Collision corrections to fermion spin polarization in a hot electron plasma

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Spin phenomena in heavy ion collisions

Strong vorticity via spin orbital coupling



Strong color field and their correlations





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Spin phenomena (a): Global polarization and alignment



[STAR Collaboration], Nature 548, 62(2017); F. Becattini, M. A. Lisa, ARNPS (2020)





Spin polarization: Measuring the **spin-orbital coupling**;

Spin alignment: Measuring the **correlations** of strong force /glasma field **fluctuations**.

[STAR Collaboration], Nature (2023); [ALICE Collaboration], PRL (2023); Sheng, Wang, Wang, PRD(2020) Sheng, Oliva, Liang, Wang, Wang, PRL (2023); PRD(2024); Kumar, Muller, Yang, 2212.13354; 2304,04181; Muller, Yang, PRD(2022);



Spin phenomena (b): Local polarization



Experimental data: [STAR Collaboration], PRL(2019)

• A shear-induced polarization? Parameter dependence?



Local polarization: Spin **spectrum.**



in-plane



✓ "Spin Hall effect" in HIC

Fu, Liu, Pang et al, PRL. 127 (2021); Becattini ,et al, PRL. 127 (2021) Yi , Pu, and Yang, PRC. 104 (2021)

theory

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Resolving "Sign puzzle" from quantum kinetic theory

Sign puzzle in local polarization urges us to go beyond the local equilibrium regime.



Hidaka, Pu, Wang, Yang, PPNP(2022)



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QKT and spin Boltzmann equation (a)

We define the gauge invariant 2-point Wigner function for fermions,

$$S_{\alpha\beta}^{<}(x,p) = -\int d^{4}y e^{-ip \cdot y} \langle : \overline{\psi}_{\beta}(x+\frac{y}{2}) e^{\frac{y}{2} \cdot \overleftarrow{D}(x)} \otimes e^{-\frac{y}{2} \cdot \overrightarrow{D}(x)} \psi_{\alpha}(x-\frac{y}{2}) : \rangle$$

For massless fermions, in the Clifford components

$$S = \mathcal{V}_{\mu}\gamma^{\mu} + \mathcal{A}_{\mu}\gamma^{5}\gamma^{\mu},$$

Based on the quantum nature of spin polarization, we adopt the power counting,

$$\mathcal{V}^{\mu}\sim\mathcal{O}(\hbar^{0}),\mathcal{A}^{\mu}\sim\mathcal{O}(\hbar^{1}),$$

Phase-space **particle current** Phase-space **spin current**

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Along the Schwinger-Keldysh contour, one derives the Kadanoff-Baym equations up to $O(\hbar)$, $p_{\mu}\gamma^{\mu}S^{<} + \frac{i\hbar}{2}\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{X} \ _{\mu}S^{<} = \frac{i\hbar}{2}(\Sigma^{<}S^{>} - \Sigma^{>}S^{<}),$

$$p_{\mu}S^{<}\gamma^{\mu} - \frac{i\hbar}{2}\partial_{X,\mu}S^{<}\gamma^{\mu} = -\frac{i\hbar}{2}(S^{>}\Sigma^{<} - S^{<}\Sigma^{>}), \qquad \Sigma: \text{Self-energies}$$

Blaizot, Iancu, Phys. Rept.(2002); Hidaka, Pu, Yang, PRD(2017);



QKT and spin Boltzmann equation (b)

- Under quasi-particle approximations, we can perturbatively solve the Wigner functions.
- Distribution functions of vector and axial charge The perturbative solutions are $S^{\mu\nu}_{(n)} = \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_{\rho} n_{\sigma}}{2n+n},$ $\mathcal{V}^{\leq,\mu}(X,p) = 2\pi p^{\mu} \delta(p^2) f_{\mathrm{V}}^{\leq}(X,p),$ $\mathcal{A}^{\leq,\mu}(X,p) = 2\pi p^{\mu} \delta(p^2) f_{\mathrm{A}}^{\leq}(X,p) + 2\pi \hbar \delta(p^2) S_{(n)}^{\mu\alpha} \left(\partial_{\alpha}^X f_{\mathrm{V}}^{\leq}(X,p) - C_{\mathrm{V},\alpha}[f_{\mathrm{V}}^{\leq}] \right)$
- The kinetic equations are as follows:

 $\partial_{X,\mu} \mathcal{V}^{<,\mu} = \Sigma_V^{<} \cdot \mathcal{V}^{>} - \Sigma_V^{>} \cdot \mathcal{V}^{<} \equiv 2\pi \delta(p^2) \mathcal{C}_V,$ Boltzmann eq. : **Spin** Boltzmann eq. : $\partial_{X,\mu} \mathcal{A}^{<,\mu} = \Sigma_{V}^{<} \cdot \mathcal{A}^{>} - \Sigma_{V}^{>} \cdot \mathcal{A}^{<} - \Sigma_{A}^{<} \cdot \mathcal{V}^{>} + \Sigma_{A}^{>} \cdot \mathcal{V}^{<} \equiv 2\pi \delta(p^{2}) \mathcal{C}_{A}.$

It has been proven the following distributions make vector and axial collision kernels zero:

 $f_{\rm A,leq}^{<}(x,p) = -\frac{n}{2} f_{V,\rm leq}^{<}(x,p) f_{V,\rm leq}^{>}(x,p) \omega_{\mu\nu}^{s} S_{(u)}^{\mu\nu}(x,p),$ Y. Hidaka, S. Pu, D.-L. Yang, PRD(2018); D.-L. Yang, K. Hattori, Y. Hidaka, JHEP(2020); SF. S. Pu, D.-L. Yang, PRD(2022)

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= Thermal vorticity

Off-eq. corrections to spin polarization

Spin polarization spectrum is directly related to axial vector WF $\mathcal{A}^{<,\mu}$,

Becattini, et al. Annals Phys.(2013) Fang, Pang, Wang, Wang, PRC(2016)

- We expect to investigate the near-equilibrium spin polarization depending on f_V :
 - > Scenario (I): Vector charge (near) out of equilibrium:

$$\delta \mathcal{A}_{(\mathrm{I})}^{<,\mu}(X,p) = 2\pi p^{\mu} \delta(p^2) \delta f_{\mathrm{A}}^{<}(X,p) - 2\pi \hbar \delta(p^2) S_{(u)}^{\mu\alpha} C_{\mathrm{V},\alpha} \delta f_{\mathrm{V}}^{<} + \mathcal{O}(\partial^2).$$

 $\mathcal{P}^{\mu}(t;\mathbf{p}) = \hbar \frac{\int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma \cdot p \int \frac{dp_0}{2\pi} \mathcal{A}^{<,\mu}(x,p)}{2m \int_{\Sigma} \int \frac{dp_0}{2\pi} d\Sigma \cdot \mathcal{V}^{<}(x,p)}. \quad \mathcal{A}^{<,\mu} = \mathcal{A}_{\text{leq}}^{<,\mu} + \mathcal{A}_{\text{collision}}^{<,\mu}$

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> Scenario (II): Vector charge in equilibrium:

 $\delta \mathcal{A}_{(\mathrm{II})}^{<,\mu}(X,p) = 2\pi p^{\mu} \delta(p^2) \delta f$

Solving Boltzmann eq.

Our focus

Solving Spin Boltzmann eq.

. It is convenient to consider the elastic scattering process:

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Novel matching condition

Matching condition mapping distribution moments to hydrodynamical quantities, defining thermodynamical variables: G.S. Denicol, D. Rischke, Lecture Notes in Phys. (2022)

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0(\alpha_0, \beta_0) = \langle E_{\mathbf{p}}^2 \rangle_0, \quad n = n_0(\alpha_0, \beta_0) = \langle E_{\mathbf{p}} \rangle_0, \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \langle E_{\mathbf{p}} \rangle_\delta = \langle E_{\mathbf{p}}^2 \rangle_\delta = 0.$$

In QKT, since our local equilibrium eliminates spin chemical potential, we need to add another **novel** matching condition for f_A : r

$$n_{\rm A}(x) = n_{{\rm A},0}(\alpha_0,\beta_0), \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \int_p 2\pi \delta(p^2) (f_{\rm A}^{<} - f_{{\rm A},\rm leq}^{<}) E_{\rm p} = 0.$$

which can also be derived from properties of SBE collision kernel:

$$\partial_{\mu} \int_{p} 2\pi \delta(p^{2}) G_{p} \mathcal{A}^{\mu}(x,p) = \int_{p} 2\pi \delta(p^{2}) G_{p} \mathcal{C}_{A}.$$
 Only possible choice: $\Leftrightarrow \quad \partial_{\mu} \mathcal{J}_{5}^{\mu}(x) = 0,$

Within the validity domain of gradient expansion, it simplifies the collision correction in Scenario (I):

$$\mathcal{O}(\partial) \ll \mathcal{O}(Te^4) \ll \mathcal{O}(T) \qquad \qquad \delta \mathcal{A}_{(I)}^{<,\mu}(X,p) = -2\pi\hbar\delta(p^2)S^{(u),\mu\alpha}C_{V,\alpha}[\delta f_V^{<}] + \mathcal{O}(\partial^2).$$

i.e. $Kn = \frac{\lambda}{L} \sim (Te^4)^{-1}\partial \ll 1$
which only depends on the off-eq. correction of vector distribution
It also demands at least $\delta f_A \sim O(\partial^2)$.

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 $\mathcal{J}_5^{\mu}(x) = \int 2\pi \delta(p^2) \mathcal{A}^{<,\mu}(x,p).$

Solving SBE for Scenario (II) (a) Using systematical gradient expansion, $f_{\rm A} = f_{\rm A, leq} + \delta f_{\rm A} = {\rm Kn} f_{\rm A}^{(1)} + {\rm Kn}^2 f_{\rm A}^{(2)} + \mathcal{O}({\rm Kn}^3),$ G.S. Denicol, D. Rischke, Axial dist. Lecture Notes in Phys. (2022) $\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{A}}[\delta f_{\mathrm{A}}, f_{\mathrm{V,leq}}] = \mathrm{Kn}\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{A}}^{(1)}[\delta f_{\mathrm{A}}, f_{\mathrm{V,leq}}] + \mathrm{Kn}^{2}\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{A}}^{(2)}[\delta f_{\mathrm{A}}, f_{\mathrm{V,leq}}] + \mathcal{O}(\mathrm{Kn}^{3})$ $= \int_{m' \ k \ k'} W_{pk \to p'k'}(2\pi)^4 \delta(k'^2) \delta(k^2) \delta(p'^2) \delta(p^2) f_{\mathrm{V,leq}}^<(k') f_{\mathrm{V,leq}}^<(p') f_{\mathrm{V,leq}}^>(k) f_{\mathrm{V,leq}}^>(p)$ Axial Very special for spin $\delta f_A^{<}(p') - \frac{\delta f_A^{<}(p)}{f_{V,\text{leq}}^{<}(p')f_{V,\text{leq}}^{>}(p')} - \frac{\delta f_A^{<}(p)}{f_{V,\text{leq}}^{<}(p)f_{V,\text{leq}}^{>}(p)}$ collision kernel Gradient expansion: collision kernel! Differential-integral eq. (spin BE) $\mathcal{C}^{(1)}_{\Lambda}[\delta f_{\Lambda}, f_{V,\text{leg}}] = 0,$ \rightarrow Integral eq. $\begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{c} \text{Spin} \\ \text{Boltzmann eq.} \end{array} \quad & \hbar \frac{\hat{\partial}_{\mu} S_{(u)}^{\mu\alpha}(p)}{E_{\mathbf{p}}} u_{\alpha} \left(\hat{D} f_{\mathrm{V}}^{<}(p) \right)^{(1)} + \hbar \frac{\hat{\partial}_{\mu} S_{(u)}^{\mu\alpha}(p)}{E_{\mathbf{p}}} \hat{\nabla}_{\alpha} f_{\mathrm{V}}^{<,(0)}(p) \\ & \quad + L \left(\hat{D} f_{\mathrm{A}}^{<}(p) \right)^{(2)} + L \frac{p_{\perp}^{\mu}}{E_{\mathbf{p}}} \hat{\nabla}_{\mu} f_{\mathrm{A}}^{<,(1)} \ = \ \frac{\lambda^{2}}{E_{\mathbf{p}}} \mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{A}}^{(2)}[\delta f_{\mathrm{A}}, f_{\mathrm{V},\mathrm{leq}}], \end{array}$ → Linear eq. array ✓ Solvable! Coefficient functions to be determined from axial collision kernel From the l.h.s. of spin Boltzmann eq., it is sufficient to assume, $f_{A}^{<,(2)}(p) = -\frac{\hbar}{2} f_{V,leq}^{<}(p) f_{V,leq}^{>}(p) \left\{ \varphi_{A,\mathbf{p}}^{s,1} \frac{1}{\beta_0} \hat{\omega}^{\alpha} \hat{\nabla}_{\alpha} \beta_0 + ... + \varphi_{A,\mathbf{p}}^{v,1} \beta_0 \hat{\omega}^{\mu} \hat{\sigma}_{\mu}^{\alpha} p_{\langle \alpha \rangle} + ... \right\}$ So that the SBE reduces to, l.h.s. = $-\frac{\hbar}{2} f_{\mathrm{V,leq}}^{<}(p) f_{\mathrm{V,leq}}^{>}(p) \left[A_{\mathbf{p}} + B_{\mathbf{p}}^{\alpha} p_{\langle \alpha \rangle} + C_{\mathbf{p}}^{\alpha \rho} p_{\langle \alpha} p_{\rho \rangle} + D_{\mathbf{p}}^{\mu \alpha \lambda} p_{\langle \mu} p_{\alpha} p_{\lambda \rangle} \right],$ $\varphi_{\mathbf{A},\mathbf{p}}^{i} = \sum_{n=0}^{N_{\mathbf{A}}^{i}} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{A},n}^{i} \xi_{\mathbf{p}}^{(n)}(E_{\mathbf{p}}).$ r.h.s. = $\int_{p',k,k'} W_{pk \to p'k'}(2\pi)^4 \delta(k'^2) \delta(k^2) \delta(p'^2) \delta(p^2) f_{V,\text{leq}}^<(k') f_{V,\text{leq}}^<(p') f_{V,\text{leq}}^>(k) f_{V,\text{leq}}^>(p)$

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 $\times \left[(\varphi_{A,\mathbf{p}}^{s,1} - \varphi_{A,\mathbf{p}'}^{s,1}) \frac{1}{\beta_0} \hat{\omega}^{\alpha} \hat{\nabla}_{\alpha} \beta_0 + (\varphi_{A,\mathbf{p}}^{s,2} - \varphi_{A,\mathbf{p}'}^{s,2}) \hat{\nabla}^{\alpha} \hat{\omega}_{\alpha} + ... \right]$ Solve it by choosing basis function.¹⁴

Solving SBE for Scenario (II) (b)

• The Spin BE now becomes the following linear eq. arrays:



• Within a simplest choice: (i) Polynomial basis (to simplify the collision integral); $\xi^{(r)}(E_p) = E_p^r$ (ii) Minimal truncation (to simplify solving of the linear eq. array).

$$N_{\rm A}^{{
m s},i}=1~,~N_{\rm A}^{{
m v},i}=N_{\rm A}^{{
m ts},i}=N_{\rm A}^{{
m tt}}=0.$$

Within the Hard Thermal Loop approximation we derive the collision integral. We finally get,

$$\delta \mathcal{A}_{(\mathrm{II})}^{<,\mu}(X,p) = -\hbar \pi p^{\mu} \delta(p^{2}) f_{\mathrm{V,leq}}^{<}(p) f_{\mathrm{V,leq}}^{>}(p) \frac{\beta^{2}}{e^{4} \ln e^{-1}} \mathcal{F}, \qquad \text{with} \\ \mathcal{F} = \left(E_{\mathbf{p}} - d_{1} \frac{1}{\beta_{0}} \right) d_{2} \omega^{\alpha} \nabla_{\alpha} \beta_{0} + \ldots + d_{4} \beta_{0} \omega^{\mu} \sigma_{\mu}^{\alpha} p_{\langle \alpha \rangle} + \ldots \\ \propto \boldsymbol{\tau_{spin}} \sim \frac{\mathbf{T}^{-1}}{e^{4} \ln e^{-1}}, \text{ proportional to spin relaxation time} \qquad + d_{7} \beta_{0}^{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\sigma\langle\rho} \sigma_{\mu}^{\alpha\rangle} u_{\sigma} \nabla_{\nu} \alpha_{0} p_{\langle \alpha} p_{\rho\rangle} + \ldots + d_{9} \beta_{0}^{3} \omega^{\langle \mu} \sigma^{\alpha \lambda\rangle} p_{\langle \mu} p_{\alpha} p_{\lambda}} \\ SF, S. Pu, 2408.09877 \qquad \text{Shuo Fang} (\overline{f}\overline{q}), \text{ Collision corrections to spin polarization, 2024.11.11} \qquad 15$$



Coupling independence in Scenario (I)

However, when utilizing Chapman-Enskog expansion in scenario (I):

$$\delta \mathcal{A}_{(\mathbf{I})}^{<,\mu}(X,p) = 2\pi\hbar\delta(p^2)\beta_0 \left[-g_1(E_{\mathbf{p}}) \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}p_\rho u_\sigma}{2E_{\mathbf{p}}} \nabla_\nu\alpha_0 - g_2(E_{\mathbf{p}}) \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}p_\rho u_\sigma}{2E_{\mathbf{p}}} \sigma_{\nu\alpha}p^\alpha \right]$$

The corrections are Coupling-Independent manifestly!

 $=\int_{\text{PCD}} C_{\text{ABCD}} \overline{\Delta}^{\mu}$

- Recall that in CKT: $S_{\chi}^{<,\mu}(p,X) = 2\pi\theta(u\cdot p) \left[\delta(p^2)p^{\mu}f_{\chi} + \delta(p^2)\hbar\chi \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}p_{\nu}u_{\alpha}}{2u\cdot p}(\Delta_{\beta}f_{\chi} - \mathcal{C}_{\beta}[f_{\chi}])\right]$

The collision part is, $S_{\chi,\mathcal{C}}^{<,\mu}(p,X) = -2\pi\theta(u\cdot p)\delta(p^2)\hbar\chi \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}p_{\nu}u_{\alpha}}{2u\cdot p}\mathcal{C}_{\beta}[f_{\chi}]$

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 \delta f_p \sim \tau \tau^{-1} p \cdot \partial f_0 = p \cdot \partial f_0 \propto \tau^0.$$

Interaction cancellation

$$\delta m{r} ~pprox ~m{p}{2|m{p}|^3} imes \Delta m{p} = m{\Omega} imes \Delta m{p}$$

Physical origin: Coordinate *side-jump* due to *Berry curvature*

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J.-Y. Chen, D.T. Son, M.A. Stephanov, PRL(2015)

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Remark on $e \to 0$ limit: Boltzmann equation is **free-streaming** when $e \to 0$, then the **gradient expansion breaks down**! $\mathcal{O}(\partial) \ll \mathcal{O}(Te^4)$

 $\sim \int_{p' q q'} \delta \boldsymbol{r} \left(|\mathcal{M}|^2 \delta f_p \right) f_{p'} (1 - f_q) (1 - f_{q'})$

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Physical origin of spin polarization (I)

Spin polarization in medium is a *spin Hall effect* for spin transport, we probe the spin current as response to **electric fields**. It is illustrating to compare it with condensed matter community.

- Here we list the different contributions of spin polarization current, which is defined as

$$S^{\mu\rho\sigma}(x) = 4\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \int_p \mathcal{A}_{\nu}^{<}(p,x) = 4\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \int_p \frac{j_+^{<}(p,x) - j_-^{<}(p,x)}{2}$$

In **heavy ion physics**, the effective electric field comes from the anisotropy of the medium, and is defined in the phase space :

Effective electric field from medium anistropy

Such effective electric field is corrected by self-energies

$$\left[p^{\alpha}\xi_{\mu\alpha} + p^{\alpha}\omega_{\mu\alpha} - \partial_{\mu}(\beta\mu_{\chi})\right]\frac{\partial f^{0}_{\chi}}{\partial\varepsilon} \equiv E^{\text{eff}}_{\mu}\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\frac{\partial f^{0}_{\chi}}{\partial\varepsilon}$$

 $E^{\mu}_{\text{eff}} = \varepsilon p_{\alpha} \xi^{\mu\alpha} \to \varepsilon p_{\alpha} \xi^{\mu\alpha} \left[1 + \frac{g^2 T^2}{E^2} G_{\omega_1}(E_{\boldsymbol{q}}, \boldsymbol{q}) + \dots \right]$

In **condensed matter physics**, the electric field is an external classical source input in the table-based experiment:

$$J_{\mu}(x) = -\sigma_{\mu\nu}E^{\nu}(x),$$

N. Nagaosa, et al, RMP.82.1539

We probe the **phase-space spin current** in general in heavy ion physics.

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Physical origin of spin polarization (II)

We consider the **coordinate space spin current** for illustration:

In condensed matter physics





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Summary and outlook



Summary

We have investigated the off-equilibrium corrections for fermion spin polarization in a hot electron plasma. Such collision sources mainly contain two parts in leading gradient:

- 1. Side-jump part: independent of interactions
- 2. Extrinsic part: proportional to **spin relaxation time**

Outlook

- 1. Reproduce the side-jump contribution from *linear response theory*;
- 2. Generalize to a real QCD plasma.

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