

Asymptotic behavior of energy to Klein-Gordon equations with time dependent potentials

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§1. Scattering for Klein-Gordon equations

We consider the Klein-Gordon equation

$$u_{tt} - \Delta u + m^2 u + V(x, t)u = 0, \quad (x, t) \in \mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}, \quad (P)$$

where $u_{tt} = \partial^2 u / \partial t^2$, Δ is the n -dimensional Laplacian, $n \geq 3$, $m = m(x) > 0$ and $V(x, t)$ is a potential which is bounded and continuous in $\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}$. Now, we define the energy of the solution of this equation at time t :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \|u(t)\|_E^2 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \{u_t(x, t)^2 + |\nabla u(x, t)|^2 + m^2 u(x, t)^2\} dx, \\ \|u(t)\|_{E_V}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \{u_t(x, t)^2 + |\nabla u(x, t)|^2 + m^2 u(x, t)^2 + V(x, t)u(x, t)^2\} dx. \end{array} \right.$$

where E is the Hilbert space with the above energy norms.

In this paper, under suitable condition on $V(x, t)$, we shall treat a nondecay of the energy, and develop a scattering theory.

As is easily seen, we have

$$\|u(t)\|_{E_V}^2 - \frac{1}{2} \int_s^t \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} V_\tau(x, \tau) u^2 dx d\tau = \|u(s)\|_{E_V}^2$$

for any $t > s$. If $V_t(x, t) \leq 0$, then $\|u(t)\|_{E_V}$ is decreasing with t , and a question rises whether it decays or not as t goes to infinity. We conjecture that the perturbed solutions behave like the free solutions asymptotically as $t \rightarrow \pm\infty$, that is, we want to find unique $f_0^\pm \in E$ such that

$$\|U(t, 0)f - U_0(t)f_0^\pm\|_E \rightarrow 0, \quad (t \rightarrow \pm\infty)$$

where $U_0(t)$ is the unitary group in E which represents the solution of the free equation ($V = 0$) and $U(t, s)$ is the evolution operator which maps the solutions at time t to those at time s :

$$u(t) = U(t, s)u(s).$$

In order to state our results, we introduce the following conditions.

(A0) $V(x, t)$ satisfies

$$-\delta \left\{ m^2 + \left(\frac{n-2}{2r} \right)^2 \right\} \leq V(x, t) \leq C_1 \left\{ m^2 + \left(\frac{n-2}{2r} \right)^2 \right\},$$

where $0 < \delta < 1 \leq C_1$.

(A1) $V(x, t)$ satisfies

$$|V_t(x, t)| \leq \eta_1(t) \left\{ m^2 + \left(\frac{n-2}{2r} \right)^2 \right\},$$

where $\eta_1(t)$ is a positive L^1 -function of $t \geq 0$.

(A2) $m(x)$ and $V(x, t)$ satisfy

$$(m^2\psi)_r \leq 0,$$

$$(V\psi)_r \leq \{\varepsilon\psi'(r) + \eta_2(t)\} \left(\frac{n-2}{2r} \right)^2,$$

where $\varepsilon > 0$ is sufficiently small, $\eta_2(t)$ is a positive L^1 -function of $t \geq 0$ and $\psi(r)$ is bounded and monotone increasing function of $r = |x|$ such that

$$0 < \psi'(r) < r^{-1}\psi(r), \quad \psi''(r) \leq 0.$$

(A3) $V(x, t)$ satisfies

$$|V(x, t)| \leq \{C_2\psi'(r) + \eta_3(t)\} \left(\frac{n-2}{2r} \right)^2,$$

where $\eta_3(t)$ is a positive L^1 -function of $t \geq 0$.

The following lemma plays an important role in our results.

Lemma 1 (Space-time weighted estimate)

Under (A2), there exists $C_3 > 0$ such that for any $t > s$

$$\int_s^t \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \psi'(r) (u_\tau^2 + |\nabla u|^2) - \psi''(r) \frac{n-1}{4r} u^2 \right\} dx d\tau < C_3 \|u(s)\|_E^2.$$

By using this lemma, we shall show that energy nondecay and scattering occur.

Theorem 2 (Nondecay)

Assume (A0) \sim (A3),

If $u^s(t)$ is the solution of the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t^2 u^s - \Delta u^s + m^2 u^s + V u^s = 0, & t \geq s \\ u^s(s) = u_0(s) \end{cases}$$

and s is sufficiently large, then its energy $\|u^s(t)\|_E$ never decays as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Theorem 3 (Scattering)

Assume (A0) \sim (A3). Then

(i) For every $f \in E$ there exists $f_0^\pm \in E$ such that

$$\|U(t, s)f - U_0(t - s)f_0^\pm\|_E^2 \rightarrow 0, \quad (t \rightarrow \pm\infty)$$

we put

$$Z^\pm = s - \lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} U_0(-t)U(t, 0)$$

Then Z^\pm defines a nontrivial bounded operator on E .

(ii) If C_2 in (A3) is sufficiently small, then Z^\pm gives a bijection on E . Thus, the scattering operator

$$S = Z^+(Z^-)^{-1} : f_0^- \rightarrow f_0^+$$

is well defined and also gives a bijection on E .

§2. Strichartz estimates and its applications

We introduce the Strichartz estimates for the Klein-Gordon equations and as its application, we shall show the unique existence of the solutions of the integral equations corresponded to (P). Define

$$\Phi[f](t) = \int_s^t e^{iA(t-\tau)} f(\tau) d\tau.$$

Lemma 4 (Strichartz estimates for Klein-Gordon equations)

Let $n \geq 3$, $\frac{n-2}{2n} < \frac{1}{p} \leq \frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{r} = \frac{n}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p} \right)$. Then for any time interval I and for any $s \in \bar{I}$ the following estimates are true

$$\|\Phi[f]\|_{L^r(I; L^p)} \leq C_4 \|f\|_{L^{r'}(I; H_p^{2\mu})},$$

$$\|\Phi[f]\|_{L^\infty(I; L^2)} \leq C_4^{1/2} \|f\|_{L^{r'}(I; H_p^\mu)},$$

and

$$\|e^{iAt}\phi\|_{L^r(I; L^p)} \leq C_4^{1/2} \|\phi\|_{H^\mu},$$

where $\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r'} = 1$, $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$, $\mu = \left(1 + \frac{n}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}\right)$ and $A = (m^2 - \Delta)^{1/2}$.

(B0) $V(x, t)$ satisfies

$$V(x, t) \in L^\nu(\mathbf{R}; L^q),$$

where

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{q} < \frac{2}{n} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{\nu} = 1 - \frac{n}{2q}.$$

Moreover, $V(x, t)$ satisfies the smallness condition

$$C_4 \|V\|_{L^\nu(\mathbf{R}; L^q)} < 1$$

where C_4 is a constant given in Lemma 4.

Since this lemma, we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 5 (Unique existence and space-time L^p - L^q estimates)

Let $n \geq 3$ and assume (B0). Then for each $f = {}^t(f_1, f_2) \in E$,

(i) the integral equation

$$u(t) = \dot{K}(t-s)f_1 + K(t-s)f_2 + \int_s^t K(t-\tau)V(\tau)u(\tau)d\tau$$

has a unique solution in $u(t) \in L^r(\mathbf{R}; H_p^{1/2})$. Here $K(t) = A^{-1} \sin(At)$.

(ii) This solution belongs to $C(\mathbf{R}; H^1)$ and coincides with $U(t, s)f$. Moreover, we have

$$\|u\|_{L^r(\mathbf{R}; H_p^{1/2})} \leq \frac{2C_4^{1/2}}{1 - C_4 \|V\|_{L^\nu(\mathbf{R}; L^q)}} \|f\|_E$$

and

$$\left\| \int_s^t K(t-\tau)V(\tau)u(\tau)d\tau \right\|_{H^1} \leq \frac{2C_4 \|V\|_{L^\nu(\mathbf{R}; L^q)}}{1 - C_4 \|V\|_{L^\nu(\mathbf{R}; L^q)}} \|f\|_E.$$

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