Inverse Scattering Transform and Space -Time Scattering for the KPI equation

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Schematic Description of Solving KPI using IST

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Lax Pair Representation for the KPI Equation

The Cauchy problem for the KPI equation is given by

$$
\begin{cases} (u_t + 6uu_x + u_{xxx})_x = 3u_{yy} \\ u(0, x, y) = u(x, y) \end{cases}
$$
 (1)

A Lax pair for the KPI is given by

$$
\widehat{L}\psi = i\psi_y + \psi_{xx} + u\psi = 0 \tag{2}
$$

and

$$
\widehat{M}\psi = \psi_t + 4\psi_{xxx} + 6u\psi_x + 3\psi \left[u_x - i \int_{-\infty}^x u_y dx' \right] = 0
$$
 (3)

where the KPI equation is the compatibility condition for (2) and (3) , i.e., (1) can be written as Lax's equation for \hat{L} and \hat{M} .

$$
\widehat{L}_t = i[\widehat{L}, \widehat{M}].
$$

Integral Equations

Consider an accompanying equation of [\(2\)](#page-3-0) is given by

$$
-i\phi_y + \phi_{xx} + u\phi = 0 \tag{4}
$$

Let $\mu = e^{-i(kx + k^2 y)}\psi$ and $\nu = e^{i(kx - k^2 y)}\phi$. Then, equations [\(2\)](#page-3-0) and [\(4\)](#page-4-0) can be written as

$$
L\mu \equiv i\mu_y + \mu_{xx} + 2ik\mu_x + u\mu = 0 \tag{5}
$$

$$
\tilde{L}\nu \equiv -i\nu_y + \nu_{xx} - 2ik\nu_x + u\nu = 0 \tag{6}
$$

Taking the Fourier and inverse Fourier transforms of [\(5\)](#page-4-1) and [\(6\)](#page-4-2), respectively,

$$
i\hat{\mu}_y - (l^2 + 2kl)\hat{\mu} = -(2\pi)^{-1}\hat{u} * \hat{\mu}
$$

\n
$$
i\check{v}_y + (l^2 + 2kl)\check{v} = \check{u} * \check{v}
$$
\n(8)

Integral Equations (cont.)

Denote the solutions of [\(7\)](#page-4-3) by

$$
\hat{\mu}^l(l, y; k) = 2\pi\delta(l) + i(2\pi)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^y e^{-il(l+2k)(y-\eta)} \hat{u} * \hat{\mu}^l(l, \eta) d\eta
$$
 (9)

$$
\hat{\mu}^r(l, y; k) = 2\pi\delta(l) - i(2\pi)^{-1} \int_{y}^{+\infty} e^{-il(l+2k)(y-\eta)} \hat{u} * \hat{\mu}^r(l, \eta) d\eta \qquad (10)
$$

$$
\hat{\mu}^{\pm}(l, y; k) = 2\pi\delta(l) + i(2\pi)^{-1} \int_{\pm\infty}^{y} e^{-il(l+2k)(y-\eta)} \hat{u} * \hat{\mu}^{\pm}(l, \eta) d\eta \qquad (11)
$$

Note:

- (1) The equations (9) and (10) have unique solutions if $\widehat{u} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$.
- (2) On the other hand, existence of unique solutions to (11) requires $\|\hat{u}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^2)} < 2\pi$ if [\(11\)](#page-5-2) is solved iteratively.

Scattering Data

Define

$$
S(k, k+l) = -i(2\pi)^{-2} \int e^{i l(l+2k)\eta} \widehat{u} * \widehat{\mu}^r(l, \eta; k) d\eta \qquad (12)
$$

$$
\tilde{S}(k+l,k) = -i(2\pi)^{-2} \int e^{-il(l+2k)\eta} \breve{u} * \breve{v}'(l,\eta;k) d\eta \qquad (13)
$$

and

$$
T^{\pm}(k, k+l) = -i(2\pi)^{-2}H(\pm l)\int e^{il(l+2k)\eta}\hat{u} * \hat{\mu}^{\pm}(l, \eta; k) d\eta \qquad (14)
$$

$$
\tilde{\mathcal{T}}^{\pm}(k+l,k)=i(2\pi)^{-2}H(\mp l)\int e^{-il(l+2k)\eta}\breve{u}*\breve{v}^{\pm}(l,\eta;k)\;d\eta\qquad(15)
$$

$$
R^{\pm}(k, k+l) = i(2\pi)^{-2}H(\mp l) \int e^{il(l+2k)\eta} \hat{u} * \hat{\mu}^{\pm}(l, \eta; k) d\eta \qquad (16)
$$

$$
\tilde{R}^{\pm}(k+l,k) = -i(2\pi)^{-2}H(\pm l)\int e^{-il(l+2k)\eta}\breve{u} * \breve{v}^{\pm}(l,\eta;k) d\eta \quad (17)
$$

Scattering Data (cont.)

Triangular factorization of $I + S$ is given by

$$
I + S = (I \pm \mathcal{R}^{\pm})^{-1} (I \pm \mathcal{T}^{\pm})
$$
 (18)

It follows that

$$
I + \mathcal{F} \equiv (I + \mathcal{T}^{+})(I - \tilde{\mathcal{T}}^{-}) = (I + \mathcal{R}^{+})(I - \tilde{\mathcal{R}}^{-})
$$
 (19)

relates the analytical solutions μ^\pm through a nonlocal Riemann-Hilbert problem

$$
\mu^+ = (I + \mathcal{F}_{x,y})\mu^- \tag{20}
$$

where $\mathcal{F}_{x,y}$ denotes the integral operator with the kernel $F(k, l)e^{i(l-k)x-i(l^2-k^2)y}$ for fixed x, y. Alternatively, [\(20\)](#page-7-0) can be rewritten as

$$
\mu^{\pm} = (I \pm \mathcal{T}_{x,y}^{\pm})\mu'
$$
 (21)

$$
\mu^{\pm} = (I \pm \mathcal{R}_{x,y}^{\pm})\mu^r \tag{22}
$$

Inverse Problem (cont.)

Define the following integral operators for the nonlocal Riemann-Hilbert problem

$$
C_{T_{x,y}} \equiv C_{+} T_{x,y}^{-} + C_{-} T_{x,y}^{+}
$$
 (23)

$$
C_{R_{x,y}} \equiv C_{+} R_{x,y}^{-} + C_{-} R_{x,y}^{+}
$$
 (24)

where $\mathcal{C}_\pm: L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \to L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ are Cauchy integral operators defined by

$$
(C_{\pm}f)(k,l) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int \frac{dk'}{k'-k\mp 0i} f(k',l)
$$
 (25)

One can show that $\mu^{l,r}$ are fundamental solutions of the Riemann-Hilbert problems (21) and (22) if and only if they satisfy the following equations, respectively

$$
\mu' = 1 + C_{\mathcal{T}_{x,y}} \mu'
$$
\n(26)

$$
\mu^r = 1 + C_{R_{x,y}} \mu^r \tag{27}
$$

Inverse Problem (cont.)

Let u be an undetermined function of x, y . Using (26) ,

$$
[C_{T_{x,y}}, L - u]\mu' = [C_{T_{x,y}}, L]\mu'
$$

= $C_{T_{x,y}}L\mu' - LC_{T_{x,y}}\mu'$
= $(C_{T_{x,y}} - I)L\mu' + u$

where the operator L is defined in (5) . If we set

$$
u = [C_{T_{x,y}}, L - u]\mu' = [C_{T_{x,y}}, i\partial_y + 2ik\partial_x + \partial_{xx}]\mu'
$$
 (28)
then, $L\mu' = 0$ by the injectivity of $I - C_{T_{x,y}}$.
Using (23) and (25), we can write (28) as

$$
u(x,y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \iint [T^+(k,l) + T^-(k,l)] e^{i(l-k)x - i(l^2 - k^2)y} \mu^l(l,x;y) \, dl \, dk \tag{29}
$$

Inverse Problem (cont.)

- (1) We previously showed that the physical scattering kernel evolves as $S(k, l, t) = S(k, l)e^{4i(k^3-l^3)t}$.
- (2) The triangular factors \mathcal{T}^\pm and \mathcal{R}^\pm evolve in the same way.
- (3) Thus the KPI equation [\(1\)](#page-3-2) has a unique solution $u(\cdot, \cdot, t)$ for all real t given by [\(29\)](#page-9-1) at initial time $t = 0$ which evolves in a manner determined by the evolution of the scattering data.

Space-Time Scattering: Definitions and Notations

Denote the closed unit square [0, 1]x[0, 1] in \mathbb{R}^2 by \Box .

Write $P \in \square$, $P = (1/q, 1/r)$, $1 \le q \le \infty$, $1 \le r \le \infty$ with the convention that $1/\infty = 0$.

We use the notation

$$
L(P) = L^{r}(\mathbb{R}; L^{q}(\mathbb{R}^{d})), \quad P = (1/q, 1/r) \in \square.
$$

For $P \in \Box$ write $P = (x(P), y(P))$ for the coordinates.

Space-Time Scattering: Definitions

Definition 1

A distribution $u \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R} \mathsf{x} \mathbb{R}^\mathsf{d})$ is called a *free wave*, if $(i\partial_t + \Delta_x)u = 0$ in $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d)$.

Definition 2

Let
$$
P \in \square
$$
. Define $\mathcal{L}_0(P) = \{ u \in L(P) \mid u \text{ is a free wave} \}.$

$\frac{\text{Lemma 3}}{\int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)}$

$$
\mathcal{L}_0\left(\left(\frac{1}{2},0\right)\right) = \{e^{i(t-s)\Delta}\psi \mid s \in \mathbb{R}, \ \psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)\}.
$$

Definition 4

Let $u \in L(P)$, $P \in T$. We say that $(i\partial_t - H(t))u = 0$ holds in the weak sense, if $\langle (i\partial_t - H(t)\Psi), u \rangle \ge 0$ for all $\Psi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d)$.

Space-Time Scattering (cont.)

Theorem 5

Let V satisfy Assumption [1](#page-16-0) and Assumption [2.](#page-22-0) Let P be V-admissible.

(i) Let $u \in L(P)$ satisfy $(i\partial_t - H(t))u = 0$ in the weak sense. Then there exist unique free waves $u_+ \in \mathcal{L}_0(P)$ such that

 $u \sim u_+$ at $\pm \infty$.

Furthermore, the map $u_-\mapsto u_+$ is given by $u_+ = (1 + iG^0_+ V)(1 + iG^0_- V)^{-1}u_-.$ (ii) Let $u_-\in \mathcal{L}_0(P)$. Then $u=(1-iG_V)u_-\in L(P)$ solves $(i\partial_t - H(t))u = 0$ in the weak sense, and $u \sim u$ at $-\infty$. An analogous result holds in the $+\infty$ case.

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Space-Time Scattering (cont.)

Theorem 6

Let V satisfy Assumption [1](#page-16-0) and Assumption [2,](#page-22-0) and let $P \in T$ be V-admissible. Then the following results hold on $\mathcal{L}_0(P)$:

$$
W_{\pm} = 1 - iG_{\pm}V,
$$

$$
S = W_{+}^{-1}W_{-}.
$$

Preliminaries

 (1) The Schrödinger equation

$$
i\frac{d}{dt}\psi(t) = (-\Delta + V(t))\psi(t), \quad \psi(s) = \psi_0 \quad (30)
$$

has the propagator $U(t, s)$ such that the weak solution of [\(30\)](#page-15-0) is given by $\psi(t) = U(t,s)\psi_0$.

- (2) The family $U(t, s)$ consists of unitary propagators acting on $\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $\mathcal{U}(t,t) = I$ and $\mathcal{U}(t,s)\mathcal{U}(s,r) = \mathcal{U}(t,s)$ for all $t,s,r \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (3) Denote the propagator for the free Schrödinger equation by $U_0(t) = e^{it\Delta}$, where the domain $\mathcal{D}(-\Delta) = H^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$.
- (4) Denote the Banach space of finite regular measures on \mathbb{R}^d by $\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

Existence of Wave Operators

Assumption 1

Let $V(t,x)$ be a real-valued function such that $\hat{V} \in L^1(\mathbb{R};\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^d)).$

Theorem 7

Let V satisfy Assumption [1.](#page-16-0) Then the following results hold:

(i) For each $s \in \mathbb{R}$ the limits

$$
W_{\pm}(s) = \lim_{t \to \pm \infty} U(s, t) U_0(t - s)
$$

exist in operator norm in $\mathcal{B}(L^2(\mathbb{R}^d))$ and are unitary.

(ii) The operators $W_{\pm}(s)$ extends to bounded operators on $L^{p}(\mathbb{R}^{d})$, $1\leq p\leq\infty.$ Furthermore, $W_{\pm}(s)$ are invertible in $\mathcal{B}(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$, and we have

$$
\sup_{s\in\mathbb{R}}\left\|W_{\pm}(s)\right\|_{\mathcal{B}(L^p)}<\infty,\quad \sup_{s\in\mathbb{R}}\left\|W_{\pm}(s)^{-1}\right\|_{\mathcal{B}(L^p)}<\infty.
$$

Definitions and Notations

Let $\phi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $s \in \mathbb{R}$. Define two operators from $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ to $L^\infty(\mathbb{R};L^2(\mathbb{R}^d))$ as

> $\Gamma_0(s)\phi = U_0(t-s)\phi$, Γ(s)*ϕ* = U(t,s)*ϕ*.

For $f\in \mathcal{C}_c(\mathbb{R}; L^2(\mathbb{R}^d))$ the adjoints are

$$
\Gamma_0(s)^* f = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U_0(s-t) f(t) dt,
$$

$$
\Gamma(s)^* f = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(s,t) f(t) dt.
$$

For $f\in \mathcal{C}_c(\mathbb{R}; L^2(\mathbb{R}^d))$ define maps with values in $L^\infty(R; L^2(\mathbb{R}^d))$ as

$$
(G_{\pm}^{0}f)(t) = \int_{\pm\infty}^{t} U_{0}(t-s)f(s)ds,
$$

$$
(G_{\pm}f)(t) = \int_{\pm\infty}^{t} U(t,s)f(s)ds.
$$

Definitions and Notations (cont.)

It follows that for any $s \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$
G_{-}^{0} - G_{+}^{0} = \Gamma_{0}(s)\Gamma_{0}(s)^{*},
$$

$$
G_{-} - G_{+} = \Gamma(s)\Gamma(s)^{*}.
$$

Define wave operators on $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}; L^2(\mathbb{R}^d))$ as

$$
(\mathsf{W}_{\pm}f)(t)=\mathsf{W}_{\pm}(t)f(t)
$$

We have the intertwining relation in $\mathcal{B}(L^2(\mathbb{R}^d))$

$$
U(t,s)W_{\pm}(s)=W_{\pm}(t)U_0(t-s),\ t,s\in\mathbb{R}.
$$

Using the intertwining relation, we obtain

$$
G_{+} = W_{+} G_{+}^{0} W_{+}^{-1},
$$

\n
$$
G_{-} = W_{-} G_{-}^{0} W_{-}^{-1},
$$

\n
$$
\Gamma(s) = W_{+} \Gamma_{0}(s) W_{+}(s)^{-1},
$$

\n
$$
\Gamma(s) = W_{-} \Gamma_{0}(s) W_{-}(s)^{-1}
$$

Definitions and Notations (cont.)

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Definition 8

Define the function
$$
\pi : \square \to \mathbb{R}
$$
 by $\pi(P) = x(P) + 2y(P)/d$.

Theorem 9

Assume
$$
P \in T
$$
, $Q \in T'$, and $\pi(Q) - \pi(P) = 2/d$. Then,
 $G_{\pm}^0 \in \mathcal{B}(L(Q), L(P))$ and $G_{\pm} \in \mathcal{B}(L(Q), L(P))$.

Lemma 10

$$
G_{\pm}^{0}
$$
 is bounded on $L(\bar{P})$ to $L(P)$ if either
\n(i) $P \in [BC]$ and $\bar{P} \in [B'C']$, or
\n(ii) $P \in T$ and $\bar{P} \in T'$ with
\n $x(P) + x(\bar{P}) = 1$, $x(\bar{P}) + 2y(\bar{P})/d - x(P) - 2y(P)/d = 2/d$.

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$\Gamma_0(s)$, $\Gamma(s)$ are bounded from $L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ to $L(P)$

Theorem 11

Assume $1/2 \le 1/p \le d/2(d-1)$ (for $d = 1$ assume $1/2 \le 1/p \le 1$). Let $P \in T \cup [BC$ [with $\pi(P) = 1/p$. Then, $\Gamma_0(s)$, $\Gamma(s) \in \mathcal{B}(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d), L(P)).$ Let q be the conjugate of p and let $Q \in \hat{\mathcal{T}}' \cup [B'C']$ with $\pi(Q) = 1/q + 2/d$. Then $\Gamma_0(s)^*, \Gamma(s)^* \in \mathcal{B}(L(Q), L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)).$

More Assumptions and Definitions

Assumption 2

Let V be a real-valued function such that $V \in L(R)$ for some $R \in \Box$ satisfying $y(R) > 0$ and $\pi(R) = 2/d$.

Definition 12

Let V satisfy Assumption [2](#page-22-0) for some R. A pair $P, Q \in \Box$ is called V-admissible, if $P \in T$, $Q \in T'$, and $Q = P + R$.

Lemma 13

Let V satisfy Assumption [1](#page-16-0) and Assumption [2.](#page-22-0) Let P, Q be a V-admissible pair. Then the following identities hold in $\mathcal{B}(L(Q), L(P))$ $G_{-}^{0} - G_{-} = iG_{-}^{0}VG_{-} = iG_{-}VG_{-}^{0}$ $G^0_+ - G_+ = iG^0_+ V G_+ = iG_+ V G^0_+$

Lemma 14

Let V satisfy Assumption [1](#page-16-0) and Assumption [2,](#page-22-0) and let P, Q be a V-admissible pair. Then $1 + iG_{\pm}^{0}$ V is invertible in $\mathcal{B}(L(P))$ with inverse $1 - iG_{+}V$.

Connection between Space-Time Scattering and Inverse **Scattering**

Consider the Schrödinger equation with a time-dependent potential

$$
\begin{cases}\ni\psi_t + \psi_{xx} - V\psi = 0\\ \lim_{t \to \pm \infty} |\psi(x, t) - e^{i(kx - k^2 t)}| = 0\end{cases}
$$
\n(31)

It follows that a solution $\psi^l(x,t)$ of (31) , which is a $L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ -valued function of t , also solves

$$
\psi^l(x,t) = e^{ikx - ik^2t} + \int_{-\infty}^t e^{i(t-s)\Delta}(i\nu\psi^l)(s)ds \qquad (32)
$$

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Theorem 15 (Main Theorem 1)

Assume $\hat{V} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$. Let ψ^I solve [\(32\)](#page-24-2) and let

$$
\psi_{+}^{l}(x,t) = e^{i(kx-k^{2}t)} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int e^{i(\xi x-\xi^{2})t} S'_{n}(\xi,k) d\xi
$$
 (33)

where for $n \geq 1$.

where for
$$
n \ge 1
$$
,
\n
$$
S'_n(\xi, k) = \frac{(-i)^n}{(2\pi)^n} \iint \left(\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} e^{it_j(\xi_{j-1}^2 - \xi_j^2)} \hat{V}(t_j, \xi_{j-1} - \xi_j) \right) d^n t d^{n-1} \xi
$$
 (34)

where the t integration goes over $-\infty < t_{n-1} < t_{n-2} < \ldots < t_0 < \infty$ and \mathcal{L} integration goes over $(\xi_0, \ldots, \xi_{n-2}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$, and $\xi_{-1} = \xi$ and *ξ*n−¹ = k. Then,

$$
\lim_{t\to+\infty}|\psi'(x,t)-\psi'_+(x,t)|=0
$$

i.e., ψ^-_+ is the outgoing free wave for ψ^{\prime} .

Proof of Theorem 15.

Taking the Fourier transform of (32) in x variable

$$
\widehat{\psi}^l(\xi,t)=2\pi\delta(\xi-k)e^{-ik^2t}+\int_{-\infty}^t\int e^{-i(t-s)\xi^2}i\widehat{V}(s,\xi-\eta)\widehat{\psi}^l(\eta,s)\,d\eta\,ds\,\,(35)
$$

To solve [\(35\)](#page-26-0) by iteration, let

$$
\widehat{\psi}^{\prime}(\xi,t)=2\pi\delta(\xi-k)e^{-i\xi^{2}t}+\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\widehat{\psi}_{n}^{\prime}(\xi,t)
$$

with

$$
\hat{\psi}_n^I(\xi, t) = -\frac{i}{2\pi} e^{-i\xi^2 t} \int_{-\infty}^t \int e^{i\xi^2 t_1} \hat{V}(t_0, \xi - \xi_0) \hat{\psi}_{n-1}^I(\xi_0, t_0) d\xi_0 dt_0
$$

for $n \geq 1$.

Proof of Theorem 15 (cont.)

Then, it follows that for
$$
n \ge 1
$$
,
\n
$$
\hat{\psi}_n^l(\xi, t) = e^{-i\xi^2 t} \frac{(-i)^n}{(2\pi)^{n-1}} \iint \left(\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} e^{it_j(\xi_{j-1}^2 - \xi_j^2)} \hat{V}(t_j, \xi_{j-1} - \xi_j) \right) d^n t d^{n-1} \xi
$$
\n(36)
\nwhere integration goes over (t_0, \ldots, t_{n-1}) with
\n $-\infty < t_{n-1} \le t_{n-2} \le \ldots \le t_0 < t$ and $(\xi_0, \ldots, \xi_{n-2}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ with

 $\zeta_{-1} = \zeta$ and $\zeta_{n-1} = k$.

Proof of Theorem 15 (cont.)

Taking inverse Fourier transform of [\(36\)](#page-27-0),

$$
\psi'(x,t) = e^{(ikx - k^2t)} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int e^{i(\xi x - \xi^2t)} A_n(\xi, k, t) d\xi \qquad (37)
$$

where

here
\n
$$
A_n(\xi, k, t) = \frac{(-i)^n}{(2\pi)^n} \iint \left(\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} e^{it_j(\xi_{j-1}^2 - \xi_j^2)} \hat{V}(t_j, \xi_{j-1} - \xi_j) \right) d^n t d^{n-1} \xi
$$
\n(38)

where integration goes over (t_0, \ldots, t_{n-1}) with $-\infty < t_{n-1} \leq t_{n-2} \leq \ldots \leq t_0 < t$ and $(\xi_0, \ldots, \xi_{n-2}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ with $\zeta_{-1} = \zeta$ and $\zeta_{n-1} = k$.

Proof of Theorem 15 (cont.)

Note that

$$
|A_n(\xi, k, t)| \leq \frac{1}{n!} \left(\left\| \hat{V} \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}, L^1(\mathbb{R}))} \right)^n
$$

So, the series on (37) is absolutely and uniformly convergent.

By (34) and (37),
\n
$$
|S'_n(\xi, k) - A_n(\xi, k, t)| \le \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left(\|\hat{V}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}, L^1(\mathbb{R}))} \right)^{n-1} \int_t^\infty \int \left| \hat{V}(s, \xi) \right| d\xi ds
$$
\ngoes to 0 as $t \to +\infty$. Then by (33) and (38),
\n
$$
\lim_{t \to +\infty} |\psi'(x, t) - \psi'_+(x, t)| = 0
$$

Theorem 16 (Main Theorem 2: Explicit Form of Space-Time Scattering)

Let $e^{i(kx-k^2t)}$ be a free wave. Then the action of the space-time scattering operator S on the free wave is given by

$$
S\left(e^{i(kx-k^2t)}\right) = e^{i(kx-k^2t)} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int e^{i(\xi x-\xi^2t)} S'_n(\xi, k) d\xi
$$

where S'_n are given by (34) .

Let
$$
g(t) = (-iG^0 \text{V})^{n-1} f(t)
$$
. Observe that
\n
$$
(iG^0_+ V - iG^0 \text{V})g(t) = -i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U_0(t-s) V(s)g(s) ds
$$
\n(40)

while

$$
(-iG_{-}^{0}V)^{n-1}f(t)
$$

= $(-i)^{n-1} \int_{\{-\infty < t_{n-1} \leq ... \leq t_1 \leq t\}} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} U_0(t_{j-1} - t_j) V(t_j) \right) f(t_{n-1}) dt_{n-1} ... dt_1$
(41)

(39)

Proof of Main Theorem 16 (cont.)

First, writing [\(40\)](#page-31-0) in Fourier representation, and then substituting Fourier transform of $\left(41\right)$ into $\left(40\right)$ with $f(t, x) = e^{i\left(kx - k^2t\right)}$, we obtain

$$
(iG^0_+ V - iG^0_- V)(-iG^0_- V)^{n-1} f(t)
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{(-i)^n}{(2\pi)^n} \iiint e^{i(\xi x - \xi^2 t)} \left(\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} e^{-it_j(\xi_{j-1}^2 - \xi_j^2)} \hat{V}(t_j, \xi_{j-1} - \xi_j) \right) d^n \xi d^n t d\xi \qquad (42)
$$
\nwhere integration goes over (t_0, \ldots, t_{n-1}) with\n
$$
-\infty < t_{n-1} \le t_{n-2} \le \ldots \le t_0 < \infty \text{ and } t_0 = s, \text{ and}
$$
\n $(\xi_{-1}, \ldots, \xi_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, with $\xi_{-1} = \xi$, $\xi_0 = \eta$ and $\xi_{n-1} = k$.

Proof of Main Theorem 16 (cont.)

Thus, substituting (42) into (39) , we obtain

$$
S\left(e^{i(kx-k^2t)}\right)=e^{i(kx-k^2t)}+\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\int e^{i(\xi x-\xi^2t)}S'_n(\xi,k)\,d\xi
$$

where

$$
S'_n(\xi, k) = \frac{(-i)^n}{(2\pi)^n} \iint \left(\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} e^{it_j(\xi_{j-1}^2 - \xi_j^2)} \hat{V}(t_j, \xi_{j-1} - \xi_j) \right) d^n t d^n \xi
$$

where the t integration goes over $-\infty < t_{n-1} < t_{n-2} < \ldots < t_0 < \infty$ and \mathfrak{c} integration goes over $(\xi_0,\ldots,\xi_{n-1})\in\mathbb{R}^n$, and $\xi_{-1}=\xi$ and $\zeta_{n-1} = k$.

Corollary 17

Let $\hat{V} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$. By Theorem [16,](#page-30-0) it follows that $S = I + S'$

where

$$
S'(k, k+l) \equiv \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S'_n(k, k+l) = -i(2\pi)^{-2} \int e^{i l(l+2k)\eta} \hat{V} * \hat{\mu}^l(l, \eta; k) d\eta
$$
\n(43)

is the same as (12) up to $\hat{\mu}^r$ being replaced by $\hat{\mu}^l$, where S'_n are given by [\(34\)](#page-25-0)

Proof of Corollary 17.

Consider [\(12\)](#page-6-0) with $\hat{\mu}^r$ replaced by $\hat{\mu}^l$.

Substitute $\widehat{\mu}^I(\xi,t;k)=e^{ik^2t}\widehat{\psi}^I(\xi+k,t;k)$ with $\xi=k+l,t=\eta$ into the modified (12) using the series expansion of $\hat{\psi}^l$,

$$
S(k, k+l) = -\frac{i}{(2\pi)^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \iint \widehat{V}(\eta, l-\tilde{l}) e^{ik^2 \eta} \widehat{\psi}_{n-1}^l(k+\tilde{l}, \eta; k) e^{il(l+2k)\eta} d\tilde{l} d\eta \quad (44)
$$

where $\widehat{\psi}_n^l(\zeta, t; k)$ are given by (36) and $\widehat{\psi}_0^l(\zeta, t; k) = 2\pi\delta(\zeta - k)e^{-ik^2 t}$.
Finally, substitute $\widehat{\psi}_{n-1}^l(\zeta, t; k)$ into (44) with $\zeta = k+l, t = \eta$,

$$
S(k, k+1) = S'(k, k+l)
$$

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Appendix A.1: Existence of Wave Operators on L^2

Proof of Theorem 1.(i).

Assumption 1 implies $V \in L^1(\mathbb{R};L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)).$ Let $\psi_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d).$ Then there exists a unique propagator $U(t,s)$ such that $\psi(t) = U(t,s)\psi_0$ simultaneously solves the Schrödinger equation and

$$
\psi(t) = U_0(t-s)\psi_0 - i\int_s^t U_0(t-\tau)V(\tau)\psi(\tau)d\tau
$$

Let $\varphi_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and let $W(s;t) = U(s,t)U_0(t-s)$. Then,

$$
\langle \psi_0, W(s;t)\varphi_0 \rangle
$$

= $\langle \psi_0, \varphi_0 \rangle + i \int_s^t \langle \psi_0, U(s,\tau)V(\tau)U_0(\tau - s)\varphi_0 \rangle d\tau$

$$
W(s;t)\varphi_0=\varphi_0+i\int_s^t U(s,\tau)V(\tau)U_0(\tau-s)\varphi_0 d\tau\qquad \qquad (45)
$$

So,

Proof of Theorem 1.(i) (cont.)

Let
$$
f(\tau, s) = U(s, \tau) V(\tau) U_0(\tau - s) \varphi_0
$$
 Then
\n
$$
||f(\tau, s)||_2 \le ||V(\tau)||_{L_x^{\infty}} ||\varphi_0||_2
$$
\nAlso, let $W_+(s) \varphi_0 = \varphi_0 + \int_s^{\infty} f(\tau, s) d\tau$. Then,
\n
$$
||W_+(s) \varphi_0||_2 \le ||\varphi_0||_2 + ||V||_{L_t^1(L_x^{\infty})} ||\varphi_0||_2
$$
\nNow, we show $W_+(s) = st$ - $\lim_{t \to \infty} W(s; t)$.
\n
$$
||W(s; t) \varphi_0 - W_+(s) \varphi_0||_2 \le \int_t^{\infty} ||f(\tau, s)||_2 d\tau
$$

\n
$$
\le ||\varphi_0||_2 \int_t^{\infty} ||V(\tau)||_{L_x^{\infty}} d\tau
$$

\n
$$
\to 0 \text{ as } t \to \infty
$$

since $V \in L^1_t(\mathbb{R}; L^\infty_x(\mathbb{R})^d)$.

Proof of Theorem 1.(i) (cont.)

Next, we show $W_{\pm}(s)$ are unitary. Let $Z(s; t) = U_0(s-t)U(t, s)$. In $\mathcal{B}(L^2)$, $W(s; t)^* = Z(s; t)$. Similar estimates can be done to show that

$$
Z_{\pm}(s) = st - \lim_{t \to \pm \infty} Z(s; t)
$$

Then for
$$
\varphi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)
$$
,
\n
$$
\|W_+(s)Z_+(s)\varphi - W(s;t)Z(s;t)\varphi\|_2
$$
\n
$$
\leq \| [W_+(s) - W(s;t)]Z_+(s)\varphi\|_2 + \|W(s;t)\| \| [Z_+(s) - Z(s;t)]\varphi\|_2
$$
\n
$$
\to 0 \text{ as } t \to \infty
$$

Thus,

$$
W_{+}(s)Z_{+}(s) = st - \lim_{t \to \pm \infty} U(s,t)U_{0}(t-s)U_{0}(s-t)U(t,s)
$$

= 1

Proof of Theorem 1.(ii).

By (45), for any
$$
\varphi_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)
$$
, we have
\n
$$
W(s; t)\varphi_0 = \varphi_0 + i \int_s^t U(s, \tau)V(\tau)U_0(\tau - s)\varphi_0 d\tau
$$
\n
$$
= \varphi_0 + i \int_s^t W(s; \tau)U_0(s - \tau)V(\tau)U_0(\tau - s)\varphi_0 d\tau
$$
\nLet $\tilde{V}(s; t) = U_0(s - t)V(t)U_0(t - s)$ be defined on $L^1 \cap L^2$.
\nFirst, we show that $\tilde{V}(s; t)$ extends to a bounded operator on $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$
\nsuch that for each $s \in \mathbb{R}$
\n
$$
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\tilde{V}(s; t)\|_{\mathcal{B}(L^1)} dt \leq c \|\hat{V}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}; \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^d))}
$$

Proof of Theorem 1.(ii) (cont.)

Define a Fourier multiplier operator $U_0(t)$ on $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ by

$$
(U_0(t)\varphi)(x) = (2\pi)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{i\zeta \cdot x} e^{-it|\zeta|^2} \widehat{\varphi}(\zeta) d\zeta
$$

Note that $(\mathcal{F}\{x_j\varphi\})(\xi) = i\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}$ *∂ξ*j *φ*p(*ξ*). Using integration by parts, it follows that

$$
U_0(-t)xU_0(t) = x + 2tp = e^{-ix^2/4t}2tp e^{ix^2/4t}
$$

where $p = -i\nabla_{x}$. Then as operators on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ we have with $t\neq s$, $\tilde{V}(s; t) = e^{-\lambda^2/4(t-s)} V(t, 2(t-s)p)e^{\lambda^2/4(t-s)}$ $\left. \text{Thus, } \left\Vert \tilde{V} (s;t) \varphi \right\Vert_{L^1 (\mathbb{R}^d)} = \left\Vert V (t, 2 (t-s) p) \varphi \right\Vert_{L^1 (\mathbb{R}^d)}.$

Proof of Theorem 1.(ii) (cont.)

Define Fourier multiplier operators $V(t, 2(t - s)p)$ and $V(t, p)$ on $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$, respectively, by

$$
(V(t, 2(t-s)p)\varphi)(x) = (2\pi)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{i\xi \cdot x} V(t, 2(t-s)\xi) \hat{\varphi}(\xi) d\xi
$$

$$
(V(t, p)\varphi)(x) = (2\pi)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{i\xi \cdot x} V(t, \xi) \hat{\varphi}(\xi) d\xi
$$
(47)

By change of variables, it follows that

$$
||V(t,2(t-s)p)\varphi||_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)}=||V(t,p)\varphi||_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)}
$$

Proof of Theorem 1.(ii) (cont.)

Assumption [1](#page-16-0) implies that

$$
V(t,x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-i\xi \cdot x} d\mu_t(\xi)
$$
 (48)

where μ_t is a complex Borel measure for fixed $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Using (47) and (48) with Fubini's theorem, we obtain for $\mathbf{\phi} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$
(V(t,p)\varphi)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(x-x')d\mu_t(x')
$$

Thus, using the polar decomposition of u_t

$$
||V(t,p)\varphi||_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq ||\varphi||_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} ||\mu_t||_{\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^d)}
$$

where $\|\mu_t\|_{\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^d)} = |\mu_t|(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is the total variation of of μ_t with $|\mu_t|$ being a positive Borel measure.

Proof of Theorem 1.(ii) (cont.)

Hence, we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned} \left\| \tilde{V}(s;t) \right\|_{\mathcal{B}(L^{1})} &= \left\| V(t,2(t-s)p) \right\|_{\mathcal{B}(L^{1})} \\ &= \left\| V(t,p) \right\|_{\mathcal{B}(L^{1})} \\ &\leq \left\| \hat{V}(t,\cdot) \right\|_{\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^{d})} \end{aligned}
$$

Thus, $\tilde{V}(s;t)$ extends to a bounded operator on $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ such that for each s ∈ **R**

$$
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\big\|\tilde{V}(s;t)\big\|_{\mathcal{B}(L^{1})}dt\leq \Big\|\widehat{V}\Big\|_{L^{1}(\mathbb{R};\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^{d}))}
$$

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Proof of Theorem 1.(ii) (cont.)

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By (46) , we have

$$
W(s; t)\varphi_0 = \varphi_0 + i \int_s^t W(s; \tau) \tilde{V}(s; \tau) \varphi_0 d\tau \qquad (49)
$$

A Dyson series for the solution of [\(46\)](#page-40-0)

$$
W(s;t)\varphi_0=\varphi_0+\sum_{n\geq 1}W^{(n)}(s;t)\varphi_0
$$

where the *n*th term in the series is given by

$$
\begin{aligned}\n\gamma^{(n)}(s;t)\varphi_0 \\
= i^n \int\limits_{s \le t_1 \le \dots \le t_n \le t} \prod_{k=1}^n \tilde{V}(s;t_k)\varphi_0 dt_1 \dots dt_n\n\end{aligned}
$$

Proof of Theorem 1.(ii) (cont.)

Let
$$
W_+(s)\varphi_0 = \varphi_0 + \sum_{n\geq 1} W_+^{(n)}(s)\varphi_0
$$
 with

$$
W_+^{(n)}(s)\varphi_0 = i^n \int\limits_{s \leq t_1 \leq \dots \leq t_n \leq \infty} \prod_{k=1}^n \tilde{V}(s; t_k) \varphi_0 dt_1 \cdots dt_n
$$

Then,

$$
\left\|W_{+}^{(n)}(s)\varphi_{0}\right\|_{L^{1}} = \int_{s \leq t_{1} \leq \cdots \leq t_{n} \leq \infty} \prod_{k=1}^{n} \left\|\tilde{V}(s; t_{k})\right\|_{\mathcal{B}(L^{1})} \left\|\varphi_{0}\right\|_{L^{1}} dt_{1} \cdots dt_{n}
$$

$$
= \frac{1}{n!} \left[\int_{s}^{\infty} \left\|\tilde{V}(s; \tau)\right\|_{\mathcal{B}(L^{1})} d\tau\right]^{n} \left\|\varphi_{0}\right\|_{L^{1}}
$$

$$
\leq \frac{1}{n!} \left[\left\|\tilde{V}\right\|_{L^{1}(\mathbb{R}; \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}))}\right]^{n} \left\|\varphi_{0}\right\|_{L^{1}}
$$

Proof of Theorem 1.(ii) (cont.)

Thus,

$$
\left\| \mathit{W}_{+}\phi_{0}\right\|_{\mathit{L}^{1}} \leq \exp\left[\left\| \mathit{\widehat{V}}\right\|_{\mathit{L}^{1}(\mathbb{R};\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^{d}))}\right] \left\| \phi_{0}\right\|_{\mathit{L}^{1}}
$$

Similarly, we obtain

$$
\|W(s;t)\varphi_0 - W_+(s)\varphi_0\|_{L^1} \leq \left[e^{\int_t^\infty \left\|\tilde{V}(s;\tau)\right\|_{\mathcal{B}(L^1)}d\tau} - 1\right] \|\varphi_0\|_{L^1}
$$

\n
$$
\to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad t \to \infty
$$

Thus, $W_{\pm}(s)$ extend to a bounded operators on $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d).$ Similar estimate can be done to show that $W_{\pm}(s)^*$ also extends to bounded operators on $L^1(R^d)$. By duality, $W_{\pm}(s)$ extend to bounded operators on $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)$. By interpolation, $W_{\pm}(s)$ extend to bounded operators on $L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$.

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G_{\pm}^0 , G_{\pm} are bounded from $L(Q)$ to $L(P)$ (cont.)

Proof of Lemma 3.(i).

First, we show that if $q \geq 2$ and $t \neq 0$, $\|U_0(t)\varphi\|_q \leq c|t|^{-d(1/2-1/p)} \|\varphi\|_{q'}$. Let $E(t) = e^{ix^2/4t}$. Then, $U_0(t)\varphi_{(x)} = (4\pi it)^{-d/2}$ $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{i|x-y|^2/4t} \varphi(y) dy$ $=(4\pi i t)^{-d/2}E(t)t^{-d/2}(\mathcal{F} E(t)\varphi)(x/2t)$

So,

$$
||U_0(t)\varphi||_q = (4\pi)^{-d/2} ||\mathcal{F}E(t)\varphi(\cdot/2t)||_q
$$

= $c|t|^{-d(1/2-1/q)} ||\mathcal{F}E(t)\varphi||_q$
 $\leq c|t|^{-d(1/2-1/q)} ||\varphi||_{q'}$

Proof of Lemma 3.(i) (cont.)

Let $P=(1/q,1/r)\in[BC[$ and $P'=(1/q',1/r')\in[B'C'[R]$. It follows that

$$
\left\|G_{\pm}^0\varphi\right\|_q \leq c \int_{\pm\infty}^t |t-s|^{-2/r} \|\varphi(s)\|_{q'} ds
$$

Since $1/r' - 1/r = 1 - 2/r > 0$, by Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev inequality $\left\Vert G_{\pm}^{0}\varphi\right\Vert _{L(P)}\leq c\left\Vert \varphi\right\Vert _{L(P^{\prime})}$

Assume $\varphi(t)\in L^2\cap L^{q'}.$

$$
\begin{aligned} \left\|G^0_\pm\varphi(t)\right\|^2_2&=\int_{\pm\infty}^t\int_{\pm\infty}^t<\varphi(s),U_0(s-s')\varphi(s')>ds\;ds'\\ &\leq 2\operatorname{Re}\int_{\pm\infty}^t<\varphi(s),G^0_\pm\varphi(s)>ds\leq c\|\varphi\|^2_{L(P')} \end{aligned}
$$

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G_{\pm}^0 , G_{\pm} are bounded from $L(Q)$ to $L(P)$ (cont.)

Proof of Lemma 3.(i) (cont.)

Thus, \mathcal{G}^0_\pm is bounded from any $L(\bar{P})$ with $\bar{P}\in [B'C'[$ to any $L(P)$ with $P \in [BC]$.

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G_{\pm}^0 , G_{\pm} are bounded from $L(Q)$ to $L(P)$ (cont.)

Proof of Lemma 3.(ii).

Let
$$
P = (1/q, 1/r) \in T
$$
 and $\bar{P} = (1/\bar{q}, 1/\bar{r}) \in T'$ with $\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{\bar{q}} = 1$ and
\n
$$
\frac{1}{\bar{q}} + \frac{2}{\bar{r}d} - \frac{1}{q} - \frac{2}{rd} = \frac{2}{d}
$$
So, $\frac{1}{\bar{r}} - \frac{1}{r} = 1 - d\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{q}\right)$ and we have
\n
$$
\|G_{\pm}^0 \varphi\|_q \le c \int_{\pm \infty}^t |t - s|^{-d(1/2 - 1/q)} \|\varphi(s)\|_{\bar{q}} ds
$$

Then, by Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev inequality, G_{\pm}^{0} is bounded from $\mathit{L}(\bar{P})$ to $L(P)$.

Lemma 18 (Interpolation Lemma)

Assume that none of P, \overline{P} , Q, \overline{Q} has height zero. If a linear operator maps $L(\bar{P})$ into $L(P)$ and $L(\bar{Q})$ into $L(Q$ (continuously), then it maps $L((1 - \theta)\bar{P} + \theta\bar{Q})$ into $L((1 - \theta)P + \theta Q)$, where $0 < \theta < 1$.

Proof of Lemma 3 (cont.)

Consider the map $\overline{P} \to P$ in Lemma [10.](#page-20-0)(ii) with $x(P) + x(\overline{P}) = 1$ and $\pi(\bar{P})-\pi(P)=2/d.$ Extend this map to an affine map Λ of $\mathit{cl}(\mathcal{T}')$ onto cl(T). Note that $\Lambda(B') = B$, $\Lambda(E') = F$ and $\Lambda(F') = E$. Take any pair $P\in\mathcal{T}$ and $\bar{P}\in\mathcal{T}'$ with $\pi(\bar{P})$ to $L(P).$ We show that \mathcal{G}^0_\pm maps $L(P)$ to $L(P)$.

Proof of Lemma 3 (cont.)

Proof of Lemma 3 (cont.)

 G^0_{\pm} map $L(\bar{Q})$ to $L(Q)$ by (ii) and $L(\bar{R})$ to $L(R)$ by (i). If we show that P divided $[QR]$ at the same ratio as \bar{P} does $[\bar{Q}\bar{R}]$, then using the Interpolation Lemma, we complete the proof of Theorem 2. Choose t such that $\overline{P} = (1 - t)\overline{Q} + t\overline{R}$. Then,

$$
\pi(\bar{P})=(1-t)\pi(\bar{Q})+t\pi(\bar{R})
$$

On the other hand, we have $\pi(\bar{Q}) = \pi(Q) + 2/d$ and $\pi(\bar{P}) = \pi(P) + 2/d$. Then,

$$
\pi(P)=\pi(\bar{P})-2/d=\pi((1-t)Q+tR)
$$

Since π is injective on [QR], which has slop different from $-d/2$,

$$
P=(1-t)Q+tR
$$

as required. For \bar{P} to be below $[B'C'[$, choose \bar{Q} close to E' and repeat the above arguments.