Elliptic stability for stationary Schrödinger equations
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## PART V. PROOFS OF THE BOUNDED STABILITY AND ANALYTIC STABILITY THEOREMS.

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## PART V. PROOFS.

## V.1) Proof of the bounded stability theorem :

We discuss the proof of the bounded stability theorem. The proof follows the scheme of the original proofs by Schoen and Li-Zhu (1999). We follow here the presentation by Druet (2004). A recent very nice reorganisation of the proof is by Druet and Premoselli (2014). The equation is

$$\Delta_g u + hu = u^{2^*-1} .$$

We require that  $\Delta_g + h$  is coercive (it has to be nonnegative if we want the  $u_{\alpha}$ 's to exist), and we require that for any  $x \in M$ ,

$$h(x) < \frac{n-2}{4(n-1)} S_g(x)$$
 (H)

The model case then is a sequence

$$\Delta_g u + h_\alpha u = u^{2^* - 1}$$

of critical stationary Schrödinger equations, with  $h_{\alpha} \to h$  in  $C^1$ , and a sequence  $(u_{\alpha})_{\alpha}$  of solutions of these equations with no energy assumptions at all. We assume by contradiction that  $\|u_{\alpha}\|_{L^{\infty}} \to +\infty$  as  $\alpha \to +\infty$ . Here  $n \geq 3$ .

We look for blow-up points like the ones which would be given by the  $H^1$ -theory if the  $u_\alpha$ 's were bounded in  $H^1$ . A very general result is as follows: given  $u \in C^1(M,\mathbb{R})$ , there exist  $N \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and a family  $(x_1,\ldots,x_N)$  of critical points of u such that

$$d_g(x_i,x_j)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}u(x_i)\geq 1$$

for all  $i \neq j$ , and

$$\left(\min_{i} d_{g}(x_{i}, x)\right)^{\frac{n-2}{2}} u(x) \leq 1$$

for all critical points of u. From this result we can prove that for any  $\alpha$ , there exist  $N_{\alpha} \in \mathbb{N}^{*}$ , and critical points  $x_{1,\alpha}, \ldots, x_{N_{\alpha},\alpha}$  of  $u_{\alpha}$  such that

$$d_g(x_{i,\alpha},x_{j,\alpha})^{\frac{n-2}{2}}u_\alpha(x_{i,\alpha})\geq 1$$

for all  $i \neq j$ , and

$$\left(\min_{i} d_{g}(x_{i,\alpha},x)\right)^{\frac{n-2}{2}} u_{\alpha}(x) \leq C$$

for some C > 0 and not only all critical points of  $u_{\alpha}$ , but for all  $x \in M$ . The first goal then is to prove that the following lemma holds true.

**Lemma :** Assume nothing when n = 3 or (H) when  $n \ge 4$ . Then blow-up points are isolated.

**Proof**: We define

$$d_{\alpha} = \min_{1 \leq i < j \leq N_{\alpha}} d_{g}(x_{i,\alpha}; x_{j,\alpha}) ,$$

and if  $N_{\alpha}=1$ , we set  $d_{\alpha}=\frac{i_g}{4}$ , where  $i_g$  is the injectivity radius. We want to prove that  $d_{\alpha}\not\to 0$  as  $\alpha\to+\infty$ . We proceed by contradiction and we assume that

$$d_{\alpha} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $\alpha \to +\infty$ . Then  $N_{\alpha} \geq 2$ , and we order  $x_{1,\alpha}, \ldots, x_{N_{\alpha},\alpha}$  such that

$$d_{\alpha} = d_{g}(x_{1,\alpha}, x_{2,\alpha}) \leq d_{g}(x_{1,\alpha}, x_{3,\alpha}) \leq \cdots \leq d_{g}(x_{1,\alpha}, x_{N_{\alpha},\alpha}) .$$

Given R > 0 we define  $N_{R,\alpha} \in \{1, \dots, N_{\alpha}\}$  to be such that

$$d_g(x_{1,\alpha}, x_{i,\alpha}) \le Rd_{\alpha}$$
 for all  $1 \le i \le N_{R,\alpha}$   
 $d_g(x_{1,\alpha}, x_{i,\alpha}) > Rd_{\alpha}$  for all  $i > N_{R,\alpha}$ .

Obviously,  $N_{R,\alpha} \geq 2$  when R > 1. Also we can prove that  $(N_{R,\alpha})_{\alpha}$  is bounded for all R > 1 since  $B_{\mathsf{x}_{i,\alpha}}(d_{\alpha}/2) \cap B_{\mathsf{x}_{j,\alpha}}(d_{\alpha}/2) = \emptyset$  for all  $i \neq j$ , and then  $\mathsf{Vol}_{g}\left(B_{\mathsf{x}_{1,\alpha}}(\frac{3R}{2}d_{\alpha})\right) \geq \sum_{i=1}^{N_{R,\alpha}} \mathsf{Vol}_{g}\left(B_{\mathsf{x}_{i,\alpha}}(d_{\alpha}/2)\right)$  so that we get an upper bound on  $N_{R,\alpha}$  depending only on R.

Also we can prove that for any R > 1, and any  $i = 1, ..., N_{R,\alpha}$ ,

$$d_{\alpha}^{\frac{n-2}{2}}u_{\alpha}(x_{i,\alpha})\to +\infty$$

as  $\alpha \to +\infty$ . Then for  $x_{\alpha}=x_{1,\alpha}$  and  $\rho_{\alpha}=\frac{d_{\alpha}}{8}$  there holds that

$$\begin{cases} \nabla u_{\alpha}(x_{\alpha}) = 0 & \text{for all } \alpha \ , \\ d_{g}(x_{\alpha}, x)^{\frac{n-2}{2}} u_{\alpha}(x) \leq C & \text{for all } \alpha \text{ and all } x \in B_{x_{\alpha}}(7\rho_{\alpha}) \ , \\ \lim_{\alpha \to +\infty} \rho_{\alpha}^{\frac{n-2}{2}} \sup_{B_{x_{\alpha}}(6\rho_{\alpha})} u_{\alpha} = +\infty \ , \end{cases}$$
 (BS)

for some C>0 independent of  $\alpha$  and x. There holds that  $u_{\alpha}(x_{\alpha}) \to +\infty$  as  $\alpha \to +\infty$ . Let  $\mu_{\alpha} = u_{\alpha}(x_{\alpha})^{-\frac{2}{n-2}}$  and define  $\mu_{\alpha} \ll r_{\alpha} \leq \rho_{\alpha}$  be the radius up to which the bubble  $(B_{\alpha})_{\alpha}$  of center  $x_{\alpha}$  and weight  $\mu_{\alpha}$  does not see any other kind of bubble (decreasing condition). We can prove a local  $C^0$ -theory around  $x_{\alpha}$  up to  $r_{\alpha}$  with one bubble  $(B_{\alpha})_{\alpha}$ . Essentially we can prove that

$$|u_{\alpha}(x) + d_{g}(x_{\alpha}, x)|\nabla u_{\alpha}(x)| \leq C\mu_{\alpha}^{\frac{n-2}{2}}d_{g}(x_{\alpha}, x)^{2-n}$$

for all  $\alpha$  and all  $x \in B_{x_{\alpha}}(r_{\alpha}) \setminus \{x_{\alpha}\}$ , and that

$$|u_{\alpha}(x) - B_{\alpha}(x)| \le C \mu_{\alpha}^{\frac{n-2}{2}} \left( r_{\alpha}^{2-n} + d_{g}(x_{\alpha}, x)^{3-n} \right) + \varepsilon_{\alpha} B_{\alpha}(x)$$

for all  $\alpha$  and all  $x \in B_{x_{\alpha}}(r_{\alpha}) \setminus \{x_{\alpha}\}$ . It follows from these estimates that :

if  $r_{\alpha} \rightarrow 0$ , then

$$r_{\alpha}^{n-2}\mu_{\alpha}^{1-\frac{n}{2}}u_{\alpha}\left(\exp_{x_{\alpha}}(r_{\alpha}x)\right) \rightarrow \frac{\left(n(n-2)\right)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}}{|x|^{n-2}} + \mathcal{H}(x)$$

in  $C^2_{loc}(B_0(2)\setminus\{0\})$ , where  $\mathcal{H}$  is harmonic in  $B_0(2)$ . Then we use a Pohozaev identity in  $B_{x_\alpha}(r_\alpha)$  and we get that

- (i) if n=3 and  $r_{\alpha} \rightarrow 0$ , then  $\rho_{\alpha} = O(r_{\alpha})$  and  $\mathcal{H}(0) = 0$
- (ii) when  $n \ge 4$  and we assume (H), it is always the case that  $r_{\alpha} \to 0$ , and we have that  $\rho_{\alpha} = O(r_{\alpha})$  and  $\mathcal{H}(0) \le 0$ .

Now we return to the configuration  $x_{\alpha}=x_{1,\alpha}$  and  $\rho_{\alpha}=\frac{d_{\alpha}}{8}.$  We let  $\hat{u}_{\alpha}$  be given by

$$\hat{u}_{\alpha}(x) = d_{\alpha}^{\frac{n-2}{2}} u_{\alpha} \left( \exp_{x_{1,\alpha}}(d_{\alpha}x) \right)$$

and let  $v_{\alpha}=d_{\alpha}^{\frac{n-2}{2}}\mu_{\alpha}^{1-\frac{n}{2}}\hat{u}_{\alpha}.$  By the above,

$$v_{\alpha}(x) \to \frac{\Lambda}{|x|^{n-2}} + \mathcal{H}(x)$$

around 0, where  $\Lambda>0$  and  $\mathcal{H}(0)\leq 0$ . On the other hand the  $\nu_{\alpha}$ 's satisfy an equation like

$$\Delta_{g_{\alpha}} v_{\alpha} + d_{\alpha}^{2} \hat{h}_{\alpha} v_{\alpha} = \varepsilon_{\alpha} v_{\alpha}^{2^{*}-1}$$

where  $g_{\alpha} \to \delta$ ,  $\hat{h}_{\alpha}(x) = h_{\alpha}\left(\exp_{x_{1,\alpha}}(d_{\alpha}x)\right)$ , and  $\varepsilon_{\alpha} \to 0$ . Let

$$\hat{x}_{i,lpha} = rac{1}{d_lpha} \exp_{x_{1,lpha}}^{-1}(x_{i,lpha})$$

for  $i=1,\ldots,N_{R,\alpha}$ . Since  $(N_{R,\alpha})_{\alpha}$  is bounded for any R>0, we get a locally finite at most countable collection  $\{\hat{x}_i\}_{i\in I}$  of points in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$v_{\alpha} \rightarrow G$$

in  $C^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n\setminus\{\hat{x}_i\}_{i\in I})$ , where, by the equation satisfied by the  $v_\alpha$ 's,  $\Delta G=0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n\setminus\{\hat{x}_i\}_{i\in I}$ . Hence

$$G(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_R} \frac{\Lambda_i}{|x - \hat{x}_i|^{n-2}} + H_R(x)$$

in  $B_0(R)$ , where  $\Lambda_i > 0$  and  $H_R$  is harmonic in  $B_0(R)$ . Then, around 0,

$$G(x) = \frac{\Lambda_1}{|x|^{n-2}} + X(x) ,$$

where  $X(x) = \sum_{i=2}^{N_R} \frac{\Lambda_i}{|x-\hat{x}_i|^{n-2}} + H_R(x)$ . In particular,

$$X(x) = \frac{\Lambda_2}{|x - \hat{x}_2|^{n-2}} + Y(x)$$
.

There holds that  $|\hat{x}_2| = 1$  (since  $d_g(x_{1,\alpha}, x_{2,\alpha}) = d_\alpha$ ). We also have that  $G \ge 0$  and Y is harmonic in  $B_0(R) \setminus \{\hat{x}_3, \dots, \hat{x}_{N_R}\}$ . By the maximum principle,

$$Y(0) \ge \min_{|x|=R} Y(x)$$

and since

$$\frac{\Lambda_1}{|x|^{n-2}} + \frac{\Lambda_2}{|x - \hat{x}_2|^{n-2}} + Y(x) = G(x)$$

and  $G \geq 0$ , we get that

$$Y(0) \geq -\frac{\Lambda_1}{R^{n-2}} - \frac{\Lambda_2}{(R-1)^{n-2}}$$
.

Hence, around 0,

$$v_{\alpha}(x) \rightarrow \frac{\Lambda_1}{|x|^{n-2}} + X(x)$$

in  $C^1_{loc}$ , and

$$X(0) \ge \Lambda_2 - \frac{\Lambda_1}{R^{n-2}} - \frac{\Lambda_2}{(R-1)^{n-2}}$$
.

Picking  $R\gg 1$ , we get that  $X(0)\geq 0$ . Summarizing  $v_{\alpha}\to v$  and, around 0,

$$\begin{cases} v(x) = \frac{\Lambda}{|x|^{n-2}} + \mathcal{H}(x) ,\\ v(x) = \frac{\Lambda_1}{|x|^{n-2}} + X(x) , \end{cases}$$

where  $\Lambda, \Lambda_1 > 0$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(0) \leq 0$  and  $X(0) \geq 0$ . A contradiction, and this ends the proof of the Lemma stating that blow-up points are isolated.

Now we can conclude to the proof of the bounded stability theorem. The conclusion uses the positive mass theorem when n=3 and is slightly easier when  $n\geq 4$ .

**Proof of the theorem when**  $n \ge 4$ : We let  $(u_{\alpha})_{\alpha}$  be such that

$$\Delta_{g} u_{\alpha} + h_{\alpha} u_{\alpha} = u_{\alpha}^{2^{\star} - 1}$$

in M for all  $\alpha$ . We assume that  $h_{\alpha} \to h$  in  $C^1$  and  $h < \frac{n-2}{4(n-1)}S_g$ . By contradiction we assume that  $\|u_{\alpha}\|_{L^{\infty}} \to +\infty$  as  $\alpha \to +\infty$ . Let  $x_{\alpha}$  be a point where  $u_{\alpha}$  is maximum. Up to passing to a subsequence, since  $d_{\alpha} \not\to 0$ , there exists i such that

$$d_g(x_{i,\alpha},x_{\alpha})\to 0$$

as  $\alpha \to +\infty$ . Moreover,  $d_g(x_{i,\alpha},x)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}u_{\alpha}(x) \leq C$  for all  $x \in B_{x_i}(\delta)$ , where  $x_{i,\alpha} \to x_i$  and  $0 < \delta \ll 1$ . Then, by the definition of  $x_{\alpha}$ ,

$$d_{g}(x_{\alpha}, x)u_{\alpha}(x)^{\frac{2}{n-2}}$$

$$\leq d_{g}(x_{i,\alpha}, x)u_{\alpha}(x)^{\frac{2}{n-2}} + d_{g}(x_{i,\alpha}, x_{\alpha})u_{\alpha}(x)^{\frac{2}{n-2}}$$

$$\leq C + d_{g}(x_{i,\alpha}, x_{\alpha})u_{\alpha}(x_{\alpha})^{\frac{2}{n-2}}$$

$$\leq 2C$$

for all  $x \in B_{x_i}(\delta)$ . In particular,

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holds true with  $x_{\alpha}$  and  $\rho_{\alpha}=\delta$  for  $0<\delta\ll 1$  fixed. However we have seen that  $\rho_{\alpha}=O(r_{\alpha})$  and  $r_{\alpha}\to 0$ . A contradiction. This proves the bounded stability theorem when  $n\geq 4$ .

## V.2) Proof of the analytic stability theorem :

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We require that  $\Delta_g + h$  is coercive (it has to be nonnegative if we want the  $u_{\alpha}$ 's to exist), and we require that for any  $x \in M$ ,

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 (H)

These two conditions make that we can deal with large h's. The model case then is a sequence

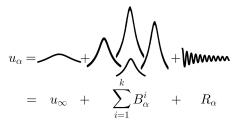
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of critical stationary Schrödinger equations, with  $h_{\alpha} \to h$  in  $C^1$ , and a sequence  $(u_{\alpha})_{\alpha}$  of solutions of these equations with  $\|u_{\alpha}\|_{H^1} = O(1)$ . We assume by contradiction that  $\|u_{\alpha}\|_{L^{\infty}} \to +\infty$  as  $\alpha \to +\infty$ . Here  $n \geq 4$ .

By the  $H^1$ -theory,

$$u_{\alpha} = u_{\infty} + \sum_{i=1}^{k} B_{\alpha}^{i} + R_{\alpha} ,$$

where  $u_{\infty}$ , the limit profile function solves the limit system, the  $(B_{\alpha}^{i})_{\alpha}$ 's are bubbles, and  $R_{\alpha} \to 0$  in  $H^{1}$  as  $\alpha \to +\infty$ . A priori we can have accumulations of bubbles (contrary to the bounded stability case where such a situation is impossible). On a drawing the  $H^{1}$ -theory tells us that



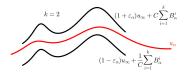
The  $H^1$ -theory is not enough to prove the analytic stability theorem, we need the  $C^0$ -theory.

By the  $C^0$ -theory, there exist C>1 and a sequence  $(\varepsilon_\alpha)_\alpha$  converging to zero such that

$$(1 - \varepsilon_{\alpha})u_{\infty}(x) + \frac{1}{C} \sum_{i=1}^{k} B_{\alpha}^{i}(x)$$

$$\leq u_{\alpha}(x) \leq (1 + \varepsilon_{\alpha})u_{\infty}(x) + C \sum_{i=1}^{k} B_{\alpha}^{i}(x)$$

for all  $x \in M$  and all  $\alpha$ . In other words, for instance when k = 2,

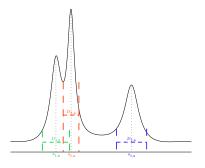


From this control we get sharp exact asymptotics for the  $u_{\alpha}$ 's :

$$u_{\alpha} = (1 + o(1))u_{\infty} + \sum_{i=1}^{k} (\Phi(x_i, \cdot) + o(1))B_{\alpha}^i,$$

where  $\Phi \in C^0(M \times M, \mathbb{R})$  equals one on the diagonal.

The range of interaction  $r_{i,\alpha}$  of a bubble  $(B^i_\alpha)_\alpha$  is the radius up to which the bubble  $(B^i_\alpha)_\alpha$  is leading and at which it starts interacting with another bubble. Assume for instance that we have 3 bubbles (2 interacting + 1), that  $u_\infty \not\equiv 0$ , that  $d_g(x_{1,\alpha},x_{2,\alpha}) = o\left(\mu_{1,\alpha}\right)$  and that  $\mu_{2,\alpha} = o\left(\mu_{1,\alpha}\right)$ . Then we get that



Namely  $r_{1,\alpha}=\sqrt{\mu_{1,\alpha}}$ ,  $r_{3,\alpha}=\sqrt{\mu_{3,\alpha}}$ , and  $r_{2,\alpha}\sim\sqrt{\mu_{1,\alpha}\mu_{2,\alpha}}$ . As we can check,  $B^1_{\alpha}(x_{\alpha})=B^2_{\alpha}(x_{\alpha})$  if and only if  $d_g(x_{2,\alpha},x_{\alpha})\sim r_{2,\alpha}$ .

Let  $\mu_{\alpha}$  be the maximum weight given by  $\mu_{\alpha}=\max_{i}\mu_{i,\alpha}$ . By the  $C^0$ -theory, if  $r_{i,\alpha}=o\left(\sqrt{\mu_{i,\alpha}/\mu_{\alpha}}\right)$ , then

$$r_{i,\alpha}^{n-2}\mu_{i,\alpha}^{1-\frac{n}{2}}u_{\alpha}\left(\exp_{x_{i,\alpha}}(r_{i,\alpha}x)\right)\to \frac{\left(n(n-2)\right)^{\frac{n-2}{2}}}{|x|^{n-2}}+\mathcal{H}_{i}(x)$$

in  $C_{loc}^2\left(B_0(\delta)\backslash\{0\}\right)$  as  $\alpha\to+\infty$  for  $0<\delta\ll1$ , where  $\mathcal{H}_i$  is a harmonic function in  $B_0(\delta)$  satisfying that  $\mathcal{H}_i(0)\neq0$  and  $\nabla\mathcal{H}_i(0)\equiv0$ . Moreover, when  $\mu_{i,\alpha}\sim\max_j\mu_{j,\alpha}$ , then

$$\mathcal{H}_i(x) = \sum_{j \in I_i} \frac{\lambda_{i,j}}{|x - x_{i,j}|^{n-2}} + \left(\lim_{\alpha \to +\infty} r_{i,\alpha}^{n-2} \mu_{i,\alpha}^{1-\frac{n}{2}}\right) u_{\infty}(x_i) ,$$

where  $x_i$  is the limit of the  $x_{i,\alpha}$ 's, $\lambda_{i,j} > 0$  for all i,j, the  $x_{i,j}$ 's are given by

$$x_{i,j} = \lim_{\alpha \to +\infty} \frac{1}{r_{i,\alpha}} \exp_{x_{i,\alpha}}^{-1} (x_{j,\alpha}) ,$$

and (to make things simples)  $I_i$  consist of the j's such that  $\mu_{j,\alpha} \sim \mu_{i,\alpha}$ . When  $\mu_{i,\alpha} \sim \max_j \mu_{j,\alpha}$ , the condition  $r_{i,\alpha} = o\left(\sqrt{\mu_{i,\alpha}/\mu_{\alpha}}\right)$  means nothing but that  $r_{i,\alpha} \to 0$ .

The Pohozaev identity around the  $x_{i,\alpha}$ 's at a scale like  $r_{i,\alpha} \Rightarrow$  when n=4 that

$$\begin{split} &\left(h(x_i) - \frac{1}{6}S_g(x_i) + o(1)\right)\mu_{i,\alpha}^2 \ln\frac{r_{i,\alpha}}{\mu_{i,\alpha}} \\ &= O\left(\mu_{i,\alpha}\mu_{\alpha}\right) + o\left(\mu_{i,\alpha}^2 \ln\frac{1}{\mu_{i,\alpha}}\right) \quad \text{in general }, \\ &= C_0\left(\mathcal{H}_i(0) + o(1)\right)\mu_{i,\alpha}^2 r_{i,\alpha}^{-2} + o\left(\mu_{i,\alpha}^2 \ln\frac{1}{\mu_{i,\alpha}}\right) \end{split}$$

when  $r_{i,\alpha} = o\left(\sqrt{\mu_{i,\alpha}/\mu_{\alpha}}\right)$ , where  $C_0 > 0$  is dimensional constant, and  $h = \lim_{n \to \infty} h_{\alpha}$ 's. And when n > 5.

$$\left(h(x_i) - \frac{n-2}{4(n-1)}S_g(x_i) + o(1)\right)\mu_{i,\alpha}^2$$

$$= O\left(\mu_{i,\alpha}^{\frac{n-2}{2}}\mu_{\alpha}^{\frac{n-2}{2}}\right) \text{ in general },$$

$$= C_0\left(\mathcal{H}_i(0) + o(1)\right)\mu_{i,\alpha}^{n-2}r_{i,\alpha}^{2-n}$$

when  $r_{i,\alpha} = o\left(\sqrt{\mu_{i,\alpha}/\mu_{\alpha}}\right)$ , where  $C_0 > 0$ , h are as above.

We also have by the very first definition of the range of influence that

$$r_{i,\alpha} \leq \sqrt{\mu_{i,\alpha}}$$
 if  $u_{\infty} \not\equiv 0$ .

In particular,  $r_{i,\alpha} \to 0$  as  $\alpha \to +\infty$  if  $u_\infty \not\equiv 0$ . Picking i such that  $\mu_{i,\alpha} \sim \max_j \mu_{j,\alpha}$ , the condition  $r_{i,\alpha} = o\left(\sqrt{\mu_{i,\alpha}/\mu_\alpha}\right)$  is satisfied. Then it follows from the Pohozaev expansions that

$$\begin{split} \left(\mathcal{H}_{i}(0)+o(1)\right)\mu_{i,\alpha}^{2}r_{i,\alpha}^{-2} &= O\left(\mu_{i,\alpha}^{2}\ln\frac{1}{\mu_{i,\alpha}}\right) \text{ if } n=4 \ , \\ \left(\mathcal{H}_{i}(0)+o(1)\right)\mu_{i,\alpha}^{n-2}r_{i,\alpha}^{2-n} &= O\left(\mu_{i,\alpha}^{2}\right) \text{ if } n\geq 5 \ . \end{split}$$

Since  $\mu_{i,\alpha}^2 r_{i,\alpha}^{-2} \ge C \mu_{i,\alpha}$ , we get that  $\mathcal{H}_i(0) = 0$  when n = 4 and n = 5, a contradiction with  $\mathcal{H}_1(0) \ne 0$ . This proves that

$$u_{\infty}\equiv 0$$

when n = 4, 5.

Still by the Pohozaev expansions, it follows from (H) that  $r_{i,\alpha} \to 0$  for all i such that  $\mu_{i,\alpha} \sim \max_j \mu_{j,\alpha}$ . Let  $I_1$  be the set of such indices i,  $\mu_{1,\alpha} = \max_j \mu_{j,\alpha}$ , and let  $i \in I_1$  be such that

$$d_{g}(x_{1,\alpha},x_{i,\alpha}) \geq d_{g}(x_{1,\alpha},x_{j,\alpha})$$

for all  $j \in I_1$ . Then the  $x_{i,j}$ 's all lie in a ball in the Euclidean space whose boundary contains 0, and they are not 0. In particular, for this i, there exists a vector  $\nu_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $|\nu_i| = 1$  and  $\langle x_{i,j}, \nu_i \rangle > 0$  for all  $j \in I_1$ . By the expression for  $\mathcal{H}_i$ , namely

$$\mathcal{H}_i(x) = \sum_{j \in I_i} \frac{\lambda_{i,j}}{|x - x_{i,j}|^{n-2}} + \left(\lim_{\alpha \to +\infty} r_{i,\alpha}^{n-2} \mu_{i,\alpha}^{1-\frac{n}{2}}\right) u_{\infty}(x_i) ,$$

we get that

$$\nabla \mathcal{H}_i(0).\nu_i = \sum_i \frac{\lambda_{i,j} \langle x_{i,j}, \nu_i \rangle}{|x_{i,j}|^n} ,$$

a contradiction with  $\nabla \mathcal{H}_i(0) \equiv 0$ . This proves the analytic stability theorem.

