Polarization Rotation of Chiral Fermions in Vortical Fluid



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Spin-orbit coupling, need a better understanding from interaction perspective

Polarization rotation



- Polarized light as probe
- Chiral medium (e.g. sugar)



Analogy in quark gluon plasma

- Chiral fermion as probe
- Medium polarized by vorticity

Outline

- Kinetic theory in spinor form
- Kinetic description of vortical plasma
- IR divergence from Coulomb scattering and decoupling of hard photon
- Vortical correction to collision term and polarization rotation
- Conclusion and outlook

Kinetic theory with spinors

Kadanoff-Baym eqn for QED

$$\frac{i}{2} DS^{<}(X, P) + PS^{<}(X, P) = \frac{i}{2} \left(\Sigma^{>}(X, P) S^{<}(X, P) - \Sigma^{<}(X, P) S^{>}(X, P) \right)$$

$$S_{\alpha\beta}^{<}(X,P) = -\int d^{4}(x-y)e^{iP\cdot(x-y)}\langle\bar{\psi}_{\beta}(y)\psi_{\alpha}(x)\rangle$$

spin average
$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{F}_{\text{ext}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}}\right]f(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{x},t) = -C[f]$$

Arnold, Moore, Yaffe, 00s

shear viscosity/conductivity etc

Kinetic theory in other forms

$$S^{<} = \mathcal{S} + i\mathcal{P}\gamma^{5} + \mathcal{V}_{\mu}\gamma^{\mu} + \mathcal{A}_{\mu}\gamma^{5}\gamma^{\mu} + \frac{\mathcal{S}_{\mu\nu}}{2}\sigma^{\mu\nu},$$

$$\Sigma^{<} = \Sigma_{S} + i\Sigma_{P}\gamma^{5} + \Sigma_{V\mu}\gamma^{\mu} + \Sigma_{A\mu}\gamma^{5}\gamma^{\mu} + \frac{\Sigma_{T\mu\nu}}{2}\sigma^{\mu\nu}$$

Yang, Weickgnnant, Sheng, Kapusta's talks

 $B \sim O(\partial^0) \sim O(\hbar^0)$ E, $\omega \sim O(\partial) \sim O(\hbar)$

$$\psi \rightarrow \psi'$$

Free particle basis: Son, Yamamoto 2010 Stephanov, Yin 2010 Gao, Liang, Pu, Wang, Wang 2012 Hidaka, Pu, Yang, 2018 with interaction D.L. Yang, Hattori, Hidaka 2020 Weickgnnant, Speranza, Sheng, Wang, Rischke 2020 Wang, Guo, Zhuang 2020

Landau level basis: Li, Hattori, Yee 2016 Hidaka, Fukushima 2018 Sheng, Rischke, Vasak, Wang 2018 Lin, L.X. Yang 2020

Effective DOF: Son, Yamamoto 2012 Carignano, Manuel, Torres-Rincon 2018, 2020 Lin, Shukla 2019

Power counting in QED(QCD) kinetic theory

$P \sim T$: hard quasi-particle

 $P \sim \Sigma \sim eT(gT)$: electric field screened, modified soft quasi-particle

 $P \sim g^2 T$: non-perturbative, chromo-magnetic field screened

 $P \sim e^4 T \ln \frac{1}{e} \left(g^4 T \ln \frac{1}{g} \right) \sim O(\partial_X)$: inverse mean free path, quasi-particle breaks down

self-energy of soft quasi-particle dominated by interaction with hard particle by phase space, sufficient to retain kinetic theory for hard particle

We keep spin structure in Wigner function and self-energy for spin-dependent transports

Kinetic theory in vortical plasma

No EM field and neutral plasma to avoid induction

$$\begin{split} \frac{i}{2} \oint S^{<(0)} + \oint S^{<(1)} &= 0. \\ S^{<(0)} &= -(2\pi) \oint \delta(P^2) \epsilon(P \cdot u(X)) f(P \cdot u), & \text{Oth: local equilibrium} \\ S^{<(1)} &= -(2\pi) \frac{1}{2} \check{P} \gamma^5 \delta(P^2) \epsilon(P \cdot u(X)) f'(P \cdot u), & \text{1st: vortical correction} \\ \check{P}_{\mu} &= P^{\lambda} \check{\Omega}_{\lambda \mu} & \check{\Omega}^{\mu \nu} &= \omega^{\mu} u^{\nu} - \omega^{\nu} u^{\mu} + \epsilon^{\mu \nu \rho \sigma} \varepsilon_{\rho} u_{\sigma} \\ & \text{Gao, J.Y.Pang, Q.Wang 2018} \\ \text{Fang, L.G.Pang, Q.Wang, X.N.Wang 2016} \\ \mathcal{P}_i(X, \vec{p}) &= \int \frac{dp_0}{2\pi} \text{tr} \gamma^i \gamma^5 S^{<} \sim f'(p) \omega^i \end{split}$$

Spin-dependent collision term

$$\frac{i}{2} DS^{<}(X, P) + PS^{<}(X, P) = \frac{i}{2} \left(\Sigma^{>}(X, P) S^{<}(X, P) - \Sigma^{<}(X, P) S^{>}(X, P) \right)$$

$$S^{<} = S^{<(0)} + S^{<(1)}$$

$$\Sigma^{<} = \Sigma^{<(0)} + \Sigma^{<(1)}$$



$$\Sigma^{>}(X,P) = e^{2} \int_{Q} \gamma^{\mu} S^{>}(X,P+Q) \gamma^{\nu} D_{\nu\mu}^{<}(X,Q)$$
$$\simeq -e^{2} \int_{Q} \gamma^{\mu} S^{>}(P+Q) \gamma^{\nu} D_{\nu\alpha}^{R}(Q) \Pi^{\alpha\beta<}(Q) D_{\beta\mu}^{A}(Q)$$

local collision term vanishes by detailed balance

Goal: effect of nonlocal collision term from $S^{<(1)}, \Sigma^{<(1)}$



Blaizot, Iancu, 1999

Probe fermion in stationary fluid

 $S^{>}(X,P) - S^{<}(X,P) = \rho(X,P) = 2\pi\epsilon(P \cdot u(X)) \not P \delta(P^2)$ quasi-particle approx

 $\Delta S^{>}(X,P) - \Delta S^{<}(X,P) = 0.$

perturbation independent of spectral density

Kinetic eqn for the perturbation

$$\gamma^{\mu} \left(\frac{i}{2} \partial_{\mu} + P_{\mu} \right) \Delta S = \frac{i}{2} \left(\Sigma^{>} - \Sigma^{<} \right) \Delta S$$

self-energy in equilibrium

Blaizot, Iancu, 1999

Probe fermion in stationary fluid: damping rate



electric photon exchange screened magnetic photon exchange not fully screened!

Pisarski 1993 Blaizot, lancu 1996

 $\mu \ll m_D$ cuts off very soft magnetic photon contribution

Decoupling of photon kinetic theory



Only Coulomb contributes to the IR divergence: additional Bose enhancement for exchanged soft photon. Can ignore Compton if we focus on the same IR divergence

similar decoupling in massive fermion case in Yee's talks

Probe fermion in vortical fluid

 $\gamma^{\mu} \left(\frac{i}{2} \partial_{\mu} + P_{\mu} \right) \Delta S = \frac{i}{2} e^{2} \int_{Q} \left[\gamma^{\mu} S^{(1)}(P+Q) \gamma^{\nu} \rho_{\nu\mu}(Q) - \gamma^{\mu} \left(S^{<}(P+Q) + S^{>}(P+Q) \right) \gamma^{\nu} D_{\nu\mu}^{<(1)}(Q) \right] \Delta S$

- vortical correction to medium fermion vanishes
- vortical correction to photon self-energy contributes



Vortical correction to soft photon self-energy

Vortical correction to hard fermion

$$S^{<(1)} = -(2\pi)\frac{1}{2}\tilde{P}\gamma^5\delta(P^2)\epsilon(P\cdot u(X))f'(P\cdot u),$$

Vortical correction to soft photon self-energy

$$\Pi^{ij<(1)} = \frac{ie^2}{4\pi q} \chi \epsilon^{ijk} \left(-\hat{q}_k \hat{q} \cdot \omega \frac{q_0^2}{q^2} + \frac{1}{2} \omega_k \frac{q_0^2 + q^2}{q^2} \right)$$
$$\Pi^{0i<(1)} = \frac{ie^2}{4\pi q} \chi \epsilon^{ijk} \hat{q}_j \omega_k \frac{q_0}{q} \qquad \chi = \frac{\pi^2 T^2}{3}$$



- totally anti-symmetric
- satisfies Ward identity: $\partial_i \Pi^{ij < (0)} + i q_i \Pi^{ij < (1)} = 0$

Probe fermion in vortical fluid



 $\begin{array}{ll} P \propto \pm \widehat{p} & P \propto \omega & P \propto \pm \omega \times \widehat{p} \\ \sim \mu_5 \widehat{p} & & & \sim \mu_5 \omega \times \widehat{p} \end{array}$

Physical implications for polarization



Conclusion

Spin-dependent kinetic theory in spinor form with collision
Polarization rotation in vortical QED/QCD plasma

Outlook

> Coupling to photon kinetic theory

- ➤ Generalization to massive fermion/EM fields
- > Other spin-dependent transports

backups

$$S_R(t) \sim \exp\{-\alpha T t \ln \omega_p t\}$$

 $\omega_p = eT/3$

Non-exponential behavior indicates breaking down of quasi-particle approximation



Resonance with narrow width
$$\sim e^2 T \ln \frac{1}{e}$$