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# Axial kinetic theory and spin transport for massive fermions

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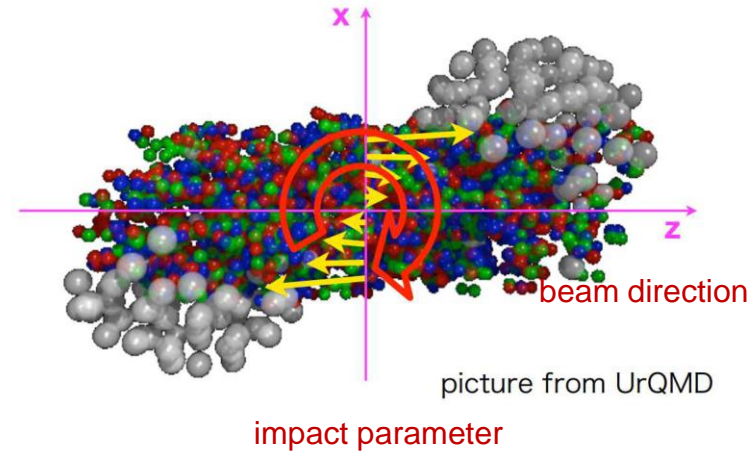
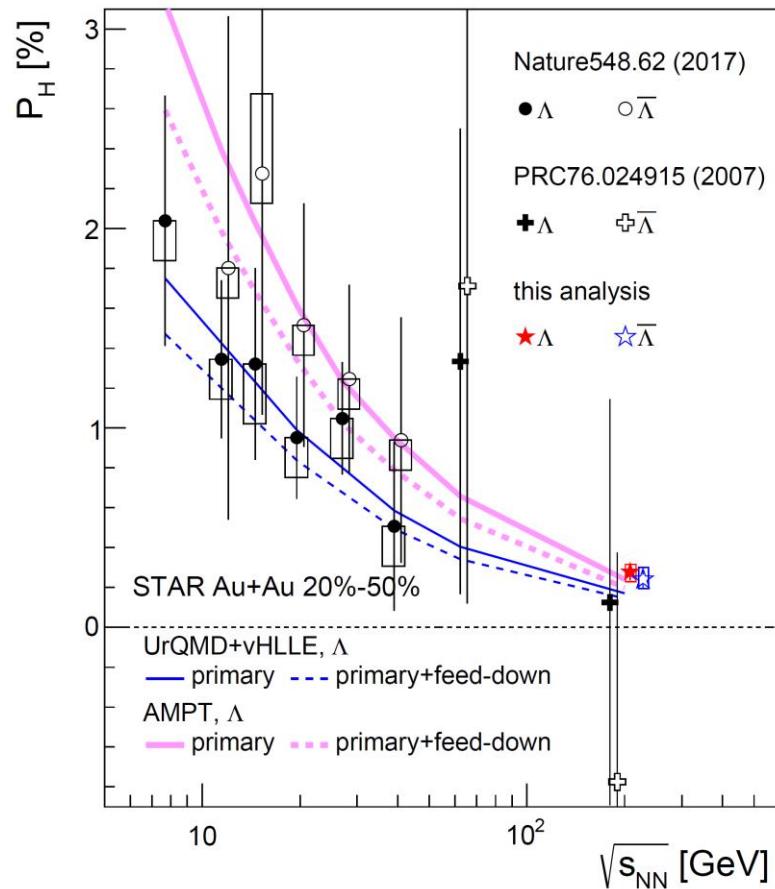
Reference :

Koichi Hattori (YITP) , Yoshimasa Hidaka (RIKEN), DY,  
arXiv:1903.01653

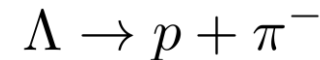
# Rotating fluids with spins

## Global polarization of $\Lambda$ hyperons : (see also Liao's talk)

STAR, Nature 548 (2017) 62-65



➤ self analyzing through the weak decay :



(the momentum of daughter proton is preferable to align along the spin of Lambda)



# Polarization led by magnetic/vortical fields

- Barnett effect : magnetization of an uncharged object with rotation

S. J. Barnett, 1915

$$M = \chi\omega/\gamma$$

$\omega$  : angular velocity

$\gamma$  : gyromagnetic ratio

$\chi$  : magnetic susceptibility

- Einstein-de Hass effect : change of the magnetic moment generates rotation O. W. Richardson, 1908. A. Einstein, W. J. de Haas, 1905.

- chiral separation effect (CSE) and (axial-)chiral vortical effect (aCVE) : axial-charge (spin) currents led by magnetic/vortical fields for massless fermions.

$$\text{CSE : } \mathbf{J}_5 = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \mu_V \mathbf{B} \quad \text{aCVE : } \mathbf{J}_5 = \left( \frac{\mu_V^2 + \mu_5^2}{2\pi^2} + \frac{T^2}{6} \right) \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

vorticity :

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla \times \mathbf{v}$$

A. Vilenkin, 79, 80

K. Fukushima, D. Kharzeev, H. Warringa, 08

D. Kharzeev, L. McLerran, H. Warringa, 08

K. Landsteiner, E. Megias, F. Pena-Benitez, 11

❖ mass corrections on CSE/CVE :  $m_q$  ↗  $\sigma_B/\omega$  ↘

E. Gorbar, V. Miransky, I. Shovkovy, X. Wang, 13

S. Lin and L. Yang, 18

❖ non-equilibrium corrections

D. Kharzeev, et al., 17

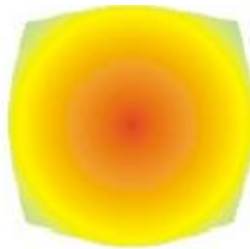
Y. Hidaka, DY, 18

# Evolution of the spin

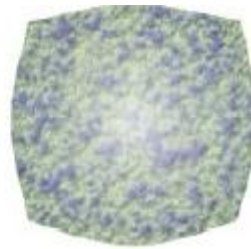
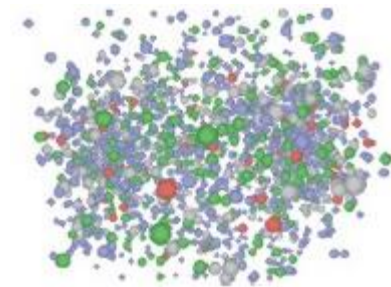
- Previous studies in theory focused on the polarization of hadrons in thermal equilibrium. **(no dynamics of polarization)** e.g. F. Becattini, et al. 13  
R. Fang, et al. 16
- How does the spin polarization of partons (s quark) evolve?
- Current theoretical studies :



Initial states

pre-equilibrium  
phase/thermalization

QGP

hadronization/  
freeze out

hadronic gas

Initial polarization :  
Hard scattering with  
 $b \neq 0$

Z.-T. Liang, X.-N. Wang, 05

**in between?**

spin hydro.  
(see e.g. Hongo's talk)

**“Quantum kinetic theory (QKT) for spin transport”** (microscopic theory, non-equilibrium, weak EM fields, weakly coupled)

Polarization of hadrons  
in equilibrium :  
e.g. statistical model

F. Becattini, et al. 13

?

Final polarization :  
Observed in exp.



# Quantum kinetic theory for fermions

- QKT for massless fermions : chiral kinetic theory (CKT)
- Modified Boltzmann (Vlasov) equation with the chiral anomaly
- ❖ Non-field theory construction : Berry phase {
  - D. T. Son and N. Yamamoto, 12
  - M. Stephanov and Y. Yin, 12
  - J.-Y. Chen, et al. 14, 15
- ❖ QFT derivation : Wigner functions (WFs) {
  - J.-W. Chen, S. Pu, Q. Wang, X.-N. Wang, 12
  - D. T. Son & N. Yamamoto, 12
- Covariant CKT in an arbitrary frame with collisions [Hidaka, Pu, DY, 16, 17](#)
  
- QKT for massive fermions ?
- Spin is no longer enslaved by chirality : a new dynamical dof
- To track both vector/axial charges and spin polarization
- To reproduce CKT in the massless limit
- ❖ Axial kinetic theory (AKT) : a scalar + an axial-vector equations
  - [K. Hattori, Y. Hidaka, DY, arXiv:1903.01653](#) (in an arbitrary frame)
- [Similar works : subject to the rest frame](#) ➔ [become invalid with small mass](#)
  - [N. Weickgenannt, X. L. Sheng, E. Speranza, Q. Wang and D. H. Rischke, arXiv:1902.06513](#)
  - [J. H. Gao and Z. T. Liang, arXiv:1902.06510](#)



# Wigner functions (WFs)

- lesser (greater) propagators :

$$S^>(x, y) = \langle \psi(x) \mathcal{P}U^\dagger(A_\mu, x, y) \psi^\dagger(y) \rangle$$

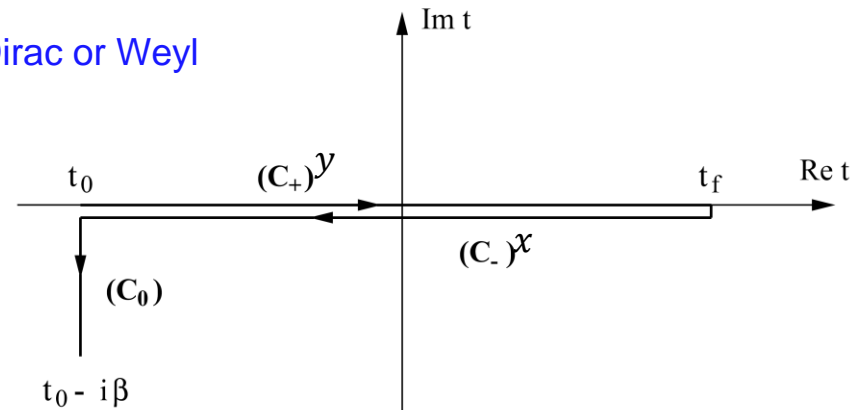
$$S^<(x, y) = \langle \psi^\dagger(y) \mathcal{P}U(A_\mu, x, y) \psi(x) \rangle$$

gauge link



$$X = \frac{x+y}{2}, Y = x - y$$

Dirac or Weyl



review : J. Blaizot, E. Iancu, Phys.Rept. 359 (2002) 355-528

Wigner functions :  $\dot{S}^{<(>)}(q, X) = \int d^4Y e^{\frac{iq \cdot Y}{\hbar}} S^{<(>)}\left(X + \frac{Y}{2}, X - \frac{Y}{2}\right)$

- Field-theory defined observables :  $J_V^\mu = \int \frac{d^4q}{(2\pi)^4} \text{tr}(\gamma^\mu \dot{S}^<)$ ,  $J_5^\mu = \int \frac{d^4q}{(2\pi)^4} \text{tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \dot{S}^<)$ .
- Kadanoff-Baym (KB) equations up to  $\mathcal{O}(\hbar)$  : ( $q \gg \partial$  : weak fields)

$$(\not{D} - m)\dot{S}^< + \gamma^\mu i \frac{\hbar}{2} \nabla_\mu \dot{S}^< = \frac{i\hbar}{2} (\Sigma^< \dot{S}^> - \Sigma^> \dot{S}^<)$$

$$\nabla_\mu = \Delta_\mu + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2),$$

$$\Delta_\mu = \partial_\mu + F_{\nu\mu} \partial / \partial q_\nu$$

$$\Pi^\mu = q^\mu + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$$



# Vector/axial bases

- For simplicity, we focus on the collisionless case ( $\Sigma^{(<)} = 0$ ).
- Decomposition : [D. Vasak, M. Gyulassy, and H. T. Elze, 87](#)

$$\dot{S}^{<} = \boxed{\mathcal{S}} + \boxed{i\mathcal{P}}\gamma^5 + \boxed{\mathcal{V}^\mu}\gamma_\mu + \boxed{\mathcal{A}^\mu}\gamma^5\gamma_\mu + \frac{\boxed{S^{\mu\nu}}}{2}\Sigma_{\mu\nu}, \quad \Sigma_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2}[\gamma_\mu, \gamma_\nu].$$

(pseudo) scalar condensates     
 vector/axial-charge currents     
 magnetization

➡ 10 vector/tensor equations with implicit redundancies

- Reducing redundant dof : replacing  $\mathcal{S}$ ,  $\mathcal{P}$ , and  $S^{\mu\nu}$  in terms of  $\mathcal{V}^\mu$  and  $\mathcal{A}^\mu$ .

e.g.  $m\mathcal{P} = -\frac{\hbar}{2}\nabla_\mu\mathcal{A}^\mu \implies \partial_\mu J_5^\mu = \frac{\hbar\mathbf{E}\cdot\mathbf{B}}{2\pi^2} + 2im\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi$

- Master equations :

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \cdot \mathcal{V} &= 0, & q \cdot \mathcal{A} &= 0, \\ (q^2 - m^2)\mathcal{V}_\mu &= -\hbar\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{A}^\nu, & (q^2 - m^2)\mathcal{A}^\mu &= \frac{\hbar}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}q_\sigma\Delta_\nu\mathcal{V}_\rho, \\ q_\nu\mathcal{V}_\mu - q_\mu\mathcal{V}_\nu &= \frac{\hbar}{2}\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}\Delta^\rho\mathcal{A}^\sigma, & q \cdot \Delta\mathcal{A}^\mu + F^{\nu\mu}\mathcal{A}_\nu &= \frac{\hbar}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(\partial_\sigma F_{\beta\nu})\partial_q^\beta\mathcal{V}_\rho \end{aligned}$$



# Leading-order kinetic equations

- Perturbative solution :  $(\mathcal{V}/\mathcal{A})^\mu = (\mathcal{V}/\mathcal{A})_0^\mu + \hbar(\mathcal{V}/\mathcal{A})_1^\mu$
- Leading order (LO) :  $(\mathcal{V}_0/\mathcal{A}_0)^\mu = 2\pi(q/a)^\mu \delta(q^2 - m^2) f_{V/A}$
- Dynamical variables :  $f_{V/A}(q, X)$  &  $a^\mu(q, X)$
- Spin four vector  $a^\mu(q, X)$  :

$$q \cdot \mathcal{A} = 0 \implies q \cdot a = q^2 - m^2 \quad (\text{vanishes on-shell})$$

$$m = 0 \implies a^\mu = q^\mu \quad (\text{spin enslavement})$$

- LO kinetic theory :

$$\text{Vlasov Eq. : } 0 = \delta(q^2 - m^2) q \cdot \Delta f_V, \quad \Delta_\mu = \partial_\mu + F_{\nu\mu} \partial / \partial q_\nu$$

$$\text{BMT Eq. : } 0 = \delta(q^2 - m^2) \left( q \cdot \Delta (a^\mu f_A) + F^{\nu\mu} a_\nu f_A \right)$$

Bargmann-Michel-Telegdi, 59

(off-shell,  $g = 2$ )

$$m = 0 : \text{BMT Eq.} \implies 0 = \delta(q^2) q^\mu q \cdot \Delta f_A$$





# Collisionless WFs for massive fermions

- WFs up to  $\mathcal{O}(\hbar^1)$  :

$$\mathcal{V}^\mu = 2\pi \left[ \delta(q^2 - m^2) (q^\mu f_V + \hbar G^\mu) + \hbar \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} a_\nu \delta'(q^2 - m^2) f_A \right],$$

$$\mathcal{A}^\mu = 2\pi \left[ \delta(q^2 - m^2) (a^\mu f_A + \hbar H^\mu) + \hbar \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} q_\nu \delta'(q^2 - m^2) f_V \right],$$

Magnetization currents (spin-orbit int.) :

$$G^\mu = \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} n_\nu}{2q \cdot n} [\Delta_\rho (a_\sigma f_A) + F_{\rho\sigma} f_A].$$

$$H^\mu = \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} q_\alpha n_\beta}{2a \cdot n} \Delta_\nu f_V.$$

obtained from the wave functions for free Dirac spinors instead of KB equations

Side-jump terms : for CVE

Chen et al. 14.  
Hidaka, Pu, DY, 16

$$(G/H)^\mu = \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} q_\alpha n_\beta}{2q \cdot n} \Delta_\nu f_{V/A}$$

$$f_{V/A} = f_R \pm f_L$$

- The rest frame :  $n^\mu = q^\mu / m$   $\longrightarrow$

N. Weickgenannt, et al, arXiv:1902.06513

J. H. Gao and Z. T. Liang, arXiv:1902.06510

- WFs for Weyl fermions are reproduced in the massless limit

Hidaka, Pu, DY, 16, 17



# Axial kinetic theory

- AKT in an arbitrary spacetime-dep. frame ( $n^\mu = n^\mu(X)$ ) :
- Scalar kinetic equation (SKE): **remaining in the massless limit**  $\xrightarrow{m=0}$  CKT

$$0 = \delta(q^2 - m^2) \left[ q \cdot \Delta f_V + \hbar \left( \frac{E_\mu S_{a(n)}^{\mu\nu}}{q \cdot n} \Delta_\nu + S_{a(n)}^{\mu\nu} (\partial_\mu F_{\rho\nu}) \partial_q^\rho + (\partial_\mu S_{a(n)}^{\mu\nu}) \Delta_\nu \right) f_A \right] - \frac{\delta'(q^2 - m^2)}{q \cdot n} B^\mu \square_{\mu\nu} \tilde{a}^\nu$$

$$+ \frac{\hbar}{2} \delta(q^2 - m^2) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \left[ \Delta_\mu \left( \frac{n_\beta}{q \cdot n} \right) [(\Delta_\nu a_\alpha) + F_{\nu\alpha}] + \frac{n_\beta}{q \cdot n} \left( (\partial_\mu F_{\rho\nu}) (\partial_q^\rho a_\alpha) + [(\Delta_\nu a_\alpha) - F_{\rho\nu} (\partial_q^\rho a_\alpha)] \Delta_\mu \right) \right] f_A,$$

$$\square_{\mu\nu} \tilde{a}^\nu = q \cdot \Delta \tilde{a}_\mu + F_{\nu\mu} \tilde{a}^\nu.$$

- Axial-vector kinetic equation (AKE) :

**remaining in the massless limit**

**BMT Eq**

$$0 = \delta(q^2 - m^2) \left( q \cdot \Delta (a^\mu f_A) + F^{\nu\mu} a_\nu f_A \right) + \hbar q^\mu \left\{ \delta(q^2 - m^2) \left[ (\partial_\alpha S_{m(n)}^{\alpha\nu}) \Delta_\nu + \frac{S_{m(n)}^{\alpha\nu} E_\alpha \Delta_\nu}{q \cdot n + m} + S_{m(n)}^{\rho\nu} (\partial_\rho F_{\beta\nu}) \partial_q^\beta \right] \right.$$

$$\left. - \delta'(q^2 - m^2) \frac{q \cdot B}{q \cdot n + m} q \cdot \Delta \right\} f_V + \hbar m \left\{ \frac{\delta(q^2 - m^2) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}}{2(q \cdot n + m)} \left[ m (\partial_\alpha n_\beta) \Delta_\nu + (m n_\beta + q_\beta) \left( \frac{(E_\alpha - \partial_\alpha (q \cdot n))}{q \cdot n + m} \Delta_\nu \right. \right. \right.$$

$$\left. \left. - (\partial_\nu F_{\rho\alpha}) \partial_q^\rho \right) \right] + \delta'(q^2 - m^2) \frac{(m n_\beta + q_\beta) \tilde{F}^{\mu\beta}}{q \cdot n + m} q \cdot \Delta \right\} f_V. \quad \xrightarrow{m=0} \quad q^\mu \text{ CKT} \quad \text{spin enslavement by chirality \& momentum}$$



# Further comments on AKT

- WFs are “frame independent” though the wave-function parts and distribution functions therein are both frame dependent.
- Solving AKT for  $f_{V/A}(q, X)$  &  $a^\mu(q, X)$  with a proper choice of  $n^\mu$ .

- Using the WFs to compute the field-theory defined observables :

vector/axial-charge  
currents :

(anti-)symmetric

energy-momentum tensors :

$$J_{V/5}^\mu = 4 \int_q (\mathcal{V}/\mathcal{A})^\mu, \quad T_{S/A}^{\mu\nu} = 2 \int_q (\mathcal{V}^\mu q^\nu \pm \mathcal{V}^\nu q^\mu), \quad \int_q \equiv \int d^4q / (2\pi)^4.$$

- The anti-symmetric EM tensor is responsible for angular-momentum transfer (via spin-orbit coupling) :

$$\partial_\lambda M_C^{\lambda\mu\nu} = 0. \quad \xrightarrow{\text{spin}} \quad \left[ -\frac{\hbar}{2} \epsilon^{\lambda\mu\nu\rho} \partial_\lambda J_{5\rho} \right] + \left[ 2T_A^{\mu\nu} \right] = 0 \quad \text{orbit} \quad \text{(see also DY,18 for the analysis with } m=0 \text{)}$$

(AM conservation)

already captured by one of master Eqs.,  $q_\nu \mathcal{V}_\mu - q_\mu \mathcal{V}_\nu = \frac{\hbar}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \Delta^\rho \mathcal{A}^\sigma$



## Conclusions & outlook

- We have presented the AKT for massive fermions with EM fields, which can track the dynamics of vector/axial charges and spin polarization.
- The AKT incorporates the quantum corrections such as spin-orbit interaction and chiral anomaly.
- The AKT reproduce the CKT in the massless limit with the manifestation of spin enslavement.
- Extensions and applications :
  - Spin transport for strange quark in HIC : collisions have to be involved in AKT (where QCD enters)
    - ➡ track the evolution of the polarization for  $\Lambda$  hyperons
  - It is not guaranteed that the polarization should reach thermal equilibrium in the hadronic phase (chemical freeze-out  $\neq$  polarization freeze-out).



Thank you!

# Theoretical models for spin polarization

- Statistical model/Wigner-function approach :
- ❖ The present studies of  $\Lambda$  polarization assume **thermal equilibrium of  $\Lambda$**  at freeze-out, where the polarization is mostly proportional to **thermal vorticity**.

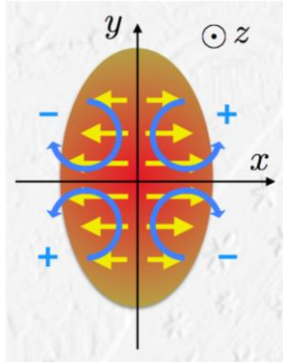
F. Becattini, et.al. 13 R. Fang, L.-G. Pang, Q. Wang, and X.-N. Wang, 16

$$\mathcal{P}^\mu(q) \approx \frac{1}{8m} \epsilon^{\sigma\mu\nu\rho} q_\sigma \frac{\int d\Sigma \cdot q \omega_{\nu\rho} f_q^{(0)} (1 - f_q^{(0)})}{\int d\Sigma \cdot q f_q^{(0)}}, \quad \omega_{\nu\rho} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\rho(u_\nu/T) - \partial_\nu(u_\rho/T)).$$

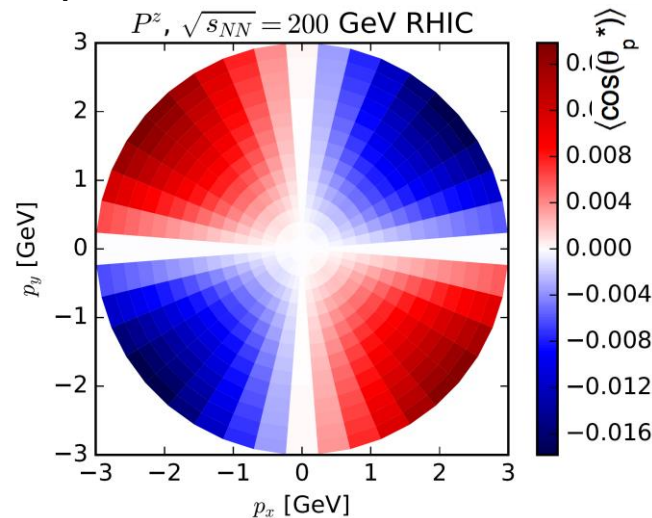
- ❖ Sign problem for local polarization :

Longitudinal Polarization ( $P^z$ ):

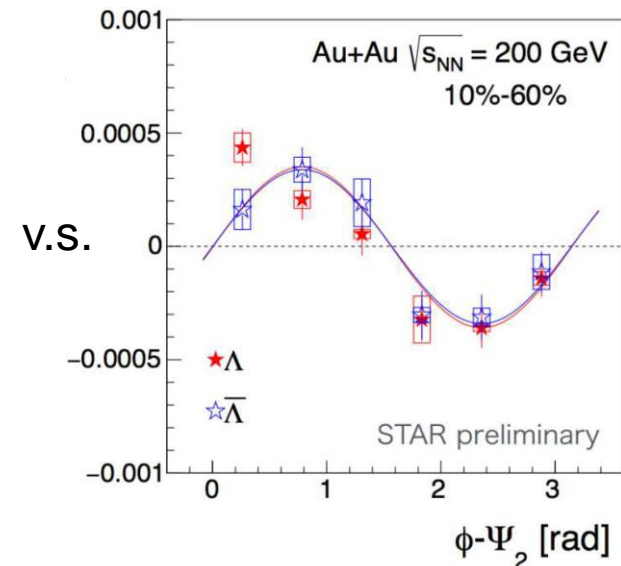
S. Voloshin, SQM2017



Niida, Quark matter 2018.



F. Becattini, I. Karpenko, 17



(same structure, opposite signs!)



# AM conservation in global equilibrium

- Global equilibrium (no collisions  $\omega^\mu \neq 0$ ,  $B^\mu \neq 0$ .):  $\partial_\mu J_{V/5}^\mu = \partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$ ,

- Conservation of canonical EM & AM tensors :

$$\partial_\mu \bar{T}^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \partial_\lambda M_C^{\lambda\mu\nu} = 0. \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{spin} \quad \boxed{-\frac{\hbar}{2} \epsilon^{\lambda\mu\nu\rho} \partial_\lambda J_{5\rho}} + \boxed{2T_A^{\mu\nu}} \text{ orbit} = 0$$

- Weyl fermions :  $\boxed{T_A^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\hbar}{2} N_A (\omega^\mu u^\nu - \omega^\nu u^\mu)}$  from side-jumps

DY, 18

$$M_{\text{spin}}^{\lambda\mu\nu}(X) = \frac{\hbar}{2} \epsilon^{\lambda\mu\nu\rho} (N_A u_\rho + \boxed{\hbar \sigma_{BA} B_\rho + \hbar \sigma_{\omega A} \omega_\rho}) \quad \text{CSE \& CVE}$$

- $\mathcal{O}(\hbar)$ : spin-orbit cancellation
- Higher orders : we need higher-order WFs.

- Near local equilibrium :

local torque even without EM fields

$$\partial_\lambda M_C^{\lambda\mu\nu} = X^{[\mu} F^{\nu]\rho} J_{V\rho} - \frac{u_\rho}{\tau_R} X^{[\mu} \delta T^{\rho\nu]} - \boxed{\frac{\hbar}{4} \partial_\lambda \left( X^{[\mu} \epsilon^{\nu]\lambda\alpha\beta} \frac{u_\alpha \delta J_{5\perp\beta}}{\tau_R} \right)}$$



# WFs from free Dirac fields

- Construction from wave functions :

$$\psi(x) = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_{\mathbf{p}}}} \sum_s u^s(p) e^{-ip \cdot x} a_{\mathbf{p}}^s, \quad u^s(p) = (\sqrt{p \cdot \bar{\sigma}} \xi^s, \sqrt{p \cdot \bar{\sigma}} \xi^s)^T$$

- Lesser propagator :

$$S^<(x, y) = \int_{\text{inv}} dp dp' \sum_{s, s'} \left( u^s(p) \bar{u}^{s'}(p') \langle a_{\mathbf{p}'}^{s'\dagger} a_{\mathbf{p}}^s \rangle e^{ip_- \cdot X - \frac{i}{2} p_+ \cdot Y} \right), \quad p_{\pm}^{\mu} = (p \pm p')^{\mu}$$

- Parameterizing the density operators :

$$\int \frac{d^3p_-}{(2\pi)^3} \langle a_{\mathbf{p}'}^{s'\dagger} a_{\mathbf{p}}^s \rangle e^{-ip_- \cdot X} = \delta_{ss'} \tilde{f}_V + \mathcal{A}_{ss'} \tilde{f}_A, \quad \mathcal{A}_{ss'}(X, q) \neq 0 \text{ when } s \neq s'$$

parameterization :

$$\sum_s \xi_s \xi_s^{\dagger} = n \cdot \bar{\sigma} = I$$

$$\sum_{s, s'} \xi_s \mathcal{A}_{ss'} \xi_{s'}^{\dagger} = \hat{S} \cdot \bar{\sigma} \Rightarrow \hat{S} \cdot n = 0$$

- Performing  $p_-$  expansion ( $\hbar$  expansion)  $\Rightarrow$  WFs without EM fields





# Magnetization currents

- Re-parameterization :

$$f_V = \tilde{f}_V - \frac{\hbar S_{m(n)}^{\mu\nu}}{q \cdot n} \hat{S}_\mu \partial_\nu \tilde{f}_A, \quad f_A = \tilde{f}_A, \quad S_{m(n)}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} q_\alpha n_\beta}{2(q \cdot n + m)} = \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} q_\alpha n_\beta}{2a \cdot n}.$$

$$a \cdot n = -\hat{S} \cdot q, \quad a_{\perp\mu} = \frac{-\hat{S} \cdot q}{q \cdot n + m} q_{\perp\mu} + m \hat{S}_\mu, \quad v_{\perp}^\mu \equiv v^\mu - (v \cdot n) n^\mu$$

- Free WFs up to  $\mathcal{O}(\hbar^1)$  :

$$\mathcal{V}^\mu = 2\pi\delta(q^2 - m^2) \left[ q^\mu f_V + \hbar \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} n_\beta}{2q \cdot n} \partial_\nu (a_\alpha f_A) \right],$$

$$\mathcal{A}^\mu = 2\pi\delta(q^2 - m^2) \left[ a^\mu f_A + \hbar S_{m(n)}^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu f_V \right]. \quad \xrightarrow{\text{generalization}} \quad H^\mu = S_{m(n)}^{\mu\nu} \Delta_\nu f_V$$

- Freedom for redefining  $a^\mu$  :  $\bar{a}^\mu f_A \equiv a^\mu f_A + \hbar H^\mu$

non-uniqueness of magnetization-current terms