

SPIN PHYSICS AT COMPASS2

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ASSUMPTION:

1. In period 2006 -2010, 2 years running with NH_3 target

⇒ in 2010 COMPASS will still have 2 times less statistics for DG/G than anticipated in the Proposal

2. after 2010 considerable increase in muon flux
(5 times more muon intensity, 2 times more running time)

⇒ strong physics interest in resuming the polarised programme

- Longitudinal target polarization
- Transversity



Longitudinal target polarization

1. DG/G Present measurements statistically limited
Unlikely that RHIC measurements give definitive answers
2. g_1 at low x , for both p and n needed to reduce systematic error in first moment due to extrapolation / *impact of future measurements to be evaluated*
Low x behaviour interesting by itself
3. $g_1(x, Q^2)$ for both p and n
Needed for Q^2 evolution and DG/G / *impact of future measurements to be evaluated*
4. Flavour decomposition of g_1
In particular D_s (puzzling data from HERMES)
but also D_u and D_d



Transversity

Physics case gains momentum at high speed

(see Transversity Workshop in Trento, June 04, www.Inf.infn.it/conference/transversity04/)

- Presently only a small signal seen by HERMES

- Tremendous need to improve on statistics

Q²- dependence

x- dependence

z- dependence

k_T- dependence

multidimensional analysis badly NEEDED

- Many channels to be explored

1 hadron (Collins, Sivers)

2 hadrons

Vector mesons

- Q²- evolution (different from longitudinal case)



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Long Term Goal:

Measurement of the Tensor Charge

$$dq(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx (dq - d\bar{q})$$

- "all valence" object
- important for understanding C-simmetry breaking
- important to calculation of EDM
- accessible to LATTICE CALCULATION

