

Kinetic theory for massive spin-1/2 particles from Wigner-function formalism

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Spin effects in HICs

Spin



Chiral Magnetic Effect

D.E.Kharzeev, et al.
Nucl.Phys.A803,227 (2008)

Chiral Separation Effect

D.E.Kharzeev, et al.
Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys.88,1 (2016)

$$J^\mu = \xi_B B^\mu + \xi \omega^\mu$$

$$J_5^\mu = \xi_{B5} B^\mu + \xi_5 \omega^\mu$$

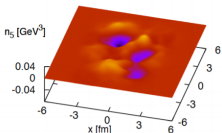
Chiral Vortical Effect

D.T.Son and P.Surowka,
Phys.Rev.Lett.103,191601 (2009)

Axial Chiral Vortical Effect

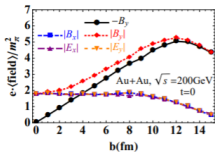
D.E.Kharzeev, et al.
Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys.88,1 (2016)

- In heavy-ion collisions:
Spin imbalance



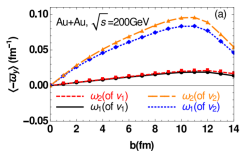
Y.Hirono, et al.
arXiv:1412.0311.

Magnetic field



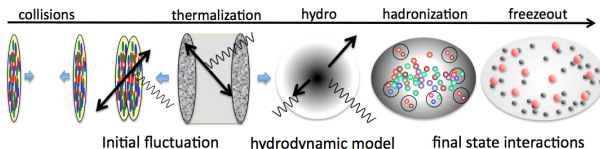
W.-T.Deng, X.-G.Huang,
Phys.Rev.C85,044907 (2012).

Flow vorticity



W.-T.Deng, et al.
J.Phys.Conf.Ser.779,012070 (2017)

Quantum transport



- **Relativistic Hydrodynamics:** massive, w/o spin. see [D.H. Rischke's talk](#)
- **Chiral Kinetic Theory:** massless, spin effects included. see [Xuguang Huang's talk](#)
- **Massless Chiral Magnetohydrodynamics:**
 - D. T. Son and P. Surowka, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*103,191601 (2009),
 - K. Hattori, Y. Hirono, H.-U. Yee, and Y. Yin, arXiv:1711.08450.
- Kinetic description for **massive spin-1/2** particles?
 - Hydrodynamics based on local spin-dependent equilibrium distribution:
 - F. Becattini, V. Chandra, L. Del Zanna, and E. Grossi, *Annals Phys.* 338, 32-49 (2013),
 - W. Florkowski, R. Ryblewski, arXiv:1811.04409. see [Radoslaw Ryblewski's talk](#)
 - Kinetic theory from Wigner function:
 - J.-H. Gao and Z.-T. Liang, arXiv:1902.06510, see [Jianhua Gao's talk](#)
 - [N. Weickgenannt](#), [XLS](#), [E. Speranza](#), [Q. Wang](#), and [D.H. Rischke](#), arXiv:1902.06513,
 - [K. Hattori](#), [Y. Hidaka](#), and [D.-L. Yang](#), arXiv:1903.01653,
 - [Z. Wang](#), [X. Guo](#), [S. Shi](#), and [P. Zhuang](#), arXiv:1903.03461. see [Ziyue Wang's talk](#)

Definition of Wigner function



- Covariant Wigner function

$$W_{\alpha\beta}(x, p) = \int \frac{d^4 y}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} p \cdot y} \left\langle : \bar{\psi}_\beta \left(x + \frac{y}{2} \right) U \left(x + \frac{y}{2}, x - \frac{y}{2} \right) \psi_\alpha \left(x - \frac{y}{2} \right) : \right\rangle. \quad (1)$$

- Gauge link

$$U \left(x + \frac{y}{2}, x - \frac{y}{2} \right) = \exp \left[-\frac{i}{\hbar} y^\mu \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} ds \mathbb{A}_\mu(x + sy) \right]. \quad (2)$$

- Kinetic equation

$$\left[\gamma_\mu \left(\Pi^\mu + i \frac{\hbar}{2} \nabla^\mu \right) - m \right] W(x, p) = 0, \quad (3)$$

where $\nabla_\mu \equiv \partial_\mu - j_0(\frac{\hbar}{2}\Delta)F_{\mu\nu}\partial_p^\nu$, $\Pi_\mu = p_\mu - \frac{\hbar}{2}j_1(\frac{\hbar}{2}\Delta)F_{\mu\nu}\partial_p^\nu$ and $\Delta \equiv \partial_x \cdot \partial_p$. Spherical Bessel functions j_0, j_1 .

H. T. Elze, M. Gyulassy, and D. Vasak, Nucl. Phys. B276, 706 (1986)



Semi-classical expansion

- Decomposed in terms of generators of Clifford algebra

$$W = \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \mathcal{F} + i\gamma^5 \mathcal{P} + \gamma^\mu \mathcal{V}_\mu + \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \mathcal{A}_\mu + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{S}_{\mu\nu} \right\}, \quad (4)$$

where the 16 coefficients are real functions of $\{x, p\}$.

- Semi-classical expansion in \hbar , valid if (i) $\hbar \gamma^\mu \nabla_\mu W \ll mW$ and (ii) $\hbar \ll \Delta R \Delta P$.
- Zeroth-order solutions derived from first-principle calculation,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F}^{(0)} &= m \mathbf{V}^{(0)} \delta(p^2 - m^2), \\
 \mathcal{P}^{(0)} &= 0, \\
 \mathcal{V}_\mu^{(0)} &= p_\mu \mathbf{V}^{(0)} \delta(p^2 - m^2), \\
 \mathcal{A}_\mu^{(0)} &= m n_\mu^{(0)} \mathbf{A}^{(0)} \delta(p^2 - m^2), \\
 \mathcal{S}_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} &= m \Sigma_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} \mathbf{A}^{(0)} \delta(p^2 - m^2).
 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where spin direction $n_\mu^{(0)}$ and dipole-moment tensor $\Sigma_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}$ satisfy

$$n_\mu^{(0)} = -\frac{1}{2m} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p^\nu \Sigma^{(0)\alpha\beta}, \quad \Sigma_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = -\frac{1}{m} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p^\alpha n^{(0)\beta}. \quad (6)$$



Solutions up to order \hbar

- Higher-order solutions can be derived by expanding the kinetic equation of Wigner function into series of \hbar and solve them order by order.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F} &= m \left[\mathbf{V} \delta(p^2 - m^2) - \frac{\hbar}{2} F^{\mu\nu} \Sigma_{\mu\nu} \mathbf{A} \delta'(p^2 - m^2) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2), \\
 \mathcal{P} &= \frac{\hbar}{4m} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \nabla_\mu [p_\nu \Sigma_{\alpha\beta} \mathbf{A} \delta(p^2 - m^2)] + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2), \\
 \mathcal{V}_\mu &= \delta(p^2 - m^2) \left[p_\mu \mathbf{V} + \frac{\hbar}{2} \nabla^\nu (\Sigma_{\mu\nu} \mathbf{A}) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2) \\
 &\quad - \hbar \left(\frac{1}{2} p_\mu F^{\alpha\beta} \Sigma_{\alpha\beta} + \Sigma_{\mu\nu} F^{\nu\alpha} p_\alpha \right) \mathbf{A} \delta'(p^2 - m^2) + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2), \\
 \mathcal{A}_\mu &= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p^\nu \Sigma^{\alpha\beta} \mathbf{A} \delta(p^2 - m^2) + \hbar \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} p^\nu \mathbf{V} \delta'(p^2 - m^2) + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2), \\
 \mathcal{S}_{\mu\nu} &= m [\Sigma_{\mu\nu} \mathbf{A} \delta(p^2 - m^2) - \hbar F_{\mu\nu} \mathbf{V} \delta'(p^2 - m^2)] + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2). \quad (7)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Tensor $\Sigma_{\mu\nu}$ is properly normalized so that one can separate distribution A .

Kinetic equations and classical limit



- Vector distribution

$$\delta(p^2 - m^2) \left[p \cdot \nabla V + \frac{\hbar}{4} (\partial_{x\alpha} F_{\mu\nu}) \partial_p^\alpha (\Sigma^{\mu\nu} A) \right] \\ - \delta'(p^2 - m^2) \frac{\hbar}{2} F_{\mu\nu} p \cdot \nabla (\Sigma^{\mu\nu} A) = 0. \quad (8)$$

- Dipole-moment tensor

$$\delta(p^2 - m^2) \left[p \cdot \nabla (\Sigma_{\mu\nu} A) - F_{[\mu}^\alpha \Sigma_{\nu]\alpha} A + \frac{\hbar}{2} (\partial_{x\alpha} F_{\mu\nu}) \partial_p^\alpha V \right] \\ + \delta'(p^2 - m^2) \hbar F_{\mu\nu} p \cdot \nabla V = 0. \quad (9)$$

where $\nabla^\mu = \partial_x^\mu - F^{\mu\nu} \partial_{p\nu} + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$.

- Modified on-shell condition.
- Effect of inhomogeneous fields, Mathisson force.
- Agrees with collisionless Boltzmann-Vlasov equation.
- Recovers second Mathisson-Papapetrou-Dixon (MPD) equation (equivalent to Bargmann-Michel-Telegdi (BMT) equation).

Generalized Boltzmann equation



- Meaning of functions V and A can be obtained by comparing our solutions with the ones from first-principle calculation,

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= \frac{2}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \sum_s [\theta(p^0) f_s^+(x, \mathbf{p}) + \theta(-p^0) f_s^-(x, -\mathbf{p})], \\
 A &= \frac{2}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \sum_s s [\theta(p^0) f_s^+(x, \mathbf{p}) + \theta(-p^0) f_s^-(x, -\mathbf{p})], \quad (10)
 \end{aligned}$$

where s denotes **chirality** (massless) or **spin-up/spin-down** along given quantization direction (massive).

- Generalized Boltzmann equation

$$\sum_s \delta \left(p^2 - m^2 - s \frac{\hbar}{2} F^{\mu\nu} \Sigma_{\mu\nu} \right) \left[p \cdot \nabla f_s + s \frac{\hbar}{4} (\partial_{x\alpha} F_{\beta\gamma}) \partial_p^\alpha (\Sigma^{\beta\gamma} f_s) \right] = 0. \quad (11)$$

with $f_\pm = (V \pm A)/2$.



Recover massless limit

- **Massive case:** recovers non-relativistic magnetic dipole-moment tensor in local rest frame

$$\Sigma^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{m} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\alpha n_\beta. \quad (12)$$

- Spin-vector n^μ satisfies $p^\mu n_\mu = 0$, $n^\mu n_\mu = -1$, can be decomposed as

$$m n^\mu = n_{\parallel} \sqrt{\frac{(p \cdot u)^2}{(p \cdot u)^2 - m^2}} \left(p^\mu - \frac{m^2}{p \cdot u} u^\mu \right) + m n_{\perp}^\mu, \quad (13)$$

where $p_\mu n_{\perp}^\mu = u_\mu n_{\perp}^\mu = 0$ and $n_{\parallel}^2 - n_{\perp}^\mu n_{\perp\mu} = 1$.

- $n_{\parallel}/n_{\perp}^\mu \Rightarrow$ longitudinal/transverse polarization
 \Rightarrow spin-components parallel/perpendicular to momentum in frame u^μ .

- **Massless limit:**

$$m n^\mu \rightarrow p^\mu, \quad \Sigma^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \frac{1}{p \cdot u} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\alpha u_\beta. \quad (14)$$

- Results coincide with previously massless solutions:

Y. Hidaka, S. Pu, and D.-L. Yang, Phys. Rev. D95, 091901 (2017),
 A. Huang, S. Shi, Y. Jiang, J. Liao, and P. Zhuang, Phys. Rev. D98, 036010 (2018),
 J.-H. Gao, Z.-T. Liang, Q. Wang, and X.-N. Wang, Phys. Rev. D98, 036019 (2018).

Thermal equilibrium



- Distribution function

$$f_s^{eq} = \left[\exp \left(\pi \cdot \beta - \beta \mu_s + s \frac{\hbar}{4} \Sigma^{\mu\nu} \omega_{\mu\nu} \right) + 1 \right]^{-1}. \quad (15)$$

where π^μ is canonical momentum, β^μ is thermal velocity, β is inverse temperature, μ_s is spin-dependent chemical potential and $\omega_{\mu\nu}$ is thermal vorticity

- Contains spin-vorticity coupling.
- Constraints for the variables:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{x^\mu} \beta_\nu + \partial_{x^\nu} \beta_\mu &= 0, \\ \omega_{\mu\nu} &= \text{const.}, \\ \beta \mu_s &= \text{const.}, \\ p \cdot \nabla \Sigma^{\mu\nu} - F^{\alpha[\mu} \Sigma^{\nu]}_\alpha &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

- Agrees with previous work if $\mu_+ = \mu_- = \mu$ and EM fields vanish:
F. Becattini, V. Chandra, L. Del Zanna, and E. Grossi, *Annals Phys.* 338, 32 (2013).



Vector current

- Vector current up to first order in \hbar :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{V}^\mu = \frac{2}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \sum_s \left[\delta(p^2 - m^2) \left(p^\mu - s m \frac{\hbar}{2} \tilde{\omega}^{\mu\nu} n_\nu \partial_{\pi \cdot \beta} \right) \right. \\ \left. + s m \hbar \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} n_\nu \delta'(p^2 - m^2) \right. \\ \left. + s \frac{\hbar}{2m} \delta(p^2 - m^2) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\nu (\nabla_\alpha n_\beta) \right] f_s^{(0)}. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

- Zeroth-order equilibrium distribution:

$$f_s^{(0)} = [\exp(\pi \cdot \beta - \beta \mu_s) + 1]^{-1}. \quad (18)$$

- Analogue of Chiral Vortical Effect (CVE).

D. T. Son and P. Surowka, Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 191601 (2009).

- Analogue of Chiral Magnetic Effect (CME).

D. E. Kharzeev, L. D. McLerran, and H. J. Warringa, Nucl. Phys. A803, 227 (2008).

- Current induced by inhomogeneity of magnetization direction.



Axial-vector current

- Axial-vector current up to first order in \hbar :

$$\mathcal{A}^\mu = \frac{2}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \sum_{\mathbf{s}} \left[\delta(p^2 - m^2) \left(s m n^\mu - \frac{\hbar}{2} \tilde{\omega}^{\mu\nu} p_\nu \partial_{\pi \cdot \beta} \right) + \hbar \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} p_\nu \delta'(p^2 - m^2) \right] f_{\mathbf{s}}^{(0)} - \frac{\hbar}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\nu \Xi_{\alpha\beta} \delta(p^2 - m^2). \quad (19)$$

- Analogue of Axial Chiral Vortical Effect (ACVE).
- Analogue of Chiral Separation Effect (CSE).

D. E. Kharzeev, J. Liao, S. A. Voloshin and G. Wang, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 88, 1 (2016).

- Undetermined n^μ and $\Xi^{\mu\nu}$: possible polarization from other source.



Fluid-dynamical quantities

- Net particle-number current:

$$\begin{aligned}
 J^\mu &= \int dP p^\mu V + \frac{\hbar}{2} \partial_{x\nu} \int dP \Sigma^{\mu\nu} A \\
 &\quad + \frac{\hbar}{4} F^{\alpha\beta} \int dP \partial_p^\mu (\Sigma_{\alpha\beta} A) + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2).
 \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

- Canonical energy-momentum tensor:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{mat}^{\mu\nu} &= \int dP p^\mu p^\nu V + \frac{\hbar}{2} \partial_{x\alpha} \int dP p^\nu \Sigma^{\mu\alpha} A \\
 &\quad + \frac{\hbar}{4} g^{\mu\nu} F^{\alpha\beta} \int dP \Sigma_{\alpha\beta} A - \frac{\hbar}{2} F^\nu{}_\alpha \int dP \Sigma^{\mu\alpha} A \\
 &\quad + \frac{\hbar}{4} F^{\alpha\beta} \int dP p^\nu \partial_p^\mu (\Sigma_{\alpha\beta} A) + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2).
 \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

Canonical energy-momentum tensor is in general not symmetric.

see E. Speranza's talk for further discussion.

- $dP \equiv d^4 p \delta(p^2 - m^2)$.

Conclusion and outlook



■ Conclusion

- Solved covariant Wigner function up to order \hbar .
- Derived kinetic equations for distribution and dipole-moment tensor.
- Recovered previously known results in classical and massless limits.
- Derived vector and axial-vector currents in thermal equilibrium and found analogues of massless chiral effects.
- Derived particle-number current and energy-momentum tensor.

■ Outlook

- Include collisions between particles with spin.
- Solve kinetic equations \rightarrow method of moments.