# Semileptonic $B_{(s)} \to \alpha_1(K_1) \mathscr{C}^+ \mathscr{C}^-$ decays via the light-cone sum rules with *B*-meson distribution amplitudes

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The form factors of semileptonic  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_1)\ell^+\ell^-$ ,  $\ell = \tau$ ,  $\mu$ , e transitions are investigated in the framework of the light-cone sum rules with *B*-meson distribution amplitudes, which play an important role in exclusive *B* decays. The *B*-meson distribution amplitudes,  $\varphi_{\pm}(\omega)$  are a model-dependent form, so we consider four different parametrizations which can provide a reasonable description of  $\varphi_{\pm}(\omega)$  from QCD corrections. The branching fractions of these transitions are calculated. For a better analysis, a comparison of our results with the prediction of other models is provided.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Inclusive and exclusive decays of the B meson play a perfect role in determination of fundamental parameters used in the standard model (SM) and improve our studies in understanding the dynamics of quantum chromodynamics (QCD). Among all B decays, the semileptonic decays occupy a special place since their theoretical description is relatively simple. In this field, reliable calculations of heavy-to-light transition form factors of semileptonic B decays are very important in particle physics. These form factors are also used to determine the amplitude of nonleptonic B decays applied to evaluate the CKM parameters as well as to test various properties of the SM.

In the region of large momentum transfer squared,  $(q^2)$  heavy-to-light form factors are successfully investigated via the Lattice QCD. But in small  $q^2$ , other approaches are used such as the light-cone sum rules (LCSR) [1–3]. In the usual LCSR method, the correlation function is inserted between the vacuum and light meson. As a result of this calculation, the long distance dynamics is described by light-cone distribution amplitudes (LCDAs) of light meson [4–12]. Still, there is very limited knowledge of the nonperturbative parameters determining these LCDAs. Therefore, the main uncertainty in estimating the form factors comes from the limited accuracy of the LCDA parameters.

As the direct analogue of the LCDAs of light mesons, the *B*-meson distribution amplitudes (DAs) were introduced to describe generic exclusive *B* decays with the contribution of the hard gluon exchange [13]. Based on the local OPE and condensate expansion, the classical two-point sum rules was used for the *B*-meson DAs already in the original study [14]. The *B*-meson DAs emerge as universal non-perturbative objects in many studies of exclusive *B*-meson decays (for instance see [15]). An estimate of the inverse

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moment of two-particle DA,  $\varphi_+$  was also obtained by matching the factorization formula to the LCSR for  $B \rightarrow \gamma \ell \nu$  [16]. The shapes of the *B*-meson DA,  $\varphi_+$  depends on the model and our knowledge of the behaviors of  $\varphi_+$  is still rather limited due to the poor understanding of nonperturbative QCD dynamics.

Using the LCSR technique and relating the *B*-meson DAs to the  $B \rightarrow \pi$  form factor, a new approach was suggested in [17]. In this new LCSR, correlation function was taken between the vacuum and *B* meson and it was expanded in terms of *B*-meson DAs near the light-cone region. Therefore, the link was established between the *B*-meson DAs and transition form factors, which provide an independent dynamical information on the *B*-meson DAs. The new LCSR has been derived for  $B \rightarrow \pi$ , *K* and  $B \rightarrow \rho$ ,  $K^*$  form factors in the leading order including the contributions of two- and three-particle DAs in [18]. Moreover, in this reference, the *B*-meson three-particle DAs have been investigated and their forms have been established at small momenta of light-quark and gluon.

In this paper, the heavy-to-light decays,  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_1)\ell^+\ell^-$ ,  $\ell = e$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\tau$ , are described by the flavorchanging neutral current (FCNC) processes via a  $b \rightarrow d\ell^+\ell^-$  transition at the quark level which proceeds through the electroweak penguin and box diagrams. The exclusive FCNC *B* decays are important for development of new physics and flavor physics beyond the SM. The main purpose of this paper is to consider the form factors of the FCNC  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_1)$  transition with LCSR approach, using the *B*-meson DAs, and comparing these form factors with those of other approaches, especially the usual LCSR. Comparing form factor results between two independent methods establishes input parameters and assumptions as well as predictions of the conventional LCSR.

It should be noted that the physical state of the  $K_1(1270)$  meson is considered as a mixture of two  $|{}^{3}P_1\rangle$  and  $|{}^{1}P_1\rangle$  states and can be parametrized in terms of a mixing angle  $\theta_K$  as follows [19],

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$$|K_1(1270)\rangle = \sin\theta_K |^3P_1\rangle + \cos\theta_K |^1P_1\rangle, \qquad (1)$$

where  $|{}^{3}P_{1}\rangle \equiv |K_{1A}\rangle$  and  $|{}^{1}P_{1}\rangle \equiv |K_{1B}\rangle$  with different masses and decay constants. Also,  $\theta_{K}$  is the mixing angle and can be determined by the experimental data. There are various approaches to estimate the mixing angle. In [20], the result  $35^{\circ} < |\theta_{K}| < 55^{\circ}$  was found, while in [21], two possible solutions with  $|\theta_{K}| \approx 33^{\circ}$  and 57° were obtained.

The contents of this paper are as follows: In Sec. II, the effective weak Hamiltonian of the  $b \rightarrow d\ell^+ \ell^-$  transition is presented. In Sec. III, we derive the  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_1)\ell^+\ell^-$  form factors with the LCSR method using the *B*-meson DAs. To achieve a better analysis, we consider four different parametrizations for the shapes of the *B*-meson

DAs,  $\varphi_{\pm}$ . The form factors of the  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_1)\ell^+\ell^-$  decays are basic parameters in studying the exclusive nonleptonic two-body decays and semileptonic decays. Our numerical analysis of the form factors as well as branching ratio values and their comparison with the prediction of other approaches is provided in Sec. IV.

#### II. THE EFFECTIVE WEAK HAMILTONIAN OF THE $b \rightarrow d\ell^+ \ell^-$ TRANSITION

In the SM, the  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_1)\ell^+\ell^-$  decay amplitude is reduced to the matrix element defined as  $\langle a_1(K_1)\ell^+\ell^- | \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{b \rightarrow d} | B_{(s)} \rangle$ . The effective weak Hamiltonian of the  $b \rightarrow d\ell^+\ell^-$  transition has the following form in the SM,

$$H_{\rm eff}^{b \to d} = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \bigg( V_{ub} V_{ud}^* \sum_{i=1}^2 C_i(\mu) O_i^u(\mu) + V_{cb} V_{cd}^* \sum_{i=1}^2 C_i(\mu) O_i^c(\mu) - V_{tb} V_{td}^* \sum_{i=3}^{10} C_i(\mu) O_i(\mu) \bigg),$$
(2)

where  $V_{jk}$  and  $C_i(\mu)$  are the CKM matrix elements and Wilson coefficients, respectively. The local operators are currentcurrent operators  $O_{1,2}^{u,c}$ , QCD penguin operators  $O_{3-6}$ , magnetic penguin operators  $O_{7,8}$ , and semileptonic electroweak penguin operators  $O_{9,10}$ . The explicit expressions of these operators for the  $b \rightarrow d\ell^+ \ell^-$  transition are written as [22]

$$O_{1} = (d_{i}c_{j})_{V-A}, (\bar{c}_{j}b_{i})_{V-A}, \qquad O_{2} = (dc)_{V-A}(\bar{c}b)_{V-A},$$

$$O_{3} = (\bar{d}b)_{V-A} \sum_{q} (\bar{q}q)_{V-A}, \qquad O_{4} = (\bar{d}_{i}b_{j})_{V-A} \sum_{q} (\bar{q}_{j}q_{i})_{V-A},$$

$$O_{5} = (\bar{d}b)_{V-A} \sum_{q} (\bar{q}q)_{V+A}, \qquad O_{6} = (\bar{d}_{i}b_{j})_{V-A} \sum_{q} (\bar{q}_{j}q_{i})_{V+A},$$

$$O_{7} = \frac{e}{8\pi^{2}} m_{b} (\bar{d}\sigma^{\mu\nu}(1+\gamma_{5})b)F_{\mu\nu}, \qquad O_{8} = \frac{g}{8\pi^{2}} m_{b} (\bar{d}_{i}\sigma^{\mu\nu}(1+\gamma_{5})T_{ij}b_{j})G_{\mu\nu},$$

$$O_{9} = \frac{e}{8\pi^{2}} (\bar{d}b)_{V-A} (\bar{l}l)_{V}, \qquad O_{10} = \frac{e}{8\pi^{2}} (\bar{d}b)_{V-A} (\bar{l}l)_{A}, \qquad (3)$$

where  $G_{\mu\nu}$  and  $F_{\mu\nu}$  are the gluon and photon field strengths, respectively;  $T_{ij}$  are the generators of the SU(3) color group; and *i* and *j* denote color indices. Labels  $(V \pm A)$  stand for  $\gamma^{\mu}(1 \pm \gamma^5)$ . The magnetic and electroweak penguin operators  $O_7$ , and  $O_{9,10}$  are responsible for the short distance (SD) effects in the FCNC  $b \rightarrow d$  transition, but the operators  $O_{1-6}$  involve both SD and long distance (LD) contributions in this transition. In the naive factorization approximation, contributions of the  $O_{1-6}$  operators have the same form factor dependence as  $C_9$  which can be absorbed into an effective Wilson coefficient  $C_9^{\text{eff}}$ . Therefore, the matrix element for the  $b \rightarrow d\ell^+\ell^-$  transition can be written as

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{G_F \alpha}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} V_{lb} V_{ld}^* \left[ C_9^{\text{eff}} \bar{d}\gamma_\mu (1-\gamma_5) b \bar{l}\gamma_\mu l + C_{10} \bar{d}\gamma_\mu (1-\gamma_5) b \bar{l}\gamma_\mu \gamma_5 l - 2C_7^{\text{eff}} \frac{m_b}{q^2} \bar{d}i\sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu (1+\gamma_5) b \bar{l}\gamma_\mu l \right], \tag{4}$$

where  $\bar{d}\gamma_{\mu}(1-\gamma_5)b$  and  $\bar{d}i\sigma_{\mu\nu}q^{\nu}(1+\gamma_5)b$  are the transition currents denoted with  $J_{\mu}^{V-A}$  and  $J_{\mu}^{T}$ , respectively, in this work. Equation (4) also contains two effective Wilson

coefficients  $C_7^{\text{eff}}$  and  $C_9^{\text{eff}}$ , where  $C_7^{\text{eff}} = C_7 - C_5/3 - C_6$ . The effective Wilson coefficient  $C_9^{\text{eff}}$  includes both the SD and LD effects as SEMILEPTONIC ...

$$C_9^{\rm eff} = C_9 + Y_{SD}(q^2) + Y_{LD}(q^2), \tag{5}$$

where  $Y_{SD}(q^2)$  describes the SD contributions from four-quark operators far away from the resonance regions, which can be calculated reliably in perturbative theory as [22,23]

$$Y_{SD}(q^2) = 0.138\omega(s) + h(\hat{m}_c, s)C_0 - \frac{1}{2}h(1, s)(4C_3 + 4C_4 + 3C_5 + C_6) - \frac{1}{2}h(0, s)(2\lambda_u[3C_1 + C_2] + C_3 + 4C_4) + \frac{2}{9}(3C_3 + C_4 + 3C_5 + C_6),$$
(6)

where  $s = q^2/m_b^2$ ,  $\hat{m}_c = m_c/m_b$ ,  $C_0 = -\lambda_c(3C_1 + C_2) + 3C_3 + C_4 + 3C_5 + C_6$ ,  $\lambda_c = \frac{V_{cb}V_{cd}^*}{V_{tb}V_{td}^*}$ ,  $\lambda_u = \frac{V_{ub}V_{ud}^*}{V_{tb}V_{td}^*}$ , and

$$\omega(s) = -\frac{2}{9}\pi^2 - \frac{4}{3}\text{Li}_2(s) - \frac{2}{3}\ln(s)\ln(1-s) - \frac{5+4s}{3(1+2s)}\ln(1-s) - \frac{2s(1+s)(1-2s)}{3(1-s)^2(1+2s)}\ln(s) + \frac{5+9s-6s^2}{3(1-s)(1+2s)}$$
(7)

represents the  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$  correction coming from one gluon exchange in the matrix element of the operator  $O_9$  [24], while  $h(\hat{m}_c, s)$  and h(0, s) represent one-loop corrections to the four-quark operators  $O_{1-6}$  [25]. The functional form of the  $h(\hat{m}_c, s)$  and h(0, s) are as

$$h(\hat{m}_{c},s) = -\frac{8}{9}\ln\frac{m_{b}}{\mu} - \frac{8}{9}\ln\hat{m}_{c} + \frac{8}{27} + \frac{4}{9}x$$
  

$$-\frac{2}{9}(2+x)|1-x|^{1/2} \begin{cases} \left(\ln\left|\frac{\sqrt{1-x}+1}{\sqrt{1-x}-1}\right| - i\pi\right), & \text{for } x \equiv \frac{4\hat{m}_{c}^{2}}{s} < 1\\ 2\arctan\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}, & \text{for } x \equiv \frac{4\hat{m}_{c}^{2}}{s} > 1, \end{cases}$$
  

$$h(0,s) = \frac{8}{27} - \frac{8}{9}\ln\frac{m_{b}}{\mu} - \frac{4}{9}\ln s + \frac{4}{9}i\pi.$$
(8)

The LD contributions,  $Y_{LD}(q^2)$ , from four-quark operators near the  $u\bar{u}$ ,  $d\bar{d}$ , and  $c\bar{c}$  resonances cannot be calculated from the first principles of QCD and are usually parametrized in the form of a phenomenological Breit-Wigner formula as [22,23]

$$Y_{LD}(q^2) = \frac{3\pi}{\alpha^2} \left\{ \sum_{V_i = \psi(1s), \psi(2s)} \frac{\Gamma(V_i \to l^+ l^-) m_{V_i}}{m_{V_i}^2 - q^2 - i m_{V_i} \Gamma_{V_i}} - \lambda_u h(0, s) (3C_1 + C_2) \sum_{V_i = \rho, \omega} \frac{\Gamma(V_i \to l^+ l^-) m_{V_i}}{m_{V_i}^2 - q^2 - i m_{V_i} \Gamma_{V_i}} \right\}.$$
 (9)

## III. $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_1) \mathscr{C}^+ \mathscr{C}^-$ FORM FACTORS WITH THE LCSR

First, we start with the two-point correlation function to compute the form factors of the  $B \rightarrow a_1 \ell^+ \ell^-$  via the LCSR and then explain how to extract the  $B \rightarrow K_1$  transition form factors. The correlation function is constructed from the transition currents  $J_{\nu}^{V-A}$  and  $J_{\nu}^{T}$  as follows:

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}^{V-A(T)}(p,q) = i \int d^4x e^{ip.x} \langle 0|T\{J_{\mu}^{a_1}(x)J_{\nu}^{V-A(T)}(0)\}|B(P)\rangle.$$
(10)

In this definition for the correlation function,  $\mathcal{T}$  is the time-ordering operator,  $|0\rangle$  is an appropriate ground state





FIG. 1. Leading-order diagram for  $B \to a_1 \ell^+ \ell^-$  decays.

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According to the general philosophy of the QCD sum rules and its extension (light-cone sum rules), the above correlation function should be calculated in two different ways. In phenomenological or physical representation, it is calculated in terms of hadronic parameters. On the QCD side, it is obtained in terms of DAs and QCD degrees of freedom. The LCSR for the physical quantities like form factors are acquired equating coefficient of the sufficient structures from both representations of the same correlation function through the dispersion relation and applying Borel transformation and continuum subtraction to suppress the contributions of the higher states and continuum.

To obtain the phenomenological representation of the correlation function, a complete set of intermediate states with the same quantum number as the current  $J_{\mu}^{a_1}$  is inserted in Eq. (10). Isolating the pole term of the lowest axial vector  $a_1$  meson and applying Fourier transformation, we get

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}^{V-A(T)}(p,q) = \frac{1}{p^2 - m_{a_1}^2} \langle 0 | J_{\mu}^{a_1}(p) | a_1(p) \rangle \langle a_1(p) | J_{\nu}^{V-A(T)} | B(P) \rangle + \text{higher states.}$$
(11)

The matrix element,  $\langle 0|J_{\mu}^{a_1}(p)|a_1(p)\rangle$ , is defined as

$$\langle 0|J^{a_1}_{\mu}(0)|a_1(p)\rangle = f_{a_1}m_{a_1}\varepsilon_{\mu},$$
 (12)

where  $f_{a_1}$  and  $\varepsilon_{\mu}$  are the leptonic decay constant and polarization vector of the axial vector meson  $a_1$ , respectively. The transition matrix element,  $\langle a_1(p)|J_{\nu}^{V-A(T)}|B(P)\rangle$ , can be parametrized via Lorentz invariance and parity considerations as [26]

$$\langle a_{1}(p)|J_{\mu}^{V-A}|B(P)\rangle = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\epsilon^{*\nu}P^{\alpha}p^{\beta}\frac{2A(q^{2})}{m_{B}-m_{a_{1}}} - i\epsilon_{\mu}^{*}(m_{B}-m_{a_{1}})V_{1}(q^{2}) + i\frac{\epsilon^{*}\cdot P}{m_{B}-m_{a_{1}}}(P+p)_{\mu}V_{2}(q^{2}) + 2im_{a_{1}}\frac{\epsilon^{*}\cdot P}{q^{2}}q_{\mu}[V_{3}(q^{2})-V_{0}(q^{2})], \langle a_{1}(p)|J_{\mu}^{T}|B(P)\rangle = 2i\epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\epsilon^{*\nu}P^{\alpha}p^{\beta}T_{1}(q^{2}) + [\epsilon_{\mu}^{*}(m_{B}^{2}-m_{a_{1}}^{2}) - (\epsilon^{*}\cdot P)(P+p)_{\mu}]T_{2}(q^{2}) + (\epsilon^{*}\cdot P)\left[q_{\mu}-\frac{q^{2}}{m_{B}^{2}-m_{a_{1}}^{2}}(P+p)_{\mu}\right]T_{3}(q^{2}),$$
(13)

 $q^2$  is the momentum transfer squared of the *Z* boson (photon). It should be noted that  $V_0(0) = V_3(0)$  and the identity  $\sigma_{\mu\nu\gamma_5} = \frac{-i}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \sigma^{\alpha\beta}(\epsilon_{0123} = 1)$  implies that  $T_1(0) = T_2(0)$  [26]. Moreover,  $V_3$  can be written as a linear combination of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ :

$$V_3(q^2) = \frac{m_B - m_{a_1}}{2m_{a_1}} V_1(q^2) - \frac{m_B + m_{a_1}}{2m_{a_1}} V_2(q^2).$$
(14)

Using Eqs. (12) and (13) in Eq. (11), and performing summation over the polarization of  $a_1$  meson, we obtain

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}^{V-A} = \frac{f_{a_1}m_{a_1}}{p^2 - m_{a_1}^2} \times \left[ \frac{2A}{m_B - m_{a_1}} (q^2) \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} P^\alpha p^\beta - iV_1(q^2)(m_B - m_{a_1})g_{\mu\nu} \right. \\ \left. + i\frac{V_2(q^2)}{m_B - m_{a_1}} (P + p)_\mu P_\nu - i\frac{2m_{a_1}V_0(q^2)}{q^2}q_\mu P_\nu \right] + \text{higher states,} \\ \Pi_{\mu\nu}^T = \frac{f_{a_1}m_{a_1}}{p^2 - m_{a_1}^2} \times \left[ 2T_1(q^2)\epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} P^\alpha p^\beta - iT_2(q^2)(m_B^2 - m_{a_1}^2)g_{\mu\nu} \right. \\ \left. - iT_3(q^2)q_\mu P_\nu \right] + \text{higher states.}$$
(15)

To calculate the form factors A,  $V_i(i = 0, 1, 2)$  and  $T_j(j = 1, 2, 3)$ , we will choose the structures  $\epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}P^{\alpha}p^{\beta}$ ,  $g_{\mu\nu}$ ,  $(P + p)_{\mu}P_{\nu}$ ,  $q_{\mu}P_{\nu}$ , from  $\Pi^{V-A}_{\mu\nu}$  and  $\epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}P^{\alpha}p^{\beta}$ ,  $g_{\mu\nu}$ , and  $q_{\mu}P_{\nu}$  from  $\Pi^{T}_{\mu\nu}$ , respectively. For simplicity, the correlations are written as

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}^{V-A}(p,q) = \Pi_1 g_{\mu\nu} + \Pi_2 \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} P^{\alpha} p^{\beta} + \Pi_3 (P+p)_{\mu} P_{\nu} + \Pi_4 q_{\mu} P_{\nu} + \cdots,$$
  
$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}^T(p,q) = \Pi_1' g_{\mu\nu} + \Pi_2' \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} P^{\alpha} p^{\beta} + \Pi_3' q_{\mu} P_{\nu} + \cdots$$
(16)

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Now, we consider the QCD part of the correlation functions in Eq. (10) based on light-cone OPE in the heavy quark effective theory (HQET). After the transition to HQET, the correlation functions are written as [18]

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}^{V-A(T)}(p,q) = \tilde{\Pi}_{\mu\nu}^{V-A(T)}(p,\tilde{q}) + \mathcal{O}(1/m_b), \quad (17)$$

where  $\tilde{q} = q - m_b v$ , and v is the four-velocity of the *B* meson. Also, up to  $1/m_b$  corrections in HQET, the state of the *B*-meson  $|B(P)\rangle$ , and the *b*-quark field b(x) are substituted by the state  $|B(v)\rangle$  and the effective field  $e^{-im_bvx}h_v(x)$ , respectively. Therefore, the correlation functions in the heavy quark limit,  $(m_b \to \infty)$ , become

$$\tilde{\Pi}^{V-A}_{\mu\nu}(p,\tilde{q}) = i \int d^4x e^{ip.x} \langle 0|\mathcal{T}\{\bar{u}(x)\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_5 iS_d(x)\gamma_{\nu}(1-\gamma_5)h_v(0)\}|B(v)\rangle,$$
  

$$\tilde{\Pi}^T_{\mu\nu}(p,\tilde{q}) = i \int d^4x e^{ip.x} \langle 0|\mathcal{T}\{\bar{u}(x)\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_5 iS_d(x)\sigma_{\nu\eta}q^{\eta}(1+\gamma_5)h_v(0)\}|B(v)\rangle.$$
(18)

From Eq. (18) a convolution of a short-distance part with the matrix element of the bilocal operator is obtained between the vacuum and B(v)-state as:

$$\widetilde{\Pi}^{V-A}_{\mu\nu}(p,\tilde{q}) = i \int d^4x e^{ip.x} \times \{\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_5 iS_d(x)\gamma_{\nu}(1-\gamma_5)\}_{\alpha\beta} \langle 0|\bar{u}_{\alpha}(x)h_{\nu\beta}(0)|B(v)\rangle, 
\widetilde{\Pi}^T_{\mu\nu}(p,\tilde{q}) = i \int d^4x e^{ip.x} \times \{\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_5 iS_d(x)\sigma_{\nu\eta}q^{\eta}(1+\gamma_5)\}_{\alpha\beta} \langle 0|\bar{u}_{\alpha}(x)h_{\nu\beta}(0)|B(v)\rangle.$$
(19)

The full-quark propagator,  $S_d(x)$ , of a massless quark in the external gluon field in the Fock-Schwinger gauge is as follows:

$$S_d(x) = i \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ik.x} \left\{ \frac{k}{k^2} - \int_0^1 dv G_{\mu\nu}(vx) \left[ \frac{1}{2k^4} k \sigma^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{k^2} v x^{\mu} \gamma^{\nu} \right] \right\}.$$
 (20)

In addition, the DAs of the *B* meson are as [27]:

$$\langle 0|\bar{u}_{\alpha}(x)h_{\nu\beta}(0)|B(v)\rangle = -\frac{if_{B}m_{B}}{4}\int_{0}^{\infty}d\omega e^{-i\omega v.x} \left\{ (1+v)\varphi_{+} -\frac{x\gamma_{5}}{2vx}(\varphi_{+}-\varphi_{-})\right\}_{\beta\alpha},$$

$$\langle 0|\bar{u}_{\alpha}(x)G_{\lambda\rho}(ux)h_{\nu\beta}(0)|B(v)\rangle = \frac{f_{B}m_{B}}{4}\int_{0}^{\infty}d\omega\int_{0}^{\infty}d\xi e^{-i(\omega+u\xi)v.x} \left\{ \left[ (v_{\lambda}\gamma_{\rho}-v_{\rho}\gamma_{\lambda})(\Psi_{A}-\Psi_{V}) -i\sigma_{\lambda\rho}\Psi_{V} -\frac{x_{\lambda}v_{\rho}-x_{\rho}v_{\lambda}}{vx}X_{A} +\frac{x_{\lambda}\gamma_{\rho}-x_{\rho}\gamma_{\lambda}}{vx}Y_{A} \right] (1+v)\gamma_{5} \right\}_{\beta\alpha},$$

$$(21)$$

where [18]

$$\Psi_{A}(\omega,\xi) = \Psi_{V}(\omega,\xi) = \frac{\lambda_{E}^{2}}{6\omega_{0}^{4}}\xi^{2}e^{-\frac{\omega+\xi}{\omega_{0}}}, \qquad X_{A}(\omega,\xi) = \frac{\lambda_{E}^{2}}{6\omega_{0}^{4}}\xi(2\omega-\xi)e^{-\frac{\omega+\xi}{\omega_{0}}},$$
$$Y_{A}(\omega,\xi) = -\frac{\lambda_{E}^{2}}{24\omega_{0}^{4}}\xi(7\omega_{0}-13\omega+3\xi)e^{-\frac{\omega+\xi}{\omega_{0}}}.$$
(22)

Our knowledge of the behaviors of  $\varphi_{\pm}(\omega)$  at small  $\omega$  is still rather limited due to the poor understanding of nonperturbative QCD dynamics. To achieve a better understanding of the model dependence of  $\varphi_{\pm}(\omega)$  in the sum rule analysis, we consider the following four different parametrizations for the shapes of the *B*-meson DA  $\varphi_{\pm}$  [14,28–30]:

$$\varphi_{+,\mathrm{I}}(\omega) = \frac{\omega}{\omega_0^2} e^{-\omega/\omega_0},$$

$$\varphi_{+,\mathrm{II}}(\omega) = \frac{1}{4\pi\omega_0} \frac{k}{k^2 + 1} \left[ \frac{1}{k^2 + 1} - \frac{2(\sigma_B - 1)}{\pi^2} \ln k \right], \qquad k = \frac{\omega}{1 \text{ GeV}},$$

$$\varphi_{+,\mathrm{III}}(\omega) = \frac{2\omega^2}{\omega_0\omega_1^2} e^{-(\omega/\omega_1)^2}, \qquad \omega_1 = \frac{2\omega_0}{\sqrt{\pi}},$$

$$\varphi_{+,\mathrm{IV}}(\omega) = \frac{\omega}{\omega_0\omega_2} \frac{\omega_2 - \omega}{\sqrt{\omega(2\omega_2 - \omega)}} \theta(\omega_2 - \omega), \qquad \omega_2 = \frac{4\omega_0}{4 - \pi}.$$
(23)

The determination of coefficient  $\omega_0$ , which constitutes the most important theory uncertainty in the *B*-meson LCSR approach, will be discussed for each of the four models in the next section.

The corresponding expression of  $\varphi_{-}(\omega)$  for each model is determined by

$$\varphi_{-}(\omega) = \int_{0}^{1} \frac{d\xi}{\xi} \varphi_{+}(\omega/\xi).$$
(24)

These parametrizations can provide a reasonable description of  $\varphi_{\pm}(\omega)$  at small  $\omega$  due to the radiative tail developed from QCD corrections.

Inserting the full propagator and *B*-meson DAs presented in Eqs. (20) and (21), respectively, in the correlation functions [Eq. (19)], traces and then integrals should be calculated. To estimate these calculations, we have used  $x_{\mu} \rightarrow i \frac{\partial}{\partial k_{\mu}}$ . In addition to this, for terms containing a factor of vx in the denominator, we have used the following trick: in order not to have any singularity at v.x = 0, the integral of these wave functions in the absence of the exponential should cancel. Hence, for these terms only, one can write

$$e^{i\alpha v.x} \rightarrow e^{i\alpha v.x} - 1 = iv.x \int_0^\alpha dk e^{ikv.x},$$
 (25)

and the rest of the calculation is similar to the presented one. Note that the subtracted 1 does not contribute.

After completing the integrals and matching them with the hadronic representation below the continuum threshold  $s_0$ , through the dispersion relation and applying Borel transform with respect to the variable  $p^2$  as

$$B_{p^2}(M^2) \left(\frac{1}{p^2 - m^2}\right)^n = \frac{(-1)^n}{\Gamma(n)} \frac{e^{\frac{-m^2}{M^2}}}{(M^2)^n}, \qquad (26)$$

in order to suppress the contributions of the higher states, the form factors are obtained via the LCSR. For instance, the form factor  $V_1$  is presented here:

$$V_{1}(q^{2}) = -\frac{f_{B}m_{B}}{f_{a}m_{a_{1}}(m_{B} - m_{a_{1}})} e^{\frac{m_{a_{1}}^{2}}{M^{2}}} \left\{ \int_{0}^{\sigma_{0}} d\sigma \left[ \frac{M^{2}}{2} \varphi_{+}(\omega') \frac{d}{d\sigma} e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} \right] + \hat{\mathcal{L}} \left[ (1 - u) \Psi_{V} \frac{d}{d\sigma} e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} - \frac{2u - 1}{2M^{2}} (\Psi_{A} - \Psi_{V}) \frac{d}{d\sigma} e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} + \frac{m_{B}^{2}(1 - 2u)}{\bar{\sigma}^{2}M^{2}} (3\tilde{X}_{A} - \tilde{Y}_{A}) e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} + \frac{1}{\bar{\sigma}^{3}M^{2}} \tilde{X}_{A} e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} \times \left( m_{B}^{2}(1 + 3\sigma) - 2\tilde{m}_{B}^{2} + \frac{\mathcal{M}^{4}}{2M^{2}} \right) \right] \right\}.$$
(27)

The explicit expressions for the other form factors are presented in the Appendix.

Finally, with a little bit of change in the previous steps, such as the change in the quark spectator  $(u \rightarrow s)$ , we can easily find similar results for the form factors of the  $B_s \rightarrow K_{1A}$  and  $B_s \rightarrow K_{1B}$  decays.

The form factors of the  $B_s \to K_1(1270)\ell^+\ell^-$  transitions with the mixing angle  $\theta_K$  are defined as [31]

$$f^{K_1(1270)} = C_1 \sin \theta_K f^{K_{1A}} + C_2 \cos \theta_K f^{K_{1B}}, \quad (28)$$

TABLE I. The coefficients  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  for each form factor of  $B_s \rightarrow K_1(1270)$ .

Form factors	$C_1$	$C_2$
$\overline{A, V_1, V_2}$	$\frac{m_{B_s} - m_{K_1}}{m_{B_s} - m_{K_{s,s}}}$	$\frac{m_{B_s} - m_{K_1}}{m_{B_s} - m_{K_{s}}}$
$V_0$	$\frac{\frac{m_{K_{1A}}}{m_{K_{1}}}}{m_{K_{1}}}$	$\frac{m_{K_{1B}}}{m_{K_1}}$
$T_{1}, T_{3}$	1	1
$T_2$	$\frac{m_{B_S}^2 - m_{K_{1A}}^2}{m_{B_S}^2 - m_{K_1}^2}$	$\frac{m_{B_s}^2 - m_{K_{1B}}^2}{m_{B_s}^2 - m_{K_1}^2}$

where  $f^{K_1(1270)}$ ,  $f^{K_{1A}}$  and  $f^{K_{1B}}$  stand for the form factors  $A, V_i (i = 0, 1, 2), T_j (j = 1, 2, 3)$  of  $B_s \rightarrow K_1(1270), B_s \rightarrow K_{1A}$  and  $B_s \rightarrow K_{1B}$  decays, respectively. The coefficients  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  related to each form factor of the  $B_s \rightarrow K_1(1270)$  decay are given in Table I.

#### **IV. NUMERICAL ANALYSIS**

In this section, our numerical analysis of the form factors A,  $V_i$  and  $T_j$  are presented for the  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_1)\ell^+\ell^-$  decays. The values are chosen for masses in GeV as  $m_B = (5.27 \pm 0.01), m_{a_1} = (1.23 \pm 0.04), m_{K_1} = (1.27 \pm 0.01), m_{\mu} = 0.11$  and  $m_{\tau} = 1.77$  [32],  $m_{K_{1A}} = (1.31 \pm 0.06), m_{K_{1B}} = (1.34 \pm 0.08)$  [33]. The leptonic decay

TABLE II. The values of  $\omega_0$  for each model in MeV.

Model	Ι	II	III	IV
$ \frac{\omega_0 \text{ (for } B \to a_1)}{\omega_0 \text{ (for } B_s \to K_{1A})} $ $ \frac{\omega_0 \text{ (for } B_s \to K_{1A})}{\omega_0 \text{ (for } B_s \to K_{1A})} $	$235^{+25}_{-19} \\ 254^{+27}_{-20} \\ 282^{+33}$	$246^{+28}_{-21} \\ 267^{+29}_{-22} \\ 298^{+34}$	$259^{+29}_{-22} \\ 281^{+33}_{-25} \\ 313^{+37}$	$217^{+20}_{-16} \\ 234^{+23}_{-17} \\ 259^{+23}$



FIG. 2. Dotted, dot-dashed, dashed, solid (black) curves show the form factors A, calculated with the B-meson DAs, whose values at  $q^2 = 0$  have been fixed to the prediction from the PQCD (blue).

constants are taken as:  $f_{a_1} = (0.24 \pm 0.01)$  GeV,  $f_{K_{1A}} = (0.25 \pm 0.01)$  GeV,  $f_{K_{1B}} = (0.19 \pm 0.01)$  GeV [33],  $f_B = (0.18 \pm 0.02)$  GeV [34], and  $f_{B_s} = (0.23 \pm 0.03)$  GeV [35]. Moreover,  $s_0 = (2.55 \pm 0.15)$  GeV<sup>2</sup> is used for the continuum threshold [33]. The values of the parameters  $\lambda_E^2$  and  $\sigma_B$  of the *B*-meson DAs are chosen as  $\lambda_E^2 = (0.11 \pm 0.06)$  GeV<sup>2</sup> [14] and  $\sigma_B = 1.4 \pm 0.4$  [28]. The Borel parameter in this article is taken as 1.5 GeV<sup>2</sup>  $\leq M^2 \leq 4$  GeV<sup>2</sup>. In this region, the values of the form factors  $A, V_i$  and  $T_j$  are stable enough. The uncertainties which originated from the Borel parameter  $M^2$  in this interval are about 1%.

Having all these input values and parameters at hand, we proceed to carry out numerical calculations. As can be seen in Eq. (23), the *B*-meson DAs,  $\varphi_{\pm}$ , in the four cases are related to the parameter  $\omega_0$  whose value is dependent on the

model. In order to determine the parameter  $\omega_0$  for the  $B \rightarrow a_1 \ell^+ \ell^-$  decay, we match the values of the form factor  $A^{B \rightarrow a_1}$  in  $q^2 = 0$ , estimated with the four models of the *B*-meson DAs  $\varphi_{\pm}$ , with  $A^{B \rightarrow a_1}(0) = 0.26 \pm 0.09$  computed from the PQCD as a different method [35], and derive the values of the coefficient  $\omega_0$  for each model. Also, taking  $A^{B_s \rightarrow K_{1A}}(0) = 0.25 \pm 0.10$  and  $A^{B_s \rightarrow K_{1B}}(0) = 0.18 \pm 0.08$  evaluated via the PQCD [35], and performing the same procedure as the  $B \rightarrow a_1$  decay for  $B_s \rightarrow K_{1A}$  and  $B_s \rightarrow K_{1B}$  transitions, the values of the parameter  $\omega_0$  are calculated for these decays. The values of the parameter  $\omega_0$  for three aforementioned decays are given in Table II. Figure 2 shows the form factors  $A^{B \rightarrow a_1}$ ,  $A^{B_s \rightarrow K_{1A}}$ , and  $A^{B_s \rightarrow K_{1B}}$  with the four models of the *B*-meson DAs  $\varphi_{\pm}$  whose values at zero momentum transfer have been fixed to

Model	$A^{B  o a_1}$	$V_1^{B \to a_1}$	$V_2^{B \to a_1}$	$V_0^{B \to a_1}$	$T_1^{B \to a_1} = T_2^{B \to a_1}$	$T_3^{B \to a_1}$
I	$0.26\pm0.09$	$0.42 \pm 0.13$	$0.22\pm0.07$	$0.11 \pm 0.03$	$0.25\pm0.08$	$0.22 \pm 0.06$
II	$0.26\pm0.09$	$0.51\pm0.16$	$0.25\pm0.08$	$0.13\pm0.04$	$0.30\pm0.09$	$0.25\pm0.07$
III	$0.26\pm0.09$	$0.54\pm0.17$	$0.28\pm0.09$	$0.27\pm0.08$	$0.34\pm0.11$	$0.29\pm0.09$
VI	$0.26\pm0.09$	$0.40\pm0.13$	$0.20\pm0.06$	$0.11\pm0.03$	$0.24\pm0.07$	$0.21\pm0.06$
Model	$A^{B_s \to K_{1A}}$	$V_1^{B_s \to K_{1A}}$	$V_2^{B_s \to K_{1A}}$	$V_0^{B_s \to K_{1A}}$	$T_1^{B_s \to K_{1A}} = T_2^{B_s \to K_{1A}}$	$T_3^{B_s \to K_{1A}}$
I	$0.25 \pm 0.10$	$0.35 \pm 0.12$	$0.15 \pm 0.05$	$0.12 \pm 0.04$	$0.27\pm0.09$	$0.24 \pm 0.08$
Π	$0.25\pm0.10$	$0.37\pm0.13$	$0.18\pm0.05$	$0.11\pm0.03$	$0.32\pm0.11$	$0.27\pm0.09$
III	$0.25\pm0.10$	$0.45\pm0.15$	$0.22\pm0.07$	$0.12\pm0.04$	$0.39\pm0.13$	$0.33\pm0.12$
VI	$0.25\pm0.10$	$0.33\pm0.11$	$0.13\pm0.04$	$0.11\pm0.03$	$0.25\pm0.09$	$0.21\pm0.07$
Model	$A^{B_s \to K_{1B}}$	$V_1^{B_s \to K_{1B}}$	$V_2^{B_s \to K_{1B}}$	$V_0^{B_s \to K_{1B}}$	$T_1^{B_s \to K_{1B}} = T_2^{B_s \to K_{1B}}$	$T_3^{B_s \to K_{1B}}$
I	$0.18\pm0.08$	$0.28 \pm 0.10$	$0.12 \pm 0.04$	$0.07 \pm 0.02$	$0.22\pm0.08$	$0.19 \pm 0.07$
II	$0.18\pm0.08$	$0.33\pm0.12$	$0.15\pm0.05$	$0.10\pm0.03$	$0.28\pm0.10$	$0.25\pm0.09$
III	$0.18\pm0.08$	$0.38\pm0.14$	$0.20\pm0.07$	$0.12\pm0.03$	$0.33\pm0.11$	$0.30\pm0.11$
VI	$0.18\pm0.08$	$0.27\pm0.08$	$0.11\pm0.03$	$0.09\pm0.02$	$0.21\pm0.07$	$0.18\pm0.05$

TABLE III. The  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_{1A}, K_{1B})$  form factors at zero momentum transfer in the four models of the B-meson DAs,  $\varphi_{\pm}$ .

FABLE IV. Transition form fact	ctors of the $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K)$	$\mathcal{L}_{1A}, \mathcal{K}_{1B})\ell^+\ell^-$ at $q^2$	= 0 in various methods.
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Approaches	$A^{B \to a_1}$	$V_1^{B \to a_1}$	$V_2^{B \to a_1}$	$V_0^{B \to a_1}$	$T_1^{B \to a_1} = T_2^{B \to a_1}$	$T_3^{B \to a_1}$
PQCD [35] LCSR [36] 3PSR [37]	$\begin{array}{c} 0.26 \pm 0.09 \\ 0.42 \pm 0.16 \\ 0.51 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.43 \pm 0.16 \\ 0.68 \pm 0.13 \\ 0.52 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.13 \pm 0.04 \\ 0.31 \pm 0.16 \\ 0.25 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.34 \pm 0.16 \\ 0.30 \pm 0.18 \\ 0.76 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.34 \pm 0.13 \\ 0.44 \pm 0.28 \\ 0.37 \end{array}$	$0.30 \pm 0.17 \\ 0.41 \pm 0.18 \\ 0.41$
	$A^{B_s \to K_{1A}}$	$V_1^{B_s \to K_{1A}}$	$V_2^{B_s \to K_{1A}}$	$V_0^{B_s \to K_{1A}}$	$T_1^{B_s \to K_{1A}} = T_2^{B_s \to K_{1A}}$	$T_3^{B_s \to K_{1A}}$
PQCD [35]	$0.25\pm0.10$	0.43 ± 0.19	$0.11\pm0.05$	$0.36\pm0.18$	$0.34\pm0.15$	0.30 ± 0.13
	$A^{B_s \to K_{1B}}$	$V_1^{B_s \to K_{1B}}$	$V_2^{B_s \to K_{1B}}$	$V_0^{B_s \to K_{1B}}$	$T_1^{B_s \to K_{1B}} = T_2^{B_s \to K_{1B}}$	$T_3^{B_s \to K_{1B}}$
PQCD [35]	$0.18\pm0.08$	$0.33\pm0.14$	$0.03 \pm 0.03$	$0.42 \pm 0.16$	$0.26\pm0.11$	$0.17 \pm 0.08$

TABLE V. The parameters  $[\alpha, \beta]$  obtained for the form factors of the  $B \to a_1$  transition in the four models.

Model	$A(q^2)$	$V_1(q^2)$	$V_2(q^2)$	$V_0(q^2)$	$T_1(q^2)$	$T_2(q^2)$	$T_3(q^2)$
I	[1.33, 0.57]	[0.87, 0.38]	[1.01, 0.53]	[1.04, 0.29]	[1.11, 0.21]	[1.25, 0.48]	[1.13, 1.10]
II	[1.51, 0.50]	[1.15, 0.36]	[1.38, 0.54]	[1.28, 0.26]	[1.29, 0.47]	[1.23, 0.29]	[1.29, 0.94]
III	[1.70, 0.64]	[1.20, 0.46]	[1.28, 0.73]	[1.15, 0.31]	[1.36, 0.52]	[1.30, 0.35]	[1.62, 0.87]
IV	[1.34, 0.46]	[0.88, 0.30]	[1.03, 0.42]	[1.08, 0.22]	[1.41, 0.17]	[1.31, 0.38]	[1.14, 0.88]

the predictions from the PQCD. In this figure, blue lines show the form factors predicted by the PQCD method.

Now, by inserting the values of the masses, leptonic decay constants, continuum threshold, Borel mass, the parameters of the *B*-meson DAs such as  $\omega_0$  and other quantities that appear in the form factors, we can calculate the form factors of  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_{1A}, K_{1B})$  decays at zero momentum transfer. Taking into account all the uncertainties, the numerical values of the form factors A,  $V_i$  and  $T_j$  for aforementioned decays in  $q^2 = 0$  are presented in Table III for the four models of the *B*-meson DAs,  $\varphi_{\pm}$ . The main uncertainty comes from  $\omega_0$ , the decay constant  $f_{a_1}$  ( $f_{K_{1A}}, f_{K_{1B}}$ ), and *B*-meson mass.

So far, several authors have calculated the form factors of the  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_{1A}, K_{1B})\ell^+\ell^-$  decays via differen frameworks. To compare the results, we should rescale them according to the form factor definitions in Eq. (13). Table IV shows the values of the rescaled form factors at  $q^2 = 0$  from different approaches. Considering the uncertainties, our results for the form factors of these decays are in a good agreement with those of the PQCD in most cases (except  $V_2$  and  $V_0$ ). However, there is not good agreement between our results with the LCSR with  $a_1$ -meson DAs [36].

The LCSR calculations for the form factors are truncated at about  $0 \le q^2 \le 8 \text{ GeV}^2$ . To extend the  $q^2$ 

TABLE VI. The same as Table V but for  $B_s \rightarrow K_{1A}$  transition.

Model	$A(q^2)$	$V_1(q^2)$	$V_2(q^2)$	$V_0(q^2)$	$T_1(q^2)$	$T_2(q^2)$	$T_3(q^2)$
Ι	[1.16, 0.53]	[0.98, 0.24]	[1.14, 0.39]	[0.96, 0.34]	[1.30, 0.17]	[1.09, 0.46]	[0.95, 1.17]
Π	[1.44, 0.56]	[1.31, 0.32]	[1.20, 0.49]	[1.25, 0.34]	[1.34, 0.28]	[1.33, 0.35]	[1.08, 0.91]
III	[1.56, 0.72]	[1.52, 0.31]	[1.37, 0.76]	[1.32, 0.43]	[1.46, 0.50]	[1.38, 0.39]	[1.12, 0.98]
VI	[1.18, 0.42]	[1.01, 0.45]	[1.15, 0.31]	[0.99, 0.27]	[1.33, 0.13]	[1.11, 0.36]	[0.96, 1.03]

TABLE VII. The same as Table V but for  $B_s \rightarrow K_{1B}$  transition.

Model	$A(q^2)$	$V_1(q^2)$	$V_2(q^2)$	$V_0(q^2)$	$T_1(q^2)$	$T_2(q^2)$	$T_{3}(q^{2})$
Ι	[0.83, 0.48]	[0.62, 0.29]	[0.75, 0.49]	[0.77, 0.37]	[0.96, 0.31]	[0.78, 0.37]	[0.63, 1.47]
Π	[1.03, 0.50]	[0.81, 0.35]	[0.81, 0.41]	[0.93, 0.40]	[0.99, 0.28]	[0.99, 0.28]	[0.71, 1.14]
III	[1.08, 0.63]	[0.90, 0.28]	[0.80, 0.77]	[0.96, 0.42]	[1.01, 0.56]	[0.91, 0.24]	[0.38, 1.04]
VI	[0.87, 0.37]	[0.66, 0.22]	[0.81, 0.39]	[0.82, 0.29]	[0.98, 0.23]	[0.84, 0.28]	[0.66, 1.18]

TABLE VIII. The parameters  $F_i(0)$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta$  obtained for the average form factors of the  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_1)$  transitions.

Form factor	$F_i(0)$	α	β
$[A^{B \to a_1}, A^{B_s \to K_1}]$	[0.26, 0.30]	[1.51, 1.17]	[0.53, 0.45]
$[V_1^{B \to a_1}, V_1^{B_s \to K_1}]$	[0.46, 0.48]	[1.05, 1.43]	[0.36, 0.16]
$[V_2^{B \to a_1}, V_2^{B_s \to K_1}]$	[0.23, 0.23]	[1.18, 1.08]	[0.55, 0.43]
$[V_0^{\hat{B} \to a_1}, V_0^{\hat{B}_s \to K_1}]$	[0.25, 0.15]	[1.17, 1.01]	[0.28, 0.30]
$[T_1^{B \to a_1}, T_1^{B_s \to K_1}]$	[0.28, 0.40]	[1.32, 1.18]	[0.36, 0.25]
$[T_2^{B \to a_1}, T_2^{B_s \to K_1}]$	[0.28, 0.40]	[1.29, 1.08]	[0.38, 0.27]
$[T_3^{\stackrel{2}{B}\rightarrow a_1}, T_3^{\stackrel{2}{B}_s\rightarrow K_1}]$	[0.24, 0.34]	[1.32, 0.86]	[0.83, 1.02]

dependence of the form factors to the full physical region, where the LCSR results are not valid, we find that the sum rules predictions for the form factors are well fitted to the following function,

$$F_i(q^2) = \frac{F_i(0)}{1 - \alpha (q^2/m_{B_{(s)}}^2) + \beta (q^2/m_{B_{(s)}}^2)^2}, \quad (29)$$

where  $F_i(0)$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta$  are the constant fitted parameters. The values of the parameters  $[\alpha, \beta]$  are presented in Tables V, VI, and VII for  $B \rightarrow a_1$ ,  $B_s \rightarrow K_{1A}$ , and  $B_s \rightarrow K_{1B}$ , respectively. The values of parameter  $F_i(0)$  expressed the form factor results at  $q^2 = 0$  were listed in Table III before.

By averaging the values of the form factors derived from the four models of the *B*-meson DAs  $\varphi_{\pm}$  at some points of  $q^2$ , and then extrapolating to the fit function in Eq. (29), we can investigate average form factors. The parameters  $F_i(0)$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta$  for the average form factors of  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_1)$  are given in Table VIII. For the  $B_s \rightarrow K_1 \ell^+ \ell^-$  transition, the average form factors are calculated at  $\theta_K = 45^\circ$ . Figure 3 shows the form factors with the four models, for instance  $V_0(q^2)$  and  $T_1(q^2)$  with respect to  $q^2$ , on which blue lines display the average form factors  $V_0(q^2)$  and  $T_1(q^2)$  of the  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_1)$  decays with their uncertainty regions are displayed on  $q^2$  in Fig. 4.

Now, we are ready to evaluate the branching ratio values for the  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_1)\ell^+\ell^-$  decays. The



FIG. 3. The form factors  $V_0$  and  $T_1$  of  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_1)$  on  $q^2$  with the four models (black color). Blue lines show the average form factors.



FIG. 4. The average form factors  $V_0$  and  $T_1$  of  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_1)$  decays with their uncertainty regions.

expression of the double differential decay rate  $d^2\Gamma/dq^2d\cos\theta_\ell$  for the  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_1)$  transitions can be found in [26,38]. This expression contains the Wilson coefficients, the CKM matrix elements, the form factors related to the fit functions, series of functions, and constants. The numerical values of the Wilson coefficients are taken from Ref. [39]. The corresponding values are listed in Table IX in the scale  $\mu = m_b$ . The other parameters can be found in [26]. After numerical analysis, the dependency of the differential branching ratios for  $B \rightarrow a_1 \ell^+ \ell^-$  on  $q^2$  using the average form factors, with and without LD effects, is shown in Fig. 5 for the charged lepton case.

In Table X, we present the branching ratio values for the muon and tau without and with LD effects using the form factors derived in the four models of  $\varphi_{\pm}$ . We also estimate the branching ratio values with the average form factors (AFF). For  $B_s \rightarrow K_1$  transitions, we have calculated the average value of branching ratios in the region  $35^\circ < |\theta_K| < 55^\circ$ . Here, we should also stress that the results obtained for the electron are very close to those of the muon; and for this reason, we only present the branching ratios for the muon in our table. In Ref. [36] via the LCSR with  $a_1$ -meson DAs, the branching ratio values of  $B \rightarrow a_1 \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $B \rightarrow a_1 \tau^+ \tau^-$  decays by considering SD + LD effects are predicted (2.52 ± 0.62) × 10^{-8} and (0.31 ± 0.06) × 10^{-9}, respectively.

TABLE IX. Central values of the Wilson coefficients used in the numerical calculations.

<i>C</i> <sub>1</sub>	$C_2$	$C_3$	$C_4$	$C_5$	$C_6$	$C_7^{\rm eff}$	$C_9$	$C_{10}$
-0.248	1.107	0.011	-0.026	0.007	-0.031	-0.313	4.344	-4.669



FIG. 5. The differential branching ratios of the semileptonic  $B \to a_1(K_1)\ell^+\ell^-$  for  $\ell = \mu, \tau$  decays on  $q^2$  with and without LD effects using the average form factors.

Our results are in good agreement with its prediction for tau case.

In summary, we calculated the transition form factors of the  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_1)\ell^+\ell^-$  decays via the LCSR with the *B*-meson DAs,  $\varphi_{\pm}$  in four models. The main uncertainty comes from the  $\omega_0$  as a parameter of the *B*-meson DAs. We estimated the branching ratio values for these decays. The dependence of the differential branching ratios on  $q^2$  were investigated. The results for the branching fraction of  $B \rightarrow a_1 \tau^+ \tau^-$  are in good agreement with the usual LCSR method in Ref. [36]. However, there is not good agreement between our results for the form factors of the  $B \rightarrow a_1$  decays in  $q^2 = 0$  with those of the LCSR method.

TABLE X. Branching ratio values of the semileptonic  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow a_1(K_1)\ell^+\ell^-$  decays without and with LD effects using the form factors in the four models as well as the average form factors (AFF).

Only SD effects	model-I	model-II	model-III	model-VI	AFF
$\overline{\mathrm{BR}(B \to a_1 \mu^+ \mu^-) \times 10^8}$	$2.46 \pm 0.54$	$2.77\pm0.58$	$2.96\pm0.62$	$2.43\pm0.50$	$2.82 \pm 0.62$
$BR(B \rightarrow K_1 \mu^+ \mu^-) \times 10^8$	$3.12\pm0.58$	$3.41\pm0.82$	$3.64\pm0.94$	$3.09\pm0.57$	$3.45\pm0.90$
$BR(B \rightarrow a_1 \tau^+ \tau^-) \times 10^9$	$0.23\pm0.05$	$0.25\pm0.05$	$0.29\pm0.06$	$0.22\pm0.04$	$0.27\pm0.06$
$BR(B \to K_1 \tau^+ \tau^-) \times 10^9$	$0.40\pm0.09$	$0.44\pm0.10$	$0.49\pm0.11$	$0.39\pm0.08$	$0.43\pm0.10$
SD + LD effects	model-I	model-II	model-III	model-VI	AFF
$\overline{\mathrm{BR}(B \to a_1 \mu^+ \mu^-) \times 10^8}$	$2.82\pm0.65$	$3.18 \pm 0.74$	$3.40 \pm 0.81$	$2.79 \pm 0.64$	$3.26 \pm 0.81$
$BR(B \rightarrow K_1 \mu^+ \mu^-) \times 10^8$	$3.80\pm0.83$	$4.16\pm0.91$	$4.44\pm0.97$	$3.76\pm0.82$	$4.24\pm0.95$
$BR(B \rightarrow a_1 \tau^+ \tau^-) \times 10^9$	$0.24\pm0.05$	$0.26\pm0.05$	$0.31\pm0.06$	$0.23\pm0.04$	$0.29\pm0.06$
$BR(B \to K_1 \tau^+ \tau^-) \times 10^9$	$0.45\pm0.10$	$0.50\pm0.11$	$0.54\pm0.12$	$0.44\pm0.09$	$0.49\pm0.11$

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# APPENDIX: EXPLICIT EXPRESSIONS FOR THE FORM FACTORS

In this appendix, the explicit expressions for the form factors of  $B \to a_1 \ell^+ \ell^-$  decays are given.

$$\begin{split} V_{2}(q^{2}) &= \frac{f_{B}m_{B}(m_{B}-m_{a_{1}})}{f_{a}m_{a_{1}}}e^{\frac{m_{a_{1}}^{2}}{M^{2}}} \bigg\{ \int_{0}^{\sigma_{0}} d\sigma \bigg[ \frac{\sigma}{2\bar{\sigma}}\varphi_{+}(\omega')e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} + \frac{1+\sigma}{2\bar{\sigma}}(\tilde{\varphi}_{+}(\omega')-\tilde{\varphi}_{-}(\omega'))e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} \\ &+ \hat{\mathcal{L}}\bigg[ \frac{(\sigma-2)(2u-1)}{2\bar{\sigma}^{2}M^{2}}(\Psi_{A}-\Psi_{V})e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} - \frac{(\sigma-2)(u-1)}{\bar{\sigma}^{2}M^{2}}\Psi_{V}e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} + \frac{6u-1}{2\bar{\sigma}^{2}M^{2}}\tilde{X}_{A}e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} \\ &- \frac{\sigma(2u+1)-2}{2\bar{\sigma}^{2}M^{2}}\tilde{X}_{A}\frac{d}{d\sigma}e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} - \frac{m_{B}^{2}(1+\sigma)(1-2u)}{\bar{\sigma}^{2}M^{4}}\tilde{Y}_{A}e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}}\bigg]\bigg\}, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} V_{0}(q^{2}) - V_{3}(q^{2}) &= \frac{f_{B}m_{B}q^{2}}{f_{a}m_{a_{1}}^{2}} e^{\frac{m_{a_{1}}^{2}}{M^{2}}} \Biggl\{ \int_{0}^{\sigma_{0}} d\sigma \Biggl[ \frac{\sigma}{\bar{\sigma}} \varphi_{+}(\omega') e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} + \frac{\sigma^{2}}{\bar{\sigma}^{2}} (\tilde{\varphi}_{+}(\omega') - \tilde{\varphi}_{-}(\omega')) e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} \Biggr] \\ &+ \hat{\mathcal{L}} \Biggl[ \frac{\sigma(1-2u)}{\bar{\sigma}^{2}M^{2}} (\Psi_{A} - \Psi_{V}) e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} + \frac{2\sigma(1-u)}{\bar{\sigma}^{2}M^{2}} \Psi_{V} e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} - \frac{4u-2}{\bar{\sigma}^{2}M^{2}} \tilde{X}_{A} e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} \\ &+ \frac{\sigma(1-2u)}{\bar{\sigma}^{2}M^{2}} \tilde{X}_{A} \frac{d}{d\sigma} e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} - \frac{\sigma^{2}m_{B}^{2}(2-4u)}{\bar{\sigma}^{3}M^{4}} \tilde{Y}_{A} e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} \Biggr] \Biggr\}, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} A(q^2) &= \frac{2f_B m_B}{f_a m_{a_1} (m_B - m_{a_1})} e^{\frac{m_{a_1}^2}{M^2}} \Biggl\{ \int_0^{\sigma_0} d\sigma \Biggl[ \frac{\sigma}{\bar{\sigma}} \varphi_+(\omega') e^{\frac{-s}{M^2}} - \frac{\sigma}{\bar{\sigma}} (\tilde{\varphi}_+(\omega') - \tilde{\varphi}_-(\omega')) e^{\frac{-s}{M^2}} \Biggr] \\ &- \hat{\mathcal{L}} \Biggl[ \frac{\sigma(1-2u)}{\bar{\sigma}^2 M^2} (\Psi_A - \Psi_V) e^{\frac{-s}{M^2}} - \frac{2\sigma(1-u)}{\bar{\sigma}^2 M^2} \Psi_V e^{\frac{-s}{M^2}} - \frac{2\sigma m_B^2}{\bar{\sigma}^2 M^4} (\tilde{X}_A - \tilde{Y}_A) e^{\frac{-s}{M^2}} \Biggr] \Biggr\}, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} T_{1}(q^{2}) &= \frac{f_{B}m_{B}}{2m_{a_{1}}f_{a_{1}}} e^{\frac{m_{a_{1}}^{2}}{M^{2}}} \bigg\{ \int_{0}^{\sigma_{0}} d\sigma \bigg[ \frac{\sigma}{\bar{\sigma}} \varphi_{+}(\omega') e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} + \frac{1}{M^{2}} (\tilde{\varphi}_{+}(\omega') - \tilde{\varphi}_{-}(\omega')) \frac{d}{d\sigma} e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} \\ &+ \frac{\mathcal{M}^{2}(\bar{\sigma} + \sigma^{2}) + \bar{\sigma} + 1}{\bar{\sigma}^{2}M^{2}} (\tilde{\varphi}_{+}(\omega') - \tilde{\varphi}_{-}(\omega')) e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} \bigg] + \hat{\mathcal{L}} \bigg[ \frac{\sigma^{2}(1-u)}{2\bar{\sigma}^{2}M^{2}} \Psi_{V} e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} \\ &+ \frac{\sigma^{2}(1-2u)}{\bar{\sigma}^{2}M^{2}} (\Psi_{A} - \Psi_{V}) e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} + \frac{\mathcal{M}^{2}(\bar{\sigma}^{2}(\sigma-1) + 2\bar{\sigma} - \sigma)}{\bar{\sigma}M^{2}} (\tilde{X}_{A} - \tilde{Y}_{A}) e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} \\ &- \bigg( \frac{3\bar{\sigma}^{2} - 2\sigma^{2}}{\bar{\sigma}^{2}} + \frac{2\mathcal{M}^{2}u}{M^{4}} - \frac{2(4\bar{\sigma} + 3)u}{4\bar{\sigma}M^{2}} \bigg) (\tilde{X}_{A} - \tilde{Y}_{A}) e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} - \frac{\mathcal{M}^{2}u}{M^{4}} \tilde{X}_{A} e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} \\ &+ \frac{(2\bar{\sigma} + 3)u}{2\bar{\sigma}M^{2}} \tilde{X}_{A} e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} \bigg] \bigg\}, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} T_{2}(q^{2}) &= \frac{f_{B}m_{B}}{2f_{a}m_{a_{1}}(m_{B}^{2} - m_{a_{1}}^{2})} e^{\frac{m_{a_{1}}^{2}}{M^{2}}} \left\{ \int_{0}^{\sigma_{0}} d\sigma \left[ (s + \sigma m_{B}^{2})\varphi_{+}(\omega')e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} + \left(\frac{\mathcal{M}'^{2}}{2} + \frac{\mathcal{M}^{4}}{M^{2}}\right)(\tilde{\varphi}_{+}(\omega') - \tilde{\varphi}_{-}(\omega'))e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} \right] \\ &+ \hat{\mathcal{L}} \left[ (1 - 2u)\Psi_{A}\frac{d}{d\sigma}e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} + (4u - 3)\Psi_{V}\frac{d}{d\sigma}e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} + (4u - 2)\left(\frac{3}{\bar{\sigma}^{2}} + \frac{\mathcal{M}'^{2}}{\bar{\sigma}^{2}M^{2}} - \frac{\mathcal{M}^{4}}{2\bar{\sigma}^{2}M^{4}}\right)(\tilde{X}_{A} - \tilde{Y}_{A})e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} \\ &+ (4u - 2)\frac{\mathcal{M}^{2}}{\bar{\sigma}^{2}M^{2}}\tilde{Y}_{A}e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} \right] \right\}, \end{split}$$

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$$\begin{split} T_{3}(q^{2}) &= \frac{f_{B}m_{B}}{f_{a}m_{a_{1}}} e^{\frac{m_{a_{1}}^{2}}{M^{2}}} \bigg\{ \int_{0}^{\sigma_{0}} d\sigma \bigg[ \frac{\sigma}{\bar{\sigma}} \varphi_{+}(\omega') e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} - \bigg( \frac{4}{M^{2}} - \frac{4\sigma\mathcal{M}^{2}}{\bar{\sigma}M^{4}} - \frac{2\sigma^{2}(\mathcal{M}^{2} + \mathcal{M}'^{2})}{\bar{\sigma}M^{4}} \bigg) (\tilde{\varphi}_{+}(\omega') - \tilde{\varphi}_{-}(\omega')) \frac{e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}}}{\bar{\sigma}} \bigg] \\ &+ \hat{\mathcal{L}} \bigg[ (1 - 2u) \bigg( \frac{1}{M^{2}} + \frac{\mathcal{M}^{2}}{M^{4}} - \frac{m_{B}^{2}}{M^{4}} \bigg) (\Psi_{A} - \Psi_{V}) e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} + \frac{\sigma(u - 1)}{\bar{\sigma}^{2}M^{2}} \Psi_{V} e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} \\ &+ (1 - 2u) \bigg( \frac{1}{\bar{\sigma}^{2}M^{2}} + \frac{2\sigma}{\bar{\sigma}^{3}M^{2}} - \frac{\sigma\mathcal{M}^{2}}{\bar{\sigma}^{3}M^{4}} \bigg) (\tilde{X}_{A} - 2\tilde{Y}_{A}) e^{-\frac{s}{M^{2}}} \bigg] \bigg\}, \end{split}$$

where

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}} \equiv \int_0^{\sigma_0} d\sigma \int_0^{\omega'} d\omega \int_{\omega'-\omega}^{\infty} \frac{d\xi}{\xi},$$

 $\omega' = \sigma m_B$  and  $\tilde{m}_B^2 = m_B^2 (1 + \sigma) - q^2 / \bar{\sigma}$ , also

$$\begin{split} s &= \sigma m_B^2 - \frac{\sigma}{\bar{\sigma}} q^2, \qquad \bar{\sigma} = 1 - \sigma, \qquad u = \frac{\omega' - \omega}{\xi}, \\ \tilde{\phi}_{\pm} &= \int_0^{\omega} d\tau \phi_{\pm}(\tau), \qquad \tilde{X}_A = \int_0^{\omega} d\tau X_A(\tau, \xi), \qquad \tilde{Y}_A = \int_0^{\omega} d\tau Y_A(\tau, \xi), \\ \mathcal{M}^2 &= \tilde{m}_B - 2\sigma m_B^2, \qquad \mathcal{M}^4 = \tilde{m}_B^4 - 4s m_B^2, \qquad \mathcal{M}'^2 = 2m_B^2 - \tilde{m}_B^2, \\ \sigma_0 &= \frac{s_0 + m_B^2 - q^2 - \sqrt{(s_0 + m_B^2 - q^2)^2 - 4s_0 m_B^2}}{2m_B^2}. \end{split}$$

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