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# The Bethe-Salpeter Equation and the Nakanishi representation

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# ● Plan

- Bethe-Salpeter (BS) equation.
- Wick rotation and Euclidean solution.
- Our method in Minkowski space.
- Solution for spinless system
- New development and solution for two-fermion system.
- Conclusions

# ● BS amplitude

Bethe-Salpeter amplitude (Phys. Rev. **84**, 1232, (1951)):

$$\Phi(x_1, x_2, p) = \langle 0 | T \left( \varphi(x_1) \varphi(x_2) \right) | p \rangle$$

Separating c.m. motion:

$$\Phi(x_1, x_2, p) = \Phi(x, p) \exp(p(x_1 + x_2)),$$

$$x_{1,2} = (t_{1,2}, \vec{r}_{1,2}), \quad p = (p_0, \vec{p}), \quad x = \frac{1}{2}(x_1 - x_2)$$

# ● Momentum space

Fourier transformation:

$$\Phi(k, p) = \int \Phi(x, p) \exp(-ikp) d^4k$$

$\Phi(k, p)$  depends on relative four-momentum  $k$  and on total four-momentum  $p = k_1 + k_2$ .

$\Phi(k, p)$  depends on two scalar variables  $k^2, k \cdot p$ .

# • Projecting on light-front

LF light-front wave function:

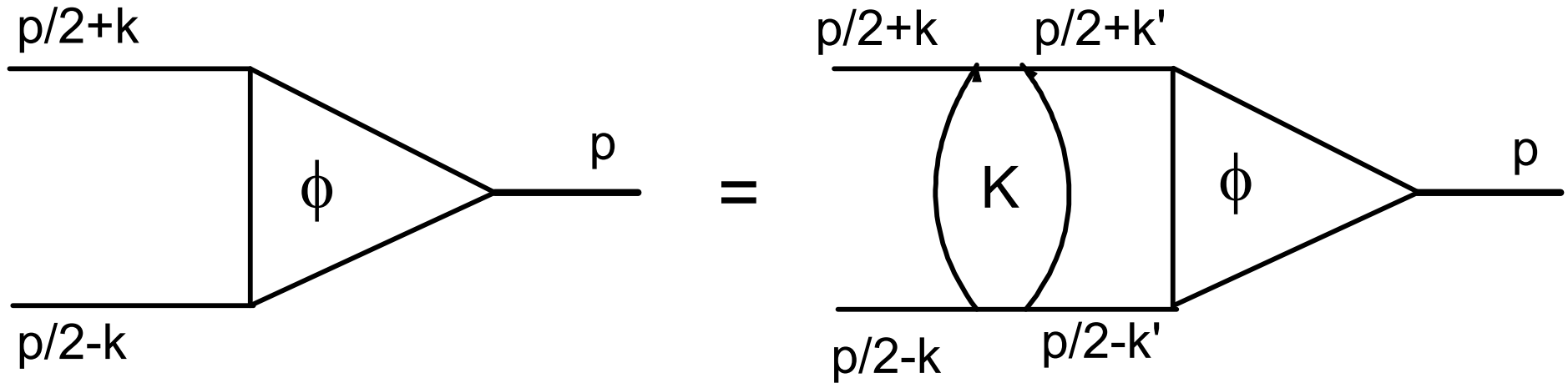
$$\psi(\vec{k}_\perp, x) = \int \Phi(k, p) dk_-$$

$$k_\pm = k_0 \pm k_z, \quad x = k_+/p_+, \quad \vec{k}_\perp = (k_x, k_y)$$

**Remark:** Light-front wave function  $\psi(\vec{k}_\perp, x)$  is non-singular.

Therefore, the integral over  $k_-$  kills the singularities in physical domain.

# ● BS equation



$$\left( \left( \frac{p}{2} + k \right)^2 - m^2 \right) \left( \left( \frac{p}{2} - k \right)^2 - m^2 \right) \Phi(k, p)$$

$$= -i \int \frac{d^4 k'}{(2\pi)^4} K(k, k', p) \Phi(k', p)$$

# ● Singularity

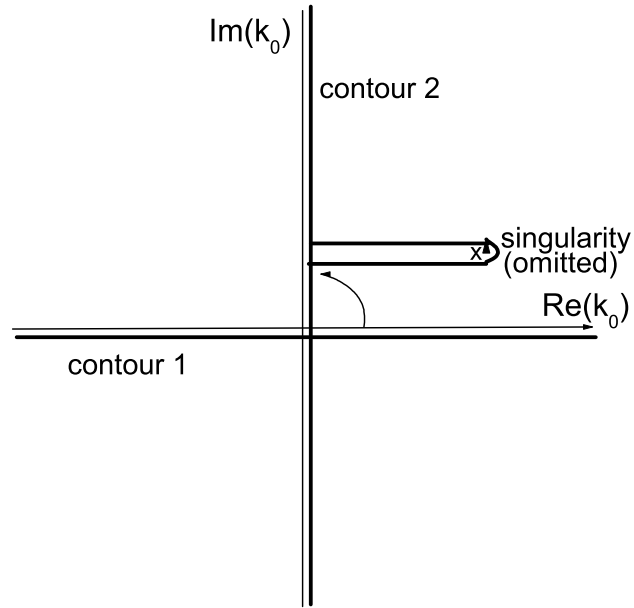
$$\Phi(k, p) = \frac{\Gamma(p, k)}{\left(\left(\frac{p}{2} + k\right)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon\right) \left(\left(\frac{p}{2} - k\right)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon\right)}$$

$$\Gamma(k, p) = -i \int \frac{d^4 k'}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{K(k, k', p) \Gamma(p, k')}{\left(\left(\frac{p}{2} + k'\right)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon\right) \left(\left(\frac{p}{2} - k'\right)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon\right)}$$

It is not a problem in principle (it is normal).

But it is a problem for numerical solution.

# ● Wick rotation



$$\int \dots d^4k = \int d^3k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots dk_0 = \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \dots dk_0 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots idk_4$$

# • Euclidean space

Euclidean BS amplitude:

$$\Phi(\vec{k}, k_0) \rightarrow \Phi_E(\vec{k}, k_4) = \Phi(\vec{k}, ik_0)$$

Euclidean BS equation (non-singular):

$$\left[ \left( m^2 - \frac{M^2}{4} + \vec{k}^2 + k_4^2 \right)^2 + M^2 k_4^2 \right] \Phi_E(\vec{k}, k_4) \\ = \int \frac{d^3 k' dk_4}{(2\pi)^4} K_E(k, k') \Phi_E(\vec{k}', k_4)$$

# ● Advantage of Euclidean space solution

Finding solution in Euclidean space, we can easily find binding energies.

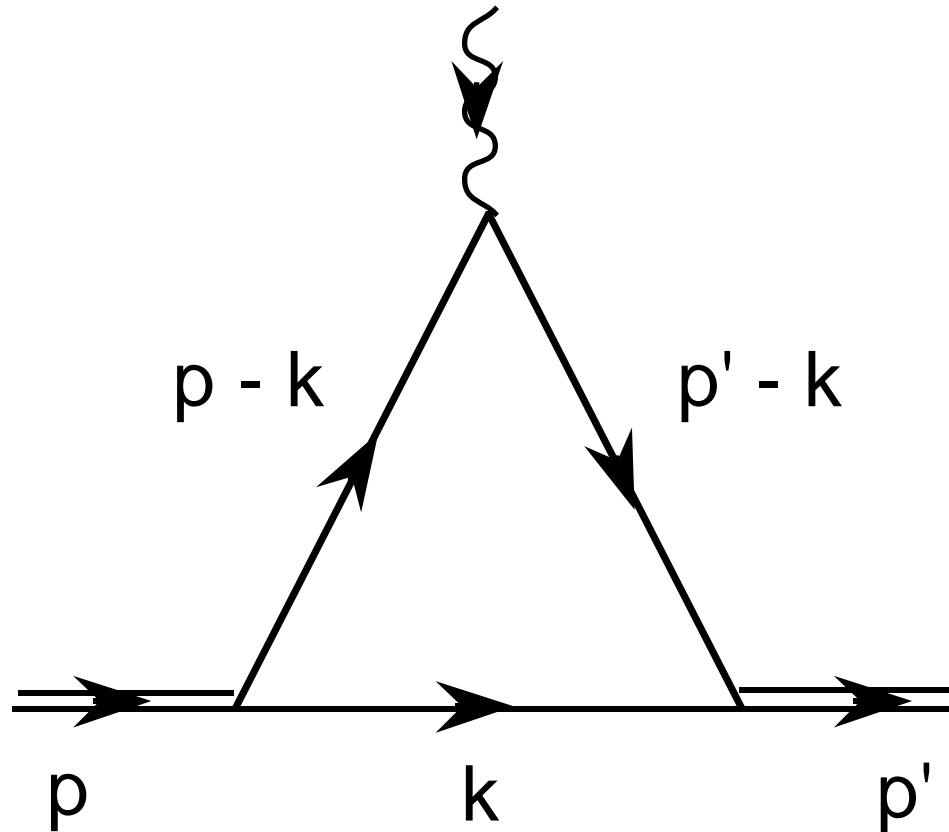
# ● Disadvantage of Euclidean space solution

We cannot extrapolate numerically the Euclidean  $\Phi_E(\vec{k}, k_4)$  back in Minkowski space numerically (extrapolation is extremely unstable).

But we need Minkowski space solution to calculate observables (form factors, etc.)

# • Why do we need Minkowski BS solution?

To calculate observables, e.g., EM form factor.



It is expressed through Euclidean BS amplitudes approximately only (in so called static approximation).

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Bethe-Salpeter solutions in Minkowski space:  
numerical methods  
and electromagnetic form factors

- **Aim**

Our aim is to find not only the binding energies,  
but the BS amplitude in Minkowski space.

# ● Minkowski space solution

(first solution, for the ladder kernel only)

*K. Kusaka, A.G. Williams, Phys.Rev. D51 (1995) 7026;*

*K. Kusaka, K. Simpson, A.G. Williams, Phys.Rev. D56 (1997) 5071.*

It is based on Nakanishi integral representation for BS amplitude (*N. Nakanishi, Phys. Rev. 130, 1230 (1963)*):

$$\Phi(k, p) = \int_{-1}^1 dz' \int_0^\infty d\gamma' \frac{-ig(\gamma', z')}{[\gamma' + m^2 - \frac{1}{4}M^2 - k^2 - p \cdot k z' - i\epsilon]^3}.$$

For ladder kernel an equation for  $g(\gamma, z)$  is found and solved. Then the BS amplitude  $\Phi(k, p)$  is easily found in Minkowski space.

However, the method by K. Kusaka et al. worked for ladder kernel only.

# ● Example

We set  $-ig(\gamma, z) = 1$ , calculate the integral and find

$$\Phi_M(k; p) = \frac{i^2}{\left[\left(\frac{p}{2} + k\right)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon\right] \left[\left(\frac{p}{2} - k\right)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon\right]},$$

*i.e.* just the product of two free propagators.  
BS amplitude is, of course, still singular.

All the non-trivial dynamics is in the function  $g(\gamma, z)$ .

# ● Our (exact) method

V. A. Karmanov and J. Carbonell, Eur. Phys. J. **A27** (2006) 1.

- Take BS amplitude in the Nakanishi form:

$$\Phi(k, p) = \int_{-1}^1 dz' \int_0^\infty d\gamma' \frac{-ig(\gamma', z')}{[\gamma' + m^2 - \frac{1}{4}M^2 - k^2 - p \cdot k z' - i\epsilon]^3}$$

- Substitute it in the BS equation.

$$\Phi(k, p) = \frac{-i}{((\frac{p}{2} + k)^2 - m^2)((\frac{p}{2} - k)^2 - m^2)} \int \frac{d^4 k'}{(2\pi)^4} K(k, k', p) \Phi(k', p)$$

- Apply to both sides of the BS equation the LF projection:

$$\int dk_- \Phi(k, p) = \int dk_- \frac{-i}{((\frac{p}{2} + k)^2 - m^2)((\frac{p}{2} - k)^2 - m^2)} \int \frac{d^4 k'}{(2\pi)^4} K(k, k', p) \Phi(k', p)$$

- Obtain equation for  $g(\gamma, z)$ .

# • Equation for $g(\gamma, z)$

(Obtained analytically, without any approximation.)

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{g(\gamma', z) d\gamma'}{\left[\gamma' + \gamma + z^2 m^2 + (1 - z^2) \kappa^2\right]^2}$$
$$= \int_0^{\infty} d\gamma' \int_{-1}^1 dz' V(\gamma, z; \gamma', z') g(\gamma', z')$$

where  $\kappa^2 = m^2 - \frac{1}{4}M^2$ .

• This equation is equivalent to the initial BS equation.

Matrix form:

$$\lambda Bx = Ax$$

It is just standard form for well known fortran subroutine.

# ● Kernel

Calculate:

$$I(k, p) = \int \frac{d^4 k'}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{iK(k, k', p)}{\left[ k'^2 + p \cdot k' z' - \gamma' - \kappa^2 + i\epsilon \right]^3}.$$

Substitute in:

$$V(\gamma, z; \gamma', z') = \frac{p_+}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{-iI(k, p) dk_-}{\left[ \left( \frac{p}{2} + k \right)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon \right]} \\ \times \frac{1}{\left[ \left( \frac{p}{2} - k \right)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon \right]},$$

For given BS kernel  $K$  we can calculate the kernel  $V$  of equation for  $g(\gamma, z)$ .

# • LF wave function

(As a by-product)

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(\vec{k}_\perp, x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi(k, p) dk_- \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{g(\gamma', 1 - 2x) d\gamma'}{\left[ \gamma' + \vec{k}_\perp^2 + m^2 - x(1 - x)M^2 \right]^2}\end{aligned}$$

# • Wick-Cutkosky model (OBE, $\mu = 0$ )

For  $\mu = 0$ , we are looking the solution in the form:

$$g(\gamma, z) = \delta(\gamma)g(z)$$

The kernel is very simplified. We get:

$$g(z) = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 dz' K(z, z')g(z')$$

with

$$K(z', z') = \frac{m^2}{m^2 - \frac{1}{4}(1 - z'^2)M^2} \begin{cases} \frac{(1-z)}{(1-z')}, & \text{if } -1 \leq z' \leq z \\ \frac{(1+z)}{(1+z')}, & \text{if } z \leq z' \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

This is the Wick-Cutkosky equation (1954).

# • OBE (ladder) kernel ( $\mu \neq 0$ )

One-boson exchange (ladder) kernel:  $K(k, k', p) = \frac{-g^2}{(k-k')^2 - \mu^2 + i\epsilon}$

$g^2 = 16\pi m^2 \alpha$ . Equation:

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{g(\gamma', z) d\gamma'}{[\gamma' + \gamma + z^2 m^2 + (1 - z^2) \kappa^2]^2} = \int_0^\infty d\gamma' \int_{-1}^1 dz' V(\gamma, z; \gamma', z') g(\gamma', z')$$

Kernel  $V(\gamma, z; \gamma', z')$ :

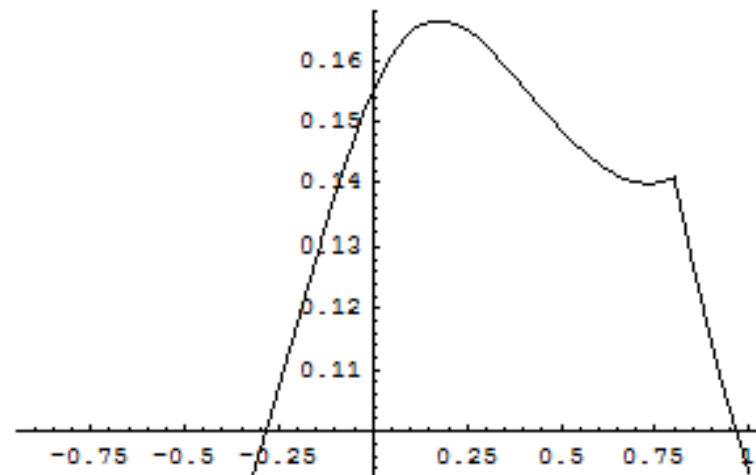
$$V(\gamma, z; \gamma', z') = \frac{\alpha m^2 (1 - z)^2}{2\pi [\gamma + z^2 m^2 + (1 - z^2) \kappa^2]} \int_0^1 \frac{v^2 dv}{B_1^2}$$

$B_1 = B_1(\gamma, z; \gamma', z'; v)$  is a polynomial. Integral  $\int_0^1 \frac{v^2 dv}{B_1^2}$  is calculated analytically. Equation is solved numerically.

# ● Kernel $V(\gamma, z; \gamma', z')$ v.s. $z'$

(★ Spinless case ★)

$z = 0.8$



- Graphics -

Kernel  $V(\gamma, z; \gamma', z')$  v.s.  $z'$  for fixed  $z = 0.8$

# ● Numerical results (ladder, $\mu \neq 0$ )

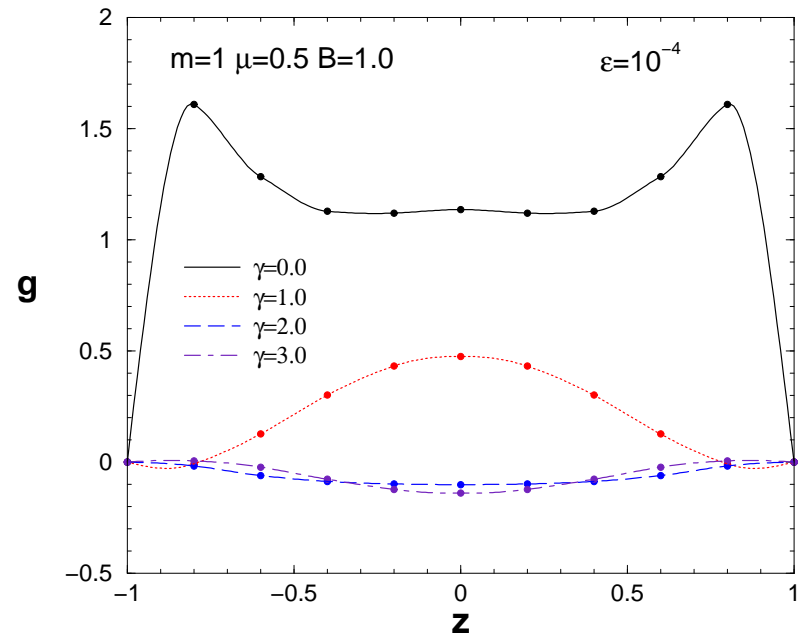
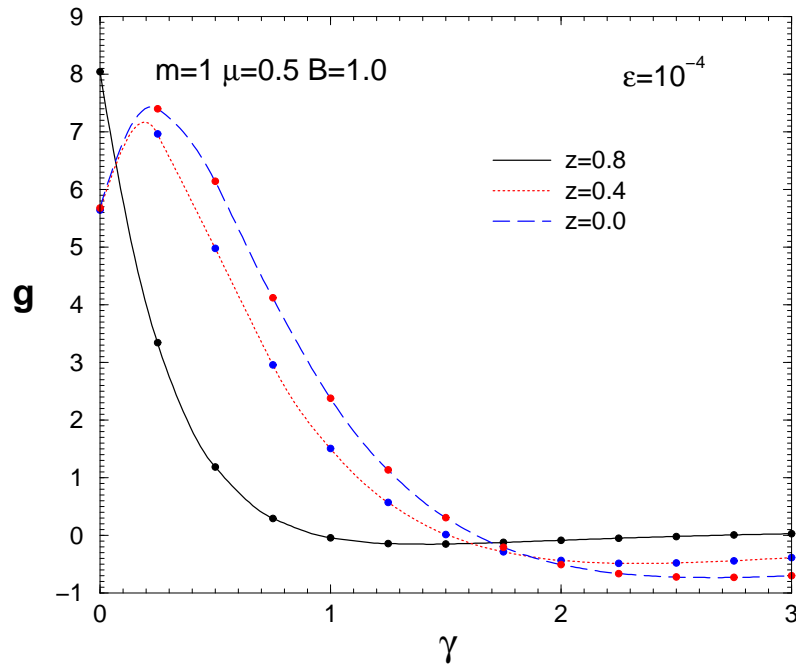
Coupling constant  $\alpha = \frac{g^2}{16\pi m^2}$  as a function of the binding energy for  $\mu = 0.15$  and  $\mu = 0.5$

$B$	$\alpha(\mu = 0.15)$	$\alpha(\mu = 0.50)$
0.01	0.5716	1.440
0.10	1.437	2.498
0.20	2.100	3.251
0.50	3.611	4.901
1.00	5.315	6.712

These results, **with all shown digits**, coincide with ones obtained in Euclidean space (by Wick rotation).

- This is a test of the method.

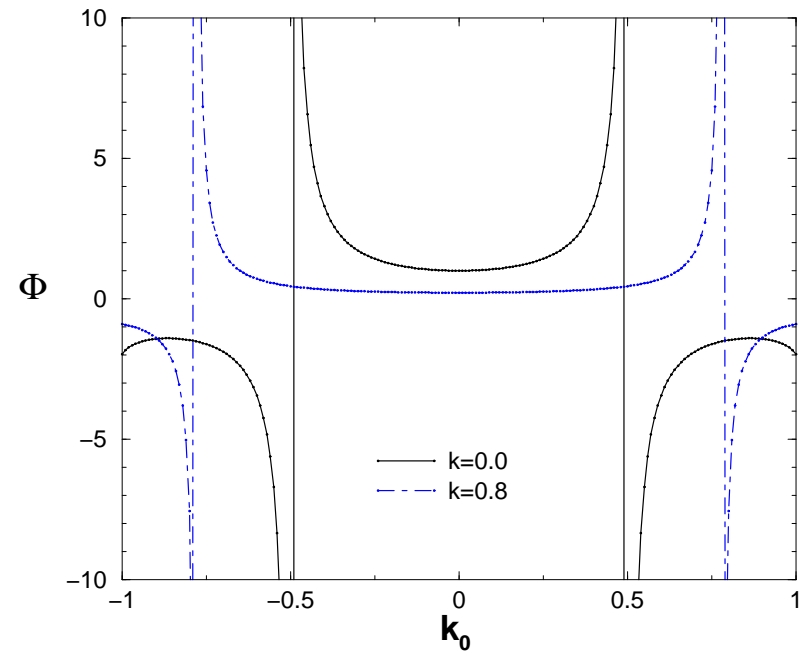
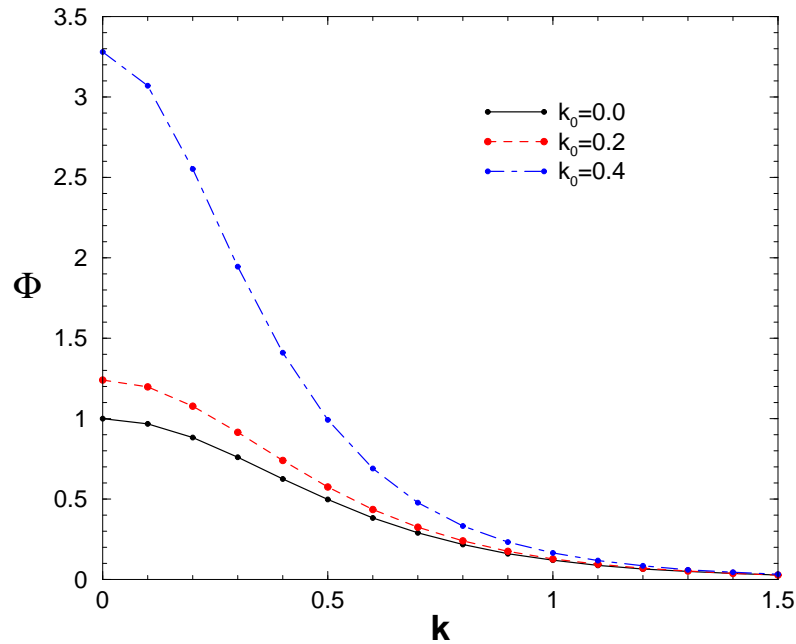
# ● Function $g(\gamma, z)$



Function  $g(\gamma, z)$  for  $\mu = 0.5$  and  $B = 1.0$ . On left – versus  $\gamma$  for fixed values of  $z$  and on right – versus  $z$  for a fixed values of  $\gamma$ .

# • BS amplitude $\Phi(k_0, k)$ , $\vec{p} = 0$

in Minkowski space

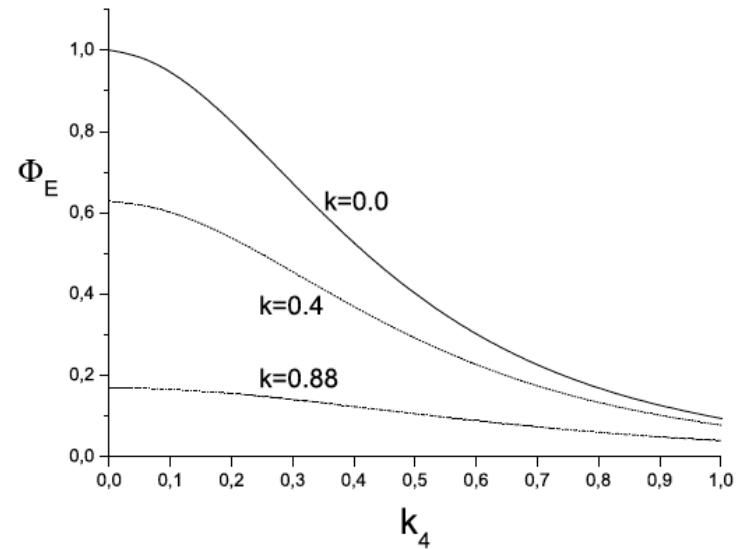
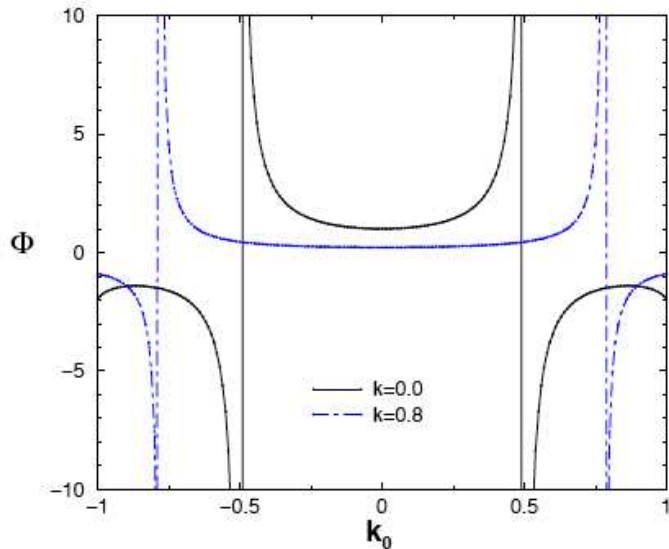


**Left:** BS amplitude  $\Phi(k_0, k)$  vs.  $k$  for a fixed values of  $k_0$ .

**Right:** BS amplitude  $\Phi(k_0, k)$  vs.  $k_0$  for a fixed values of  $k$ .

# ● BS amplitude

## Comparison of Minkowski and Euclidean spaces



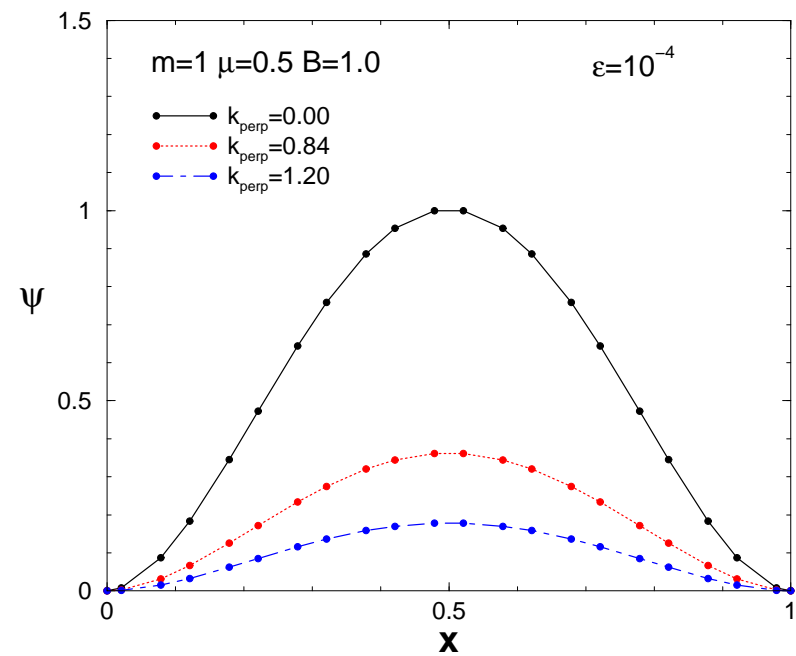
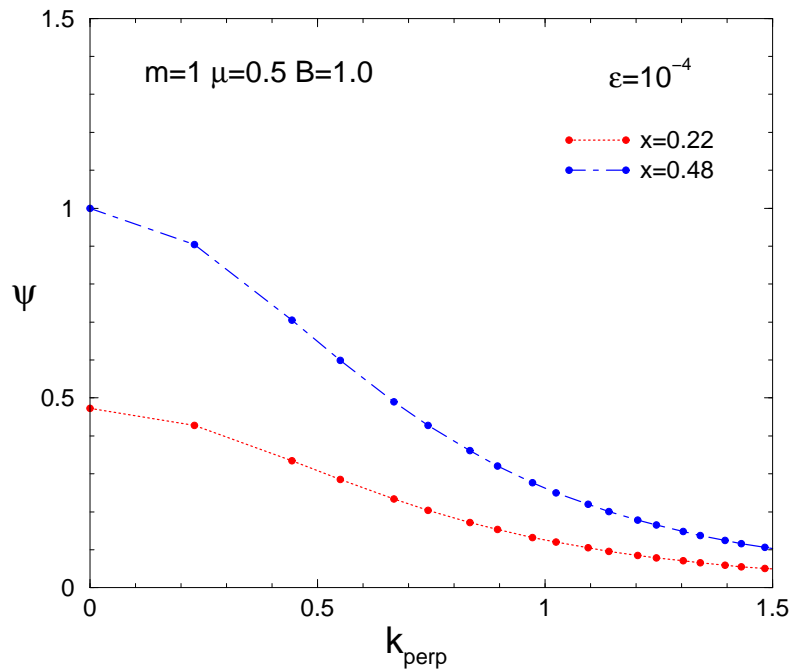
**Left:** BS amplitude  $\Phi(k_0, k)$  in Minkowski space.

**Right:** BS amplitude  $\Phi_E(k_4, k)$  in Euclidean space.

Continuation of Minkowski  $\Rightarrow$  Euclidean space exactly coincides with direct solution in Euclidean space.

# • LF wave function $\psi(k_{\perp}, x)$

$$\psi(\vec{k}_{\perp}, x) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{g(\gamma', 1 - 2x)d\gamma'}{[\gamma' + \vec{k}_{\perp}^2 + m^2 - x(1 - x)M^2]^2}$$



**Left:** LFWF  $\psi(k_{\perp}, x)$  versus  $k_{\perp}$  for fixed values of  $x$ .

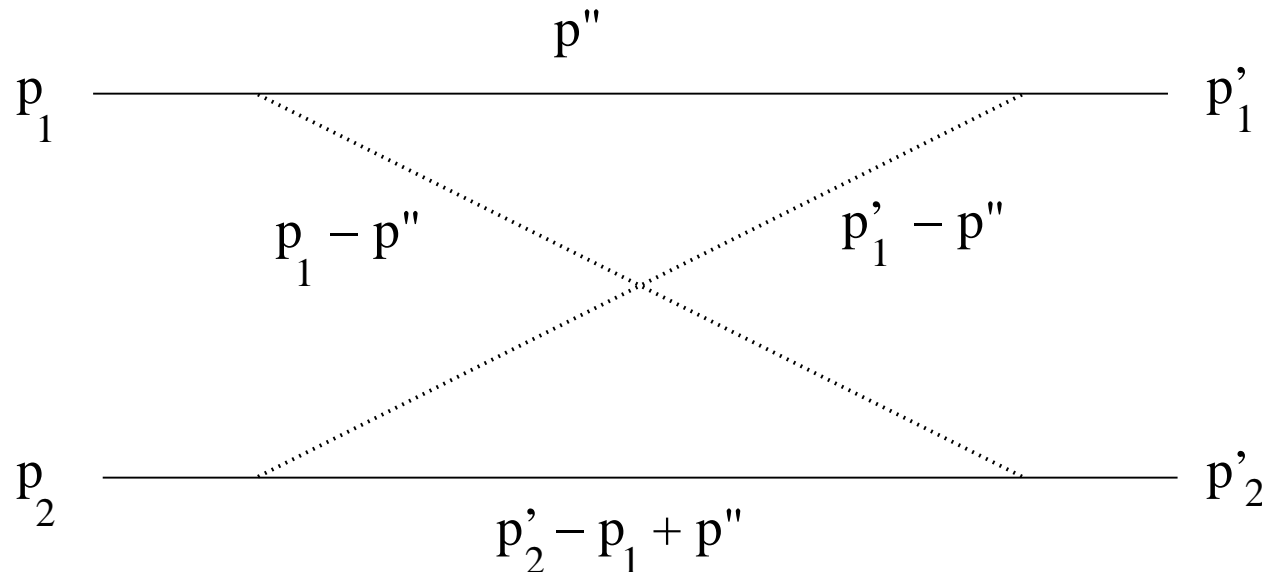
**Right:**  $\psi(k_{\perp}, x)$  versus  $x$  for a few fixed values of  $k_{\perp}$ .

# ● Cross-ladder kernel

Euclidean space: *M.J. Levine and J. Wright, Phys. Rev. D* **2**, 2509 (1970); *J.R. Cooke and G.A. Miller, Phys. Rev. C* **62**, 054008 (2000).  
*A. Amghar, B. Desplanques and L. Theusl, Nucl. Phys. A* **694** (2001) 439.

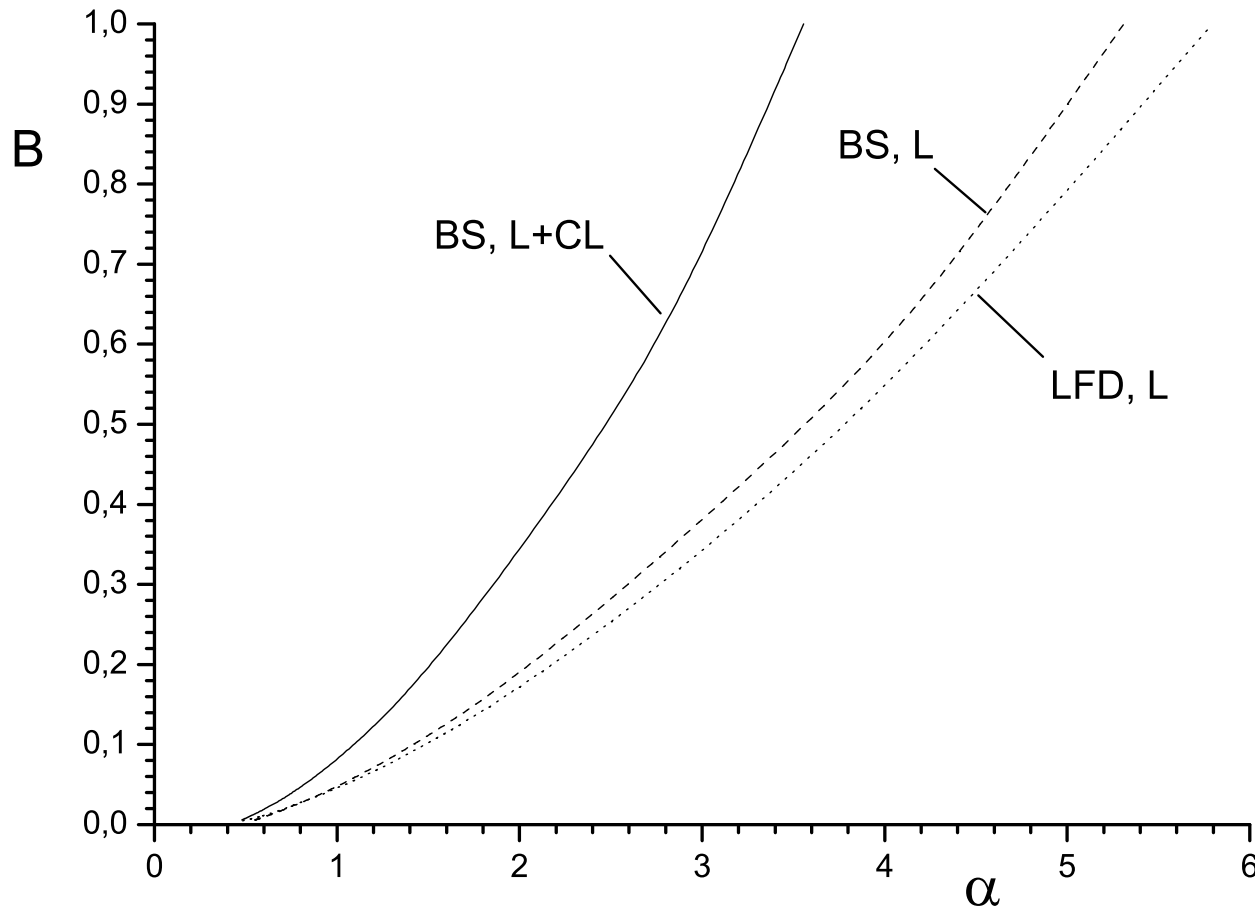
Minkowski space solution:

*J. Carbonell and V. A. Karmanov, Eur. Phys. J. A* **27** (2006) 11



Feynman cross ladder

# ● Numerical results (L +CL), $\mu = 0.15$



Binding energy  $B$  vs. coupling constant  $\alpha$  for BS and LFD equations with the ladder (L) kernels only and with the ladder +cross-ladder (L+CL) one for exchange mass  $\mu = 0.15$ .

# ● Ladder +cross-ladder kernel

Comparison of Minkowski and Euclidean solutions.  $\mu = 0.5$

$B$	$\alpha(\text{Eucl.})$	$\alpha(\text{Mink.})$
0.01	1.205	1.206
0.05	1.608	1.607
0.1	1.930	1.930
0.2	2.417	2.416
0.5	3.448	3.446
1.0	4.551	4.549

This coincidence confirms

- Our method for cross-ladder kernel;
- Possibility of Wick rotation for cross-ladder kernel.

# ● Two fermions

This is much more realistic case.

BS amplitude depends of two spin indices of fermions. It is  $2 \times 2$  matrix. Decompose it in terms of a basis:

$$\Phi(k, p) = (S_1\phi_1 + S_2\phi_2 + S_3\phi_3 + S_4\phi_4)$$

where

$$S_1 = \gamma_5, \quad S_2 = \frac{1}{M}\hat{p}\gamma_5, \quad S_3 = \frac{k \cdot p}{M^3}\hat{p}\gamma_5 - \frac{1}{M}\hat{k}\gamma_5,$$

$$S_4 = \frac{i}{M^2}\sigma_{\mu\nu}p_\mu k_\nu \gamma_5$$

with

$$\hat{p} = p_\mu \gamma^\mu, \quad \sigma_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2}(\gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu - \gamma_\nu \gamma_\mu)$$

Four scalar functions  $\phi_{1-4}(k, p)$ .

Properties of symmetry (Pauli principle):

$$\phi_{1,2,4}(k, p) = \phi_{1,2,4}(-k, p), \quad \phi_3(k, p) = -\phi_3(-k, p).$$

Nakanishi representation for all components  $\phi_i$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_i(k, p) &= \frac{-i}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \int_{-1}^1 dz' \\ &\times \int_0^\infty d\gamma' \frac{g_i(\gamma', z')}{[\gamma' + m^2 - \frac{1}{4}M^2 - k^2 - p \cdot k z' - i\epsilon]^3}. \end{aligned}$$

# • System of equations

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{g_i(\gamma', z) d\gamma'}{\left[\gamma' + \gamma + z^2 m^2 + (1 - z^2) \kappa^2\right]^2} =$$
$$\sum_{j=1,2,3,4} \int_0^\infty d\gamma' \int_{-1}^1 dz' V_{ij}(\gamma, z; \gamma', z') g_j(\gamma', z')$$

The  $4 \times 4$  kernel matrix is calculated similarly to the spinless case.

# • Meson exchange Lagrangians

Scalar meson exchange Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}^{int} = g_s \bar{\psi} \psi \phi^{(s)}$$

Pseudoscalar meson exchange Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}^{int} = i g_{ps} \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \psi \phi^{(ps)}$$

Vertex form factor:

$$F(q) = \frac{\Lambda^2 - \mu^2}{\Lambda^2 - q^2}$$

# ● Numerical results

Euclidean solution: S.M. Dorkin, M. Beyer, S.S. Semykh and L.P. Kaptari, *Few-Body Systems*, **42**, 1, (2008).

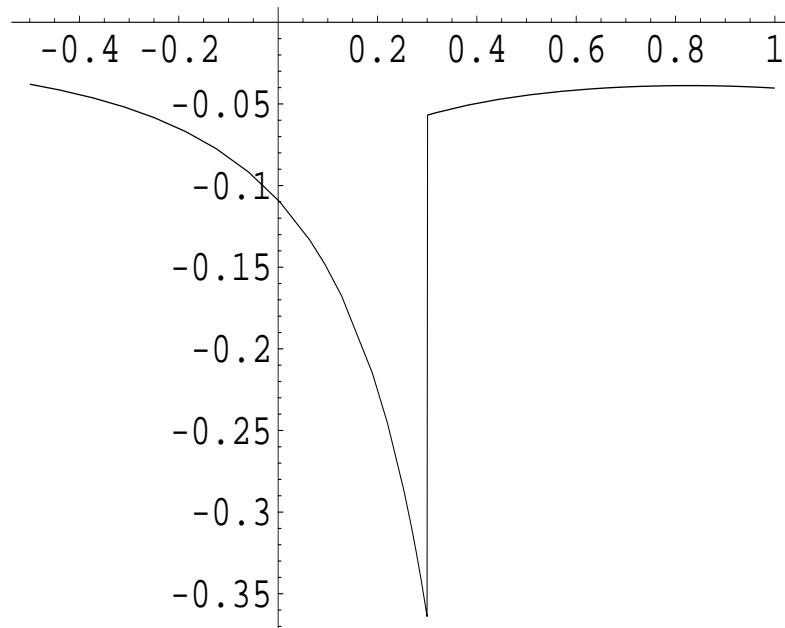
Scalar exchange (Yukawa model)

$$\mu = 0.15, \Lambda = 2$$

$B$	$g^2$ (Dorkin et al.)	$g^2$ (We, Eucl.)	$g^2$ (We, Mink.)
0.08104	20.23	20.23	20.7
0.14773	30.34	30.34	31.7
0.27765	50.57	50.57	52.15

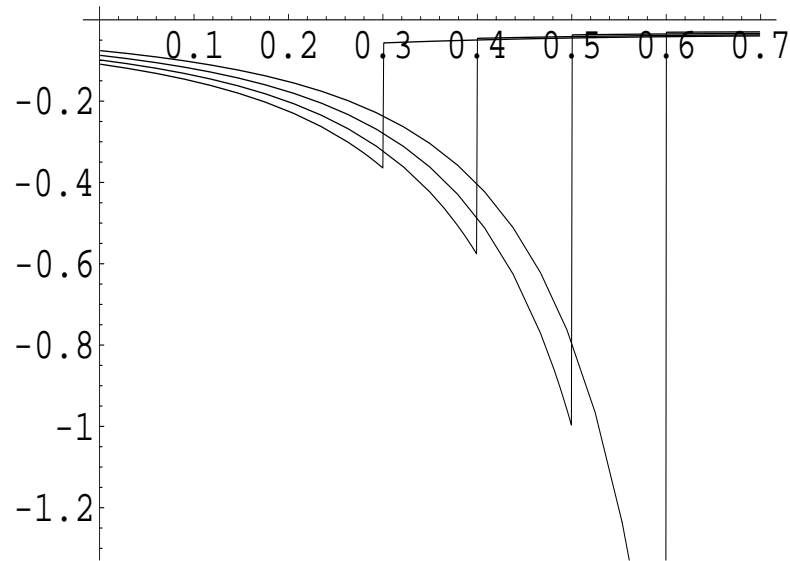
Binding energies, found via Mink. and Euclid, coincide within 2%. **Not enough precision, after 4 digits coincidence in the spinless case!**

# • Discontinuity of $V_{ij}(\gamma, z; \gamma', z')$



One of the matrix elements  $V_{ij}$  at  $z = 0.3$  v.s.  $z'$ . One can see the discontinuity at  $z' = z$ .

# ● Discontinuity of $V_{ij}(\gamma, z; \gamma', z')$



Family of matrix elements at  $z = 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6$  v.s.  $z'$ .

No catastrophe, but we should take care, choosing a method of the  $z'$  integration.

# ● Improving the method

- Take the BS equation and multiply both sides by  $\eta(k, p)$ :

$$\eta(k, p) \Phi(k, p) = \frac{-i\eta(k, p)}{\left(\left(\frac{p}{2} + k\right)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon\right) \left(\left(\frac{p}{2} - k\right)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon\right)} \int \frac{d^4 k'}{(2\pi)^4} K(k, k', p) \Phi(k', p)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(k, p) &= \frac{(m^2 - L^2)}{(k_1^2 - L^2 + i\epsilon)} \frac{(m^2 - L^2)}{(k_2^2 - L^2 + i\epsilon)} \\ &= \frac{(m^2 - L^2)}{\left(\left(\frac{p}{2} + k\right)^2 - L^2 + i\epsilon\right)} \frac{(m^2 - L^2)}{\left(\left(\frac{p}{2} - k\right)^2 - L^2 + i\epsilon\right)} \end{aligned}$$

Equation remains the same!

- Use Nakanishi representation and apply to both sides the LF projection  $\int \dots dk_-$ .
- Obtain **new** equation for  $g(\gamma, z)$ .  $L$  appears in the equation, but **the result does not depend on it!**

# • New equation for $g(\gamma, z)$

$$\int_0^\infty d\gamma' \int_{-1}^1 dz' F(\gamma, z; \gamma', z') g_i(\gamma', z') = \int_0^\infty d\gamma' \int_{-1}^1 dz' \sum_{ij} V_{ij}(\gamma, z; \gamma', z') g_j(\gamma', z')$$

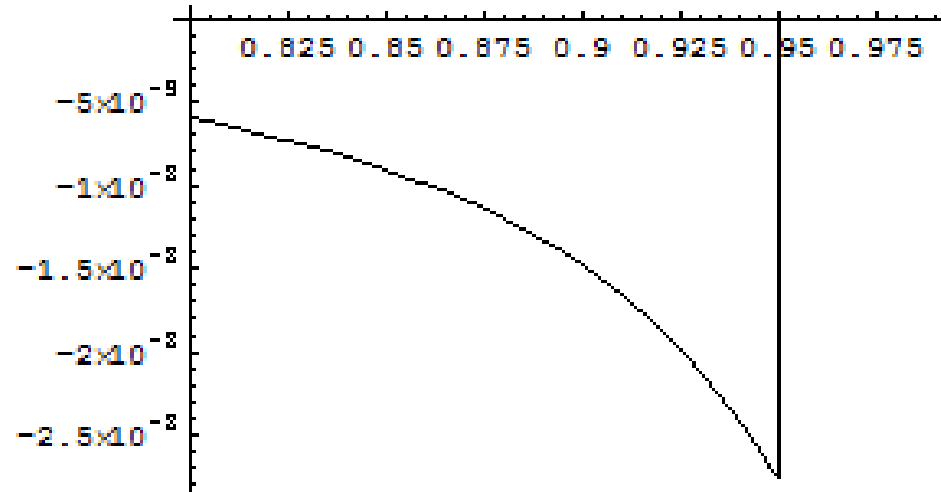
where

$$F(\gamma, z; \gamma', z') = \begin{cases} f(\gamma, z; \gamma', z'), & \text{if } -1 \leq z' \leq z \leq 1 \\ f(\gamma, -z; \gamma', -z'), & \text{if } -1 \leq z \leq z' \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$f(\gamma, z; \gamma', z') = \frac{(L^2 - m^2)}{\left[ \gamma \frac{(1-z')}{(1-z)} + \gamma' + (1-z')(1+z)\kappa^2 + (z' - z(1-z'))m^2 + \frac{(z-z')}{(1-z)}L^2 \right]^3}$$

Double integral in l.h.s.

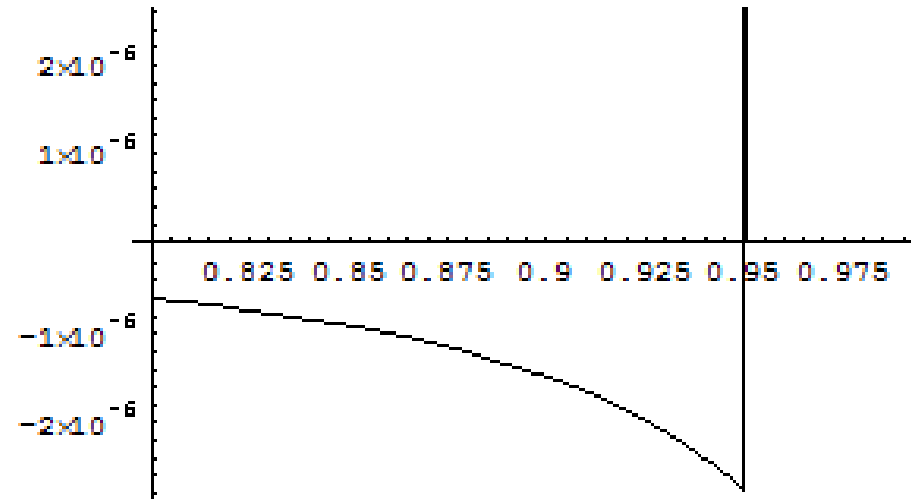
● **Kernel**  $V_{14}(\gamma, z; \gamma', z')$  **v.s.**  $z'$ ,  $L = 10000$



Kernel  $V_{14}(\gamma, z; \gamma', z')$  v.s.  $z'$  for fixed  $z = 0.95$ ,  $L = 10000$

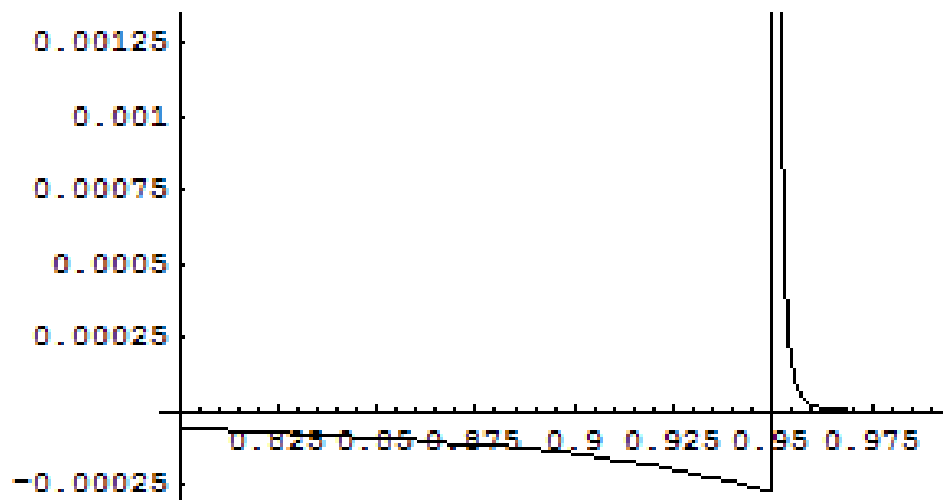
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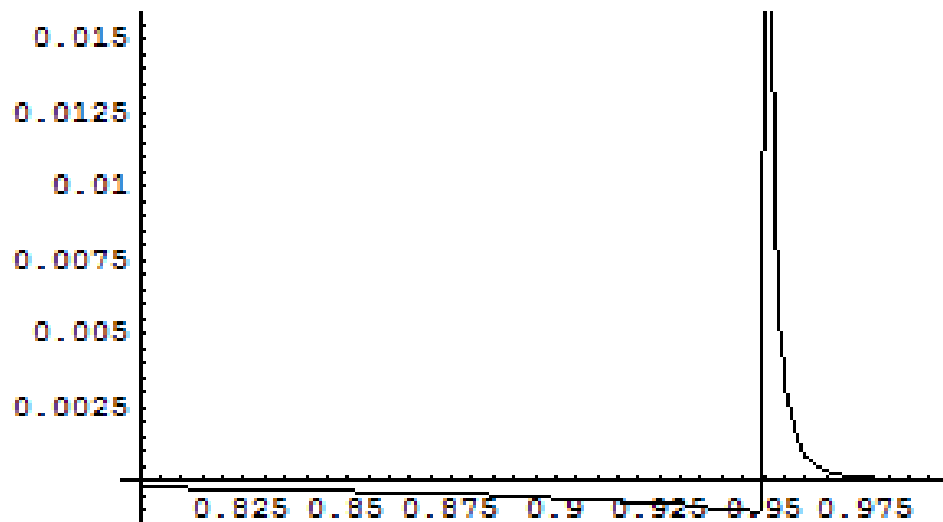
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● **Kernel**  $V_{14}(\gamma, z; \gamma', z')$  **v.s.**  $z'$ ,  $L = 100$



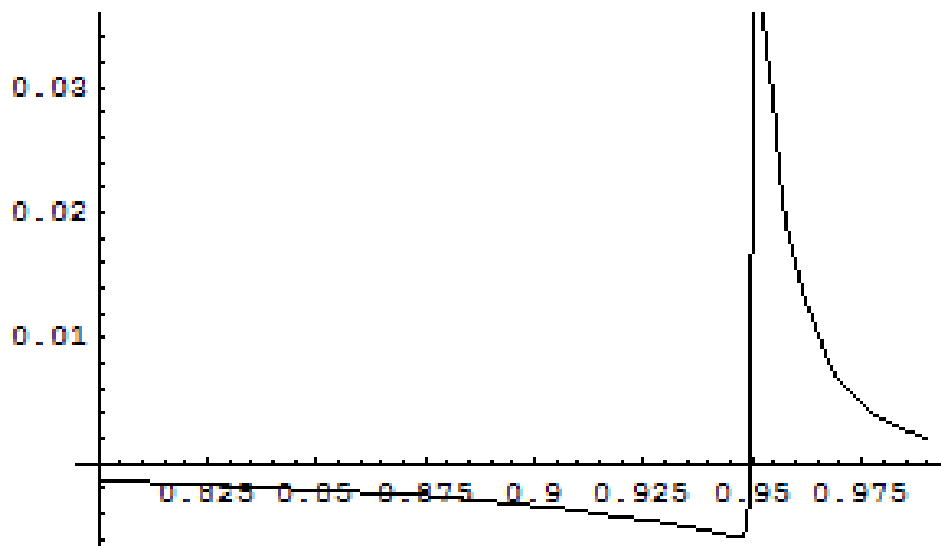
Kernel  $V_{14}(\gamma, z; \gamma', z')$  v.s.  $z'$  for fixed  $z = 0.95$ ,  $L = 100$

● **Kernel**  $V_{14}(\gamma, z; \gamma', z')$  **v.s.**  $z'$ ,  $L = 50$



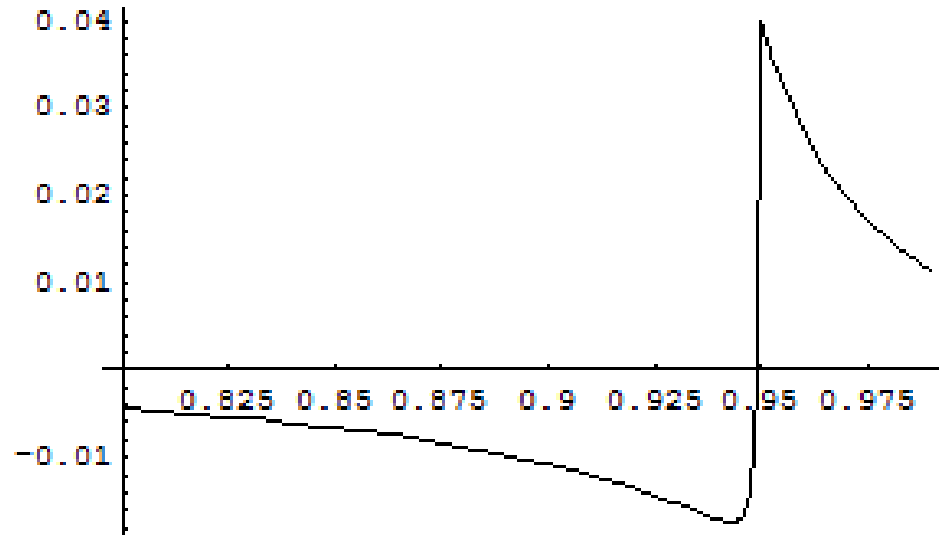
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● **Kernel**  $V_{14}(\gamma, z; \gamma', z')$  **v.s.**  $z'$ ,  $L = 20$



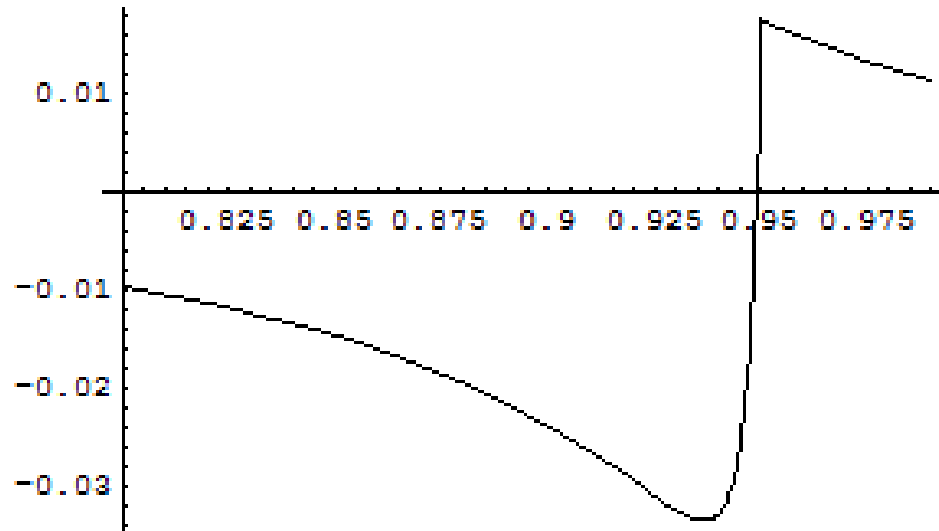
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● **Kernel**  $V_{14}(\gamma, z; \gamma', z')$  **v.s.**  $z', L = 10$



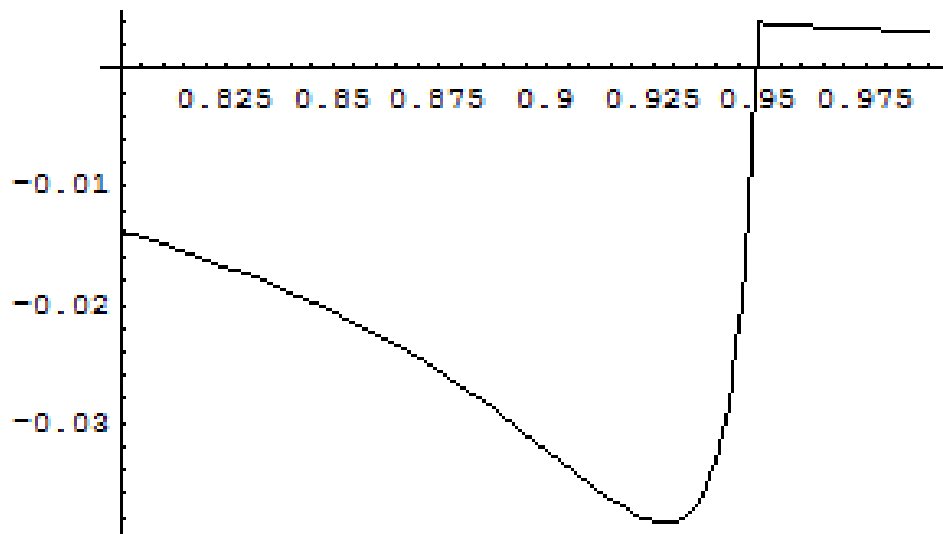
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● **Kernel**  $V_{14}(\gamma, z; \gamma', z')$  **v.s.**  $z', L = 5$



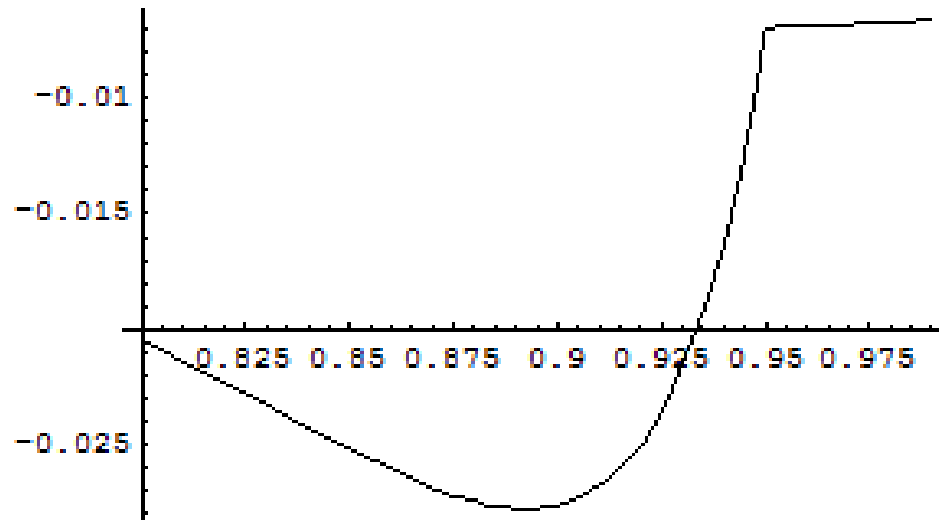
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● Kernel  $V_{14}(\gamma, z; \gamma', z')$  v.s.  $z'$ ,  $L = 3$



Kernel  $V_{14}(\gamma, z; \gamma', z')$  v.s.  $z'$  for fixed  $z = 0.95$ ,  $L = 3$

● **Kernel**  $V_{14}(\gamma, z; \gamma', z')$  **v.s.**  $z', L = 1.1$



Kernel  $V_{14}(\gamma, z; \gamma', z')$  v.s.  $z'$  for fixed  $z = 0.95, L = 1.1$

# ● Numerical results

Scalar exchange (Yukawa model)

$$\mu = 0.15, \Lambda = 2, L = 1.1$$

$B$	$g^2$ (Dorkin et al.)	$g^2$ (We, Eucl.)	$g^2$ (We, Mink.)
0.08104	20.23	20.23	20.23
0.14773	30.34	30.34	30.34
0.27765	50.57	50.57	50.57

Binding energies, found via Mink. and Euclid, coincide now within 4 digits. **Good precision!**

# ● Numerical results

Pseudo scalar exchange

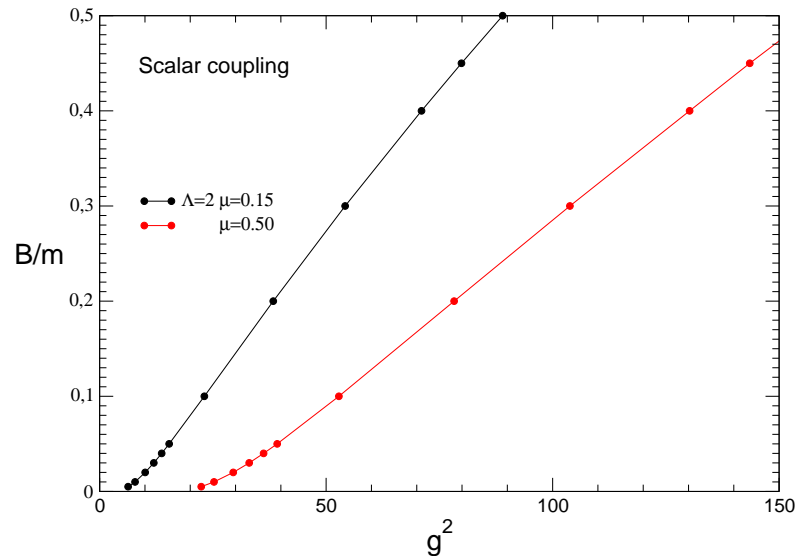
$$\mu = 0.15, \Lambda = 2, L = 1.1$$

$B$	$g^2$ (Dorkin et al.)	$g^2$ (We, Eucl.)	$g^2$ (We, Mink.)
0.1	260.8	262.1	262.1

Our binding energies, found via Mink. and Euclid, coincide within 4 digits. Difference with Dorkin et al. is 0.5%.

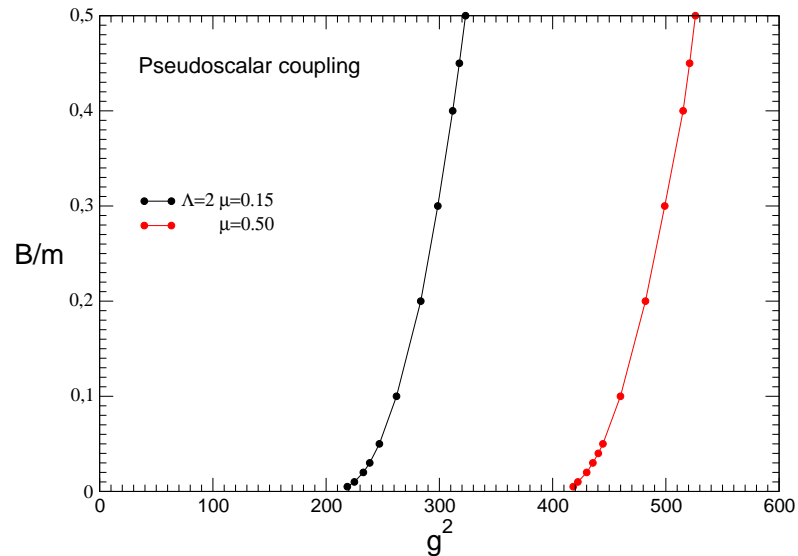
**Good precision!.**

# Binding energy for scalar exchange v.s. $g$



Binding energy for scalar exchange v.s.  $g^2$  for  $\Lambda = 2$ ,  $L = 1.1$ ,  
 $\mu = 0.15$  and  $\mu = 0.5$

# Binding energy for pseudo scalar exchange v.s.



Binding energy for pseudo scalar exchange v.s.  $g^2$  for  $\Lambda = 2$ ,  
 $L = 1.1$ ,  $\mu = 0.15$  and  $\mu = 0.5$

# • Further improvements

After introducing  $\eta(L)$

$$\eta(L) = \frac{(m^2 - L^2)}{\left(\left(\frac{p}{2} + k\right)^2 - L^2 + i\epsilon\right)} \frac{(m^2 - L^2)}{\left(\left(\frac{p}{2} - k\right)^2 - L^2 + i\epsilon\right)}$$

one of 16 matrix elements ( $V_{23}$ ) remains discontinuous. If we replace

$$\eta(L) \rightarrow \eta(L_1)\eta(L_2)$$

then all the matrix elements become continuous.

One can take

$$L_1 = L_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \eta(L) \rightarrow \eta^2(L)$$

# ● Scattering states

Nakanishi representation for the scattering amplitude

$$T(s, t; k_1^2, k_2^2)$$

exists but seems too complicated technically (requires four Nakanishi parameters).

However, one can solve inhomogeneous BS equation in continuous spectrum (scattering states).

It should give the phase shifts.

# ● Conclusions

- A method to find Bethe-Salpeter amplitude in Minkowski space, both for spinless particles and fermions, is developed.
- The method is applied to the ladder (OBE) kernel and to the ladder +cross-ladder one.
- It can be applied to any kernel given by a Feynman graphs.
- It gives, as a by-product, LF wave function.
- Generalization for the scattering states seems possible.