

Nucleon spin studies at COMPASS

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CO_mmon MUon and P_roton Apparatus for S_ttructure and S_pectroscopy



NA58, at the CERN SPS
 ~ 250 physicists
 ~ 30 institutes

Muon beam programme	Hadron beam programme
Spin dependent structure function g_1 Gluon polarisation in the nucleon Quark polarisation distributions Transversity Vector meson production Λ polarisation Future: DVCS	Primakoff effect, π and K polarisabilities Exotic states, glueballs (Double) charmed mesons Multiquark states Future: Drell–Yan on a polarised target

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History: 2002 – 2009 and beyond

- 2002 160 GeV polarised μ beam & ${}^6\text{LiD}$ long./transv. polaris.
- 2003 *idem*
- 2004 *idem*
- 2004 pilot hadron run
- 2005 no SPS beam (several upgrades: target, RICH)
- 2006 160 GeV polarised μ beam & ${}^6\text{LiD}$ long. polarisation
- 2007 160 GeV polarised μ beam & NH_3 transv./long. polaris.
- 2008 190 GeV pion beam; diffractive and central production
- 2009 190 GeV pion, proton beams
- 2010 1+1 year muon run with transv. and longit. polarised proton target (approved proposal addendum 2)
- \gtrsim 2012 Letter-of-Intent: DVCS and Drell–Yan; proposal in preparation

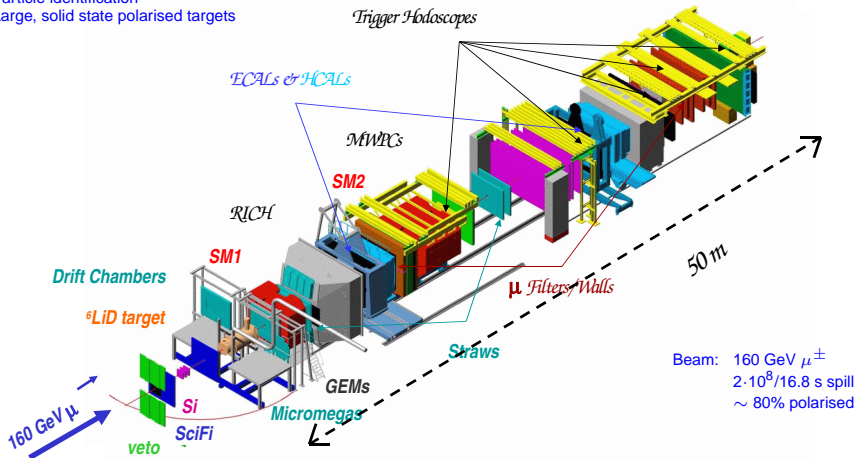
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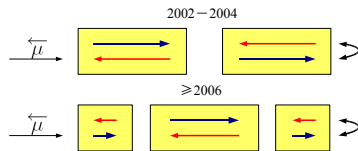
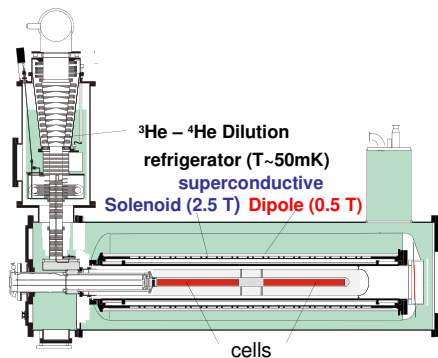
COMPASS Spectrometer (muon run)

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Two stages, ~ 350 planes
Calorimetry
Particle identification
Large, solid state polarised targets



COMPASS polarised targets



- * Two (three in 2006, 2007) target cells, oppositely polarised
- * Polarisation reversed every 8 h (less frequent in 2006, 2007) by field rotation
- * Material: solid ${}^6\text{LiD}$ (NH_3 in 2007)
- * Polarisation: $\sim 50\%$ ($\sim 90\%$ in 2007), by the Dynamical Nuclear Polarisation
- * Dilution: $f \sim 0.4$ (~ 0.15 in 2007)
- * Polar acceptance: ~ 70 mrad (~ 180 mrad in 2006, 2007)

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Acceptance of electroproduction experiments

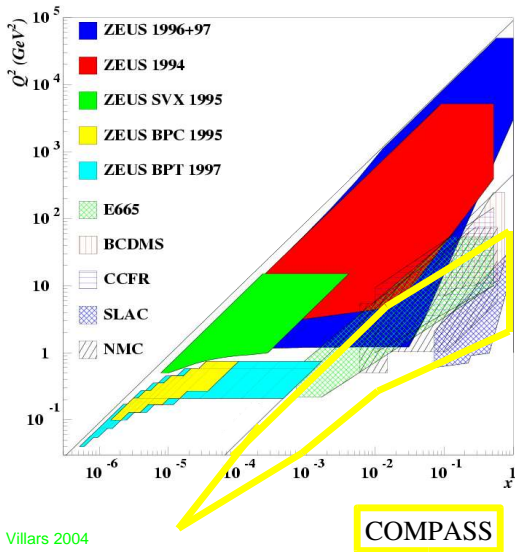


Figure from: N. D'Hose, Villars 2004

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Partonic structure of the nucleon; distribution functions

Three **twist-two** quark distributions in QCD (after integrating over the quark intrinsic k_t):

$$q(x) = \text{[Diagram: A yellow circle with a red dot in the center, representing a quark momentum distribution function.]}$$

Quark momentum DF;
well known (unpolarised DIS $\rightarrow F_{1,2}(x)$).

$$\Delta q(x) = \text{[Diagram: Two yellow circles with red dots. The first has a red arrow pointing right and a larger yellow arrow pointing right. The second has a red arrow pointing left and a larger yellow arrow pointing right. A minus sign is between them.]}$$

Difference in DF of quarks with spin parallel or antiparallel to the nucleon's spin;
known (polarised DIS $\rightarrow g_1(x)$).

$$\Delta_T q(x) = \text{[Diagram: Two yellow circles with red dots. The first has a red arrow pointing up and a larger yellow arrow pointing up. The second has a red arrow pointing down and a larger yellow arrow pointing up. A minus sign is between them.]}$$

Difference in DF of quarks with spin parallel or antiparallel to the nucleon's spin in the transversely polarised nucleon;
unknown (polarised DIS $\rightarrow h_1(x)$).

Nonrelativistically: $\Delta_T q(x) \equiv \Delta q(x)$. **OBS.!** $\Delta_T q(x)$ are **C-odd and chiral-odd**; may only be measured with another chiral-odd partner, e.g. fragmentation function.

If the k_t taken into account \implies 8 TMD distr.; one, f_{1T}^\perp accessible through "Sivers asymmetry".

Observables in the polarised μ -p(d) scattering

- A direct observable, μ -p(d) cross section asymmetry $A_{meas}(x, Q^2)$, inclusive asymmetry $A_1(x, Q^2)$ and longitudinal spin-dependent structure function, $g_1(x, Q^2)$, are related as:

$$A_{meas} = \frac{1}{fP_T P_B} \left(\frac{N^{\uparrow\uparrow} - N^{\uparrow\downarrow}}{N^{\uparrow\uparrow} + N^{\uparrow\downarrow}} \right) = D(A_1 + \eta A_2) \approx D \frac{\sum_q e_q^2 \Delta q(x, Q^2)}{\sum_q e_q^2 q(x, Q^2)} = D \frac{g_1(x, Q^2)}{F_1(x, Q^2)}$$

(in the COMPASS kinematics η is small, $|\eta A_2| \ll |A_1|$)

$$f^{p(d)} \sim 0.15(0.4), \quad P_T^{p(d)} \sim 0.9(0.5), \quad P_B \sim -0.8, \quad \Delta q = q^+ - q^-, \quad q = q^+ + q^-$$

Important: $g_1^d = g_1^N (1 - \frac{3}{2}\omega_D) = \frac{g_1^p + g_1^n}{2} (1 - \frac{3}{2}\omega_D); \quad \omega_D = 0.05 \pm 0.01$

- Similarly, the semi-inclusive asymmetry A_1^h :

$$A_1^h(x, z, Q^2) \approx D \frac{\sum_q e_q^2 \Delta q(x, Q^2) D_q^h(z, Q^2)}{\sum_q e_q^2 q(x, Q^2) D_q^h(z, Q^2)} \quad D_q^h \neq D_q^h$$

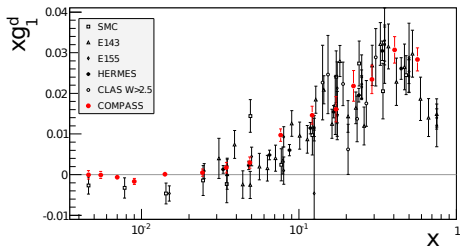
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$g_1(x)$ for proton and deuteron, $Q^2 > 1$ (GeV/c)²

full deuteron statistics

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Very precise data
especially at $x \lesssim 0.01$

From Γ_1^d at $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$:

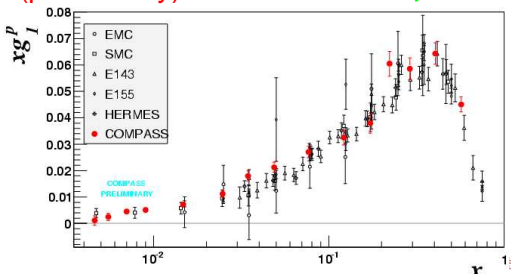
$$a_0 = 0.33 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.05$$

$$\Delta s + \Delta \bar{s} = -0.08 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.02$$

NEW: proton data 2007 (preliminary)

to be submitted to Phys. Lett. B

Good agreement
between the experiments

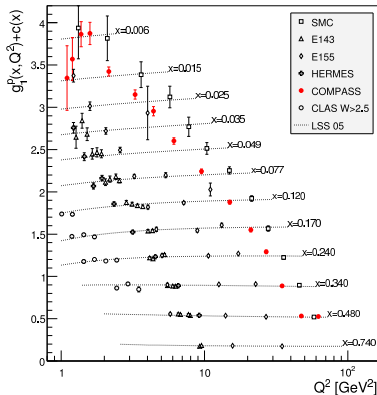
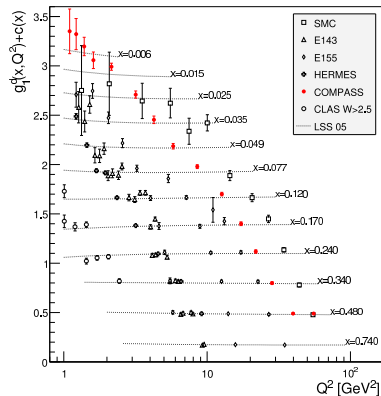


$g_1(x)$ for proton and deuteron, $Q^2 > 1$ (GeV/c) 2 ...cont'd

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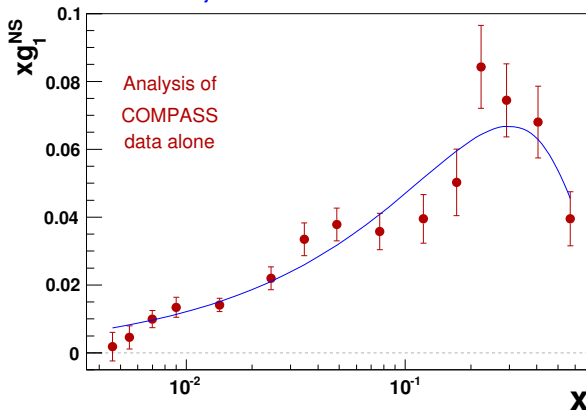
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COMPASS measurements at high Q^2 important for the QCD analysis!

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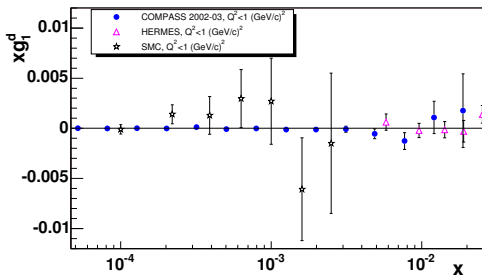
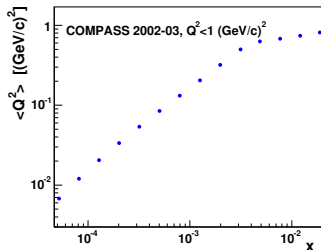
- From the new proton data: $g_1^{NS} = g_1^p - g_1^n$; its first moment, $\Gamma_1^{NS}(Q^2) = \frac{1}{6} \left| \frac{g_A}{g_V} \right| C^{NS}(Q^2)$ (fundamental Bjorken sum rule)
- From QCD NLO fit to g_1^{NS} (COMPASS data only): $|g_A/g_V| = 1.28 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.10$
 $g_A/g_V = \Delta u - \Delta d = 1.2694 \pm 0.0028$ (PDG) from the β decay of the neutron.
 Test and confirmation of the Bjorken sum rule.



COMPASS; to be submitted to Phys. Lett. B

$g_1^d(x)$ in the nonperturbative ($Q^2 < 1 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$ region)

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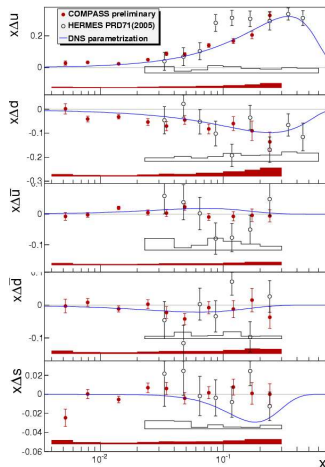
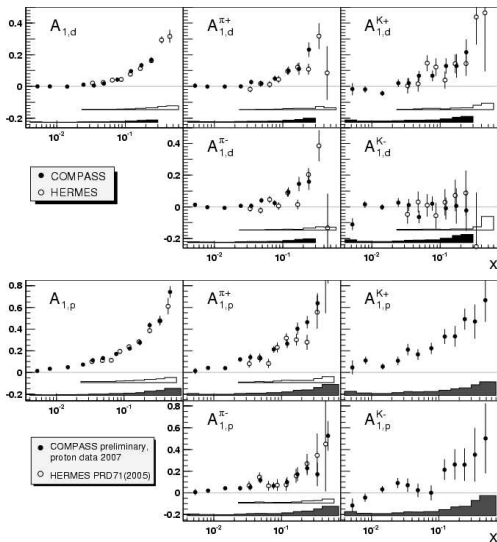
- Order of magnitude improvement over the statistical precision of the SMC.
- Interplay between perturbative and nonperturbative mechanisms.
- Spin effects in g_1^d at low x and Q^2 absent ?

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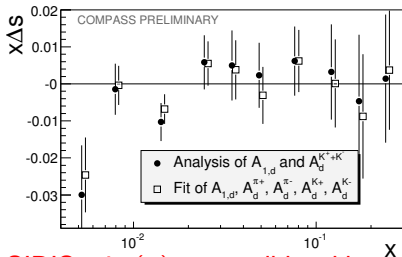
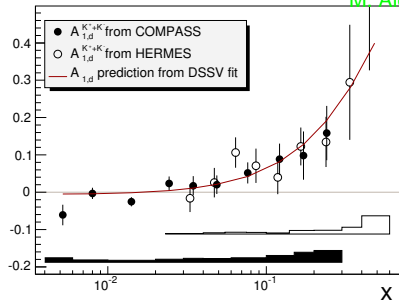
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$$Q^2 = 3 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$$

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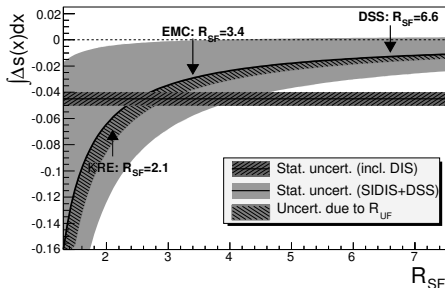
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$$\bullet \frac{\Delta s}{s} = A_1^d + \left(A_1^{K^+K^-} \right) \frac{Q/s + \alpha}{\alpha - 0.8}$$

$$\bullet \alpha = \frac{2R_{UF} + 2R_{SF}}{3R_{UF} + 2}, \quad Q = u + \bar{u} + d + \bar{d}$$

$$\bullet R_{UF} = \frac{\int D_d^{K^+}(z) dz}{\int D_u^{K^+}(z) dz}, \quad R_{SF} = \frac{\int D_s^{K^+}(z) dz}{\int D_u^{K^+}(z) dz}$$



Soon: determination of R_{SF} from data.

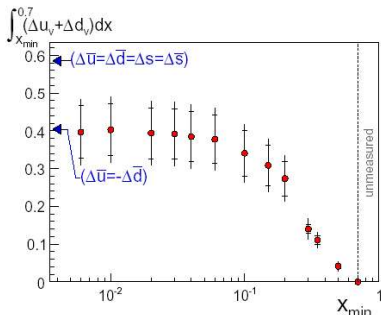
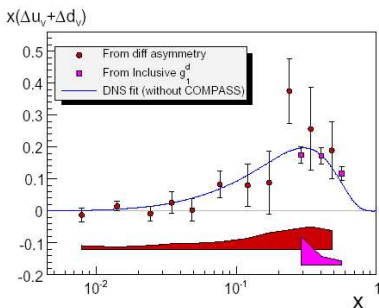
SIDIS: $\Delta s(x)$ compatible with zero, contrary to most (LO, NLO) QCD fits.

Flavour separation of helicity distributions (@ LO),...

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- Difference asymmetry: $A^{h^+-h^-}: A_d^{\pi^+-\pi^-}(x) = A_d^{K^+-K^-}(x) = \frac{\Delta u_V(x) + \Delta d_V(x)}{u_V(x) + d_V(x)}$
- At LO, the fragmentation functions drop out

$$Q^2 = 10 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2 \quad (\text{SIDIS + DIS})$$



$$\int_{0.006}^{0.7} (\Delta u_V + \Delta d_V) dx = 0.40 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.05$$

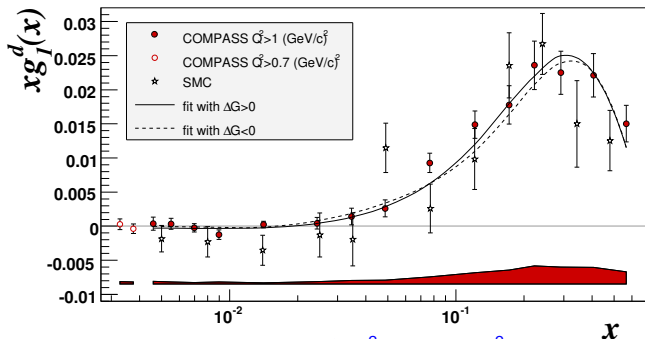
- Unmeasured regions contribute negligibly.
- Non-symmetric sea preferred ?

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$\Delta g(x)$ measurement through scaling violation in g_1^d V.Yu. Alexakhin *et al.* (COMPASS) Phys Lett B647 (2007) 8

- Two programs: DGLAP evolution of structure functions and evolutions of moments
- NLO \overline{MS} scheme
- World data: 9 experiments, 230 data points (43 from COMPASS)
- Two solutions, $\Delta G > 0$ and $\Delta G < 0$ describe data equally well.

From COMPASS data only, @ $Q^2 = 3 \text{ (GeV/c}^2\text{)}$, quark polarisationis $a_0 = 0.35 \pm 0.03(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.05(\text{syst.})$ and gluon polarisation: $|\Delta G| \approx 0.2 - 0.3$

Direct $\Delta g(x)$ measurements through PGF

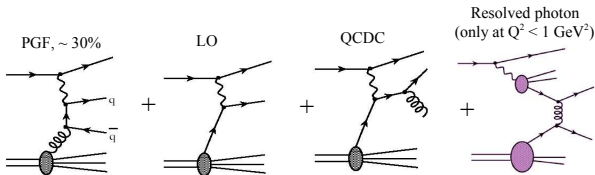
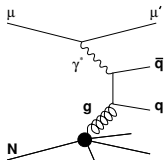
Photon – gluon fusion (PGF) cross section asymmetry with subsequent fragmentation into:

- charm mesons, $q \equiv c$, (max. @ low Q^2 , perturbative scale: e.g. m_c): low statistics, few theoretical assumptions;

$$A_{meas} = \rho_B \rho_T f_{aLL} \frac{\sigma_{PGF}}{\sigma_{PGF} + \sigma_{BGD}} \frac{\Delta g}{g} + A_{BGD}$$

- a pair of hadrons of large p_T , $q \equiv u, d, s$, separately for low- and high Q^2 (perturbative scale: e.g. p_T): high statistics, several quantities from MC.

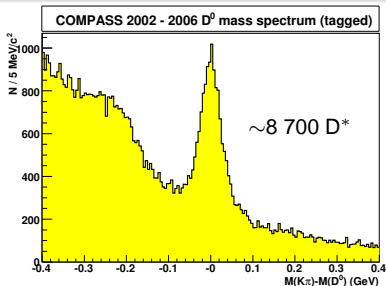
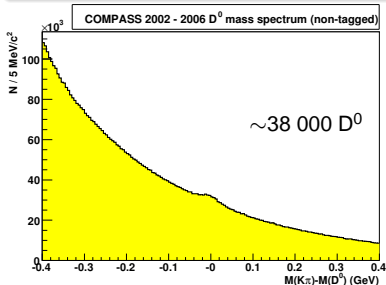
$$A_{meas} = \rho_B \rho_T f \left[R_{PGF} \cdot a_{LL}^{PGF} \cdot \frac{\Delta g}{g} + R_{LO} \cdot D \cdot A_1^{LO} + R_{QCDC} \cdot a_{LL}^{QCDC} \cdot A_1^{LO} \right]$$



Direct Δg measurements; open charm production

$$D^0 \rightarrow K + \pi,$$

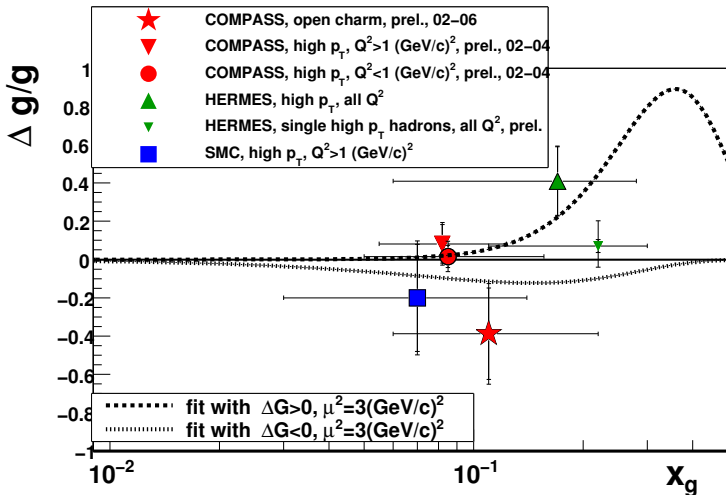
$$D^* \rightarrow D^0 + \pi_S \rightarrow K + \pi + \pi_S$$



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- Choose $D^0 \rightarrow K\pi$ (BR \sim 4%); pions and kaons identified by RICH.
- Combinatorial background significantly reduced for the $D^* \rightarrow D^0 + \pi_S \rightarrow K + \pi + \pi_S$.
- Charm in the nucleon neglected.
- A weighting method used to optimise the $\Delta g(x)$ extraction
- Recently added: $D^0 \rightarrow K\pi(\pi^0)$, D^* decays with K below RICH threshold of 9 GeV

Summary of the gluon polarisation measurements



At $x_g \sim 0.1$, $\Delta g/g$ is compatible with zero! Qualitative agreement with RHIC results.

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Nucleon spin decomposition

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L$$

Are we approaching the solution of the “proton spin puzzle”?

- Restoration of $\Delta\Sigma=0.6$ via the axial anomaly improbable.

As a consequence of the “axial anomaly” the measured quantity is:

$$a_0(Q^2) = \Delta\Sigma^{AB} - \left(\frac{3\alpha_s}{2\pi}\right)\Delta G(Q^2)$$

where COMPASS @ 3 GeV² gives: $a_0 = 0.35 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.05$

and the “spin crisis” can be solved ($\Delta\Sigma \sim 0.6$) if $\Delta G \sim 2.2$ (and $L \sim -2$) at $Q^2 = 3 \text{ GeV}^2$.

- Global, consistent NLO analysis of ΔG needed.
- Independent measurement of L necessary (\implies DVCS, lattice QCD?).
- All candidates are contributing about equally to the nucleon spin?

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Properties of transversity

Properties of $\Delta_T q(x)$:

- is chiral-odd \implies hadron(s) in final state needed to be observed
- simple QCD evolution since no gluons involved
- related to GPD
- sum rule for transverse spin
- first moment gives “tensor charge” (now being studied on the lattice)

Transversity measured e.g. via the Collins asymmetry (asymmetry in the distribution of hadrons):

$$N_h^\pm(\phi_c) = N_h^0 [1 \pm p_T D_{NN} A_{Coll} \sin \phi_c]$$

which in turn gives at LO:

$$A_{Coll} \sim \frac{\sum_q e_q^2 \cdot \Delta_T q \cdot \Delta_T^0 D_q^h}{\sum_q e_q^2 \cdot q \cdot D_q^h}$$

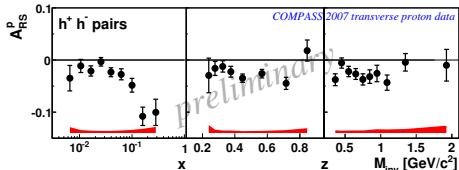
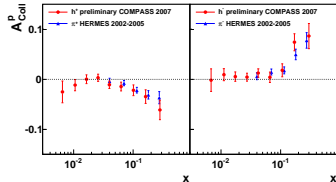
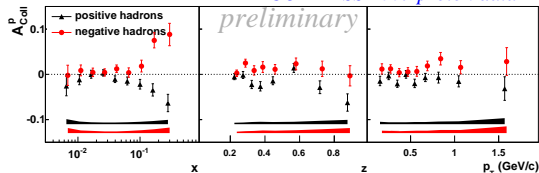
But **transverse fragmentation functions $\Delta_T^0 D_q^h$** needed to extract $\Delta_T q(x)$ from the Collins asymmetry! Recently those FF measured by BELLE.

Properties of the Sivers process: it is related to L_q in the proton. **Fundamental !**

Results for the transverse asymmetries

NEW data for the proton target; full 2007 statistics

COMPASS 2007 proton data



- Collins 1-h asymmetries for proton large at $x \gtrsim 0.1$, consistent with HERMES
- 2-h asymmetry for proton large in the valence region; HERMES sees less.
- Sivers 1-h asymmetries for proton compatible with 0, contrary to HERMES

• COMPASS deuteron data: both Collins and Sivers asymmetries very small.

These data + Hermes + Belle: $\Rightarrow \Delta_T u + \Delta_T d \sim 0$

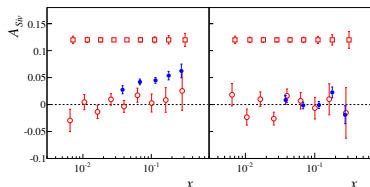
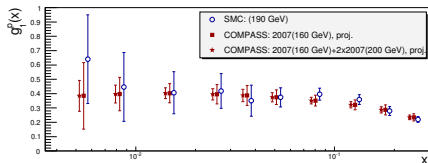
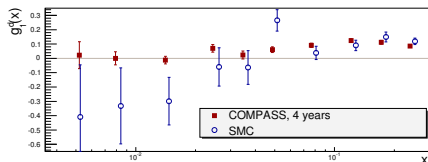
• First $\Delta_T q$ global analyses performed.

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Plans for the 2010–2011

Addendum 2 to the COMPASS proposal, (CERN-SPSC-2009-025), APPROVED, for 1+1 year μ run on protons, \perp and \parallel polarised.



COMPASS A_{Siv} data
(+ and – hadrons)
on protons

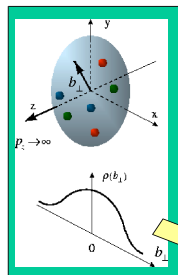
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(blue points - HERMES)

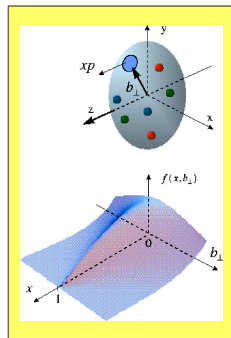
Plans for \gtrsim 2012: DVCS programme

3D picturing of the proton *via* GPD (DVCS measurements)

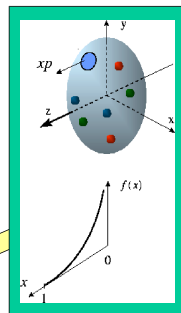
D. Mueller, X. Ji, A. Radyushkin, A. Belitsky, ...
M. Burkardt, ... Interpretation in impact parameter space



Proton form factors,
transverse charge &
current densities



Correlated quark momentum
and helicity distributions in
transverse space - **GPDs**



Structure functions,
quark **longitudinal**
momentum & helicity
distributions

Access GPD through the DVCS (DVMP) mechanism

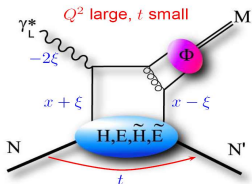


Figure from A. Sandacz, EINN, 2007

DIS at $\xi=t=0$
 $H^q(x,0,0) = q(x)$
 $\tilde{H}^q(x,0,0) = \Delta q(x)$

Form factors (sum rules)

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx \sum_q [H^q(x, \xi, t)] = F_1(t) \text{ Dirac f.f.}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx \sum_q [E^q(x, \xi, t)] = F_2(t) \text{ Pauli f.f.}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx \tilde{H}^q(x, \xi, t) = G_{A,q}(t), \quad \int_{-1}^1 dx \tilde{E}^q(x, \xi, t) = G_{P,q}(t)$$

$$H^q, E^q, \tilde{H}^q, \tilde{E}^q(x, \xi, t)$$

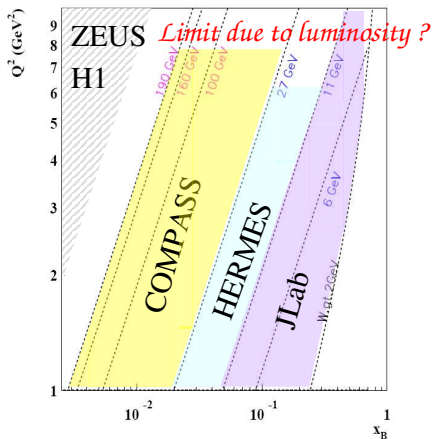
Angular Momentum Sum Rule

$$J^q = \frac{1}{2} - J^G = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x dx [H^q(x, \xi, 0) + E^q(x, \xi, 0)]$$

X. Ji, Phys.Rev.Lett.78,610(1997)

Slide from V.D. Volker, LANL 2007

Plans for \gtrsim 2012: DVCS programme



- μ^\pm beams available with opposite polarisations
- Energies: 100/190 GeV
- LH2 target, 2.5 m long
 $L = 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Lumi limits Q^2 to $\sim 8 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$
- ENC@FAIR, $E_e=3 \text{ GeV}$, $E_p=15 \text{ GeV}$ is equivalent to $E_\mu=100 \text{ GeV}$

Outline

- 1 Collaboration and programmes
- 2 History and plans
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- 6 Inclusive measurements
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- 9 Nucleon spin structure
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Outlook

COMPASS takes data since 2002 and is the only large fixed-target experiment @ CERN now. Energy larger than HERMES and physics processes different than that of RHICspin.

- Muon programme on proton and deuteron:

- results of spin dependent structure function $g_1(x, Q^2)$;
- polarisation distributions of valence and sea quarks, Δq , and of gluons, Δg ;
- measurements of transversity, $\Delta_T q$, and of the Sivers process;
- several other measurements: exclusive ρ production, Λ polarisation, azimuthal asymmetries;

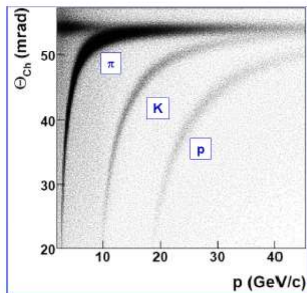
- Hadron programme: see 6 talks at this conference

- Future:

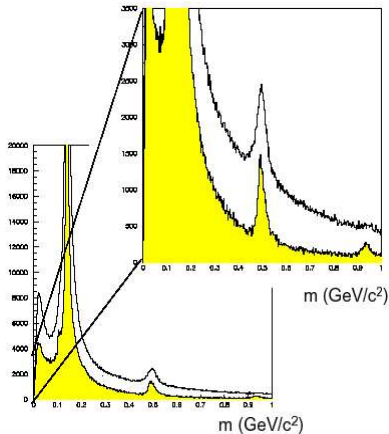
- Muon run on the \perp and \parallel polarised protons in 2010–2011;
- Letter-of-Intent for the DVCS and Drell-Yan running \gtrsim 2012 submitted; proposal in preparation.

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Before upgrade: white distribution
After upgrade: yellow distribution



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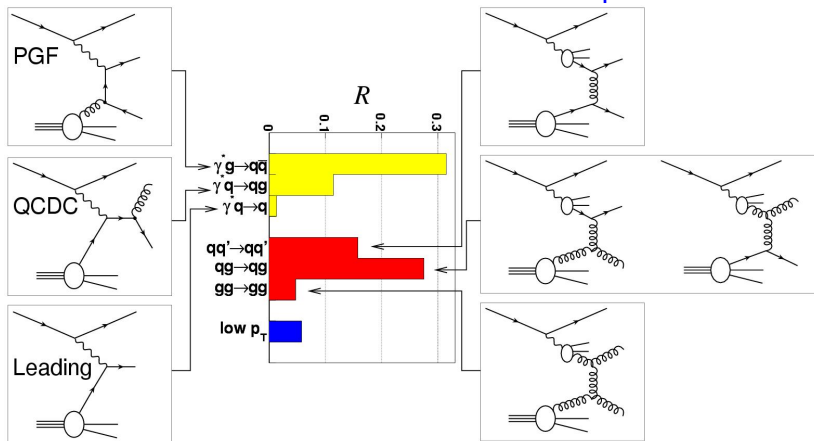
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Direct $\Delta G/G$ measurements; high p_T hadrons @ $Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$

E.S. Ageev (COMPASS) *et al.* Phys. Lett. B **633** (2006) 25

Resolved photons



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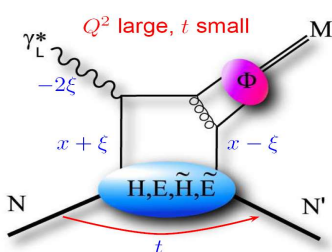


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- Four GDPs ($H, E, \tilde{H}, \tilde{E}$) for each flavour and for gluons
- Factorisation proven for σ_L only
- All depend on 3 variables: x, ξ, t ; DIS @ $\xi = t = 0$
- H, \tilde{H} conserve nucleon helicity
 E, \tilde{E} flip nucleon helicity
- H, E refer to unpolarised distributions

- H, E accessed in vector meson production *via* A_{UT} asymmetries
- \tilde{H}, \tilde{E} accessed in pseudoscalar meson production *via* A_{UT} asymmetries
- All 4 accessed in DVCS (γ production) in $A_C, A_{LU}, A_{UT}, A_{UL}$
- Integrals of $H, E, \tilde{H}, \tilde{E}$ over x give Dirac-, Pauli-, axial vector- and pseudoscalar vector form factors resp.

• **Important:** $J_z^g = \frac{1}{2} \int dx x [H^g(x, \xi, t = 0) + E^g(x, \xi, t = 0)] = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma + L_z^g$ (X. Ji)