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## Spin Alignment of Vector Mesons Induced by the Hydrodynamics Gradients

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The measurements of the spin observables open a new window for understanding the quantum properties of the hot and dense medium created in heavy-ion collisions. However, there are still several puzzling phenomena begging for satisfactory explanations. Particularly, the measured spin-alignments of the vector boson is unexpectedly large compared to a class of model calculations. To investigate this problem systematically, we employ the linear response theory formulated in work [1,2] to derive the induced spin-alignment (i.e. spin density matrix) of the vector mesons, such as phi-mesons, by the hydrodynamic gradients [3]. We obtain expressions on spin density matrix that are qualitatively different from those based on the coalescence model. We discuss phenomenological implication of our results.

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