Model-independent study of magnetic dipole transitions in quarkonium

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We study magnetic dipole (M1) transitions between two quarkonia in the framework of nonrelativistic effective field theories of QCD. Relativistic corrections of relative order $v^2$ are investigated in a systematic fashion. Nonperturbative corrections due to color-octet effects are considered for the first time and shown to vanish at relative order $v^2$. Exact, all order expressions for the relevant observables of the multipole expansion, for electric dipole (E1) and magnetic dipole (M1) transitions are the most copiously observed, M1 transitions are theoretically much cleaner than E1 transitions, we will show that QCD excludes both contributions to the anomalous magnetic moment of the quarkonium induced by low-energy fluctuations and contributions to the magnetic dipole operators of the type induced by scalar potential. Eventually, a potential model is consistent with a weak-coupling treatment of the charmonium ground state, while such a treatment for the hindered transition $Y(2S) \rightarrow \eta_b \gamma$ appears difficult to accommodate within the CLEO III upper limit.

I. INTRODUCTION

The nonrelativistic nature appears to be an essential ingredient to understand the dynamics of heavy quarkonia. It has been established soon after the discovery of the $J/\psi$ in 1974 by many subsequent phenomenological studies on numerous observables of the $c\bar{c}$ and $b\bar{b}$ bound states. Hence, heavy quarkonium is characterized by the interplay among the several supposedly well-separated scales typical of a nonrelativistic system: the heavy-quark mass $m$, the inverse of the typical size of the quarkonium $v$ = $m v^2$, and the binding energy $E$ = $m v^2$, where $v \ll 1$ is the velocity of the heavy quark inside the quarkonium. Nowadays the effective field theory (EFT) approach has become the paradigm to disentangle problems with a hierarchy of well-separated scales. Two effective field theories, nonrelativistic QCD (NRQCD) [1,2] and potential NRQCD (pNRQCD) [3,4], have been developed in the last decade. Applications of these two EFTs have led to a plethora of new results for several observables in quarkonium physics (for a review see [5]).

Among the observables that have not yet been considered in an EFT framework, are radiative transition widths. They have been studied so far almost entirely within phenomenological models [6–19] (a sum rule analysis is provided in [20]). For a recent review we refer to Eichten’s contribution in [21]. A textbook presentation can be found in [22]. Mostly, the models are based on a nonrelativistic reduction of some relativistic interaction assumed on a phenomenological basis. Eventually, a potential model coupled to electromagnetism is recovered. In this work, we will describe radiative transitions in the language of EFTs. In particular, we will employ pNRQCD to study radiative transitions in a model-independent fashion.

Two dominant single-photon-transition processes, namely, electric dipole (E1) and magnetic dipole (M1) transitions, are of considerable interest. Since, for reasons that will become clear in the following, M1 transitions are theoretically much cleaner than E1 transitions, we will restrict ourselves to M1 transitions in this work.\(^1\)

The kinematics of a transition $H \rightarrow H' \gamma$ in the rest frame of $H$, where $H$ and $H'$ are two quarkonia, is described in Fig. 1. In the nonrelativistic limit, the M1 transition width between two $S$-wave states is given by

$$\Gamma_{nS_1 \rightarrow n'S_0} = \frac{4 \alpha e^2 m c}{3 k^3} \left| \int_0^\infty d r r^2 R_{n0}(r) R_{n'0}(r) j_0\left(\frac{k r}{2}\right) \right|^2,$$

(1)

where $e e Q$ is the electrical charge of the heavy quark ($e_h = -1/3$, $e_c = 2/3$), $\alpha$ is the fine structure constant, and $R_{n0}(r)$ are the radial Schrödinger wave functions. The photon energy $k_\gamma$ is about the difference between the masses of the two quarkonia, therefore, it is of order $m v^2$ or smaller.\(^2\) Since $r \sim 1/(m v^2)$, we may expand the spherical Bessel function $j_0(k_r r/2) = 1 - (k_r r)^2/24 + \ldots$. At leading order in the multipole expansion, for $n = n'$, the overlap integral is 1. Such transitions are usually referred to as allowed. At leading order, for $n \neq n'$, the overlap integral is 0. These transitions are usually referred to as

\(^1\)However, E1 transitions are the most copiously observed, because their rates are enhanced by $1/v^2$ with respect to the M1 case. We will report about E1 transitions elsewhere.

\(^2\)This is in sharp contrast with radiative transitions from a heavy quarkonium to a light meson, such as $J/\psi \rightarrow \eta \gamma$, whereas a hard photon is emitted.
We shall distinguish between hard and soft contributions play a crucial role in some processes. Among these, EFTs include corrections coming from higher-order corrections can be systematically included. Of validity (the system must consist of a specific hierarchy of scales. Since \( m \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \), the matching procedure that ensures the equivalence of the two theories may be carried out in perturbation theory. At this stage, also hard photons are integrated out at this stage, but soft photons are also integrated out at this stage, but its contribution is numerically irrelevant with respect to that one coming from soft gluons. In the strong-coupling regime, the degrees of freedom of pNRQCD (coupled to electromagnetism) are singlet-quarkonium fields and photons of energy and momentum of order \( mv^2 \) or smaller. The scale \( mv^2 \) is sometimes called ultrasoft. In the weak-coupling regime, there are also octet quarkonium fields and ultrasoft gluons. Ultrasoft fields are multipole expanded about the center-of-mass coordinate. The power counting of the pNRQCD Lagrangian goes as follows. Ultrasoft gluons and virtual photons scale like \( mv^2 \), the real photon, emitted in a single-photon transition, scales like \( mv^2 \) or smaller. In addition, the matching coefficients inherited from NRQCD are series in \( \alpha_s \). To simplify the counting, we will assume that \( \alpha_s(m) \sim v^2 \). In the weak-coupling regime, the matching coefficients of pNRQCD can be calculated in perturbation theory. Since the static potential is proportional to \( \alpha_s(1/r) r \sim mv^2 \), it follows that \( \alpha_s(1/r) \sim v \).

In this paper, we will mainly work out pNRQCD in the weak-coupling regime. Therefore, our final expressions will be applicable only to the lowest quarkonium resonances. However, some intermediate results will also apply to the strong-coupling regime. In particular, the \( 1/m^2 \) and \( 1/m \) matching will be valid to all orders in \( \alpha_s \).

Some of the results presented here are new, some may be understood as a rewriting in the language of EFTs of results already derived a long time ago in the framework of phenomenological models. Among others, we will address and answer the following questions. (i) What is the size of the quarkonium anomalous magnetic moment? (ii) Is there a scalar interaction contribution to M1 transitions? (iii) What is the size of the octet contributions to M1 transitions? We will end up with a rather concise formula which takes into account the full \( O(k^3 v^2/m) \) relativistic corrections. We will clarify the validity and range of applicability of the widely used formula of Ref. [15]. Applications to some M1 transitions between low-lying quarkonia will be discussed at the end.

The paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II, we first briefly review NRQCD and pNRQCD, then work out the basic formalism and calculate the transition widths in the nonrelativistic limit. In Sec. III, we match the electromagnetic interaction Lagrangian of pNRQCD relevant for M1 transitions up to \( 1/m^3 \) terms. In Sec. IV, we calculate contributions to the transition widths from wave function corrections and, in particular, color-octet contributions. In Sec. V we sum all corrections and give the final formulae valid up to order \( k^3 v^2/m^2 \). In Sec. VI, the decay rates of \( J/\psi \rightarrow \eta_c \gamma, Y(1S) \rightarrow \eta_b \gamma, Y(2S) \rightarrow \eta_b(2S) \gamma, Y(2S) \rightarrow \eta_b \gamma, \eta_b(2S) \rightarrow Y(1S) \gamma, h_b(1P) \rightarrow \chi_{b0}(1P) \gamma, \) and \( \chi_{b2}(1P) \rightarrow h_b(1P) \gamma \) are calculated. Finally, in Sec. VII we conclude. In one appendix, we discuss alternative ways to derive final-state recoil effects, in the other one, issues about gauge invariance.

FIG. 1. Kinematics of the radiative transition \( H \rightarrow H' \gamma \) in the rest frame of the initial-state quarkonium \( H \). \( M_H \) and \( M_{H'} \) are the masses of the initial and final quarkonium, and \( k_\gamma = |k| = (M_H^2 - M_{H'}^2)/(2M_H) \) is the energy of the emitted photon.

\[
\begin{align*}
\gamma & \quad (k, k) \\
H & \quad P_H = (M_H, 0) \\
H' & \quad P_{H'} = (\sqrt{k_\gamma^2 + M_{H'}^2}, -k)
\end{align*}
\]
II. MAGNETIC DIPOLE TRANSITIONS:
BASIC FORMALISM

A. NRQCD

NRQCD is the EFT that follows from QCD by integrating out hard modes, i.e. modes of energy or momentum of order $m$ [1,2]. To describe electromagnetic transitions, we need to couple NRQCD to electromagnetism. For simplicity, we will call this new EFT also NRQCD. The effective Lagrangian is made of operators invariant under the $SU(3)_c \times U(1)_{em}$ gauge group. We display here only the part of the Lagrangian, which is relevant to describe M1 transitions at order $k^2 \mu^2 / m^2$:

\[
\mathcal{L}_{\text{NRQCD}} = \psi \left( iD_0 + \frac{D^2}{2m} \right) \psi + \frac{c_F}{2m} \psi \left( \mathbf{\sigma} \cdot g \mathbf{B} \psi - \frac{c_s}{8m} \psi \left( -iD \times g \mathbf{E} \psi + \frac{c_{Fem}}{2m} \psi \left( \mathbf{D} \mathbf{\sigma} \cdot e e_Q \mathbf{B}^{em} \psi \right) \right) \right) + \frac{c_{pem}}{8m^2} \psi \left( \mathbf{D} \mathbf{\sigma} \cdot e e_Q \mathbf{B}^{em} \mathbf{\cdot} \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{D} \mathbf{\cdot} e e_Q \mathbf{B}^{em} \mathbf{\cdot} \mathbf{D} \right) \right) \psi + \left[ \psi \rightarrow i\mathbf{\sigma}^2 \chi^+ \cdot \mathbf{A}_\mu \right. - A^T_{\mu} \left. - A^{em}_{\mu} \right] + \mathcal{L}_{\text{light}} \quad (2)
\]

where

\[
\mathcal{L}_{\text{light}} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu \nu} F^{\mu \nu} - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu \nu \alpha \beta} F^{\mu \nu \alpha \beta} + \sum_f \bar{q}_f i \gamma_5 q_f. \quad (3)
\]

and $\psi$ is the Pauli spinor field that annihilates a heavy quark of mass $m$, flavor $Q$, and electrical charge $e e_Q$. $\chi$ is the corresponding one that creates a heavy antiquark, and $q_f$ are the light quark Dirac fields. The gauge fields with superscript “em” are the electromagnetic fields, the others are gluon fields, $iD_0 = iD_0 - g T^a A^a_0 - e e_Q A^{em}_0$, $iD = i\nabla + g T^a A^a + e e_Q A^{em}$, $\left[ \mathbf{D} \times \mathbf{E} \right] = \mathbf{D} \times \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{D}$, $\mathbf{E} = F^{0i}$, $\mathbf{B} = -e \epsilon_{ijk} F^{ijk}/2$, $F^{em}_{\mu \nu} = F^{0\nu}_{\mu \nu}$, and $B^{em}_{\mu \nu} = -e \epsilon_{ijk} F^{0\nu}_{\mu \nu}/2 (\epsilon_{123} = 1)$.

The coefficients $c_F, c_S, c_{\mathcal{F}em}, c_{\mathcal{W}em}, c_{W_2}^{em}, c_{W_3}^{em}$, and $c_{pem}^{em}$ are the matching coefficients of the EFT. They satisfy some exact relations dictated by reparametrization (or Poincaré) invariance [23]:

\[
c_S^{em} = 2c_F^{em} - 1, \quad c_S = 2c_F - 1, \quad (4)
\]

\[
c_W^{em} = c_W^{em} - 1, \quad (5)
\]

\[
c_p^{em} = c_F^{em} - 1. \quad (6)
\]

Note that the $c_W^{em}$ are independent of $c_F^{em}$. All the coefficients are known at least at one loop [23]. In particular, we have

\[
c_F^{em} = 1 + \kappa_Q^{em} = 1 + C_F \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2), \quad (7)
\]

\[
c_W^{em} = 1 + C_F \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{12} + \frac{4}{3} \ln\frac{m^2}{\mu} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2), \quad (8)
\]

where $C_F = (N_c^2 - 1)/(2N_c) = 4/3$ and $C_A = N_c = 3$; $\kappa_Q^{em}$ is usually identified with the anomalous magnetic moment of the heavy quark. Since $c_W^{em}$ and $c_F^{em}$ are $1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$, $c_W^{em}$ and $c_F^{em}$ are $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$. $\kappa_Q^{em}$ is less than 10% for charm and bottom. One may expect that the magnetic moment of the quarkonium may be larger than that, be-
the quark fields in the pNRQCD Lagrangian. To ensure that gluons and photons are of energy and momentum not larger than $mv^2$, all gauge fields are multipole expanded in the relative distance $\mathbf{r}$, and, therefore, depend on the center-of-mass coordinate $\mathbf{R}$ only.

Gauge invariance can be made manifest at the Lagrangian level by reexpressing the quark-antiquark fields in terms of fields that transform like singlets under $U(1)_\text{em}$ and like singlets or octets under $SU(3)_c$ gauge transformations. We denote these fields as $S = S_1^1/\sqrt{N_c}$ and $O = \sqrt{2}O^aT^a$, respectively.

The pNRQCD Lagrangian, which is relevant to describe M1 transitions at order $\lambda^3 v^2/m^2$, is given by

$$L_{\text{pNRQCD}} = \int d^3 r \left[ S^\dagger \left( i\partial_0 + \frac{\mathbf{V}^2}{4m} + \frac{\mathbf{V}_\mu^2}{m} - V_\text{S} \right) S + O^\dagger \left( i\partial_0 + \frac{\mathbf{D}^2}{4m} + \frac{\mathbf{D}_\mu^2}{m} - V_\text{O} \right) O + V_A (O^\dagger \cdot gE_\text{S} + S^\dagger \cdot gE_\text{O}) + \frac{V_B}{2} \left\{ \frac{O^\dagger \cdot gE_\text{O}}{2} \right\} \right] + L_{\gamma\gamma\text{NRQCD}} + L_{\text{light}} \tag{9}$$

where

$$L_{\gamma\gamma\text{NRQCD}} = \int d^3 r \left[ \frac{1}{2m} V_{\text{S}}^{(B)/(B/m)} \{ S^\dagger, \mathbf{r} \cdot E_\text{S} \} S + \frac{1}{4m} V_{\text{S}}^{(B)/(B/m)} \{ O^\dagger, \mathbf{r} \cdot E_\text{O} \} O + \frac{1}{4m^2} \left\{ \mathbf{r} \cdot \left[ \mathbf{\partial} \times (\mathbf{\partial} \times E_\text{em}) \right] \right\} S^\dagger, \mathbf{S} \right]$$

$$- \frac{1}{4m} V_{\text{S}}^{(B)/(B/m)} \{ S^\dagger, \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{E}_\text{em} \} S + \frac{1}{4m^2} V_{\text{S}}^{(B)/(B/m)} \{ S^\dagger, O^\dagger \cdot (\mathbf{\partial} \times E_\text{em}) \} O$$

If not differently specified, all gauge fields are calculated in the center-of-mass coordinate $\mathbf{R}$, $iD_0 = i\partial_0 - g[T^aA_0^a, O]$, $iDO = i\nabla O + g[T^aA^a, O]$, $\nabla = \partial/\partial \mathbf{r}$, and $\mathbf{\nabla}_r = \partial/\partial r^i$. The trace is over color and spin indices.

In the initial quarkonium rest frame, the power counting goes as follows: $\nabla_s \sim mv$, $\mathbf{r} \sim 1/mv$ and $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B} \sim m^{-1}v^2$. The electromagnetic fields associated to the external photon scale like $E_\text{em} \sim B_\text{em} \sim k_\gamma^2$. The center-of-mass derivative $\nabla$ acting on the recoiling final quarkonium state or emitted photon is of order $k_\gamma$. Operators that have not been displayed are suppressed either in the power counting (e.g. $1/m^3$ singlet operators) or in the matching coefficients (e.g. a $1/(m^2r^2)$ singlet operator does not show up at tree level) or because they project on higher-order Fock states (e.g. $1/m^2$ octet operators).

The coefficients $V$ in Eqs. (9) and (10) are the matching coefficients of pNRQCD. The matching coefficients of Eq. (9) have been calculated in the past years. We refer the reader to [5] and references therein. In the following, we will calculate the matching coefficients of Eq. (10). Here, we only note that since $mv \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$, they may be calculated in perturbation theory. $V_S$ and $V_O$ play the role of a singlet and octet potential. They may be arranged in powers of $1/m$. The static contribution is the Coulomb potential:

$$V_S^{(0)} = -C_F \frac{\alpha_S v_2}{r}, \quad V_O^{(0)} = \frac{1}{2N_c} \frac{\alpha_O v_2}{r}, \tag{11}$$

where, at leading order, $\alpha_S v = \alpha_O = \alpha$. In a Coulombic system $\alpha_s(1/r) \sim v$.

Let us discuss the different terms appearing in Eqs. (9) and (10). The first four terms of Eq. (9) display the pNRQCD Lagrangian in the limit of zero coupling to the photons. The third and fourth terms describe the coupling of the quarkonium fields to ultrasoft gluons at order $r$ in the multipole expansion. Higher-order terms are irrelevant for the present purposes. At tree level, the coefficients $V_A$ and $V_B$ are equal to 1. Equation (10) provides the part of the pNRQCD interaction Lagrangian coupled with the electromagnetic field relevant for M1 transitions. The first term describes the coupling of the quarkonium singlet field to ultrasoft photons at order $r$. This is the familiar E1 transition operator ($V_A^{em} = 1$ at tree level). As we will discuss in the following, if the recoiling of the final-state quarkonium is taken into account, this term contributes to M1 transitions. A similar term involving the coupling with the octet field is suppressed in the transition amplitude. From the second term on, we display spin-dependent operators coupled to ultrasoft photons. The second and third

\footnotesize{For simplicity, we give the power counting in the case $mv^2 \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$.}
terms come from multipole expanding the magnetic dipole operator at $\mathcal{O}(q^3)$ and $\mathcal{O}(q^2)$, respectively. The order $r$ term does not contribute to M1 transitions. The fourth term represents the leading magnetic dipole operator for octet quarkonium fields.

\[ \Gamma_{H \to H'} = \int \frac{d^3P'}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2k} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(P_H - k - P') \frac{1}{N_A} \sum_{\lambda, \lambda'} \left| \mathcal{A}[H(0, \lambda) \to H'(P', \lambda') \gamma(k, \sigma)] \right|^2 \]

where $P'^\mu = (\sqrt{P^2 + m^2}, P')$, $k^\mu = (|k|, k)$ and

\[ \mathcal{A} [H(0, \lambda) \to H'(-k, \lambda') \gamma(k, \sigma)](2\pi)^3 \delta^3(P' + k) = -\langle H'(P', \lambda') \gamma(k, \sigma) \rangle \int d^3R \mathcal{L}_{\gamma pNRQCD}[H(0, \lambda)]. \] (13)

In Eq. (12), the initial state is averaged over the polarizations, whose number is $N_A$.

The quarkonium state $|H(P, \lambda)\rangle$ is an eigenstate of the pNRQCD Hamiltonian with the quantum numbers of the quarkonium $H$. It has the nonrelativistic normalization:

\[ \langle H(P', \lambda')|H(P, \lambda)\rangle = \delta_{\lambda\lambda'}(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(P - P'). \] (14)

The photon state $|\gamma(k, \sigma)\rangle$ is normalized in the usual Lorentz-invariant way:

\[ \langle \gamma(k, \sigma)|\gamma(k', \sigma') \rangle = 2k \delta_{\sigma\sigma'}(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(k - k'). \] (15)

**D. Quarkonium states**

According to the power counting, the leading-order pNRQCD Hamiltonian is given by

\[ H_{pNRQCD}^{(0)} = \int d^3R \int d^3r \text{Tr}[\mathcal{S}^1 h_S^{(0)} S + \mathcal{O}^1 h_O^{(0)} O] + H_{\text{light}}, \]

where

\[ h_S^{(0)} = -\frac{\textbf{V}^2}{m} + V_S^{(0)}, \quad h_O^{(0)} = -\frac{\textbf{V}^2}{m} + V_O^{(0)}, \] (17)

and $H_{\text{light}}$ is the Hamiltonian that corresponds to $\mathcal{L}_{\text{light}}$. The spectrum of pNRQCD has been first studied in [4], to which we refer for discussions. We call $|H(P, \lambda)\rangle^{(0)}$ the subset of eigenstates made by a quark-antiquark pair in a singlet representation:

\[ |H(P, \lambda)\rangle^{(0)} = \int d^3R \int d^3r e^{iP \cdot R} \text{Tr}[\Phi_{H(\lambda)}^{(0)}(r)S^1(r, R)|0\rangle], \] (18)

where $|0\rangle$ is a state that belongs to the Fock subspace containing no heavy quarks but an arbitrary number of ultrasoft gluons, photons, and light quarks. The state $|0\rangle$ is normalized in such a way that Eq. (14) is fulfilled. The function $\Phi_{H(\lambda)}^{(0)}(r) = \langle 0|S(r, R)|H(0, \lambda)\rangle^{(0)}$ is an eigenstate of the spin and orbital angular momentum of the quarkonium and satisfies the Schrödinger equation

\[ h_S^{(0)} \Phi_{H(\lambda)}^{(0)}(r) = E_H^{(0)} \Phi_{H(\lambda)}^{(0)}(r). \] (19)

$E_H^{(0)}$ is the leading-order binding energy of the quarkonium $H$: $M_H = 2m + E_H^{(0)}$. For later use, we write $\Phi_{H(\lambda)}^{(0)}$ for $L = 0$ states,

\[ \Phi_{n^3S_1(\lambda)}^{(0)}(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} R_{n^3}(r) \frac{\mathbf{e}_{n^3S_1}(\lambda) \cdot \hat{r}}{\sqrt{2}}, \] (20)

where $\mathbf{e}_{n^3S_1}(\lambda)$ is the polarization vector of the state $n^3S_1$, normalized as $\mathbf{e}_{n^3S_1}(\lambda) \cdot \mathbf{e}_{n^3S_1}(\lambda') = \delta_{\lambda\lambda'}$, and for $L = 1$ states,

\[ \Phi_{n^3P_1(\lambda)}^{(0)}(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} R_{n^3}(r) \frac{\mathbf{e}_{n^3P_1}(\lambda) \cdot \hat{r}}{\sqrt{2}}, \] (21)

\[ \Phi_{n^3P_0(\lambda)}^{(0)}(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} R_{n^3}(r) \frac{\mathbf{e}_{n^3P_0}(\lambda) \cdot \hat{r}}{\sqrt{2}}, \] (22)

\[ \Phi_{n^3P_2(\lambda)}^{(0)}(r) = \frac{3}{4\pi} R_{n^3}(r) \frac{\mathbf{e}_{n^3P_2}(\lambda) \cdot \hat{r}}{\sqrt{2}}, \] (23)

where $\mathbf{e}_{n^3P_1}(\lambda)$ and $\mathbf{e}_{n^3P_0}(\lambda)$ are polarization vectors satisfying $\mathbf{e}_{n^3P_1}(\lambda) \cdot \mathbf{e}_{n^3P_1}(\lambda') = \delta_{\lambda\lambda'}$, whereas the polarization of the $n^3P_2$ state is represented by a symmetric and traceless rank-2 tensor $h_{n^3P_2}^{ij}(\lambda)$ normalized according to $h_{n^3P_2}^{ij}(\lambda)h_{n^3P_2}^{ji}(\lambda) = \delta_{\lambda\lambda'}$.\n
The state \(|H(P, \lambda)\rangle\) may be obtained from \(|H(P, \lambda)\rangle^{(0)}\) by quantum-mechanical perturbation theory. At relative order \(v^2\) the following corrections may be relevant.

1. Higher-order potentials

In the weak-coupling regime, corrections to the zeroth-order pNRQCD Hamiltonian of the type

\[
\delta H = \int d^3R \int d^3r Tr[S^\dagger \delta V_s S],
\]

are typically suppressed by \(v^2\) with respect to the leading term. First-order corrections to the quarkonium state, induced by these terms, are therefore relevant at relative order \(v^2\):

\[
|H(P, \lambda)\rangle^{(1)} = \int d^3R \int d^3r e^{iP \cdot R} Tr[\delta \Phi_{H(\lambda)}(r) S^\dagger (r, R) |0\rangle],
\]

where

\[
\delta \Phi_{H(\lambda)}(r) = \sum_{H' + H, \lambda} \frac{\Phi_{H(\lambda)}^{(0)}(r)}{E_{H}^{(0)} - E_{H'}^{(0)}} (H' \langle \lambda | \delta V_s | H(\lambda) \rangle,
\]

and \(|r|H(\lambda)\rangle = \Phi_{H(\lambda)}^{(0)}(r)\). Here and in the following, we shall use the Dirac ket to indicate the eigenstate either of a quantum-mechanical operator (like \(|r\rangle\), which stands for an eigenstate of the position operator, or \(|H(\lambda)\rangle\), sometimes also written as \(|nL\rangle\), which stands for an eigenstate of \(h_{\lambda}^{(0)}\) or of a quantum-field operator (like \(|H(P, \lambda)\rangle\), which stands for an eigenstate of the pNRQCD Hamiltonian).

In general, \(\delta V_s\) may also depend on the center-of-mass momentum \(P\). We shall distinguish between zero-recoil corrections (where \(\delta V_s\) does not depend on \(P\)) and (final-state) recoil corrections (where \(\delta V_s\) depends on \(P\)). Effects of these corrections to the transition amplitude will be discussed in Sec. IVA.

2. Higher-Fock-space components

The leading correction to the quarkonium state that accounts for the octet component is induced by

\[
\delta H = - \int d^3R \int d^3r Tr[O^\dagger (r \cdot g \mathbf{E}) + S^\dagger (r \cdot g \mathbf{E})].
\]

According to the power counting, this is a correction of relative order \(v\). The first-order correction to the quarkonium state is

\[
|H(P, \lambda)\rangle^{(1)} = \int d^3R \int d^3r e^{iP \cdot R} \int d^3x Tr\left[O^\dagger (r, R)(r) \frac{1}{E_{H}^{(0)} - E_{O}^{(0)} - H_{\text{light}}} \mathbf{x} \left[ - \mathbf{x} \cdot g \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{R}) \right] \Phi_{H(\lambda)}^{(0)}(x)|0\rangle \right].
\]

Since it has a vanishing projection on \(|H(P, \lambda)\rangle^{(0)}\), in a transition matrix element it contributes at relative order \(v^2\). Second-order corrections are of relative order \(v^2\). They contain two orthogonal parts:

\[
|H(P, \lambda)\rangle^{(2)} = |H(P, \lambda)\rangle^{(2)}_{\perp} + |H(P, \lambda)\rangle^{(2)}_{\parallel},
\]

where

\[
|H(P, \lambda)\rangle^{(2)}_{\perp} = \int d^3R \int d^3r e^{iP \cdot R} \int d^3x \int d^3y Tr\left[S^\dagger (r, R)(y) \sum_{H + H', \lambda} \frac{\Phi_{H(\lambda)}^{(0)}(r) \Phi_{H' (\lambda')}^{(0)}(y)}{E_{H}^{(0)} - E_{H'}^{(0)} - H_{\text{light}}} |y\rangle \left[ - y \cdot g \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{R}) \right] \Phi_{H(\lambda)}^{(0)}(x)|0\rangle \right],
\]

\[
|H(P, \lambda)\rangle^{(2)}_{\parallel} = \frac{\delta Z_{H(\lambda)}}{2} |H(P, \lambda)\rangle^{(0)},
\]

\[
\left(1 + \frac{\delta Z_{H(\lambda)}}{2}\right)(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(P - P') = \langle(0)(H(P', \lambda)|H(P, \lambda)\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{\delta E_{H(\lambda)}}{2\pi^3}} (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(P - P').
\]
the leading color-singlet component in a physical quarkonium state. Effects of these corrections to the transition amplitude will be discussed in Sec. IV B.

E. M1 transitions in the nonrelativistic limit

In accordance with the power counting of pNRQCD, the leading contribution to M1 transitions comes from

$$L_{M1}^{(0)} = \int d^3 r \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{1}{2m} V_S^{(\sigma-B)/m} [S^\dagger, \sigma \cdot e e_Q B^{em}] S \right].$$

(34)

As we will discuss in the next section, at leading order in the multipole expansion, i.e. the well-known model-independent study of magnetic dipole…

For S-wave quarkonium, substituting Eqs. (18), (20), (21), and (34) into Eq. (13) leads to

$$\mathcal{A}^{(0)}[n^3 S_1(0,\lambda) \rightarrow n^1 S_0(-k)\gamma(k,\sigma)]$$

$$= \delta_{nn'}i e e_Q \frac{\epsilon^e_{n'}(\lambda) \cdot (k \times \epsilon^e(\sigma))}{m},$$

(35)

where we have used that

$$\langle \gamma(k,\sigma)|B^{em}(R)|0 \rangle = -i k \times \epsilon^e(\sigma)e^{-i k \cdot R}.$$

(36)

The factor $\delta_{nn'}$ in Eq. (35) comes from the overlap integral $\int_0^r d^3 r R_{ns}(r)R_{n'\ell}(r)$. Substituting the transition amplitude into Eq. (12), we obtain:

$$\Gamma_{n^3 S_1 \rightarrow n^3 S_0 \gamma} = \delta_{nn'} \frac{4}{3} ae_Q^2 \frac{k_y^2}{m^2} \left(1 - \frac{k_y}{M_{n^3 S_1}}\right).$$

(37)

The term $-\delta_{nn'} k_y / M_{n^3 S_1}$ is negligible at order $k^2 v^2 / m^2$: it vanishes for hindered transitions and is of order $v^4$ for allowed ones. Hence, Eq. (37) gives back Eq. (1) at leading order in the multipole expansion, i.e. the well-known formula of the transition width in the nonrelativistic limit.

For P-wave quarkonium we obtain:

$$\mathcal{A}^{(0)}[n^3 P_0(0) \rightarrow n^1 P_1(-k,\lambda')\gamma(k,\sigma)]$$

$$= \delta_{nn'}i e e_Q \frac{\epsilon^e_{n'}(\lambda') \cdot (k \times \epsilon^e(\sigma))}{\sqrt{3m}},$$

(38)

$$\mathcal{A}^{(0)}[n^3 P_1(0,\lambda) \rightarrow n^1 P_1(-k,\lambda')\gamma(k,\sigma)]$$

$$= \delta_{nn'}i e e_Q \frac{\epsilon^e_{n'}(\lambda') \cdot [\epsilon^e_{n'}(\lambda) \times (k \times \epsilon^e(\sigma))]}{\sqrt{2m}},$$

(39)

$$\mathcal{A}^{(0)}[n^3 P_1(0,\lambda) \rightarrow n^1 P_1(-k,\lambda')\gamma(k,\sigma)]$$

$$= \delta_{nn'}i e e_Q \frac{\epsilon^e_{n'}(\lambda') \cdot \delta_{nn'} P_1(\lambda) \times (k \times \epsilon^e(\sigma))]}{m}.$$ 

(40)

Substituting the transition amplitudes into Eq. (12), we end up with

$$\Gamma_{n^3 P_j \rightarrow n^1 P_j \gamma} = \delta_{nn'} \frac{4}{3} ae_Q^2 \frac{1}{m^2} k_j^2 \left(1 - \frac{k_y}{M_{n^3 P_j}}\right).$$

(41)

The width for P-wave spin-singlet to spin-triplet transitions is obtained by multiplying the right-hand side of Eq. (41) by $(2J + 1)/3$.

In the following, we will concentrate on higher-order corrections to S-wave transitions. We shall come back to P-wave transitions in Sec. V C.

III. MATCHING OF PNRQCD MAGNETIC DIPOLE OPERATORS

Our aim is to complete Eq. (37) with corrections of relative order $\nu^2$. In accordance with the counting $\alpha_s(m) \sim \nu^2$ and $\alpha_s(1/r) \sim \nu$, these also include corrections to the matching coefficients of pNRQCD.

The matching coefficients of pNRQCD encode gluons of energy or momentum of order $m v$. Since this scale is associated with the distance between the two heavy quarks, the matching coefficients are, in general, functions of $r$. They also contain hard contributions, typically encoded in the matching coefficients inherited from NRQCD. In the following, we will retain the full matching coefficients of NRQCD and count the matching from NRQCD to pNRQCD only in powers of $\alpha_s$ calculated at the soft scale. We will exploit the explicit form of the NRQCD matching coefficients in Secs. V and VI.

The matching from NRQCD to pNRQCD may be performed by calculating Green functions in the two theories and imposing that they are equal order by order in the inverse of the mass and in the multipole expansion. In particular, to match the electromagnetic couplings, we need Green functions with four external quark/antiquark lines and one external photon line as shown in Fig. 2. The matching condition reads:

$$G_{\gamma NRQCD}(\chi_1', x_2', x_1, x_2) = G_{\gamma pNRQCD}(\chi_1', x_2', x_1, x_2).$$

(42)

Since we are working in a situation where the typical momentum transfer between the heavy quarks is larger than $\Lambda_{QCD}$, we may, in addition, perform the matching order by order in $\alpha_s$.

A. Matching at O(1)

If we aim at calculating the matching at $O(1)$ a convenient approach consists in projecting NRQCD on the two-
quark Fock space spanned by
\[ \int d^3x_1 d^3x_2 \varphi^*(x_1, t) \varphi(x_2, t) \chi(x_2, t) |0\rangle, \]
where \( \varphi(x_1, x_2, t) \) is a 3 \( \otimes \) 3 tensor in color space and a 2 \( \otimes \) 2 tensor in spin space. After projection, all gluon fields are multipole expanded in \( r \). Gauge invariance is made explicit at the Lagrangian level by decomposing
\[ \varphi(x_1, x_2, t) = P \exp \left( i \int_{x_1}^{x_2} A \cdot dx \right) S'(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r}, t) + \mathcal{P} \exp \left( i \int_{x_2}^{x_1} A \cdot dx \right) O'(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r}, t) \times \exp \left( i \int_{x_2}^{x_1} A \cdot dx \right), \]
where \( P \) stands for path ordering, \( \mathbf{R} = (x_1 + x_2)/2 \) and \( \mathbf{r} = x_1 - x_2 \). The fields \( S \) and \( O \) transform like singlets under \( U(1)_{em} \) gauge transformations and like singlet and octet, respectively, under \( SU(3)_c \) gauge transformations. After projecting (2) on (43), one obtains
\[ V_{A}^{em^2} = 1, \]
\[ V_{S}^{(r\mathbf{B})/m} = e_F^{em}, \]
\[ V_{S}^{(r\mathbf{\nabla})^2[(r\mathbf{B})/m]} = e_F^{em}, \]
\[ V_{O}^{(r\mathbf{B})/m} = e_F^{em}, \]
\[ V_{S}^{(r\mathbf{\nabla}\cdot\mathbf{E})/m^2} = e_S^{em}, \]
\[ V_{S}^{(r\mathbf{\nabla}\cdot\mathbf{r}\mathbf{\nabla}\mathbf{E})/m^2 = e_S^{em}, \]
\[ V_{S}^{[r\mathbf{\nabla}(r\mathbf{B})]/m^3} = e_W^{em} - e_W^{em}, \]
\[ V_{S}^{[r\mathbf{\nabla}(r\mathbf{\nabla}\cdot\mathbf{B})]/m^3 = e_W^{em}, \]
where the matching coefficients \( V_{S}^{(r\mathbf{r}\times\mathbf{B})}/m^2 \) and \( V_{S}^{(r\mathbf{B})/m} \) are zero at \( O(1) \).

We consider now the impact of the \( O(1) \) matching on the transition amplitude. In order to keep the notation compact, it is useful to define
\[ \mathcal{A} = \frac{\mathcal{A}}{\mathcal{A}^{(0)}}, \]
where \( \mathcal{A} \) is an amplitude calculated from Eq. (13) by
\[ \delta_{nn'} \mathcal{A}^{(0)} = \mathcal{A}. \]

(A) The matching coefficient (48) induces the following correction to \( \mathcal{A}^{(0)} \):
\[ \mathcal{A}^\prime[n^3 S_1(0, \lambda) \rightarrow n^1 S_0(\mathbf{k}) \gamma(\mathbf{k}, \sigma)] = \kappa_{Q}^{em} \delta_{nn'}. \]

(B) The correction induced by the operator \( \frac{c_{em}^{em}}{16m} \times \{ S^\dagger, \mathbf{r} \mathbf{r}'(\mathbf{\nabla}^2 \mathbf{\nabla} \cdot \varphi + e e_Q \mathbf{E}^{em}) \} \mathcal{S} \) is
\[ \mathcal{A}^\prime[n^3 S_1(0, \lambda) \rightarrow n^1 S_0(\mathbf{k}) \gamma(\mathbf{k}, \sigma)] = -\frac{c_{em}^{em}}{24} \mathbf{k}^2 \langle n' S | \mathbf{r}^2 | n S \rangle. \]

(C) The correction induced by the operator \( -\frac{c_{em}^{em}}{16m} \times \{ S^\dagger, \mathbf{r} \mathbf{r}'(\mathbf{\nabla}^2 \mathbf{\nabla} \cdot \varphi + e e_Q \mathbf{E}^{em}) \} \mathcal{S} \) is
\[ \mathcal{A}^\prime[n^3 S_1(0, \lambda) \rightarrow n^1 S_0(\mathbf{k}) \gamma(\mathbf{k}, \sigma)] = c_{S}^{em} k \frac{2}{3} \frac{\delta_{nn'} + i \frac{2}{3} \langle n' S | \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{p} | n S \rangle.} \]

(D) The correction induced by the operator \( \frac{1}{4m^2} \{ S^\dagger, \mathbf{r} \mathbf{r}'(\mathbf{\nabla}^2 \mathbf{\nabla} \cdot \varphi + e e_Q \mathbf{E}^{em}) \} \mathcal{S} \) is
\[ \mathcal{A}^\prime[n^3 S_1(0, \lambda) \rightarrow n^1 S_0(\mathbf{k}) \gamma(\mathbf{k}, \sigma)] = -\langle n' S | \mathbf{p} \mathbf{p} \rangle \frac{2}{2m^2} | n S \rangle. \]

(E) The correction induced by the operator \( \frac{c_{em}^{em}}{8m} \times \{ S^\dagger, \mathbf{r} \mathbf{r}'(\mathbf{\nabla}^2 \mathbf{\nabla} \cdot \varphi + e e_Q \mathbf{E}^{em}) \} \mathcal{S} \) is
\[ \mathcal{A}^\prime[n^3 S_1(0, \lambda) \rightarrow n^1 S_0(\mathbf{k}) \gamma(\mathbf{k}, \sigma)] = -\langle n' S \rangle \frac{2}{2m^2} \frac{\mathbf{p} \mathbf{p} \mathbf{p}}{2m^2} | n S \rangle. \]
B. Calculation of $V_{S}^{(\sigma\cdot B)/m}$

In this section, we match the operator (34) beyond $O(1)$. This operator provides the leading transition widths (37) and (41) in the case of allowed M1 transitions. Hence, corrections of order $\alpha_{s}$ and $\alpha_{s}^{2}$ to $V_{S}^{(\sigma\cdot B)/m}$, which may arise in the matching from NRQCD to pNRQCD, are potentially larger than that of the same order as genuine relativistic $v^{2}$ corrections to the transition width. Surprisingly, we shall be able to perform the matching exactly and provide a result that is valid to all orders in perturbation theory and nonperturbatively.

Before going to the matching, we recall that the matching coefficient $c_{e}^{em}$ that appears in the NRQCD Lagrangian (2) is the heavy-quark magnetic moment. The matching coefficient $V_{S}^{(\sigma\cdot B)/m}$ is the magnetic moment of the singlet-quarkonium field. While the first one gives only contributions from the hard modes, the second one may potentially get large contributions stemming from the soft scale.

The matching of $V_{S}^{(\sigma\cdot B)/m}$ proceeds as follows.

1. First, we note that the only amplitudes in NRQCD that may contribute to the matching are those where the photon couples to the heavy quark (antiquark) through the operators $\psi^\dagger \sigma \cdot e e_Q B^{em} \psi/m \propto -\chi^\dagger \sigma \cdot e e_Q B^{em} \chi/m$. At order $1/m$, this is the only magnetic spin-flipping coupling to the quark. If the photon couples to loops of massless quarks then, at leading order in the electromagnetic coupling constant, the sum of the electric charges over three light flavors vanishes. In the bottomonium system, contributions from charm-quark loops should also be considered. If the momentum flowing through the loop is hard, the contribution is suppressed by, at least, $\alpha_{s}^{2}(m_{b})$ and, therefore, beyond the accuracy of this work. If the momentum is soft, the charm quark effectively decouples and the system can be described by an effective field theory with three massless quarks [24,25].

2. The crucial point is to recognize that there are no extra momentum or spin-dependent insertions on the heavy-quark lines that contribute to the matching of $V_{S}^{(\sigma\cdot B)/m}$, since they carry extra $1/m$ suppressions. As a consequence, the magnetic spin-flipping operator $\sigma \cdot e e_Q B^{em} /m$ behaves, for the purpose of the matching, as the identity operator in coordinate space and the magnetic matrix element factorizes. Therefore, any (normalized) NRQCD amplitude contributing to $V_{S}^{(\sigma\cdot B)/m}$ may be written as

$$c_{e}^{em} \int_{t_{1}}^{t_{f}} dt \langle 0 | e e_Q B^{em}(x_{1}, t) \cdot \sigma \cdot e e_Q B^{em}(x_{2}, t) | 0 \rangle,$$  

which, after multipole expansion of the magnetic field, becomes (we neglect terms proportional to $r$):

$$\left(\frac{c_{e}^{em}}{2m} + \frac{c_{e}^{em} (r \cdot \nabla)^{2} + \ldots)}{16m}(\sigma^{(1)} + \sigma^{(2)})\right)$$

... $\int_{t_{1}}^{t_{f}} dt \langle 0 | e e_Q B^{em}(t) | 0 \rangle,$

where $\sigma^{(1)}$ stands for the Pauli matrices acting on the quark and $\sigma^{(2)}$ for the Pauli matrices acting on the antiquark.

To see how factorization works from a diagrammatic point of view, let us consider a photon insertion on a quark line. In general, this happens in between two longitudinal gluon insertions (first diagram of Fig. 3). Transverse gluons couple to quark lines through $1/m$ suppressed operators and are irrelevant for the purpose of the matching. At order $1/m^{0}$, the coupling of longitudinal gluons to quark lines is spin and momentum independent. Therefore, $\sigma \cdot e e_Q B^{em}$ may be freely moved along the quark lines. The sum of the first three diagrams of Fig. 3 is proportional to

$$\theta(t_{f} - t_{1})\theta(t_{1} - t_{1} - t_{2})\theta(t_{2} - t_{1}) + \theta(t_{1} - t_{1} - t_{2})\theta(t_{2} - t_{1})$$

$$\times \theta(t_{1} - t_{2})\theta(t_{2} - t_{1}) + \theta(t_{1} - t_{1} - t_{2})\theta(t_{1} - t_{2})\theta(t_{2} - t_{1})$$

$$\times \theta(t - t_{1})$$

$$= \theta(t_{f} - t)\theta(t - t_{1})\theta(t_{f} - t_{1})\theta(t_{1} - t_{2})\theta(t_{2} - t_{1}),$$

where the thetas come from the static heavy-quark propagators. The equality completes the factorization proof graphically represented in Fig. 3.

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Note: The property that $\sigma \cdot e e_Q B^{em} /m$ depends neither on gluon fields nor on the relative coordinate $r$, which in turn is a consequence of the ultrasoft nature of the external photon, will be used again and again in the course of the paper and is responsible for most of the results.
(3) By matching Eq. (65) to the pNRQCD amplitude

\[
\left( \frac{V^{(B)/m}_S}{2m} + \frac{V^{(r \cdot \nabla)^2[(B)/m]}}{16m} (r \cdot \nabla)^2 + \ldots \right) (\sigma^{(1)} + \sigma^{(2)})
\cdot \int_{i_1}^{i_f} dt (\gamma | e e Q B^{\text{em}}(i) | 0),
\]

it follows that

\[
V^{(B)/m}_S = V^{(r \cdot \nabla)(B)/m}_S = c_F^{\text{em}} .
\]

Equation (67) is a result that holds to all orders in the strong-coupling constant and also nonperturbatively. It excludes that the $1/m$ magnetic coupling of the quarkonium field is affected by any soft contribution. A fortiori, it excludes large anomalous nonperturbative corrections to this coupling.

### C. Calculation of $V_S^{(r \cdot (r \times B))/(m^2}$ and $V_S^{(r \cdot B)/m}$

The matching coefficients $V^{(r \cdot (r \times B))/(m^2}_S$ and $V^{(r \cdot B)/m}_S$ do not get contributions at $O(1)$. At order $\alpha_s$, the diagrams contributing to the NRQCD part of the matching are shown in Fig. 4. Note that the photon is emitted by the electromagnetic field embedded in the covariant derivative. If we sandwich the diagrams between initial and final states that are gauge invariant under $SU(3)_c \times U(1)_{\text{em}}$ and multipole expand the external electromagnetic field, we obtain:

\[
V^{(r \cdot (r \times B))/(m^2}_S = \frac{C_F^{\alpha_s}}{2}(2c_F - c_s) = \frac{C_F^{\alpha_s}}{2},
\]

\[
V^{(r \cdot B)/m}_S = 0.
\]

In the first equation, we have made use of Eq. (4). Alternatively, we may first perform the matching in a nonexplicity gauge-invariant fashion, as it is customary in perturbative calculations of Green functions, and then impose gauge invariance at the level of the pNRQCD Lagrangian through field redefinitions of the type (44)--(46).

Equation (68) may be generalized to all orders as

\[
V^{(r \cdot (r \times B))/(m^2}_S = \frac{r^2 V_S^{(0)/r}}{2},
\]

where $V_S^{(0)/r}$ stands for $dV_S^{(0)} / dr$. Also Eq. (69) is valid to all orders. The proof proceeds as follows.

(1) The matching can be performed order by order in $1/m$. NRQCD amplitudes that may contribute to the matching involve either insertions of two of the operators $D^2/2m$, $c_F \sigma \cdot g B/2m$ and $c_F^{\text{em}} \sigma \cdot e e Q B^{\text{em}}/2m$, or one insertion of the operator $-c_s \sigma \cdot [-iD \times, g E]/8m^2$ on either the quark or the antiquark line. Couplings of the photon to massless quark loops or charm-quark loops may be neglected by the same arguments given in the previous section for the matching of $V^{(r \cdot B)/m}_S$.

(2) First, we consider amplitudes with an insertion of the operator $c_F^{\text{em}} \sigma \cdot e e Q B^{\text{em}}/2m$ and one of either $D^2/2m$ or $c_F \sigma \cdot g B/2m$. The first case, due to the ultrasoft nature of the external photon, we may neglect the action of $\nabla$ on the $B$ term. Hence the magnetic dipole operator behaves like the identity operator, and, following an argument similar to that one developed in the previous section, we can show that there is no contribution to the matching. In the second case, the QCD part of the amplitude factorizes in a term proportional to the expectation value of the chromomagnetic operator, which vanishes for parity.

(3) In all the remaining terms, the electromagnetic coupling is embedded in a covariant derivative. Since by projecting the operator

\[
\int d^3x \psi^\dagger (-i \nabla - e e Q A^{\text{em}}) \psi + [\psi \rightarrow i \sigma^2 \chi^*, A^{\text{em}} \rightarrow -A^{\text{em}}],
\]

onto the state (43) and taking into account gauge invariance (see Eq. (45)) we obtain\(^5\)

\[
\exp \left(-i e e Q \int_{x_1}^{x_2} A^{\text{em}} \cdot dx \right) [-i \nabla_{x_1} - e e Q A(x_1) \cdot -i \nabla_{x_2} + e e Q A(x_2) \exp (i e e Q \int_{x_1}^{x_2} A^{\text{em}} \cdot dx)
\]

and multipole expanding one ends up with $-i \nabla + r \times ee Q B^{\text{em}} + O(r^2)$.
the matching coefficients and Eqs. (51) and (52) turn out to be valid to all orders in \( \alpha_s \).

**D. Comment on the matching in the strong-coupling regime**

In the weak-coupling regime, at relative order \( v^2 \), the only \( 1/m^3 \) operator relevant for M1 transitions is

\[
\frac{1}{4m^3} (S^1, \sigma \cdot eeQ B^{em}) \nabla^2 S.
\]

Note that corrections to the matching coefficient are suppressed by powers of \( \alpha_s (1/r) \ll 1 \).

Comparing our expression of the pNRQCD Lagrangian (10) with the phenomenological Hamiltonian used in [12], we observe that, up to the scalar interaction term, the two expressions are equal. The absence of a scalar interaction in pNRQCD has been discussed above. Here, we remark that our expression is valid in the weak-coupling regime \( (mv^2 \sim \Lambda_{QCD}) \) only, while phenomenological Hamiltonians are supposed to be applicable to both weakly and strongly coupled quarkonia. We may ask how the pNRQCD Lagrangian would change in the strong-coupling regime \( (mv \sim \Lambda_{QCD}) \). This has been discussed in the absence of an electromagnetic interaction in [30,32–35]. Here, we focus on the magnetic dipole couplings. We have shown that the \( 1/m \) and \( 1/m^2 \) matching is valid beyond perturbation theory. However, this is unlikely to happen at order \( 1/m^3 \). Since \( \alpha_s (1/r) \sim 1 \) is no longer a suppression factor, we expect more NRQCD amplitudes to contribute to the matching. Among them, we may have amplitudes made of two insertions of the operator \( c_F \sigma \cdot gB/2m \) and one of \( c_F^S \sigma \cdot eeQ B^{em}/2m \), or one of \( c_F \sigma \cdot [-iD \times gE]/8m^2 \) and one of \( D^2/2m \), or one of \( -c_S \sigma \cdot [-iD \times gE]/8m^2 \) and one of \( c_F \sigma \cdot gB/2m \), and so on. These amplitudes will be encoded in the matching coefficients of pNRQCD in the form of static Wilson-loop amplitudes with field strength insertions of the same kind as those that appear in the QCD potential at order \( 1/m^2 \) [30]. Also, they may induce new operators in pNRQCD. A nonperturbative derivation of the pNRQCD Lagrangian coupled to the electromagnetic field at order \( 1/m^3 \) has not been worked out. In a purely analytical approach, such a computation will likely have a limited phenomenological impact, due to the many nonperturbative parameters (Wilson-loop amplitudes) needed. However, if supplemented by lattice simulations, it will pave the way for a rigorous QCD study of relativistic corrections to M1 transitions in excited heavy-quarkonium states.

In summary, phenomenological models used so far to describe magnetic dipole transitions in quarkonium, once

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\]
cleaned of the scalar interaction, appear to be valid only for weakly coupled resonances. For strongly coupled resonances, at order \(1/m^3\), more terms and matching coefficients with, in principle, large nonperturbative corrections are expected.

### IV. WAVE FUNCTION CORRECTIONS TO MAGNETIC DIPOLE TRANSITIONS

Corrections to the wave function that give contributions of relative order \(v^2\) to the transition amplitude are of two categories: (A) higher-order potential corrections, which may be further distinguished in (A.1) zero-recoil corrections and (A.2) recoil effects of the final-state quarkonium, and (B) higher-Fock-state corrections.

#### A. Corrections to the wave function from higher-order potentials

1. Zero-recoil effects

We first consider corrections coming from higher-order potentials that do not depend on the center-of-mass momentum of the recoiling quarkonium. Since \(\delta V_S\) is, at least, of order \(v^4\), we only need to take into account the correction induced by Eq. (27) to the leading amplitude computed in Sec. II E. The correction is proportional to

\[
(1 - \delta_{\pi n})^3 \langle n'|S|\{\sigma, \delta V_S e_{\pi n}\}(\lambda) \cdot \sigma \rangle - \delta V_S(\sigma e_{\pi n}(\lambda) \cdot \sigma)|nS\rangle.
\]

It vanishes for allowed magnetic transitions. This follows from the fact that \(\sigma \cdot ee_Q B_{em}/m\) is independent of \(r\) and the first-order correction is orthogonal to the zeroth-order wave function (see Eq. (27)). The two terms in the wave function come from the correction to the incoming and outgoing heavy quarkonium, respectively. We distinguish different cases. (i) If \(\delta V_S\) is spin independent, then the correction vanishes. (ii) If \(\delta V_S\) is a spin-orbit potential, then \(\langle n'|S|\delta V_S|nS\rangle \sim \langle n'|S|\pi \times p|nS\rangle = 0\) on \(S\) waves. (iii) If \(\delta V_S\) is a tensor potential, then \(\langle n'|S|\delta V_S|nS\rangle \sim \langle n'|S|\pi \times p|nS\rangle = 0\) on \(S\) waves. (iv) The only nonvanishing contribution comes from the spin-parallel potential:

\[
\text{Tr} S^i \delta V_S S = -\frac{V_{ss}(r)}{4m^2} \text{Tr} S^i \sigma S \sigma S\]

It induces the following correction to the transition amplitude:

\[
\mathcal{A}[n^3S_1(0, \lambda) \rightarrow n''(^1S_0(0) - k)\gamma(k, \sigma)] = e_F^{\text{em}}(1 - \delta_{\pi n}) \frac{1}{m^2} \frac{\langle n'|S|\delta V_S|nS\rangle}{E_{n'} - E_n}.
\]

The correction is only relevant for hindered M1 transitions and, in this case, is of order \(v^2\) \((V_{ss}/(E_{n'}) - E_n) \sim mv^4/mv^2 \sim v^2\).

#### 2. Final-state recoil effects

The final-state quarkonium is not at rest. It moves with a velocity \(-\mathbf{k}\) with respect to the center-of-mass frame. In [12], it has been pointed out that due to this motion, higher-order potentials that depend on the center-of-mass momentum may modify the wave function of the recoiling quarkonium such that the E1 operator may induce an effective M1 transition. The leading potential relevant to our case is:

\[
\text{Tr} S^i \delta V_S S = \frac{-1}{4m^2} \frac{V_{ss}(r)}{2} \text{Tr} \{S^i, \sigma\} \cdot \{\hat{r} \times (-i\nabla)\} S.
\]

We have discussed the spin-orbit potential in Sec. III C (see Eq. (73)), where we noticed that its value is protected by Poincaré invariance. Inserting Eq. (78) into Eqs. (26) and (27) we obtain

\[
|H(\mathbf{P}, \lambda)|^{(1)} = -\int d^3R \int d^3re^{i\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{R}} \times \text{Tr} \left\{\frac{\mathbf{P}}{8m^2} \cdot \{S^i, \sigma\} \times (\nabla, \Phi_{H(\lambda)}[0]\right\},
\]

where we have used

\[
\frac{1}{E_{n'}^0 - E_n^0} \langle H'(\lambda')|\delta V_S^{(0)}|H(\lambda)\rangle = i\langle H'(\lambda')|p|H(\lambda)\rangle,
\]

which follows from \(|p, h_{n'}^0\rangle = -i\delta V_S^{(0)}(r)\), and

\[
\sum_{H' \neq H, \lambda'} \Phi_{H'(\lambda')}^{(0)}(r)i\langle H'(\lambda')|p|H(\lambda)\rangle = \nabla_r \Phi_{H(\lambda)}^{(0)}(r),
\]

which follows from completeness and the definite parity of the functions \(\Phi_{H(\lambda)}^{(0)}\). Two different derivations of Eq. (79), one that uses Lorentz-boost transformations and another one based on relativistically covariant formulations, can be found in Appendix A.

Equation (79) states that, due to the recoil, the final state develops a nonzero \(P\)-wave, spin-flipped component suppressed by a factor \(v k_\gamma/m\). As a consequence, in a \(n''S_0\rightarrow n''S_0\) transition, the \(P\)-wave spin-triplet final-state component can be reached from the initial \(S_1\) state through an E1 transition, mediated by the operator

\[
L_{E1}^{(0)} = \int d^3r \text{Tr} \{S^i r \cdot ee_Q B_{em}S\}.
\]

Since the E1 operator is enhanced by \(1/v\) relative to the leading M1 operator (34), the recoil correction is of order \(k_\gamma/m\) with respect to the leading term. At relative order \(v^2\), this correction is negligible for M1 allowed transitions \((k_\gamma \ll mv^2)\), but should be considered for M1 hindered transitions, where \(k_\gamma \sim mv^2/8\).
The correction to the transition amplitude is given by
\[ -\langle n'^1 S_0(-\mathbf{k}) \gamma(\mathbf{k}, \sigma) | \int d^3 R \mathcal{L}^{(0)}_{\text{E1}} | n^3 S_1(0, \lambda) \rangle, \]
where \( | n^1 S_0(-\mathbf{k}) \rangle^{(1)} \) can be inferred from Eq. (79). After a straightforward calculation, we obtain
\[ \mathcal{A}[n^3 S_1(0, \lambda) \rightarrow n^1 S_0(-\mathbf{k}) \gamma(\mathbf{k}, \sigma)] = \frac{k}{4m} \left( \delta_{n'n} + \frac{i}{3} \langle n' S | \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{p} | nS \rangle \right). \] (82)

### B. Color-octet effects

In Sec. II D 2, we pointed out that a heavy-quarkonium state also contains higher-Fock components, in particular, components made of a quark-antiquark pair in an octet configuration. Color-octet effects are regarded as one of the most distinctive benchmarks of NRQCD, and have been found to play a crucial role in several phenomenological applications, e.g., heavy-quarkonium decays and productions [2]. Indeed, color-octet effects are not included in any potential-model formulation and have not been considered so far in radiative transitions. A color-singlet quarkonium may develop a color-octet component by emitting and reabsorbing an ultrasoft gluon. A M1 transition may occur either in the color-singlet or in the color-octet component. If \( \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim m v^2 \), the process involving a singlet-octet-singlet transition is suppressed only by a factor \( v^2 \) with respect to the leading one, and, therefore, relevant to our analysis.

In [4,36], the effect of octet components to the spectrum has been thoroughly investigated. The leading effect is given by
\[ \delta E_{H(\lambda)} = \frac{i}{6} \int_0^\infty dt \langle 0 | g E^a(\mathbf{R}, 0) \phi(0, t)_{ab} \mathcal{G}^b(\mathbf{R}, t) | 0 \rangle \times \langle H(\lambda) | \mathbf{r} e^{-i E^a_{H} - h_0^{(0)} \mathbf{r}} | H(\lambda) \rangle. \] (83)

\( \phi(0, t)_{ab} \) is a Wilson line in the adjoint representation connecting the point \( (\mathbf{R}, t) \) to \( (\mathbf{R}, 0) \). Note the appearance of the nonlocal condensate \( \langle 0 | g E^a(\mathbf{R}, 0) \phi(0, t)_{ab} \mathcal{G}^b(\mathbf{R}, t) | 0 \rangle \), typical of the situation \( \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim m v^2 \). From Eq. (33) and (83) we may calculate the state normalization factor \( \delta Z_H \).

\[ \delta Z_H(\lambda) = \frac{\partial \delta E_{H(\lambda)}}{\partial E^{(0)}_H} = \frac{1}{6} \int_0^\infty dt \langle 0 | g E^a(\mathbf{R}, 0) \phi(0, t)_{ab} \mathcal{G}^b(\mathbf{R}, t) | 0 \rangle \langle H(\lambda) | \mathbf{r} e^{-i E^a_{H} - h_0^{(0)} \mathbf{r}} | H(\lambda) \rangle. \] (84)

The leading color-octet contribution is induced by the chromo-E1 operator (28). At second order in \( \mathbf{r} \), there are four diagrams contributing to the transition amplitude, as shown in Fig. 5. The contribution of Fig. 5(a) corresponds to
\[ -\langle n'^1 S_0(\mathbf{P'}) \gamma(\mathbf{k}, \sigma) | \int d^3 R \mathcal{L}^{(0)}_{\text{M1}} | n^3 S_1(0, \lambda) \rangle^{(2)} - \langle n'^1 S_0(\mathbf{P'}) \gamma(\mathbf{k}, \sigma) | \int d^3 R \mathcal{L}^{(0)}_{\text{M1}} | n^3 S_1(0, \lambda) \rangle^{(0)} \]
\[ = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\mathbf{P'} + \mathbf{k}) \mathcal{A}[n^3 S_1(0, \lambda) \rightarrow n'^1 S_0(-\mathbf{k}) \gamma(\mathbf{k}, \sigma)] \frac{\delta_{n'n}}{3} \int_0^\infty dt \langle 0 | g E^a(\mathbf{R}, 0) \phi(0, t)_{ab} \mathcal{G}^b(\mathbf{R}, t) | 0 \rangle \times \langle n' S | \mathbf{r} e^{-i E^a_{H} - h_0^{(0)} \mathbf{r}} | nS \rangle. \] (85)

This diagram only contributes to M1 allowed transitions. The contribution of Fig. 5(b) corresponds to
\[ \langle n' S | \mathbf{r} e^{-i E^a_{H} - h_0^{(0)} \mathbf{r}} | nS \rangle. \]

Note that in [4,36] a different normalization for the state \( |0\rangle \) is used: \( |0\rangle = |0\rangle_{4,36}/\sqrt{N_c} \).
which holds for $(1 - \delta_{nn'})k = (1 - \delta_{nn'})(E_n^{(0)} - E_{n'}^{(0)}) \sim (1 - \delta_{nn'})mv^2$ and $\delta_{nn'}k \sim \delta_{nn'}mv^4$, which we neglect. Terms of the type $\delta_{nn'}k$, which are beyond our accuracy, have been neglected also in Eq. (88).

\begin{align}
\langle n'|S_0(-k)|\gamma(k,\sigma)\rangle = \delta_{nn'}(1 + \kappa^e_{Q}) + (1 - \delta_{nn'})\frac{1 + \kappa^e_{Q}}{m^2} \langle n'|S_0(-k)|nS\rangle + \frac{1}{24}(\frac{5}{3} + \kappa^e_{Q}) \frac{p^2}{2m^2} + \frac{\kappa^e_{Q}}{6m} \langle 0|gE_d(R,0)|0\rangle \langle n'|S_0(-k)|nS\rangle.
\end{align}
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\[ \Gamma_{n'S_1-n'\,S_1\gamma} = 4 \alpha e_Q^2 \frac{k^3}{m^2} \left( \left\langle n'S \right| \left( -\frac{k^2 r^2}{24} - \frac{5 p^2}{6 m^2} \right) nS \right) \]

\[ + \frac{1}{m^2} \left( n'S \left| V^{\text{vis}}(r) \right| nS \right)^2 \]

\[ \times \frac{1}{E_n^{(0)} - E_{n'}^{(0)}}. \]  

(91)

For completeness, we also give the transition width, which is relevant only for hindered transitions:

\[ \Gamma_{n'S_0-n'\,S_1\gamma} = 4 \alpha e_Q^2 \frac{k^3}{m^2} \left( \left\langle n'S \right| \left( -\frac{k^2 r^2}{24} - \frac{5 p^2}{6 m^2} \right) nS \right) \]

\[ - \frac{1}{m^2} \left( n'S \left| V^{\text{vis}}(r) \right| nS \right)^2 \]

\[ \times \frac{1}{E_n^{(0)} - E_{n'}^{(0)}}. \]  

(92)

Equations (90)–(92) very much resemble those derived in [15] and subsequently used in nonrelativistic potential-model calculations of the magnetic dipole transitions in quarkonium (see, for instance, the review in [21]). There are, however, some differences that we have already mentioned, but we would like to stress again.

(1) Equations (90)–(92) have a limited range of validity that the EFT framework clarifies. They are valid only in the weak-coupling limit, i.e., for quarkonia that fulfill the criterion \( m v^2 \lesssim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \). The lowest bottomonium states and the charmonium ground state may belong to quarkonia of this kind. As discussed in Sec. III D, in the strong-coupling regime, i.e., for higher-quarkonium excitations, at order \( k^3_{\gamma} v^2/m^2 \) more terms will, in principle, arise.

(2) Equations (90)–(92) do not contain contributions from a scalar interaction (proportional to \( -\left\langle n'S \left| V^{\text{scalar}}(r)/m \right| nS \right\rangle \)). This has been often used in potential models, but the analysis of Sec. III C has excluded such a contribution in pNRQCD.

(3) The analysis in Sec. III B has also excluded (to all orders) contributions to the quarkonium magnetic moment coming from the soft scale. This allows us to substitute \( \kappa^\text{em}_Q \) with the value inherited from NRQCD, which at one loop is \( \kappa^\text{em}_Q = C_F \alpha_s/(2\pi) \). The renormalization scale of \( \alpha_s \) is \( m \).

(4) In Sec. IV B, it has been shown that color-octet contributions, not accessible to potential-model analyses, cancel at order \( k^3_{\gamma} v^2/m^2 \). This leads to the conclusion that in the weak-coupling regime, at order \( k^3_{\gamma} v^2/m^2 \), M1 transitions are completely accessible to perturbation theory. In particular, once the spin-spin potential is written at leading order in perturbation theory (which is sufficient here),

\[ V^{\text{vis}}(r) = \frac{8}{3} \pi C_F \alpha_s \delta^3(r), \]

and Eqs. (90)–(92) are calculated for Coulomb wave functions, the transition rates will only depend on the strong-coupling constant.

C. P-wave transition widths

In this section, we consider only allowed M1 transitions between P-wave states, since hindered P-wave transitions are unlikely to accommodate within a weakly coupled picture. The calculation proceeds very much like the analogous one for S-wave states, so we will not present details here. Octet contributions again cancel by the same argument as given for S-wave transitions. At order \( k^3_{\gamma} v^2/m^2 \), only two operators contribute to M1 allowed transitions: \( \frac{1}{4m} \{ S^+ , \sigma \cdot e e_Q B^{\text{em}} \} S^\gamma \) and \( \frac{1}{4m^2} \frac{e e_Q B^{\text{em}}}{2} \{ S^+ , \sigma \cdot (\hat{r} \times (\hat{r} \times e e_Q B^{\text{em}})) \} S \). Summing their contributions, at order \( k^3_{\gamma} v^2/m^2 \), the final results read

\[ \Gamma_{n'P_{1/2}-n'P_{1/2}} = \frac{4}{9} \alpha e_Q^2 \frac{k^3}{m^2} \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s(m)}{\alpha_s} \right] \frac{d_P}{m} \left\langle P \left| \frac{p^2}{m^2} \right| P \right\rangle, \]

\[ \Gamma_{n'P_{3/2}-n'P_{3/2}} = \frac{4}{9} \alpha e_Q^2 \frac{k^3}{m^2} \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s(m)}{\alpha_s} \right] \frac{d_P}{m} \left\langle P \left| \frac{p^2}{m^2} \right| P \right\rangle. \]

(94)

(95)

where \( d_0 = 1, d_1 = 2 \) and \( d_2 = 8/5 \). We have made use of the virial theorem. Corrections induced by the operator \( \frac{1}{4m^2} \frac{e e_Q B^{\text{em}}}{2} \{ S^+ , \sigma \cdot (\hat{r} \times (\hat{r} \times e e_Q B^{\text{em}})) \} S \) vanish for \( J = 0 \) states.

Combining Eq. (90) with Eqs. (94) and (95), we obtain that, at leading order, the following relations hold:

\[ 3 \Gamma_{n'P_{1/2}-n'P_{1/2}} - \Gamma_{n'S_{1/2}-n'S_{1/2}} = 10, \]

\[ \Gamma_{n'P_{1/2}-n'P_{1/2}} - \Gamma_{n'S_{1/2}-n'S_{1/2}} = 5, \]

\[ \Gamma_{n'S_{1/2}-n'S_{1/2}} - \Gamma_{n'P_{1/2}-n'P_{1/2}} = 5, \]

(96)

which follow from \( \left\langle nS \left| \frac{p^2}{m} \right| nS \right\rangle = \left\langle nP \left| \frac{p^2}{m} \right| nP \right\rangle = -E_n^\text{em} \).

VI. APPLICATIONS

We have remarked that Eqs. (90)–(92), (94), and (95) are valid only for weakly coupled quarkonia. It is generally believed that the lowest-lying \( b \bar{b} \) states, \( Y(1S) \) and \( \eta_b \), are in the weak-coupling regime. The situation for \( \chi_b(1P) \), \( h_b(1P) \), \( Y(2S) \), and \( \eta_b(2S) \) is more controversial, as it is for the lowest-lying \( c \bar{c} \) states. We will assume that also these states are weakly coupled and see whether the comparison between our predictions and the experimental data supports this assumption or not. As for the \( n = 2 \) charmonium states, it is undoubtedly inappropriate to consider

\[ \text{So far, we have labeled P-wave states with their principal quantum number } n. \text{ In the next section, we will follow the usual convention for which a } \chi(1P) \text{ state is } n = 2, L = 1 \text{ state.} \]
them as weakly coupled systems. A further complication of
the $\psi(2S)$ and $\eta_c(2S)$ states is that they lie too close to
the open charm threshold, so that threshold effects should be
included in a proper EFT treatment. We will not consider
them in our analysis. In the following, we shall apply
Eqs. (90)–(92) to $J/\psi \to \eta_c \gamma$, $Y(1S) \to \eta_c \gamma$, $Y(2S) \to \eta_b(2S) \gamma$, $Y(2S) \to \eta_c \gamma$, and $\eta_b(2S) \to Y(1S) \gamma$, and
Eqs. (94) and (95) to $h_b(1P) \to \chi_{b0,1}(1P) \gamma$ and $\chi_{b2}(1P) \to
h_b(1P) \gamma$.

A. $J/\psi \to \eta_c \gamma$

In potential models, the transition $J/\psi \to \eta_c \gamma$ has been
often considered problematic to accommodate because its
leading-order width is about 2.83 keV (for $m_c =
M_{J/\psi}/2 = 1548$ MeV), far away from the experimental
value of $(1.18 \pm 0.36)$ keV [38].

Since we assume that the charmonium ground state is a
weakly coupled quarkonium, Eq. (90) provides the transition
width up to order $k^2 \nu^2 / m^2$. We may conveniently rewrite it as

$$\Gamma_{J/\psi \to \eta_c \gamma} = \frac{16}{3} \alpha e^2 \frac{k^2}{M^2_{J/\psi}} \left[ 1 + \frac{C_F}{\pi} \alpha_s(M_{J/\psi}/2) \right]
+ \frac{2}{3} \left( \langle S \rangle V^{(0)}_S - r V^{(0)}_S \langle 1S \rangle \right)
= \frac{16}{3} \alpha e^2 \frac{k^2}{M^2_{J/\psi}} \left[ 1 + \frac{C_F}{\pi} \alpha_s(M_{J/\psi}/2) \right]
- \frac{2}{3} \left( C_F \alpha_s(p_{J/\psi}) \right)^2, \quad (97)$$

where in the first line we have reexpressed the charm mass
in terms of the $J/\psi$ mass,

$$M_{J/\psi} = 2m_c + \langle 1S \rangle \frac{m_c^2}{r_c} + V^{(0)}_S \langle 1S \rangle,$$

and made use of the virial theorem to get rid of the kinetic
energy. We have made explicit in Eq. (97) that the normal-
ization scale for the $\alpha_s$ inherited from $\kappa^{en}_b$ is the char-
mass $\alpha_s(M_{J/\psi}/2) = 0.35$, and for the $\alpha_s$, which comes from
the Coulomb potential, is the typical momentum transfer
$p_{J/\psi} = mC_F \alpha_s(p_{J/\psi})/2 = 0.8$ GeV. Numerically
we obtain:

$$\Gamma_{J/\psi \to \eta_c \gamma} = (1.5 \pm 1.0) \text{ keV}. \quad (98)$$

The uncertainty has been estimated by assuming the next
corrections to be suppressed by a factor $\alpha^3_s(p_{J/\psi})$ with
respect to the transition width in the nonrelativistic limit.

Some comments are in order. First, we note that the uncer-
ainty in (98) is large. In our view, it fully accounts for the
large uncertainty coming from higher-order relativ-
istic corrections, which may be large if we consider that
those of order $k^2 \nu^2 / m^2$ have reduced the leading-order result by about 50%,
and for the uncertainties in the normalization scales of the strong-coupling constant. Both uncertainties may be only reduced by higher-order calculations.

Despite the uncertainties, the value given in Eq. (98) is
perfectly consistent with the experimental one. This means
that assuming the ground-state charmonium to be a weakly
coupled system leads to relativistic corrections to the tran-
sition width of the right sign and size. This is not trivial. If
we look at the expression after the first equality in Eq. (97),
we may notice that $3V^{(0)}_S - r V^{(0)}_S$ is negative in the case of
a Coulomb potential (i.e. it lowers the transition width), but
positive in the case of a confining linear potential (i.e. it in-
creases the transition width). This may explain some of
the difficulties met by potential models in reproducing
$\Gamma_{J/\psi \to \eta_c \gamma}$. In any rate, it should be remembered that
Eq. (97) is not the correct expression to be used in the
strong-coupling regime.

B. $Y(1S) \to \eta_b \gamma$, $Y(2S) \to \eta_b(2S) \gamma$

Allowed M1 transitions in the bottomonium system that
may be treated by the weak-coupling formula (90) are
$Y(1S) \to \eta_b \gamma$ and, perhaps, $Y(2S) \to \eta_b(2S) \gamma$. We have

$$\Gamma_{Y(1S) \to \eta_b \gamma} = \frac{16}{3} \alpha e^2 \frac{k^2}{M^2_{Y(1S)}} \left[ 1 + \frac{C_F}{\pi} \alpha_s(M_{Y(1S)}/2) \right]
- \frac{2}{3} (C_F \alpha_s(p_{Y(1S)}))^2, \quad (99)$$
$$\Gamma_{Y(2S) \to \eta_b(2S) \gamma} = \frac{16}{3} \alpha e^2 \frac{k^2}{M^2_{Y(2S)}} \left[ 1 + \frac{C_F}{\pi} \alpha_s(M_{Y(2S)}/2) \right]
- \frac{5}{3} (C_F \alpha_s(p_{Y(2S)}))^2, \quad (100)$$

where we have expressed the $b$ mass in terms of the $Y(1S)$
mass. We have made explicit that the renormalization scale
for the $\alpha_s$, inherited from $\kappa^{en}_b$, is the bottom mass
$\alpha_s(M_{Y(1S)}/2) = 0.22$, while for the $\alpha_s$, which comes from
the Coulomb potential in the $Y(1S)$ system, is the
typical momentum transfer $p_{Y(1S)} = mC_F \alpha_s(p_{Y(1S)})/2 =
1.2$ GeV, and for the $\alpha_s$, which comes from the Coulomb
potential in the $Y(2S)$ system, is the typical momentum transfer
$p_{Y(2S)} = mC_F \alpha_s(p_{Y(2S)})/4 = 0.9$ GeV.

Since the $\eta_b$ has not been discovered yet, in Fig. 6 we
show $\Gamma_{Y(1S) \to \eta_b \gamma}$ and $\Gamma_{Y(2S) \to \eta_b(2S) \gamma}$ as a function of $k$. The
bands stand for the uncertainties calculated as the product
of the transition widths in the nonrelativistic limit by
$\alpha^3_s(p_{Y(1S)})$ and $\alpha^3_s(p_{Y(2S)})$, respectively. If we use the value of the $\eta_b$ mass given in [39], i.e. $k = 39 \pm 13$ MeV, we have

$$\Gamma_{Y(1S) \to \eta_b \gamma} = (3.6 \pm 2.9) \text{ eV}, \quad (101)$$
which corresponds to a branching fraction of \((6.8 \pm 5.5) \times 10^{-5}\).

**C. \text{Y}(2S) \rightarrow \eta_b \gamma, \eta_b(2S) \rightarrow \text{Y}(1S) \gamma**

For hindered M1 transitions, Eqs. (91) and (92) only provide the leading-order expressions. We consider, here, \text{Y}(2S) \rightarrow \eta_b \gamma \text{ and } \eta_b(2S) \rightarrow \text{Y}(1S) \gamma \text{ transition widths that we write as}

\[
\Gamma_{\text{Y}(2S)\rightarrow \eta_b \gamma} = \frac{16 \alpha e_b^2}{M_{\text{Y}(1S)}^2} \left[ \frac{31 \sqrt{2}}{81} (C_F\alpha_s)^2 + \frac{1024 \sqrt{2}}{729} \frac{k_s^2}{(M_{\text{Y}(1S)} C_F\alpha_s)^2} \right]^2, \tag{102}
\]

\[
\Gamma_{\eta_b(2S)\rightarrow \text{Y}(1S) \gamma} = 16 \alpha e_b^2 \frac{k_s^3}{M_{\text{Y}(1S)}^2} \left[ - \frac{41 \sqrt{2}}{81} (C_F\alpha_s)^2 + \frac{1024 \sqrt{2}}{729} \frac{k_s^2}{(M_{\text{Y}(1S)} C_F\alpha_s)^2} \right]^2. \tag{103}
\]

Since terms arising from the 1S and 2S system mix, it is difficult to assign a natural normalization scale to \(\alpha_s\) appearing in Eqs. (102) and (103) without doing a higher-order calculation. In Fig. 7, we show a plot of \(\Gamma_{\text{Y}(2S)\rightarrow \eta_b \gamma}\) and \(\Gamma_{\eta_b(2S)\rightarrow \text{Y}(1S) \gamma}\) as a function of \(k_s\). The scale of \(\alpha_s\) appearing in Eqs. (102) and (103) has been arbitrarily fixed to 1 GeV. The bands stand for the uncertainties calculated as the products of the transition widths by \(\alpha_s(\rho_{\text{Y}(2S)})\).

CLEO III recently set the 90% upper limit for the branching fraction of \(\text{Y}(2S) \rightarrow \eta_b \gamma\) to be \(0.5 \times 10^{-3}\) [40]. The values plotted in Fig. 7 are about a factor 10 above the limit.\(^{12}\) Despite the fact that our calculation is just a leading-order one and, therefore, potentially affected by large uncertainties, it is not obvious that perturbation theory may accommodate for such a large discrepancy. In case, this may hint to a strongly coupled interpretation of the bottomonium \(2S\) states.\(^{13-14}\)

\(^{12}\)Large contributions stem from the spin-spin potential term. If instead of using \(E_{\eta_b}^{(0)} - E_1^{(0)}\) in this term, we use the physical mass difference, the decay width reduces by about a factor one half.

\(^{13}\)A conclusion of this kind has been reached in [41] from the study of \(\text{Y}(2S) \rightarrow X \gamma\) radiative decays. On the other hand, the masses of the \(n = 2\) bottomonium states seem easier to accommodate within a weakly coupled picture [42–44].

\(^{14}\)It has been also argued that new physics may broaden the \(\eta_b\) resonance, which thereby may have escaped detection at CLEO III [45].
like in Sec. VI B, we obtain transitions between $n$-wave $M_1$ transitions that may be possibly described by pNRQCD in the weak-coupling regime are $M_1$ allowed transitions between $n = 2$ bottomonium states. Proceeding like in Sec. VI B, we obtain

$$\Gamma_{h_b(1P) \rightarrow \chi b_0(1P)\gamma} = \frac{16}{9}\alpha e_{b}^{2} \frac{k_{\gamma}^{3}}{M_{Y(1S)}^{2}} \left[ 1 + C_{F} \frac{\alpha_{s}(M_{Y(1S)}/2)}{\pi} \right] - \left( \frac{C_{F} \alpha_{s}(p_{Y(1S)}/2)}{2} \right)^{2} - \left( \frac{C_{F} \alpha_{s}(p_{\chi b_0(1P)})}{4} \right)^{2},$$

(104)

$$\Gamma_{h_b(1P) \rightarrow \chi b_2(1P)\gamma} = \frac{16}{3}\alpha e_{b}^{2} \frac{k_{\gamma}^{3}}{M_{Y(1S)}^{2}} \left[ 1 + C_{F} \frac{\alpha_{s}(M_{Y(1S)}/2)}{\pi} \right] - \left( \frac{C_{F} \alpha_{s}(p_{Y(1S)}/2)}{2} \right)^{2} - \left( \frac{C_{F} \alpha_{s}(p_{\chi b_2(1P)})}{4} \right)^{2},$$

(105)

and

$$\Gamma_{\chi b_0(1P) \rightarrow h_b(1P)\gamma} = \frac{16}{3} \alpha e_{b}^{2} \frac{k_{\gamma}^{3}}{M_{Y(1S)}^{2}} \left[ 1 + C_{F} \frac{\alpha_{s}(M_{Y(1S)/2})}{\pi} \right] - \left( \frac{C_{F} \alpha_{s}(p_{Y(1S)})}{2} \right)^{2} - \left( \frac{C_{F} \alpha_{s}(p_{\chi b_0(1P)})}{4} \right)^{2}. \tag{106}$$

Since the $h_b(1P)$ has not been discovered yet, in Fig. 8 we show $\Gamma_{h_b(1P) \rightarrow \chi b_0(1P)\gamma}$, $\Gamma_{h_b(1P) \rightarrow \chi b_2(1P)\gamma}$, and $\Gamma_{\chi b_0(1P) \rightarrow h_b(1P)\gamma}$ as a function of $k_{\gamma}$. We assume $p_{Y(1S)}/m_Y = 0.9$ GeV. The bands stand for the uncertainties calculated as in Sec. VI B. Specific predictions of pNRQCD in the weak-coupling regime are also Eqs. (96) for $n = 2$.

**VII. CONCLUSION AND OUTLOOK**

The paper constitutes a thorough study of magnetic dipole transitions in the framework of nonrelativistic EFTs of QCD and, in particular, of pNRQCD. The matching of the magnetic dipole operators at order $1/m$ and $1/m^2$ of pNRQCD has been performed to all orders in
In this case, more operators, arising from the strong-coupling regime, are described by pNRQCD in the strong-coupling regime. However, most of E1 transitions may need to be treated in a strong-coupling framework.

Our final formulae (90)–(92) are the same as in [15], once cleaned of the scalar potential and once the one-loop expansion of the quarkonium anomalous magnetic moment has been used. They are valid only for quarkonia that fulfill the condition $m v^2 \geq \Lambda_{QCD}^2$, i.e. only for the lowest-lying resonances. The application of Eq. (90) to the transition $J/\psi \rightarrow \eta_b \gamma$ shows that a weak-coupling treatment of the charmonium ground state is consistent with the data. We also provide a prediction for the analogous transition in the bottomonium case. Equations (94) and (95) are, to our knowledge, new.

Higher resonances that obey the condition $\Lambda_{QCD} \sim m v$ are described by pNRQCD in the strong-coupling regime. In this case, more operators, arising from the $1/m^3$ matching, are likely needed.

This work provides a first step towards a complete treatment of quarkonium radiative transitions in the framework of nonrelativistic EFTs of QCD. Some of the next steps are obvious and we shall conclude by commenting on some of them.

1. To describe M1 transitions for higher resonances the completion of the nonperturbative matching of the relevant pNRQCD operators at order $1/m^3$ will be needed. The matching coefficients will be Wilson-loop amplitudes similar to those that describe the nonperturbative potential at order $1/m^2$ [30]. This calculation, combined with a lattice simulation of the Wilson-loop amplitudes, may provide a rigorous QCD derivation for all quarkonium M1 transitions below threshold.

2. M1 hindered transitions of the type $Y(3S) \rightarrow \eta_b \gamma$ have been also studied at CLEO III [40]. They involve emitted photons whose momentum is comparable with the typical momentum-transfer in the bound state. Then one cannot rely anymore on the multipole expansion of the external electromagnetic fields. In this case, however, one may exploit the hierarchy $p_{\eta_b} \gg \Lambda_{QCD} \approx p_{Y(3S)}$. To our knowledge, this situation has not been analyzed so far.

3. Electric dipole transitions have been mentioned only superficially in the paper. The pNRQCD operators, relevant for E1 transitions beyond leading order, have not been given. In the weak-coupling regime, octet contributions may be important and can be worked out along the lines discussed here. However, most of E1 transitions may need to be treated in a strong-coupling framework.

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**APPENDIX A: FINAL-STATE RECOIL EFFECTS**

We present here two alternative derivations of the final-state recoil effects calculated in Sec. IVA 2.

1. **Recoil effects from Lorentz boosts**

   The effect on the quarkonium state of higher-order potentials that depend on the center-of-mass momentum $P$ may also be calculated by boosting the quarkonium state at rest by $-P/M_H = -P/(2m)$ (i.e. minus the recoiling velocity). The importance of boost effects on the final-state quarkonium was first pointed out by Grotch and Sebastian in [12]. In our language, their argument goes as follows.

   The Lorentz-boost generators $K$ of pNRQCD may be read from [28]. The leading spin-flipping contribution to $K$ is given by

   \[ \delta K = \int d^5R \int d^3r \frac{i}{4m} \text{Tr}[[S^\dagger, \sigma \times \nabla_r]S]. \]  

   It boosts the field $S^\dagger$ by an amount

   \[ \delta S^\dagger = -i \left[ -\frac{P}{2m} \cdot \delta K, S^\dagger \right] = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{P^i}{8m^2} \{\nabla_j S^\dagger, \sigma^k\}. \]

   Substituting (A2) into

   \[ \int d^5R \int d^3r e^{iP \cdot R} \text{Tr}[\Phi_H(r)(r)]\delta S^\dagger(r, R)[0], \]

   we obtain Eq. (79).

2. **Covariant formulation**

   Final-state recoil effects are automatically included in any Lorentz covariant definition of the wave function, like that one provided by the Bethe-Salpeter equation [46]. In momentum space, the Bethe-Salpeter wave function has the following spin structure:

   \[ \Phi_B^{\mu}(H) \propto \frac{\nabla^2 + \gamma^5 + m + \frac{\mu^2}{2} + \frac{\mu^2}{2} - \gamma^5 - m}{2m} G_H^{\mu/2} \cdot \gamma - m. \]

   where, at the order we are interested in, $P^\mu = (2m, p)$ is the center-of-mass momentum, $p^\mu = (0, p)$ is the quark-antiquark relative momentum, $u^\mu = (1, P/(2m))$, $G_H^{\mu/2} \cdot \gamma - m$, and $G_{\mu/2}^{\mu/2} = \gamma^5$, with $\mu \cdot \epsilon_{\mu/2}^H = 0$.

   Expanding $\Phi_B^{\mu}$ in $P$ and $p$ and keeping the upper-right 2 $\otimes$ 2 block we obtain
\[ \Phi_{n'S_0} \approx 1 - \frac{i}{4m^2} \mathbf{p} \cdot (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}) + \ldots \]  
(A5)

\[ \Phi_{n'S_1(\lambda)} \approx \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{e} - \frac{i}{4m^2} \mathbf{p} \cdot (\mathbf{e} \times \mathbf{S}_1(\lambda) \times \mathbf{p}) + \ldots \]  
(A6)

The first terms in the equations give the spin structures of Eqs. (20) and (21), the second ones provide \( \langle 0|\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})|n^1S_0(\mathbf{P})\rangle^{(1)} \) and \( \langle 0|\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})|n^1S_1(\mathbf{P}, \lambda)\rangle^{(1)} \), respectively, where \([H(\mathbf{P}, \lambda)]^{(1)}\) has been given in Eq. (79).

**APPENDIX B: GAUGE INVARIANCE**

In the main text, we have employed an explicitly gauge-invariant formulation. In the literature, however, this has never been the case. As a consequence, partial results may differ. In this appendix, in order to make contact with the existing literature, we recalculate M1 transitions in a formulation of pNRQCD where \( U(1)_{\text{em}} \) gauge invariance is not manifest at the Lagrangian level. This means that we shall express the pNRQCD Lagrangian in terms of the fields \( S' \) and \( O' \) defined in Eq. (44). Of course, the final, total results are identical in the two formulations.

If the calculation of M1 transitions in pNRQCD is performed in terms of the field \( S' \), there are two corresponding changes.

(1) The first change concerns \( 1/m^2 \) operators. As discussed in Sec. III C, these may be obtained by projecting (71) onto a two-quark state. If the projection is performed on (43) and (44), we obtain the operator\(^{15}\)

\[ -\frac{1}{4m^2} \frac{rV_{\mathcal{S}}^{(0)(r)}}{2} [\mathbf{S}^\dagger, \mathbf{r} \times (\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{V} e\mathcal{A})] S' \]  
(B1)

It introduces the following correction to \( S \)-wave transition widths

\(^{15}\)The leading operator in the multipole expansion, proportional to \( \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{F} \times e\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{A}^\pi} \), does not contribute to M1 transitions.

\[ \mathcal{A}[n^3S_1(0, \lambda) \rightarrow n^1S_0(-k)\gamma(k, \sigma)] = -\frac{1}{12m} (n'S|rV_\mathcal{S}^{(0)}|nS), \]  
(B2)

which differs by a factor \( 1/2 \) from Eq. (75).

(2) The second change concerns final-state recoil effects. These have been calculated in a gauge-invariant formulation in Sec. IVA 2. In terms of the fields \( S' \), E1 transitions are mediated by (to be compared with Eq. (80))

\[ -2i \int d^3r Tr \left[ S'^\dagger \frac{ee\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}}{m} \mathbf{r} \cdot S' \right]. \]  
(B3)

The correction to \( S \)-wave transition widths induced by (B3) on a recoiling final state is

\[ \mathcal{A}[n^3S_1(0, \lambda) \rightarrow n^1S_0(-k)\gamma(k, \sigma)] = -\frac{1}{6m} \frac{p^2}{6m^2} |nS|. \]  
(B4)

This is exactly the result first derived in [12]. Note that, at order \( v^2 \), Eq. (B4) also contributes to M1 allowed transitions, while Eq. (82) only contributes to M1 hindered transitions.

Summing Eqs. (B2) and (B4) we obtain

\[ \langle n'S|\left( -\frac{1}{12m} rV_\mathcal{S}^{(0)} - \frac{p^2}{6m^2} \right)|nS\rangle. \]

Summing Eqs. (75) and (82) we obtain

\[ \langle n'S|\left( -\frac{1}{6m} rV_\mathcal{S}^{(0)} + k \frac{1}{4m} (\delta_{n'n} + \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{p}) \right)|nS\rangle. \]

By using Eq. (89) and \( \delta_{n'n} \sim \delta_{n'n} m/v^4 \), one can easily see that the two expressions are equal at order \( v^2 \). It is straightforward to perform the same check also in the case of \( P \)-wave transitions.

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