

# Relativistic hydrodynamics with spin

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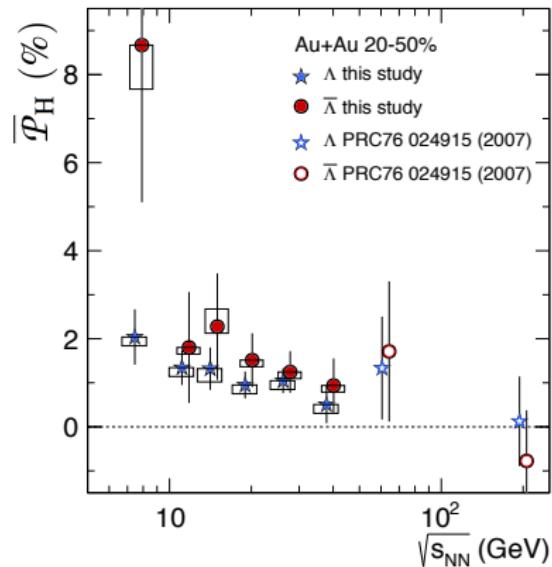
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- ▶ Relativistic perfect-fluid dynamics with spin degrees of freedom based on distribution functions  
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- ▶ Study formal aspects of distribution functions
  - ▶ Connection between spin-polarization 3-vector, spin tensor and Pauli-Lubański 4-vector

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# Motivation

- ▶ Non-central nuclear collisions  $\Rightarrow$  Large global angular momentum  
 $\Rightarrow$  May generate spin polarization of hot and dense matter
- ▶ Connection between spin polarization and vorticity
- ▶ Measurement of  $\Lambda$  hyperon polarization: "Most vortical fluid"



L. Adamczyk et al. (STAR), Nature 548 62-65  
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# Basic conservation laws

Poincare symmetry leads to basic conservation laws

- ▶ Energy-momentum tensor  $T^{\mu\nu}$

Conservation of energy and momentum:

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

- ▶ Total angular momentum tensor ("orbital" + "spin")

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

Conservation of total angular momentum:

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

Spin tensor  $S^{\lambda,\mu\nu}$  is in general **not** conserved

# Global thermodynamic equilibrium

- ▶ Density operator for quantum mechanical system

$$\rho = \exp \left[ - \int d^3 \Sigma_\mu(x) \left( T^{\mu\nu}(x) \beta_\nu - \frac{1}{2} S^{\mu,\alpha\beta}(x) \omega_{\alpha\beta} \right) \right]$$

Global thermodynamic equilibrium



$\rho$  independent of time



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

$$\omega_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \beta_\nu - \partial_\nu \beta_\mu) = \text{const} \quad (\text{thermal vorticity})$$

# Global vs. local equilibrium

Present phenomenology prescription used to describe the data:

- 1) Run any type of hydro (perfect or viscous)
- 2) Find  $\beta_\mu(x) = u_\mu(x)/T(x)$  on the freeze-out hypersurface
- 3) Calculate thermal vorticity
- 4) Identify thermal vorticity with the spin-polarization tensor  $\omega_{\mu\nu}$
- 5) Make predictions about spin polarization

This talk:

In local equilibrium thermal vorticity and  $\omega_{\mu\nu}$  are in general different

$$\omega_{\mu\nu} \neq -\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \beta_\nu - \partial_\nu \beta_\mu)$$

$\beta_\mu(x)$  and  $\omega_{\mu\nu}(x)$  are independent quantities

Spin polarization may be early-stage effect that survives the whole evolution

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# Charge current and energy-momentum tensor

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$$N^\mu = \int \frac{d^3 p}{2(2\pi)^3 E_p} p^\mu [ \text{tr}_4(X^+) - \text{tr}_4(X^-) ] = n u^\mu$$

$$n = 4 \cosh(\zeta) \sinh(\xi) n_{(0)}(T) = \underbrace{\left( e^\zeta + e^{-\zeta} \right)}_{\text{spin-up} + \text{spin-down}} \overbrace{\left( e^\xi - e^{-\xi} \right)}^{\text{particles} - \text{antiparticles}} n_{(0)}(T)$$

Boltzmann average

$$n_{(0)}(T) \equiv \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3 E_p} (u \cdot p) e^{-\beta \cdot p}$$

- ▶ Energy-momentum tensor (de Groot, van Leeuwen, van Weert)

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \int \frac{d^3 p}{2(2\pi)^3 E_p} p^\mu p^\nu [ \text{tr}_4(X^+) + \text{tr}_4(X^-) ] = (\varepsilon + P) u^\mu u^\nu - P g^{\mu\nu},$$

$$\varepsilon = 4 \cosh(\zeta) \cosh(\xi) \varepsilon_{(0)}(T)$$

$$P = 4 \cosh(\zeta) \cosh(\xi) P_{(0)}(T),$$

# Entropy current

Generalization of the Boltzmann expression

$$S^\mu = - \int \frac{d^3 p}{2(2\pi)^3 E_p} p^\mu \left( \text{tr}_4 [X^+ (\ln X^+ - 1)] + \text{tr}_4 [X^- (\ln X^- - 1)] \right)$$

$$s = u_\mu S^\mu = \frac{\varepsilon + P - \mu n - \Omega w}{T}$$

$\Omega$  defined through the relation  $\zeta = \Omega/T$

$$w = 4 \sinh(\zeta) \cosh(\xi) n_{(0)}$$

New thermodynamic variable  $\Omega$  – "Spin chemical potential"

$$s = \left. \frac{\partial P(T, \mu, \Omega)}{\partial T} \right|_{\mu, \Omega}, \quad n = \left. \frac{\partial P(T, \mu, \Omega)}{\partial \mu} \right|_{T, \Omega}, \quad w = \left. \frac{\partial P(T, \mu, \Omega)}{\partial \Omega} \right|_{T, \mu}$$

# Hydrodynamic spin background equations

- ▶ Conservation of energy and momentum:

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \implies \partial_\mu [(\varepsilon + P) u^\mu] = u^\mu \partial_\mu P \equiv \frac{dP}{d\tau}$$

Evaluating the derivatives

$$T \partial_\mu (su^\mu) + \mu \partial_\mu (nu^\mu) + \Omega \partial_\mu (wu^\mu) = 0.$$

Charge conservation:

$$\partial_\mu (nu^\mu) = 0.$$

- ▶ Perfect fluid  $\Rightarrow$  entropy conservation  $\Rightarrow$  we demand:

Additional conservation law

$$\partial_\mu (wu^\mu) = 0$$

Self-consistent entropy conservation  $\partial_\mu (su^\mu) = 0$

# Spin dynamics

Symmetric  $T^{\mu\nu}$



$$\partial_\lambda S^{\lambda,\mu\nu} = 0$$

Form of the spin tensor (Becattini, Tinti, Annals Phys. 325, 1566)

$$S^{\lambda,\mu\nu} = \int \frac{d^3 p}{2(2\pi)^3 E_p} p^\lambda \text{tr}_4 [(X^+ - X^-) \Sigma^{\mu\nu}] = \frac{w u^\lambda}{4\zeta} \omega^{\mu\nu}$$

Rescaled spin-polarization tensor  $\bar{\omega}^{\mu\nu} = \omega^{\mu\nu}/(2\zeta)$

$$u^\lambda \partial_\lambda \bar{\omega}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{d\bar{\omega}^{\mu\nu}}{d\tau} = 0$$

- ▶ Parallel transport of the spin polarization direction along the fluid stream lines
- ▶ Non-trivial spin dynamics

# Global equilibrium with rotation

## Stationary vortex (I)

- ▶ Hydrodynamic flow  $u^\mu = \gamma(1, \mathbf{v})$  (rigid rotor):

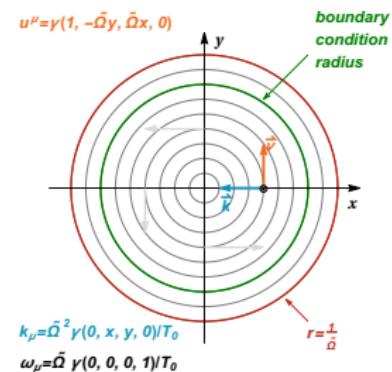
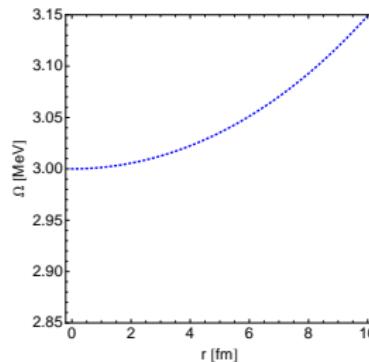
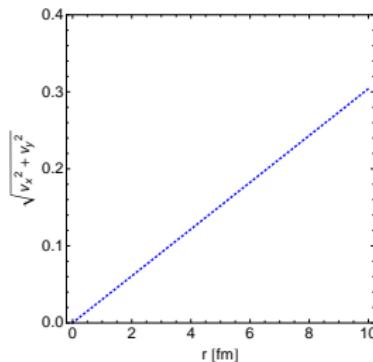
$$u^0 = \gamma, \quad u^1 = -\gamma \tilde{\Omega} y, \quad u^2 = \gamma \tilde{\Omega} x, \quad u^3 = 0,$$

$\tilde{\Omega}$  is a constant,  $\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 - \tilde{\Omega}^2 r^2}$ ,  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$

Due to limiting light speed,  $0 \leq r \leq R < 1/\tilde{\Omega}$

- ▶ Solution for hydrodynamic spin background:

$$T = T_0 \gamma, \quad \mu = \mu_0 \gamma, \quad \Omega = \Omega_0 \gamma$$



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## Stationary vortex (II)

- ▶ Unpolarized vortex:  $\omega_{\mu\nu} = 0$  and  $\Omega_0 = 0$
- ▶ **Polarized** vortex (**global equilibrium**):

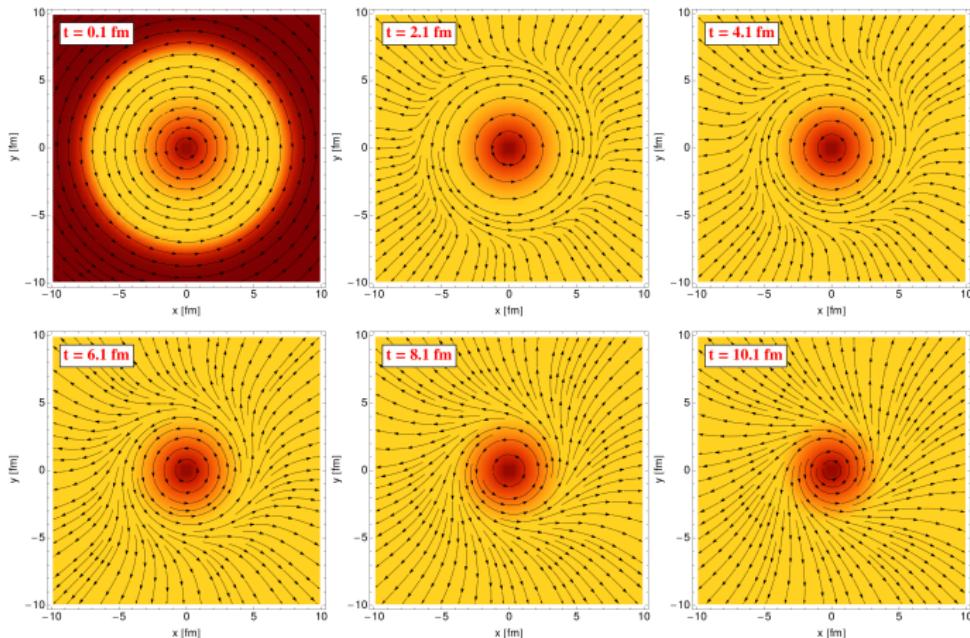
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Spin-polarization tensor = thermal vorticity:

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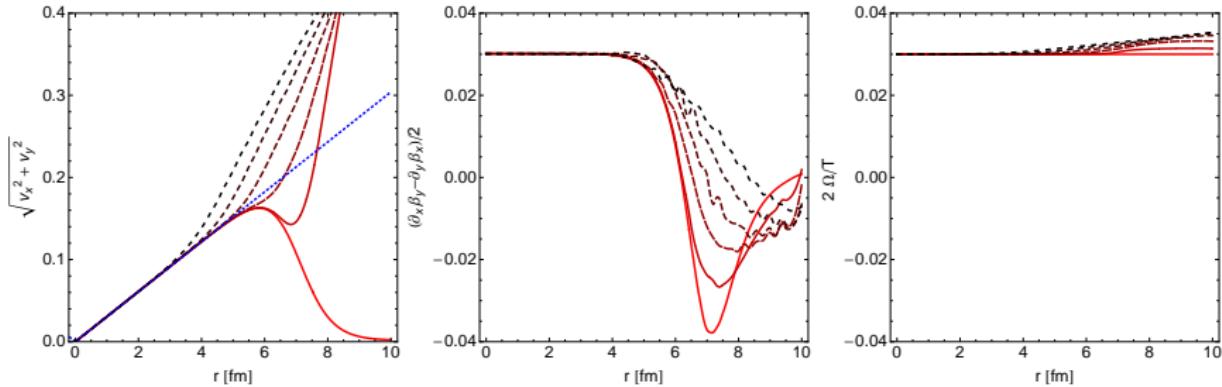
# Isolated vortex (I)

- ▶ External boundary is removed  $\implies$  Expansion into external vacuum
- ▶ Time dependent problem solved numerically



Color gradient: strength of fluid velocity

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Time increases by 2 fm: red  $\rightarrow$  black lines

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Leave  $P^\mu$  and  $J^{\mu\nu}$  invariant

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- ▶ PL per particle

$$\pi_\mu(x, p) = \frac{\Delta\Pi_\mu(x, p)}{\Delta\mathcal{N}(x, p)}$$

- ▶ PL four-vector in the PRF agrees with the Polarization vector (!)

$$\pi_*^0 = 0, \quad \pi_* = \mathcal{P}$$

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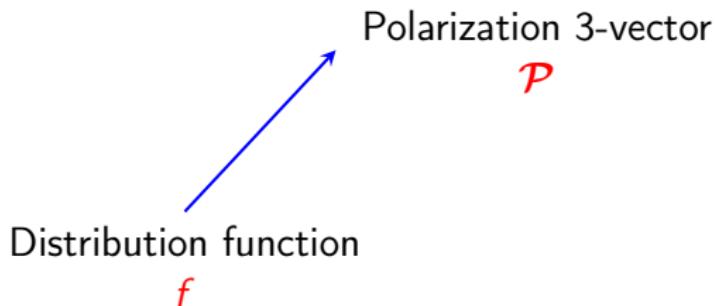
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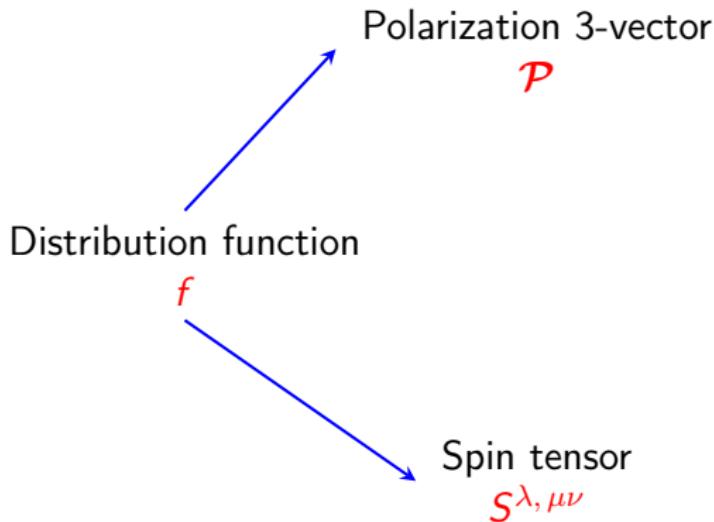
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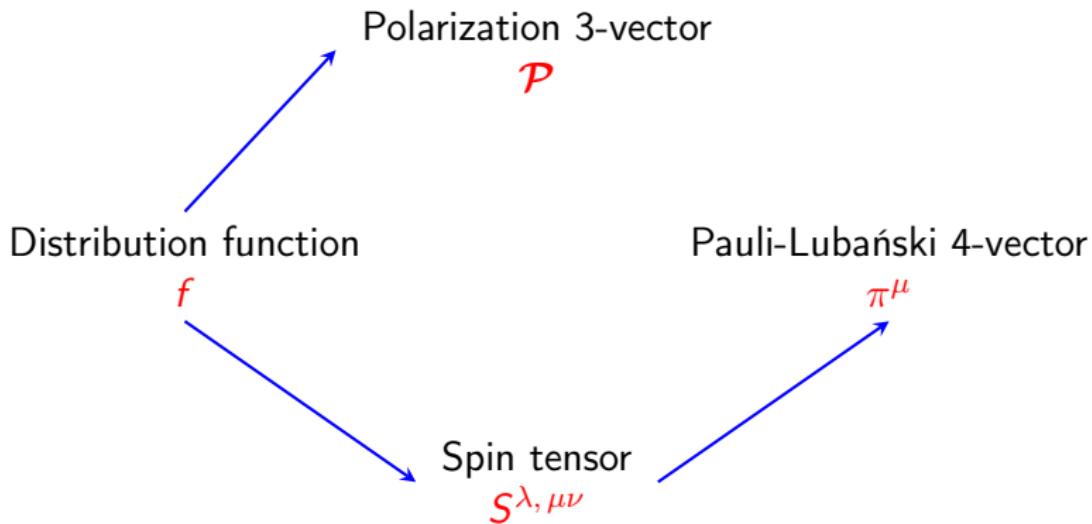
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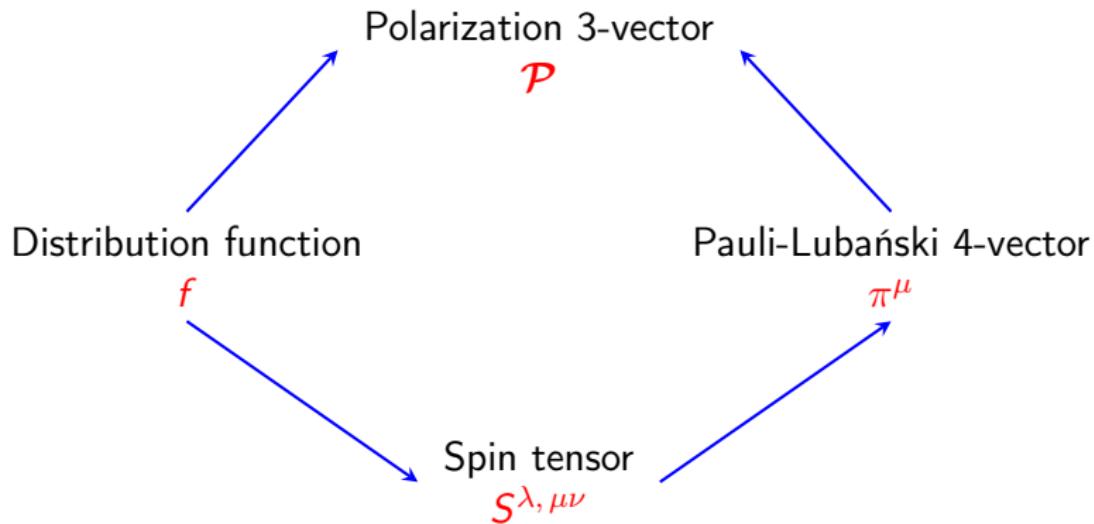
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# Conclusions

## Summary

- ▶ Hydrodynamic framework which includes evolution of spin density in a consistent fashion
- ▶ Minimal extension of well-established perfect-fluid picture
- ▶ Polarization evolution in heavy-ion collisions
- ▶ Advantage to study dynamics of systems in **local equilibrium**, compared to studies where global equilibrium was assumed

## Outlook

- ▶ Spin-orbit interaction
- ▶ Dissipative effects
- ▶ ...

# BACKUP

# Global equilibrium and thermal vorticity (I)

Density operator for any quantum mechanical system

$$\rho(t) = \exp \left[ - \int d^3\Sigma_\mu(x) \left( T^{\mu\nu}(x)b_\nu(x) - \frac{1}{2} J^{\mu,\alpha\beta}(x)\omega_{\alpha\beta}(x) \right) \right]$$

$d^3\Sigma_\mu$  – element of 3-dimensional hypersurface

Global equilibrium  $\Rightarrow \rho(t)$  independent of time

$$\partial_\mu \left( T^{\mu\nu}(x)b_\nu(x) - \frac{1}{2} J^{\mu,\alpha\beta}(x)\omega_{\alpha\beta}(x) \right) = T^{\mu\nu}(x)(\partial_\mu b_\nu(x)) - \frac{1}{2} J^{\mu,\alpha\beta}(x)(\partial_\mu \omega_{\alpha\beta}(x))$$

$$b_\nu = \text{const} , \quad \omega_{\alpha\beta} = \text{const}$$

splitting angular momentum into its orbital and spin part

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## Global equilibrium and thermal vorticity (II)

Introducing the notation

$$\beta_\nu = b_\nu + \omega_{\nu\alpha} x^\alpha$$

we may write

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We note that  $\beta_\nu$  is the Killing vector, satisfies the equations

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