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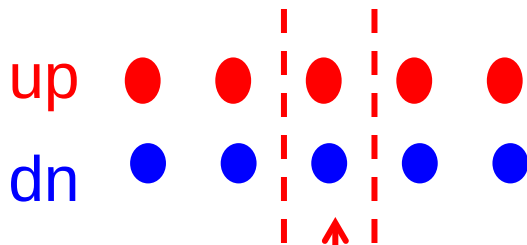
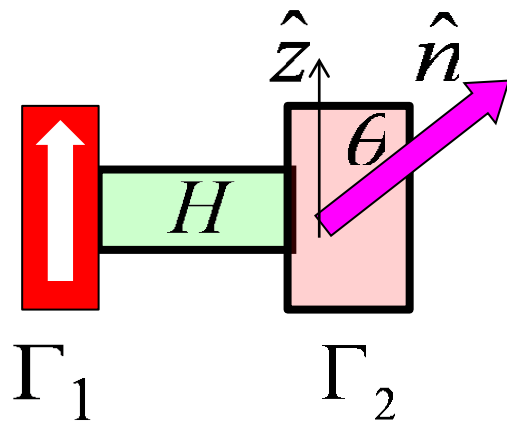
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4.7a Spin density/current



$$\frac{G^n}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} N + S_z & S_x - iS_y \\ S_x + iS_y & N - S_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{A}{2\pi} \leftrightarrow D$$

$$\frac{G^n}{2\pi} \leftrightarrow N$$

$$G^R = [EI - H - \Sigma]^{-1}$$

$$G^n = G^R \Sigma^{in} G^A$$

NEGF
Equations

$$I^{op} = \frac{\Sigma G^n - G^n \Sigma^+}{i\hbar} + \frac{\Sigma^{in} G^A - G^R \Sigma^{in}}{i\hbar}$$

Current Operator

4.7b Spin density/current

$$\frac{G^n}{2\pi} \rightarrow \psi \psi^\dagger = \begin{Bmatrix} c \\ s \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} c^* & s^* \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} cc^* & cs^* \\ sc^* & ss^* \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c \equiv \cos \theta / 2 e^{-i\varphi/2}$$

$$s \equiv \sin \theta / 2 e^{+i\varphi/2}$$

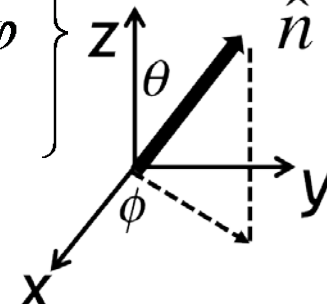
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\varphi} \\ \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{+i\varphi} & \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$+ \hat{n} : \quad - \hat{n} :$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \cos \theta & \sin \theta e^{-i\varphi} \\ \sin \theta e^{+i\varphi} & 1 - \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} c \\ s \end{Bmatrix} \quad \begin{Bmatrix} -s^* \\ c^* \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + n_z & n_x - in_y \\ n_x + in_y & 1 - n_z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} (I + \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n})$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x : \sin \theta \cos \varphi \\ y : \sin \theta \sin \varphi \\ z : \cos \theta \end{array} \right\}$$


$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + n_z \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + n_x \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + n_y \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ +i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

4.7c Spin density/current

$$\frac{G^n}{2\pi} \rightarrow \psi\psi^+ = \begin{Bmatrix} c \\ s \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} c^* & s^* \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1+n_z & n_x - in_y \\ n_x + in_y & 1-n_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (I + \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n})$$

$$\frac{G^n}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2} (NI + \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{S})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} N+S_z & S_x - iS_y \\ S_x + iS_y & N-S_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\theta = 0$$

$$+ \hat{z}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\theta = \pi$$

$$- \hat{z}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Unpolarized

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$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\theta = \pi/2$$

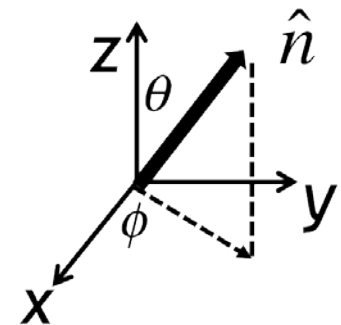
$$+ \hat{x}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \frac{\begin{Bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{Bmatrix}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c \equiv \cos \theta/2 e^{-i\phi/2}$$

$$s \equiv \sin \theta/2 e^{+i\phi/2}$$



4.7d Spin density/current

$$\frac{G^n}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2} (NI + \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{S}) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} N + S_z & S_x - iS_y \\ S_x + iS_y & N - S_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Trace} \left[\frac{G^n}{2\pi} \right] = N$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (NI + \sigma_x S_x + \sigma_y S_y + \sigma_z S_z)$$

$$\frac{G^n \sigma_x}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2} (N \sigma_x + S_x I - i S_y \sigma_z + i S_z \sigma_y)$$

$$\text{Trace} \left[\frac{G^n \sigma_x}{2\pi} \right] = S_x$$

$$\text{Trace} \left[\frac{G^n \sigma_y}{2\pi} \right] = S_y, \text{Trace} \left[\frac{G^n \sigma_z}{2\pi} \right] = S_z$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = I, \sigma_y \sigma_x = -i \sigma_z, \sigma_z \sigma_x = +i \sigma_y$$

$$[\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{V}_1][\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{V}_2] =$$

$$(\vec{V}_1 \cdot \vec{V}_2) I + i \vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{V}_1 \times \vec{V}_2)$$

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ +i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

4.7e Spin density/current

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{G^n}{2\pi} &= \frac{1}{2} (NI + \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{S}) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} N + S_z & S_x - iS_y \\ S_x + iS_y & N - S_z \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (NI + \sigma_x S_x + \sigma_y S_y + \sigma_z S_z)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Trace} \left[\frac{G^n}{2\pi} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n} \right] = \vec{S} \cdot \hat{n}$$

$$\text{Trace} \left[\psi \psi^\dagger \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n} \right]$$

Spin
Operator

$$\text{Trace} \left[\psi^\dagger [\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n}] \psi \right]$$

$$\text{Trace} \left[\frac{G^n}{2\pi} \right] = N$$

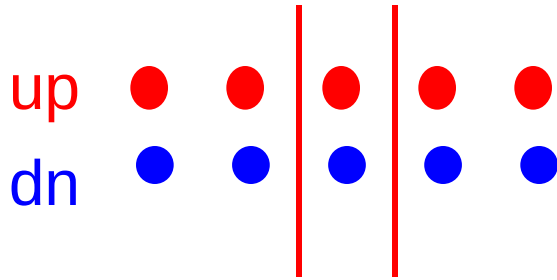
$$\text{Trace} \left[\frac{G^n \sigma_i}{2\pi} \right] = S_i$$

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

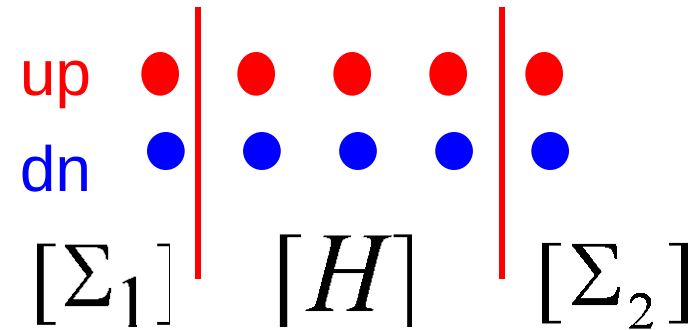
$$\sigma_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ +i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

4.7f Spin density/current

$$\text{Trace} \left[\frac{G^n}{2\pi} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n} \right] = \vec{S} \cdot \hat{n}$$



$$\text{Trace} \left[I_{op} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n} \right] = \vec{I}_s \cdot \hat{n}$$



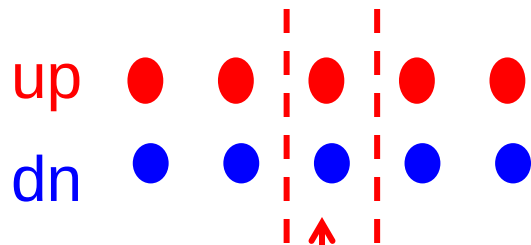
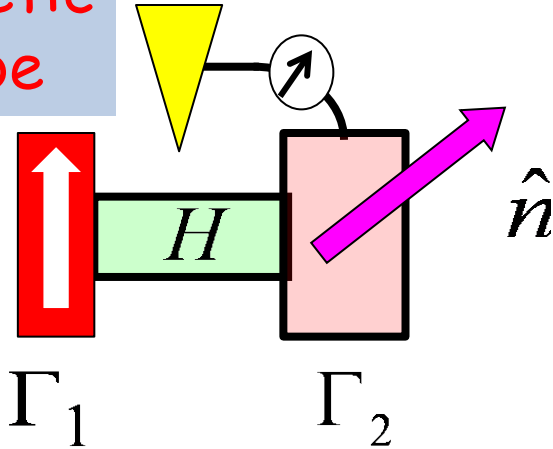
1up 1dn 2up 2dn 3up 3dn

1up 1dn $[N_1, \vec{S}_1]$

2up 2dn $[N_2, \vec{S}_2]$

3up 3dn $[N_3, \vec{S}_3]$

Magnetic
Probe



$$\begin{Bmatrix} V \\ \vec{V}_s \end{Bmatrix} \leftarrow [N, \vec{S}]$$

$$\frac{G^n}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} N + S_z & S_x - iS_y \\ S_x + iS_y & N - S_z \end{bmatrix}$$

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