

# Projecting the Bethe-Salpeter equation onto the light-front

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# I. A Snapshot on Light-Front dynamics: $x^+ = t+z=0$

*S.J. Brodsky et al. / Physics Reports 301 (1998) 299–486*

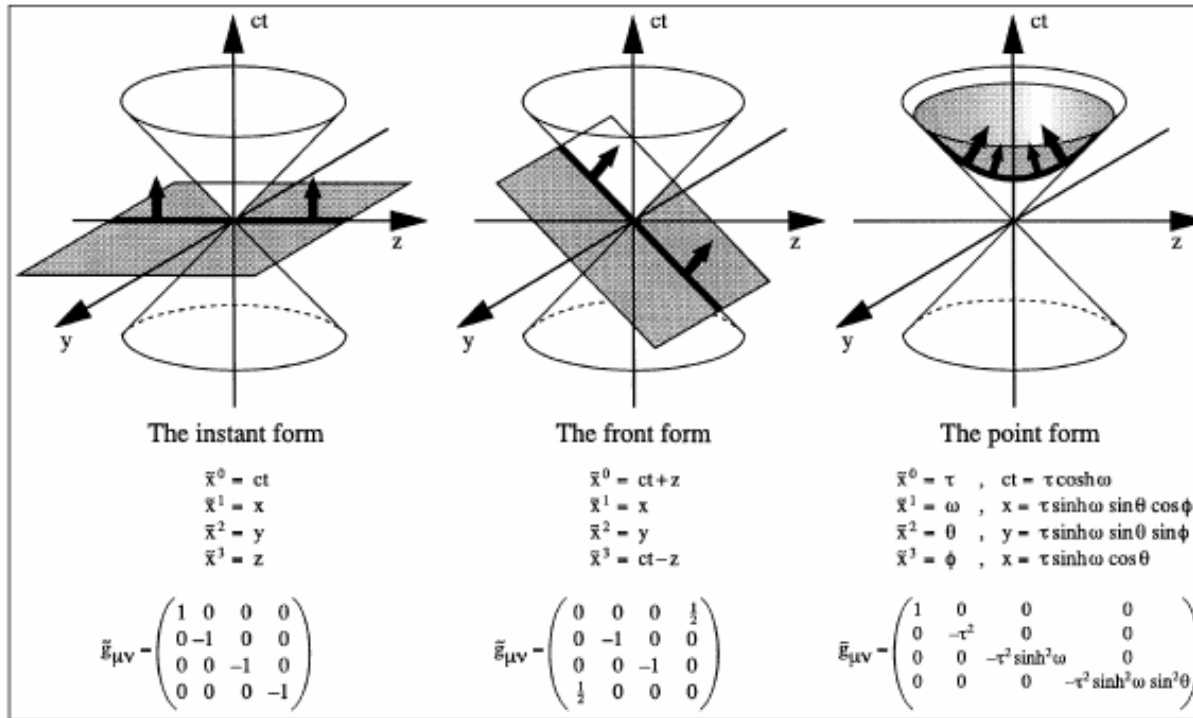


Fig. 1. Dirac's three forms of Hamiltonian dynamics.

## Properties of LF quantization

1. Trivial vacuum - perturbative (except for zero modes);
2. Maximal number of 7 kinematical transf. (3 boosts + 1 rot. + 3 transl.)
3. Truncation in the Fock-space not stable under rotations around transverse directions (non-kinematical boosts);

## II. LF valence dynamics and BS equation

**OUR AIM:**

**Derive the dynamics of few-constituents on the LF from a given model for the Bethe-Salpeter equation.**

**- 4d Bethe-Salpeter amplitude  $\leftrightarrow$  Valence state on the LF**

(Kinematical momenta:  $k^+ = k^0 + k^3$  and  $k_\perp$ )

Integration on the “Energy:”  $k^- = k^0 - k^3$

**“Iterated Resolvents-dynamics of the valence state”**- Brodsky, Pauli, Pinsky, Phys. Rept. 301(98)299; Frederico et al NPA737(04)260c

**In practice the truncation of LF Fock-space is considered...**

- Perturbative vacuum (no self-energies/vertex corrections);
- Stable under the maximal number of 7 kinematical boosts;
- Rotational invariance is not fulfilled (non-kinematical boosts).

## Not complete list of previous works...

**LF two-boson/ two-fermion systems:** (C-R Ji, Perry, Miller, Karmanov, Carbonell, Brinet Mathiot, Bakker, Amghar, Desplanques...)

Quasi Potential Approach to LF: Sales et al PRC61(00)044003; 63(01)064003

**LF conserved current operators:** Kvinikhidze & Blankleider PRD68(03)02581

WTI -QP two-boson/two-fermion - Marinho et al PRD76(07)096001; PRD77(08)116010

→ **Electroweak observables, form-factors & GPD (Nonvalence contributions)**

*GPD/two-body syst.:* Tiburzi & Miller PRD67(03)054014; 054015;

*Pion ff  $q_+ > 0$  (SL & TL):* de Melo et al PRD73(06) 074013 ;

*Pion/GPD:* Ji, Mischenko, Radyuskin PRD73(06)114013;

Bakker, Ji, Choi, Pasquini, Salme, Pace...

**LF Dynamics of three-body systems:** Bakker, Kondratyuk, Terentev, NPB158(79)497

Zero-Range model & BS eq. - Frederico PLB282(92)409; Carbonell & Karmanov

PRC67(03)037001; Marinho & Frederico PoS(LC2008)036; Karmanov & Maris PoS LC2008, 037 (2008), FBS 46, 95 (2009).

**LFD of 3-constituents: valence state  $\leftrightarrow$  4d Bethe-Salpeter eq. 3-legs**

qqq - Mitra, Ann.Phys. 318(08)845

**Non-perturbative renormalization with truncated Fock-space:**

Karmanov, Mathiot, Smirnov PRD77(08) 085028

## II. Quasi-Potential & LF B.-S. Equation: 2-bosons

Starting with a 4-dimensional BS equation for 2→2 scattering amplitude  
(no self energies/vertex corrections):

$$T = V + VG_0T \quad \mathbf{V} \text{ is the sum of two-body irreducible diagrams}$$

$$T(K) = W(K) + W(K)\tilde{G}_0(K)T(K) \quad \text{Woloshyn \& Jackson NPB64(1973)269}$$

$$W(K) = V(K) + V(K)\Delta_0(K)W(K) \quad \Delta_0(K) = G_0(K) - \tilde{G}_0(K)$$

### LF time projection: integration in $k$

Sales, F., Sauer. PRC61(2000)044003

$$\tilde{G}_0(K) := G_0(K)|g_0^{-1}(K)|G_0(K)$$

$$\langle k_1'^- | G_0(K) | k_1^- \rangle = - \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\delta(k_1'^- - k_1^-)}{\hat{k}_1^+(K^+ - \hat{k}_1^+) \left( k_1^- - \frac{\vec{k}_{1\perp}^2 + m_1^2 - i0}{\hat{k}_1^+} \right) \left( K^- - k_1^- - \frac{\vec{k}_{2\perp}^2 + m_2^2 - i0}{K^+ - \hat{k}_1^+} \right)}$$

$$|G_0(K)| : = \int dk_1'^- dk_1^- \langle k_1'^- | G_0(K) | k_1^- \rangle = \frac{i\theta(K^+ - \hat{k}_1^+)\theta(\hat{k}_1^+)}{\hat{k}_1^+(K^+ - \hat{k}_1^+) (K^- - \hat{k}_{1on}^- - \hat{k}_{2on}^- + i0)}$$

$$k_{on}^- = \frac{\vec{k}_{\perp}^2 + m^2}{k^+}$$

## Valence propagator in global LF time

$$|G(K)| = |G_0(K)| + |G_0(K)T(K)G_0(K)|$$

## Valence $\rightarrow$ Valence scattering amplitude

$$t(K) := g_0(K)^{-1} |G_0(K)T(K)G_0(K)| g_0(K)^{-1}$$

$$t(K) = \underbrace{w(K)}_{\text{red circle}} + w(K)g_0(K)t(K)$$

**Effective  
interaction**

$$w(K) := g_0(K)^{-1} |G_0(K)W(K)G_0(K)| g_0(K)^{-1}$$

$$W(K) = V(K) \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} [\Delta_0(K)V(K)]^i$$

## Bethe-Salpeter amplitude for scattering/bound states

For scattering states:  $|\Psi^+\rangle = |\Psi_0\rangle + G_0(K)V(K)|\Psi^+\rangle$

and the corresponding homogeneous equation for the bound state

Valence wave function for bound/scattering states:  $|\phi\rangle = ||\Psi\rangle$

Homogeneous equation for the LF valence wave function of a bound state  
(projecting the 4-dim BS equation or from the bound-state pole of the 3-dim t-matrix)

$$|\phi_B\rangle = g_0(K_B)w(K_B)|\phi_B\rangle$$
$$\int dk_1^- \langle k_1^- | \Psi_B \rangle = |\phi_B\rangle$$

## Example: Bosonic Yukawa model

$$\mathcal{L}_I = g_S \phi_1^\dagger \phi_1 \sigma + g_S \phi_2^\dagger \phi_2 \sigma$$

$$w^{(1)} = \text{---} \begin{array}{c} | \\ \text{---} \\ | \end{array} \text{---} = \text{---} \begin{array}{c} / \\ \text{---} \\ \backslash \end{array} \text{---} + \text{---} \begin{array}{c} \backslash \\ \text{---} \\ / \end{array} \text{---}$$

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Mass<sup>2</sup> eigenvalue eq. & valence wf:

$$g(K_\lambda)^{-1} |\phi_\lambda\rangle = 0$$

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$$\left[ g_0^{-1} - w \right]$$

## LF Bound state equation

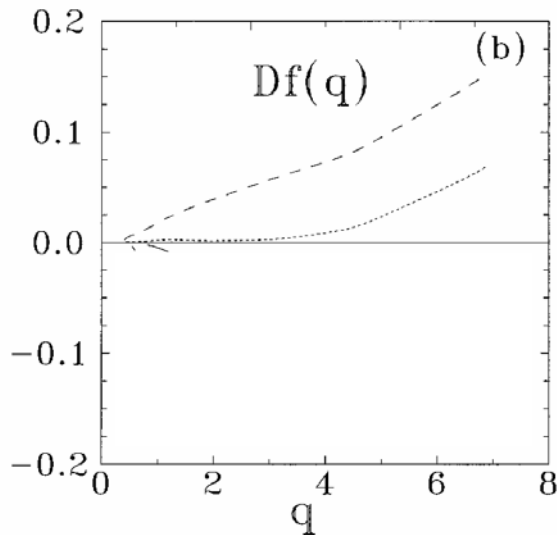
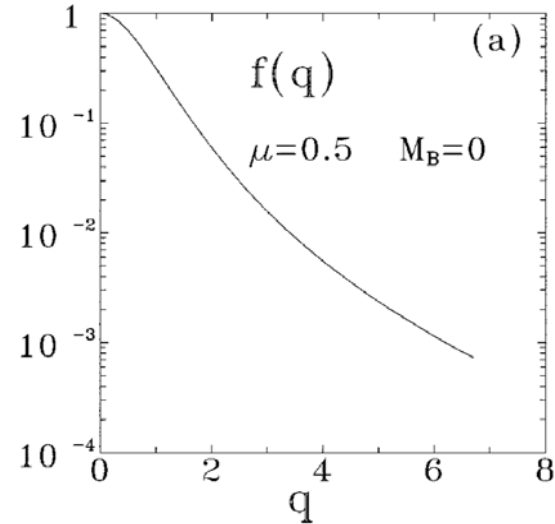
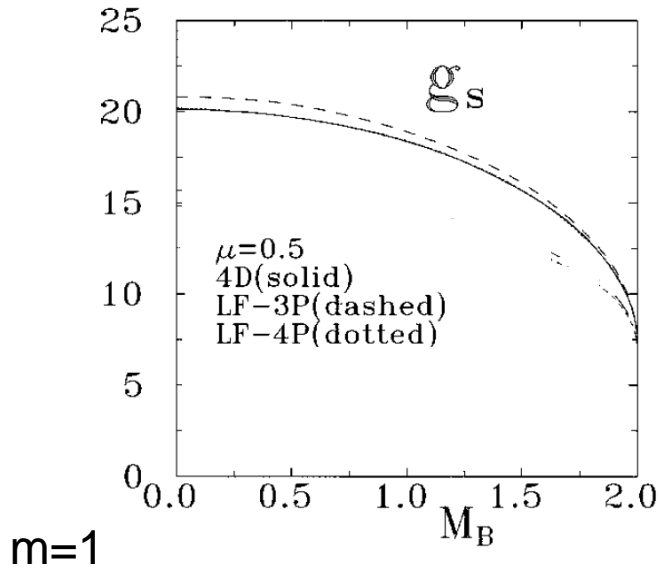
$$\phi_B(y, \vec{k}'_{\perp}; K) = \frac{\gamma(y, \vec{k}'_{\perp}; K)}{K^2 - M_0^2}$$

$$\gamma(y, \vec{k}'_{\perp}; K) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^2k_{\perp} dx}{2x(1-x)} \gamma(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}; K) \frac{\mathcal{K}^{(2)}(y, \vec{k}'_{\perp}; x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) + \mathcal{K}^{(4)}(y, \vec{k}'_{\perp}; x, \vec{k}_{1\perp})}{K^2 - M_0^2}$$

$$\mathcal{K}^{(2)}(y, \vec{k}'_{\perp}; x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) = g_S^2 \frac{\theta(x-y)}{(x-y) \left( K^2 - \left( M_0^{(3)} \right)^2 + i\epsilon \right)} + [x \leftrightarrow y, \vec{k}'_{\perp} \leftrightarrow \vec{k}_{\perp}]$$

$$\left( M_0^{(3)} \right)^2 = \frac{\vec{k}'_{\perp}{}^2 + m^2}{y} + \frac{\vec{k}_{\perp}{}^2 + m^2}{1-x} - \frac{(\vec{k}'_{\perp} + \vec{k}_{\perp})^2 + \mu^2}{x-y}$$

# Comparision between LF (3d) and 4d results for bound states



$$f_{\text{exact}}(\sqrt{\vec{k}_{1\perp}^2}) := \int dk_1^- dk_1^+ \langle k_1 | \Psi_B \rangle$$

$$f_{\text{app}}^{(n)}(\sqrt{\vec{k}_{1\perp}^2}) = \int dk_1^+ \langle k_1^+ \vec{k}_{1\perp} | \phi_B \rangle_{\text{app}}^{(n)}$$

$$Df(q) = 1 - f_{\text{app}}^{(n)}(q) / f_{\text{exact}}(q)$$

- Interaction m.e.'s:

$$\langle qk_\sigma | v | k \rangle = -2(2\pi)^3 \delta(q + k_\sigma - k) \frac{gS}{\sqrt{q^+ k_\sigma^+ k^+}} \theta(k_\sigma^+)$$

$$\langle q | v | k_\sigma k \rangle = -2(2\pi)^3 \delta(k + k_\sigma - q) \frac{gS}{\sqrt{q^+ k_\sigma^+ k^+}} \theta(k_\sigma^+)$$

- Hierarchy Eqs.:

$$g^{(2)}(K) = g_0^{(2)}(K) + g_0^{(2)}(K) v g^{(3)}(K) v g^{(2)}(K),$$

$$g^{(3)}(K) = g_0^{(3)}(K) + g_0^{(3)}(K) v g^{(4)}(K) v g^{(3)}(K),$$

$$g^{(4)}(K) = g_0^{(4)}(K) + g_0^{(4)}(K) v g^{(5)}(K) v g^{(4)}(K),$$

...

$$g^{(N)}(K) = g_0^{(N)}(K) + g_0^{(N)}(K) v g^{(N+1)}(K) v g^{(N)}(K),$$

...

- Truncation:  $|\Phi_1, \Phi_2, (N - 2)\sigma\rangle$

Iterated resolvents: Brodsky, Pauli, Pinsky,  
Phys. Rep. **301** (98) 299

Interaction  
Fock-space

Subtraction of  
divergences?

## Reconstructing 4-d B.S. amplitude from the LF valence wf:

$$|\Psi\rangle = G(K)|g(K)^{-1}|\phi\rangle \quad g(K_\lambda)^{-1}|\phi_\lambda\rangle = 0$$

**(i e → 0)**

(projecting back to the LF retrieves the valence wf.)

<BS Ampl.| 4d operator |BS Ampl> → <val.|3d operator |val.>

Reverse LF time projection operation: expansion W

$$G(K)|g(K)^{-1} = [1 + \Delta_0(K)W(K)] G_0(K)|g_0(K)^{-1}$$

### III. Two-boson systems: E.M. current operator & WTI

$$\langle \Psi_f | \mathcal{J}^\mu(Q) | \Psi_i \rangle \quad Q = K_f - K_i$$

$$\mathcal{J}^\mu(Q) = \mathcal{J}_0^\mu(Q) + \mathcal{J}_I^\mu(Q)$$

Ward-Takahashi in operator form: (Gross & Riska PRC36(1987)1928)

$$Q_\mu \mathcal{J}^\mu(Q) = [G^{-1}, \hat{e}_1] + (1 \leftrightarrow 2)$$

$$\langle k_i | \hat{e}_i | p_i \rangle = e_i \delta^4(k_i - p_i - Q)$$

$$G^{-1}(K_\lambda) | \Psi_\lambda \rangle = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad Q_\mu \langle \Psi_f | \mathcal{J}^\mu(Q) | \Psi_i \rangle = 0$$

## Light-front e.m. current operator: valence states

$$\langle \Psi_f | \mathcal{J}^\mu(Q) | \Psi_i \rangle = \langle \phi_f | j^\mu(K_f, K_i) | \phi_i \rangle$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = G(K) |g(K)^{-1} |\phi\rangle$$

$$j^\mu(K_f, K_i) := g(K_f)^{-1} |G(K_f) \mathcal{J}^\mu(Q) G(K_i) |g(K_i)^{-1}$$

Gauging method for bound states: Kvinikhidze and Blankleider (PRD68 (2003) 025021)

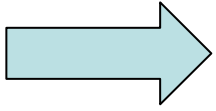
### LF Projection WTI:

$$Q_\mu |G(K_f) \mathcal{J}^\mu(Q) G(K_i)| = |[\hat{e}_1, G]| + (1 \leftrightarrow 2)$$

$$Q^\mu j_\mu(K_f, K_i) = [g^{-1}, \hat{e}_{LF}]$$

$$\langle k_i^+, \vec{k}_{i\perp} | \hat{e}_{i,LF} | p_i^+, \vec{p}_{i\perp} \rangle = e_i \delta(k_i^+ - p_i^+ - Q^+) \delta^2(\vec{k}_{i\perp} - \vec{p}_{i\perp} - \vec{Q}_\perp)$$

**LF charge operator**



***LF e.m. current is conserved***

$$j^\mu(K_f, K_i) = g_0(K_f)^{-1} |G_0(K_f) [1 + W(K_f)\Delta_0(K_f)] \times \\ \mathcal{J}^\mu(Q) [1 + \Delta_0(K_i)W(K_i)] G_0(K_i) |g_0(K_i)^{-1}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} W^{(n)}(K) &= \sum_{i=1}^n W_i(K) \\ W_n &= V(K)[\Delta_0(K)V(K)]^{n-1} \end{aligned} \right\} w^{(n)}(K) = \sum_{i=1}^n g_0(K)^{-1} |G_0(K)W_i(K)G_0(K) |g_0(K)^{-1}$$

***Truncation in W keeps c.c.? No!***

$$\begin{aligned} Q^\mu \langle \phi_f^{(n)} | j_\mu^{(n)}(K_f, K_i) | \phi_i^{(n)} \rangle &= \langle \Psi_f^{(n)} | Q^\mu \mathcal{J}_\mu(Q) | \Psi_i^{(n)} \rangle \\ &= \langle \Psi_f^{(n)} | [\hat{e}, G^{-1}] | \Psi_i^{(n)} \rangle \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

# Conserved & truncated LF e.m. current: WTI

Marinho, F., Sauer, PRD 76, 096001(07)

$$Q^\mu j_\mu^{c(n)}(K_f, K_i) = [g_n^{-1}, \hat{e}_{LF}]$$

$$j^{c\mu(n)} = g_0^{-1} |G_0 \left[ \mathcal{J}^\mu(Q) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (W_i \Delta_0 \mathcal{J}^\mu(Q) + \mathcal{J}^\mu(Q) \Delta_0 W_i) + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} W_j \Delta_0 \mathcal{J}^\mu(Q) \Delta_0 W_{i-j} \right. \\ \left. + W_n \Delta_0 \mathcal{J}_0^\mu(Q) + \mathcal{J}_0^\mu(Q) \Delta_0 W_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} W_i \Delta_0 \mathcal{J}_0^\mu(Q) \Delta_0 W_{n-i} \right] G_0 | g_0^{-1}$$

**Message:**

**Keep in the current all LF two-body irreducible terms consistent with the truncation of the interaction**



**Conserved e.m. current!**

# Current in the Yukawa model for 2-boson systems

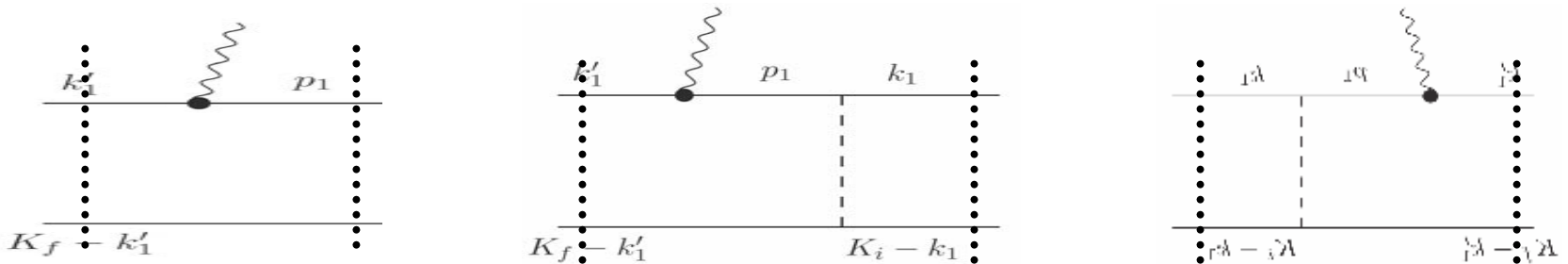
4d Ladder B.-S.

$$\mathcal{L}_I = g_S \phi_1^\dagger \phi_1 \sigma + g_S \phi_2^\dagger \phi_2 \sigma$$

$$\langle k_1 | \mathcal{J}_0^\mu(Q) | p_1 \rangle = -2\pi [e_1 (k_1 + p_1)^\mu \delta^4(k_1 - p_1 - Q) ((K_f - k_1)^2 - m_2^2)]$$

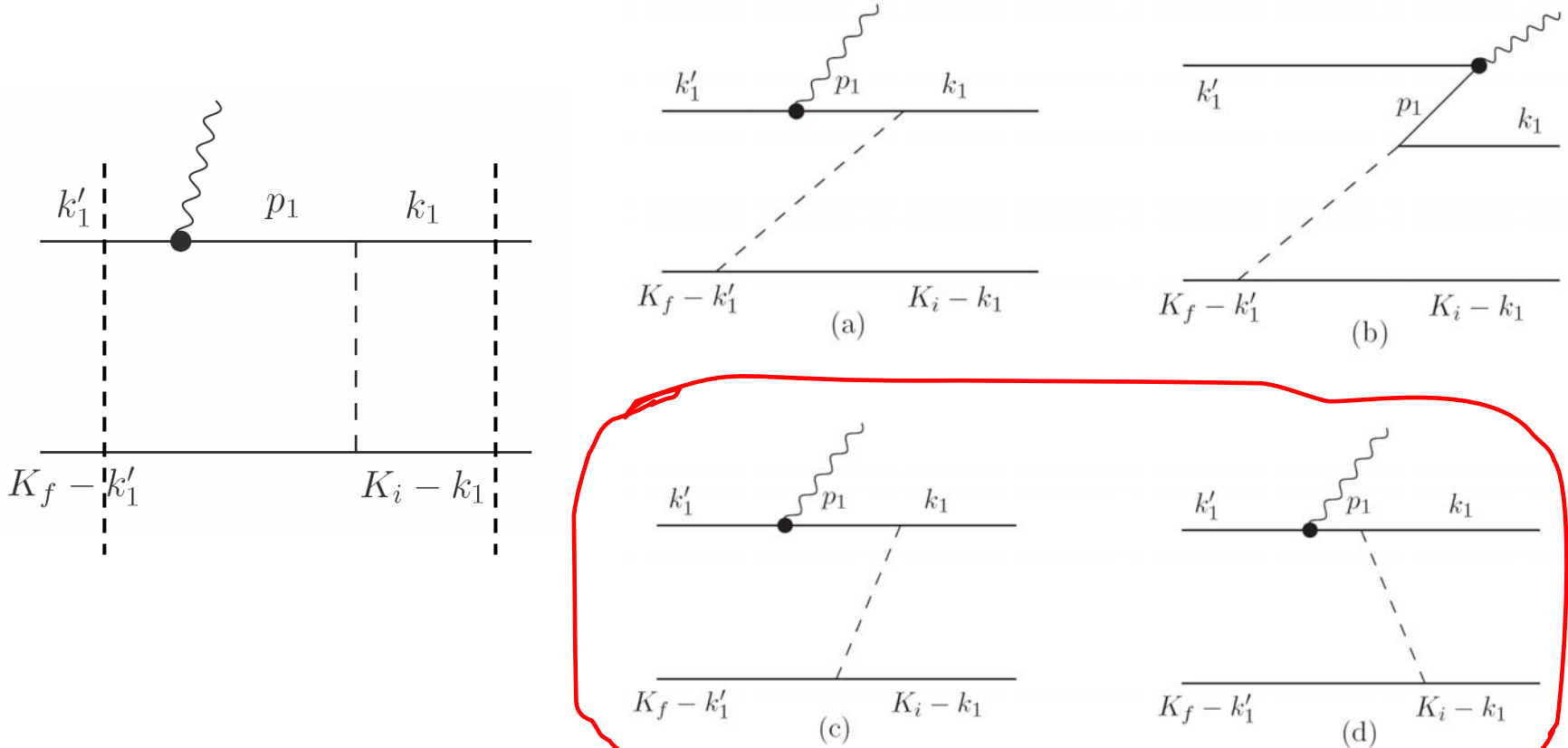
$$j^{c\mu(1)} = j^{c\mu(0)} + g_0^{-1} |G_0 [W_1 \Delta_0 \mathcal{J}_0^\mu(Q) + \mathcal{J}_0^\mu(Q) \Delta_0 W_1] G_0| g_0^{-1}$$

$$j^{c\mu(0)} = g_0^{-1} |G_0 \mathcal{J}_0^\mu(Q) G_0| g_0^{-1}$$



- 2-body LF reducible terms

# LF current in 1st order

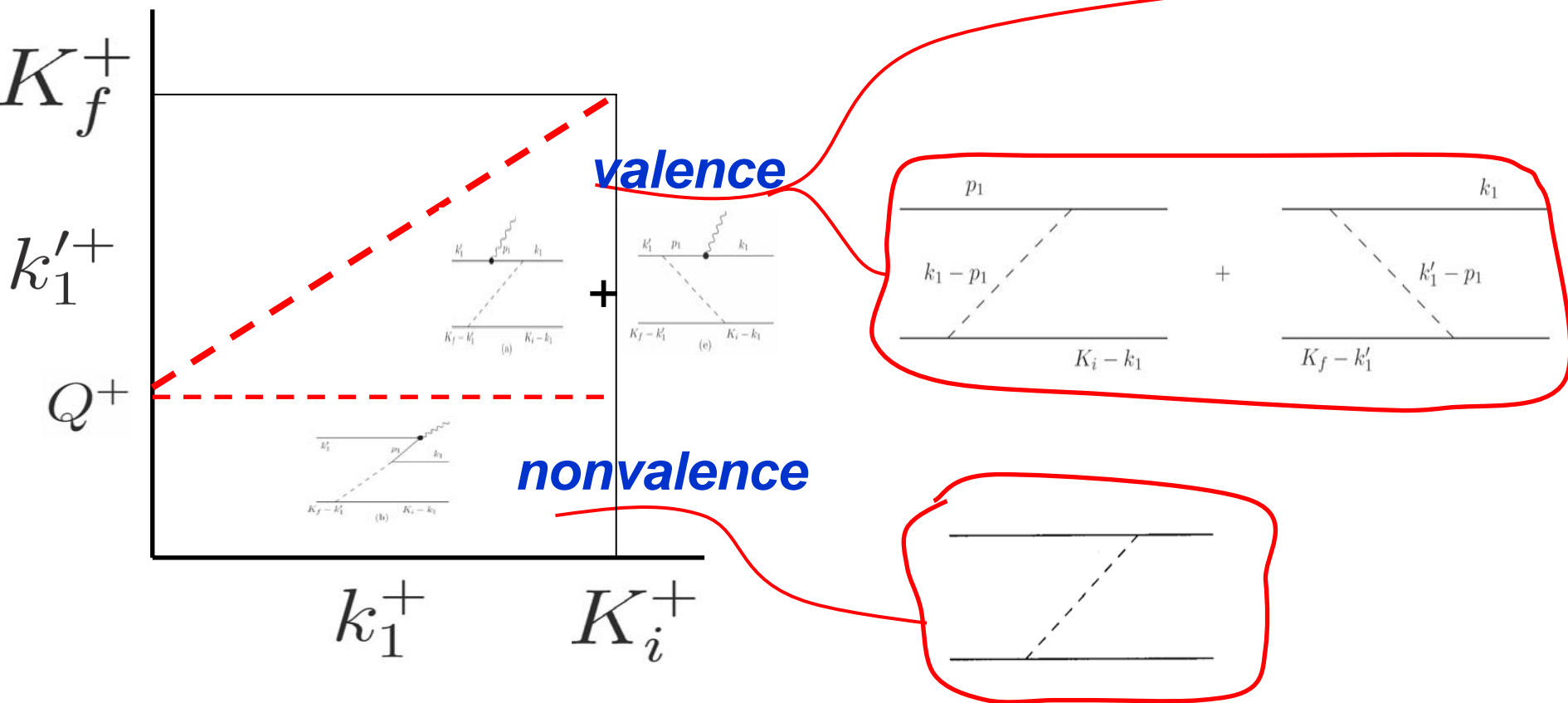


LF 2-body reducible diagrams

$$K_i^+ > 0 \text{ and } Q^+ \geq 0$$

# Kinematical regions:

$$\langle k_1'^+ \vec{k}'_{1\perp} | Q \cdot j^{c(1)} | k_1^+ \vec{k}_{1\perp} \rangle_{(a)+(e)} = \langle k_1'^+ \vec{k}'_{1\perp} | [\hat{e}_{LF}, w^{(1)}] | k_1^+ \vec{k}_{1\perp} \rangle \theta(k_1'^+ - Q^+)$$



**Current conservation is OK!**

## IV. Two-Fermion systems: Yukawa model

Starting with a 4-dimensional BS equation for  $2 \rightarrow 2$  scattering amplitude  
(no self energies/vertex corr.):

$$T = V + VG_0T \quad \mathbf{V} \text{ is the sum of two-body irreducible diagrams}$$

$$T(K) = W(K) + W(K)\tilde{G}_0(K)T(K)$$

$$W(K) = V(K) + V(K)\Delta_0(K)W(K) \quad \Delta_0(K) = G_0(K) - \tilde{G}_0(K)$$

**Separation of the instantaneous term in the fermion propagator:**

$$\frac{\not{k}_i + m_i}{k_i^2 - m_i^2 + i\varepsilon} = \frac{\not{k}_{ion} + m_i}{k_i^2 - m_i^2 + i\varepsilon} + \frac{\gamma^+}{k_i^+} \quad (\text{Sales et al PRC63(2001)064003})$$

$$\overline{G}_0 = (\hat{k}_{1on} + m_1)(\hat{k}_{2on} + m_2)G_0$$

$$G_0^F = \overline{G}_0 + \Delta G_0^F$$

$$G_0 = \frac{i}{\hat{k}_1^2 - m_1^2 + i0} \frac{i}{\hat{k}_2^2 - m_2^2 + i0} \quad |\overline{G}_0(K)| := g_0(K)$$

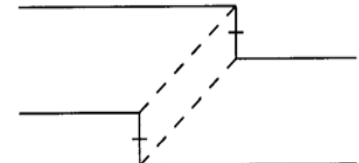
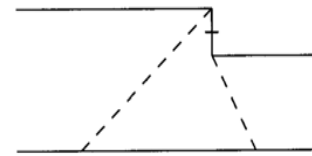
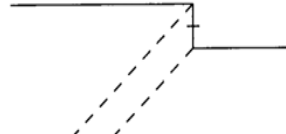
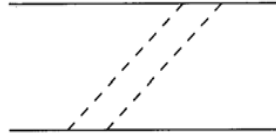
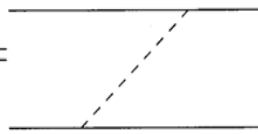
$$\tilde{G}_0 := \overline{G}_0 |g_0^{-1}| \overline{G}_0$$

**Mass<sup>2</sup> eigenvalue eq. & valence wf:**

$$\left[ g_0^{-1} - w \right] |\phi_\lambda\rangle = 0$$

**Yukawa model:**  $\mathcal{L}_I = g_S \bar{\Psi} \Psi \sigma$

$w^{(2)} =$



Covariant Box-diagram decomposed in LF time-ordered diagrams

B. L. G. Bakker, J. K. Boomsma, C.-R. Ji, Phys. Rev. **D 75**, 065010 (2007)

# Fermions: conserved & truncated LF e.m. current & WTI

Marinho, F., Pace, Salme, Sauer, PRD77,116010(2008)

$$j^\mu = g_0^{-1} |\bar{G}_0 [1 + W \Delta_0] J^\mu [1 + \Delta_0 W] \bar{G}_0 | g_0^{-1}$$

(Sales et al PRC63(2001)064003)

$$\Delta_0 := G_0 - \tilde{G}_0$$

$$\tilde{G}_0 := \bar{G}_0 | g_0^{-1} | \bar{G}_0$$

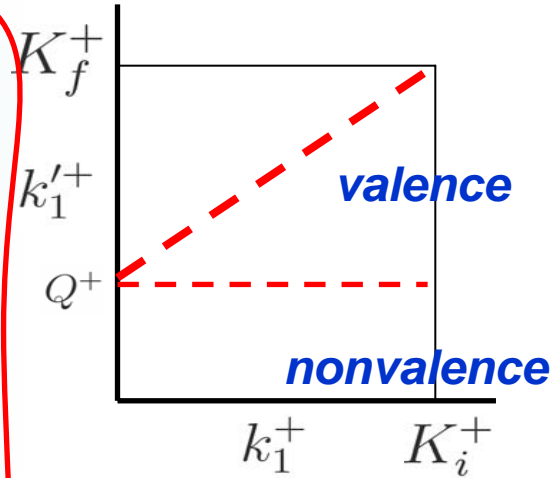
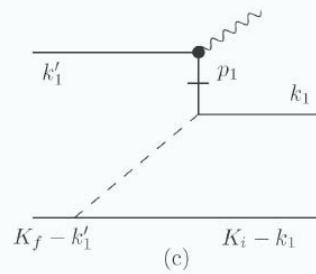
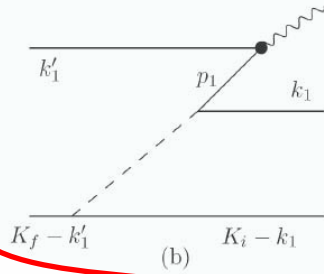
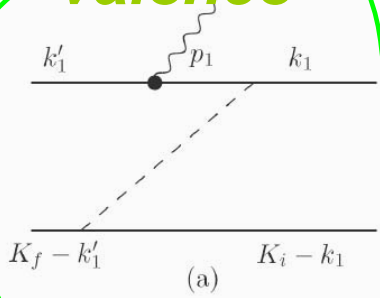
**WTI for the conserved current:**

$$Q_\mu j^\mu(K_f, K_i) = g^{-1}(K_f) \hat{Q}_{LF}^L - \hat{Q}_{LF}^R g^{-1}(K_i) \quad \text{Expansion...}$$

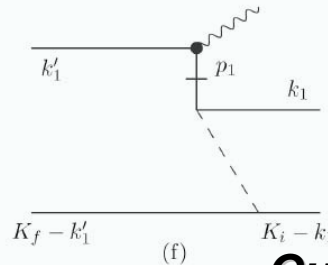
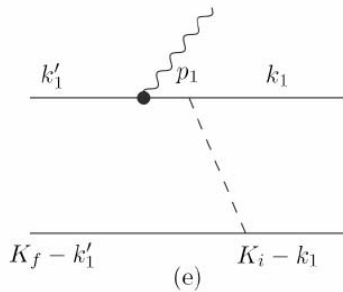
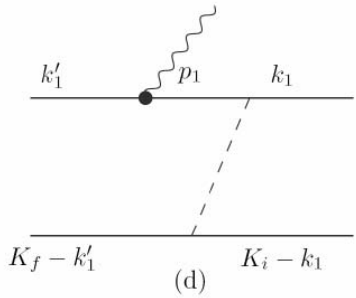
$$e_1 \delta(k_1'^+ - k_1^+ - Q^+) \delta^2(\vec{k}_{1\perp}' - \vec{k}_{1\perp} - \vec{Q}_\perp) \Lambda_+(k_{1on}') \frac{m_1}{k_1'^+} \gamma_1^+ \Lambda_+(k_{1on}) \Lambda_+(k_{2on})$$

# LF current in 1st order

**valence**



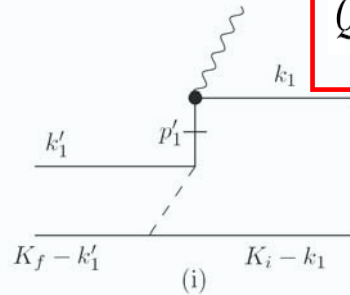
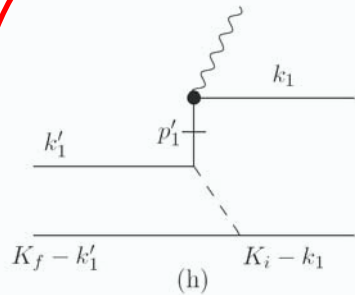
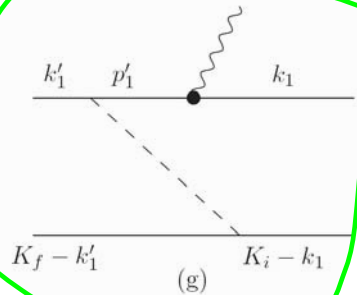
**nonvalence**



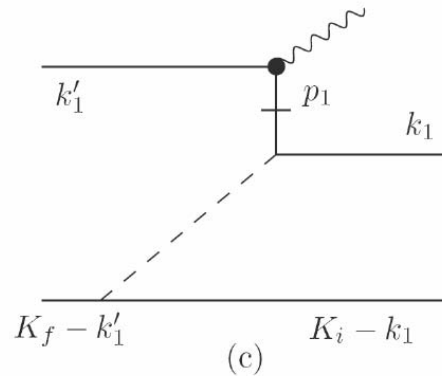
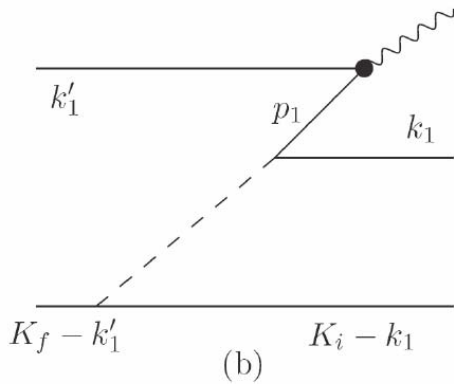
$$K_i^+ > 0 \text{ and } Q^+ \geq 0$$

**Current conservation holds!**

$$Q_\mu j^\mu(K_f, K_i) = g^{-1}(K_f) \hat{Q}_{\text{LF}}^L - \hat{Q}_{\text{LF}}^R g^{-1}(K_i)$$



## End-point singularity in $j$ for $Q^+ \rightarrow 0$



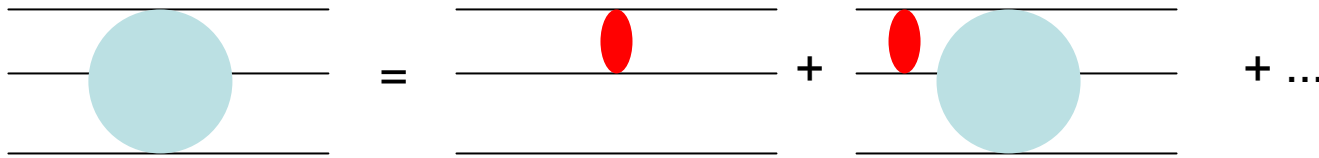
$$\sim 1 / Q_+ \rightarrow \infty$$

**Finite contribution to the WTI !!!**

# V. Three-boson systems and ladder 4d BS equation

Marinho, PhD thesis ITA/2007

$$T = V + VG_0T \quad V = \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i \quad ; \quad V_i = V_{(2)jk} S_i^{-1}$$



$$V_{(2)jk} = \overline{\text{red oval}} = \overline{\text{dashed line}} + \overline{\text{crossed lines}} + \dots$$

$$\langle k_1^-, k_2^- | G_0 | k_1'^-, k_2'^- \rangle = \frac{-i}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{\delta(k_1^- - k_1'^-)}{\hat{k}_1^+ \hat{k}_2^+ (K^+ - \hat{k}_1^+ - \hat{k}_2^+) (k_1^- - \hat{k}_{1on}^-)} \frac{\delta(k_2^- - k_2'^-)}{(k_2^- - \hat{k}_{2on}^-) (K^- - k_1^- - k_2^- - (K - \hat{k}_1 - \hat{k}_2)_{on}^-)}$$

Integration over  $k^-$  for 1 and 2  $\rightarrow$  free 3-boson resolvent

$$g_0(\underline{k}_1, \underline{k}_2) = \frac{i\theta(K^+ - k_1^+ - k_2^+)\theta(k_1^+)\theta(k_2^+)}{k_1^+ k_2^+ (K^+ - k_1^+ - k_2^+) (K^- - k_{1on}^- - k_{2on}^- - (K - k_1 - k_2)_{on}^-)}$$

$$\underline{k} \equiv (k^+, \vec{k}_\perp)$$

Faddeev decomposition:

$$W(K) = V(K) + V(K)\Delta_0(K)W(K) \quad \begin{cases} \Delta_0(K) = G_0(K) - \tilde{G}_0(K) \\ \tilde{G}_0(K) := G_0(K)|g_0^{-1}(K)|G_0(K) \end{cases}$$

$$V = \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i \quad \rightarrow \quad W_i = V_i + V_i\Delta_0 W \quad \quad W = \sum_{i=1}^3 W_i$$

$$(1 - V_i\Delta_0)W_i = V_i + V_i\Delta_0(W_j + W_k)$$

$$W_{(2)i} = V_i + V_i\Delta_0 W_{(2)i}$$

$$W_i = W_{(2)i} + W_{(2)i}\Delta_0(W_j + W_k)$$

$$t = \sum_{i=1}^3 t_i ; \quad w = \sum_{i=1}^3 w_i$$

$$t_i = w_i + w_i g_0 t$$

$$w_i = g_0^{-1} |G_0 W_i G_0| g_0^{-1}$$

In practice  $W_i$  is obtained from a power expansion in  $V$ :

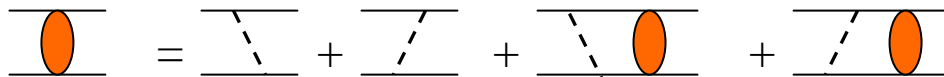
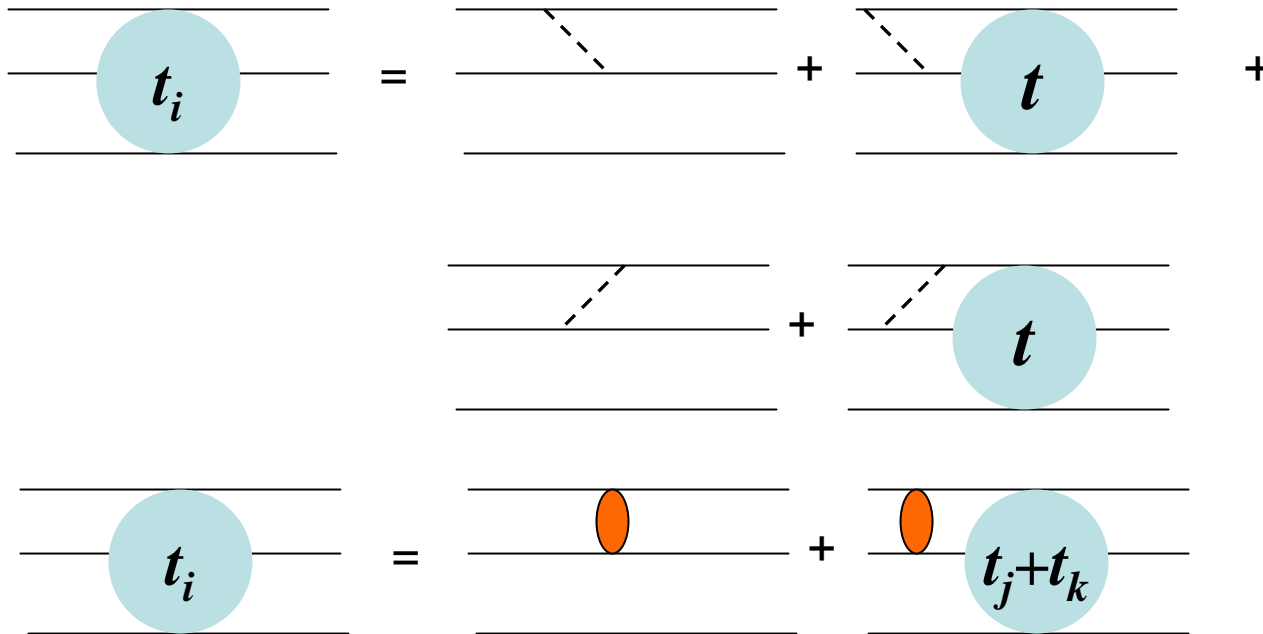
$$W_i = \boxed{V_i} + \boxed{V_i \Delta_0 (V_i + V_j + V_k)} + V_i \Delta_0 (V_i + V_j + V_k) \Delta_0 (V_i + V_j + V_k) + \dots$$

↑  
LO

↑  
NLO

## Bosonic Yukawa model: LO

$$w_i^{LO} = g_0^{-1} |G_0 V_i G_0| g_0^{-1}$$

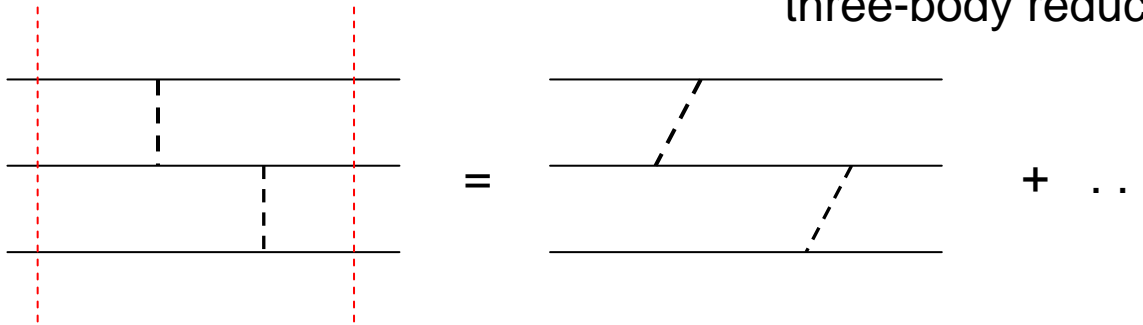


Cluster separability satisfied!

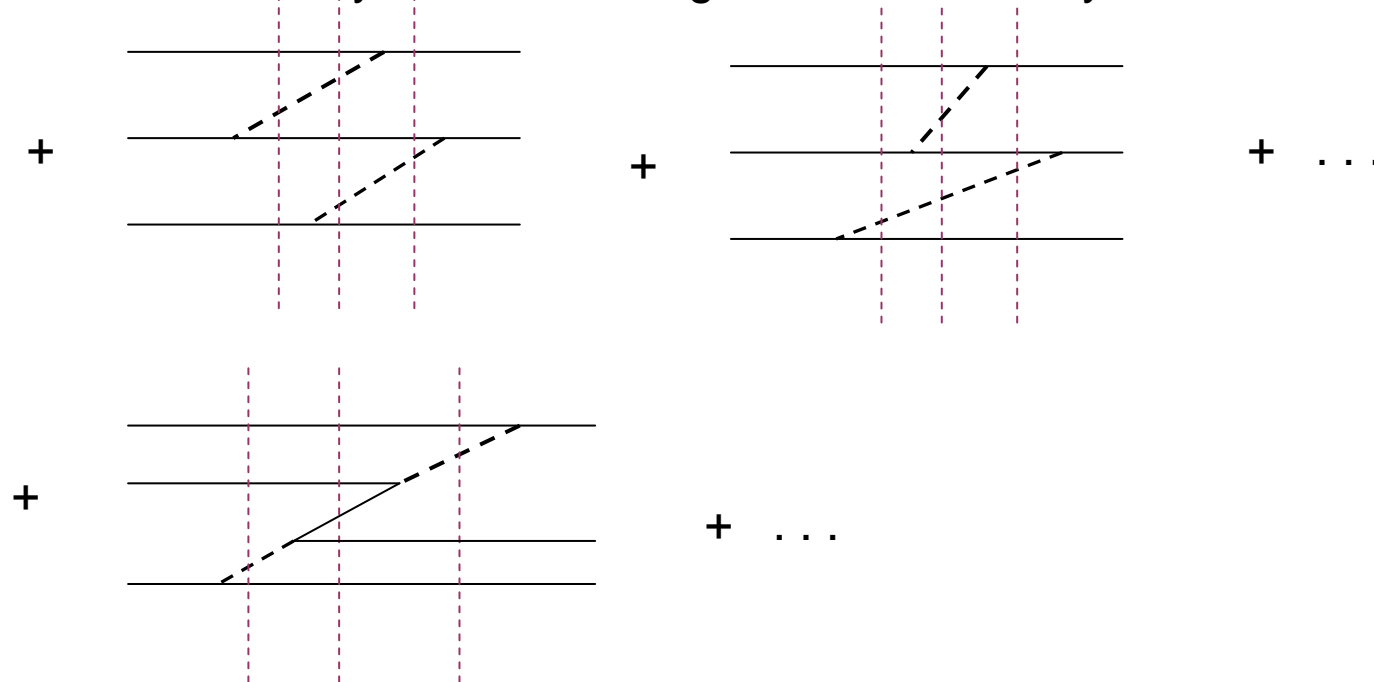
# Bosonic Yukawa model: NLO

$$w_i^{NLO} = w_i^{LO} + g_0^{-1} |G_0 V_i \Delta_0 (V_i + V_j + V_k) G_0| g_0^{-1}$$

three-body reducible diagrams

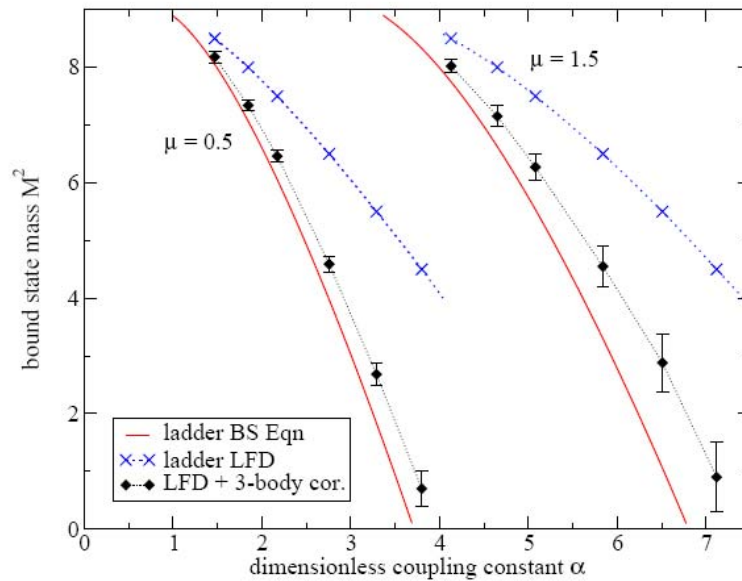
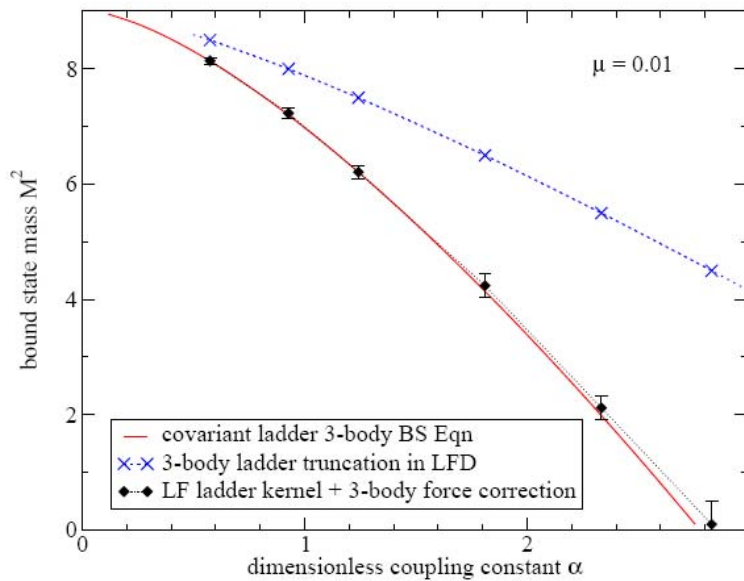


three-body irreducible diagrams = three-body interaction



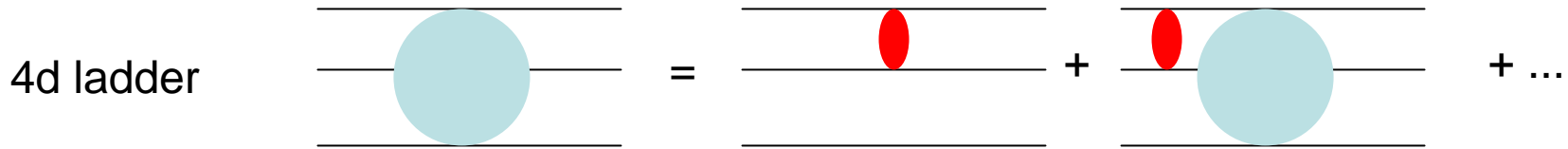
# Perturbative contribution of the 3-body interaction to the 3-boson mass

Karmanov & Maris PoS LC2008, 037 (2008), Few Body Syst.46, 95 (2009).



## VI. Zero-range model: LO and NLO

$$\mathcal{L}_I = \frac{1}{4!} \lambda \phi^4$$



$$V_{(2)jk} = \overline{\text{red oval}} = \text{black dot with cross} \quad \langle k_i, k_j | V_k | k'_i, k'_j \rangle = \lambda (2\pi)^2 \delta^4(k_k - k'_k) (k_k^2 - m^2)$$

$$V_i \Delta_0 V_i = \text{two black dots with arcs} + \text{black dot with cross and dashed line} g_0^{-1} \text{black dot with cross and dashed line} = 0$$

$$\text{Ladder+contact} \rightarrow \begin{cases} W_{(2)i} = V_i + V_i \Delta_0 W_{(2)i} = V_i \\ W_i = V_i + V_i \Delta_0 (W_j + W_k) \end{cases}$$

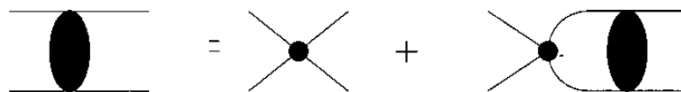
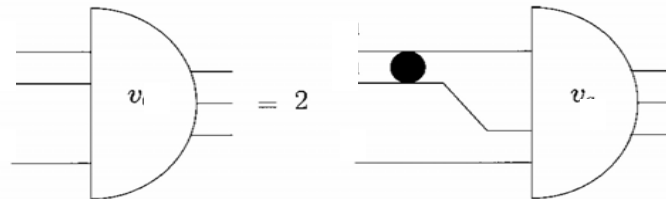
## Leading order bound-state 3-boson equation

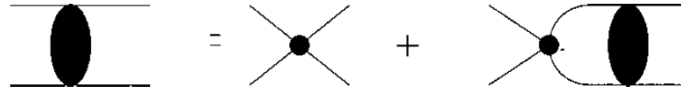
Bound state eq.: 
$$\begin{cases} v_i = w_i g_0 (v_i + v_j + v_k) \\ V_i \text{ Faddeev components} \end{cases}$$

$$w_i^{LO} = g_0^{-1} |G_0 V_i G_0| g_0^{-1} \quad W_i^{LO} = V_i$$

$$w_i^{LO}(\underline{k}_j, \underline{k}_k; \underline{k}'_j, \underline{k}'_k) = -2\pi i \lambda k_i^+ \delta^3(\underline{k}_i - \underline{k}'_i)$$

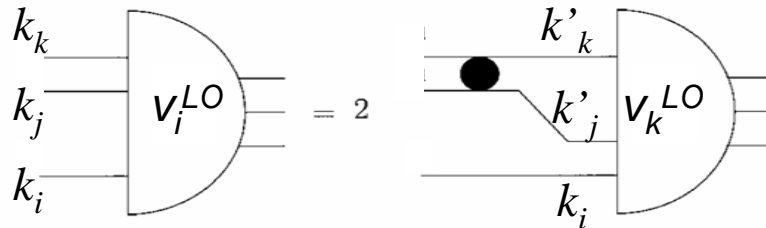
$$v_i^{LO} = (1 - w_i^{LO} g_0)^{-1} w_i^{LO} g_0 (v_j^{LO} + v_k^{LO})$$





$$\tau(M_{jk}^2) = 2\pi \left[ \lambda^{-1} + \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \int d^2 k_{\perp} \frac{1}{x(1-x) \left( M_{jk}^2 - \frac{k_{\perp}^2 + m^2}{x(1-x)} \right)} \right]^{-1}$$

The divergence is eliminated by fixing lambda through the 2-boson bound state mass!



$$v_i^{LO}(\underline{k}_j, \underline{k}_k) = -2\tau(M_{jk}^2) \int d^3 \underline{k}'_j \frac{\theta(k_j'^+) \theta(K^+ - k_i^+ - k_j'^+) v_k^{LO}(\underline{k}_i, \underline{k}'_j)}{k_j'^+ (K^+ - k_i^+ - k_j'^+) (K^- - k_{ion}^- - k_{jon}'^- - (K - k_i - k'_j)_{on}^-)}$$

Frederico 92: regularization  $M_{jk}$  real  $\rightarrow$  no collapse

Carbonell & Karmanov 03: no-regularization collapse for  $M_{2B} <$  critical value

## Next-to-Leading order bound-state 3-boson equation

$$W_i^{NLO} = W_i^{LO} + V_i \Delta_0 (V_j + V_k)$$

$$w_i^{NLO} = w_i^{LO} + \Delta w_i^{NLO}$$

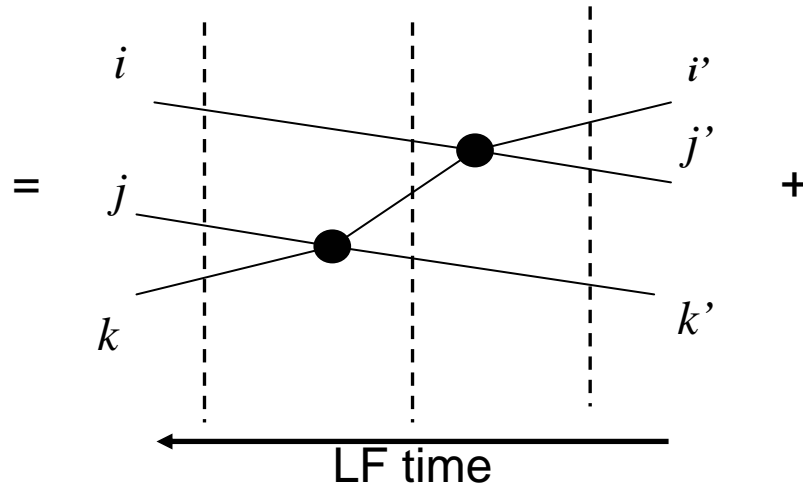
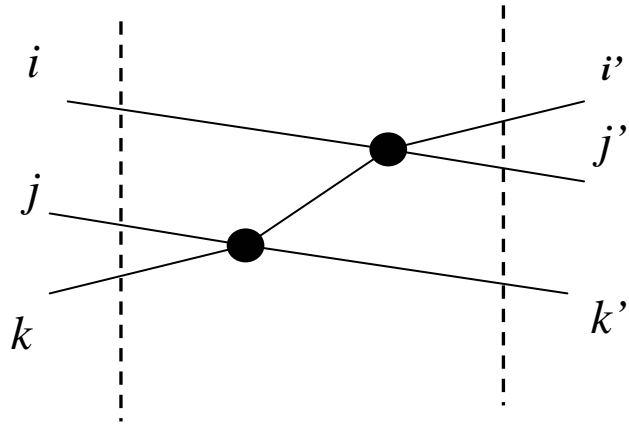
$$v_i^{NLO} = (1 - w_i^{LO} g_0)^{-1} w_i^{LO} g_0 \sum_{n \neq i} v_n^{NLO} + (1 - w_i^{LO} g_0)^{-1} \Delta w_i^{NLO} g_0 \sum_n v_n^{NLO}$$

LO kernel

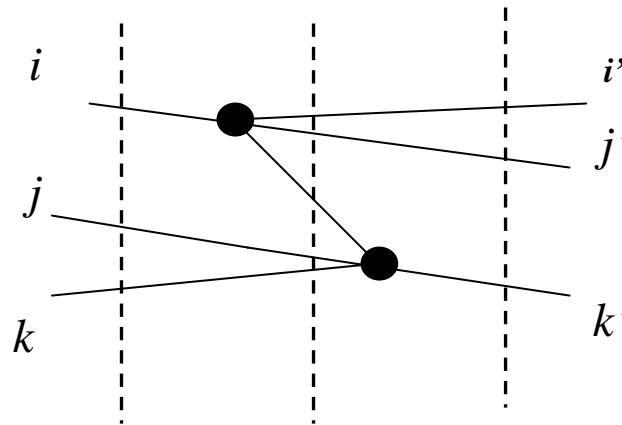
NLO kernel

$$\Delta w_i^{NLO} = g_0^{-1} |G_0 V_i \Delta_0 V_j G_0| g_0^{-1} + g_0^{-1} |G_0 V_i \Delta_0 V_k G_0| g_0^{-1}$$

### Three-body reducible diagram



### Three-body irreducible diagram



$$|G_0 V_i \Delta_0 V_k G_0|$$

LO kernel

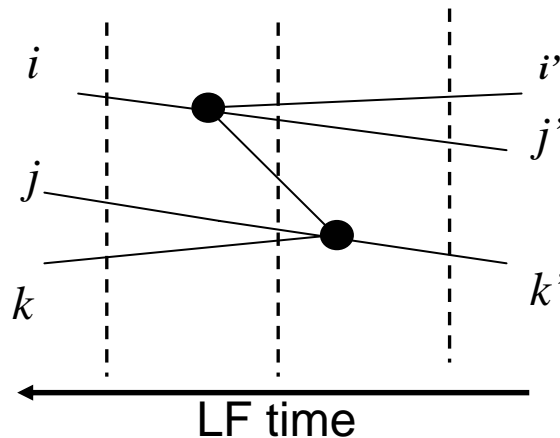
$$v_i^{NLO}(\underline{k}_j, \underline{k}_k) = -\tau(M_{jk}^2) \left( 2 \int d^3 \underline{k}'_j \frac{\theta(k_i^+) \theta(k_j'^+) \theta(K^+ - k_i^+ - k_j'^+)}{k_j'^+ k_k'^+ (K^- - k_{ion}^- - k_{jon}^- - (K - k_i - k_j')_{on}^-)} v_k^{NLO}(\underline{k}_i, \underline{k}'_j) + \right.$$

NLO kernel

$$\left. (2\pi\lambda) \int d^3 \underline{k}'_j d^3 \underline{k}'_k \frac{\theta(k_i^+ - K^+ + k_k'^+) \theta(K^+ - k_j'^+ - k_k'^+) \theta(k_j'^+) \theta(k_k'^+)}{k_j'^+ k_k'^+ (k_i^+ - K^+ + k_k'^+) (K^+ - k_j'^+ - k_k'^+)} \times \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{v_i^{NLO}(\underline{k}'_j, \underline{k}'_k) + v_j^{NLO}(\underline{k}'_k, \underline{k}'_i) + v_k^{NLO}(\underline{k}'_i, \underline{k}'_j)}{(K^- - k_{ion}^- - k_{kon}^- - k_{jon}^- - (k_i - K + k'_k)_{on}^- - (K - k'_j - k'_k)_{on}^-)} + (k'_k \leftrightarrow k'_j) \right)$$

Effective 3-body interaction



## VII. Conclusions

- “LF Few-body dynamics”: Valence w.f. dynamics
- Quasi-potential Approach to LF  $\rightarrow$  LF dynamics
- 4-d Bethe-Salpeter amplitude  $\leftrightarrow$  valence w.-f.
- 4-d operators  $\leftrightarrow$  3-d operators acting valence w.f.
- Conserved current operator & WTI:

*Conserved LF e.m. current operator expanded systematically and consistent with the mass squared operator;*

*Valence and nonvalence contributions to the current required by current conservation;*

*Current conservation in LF is a weaker requirement than covariance (covariance under non-kinematical boosts).*

### **Perspectives:**

- 2-particle scattering with valence wf  $\leftrightarrow$  4d calculations in Minkowski space with Nakanishi integral representation (Karmanov and Carbonell, EJPA27, 1(06); scattering for 3-particles... (bosonic and fermionic systems)
- GPD's, conserved current operator for 3-body systems
- $3 \rightarrow 3$  scattering amplitude  $B \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ k^-$  (CP violation)
- Applications to deuteron, trinucleon, n-d scattering...
- Excitons in graphene!