

Relaxation Time Approximation for Relativistic Quantum Systems



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- Kadanoff-Baym Equations with Spin* ●
- Spin Distribution in Equilibrium* ●
- Spin Distribution in Near Equilibrium* ●
- Damping and Polarization Rates in NJL* ●



based on the 2 papers:

- 1) *Equilibrium spin distribution from detailed balance*, Ziyue Wang, Xingyu Guo and PZ, *Eur. Phys. J. C*81, 799(2021)
- 2) *Relaxation time approximation for relativistic quantum systems*, Ziyue Wang and PZ, ArXiv: 2105.00915

Relaxation Time Approximation (RTA)

Classical RTA: [J.Anderson and H.Witting, Physica 74, 466(1974)]

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f = -p^\mu u_\mu \frac{\delta f}{\tau}, \quad \delta f = f - f_{eq}$$

Quantum RTA:

$$(\gamma^\mu p_\mu - m)W + \frac{i\hbar}{2} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu W = -\frac{i\hbar}{2} \gamma^\mu u_\mu \frac{\delta W}{\tau}, \quad \delta W = W - W_{eq}$$

A single time scale to control the relaxation process for all the components.

Motivations:

- 1) A multi-component kinetic theory needs more time scales to control different degrees of freedom.*
- 2) Calculating the relaxation times in Kadanoff-Baym formalism.*

Kadanoff-Baym Equations

Collision terms:

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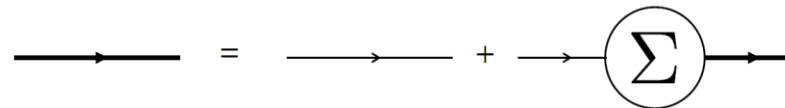
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Lesser and Greater propagators defined on Schwinger-Keldysh time contour:

$$\tilde{S}_{\alpha\beta}^{<}(x + y/2, x - y/2) = \langle \bar{\psi}_{\beta}(x - y/2) \psi_{\alpha}(x - y/2) \rangle$$

$$\tilde{S}_{\alpha\beta}^{>}(x + y/2, x - y/2) = \langle \psi_{\alpha}(x - y/2) \bar{\psi}_{\beta}(x - y/2) \rangle$$

Wigner transformation of the Dyson-Schwinger equation:



Kadanoff-Baym transport and constraint equations:

$$\{(\gamma^{\mu} p_{\mu} - m), S^{<}\} + \frac{i\hbar}{2} [\gamma^{\mu}, \partial_{\mu} S^{<}] = \frac{i\hbar}{2} C(\Sigma, S)$$

$$[(\gamma^{\mu} p_{\mu} - m), S^{<}] + \frac{i\hbar}{2} \{\gamma^{\mu}, \partial_{\mu} S^{<}\} = \frac{i\hbar}{2} D(\Sigma, S)$$

$$S(x, p) = \int d^4 y e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} p \cdot y} S(x + y/2, x - y/2)$$

$$W(x, p) = S^{<}(x, p)$$

Spin Decomposition

Complete and orthogonal matrices in spin space:

$$\{I, i\gamma_5, \gamma_\mu, \gamma_5\gamma_\mu, \sigma_{\mu\nu}/2\}$$

→ scalar, pseudoscalar, vector, axial – vector and tensor components of S and Σ :

$$S^< = \{F, P, V_\mu, A_\mu, S_{\mu\nu}\}$$

$$S^> = \{\bar{F}, \bar{P}, \bar{V}_\mu, \bar{A}_\mu, \bar{S}_{\mu\nu}\}$$

$$\Sigma^< = \{\Sigma_F, \Sigma_P, \Sigma_V^\mu, \Sigma_A^\mu, \Sigma_S^{\mu\nu}\}$$

$$\Sigma^> = \{\bar{\Sigma}_F, \bar{\Sigma}_P, \bar{\Sigma}_V^\mu, \bar{\Sigma}_A^\mu, \bar{\Sigma}_S^{\mu\nu}\}$$

● 2 Kadanoff-Baym equations for the Wigner function $W = S^<$

→ 16 transport + 16 constraint equations for 16 spin components $F, P, V_\mu, A_\mu, S_{\mu\nu}$

Classical Transport Equations

\hbar – expansion for S and Σ :

$$F = F^{(0)} + \hbar F^{(1)} + \hbar^2 F^{(2)} + \dots$$

$$\Sigma_F = \Sigma_F^{(0)} + \hbar \Sigma_F^{(1)} + \hbar^2 \Sigma_F^{(2)} + \dots$$

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Classical limit:

Constraint equations \rightarrow only 4 independent spin components:

particle number V_0 and spin density \vec{A} \rightarrow covariant V_μ, A_μ

under constraints $(p^\mu \partial^\nu + p^\nu \partial^\mu) V_\mu = 0$ and $p^\mu A_\mu = 0$

$$p^\nu \partial_\nu V_\mu^{(0)} = -m \widehat{\Sigma_F^{(0)}} V_\mu^{(0)} - p^\nu \widehat{\Sigma_{V\nu}^{(0)}} V_\mu^{(0)} + p_\mu \widehat{\Sigma_A^{(0)\nu}} A_\nu^{(0)} \\ - \frac{m}{2} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\lambda\mu} \widehat{\Sigma_S^{(0)\alpha\beta}} A^{(0)\lambda} + \frac{p_\beta}{m} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\lambda} p^\nu \widehat{\Sigma_S^{(0)\alpha\beta}} A^{(0)\lambda},$$

$$p^\nu \partial_\nu A_\mu^{(0)} = -m \widehat{\Sigma_F^{(0)}} A_\mu^{(0)} - p^\nu \widehat{\Sigma_{V\nu}^{(0)}} A_\mu^{(0)} + p_\mu \widehat{\Sigma_{A\nu}^{(0)}} V^{(0)\nu} \\ - \frac{m}{2} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\lambda\mu} \widehat{\Sigma_S^{(0)\alpha\beta}} V^{(0)\lambda} - \widehat{\Sigma_{A\mu}^{(0)}} p^\nu V_\nu^{(0)},$$

● $V_\mu - A_\mu$ coupling

● local interaction

Quantum Transport Equations

At order $\mathcal{O}(\hbar)$:

Constraint equations \rightarrow still 4 independent spin components: V_μ, A_μ

$$\begin{aligned}
 p^\nu \partial_\nu V_\mu^{(1)} = & -m \widehat{\Sigma}_F^{(0)} V_\mu^{(1)} - p^\nu \widehat{\Sigma}_{V\nu}^{(0)} V_\mu^{(1)} + p_\mu \widehat{\Sigma}_A^{(0)\nu} A_\nu^{(1)} + \frac{p_\nu}{m} \epsilon_{\rho\sigma\alpha\mu} p^\rho \widehat{\Sigma}_S^{(0)\alpha\nu} A^{(1)\sigma} - \frac{m}{2} \epsilon_{\sigma\nu\lambda\mu} \widehat{\Sigma}_S^{(0)\sigma\nu} A^{(1)\lambda} \\
 & - m \widehat{\Sigma}_F^{(1)} V_\mu^{(0)} - p^\nu \widehat{\Sigma}_{V\nu}^{(1)} V_\mu^{(0)} + p_\mu \widehat{\Sigma}_A^{(1)\nu} A_\nu^{(0)} + \frac{p_\nu}{m} \epsilon_{\alpha\mu\beta\lambda} p^\beta \widehat{\Sigma}_S^{(1)\alpha\nu} A^{(0)\lambda} - \frac{m}{2} \epsilon_{\sigma\nu\lambda\mu} \widehat{\Sigma}_S^{(1)\sigma\nu} A^{(0)\lambda} \\
 & - \frac{1}{2m} p^\nu [\widehat{\Sigma}_{S\mu\nu}^{(0)} (p^\alpha V_\alpha^{(0)})]_{\text{P.B.}} + \frac{m}{2} [\widehat{\Sigma}_{S\mu\nu}^{(0)} V^{(0)\nu}]_{\text{P.B.}} - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p^\nu [\widehat{\Sigma}_A^{(0)\alpha} V^{(0)\beta}]_{\text{P.B.}} \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} (\nabla^\alpha \widehat{\Sigma}_V^{(0)\nu}) A^{(0)\beta} + \frac{1}{2m} p_\mu (\nabla^\nu \widehat{\Sigma}_P^{(0)}) A_\nu^{(0)} + \frac{1}{2m} (p^\nu \nabla_\nu \widehat{\Sigma}_P^{(0)}) A_\mu^{(0)} - \frac{1}{2m} p^\nu \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} (\nabla^\alpha \widehat{\Sigma}_F^{(0)}) A^{(0)\beta} \\
 & + \frac{1}{2m} p_\nu \widehat{\Sigma}_{S\alpha\mu}^{(0)} \widehat{\nabla}[\alpha V^{(0)\nu}] - \frac{1}{2m} p_\nu \widehat{\Sigma}_S^{\alpha\nu(0)} \widehat{\nabla}[\alpha V_\mu^{(0)}] - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\beta\nu\lambda\mu} \widehat{\Sigma}_A^{(0)\beta} \widehat{\nabla}^\nu V^{(0)\lambda}
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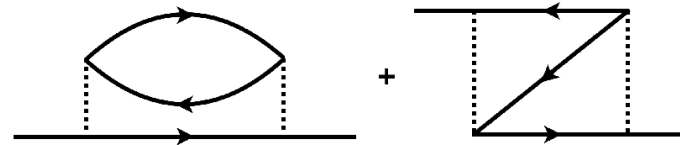
$$\begin{aligned}
 p^\nu \partial_\nu A_\mu^{(1)} = & -m \widehat{\Sigma}_F^{(0)} A_\mu^{(1)} - p^\nu \widehat{\Sigma}_{V\nu}^{(0)} A_\mu^{(1)} - p^\nu \widehat{\Sigma}_{A\mu}^{(0)} V_\nu^{(1)} - \frac{m}{2} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\lambda\mu} \widehat{\Sigma}_S^{(0)\alpha\beta} V^{(1)\lambda} + p_\mu \widehat{\Sigma}_{A\nu}^{(0)} V^{(1)\nu} \\
 & - m \widehat{\Sigma}_F^{(1)} A_\mu^{(0)} - p^\nu \widehat{\Sigma}_{V\nu}^{(1)} A_\mu^{(0)} - p^\nu \widehat{\Sigma}_{A\mu}^{(1)} V_\nu^{(0)} - \frac{m}{2} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\lambda\mu} \widehat{\Sigma}_S^{(1)\alpha\beta} V^{(0)\lambda} + p_\mu \widehat{\Sigma}_{A\nu}^{(1)} V^{(0)\nu} \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} (\nabla^\sigma \widehat{\Sigma}_V^{(0)\nu}) V^{(0)\rho} + \frac{m}{2} [\widehat{\Sigma}_P^{(0)} V_\mu^{(0)}]_{\text{P.B.}} - \frac{1}{2m} p_\mu [\widehat{\Sigma}_P^{(0)} (p^\nu V_\nu^{(0)})]_{\text{P.B.}} - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\sigma\nu\rho} \nabla^\sigma \widehat{\Sigma}_A^{(0)\nu} A^{(0)\rho} \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\nu\mu\alpha\beta} [\widehat{\Sigma}_A^{(0)\nu} (p^\alpha A^{(0)\beta})]_{\text{P.B.}} + \frac{m}{2} [\widehat{\Sigma}_{S\mu\nu}^{(0)} A^{(0)\nu}]_{\text{P.B.}} - \frac{1}{2m} p_\mu [\widehat{\Sigma}_{S\rho\nu}^{(0)} (p^\rho A^{(0)\nu})]_{\text{P.B.}} \\
 & + \frac{1}{2m} p_\sigma \nabla^\sigma (\widehat{\Sigma}_{S\mu\nu}^{(0)} A^{(0)\nu}) - \frac{1}{2m} p^\nu \nabla^\sigma (\widehat{\Sigma}_{S\mu\nu}^{(0)} A_\sigma^{(0)}) - \frac{1}{2m} p_\mu \nabla^\sigma (\widehat{\Sigma}_{S\sigma\nu}^{(0)} A^{(0)\nu}) + \frac{1}{2m} p^\nu \nabla^\sigma (\widehat{\Sigma}_{S\sigma\nu}^{(0)} A_\mu^{(0)}).
 \end{aligned}$$

● *local and non-local (derivative terms) interactions*

Equilibrium Distribution from Detailed Balance (I)

NJL model, a specific self-energy Σ :

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(i\hbar\partial - m)\psi + G(\bar{\psi}\psi)^2$$



Classical limit:

$$V_\mu = p_\mu f_V \delta(p^2 - m^2)$$

$$A_\mu = m a_\mu f_A \delta(p^2 - m^2)$$

$$\text{collision terms} \sim [f_V(p_1)\bar{f}_V(p)\bar{f}_V(p_2)f_V(p_3) - f_V(p)\bar{f}_V(p_1)f_V(p_2)\bar{f}_V(p_3)]$$

Detailed balance principle:

lose and gain terms cancel to each other in equilibrium

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$$\text{Fermi-Dirac distribution } f_V(p^\mu \beta_\mu), \quad \beta_\mu = u_\mu/T$$

$$f_A = 0$$

$$P, S_{\mu\nu}, \Sigma_p, \Sigma_A^\mu, \Sigma_S^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

● *If the system is not initially polarized, spin density keeps zero in classical limit.*

Equilibrium Distribution from Detailed Balance (II)

Quantum transport equation in equilibrium:

$$p^\nu \partial_\nu A_\mu^{(1)} = -m \widehat{\Sigma}_F^{(0)} A_\mu^{(1)} - p_\nu \widehat{\Sigma}_V^{(0)\nu} A_\mu^{(1)} - p_\nu \widehat{\Sigma}_{A\mu}^{(1)} V^{(0)\nu} + p_\mu \widehat{\Sigma}_{A\nu}^{(1)} V^{(0)\nu} \\ + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} (\nabla^\sigma \widehat{\Sigma}_V^{(0)\nu}) V^{(0)\rho} - \frac{m}{2} \epsilon_{\rho\nu\lambda\mu} \widehat{\Sigma}_S^{(1)\rho\nu} V^{(0)\lambda}.$$

Detailed balance principle \rightarrow

equilibrium spin distribution

$$A_\mu^{eq}(x, p) = -\frac{\hbar}{4} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p^\nu \omega^{\rho\sigma} n'_F(x, p) \delta(p^2 - m^2)$$

Killing condition in global equilibrium

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

● *Equilibrium spin distribution is generated through thermal vorticity.*

● *Consistent with non-local collisions* (N.Weickgenannt, E.Speranza, X.L.Sheng, Q.Wang, D.H.Rischke, arXiv:2005.01506) *and relaxation from spin chemical potential to thermal vorticity in global equilibrium* (W.Florkowski, B.Friman, A.Jaiswal, E.Speranza, PRC97, 041901(2018), F.Becattini, W.Florkowski, E.Speranza, PLB789, 419(2019), F.Becattini, PRL108, 244502(2012), K.Hattori, M.Hongo, X.Huang, M.Matsuo, H.Taya, PLB795, 100(2019).).

● *While the relaxation depends on the interaction, the equilibrium distributions themselves should be model independent.*

Collision Terms in Near Equilibrium

Quantum transport equations to the first order in \hbar :

$$F = F^{(0)} + \hbar F^{(1)}$$

$$A_\mu = A_\mu^{(0)} + \hbar A_\mu^{(1)}$$

$$p^\nu \partial_\nu F = -m \overline{\Sigma_F F} - p_\nu \overline{\Sigma_V^\nu F} + \hbar \left[m \overline{\Sigma_A^\nu A_\nu} - \frac{p^\alpha p_\nu}{m} \overline{\Sigma_A^\nu A_\alpha} - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\alpha\nu\sigma\rho} p^\nu \overline{\Sigma_S^{\sigma\rho} A^\alpha} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2m} \epsilon_{\alpha\nu\rho\sigma} p^\rho \overline{(\partial^\sigma \Sigma_V^\nu) A^\alpha} + \frac{1}{2} \overline{(\partial_\mu \Sigma_P) A^\mu} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2),$$

$$p^\nu \partial_\nu A_\mu = -m \overline{\Sigma_F A_\mu} - p_\nu \overline{\Sigma_V^\nu A_\mu} - \hbar \left[m \overline{\Sigma_{A\mu} F} - \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{m} \overline{\Sigma_A^\nu F} - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} p^\nu \overline{\Sigma_S^{\sigma\rho} F} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2m} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p^\rho \overline{(\partial^\sigma \Sigma_V^\nu) F} + \frac{1}{2} \overline{(\partial_\mu \Sigma_P) F} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$$

Equilibrium distributions:

$$F^{eq}(x, p) = m n_F(x, p) \delta(p^2 - m^2),$$

$$A_\mu^{eq}(x, p) = -\frac{\hbar}{4} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p^\nu \omega^{\rho\sigma} n'_F(x, p) \delta(p^2 - m^2),$$

$$\text{Collision term } C(\Sigma, W) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{in equilibrium} \\ C'(\Sigma_{eq}, W_{eq}) \delta W & \text{in near equilibrium} \end{cases}$$

Relaxation Equations (I)

Relaxation equations for F and A_μ :

$$p^\nu \partial_\nu \begin{pmatrix} F \\ A_\mu \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} r & 0 \\ r_\mu & r \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta F \\ \delta A_\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

Damping and polarization rates are calculated at equilibrium:

$$r = m\Sigma_F + p_\nu \Sigma_V^\nu,$$
$$r_\mu = m\hat{\Sigma}_{A\mu} - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} p^\nu \hat{\Sigma}_S^{\sigma\rho} - \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{m} \hat{\Sigma}_A^\nu - \frac{\hbar}{2m} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p^\rho \partial^\sigma \hat{\Sigma}_V^\nu + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \hat{\Sigma}_P$$

- all the degrees of freedom share a same damping rate
- $\Sigma_F, \Sigma_V \neq 0$ and $\Sigma_p, \Sigma_A^\mu, \Sigma_S^{\mu\nu} = 0$ in classical limit
→ damping rate at order $\mathcal{O}(\hbar^0)$ and polarization rate at order $\mathcal{O}(\hbar^1)$,
 $r \gg r_A$

Damping time and polarization time:

$$\tau = \frac{1}{r}, \quad \tau_A = \frac{1}{r_A}$$
$$\tau \ll \tau_A$$

- Spin polarization still happens when all the degrees of freedom reach equilibrium.

Relaxation Equations (II)

Relaxation equations for f_V and f_A :

$$F = m f_V \delta(p^2 - m^2)$$
$$A_\mu = m a_\mu f_A \delta(p^2 - m^2)$$
$$p^\mu \partial_\mu \begin{pmatrix} f_V \\ f_A \\ \mathbf{a} \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} r & 0 & 0 \\ r_A & r & 0 \\ \mathbf{r}_a & 0 & r \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta f_V \\ \delta f_A \\ \delta \mathbf{a} \end{pmatrix}$$

damping and polarization rates:

$$r_A = (\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r})/p_0^2 - \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{r},$$
$$r_a = [\mathbf{a}^2 \mathbf{r} + ((\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r})/p_0^2 - \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{r}) \mathbf{a}] / f_A,$$

Relaxation equations for $f_\pm = (f_V \pm f_A)/2$:

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f_+ = -(r + r_A/2) \delta f_+ - r_A/2 \delta f_-,$$
$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f_- = -(r - r_A/2) \delta f_- + r_A/2 \delta f_+.$$

- different damping times: $\tau_\pm = 1/(r \pm r_A)$
- spin flipping between the two kinds of fermions: r_A

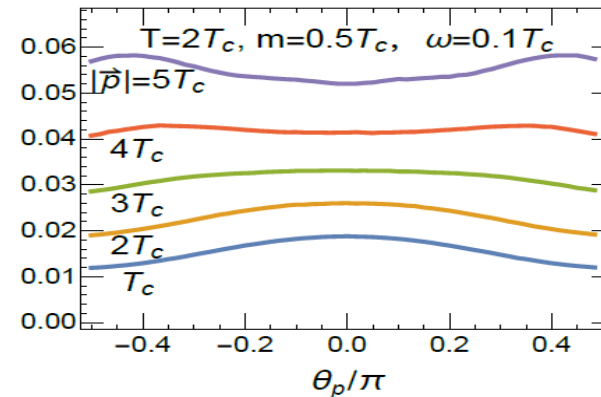
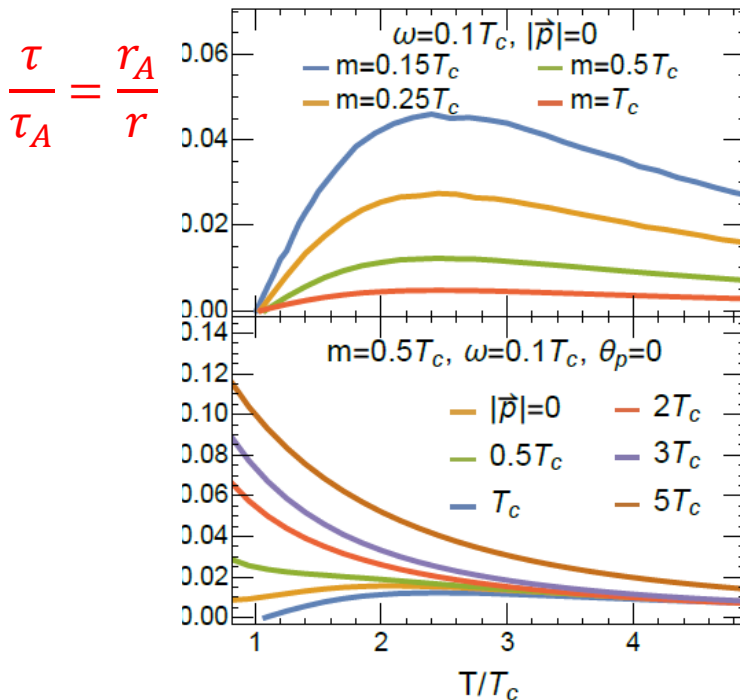
Damping and Polarization Rates in NJL

Damping and polarization rates in chiral restored phase in NJL:

$$r(p) = G^2 \int dP (m^2 + p_2 \cdot p_3) (m^2 + p \cdot p_1) (\bar{f}_1 f_2 \bar{f}_3 + f_1 \bar{f}_2 f_3) \delta_1 \delta_2 \delta_3,$$

$$r_\mu(p) = G^2/2 \int dP m (m^2 + p_2 \cdot p_3) \delta_1 \delta_2 \delta_3 \\ \times [(m^2 + p \cdot p_1) \tilde{\omega}_{\mu\nu} p_1^\nu f_1' (\bar{f}_2 f_3 - f_2 \bar{f}_3) - (p_\mu + p_{1\mu}) p^\nu p_1^\rho \tilde{\omega}_{\nu\rho} f_1' (\bar{f}_2 f_3 - f_2 \bar{f}_3) \\ + \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p^\nu p_1^\beta (\partial^\alpha f_1) (\bar{f}_2 f_3 - f_2 \bar{f}_3) + \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p^\nu p_1^\beta \partial^\alpha (\bar{f}_1 f_2 \bar{f}_3 + f_1 \bar{f}_2 f_3)],$$

Killing condition leads to $r_\mu \sim \omega_{th}$



- light (high momentum) fermions are easily polarized
- polarization is almost direction independent

Summary

● *Equilibrium distributions from detailed balance*

$$F^{eq}(x, p) = mn_F(x, p)\delta(p^2 - m^2),$$

$$A_\mu^{eq}(x, p) = -\frac{\hbar}{4}\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}p^\nu\omega^{\rho\sigma}n'_F(x, p)\delta(p^2 - m^2),$$

● *Damping and polarization process in near equilibrium state*

$$p^\nu\partial_\nu\begin{pmatrix} F \\ A_\mu \end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix} r & 0 \\ r_\mu & r \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} \delta F \\ \delta A_\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

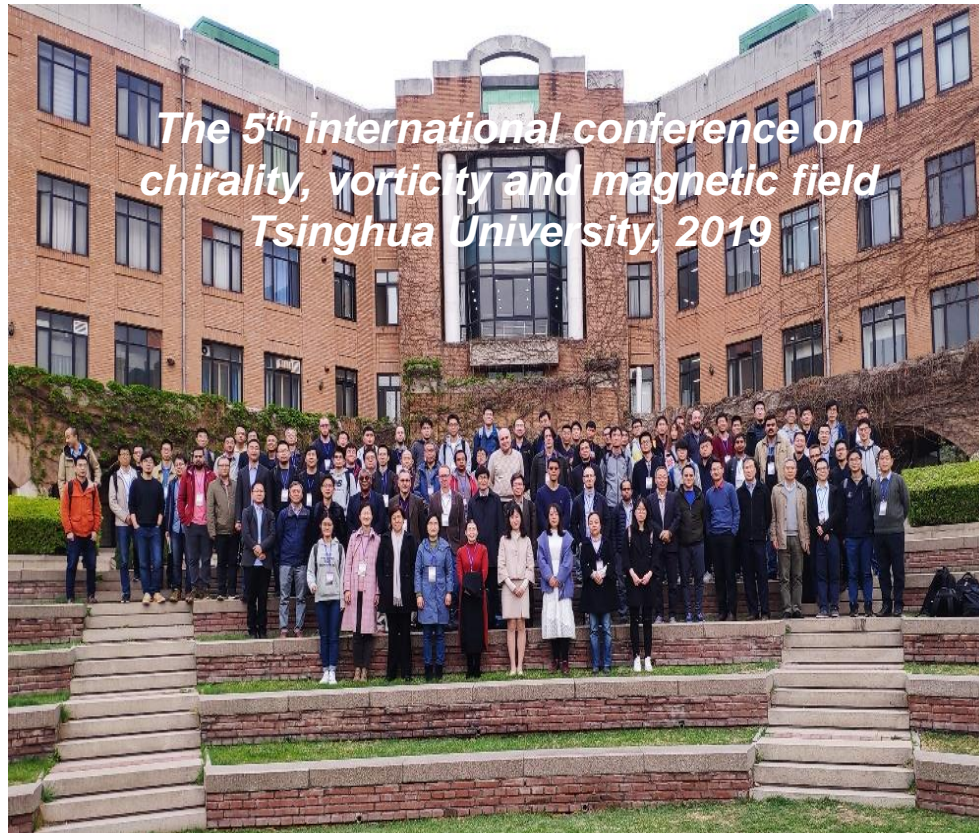
$$r = m\Sigma_F + p_\nu\Sigma_V^\nu,$$

$$r_\mu = m\hat{\Sigma}_{A\mu} - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho}p^\nu\hat{\Sigma}_S^{\sigma\rho} - \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{m}\hat{\Sigma}_A^\nu - \frac{\hbar}{2m}\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}p^\rho\partial^\sigma\hat{\Sigma}_V^\nu + \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\hat{\Sigma}_P$$

● *Calculations in QED and QCD are needed.*

Thank You!

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Total angular momentum conservation

Question:

Initial orbital angular momentum is partially transferred to spin angular momentum, is the total angular momentum conservation guaranteed?

Total angular momentum tensor:

$$M_{\rho,\mu\nu} = x_\mu T_{\rho\nu} - x_\nu T_{\rho\mu} + \hbar S_{\rho,\mu\nu}$$

Energy-momentum tensor:

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \int d^4p V_\mu p_\nu$$

Spin angular momentum tensor:

$$S_{\mu,\nu\rho} = -\frac{1}{2} \int d^4p \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} A^\lambda$$

To the zeroth, first, and second order in \hbar ,

$$\partial^\rho M_{\rho,\mu\nu} = T_{[\mu\nu]} + \hbar \partial^\rho S_{\rho,\mu\nu} = 0$$