

# Spin Polarization of Vector Mesons in Spin Hydro

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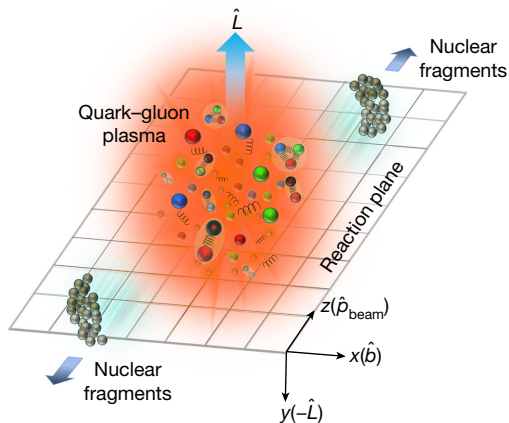
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# Spin Polarization in HIC



Heavy Ion Collision

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spin-orbital coupling  $\Rightarrow$  spin-rotation coupling:

$$H_s = -\mathbf{s} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

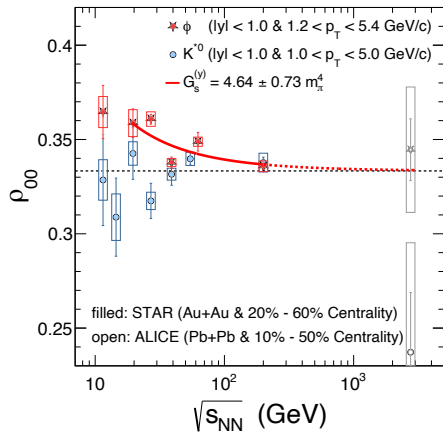
$$\Rightarrow \langle \mathbf{s} \rangle = \frac{S(S+1)}{3} \frac{\boldsymbol{\omega}}{T} \sim 10^{-2}$$

Contribution of  $u_\mu(x)$ ,  $T(x)$ ,  $\Omega_{\rho\sigma}(x)$

Graph: STAR, Nature 614, 244-248 (2023)

# Global Spin Alignment

## Global spin alignment



- $\phi$  meson  $\Theta_{00} > 1/3$  and too big

$$\Theta_{00} - \frac{1}{3} \sim -\langle s \rangle^2 \sim -10^{-4}$$

- $K^{*0}$  different from  $\phi$

Figure: STAR, Nature 614, 244-248 (2023)

# Physical Mechanisms

$$\phi \text{ meson: } \delta\Theta_{00} = \Theta_{00} - \frac{1}{3} \approx +c_{\Lambda} + c_B + c_s + c_F + c_L + c_H + c_{\phi} + c_g + \dots$$

Physical mechanism	$\delta\Theta_{00}$
$c_{\Lambda}$ : Quark coalescence + vorticity [1]	magnitude $\sim -10^{-4}$
$c_B$ : Quark coalescence + EM-field [1]	magnitude $\sim 10^{-4}$
$c_S$ : Spectrum splitting [2]	unclear
$c_F$ : Quark fragmentation [3]	magnitude $\sim 10^{-5}$
$c_L$ : Local spin alignment [4]	magnitude $\sim -10^{-2}$
$c_H$ : Second-order hydro fields [5]	unclear
$c_{\phi}$ : Vector meson field [6]	$> 0$ , fit to data
$c_g$ : Glasma fields [7]	$< 0$ , magnitude unclear

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# Spin Density Matrix

- Free Lagrangian for neutral vector bosons

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}m^2 A_\mu A^\mu$$

- Mode decomposition

$$\hat{A}^\mu(x) = \sum_{s=1}^3 \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_{\mathbf{k}}} \left[ \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^s \epsilon_s^\mu(k) e^{-ik \cdot x} + \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{s\dagger} \epsilon_s^\mu(k) e^{ik \cdot x} \right],$$

- Spin density matrix:

$$\Theta_{rs}(k) \equiv \frac{\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{s\dagger} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^r)}{\sum_r \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{r\dagger} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^r)}$$

- Dependence on mode decomposition

$$\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{r' \dagger} = \sum_s D^1(R)_{sr} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{s\dagger}$$

$$\Theta'(k)_{tu} = \sum_{rs} D^1(R^{-1})_{tr} \Theta(k)_{rs} D^1(R)_{su}$$

with  $R$  belongs to the little group  $SO(3)$

# Spin Polarization

- Spin polarization vector and tensor:

$$\Theta(k) = \frac{1}{3}I + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \mathfrak{S}^i(k) s^i + \sum_{ij} \mathfrak{T}^{ij}(k) \Sigma^{ij}$$

polarization vector (pointing to  $\mathfrak{S}^i(k)$ )  
polarization tensor (pointing to  $\mathfrak{T}^{ij}(k)$ )

$$\Sigma^{ij} = s^{(i}s^{j)} - s^2\delta^{ij}/3, \quad \mathfrak{S}^i(k) = \text{tr}\{\Theta(k)s^i\}, \quad \mathfrak{T}^{ij}(k) = \text{tr}\{\Theta(k)\Sigma^{ij}\}$$

- Covariant polarization vector and tensor:

$$S^\mu(k) = \sum_i \mathfrak{S}^i(k) \epsilon_i^\mu(k),$$

$$\delta\Theta_{00}(k) = -\epsilon_\mu^0(k) \epsilon_\nu^0(k) \mathcal{T}^{\mu\nu}(k)$$

$$\mathcal{T}^{\mu\nu}(k) = \sum_{ij} \mathfrak{T}^{ij}(k) \epsilon_i^\mu(k) \epsilon_j^\nu(k)$$

F. Becattini, Lect. Notes Phys. 987, 15 (2021)

- They are the expectation values of

E. Leader, *Spin in Particle Physics*, Cambridge University Press (2023)

$$\hat{S}^\mu \equiv -\frac{1}{m} \hat{W}^\mu = -\frac{1}{2m} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \hat{J}_{\nu\rho} \hat{P}_\sigma, \quad \hat{\mathcal{T}}^{\mu\nu} \equiv \hat{S}^{(\mu} \hat{S}^{\nu)} + \frac{2}{3} \left( \eta^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{m^2} \hat{P}^\mu \hat{P}^\nu \right)$$

Pauli-Lubanski vector (pointing to  $\hat{W}^\mu$ )

# Wigner function

- Future time-like (particle) Wigner function:  $W^{\mu\nu}(x, k) = \text{Tr}\left\{\hat{\rho}\hat{W}^{\mu\nu}(x, k)\right\}$

$$\hat{W}^{\mu\nu}(x, k) \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^4s e^{ik\cdot s} \hat{A}^\nu\left(x - \frac{s}{2}\right) \hat{A}^\mu\left(x + \frac{s}{2}\right) \theta(k^2) \theta(k^0)$$

- With  $\epsilon_r^\mu(k) \epsilon_s^\nu(k) \int_\Sigma d\Sigma \cdot k \hat{W}_{\mu\nu}(x, k) = \frac{1}{2} \delta(k^2 - m^2) \theta(k^0) \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^{s\dagger} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^r$ ,

Spin density matrix

$$\Theta_{rs}(k) = \frac{\epsilon_r^\mu \epsilon_s^\nu \int_\Sigma d\Sigma \cdot k W_{\mu\nu}(x, k)}{\int_\Sigma d\Sigma \cdot k f(x, k)}$$

Scalar distribution  $f(x, k) = -\Delta_{(k)}^{\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}(x, k)$

↑ projection  $\perp$  to  $k$

# Polarization vector and tensor in phase space

- Decomposition of Wigner function

$$W_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}(x, k) = f(x, k) \left\{ -\frac{1}{3} \Delta_{(k)}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{i}{2m} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} k_{\rho} \mathcal{S}_{\sigma}(x, k) - \mathcal{T}^{\mu\nu}(x, k) \right\}$$

Labels in the diagram:  
 -  $f(x, k)$ : scalar distribution  
 -  $\mathcal{S}_{\sigma}(x, k)$ : pseudo vector  
 -  $\mathcal{T}^{\mu\nu}(x, k)$ : tensor  
 -  $W_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}(x, k)$ : projected Wigner function

$$W_{\perp}^{\mu\nu} = \Delta_{(k)}^{\mu\alpha} \Delta_{(k)}^{\nu\beta} W_{\alpha\beta}$$

- Spin polarization vector and tensor in phase space

$$\mathcal{S}^{\mu}(x, k) = -i \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} k_{\nu} W_{\alpha\beta}(x, k)}{m f(x, k)}, \quad \mathcal{T}^{\mu\nu}(x, k) = -\frac{W^{\langle\mu\nu\rangle}(x, k)}{f(x, k)}$$

Note:  $W^{\langle\mu\nu\rangle}(x, k)$  is the traceless and symmetric part of  $W_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}$ .

- Average over the hypersurface

$$\mathcal{S}^{\mu}(k) = \frac{\int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma \cdot k \mathcal{S}^{\mu}(x, k) f(x, k)}{\int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma \cdot k f(x, k)}, \quad \mathcal{T}^{\mu\nu}(k) = \frac{\int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma \cdot k \mathcal{T}^{\mu\nu}(x, k) f(x, k)}{\int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma \cdot k f(x, k)}$$



# Density Operator

- True density operator should be a constant

$$\hat{\rho}_{\text{true}} = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left\{ - \int_{\Sigma_{\text{LE}}} d\Sigma t_{\mu} \left( \hat{T}^{\mu\nu} \beta_{\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{S}^{\mu\rho\sigma} \Omega_{\rho\sigma} \right) \right\}$$

stress tensor
spin tensor

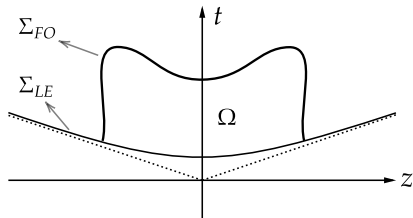
thermal current  $u_{\nu}/T \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ 
spin potential  $\sim \mathcal{O}(\partial)$

Canonical currents:  $T^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\mu\rho}\partial^{\nu}A_{\rho} - g^{\mu\nu}\mathcal{L}$ ,  $S^{\mu\rho\sigma} = -F^{\mu\rho}A^{\sigma} + F^{\mu\sigma}A^{\rho}$

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- Connect with the freeze-out

$$\hat{\rho}_{\text{true}} = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left\{ - \int_{\Sigma_{\text{FO}}} d\Sigma t_{\mu} \left( \hat{T}^{\mu\nu} \beta_{\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{S}^{\mu\rho\sigma} \Omega_{\rho\sigma} \right) + \int_{\Omega} d\Omega \left[ \hat{T}^{\mu\nu} (\partial_{\mu} \beta_{\nu} + \Omega_{\mu\nu}) - \frac{1}{2} \hat{S}^{\mu\rho\sigma} \partial_{\mu} \Omega_{\rho\sigma} \right] \right\}$$

local equilibrium
dissipation

# Cumulant Expansion

- Density operator  $\hat{\rho}_{\text{LE}} = \frac{1}{Z_{\text{LE}}} \exp\{\hat{A} + \hat{B}\}$ , with  $Z_{\text{LE}} = \text{Tr}(e^{\hat{A} + \hat{B}})$

"Gaussian" term  $\hat{A}(x) = -\beta_\nu(x) \hat{P}^\nu = -\beta_\nu(x) \int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma_\mu(y) \hat{T}^{\mu\nu}(y)$

"Perturbative" terms  $\hat{B}(x) = - \int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma_\mu(y) \left[ \hat{T}^{\mu\nu}(y) (\beta_\nu(y) - \beta_\nu(x)) - \frac{1}{2} \hat{S}^{\mu,\rho\sigma}(y) \Omega_{\rho\sigma}(y) \right]$

- Cumulant expansion:  $e^{\hat{A} + \hat{B}} = e^{\hat{A}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{B}_n$ , with  $\hat{B}_n \sim (\hat{B})^n \sim \mathcal{O}(\partial^n)$

$$O(x) \equiv \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}_{\text{LE}} \hat{O}(x)) = \frac{1}{Z_{\text{LE}}} \text{Tr}(e^{\hat{A}(x) + \hat{B}(x)} \hat{O}(x))$$

$$= \frac{\sum_n \langle \hat{B}_n \hat{O}(x) \rangle_0}{\sum_n \langle \hat{B}_n \rangle_0} = \sum_n \langle \hat{B}_n \hat{O}(x) \rangle_{0,c}$$

with  $\langle \dots \rangle_0 = \text{Tr}(e^{\hat{A}} \dots) / \text{Tr}(e^{\hat{A}})$  the expectation value under the Gaussian-type distribution.

# Zeroth-Order Result

- Cumulant expansion at 0th order:  $W_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}(x, k) = \text{Tr} \left\{ \hat{\rho}_0 \hat{W}_{\mu\nu}(x, k) \right\}$

- "Free" distribution:  $\hat{\rho}_0 = \frac{1}{Z_0} \exp \left\{ -\beta(x) \cdot \hat{P} \right\}$

$$W_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}(x, k) = -\delta(k^2 - m^2)\theta(k^0)\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(k)} n_B(\beta(x) \cdot k)$$

- $f(x, k) = 3\delta(k^2 - m^2)\theta(k^0)n_B(\beta(x) \cdot k)$ ,  $\mathcal{S}^\mu(x, k) = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{T}^{\mu\nu}(x, k) = 0$

# First-Order Gradient Expansion

Cumulant expansion:  $W_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}(x, k) = \langle \widehat{B}_1 \widehat{W}_{\mu\nu}(x, k) \rangle_{0,c} = \langle \widehat{B}_1 \widehat{W}_{\mu\nu}(x, k) \rangle_0 - \langle \widehat{B}_1 \rangle_0 \langle \widehat{W}_{\mu\nu}(x, k) \rangle_0$

$$\widehat{B}_1 = -n_\mu \partial_\alpha \beta_\nu(x) \int_0^1 d\lambda \int_P d^3 \mathbf{y} (y-x)^\alpha \widehat{T}^{\mu\nu}(y - i\lambda\beta(x)) + \frac{1}{2} n_\mu \Omega_{\rho\sigma}(x) \int_0^1 d\lambda \int_P d^3 \mathbf{y} \widehat{S}^{\mu\rho\sigma}(y - i\lambda\beta(x))$$

$$\int_0^1 d\lambda \int_P d^3 \mathbf{y} (y-x)^\alpha \langle \widehat{T}^{\mu\nu}(y - i\lambda\beta(x)) \widehat{W}_{\xi\zeta}(x, k) \rangle_{0,c} = \boxed{D^\alpha T^{\mu\nu}} \boxed{W_{\xi\zeta}} + \boxed{D^\alpha T^{\mu\nu}} \boxed{W_{\xi\zeta}}$$

$$\int_0^1 d\lambda \int_P d^3 \mathbf{y} \langle \widehat{S}^{\mu\rho\sigma}(y - i\lambda\beta(x)) \widehat{W}_{\xi\zeta}(x, k) \rangle_{0,c} = \boxed{S^{\mu\rho\sigma}} \boxed{W_{\xi\zeta}} + \boxed{S^{\mu\rho\sigma}} \boxed{W_{\xi\zeta}}$$

# First-Order Result

- Recall that:  $W_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}(x, k) = -n_{\xi} \partial_{\alpha} \beta_{\lambda}(x) \int_0^1 d\lambda \int_p d^3 \mathbf{y} (y-x)^{\alpha} \left\langle \widehat{T}^{\xi\lambda}(y - i\lambda\beta(x)) \widehat{W}_{\mu\nu}(x, k) \right\rangle_{0,c}$  + spin potential contribution

$$W_{\perp, \mu\nu}^{(1)}(x, k) = -i\delta(k^2 - m^2)\theta(k^0)n_B(1 + n_B)\Delta_{\mu\rho}^{(k)}\Delta_{\nu\sigma}^{(k)} \left[ \underbrace{\omega^{\rho\sigma}}_{\text{thermal vorticity}} - \Xi_{\alpha}^{[\rho} \left( \underbrace{\xi^{\sigma]\alpha}}_{\text{thermal shear}} + \underbrace{\delta\Omega^{\sigma]\alpha}}_{\text{net spin potential: } \Omega - \omega} \right) \right]$$

with:  $\Xi^{\mu\nu} = \eta^{\mu\nu} - \hat{k}^{\mu}n^{\nu}$ ,  $\hat{k}^{\mu} \equiv k^{\mu}/(n \cdot k)$ ,  $\omega_{\rho\sigma} = \partial_{[\sigma}\beta_{\rho]} \sim \omega/T$ ,  $\xi_{\rho\sigma} = \partial_{(\sigma}\beta_{\rho)}$

- Spin polarization vector

$$S^{\mu}(x, k) = -\frac{1 + n_B}{3m} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} k_{\nu} \left( \omega_{\rho\sigma} + n_{\rho} \xi_{\sigma\lambda} k^{\lambda} / E_{\mathbf{k}} - \Xi_{\alpha}^{\rho} \delta\Omega^{\sigma\alpha} \right)$$

- Space-time reversal odd:  $W_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} = -W_{\nu\mu}^{(1)} \Rightarrow \mathcal{T}^{\mu\nu} = 0 + \mathcal{O}(\partial^2)$

# Second-Order Gradient Expansion

- Based on the cumulant expansion:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_2 \equiv & \int_0^1 d\lambda_1 \int_0^{\lambda_1} d\lambda_2 \int_{\Sigma_{\text{FO}}} d\Sigma_{\mu_1}(y_1) d\Sigma_{\mu_2}(y_2) \\
 & \times \left[ \partial_{\alpha_1} \beta_{v_1}(x) \partial_{\alpha_2} \beta_{v_2}(x) (y_1 - x)^{\alpha_1} (y_2 - x)^{\alpha_2} \widehat{T}^{\mu_1 v_1}(y_1^{(\beta)}) \widehat{T}^{\mu_2 v_2}(y_2^{(\beta)}) \right. \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\alpha_1} \beta_{v_1}(x) \Omega_{\rho_2 \sigma_2}(x) (y_1 - x)^{\alpha_1} \widehat{T}^{\mu_1 v_1}(y_1^{(\beta)}) \widehat{S}^{\mu_2 \rho_2 \sigma_2}(y_2^{(\beta)}) \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \Omega_{\rho_1 \sigma_1}(x) \partial_{\alpha_2} \beta_{v_2}(x) (y_2 - x)^{\alpha_2} \widehat{S}^{\mu_1 \rho_1 \sigma_1}(y_1^{(\beta)}) \widehat{T}^{\mu_2 v_2}(y_2^{(\beta)}) \\
 & \left. + \frac{1}{4} \Omega_{\rho_1 \sigma_1}(x) \Omega_{\rho_2 \sigma_2}(x) \widehat{S}^{\mu_1 \rho_1 \sigma_1}(y_1^{(\beta)}) \widehat{S}^{\mu_2 \rho_2 \sigma_2}(y_2^{(\beta)}) \right] \\
 & + \int_0^1 d\lambda_1 \int_{\Sigma_{\text{FO}}} d\Sigma_{\mu_1}(y_1) \left[ -\partial_{\alpha_1} \partial_{\alpha_2} \beta_{v_1}(x) \frac{1}{2} (y_1 - x)^{\alpha_1} (y - x)^{\alpha_2} \widehat{T}^{\mu_1 v_1}(y_1^{(\beta)}) \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\alpha_1} \Omega_{\rho_1 \sigma_1}(x) (y_1 - x)^{\alpha_1} \widehat{S}^{\mu_1 \rho_1 \sigma_1}(y_1^{(\beta)}) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- Wigner function induced by second-order hydro fields:

$$W_{\mu\nu}^{(2)}(x, k) = \left\langle \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_2 \widehat{W}_{\mu\nu}(x, k) \right\rangle_{0,c}$$

# Result: Spin Alignment

- PT even:  $W_{\mu\nu}^{(2)}(x, k) = W_{\nu\mu}^{(2)}(x, k)$
- Spin alignment induced by various hydro fields

$$\delta\Theta_{00}|_{\omega^2}(x, k) = -\frac{1}{6}(1+n_B)(1+2n_B) \left[ \epsilon_0^\mu \epsilon_0^\nu + \frac{1}{3}\Delta_{(k)}^{\mu\nu} \right] \left[ \Delta_{(k)}^{\rho\sigma} + \frac{1}{2m^2}k^\rho k^\sigma \right] \omega_{\rho\mu} \omega_{\sigma\nu}$$

$$\delta\Theta_{00}|_{\partial\omega}(x, k) = (1+n_B) \left[ \epsilon_\mu^0 \epsilon_\nu^0 + \frac{1}{3}\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(k)} \right] \frac{1}{6E_k} n^{[\rho} \partial^{\mu]} \omega_{\rho\sigma} \left( 2\eta^{\sigma\nu} - \hat{k}^\sigma n^\nu \right)$$

$$\delta\Theta_{00}|_{\partial\xi}(x, k) = (1+n_B) \left[ \epsilon_\mu^0 \epsilon_\nu^0 + \frac{1}{3}\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(k)} \right] \frac{1}{6E_k} \partial_\alpha \xi_{\rho\sigma} \left[ (2n^\rho + \gamma_k^2 \hat{k}^\rho) \eta^{\alpha\mu} \eta^{\sigma\nu} \right. \\ \left. + (\eta^{\rho(\sigma} \hat{k}^{\alpha)}) + \gamma_k^2 \hat{k}^\alpha \hat{k}^\rho \hat{k}^\sigma \right] n^\mu n^\nu - (\eta^{\rho(\alpha} + n^\rho \hat{k}^{(\alpha} + \gamma_k^2 \hat{k}^\rho \hat{k}^{(\alpha}) \eta^{\sigma)\mu} n^\nu].$$

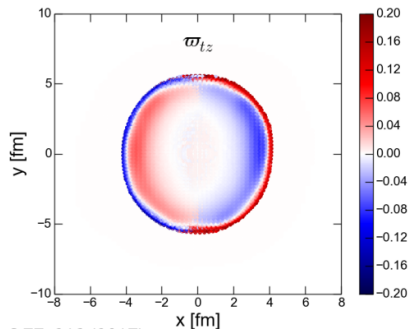
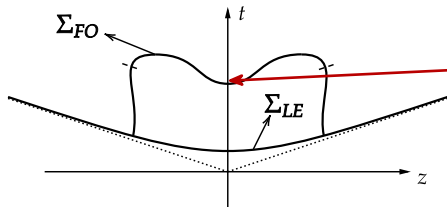
$$\delta\Theta_{00}|_{\partial\delta\Omega}(x, k) = (1+n_B) \left[ \epsilon_\mu^0 \epsilon_\nu^0 + \frac{1}{3}\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(k)} \right] \frac{1}{6E_k} \partial_\alpha \delta\Omega_\rho{}^\nu \left( \hat{k}^\alpha n^\rho n^\mu - \gamma_k^2 \hat{k}^\rho \eta^{\mu\alpha} - \Delta_{(k)}^{\alpha\rho} n^\mu \right).$$

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# Approximation

$$\delta\Theta_{00}|_{\partial\omega}(x, k) = (1 + n_B) \left[ \epsilon_{\mu}^0 \epsilon_{\nu}^0 + \frac{1}{3} \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(k)} \right] \frac{n^{[\rho} \partial^{\mu]} \omega_{\rho\sigma}}{6E_{\mathbf{k}}} \left( 2\eta^{\sigma\nu} - \hat{k}^{\sigma} n^{\nu} \right).$$

- $\partial_x \omega_{tz} \sim 0.3 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ ,  $\partial_x \omega_{tz} / E_{\mathbf{k}} \sim 0.05$



I. Karpenko, F. Becattini, Eur. Phys. J. C 77, 213 (2017)



# Pseudo-Gauge Dependence

- Pseudo-gauge dependence of density operator

F. Becattini, W. Florkowski, E. Speranza, PLB 789, 419 (2019)

$$\hat{\rho}_{\text{Belinfante}} = \frac{1}{Z_{\text{LE}}^{(B)}} \exp \left\{ - \int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma_{\mu} \hat{T}_B^{\mu\nu} \beta_{\nu} \right\}$$

$$\hat{\rho}_{\text{Canonical}} = \frac{1}{Z_{\text{LE}}^{(C)}} \exp \left\{ - \int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma_{\mu} \left[ \hat{T}_B^{\mu\nu} \beta_{\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{S}_C^{\mu\rho\sigma} \delta\Omega_{\rho\sigma} + \hat{S}_C^{\lambda\mu\nu} \xi_{\lambda\nu} \right] \right\}$$

Vector meson:  $\hat{S}^{\mu\rho\sigma} = -F^{\mu\rho} A^{\sigma} + F^{\mu\sigma} A^{\rho}$ , extra term from thermal shear

- e.g., vector meson's spin polarization vector

$$S_{\text{Belinfante}}^{\mu}(x, k) = - \frac{1 + n_B}{3m} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} k_{\nu} \left( \omega_{\rho\sigma} + 2n_{\rho} \xi_{\sigma\lambda} k^{\lambda} / E_{\mathbf{k}} \right)$$

$$S_{\text{Canonical}}^{\mu}(x, k) = - \frac{1 + n_B}{3m} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} k_{\nu} \left( \omega_{\rho\sigma} + n_{\rho} \xi_{\sigma\lambda} k^{\lambda} / E_{\mathbf{k}} - \Xi_{\alpha}^{\rho} \delta\Omega^{\sigma\alpha} \right)$$

with  $\delta\Omega \rightarrow 0$  still  $S_C^{\mu} \neq S_B^{\mu}$

- Extra contribution of thermal shear

# Conclusion and Outlook

- Flat freezeout hypersurface  $\Rightarrow$  tensor polarization  $\propto \mathcal{O}(\partial^2)$

$$\delta\Theta_{00}|_{\partial\omega}(x, k) = (1 + n_B) \left[ \epsilon_\mu^0 \epsilon_\nu^0 + \frac{1}{3} \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(k)} \right] \frac{1}{6E_{\mathbf{k}}} n^{[\rho} \partial^{\mu]} \omega_{\rho\sigma} \left( 2\eta^{\sigma\nu} - \hat{k}^\sigma n^\nu \right)$$

- Pseudo-gauge dependence

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