

Difficulties associated with the
interpretation of K-G eqⁿ

Since, $E = \pm \sqrt{p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4}$ i.e.,
the total energy of the
particle is +ve as well as
negative.

This means that the probability
 $P(r, t)$ is not always
+ve. Hence, it is not

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Same as conventional positional
probability density ($\psi^* \psi$). i.e.
 ψ is not the amplitude
probability as obtained by
Schrödinger eqⁿ.

This means that the wave
funcⁿ ψ is not same as
used in Schrödinger eqⁿ.
This ψ is known as
Field, not the wave funcⁿ.

According to new interpretation
of ψ by Pauli-
Wesskopf (1924), ρ multiplied by
i.e. $e\rho$ is interpreted as charge density
 $e\rho =$ charge density or electronic
charge density,

therefore $e\rho$ can be positive and negative
 e may be +ve or -ve.

$eS =$ current density or electronic
current density.

In K-G eqⁿ ψ has one component
(scalar) i.e., ψ is real. If ψ
has more components (more degrees
of freedom) then these
components will show spin

Spin \rightarrow degree of freedom (up, down, etc.)
K-G \rightarrow 1 d.f \rightarrow scalar (spinless)
(only orbital exists)

motion. In the absence of other components K-G eqⁿ will describe particles of zero spin like π -mesons.

Positive and negative sign shows that the relativistic theories give rise to both particles and anti-particles.

If the energy $E < mc^2$ then the probability P in K-G eqⁿ reduces to non-relativistic probability density $\psi^* \psi$ as density follows :-

The wave solⁿ is given by:-

$$\Psi(r, t) = \Psi(r) e^{-jEt/\hbar}$$

If E' is non-relativistic energy, then total energy E may be expressed as $E = E' + mc^2$; mc^2 being rest energy

$$\Psi(r, t) = \Psi(r) e^{-j(E' + mc^2)t/\hbar}$$

$$= \psi(r) e^{-Et/\hbar} \cdot e^{-imc^2 t/\hbar}$$

$$\psi(r, t) = \psi'(r, t) e^{-imc^2 t/\hbar} \tag{19}$$

differentiate ⁽¹⁹⁾ w.r.t 't'

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \left(\frac{\partial \psi'}{\partial t} - \frac{imc^2 \psi'}{\hbar} \right) e^{-imc^2 t/\hbar} \tag{20}$$

Taking complex conjugate of (19) and (20), we get

$$\psi^*(r, t) = \psi'^*(r, t) e^{imc^2 t/\hbar}$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} = \left(\frac{\partial \psi'^*}{\partial t} + \frac{imc^2 \psi'^*}{\hbar} \right) e^{imc^2 t/\hbar} \tag{21}$$

The probability is given by:-

$$P(r, t) = \frac{\hbar}{2imc^2} \left(\psi \frac{\partial \psi^*}{\partial t} - \psi^* \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right)$$

Substituting these values, we get

$$P(r, t) = \frac{\hbar}{2imc^2} \left\{ \psi'(r, t) e^{-imc^2 t/\hbar} \left(\frac{\partial \psi'^*}{\partial t} + \frac{imc^2 \psi'^*}{\hbar} \right) - \psi'^*(r, t) e^{imc^2 t/\hbar} \left(\frac{\partial \psi'}{\partial t} - \frac{imc^2 \psi'}{\hbar} \right) \right\}$$

$$\left. \frac{jmc^2 \psi'^*}{\hbar} e^{jmc^2 t / \hbar} \right\} \text{Hermitian} \quad \left. \right\} \text{ by } \psi'^* \text{ h,}$$

$$\left[\left(\frac{\partial \psi'}{\partial t} - \frac{jmc^2 \psi'}{\hbar} \right) e^{-jmc^2 t / \hbar} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{2jmc^2} \left[\psi'(\mathbf{r}, t) \left(\frac{\partial \psi'}{\partial t} + \frac{jmc^2 \psi'^*}{\hbar} \right) - \right.$$

$$\left. \psi'^*(\mathbf{r}, t) \left(\frac{\partial \psi'}{\partial t} - \frac{jmc^2 \psi'}{\hbar} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2mc^2} \left[\psi'(\mathbf{r}, t) \left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial \psi'^*}{\partial t} \right) - \psi'^* \left(j\hbar \frac{\partial \psi'}{\partial t} \right) \right]$$

$$+ \psi'^* \psi'$$

$$= \frac{1}{2mc^2} \left[\psi'(\mathbf{r}, t) \left(-j\hbar \frac{\partial \psi'^*}{\partial t} \right) + \psi'^* \left(j\hbar \frac{\partial \psi'}{\partial t} \right) \right]$$

$$+ \psi'^* \psi'$$

$$= \frac{E'}{mc^2} \psi'^* \psi' + \psi'^* \psi'$$

(Since $E'^* = E'$, eigen value of H being real)

$$= \psi'^* \psi'$$

(Since non relativistic energy which is correct $E' \ll mc^2$)
non-relativistic expression for probability density.