Results on the longitudinal double spin asymmetry A_1^p and g_p^1 from the 2011 COMPASS data

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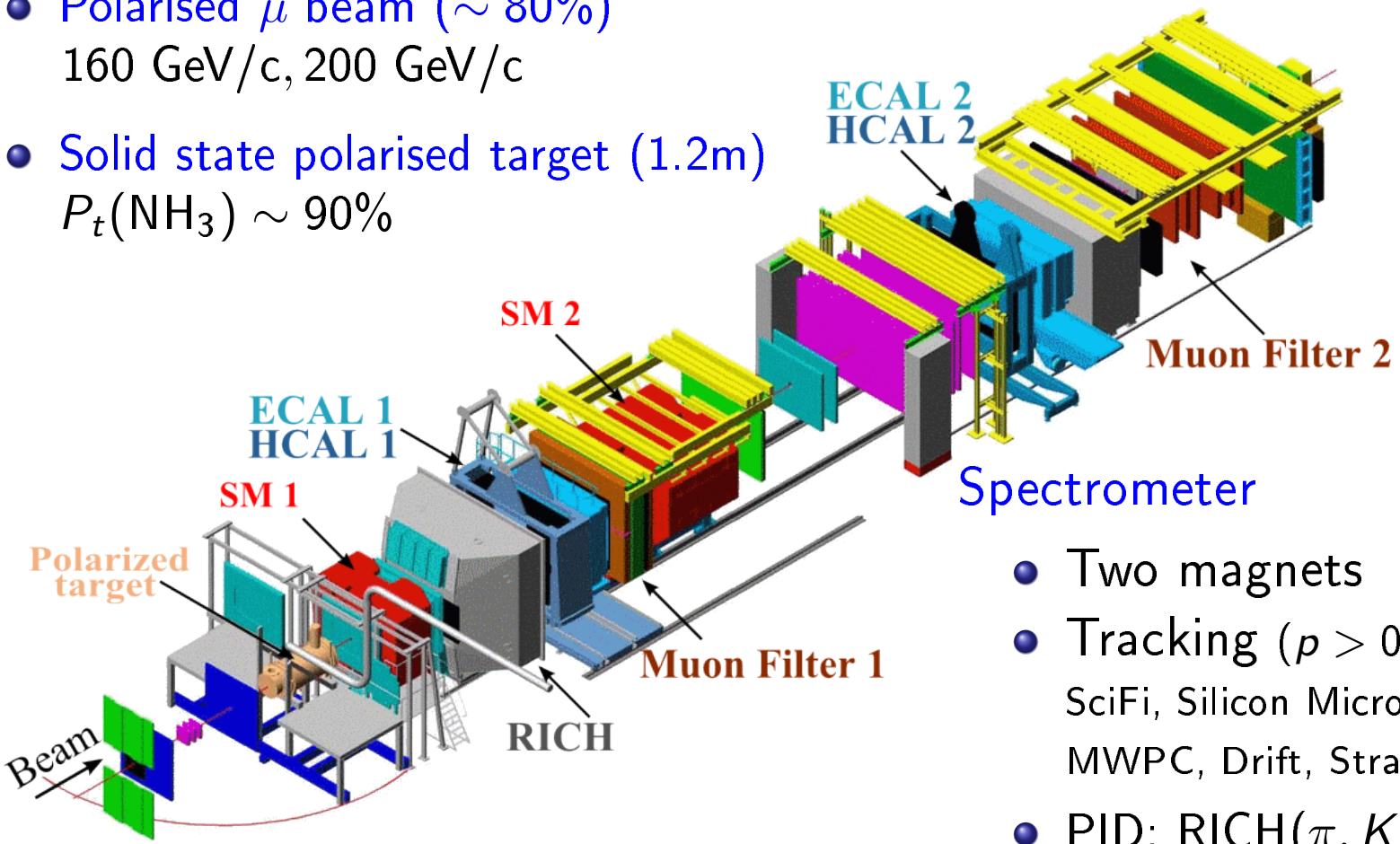
COMPASS @ CERN

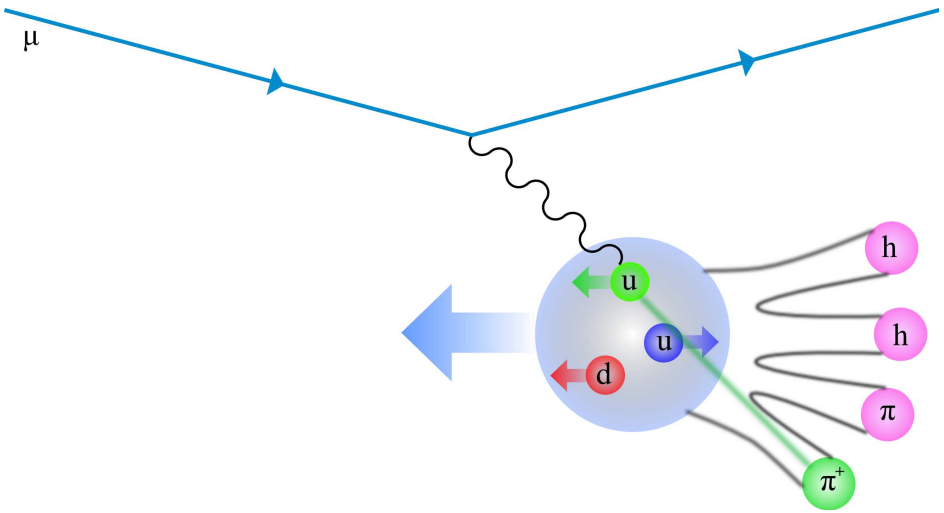
- M2 beamline
- Polarised μ beam ($\sim 80\%$)
  160 GeV/c, 200 GeV/c
- Solid state polarised target (1.2m)
  $P_t(NH_3) \sim 90\%$



Spectrometer

- Two magnets
- Tracking ($p > 0.5$ GeV/c)
  SciFi, Silicon MicroMega, Gem
  MWPC, Drift, Straws, Driftubes
- PID: RICH(π, K, p)
  ECAL, HCAL, muon filters

Deep Inelastic Scattering

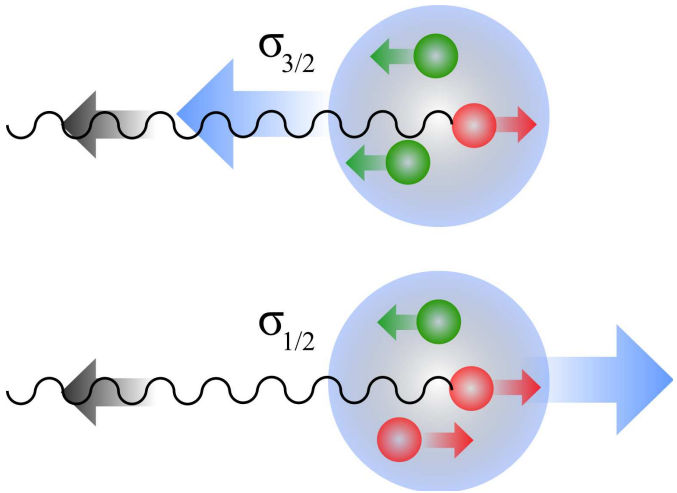


- 4-momentum of the virtual photon: $q = k - k'$
- Energy of the virtual photon: $\nu = \frac{Pq}{M} \overset{\text{lab}}{=} E - E'$
- $Q^2 = -q^2 \overset{\text{lab}}{\approx} 4EE' \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$
- Bjorken scaling variable: $x \overset{\text{lab}}{=} \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}$
- $y \overset{\text{lab}}{=} \frac{\nu}{E}$

Inclusive cross section:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2\sigma}{\mathrm{d}\Omega \mathrm{d}E'} \sim \underbrace{c_1 F_1(x, Q^2) + c_2 F_2(x, Q^2)}_{\text{spin independent}} + \underbrace{c_3 g_1(x, Q^2) + c_4 g_2(x, Q^2)}_{\text{spin dependent}}$$

Polarised Deep Inelastic Scattering



- Absorption of polarised photons
  $\sigma_{1/2} \sim q^+$
  $\sigma_{3/2} \sim q^-$
- $q(x) = q(x)^+ + q(x)^-$
  $\Delta q(x) = q(x)^+ - q(x)^-$

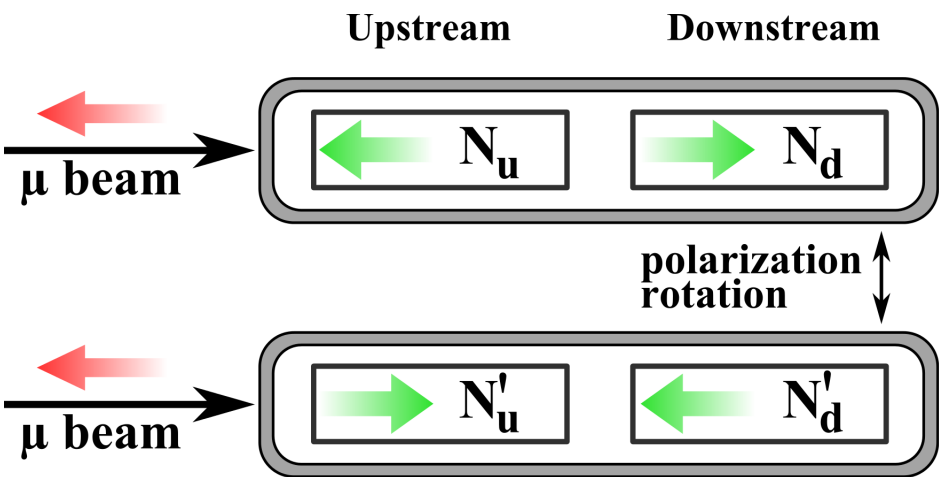
- Photon nucleon asymmetry

$$A_1(x, Q^2) = \frac{\sigma_{1/2} - \sigma_{3/2}}{\sigma_{1/2} + \sigma_{3/2}} \approx \frac{\sum_q e_q^2 (q(x)^+ - q(x)^-)}{\sum_q e_q^2 (q(x)^+ + q(x)^-)} = \frac{g_1(x, Q^2)}{F_1(x, Q^2)}$$

- Spin structure function

$$g_1(x, Q^2) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_q e_q^2 \Delta q(x) = A_1(x, Q^2) \cdot F_1(x, Q^2)$$

Method



- Aim:
  $A = \frac{\sigma^{\Uparrow\downarrow} - \sigma^{\Uparrow\uparrow}}{\sigma^{\Uparrow\downarrow} + \sigma^{\Uparrow\uparrow}}$
- Measured:
  $A_{exp} = \frac{N_u - N_d}{N_u + N_d}$
- Needed:
  - Flux cancellation
  - Acceptance cancellation
    $\rightarrow$ polarisation rotation
    $\rightarrow$ 3 target cells
- $A_{exp} = A \cdot P_B \cdot P_T \cdot f$
  f: Dilution factor
  P_t: Target polarisation
  P_b: Beam polarisation

- Averaging:

$$A_{exp} = \frac{A + A'}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{N_u - N_d}{N_u + N_d} + \frac{N'_u - N'_d}{N'_u + N'_d}\right)$$

2011 Data

2007 and 2011 data taking

- Target: NH_3
- Increased beam energy
  160 GeV $\rightarrow$ 200 GeV
- Higher Q^2
- Smaller x

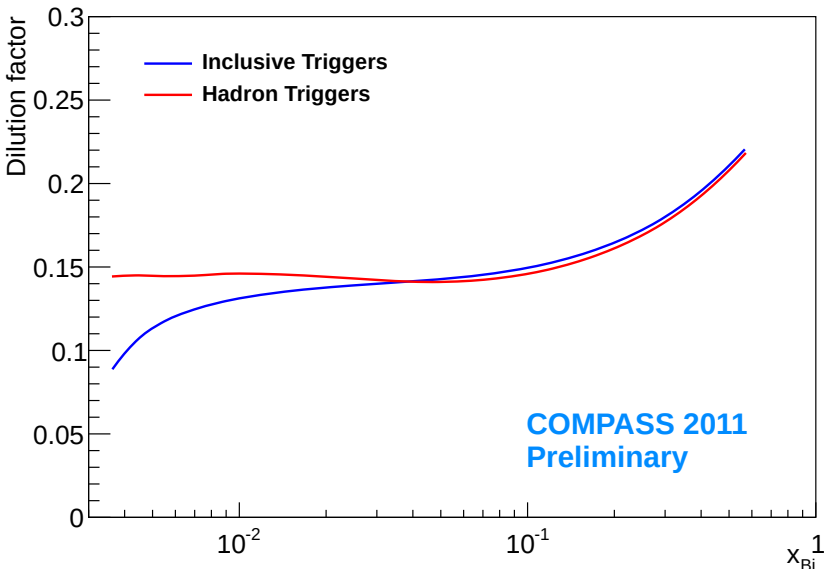
Improve results on

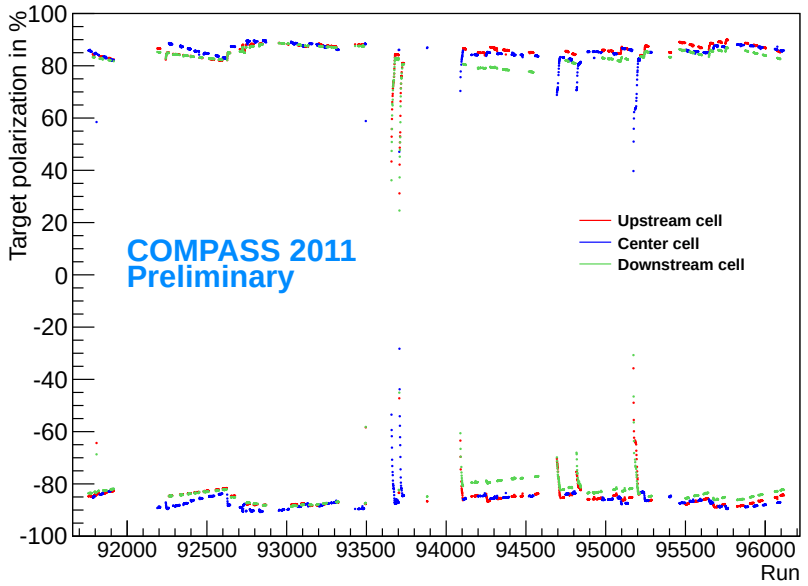
- Bjorken sum rule
- QCD fit
- Flavour asymmetry

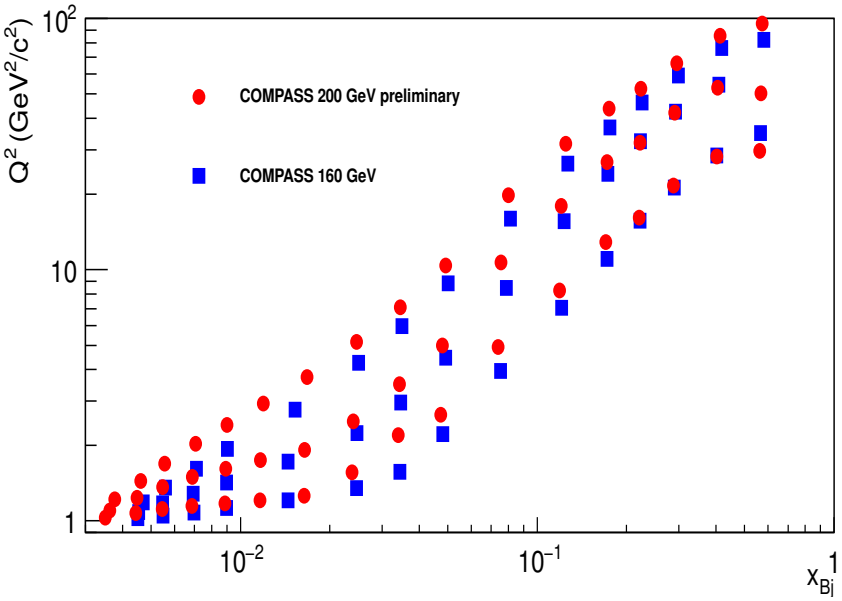
Event selection

- Kinematic cuts:
  - $Q^2 > 1\ (\mathrm{GeV/c})^2$
  - $0.1 < y < 0.9$ remove radiative events
- $0.0025(0.0040) < x < 0.7$
- Extrapolated beam track crosses all target cells
  $\rightarrow$ Flux cancellation

Input for A_1^p

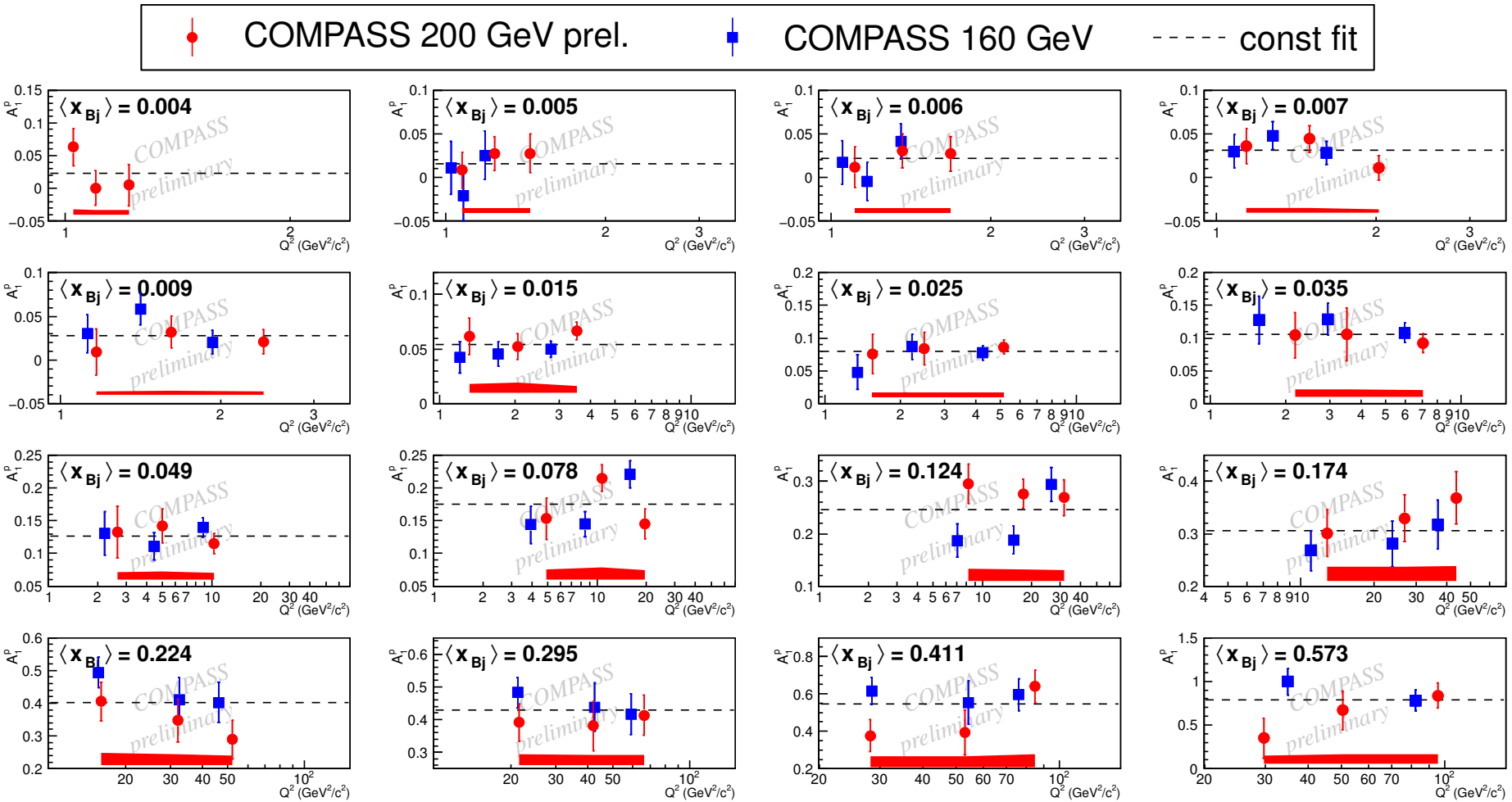






- $78 \cdot 10^6$ Events
- Dilution factor includes radiative corrections
- Higher Q^2, smaller x in 2011
- Reach $x \sim 10^{-3}$ in polarised DIS

Q^2 dependence of $A_1 p$



- No Q^2 dependence visible
- New data point at very small x
- Good agreement between COMPASS 2011/07

NLO QCD analyses

- DGLAP equations

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}\ln Q^2}\Delta q_{NS} = \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi}\Delta P_{qq}^{NS} \otimes \Delta q_{NS}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}\ln Q^2}\begin{pmatrix}\Delta q_{Si}\\ \Delta g\end{pmatrix} = \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi}\begin{pmatrix}\Delta P_{qq}^{Si} & 2n_f\Delta P_{qg}\\ \Delta P_{gq} & \Delta P_{gg}\end{pmatrix}\otimes\begin{pmatrix}\Delta q_{Si}\\ \Delta g\end{pmatrix}$$

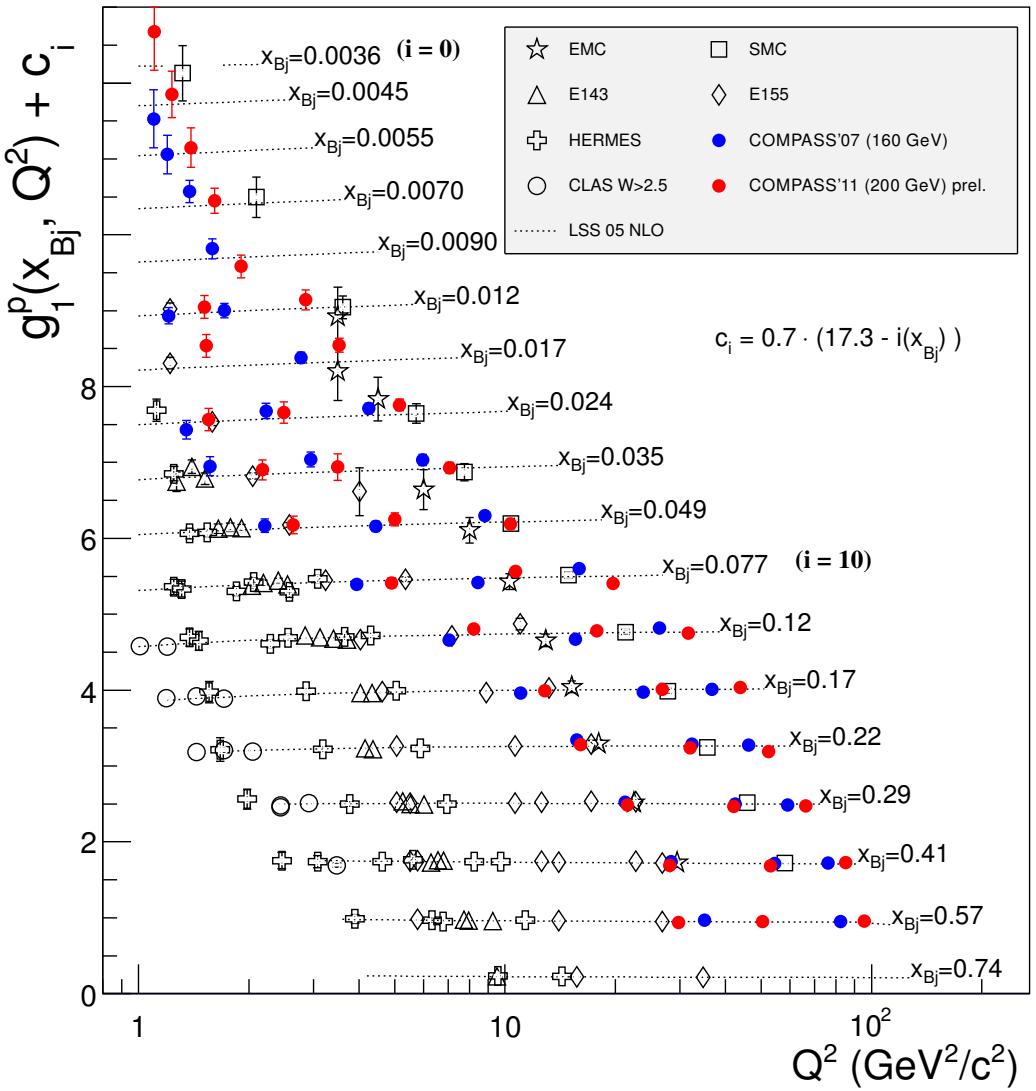
- Input parametrization f of $\Delta q_{Si}, \Delta q_3, \Delta q_8, \Delta g$ at Q_0^2

$$f = \eta\frac{x^\alpha(1-x)^\beta(1+\gamma x)}{\int_0^1 x^\alpha(1-x)^\beta(1+\gamma x)\mathrm{d}x}$$

$$\Delta q_{Si} = \Delta u + \Delta d + \Delta s,\ \Delta q_3 = \Delta u - \Delta d,\ \Delta q_8 = \Delta u + 2\Delta d - \Delta s$$

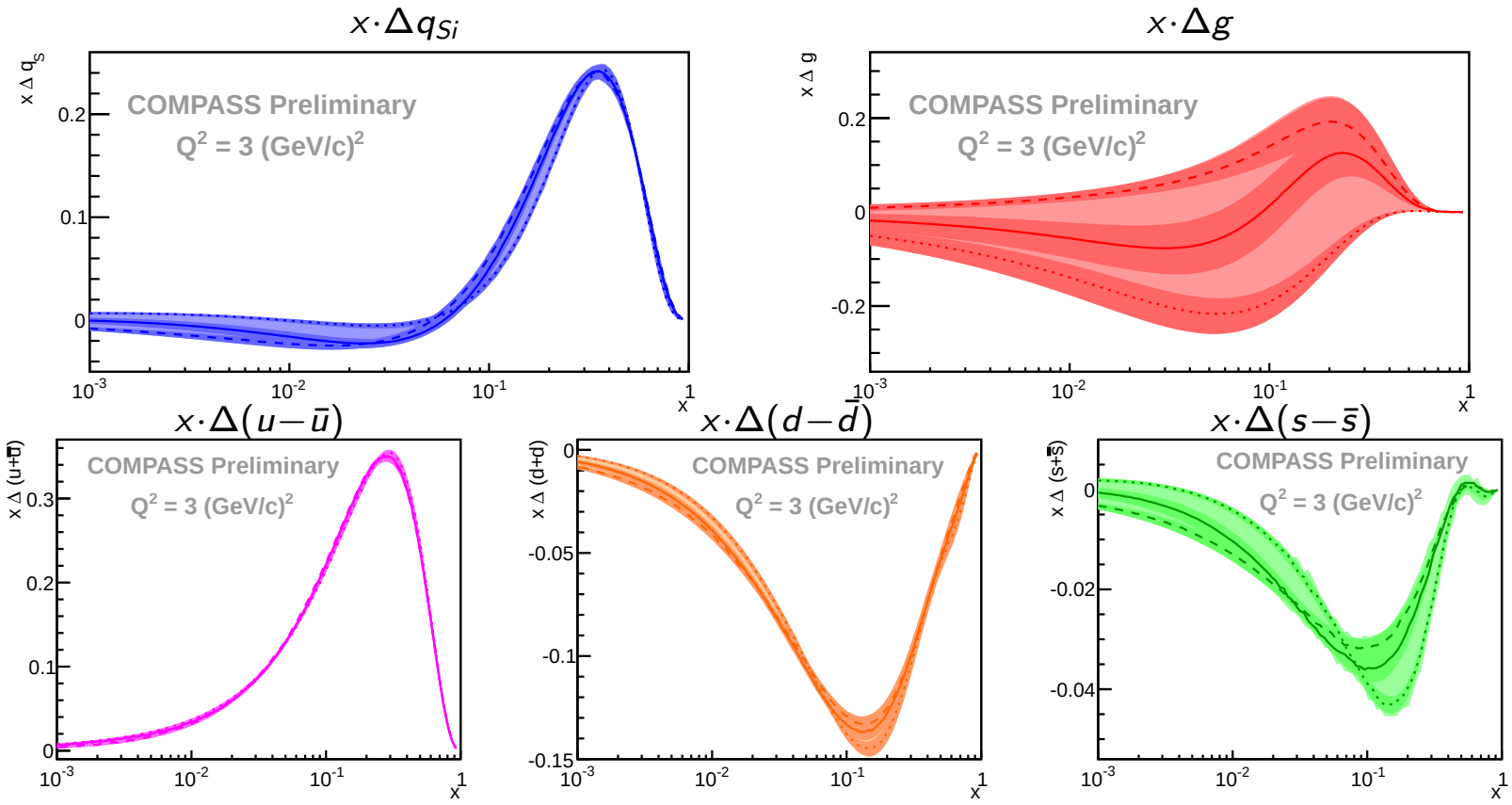
- using only inclusive asymmetries quarks and anit-quarks cannot be disentangled *e.g.* determination of $\Delta u + \Delta\bar{u}$, $\Delta d + \Delta\bar{d}$, $\Delta s + \Delta\bar{s}$ and Δg
- many analyses from different groups (theor. and exp.)
  e.g. COMPASS, LSS, GRSV, BB, AAC, DSSV.....

Results in bins of x and Q^2



- COMPASS 2011 (200 GeV)
- COMPASS 2007 (160 GeV)
- LSS'05 fit at NLO
- New data point at very low x
- New input for global QCD fit
- Indirect ΔG extraction

Polarised parton distributions



- Small sensitivity to light sea and gluon polarisation
- Quark polarisation $\Delta\Sigma = \int \Delta q_{Si}(x)\mathrm{d}x \sim 0.3$
- Gluon polarisation $\Delta G = \int \Delta g(x)\mathrm{d}x$ Not constrained

Summary and Outlook

- New measurement at 200 GeV/c
- Measurement of A_1^p and g_1^p
  - New value at small x
  - 2011 data improve the precision of the COMPASS results
  - NLO QCD fit
- Outlook
  - Improve the test of the Bjorken sum rule
  - Identified hadron asymmetries
  - LO extraction of polarised PDFs