

COMPASS results on gluon polarisation from high p_T hadron pairs

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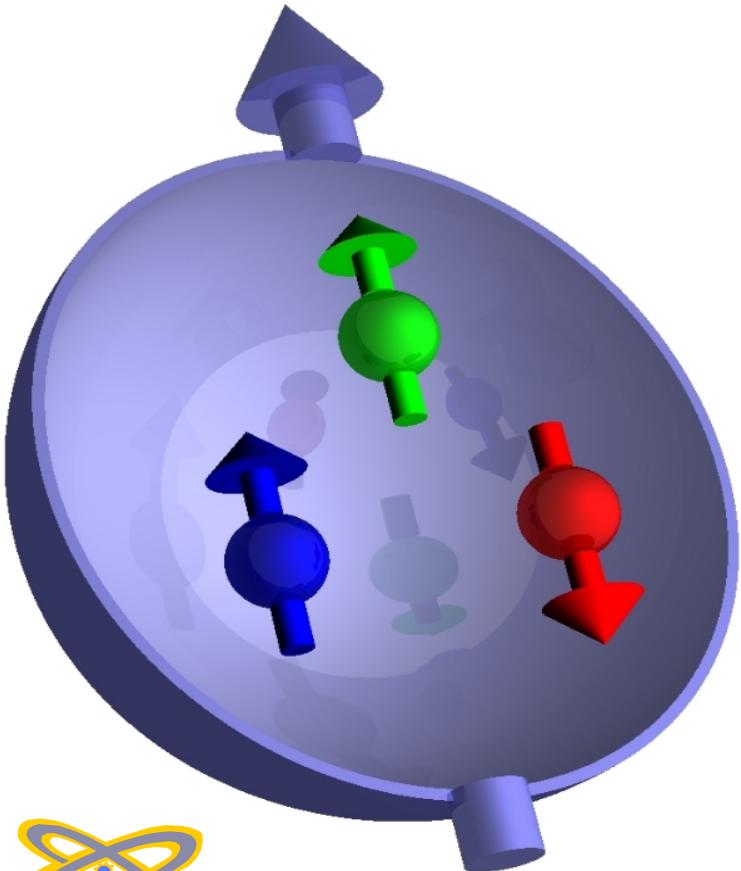


Outline

- Motivation
- COMPASS experiment
- Direct measurement of $\Delta G/G$
- High pT analysis, $Q^2 > 1 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$ and $Q^2 < 1 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$
- $\Delta G/G$ results
- Conclusion and Outlook

The Nucleon Spin

$$S_N = \frac{1}{2} \hbar = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma$$



Spin crisis !

The naïve Quark-Parton Model (QPM) considers only the contribution from quarks

$$\Rightarrow \Delta \Sigma = 1$$

Using the Ellis-Jaffe Sum rule, Hyperon decays and Relativistic Corrections

$$\Rightarrow \Delta \Sigma \approx 0.6$$

In 1988 EMC measured

$$\Rightarrow \Delta \Sigma = 0.12 \pm 0.17 \text{ (Phys.Lett.B206,364)}$$

Today world data results, including COMPASS, gives:

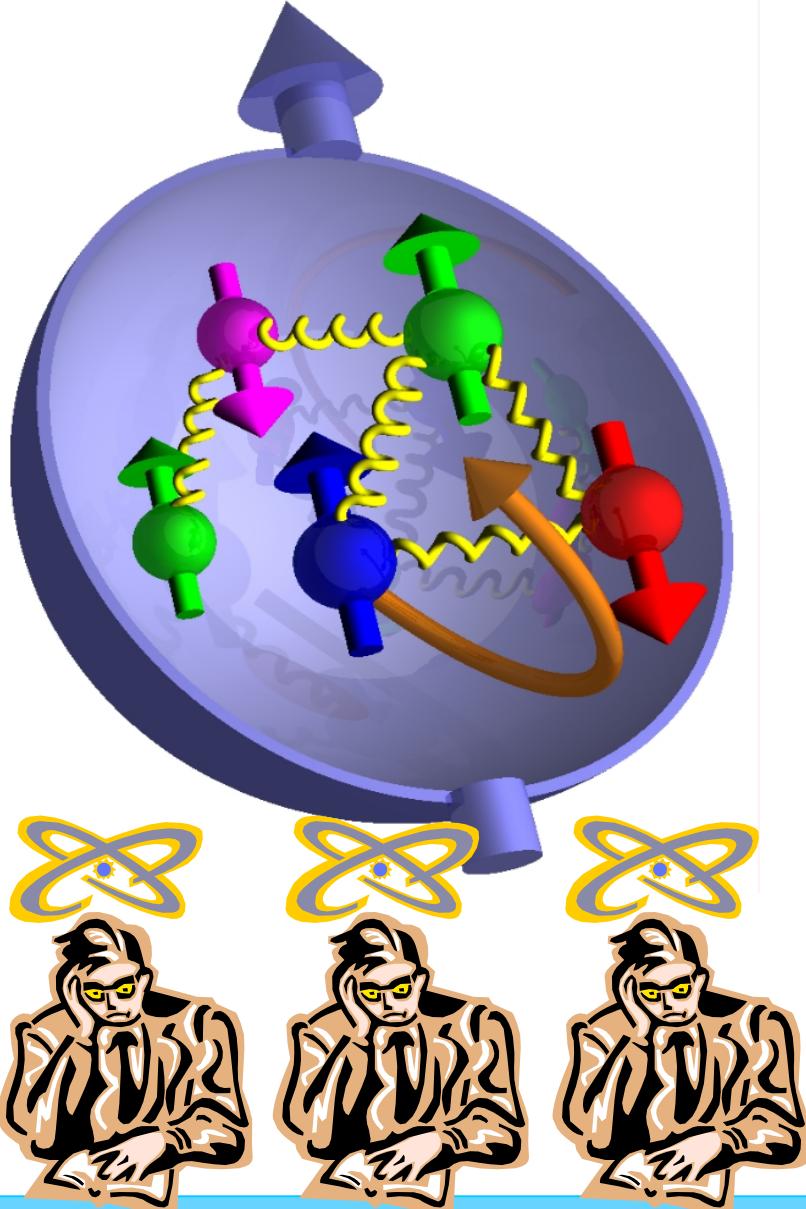
$$\Rightarrow \Delta \Sigma = 0.30 \pm 0.01 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.02 \text{ (evol.)}$$

$$@ \langle \mu^2 \rangle = 3 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$$

(using QCD NLO fits) [Phys.Lett.B647, \(2007\)8](#)

The Nucleon Spin

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



The missing part could be accounted by the following contributions:

ΔG – from gluons

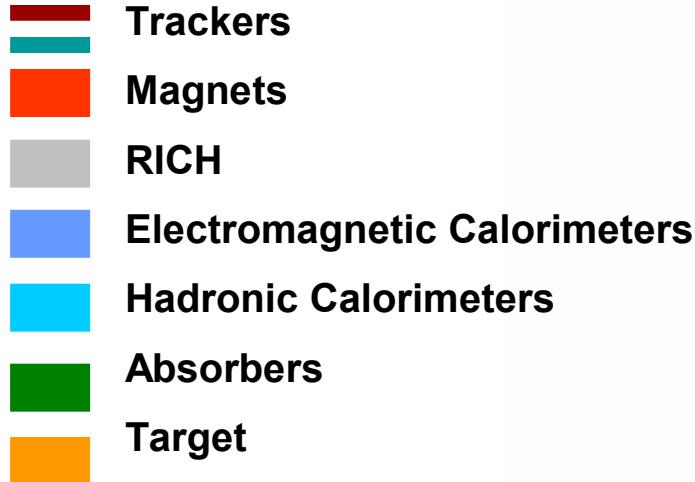
$L = L_g + L_q$ – from orbital angular momenta of quarks and gluons

How much is the contribution from gluons and from L ?

Spin Puzzle

The COMPASS Spectrometer

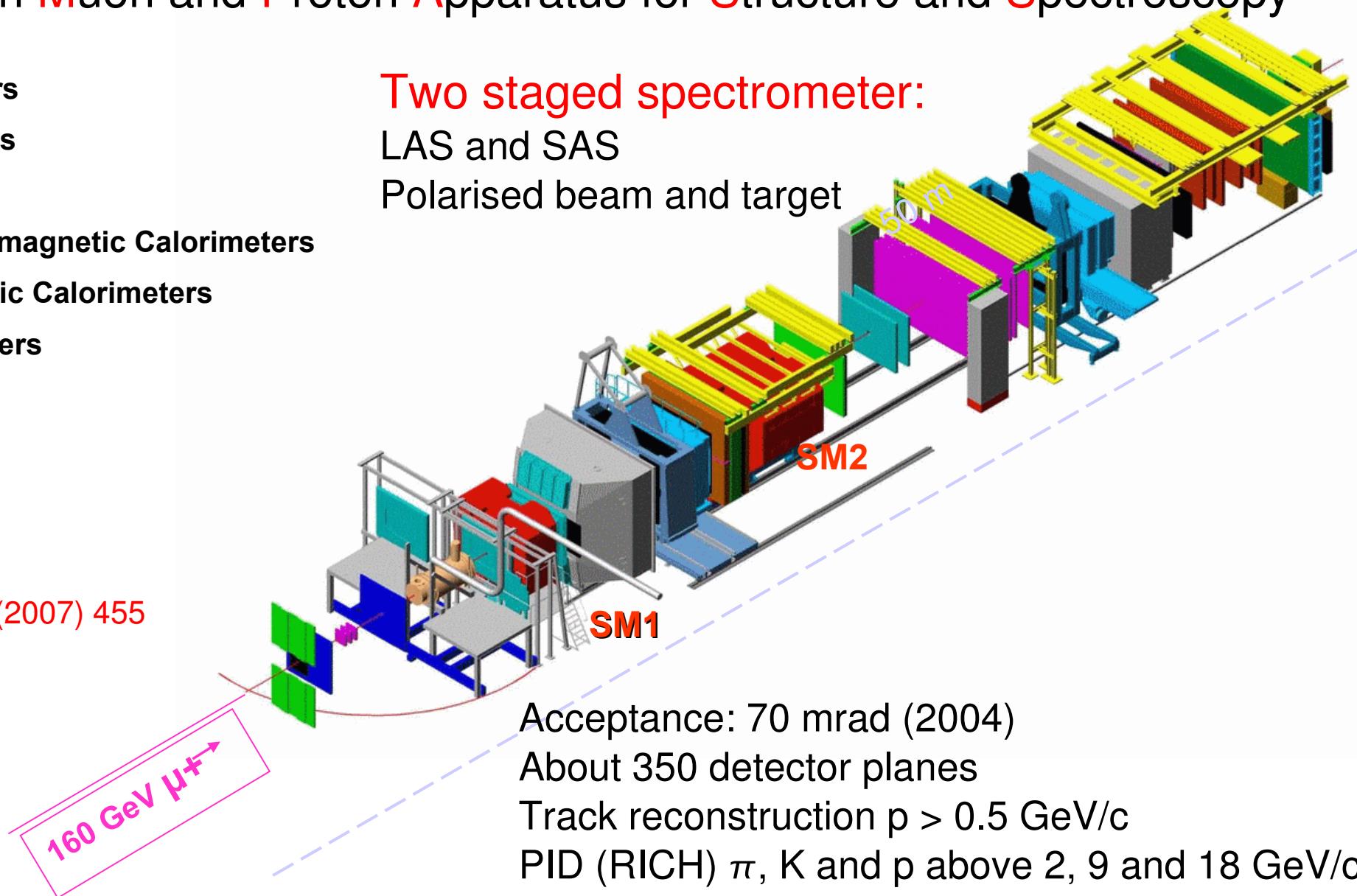
Common Muon and Proton Apparatus for Structure and Spectroscopy



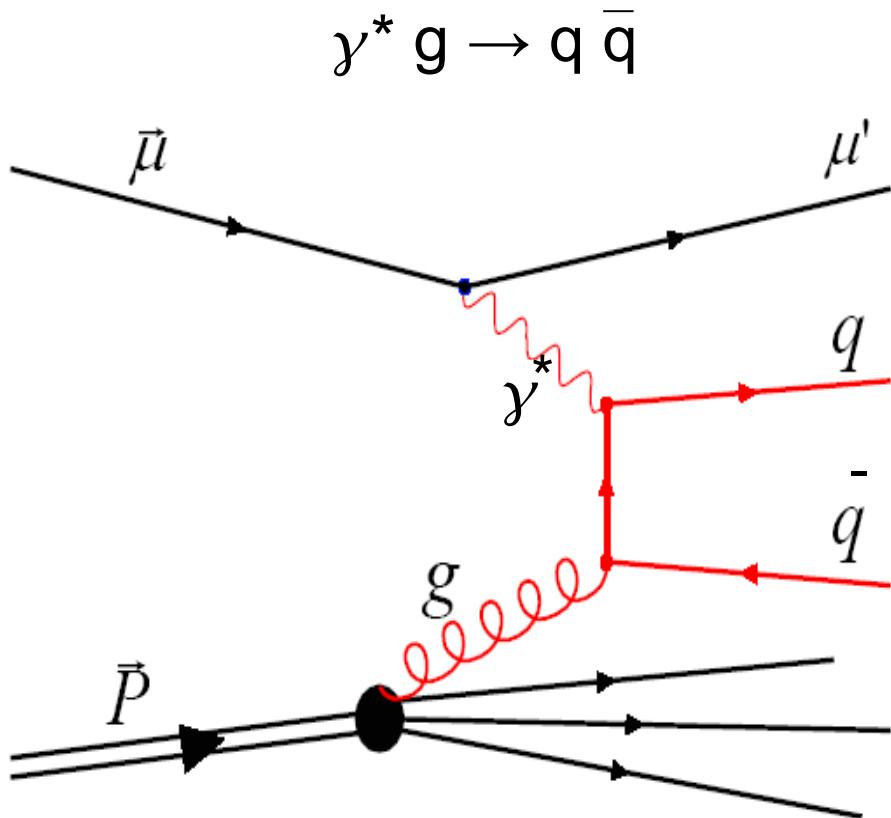
Two staged spectrometer:

LAS and SAS

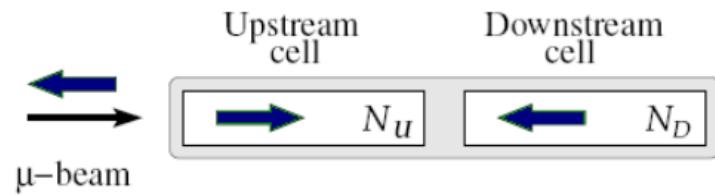
Polarised beam and target



Direct measurement of $\Delta G/G$



Photon-gluon fusion process (PGF)



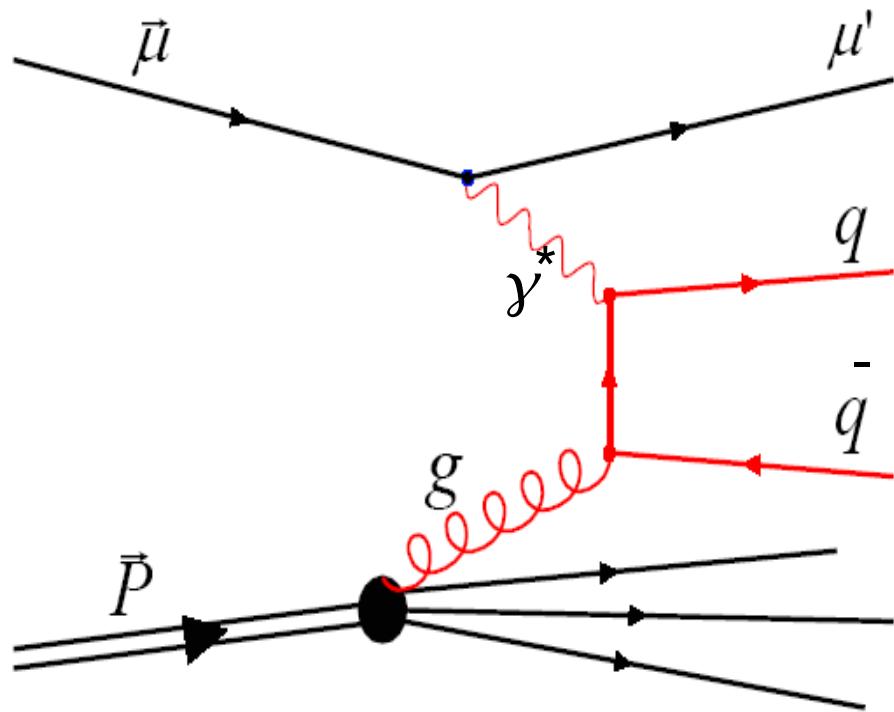
$$A_{PGF} = \frac{N_{PGF}^{\Rightarrow} - N_{PGF}^{\Leftarrow}}{N_{PGF}^{\Rightarrow} + N_{PGF}^{\Leftarrow}}$$



Experiments with polarised beam and target could be sensitive to gluon helicity

Direct measurement of $\Delta G/G$

$$\gamma^* g \rightarrow q \bar{q}$$



To tag this process there are two procedures concerning event selection :

- **Open-charm meson** (cf. K.Kurek talk)
 - ☺ Provides the purest sample of PGF events, almost free from background contamination. Small dependence on MC.
 - ☹ Low statistics.
- **High transverse momentum hadrons ($Q^2 < 1$ and $Q^2 > 1$ (GeVc) 2)**
 - ☺ Much more statistics.
 - ☹ Physical background: strongly model dependent, requires a very good agreement between Data and MC.

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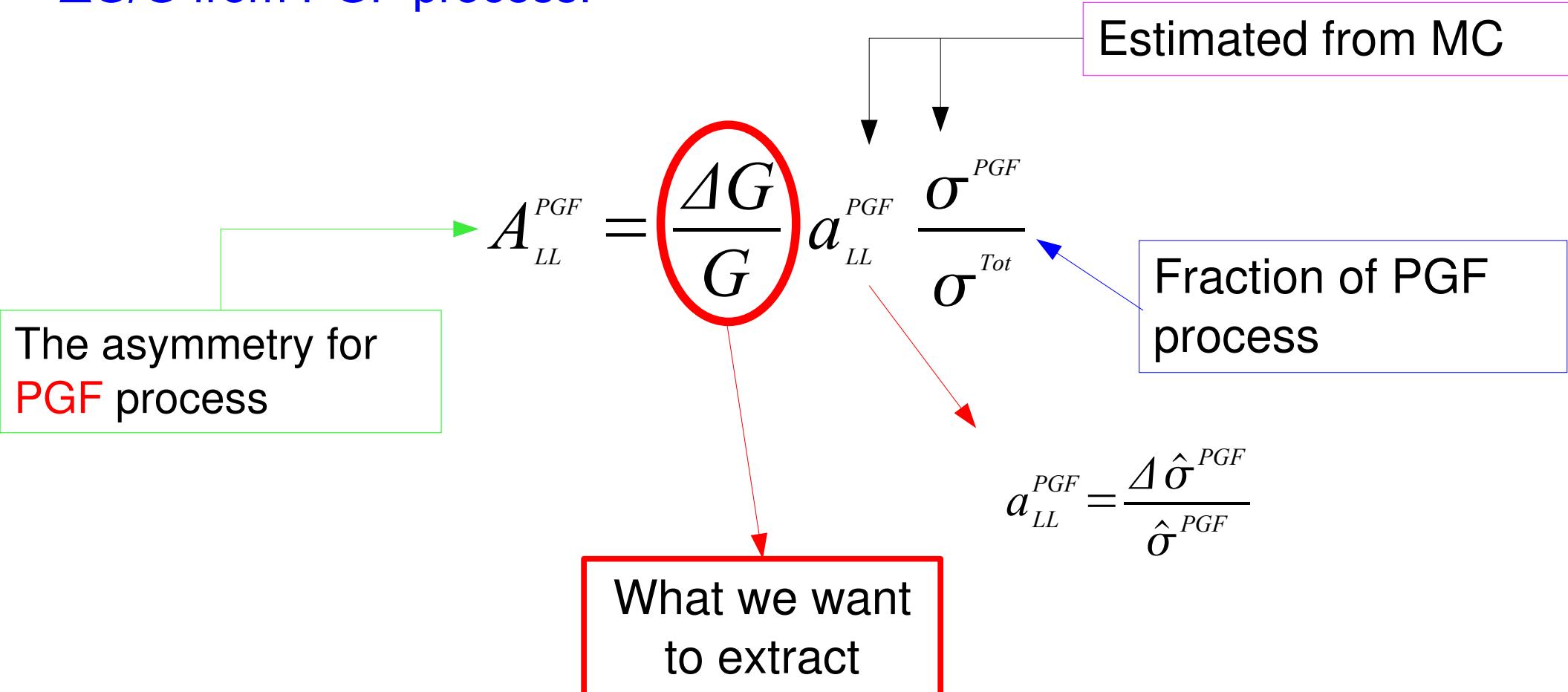
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How is $\Delta G/G$ measured?

$\Delta G/G$ from PGF process:



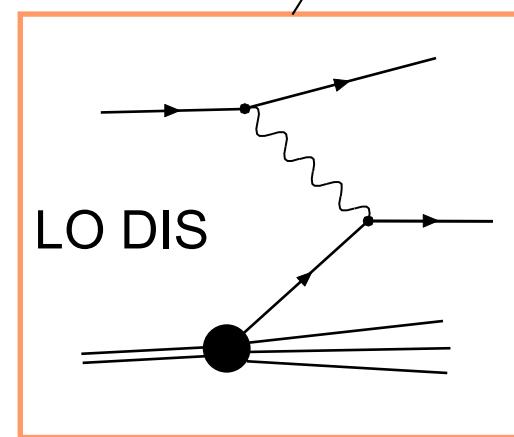
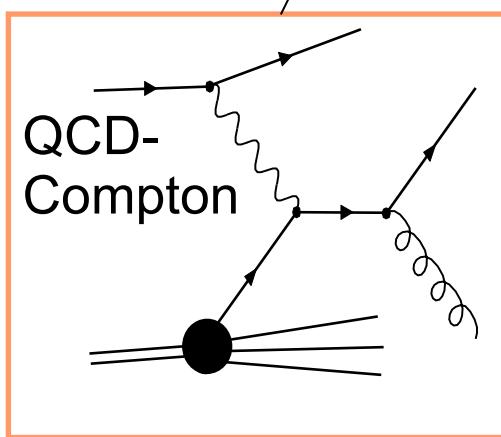
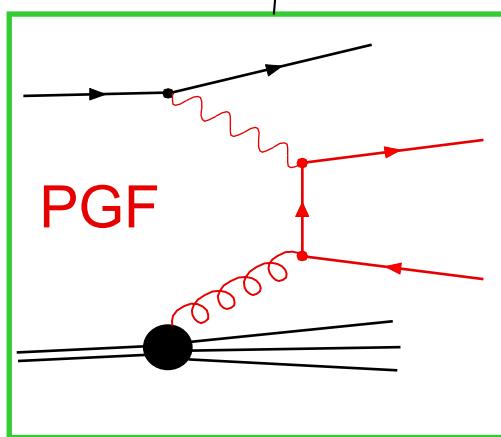
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We access A^{PGF} by measuring of the helicity asymmetry in a sample of events with **two high- p_T hadrons** produced at large Q^2 , this measurement includes also contribution from other physical processes:

$$A_{LL}^{2h} = A^{PGF} + A^{COM} + A^{LO}$$

A_1^{LO} is estimated by A_1 asymmetry on **inclusive sample**

$$A_{LL}^{2h}(x) = \frac{\Delta G}{G}(x_g) a_{LL}^{PGF} \frac{\sigma^{PGF}}{\sigma^{Tot}} + A_1^{LO}(x_C) a_{LL}^C \frac{\sigma^C}{\sigma^{Tot}} + A_1^{LO}(x_{Bj}) D \frac{\sigma^{LO}}{\sigma^{Tot}}$$



$$R^i = \frac{\sigma^i}{\sigma^{Tot}}$$

D is the fraction of polarisation transferred from the muon to the virtual photon

$\Delta G/G$ for High p_T , $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$



To extract the gluon polarisation information from two samples is need to be taken into account: the **two high pT hadrons** and the **inclusive** data samples. The final formula for the gluon polarisation is the following:

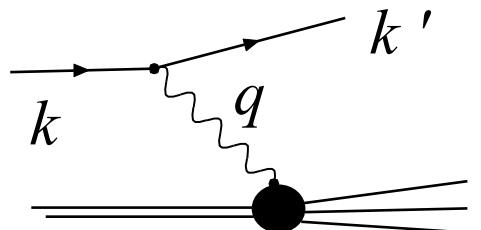
$$\frac{\Delta G}{G}(x_g^{av}) = \frac{1}{\beta} \left[A_{LL}^h(x_{Bj}) + A_{corr} \right]$$

- A_{LL}^{2h} is the measured asymmetry in the 2-h sample.
- A_{corr} and β are factors depending on a_{LL}^i and R^i taken from High p_T and from **inclusive** MC samples.
- a_{LL}^i and R^i . Where i stands for **signal** and **background** processes.

Event selection

- Interaction vertex which contains an incoming and an outgoing **muon** and at least **2** outgoing **hadrons**
- For DIS variables: $Q^2 > 1$ $(\text{GeV}/c)^2$ and $0.1 < y < 0.9$
- Each** hadron is required to have: $p_T > 0.7 \text{ GeV}/c$
- The pair** of hadrons must have an invariant mass $m > 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and $z_1 + z_2 < 0.95$

Years	2002	2003	2004	all years
Statistics	49585	170943	286685	507213



$$Q^2 = -q^2$$

$$q = k - k'$$

$$\nu = E - E'$$

$$y = \frac{\nu}{E}$$

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2 M \nu}$$

⇒ This selection is for the **High pT** sample

⇒ The **inclusive** sample is done by using **only** the DIS cuts

The **scale** of this analysis is set by the **Q^2**

Monte Carlo Simulation

Two MC samples were used in the analysis: **high- p_T** and **inclusive** samples.

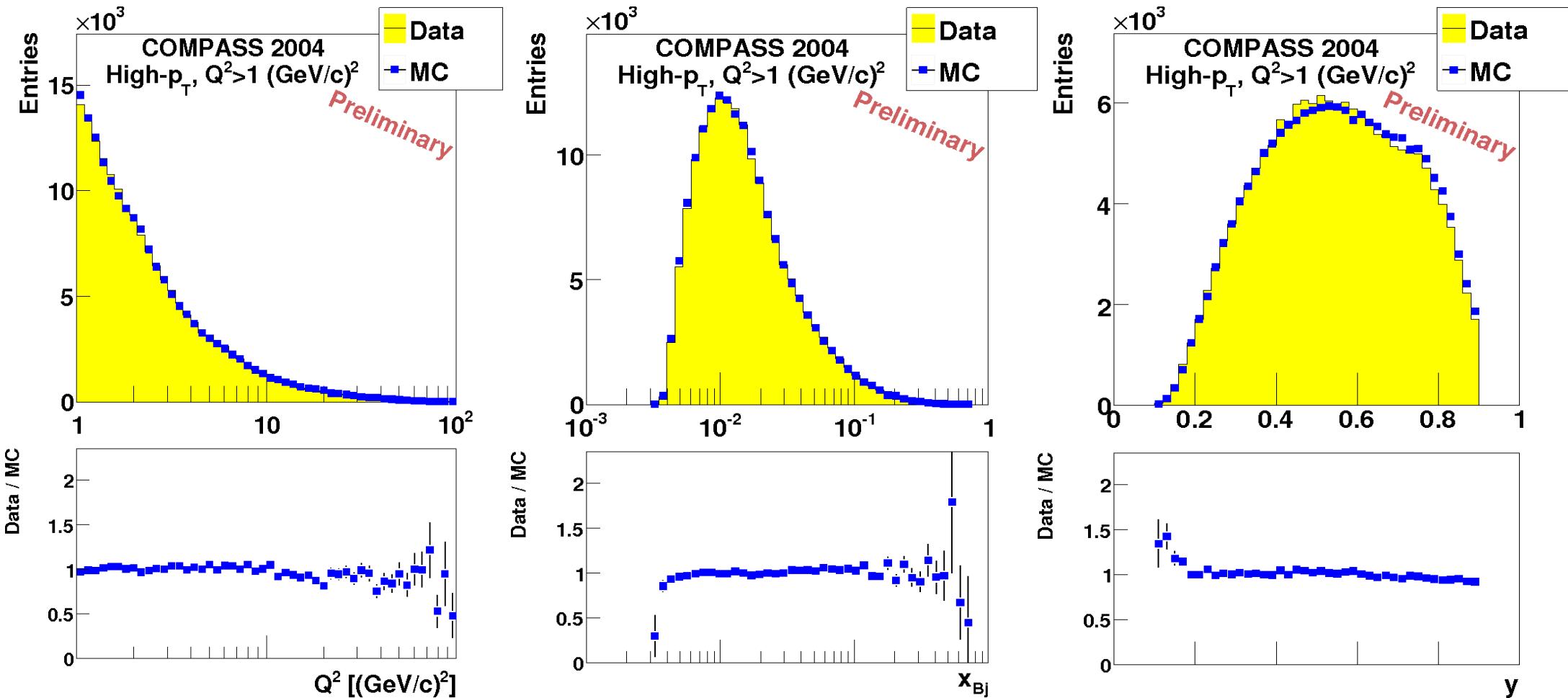
- Full chain of MC has been used:

Generator (LEPTO) + Apparatus Simulation (GEANT) + Reconstruction Program.

- PDF: MRST2004LO.
- High p_T sample:

- MC parton shower **on** has been used in the analysis.
 - MC parton shower **off** used to evaluate systematics.
 - Two generator tunings were used: Default and so-called COMPASS tunings.

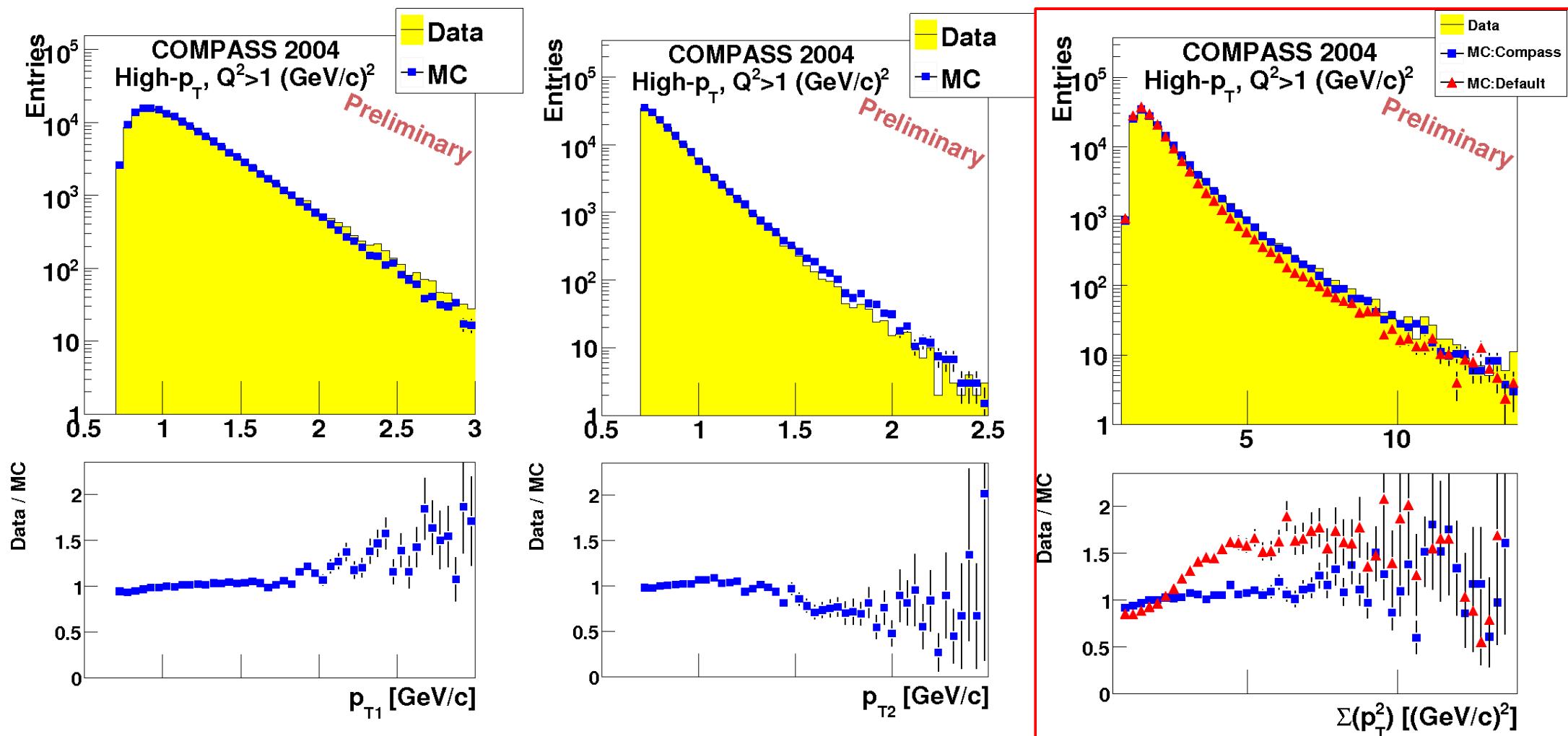
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high- p_T sample (Q^2, x and y)

The agreement between data and MC is good

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Data/MC

high-p_T sample: hadron variables: p_{T1}, p_{T2} and Σ(p_T²)

Tunning comparison

Weighting method

The idea is to enhance the PGF events sample and to reduce the physical background.

- A weight is applied on event-by-event basis:

$$W = f D P_b \beta \quad , \text{ where } \beta \text{ is a factor depending on } a_{LL}^i \text{ and } R^i$$

- Therefore for every event we have to know:

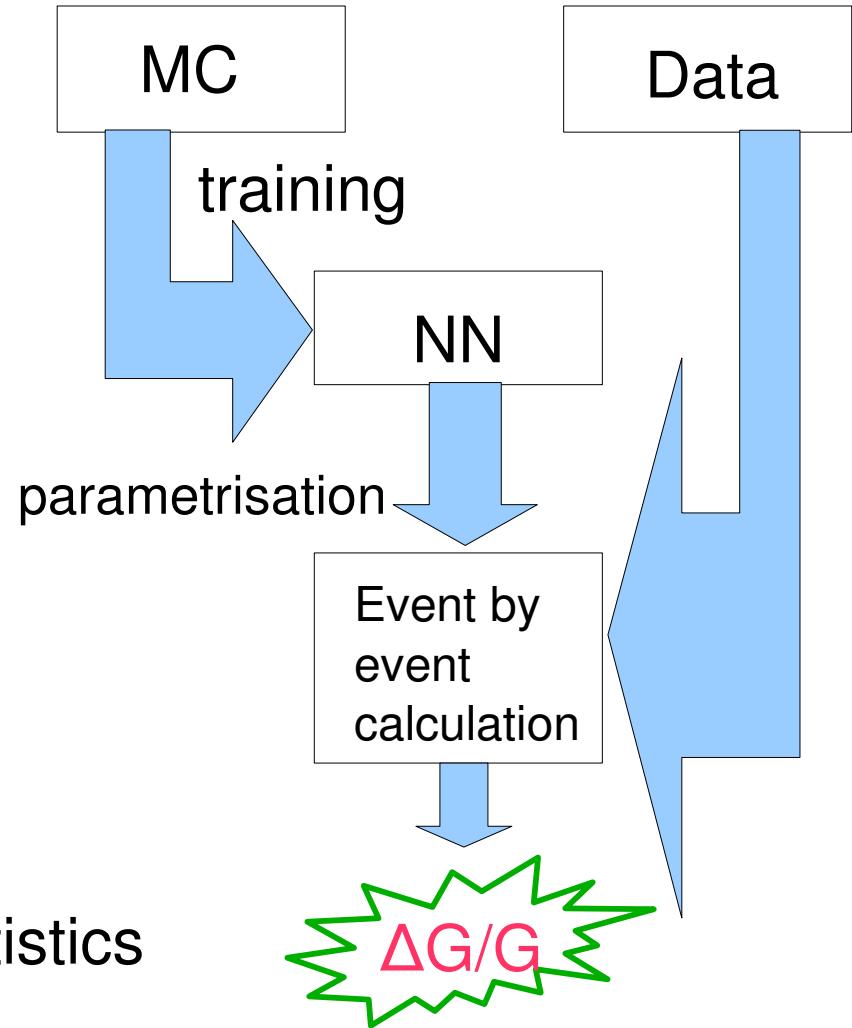
$$\begin{aligned} & R_{PGF}, R_C, R_{LO}, R_{PGF}^{incl}, R_C^{incl}, R_{LO}^{incl}, \\ & a_{LL}^{PGF}, a_{LL}^C, a_{LL}^{PGF,incl}, a_{LL}^{C,incl}, \\ & x_C, x_G, f, D, P_b \end{aligned}$$

f, D, P_b are directly obtained from data; the rest has to be estimated/parametrised.

Weighting method

A Neural Network is used to assign to each event a probability to be originated from each of the three processes (LO, PGF or Compton).

- MC sample is used to train the Neural Network (NN).
- A parametrisation is constructed.
- A weight is built from the parametrisation.
- Data sample is weighted on an event-by-event basis.

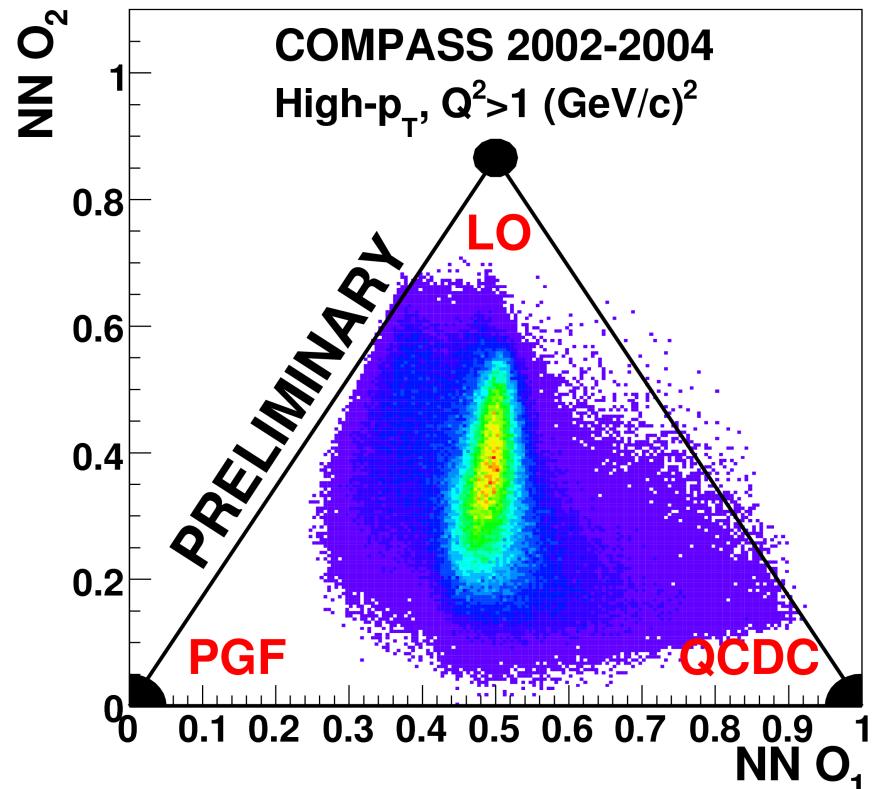
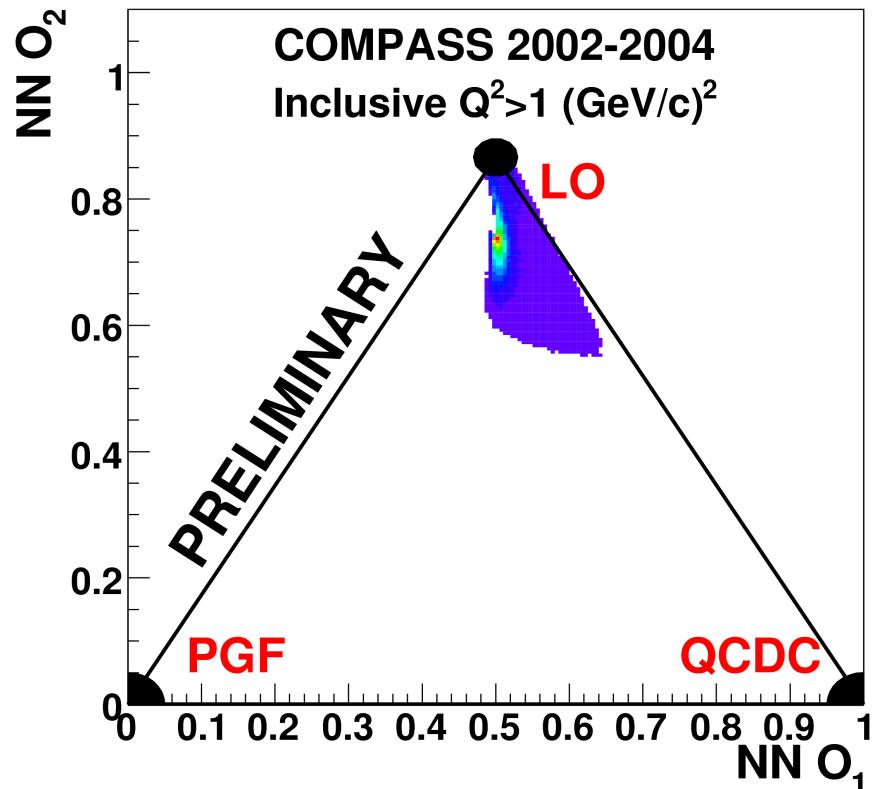


Optimal usage of the data sample statistics

Fractions R^i

We parametrise fractions R^i 's (probabilities).

$$R^i = \frac{\sigma^i}{\sigma^{Tot}}$$



$$R^{PGF} = 1 - O_1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}O_2$$

$$R^{QCDC} = O_1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}O_2$$

$$R^{LO} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}O_2$$

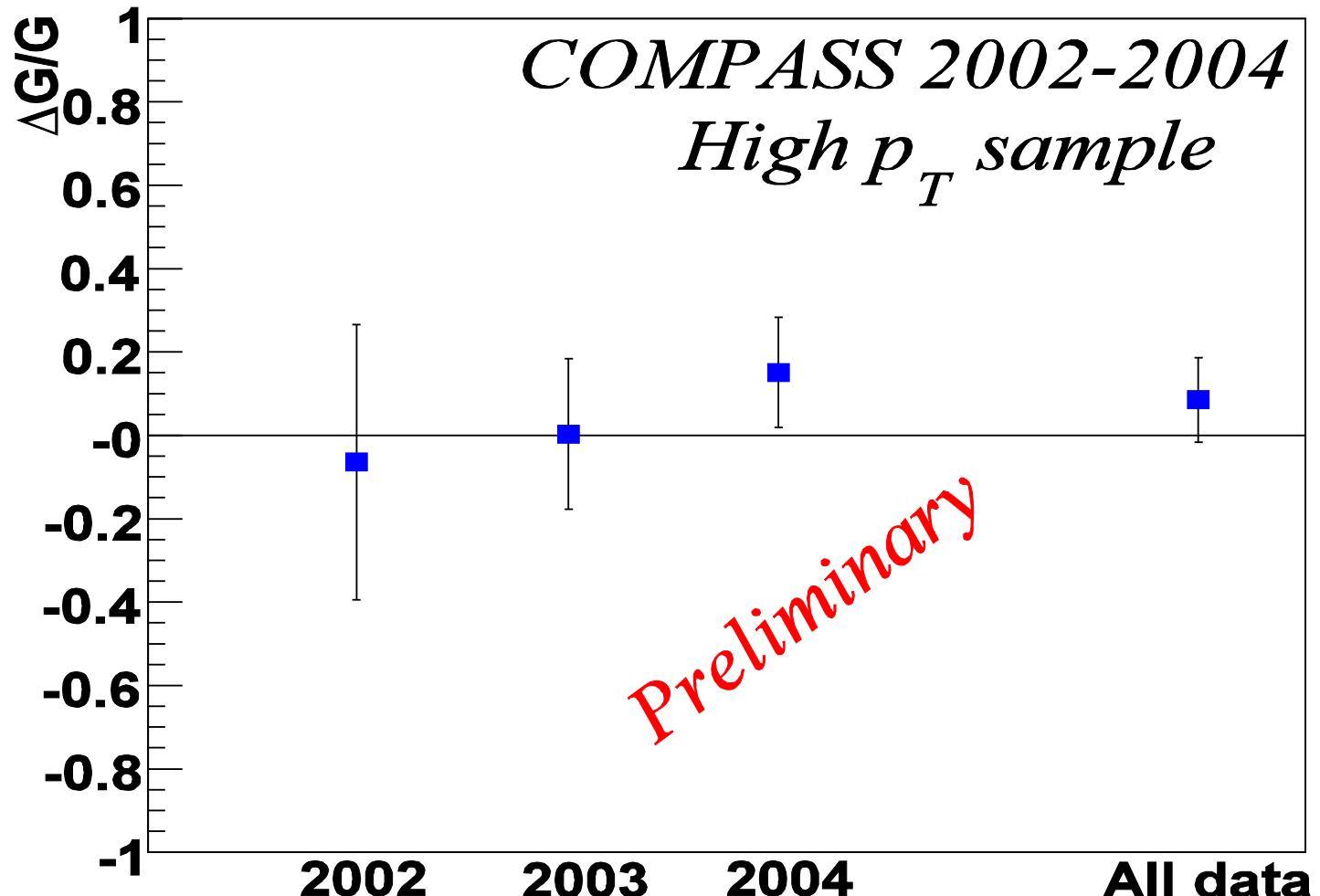
The sum of R^i 's must add up to the unity.

Results

$$\frac{\Delta G}{G} = 0.08 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.05$$

$$x_{_G} = 0.08^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$$

$$\langle \mu^2 \rangle = 3 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$$



Systematic errors Study

What has been checked?

- False asymmetries.
- Neural Network stability.
- Systematic errors due to MC:
 - Parton shower radiation on/off.
 - Generator tuning.
- $\delta P_b, \delta P_t, \delta f$.
- A_1 parametrisation.

$\delta(\Delta G/G)_{\text{false}}$	0.011
$\delta(\Delta G/G)_{\text{NN}}$	0.006
$\delta(\Delta G/G)_{\text{MC}}$	0.040
$\delta(\Delta G/G)_{f,\text{Pb},\text{Pt}}$	0.006
$\delta(\Delta G/G)_{A1}$	0.008
Total	0.045

High p_T Analysis, $Q^2 < 1 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$

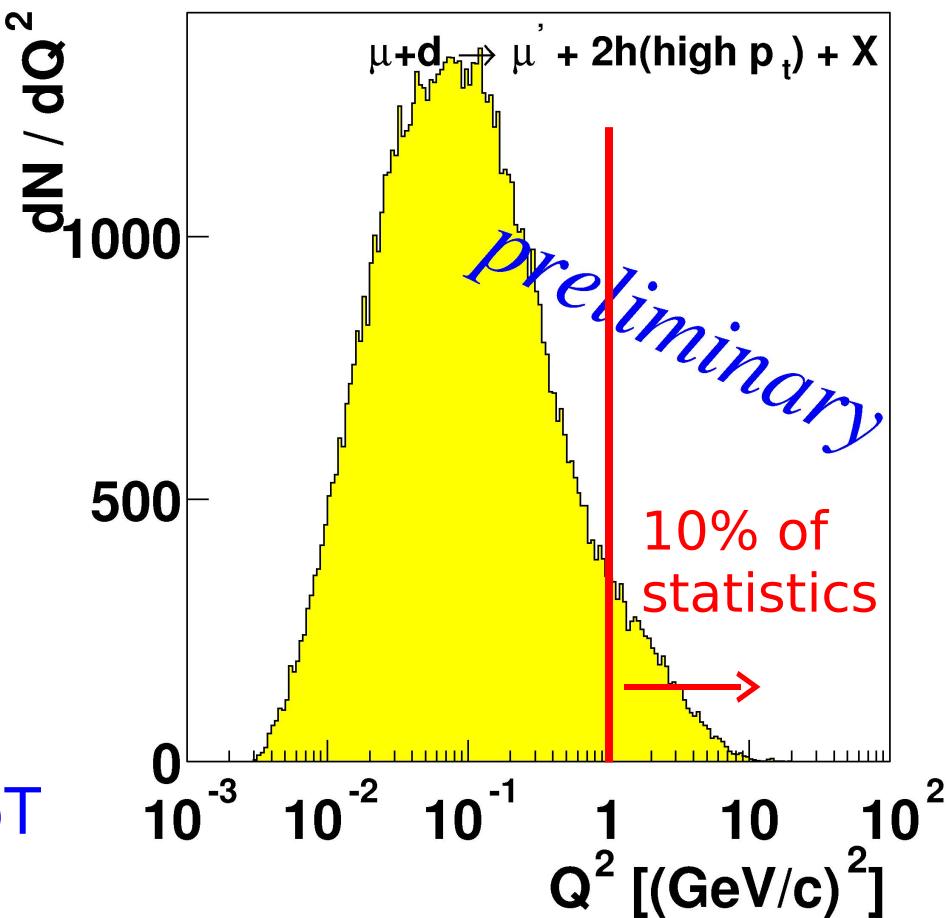
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For this analysis, the same selection as the $Q^2 > 1 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$ analysis was applied plus a slightly tighter set of cuts :

- $x_F > 0.1$ and $z > 0.1$
- $x_{Bj} < 0.05$
- $\sum p_T^2 > 2.5 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$

The **scale** of this analysis is given by the p_T of the hadrons

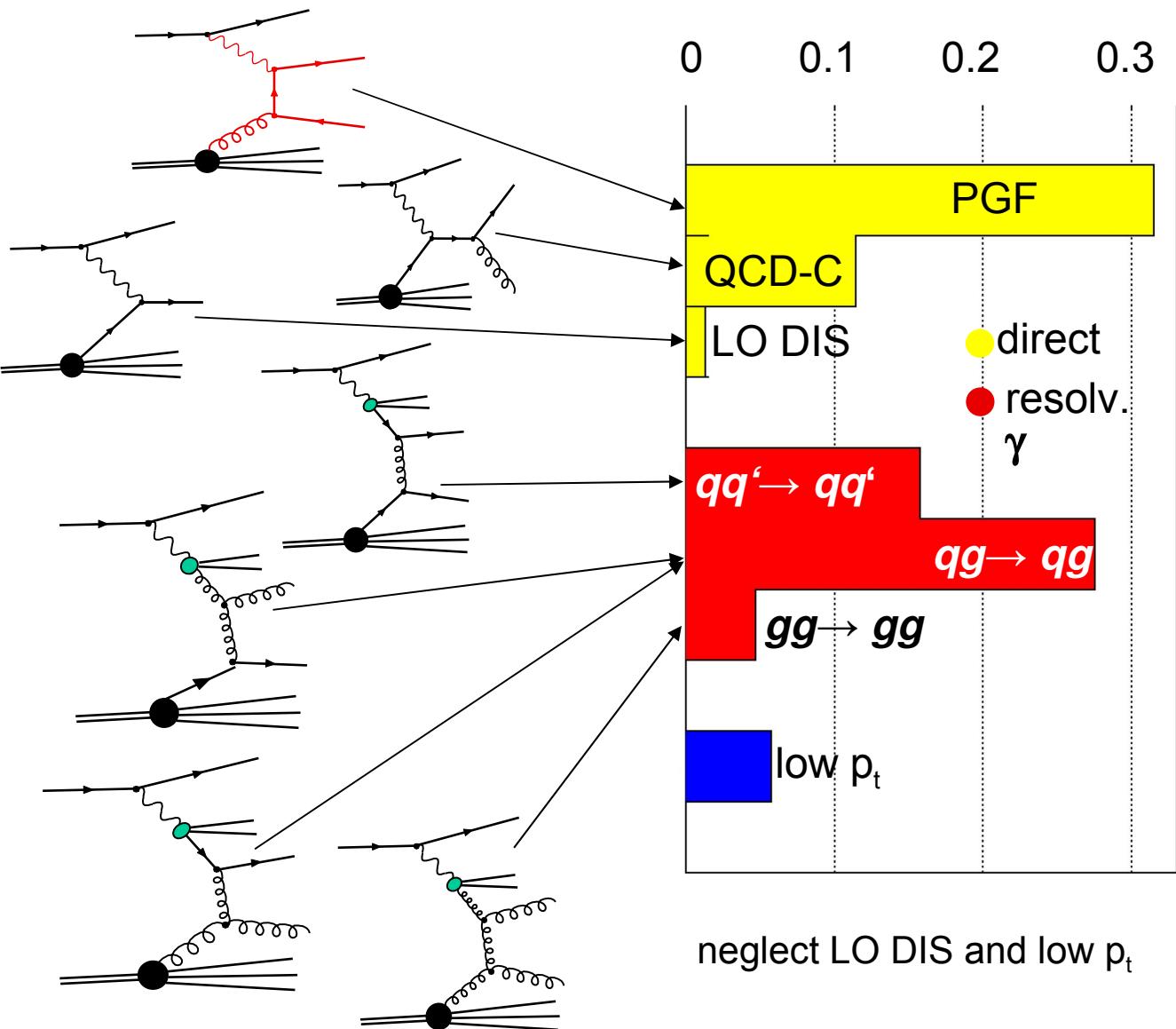


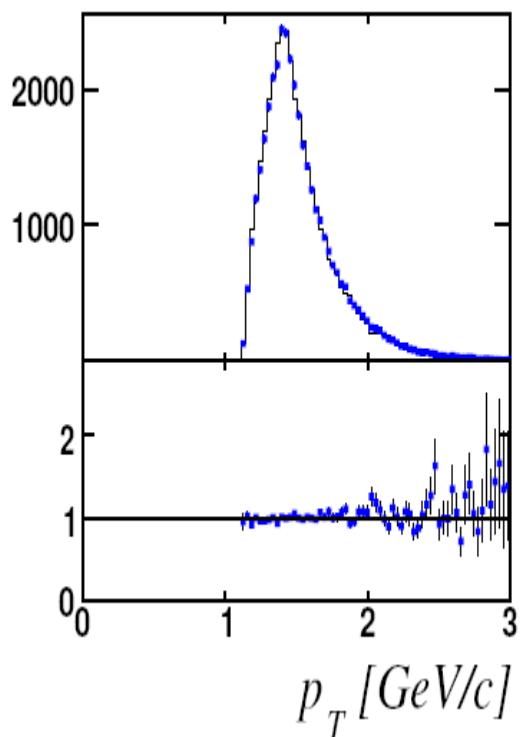
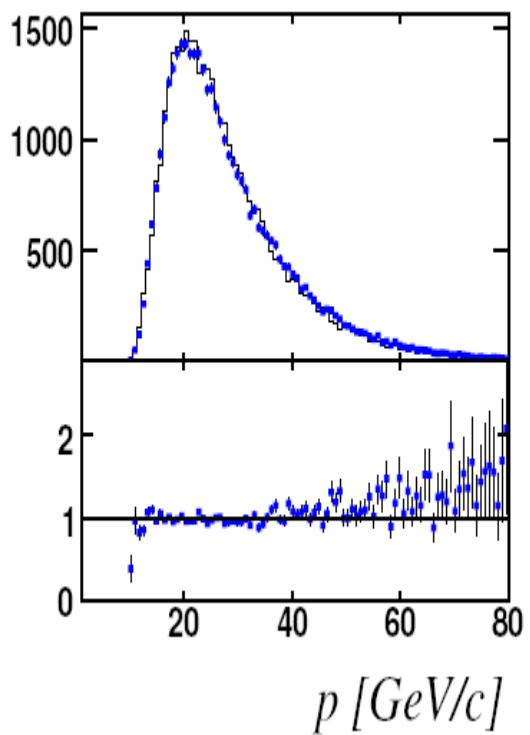
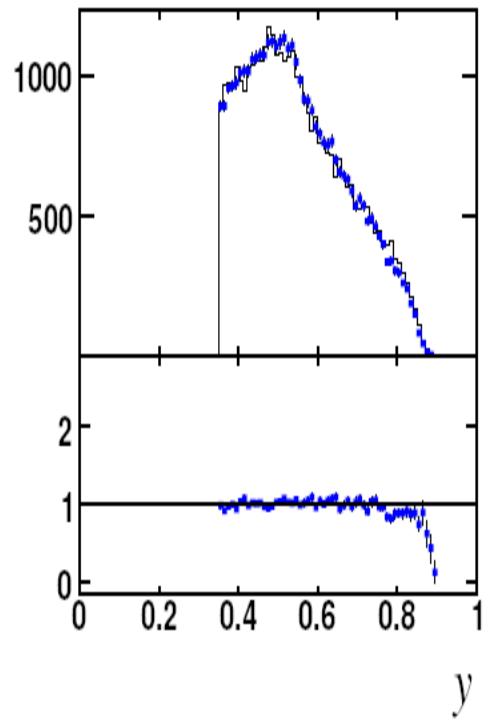
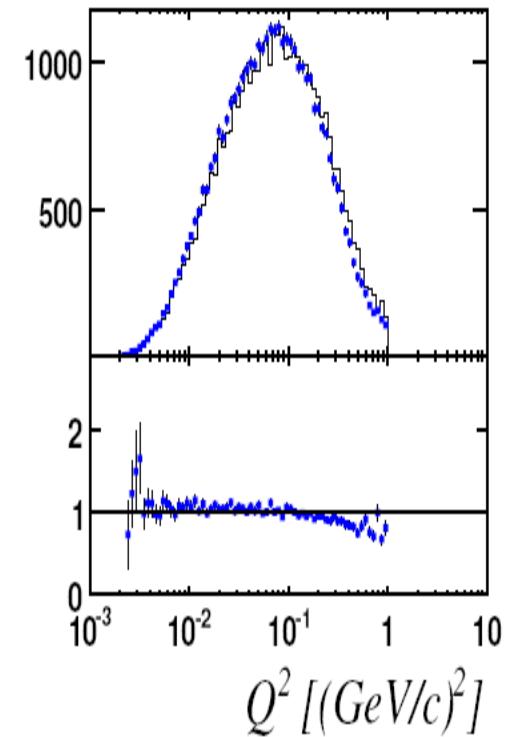
~90 % of our statistics in this sample

PGF and Background events:

- Same background as $Q^2 > 1$ (GeV/c) 2 case
- Additional background from resolved photon events

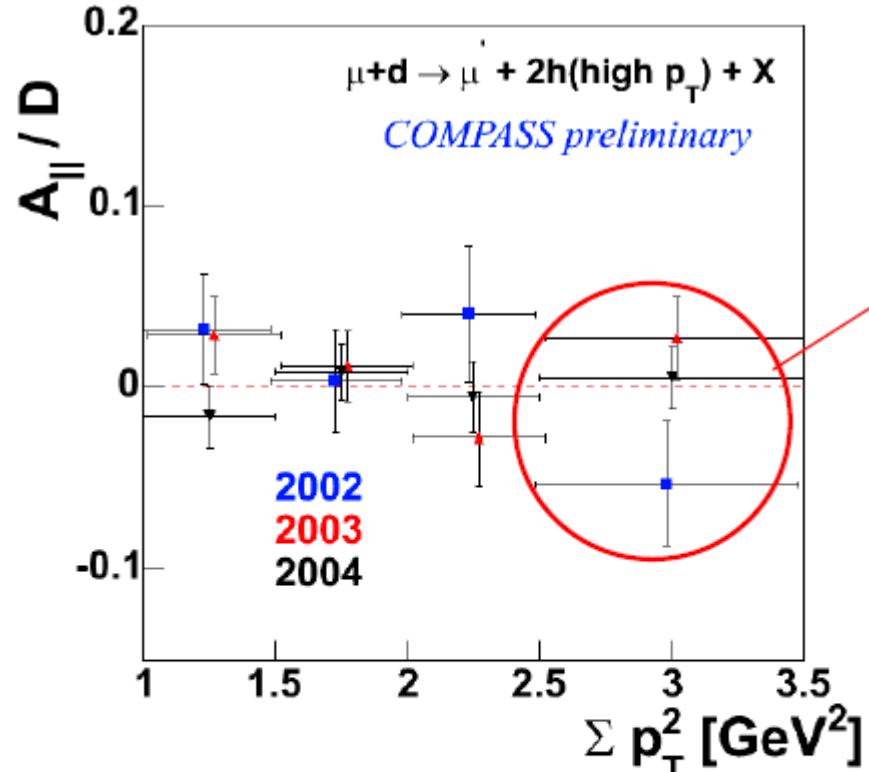
MC Generator PYTHIA



Data – Monte Carlo comparison, $Q^2 < 1 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$ 

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Results, $Q^2 < 1 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$



Values used for the extraction
of $\Delta G/G$

$$@ x_g = 0.085^{+0.071}_{-0.035}$$

$$\langle \mu^2 \rangle = 3 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$$

0.055(syst)

2002-2004 Preliminary:

$$\Delta G/G = 0.016 \pm 0.058(\text{stat}) \pm 0.014(\text{exp syst}) \pm 0.052(\text{MC syst}) \pm 0.013(\gamma)$$

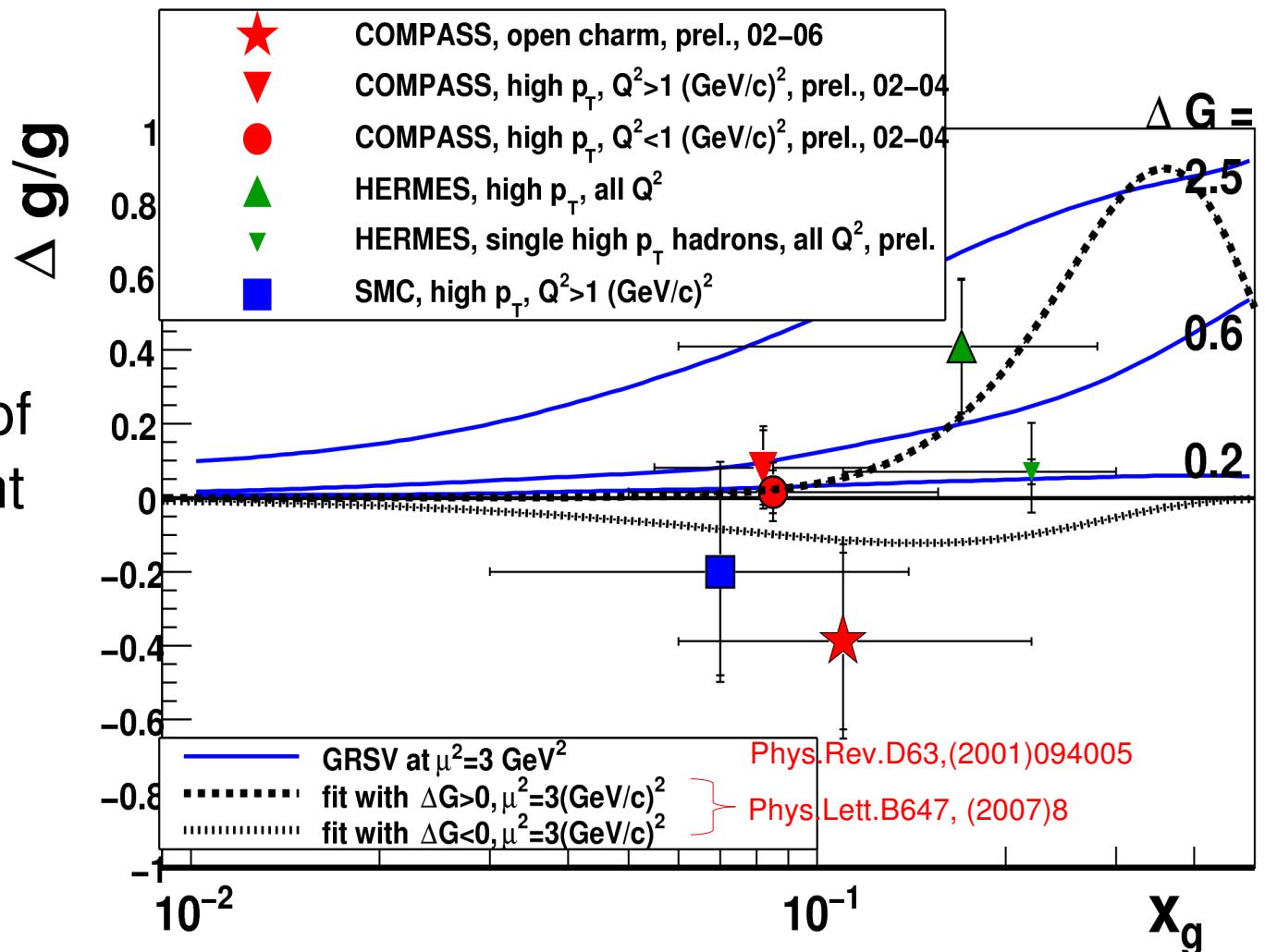
2002-2003 Published:

$$\Delta G/G = 0.024 \pm 0.089(\text{stat}) \pm 0.057(\text{syst}) \quad \textit{Phys. Lett. B 633 (2006) 25 - 32}$$

$\Delta G/G$ Results

$Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2 : \Delta G/G = 0.08 \pm 0.10_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.05_{\text{sys}}$ @ $x_g = 0.08^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$

$Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2 : \Delta G/G = 0.02 \pm 0.06_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.06_{\text{sys}}$ @ $x_g = 0.09^{+0.07}_{-0.04}$



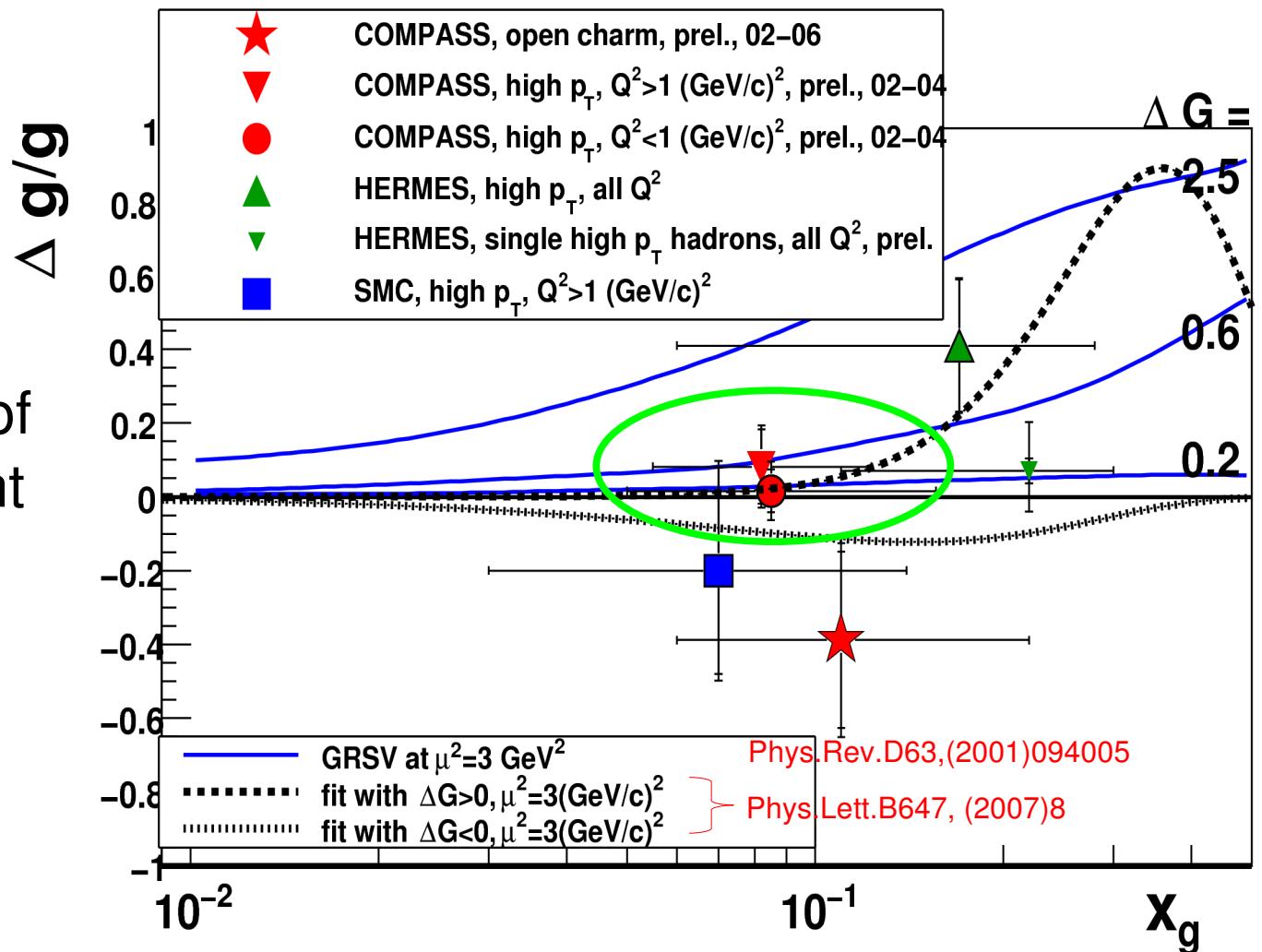
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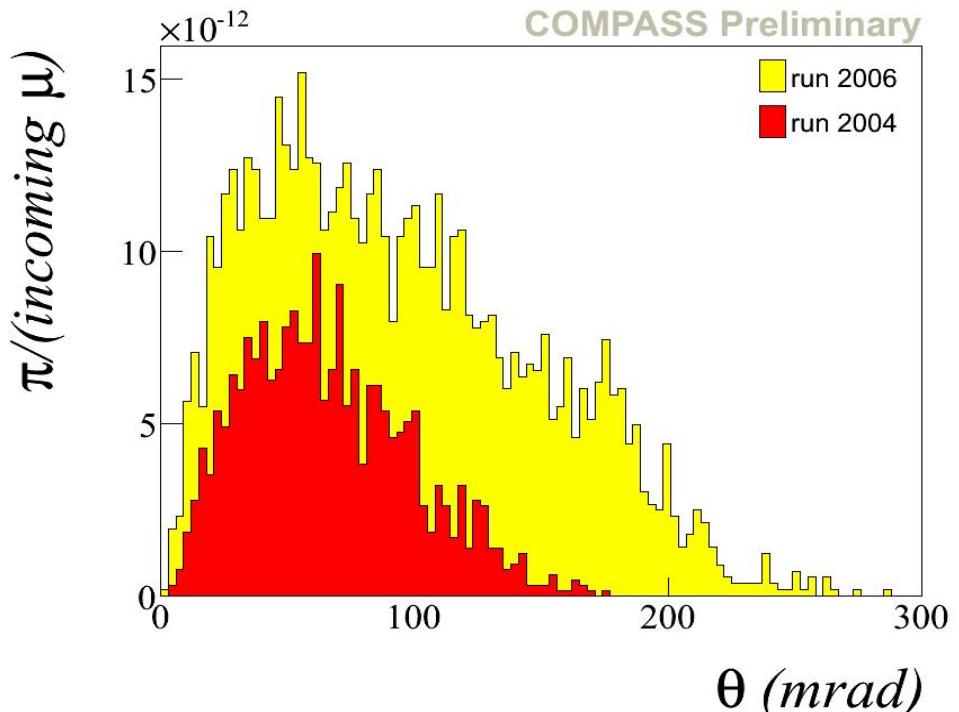
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2006 and 2007 data

- Increase in acceptance due the 2006 upgrade (70 to 180 mrad on the target aperture).
- Target in 2006 and in 2007. Events are weighted by $f \times P_t$. In 2007 this factor is slightly small than in 2006.
- The analysis is on going ...
- COMPASS will run beyond 2009 (longitudinal and transverse pol.). Positive feed-back from SPSC (CERN)



	2006	2007
Material	6LiD	NH3
Polarisation	~50 %	~85 %
f	0.4	0.15

Outlook and Conclusions

- 2006 and 2007 data to be analysed
- Improvements in the method of analysis, e.g. lowering p_T cut from 0.7 to 0.4 GeV/c
- Analysis with two bins in x_g
- Recent results on $\Delta G/G$ from COMPASS high p_T analysis have been presented
- These measurements are consistent with zero @ $x_g \approx 0.1$

Спасибо!

Spares

Uncertainty for $\gamma, Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$



Contribution from resolved photons

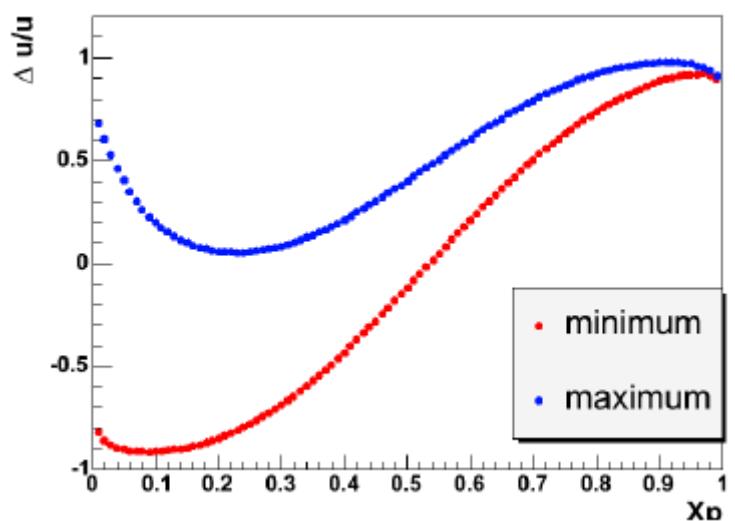
- Problem: polarised PDFs of the photon is not measured !
→ use unpolarised PDFs to constrain polarised

$$-q^\gamma(x, Q^2) < \Delta q^\gamma(x, Q^2) < q^\gamma(x, Q^2)$$

→ This leads to 2 extreme (max & min) scenarios

additional uncertainty band.

Glück, Reya, Sieg, *Eur. Phys. J. C20* (2001) 271



High p_T Analysis, $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$

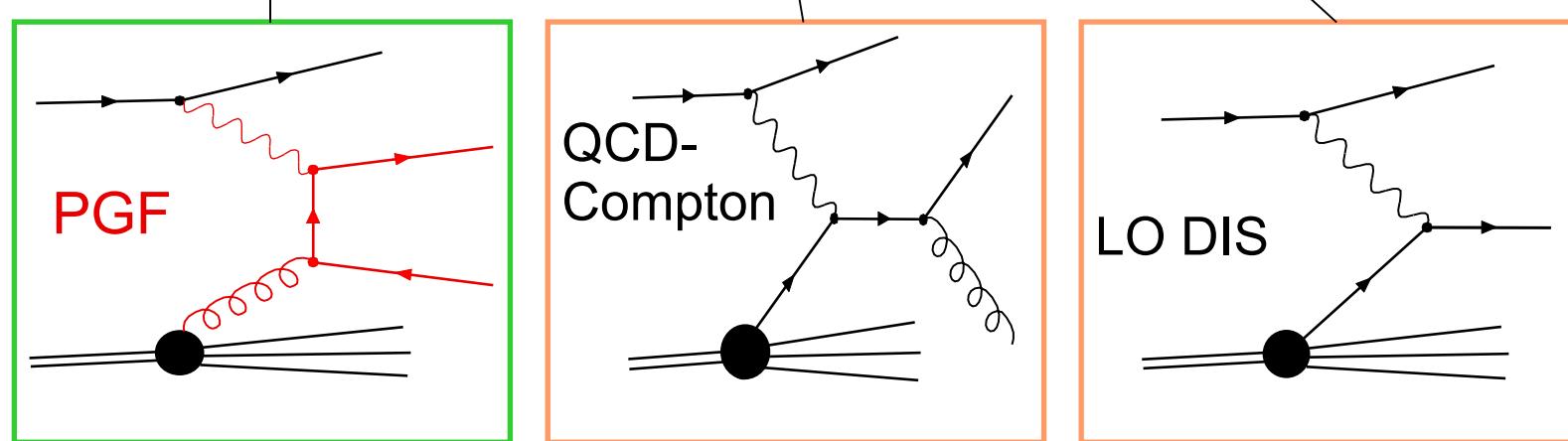


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$$A_{\gamma}^{LO} \equiv \frac{\sum_i e_i \Delta q_i}{\sum_i e_i q_i}$$



The same decomposition can be done for **inclusive** asymmetry :

$$A_{LL}^{incl}(x_{Bj}^{incl}) = \frac{\Delta G}{G}(x_g^{incl}) a_{LL}^{incl, PGF} \left(\frac{\sigma^{PGF}}{\sigma^{Tot}} \right)_{incl} + A_{\gamma}^{LO}(x_C^{incl}) a_{LL}^{incl, C} \left(\frac{\sigma^C}{\sigma^{Tot}} \right)_{incl} + A_{\gamma}^{LO}(x_{Bj}^{incl}) D \left(\frac{\sigma^{LO}}{\sigma^{Tot}} \right)_{incl}$$

$\Delta G/G$ for High p_T , $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$



The final formula for the gluon polarization:

$$\frac{\Delta G}{G}(x_g^{av}) = \frac{A_{LL}^{2h}(x_{Bj})}{\beta} - \frac{A_1(x_{Bj})}{\beta} D \frac{R_{LO}}{R_{LO^{incl}}} - \frac{A_1(x_C)}{\beta} \beta_1 + \frac{A_1(x_C')}{\beta} \beta_2$$

$$\beta = a_{LL}^{PGF} R_{PGF} - a_{LL}^{PGF, incl} R_{PGF}^{incl} \frac{R_{LO}}{R_{LO}^{incl}} - a_{LL}^{PGF, incl} \frac{R_C R_{PGF}^{incl}}{R_{LO}^{incl}} \frac{a_{LL}^C}{D} \quad R_i = \frac{\sigma^i}{\sigma^{Tot}}$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{1}{R_{LO}^{incl}} (a_{LL}^C R_C - a_{LL}^{C, incl} R_C^{incl} \frac{R_{LO}}{R_{LO}^{incl}}) \quad \beta_2 = a_{LL}^{C, incl} \frac{R_C R_C^{incl}}{(R_{LO}^{incl})^2} \frac{a_{LL}^C}{D}$$

- A_{LL}^{2h} is the measured 2-h asymmetry.
- a_{LL} and R are estimated using MC.
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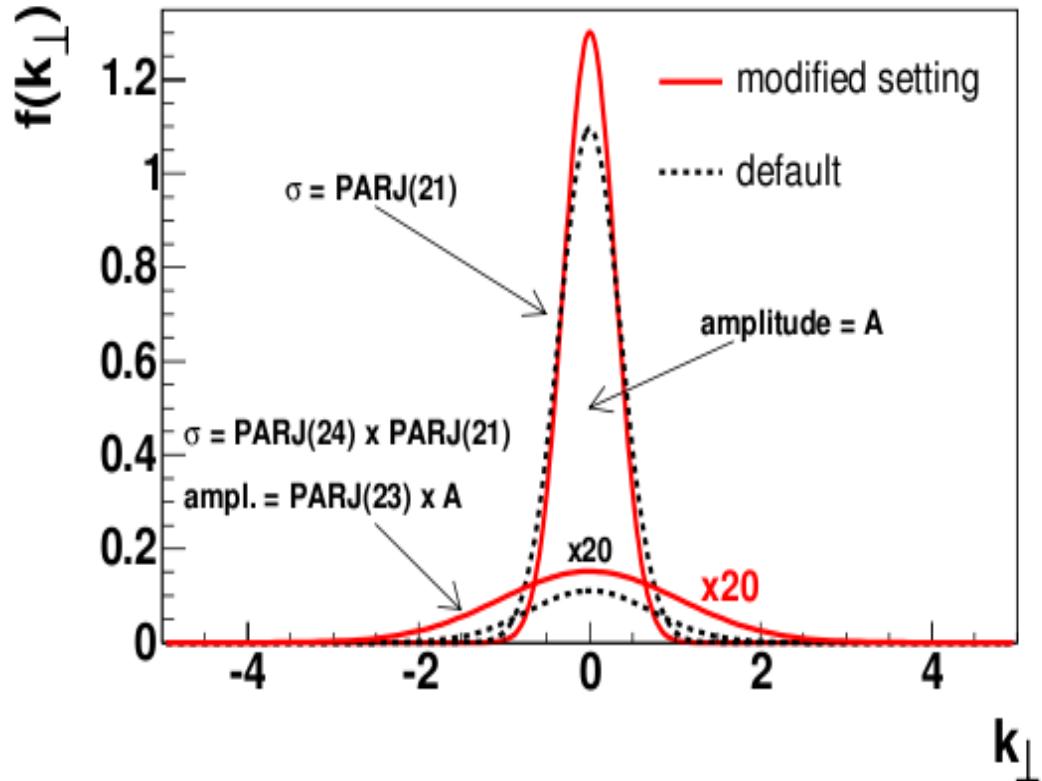
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$$\frac{\Delta G}{G}(x_g^{av}) = \frac{1}{\beta} \left[A_{LL}^{2h}(x_{Bj}) + A_{corr}(x_{Bj}) \right]$$

- A_{LL}^{2h} is the measured 2-h asymmetry.
- β is composed by a_{LL} and R . They are estimated using MC.
- A_{corr} is a corrective factor for Compton-QCD and LO processes:
 - a_{LL} and R are estimated using MC.
 - A_1 are taken using a parametrization on inclusive data. ([EPJ C52 \(2007\)255](#))

$$A_{corr} = - \left(A_1(x_{Bj}) D \frac{R_{LO}}{R_{LO^{incl}}} - A_1(x_C) \beta_1 + A_1(x_C') \beta_2 \right)$$

Monte Carlo Simulation



$$D(z) \propto \frac{1}{2} (1-z)^a \exp\left(\frac{b m_T^2}{z}\right)$$

	PARJ(21)	PARJ(23)	PARJ(24)	a	b
Default	0.36	0.01	2.0	0.3	0.58
Compass	0.3	0.02	3.5	0.6	0.1