New results on the proton spin-dependent structure function g_1^p at COMPASS with $E = 200$ GeV

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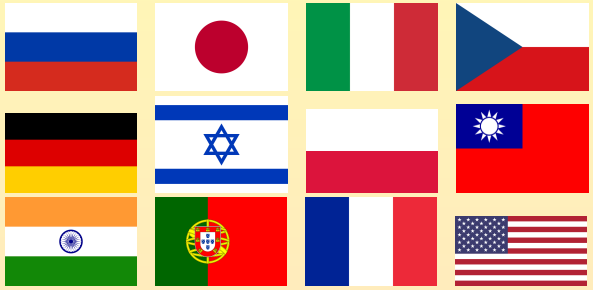


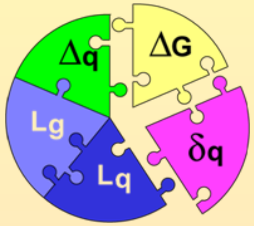
NA58 at the CERN SPS
$\sim$ 250 physicists
$\sim$ 30 institutes

Muon programm	Hadron programm
Spin dependent structure function g_1	
Gluon polarisation in the nucleon	Primakoff effect, π and K polarisabilities
Quark polarisation distributions	Exotic states, glueballs
Transversity	(Double) charmed barions
Vector meson production	Multiquark states
Λ polarisation	

Future: Drell-Yan on a polarised target and DVCS

How is the nucleon spin distributed among its constituents?

Nucleon spin

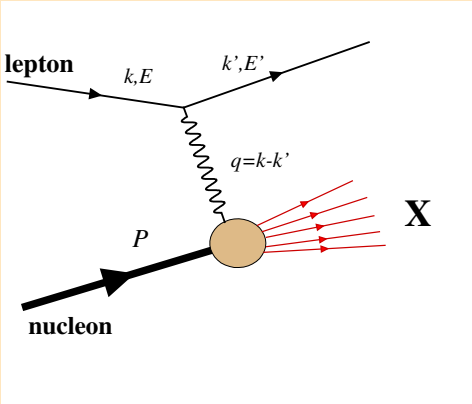


$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L_{q,g}$$

quark gluon orbital momentum

The direct evidence for existence of quarks inside the nucleon is provided by DIS. The idea is to accelerate leptons to very high energies, then allow them to interact with a stationary nucleon, and investigate what happens.

Inclusive Deep Inelastic Scattering

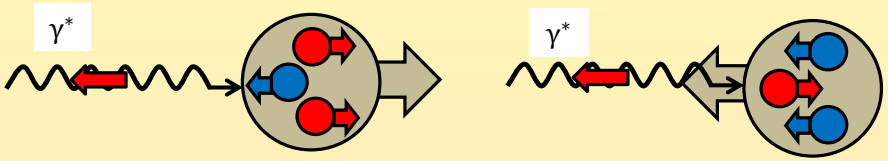


$Q^2 = -q^2 = -(k-k')^2$ virtuality of the photon

$x \equiv x_{Bj} = \frac{Q^2}{2M_p\nu}$ Bjorken scaling variable

Polarised Deep Inelastic Scattering: access to g_1

Absorption of polarised photons (QPM):



$\sigma_{3/2} \sim q^-(x)$ $\sigma_{1/2} \sim q^+(x)$

$$q(x) = q^+(x) + q^-(x)$$
$$\Delta q(x) = q^+(x) - q^-(x)$$

+ quark ↑↑ nucleon

– quark ↓↑ nucleon

Photon-Nucleon asymmetry:

$$A_1 = \frac{\sigma_{1/2} - \sigma_{3/2}}{\sigma_{1/2} + \sigma_{3/2}} \approx \frac{\sum_q e_q^2 \Delta q}{\sum_q e_q^2 q} = \frac{g_1}{F_1}$$

Double spin asymmetry:

$$A_{||} = \frac{\sigma^{\leftrightarrows} - \sigma^{\leftleftarrows}}{\sigma^{\leftrightarrows} + \sigma^{\leftleftarrows}} = D(A_1 + \eta A_2)$$

Spin-dependent structure function:

$$g_1 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_q e_q^2 \Delta q = A_1 \frac{F_2}{2x(1+R)} \approx \frac{A_{||}}{D} \frac{F_2}{2x(1+R)}$$

Inclusive cross-section:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dxdQ^2} = \underbrace{c_1 F_1(x, Q^2) + c_2 F_2(x, Q^2)}_{\text{unpolarised structure function}} + \underbrace{c_3 g_1(x, Q^2) + c_4 g_2(x, Q^2)}_{\text{polarised structure function}}$$

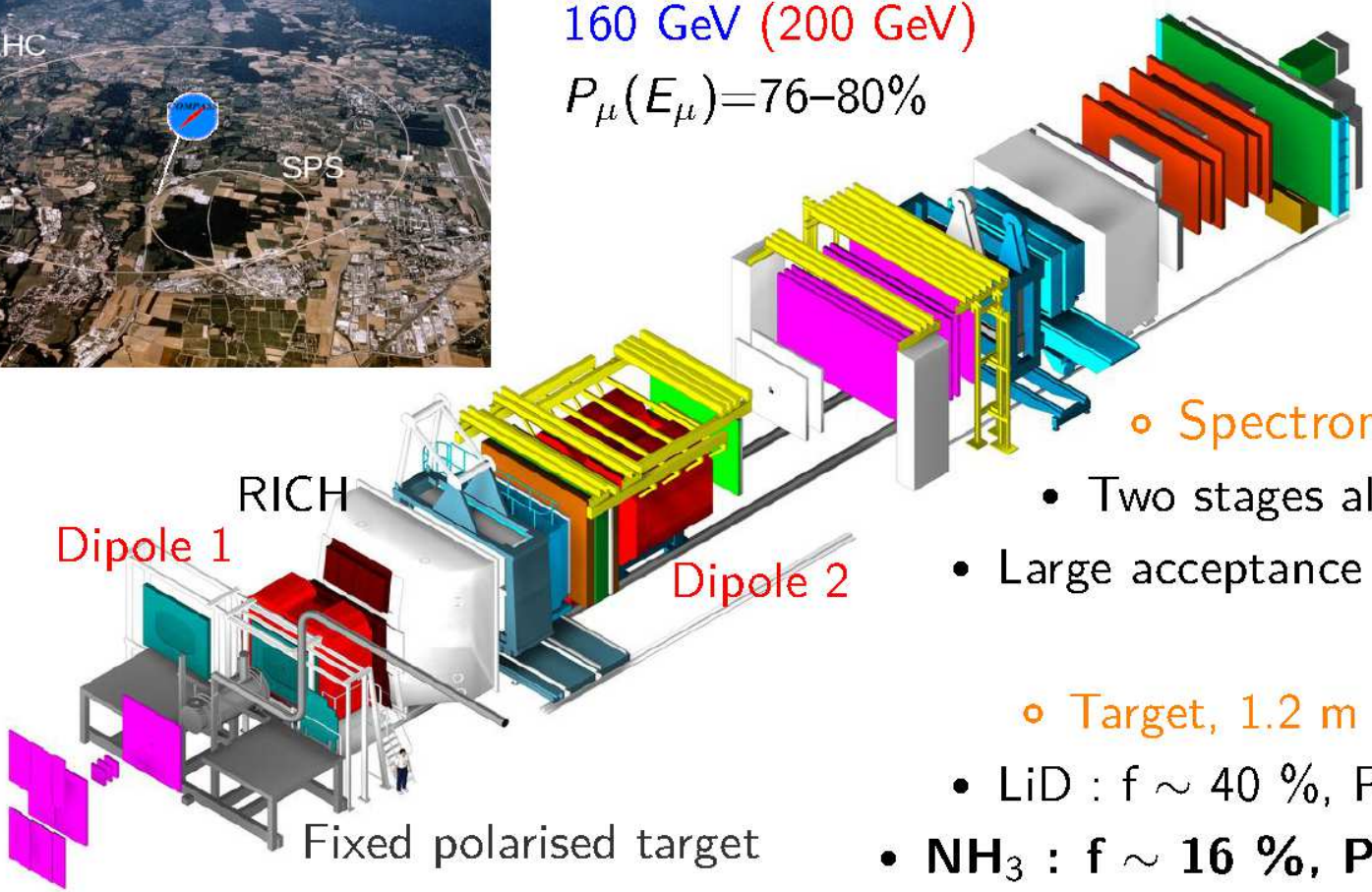
COMPASS spectrometer

- Polarised μ^+ beam from SPS

  $2 \cdot 10^8$ ($1 \cdot 10^8$) μ per spill of $\sim$ 10 s

  160 GeV (200 GeV)

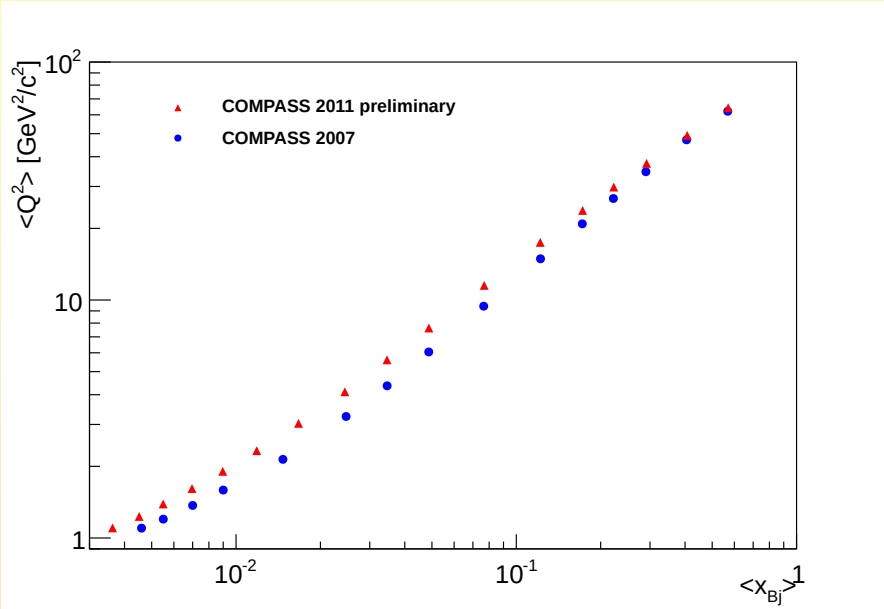
  $P_\mu(E_\mu)$=76–80%

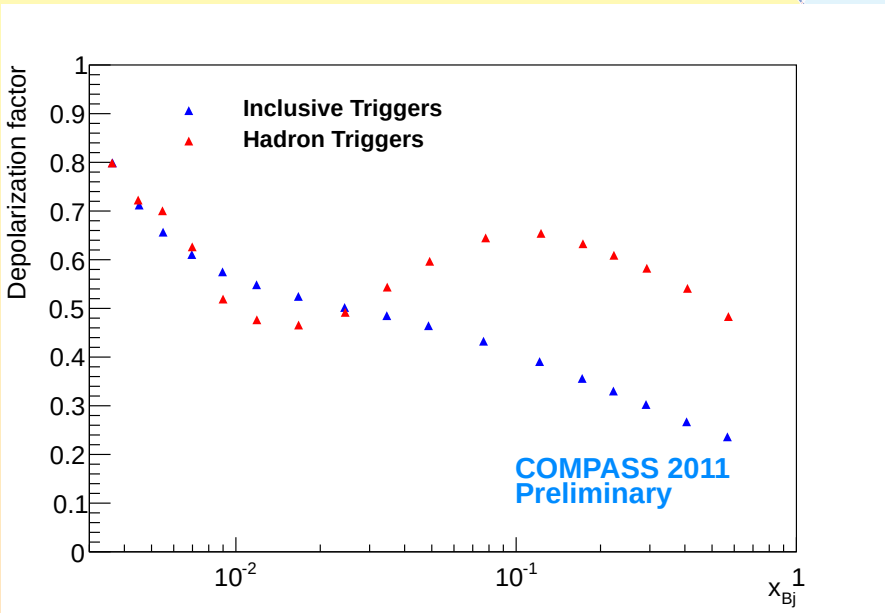


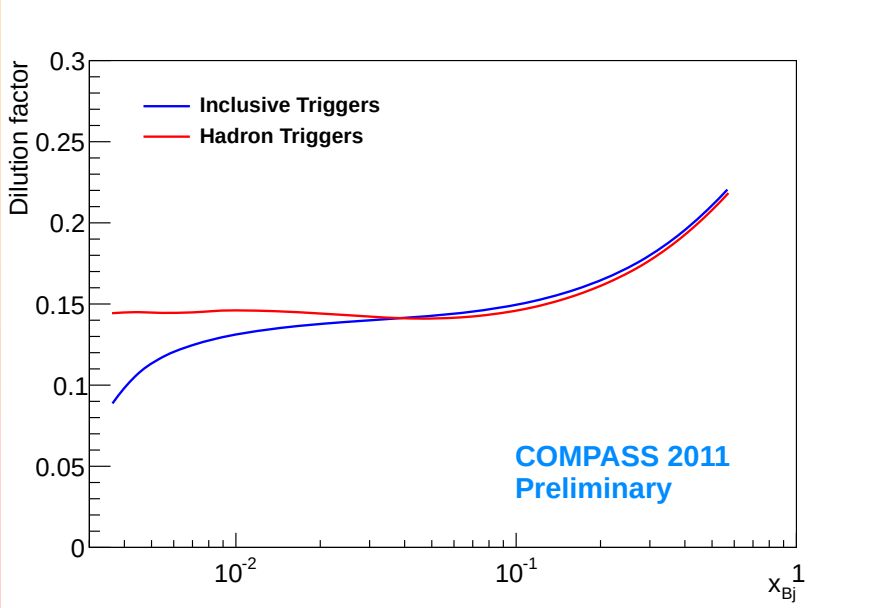
Fixed polarised target in a 2.5 T solenoid field

- Spectrometer :
  - Two stages along 60 m
  - Large acceptance 180 mrad
- Target, 1.2 m long:
  - LiD : f $\sim$ 40 %, P_T $\sim$50%
  - **NH_3 : f $\sim$ 16 %, P_T $\sim$85%**

New measurement @ 200 GeV







2011 data taking:

- $78 \cdot 10^6$ events
- $E_{beam} = 200$ GeV
- $Q^2 > 1$ (GeV/c)^2 and $0.1 < y < 0.9$
- $0.025 < x < 0.7$
- NH_3: $P_T \approx 85\%$

2007 and 2011 at slightly different Q^2

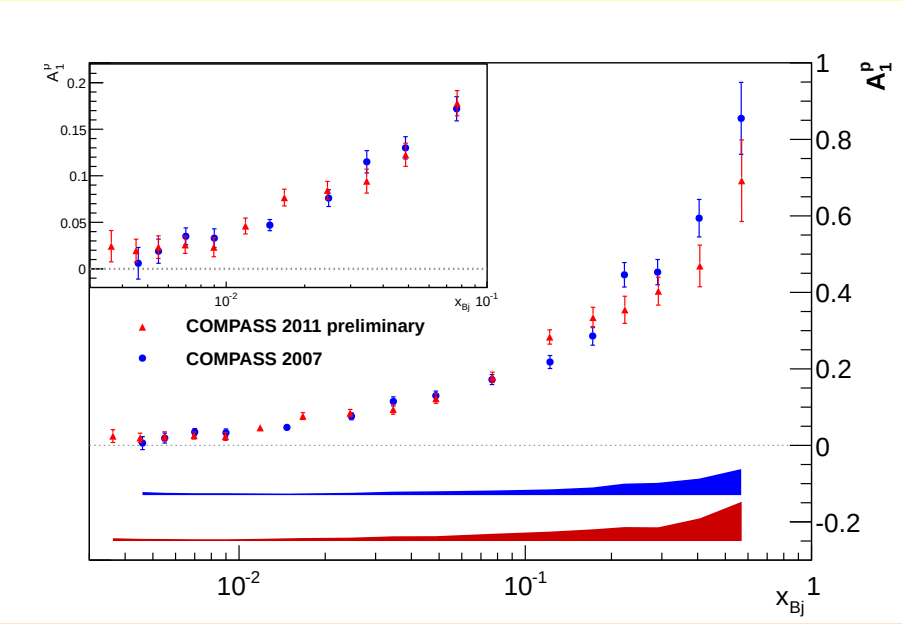
Systematic uncertainties

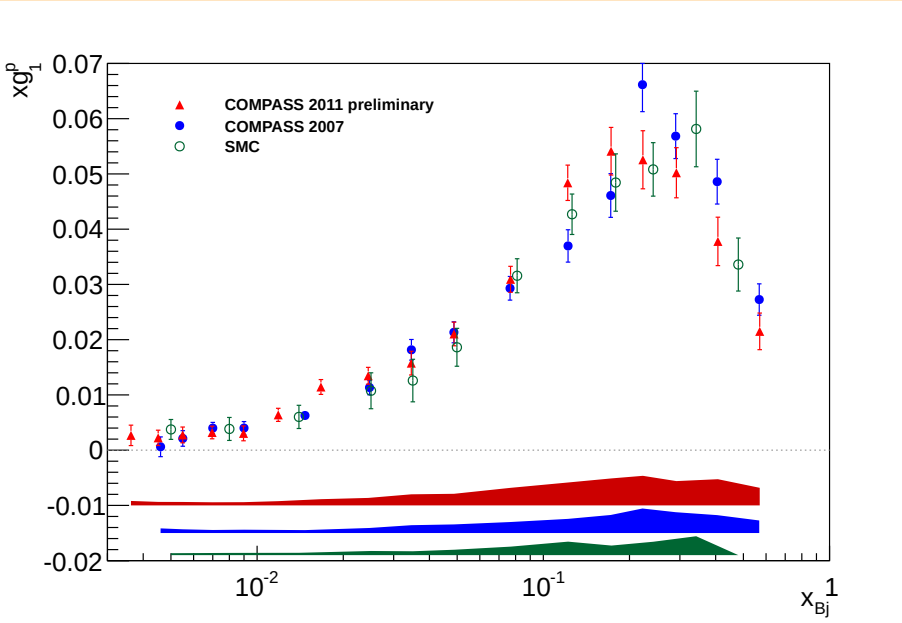
Two kind of contributions:

$$A_1^\gamma = \overbrace{\frac{1}{fDP_BP_T}}^{\text{Multiplicative}} A^{raw} - \overbrace{(A_1^{RC} + \mathcal{O}(\frac{x}{Q}A_2) + \mathcal{O}(A_{false}))}^{\text{Additive}}$$

Multiplicative variables error, ΔA_1^{mult}	Beam polarisation	dP_B/P_B	5%
	Target polarisation	dP_T/P_T	5%
	Depolarisation factor	dD/D	$2-3\%$
	Dilution factor	df/f	2%
	Total		$\Delta A_1^{mult} \approx 0.08 \cdot A_1$
Additive variables error, ΔA_1^{add}	Transverse asymmetry	$\mathcal{O}(x/Q) \cdot \Delta A_2$	10^{-3}–10^{-2}
	Rad. corrections	ΔA_1^{RC}	10^{-5}–10^{-3}
	False asymmetry	ΔA_{false}	$< 0.34 : 0.84 \cdot \Delta A_1^{stat}$ (Dominant)

COMPASS proton results at 200 GeV and 160 GeV

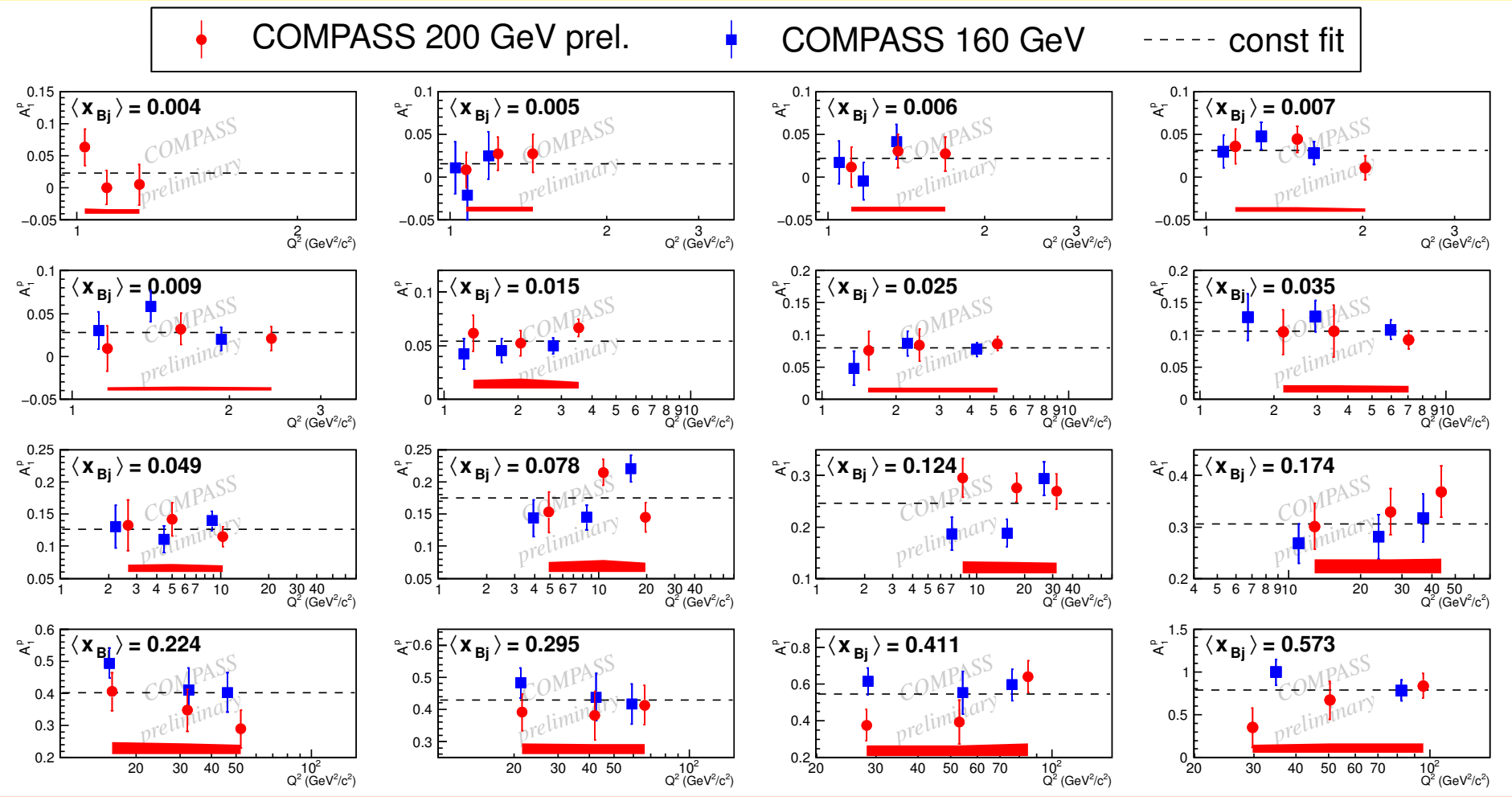




$$g_1(x) = \frac{F_2}{2x(1+R)} A_1$$

- SMC parametrisation of F_2
  SMC [PRD 58 (1998) 112001]
- $R = \frac{\sigma_L}{\sigma_T}$
  E143 [PLB 452 (1999) 194]
- Statistical errors (2007 and 2011) 2-3 times smaller than 2 years of SMC
- Lower x value reached

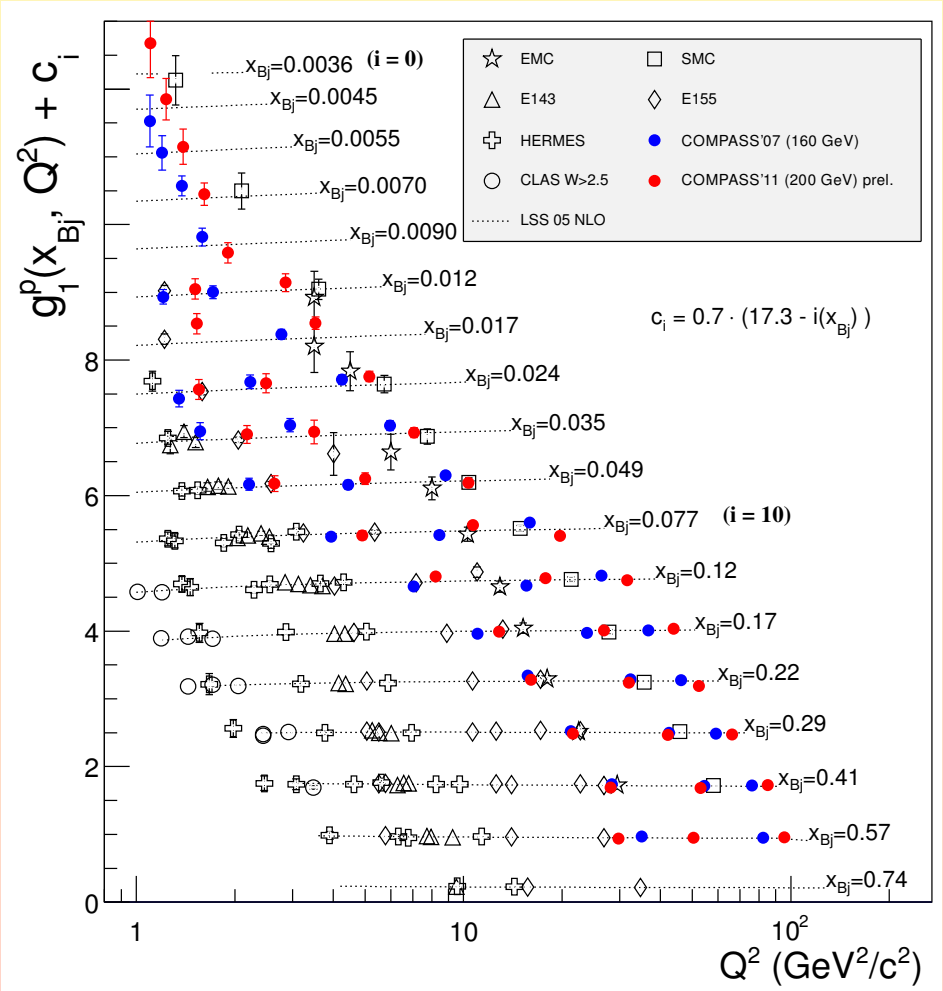
Asymmetry A_1^p: Q^2 evolution



$\hookrightarrow$ No significant dependence on Q^2 observed

Indirect measurement of ΔG, g_1^p: Q^2 evolution

World data $g_1^p(x)$ as a function of Q^2 in bins of x



COMPASS 160 GeV

COMPASS 200 GeV

New data point at very low x

New inputs for global fits and indirect ΔG extraction

LSS'05 fit at next-to leading order

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