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Interplay of Spin and Orbital Angular Momentum in the Proton

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Abstract

We derive the consequences of the Myhrer-Thomas explanation of the proton spin problem for the distribution of orbital angular momentum on the valence and sea quarks. After QCD evolution these results are found to be in very good agreement with both recent lattice QCD calculations and the experimental constraints from Hermes and JLab.

Nucleon Spin in the Context of QCD

- Basic gauge invariant operators -

... derived from angular momentum tensor $\mathbf{M}^{\lambda\mu\nu} = \mathbf{x}^{\mu}\mathbf{T}^{\lambda\nu} - \mathbf{x}^{\nu}\mathbf{T}^{\lambda\mu}$

Quark spin: S_q = ¹/₂ ∫ d³x ψ_q(x) γ₅ ψ_q(x)
Quark orbital angular momentum: L_q = ∫ d³x ψ[†]_q(x) (x × iD) ψ_q(x)
Gluon angular momentum: J_g = ∫ d³x (x × (E × B))

• total:
$$\vec{\mathbf{J}} = \vec{\mathbf{J}}_{\mathbf{q}} + \vec{\mathbf{J}}_{\mathbf{g}} = \vec{\mathbf{S}}_{\mathbf{q}} + \vec{\mathbf{L}}_{\mathbf{q}} + \vec{\mathbf{J}}_{\mathbf{g}}$$

Nucleon Spin Sum:

$$\frac{1}{2} = \langle P \uparrow | \mathbf{J}_3 | P \uparrow \rangle = \langle P \uparrow | \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{q},3} + \mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{q},3} + \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{g},3} | P \uparrow \rangle$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma(\mu) + L_q(\mu) + J_g(\mu)$$



Gluon contribution to Nucleon Spin

• Gauge dependent decomposition: $ec{\mathbf{J}}_{\mathbf{g}} = ec{\mathbf{L}}_{\mathbf{g}} + ec{\mathbf{G}}$

$$\vec{\mathbf{L}}_{\mathbf{g}} = \int d^3x \left[E_i^a (\vec{x} \times \vec{\nabla}) A_i^a - g(\vec{x} \times \vec{A}^a) \psi^{\dagger} \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \psi \right]$$
$$\vec{\mathbf{G}} = \int d^3x \left(\vec{E}^a \times \vec{A}^a \right)$$



Matrix elements:

$$L_{g} = \langle P \uparrow | \mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{g},3} | P \uparrow \rangle$$

$$\Delta G = \langle P \uparrow | \mathbf{G}_{3} | P \uparrow \rangle \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \int_{0}^{1} dx \, \Delta g(x, Q^{2}) \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{light-cone gauge} \\ (A^{+} = 0) \end{array}$$

Spin sum rule:
$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma(\mu) + L_{q}(\mu) + \Delta G(\mu) + L_{g}(\mu)}_{\text{gauge invariant}} \qquad \text{gauge dependent}$$

Nucleon Spin: Empirical Facts

(HERMES PRD 75 (2007) 012007 and COMPASS PLB 647 (2007) 8)

$$\Delta \Sigma (5 \, GeV^2) = \mathbf{0.33} \ (\pm 20 \ \%) \begin{cases} \Delta \Sigma_{\mathbf{u}} = \Delta u + \Delta \bar{u} = \mathbf{0.84} \ (\pm 3 \ \%) \\ \Delta \Sigma_{\mathbf{d}} = \Delta d + \Delta \bar{d} = -\mathbf{0.43} \ (\pm 5 \ \%) \\ \Delta \Sigma_{\mathbf{s}} = \Delta s + \Delta \bar{s} = -\mathbf{0.08} \ (\pm 35 \ \%) \end{cases}$$

... from DVCS: (JLAB PRL 99 (2007) 242501 and HERMES JHEP 0806:066 (2008))





Nucleon Spin: Lattice QCD



Chiral extrapolation: covariant heavy-baryon ChPT

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} J_{u}=0.236(6) \\ J_{d}=0.002(4) \end{array} \right\} \ \ J_{u+d}=0.238\pm 0.008 \ \ (\simeq 48\% \ of \ 1/2) \end{array} \right| \label{eq:Ju}$$



Nucleon Spin: Lattice QCD (contd.)

Recent results from LHPC

arXiv:1001.3620, PRD 77 (2008) 094502



small orbital angular momentum contribution

seems not compatible with phenomenology / relativistic quark models

Nucleon Spin: Lattice QCD (contd.)





$$egin{aligned} &rac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma_{\mathbf{u}} = 0.41 \pm 0.03 & &rac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma_{\mathbf{d}} = -0.20 \pm 0.03 \ & \mathbf{L_d} \simeq -\mathbf{L_u} = \mathbf{0.20} \pm \mathbf{0.04} \end{aligned}$$



Myhrer - Thomas Scenario

(F. Myhrer and A.W. Thomas, Phys. Lett. B 663 (2008) 302)





QCD Evolution: NLO

Evolution equations for ${\bf J_q}$ and ${\bf J_g}$

singlet:

$$\frac{d}{d\ln\mu^{2}} \begin{pmatrix} J_{q}(\mu^{2}) \\ J_{g}(\mu^{2}) \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha_{s}}{4\pi} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{64}{9} & -\frac{4}{3}n_{F} \\ -\frac{64}{9} & \frac{4}{3}n_{F} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} J_{q}(\mu^{2}) \\ J_{g}(\mu^{2}) \end{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha_{s}}{4\pi}\right)^{2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{23488}{243} - \frac{832}{81}n_{F} & -\frac{1222}{81}n_{F} \\ -\frac{23488}{243} + \frac{832}{81}n_{F} & \frac{1222}{81}n_{F} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} J_{q}(\mu^{2}) \\ J_{g}(\mu^{2}) \end{pmatrix}$$

non-singlet:

$$\frac{d}{d\ln\mu^2}J_q^{NS}(\mu^2) = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left(\frac{8}{3}\right)^2 J_q^{NS}(\mu^2) - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^2 \left(\frac{23488}{243} - \frac{512}{81}n_F\right) J_q^{NS}(\mu^2)$$



QCD Evolution: NLO (contd.)

Evolution equations for $\Delta\Sigma$ and ΔG

singlet:

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} \left(\begin{array}{c} \Delta \Sigma(\mu) \\ \Delta G(\mu) \end{array} \right) = \\ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \\ -8 & -2\beta_0 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \Delta \Sigma(\mu) \\ \Delta G(\mu) \end{array} \right) \\ -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^2 \left(\begin{array}{c} 16n_F & 0 \\ -200 + \frac{16}{9}n_F & -2\beta_1 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \Delta \Sigma(\mu) \\ \Delta G(\mu) \end{array} \right) \right)$$

non-singlet:

$$\underbrace{\frac{d}{d\ln\mu}\Delta\Sigma^{NS}=0}$$

orbital angular momenta:

combine evolution equations for ${\rm L_q}=J_{\rm q}-\frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma~~{\rm and}~~{\rm L_g}=J_{\rm g}-\Delta{\rm G}$





QCD Evolution: NLO (contd.)

M.Altenbuchinger, diploma thesis (2009)



M.Altenbuchinger, Ph. Hägler, W.W., in preparation (2010)



QCD Evolution (contd.)

non-singlet (isovector) quantities



From Lattice QCD to Modelling at Low-Energy Scales

QCD evolution from **lattice** data vs. **relativistic quark model** (MIT bag)



• Model scale "fixed" by NLO evolution to $J_g = 0$ in comparison with **MIT bag** (no gluon exchange corrections)

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• Refinements from **pion cloud** and **one-gluon exchange** $(\alpha_s = 0.7)$ (Cloudy Bag Model)

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Happy Birthday Tony !

