STABILITY OF MINKOWSKI SPACE IN THE PRESENCE OF A MASSIVE SCALAR FIELD

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We consider the Einstein equations in the presence of a massive scalar field and show that even for weakly decaying initial data (in the sense that the metric perturbations falls off more slowly than 1/r) a small and smooth perturbation of Minkowski space converges back to empty Minkowski space. We also describe the asymptotic properties of the spacetime so constructed. Mathematically, this amounts to proving small data global existence and modified scattering for a quasilinear system of wave and Klein-Gordon equations. The interest of the Einstein-scalar field system is that it is one of the simplest model that incorporates dynamical "matter" and gravitational energy in the sense that some components of the system move at a speed slower than the speed of light and thus, even linearly, one is faced with a genuine system. This is joint work with A. Ionescu.