

# Electron–Swirl Coupled Transport in the Vortex Æther Model (VAM): Perturbative Solutions, Quantitative Benchmarks, and Falsifiable Experiments

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## Abstract

We present a self-contained treatment of electron–swirl transport in VAM that (i) derives a *perturbative, steady-state* solution to the coupled density-matrix equations in 1D; (ii) provides *quantitative* predictions for realistic tabletop experiments with explicit material recommendations and signal levels; and (iii) states *falsifiability criteria*. The theory recovers Peierls (population) and Allen–Feldman (coherence) limits [1–3] while embedding electrons as vortex-knots coupled to swirl modes [4, 5]. Numerical scales are fixed by VAM constants  $C_e = 1.09384563 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $r_c = 1.40897017 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$ ,  $\rho_{\text{æ}} = 7.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ kg/m}^3$ .

## 1 Scales from VAM

Define the characteristic swirl frequency and energy density

$$\Omega_0 \equiv \frac{C_e}{r_c} \approx 7.76 \times 10^{20} \text{ s}^{-1}, \quad \varepsilon_{\text{æ}} = \frac{1}{2} \rho_{\text{æ}} C_e^2 \approx 4.19 \times 10^5 \text{ J/m}^3. \quad (1)$$

In what follows, frequencies and rates are reported in units of  $\Omega_0$  when convenient, but all experimental predictions are in SI.

## 2 Coupled transport in 1D and perturbative solution

We adopt the unified density-matrix equation for bosonic modes  $N(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{q})$  [3] and extend it by a charged two-level system (“electron”) with density matrix  $f$ :

$$\partial_t N = -i[\Omega, N] - \Gamma_b \circ (N - N^{(0)}) - \frac{1}{2} \{V_x \partial_x, N\}, \quad (2)$$

$$\partial_t f = -i[H_e, f] - \Gamma_e \circ (f - f^{(0)}) - \frac{1}{2} \{v_{e,x} \partial_x, f\} + \mathcal{C}_{e \leftrightarrow b}, \quad (3)$$

where  $\Gamma_b$  and  $\Gamma_e$  are diagonal damping superoperators, and  $\mathcal{C}_{e \leftrightarrow b}$  encodes electron–swirl coupling (Born–Markov, rotating-wave):

$$\mathcal{C}_{e \leftrightarrow b} \equiv -\frac{i}{\hbar} [M, f \otimes N]_{\text{RWA}}. \quad (4)$$

## 2.1 Linear response to a static gradient

Assume a small, uniform  $\partial_x T$  and time-independent steady state. Linearize about equilibrium  $N^{(0)}(T)$ ,  $f^{(0)}(T)$  using  $N = N^{(0)} + N^{(1)}$ ,  $f = f^{(0)} + f^{(1)}$  and retain terms  $\mathcal{O}(\partial_x T)$ . For a *two-branch* bosonic subspace  $s, s'$  near-degenerate by  $\delta = \Omega_{s'} - \Omega_s$  and a single electronic transition  $\Delta$ , the off-diagonal coherence  $N_{ss'}^{(1)}$  solves

$$\left[ i\delta + \frac{1}{2}(\gamma_s + \gamma_{s'}) \right] N_{ss'}^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{2} V_{ss'}^{(x)} \partial_x N_{\text{pop}}^{(0)}(\Omega) - \frac{i}{\hbar} \Xi_{ss'}, \quad (5)$$

with  $\gamma$  the linewidths and  $\Xi_{ss'}$  the electron-induced source from  $\mathcal{C}_{e \leftrightarrow b}$  (proportional to the coupling vertex  $M$  and to  $f^{(1)}$ ). The population correction obeys

$$(\gamma_s) N_{ss}^{(1)} + V_{ss}^{(x)} \partial_x N_{ss}^{(0)} + 2 \text{Im}(V_{ss'}^{(x)} N_{s's}^{(1)}) = S_s^{(e)}, \quad (6)$$

where  $S_s^{(e)}$  collects electron-related terms.

## 2.2 Closed form for the coherence contribution to $\kappa$

The heat current density for bosonic modes is  $J_x = \text{Tr} [\{V_x, N\} \Omega/2]$  [3, 6]. Using Eqs. (5)–(6) and eliminating  $f^{(1)}$  in the weak-coupling (Born) limit yields the *coherence* part of the 1D thermal conductivity

$$\kappa_{\text{1D}}^{(\text{C})} = \sum_q \sum_{s \neq s'} \frac{(\Omega_s + \Omega_{s'}) \Gamma_{ss'} |V_{ss'}^{(x)}|^2}{4\delta^2 + \Gamma_{ss'}^2} \left( -\frac{\partial n_B}{\partial T} \right) + \mathcal{O}(|M|^2), \quad (7)$$

where  $\Gamma_{ss'} = \frac{1}{2}(\gamma_s + \gamma_{s'})$  and  $n_B$  is the Bose function. Equation (7) reduces to Peierls (no off-diagonals) and to Allen–Feldman (flat bands,  $V_{ss} \rightarrow 0$ ) in the appropriate limits [1–3]. The  $\mathcal{O}(|M|^2)$  corrections add an *electron-assisted* channel with the same Lorentzian denominator.

## 3 1D slab: temperature field and $\Delta\kappa/\kappa$

Consider a bar of length  $L$ , cross-section  $A$ , thermal conductivity  $\kappa = \kappa^{(\text{P})} + \kappa^{(\text{C})}$ . A steady heater power  $P$  at  $x = 0$  with heat sink at  $x = L$  gives  $\partial_x T = -P/(\kappa A)$  and

$$\Delta T \equiv T(0) - T(L) = \frac{P L}{\kappa A}. \quad (8)$$

A small VAM-induced change  $\Delta\kappa$  results in

$$\Delta(\Delta T) \approx -\frac{\Delta\kappa}{\kappa} \Delta T, \quad (9)$$

valid for  $|\Delta\kappa| \ll \kappa$ . Combining (7) and (9) links *measured* temperature differences to microscopic parameters  $\delta, \Gamma, V_{ss'}$ .

## 4 Quantitative benchmarks with materials

We propose concrete specimens and give order-of-magnitude signals using Eq. (9).

### (B1) Borosilicate glass bar

$L = 50$  mm,  $A = 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$  (10 mm  $\times$  10 mm),  $\kappa \approx 1.1 \text{ W m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ . Choose  $P = 20$  mW: baseline  $\Delta T \approx PL/(\kappa A) \approx 9$  K. If engineered degeneracy gives  $\Delta\kappa/\kappa = -2\%$  from (7), then  $\Delta(\Delta T) \approx +0.18$  K. This exceeds typical IR-camera NETD ( $\sim 30$  mK) by  $> 5\times$ .

### (B2) PMMA bar (low- $\kappa$ polymer)

$\kappa \approx 0.19 \text{ W m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ , keep  $L = 50$  mm,  $A = 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$ , use  $P = 2$  mW to avoid overheating: baseline  $\Delta T \approx 5.3$  K. A conservative  $\Delta\kappa/\kappa = -1\%$  yields 53 mK shift—still above NETD.

### (B3) Forward/backward nonreciprocity

Drive a 3-phase Rodin coil with phase sequence  $\pm(0, 120^\circ, 240^\circ)$  to bias chirality. Expect

$$[\Delta\kappa]_{\rightarrow} - [\Delta\kappa]_{\leftarrow} \equiv \Delta\kappa_{\text{asym}} \sim \eta_{\chi} \frac{\Gamma \Delta V_{ss'}^2}{4\delta^2 + \Gamma^2}, \quad 0 < \eta_{\chi} < 1. \quad (10)$$

Taking  $\Delta\kappa_{\text{asym}}/\kappa \sim 0.5\%$  implies a measurable  $\Delta(\Delta T) \sim 25$  mK for (B1).

## 5 Device recipes

**Thermal bar (B1/B2).** Bar glued on an Al nitride heat sink at  $x = L$ . Heater:  $100 \Omega$  thin-film resistor at  $x = 0$ , four-wire calibrated. Enclosure to suppress convection (foam + thin IR window). IR camera or thermistors along  $x$ . Coil: 3-phase,  $N \sim 200$  turns/phase,  $f \in [20 \text{ kHz}, 100 \text{ kHz}]$ , current  $\leq 0.5$  A, duty-cycled to limit Joule heating.

**Electronics analog (LCR).** Two LCR tanks at 1 MHz,  $Q \sim 100$  ( $\kappa = \omega/2Q \approx 3.1 \times 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). With stored energy  $E \sim 0.5$  nJ, instantaneous dissipated power  $P_{\text{bath}} = \kappa E \sim 16 \mu\text{W}$ . Adding a near-degenerate second tank elevates the early-time peak by the Lorentzian factor in (7).

**Quantum hybrid (SAW/MEMS).** Piezo substrate ( $128^\circ$  Y-cut  $\text{LiNbO}_3$ ). IDT pair for a 3 GHz SAW mode; superconducting qubit capacitively coupled [10,11]. Pattern shallow quasi-periodic notches to enhance  $V_{ss'}^{(x)}$  and tune  $\delta$ .

## 6 Error and noise budget

- **Thermometry:** IR camera NETD 30 – – 50 mK; thermistor readout noise  $< 10$  mK with 1 s averaging.
- **Power calibration:**  $< 1\%$  with four-wire measurement.

- **Radiation/convection:** Within enclosure, systematic drift  $\lesssim 0.05\text{ K}$  over 10 min. Acquire forward/backward sweeps in quick succession to common-mode cancel.
- **Contact resistance:** Use indium foil at heater/bar/sink interfaces; verify with repeated mounting.

Expected signals ( $50\text{ -- }200\text{ mK}$ ) clear the combined noise by factors  $\gtrsim 3$  for (B1/B2).

## 7 Falsifiability criteria

The electron-swirl interpretation is *falsified* if any of the following hold under the stated drive:

1. **No Lorentzian detuning:**  $\Delta\kappa(\delta)$  lacks the  $(4\delta^2 + \Gamma^2)^{-1}$  peak predicted by (7) at fixed current.
2. **No chirality asymmetry:**  $|\Delta\kappa_{\text{asym}}/\kappa| < 3\sigma$  with  $\sigma$  the thermal readout error; target sensitivity  $\leq 0.1\%$  via averaging.
3. **Parameter scaling mismatch:** Signal does not scale as  $|V_{ss'}^{(x)}|^2$  (via coil current squared) nor with  $\Gamma$  (via controlled disorder).

## 8 Connection to quantum information

In the Jaynes–Cummings limit [7], the same vertices  $M$  and  $V_{ss'}$  that maximize  $\kappa^{(\text{C})}$  also maximize state transfer between electron and swirl modes. In a hybrid device, one can exploit the *coherence peak* (small  $\delta$ , moderate  $\Gamma$ ) to route heat out of the qubit while preserving its phase, akin to engineered reservoirs [9, 10].

## 9 Conclusions

We provided closed-form transport expressions, concrete device geometries, quantitative signals, a noise budget, and falsifiability criteria. These enable immediate lab tests that adjudicate the presence of coherence-mediated electron-swirl transport in VAM.

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