

# Orbitally stable coupled standing waves for a coupled non-linear Klein–Gordon equation

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## The coupled non-linear Klein-Gordon equation

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_{tt} v_1 - \Delta_x v_1 + m_1^2 v_1 + \partial_{v_1} F(v) &= 0 \\ \partial_{tt} v_2 - \Delta_x v_2 + m_2^2 v_2 + \partial_{v_2} F(v) &= 0\end{aligned}\tag{CNLKG}$$

on  $F$  the following assumptions hold

- 1  $F \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R})$  and  $F(0) = 0$ ;
- 2  $|DF(u)| \leq c(|u|^{p-1} + |u|^{q-1})$  with  $2 < p \leq q < 2^*$ ;
- 3  $F(u_1, u_2) = -\beta|u_1 u_2|^\gamma + G(u)$ ,  $\beta > 0$ ,  $2 < 2\gamma < p$ ;
- 4  $G \geq 0$ ,  $G(u_1, u_2) = G(|u_1|, |u_2|)$ ;
- 5  $V(u) := m_1^2 u_1^2/2 + m_2^2 u_2^2/2 + F(u) \geq 0$ ;
- 6  $G$  is well-behaved with respect to the symmetric rearrangement

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} G(u_1^*, u_2^*) \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} G(u_1, u_2).$$

We are looking for standing-wave pairs solutions to (CNLKG).

$$v_j(t, x) = u_j(x)e^{-i\omega_j t}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq 2$$

In particular, a solution  $(u, \omega) \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^N, \mathbb{R}^2) \times \mathbb{R}^2$

$$-\Delta u_1 + (m_1^2 - \omega_1^2)u_1 + \partial_{v_1} F(u) = 0$$

$$-\Delta u_2 + (m_2^2 - \omega_2^2)u_2 + \partial_{v_2} F(u) = 0$$

$$u_j > 0$$

Furthermore,  $(u, \omega)$  has the following variational characterisation

$$E(u, \omega) = \inf_{M_c} E =: I(c)$$

for some  $c \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $c_j > 0$ .

$$E: H^1(\mathbb{R}^N, \mathbb{R}^2) \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
$$(v, \alpha) \mapsto \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^2 \|Dv_j\|^2 + m_j^2 \|v_j\|^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} F(v)$$

$$C_j: H^1(\mathbb{R}^N, \mathbb{R}^2) \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
$$(v, \alpha) \mapsto \alpha_j \|v_j\|^2, \quad 1 \leq j \leq 2$$

$$M_c = \{(v, \alpha) \mid C_j(v, \alpha) = c_j\}.$$

Given

$$(\phi, \phi_t) \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^N, \mathbb{C}^2) \oplus L^2(\mathbb{R}^N, \mathbb{C}^2) =: X$$

there exists  $T > 0$  and a unique

$$v \in C_t H_x^1(0, T; \mathbb{R}^M) \cap C_t^1 L_x^2(0, T; \mathbb{R}^M)$$

such that  $v$  solves (CNLKG) and

$$v(0) = \phi, \quad v'(0) = \phi_t.$$

In the scalar case the problem was addressed by J. Ginibre and G. Velo (Math. Zeit., 1985).

From the assumption

$$F(u_1, u_2) = F(|u_1|, |u_2|)$$

we have conserved quantities

$$\mathbf{E}: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (\text{Energy})$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\phi, \phi_t) \mapsto & \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\phi_t|^2 + |D\phi|^2 \\ & + m_1^2 |\phi_1|^2 + m_2^2 |\phi_2|^2 + 2F(\phi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{C}_j: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq 2$$

$$(\phi, \phi_t) \mapsto -\operatorname{Im} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \phi_t^j \bar{\phi}_j. \quad (\text{Charges})$$

If  $(\phi, \phi_t) = (u_1, u_2, -i\omega_1 u_1, -i\omega_2 u_2)$ , then  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{C}_j$  correspond to  $E(u, \omega)$  and  $C_j(u, \omega)$ .

# Orbital Stability

A subset  $S \subset X$  is said stable if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that, if

$$\text{dist}(p, S) < \delta$$

then the local solution  $v$  of (CNLKG) with initial datum  $p$  is defined on  $[0, +\infty)$  and

$$\text{dist}((v(t), v'(t)), S) < \varepsilon, \quad t \geq 0.$$

An initial datum  $q \in X$  is said orbitally stable if there exists a closed, finite-dimensional manifold  $S$  such that

- 1  $S$  is positively invariant;
- 2  $S$  is stable.

We say that the standing-waves pair solution to (CNLKG)

$$(u_1, u_2, -i\omega_1 u_1, -i\omega_2 u_2)$$

is orbitally stable if

$$\Gamma(u, \omega) = \begin{cases} (\lambda_1 u_1(\cdot + y), \lambda_2 u_2(\cdot + y), \\ (-i\lambda_1 \omega_1 u_1(\cdot + y)), -i\lambda_2 \omega_2 u_2(\cdot + y)) \\ (\lambda, y) \in S^1 \times S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^N. \end{cases}$$

is stable. Given  $c \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , we define

$$\Gamma_c := \bigcup_{\substack{E(u, \omega) = I(c) \\ (u, \omega) \in M_c}} \Gamma(u, \omega)$$

called *ground state* (V. Benci, J. Bellazzini *et al.*, Adv. Nonlinear Stud., 2010).



J. Shatah 1983 (Comm., Math, Physics, 1983)  
NLKG, least energy solutions; orbital stability in  $H_r^1(\mathbb{R}^N)$ ,  
 $N \geq 3$  with  $F(u) = -|u|^{p-1}u$  and  $p < 1 + 4/N$ . Stable for  
 $\omega \in (\omega^*, 1)$ ;

J. Bellazzini, V. Benci, C. Bonanno, M. Micheletti  
(Adv. Nonlinear Stud., 2010)  
NLKG,  $E(u, \omega) = \inf_{M_c} E$ ; stability of the ground state and  
 $\Gamma(u, \omega)$  (under a non-degeneracy assumption); scalar case and  
 $N \geq 3$ ;

J. Zhang, Z. Gan, B. Guo 2010  
(Acta Math. Appl. Sin. Engl. Ser., 2010)  
CNLKG; analogous results to the Shatah's work,  
 $F(u_1, u_2) = -|u_1|^{p+1}|u_2|^{q+1}$ ,  $\omega_1 = \omega_2 \in (\omega^*, 1)$ .

## Theorem

- 1 For every  $c$  such that  $c_j > 0$  the ground state is stable;
- 2 for every  $(u, \omega)$  such that  $E(u, \omega) = I(c)$  and there exists  $r_0 > 0$  such that

$$\Gamma(v, \alpha) \neq \Gamma(u, \omega) \Rightarrow B(\Gamma(u, \omega), r_0) \cap \Gamma(v, \alpha) = \emptyset$$

$\Gamma(u, \omega)$  is stable (i.e. the corresponding standing-wave is orbitally stable).

The proof is carried out by contradiction: let  $(\Phi_n) \subset X$   $\delta > 0$   
and  $(t_n) \subset \mathbb{R}$  be such that

$$\text{dist}(\Phi_n, \Gamma_c) \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{dist}((v_n(t_n), v'_n(t_n)), \Gamma_c) \geq \delta.$$

We know that

$$\mathbf{E}((v_n(t_n), v'_n(t_n))) \rightarrow I(c), \quad \mathbf{C}_j((v_n(t_n), v'_n(t_n))) \rightarrow c_j.$$

## Theorem

Let  $(\Psi_n) \subset X$  be a sequence such that

$$\mathbf{E}(\Psi_n) \rightarrow I(c), \quad \mathbf{C}_j(\Psi_n) \rightarrow c_j.$$

Then

$$\text{dist}(\Psi_n, \Gamma_c) \rightarrow 0.$$

See also J. Bellazzini, V. Benci *et al.*  
(Adv. Nonlinear Stud., 2010).

## Theorem

*Given a minimising sequence  $(u_n, \omega_n)$  of  $E$  on  $M_c$ , then*

$$u_{n_k} = u(\cdot + y_k) + o(1) \text{ in } H^1(\mathbb{R}^N, \mathbb{R}^2), \quad \omega_{n_k} \rightarrow \omega$$

*for some  $(u, \omega)$  such that  $E(u, \omega) = I(c)$  and  $(y_k) \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ .*

In turn, the preceding Theorem follows from:

- 1 the Lemma I.1 of P.L. Lions (Ann. Inst. H. Poincaré Anal. Non Linéaire 1, 1984, no. 2). The term

$$-\beta|u_1 u_2|^\gamma$$

rules out the vanishing case;

- 2 given  $c, c'$ , there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $d = d(\sigma, \tau) \in (0, 1)$  given non-negative radially symmetric

$$((u, \omega), (u', \omega')) \in M_c \times M_{c'}$$

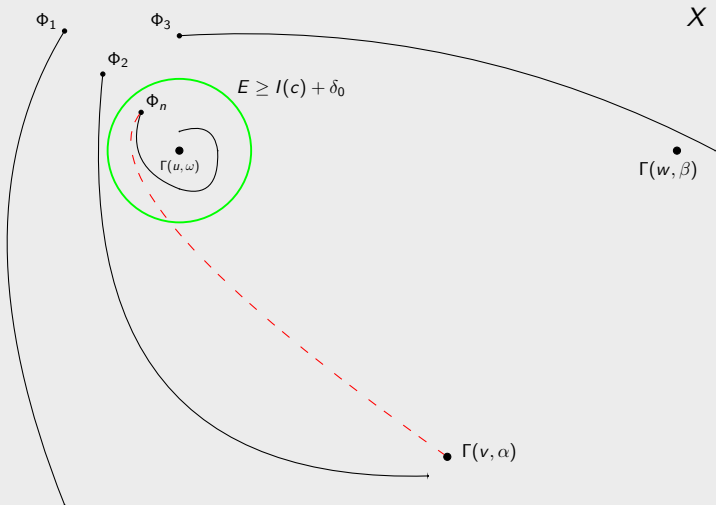
with compact and disjoint support

$$E(u, \omega) \leq I(c) + \varepsilon, \quad E(u', \omega') \leq I(c') + \varepsilon.$$

$$\|D(u + u')^*\|^2 \leq c(\|Du\|^2 + \|Du'\|^2)$$

- 3  $E(u_n - u, \omega) = E(u_n, \omega) - E(u, \omega) + o(1)$  if  $u_n \rightharpoonup u$ .

# The stability of $\Gamma(u, \omega)$



# The non-degeneracy condition

It is interesting to know whether the non-degeneracy condition can be dropped from our assumption.

- 1 it is possible to drop the non-degeneracy requirement to obtain the orbital stability of  $\Gamma(u, \omega)$ ;
- 2 or, are there solutions to a NLKG which connect points arbitrarily close to  $\Gamma(u, \omega)$  to points close to  $\Gamma(v, \alpha)$ ?

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