Exclusive π^0 muoproduction measurements at COMPASS

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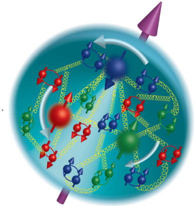
Generalised Parton Distributions

- Proton spin sum rule: $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L_q + L_g$

Jaffe&Manohar Nucl. Phys. B337 (1990)



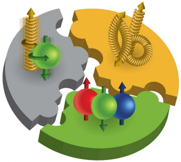
COMPASS experiment in μp DIS: $\Delta\Sigma = 0.32 \pm 0.03$

COMPASS Collaboration: Phys. Lett. B 693 (2010)

COMPASS, RHIC results: $\Delta G = 0.2^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$

de Florian et al.Phys.Rev.Lett. 113 (2014) no.1, 012001

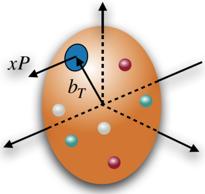
Missing component: $L_{q,g} = ?$ → GPDs provides access



- Generalised Parton Distributions (GPD) give access to the 3D structure of a hadron
- GPDs encode the correlation between the longitudinal momentum of a parton and its position in the transverse plane

$$q^f(x, b_\perp) \xrightarrow{\int dx} \textbf{Form factors}$$

$$q^f(x, b_\perp) \xrightarrow{\int db_\perp} \textbf{PDFs}$$



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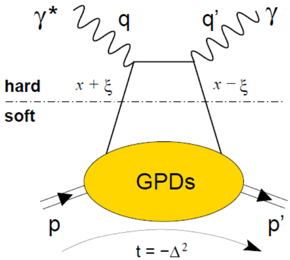

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q ... γ^* four-momentum
x ... average longitudinal momentum fraction of initial and final parton (NOT accessible)
ξ ... difference of longitudinal-momentum fraction between initial and final parton $\approx x_B/(2 - x_B)$
t ... four-momentum transfer

- 4 chiral-even GPDs (parton helicity conserved)
- 4 chiral-odd (or transversity) GPDs (parton helicity flipped)

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U	H		$\bar{E}_T$
L		$\tilde{H}$	$\tilde{E}_T$
T	E	$\tilde{E}$	H_T, $\tilde{H}_T$

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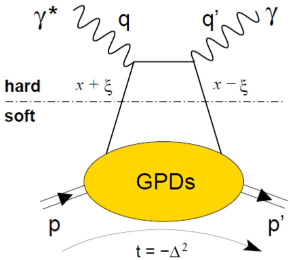

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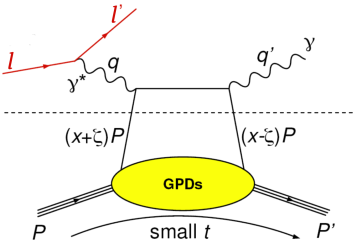
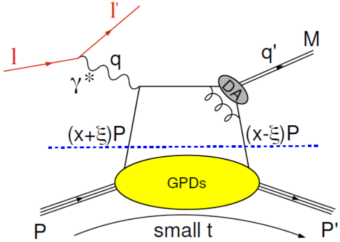
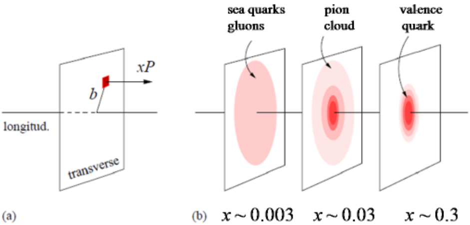




- Most commonly used processes for GPDs parametrisation are Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS) and Hard Exclusive Meson Production (HEMP)
- DVCS on an unpolarised proton target gives access to GPD $H \rightarrow$ 3D imaging of a hadron

$$H^q(x, \xi = 0, t) = \rho^q(x, b_\perp) \quad \text{(Burkardt 2000, 2003)}$$



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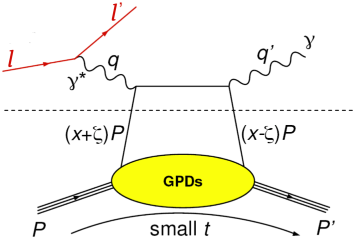

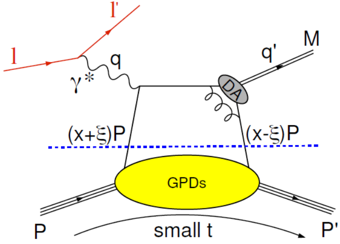

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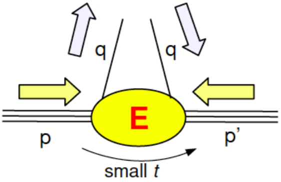
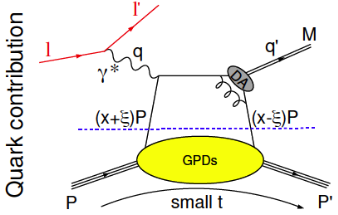
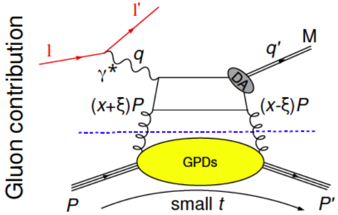
- DVCS off neutrons, or DVCS or HEMP on transverse polarised proton target gives access to GPD E → helps constraining the total angular momentum of partons

$$J^f = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \to 0} \int_{-1}^{1} \mathrm{d}x \, x [H^f(x, \xi, t) + E^f(x, \xi, t)]$$

Phys. Rev. Lett. 78 (1997)







Hard Exclusive Meson Production:

- Flavour separation for specific GPDs due to different partonic content of mesons
- Gluon and quark contributions at the same order in α_s for vector mesons
- DVCS sensitive to H^f, E^f, $\tilde{H}^f$, and $\tilde{E}^f$
- At the leading twist:
  - Vector meson production sensitive to H^f, and E^f
  - Pseudoscalar mesons production is described by GPDs $\tilde{H}^f$, and $\tilde{E}^f$
- Both vector meson and pseudoscalar mesons (as the π_0 presented in this talk) are also sensitive to $\bar{E}_T^f = 2\tilde{H}_T^f + E_T^f$, and H_T^f

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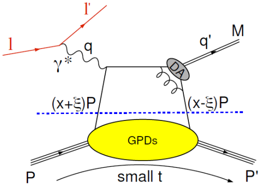

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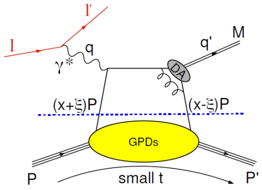

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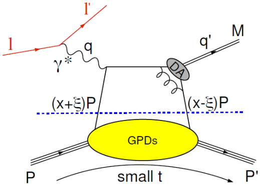

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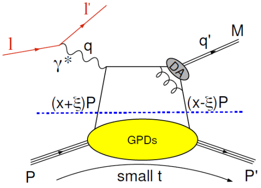

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HEMP cross section

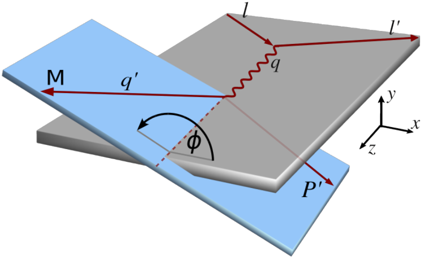
HEMP cross-section, reduced to γ^*p, for the unpolarised target and polarised lepton beam (relevant for COMPASS 2012, 2016/2017 measurements):

$$\frac{d^2\sigma^{\leftrightarrows}_{\gamma^* p}}{dt d\phi} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\Big[\frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} + \epsilon\frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} + \epsilon\cos(2\phi)\frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} + \sqrt{\epsilon(1+\epsilon)}\cos\phi\frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{dt}$$

$$\mp |P_l|\sqrt{\epsilon(1-\epsilon)}\sin\phi\frac{d\sigma'_{LT}}{dt}\Big]$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{1 - y - \frac{y^2\gamma^2}{4}}{1 - y + \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{y^2\gamma^2}{4}}$$

Factorization proven for σ_L, not for σ_T which is expected to be suppressed by a factor $1/Q^2$
BUT large contributions are observed at JLab



HEMP cross section

Spin independent HEMP cross-section after averaging the two spin-dependent cross-sections:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2\sigma_{\gamma^* p}}{\mathrm{d}t\mathrm{d}\phi} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}^2\sigma^{\leftarrow}_{\gamma^* p}}{\mathrm{d}t\mathrm{d}\phi} + \frac{\mathrm{d}^2\sigma^{\rightarrow}_{\gamma^* p}}{\mathrm{d}t\mathrm{d}\phi}\right) =$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi}\left[\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_T}{\mathrm{d}t} + \epsilon\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_L}{\mathrm{d}t} + \epsilon\cos(2\phi)\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{TT}}{\mathrm{d}t} + \sqrt{\epsilon(1+\epsilon)}\cos\phi\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{LT}}{\mathrm{d}t}\right.$$

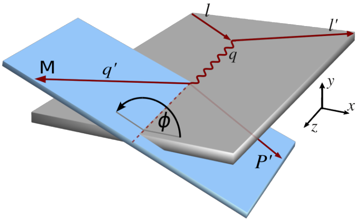
$$\left.\mp |P_l|\sqrt{\epsilon(1-\epsilon)}\sin\phi\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma'_{LT}}{\mathrm{d}t}\right]$$

⇒ study ϕ dependence

After integration in ϕ:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_T}{\mathrm{d}t} + \epsilon\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_L}{\mathrm{d}t}$$

⇒ study t dependence



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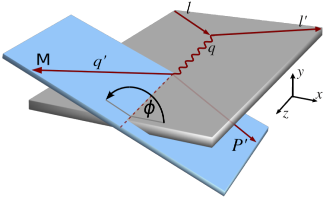
GPDs in exclusive π^0 production

$$\frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} \propto \Big[(1-\xi^2)\,|\langle\tilde{\mathcal{H}}\rangle|^2 - 2\xi^2\,\mathrm{Re}\,(\langle\tilde{\mathcal{H}}\rangle^*\langle\tilde{\mathcal{E}}\rangle) - \frac{t'}{4M^2}\xi^2|\langle\tilde{\mathcal{E}}\rangle|^2\Big]$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} \propto \Big[(1-\xi^2)\,|\langle\mathcal{H}_T\rangle|^2 - \frac{t'}{8M^2}|\langle\bar{\mathcal{E}}_T\rangle|^2\Big]$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} \propto t'|\langle\bar{\mathcal{E}}_T\rangle|^2$$

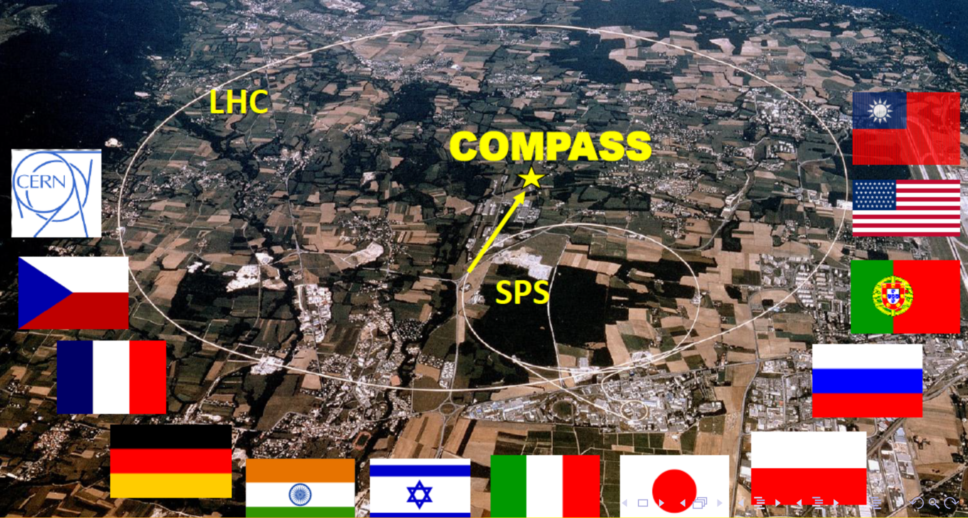
$$\frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{dt} \propto \xi\sqrt{1-\xi^2}\sqrt{-t'}\,\mathrm{Re}\,(\langle\mathcal{H}_T\rangle^*\langle\tilde{\mathcal{E}}\rangle)$$



Impact of $\bar{E}_T$ should be visible in $\frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt}$, and also a dip at small t of $\frac{d\sigma_T}{dt}$

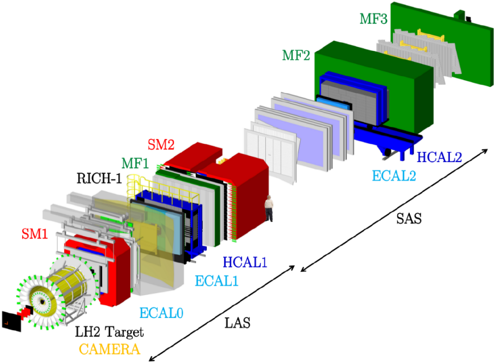
$t' = t - t_{min}$, t_{min} is the minimum value of $|t|$

COMPASS: Versatile facility to study QCD with hadron ($\pi^{\pm}$, $K^{\pm}$, p ...) and lepton (polarized $\mu^{\pm}$) beams of ~200 GeV for hadron spectroscopy and hadron structure studies using SIDIS, DY, DVCS, DVMP...



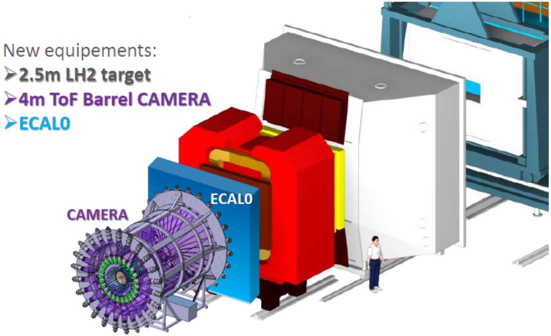
COMPASS GPD program

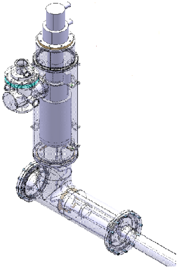
- Two stage magnetic spectrometer with large angular and momentum acceptance
- Versatile usage: hadron and muon beams
- Particle identification:
  - Ring Imaging Cherenkov (RICH) detector
  - Electromagnetic calorimeters (ECAL0, ECAL1, ECAL2)
  - Hadronic calorimeters (HCAL1, HCAL2)
  - 2 muon walls
- GPD program: 2012 pilot run, 2016/17 main measurement

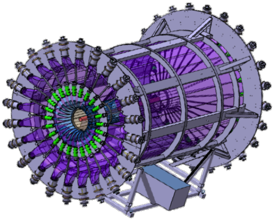


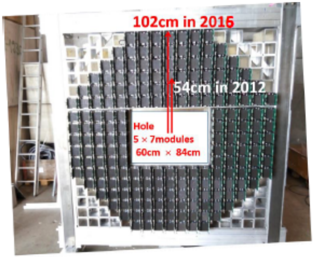
COMPASS GPD program

- Target ToF system:
  - 24 inner and outer scintillators
  - 1 GHz readout
  - 310 ps ToF resolution
- ECAL0 calorimeter:
  - shaslyk modules
  - 2×2 m, 2200 channels









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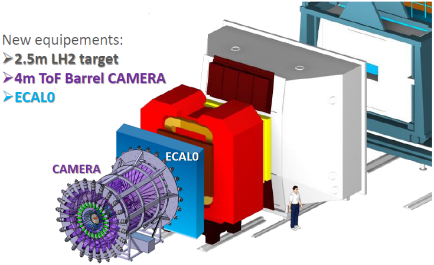

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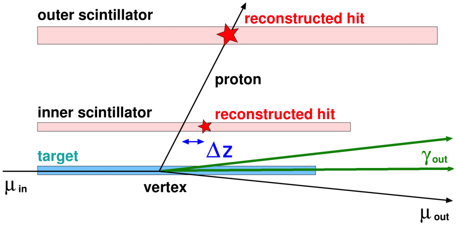

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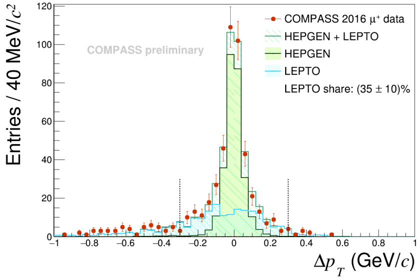

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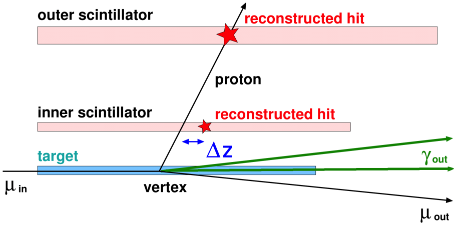

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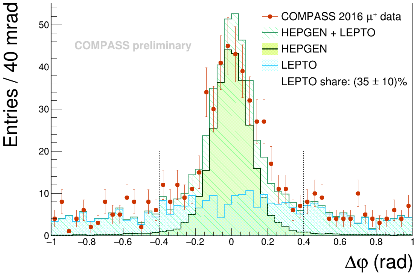

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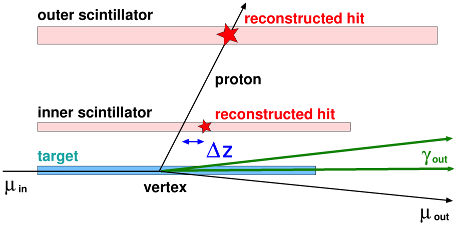

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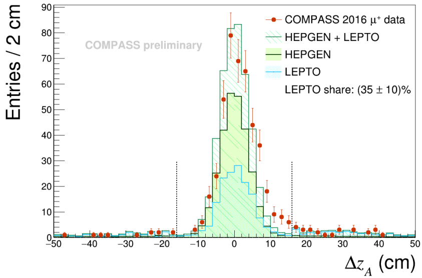

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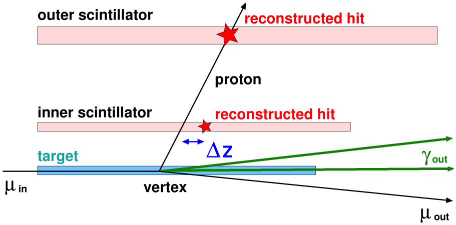

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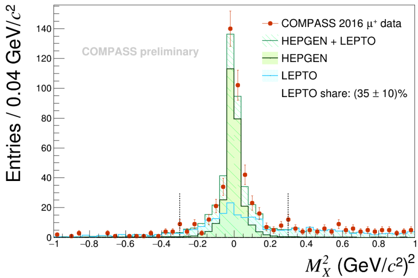

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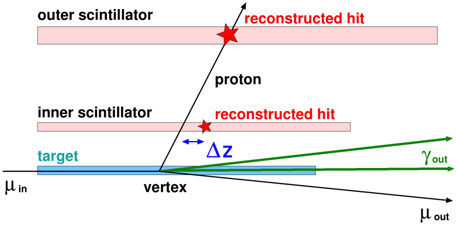

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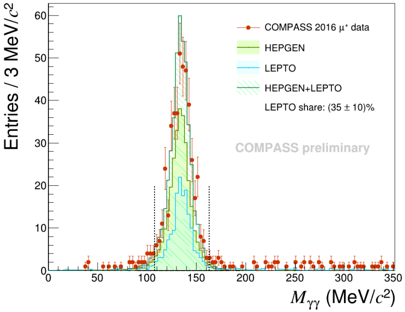

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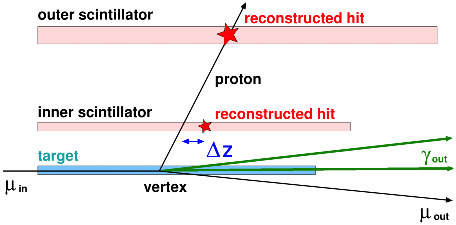

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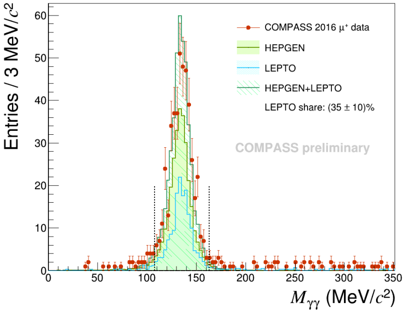
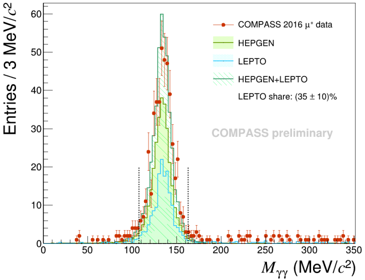


Exclusive π^0 production: SIDIS background estimation

- Main background of π^0 production $\Rightarrow$ non-exclusive DIS processes
- 2 Monte Carlo simulations with the same π^0 selection criteria:
  - LEPTO for the non-exclusive background
  - HEPGEN++ shape of distributions of exclusive π^0 production (signal contribution)
- Search for best description of data fitting by mixture of both MC
- Both MC samples normalised to the experimental $M_{\gamma\gamma}$ distribution
- The ratio of background events r_{LEPTO} is determined by a fit on the exclusivity distributions



- Resulting fraction of non-exclusive background in data $\Rightarrow$ $(35 \pm 10)\,\%$
- Background fit method is currently the main source of systematic uncertainty

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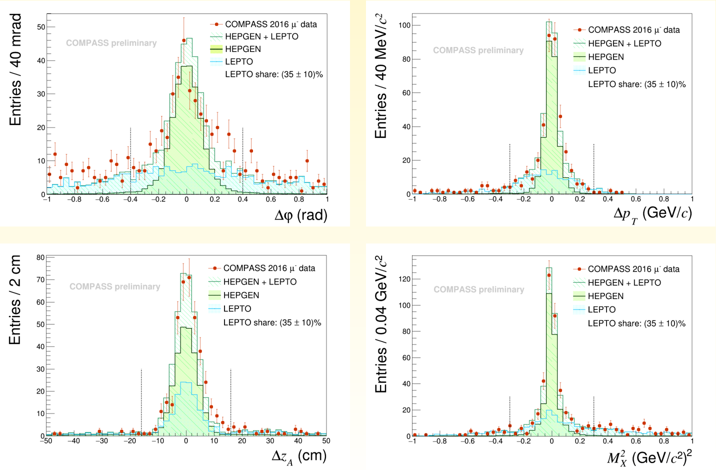
Exclusive variables



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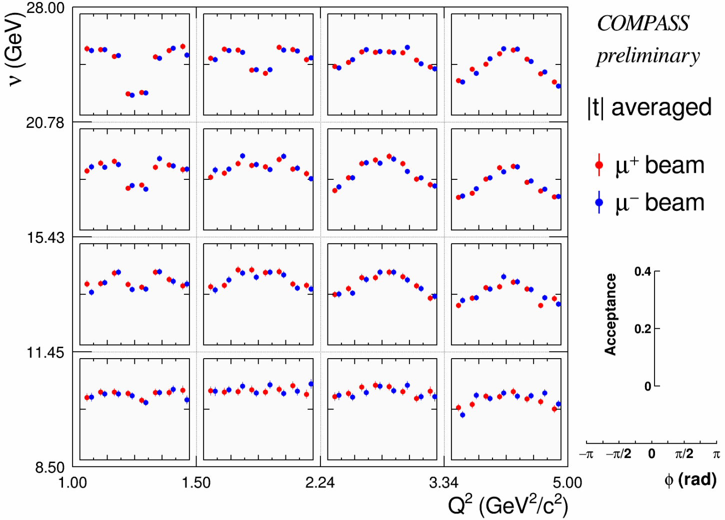

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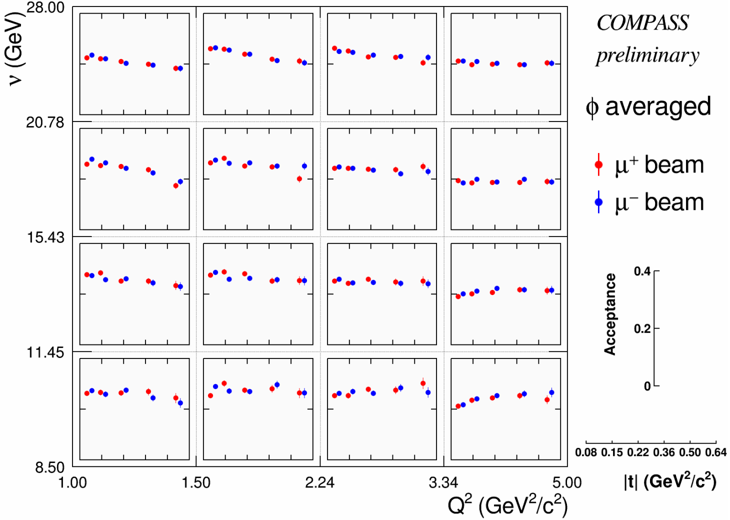

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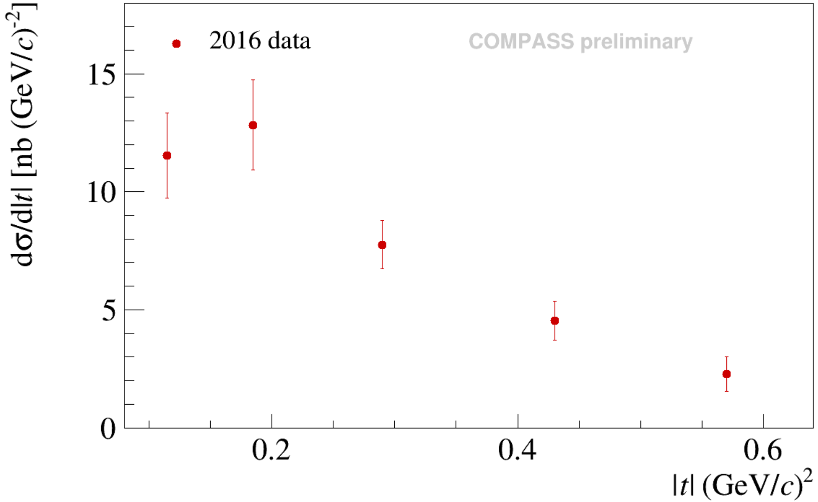

Systematic error is of the order of the statistical one

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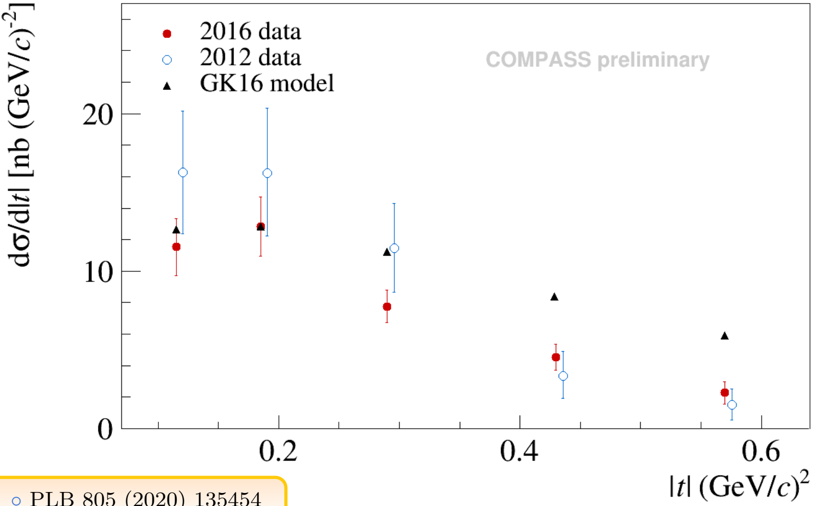
Goloskokov&Kroll model EPJ A47 (2011) 112



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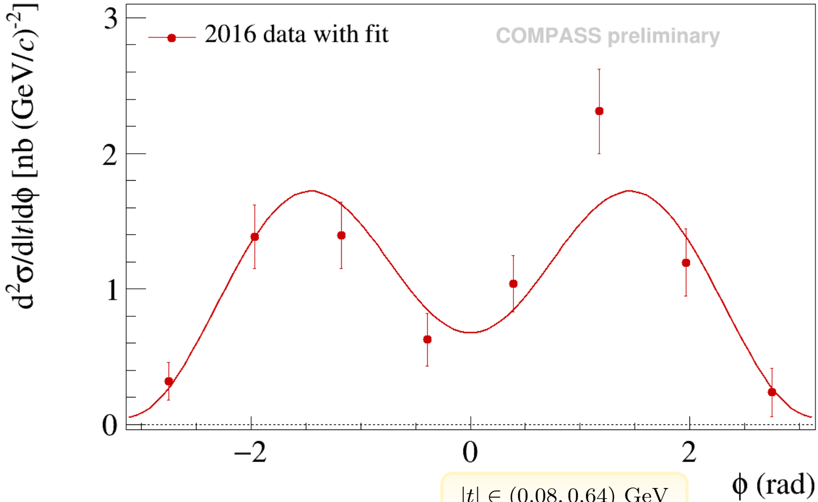

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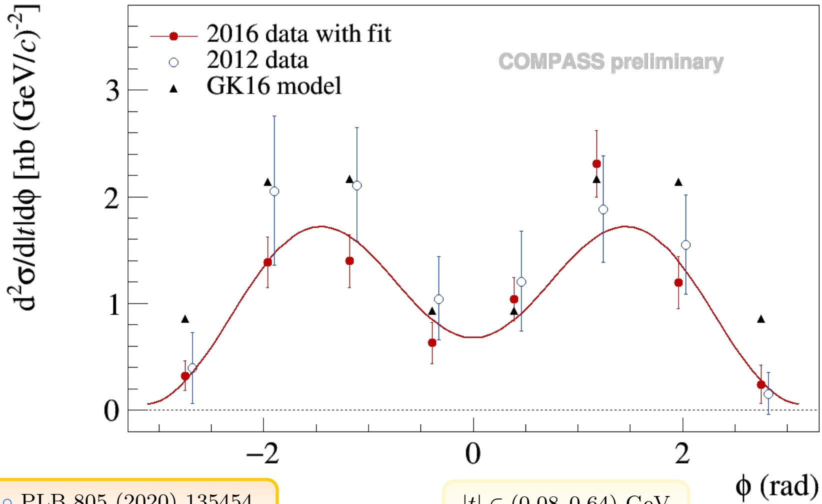

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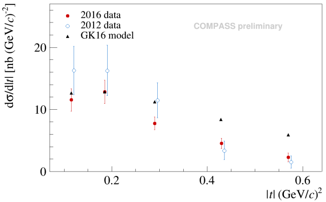
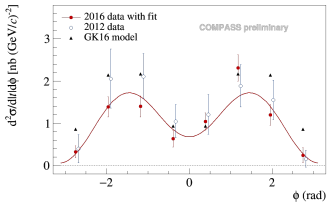
Summary

$|t|$-dependence and ϕ-dependence of exclusive π^0 cross-section on unpolarised proton target:

- New, preliminary results of 2016 COMPASS measurement at low ξ (or $\langle x_B \rangle = 0.096$), input for constraining phenomenological models (e.g. Goloskokov&Kroll, Goldstein&Luiti, etc.)





- Statistics of 2016 shown here is about 2.3× larger than of published results from 2012 pilot run (PLB 805 (2020) 135454)
- The whole collected 2016/2017 statistics ∼9 × larger then 2012 → plan to process all available data
- Heading towards publication of 2016/2017 results soon

Thank you for your attention!

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Kinematic fit

- Measurement of exclusive processes at COMPASS is overconstrained → can be used to improve precision of kinematic quantities using kinematically constrained fit
- Kinematic fit improves the resolution of the signal and lowers the background
- It works in a principle of minimisation of least square function $\chi^2(\vec{k}) = (\vec{k}_{fit} - \vec{k})^T \hat{C}^{-1} (\vec{k}_{fit} - \vec{k})$, where $\vec{k}$ is a vector of measured quantities and $\hat{C}$ is their covariance matrix
- Method used for the minimisation is Lagrange multipliers with constraints g_i:

$$L(\vec{k}, \vec{\alpha}) = \chi^2(\vec{k}) + 2\sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i g_i$$

- Constraints include momentum and energy conservation, common vertex for all tracks (except proton), constraints for final proton, and mass constraint

Past and future GPD measurements