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Abstract

Let H_0 and H_I be a self-adjoint and a symmetric operator on a complex Hilbert space, respectively, and suppose that H_0 is bounded below and the infimum E_0 of the spectrum of H_0 is a simple eigenvalue of H_0 which is *not necessarily isolated*. In this paper, we present a new asymptotic perturbation theory for an eigenvalue $E(\lambda)$ of the operator $H(\lambda) := H_0 + \lambda H_I$ ($\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$) satisfying $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} E(\lambda) = E_0$. The point of the theory is in that it covers also the case where E_0 is a non-isolated eigenvalue of H_0 . Under a suitable set of assumptions, we derive an asymptotic expansion of $E(\lambda)$ up to an arbitrary finite order of λ as $\lambda \rightarrow 0$. We apply the abstract results to a model of massless quantum fields, called the generalized spin-boson model (A. Arai and M. Hirokawa, *J. Funct. Anal.* **151** (1997), 455–503) and show that the ground state energy of the model has asymptotic expansions in the coupling constant λ as $\lambda \rightarrow 0$.

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1 Introduction

As is well known, in quantum mechanics, a perturbation theory is useful to calculate approximately various quantities (e.g., energy levels of an atom) under the condition that the relevant perturbation is “small”. In the standard analytic perturbation theory ([15,

Chapter 7], [18, §XII.2]) and the standard asymptotic perturbation theory ([15, Chapter 8], [18, §XII.3]), however, only perturbations of an *isolated* eigenvalue are considered. But the perturbation problem of a *non-isolated* eigenvalue (typically an embedded eigenvalue) naturally appears in many-body quantum systems and models of *massless* quantum fields. For the former, dilation analytic methods (e.g., [18, §XII.6]) have been shown to be useful. For the latter, Bach, Fröhlich and Sigal [8, 9]) have developed a method exploring a renormalization group idea combined with the Feshbach map. Recently analyticity in the coupling constant for the ground state energy¹ for some concrete models of massless quantum fields (in which the ground state energy of the unperturbed system under consideration is an embedded eigenvalue) has been proved [1, 2, 12, 13]. These results are very nice, but, they may be model-dependent. From a general mathematical point of view, it would be valuable to investigate to what extent it is possible to develop a model-independent general perturbation theory for non-isolated eigenvalues in such a way that, at least, it can be applied to the perturbation of a non-isolated ground state energy in models of massless quantum fields. To our best knowledge, such a general perturbation theory is still missing. With this motivation, we present, in this paper, as a first step, a new *asymptotic* perturbation theory which may have applications to models of a quantum system interacting with a *massless* quantum field. In the present paper, we do not discuss possible analytic extensions of our asymptotic perturbation theory. This aspect is left for future studies.

The outline of the present paper is as follows. In Section 2, we define an operator for which we give a perturbation theoretical consideration and derive some facts which are bases for the asymptotic perturbation theory developed in this paper. The operator is of the following form:

$$H(\lambda) := H_0 + \lambda H_1, \tag{1.1}$$

where H_0 (resp. H_1) is a symmetric (resp. linear) operator acting on a complex Hilbert space \mathcal{H} such that $D(H_0) \cap D(H_1) \neq \{0\}$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ is the coupling constant (perturbation parameter). We are mainly interested in the case where H_0 has a simple eigenvalue E_0 which is *not isolated*. A basic new idea which allows one to treat such a case comes from the so-called Brillouin–Wigner perturbation theory [10, 19, 20], which, on an informal (heuristic) level, may be more elaborate than the Rayleigh–Schrödinger perturbation theory. We use the Brillouin–Wigner perturbation theory in a “non-perturbative” way: We derive a simultaneous (non-perturbative, closed) equation for an eigenvalue E and an eigenvector Ψ of $H(\lambda)$ ($H(\lambda)\Psi = E\Psi$) under a condition for E (Proposition 2.1). This equation is one of the basic starting points in our analysis. Another basic fact we derive in Section 2 is an upper bound for the infimum $\mathcal{E}_0(\lambda)$ of the numerical range of $H(\lambda)$

¹For a mathematical definition, see Remark 2.4.

in the case where H_0 is self-adjoint, bounded below and H_1 is symmetric (Theorem 2.7). This aspect may have an independent interest. As a corollary to this fact, a sufficient condition for $\mathcal{E}_0(\lambda)$ to be in the resolvent set of H_0 is given (Corollary 2.10).

In Section 3, under additional assumptions, we derive an asymptotic expansion for the eigenvalue $E = E(\lambda)$ of $H(\lambda)$ up to the second order of λ as $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ (Theorem 3.5).

In Section 4, for each natural number $N \geq 2$, under stronger assumptions, we derive an asymptotic expansion for $E(\lambda)$ up to the N -th order of λ as $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ (Theorem 4.1).

The last section is devoted to an application of Theorem 4.1 to the generalized spin-boson (GSB) model [5], which describes an abstract quantum system interacting with a Bose field. We first show that the infimum of the spectrum of the Hamiltonian of the GSB model is an even function of the coupling constant λ (Theorem 5.1). Then we prove that, under a set of suitable assumptions which, in the case where the Bose field is massless, requires a stronger infrared regular condition for the momentum cutoff functions of the Bose field in the interaction part, the ground state energy of the Hamiltonian of the GSB model has an asymptotic expansion in the coupling constant λ up to an arbitrary finite order of λ with all the coefficients of odd powers of λ vanishing (Theorem 5.17).

2 Baic Facts

We denote the inner product and the norm of the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} by $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ (complex linear in the second variable) and $\| \cdot \|$ respectively. For a linear operator A on a Hilbert space, we use the following notation:

- (i) $D(A)$: The domain of A .
- (ii) $\ker A$: The kernel of A .
- (iii) $\rho(A)$: The resolvent set of A .
- (iv) $\sigma(A) := \mathbb{C} \setminus \rho(A)$: The spectrum of A .
- (v) $\sigma_p(A)$: The point spectrum of A (the set of eigenvalues of A).

In this section, we derive some fundamental facts on the operator $H(\lambda)$ defined by (1.1). As already mentioned in Introduction, one of the basic hypotheses in our theory is the following:

(H.1) The operator H_0 has a simple eigenvalue E_0 .

By the symmetry of H_0 , E_0 is a real number. We fix a normalized eigenvector Ψ_0 of H_0 with eigenvalue E_0 :

$$H_0\Psi_0 = E_0\Psi_0, \quad \|\Psi_0\| = 1. \quad (2.1)$$

Let P_0 be the orthogonal projection onto the eigenspace

$$\mathcal{H}_0 := \{\alpha\Psi_0 | \alpha \in \mathbb{C}\} \quad (2.2)$$

of H_0 with eigenvalue E_0 . Then

$$Q_0 := I - P_0 \quad (2.3)$$

is the orthogonal projection onto the orthogonal complement \mathcal{H}_0^\perp of \mathcal{H}_0 . Since H_0 is symmetric, H_0 is reduced by both \mathcal{H}_0 and \mathcal{H}_0^\perp , i.e., $P_0H_0 \subset H_0P_0$. We denote by H'_0 the reduced part of H_0 to \mathcal{H}_0^\perp .

2.1 Simultaneous equation for an eigenvalue and an eigenvector of $H(\lambda)$

We say that two vectors Ψ and Φ in \mathcal{H} overlap (or Ψ overlaps with Φ) if $\langle \Psi, \Phi \rangle \neq 0$. Also we say that a vector $\Psi \in \mathcal{H}$ overlaps with a non-empty subset $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{H}$ if there exists a vector $\Phi \in \mathcal{D}$ which overlaps with Ψ .

The following proposition is a rigorous non-perturbative formulation of ideas behind the Brillouin–Wigner perturbation method [10, 19] (cf. [20, §3.1]):

Proposition 2.1 *Let E_0, Ψ_0 and Q_0 be as above, and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ be fixed. Let E be a complex number with $E \notin \sigma_p(H'_0)$ (hence the inverse $(E - H'_0)^{-1}$ of $E - H'_0$ exists on \mathcal{H}_0^\perp , being not necessarily bounded) and $\Psi \in D(H(\lambda))$.*

- (i) *If E is an eigenvalue of $H(\lambda)$ (i.e., $E \in \sigma_p(H(\lambda))$) and Ψ_0 overlaps with the eigenspace $\ker(H(\lambda) - E)$ of $H(\lambda)$ with eigenvalue E , then there exists a non-zero vector $\Psi \in \ker(H(\lambda) - E)$ such that $Q_0H_1\Psi \in D((E - H'_0)^{-1})$ and*

$$E = E_0 + \lambda \langle \Psi_0, H_1\Psi \rangle, \quad (2.4)$$

$$\Psi = \Psi_0 + \lambda(E - H'_0)^{-1}Q_0H_1\Psi. \quad (2.5)$$

- (ii) *Conversely, if E and Ψ satisfy (2.4) and (2.5), then E is an eigenvalue of $H(\lambda)$ and Ψ is an eigenvector of $H(\lambda)$ with eigenvalue E (i.e., $\Psi \in \ker(H(\lambda) - E) \setminus \{0\}$), overlapping with Ψ_0 .*

Proof. (i) By the present assumption, there exists a vector Ξ in $\ker(H(\lambda) - E)$ such that $\langle \Psi_0, \Xi \rangle \neq 0$. We have $\langle \Psi_0, H(\lambda)\Xi \rangle = E \langle \Psi_0, \Xi \rangle$. The left hand side is equal to $E_0 \langle \Psi_0, \Xi \rangle + \lambda \langle \Psi_0, H_1\Xi \rangle$. Hence $E \langle \Psi_0, \Xi \rangle = E_0 \langle \Psi_0, \Xi \rangle + \lambda \langle \Psi_0, H_1\Xi \rangle$. Since $\langle \Psi_0, \Xi \rangle \neq 0$, we obtain (2.4) with $\Psi := \Xi / \langle \Psi_0, \Xi \rangle$.

To prove (2.5), we note that $\langle \Psi_0, \Psi \rangle = 1$. Hence, by the projection theorem, there exists a unique vector $\Phi \in \mathcal{H}_0^\perp$ such that

$$\Psi = \Psi_0 + \Phi. \quad (2.6)$$

Since both Ψ and Ψ_0 are in $D(H_0)$, Φ is in $D(H_0)$. Hence

$$\lambda H_1 \Psi = (E - H_0) \Psi = (E - E_0) \Psi_0 + (E - H_0) \Phi.$$

By the fact that $Q_0 \Psi_0 = 0$ and $Q_0(E - H_0) \Phi = (E - H'_0) \Phi$, we have

$$\lambda Q_0 H_1 \Psi = (E - H'_0) \Phi.$$

This means that $Q_0 H_1 \Psi \in D((E - H'_0)^{-1})$ and $\Phi = \lambda(E - H'_0)^{-1} Q_0 H_1 \Psi$. Thus (2.5) holds.

(ii) Eq.(2.5) implies that $\Psi \neq 0$ and

$$(E - H_0) \Psi = (E - E_0) \Psi_0 + \lambda Q_0 H_1 \Psi.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} (E - H(\lambda)) \Psi &= (E - E_0) \Psi_0 + \lambda Q_0 H_1 \Psi - \lambda H_1 \Psi = (E - E_0) \Psi_0 - \lambda P_0 H_1 \Psi \\ &= (E - E_0) \Psi_0 - \lambda \langle \Psi_0, H_1 \Psi \rangle \Psi_0. \end{aligned}$$

But, by (2.4), the last vector is zero. Hence $\Psi \in \ker(H(\lambda) - E) \setminus \{0\}$. Taking the inner product of Ψ_0 with (2.5), we have $\langle \Psi_0, \Psi \rangle = 1$. Hence Ψ overlaps with Ψ_0 . \blacksquare

Remark 2.2 Proposition 2.1-(ii) may be used to establish an existence theorem of an eigenvalue of $H(\lambda)$. But, in the present paper, we do not go into considerations of this aspect.

Remark 2.3 Instead of $H(\lambda)$ given by (1.1), one can also consider a more general operator of the following form:

$$H(\lambda) = H_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda^i H_i$$

with $n \in \mathbb{N}$ arbitrary and H_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$) being a linear operator on \mathcal{H} . It is obvious that, in this case, Proposition 2.1 holds with λH_1 replaced by $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda^i H_i$. Hence, for a theory which is developed based on Proposition 2.1, as is done below, it may be enough to consider the case $n = 1$. Results in the case $n = 1$ would easily be translated into the case $n \geq 2$ by the replacement of λH_1 with $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda^i H_i$.

2.2 Upper bound for the infimum of the numerical range of $H(\lambda)$

In this subsection, in addition to (H.1), we assume the following:

(H.2) The operator H_0 is self-adjoint and $E_0 = \inf \sigma(H_0)$.

Remark 2.4 In general, if a self-adjoint operator H on a Hilbert space is bounded below, then

$$E_{\min}(H) := \inf \sigma(H)$$

is called the *lowest* or *minimal* energy of H . If $E_{\min}(H)$ is an eigenvalue of H , then H is said to have a ground state and $E_{\min}(H)$ is called the *ground state energy* of H . In this case, a non-zero vector of $\ker(H - E_{\min}(H))$ is called a *ground state* of H . Assumptions (H.1) and (H.2) mean that H_0 has a unique ground state Ψ_0 (up to constant multiples) with E_0 being the ground state energy.

Under assumptions (H.1) and (H.2), $H'_0 - E_0$ is an injective and non-negative self-adjoint operator on \mathcal{H}_0^\perp . Hence the inverse operator $(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}$ exists on \mathcal{H}_0^\perp and is a non-negative self-adjoint operator.

Remark 2.5 If E_0 is an isolated eigenvalue of H_0 , then $(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}$ is bounded. This case is a situation where the standard analytic perturbation theory and the standard asymptotic perturbation theory are formulated. But the case where E_0 is not an isolated eigenvalue of H_0 is out of those perturbation theories. In addition, in this case, $(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}$ is *unbounded* and hence one has to be careful about domains of operators.

If H_I is symmetric, then, for all $\Psi \in D(H(\lambda))$, $\langle \Psi, H(\lambda)\Psi \rangle$ is a real number. Hence one can define

$$\mathcal{E}_0(\lambda) := \inf_{\Psi \in D(H(\lambda)), \|\Psi\|=1} \langle \Psi, H(\lambda)\Psi \rangle \quad (\lambda \in \mathbb{R}), \quad (2.7)$$

the infimum of the numerical range of $H(\lambda)$, which is a finite real number or $-\infty$, where, for $\lambda = 0$, we set $H(0) := H_0$ so that, by the variational principle

$$\mathcal{E}_0(0) = E_0. \quad (2.8)$$

Remark 2.6 If $H(\lambda)$ is self-adjoint and bounded below, then $\mathcal{E}_0(\lambda) = E_{\min}(H(\lambda))$ by the variational principle. But, in general, $\mathcal{E}_0(\lambda)$ is not necessarily an eigenvalue of $H(\lambda)$.

Theorem 2.7 *Assume (H.1) and (H.2). Suppose that H_I is symmetric and*

$$\Psi_0 \in D(H_0(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}Q_0H_I) \cap D(H_I(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}Q_0H_I). \quad (2.9)$$

Let

$$N_0 := \|(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}Q_0H_1\Psi_0\|^2, \quad (2.10)$$

$$a := \langle Q_0H_1\Psi_0, (H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}Q_0H_1\Psi_0 \rangle, \quad (2.11)$$

$$b := \langle (H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}Q_0H_1\Psi_0, H_1(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}Q_0H_1\Psi_0 \rangle. \quad (2.12)$$

Then, for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\mathcal{E}_0(\lambda) \leq E_0 + \frac{1}{1 + N_0\lambda^2} (\langle \Psi_0, H_1\Psi_0 \rangle \lambda - a\lambda^2 + b\lambda^3). \quad (2.13)$$

Proof. By (2.7), we have for all $\Psi \in D(H(\lambda)) \setminus \{0\}$

$$\mathcal{E}_0(\lambda) \leq \frac{\langle \Psi, H(\lambda)\Psi \rangle}{\|\Psi\|^2}. \quad (2.14)$$

As the vector Ψ , we take

$$\Psi_1 := \Psi_0 - \lambda(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}Q_0H_1\Psi_0.$$

Then, by (2.9), $\Psi_1 \in D(H(\lambda))$ and we have

$$\|\Psi_1\|^2 = 1 + N_0\lambda^2, \quad (2.15)$$

where N_0 is defined by (2.10). Since Ψ_0 is orthogonal to $\text{Ran}(Q_0)$ (the range of Q_0) and H_0 maps $D(H_0) \cap \text{Ran}(Q_0)$ to $\text{Ran}(Q_0)$, it follows that

$$\langle \Psi_1, H_0\Psi_1 \rangle = E_0 + \lambda^2 \langle (H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}Q_0H_1\Psi_0, H_0(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}Q_0H_1\Psi_0 \rangle.$$

Using the identity

$$H_0(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}Q_0 = Q_0 + E_0(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}Q_0,$$

we obtain

$$\langle \Psi_1, H_0\Psi_1 \rangle = E_0\|\Psi_1\|^2 + a\lambda^2$$

with a defined by (2.11). Similarly we have

$$\langle \Psi_1, H_1\Psi_1 \rangle = \langle \Psi_0, H_1\Psi_0 \rangle - 2a\lambda + b\lambda^2$$

with b given by (2.12). Hence we obtain

$$\langle \Psi_1, H(\lambda)\Psi_1 \rangle = E_0\|\Psi_1\|^2 + \langle \Psi_0, H_1\Psi_0 \rangle \lambda - a\lambda^2 + b\lambda^3.$$

Hence, by (2.14) and (2.15), we obtain (2.13). ■

Remark 2.8 Since $(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}$ is non-negative as mentioned above, it follows that $a \geq 0$. It is easy to see that $a > 0$ if and only if $Q_0 H_I \Psi_0 \neq 0$.

Remark 2.9 The choice of the trial vector Ψ_1 in the proof just made is motivated by (2.4) and (2.5). Heuristically Ψ_1 may be an “approximate” solution of (2.5) in the first order of λ . Indeed, by iterating (2.5), we obtain

$$\Psi = \Psi_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N \lambda^n ((E - H'_0)^{-1} Q_0 H_I)^n \Psi_0 + \lambda^{N+1} ((E - H'_0)^{-1} Q_0 H_I)^{N+1} \Psi, \quad (2.16)$$

provided that $\Psi_0 \in \cap_{n=1}^N D(((E - H'_0)^{-1} Q_0 H_I)^n)$ ($N \in \mathbb{N}$) (then, by induction in N , one can show that $\Psi \in D(((E - H'_0)^{-1} Q_0 H_I)^{N+1})$). Hence

$$\Psi_N := \Psi_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N \lambda^n ((E - H'_0)^{-1} Q_0 H_I)^n \Psi_0$$

may be an “approximate” solution of (2.5) up to the N -th order of λ . Using the vector Ψ_N ($N \geq 2$) as a trial vector, one may derive an inequality better than (2.13). But, in this paper, we do not go into the details.

Corollary 2.10 *Under the same assumption as in Theorem 2.7, consider the case where*

$$|\langle \Psi_0, H_I \Psi_0 \rangle| < |\lambda|(a - b\lambda). \quad (2.17)$$

Then

$$\mathcal{E}_0(\lambda) < E_0. \quad (2.18)$$

In particular, $\mathcal{E}_0(\lambda) \in \rho(H_0)$.

Proof. By condition (2.17), we have

$$\langle \Psi_0, H_I \Psi_0 \rangle \lambda - a\lambda^2 + b\lambda^3 = \lambda\{\langle \Psi_0, H_I \Psi_0 \rangle - \lambda(a - b\lambda)\} < 0.$$

Hence (2.13) implies (2.18). By (H.2), $(-\infty, E_0) \subset \rho(H_0)$. Hence $\mathcal{E}_0(\lambda) \in \rho(H_0)$ for all λ obeying (2.17). ■

Remark 2.11 If

$$\langle \Psi_0, H_I \Psi_0 \rangle = 0 \quad (2.19)$$

and

$$\lambda \neq 0, \quad b\lambda < a, \quad (2.20)$$

then (2.17) holds and hence (2.18) too.

3 Asymptotic Expansion up to the Second Order in λ

Let E_0, Ψ_0 and Q_0 be as in Section 2. In this section, in addition to (H.1), we assume the following:

(H.3) (i) $\Psi_0 \in D(H_0) \cap D(H_I)$.

(ii) There exists a constant $r > 0$ such that, for all λ in the set

$$\mathbb{I}_r^\times := (-r, 0) \cup (0, r),$$

$H(\lambda)$ has an eigenvalue $E(\lambda)$ such that $E(\lambda) \notin \sigma_p(H'_0)$ and Ψ_0 overlaps with $\ker(H(\lambda) - E(\lambda))$.

Under assumptions (H.1) and (H.3), it follows from Proposition 2.1 that, for each $\lambda \in \mathbb{I}_r^\times$, there exists a non-zero vector $\Psi(\lambda) \in \ker(H(\lambda) - E(\lambda))$ satisfying

$$E(\lambda) = E_0 + \lambda \langle \Psi_0, H_I \Psi(\lambda) \rangle, \quad (3.1)$$

$$\Psi(\lambda) = \Psi_0 + \Phi(\lambda), \quad (3.2)$$

where

$$\Phi(\lambda) := \lambda(E(\lambda) - H'_0)^{-1} Q_0 H_I \Psi(\lambda) \in \mathcal{H}_0^\perp. \quad (3.3)$$

Also we assume the following:

(H.4) $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \|\Psi(\lambda)\| = 1$.

By (3.2), we have

$$\|\Psi(\lambda)\|^2 = 1 + \|\Phi(\lambda)\|^2. \quad (3.4)$$

Hence (H.4) implies that

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \Phi(\lambda) = 0. \quad (3.5)$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \Psi(\lambda) = \Psi_0. \quad (3.6)$$

Under the framework described above, an elementary fact on the asymptotics for $E(\lambda)$ in λ is:

Theorem 3.1 *Assume (H.1), (H.3) and (H.4). Then,*

$$E(\lambda) = E_0 + \lambda \langle \Psi_0, H_I \Psi_0 \rangle + o(\lambda) \quad (\lambda \rightarrow 0). \quad (3.7)$$

In particular,

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} E(\lambda) = E_0. \quad (3.8)$$

Proof. We have by (3.1) and (3.2)

$$E(\lambda) = E_0 + \lambda \langle \Psi_0, H_I \Psi_0 \rangle + \lambda \langle H_I \Psi_0, \Phi(\lambda) \rangle \quad (3.9)$$

Hence, by (3.5), we have

$$\frac{E(\lambda) - E_0 - \lambda \langle \Psi_0, H_I \Psi_0 \rangle}{\lambda} = \langle H_I \Psi_0, \Phi(\lambda) \rangle \rightarrow 0 \quad (\lambda \rightarrow 0).$$

Thus (3.7) holds. ■

Remark 3.2 Eq.(3.8) shows the continuity of $E(\lambda)$ at $\lambda = 0$. In the case where (H.1) and (H.2) hold and $H(\lambda)$ is a bounded below self-adjoint operator for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{I}_r^\times$, one can prove the continuity of $\mathcal{E}_0(\lambda)$ in $\lambda \in \mathbb{I}_r^\times$ under a condition which does not assume that $\mathcal{E}_0(\lambda)$ is an eigenvalue of $H(\lambda)$ [6, Lemma 2.1].

To develop an asymptotic perturbation theory for $E(\lambda)$ further, we still need an additional assumption:

(H.5) For all $\lambda \in \mathbb{I}_r^\times$, $E(\lambda)$ is real, satisfying $E(\lambda) < E_0$.

Remark 3.3 If H_I is symmetric, then $E(\lambda)$ is real. In this case, if $E(\lambda) = \mathcal{E}_0(\lambda)$, Corollary 2.10 gives a sufficient condition for (H.5) to hold (see also Remark 2.11).

Under assumptions (H.2) and (H.5), $E(\lambda)$ is in $\rho(H_0)$. Hence $H_0 - E(\lambda)$ is bijective with bounded inverse $(H_0 - E(\lambda))^{-1}$.

Lemma 3.4 Assume (H.1)–(H.5). Then, for all $\Xi \in D((H'_0 - E_0)^{-1/2})$,

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \langle \Xi, (H_0 - E(\lambda))^{-1} \Xi \rangle = \|(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1/2} \Xi\|^2. \quad (3.10)$$

Proof. We denote by E_{H_0} the spectral measure of H_0 . Since Ξ is in \mathcal{H}_0^\perp , it follows that

$$\langle \Xi, (H_0 - E(\lambda))^{-1} \Xi \rangle = \langle \Xi, (H'_0 - E(\lambda))^{-1} \Xi \rangle = \int_{(E_0, \infty)} \frac{1}{\mu - E(\lambda)} d\|E_{H_0}(\mu) \Xi\|^2.$$

We have

$$0 < \frac{1}{\mu - E(\lambda)} < \frac{1}{\mu - E_0}, \quad \forall \mu > E_0$$

and $\int_{(E_0, \infty)} 1/(\mu - E_0) d\|E_{H_0}(\mu) \Xi\|^2 < \infty$, because Ξ is in $D((H'_0 - E_0)^{-1/2})$. By (3.8), $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} 1/(\mu - E(\lambda)) = 1/(\mu - E_0)$ for all $\mu > E_0$. Hence, by the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem, we obtain

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \langle \Xi, (H_0 - E(\lambda))^{-1} \Xi \rangle = \int_{(E_0, \infty)} \frac{1}{\mu - E_0} d\|E_{H_0}(\mu) \Xi\|^2 = \|(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1/2} \Xi\|^2.$$

■

For $\lambda \in \mathbb{I}_r^\times$, we define operators $K(\lambda)$ and $G(\lambda)$ by

$$K(\lambda) := (E(\lambda) - H_0)^{-1}Q_0H_I, \quad (3.11)$$

$$G(\lambda) := H_I(E(\lambda) - H_0)^{-1}Q_0. \quad (3.12)$$

It follows that

$$K(\lambda)^* \supset G(\lambda),$$

where, for a densely defined linear operator A on a Hilbert space, A^* denotes the adjoint of A .

The next theorem gives the second order asymptotics of $E(\lambda)$ in λ near 0:

Theorem 3.5 *Assume (H.1)–(H.5). Suppose that*

$$\Psi_0 \in D(G(\lambda)H_I) \cap D((H'_0 - E_0)^{-1/2}Q_0H_I) \quad (3.13)$$

for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{I}_r^\times$ with

$$\sup_{\lambda \in \mathbb{I}_r^\times} \|G(\lambda)H_I\Psi_0\| < \infty. \quad (3.14)$$

Then

$$E(\lambda) = E_0 + \lambda \langle \Psi_0, H_I\Psi_0 \rangle - \lambda^2 \|(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1/2}Q_0H_I\Psi_0\|^2 + o(\lambda^2) \quad (\lambda \rightarrow 0). \quad (3.15)$$

Proof. We have by (3.9), (3.3) and (3.2)

$$\begin{aligned} E(\lambda) &= E_0 + \lambda \langle \Psi_0, H_I\Psi_0 \rangle - \lambda^2 \|(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1/2}Q_0H_I\Psi_0\|^2 \\ &\quad + \lambda^2 R_\lambda + \lambda^2 \langle G(\lambda)H_I\Psi_0, \Phi(\lambda) \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$R_\lambda := \langle H_I\Psi_0, K(\lambda)\Psi_0 \rangle + \|(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1/2}Q_0H_I\Psi_0\|^2.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{E(\lambda) - E_0 - \lambda \langle \Psi_0, H_I\Psi_0 \rangle + \lambda^2 \|(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1/2}Q_0H_I\Psi_0\|^2}{\lambda^2} \\ &= R_\lambda + \langle G(\lambda)H_I\Psi_0, \Phi(\lambda) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.4, $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} R_\lambda = 0$. We have by the Schwarz inequality, (3.14) and (3.5)

$$|\langle G(\lambda)H_I\Psi_0, \Phi(\lambda) \rangle| \leq \left(\sup_{\lambda' \in \mathbb{I}_r^\times} \|G(\lambda')H_I\Psi_0\| \right) \|\Phi(\lambda)\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (\lambda \rightarrow 0).$$

Thus (3.15) holds. ■

4 Asymptotic Expansions up to Arbitrary Finite Orders in λ

In this section, under assumptions (H.1)–(H.5), we derive an asymptotic expansion of $E(\lambda)$ up to an arbitrary finite order in λ . Let

$$K_0 := (E_0 - H'_0)^{-1} Q_0 H_1. \quad (4.1)$$

For each $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$, we define an operator-valued function K_ℓ on \mathbb{R}^ℓ by

$$K_\ell(x_1, \dots, x_\ell) := \sum_{r=1}^{\ell} (-1)^r \sum_{\substack{j_1 + \dots + j_r = \ell \\ j_1, \dots, j_r \geq 1}} x_{j_1} \cdots x_{j_r} (E_0 - H'_0)^{-(r+1)} Q_0 H_1, \quad (x_1, \dots, x_\ell) \in \mathbb{R}^\ell. \quad (4.2)$$

For a natural number $N \geq 2$, we define a sequence $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^N$ as follows:

$$a_1 := \langle \Psi_0, H_1 \Psi_0 \rangle, \quad (4.3)$$

$$a_n = \sum_{\substack{q+\ell=n \\ q, \ell \geq 1}} \sum_{\substack{\ell_1 + \dots + \ell_q = \ell - 1 \\ \ell_1, \dots, \ell_q \geq 0}} \langle H_1 \Psi_0, K_{\ell_1}(a_1, \dots, a_{\ell_1}) \cdots K_{\ell_q}(a_1, \dots, a_{\ell_q}) \Psi_0 \rangle, \quad n = 2, \dots, N, \quad (4.4)$$

provided that

$$\Psi_0 \in \cap_{n=2}^N \cap_{\substack{q+\ell=n \\ q, \ell \geq 1}} \cap_{\substack{\ell_1 + \dots + \ell_q = \ell - 1 \\ \ell_1, \dots, \ell_q \geq 0}} \cap_{r_1=0}^{\ell_1} \cdots \cap_{r_q=0}^{\ell_q} D \left(\prod_{j=1}^q (E_0 - H'_0)^{-(r_j+1)} Q_0 H_1 \right), \quad (4.5)$$

where, for (not necessarily commuting) linear operators A_1, \dots, A_q on a Hilbert space, $\prod_{j=1}^q A_j := A_1 A_2 \cdots A_q$.

Note that, on the right hand side of (4.4), only a_j ($j = 1, \dots, n-2$) appears. Hence a_n 's with $n \geq 3$ are uniquely determined.

We have

$$a_2 = - \langle H_1 \Psi_0, (H'_0 - E_0)^{-1} Q_0 H_1 \Psi_0 \rangle \leq 0, \quad (4.6)$$

$$a_3 = \langle (H'_0 - E_0)^{-1} H_1 \Psi_0, H_1 (H'_0 - E_0)^{-1} Q_0 H_1 \Psi_0 \rangle - \langle \Psi_0, H_1 \Psi_0 \rangle \| (H'_0 - E_0)^{-1} Q_0 H_1 \Psi_0 \|^2. \quad (4.7)$$

Theorem 4.1 *Let $N \geq 2$ be a natural number. Assume (H.1)–(H.5). Suppose that (4.5) holds and $\Psi_0 \in \cap_{n=1}^{N-1} D(G(\lambda)^n H_1)$ with*

$$\sup_{r \in \mathbb{I}_r^\times} \|G(\lambda)^n H_1 \Psi_0\| < \infty, \quad n = 1, \dots, N-1. \quad (4.8)$$

Then

$$E(\lambda) = E_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \lambda^n + o(\lambda^N) \quad (\lambda \rightarrow 0). \quad (4.9)$$

Proof. We prove (4.9) by induction in $N \geq 2$. Eq. (4.9) with $N = 2$ follows from Theorem 3.5.

Suppose that (4.9) holds with some $N \geq 2$. Let

$$K_r(\lambda) := (E_0 - E(\lambda))^r (E_0 - H'_0)^{-(r+1)} Q_0 H_I, \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, N-1,$$

and $K(\lambda)$ be as in (3.11). Then, using the easily proven formula

$$(E(\lambda) - H_0)^{-1} Q_0 = (E_0 - H'_0)^{-1} Q_0 + (E_0 - E(\lambda))(E(\lambda) - H_0)^{-1} (E_0 - H'_0)^{-1} Q_0,$$

we obtain

$$K(\lambda) = \sum_{r=0}^{N-1} K_r(\lambda) + (E_0 - E(\lambda))^N (E(\lambda) - H_0)^{-1} (E_0 - H'_0)^{-N} Q_0 H_I, \quad (4.10)$$

on $\cap_{r=1}^N D((E_0 - H'_0)^{-r} Q_0 H_I)$. By (H.5), for all $\Psi \in D((E_0 - H'_0)^{-(N+1)} Q_0 H_I)$, we have

$$\|(E(\lambda) - H_0)^{-1} (E_0 - H'_0)^{-N} Q_0 H_I \Psi\| \leq \|(E_0 - H'_0)^{-(N+1)} Q_0 H_I \Psi\|.$$

Hence, by (3.7), we obtain

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \frac{(E_0 - E(\lambda))^N (E(\lambda) - H_0)^{-1} (E_0 - H'_0)^{-N} Q_0 H_I \Psi}{\lambda^{N-1}} = 0,$$

i.e.

$$(E_0 - E(\lambda))^N (E(\lambda) - H_0)^{-1} (E_0 - H'_0)^{-N} Q_0 H_I \Psi = o(\lambda^{N-1}) \quad (\lambda \rightarrow 0).$$

By the induction hypothesis (4.9), we have

$$E_0 - E(\lambda) = - \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \lambda^n + o(\lambda^N) \quad (\lambda \rightarrow 0).$$

Hence

$$K_r(\lambda) = (-1)^r \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_r=1}^N a_{j_1} \cdots a_{j_r} \lambda^{j_1 + \dots + j_r} (E_0 - H'_0)^{-(r+1)} Q_0 H_I + o(\lambda^{N+1}) \quad (\lambda \rightarrow 0)$$

on $D((E_0 - H'_0)^{-(r+1)} Q_0 H_I)$. Putting this into $K_r(\lambda)$ on the right hand side of (4.10), we obtain

$$K(\lambda) = K_0 + \sum_{\ell=1}^{N-1} K_\ell(a_1, \dots, a_\ell) \lambda^\ell + o(\lambda^{N-1}) \quad (\lambda \rightarrow 0) \quad (4.11)$$

on $\cap_{r=1}^{N+1} D((E_0 - H'_0)^{-r} Q_0 H_I)$, where K_ℓ is defined by (4.2).

On the other hand, we have by (3.9) and (3.3)

$$E(\lambda) = E_0 + \langle \Psi_0, H_I \Psi_0 \rangle \lambda + \sum_{k=1}^N \langle H_I \Psi_0, K(\lambda)^k \Psi_0 \rangle \lambda^{k+1} + \langle H_I \Psi_0, K(\lambda)^N \Phi(\lambda) \rangle \lambda^{N+1}.$$

Using (4.11), we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(\lambda) &= E_0 + \langle \Psi_0, H_I \Psi_0 \rangle \lambda \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{\ell_1, \dots, \ell_k=0}^{N-1} \langle H_I \Psi_0, K_{\ell_1}(a_1, \dots, a_{\ell_1}) \cdots K_{\ell_k}(a_1, \dots, a_{\ell_k}) \Psi_0 \rangle \\ &\times \lambda^{\ell_1 + \dots + \ell_k + k + 1} + o(\lambda^{N+1}) + \langle H_I \Psi_0, K(\lambda)^N \Phi(\lambda) \rangle \lambda^{N+1} \quad (\lambda \rightarrow 0). \end{aligned}$$

By rearranging the sums on k and ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_k , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} E(\lambda) &= E_0 + \langle \Psi_0, H_I \Psi_0 \rangle \lambda \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{N+1} a_n \lambda^n + o(\lambda^{N+1}) + \langle H_I \Psi_0, K(\lambda)^N \Phi(\lambda) \rangle \lambda^{N+1} \quad (\lambda \rightarrow 0). \end{aligned}$$

By condition (4.8) with $N - 1$ replaced by N , we have

$$|\langle H_I \Psi_0, K(\lambda)^N \Phi(\lambda) \rangle| \leq \left(\sup_{\lambda' \in \mathbb{I}_r^*} \|G(\lambda')^N H_I \Psi_0\| \right) \|\Phi(\lambda)\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (\lambda \rightarrow 0).$$

Hence

$$\langle H_I \Psi_0, K(\lambda)^N \Phi(\lambda) \rangle \lambda^{N+1} = o(\lambda^{N+1}) \quad (\lambda \rightarrow 0).$$

Thus (4.9) holds with N replaced by $N + 1$. ■

5 Application to the GSB Model

In this section, we apply Theorem 4.1 to the GSB model mentioned in Introduction. Following [5], we first review the GSB model briefly.

The quantum field in the GSB model is a scalar Bose field acting in the boson (symmetric) Fock space

$$\mathcal{F}_b(L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)) := \oplus_{n=0}^{\infty} [\otimes_s^n L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)]$$

over the Hilbert space $L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$ ($\nu \in \mathbb{N}$), where $\otimes_s^n L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$ denotes the n -fold symmetric tensor product of $L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$ with convention $\otimes_s^0 L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu) := \mathbb{C}$.

We denote by $a(f)$ ($f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$) the annihilation operator with test function f , i.e., it is a densely defined closed linear operator on $\mathcal{F}_b(L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu))$ such that its adjoint $a(f)^*$

obeys the following properties: For all $\psi \in D(a(f)^*)$, $(a(f)^*\psi)^{(0)} = 0$ and $(a(f)^*\psi)^{(n)} = \sqrt{n}S_n(f \otimes \psi^{(n-1)})$, $n \geq 1$, where S_n is the symmetrization operator on the n -fold tensor product $\otimes^n L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$ of $L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$. The time-zero field for the GSB model is defined by

$$\phi(f) := \frac{1}{2}(a(f)^* + a(f)),$$

which is called the Segal field operator with test function f .

The one-particle Hamiltonian of a free boson, which acts in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$, is described by the multiplication operator of an energy function $\omega : \mathbb{R}^\nu \rightarrow [0, \infty); \mathbb{R}^\nu \ni k \mapsto \omega(k) \geq 0$ which is Borel measurable and $0 < \omega(k) < \infty$ for almost everywhere (a.e.) $k \in \mathbb{R}^\nu$. We denote the one-particle Hamiltonian by the same symbol ω . Then the Hamiltonian of the free quantum field with one-particle Hamiltonian ω is defined by

$$H_b := \oplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \omega^{(n)}$$

the second quantization of ω , where $\omega^{(0)} := 0$ as an operator on \mathbb{C} , $\omega^{(1)} := \omega$ and, for $n \geq 2$, $\omega^{(n)} := \sum_{j=1}^n I \otimes \cdots \otimes \overset{j\text{th}}{\omega} \otimes \cdots \otimes I$ acting in $\otimes_s^n L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$ (I denotes the identity on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$).

For more detailed descriptions on the boson Fock space theory, we refer the reader to [17, §X.7].

Let

$$\omega_0 := \text{ess.inf}_{k \in \mathbb{R}^\nu} \omega(k) \geq 0. \quad (5.1)$$

If $\omega_0 > 0$ (resp. $\omega_0 = 0$), then we say that the Bose field or the boson is *massive* (resp. *massless*)².

We take the Hilbert space of quantum particles interacting with the quantum scalar field to be an abstract complex Hilbert space \mathcal{K} . Then a Hilbert space of state vectors for the GSB model is given by

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{GSB}} := \mathcal{K} \otimes \mathcal{F}_b(L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)).$$

Let $L^2_{\text{sym}}((\mathbb{R}^\nu)^n; \mathcal{K})$ be the Hilbert space of \mathcal{K} -valued symmetric L^2 -functions on $(\mathbb{R}^\nu)^n$ with convention $L^2_{\text{sym}}((\mathbb{R}^\nu)^0; \mathcal{K}) := \mathcal{K}$. Then the Hilbert space \mathcal{H}_{GSB} has a natural identification as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{\text{GSB}} &= \oplus_{n=0}^{\infty} L^2_{\text{sym}}((\mathbb{R}^\nu)^n; \mathcal{K}) \\ &= \left\{ \Psi = \{\Psi^{(n)}\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \mid \Psi^{(n)} \in L^2_{\text{sym}}((\mathbb{R}^\nu)^n; \mathcal{K}), n \geq 0, \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|\Psi^{(n)}\|^2 < \infty \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

²An example of ω for a relativistic Bose field is given by $\omega(k) = \sqrt{k^2 + m^2}$ with $m \geq 0$ being the mass of the boson. In this case, we have $\omega_0 = m$, showing that ω_0 is certainly the mass of the boson. But, in general (mathematically), ω_0 is not necessarily a mass in the physical sense. For example, if the boson is non-relativistic, then one may take $\omega(k) = k^2/2m$. In this case, $\omega_0 (= 0)$ is not a mass.

For each $n \geq 0$, we call the subspace

$$\mathcal{H}^{(n)} := \{\Psi = \{0, \dots, 0, \Psi^{(n)}, 0, \dots\} \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{GSB}} \mid \Psi^{(n)} \in L^2_{\text{sym}}((\mathbb{R}^\nu)^n; \mathcal{K})\} \quad (5.2)$$

the n -boson space of the GSB model. We have

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{GSB}} = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}^{(n)}. \quad (5.3)$$

We assume that the Hamiltonian of the system of quantum particles is given by a self-adjoint operator A on \mathcal{K} which is bounded below. Then

$$E_0 := \inf \sigma(A) \quad (5.4)$$

is finite and

$$\tilde{A} := A - E_0 \quad (5.5)$$

is a non-negative self-adjoint operator on \mathcal{K} .

Let $J \in \mathbb{N}$ and B_j ($j = 1, \dots, J$) be a symmetric operator on \mathcal{K} . Let $g_j \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$ ($j = 1, \dots, J$) and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. In this section, we take H_0 and H_I as follows:

$$H_0 := A \otimes I + I \otimes H_b, \quad (5.6)$$

$$H_I := \sum_{j=1}^J B_j \otimes \phi(g_j). \quad (5.7)$$

The function g_j in $\phi(g_j)$ physically means a momentum cutoff function of the boson. The Hamiltonian of the GSB model is defined by

$$H_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda) := H_0 + \lambda H_I. \quad (5.8)$$

Before going into detailed analysis on the GSB model, we take this opportunity to report an important fact on the lowest (minimal) energy of $H_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda)$ in the case where $H_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda)$ is self-adjoint and bounded below. Hence, let

$$\Lambda := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \mid H_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda) \text{ is self-adjoint and bounded below}\} \quad (5.9)$$

and, for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$,

$$E_0(\lambda) := \inf \sigma(H_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda)). \quad (5.10)$$

Theorem 5.1 *The set Λ is reflection symmetric with respect to the origin of \mathbb{R} (i.e., $\lambda \in \Lambda \iff -\lambda \in \Lambda$) and $E_0(\cdot)$ is an even function on Λ :*

$$E_0(\lambda) = E_0(-\lambda), \quad \lambda \in \Lambda. \quad (5.11)$$

Proof. Let $\lambda \in \Lambda$. We denote by N_b the number operator on $\mathcal{F}_b(L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu))$: $(N_b\Psi)^{(n)} = n\Psi^{(n)}$, $n \geq 0$, $\Psi \in D(N)$. The operator N_b is self-adjoint and non-negative. Hence $U := e^{i\pi N_b}$ is unitary. We have the operator equality

$$Ua(f)^\#U^{-1} = -a(f)^\#, \quad f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu),$$

where $a(f)^\#$ denotes either $a(f)$ or $a(f)^*$. Hence

$$U\phi(f)U^{-1} = -\phi(f), \quad f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu).$$

Also we have

$$UH_bU^{-1} = H_b.$$

Hence we obtain

$$(I \otimes U)H_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda)(I \otimes U)^{-1} = H_{\text{GSB}}(-\lambda),$$

which implies that Λ is reflection symmetric with respect to the origin of \mathbb{R} and

$$\sigma(H_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda)) = \sigma(H_{\text{GSB}}(-\lambda)).$$

Hence (5.11) holds. ■

Remark 5.2 The proof given above can be applied also to a general particle-field Hamiltonian [4], which includes Pauli-Fierz type models (e.g., [8, 9, 14]) and Nelson type models (e.g., [2, 16]), and the Dereziński–Gérard model [11] to conclude that their minimal energy is an even function of the coupling constant.

In what follows, we assume the following conditions:

(A.1) The operator A has compact resolvent.

(A.2) Each B_j ($j = 1, \dots, J$) is $\tilde{A}^{1/2}$ -bounded. Namely, $D(\tilde{A}^{1/2}) \subset \bigcap_{j=1}^J D(B_j)$ and there exist constants $a_j \geq 0, b_j \geq 0$ such that, for all $\psi \in D(\tilde{A}^{1/2})$,

$$\|B_j\psi\| \leq a_j\|\tilde{A}^{1/2}\psi\| + b_j\|\psi\|, \quad j = 1, \dots, J.$$

(A.3) $g_j, g_j/\omega \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$, $j = 1, \dots, J$.

(A.4) The function ω is continuous on \mathbb{R}^ν with $\lim_{|k| \rightarrow \infty} \omega(k) = \infty$ and there exist constants $\gamma > 0$ and $C > 0$ such that

$$|\omega(k) - \omega(k')| \leq C|k - k'|^\gamma(1 + \omega(k) + \omega(k')), \quad k, k' \in \mathbb{R}^\nu.$$

Remark 5.3 Under (A.1), A has purely discrete spectrum $\{E_n\}_{n=0}^N$ with $E_0 < E_1 < \dots < E_n < E_{n+1} < \dots$, where $N < \infty$ or $N = \infty$. In particular, E_0 is an eigenvalue of A with a finite multiplicity. Under assumption (A.4), we have $\sigma(\omega) = [\omega_0, \infty)$, where ω_0 is given by (5.1). Hence it follows that

$$\sigma(H_0) = \{E_0, \dots, E_{n_0}\} \cup [E_0 + \omega_0, \infty), \quad (5.12)$$

where $n_0 := \max\{n \geq 0 | E_n < E_0 + \omega_0\}$. In particular, if the boson is massless, then $\sigma(H_0) = [E_0, \infty)$, which shows that all the eigenvalues of H_0 are embedded eigenvalues of H_0 . Hence, in this case, for each E_n , one can neither apply the standard analytic perturbation theory nor the standard asymptotic perturbation theory. Thus we need a new approach in the massless case. Note that, in the massive case $\omega_0 > 0$, E_n ($n = 0, 1, \dots, n_0$) is an isolated eigenvalue of H_0 . We can show that H_1 is H_0 -bounded [5]. Hence, in the massive case, we can apply the standard analytic perturbation theory to conclude that, for all sufficiently small $|\lambda|$ (its smallness may depend on ω_0), $H_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda)$ has a ground state and the ground state energy is analytic in λ .

Remark 5.4 As for the spectrum of $H_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda)$, the following result is known [3, Theorem 3.3]: If (A.2) holds and $g_j, g_j/\sqrt{\omega} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$ ($j = 1, \dots, J$) with $\sigma(\omega) = [0, \infty)$, then, for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$,

$$\sigma(H_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda)) = [E_0(\lambda), \infty).$$

Note that, for this fact, $H_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda)$ does not necessarily have a ground state.

Let

$$\Omega_0 := \{1, 0, 0, \dots\} \in \mathcal{F}_b(L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)) \quad (5.13)$$

be the Fock vacuum and P_{Ω_0} be the orthogonal projections onto the one-dimensional subspace $\{\alpha\Omega_0 | \alpha \in \mathbb{C}\}$. We denote by p_0 the orthogonal projection onto $\ker \tilde{A}$.

As for the existence of a ground state of $H_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda)$, we have the following theorem [5]:

Theorem 5.5 *Assume (A.1)–(A.4). Then there exists a constant $r > 0$ independent of λ such that the following hold:*

- (i) $(-r, r) \subset \Lambda$.
- (ii) *For all $\lambda \in (-r, r)$, $H_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda)$ has a ground state $\Psi_0(\lambda)$ and there exists a constant $M > 0$ independent of $\lambda \in (-r, r)$ such that, for all $|\lambda| < r$, $\|\Psi_0(\lambda)\| \leq 1$ and*

$$\langle \Psi_0(\lambda), p_0 \otimes P_{\Omega_0} \Psi_0(\lambda) \rangle \geq 1 - \lambda^2 M^2 > 0 \quad (5.14)$$

Under the assumption of Theorem 5.5, $E_0(\lambda)$ with $\lambda \in (-r, r)$ is the ground state energy of $H_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda)$. To derive asymptotic expansions for $E_0(\lambda)$ in λ near 0, we need to check that the assumptions taken in Sections 3 and 4 hold in the case where $H(\lambda) = H_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda)$. For this purpose, however, we need additional assumptions:

(A.5) The eigenvalue of E_0 of A is simple and there exists a $j_0 \in \{1, \dots, J\}$ such that $B_{j_0}\psi \neq 0$ for all $\psi \in \ker \tilde{A} \setminus \{0\}$.

(A.6) The set $\{g_1, \dots, g_J\} \subset L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$ is linearly independent.

We denote by ψ_0 a normalized eigenvector of A with eigenvalue E_0 :

$$A\psi_0 = E_0\psi_0, \quad \|\psi_0\| = 1. \quad (5.15)$$

Hence $\ker \tilde{A} = \{\alpha\psi_0 | \alpha \in \mathbb{C}\}$. By (A.5), we have

$$B_{j_0}\psi_0 \neq 0. \quad (5.16)$$

It follows from the theory of tensor products of self-adjoint operators that E_0 is a simple eigenvalue of H_0 being the ground state energy of H_0 with a normalized eigenvector

$$\Psi_0 := \psi_0 \otimes \Omega_0. \quad (5.17)$$

By the well known fact that

$$a(f)\Omega_0 = 0, \quad f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu), \quad (5.18)$$

we have

$$\langle \Psi_0, H_I \Psi_0 \rangle = 0. \quad (5.19)$$

Hence (2.19) holds.

In the present model, the orthogonal projection P_0 onto $\ker(H_0 - E_0)$ takes the form

$$P_0 = p_0 \otimes P_{\Omega_0}.$$

Hence

$$Q_0 = I - P_0 = I - p_0 \otimes P_{\Omega_0}.$$

Lemma 5.6 *Assume (A.1)–(A.6). Then $Q_0 H_I \Psi_0 \neq 0$.*

Proof. By (5.18), we have

$$H_I \Psi_0 = \sum_{j=1}^J \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} B_j \psi_0 \otimes a(g_j)^* \Omega_0. \quad (5.20)$$

Since $P_{\Omega_0}a(f)^*\Omega_0 = 0$ for all $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$, we have

$$Q_0H_I\Psi_0 = \sum_{j=1}^J \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}B_j\psi_0 \otimes a(g_j)^*\Omega_0. \quad (5.21)$$

Suppose that $Q_0H_I\Psi_0$ were a zero vector. Then it follows that, for all $\psi \in \mathcal{K}$,

$$\sum_{j=1}^J \langle \psi, B_j\psi_0 \rangle g_j = 0.$$

By (A.6), this implies that, for all $\psi \in \mathcal{K}$, $\langle \psi, B_j\psi_0 \rangle = 0, j = 1, \dots, J$. Hence $B_j\psi_0 = 0$ for all $j = 1, \dots, J$. But this contradicts (5.16). \blacksquare

As in the case of the general theory in Section 2, we denote by H'_0 the reduced part of H_0 to $\{\alpha\Psi_0 | \alpha \in \mathbb{C}\}^\perp$.

Let H'_b be the reduced part of H_b to $\{\alpha\Omega_0 | \alpha \in \mathbb{C}\}^\perp$. Then, in the GSB model, we have, under the identification (5.3),

$$H'_0 - E_0 = \tilde{A} + H'_b. \quad (5.22)$$

Lemma 5.7 *Assume (A.1)–(A.5). Let $\psi \in \mathcal{K}$ and $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$. Then $\psi \otimes a(f)^*\Omega_0$ is in $D((H'_0 - E_0)^{-1})$ if and only if*

$$\int_{\omega(k)>0} \|(\tilde{A} + \omega(k))^{-1}\psi\|^2 |f(k)|^2 dk < \infty. \quad (5.23)$$

In particular, if $f/\omega \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$, then $\psi \otimes a(f)^\Omega_0 \in D((H'_0 - E_0)^{-1})$.*

Proof. For a self-adjoint operator S , we denote by $E_S(\cdot)$ its spectral measure. We have $E_{H'_0}(X_1 \times X_2) = E_A(X_1) \otimes E_{H'_b}(X_2)$ for all Borel sets $X_1, X_2 \subset \mathbb{R}$ and $E_{H'_b}(\{0\}) = 0$. Hence it follows that the vector $\psi \otimes a(f)^*\Omega_0$ is in $D((H'_0 - E_0)^{-1})$ if and only if

$$I_f := \int_{x+y>E_0} \frac{1}{|x - E_0 + y|^2} d\|E_A(x)\psi\|^2 d\|E_{H'_b}(y)a(f)^*\Omega_0\|^2 < \infty$$

We have

$$(H'_b a(f)^*\Omega_0)^{(1)}(k) = \omega(k)f(k), \quad (H'_b a(f)^*\Omega_0)^{(n)}(k) = 0, \quad n \neq 1.$$

Hence

$$I_f = \int_{\omega(k)>0} \|(\tilde{A} + \omega(k))^{-1}\psi\|^2 |f(k)|^2 dk.$$

Thus the first statement of the present lemma holds.

Since $\tilde{A} \geq 0$, we have $I_f \leq \|\psi\|^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^\nu} |f(k)|^2 / \omega(k)^2 dk$. Hence, if $f/\omega \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$, then $I_f < \infty$ and thus $\psi \otimes a(f)^*\Omega_0 \in D((H'_0 - E_0)^{-1})$. \blacksquare

Using the Schwarz inequality for the inner product and the elementary inequality

$$\alpha\beta \leq \varepsilon^2\alpha^2 + \frac{\beta^2}{4\varepsilon^2} \quad (\alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0, \varepsilon > 0),$$

we have for all $\psi \in D(\tilde{A})$ and all $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\|\tilde{A}^{1/2}\psi\|^2 \leq \varepsilon^2\|\tilde{A}\psi\|^2 + \frac{1}{4\varepsilon^2}\|\psi\|^2.$$

By this fact and (A.2), we obtain

$$\|B_j\psi\| \leq a\varepsilon\|\tilde{A}\psi\| + b_\varepsilon\|\psi\|, \quad \psi \in D(\tilde{A}) \quad (j = 1, \dots, J), \quad (5.24)$$

where $a := \max\{a_1, \dots, a_J\}$, $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary and

$$b_\varepsilon := b + \frac{a}{2\varepsilon} \quad (5.25)$$

with $b := \max\{b_1, \dots, b_J\}$.

Lemma 5.8 *Assume (A.2). Then, for each $j = 1, \dots, J$ and $k \in \mathbb{R}^\nu$ with $\omega(k) > 0$, $B_j(\tilde{A} + \omega(k))^{-1}$ is bounded with*

$$\|B_j(\tilde{A} + \omega(k))^{-1}\| \leq a\varepsilon + \frac{b_\varepsilon}{\omega(k)}, \quad (5.26)$$

where $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary.

Proof. By (5.24), we have for all $\psi \in \mathcal{K}$

$$\|B_j(\tilde{A} + \omega(k))^{-1}\psi\| \leq a\varepsilon\|\tilde{A}(\tilde{A} + \omega(k))^{-1}\psi\| + b_\varepsilon\|(\tilde{A} + \omega(k))^{-1}\psi\|.$$

We have $\|(\tilde{A} + \omega(k))^{-1}\psi\| \leq \omega(k)^{-1}\|\psi\|$ and $\|\tilde{A}(\tilde{A} + \omega(k))^{-1}\psi\| \leq \|\psi\|$. Thus the desired result follows. \blacksquare

Lemma 5.9 *Assume (A.1)–(A.6). Then (3.13) holds in the present model.*

Proof. By (5.21) and the condition g_j/ω ($j = 1, \dots, J$), we can apply Lemma 5.7 to conclude that

$$Q_0 H_I \Psi_0 \in D((H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}).$$

Using identification (5.3), we have

$$((H'_0 - E_0)^{-1} Q_0 H_I \Psi_0)^{(1)}(k) = \sum_{j=1}^J \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} g_j(k) (\tilde{A} + \omega(k))^{-1} B_j \psi_0, \quad \omega(k) > 0, \quad (5.27)$$

$$((H'_0 - E_0)^{-1} Q_0 H_I \Psi_0)^{(n)} = 0, \quad n \neq 1. \quad (5.28)$$

Hence $(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}Q_0H_1\Psi_0$ is in $D(H_1)$ with

$$\begin{aligned} (H_1(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}Q_0H_1\Psi_0)^{(0)} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\ell,j=1}^J \int_{\omega(k)>0} dk g_\ell(k)^* g_j(k) B_\ell(\tilde{A} + \omega(k))^{-1} B_j \psi_0, \\ (H_1(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}Q_0H_1\Psi_0)^{(2)}(k_1, k_2) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\ell,j=1}^J \{ g_\ell(k_2) g_j(k_1) B_\ell(\tilde{A} + \omega(k_1))^{-1} B_j \psi_0 \\ &\quad + g_\ell(k_1) g_j(k_2) B_\ell(\tilde{A} + \omega(k_2))^{-1} B_j \psi_0 \} \\ &\quad k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{R}^\nu, \omega(k_1) > 0, \omega(k_2) > 0, \\ (H_1(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}Q_0H_1\Psi_0)^{(n)} &= 0, \quad n \neq 0, 2. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we see that $(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}Q_0H_1\Psi_0$ is in $D(H_0)$ with

$$\begin{aligned} (H_0(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}Q_0H_1\Psi_0)^{(1)}(k) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{j=1}^J \left(g_j(k) + E_0 g_j(k) (\tilde{A} + \omega(k))^{-1} \right) B_j \psi_0, \\ &\quad \omega(k) > 0, \\ (H_0(H'_0 - E_0)^{-1}Q_0H_1\Psi_0)^{(n)} &= 0, \quad n \neq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the desired result follows. \blacksquare

Lemma 5.10 *Assume (A.1)–(A.6). Let*

$$N_{\text{GSB}} := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,\ell=1}^J \int_{\omega(k)>0} \left\langle (\tilde{A} + \omega(k))^{-1} B_j \psi_0, (\tilde{A} + \omega(k))^{-1} B_\ell \psi_0 \right\rangle g_j(k)^* g_\ell(k) dk, \quad (5.29)$$

$$a_{\text{GSB}} := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,\ell=1}^J \int_{\omega(k)>0} \left\langle B_j \psi_0, (\tilde{A} + \omega(k))^{-1} B_\ell \psi_0 \right\rangle g_j(k)^* g_\ell(k) dk. \quad (5.30)$$

Then $a_{\text{GSB}} > 0$ and

$$E_0(\lambda) \leq E_0 - \frac{a_{\text{GSB}} \lambda^2}{1 + N_{\text{GSB}} \lambda^2}. \quad (5.31)$$

In particular, for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{I}_r^\times$, $E_0(\lambda) < E_0$ and $E_0(\lambda) \in \rho(H_0)$.

Proof. As already seen, in the GSB model, (2.19) holds. Hence, by Lemmas 5.6 and 5.9, we can apply Lemma 2.7. In the present case, we have $N_0 = N_{\text{GSB}}$, $a = a_{\text{GSB}}$ and $b = 0$. Thus the desired result follows. \blacksquare

Lemma 5.11 *Assume (A.1)–(A.5) and let $\Psi_0(\lambda)$ be as in Theorem 5.5. Then, for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{I}_r^\times$, $\Psi_0(\lambda)$ overlaps with Ψ_0 and*

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} |\langle \Psi_0, \Psi_0(\lambda) \rangle| = 1. \quad (5.32)$$

Proof. By (A.5), we have $p_0 \otimes P_{\Omega_0} \Psi_0(\lambda) = \langle \Psi_0, \Psi_0(\lambda) \rangle \Psi_0$. Hence, by Theorem 5.5,

$$1 \geq |\langle \Psi_0, \Psi_0(\lambda) \rangle|^2 \geq 1 - \lambda^2 M^2 > 0.$$

Hence the desired results follow. \blacksquare

Let (A.1)–(A.6) be satisfied. Then, by Lemma 5.11, we can define for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{I}_r^\times$

$$\Psi_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda) := \frac{1}{\langle \Psi_0, \Psi_0(\lambda) \rangle} \Psi_0(\lambda). \quad (5.33)$$

Then, as in (3.1) and (3.2), we have for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{I}_r^\times$

$$E_0(\lambda) = E_0 + \lambda \langle \Psi_0, H_I \Psi_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda) \rangle, \quad (5.34)$$

$$\Psi_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda) = \Psi_0 + \lambda(E_0(\lambda) - H_0)^{-1} Q_0 H_I \Psi_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda). \quad (5.35)$$

Lemma 5.12 *Condition (H.4) with $\Psi(\lambda) = \Psi_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda)$ holds:*

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \|\Psi_{\text{GSB}}(\lambda)\| = 1. \quad (5.36)$$

Proof. By Theorem 5.5-(ii) and $\|p_0 \otimes P_0\| = 1$, we have

$$1 \geq \|\Psi_0(\lambda)\| \geq \sqrt{1 - \lambda^2 M^2}.$$

Hence $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \|\Psi_0(\lambda)\| = 1$. By this fact and (5.32), we obtain (5.36). \blacksquare

Thus we have shown that, *under assumptions (A.1)–(A.6), conditions (H.1)–(H.5) in Section 3 hold.* Therefore, to establish asymptotic expansions of $E_0(\lambda)$, we need only to check assumptions in Theorem 4.1 other than (H.1)–(H.5).

For an independent interest, we first derive the asymptotic expansion of $E_0(\lambda)$ up to the second order in λ .

Theorem 5.13 *Assume (A.1)–(A.6). Then*

$$E_0(\lambda) = E_0 - a_{\text{GSB}} \lambda^2 + o(\lambda^2) \quad (\lambda \rightarrow 0), \quad (5.37)$$

where a_{GSB} is given by (5.30).

Proof. We need only to check (3.14).

It follows from (5.20) that $H_I \Psi_0 \in D(G(\lambda))$ and

$$\begin{aligned} (G(\lambda) H_I \Psi_0)^{(0)} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\ell=1}^J \sum_{j=1}^J \int_{\mathbb{R}^\nu} dk g_\ell(k)^* g_j(k) B_\ell(E(\lambda) - E_0 - \tilde{A} - \omega(k))^{-1} B_j \psi_0, \\ (G(\lambda) H_I \Psi_0)^{(2)}(k_1, k_2) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\ell=1}^J \sum_{j=1}^J \left\{ g_\ell(k_2) g_j(k_1) B_\ell(E(\lambda) - E_0 - \tilde{A} - \omega(k_1))^{-1} B_j \psi_0 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + g_\ell(k_1) g_j(k_2) B_\ell(E(\lambda) - E_0 - \tilde{A} - \omega(k_2))^{-1} B_j \psi_0 \right\}, \\ (G(\lambda) H_I \Psi_0)^{(n)} &= 0, \quad n \neq 0, 2. \end{aligned}$$

By (5.26) and $E(\lambda) < E_0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(G(\lambda)H_I\Psi_0)^{(0)}\| &\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\ell=1}^J \sum_{j=1}^J \int_{\mathbb{R}^\nu} dk |g_\ell(k)| |g_j(k)| (a\varepsilon + b_\varepsilon\omega(k)^{-1}) \|B_j\psi_0\|, \\ \|(G(\lambda)H_I\Psi_0)^{(2)}(k_1, k_2)\| &\leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\ell=1}^J \sum_{j=1}^J \left\{ |g_\ell(k_2)| |g_j(k_1)| (a\varepsilon + b_\varepsilon\omega(k_1)^{-1}) \|B_j\psi_0\| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + |g_\ell(k_1)| |g_j(k_2)| (a\varepsilon + b_\varepsilon\omega(k_2)^{-1}) \|B_j\psi_0\| \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

These estimates imply (3.14). ■

We next consider the asymptotic expansion of $E_0(\lambda)$ in λ up to the N -th order with $N \geq 3$.

Lemma 5.14 *Let $N \geq 2$ be a natural number and suppose that*

$$g_j, \frac{g_j}{\omega^{N-1}} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu), \quad j = 1, \dots, J. \quad (5.38)$$

Then (4.5) holds in the present model.

Remark 5.15 If (5.38) holds, then $g_j/\omega^s \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$ for all $s \in [0, N-1]$.

Proof. Let $q = 1, \dots, N-1$ and $r_\alpha = 0, 1, \dots, N-2$ ($\alpha = 1, \dots, q$). By assumption (5.38) and Remark 5.15, one sees that Ψ_0 is in $D((H'_0 - E_0)^{-(r_{q-1}+1)}Q_0H_I(H'_0 - E_0)^{-(r_q+1)}Q_0H_I)$ and the vector

$$\Psi_2 := (H'_0 - E_0)^{-(r_{q-1}+1)}Q_0H_I(H'_0 - E_0)^{-(r_q+1)}Q_0H_I\Psi_0$$

takes the following form:

$$\Psi_2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,\ell=1}^J (H'_0 - E_0)^{-(r_{q-1}+1)} B_\ell \otimes a(g_\ell)^* (H'_0 - E_0)^{-(r_q+1)} B_j \otimes a(g_j)^* \Psi_0$$

Hence, under the natural identification (5.3), Ψ_2 is in the 2-boson space $\mathcal{H}^{(2)}$ with

$$\begin{aligned} &\Psi_2(k_1, k_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,\ell=1}^J \left\{ (\tilde{A} + \omega(k_1) + \omega(k_2))^{-(r_{q-1}+1)} g_j(k_1) g_\ell(k_2) B_\ell (\tilde{A} + \omega(k_1))^{-(r_q+1)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times B_j \psi_0 + (\tilde{A} + \omega(k_1) + \omega(k_2))^{-(r_{q-1}+1)} g_j(k_2) g_\ell(k_1) B_\ell (\tilde{A} + \omega(k_2))^{-(r_q+1)} B_j \psi_0 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

for a.e. $(k_1, k_2) \in (\mathbb{R}^\nu)^2$. For $q \geq 3$ and $\alpha = 1, \dots, q$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\prod_{\alpha=1}^q (H'_0 - E_0)^{-(r_\alpha+1)} Q_0 H_I \right) P_0 \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^q}} \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_q=1}^J (\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-(r_1+1)} Q_0 B_{j_1} \otimes a(g_{j_1})^\# (\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-(r_2+1)} Q_0 B_{j_2} \otimes a(g_{j_2})^\# \\
&\cdots Q_0 B_{j_{q-2}} \otimes a(g_{j_{q-2}})^\# (H'_0 - E_0)^{-(r_{q-1}+1)} B_{j_{q-1}} \otimes a(g_{j_{q-1}})^* \\
&\times (H'_0 - E_0)^{-(r_q+1)} B_{j_q} \otimes a(g_{j_q})^* P_0. \tag{5.39}
\end{aligned}$$

Note that, because of the action of Q_0 , the last two $a(\cdot)^\#$'s on the right hand side are $a(\cdot)^*$.

As in Lemma 5.8, we can show that, for all $\Phi \in D(H'_b)^{-1}$ and $n \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \| (B_j (\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-1} \Phi)^{(n)}(k_1, \dots, k_n) \| \\
& \leq a\varepsilon \| \Phi^{(n)}(k_1, \dots, k_n) \| + b_\varepsilon \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \omega(k_i)} \| \Phi^{(n)}(k_1, \dots, k_n) \| \tag{5.40}
\end{aligned}$$

for a.e. $(k_1, \dots, k_n) \in (\mathbb{R}^\nu)^n$, where $\| \cdot \|$ denotes the norm of \mathcal{K} and $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary.

For all $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$, the operator $a(f)$ (resp. $a(f)^*$) maps the n -boson space $\mathcal{H}^{(n)}$ to $\mathcal{H}^{(n-1)}$ (resp. $\mathcal{H}^{(n+1)}$) and, for all $p \geq 1$, $(\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-p}$ maps $D((\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-p}) \cap \mathcal{H}^{(n)}$ into $\mathcal{H}^{(n)}$ with

$$\begin{aligned}
((\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-p} \Psi)^{(n)}(k_1, \dots, k_n) &= \left(\tilde{A} + \sum_{j=1}^n \omega(k_j) \right)^{-p} \Psi^{(n)}(k_1, \dots, k_n) \in \mathcal{K}, \\
&\text{a.e. } (k_1, \dots, k_n) \in (\mathbb{R}^\nu)^n
\end{aligned}$$

for all $\Psi \in D((\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-p}) \cap \mathcal{H}^{(n)}$. Moreover, for all $\Psi \in D((\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-p}) a(f) B_j (\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-1} \cap D((\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-p}) a(f)^* B_j (\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-1} \cap \mathcal{H}^{(n)}$, the following hold:

$$\begin{aligned}
& ((\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-p} a(f)^* B_j (\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-1} \Psi)^{(n+1)}(k_1, \dots, k_{n+1}) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \left(\tilde{A} + \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \omega(k_j) \right)^{-p} \sum_{i=1}^n f(k_i) (B_j (\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-1} \Psi)^{(n)}(k_1, \dots, \hat{k}_i, \dots, k_{n+1}), \\
& ((\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-p} a(f) B_j (\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-1} \Psi)^{(n-1)}(k_1, \dots, k_{n-1}) \\
&= \sqrt{n} \left(\tilde{A} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \omega(k_i) \right)^{-p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^\nu} dk_n f(k_n)^* (B_j (\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-1} \Psi)^{(n)}(k_1, \dots, k_{n-1}, k_n),
\end{aligned}$$

where \hat{k}_i indicates the omission of k_i . Hence, by (5.40), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|((\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-p} a(f)^* B_j (\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-1} \Psi)^{(n+1)}(k_1, \dots, k_{n+1})\| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \omega(k_j) \right)^{-p} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} |f(k_i)| \left\{ a\varepsilon + b_\varepsilon \frac{1}{\sum_{h=1, h \neq i}^{n+1} \omega(k_h)} \right\} \\
& \quad \times \|\Psi^{(n)}(k_1, \dots, \hat{k}_i, \dots, k_{n+1})\|, \\
& \|((\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-p} a(f) B_j (\tilde{A} + H'_b)^{-1} \Psi)^{(n-1)}(k_1, \dots, k_{n-1})\| \\
& \leq \sqrt{n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \omega(k_i) \right)^{-p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^\nu} dk_n |f(k_n)| \left\{ a\varepsilon + b_\varepsilon \frac{1}{\sum_{h=1}^n \omega(k_h)} \right\} \|\Psi^{(n)}(k_1, \dots, k_n)\|.
\end{aligned}$$

By these estimates and (5.39), one can see that Ψ_0 is in $D(\prod_{\alpha=1}^q (H'_0 - E_0)^{-(r_\alpha+1)} Q_0 H_I)$. Thus the desired result follows. \blacksquare

Remark 5.16 The condition $g_j/\omega \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^\nu)$ ($j = 1, \dots, J$) is called the infrared regular condition in the GSB model (if this condition is not satisfied for some j , then H_{GSB} may have no ground states [7]). Condition (5.38) with $N \geq 3$ means that g_j is more infrared regular than the case $N = 2$. On the other hand, (4.5) expresses a regularity of Ψ_0 in terms of H_0 and H_I in the sense to which operator domains it belongs. Hence Lemma 5.14 shows that the regularity of Ψ_0 in the sense just mentioned is closely related to the infrared behavior of cutoff functions g_j ($j = 1, \dots, J$).

Theorem 5.17 *Assume (A.1)–(A.6) and (5.38) with $N \geq 4$ even. Let b_n ($n \geq 1$) be the number a_n defined by (4.4) with Q_0, H_0, H_I and Ψ_0 replaced by those in the GSB model. Then*

$$b_{2n-1} = 0, \quad n = 1, \dots, \frac{N}{2} \quad (5.41)$$

and

$$E_0(\lambda) = E_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{N/2} b_{2n} \lambda^{2n} + o(\lambda^N) \quad (\lambda \rightarrow 0). \quad (5.42)$$

Proof. By the discussions made so far and Lemma 5.14, to prove that $E_0(\lambda)$ has an asymptotic expansion up to N -th order in λ , we need only to show that, in the present case, (4.8) holds. We first do it. We have

$$H'_0 - E(\lambda) = \tilde{A} + H'_b + E_0 - E(\lambda)$$

and $E_0 - E(\lambda) > 0$. Hence, in the same way as in the proof of Lemma 5.14, we can show

that, for all $\Psi \in D(G(\lambda)) \cap \mathcal{H}^{(n)}$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \| (a(f)^* B_j(E(\lambda) - H'_0)^{-1} \Psi)^{(n+1)}(k_1, \dots, k_{n+1}) \| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} |f(k_i)| \left\{ a\varepsilon + b_\varepsilon \frac{1}{\sum_{h=1, h \neq i}^{n+1} \omega(k_h)} \right\} \\ & \quad \times \| \Psi^{(n)}(k_1, \dots, \hat{k}_i, \dots, k_{n+1}) \|, \\ & \| (a(f) B_j(E(\lambda) - H'_0)^{-1} \Psi)^{(n-1)}(k_1, \dots, k_{n-1}) \| \\ & \leq \sqrt{n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^\nu} dk_n |f(k_n)| \left\{ a\varepsilon + b_\varepsilon \frac{1}{\sum_{h=1}^n \omega(k_h)} \right\} \| \Psi^{(n)}(k_1, \dots, \dots, k_n) \|. \end{aligned}$$

By repeating this type of estimates, we see that (4.8) holds. Therefore, by Theorem 4.1, we obtain (4.9) with a_n replaced by b_n . By Theorem 5.1, $E_0(\lambda)$ is even in λ . This implies (5.41). \blacksquare

Remark 5.18 We can prove (5.41) by induction in n , too.

Remark 5.19 The methods described above would be applied also to other models [4] of a quantum system interacting with a massless quantum field .

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