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Motivation I



- Early stages of non-central heavy-ion collisions: large orbital angular momentum and strong magnetic fields.
- Chiral magnetic effect (CME), chiral vortical effect (CVE): charge currents induced by magnetic and vortical fields.
- Similar effects for massive particles?
- Description tool: semiclassical kinetic theory.
- Question: how to derive kinetic theory and hydrodynamics from quantum field theory?
- For massive spin-0 particles, second-order dissipative magnetohydrodynamics has already been studied.
 G. Denicol, X-G Huang, E. Molnar, H. Niemi, J. Noronha, and D. H. Rischke, PRD98 (2018), 076009

Motivation II



- For massless particles, much work has been done already.
 J-Y. Chen, D. T. Son, and M. Stephanov, PRL 115 (2015), 021601;
 Y. Hidaka, S. Pu, D-L. Yang, PRD95 (2017), 091901;
 A. Huang, S. Shi, Y. Jiang, J. Liao, and P. Zhuang, arXiv:1801.03640 [hep-th]
- For massive particles, situation is more complicated: spin vector is additional degree of freedom, related to axial vector current.
- Covariant, next-to-leading order kinetic theory for massive spin-1/2 particles in inhomogeneous electromagnetic fields is still missing.
- Plan: use Wigner functions to derive kinetic theory.
- Similar studies have been made in equal time approach.
 - Z. Wang, P. Zhuang et al., in preparation

— Motivation

Outline



- Understand spin of relativistic massive particles.
- Understand classical limit.
- Understand massless limit.
- Transition of microscopic theory to macroscopic observables → Wigner functions.
- Analytically determine general Wigner function components.
 - \rightarrow Semi-classical expansion.
 - \rightarrow Comparison to massless case.
 - Find generalized Boltzmann equation!
- Specify distribution function in global equilibrium.
- Determine hydrodynamic equations.

└─ Introduction I: spin of massive particles

Classical Spin



- Classical spin tensor $\Sigma_{\mu\nu}$ defined as intrinsic angular momentum about center of mass.
- Problem: center of mass of spinning particle is observer-dependent. \rightarrow gauge freedom on $\Sigma_{\mu\nu}$.
- Let u^{μ} be four-velocity of an arbitrary frame. Then:

 $u^{\nu}\Sigma_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \Sigma_{\mu\nu} \text{ is intrinsic angular momentum about}$ center of mass seen from frame with $u^{\nu} = (1,0)$

 Define spin tensor as intrinsic angular momentum tensor in the particle rest frame.

 $p_{\nu}\Sigma^{\mu\nu}=0$

Change of reference points



Intrinsic angular momentum tensors about centers of mass x_A and x_B are connected:

$$M_{A}^{\mu\nu} + x_{A}^{\mu}p^{\nu} - x_{A}^{\nu}p^{\mu} = M_{B}^{\mu\nu} + x_{B}^{\mu}p^{\nu} - x_{B}^{\nu}p^{\mu}$$

Conservation of total angular momentum.

 Pauli-Lubansky tensor: intrinsic angular momentum in lab frame M. Stone, V. Dwivedi, and T. Zhou, PRD91 (2015), 025004

$$M_L^{\mu\nu} = \Sigma^{\mu\nu} - \Sigma^{\mu 0} \frac{p^{\nu}}{E} - \Sigma^{0\nu} \frac{p^{\mu}}{E},$$

 $M_L^{i0} = 0$ by definition.

└─ Introduction I: spin of massive particles

Spin in relativistic quantum theory I



Define spin tensor

$$\Sigma_{rs}^{\mu
u} \equiv rac{1}{m}ar{u}(p,r)\sigma^{\mu
u}u(p,s),$$

with spin operator $\sigma^{\mu\nu} = rac{i}{4} [\gamma^{\mu}, \gamma^{\nu}].$

From Dirac equation and adjoint:

$$p_{\mu}\Sigma_{rs}^{\mu\nu}=0.$$

Semi-classically: gauge-fixed by Dirac equation.

Spin vector:

$$n_{rs}^{\mu} = rac{1}{2m} ar{u}(p,r) \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{5} u(p,s)$$

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└─ Introduction I: spin of massive particles

Spin in relativistic quantum theory II

- Choose spin quantization direction along polarization in local rest frame: $n_{rs}^{\mu} = sn^{\mu}\delta_{rs} = s(0, \vec{s})\delta_{rs}$ with polarization \vec{s} .
- Then $\Sigma^{\mu
 u}_{rs}=s\Sigma^{\mu
 u}\delta_{rs}$ with

$$\Sigma^{\mu
u} = -rac{1}{m}\epsilon^{\mu
ulphaeta}p_{lpha}n_{eta}.$$

and in rest frame:

$$\begin{split} \Sigma^{ij} &= \epsilon^{ijk} n^k = \epsilon^{ijk} s^k, \\ \Sigma^{i0} &= 0. \end{split}$$

- Non-relativistic rotational properties hold in local rest frame!
- For massive particles: possible to Lorentz transform to different frame while keeping properties such as conservation of total angular momentum.



The massless spin tensor



- Massless particles are different! State vectors transform under Lorentz transformations with additional phase.
- Remember: $\Sigma^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{m} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_{\alpha} n_{\beta}$.
- For massless particles, spin vector is parallel to momentum. $\rightarrow p^{\mu}\Sigma_{\mu\nu} = 0$ naturally satisfied, not a gauge condition.
- No local rest frame! No frame preferred.
- Define spin tensor in arbitrary frame u^μ
 J-Υ. Chen, D. T. Son, and M. Stephanov, PRL 115 (2015), 021601

$$\Sigma_{u}^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{\mathbf{p}\cdot \mathbf{u}}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\mathbf{u}_{\alpha}\mathbf{p}_{\beta}.$$

 Position has to be defined in same frame to conserve angular momentum. (A gauge-dependent position?)

Pauli-Lubansky tensor



Consider transformation between two frames in frame with $u^{\mu}=(1,0)$

$$\Sigma_{u}^{\mu\nu} = \Sigma_{u'}^{\mu\nu} + \Sigma_{u'}^{\nu 0} \frac{p^{\mu}}{p^{0}} - \Sigma_{u'}^{\mu 0} \frac{p^{\nu}}{p^{0}} \equiv M_{L,u'}.$$

- For any choice of u' in spin tensor, corresponding Pauli-Lubansky tensor will by identical and equal to spin tensor in lab frame.
- Captures physical part of spin tensor!
- Need to define spin and position in observer's frame.
- Lorentz transformation of observer will change gauge.

Side-jump effect I



- J-Y. Chen, D. T. Son, and M. Stephanov, PRL 115 (2015), 021601;
- M. Stone, V. Dwivedi, and T. Zhou PRL 114 (2015), 210402
 - Collision of two right-handed massless particles, $p_1, p_2
 ightarrow p_3, p_4$.
 - Center-of-mass frame: Ingoing and outgoing spins cancel (since momenta are parallel).
 - \blacksquare Same situation as for spinless particles \rightarrow "no-jump frame".
 - Lorentz-boost observer to different frame A.
 - Use Pauli-Lubansky tensor for conservation law in new frame, total ingoing angular momentum:

$$L_{A,in}^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{i=1,2} (x_{Ai}^{\mu} p_{i}^{\nu} - x_{Ai}^{\nu} p_{i}^{\mu} + M_{Ai}^{\mu\nu}).$$

All quantities defined in frame A.

Side-jump effect II



Scattering amplitude depends on total angular momentum, this has to be observer-independent.

$$L_{A,in}^{\mu\nu}=L_{CM,in}^{\mu\nu}=0.$$

From transformation between spin tensors in different frames, find shift between position as seen from CM and our observer:

$$x_{Ai}^{\mu} = x_{CMi}^{\mu} + \frac{1}{p_i^0(p_i \cdot u_{CM})} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha0} p_{i\alpha} u_{CM\nu}.$$

Same holds for outgoing angular momentum with p₃, p₄.
 In collision: momentum changes. → Position changes.

What an observer will see



$$x^{\mu}_{Ai} = x^{\mu}_{CMi} + \frac{1}{p^{0}_{i}(p_{i} \cdot u_{CM})} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha0} p_{i\alpha} u_{CM\nu}.$$

- Center of mass: all worldlines pass through single collision point.
- Boosted parallel to momentum: after collision worldlines are shifted away from each other.
- Boosted perpendicular to momentum: already before collision worldlines are shifted away. Particles miss each other.



M. Stone, V. Dwivedi, and T. Zhou PRL 114 (2015), 210402

Wigner functions



- Quantum analogue of classical distribution function.
- Contains information about quantum state of system.
- Off-equilibrium: two-point function depends not only on relative coordinate s, but also on central coordinate X.
- Wigner transformation of two-point function
 H.-Th. Elze, M. Gyulassy, and D. Vasak, AP 173 (1987)

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

with gauge link

$$U(b,a) \equiv P \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar}\int_{a}^{b} dz^{\mu} A_{\mu}(z)\right)$$

to ensure gauge invariance.

Transport equation



 From Dirac equation: transport equation for Wigner function: H.-Th. Elze, M. Gyulassy, and D. Vasak, AP 173 (1987)

$$(\gamma_{\mu}K^{\mu}-m)W(X,p)=0$$

with

$$\begin{array}{lll} {\cal K}^{\mu} & \equiv & p_W + \frac{1}{2}i\hbar\nabla^{\mu}, \\ {\nabla}^{\mu} & \equiv & \partial^{\mu}_x - j_0(\Delta)F^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\rho\nu}, \\ p_W & \equiv & p^{\mu} - \hbar\frac{1}{2}j_1(\Delta)F^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\rho\nu}. \end{array}$$

- $\Delta = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\partial_p \cdot \partial_x$ with ∂_x only acting on $F^{\mu\nu}$ and $j_0(x) = \sin(x)/x$, $j_1(x) = [\sin(x) x\cos(x)]/x^2$ spherical Bessel functions.
- Exact quantum kinetic equation for Wigner function for massive spin 1/2-particles and inhomogeneous fields!
- Only assumption: vanishing collision kernel, external classical gauge fields.

Strategy



Decompose *W* into generators of Clifford algebra.

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

Insert into transport equation.

- Get system of 32 coupled (differential) equations.
- Equations for \mathcal{F} (scalar, "distribution function") and \mathcal{A}_{μ} (axial-vector, "polarization") decouple from rest.
- Solve by expanding in powers of ħ, assuming that Wigner function gradients, em field strengths and em field gradients are sufficiently small.
- Determine \mathcal{V}_{μ} ("vector current"), \mathcal{P} , $\mathcal{S}_{\mu\nu}$ from $\mathcal{A}_{\mu}, \mathcal{F}$.

Zeroth-order Wigner function



To zeroth order:

$$(p_{\mu}\gamma^{\mu}-m)W(X,p)=0.$$

Wigner function is on-shell!

- Result directly calculated from definition is physical.
- Gauge link can be ignored in classical limit (no uncertainty).
- Choose spin quantization direction along polarization such that distribution function f_{rs} becomes diagonal in r, s.
- To simplify notation: only write positive-energy part.

Solution to zeroth order



Direct calculation yields

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathcal{F}^{(0)} &=& m\delta(p^2-m^2)V\\ \mathcal{A}^{(0)}_{\mu} &=& mn_{\mu}\delta(p^2-m^2)A\\ \mathcal{P}^{(0)} &=& 0\\ \mathcal{V}^{(0)}_{\mu} &=& p_{\mu}\delta(p^2-m^2)V\\ \mathcal{S}^{(0)}_{\mu\nu} &=& m\Sigma_{\mu\nu}\delta(p^2-m^2)A, \end{array}$$

with

$$V \equiv \frac{2}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{s} f_s(x, p)$$
$$A \equiv \frac{2}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{s} sf_s(x, p)$$

Solution fulfills zeroth-order transport equation.

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Next-to-leading order



- To first order, Wigner function is no longer on-shell!
- Momentum variable of directly calculated Wigner function is not equal to physical momentum of particle \rightarrow useless!
- Use transport equation!
- Insert zeroth-order solution into first-order equations.
- Find solution with correct massless limit.

Determine ${\cal F}$ and ${\cal A}^{\mu}$ up to order \hbar



Generalized Boltzmann equation:

$$\boldsymbol{p}\cdot\nabla\mathcal{F}=\hbar\frac{1}{2}\partial_x^{\lambda}\boldsymbol{F}^{\nu\rho}(\partial_{\boldsymbol{p}\lambda}\mathcal{S}_{\nu\rho}+\partial_{\boldsymbol{p}\rho}\mathcal{S}_{\nu\lambda}).$$

Generalized spin transport equation:

$$\boldsymbol{\rho}\cdot\nabla\mathcal{A}^{\rho}=\boldsymbol{F}^{\rho\nu}\mathcal{A}_{\nu}+\hbar\frac{1}{6}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho}[(\partial_{x}^{\alpha}\boldsymbol{F}_{\mu\lambda})\partial_{\rho\alpha}\mathcal{V}_{\nu}+(\partial_{x\lambda}\boldsymbol{F}_{\mu\sigma})\partial_{\rho}^{\sigma}\mathcal{V}_{\nu}].$$

Generalized on-shell conditions:

$$(p^2 - m^2)\mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{2}\hbar F^{\mu\nu}S_{\mu\nu},$$

 $(p^2 - m^2)\mathcal{A}_{\mu} = -\hbar \tilde{F}_{\mu\sigma}\mathcal{V}^{\sigma}.$

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Determine \mathcal{V}^{μ} , \mathcal{P} , and $\mathcal{S}^{\mu\nu}$ up to order \hbar



• Only couple to \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{A}_{μ} :

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{V}^{\mu} &= \frac{1}{m} (p^{\mu} \mathcal{F} - \frac{1}{2} \hbar \nabla_{\nu} \mathcal{S}^{\nu \mu}), \\ \mathcal{S}^{\mu \nu} &= -\frac{1}{m} \epsilon^{\mu \nu \alpha \beta} p_{\alpha} \mathcal{A}_{\beta} + \hbar \frac{1}{2m} (\nabla^{\mu} \mathcal{V}^{\nu} - \nabla^{\nu} \mathcal{V}^{\mu}), \\ \mathcal{P} &= -\frac{1}{2m} \hbar \nabla_{\mu} \mathcal{A}^{\mu}. \end{split}$$

Obviously only valid for $m \neq 0$! Can we still obtain massless limit?

Solution in next-to-leading order for m = 0

• Equations decouple for m = 0!

$$\frac{1}{2}(\nabla_{\mu}J_{\nu}^{\pm}-\nabla_{\nu}J_{\mu}^{\pm})=\pm\epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\boldsymbol{p}^{\alpha}J_{\pm}^{\beta}$$

for right- and left-handed currents $J^\pm_\mu\equiv rac{1}{2}({\cal V}_\mu\pm {\cal A}_\mu).$

Solution:

Y. Hidaka, S. Pu, D-L. Yang, PRD95 (2017), 091901;

A. Huang, S. Shi, Y. Jiang, J. Liao, and P. Zhuang, arXiv:1801.03640 [hep-th]

$$J^{\pm}_{\mu} = \left[p_{\mu} \delta(p^2) \pm \frac{1}{2} \hbar \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p^{\nu} F^{\alpha\beta} \delta'(p^2) \pm \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \frac{p^{\alpha} u^{\beta}}{p \cdot u} \delta(p^2) \nabla^{\nu} \right] f_{\pm}.$$

u_β: four-velocity of an arbitrary frame.
 Remember expression for massless spin tensor!



Solution in next-to-leading order for $m \neq 0$



 Find solutions for massive case: Replace massless by massive spin tensor in A_µ.

$$\mathcal{F}^{(1)} = m\delta(p^2 - m^2)V + \frac{\hbar}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}p_{\mu}n_{\nu}F_{\alpha\beta}\delta'(p^2 - m^2)A \mathcal{A}^{\mu(1)} = mn^{\mu}\delta(p^2 - m^2)A + \hbar\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}p_{\nu}\delta'(p^2 - m^2)V + \hbar\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\frac{n^{\alpha}p^{\beta}}{2m}\delta(p^2 - m^2)\nabla_{\nu}V.$$

- Fulfill constraint equations!
- Found solution of transport equation with correct massless limit.

Vector current



$$\mathcal{V}^{\mu(1)} = p^{\mu}\delta(p^{2}-m^{2})V + m\hbar\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}n_{\nu}\delta'(p^{2}-m^{2})A +\hbar\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\frac{n_{\alpha}p_{\beta}}{2m}\delta(p^{2}-m^{2})\nabla_{\nu}A + \frac{1}{2m}\hbar\delta(p^{2}-m^{2})A\epsilon^{\nu\mu\alpha\beta}p_{\alpha}\nabla_{\nu}n_{\beta}.$$

- Convective part.
- Off-shell part \leftrightarrow CME.
- Polarization part \leftrightarrow CVE.
- Current is not parallel to momentum to first order!
- Parts orthogonal to momentum present for imbalance between spin-up and spin-down particles.

Generalized Boltzmann equation



Taylor expansion:

$$\delta(p^{2}-m^{2}-\hbar\frac{s}{2}F^{\mu\nu}\Sigma_{\mu\nu})=\delta(p^{2}-m^{2})-\hbar\frac{s}{2}F^{\mu\nu}\Sigma_{\mu\nu}\delta'(p^{2}-m^{2})+O(\hbar^{2}),$$

After some calculation:

$$\sum_{s} \delta(p^{2} - m^{2} - \frac{s}{2}\hbar F^{\alpha\beta}\Sigma_{\alpha\beta}) \left\{ p^{\mu}\partial_{x\mu}f_{s} + \partial_{p\mu}\left[F^{\mu\nu}p_{\nu} + \hbar\frac{1}{4}s\Sigma^{\nu\rho}(\partial^{\mu}F_{\nu\rho})\right]f_{s} \right\} = 0.$$

- Modified on-shell condition!
- Recover first Mathisson-Papapetrou-Dixon equation!
 W. Israel, General Relativity and Gravitation, vol. 9, no. 5 (1978), 451-468

Time evolution of spin

From kinetic equation for polarization to zeroth order:

$$m\frac{d}{d\tau}n^{\mu}=F^{\mu\nu}n_{\nu},$$

where τ is a worldline parameter with $\frac{d}{d\tau} = \dot{x^{\mu}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\mu}} + \dot{p^{\mu}} \frac{\partial}{\partial p^{\mu}}$, where $\dot{x} \equiv \frac{\partial x}{\partial \tau}$.

Recover BMT equation!

V. Bargmann, L. Michel, and V. L. Telegdi, PRL 2 (1959)

After some calculation:

$$m\frac{d}{d\tau}\Sigma^{\mu\nu}=\Sigma^{\lambda\nu}F^{\mu}_{\ \lambda}-\Sigma^{\lambda\mu}F^{\nu}_{\ \lambda}.$$

Recover second Mathisson-Papapetrou-Dixon equation!
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Global equilibrium I



- Up to now: completely generic distribution function. Now specify in simplest case: global equilibrium.
- Equilibrium distribution function:

$$f_s^{eq} = (e^{g_s} + 1)^{-1}$$

with g linear combination of conserved quantities charge, momentum, and angular momentum:

$$g_s = \beta \pi \cdot U + \beta \mu_s - \frac{\hbar}{2} s \Sigma^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\mu} (\beta U_{\nu}).$$

Here, $\pi_{\mu} \equiv p_{\mu} + A_{\mu}$ is canonical momentum, U is fluid velocity, $\beta \equiv \frac{1}{T}$ is inverse temperature, and μ_s is chemical potential.

To zeroth order

$$f_s^{(0)} = (e^{g_0} + 1)^{-1}$$

with

$$g_{s0} = \beta(\pi \cdot U - \mu_s).$$

Global equilibrium II

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"Homogeneous" part of the Boltzmann equation fulfilled if:

$$\mu_s = ext{const},$$

 $\partial_
u eta_\mu + \partial_\mu eta_
u = ext{0},$
 $\mathcal{L}_eta F_{\mu
u} = ext{0}.$

 "Inhomogeneous" part of Boltzmann equation: additional conditions to make global equilibrium possible.

By Taylor expansion of distribution function:

$$V^{(1)\mu} = \frac{2}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{s} \left[\delta(p^2 - m^2) (p^{\mu} + \hbar \frac{m}{2} s \tilde{\omega}^{\mu\nu} n_{\nu} \partial_{\beta \pi \cdot U}) \right. \\ \left. + \hbar s \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} n_{\nu} \delta'(p^2 - m^2) + s \frac{1}{2m} \hbar \delta(p^2 - m^2) \epsilon^{\nu\mu\alpha\beta} \rho_{\alpha} \nabla_{\nu} n_{\beta} \right] f_s^{(0)}.$$

Thermal vorticity tensor: $\omega_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_{\mu}\beta_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}\beta_{\mu}$.

Dual thermal vorticity tensor: $\tilde{\omega}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \omega^{\alpha\beta}$.

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Macroscopic quantities I

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From Dirac Lagrangian in electro-magnetic field

$$\mathcal{L} = ar{\Psi} \left[rac{1}{2} i \hbar \gamma^\mu (D_\mu - D_\mu^\dagger) - m
ight] \Psi$$

we obtain:

Number current:

$$J^{\mu}(x) \equiv \langle : \bar{\Psi}(x) \gamma^{\mu} \Psi(x) : \rangle$$
$$= \int d^4 p \, V^{\mu}(x, p).$$

Canonical energy-momentum tensor (gauge-invariant form):

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \left\langle : \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (D_{\mu}\Psi)} D^{\nu}\Psi + D^{\nu}\Psi^{\dagger} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (D_{\mu}\Psi^{\dagger})} - g^{\mu\nu}\mathcal{L} : \right\rangle$$
$$= \int d^{4}p \, p^{\nu} V^{\mu}.$$

Hydrodynamic equations

Macroscopic quantities II



Spin current tensor:

$$S^{\lambda,\mu\nu}(x) \equiv \frac{1}{4} \int d^4 p \operatorname{tr}(\{\sigma^{\mu\nu},\gamma^{\lambda}\}W(x,p))$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \int d^4 p A_{\rho}(x,p).$$

Total angular momentum tensor:

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

Hydrodynamic equations

Conservation laws



Conservation laws to first order:

$$\begin{split} \nabla_{\mu}\mathcal{V}^{\mu} &= 0, \\ \frac{1}{2}\hbar\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\nabla_{\alpha}\mathcal{A}_{\beta} &= p_{W}^{\nu}\mathcal{V}^{\mu} - p_{W}^{\mu}\mathcal{V}^{\nu}, \\ & \Longrightarrow \\ \partial_{\mu}J^{\mu} &= 0, \\ \partial_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu} &= F^{\nu\mu}J_{\mu}, \\ \hbar\partial_{\lambda}S^{\lambda,\mu\nu} &= T^{\nu\mu} - T^{\mu\nu}, \\ \partial_{\lambda}J^{\lambda,\mu\nu} &= x^{\mu}F^{\lambda\nu}J_{\lambda} - x^{\nu}F^{\lambda\mu}J_{\lambda}. \end{split}$$

- Expected form of conservation laws!
- Energy-momentum tensor is conserved in combination with Maxwell part.
- Spin is not conserved separately.
- For zero electromagnetic fields, energy and total angular momentum are conserved.

Conclusions



- Found transport equation for distribution function and polarization for massive spin-1/2 particles in inhomogeneous electromagnetic fields.
- Recovered classical equations of motion.
- Found a way of obtaining massless limit.
- Showed agreement of our solution to previously known massless solution in this limit.
- Gave explicit expressions for current in global equilibrium.

└─ Conclusions and Outbook

Outlook



- Generalized Boltzmann equation still has to be solved.
- Collisions have to be included.
 - \rightarrow Boltzmann equation without assumption of local equilibrium.
- Derive equations of motion for dissipative quantities.
 - $\rightarrow\,$ Method of moments.