

Revisit Spin Effects by Thermal Vorticity

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1- Observation of global polarization (GP)

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Global Λ hyperon polarization in nuclear collisions

Article

Pattern of global spin alignment of ϕ and K^{*0} mesons in heavy-ion collisions



STAR Nature 2017

1- Prediction of global polarization (GP)





1- GP calculation from single scattering

• Single scattering at fixed impact parameter



Static potential model

$$\boldsymbol{P_q} \approx \frac{\pi \mu p}{2E(E+m_q)}$$





JHG-Chen-Deng-Liang-Wang-Wang PRC 2008

1- GP calculation from hydrodynamics

• Density operator at global equilibrium with given $J^{\mu\nu}$

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left[-\beta_{\mu}\hat{P}^{\mu} + \alpha\hat{Q} + \frac{1}{2}\overline{\omega}_{\mu\nu}\hat{J}^{\mu\nu}\right] \quad \text{Thermal vorticity:} \quad \overline{\omega}_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_{\mu}\beta_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}\beta_{\mu}\right), \qquad \beta_{\mu} = u_{\mu}/T$$

Becattini-Chandra-Del Zanna-Grossi Annals Phys. 2013

• Spin polarization vector in phase space for spin ½ particles

 $S^{\mu}(x,p) = -\frac{1}{8m}(1-f)\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}p_{\nu}\varpi_{\rho\sigma}$ f: Fermi-Dirac distribution



• Spin polarization vector at freezeout hypersurface in heavy ion collisions:

$$S^{\mu}(p) = -\frac{1}{8m} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_{\nu} \frac{\int d\Sigma_{\lambda} p^{\lambda} \boldsymbol{\varpi}_{\rho\sigma} f (1-f)}{\int d\Sigma_{\lambda} p^{\lambda} \boldsymbol{\varpi}_{\rho\sigma} f}$$

1- Predictions for hyperon's GP



1- Spin puzzles



1. Proposal of new mechanism

• Hyperon: shear term contribution?



Could be very sensitive to the EOS, the ratio η/s and freezeout temperature $T_{\rm f}$! Yi-Pu-Yang 2106.00238

• Vector meson: strong force field?

Sheng-Oliva-Wang PRD2020, Sheng-Oliva-Liang-Wang-Wang PRL2023

$$p_{00}(x, \mathbf{k}) \approx \frac{1}{3} + C_1 \left[\frac{1}{3} \boldsymbol{\omega}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}' - (\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}')^2 \right] + C_2 \left[\frac{1}{3} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}' \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}' - (\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}')^2 \right]$$
$$- \frac{4g_{\phi}^2}{m_{\phi}^2 T_h^2} C_1 \left[\frac{1}{3} \mathbf{B}_{\phi}' \cdot \mathbf{B}_{\phi}' - (\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_{\phi}')^2 \right] - \frac{4g_{\phi}^2}{m_{\phi}^2 T_h^2} C_2 \left[\frac{1}{3} \mathbf{E}_{\phi}' \cdot \mathbf{E}_{\phi}' - (\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 \cdot \mathbf{E}_{\phi}')^2 \right]$$



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2- Revisiting old mechanism

• Hyperon: quark or hyperon spin polarization vector + relativistic hydrodynamics

$$S^{\mu}(k) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\int d\Sigma_{\alpha} k^{\alpha} \operatorname{Tr} \left(\gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{5} W(x, k) \right)}{\int d\Sigma_{\alpha} k^{\alpha} \operatorname{Tr} \left(W(x, k) \right)} \implies S^{*\mu} = (0, \mathbf{S}^{*}) \implies P = \mathbf{n}_{3} \cdot \mathbf{S}^{*}$$

Definition from Wigner function In the rest frame Spin polarization along n_3

Can we calculate hyperon's polarization in another way?

• Vector meson: quark and antiquark polarization + coalescence model

Spin effects for vector meson without coalescence model?

2- Spin density matrix

• Spin density matrix for a particle with momentum *k*:

Spin 1/2
$$\rho(k) = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{++}(k) & \rho_{+-}(k) \\ \rho_{-+}(k) & \rho_{--}(k) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rho_{-+}(k) \quad \rho_{-0}(k) \quad \rho_{--}(k) \neq \rho_{--}(k)$$

$$\rho_{rs}(k) = \frac{\int d\Sigma_{\alpha} k^{\alpha} \rho_{rs}(x,k) f(x,k)}{\int d\Sigma_{\alpha} k^{\alpha} f(x,k)} \qquad f(x,k) \equiv \sum_{s} f_{ss}(x,k)$$

Spin 1 $\rho(k) = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{++}(k) & \rho_{+0}(k) & \rho_{+-}(k) \\ \rho_{0+}(k) & \rho_{00}(k) & \rho_{0-}(k) \end{pmatrix}$

• Local spin density matrix and particle distribution function:

$$\rho_{rs}(x,k) = \frac{f_{rs}(x,k)}{f(x,k)}$$

• Operator definition for particle distribution function with spin: De Groot-Van Leeuwen-Van Weert 1980

$$f_{rs}(x,k) = \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i(E_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}/2}-E_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}/2})t} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \langle a_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}/2}^{s\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}/2}^{r} \rangle \qquad \qquad \text{basic unit:} \quad \langle a_{\mathbf{p}}^{s\dagger} a_{\mathbf{\bar{p}}}^{r} \rangle$$

2- Spin distribution function

• Ensemble average in global equilibrium with given $P, Q, J^{\mu\nu}$

$$\langle a_{\mathbf{p}}^{s\dagger} a_{\bar{\mathbf{p}}}^{r} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \operatorname{Tr} \left[\exp \left(-b \cdot P + \alpha Q + \frac{1}{2} \omega_{\mu\nu} J^{\mu\nu} \right) a_{\mathbf{p}}^{s\dagger} a_{\bar{\mathbf{p}}}^{r} \right] \qquad \qquad Z = \operatorname{Tr} e^{-b \cdot P + \alpha Q + \frac{1}{2} \omega_{\mu\nu} J^{\mu\nu}}$$

• Constant Lagrange multiplies corresponding to conserved charges: $\alpha, b_{\mu}, \omega_{\mu\nu}$

Spin chemical potential: $\omega_{\mu\nu}$

See: analytic continuation method: Becattini-Buzzegoli-Palermo JHEP2021; Palermo-Buzzegoli-Becattini JHEP 2021

• Commutation relations $[Q, a_{\mathbf{p}}^{s\dagger}] = a_{\mathbf{p}}^{s\dagger}, \quad [b \cdot P, a_{\mathbf{p}}^{s\dagger}] = b \cdot p a_{\mathbf{p}}^{s\dagger}, \quad \left[\frac{1}{2}\omega_{\mu\nu}J^{\mu\nu}, a_{\mathbf{p}}^{s\dagger}\right] = \sum \Lambda_{\mathbf{p}}^{sr} a_{\mathbf{p}}^{r\dagger}$

The formal result:
$$\langle a_{\mathbf{p}}^{s\dagger}a_{\mathbf{\bar{p}}}^{r}\rangle = (2\pi)^{3} \left[\frac{1}{e^{b \cdot p - \alpha - \Lambda_{\mathbf{p}}} \pm 1}\right]^{sr} \delta\left(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{\bar{p}}\right) + /-:$$
 fermion/boson

3- Distribution function with spin $\frac{1}{2}$

• Dirac field with fixed spin quantization direction **n**₃:

$$\langle a_{\mathbf{p}}^{s\dagger} a_{\mathbf{p}}^{T} \rangle = (2\pi)^{3} \left[\frac{1}{e^{b \cdot p - \alpha - \Lambda_{\mathbf{p}}} + 1} \right]^{sr} \delta (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{\bar{p}})$$

$$\Lambda_{\mathbf{p}}^{sr} = \left[(E_{\mathbf{p}}\varepsilon + \omega \times \mathbf{p}) \cdot i\nabla_{p} + \frac{i}{2E_{\mathbf{p}}}\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{p} \right] \delta^{sr} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\omega - \frac{\varepsilon \times \mathbf{p}}{E_{\mathbf{p}} + m} \right) \cdot \lambda^{sr}$$

$$\lambda^{sr} = s \delta^{s,r} \mathbf{n}_{3} + is \delta^{-s,r} \mathbf{n}_{2} + \delta^{-s,r} \mathbf{n}_{1}, \qquad \lambda = \mathbf{n}_{3}\sigma_{3}^{T} + \mathbf{n}_{2}\sigma_{2}^{T} + \mathbf{n}_{1}\sigma_{1}^{T}$$
Electric part: $\varepsilon^{i} = \omega^{i0}, \qquad \text{Magnetic part:} \quad \omega^{i} = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{ijk} \omega^{jk}, \qquad \mathbf{n}_{2} = \frac{\hat{z} \times \mathbf{n}_{3}}{|\hat{z} \times \mathbf{n}_{3}|}, \qquad \mathbf{n}_{1} = \mathbf{n}_{2} \times \mathbf{n}_{3}$

$$f_{rs}(x,k) = \int d^{3}\mathbf{q} e^{-i(E_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}/2} - E_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}/2})t + i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \left[\frac{1}{e^{b_{0}E_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}/2} - \mathbf{b}\cdot(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}/2) - \alpha - \Lambda_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}/2} + 1} \right]^{sr} \delta (\mathbf{q})$$

3- Distribution function up to first order

• Expand the distribution function as the Taylor series of ω and ε

The 0th order:
$$f_{rs}^{(0)}(x,k) = f_F(b \cdot p - \alpha)\delta^{sr}$$
 $f_F(b \cdot p - \alpha) = \frac{1}{e^{b \cdot p - \alpha} + 1}$: Fermi-Dirac distribution
The 1st order: $f_{rs}^{(1)}(x,k) = f'_F(b \cdot p - \alpha) [E_k \varepsilon \cdot x - k \cdot (\varepsilon t + \omega \times x)] \delta^{sr} - \frac{1}{2} f'_F(b \cdot p - \alpha) \left(\omega - \frac{\varepsilon \times k}{E_k + m}\right) \cdot \lambda^{sr}$
"Resummation": $f_{rs}(x,k) = f_{rs}^{(0)}(x,k) + f_{rs}^{(1)}(x,k) \approx f_F(\beta \cdot p - \alpha)\delta^{sr} - \frac{1}{2} f'_F(\beta \cdot p - \alpha) \left(\omega - \frac{\varepsilon \times k}{E_k + m}\right) \cdot \lambda^{sr}$
 $b^{\mu} = (b_0, b) \Rightarrow \beta^{\mu} = \frac{u^{\mu}}{T} = (b_0 + \varepsilon \cdot x, b + \varepsilon t + \omega \times x),$

• Spin chemical potential = thermal vorticity : $\omega^{\mu\nu} = \varpi^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial^{\mu}\beta^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu}\beta^{\mu})$

acceleration vector: $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ vorticity vector: $\boldsymbol{\omega}$

3- Polarization along fixed n₃

- Spin polarization is defined by: $P(x,k) = \frac{f_{+,+}(x,k) f_{-,-}(x,k)}{f_{+,+}(x,k) + f_{-,-}(x,k)}$
- Polarization from present method:

$$P(x,k) = -\frac{f'_F}{2f_F} \left(\boldsymbol{\omega} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \times \mathbf{k}}{E_{\mathbf{k}} + m} \right) \cdot \mathbf{n}_3$$

• Polarization from previous method:

$$P(x,k) = -\frac{f'_F}{2f_F} \cdot \frac{E_k}{2m} \left[\boldsymbol{\omega} - \frac{(\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{k})\mathbf{k}}{E_k(E_k + m)} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \times \mathbf{k}}{E_k} \right] \cdot \mathbf{n}_3$$

• Differences: No 1/*m* singularity

No $(\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{k})\mathbf{k}$ term

The $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \times \mathbf{k}$ term suppressed

3- Polarization along $n_3 \parallel \hat{p}$, or $n_3 \perp \hat{p}$

• The polarization receives additional contribution when the spin direction depends on the momentum

$$f_{\mathbf{rs}}(x,k) = \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i(E_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}/2}-E_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}/2})t} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \langle a_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}/2}^{\mathbf{s}\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}/2}^{\mathbf{r}} \rangle$$

1. Helicity polarization $\mathbf{n_3} = \mathbf{e}_p$ $P(x,k) = -\frac{f'_F}{2f_F} \left(\boldsymbol{\omega} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \times \mathbf{k}}{E+m} \right) \cdot \mathbf{n_3} + \frac{f'_F}{2f_F} \cdot \frac{1}{k} \left(E\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{k} \right) \cdot \mathbf{e}_\phi \cot \theta$

2. Transverse polarization
$$\mathbf{n_3} = \mathbf{e}_{\phi}$$
 $P(x,k) = -\frac{f'_F}{2f_F} \left(\boldsymbol{\omega} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \times \mathbf{k}}{E+m} \right) \cdot \mathbf{n_3} + \mathbf{0}$

3. Transverse polarization $\mathbf{n_3} = \mathbf{e}_{\theta}$ $P(x,k) = -\frac{f'_F}{2f_F} \left(\boldsymbol{\omega} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \times \mathbf{k}}{E+m} \right) \cdot \mathbf{n_3} + \frac{f'_F}{2f_F} \cdot \frac{1}{k} \left(E\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{k} \right) \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\phi}$

4- Distribution function with spin 1

• Vector field with fixed spin quantization direction **n**₃:

$$\langle a_{\mathbf{p}}^{s\dagger} a_{\bar{\mathbf{p}}}^{r} \rangle = (2\pi)^{3} \left[\frac{1}{e^{b \cdot p - \alpha - \Lambda_{\mathbf{p}}} - 1} \right]^{sr} \delta\left(\mathbf{p} - \bar{\mathbf{p}}\right) \qquad \qquad \Lambda_{\mathbf{p}}^{sr} = \left[(E_{\mathbf{p}} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{p}) \cdot i \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{p} + \frac{i}{2E_{\mathbf{p}}} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \cdot \mathbf{p} \right] \delta^{sr} + i \left[\boldsymbol{\omega} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \times \mathbf{p}}{E + m} \right] \cdot (\mathbf{n}_{s} \times \mathbf{n}_{r})$$

Orthonormal linear polarization vectors n₁, n₂, n₃:

$$\mathbf{n}_1 \times \mathbf{n}_2 = \mathbf{n}_3$$
 $\mathbf{n}_s = \mathbf{n}_s^*$

• Orthonormal circular polarization vector $\mathbf{n}_{+}, \mathbf{n}_{-}, \mathbf{n}_{0}$:

$$\mathbf{n}_{\pm} = \frac{\mathbf{n}_1 \pm i \, \mathbf{n}_2}{\sqrt{2}} \qquad \mathbf{n}_0 = \mathbf{n}_3$$

• The spin distribution function with linear or circular polarization up to the first order :

$$f_{rs}(x,k) = f_B(\beta \cdot k - \alpha)\delta^{sr} - if'_B(\beta \cdot k - \alpha)\left(\boldsymbol{\omega} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \times \mathbf{k}}{E_{\mathbf{k}} + m}\right) \cdot (\mathbf{n}_s \times \mathbf{n}_r^*)$$

$$f_B(\beta \cdot p - \alpha) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta \cdot p - \alpha} - 1}$$
 Bose-Einstein distribution

4- Spin effects along fixed n₃

• The spin density matrix can be measured by angular distribution of vector mesons' two-body decay:

$$\frac{dN}{d\cos\theta^* d\varphi^*} = \frac{3}{8\pi} \Big[1 - \rho_{00} + (3\rho_{00} - 1)\cos^2\theta^* - 2\operatorname{Re}\rho_{+-}\sin^2\theta^*\cos(2\varphi^*) - 2\operatorname{Im}\rho_{+-}\sin^2\theta^*\sin(2\varphi^*) - \sqrt{2}\operatorname{Re}\left(\rho_{+0} - \rho_{0-}\right)\sin\theta^*\cos\varphi^* + \sqrt{2}\operatorname{Im}\left(\rho_{+0} - \rho_{0-}\right)\sin\theta^*\sin\varphi^* \Big]$$

• The 1st order: $\rho_{00} = \frac{1}{3}$ $\rho_{+-} = 0$

off-diagonal element
$$\rho_{\pm 0} - \rho_{0-} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}f'_B}{3f_B} \left(\omega - \frac{\varepsilon \times \mathbf{k}}{E_{\mathbf{k}} + m} \right) \cdot (\mathbf{n}_1 + i\mathbf{n}_2)$$

• The 2nd order: $f_{rr} = f + \frac{1}{2} f_B''(\beta \cdot k - \alpha) \left(\omega - \frac{\varepsilon \times \mathbf{k}}{E_{\mathbf{k}} + m} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} f_B''(\beta \cdot k - \alpha) \left[\left(\omega - \frac{\varepsilon \times \mathbf{k}}{E_{\mathbf{k}} + m} \right) \cdot \mathbf{n}_r \right]^2$

Spin alignment
$$\rho_{00} = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{f_B''}{f_B} \left\{ \left[\left(\boldsymbol{\omega} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \times \mathbf{k}}{E_{\mathbf{k}} + m} \right) \cdot \mathbf{n}_3 \right]^2 - \frac{1}{3} \left[\boldsymbol{\omega} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \times \mathbf{k}}{E_{\mathbf{k}} + m} \right]^2 \right\}$$

4- Spin effects along $n_3 \parallel \hat{p}$, or $n_3 \perp \hat{p}$

• The polarization receives additional contribution when the spin direction depends on the momentum

$$\rho_{\pm 0} - \rho_{0-} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \frac{f'_B}{f_B} \Big[\mathbf{\Omega}_{\mathbf{k}} - \frac{E_{\mathbf{k}}}{k} (\mathbf{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\theta}) \mathbf{e}_{\phi} - \frac{E_{\mathbf{k}}}{k \sin \theta} (\mathbf{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\phi}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \Big] \cdot (\mathbf{n}_1 + i\mathbf{n}_2) \qquad \mathbf{\Omega}_k \equiv \omega - \frac{\varepsilon \times p}{E_p + m} \qquad \mathbf{\mathcal{E}}_k \equiv \varepsilon + \frac{\omega \times p}{E_p} \Big]$$

$$\rho_{00} = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{f''_B}{f_B} \Big\{ \Big[\Big(\mathbf{\Omega}_{\mathbf{k}} - \frac{E_{\mathbf{k}}}{k} (\mathbf{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\theta}) \mathbf{e}_{\phi} - \frac{E_{\mathbf{k}}}{k \sin \theta} (\mathbf{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\phi}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \Big] \cdot \mathbf{n}_3 \Big]^2 - \frac{1}{3} \Big[\mathbf{\Omega}_{\mathbf{k}} - \frac{E_{\mathbf{k}}}{k} (\mathbf{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\phi}) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \Big]^2 \Big\}$$

1. Helicity polarization alone **e**_p

$$\mathbf{n}_3 = \mathbf{e}_p, \quad \mathbf{n}_2 = \mathbf{e}_\phi, \quad \mathbf{n}_1 = \mathbf{e}_\theta$$

2. Transverse polarization along \mathbf{e}_{ϕ} n

$$\mathbf{n}_3 = \mathbf{e}_{\phi}, \quad \mathbf{n}_2 = \mathbf{e}_{\theta}, \quad \mathbf{n}_1 = \mathbf{e}_p$$

3. Transverse polarization along \mathbf{e}_{θ} $\mathbf{n}_3 = \mathbf{e}_{\theta}, \ \mathbf{n}_2 = \mathbf{e}_p, \ \mathbf{n}_1 = \mathbf{e}_{\phi}$

5- Summary

- Spin effects by thermal vorticity are calculated directly from spin density matrix instead of spin polarization vector.
- The differences between these two methods are given for hyperons.
- The off-diagonal element of the spin density matrix of vector mesons receives first-order contribution.
- The spin alignment receives second-order contribution
- The spin effects receive additional contribution when the spin direction depends on the momentum.

Thanks for your attention !