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ABSTRACT. — The paper recalls the notion of a relative identification operator K of a Wightman field $A(\cdot)$ with respect to a corresponding free field $A^0(\cdot)$, useful for the definition of wave operators with respect to the field $A(\cdot)$. The corresponding pre-wave operator $e^{iH}Ke^{-iH_0}$ can be linked directly with the Haag-Ruelle approximants of the field $A(\cdot)$. Thus the Haag-Ruelle scattering theory can be embedded formally into the framework of the abstract scattering theory. Some structural properties of K are presented. It is pointed out that K is uniquely determined by a single field operator $A(h(p)\gamma_0(p))$, where $h(p)$ is a smooth function with support in a sufficiently small neighbourhood of the discrete mass hyperboloid characterized by the mass $m_0 > 0$ belonging to $A^0(\cdot)$ (as is usually introduced within the Haag-Ruelle framework) and where $\gamma_0 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ is multiplicative-generating.

RÉSUMÉ. — On rappelle la notion d'opérateur d'identification relatif K d'un champ de Wightman $A(\cdot)$ par rapport au champ libre correspondant $A^0(\cdot)$, utile pour la définition des opérateurs d'onde du champ $A(\cdot)$. Le pré-opérateur d'onde $e^{iH}Ke^{-iH_0}$ correspondant peut être relié directement aux approximants de Haag-Ruelle pour le champ $A(\cdot)$. Ainsi la théorie de la diffusion de Haag-Ruelle peut être formellement incorporée dans le cadre de la théorie abstraite de la diffusion. On donne quelques propriétés structurelles de K . On remarque que K est déterminé de façon unique par un seul opérateur de champ $A(h(p)\gamma_0(p))$, où $h(p)$ est une fonction lisse à support contenu dans un voisinage assez petit de l'hyperboloïde de

masse caractérisé par la masse $m_0 > 0$ du champ $A^0(\cdot)$ (comme on l'introduit de façon usuelle dans la théorie de Haag-Ruelle), et où $\gamma_0 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ est génératrice par multiplication (voir Définition 3).

§ 1. INTRODUCTION

Let $A(\cdot)$ be a Wightman field on a (separable) Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . For convenience we collect the properties of such a field. The tensor algebra over the Schwartz space $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^4)$ is denoted by \mathcal{F} . Its elements are finite sequences $f := \{f_0, f_1, \dots, f_N, 0, \dots\}$, where N depends on f and where $f_n \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^{4n})$. \mathcal{F} is equipped with the usual topology τ (locally convex direct sum of the Schwartz space topologies of the $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^{4n})$). The Wightman functional $W(\cdot) : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ of the field $A(\cdot)$ is assumed to be linear, normed, positive, continuous and Poincaré invariant. There is a unique vacuum $\omega \in \mathcal{H}$ and the field is assumed to be spectral and local. The continuous linear functionals on \mathcal{F} have the form $W = \{W_0, W_1, W_2, \dots\}$, where W_n is a continuous linear functional on $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^{4n})$, a so-called n -point functional, and $W(f) = \Sigma W_n(f_n)$. Recall the special form of the functionals W_0, W_1, W_2 :

$$(1) \quad W_0(f_0) = f_0,$$

$$(2) \quad W_1(f_1) = \gamma f_1(0), \quad \gamma \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$(3) \quad W_2(f_2) = \gamma f_2(0, 0) + \int_0^\infty \int_{H_m} f_2(-p, p) \mu_m(dp) \rho(dm).$$

Note that we prefer to work with momentum coordinates, that is with functions $f_n(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^{4n})$ which are Fourier transforms

$$f_n(p_1, \dots, p_n) = (2\pi)^{-2n} \int e^{-i \sum_{j=1}^n (p_j, x_j)} \check{f}_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n$$

of functions $\check{f}_n \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^{4n})$ depending on position coordinates. (\cdot, \cdot) denotes the Cartesian scalar product in \mathbb{R}^4 . H_m denotes the mass hyperboloid $H_m := \{p : p_0^2 - |p|^2 = m^2, p_0 > 0\}$, $\mu_m(\cdot)$ denotes the Lorentz invariant measure on H_m , given by $\mu_m(dp) = dp / (m^2 + |p|^2)^{1/2}$ and $\rho(\cdot)$ is a characteristic polynomially bounded Borel measure on $m \geq 0$. Formula (3) is called the Källén-Lehmann representation of the 2-point functional.

The set of all $f \in \mathcal{F}$ satisfying $W(f^*f) = 0$ is denoted by $\text{lker } W$ (left kernel). Note that f^* denotes the usual conjugation in \mathcal{F} , $f_n(p_1, \dots, p_n) = \overline{f_n(-p_n, -p_{n-1}, \dots, -p_1)}$.

The field $A(\cdot)$ is defined on \mathcal{F} , i. e. $A(f)$, $f \in \mathcal{F}$, is a generalized field

operator, the usual field operator is given by $A(\tilde{f}_1)$ where $\tilde{f}_1 = (0, f_1, 0, \dots) \in \mathcal{F}$. For brevity we write also $A(f_1)$ in this case.

Furthermore, an upper and lower mass gap is assumed, the discrete mass is denoted by m_0 , the corresponding one-particle subspace of \mathcal{H} is denoted by \mathcal{H}_1 , it is assumed to be irreducible with respect to the Poincaré group, the corresponding representation is labeled by m_0 and $s = 0$. Recall the representation (SNAG-theorem)

$$(4) \quad U_a = \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} e^{-i(a,p)} E(dp)$$

for the unitary representation U_a of the translation group $a \in \mathbb{R}^4$ associated with the field. In terms of $E(\cdot)$ the mass gap is expressed by

$$(5) \quad \text{supp}^m E = \{0\} \cup \{m_0\} \cup \Lambda, \quad \Lambda \subseteq [m_0 + \varepsilon, \infty), \quad \varepsilon > 0, \quad m_0 > 0,$$

where $\text{supp}^m E$ denotes the mass spectrum (note that $\text{supp} E \subseteq \text{clo } V^+$, V^+ the forward cone, and that $\text{supp} E$ is Lorentz invariant, i. e. it contains only full mass hyperboloids H_m , then the mass spectrum is the closure of all m such that $H_m \subset \text{supp} E$).

Finally, the condition of « coupling of the vacuum to the one-particle states » is assumed to be satisfied (see for example M. Reed and B. Simon [1, p. 319]. Note that this condition is satisfied if and only if

$$(6) \quad m_0 \in \text{supp } \rho$$

is valid. That is, in this case one obtains

$$(7) \quad \{m_0\} \subseteq \text{supp } \rho \subseteq \text{supp}^m E,$$

(the latter inclusion is obvious).

The free (scalar) field, corresponding to $m_0 > 0$ and $s = 0$, is denoted by $A^0(\cdot)$, acting on the Hilbert space \mathcal{H}^0 . Its measure « ρ » (mass distribution of the Källén-Lehmann representation) is given by the Dirac measure $\rho(m) = \delta(m - m_0)$.

In H. Baumgärtel *et al.* [2] a so-called relative identification operator K is introduced, useful for the definition of wave operators with respect to the field $A(\cdot)$. For convenience, we recall the definition and simple properties of $K: \mathcal{H}^0 \mapsto \mathcal{H}$. First, by $h \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^4)$ we denote a fixed real-valued function, $0 \leq h \leq 1$, with the following properties:

- i) $\text{supp } h \subseteq \bigcup_{m \in [m_0 - \delta, m_0 + \delta]} H_m \quad \delta > 0,$
- ii) $h(\Lambda p) = h(p)$ for all $\Lambda \in \mathcal{L}_+^\uparrow$ (proper Lorentz group),
- iii) $h \upharpoonright H_{m_0} = 1.$

Second, we define a certain linear manifold $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{F}$ by: $g \in \mathcal{L}$ if and only if $g_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ arbitrary, $g_n(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) = h(p_1)h(p_2) \dots h(p_n)\gamma_n(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$, $\gamma_n \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^{3n})$, γ_n symmetric with respect to p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n .

Then, if $(W^0(\cdot))$ denotes the Wightman functional and J^0 denotes the (absolute) identification operator of the free field, it turns out that \mathcal{L} contains exactly one element from each equivalence class mod $\text{lker } W^0$, that is, $\text{ima}(J^0 \upharpoonright \mathcal{L}) = \text{ima } J^0$ and $f \in \mathcal{L}$ and $J^0 f = 0$ imply $f = 0$, in other words, $\mathcal{L} \cap \text{lker } W^0 = \{0\}$ and $\mathcal{L} \oplus \text{lker } W^0 = \mathcal{F}$. Now an operator $K: \mathcal{H}^0 \mapsto \mathcal{H}$ can be defined by

$$(8) \quad K \{ A^0(f)\omega^0 \} := A(f)\omega, \quad f \in \mathcal{L},$$

or

$$(9) \quad K \{ J^0 f \} := Jf, \quad f \in \mathcal{L},$$

where J denotes the (absolute) identification operator of the field $A(\cdot)$. (9) means that K is a certain factorization of J , $J = KJ^0$, on \mathcal{L} . K is called the *relative identification operator* between $A^0(\cdot)$ and $A(\cdot)$ with respect to \mathcal{L} . Recall the following simple properties of K :

I) K is densely defined, $\text{dom } K = \text{ima } J^0$, which is dense in \mathcal{H}^0 .

II) $\text{dom } K$ is invariant with respect to U_g^0 (the unitary representation of the Poincaré group belonging to the free field).

III) K is continuous with respect to the Schwartz space topology τ of \mathcal{F} (more precisely: $\text{dom } K$ may be equipped with this topology by the bijection $\mathcal{L} \ni f \leftrightarrow J^0 f \in \text{dom } K$, then K is continuous with respect to this topology).

IV) $K\omega^0 = \omega$.

V) The intertwining relation

$$(10) \quad U_g K = K U_g^0$$

is valid if $g = \{ \Lambda_0, (0, \alpha) \}$, where $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is a pure spatial translation and where Λ_0 is a pure rotation in the α -space (the intertwining relation (10) is not valid in general for time translations).

Using K , the standard two-space pre-wave operator is given by

$$(11) \quad e^{i\mathbf{H}t} K e^{-i\mathbf{H}^0 t} u, \quad u \in \text{dom } K,$$

where $e^{-i\mathbf{H}t} = U_{\{t,0\}}$, $e^{-i\mathbf{H}^0 t} = U_{\{t,0\}}^0$ denote the unitary representations of the time translations in \mathcal{H} , \mathcal{H}^0 , respectively.

In this paper some further structural properties of K are presented. In fact, it is shown that the expression (11) is intimately connected with the Haag-Ruelle approximants with respect to the field $A(\cdot)$.

If \mathcal{M} is a subset of \mathcal{F} , for brevity we denote by $\mathcal{M}^{(n)}$ the set of all $f \in \mathcal{M}$ with $f = \{0, \dots, 0, f_n, 0, \dots\}$, i. e. the intersection of \mathcal{M} with $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^{4n})$.

Finally recall the assignment between one-particle states and field operators.

If $f \in \mathcal{L}^{(1)}$ then $A(f)\omega \in \mathcal{H}_1$. Moreover, the assignment $\mathcal{L}^{(1)} \ni f \mapsto A(f)\omega \in \mathcal{H}_1$ is an injection, the image $\{A(f)\omega, f \in \mathcal{L}^{(1)}\}$ coincides with

$$\{A(f)\omega, f \in \mathcal{F}^{(1)}, \text{supp } f \cap \text{supp } E \subseteq H_{m_0}\}$$

and this linear manifold is dense in \mathcal{H}_1 .

That is, the vector $u = A(f)\omega \in \mathcal{H}_1$ with $f \in \mathcal{L}^{(1)}$ is in one-to-one correspondence with f . Therefore, one has an assignment of one-particle states $u \in \mathcal{H}_1$ to certain field operators $B_u = A(f)$. This assignment satisfies the property $B_u\omega = u$.

On the other hand, the assignment can be considered as the assignment of vectors of the free one-particle space to vectors $u \in \mathcal{H}_1$ via K . Namely, if $f \in \mathcal{L}^{(1)}$, then $A^0(f)\omega^0 = \{0, \gamma(p), 0, \dots\}$, where $f_1(p) = h(p)\gamma(p)$ and where $\gamma(p)$ is to be considered as an element of $L^2(\mathbb{R}^3, dp/\mu(p))$. That is, we have

$$\mathcal{H}_1^0 = L^2(\mathbb{R}^3, dp/\mu(p)) \ni \gamma(p) \xrightarrow{K} A(f)\omega = u \in \mathcal{H}_1,$$

where $\mu(p) := (m_0^2 + |p|^2)^{1/2}$.

§ 2. CALCULATION OF K

In this paragraph we calculate K on a dense subdomain of $\text{dom } K = \text{ima } J^0 = \text{ima } (J^0 \upharpoonright \mathcal{L})$. For this purpose we use the structure of J^0 , which is given in [2]. According to this paper (Corollary 1) we have

$$J^0 f = \{f_0, (Tf)_1 \upharpoonright H_{m_0}, S_2(Tf)_2 \upharpoonright H_{m_0} \times H_{m_0}, \dots\}, \quad f \in \mathcal{F},$$

where T denotes a certain continuous linear operator, acting in \mathcal{F} (see [2, Theorem 2]) and where S_n denotes the symmetrization operator

$$(S_n f_n)(p_1, \dots, p_n) = (n!)^{-1} \sum_{\pi} f_n(p_{\pi(1)}, p_{\pi(2)}, \dots, p_{\pi(n)}).$$

Note that $Tf = f$ for $f \in \mathcal{L}$ (cf. [2, Lemma 5]), that is, one obtains

$$J^0 f = \{f_0, f_1 \upharpoonright H_{m_0}, S_2 f_2 \upharpoonright H_{m_0} \times H_{m_0}, \dots\}, \quad f \in \mathcal{L}.$$

Recall that $f \in \mathcal{L}$ means $f_n(p_1, \dots, p_n) = \prod_{j=1}^n h(p_j)\gamma_n(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$, where γ_n is symmetric. Therefore

$$J^0 f = \{f_0, \gamma_1(p_1), \gamma_2(p_1, p_2), \dots\}, \quad f \in \mathcal{L},$$

where $\gamma_n(p_1, \dots, p_n)$ is to be considered as an element of

$$L^2\left(\mathbb{R}^{3n}, \bigotimes_{j=1}^n dp_j/\mu(p_j)\right),$$

where $\mu(p) := (m_0^2 + |p|^2)^{1/2}$.

Now let K_n be the n -particle component of K , that is

$$K_n := K \upharpoonright S_n(\mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{H}_1),$$

such that

$$Ku = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} K_n u_n, \quad u = J^0 f, \quad f \in \mathcal{L}, \quad u_n = J^0 f_n.$$

Furthermore, let

$$(12) \quad \gamma_n(p_1, \dots, p_n) = S_n(\alpha_1(p_1) \otimes \alpha_2(p_2) \otimes \dots \otimes \alpha_n(p_n)), \quad \alpha_j \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3).$$

According to (8) we obtain

$$(13) \quad K_n \{ S_n(\alpha_1 \otimes \alpha_2 \otimes \dots \otimes \alpha_n) \} \\ = S_n \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^n A(h(p)\alpha_j(p)) \right\} \omega, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where we write for brevity $A(h(p)\alpha_j(p))$ instead of $A(\{0, h(p)\alpha_j(p), 0, \dots\})$. We denote the linear submanifold of \mathcal{L} defined by (12) by $\mathcal{L}_0 \subset \mathcal{L}$. \mathcal{L}_0 is dense in \mathcal{L} with respect to τ . Then we have

PROPOSITION 1. — *The relative identification operator $K : \mathcal{H}^0 \mapsto \mathcal{H}$ is given on the (dense) submanifold $\text{ima}(J^0 \upharpoonright \mathcal{L}_0)$ of $\text{dom } K$ by formula (13).*

Proof. — Obvious by the preceding arguments of this paragraph. ■

According to (13), $K \upharpoonright \text{ima}(J^0 \upharpoonright \mathcal{L}_0)$, hence K itself, is already uniquely determined by the field operators $A(h(p)\alpha(p))$, $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$. But the Poincaré covariance property of the field $A(\cdot)$ implies a strong connection between these field operators. Namely, we have

LEMMA 2. — *Let $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$, $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^4)$. Then*

$$(14) \quad A(\hat{\alpha}(p)\hat{f}(p)) = (2\pi)^{-3/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \alpha(a) U_a A(f) U_{-a} da,$$

where $\hat{\alpha}$ denotes the spatial Fourier transform of α and \hat{f} denotes the 4-dimensional Fourier transform of f . The integral on the right hand side is weakly convergent for vectors $u, v \in \mathcal{D} = \text{ima } J$ (domain of the field operators $A(\cdot)$).

Proof. — From the covariance property of $A(\cdot)$ we obtain

$$A(V_a f) = U_a A(f) U_{-a},$$

where, as usual, $(V_a f)(x) = f(x_0, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a})$. Further we obtain

$$A\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \alpha(a) V_a f da\right) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \alpha(a) U_a A(f) U_{-a} da.$$

But $(V_a f)^\wedge(p) = e^{-i(\alpha, p)} \hat{f}(p)$ and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \alpha(\alpha)(V_a f)^\wedge(p) d\alpha = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \alpha(\alpha) e^{-i(\alpha, p)} d\alpha \hat{f}(p) = (2\pi)^{3/2} \hat{\alpha}(p) \hat{f}(p).$$

This concludes the proof. ■

The relation (14) implies that the field operators $A(h(p)\alpha(p))$ are uniquely determined by a single field operator $A(h(p)\gamma_0(p))$, where γ_0 is multiplicative-generating in $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ (together with the representation U_a).

DEFINITION 3. — *The function $\gamma_0 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ is called multiplicative-generating with respect to $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$, if $\{\alpha\gamma_0 : \alpha \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)\}$ is dense in $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$.*

For example, if $\gamma_0 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and $\gamma(p) \neq 0$ for all $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$, then γ_0 is multiplicative-generating. For example let $\gamma_0(p) = \exp(-|p|^2)$.

PROPOSITION 4. — *Let $\gamma_0 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ be multiplicative-generating. Then $\{\hat{\alpha}\gamma_0 : \alpha \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)\}$ is dense in $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and*

$$(15) \quad A(h(p)\hat{\alpha}(p)\gamma_0(p)) = (2\pi)^{-3/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \alpha(\alpha) U_a A(h(p)\gamma_0(p)) U_{-a} d\alpha.$$

Proof. Obvious. ■

Proposition 1 and Proposition 4 together lead to an explicit description of K , showing, that K is uniquely determined by $A(h(p)\gamma_0(p))$ for some multiplicative-generating function γ_0 .

COROLLARY 5. — *Let $\gamma_0 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ be multiplicative-generating and put $B_0 := A(h(p)\gamma_0(p))$. Then $K \uparrow \text{ima}(J^0 \uparrow \mathcal{L}_0)$ is explicitly given by*

$$(16) \quad K_n \{ S_n(\hat{\alpha}_1\gamma_0 \otimes \hat{\alpha}_2\gamma_0 \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{\alpha}_n\gamma_0) \} \\ = S_n \prod_{j=1}^n \left\{ (2\pi)^{-3/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \alpha_j(\alpha) U_a B_0 U_{-a} d\alpha \right\} \omega, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Proof. Obvious. ■

§ 3. CALCULATION OF THE PRE-WAVE OPERATOR

Let $\gamma_0 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ be multiplicative-generating and put $B_0 := A(h(p)\gamma_0(p))$. The next Proposition calculates the pre-wave operator (11).

PROPOSITION 6. — *Let $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3)$. Then*

$$(17) \quad (e^{iH} K e^{-iH})_n S_n(\hat{\alpha}_1\gamma_0 \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{\alpha}_n\gamma_0) \\ = \left(S_n \prod_{j=1}^n \left\{ (2\pi)^{-3/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f_j(t, x) U_{\{-t, x\}} B_0 U_{\{t, -x\}} dx \right\} \right) \omega,$$

where

$$f_j(t, \mathbf{x}) = (2\pi)^{-3/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e^{-it\mu(\mathbf{p}) + i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})} \hat{\alpha}_j(\mathbf{p}) d\mathbf{p},$$

i. e. $f_j(t, \mathbf{x})$ is the spatial inverse Fourier transform of $e^{-it\mu(\mathbf{p})} \hat{\alpha}_j(\mathbf{p})$, thus $f_j(t, \mathbf{x})$ is a so-called smooth solution of the Klein-Gordon equation with « negative » frequencies.

Proof. — According to Proposition 4 we have the assignment

$$e^{-it\mu(\mathbf{p})} \hat{\alpha}_j(\mathbf{p}) \gamma_0(\mathbf{p}) \mapsto (2\pi)^{-3/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f_j(t, \mathbf{x}) U_{\mathbf{x}} B_0 U_{-\mathbf{x}} d_{\mathbf{x}}.$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-it \sum_{j=1}^n \mu(\mathbf{p}_j)} \hat{\alpha}_1 \gamma_0 \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{\alpha}_n \gamma_0 \\ = \left(\bigotimes_{j=1}^n e^{-it\mu(\mathbf{p}_j)} \hat{\alpha}_j(\mathbf{p}_j) \gamma_0(\mathbf{p}_j) \right) = (e^{-itH_0})_n (\hat{\alpha}_1 \gamma_0 \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{\alpha}_n \gamma_0) \end{aligned}$$

is valid, thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (Ke^{-itH_0})_n S_n(\hat{\alpha}_1 \gamma_0 \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{\alpha}_n \gamma_0) \\ = \left(S_n \prod_{j=1}^n \left\{ (2\pi)^{-3/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f_j(t, \mathbf{x}_j) U_{\mathbf{x}_j} B_0 U_{-\mathbf{x}_j} d_{\mathbf{x}_j} \right\} \right) \omega. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we finally obtain (17) for $\{e^{itH}(Ke^{-itH_0})\}_n S_n(\hat{\alpha}_1 \gamma_0 \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{\alpha}_n \gamma_0)$ because of $e^{itH} = U_{\{-t, 0\}}$ and $U_{\{t, 0\}} \omega = \omega$. ■

Proposition 6 gives a link between the pre-wave operator $e^{itH} K e^{-itH_0}$ and the expressions (Haag-Ruelle approximants) used in the Haag-Ruelle scattering theory for Wightman fields. That is, Haag-Ruelle's theory appears as a special part of the abstract two-space scattering theory (see H. Baumgärtel and M. Wollenberg [4]). The basic concept of the abstract scattering theory is given by the pre-wave operator mentioned above. Note that the identification operator K in the field-theoretic case is unbounded and not closable but densely defined whereas the identification operators appearing usually (e. g. in the non-relativistic scattering theory) are bounded.

It should be mentioned that the characteristic t -dependence of the special field operators $A(e^{it(p_0 - \mu(\mathbf{p}))} f(\mathbf{p}))$ occurring in the Haag-Ruelle approximants (see for example K. Hepp [5, p. 96]) suggests the introduction of a pre-wave operator, i. e. of an operator K . In fact, one obtains, in an intimate connection with Proposition 6, that

$$\begin{aligned} (e^{itH} K e^{-itH_0})_n \{ S_n(h(\mathbf{p}) \hat{\alpha}_1(\mathbf{p}) \otimes \dots \otimes h(\mathbf{p}) \hat{\alpha}_n(\mathbf{p})) \} \\ = \left\{ S_n \prod_{\rho=1}^n A(e^{it(p_0 - \mu(\mathbf{p}))} h(\mathbf{p}) \hat{\alpha}_\rho(\mathbf{p})) \right\} \omega \end{aligned}$$

is valid (see for example [2, Lemma 6]). Proposition 6 shows explicitly that the pre-wave operator, i. e. also K , depends on a single field operator $A(h(p)\gamma_0(p))$ only.

Under the assumptions listed at the beginning of paragraph 1 the strong limits for $t \rightarrow \pm \infty$ of (11) exist and they turn out to be isometric (Haag-Ruelle). Because K is uniquely determined by B_0 the question arises, what properties of B_0 are decisive for the existence and isometry of the wave operators. Some authors (for example A. S. Schwartz [3]) have shown that the (sufficient) assumptions of Haag-Ruelle can be weakened. It would be nice to have some insights what properties of K resp. B_0 are necessary for the existence and isometry of the wave operators in order to attack the corresponding inverse problem.

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