New formalism for spin alignment

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Spin polarization final particle





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global polarization



Spin polarization vector:

$$S^{\mu}_{\varpi}(p) = -\frac{1}{8m} \epsilon^{\mu\rho\sigma\tau} p_{\tau} \frac{\int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma \cdot p \ n_F (1 - n_F) \varpi_{\rho\sigma}}{\int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma \cdot p \ n_F},$$

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Conclusions:

- Spin carried by s quark
- Global spin polarization is induced by thermal vorticity

Local polarization

Thermal vorticity:

$$S^{\mu}_{\varpi}(p) = -\frac{1}{8m} \epsilon^{\mu\rho\sigma\tau} p_{\tau} \frac{\int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma \cdot p \, n_F (1 - n_F) \varpi_{\rho\sigma}}{\int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma \cdot p \, n_F},$$

Thermal shear:



$$\varpi_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_{\mu}\beta_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}\beta_{\mu} \right).$$

 $\xi_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_{\mu} \beta_{\nu} + \partial_{\nu} \beta_{\mu} \right).$ Non-equilibrium effect



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Spin alignment for S=1 particle



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Potential sources for Φ meson

Physics Mechanisms	(ρ₀₀)
c ∧: Quark coalescence vorticity & magnetic field ^[1]	< 1/3 (Negative ~ 10 ⁻⁵)
c _ε : Vorticity tensor ^[1]	< 1/3 (Negative ~ 10-4)
c _E : Electric field ^[2]	> 1/3 (Positive ~ 10 ⁻⁵)
Fragmentation ^[3]	> or, < 1/3 (~ 10 ⁻⁵)
Local spin alignment and helicity ^[4]	< 1/3
Turbulent color field ^[5]	< 1/3
c _¢ : Vector meson strong force field ^[6]	> 1/3 (Can accomodate large positive signal)

$$\rho_{00} - \frac{1}{3} \approx c_A + c_\epsilon + c_E + \frac{c_\phi}{\phi} + \cdots$$

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Spin alignment for J/ψ



Spin alignment for $\boldsymbol{\rho}$

Experimental result:



AuAu for run 2011 at 200 GeV, Centrality: 60-80%, pT: 1.8-2.4 GeV/c Taken from Baoshan Xi QM23

$$\delta\rho_{00}^{\rho} < \frac{1}{3}$$

Prediction from spin Boltzmann equation with local collision term:



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spin alignment in thermal media



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Schwinger-Keldysh contour



Physical representation:

3 components independent

$$G^{A}(x_{1}, x_{2}) = G^{F}(x_{1}, x_{2}) - G^{>}(x_{1}, x_{2})$$

$$G^{R}(x_{1}, x_{2}) = G^{F}(x_{1}, x_{2}) - G^{<}(x_{1}, x_{2})$$

$$G^{C}(x_{1}, x_{2}) = G^{F}(x_{1}, x_{2}) + G^{\bar{F}}(x_{1}, x_{2})$$

Choose G^A , G^R , $G^<$ as variables

Dyson equation vs. KB equation

KB equation:

$$(A \star B)^{\mu\nu}(x_1, x_2) = \int dy A^{\mu}_{\rho}(x_1, y) B^{\rho\nu}(y, x_2)$$

$$\begin{split} & [\left(\partial_{x_1}^2 + m^2 \right) g^{\mu\rho} - \partial_{x_1}^{\mu} \partial_{x_1}^{\rho}] G_{\rho}^{<,\nu}(x_1, x_2) \\ &= i\hbar (\Sigma^F \star G^{<})^{\mu\nu}(x_1, x_2) - i\hbar \left(\Sigma^{<} \star G^{\bar{F}} \right)^{\mu\nu}(x_1, x_2) \end{split}$$

Under Wigner transformation, KB equation \rightarrow Boltzmann equation (equation of motion) Widely used in spin transport theory(1902.06513, 2103.10636, 2206.05868...)

Dyson equation:

$$\begin{aligned} G_{A/R}^{\mu\nu}(x_1, x_2) &= G_{A/R}^{\mu\nu,0}(x_1, x_2) + \left(G_{A/R}^0 \star \Sigma_{A/R} \star G_{A/R}\right)^{\mu\nu}(x_1, x_2) \\ G_{<}^{\mu\nu}(x_1, x_2) &= G_{<}^{\mu\nu,0}(x_1, x_2) + \left(G_{R}^0 \star \Sigma_{R} \star G_{<}\right)^{\mu\nu}(x_1, x_2) \\ &+ \left(G_{R}^0 \star \Sigma_{<} \star G_{A}\right)^{\mu\nu}(x_1, x_2) + \left(G_{<}^0 \star \Sigma_{A} \star G_{A}\right)^{\mu\nu}(x_1, x_2) \end{aligned}$$

1. Equation of state, solvable

2.R/A-component equations are independent with "<" component.

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Wigner transformation

Wigner transformation:

$$O(X,p) = \int dy e^{ipy} O(X,y) = \int dy e^{ipy} O(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, x_1 - x_2)$$

Wigner function:

$$\begin{split} & \left(\begin{array}{l} G_{R/A,0}^{\mu\nu}(X,p) = \left(g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{p^{\mu}p^{\nu}}{m^2} \right) \frac{-i}{p^2 - m^2 \pm ip^0 \epsilon} \\ G_{<,0}^{\mu\nu}(X,p) = 2\pi\delta(p^2 - m^2)\theta(-p^0)\epsilon_{\mu}^*(\lambda_1, -p)\epsilon_{\nu}(\lambda_2, -p) \\ & \quad +\theta(p^0)\epsilon_{\mu}(\lambda_1,p)\epsilon_{\nu}^*(\lambda_2,p)f_{\lambda_1\lambda_2}^{V,(0)}(X,p) \\ & \quad +\theta(-p^0)\epsilon_{\mu}^*(\lambda_1, -p)\epsilon_{\nu}(\lambda_2, -p)f_{\lambda_2\lambda_1}^{V,(0)}(X, -p) \\ \end{split} \right) \\ & \epsilon^{\mu}(\lambda,p) = \left(\frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \vec{\epsilon}_{\lambda}}{\sqrt{p^2}}, \vec{\epsilon}_{\lambda} + \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \vec{\epsilon}_{\lambda}}{\sqrt{p^2}\left(p^0 + \sqrt{p^2}\right)} \mathbf{p} \right) \\ & \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{Matrix-valued spin dependent} \\ \text{distribution(MVSD)} \end{array} \right) \\ G_{R/A,0}^{\mu\nu}(X,p) \sim O(g^0 \partial^0), \quad G_{<,0}^{\mu\nu}(X,p) \sim O(g^0) = O(g^0 \partial^0) + O(g^0 \partial^1) + \cdots \end{split} \end{split}$$

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Leading order DSE

 $O(\partial^0)$: Spatial gradient expansion = \hbar expansion

$$G_{R,L}^{\mu\nu}(X,p) = G_{R,L,0}^{\mu\nu}(X,p) + G_{R,L,0}^{\mu\rho}(X,p)\Sigma_{\rho\sigma}^{R,L}(X,p)G_{R,L}^{\sigma\nu}(X,p) = A_{R,L}^{\mu\nu}[G_{R,L,0}^{\mu\nu}] + B_{L,\sigma}^{\mu}(X,p)G_{R,L}^{\sigma\nu}(X,p)$$
(1)
$$G_{<,L}^{\mu\nu}(X,p) = G_{<,L,0}^{\mu\nu}(X,p) + G_{R,L,0}^{\mu\rho}(X,p)\Sigma_{\rho\sigma}^{<,L}(X,p)G_{A,L}^{\sigma\nu}(X,p) + G_{<,L,0}^{\mu\rho}(X,p)\Sigma_{\rho\sigma}^{A,L}(X,p)G_{A,L}^{\sigma\nu}(X,p) + G_{R,L,0}^{\mu\rho}(X,p)\Sigma_{\rho\sigma}^{R,L}(X,p)G_{<,L}^{\sigma\nu}(X,p)$$
(2)

 $A^{\mu\nu}$: independent with variable. $B^{\mu\nu}$: same for two identities.

Solution:
$$G \sim \frac{A}{1-B}$$

Next-to-Leading order DSE

 $O(\partial^1)$:

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\mu\nu}^{R,\mathrm{NL}}\left(X,p\right) &= \begin{array}{l} G_{0,\mu\rho}^{R,\mathrm{L}}\left(X,p\right)\Sigma_{\mathrm{NL}}^{R,\rho\sigma}\left(X,p\right)G_{\sigma\nu}^{R,\mathrm{L}}\left(X,p\right) & \text{Self energy correction} \\ &+\frac{i}{2}\left[G_{0,\mu\rho}^{R,\mathrm{L}}\left(X,p\right),\Sigma_{\mathrm{L}}^{R,\rho\sigma}\left(X,p\right)G_{\sigma\nu}^{R,\mathrm{L}}\left(X,p\right)\right]_{P,B,\mathrm{L}} & \text{Poisson bracket} \\ &+\frac{i}{2}G_{0,\mu\rho}^{R,\mathrm{L}}\left(X,p\right)\left[\Sigma_{\mathrm{L}}^{R,\rho\sigma}\left(X,p\right),G_{\sigma\nu}^{R,\mathrm{L}}\left(X,p\right)\right]_{P,B,\mathrm{L}} & \text{Poisson bracket} \\ &+G_{0,\mu\rho}^{R,\mathrm{L}}\left(X,p\right)\Sigma_{\mathrm{L}}^{R,\rho\sigma}\left(X,p\right)G_{\sigma\nu}^{R,\mathrm{NL}}\left(X,p\right) \\ &= A_{\mu\nu}^{R,\mathrm{NL}}\left[G_{R,\mathrm{L}}^{0},G_{R,\mathrm{L}},\Sigma_{\mathrm{L}}^{R},\Sigma_{\mathrm{NL}}^{R}\right] + B_{\mu}^{\mathrm{L},\sigma}\left(X,p\right)G_{\sigma\nu}^{R,\mathrm{NL}}\left(X,p\right) \end{aligned}$$



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Next-to-Leading order DSE



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Self energy

 $\rho - \pi$ interaction(example):

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{kin} + ig_{\rho\pi} \left(\partial_{\mu}\pi^{+}\pi^{-} - \pi^{+}\partial_{\mu}\pi^{-} \right) \rho_{\mu} + g_{\rho\pi}^{2}\pi^{+}\pi^{-}\rho_{\mu}\rho^{\mu},$$

$$\xrightarrow{x_{2}, \dots, x_{1}, \alpha}$$

$$\begin{split} \Sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{CTP}}(x_1, x_2) &= g_{\rho\pi}^2 \left[\partial_{\alpha}^{x_1} S\left(x_1, x_2\right) \partial_{\beta}^{x_2} S\left(x_2, x_1\right) + \partial_{\alpha}^{x_1} S\left(x_2, x_1\right) \partial_{\beta}^{x_2} S\left(x_1, x_2\right) \right] \\ &- g_{\rho\pi}^2 \left\{ \left[\partial_{\alpha}^{x_1} \partial_{\beta}^{x_2} S\left(x_1, x_2\right) \right] S\left(x_2, x_1\right) + \left[\partial_{\alpha}^{x_1} \partial_{\beta}^{x_2} S\left(x_2, x_1\right) \right] S\left(x_1, x_2\right) \right\} \\ &+ 2i g_{\rho\pi}^2 g_{\alpha\beta} S\left(x_1, x_2\right) \delta\left(x_1 - x_2\right) \end{split}$$

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Self energy

$$O(\partial^{0}):$$

$$\sum_{\substack{R,L \ X,p) \\ r_{R,L}(X,p) \\ r_{C,L}(X,p) \\ r_{C$$

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Solutions(I)

 $O(\partial^0)$:

$$\begin{aligned} G_{R,L}^{\mu\nu} &= -i \sum_{a=T,L} \Delta_a^{\mu\nu} \rho_a + i \frac{p^{\mu} p^{\nu}}{p^2 m_V^2}, \\ G_{\mu\nu}^{<,L} &= \sum_{a=T,L} \Delta_{\mu\nu}^a \rho_a \rho_a^* \Sigma_{<}^a. \end{aligned} \qquad \rho_{L/T} = \frac{1}{p^2 - m_V^2 - i \Sigma_{L/T}}, \end{aligned}$$

 $\rho_{L/T}$: function of p^2 , $u \cdot p$, β^2

specific relation for $\rho - \pi$ interaction:

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Solutions(II)



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MVSD

No-interaction case:

Assuming this relation works for interaction case

Spin alignment:

$$f_{\lambda_{1}\lambda_{2}}^{V}(x,p) = \epsilon_{\mu}^{*}(\lambda_{1},p) G_{<}^{\mu\nu}(x,p) \epsilon_{\nu}(\lambda_{2},p)$$

$$\int dp_{0}p_{0}\epsilon_{\mu}^{*}(0,p) G_{<,L+NL}^{\mu\nu}(x,p) \epsilon_{\nu}(0,p)$$

$$\frac{\int dp_{0}p_{0}\epsilon_{\mu}^{*}(0,p) G_{<,L+NL}^{\mu\nu}(x,p) \epsilon_{\nu}(0,p)}{\Sigma_{\lambda_{1}=0,\pm}\int dp_{0}p_{0}\epsilon_{\mu}^{*}(\lambda_{1},p) G_{<,L+NL}^{\mu\nu}(x,p) \epsilon_{\nu}(\lambda_{1},p)}$$

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Spin alignment

$$\rho_{00}(x, \mathbf{p}) - \frac{1}{3} \approx \begin{cases} \int \frac{dp^0}{2\pi} p^0 \left[f_{00}^{V,L} - \frac{1}{3} Tr\left(f_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{V,L}\right) \right] \\ \int \frac{dp^0}{2\pi} p^0 Tr\left(f_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{V,L}\right) \end{cases} \text{Pure interaction effect} \\ + \frac{\int \frac{dp^0}{2\pi} p^0 \left[f_{00}^{V,NL} - \frac{1}{3} Tr\left(f_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{V,NL}\right) \right] \\ \int \frac{dp^0}{2\pi} p^0 Tr\left(f_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{V,L}\right) \\ \int \frac{dp^0}{2\pi} p^0 Tr\left(f_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{V,L}\right) \int \frac{dp^0}{2\pi} p^0 \left[f_{00}^{V,L} - \frac{1}{3} Tr\left(f_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{V,L}\right) \right] \\ \int \frac{dp^0}{2\pi} p^0 Tr\left(f_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{V,L}\right) \int \frac{dp^0}{2\pi} p^0 Tr\left(f_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{V,L}\right) \\ \int \frac{dp^0}{2\pi} p^0 Tr\left(f_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{V,L}\right) \int \frac{dp^0}{2\pi} p^0 Tr\left(f_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{V,L}\right) \\ = \delta \rho_{00}^{(0)} + \xi^{\rho\sigma} X_{(\rho\sigma)} + \omega^{\rho\sigma} Y_{[\rho\sigma]} + \partial^{\rho} \beta_0 Z_{\rho}, \end{cases} \\ \delta \rho_{00}^{(0)}, X, Y, Z: \text{ relate with } T - L, \qquad Y'_{[\rho\sigma]} = Y_{[\rho\sigma]} + \eta_{[\rho} u_{\sigma]} \\ when T = L \text{ or } g \to 0, \text{ vanish} \qquad Z'_{\rho} = Z_{\rho} - \eta_{\rho}, \end{cases}$$

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Flow rest frame



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Coefficient to thermal shear



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Coefficient to thermal vorticity



$$Y_{02}^{par} = -2Y_{03}^{tran}, Y \sim 0.01$$

Inhomogeneous $\omega_{\mu\nu}$ induce global spin alignment

To induce a global spin alignment at $O(\partial^1)$:

Interaction (deviation between T and L) + inhomogeneous $\xi_{\mu\nu}$ or $\omega_{\mu\nu}$

Summary

- We present a new formalism to calculate the spin polarization phenomena based on DSE on CTP contour. It can introduce the effect of interaction or the off-shell correction.
- 2. We apply this formalism to the ρ meson's spin alignment in a pion gas. Coupling between the thermal shear/vorticity and spectral difference induce the global spin alignment.
- 3. We study the self energy correction at $O(\partial^1)$ and it gives a non-trivial contribution to the spin alignment.

Outlook

- 1. Spin-1/2 particle has a non-dissipative distribution at $O(\partial^1)$, it will contribute to $O(\partial^1)$ self energy. For other vector mesons (i.e. J/Ψ , D), this effect may be important.
- 2. We can solve the spin-1/2 DSE on CTP and study the relation between quark's polarization and its spectral function.
- 3. Other $O(\partial^1)$ effects($\partial_\mu \mu_5, \partial_\mu \mu_s$)
- 4. Particle number correction contains $\xi^{\mu\nu}p_{\mu}p_{\nu}n_B(1+n_B)\rho_a Im(\rho_a)$, at fixed p^2 , increasing $|\mathbf{p}|$, ratio between NL with L larger than 1, spatial gradient fails (general question for spatial gradient!)

Thanks for your time