

New COMPASS results on kaon multiplicities from SIDIS

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Fragmentation functions

- fragmentation functions D_q^h describe parton fragmentation into hadrons
- can be accessed in e^+e^- annihilation, mainly sensitive to $q + \bar{q}$ fragm.
- full flavour separation in DIS by measuring production of different hadrons
- FFs of light quarks well established, strange quark FF much less well known
- FFs needed for extraction e.g. of flavour separation of polarised PDFs

Recent results in DIS

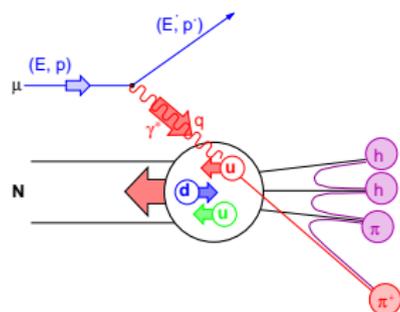
- results from COMPASS (isoscalar target) and HERMES (p and d target, lower energy) for pions and kaons
- LO and NLO extraction of u and d quark fragmentation into pions agree with previous findings
- differences between COMPASS and HERMES, most striking for kaons
- problem extracting strange quark FF, especially at high hadron momenta

▶ **Kaon multiplicities from proton target**

- COMPASS experiment in 2016
- Multiplicity analysis
- Results for kaons

▶ **Multiplicity ratios from isoscalar target**

- Experimental method
- Results for kaons
- Results for protons



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

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

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}, \quad z = \frac{E_h}{\nu}$$

$$W^2 = M^2 + 2M\nu - Q^2$$

► Hadron multiplicity

$$\frac{dM^h(x, z, Q^2)}{dz} = \frac{d\sigma^h(x, z, Q^2)/dx dz dQ^2}{\sigma^{\text{DIS}}(x, Q^2)/dx dQ^2}$$

► Factorisation Ansatz

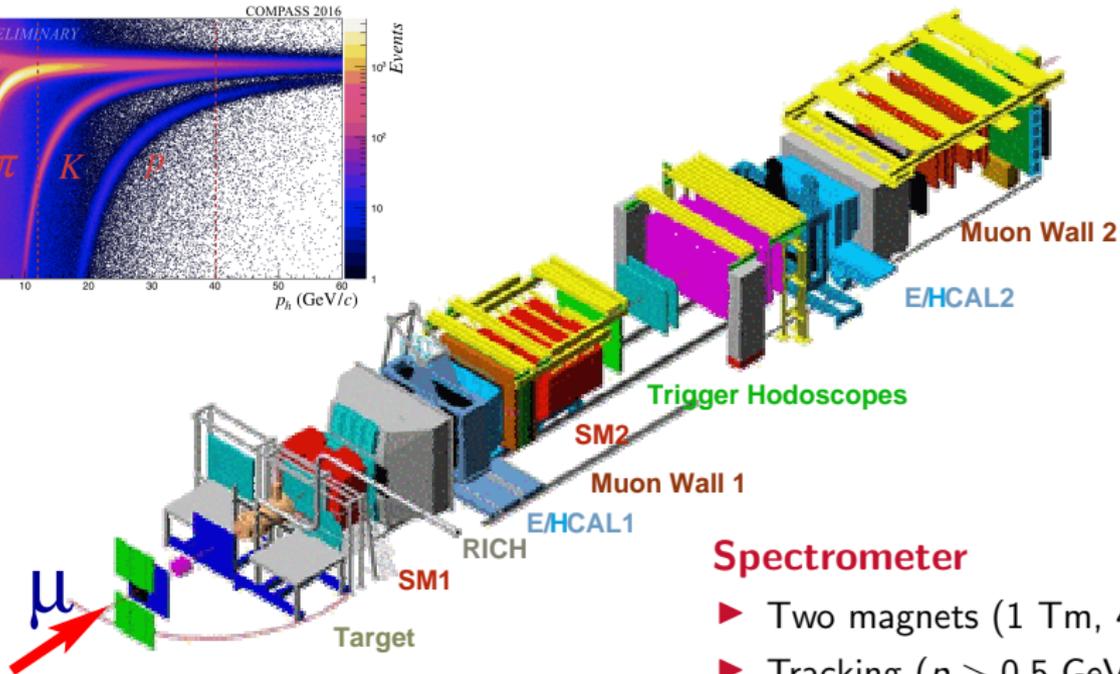
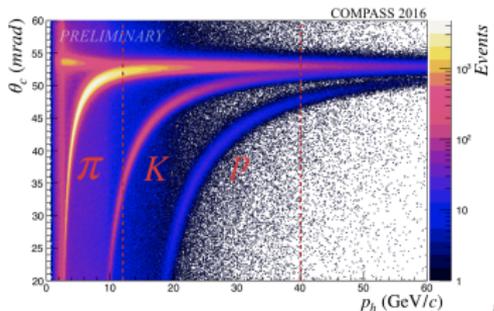
$$\sigma^h \sim \sum \sigma_{\text{hard}} \otimes \text{PDF} \otimes \text{FF}$$

with PDFs: $q(x, Q^2)$ and FFs: $D_q^h(z, Q^2)$

► in LO pQCD:

$$\frac{dM^h(x, z, Q^2)}{dz} = \frac{\sum_q e_q^2 q(x, Q^2) D_q^h(z, Q^2)}{\sum_q e_q^2 q(x, Q^2)}$$

PID with RICH

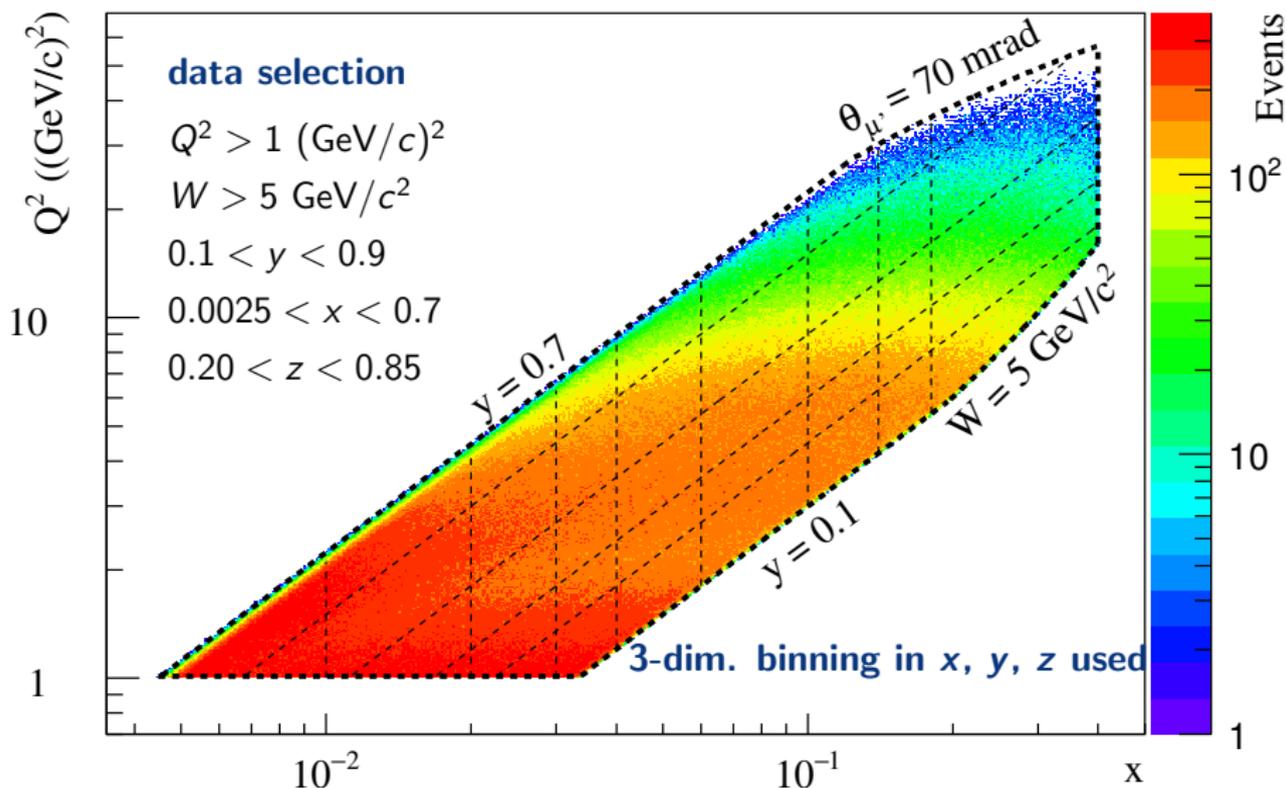


Target: 2.5 m liq. H₂
1.2 m ⁶LiD

Spectrometer

- ▶ Two magnets (1 Tm, 4.5 Tm)
- ▶ Tracking ($p > 0.5$ GeV/c)
- ▶ ECAL, HCAL, muon filter

COMPASS kinematics



Multiplicity analysis

Analysis steps:

Data from 2016 with liquid H₂ target

Raw multiplicities $N^h/N^{\text{DIS}}\Delta z$

Pion and kaon identification with RICH

Radiative corrections

Unfolding of PID efficiencies

Diffractive vector meson contamination

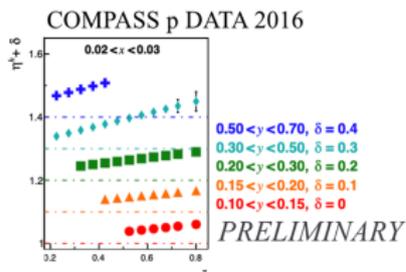
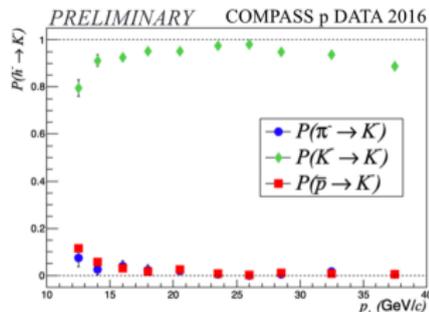
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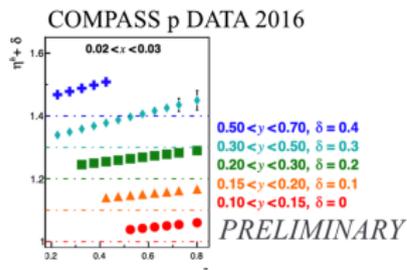
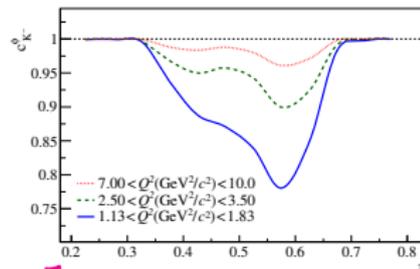
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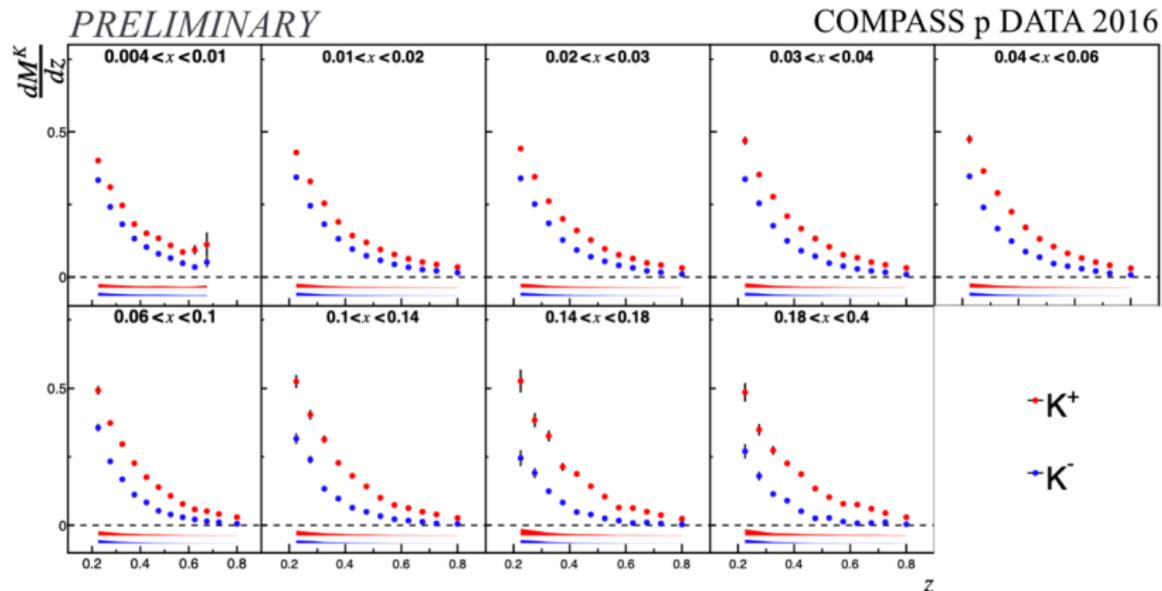
from $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$



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Results for kaon multiplicities

about 600 data points obtained in 3D binning: $dM_K(x, y, z)/dz$
no y dependence observed \rightarrow results averaged over y



Main systematic uncertainties:

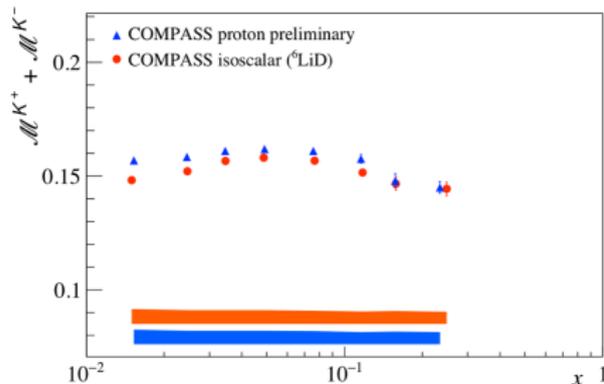
RICH unfolding: from 0.1% to 7%
acceptance: 10%
diffractive vector mesons: up to 6%

Kaon multiplicity sum

Isoscalar target: data averaged over y and integrated over z :

$$\mathcal{M}^{K^+} + \mathcal{M}^{K^-} = \frac{U\mathcal{D}_U^K + S\mathcal{D}_S^K}{5U + 2S}$$

with $U = u + \bar{u} + d + \bar{d}$, $S = s + \bar{s}$



- at high x $\mathcal{M}^{K^+} + \mathcal{M}^{K^-} = \mathcal{D}_U^K/5$
- COMPASS: $\mathcal{D}_U^K \approx 0.7$
DSS: $\mathcal{D}_U^K \approx 0.34 \pm 0.04$
- points to larger non-strange FFs than by DSS

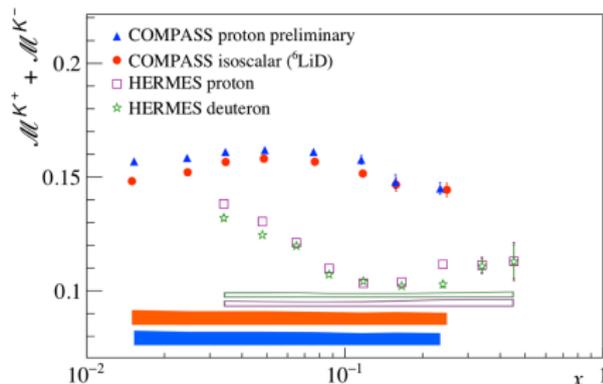
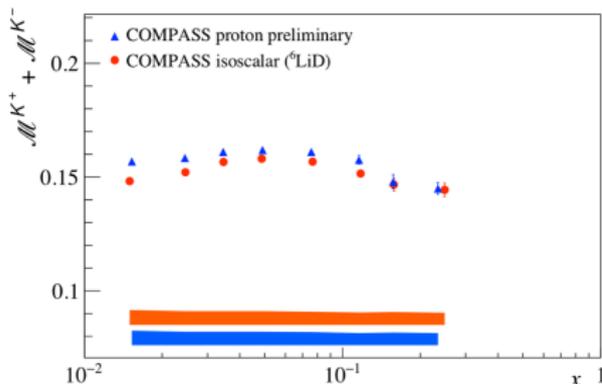
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- ▶ similar discrepance COMPASS-HERMES for results from proton and isoscalar target

Can we shed some light on this discrepancy?

possible explanations:

- ▶ different kinematic range of COMPASS-HERMES (160 GeV vs. 27 GeV incident lepton energy), especially in W
- ▶ Q^2 dependence as given by NLO QCD fit of FFs
- ▶ hadron mass correction
- ▶ all still under discussion, yield some improvement
- ▶ but problems with NLO QCD fit at high z

Why multiplicity ratios?

- ▶ multiplicities at very high z very challenging: low statistics, large smearing effects
- ▶ easier: multiplicity ratios e.g. dM^{K^-}/dM^{K^+}
- ▶ isoscalar target data: radiative and VM correction cancel
- ▶ acceptance mostly cancels except for secondary interactions in target
- ▶ all 2006 data used (all physics triggers)
- ▶ PID with RICH improved

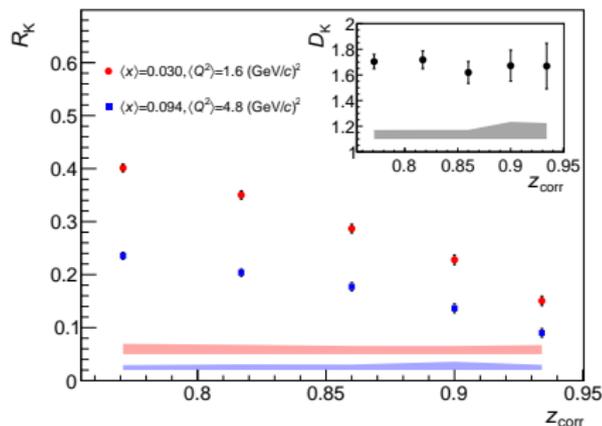
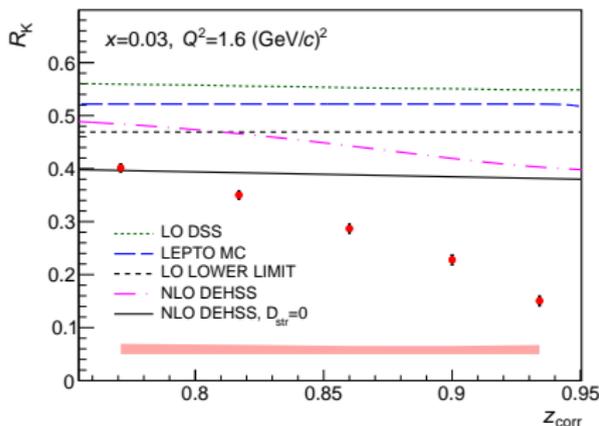
Multiplicity ratios at high z

- ▶ results from 2006 data taken with isoscalar target in two bins of x
- ▶ analysis extended to $z_{\text{rec}} = 1.05$
smearing correction
from MC $\rightarrow z_{\text{corr}}$

$$R_K(x, Q^2, z) = \frac{dM^{K^-}(x, Q^2, z)/dz}{dM^{K^+}(x, Q^2, z)/dz}$$

- ▶ in LO a lower limit obtained at large z $R_K > \frac{\bar{u} + \bar{d}}{u + d}$, $R_p > \frac{\bar{u} + \bar{d}}{u + d}$

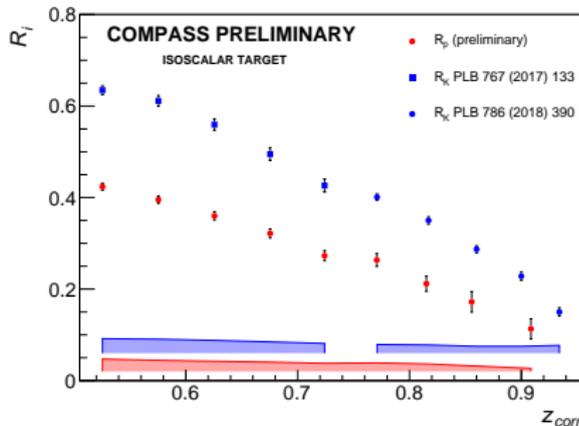
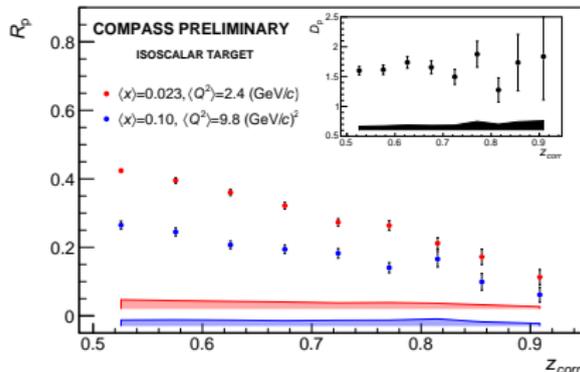
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- ▶ clear disagreement with expectations in (N)LO at large z for both x bins
(LO limit for second x bin is 0.31)

Comparison of R_K and R_p

- ▶ new analysis for protons in larger z range than for kaons, kaon analysis extended up to momenta of 55 GeV/ c
- ▶ expectations in LO: 0.51 for low x bin, 0.28 for high x bin

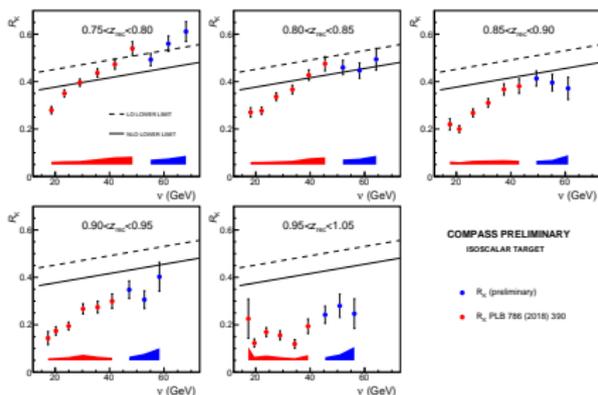


- ▶ proton result also below prediction in whole studied z range, also for $Q^2 \approx 10 \text{ (GeV}/c)^2$
- ▶ effect growing with mass of studied hadron

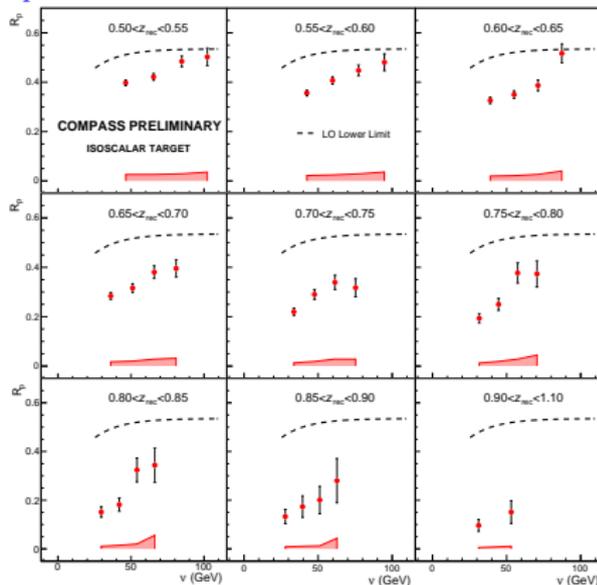
ν dependence of multiplicity ratios

- unexpected dependence on γ^* energy ν observed
- saturation at high ν for kaon ratio?
- values at high ν close to expectation

R_K



R_p

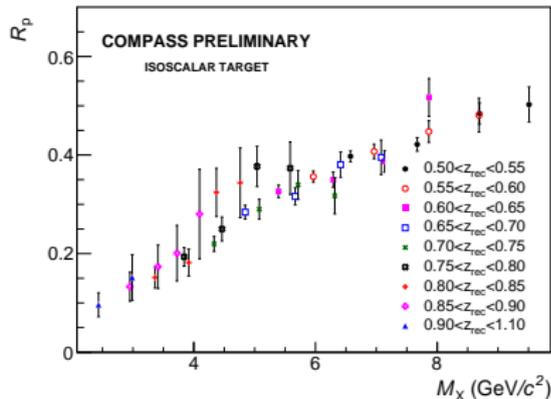
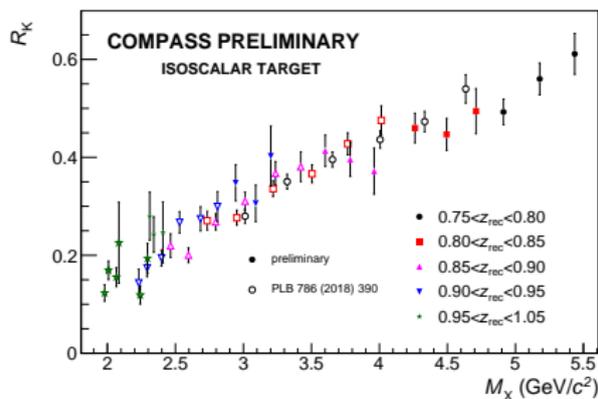


- similar ν dependence observed for proton ratio

Missing mass dependence

- ▶ at high z reduced phase space for other particles plus conservation law to be fulfilled
- ▶ dependence on missing mass

$$M_X = \sqrt{M_i^2 + 2M_i\nu(1-z) - Q^2(1-z)^2} \text{ with } M_i = M_K \text{ or } M_p$$



- ▶ very smooth dependence
- ▶ seems that a correction within the pQCD formalism is needed taking into account the phase space available for hadronisation

- ▶ new COMPASS results for kaon multiplicities from proton target
- ▶ consistent with results from isoscalar target
- ▶ discrepancies with HERMES lower energy results

- ▶ multiplicity ratios from isoscalar target at high z
- ▶ ratios considerably larger than LO QCD expectation for kaons and protons
- ▶ z and unexpected ν dependence combined in missing mass dependence
- ▶ phase space effect should be accounted for in pQCD analyses

- ▶ effect will also be studied using 2016/2017 data taken with a proton target