{3}_f, 1/2^+)$ case. The transitions in this case have $p$-wave final state baryons. In the previous two cases, the initial and final state baryons belong to the same categories $[B_b(\mathbf{3}_f, 1/2^+) \lor B_c(\mathbf{6}_f, 1/2^+)]$, while in this case they are in different categories, the initial state is a $s$-wave baryon, but the final state is a $p$-wave baryon. We see that some of these form factors behavior rather differently from the previous ones. For example,
as shown in Fig. 4, $f_A(q^2)$ are almost independent of $q^2$, which are different from the $f_V(q^2)$ in the previous cases. Furthermore, all four form factors are of similar sizes in this case, while in the previous cases either one or two form factors are much smaller than the others. Note that the transition form factors of $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c(2940)$ are similar to those in $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c(2595)$, even though $\Lambda_c(2940)$ is a radial excited $p$-wave state. This feature is also different from the two previous cases, where form factors involving radial excited states are usually smaller in sizes.
FIG. 3: Form factors $f_{1,2}(q^2)$ and $g_{1,2}(q^2)$ for $\Omega_b \to \Omega_c$ and $\Omega_c(3090)$ transitions. The transitions are $B_b(6_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(6_f, 1/2^+)$ transitions [type (ii)].

B. $B_b \to B_c M$ decay rates and up-down asymmetries

Under the factorization approximation, the decay amplitudes for color-allowed $B_b \to B_c M^-$ decays are given by

$$A(B_b \to B_c M^-) = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} V_{ij}^* a_1 \langle B_c | V_\mu - A_\mu | B_b \rangle \langle M^- (\bar{q}_i q_j) | V_\mu - A_\mu | 0 \rangle,$$

where $V_{cb,ij}$ are the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix elements and $a_1$ is the effective color-allowed Wilson coefficient. In naïve factorization $a_1$ is given by $c_1 + c_2 / N_c$ with $c_1 = 1.081$ and $c_2 = -0.190$ at the scale of $\mu = 4.2$ GeV [15]. The matrix element $\langle B_c | V_\mu - A_\mu | B_b \rangle$ is given by Eqs. (35) and (36), while $\langle M^- (\bar{q}_i q_j) | V_\mu - A_\mu | 0 \rangle$ for $M = P, V, A$ (with $P, V$ and $A$ stand for pseudoscalar, vector and axial vector mesons, respectively) are given by

$$\langle P | V_\mu - A_\mu | 0 \rangle = i q^\mu f_P, \quad \langle V | V_\mu - A_\mu | 0 \rangle = m_V f_V V_\mu^*, \quad \langle A | V_\mu - A_\mu | 0 \rangle = -m_A f_A A_\mu^*,$$

where $f_{P,V,A}$ are the corresponding decay constants.

In type (i) and (ii) transitions $[B_b(3_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(3_f, 1/2^+)$ and $B_b(6_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(6_f, 1/2^+)$ transitions], the decay amplitudes are given by [17]

$$A(B_b \to B_c P) = i \bar{u}'(A + B\gamma_5)u,$$
FIG. 4: Form factors $f_{1,2}(q^2)$ and $g_{1,2}(q^2)$ for $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c(2595)$, $\Lambda_c(2940)$ and $\Xi_b \to \Xi_c(2790)$ transitions. The transitions are $B_b(3_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(3_f, 1/2^-)$ transitions [type (iii)].

\[
\mathcal{A}(B_b \to B_c V) = \bar{u}' \gamma^{\mu} (A_1 \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_5 + A_2 P'_{\mu} \gamma_5 + B_1 \gamma_{\mu} + B_2 P'_{\mu}) u,
\]
\[
\mathcal{A}(B_b \to B_c A) = \bar{u}' \gamma^{\mu} (A_1' \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_5 + A_2' P'_{\mu} \gamma_5 + B_1' \gamma_{\mu} + B_2' P'_{\mu}) u,
\]
with
\[
A = \frac{G_f}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} V_{d_{1/2}}^{*} a_{1} f_P \left( (M - M') f_1^V (m_P^2) + \frac{m_P^2}{M + M'} f_3^V (m_P^2) \right),
\]
\[ B = \frac{G_f}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} V_{q_1 q_2}^* a_1 f_P \left( (M + M') g_1^A(m_\pi^2) \right. + \left. \frac{m_{\pi}^2}{M + M'} g_2^A(m_\rho^2) \right), \]
\[ A_1 = -\frac{G_f}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} V_{q_1 q_2}^* a_1 f_V m_V \left[ g_1^A(m_\tau^2) + g_2^A(m_\tau^2) \frac{M - M'}{M + M'} \right], \]
\[ A_2 = -2 \frac{G_f}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} V_{q_1 q_2}^* a_1 f_V m_V \frac{g_2^A(m_\tau^2)}{M + M'}, \]
\[ B_1 = \frac{G_f}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} V_{q_1 q_2}^* a_1 f_V m_V \left[ f_1^V(m_\tau^2) - f_2^V(m_\tau^2) \right], \]
\[ B_2 = 2 \frac{G_f}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} V_{q_1 q_2}^* a_1 f_V m_V \frac{f_2^V(m_\tau^2)}{M + M'}, \]
\[ A'_1 = \frac{G_f}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} V_{q_1 q_2}^* a_1 f_A m_A \left[ g_1^A(m_\Lambda^2) + g_2^A(m_\Lambda^2) \frac{M - M'}{M + M'} \right], \]
\[ A'_2 = 2 \frac{G_f}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} V_{q_1 q_2}^* a_1 f_A m_A \frac{g_2^A(m_\Lambda^2)}{M + M'}, \]
\[ B'_1 = -\frac{G_f}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} V_{q_1 q_2}^* a_1 f_A m_A \left[ f_1^V(m_\Lambda^2) - f_2^V(m_\Lambda^2) \right], \]
\[ B'_2 = -2 \frac{G_f}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} V_{q_1 q_2}^* a_1 f_A m_A \frac{f_2^V(m_\Lambda^2)}{M + M'} \] \( (60) \)

For the type (iii) transition \( [B_b(3\bar{f}_1,1/2^+) \to B_c(3\bar{f}_1,1/2^-) \) transition], one simply replaces \( f_i^V \) and \( g_i^A \) in the above equations by \( -f_i^V \) and \( -g_i^A \), respectively.

The decay rates and asymmetries read \[17, 47\]

\[ \Gamma(B_b \to B_c P) = \frac{p_c}{8\pi} \left[ \frac{(M + M')^2 - m_P^2}{M^2} |A|^2 + \frac{(M - M')^2 - m_P^2}{M^2} |B|^2 \right], \]
\[ \Gamma(B_b \to B_c V(A)) = \frac{p_c}{4\pi} \frac{E' + M'}{M} \left[ 2(|S|^2 + |P_2|^2) + \frac{E_{V(A)}^2}{m_{V(A)}^2} (|S|^2 + |D|^2 + |P_1|^2) \right], \] \( (61) \)
\[ \alpha(B_b \to B_c P) = -\frac{2\kappa Re(A^*B)}{|A|^2 + \kappa^2 |B|^2}, \]
\[ \alpha(B_b \to B_c V(A)) = \frac{4 m_{V(A)}^2 Re(S^*P_3) + 2 E_{V(A)}^2 Re(S^*D + P_1)}{2 m_{V(A)}^2 (|S|^2 + |P_2|^2) + E_{V(A)}^2 (|S|^2 + |D|^2 + |P_1|^2)}, \] \( (62) \)

with \( \kappa \equiv p_c/(E' + M') \),

\[ S = -A_1, \quad P_1 = -\frac{p_c E_{V(A)}}{E' + M'} \left( \frac{M + M'}{E' + M'} B_1^{(1)} + M B_2^{(1)} \right), \]
\[ P_2 = \frac{p_c}{E' + M'} B_1^{(2)}, \quad D = -\frac{p_c^2}{E_{V(A)}(E' + M')} (A_1^{(1)} - M A_2^{(1)}), \] \( (63) \)

where \( p_c \) is the momentum in the center of mass frame.

All hadron masses and life-times are taken from PDG \[1\]. The CKM matrix elements are taken from the latest results of the CKM fitter group \[15\]. The values of decay constants of pseudoscalars are \( f_\pi = 130.2 \) MeV, \( f_K = 155.6 \) MeV, \( f_D = 211.9 \) MeV and \( f_{D_s} = 249.0 \) MeV, which are the center values of the averaged values given in the review by Rosner, Stone and Van de Water in ref. \[1\], while those of vectors and the axial-vector particles are \( f_\rho = 216 \) MeV, \( f_{K^*} = 210 \) MeV, \( f_{D^*} = 220 \) MeV and \( f_{D_s^*} = 230 \) MeV and \( f_{K^*} = -203 \) MeV, which are taken from ref. \[34\]. In this
work the decay rates are estimated using the naïve factorization approach. Note that in ref. [66] using QCD factorization the authors obtained $|a_1(B \to D_P)| = 1.055^{+0.019}_{-0.017} - (0.013^{+0.011}_{-0.006})\alpha_s^3$ with $\alpha_s^3 = 0$ and $|\alpha_1^K| < 1$ [see Eq. (230) in [66]]. The $|a_1(D_P)|$ agrees with the naïve factorization value (ref. [66] used $\alpha_s^{LO} = 1.025$) within few %. For estimations, we assign 10% uncertainty in the effective Wilson coefficient $a_1$ and 10% uncertainty in form factors. Note that in $B_b \to B_c P$ decays, in principle one needs $f_3$ and $g_3$ contributions, see Eq. (66). Since these contributions are suppressed by a $m_b^2/(M + M')^2$ factor compared to the $f_1$ and $g_1$ terms and $f_3, g_3$ are expected to be vanishing in the heavy quark limit [25], we shall neglect them, but enlarge the form factor uncertainties to 15% in $B_b \to B_c D$ and $B_b \to B_c D_s$ decays.

Note that as shown in refs. [18, [19]] non-factorizable contributions to $B_b \to B_c P$ non-leptonic decay amplitudes can contribute as large as 30% compared to the factorized ones. A precise
estimation of non-factorization contributions is beyond the scope of the present work.\footnote{One is referred to \cite{28} for a recent attempt on applying QCD factorization to $\Lambda_b$ decays.} If needed, one can scale up the uncertainties of our numerical results on rates.

The branching ratios for $B_b \to B_c P$, $B_c V$ and $B_c A$ decays, with $P = \pi, K, D, D_s$, and are summarized in Tables XI and XII. As shown in Table XI, the $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c P$ rates can reasonably reproduce the data within errors. We see that the $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c \pi$ and $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c K$ rates prefer lower values, while the $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c D$ and $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c D_s$ rates prefer higher values. Branching ratios for other modes are predictions. We find that for $\Lambda_b$ decays, we have the following pattern in the decay rates:

$$Br(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c P) > Br(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c(2765)P) > Br(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c(2595)P) > Br(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c(2940)P).$$

The first two decays are of type (i) transitions $[B_b(3\ell_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(3\ell_f, 1/2^+)$ transitions], while $\Lambda_c(2765)$ is a radial excited state, and the last two decays are of type (iii) transitions $[B_b(3\ell_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(3\ell_f, 1/2^-)$ transitions], while $\Lambda_c(2940)$ is a radial excited state. We see that rates of type (i) transitions are greater than those of type (iii) transitions, and decay rates involving excited states are smaller within the same type. These are reasonable as the configurations of the final states in excited $s$-wave $B_c(3\ell_f, 1/2^+)$ state and low lying or excited $p$-wave $B_c(3\ell_f, 1/2^-)$ states differ from those in the low lying $s$-wave $B_{b,c}(3\ell_f, 1/2^+)$ states. Larger mismatch between initial and final state configurations, usually lead to smaller form factors, and, consequently, smaller rates.

The $\Xi_b \to \Xi_c P$ modes are of type (i) decays, while $\Xi_b \to \Xi_c(2790)P$ decays are of type (iii) decays, where $\Xi_c(2790)$ is a $p$-wave baryon. From Table XI we have

$$Br(\Xi_b \to \Xi_c P) > Br(\Xi_b \to \Xi_c(2790)P).$$

We see again that rates of type (i) transitions are greater than those of type (iii) transitions. Note that the $\Xi_b \to \Xi_c P$ rate is slightly smaller than the $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c P$ rate.

For $\Omega_b$ decays, we have

$$Br(\Omega_b \to \Omega_c P) > Br(\Omega_b \to \Omega_c(3090)P).$$

These decays are type (ii) decays $[B_b(6\ell_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(6\ell_f, 1/2^+)$ transitions] and $\Omega_c(3090)$ is a radial excited state. Again the decay rate involving an excite state is smaller. Note that in $B_b \to B_c P$ decays, rates in type (ii) transition are smaller than those in type (i) transition, but similar to those in type (iii) transition.

The branching ratios for the weak decays $B_b \to B_c V(A)$, with $V = \rho^-, K^{*-}, D^{*-}, D_s^{*-}$ and $A = a_1^-$ are summarized in Table XII. We find that for $\Lambda_b$ decays, except for $V = \rho^-$, we have the following pattern in the decay rates:

$$Br(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c V(A)) > Br(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c(2765)V(A)) \geq Br(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c(2595)V(A)) > Br(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c(2940)V(A)).$$

For the case of $V = \rho^-$, we have $Br(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c(2595)\rho) \geq Br(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c(2765)\rho)$ instead. For the $\Xi_b \to \Xi_c M$ mode, we have

$$Br(\Xi_b \to \Xi_c V(A)) > Br(\Xi_b \to \Xi_c(2790)P).$$

Finally for $\Omega_b$ decays, we have

$$Br(\Omega_b \to \Omega_c V(A)) > Br(\Omega_b \to \Omega_c(3090)V(A)).$$
TABLE XIII: Various theoretical results on the branching ratios of \( \Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c M \), \( \Xi_b \to \Xi_c M \) and \( \Omega_b \to \Omega_c M \) decays are compared. The branching ratios are given in the unit of \( 10^{-3} \). These are to be compared to the experimental branching ratios for \( \Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c \pi^- , \Lambda_c K^- , \Lambda_c D^- , \Lambda_c D_s^- \) decays, which are \( 4.9 \pm 0.4 , 0.359 \pm 0.030 , 0.46 \pm 0.06 \) and \( 11.0 \pm 1.0 \) in unit of \( 10^{-3} \), respectively. See text for the results in ref. [17].

| Mode                  | This work | [16] | [17] | [18, 19] | [20] | [21] | [22] | [28] | [30] |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| \( \Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c \pi^- \) | 4.19\(^{+1.94}_{-1.44} \) & 4.6\(^{+2.0}_{-3.1} \) & 4.6 & 5.62 & 3.91 & – & 1.75 & 4.96 & – |
| \( \Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c K^- \) | 0.32\(^{+0.52}_{-0.11} \) & – & – & – & – & – & 0.13 & 0.393 & – |
| \( \Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c D^- \) | 0.53\(^{+0.32}_{-0.22} \) & – & – & – & – & – & 0.30 & 0.522 & – |
| \( \Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c D_s^- \) | 13.58\(^{+5.15}_{-5.63} \) & 23\(^{+3}_{-4} \) & 13.7 & – & 12.91 & 22.3 & 7.70 & 12.4 & 14.78 |
| \( \Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c \rho^- \) | 12.39\(^{+5.79}_{-4.28} \) & 6.6\(^{+2.4}_{-4.0} \) & 12.9 & – & 10.82 & – & 4.91 & 8.65 & – |
| \( \Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c K^*^- \) | 0.63\(^{+0.30}_{-0.22} \) & – & – & – & – & – & 0.27 & 0.441 & – |
| \( \Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c D^*^- \) | 0.79\(^{+0.38}_{-0.28} \) & – & – & – & – & – & 0.49 & 0.520 & – |
| \( \Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c D_s^*^- \) | 16.33\(^{+7.94}_{-5.81} \) & 17.3\(^{+2.0}_{-3.0} \) & 21.8 & – & 19.83 & 32.6 & 14.14 & 10.5 & 25.16 |
| \( \Lambda_b \to \Omega_c a_1 \) | 11.53\(^{+5.44}_{-4.01} \) & – & – & – & – & – & 5.32 & – & – |
| \( \Xi_b \to \Xi_c^- \) | 3.08\(^{+1.43}_{-1.06} \) & – & 4.9 & 7.08 & – & – & – & – & – |
| \( \Xi_b \to \Xi_c^- \) | 3.27\(^{+1.52}_{-1.12} \) & 5.2 & 10.13 & – & – & – & – & – & – |
| \( \Xi_b \to \Xi_c^- \) | 0.43\(^{+0.26}_{-0.18} \) & – & – & – & – & – & 0.45 & – & – |
| \( \Xi_b \to \Xi_c^- \) | 0.65\(^{+0.32}_{-0.23} \) & – & – & – & – & – & 0.95 & – | – |
| \( \Xi_b \to \Xi_c^- \) | 13.50\(^{+6.62}_{-4.83} \) & 23.1 & – & – & – & – & – & – & – |
| \( \Omega_b \to \Omega_c \pi^- \) | 1.33\(^{+0.62}_{-0.46} \) | 4.92 & 5.81 & – & – & – & – & 1.88 |
| \( \Omega_b \to \Omega_c D^- \) | 4.75\(^{+2.85}_{-1.97} \) & – | 17.9 & – & – & – & – | – |
| \( \Omega_b \to \Omega_c D^- \) | 1.63\(^{+1.17}_{-0.75} \) & 12.8 & – & – & – & – | 5.43 |
| \( \Omega_b \to \Omega_c D_s^- \) | 1.84\(^{+1.11}_{-0.71} \) & 11.5 & – & – & – & – | – |

These patterns are similar to those in \( B_b \to B_c P \) decays. The above patterns reflect the fact that \( \Lambda_c(2595) , \Xi_c(2790) \) and \( \Lambda_c(2940) \) are \( p \)-wave states, and \( \Lambda_c(2765) , \Lambda_c(2940) \) and \( \Omega_c(3090) \) are radial excited states. Larger mis-match between initial and final state configurations, usually lead to smaller rates. Note that in \( B_b \to B_c V, B_c A \) decays, rates in type (ii) transition are much smaller than those in type (i) transition and are also smaller than those in type (iii) transition.

In Tables XIII, we compare our results on the branching ratios of \( \Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c M \), \( \Xi_b \to \Xi_c M \) and \( \Omega_b \to \Omega_c M \) decays to those obtained in other works. Note that in the table the results of ref. [17] are obtained by using Table II in [17] with \( a_1 \simeq 1 \), while for the \( B_b \to B_c V \) rates the numerics are corrected by a factor of two, see footnote 7 in [17]. Overall speaking our results agree reasonably well with most of the results obtained in other works. Note that in \( \Omega_b \to \Omega_c M^- \) decays, the predicted rates are in general smaller than those obtained in other works, except that the predicted \( Br(\Omega_b \to \Omega_c \pi^-) \) is close to the one in ref. [30].

In Tables XIV and XV we show the predicted up-down asymmetries. The signs are mostly negative, except for those in the type (ii) transitions [\( B_b(6_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(6_f, 1/2^+) \) transitions]. These signs can be easily traced to the relative signs of their form factors. Most of these asymmetries are large in sizes. Note that in type (i) and (ii) cases, the asymmetries |\( \alpha(B_b \to B_c D_s^-) \)| are smaller than |\( \alpha(B_b \to B_c \rho) \)|, |\( \alpha(B_b \to B_c K^*) \)| and |\( \alpha(B_b \to B_c a^-) \)|.
TABLE XIV: The predicted up-down asymmetries of $B_b \to B_c P$ decays. The asymmetries are given in unit of $. The asterisks in the first column indicate that the baryons in the final states are radial excited.

| Type | Mode | $P = \pi^-$ | $P = K^-$ | $P = D^-$ | $P = D_s^-$ |
|------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| (i)  | $\alpha(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c P)$ | $-99.99^{+2.24}_{-0.60}$ | $-99.98^{+2.41}_{-0.60}$ | $-98.47^{+18.91}_{-1.52}$ | $-98.06^{+9.41}_{-1.87}$ |
| (i)  | $\alpha(\Xi_b^0 \to \Xi_c^+ P)$ | $-99.99^{+2.24}_{-0.60}$ | $-99.97^{+2.41}_{-0.60}$ | $-98.40^{+19.01}_{-1.59}$ | $-97.96^{+9.52}_{-1.96}$ |
| (i)  | $\alpha(\Xi_b^- \to \Xi_c^0 P)$ | $-99.99^{+2.24}_{-0.60}$ | $-99.97^{+2.41}_{-0.60}$ | $-98.39^{+9.01}_{-1.39}$ | $-97.96^{+9.53}_{-1.96}$ |
| (i)* | $\alpha[\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c(2765) P]$ | $-100.00^{+2.14}_{-0.60}$ | $-99.98^{+2.39}_{-0.60}$ | $-96.61^{+3.32}_{-0.60}$ | $-95.54^{+4.46}_{-3.60}$ |
| (ii) | $\alpha(\Omega_b \to \Omega_c P)$ | $59.92^{+9.88}_{-9.22}$ | $59.93^{+9.88}_{-9.22}$ | $59.95^{+14.95}_{-13.54}$ | $59.90^{+14.95}_{-13.53}$ |
| (ii)*| $\alpha[\Omega_b \to \Omega_c(3090) P]$ | $60.02^{+9.23}_{-9.60}$ | $60.02^{+9.23}_{-9.60}$ | $59.49^{+13.47}_{-13.47}$ | $59.23^{+13.47}_{-13.47}$ |
| (iii) | $\alpha[\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c(2595) P]$ | $-98.86^{+1.77}_{-1.05}$ | $-98.84^{+4.79}_{-1.05}$ | $-97.86^{+9.63}_{-2.03}$ | $-97.57^{+9.93}_{-2.25}$ |
| (iii) | $\alpha[\Xi_b^0 \to \Xi_c^+(2790) P]$ | $-99.13^{+4.44}_{-0.84}$ | $-99.12^{+4.44}_{-0.84}$ | $-98.58^{+8.77}_{-1.72}$ | $-98.39^{+9.02}_{-1.59}$ |
| (iii) | $\alpha[\Xi_b^- \to \Xi_c^0(2790) P]$ | $-99.13^{+4.44}_{-0.84}$ | $-99.12^{+4.44}_{-0.84}$ | $-98.58^{+8.76}_{-1.72}$ | $-98.39^{+9.02}_{-1.59}$ |
| (iii)* | $\alpha[\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c(2940) P]$ | $-98.86^{+4.78}_{-1.05}$ | $-98.84^{+4.78}_{-1.05}$ | $-97.04^{+10.41}_{-2.81}$ | $-96.36^{+10.94}_{-3.60}$ |

TABLE XV: The predicted up-down asymmetries of $B_b \to B_c V$ and $B_b \to B_c A$ decays. The asymmetries are given in unit of $. The asterisks in the first column indicate that the baryons in the final states are radial excited.

| Type | Mode | $M = \rho^-$ | $M = K^+$ | $M = D^+$ | $M = D_s^+$ | $M = a_1^-$ |
|------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| (i)  | $\alpha(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c M)$ | $-90.50^{+2.07}_{-0.23}$ | $-87.50^{+2.34}_{-0.30}$ | $-48.19^{+4.21}_{-2.75}$ | $-44.10^{+4.19}_{-2.75}$ | $-77.40^{+3.15}_{-1.94}$ |
| (i)  | $\alpha(\Xi_b^0 \to \Xi_c^+ M)$ | $-90.86^{+2.04}_{-0.27}$ | $-87.97^{+2.33}_{-0.35}$ | $-49.52^{+4.41}_{-2.90}$ | $-45.45^{+4.41}_{-3.12}$ | $-78.18^{+3.19}_{-0.78}$ |
| (i)  | $\alpha(\Xi_b^- \to \Xi_c^0 M)$ | $-90.86^{+2.04}_{-0.27}$ | $-87.97^{+2.33}_{-0.35}$ | $-49.53^{+4.41}_{-2.90}$ | $-45.46^{+4.41}_{-3.12}$ | $-78.18^{+3.19}_{-0.78}$ |
| (i)* | $\alpha[\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c(2765) M]$ | $-88.29^{+2.32}_{-0.26}$ | $-84.65^{+2.69}_{-0.34}$ | $-38.47^{+4.54}_{-3.80}$ | $-33.83^{+4.36}_{-3.87}$ | $-72.48^{+3.78}_{-1.23}$ |
| (ii) | $\alpha(\Omega_b \to \Omega_c M)$ | $85.23^{+11.84}_{-14.93}$ | $85.99^{+11.33}_{-14.89}$ | $89.18^{+6.02}_{-7.43}$ | $87.80^{+5.74}_{-7.38}$ | $88.34^{+0.18}_{-14.43}$ |
| (ii)*| $\alpha[\Omega_b \to \Omega_c(3090) M]$ | $84.20^{+11.17}_{-14.41}$ | $85.19^{+11.12}_{-14.29}$ | $83.23^{+5.78}_{-6.34}$ | $79.90^{+6.23}_{-7.25}$ | $87.70^{+8.44}_{-13.37}$ |
| (iii) | $\alpha[\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c(2595) M]$ | $83.26^{+4.51}_{-4.52}$ | $80.37^{+4.14}_{-4.13}$ | $39.26^{+4.24}_{-4.41}$ | $34.49^{+4.50}_{-4.41}$ | $70.45^{+5.21}_{-2.89}$ |
| (iii) | $\alpha[\Xi_b^0 \to \Xi_c^+(2790) M]$ | $83.09^{+7.00}_{-4.52}$ | $80.16^{+6.58}_{-4.13}$ | $37.67^{+4.42}_{-3.63}$ | $32.69^{+4.64}_{-4.11}$ | $70.02^{+5.16}_{-2.86}$ |
| (iii) | $\alpha[\Xi_b^- \to \Xi_c^0(2790) M]$ | $83.10^{+7.00}_{-4.52}$ | $80.17^{+6.58}_{-4.13}$ | $37.72^{+4.42}_{-3.63}$ | $32.74^{+4.64}_{-4.11}$ | $70.04^{+5.16}_{-2.86}$ |
| (iii)* | $\alpha[\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c(2940) M]$ | $82.69^{+6.30}_{-3.64}$ | $79.33^{+5.74}_{-3.10}$ | $29.73^{+4.94}_{-4.67}$ | $24.03^{+4.80}_{-4.86}$ | $67.60^{+3.87}_{-1.88}$ |

In Tables XVI, we compare our results on the up-down asymmetries of $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c M$, $\Xi_b \to \Xi_c M$ and $\Omega_b \to \Omega_c M$ decays to those obtained in other works. Our results agree well in signs and magnitudes of the asymmetries with those in other works, except in $\Omega_b \to \Omega_c D_s^-$, $\Omega_c p^-$, $\Omega_c D_s^-$ decays the predicted asymmetries are larger than those in ref. [17], but nevertheless the signs agree.

The predictions on rates and asymmetries presented in Tables XI, XII, XIV and XV can be verified experimentally. These information may shed light on the quantum numbers of $\Lambda_c(2765)$, $\Lambda_c(2940)$ and $\Omega_c(3090)$.
TABLE XVI: Various theoretical results on the up-down asymmetries \((\alpha)\) of \(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c M\), \(\Xi_b \to \Xi_c M\) and \(\Omega_b \to \Omega_c M\) decays are compared. The asymmetries are given in the unit of \%. 

| Mode | This work | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 21 | 22 | 28 | 30 |
|------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| \(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c \pi^-\) | \(-99.99^{+2.24}_{-2.00}\) | -100 | -99 | -99 | - | -99.9 | -99.8 | - |
| \(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c K^-\) | \(-99.98^{+2.41}_{-2.00}\) | - | - | - | -100 | -100 | - |
| \(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c D^-\) | \(-98.47^{+8.91}_{-1.32}\) | -99.1 | -99 | -98 | -98.4 | -100 | -98.6 | - |
| \(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c D_s^-\) | \(-98.06^{+2.11}_{-1.87}\) | -90.3 | -88 | -89.8 | -88.8 | - |
| \(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c \rho^-\) | \(-90.50^{+2.07}_{-0.23}\) | -43.7 | -36 | -40 | -41.9 | -36.4 | - |
| \(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c K^{*-}\) | \(-87.50^{+2.34}_{-2.94}\) | -77.40^{+3.15}_{-0.74}\) | - | - | -75.8 | - |
| \(\Xi_b^0 \to \Xi_c^+ \pi^-\) | \(-99.99^{+2.24}_{-2.00}\) | -100 | -100 | - | - | - |
| \(\Xi_b^0 \to \Xi_c^0 \pi^-\) | \(-99.99^{+2.24}_{-2.00}\) | -100 | -97 | - | - | - |
| \(\Xi_b^0 \to \Xi_c^+ D^-\) | \(-97.96^{+9.52}_{-1.96}\) | -99 | - | - | - | - |
| \(\Xi_b^0 \to \Xi_c^0 D_s^-\) | \(-45.45^{+4.41}_{-3.12}\) | -36 | - | - | - | - |
| \(\Omega_b \to \Omega_c \pi^-\) | \(59.92^{+9.88}_{-9.22}\) | 51 | 60 | - | - | - |
| \(\Omega_b \to \Omega_c D^-\) | \(59.90^{+14.95}_{-13.53}\) | 42 | - | - | - | - |
| \(\Omega_b \to \Omega_c \rho^-\) | \(85.23^{+11.84}_{-14.93}\) | 53 | - | - | - | - |
| \(\Omega_b \to \Omega_c D_s^-\) | \(87.80^{+5.74}_{-7.38}\) | 64 | - | - | - | - |

V. CONCLUSIONS

We began with a brief overview of the charmed and bottom baryon spectroscopy and discussed their possible structure and \(J^P\) assignment in the quark model. As a working assumption we follow ref. [4] to assign the quantum numbers of some singled charmed states. It is known that among low lying singly bottom baryons, only \(\Lambda_b, \Xi_b\) and \(\Omega_b\) decay weakly. Consequently, we study \(\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c^{(*)} M^-, \Xi_b \to \Xi_c^{(*)} M^-\) and \(\Omega_b \to \Omega_c^{(*)} M^-\) decays with \(M = \pi, K, \rho, K^*, D, D_s, D^*, D_s^*, a_1\), \(\Lambda_c^{(*)} = \Lambda_c, \Lambda_c(2595), \Lambda_c(2765), \Lambda_c(2940), \Xi_c^{(*)} = \Xi_c, \Xi_c(2790)\) and \(\Omega_c^{(*)} = \Omega_c, \Omega_c(3090)\), in this work. There are three types of transitions, namely \(B_b(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+)\) to \(B_c(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+)\), \(B_b(\bar{6}_f, 1/2^+)\) to \(B_c(\bar{6}_f, 1/2^+)\) and \(B_b(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+)\) to \(B_c(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^-)\) transitions. The bottom baryon to charmed baryon form factors are calculated using the light-front quark model. The formulas for the \(B_b(\bar{6}_f, 1/2^+)\) to \(B_c(\bar{6}_f, 1/2^+)\) and \(B_b(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+)\) to \(B_c(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^-)\) transition form factors are new results. Those with an excited state in the \(B_b(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+)\) to \(B_c(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+)\) transition are also new.

Numerical results of form factors, decay rates and up-down asymmetries in these decays are shown. We see that rates of \(B_b(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+)\) transitions [type (i)] are greater than those of \(B_b(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^-)\) [type (i)] transitions, and decay rates involving excited states are smaller within the same type of transition. These are reasonable as the configurations of the final states in excited \(B_b(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+)\) state and low lying or excited \(B_c(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^-)\) \(p\)-wave states differ from those in the low lying \(B_{b,c}(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+)\) states. Larger mis-match between initial and final state configurations, usually lead to smaller form factors, and, consequently, smaller rates. Furthermore, we find that in \(B_b \to B_c P\) decays, rates in \(B_b(\bar{6}_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(\bar{6}_f, 1/2^+)\) [type (ii)] transition are smaller than those in \(B_b(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(\bar{3}_f, 1/2^+)\) [type (i)] transition, but similar to
those in $\mathcal{B}_b(\bar{3}_T, 1/2^+) \to \mathcal{B}_c(\bar{3}_T, 1/2^-)$ [type (iii)] transition, while in $\mathcal{B}_b \to \mathcal{B}_c V, \mathcal{B}_c A$ decays, rates in $\mathcal{B}_b(6_T, 1/2^+) \to \mathcal{B}_c(6_T, 1/2^+)$ [type (ii)] transition are much smaller than those in $\mathcal{B}_b(3_T, 1/2^+) \to \mathcal{B}_c(3_T, 1/2^+)$ [type (i)] transition and are also smaller than those in $\mathcal{B}_b(3_T, 1/2^+) \to \mathcal{B}_c(3_T, 1/2^-)$ [type (iii)] transition.

For the up-down asymmetries, the signs are mostly negative, except for those in the $\mathcal{B}_b(6_T, 1/2^+) \to \mathcal{B}_c(6_T, 1/2^+)$ [type (ii)] transition. These asymmetries are large in sizes. Note that in type (i) and (ii) cases, the asymmetries $|\alpha (\mathcal{B}_b \to B_c D^*_M)|$ are smaller than $|\alpha (\mathcal{B}_b \to B_c D)|$, $|\alpha (\mathcal{B}_b \to B_c K^*)|$ and $|\alpha (\mathcal{B}_b \to B_c a^-)|$.

We compare our results of rates and asymmetries of $\Lambda_b \to \Lambda_c M, \Xi_b \to \Xi_c M$ and $\Omega_b \to \Omega_c M$ decays to existing results in other works. In most cases the agreements are reasonably well.

Predictions on rates and asymmetries can be checked experimentally. The study on these decay modes may shed light on the quantum numbers of the charmed baryons, as the decays depend on bottom baryon to charmed baryon form factors, which are sensitive to the configurations of the final state charmed baryons. This work can be further extended by including transitions having spin-3/2 baryons in the final states. The result will be reported elsewhere.

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Appendix A: Vertex functions

1. Some useful identities

We collect some useful identities for the derivation of vertex functions in the following parts. Relations involving Melosh transform for spin-1/2 and spin-1 particles are given by

$$\langle \lambda_1 | \mathcal{R}^+_M (x_1, k_{1\perp}, m_1) | s_1 \rangle u_D (k_1, s_1) = \bar{u} (k_1, \lambda_1) \frac{u_D (k_1, s_1) u_D (k_1, s_1)}{2m_1} = \bar{u} (k_1, \lambda_1),$$ (A1)

$$\langle \lambda_2 | \mathcal{R}^+_M (x_2, k_{2\perp}, m_2) | s_2 \rangle \varepsilon^*_F (k_2, s_2) = -\varepsilon^*_x (k_2, \lambda_2) \cdot \varepsilon_I (k_2, s_2) \varepsilon^*_I (k_2, s_2) = \varepsilon^*_x \varepsilon_I (k_2, \lambda_2),$$ (A2)

where the familiar formulas of polarization sums are used, $u_D$ and $\varepsilon_I$ are the spinor and polarization vector in the instant form, while $u$ and $\varepsilon_{LF}$ are the ones in the light-front form. Note that in the particle rest frame, $\varepsilon_I$ and $\varepsilon_{LF}$ are identical, and likewise $u_D$ and $u$ are identical.

The relevant Clebsch-Gordan coefficients can be expressed in compact forms:

$$\langle \frac{1}{2}; s_1 | 0; \frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2}, J_z \rangle = \chi_{s_1}^\dagger \cdot \chi_{J_z} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(M_0 + m_1)^2 - m_2^2}} \bar{u}_D (k_1, s_1) u (k_1 + k_2, J_z),$$ (A3)

$$\langle \frac{1}{2}; 1; s_2 | 1; \frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2}, J_z \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \chi_{s_1}^\dagger \hat{\sigma} \cdot \varepsilon_I (k_1 + k_2, s_2) \chi_{J_z} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3 \sqrt{(M_0 + m_1)^2 - m_2^2}}} \times \bar{u}_D (k_1, s_1) \gamma_5 \not\sigma \varepsilon_I (k_1 + k_2, s_2) u (k_1 + k_2, J_z).$$ (A4)
The following relation of the polarization vectors will be needed,

\[ \varepsilon_\mu^I(k_2, s_2) = \varepsilon_\mu^I(\bar{P}, s_2) - \frac{M_0 k_2^\mu + m_2 \bar{P}^\mu}{m_2 M_0} \varepsilon_I(\bar{P}, s_2) \cdot k_2, \quad (A5) \]

\[ \varepsilon^*_\mu(\bar{P}, m) \varepsilon_{\nu}(\bar{P}, m) = -g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\bar{P}_\mu P_\nu}{M_0}. \quad (A6) \]

Derivations of some of the above relations will be given briefly in the following discussion.

The relations in Eqs. (A3) and (A4) can be easily proved by using the explicit expression of the Dirac spinors. Explicitly, we use

\[ u_D(k_1, s) = \frac{k_1 \cdot \gamma + m_1}{\sqrt{1 + m_1^2}} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_s \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + m_1^2}} \begin{pmatrix} (e_1 + m_1) \chi_s \\ \bar{\sigma} \cdot \bar{p} \bar{\chi}_s \end{pmatrix}, \]

\[ u(k_1 + k_2, \lambda) = \frac{(k_1 + k_2) \cdot \gamma + M_0}{\sqrt{2M_0}} \gamma^\mu \gamma^0 \begin{pmatrix} \chi_\lambda \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2M_0}} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_\lambda \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (A7) \]

the standard Dirac representation of \( \gamma^\mu \), \( \gamma^5 \) and \( \varepsilon_I(k_1 + k_2, s) = (0, \bar{\varepsilon}(s)) \) with \( \bar{\varepsilon}(\pm 1) = \mp(1, \pm i, 0)/\sqrt{2}, \bar{\varepsilon}(0) = (0, 0, 1) \).

The derivation of Eq. (A5) is a bit tricky. We want to express \( \varepsilon_I(k_2, s_2) \) in terms of \( \varepsilon_I(k_1 + k_2, s_2) \), which are polarization vectors in the instant form and in the rest frame of \( \bar{P} = (k_1 + k_2) = (M_0, 0) \).

It is useful to note that \( \varepsilon_I(k_1 + k_2, s_2) \) and the polarization vector of particle 2 in its rest frame, \( \varepsilon_I((m_2, \bar{0}), s_2) \), are indeed identical, as both are equal to \( (0, \bar{\varepsilon}(s_2)) \) with \( \bar{\varepsilon}(\pm 1) = \mp(1, \pm i, 0)/\sqrt{2}, \bar{\varepsilon}(0) = (0, 0, 1) \), i.e.

\[ \varepsilon_I((m_2, \bar{0}), s_2) = (0, \bar{\varepsilon}(s_2)). \quad (A8) \]

Therefore, \( \varepsilon_I(k_2, s_2) \) and \( \varepsilon_I(k_1 + k_2, s_2) \) [or \( \varepsilon_I((m_2, \bar{0}), s_2) \)] can be related by a suitable Lorentz boost.

When the Lorentz boost, which brings particle 2 with momentum from \( (m_2, \bar{0}) \) to \( k_2 = (e_2, \bar{k}_2) \), acts on a generic four vector \( A^\mu \), we have the following transformations:

\[ A^\mu \rightarrow A^\mu + \frac{e_2}{m_2} \bar{k}_2, \quad \bar{A} \rightarrow \bar{A} + \frac{\bar{k}_2}{m_2} \left( \frac{\bar{k}_2 \cdot \bar{A}}{e_2 + m_2} \right) + A^\mu \frac{\bar{k}_2}{m_2}. \quad (A9) \]

One can easily check that it indeed brings \( (m_2, \bar{0}) \) to \( k_2 \). Now by boosting the diquark polarization vector, \( \varepsilon_I((m_2, \bar{0}), s_2) = (0, \bar{\varepsilon}(s_2)) \), from its rest frame to \( \varepsilon_I(k_2, s_2) \), which is in the \( k_1 + k_2 \) rest frame, we obtain

\[ \varepsilon_0^I(k_2, s_2) = \frac{1}{m_2} \bar{\varepsilon}(s_2) \cdot \bar{k}_2, \]

\[ \varepsilon_1^I(k_2, s_2) = \varepsilon_I(s_2) + \frac{\bar{k}_2}{m_2} \left( \frac{\varepsilon_I(s_2) \cdot \bar{k}_2}{e_2 + m_2} \right), \quad (A10) \]

We can express the above results in a compact form:

\[ \varepsilon_\mu^I(k_2, s_2) = \varepsilon_\mu^I(\bar{P}, s_2) - \frac{M_0 k_2^\mu + m_2 \bar{P}^\mu}{m_2 M_0} \varepsilon_I(\bar{P}, s_2) \cdot k_2, \quad (A11) \]

Note that we have made use of Eq. (A8) in the above equation, and, consequently, Eq. (A5) is obtained. One can easily check that the above expression for \( \varepsilon_I(k_2, s_2) \) satisfies the well-known relations, \( k_2 \cdot \varepsilon_I(k_2, s_2) = 0 \) and \( \varepsilon_I^* (k_2, s_2) \cdot \varepsilon_I(k_2, s_2') = -\delta_{s_2, s_2'} \).
2. \( \Gamma \) for the \((n, L_K, S_{[qq]}^P, J^P, J^P) = (n, 0^+, 0^+, \frac{1}{2}^+) \) configuration

From Eq. (A17) the corresponding momentum-space wave-function \( \Psi_{J_1}^{1/2J_1} \) is given by

\[
\Psi_{n s 00}^{1/2J_1} (\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(M_0 + m_1)^2 - m_2^2}} \bar{u}(p_1, \lambda_1) \Gamma_s u(p, J_z) 
\]

\[
\phi_{n s 00}(x_1, x_2, k_{1\perp}, k_{2\perp}), \quad \text{(A13)}
\]

It can be expressed as

\[
\Psi_{n s 11}^{1/2J_z} (\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(M_0 + m_1)^2 - m_2^2}} \bar{u}(p_1, \lambda_1) \Gamma_s u(p, J_z) 
\]

\[
\phi_{n s 11}(x_1, x_2, k_{1\perp}, k_{2\perp}), \quad \text{(A15)}
\]

3. \( \Gamma \) for the \((n, L_K, S_{[qq]}^P, J^P, J^P) = (n, 1^+, 1^+, \frac{1}{2}^+) \) configuration

From Eq. (A17) the corresponding momentum-space wave-function \( \Psi_{J_1}^{1/2J_1} \) is given by

\[
\Psi_{n s 11}^{1/2J_z} (\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(M_0 + m_1)^2 - m_2^2}} \bar{u}(p_1, \lambda_1) \Gamma_s u(p, J_z) 
\]

\[
\phi_{n s 11}(x_1, x_2, k_{1\perp}, k_{2\perp}), \quad \text{(A16)}
\]

It can be expressed as

\[
\Psi_{n s 11}^{1/2J_z} (\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(M_0 + m_1)^2 - m_2^2}} \bar{u}(p_1, \lambda_1) \Gamma_s u(p, J_z) 
\]

\[
\phi_{n s 11}(x_1, x_2, k_{1\perp}, k_{2\perp}), \quad \text{(A17)}
\]

where we have made use of Eqs. (A1), (A2), (A4), (A5) and (A6). In particular using Eqs. (A2), (A5) and (A6), we have

\[
\langle \lambda_2 | R_M^\dagger (x_2, k_{2\perp}, m_2) | s_2 \rangle \epsilon_{\mu \nu}^\dagger (\vec{P}, s_2) = \epsilon_{\mu \nu}^\dagger (k_2, \lambda_2) - \frac{M_0 k_2^\mu + m_2 \vec{P}^\nu \epsilon_{\mu \nu}^\dagger (k_2, \lambda_2) \cdot \vec{P}}{(P \cdot k_2 + m_2 M_0) M_0}. \quad \text{(A18)}
\]

Putting everything together and boosting \( k_i \rightarrow p_i \) in the LF boost we obtain Eqs. (A16) and (A17). Using equation of motion, we finally obtain \( \Gamma_{s 11} \) as shown in Eq. (29).
4. Γ for the \((n, L_K, S_{[qq]}, J_f^P, J_i^P) = (n, 1, 0^+, 1^-, 1^+)\) configuration

From Eq. (17) the corresponding momentum-space wave-function \(\Psi_{nLKS_{[qq]}J_f}^{fJ_i}p_1, p_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2\) is given by

\[
\Psi_{nLKS_{[qq]}J_f}^{fJ_i}(p_1, p_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \langle \lambda_1 | R_{M_1}^t(p_{1\perp}, p_{1\perp}, m_1) | s_1 \rangle \\
\langle 1^1 1; s_1 J_2 | 1^1 1; J_2 \rangle \langle 10; L_z 0 | 10; J_2 \rangle \\
\phi_{n1L_z}(x_1, x_2, k_{1\perp}, k_{2\perp}).
\]

It can be expressed as

\[
\Psi_{nLKS_{[qq]}J_f}^{fJ_i}(p_1, p_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(M_0 + m_1)^2 - m_2^2}} \tilde{u}(p_1, \lambda_1) \Gamma_{p01} u(\vec{P}, J_z) \\
\phi_{np}(x_1, x_2, k_{1\perp}, k_{2\perp}),
\]

with

\[
\Gamma_{p01} = \frac{\gamma_5}{2\sqrt{3}} \left( \vec{p}_1 - \vec{p}_2 - \frac{m_1^2 - m_2^2}{M_0^2} \vec{P} \right),
\]

where Eqs. (A1), (A4), (21) and (A6) have been used. Using equation of motion, we finally obtain \(\Gamma_{p01}\) as shown in Eq. (29).

Appendix B: Obtaining Transition Form Factors

We shall follow [15, 34, 41] to project out various form factors from the transition matrix elements. As in [15, 34, 41], we consider the \(q^+ = 0, q_{\perp_1} \neq \vec{0}\) case. With the help of the following identities,

\[
\tilde{u}(P', J_z') \gamma^+ u(P, J_z) = \delta_{J_z J_z'} \frac{\tilde{u}(P', J_z') \sigma^+ u(P, J_z)}{2\sqrt{P+P'}} = (\vec{\sigma} \cdot q_{\perp_1} \sigma^3)_{J_z J_z'},
\]

\[
\frac{\tilde{u}(P', J_z') \gamma^+ \gamma_5 u(P, J_z)}{2\sqrt{P+P'}} = (\sigma^3)_{J_z J_z'}, \quad \frac{\tilde{u}(P', J_z') \sigma^+ \gamma_5 u(P, J_z)}{2\sqrt{P+P'}} = (\sigma \cdot q_{\perp_1})_{J_z J_z'},
\]

the matrix elements of \(B_{b}(1/2^+) \rightarrow B_{c}(1/2^+\) transition can be expressed as

\[
\langle B_{c}(P', J_z') | V^+ | B_{b}(P, J_z) \rangle = 2\sqrt{P+P'} \left[ f_1^V(q^2) \delta_{J_z J_z'} + \frac{f_2^V(q^2)}{M + M'} (\vec{\sigma} \cdot q_{\perp_1} \sigma^3)_{J_z J_z'} \right],
\]

\[
\langle B_{c}(P', J_z') | A^+ | B_{b}(P, J_z) \rangle = 2\sqrt{P+P'} \left[ g_1^A(q^2) (\sigma^3)_{J_z J_z'} + \frac{g_2^A(q^2)}{M + M'} (\vec{\sigma} \cdot q_{\perp_1})_{J_z J_z'} \right],
\]

and similar expressions for the \(B_{b}(1/2^+) \rightarrow B_{c}(1/2^-\) case with suitable replacement of \(V\) and \(A\). Various form factors can be projected out by applying the orthogonality of the corresponding matrices, \(\delta_{J_z J_z'}\), \((\sigma^3 \sigma^3)_{J_z J_z'}\), \((\sigma^3)_{J_z J_z'}\) and \((\sigma^3 \perp)_{J_z J_z'}\), under the trace operation:

\[
f_1^V(q^2) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{J_z, J_z'} \delta_{J_z J_z'} \langle B_{c}(P', J_z') | V^+ | B_{b}(P, J_z) \rangle, \]

\[
f_2^V(q^2) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{J_z, J_z'} (\sigma^3 \sigma^3)_{J_z J_z'} \langle B_{c}(P', J_z') | V^+ | B_{b}(P, J_z) \rangle, \]

\[
g_1^A(q^2) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{J_z, J_z'} (\sigma^3)_{J_z J_z'} \langle B_{c}(P', J_z') | A^+ | B_{b}(P, J_z) \rangle, \]

\[
g_2^A(q^2) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{J_z, J_z'} (\sigma^3 \perp)_{J_z J_z'} \langle B_{c}(P', J_z') | A^+ | B_{b}(P, J_z) \rangle,
\]
and similar equations for $f_{12}^A$ and $g_{12}^A$ in the $B_b(1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(1/2^-)$ case by suitably replacing $V$ and $A$. Note that due to the condition $q^+ = 0$ we have imposed, the form factors $f_{3}^{V,A}(q^3)$ and $g_{3}^{A,V}(q^3)$ cannot be extracted in this manner. Substituting Eq. (37) to the right-hand-side of the above equations, expressions of $\sum_{J_z,J'_z} \delta_{J_J,J'_J} \bar{u}(\bar{P}',J') \ldots \bar{u}(\bar{P},J_z)$ and so on occur. They can be further simplified by using the following identities: 6

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{J_z,J'_z} u(\bar{P},J_z) \delta_{J_J,J'_J} \bar{u}(\bar{P}',J'_z) = \frac{i}{4\sqrt{P^+ P'^+}} (\bar{P} + M_0) \gamma^+(\bar{P}' + M'_0),$$
$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{J_z,J'_z} u(\bar{P},J_z)(\sigma^3 \sigma^3)_{J_J,J'_J} \bar{u}(\bar{P}',J'_z) = -i \frac{i}{4\sqrt{P^+ P'^+}} (\bar{P} + M_0) \sigma^{++}(\bar{P}' + M'_0),$$
$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{J_z,J'_z} u(\bar{P},J_z)(\sigma^3)_{J_J,J'_J} \bar{u}(\bar{P}',J'_z) = \frac{i}{4\sqrt{P^+ P'^+}} (\bar{P} + M_0) \gamma^+ \gamma_5(\bar{P}' + M'_0),$$
$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{J_z,J'_z} u(\bar{P},J_z)(\sigma^3)_{J_J,J'_J} \bar{u}(\bar{P}',J'_z) = -i \frac{i}{4\sqrt{P^+ P'^+}} (\bar{P} + M_0) \sigma^{++} \gamma_5(\bar{P}' + M'_0).$$

With the above generic discussions on $B_b \rightarrow B_c$ transition, we are ready to extract the transition form factors: for $B_b(1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(1/2^-)$ transition, we have

$$f_1^Y(q^2) = \int \{ \bar{p}_2 \} \frac{\phi_{n_{L_K}}^* \{ \{x'\}, \{k'_\} \} \phi_{1L_K} \{ \{x\}, \{k_\} \}}{16P^+ P'^+ \sqrt{p_1^+ p_1'^+ (p_1' \cdot P' + m'_1 M'_0)(p_1 \cdot P + m_1 M_0)}}$$
$$\times \text{Tr}[(\bar{P} + M_0) \gamma^+(\bar{P}' + M'_0) \Gamma_{L_K} S_{\{q_{[q]\} \}} (p_1' + m'_1) \gamma^+(p_1 + m_1) \Gamma_{L_K} S_{\{q_{[q]\} \}}],$$

$$f_2^Y(q^2) = \int \{ \bar{p}_2 \} \frac{\phi_{n_{L_K}}^* \{ \{x'\}, \{k'_\} \} \phi_{1L_K} \{ \{x\}, \{k_\} \}}{16P^+ P'^+ \sqrt{p_1^+ p_1'^+ (p_1' \cdot P' + m'_1 M'_0)(p_1 \cdot P + m_1 M_0)}}$$
$$\times \text{Tr}[(\bar{P} + M_0) \sigma^{++}(\bar{P}' + M'_0) \Gamma_{L_K} S_{\{q_{[q]\} \}} (p_1' + m'_1) \gamma^+ \gamma_5(p_1 + m_1) \Gamma_{L_K} S_{\{q_{[q]\} \}}],$$

$$g_1^A(q^2) = \int \{ \bar{p}_2 \} \frac{\phi_{n_{L_K}}^* \{ \{x'\}, \{k'_\} \} \phi_{1L_K} \{ \{x\}, \{k_\} \}}{16P^+ P'^+ \sqrt{p_1^+ p_1'^+ (p_1' \cdot P' + m'_1 M'_0)(p_1 \cdot P + m_1 M_0)}}$$
$$\times \text{Tr}[(\bar{P} + M_0) \gamma^+ \gamma_5(\bar{P}' + M'_0) \Gamma_{L_K} S_{\{q_{[q]\} \}} (p_1' + m'_1) \gamma^+ \gamma_5(p_1 + m_1) \Gamma_{L_K} S_{\{q_{[q]\} \}}],$$

$$g_2^A(q^2) = \int \{ \bar{p}_2 \} \frac{\phi_{n_{L_K}}^* \{ \{x'\}, \{k'_\} \} \phi_{1L_K} \{ \{x\}, \{k_\} \}}{16P^+ P'^+ \sqrt{p_1^+ p_1'^+ (p_1' \cdot P' + m'_1 M'_0)(p_1 \cdot P + m_1 M_0)}}$$
$$\times \text{Tr}[(\bar{P} + M_0) \sigma^{++} \gamma_5(\bar{P}' + M'_0) \Gamma_{L_K} S_{\{q_{[q]\} \}} (p_1' + m'_1) \gamma^+ \gamma_5(p_1 + m_1) \Gamma_{L_K} S_{\{q_{[q]\} \}}],$$

with $q^2_1 = q^2_1$ (no sum over $i$), and similarly, for $B_b(1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(1/2^-)$ transition, we have

$$f_1^A(q^2) = \int \{ \bar{p}_2 \} \frac{\phi_{n_{L_K}}^* \{ \{x'\}, \{k'_\} \} \phi_{1L_K} \{ \{x\}, \{k_\} \}}{16P^+ P'^+ \sqrt{p_1^+ p_1'^+ (p_1' \cdot P' + m'_1 M'_0)(p_1 \cdot P + m_1 M_0)}}$$
$$\times \text{Tr}[(\bar{P} + M_0) \gamma^+(\bar{P}' + M'_0) \Gamma_{L_K} S_{\{q_{[q]\} \}} (p_1' + m'_1) \gamma^+ \gamma_5(p_1 + m_1) \Gamma_{L_K} S_{\{q_{[q]\} \}}],$$

$$f_2^A(q^2) = \int \{ \bar{p}_2 \} \frac{\phi_{n_{L_K}}^* \{ \{x'\}, \{k'_\} \} \phi_{1L_K} \{ \{x\}, \{k_\} \}}{16P^+ P'^+ \sqrt{p_1^+ p_1'^+ (p_1' \cdot P' + m'_1 M'_0)(p_1 \cdot P + m_1 M_0)}}$$

These identities can be easily proved by using Eq. (B1), but with $P$ and $P'$ replaced by $\bar{P}$ and $\bar{P}'$ and with suitable replacements of $J_z$ and $J'_z$. 

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\[ g_1^V(q^2) = \frac{1}{16P^+P^+} \int \{ \tilde{d}p_2 \} \frac{\phi_{nL'_K}(\{ x' \}, \{ k'_\perp \})\phi_{1L_K}(\{ x \}, \{ k_\perp \})}{(p'_1 \cdot P' + m'_1 M'_0)(p_1 \cdot P + m_1 M_0)} \times Tr[(\tilde{P} + M_0)\gamma^+(\tilde{P}' + M'_0)\Gamma_{L'_K}S_{[qq]}^p j'_1(p'_1 + m'_1)\gamma^+(p_1 + m_1)\Gamma_{L_K}S_{[qq]}^p j_1], \]

\[ g_2^A(q^2) = \frac{1}{M + M'} i \int \{ \tilde{d}p_2 \} \frac{\phi_{nL'_K}(\{ x' \}, \{ k'_\perp \})\phi_{1L_K}(\{ x \}, \{ k_\perp \})}{16P^+P^+\sqrt{p'^+ p'_1}(p'_1 \cdot P' + m'_1 M'_0)(p_1 \cdot P + m_1 M_0)} \times Tr[(\tilde{P} + M_0)\gamma^+(\tilde{P}' + M'_0)\Gamma_{L'_K}S_{[qq]}^p j'_1(p'_1 + m'_1)\gamma^+(p_1 + m_1)\Gamma_{L_K}S_{[qq]}^p j_1], \]

with \( q_\perp^1 = q_\perp^2 \) (no sum over \( i \)). We are now ready to discuss various transitions in more detail.

1. Form factors for \( B_0(3_f, 1/2^+) \rightarrow B_0(3_f, 1/2^+) \) transition [type (i)]

We will discuss how to obtain the formulas of form factors of the type (i) transition in this subsection. The \( B_0(3_f, 1/2^+) \rightarrow B_0(3_f, 1/2^+) \) transitions involve initial states in \( (n, L_K, S_{[qq]}^p, J_P, J^F)_{b} = (1, 0, 0^+, 0^+, 1^+) \) configuration and final states in \( (n, L_K, S_{[qq]}^p, J_P, J^F)_{c} = (n, 0, 0^+, 0^+, 1^+) \) configurations (with \( n=1,2 \)). In these transitions the scalar diquarks are spectators.

Following Eq. \([29]\),

\[ \Gamma_{L'_K}S_{[qq]}^p j'_1 = \Gamma_{L_K}S_{[qq]}^p j_1 = \Gamma_{s00} = 1, \]

and \([37]\), we have

\[ \langle B_0(P', J'_2) | \bar{c} \gamma^+(1 - \gamma_5)b | B_0(P, J_2) \rangle = \int \{ \tilde{d}p_2 \} \frac{\phi_{nL'_K}(\{ x' \}, \{ k'_\perp \})\phi_{1L_K}(\{ x \}, \{ k_\perp \})}{2\sqrt{p'^+ p'_1}(p'_1 \cdot P' + m'_1 M'_0)(p_1 \cdot P + m_1 M_0)} \times \tilde{u}(P', J'_2)(p'_1 + m'_1)\gamma^+(1 - \gamma_5)(p_1 + m_1)u(P, J_2), \]

for the type (i) transition. By using Eq. \([B5]\) the transition form factors are given by

\[ f_1^V(q^2) = \frac{dx^2 dz^2 k_{\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{n\sigma}(\{ x' \}, \{ k'_\perp \})\phi_{1\bar{s}}(\{ x \}, \{ k_\perp \})}{16P^+P^+\sqrt{x'^+ x'^+}(p'^1 \cdot P' + m'_1 M'_0)(p_1 \cdot P + m_1 M_0)} \times Tr[(\tilde{P} + M_0)\gamma^+(\tilde{P}' + M'_0)(p'_1 + m'_1)\gamma^+(p_1 + m_1)], \]

\[ f_2^V(q^2) = \frac{dx^2 dz^2 k_{\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{n\sigma}(\{ x' \}, \{ k'_\perp \})\phi_{1\bar{s}}(\{ x \}, \{ k_\perp \})}{16P^+P^+\sqrt{x'^+ x'^+}(p'^1 \cdot P' + m'_1 M'_0)(p_1 \cdot P + m_1 M_0)} \times Tr[(\tilde{P} + M_0)\gamma^+(\tilde{P}' + M'_0)(p'_1 + m'_1)\gamma^+(p_1 + m_1)], \]

\[ g_1^A(q^2) = \frac{dx^2 dz^2 k_{\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{n\sigma}(\{ x' \}, \{ k'_\perp \})\phi_{1\bar{s}}(\{ x \}, \{ k_\perp \})}{16P^+P^+\sqrt{x'^+ x'^+}(p'^1 \cdot P' + m'_1 M'_0)(p_1 \cdot P + m_1 M_0)} \times Tr[(\tilde{P} + M_0)\gamma^+\gamma_5(\tilde{P}' + M'_0)(p'_1 + m'_1)\gamma^+\gamma_5(p_1 + m_1)], \]

\[ g_2^A(q^2) = \frac{dx^2 dz^2 k_{\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{n\sigma}(\{ x' \}, \{ k'_\perp \})\phi_{1\bar{s}}(\{ x \}, \{ k_\perp \})}{16P^+P^+\sqrt{x'^+ x'^+}(p'^1 \cdot P' + m'_1 M'_0)(p_1 \cdot P + m_1 M_0)} \times Tr[(\tilde{P} + M_0)\gamma^+\gamma_5(\tilde{P}' + M'_0)(p'_1 + m'_1)\gamma^+\gamma_5(p_1 + m_1)]. \]
with \( q_1^i = q_1^i \) or \( q_1^2 \) (no sum over \( i \)).

It is straightforward to work out the traces in \( f_{1,2}^V(q^2) \) as shown in the above equation and obtain [15]

\[
\frac{1}{8P^+P^\tau} \text{Tr}((\tilde{P} + M_0)\gamma^+(\tilde{P}' + M'_0)(p_1' + m_1')\gamma^+(p_1 + m_1)) \\
= -(p_1 - x_1\tilde{P}) \cdot (p_1' - x_1'\tilde{P}') + (x_1M_0 + m_1)(x_1'M_0' + m_1'),
\]

\[
\frac{i}{8P^+P^\tau} \text{Tr}((\tilde{P} + M_0)\sigma^{ij}(\tilde{P}' + M'_0)(p_1' + m_1')\gamma^+(p_1 + m_1)) \\
= (m_1' + x_1'M_0')(p_1' - x_1\tilde{P}_1') - (m_1 + x_1M_0)(p_1'' - x_1'\tilde{P}_1''),
\]

(B10)

for \( i = 1, 2 \), where uses of \( \tilde{P}^{(i)} = P^{(i)} + \bar{P}^{(i)} \), \( P^{(i)} + \bar{P}^{(i)} = P^{(i)} \), \( p_1^{(i)} = x^{(i)}P^{(i)} \), \( p_1^{(i)} = x^{(i)}P^{(i)} + k_1^{(i)} \) have been made. Similarly the traces in \( g_1^A(q^2) \) and \( g_2^A(q^2) \) can be obtained by replacing \( m_1' \rightarrow -m_1' \), \( M_0' \rightarrow -M_0' \) in the above traces and with an additional overall minus sign. With the help of Eq. (23) the above form factors can be expressed in terms of the internal variables via [15]

\[
p_1 \cdot \tilde{P} = e_1M_0 = \frac{m_1^2 + x_1^2M_0^2 + k_1^2}{2x_1}, \quad p_1' \cdot \tilde{P}' = e_1'M_0' = \frac{m_1'^2 + x_1'^2M_0'^2 + k_1'^2}{2x_1},
\]

(B11)

where \( k_1 \cdot k_1' \) is a scalar product in two-dimensional space. The obtained form factors are shown in Eq. (39).

2. Form factors for \( B_b(6_f, 1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(6_f, 1/2^+) \) transition [type (ii)]

We will discuss how to obtain the formulas of form factors of the type (ii) transition in this subsection. The \( B_b(6_f, 1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(6_f, 1/2^+) \) transitions involve initial states in \((n, L_K, S_{[6]}^F, J_l^P, J^{P})_b = (1, 0, 1^+, 1^+, 1^+)\) configuration and final states in \((n, L_K, S_{[6]}^F, J_l^P, J^{P})_c = (n, 0, 1^+, 1^+, 1^+)\) configurations (with \( n=1,2 \)). In these transitions the axial-vector diquarks are spectators.

Following Eqs. (29) and (37) we have

\[
\langle B_c(P', J_z')|\gamma^\mu(1 - \gamma_5)b|B_b(P, J_z)\rangle \\
= \int \{d\tilde{p}_2\} \frac{\phi_{nL_k}^*\{\{x\}, \{k_{1}\}\}\phi_{1L_K}\{\{x\}, \{k_{1}\}\}}{2\sqrt{p_1^+p_1^+(p_1 \cdot \tilde{P} + m_1M_0)(p_1 \cdot \tilde{P} + m_1M_0)} \times \tilde{u}(\tilde{P}', J_z')\Gamma_{s11}(p_1' + m_1')\gamma^\mu(1 - \gamma_5)(\bar{p}_1 + m_1)\Gamma_{s11}u(\tilde{P}, J_z),
\]

(B12)

with

\[
\Gamma_{s11} = \frac{\gamma_5}{\sqrt{3}}\left(\not\gamma_{LF}(p_2, \lambda_2) - \frac{M_0 + m_1 + m_2}{P^+p_2 + m_2M_0}\not\epsilon_{LF}(p_2, \lambda_2) \cdot \tilde{P}\right) \equiv \epsilon_{LF\mu}(p_2, \lambda_2)\Gamma_{s11}^\mu,
\]

\[
\tilde{\Gamma}_{s11} = \frac{\gamma_5}{\sqrt{3}}\left(\not\gamma_{LF}(p_2, \lambda_2) + \frac{M_0' + m_1' + m_2'}{P^{'+}p_2' + m_2'M_0'}\not\epsilon_{LF}(p_2, \lambda_2) \cdot \tilde{P}'\right) \equiv \epsilon_{LF\mu}(p_2, \lambda_2)\tilde{\Gamma}_{s11}^\mu,
\]

(B13)

where we have made use of the fact that the diquark is a spectator of the transition. By using Eq. (35) the transition form factors for the \( B_b(6_f, 1/2^+) \rightarrow B_c(6_f, 1/2^+) \) case are given by:

\[
f_{1}^V(q^2) = \int \{d\tilde{p}_2\} \frac{\phi_{nL_k}^*\{\{x'\}, \{k_{1}'\}\}\phi_{1L_K}\{\{x\}, \{k_{1}\}\}}{16P^+P'+\sqrt{p_1^+p_1^+(p_1' \cdot \tilde{P}' + m_1'M_0')(p_1 \cdot \tilde{P} + m_1M_0)}} \left(-g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{p_{2\mu}p_{2\nu}}{m_2^2}\right)
\]

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\[ \frac{f^*_i(q^2)}{M + M'} = -i \int \{ \bar{\phi}_n \} \left\{ \phi_{nL'_i} \right\} \phi_{1L_K} \left\{ \phi_{k'_{-i}} \right\} \left( p_{1'_i} \right) \gamma^+ \left( \bar{p}_{1'_i} + m_{1'_i} \right) \gamma^+ \left( \bar{p}_1 + m_1 \right) \Gamma_{s_{11}} \left( p_{1'_i} \right) \left( p_1 \right) \right] \left( -g_{\mu \nu} + \frac{p_{2\mu} p_{2\nu}}{m^2} \right) \]

\[ g^A_1(q^2) = \int \{ \bar{\phi}_n \} \left\{ \phi_{nL'_i} \right\} \phi_{1L_K} \left\{ \phi_{k'_{-i}} \right\} \left( p_{1'_i} \right) \gamma^+ \left( \bar{p}_{1'_i} + m_{1'_i} \right) \gamma^+ \left( \bar{p}_1 + m_1 \right) \Gamma_{s_{11}} \left( p_{1'_i} \right) \left( p_1 \right) \right] \left( -g_{\mu \nu} + \frac{p_{2\mu} p_{2\nu}}{m^2} \right) \]

\[ g^A_2(q^2) = \int \{ \bar{\phi}_n \} \left\{ \phi_{nL'_i} \right\} \phi_{1L_K} \left\{ \phi_{k'_{-i}} \right\} \left( p_{1'_i} \right) \gamma^+ \left( \bar{p}_{1'_i} + m_{1'_i} \right) \gamma^+ \left( \bar{p}_1 + m_1 \right) \Gamma_{s_{11}} \left( p_{1'_i} \right) \left( p_1 \right) \right] \left( -g_{\mu \nu} + \frac{p_{2\mu} p_{2\nu}}{m^2} \right) \]

with \( q^2_i = q^2 \) or \( q^2_i = 0 \) (no sum over \( i \)). As one can see the traces are rather complicate. To simplify the derivations, we choose to work in the \( \vec{P} \perp = 0 \) frame. After working out the traces and making use of Eq. (23), we obtain the form factors as shown in Eq. (40).

3. Form factors for \( B_b(3_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(3_f, 1/2^-) \) transition [type (iii)]

We will discuss how to obtain the formulas of form factors of the type (iii) transition in this subsection. The \( B_b(3_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(3_f, 1/2^-) \) transitions involve initial states in \( (n, L_K, S_{[\tau]}^P, J^P, J^P)_b = (1, 0^+, 0^+, \frac{1}{2}^+) \) configuration and final states in \( (n, L_K, S_{[\tau]}^P, J^P, J^P)_c = (n, 1, 0^+, 1, \frac{1}{2}^-) \) configurations (with \( n=1,2 \)). In these transitions, the scalar diquarks are spectators.

Following Eqs. (29) and (37), we have,

\[ \langle B_c(P', J'_2) | \gamma^+ (1 - \gamma_5) | B_b(P, J_2) \rangle = \int \{ \bar{\phi}_n \} \left\{ \phi_{nL'_i} \right\} \phi_{1L_K} \left\{ \phi_{k'_{-i}} \right\} \left( p_{1'_i} \right) \gamma^+ \left( \bar{p}_{1'_i} + m_{1'_i} \right) \gamma^+ \left( \bar{p}_1 + m_1 \right) u(P, J_2) \]

with

\[ \Gamma_{L_K S_{[\tau]}^P, J_2} = \Gamma_{S_{[\tau]}^P, J_2} = \Gamma_{s_{01}} = \frac{\gamma_5}{2\sqrt{3}} \left( p_{1'_i} \right) - \frac{p_2 + m_1^2 - m_2^2}{M_0} \]

for the \( B_b(3_f, 1/2^+) \to B_c(3_f, 1/2^-) \) transition [type (iii)]. By using Eq. (66) we obtain the transition form factors:

\[ f^A_1(q^2) = \int \{ \bar{\phi}_n \} \left\{ \phi_{nL'_i} \right\} \phi_{1L_K} \left\{ \phi_{k'_{-i}} \right\} \left( p_{1'_i} \right) \gamma^+ \left( \bar{p}_{1'_i} + m_{1'_i} \right) \gamma^+ \left( \bar{p}_1 + m_1 \right) \Gamma_{s_{11}} \left( p_{1'_i} \right) \left( p_1 \right) \right] \left( -g_{\mu \nu} + \frac{p_{2\mu} p_{2\nu}}{m^2} \right) \]

\[ f^A_2(q^2) = \int \{ \bar{\phi}_n \} \left\{ \phi_{nL'_i} \right\} \phi_{1L_K} \left\{ \phi_{k'_{-i}} \right\} \left( p_{1'_i} \right) \gamma^+ \left( \bar{p}_{1'_i} + m_{1'_i} \right) \gamma^+ \left( \bar{p}_1 + m_1 \right) \Gamma_{s_{11}} \left( p_{1'_i} \right) \left( p_1 \right) \right] \left( -g_{\mu \nu} + \frac{p_{2\mu} p_{2\nu}}{m^2} \right) \]
\[ g_1^V(q^2) = \int \frac{dx_1d^2k_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{np}(\{x\}, \{k_1\})\phi_{1s}(\{x\}, \{k\})}{16P^+P^+\sqrt{x_1^+x_1^+(p_1^+P^+ + m_1^+M_0^0)(p_1^+\cdot P + m_1M_0)} \times Tr[(\bar{P} + M_0)\gamma^\perp\gamma_5(\bar{P}^+ + M_0^+)(\bar{P}_0^+ + m_1^+)\gamma^+(\bar{P}_1 + m_1)], \]

\[ \frac{g_1^V(q^2)q_\perp^2}{M + M'} = i \int \frac{dx_1d^2k_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} \frac{\phi_{np}(\{x\}, \{k_1\})\phi_{1s}(\{x\}, \{k\})}{16P^+P^+\sqrt{x_1^+x_1^+(p_1^+P^+ + m_1^+M_0^0)(p_1^+\cdot P + m_1M_0)} \times Tr[(\bar{P} + M_0)\sigma^{\perp\gamma_5}(\bar{P}^+ + M_0^+)(\bar{P}_0^+ + m_1^+)\gamma^+(\bar{P}_1 + m_1)]. \]  

(B17)

with \( q_\perp^2 = q_1^2 \) or \( q_2^2 \) (no sum over \( i \)). To simplify the derivations, we choose to work in the \( \bar{P}_\perp = 0 \) frame. After working out traces and making use of Eq. (23), we obtain the form factors as shown in Eq. (51).

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