

Supplemental Material for ‘‘Skyrmions and Hall Transport’’

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Here we derive the general Ward identity, equation (14) of our Letter, in the presence of a uniform external magnetic field B with conserved current J^μ . The momentum density and its conservation equation are modified as in equations (12) and (13). Taking two time derivatives of the retarded Green function $G^{0i,0j}(x^\mu; x'^\mu) = i\theta(x^0 - x'^0) \langle [T^{0i}(x^\mu), T^{0j}(x'^\mu)] \rangle$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_0 \partial'_0 G^{0i,0j} &= \partial_n \partial'_m G^{mj,ml} + B \epsilon_n^j \partial'_0 G^{n,0l} + B \epsilon_m^l \partial_0 G^{0j,m} - B^2 \epsilon_n^j \epsilon_m^l G^{n,m} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} (\partial_0 - \partial'_0) \left(\delta(x^0 - x'^0) C^{0j,0l} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (S1)$$

where $G^{a,b}(x^\mu; x'^\mu) = i\theta(x^0 - x'^0) \langle [V^a(x^\mu), V^b(x'^\mu)] \rangle$ are the retarded correlators. The index a can either represent one or two indices, depending on context: e.g., V^a can represent either the momentum density components T^{0i} or a current J^i . Note that the first line in (S1) is a consequence of the conservation equation $\partial_\mu T^{\mu i} = B \epsilon_j^i J^j$, while the second line comes from a contact term with an equal time correlator $C^{a,b}(x^0; \vec{x}, \vec{x}') = i \langle [V^a(x^0, \vec{x}), V^b(x^0, \vec{x}')] \rangle$. There are four other terms

$$\frac{1}{2} \delta(x^0 - x'^0) [\partial_n C^{mj,0l} - \partial'_m C^{0j,ml} + B (\epsilon_n^j C^{n,0l} - \epsilon_m^l C^{0j,m})]$$

that vanish in the presence of spacetime translation and rotation symmetries. See Ref. [11] for a discussion of the general case.

Using time translation symmetry, we perform a Fourier transform $\int d(x^0 - x'^0) e^{iq_0(x^0 - x'^0)}$ on (S1), followed by

$$G^{a,b}(x^0 - x'^0; \vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \int \frac{dq_0}{2\pi} e^{-iq_0(x^0 - x'^0)} \hat{G}^{a,b}(q_0; \vec{x}, \vec{x}')$$

using equation (3) and $i[T_B^{0i}(\vec{x}), \mathcal{O}(\vec{x}')] = \partial_i \mathcal{O}(\vec{x}) \delta^2(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$, where T_B is the momentum generator in the presence of the magnetic field given in equation (12). We evaluate the contact term in (S1) as $i\omega C^{0j,0l} = -i\omega \epsilon^{jl} [\epsilon_m^n \partial_n \langle T^{0m} \rangle + c - B\rho] \delta^2(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$, where $q_0 \equiv \omega$. The first term is incompatible with translation and rotation symmetries, and we discard it. c and $\rho = \langle J^0 \rangle$ are the topological number density and charge density. The Ward identity becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \omega^2 \hat{G}^{0j,0l} - i\omega B \epsilon_n^j \hat{G}^{n,0l} + i\omega B \epsilon_m^l \hat{G}^{0j,m} + B^2 \epsilon_n^j \epsilon_m^l \hat{G}^{n,m} \\ = \partial_n \partial'_m \hat{G}^{mj,ml} - i\omega \epsilon^{jl} (c - B\rho) \delta^2(\vec{x} - \vec{x}'). \end{aligned} \quad (S2)$$

Using space translation symmetry, we perform a Fourier transform $\hat{G}^{a,b}(\omega; \vec{x} - \vec{x}') = \int \frac{d^2 q}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i\vec{q} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')} \tilde{G}^{a,b}(\omega, \vec{q})$. To extract useful information, we exploit rotational invariance to rewrite the retarded Green's functions in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{G}^{a,b} &= \Pi_\delta \delta^{ab} + \Pi_\epsilon \epsilon^{ab} + q^a q^b \Pi_q + (\epsilon^{bo} q^a + \epsilon^{ao} q^b) q_o \Pi_{q\epsilon}, \\ \tilde{G}^{ij,kl} &= -i\omega \left[\eta (\delta^{ik} \delta^{jl} + \delta^{il} \delta^{jk} - \delta^{ij} \delta^{kl}) + \zeta \delta^{ij} \delta^{kl} + \frac{\eta_H}{2} (\epsilon^{ik} \delta^{jl} + \epsilon^{il} \delta^{jk} + \epsilon^{jk} \delta^{il} + \epsilon^{jl} \delta^{ik}) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (S3)$$

Here $\Pi^{TT}, \Pi^{TJ}, \Pi^{JT}, \Pi^{JJ}$ are four different types of form factors, and η, ζ, η_H are the shear, bulk and Hall viscosities, respectively. Plugging them into (S2) and doing some algebra, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} &\delta^{jl} \left[\omega^2 \Pi_\delta^{TT} + i\omega B (\Pi_\epsilon^{JT} + \Pi_\epsilon^{TJ}) + B^2 \Pi_\delta^{JJ} + B^2 q^2 \Pi_q^{JJ} - i\omega B q^2 (\Pi_{q\epsilon}^{JT} - \Pi_{q\epsilon}^{TJ}) \right] \\ &+ \epsilon^{jl} \left[\omega^2 \Pi_\epsilon^{TT} - i\omega B (\Pi_\delta^{JT} + \Pi_\delta^{TJ}) + B^2 \Pi_\epsilon^{JJ} - \frac{i\omega B}{2} q^2 (\Pi_q^{JT} + \Pi_q^{TJ}) \right] \\ &+ q^j q^l \left[\omega^2 \Pi_q^{TT} + 2i\omega B (\Pi_{q\epsilon}^{JT} - \Pi_{q\epsilon}^{TJ}) - B^2 \Pi_q^{JJ} \right] + (\epsilon^{jo} q^l + \epsilon^{lo} q^j) q_o \left[\omega^2 \Pi_{q\epsilon}^{TT} - \frac{i\omega B}{2} (\Pi_q^{JT} - \Pi_q^{TJ}) - B^2 \Pi_{q\epsilon}^{JJ} \right] \\ &= \epsilon^{jl} i\omega \left[-c + B\rho - q^2 \eta_H \right] - i\omega \delta^{jl} q^2 \eta - i\omega q^j q^l \zeta. \end{aligned} \quad (S4)$$

We identify $\Pi^{TT} = -i\omega \boldsymbol{\kappa}$, $\Pi^{TJ} = -i\omega \boldsymbol{\alpha}$, $\Pi^{JT} = -i\omega \boldsymbol{\sigma}$, where $\boldsymbol{\kappa}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}$ are thermal, thermoelectric, and electric conductivity tensors. Matching tensor structures in (S4), we find four independent Ward identities. The resulting equation appears as equation (14).