

Spin Dynamics from Algebra

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- Formalism
- Discussion

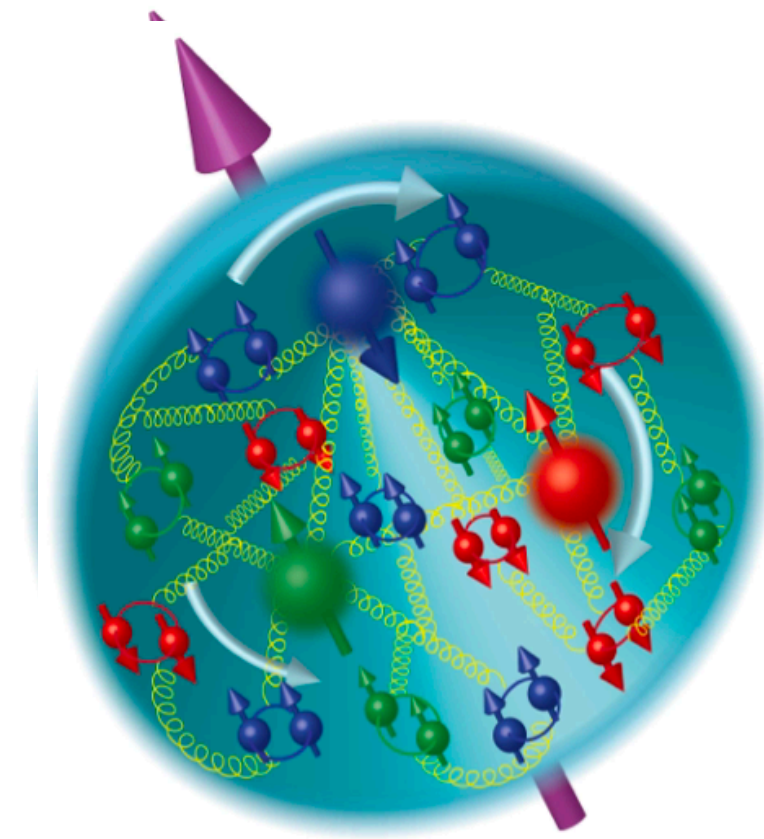


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QCD Spin Structure

Xiangdong Ji et al, Nature Review, 20



$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L$$

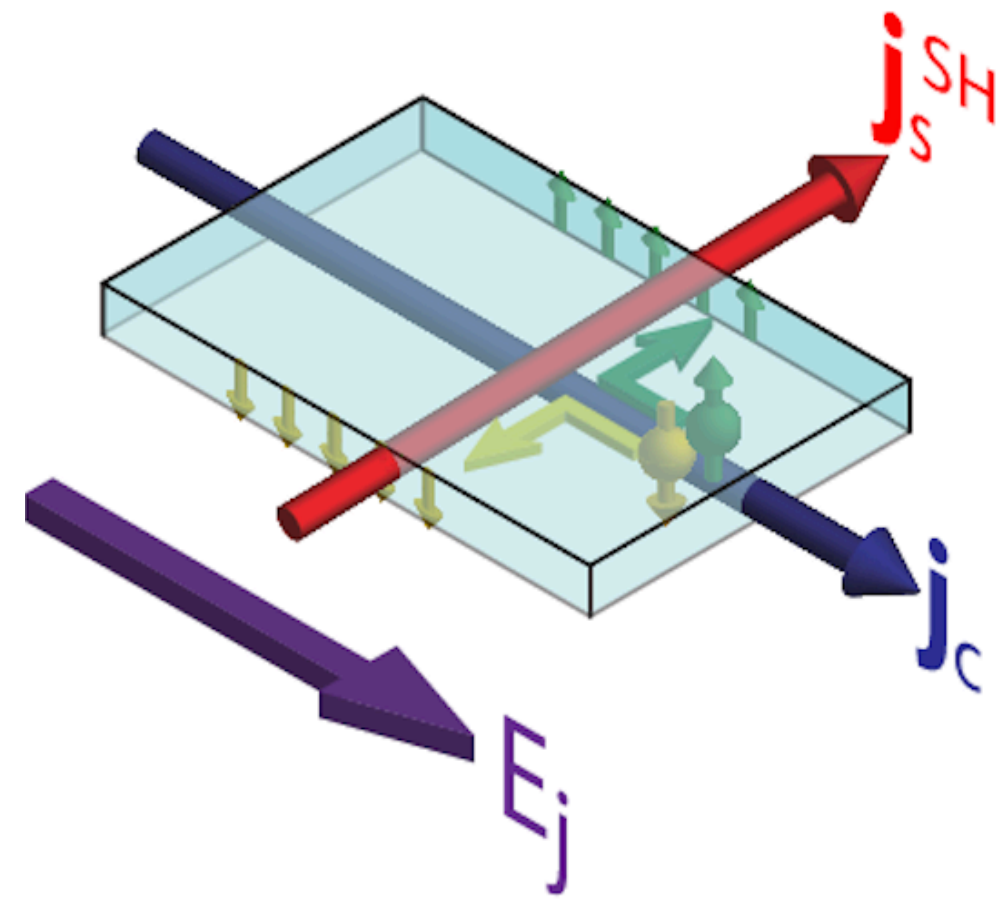
quark spin ($\approx 20\%$)

gluon spin ($\sim 50\%$)

orbital ang. momentum

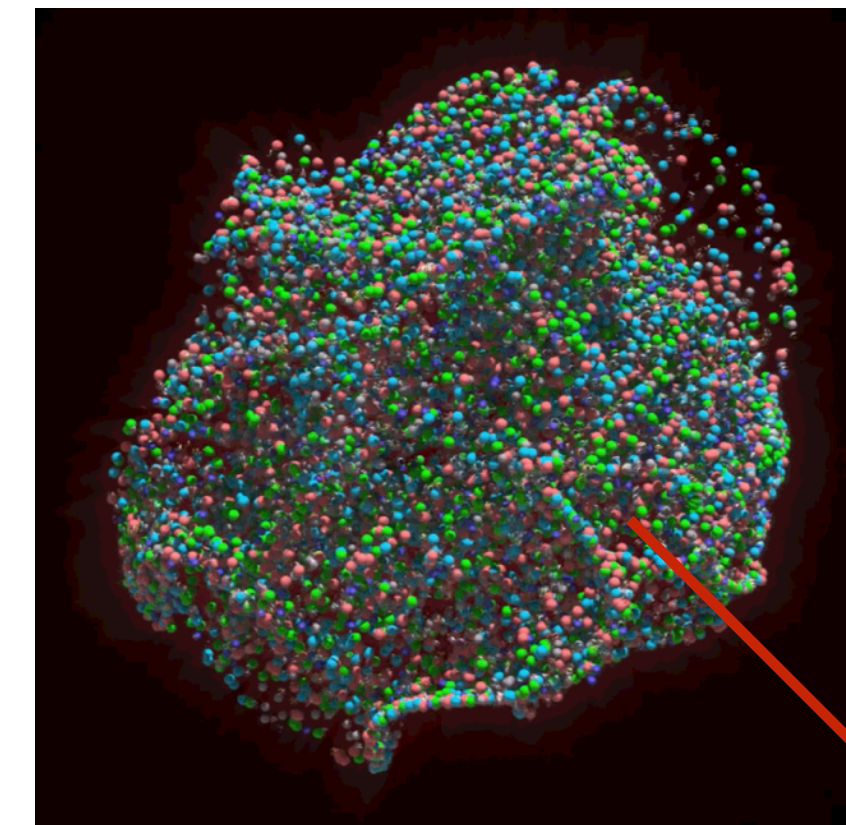
- Intriguing for proton (confined)
- Universal feature of quark-gluon spin interaction?
- Consider quark matter (**deconfined**)

Spin Hall Effect and Heavy-ion Collisions



Spin Hall material

$$\hat{s} \propto \vec{v} \times \vec{E}$$



Quark Matter

$$\hat{s} \propto \vec{v} \times \vec{\partial}$$

Gradient $\vec{\partial}$

- E-field generates spin-motion correlation
- **Density gradient** in quark matter polarizes spin

Rich Spin Effects in Quark Matter

$$s^i(t, \vec{x}, \vec{v}) = \underbrace{c_\omega \omega^i}_{\text{vorticity}} + \underbrace{c_\sigma \epsilon^{ikj} \sigma^{jl}}_{\text{shear}} + \dots$$

$$\vec{\omega} = \nabla \times \vec{u}$$

$$\sigma_{ij} = (\partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i)$$

Spin in phase space

- Rotation effect: long-predicted and confirmed experimentally

Xin-Niang Wang & Zuo-Tang Liang PRL 2005

- **Shear-induced polarization (SIP)**: uncovered recently (inspired by TMD formalism)

Shuai Liu & YY JHEP 21; Becattini et al, PLB 21

- **Baryon density gradient** polarizes spin

Shuai Liu & YY, PRD 20; Fu et al, 2022

- New window into spin structure of deconfined QCD

Next?

- Rich data across different systems and energies: interesting polarization pattern seen
- No single framework describe all data quantitatively assuming spin-medium interaction is **weak** and/or **full-equilibration**
- Open questions
 - What drives the spin dynamics?
 - What does polarization pattern reveal?

Kinetic Equation with Spin

- Powerful tool to describe spin dynamics
- Significant progress in formulation from microscopic theory
e.g. Jianhua Gao@Shandong, Xu-Guang Huang@Fudan, Koichi Hattori@ZJU, Defu Hou@CCNU, Shu Lin@中山, Qun Wang, Shuo Fang, Shi Pu@USTC, Pengfei Zhuang, Shuzhe Shi et al @Tsinghua,
- Eqns are complicated in form, making interpretation less transparent
- This talk: re-formulation with **algebra** *Zonglin Mo, YY in preparation*
 - Getting insight into open questions
 - Developing methods that might be useful for other systems

Chiral Perturbation Theory

- Pion fields $\pi_A(x)$: conjugate to symmetry generator

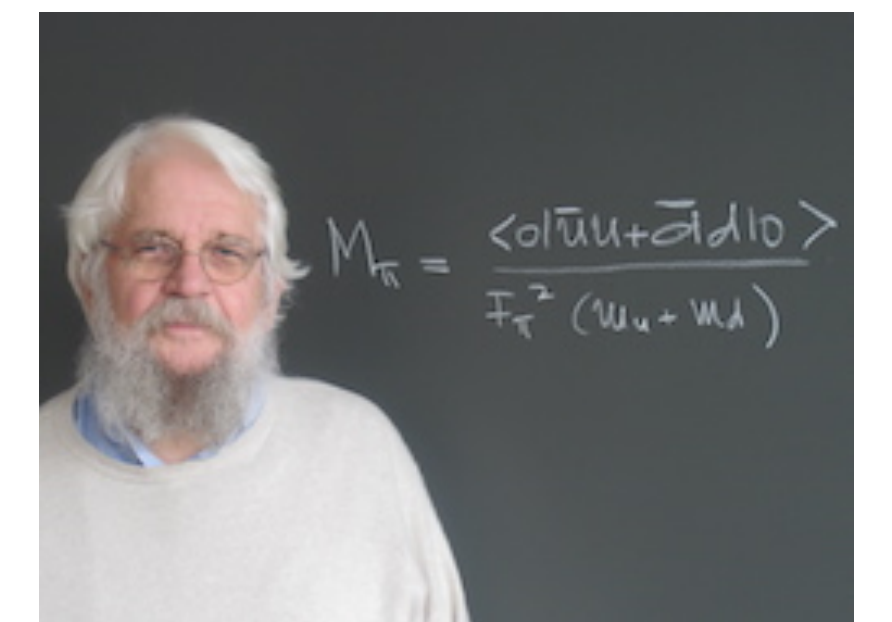
$$SU(2) \Sigma \sim e^{i\pi_A \rho_A}$$

- Dynamics fixed by current algebra
- Algebra method has broad application

[Submitted on 25 Sep 1996]

Phonons as Goldstone Bosons

H. Leutwyler (University of Bern and CERN)



Leutwyler

Symmetry, Algebra and Dynamics

$$e^{i \int_x \theta_a(x) \hat{Q}_a} \longrightarrow \langle [\hat{H}[Q], Q_a] \rangle \rightarrow \partial_t \theta_a = \dots$$

Identifying symmetry E.o.M from algebra

- Elegant, non-linear, robust w.r.t coupling
 - Spin hydro. for superfluid Helium
 - Hydro. of nuclear matter
 - Neutral charm mesons near threshold
- Applying similar idea to kinetic theory

Dzyaloshinskii, Volovick 1978

Son PRL2000

Bratten-Hammer PRL2022

Boltzmann Equation

"My memory for figures, ... ,
always lets me down when I
am counting beer glasses."
Ludwig Boltzmann

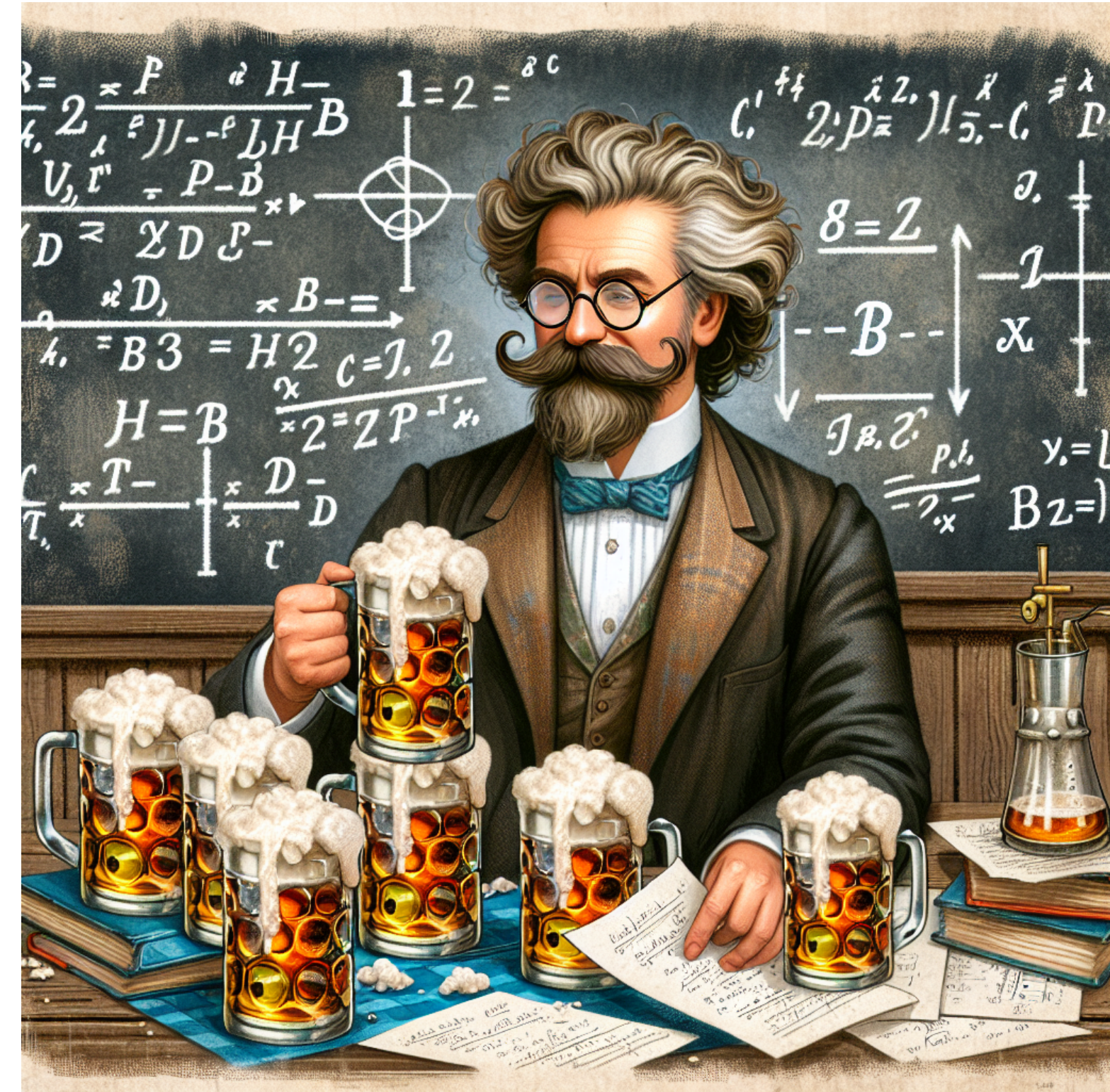


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- Describing the evolution of a cloud of particles in phase space

Canonical Transformation (C.T.)

- **Symmetry** of (collision-less) kinetic eqn.: covariance under the relabeling of (\vec{x}, \vec{p}) that preserving the phase space volume

$$\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{x} - \epsilon \nabla_{\vec{p}} G, \quad \vec{p} \rightarrow \vec{p} + \epsilon \nabla_{\vec{x}} G,$$

- **Generator**

Delacrétaz et. al (U. Chicago group), 2022

$$\hat{T}_0(\vec{x}, \vec{p}) \equiv \int_{\vec{y}} \hat{\psi}_S^\dagger(\vec{x} + \vec{y}/2) \hat{\psi}_S(\vec{x} - \vec{y}/2) e^{i\vec{y} \cdot \vec{p}}$$

- Poisson brackets from the algebra of \hat{T}_0 in classical limit

$$[\hat{T}_0(\vec{x}, \vec{p}), \hat{T}_0(\dots)] \rightarrow \{\dots, \dots\}_{P.B.}$$

Modern Formulation

Delacrétaz et. al (U. Chicago group), 2022

- Distribution $f(t, \vec{x}, \vec{p})$ is related to the conjugate variable of \hat{T}_0
- Kinetic eqn:

$$\partial_t f = \{\epsilon_p, f\}_{P.B.}$$

$$\epsilon_{\vec{p}}[f] = \frac{\delta H[f]}{\delta \phi} = \underbrace{E_{\vec{p}}}_{\text{in-medium}} + \int_{\vec{p}'} \underbrace{F(\vec{p}, \vec{p}')}_{\text{off-equili.}} \delta f(\vec{p})$$

F : kernel parametrized by EFT coefficients (c.f. Landau parameters)

- Vector Wigner function is the **Noether current** of C.T.

$$\langle \psi^\dagger \gamma^i \psi \rangle \sim \vec{v} f$$

Spin-dependent Canonical Transformation

- Generator of **spin-dependent C.T.** (rotation of spin in phase space)

proposed by Delacrétaz et. al, 2022

$$\hat{T}_i(\vec{x}, \vec{p}) \sim \hat{\psi}_S^\dagger \sigma_i \hat{\psi}_S$$

- Conjugate field $\alpha^i(t, \vec{x}, \vec{p}) \sim$ spin chemical potential in phase space
- E.O.M from the algebra among \hat{T}_0, \hat{T}_i
- Noether current determines **spin distribution**

Spin Dynamics from Algebra

$$\partial_t f = \{f, \epsilon_p\} + \{\alpha^l, \mathcal{B}^l\}$$

$\propto \partial(\text{mag. moment potential})$

$$\epsilon_{\vec{p}} = \frac{\delta H}{\delta f}$$

$$\partial_t \alpha^i = \{\alpha^i, \epsilon_p\} + \{f, \mathcal{B}^i\} - \epsilon^{ijk} \alpha_i \mathcal{B}_j$$

Torque on mag. moment

$$\mathcal{B} = \frac{\delta H}{\delta \alpha^i}$$

Mag. field functional

$$\mathcal{B} = (B^i + B_{ind}^i[\delta f]) + (\text{E-field}) \times \vec{v}_p$$

c.f. $\Delta E \propto \hat{S} \cdot \hat{B}$

- Off-equilibrium distribution drives the spin dynamics

After complicated yet straightforward calculations, we finally derive the AKE with self-energy corrections,

$$\square_{a,\mu}^{(n)}\mathcal{A}^< + \tilde{q}_\mu \square_q^{(n)}\mathcal{A}^< + \tilde{m} \square_{m,\mu}^{(n)}\mathcal{A}^< = \mathcal{C}_{1,\mu}^{(n)} + \hbar(\tilde{q}_\mu \mathcal{C}_{2,\mu}^{(n),q} + \tilde{m} \mathcal{C}_{2,\mu}^{(n),m}). \quad (101)$$

The free-streaming part can be divided in three parts [87, 88], which are proportional to $a_\rho f_A$, \tilde{q}_μ and \tilde{m} separately,

$$\square_{a,\mu}^{(n)}\mathcal{A}^< = \delta(\tilde{q}^2 - \tilde{m}^2) \left\{ \tilde{q} \cdot \tilde{\nabla} (a_\mu f_A^<) + Qe\bar{F}_{\mu\nu} (a^\nu f_A^<) + 2\epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \frac{\bar{\Sigma}_A^\nu}{\hbar} \tilde{q}^\alpha a^\beta f_A^< + \frac{\tilde{q} \cdot \nabla \bar{\Sigma}_F}{\tilde{m}} (a_\mu f_A^<) - \tilde{q}_\mu \frac{\nabla^\nu \bar{\Sigma}_F}{\tilde{m}} (a_\nu f_A^<) \right\}, \quad (102)$$

The second and third terms in the r.h.s of Eq. (101) read,

$$\square_q^{(n)}\mathcal{A}^< = \delta(\tilde{q}^2 - \tilde{m}^2) \left\{ 2\tilde{q}^\alpha \frac{\bar{\Sigma}_T^{\alpha\beta}}{\hbar\tilde{m}} a^\beta f_A^< + \frac{2\bar{\Sigma}_T^{\alpha\beta}}{\tilde{m}} \tilde{q}^\alpha S_n^{\beta\rho} \nabla_\rho f_V^< + \epsilon^{\rho\sigma\alpha\beta} \frac{\bar{\Sigma}_T^{\alpha\beta}}{2\tilde{m}} \tilde{q}_\sigma \nabla_\rho f_V^< - \tilde{q}_\lambda [\bar{\Sigma}_A^\lambda f_V^<]_{\text{P.B.}} + \frac{\hbar}{2} S_{n,\rho\sigma} [(Qe\bar{F}^{\rho\sigma}) f_V^<]_{\text{P.B.}} - \frac{(\tilde{q} \cdot n) \bar{\Sigma}_A \cdot \nabla f_V^<}{(\tilde{q} \cdot n + \tilde{m})} + \hbar \left(\frac{\epsilon_{\rho\nu\alpha\beta} \tilde{q}^\alpha \tilde{\nabla}^\rho n^\beta}{2(\tilde{q} \cdot n + \tilde{m})} - \frac{\tilde{\nabla}^\rho (\tilde{q} \cdot n + \tilde{m})}{\tilde{q} \cdot n + \tilde{m}} S_{n,\rho\nu} \right) \tilde{\nabla}^\nu f_V^< \right\} + \delta'(\tilde{q}^2 - \tilde{m}^2) (\tilde{q} \cdot \tilde{\nabla} f_V^<) \left[\hbar \frac{\tilde{q}^\rho n^\sigma Qe\bar{F}_{\rho\sigma}}{(\tilde{q} \cdot n + \tilde{m})} - 2(\bar{\Sigma}_A \cdot \tilde{q}) \right], \quad (103)$$

and

$$\square_{m,\mu}^{(n)}\mathcal{A}^< = \delta(\tilde{q}^2 - \tilde{m}^2) \left\{ 2\bar{\Sigma}_{T,\mu\nu} \frac{a^\nu f_A^<}{\hbar} + [\bar{\Sigma}_F (a_\mu f_A^<)]_{\text{P.B.}}^F + \tilde{m} [\bar{\Sigma}_{A,\mu} f_V^<]_{\text{P.B.}}^F - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \left((\nabla^\nu f_V^<) \bar{\Sigma}_T^{\alpha\beta} + \tilde{q}^\nu [\bar{\Sigma}_T^{\alpha\beta} f_V^<]_{\text{P.B.}}^F \right) + 2\bar{\Sigma}_{T,\mu\nu} S_n^{\nu\alpha} \nabla_\alpha f_V^< - \frac{(\tilde{q} \cdot \bar{\Sigma}_A) \nabla_\mu f_V^< + \tilde{m} (\bar{\Sigma}_A \cdot n) \nabla_\mu f_V^< - \tilde{m} n_\mu (\bar{\Sigma}_A \cdot \nabla f_V^<)}{(\tilde{q} \cdot n + \tilde{m})} + \hbar [\bar{\Sigma}_F S_{n,\mu\rho}]_{\text{P.B.}}^F \nabla^\rho f_V^< - \hbar S_{n,\mu\nu} [(\nabla^\nu \bar{\Sigma}_F) f_V^<]_{\text{P.B.}}^F + \hbar \tilde{\nabla}^\rho S_{n,\rho\mu} [\bar{\Sigma}_F f_V^<]_{\text{P.B.}}^F + \hbar \frac{(\tilde{m} n^\nu + \tilde{q}^\nu)}{2(\tilde{q} \cdot n + \tilde{m})} \left(\epsilon_{\mu\nu\beta\gamma} \frac{\tilde{\nabla}^\beta (\tilde{q} \cdot n + \tilde{m})}{(\tilde{q} \cdot n + \tilde{m})} \tilde{\nabla}^\gamma f_V^< - [(Qe\bar{F}_{\mu\nu}) f_V^<]_{\text{P.B.}}^F \right) - \hbar \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \frac{n^\alpha \nabla^\beta \bar{\Sigma}_F + \tilde{m} \tilde{\nabla}^\beta n^\alpha}{2(\tilde{q} \cdot n + \tilde{m})} \tilde{\nabla}^\nu f_V^< \left. \right\} + \delta'(\tilde{q}^2 - \tilde{m}^2) \left\{ (\tilde{q} \cdot \tilde{\nabla} f_V^<) I_\mu + 2q_\mu f_V^< Qe\bar{F}_{\alpha\beta} \bar{\Sigma}_T^{\alpha\beta} - \hbar [\bar{\Sigma}_F f_V^<]_{\text{P.B.}}^F \left(\tilde{q}^\alpha Qe\bar{F}_{\mu\alpha} + S_{n,\mu\nu} 2\tilde{q}_\alpha QeF^{\nu\alpha} \right) \right\}, \quad (104)$$

where

$$I_\mu \equiv -\hbar \frac{Qe\bar{F}_{\mu\alpha} (\tilde{m} n^\alpha + \tilde{q}^\alpha)}{(\tilde{q} \cdot n + \tilde{m})} - 2\hbar S_{n,\mu\nu} \nabla^\nu \bar{\Sigma}_F - \epsilon_{\mu\rho\alpha\beta} \tilde{q}^\rho \bar{\Sigma}_T^{\alpha\beta} + 2\tilde{m} \bar{\Sigma}_{A,\mu}. \quad (105)$$

state of art spin kinetic eqn. Fang Shuo, Shi Pu, Di-lun Yang,



check in progress

$$\partial_t \alpha^i = \{ \alpha^i, \epsilon_p \} + \{ f, \mathcal{B}^i \} - \epsilon^{ijk} \alpha_i \mathcal{B}_j$$

Spin Distribution

- Noether current from E.o.M

$$\partial_t \alpha^i = \partial_l \tau^{li} + \dots \quad \text{Spin current tensor } \tau^{li} = v^l s^i$$

Spin distribution $s^i(t, \vec{x}, \vec{p}) \propto (\alpha^i + f'_0 \mathcal{B}^i) + \dots$

Off-equil. distribution f generates spin distribution

$$s^i \propto B_{ind}^i[\delta f]$$

Polarization measurement probes quark-medium interaction

- Algebra formalism can be matched to field theory cal.
- Fermion self-energy Σ_μ plays the role of vector potential

See also works by Shuo Fang, Shu Lin, She Pu, Naoki Yamamoto, and Di-Lun Yang

$$s^i \propto \mathcal{B}_{ind}^i = \epsilon^{ijk} \partial_j \Sigma_k[\delta f]$$

$\Sigma[\delta f] \sim$ spin carrier-medium coupling

$$\sim g^2 \int_{p'} D(p - p') \delta f_{\text{quark}} + \dots$$

Gluon distribution

Unique opportunity to measure **quark self-energy** in medium

Summary

- Spin observables probe in-medium properties of quarks/gluons
- Algebra method is powerful in studying spin dynamics
- (adding dissipative effect would be interesting)
- Wigner function as Noether current of symmetry operation
(application in other QCD systems)

Back-up