

Five-body systems with Bethe-Salpeter equations

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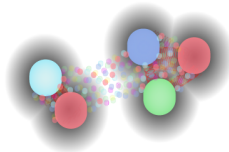
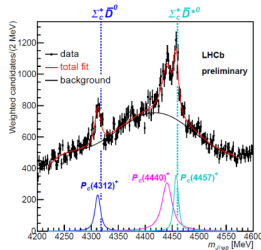
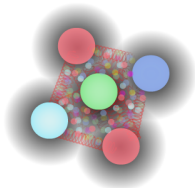
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Motivation

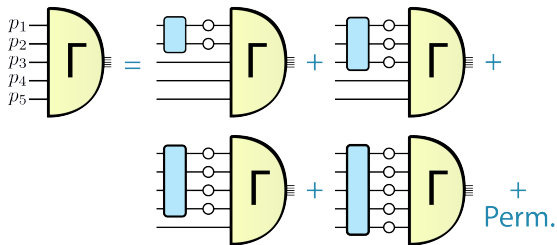


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Goal Solve the Bethe-Salpeter equation for a system of five scalar particles interacting by a scalar boson exchange, a massive Wick-Cutkosky model.

- We implement properties of the permutation group S_5
- We extract the ground and excited states along with the spectra of two-, three and four-body equations.
- Our study serves as a building block for the calculation of pentaquark properties using functional methods.

Five-body equation



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Starting point The homogeneous Bethe-Salpeter equation for a five body system:

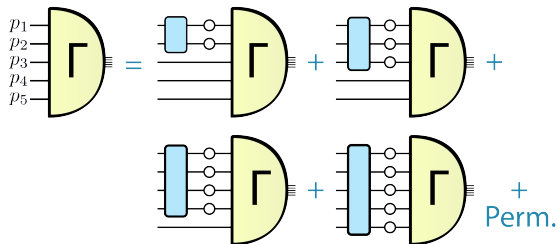
$$\Gamma^{(5)} = K^{(5)} G_0^{(5)} \Gamma^{(5)} \quad (1)$$

$K^{(5)}$ is the five-body interaction kernel.

$G_0^{(5)}$ is the product of five dressed propagators.

$\Gamma^{(5)}$ is the five-body Bethe-Salpeter amplitude.

Five-body equation



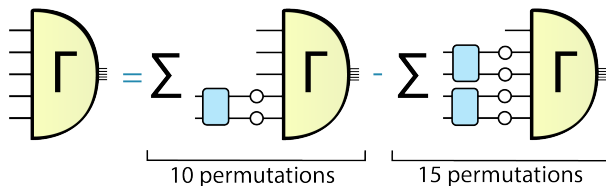
The five-body BSE can be derived from the pole behavior of the 5-body scattering matrix $T^{(5)}$, which is a ten-point correlation function

$$T^{(5)} = K^{(5)} + K^{(5)} G_0^{(5)} T^{(5)} \quad (2)$$

At a given bound-state or resonance pole with mass M ,

$$T^{(5)} \longrightarrow \frac{\Gamma^{(5)} \bar{\Gamma}^{(5)}}{P^2 + M^2}, \quad (3)$$

Subtraction diagrams



A naive summation of two body kernels leads to **overcounting**.

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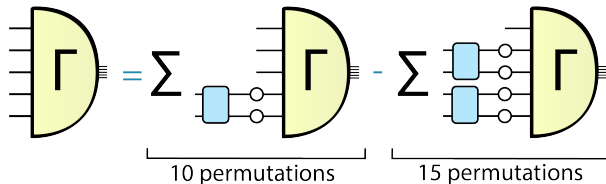
In a five-body system there are ten possible two-body kernels

$$K_a \in \{K_{12}, K_{13}, K_{14}, K_{15}, K_{23}, K_{24}, K_{25}, K_{34}, K_{45}\}, \quad (4)$$

and 15 independent double-kernel

$$K_a K_b \in \{K_{12}K_{34}, K_{12}K_{35}, K_{12}K_{45}, K_{13}K_{24}, K_{13}K_{25}, K_{13}K_{45}, K_{14}K_{23}, K_{14}K_{25}, K_{14}K_{35}, K_{15}K_{23}, K_{15}K_{24}, K_{15}K_{34}, K_{23}K_{45}, K_{24}K_{35}, K_{25}K_{34}\}. \quad (5)$$

Explicit form of the BSE

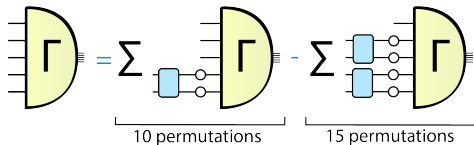


The BSE depends on five momenta $p_1, \dots, p_5$, whose sum is the total onshell momentum P with $P^2 = -M^2$.

$$\Gamma(\{p_i\}) = \sum_a^{10} \Gamma_{(a)}(\{p_i\}) - \sum_{a \neq b}^{15} \Gamma_{(a,b)}(\{p_i\}) \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{(a)}(\{p_i\}) &= \int \frac{d^4 r}{(2\pi)^4} K(p_{a_1}, q_{a_1}, p_{a_2}, q_{a_2}) \\ &\quad \times D(q_{a_1}) D(q_{a_2}) \Gamma(\{p_i\}, a), \\ \Gamma_{(a,b)}(\{p_i\}) &= \int \frac{d^4 r}{(2\pi)^4} K(p_{a_1}, q_{a_1}, p_{a_2}, q_{a_2}) \\ &\quad \times D(q_{a_1}) D(q_{a_2}) \Gamma_{(b)}(\{p_i\}, a). \end{aligned}$$

Lorentz invariants



In practice we work with the total momentum P and four relative momenta p, q, k, l instead of the five particle momenta.

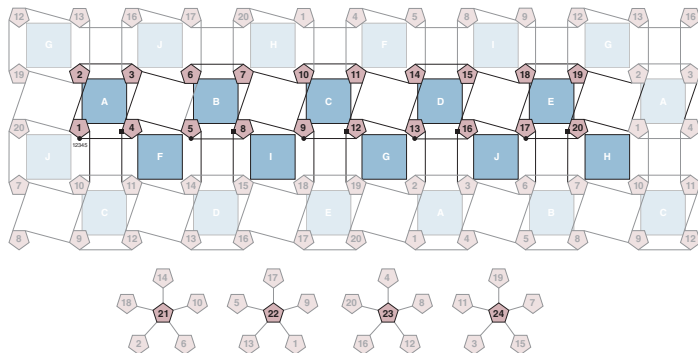
$$\begin{aligned} q &= \frac{p_1 - p_5}{2}, & p &= \frac{p_2 - p_5}{2}, \\ k &= \frac{p_3 - p_5}{2}, & l &= \frac{p_4 - p_5}{2}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The amplitude $\Gamma(q, p, k, l, P)$ depends on 15 Lorentz invariants

$$\begin{aligned} q^2, & \quad \omega_1 = q \cdot p, & \eta_1 &= q \cdot P, \\ p^2, & \quad \omega_2 = q \cdot k, & \eta_2 &= p \cdot P, \\ k^2, & \quad \omega_3 = q \cdot l, & \eta_3 &= k \cdot P, \\ l^2, & \quad \omega_4 = p \cdot k, & \eta_4 &= l \cdot P, \\ P^2, & \quad \omega_5 = p \cdot l, & & \\ & \quad \omega_6 = k \cdot l, & & \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

These can be arranged into two singlets, two quartets and a quintet in S_5 .

Permutation Group S_5

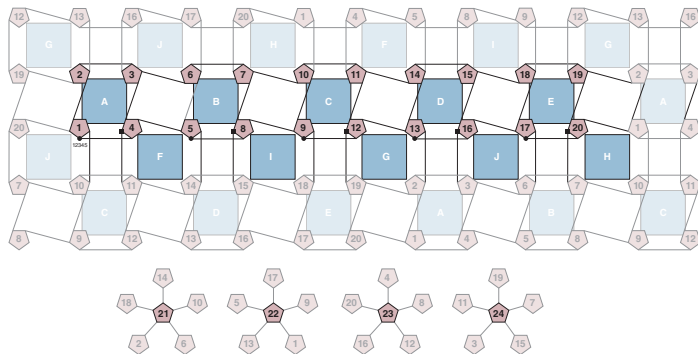


S_5 consist of $5! = 120$ elements and each permutation of an object f_{12345} can be reconstructed from two group elements, a transposition T and a 5 - *cycle* C .

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The Cayley graph can be visualized by 24 pentagons, which are connected to each other by transpositions. The members are obtained by two successive chains of the form $(C^2, T^2, C^2, T, CT, T)$.

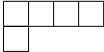
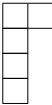
Permutation Group S_5



For later use, we collect the elements in the first five squares (A, B, C, D, E) into five vectors $f^{(n)}$ with $n = 1, \dots, 5$. Together with the transpositions $Tf^{(n)}$, this yields twelve elements for each vector.

The remaining five squares (F, G, H, I, J) define the vectors $\tilde{f}^{(n)}$ with $n = 1, \dots, 5$. Again, combined with the transpositions $T\tilde{f}^{(n)}$, each vector $\tilde{f}^{(n)}$ defines a closed path with twelve elements.

Permutation Group S_5

1	4	5	6	$\bar{5}$	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{1}$
$\mathcal{S}$	$\mathcal{Q}_i^+$	$\mathcal{V}_j^+$	$\mathcal{W}_k$	$\mathcal{V}_j^-$	$\mathcal{Q}_i^-$	$\mathcal{A}$
						

$$\mathbf{T} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{S} \\ \mathcal{A} \\ \mathcal{Q}_i^\lambda \\ \mathcal{V}_j^\lambda \\ \mathcal{W}_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{S} \\ -\mathcal{A} \\ \lambda \mathbf{T}_4^T \mathcal{Q}_i^\lambda \\ \lambda \mathbf{T}_5^T \mathcal{V}_j^\lambda \\ \mathbf{T}_6^T \mathcal{W}_k \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{C} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{S} \\ \mathcal{A} \\ \mathcal{Q}_i^\lambda \\ \mathcal{V}_j^\lambda \\ \mathcal{W}_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{S} \\ \mathcal{A} \\ \mathbf{C}_4^T \mathcal{Q}_i^\lambda \\ \mathbf{C}_5^T \mathcal{V}_j^\lambda \\ \mathbf{C}_6^T \mathcal{W}_k \end{bmatrix}. \quad (9)$$

The 120 permutations transform under irreducible representations of S_5 and are given by Young diagrams of S_5 .

Permutation Group S_5 and five-body systems

One singlet is P^2 and the other

$$\mathcal{S}_0 = \frac{1}{5} \left(q^2 + p^2 + k^2 + l^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^6 \omega_i \right). \quad (10)$$

The quintet is given by

$$\mathcal{V} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} (\omega_1 + \omega_2 - \omega_3 + \omega_4 - \omega_5 - \omega_6) \\ 2\omega_1 - \omega_2 - \omega_3 - \omega_4 - \omega_5 + 2\omega_6 \\ \sqrt{3} (\omega_2 - \omega_3 - \omega_4 + \omega_5) \\ \omega_2 + \omega_3 - \omega_4 - \omega_5 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (2\omega_1 - \omega_2 + \omega_3 - \omega_4 + \omega_5 - 2\omega_6) \end{bmatrix}.$$

The two quartets are given by

$$\mathcal{Q}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} q^2 - p^2 - \frac{2}{3} v_4 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (q^2 + p^2 - 2k^2) - \frac{2}{3} v_5 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (q^2 + p^2 + k^2 - 3l^2) - \frac{2}{3} v_1 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \frac{5}{3} (q^2 + p^2 + k^2 + l^2 - 8\mathcal{S}_0) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathcal{Q}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \eta_1 - \eta_2 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (\eta_1 + \eta_2 - 2\eta_3) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (\eta_1 + \eta_2 + \eta_3 - 3\eta_4) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} (\eta_1 + \eta_2 + \eta_3 + \eta_4) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (11)$$

Permutation Group S_n and n-body systems

n	S_0	P^2	η_i	$p_1^2 \dots p_n^2$	$\mathcal{M}$	Total	Indep.
2	1	1	1	—	—	3	3
3	1	1	2	2	—	6	6
4	1	1	3	3	2	10	10
5	1	1	4	4	5	15	14
6	1	1	5	5	9	21	18
n	1	1	$n - 1$	$n - 1$	$n(n - 3)/2$	$n(n + 1)/2$	$4n - 6$

- P^2 is a singlet, and one singlet as the sum $p_1^2 + \dots + p_n^2$.
- $n - 1$ angular variables η_i form an $(n - 1)$ -plet.
- The variables $p_1^2 \dots p_n^2$ form another $(n - 1)$ -plet.
- $n(n - 3)/2$ gives another multiplet $\mathcal{M}$.

Five-body system - dimensional constraint

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \bullet \end{bmatrix}, \quad q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{bmatrix}, \quad p = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{bmatrix}, \quad k = \begin{bmatrix} \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{bmatrix}, \quad l = \begin{bmatrix} \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{bmatrix}, \quad (12)$$

- n four-vectors depend on $4n - 6$ independent variables.

- The five vectors only have 14 independent entries and thus only 14 independent Lorentz invariants.

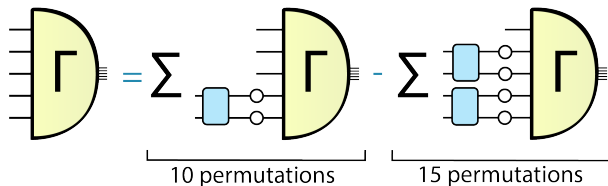
- n -body system with $n \geq 5$ independent four-momenta gives $4n - 6$ independent Lorentz invariants (opposed to $n(n+1)/2$).

- In $n = 5$ yields one constraint equation.

- The constraint relates all variables.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[(\omega_{12} \omega_{34} + \omega_{13} \omega_{24} + \omega_{14} \omega_{23})^2 - q_1^2 q_2^2 q_3^2 q_4^2 \right] P^2 \\ & + \sum_i \eta_i^2 \left[q_j^2 q_k^2 q_l^2 - q_j^2 \omega_{kl}^2 - q_k^2 \omega_{jl}^2 - q_l^2 \omega_{jk}^2 \right] \\ & + 2 \sum_i \left(\eta_i^2 - q_i^2 P^2 \right) \omega_{jk} \omega_{jl} \omega_{kl} \\ & + \sum_{i < j} \eta_i \eta_j \left[2 q_k^2 \left(\omega_{il} \omega_{jl} - q_l^2 \omega_{ij} \right) + q_l^2 \omega_{ik} \omega_{jk} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \omega_{kl} \left(\omega_{ij} \omega_{kl} - \omega_{ik} \omega_{jl} - \omega_{il} \omega_{jk} \right) \right] \\ & + P^2 \sum_{i < j} \omega_{ij}^2 \left(q_k^2 q_l^2 - \omega_{kl}^2 \right) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Explicit form of the BSE



- Solutions of two-, three- and four-body systems show that the dependence on the angular variables η_i is usually small or negligible.
- Four-body BSE dynamically generates intermediate two-body poles in the solution process.
- In a five body there are 10 possible two- and three-body configurations.

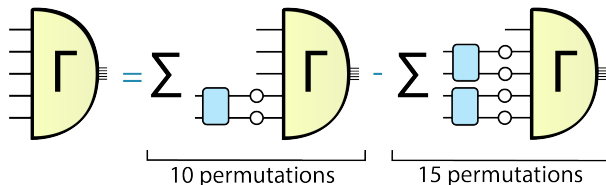
We reduce the momentum dependence to $\mathcal{S}_0$ but include two- and three-body poles:

$$\Gamma(p, q, k, l, P) \approx f(\mathcal{S}_0) \sum_{aa'} \mathcal{P}_{aa'}, \quad (14)$$

with

$$\mathcal{P}_{(12)(345)} = \frac{1}{(p_1 + p_2)^2 + M_M^2} \frac{1}{(p_3 + p_4 + p_5)^2 + M_B^2}.$$

Explicit form of the BSE



- Procedure requires knowledge of bound-state masses M_M , M_B of the two- and three-body equations in the same approach.
- We employ a dimensionless coupling constant c and mass ratio β via:

$$c = \frac{g^2}{(4\pi m)^2}, \quad \beta = \frac{\mu}{m} \quad (15)$$

- Employing tree-level propagators for scalar particles with mass m and a ladder approximation for a boson exchange with mass μ :

$$K(p_{a_1}, q_{a_1}, p_{a_2}, q_{a_2}) = \frac{g^2}{r^2 + \mu^2}, \quad (16)$$

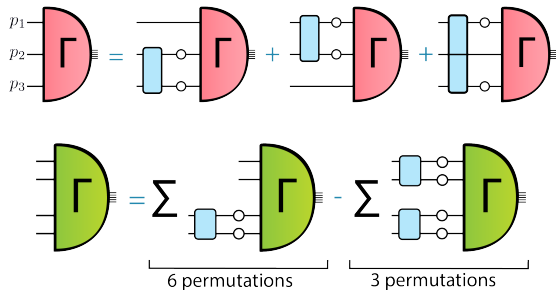
$$D(p) = \frac{1}{p^2 + m^2},$$

Explicit form of the BSEs

The BSEs turn into eigenvalue equations of the form

$$\lambda_i(P^2)\Psi_i(P^2) = \mathcal{K}(P^2)\Psi_i(P^2), \quad (17)$$

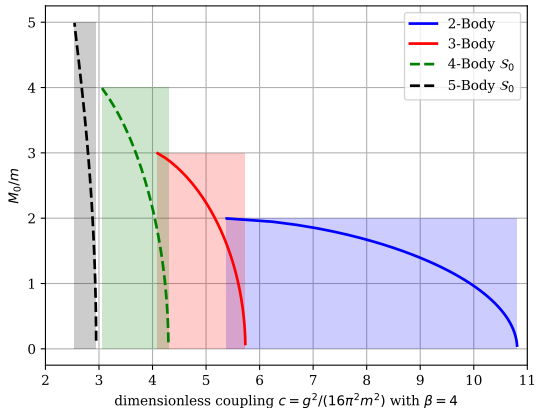
where $P^2 \in \mathbb{C}$ is the five-body momentum squared, $\mathcal{K}(P^2)$ is the kernel and the $\Psi_i(P^2)$ are its eigenvectors with eigenvalues $\lambda_i(P^2)$ for the ground ($i = 0$) and excited states ($i > 0$).



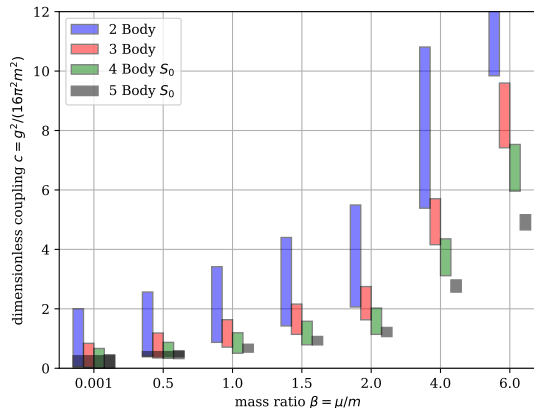
$$\Gamma(\{p_i\}) = \sum_a^3 \Gamma_{(a)}(\{p_i\}), \quad (18)$$

$$\Gamma(\{p_i\}) = \sum_a^6 \Gamma_{(a)}(\{p_i\}) - \sum_{a \neq b}^3 \Gamma_{(a,b)}(\{p_i\}).$$

Results

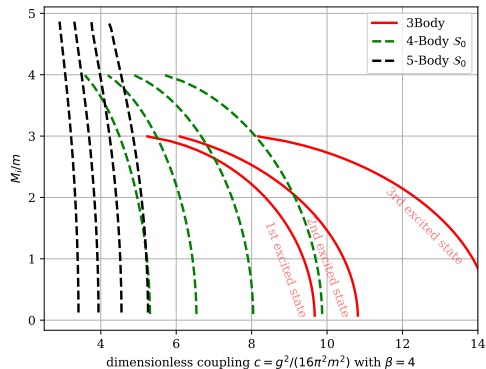


n -body BSEs for $\beta = 4$ and different values of coupling c .

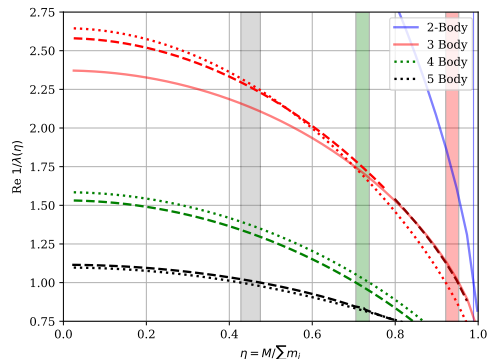


Coupling ranges where n -body ground states are possible for different values of β .

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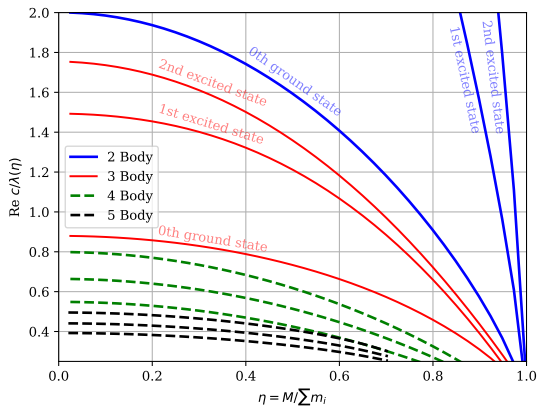


Radially excited state masses $M_{i>0}$ for $\beta = 4$ and different values of the coupling c .



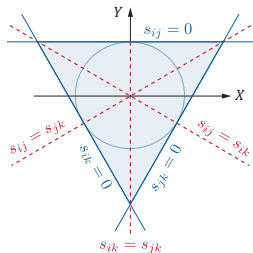
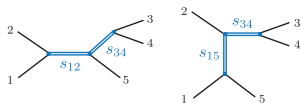
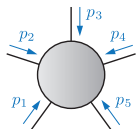
Eigenvalues of the n -body BSEs $\beta = c = 0.5$. Solid curves are full solutions, dotted singlet approx. and dashed singlets $\times$ pole approx.

Results



BSE eigenvalues for $\beta = 0.001$, with $c = 1/4$ to ensure coexisting solutions for the two-, three-, four- and five-body BSEs.

Results - extra applications with S_5 for five-point functions



- **Five-point function** depends on five incoming momenta with the sum $p_1^\mu + \dots + p_5^\mu = 0$. Singlet vanishes and remaining four independent momenta form a quartet:

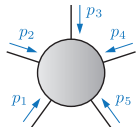
$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} p_1^\mu - p_2^\mu \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (p_1^\mu + p_2^\mu - 2p_3^\mu) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (p_1^\mu + p_2^\mu + p_3^\mu - 3p_4^\mu) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} (p_1^\mu + p_2^\mu + p_3^\mu + p_4^\mu - 4p_5^\mu) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p^\mu \\ q^\mu \\ k^\mu \\ l^\mu \end{bmatrix}. \quad (19)$$

- One obtains a singlet $Q \cdot Q$, a quartet $Q \wedge Q$, a quintet $Q \cup Q$ and a sextet $Q \star Q$.
- Five-point functions can define ten Mandelstam variables

$$s_{ij} = (p_i + p_j)^2, \quad X = \frac{\sqrt{3}(s_{ik} - s_{jk})}{s_{ik} + s_{jk} + s_{ij}}, \quad Y = \frac{s_{ik} + s_{jk} - 2s_{ij}}{s_{ik} + s_{jk} + s_{ij}}$$

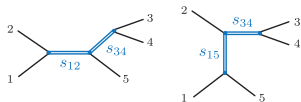
Intermediate resonances appear at fixed s_{ij} .

Results - extra applications with S_5 for five-point functions



- Five-gluon vertex general form reads

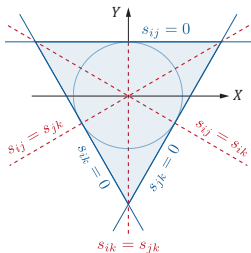
$$\Gamma^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta\gamma}(p_1 \dots p_5) = \sum_{ij} F_{ij}(\dots) \tau_i^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta\gamma} c_{abcde}^{(j)}. \quad (20)$$



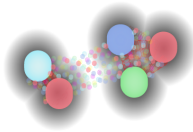
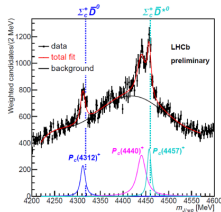
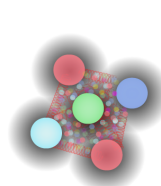
There are four types of color structures as seed elements

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{ab} f_{cde}, \quad f_{abr} f_{cds} f_{ers}, \quad f_{ij} &= \delta_{ij} f_{klm}, \quad k < l < m, \\ \delta_{ab} d_{cde}, \quad f_{abr} f_{cds} d_{ers}, \quad d_{ij} &= \delta_{ij} d_{klm}, \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

- Ten permutations of d_{ij} can be grouped into a singlet, a quartet and a quintet.
- Ten of f_{ij} return an antiquartet and a sextet.
- The seed $f_{abr} f_{cds} f_{ers}$ form a sextet.
- The seed $f_{abr} f_{cds} d_{ers}$ yields an antisinglet and an anti-quartet.



Summary

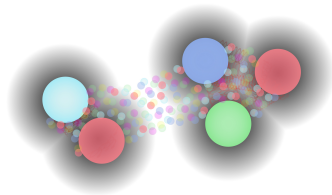
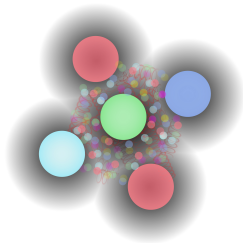


$$\Gamma = \sum_{\text{10 permutations}} \Gamma - \sum_{\text{15 permutations}} \Gamma$$

- We developed the five-body Bethe-Salpeter formalism and solve the five-body equation for a scalar model in a ladder truncation.
- We discussed applications of the permutation group S_5 for five-point functions and five-body wave functions.
- The approach developed in this work can be extended to QCD in view of investigating pentaquarks, and work in this direction is underway.

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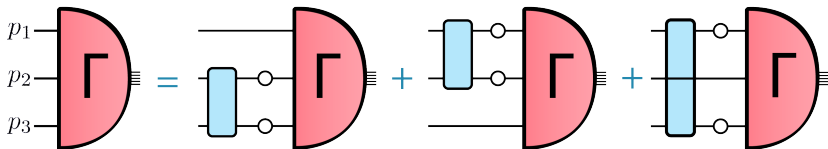
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Backup slides - Three-body equation



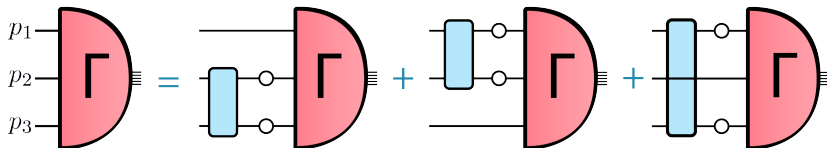
The Bethe-Salpeter amplitude $\Gamma(\{p_i\})$ for a three-body system depends on three momenta p_1, p_2, p_3 , whose sum is the total onshell momentum P with $P^2 = -M_B^2$.

$$\Gamma(\{p_i\}) = \sum_a^3 \Gamma_{(a)}(\{p_i\}). \quad (22)$$

$$\Gamma_{(a)}(\{p_i\}) = \int \frac{d^4 r}{(2\pi)^4} K(p_{a_1}, q_{a_1}, p_{a_2}, q_{a_2}) D(q_{a_1}) D(q_{a_2}) \Gamma(\{p_i\}, a).$$

In this case there are three possible two-body kernels $K_a \in \{K_{12}, K_{13}, K_{23}\}$ whose sum does not lead to overcounting in the three-body scattering matrix kernel $T^{(3)}$.

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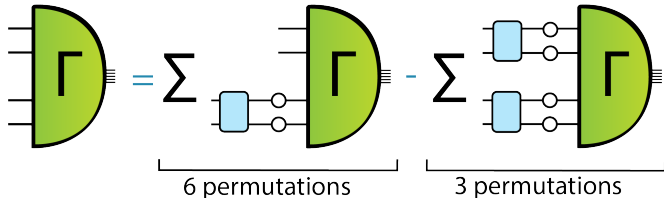
We furthermore employ a single $\times$ pole approximation

$$\Gamma(q, p, P) \approx f(\mathcal{S}_0) \sum_a \mathcal{P}_a, \quad \mathcal{P}_{12} = \frac{1}{(p_1 + p_2)^2 + M_M^2}, \quad (23)$$

with M_M the mass of the two-body subsystem or 'diquark', and the singlet variable $\mathcal{S}_0$ is

$$\mathcal{S}_0 = \frac{q^2}{3} + \frac{p^2}{4}. \quad (24)$$

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In this case there are six possible two-body kernels

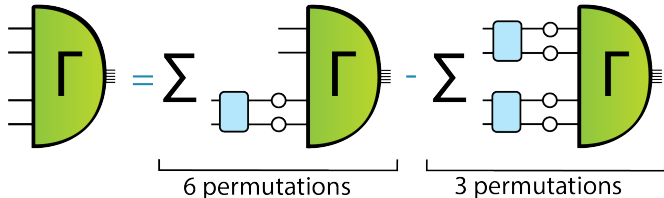
$$K_a \in \{K_{12}, K_{13}, K_{14}, K_{23}, K_{24}, K_{34}\} \quad (25)$$

and three independent double-kernel configurations of the form

$$K_a K_b \in \{K_{12} K_{34}, K_{13} K_{24}, K_{14} K_{23}\}. \quad (26)$$

The four-body Bethe-Salpeter amplitude $\Gamma(\{p_i\})$ depends on four-momenta $p_1 \dots p_4$, whose sum is the total onshell momentum P with $P^2 = -M_T^2$ (T for ‘tetra’).

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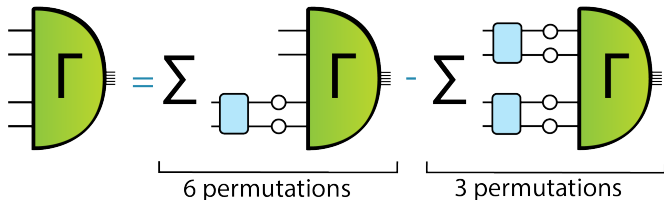
The four-body equation is the Faddeev-Yakubowsku equation and can be written as

$$\Gamma(\{p_i\}) = \sum_a^6 \Gamma_{(a)}(\{p_i\}) - \sum_{a \neq b}^3 \Gamma_{(a,b)}(\{p_i\}),$$

$$\Gamma_{(a)}(\{p_i\}) = \int \frac{d^4 r}{(2\pi)^4} K(p_{a_1}, q_{a_1}, p_{a_2}, q_{a_2}) D(q_{a_1}) D(q_{a_2}) \Gamma(\{p_i\}, a), \quad (27)$$

$$\Gamma_{(a,b)}(\{p_i\}) = \int \frac{d^4 r}{(2\pi)^4} K(p_{a_1}, q_{a_1}, p_{a_2}, q_{a_2}) D(q_{a_1}) D(q_{a_2}) \Gamma_{(b)}(\{p_i\}, a),$$

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In the four-body case we employ the singlet $\times$ pole approximation

$$\Gamma(q, p, k, P) \approx f(\mathcal{S}_0) \sum_a \mathcal{P}_{aa'}, \quad (28)$$

where the two-body poles for $aa' = (12)(34)$ are given by

$$\mathcal{P}_{(12)(34)} = \frac{1}{(p_1 + p_2)^2 + M_M^2} \frac{1}{(p_3 + p_4)^2 + M_M^2} \quad (29)$$

and M_M is the mass of the two-body subsystem. The singlet variable $\mathcal{S}_0$ is

$$\mathcal{S}_0 = \frac{k^2 + q^2 + p^2}{4}. \quad (30)$$