

SPIN HYDRODYNAMICS

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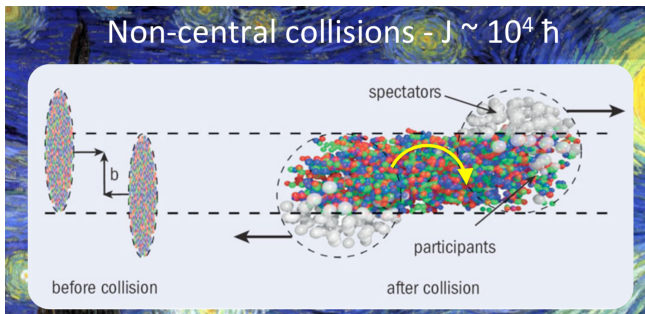
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PART 1: PHYSICS MOTIVATION

Non-central collisions of heavy ions

Non-central heavy-ion collisions create fireballs with large global angular momenta, some part of the angular momentum can be transferred from the orbital to the spin part

$$\mathbf{J}_{\text{init}} = \mathbf{L}_{\text{init}} = \mathbf{L}_{\text{final}} + \mathbf{S}_{\text{final}}$$



(Michael Lisa, talk „Strangeness in Quark Matter 2016“)

Warning: large angular momentum does not mean large angle of rotation!

$$\Delta t = 1 \text{ fm}/c = 3 \times 10^{-24} \text{ s}, \quad \Delta\phi = \Delta t \omega_{\text{max}} = 27 \times 10^{-24} \times 10^{21} = 2.7 \times 10^{-2}$$

Orbital and spin part of total angular momentum

Total angular momentum tensor $J^{\mu,\lambda\nu}$ has orbital $L^{\mu,\lambda\nu}$ and spin $S^{\mu,\lambda\nu}$ parts

orbital part is expressed by the energy-momentum tensor (stress-energy tensor), the spin part is called the spin tensor

$$J^{\mu,\lambda\nu} = x^\lambda T^{\mu\nu} - x^\nu T^{\mu\lambda} + S^{\mu,\lambda\nu} \equiv L^{\mu,\lambda\nu} + S^{\mu,\lambda\nu}$$

$$\partial_\mu J^{\mu,\lambda\nu} = T^{\lambda\nu} - T^{\nu\lambda} + \partial_\mu S^{\mu,\lambda\nu} = 0, \quad \partial_\mu S^{\mu,\lambda\nu} = T^{\nu\lambda} - T^{\lambda\nu}$$

Antisymmetry in the last two indices:

$$J^{\mu,\lambda\nu} = -J^{\mu,\nu\lambda}, \quad L^{\mu,\lambda\nu} = -L^{\mu,\nu\lambda}, \quad S^{\mu,\lambda\nu} = -S^{\mu,\nu\lambda},$$

Warning: different forms of these tensors are used in the literature (**pseudogauge freedom**) to be discussed later in this talk

At present, the most successful phenomenological description of the data has been achieved by Francesco Becattini and collaborators, based on the Zubarev formalism for non-equilibrium systems

F. Becattini, L. Tinti, V. Chandra, I. Del Zanna, E. Grossi, M. Buzzegoli, G. Inghirami, A. Palermo, I. Karpenko, S. Singh, ...

the central quantity (the starting point) in this case is a rank-2 antisymmetric tensor, called the thermal vorticity

$$\omega_{\mu\nu} = \bar{\omega}_{\mu\nu} = -1/2(\partial_\mu\beta_\nu - \partial_\nu\beta_\mu) \quad \beta^\mu = u^\mu/T, \quad \beta = 1/T$$

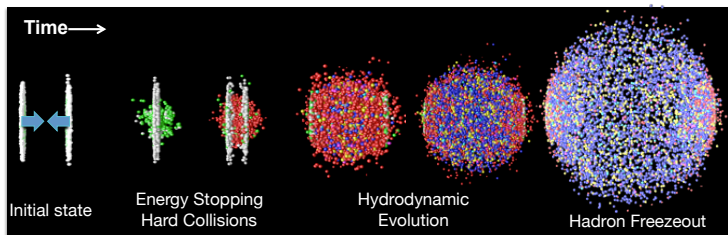
u^μ – hydrodynamic flow vector, T – temperature

The formalism presented in this lecture starts from different principles, eventually thermal vorticity appears on the way

PART 2: STANDARD RELATIVISTIC HYDRODYNAMICS

Standard model (scheme) of heavy-ion collisions

RELATIVISTIC HYDRODYNAMICS FORMS THE BASIC INGREDIENT OF THE STANDARD MODEL OF HEAVY-ION COLLISIONS



T. K. Nayak, Lepton-Photon 2011 Conference

data on spin polarization suggest that spin should be included in the hydrodynamic framework

Perfect fluid hydrodynamics

PERFECT-FLUID HYDRODYNAMICS = local equilibrium + conservation laws

one usually includes **energy**, **linear momentum**, **baryon number**, ...

T (temperature), u^μ (three independent components of flow), μ (baryon chemical potential)

ε (energy density), P (pressure), n (baryon density), σ (entropy density), $\xi = \mu/T$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = [\varepsilon(T, \mu) + P(T, \mu)] u^\mu u^\nu - P(T, \mu) g^{\mu\nu} \quad (1)$$

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \partial_\mu N^\mu = \partial_\mu (n u^\mu) = 0 \quad (4+1 \text{ eqs.}) \quad (2)$$

five equations for five unknown functions

dissipation does not appear

$$\partial_\mu S^\mu = \partial_\mu (\sigma u^\mu) = 0 \quad (1 \text{ eq.}) \quad (3)$$

entropy conservation follows from the energy-momentum conservation and the form of the energy-momentum tensor

Euler's equation (says that **four-acceleration is caused by the pressure gradient**)

$$u^\lambda \partial_\lambda u^\mu \equiv a^\mu = \frac{(g^{\mu\nu} - u^\mu u^\nu)}{\varepsilon + P} \partial_\nu P \equiv \frac{1}{\varepsilon + P} \Delta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu P \quad (3 \text{ eqs.}) \quad (4)$$

PART 3: CLASSICAL APPROACH TO SPIN

Classical treatment of spin – internal angular momentum

A particle can be characterised by the internal angular momentum tensor $s^{\alpha\beta}$
M. Mathisson, Acta Phys. Polon. 6 (1937) 163

Neue Mechanik materieller Systeme

Nowa mechanika systemów materialnych

Von MYRON MATHISSON, Warschau

(Eingegangen am 8. September 1937)



Mathisson with Pauli
Copenhagen 1937

$$s^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{m} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} p_\gamma s_\delta, \quad s \cdot p = 0, \quad s^\alpha = \frac{1}{2m} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} p_\beta s_\gamma \delta \quad (5)$$

A straightforward generalization of the phase-space distribution function $f(x, \mathbf{p})$ is a spin dependent distribution $f(x, \mathbf{p}, s)$
WF, A. Kumar, R. Ryblewski, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 108 (2019) 103709

$$\int dS \dots = \frac{m}{\pi \mathfrak{B}} \int d^4 s \delta(s \cdot s + \mathfrak{B}^2) \delta(p \cdot s) \dots \quad \mathfrak{B}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{3}{4} \quad (6)$$

$$\int dS = \frac{m}{\pi \mathfrak{B}} \int d^4 s \delta(s \cdot s + \mathfrak{B}^2) \delta(p \cdot s) = 2 \quad (7)$$

from now on, we consider spin 1/2 only, extension to spin 1 presented by Valeriya Mykhaylova



Maxwell distribution

$$f_{\text{eq}}(\mathbf{v}) = \left[\frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right]^{3/2} \exp \left[-\frac{m\mathbf{v}^2}{2k_B T} \right] \quad (8)$$

Maxwell-Jüttner distribution (natural units, Boltzmann statistics)

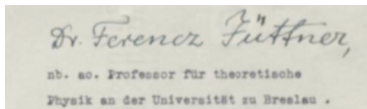
$$f_{\text{eq}}(\mathbf{p}) = \exp \left[-\frac{\sqrt{m^2 + \mathbf{p}^2}}{T} \right] \rightarrow \exp \left[-\frac{\sqrt{m^2 + \mathbf{p}^2} - \mu}{T} \right] \quad (9)$$

$f(x, \mathbf{p})$ phase space distribution for unpolarized systems, Lorentz scalar

$$f_{\text{eq}}(x, \mathbf{p}) = 2 \exp \left[-\frac{p^\mu u_\mu(x) - \mu(x)}{T(x)} \right] = 2 \exp \left[-p^\mu \beta_\mu(x) + \xi(x) \right] \quad (10)$$

$\xi = \mu/T$ ratio of the baryon chemical potential and temperature, $\beta^\mu = u^\mu/T$ ratio of the hydrodynamic flow and temperature, 2 - spin degeneracy

$u^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ in the local fluid rest frame (LRF)



Local equilibrium function with spin, macroscopic currents

WF, A. Kumar, R. Ryblewski, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 108 (2019) 103709

spin conserving equilibrium distribution functions for particles and antiparticles

$$f_{\text{eq}}^{\pm}(x, p, s) = \exp\left(\pm\xi(x) - p \cdot \beta(x) + \frac{1}{2}\omega_{\alpha\beta}(x)s^{\alpha\beta}\right) \quad (11)$$

macroscopic currents

baryon current

$$N_{\text{eq}}^{\lambda} = \int dP \int dS p^{\lambda} 1 \left[f_{\text{eq}}^{+}(x, p, s) - f_{\text{eq}}^{-}(x, p, s) \right] \quad (12)$$

energy-momentum tensor

$$T_{\text{eq}}^{\lambda\mu} = \int dP \int dS p^{\lambda} p^{\mu} \left[f_{\text{eq}}^{+}(x, p, s) + f_{\text{eq}}^{-}(x, p, s) \right] \quad (13)$$

spin tensor

$$S_{\text{eq}}^{\lambda,\mu\nu} = \int dP \int dS p^{\lambda} s^{\mu\nu} \left[f_{\text{eq}}^{+}(x, p, s) + f_{\text{eq}}^{-}(x, p, s) \right] \quad (14)$$

construction of the equilibrium function implies the conservation laws

$$\partial_\mu N^\mu(x) = 0, \quad \partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu}(x) = 0, \quad \partial_\lambda S^{\lambda,\mu\nu}(x) = 0 \quad (15)$$

these are 11 equations for 11 Lagrange multipliers

$$\partial_\mu N^\mu[\xi(x), \beta_\alpha(x), \omega_{\alpha\beta}(x)] = 0 \quad (1 \text{ eq.}) \quad (16)$$

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu}[\xi(x), \beta_\alpha(x), \omega_{\alpha\beta}(x)] = 0 \quad (4 \text{ eqs.}) \quad (17)$$

$$\partial_\lambda S^{\lambda,\mu\nu}[\xi(x), \beta_\alpha(x), \omega_{\alpha\beta}(x)] = 0 \quad (6 \text{ eqs.}) \quad (18)$$

PERFECT-SPIN HYDRODYNAMICS

WF, B. Friman, A. Jaiswal, E. Speranza, Phys. Rev. C97 (2018) 041901

CLASSICAL SPIN \equiv SPIN OPERATOR EXPECTATION VALUE

classical spin should be understood as the expectation value of the spin polarization operator

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PRECESSION OF THE POLARIZATION OF PARTICLES MOVING IN A HOMOGENEOUS ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD*

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(Received April 27, 1959)

The problem of the precession of the "spin" of a particle moving in a homogeneous electromagnetic field—a problem which has recently acquired considerable experimental interest—has already been investigated for spin $\frac{1}{2}$ particles in some particular cases.¹ In the literature the results were derived by explicit use of the Dirac equation, with the occasional inclusion of a Pauli term to account for an anomalous magnetic moment. On the other hand, following a remark of Bloch² in connection with the nonrelativistic case, the expectation value of the vector operator representing the "spin" will necessarily follow the same time dependence as one would obtain from a classical equation of motion. To solve the pro-

customary equation of motion

$$d\vec{s}/d\tau = (ge/2m)(\vec{s} \times \vec{H}), \quad (R) \quad (3)$$

where \vec{H} , e , and m have their standard meanings, while the gyromagnetic ratio g is defined by this very equation. While s^0 vanishes by hypothesis in any instantaneous rest-frame, $ds^0/d\tau$ need not. In fact, (2) implies

$$ds^0/d\tau = \vec{s} \cdot (d\vec{v}/d\tau), \quad (R) \quad (4)$$

for such frames. In general, $du/d\tau = f/m$ (where f = four-force), while in a homogenous external electromagnetic field specified by $F = -(\vec{E}, \vec{H})$

$$du/d\tau = (e/m)F \cdot u. \quad (5)$$

see also J.D. Jackson "Classical electrodynamics"

CAN SPIN-ORBIT INTERACTION BE NEGLECTED?

1. ATOMIC PHYSICS CONTEXT:

\mathbf{L} means rotation, for a charged fluid this generates \mathbf{B} , magnetic fields couples to magnetic moments $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ that are connected to spin \mathbf{S} , we effectively get $\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S}$ coupling,

this effect (conserving entropy) can be easily included in our framework

S. Bhadury, WF, A. Jaiswal, A. Kumar, R. Ryblewski, PRL129 (2022) 192301

2. DIRAC EQUATION LESSON:

only $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$ is conserved, property reflected in asymmetric energy-momentum tensor $T_{\text{can}}^{\mu\nu} \neq T_{\text{can}}^{\nu\mu}$

and non-zero divergence $\partial_\lambda S_{\text{can}}^{\lambda,\mu\nu} = T_{\text{can}}^{\nu\mu} - T_{\text{can}}^{\mu\nu}$

tensors defined with classical spin do not correspond to the canonical forms

WF, A. Kumar, R. Ryblewski, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 108 (2019) 103709

3. MICROSCOPIC SPIN-ORBIT INTERACTION:

collisions/decays of particles with spin, transfer between \mathbf{L} and \mathbf{S} , for example $\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$

such processes produce entropy, can be included if we extend the perfect-fluid picture, discussed later

perfect spin hydrodynamics = spin conservation

dissipative spin hydrodynamics = transfer between \mathbf{S} and \mathbf{L} possible

Joseph Kapusta: strange quark spin or helicity is unchanged from the time they are created to the time they hadronize
J. Kapusta, E. Rrapaj, S. Rudaz, PRC101 (2020) 024907

PART 3: QUANTUM APPROACH TO SPIN

Quantum spin description: spin vs. spinor density matrix

standard scalar functions $f(x, p)$ are generalized to **2x2 Hermitian matrices** in spin space for each value of the space-time position x and four-momentum p , the sign \pm distinguishes particles from antiparticles, σ - Pauli matrices

$\zeta_*^\pm = 0$ no polarization, $\zeta_*^\pm = 1$ pure state, $0 < |\zeta_*^\pm| < 1$ mixed state, **asterisk denotes the particle rest frame (PRF)**

$$f_{rs}^\pm(x, p) = f_0^\pm(x, p) \left[\delta_{rs} + \zeta_*^\pm(x, p) \cdot \sigma_{rs} \right], \quad 0 \leq |\zeta_*^\pm| \leq 1 \quad (19)$$

$\zeta_*^\pm(x, p)$ can be interpreted as a spatial part of the polarization four-vector $\zeta_*^{\pm\mu}(x, p)$ with a vanishing zeroth component

$$\zeta_*^{\pm\mu} = (0, \zeta_*^\pm) \quad (20)$$

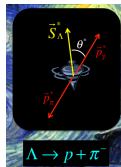
in the LAB frame – $\zeta_*^{\pm\mu}$ boosted with the velocity defined by the particle velocity

$$\zeta_\pm^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_{\nu}(\mathbf{v}_p) \zeta_{\pm*}^\nu = \left(\frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \zeta_*^\pm}{m}, \zeta_*^\pm + \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \zeta_*^\pm}{m(E_p + m)} \mathbf{p} \right), \quad \zeta_\pm^\mu p_\mu = 0 \quad (21)$$

transition to **4x4 spinor density matrices** X^\pm

$$f_{rs}^+(x, p) = \bar{u}_r(p) X^+ u_s(p), \quad f_{rs}^-(x, p) = -\bar{v}_s(p) X^- v_r(p) \quad (22)$$

$u_s(p)$ and $v_r(p)$ – Dirac bispinors



F. Becattini, V. Chandra, L. Del Zanna, E. Grossi, *Annals Phys.* 338 (2013) 32

$\Sigma^{\mu\nu} = (i/4)[\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu]$ is the Dirac spin operator

$$X^\pm(x, p) = \exp \left[\pm \xi(x) - \beta_\mu(x) p^\mu \pm \frac{1}{2} \omega_{\mu\nu}(x) \Sigma^{\mu\nu} \right] \quad (23)$$

$\omega_{\mu\nu} = \Omega_{\mu\nu}/T$ ratio of the tensor spin chemical potential and temperature, altogether we have 11 Lagrange multipliers that control the conservation of the baryon number (1), energy (1), linear momentum (3), angular momentum (3), and Lorentz boost vectors (3)

$\omega_{\mu\nu}$ can be represented by electric- and magnetic-like three-vectors (spin polarization tensor) in analogy to $F_{\mu\nu}$

$$\omega_{\mu\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & e^1 & e^2 & e^3 \\ -e^1 & 0 & -b^3 & b^2 \\ -e^2 & b^3 & 0 & -b^1 \\ -e^3 & -b^2 & b^1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (24)$$

this form of X^\pm leads to the expected 2 by 2 form, Eq. (19), only for $|\mathbf{e}_*| \ll 1$ and $|\mathbf{b}_*| \ll 1$

WF, B. Friman, A. Jaiswal, E. Speranza, R. Ryblewski, *Phys. Rev. D* 97 (2018) 116017

Quantum spin description: local equilibrium - revised formula

S. Bhadury, Z. Drogosz, WF, S. K. Kar, V. Mykhaylova, [arXiv:2505.02657](https://arxiv.org/abs/2505.02657)

with a spacelike four-vector a^μ ($a^2 < 0$)

$$X^\pm = \exp(\pm\xi - \beta_\mu p^\mu + \gamma_5 \not{a}) = \exp(\pm\xi - \beta_\mu p^\mu) \cosh \sqrt{-a^2} \left[1 + \frac{\gamma_5 \not{a}}{\sqrt{-a^2}} \tanh \sqrt{-a^2} \right] \quad (25)$$

transition to 2 by 2 spin density matrices uses identities

$$\bar{u}_r(p) \gamma_5 \not{L} u_s(p) = 2m \zeta_* \cdot \sigma_{rs}, \quad \bar{v}_s(p) \gamma_5 \not{L} v_r(p) = -2m \zeta_* \cdot \sigma_{rs}, \quad (26)$$

which leads to identification and correct normalization

$$\zeta^\mu = \frac{a^\mu}{\sqrt{-a^2}} \tanh \sqrt{-a^2}, \quad -\zeta^2 = \zeta_*^2 = \tanh^2 \sqrt{a_*^2} \leq 1 \quad (27)$$

to get the agreement with the previous definition and classical description for $|\mathbf{e}_*| \ll 1$ and $|\mathbf{b}_*| \ll 1$ we choose

$$a_\mu(x, p) = -\frac{1}{2m} \tilde{\omega}_{\mu\nu}(x) p^\nu \quad (28)$$

the particle rest frame (PRF) where $p^\mu = (m, 0, 0, 0)$ we have

$$\mathbf{a}_* = -\frac{\mathbf{b}_*}{2} \quad (29)$$

similarity to MHD - polarization effects determined by the magnetic(like) component of the spin polarization tensor

Quantum spin description: macroscopic currents

S. R. de Groot, W. A. van Leeuwen, Ch. G. van Weert, **Relativistic kinetic theory**, North-Holland Publishing Company 1980

baryon current:
$$N^\lambda(x) = \sum_{r=1}^2 \int dP p^\lambda 1 [f_{rr}^+(x, p) - f_{rr}^-(x, p)] \quad (30)$$

energy-momentum tensor:
$$T^{\lambda\mu}(x) = \sum_{r=1}^2 \int dP p^\lambda p^\mu [f_{rr}^+(x, p) + f_{rr}^-(x, p)] \quad (31)$$

spin tensor:
$$S^{\lambda,\mu\nu}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r,s=1}^2 \int dP p^\lambda [\sigma_{sr}^{+\mu\nu}(p) f_{rs}^+(x, p) + \sigma_{sr}^{-\mu\nu}(p) f_{rs}^-(x, p)] \quad (32)$$

where $\sigma_{sr}^{+\mu\nu}(p) = 1/(2m) \bar{u}_s(p) \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r(p)$ and $\sigma_{sr}^{-\mu\nu}(p) = 1/(2m) \bar{v}_r(p) \sigma^{\mu\nu} v_s(p)$, with $\sigma^{\mu\nu} = (i/2)[\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu]$

these forms of currents are commonly known as the **GLW versions (GLW pseudogauge)**
for free Dirac equation (relativistic gas) these tensors are conserved

$$\partial_\mu N^\mu(x) = 0, \quad \partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu}(x) = 0, \quad \partial_\lambda S^{\lambda,\mu\nu}(x) = 0 \quad (33)$$

up to second order in ω averaging over classical spin equivalent to performing traces over spinor indices

$$s^\mu \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu \quad (34)$$

see also the talk by **Zbigniew Drogosz**

PART 3: PSEUDOGAUGE FREEDOM vs. PSEUDOGAUGE DEPENDENCE

BLASPHEMY #3 (GLW form): ENERGY-MOMENTUM TENSOR SHOULD BE USED IN THE BELINFANTE-ROSENFELD FORM, SINCE THIS FORM APPEARS IN EINSTEIN'S EQUATIONS

Pseudo-gauge transformation (QCD language in the context of the proton spin puzzle: adding boundary terms)

$$T'^{\mu\nu} = T^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}\partial_\lambda (\Phi^{\lambda,\mu\nu} + \Phi^{v,\mu\lambda} + \Phi^{\mu,\nu\lambda}) \quad (35)$$

$$S'^{\lambda,\mu\nu} = S^{\lambda,\mu\nu} - \Phi^{\lambda,\mu\nu} + \partial_\rho Z^{\mu\nu,\lambda\rho} \quad (36)$$

Canonical forms (directly obtained from Noether's Theorem): asymmetric energy-momentum tensor, spin tensor directly expressed by axial current (couples to weak interactions)

Belinfante-Rosenberg version, $\Phi^{\lambda,\mu\nu} = S^{\lambda,\mu\nu}$, $Z^{\mu\nu,\lambda\rho} = 0$, (couples to classical gravity): spin tensor appears in modified theories of gravity, couples to torsion

de Groot, van Leuven, van Weert (GLW) forms: symmetric energy-momentum tensor and conserved spin tensor

Hilgevoord and Wouthuysen (HW) choice: symmetric energy-momentum tensor and conserved spin tensor

there is ongoing discussion if the physics is or is not pseudogauge dependent F. Hehl, Rept. Math. Phys. 9 (1976) 55

Sidney Coleman's old answer: ...we have an infinite family of possible definitions of the local current...some textbooks try to avoid this point, or nervously rub one foot across the other leg and natter about the best definition or the optimum definition...and the right answer is, of course, there's nothing to natter about, there's nothing to be disturbed about...it is something to be pleased about. If we have many objects that satisfy desirable general criteria, then that's better than having just one... the more freedom you have, the better. It's like being passed a plate of cookies and someone starts arguing about which is the best cookie. They're all edible!

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GLW \rightarrow canonical: superpotential defined as $\Phi_{\text{can}}^{\lambda,\mu\nu} \equiv S_{\text{GLW}}^{\mu,\lambda\nu} - S_{\text{GLW}}^{\nu,\lambda\mu}$, then we have

$$S_{\text{can}}^{\lambda,\mu\nu} = S_{\text{GLW}}^{\lambda,\mu\nu} - \Phi_{\text{can}}^{\lambda,\mu\nu}$$

and

$$T_{\text{can}}^{\mu\nu} = T_{\text{GLW}}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\lambda} \left(\Phi_{\text{can}}^{\lambda,\mu\nu} + \Phi_{\text{can}}^{\mu,\nu\lambda} + \Phi_{\text{can}}^{\nu,\mu\lambda} \right)$$

canonical \rightarrow Belinfante-Rosenfeld: superpotential defined as $\Phi_{\text{Bel}} = S_{\text{can}}^{\lambda,\mu\nu}$

$$S_{\text{Bel}}^{\lambda,\mu\nu} = 0, \quad T_{\text{Bel}}^{\mu\nu} = T_{\text{can}}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\lambda} \left(S_{\text{can}}^{\lambda,\mu\nu} - S_{\text{can}}^{\mu,\lambda\nu} - S_{\text{can}}^{\nu,\lambda\mu} \right),$$

canonical spin tensor is the "right" observable – connected with spin operator

S. Dey, WF, A. Jaiswal, R. Ryblewski, Phys. Lett. B843 (2023) 137994

PART 4: THERMODYNAMICS WITH SPIN

A(nother) piece of physics history in Kraków

J. Weyssenhoff, A. Raabe, Acta Phys.
Polon. 9 (1947) 7
first paper published after WWII in Acta
Physica Polonica

$S^{\alpha\beta}$ – spin density tensor

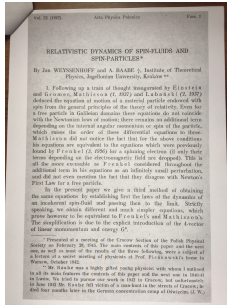
$S^{\lambda,\mu\nu} = u^\lambda S^{\mu\nu}$ – spin tensor

in analogy to

n – (baryon) number density

$N^\lambda = u^\lambda n$ – (baryon) number current

modeling of spinning particles in mind
rather than thermodynamics or
hydrodynamics



inclusion of spin, $\Omega_{\alpha\beta}$ - spin chemical potential

$S^{\alpha\beta}$ - spin density tensor introduced in J. Weysenhoff, A. Raabe, Acta Phys. Polon. 9 (1947) 7

$$\varepsilon + P = T\sigma + \mu n + \frac{1}{2}\Omega_{\alpha\beta}S^{\alpha\beta} \quad (37)$$

$$d\varepsilon = Td\sigma + \mu dn + \frac{1}{2}\Omega_{\alpha\beta}dS^{\alpha\beta} \quad dP = \sigma dT + nd\mu + \frac{1}{2}S^{\alpha\beta}d\Omega_{\alpha\beta} \quad (38)$$

multiplication of the above equations by the hydrodynamic flow vector u gives **the tensor (Israel-Stewart) form**
W. Israel, J.M.Stewart, Annals Phys. 118 (1979) 341 & Phys.Lett. A58 (1976) 213

$$S_{\text{eq}}^{\mu} = P\beta^{\mu} - \xi N_{\text{eq}}^{\mu} + \beta_{\lambda}T_{\text{eq}}^{\lambda\mu} - \frac{1}{2}\omega_{\alpha\beta}S_{\text{eq}}^{\mu,\alpha\beta} \quad (39)$$

$$dS_{\text{eq}}^{\mu} = -\xi dN_{\text{eq}}^{\mu} + \beta_{\lambda}dT_{\text{eq}}^{\lambda\mu} - \frac{1}{2}\omega_{\alpha\beta}dS_{\text{eq}}^{\mu,\alpha\beta}, \quad d(P\beta^{\mu}) = N_{\text{eq}}^{\mu}d\xi - T_{\text{eq}}^{\lambda\mu}d\beta_{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}S_{\text{eq}}^{\mu,\alpha\beta}d\omega_{\alpha\beta} \quad (40)$$

spin tensor

$$S_{\text{eq}}^{\mu,\alpha\beta} = U^{\mu}S_{\text{eq}}^{\alpha\beta} \quad (41)$$

analog to the perfect-fluid forms of N_{eq}^{μ} and $T_{\text{eq}}^{\lambda\mu}$, however, in kinetic theory we find

$$S_{\text{eq}}^{\mu,\alpha\beta} = U^{\mu}S_{\text{eq}}^{\alpha\beta} + \text{problem} \quad (42)$$

problem = term that is not proportional to u^{μ}



a solution stands behind the corner

WF, M. Hontarenko, PRL134 (2025) 082302
 Z. Drogosz, WF, M. Hontarenko, PRD 110 (2024) 096018
 Boltzmann's definition of the entropy (H -function)

$$S^\mu = - \int dP dS p^\mu [f^+ (\ln f^+ - 1) + f^- (\ln f^- - 1)] \quad \text{classical spin} \quad (43)$$

$$S^\mu = - \frac{1}{2} \int dP p^\mu \{ \text{tr}_4 [X^+ (\ln X^+ - 1)] + \text{tr}_4 [X^- (\ln X^- - 1)] \} \quad \text{quantum spin} \quad (44)$$

Together with other kinetic-theory expressions, one obtains **tensor forms of thermodynamic relations** valid for any value of the spin polarization tensor ω

$$S_{\text{eq}}^\mu = T_{\text{eq}}^{\mu\alpha} \beta_\alpha - \frac{1}{2} \omega_{\alpha\beta} S_{\text{eq}}^{\mu,\alpha\beta} - \xi N_{\text{eq}}^\mu + \mathcal{N}^\mu, \quad \mathcal{N}^\mu \neq P\beta^\mu \quad (45)$$

$$dS_{\text{eq}}^\mu = -\xi dN_{\text{eq}}^\mu + \beta_\lambda dT_{\text{eq}}^{\lambda\mu} - \frac{1}{2} \omega_{\alpha\beta} dS_{\text{eq}}^{\mu,\alpha\beta} \quad \text{first law of thermodynamics} \quad (46)$$

$$d\mathcal{N}^\mu = N_{\text{eq}}^\mu d\xi - T_{\text{eq}}^{\lambda\mu} d\beta_\lambda + \frac{1}{2} S_{\text{eq}}^{\mu,\alpha\beta} d\omega_{\alpha\beta} \quad \text{Gibbs-Duhem relations} \quad (47)$$

entropy conservation as a consequence of other conservation laws, very close similarity to MHD

M. Gedalin and I. Oiberman, Phys. Rev. E51 (1994) 4901

PART 5: GOING OFF EQUILIBRIUM

W. Israel, J.M.Stewart, *Annals Phys.* 118 (1979) 341 & *Phys.Lett.* A58 (1976) 213

here we use the IS method to construct the Navier-Stokes theory

replacement of the equilibrium currents by the **general ones** (equilibrium + non-equilibrium corrections)

$$S^\mu = T^{\mu\alpha}\beta_\alpha - \frac{1}{2}\omega_{\alpha\beta}S^{\mu,\alpha\beta} - \xi N^\mu + N_{\text{eq}}^\mu \quad (48)$$

Conservations laws, now for total angular momentum $J = L + S$

$$\partial_\mu N^\mu = 0, \quad \partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \partial_\mu S^{\mu,\alpha\beta} = T^{\beta\alpha} - T^{\alpha\beta} \quad (49)$$

entropy production

$$\partial_\mu S^\mu = -\delta N^\mu \partial_\mu \xi + \delta T_s^{\mu\lambda} \partial_\mu \beta_\lambda + \delta T_\alpha^{\mu\lambda} (\partial_\mu \beta_\lambda - \omega_{\lambda\mu}) - \frac{1}{2} \delta S^{\mu,\alpha\beta} \partial_\mu \omega_{\alpha\beta} \geq 0 \quad (50)$$

K. Hattori, M. Hongo, X.-G. Huang, M. Matsuo, and H. Taya, *Phys. Lett.* B795, 100 (2019)

F. Becattini, A. Daher, *Phys. Lett.* B850, 138533 (2024)

$\delta T_s^{\mu\lambda}$ and $\delta T_\alpha^{\mu\lambda}$, are symmetric and antisymmetric dissipative corrections to the energy-momentum tensor

second-order theory also developed

R. Biswas, A. Daher, A. Das, WF, R. Ryblewski, *Phys. Rev.* D108, 014024 (2023)

dissipative spin hydrodynamics = transfer between **S** and **L** possible

the second law of thermodynamics imposes constraints of non-equilibrium currents, they should be proportional to appropriate "gradients" multiplied by the kinetic coefficients, an example of the contribution is
 K. Hattori, M. Hongo, X.-G. Huang, M. Matsuo, and H. Taya, Phys. Lett. B795, 100 (2019)

$$\delta T_{\alpha}^{\nu\mu} = d_{\alpha}^{\mu} u^{\nu} - d_{\alpha}^{\nu} u^{\mu} + \dots, \quad d_{\alpha}^{\mu} = \lambda_{\alpha} \beta^{-1} (\beta \alpha^{\mu} + \beta^2 \nabla^{\mu} T - 2 \omega^{\mu\nu} u_{\nu}), \quad \lambda_{\alpha} > 0 \quad (51)$$

$$\partial_{\lambda} S^{\lambda,\mu\nu} = \delta T_{\alpha}^{\nu\mu} - \delta T_{\alpha}^{\mu\nu} \quad (52)$$

"kinetic force/gradient"

$$\omega_{\lambda\mu} + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\lambda} \beta_{\mu} - \partial_{\mu} \beta_{\lambda}) \quad (53)$$

brings spin polarization tensor towards thermal vorticity

$$\omega_{\lambda\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\omega}_{\lambda\mu} = -\frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\lambda} \beta_{\mu} - \partial_{\mu} \beta_{\lambda}) \quad (54)$$

Z. Drogosz, WF, J. Witkowski, to appear soon
 can we reach global equilibrium?

PART 6: SPIN DYNAMICS WITH REALISTIC HYDRODYNAMIC BACKGROUND

Is there a place for perfect spin hydrodynamics in RHIC?

Sidney Coleman's QFT: as the collision energies decrease, all processes are dominated by s-wave scattering

S. K. Singh, R. Ryblewski, WF, Phys. Rev. C111 (2025) 024907

- 1 realistic 3D simulation of RHIC performed first, very good description of the rapidity distributions, transverse-momentum spectra, elliptic flow

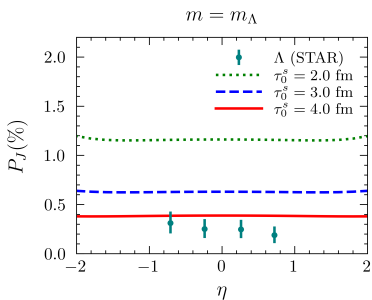
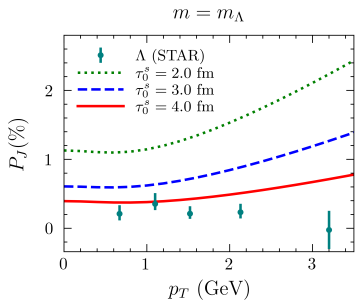
early stages, non-equilibrium processes, dissipation, **transfer between L and S**

late stages, spin approximately conserved, **$S \approx \text{const}$**

- 2 initialisation of the perfect spin hydrodynamics at the delayed proper time τ_0^S
suitably chosen initial condition for the spin polarization tensor

$$\omega_{\mu\nu}(\tau_0^S, \eta, x, y) \tag{57}$$

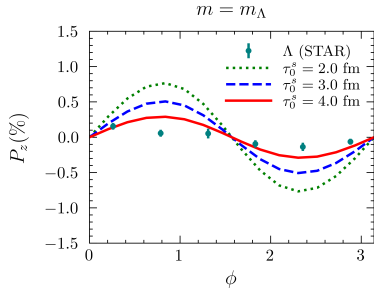
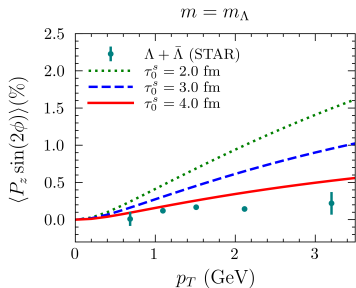
- 3 comparison with the data



Our numerical results for the component of Λ polarization along the orbital angular momentum direction for different initial time of spin evolution τ_0^s . Experimental data: STAR exp. at BNL, Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV, $c=20-60\%$

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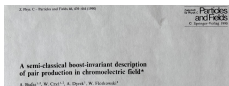
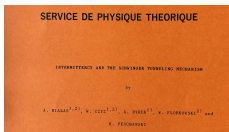
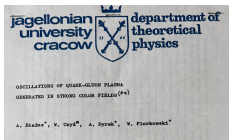
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a more complete study describing the spin polarization generation
 S. K. Singh, D. Wagner, Phys. Rev.C 112 (2025) 054902

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2. Two formulations (based on the classical-spin treatment, or using the spin density matrix) have been given and shown to be exactly consistent up to the second order in ω .
3. Extension to dissipative hydrodynamics has been formulated with the Israel-Stewart method. Dissipation introduces the genuine spin orbit interaction.
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4. Generalizations to Fermi-Dirac and Bose-Einstein statistics have been made.
5. We are able to verify nonlinear causality and symmetric hyperbolicity of the equations of motion of perfect spin hydrodynamics constructed with our equilibrium functions, which ensures local well-posedness of the initial value problem and stability of the theory.

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Many Thanks and best Wishes on the occasion of 90th Birthday to Prof. Andrzej Białas!
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BACK-UP SLIDES

conservation of the total angular momentum of a particle implies **conservation of spin if collisions are local** (spacetime coordinate x^μ can be always set equal to 0)

$$j^{\alpha\beta} = l^{\alpha\beta} + s^{\alpha\beta} = x^\alpha p^\beta - x^\beta p^\alpha + s^{\alpha\beta} \quad (58)$$

transfer between orbital and spin part is possible if **collisions are non-local**, this leads to dissipation and entropy production, **series of influential works by the Frankfurt group**

N. Weickgenannt, E. Speranza, Xin-Li Sheng, Q. Wang, D. Rischke, PRL127 (2021) 052301