

1. We start by examining  $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B} &= \mathbf{E} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = \sum_{ijk} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k \epsilon_{ijk} E_i \left( \sum_{lmj} \epsilon_{lmj} \frac{\partial A_m}{\partial x_l} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{iklm} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k E_i \frac{\partial A_m}{\partial x_l} \sum_j \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{lmj} = \sum_{iklm} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k E_i \frac{\partial A_m}{\partial x_l} (\delta_{im} \delta_{kl} - \delta_{il} \delta_{km}) \\
 &= \sum_{ik} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k E_i \left( \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_k} - \frac{\partial A_k}{\partial x_i} \right) \\
 &= \sum_i E_i (\nabla A_i) - (\mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{A}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Thus the integrand becomes

$$\mathbf{x} \times (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{x} \times \left[ \sum_i E_i (\nabla A_i) \right] - \mathbf{x} \times [(\mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{A}] \tag{2}$$

The first term

$$\mathbf{X} = \sum_{lmk} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k \epsilon_{lmk} x_l \left( \sum_i E_i \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_m} \right) = \sum_i E_i \left( \sum_{lmk} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k \epsilon_{lmk} x_l \frac{\partial}{\partial x_m} \right) A_i = \sum_i E_i (\mathbf{x} \times \nabla) A_i \tag{3}$$

The second term

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{Y} &= \sum_{ijk} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k \epsilon_{ijk} x_i \left( \sum_l E_l \frac{\partial A_j}{\partial x_l} \right) = \sum_{ijk} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k \epsilon_{ijk} \left\{ \sum_l E_l \left[ \frac{\partial (x_i A_j)}{\partial x_l} - A_j \delta_{il} \right] \right\} \\
 &= \sum_l E_l \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} \sum_{ijk} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k \epsilon_{ijk} x_i A_j - \sum_{ijk} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k \epsilon_{ijk} E_i A_j \\
 &= \sum_l E_l \frac{\partial (\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{A})}{\partial x_l} - \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{A} \\
 &= (\mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla) (\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{A}
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Thus

$$\int d^3x \mathbf{x} \times (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}) = \int d^3x \left[ \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{A} + \sum_i E_i (\mathbf{x} \times \nabla) A_i \right] - \int d^3x (\mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla) (\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{A}) \tag{5}$$

For the claim to hold, the second integral must vanish.

Indeed, for the free field,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla) (\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{A}) &= (\mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) (\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{A}) && \text{denote } \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{A} \\
 &= \sum_i \left( E_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial x_i} \right) \sum_j \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j b_j \\
 &= \sum_j \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j \left[ \sum_i \frac{\partial (E_i b_j)}{\partial x_i} \right] = \sum_j \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j \nabla \cdot (b_j \mathbf{E})
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

So the second integral in (5) yields

$$\sum_j \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j \int d^3x \nabla \cdot (b_j \mathbf{E}) = \sum_j \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j \oint_{\infty} (b_j \mathbf{E}) \cdot \mathbf{n} da = 0 \tag{7}$$

where we have used the local distribution assumption so  $b_j \mathbf{E}$  vanishes at infinity.

2. The expansion of vector potential in radiation gauge is

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{\lambda} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} [\epsilon_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) a_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}-i\omega t} + \epsilon_{\lambda}^*(\mathbf{k}) a_{\lambda}^*(\mathbf{k}) e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}+i\omega t}] \quad (8)$$

Let  $\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) = \epsilon_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) a_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k})$  be the amplitude of the constituent plane wave  $(\mathbf{k}, \lambda)$ , hence  $\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}^*(\mathbf{k}) = \epsilon_{\lambda}^*(\mathbf{k}) a_{\lambda}^*(\mathbf{k})$  is the amplitude of the negative frequency plane wave  $(-\mathbf{k}, \lambda)$ .

The corresponding  $\mathbf{E}$  field amplitudes,  $\mathcal{E}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k})$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{\lambda}^*(\mathbf{k})$  can be obtained by the relation  $\mathbf{E} = -\partial\mathbf{A}/\partial t$  implied by the Coulomb gauge (or radiation gauge), i.e.,

$$\mathcal{E}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) = i\omega \mathcal{A}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) = i\omega a_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) \epsilon_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) \quad \mathcal{E}_{\lambda}^*(\mathbf{k}) = -i\omega \mathcal{A}_{\lambda}^*(\mathbf{k}) = -i\omega a_{\lambda}^*(\mathbf{k}) \epsilon_{\lambda}^*(\mathbf{k}) \quad (9)$$

The spin is thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{L}_{\text{spin}} &= \frac{1}{\mu_0 c^2} \int d^3x \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t) \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu_0 c^2} \int d^3x \sum_{\lambda, \mu} \left\{ \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} [\mathcal{E}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}-i\omega t} + \mathcal{E}_{\lambda}^*(\mathbf{k}) e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}+i\omega t}] \right\} \times \\ &\quad \left\{ \int \frac{d^3k'}{(2\pi)^3} [\mathcal{A}_{\mu}(\mathbf{k}') e^{i\mathbf{k}'\cdot\mathbf{x}-i\omega t} + \mathcal{A}_{\mu}^*(\mathbf{k}') e^{-i\mathbf{k}'\cdot\mathbf{x}+i\omega t}] \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

For a particular combination of  $\lambda, \mu$ , the integral can be written

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\lambda, \mu} &= \int d^3x \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3k'}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \mathcal{E}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) \times \mathcal{A}_{\mu}(\mathbf{k}') e^{i(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}')\cdot\mathbf{x}} e^{-i2\omega t} + \right. \\ &\quad \mathcal{E}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) \times \mathcal{A}_{\mu}^*(\mathbf{k}') e^{i(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}')\cdot\mathbf{x}} + \\ &\quad \mathcal{E}_{\lambda}^*(\mathbf{k}) \times \mathcal{A}_{\mu}(\mathbf{k}') e^{-i(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}')\cdot\mathbf{x}} + \\ &\quad \left. \mathcal{E}_{\lambda}^*(\mathbf{k}) \times \mathcal{A}_{\mu}^*(\mathbf{k}') e^{-i(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}')\cdot\mathbf{x}} e^{i2\omega t} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Using  $\int d^3x e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} = (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{q})$ , the triple integral collapses into a single integral over  $d^3k$ . Moreover, the two harmonic terms don't contribute to the time average, leaving

$$\langle I_{\lambda, \mu} \rangle = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} [\mathcal{E}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) \times \mathcal{A}_{\mu}^*(\mathbf{k}) + \mathcal{E}_{\lambda}^*(\mathbf{k}) \times \mathcal{A}_{\mu}(\mathbf{k})] \quad (12)$$

Since

$$\epsilon_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) \times \epsilon_{\mu}^*(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{cases} -i\lambda \hat{\mathbf{k}} & \text{for } \mu = \lambda \\ 0 & \text{for } \mu \neq \lambda \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

we have

$$\mathcal{E}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) \times \mathcal{A}_{\mu}^*(\mathbf{k}) = i\omega a_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) a_{\mu}^*(\mathbf{k}) [\epsilon_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) \times \epsilon_{\mu}^*(\mathbf{k})] = \begin{cases} \lambda\omega |a_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k})|^2 \hat{\mathbf{k}} = \lambda c \mathbf{k} |a_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k})|^2 & \text{for } \mu = \lambda \\ 0 & \text{for } \mu \neq \lambda \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

Finally summing all  $I_{\lambda, \mu}$ 's in (10) and taking the time average, we obtain

$$\langle \mathbf{L}_{\text{spin}} \rangle = \frac{2}{\mu_0 c} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \mathbf{k} [|a_+(\mathbf{k})|^2 - |a_-(\mathbf{k})|^2] \quad (15)$$

The energy of the field is

$$U = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \int d^3x [\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t) + c^2 \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}, t)] \quad (16)$$

Expanding the field, we have

$$\int d^3x \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{\lambda, \mu} E_{\lambda, \mu} \quad \int d^3x \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{\lambda, \mu} B_{\lambda, \mu} \quad (17)$$

where  $E_{\lambda, \mu}, B_{\lambda, \mu}$  have similar forms as (11) with the appropriate amplitude and substitution of cross product by dot product.

We shall end up with

$$\langle E_{\lambda, \mu} \rangle = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} [\mathcal{E}_\lambda(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathcal{E}_\mu^*(\mathbf{k}) + \mathcal{E}_\lambda^*(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathcal{E}_\mu(\mathbf{k})] \quad (18)$$

$$\langle B_{\lambda, \mu} \rangle = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} [\mathcal{B}_\lambda(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathcal{B}_\mu^*(\mathbf{k}) + \mathcal{B}_\lambda^*(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathcal{B}_\mu(\mathbf{k})] \quad (19)$$

With

$$\epsilon_\lambda(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \epsilon_\mu^*(\mathbf{k}) = \delta_{\lambda\mu} \quad (20)$$

we know

$$\mathcal{E}_\lambda(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathcal{E}_\mu^*(\mathbf{k}) = \omega^2 a_\lambda(\mathbf{k}) a_\mu^*(\mathbf{k}) [\epsilon_\lambda(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \epsilon_\mu^*(\mathbf{k})] = \begin{cases} \omega^2 |a_\lambda(\mathbf{k})|^2 & \text{for } \mu = \lambda \\ 0 & \text{for } \mu \neq \lambda \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

Also from  $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$ , we have

$$\mathcal{B}_\lambda(\mathbf{k}) = i a_\lambda(\mathbf{k}) [\mathbf{k} \times \epsilon_\lambda(\mathbf{k})] \quad (22)$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_\lambda(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathcal{B}_\mu^*(\mathbf{k}) &= a_\lambda(\mathbf{k}) a_\mu^*(\mathbf{k}) \{ [\mathbf{k} \times \epsilon_\lambda(\mathbf{k})] \cdot [\mathbf{k} \times \epsilon_\mu^*(\mathbf{k})] \} \\ &= k^2 a_\lambda(\mathbf{k}) a_\mu^*(\mathbf{k}) [\epsilon_\lambda(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \epsilon_\mu^*(\mathbf{k})] \\ &= \begin{cases} k^2 |a_\lambda(\mathbf{k})|^2 & \text{for } \mu = \lambda \\ 0 & \text{for } \mu \neq \lambda \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Putting everything together in (16), we have

$$\langle U \rangle = \frac{2}{\mu_0} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} k^2 [|a_+(\mathbf{k})|^2 + |a_-(\mathbf{k})|^2] \quad (24)$$

Clearly,  $a_\pm(\mathbf{k})$  can be associated with photons with positive or negative helicity. (15) shows the net spin of a collection of photons, some with positive helicity, some negative. (24) gives their total energy.