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# Production of $X_{b}$ via $\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S)$ radiative decays 

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#### Abstract

We investigate the production of $X_{b}$ in the process $\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$, where $X_{b}$ is assumed to be a $B \bar{B}^{*}$ molecular state. Two kinds of meson loops of $B^{(*)} \bar{B}^{(*)}$ and $B_{1}^{\prime} \bar{B}^{(*)}$ were considered. To explore the rescattering mechanism, we calculated the relevant branching ratios using the effective Lagrangian based on the heavy quark symmetry. The branching ratios for the $\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ were found to be at the orders of $10^{-7} \sim 10^{-6}$. Such sizeable branching ratios might be accessible at BelleII, which would provide important clues to the inner structures of the exotic state $X_{b}$.


## 1 Introduction

In the past decades, many $X Y Z$ states have been observed by experiments [1]. Some of them cannot be accommodated in the conventional quark model as $Q \bar{Q}(Q=c$, $b)$ and thus become excellent candidates for exotic states. In order to understand the nature of the $X Y Z$ states, many studies on their productions and decays have been carried out (for recent reviews, see Refs. [2-9]). In 2003, the Belle Collaboration discovered an exotic candidate $X$ (3872) (also known as $\chi_{c 1}(3872)$ ) in $B^{+} \rightarrow K^{+}+J / \psi \pi^{+} \pi^{-}$decay [10]. Subsequently, the $X$ (3872) was confirmed by several other experiments [11-15]. Its quantum numbers were determined to be $I^{G}\left(J^{P C}\right)=0^{+}\left(1^{++}\right)$[16]. The $X(3872)$ has two salient features: the very narrow total decay width ( $\Gamma_{X}<$ 1.2 MeV ), when compared to the typical hadronic width, and the closeness of mass to the threshold of $D^{0} \bar{D}^{* 0}\left(M_{X(3872)}-\right.$ $\left.M_{D^{0}}-M_{D^{* 0}}=(-0.12 \pm 0.24) \mathrm{MeV}\right)$ [1]. These two fea-

[^0]tures suggest that the $X(3872)$ might be a $\bar{D} D^{*}$ molecular state [17, 18].

A lot of theoretical effort has been made to understand the nature of $X(3872)$ since its initial observation. Naturally, it follows to look for the counterpart with $J^{P C}=1^{++}$(denoted as $X_{b}$ hereafter) in the bottom sector. These two states, which are related by heavy quark symmetry, should have some universal properties. The search for $X_{b}$ could provide us the discrimination between a compact multiquark configuration and a loosely bound hadronic molecule configuration. Since the mass of $X_{b}$ is very heavy and its $J^{P C}$ are $1^{++}$, a direct discovery is unlikely at the current electron-positron collision facilities, though the $\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S)$ radiative decays are possible in the Super KEKB [19]. In Refs. [20,21], a search for $X_{b}$ in the $\omega \Upsilon(1 S)$ final states has been presented, but no significant signal is observed. The production of $X_{b}$ at the LHC and the Tevatron [22,23] and other exotic states at hadron colliders [24-29] have been extensively investigated. In the bottomonium system, the isospin is almost perfectly conserved, which may explain the escape of $X_{b}$ in the recent CMS search [30]. As a result, the radiative decays and isospin conserving decays are of high priority in searching $X_{b}$ [31-34]. In Ref. [31], we have studied the radiative decays $X_{b} \rightarrow \gamma \Upsilon(n S)(n=1,2,3)$, with $X_{b}$ being a candidate for the $B \bar{B}^{*}$ molecular state, and the partial widths into $\gamma X_{b}$ were found to be about 1 keV . In this work, we revisit the $X_{b}$ production in $\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ using the nonrelativistic effective field theory (NREFT). As is well known, the intermediate meson loop (IML) transition is one of the important nonperturbative transition mechanisms [35-37]. Moreover, the recent studies on the productions and decays of exotic states [38-48] lead to global agreement with the experimental data. Hence, to investigate the process $\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$,
we calculated the IML contributions from both the $S$ - and $P$-wave intermediate bottomed mesons.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Sec. 2, we present the theoretical framework used in this work. Then in Sec. 3 the numerical results are presented, and a brief summary is given in Sec. 4.

## 2 Theoretical framework

### 2.1 Triangle diagrams

Under the assumption that $X_{b}$ is a $B \bar{B}^{*}$ molecule, its production can be described by the triangle diagrams in Fig. 1. With the quantum numbers of $1^{--}$, the initial bottomonium can couple to either two $S$-wave bottomed mesons in a $P$ wave, or one $P$-wave and one $S$-wave bottomed mesons in an $S$ - or $D$-wave. The $X_{b}$ couples to the $B \bar{B}^{*}$ pair in an $S$ wave. Because the states considered here are close to the open bottomed mesons thresholds, the intermediate bottomed and antibottomed mesons in Fig. 1 are nonrelativistic. We are thus allowed to use a nonrelativistic power counting, the framework of which has been introduced to study the intermediate meson loop effects [47]. The three momentum scales as $v$, the kinetic energy scales as $v^{2}$, and each of the nonrelativistic propagator scales as $v^{-2}$. The $S$-wave vertices are independent of the velocity, while the $P$-wave vertices scale as $v$ or as the external momentum, depending on the process in question.

Here we do a power counting analysis to illustrate that Fig. 1 has the predominant contribution of $\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S) \rightarrow$ $\gamma X_{b}$ in our model. For the diagrams (a), (b), and (c) in Fig. 1, the vertices involving the initial bottomonium are in a $P$ wave. The momentum in these vertices is contracted with the final photon momentum $q$ and thus should be counted as $q$. The vertices involving the photon are also in a $P$-wave, which should be counted as $q$. The decay amplitude scales as
$\mathcal{A}_{A} \sim N_{A} \frac{v_{A}^{5}}{\left(v_{A}^{2}\right)^{3}} \frac{q^{2}}{m_{B}^{2}}=N_{A} \frac{E_{\gamma}^{2}}{v_{A} m_{B}^{2}}$,
where $E_{\gamma}$ is the external photon energy, $N_{A}$ contains all the constant factors. $v_{A}=\left(v_{1}+v_{2}\right) / 2$ is the average of the two velocities corresponding to the two cuts in the triangle diagram. These two velocities may be estimated as $v_{1}=$ $\sqrt{\left|m_{1}+m_{2}-M_{i}\right| / \mu_{12}}$ and $v_{2}=\sqrt{\left|m_{2}+m_{3}-M_{f}\right| / \mu_{23}}$, where $M_{i}$ and $M_{f}$ are the masses of initial bottomonium and final $X_{b}$, respectively. $m_{1}, m_{2}$, and $m_{3}$ represent the masses of up, down, and right bottomed mesons in the triangle loop of Fig. 1, respectively. $\mu_{i j}=m_{i} m_{j} /\left(m_{i}+m_{j}\right)$ are the reduced masses. For $\Upsilon(5 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ and $\Upsilon(6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ of Fig. 1ac , we obtain $v_{A} \simeq 0.22-0.24$ for $\Upsilon(5 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ and $v_{A} \simeq$ 0.26-0.28 for $\Upsilon(6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$. Therefore, the amplitude is
greatly enhanced from Eq. (1). While for the diagrams (d) and (e) in Fig. 1, all the vertices are in $S$-wave. Then the amplitude for the Fig. 1d, e scales as
$\mathcal{A}_{B} \sim N_{B} \frac{v_{B}^{5}}{\left(v_{B}^{2}\right)^{3}} \frac{E_{\gamma}}{m_{B}}=N_{B} \frac{E_{\gamma}}{v_{B} m_{B}}$.
Since $v_{B} \simeq 0.15$ for $\Upsilon(5 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ and $v_{B} \simeq 0.21$ for $\Upsilon(6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$, the amplitude of Fig. 1d, e is also greatly enhanced by a factor $1 / v_{B}$.

### 2.2 Effective interaction Lagrangians

To calculate the diagrams in Fig. 1, we employ the effective Lagrangians constructed in the heavy quark limit. In this limit, the $S$-wave heavy-light mesons form a spin multiplet $H=(P, V)$ with $s_{l}^{P}=1 / 2^{-}$, where $P$ and $V$ denote the pseudoscalar and vector heavy mesons, respectively, i.e., $P(V)=\left(B^{(*)+}, B^{(*) 0}, B_{s}^{(*) 0}\right)$. The $s_{l}^{P}=1 / 2^{+}$states are collected in $S=\left(P_{0}^{*}, P_{1}^{\prime}\right)$ with $P_{0}^{*}$ and $P_{1}^{\prime}$ denoting the $B_{0}^{*}$ and $B_{1}^{\prime}$ states, respectively. In the two-component notation $[49,50]$, the spin multiplets are given by

$$
\begin{align*}
H_{a} & =\vec{V}_{a} \cdot \vec{\sigma}+P_{a} \\
S_{a} & =\vec{P}_{1 a}^{\prime} \cdot \vec{\sigma}+P_{0 a}^{*} \tag{3}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\vec{\sigma}$ is the Pauli matrix, and $a$ is the light flavor index. The fields for their charge conjugated mesons are

$$
\begin{align*}
\bar{H}_{a} & =-\overrightarrow{\bar{V}}_{a} \cdot \vec{\sigma}+\overrightarrow{\bar{P}}_{a} \\
\bar{S}_{a} & =-\overrightarrow{\bar{P}}_{1 a}^{\prime} \cdot \vec{\sigma}+\overrightarrow{\bar{P}}_{0 a}^{*} \tag{4}
\end{align*}
$$

Considering the parity, the charge conjugation, and the spin symmetry, the leading order Lagrangian for the coupling of the $S$-wave bottomonium fields to the bottomed and antibottomed mesons can be written as [49]

$$
\begin{align*}
\mathcal{L}_{\Upsilon(5 S)}= & i \frac{g_{1}}{2} \operatorname{Tr}\left[\bar{H}_{a}^{\dagger} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{\partial} H_{a}^{\dagger} \Upsilon\right] \\
& +g_{2} \operatorname{Tr}\left[\bar{H}_{a}^{\dagger} S_{a}^{\dagger} \Upsilon+\bar{S}_{a}^{\dagger} H_{a}^{\dagger} \Upsilon\right]+\text { H.c. } \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

Here $A \stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{\partial} B=A(\partial B)-(\partial A) B$. The field for the $S$-wave $\Upsilon$ and $\eta_{b}$ is $\Upsilon=\vec{\Upsilon} \cdot \vec{\sigma}+\eta_{b} . g_{1}$ and $g_{2}$ are the coupling constants of $\Upsilon(5 S)$ to a pair of $1 / 2^{-}$bottom mesons and a $1 / 2^{-}-1 / 2^{+}$ pair of bottom mesons, respectively. We use $g_{1}^{\prime}$ and $g_{2}^{\prime}$ for the coupling constants of $\Upsilon(6 S)$. Using the experimental branching ratios and widths of $\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S)$ [1], we get the coupling constants $g_{1}=0.1 \mathrm{GeV}^{-3 / 2}$ and $g_{1}^{\prime}=0.08 \mathrm{GeV}^{-3 / 2}$. On the other hand, we take $g_{2}=g_{2}^{\prime}=0.05 \mathrm{GeV}^{-1 / 2}$, as used in the previous work [51].

To get the transition amplitude, we also need to know the photonic coupling to the bottomed mesons. The magnetic coupling of the photon to the $S$-wave bottomed mesons is

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

Fig. 1 Feynman diagrams for $X_{b}$ production in $\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ under the $B \bar{B}^{*}$ meson loop effects
described by the Lagrangian $[50,52$ ]
$\mathcal{L}_{H H \gamma}=\frac{e \beta}{2} \operatorname{Tr}\left[H_{a}^{\dagger} H_{b} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B} Q_{a b}\right]+\frac{e Q^{\prime}}{2 m_{Q}} \operatorname{Tr}\left[H_{a}^{\dagger} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B} H_{a}\right]$,
where $Q=\operatorname{diag}\{2 / 3,-1 / 3,-1 / 3\}$ is the light quark charge matrix, and $Q^{\prime}$ is the heavy quark electric charge (in units of $e) . \beta$ is an effective coupling constant and, in this work, we take $\beta \simeq 3.0 \mathrm{GeV}^{-1}$, which is determined in the nonrelativistic constituent quark model and has been adopted in the study of radiative $D^{*}$ decays [52]. In Eq. (6), the first term is the magnetic moment coupling of the light quarks, while the second one is the magnetic moment coupling of the heavy quark and hence is suppressed by $1 / m_{Q}$. The radiative transition of the $1 / 2^{+}$bottomed mesons to the $1 / 2^{-}$states may be parameterized as [53]
$\mathcal{L}_{S H \gamma}=-\frac{i e \widetilde{\beta}}{2} \operatorname{Tr}\left[H_{a}^{\dagger} S_{b} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{E} Q_{b a}\right]$,
where $\widetilde{\beta}=0.42 \mathrm{GeV}^{-1}$ is the same as used in Ref. [54].
The $X_{b}$ is assumed to be an $S$-wave molecule with $J^{P C}=$ $1^{++}$, which is given by the superposition of $B^{0} \bar{B}^{* 0}+c . c$ and $B^{-} \bar{B}^{*+}+c . c$ hadronic configurations:

$$
\begin{align*}
\left|X_{b}\right\rangle= & \frac{1}{2}\left[\left(\left|B^{0} \bar{B}^{* 0}\right\rangle-\left|B^{* 0} \bar{B}^{0}\right\rangle\right)\right. \\
& \left.+\left(\left|B^{+} B^{*-}\right\rangle-\left|B^{-} B^{*+}\right\rangle\right)\right] . \tag{8}
\end{align*}
$$

Therefore, we can parameterize the coupling of $X_{b}$ to the bottomed mesons in terms of the following Lagrangian

$$
\begin{align*}
\mathcal{L}= & \frac{1}{2} X^{i \dagger}\left[x_{1}\left(B^{* 0 i} \bar{B}^{0}-B^{0} \bar{B}^{* 0 i}\right)\right. \\
& \left.+x_{2}\left(B^{*+i} B^{-}-B^{+} B^{*-i}\right)\right]+ \text { H.c. } \tag{9}
\end{align*}
$$

where $x_{i}$ denotes the coupling constant. Since the $X_{b}$ is slightly below the $S$-wave $B \bar{B}^{*}$ threshold, the effective coupling of this state is related to the probability of finding the $B \bar{B}^{*}$ component in the physical wave function of the bound states and the binding energy, $\epsilon_{X_{b}}=m_{B}+m_{B^{*}}-$ $m_{X_{b}}[40,55,56]$
$x_{i}^{2} \equiv 16 \pi\left(m_{B}+m_{B^{*}}\right)^{2} c_{i}^{2} \sqrt{\frac{2 \epsilon_{X_{b}}}{\mu}}$,
where $c_{i}=1 / \sqrt{2}$ and $\mu=m_{B} m_{B^{*}} /\left(m_{B}+m_{B^{*}}\right)$ is the reduced mass. Here, it should be pointed out that the coupling
constant $x_{i}$ in Eq. (10) is based on the assumption that $X_{b}$ is a shallow bound state where the potential binding the mesons is short-ranged.

The decay amplitudes of the triangle diagrams in Fig. 1 can be obtained and the explicit transition amplitudes for $\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ are presented in Appendix A. The partial decay widths of $\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ are given by
$\Gamma\left(\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}\right)=\frac{E_{\gamma} \mid \mathcal{M}_{\left.\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}\right|^{2}}}{24 \pi M_{\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S)}^{2}}$,
where $E_{\gamma}$ is the photon energies in the $\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S)$ rest frame.
In Ref. [57], authors predicted a large width of 238 MeV for $B_{1}^{\prime}$. This large width effect for $B_{1}^{\prime}$ was taken into account in our calculations by using the Breit-Wigner parameterization to approximate the spectral function of the $1 / 2^{+}$bottom meson of width. The explicit formula for $B_{1}^{\prime}$ is
$\mathcal{M}_{B_{1}^{\prime}}=\frac{1}{W_{B_{1}^{\prime}}} \int_{s_{l}}^{s_{h}} \mathrm{~d} s \rho_{B_{1}^{\prime}}(s) \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{B_{1}^{\prime}}(s)$,
where $W_{B_{1}^{\prime}}=\int_{s_{l}}^{s h} \mathrm{~d} s \rho_{B_{1}^{\prime}}(s)$ is the normalization factor, $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{B_{1}^{\prime}}(s)$ represents the loop amplitude of $B_{1}^{\prime}$ calculated using $s$ as the mass squared, $s_{l}=\left(M_{B}+m_{\gamma}\right)^{2}, s_{h}=\left(M_{B_{1}^{\prime}}+\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}\right)^{2}$, and $\rho_{B_{1}^{\prime}}(s)$ is the spectral function of $B_{1}^{\prime}$
$\rho_{B_{1}^{\prime}}(s)=\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} \frac{-1}{s-M_{B_{1}^{\prime}}^{2}+i M_{B_{1}^{\prime}} \Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}}$.

## 3 Numerical results

Before proceeding to the numerical results, we first briefly review the predictions of the mass of $X_{b}$. The existence of the $X_{b}$ is predicted in both the tetraquark model [58] and those involving a molecular interpretation [59-61]. In Ref. [58], the mass of the lowest-lying $1^{++} \bar{b} \bar{q} b q$ tetraquark is predicated to be 10504 MeV , while the mass of the $B \bar{B}^{*}$ molecular state is predicated to be a few tens of MeV higher [5961]. For example, in Ref. [59], the mass was predicted to be 10562 MeV , corresponding to a binding energy of 42 MeV , while with a binding energy of $\left(24_{-9}^{+8}\right) \mathrm{MeV}$ it was predicted to be $\left(10580_{-8}^{+9}\right) \mathrm{MeV}$ [61]. Therefore, it might be a good approximation and might be applicable if the binding energy is less than 50 MeV . In order to cover the range for the previous molecular and tetraquark predictions in

Table 1 The predicted decay widths (in units of keV ) of $\Upsilon(5 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ for different binding energies. Here we choose the $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}$ to be 0,100 , and 200 MeV , respectively

| Binding energy | $B^{(*)} \bar{B}^{(*)}$ loops | $\underline{B_{1}^{\prime} \bar{B}^{(*)} \text { loops }}$ |  |  | $\underline{\text { Total decay widths }}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}=0$ | $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}=100$ | $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}=200$ | $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}=0$ | $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}=100$ | $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}=200$ |
| $\epsilon_{X_{b}}=5 \mathrm{MeV}$ | $7.24 \times 10^{-4}$ | $2.22 \times 10^{-2}$ | $1.43 \times 10^{-3}$ | $3.13 \times 10^{-4}$ | $2.77 \times 10^{-2}$ | $3.25 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.49 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| $\epsilon_{X_{b}}=10 \mathrm{MeV}$ | $1.07 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.01 \times 10^{-2}$ | $1.47 \times 10^{-3}$ | $3.52 \times 10^{-4}$ | $2.69 \times 10^{-2}$ | $3.87 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.99 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| $\epsilon_{X_{b}}=25 \mathrm{MeV}$ | $1.92 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.55 \times 10^{-2}$ | $1.41 \times 10^{-3}$ | $3.95 \times 10^{-4}$ | $2.41 \times 10^{-2}$ | $5.00 \times 10^{-3}$ | $3.05 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| $\epsilon_{X_{b}}=50 \mathrm{MeV}$ | $3.32 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.19 \times 10^{-2}$ | $1.34 \times 10^{-3}$ | $4.30 \times 10^{-4}$ | $2.26 \times 10^{-2}$ | $6.62 \times 10^{-3}$ | $4.64 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| $\epsilon_{X_{b}}=100 \mathrm{MeV}$ | $6.80 \times 10^{-3}$ | $9.48 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.34 \times 10^{-3}$ | $4.91 \times 10^{-4}$ | $2.49 \times 10^{-2}$ | $1.05 \times 10^{-2}$ | $8.39 \times 10^{-3}$ |

Refs. [58-61], we performed the calculations up to a binding energy of 100 MeV and choose several illustrative values of $\epsilon_{X_{b}}=(5,10,25,50,100) \mathrm{MeV}$ for discussion.

In Table 1 , we list the contributions of $\Upsilon(5 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ from $B^{(*)} \bar{B}^{(*)}$ loops, $B_{1}^{\prime} \bar{B}^{(*)}$ loops, and the total contributions. For the $B_{1}^{\prime}$, we choose the $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}$ to be $0,100 \mathrm{MeV}$ and 200 MeV , respectively. It can be seen that the contributions from $B^{(*)} \bar{B}^{(*)}$ loops are about $10^{-3} \mathrm{keV}$. For the contributions from $B_{1}^{\prime} \bar{B}^{(*)}$ loops, the partial decay widths decrease with increasing the width of $B_{1}^{\prime}$. Without the width effects of $B_{1}^{\prime}$, i.e., $\Gamma_{B^{\prime}}=0$, the contributions from $B_{1}^{\prime} \bar{B}^{(*)}$ loops are about $10^{-2} \mathrm{keV}$, while with $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}=200 \mathrm{MeV}$ the contributions are about two orders of magnitude smaller. As seen, the total decay widths also decrease with increasing the width of $B_{1}^{\prime}$. The obtained partial widths range from $10^{-3}$ to $10^{-2} \mathrm{keV}$, indicating a sizeable branching fraction from about $10^{-7}$ to $10^{-6}$.

The results for $\Upsilon(6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ are summarized in Table 2. The contributions from $B^{(*)} \bar{B}^{(*)}$ loops are about $10^{-3} \mathrm{keV}$. Different from the case of $\Upsilon(5 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$, the contribution from $B_{1}^{\prime} \bar{B}^{(*)}$ loops for $\Upsilon(6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ is not monotonous with the width of $B_{1}^{\prime}$. This finding indicate that the $B_{1}^{\prime}$ width has a smaller effect in $\Upsilon(6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ than in $\Upsilon(5 S) \rightarrow$ $\gamma X_{b}$, which may be due to the fact that the mass of $\Upsilon(5 S)$ is closer to the threshold of $B_{1}^{\prime} \bar{B}^{(*)}$ than $\Upsilon(6 S)$. It can be seen that the contributions from $B_{1}^{\prime} \bar{B}^{(*)}$ loops range from $10^{-4}$ to $10^{-3} \mathrm{keV}$, which is about 1 order of magnitude smaller than $\Upsilon(5 S)$. The total decay widths increase with increasing the width of $B_{1}^{\prime}$. Similar to the case of the process $\Upsilon(5 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ the obtained partial widths for $\Upsilon(6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ are also about $10^{-3}$ to $10^{-2} \mathrm{keV}$, thereby corresponding to a branching fraction of about $10^{-7}$.

In Fig. 2a, we plot the decay widths and the branching ratios of $\Upsilon(5 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ as a function of the binding energy with $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}=0 \mathrm{MeV}$ (solid line), $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}=100 \mathrm{MeV}$ (dash line), and $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}=200 \mathrm{MeV}$ (dotted line). The coupling constants of $X_{b}$ in Eq. (10) and the threshold effects can simultaneously influence the binding energy dependence of the partial widths. With increasing the binding energy $\epsilon_{X_{b}}$, the coupling strength of $X_{b}$ increases, and the threshold effects decrease.

Both the coupling strength of $X_{b}$ and the threshold effects vary quickly in the small $\epsilon_{X_{b}}$ region and slowly in the large $\epsilon_{X_{b}}$ region. As a result, the partial width is relatively sensitive to the small $\epsilon_{X_{b}}$, while at the large $\epsilon_{X_{b}}$ region it keeps nearly constant. As seen, at the same binding energy, the partial widths with small $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}$ are larger than those with large $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}$

In Fig. 2b, the dependences of the decay widths and the branching ratios for $\Upsilon(6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ on the binding energy are shown. Similar to the case of $\Upsilon(5 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$, the partial width is relatively sensitive to the small $\epsilon_{X_{b}}$, while at the large $\epsilon_{X_{b}}$ region, it becomes nearly independent of the binding energy. As shown in this figure, at the same binding energy, the partial widths increases with the increase of $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}$. It can be seen that the predicted partial width for $\Upsilon(6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ is insensitive to the $B_{1}^{\prime}$ width, which is different from the case of $\Upsilon(5 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$. This indicates that the intermediate bottomed meson loop contribution to the process $\Upsilon(6 S) \rightarrow$ $\gamma X_{b}$ is smaller than that to $\Upsilon(5 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$.

## 4 Summary

We have presented the production of $X_{b}$ in the radiative decays of $\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S)$. The $X_{b}$ is assumed to be a molecular state of $B \bar{B}^{*}$. The numerical calculations were performed under two kinds of intermediate bottomed meson loops. The first kind is $B^{(*)} \bar{B}^{(*)}$ loop coupled with $\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S)$ in $P$-wave and the second is $B_{1}^{\prime} \bar{B}^{(*)}$ loop coupled with $\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S)$ in $S$-wave. Our results show that the partial widths of $\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ range from $10^{-3}$ to $10^{-2} \mathrm{keV}$, which correspond to the branching ratios from $10^{-7}$ to $10^{-6}$. In Refs. [31,32], we have studied the radiative decays and the hidden bottomonium decays of $X_{b}$. If we consider that the branching ratios of the isospin conserving process $X_{b} \rightarrow$ $\omega \Upsilon(1 S)$ are relatively large, a search for $\Upsilon(5 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b} \rightarrow$ $\gamma \omega \Upsilon(1 S)$ may be possible for the updated BelleII experiments. These studies may help us investigate the $X_{b}$ deeply. The experimental observation of $X_{b}$ will provide us further insight into the spectroscopy of exotic states and is helpful

Table 2 The predicted decay widths (in units of keV ) of $\Upsilon(6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ for different binding energies. Here we choose the $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}$ to be 0 , 100, and 200 MeV , respectively

| Binding energy | $B^{(*)} \bar{B}^{(*)}$ loops | $\underline{B_{1}^{\prime} \bar{B}^{(*)} \text { loops }}$ |  |  | Total decay widths |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}=0$ | $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}=100$ | $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}=200$ | $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}=0$ | $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}=100$ | $\Gamma_{B_{1}^{\prime}}=200$ |
| $\epsilon_{X_{b}}=5 \mathrm{MeV}$ | $1.52 \times 10^{-3}$ | $5.67 \times 10^{-4}$ | $1.11 \times 10^{-3}$ | $4.15 \times 10^{-4}$ | $8.19 \times 10^{-4}$ | $1.10 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.50 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| $\epsilon_{X_{b}}=10 \mathrm{MeV}$ | $2.22 \times 10^{-3}$ | $7.52 \times 10^{-4}$ | $1.27 \times 10^{-3}$ | $5.11 \times 10^{-4}$ | $1.25 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.62 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.20 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| $\epsilon_{X_{b}}=25 \mathrm{MeV}$ | $3.87 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.01 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.41 \times 10^{-3}$ | $6.38 \times 10^{-4}$ | $2.40 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.90 \times 10^{-3}$ | $3.80 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| $\epsilon_{X_{b}}=50 \mathrm{MeV}$ | $6.39 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.17 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.45 \times 10^{-3}$ | $7.27 \times 10^{-4}$ | $4.39 \times 10^{-3}$ | $4.99 \times 10^{-3}$ | $6.19 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| $\epsilon_{X_{b}}=100 \mathrm{MeV}$ | $1.21 \times 10^{-2}$ | $1.27 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.46 \times 10^{-3}$ | $8.22 \times 10^{-4}$ | $9.24 \times 10^{-3}$ | $9.77 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.15 \times 10^{-2}$ |

Fig. 2 The dependence of the decay widths of $\Upsilon(5 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ (a) and $\Upsilon(6 S) \rightarrow \gamma X_{b}$ (b) on the binding energy for different $B_{1}^{\prime}$ widths as indicated by the numbers in the graph. The right $y$-axis represents the corresponding branching ratio

to probe the structure of the states connected by the heavy quark symmetry.

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## Appendix A: The transition amplitudes

Here we give the amplitudes for the transitions $\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S) \rightarrow$ $\gamma X_{b} . \epsilon_{1}, \epsilon_{2}$, and $\epsilon_{3}$ are the polarization vectors of the initial state $\Upsilon(5 S, 6 S)$, final photon $\gamma$, and final state $X_{b}$, respectively. The transition amplitudes shown in Fig. 1a-c are

$$
\begin{align*}
\mathcal{M}_{a}= & -e g_{1} g_{X}\left(\beta Q+\frac{Q^{\prime}}{m_{Q}}\right) \\
& \times \epsilon_{i j k} q^{i} \epsilon_{2}^{j} \epsilon_{3}^{k} \epsilon_{1} \cdot q I_{a}^{(1)}\left(m_{B}, m_{B}, m_{B^{*}}, q\right)  \tag{A1}\\
\mathcal{M}_{b}= & e g_{1} g_{X}\left(\beta Q-\frac{Q^{\prime}}{m_{Q}}\right) \\
& \times \epsilon_{i j k} \epsilon_{1}^{i} q^{j}\left(q \cdot \epsilon_{3} \epsilon_{2}^{k}-q^{k} \epsilon_{2} \cdot \epsilon_{3}\right) \\
& I_{b}^{(1)}\left(m_{B^{*}}, m_{B}, m_{B^{*}}, q\right) \tag{A2}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\begin{align*}
\mathcal{M}_{c}= & -e g_{1} g_{X}\left(\beta Q+\frac{Q^{\prime}}{m_{Q}}\right) \epsilon_{i j k} q^{i} \epsilon_{2}^{j} \\
& \times\left(\epsilon_{1}^{k} q \cdot \epsilon_{3}-q \cdot \epsilon_{1} \epsilon_{3}^{k}+q^{k} \epsilon_{1} \cdot \epsilon_{3}\right) \\
& I_{c}^{(1)}\left(m_{B^{*}}, m_{B^{*}}, m_{B}, q\right) . \tag{A3}
\end{align*}
$$

The transition amplitudes shown in Fig. 1d, e are

$$
\begin{align*}
& \mathcal{M}_{d}=e Q \widetilde{\beta} g_{2} g_{X} \epsilon^{i j k} \epsilon_{1}^{i} \epsilon_{2}^{j} \epsilon_{3}^{k} E_{\gamma} I\left(m_{B_{1}^{\prime}}, m_{B}, m_{B^{*}}, q\right),  \tag{A4}\\
& \mathcal{M}_{e}=-e Q \widetilde{\beta} g_{2} g_{X} \epsilon^{i j k} \epsilon_{1}^{i} \epsilon_{2}^{j} \epsilon_{3}^{k} E_{\gamma} I\left(m_{B_{1}^{\prime}}, m_{B^{*}}, m_{B}, q\right) . \tag{A5}
\end{align*}
$$

In the above amplitudes, the basic three-point loop function $I(q)$ is [47]

$$
\begin{align*}
& I\left(m_{1}, m_{2}, m_{3}, q\right) \\
& =i \int \frac{\mathrm{~d}^{d} l}{(2 \pi)^{d}} \frac{1}{\left(l^{2}-m_{1}^{2}+i \epsilon\right)\left[(P-l)^{2}-m_{2}^{2}+i \epsilon\right]\left[(l-q)^{2}-m_{3}^{2}\right]+i \epsilon} \\
& =\frac{\mu_{12} \mu_{23}}{16 \pi m_{1} m_{2} m_{3}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}\left(\tan ^{-1}\left(\frac{c^{\prime}-c}{2 \sqrt{a c}}\right)\right. \\
& \left.\quad+\tan ^{-1}\left(\frac{2 a+c^{\prime}-c}{2 \sqrt{a\left(c^{\prime}-a\right)}}\right)\right) . \tag{A6}
\end{align*}
$$

Here $\mu_{i j}=m_{i} m_{j} /\left(m_{i}+m_{j}\right)$ are the reduced masses, $b_{12}=$ $m_{1}+m_{2}-M, b_{23}=m_{2}+m_{3}+q^{0}-M$, and $M$ represents the mass of the initial particle. $a=\left(\mu_{23} / m_{3}\right)^{2} \vec{q}^{2}, c=2 \mu_{12} b_{12}$, and $c^{\prime}=2 \mu_{23} b_{23}+\mu_{23} \vec{q}^{2} / m_{3} \cdot m_{1}, m_{2}$, and $m_{3}$ represent the masses of up, down, and right bottomed mesons in the triangle loop, respectively.

The involved vector loop integral is defined as

$$
\begin{align*}
& q^{i} I^{(1)}\left(m_{1}, m_{2}, m_{3}, q\right) \\
& =i \int \frac{\mathrm{~d}^{d} l}{(2 \pi)^{d}} \frac{l^{i}}{\left(l^{2}-m_{1}^{2}+i \epsilon\right)\left[(P-l)^{2}-m_{2}^{2}+i \epsilon\right]\left[(l-q)^{2}-m_{3}^{2}\right]+i \epsilon} . \tag{A7}
\end{align*}
$$

Using the technique of tensor reduction, we get

$$
\begin{align*}
I^{(1)}\left(m_{1}, m_{2}, m_{3}, q\right) \simeq & \frac{\mu_{23}}{a m_{3}}\left[B\left(c^{\prime}-a\right)-B(c)\right. \\
& \left.+\frac{1}{2}\left(c^{\prime}-c\right) I\left(m_{1}, m_{2}, m_{3}, q\right)\right] \tag{A8}
\end{align*}
$$

where the function $B(c)$ is
$B(c)=-\frac{\mu_{12} \mu_{23}}{4 m_{1} m_{2} m_{3}} \frac{\sqrt{c-i \epsilon}}{4 \pi}$.
It is worth mentioning that a factor $\sqrt{M_{i} M_{f}} m_{1} m_{2} m_{3}$ should be multiplied in each amplitude, when considering the nonrelativistic normalization of the bottomonium and bottomed meson fields, where $M_{i}$ and $M_{f}$ represent the masses of the initial and final particles, respectively.

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