

# Low energy spectral and scattering theory for relativistic Schrödinger operators

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Inverse problems and related topics

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- $H := \sqrt{-\Delta} + V, \quad H_0 := \sqrt{-\Delta}$

## Relativistic Schrödinger operators

- $|V(x)| \leq \text{Const} \cdot \langle x \rangle^{-\sigma}, \quad \sigma > 1, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^3$



- $H$  &  $H_0$  self-adjoint in  $\mathbf{L}^2 (= \mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^3))$

$$\text{Dom}(H) = \text{Dom}(H_0) = \mathbf{H}^1 (= \mathbf{H}^1(\mathbb{R}^3))$$

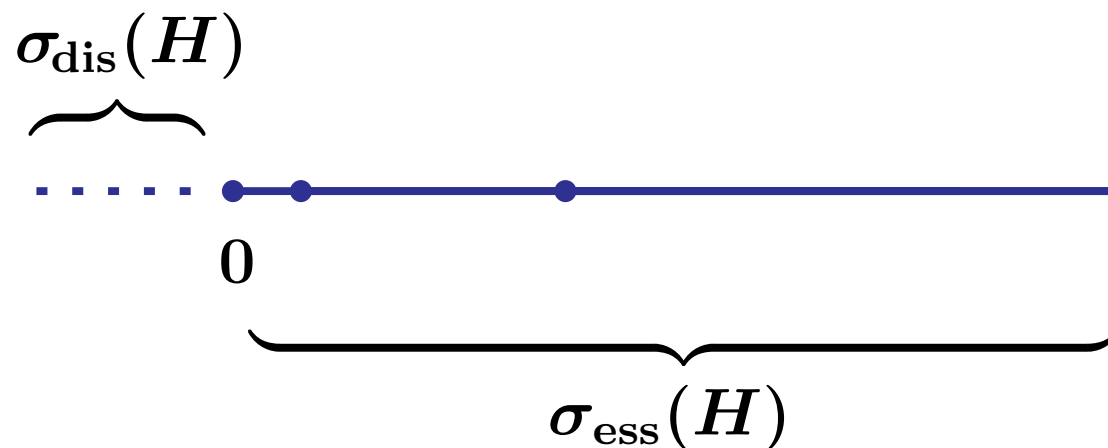
## Sobolev space of order 1

- $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(H) = [0, \infty)$

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NB.  $\langle x \rangle = \sqrt{1 + |x|^2}$

## Picture of $\sigma(H)$



♠ 0-energy plays an important role  
in the low energy asymptotics!

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except for a discrete subset of  $\mathbb{R}$

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With  $H_V = H_0 + V$

**Theorem 2** The set  $\{V \in \mathbf{L}^3(\mathbb{R}^3; \mathbb{R}) \mid 0 \notin \sigma_p(H_V)\}$   
contains an open and dense subset of  $\mathbf{L}^3(\mathbb{R}^3; \mathbb{R})$

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**NB.**  $|V(x)| \leq \text{Const} \cdot \langle x \rangle^{-\sigma}, \sigma > 1 \Rightarrow V \in \mathbf{L}^3(\mathbb{R}^3; \mathbb{R})$

## 0-energy eigenvalue and resonance

**Theorem 3**  $|V(x)| \leq \text{Const.} \langle x \rangle^{-\sigma}, \quad \sigma > 2$

$$0 \notin \sigma_p(H)$$



$$\exists (I + uG_0v)^{-1} \in \mathcal{B}(L^2)$$

### Notation

$$u := |V|^{1/2} \text{sgn}(V), \quad v := |V|^{1/2} \quad (V = uv)$$

$$[G_0 f](x) := \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{1}{|x - y|^2} f(y) dy \quad (G_0 = 1/\sqrt{-\Delta})$$



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## Slightly bigger space

$$L^2_{-s} := \{ f \mid \| \langle x \rangle^{-s} f \|_{L^2} < \infty \}, \quad 0 < s \leq 3/2$$

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∴) Formal arguments!

$$(I + uG_0v)f = 0 \quad (f \in \mathbf{L}^2)$$



$$vf + \underbrace{vu}_{(=V)} G_0vf = 0$$



$$(\sqrt{-\Delta} + V)g = 0 \quad (g := G_0vf \in \mathbf{L}^2_{-\sigma/2}; \quad vf = \sqrt{-\Delta}g)$$

(†) If  $\exists (I + uG_0v)^{-1} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{L}^2)$ , then  $f = 0$ , hence  $g = 0$ .  $\square$

## 0-energy resonance

Theorem 4  $|V(x)| \leq \text{Const} \cdot \langle x \rangle^{-\sigma}, \sigma > 3/2$

$f \in \mathbf{L}^2_{-s}$  for some  $s \in (0, \min\{\sigma - 3/2, 1/2\})$

$Hf = 0$  in distribution

$\implies$

$f \in \text{Dom}(H) = \mathbf{H}^1$  (0-energy eigenfunction!)

- “0-energy resonances do not exist!”

## Proof of Theorem 4 (Formal)

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( $0 < s < \min\{\sigma - 3/2, 1/2\}$ )

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“ $f = G_0 \sqrt{-\Delta}f$ ” =  $-G_0 Vf \in \mathbf{L}^2$ ,  $\sqrt{-\Delta}f \in \mathbf{L}^2$   
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(b) Does  $\sqrt{-\Delta}f$  make sense for  $f \in \mathbf{L}^2_{-s}$  ?

(#) Can “ $f = G_0\sqrt{-\Delta}f$ ” be justified ?

( $\varphi = G_0\sqrt{-\Delta}\varphi$  is trivial only for  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}$  !)

## Action of $\sqrt{-\Delta}$ on distributions

$$\langle \sqrt{-\Delta}f, \varphi \rangle := \langle f, \sqrt{-\Delta}\varphi \rangle \quad (f \in \mathcal{S}', \varphi \in \mathcal{S})$$

( $\langle f, g \rangle$  is linear in  $f$ , anti-linear in  $g$ )

This definition does not make sense! ( $\because \sqrt{-\Delta}\varphi \notin \mathcal{S}$ )

( $\diamond$ )  $\sqrt{-\Delta} : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{L}_s^2$  continuous if  $s < 5/2$  ( $= 1 + 3/2$ )

( $\heartsuit$ )  $\exists \varphi_0 \in \mathcal{S}$  such that  $\sqrt{-\Delta}\varphi_0 \notin \mathbf{L}_s^2 \quad \forall s \geq 5/2$

( $\spadesuit$ ) By duality,  $\sqrt{-\Delta}f \in \mathcal{S}'$  if  $f \in \mathbf{L}_{-s}^2$  for some  $s < 5/2$

Key Lemma  $0 \leq s < 5/2, f \in \mathbf{H}_{-s}^1, g \in \mathbf{L}_s^2$

$\implies$

$$\langle \sqrt{-\Delta}f, g \rangle_{\mathbf{L}_{-s}^2, \mathbf{L}_s^2} = \langle f, \sqrt{-\Delta}g \rangle_{\mathbf{H}_{-s}^1, \mathbf{H}_s^{-1}}$$



## Proof of “ $f = G_0\sqrt{-\Delta}f$ ”

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$$f \in \mathbf{H}^1_{-s}$$

$\implies$

For  $\forall \varphi \in \mathcal{S}$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \underbrace{G_0\sqrt{-\Delta}f}_{\in \mathbf{L}^2}, \varphi \rangle_{\mathbf{L}^2} &= -\langle G_0Vf, \varphi \rangle_{\mathbf{L}^2} \\ &= -\langle Vf, G_0\varphi \rangle_{\mathbf{L}^2} \quad (\text{change of integ'n order}) \\ &= \langle \sqrt{-\Delta}f, G_0\varphi \rangle_{\mathbf{L}^2} \quad (G_0\varphi \in \mathbf{L}^2_t \quad \forall t < 1/2) \\ &= \langle f, \sqrt{-\Delta}G_0\varphi \rangle_{\mathbf{H}^1_{-s}, \mathbf{H}^{-1}_s} \quad (\text{by Key Lemma}) \\ &= \langle f, \varphi \rangle_{\mathbf{L}^2_{-s}, \mathbf{L}^2_s} \end{aligned}$$

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In other words

**Theorem 6**  $|V(x)| \leq \text{Const} \cdot \langle x \rangle^{-\sigma}$ ,  $\sigma > 5/2$

If  $\sigma_p(H) \cap (0, +\infty)$  accumulate at 0



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# The wave and scattering operators

(Known facts)

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Wave operators

- $\text{Ran}(W_-) = \text{Ran}(W_+) = \mathcal{H}_p(H)^\perp$

Asymptotic completeness

- $S := W_+^* W_-$     unitary in  $\mathbf{L}^2$

Scattering operator

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Define  $\mathcal{F}_0 : \mathbf{L}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{R}_+, d\lambda; \mathfrak{h})$  **unitary**

$$\text{by } [\mathcal{F}_0 f](\lambda) := \lambda[\mathcal{F}f](\lambda \cdot)$$

where  $\mathfrak{h} := \mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{S}^2)$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$  Fourier transform



$$(\dagger) \quad [[\mathcal{F}_0 S \mathcal{F}_0^*] \varphi](\lambda) = S(\lambda) \varphi(\lambda) \text{ for } \varphi \in \mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{R}_+, d\lambda; \mathfrak{h})$$

**( $\mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{h})$ -valued multiplication operator)**

$$(\diamond) \quad ([\mathcal{F}_0 S \mathcal{F}_0^*] \varphi, \psi)_{\mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{R}_+, d\lambda; \mathfrak{h})} = \int_0^\infty (S(\lambda) \varphi(\lambda), \psi(\lambda))_{\mathfrak{h}} d\lambda$$

## Action of the dilation group

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$$\bullet U_{-\tau} W_\pm(H, H_0) U_\tau = W_\pm(H_0 + e^{-\tau} V_\tau, H_0)$$

( $V_\tau(x) := V(e^{-\tau} x)$ )

$$\bullet U_{-\tau} S U_\tau \cong \int_{\mathbb{R}_+}^{\oplus} S(e^\tau \lambda) d\lambda$$

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“ $\tau \rightarrow -\infty$ ” means “low energy limit”

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Let  $P$  be the projection on  $\mathcal{G}_0 := \text{Ker}(I + uG_0v)$

$$(u := |V|^{1/2} \text{sgn}(V), v := |V|^{1/2})$$

$$([G_0f](x) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{1}{|x-y|^2} f(y) dy)$$

$$[Q_0f](x) := \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{1}{|x-y|} f(y) dy$$

## Assumption 2

The operator  $PuQ_0v|_{\mathcal{G}_0} : \mathcal{G}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_0$  is invertible.

**Remark**  $|V(x)| \leq \text{Const} \cdot \langle x \rangle^{-\sigma}, \sigma > 3$

Either (1)  $0 \notin \sigma_p(H)$

or (2)  $\|V\|_{L^\infty}$  is small enough



Assumptions 1 & 2 hold

## Low energy asymptotics of $W_{\pm}$ & $S$

Theorem 7  $|V(x)| \leq \text{Const} \cdot \langle x \rangle^{-\sigma}, \sigma > 3$

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## Low energy asymptotics of $S(\lambda)$

Theorem 8  $|V(x)| \leq \text{Const} \cdot \langle x \rangle^{-\sigma}, \sigma > 3$

Suppose that Assumptions 1 & 2 hold



$$\lim_{\lambda \searrow 0} S(\lambda) = I \text{ in } \mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{h}) \quad (\text{NB. } \mathfrak{h} = \mathbf{L}^2(\mathbb{S}^2))$$

## Comparison with the non-relativistic case

- Jensen & Kato: Duke Math. J. (1979)

$$-\Delta + V \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$S(\lambda) = \Sigma_0 + i\lambda^{1/2}\Sigma_1 + o(\lambda^{1/2}) \text{ in } \mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{h})$$

where

$$\Sigma_0 = \begin{cases} I & \text{if } \not\exists \text{ 0-resonances} \\ I + \{\text{rank one operator}\} & \text{if } \exists \text{ 0-resonances} \end{cases}$$



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