

Bound states in quantum field theory: a renormalization group study

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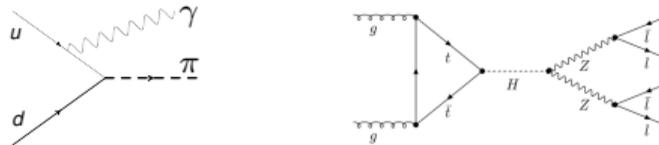
What are bound states?

- **Nonrelativistic case:** Schrödinger-equation with \hat{H} Hamilton-operator

$$\hat{H}\Psi = E\Psi$$

Interpretation: $\Psi(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)$ wave function of the constituents, E is the energy of the bound state (discrete spectrum)

- **Particle physics:** Feynman diagrams for particle creation



Interpretation: bound state is a particle with definite mass (and eventually lifetime)

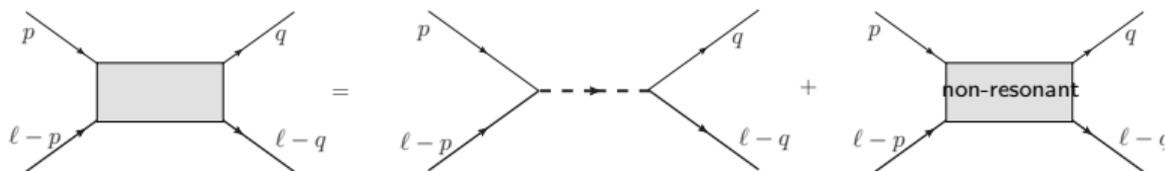
What is the common language of atomic and particle physics?

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Poles of the scattering amplitudes

Subdiagram: long lifetime \equiv **pole behaviour** of the scattering amplitude

\Rightarrow 2-fermion $\psi + \chi \rightarrow \psi + \chi$ scattering



Mathematically: effective (1PI) action for the fermions, integrating out all other fields

$$\Gamma_{4\text{-fermion}} = \int_p \left[\psi_p^\dagger \mathcal{K}_p^{(\psi)} \psi_p + \chi_p^\dagger \mathcal{K}_p^{(\chi)} \chi_p \right] + \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4 \ell}{(2\pi)^4} \lambda_{p\alpha\gamma, q\beta\sigma}^\ell \psi_{p\alpha}^\dagger \psi_{q\beta} \chi_{\ell-p, \gamma}^\dagger \chi_{\ell-q, \sigma}$$

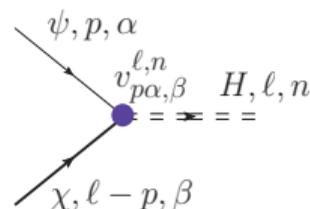
where λ is the 2-2 scattering amplitude. Bound states are poles of λ .

We should use hadrons, not quark scattering amplitudes...

Ansatz:

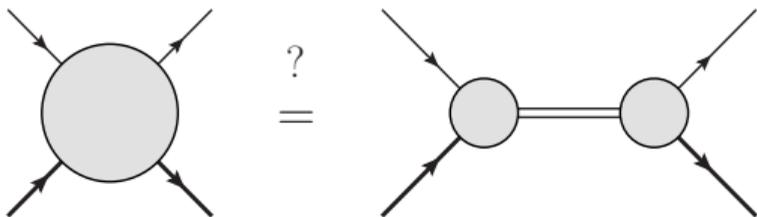
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- original fermion fields
- many auxiliary fields $H_{\ell n}$ with momentum ℓ
- Yukawa couplings $v_{p\alpha\beta}^{\ell n}$ (symmetries!)



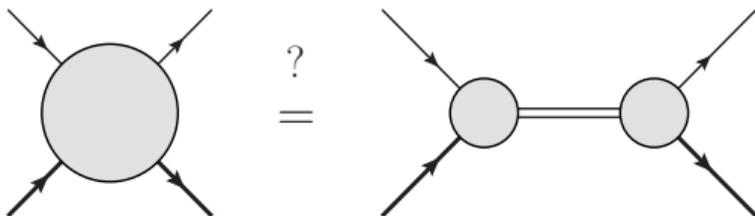
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It is fulfilled if $v_{p\alpha\gamma}^{\ell n}$ is the “eigenvector” of $\lambda_{p\alpha\gamma, q\beta\sigma}^l$. Suppressing lower indices

$$\lambda^l \mathbf{v}^{\ell n} = -G_{\ell n}^{(H)} \mathbf{v}^{\ell n}$$

formally equivalent to the **Schrödinger-equation!**

The relativistic analogue of the Schrödinger-equation

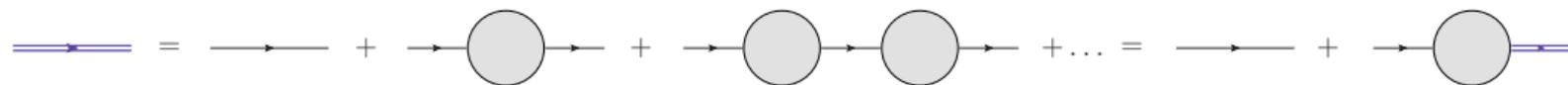
$$\boxed{\lambda^\ell \mathbf{v}^{\ell n} = -G_{\ell n}^{(H)} \mathbf{v}^{\ell n}} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{(\lambda^\ell)^{-1} \mathbf{v}^{\ell n} = -\mathcal{K}_{\ell n}^{(H)} \mathbf{v}^{\ell n}}$$

- role of the Hamiltonian $\hat{H} \rightarrow \lambda^\ell$: 4-fermion proper vertices
- role of the energy levels $E \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{\ell n}^{(H)}$: momentum dependent kernel/self-energy
- role of the (two-particle) wave function $\Psi \rightarrow \mathbf{v}^{\ell n}$: momentum dependent Yukawa-couplings
index is not just space, but space and time (and other internal indices)
- generalizable to n -particle bound states!
- **BUT** while \hat{H} is known, λ must also be calculated!

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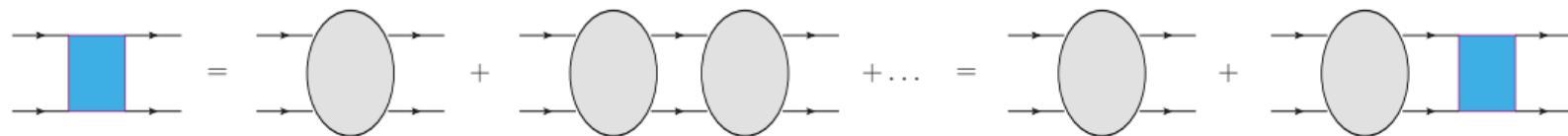
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1-particle propagator: DS series



where the bubble means **self-energy** (1PI) diagrams

2-particle propagation: DS series (Bethe-Salpeter series)



where the bubble means **fermion-2PI diagrams**

Bound states of QED

Model: QED with 2 fermion species

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(\gamma_\mu(i\partial^\mu - eA^\mu) - m_\psi)\psi + \bar{\chi}(\gamma_\mu(i\partial^\mu + eA^\mu) - m_\chi)\chi - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}.$$

2-2 scattering amplitude:

$$\lambda_{p\alpha\gamma,q\beta\sigma}^\ell = \left[\text{Diagram: A blue vertical rectangle representing a bound state. The top horizontal line has an arrow pointing right, labeled with momentum p on the left and q on the right. The bottom horizontal line also has an arrow pointing right, labeled with momentum $\ell-p$ on the left and $\ell-q$ on the right. The rectangle is shaded blue. To the right of the rectangle, there is a vertical line with a small blue dot at the top and bottom, representing a fermion line. The entire diagram is enclosed in a large right-facing curly bracket labeled 'amputated' at the bottom right.] = - \left\langle \hat{\psi}_{\alpha p}^\dagger \hat{\psi}_{\beta q} \hat{\chi}_{\gamma, \ell-p}^\dagger \hat{\chi}_{\sigma, \ell-q} \right\rangle \Big|_{\text{amputated}}$$

Ladder resummation:

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Bethe-Salpeter equation

For matrix notation use multi-indices

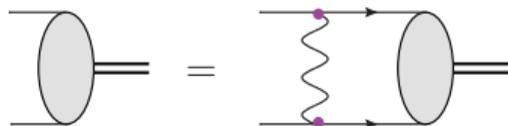
Diagram elements: $\mathbf{V}_{ab} = \text{wavy line } p \leftarrow q = \gamma_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu} G_{\mu\nu}^{\gamma} (p - q) \gamma_{\gamma\delta}^{\nu}$, $\mathcal{G}_{ab} = \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{p} \\ \xleftarrow{\ell-p} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{array} \times \delta(p - q)$.

Ladder resummation: $\lambda = \mathbf{V} - \mathbf{V}\mathcal{G}\lambda \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda = (1 + \mathbf{V}\mathcal{G})^{-1}\mathbf{V}}$

Bound states: λ has poles when $\mathbf{V}\mathcal{G}$ has a -1 eigenvalue

$$\mathbf{V}\mathcal{G}\mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{v} \quad \text{Bethe-Salpeter equation}$$

Example: nonrelativistic approximation



spinless particles: $V_k = \frac{1}{k^2}$, $\mathcal{G} = \frac{1}{(p^2 - m^2)((\ell - p)^2 - M^2)}$, then the BS-equation:

$$v^{(\ell)}(p) = -ie^2 \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(p - q)^2} \frac{1}{(q^2 - m^2)((\ell - q)^2 - M^2)} v^{(\ell)}(q).$$

nonrelativistic case:

- omit retardation, then $\frac{1}{(p - q)^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q})^2} \Rightarrow v(\cancel{p}_0, \mathbf{p})$.

- q_0 integral can be performed: $\int_{q_0} \frac{1}{q^2 - m^2} \frac{1}{(\ell - q)^2 - M^2} \sim \frac{i}{\bar{E} + \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{2m_{red}}}$,

$$\ell = (\ell_0, 0), \quad \bar{E} = m + M - \ell_0, \quad m_{red}^{-1} = m^{-1} + M^{-1}$$

We arrive at $v(\mathbf{p}) = 4\pi\alpha \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{v(\mathbf{q})}{(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q})^2 (\bar{E} + \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{2m_{red}})}$

Introducing $v(\mathbf{q}) = (\bar{E} + \mathbf{q}^2/2m_{red})\Psi(\mathbf{q})$ we find:

$$\left(\bar{E} + \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m_{red}}\right)\Psi(\mathbf{p}) = 4\pi\alpha \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\Psi(\mathbf{q})}{(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q})^2}$$

And finally, with inverse Fourier-transformation:

$$\left(\frac{\Delta}{2m_{red}} + \frac{\alpha}{r}\right)\Psi(\mathbf{r}) = \bar{E}\Psi(\mathbf{r})$$

Nonrelativistic BS-equation is equivalent to the Schrödinger-equation
wave function \sim Bethe-Salpeter amplitude

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Idea of RG: gradual dressing of the interactions with quantum/statistical fluctuations: we start with the classical action in UV and reveal the 1PI action in the IR.

Wetterich equation:

$$\partial_k \Gamma_k = \frac{1}{2} \text{STr} \partial_k R_k (\Gamma_k^{(2)} + R_k)^{-1},$$

where

- Γ_k is the effective action at scale k , $\Gamma_{k=\Lambda} = S_{cl}$
- $R_k(p)$ is the quadratic regulator kernel

$$S \rightarrow S - \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \Phi^*(p) R_k(p) \Phi(p)$$

vanishes in the IR ($R_{k \rightarrow 0}(p) = 0$) and stops fluctuations in the UV ($R_{k=\Lambda}(p) \sim \infty$)

- technically: one-loop expression

Exact equation!

FRG is an exact equation

⇒ must give an account for the bound states, too.

Precedent works

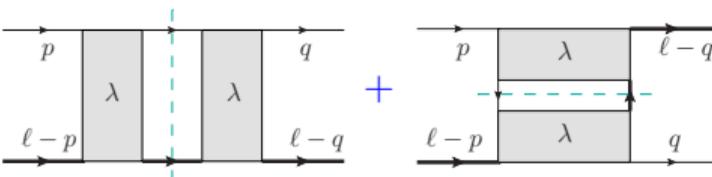
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FRG in the 4-fermion interacting action

Ansatz: nonlocal 4-fermion interaction instead of gauge interaction
(integrate out photons from QED)

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FRG equation in graphical representation

$$\partial_k \lambda_{p\alpha\gamma, q\beta\sigma}^\ell =$$


s-channel approximation: $\partial_k \lambda = -\lambda (\partial_k \mathcal{G}) \lambda \Rightarrow \partial_k \lambda^{-1} = \partial_k \mathcal{G}$

Solution:

$$\lambda_k = (1 + \mathbf{V} \mathcal{G}_k)^{-1} \mathbf{V}.$$

Same as in the BS case! (Ellwanger, Wetterich)

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- logics:

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- k -derivative of the eigenvalue equations yields:

$$\partial_k G_{\ell n}^{(H)} = \mathbf{v}_{\ell n}^\dagger (\partial_k \lambda^\ell) \mathbf{v}_{\ell n}, \quad \partial_k \mathbf{v}_{\ell n} = \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{\mathbf{v}_{\ell m}^\dagger (\partial_k \lambda^\ell) \mathbf{v}_{\ell n}}{G_{\ell n}^{(H)} - G_{\ell m}^{(H)}} \mathbf{v}_{\ell m}.$$

(like QM pert. th.)

use FRG equation for λ to make these equations explicit

Complete FRG equations with crossing symmetry

In **BS approximation** (s-channel) the matrix elements are simple

$$\partial_k \mathcal{K}_{\ell n}^{(H)} = -\mathbf{v}_{\ell n}^\dagger (\partial_k \mathcal{G}^\ell) \mathbf{v}_{\ell n}, \quad \partial_k \mathbf{v}_{\ell n} = \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{\mathbf{v}_{\ell m}^\dagger (\partial_k \mathcal{G}^\ell) \mathbf{v}_{\ell n}}{\mathcal{K}_{\ell m}^{(H)} - \mathcal{K}_{\ell n}^{(H)}} \mathbf{v}_{\ell m}.$$

Complete treatment with crossing symmetry is more complicated

$$\partial_k \mathbf{v}_{\ell n} = \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{G_{\ell m}^{(H)} G_{\ell n}^{(H)} \mathbf{v}_{\ell m}^\dagger (\partial_k \mathcal{G}^\ell) \mathbf{v}_{\ell n} - L_{mn}^\ell}{G_{\ell n}^{(H)} - G_{\ell m}^{(H)}} \mathbf{v}_{\ell m}$$

where $(m' = (m, \ell + r - q), n' = (n', \ell + r - p))$

$$L_{mn}^\ell = v_{p\alpha\gamma}^{m\ell*} v_{p\alpha\gamma'}^{m'} G_{m'}^{(H)} v_{r\beta'\sigma}^{m'*} (\partial_k \mathcal{G})_{r,\beta'\sigma',\alpha'\gamma'}^{\ell+2r-p-q} v_{r\alpha'\gamma}^{n'} G_{n'}^{(H)} v_{q\beta\sigma'}^{n'*} v_{q\beta\sigma}^{n\ell}.$$

⇒ **Technically involved, but theoretically correct.**

Could we make some simplifications?

Scale dependent kernel

- Regularize the classical 2-fermion propagator

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where $\mathbf{P}_{k,pq} = \Theta(k - p)\delta_{pq}$ projector.

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Eigenmode representation

Represent λ_k with its eigensystem

$$\lambda_k^{-1} = - \sum_n \mathcal{K}_{k,n} \mathbf{x}_{k,n} \otimes \mathbf{x}_{k,n}^\dagger.$$

Differential equation for the eigensystem:

$$\partial_k \mathcal{K}_{k,n} = -\mathbf{x}_{k,n}^\dagger \partial_k \mathcal{G}_k \mathbf{x}_{k,n},$$

$$\partial_k \mathbf{x}_{k,n} = \sum_m \frac{-\mathbf{x}_{k,m}^\dagger \partial_k \mathcal{G}_k \mathbf{x}_{k,n}}{\mathcal{K}_{k,n} - \mathcal{K}_{k,m}} \mathbf{x}_{k,m}.$$

Initial conditions at large k (denote $n \rightarrow \mathbf{r}_0$)

$$x_{n,\mathbf{p}} = e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{r}_0}, \quad \mathcal{K}_n = \frac{1}{V(\mathbf{r}_0)}$$

are eigenvectors/values of the inverse potential!

Numerical study

Discretization for s-channel (1D) with $\eta(p) = p v(|p|)$

$$p_\ell = (\ell + \frac{1}{2})dp, \quad \ell = 1 \dots N, \quad \bar{\eta}_{\ell n} = \sqrt{\frac{dp}{2\pi^2}} \eta_n(p_\ell) \Big|_{p_\ell < k}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \boldsymbol{\eta}^T \boldsymbol{\eta}, \quad D_{nm} = \frac{C_{nm}}{\mathcal{K}_n - \mathcal{K}_m}.$$

Differential equation ($\alpha_k = 2k(\bar{E} + k^2)^{-2}$).

$$\partial_k \mathcal{K}_n = -\alpha_k C_{nn}, \quad \partial_k \boldsymbol{\eta} = -\alpha_k \boldsymbol{\eta} \mathbf{D}$$

Initial conditions at $\Lambda = Ndp$: eigensystem of potential

$$\mathbf{V}^{-1} - \frac{1}{\bar{E} + \Lambda^2} \mathbf{1}$$

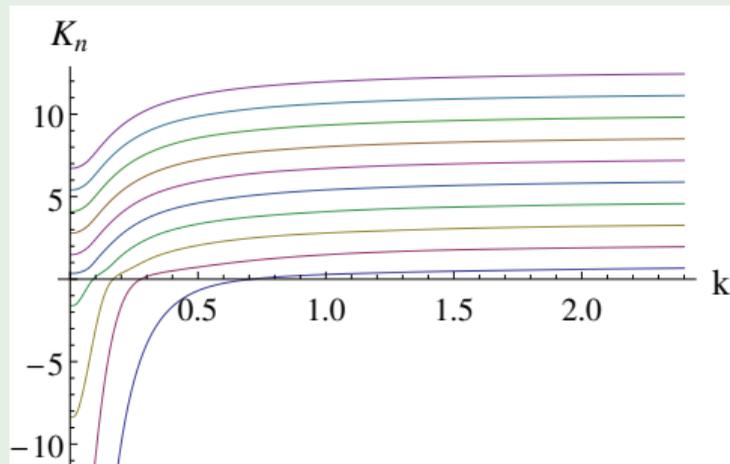
Bound states if at $k \rightarrow 0$: $\mathcal{K}_n(\bar{E}_n) = 0$.

In present example: $N = 800$, $dp = 0.003$.

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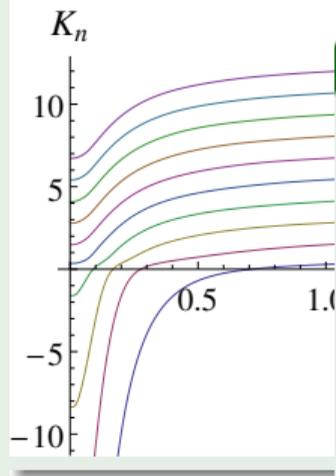
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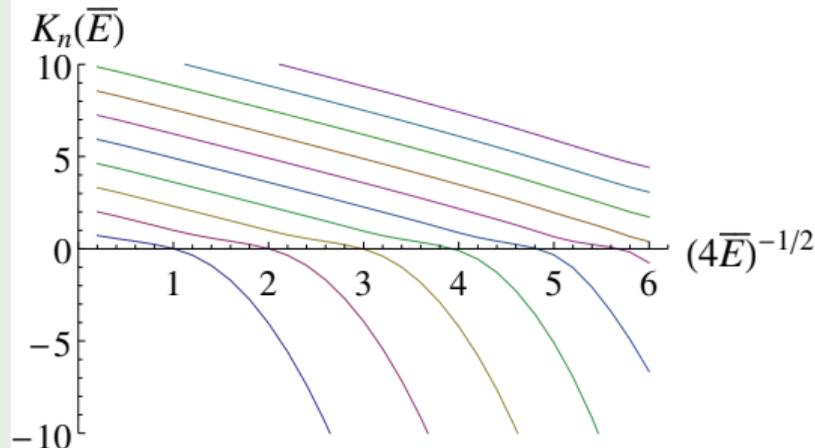
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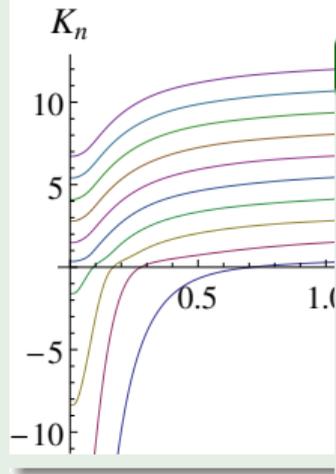
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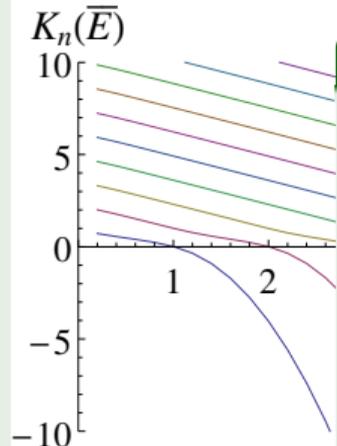
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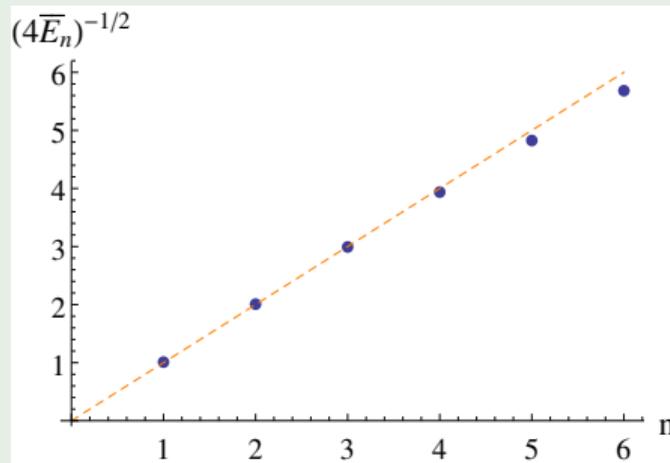
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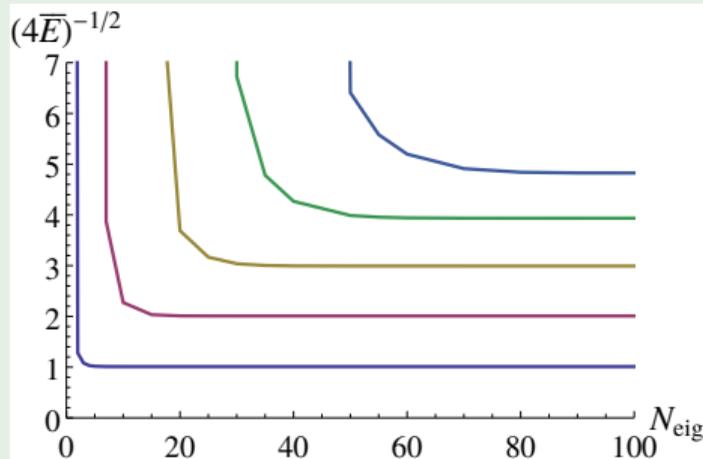
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How many bound states are needed?

We do not need to keep all the eigenvectors for a reasonable precision

Bound state energies



For the ground state:

- four eigenvectors: 1%
- three eigenvectors: 8%
- two eigenvectors: 28%
- one eigenvector (only the ground state) is not enough!

Generalization

We may hope that this remains true in the full relativistic case \Rightarrow it is enough to use a reduced set of eigenvectors!

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The fundamental action

$$\Gamma_{NJL} = \int d^4x \left[i\bar{\psi}\gamma_m\partial_m\psi + 2\lambda_\sigma (\bar{\psi}_L\psi_R) (\bar{\psi}_R\psi_L) - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_V(\bar{\psi}\gamma_m\psi)^2 \right].$$

Is there a bound state in the symmetric phase? The corresponding Ansatz:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{NL-NJL} = \int d^4x & \left[\bar{\psi}i\gamma_m\partial_m\psi - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_V(\bar{\psi}\gamma_m\psi)^2 + 2\delta\lambda_\sigma(\bar{\psi}_R\psi_L)(\bar{\psi}_L\psi) + \frac{\lambda}{24} (\Phi_S^2(x) + \Phi_5^2(x))^2 \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \int dx \int dy \left[\Phi_S(x)\Gamma_C^{(2)}(x-y)\Phi_S(y) + \Phi_5(x)\Gamma_C^{(2)}(x-y)\Phi_5(y) \right] \\ & - i \int dx \int dx_1 \int dx_2 \Delta_C(x-x_1, x-x_2) \left[\Phi_S(x)\bar{\psi}(x_1)\psi(x_2) - i\Phi_5(x)\bar{\psi}(x_1)\gamma_5\psi(x_2) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- scalar kernels: $\Gamma_S^{(2)}(q) = Z_C q^2 + M_C^2 = \Gamma_5^{(2)}(q)$.
- 4-fermion interaction (local) + nonlocal, resonant channel
- Ansatz for **nonlocal** vertex: $\Delta_C(q_1, q_2) = g_C e^{-\beta(q_1+q_2-Q)^2} e^{-\alpha(q_1-q_2)^2}$
for simplicity $\alpha = \beta$; physically $\alpha \sim R^2$

Wetterich-equation for fermion + boson systems ($t = \log k/k_0$)

$$\partial_t \Gamma = -\text{Tr} \log \Gamma_F^{(2)} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \log \Gamma_B^{(2)} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \log (I - G_B \Gamma_{BF}^{(2)} G_F \Gamma_{FB}^{(2)}).$$

- rescale parameters with appropriate powers of k
- equations for couplings $(g_c, \lambda, \lambda_\sigma, \lambda_V)$, dimensionful quantities (M, α, Q)
- wave function renormalization \rightarrow anomalous dimensions η_C, η_ψ .

Fixed points:

- strongly coupled UV fixed point $(\delta\lambda_{\sigma r}^*, \lambda_{V r}^*) = (6\pi^2, 2\pi^2)$
- IR fixed point: Gaussian; 4-fermion couplings are irrelevant, g_{Cr} and λ have mild scale dependence $(|t|^{-1}, |t|^{-2})$.

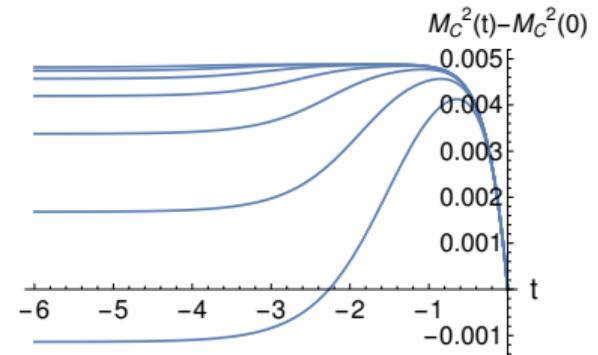
Evolution of scale dependent quantities

Renormalization condition:

- changing $\alpha \Rightarrow$ change the separation of the two fundamental particles
- change in α should have an effect only on the IR quantities
- we should keep the UV evolution independent on the choice of α .

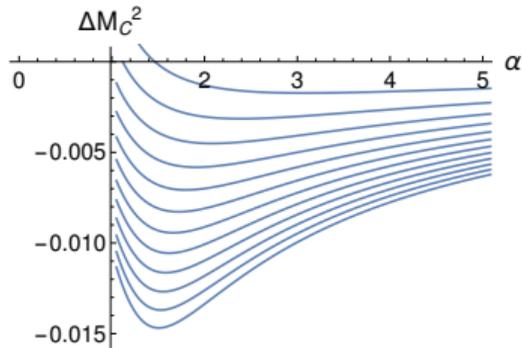
α dependence of the mass

- in UV the same behavior (renormalization)
- $\alpha = \infty$: no IR scale dependence
- decreasing α yields decreasing mass: binding energy



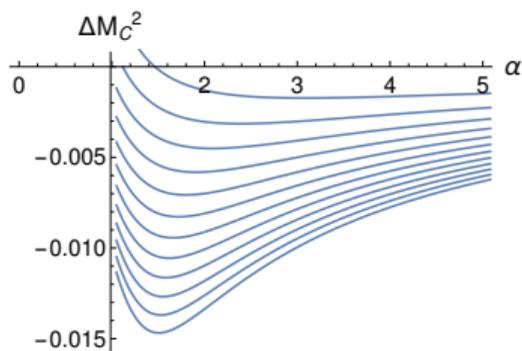
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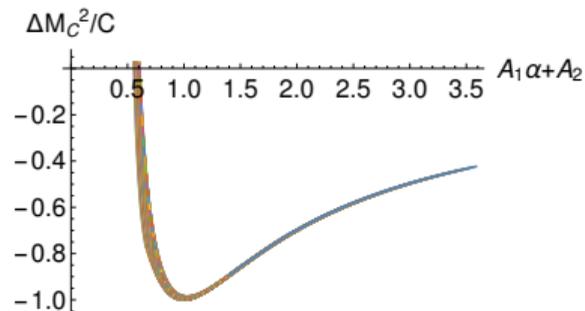


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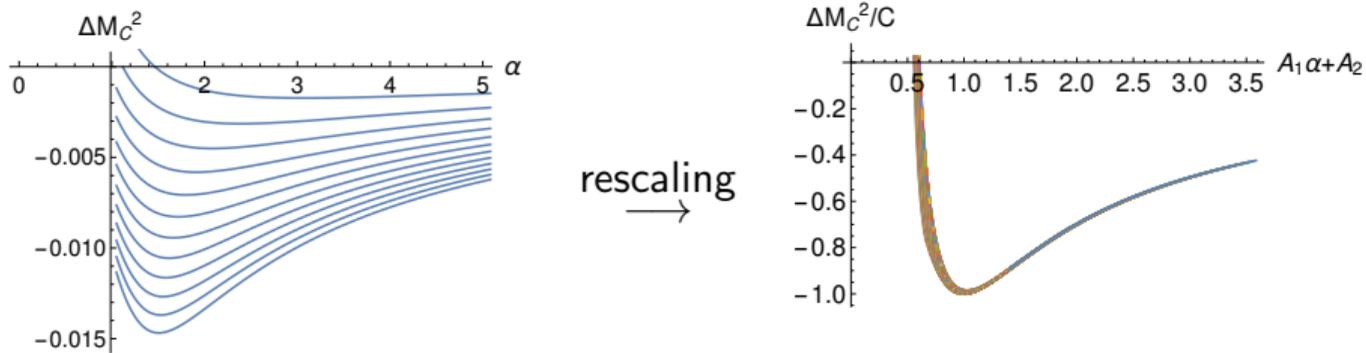


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α dependence of the binding energy

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- physics remains invariant under changing the actual slope
- we find minimum of the binding energy at a nontrivial scale

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- Nonrelativistic “Schrödinger-equation”

$$\lambda \mathbf{v} = -G^{(H)} \mathbf{v},$$

where λ is the proper 4-fermion vertex, \mathbf{v} is the Yukawa coupling between the bound states and fundamental fermions, $G^{(H)}$ is the bound state propagator

- calculation of λ : BS equations, or FRG equations
- reduced set of eigensates may be enough for a fair precision
- using these ideas in **NJL model symmetric phase**: convincing indications for an attractive potential

- internal states are 2-particle states with momenta/spin: $(p, \alpha), (p - \ell, \beta)$
 $\Rightarrow a = \{p\alpha\beta\}$ multi-index, ℓ “spectator” index
- rungs and 2-particle propagation depend on momenta
 $(p, \alpha), (p - \ell, \beta), (q, \gamma), (q - \ell, \delta) \Rightarrow$ can be represented as a matrix $M_{ab}^{(\ell)}$
- Scalar product: $f^{(\ell)} g^{(\ell)} = \sum_{\alpha\gamma} \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} f_{p\alpha\gamma}^{(\ell)} g_{p\alpha\gamma}^{(\ell)}$

Numerical study

equation:

$$\left(\Delta + \frac{1}{x}\right)\Psi(x) = \bar{E}\Psi(x) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bar{E}_n = \frac{1}{4n^2} \quad \rightarrow \quad (4\bar{E}_n)^{-1/2} = n$$

Bethe-Salpeter version (Fourier-trf, $v = (p^2 + \bar{E})\Psi$)

$$v(q) = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{v(p)}{(p-q)^2(p^2 + \bar{E})}$$

s-channel: rotational invariance $\eta(p) = pv(|\mathbf{p}|)$

$$\eta(q) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dp \log \left| \frac{q+p}{q-p} \right| \frac{1}{\bar{E} + p^2} \eta(p).$$

Numerical study

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Strategy: eigenvalues λ_n , bound states if $\lambda_n(\bar{E}_n) = 1$.

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Discretization $p_m = (m + \frac{1}{2})dp$, $\eta_m = \eta(p_m)$ leads to the matrix equation

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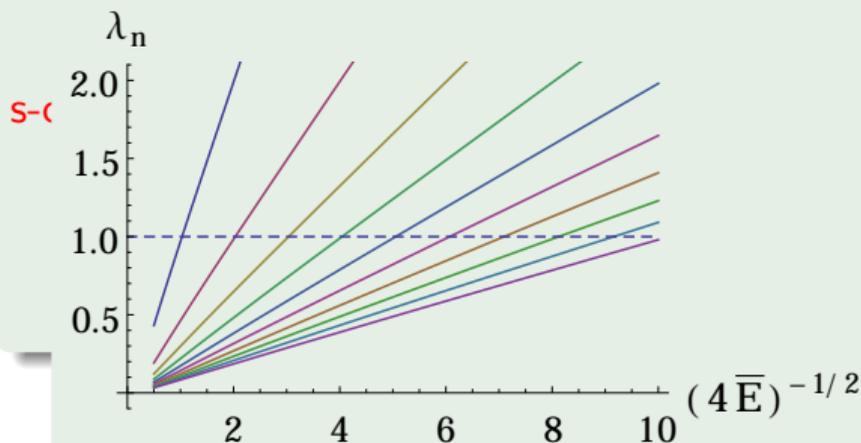
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Numerical solution

Numerical study

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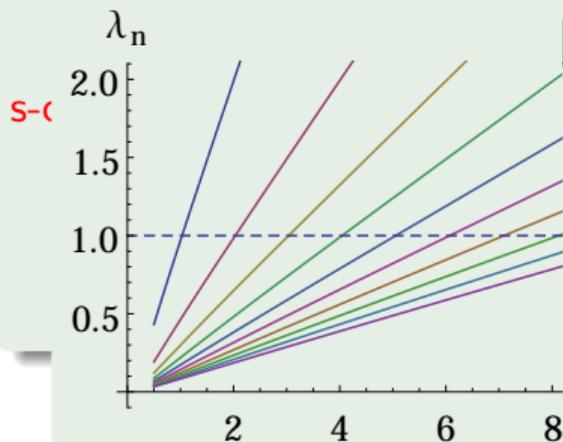
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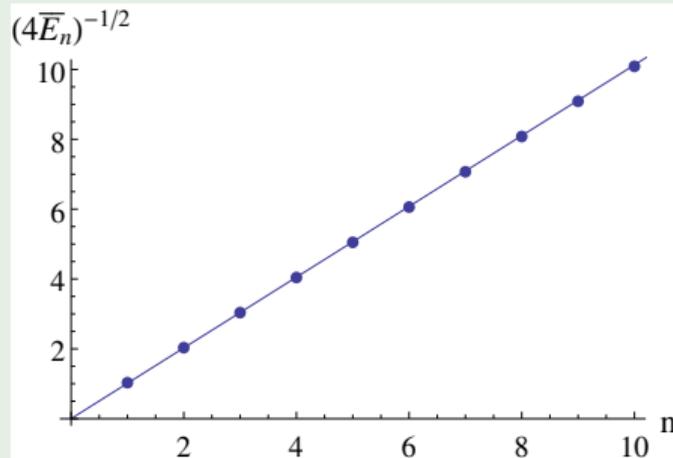
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Spectrum



$$+ \delta_{nm} \ln(4n + 2)$$

if $\lambda_n(\bar{E}_n) = 1$.

Peculiarities of the FRG approximation we will use:

- regularize only the matter sector, leave gauge sector unregularized (appropriate in QED: all diagrams are regularized)
- do not run QED couplings ($\alpha_{QED} \approx \text{const}$, at m_e scale; bound states are at α^2 smaller energies)
- **use nonlocal Ansätze**: it turns out to be crucial for representation of bound states.