

World-line approach to chiral kinetic theory

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Probing topological properties of QCD

 P and CP odd field configurations are connected to the topological structure of QCD



- In the EW sector, topological transitions might be responsible for the observed baryon asymmetry of the Universe.
- Puzzling properties:

QCD is P and CP even. Axial currents are anomalous.

Sphalerons in the Glasma

• In the matter created in the earliest moments of a heavy ion collision, (the 'Glasma') sphaleron transitions are abundant!





 Real-time lattice simulations: Significant sphaleron transitions on time scales of the order 1/Qs

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Mace, Schlichting, Venugopalan PRD93 (2016) no.7, 074036



Anomalous fermion production



Classical-statistical lattice simulations

- Dynamics of anomalous fermion production at earliest times
- Onset and properties of of anomalous transport

Pre-equilibrium dynamics of the CME



Understand how messengers of topological transitions are produced Understand how they persist, interact with medium and turn into measurable quantities

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Conceptual Challenges



Lorentz covariant description of chiral fermions, spin and helicity in "point-particle" picture.

Some very non-intuitive aspects: scattering and Lorentz covariance, "side-jumps", covariance of distribution functions?



Dynamics of the chiral anomaly consistently included.

Well known in QFT, but point-particle picture requires fundamental insights.



Interactions (=physics of anomalous transport)

Interactions with topological and non-topological fluctuations in the fireball. Scales and mechanisms? What can we learn for anomalous hydro? Chiral Kinetic Theory from the World-line approach to quantum field theory

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Effective action: QM path integral of particle on circle (Strassler, 1992)

$$\Gamma[A] = \int_0^\infty \frac{dT}{T} \mathcal{N} \int \mathcal{D}x \mathcal{P} \exp\left[-\int_0^T d\tau \left(\frac{1}{2\varepsilon}\dot{x}^2 + igA[x(\tau)] \cdot \dot{x}\right)\right]$$

relativistic point-particle action

Feynman, Schwinger 50's; Polyakov, 80's

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... which has that exact same "point-particle" Lagrangian (no approximations!)

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- A world-line representation of the imaginary part can be found, but only if we give up chiral symmetry (D'Hoker and Gagne)

$$W_{\mathbb{I}} = \frac{i\mathcal{E}}{64} \int_{-1}^{1} d\alpha \int_{0}^{\infty} dT \operatorname{Tr}\left\{\hat{M}e^{-\frac{\mathcal{E}}{2}T\tilde{\Sigma}_{(\alpha)}^{2}}\right\}$$

• Anomaly related to Grassmann zero modes on the world line (see also Polyakov's book 80's)

$$\partial_{\mu}\langle j^{5}_{\mu}(y)\rangle \equiv \partial_{\mu}\frac{i\delta W_{\mathbb{I}}}{\delta B_{\mu}(y)}\Big|_{B=0} = -\frac{1}{16\pi^{2}}\varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}F_{\mu\nu}(y)F_{\rho\sigma}(y)$$

Constructing a quantum kinetic theory for chiral fermions



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- governed by chiral fermion Hamiltonian (not a model, derived from QFT!)

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$$f \equiv \bar{f} + \delta f$$
 1-particle distribution function

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Using Maxwell / Yang-Mills equations —> hierarchy of equations

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3. Bonus: Side-jumps

An issue of Lorentz covariance and spin: side jumps

Lorentz Invariance in Chiral Kinetic Theory Jing-Yuan Chen, Dam T. Son (Chicago U.), Mikhail A. Stephanov (Illinois U., Chicago & Chicago U.), Ho-Ung Yee (Illinois U., Chicago & RIKEN BNL), Yi Yin (Illinois U., Chicago). Published in Phys.Rev.Lett. 113 (2014) no.18, 182302

Collisions in Chiral Kinetic Theory

Jing-Yuan Chen, Dam T. Son (Chicago U.), Mikhail A. Stephanov (Illinois U., Chicago). Feb 24, 2015. 5 pp. Published in Phys.Rev.Lett. 115 (2015) no.2, 021601

Seems puzzling, but is not

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mass-shell constraint

$$c_{\pm} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left(\pm P_{\mu} \psi^{\mu} + \frac{i}{3} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} P_{\mu} \psi_{\nu} \psi_{\alpha} \psi_{\beta} \right)$$

helicity constraint

gauge parameters (Lagrange multiplier), 1st class constraints

- 'Position' $x^{\mu}(\tau)$ at given 'time' is not gauge invariant, because τ is not (reparametrization invariance of world line of relativistic particle).
- Similarly defining the local spin frame is somewhat ambiguous.

Summary

Fluctuations matter!



- using the world-line approach to QFT
- Issues of Lorentz covariance and chirality/spin/helicity naturally understood
- Non-equilibrium many-body (SK) formulation: quantum kinetic theory in saddle point limit (Truncated Wigner approx.)

What next?



A lot more work ahead!

- compute collision terms, identify mechanisms for anomalous transport
- Connect to lattice simulations at early times and anomalous hydro at late times
- better insight into anomalous hydro/hydrodynamics of chiral fluids, deriving it from the kinetic theory
- Applications to other fields, many-body systems where the dynamics is nearly chiral and relativistic (neutron-stars, supernovae etc.)

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In the adiabatic limit, for large chemical potential and zero mass we reproduce the results of Son & Yamamoto, Stephanov and Yin ...

.. from the real part, which we have shown to be independent of the anomaly

Fujikawa 2005

The notion of Berry's phase is known to be useful in various physical contexts [17]-[18], and the topological considerations are often crucial to obtain a qualitative understanding of what is going on. Our analysis however shows that the topological interpretation of Berry's phase associated with level crossing generally fails in practical physical settings with any finite T. The notion of "approximate topology" has no rigorous meaning, and it is important to keep this approximate topological property of geometric phases associated with level crossing in mind when one applies the notion of geometric phases to concrete physical processes. This approximate topological property is in sharp contrast to the Aharonov-Bohm phase [8] which is induced by the time-independent gauge potential and topologically exact for any finite time interval T. The similarity and difference between the geometric phase and the Aharonov-Bohm phase have been recognized in the early literature [1, 8], but our second quantized formulation, in which the analysis of the geometric phase is reduced to a diagonalization of the effective Hamiltonian, allowed us to analyze the topological properties precisely in the infinitesimal neighborhood of level crossing.

What we have shown in the present paper is that this expectation is not realized, and the similarity between the two is superficial. 7

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• Similar equations exist for the fluctuations, which in the dilute limit can be solved in closed form (c.f. BBGKY hierarchy)

$$\delta f \left(\frac{\overleftarrow{\partial}}{\partial x^{\mu}} \left[\varepsilon P^{\mu} + \frac{i}{2} \psi^{\mu} \bar{\chi} - \frac{1}{6} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \psi_{\nu} \psi_{\alpha} \psi_{\beta} \tilde{\chi} \right] + \frac{\overleftarrow{\partial}}{\partial P^{\mu}} \left[\varepsilon \bar{F}^{\mu\alpha} P_{\alpha} - \frac{i\varepsilon}{2} \psi^{\alpha} \partial^{\mu} \bar{F}_{\alpha\beta} \psi^{\beta} + \frac{i}{2} \bar{F}^{\mu\alpha} \psi_{\alpha} \bar{\chi} - \frac{1}{12} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\lambda\sigma} \bar{F}^{\mu\alpha} \psi^{\beta} \psi^{\lambda} \psi^{\sigma} \tilde{\chi} \right] \\ + \frac{\overleftarrow{\partial}}{\partial \psi^{\mu}} \left[\varepsilon \bar{F}^{\mu\alpha} \psi_{\alpha} + \frac{P^{\mu}}{2} \bar{\chi} + \frac{i\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}}{4} P_{\beta} \psi_{\nu} \psi_{\alpha} \tilde{\chi} \right] = K[\delta F] ,$$

$$\begin{split} K[\delta F] &\equiv -\bar{f} \Big(\frac{\overleftarrow{\partial}}{\partial P^{\mu}} \Big[\varepsilon \delta F^{\mu\alpha} P_{\alpha} - \frac{i\varepsilon}{2} \psi^{\alpha} \partial^{\mu} \delta F_{\alpha\beta} \psi^{\beta} \\ &+ \frac{i}{2} \delta F^{\mu\alpha} \psi_{\alpha} \bar{\chi} - \frac{\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\lambda\sigma}}{12} \delta F^{\mu\alpha} \psi^{\beta} \psi^{\lambda} \psi^{\sigma} \tilde{\chi} \Big] + \frac{\overleftarrow{\partial}}{\partial \psi^{\mu}} \Big[\varepsilon \delta F^{\mu\alpha} \psi_{\alpha} \Big] \Big) \end{split}$$

Backup: Grassmann extended phase space

Poisson/Dirac Brakets

$$\{A, B\}_{\mathrm{D}} = A \Big(\frac{\overleftarrow{\partial}}{\partial x^{\mu}} \frac{\overrightarrow{\partial}}{\partial p^{\mu}} - \frac{\overleftarrow{\partial}}{\partial p^{\mu}} \frac{\overrightarrow{\partial}}{\partial x^{\mu}} + \frac{1}{2} \Big[\frac{\overleftarrow{\partial}}{\partial \psi^{\mu}} \frac{\overrightarrow{\partial}}{\partial p^{\mu}_{\psi}} + \frac{\overleftarrow{\partial}}{\partial p^{\mu}_{\psi}} \frac{\overrightarrow{\partial}}{\partial \psi^{\mu}} \Big] + \frac{1}{2} \Big[\frac{\overleftarrow{\partial}}{\partial \psi_{5}} \frac{\overrightarrow{\partial}}{\partial p_{5}} + \frac{\overleftarrow{\partial}}{\partial p_{5}} \frac{\overrightarrow{\partial}}{\partial \psi_{5}} \Big] \Big) B \,.$$

$$(6)$$

The Dirac brackets between any two elements of the extended phase space are given by

$$\{x^{\mu}, p^{\nu}\} = \{x^{\mu}, P^{\nu}\} = g^{\mu\nu},$$

$$\{P^{\mu}, P^{\nu}\} = F^{\mu\nu},$$
(8)

$$\{P^{\alpha}, F^{\mu\nu}\} = -\partial^{\alpha} F^{\mu\nu} , \qquad (9)$$

$$\{p_{\psi,\mu},\psi_{\nu}\} = \frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{2}\,,\,(10)$$

$$\{p_5, \psi_5\} = \frac{1}{2},\tag{11}$$

while all other brackets vanish. Further, using Eq.(4) and Eq.(5), we obtain

$$\{\psi_{\mu}, \psi_{\nu}\} = -ig_{\mu\nu}, \qquad (12)$$

$$\{\psi_5, \psi_5\} = -i.$$
(13)

The conjugate variables for x^{μ} are

$$p^{\mu} \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_{\mu}} = P^{\mu} + A^{\mu} \,,$$

.

where

$$P^{\mu} \equiv \frac{\dot{x}^{\mu}}{\varepsilon} - \frac{i}{4\varepsilon} \dot{x}_{\mu} \left(\psi^{\mu} + \frac{i\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}}{3} \psi_{\nu}\psi_{\alpha}\beta \right) \chi_{+} + \frac{i}{4\varepsilon} \dot{x}_{\mu} \left(\psi^{\mu} - \frac{i\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}}{3} \psi_{\nu}\psi_{\alpha}\beta \right) \chi_{-} \,.$$

Backup: Chiral phase space

Weyl equation
$$\frac{1}{2}(\gamma \cdot p)(1 \pm \gamma^5)\Psi = 0.$$

Weyl Hamiltonian $H = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \left[P^2 + i\psi^{\mu} F_{\mu\nu}(x)\psi^{\nu} \right] + \frac{i}{2} c_+ \chi_+ - \frac{i}{2} c_- \chi_-,$ $L_{\pm} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left(\pm P_{\mu} \psi^{\mu} + \frac{i}{3} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} P_{\mu} \psi_{\nu} \psi_{\alpha} \psi_{\beta} \right).$

Phase space measure $d^4\psi = (-i/(\sqrt{2})^4)d\psi^3 d\psi^2 d\psi^1 d\psi^0$

$$\varepsilon \tilde{f}_{\pm} = 2i(\pm P_{\mu}\psi^{\mu} + \frac{i}{3}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}P_{\mu}\psi_{\nu}\psi_{\alpha}\psi_{\beta})\epsilon^{ijk}\psi^{i}\psi^{j}\psi^{k}.$$
(22)

The above expression can be quantized by identifying $\psi^{\mu} \to \gamma^5 \gamma^{\mu} / \sqrt{2}$. This gives

$$\varepsilon \tilde{f}_{\pm} \to \rho_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} (\gamma \cdot P) (1 \pm \gamma^5) \gamma^0 ,$$
 (23)

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