

# Relativistic generalization of the Faddeev-Yakubovsky equation

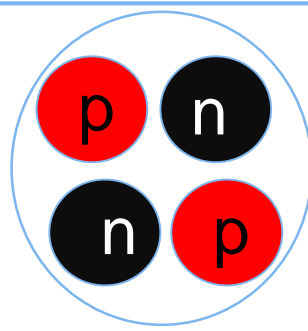
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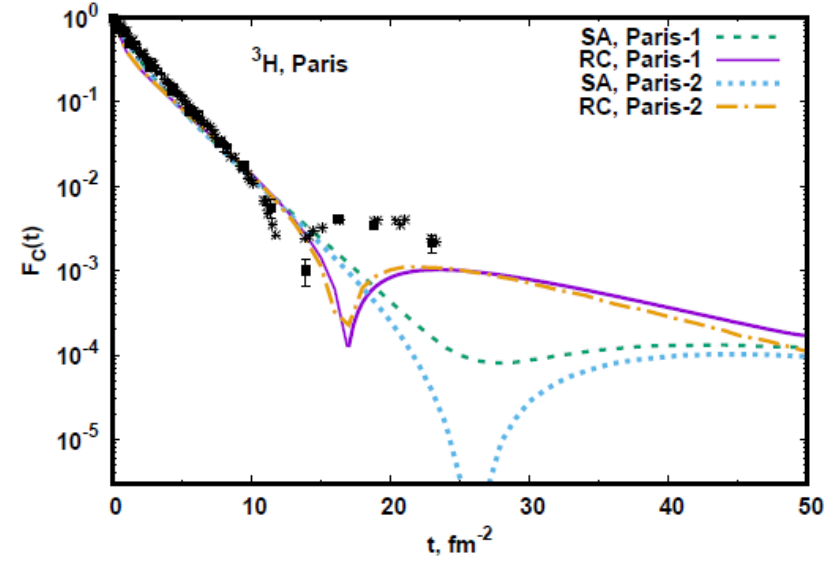
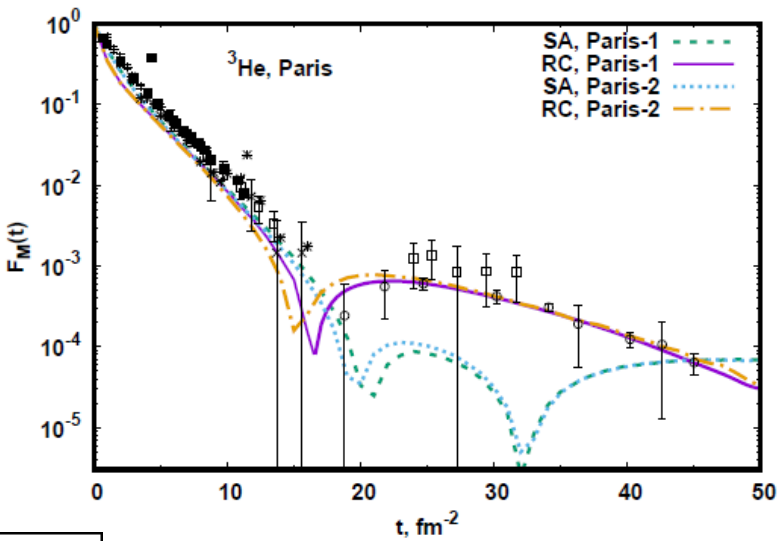
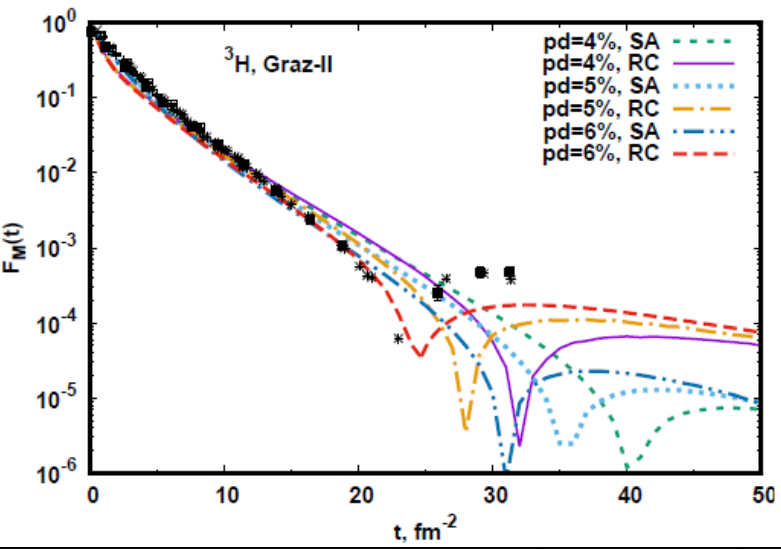
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• **Object** - Four-particle system ( Helium-4 )



• **Goal** - Research within the framework of relativistic formalism

• **Motivation** - Recent successful results of the relativistic study of three-nucleon nuclei



Potential	NR	R
GRAZ-II $p_D = 4 \%$	8.334	8.617
GRAZ-II $p_D = 5 \%$	7.934	8.217
GRAZ-II $p_D = 6 \%$	7.548	7.831

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	nonrelativistic case	relativistic case 3
2 particles case	<b>Lippmann-Schwinger equation</b> $t = V + \int d^3k V g_0 t$	<b>Bethe-Salpeter equation</b> $t = V + \int d^4k V G_0 t$
3 particles case	<b>Faddeev equation</b> $M^{(i)} = t_i + \int d^3k t_i g_0 [M^{(j)} + M^{(k)}]$ <p>L. Faddeev, JETP 39 (1960) 1459</p>	<b>Relativistic Faddeev equation (Bethe-Salpeter-Faddeev)</b> $M^{(i)} = t_i + \int d^4k t_i G_0 [M^{(j)} + M^{(k)}]$
4 particles case	<b>Faddeev-Yakubovsky equation</b> $T^{(ijk,l)} = \int d^3M_{ij,ij} g_0 \left[ T^{(jkl,i)} + T^{(ikl,j)} \right] + \int d^3M_{ij,jk} g_0 \left[ T^{(kil,j)} + T^{(jil,k)} \right] + \int d^3M_{ij,ki} g_0 \left[ T^{(ijl,k)} + T^{(kjl,i)} \right]$ <p>O. A. Yacubovsky, Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 5 (1967) 1312  B. Ф. Харченко. ЭЧАЯ. т. 10, Вып. 4 (1979) [review]  V. F. Kharchenko and V. E. Kuzmichev Nucl. Phys. A 183 (1972) 606</p>	<b>Relativistic generalization of the Faddeev-Yacubovsky equation</b>

# Bethe-Salpeter-Faddeev approach

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	NRF	QP <sub>1</sub>	QP <sub>2</sub>	BSF
$P_D^d = 4\%$	8.369	8.539	8.606	8.701
$P_D^d = 5\%$	7.961	8.129	8.188	8.290
$P_D^d = 6\%$	7.566	7.735	7.787	7.892

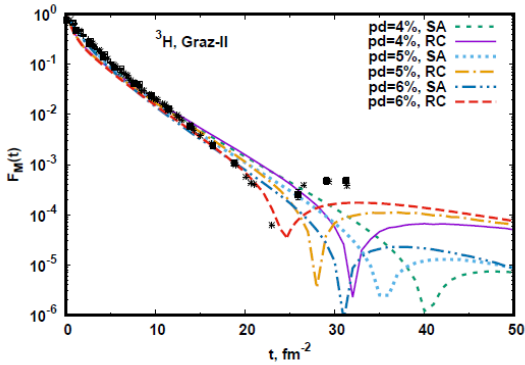
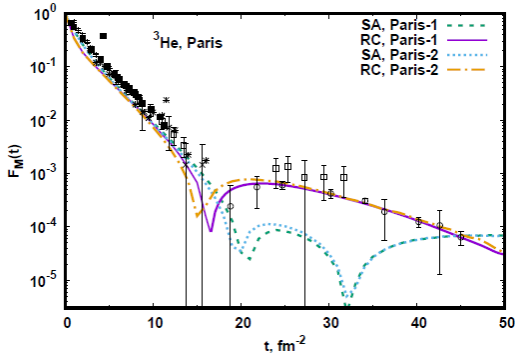
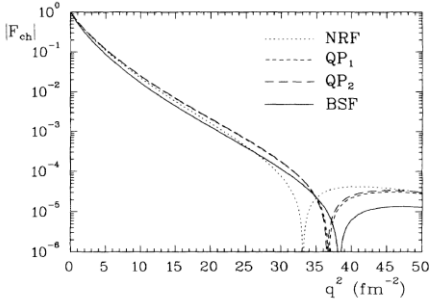
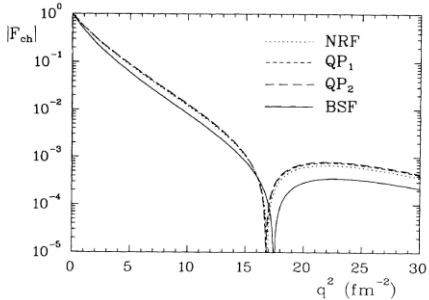
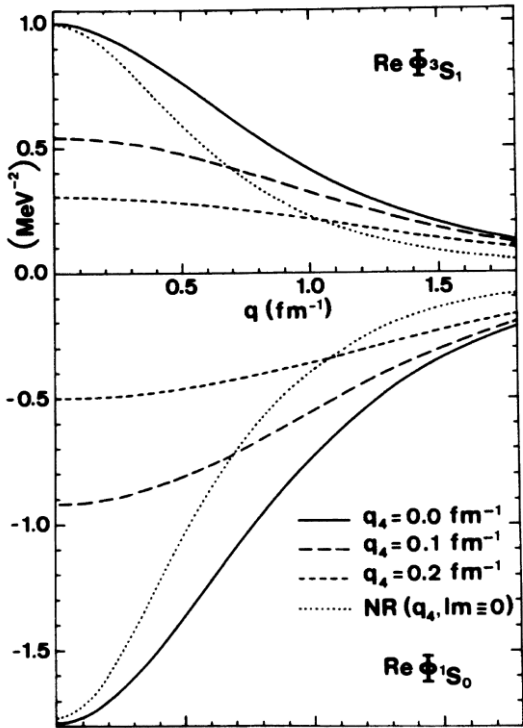
	NRF	QP <sub>1</sub>	QP <sub>2</sub>	BSF
Paris-1	7.245	7.389	7.435	7.535
Paris-2	7.183	7.363	7.408	7.474
Bonn	7.822	8.083	8.140	8.201

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$p_D$	$^1S_0 - ^3S_1$	$^3D_1$	$^3P_0$	$^1P_1$	$^3P_1$
4	9.221	9.294	9.275	9.295	9.321
5	8.819	8.909	8.891	8.910	8.933
6	8.442	8.545	8.528	8.545	8.567

	$^1S_0, ^3S_1$	$^1S_0, ^3S_1, ^3D_1$	$^1S_0, ^3S_1$	$^1S_0, ^3S_1, ^3D_1$
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

Paris-1	7.535
Paris-2	7.474



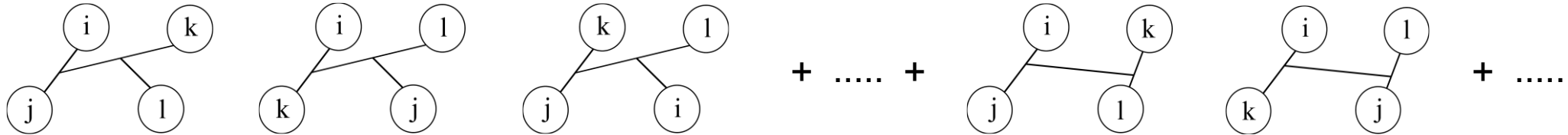
# FY equation in operator (symbolic) form

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$$T = V + VGT \quad \text{Bethe-Salpeter equation for a four-particle T matrix}$$

$$V = V_{12} + V_{23} + V_{31} + V_{14} + V_{24} + V_{34} + \cancel{V_{123}} + \dots = \sum_{(ij)} V_{ij} \quad \text{Only pair interaction}$$

$$T = T^{(ijk,l)} + T^{(ikl,j)} + T^{(kjl,i)} + \dots + T^{(ij,kl)} + T^{(ik,lj)} + \dots$$



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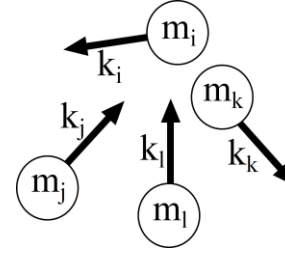
«3+1»

«2+2»

# Jacobi variables for a four-particle system

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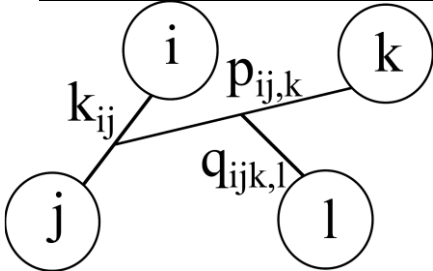
$$k_i \quad k_j \quad k_k \quad k_l$$



$$if \quad m_i = m_j = m_k = m_l$$



$$k_{ij} \quad p_{ij,k} \quad q_{ijk,l} \quad K$$



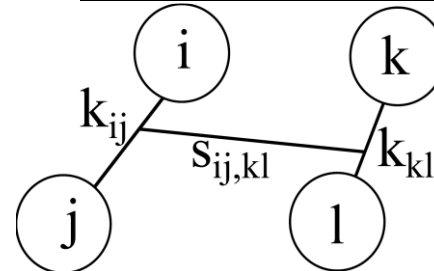
$$k_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}(k_i - k_j)$$

$$p_{ij,k} = \frac{1}{3}(k_i + k_j) - \frac{2}{3}k_k$$

$$q_{ijk,l} = \frac{1}{4}(k_i + k_j + k_k) - \frac{3}{4}k_l$$

$$K = k_i + k_j + k_k + k_l$$

$$k_{ij} \quad k_{kl} \quad s_{ij,kl} \quad K$$



$$k_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}(k_i - k_j)$$

$$k_{kl} = \frac{1}{2}(k_k - k_l)$$

$$s_{ij,kl} = \frac{1}{2}(k_i + k_j - k_k - k_l)$$

$$K = k_i + k_j + k_k + k_l$$

$$T^{(ijk,l)}(k_{ij}, p_{ij,k}, q_{ijk,l}) = T^{(kjl,i)}(k_{kj}, p_{kj,l}, q_{kjl,i}) = T^{(lji,k)}(k_{lj}, p_{lj,i}, q_{lji,k}) = \dots = \underline{T_M(k, p, q)}$$

$$T^{(ij,kl)}(k_{ij}, k_{kl}, s_{ij,kl}) = T^{(lj,ik)}(k_{lj}, k_{ik}, s_{lj,ik}) = T^{(kj,li)}(k_{kj}, k_{li}, s_{kj,li}) = \dots = \underline{T_N(k, \kappa, s)}$$

# System integral equation

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System integral equation for  $T_M$  and  $T_N$

$$T_M(k, p, q) = \int \frac{dk'}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{dq'}{(2\pi)^4} S(K/4 - q') S(k' + q/2 + \frac{1}{2}q' + K/4)$$

$$[M(k, p; \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{P}) T_M(k', q + \frac{1}{3}q', q') + M(k, p; \mathcal{K}_1, \mathcal{P}_1) T_N(k', q - \frac{1}{2}q', q')]$$

$$T_N(k, \kappa, s) = \int \frac{dk'}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{dq'}{(2\pi)^4} S(K/4 - q') S(K/4 + q' + s)$$

$$N(k, \kappa; \frac{1}{2}s + q', k') T_M(k', -s - \frac{2}{3}q', q')$$

S -- nucleon propagator

t -- two-particle T matrix

$$\mathcal{K} = -\frac{1}{2}k' - \frac{1}{4}q - \frac{3}{4}q' \quad \mathcal{K}_1 = \mathcal{K} - \frac{3}{4}q$$

$$\mathcal{P} = k' - \frac{1}{6}q - \frac{1}{2}q' \quad \mathcal{P}_1 = \mathcal{P} + \frac{1}{2}q$$

Integral equation for M

$$M(k, p; k', p') = 2 (2\pi)^4 t(k, k', Z_{qp}) \delta(p - p') +$$

$$\int \frac{d^4 p''}{(2\pi)^4} S(\frac{1}{4}K + \frac{1}{3}q - p'') S(\frac{1}{4}K + \frac{1}{3}q + p + p'')$$

$$2t(k, \frac{1}{2}p + p'', Z_{qp}) M(p + \frac{1}{2}p'', p''; k', p')$$

$$Z_{qp} = \frac{1}{2}K + \frac{2}{3}q + p$$

$$Z_s = \frac{1}{2}K + s$$

Integral equation for N

$$N(k, \kappa; k', \kappa') = (2\pi)^4 2 t(k, k', Z_s) [\delta(\kappa - \kappa') + \delta(\kappa + \kappa')] +$$

$$\int \frac{d^4 k''}{(2\pi)^4} S(\frac{1}{4}K + \frac{1}{2}s - k'') S(\frac{1}{4}K + \frac{1}{2}s + k'')$$

$$t(k, k'', Z_s) N(\kappa, k''; k', \kappa')$$

Integral equation for two-particle t matrix

$$t = v + \int v G t$$

- replacement of nonrelativistic Green's functions by scalar nucleon propagators

$$g_0(Z) = (Z - H_0)^{-1} \longrightarrow G_{ij}(Z) = (k_i^2 - m_N^2)^{-1} (k_j^2 - m_N^2)^{-1}$$

- replacement of 3-momenta by 4-momenta

$$t(\mathbf{k}_1; \mathbf{k}_2) \longrightarrow t(k_1^0, \mathbf{k}_1; k_2^0, \mathbf{k}_2)$$

$$v(\mathbf{k}_1; \mathbf{k}_2) \longrightarrow v(k_1^0, \mathbf{k}_1; k_2^0, \mathbf{k}_2)$$

$$M(\mathbf{k}_1; \mathbf{k}_2; \mathbf{k}_3) \longrightarrow M(k_1^0, \mathbf{k}_1; k_2^0, \mathbf{k}_2; k_3^0, \mathbf{k}_3)$$

- replacement of 3-momentum integration by 4-momentum integration

$$\int d^3 k \longrightarrow \int d^4 k$$



# Separable potential of NN interaction

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$$v(k, k') = \lambda g(k)g(k')$$

$$g(k) = 1/(k^2 - \beta^2 + i0) \quad \text{monopole}$$

$$g(k) = 1/(k^2 - \beta^2 + i0)^2 \quad \text{dipole}$$

	Parameter	Y	Y2
$^1S_0$	$\beta$ (GeV)	0.228302	0.336
	$\lambda$ (GeV <sup>4</sup> )	-1.12087	-0.071436 <sup>a</sup>
$^3S_1$	$\beta$ (GeV)	0.279731	0.4
	$\lambda$ (GeV <sup>4</sup> )	-3.1548	-0.3857451 <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> GeV<sup>8</sup>

## Separable two-particle matrix

$$t = v + \int v G t \quad \longrightarrow \quad t(k, k', s) = \tau(s) g(k) g(k')$$

$$\tau(s) = \left[ \frac{1}{\lambda} - \frac{i}{4\pi^3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk_0 \int_0^{\infty} k^2 dk g^2(k_0, k) G(k_0, k; s) \right]^{-1}$$

# Equation with the separable potential

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$$T_M(k, p, q) = g(k)Q(p, q)$$

$$M(k, p; k', p') = 2\tau(Z_{qp})g(k)g(k')[(2\pi)^4\delta(p - p') + \tau(Z_{qp'})X(p, p')]$$

$$T_N(k, \kappa, s) = g(k)R(\kappa, s)$$

$$N(k, \kappa; k', \kappa') = 2\tau(Z_s)g(k)g(k')[(2\pi)^4[\delta(\kappa - \kappa') + \delta(\kappa + \kappa')] + \tau(Z_s)Y(\kappa, \kappa')]$$

$$Q(p, q) = \tau(Z_{qp})$$

$$\int \frac{dq'}{(2\pi)^4} [X(p, \frac{1}{3}q + q')Q(q + \frac{1}{3}q', q') + X(p, -\frac{2}{3}q + q')R(q - \frac{1}{2}q', q')]$$

$$R(\kappa, s) = 2\tau(Z_s)$$

$$\int \frac{dq'}{(2\pi)^4} Y(\kappa, \frac{1}{2}s + q')Q(-s - \frac{2}{3}q', q')$$

System of integral equations  
for  $Q$  and  $R$

$$X(p, p') = U(p, p') + \int \frac{d^4 p''}{(2\pi)^4} U(p, p'')\tau(Z_{qp''})X(p'', p')$$

$$Y(\kappa, \kappa') = W(\kappa, \kappa') + \int \frac{d^4 \kappa''}{(2\pi)^4} W(\kappa, \kappa'')\tau(Z_s)Y(\kappa'', \kappa')$$

Integral equations for  $X$  and  $Y$

$$U(p, p') = S(\frac{1}{4}K + \frac{1}{3}q - p')S(\frac{1}{4}K + \frac{1}{3}q + p + p')g(\frac{1}{2}p + p')2g(p + \frac{1}{2}p')$$

$$W(\kappa, \kappa') = S(\frac{1}{4}K + \frac{1}{2}s - \kappa')S(\frac{1}{4}K + \frac{1}{2}s + \kappa')g(\kappa)g(\kappa')$$

# Partial states

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$$Q_i(p, q) = \tau_i(Z_{qp})$$

$$\sum_j \int \frac{dq'}{(2\pi)^4} [X_{ij}(p, \frac{1}{3}q + q') Q_j(q + \frac{1}{3}q', q') + X_{ij}(p, -\frac{2}{3}q + q') R_j(q - \frac{1}{2}q', q')]$$

$$R_i(\kappa, s) = 2\tau_i(Z_s)$$

$$\int \frac{dq'}{(2\pi)^4} Y_{ii}(\kappa, \frac{1}{2}s + q') Q_i(-s - \frac{2}{3}q', q')$$

$$i, j = {}^1S_0, {}^3S_1$$

$$X_{ij}(p, p') = U_{ij}(p, p') + \sum_k \int \frac{d^4p''}{(2\pi)^4} U_{ik}(p, p'') \tau_k(Z_{qp''}) X_{kj}(p'', p')$$

$$Y_{ii}(\kappa, \kappa') = W_{ii}(\kappa, \kappa') + \int \frac{d^4\kappa''}{(2\pi)^4} W_{ii}(\kappa, \kappa'') \tau_i(Z_s) Y_{ii}(\kappa'', \kappa')$$

$$U_{ij}(p, p') = C_{ij} S(\frac{1}{4}K + \frac{1}{3}q - p') S(\frac{1}{4}K + \frac{1}{3}q + p + p') g_i(\frac{1}{2}p + p') 2g_j(p + \frac{1}{2}p')$$

$$W_{ii}(\kappa, \kappa') = S(\frac{1}{4}K + \frac{1}{2}s - \kappa') S(\frac{1}{4}K + \frac{1}{2}s + \kappa') g_i(\kappa) g_i(\kappa')$$

$$C_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{3}{4} \\ -\frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

Spin-isospin recoupling coefficient

# Singularities. Wick rotation

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Poles from propagators S

$$p_0''^{1,2} = \frac{1}{4}K_0 + \frac{1}{3}q_0 \pm [E(|\frac{1}{3}\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}''|) - i\epsilon]$$

$$p_0''^{3,4} = -\frac{1}{4}K_0 - \frac{1}{3}q_0 - p_0 \pm [E(|\frac{1}{3}\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{p}''|) - i\epsilon]$$

Poles from potential (g)

$$p_0''^{5,6} = -2p_0 \pm 2[E_\beta(|\mathbf{p} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p}''|) - i\epsilon]$$

$$p_0''^{7,8} = -\frac{1}{2}p_0 \pm \frac{1}{2}[E_\beta(|\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{p}''|) - i\epsilon]$$

Poles from tau

$$p_0''^{9,10} = -\frac{1}{2}K_0 - \frac{2}{3}q_0 - p_0 \pm [|\frac{2}{3}\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{p}''| + M_d^2 - i\epsilon]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

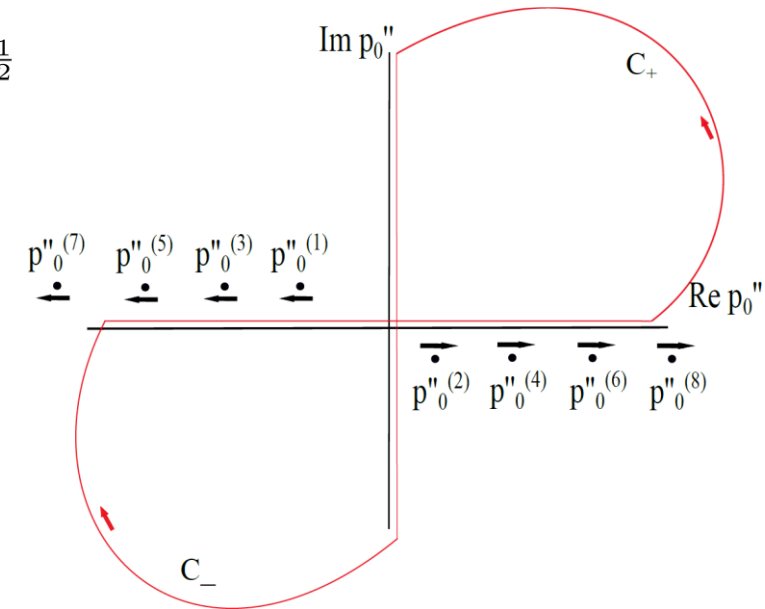
Cuts from tau

$$p_0''^{11,12} = -\frac{1}{2}K_0 - \frac{2}{3}q_0 - p_0 \pm [|\frac{2}{3}\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{p}''| + 4m^2 - i\epsilon]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$p_0'' \longrightarrow ip_4''$$

$$p_0 \longrightarrow ip_4$$

$$q_0 \longrightarrow iq_4$$



$$Q(p, q) = \int \frac{dq'}{(2\pi)^4} \tau(K_{qp}) X(p, q/3 + q', K_q) Q(q + \frac{1}{3}q', q')$$

$$X(p, p''; K_q) = U(p, p''; K_q) + \int dp' U(p, p'; K_q) \tau(K_{qp'}) X(p', p''; K_q)$$

## Iteration method

Homogeneous integral equation with parameter

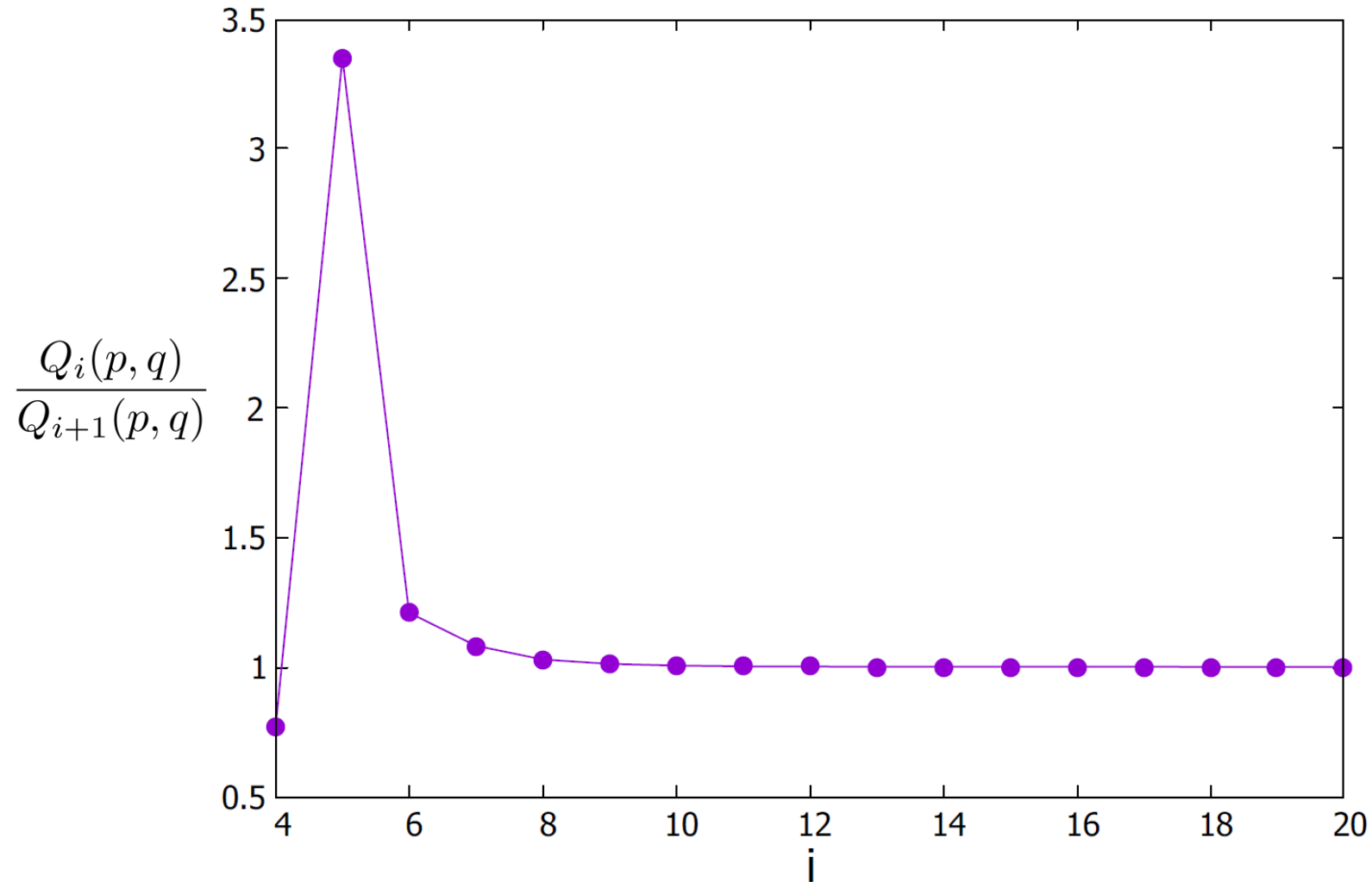
in our case parameter - **bound state energy**

solvability condition

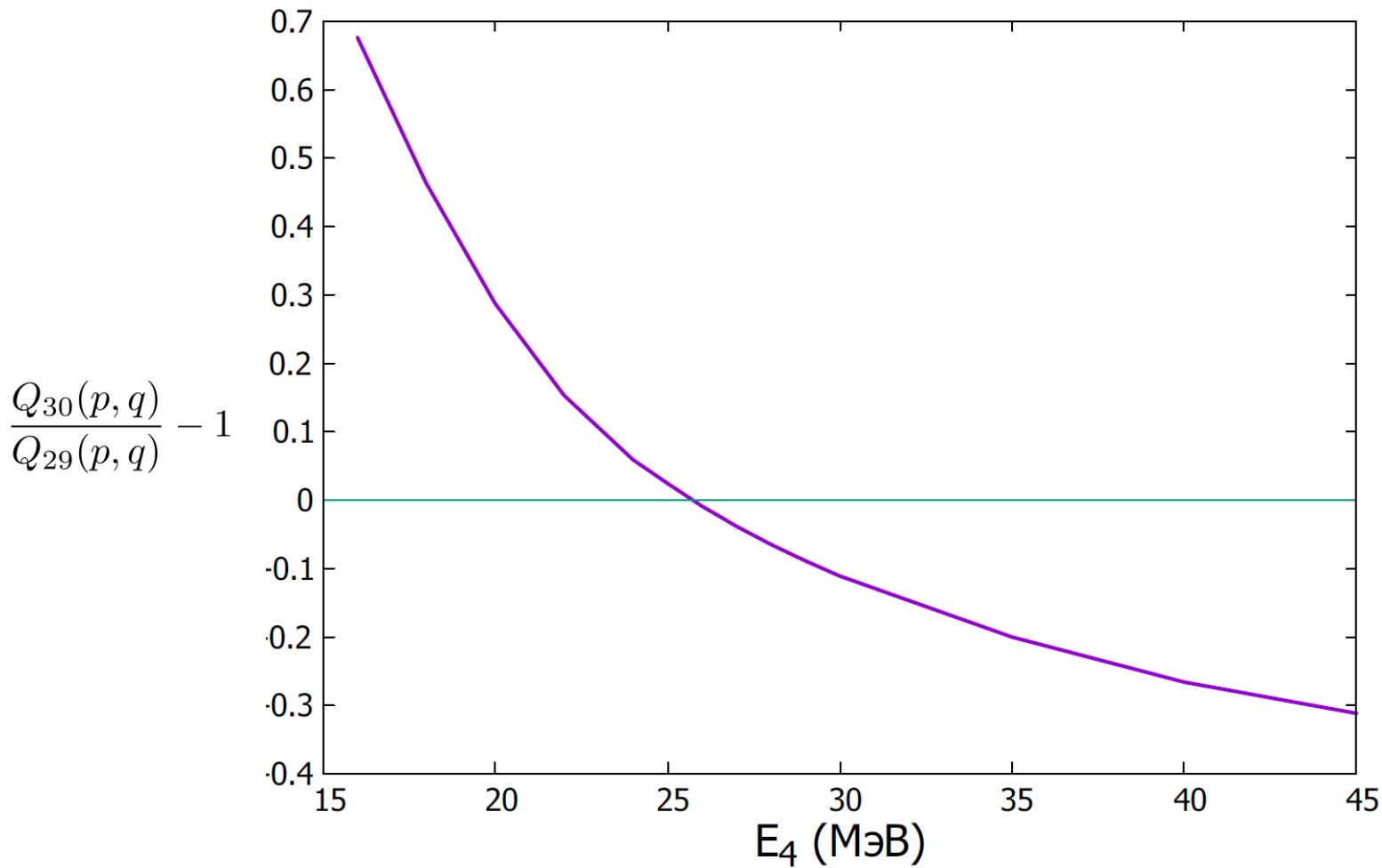
$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{Q_i(p, q)}{Q_{i+1}(p, q)} = 1$$

# Convergence of iteration method

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Convergence of the ratio of two subsequent iterations with an increase in the iteration number ( $i$ )

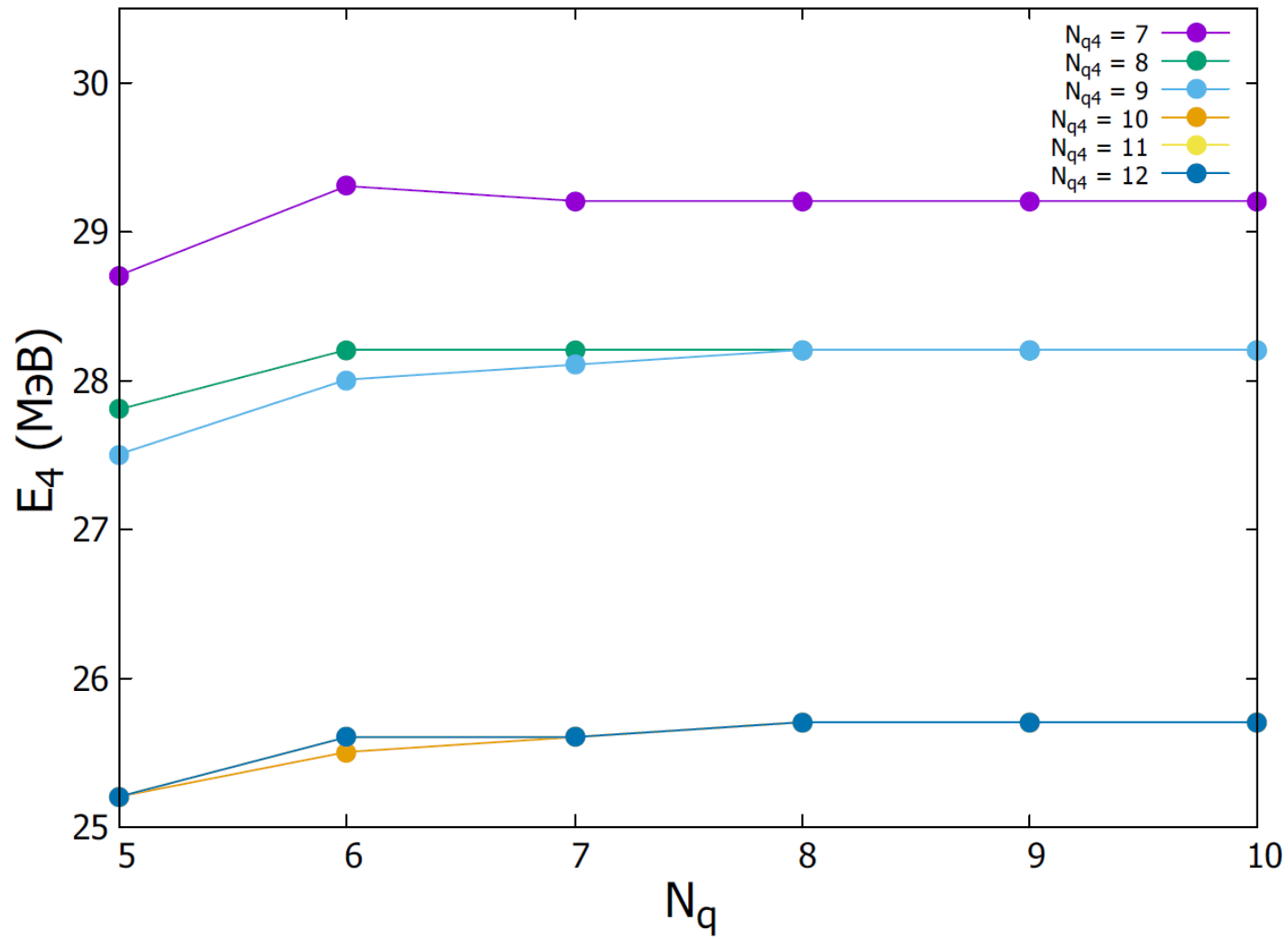


Ratio of two subsequent iterations as a function of parameter value( **bound state energy** in our case)

Parameter value(**bound state energy**) at which:

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{Q_i(p, q)}{Q_{i+1}(p, q)} = 1$$

gives the true binding energy of the nucleus

q (q<sub>4</sub>) convergence

$$\int_a^b f(q) dq \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N f(q_i) a_i$$

$q_i, a_i$  - nodes and weights of Gaussian quadrature



# Result of calculation

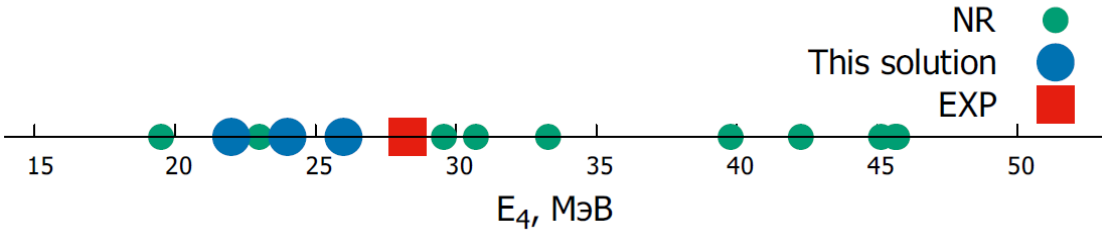
## NN potential Y

State	Non-relativistic calculation	Relativistic calculation
$^3S_1$ w/o "2+2"	47	58
$^1S_0, ^3S_1$ w/o "2+2"	19	26
$^3S_1$ with "2+2"	75	51
$^1S_0, ^3S_1$ with "2+2"	34	24

## NN potential Y2

State	Relativistic calculation
$^3S_1$ w/o "2+2"	51
$^1S_0, ^3S_1$ w/o "2+2"	24
$^3S_1$ with "2+2"	45
$^1S_0, ^3S_1$ with "2+2"	22

Experiment:  
28.3 MeV



Triton binding energy  
(Exp = 8.48 MeV)

State	Y	Y2
$^3S_1$	25.26	22.99
$^1S_0, ^3S_1$	11.04	10.24

# Summary

- The Faddeev-Yakubovsky equation was generalized to the relativistic case;
  - The equation was solved numerically by the iteration method;
  - The binding energy value of helium 4 has been obtained.
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## Outlook:

- Using the found amplitudes of the state, calculate the form factors of the helium-4 nucleus;
- Calculation using more accurate multi-rank potentials.

Thank you for your attention