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Recall of the Controversies: gauge invariance

Jaffe-Manohar [NPB337:509 (1990)]

$$\vec{J}_{\text{total}} = \int d^3 x \psi^+ \frac{1}{2} \vec{\Sigma} \psi + \int d^3 x \vec{x} \times \psi^+ \frac{1}{i} \vec{\nabla} \psi + \int d^3 x \vec{E} \times \vec{A} + \int d^3 x \vec{x} \times E^i \vec{\nabla} A^i$$

Ji [PRL78:610 (1997)], Chen-Wang [CTP27:212 (1997)]

$$\vec{J}_{\text{total}} = \int d^3 x \psi^+ \frac{1}{2} \vec{\Sigma} \psi + \int d^3 x \vec{x} \times \psi^+ \frac{1}{i} \vec{D} \psi + \int d^3 x \vec{x} \times \left(\vec{E} \times \vec{B} \right)$$

Chen-Lü-Sun-Wang-Goldman [PRL100:232002 (2008); 103:062001 (2009)]

$$\vec{J}_{\text{total}} = \int d^3 x \psi^+ \frac{1}{2} \vec{\Sigma} \psi + \int d^3 x \vec{x} \times \psi^+ \frac{1}{i} \vec{D}_{\text{pure}} \psi + \int d^3 x \vec{E} \times \vec{A}_{\text{phys}} + \int d^3 x \vec{x} \times E^i \vec{D}_{\text{pure}} A^i_{\text{phys}}$$

Wakamatsu [PRD81:114010(2010); 83:014012 (2011); 84:037501 (2011)]

$$\vec{J}_{\text{total}} = \int d^3x \psi^+ \frac{1}{2} \vec{\Sigma} \psi + \int d^3x \vec{x} \times \psi^+ \frac{1}{i} \vec{D} \psi + \int d^3x \vec{E} \times \vec{A}_{\text{phys}} + \int d^3x \vec{x} \times (E^i \vec{D}_{\text{pure}} A^i_{\text{phys}} + \vec{A}^a_{\text{phys}} \rho^a)$$

A practical perspective:

- Construction of Spin Eigenstate
- Simplification of Spin Structure
- Experimental differentiation of Spin from OAM
- Enlarged inspection: The angular momentum tensor and flux density

Hint from a forgotten practice: Why photon is ignored for atomic spin?

$$i\partial_t\psi_e = H_e\psi_e = E_e\psi_e,$$

$$\vec{J}_e^2 \psi_e = j(j+1)\psi_e, J_e^z \psi_e = m\psi_e,$$

$$\begin{split} \vec{J}_e^2 \psi_e &= j(j+1)\psi_e, J_e^z \psi_e = m\psi_e, \\ H_e &= \vec{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{i} \vec{D}_e + M_e \beta + q_e A^0, \\ \vec{J}_e &= \frac{1}{2} \vec{\Sigma} + \vec{x} \times \frac{1}{i} \vec{\partial} \end{split}$$

Do these solutions make sense?!

The atom as a whole

$$H_{\text{atom}} = \int d^3 x \psi_e^{\dagger} \left(\vec{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{i} \vec{D}_e + M_e \beta \right) \psi_e$$

$$+ \int d^3 x \psi_p^{\dagger} \left(\vec{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{i} \vec{D}_p + M_p \beta \right) \psi_p$$

$$+ \int d^3 x \frac{1}{2} (\vec{E}^2 + \vec{B}^2),$$

$$\vec{J}_{\text{atom}} = \int d^3 x \psi_e^{\dagger} \left(\frac{1}{2} \vec{\Sigma} + \vec{x} \times \frac{1}{i} \vec{\delta} \right) \psi_e$$

$$+ \int d^3 x \psi_p^{\dagger} \left(\frac{1}{2} \vec{\Sigma} + \vec{x} \times \frac{1}{i} \vec{\delta} \right) \psi_p$$

$$+ \int d^3 x (\vec{E} \times \vec{A} + E_i \vec{x} \times \vec{\delta} A_i)$$

$$\equiv \vec{J}_e + \vec{J}_p + \vec{J}_\gamma.$$

Close look at the photon contribution

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{L}^{A} &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} A_{\nu} \partial^{\nu} A^{\mu} - \partial_{\mu} A_{\nu} \partial^{\mu} A^{\nu}) + e A_{\mu} j^{\mu}, \\ S^{A}_{ij} &= \int d^{3} x [\dot{A}_{j} A_{i} - \dot{A}_{i} A_{j} \\ &+ \partial_{j} A^{0} A_{i} - \partial_{i} A^{0} A_{j}], \\ L^{A}_{ij} &= \int d^{3} x [\dot{A}_{k} (x_{j} \partial_{i} - x_{i} \partial_{j}) A_{k} \\ &+ \partial_{k} A^{0} (x_{j} \partial_{i} - x_{i} \partial_{j}) A_{k}]. \end{aligned}$$

The static terms!

Justification of neglecting photon field

$$\int d^3x [\partial_j A^0 A_i - \partial_i A^0 A_j + \partial_k A^0 (x_j \partial_i - x_i \partial_j) A_k]$$
$$= \int d^3x A^0 (x_j \partial_i - x_i \partial_j) (\partial_k A_k).$$
(16)

Thus, in Coulomb gauge, $\vec{\partial} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$, the static terms in J_{ij}^A vanish and J_{ij}^A simplifies to

$${}^{C}J_{ij}^{A} = \int d^{3}x [\dot{A}_{j}A_{i} - \dot{A}_{i}A_{j} + \dot{A}_{k}(x_{j}\partial_{i} - x_{i}\partial_{j})A_{k}]^{C}.$$
(17)

A critical gap to be closed

The stationary condition only means that the gauge-invariant physical observables (like the electric current j^{μ} or electromagnetic field $F^{\mu\nu} = \partial^{\mu}A^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu}A^{\mu}$) are time-independent, while the gauge-potential A^{μ} may contain spurious (nonphysical) time-dependence [12]. This gap is closed by noting that in Coulomb gauge A^{μ} can be expressed in terms of $F^{\mu\nu}$ [13]:

$${}^{C}A^{\mu} = \frac{1}{\vec{\partial}^{2}} \partial_{i} F^{i\mu}.$$
(18)

Hence, in Coulomb gauge, A^{μ} is time-independent if $F^{\mu\nu}$ is, and Eq. (17) dictates that $^{C}J^{A}_{ij}$ vanishes for a stationary system.

The same story with Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{atom}} = \int d^3 x (\psi_e^{\dagger} i \partial_t \psi_e + \psi_p^{\dagger} i \partial_t \psi_p - E^i \partial_t A^i - \mathcal{L})$$

$$= \int d^3 x \psi_e^{\dagger} \Big(\vec{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{i} \vec{D}_e + M_e \beta + q_e A^0 \Big) \psi_e$$

$$+ \int d^3 x \psi_p^{\dagger} \Big(\vec{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{i} \vec{D}_p + M_p \beta + q_p A^0 \Big) \psi_p$$

$$- \int d^3 x \Big[E^i \partial_t A^i + \frac{1}{2} (\vec{E}^2 - \vec{B}^2) \Big], \qquad (8)$$

where the Lagrangian is

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}_{e} (i\gamma_{\mu}D_{e}^{\mu} - M_{e})\psi_{e} + \bar{\psi}_{p} (i\gamma_{\mu}D_{p}^{\mu} - M_{e})\psi_{p} -\frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}.$$
(9)

The fortune of using Coulomb gauge

$$\begin{split} H_{\text{atom}} &= \int d^3 x \,\psi_e^{\dagger} \Big(\vec{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{i} \vec{D}_e + M_e \beta + q_e A^0 \Big) \psi_e \\ &+ \int d^3 x \psi_p^{\dagger} \Big(\vec{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{i} \vec{\partial} + M_p \beta \Big) \psi_p \\ &+ \int d^3 x \frac{1}{2} \Big[\vec{E}_{\perp}^2 - \vec{A}_{\perp} \cdot \partial_t^2 \vec{A}_{\perp} + (\vec{j}_e - \vec{j}_p) \cdot \frac{1}{\vec{\partial}^2} \partial_t^2 \vec{A}_{\perp} \Big] \\ &- \vec{j}_p \cdot \vec{\partial} \frac{1}{\vec{\partial}^2} (\vec{\partial} \cdot \vec{A}) + j_e^0 \partial_t \frac{1}{\vec{\partial}^2} (\vec{\partial} \cdot \vec{A}). \end{split}$$
(10)

Gauge-invariant revision – Angular Momentum

$$\begin{split} \vec{J}_{\text{atom}} &= \int d^3 x \psi_e^{\dagger} \bigg[\frac{1}{2} \vec{\Sigma} + \vec{x} \times \frac{1}{i} (\vec{\partial} - iq_e A_{\parallel}) \bigg] \psi_e \\ &+ \int d^3 x \psi_p^{\dagger} \bigg[\frac{1}{2} \vec{\Sigma} + \vec{x} \times \frac{1}{i} (\vec{\partial} - iq_p \vec{A}_{\parallel}) \bigg] \psi_p \\ &+ \int d^3 x [\vec{E}_{\perp} \times \vec{A}_{\perp} + E_{\perp}^i \vec{x} \times \vec{\partial} A_{\perp}^i] \\ &\equiv \mathbf{J}_e + \mathbf{J}_p + \mathbf{J}_{\gamma}. \end{split}$$

Gauge-invariant revision -Momentum and Hamiltonian

$$\vec{P} = \int d^3x \left(\psi_e^{\dagger} \frac{1}{i} \vec{\bar{D}}_e \psi_e + \psi_p^{\dagger} \frac{1}{i} \vec{\bar{D}}_p \psi_p + E_{\perp}^i \vec{\partial} A_{\perp}^i \right), \quad (16)$$

and the Hamiltonian is

$$H_{\text{atom}} = \int d^3 x (\psi_e^{\dagger} i \bar{D}_e^0 \psi_e + \psi_p^{\dagger} i \bar{\bar{D}}_p^0 \psi_p - E_{\perp}^i \partial_t A_{\perp}^i - \mathcal{L})$$

$$= \int d^3 x \psi_e^{\dagger} \left(\vec{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{i} \vec{D}_e + M_e \beta + q_e \hat{A}^0 \right) \psi_e$$

$$+ \int d^3 x \psi_p^{\dagger} \left(\vec{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{i} \vec{D}_p + M_p \beta + q_p \hat{A}^0 \right) \psi_p$$

$$+ \int d^3 x \frac{1}{2} (\vec{E}_{\perp}^2 + \vec{B}^2 - \vec{E}_{\parallel}^2). \tag{17}$$

The covariant scheme

$$\vec{J}_{atom} = \int d^3x \psi_e^{\dagger} \left(\frac{1}{2}\vec{\Sigma} + \vec{x} \times \frac{1}{i}\vec{D}_e\right) \psi_e$$

$$+ \int d^3x \psi_p^{\dagger} \left(\frac{1}{2}\vec{\Sigma} + \vec{x} \times \frac{1}{i}\vec{D}_p\right) \psi_p$$

$$+ \int d^3x \vec{x} \times (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\equiv \vec{J}'_e + \vec{J}'_p + \vec{J}'_{\gamma}.$$

$$\vec{J}'_{\gamma} = \vec{J}_{\gamma} + \int d^3x \vec{x} \times \rho \vec{A},$$

spurious photon angular momentum

Gluon angular momentum in the nucleon: Tree-level

$$\vec{J'}_g = \int d^3 x \, \vec{r} \times (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$$

> 0
$$\vec{J}_g = \int d^3 x \, \vec{E} \times \vec{A}_\perp + \int d^3 x \, \vec{r} \times (E^i \, \vec{\nabla} A^i_\perp)$$

= 0

One-gluon exchange has the same property as one-photon exchange

Physical part of the non-Abelian gluon field

 $\hat{A}_{\mu} = A_{\mu} - \bar{A}_{\mu}$

 $\bar{F}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_{\mu}\bar{A}_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}\bar{A}_{\mu} + ig[\bar{A}_{\mu}, \bar{A}_{\nu}] = 0$ $\bar{\mathcal{D}}_i \hat{A}_i \equiv \partial_i \hat{A}_i + ig[\bar{A}_i, \hat{A}_i] = 0$

 $\hat{A}_{\mu} = \frac{1}{\vec{a}^2} \partial_i F_{i\mu} + ig \frac{1}{\vec{a}^2} \left\{ \left[\frac{1}{\vec{a}^2} \partial_k F_{ki}, \partial_i \frac{1}{\vec{a}^2} \partial_k F_{k\mu} - \partial_i A_{\mu} \right] \right\}$ $-\partial_i \left[A_i, \frac{1}{\vec{\lambda}^2} \partial_k F_{k\mu} \right] + \partial_\mu \left[\frac{1}{\vec{\lambda}^2} \partial_k F_{ki}, A_i \right] + \mathcal{O}(g^2)$

Manipulating the gluon spin

$$\vec{J}_{\text{QED}} = \int d^3 x \,\psi^{\dagger} \frac{1}{2} \,\vec{\Sigma} \,\psi + \int d^3 x \,\vec{x} \times \psi^{\dagger} \frac{1}{i} \,\vec{\bar{D}} \,\psi \quad \vec{J}_{\text{QCD}} = \int d^3 x \,\psi^{\dagger} \frac{1}{2} \,\vec{\Sigma} \,\psi + \int d^3 x \,\vec{x} \times \psi^{\dagger} \frac{1}{i} \,\vec{\bar{D}} \,\psi \\ + \int d^3 x \,\vec{E} \times \vec{\hat{A}} + \int d^3 x \,\vec{x} \times E_i \vec{\partial} \,\hat{A}_i \qquad \qquad + \int d^3 x \,\vec{E} \times \vec{\hat{A}} + \int d^3 x \,\vec{x} \times E_i \vec{\bar{D}} \,\hat{A}_i \\ \equiv \vec{S}_e + \vec{L}_e + \vec{S}_{\gamma} + \vec{L}_{\gamma} \qquad \qquad \equiv \vec{S}_q + \vec{L}_q + \vec{S}_g + \vec{L}_g$$

$$\vec{E} = -\partial_t \vec{A} - \vec{\partial} A^0 = -\partial_t \vec{\hat{A}} - \vec{\partial} \hat{A}^0 \equiv \vec{E}^{dy} + \vec{E}^{st}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\partial_t \vec{A} - \vec{\nabla} A^0 + ig[\vec{A}, A^0] \qquad \vec{S}_g^{\text{st}} \equiv \int d^3 x \, \vec{E}^{\text{st}} \times \vec{\hat{A}} = \int d^3 x \left(-\vec{\hat{D}}\hat{A}^0\right) \times \vec{\hat{A}}$$
$$= -\vec{D}_t \vec{\hat{A}} - \vec{\hat{D}}\hat{A}^0 + ig[\vec{\hat{A}}, \hat{A}^0] \qquad \vec{S}_g^{\text{dy}} \equiv \int d^3 x \, \vec{E}^{\text{dy}} \times \vec{\hat{A}} = \int d^3 x \left(-\vec{D}_t \vec{\hat{A}}\right) \times \vec{\hat{A}}$$
$$\equiv \vec{E}^{\text{dy}} + \vec{E}^{\text{st}} + \vec{E}^{\text{nl}} \qquad \vec{S}_g^{\text{nl}} \equiv \int d^3 x \, \vec{E}^{\text{nl}} \times \vec{\hat{A}} = \int d^3 x ig[\vec{\hat{A}}, \hat{A}^0] \times \vec{\hat{A}}$$

Beyond the static approximation

which is largely negligible. E.g., the specific renormalization by choosing the ultraviolet cutoff Q^2 to be the same as the scale for $\alpha_s(Q^2)$ gives $S_q^{dy} \simeq 0.1\sigma$.

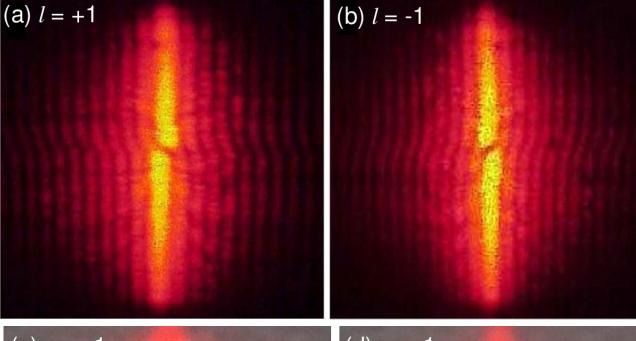
A key issue in spin decomposition

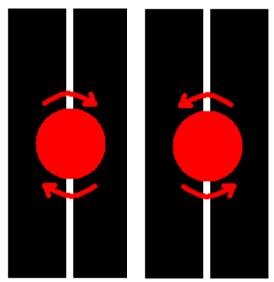
$$\vec{J}_{QCD} = \int d^3 x \,\psi^{\dagger} \frac{1}{2} \,\vec{\Sigma} \,\psi + \int d^3 x \,\vec{x} \times \psi^{\dagger} \frac{1}{i} \,\vec{\bar{D}} \,\psi$$
$$+ \int d^3 x \,\vec{E} \times \vec{\hat{A}} + \int d^3 x \,\vec{x} \times E_i \,\vec{\bar{D}} \hat{A}_i$$
$$\equiv \vec{S}_q + \vec{L}_q + \vec{S}_g + \vec{L}_g$$

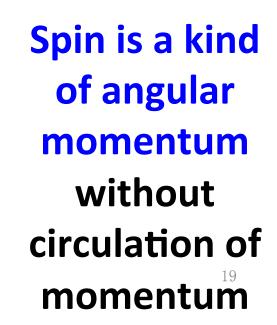
$$\begin{split} \vec{J}_{\text{QCD}} &= \int d^3 x \psi_q^\dagger \frac{1}{2} \vec{\Sigma} \psi_q + \int d^3 x \vec{x} \times \psi_q^\dagger \frac{1}{i} \vec{D} \psi_q \\ &+ \int d^3 x \vec{x} \times (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) \\ &\equiv \vec{S}_q + \vec{L}_q' + \vec{J}_g', \end{split}$$

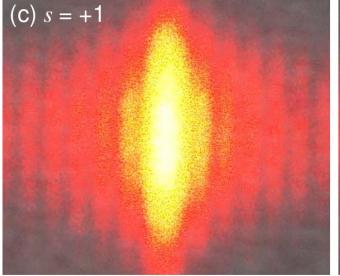
Should we separate spin from OAM?

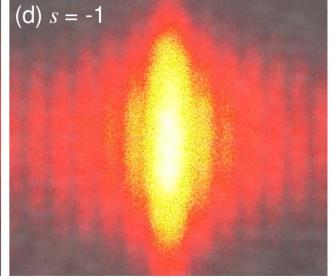
The Experimental answer: two kinds of angular momenta











Enlarged inspection: the angular momentum tensor

Canonical:
$$T_C^{\mu\nu}(x) = \frac{\partial L(\phi_i, \partial_\mu \phi_i)}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_i)} \partial^\nu \phi_i - g^{\mu\nu} L$$

Symmetric:
$$T_{symm}^{\mu\nu}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\delta I_M}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}(x)}$$

$$M_{C}^{\mu\nu\lambda} = x^{\mu}T_{C}^{\lambda\nu} - x^{\nu}T_{C}^{\lambda\mu} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_{\lambda}\phi_{a})}\Sigma_{ab}^{\mu\nu}\phi_{b}$$

$$M_{?}^{\mu\nu\lambda} = x^{\mu}T_{symm}^{\lambda\nu} - x^{\nu}T_{symm}^{\lambda\mu}$$

Surprising: none is satisfactory!

A new perspective: Constrains on T^{ab} from quantum measurement

If a quantum wave is in mutual eigenstates of more than one observables, then the associated currents must be proportional to each other

$$E.g.: \vec{j}_E \propto \vec{j}_{p_i} \propto \vec{j}_{s_i} \propto \vec{j}_q$$
$$\hat{H} \psi = E \psi, \hat{P}_i \psi = p_i \psi, \hat{S}_i \psi = s_i \psi, \hat{Q} \psi = q \psi$$

The Symmetric *T*^{ab} stands no chance!

 $i^{\mu} = e\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\psi$

$$T^{\mu\nu}_{symm} = \frac{i}{4}\bar{\psi}(\gamma^{\mu}\partial^{\nu} + \gamma^{\nu}\partial^{\mu})\psi + h.c. \quad T^{\mu\nu}_{cano} = \frac{i}{2}\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\partial^{\nu}\psi + h.c.$$
$$P^{i} = T^{0i}_{cano} = \frac{i}{2}\bar{\psi}\gamma^{0}\partial^{i}\psi + h.c. \quad K^{i} = T^{i0}_{cano} = \frac{i}{2}\bar{\psi}\gamma^{i}\partial^{0}\psi + h.c. \approx \frac{\mathcal{E}}{e}j^{i}$$

But the canonical *T*^{ab} is not fully OK

$$T_{C}^{\mu\nu}(x) = \frac{\partial L(\phi_{a},\partial_{\mu}\phi_{a})}{\partial(\partial_{\mu}\phi_{a})}\partial^{\nu}\phi_{a}\left(-g^{\mu\nu}L\right)$$
$$T_{C}^{i0} = \frac{\partial L(\phi_{a},\partial_{\mu}\phi_{a})}{\partial(\partial_{i}\phi_{a})}\partial^{0}\phi_{a}, \quad T_{C}^{ii}(x) = \frac{\partial L(\phi_{a},\partial_{\mu}\phi_{a})}{\partial(\partial_{i}\phi_{a})}\partial^{i}\phi_{a} + L_{22}$$

An improved *T*^{ab}: free field

$$T_{revised}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial L(\phi_a, \partial_\mu \phi_a)}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_a)} \vec{\partial}^{\nu} \phi_a, \ \vec{\partial}^{\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left(\vec{\partial}^{\nu} - \vec{\partial}^{\nu} \right)$$
$$T_{C}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial L(\phi_a, \partial_\mu \phi_a)}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi_a)} \partial^{\nu} \phi_a - g^{\mu\nu} L$$

E.g. photon
$$T_{revised}^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\mu\rho} \,\ddot{\partial}^{\nu} A_{\rho}$$

$$T_C^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\mu\rho} \partial^{\nu} A_{\rho} + \frac{1}{4} g^{\mu\nu} F^2$$

$$T^{\mu\nu}_{symm} = -F^{\mu\rho}F^{\nu}_{\ \rho} + \frac{1}{4}g^{\mu\nu}F^2$$

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Proof of validness (general free fields)

$$L(\phi_{a},\partial_{\mu}\phi_{a}) \text{ is quadratic in and } \partial_{\mu}\phi(\phi, \phi*\text{ independent})$$

$$= \sum_{a} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi_{a}} \phi_{a} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_{\rho}\phi_{a})} \partial_{\rho}\phi_{a} \right) = \sum_{a} \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_{\rho}\phi_{a})} \phi_{a} \right)$$

$$T_{C}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_{\mu}\phi_{a})} \partial^{\nu}\phi_{a} - g^{\mu\nu}L, \quad T_{revised}^{\mu\nu} = T_{C}^{\mu\nu} + \partial_{\rho}B^{[\rho\mu]\nu}$$

$$B^{[\rho\mu]\nu} = \sum_{a} \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\rho} \left(g^{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_{\rho}\phi_{a})} \phi_{a} - g^{\rho\nu} \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_{\mu}\phi_{a})} \phi_{a} \right)$$

The interacting fields: scalar case

$$T^{\mu\nu}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\delta I_M}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}(x)}$$
$$I_{\phi} = \int d^4 x \sqrt{-g} \left(\frac{-1}{2} D_{\mu} \phi D^{\mu} \phi + \frac{1}{8} R \phi^2\right)$$
$$\rightarrow T^{\mu\nu}_{new} = \frac{\partial L(\phi_a, \partial_{\mu} \phi_a)}{\partial (\partial_{\mu} \phi_a)} \vec{\partial}^{\nu} \phi_a$$

This gives a gravitational theory different from Einstein's GR

Trouble with the Angular momentum tensor

$$M^{\mu\nu\lambda} = x^{\mu}T_{symm}^{\lambda\nu} - x^{\nu}T_{symm}^{\lambda\mu}$$

$$M^{\mu\nu\lambda}_{C} = x^{\mu}T_{C}^{\lambda\nu} - x^{\nu}T_{C}^{\lambda\mu} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_{\lambda}\phi_{a})}\Sigma^{\mu\nu}_{ab}\phi_{b}$$

$$M^{\mu\nu\lambda}_{revised?} = x^{\mu}T_{revised}^{\lambda\nu} - x^{\nu}T_{revised}^{\lambda\mu} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_{\lambda}\phi_{a})}\Sigma^{\mu\nu}_{ab}\phi_{b}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2}g^{\lambda\nu}\frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_{\mu}\phi_{a})}\phi_{a} - \frac{1}{2}g^{\lambda\mu}\frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_{\nu}\phi_{a})}\phi_{a}$$

Our trick applies to longitudinal spin flux only, but not to transverse flux of angular momentum!

Conclusion:

So far there exists no satisfactory expression of angular momentum tensor, even for a free field!

And thus no satisfactory way of spin decomposition.

Thank you!