

Professor Valery Burov and relativistic few-body problem

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Dedicated to memory of Professor Valery Burov



Bethe-Salpeter approach with separable kernel:

- NN -scattering, dispersion relations for separable T matrix: S.Bondarenko, V.Burov, S.Dorkin
- elastic eD -scattering: S.Bondarenko, V.Burov, S.Dorkin, A.Bekzhanov, M.Beyer, H.Toki, A.Hosaka, N.Hamamoto, Y.Manabe
- deep-inelastic scattering: V.Burov, A.Molochkov, G.Smirnov
- deuteron photodisintegration at threshold: S.Bondarenko, V.Burov, K.Kazakov, D.Shulga
- partial-wave analysis of NN -scattering: S.Bondarenko, V.Burov, E.Rogochaya, P.Hwang
- exclusive deuteron electrodisintegration: S.Bondarenko, V.Burov, E.Rogochaya
- three-nucleon systems, elastic electron- $3N$ scattering: S.Bondarenko, V.Burov, S.Yurev NPA 1004 (2020) 122065; 1014 (2021) 122251.

Why a relativistic approach?

- Elastic electron-deuteron scattering experiments

“Large Momentum Transfer Measurements of the Deuteron Elastic Structure Function $A(Q^2)$ at Jefferson Laboratory”

JLab Hall A Collaboration, Phys.Rev.Lett.82:1374-1378,1999

$Q^2=0.7-6.0$ (GeV/c)²

Lorentz transformation: $\eta_{LOR} = -Q^2/4M_d^2 \sim 0.43$, $\sqrt{1 + \eta_{LOR}} \sim 1.19$

- Exclusive disintegration of the deuteron experiments

JLab Hall C Deuteron Electro-Disintegration at Very High Missing Momenta (E12-10-003) proposal

https://www.jlab.org/exp_prog/proposals/10/PR12-10-003.pdf:

“We propose to measure the $D(e,e'p)n$ cross section at $Q^2 = 4.25$ (GeV/c)² and $x_{bj} = 1.35$ for missing momenta ranging from $p_m = 0.5$ GeV/c to $p_m = 1.0$ GeV/c expanding the range of missing momenta explored in the Hall A experiment (E01-020)”

Lorentz transformation: $\eta_{LOR} = -Q^2/4s_{np} \sim 0.30$, $\sqrt{1 + \eta_{LOR}} \sim 1.14$

Bethe-Salpeter equation for the nucleon-nucleon T matrix

$$T(p', p; P) = V(p', p; P) + \frac{i}{4\pi^3} \int d^4k V(p', k; P) S_2(k; P) T(k, p; P)$$

p', p - the relative four-momenta

P - the total four-momentum

$V(p', p; P)$ - the interaction kernel

$$S_2^{-1}(k; P) = \left(\frac{1}{2} P \cdot \gamma + k \cdot \gamma - m\right)^{(1)} \left(\frac{1}{2} P \cdot \gamma - k \cdot \gamma - m\right)^{(2)}$$

free two-particle Green function

Separable kernels of the NN interaction

The separable kernels of the nucleon-nucleon interaction are widely used in the calculations. The separable kernel as a *nonlocal* covariant interaction representing complex nature of the space-time continuum.

Separable ansatz for the kernel

$$V(p'; p; s) = \sum_{m,n=1}^N \lambda_{mn}(s) g_m(p') g_n(p)$$

Solution for the T matrix

$$T(p'; p; s) = \sum_{m,n=1}^N \tau_{mn}(s) g_m(p') g_n(p)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} [\tau_{mn}(s)]^{-1} &= [\lambda_{mn}(s)]^{-1} + h_{mn}(s), \\ h_{mn}(s) &= -\frac{i}{(2\pi)^4} \int d^4k g_m(k) g_n(k) S_2(k; P) \end{aligned}$$

g - the model functions, $\lambda(s)$ - a matrix of model parameters.

What is a separable kernel?

The integral equations in the nuclear physics (Lippmann-Schwinger, Bethe-Salpeter) are similar to the **Fredholm (first or second) type** of equations. The separable kernel of the integral equation is **the degenerated** kernel. Fredholm integral equation of the second type:

$$\phi(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int dy K(x, y)\phi(y)$$

Degenerated kernel of the equation:

$$K(x, y) = \sum_i a_i(x)b_i(y)$$

Solution of the equation:

$$\phi(x) = f(x) + \lambda \sum_i c_i a_i(x)$$

Constants c_i can be found by solving the system of linear equations

$$c_i - \lambda \sum_j k_{ij} c_j = f_i$$

Matrix k_{ij} and f_i are: $k_{ij} = \int dy b_i(y)a_j(y)$, $f_i = \int dy f(y)b_i(y)$

Separable NN kernels for BS equation

- NN scattering with spinor nucleon propagators

G. Rupp and J. A. Tjon “Relativistic contributions to the deuteron electromagnetic form factors” Phys. Rev. C41. 472 (1990)

Nonrelativistic Graz-II \rightarrow relativistic Graz-II (only ${}^3S_1 - {}^3D_1$ partial-wave states)

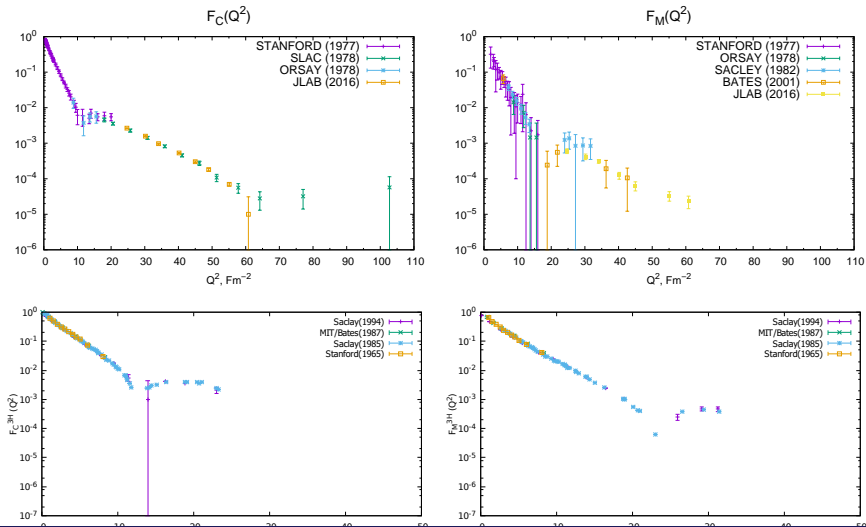
- NN scattering with scalar nucleon propagators

K. Schwarz, J. Haidenbauer, J. Frohlich “A Separable Approximation of the NN Paris Potential in the Framework of the Bethe-Salpeter Equation” Phys.Rev. C33 456-466 (1986)

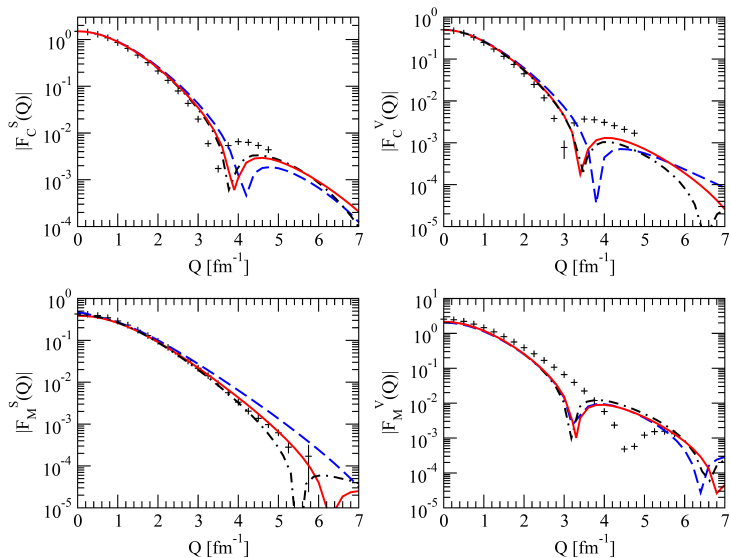
partial-wave states with $J = 0, 1$ for Paris meson-exchange potentials

G. Rupp, J.A. Tjon “Bethe-Salpeter calculation of three-nucleon with multirank observables separable interactions” Phys.Rev. C45 2133 (1991)

1S_0 and ${}^3S_1 - {}^3D_1$ partial-wave states for Paris and Bonn meson-exchange potentials

Elastic $e + {}^3\text{He}({}^3\text{H}) \rightarrow e + {}^3\text{He}({}^3\text{H})$ scatteringExperimental data for ${}^3\text{He}$ (first line) and ${}^3\text{H}$ (second line)

Relativistic covariant spectator theory (F. Gross, M. Pena *et al.*)



The relativistic three-particle equation for T matrix

is considered in the [Faddeev form](#) with the following assumptions:

- no three-particles interaction $V_{123} = \sum_{i \neq j} V_{ij}$
- two-particles interaction is separable
- nucleon propagators are chosen in a scalar form
- the only strong interactions are considered (not EM), so ${}^3He \equiv T$

Bethe-Salpeter-Faddeev equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} T^{(1)} \\ T^{(2)} \\ T^{(3)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & T_1 G_1 & T_1 G_1 \\ T_2 G_2 & 0 & T_2 G_2 \\ T_3 G_3 & T_3 G_3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T^{(1)} \\ T^{(2)} \\ T^{(3)} \end{bmatrix},$$

Three-particles T matrix $T = \sum_i T^{(i)}$

Two-particle Green functions G_i is the free two-particles (j and n)

Two-particle T_i matrix

G. Rupp, J. A. Tjon, Phys. Rev. C 37 (1988), 1729

G. Rupp, J. A. Tjon, Phys. Rev. C 45 (1992), 2133.

Bethe-Salpeter-Faddeev equation

Introducing the equal-mass **Jacobi momenta**

$$p_i = \frac{1}{2}(k_j - k_n), \quad q_i = \frac{1}{3}K - k_i, \quad K = k_1 + k_2 + k_3.$$

Amplitude of three-particle state as a projection of T matrix to the bound state:

$$\Psi^{(i)}(p_i, q_i; s) = \langle p_i, q_i | T^{(i)} | M_B \rangle,$$

with $\sqrt{s} = M_B = 3m_N - E_t$.

Partial-wave three-nucleon functions for a one-rank separable kernel

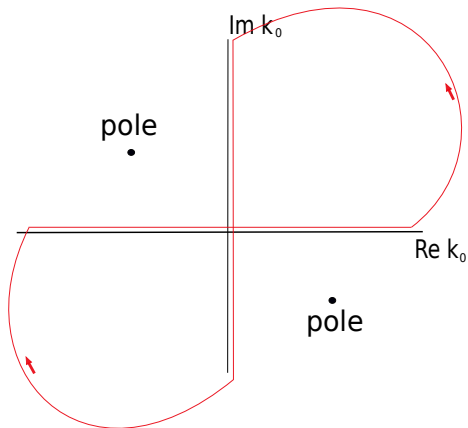
$$\Psi^{(a)}(p, q; s) = g^{(a)}(p) \tau^{(a)} \left[\left(\frac{2}{3} \sqrt{s} + q \right)^2 \right] \Phi^{(a)}(q; s)$$

System of the integral equations

$$\Phi^{(a)}(q; s) = \frac{i}{4\pi^3} \sum_{a'} \int d^4 q' Z^{(aa')} (q; q'; s) \frac{\tau^{(a')} \left[\left(\frac{2}{3} \sqrt{s} + q' \right)^2 \right]}{\left(\frac{1}{3} \sqrt{s} - q' \right)^2 - m_N^2 + i\epsilon} \Phi^{(a')} (q'; s)$$

with effective kernels of equation

$$Z^{(aa')} (q; q'; s) = C_{(aa')} \frac{g^{(a)}(-q/2 - q') g^{(a')}(q + q'/2)}{\left(\frac{1}{3} \sqrt{s} + q + q' \right)^2 - m_N^2 + i\epsilon}$$



Method of solution

- Wick-rotation procedure: $q_0 \rightarrow iq_4$
- The Gaussian quadrature with $N_1 \times N_2[q_4 \times |\mathbf{q}|]$ grid

$$q_4 = (1 + x)/(1 - x)$$

$$|\mathbf{q}| = (1 + y)/(1 - y)$$

- Iteration method to obtain the triton binding energy

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Phi_n(s)}{\Phi_{n-1}(s)} \Big|_{s=M_B^2} = 1$$

The convergence was investigated and $N_1 = 96$, $N_2 = 15$ was used in calculations

Rank-one Yamaguchi kernels

Two-nucleon low-energy parameters for $^1S_0^+$ channel, $^3S_1^+ - ^3D_1^+$ channels

	Exp.	1S_0
a_L (fm)	-23.748	-23.753
r_L (fm)	2.75	2.75

	Exp.	$^3S_1 - ^3D_1$ ($p_d = 4\%$)	$^3S_1 - ^3D_1$ ($p_d = 5\%$)	$^3S_1 - ^3D_1$ ($p_d = 6\%$)
a_L (fm)	5.424	5.454	5.454	5.453
r_L (fm)	1.756	1.81	1.81	1.80

Triton binding energy (MeV) with the one-rank Yamaguchi-type separable kernel

p_D	$^1S_0 - ^3S_1$	3D_1	3P_0	1P_1	3P_1
4	9.221	9.294	9.314	9.287	9.271
5	8.819	8.909	8.928	8.903	8.889
6	8.442	8.545	8.562	8.540	8.527
Exp.			8.48		

- the main contribution is from S -states
- the D -state contribution is about 0.8 – 1.2 % depending on D -wave (pseudo)probability in deuteron
- the P -state contributions are alternating and give about -0.2%

Multi-rank kernels

Two-nucleon low-energy parameters for $^1S_0^+$ channel, $^3S_1^+ - ^3D_1^+$ channels

The relativistic generalization of the NR Graz-II and Paris separable kernel:

- Graz-II: $^1S_0^+$ – rank 2, $^3S_1^+ - ^3D_1^+$ – rank 3
- Paris-1,2: $^1S_0^+$ – rank 3, $^3S_1^+ - ^3D_1^+$ – rank 4

Results for $^1S_0^+$ channel

	Exp.	Graz-II	Paris-1	Paris-2
a (fm)	-23.748	-23.77	-23.72	-23.72
r_0 (fm)	2.75	2.683	2.810	2.817

Results for $^3S_1^+ - ^3D_1^+$ channels

	Exp.	Graz-II	Graz-II	Graz-II	Paris-1	Paris-2
p_d (%)		4	5	6	5.77	5.77
a (fm)	5.424	5.419	5.420	5.421	5.426	5.413
r_0 (fm)	1.759	1.780	1.779	1.778	1.775	1.765
E_d (MeV)	2.2246	2.2254	2.2254	2.2254	2.2246	2.2250

Results for multi-rank separable kernel

Table: Triton binding energy (MeV) with Graz-II kernel

Kernel	Nonrelativistic		Relativistic	
	$^1S_0, ^3S_1$	$^1S_0, ^3S_1, ^3D_1$	$^1S_0, ^3S_1$	$^1S_0, ^3S_1, ^3D_1$
GRAZ-II $p_D = 4\%$	8.372	8.334	8.628	8.617
GRAZ-II $p_D = 5\%$	7.964	7.934	8.223	8.217
GRAZ-II $p_D = 6\%$	7.569	7.548	7.832	7.831

Table: Triton binding energy (MeV) with Paris-1(2) kernel

Kernel	E_t
Paris-1	7.535
Paris-2	7.474

Electromagnetic form factors of three-nucleon systems:

$$2F_C(^3\text{He}) = (2F_C^p + F_C^n)F_1 - \frac{2}{3}(F_C^p - F_C^n)F_2,$$

$$F_C(^3\text{H}) = (2F_C^n + F_C^p)F_1 + \frac{2}{3}(F_C^p - F_C^n)F_2,$$

$$\mu(^3\text{He})F_M(^3\text{He}) = \mu_n F_M^n F_1 + \frac{2}{3}(\mu_n F_M^n + \mu_p F_M^p)F_2 + \frac{4}{3}(F_M^p - F_M^n)F_3,$$

$$\mu(^3\text{H})F_M(^3\text{H}) = \mu_p F_M^p F_1 + \frac{2}{3}(\mu_n F_M^n + \mu_p F_M^p)F_2 + \frac{4}{3}(F_M^n - F_M^p)F_3,$$

Electric and magnetic form factors of the proton and neutron $F_{C,M}^{p,n}$.

Impulse approximation:

$$F_i(Q) = \int d^4p \int d^4q \ G'_1(\hat{k}'_1) G_1(\hat{k}_1) G_2(\hat{k}_2) G_3(\hat{k}_3) f_i(p, q, q'; P, P')$$

Nucleon propagators:

$$G_i(\hat{k}_1) = \left[\hat{k}_i^2 - m_N^2 + i\epsilon \right]^{-1},$$

$$G'_1(q'_0, q') = \left[\left(\frac{1}{3} \sqrt{s} - q'_0 \right)^2 - \mathbf{q}'^2 - m_N^2 + i\epsilon \right]^{-1},$$

Three-nucleon vertex functions:

$$f_1 = \sum_{i=1}^3 \Psi_i^*(p, q; P) \Psi_i(p, q'; P')$$

$$f_2 = -3\Psi_1^*(p, q; P) \Psi_2(p, q'; P')$$

$$f_3 = \Psi_3^*(p, q; P) \Psi_3(p, q'; P')$$

Functions Ψ_i are the definite combinations of the partial state functions.

The Breit reference system

$$Q = (0, \mathbf{Q}), \quad P = (E_B, -\frac{\mathbf{Q}}{2}), \quad P' = (E_B, \frac{\mathbf{Q}}{2}), \quad (1)$$

with $s = M_{3N}^2$, $\eta = \mathbf{Q}^2/4s$, $E_B = \sqrt{\mathbf{Q}^2/4 + s} = \sqrt{s}\sqrt{1 + \eta}$.

$$\begin{aligned} P &= LP_{c.m.}, & p &= Lp_{c.m.}, & q &= Lq_{c.m.} \\ P' &= L^{-1}P'_{c.m.}, & p' &= L^{-1}p'_{c.m.}, & q' &= L^{-1}q'_{c.m.} \end{aligned}$$

The explicit form of the transformation L can be obtained by using (1). Let us assume the boost of the system to be along the Z axis:

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{1 + \eta} & 0 & 0 & -\sqrt{\eta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sqrt{\eta} & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{1 + \eta} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

Relation of the arguments of initial and final $3N$ functions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 q'_0 &= (1 + 2\eta) q_0 - 2\sqrt{\eta}\sqrt{1 + \eta} q_z + \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{\eta} Q, \\
 q'_x &= q_x \quad q'_y = q_y \\
 q'_z &= (1 + 2\eta) q_z - 2\sqrt{\eta}\sqrt{1 + \eta} q_0 - \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{1 + \eta} Q,
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

here $q_z = q \cos \theta_{qQ}$ is the projection of momentum \mathbf{q} onto the Z axis

Static approximation (SA) [G. Rupp, J. A. Tjon]:

$$q'_0 = q_0, \quad \mathbf{q}' = \mathbf{q} - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{Q}$$

Propagator and final function:

$$G'_1(q'_0, q') \rightarrow \left[\left(\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{s} - q_0 \right)^2 - \mathbf{q}^2 - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{Q} - \frac{4}{9}\mathbf{Q}^2 - m_N^2 + i\epsilon \right]^{-1}$$

$$\Psi_i(p_0, p, q'_0, q') \rightarrow \Psi_i(p_0, p, q_0, |\mathbf{q} - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{Q}|)$$

with $\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{Q} = qQ \cos \theta_{qQ}$.

The poles of G'_1 on q_0 do not cross the imaginary q_0 axis and always stay in the second and fourth quadrants. In this case, the Wick rotation procedure $q_0 \rightarrow iq_4$ can be applied.

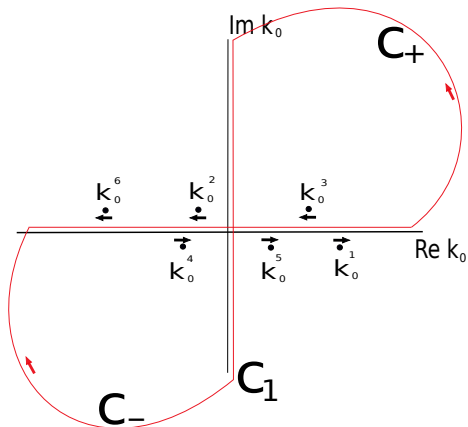
Beyond the SA:

1. Exact propagator

$$G'_1 = \left[q_0^2 + \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{s}(1 + 6\eta)q_0 + 4\sqrt{1 + \eta}\sqrt{s}\sqrt{\eta}q_z - \frac{8}{3}\eta s + \frac{1}{9}s - \mathbf{q}^2 - m_N^2 + i\epsilon \right]$$

$$\Psi_i(p_0, p, q'_0, q') \rightarrow \Psi_i(p_0, p, q_0, |\mathbf{q} - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{Q}|).$$

For any $t = -Q^2 > -Q_{min}^2 = 2/3\sqrt{s}(3m_N - \sqrt{s})$ the pole of G'_1 on q_0 crosses the imaginary q_0 axis and appears in the third quadrant.



Beyond the SA:

2. Additional term from residue inside the contour of integration

Using the Cauchy theorem, one can transform the integrals over p_0, q_0 as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \int d^4p \int d^4q \dots f(p; q) = & \quad (4) \\ - \int d^4p_E \int dq_E f(p_E; q_E) \\ + 2\pi \operatorname{Res}_{q_0=q_0^{(2)}} \int d^4p_E \int_{q_{min}}^{q_{max}} dq \int_{y_{min}}^1 dy \dots f(p_E, ; q_0^{(2)}, q, y), \end{aligned}$$

where (...) means the two-fold integral $\int_0^\infty dp \int_{-1}^1 dx$ and

$$q_0^{(1,2)} = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{3}(1 + 6\eta) \pm \sqrt{4\eta(1 + \eta)s - 4\sqrt{s}\sqrt{\eta}\sqrt{1 + \eta}qy + \mathbf{q}^2 + m_N^2} \quad (5)$$

are the simple poles of the propagator G'_1 .

Beyond the SA:**3. Final function arguments transformation**

Remembering that the BSF solutions are known for real values of q_4 only, the following assumption was made:

$$\Psi(p_0, p, q'_0, q') \rightarrow g(p_0, p) \tau \left[\left(\frac{2}{3} \sqrt{s} + q_0^{(2)} \right)^2 - \bar{\mathbf{q}}'^2 \right] \Phi(0, \bar{q}'),$$

where value \bar{q}' is obtained using (3) with $q_0 = q_0^{(2)}$.

The expansion of the function $\Phi(q'_4, q')$ up to the first order of the parameter η :

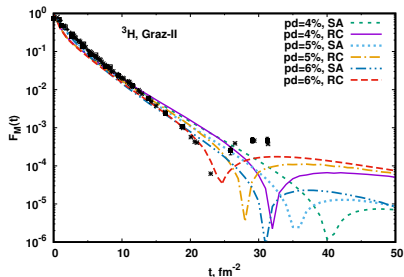
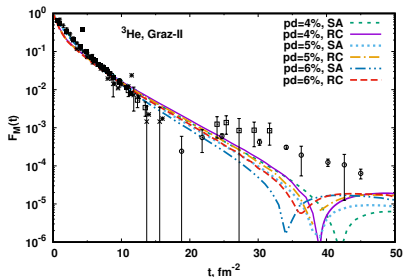
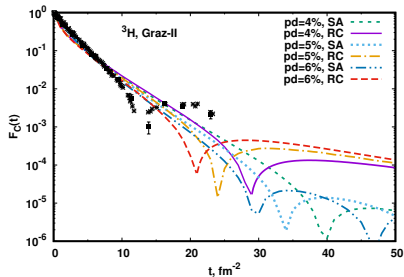
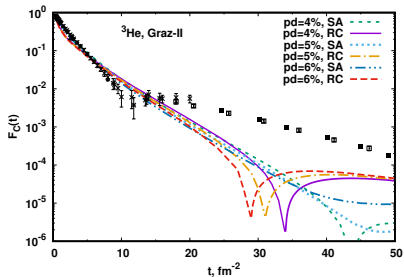
$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(iq'_4, q') &= \Phi(iq_4, |\mathbf{q} - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{Q}|) + \left[C_{q_4} \frac{\partial}{\partial q_4} \Phi_j(iq_4, q) \right]_{q=|\mathbf{q}-\frac{2}{3}\mathbf{Q}|} \\ &\quad + \left[C_q \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \Phi_j(iq_4, q) \right]_{q=|\mathbf{q}-\frac{2}{3}\mathbf{Q}|}, \end{aligned}$$

The function Φ' is determined by the integral

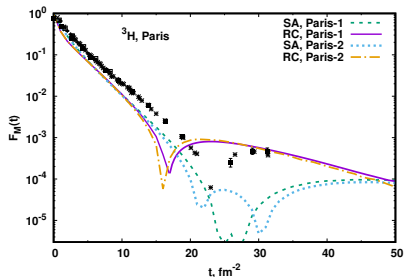
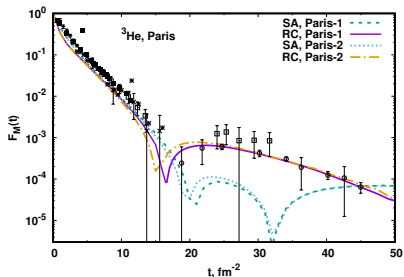
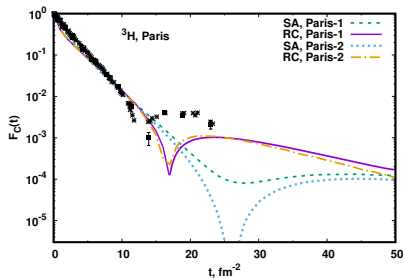
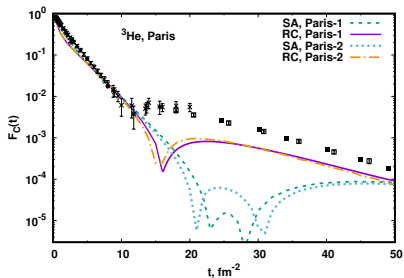
$$\Phi' = \int K' \Phi$$

where K' is a derivative of the kernel of the integral equation.

Graz-II relativistic kernel



Paris relativistic kernel



Summary

- the relativistic three-nucleon vertex functions were found solving the BSF system of equations
- the charge and magnetic EM form factors of the 3N systems were calculated
- the static approximation and relativistic corrections were investigated
- the relativistic corrections were found to be significant in describing the experimental data