

## Spin polarization from vorticity through nonlocal collisions

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NW, E. Speranza, X.-l. Sheng, Q. Wang, and D.H. Rischke,  
arXiv:2005.01506 (2020)

Spin and hydrodynamics in relativistic nuclear collisions  
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- Large global angular momentum created in noncentral heavy-ion collisions.
- Orbital angular momentum is converted into spin  
⇒ Spin polarization in hot and dense matter!

L. Adamczyk et al. (STAR), *Nature* 548 62-65

- Connect spin polarization and vorticity!
- How to describe this with fluid dynamics? (Talk by Enrico Speranza)
  - Antisymmetric part of energy-momentum tensor describes conversion between spin and orbital angular momentum
  - Different choices of pseudo-gauge imply different physical interpretations
- How to derive spin alignment with vorticity from microscopic theory?
  - Kinetic theory with nonlocal collisions
  - Equilibrium conditions?
  - Calculate nonlocal collision term from quantum field theory.
  - Use Wigner function.

E. Speranza and NW, arXiv:2007.00138 (2020)

- Nonrelativistic hydrodynamics with spin from kinetic theory studied long time ago.

S. Hess and L. Waldmann, *Zeitschrift für Naturforschung A* 26, 1057 (1971)

- Assumes **local** collision term.
- No orbital angular momentum in collision.
- **Spin is conserved separately!**
- Hydrodynamic evolution describes diffusion of initial polarization.
- **Spin alignment with vorticity cannot be described with local collisions.**
- **Need nonlocal collision term!**
- Spin and orbital angular momentum are converted into one another.
- **⇒ Conversion between vorticity and polarization!**
- How to calculate nonlocal collision term?

- **Wigner function:** Wigner transformation of two-point function:

H.-Th. Elze, M. Gyulassy, and D. Vasak, *Ann. Phys.* **173** (1987) 462

$$W(x, p) = \int \frac{d^4 y}{(2\pi\hbar)^4} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} p \cdot y} \langle : \bar{\Psi}(x + \frac{y}{2}) \Psi(x - \frac{y}{2}) : \rangle.$$

- Dirac equation with **general interaction term**  $\rho = (1/\hbar)\partial\mathcal{L}_{int}/\partial\bar{\psi}$ :

$$(i\hbar\gamma \cdot \partial - m)\psi = \hbar\rho$$

⇒ Equation of motion for Wigner function

S. R. De Groot, W. A. Van Leeuwen, and C. G. Van Weert, *Relativistic Kinetic Theory. Principles and Applications* (North-Holland, 1980)

$$\left[ \gamma \cdot \left( p + i \frac{\hbar}{2} \partial \right) - m \right] W = \hbar C$$

**Collision term**

$$C_{\alpha\beta} \equiv \int \frac{d^4 y}{(2\pi\hbar)^4} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} p \cdot y} \langle : \bar{\psi}_\beta(x_1) \rho_\alpha(x_2) : \rangle.$$

- **Idea:** Include **nonlocal** collision term  $C$ ,  
 ⇒ Expand Wigner function and collision term up to **first order in gradients** (formally equivalent to  $\hbar$  expansion).

- Convenient decomposition (Clifford Algebra)

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

also for collision term:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re} \mathcal{C} &= \frac{1}{4} \left( D_{\mathcal{F}} + i\gamma^5 D_{\mathcal{P}} + \gamma^\mu D_{\mathcal{V}_\mu} + \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu D_{\mathcal{A}_\mu} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^{\mu\nu} D_{\mathcal{S}_{\mu\nu}} \right), \\ \text{Im} \mathcal{C} &= \frac{1}{4} \left( C_{\mathcal{F}} + i\gamma^5 C_{\mathcal{P}} + \gamma^\mu C_{\mathcal{V}_\mu} + \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu C_{\mathcal{A}_\mu} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^{\mu\nu} C_{\mathcal{S}_{\mu\nu}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- Concept for free fields:** Decompose equation of motion in Clifford algebra, solve order by order in  $\hbar$ .

NW, X.-L. Sheng, E. Speranza, Q. Wang, and D. H. Rischke, PRD100, 056018 (2019)

J.-H. Gao and Z.-T. Liang, PRD100, 056021(2019)

K. Hattori, Y. Hidaka, and D.-L. Yang, PRD100, 096011 (2019)

Z. Wang, X. Guo, S. Shi, and P. Zhuang, PRD 100 (2019) 014015

Y.-C. Liu, K. Mameda, and X.-G. Huang, (2020),2002.03753

- Now:** Additional complication through collision term.

- Equation of motion for Wigner function  $\implies$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathcal{V} - m\mathcal{F} &= \hbar D_{\mathcal{F}}, \\
 \frac{\hbar}{2} \partial \cdot \mathcal{A} + m\mathcal{P} &= -\hbar D_{\mathcal{P}}, \\
 \mathbf{p}^{\mu} \mathcal{F} - \frac{\hbar}{2} \partial_{\nu} \mathcal{S}^{\nu\mu} - m\mathcal{V}^{\mu} &= \hbar D_{\mathcal{V}}^{\mu}, \\
 -\frac{\hbar}{2} \partial^{\mu} \mathcal{P} + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_{\nu} \mathcal{S}_{\alpha\beta} + m\mathcal{A}^{\mu} &= -\hbar D_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mu}, \\
 \frac{\hbar}{2} \partial^{[\mu} \mathcal{V}^{\nu]} - \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_{\alpha} \mathcal{A}_{\beta} - m\mathcal{S}^{\mu\nu} &= \hbar D_{\mathcal{S}}^{\mu\nu}, \\
 \hbar \partial \cdot \mathcal{V} &= 2\hbar C_{\mathcal{F}}, \\
 \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathcal{A} &= \hbar C_{\mathcal{P}}, \\
 \frac{\hbar}{2} \partial^{\mu} \mathcal{F} + p_{\nu} \mathcal{S}^{\nu\mu} &= \hbar C_{\mathcal{V}}^{\mu}, \\
 \mathbf{p}^{\mu} \mathcal{P} + \frac{\hbar}{4} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \partial_{\nu} \mathcal{S}_{\alpha\beta} &= -\hbar C_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mu}, \\
 \mathbf{p}^{[\mu} \mathcal{V}^{\nu]} + \frac{\hbar}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \partial_{\alpha} \mathcal{A}_{\beta} &= -\hbar C_{\mathcal{S}}^{\mu\nu}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- Want to obtain energy-momentum and spin tensor  
(see Enrico Speranza's talk)

$$T_{HW}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{m} \int d^4 p p^\nu (p^\mu \mathcal{F} - \hbar D_V^\mu) + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$$

$$S_{HW}^{\lambda,\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2m} \int d^4 p p^\lambda S^{\mu\nu}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m^2} \int d^4 p p^\lambda \left( \frac{\hbar}{2} \partial^{[\mu} \mathcal{V}^{\nu]} - \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\alpha \mathcal{A}_\beta - \hbar D_S^{\mu\nu} \right)$$

- Problem:  $D_V^\mu$  and  $D_S^{\mu\nu}$  not immediately given  
→ expand in most general tensor structure
- Assume: Spin effects at least  $\mathcal{O}(\hbar) \implies D_V^\mu \propto p^\mu + \mathcal{O}(\hbar)$

$$p^\mu \mathcal{F} - \hbar D_V^\mu = p^\mu \bar{\mathcal{F}} + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$$

- No antisymmetric rank-two tensor at  $\mathcal{O}(1) \implies D_S^{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{O}(\hbar)$
- Can express currents **only through  $\bar{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $\mathcal{A}^\mu$**  up to first order.
- Relevant transport equations:

$$p \cdot \partial \bar{\mathcal{F}} = m C_F, \quad p \cdot \partial \mathcal{A}^\mu = m C_A^\mu$$

with  $C_F = 2C_{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $C_A^\mu \equiv -\frac{1}{m} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\nu C_{S\alpha\beta}$ .

- In order to account for spin dynamics **enlarge phase space**  
J. Zamanian, M. Marklund, and G. Brodin, *NJP* 12, 043019 (2010)
- Introduce new phase-space variable  $\mathfrak{s}^\mu$

$$f(x, p, \mathfrak{s}) \equiv \frac{1}{2} [\bar{\mathcal{F}}(x, p) - \mathfrak{s} \cdot \mathcal{A}(x, p)] .$$

- Obtain  $\bar{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $\mathcal{A}^\mu$  via

$$\bar{\mathcal{F}} = \int dS(p) f(x, p, \mathfrak{s}) , \quad \mathcal{A}^\mu = \int dS(p) \mathfrak{s}^\mu f(x, p, \mathfrak{s})$$

with  $dS(p) \equiv \frac{\sqrt{p^2}}{\sqrt{3\pi}} d^4 s \delta(\mathfrak{s}^2 + 3) \delta(p \cdot \mathfrak{s})$ .

- Ensures constraint  $p \cdot \mathcal{A} = 0$ .
- Same formalism as in case of classical spin  
⇒ suitable for hydrodynamic calculations

W. Florkowski, R. Ryblewski, and A. Kumar, *Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys.* 108, 103709 (2019)

S. Bhadury, W. Florkowski, A. Jaiswal, A. Kumar and R. Ryblewski, arXiv: 2002.03937, arXiv:2008.10976 (2020)

- Exact, all quantum information about  $\bar{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $\mathcal{A}^\mu$  retained.
- Simple, no need to go to matrix-valued distribution function.



- Boltzmann equation

$$p \cdot \partial f(x, p, s) = m \mathcal{C}[f],$$

$$\mathcal{C}[f] \equiv \frac{1}{2}(C_F - s \cdot C_A).$$

- Want to obtain collision term up to **first order in gradients**

$$\mathcal{C}[f] = \mathcal{C}_l[f] + \hbar \mathcal{C}_{nl}[f].$$

**Local** contribution + **Nonlocal** contribution

- Starting point:**

S. R. De Groot, W. A. Van Leeuwen, and C. G. Van Weert, *Relativistic Kinetic Theory. Principles and Applications* (North-Holland, 1980)

$$p \cdot \partial W = C$$

with

$$C_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{i}{2} \int \frac{d^4 y}{(2\pi\hbar)^4} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} p \cdot y} \left\langle [\bar{\rho}(x_1) (-i\hbar\gamma \cdot \overleftarrow{\partial} + m)]_{\beta} \psi_{\alpha}(x_2) \right. \\ \left. - \bar{\psi}_{\beta}(x_1) [(i\hbar\gamma \cdot \partial + m)\rho(x_2)]_{\alpha} \right\rangle$$

- Modified on-shell condition

$$\left( p^2 - m^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \partial^2 \right) W = \hbar \delta M$$

with

$$\delta M_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^4 y}{(2\pi\hbar)^4} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} p \cdot y} \left\langle [\bar{\rho}(x_1) (i\hbar\gamma \cdot \overleftarrow{\partial} + m)]_{\beta} \psi_{\alpha}(x_2) + \bar{\psi}_{\beta}(x_1) [(-i\hbar\gamma \cdot \partial + m)\rho(x_2)]_{\alpha} \right\rangle$$

- By taking traces

$$(p^2 - m^2)f = \hbar \mathfrak{M} + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$$

with

$$\mathfrak{M} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[ \left( \frac{m}{p^2} p \cdot \gamma - \mathfrak{s} \cdot \gamma \gamma^5 \right) \delta M \right]$$

- Quasiparticle approximation: assume solution of the form

$$f = m \delta(p^2 - m^2 - \hbar \delta m^2) f$$

- Expanding  $\delta$ -function up to first order:

$$\mathfrak{M} = \delta m^2 \delta(p^2 - m^2) m f$$

- Next: Calculate  $C$  and  $\delta M$  explicitly  $\implies$  obtain  $\mathfrak{C}$  and  $\mathfrak{M}$  by taking traces.

- " $\hbar$ -expansion": **gradient expansion**  
 $\hbar \times$  gradient of Wigner function  
 $\ll$  momentum or mass scale  $\times$  Wigner function
- We treat **all gradients on the same level**, i.e.

- gradients in formal  $\hbar$ -expansion of **Wigner function**

$$W = W^{(0)} + \hbar W^{(1)} + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2),$$

- gradients in **nonlocal** expansion of **collision term**

$$\mathfrak{C} = \mathfrak{C}_l + \hbar \mathfrak{C}_{nl} + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2),$$

- and gradients in expansion of **distribution function around equilibrium**

$$f = f_{eq} + \delta f$$

considered to be of same order.

- $\implies f^{(0)}$  contains only equilibrium contributions.
- $f^{(1)}$  contains equilibrium and off-equilibrium contributions.
- $\mathfrak{C}_{nl}$  is a functional only of  $f^{(0)}$ ,  
 $\mathfrak{C}_{nl}[f^{(1)}]$  would enter collision term at second order.

- Expand ensemble average in **initial n-particle scattering states**.
- Neglect initial correlations** (molecular chaos).
- Assume **binary scattering** ( $n = 2$ ).
- Low-density approximation**:  
Identify initial Wigner function in collision term with interacting Wigner function  $W_{\text{in}} = W$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{\alpha\beta} &= \frac{1}{2(4\pi\hbar m^2)^2} \sum_{r_1, r_2, s_1, s_2} \int d^4x_1 d^4x_2 d^4p_1 d^4p_2 d^4u_1 d^4u_2 \\
 &\times \text{in} \langle p_1 - \frac{1}{2}u_1, p_2 - \frac{1}{2}u_2; r_1, r_2 | \Phi_{\alpha\beta}(p) | p_1 + \frac{1}{2}u_2, p_2 + \frac{1}{2}u_2; s_1, s_2 \rangle_{\text{in}} \\
 &\times \prod_{j=1}^2 \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} u_j \cdot x_j\right) \bar{u}_{s_j}(p_j + \frac{1}{2}u_j) W_{\text{in}}(x + x_j, p_j) u_{r_j}(p_j - \frac{1}{2}u_j), \\
 \Phi_{\alpha\beta}(p) &\equiv \frac{i}{2} \int \frac{d^4y}{(2\pi\hbar)^4} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} p \cdot y} \left\{ \left[ \bar{\rho}\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) \left(-i\hbar\gamma \cdot \overleftarrow{\partial} + m\right) \right]_{\beta} \right. \\
 &\times \left. \psi_{\alpha}\left(-\frac{y}{2}\right) - \bar{\psi}_{\beta}\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) \left[i\hbar\gamma \cdot \partial + m\right]_{\alpha} \rho\left(-\frac{y}{2}\right) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Wigner function varies slowly over interaction range  
 $\implies$  Taylor expansion up to first order

$$W(x + x_j, p_j) = W(x + p_j) + x_j \cdot \partial W(x + p_j)$$

- Integrate over  $x_j \rightarrow \delta$ -functions

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{\alpha\beta} &= \frac{(2\pi\hbar)^6}{2(4m^4)} \sum_{r_1, r_2, s_1, s_2} \int d^4 p_1 d^4 p_2 d^4 u_1 d^4 u_2 \\
 &\times \text{in} \langle p_1 - \frac{1}{2} u_1, p_2 - \frac{1}{2} u_2; r_1, r_2 | \Phi_{\alpha\beta}(p) | p_1 + \frac{1}{2} u_2, p_2 + \frac{1}{2} u_2; s_1, s_2 \rangle_{\text{in}} \\
 &\times \prod_{j=1}^2 \bar{u}_{s_j}(p_j + \frac{1}{2} u_j) \left[ W(x, p_j) \delta^{(4)}(u_j) - i\hbar (\partial_{u_j}^\mu \delta^{(4)}(u_j)) \partial_\mu W(x, p_j) \right] u_{r_j}(p_j - \frac{1}{2} u_j)
 \end{aligned}$$

S. R. De Groot, W. A. Van Leeuwen, and C. G. Van Weert, *Relativistic Kinetic Theory. Principles and Applications* (North-Holland, 1980)

- Consider contribution from **local** and **nonlocal terms at first order in gradients**

- Local collision term:

$$\mathfrak{C}[f] = \int d\Gamma_1 d\Gamma_2 d\Gamma' \mathcal{W} [f(x, p_1, s_1) f(x, p_2, s_2) - f(x, p, s) f(x, p', s')] \\ + \int d\Gamma_2 dS_1(p) \mathfrak{W} f(x, p, s_1) f(x, p_2, s_2)$$

$$d\Gamma \equiv d^4 p \delta(p^2 - m^2) dS(p)$$

- Structure: Momentum and spin exchange + Spin exchange only

$$\mathcal{W} \equiv \delta^4(p + p' - p_1 - p_2) \frac{1}{8} \sum_{spins} h_{sr}(p, s) h_{s'r'}(p', s') h_{s_1 r_1}(p_1, s_1) h_{s_2 r_2}(p_2, s_2) \\ \times \langle p, p'; r, r' | t | p_1, p_2; s_1, s_2 \rangle \langle p_1, p_2; r_1, r_2 | t^\dagger | p, p'; s, s' \rangle,$$

vacuum scattering amplitude

$$\mathfrak{W} \equiv \hbar \frac{\pi}{4m} \sum_{spins} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} s^\mu s_1^\nu p^\alpha n_{s_1 r}^\beta h_{s_2 r_2}(p_2, s_2) \langle p, p_2; r, r_2 | t + t^\dagger | p, p_2; s_1, s_2 \rangle$$

with

$$h_{sr}(p, s) = \left[ \delta_{sr} - \frac{1}{2m} \bar{u}_s(p) s \cdot \gamma \gamma^5 u_r(p) \right]$$

- Nonlocal collision term:

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{\alpha\beta} = & -i\hbar \frac{(2\pi\hbar)^6}{2(4m^4)} \sum_{r_1, r_2, s_1, s_2} \int d^4 p_1 d^4 p_2 d^4 u_1 d^4 u_2 \\
 & \times \text{in} \langle p_1 - \frac{1}{2} u_1, p_2 - \frac{1}{2} u_2; r_1, r_2 | \Phi_{\alpha\beta}(p) | p_1 + \frac{1}{2} u_2, p_2 + \frac{1}{2} u_2; s_1, s_2 \rangle_{\text{in}} \\
 & \times \prod_{j=1}^2 \bar{u}_{s_j}(p_j + \frac{1}{2} u_j) (\partial_{u_j}^\mu \delta^{(4)}(u_j)) \partial_\mu W(x, p_j) u_{r_j}(p_j - \frac{1}{2} u_j)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Integrate by parts
- Under  $\mathfrak{s}$ -integration and multiplied by scattering-matrix element:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \partial_{u_j} \left[ \bar{u}_s(p_j + \frac{1}{2} u) W^{(0)}(x, p_j) u_r(p_j - \frac{1}{2} u_j) \right]_{u_j=0} \\
 & \rightarrow \frac{i}{2(p_j^0 + m)} (\mathbf{p}_j \times \mathfrak{s}_j) \cdot \partial f^{(0)}(x, p_j)
 \end{aligned}$$

- $\implies$  **Nonlocality** of collision term results in **position shift** of distribution functions  $\Delta \cdot \partial f$

- Integration by parts

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{\alpha\beta} = & -i\hbar \frac{(2\pi\hbar)^6}{2(4m^4)} \sum_{r_1, r_2, s_1, s_2} \int d^4 p_1 d^4 p_2 d^4 u_1 d^4 u_2 \\
 & \times \text{in} \langle p_1 - \frac{1}{2} u_1, p_2 - \frac{1}{2} u_2; r_1, r_2 | \Phi_{\alpha\beta}(p) | p_1 + \frac{1}{2} u_2, p_2 + \frac{1}{2} u_2; s_1, s_2 \rangle_{\text{in}} \\
 & \times \prod_{j=1}^2 \bar{u}_{s_j}(p_j + \frac{1}{2} u_j) (\partial_{u_j}^\mu \delta^{(4)}(u_j)) \partial_\mu W(x, p_j) u_{r_j}(p_j - \frac{1}{2} u_j)
 \end{aligned}$$

three contributions:

- One contribution **vanishes** after inserting equilibrium distribution function for  $f^{(0)}$
- One contribution proportional to **momentum derivatives of scattering amplitude**

$$\langle p + \frac{1}{2} u_1 - \frac{1}{2} u_2, p_2 + \frac{1}{2} u_2; r, r_2 | t | p + \frac{1}{2} u_1 + \frac{1}{2} u_2, p_2 + \frac{1}{2} u_2; s_1, s_2 \rangle$$

is neglected: consistent with low-density approximation

A. A. Abrikosov, L. P. Gorkov, and I. E. Dzyaloshinski, *Methods of Quantum Field Theory in Statistical Physics* (Courier Corporation, 1975)

- Off-shell contribution  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{off-shell}}$ !



- Off-shell contributions both in  $\mathfrak{f}$  and in nonlocal collision term

$$\mathbf{p} \cdot \partial \mathfrak{f} = m \mathfrak{C}_{\text{on-shell}} + \hbar m \mathfrak{C}_{\text{off-shell}}^{(1)}$$

- Remember:

$$\mathfrak{f} = m \delta(\mathbf{p}^2 - m^2) f - \hbar m \delta m^2 \delta'(\mathbf{p}^2 - m^2) f$$

with

$$-m \delta'(\mathbf{p}^2 - m^2) \delta m^2 f = \frac{1}{\mathbf{p}^2 - m^2} \mathbf{p} \cdot \partial \mathfrak{M}$$

- Explicit calculation of  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{C}$

$$\frac{1}{\mathbf{p}^2 - m^2} \mathbf{p} \cdot \partial \mathfrak{M} = m \mathfrak{C}_{\text{off-shell}}^{(1)}$$

$\implies$  Same off-shell terms on both sides of Boltzmann equation

- Off-shell contributions cancel!
- On-shell kinetic equation for  $f$

$$\delta(\mathbf{p}^2 - m^2) \mathbf{p} \cdot \partial f = \mathfrak{C}_{\text{on-shell}}[f]$$

- Collect terms  $\rightarrow$  intuitive result:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}[f] = & \int d\Gamma_1 d\Gamma_2 d\Gamma' \mathcal{W} [f(x + \Delta_1, p_1, s_1) \\ & \times f(x + \Delta_2, p_2, s_2) - f(x + \Delta, p, s) f(x + \Delta', p', s')] \\ & + \int d\Gamma_2 dS_1(p) \mathfrak{W} f(x + \Delta_1, p, s_1) f(x + \Delta_2, p_2, s_2) \end{aligned}$$

- Collision **nonlocal**, particle positions displaced by

$$\Delta^\mu = -\frac{\hbar}{2m(p \cdot \hat{t} + m)} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\nu \hat{t}_\alpha s_\beta$$

with  $\hat{t} = (1, 0)$ .

- Interpretation:** Particles scatter with finite impact parameter and are shifted before and after the collision.
- Contrast to massless case:** Non-covariant distribution functions lead to position shifts after Lorentz transformations even for free fields.  
 $\implies$  Collision local in one frame  $\rightarrow$  Collision nonlocal in different frame  
J.-Y. Chen, D.T. Son, and M. Stephanov, PRL 115 (2015) 021601
- Here:** distribution functions covariant, position shifts through **nonlocal interactions**.

- **Equilibrium condition:** Collision term has to vanish.
- **Ansatz for distribution function**

F. Becattini, V. Chandra, L. Del Zanna, and E. Grossi, AP. 338, 32 (2013)

W. Florkowski, R. Ryblewski, and A. Kumar, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 108, 103709 (2019)

$$f_{eq}(x, p, \mathfrak{s}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \exp \left[ -\beta(x) \cdot p + \frac{\hbar}{4} \Omega_{\mu\nu}(x) \Sigma_s^{\mu\nu} \right] \delta(p^2 - M^2)$$

- $\beta^\mu$  - Lagrange multiplier for 4-momentum conservation
- **Spin potential  $\Omega^{\mu\nu}$**  - Lagrange multiplier for **total** angular momentum conservation
- $M$  - mass possibly modified by interactions
- **Dipole-moment tensor**

$$\Sigma_s^{\mu\nu} \equiv -\frac{1}{m} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\alpha \mathfrak{s}_\beta$$

- **Insert into  $\mathcal{C}[f]$  and expand up to first order in  $\hbar$ .**  
 $\implies$  **Zeroth-order collision term vanishes due to momentum conservation**

- Could Lagrange multiplier of  $\Sigma_s^{\mu\nu}$  also start with **zeroth order** in  $\hbar$ ?
- For **nonlocal** collisions spin is **no collisional invariant**.
- **Zeroth-order polarization** would lead to large orbital angular momenta in collisions by spin-to-orbital conversion, i.e. **gradients of zeroth order**.  
 $\implies$  **inconsistent with power-counting scheme**
- If collisions are considered to be strictly **local**, spin is **collisional invariant**  
 $\implies \Sigma_s^\mu$  can be multiplied by spin potential with contributions starting at zeroth order.

W. Florkowski, R. Ryblewski, and A. Kumar, *Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys.* **108**, 103709 (2019)

- **Here: Nonlocal** terms are considered, spin is not conserved.
- $\implies$  Leading-order polarization would lead to contradictions in power-counting scheme.

At first order in  $\hbar$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{C}[f_{eq}] &= - \int d\Gamma' d\Gamma_1 d\Gamma_2 \widetilde{\mathcal{W}} e^{-\beta \cdot (p_1 + p_2)} \\ &\times \left[ \partial_\mu \beta_\nu (\Delta_1^\mu p_1^\nu + \Delta_2^\mu p_2^\nu - \Delta^\mu p^\nu - \Delta'^\mu p'^\nu) - \frac{1}{2} \Omega_{\mu\nu} \frac{\hbar}{2} (\Sigma_{s_1}^{\mu\nu} + \Sigma_{s_2}^{\mu\nu} - \Sigma_s^{\mu\nu} - \Sigma_{s'}^{\mu\nu}) \right] \\ &- \int d\Gamma_2 dS_1(p) dS'(p_2) \mathfrak{W} e^{-\beta \cdot (p + p_2)} \\ &\times \left\{ \partial_\mu \beta_\nu [(\Delta_1^\mu - \Delta^\mu) p^\nu + (\Delta_2^\mu - \Delta'^\mu) p_2^\nu] - \frac{1}{2} \Omega_{\mu\nu} \frac{\hbar}{2} (\Sigma_{s_1}^{\mu\nu} + \Sigma_{s_2}^{\mu\nu} - \Sigma_s^{\mu\nu} - \Sigma_{s'}^{\mu\nu}) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

- Conservation of total angular momentum (orbital+spin) in a collision

$$J^{\mu\nu} = \Delta^\mu p^\nu - \Delta^\nu p^\mu + \frac{\hbar}{2} \Sigma_s^{\mu\nu}$$

- Conditions for vanishing of collision term at first order:

$$\partial_\mu \beta_\nu + \partial_\nu \beta_\mu = 0$$

$$\Omega_{\mu\nu} = \varpi_{\mu\nu} \equiv -\frac{1}{2} \partial_{[\mu} \beta_{\nu]} = \text{const.}$$

$$a_{[\mu} b_{\nu]} \equiv a_\mu b_\nu - a_\nu b_\mu$$

## Discussion

- Collision term vanishes under conditions for **global** equilibrium!
- **But not for (standard) local equilibrium with nonlocal collisions.**
- Confirm known result from statistical quantum field theory:  
**In global equilibrium spin potential equal to thermal vorticity.**  
**F. Becattini, PRL 108, 244502 (2012)**
- **Interpretation:** When approaching equilibrium, non-vanishing vorticity converts orbital angular momentum into spin through nonlocal collisions  
**⇒ Initially unpolarized fluid gets polarized!**

- Calculate currents in **HW pseudo-gauge**: Originally derived for free fields by applying Noether's theorem to Klein-Gordon Lagrangian for spinors  
 J. Hilgevoord and S. Wouthuysen, *Nuclear Physics* 40, 1 (1963)
- Here: obtain energy-momentum and spin tensor by **pseudo-gauge transformation** from canonical tensors.  
 See Enrico Speranza's talk
- Choice of pseudo-gauge transformation:
  - Recover **HW** tensors for **zero interactions**.
  - Obtain **physically meaningful equations of motion** (see next slide).
- Result:

$$T_{HW}^{\mu\nu} = \int d\Gamma p^\mu p^\nu f(x, p, s) + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2),$$

$$S_{HW}^{\lambda, \mu\nu} = \int d\Gamma p^\lambda \left( \frac{1}{2} \Sigma_s^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\hbar}{4m^2} p^{[\mu} \partial^{\nu]} \right) f(x, p, s) + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2).$$

- Using Boltzmann equation

$$\partial_\mu T_{HW}^{\mu\nu} = \int d\Gamma p^\nu \mathcal{C}[f] = 0 ,$$

$$\hbar \partial_\lambda S_{HW}^{\lambda,\mu\nu} = \int d\Gamma \frac{\hbar}{2} \Sigma_s^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{C}[f] = T_{HW}^{[\nu\mu]} .$$

- Energy-momentum conserved in a collision
- Spin not conserved in nonlocal collisions  $\Leftrightarrow T_{HW}^{[\nu\mu]} \neq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Conversion between spin and orbital angular momentum
- $T_{HW}^{[\nu\mu]} = 0$ 
  - for local collisions, as spin is collisional invariant
  - in global equilibrium, as collision term vanishes
- With nonlocal collisions out of global equilibrium: dynamics dissipative



- Derivation of nonlocal collisions from quantum field theory
- Start from equations of motion for Wigner function
- Main assumptions: Gradient expansion and low density
- Spin in phase space leads to simple and intuitive treatment of polarization effects
- Collision term contains local and nonlocal contributions
- Off-shell effects cancel on both sides of Boltzmann equation
- Nonlocal contribution to collision term can be expressed as position shifts of distribution functions
- Nonlocal collision term vanishes in global equilibrium
- Then spin potential is equal to thermal vorticity
- Nonlocal collisions are essential to obtain spin alignment with vorticity
- Antisymmetric part of HW energy-momentum tensor describes conversion between spin and orbital angular momentum in presence of nonlocal collisions

- Comparison to alternative approach to nonlocal collision term:  
Kadanoff-Baym equation  
⇒ See next talk by Xin-li Sheng  
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Z. Wang, X. Guo, P. Zhuang, *arXiv:2009.10930* (2020)
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G.S. Denicol, H. Niemi, E. Molnar, D.H. Rischke, *PRD* **85** (2012) 114047
- Dissipative corrections to Pauli-Lubanski vector including effects of nonlocal collisions
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J. Adam et al. [STAR Collaboration], *PRL* **123**, 132301 (2019)