

# Transverse Spin Structure of the Nucleon from COMPASS



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*on behalf of the COMPASS collaboration*

- **The COMPASS experiment**
- **Results from  ${}^6\text{LiD}$  data:**
  - Collins and Sivers asymmetry
- **New results from  $\text{NH}_3$  data:**
  - Collins and Sivers asymmetry



longitudinally polarised muon beam  
longitudinally or transversely polarised  
target

luminosity:  $\sim 5 \cdot 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$   
beam intensity:  $2 \cdot 10^8 \mu^+/\text{spill}$  (4.8s/16.2s)  
beam momentum: 160 GeV/c



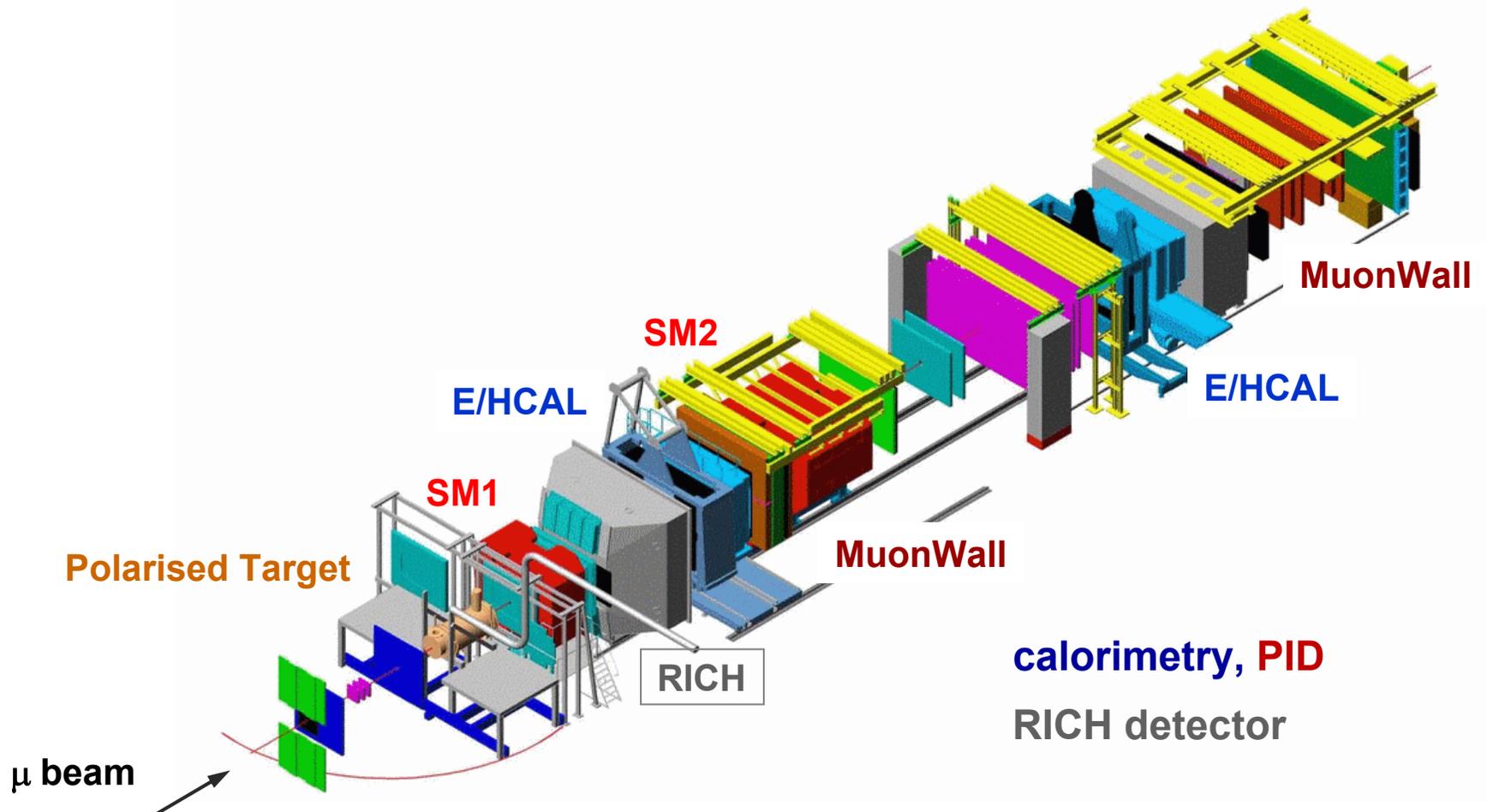
# COMPASS

- high energy beam
- large angular acceptance
- broad kinematical range

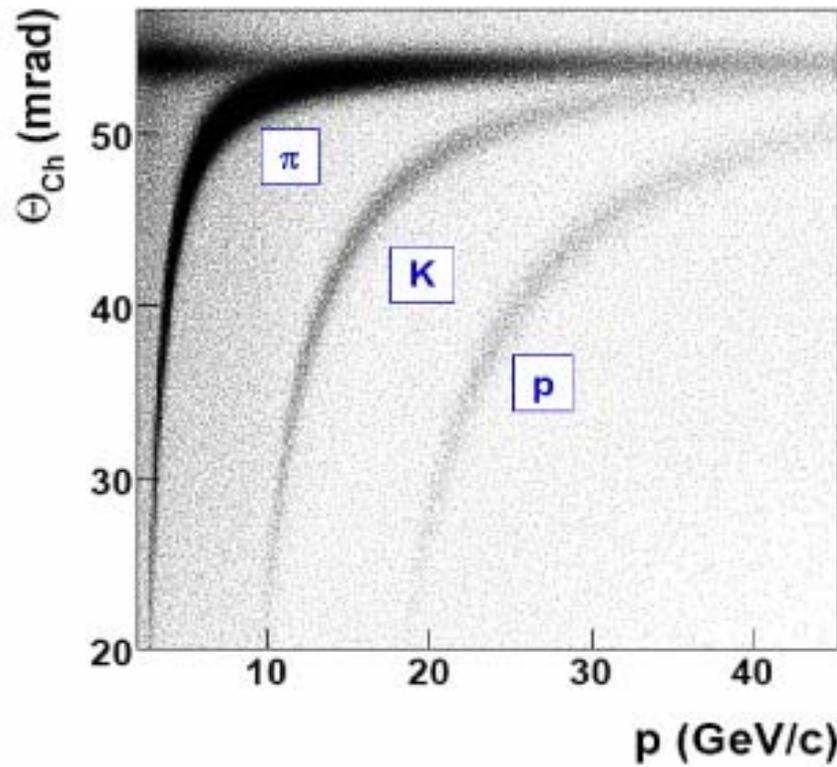
two stages spectrometer

Large Angle Spectrometer (SM1)

Small Angle Spectrometer (SM2)



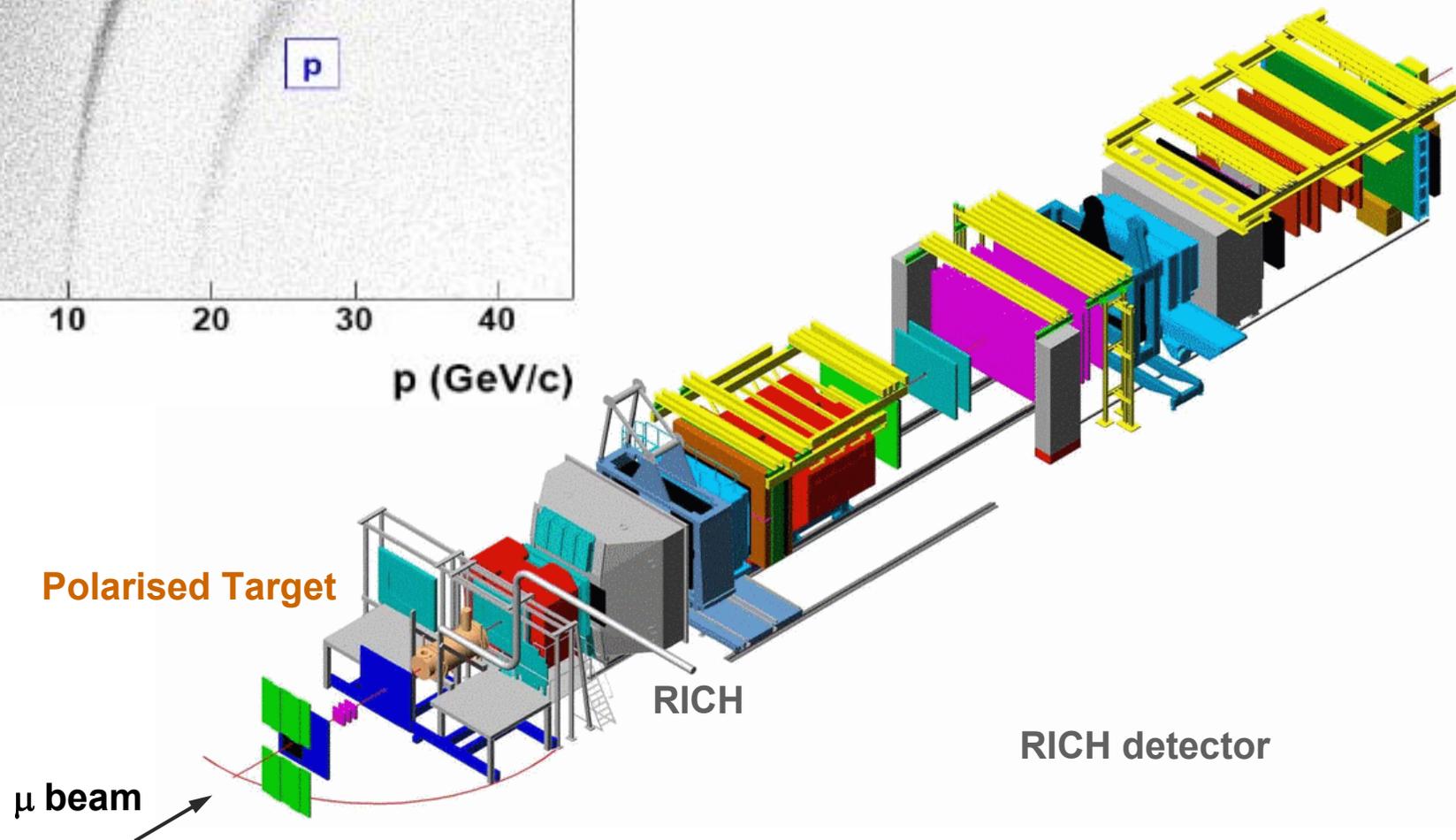
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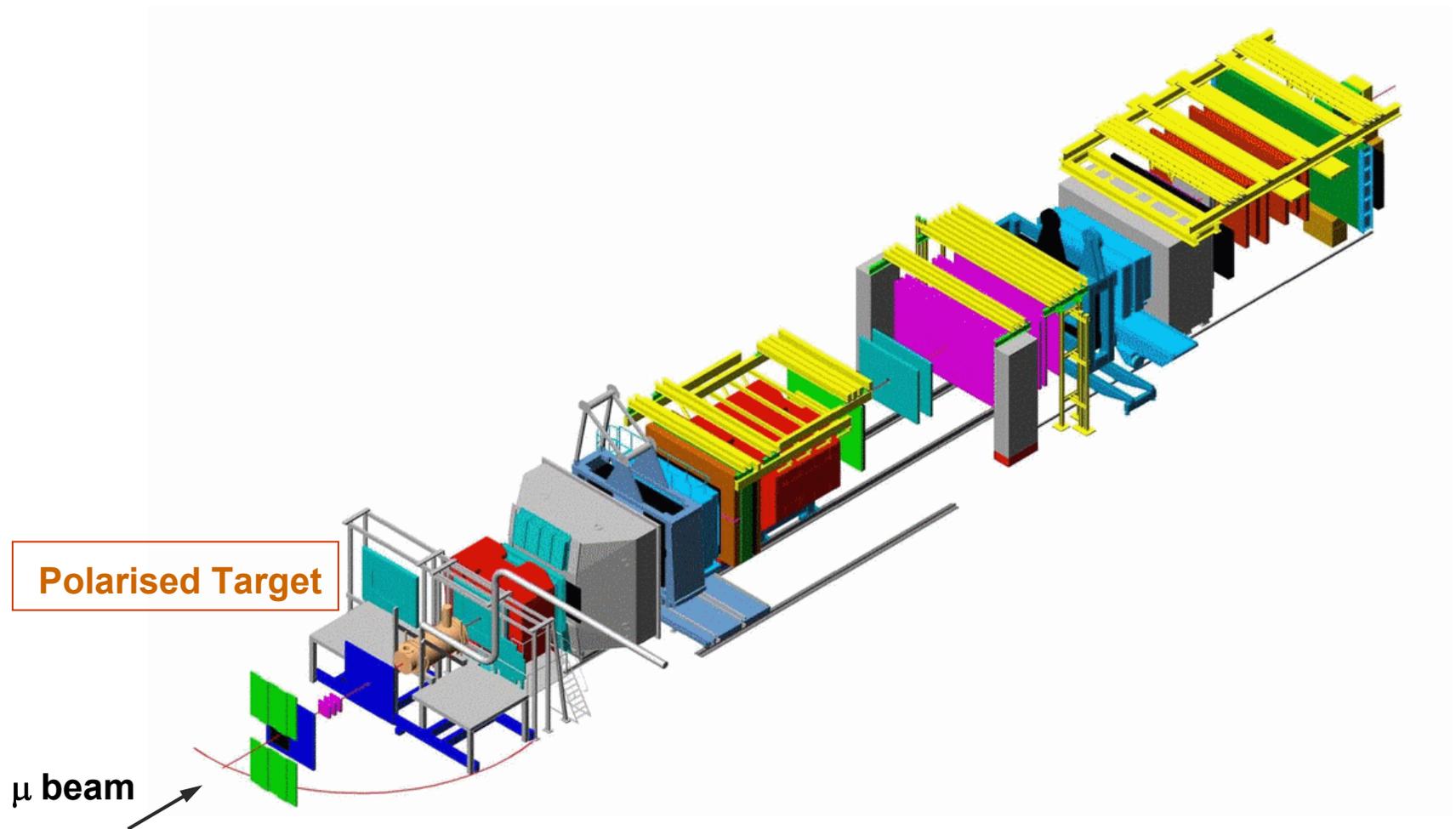
radiator  $C_4F_{10}$

threshold:  $\pi \sim 2$  GeV/c

K  $\sim 10$  GeV/c



# COMPASS



# The Target System

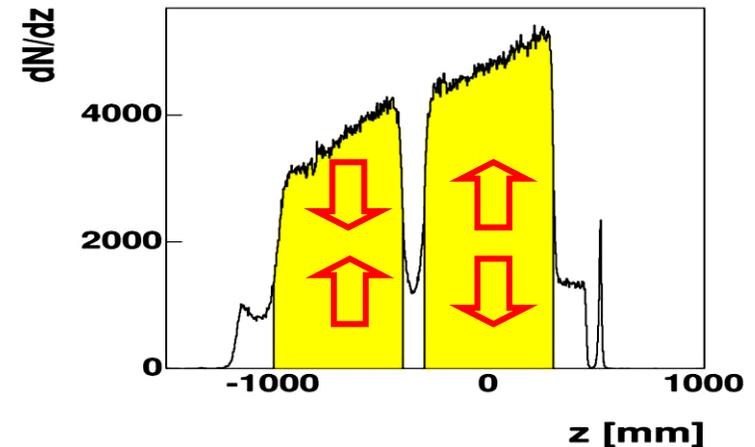
solid state target operated in frozen spin mode

**2002-2006:  ${}^6\text{LiD}$  (polarised deuteron)**

dilution factor  $f = 0.38$

polarization  $P_T = 50\%$

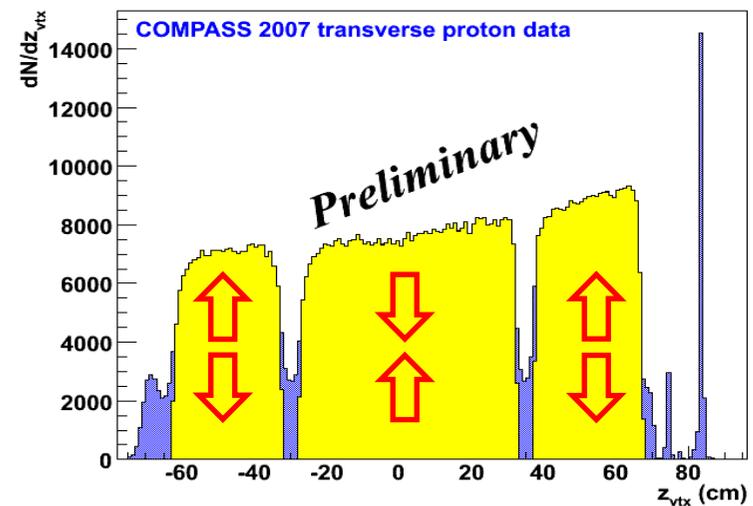
two 60 cm long cells  
with opposite polarisation



**2007:  $\text{NH}_3$  (polarised protons)**

dilution factor  $f = 0.14$

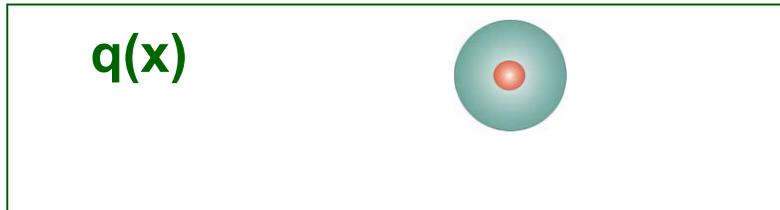
polarization  $P_T = 90\%$



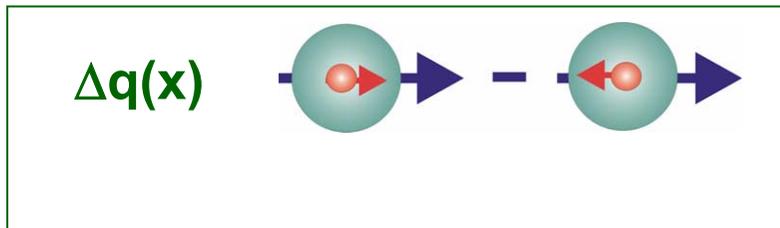
during data taking with transverse polarisation,  
polarisation reversal in the cells after  $\sim 4$ -5 days

# Transverse Spin Physics

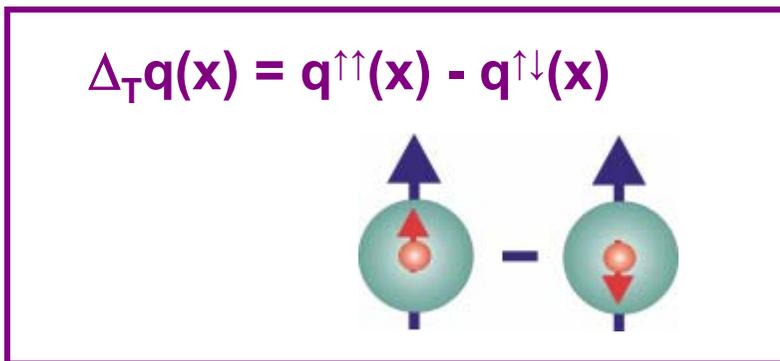
3 distribution functions are necessary to describe the spin structure of the nucleon at LO:



**momentum distribution**  
well known - unpolarized DIS



**helicity distribution**  
known - polarized DIS



**transversity distribution**  
still unknown

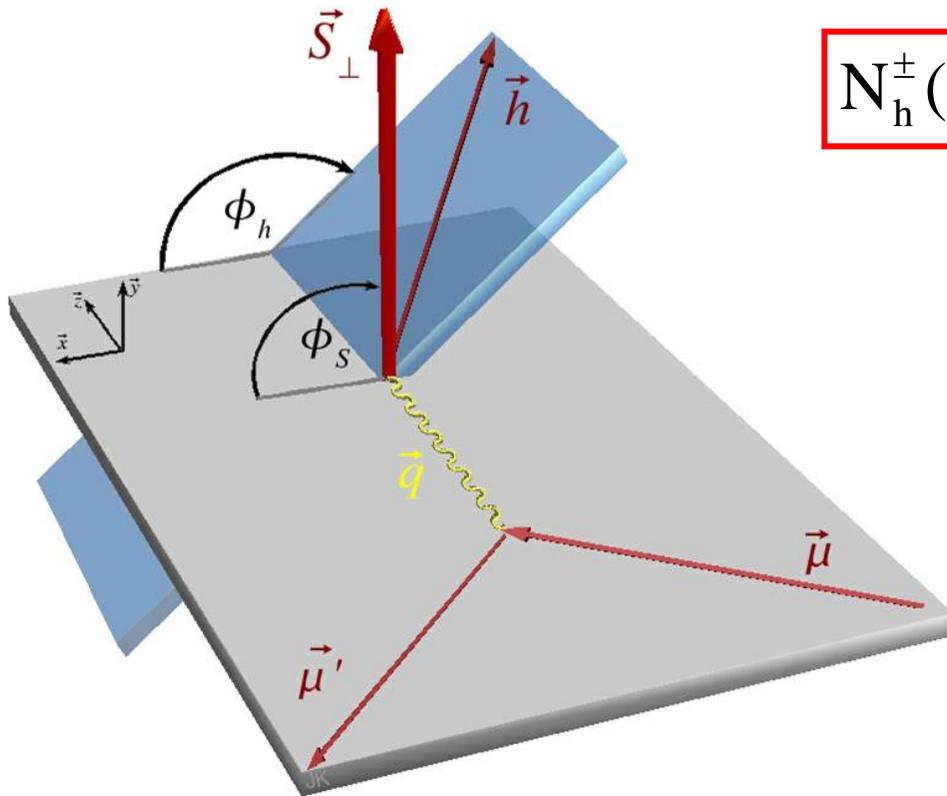
$\Delta_T q(x)$  decouples from inclusive DIS:  
helicity flip of quark  
→ SIDIS experiment

# Collins Asymmetry

SIDIS on a transversely polarized target:  $l N^\uparrow \rightarrow l' h X$

Fragmentation of a transversely polarized quarks into hadrons

→ azimuthal asymmetry:



$$N_h^\pm(\Phi_{\text{Coll}}) = N_h^0 \{ 1 \pm A_C^h \cdot \sin \Phi_{\text{Coll}} \}$$

In SIDIS, the Collins angle  $\Phi_{\text{Coll}}$  is defined as:

$$\Phi_{\text{Coll}} = \phi_h + \phi_S - \pi$$

# Collins Asymmetry

The measured asymmetry  $A_{\text{Coll}}$  gives access to the transversity distribution times the Collins fragmentation function:

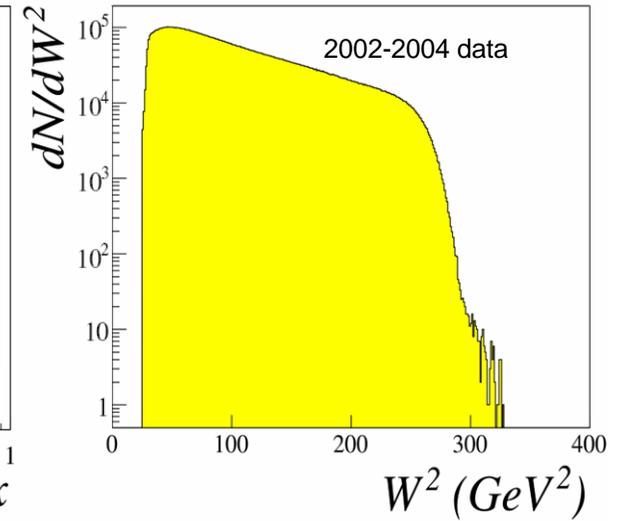
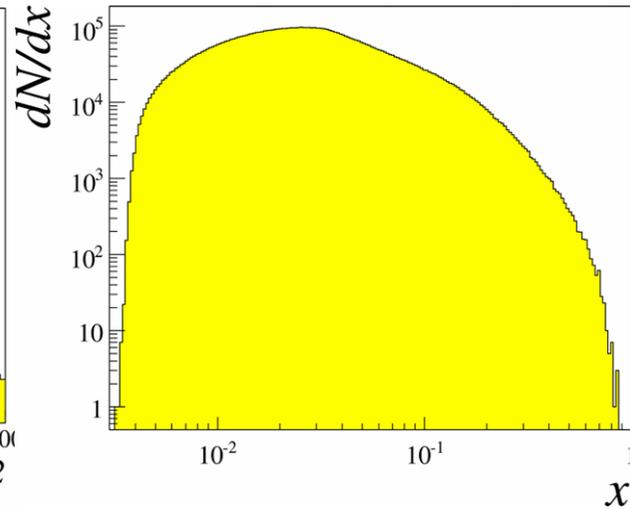
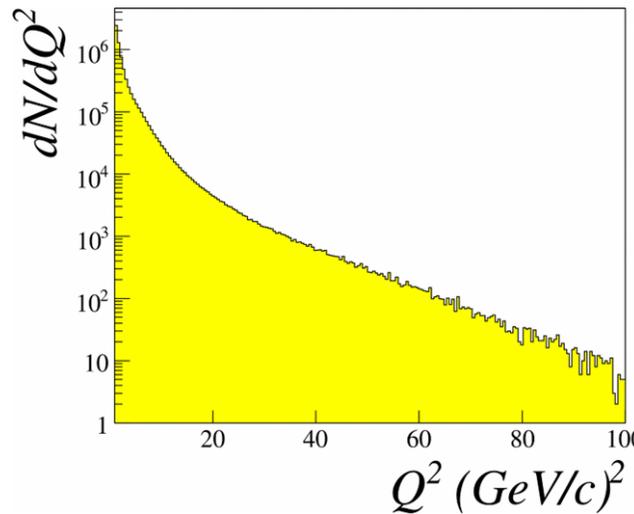
$$A_{\text{Coll}} = \frac{A_C^h}{f P_T D_{\text{nn}}} = \frac{\sum_q e_q^2 \Delta_T q(x) \cdot \Delta_T^0 D_q^h}{\sum_q e_q^2 q(x) \cdot D_q^h}$$

$f$ : Dilution factor  
 $D_{\text{nn}}$ : Depolarization factor  
 $D_{\text{nn}} = 2(1-y)/(1+(1-y)^2)$   
 $P_T$ : Target polarisation

$\Delta_T q(x)$ : Transversity distribution

$\Delta_T^0 D_q^h$ : Collins fragmentation function (measured in  $e^+e^-$  at BELLE)

# SIDIS Event Selection and Kinematics

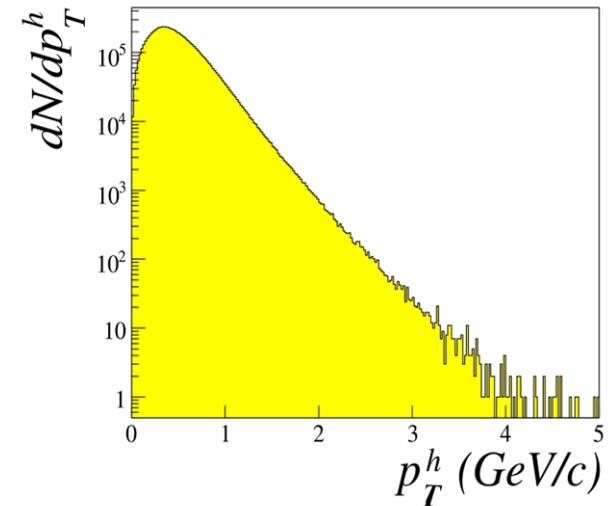


## DIS cuts:

- $Q^2 > 1 (\text{GeV}/c)^2$
- $0.1 < y < 0.9$
- $W > 5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

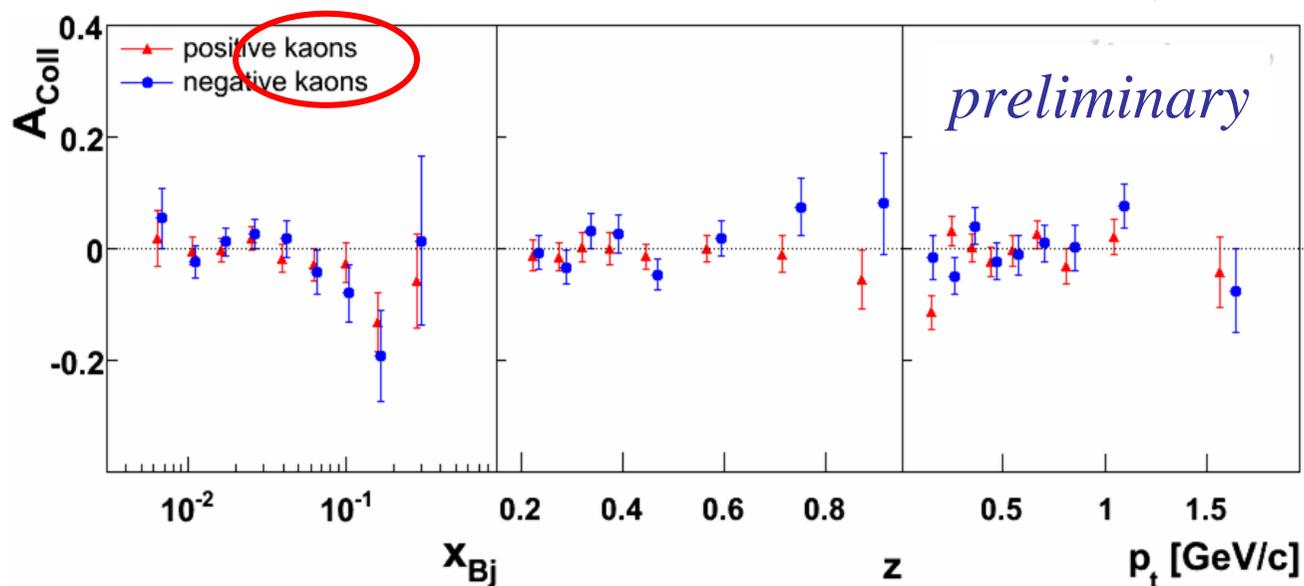
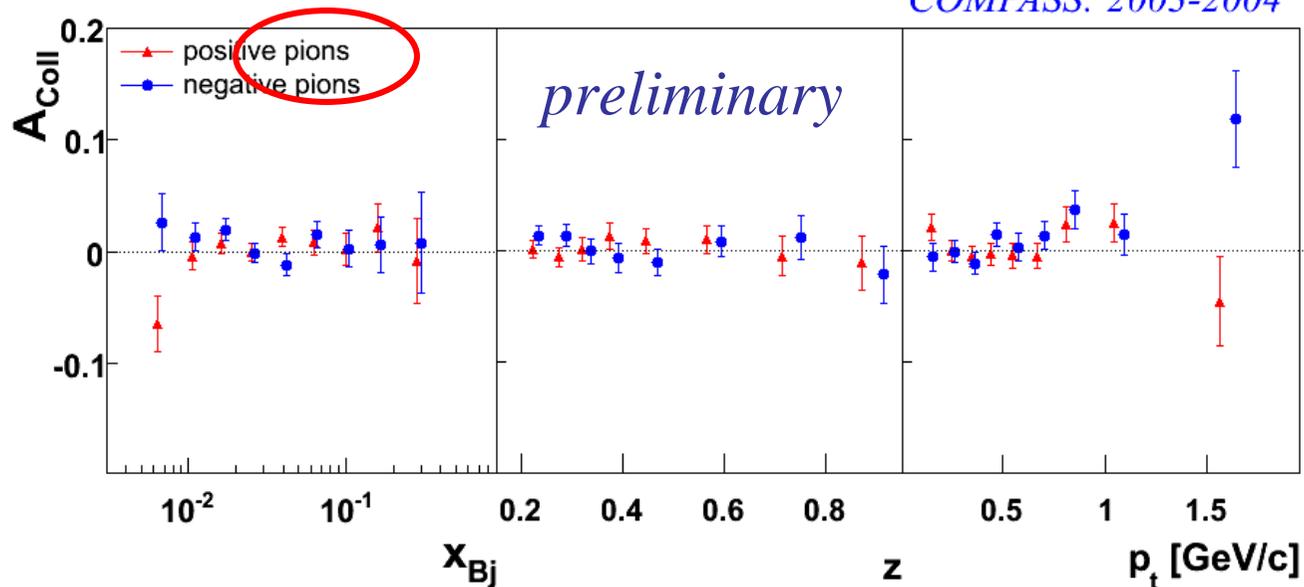
## hadrons

- energy deposit in HCALs  $>$  Thr. (  $\sim 5 \text{ GeV}$  )
- $p_T > 0.1 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $z > 0.2$



# COMPASS Results: Collins Effect

COMPASS: 2003-2004

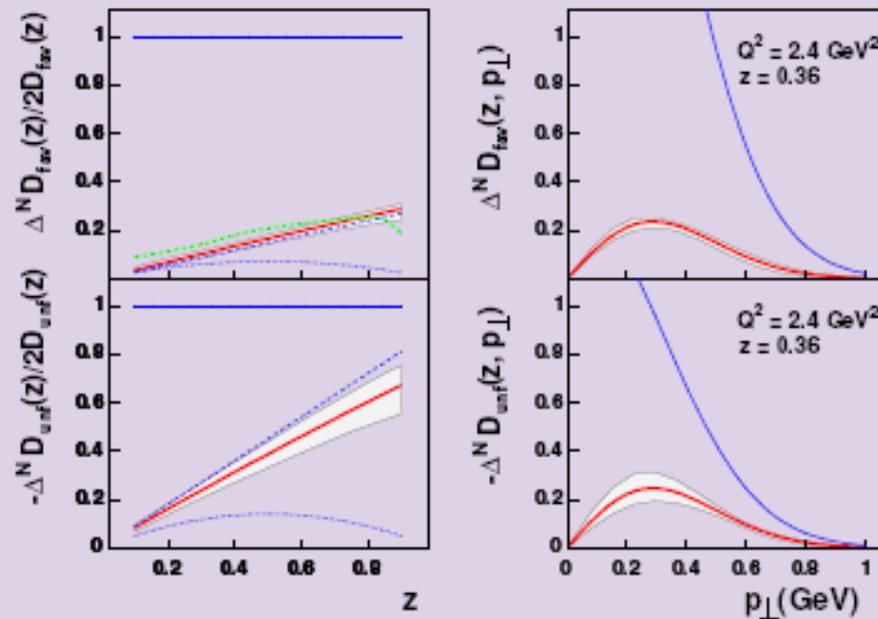


only statistical errors shown (systematical errors considerably smaller)

# Collins Asymmetry – Fits to Data

new results using last HERMES and COMPASS  
[arXiv:0802.2160] pion data, and BELLE data

## Collins fragmentation function

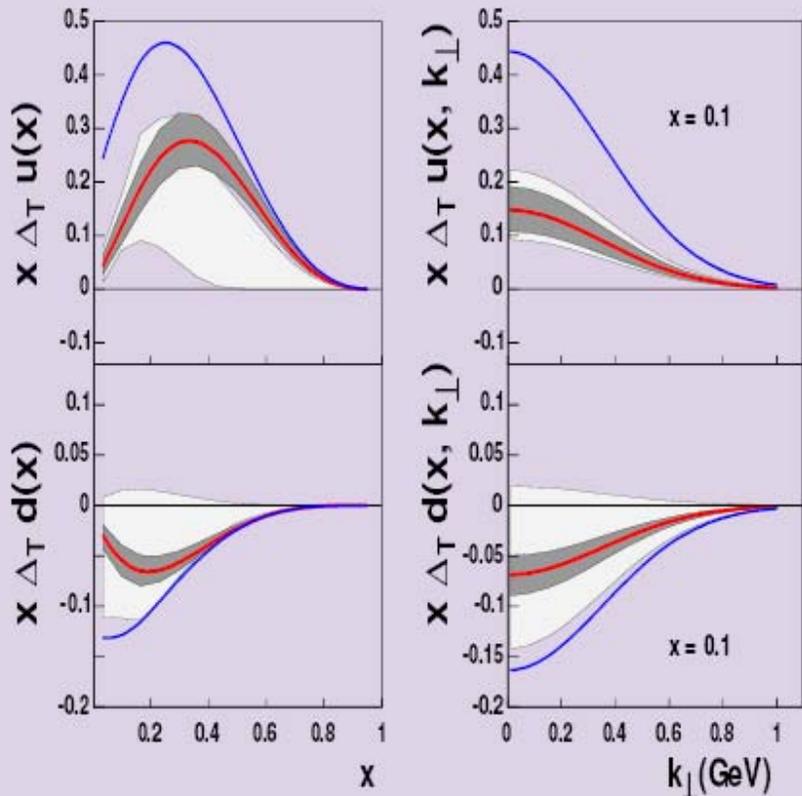


In collaboration with M. Anselmino, M. Boglione, U. D'Alesio,  
F. Murgia, A. Kotzinian, C. Turk, and S. Meis

A. Prokudin: Transversity 08, Ferrara

# Transversity – Fits to Data

HERMES,  
COMPASS,  
BELLE



- This is the extraction of **transversity** from new experimental data.
- Compared to previous extraction PRD75:054032,2007
- $\Delta_T u(x) > 0$  and  $\Delta_T d(x) < 0$  The errors are diminished significantly.
- $\Delta_T u(x)$  became larger than that of the previous fit.

# Sivers Effect

- Intrinsic transverse momentum of unpolarized quarks in a transversely polarized nucleon → azimuthal asymmetry

$$N_h^\pm(\Phi_{\text{Siv}}) = N_h^0 \{ 1 \pm A_S^h \cdot \sin \Phi_{\text{Siv}} \}$$

$$\Phi_{\text{Siv}} = \phi_h - \phi_s$$

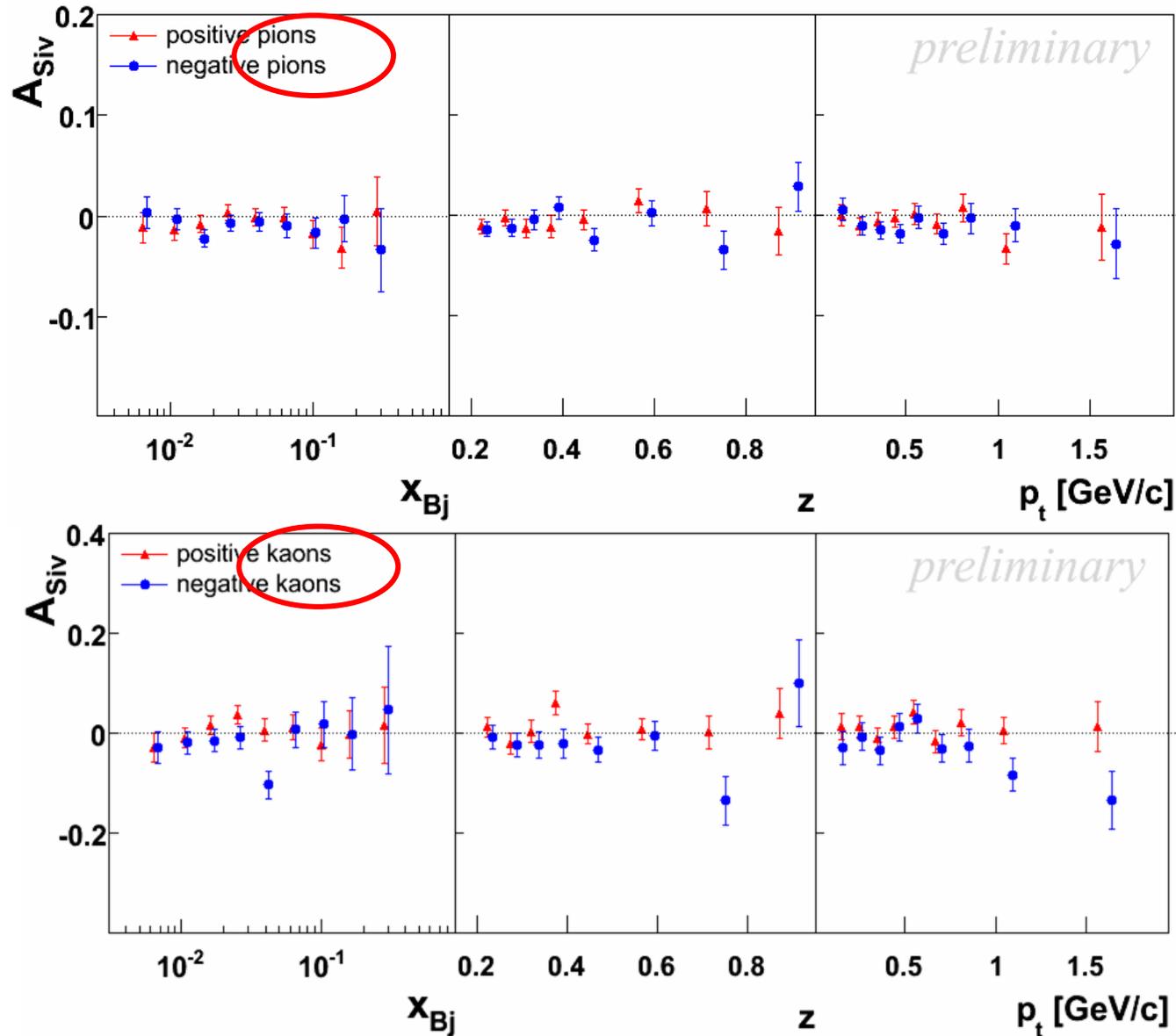
Sivers angle independent of Collins angle:  
measure both in the same data

The Sivers asymmetry:

$$A_{\text{Siv}} = \frac{A_S^h}{f P_T} = \frac{\sum_q e_q^2 \Delta_0^T q(x) \cdot D_q^h}{\sum_q e_q^2 q(x) \cdot D_q^h}$$

$\Delta_0^T q(x)$ : Sivers function

# COMPASS Results: Sivers effect

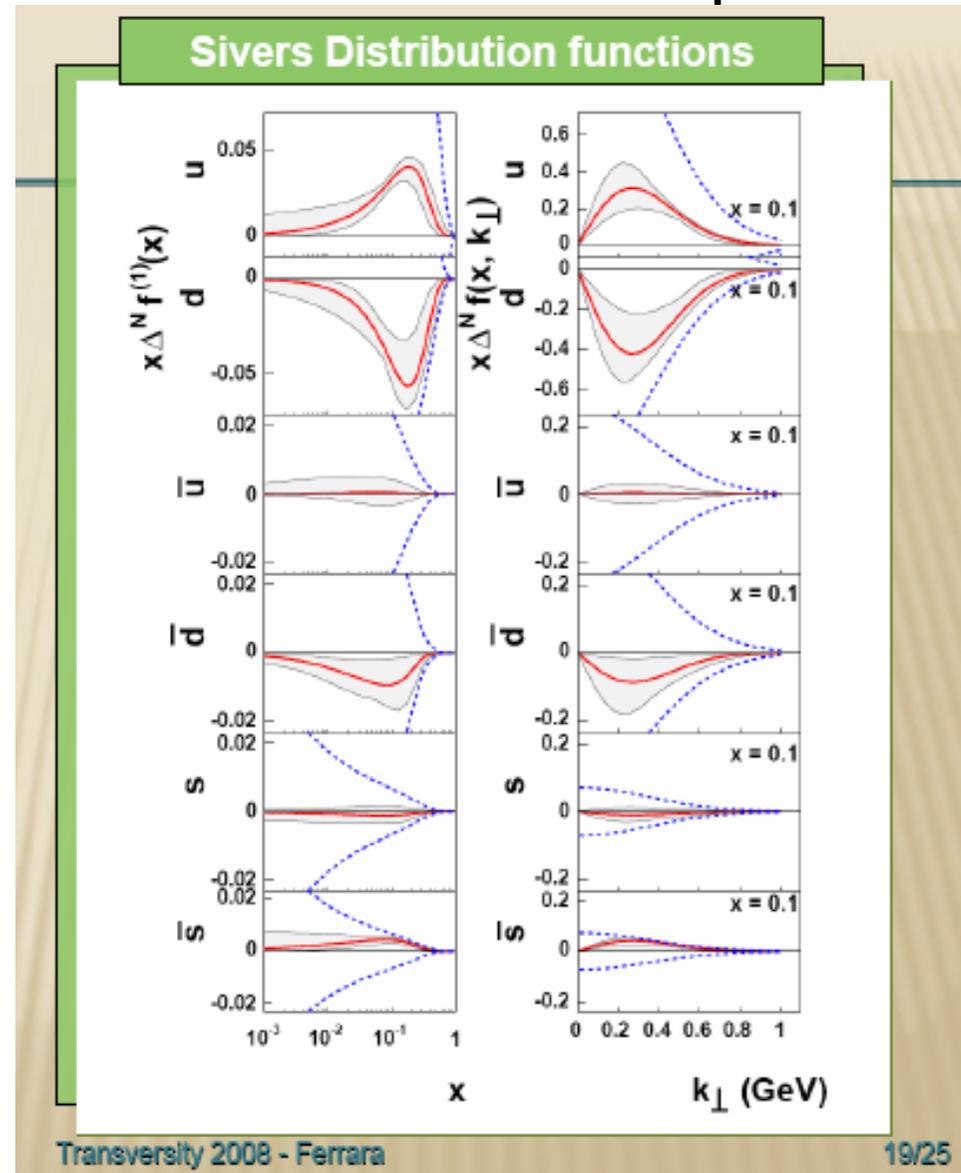


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# Sivers Asymmetries - Fits to Data

new results using HERMES and COMPASS pion and kaon data

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# 2007 Transverse Data Statistics



2007 run: May to November  
equally shared between transverse and longitudinal

Transverse polarization  
data taking:

Data used for these results

Period	"Weeks"	Target Polarization
1	25 / 26	- + - / + - +
2	27 / 28	- + - / + - +
3	30 / 31	+ - + / - + -
4	39 / 40	+ - + / - + -
5	41 / 42a	- + - / + - +
6	42b / 43	+ - + / - + -

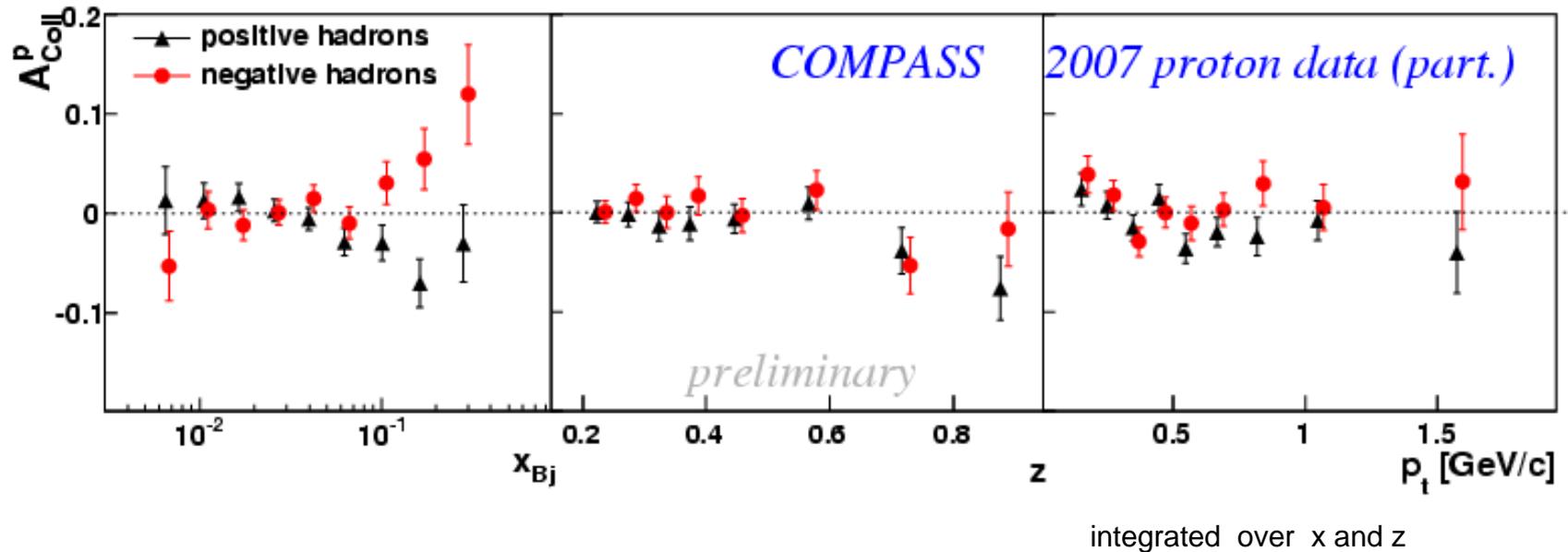
several stability tests have been performed

- detectors and triggers performances
- event reconstruction
- $K_0$  reconstruction
- distributions of kinematical variables:

$$(z_{\text{vtx}}, E_{\mu}, \phi_{\mu}, x_{\text{Bj}}, Q^2, y, W, E_{\text{had}}, \phi_{\text{hadLab}}, \theta_{\text{hadLab}}, \phi_{\text{hadGNS}}, \theta_{\text{hadGNS}}, p_t)$$

~20% of the total collected data has been used for this analysis

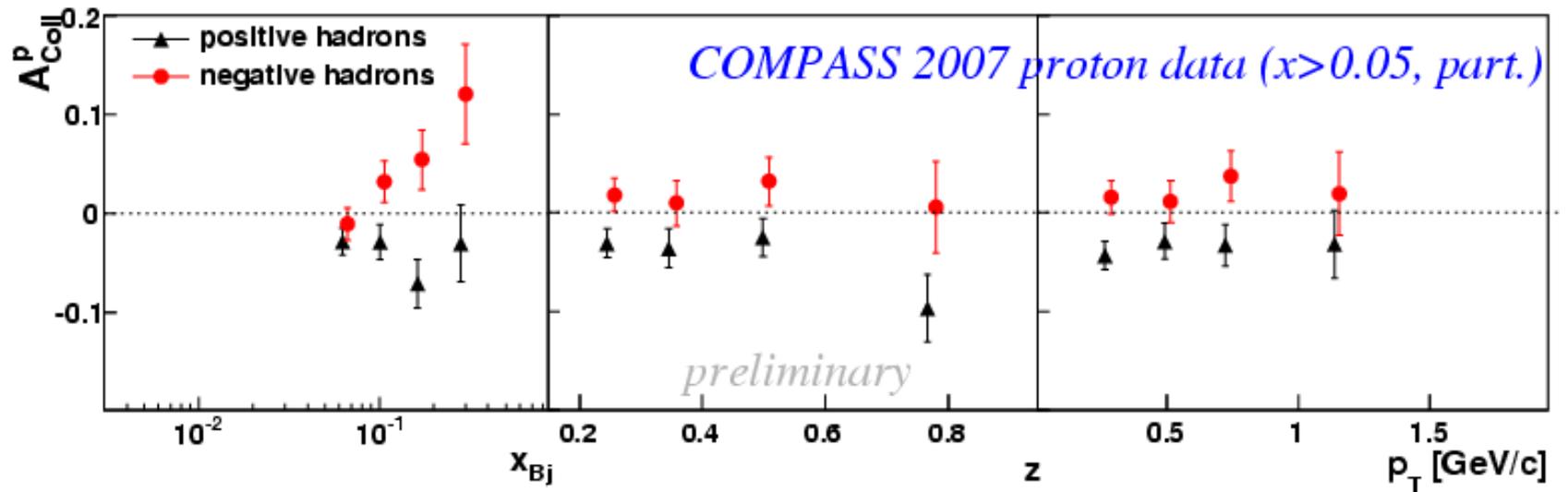
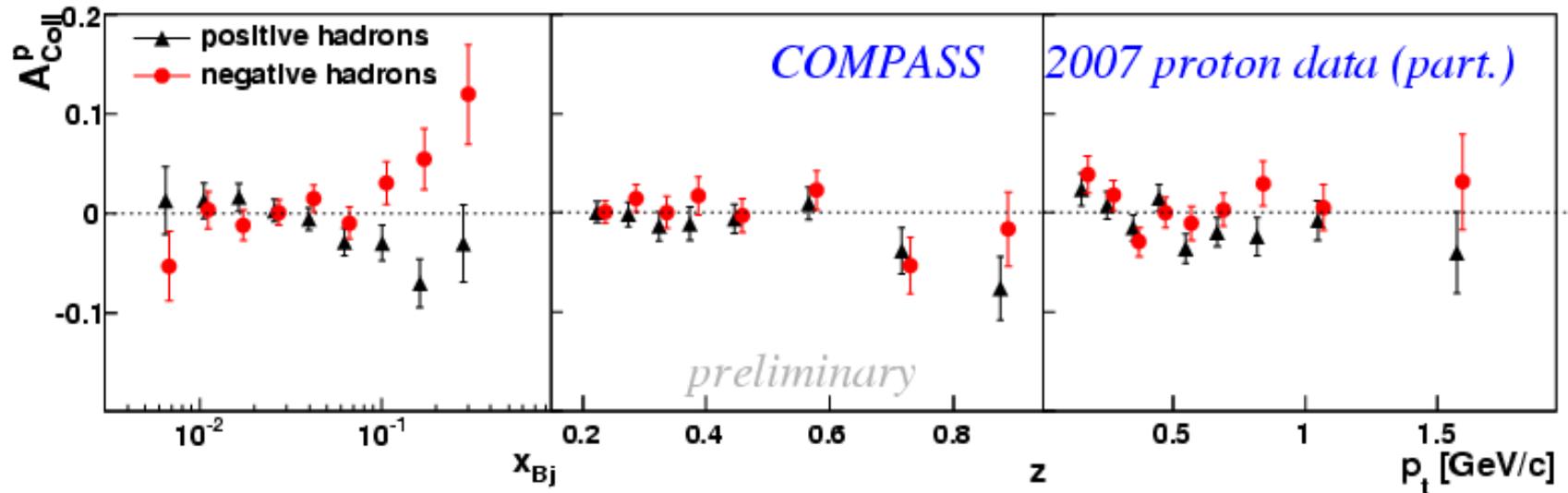
# Collins Asymmetry – Proton Data



statistical errors only; systematic errors  $\sim 0.3 \sigma_{\text{stat}}$

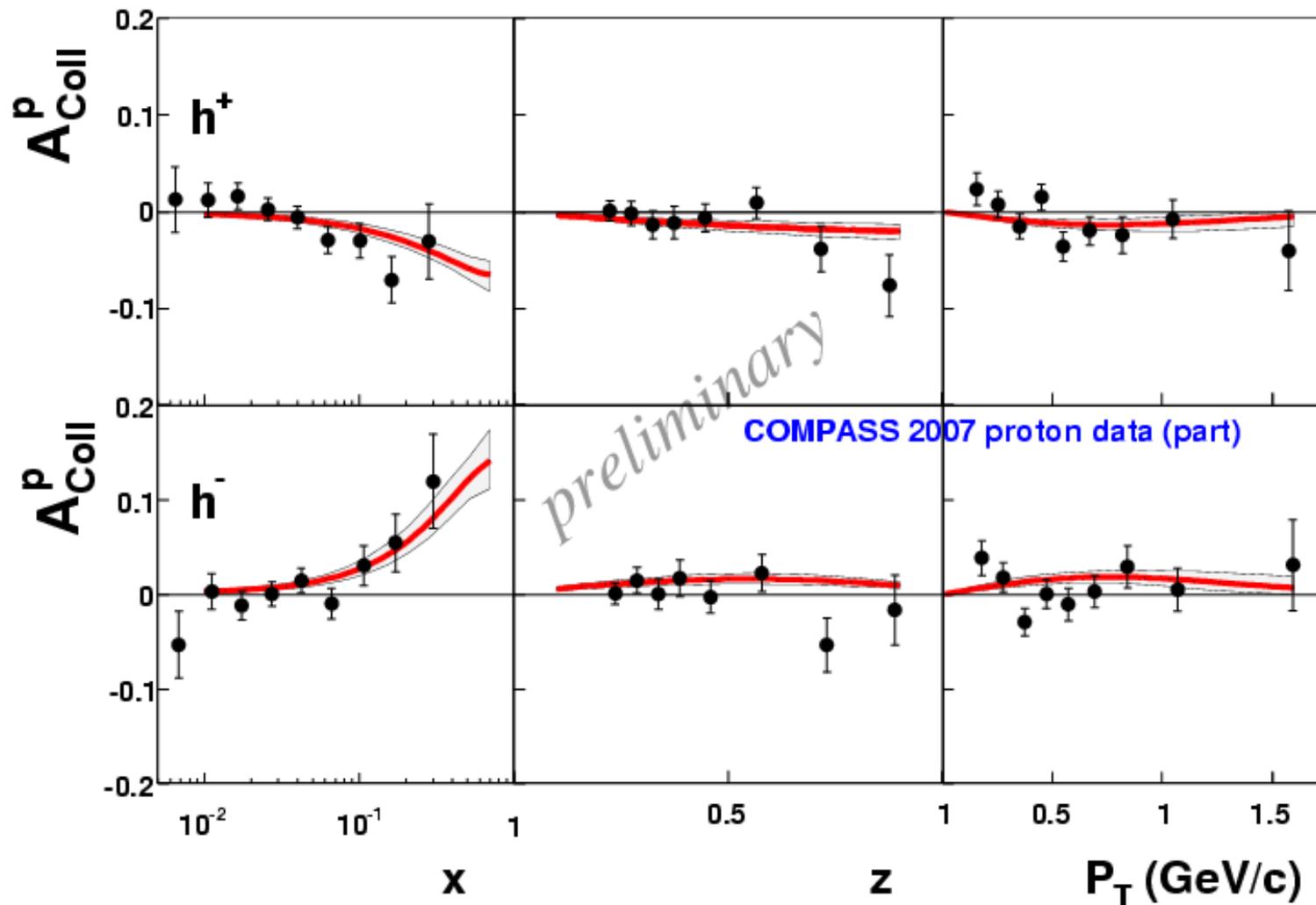
**at small  $x$ , the asymmetries are compatible with zero**  
**in the valence region the asymmetries are different from zero,**  
**of opposite sign for positive and negative hadrons,**  
**and have the same strength and sign as HERMES**

# Collins Asymmetry – Proton Data

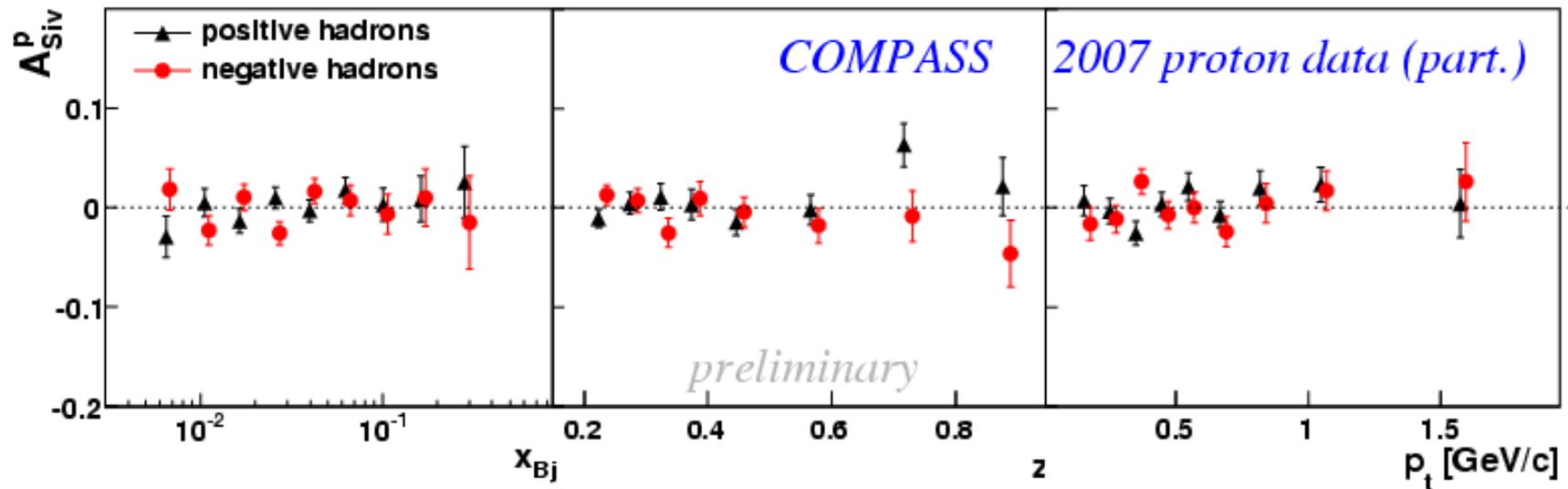


# Collins Asymmetry – Proton Data

comparison with M. Anselmino et al. predictions



# Sivers Asymmetry – Proton Data



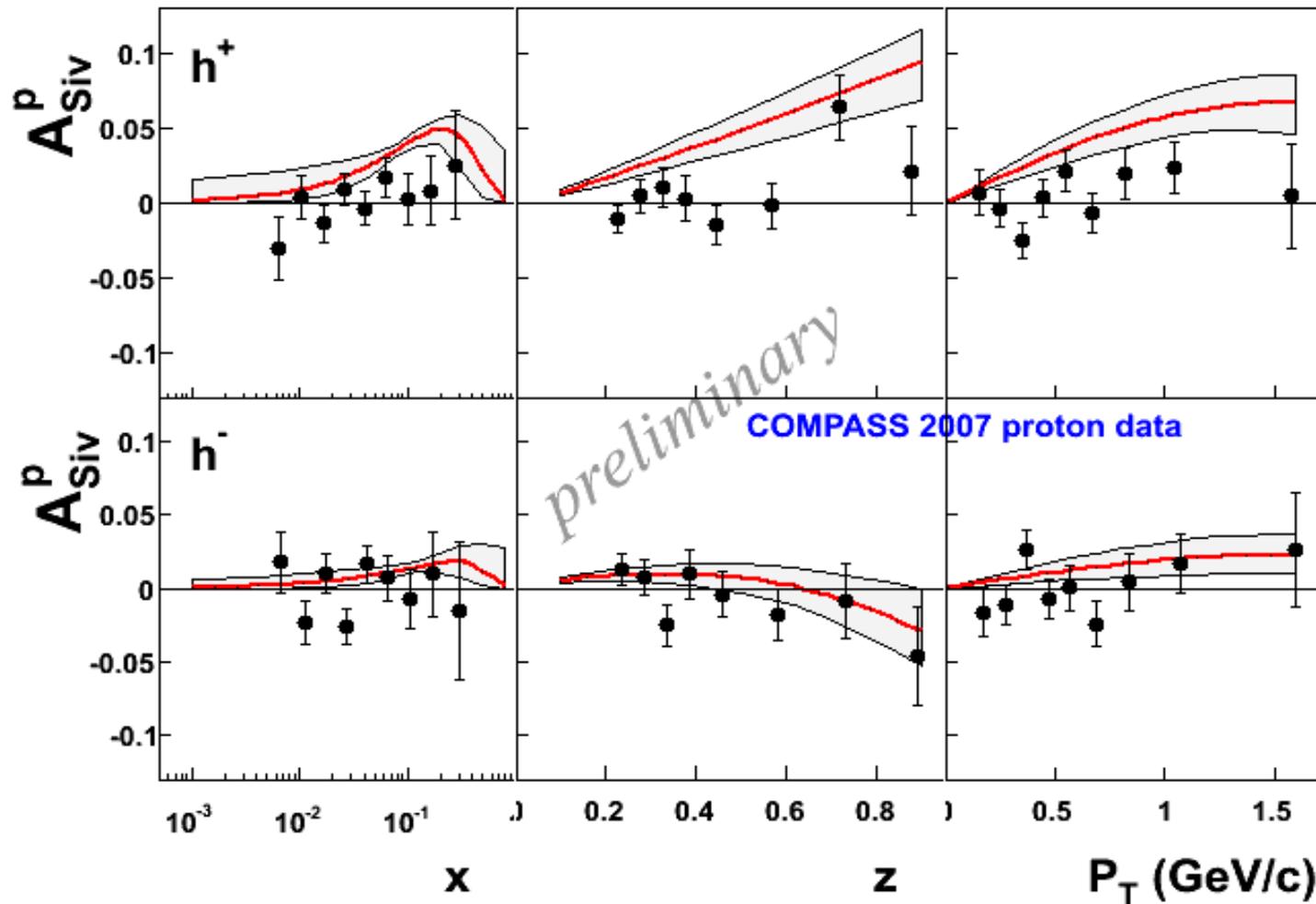
statistical errors only; systematic errors  $\sim 0.5 \sigma_{stat}$

the measured symmetries are small, compatible with zero

# Sivers Asymmetry– Proton Data

comparison with the most recent predictions from M. Anselmino et al.

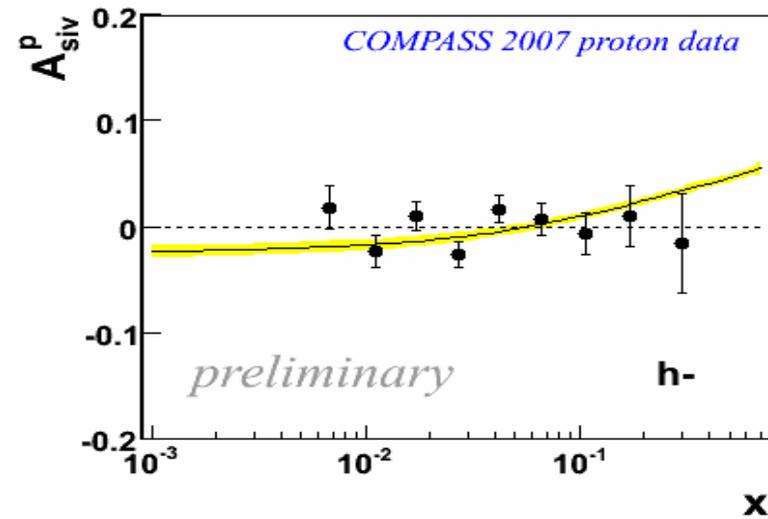
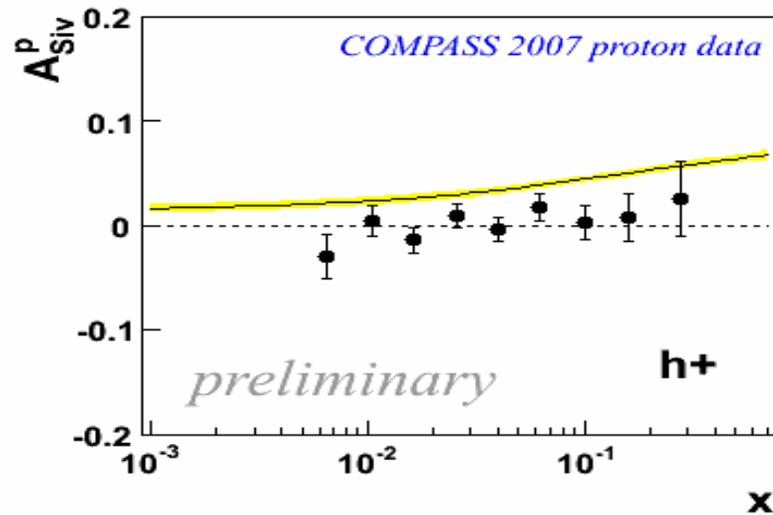
arXiv:0805.2677



# Results: Sivers Asymmetry

comparison with predictions from

S.Arnold, A.V.Efremov, K.Goeke, M.Schlegel and P.Schweitzer, arXiv:0805.2137



# Conclusions

COMPASS preliminary results on

- Collins and Sivers asymmetries on protons
  - Collins asymmetry different from zero  
the effect is there at COMPASS energies
  - Sivers asymmetry: smaller, compatible with zero  
to be understood

near future: analysis of the whole 2007 proton data sample

longer term:

transverse spin physics is one of the items in the future COMPASS program

the study of transverse spin effects needs further precise measurements and the COMPASS facility is the only place where SIDIS can be measured at high energy

Thank you!

# Unpolarised Target SIDIS Cross-section

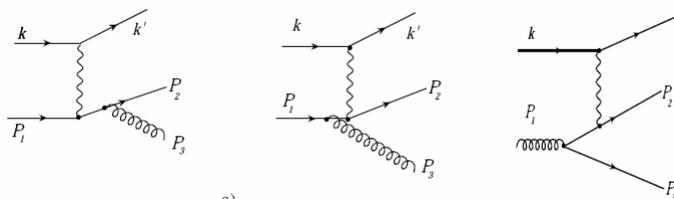
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx dy d\psi dz d\phi_h dP_{h\perp}^2} = \frac{\alpha^2}{xyQ^2} \frac{y^2}{2(1-\varepsilon)} \left(1 + \frac{\gamma^2}{2x}\right) \left\{ F_{UU,T} + \varepsilon F_{UU,L} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \cos\phi_h F_{UU}^{\cos\phi_h} \right. \\ \left. + \varepsilon \cos(2\phi_h) F_{UU}^{\cos 2\phi_h} + \lambda_e \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)} \sin\phi_h F_{LU}^{\sin\phi_h} \right.$$

## 3 independent azimuthal modulations

in  $\phi_h$ , the hadron azimuthal angle in GNS

## pQCD contributions

expected to be important at  $p_t > 1$  GeV/c



$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^1)$ :  
H. Georgi and H. D. Politzer. PRL 40 (1978) 3-6  
A. Mendez. NP B145 (1978) 199-220.

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ :  
A. Daleo, D. de Florian, and R. Sassot. PR D71 (2005) 034013.

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$$F_{UU}^{\cos\phi_h} = \frac{2M}{Q} \mathcal{C} \left[ -\frac{\hat{h} \cdot \mathbf{k}_T}{M_h} \left( xh H_1^\perp + \frac{M_h}{M} f_1 \frac{\tilde{D}^\perp}{z} \right) - \frac{\hat{h} \cdot \mathbf{p}_T}{M} \left( x f^\perp D_1 + \frac{M_h}{M} h_1^\perp \frac{\tilde{H}}{z} \right) \right]$$

**Cahn effect**

+ Boer-Mulders DF

$$xh = x\tilde{h} + \frac{p_T^2}{M^2} h_1^\perp \quad F_{UU}^{\cos\phi_h} \approx \frac{2M}{Q} \mathcal{C} \left[ -\frac{\hat{h} \cdot \mathbf{p}_T}{M} f_1 D_1 \right]$$

$$F_{UU}^{\cos 2\phi_h} = \mathcal{C} \left[ -\frac{2(\hat{h} \cdot \mathbf{k}_T)(\hat{h} \cdot \mathbf{p}_T) - \mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{p}_T}{MM_h} h_1^\perp H_1^\perp \right]$$

**Boer-Mulders DF x Collins FF**  
+ Cahn effect

# Unpolarised Target SIDIS Cross-section

## Cahn effect

kinematical effect due to quark intrinsic momentum

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\phi_h} \propto 1 - 4 \frac{\langle k_t^2 \rangle z P_t}{Q \langle P_t^2 \rangle} D_{\cos\phi_h}(\mathbf{y}) \cos\phi_h + \dots$$

## Boer-Mulders DF

leading order DF

quark with spin parallel to the nucleon spin in an unpolarised nucleon



$$F_{UU}^{\cos\phi_h} = \frac{2M}{Q} C \left[ -\frac{\hat{h} \cdot \mathbf{k}_T}{M_h} \left( x h H_1^\perp + \frac{M_h}{M} f_1 \frac{\tilde{D}^\perp}{z} \right) - \frac{\hat{h} \cdot \mathbf{p}_T}{M} \left( x f^\perp D_1 + \frac{M_h}{M} h_1^\perp \frac{\tilde{H}}{z} \right) \right]$$

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# Unpolarised Target SIDIS Cross-section

## data sample:

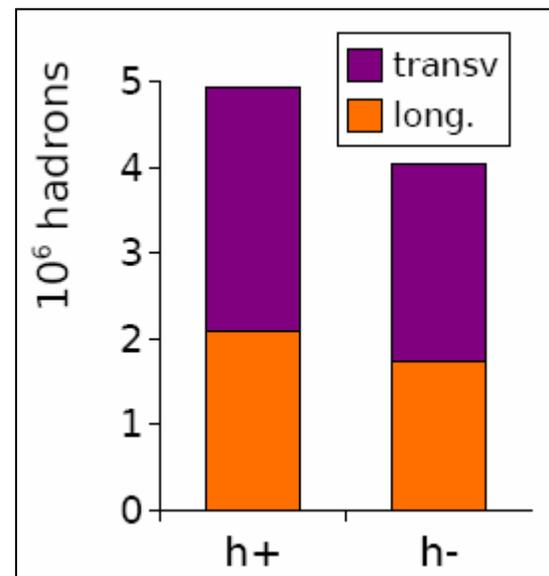
part of the 2004 data collected with L and T target polarisation

with both target orientation configurations to cancel possible polarisation effects

## event selection:

- $Q^2 > 1 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$
- $0.1 < y < 0.9$
- $W > 5 \text{ GeV/c}^2$
  
- $0.2 < z < 0.85$
- $0.1 < p_T < 1.5 \text{ GeV/c}$

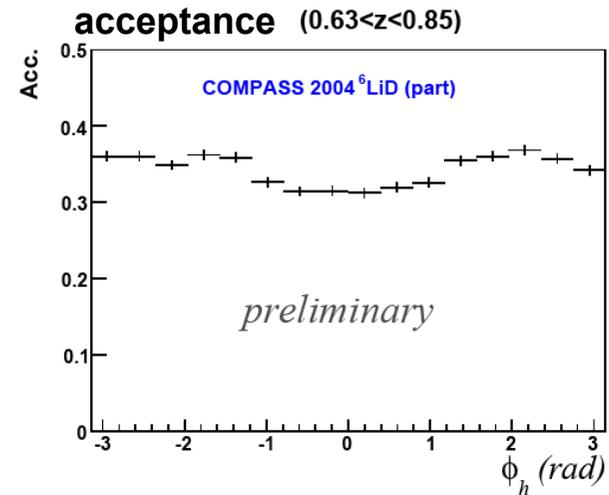
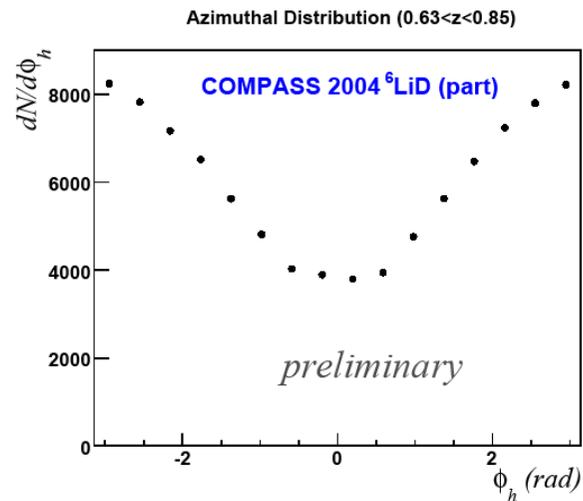
## final statistics:



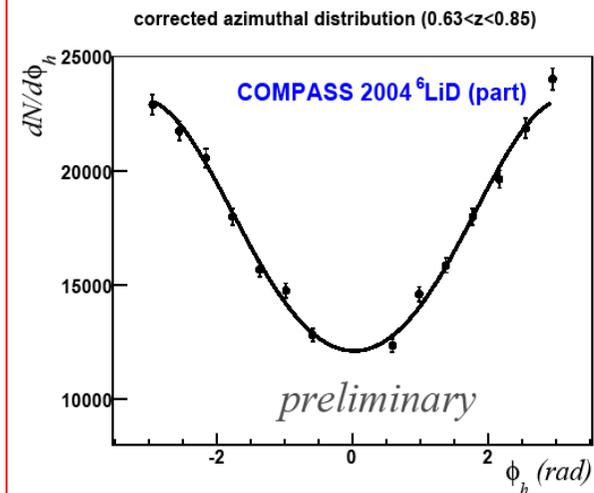
# Unpolarised Target SIDIS Cross-section

to extract the asymmetries  
the azimuthal distributions have to be  
corrected by the apparatus acceptance  
→ dedicated MC simulations  
for L and T target polarisation data

initial azimuthal distribution



final azimuthal distribution

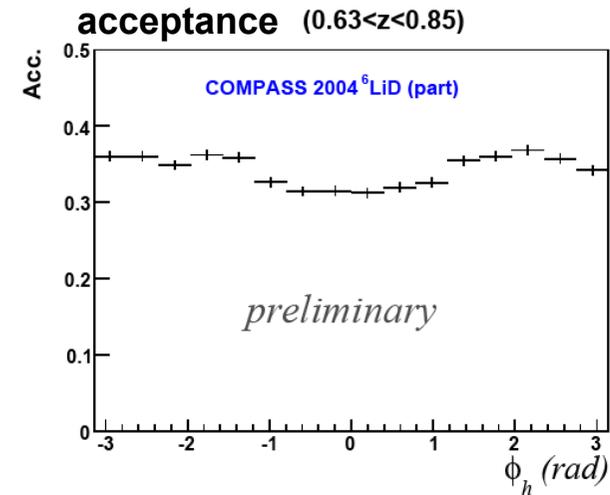


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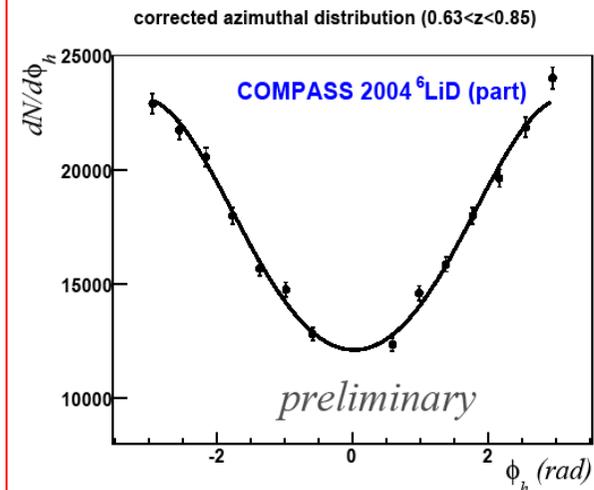
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the final azimuthal distributions are  
fitted with the function:

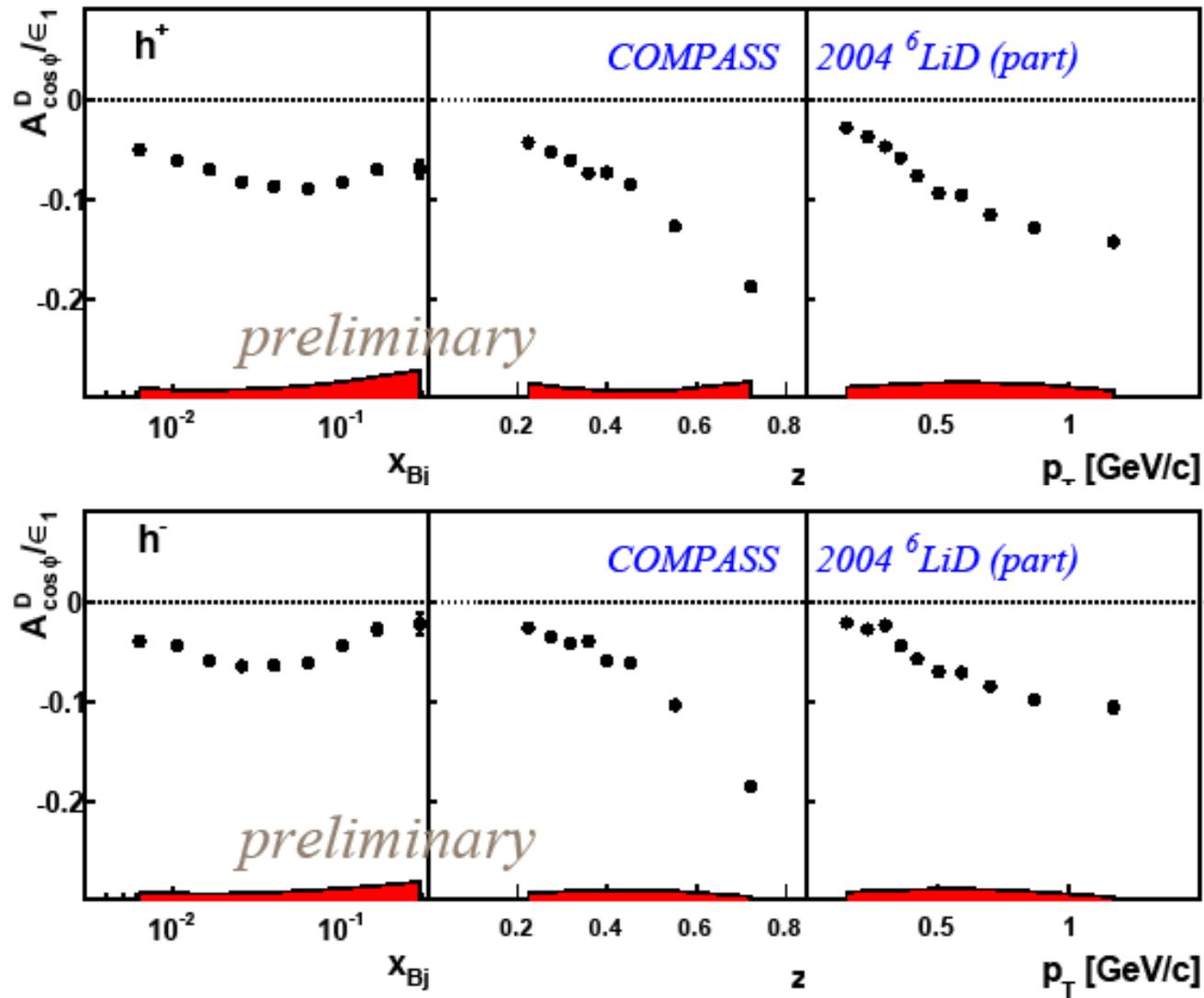
$$N_{\text{corr}}(\phi_h) = N_0 (1 + A_{\sin\phi_h} \sin\phi_h + A_{\cos\phi_h} \cos\phi_h + A_{\cos 2\phi_h} \cos 2\phi_h)$$



## final azimuthal distribution



# Results: $\cos\phi$ Modulation

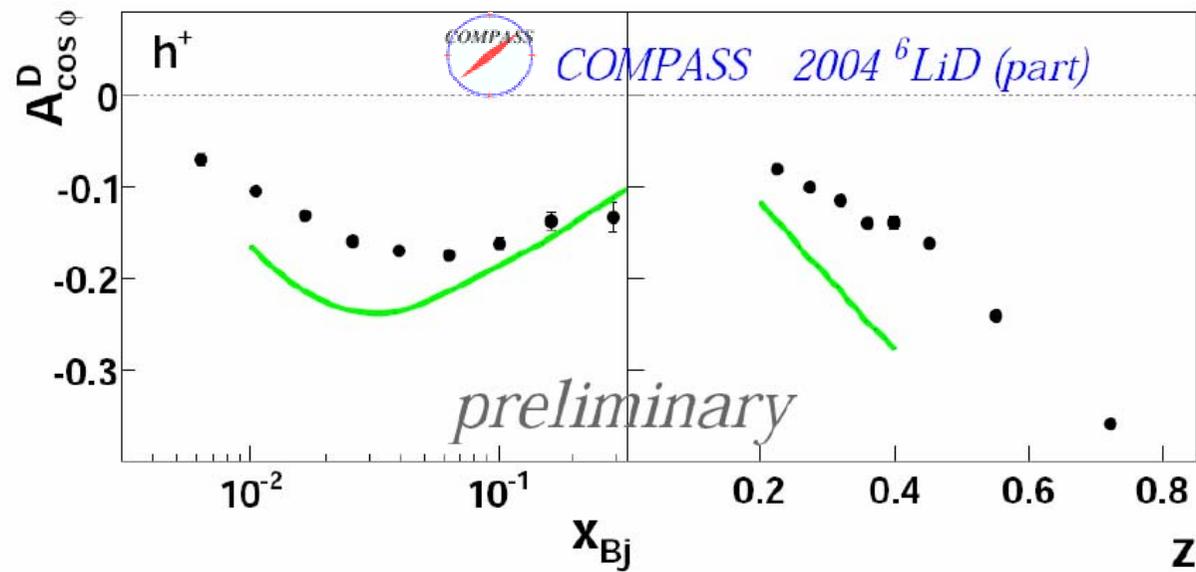


$$A_{\cos\phi} / \epsilon_c$$

$$\epsilon_c = \frac{2(2-y)\sqrt{1-y}}{1+(1-y)^2}$$

# Results: $\cos\phi$ Modulation

comparison with  
theory

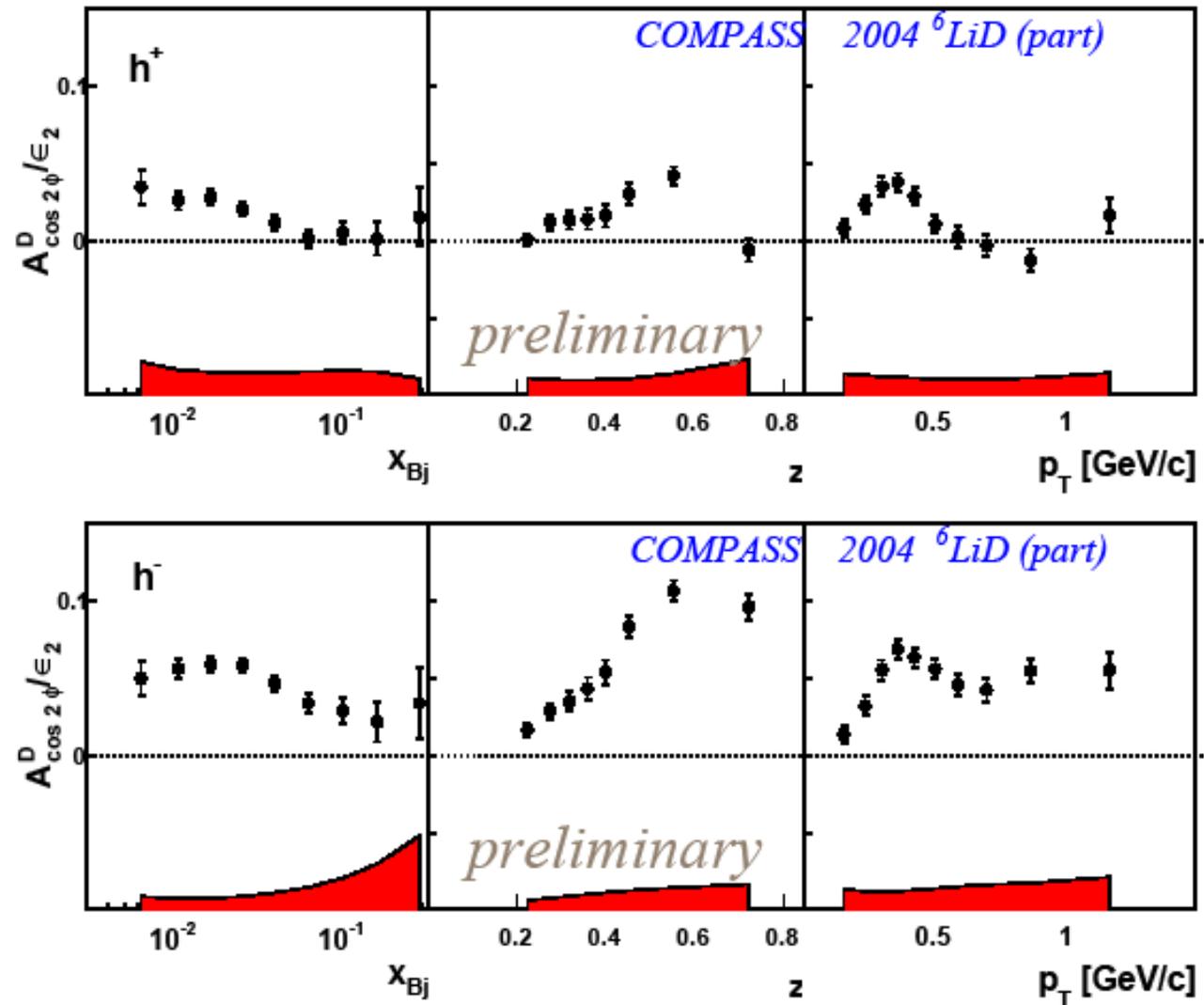


— M. Anselmino, M. Boglione, A. Prokudin, C. Türk  
Eur. Phys. J. A 31, 373-381 (2007)  
does not include Boer – Mulders contribution

# Results: $\cos 2\phi$ Modulation

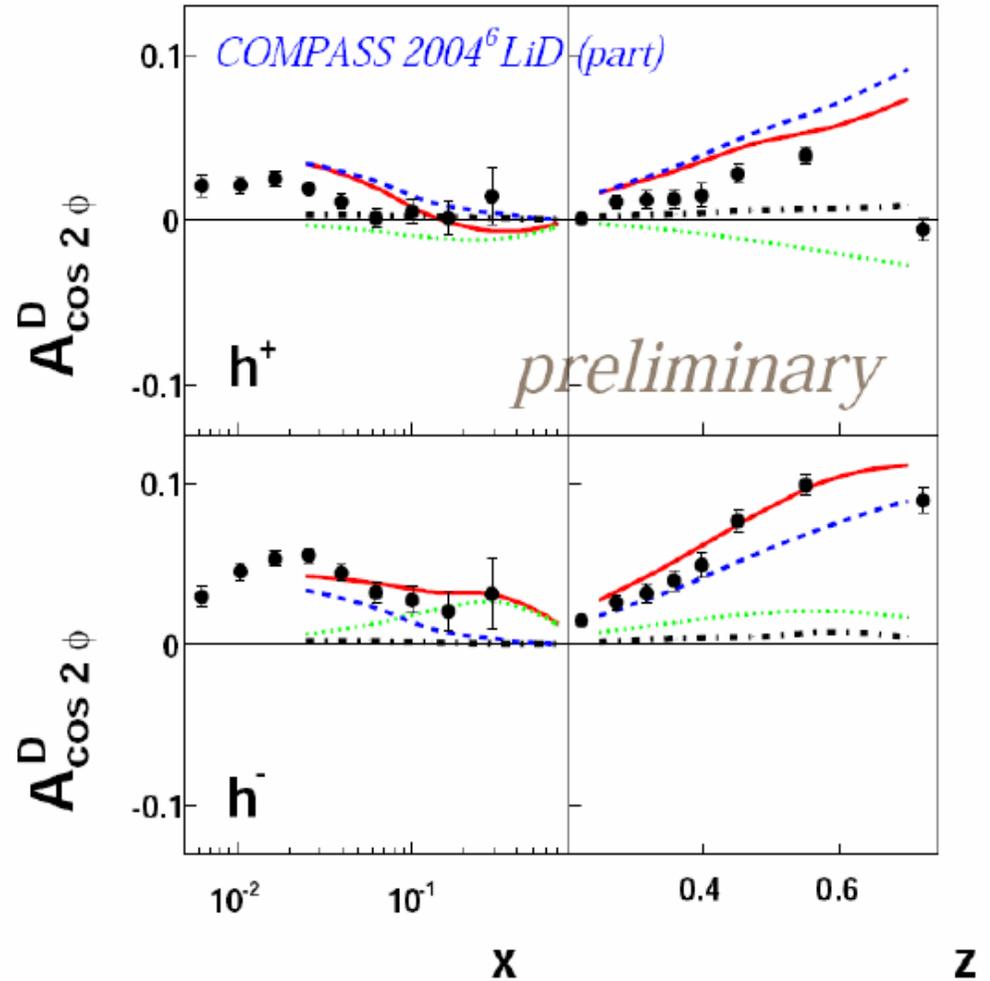
$$A_{\cos 2\phi} / \varepsilon_{c2}$$

$$\varepsilon_{c2} = \frac{2(2-y)}{1+(1-y)^2}$$



# Results: $\cos 2\phi$ Modulation

comparison with theory



V.Barone, A.Prokudin, B.Q.Ma  
arXiv:0804.3024 [hep-ph]

# Results

## summary

positive hadrons

negative hadrons

error bars:  
statistical errors  
only

