

Spin Hydrodynamics from the Dirac Equation

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Introduction

Hydrodynamics from the Dirac equation

Dirac equation and Hydrodynamics of "micro-variables"

It is known that the Dirac equation can be expressed in terms of the covariant bilinear "classical" variables (Takabayasi,1957). Casting the Dirac equation into fluid form can provide us, I believe good insight into incorporating spin into a hydrodynamic description. Here is the outline:

- Dirac equation:

$$i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi - e\gamma^\mu A_\mu \psi - m\psi = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$i\partial_\mu \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu + e\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu A_\mu - m\bar{\psi} = 0, \quad (2)$$

where, $\bar{\psi} = \psi^\dagger \gamma^0$.

- Let γ^A be any one of the following 16-combinations

$$\hat{1}, \gamma^5, \gamma^\mu, \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \text{ \& } \sigma^{\mu\nu} = -1/2 [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu]$$

- Define bilinear variables: Scalar $\Omega = \bar{\psi} \hat{1} \psi$, pseudo-scalar $\bar{\Omega} = i\bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \psi$, vector $\bar{S}_\mu = \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu \psi$, tensor $M^{\mu\nu} = \bar{\psi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \psi$ and pseudo-tensor $\bar{M}^{\mu\nu} = i\bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \sigma^{\mu\nu} \psi$.

Fluidization of the Dirac equation ...

Couple of things: a) For dynamics of the new variables: Multiply Eq.(1) by $\bar{\psi}\gamma^A$ from left & Eq.(2) by $\gamma^A\psi$ from right and subtract. b) Step a) gives **new** higher rank tensors up to **rank-3**.

- New variables:

$$J_\mu = \frac{1}{2m}\delta_\mu^*\Omega, \bar{J}_\mu = \frac{1}{2m}\delta_\mu^*\bar{\Omega}, T_\nu^\mu = \frac{1}{2m}\delta_\nu^*S^\mu, \bar{T}_\nu^\mu = \frac{1}{2m}\delta_\nu^*\bar{S}^\mu \text{ and} \\ N_\alpha^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2m}\delta_\alpha^*M^{\mu\nu} \ \& \ \bar{N}_\alpha^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2m}\delta_\alpha^*\bar{M}^{\mu\nu}, \text{ where,}$$

$$\delta^*\mu = i(\bar{\psi}\gamma^a\partial_\mu\psi - \partial_\mu\bar{\psi}\gamma^a\psi - eA_\mu\bar{\psi}\gamma^a\psi). \quad (3)$$

$T^{\mu\nu}$ and $\bar{T}^{\mu\nu}$ satisfy

$$T^{\mu\nu} - T^{\nu\mu} = \frac{1}{2m}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\partial_\alpha\bar{S}_\beta \\ \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\bar{T}_{\alpha\beta} = M^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2m}(\partial^\mu S^\nu - \partial^\nu S^\mu)$$

- Next, we introduce "fluid" like micro-variables: **fluid-velocity**

$$v_\mu = \frac{1}{\rho}S_\mu, \text{ spin } w_\mu = \frac{1}{\rho}\bar{S}_\mu \ \& \ \text{fluid-momentum defined below:} \\ k^\mu = \frac{1}{\rho^2}(\Omega J^\mu + \bar{\Omega}\bar{J}^\nu)$$

Momentum k^μ satisfies :

$$\partial_\mu k_\nu - \partial_\nu k_\mu = -\frac{i}{2m} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} v_\alpha W_\beta (\partial_\mu v_\gamma \partial_\nu v_\delta - \partial_\mu W_\gamma \partial_\nu W_\delta) - \frac{e}{m} F_{\mu\nu} \quad (4)$$

- further we have introduce total density ρ

$$\rho = \sqrt{\Omega^2 + \bar{\Omega}^2} \quad (5)$$

and the pseudo-scalar parameter $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\bar{\Omega}}{\Omega} \right)$.

- Non-relativistic limit: v^μ does not reproduce non-relativistic limit, but k^μ does. For the Dirac Hamiltonian α matrix represent the "velocity" which has eigen-values ± 1 . This could be related with particle & anti-particle mixing.
- To get the macroscopic description one need to express N -body wave function $\Psi(r_1, r_2 \dots r_N)$ as $4^N \times 4^N$ of Slater determinant of N one-particle state and it can be written as $4^N \times 4^N$ of Slater determinant of N one-particle states,

$$\Psi(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_N) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \begin{vmatrix} \psi_{a_1}(r_1) & \psi_{a_1}(r_2) & \dots & \psi_{a_1}(r_N) \\ \psi_{a_2}(r_1) & \psi_{a_2}(r_2) & \dots & \psi_{a_2}(r_N) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \psi_{a_N}(r_1) & \psi_{a_N}(r_2) & \dots & \psi_{a_N}(r_N) \end{vmatrix}$$

It is to be noted that the wave function $\Psi(r_1, r_2 \dots r_N)$ satisfy the generalized Dirac equation and the N -body spinor requires the Dirac matrices generalization to the suitable dimensions (e.g. P. Strange, Rel. Q.M., CUP, 1998).

The fluid equations are obtained by averaging over these N -particle states (Asenjo et al 2011, also Marklund & Brodin, 2007). If p_α is the probability of finding particle in the state α , then the fluid density n in the rest frame $n = \sum_\alpha p_\alpha \rho_\alpha$

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Average of quantity x_α^μ one may write $X^\mu = \langle x_\alpha^\mu \rangle = \frac{1}{n} \Sigma_\alpha \rho_\alpha \rho_\alpha X_\alpha^\mu$

Thus we write the fluid velocity $U^\mu = \langle v^\mu \rangle$ and the spin $W^\mu = \langle w_\alpha^\mu \rangle$.

$$\partial_\mu (nU^\mu) = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$\partial_\mu (nW^\mu) = -2mn \langle \sin \theta \rangle \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} u^\nu \partial_\nu W^\nu &= W_\nu (\partial^\nu U^\mu - \partial^\mu U^\nu) + ig^{\mu\beta} \epsilon_{\beta\nu\kappa\lambda} U^\nu W^\kappa \langle \partial^\lambda \theta \rangle \\ &\quad - \langle v^\nu \partial_\nu S^\mu \rangle + \langle w_\nu (\partial^\nu Z^\mu - \partial^\mu Z^\nu) \rangle \\ &\quad + ig^{\mu\beta} \epsilon_{\beta\nu\kappa\lambda} (\langle v^\nu S^\kappa \partial^\lambda \theta \rangle + \langle Z^\nu \partial^\lambda \theta \rangle W^\kappa) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \cos \theta \rangle U^\mu \partial_\mu W^\nu &= \frac{e}{m} W_\mu F^{\nu\mu} - \left\langle \frac{i}{2m\rho} g^{\nu\lambda} \epsilon_{\lambda\alpha\beta\gamma} \partial_\mu (\rho v^\alpha w^\beta \partial^\mu w^\gamma) \right\rangle \\ &\quad + \left\langle \frac{1}{2m\rho} \partial_\mu (\rho \partial^\mu \theta v^\nu + \rho w^\nu \partial_\alpha \theta (v^\alpha w^\mu - v^\mu w^\alpha)) \right\rangle \\ &\quad + \langle \partial_\mu (i w^\nu \epsilon^{\mu\alpha\kappa\lambda} \partial_\alpha (\rho v_\kappa w_\lambda)) \rangle - \langle \cos \theta Z^\mu \partial_\mu W^\nu \rangle \\ &\quad - U^\mu \langle \cos \theta \partial_\mu S^\nu \rangle + \langle \sin \theta W^\nu v^\mu \partial_\mu \theta \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

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The force equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \cos \theta \rangle U^\nu \partial_\nu U_\mu &= -\frac{e}{m} F_{\mu\nu} U^\nu + \frac{1}{2m} \langle v^\nu \partial_\nu (\partial_\alpha \theta (v^\alpha W_\mu - v_\mu W^\alpha)) \rangle \\ &+ \left\langle \frac{1}{m\rho} \partial^\nu (\rho \partial_\mu \theta W_\nu - i\rho \epsilon_{\nu\alpha\beta\lambda} v^\alpha W^\beta \partial_\mu v^\lambda) \right\rangle \\ &+ \frac{i}{2m} \left\langle v^\nu \partial_\nu \left(\frac{1}{\rho} g_{\mu\beta} \epsilon^{\beta\alpha\kappa\lambda} \right) \right\rangle - \langle \cos \theta Z^\nu \partial_\nu v_\mu \rangle \\ &- U^\nu \langle \cos \theta \partial_\nu Z_\mu \rangle + \langle \sin \theta v_\mu v^\nu \partial_\nu \theta \rangle\end{aligned}\quad (10)$$

& A constraint:

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu} \langle v^\kappa W^\lambda \partial^\mu k^\nu \rangle &= -\frac{i}{4m} \epsilon_{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \langle v^\kappa W^\lambda v_\alpha W_\beta (\partial^\mu v_\gamma \partial^\nu - \partial^\mu W_\gamma \partial^\nu W_\delta) \rangle \\ &- \frac{e}{2m} \epsilon_{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu} \langle v^\kappa W^\lambda \rangle F^{\mu\nu}\end{aligned}\quad (11)$$

- Label α on the variable inside the angular bracket has been dropped for the simplicity

- Nonlinear and quantities like $\langle X \rangle$ make it more difficult to solve.
- These equations applied to study relativistic electromagnetic plasmas (Asenjo et.al 2011), in studying neutrino-induced vorticity and magnetization in astrophysical scenario (Bhattt & George (2017))

A Linear Mode Analysis

Assumptions: Initial state have no flow-velocity & spin-polarization i.e. $U_o^\mu = (U_o^0, 0, 0, 0)$ and $W_o^\mu = (0, 0, 0, 0)$, subscript o denote background quantities & they are constants in space and time.

- Eq.(7): $-2mn_o \langle \sin \theta_o \rangle \implies \langle \sin \theta_o \rangle = 0$ & thus $\cos \langle \cos \theta_o \rangle = 1$.
- Perturbed quantities are functions of x & t . These include macro or fluid variables: $\delta U^\mu = (0, U_o^0 \delta v^i)$, δW^μ , δn and micro-variables δz^μ , δs^μ & $\delta \theta$ whose average yet to be found.
- z^μ is velocity in the fluid rest-frame and it is related with thermal speed of fluid particles. Spatial components of Eq.(10) shown to contain a term $\partial_j \langle \cos \theta z^i z^j \rangle$ which is equivalent to the pressure gradient term in the Euler equation (for a normal fluid $\cos \theta = 1$).

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- Average value of δs^μ one can estimate using Li, Stephanov & Yee, PRL127(2021) , which gives the expression for the spatial components $\delta s^i = \frac{1}{12\beta^2} \epsilon^{ijk} \delta\omega_{jk}$, here, ω^{ij} is vorticity and $\beta = 1/T$. δs^0 can be constructed by taking a scalar product of velocity to get $s^\mu = (0, \delta s^i)$.
- Further assumptions are necessary to evaluate the statistical averages in the equations of spin-hydrodynamics. We assume that z^μ, s^μ, θ are not correlated (this can be questioned, but it is assumed for simplicity) and $\langle \delta s^\mu s^\nu \rangle = 0$ & $\langle \delta(z^\mu s^\nu) \rangle = 0$.
- Under these assumptions, all the terms with $\epsilon_{\alpha\beta,\gamma\lambda}$ in Eq.(8) (spin dynamics) are zero and one gets $\delta W^i = -\frac{1}{12\beta_0^2} \epsilon^{ijk} \delta\omega_{jk}$ and $\delta W^0 = 0$. Exactly the same relation for δW^i from Eq.(9).
- From "spin-current" (Eq.(7)) one gets $\langle \delta\theta \rangle = 0$ as $\partial^i \epsilon^{ijk} \delta\omega_{jk} = 0$.
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- Finally setting $\theta_o = 0$ & $\delta\theta = 0$ in the "Euler" equation, we get the following set of equations from the original spin hydrodynamics:

$$\delta W^i = -\frac{1}{12\beta_0^2} \epsilon^{ijk} \delta\omega_{jk}, \quad (12)$$

$$\partial_0 \delta n = -n_0 \partial_i \delta V^i, \quad (13)$$

$$\partial_0 \delta V^i = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_o + \rho_o} \nabla^i \delta p \quad (14)$$

- If one takes time derivative of Eq.(13) and substitute for $\partial_0 \delta V^i$, we get equation for sound-waves which is similar to reported by us in G. Sarwar et.all [arXiv:2209.08652]
- If the fluid-velocity perturbation has non-zero vorticity, then it can drive spin-polarization $\delta W^i \neq 0$ (Eq.(12)).

Conclusions

- We have outlined the procedure of obtaining fluid description from the Dirac equation. The equations of spin-hydrodynamics seems to have very different structure from the other models used in QGP.
- Normal mode analysis: Using some simplifying assumptions it is shown that the spin-hydrodynamic model support sound waves and perturbations remain stable. The model presented here does not contain the effect of dissipation.
- It would be interesting investigate this model in the presence of finite vorticity and magnetic field in the initial state.

THANK YOU

$$\partial_\mu (\rho v^\mu) = 0,$$

$$\partial_\mu (\rho w_\mu) = -2m\rho \sin\theta,$$

$$v^\nu \partial_\nu w^\mu = w_\nu (\partial^\nu v^\mu - \partial^\mu v^\nu) + ig^{\mu\beta} \epsilon_{\beta\nu\kappa\lambda} v^\nu w^\kappa \partial^\lambda \theta,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\mu (\rho k^\mu w^\nu) &= -\frac{e}{m} \rho w_\mu F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2m} \partial_\mu (\rho \partial^\mu \theta v^\nu) \\ &\quad - \frac{i}{2m} g^{\nu\lambda} \epsilon_{\lambda\alpha\beta\gamma} \partial_\mu (\rho v^\alpha w^\beta \partial^\nu w^\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho v^\nu \partial_\nu k_\mu = -\frac{e\rho}{m} F_{\mu\nu} v^\nu + \frac{1}{2} \partial^\nu (\rho \partial_\mu \theta w_\nu - i\rho \epsilon_{\nu\alpha\beta\lambda} v^\alpha w^\beta \partial_\mu v^\lambda) \epsilon_{\beta\nu\kappa\lambda} v^\nu w^\kappa \partial^\lambda \theta$$

$$\rho v^\nu \partial_\nu k_\mu = -\frac{e\rho}{m} F_{\mu\nu} v^\nu + \frac{1}{2m} \partial^\nu (\rho \partial_\mu \theta w_\nu - i\epsilon_{\nu\alpha\beta\lambda} v^\alpha w^\beta \partial_\mu v^\lambda)$$