

# SIDIS off unpolarized protons at COMPASS

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Semi-Inclusive Deep Inelastic Scattering (SIDIS) is a powerful tool to access the rich and complex structure of the nucleon.

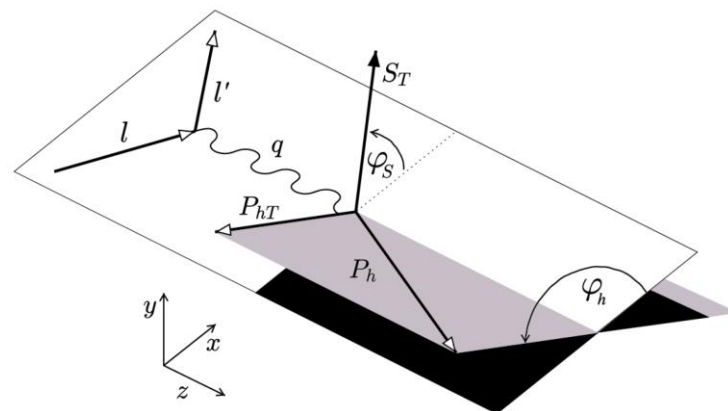
Depending on the nucleon polarization, several (TMD)-PDFs can be accessed

In this talk: focus on the SIDIS off unpolarized nucleons

Quark \ Nucleon	<b>U</b> unpolarized	<b>L</b> longitudinally polarized	<b>T</b> transversely polarized
<b>U</b> unpolarized	$f_1^q(x, k_T^2)$ number density		$h_1^{\perp q}(x, k_T^2)$ Boer-Mulders
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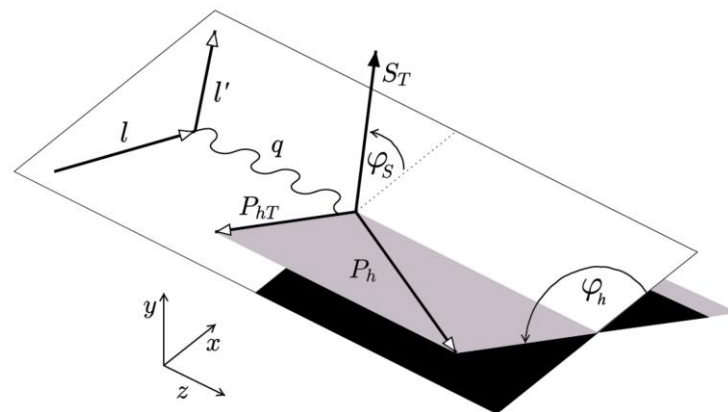
Bacchetta et al., *JHEP* 02 (2007) 093

$$\cdot \left( F_{UU,T} + \varepsilon F_{UU,L} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} F_{UU}^{\cos\varphi_h} \cos\varphi_h + \varepsilon F_{UU}^{\cos 2\varphi_h} \cos 2\varphi_h + \lambda_l \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)} F_{LU}^{\sin\varphi_h} \sin\varphi_h \right)$$

- $x$  is the Bjorken variable
- $Q^2$  the photon virtuality
- $\gamma = \frac{2Mx}{Q}$  (small in COMPASS kinematics)
- $y = 1 - \frac{E_{\ell'}}{E_{\ell}}$  the inelasticity with  $E_{\ell'(\ell)}$  the energy of the incoming (scattered) lepton in the target rest frame
- $\varepsilon(y) = \frac{1-y-\frac{1}{4}\gamma^2 y^2}{1-y+\frac{1}{2}y^2+\frac{1}{4}\gamma^2 y^2}$
- $\lambda_l$  is the beam polarization.
- $z$  is the fraction of photon energy carried by the hadron
- $\varphi_h$  its azimuthal angle in the Gamma Nucleon System
- $P_T$  its transverse momentum w.r.t. the photon

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The structure functions  $F_{XY[Z]}^{[f(\varphi_h)]}$  can be written at high  $Q^2$  in terms of

- TMD Parton Distributions Functions (PDFs)
- TMD Fragmentation Functions (FFs).

# Unpolarized structure functions



Unpolarized SIDIS → access to the **number density TMD** and to the **Boer-Mulders TMD**  $h_1^\perp$

Quark \ Nucleon	U unpolarized	L longitudinally polarized	T transversely polarized
U unpolarized	$f_1^q(x, k_T^2)$ number density		$h_1^{\perp q}(x, k_T^2)$ Boer-Mulders

**Boer-Mulders function**  $h_1^\perp$  couples to the **Collins FF**  $H_1^\perp$ : fragmentation of a transversely polarized quarks into hadron

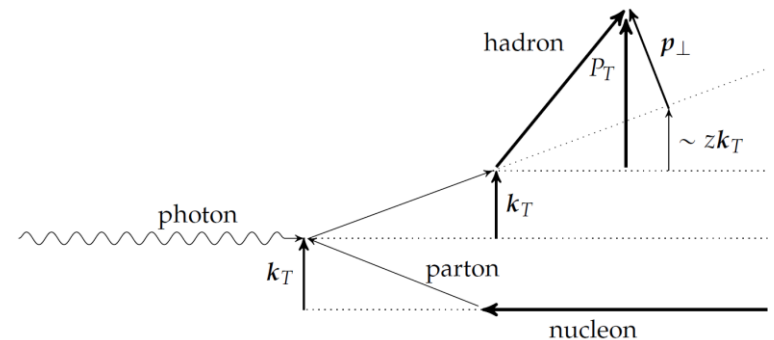
The correlation between  $\mathbf{k}_T$  and  $\mathbf{s}_T$  generates a neat quark transverse polarization

Up to order  $1/Q$  (i.e. at twist-3) in Wandzura-Wilczek approximation \*:

$$F_{UU,T} = C[f_1 D_1]$$

$$F_{UU}^{\cos \varphi_h} = \frac{2M}{Q} C \left[ \underbrace{-\frac{(\hat{n} \cdot \vec{k}_T)}{M} f_1 D_1}_{\text{Cahn effect}} - \underbrace{\frac{(\hat{n} \cdot \vec{p}_\perp) k_T^2}{zM^2 M_h} h_1^\perp H_1^\perp + \dots}_{\text{Boer-Mulders term}} \right]$$

$$F_{UU}^{\cos 2\varphi_h} = C \left[ \underbrace{-\frac{2(\hat{n} \cdot \vec{k}_T)(\hat{n} \cdot \vec{p}_\perp) - \vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{p}_\perp}{zM M_h} h_1^\perp H_1^\perp}_{\text{Boer-Mulders term}} \right]$$



where  $C[wfD]$  is the convolution over the unobservable transverse momenta:

$$C[wfD] = x \sum_a e_a^2 \int d^2 \vec{k}_T \int d^2 \vec{p}_\perp \delta^2(\vec{P}_T - \vec{k}_T - \vec{p}_\perp) w(\vec{k}_T, \vec{p}_\perp) f^a(x, \vec{k}_T) D^a(z, \vec{p}_\perp)$$

$$\hat{n} = \vec{P}_T / |\vec{P}_T|$$

\* possible further contributions at high  $z$  from the *Berger-Brodsky* mechanism  
Brandenburg et al., *Phys.Lett.B* 347 (1995) 413-418

**Gaussian Ansatz → the TMD PDFs and FFs factorize as:**

$$f_1^q(x, k_T^2) = f_1^q(x) \frac{e^{-\frac{k_T^2}{\langle k_{T,q}^2 \rangle}}}{\pi \langle k_{T,q}^2 \rangle} \quad D_1^{h/q}(z, p_\perp^2) = D_1^{h/q}(z) \frac{e^{-\frac{p_\perp^2}{\langle p_{\perp,h/q}^2 \rangle}}}{\pi \langle p_{\perp,h/q}^2 \rangle}$$

from which, assuming flavour independence, it follows that e.g.

$$F_{UU,T} = x \sum_q e_q^2 f_1^q(x) D_1^{h/q}(z) \frac{e^{-\frac{P_T^2}{\langle P_T^2 \rangle}}}{\pi \langle P_T^2 \rangle}$$

→  $P_T^2$  distributions

$$F_{UU|Cahn}^{\cos \varphi_h} = -\frac{2zP_T \langle k_T^2 \rangle}{Q \langle P_T^2 \rangle} F_{UU,T}$$

$$F_{UU|BM}^{\cos \varphi_h} = -\frac{2P_T \langle k_T^2 \rangle \langle p_\perp^2 \rangle}{zQMM_h \langle P_T^2 \rangle^3} (\langle p_\perp^2 \rangle \langle P_T^2 \rangle + z^2 \langle k_T^2 \rangle (P_T^2 - \langle P_T^2 \rangle)) \frac{\sum_q x h_1^{\perp q}(x) H_1^\perp(z)}{\sum_q x f_1^q(x) D_1(z)} F_{UU,T}$$

→ Azimuthal asymmetries

$$F_{UU|BM}^{\cos 2\varphi_h} = \frac{P_T^2 \langle k_T^2 \rangle \langle p_\perp^2 \rangle}{MM_h \langle P_T^2 \rangle^2} \frac{\sum_q x h_1^{\perp q}(x) H_1^\perp(z)}{\sum_q x f_1^q(x) D_1(z)} F_{UU,T}$$

**Both sets of observables measured in COMPASS with an unpolarized proton target after well known measurements on deuteron**

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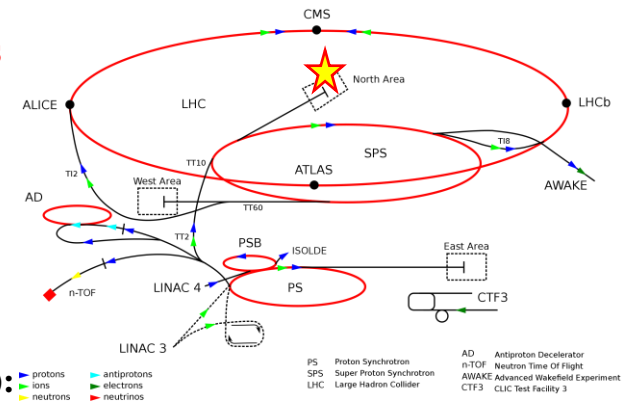


# The COMPASS experiment



## COMPASS contribution to the understanding of the nucleon structure

- spin asymmetries with transverse and longitudinal spin polarization  
**important results on the extraction of transversity and Sivers functions**
- SIDIS with unpolarized target  
**azimuthal asymmetries and  $P_T^2$ -distributions on deuteron**



## COMPASS (COmmon MUon Proton Apparatus for Structure and Spectroscopy):

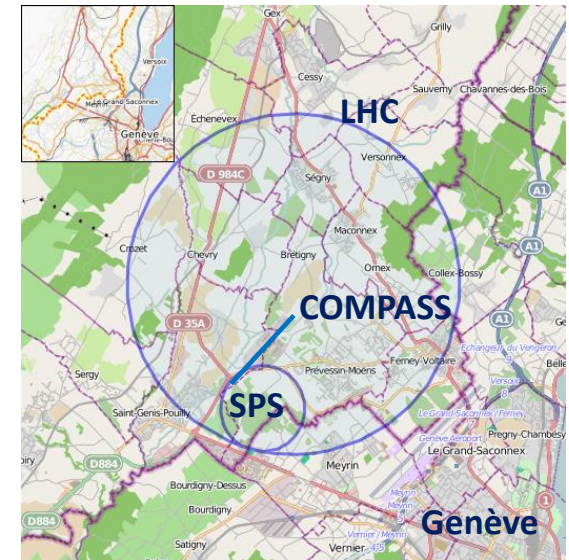
- 24 institutions from 13 countries (about 220 physicists)
- a fixed target experiment
- located in the CERN North Area, along the SPS M2 beamline

### Broad research program:

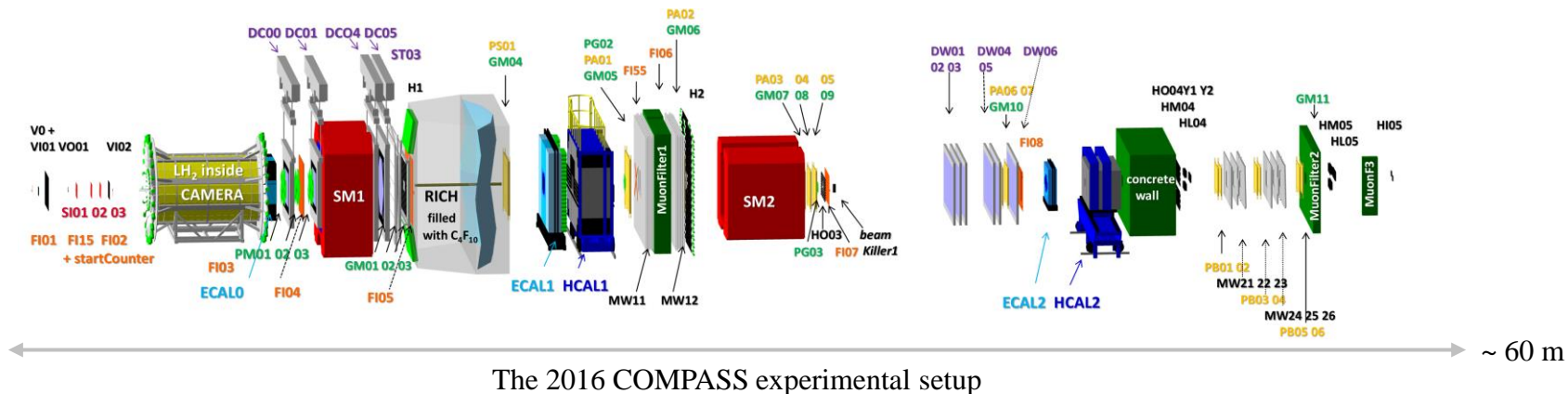
- SIDIS with  $\mu$  beam, with (un)polarized deuteron or proton target.
- Hadron spectroscopy with hadron beams and nuclear targets
- Drell-Yan measurement with  $\pi^-$  beam with polarized target
- Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS)
- ...

### A multipurpose apparatus:

- Two-stage spectrometer, about 330 detector planes
- $\mu$  identification, RICH, calorimetry



The COMPASS location at CERN



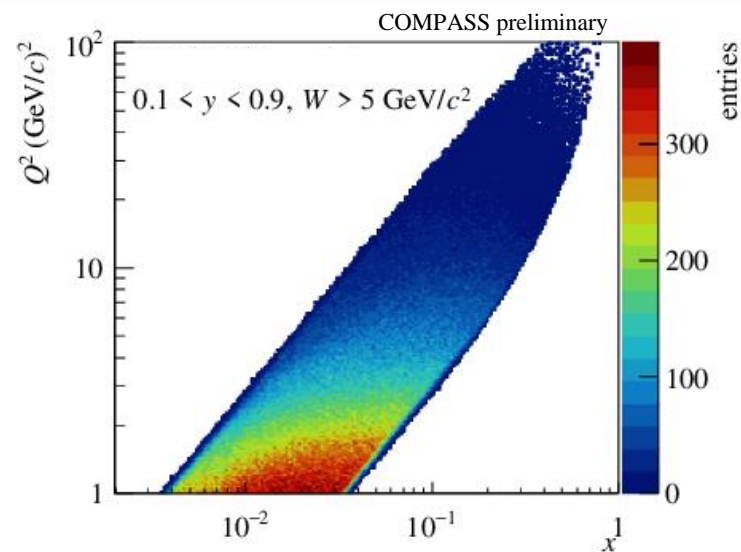
In 2016 (and 2017) the data-taking was dedicated to the measurement of Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS).

In parallel, new SIDIS data have been collected in COMPASS, with:

- 160 GeV/c  $\mu$  beam ( $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$  with balanced statistics)
- Unpolarized, 2.5 m long **liquid hydrogen target**

Part of the data has been analyzed  $\rightarrow$  ~ 6.5 million hadrons

*Here: a selection of the results*



The  $x - Q^2$  coverage



## Events and hadron selection – standard

$$Q^2 > 1 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$$

$$W > 5 \text{ GeV/c}^2$$

$$0.003 < x < 0.130$$

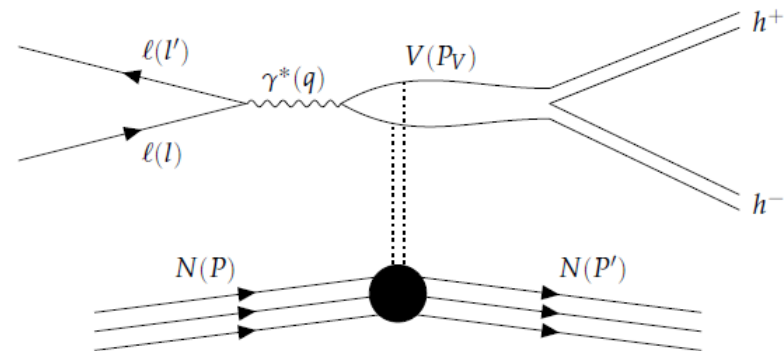
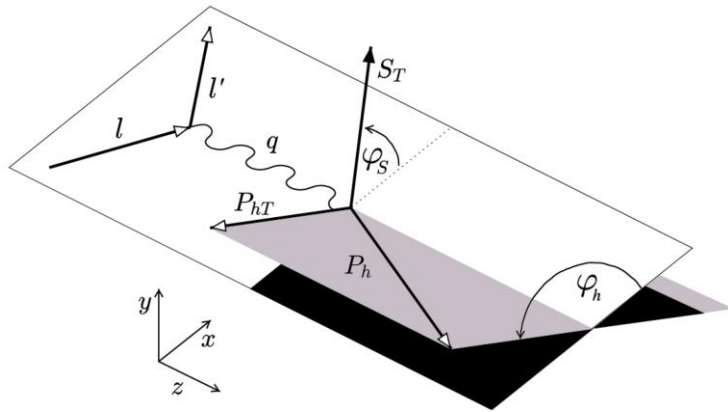
$$0.2 < y < 0.9$$

$$\theta_\gamma < 60 \text{ mrad}$$

$$z > 0.1$$

$$P_T > 0.1 \text{ GeV/c}$$

*Non-negligible fraction of the selected hadrons:  
produced in the decay of diffractively-produced vector mesons*

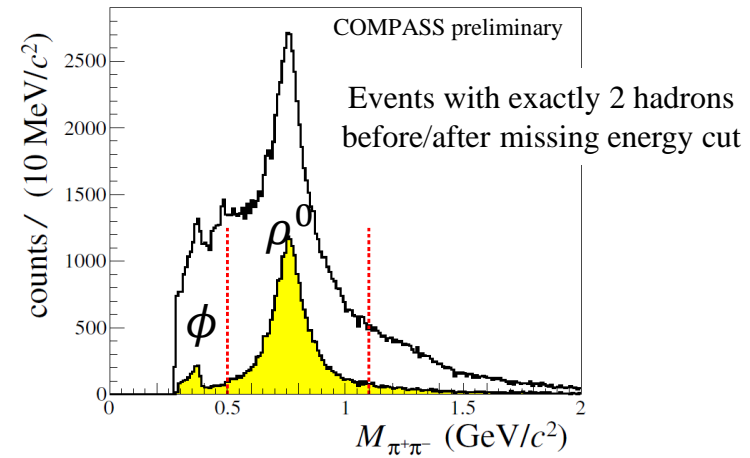


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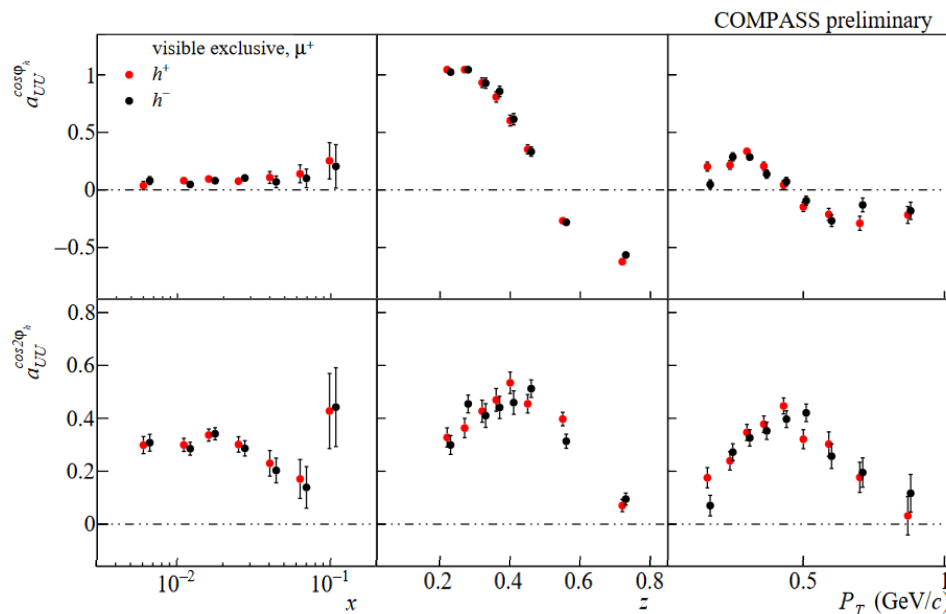
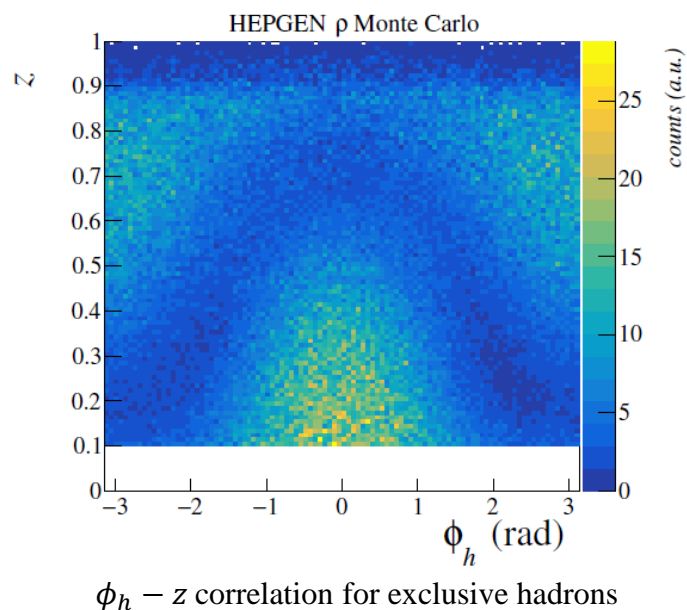
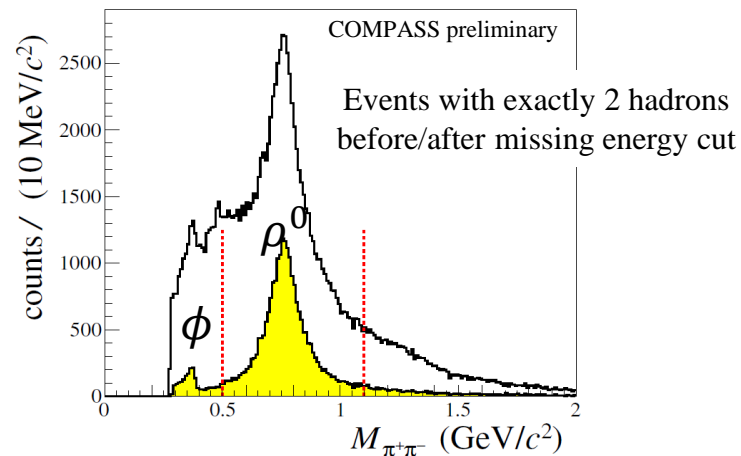
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- Strong modulations in the azimuthal angle
- Contamination as high as 30% at high  $z$

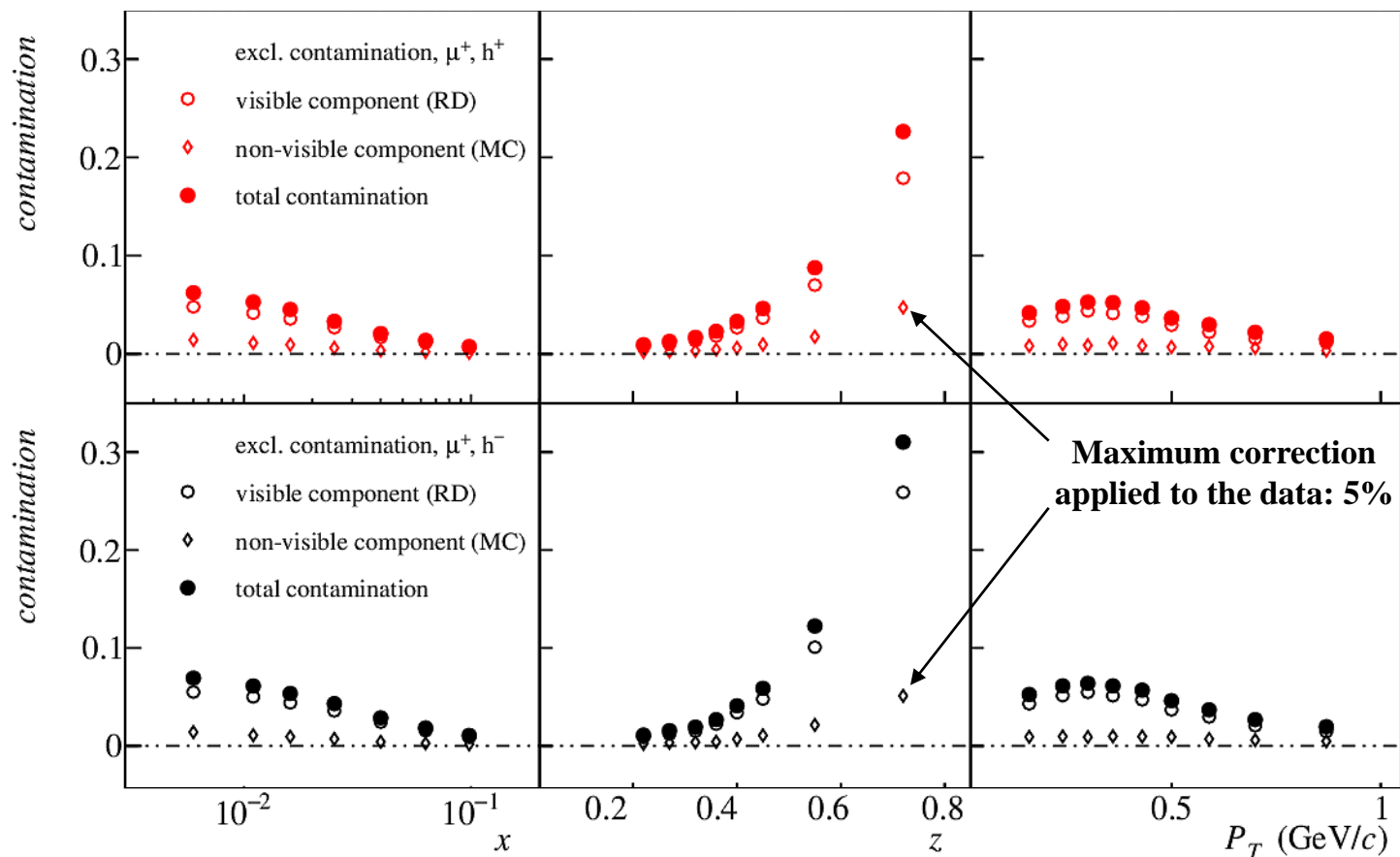


Impact on the azimuthal asymmetries measured on a deuteron target: COMPASS, *Nucl.Phys.B* 956 (2020) 115039

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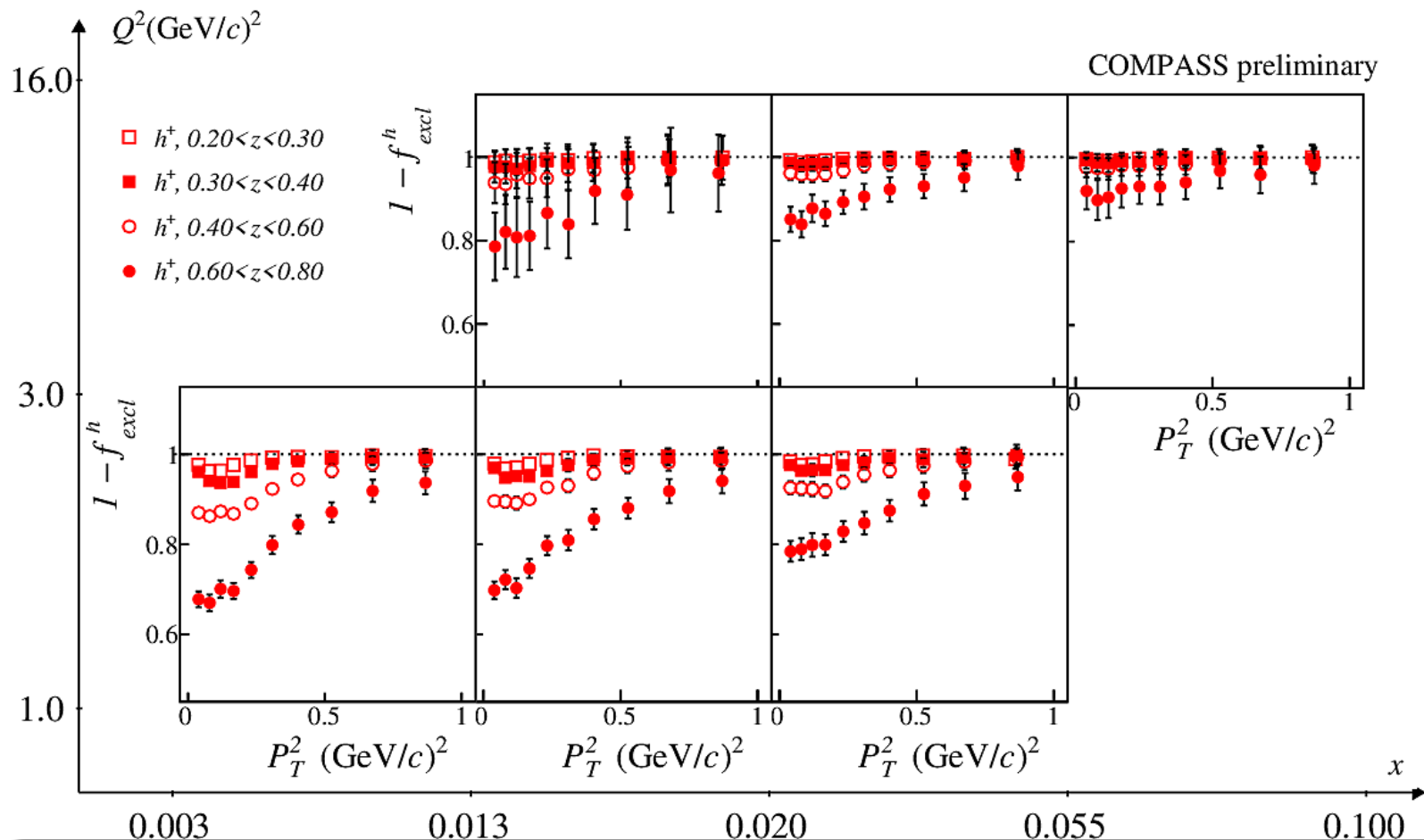
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# Transverse momentum distributions



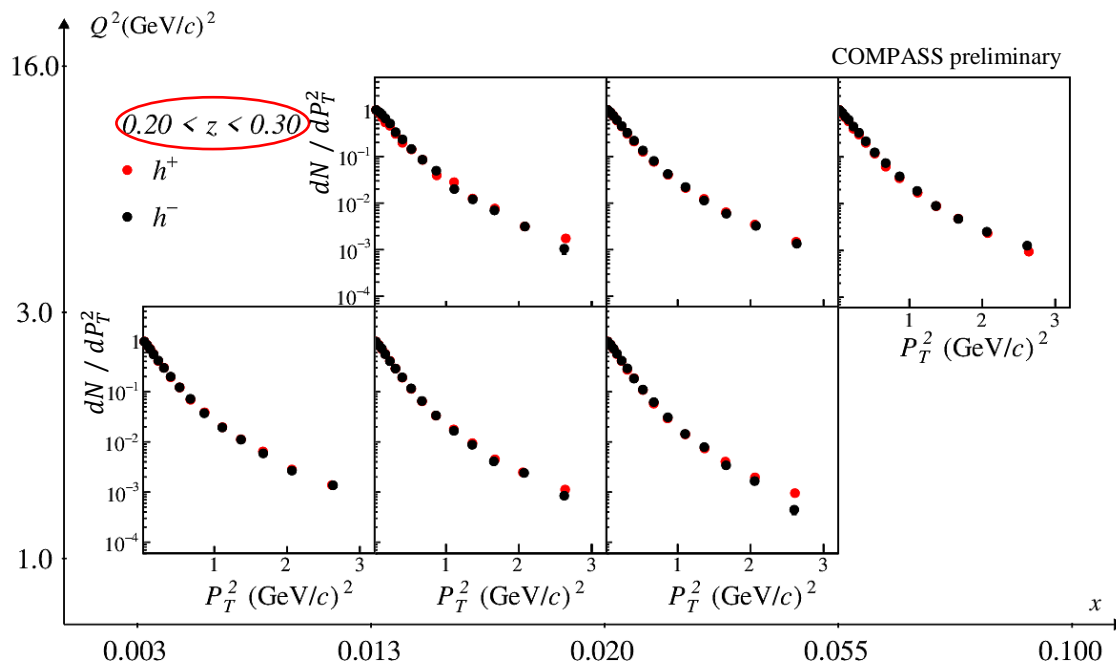
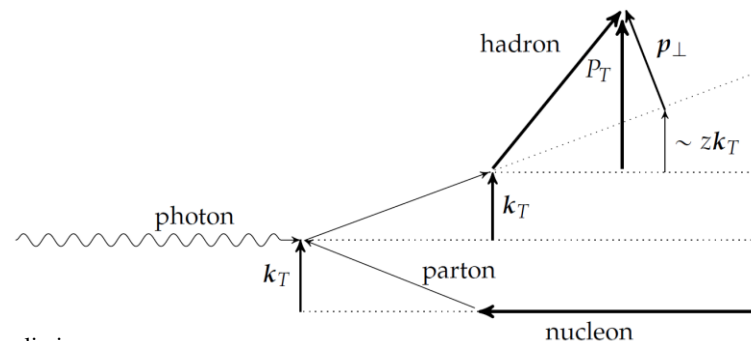
## Transverse-momentum distributions

- give relevant information on  $k_T$  and  $p_\perp$
- are interesting for the TMD evolution studies:
  - a lot of theoretical work to reproduce the experimental distributions over a large energy range

In gaussian approximation, at small values of  $P_T$ , the number of hadrons is expected to follow:

$$\frac{d^2 N^h(x, Q^2; z, P_T^2)}{dz dP_T^2} \propto \exp\left(-\frac{P_T^2}{\langle P_T^2 \rangle}\right)$$

$$\langle P_T^2 \rangle = z^2 \langle k_T^2 \rangle + \langle p_\perp^2 \rangle$$



- **Normalization: first  $P_T^2$  bin.**
- Different normalization for each bin and charge
- Two different slopes for  $P_T$  above / below 1 GeV/c
- Perturbative effects expected to contribute more there
- Likely not sufficient to explain the high-  $P_T$  trend

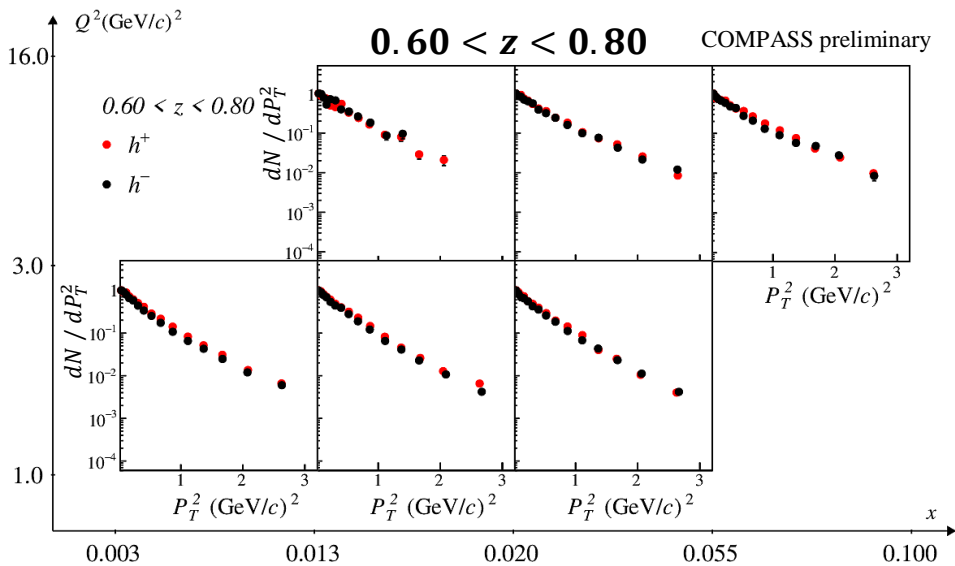
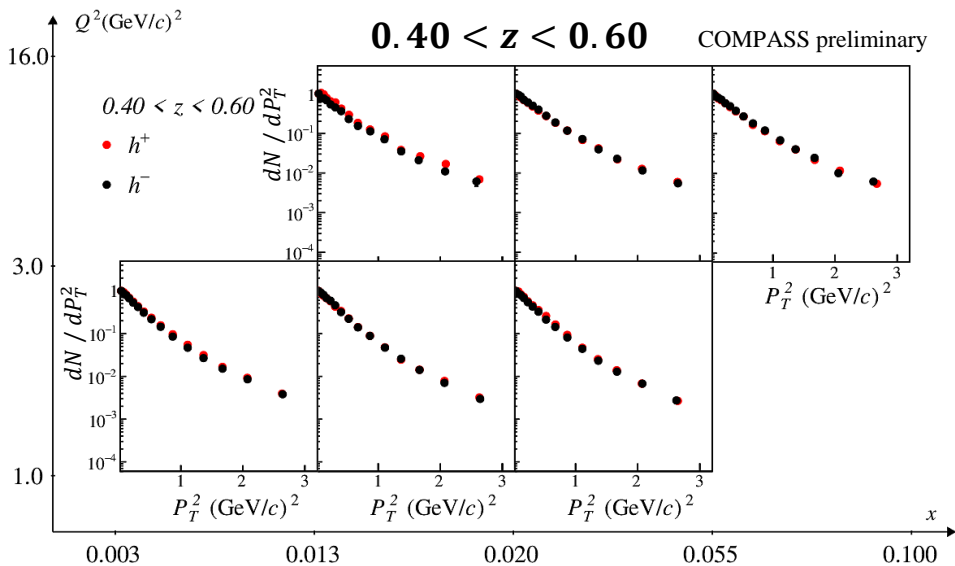
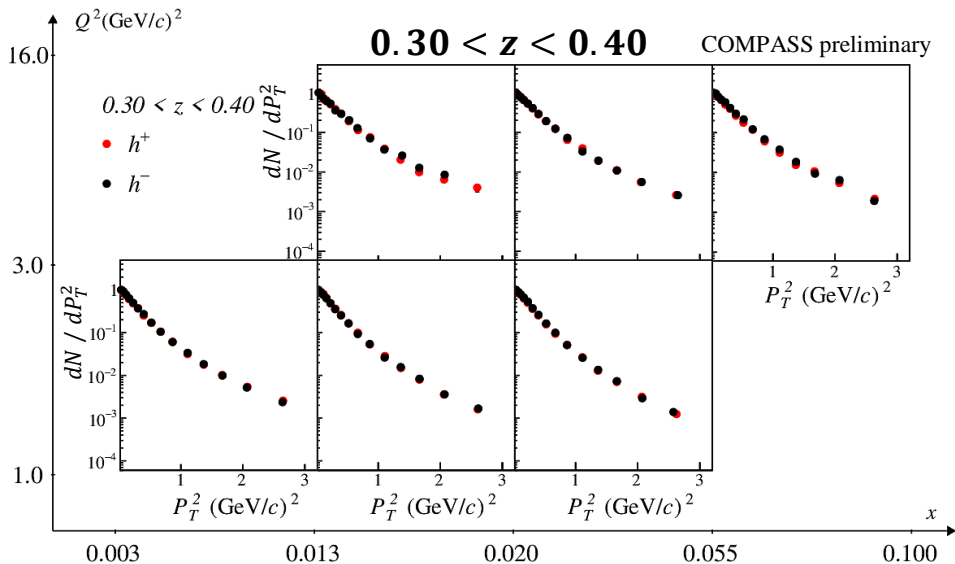
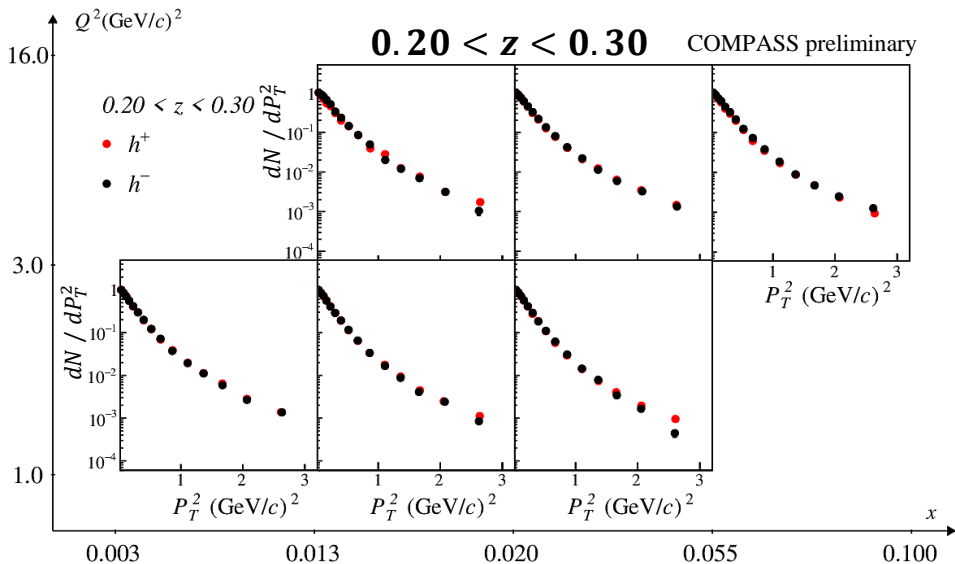
e.g. Gonzales-Hernandez et al., *Phys.Rev.D* 98 (2018) 11, 114005



# Transverse momentum distributions



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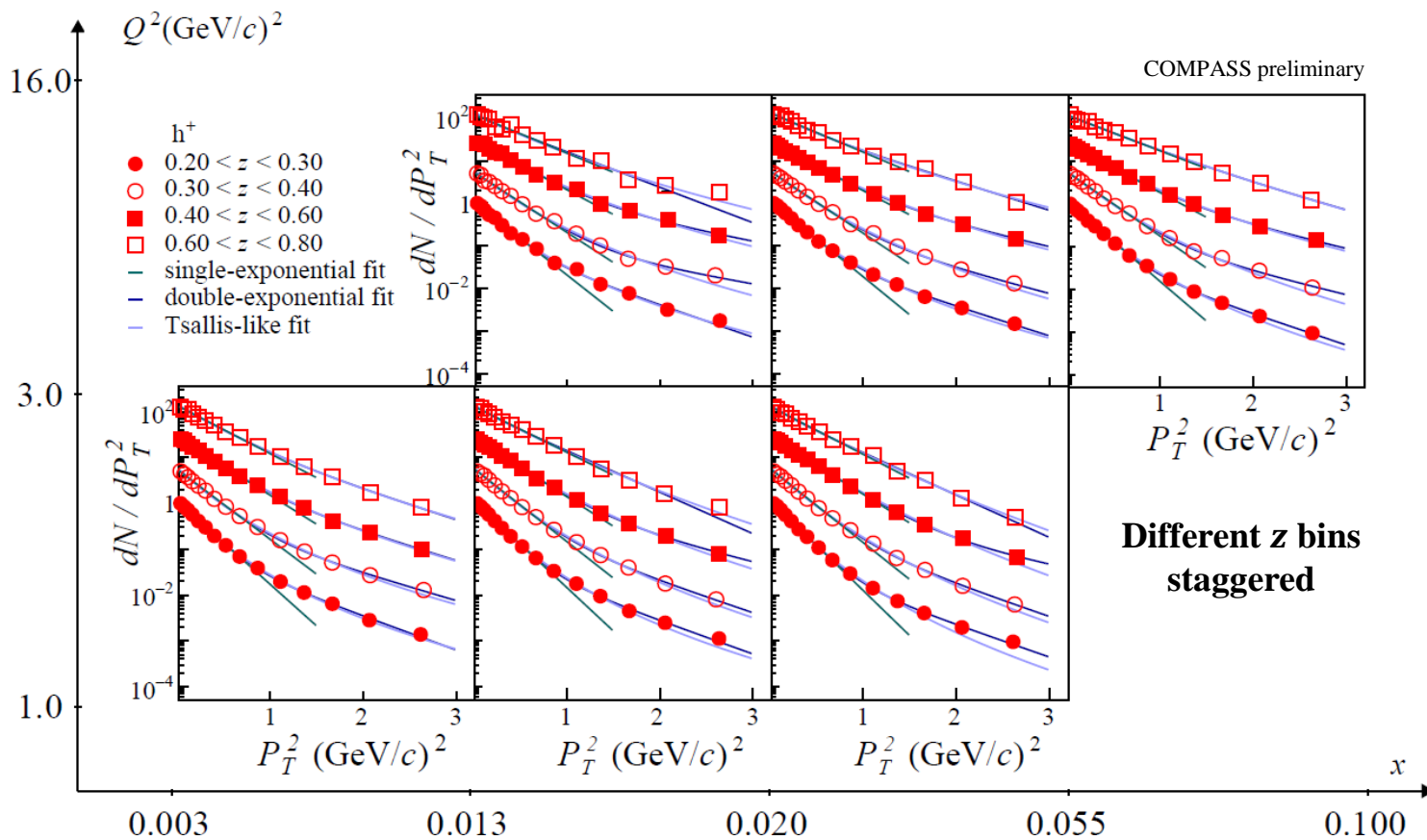


# Fit of the $P_T^2$ - distributions



$P_T^2$  - distributions fitted with three different functions:

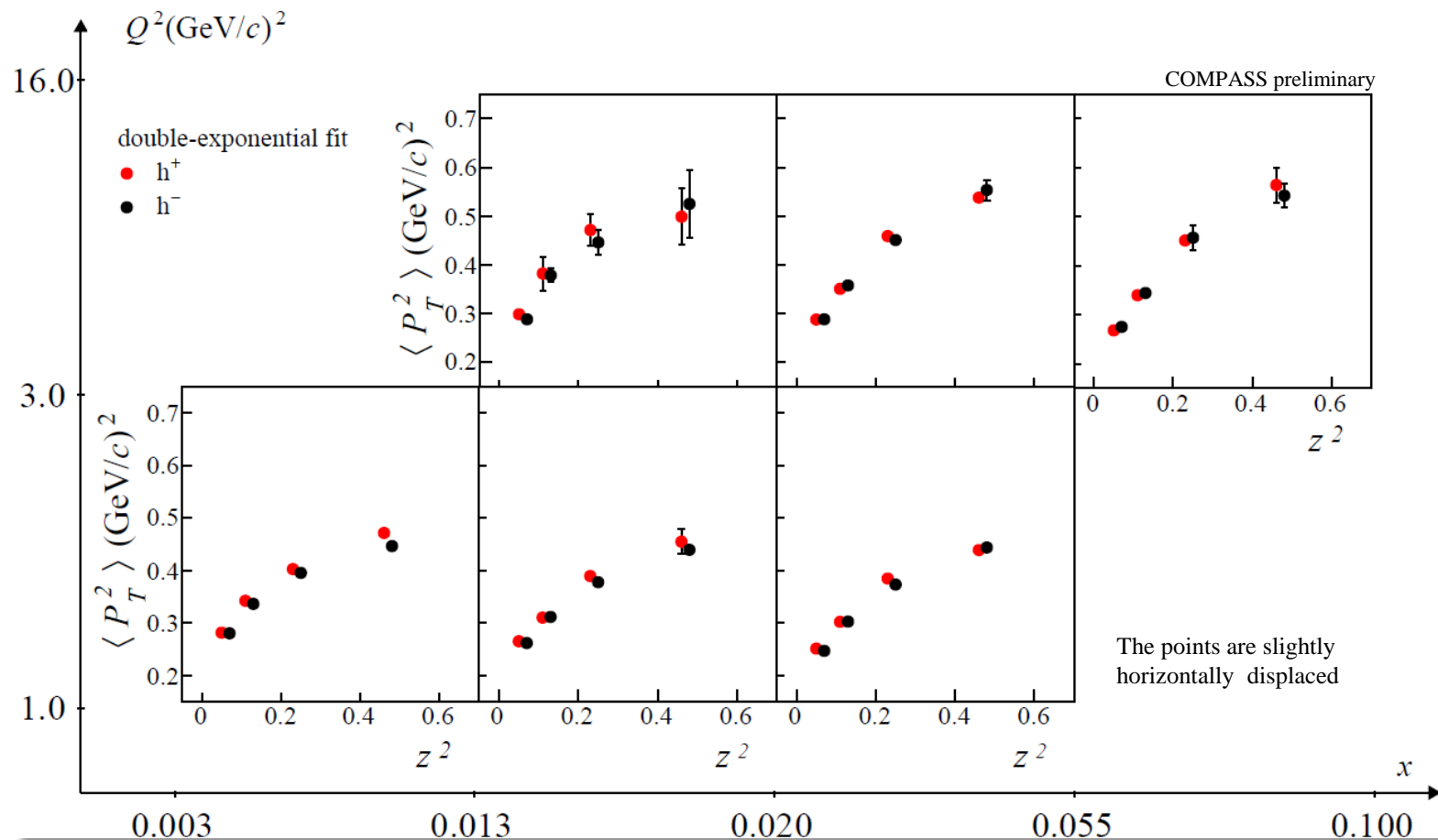
- a single-exponential up to 1 GeV/c :  $f(x) = \alpha \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\beta}\right) \Rightarrow \langle P_T^2 \rangle = \beta$
  - a double-exponential up to 3 GeV/c :  $g(x) = A \exp\left(-\frac{x}{a}\right) + B \exp\left(-\frac{x}{b}\right) \Rightarrow \langle P_T^2 \rangle = \frac{Aa^2+Bb^2}{Aa+Bb}$
  - a Tsallis-like power law up to 3 GeV/c :  $h(x) = c_0(1 + c_1x)^{-c_2} \Rightarrow \langle P_T^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{c_1(c_2-2)}$
- } Very similar results



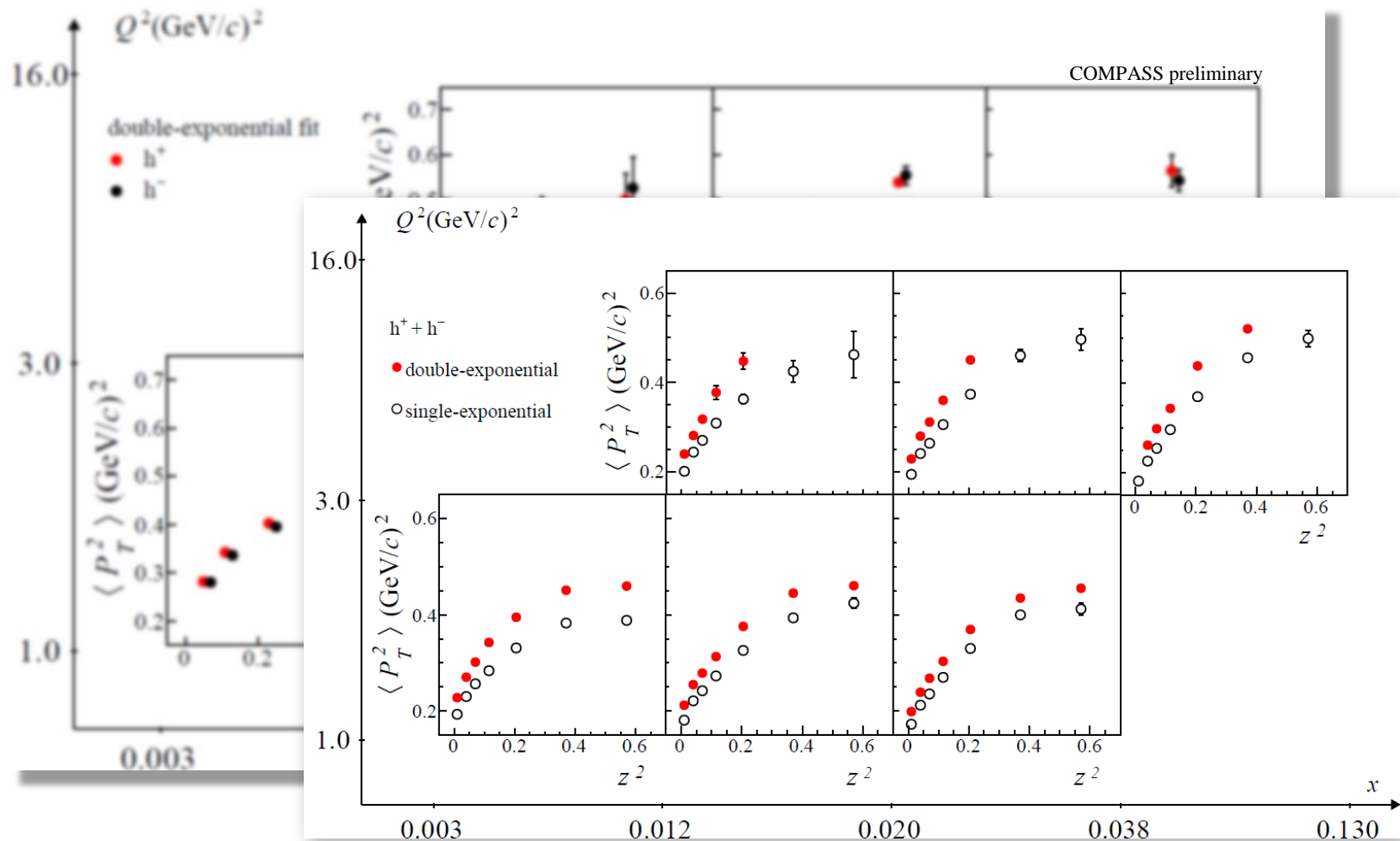
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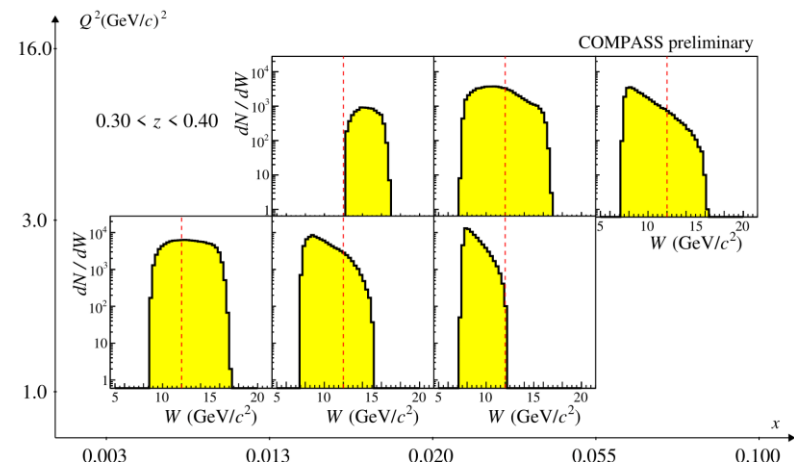


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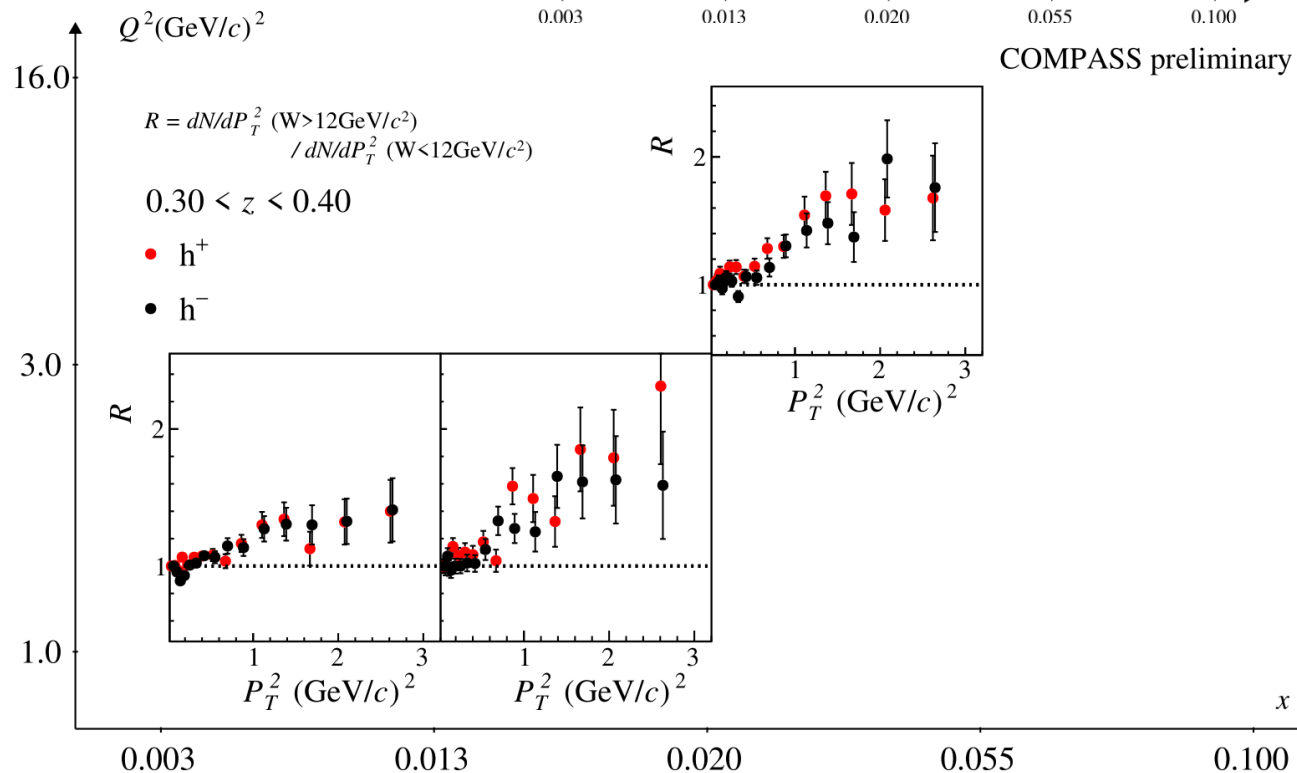
## Investigation of kinematic dependences on $Q^2$ , $W$

- Distributions in 2  $W$  bins + ratio high-over-low  $Q^2$  + ratio high-over-low  $W$
- Distributions in 4  $Q^2$  bins
- ...



**Interesting observation:**  
increase of  $\langle P_T^2 \rangle$  with  $W$

*Phase-space effect*



Azimuthal asymmetries: defined as the following ratios

$$A_{UU}^{\cos \phi_h} = \frac{F_{UU}^{\cos \phi_h}}{F_{UU,T}}$$

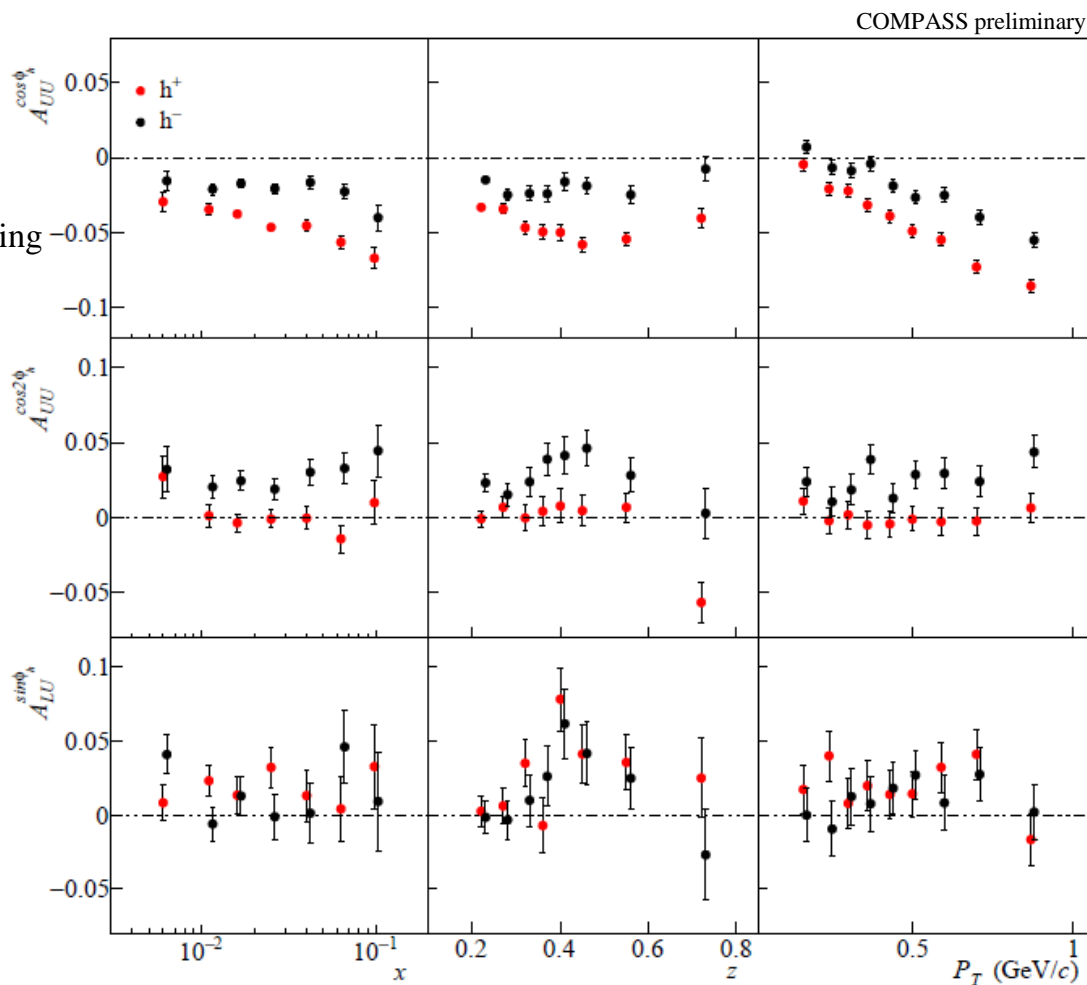
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## Steps in the measurement:

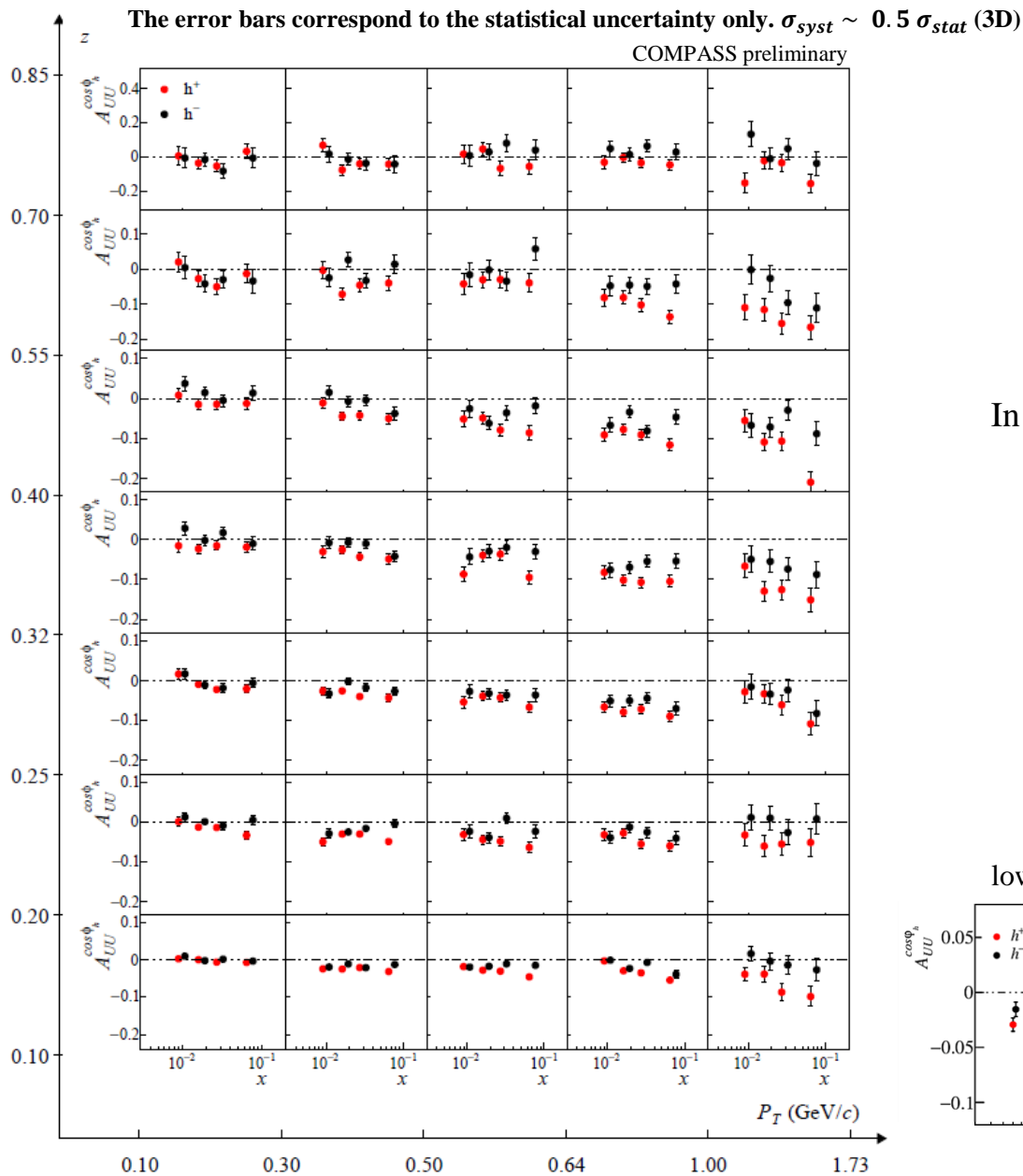
1. Exclusive hadrons:
  - the visible component is *discarded*
  - the non-visible component is *subtracted* using the HEPGEN Monte Carlo
2. Acceptance correction
3. Fit of the **amplitude of the modulation in the azimuthal angle** of the hadrons
  - as a function of  $x$ ,  $z$  or  $P_T$  (1D)
  - with a simultaneous binning (3D)

- **Strong kinematic dependences**
- **Interesting differences** between positive and negative hadrons, as observed in previous measurements by COMPASS on deuteron and by HERMES



The error bars correspond to the statistical uncertainty only.  $\sigma_{syst} \sim \sigma_{stat}$  (1D)





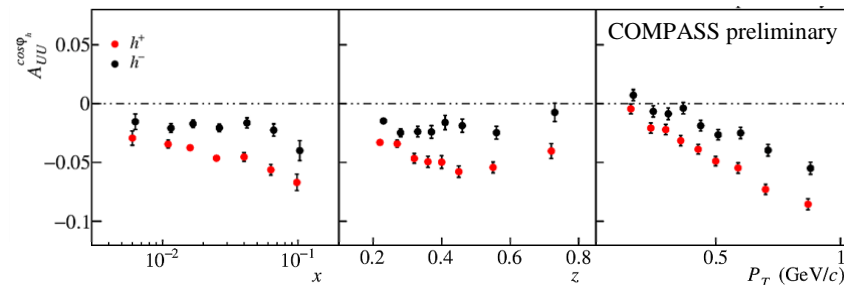
## 3D azimuthal asymmetries for positive and negative hadrons

Clear signal, strong dependence on  $P_T$ ;  
compatible with zero at high  $z$ .  
In agreement with COMPASS deuteron results.

Expectation from Cahn effect:

$$A_{UU|Cahn}^{\cos\phi_h} = -\frac{2zP_T\langle k_T^2 \rangle}{Q\langle P_T^2 \rangle}$$

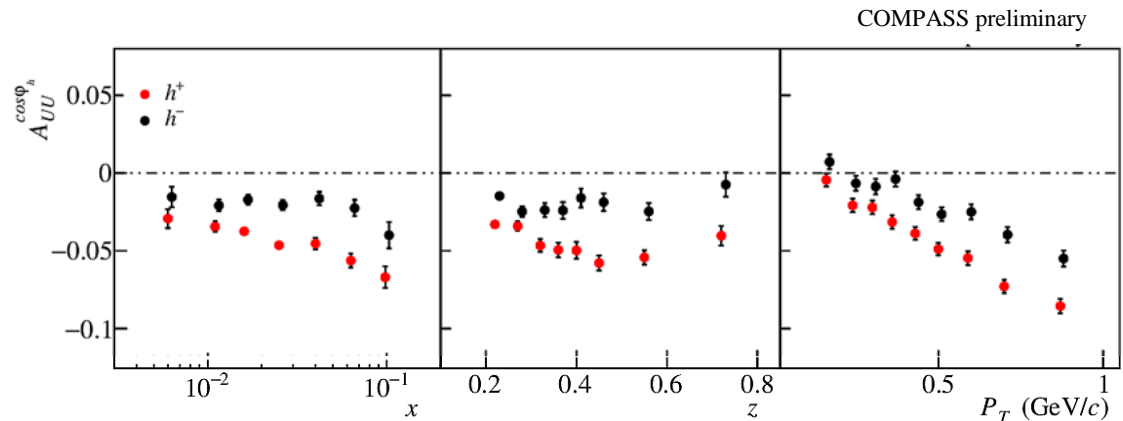
Comparison with the 1D case:  
lowest  $z$  and highest  $P_T$  bin not included in the average



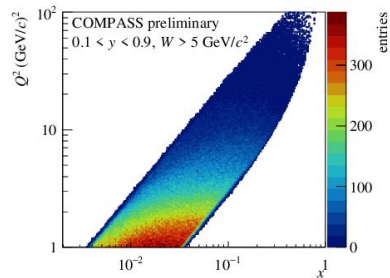
# Extraction of $\langle k_T^2 \rangle$ from $A_{UU}^{\cos\phi_h}$

Extraction of  $\langle k_T^2 \rangle$   
from the 1D – asymmetry  
assuming only Cahn effect  
at work

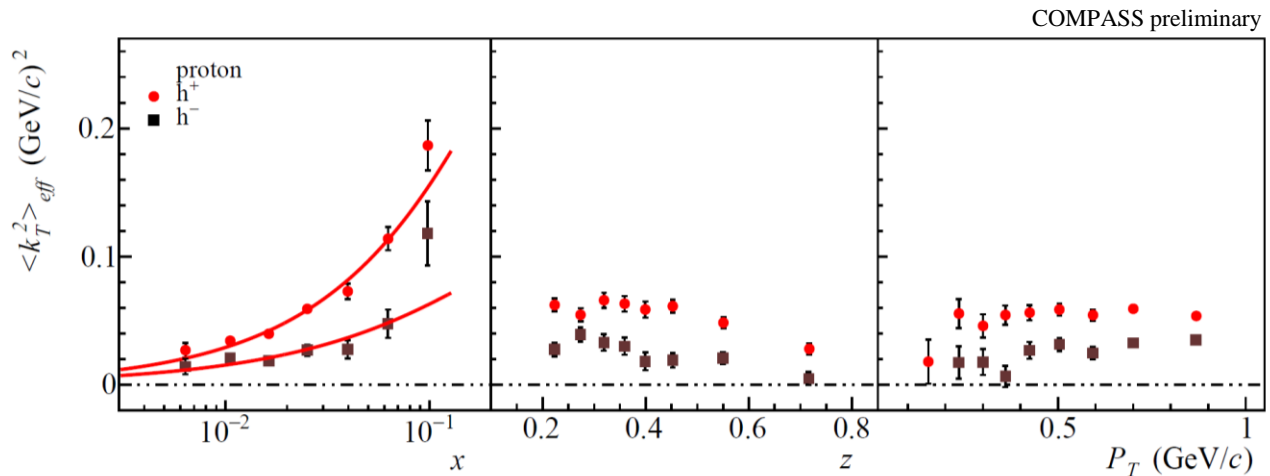
$$\langle k_T^2 \rangle_{eff} = - \frac{Q \langle P_T^2 \rangle A_{UU}^{\cos\phi_h}}{2zP_T}$$



## Power-law fit of $\langle k_T^2 \rangle(x)$



Is it an  $x$  – or  $Q^2$  –  
dependence (or both)?

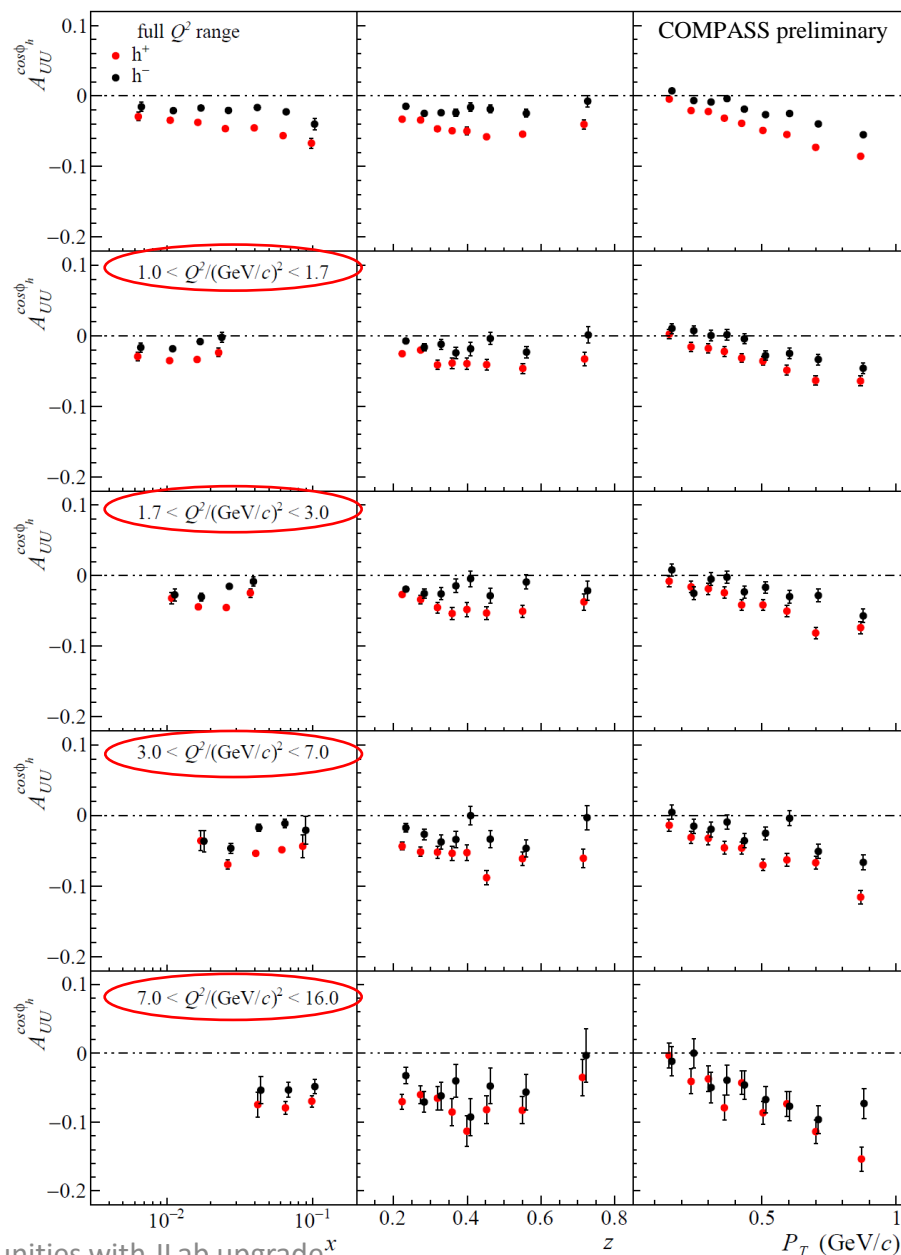


## Binning in $Q^2$

- Flavor-independent expectation from the Cahn effect:

$$A_{UU|Cahn}^{\cos \phi_h} = -\frac{2zP_T \langle k_T^2 \rangle}{Q \langle P_T^2 \rangle}$$

- The  $A_{UU}^{\cos \phi_h}$  asymmetry is observed to increase with  $Q^2$  *unexpected!*
- The difference between positive and negative hadrons decreases with  $Q^2$ .
- Almost no  $Q^2$  dependence for  $A_{UU}^{\cos 2\phi_h}$**

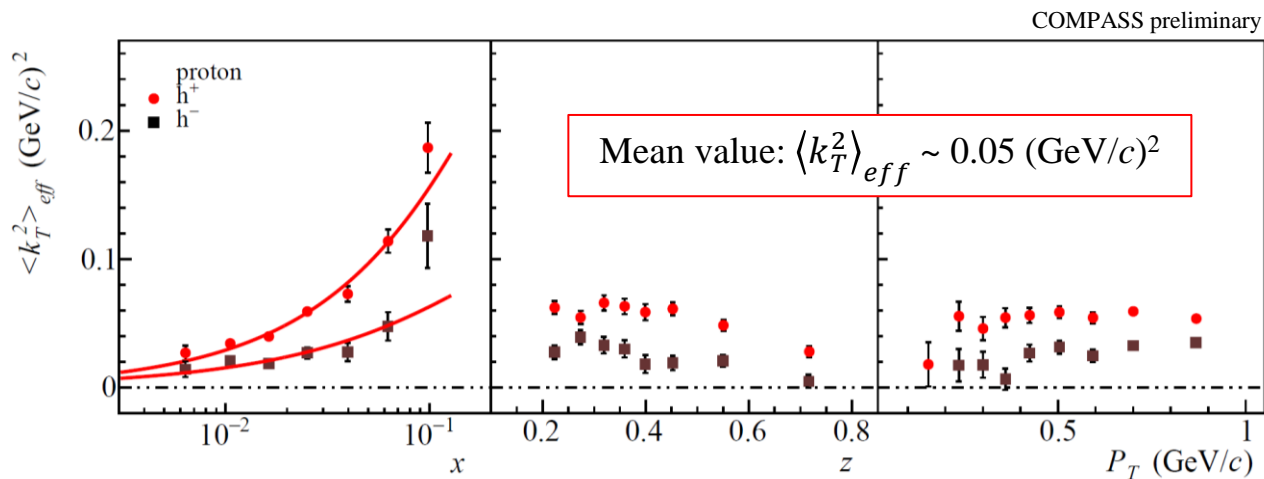


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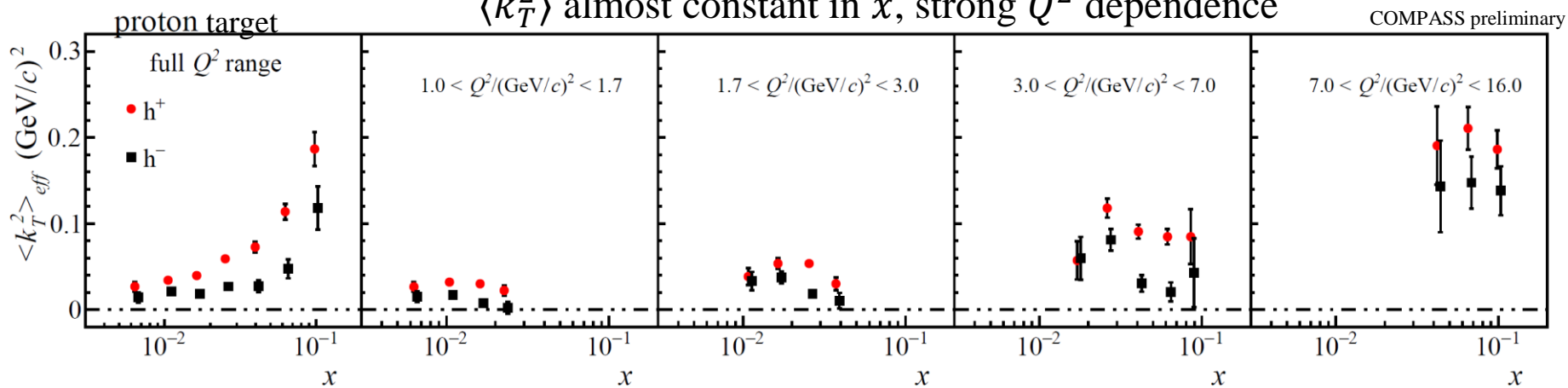


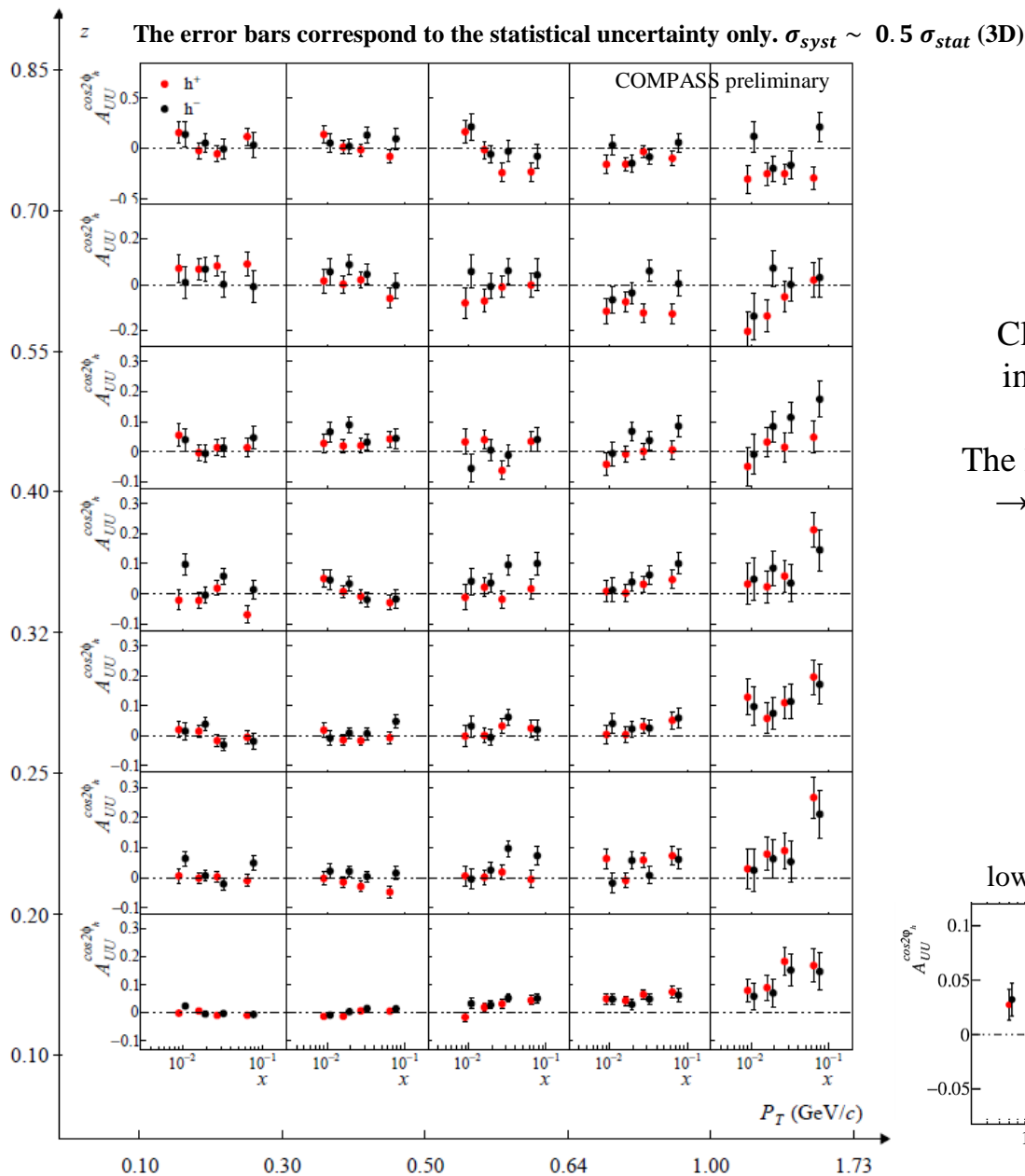
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$\langle k_T^2 \rangle$  almost constant in  $x$ , strong  $Q^2$  dependence



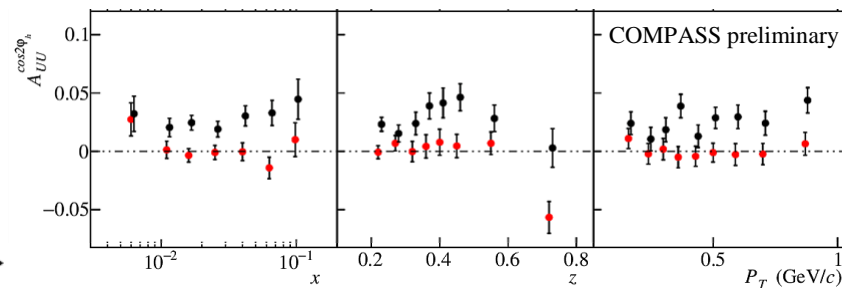


## 3D azimuthal asymmetries for positive and negative hadrons

Clear signal, strong dependence on  $x$  and  $P_T$ ; interesting change of sign along  $z$  at high  $P_T$ .

The larger contribution from the  $h_1^\perp H_1^\perp$  convolution  $\rightarrow$  direct information on  $h_1^\perp$  may be extracted

Comparison with the 1D case:  
lowest  $z$  and highest  $P_T$  bin not included in the average



## $P_T^2$ -distributions

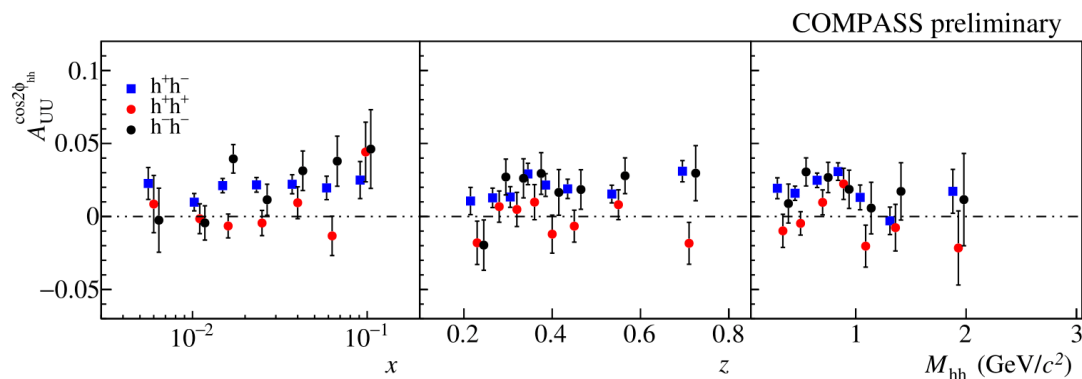
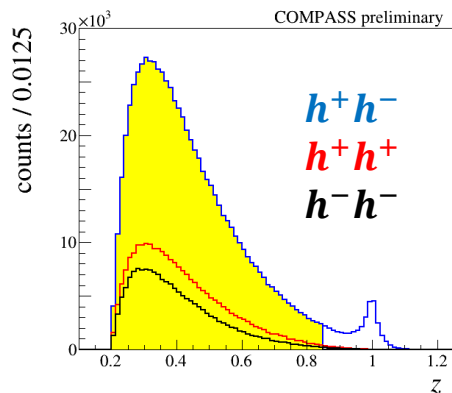
- For positive and negative hadrons in bins of  $x$ ,  $Q^2$  and  $z$  (4,2,4)
- Fits with single exponential, double exponential and Tsallis
- $\langle P_T^2 \rangle$  vs.  $z^2$  as from the double exponential fit
- Fit of  $\langle P_T^2 \rangle$  vs.  $z^2$  in bins of  $x$ ,  $Q^2$  and  $z$
- Distributions in  $q_T$  and  $q_T^2$
- Distributions in 2  $W$  bins + ratio high-over-low  $Q^2$  + ratio high-over-low  $W$
- Distributions in 4  $Q^2$  bins

## Azimuthal asymmetries $A_{UU}^{\cos\phi_h}$ , $A_{UU}^{\cos 2\phi_h}$ and $A_{LU}^{\sin\phi_h}$

- 1D: standard binning in  $x$ ,  $z$  or  $P_T$
- Also: low- $z$  and high- $P_T$  -- for completeness
- 1D standard + 4 bins in  $Q^2$ : interesting evolution of  $A_{UU}^{\cos\phi_h}$
- 1D standard + 2 bins in  $Q^2$  and 2 bins in  $W$
- 3D: standard binning (simultaneous in  $x$ ,  $z$  and  $P_T$ )
- In addition to deuteron analysis: low- $z$  bin

## New: Dihadron azimuthal asymmetries $A_{UU}^{\cos 2\phi_{hh}}$ , $A_{UU}^{\cos(\phi_{hn}-\phi_R)}$ , $A_{UU}^{\cos\phi_R}$ and $A_{UU}^{\cos\phi_{hh}}$

- 1D: standard binning in  $x$ ,  $z$  or  $P_T$
- Focus on Boer-Mulders related asymmetries
- Shown at Transversity 2022 and IWHSS 2022





- **Transverse momentum distributions and azimuthal asymmetries:**  
“fundamental” observables to access the nucleon structure in unpolarized SIDIS
- **COMPASS** has produced new results for both of them, using a **proton** target  
Here a selection of the main results and a “flash” of new 2h results
- Intriguing investigations of their properties:  
rich kinematic dependences,  $h^+h^-$  differences, ...

## Still a lot to be understood and/or addressed

- Difference between positive and negative hadrons in azimuthal asymmetries  
– but same  $P_T^2$ -slopes
- Kinematic dependences (sometimes *counterintuitive* for azimuthal asymmetries)
- Impact of phase-space limitations in the production of hadrons (for the  $P_T$ -distributions)
- Role of twist-3 contributions
- Impact of radiative corrections  
may be relevant e.g. for the  $Q^2$  dependence of the azimuthal asymmetries
- Role of vector mesons inclusively produced in SIDIS  
particularly for their contribution to the  $P_T^2$  - distributions at low  $P_T$

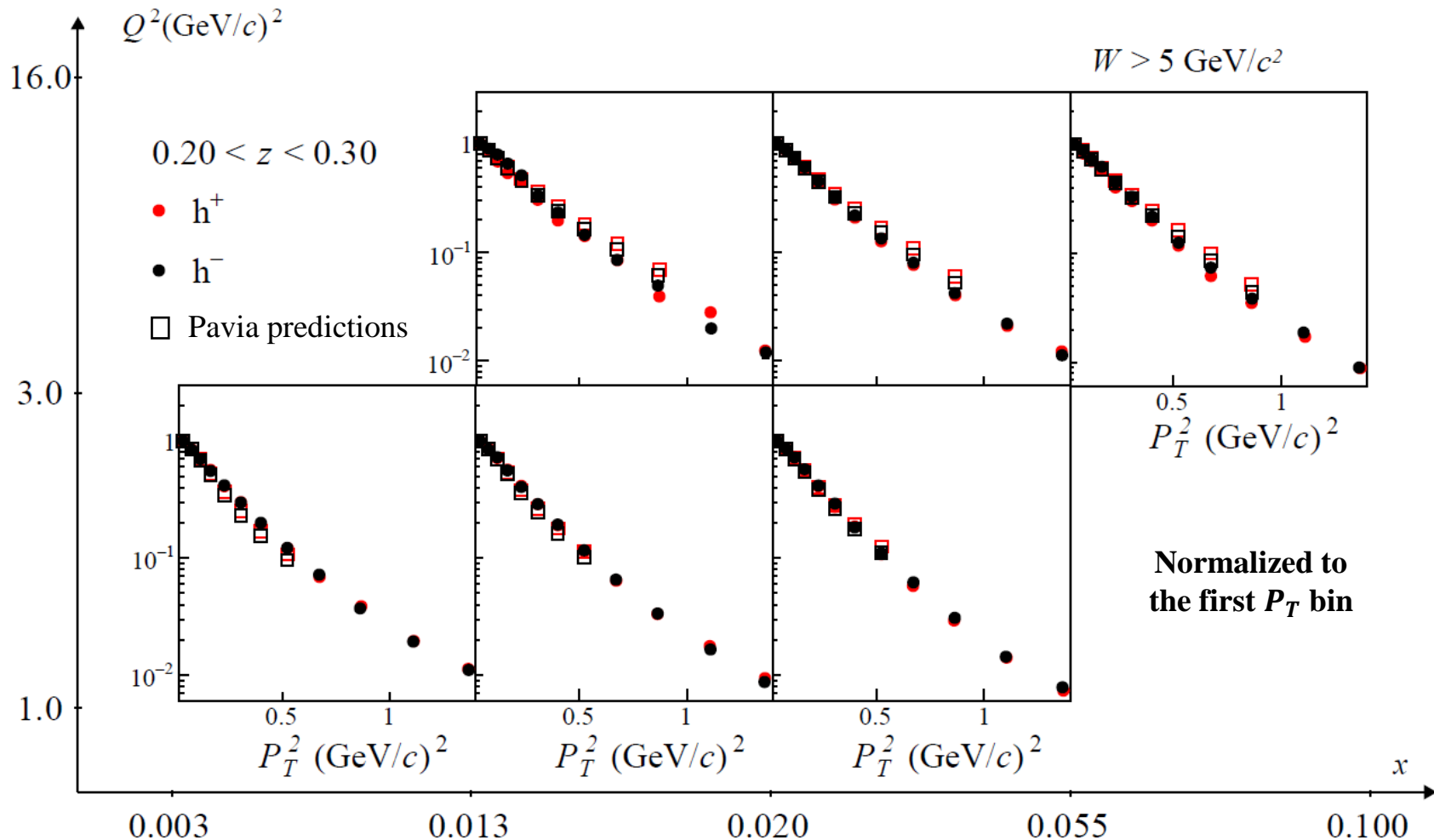
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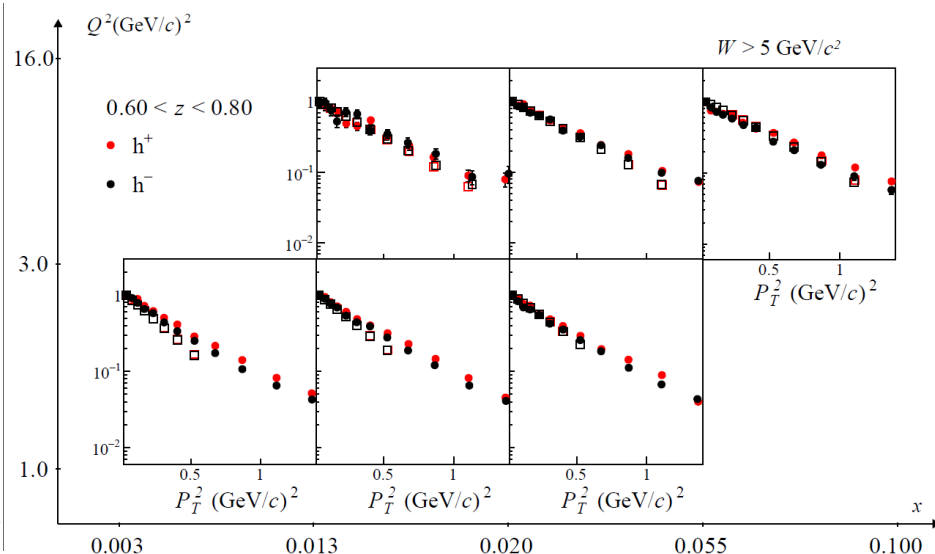
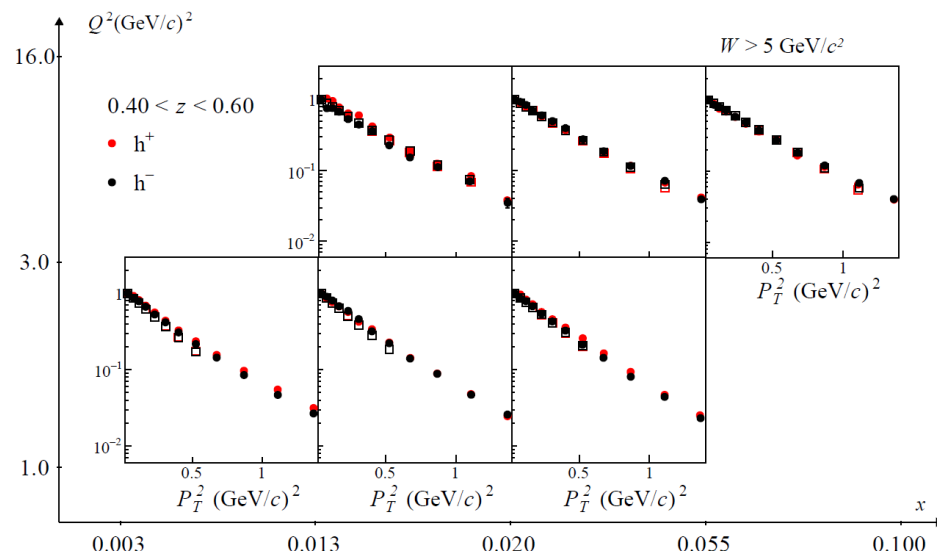
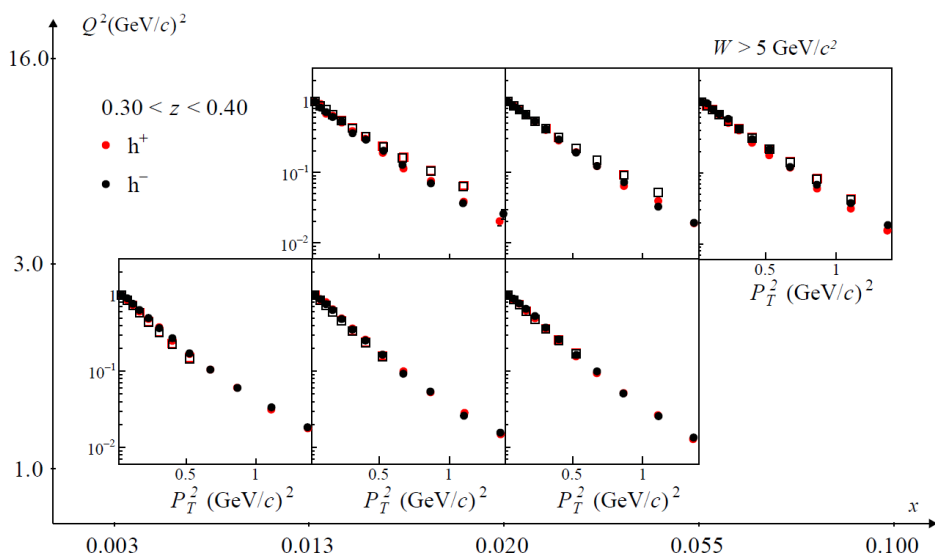
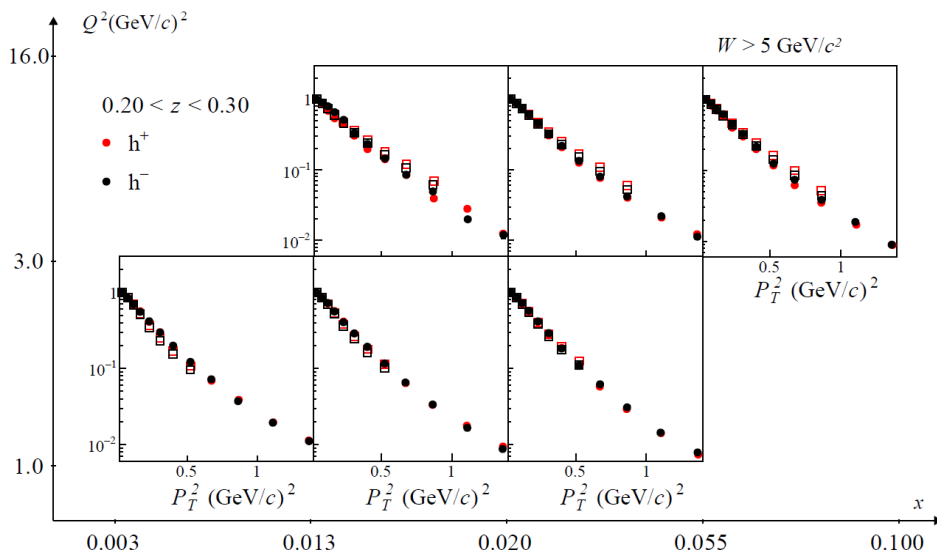
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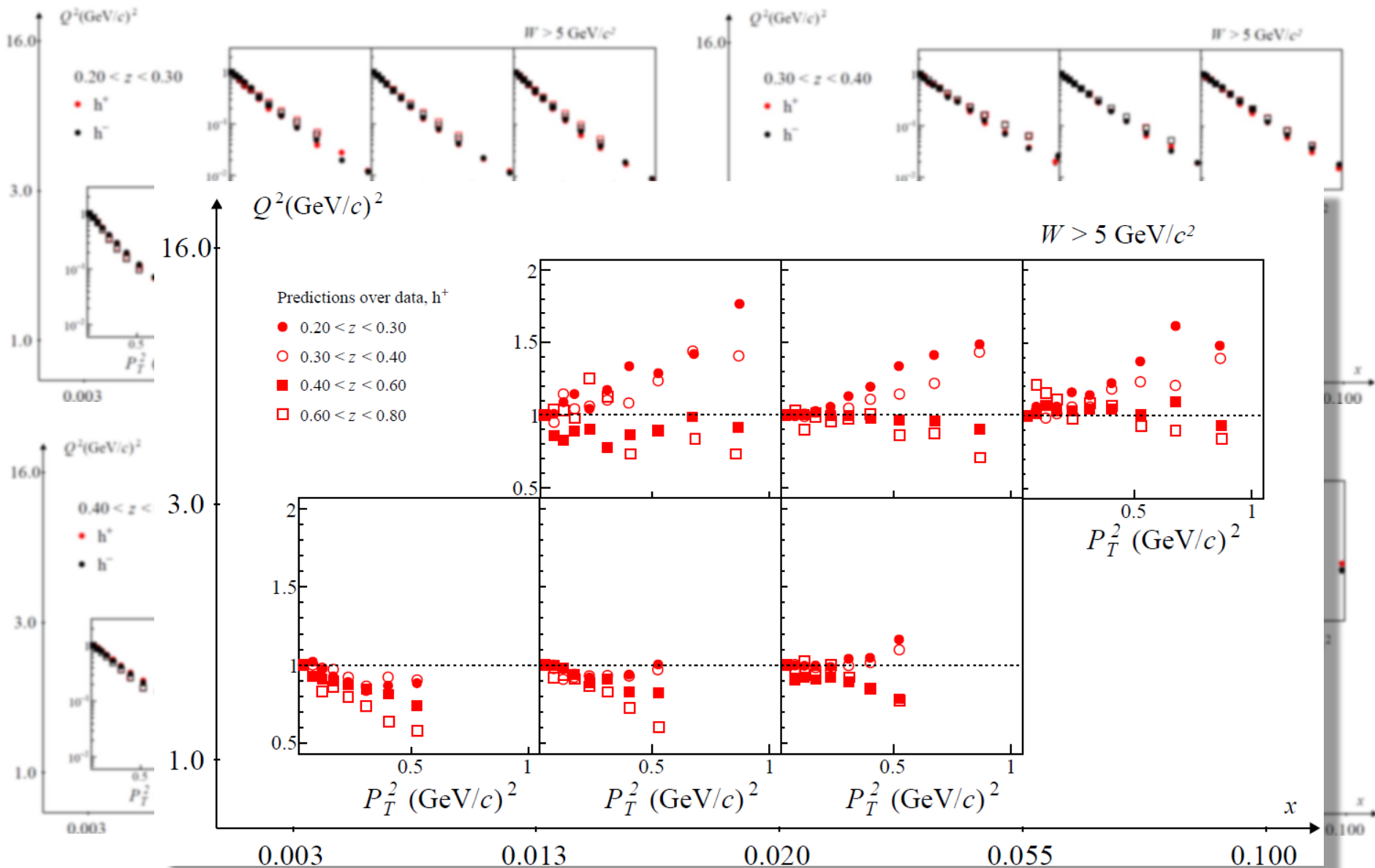


Comparison with the predictions of the  $P_T$ -dependent SIDIS cross section as from PV-17 [A. Bacchetta et al., JHEP 06 (2017) 081]

- PV-17:
- SIDIS  $ep(D) \rightarrow e\pi^\pm(K^\pm)X$  (HERMES)
  - SIDIS  $\mu D \rightarrow \mu h^\pm X$  (COMPASS)
  - Drell-Yan (E228, E605)
  - Z boson production (CDF, D0)

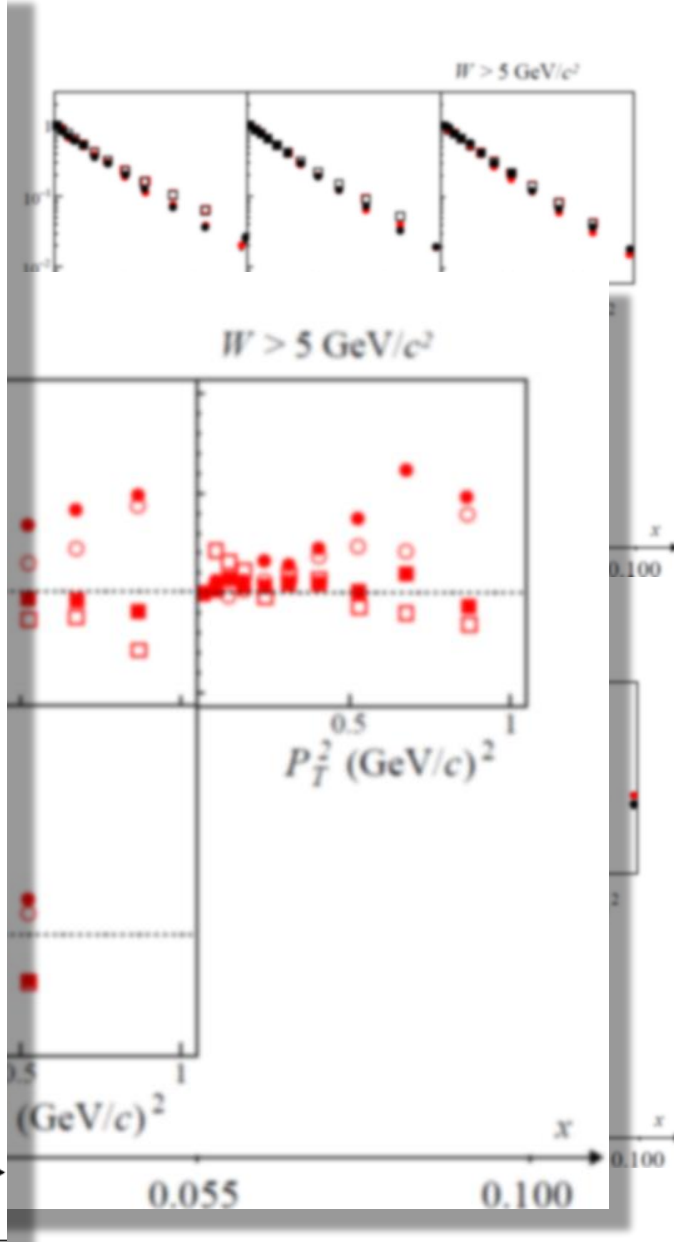
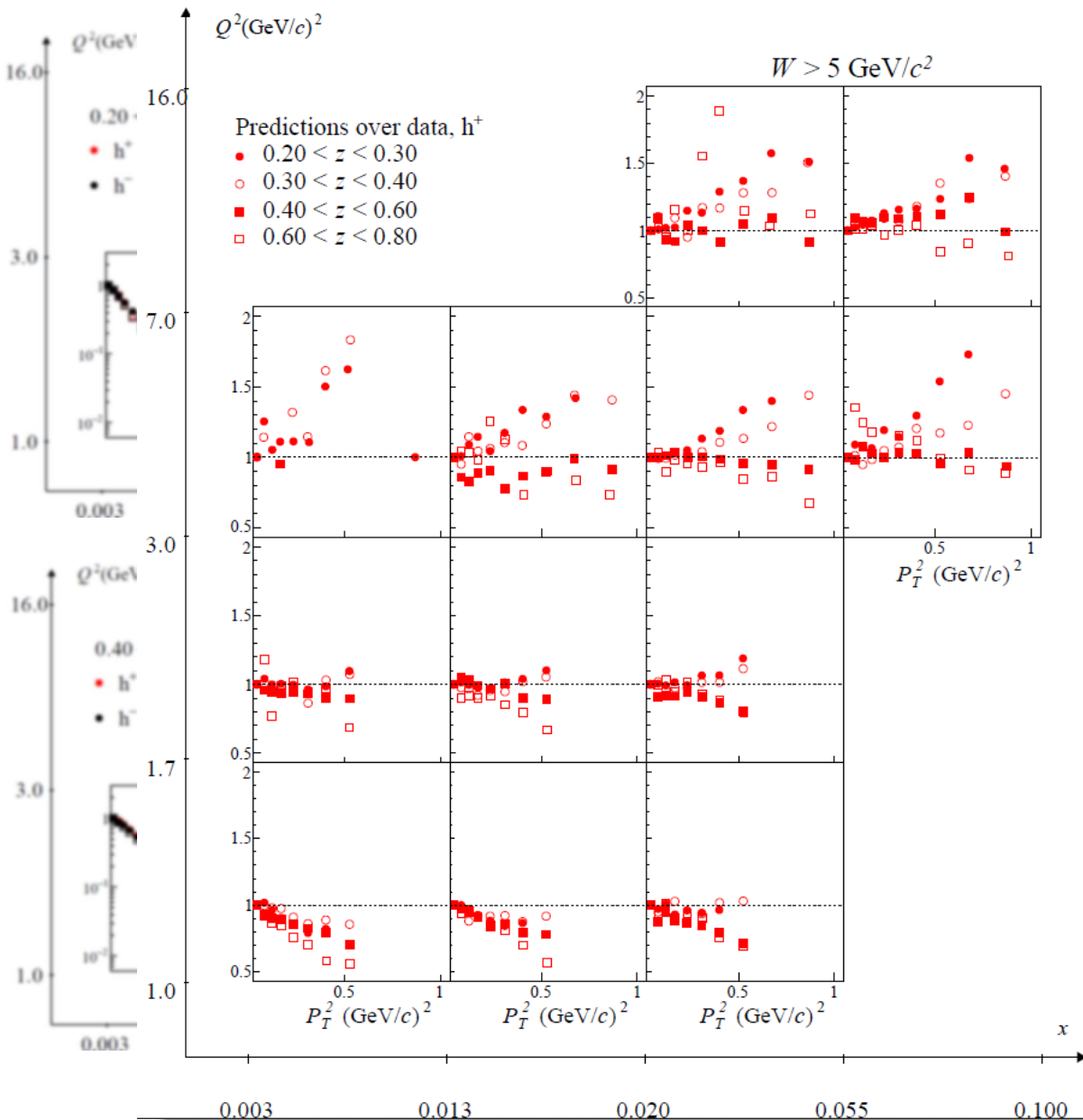






# Comparison with Pavia fit (PV-17)

□ Pavia predictions





## Events and hadron selection – standard

$$Q^2 > 1 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$$

$$W > 5 \text{ GeV/c}^2$$

$$0.003 < x < 0.130$$

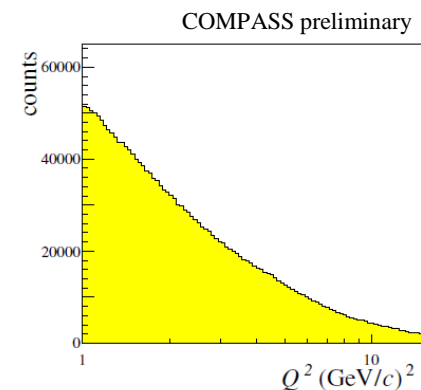
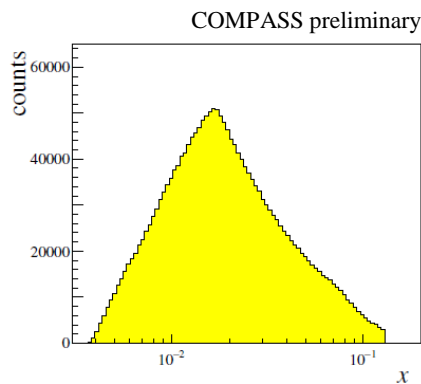
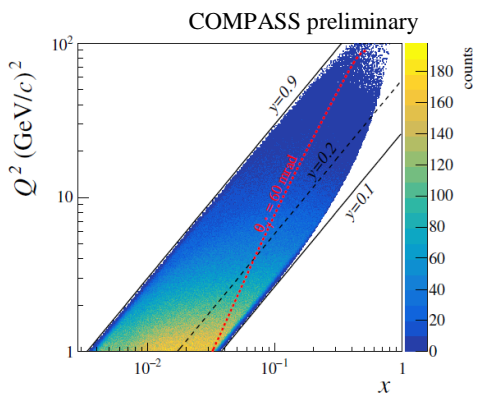
$$0.2 < y < 0.9$$

$$\theta_\gamma < 60 \text{ mrad}$$

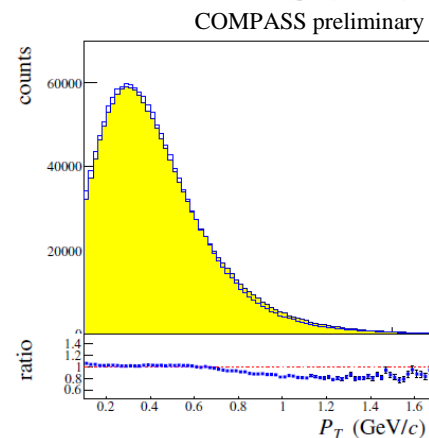
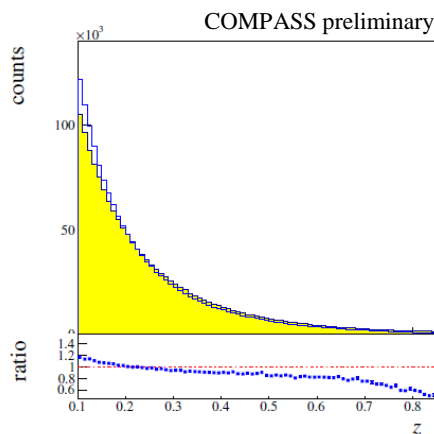
$$z > 0.1$$

$$P_T > 0.1 \text{ GeV/c}$$

**Size of the hadron sample: ~  
6.5 M hadrons**

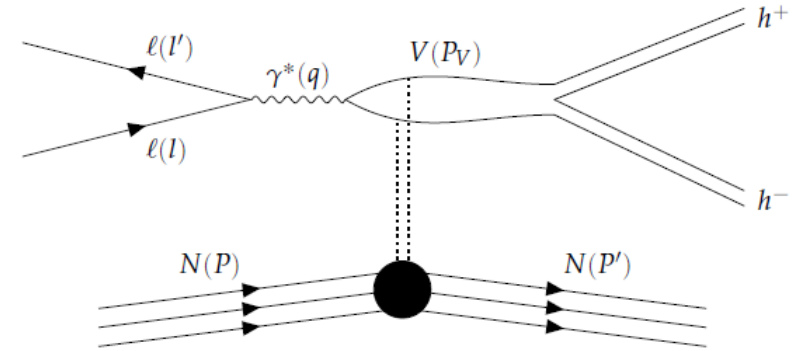


Comparison with the LEPTO  
Monte Carlo simulation.  
**Exclusive contribution  
at high  $z$  in the data**

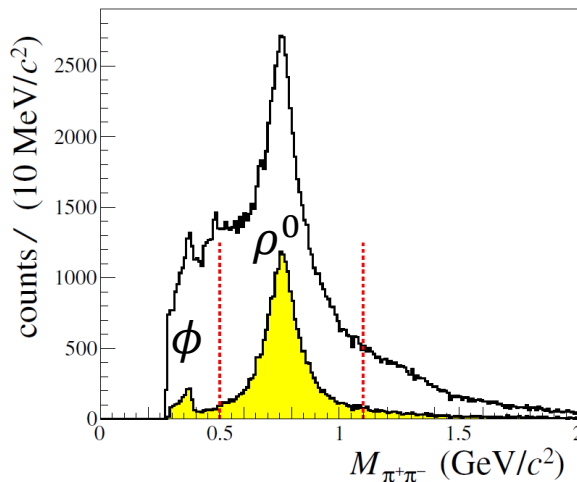


# Contribution from exclusive hadrons

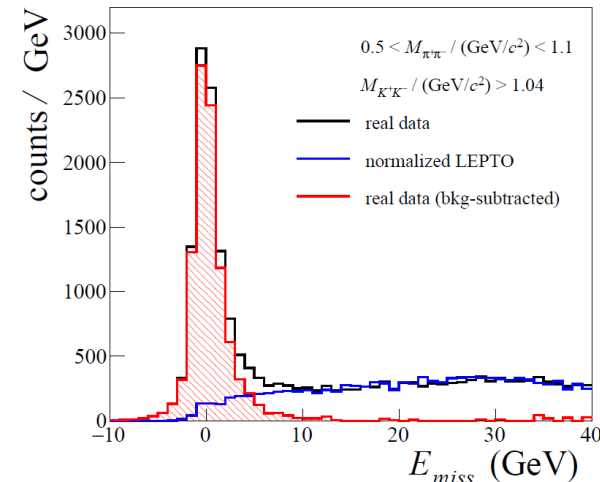
- The exclusive events fully reconstructed in the data are
  - 1) selected by cutting in missing energy  $E_{miss}$
  - 2) used to normalized the HEPGEN Monte Carlo, needed to take into account the non-reconstructed part
  - 3) discarded
- The exclusive events non-fully reconstructed are subtracted using the normalized HEPGEN Monte Carlo
- This procedure does not require the knowledge of the absolute cross-section for the diffractive production, not well known ( $\sim 30\%$  relative uncertainty)



The diffractive production of a vector meson  $V$  and its decay into a hadron pair



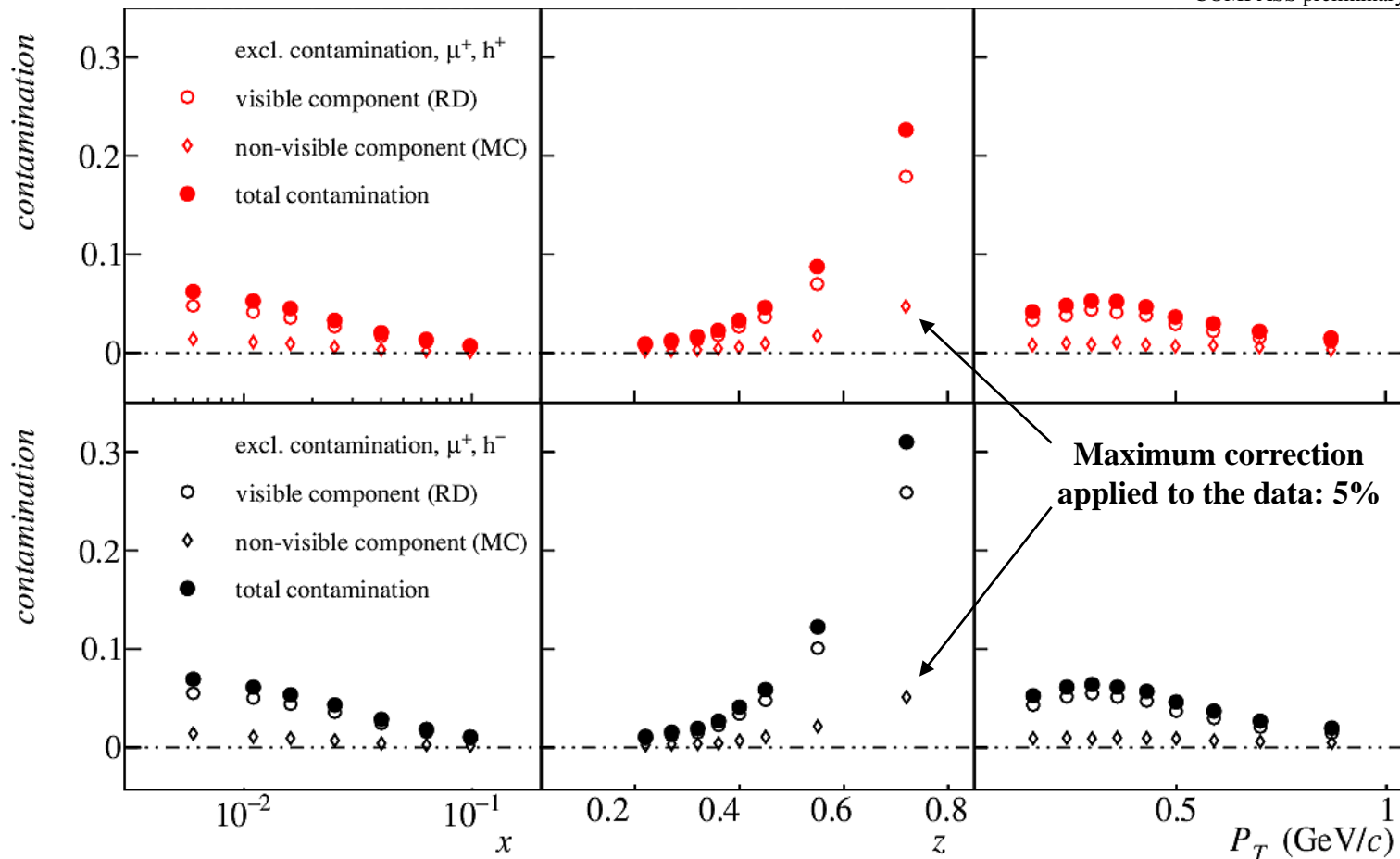
Invariant mass distribution in the data, before and after cutting in missing energy



The exclusive peak as observed in the data

Estimated exclusive hadrons contaminations in the data:  
**~80% is fully reconstructed**

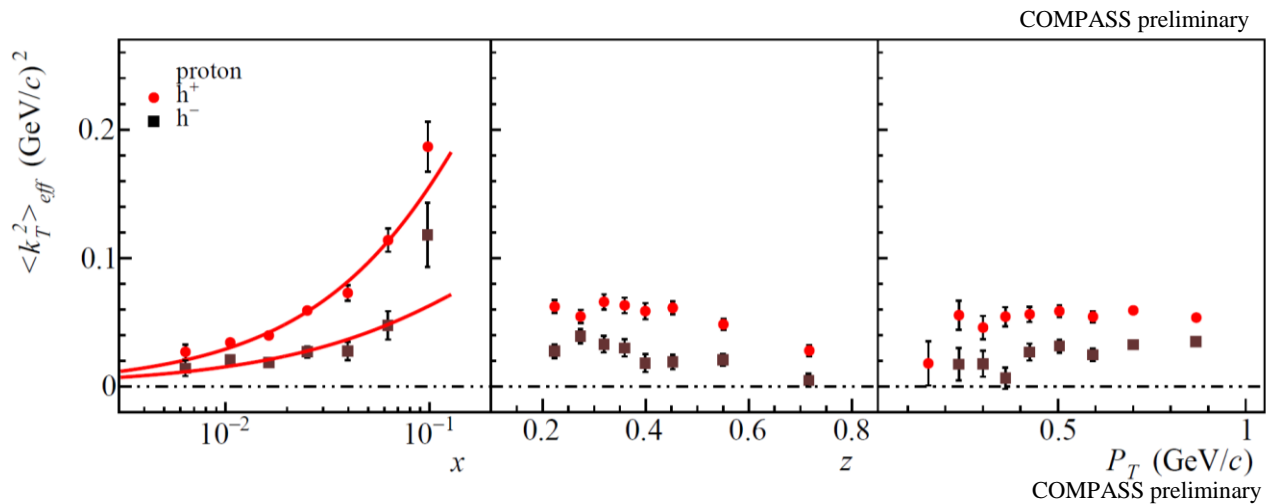
COMPASS preliminary



# Extraction of $\langle k_T^2 \rangle$ from $A_{UU}^{\cos\phi_h}$

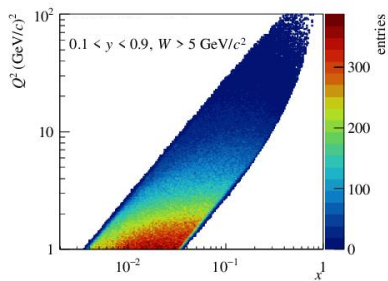
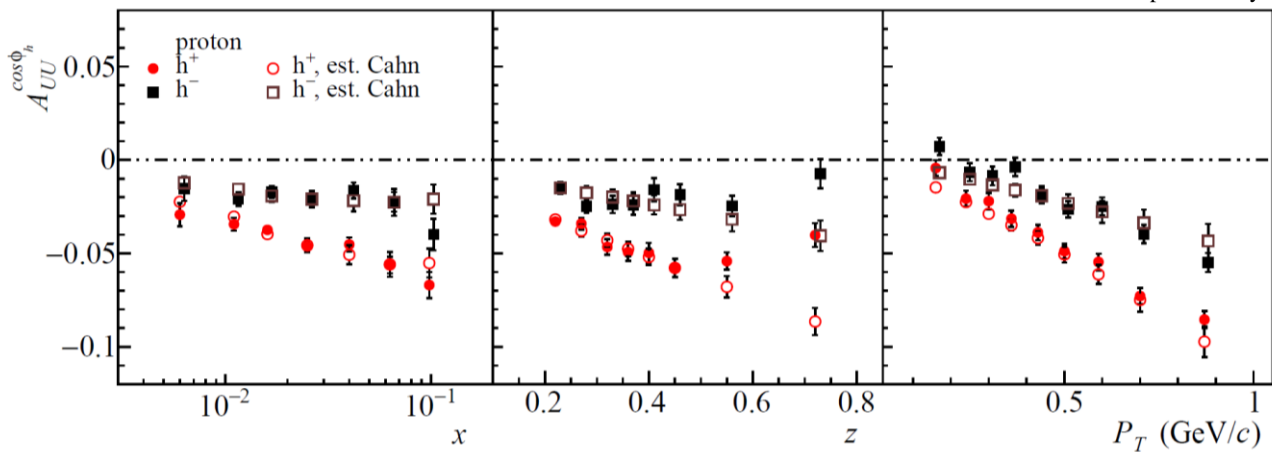
Extraction of  $\langle k_T^2 \rangle$  assuming only Cahn effect at work

$$\langle k_T^2 \rangle_{eff} = - \frac{Q \langle P_T^2 \rangle A_{UU}^{\cos\phi_h}}{2zP_T}$$



## Power-law fit of $\langle k_T^2 \rangle(x)$

Rather satisfactory description also vs  $z$  (below 0.5) and  $P_T$

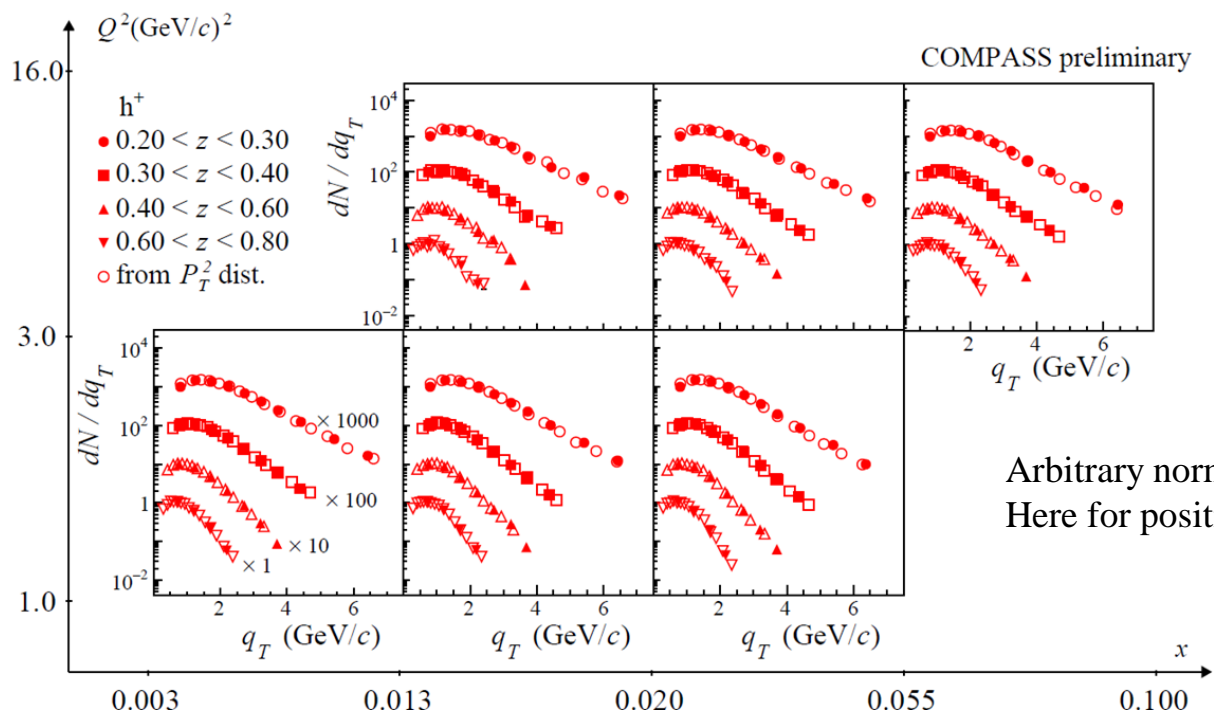


Is it an  $x$  – or  $Q^2$  – dependence (or both)?

# $q_T$ distributions

- $q_T = P_T / z$ , often indicated to set the limits of applicability of the TMD formalism (expected to hold at low  $q_T/Q$ )
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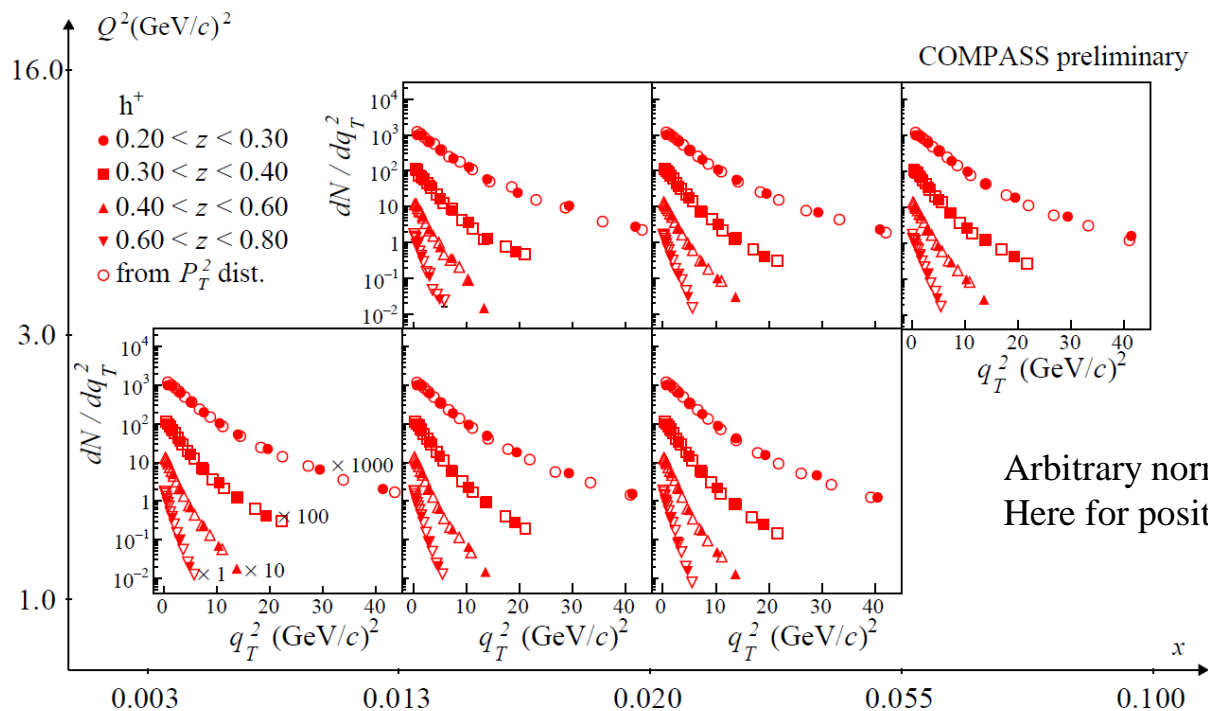
$$\frac{dN_h}{dz dP_T^2} = \frac{dN_h}{dz 2P_T dP_T} = \frac{dN_h}{dz dP_T / z} \frac{1}{2zP_T} \approx \frac{dN_h}{dz dq_T} \frac{1}{2zP_T}$$



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Arbitrary normalization and scaling  
 Here for positive hadrons, similar for negative

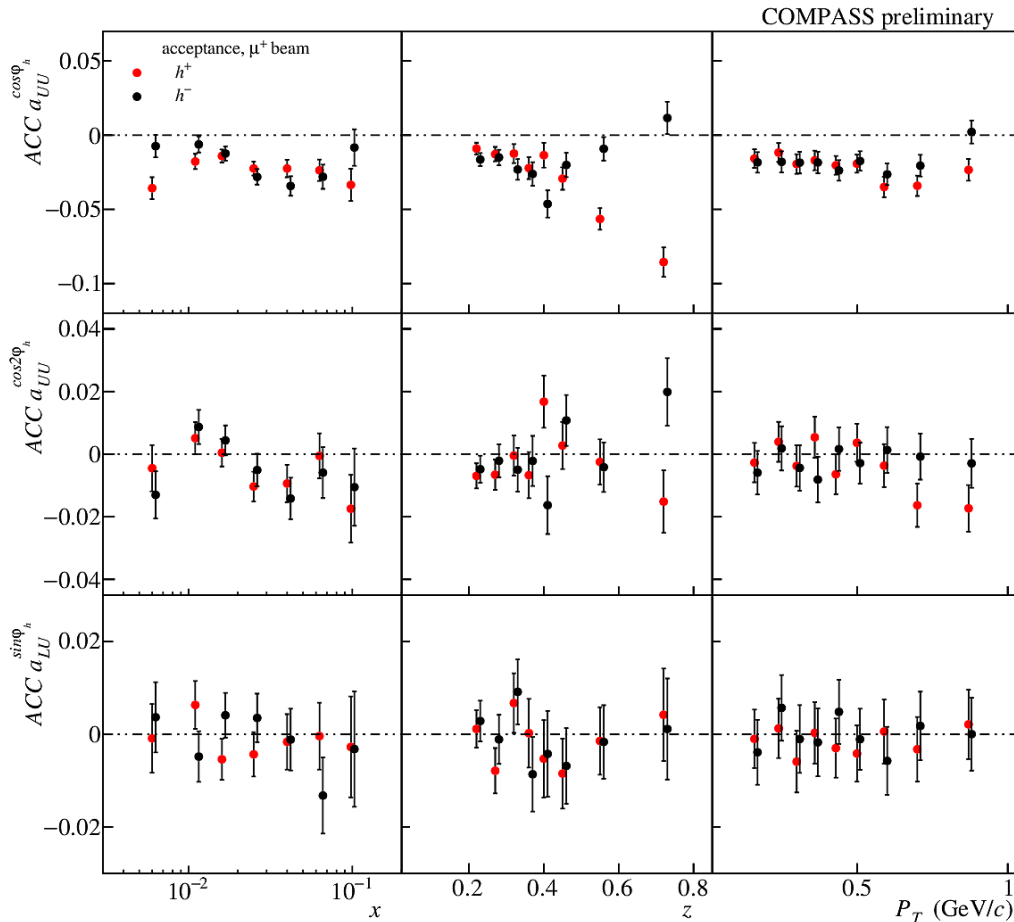
# AZIMUTHAL ASYMMETRIES 1D

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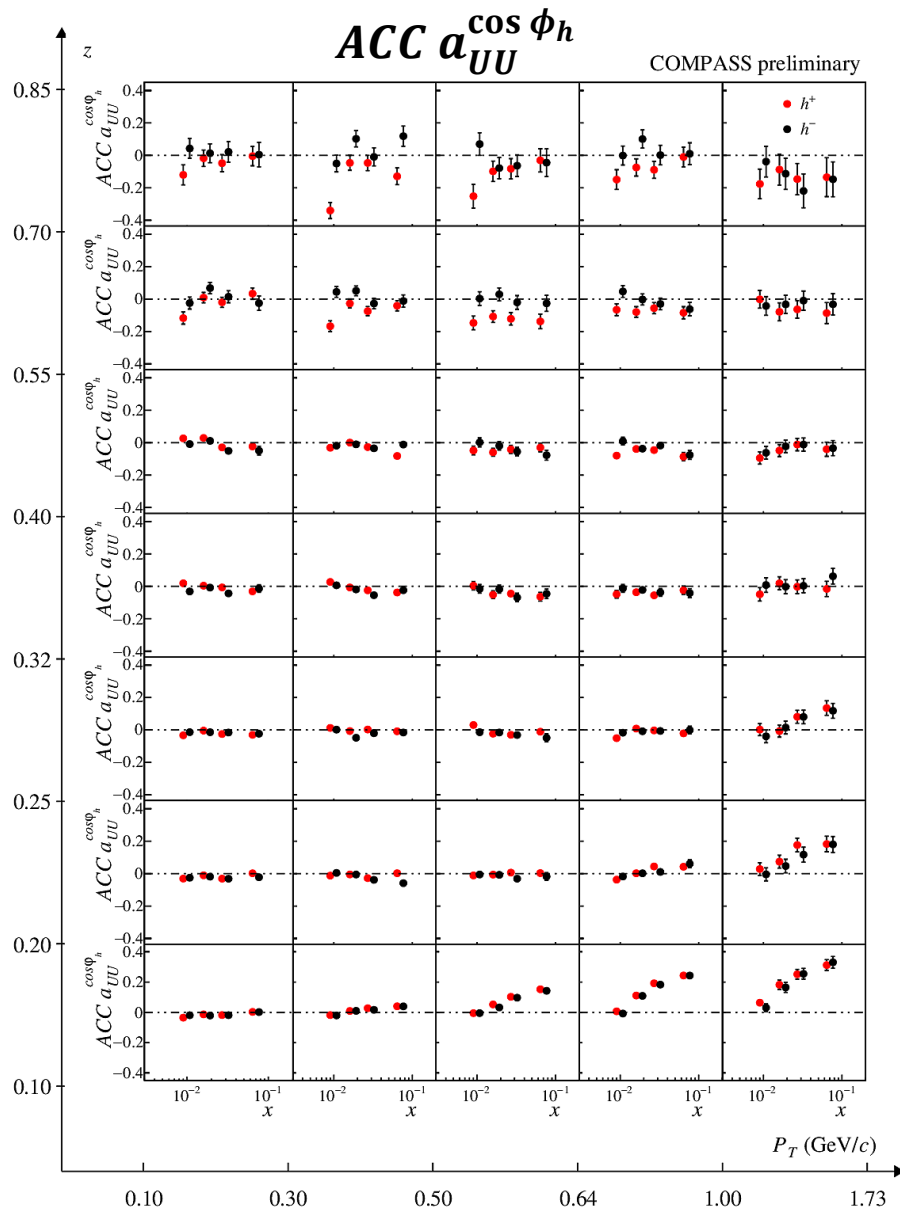
Correction for acceptance applied to each  $\phi$  bin, taken as the ratio of reconstructed and generated hadrons:

$$c_{acc}(\phi) = \frac{N_h^{rec}(\phi^{rec})}{N_h^{gen}(\phi^{gen})}$$

Azimuthal modulations of the acceptance in 1D binning, for  $\mu^+$  beam and positive (red) and negative hadrons (black).

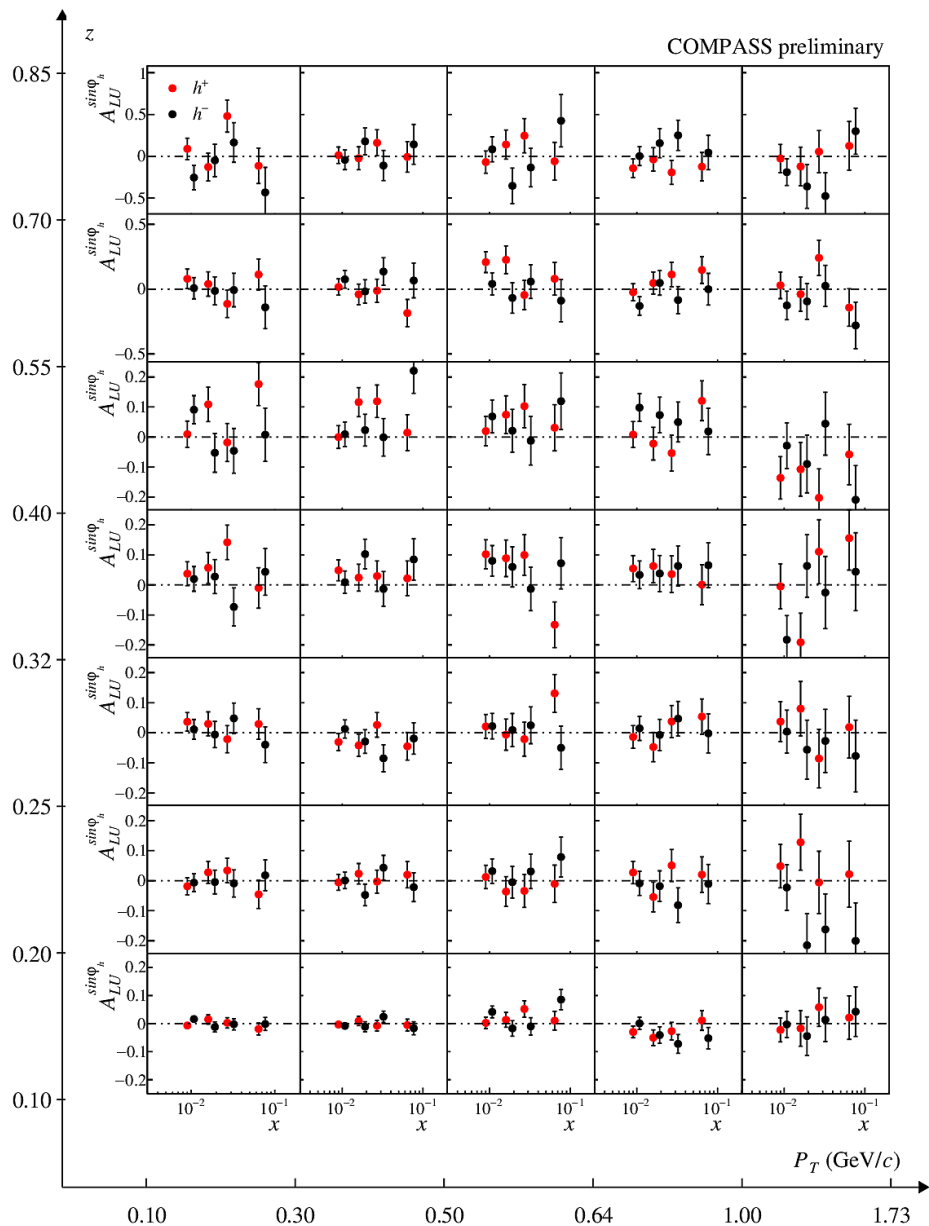


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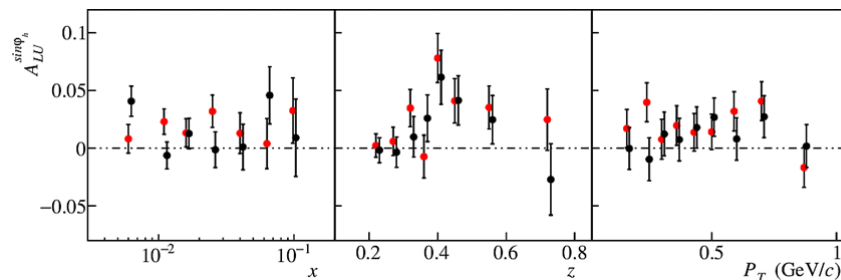
# Azimuthal asymmetries – 3D



3D azimuthal asymmetries for positive and negative hadrons

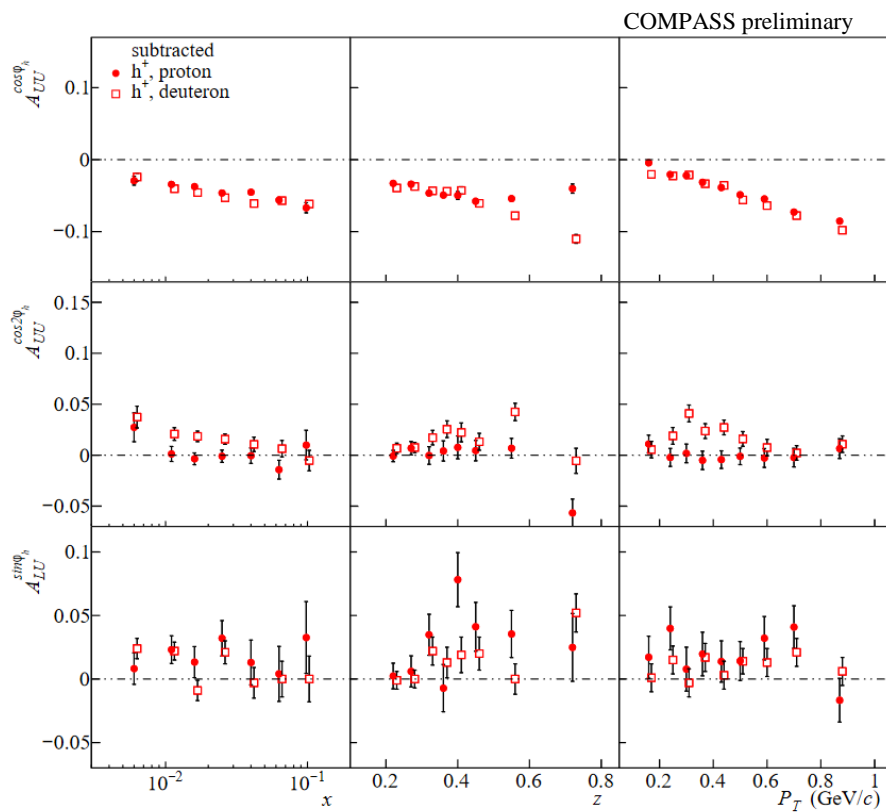
$A_{LU}^{sin\phi_h}$  as a function of  $x$ , in bins of  $z$  (rows) and  $P_T$  (columns).

Comparison with the 1D case:  
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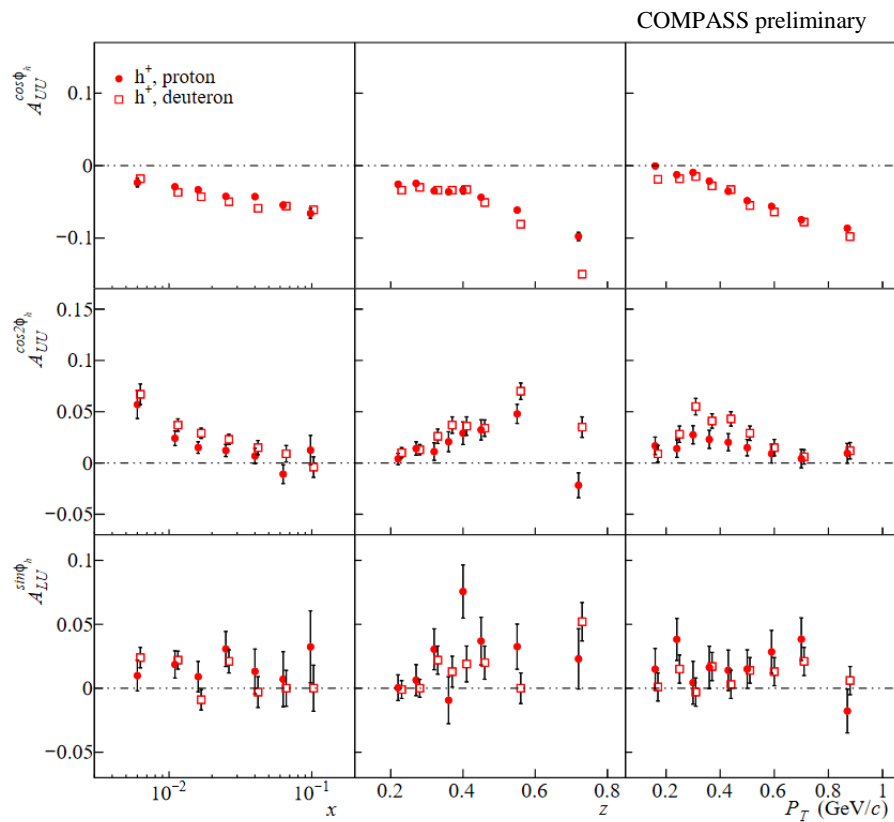


# Comparison with deuteron results

*Exclusive hadrons discarded / subtracted*



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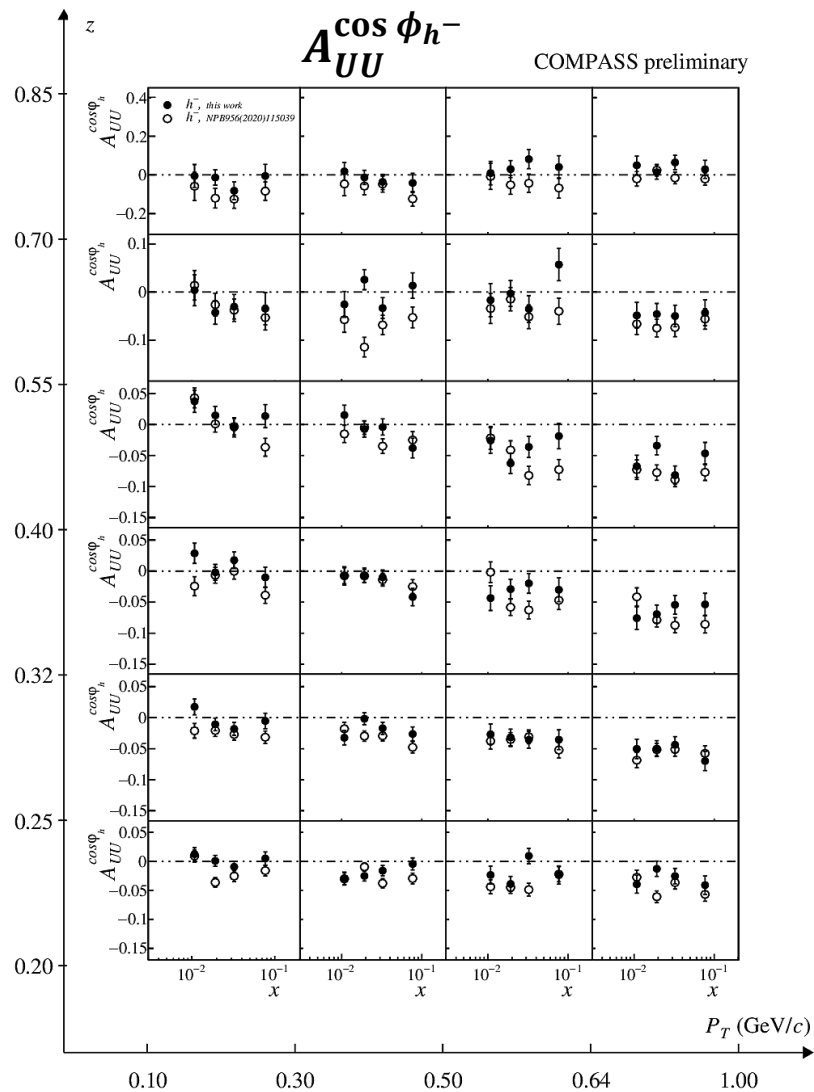
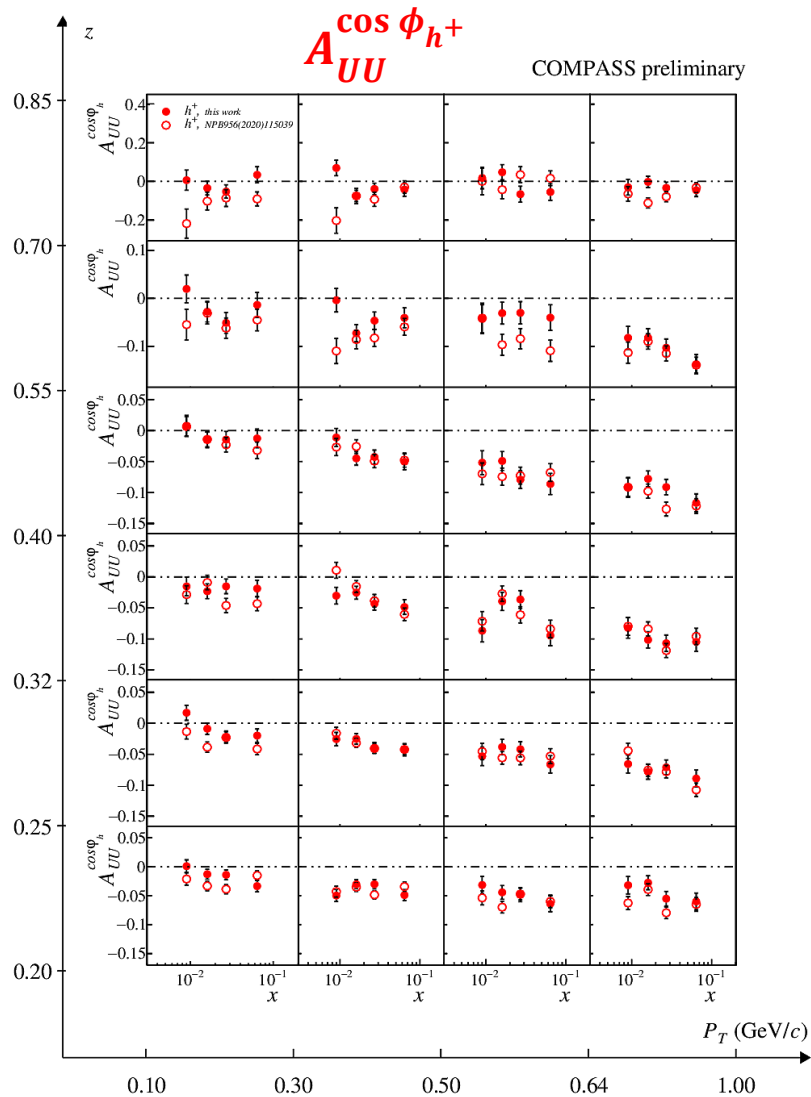


Difference visible also *before* the DVM subtraction / correction

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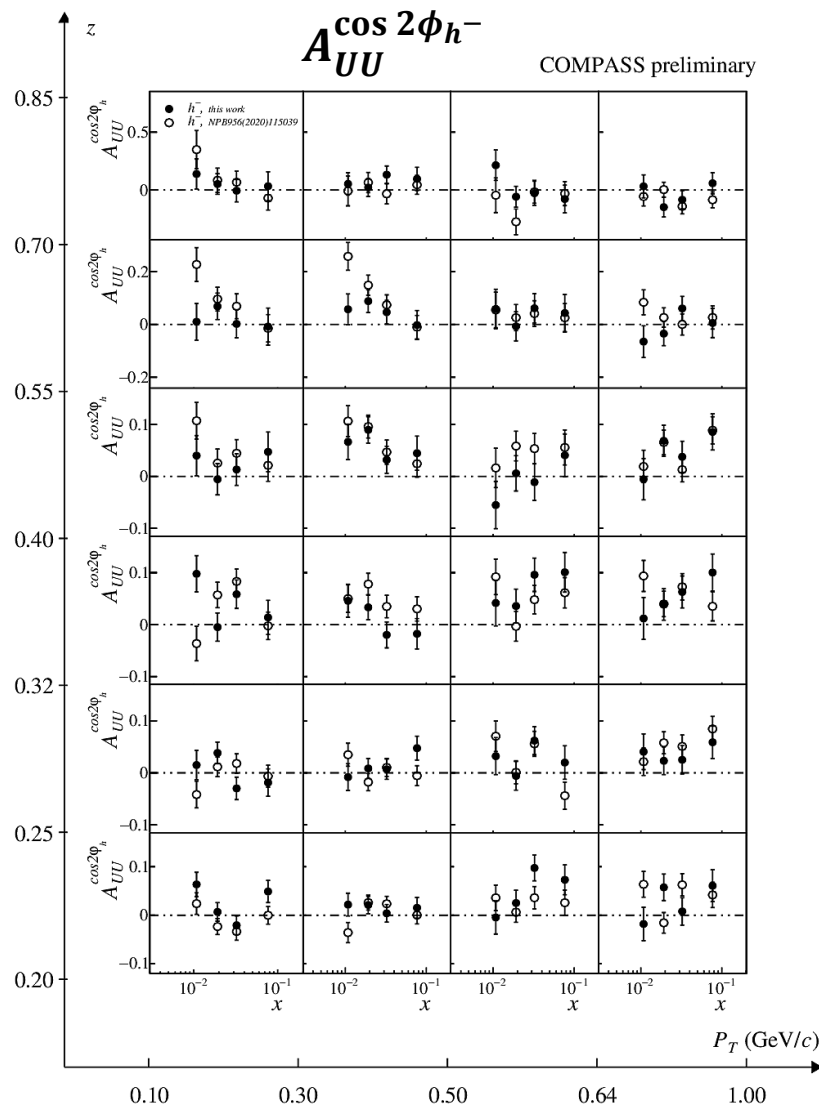
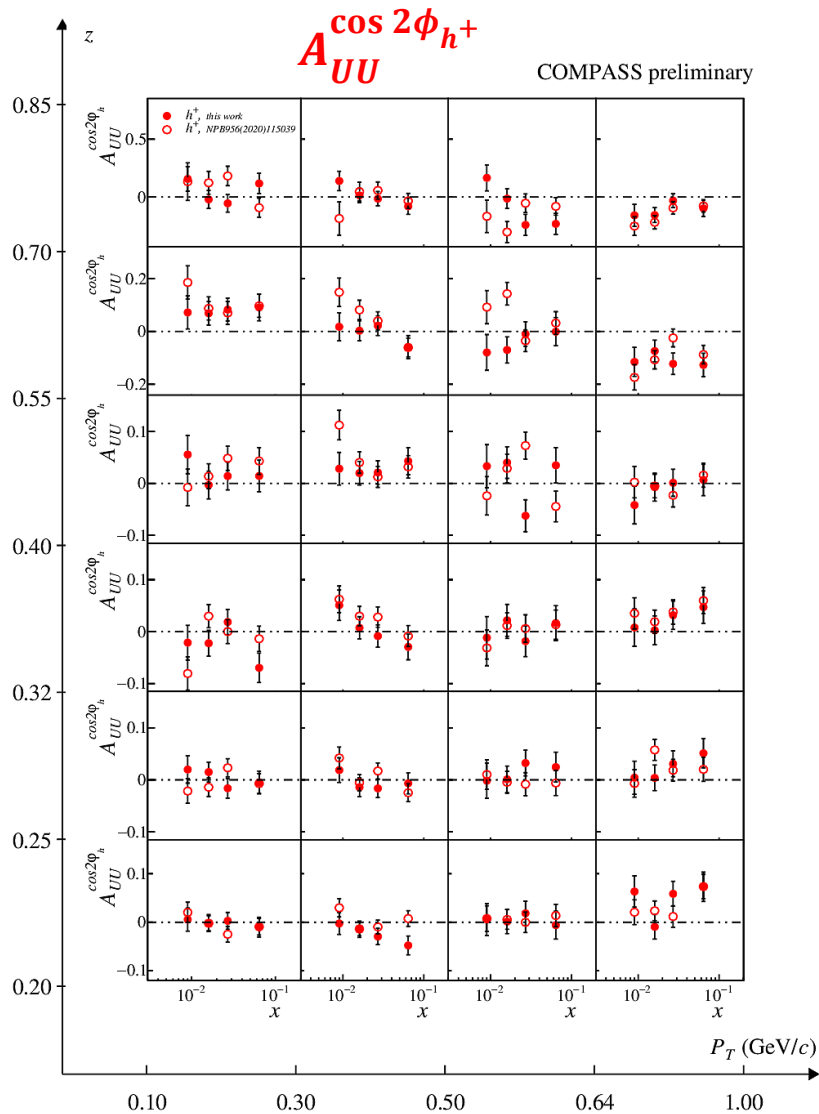
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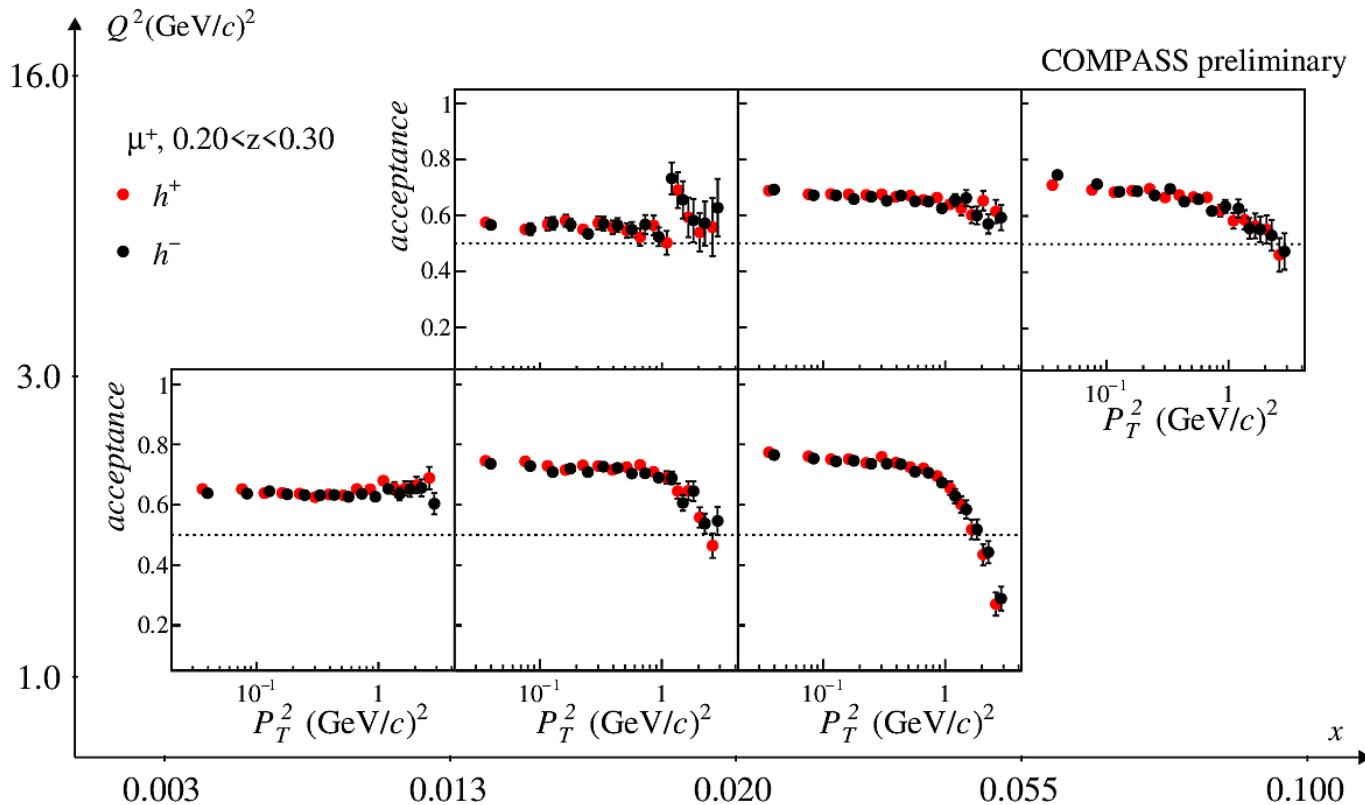


# $P_T^2$ - DISTRIBUTIONS

## Acceptance

$$c_{acc}(P_T^2) = \frac{N_h^{rec}(P_T^{rec 2})}{N_h^{gen}(P_T^{gen 2})}$$

The acceptance is shown here in the first z bin, for positive and negative hadrons. A flat plateau at values larger than 50% and, in some bins, a decrease at large  $P_T^2$ .

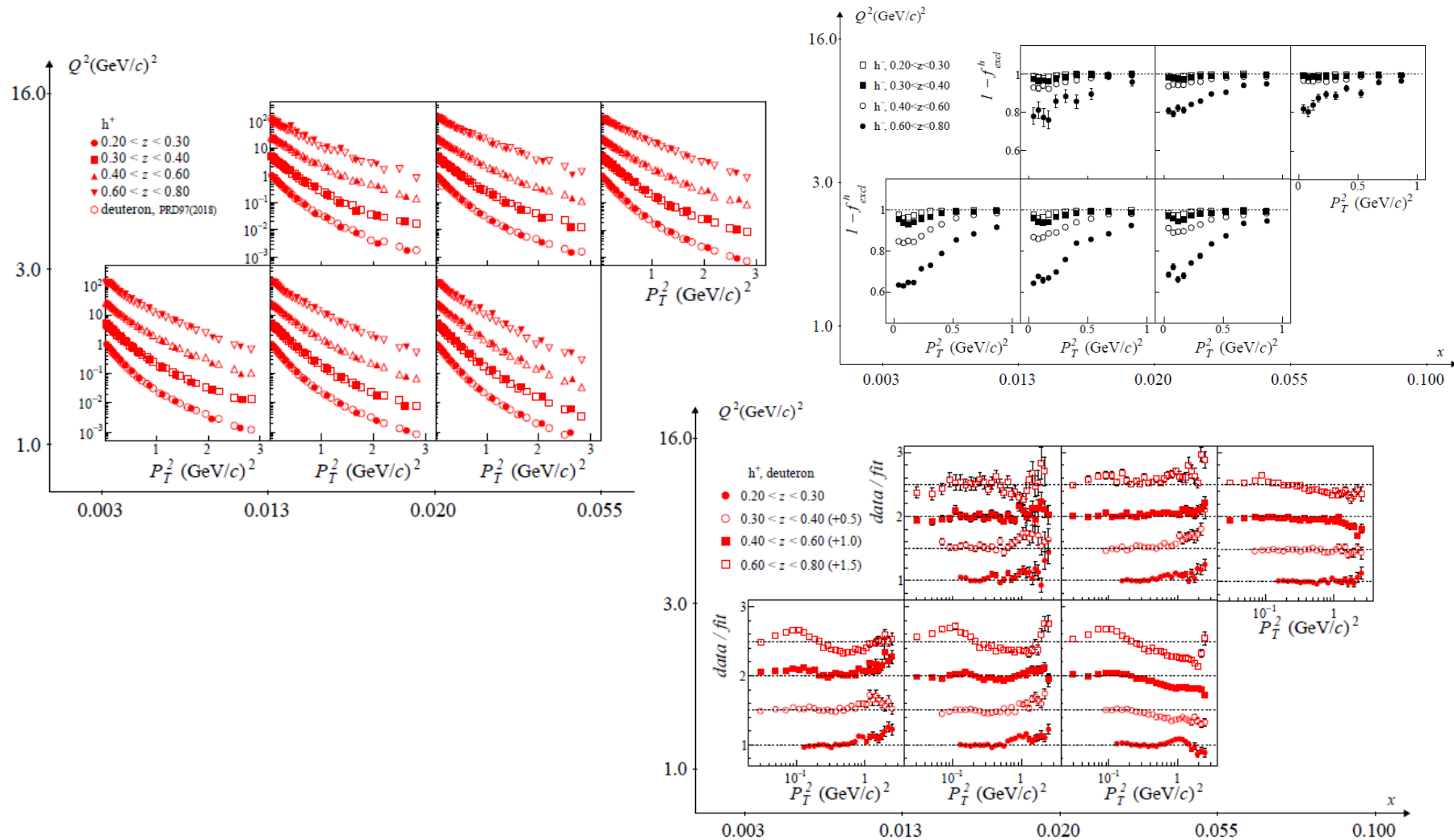


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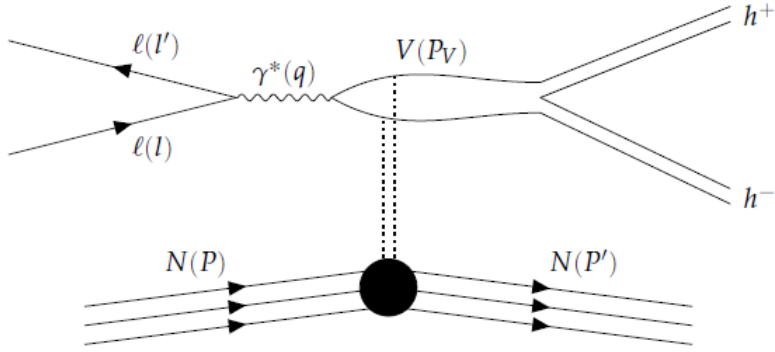
The new results are compared to published results on a deuteron target [COMPASS, PRD97(2018) 032006]

The old results have been renormalized over the first point and averaged over  $x$  and  $Q^2$  in order to match the current binning, while the  $z$  and  $P_T^2$  binning has not been modified.

The agreement between new proton results and old deuteron ones is given in the plot on the right



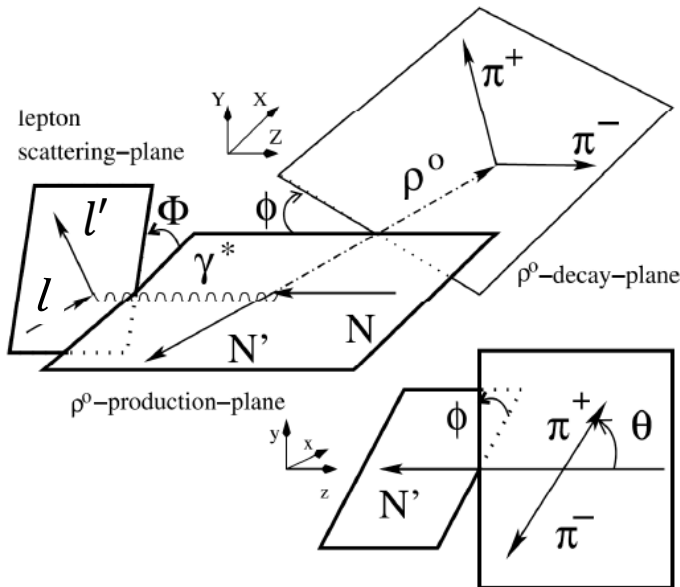
# Exclusive $\rho^0$ Spin Density Matrix Elements



The diffractive production of a vector meson  $V$  and its decay into a hadron pair

$$\begin{aligned}
 W^U(\cos\theta, \Phi, \phi) = & \frac{3}{8\pi^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (1 - r_{00}^{04}) + \frac{1}{2} (3r_{00}^{04} - 1) \cos^2\theta - \sqrt{2}\text{Re} \{ r_{10}^{04} \} \sin 2\theta \cos\phi - r_{1-1}^{04} \sin^2\theta \cos 2\phi \right. \\
 & - \epsilon \cos 2\Phi (r_{11}^1 \sin^2\theta + r_{00}^1 \cos^2\theta - \sqrt{2}\text{Re} \{ r_{10}^1 \} \sin^2\theta \cos\phi - r_{1-1}^1 \sin^2\theta \cos 2\phi) \\
 & - \epsilon \sin 2\Phi (\sqrt{2}\text{Im} \{ r_{10}^2 \} \sin 2\theta \sin\phi + \text{Im} \{ r_{1-1}^2 \} \sin^2\theta \sin 2\phi) \\
 & + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} \cos\Phi (r_{11}^5 \sin^2\theta + r_{00}^5 \cos^2\theta - \sqrt{2}\text{Re} \{ r_{10}^5 \} \sin 2\theta \cos\phi - r_{1-1}^5 \sin^2\theta \cos 2\phi) \\
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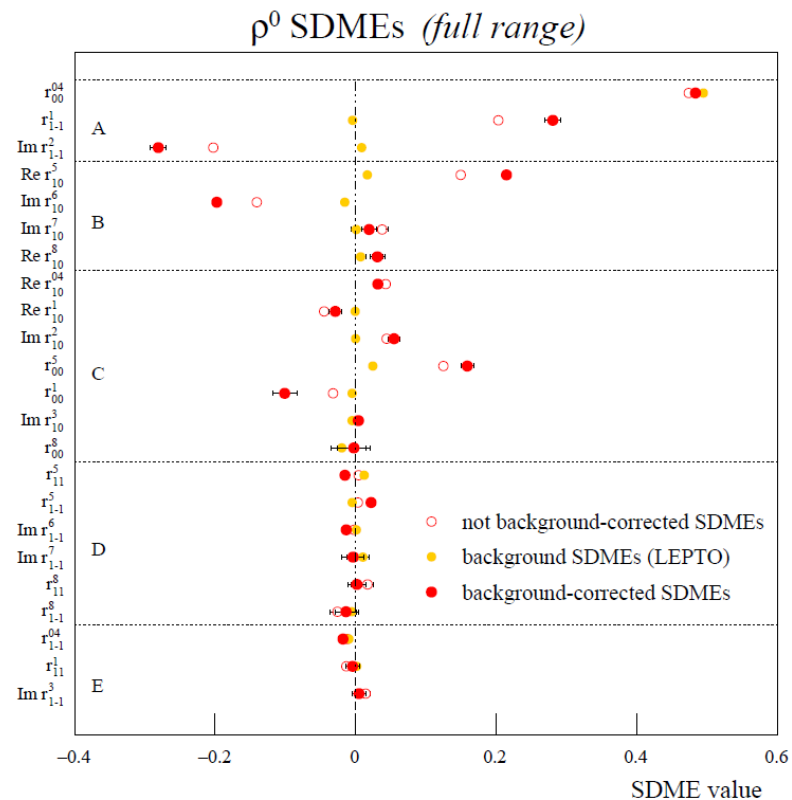
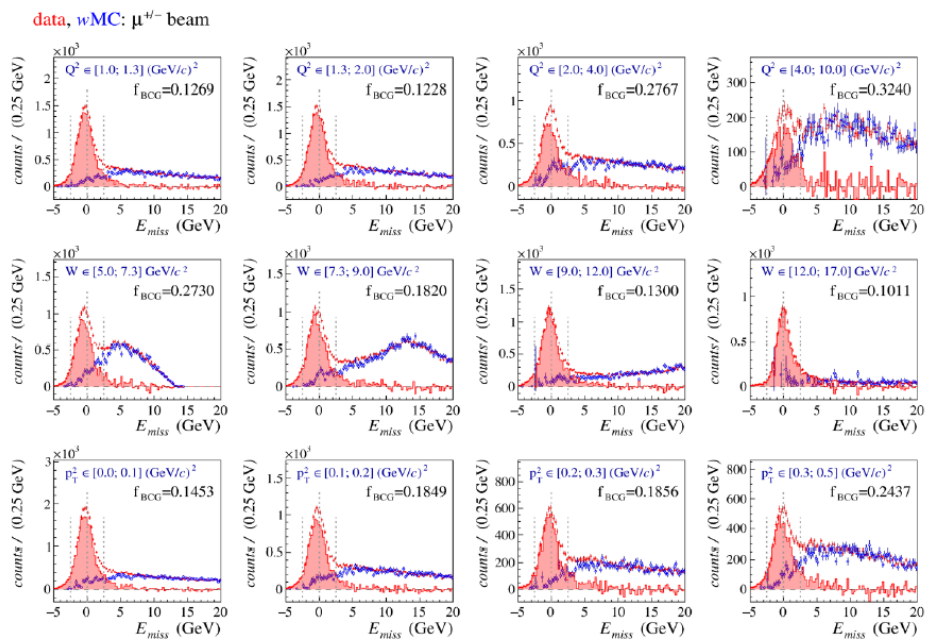
$$\begin{aligned}
 W^L(\cos\theta, \Phi, \phi) = & \frac{3}{8\pi^2} \left[ \sqrt{1-\epsilon^2} (\sqrt{2}\text{Im} \{ r_{10}^3 \} \sin 2\theta \sin\phi + \text{Im} \{ r_{1-1}^3 \} \sin^2\theta \sin 2\phi) \right. \\
 & + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} \cos\Phi (\sqrt{2}\text{Im} \{ r_{10}^7 \} \sin 2\theta \sin\phi + \text{Im} \{ r_{1-1}^7 \} \sin^2\theta \sin 2\phi) \\
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 \end{aligned}$$



# Exclusive $\rho^0$ Spin Density Matrix Elements

UML fit of the observed pion distributions, correcting for the apparatus acceptance, in three steps:

- SDMEs with no background correction
- SIDIS background fraction estimation and background SDMEs
- SDMEs with SIDIS background correction





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