

# *NLO QCD predictions for gluon polarization from the open-charm $D^0$ meson production at COMPASS*

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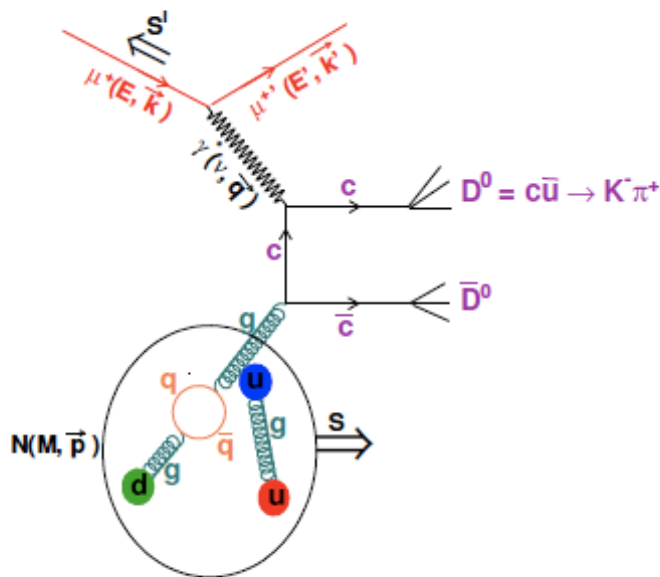
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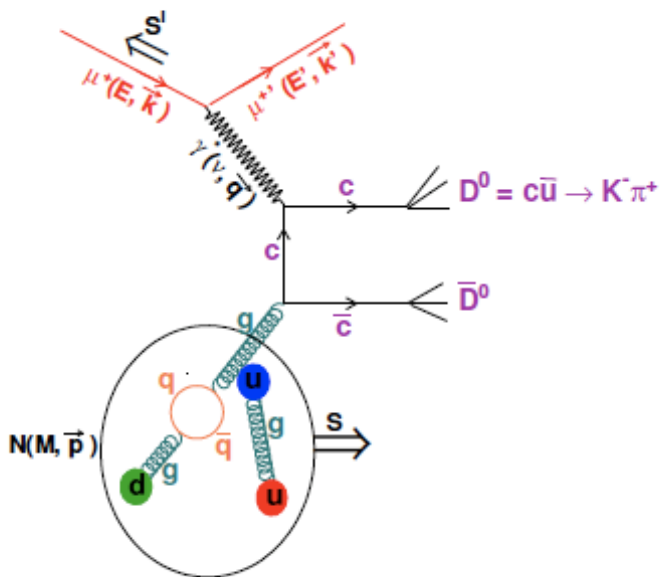
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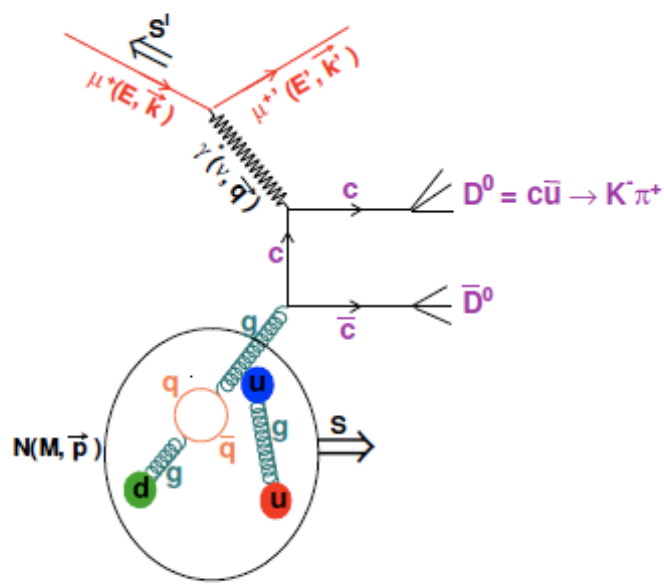
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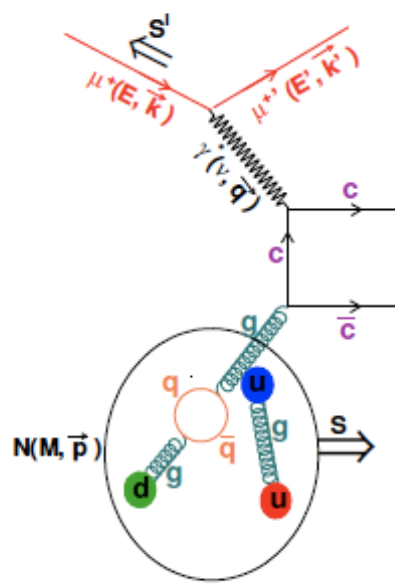
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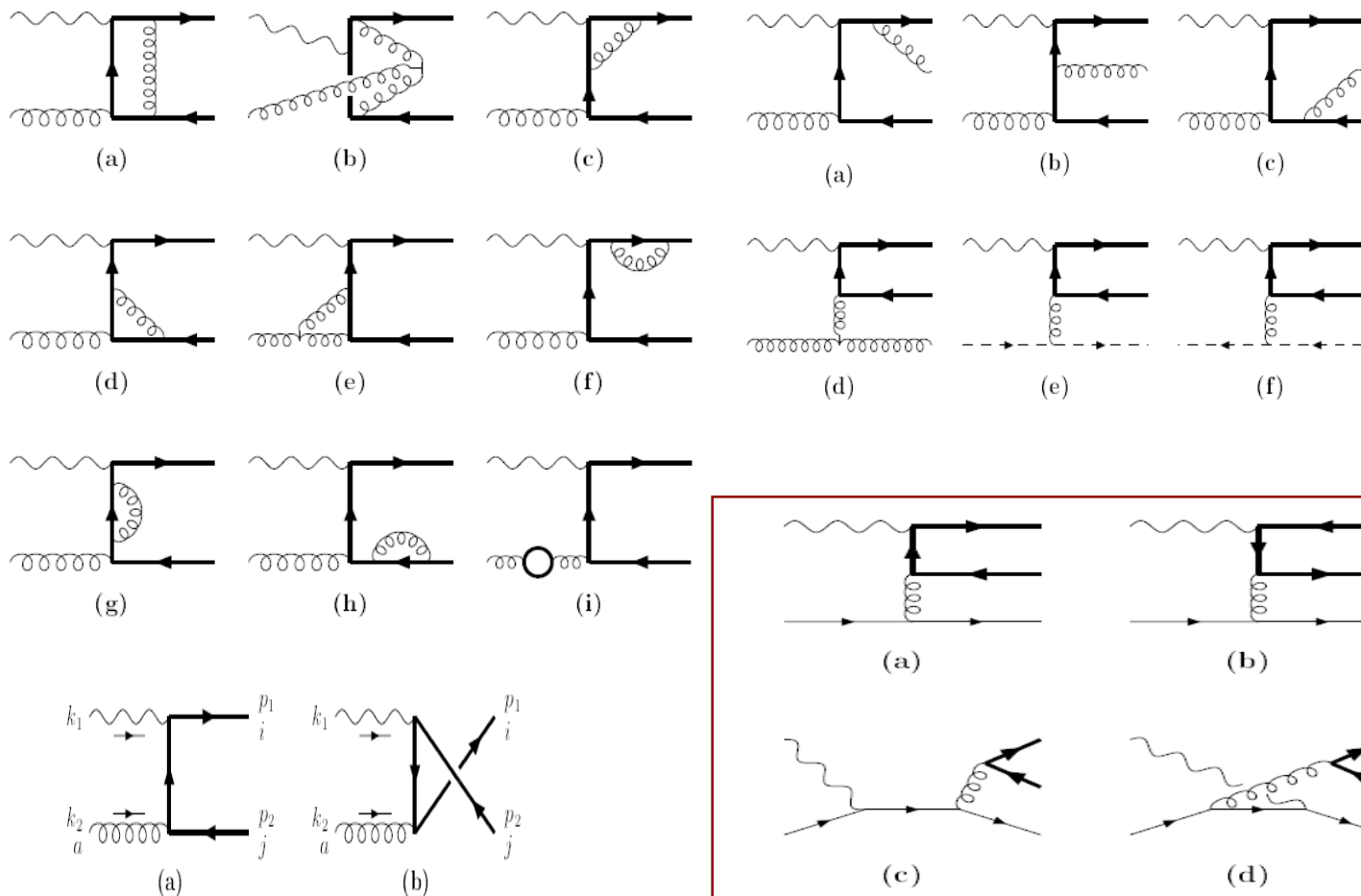
- 1. in LO QCD approach pure PGF events but
  - 1. Low statistics
  - 2. Huge combinatorial background to fight
- For details and method: Phys.Lett.B 676 (2009)31

Notice: here A is a signal asymmetry only;

$$A^{meas} = s/(s+b)A^D + b/(s+b)A^B$$

all parameterized (with neural network) using only observed quantities ( $x, y, Q^2, z_D, p_T^D$ ) and calculated from real data

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$$2 \rightarrow 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad g(k_1) + \gamma(k_2) \rightarrow c(p_1) + \bar{c}(p_2)$$

$$2 \rightarrow 3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad g(k_1) + \gamma(k_2) \rightarrow c(p_1) + \bar{c}(p_2) + g(k_3)$$

$$s_1 = (k_1 + k_2)^2 + Q^2 = 2k_1k_2$$

$$t_1 = (k_2 - p_2)^2 - m^2 = -2p_2k_2$$

$$u_1 = (k_1 - p_2)^2 - m^2 = -2p_2k_1$$

$$s_4 = (k_3 + p_1)^2 - m^2 = 2k_3p_1$$

$$x_g = \frac{s_1}{2Pq} = \frac{s_4 - t_1 - u_1}{2MEy}$$

*k<sub>1</sub> - photon*

*k<sub>2</sub> - gluon/quark*

*p<sub>1</sub>, p<sub>2</sub> - charm quarks*

$$2 \rightarrow 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad s_1 + t_1 + u_1 = 0$$

$$2 \rightarrow 3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad s_1 + t_1 + u_1 = s_4$$



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 J.Smith, W.L.Neerven, Nucl.Phys.B 374 (1992)36)  
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1. *NLO corrections available only for photo-production limit.  $Q^2 = 0$*
2. *No problem for COMPASS:  $D$  – depolarization factor*

$$a_{LL}^{LO} = D a_{LL}^{LO, \gamma g}$$

$$a_{LL}^{NLO} = D a_{LL}^{NLO, \gamma g}$$

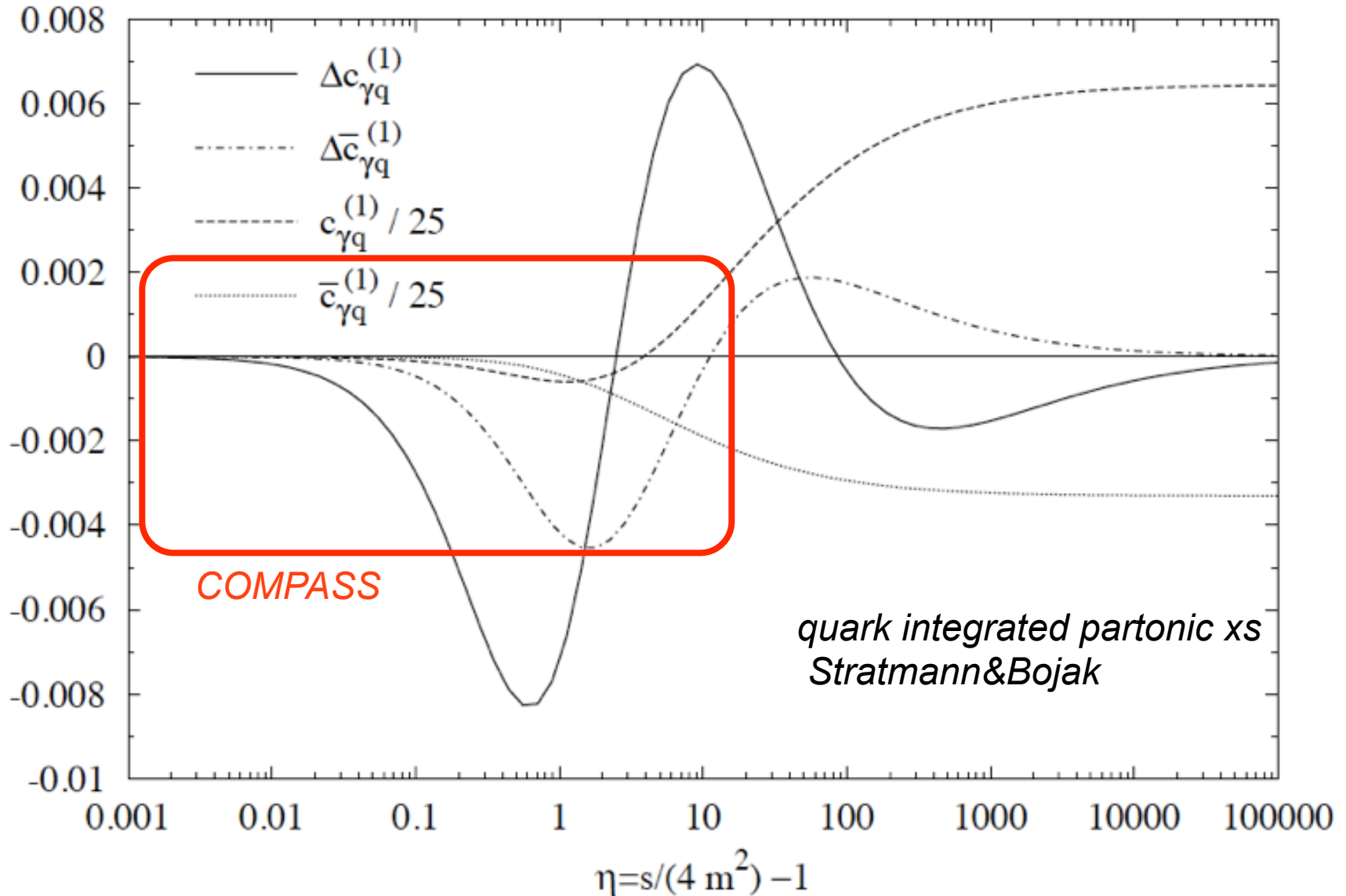
*$Q^2$  neglected in this parts -  
 very good approximation*

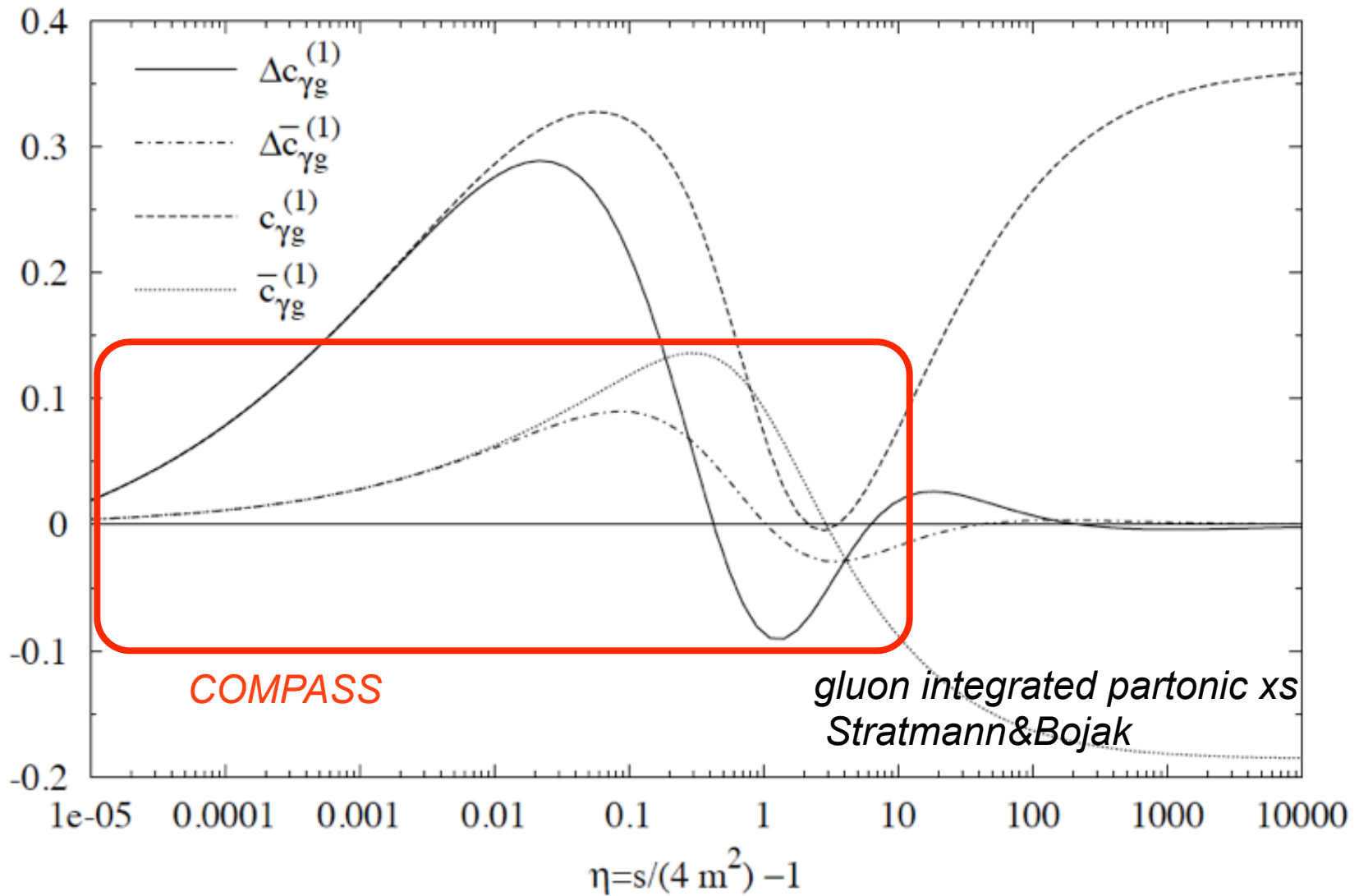
1. MC events used for establish parton kinematics event-by-event basis
2. PS-on allows to have “room” for integration over  $s_4$

*MC is used for simulating Phase Space for NLO/LO calculations*

3. Including light quark channel new background (hidden in signal events) is present. At the first look the situation is similar to high- $p_T$ : unwanted processes which should be subtracted. There is however a big difference: The quark channel cross section is a “reduced” cross section (NLO) and mostly negative in the COMPASS kinematical range

*Also gluon NLO xs can be negative - the physical meaning has total xs: LO+NLO*





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thanks to deuteron target

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$$A^{measured} = fP_T P_b \left( \frac{S}{S+B} A^{signal} + \frac{B}{S+B} A^B \right)$$

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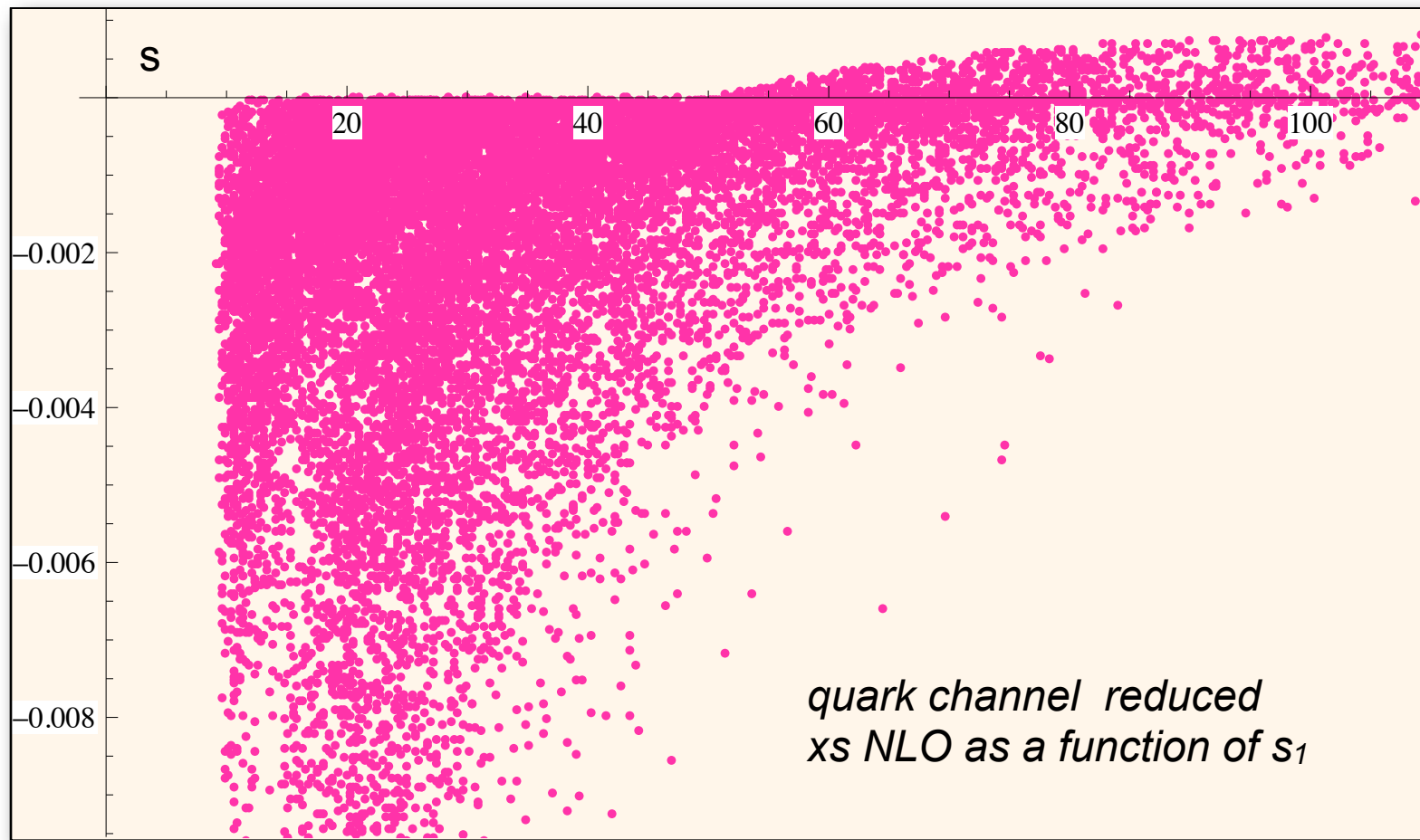
$$A^{signal} = \frac{\int \left( \frac{\Delta G}{G} + \frac{A_1^{d,c} \sum_q q \Delta \hat{\sigma}^{quark}}{G \Delta \hat{\sigma}^{Gluon}} \right) \left( \frac{G \Delta \hat{\sigma}^{Gluon}}{G \hat{\sigma}^{Gluon} + \sum_q q \hat{\sigma}^{quark}} \right) \left( G \hat{\sigma}^{Gluon} + \sum_q q \hat{\sigma}^{quark} \right) H}{\sigma^{signal}} =$$

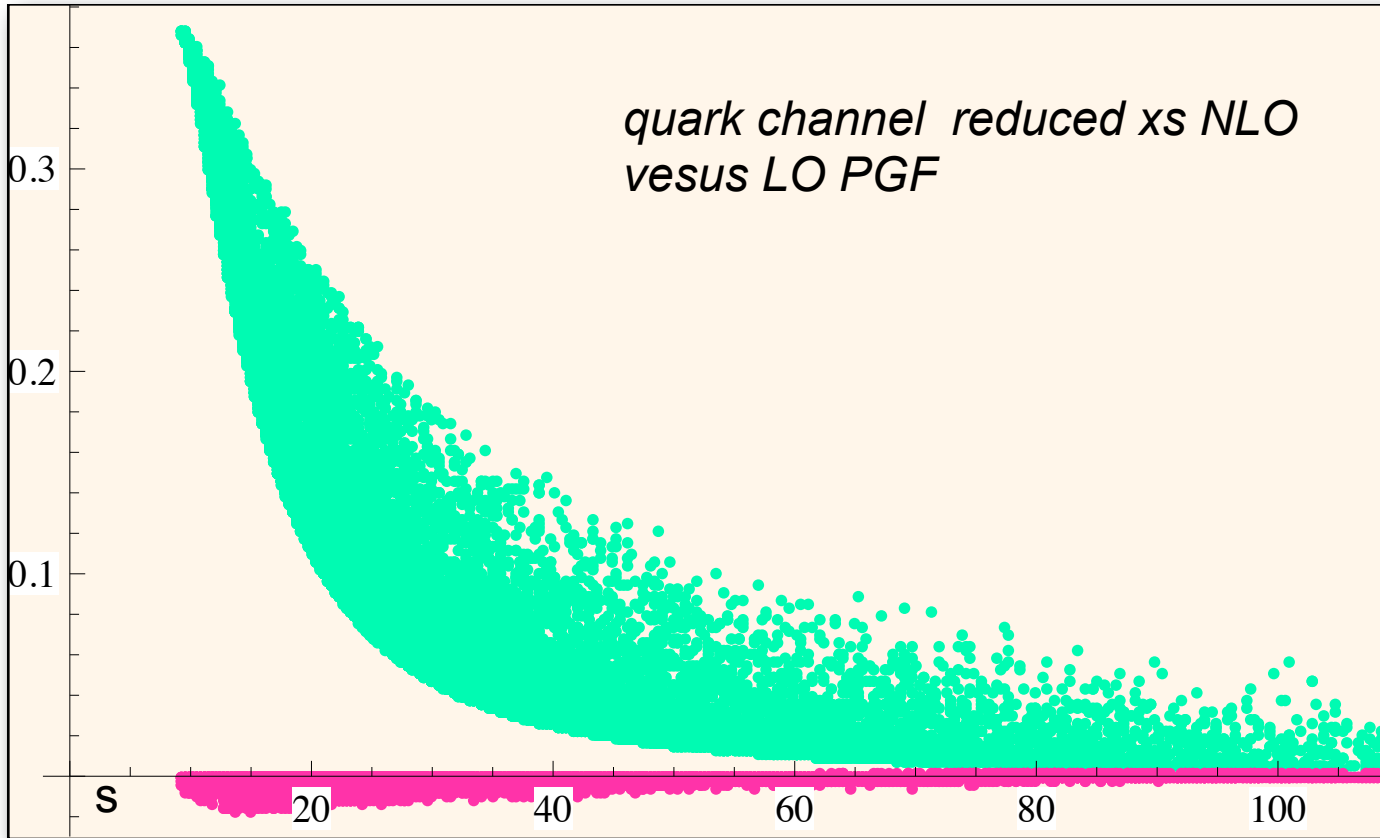
$$= \left\langle \left( \frac{\Delta G}{G} a_{LL} + A_1^{d,c} a_{LL}^q \right) \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{\Delta G}{G} \right\rangle_{a_{LL}} \langle a_{LL} \rangle + \left\langle A_1^{d,c} a_{LL}^q \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{\Delta G}{G} + A_1^{d,c} \frac{a_{LL}^q}{a_{LL}} \right\rangle_{a_{LL}} \langle a_{LL} \rangle$$

$$a_{LL} = \frac{G \Delta \hat{\sigma}^{Gluon}}{G \hat{\sigma}^{Gluon} + \sum_q q \hat{\sigma}^{quark}} \quad a_{LL}^q = \frac{\sum_q q \Delta \hat{\sigma}^{quark}}{G \hat{\sigma}^{Gluon} + \sum_q q \hat{\sigma}^{quark}}$$

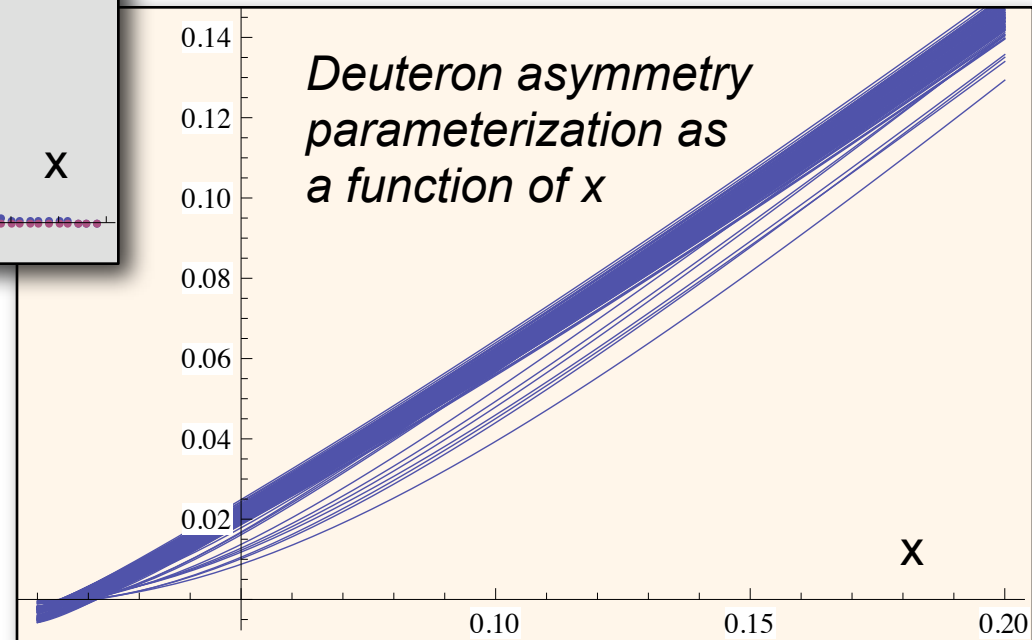
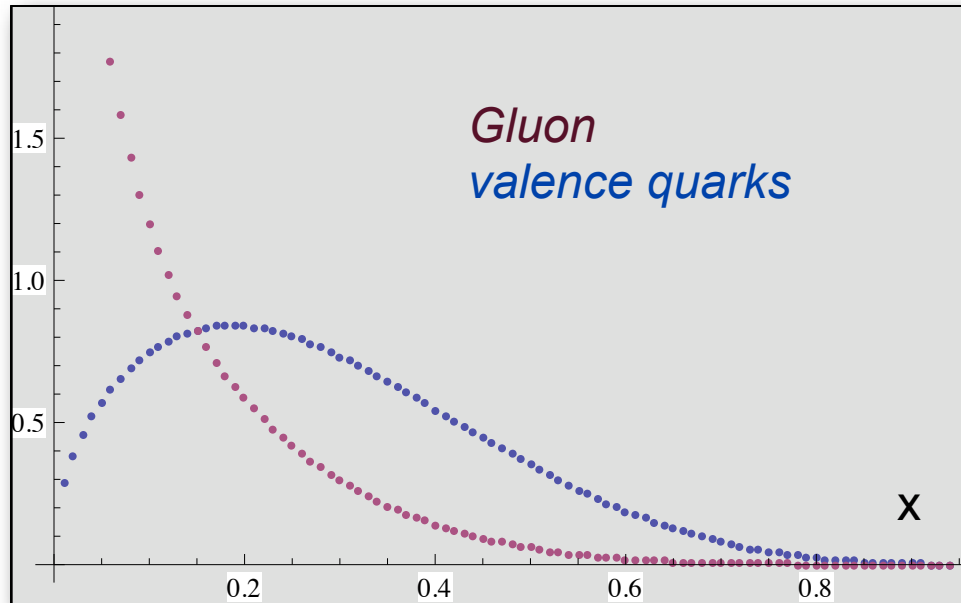


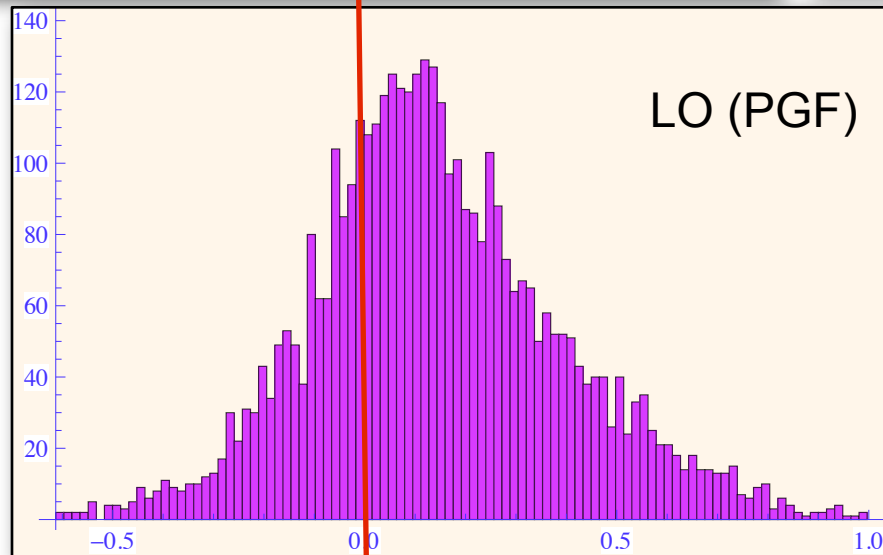
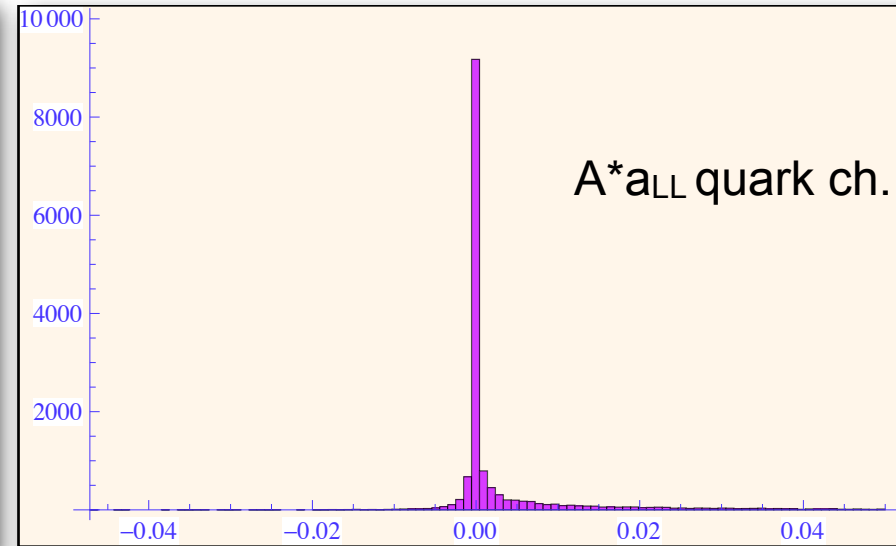
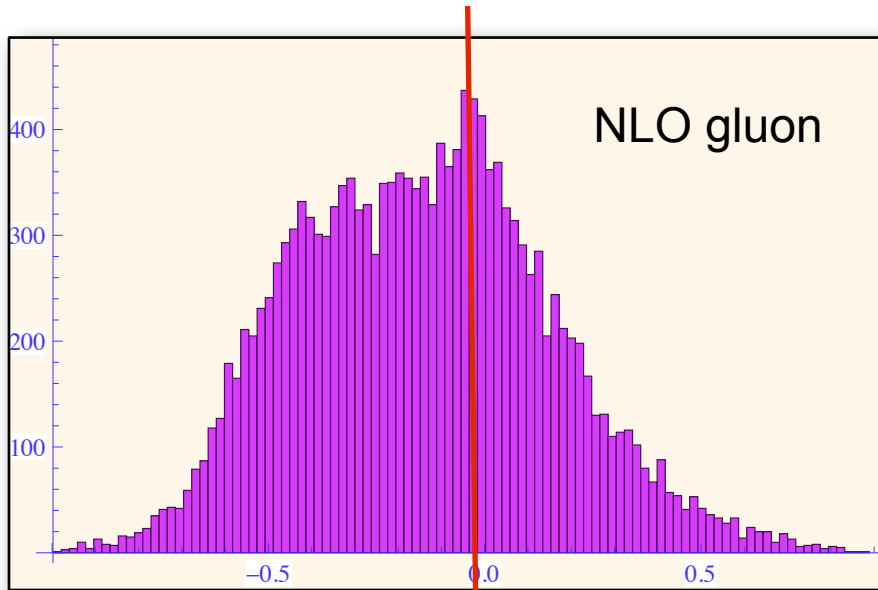






The correction for gluon polarization -  $a_{LL}$  for quark is convoluted with unpolarized quark pdf and deuteron asymmetry





- Model independent asymmetries were extracted from data only

$$A_{\text{exp}} = P_B P_T f \left[ R_{PGF} DA^{\gamma N \rightarrow DX} + (1 - R_{PGF}) A_{bkg} \right]$$

- $\frac{\Delta g}{g}$  can be extracted using  $a_{LL}^{PGF}$  calculated at LO :

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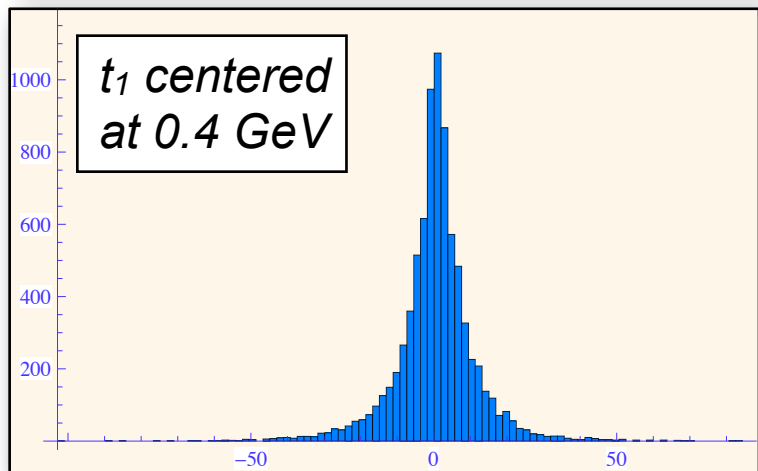
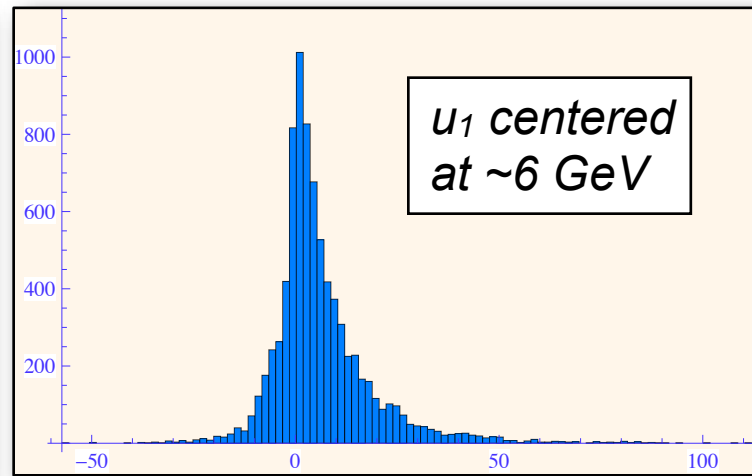
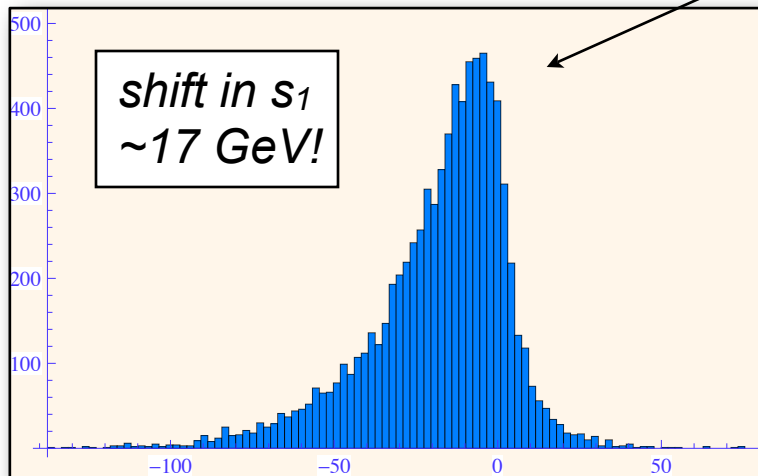
- Similar analysis, but with weight  $w = f P_B \frac{S}{S+B} a_{LL}$

instead of  $w = f P_B \frac{S}{S+B} D$





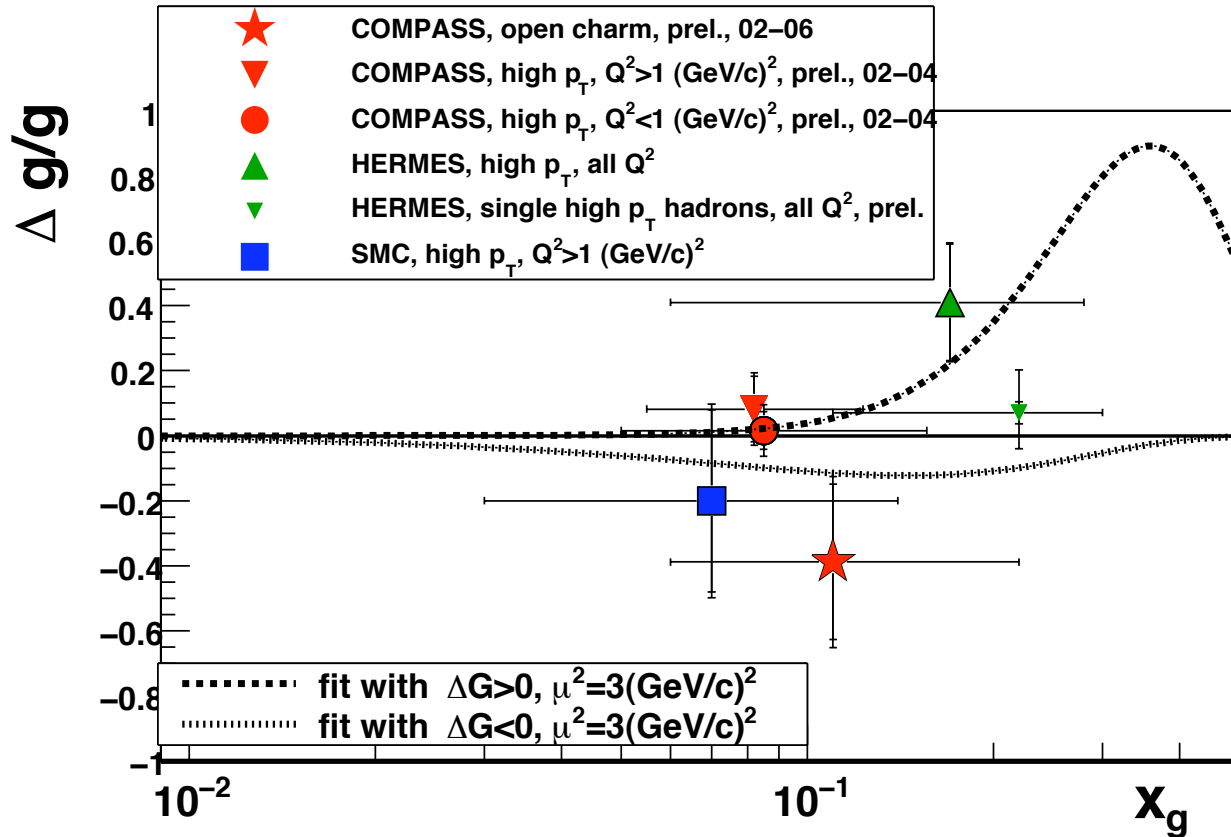
NLO effect slightly overestimated

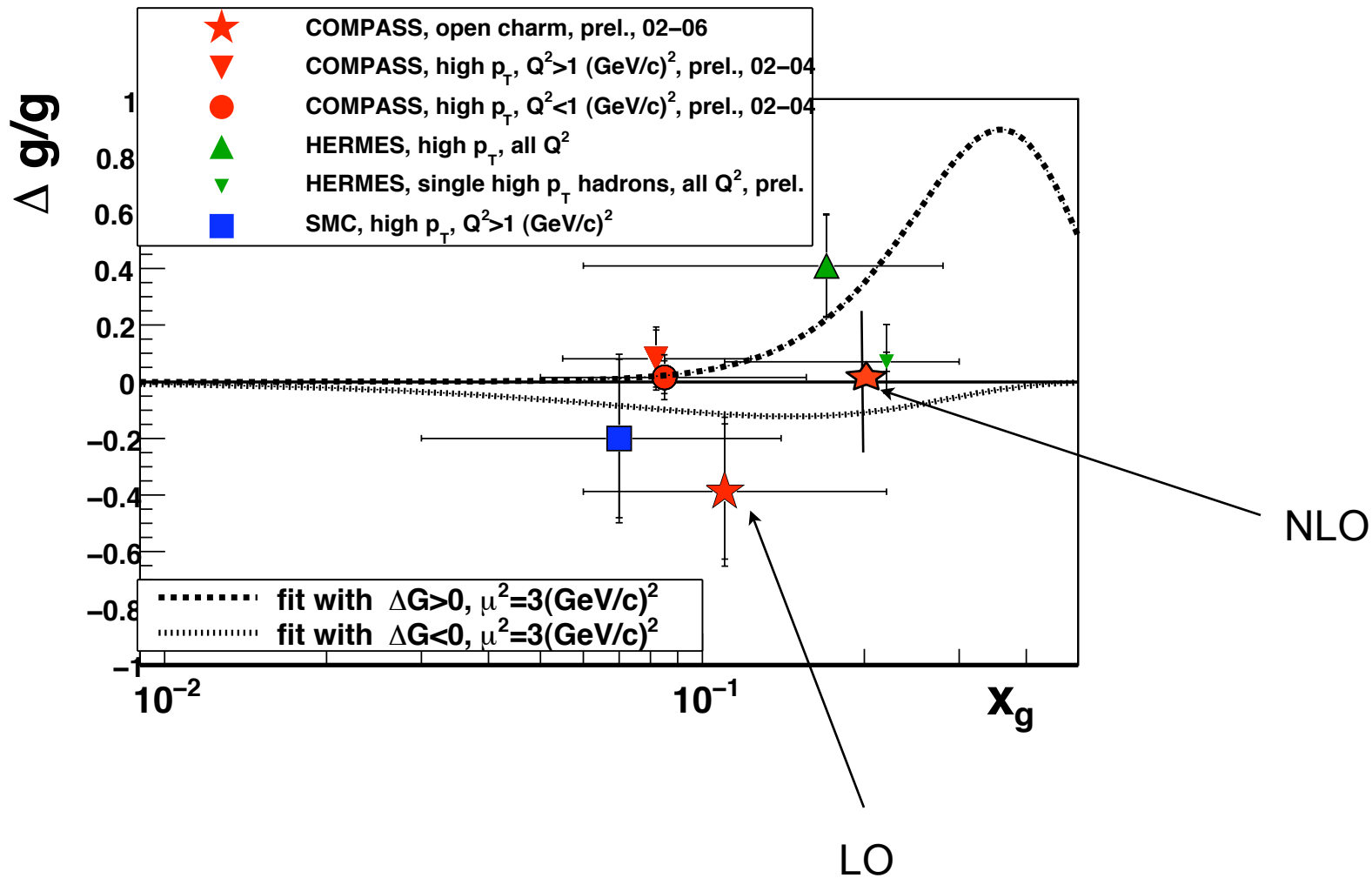


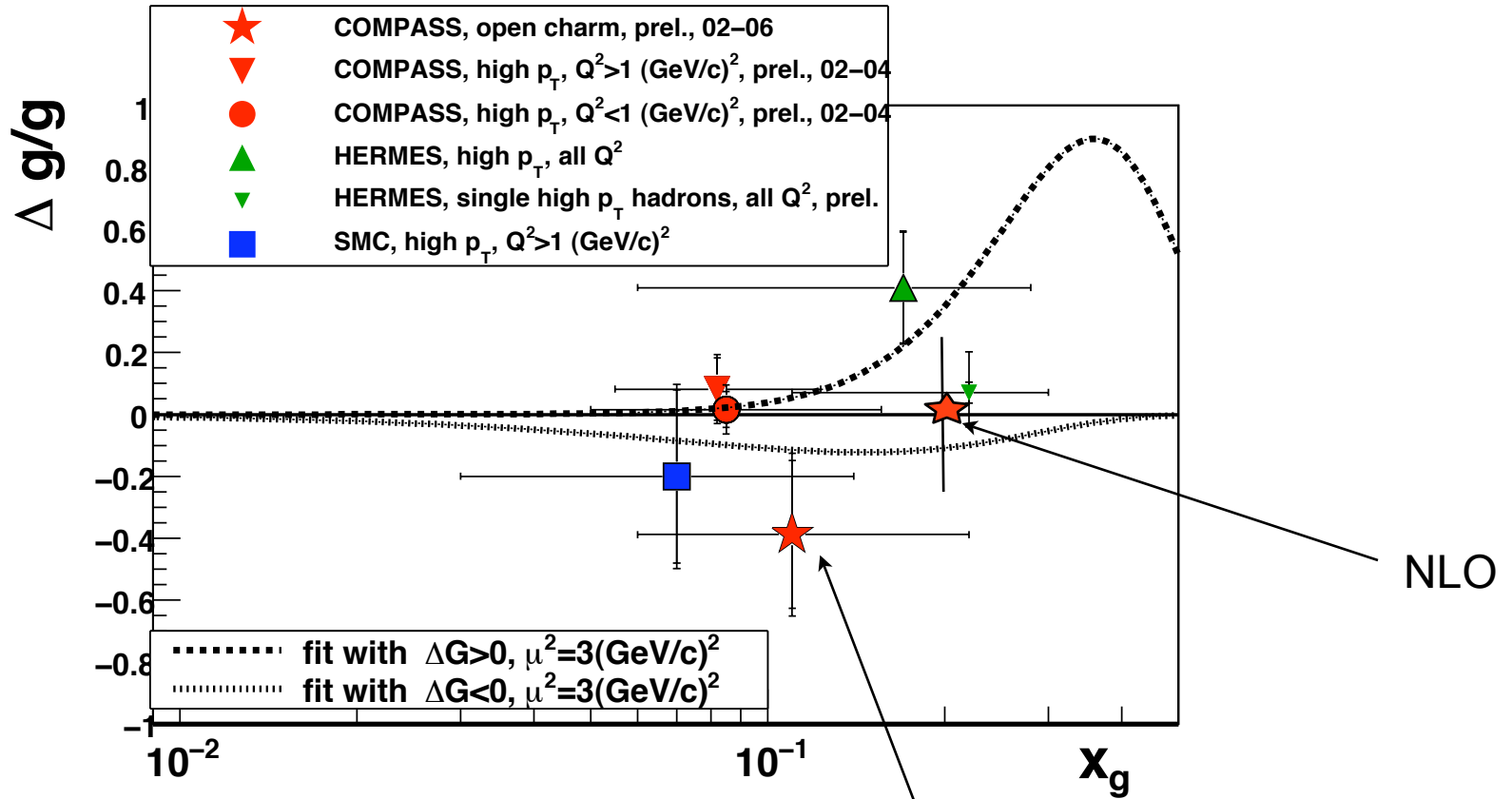
*It is better to use  $t_1$  and  $u_1$  instead of  $s_1$  and  $t_1$  but it costs: polarized gluons model needed to perform integration over  $s_4$  to test the effect 3 models have been used (see previous slide)*

*events from MC with PS-on and PS-off "paired" to have a pair of events with the same observed quantities ( $x, y, Q^2, z_D, p_T^D$ ). Differences in  $s, t, u$  are shown*







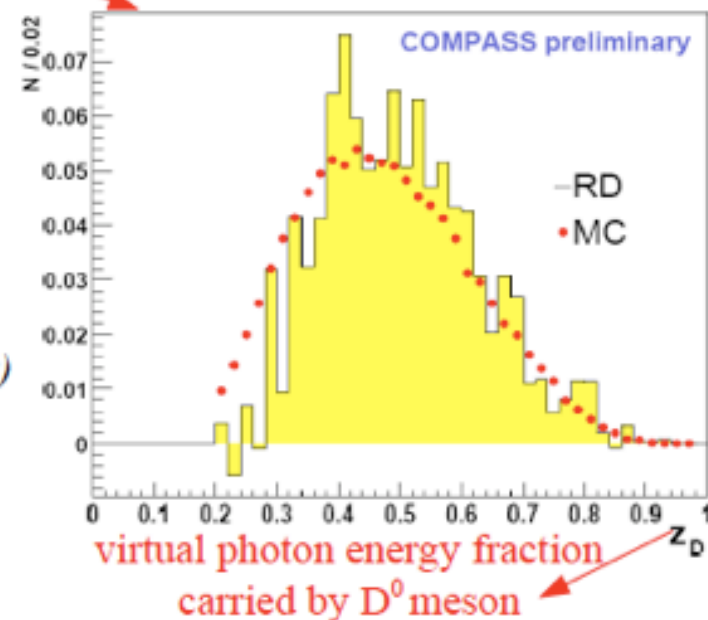
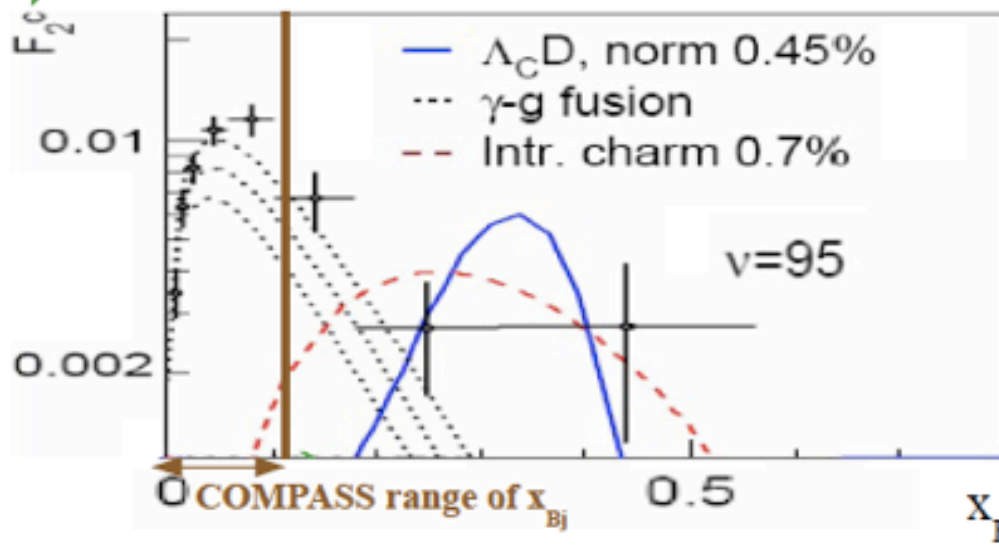


*NLO corrections - significant also on asymmetries.  
 Should be considered as a upper limit of the effect.  
 Final COMPASS LO result - closer to zero (see Celso Franco talk)  
 - new asymmetries soon - NLO analysis ongoing*

# Spares

# Why measure gluon spin from Open-Charm?

- $c\bar{c}$  production is dominated by the PGF process, and free from physical background (ideal for probing gluon polarisation)
  - In our center of mass energy, the contribution from intrinsic charm ( $c$  quarks not coming from hard gluons) in the nucleon is negligible
  - Perturbative scale set by charm mass  $4m_c^2$
  - Nonperturbative sea models predict at most 0.7% for intrinsic charm contribution
    - Expected at high  $x_{Bj}$  (compass  $x_{Bj} < 0.1$ )
  - $c\bar{c}$  suppressed during fragmentation (at our energies)



Ref. Hep-ph/0508126 and hep-ph/9508403  
 Phys. Lett. B93 (1980) 451  
 Data from EMC: Nucl. Phys. B213, 31 (1983)

# Intrinsic charm predictions: CTEQ6.5c

- In the COMPASS kinematic domain:
  - No intrinsic charm contamination is predicted by the theory driven results
  - Only the more phenomenological “See-like” scenario should be taken into account (*under study*)

