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A particle-field Hamiltonian in relativistic quantum electrodynamics

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We mathematically analyze a Hamiltonian $H_\tau(V, g)$ of a Dirac particle—a relativistic charged particle with spin $1/2$ —minimally coupled to the quantized radiation field, acting in the Hilbert space $\mathcal{F} := [\oplus^4 L^2(\mathbf{R}^3)] \otimes \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}$, where \mathcal{F}_{rad} is the Fock space of the quantized radiation field in the Coulomb gauge, V is an external potential in which the Dirac particle moves, g is a photon-momentum cutoff function in the interaction between the Dirac particle and the quantized radiation field, and $\tau \in \mathbf{R}$ is a deformation parameter connecting the Hamiltonian with the “dipole approximation” ($\tau=0$) and the original Hamiltonian ($\tau=1$). We first discuss the self-adjointness problem of $H_\tau(V, g)$. Then we consider $H_\tau := H_\tau(0, g)$, the Hamiltonian without the external potential. It is shown that, under a general condition on g , the closure of H_τ is unitarily equivalent to a direct integral $\int_{\mathbf{R}^3}^{\oplus} \overline{H_\tau(\mathbf{p})} d\mathbf{p}$ with a fiber Hamiltonian $H_\tau(\mathbf{p})$ acting in the four direct sum $\oplus^4 \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}$ of \mathcal{F}_{rad} , physically the polaron Hamiltonian of the Dirac particle with total momentum $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbf{R}^3$.
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I. INTRODUCTION AND MAIN RESULTS

In this work we initiate mathematical studies on a quantum system of a Dirac particle—a relativistic charged particle with spin $1/2$ —coupled to the quantized radiation field. There may be some models for this quantum system. But, in this article, we investigate the standard model for the quantum system whose Hamiltonian is given by the sum of the Dirac operator with the minimal coupling to the quantized radiation field and the free Hamiltonian of the quantized radiation field. An approximate version of this model was discussed by Bloch and Nordsieck¹ in view of the infrared problem of quantum electrodynamics. The Hamiltonian they treated is the one obtained by replacing the anticommuting matrices contained in the Dirac operator by c -number constants and is much easier to analyze than the original one.

Discussions using informal perturbation methods² suggest that the model may have a physical meaning in a range of quantum electrodynamic phenomena such as the Lamb shift of a hydrogenlike atom and the Compton scattering of the electron where the effects of the quantized radiation field play essential roles. Besides this point, we think that mathematical analysis of the model is interesting also in its own right, because the Hamiltonian of the model belongs to a new class of Hamiltonians on a Hilbert space of Fock type. Moreover the model may be regarded as a model for a quantum mechanical system unstable under the influence of the quantized radiation field. To our best knowledge, no mathematically rigorous analysis has been made on the model so far.³

A. Description of the model

For a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , we denote its inner product and norm by $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\mathcal{H}}$ (complex linear in the second variable) and $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{H}}$ respectively, but, if there is no danger of confusion, then we often

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omit the subscript \mathcal{H} of them. For a linear operator T on \mathcal{H} , we denote its domain by $D(T)$ and by $\sigma(T)$ the spectrum of T . For two objects $\mathbf{a}=(a_1, a_2, a_3)$ and $\mathbf{b}=(b_1, b_2, b_3)$ such that products $a_j b_j$ ($j=1,2,3$) and their sum can be defined, we set $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} := \sum_{j=1}^3 a_j b_j$.

The free Dirac particle of mass $m \geq 0$ is described by the free Dirac operator

$$H_D := \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot (-i\nabla) + m\beta \quad (1.1)$$

acting in the Hilbert space

$$\mathcal{H}_D := \oplus^4 L^2(\mathbf{R}^3) \quad (1.2)$$

with domain $D(H_D) := \oplus^4 H^1(\mathbf{R}^3)$ [$H^1(\mathbf{R}^3)$ is the Sobolev space of order 1], where α_j ($j=1,2,3$) and β are 4×4 Hermitian matrices satisfying

$$\{\alpha_j, \alpha_k\} = 2\delta_{jk}, \quad j, k = 1, 2, 3, \quad (1.3)$$

$$\{\alpha_j, \beta\} = 0, \quad \beta^2 = 1, \quad j = 1, 2, 3, \quad (1.4)$$

$\{A, B\} := AB + BA$, and $\nabla := (D_1, D_2, D_3)$, D_j being the generalized partial differential operator in the variable x_j [$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbf{R}^3$]. It is well known that H_D is self-adjoint and essentially self-adjoint on $\oplus^4 C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^3 \setminus \{0\})$ (Ref. 4, p.11, Theorem 1.1). Moreover, the spectrum $\sigma(H_D)$ of H_D is purely absolutely continuous and

$$\sigma(H_D) = (-\infty, -m] \cup [m, \infty). \quad (1.5)$$

As for the radiation field, we use the Coulomb gauge in quantizing it. In general, given a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , we have the symmetric (Boson) Fock space

$$\mathcal{F}_s(\mathcal{H}) := \oplus_{n=0}^{\infty} (\otimes_s^n \mathcal{H}) \quad (1.6)$$

over \mathcal{H} , where $\otimes_s^n \mathcal{H}$ denotes the n -fold symmetric tensor product Hilbert space of \mathcal{H} with convention $\otimes_s^0 \mathcal{H} := \mathbf{C}$. For basic facts on the theory of the Boson–Fock space, we refer the reader to Ref. 5, Sec. X.7.

The Hilbert space of one-photon states in momentum representation is given by

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{ph}} := L^2(\mathbf{R}^3) \oplus L^2(\mathbf{R}^3), \quad (1.7)$$

where $\mathbf{R}^3 := \{\mathbf{k} = (k_1, k_2, k_3) \mid k_j \in \mathbf{R}, j = 1, 2, 3\}$ physically means the momentum space of photons. The Boson–Fock space

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}} := \mathcal{F}_s(\mathcal{H}_{\text{ph}}) \quad (1.8)$$

over \mathcal{H}_{ph} serves as a Hilbert space for the quantized radiation field in the Coulomb gauge.

We take a nonnegative Borel measurable function ω on \mathbf{R}^3 to denote physically the one free photon energy. We assume that, for almost everywhere (a.e.) $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{R}^3$ with respect to the Lebesgue measure on \mathbf{R}^3 , $0 < \omega(\mathbf{k}) < \infty$. Then the function ω defines uniquely a multiplication operator on \mathcal{H}_{ph} which is nonnegative, self-adjoint and injective. We denote it by the same symbol ω also. The free Hamiltonian of the quantized radiation field is then defined by

$$H_{\text{rad}} := d\Gamma(\omega), \quad (1.9)$$

the second quantization of ω . The operator H_{rad} is a non-negative self-adjoint operator.

Remark 1.1: Usually ω is taken to be of the form

$$\omega_{\text{phys}}(\mathbf{k}) := |\mathbf{k}|, \quad \mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{R}^3, \quad (1.10)$$

but, in this paper, for mathematical generality, we do not restrict ourselves to this case.

We denote by $a(F)$ ($F \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{ph}}$) the annihilation operator with test vector F on \mathcal{F}_{rad} . By definition, $a(F)$ is a densely defined closed linear operator and antilinear in F . The Segal field operator

$$\Phi_s(F) := \frac{\overline{a(F) + a(F)^*}}{\sqrt{2}} \tag{1.11}$$

is self-adjoint, where, for a closable operator T , \bar{T} denotes its closure.

There exist \mathbf{R}^3 -valued continuous functions $\mathbf{e}^{(r)}$, $r=1,2$, on the nonsimply connected space

$$\mathbf{M}_0 := \mathbf{R}^3 \setminus \{(0,0,k_3) \mid k_3 \in \mathbf{R}\} \tag{1.12}$$

such that, for all $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{M}_0$,

$$\mathbf{e}^{(r)}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathbf{e}^{(s)}(\mathbf{k}) = \delta_{rs}, \quad \mathbf{e}^{(r)} \cdot \mathbf{k} = 0, \quad r,s=1,2. \tag{1.13}$$

We set $\mathbf{e}^{(r)}(0,0,k_3) := \mathbf{0}$ for all $k_3 \in \mathbf{R}$. These vector-valued functions $\mathbf{e}^{(r)}$ are called the polarization vectors of one photon.

Let $g \in L^2(\mathbf{R}^3)$. Then, for each $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^3$ and $j=1,2,3$, we can define an element $g_j^{\mathbf{x}}$ of \mathcal{H}_{ph} by

$$g_j^{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{k}) := (g(\mathbf{k})e_j^{(1)}(\mathbf{k})e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}}, g(\mathbf{k})e_j^{(2)}(\mathbf{k})e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}}) \in \mathbf{C}^2.$$

Then the quantized radiation field $\mathbf{A}^g(\mathbf{x}) := (A_1^g(\mathbf{x}), A_2^g(\mathbf{x}), A_3^g(\mathbf{x}))$ with momentum cutoff function g is defined by

$$A_j^g(\mathbf{x}) := \Phi_s(g_j^{\mathbf{x}}), \quad j=1,2,3. \tag{1.14}$$

Remark 1.2: The case $g = 1/\sqrt{(2\pi)^3}\omega$ corresponds to the case without momentum cutoff. We now move to the Hilbert space

$$\mathcal{F} := \mathcal{H}_D \otimes \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}} \tag{1.15}$$

of state vectors for the coupled system of the Dirac particle and the quantized radiation field. This Hilbert space can be identified as

$$\mathcal{F} = L^2(\mathbf{R}^3; \oplus^4 \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^3}^{\oplus} \oplus^4 \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}} d\mathbf{x} \tag{1.16}$$

the Hilbert space of $\oplus^4 \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}$ -valued Lebesgue square integrable functions on \mathbf{R}^3 [the constant fiber direct integral with base space (\mathbf{R}^3, dx) and fibre $\oplus^4 \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}$ (Ref. 6, Sec. XIII.6)]. We freely use this identification.

Let $\tau \in \mathbf{R}$ be a constant. Since the mapping $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow g_j^{\tau\mathbf{x}}$ from \mathbf{R}^3 to \mathcal{H}_{ph} is strongly continuous, we can define a decomposable operator

$$A_j^{g,\tau} := \int_{\mathbf{R}^3}^{\oplus} A_j^g(\tau\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \tag{1.17}$$

acting in \mathcal{F} which is self-adjoint (Ref. 6, Theorem XIII.85).

We denote by $q \in \mathbf{R} \setminus \{0\}$ the charge of the Dirac particle. We consider the situation where the Dirac particle is in an external potential described by a 4×4 Hermitian matrix-valued Borel measurable function $V = (V_{ab})_{a,b=1,\dots,4}$. Then the Hamiltonian of the Dirac particle is given by

$$H_D(V) := H_D + V. \tag{1.18}$$

The minimal interaction between the Dirac particle and the quantized radiation field with momentum cutoff g is given by

$$H_{I,\tau}(g) := -q \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{A}^{g,\tau}. \tag{1.19}$$

Thus the total Hamiltonian of the coupled system is defined by

$$H_\tau(V, g) := H_D(V) + H_{\text{rad}} + H_{I,\tau}(g). \tag{1.20}$$

This is the main object of the mathematical analysis in the present paper.

Remark 1.3: The original Hamiltonian of the model is $H_1(V, g)$ (the case $\tau = 1$). On the other hand, $H_0(V, g)$ (the case $\tau = 0$) is the Hamiltonian with the ‘‘dipole approximation.’’ Hence τ is regarded as a deformation parameter connecting the original Hamiltonian and the dipole-approximated one. Note that the dipole-approximated Hamiltonian $H_0(V, g)$ gives a kind of generalization of the standard spin-boson model. The analysis of $H_0(V, g)$ may be harder than that of the standard spin-boson model.

Remark 1.4: For a class of V , the essential spectrum $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(H_D(V))$ of $H_D(V)$ coincides with that of H_D :

$$\sigma_{\text{ess}}(H_D(V)) = (-\infty, -m] \cup [m, \infty), \tag{1.21}$$

so that the discrete spectrum $\sigma_d(H_D(V))$ of $H_D(V)$ is a subset of the interval $(-m, m)$ if m is positive (Ref. 4, p. 116, Theorem 4.7). Suppose that (1.21) holds with $\sigma_d(H_D(V)) = \{E_n\}_{n=1}^N$ ($N < \infty$ or N is countably infinite) and that $\{\omega(\mathbf{k}) \mid \mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{R}^3\} = [\nu, \infty)$ with a constant $\nu \geq 0$. Then we have

$$\sigma_{\text{ess}}(H_D(V) + H_{\text{rad}}) = \mathbf{R}$$

and each E_n is an eigenvalue of $H_D(V) + H_{\text{rad}}$ embedded in its continuous spectrum. Hence the spectral analysis of $H_\tau(V, g)$ includes a perturbation problem of embedded eigenvalues. We consider this problem in a subsequent paper.

Basic hypotheses to analyze $H_\tau(V, g)$ are as follows.

Hypothesis (H.1): $g, g/\sqrt{\omega} \in L^2(\mathbf{R}^3)$.

Hypothesis (H.2): For all $a, b = 1, \dots, 4$, V_{ab} is in the set

$$L^2(\mathbf{R}^3)_{\text{loc}} := \{f: \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}; \text{Borel measurable} \mid \int_{|\mathbf{x}| \leq R} |f(\mathbf{x})|^2 d\mathbf{x} < \infty \text{ for all } R > 0\}.$$

B. The symmetricity and the numerical range of $H_\tau(V, g)$

According to a basic axiom of quantum mechanics that a quantum mechanical observable be represented by a self-adjoint operator on the Hilbert space of state vectors, we first have to examine self-adjointness of the Hamiltonian $H_\tau(V, g)$.

For a linear operator T on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , its numerical range is defined by

$$\Theta(T) := \{(u, Tu)_{\mathcal{H}} \mid u \in D(T), \|u\|_{\mathcal{H}} = 1\} \tag{1.22}$$

(Ref. 7, Chap. V, Sec. 3-2).

The following theorem is concerned with symmetricity of $H_\tau(V, g)$ and its numerical range.

Proposition 1.1: Let $\tau \in \mathbf{R}$. Assume (H.1) and (H.2). Then $H_\tau(V, g)$ is a symmetric operator with $D(H_\tau(V, g)) = D(H_D) \cap D(V) \cap D(H_{\text{rad}})$. Moreover

$$\Theta(H_D(V)) \subset \Theta(H_\tau(V, g)). \tag{1.23}$$

Remark 1.5: The relation (1.23) shows that, if $H_D(V)$ is not semibounded (i.e., neither bounded from below nor above), then so is $H_\tau(V, g)$. It is well known that, for a wide class of V ,

$H_D(V)$ is not semibounded (Ref. 4, Chap. 4, Sec. 4.3). Hence, for such a potential V , (1.23) implies that $H_\tau(V, g)$ is not semibounded. In particular, in the case of the Coulomb potential

$$V(\mathbf{x}) = V_C(\mathbf{x}) := -\frac{Z}{|\mathbf{x}|} \quad (Z > 0: \text{a constant}),$$

which is a physically important case, one can show that, under (H.1), $H_\tau(V_C, g)$ is not semibounded for all $\tau \in \mathbf{R}$.

Remark 1.6: By the preceding remark, the model may be unphysical *in view of stability of matter*. From this point of view, we may consider a modified version of the model: Let E_D be the spectral measure of H_D and $\Lambda_+ := E_D([0, \infty))$, the projection of \mathcal{H}_D onto the non-negative spectral subspace of the free Dirac operator H_D . Then the operator

$$H_\tau^{\text{BR}}(V, g) := \Lambda_+ H_\tau(V, g) \Lambda_+ \tag{1.24}$$

may be a Hamiltonian for a quantum system of a Dirac particle interacting with the quantized radiation field. This operator is an extended version of the Brown–Ravenhall Hamiltonian⁸ $\Lambda_+ H_D(V) \Lambda_+$. As for certain aspects (e.g., self-adjointness, boundedness from below), the operator $H_\tau^{\text{BR}}(V, g)$ is more tractable than $H_\tau(V, g)$. The model discussed in Ref. 3 is in fact the one described by $H_\tau^{\text{BR}}(V, g)$. The method presented below can be applied to the Hamiltonian $H_\tau^{\text{BR}}(V, g)$ too and results similar to those on $H_\tau(V, g)$ can be established.

C. Existence of a self-adjoint extension of $H_\tau(V, g)$

We denote by C_D the complex conjugation on \mathcal{H}_D : $(C_D f)(\mathbf{x}) := \overline{f(\mathbf{x})}$, $f \in \mathcal{H}_D$, $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^3$. By Pauli’s lemma (Ref. 4, pp. 14 and 74), there exists a 4×4 unitary matrix U_C such that

$$U_C^2 = I, \quad U_C C_D = C_D U_C, \tag{1.25}$$

$$U_C^{-1} \alpha_j U_C = \bar{\alpha}_j, \quad j = 1, 2, 3, \quad U_C^{-1} \beta U_C = -\bar{\beta}, \tag{1.26}$$

where, for a matrix M , \bar{M} denotes its complex conjugate.

The following theorem guarantees the existence of a self-adjoint extension of $H_\tau(V, g)$.

Theorem 1.2: *Let $\tau \in \mathbf{R}$. Assume (H.1) and (H.2). Suppose that g is real-valued and that*

$$U_C^{-1} V(\mathbf{x}) U_C = \overline{V(-\mathbf{x})} \tag{1.27}$$

for a.e. \mathbf{x} . Then $H_\tau(V, g)$ has a self-adjoint extension.

Remark 1.7: It is obvious that, if V is a real-valued scalar potential in $L^2(\mathbf{R}^3)_{\text{loc}}$ with property $V(\mathbf{x}) = V(-\mathbf{x})$ a.e. $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^3$, then it satisfies (1.27). In particular, the Coulomb potential $V = V_C$ (Remark 1.5), which is in $L^2(\mathbf{R}^3)_{\text{loc}}$, satisfies (1.27).

Condition (1.27) has a physical meaning. Let P be the parity transformation (or the space inversion) on \mathcal{H}_D :

$$(Pf)(\mathbf{x}) := f(-\mathbf{x}), \quad f \in \mathcal{H}_D, \tag{1.28}$$

which is unitary. Then the operator

$$T_D := P U_C C_D \tag{1.29}$$

on \mathcal{H}_D is antiunitary. It is easy to see that (1.27) is equivalent to that

$$T_D V C_V T_D, \tag{1.30}$$

i.e., V commutes with T_D . The operator $U_C C_D$ is called the charge conjugation. Hence (1.27) means the invariance of V under the charge conjugation and the parity transformation (the CP invariance). Thus the self-adjoint extension of $H_\tau(V, g)$ in Theorem 1.2 is related to the CP invariance of the external potential V . In this sense Theorem 1.2 has an interest.

D. Essential self-adjointness

The next problem to be considered is the uniqueness of self-adjoint extension of $H_\tau(V, g)$, i.e., essential self-adjointness of it.

We define

$$\Delta := \sum_{j=1}^3 D_j^2 \tag{1.31}$$

the Laplacian acting in \mathcal{H}_D .

Let $\Omega_0 := \{1, 0, 0, 0, \dots\}$ be the Fock vacuum in \mathcal{F}_{rad} . For a subspace \mathcal{D} of \mathcal{H}_{ph} , we define $\mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}^{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{D}) \subset \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}$ to be the subspace algebraically spanned by Ω_0 and all the vectors of the form

$$a(F_1) \cdots a(F_n) \Omega_0, \quad n \geq 1, \quad F_j \in \mathcal{D}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n.$$

If \mathcal{D} is dense in \mathcal{H}_{ph} , then $\mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}^{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{D})$ is dense in \mathcal{F}_{rad} .

Theorem 1.3: *Let $\tau \in \mathbf{R}$. Assume (H.1), (H.2) and that*

$$\omega g, \quad |\mathbf{k}|g, \quad \frac{|\mathbf{k}|g}{\sqrt{\omega}} \in L^2(\mathbf{R}^3). \tag{1.32}$$

Moreover, assume the following (V.1) and (V.2):

(V.1) V is $-\Delta$ bounded.

(V.2) For each $j = 1, 2, 3$ and $a, b = 1, \dots, 4$, the distribution $D_j V_{ab}$ is in $L^2(\mathbf{R}^3)_{\text{loc}}$ and there exists a constant $c > 0$ such that, for all $f \in \oplus^4 C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^3)$,

$$\|(D_j V)f\| \leq c \|(-\Delta + 1)^{1/2} f\|, \quad j = 1, 2, 3.$$

Let $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{H}_{\text{ph}}$ be a core of the self-adjoint operator ω . Then $H_\tau(V, g)$ is essentially self-adjoint on $[\oplus^4 C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^3)] \otimes_{\text{alg}} \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}^{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{D})$ (\otimes_{alg} means algebraic tensor product) and its closure is essentially self-adjoint on every core of $-\Delta + H_{\text{rad}}$.

Remark 1.8: Unfortunately Theorem 1.3 does not cover the Coulomb potential case $V = V_C$.

As a corollary to Theorem 1.3, we have the following.

Theorem 1.4: *Let $\tau \in \mathbf{R}$. Assume (H.1), (H.2), and (1.32). Suppose that V is bounded. Let \mathcal{D} be as in Theorem 1.3. Then $H_\tau(V, g)$ is essentially self-adjoint on $[\oplus^4 C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^3)] \otimes_{\text{alg}} \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}^{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{D})$ and its closure is essentially self-adjoint on every core of $H_\tau(0, g)$.*

E. Direct integral decomposition in the case $V=0$

The final topic in this paper is concerned with the Hamiltonian without the external potential V :

$$H_\tau := H_\tau(0, g) = H_D + H_{\text{rad}} + H_{I, \tau}(g). \tag{1.33}$$

This is a Hamiltonian of a *relativistic polaron with spin 1/2*. We show, as in the case of nonrelativistic polarons⁹⁻¹⁴ or a *spinless relativistic polaron*,¹⁵ that H_τ has a natural direct integral decomposition corresponding to a ‘‘deformed’’ translation invariance.

The momentum operator $\mathbf{P}^{\text{rad}} := (P_1^{\text{rad}}, P_2^{\text{rad}}, P_3^{\text{rad}})$ of the quantized radiation field is defined by

$$P_j^{\text{rad}} := d\Gamma(k_j), \tag{1.34}$$

the second quantization of the multiplication operator k_j on \mathcal{H}_{ph} . For each $\tau \in \mathbf{R}$, we define

$$L(\tau) := \overline{H_{\text{rad}} - \tau \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{P}^{\text{rad}}}, \tag{1.35}$$

acting in the Hilbert space $\mathbf{C}^4 \otimes \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}} = \oplus^4 \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}$. Let

$$H_I := -q \sum_{j=1}^3 \alpha_j A_j^g(\mathbf{0}) = -q \sum_{j=1}^3 \alpha_j \Phi_S(g_j) \tag{1.36}$$

with

$$g_j(\mathbf{k}) := g_j^0(\mathbf{k}) = (g(\mathbf{k})e_j^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}), g(\mathbf{k})e_j^{(2)}(\mathbf{k})) \in \mathbf{C}^2 \tag{1.37}$$

and, for each $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbf{R}^3$,

$$h_D(\mathbf{p}) := \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{p} + m\beta. \tag{1.38}$$

In terms of these operators, we define

$$H_\tau(\mathbf{p}) := h_D(\mathbf{p}) + L(\tau) + H_I \tag{1.39}$$

acting in $\oplus^4 \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}$.

We introduce a subspace of \mathcal{F}_{rad} :

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{rad},0}^\infty := \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}^{\text{fin}}(C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^3) \oplus C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^3)). \tag{1.40}$$

Theorem 1.5: *Let $\tau \in \mathbf{R}$. Assume (H.1) and (1.32). Suppose that $\omega \in L^2(\mathbf{R}^3)_{\text{loc}}$. Then, for all $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbf{R}^3$, $H_\tau(\mathbf{p})$ is essentially self-adjoint on $\oplus^4 \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad},0}^\infty$.*

Remark 1.9: The operator $H_\tau(\mathbf{p})$ may be regarded as a Hamiltonian of a four component spin interacting with a Bose field. In this sense it is an extended version of the standard spin-boson model where the spin is two component. But note that there is a big difference in that $H_\tau(\mathbf{p})$ contains a singular term $-\tau \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{P}^{\text{rad}}$, which makes the analysis of $H_\tau(\mathbf{p})$ more difficult.

Remark 1.10: Let

$$\omega_D(\mathbf{p}) := \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m^2}, \tag{1.41}$$

the energy of the free Dirac particle with momentum \mathbf{p} . It is well known (or easy to see) that

$$\sigma(h_D(\mathbf{p})) = \sigma_d(h_D(\mathbf{p})) = \{\pm \omega_D(\mathbf{p})\}, \tag{1.42}$$

the multiplicity of each eigenvalue being two. Suppose that $\{\omega(\mathbf{k}) - |\tau| |\mathbf{k}| \mid \mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{R}^3\} = [M_\tau, \infty)$ with some constant $M_\tau \geq 0$. Then $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(h_D(\mathbf{p}) + L(\tau)) = [-\omega_D(\mathbf{p}) + M_\tau, \infty)$. Hence, if $2\omega_D(\mathbf{p}) \geq M_\tau$, then the eigenvalue $\omega_D(\mathbf{p})$ of $h_D(\mathbf{p}) + L(\tau)$ is embedded in its continuous spectrum. Thus $H_\tau(\mathbf{p})$ gives rise to a perturbation problem of embedded (*degenerate*) eigenvalues. This problem concerns the instability of the Dirac particle with a positive energy under the influence of the quantized radiation field. We will discuss this aspect in a separate paper.

We say that a set $\{T_j\}_{j=1}^n$ of self-adjoint operators on a Hilbert space is strongly commuting if the spectral measures of T_i and T_j commute for all $i, j = 1, \dots, n, i \neq j$.

It is easy to see that $\{P_j^{\text{rad}}\}_{j=1}^3$ is strongly commuting. Hence it follows from the three variable functional calculus that, for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^3$, the operator

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) := \sum_{j=1}^3 x_j P_j^{\text{rad}} \tag{1.43}$$

acting in \mathcal{F}_{rad} is self-adjoint. Since the mapping: $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow e^{i\tau Q(\mathbf{x})}$ is strongly continuous, we can define a decomposable operator

$$W_\tau := \int_{\mathbf{R}^3}^\oplus e^{i\tau Q(\mathbf{x})} d\mathbf{x} \tag{1.44}$$

on $\mathcal{F} = \int_{\mathbf{R}^3}^\oplus \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}} d\mathbf{x}$. It follows that W_τ is unitary.

The Fourier transform on $\mathcal{H}_D = \oplus^4 L^2(\mathbf{R}^3)$ can be naturally extended to a unitary operator on \mathcal{F} by

$$(U_F \Psi)(\mathbf{p}) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^3}} \int_{\mathbf{R}^3} e^{-i\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \Psi(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}, \quad \text{a.e. } \mathbf{p} \in \mathbf{R}^3, \quad \Psi \in \mathcal{F}. \tag{1.45}$$

We define a unitary operator on \mathcal{F} by

$$U_\tau := U_F W_\tau. \tag{1.46}$$

Then we have a direct integral decomposition

$$U_\tau \mathcal{F} = \int_{\mathbf{R}^3}^\oplus \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}} d\mathbf{p}. \tag{1.47}$$

Theorem 1.6: *Under the same assumption as in Theorem 1.5, H_τ is essentially self-adjoint and*

$$U_\tau \overline{H_\tau} U_\tau^{-1} = \int_{\mathbf{R}^3}^\oplus \overline{H_\tau(\mathbf{p})} d\mathbf{p}. \tag{1.48}$$

Remark 1.11: In Ref. 16, spectral aspects of $H_\tau(\mathbf{p})$ (properties of the ground state energy, existence of the ground state, location of the essential spectrum) and H_τ are discussed in the case where (i) $\mu_\tau(\mathbf{k}) := \omega(\mathbf{k}) - |\tau||\mathbf{k}| > 0$ for a.e. $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{R}^3$ and (ii) $g, g/\sqrt{\mu_\tau} \in L^2(\mathbf{R}^3)$. But this case does not cover the physical case $\omega(\mathbf{k}) = |\mathbf{k}|$.

II. PROOF OF PROPOSITION 1.1

For $f \in L^2(\mathbf{R}^3)$ and $j = 1, 2, 3$, we define $f_j \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{ph}}$ by

$$f_j := (f e_j^{(1)}, f e_j^{(2)}) \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{ph}}. \tag{2.1}$$

Using the fact that, for all $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{M}_0$,

$$\sum_{r=1}^2 e_j^{(r)}(\mathbf{k}) e_l^{(r)}(\mathbf{k}) = \delta_{jl} - \frac{k_j k_l}{|\mathbf{k}|^2}, \quad j, l = 1, 2, 3, \tag{2.2}$$

we have

$$\|f_j\|^2 = \int_{\mathbf{R}^3} |f(\mathbf{k})|^2 \left(1 - \frac{k_j^2}{|\mathbf{k}|^2} \right) d\mathbf{k}. \tag{2.3}$$

We set

$$\| |f| \| := \sum_{j=1}^3 \|f_j\|. \tag{2.4}$$

Lemma 2.1: *Assume (H.1). Then $D(H_{\text{rad}}^{1/2}) \subset D(H_{I,\tau}(g))$ and, for all $\Psi \in D(H_{\text{rad}}^{1/2})$ and $\varepsilon > 0$,*

$$\|H_{I,\tau}(g)\Psi\| \leq \sqrt{2(1+\varepsilon)}|q| \left\| \frac{g}{\sqrt{\omega}} \right\| \left\| H_{\text{rad}}^{1/2}\Psi + \frac{|q|}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{1+\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} \|g\| \|\Psi\| \right\|. \quad (2.5)$$

Proof: It is well known that, for all $F \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{ph}}$ and $\psi \in D(H_{\text{rad}}^{1/2})$, ψ is in $D(a(F)) \cap D(a(F)^*)$ and

$$\|a(F)\psi\| \leq \left\| \frac{F}{\sqrt{\omega}} \right\| \|H_{\text{rad}}^{1/2}\psi\|, \quad \|a(F)^*\psi\| \leq \left\| \frac{F}{\sqrt{\omega}} \right\| \|H_{\text{rad}}^{1/2}\psi\| + \|F\| \|\psi\|. \quad (2.6)$$

Hence, $D(H_{\text{rad}}^{1/2}) \subset D(\Phi_S(F))$ and

$$\|\Phi_S(F)\psi\| \leq \sqrt{2} \left\| \frac{F}{\sqrt{\omega}} \right\| \|H_{\text{rad}}^{1/2}\psi\| + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \|F\| \|\psi\|. \quad (2.7)$$

By this estimate, we have for all $\psi \in D(H_{\text{rad}}^{1/2})$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^3$

$$\|A_j^g(\mathbf{x})\psi\|_{\mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}} \leq \sqrt{2} \left\| \frac{g_j}{\sqrt{\omega}} \right\| \|H_{\text{rad}}^{1/2}\psi\|_{\mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \|g_j\| \|\psi\|_{\mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}}. \quad (2.8)$$

Let Ψ be in the domain $D(H_{\text{rad}}^{1/2})$ as a subspace of \mathcal{F} . Then, by (2.8) and the elementary inequality

$$(a+b)^2 \leq (1+\varepsilon)a^2 + \left(1+\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)b^2, \quad a, b \geq 0, \quad \varepsilon > 0, \quad (2.9)$$

we have for a.e. \mathbf{x}

$$\|A_j^g(\tau\mathbf{x})\Psi(\mathbf{x})\|_{\mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}}^2 \leq 2(1+\varepsilon) \left\| \frac{g_j}{\sqrt{\omega}} \right\|^2 \|H_{\text{rad}}^{1/2}\Psi(\mathbf{x})\|_{\mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(1+\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right) \|g_j\|^2 \|\Psi(\mathbf{x})\|_{\mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}}^2.$$

Integrating the both sides with respect to \mathbf{x} , we see that $\Psi \in D(A_j^{g,\tau})$ with

$$\|A_j^{g,\tau}\Psi\| \leq \sqrt{2(1+\varepsilon)} \left\| \frac{g_j}{\sqrt{\omega}} \right\| \left\| H_{\text{rad}}^{1/2}\Psi + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{1+\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} \|g_j\| \|\Psi\| \right\|. \quad (2.10)$$

Thus $\Psi \in \bigcap_{j=1}^3 D(A_j^{g,\tau}) = D(H_{I,\tau}(g))$. By using the fact $\|\alpha_j\| = 1$ and (2.10), we obtain (2.5). ■

Proof of Proposition 1.1: Lemma 2.1 implies that $D(H_\tau(V,g)) = D(H_D) \cap D(V) \cap D(H_{\text{rad}})$. By (H.2), we have $\oplus^4 C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^3) \subset D(V)$. Hence $D(H_\tau(V,g))$ is dense. It is easy to see that $(\Psi, H_\tau(V,g)\Phi) = (H_\tau(V,g)\Psi, \Phi)$ for all $\Psi, \Phi \in D(H_\tau(V,g))$. Thus $H_\tau(V,g)$ is a symmetric operator.

Let $\lambda \in \Theta(H_D(V))$. Then $\lambda = (f, H_D(V)f)$ for some $f \in D(H_D(V))$ with $\|f\| = 1$. Let $\Psi_f := f\Omega_0$. Then $\Psi_f \in D(H_\tau(V,g))$, $\|\Psi_f\| = 1$. Using the fact that $a(F)\Omega_0 = 0$, $F \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{ph}}$ and $H_{\text{rad}}\Omega_0 = 0$, we have

$$(\Psi_f, H_\tau(V,g)\Psi_f) = (f, H_D(V)f) = \lambda.$$

Hence $\lambda \in \Theta(H_\tau(V,g))$. Thus (1.23) follows.

III. PROOF OF THEOREMS 1.2–1.4

A mapping C on a Hilbert space is called a conjugation if it is antilinear, norm-preserving and $C^2 = I$ (identity).

Lemma 3.1: Let C be a conjugation on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} and S be a linear operator on \mathcal{H} such that $CS \subset SC$. Then $CS = SC$.

Proof: We need only to show that $D(SC) \subset D(S)$. Let $\psi \in D(SC)$. Then $C\psi \in D(S)$. Hence, by the assumption, $C(C\psi) \in D(S)$ and $SC(C\psi) = CS(C\psi)$, which means that $\psi \in D(S)$ and $S\psi = CSC\psi$. Thus the assertion follows. ■

Note that the mapping T_D defined by (1.29) is a conjugation. Using (1.26) and Lemma 3.1, one can easily prove the following lemma.

Lemma 3.2: For $j = 1, 2, 3$,

$$T_D \alpha_j = \alpha_j T_D, \quad T_D D_j = -D_j T_D. \tag{3.1}$$

In particular,

$$T_D \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot (-i \nabla) = \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot (-i \nabla) T_D. \tag{3.2}$$

Let C_{ph} be the complex conjugation on \mathcal{H}_{ph} :

$$C_{\text{ph}}(F_1, F_2) := (\overline{F_1}, \overline{F_2}) \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{ph}}, \quad F_r \in L^2(\mathbf{R}^3), \quad r = 1, 2, \tag{3.3}$$

and $j_{\mathbf{C}}$ be the complex conjugation on \mathbf{C} . Then

$$J_{\text{rad}} := j_{\mathbf{C}} \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} \otimes^n C_{\text{ph}} \right) \tag{3.4}$$

is a conjugation on \mathcal{F}_{rad} .

Lemma 3.3: We have

$$J_{\text{rad}} H_{\text{rad}} = H_{\text{rad}} J_{\text{rad}} \tag{3.5}$$

and, for all $F \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{ph}}$,

$$J_{\text{rad}} \Phi_S(C_{\text{ph}} F) = \Phi_S(F) J_{\text{rad}}. \tag{3.6}$$

Proof: Relation (3.5) follows from the reality of ω . As for (3.6), we first show that $\Phi_S(F) J_{\text{rad}} = J_{\text{rad}} \Phi_S(C_{\text{ph}} F)$ on the subspace of finite particle vectors

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{rad},0} := \{ \psi = \{ \psi^{(n)} \}_{n=0}^{\infty} \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}} \mid \psi^{(n)} = 0 \text{ for all but finitely many } n \text{'s} \}. \tag{3.7}$$

Then, by a limiting argument using the fact that $\mathcal{F}_{\text{rad},0}$ is a core of $\Phi_S(F)$, we see that $J_{\text{rad}} \Phi_S(C_{\text{ph}} F) \subset \Phi_S(F) J_{\text{rad}}$. By this fact and Lemma 3.1, we obtain (3.6). ■

Proof of Theorem 1.2: The operator $J := T_D \otimes J_{\text{rad}}$ acting in \mathcal{F} is a conjugation. By Lemmas 3.2 and 3.3 and the present assumption, we have $J(H_{\tau}(V, g) - m\beta) = (H_{\tau}(V, g) - m\beta)J$. Hence, by von Neumann's theorem (Ref. 5, Theorem X.3), $H_{\tau}(V, g) - m\beta$ has a self-adjoint extension $H'_{\tau}(V, g)$. Since $m\beta$ is bounded, $H'_{\tau}(V, g) + m\beta$ is self-adjoint by the Kato–Rellich theorem (Ref. 5, Theorem X.12). It is obvious that $H'_{\tau}(V, g) + m\beta$ is a self-adjoint extension of $H_{\tau}(V, g)$.

Proof of Theorem 1.3: The method of proof is to apply Nelson's commutator theorem (Ref. 5, Theorem X.37). We take as the comparison operator the self-adjoint operator

$$K_0 := -\Delta + H_{\text{rad}} + 1 \geq 1.$$

We recall a useful identity: Let T_j , $j = 1, 2, 3$, be linear operators on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} such that $T_j T_{\ell} = T_{\ell} T_j$ on $D(T_j T_{\ell}) \cap D(T_{\ell} T_j)$, $j, \ell = 1, 2, 3$, and set $\mathbf{T} := (T_1, T_2, T_3)$. Then, by using (1.3), one can easily show that

$$(\boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{T})^2 = \mathbf{T}^2 \text{ on } \bigcap_{j,\ell=1}^3 [D(T_j T_{\ell}) \cap D(T_{\ell} T_j)], \tag{3.8}$$

where $\alpha_j T_j$ ($j = 1, 2, 3$) is considered as an operator on $\oplus^4 \mathcal{H}$.

Let $f \in D(-\Delta)$. Then, by (3.8),

$$\|\alpha \cdot (-i\nabla)f\|^2 = (f, -\Delta f) \leq \|f\| \|-\Delta f\|.$$

By this inequality and (V.1), we can show that

$$\|H_D(V)f\| \leq c_1 \|(-\Delta + 1)f\|, \tag{3.9}$$

where $c_1 > 0$ is a constant. By the elementary inequality

$$ab \leq \varepsilon a^2 + \frac{1}{4\varepsilon} b^2,$$

holding for all $a > 0, b > 0, \varepsilon > 0$, we have for all $\Psi \in D(H_{\text{rad}})$

$$a \|H_{\text{rad}}^{1/2}\Psi\| \leq a \|\Psi\|^{1/2} \|H_{\text{rad}}\Psi\|^{1/2} \leq \varepsilon \|H_{\text{rad}}\Psi\| + \frac{a^2}{4\varepsilon} \|\Psi\|.$$

Hence, by Lemma 2.1, for all $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a constant $b_\varepsilon \geq 0$ such that

$$\|H_{I,\tau}(g)\Psi\| \leq \varepsilon \|H_{\text{rad}}\Psi\| + b_\varepsilon \|\Psi\|, \quad \Psi \in D(H_{\text{rad}}). \tag{3.10}$$

Estimates (3.9) and (3.10) imply that

$$\|H_\tau(V,g)\Phi\| \leq c_2 \|K_0\Phi\|, \quad \Phi \in D(K_0), \tag{3.11}$$

where $c_2 > 0$ is a constant.

Let $\Psi \in [\oplus^4 C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^3)] \otimes_{\text{alg}} \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}^{\text{fin}}(D)$. Then

$$(H_D(V)\Psi, K_0\Psi) - (K_0\Psi, H_D(V)\Psi) = 2i \sum_{j=1}^3 \Im((D_j V)\Psi, D_j\Psi).$$

Hence, using (V.2) and the fact that

$$\|D_j\Psi\| \leq \|(-\Delta)^{1/2}\Psi\| \leq \|K_0^{1/2}\Psi\|,$$

we can show that

$$|(H_D(V)\Psi, K_0\Psi) - (K_0\Psi, H_D(V)\Psi)| \leq c_3 \|K_0^{1/2}\Psi\|^2, \tag{3.12}$$

where $c_3 > 0$ is a constant. We have

$$(H_{I,\tau}(g)\Psi, \Delta\Psi) - (\Delta\Psi, H_{I,\tau}(g)\Psi) = -2iq \sum_{j,\ell=1}^3 \Im(D_{\ell j}\Psi, \alpha_j B_{\ell j}\Psi), \tag{3.13}$$

where $B_{\ell j} := \int_{\mathbf{R}^3} \Phi_S(\partial g_j^{\text{Tx}} / \partial x_\ell) dx$. By Lemma 2.1 with g replaced by $-ik_\ell g$, we can estimate $\|B_{\ell j}\Psi\|$. Hence we obtain

$$|(H_{I,\tau}(g)\Psi, -\Delta\Psi) - (-\Delta\Psi, H_{I,\tau}(g)\Psi)| \leq c_4 \|K_0^{1/2}\Psi\|^2,$$

where $c_4 > 0$ is a constant. It is easy to see that

$$[H_{I,\tau}(g), H_{\text{rad}}]\Psi = q \sum_{j=1}^3 \alpha_j B_j \Psi,$$

where $B_j := \int_{\mathbf{R}^3} \Phi_S(i\omega g_j^{\mathbf{x}}) d\mathbf{x}$. By Lemma 2.1 with g replaced by $i\omega g$, we can estimate $\|B_j\Psi\|$ to obtain

$$|(H_{I,\tau}(g)\Psi, H_{\text{rad}}\Psi) - (H_{\text{rad}}\Psi, H_{I,\tau}(g)\Psi)| \leq c_5 \|K_0^{1/2}\Psi\|^2,$$

where $c_5 > 0$ is a constant. Since $(H_{\text{rad}}\Psi, K_0\Psi) - (K_0\Psi, H_{\text{rad}}\Psi) = 0$, it follows that

$$|([H_{\text{rad}} + H_{I,\tau}(g)]\Psi, K_0\Psi) - (K_0\Psi, [H_{\text{rad}} + H_{I,\tau}(g)]\Psi)| \leq (c_4 + c_5) \|K_0^{1/2}\Psi\|^2. \quad (3.14)$$

The subspace $[\oplus^4 C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^3)] \otimes_{\text{alg}} \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}^{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{D})$ is a core of K_0 . Thus, by (3.11), (3.12), and (3.14), we can apply Nelson's commutator theorem to obtain the desired result.

Proof of Theorem 1.4: We write $H_\tau(V, g) = H_\tau(0, g) + V$. By Theorem 1.3, $H_\tau(0, g)$ is essentially self-adjoint on $[\oplus^4 C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^3)] \otimes_{\text{alg}} \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad}}^{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{D})$. Since V is bounded, we can apply the Kato–Rellich theorem to obtain the desired result.

IV. PROOF OF THEOREMS 1.5 AND 1.6

We define a deformed total momentum operator $\mathbf{P}(\tau) := (P_1(\tau), P_2(\tau), P_3(\tau))$ with parameter $\tau \in \mathbf{R}$:

$$P_j(\tau) := -iD_j + \tau P_j^{\text{rad}} \quad (4.1)$$

on \mathcal{F} ($j=1,2,3$). Each $P_j(\tau)$ is self-adjoint and its spectrum is purely absolutely continuous with

$$\sigma(P_j(\tau)) = \mathbf{R}. \quad (4.2)$$

Physically $P_j(\tau)$ is interpreted as the generator of a unitary representation of a (deformed) translation to the j th direction. It is not difficult to see¹⁶ that, for all $t \in \mathbf{R}$,

$$e^{itP_j(\tau)} H_\tau \subset H_\tau e^{itP_j(\tau)}. \quad (4.3)$$

This shows a deformed translation invariance of H_τ .

We can show that, for $j=1,2,3$,

$$U_\tau P_j(\tau) U_\tau^{-1} = \int_{\mathbf{R}^3}^\oplus p_j d\mathbf{p}. \quad (4.4)$$

Thus the Hilbert space $U_\tau \mathcal{F}$ carries a spectral representation of $\mathbf{P}(\tau)$ and the index parameter \mathbf{p} in the decomposition (1.47) physically means an observed value of the deformed total momentum $\mathbf{P}(\tau)$.

Proof of Theorem 1.5: Let $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbf{R}^3$ be fixed and $L := \sum_{j=1}^3 (p_j - \tau P_j^{\text{rad}})^2 + H_{\text{rad}} + 1$. Then L is self-adjoint, non-negative and reduced by each closed subspace $\oplus^4 (\otimes_s^n \mathcal{H}_{\text{ph}})$ with its reduced part L_n being the multiplication self-adjoint operator by the function $(\mathbf{p} - \tau \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{k}_j)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n \omega(\mathbf{k}_j) + 1$. By the present assumption, this function is in $L^2(\mathbf{R}^{3n})_{\text{loc}}$. Hence L_n is essentially self-adjoint on $\oplus^4 S_n(\otimes_{\text{alg}}^n [C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^3) \oplus C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^3)])$, where S_n denotes the symmetrizer on $\otimes^n \mathcal{H}_{\text{ph}}$. It follows that L is essentially self-adjoint on $\oplus^4 \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad},0}^\infty$. Let $\psi \in \oplus^4 \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad},0}^\infty$. Then, by (3.8),

$$\|\alpha \cdot (\mathbf{p} - \tau \mathbf{P}^{\text{rad}}) \psi\| \leq \|L^{1/2} \psi\|.$$

In the same way as in Lemma 2.1, we can show that

$$\|H_I \psi\| \leq \sqrt{2} |q| \left\| \left\| \frac{g}{\sqrt{\omega}} \right\| \right\| \|H_{\text{rad}}^{1/2} \psi\| + \frac{|q|}{\sqrt{2}} \|g\| \|\psi\|. \quad (4.5)$$

By these estimates, we obtain $\|H_\tau(\mathbf{p}) \psi\| \leq c_1 \|L \psi\|$ with a constant $c_1 > 0$. In the same way as in the proof of Theorem 1.3, we can show that

$$|(H_\tau(\mathbf{p})\psi, L\psi) - (L\psi, H_\tau(\mathbf{p})\psi)| \leq c_2 \|L^{1/2}\psi\|^2,$$

with a constant $c_2 > 0$. Thus we can apply Nelson's commutator theorem to obtain the desired result. ■

Lemma 4.1: Let $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$. Then, under the same assumption as in Theorem 1.5, the operator-valued function: $\mathbf{p} \rightarrow (H_\tau(\mathbf{p}) - z)^{-1}$ on \mathbb{R}^3 is strongly continuous.

Proof: The set $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ is a subset of the resolvent set of $H_\tau(\mathbf{p})$, since $H_\tau(\mathbf{p})$ is self-adjoint. Let $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}' \in \mathbb{R}^3$. Then, for all $\psi \in \oplus^4 \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad},0}^\infty$, we have by (3.8) $\|H_\tau(\mathbf{p}')\psi - H_\tau(\mathbf{p})\psi\| = \|\mathbf{p}' - \mathbf{p}\| \|\psi\| \rightarrow 0$ ($\mathbf{p}' \rightarrow \mathbf{p}$). Since $\oplus^4 \mathcal{F}_{\text{rad},0}^\infty$ is a common core for the family $\{H_\tau(\mathbf{p})\}_{\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^3}$ of self-adjoint operators, it follows from a convergence theorem [Ref. 17, Theorem VIII.25(a)] that $(H_\tau(\mathbf{p}') - z)^{-1} \rightarrow (H_\tau(\mathbf{p}) - z)^{-1}$ strongly as $\mathbf{p}' \rightarrow \mathbf{p}$. ■

Proof of Theorem 1.6: The essential self-adjointness of H_τ follows from the present assumption and Theorem 1.4. By Theorem 1.5, Lemma 4.1 and a general theorem [Ref. 6, Theorem XIII.85(a)], we have $H'_\tau := \int_{\mathbb{R}^3}^\oplus \overline{H_\tau(\mathbf{p})} d\mathbf{p}$ is self-adjoint. On the other hand, by direct computation, we see that $U_\tau H_\tau U_\tau^{-1} \subset H'_\tau$. The essential self-adjointness of H_τ implies that of $U_\tau H_\tau U_\tau^{-1}$. Thus (1.48) follows.

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